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2022 | AUTONOMOUS DRIVING SYSTEMS-GENERATING CRITICAL DRIVING SCENARIOS USING

OPTIMIZATION TO TEST AUTONOMOUS EMERGENCY

BRAKING SYSTEMS (AEBS).

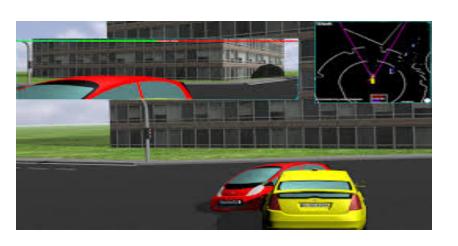
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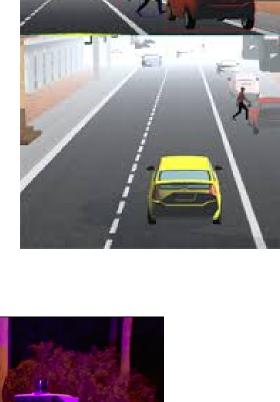




Importance of Testing CDS

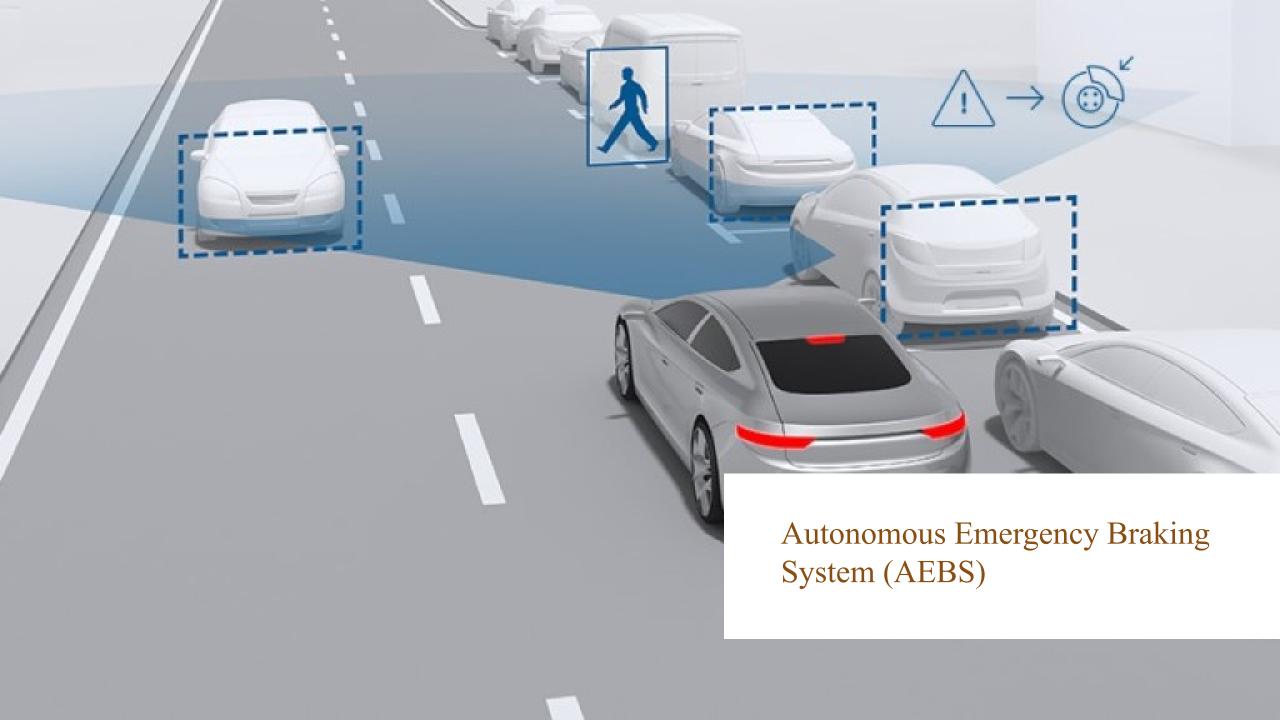
- ADAS has become increasingly popular.
- Ensure reliability and safety of ADAS.
- Discover potential defects & misbehavior in the system.
- Cover rare traffic situations. (Uber's case in USA 2018)
- Avoid relaying on substantial real-world testing or collecting real driving data at scale.
- Regular road traffic is considered non-critical.

