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Towards Cooperative Software Verification with Test Generation and Formal Verification

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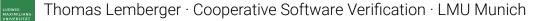
Let's get rid of software bugs!





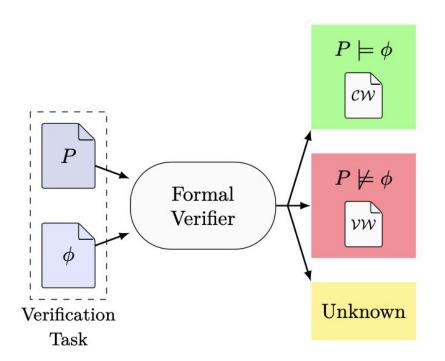
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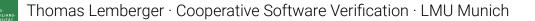
- Automated Software Verification
 - Automated Formal Verification
 - Automated Test Generation
- C code without concurrency
- No:
 - Manual Tests
 - Interactive Verification
 - Code Synthesis
 - Machine Learning



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2
     unsigned int x = 0;
     unsigned short n = nondet();
 3
     while (x < n) {
 4
5
       x += 2;
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 7
     if (x % 2 == 0) {}
8
     else
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No call to **reach_error()** is reachable





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Cover all program branches

P Test Generator φ Test-Generation

Cover function reach_error()

Task



VeriFuzz CBMC CBMC Locksmith Mopsa UGemCutter Infer UAutomizer Deagle Bubaak **ESBMC Goblint CPAchecker** Pinaka VeriAbs Frama-C Brick _{2ls}UTaipan UKojak LF-checker VeriOover Symbiotic CSeq Graves Crux EBF GDart-LLVM Dartagnan Predator Korn

VASP-C CoVeriTest Klee **CPATiger FShell** Cute **PRTest** TracerX Crest Legion/SymCC **FuSeBMC** Dart



Contributions

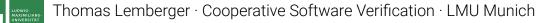
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1. Tool comparisons



2. Concepts for combining verifiers and testers, off-the-shelf





Tool Comparisons: Requirements

Common input language Common output language

Reliable measurements



Benchmark Set



Result Format



Measurement Tools







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



Beyer. Competition on Software Verification and Witness Validation: SV-COMP 2023. Proc. TACAS, 2023.



Comparison of Testers: 404

<pre>// CREST: CREST_int(x); // KLEE: klee_make_symbolic(&x, sizeof(x), "x"); // AFL: scanf("%d\n", &x);</pre>	<pre>// CREST: 0 // KLEE: Structured data // AFL: \x00</pre>	Input methods + result format
Benchmark Set	Result Format	Measurement Tools
Proprietary formats	Proprietary formats	Proprietary execution methods, no real branch coverage



Robust test-suite execution through Linux cgroups and overlay file systems³

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	Subset of sv-benchmarks ¹	Test-Suite Format²	TestCov ² branch coverage, reach_error() coverage			

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6th Competition on Software Testing (Test-Comp 2024)

- ~11.000 test tasks
 - Cover-Error
 - Cover-Branches
- Offline competition
- 900s, 15GB memory per task
- Score: normalized accumulated coverage –

Participants	Plots	cetfuzz	<u>CoVeriTest</u>	ESBMC- kind	FDSE	Fizzer	FuSeBMC	FuSeBMC- <u>AI</u>	<u>HybridTiger</u>	KLEE	KLE
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Test-Comp 2023: Beyer. Software Testing: 5th Comparative Evaluation: Test-Comp 2023. Proc. FASE, 2023.



FASE 2024

6th Competition on Software Testing (Test-Comp 2024)

- 2024 (to be published):
 - 20 participants
 from 7 countries
 - 8 first-time participants
- All participants produce test suites in our XML format
- TestCov performs all coverage measurement

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6th Competition on Software Testing (Test-Comp 2024)

- I participate with PRTest¹, a Plain Random Tester
- < 500 lines of code

- Idea: simple baseline
- Fun fact: **best** for branch coverage in category 'Hardware'



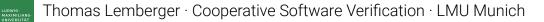
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<u>559</u>	<u>851</u>	-	<u>682</u>	<u>862</u>	751	760	<u>631</u>	<u>286</u>	<u>698</u>	<u>569</u>	<u>640</u>	1	<u>965</u>
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¹Lemberger. Plain random test generation with PRTest. STTT, 2020.



