



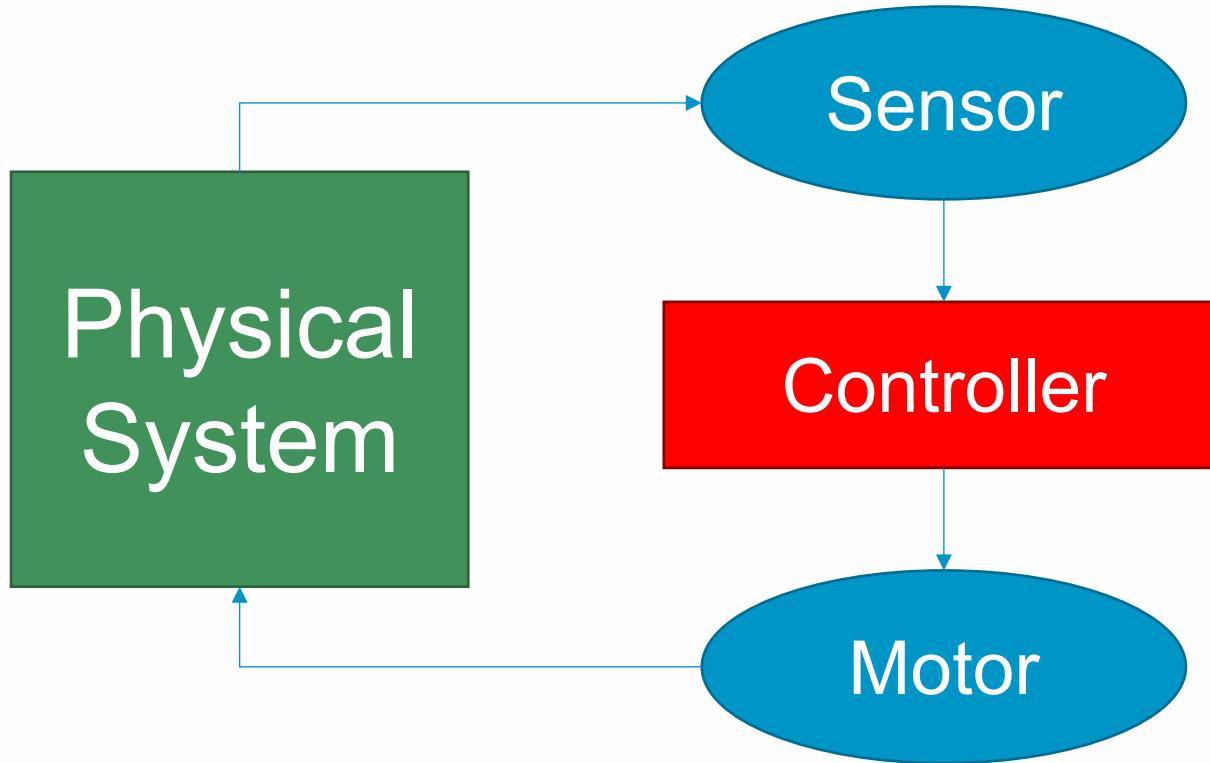
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**Intrepid:** an SMT-based Model Checker for  
Control Engineering and Industrial Automation

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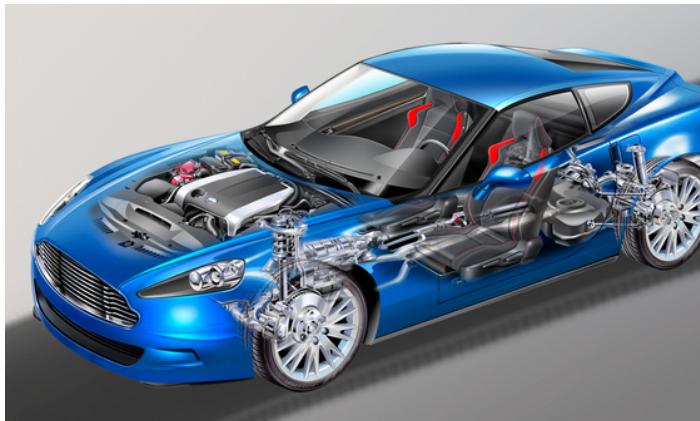
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# Avionics & Automotive

