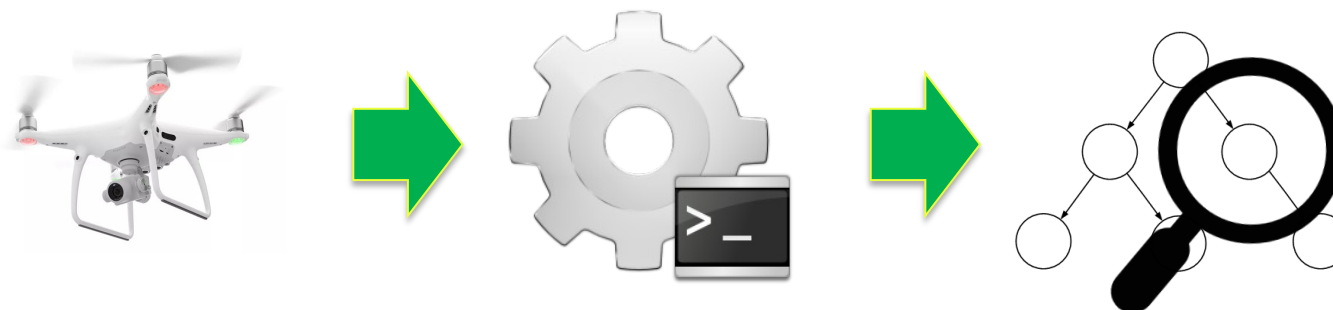


Cyber-physical Systems and IoT Security

Module 2b: Intro to CPS/IoT Program Analysis



Announcements

- Quiz 2 next class! (9/14)
- Reminder: Course Project Proposals Due Next Tuesday (9/19)
 - I'll hang around after class to talk about projects

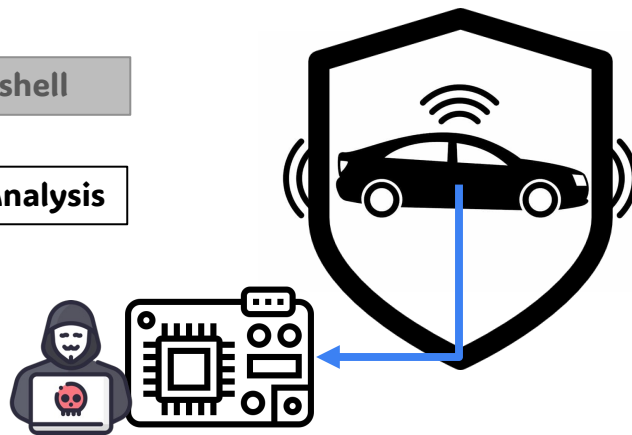


Questions?

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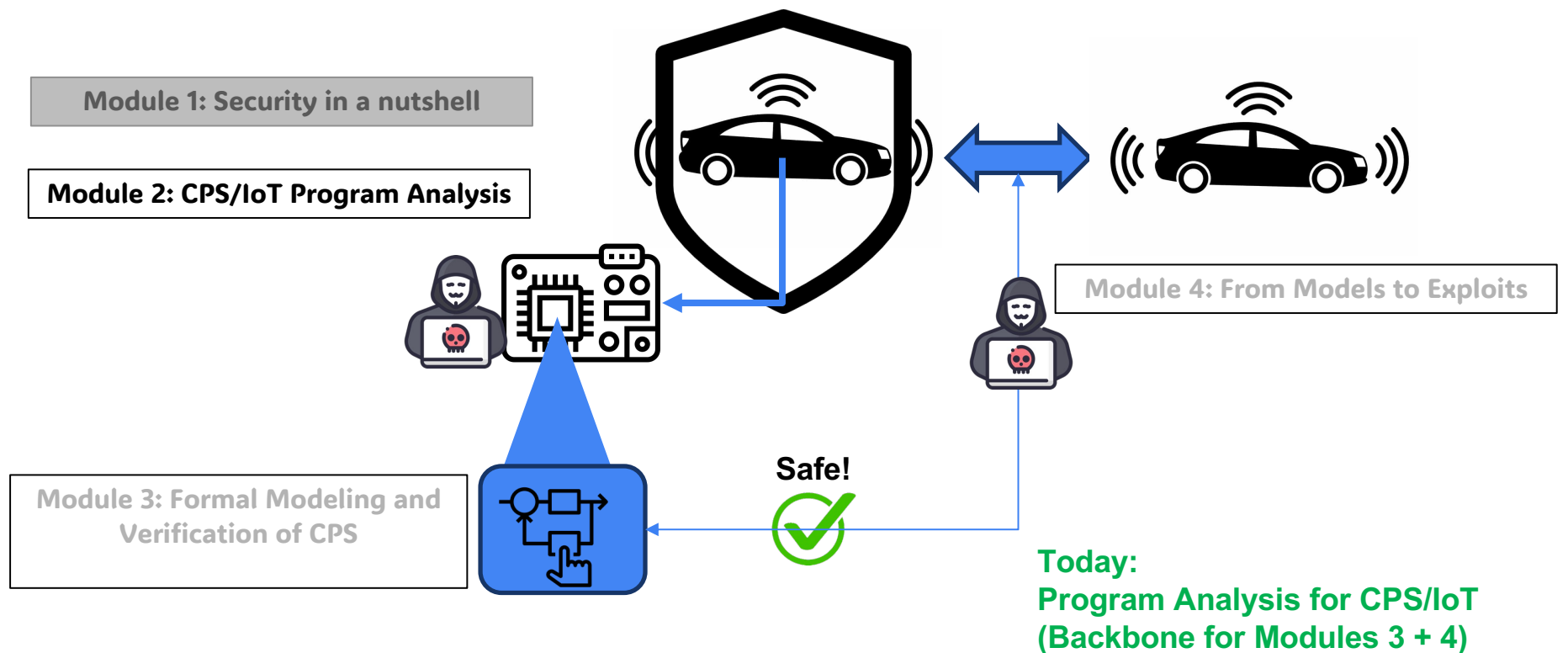
Module 2: CPS/IoT Program Analysis



Last Lecture: Embedded Control Flow Security (Exploits)

Today:
Program Analysis for CPS/IoT
(Backbone for Modules 3 + 4)

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Recall: The Cat and Mouse Game of Control Flow Exploits

Attacks



Buffer Overflows

Return-to-Lib-C Attacks

Return-Oriented Programming

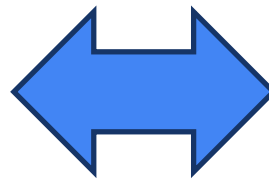


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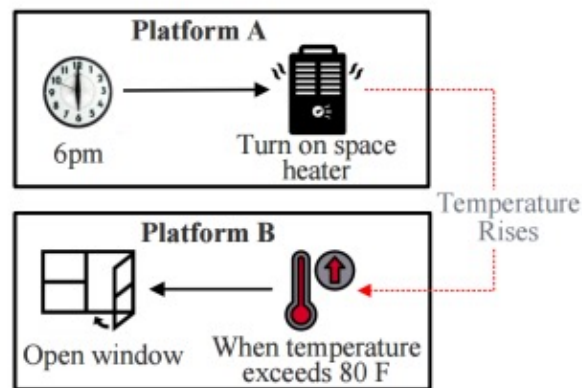


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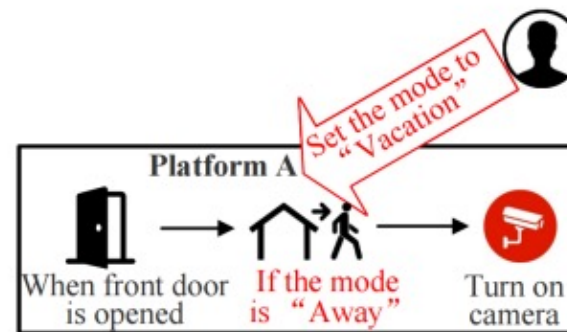
LibSafe



Beyond Buffer Overflows: Physical Interaction Threats



(a) Cross-App Interaction (CAI) threat



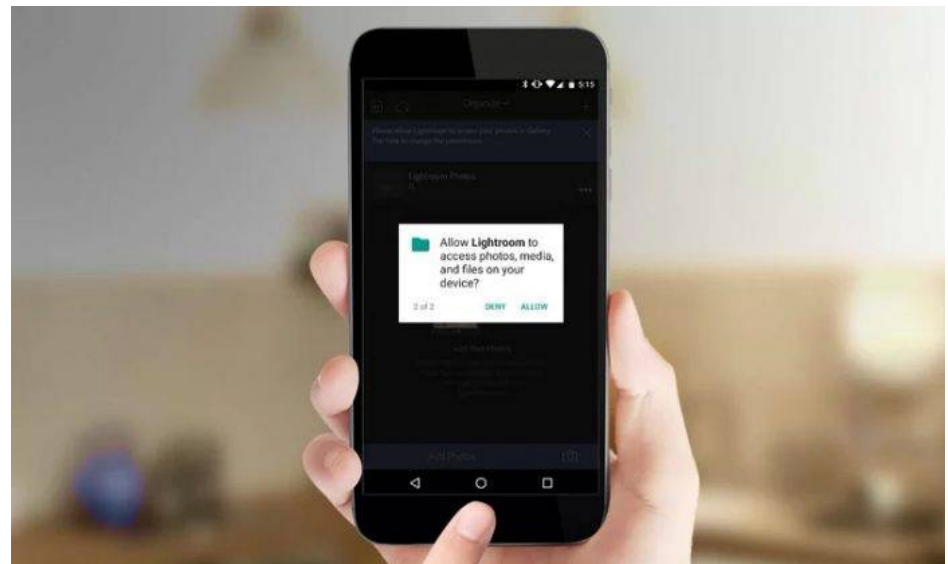
(b) Cross Manual-control and Automation Interaction (CMAI) threat