- Only branch coverage + bug finding (no MC/DC, mutation testing)
- One fixed resource limit
 900s CPU time, 15 GB memory

- Only a benchmark set
- ... but the largest available for the verification of C:
 - busybox, Linux, OpenBSD, sqlite, coreutils, ...
- TestCov does not support concurrency





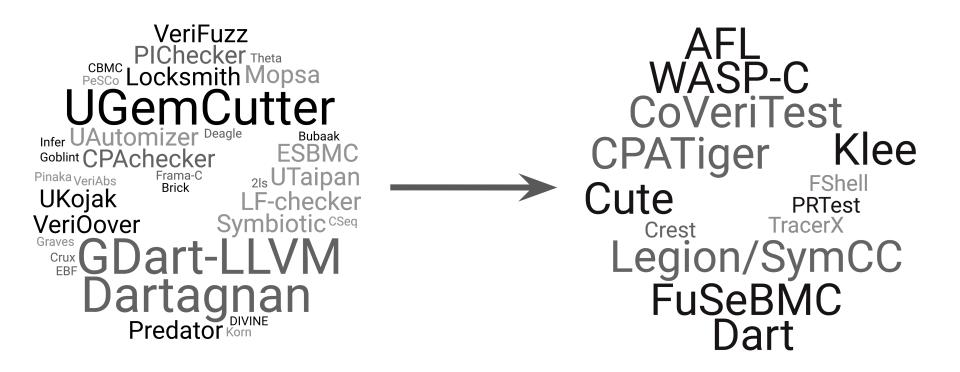
6th Competition on Software Testing (Test-Comp 2024) 12th Competition on Software Verification (SV-COMP 2023)

- Common input- and output-language simplify cooperation <u>off-the-shelf</u>
- Cooperation for formal verification:
 - Reducer-based construction of conditional verifiers (ICSE 2018)
 - Decomposing CEGAR with witness formats (ICSE 2022)
- Cooperation for testing:
 - Tests from witnesses
 - Conditional testing

 Weakness: Information loss in witness export

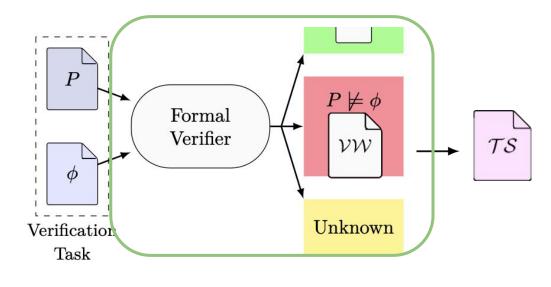


Bridging the Gap





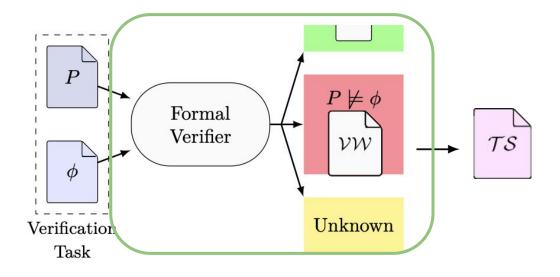
Tests from Witnesses



- Exists for proprietary formats¹
- But we turn any SV-COMP verifier into a test generator²
- Advantages:
 - Precise validation through execution
 - Well-known
 - user experience
- Tool: CPA-witness2test

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Tests from Witnesses



- Limitations:
 - Only works if witness precise enough
 - Only single test case

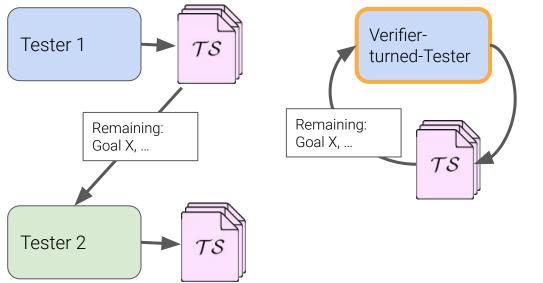
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Combinations

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- Communicate information about remaining coverage goals through coverage measurement and code transformation
- Tool: CondTest

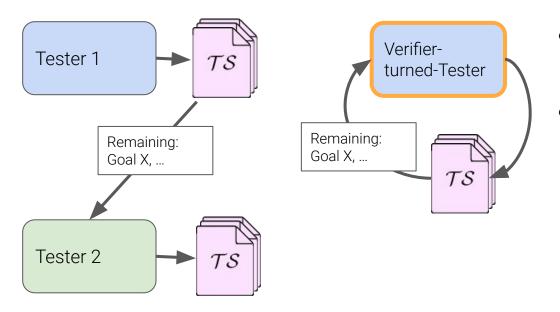
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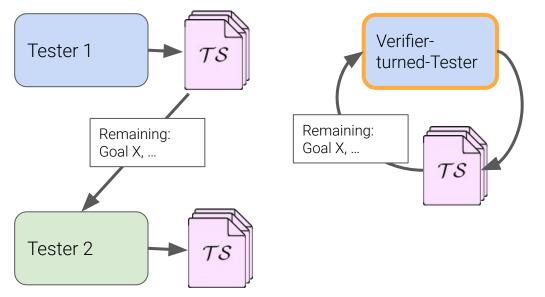
Conditional Testing¹