- Strict software development process, encoded in standards (e.g., DO-178C)
- Requirement-centric process
- Derive software from reqs.
- Provide tests to witness that requirements are met



# Avionics & Automotive



boeing 737 max

boeing 737 max 8

boeing 737 max crashes

boeing 737 max design flaws

boeing 737 max news

boeing 737 max grounding

boeing 737 max explained

boeing 737 max flight simulator

boeing 737 max pilot training

The Maneuvering Characteristics Augmentation System (MCAS), a newly introduced automated flight control on the MAX, was suspected of forcing both aircraft into a dive due to erroneous data from an angle of attack (AoA) sensor. The airplane flight manual contained no description of MCAS, and pilots had no knowledge of the system until the Lion Air crash. Aviation engineers criticized Boeing's safety analysis of MCAS: the system used only one of two AoA sensors, creating a single point of failure; it could move the tail beyond operating limits specified in the certification; and it could repeatedly override pilot control and push down the airplane nose. After the accidents Boeing disclosed that a cockpit indicator to warn of AoA sensor failure was inoperative. Boeing insisted the aircraft was safe, but admitted MCAS was a factor in both accidents.

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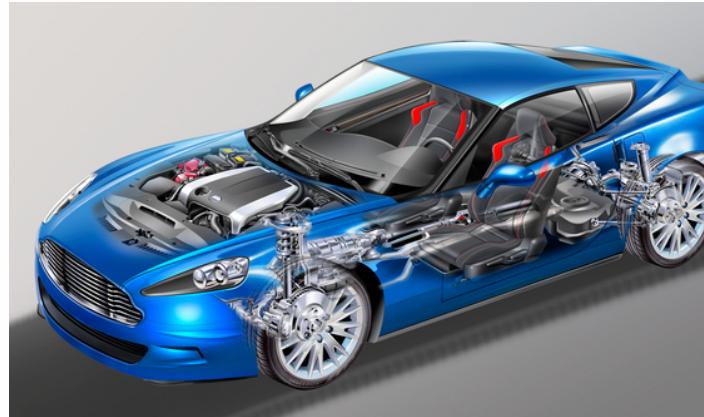
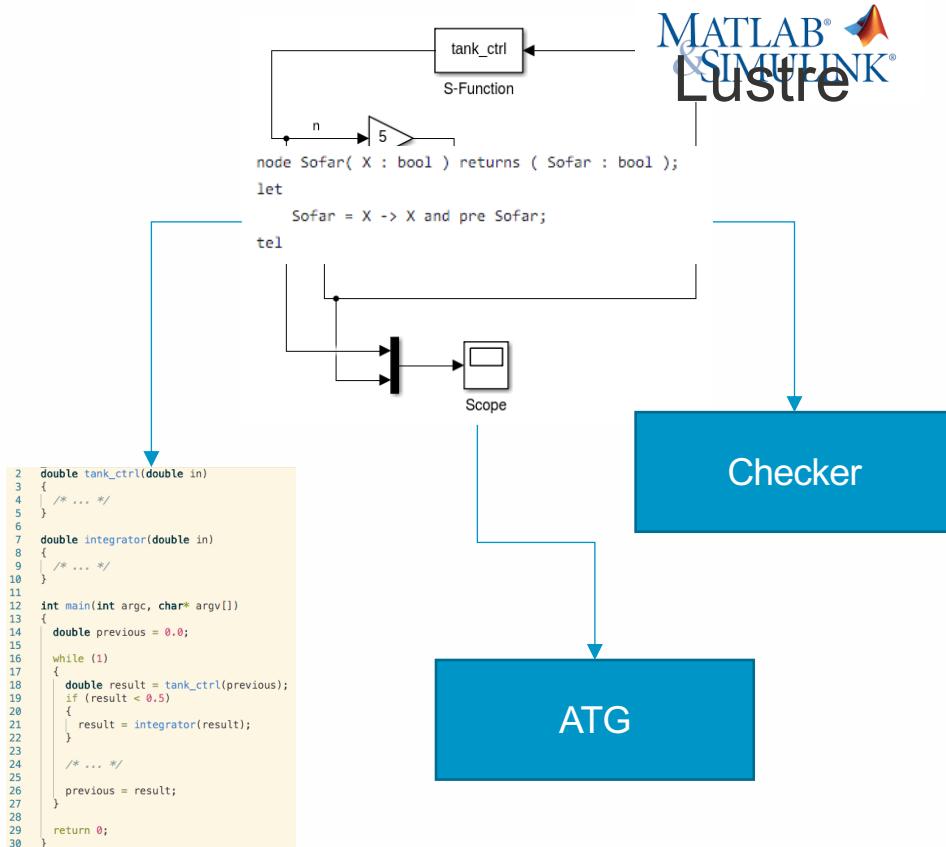
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## Boeing's 737 Max Software Outsourced to \$9-an-Hour Engineers



