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Towards Cooperative Software Verification with Test Generation and Formal Verification



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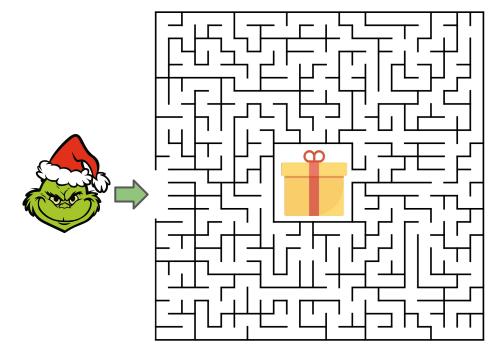
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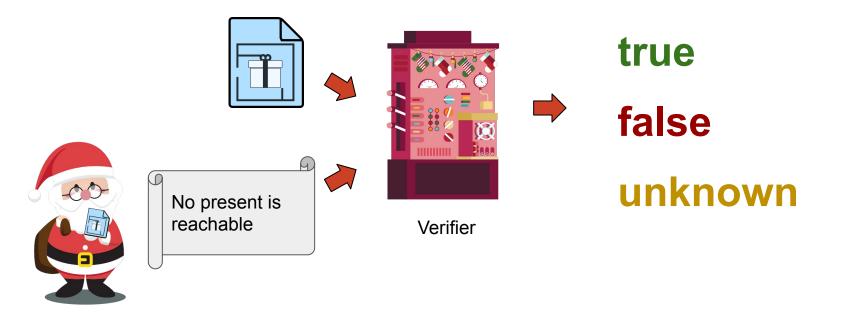
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Automated Software Verification



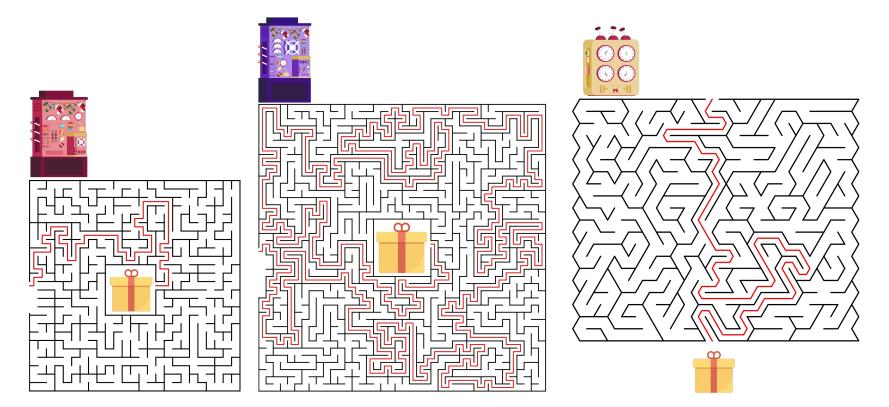


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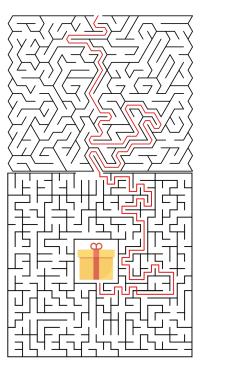


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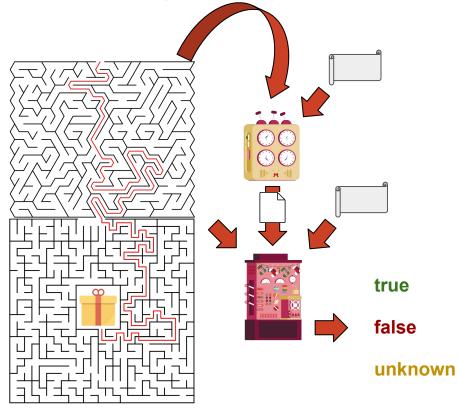








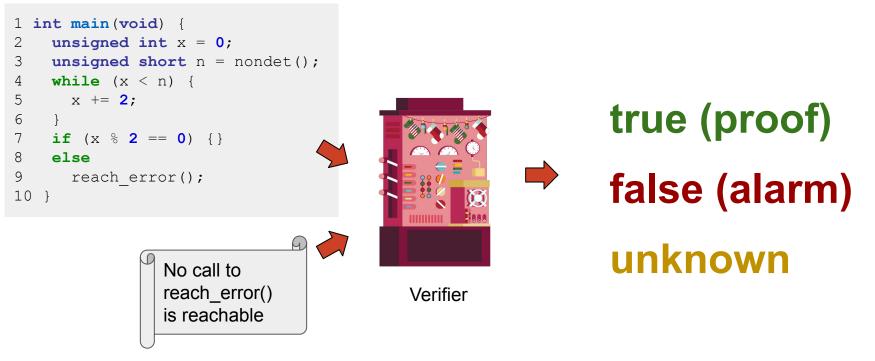
- Verifiers have different strengths and weaknesses
- **Cooperative Verification** tries to combine the strengths and mitigate the weaknesses







Automated Software Verification

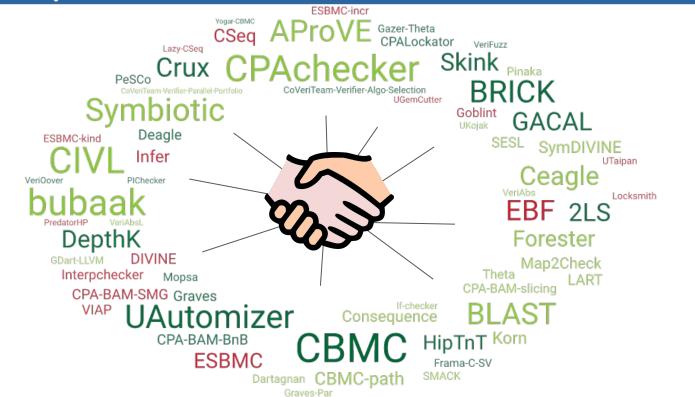








12th Competition on Software Verification (SV-COMP 2023)



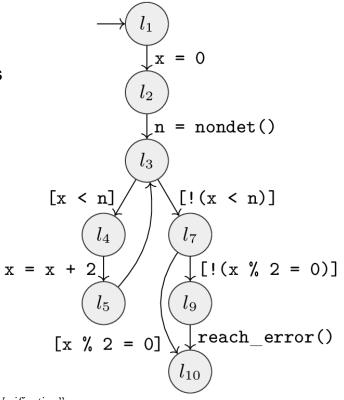
Background

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Control-Flow Automaton (CFA)

- CFA represents control flow of program
- We consider intraprocedural, sequential programs