- In-tool cooperations existed before²
- We developed a similar approach for formal verifiers³

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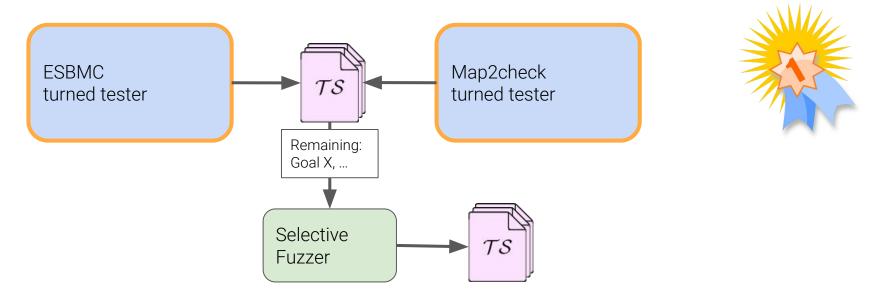
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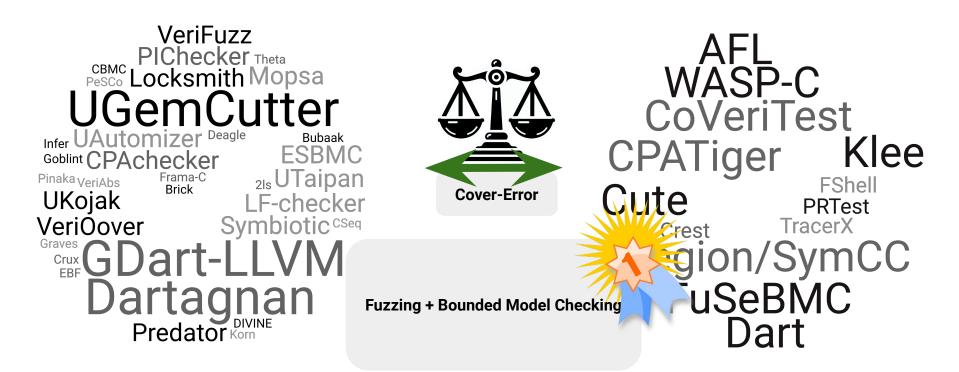
- Advantages:
 - Avoid redundant work
 - Flexible combinations
 - Turn verifiers through cyclic combination into full-fledged test generators
- Limitations: Code transformations are imprecise (syntax-based) or expensive (semantics-based)

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- FuSeBMC¹ uses this technique to combine ESBMC and Map2check
- Overall winner of Test-Comp 2022, 2023, and 2024



¹Alshmrany, Menezes, Gadelha, Cordeiro. FuSeBMC: A White-Box Fuzzer for Finding Security Vulnerabilities in C Programs (Competition Contribution). Proc. FASE, 2021.



Beyer, Lemberger. Six Years Later: Testing vs. Model Checking. Under submission, STTT, 2024.

Conclusion

- Made Test-Comp possible: Fair comparison, common language for > 20 testers
- Accidentally showed that plain random testing can be very effective
- Turned all SV-COMP verifiers into test generators
- Concepts and tooling for off-the-shelf cooperations
- Conditional testing used by Test-Comp winner FuSeBMC
- All tools are open source and evaluation results publicly available









SV-Benchmarks Rules

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```
extern unsigned int __VERIFIER_nondet_uint();
int main() {
    int i, n=__VERIFIER_nondet_uint(), sn=0;
    for(i=1; i<=n; i++) {
        if (i<10)
            sn = sn + a;
    }
    __VERIFIER_assert(sn==n*a || sn == 0);
}
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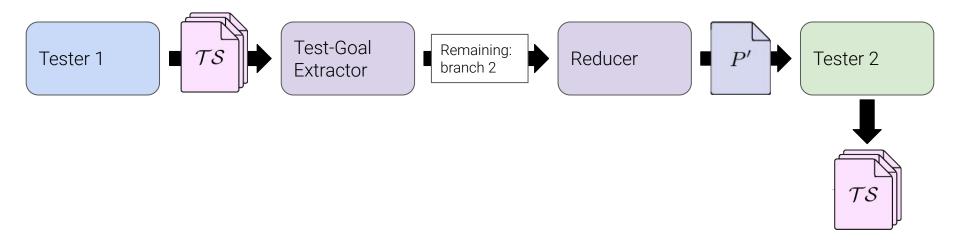




