

# Declarative Heuristics for ASP

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Answer Set Programming (*ASP*) has been used successfully to model and solve combinatorial search problems in industrial domains

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**Use Heuristics!** (Gebser et al. 2013)

Modern ASP solvers use some variation of the CDCL algorithm

```
if (unitPropagation( , ) == conflict):
    return UNSAT
while not all variables assigned:
    (x, v) ← decide( , )
    dl ← dl + 1
    ← {(x,v)}
    if (unitPropagation( , ) == conflict):
        ← conflictAnalysis( , )
        if ( < 0):
            return UNSAT
        else:
            backtrack( , , )
            dl ←
return SAT
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The ASP solver needs to support the use of special heuristics

## Related Work

Clingo Domain Heuristics

quux

bar

HWasp

► foo

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# Procedural Heuristics with Clingo



# Declarative Heuristics

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