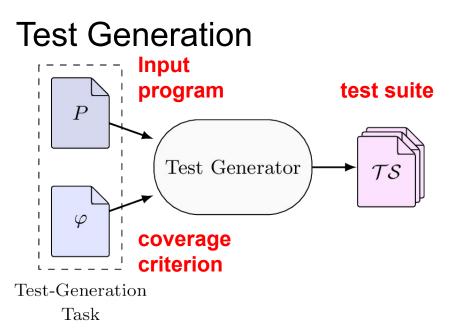
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    unsigned int x = 0;
3
    unsigned short n = nondet();
4
    while (x < n) {
5
      x += 2;
6
7
    if (x % 2 == 0) {}
8
    else
9
      reach error();
10
   }
```



Automated Software Verification

- Two approaches:
 - Automated Test Generation
 - Automated Formal Verification



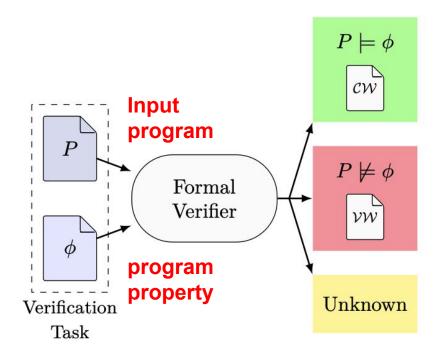


Here, Test = Test Input.

A test $t = \langle v_0, \ldots, v^n \rangle$ is a sequence of *n* input values for a single program execution.

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Formal Verification

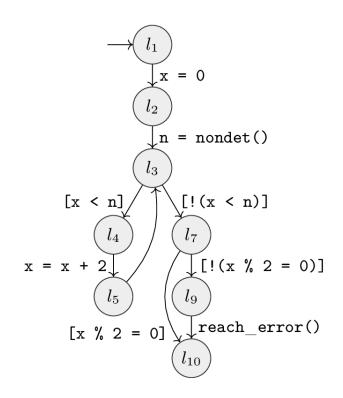


Common technique:

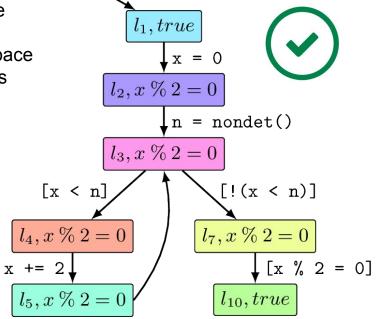
- Compute reachable (abstract) program state space.
- Any reachable state at call to reach_error() ?
 → property violation.



Example: Predicate Abstraction

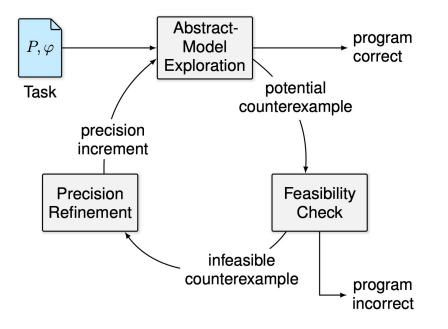


- Program state space potentially infinite
- Abstract the state space with given predicates
- Here: x % 2 = 0





Counterexample-Guided Abstraction Refinement (CEGAR)

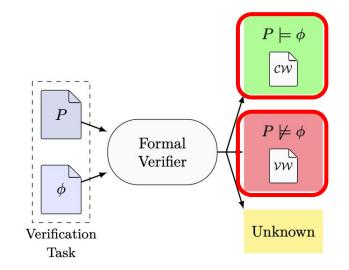


- Derive program abstraction as abstract as possible and as precise as necessary
- Start with coarse precision
- Refine precision of abstract-model exploration with found infeasible counterexamples



Verification-Result Witnesses

- Increase trust in formal verification result
- Correctness witness: Description of candidate invariants
- Violation witness: Description of abstract error path



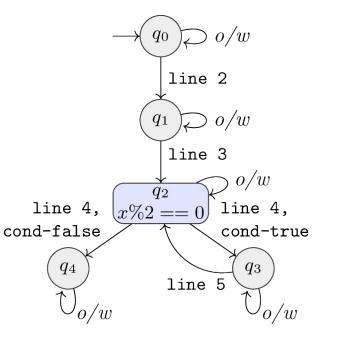
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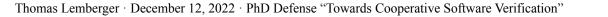
Correctness Witness (Invariant Witness)

- Nodes: States with candidate invariants
- Edges: source-code guards
- Candidate invariant: Potential invariant at that state
- Source-code guard: Condition on transition

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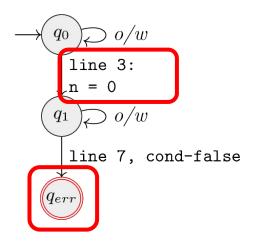
o/w: otherwise



Violation Witness (Path Witness)

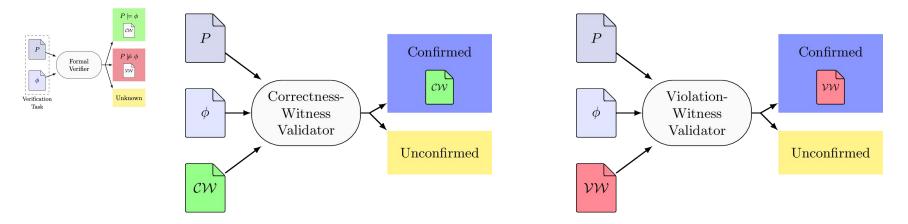
- Nodes: States
- Edges: source-code guards and state-space guards
- Accepting state: Violation reached

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Witness Validation



Witness validators use information in witness to recompute the verification result.

Success \rightarrow Verification result confirmed

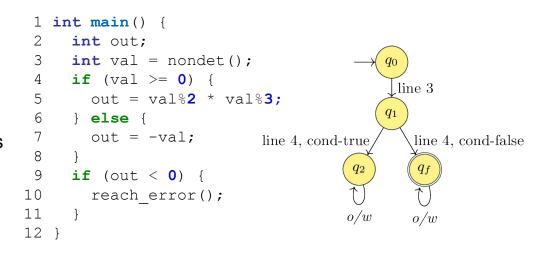
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Condition Automaton

A condition automaton describes the already-explored state-space with source-code guards (and state-space guards)

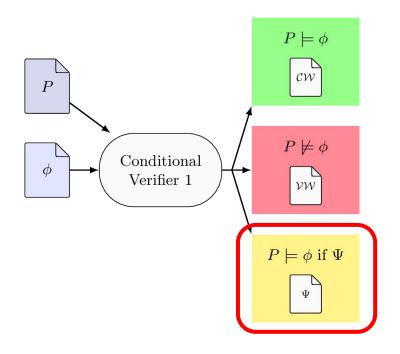
A condition *covers* a program execution if its run leads to an accepting state



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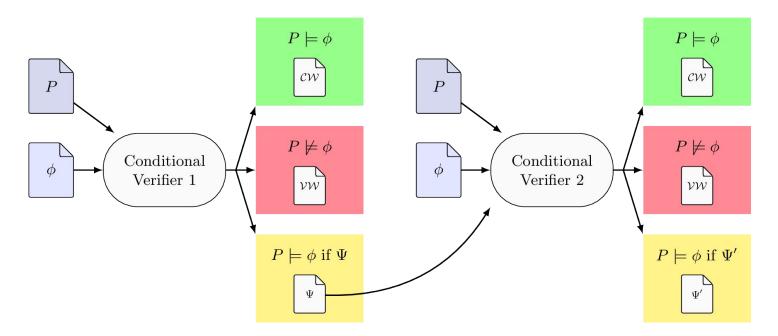
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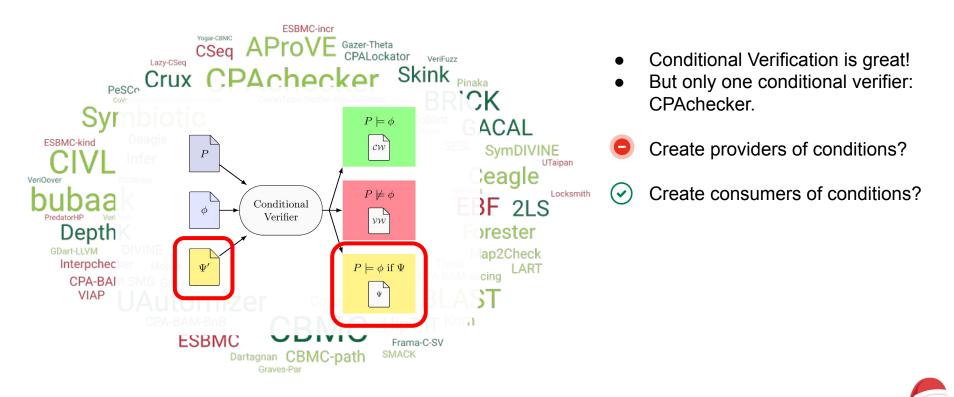


Cooperative Software Verification with Condition Automata

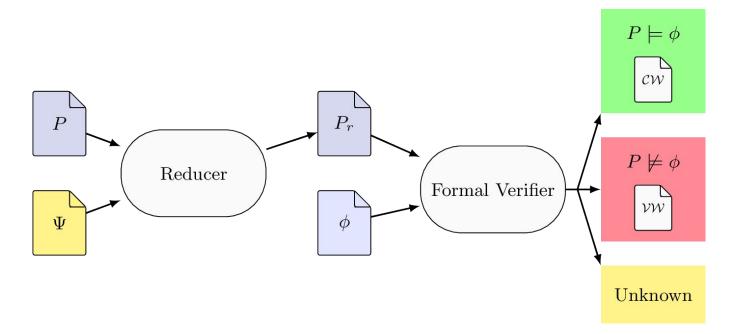
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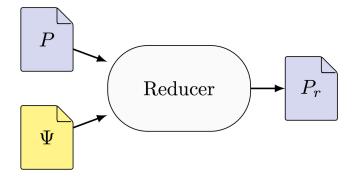




Reducer-Based Construction of Conditional Verifiers

A mapping from program and condition to residual program is a reducer, iff:

The state space of the residual program is a superset of the original program's state space that is not covered by the condition.

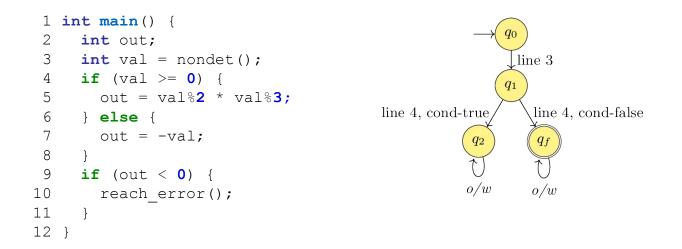


Reducers:

- Identity
- Parallel Composition



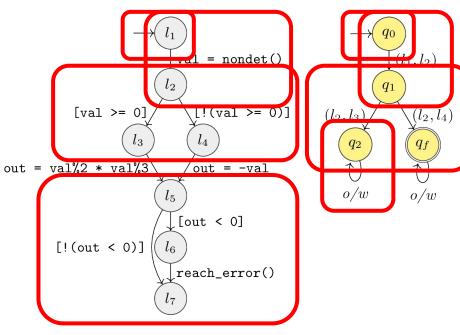
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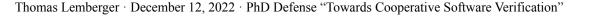
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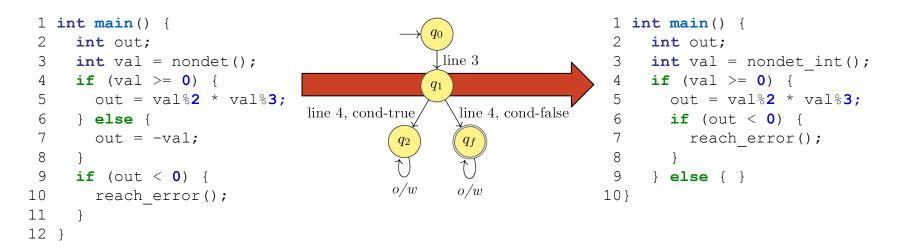








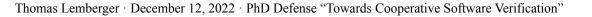
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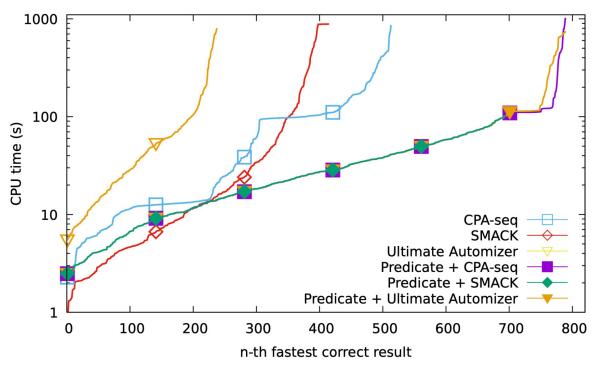


Evaluation

- Reducers Identity and Parallel Composition, implemented in CPAchecker https://gitlab.com/sosy-lab/software/cpachecker/
- Combinations: CPAchecker predicate abstraction + Parallel Composition + SV-COMP 2017 Overall medalists:
 - CPA-seq
 - Smack
 - Ultimate Automizer
- Tasks: 5687 ReachSafety tasks @ SV-COMP 2017
- Limits:
 - 15GB memory
 - 100s predicate analysis + 900s CPA-seq/Smack/Ultimate Automizer
- Reproduction package: <u>https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.1172228</u>



Evaluation



- 820 additional tasks solved
- Each combination contributes!



Insights

- Effectiveness increases through combinations
- We need many combinations. Integrating condition format into a single verifier is not flexible enough
- Encoding in program allows to apply tools without explicit condition support



Cooperative Software Verification with Condition Automata

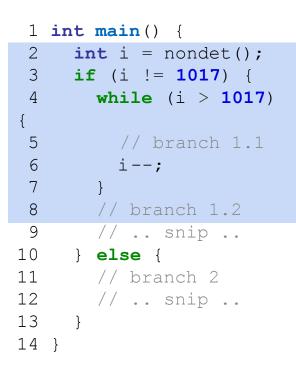
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     if (i != 1017) {
      while (i > 1017)
 4
 5
         // branch 1.1
 6
        i--;
 7
 8
      // branch 1.2
 9
      // .. snip ..
10
     } else {
11
   // branch 2
  // .. snip ..
12
13
   }
14 }
```

