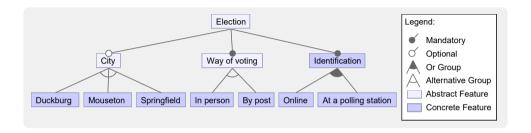


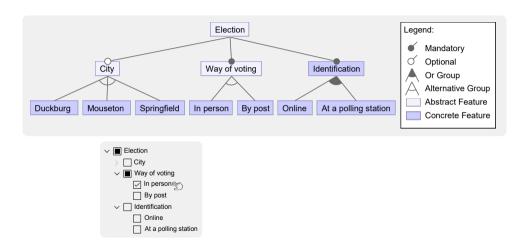
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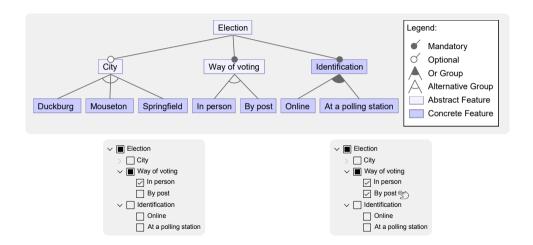
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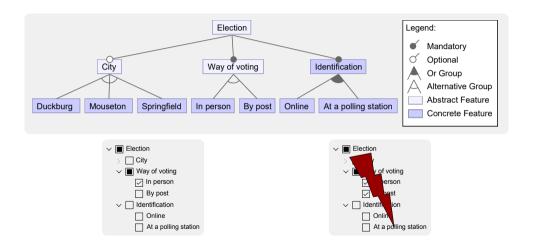


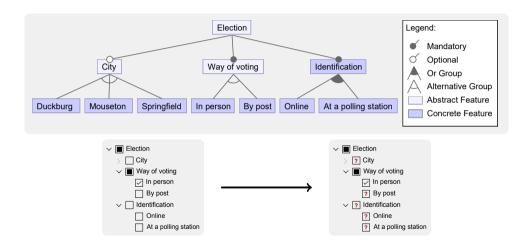


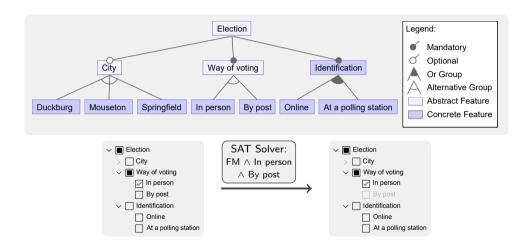


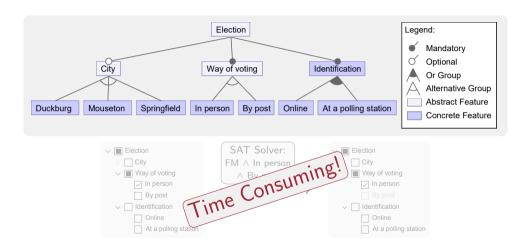


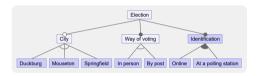








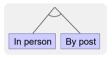


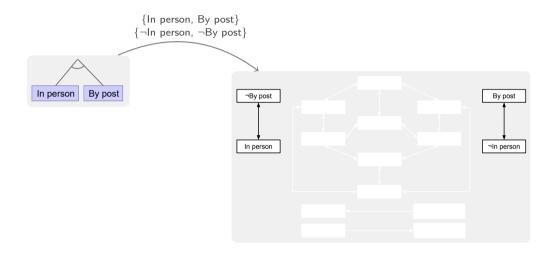


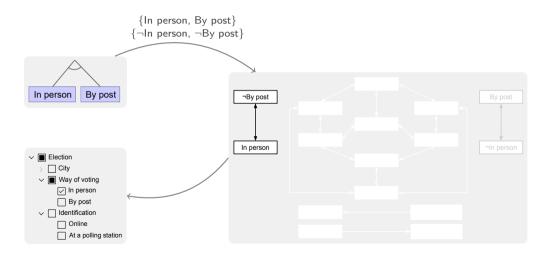
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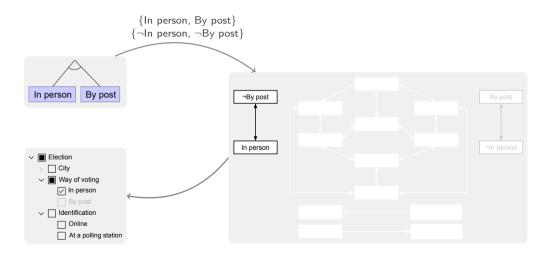
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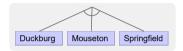
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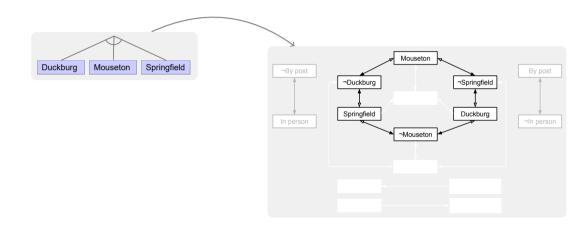