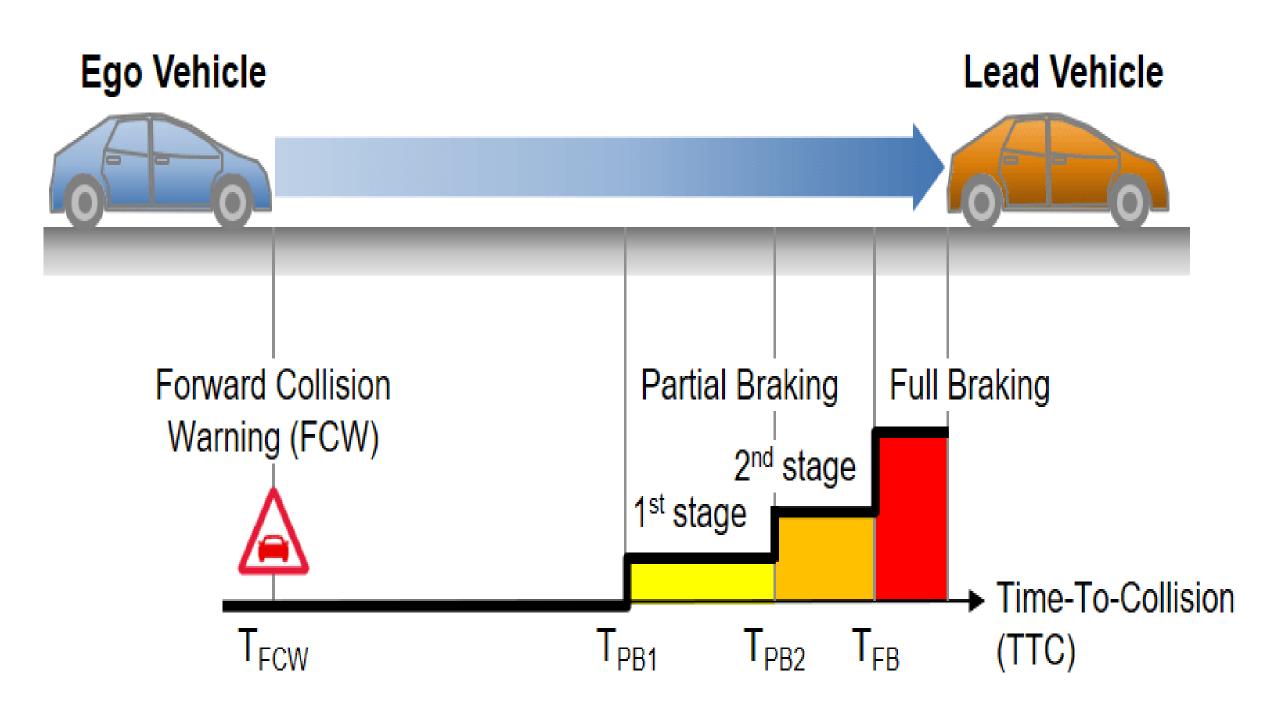












Methods

• Simulating AEBS

• Optimizing Critical Scenarios

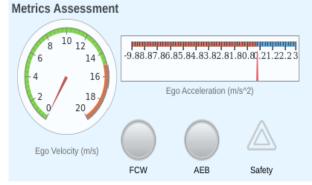


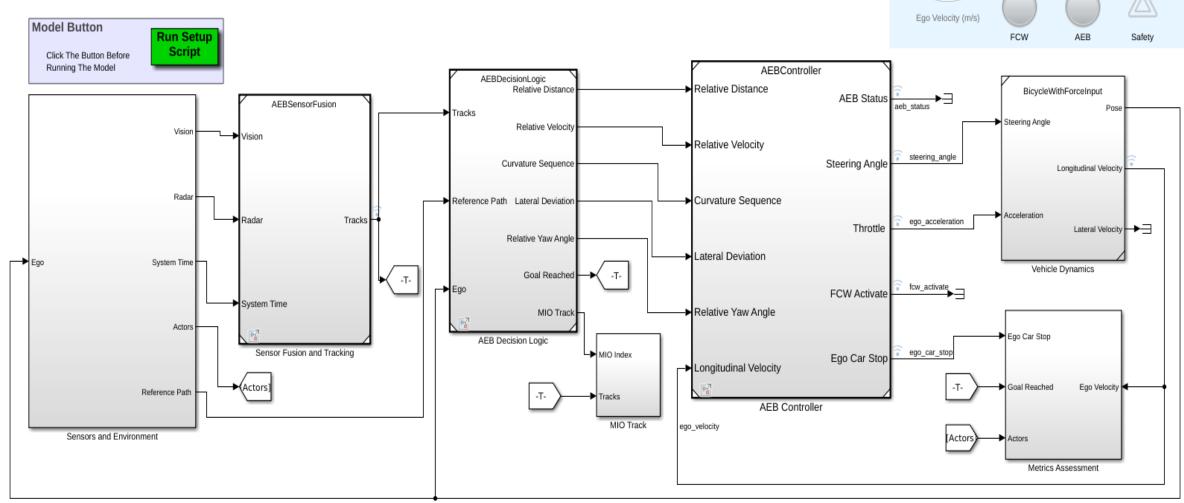
Simulating AEBS:

- Using MATLAB AEBS model.
- Using AEBTestBench and a dataset consists of 26 important scenario categories from Euro NCAP.
- Using 6 sub-models each one of them based on an algorithm written in MATLAB.
- Using test requirements set.
- Using Parallel Automate Testing to increase the overall automate execution speed.



AEB Using Sensor Fusion Test Bench





Demos:

Demo of Scenario "Pedestrian Child"

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Demo of AEBS "Pedestrian Child"