- Goal: Create test suite that reaches all branches
- Random tester: unlikely to enter else-branch
- Symbolic execution: may hang in while-loop



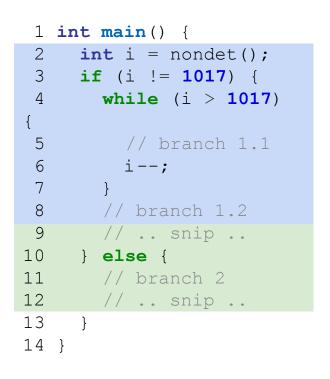


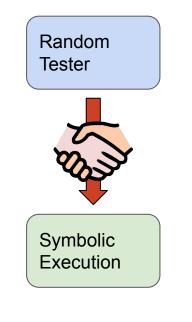




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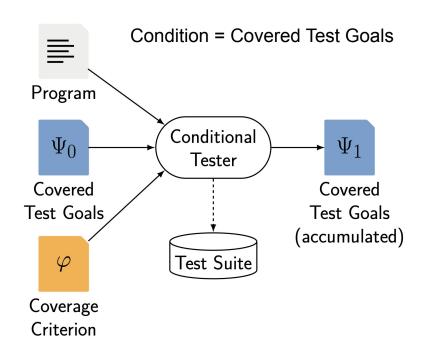