(From last lecture's class presentation)

<https://www.usenix.org/system/files/usenixsecurity23-chi.pdf>

Beyond Buffer Overflows: Privacy Violations

```
[capsule]
# Capsule ID and version
com.corp.capsule 1
[policy]
# from - to - action
com.corp.capsule any TAG_BLOCK
[contexts]
# time and geolocalized contexts
0 time-frame OOC_BLOCK 1222333 1422333 20000
1 geo-loc OOC_ALLOW_LOG 25.45356 -80.51119
0 1000
[files]
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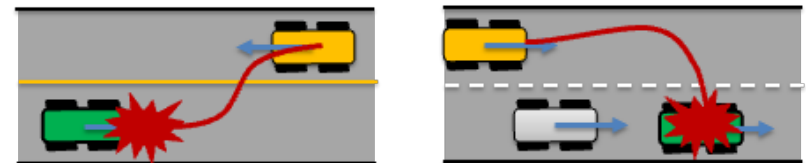
Salles-Loustau et. al, DSN '16 <https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/stamp/stamp.jsp?arnumber=7579769>

Beyond Buffer Overflows: Safety Violations

- Complex stochastic systems interfacing with safety rules
- We can encode safety logic into programs all we want and search for violations...
- Simple requirement of “Never Crash” is not sufficient!



Car crashing onto a Waymo AV in autonomous mode in Chandler, AZ



Requirement:
“Never crash” unless what?

Goal: Find Software Failures BEFORE Deployment



User Safety and Privacy



Cost Efficiency

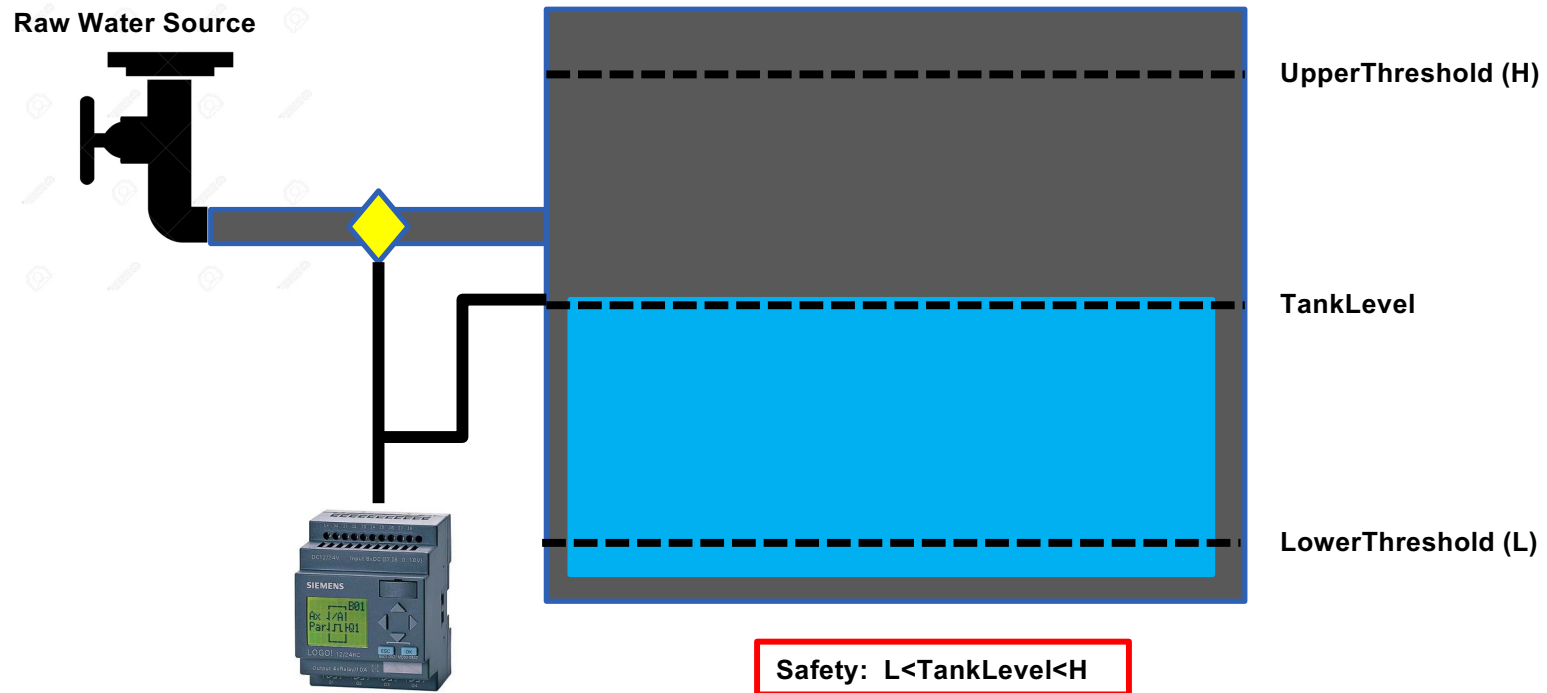


Reputation
Management



Ensure Regulatory
Compliance

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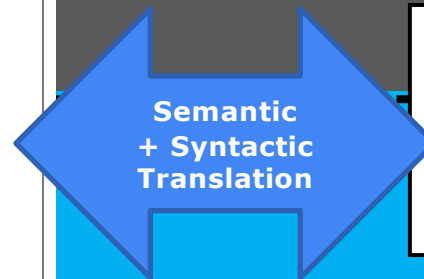
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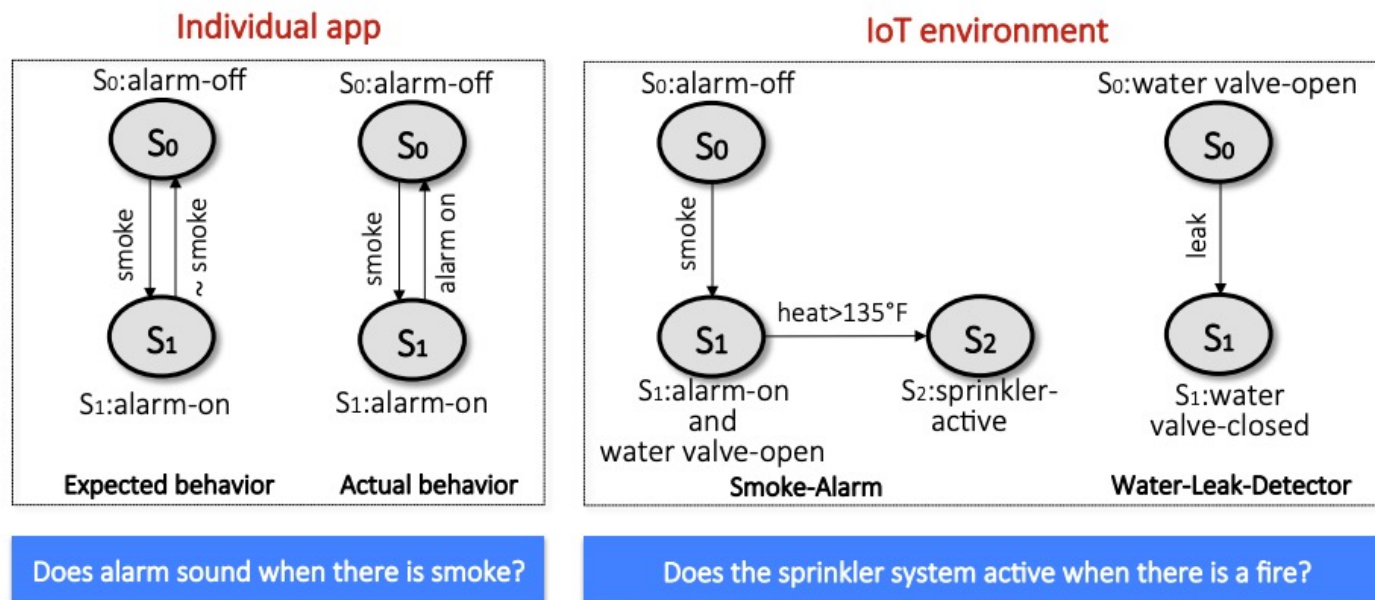
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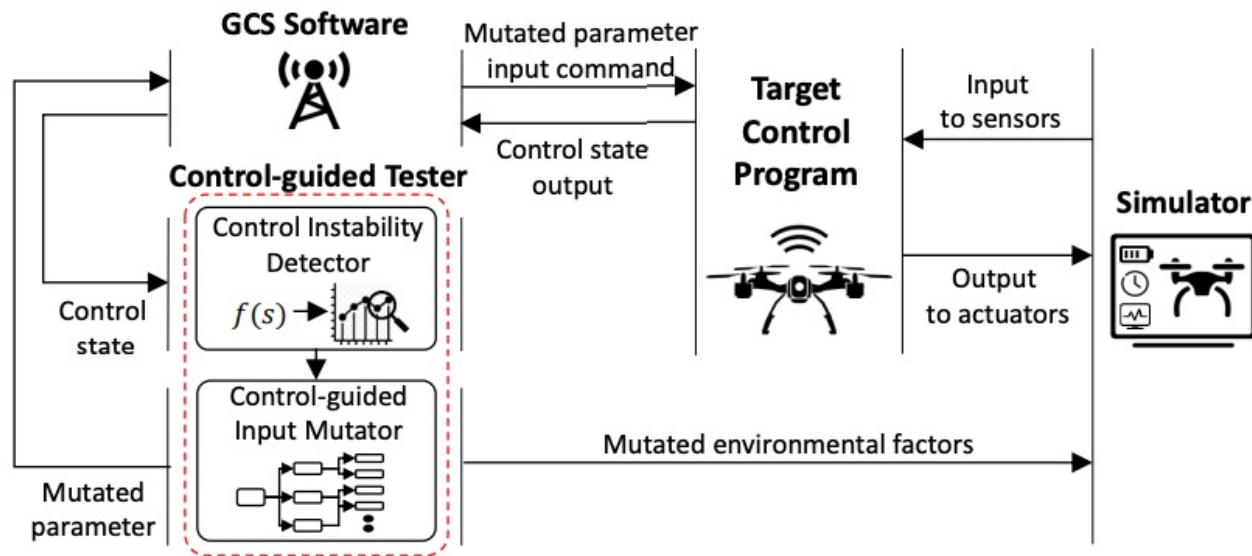
Garcia et. al, ICCPS '19

Types of Programs We Analyze: Commodity IoT Programs



Celik, et. al, USENIX ATC '18

Example Programs We Analyze: Autonomous Vehicle Controllers

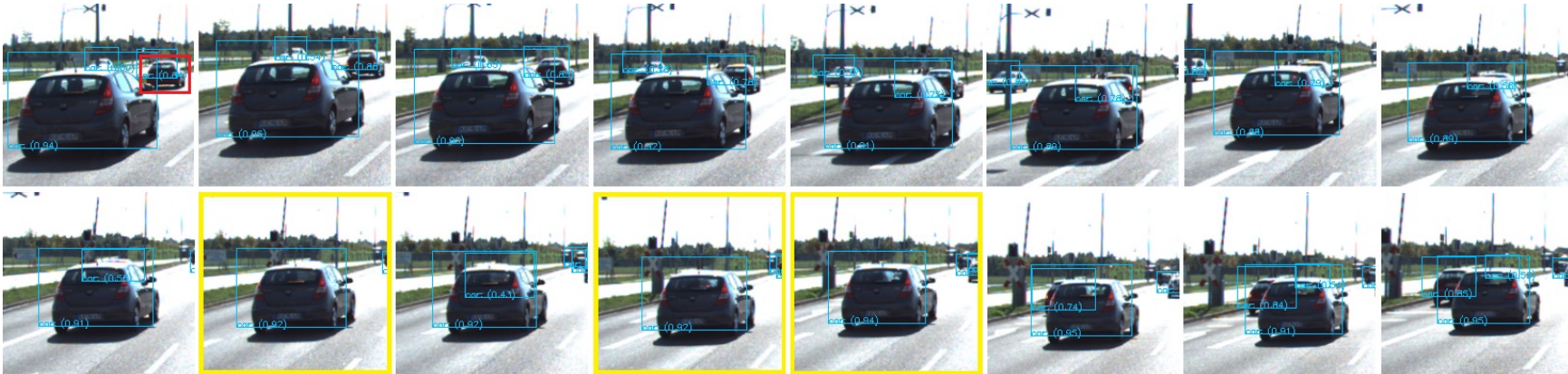


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Example Programs We Analyze: Learning-enabled CPS Controllers

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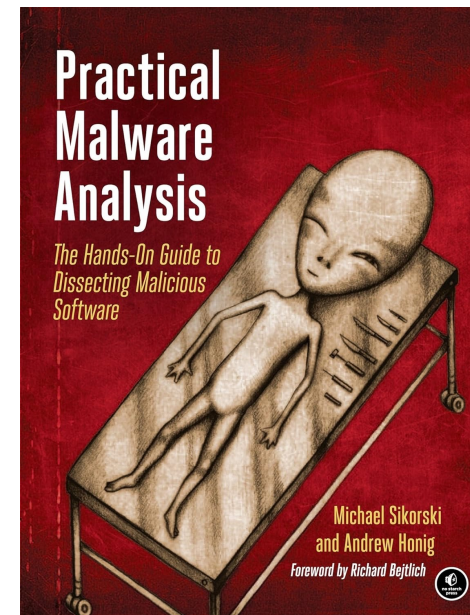
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Car in adjacent lane (Red Box) becomes undetected for 3 frames (Yellow Boxes)

Example Programs We Don't Analyze in this Course (For Now): Malware

- We care more about **impact** of malware on CPS/IoT
- For the next few classes, we'll focus more on finding bugs/vulnerabilities that a malware would exploit
- **However, lots of the techniques we'll look at are used for malware analysis and reverse engineering**



Further reading:
Awesome book with
awesome malware analysis labs!

Why Not Just Add Tests in Code Manually?