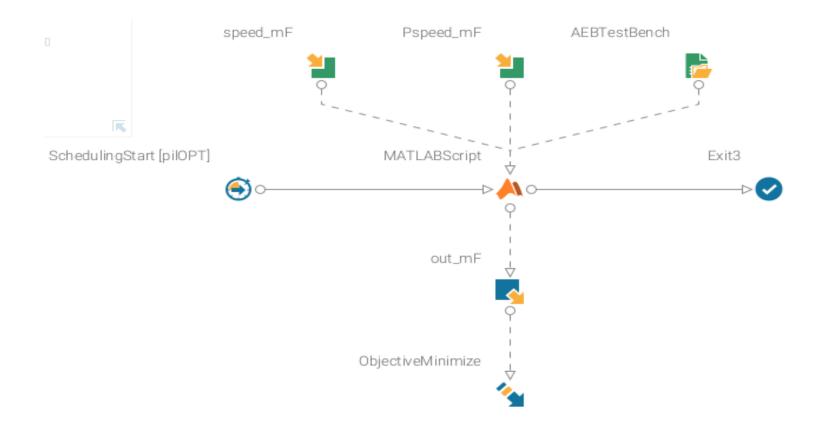
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Optimizing Critical Scenarios:

- Using modeFrontier tool.
- Using multi-strategy self-adapting algorithm that combines the advantages of local and global search, in self initializing mode, which is called pilOPT.
- Integrating MATLAB node with modeFrontier.
- Creating a workflow of different nodes.
- Define the objective as minimizing TTC while specifying upper & lower bounds for the egoVehicle's velocity as input parameters.
- Run pilOPT with 1000 evaluations.
- Plot the optimized results and define a thresh hold to get extreme CDS.