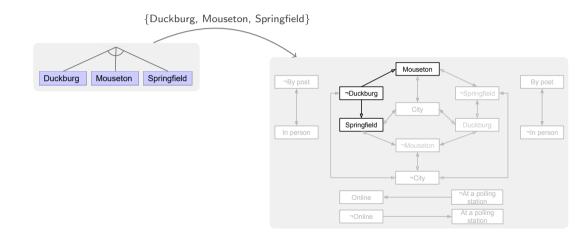


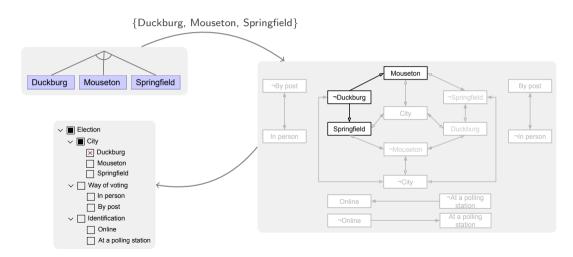


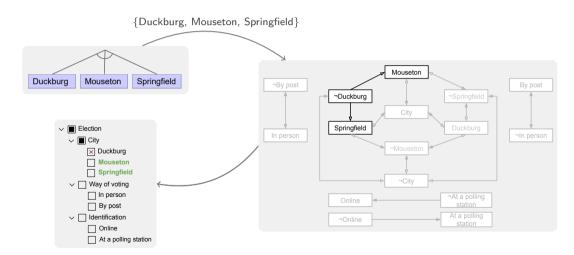


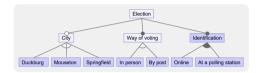


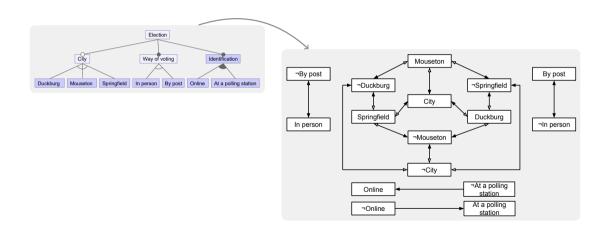


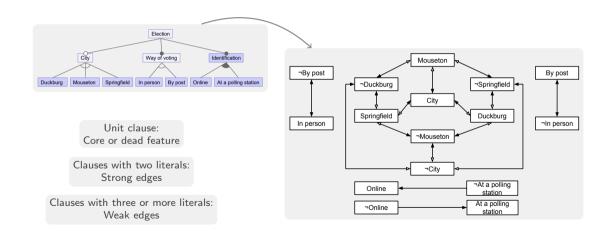












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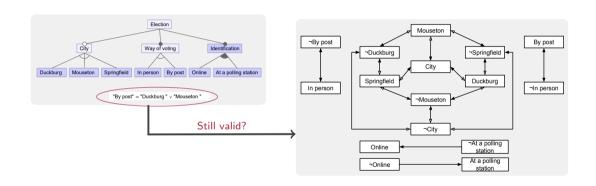
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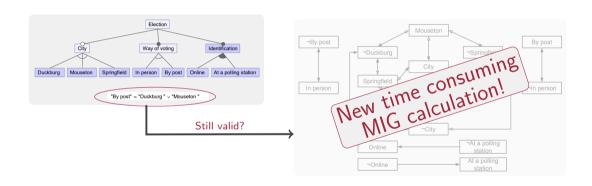
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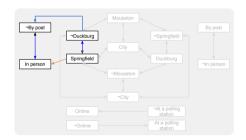
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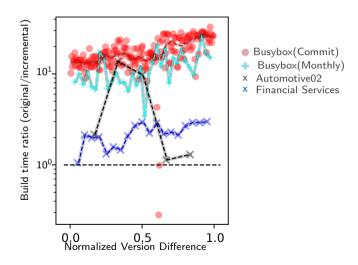
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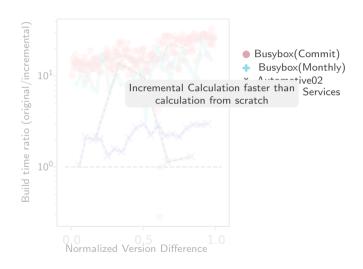


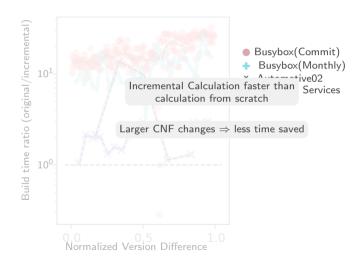
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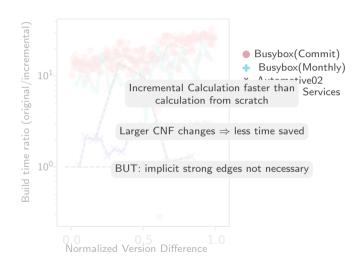
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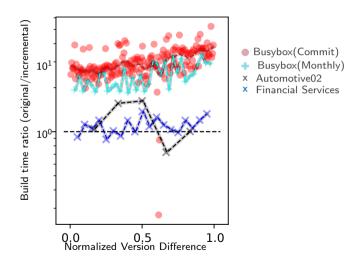