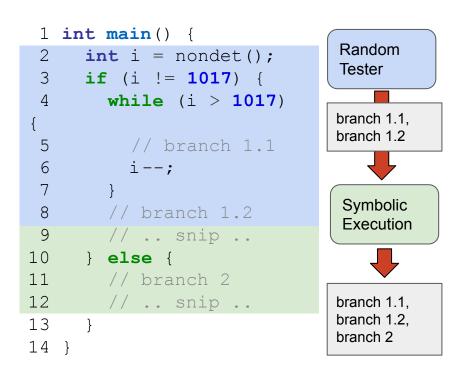






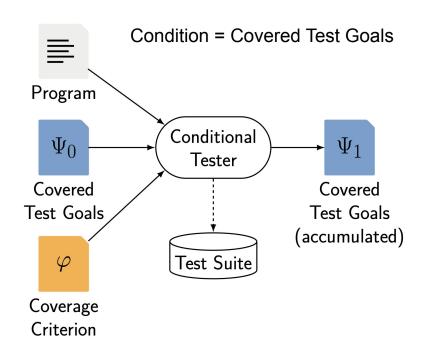
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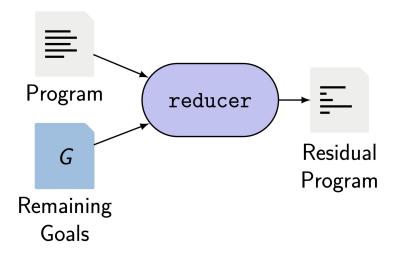


Problem: We just came up with this!

- \rightarrow Turn existing testers into conditional testers.
 - Condition Consumer: **Reducer**
 - Condition Provider: Test-Goal Extractor



Reducer for Conditional Testing



Requirement: Reachability Equivalence

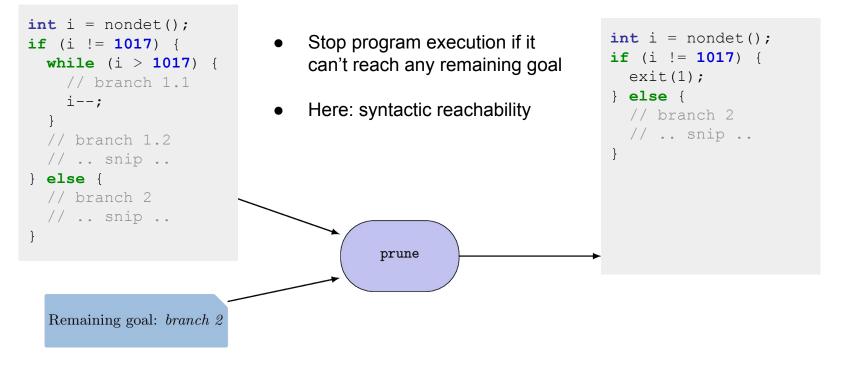
Each program input that reaches a test goal in the residual program reaches the same test goal in the original program.

Reducers:

- Identity
- Pruning

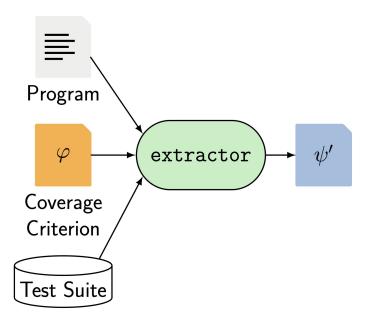


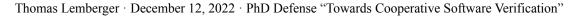
Pruning Reducer





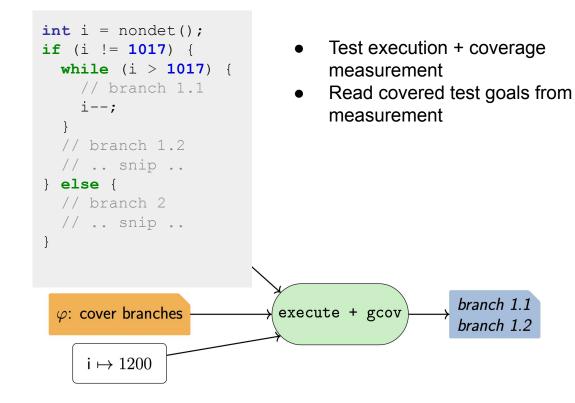
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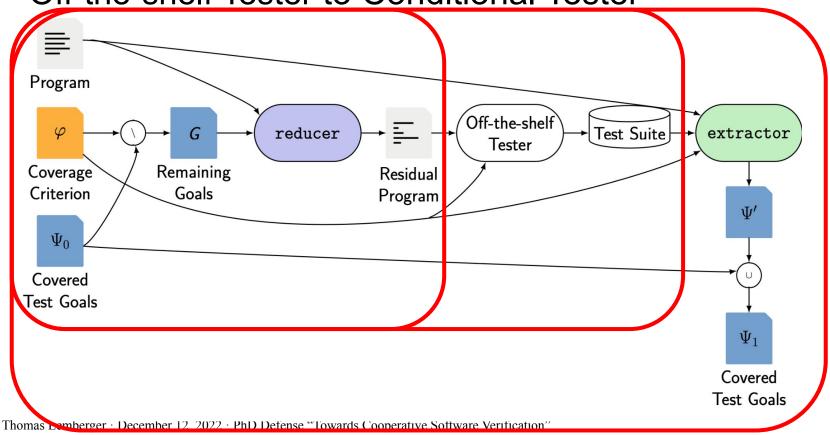


gcov-based Test-Goal Extractor





Off-the-shelf Tester to Conditional Tester



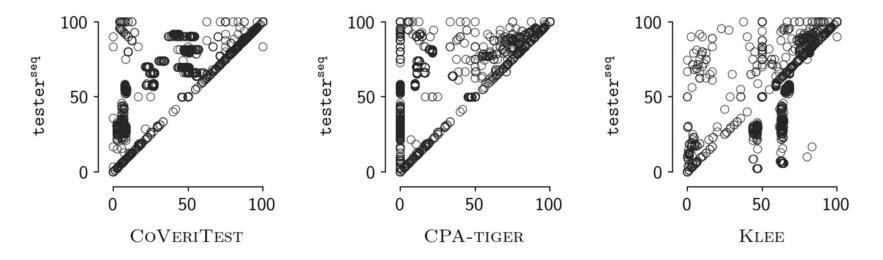
Evaluation

- Components implemented as CondTest https://gitlab.com/sosy-lab/software/conditional-testing
- Tools from Test-COMP 2019: CoVeriTest, CPA-Tiger, Klee
- Tasks: 1720 Cover-Branches tasks @ Test-Comp 2019
- Limits: 900s CPU time, 15GB memory

Reproduction package: <u>https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.3352401</u>



Evaluation



- Branch coverage of created test suites (%), per task
- Tool standalone, 900s (x-axis)
- tester^{seq}: CPA-Tiger + CoVeriTest + Klee, 300s each (y-axis)



Evaluation

CPA-Tiger + CoVeriTest + Klee, 300s each

id: no info. exchange prune: info. exchange

Task	branch coverage								
	id	\rightarrow	prune						
mod3.c.v+sep-reducer	75.0	+5.00	80.0						
$Problem 07_label 35$	52.0	+2.00	54.0						
$Problem 07_label 37$	54.2	+1.97	56.2						
$Problem04_label35$	79.5	+1.79	81.3						
Problem 06 label 02	57.0	+1.70	58.7						
Problem 06 label 27	57.5	+1.09	58.6						
Problem04_label02	80.2	+1.06	81.3						
Problem06 label18	57.5	+1.05	58.6						
$Problem04_label16$	79.1	+1.01	80.1						
Problem04_label34	80.2	+0.99	81.2						