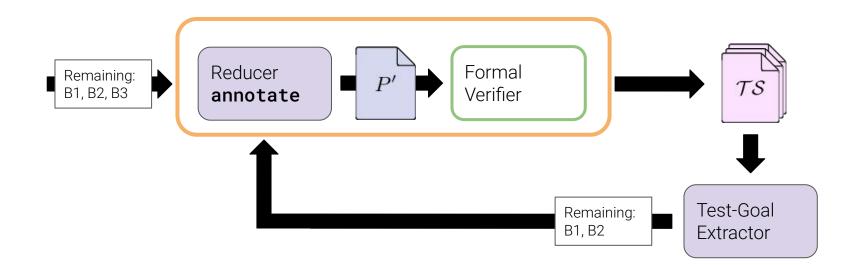
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Conditional Testing: Sequential Combination

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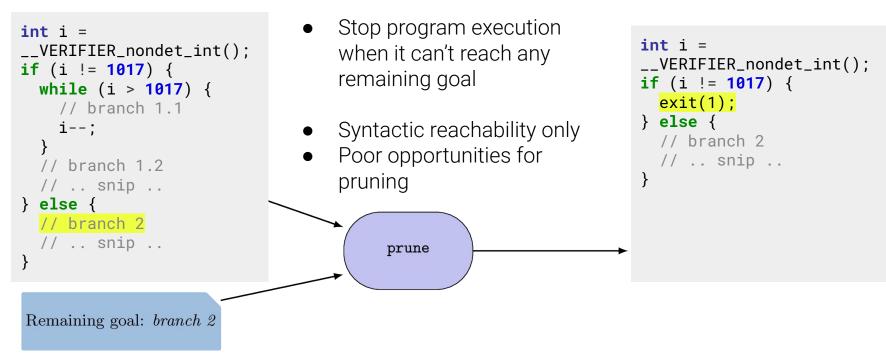


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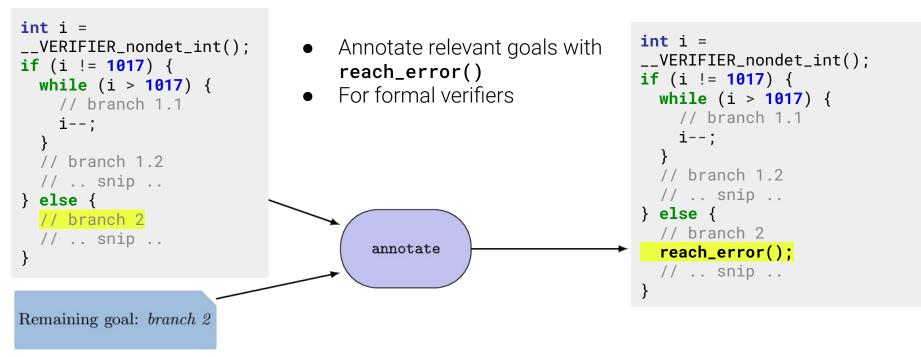


• Turn any verifier into a full-blown test generator

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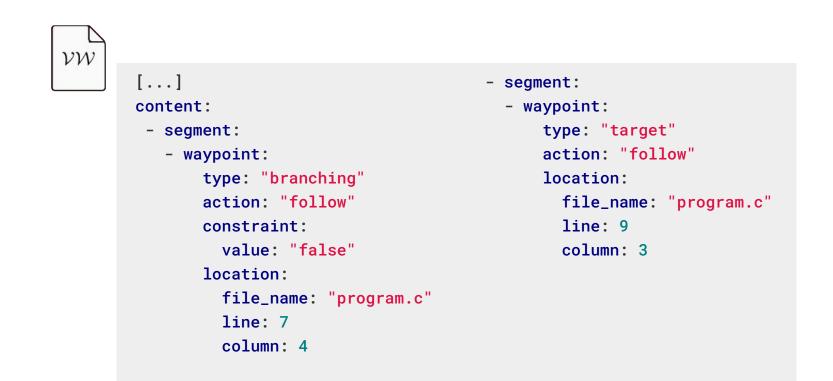
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Decomposing Software Verification