```
static OSStatus
SSLVerifySignedServerKeyExchange(SSLContext *ctx, bool isRsa, SSLBuffer signedParams,
                                uint8_t *signature, UInt16 signatureLen)
{
    OSStatus      err;
    ...

    if ((err = ReadyHash(&SSLHashSHA1, &hashCtx)) != 0)
        goto fail;
    if ((err = SSLHashSHA1.update(&hashCtx, &clientRandom)) != 0)
        goto fail;
    if ((err = SSLHashSHA1.update(&hashCtx, &serverRandom)) != 0)
        goto fail;
    if ((err = SSLHashSHA1.update(&hashCtx, &signedParams)) != 0)
        goto fail;
    if ((err = SSLHashSHA1.final(&hashCtx, &hashOut)) != 0)
        goto fail;

    err = sslRawVerify(ctx,
                      ctx->peerPubKey,
                      dataToSign,          /* plaintext */
                      dataToSignLen,       /* plaintext length */
                      signature,
                      signatureLen);

    if(err) {
        sslErrorLog("SSLDecodeSignedServerKeyExchange: sslRawVerify "
                    "returned %d\n", (int)err);
        goto fail;
    }

fail:
    SSLFreeBuffer(&signedHashes);
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    return err;
}
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Oops...

Never gets called (but needed to be)...

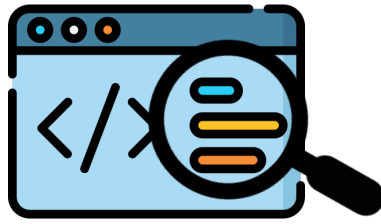
Despite the name, always returns "it's OK!!!"

Apple "goto fail" vuln., 2014

- Time consuming
- Error-prone
- Incomplete
- Depends on quality of test cases or inputs
- Provides little in terms of code coverage