The Workflow:



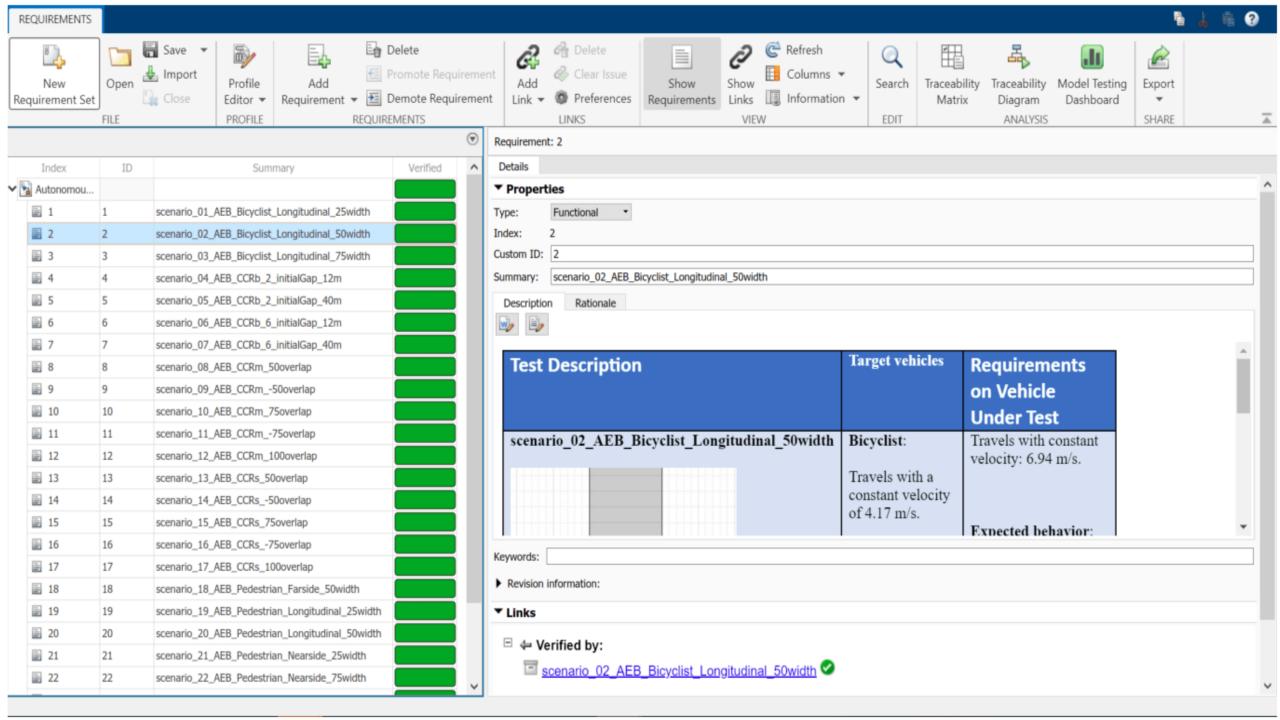


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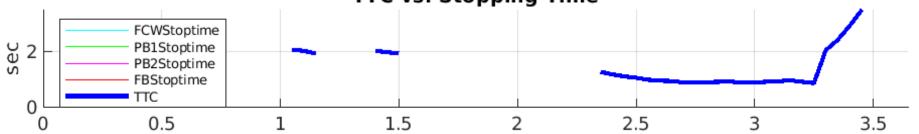
• First Phase:

- 1) The entire dataset, that is, the 26 CDS imported from Euro NCAP, is passed and verified by AEBS. In each one of them, the check safety goal is achieved and the collisions are mitigated.
- 1) All test requirements are met.