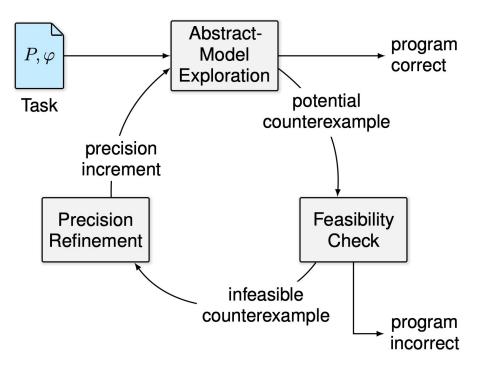
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        [...]
        content:
         - invariant:
            type: loop_invariant
            location:
              file_name: "./program.c"
              line: 4
              column: 9
              function: main
            value: "x % 2 == 0"
            format: c_expression
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Beyer, Dangl, Dietsch, Heizmann, Lemberger, Tautschnig. Verification Witnesses. ACM Trans. Softw. Eng. Methodol., 2022.

Violation Witness

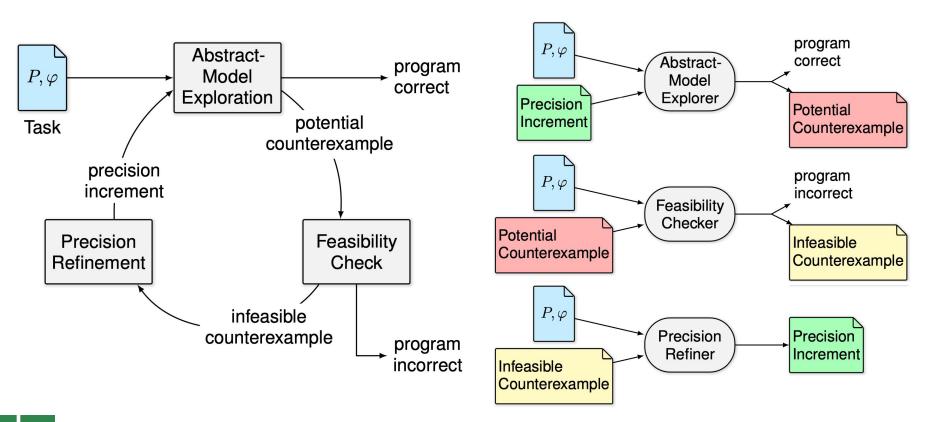


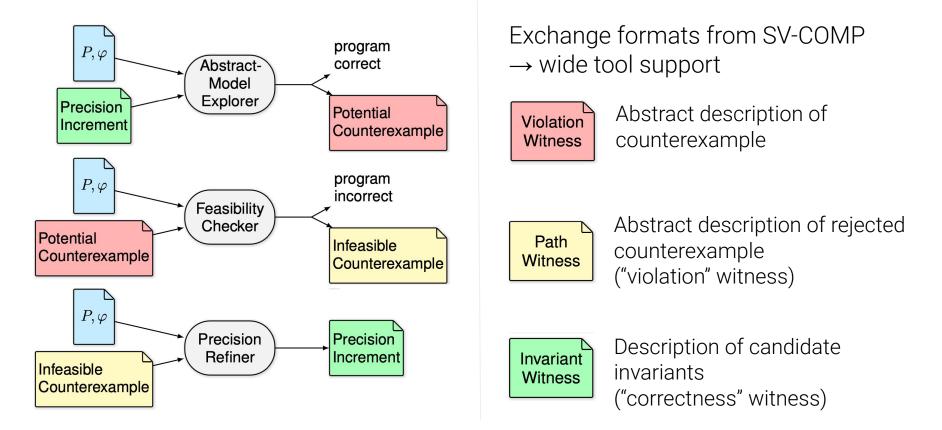
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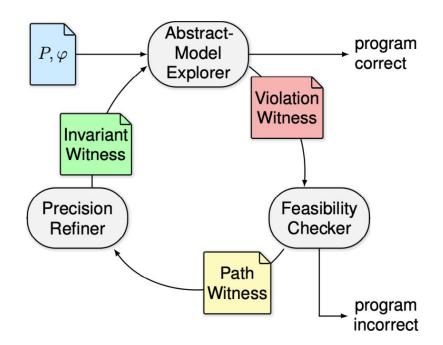
- Common underlying schema
- Many tools implement CEGAR
- New idea \rightarrow new implementation

