

COMBINATORIAL METHODS FOR TESTING AND ANALYSIS OF COMPLEX SYSTEMS

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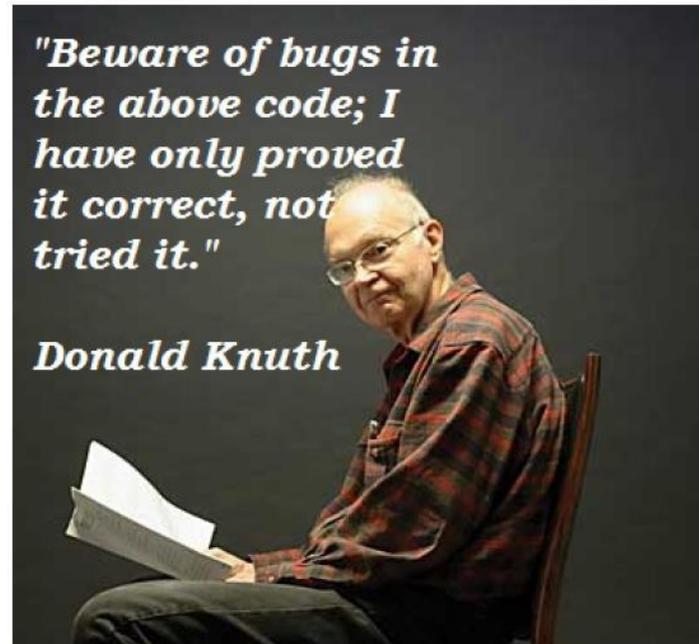
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Combinatorial Testing

Introduction

Should we care about Software (Systems) Testing?



- **Proving** correctness seems to be **not quite enough**
- **Testing** is required: both on the sides of verification and validation!
 - “The process of analyzing a software system to detect the differences between existing and expected conditions (that is, bugs)” [IEEE]

Should we **really** care about Software (Systems) Testing?

Finding 90% of flaws is pretty good, right?



"Relax, our engineers found 90 percent of the flaws."

I don't think I want to get on that plane.



A Large Example for Testing

- Suppose we have a system with on-off switches
- 34 switches = $2^{34} = 1.7 \times 10^{10}$ possible settings



- How do we **test** this system?

Example of a Mathematical Structure used in Testing

System Under Test (SUT) with 3 Boolean Input Parameters a, b, c

- Could be function, application, configuration file, etc.
- Exhaustive test set: $2^3 = 8$ tests
- 2-way covering array (test set): 4 tests

a	b	c	(a, b)	(b, c)	(a, c)
0	0	0	(0, 0)	(0, 0)	(0, 0)
0	1	1	(0, 1)	(1, 1)	(0, 1)
1	0	1	(1, 0)	(0, 1)	(1, 1)
1	1	0	(1, 1)	(1, 0)	(1, 0)

Table 1: 2-way test set (left) covering all pairs of parameters (right)

Covering Arrays $CA(N; t, k, v)$ of Strength t

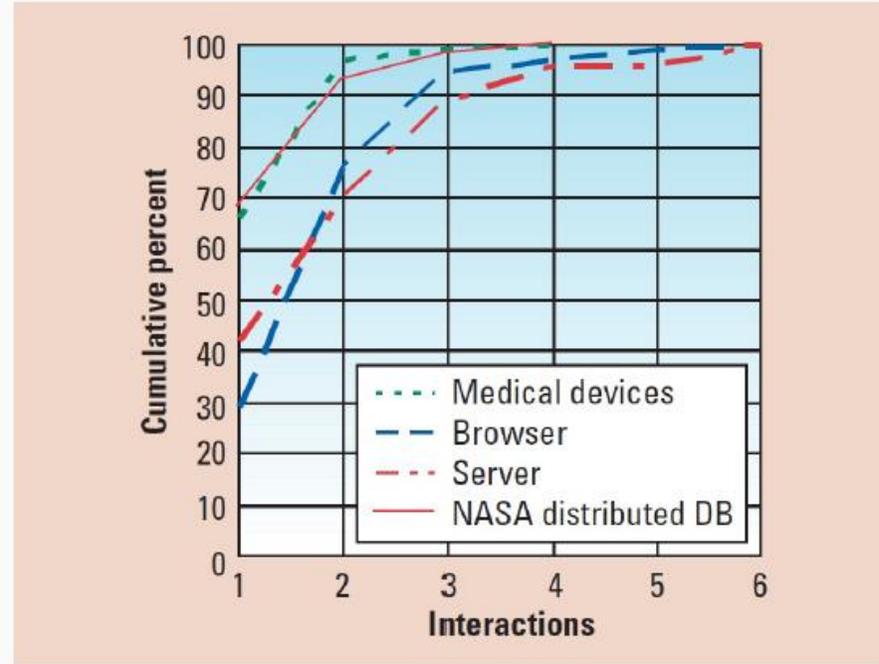
- Cover all t -way combinations of k input parameters at least **once**
- Input parameters have v total values each
- Such a mathematical object has N total rows (tests)

How is this Knowledge Useful?

- Recall the system with on-off switches
- 34 switches = $2^{34} = 1.7 \times 10^{10}$ possible settings
- **Assumption: What if we knew no failure involves more than 3 switch settings interacting?**
 - If only 3-way combinations, need a CA with only 33 tests
 - If only 4-way combinations, need a CA with only 85 tests



Empirical Evidence: Fault Coverage vs. Interactions



- The **maximum degree** of interaction observed so far in actual real-world faults is **relatively small** (six)
 - 2-way **interaction**: **age** > 100 and **zip-code** = 5001, DB push **fails**
- Most failures are induced by single factor faults or by the **joint combinatorial effect** (interaction) of two factors, with progressively fewer failures induced by interactions between three or more factors

Combinatorial Testing (CT)

What is Combinatorial Testing?

Combinatorial Strategy for Higher Interaction Testing ($t \geq 2$)

Where it can be Applied?