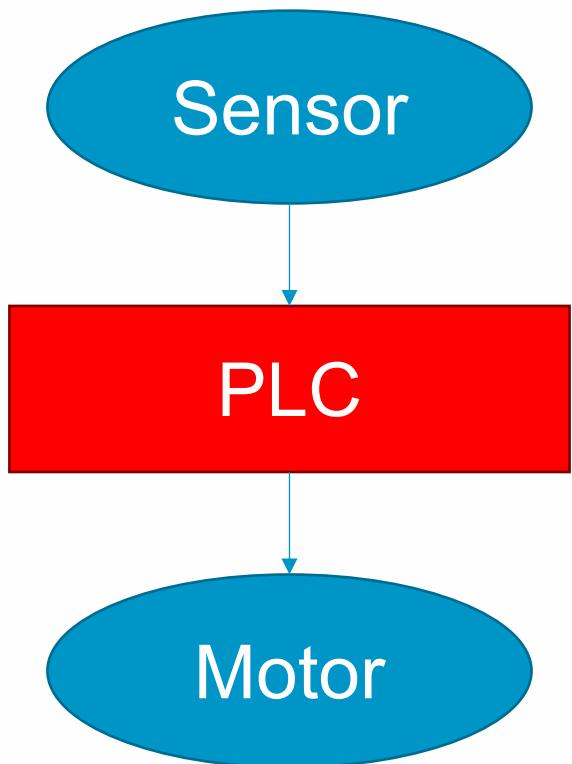
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# Industrial Automation