Program Analysis Techniques

Static Analysis



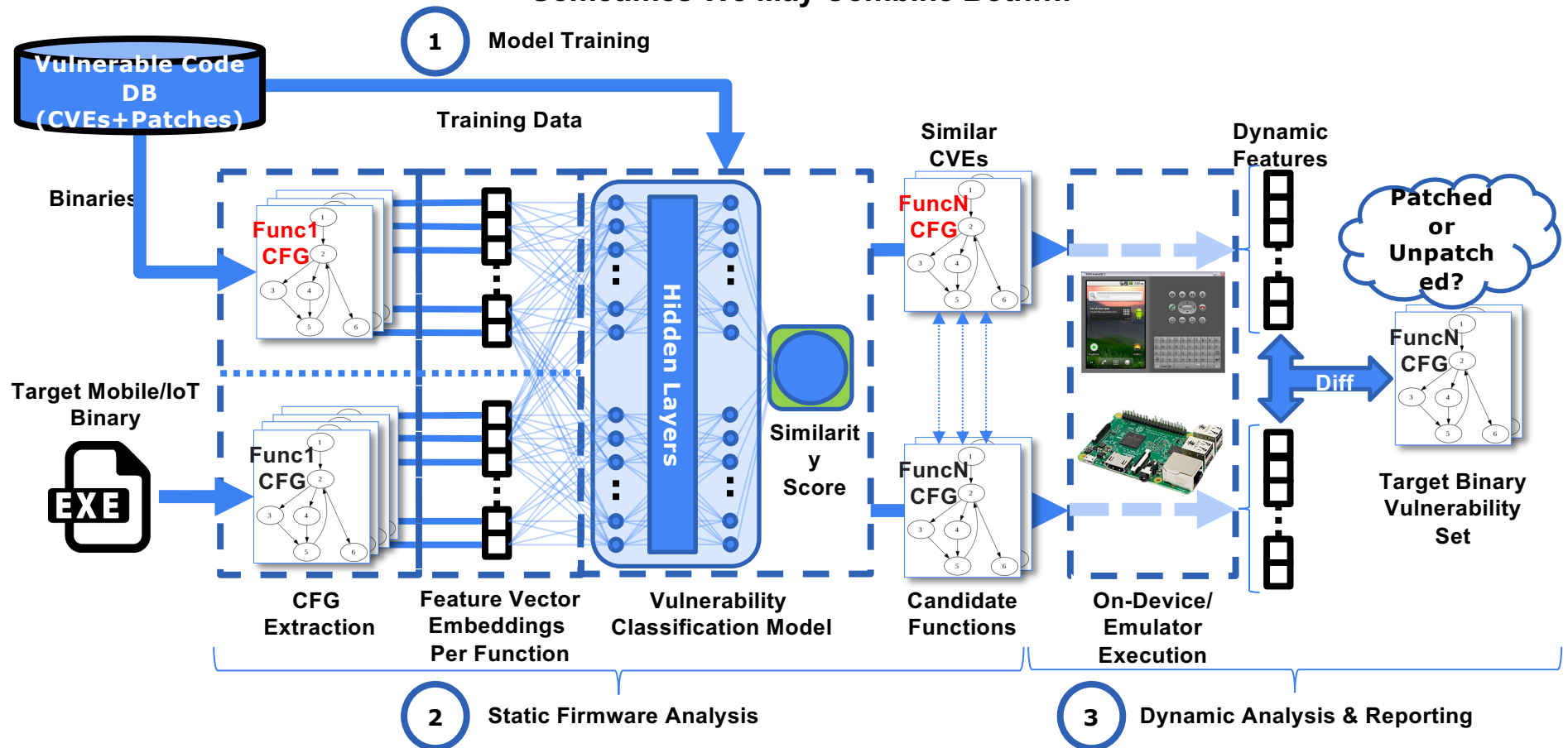
Analyze code ***without*** executing it...

Dynamic Analysis



Analyze program by executing it...
...sometimes with specific inputs

Sometimes We May Combine Both....



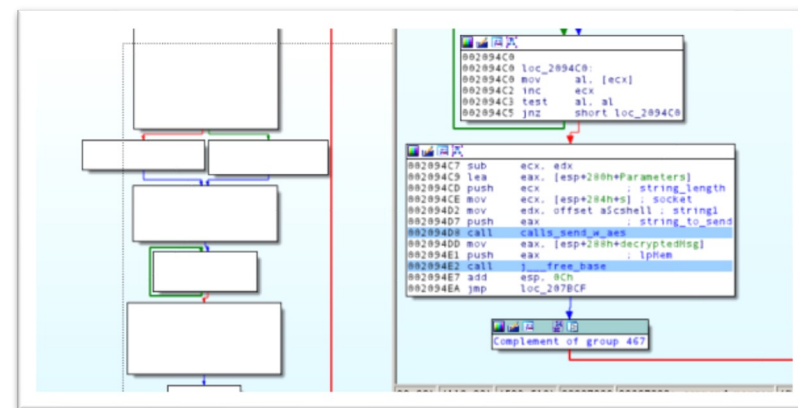
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Common Challenges for Both in CPS/IoT

- **Diverse Hardware and Software Platforms**
 - Difficult to scale
- **Sometimes we may not have access to source code/ground truth**
 - Analyzing 3rd party binaries
 - Lose semantic meaning of different pieces of code
- **Modeling Interactions with Physical World**
 - Very difficult to capture complexity of real-world noise
- **State-space Explosion**
 - Mostly relevant for static techniques, but dynamic techniques require modeling execution environment as well
 - Number of software and physical states can be seemingly infinite for CPS/IoT applications

Static Program Analysis

- Examining code, bytecode, or binary code without execution
- **Pros:**
 - Early detection of bugs
 - **Scalable** for analyzing lots of codebases across platforms (you don't have to execute each one)
 - Comprehensiveness: analyze all code paths
- **Cons:**
 - False positives: lots of bugs may be reported
 - Doesn't scale with code complexity
 - Environment dependencies: e.g., peripheral communication
 - Doesn't include physical interactions



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Common Static Program Analysis Techniques

- **Control Flow Analysis**

- Analyze the order in which different parts of the program are executed

- **Data Flow Analysis**

- Analyzes the flow of data through program variables
- Taint tracking can be used to analyze the flow of "tainted" data through the program
 - Can also be dynamic!

- **Symbolic Execution**

- "Execute" programs symbolically to explore execution paths
- Can identify conditions under which certain paths are taken
- Can also be dynamic!

Overlap between techniques!

Dynamic Program Analysis

- Examining code by executing the program
- **Pros:**
 - Capture dynamic behaviors of programs to generate real traces
 - Can do black-box testing (useful when no source-code)
 - Detect runtime errors
 - Can simulate environmental interactions (network, CPS simulators, etc.)
 - Reduce false positives (e.g., only analyze bugs associated with main scan cycle of CPS)
- **Cons:**
 - Incomplete code coverage
 - Incomplete behavioral analysis
 - Requires executing the environment with high fidelity (e.g., emulating processor, simulating real-world interactions, etc.)
 - Difficult to scale to large code bases!
 - Non-deterministic behavior (pertinent to black-box testing)

Common Dynamic Program Analysis Techniques

- **Fuzz Testing**
 - Providing random or semi-random inputs to a program to see if it crashes or behaves unexpectedly
 - Useful for unanticipated scenarios
- **Runtime Verification**
 - Monitor execution of a system to check if it conforms to certain properties or specifications
 - **More on this in the coming modules!**
- **Taint Analysis**
 - Track the flow of data through a program's execution
 - **More on this in the privacy modules!**
- **Symbolic Execution**
 - Mixing concrete values with symbolic representation (mixing static + dynamic analysis)

For Deeper Dive into Applied Software Security and Fuzzing

- Explore state-of-the-art techniques in discovering software security vulnerabilities

CS 5963/6963: Applied Software Security Testing

This special topics course will dive into today's state-of-the-art techniques for uncovering hidden security vulnerabilities in software. Projects will provide hands-on experience with real-world security tools like AFL++ and AddressSanitizer, culminating in a final project where **you'll team up to hunt down, analyze, and report security bugs in a real application or system of your choice.**

This class is open to graduate students and upper-level undergraduates. It is recommended you have a solid grasp over topics like software security, systems programming, and C/C++.

Professor



Stefan Nagy

<https://users.cs.utah.edu/~snagy/courses/cs5963/>

Static or Dynamic?

Raw Wi

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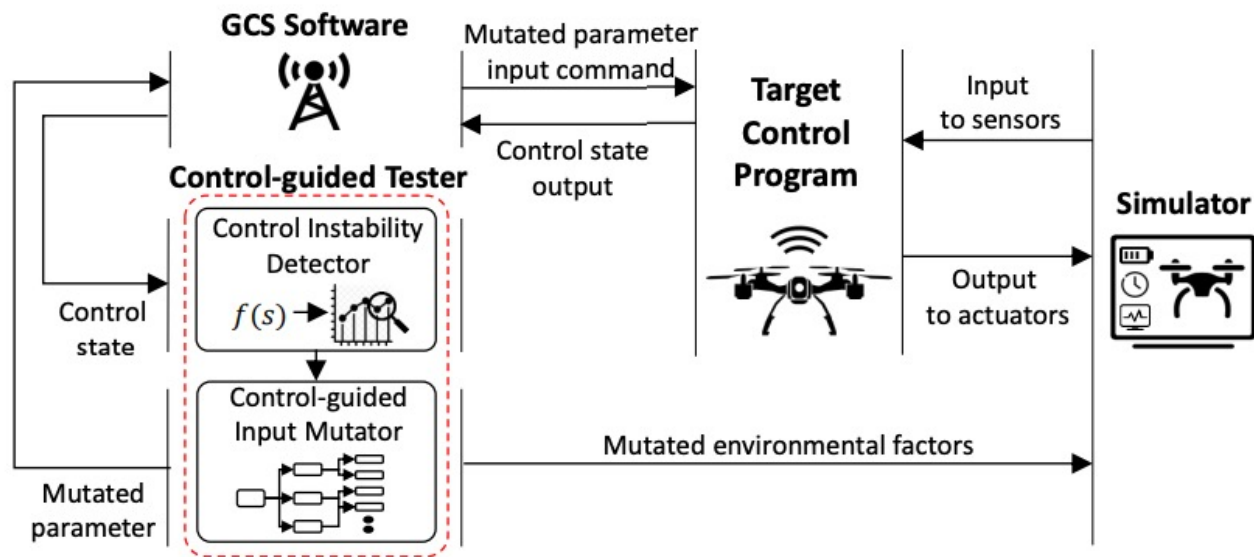
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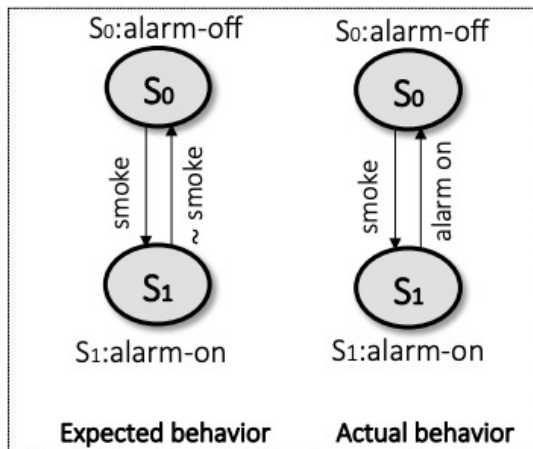