To system configurations, input data or both

Key Facts:

- CT utilizes 100% coverage of t -way combinations of k input data or system configuration parameters
- Coverage is provided by **mathematical objects** (covering arrays), that are later transformed to software artifacts
- t -way tests that cover **all** such few parameter (factor) interactions can be very effective and provide **strong assurance**

Combinatorial Testing of a Server Configuration

Example

Application must run on any **configuration** of OS, browser, protocol, CPU and DBMS (very efficient for interoperability testing)

Test	OS	Browser	Protocol	CPU	DBMS
1	XP	IE	IPv4	Intel	MySQL
2	XP	Firefox	IPv6	AMD	Sybase
3	XP	IE	IPv6	Intel	Oracle
4	OS X	Firefox	IPv4	AMD	MySQL
5	OS X	IE	IPv4	Intel	Sybase
6	OS X	Firefox	IPv4	Intel	Oracle
7	RHEL	IE	IPv6	AMD	MySQL
8	RHEL	Firefox	IPv4	Intel	Sybase
9	RHEL	Firefox	IPv4	AMD	Oracle
10	OS X	Firefox	IPv6	AMD	Oracle

Figure: Pairwise test configurations

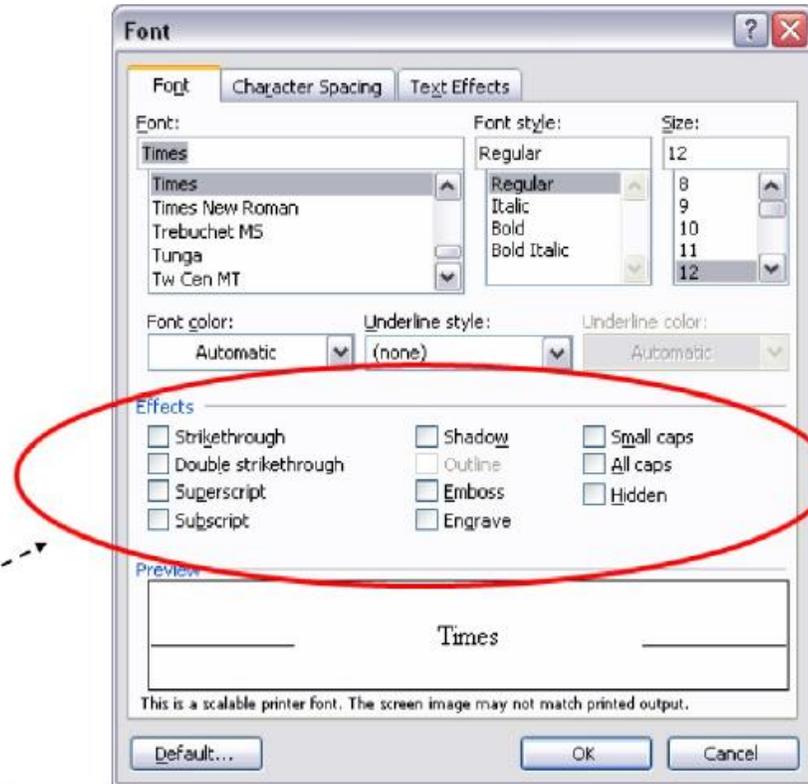
Combinatorial Testing of a Word-Processing App

Example

Testing of a word-processing application having 10 effects to highlight text (each can be on or off)

0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	0
1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	1
0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1

0 = effect off
1 = effect on



13 tests for all 3-way combinations

$2^{10} = 1,024$ tests for all combinations

Motivation for Combinatorial Testing of Complex Systems

- **Economic Impact:** Software testing may consume up to half of the overall software development cost (“system of systems view”)
 - **Combinatorial explosion:** Exhaustive search of input space increases time needed exponentially
 - Added level of complexity for system testing (modelling real-world environments)
 - CT can provide **minimal tests** which provides for ~99% reduction of test set sizes => Reduced **testing budget** by several orders of magnitude => significantly less **costs**
- How can we **estimate** the residual risk that **remains** after testing? How can we **guarantee** aspects of test quality (e.g. test coverage, locating faults)?



- **In this Talk:** Formulate testing problems as **combinatorial problems** and then use efficient **methods** to tackle them

Topic — Software 

Report: Software failure caused \$1.7 trillion in financial losses in 2017

Published January 26, 2018 |  Written by Scott Matteson

Software testing company Tricentis found that retail and consumer technology were the areas most affected, while software failures in public service and healthcare were down from the previous year.

Testing of Complex Systems

R&D Examples in System Testing

Testing of an F-16 Lantirn Pod

- **Problem:** Unknown factors causing failures of F-16 ventral fin
- LANTIRN pod carriage on the F-16



F-16 Ventral Fin Damage on Flight with LANTIRN

It's not supposed to look like this:



Input Model for Testing of F-16 Ventral Fin

- **Original solution:** Lockheed Martin engineers spent many months with wind tunnel tests and expert analysis to consider interactions that could cause the problem
- **CT solution:** modelling and simulation using ACTS/CAgen

Parameter	Values
Aircraft	15, 40
Altitude	5k, 10k, 15k, 20k, 30k, 40k, 50k
Maneuver	hi-speed throttle, slow accel/dwell, L/R 5 deg side slip, L/R 360 roll, R/L 5 deg side slip, Med accel/dwell, R-L-R-L banking, Hi-speed to Low, 360 nose roll
Mach (100 th)	40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100, 110, 120

Combinatorial Testing for Aerospace Industry

- **Input Model for CT**

- 4 Parameters
- Number of values: 2, 7, 9, 9
- Total space (exhaustive testing): 1134 tests

- **Combinatorial Testing**

- 2-way: 81 tests (=> ~93% reduction)
- 3-way: 567 tests (=> 50% reduction)

- **How does this translate in real-life Budget Costs?**

- Costs of executing one test:
 - A Lockheed engineer costs \$ 75 / hour
 - 3 engineers / 1 day (10hours each) => \$ 2,250
- Costs of executing exhaustive test set: \$ 2,551,500
- Combinatorial-based testing (NIST study) costs:
 - 2-way: \$ 182,250 => only ~7% of total costs
 - 3-way: \$ 1,275,750 => only 50% of total costs

Aircraft	Altitude	Maneuver	Mach (100th)
15	5k	hi-speed throttle	40
40	10k	hi-speed throttle	50
15	15k	hi-speed throttle	60
40	20k	hi-speed throttle	70
15	30k	hi-speed throttle	80
40	40k	hi-speed throttle	90
15	50k	hi-speed throttle	100
40	5k	hi-speed throttle	110
15	10k	hi-speed throttle	120
40	15k	slow accel/dwell	40
15	20k	slow accel/dwell	50
40	30k	slow accel/dwell	60
15	40k	slow accel/dwell	70
40	50k	slow accel/dwell	80
15	5k	slow accel/dwell	90
40	10k	slow accel/dwell	100
15	15k	slow accel/dwell	110
40	20k	slow accel/dwell	120
15	30k	L/R 5 deg side slip	40
40	40k	L/R 5 deg side slip	50