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- Implementation in CoVeriTeam
- 1. Constant overhead.
- 2. Lost predicates through invariant witnesses.
- 3. Benefits from different components:
 - Abstract-Different Feasibility Checker Ο program P, φ Model correct Explorer +93 found alarms Violation **Different Precision Refiner** Witness Ο Invariant Witness + 29 found proofs CPACHECKER (VioWitVal), **CPA**CHECKER Precision Feasibility (predicateAnalysis+ Interpol), UAUTOMIZER (WitVal), Checker Refiner UAUTOMIZER **FSHELL-WITNESS2TEST** Path Witness program incorrect

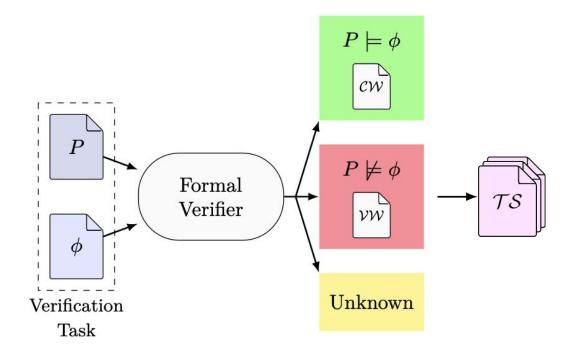
CPACHECKER (predicateAnalysis w/o Interpol)

- Reliable and Reproducible Coverage Measurement
- Native test execution of alien programs is risky
- gcov and llvm-cov do not report actual *branch* coverage

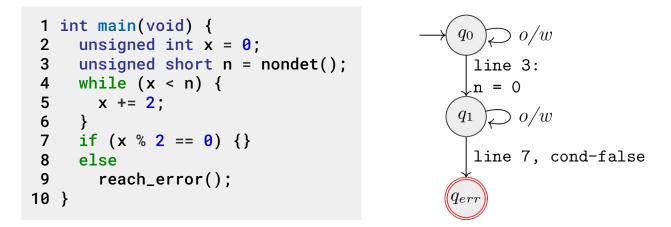
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if $(x > 0 \& y > x)$ { branch 3 never executed	/,
return 0; #####: 7: return 0; {	-
} else { -: 8: } else {	
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} -: 10: }	
} -: 11:}	

- Reliable and Reproducible Coverage Measurement
- Native test execution of alien programs is risky
- gcov and llvm-cov do not report actual branch coverage
- TestCov provides:
 - Coverage instrumentation on the C-code level with clang libtooling
 - Lightweight containerization with BenchExec, per test execution
 - Support for sv-benchmarks properties and TestComp test-suite formats
- Used in Test-Comp for 6 years

Bridging the Gap



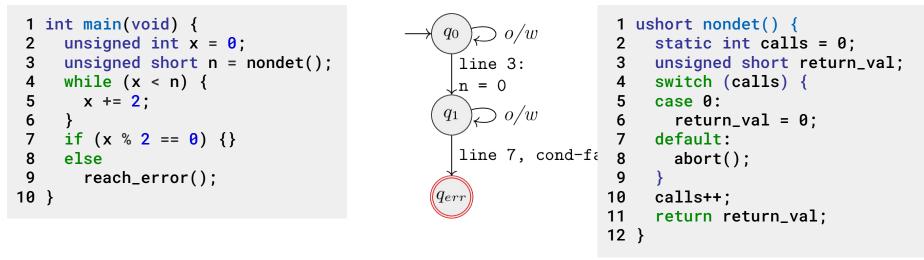
- Make any verifier a test-case generator
- Foundation: established standard of violation witnesses¹



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Tests from Witnesses

- Make any verifier a test-case generator
- 1. Map concrete state-space guards in violation witness to input methods
- 2. Create harness



¹ Beyer, Dangl, Lemberger, Tautschnig. Tests from Witnesses: Execution-Based Validation of Verification Results. Proc. TAP 2018.