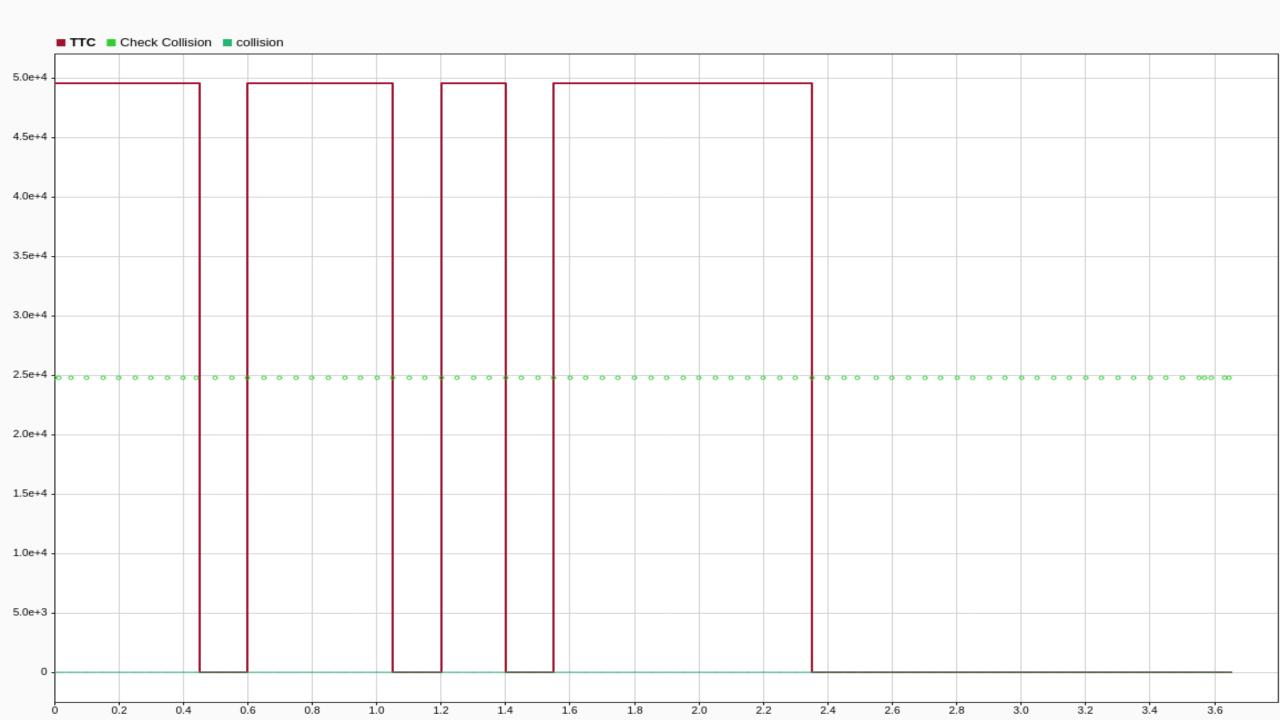




scenario_23_AEB_PedestrianChild_Nearside_50width (Collision Mitigation: 100.0%)
TTC vs. Stopping Time