Excerpt of 2-way test set
(demo, if time allows)

Virtual Driving Function Testing Problem



TECH Tesla must provide NHTSA with Autopilot recall data by July or face up to \$135 million in fines

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List of Tesla Autopilot crashes

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Fatal crashes

- Haidian, Hebei, China (January 20, 2015)
- Williston, Florida, USA (May 7, 2015)
- Mountain View, California, USA (March 23, 2016)
- Kanagawa, Japan (April 29, 2018)
- Delray Beach, Florida, USA (March 1, 2019)
- Key Largo, Florida, USA (April 24, 2019)
- Fremont, California, USA (August 24, 2019)

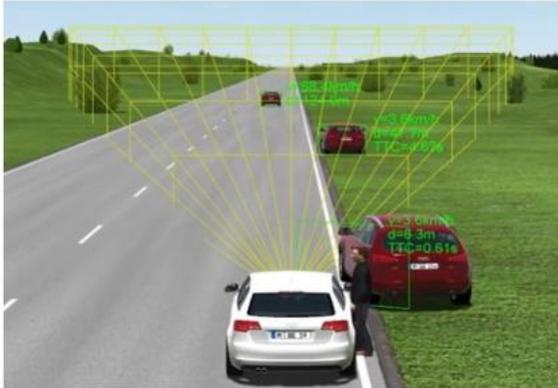
Tesla Autopilot was released in October 2015, and the first fatal crashes involving the advanced driver assistance system (ADAS) occurred less than one year later. The fatal crashes have attracted attention from news publications and United States government agencies, including the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), which has argued the Tesla Autopilot death rate is higher than the reported estimates [1]. In addition to the fatal crashes, there have been many nonfatal crashes, the causes have included the ADAS failing to recognize other vehicles, insufficient Autopilot driver engagement, and violating the operational design domain.

As of June 2024, there have been forty-four verified fatalities involving Autopilot[2] and hundreds of nonfatal incidents [3]. Collectively, these have led to a formal investigation by the NHTSA, culminating in a general recall in December 2023 of all vehicles equipped with Autopilot, which was resolved by an over-the-air software update. Immediately after closing its investigation in April 2024, NHTSA opened a recall query to determine the effectiveness of the recall.

The model S after it was recovered from the crash scene in Williston, Florida

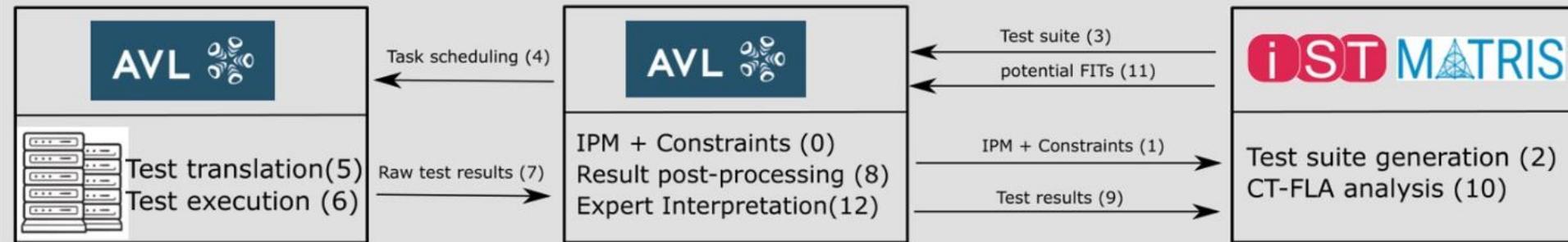
AEB Function Testing

Mapping and testing workflow



Combinatorial Testing	Automated Driving Function Testing
System under test (SUT)	AEB function
Input-parameter model (IPM)	Driving scenario specification
Test/row of CA	Driving scenario
Test execution	Simulation of driving scenario
Execution oracle (oracle)	Time-to-collision (TTC)
Passing test	Non-crash scenario ($TTC > 0$)
Failing test	Crash scenario ($TTC = 0$)
Failure inducing t -way interaction (FIT)	Crash inducing parameter setting

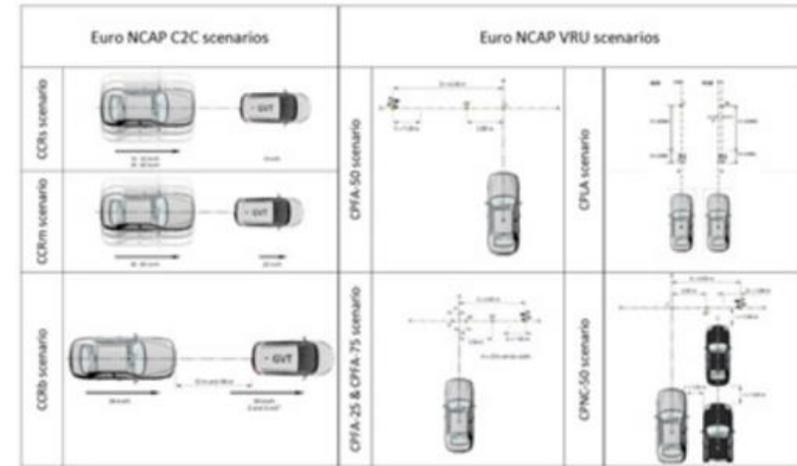
Workflow



Virtual Driving Scenarios

IPM for Driving Scenarios

- Developed and used in previous works (Wotawa et al.^a)
- Description of traffic situation via parameters + values
 - Speed of the car: EgoVehicle1_Start_speed
 - Type of car: EgoVehicle1_VehicleType
 - Position of the car: EgoVehicle1_Offset_s
 - Number of pedestrians: NumberOfPede
- Resulting IPM consists of 39 parameters & 42 constraints:



(3, 3, 31, 3, 5, 1, 6, 4, 12, 12, 12, 10, 14, 12, 12, 12, 10, 14, 31, 4, 3, 20, 9, 3, 3, 31, 4, 3, 20, 9, 3, 3, 31, 4, 3, 20, 9, 3, 3)