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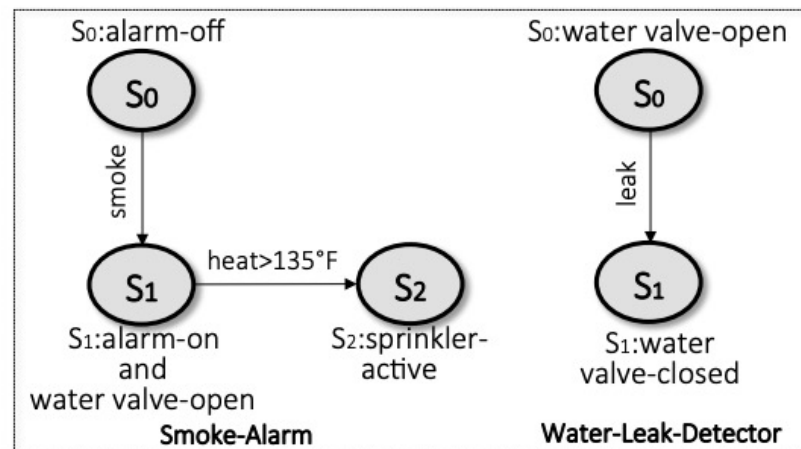
Static or Dynamic?

Individual app



Does alarm sound when there is smoke?

IoT environment



Does the sprinkler system active when there is a fire?

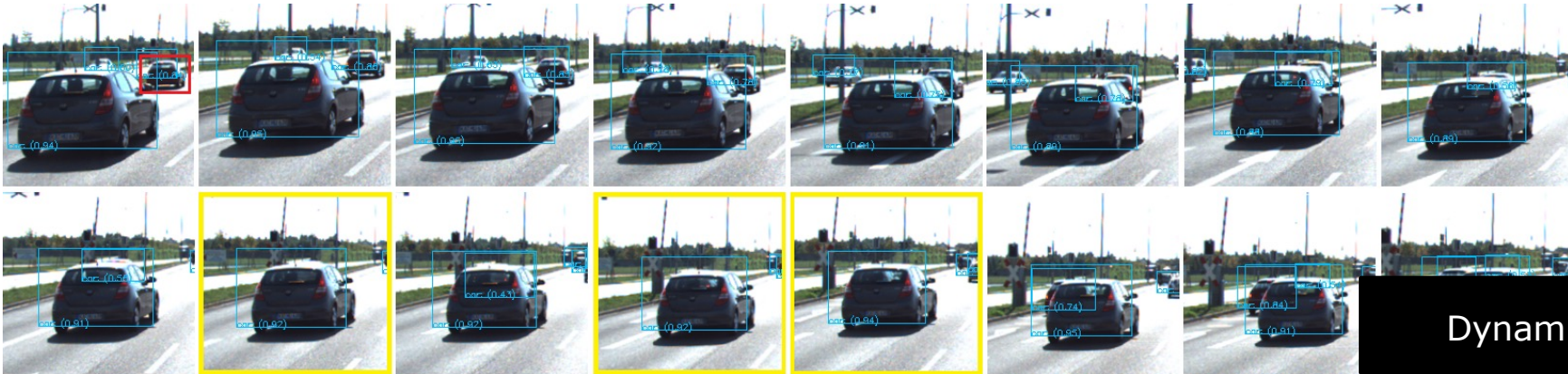
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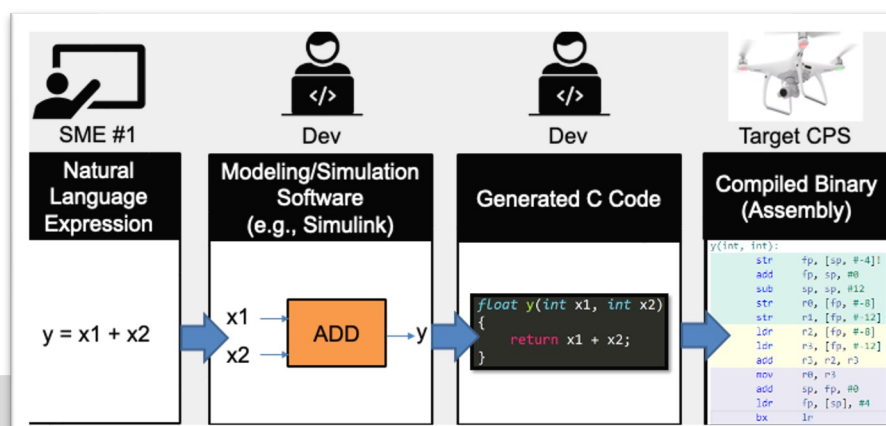


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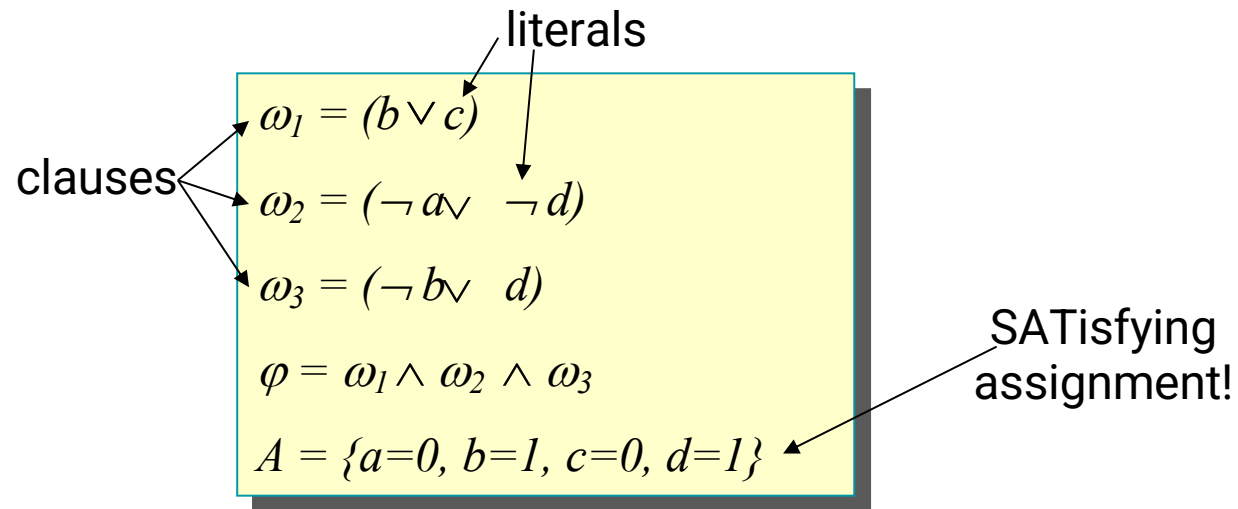
CPS Semantics vs. Source Code vs. Binary Analysis

- Semantics are lost in translation
- Program analysis techniques can still be applied at all levels of abstraction
 - However, correctness can be lost in translation
 - Requires **semantic reverse engineering** at each level
 - **But how are CPS semantics encoded as bugs?**



Background: SAT

Given a propositional formula in conjunctive normal form (CNF), find if there exists an assignment to Boolean variables that makes the formula true:



Background: SMT (Satisfiability Modulo Theory)