- Two implementations: CPA-witness2test and FShell-witness2test
- Limitation: Witness must contain concrete input vector (strengthening witness is possible)
- Success rate: 35 %

Verifier		Produced witnesses			Produced tests			
		Unref.	Ref.	Total	Count	k LOC	kB	# Inputs (Avg.)
2LS	[45]	992	384	1376	1 208	89.9	3 9 9 9	7.57
BLAST	[47]	778	202	980	327	29.0	938	0.271
Свмс	34	831	467	1298	1249	67.7	2991	6.33
CEAGLE		619	426	1045	540	92.2	262	5.39
CPA-BAM-BN	в [2]	851	175	1026	158	42.9	1114	0
CPA-KIND	[10]	263	193	456	656	56.2	2967	14.9
CPA-Seq	[23]	883	767	1650	838	95.5	3895	1.79
DepthK	[43]	1 1 5 9	305	1464	1302	65.4	3170	2.96
Esbmc	[37]	653	148	801	478	21.0	1983	2.53
ESBMC-FALSI	37	981	395	1376	1133	53.7	1906	1.81
ESBMC-INCR	[37]	970	392	1362	1126	53.5	1896	1.82
Esbmc-kInd	24	847	352	1199	1028	48.9	1774	1.69
Forester	[30]	51	0	51	0	0	0	-
PredatorHP	33	86	61	147	80	17.2	434	0
Skink	17	30	25	55	44	0.290	8	0
Smack	41	871	632	1503	1576	128	5654	6.09
Symbiotic	19	927	411	1338	589	38.1	1375	0
SymDIVINE	38	247	224	471	405	13.4	580	0
UAUTOMIZER	[29]	514	70	584	121	2.24	59	0
UKojak	40	309	67	376	116	2.15	55	0
UTAIPAN	[26]	338	70	408	121	2.23	59	0
Total	8	13200	5766	18966	13095	920	35119	5.60

- Make any verifier a test-case generator
- Advantages:
 - Compared to previous work, over XX verifiers can be turned into testers
 - Formal techniques are very good at finding bugs [HVC paper]
 - Bugs found by formal verifiers can be examined through execution
- Limitations:
 - Witness must contain concrete input vector
 - \circ At this state, verifier only produces a single witness \rightarrow only a single test

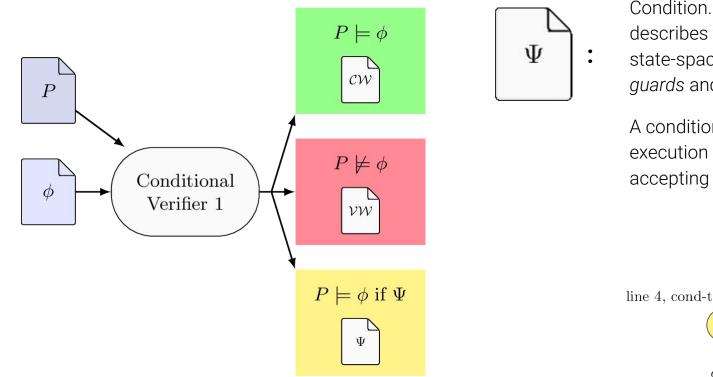
- Transfers conditional model checking to difference verification
- Turn any verifier into incremental verifier



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- Turn any verifier into incremental verifier

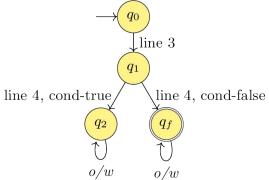


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Condition. Automaton that describes the already-explored state-space with source-code guards and state-space guards.