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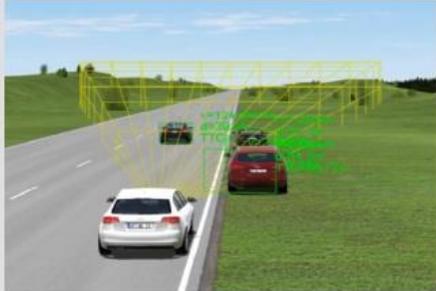
1 [Parameter]
2 NumberOfVehiclePlayer (enum) : 1, 2, 3
3 NumberOfPede (enum) : 1, 2, null
4 EgoVehicle1_Start_speed (enum) : 0, 1.388888889, 2.777777778, 4.166666667, 5.555555556, 6.944444444, 8.333333333, 9.722222222, ...
5 EgoVehicle1_VehicleType (enum) : Audi_A3_2009_white, Audi_Q5_2008_red, Audi_S5_2009_black metallic
6 EgoVehicle1_Offset_s (enum) : -2,-1,0, 1, 2
7 EgoVehicle1_Offset_t (enum) : 0
8 EgoVehicle1_Rate (enum) : 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10
9 EgoVehicle1_Target_Speed (enum) : 14, 28, 42, 55
10 Pedestrians_Objects1_Start_speed (enum) : 0, 0.28, 0.56, 0.83, 1.11, 1.39, 1.6, 1.94, 2.22, 2.5, 2.8, null
11 Pedestrians_Objects1_Offset_s (enum) : 3, 4, 5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13, null
12 Pedestrians_Objects1_Offset_t (enum) : 10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20, null
13 Pedestrians_Objects1_Rate (enum) : 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, null
14 Pedestrians_Objects1_Type (enum) : Adult, Child, Wheelchair, Animal, Ballon, Paper, Dog, Stone, Adult_w_Bicycle, Adult_w_child, custom1, custom2, custom3, null
15 Pedestrians_Objects2_Start_speed (enum) : 0, 0.28, 0.56, 0.83, 1.11, 1.39, 1.6, 1.94, 2.22, 2.5, 2.8, null
16 Pedestrians_Objects2_Offset_s (enum) : -9,-10,-11,-12,-13,-14,-15,-16,-17,-18,-19,null
    
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Analysis of Potential Crash Scenarios

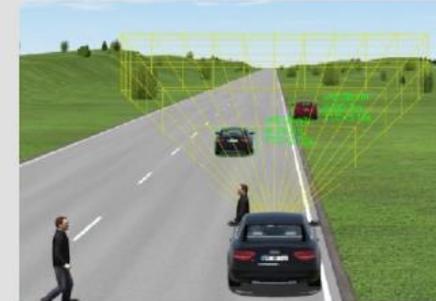
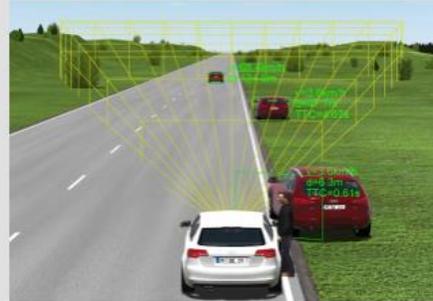
- We generated 39061 driving scenarios of which **7928 are failing (high percentage of failing test cases)**
- In > 46 tests specific **3-way failure patterns** appear (from a CT point of view)
- An AVL engineer reviewed these 46 CT generated scenarios and evaluated them visually (e.g. ones where EgoVehicleOffset=2, Pedetstrian1StartSpeed={0.56, 0.28}, Pedestrian1Offset={3,4} appear)

Relative Frequency Analysis

EgoVehicleOffset=2
Pedestrian1StartSpeed=0.56
Pedestrian1Offset=4



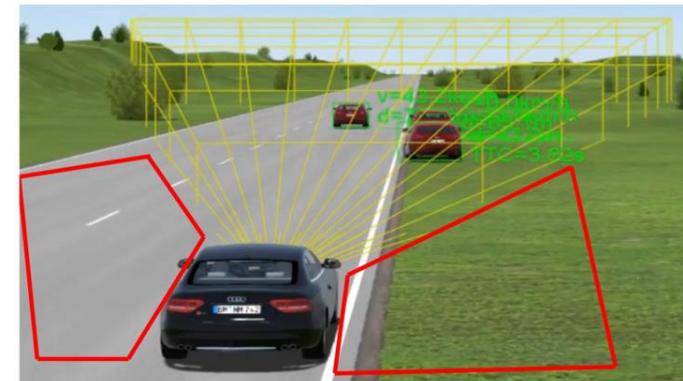
EgoVehicleOffset=2
Pedestrian1StartSpeed=0.28
Pedestrian1Offset=4



EgoVehicleOffset=2
Pedestrian1StartSpeed=0.56
Pedestrian1Offset=3

Comments from the domain expert

- Large majority of crashes are side-wards
- Simulation uses ideal object sensor
 - No detection issues if object field of view (yellow)
- Objects outside this area (red area) are not detected.
- Scenario specifications, i.e. parameter values that impact the position (offset) of the ego vehicle and relevant objects to the side of the ego vehicle contribute more towards outcomes with a collision.