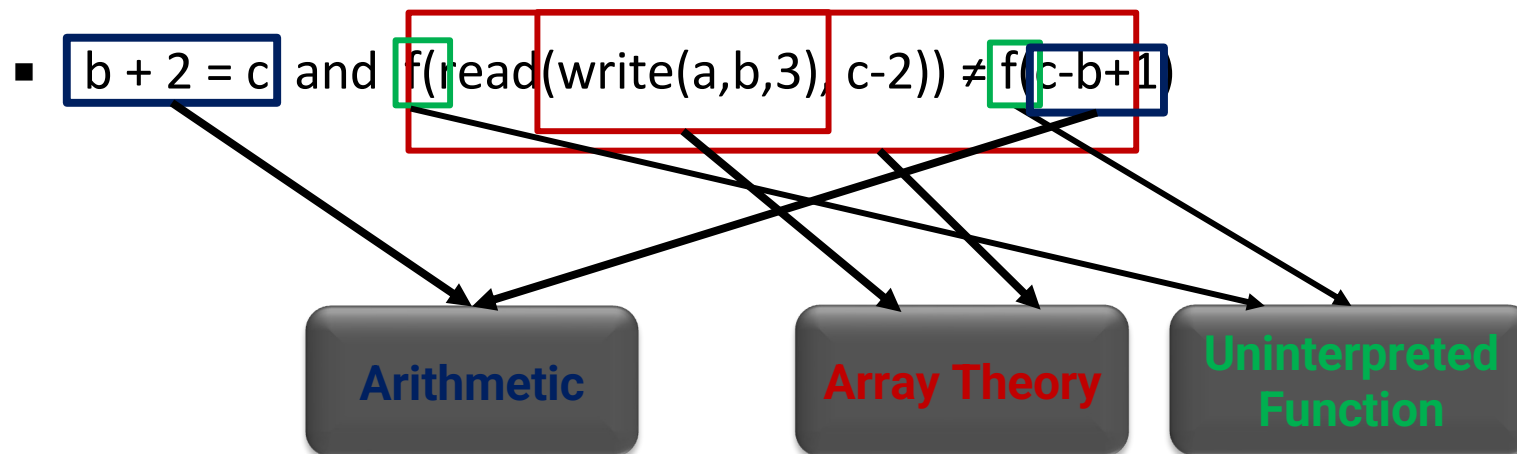
- An SMT instance is a generalization of a [Boolean SAT](#) instance
- Various sets of variables are replaced by [predicates](#) from a variety of underlying theories.

Input: a **first-order** formula φ over background theory (Arithmetic, Arrays, Bit-vectors, Algebraic Datatypes)

Output: is φ satisfiable?

- does φ have a model?
- Is there a refutation of φ = proof of $\neg\varphi$?

Background: SMT



Example SMT Solving

- $b + 2 = c$ and $f(\text{read}(\text{write}(a, b, 3), c-2)) \neq f(c-b+1)$

[Substituting c by $b+2$]

- $b + 2 = c$ and $f(\text{read}(\text{write}(a, b, 3), b+2-2)) \neq f(b+2-b+1)$

[Arithmetic simplification]

- $b + 2 = c$ and $f(\text{read}(\text{write}(a, b, 3), b)) \neq f(3)$

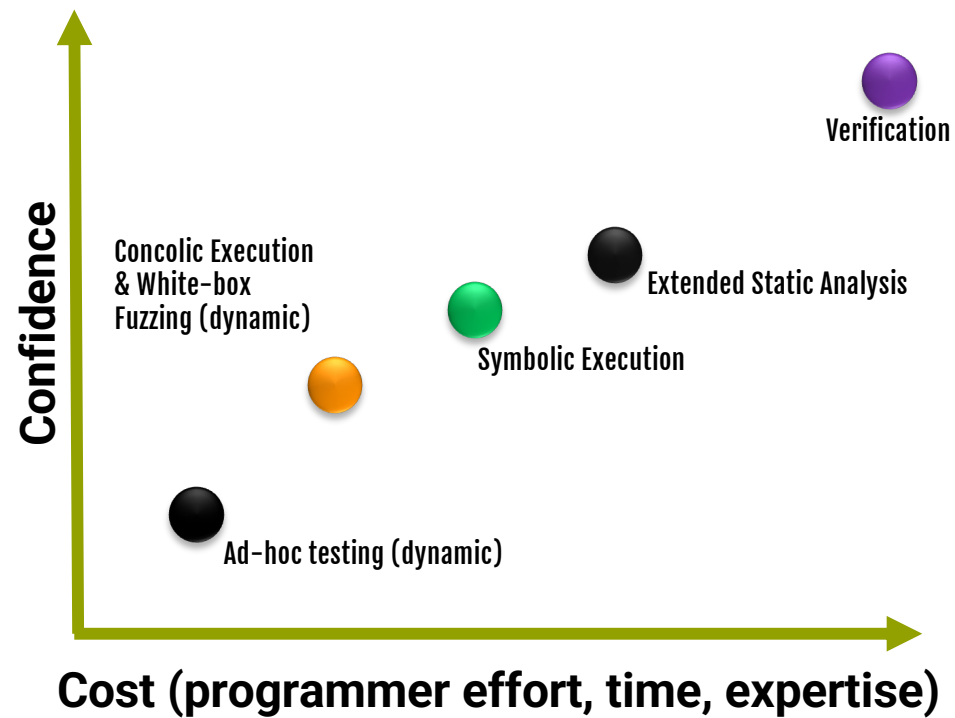
[Applying array theory axiom]

forall a, i, v : $\text{read}(\text{write}(a, i, v), i) = v$

- $b+2 = c$ and $f(3) \neq f(\text{read}(\text{write}(a, b, 3), b))$

read : array \times index \rightarrow element
 write : array \times index \times element
 \rightarrow array

Program Validation Approaches

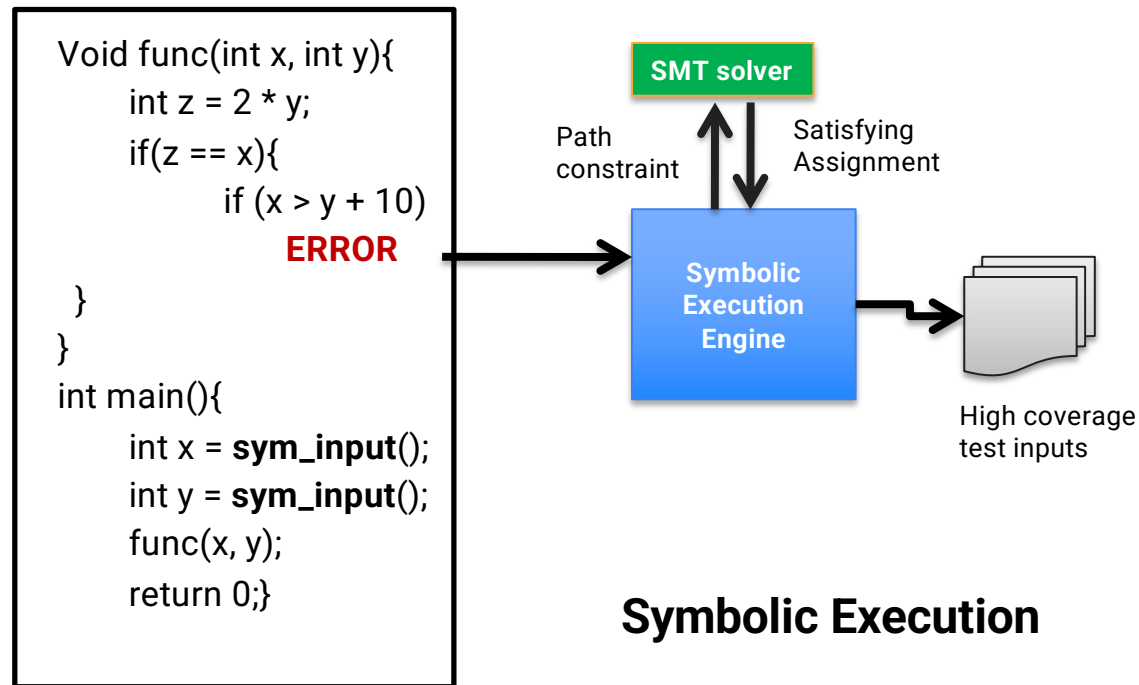


Automatic Test Generation

Symbolic & Concolic Execution

- How do we automatically generate test inputs that induce the program to go in different paths?
- **Intuition:**
 - Divide the whole possible input space of the program into equivalent classes of input.
 - For each equivalence class, all inputs in that equivalence class will induce the same program path.
 - Test one input from each equivalence class.

A Brief Intro Symbolic Execution



Symbolic Execution

- Blurring the lines between static and dynamic analysis
- Execute program with symbolic valued inputs (**Goal: good path coverage**)
- One path constraint abstractly represents all inputs that induces the program execution to go down a specific path
- Solve the path constraint to obtain one representative input that exercises the program to go down that specific path
- **Symbolic execution implementations:** KLEE, angr, Java PathFinder, etc.