Insights

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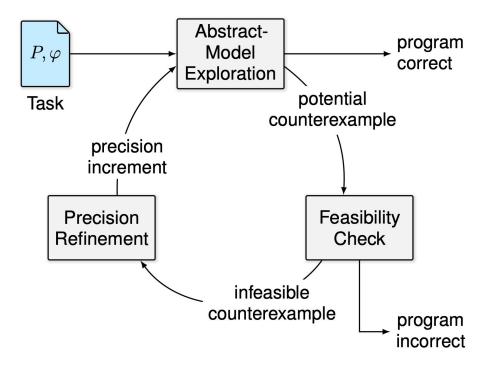
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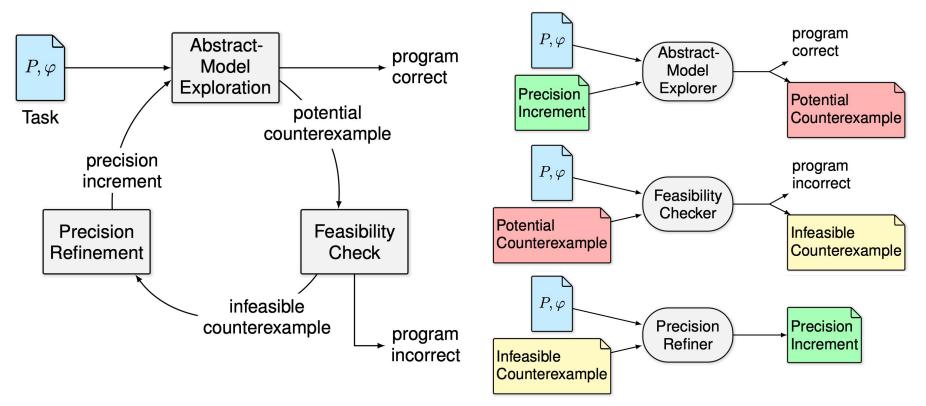
Motivation: CEGAR



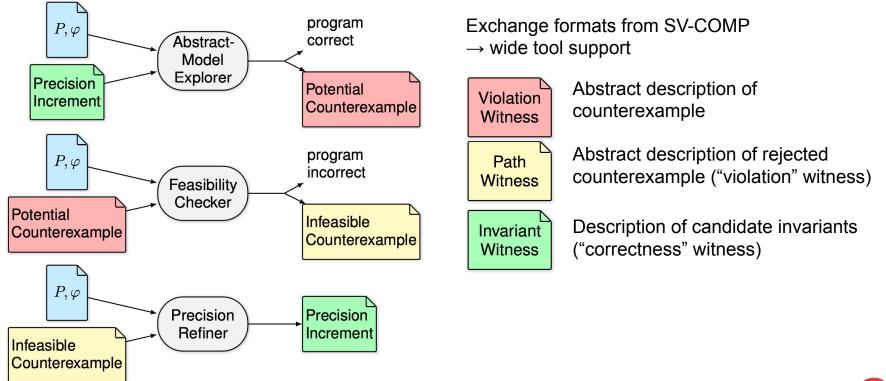
- Common underlying schema
- Many tools implement CEGAR
- New idea → new implementation (lock-in effect)



Decomposing CEGAR

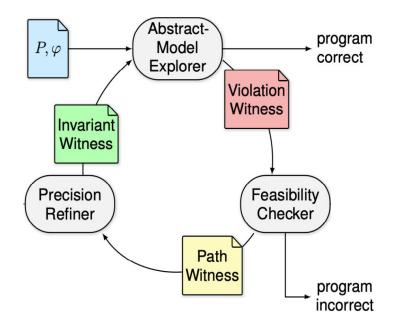


Decomposing CEGAR





Component-based CEGAR (C-CEGAR)





Evaluation

• Implementation in CoVeriTeam

https://gitlab.com/sosy-lab/software/coveriteam/-/tree/main/examples/Component-based_CEGAR

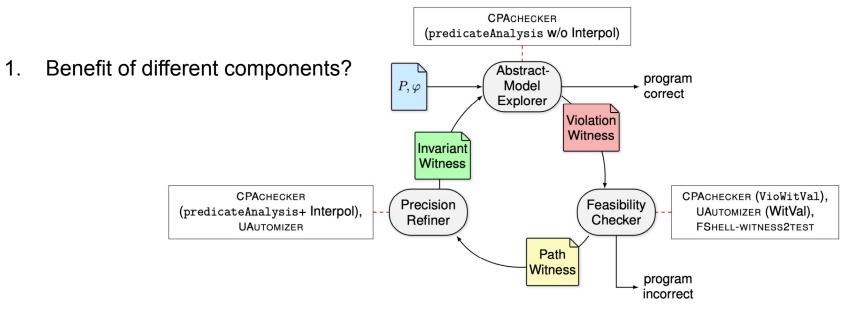
- Tools:
 - CPAchecker with improvements
 - Ultimate Automizer SV-COMP 2021
 - FShell-witness2test SV-COMP 2021
- Tasks: 8347 ReachSafety tasks @ SV-COMP 2021
- Limits: 900s CPU time, 15GB memory

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Evaluation

- 1. Constant overhead.
- 2. Lost predicates through invariant witnesses.



Evaluation

Benefit of different components

RQ 3.1: C-PREDWIT + different feasibility checker (with precision refiner CPACHECKER)

	correct									
	overall	proof	unique	alarm	unique					
CPAchecker	2854	2 1 1 0	494	744	441					
FSHELL-WITNESS2TEST	1 223	1 1 2 6	0	97	64					
UAutomizer	1 941	1614	4	327	29					

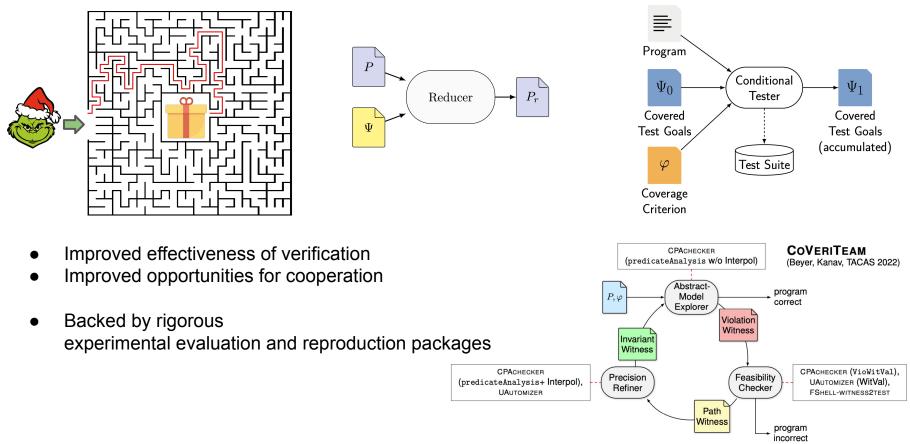
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Conclusion