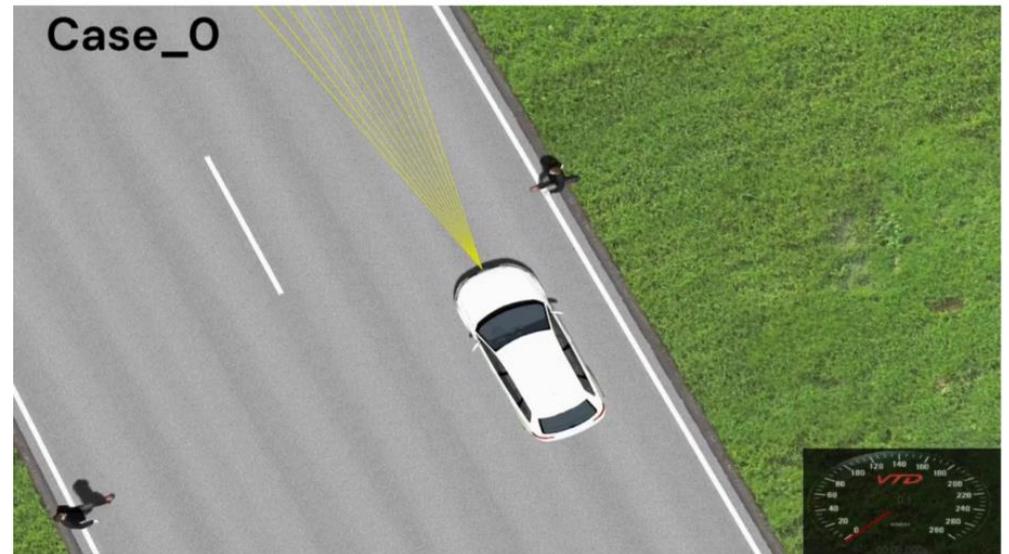
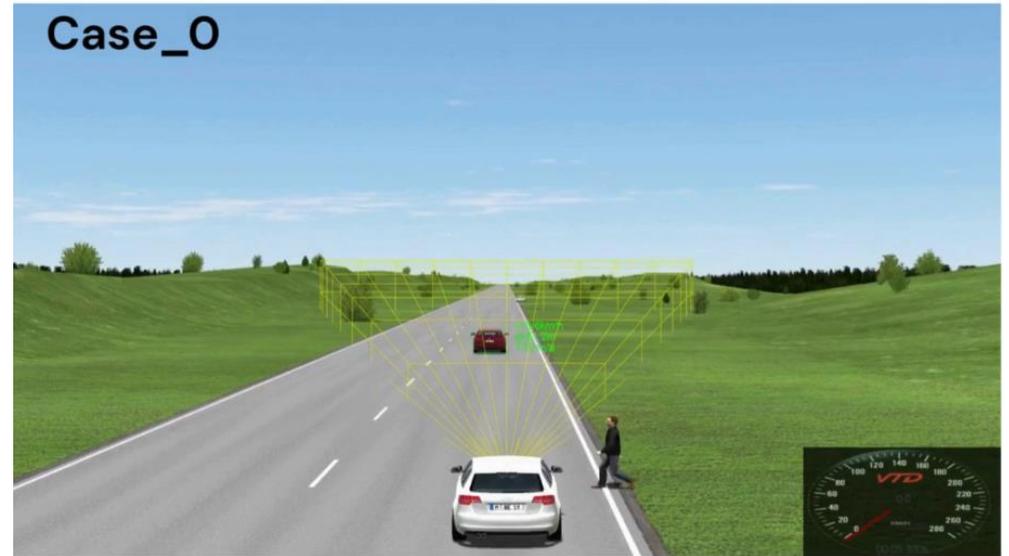


Inspection of Individual Crash Scenario

One Factor at a Time (OFAT) Strategy

- Consider single crash scenario
- Change every parameter to all other values one by one
- $\Rightarrow \geq 6$ -way interaction identified
 - $(-, -, -, -, 1, -, -, -, -, -, 1.39, -, -, -, -, 10, 20, -, -, -18, -, -, -, -, -, -, -, -, -, 65, -, -, -, -, -, -, -, -, -, -)$
 - This 6-way interaction appears in millions of tests (roughly 10^{26})

EgoVehicle1_Offset_s	Pedestrains_Objects1_r_speed	Pedestrains_Objects1_sta_set_s	Pedestrains_Objects1_off_set_t	Pedestrains_Objects2_off_set_s	Vehicles_Players2_offset_t	Oracle
1	1.39	10	20	-18	65	crash
0	1.39	10	20	-18	65	non-crash
1	0	10	20	-18	65	non-crash
1	1.39	3	20	-18	65	non-crash
1	1.39	10	10	-18	65	non-crash
1	1.39	10	20	-9	65	non-crash
1	1.39	10	20	-18	15	non-crash



From Technology to Practice: CAGen Test Generation Tool (Greedy/Parallel/Quantum Computing Algorithms)



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Input Parameter Model 📄

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Input Parameter Model

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Name	Values	Cardinality
PAY	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23	23
JSO	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15	15
INT	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14	14
PAS	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11	11
JSE	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9	9
WS1	1, 2, 3	3
WS2	1, 2, 3	3
EVH	1, 2, 3	3
WS3	1, 2, 3	3
WS4	1, 2, 3	3
WS5	1, 2, 3	3

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Constraints

JSO="5" => JSE="5" || JSE="6" || JSE="7" || JSE="8" || JSE="9"
 EVH="1" => PAY="12" || PAY="14" || PAY="17" || PAY="18" || PAY="19"
 WS1=WS2 && WS2=WS3 && WS3=WS4 && WS4=WS5

SUCCESS STORY

SBA-K1
SBA Research GmbH

Programme: COMET – Competence Centers for Excellent Technologies

Programme line: COMET-Centre K1

Type of project: strategic



SUPERIOR SOFTWARE TESTING EFFICIENCY WITH QUALITY GUARANTEES

TOOL COMPETITION AT LEADING COMBINATORIAL TESTING CONFERENCE CROWNS CAGEN AS BEST GENERAL-PURPOSE COVERING ARRAY GENERATOR

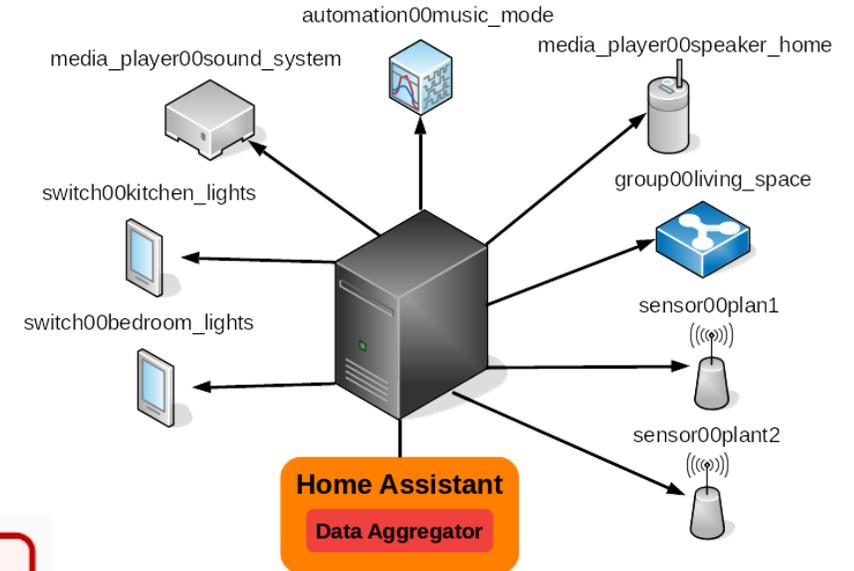


Combinatorial Security Testing (CST)

Joint Research Programme MATRIS/US NIST

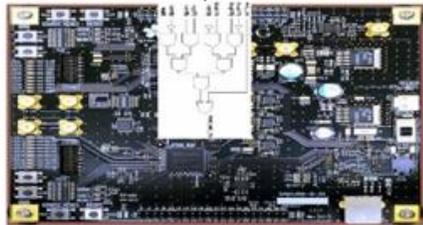
Proven method: automated testing for security