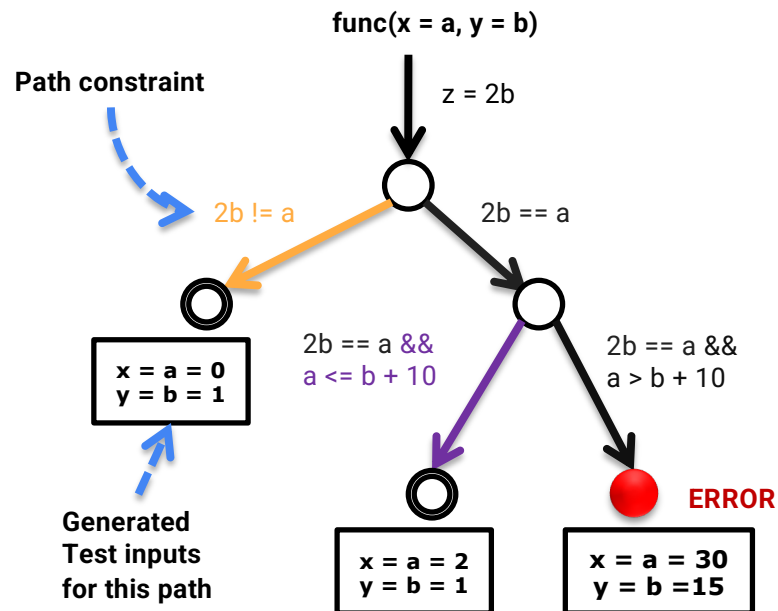
More on Symbolic Execution

- Instead of concrete state, the program maintains **symbolic states**, each of which maps variables to symbolic values
- **Path condition** is a quantifier-free formula over the symbolic inputs that encodes all branch decisions taken so far
 - We'll discuss "quantifier-free" formulas later
- All paths in the program form its **execution tree**, in which some paths are feasible and some are infeasible

Symbolic Execution

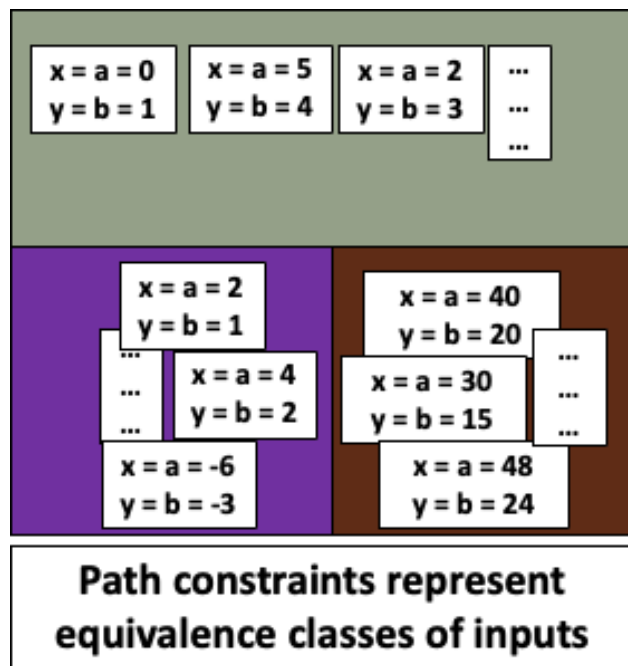
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Void func(int x, int y){  
    int z = 2 * y;  
    if(z == x){  
        if (x > y + 10)  
            ERROR  
    }  
}  
  