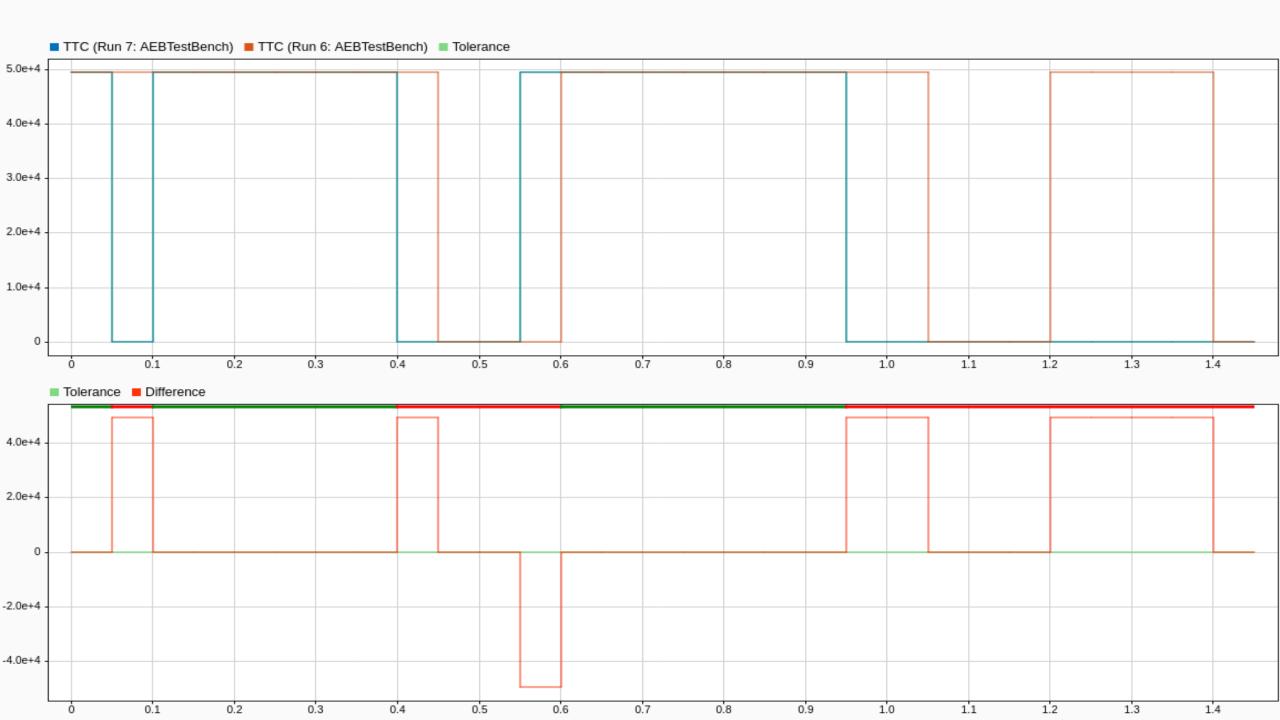


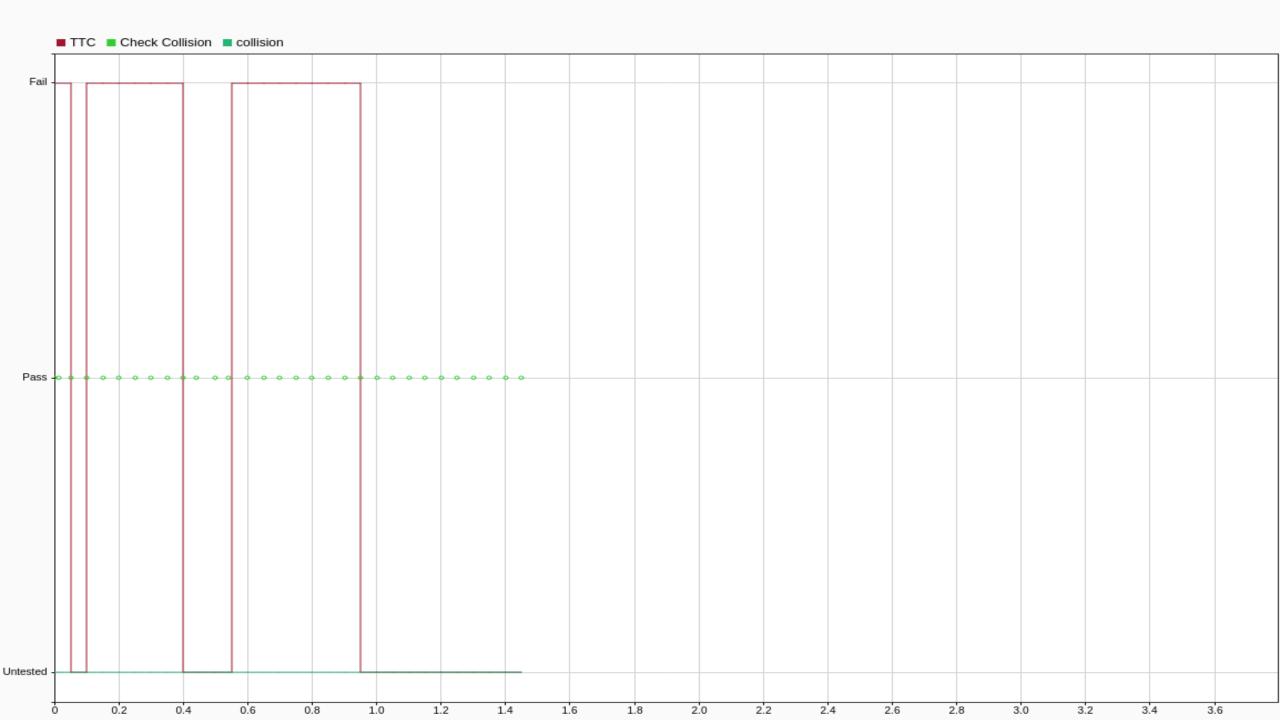
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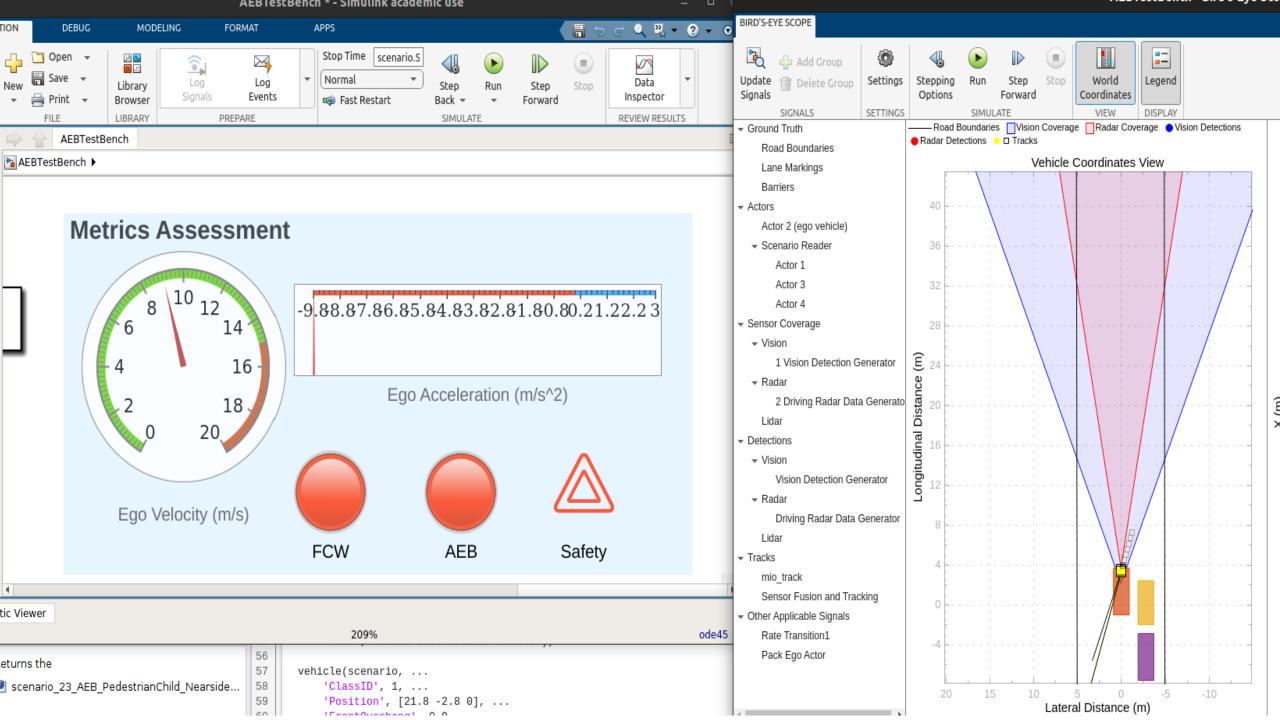
Second Phase:

- 1) As part of the integration process, I discovered a bug in modeFrontier, which stuck during the simulation. I have logged the issue, reported it to modeFrontier's team, and they have confirmed it.
- 1) Due to the bug, the optimization could not be carried out as planned. However, manually checking the AEBS through manual optimization, revealed a defect in which the collision could not be mitigated, and the car collided with the pedestrian/child.









Conclusion

For autonomous vehicles, safety and reliability are essential attributes. In addition, due to the complexity of driving scenarios and the uncertainty of the operational environment, traditional requirements-driven testing approaches are impeded. Thus, it is necessary to identify the most critical scenarios for testing the autonomous driving systems and to uncover defects and misbehaviors. As we have seen in Uber's case, it is a life or death matter.