- Complex web applications
- Next generation protocol testing (IoT: z-wave, zigbee)
- Intelligent and autonomous systems
- Hardware Trojan Horse detection



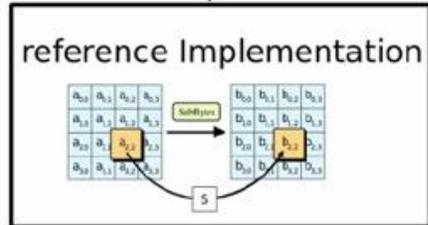
Combinatorial methods can make **software security testing** much more **efficient** and effective than conventional approaches

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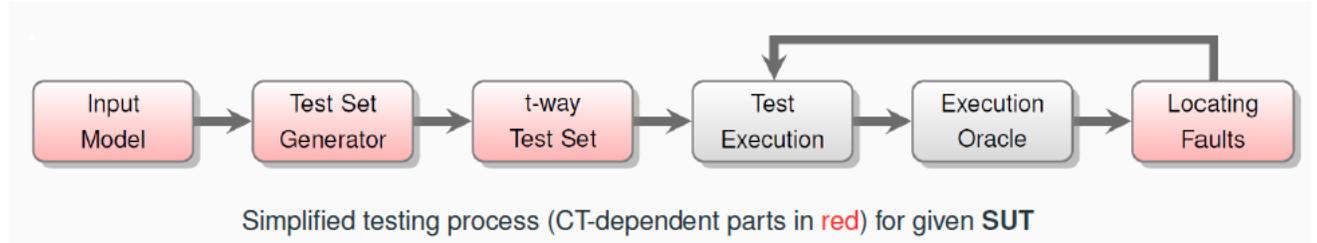
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Large-scale Combinatorial Testing at Adobe

a	b	c	(a, b)	(b, c)	(a, c)
0	0	0	(0, 0)	(0, 0)	(0, 0)
0	1	1	(0, 1)	(1, 1)	(0, 1)
1	0	1	(1, 0)	(0, 1)	(1, 1)
1	1	0	(1, 1)	(1, 0)	(1, 0)

Table: 2-way test set (left) covering all pairs of parameters (right)



Combinatorial Testing applied to Large-scale Data Processing at Adobe

- Application of largest combinatorial test sets documented in research
- Test sets combined from theoretical and algorithmic constructions
- New faults found in each subject systems; small number of tests

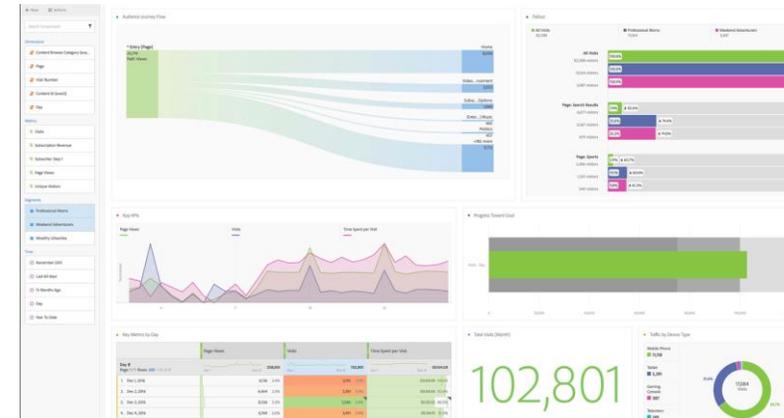
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107514	5	2127	3
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7439	3	2127	7
688	2	2127	10
23422	3	2127	10



Adobe Analytics



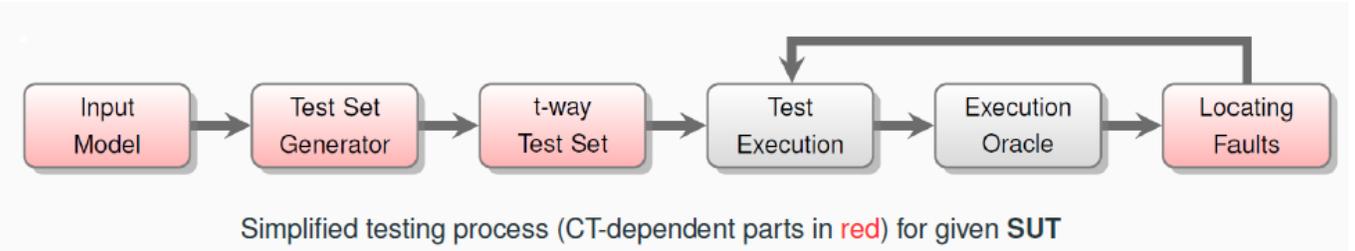
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	t-way	Cause	Resolution
Flag-type fields throw error	2	Undocumented value constraint	Update input space model
Event-type fields throw error	2	Undocumented format constraint	Update input space model
Parser throws error (CDS)	2	Undocumented value constraint	Update input space model
Parser throws error (JSON)	3	Undocumented format constraint	Add input validation
Invalid date fields interaction	2	Undocumented value constraint	Update input space model