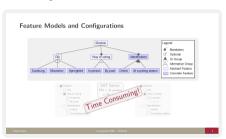


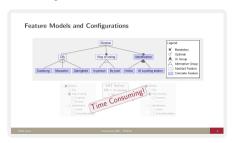


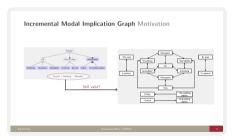
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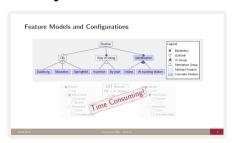
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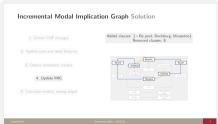
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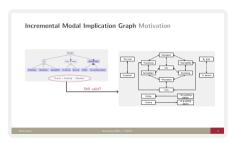


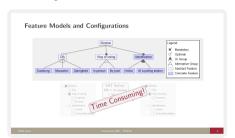


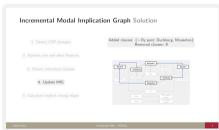


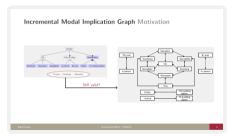


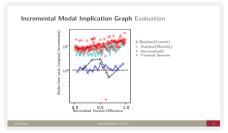












Feature Model	#Features	#Clauses	MIG Mem- ory (Byte)				∑ Online time in s f			or relative number of 10%			f defined features (Ø) 100%		
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FreeBSD 8.0.0	1,397	14,295	243,168	0.04	0.42	6.89	0.21	0.05	0.04	0.44	0.07	0.05	1.82	0.10	0.08
Automotive01	2,513	2,833	1,098,248	0.07	0.70	11.60	1.54	0.36	0.35	3.10	0.56	0.54	6.05	0.76	0.74
Linux 2.6.28.6	6,889	80,715	2,157,320	0.27	16.75	399.98	11.78	5.75	4.24	26.98	8.39	5.63	80.67	10.07	6.66
Automotive02	18,616	1,369	5,088,720	2.30	42.47	296.73	329.29	38.08	37.84	535.70	58.77	58.45	821.48	68.03	67.68
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System	Parameters		Usage Time								
		Orig (s)	Inc (s)		Ratio		Orig (s)	Inc (s) Ratio			
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Busybox (Commits)	1	0.002	0.003	0.478	0.823	1.690	0.034	0.034	0.771	0.997	1.052
	2	0.012	0.004	0.311	3.176	6.333	0.034	0.034	0.662	0.997	1.050
	3	0.012	0.006	0.275	2.416	5.266	0.034	0.034	0.959	1.002	1.070
	4	0.086	0.018	0.283	12.732	32.996	0.034	0.034	0.955	1.000	1.204
	5	0.086	0.004	0.301	21.094	47.502	0.034	0.034	0.948	1.001	1.191
Busybox (Monthly)	1	0.003	0.003	0.589	0.766	0.919	0.040	0.040	0.973	0.999	1.026
	2	0.013	0.004	1.998	2.981	4.226	0.040	0.040	0.972	0.999	1.031
	3	0.013	0.008	0.911	1.990	3.490	0.040	0.040	0.970	0.997	1.021
	4	0.102	0.025	1.296	8.614	26.702	0.041	0.041	0.966	1.014	1.058
	5	0.102	0.005	10.534	19.867	37.456	0.041	0.040	0.986	1.034	1.056
FinacialServices01	1	0.161	0.165	0.925	0.977	1.031	0.198	0.197	0.929	1.006	1.069
	2	0.345	0.182	1.336	1.913	2.348	0.195	0.197	0.934	0.988	1.030
	3	0.341	0.333	0.841	1.038	1.392	0.196	0.197	0.956	0.995	1.049
	4	18.809	13.218	0.969	1.604	2.992	0.195	0.193	0.963	1.009	1.060
	5	18.837	6.792	0.853	9.975	23.033	0.195	0.192	0.974	1.017	1.051
Automotive02	1	3.109	3.535	0.822	0.882	0.958	7.490	7.502	0.992	0.999	1.005
	2	8.583	3.873	1.672	2.120	3.395	7.451	7.499	0.985	0.994	0.999
	3	8.561	9.120	0.690	1.080	1.616	7.447	7.458	0.993	0.998	1.005
	4	2090.844	1547.998	1.069	4.244	13.733	7.353	7.365	0.992	0.998	1.005
	5	2095.159	4.270	110.037	424.784	1221.410	7.362	7.471	0.977	0.986	1.001
Linux	1	29.326	29.446	0.829	0.998	1.127	15.686	15.677	0.992	1.001	1.010
	2	2218.864	132.196	15.514	16.806	18.269	15.667	15.664	0.993	1.000	1.004
	3	2228.968	2845.951	0.748	0.783	0.815	15.671	15.665	0.993	1.000	1.008