int main(){  
    int x = sym_input();  
    int y = sym_input();  
    func(x, y);  
    return 0;  
}
```

How does symbolic execution work?

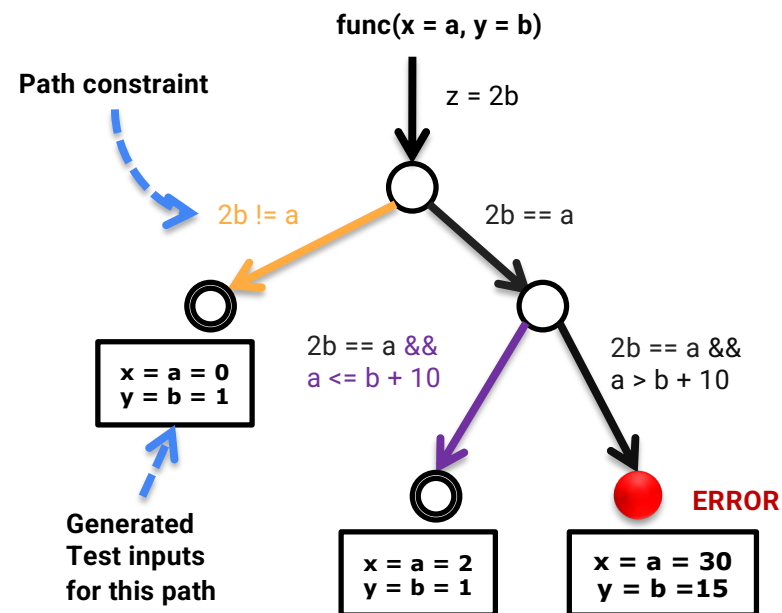


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Symbolic Execution



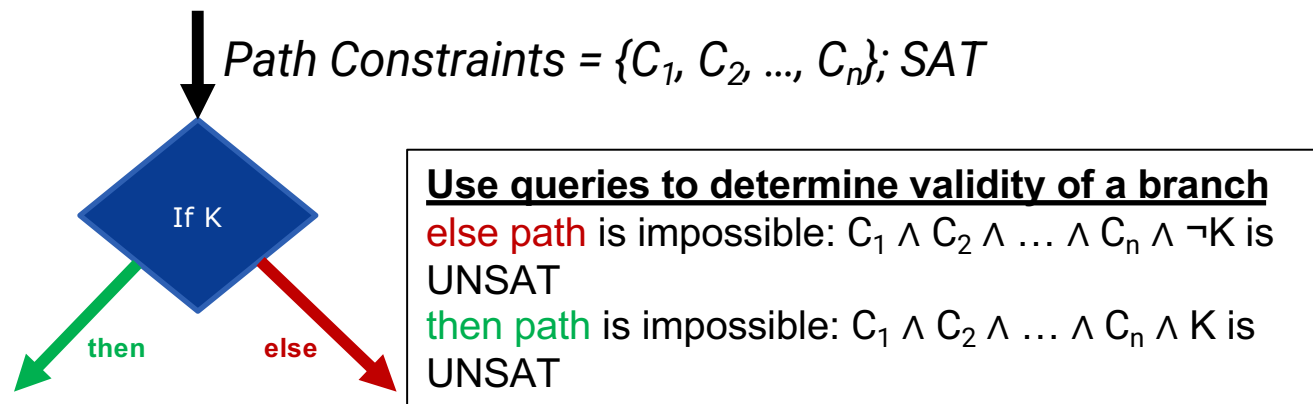
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SMT Queries

- Counterexample queries (generate a test case)
- Branch queries (whether a branch is valid)



How does Symbolic Execution Find bugs?

- It is possible to extend symbolic execution to help us catch bugs
- **How:** Dedicated checkers
 - **Divide by zero example** --- $y = x / z$ where x and z are symbolic variables and assume current PC is f
 - Even though we only fork in branches we will now fork in the division operator
 - One branch in which $z = 0$ and another where $z \neq 0$
 - We will get two paths with the following constraints:

$z = 0 \ \&\& \ f.$

$z \neq 0 \ \&\& \ f$
 - Solving the constraint $z = 0 \ \&\& \ f$ will give us concrete input values that will trigger the divide by zero error.

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 - Even though we only fork in branch
 - One branch in which $z = 0$ and
 - We will get two paths with different constraints:
 $z = 0 \ \&\& \ \mathbf{f}, \quad z \neq 0 \ \&\& \ \mathbf{f}$
 - Solving the constraints will give us concrete input values that will trigger the divide by zero

Write a dedicated checker for each kind of bug (e.g., buffer overflow, integer overflow, integer underflow)

Classic Symbolic Execution --- Practical Issues

- **Loops and recursions** --- infinite execution tree
- **Path explosion** --- exponentially many paths
- **Heap modeling** --- symbolic data structures and pointers
- **SMT solver limitations** --- dealing with complex path constraints
- **Environment modeling** --- dealing with native/system/library calls/file operations/network events
- **Coverage Problem** --- may not reach deep into the execution tree, specially when encountering loops.

Solution: Concolic Execution

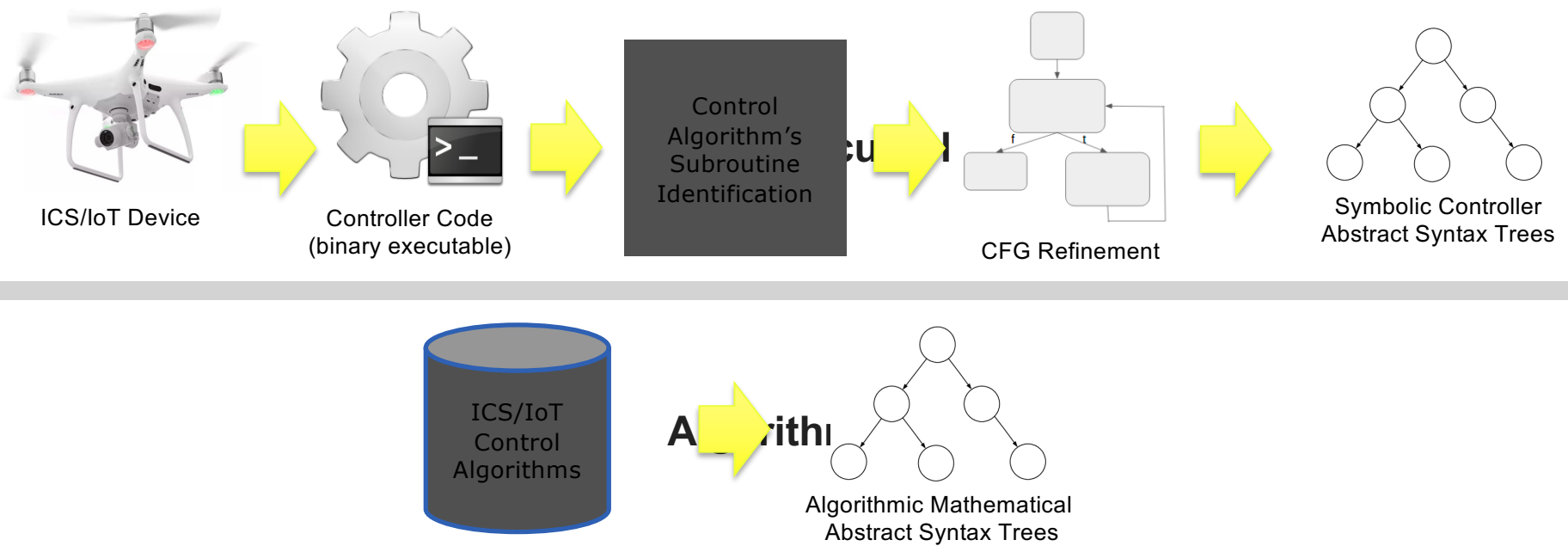
Concolic = **Con**crete + **Symb**olic

Combining Classical Testing with
Automatic Program Analysis

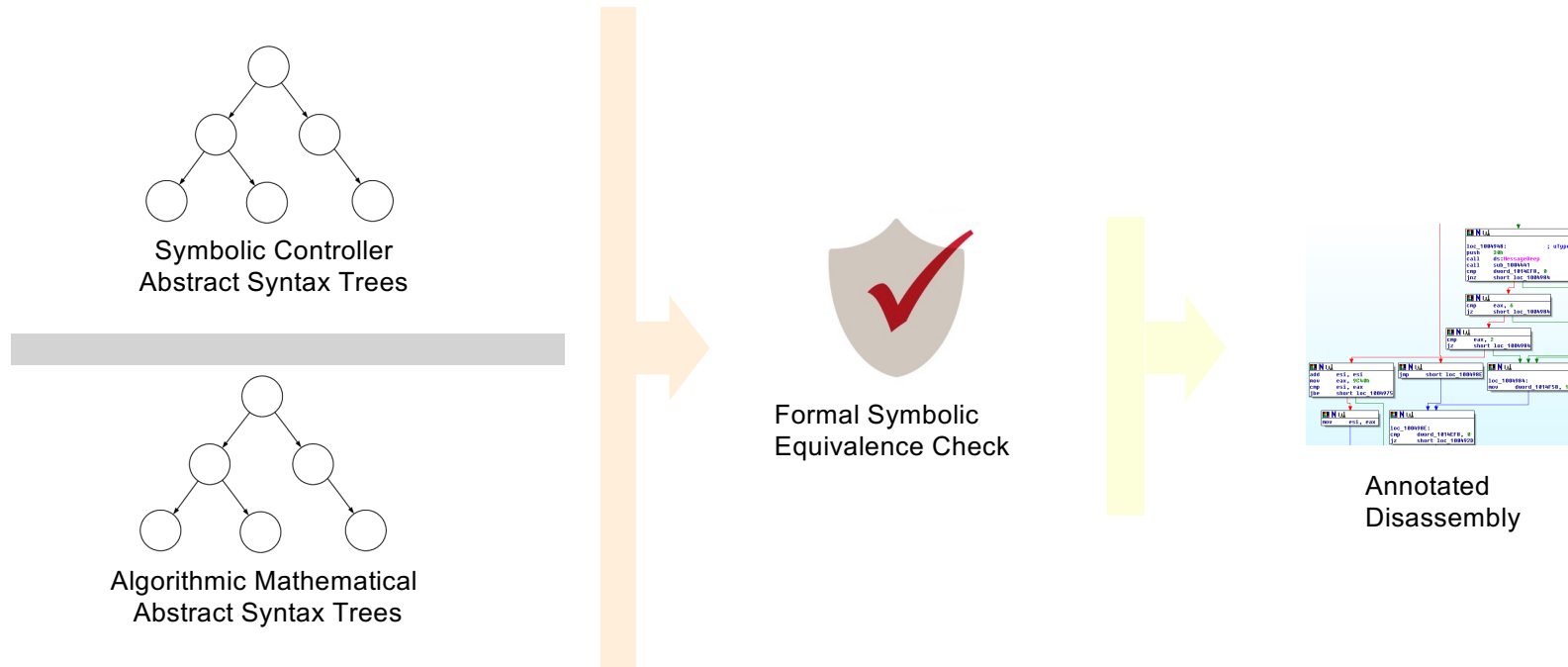
Also called **dynamic symbolic execution**

- The intention is to visit deep into the program execution tree
- Program is simultaneously executed with concrete and symbolic inputs
- Start off the execution with a random input
- Specially useful in cases of remote procedure call
- **Concolic execution implementations:** SAGE (Microsoft), CREST

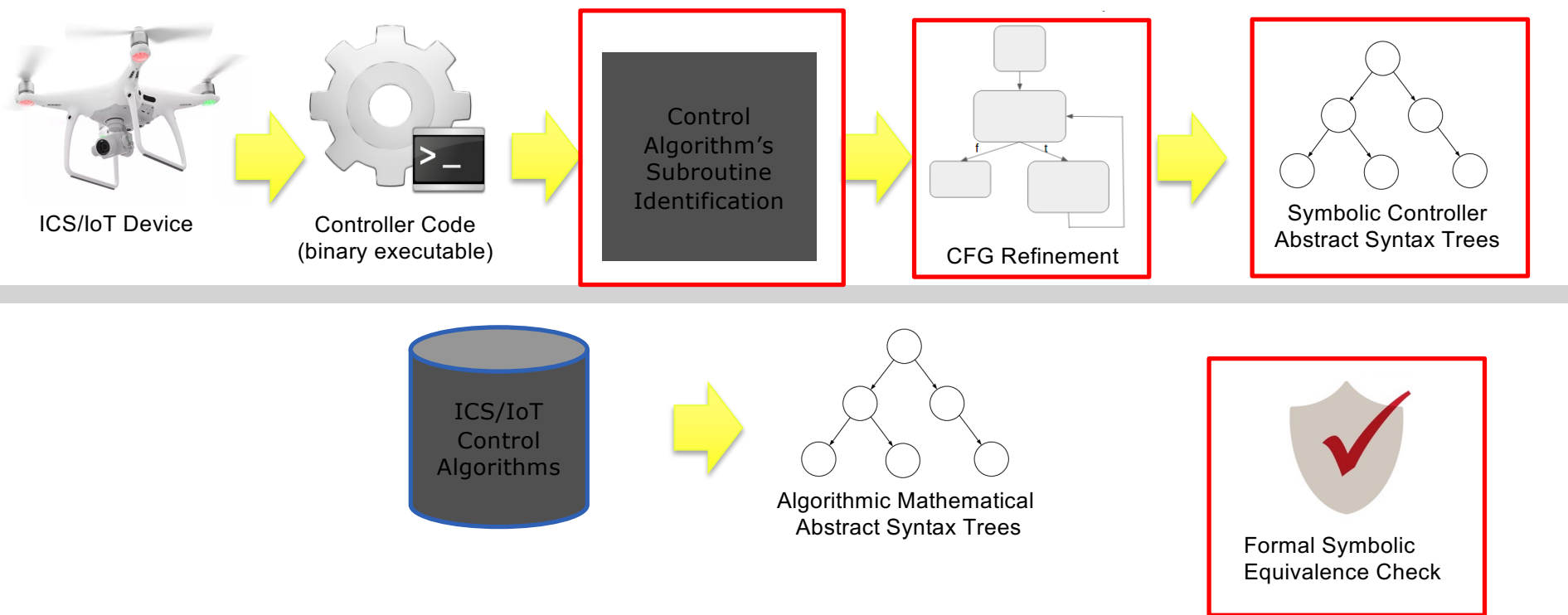
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Recap: Program Analysis Techniques for CPS/IoT

- Lots of static and dynamic program analysis techniques can be applied to CPS/IoT to automate testing
- Bugs can be encoded as constraints to your program analysis tool
 - **But how do we encode semantics of cyber-physical interactions?**
 - **Next module!**
- Next class: Starting Module 3: Formal Modeling and Verification
 - We'll bring back some program analysis techniques as needed



Questions?