Large-scale Combinatorial Testing at NASA

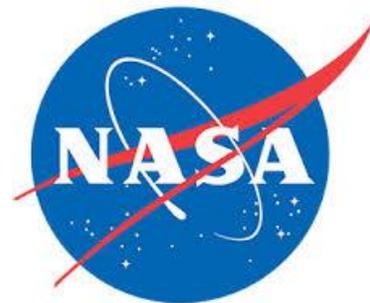
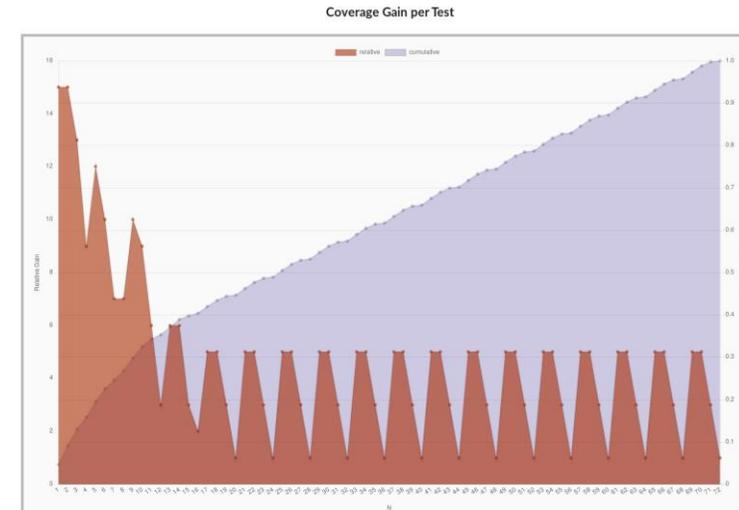
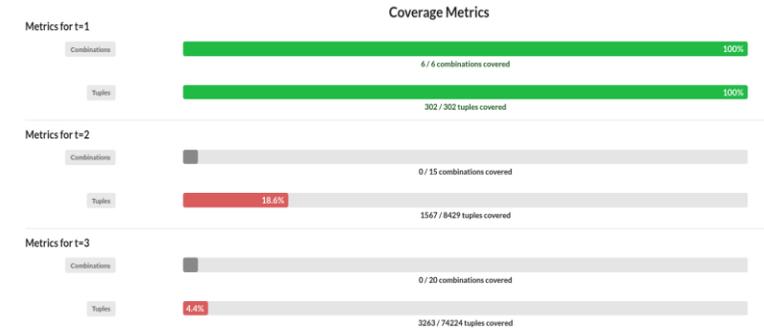
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0	1	1	(0, 1)	(1, 1)	(0, 1)
1	0	1	(1, 0)	(0, 1)	(1, 1)
1	1	0	(1, 1)	(1, 0)	(1, 0)

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Extraction of Input Parameter Models from existing unit tests in NASA's Core Flight System (cFS) software

- Generation of test cases using combinatorial means (i.e. *t-way testing*) and their execution
- Combinatorial coverage of existing tests



Future Outlook

Combinatorial Methods beyond System Testing

Combinatorial Methods **beyond** System Testing

Pattern identification in other research domains

- **Patterns appear in Every Instance of a Complex System**
- [recap] Software (Systems) Engineering (Software Systems)
 - Software/System Failures => t-way Faults (CT)

- FinTech (Financial Transactions)
 - Money Laundering Transactions => Integer Partitions
- Operations Research (Supply Chains)
 - Crisis Scenarios in Production Facilities => Seq. Covering Arrays
- Disaster Management (Natural/Technological Hazards)
 - Compound and Cascading Effects in Disasters => Permutation Sequences

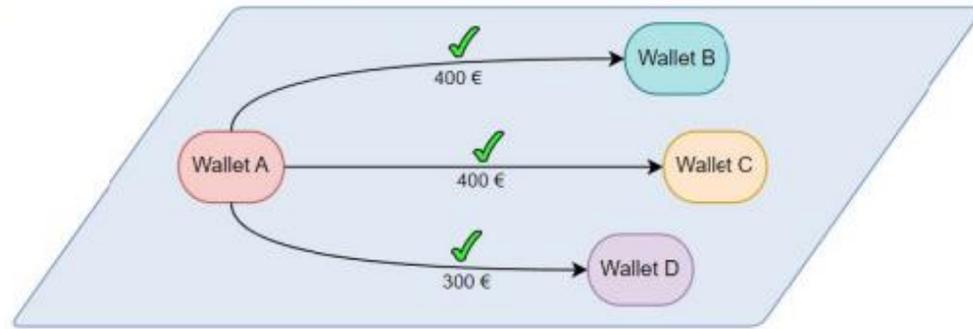


Combinatorial Methods for (Anti-) Money Laundering

Problem: Given an amount of money in some currency and some regulations, find all IPs of the corresponding integer with properties such that the resulting transactions are not affected by applicable regulations.



(A) Transaction amount above a threshold of 1,000 Euro triggering an alert.



(B) Transaction amounts below a threshold of 1,000 Euro avoid detection.

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x=iter(Partitions(1000, min_part=10, max_part=200, min_length=5, max_length=20))
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- Integer partitions (IPs) visualizing splitting of amounts (Cryptocurrencies, FIAT) that are below of threshold of 1000 (Satoshi or EUR)
- Such patterns comprised of integer partitions model money laundering transactions



- [200, 200, 200, 200, 200], [200, 200, 200, 200, 190, 10],
- [200, 200, 200, 200, 189, 11], [200, 200, 200, 200, 188, 12],
- [200, 200, 200, 200, 187, 13], [200, 200, 200, 200, 186, 14],
- [200, 200, 200, 200, 185, 15], [200, 200, 200, 200, 184, 16],
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Combinatorial Generation of (Cyber-) Threat Scenarios for the Steel Industry