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Backup Slides

Backup Reducers: Algorithm

Algorithm 1 REDUCER

Input: CFA $C = (L, \ell_0, G)$ ▶ original program $CA A = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$ s.t. $q_r \notin Q \triangleright$ condition automaton ▶ residual program **Output:** CFA $C_r = (L_r, \ell_{0,r}, G_r)$ 1: $L_r := \{(\ell_0, q_0)\}; \ell_{0,r} := (\ell_0, q_0); G_r := \emptyset;$ 2: waitlist := L_r ; 3: while waitlist $\neq 0$ do choose $(\ell_1, q_1) \in$ waitlist; remove (ℓ_1, q_1) from waitlist; 4: for each $q = (\ell_1, op, \ell_2) \in G$ do 5: if $q_1 \in Q \land \exists (q_1, (G_1, true), q_2) \in \delta$ s.t. $q \in G_1$ then 6: for each $(q_1, (G_1, true), q_2) \in \delta$ s.t. $q \in G_1$ do 7: if $q_2 \notin F \land (\ell_2, q_2) \notin L_r$ then 8: waitlist := waitlist $\cup \{(\ell_2, q_2)\}$: 9: $L_r := L_r \cup \{(\ell_2, q_2)\};$ 10: $G_r := G_r \cup \{((\ell_1, q_1), op, (\ell_2, q_2))\};$ 11: else 12: if $(\ell_2, q_r) \notin L_r$ then 13: waitlist := waitlist \cup {(ℓ_2, q_r)}; 14: $L_r := L_r \cup \{(\ell_2, q_r)\};$ 15: $G_r := G_r \cup \{((\ell_1, q_1), op, (\ell_2, q_r))\};$ 16: 17: **return** C_r



- Combinations: CPAchecker predicate analysis + SV-COMP 2017 overall medalists:
 - CPA-seq
 - Smack
 - Ultimate Automizer
- Tasks: 5687 ReachSafety tasks @ SV-COMP 2017
 - 1501 unsafe tasks
 - 4186 safe tasks
- Limits: 900s CPU time, 15 GB memory
 - 100s predicate analysis + 900s CPA-seq/Smack/Ultimate Automizer

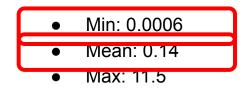
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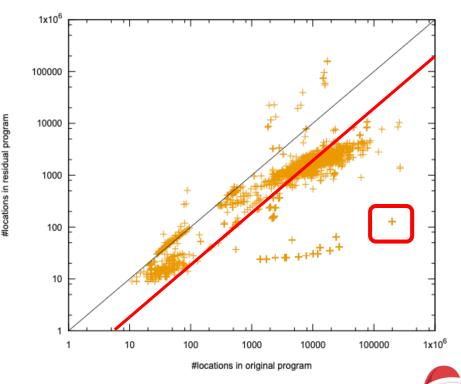
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Correct	513	415	238	789	695	789			
Correct proof	265	76	170	387	296	386			
Correct alarm	248	339	68	402	399	403			
Incorrect	0	0	7	0	0	4			
Incorrect proof	0	0	4	0	0	0			
Incorrect alarm	0	0	3	0	0	4			
Unknown	307	405	575	31	125	27			
Total	820	820	820	820	820	820			

Task	R		СРА	SEQ	Smack			UAUTOMIZER			+CPAseq			+Ѕмаск			+UAUTOMIZER		
		S	t (s)	M (GB)	S	t (s)	M (GB)	S	t (s)	M (GB)	S	t (s)	M (GB)	S	t (s)	M (GB)	S	t (s)	M (GB)
lin-4.2 vlsi_ir	Т	X	910	7.9	x	890	0.97	X	900	13	1	490	10	×	130	0.67	×	150	0.77
lin-3.14 vsp1	Т	X	920	6.9	×	890	0.70	X	910	14	X	550	1.5	×	610	1.5	1	640	1.5
lin-3.14 vxge	Т	X	930	11	×	190	14	X	19	0.51	X	760	1.4	X	630	1.5	1	650	1.5
lin-4.2 w83781d	Т	X	910	6.7	×	900	3.7	X	910	14	X	690	1.5	×	660	1.4	1	660	1.5
lin-4.2 zd1211rw	Т	X	930	6.3	×	890	0.96	X	140	11	X	720	1.5	X	670	1.5	1	660	1.5
lin-3.14 vmxnet3	Т	X	930	6.9	X	890	1.2	X	900	10	X	540	1.5	X	640	1.4	1	670	1.4
lin-3.14 skge	Т	X	950	7.3	×	940	3.6	X	410	15	X	650	1.5	×	600	1.5	1	670	1.5
lin-3.16 ath5k	Т	X	950	5.9	X	950	4.7	X	900	13	X	710	1.5	X	730	1.5	1	710	1.5
lin-3.14 ipw2200	Т	X	950	7.6	X	950	6.6	X	15	0.39	X	700	1.5	X	730	1.5	1	720	1.5
lin-3.14 bttv	Т	X	950	5.8	×	910	5.0	X	20	0.51	X	720	1.5	X	770	1.4	1	750	1.5
lin-4.2 cciss	Т	X	920	7.1	×	330	12	X	900	4.7	1	790	10	X	120	0.77	X	180	5.3
floodmax.4	Т	X	910	3.0	×	880	0.53	X	910	13	1	900	4.3	X	110	0.42	XI	100	7.9
sep20	Т	X	900	3.2	X	880	0.10	X	910	13	1	1 000	2.6	×	110	0.27	×	150	0.99

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Relation program size before reduction / program size after reduction:

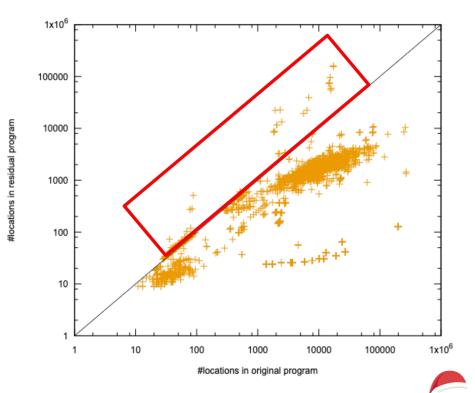




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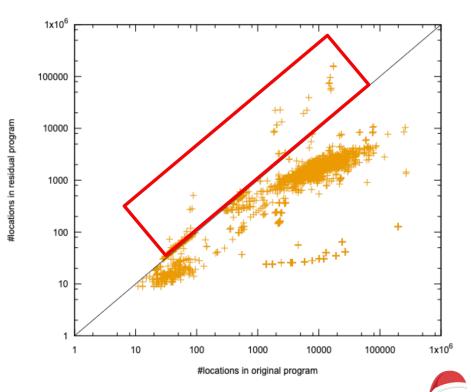


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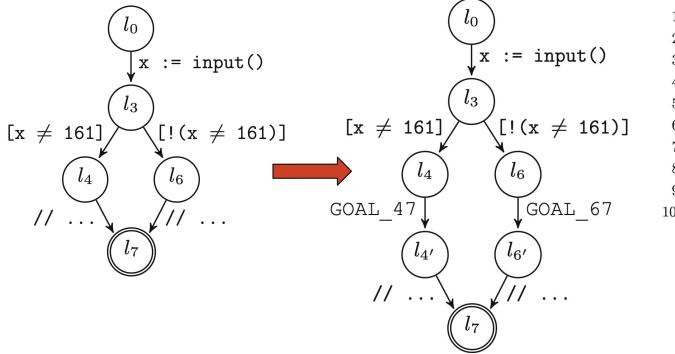
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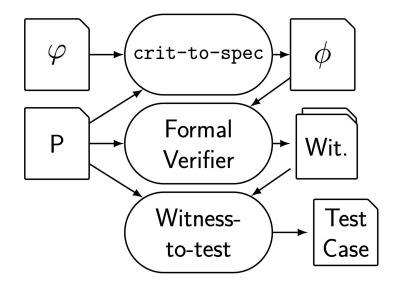
Backup CondTest: Goal Annotation