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

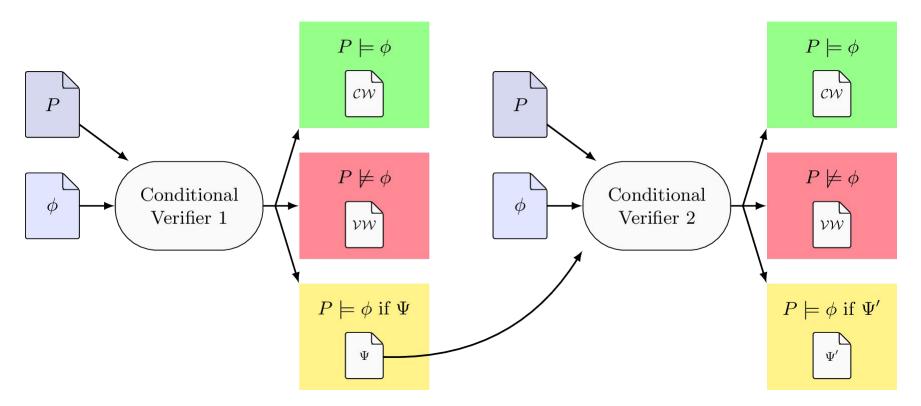


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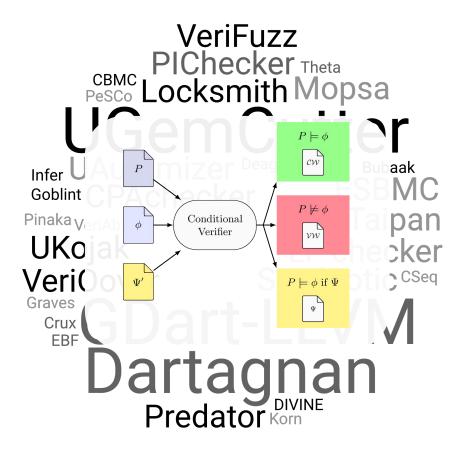
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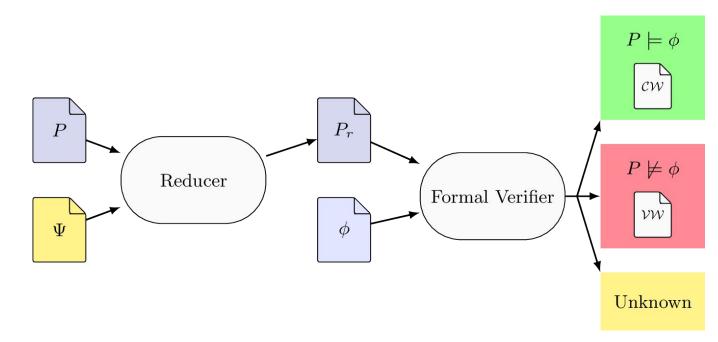


- Conditional Verification is a great idea!
- But there is only one conditional verifier: CPAchecker.
- Create providers of conditions?
- Create consumers of conditions?



Reducer-Based Construction of Conditional Verifiers

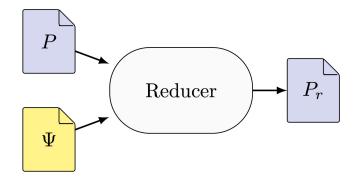
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A mapping from program P and condition \psi to residual program P_r is a reducer, iff:

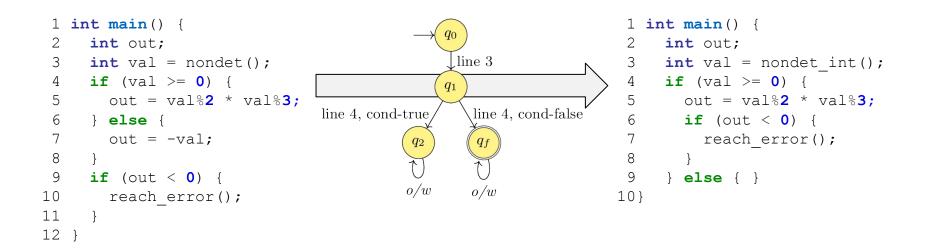
The state space of P_r is a superset of the state space of P that is not covered by \psi.



Example Reducers:

- Identity
- Parallel Composition

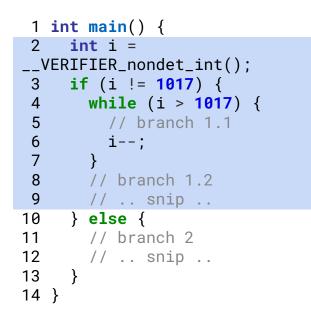
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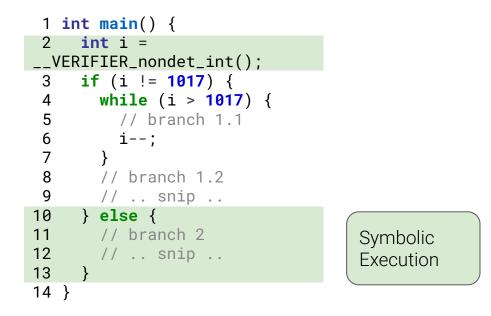
- Two ideas:
 - 1. Encode proprietary exchange format in source code
 - \rightarrow Idea transferred to verification witnesses by MetaVal
 - 2. Make Conditional Model Checking broader applicable
 - \rightarrow Used for Difference Verification







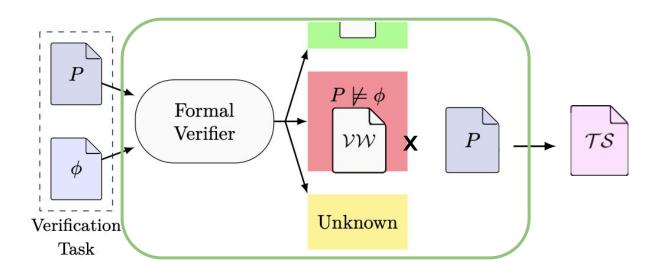
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Tests from Witnesses

- Exists for proprietary formats¹
- But we turn any verifier into a test generator²



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