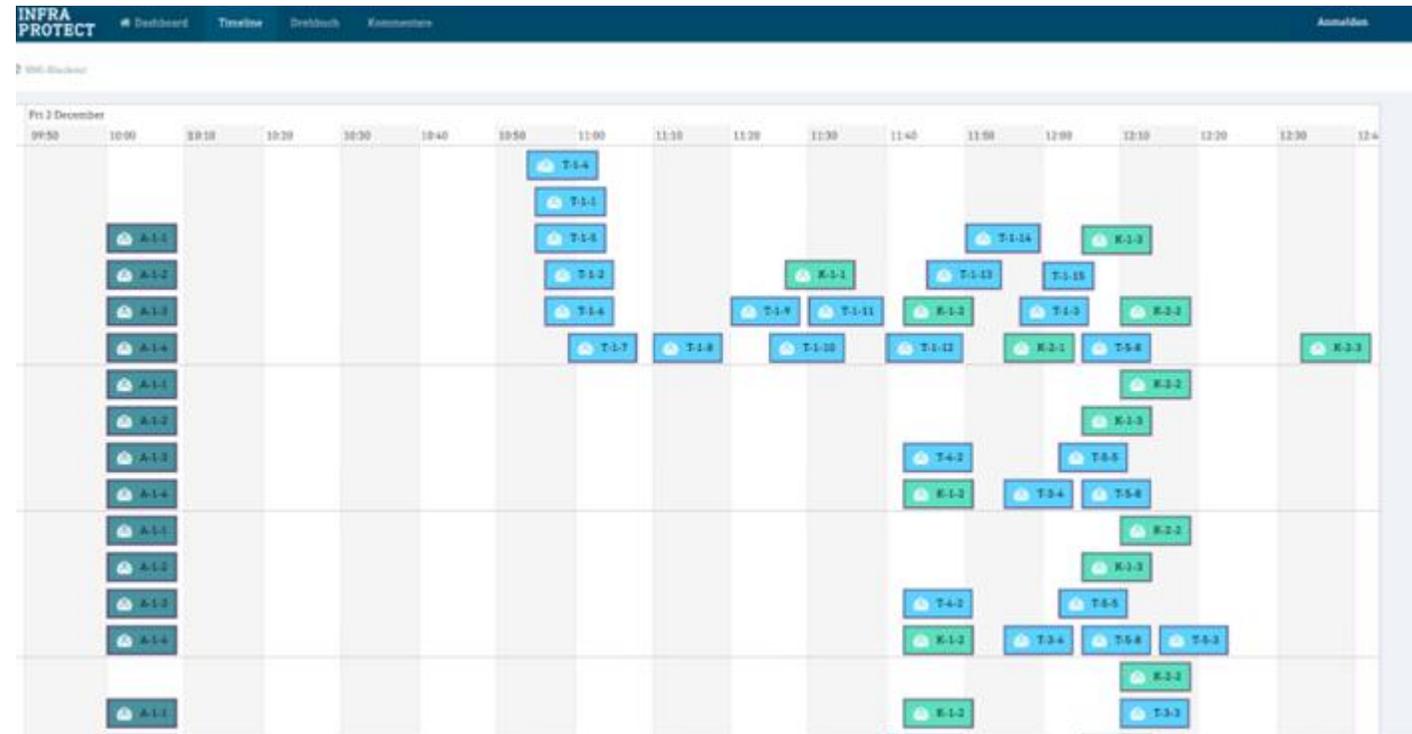
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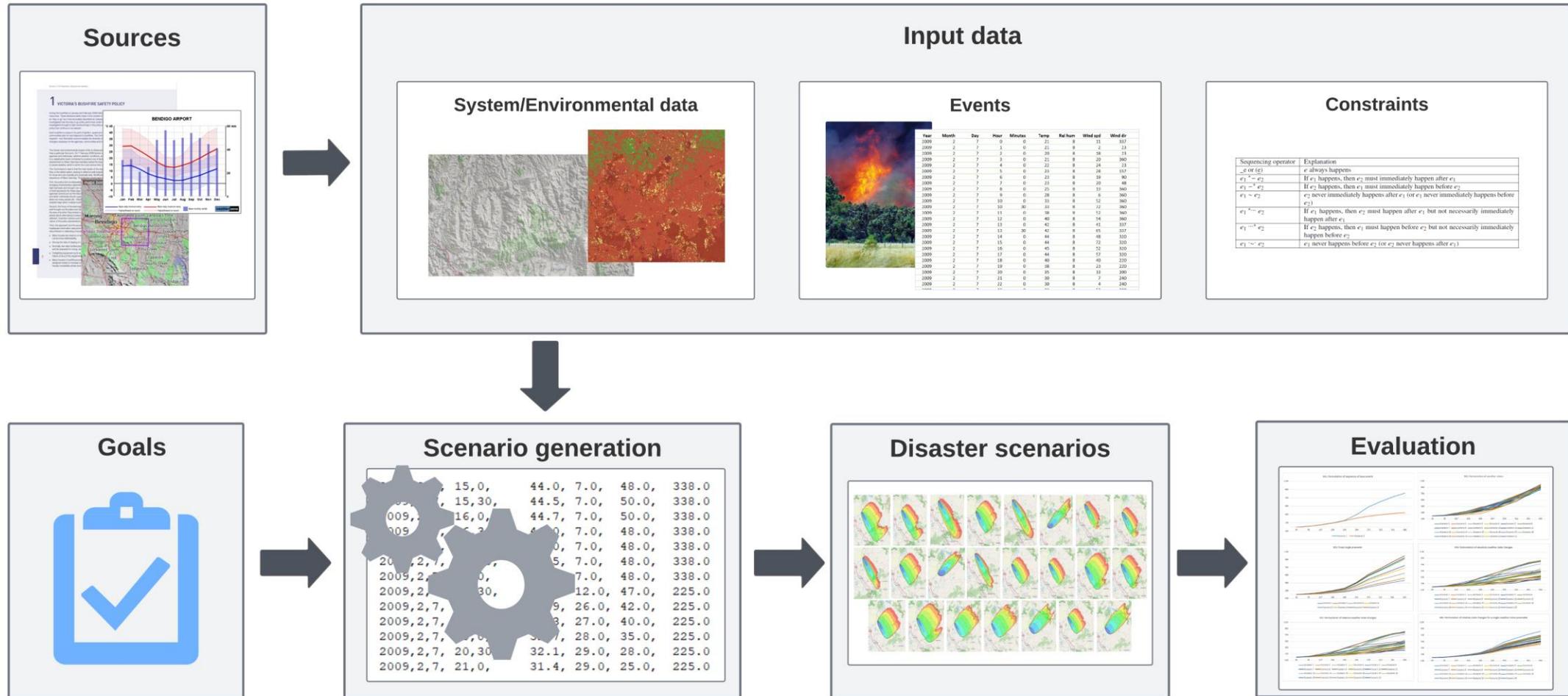
Scenario 1	T-1-1	T-1-2	T-1-3	T-1-4	T-1-5	T-1-6	K-1-1
Scenario 2	T-1-2	T-1-1	K-1-6	K-1-5	K-1-4	K-1-3	K-1-2
Scenario 3	T-1-3	K-1-6	T-1-1	T-1-2	T-1-4	K-1-5	T-1-5
Scenario 4	T-1-4	K-1-6	T-1-3	K-1-2	T-1-2	K-1-1	T-1-1
Scenario 5	T-1-5	K-1-5	T-1-1	T-1-3	T-1-4	T-1-2	K-1-6
Scenario 6	K-1-1	T-1-6	T-1-2	K-1-6	T-1-3	K-1-5	T-1-5

Real-world Crisis Scenario in the Steel Industry:

- Production facility faces both physical and cyber-threats
- Crisis exercise tests resilience of response plans coordinated by Q&A-department
- Combinatorial generation methods can model **cascading effects** in such threat-scenarios that can cause response plan to fail → **production stop** causes massive financial loss



Instantiation of Combinatorial Scenarios for Fire Simulation



Simulation: Comparison of two bushfire scenarios

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Comparison of Combinatorial Fire Scenarios

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Decision-making tool based on combinatorial methodology for best-use of resources or option for action intended for government actors and disaster risk managers. The model offers a decision tree following a combination and sequence of events that would trigger a response action or not.

Policy Recommendation Excerpt



The **MATRIS Disaster Game** is a board game designed for raising awareness and understanding about different *fundamental parameters of disasters*

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