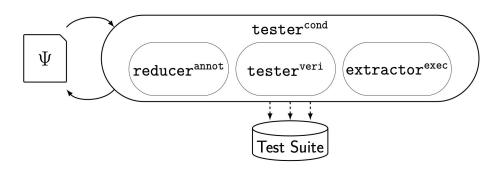
1 int main() { int x = input(); $\mathbf{2}$ 3 if (x != 161) { GOAL_47:; 4 // . . . 5} else { 6 GOAL_67:; 7 // . . . 8 9 10 }



Backup CondTest: Verification Witnesses to Tests



- Reducer: identity + annotate goals with ___VERIFIER_error
- Apply cyclic tester



Backup CondTest: Evaluation CondTest Overhead

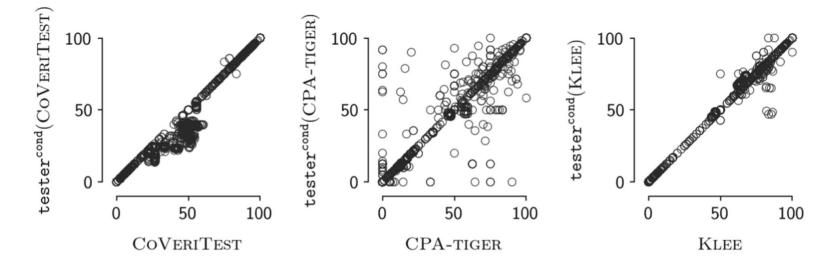
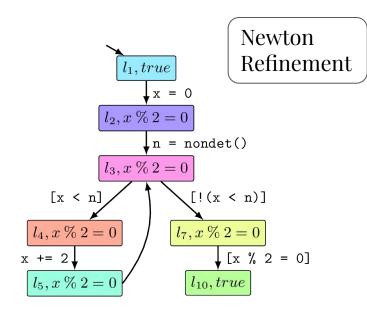


Fig. 15. Branch coverage of test suites created by original tools vs. their integration in tester^{cond} (in percent)

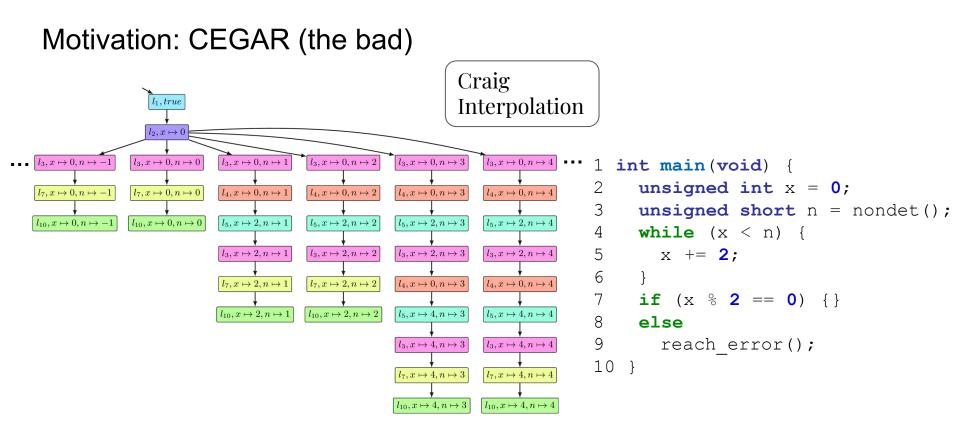


Motivation: CEGAR (the good)



1	<pre>int main(void) {</pre>
2	unsigned int $x = 0;$
3	<pre>unsigned short n = nondet();</pre>
4	while (x < n) {
5	x += 2 ;
6	}
7	if (x % 2 == 0) { }
8	else
9	<pre>reach_error();</pre>
1() }





Backup CondTest: Evaluation with Verifier

vb: CPA-Tiger + CoVeriTest + Klee, 200s
each + ESBMC, 300s

Task	branch coverage			
	prune	\rightarrow	vb	
Problem08_label30	5.72	+56.2	62.0	
Problem 08 label 32	5.72	+56.1	61.9	
Problem08_label06	5.72	+56.1	61.8	
Problem08_label35	5.72	+56.0	61.7	
Problem08_label00	5.72	+55.9	61.6	
Problem08_label11	5.72	+55.8	61.5	
Problem08_label19	5.72	+55.7	61.5	
Problem08_label29	5.67	+55.7	61.4	
Problem 08 label 22	5.72	+55.7	61.5	
Problem08_label56	5.72	+55.7	61.5	

Backup C-CEGAR: CoVeriTeam Configuration

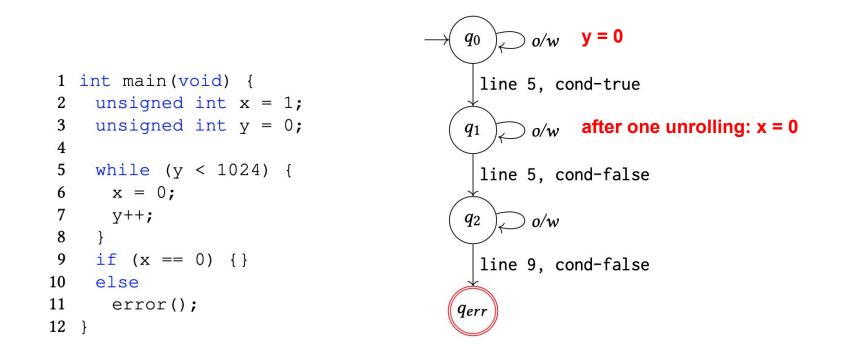
```
1 explorer = ActorFactory.create(ProgramValidator,
```

- 2 "cpa-predicate-NoRefinement.yml");
- 3 checker = ActorFactory.create(ProgramValidator,
- 4 "cpa-validate-violation-witnesses.yml");
- 5 refiner = ActorFactory.create(ProgramValidator,

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6 "uautomizer.yml");
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Figure 9: Example configuration of C-CEGAR components in CoVeriTeam

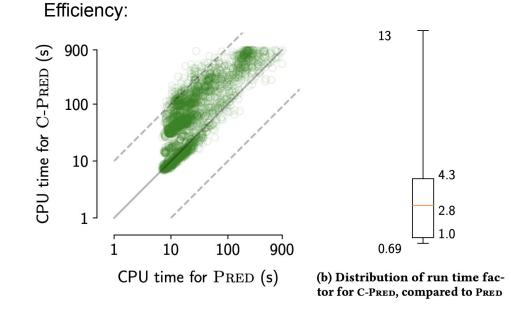
Backup C-CEGAR: Issues with Witness Usage





Evaluation

1. Overhead of a stateless, component-based approach (C-Pred)?



Effectiveness:

- 6.5% decrease
- Modulo runtime limit: **1.7% decrease**
 - Reason: different counterexample check





Table 1: Comparison of CPACHECKER's predicate abstraction and the component-based version in two variations

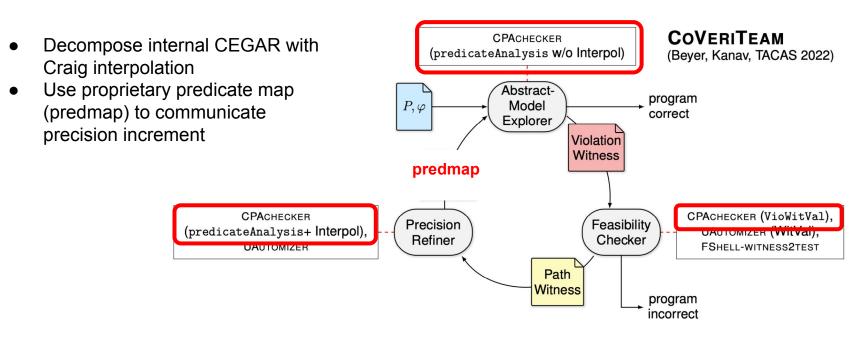
	correct			incorrect	
	overall	proof	alarm	proof	alarm
Pred	3769	2 556	1 213	3	9
C-Pred	3 524	2 450	1074	0	3
C-PredWit	2854	2 110	744	0	1

- C-* Impact on effectiveness: 6.5% decrease.
- Accounting for the speed difference: 1.7% decrease

• Witness Impact on effectiveness: 20% decrease.



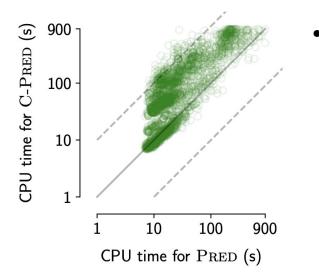
Stateless, component-based approach (C-Pred) vs. internal CEGAR (Pred)



Backup C-CEGAR: Evaluation

Stateless, component-based approach (C-Pred) vs. internal CEGAR (Pred)

Efficiency:

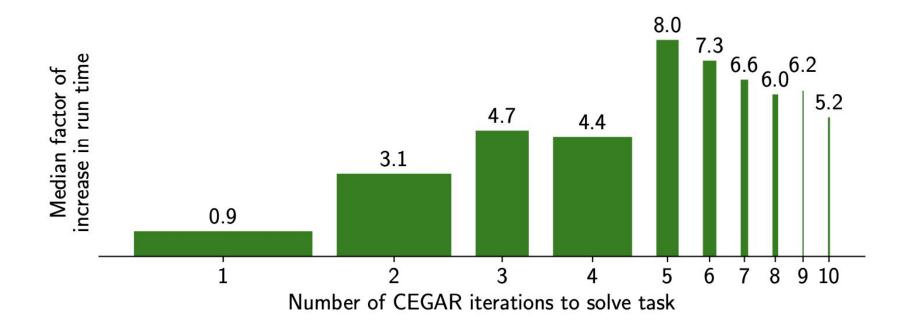


Constant-size overhead of 13

Effectiveness:

- 6.5% decrease
- With increased runtime limit: down to 1.7% decrease
 - Reason: different counterexample check

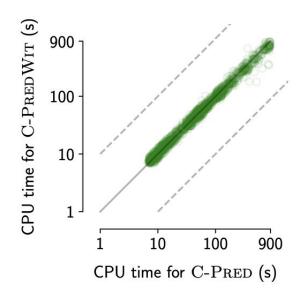
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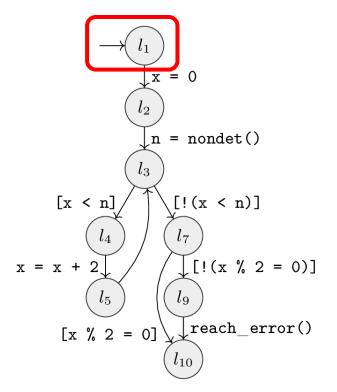


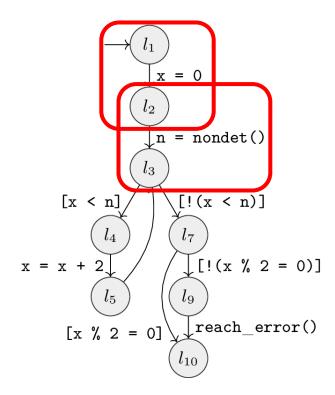
Exchange formats: Predmap (C-Pred) vs. Invariant Witnesses (C-PredWit)

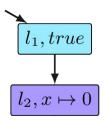
- Efficiency: No impact
- Impact on effectiveness: 20% decrease
 - Computed predicates are not consistently added to invariant witness

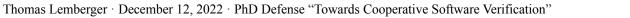


 $l_1, true$

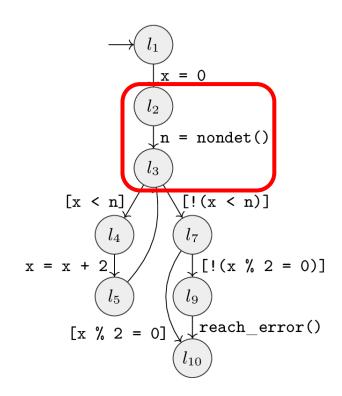


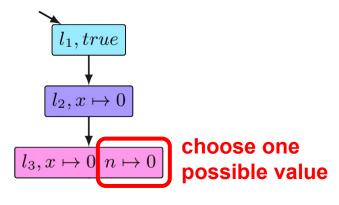




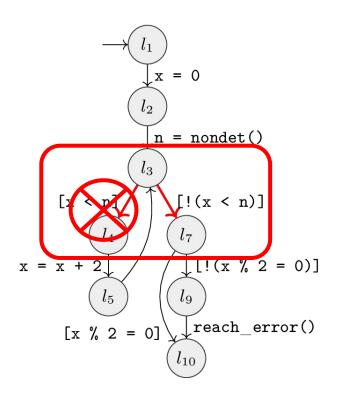


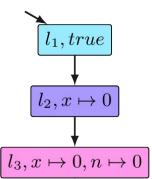












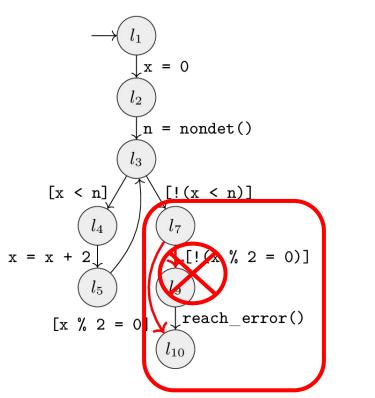


 $l_1, true$

 $l_2, x \mapsto 0$

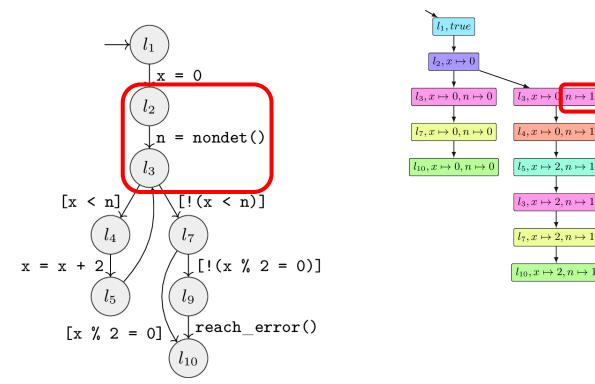
 $l_3, x \mapsto 0, n \mapsto 0$

 $l_7, x \mapsto 0, n \mapsto 0$









 $n \mapsto$