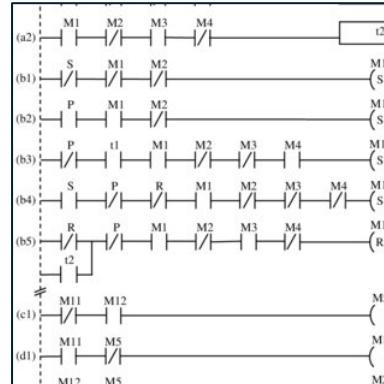
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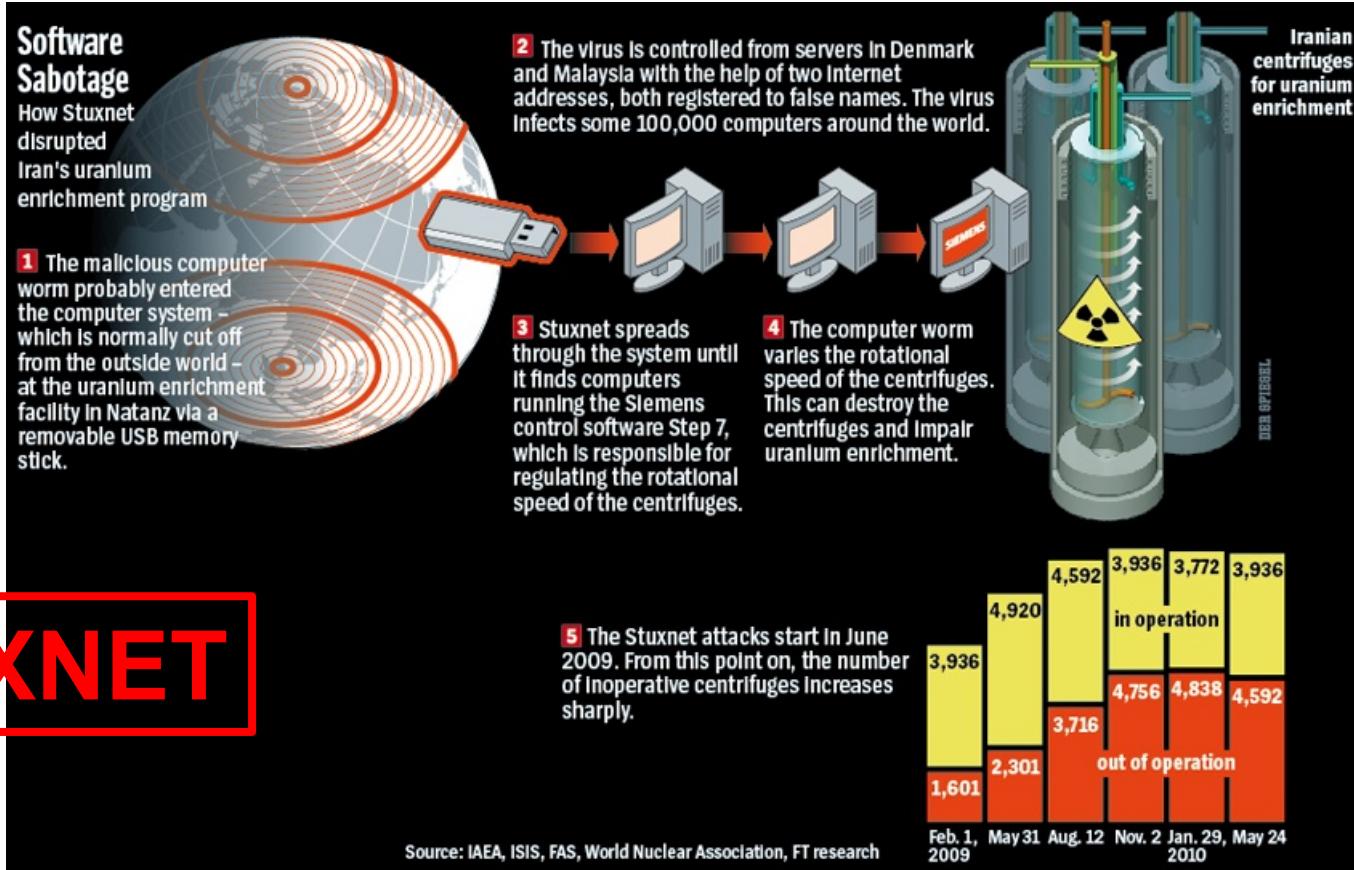
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- IEC-61131 defines 5 programming languages for PLCs
- Two textual (ST, IL)
- Two graphical (FBD, LD)
- A “mixed” (SFC)

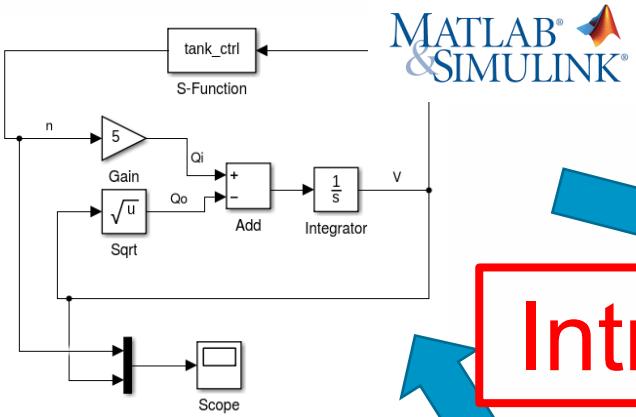
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# Control Engineering Languages



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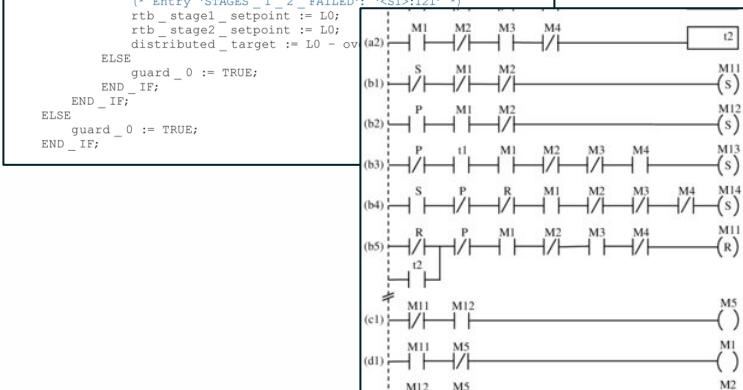
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- Types
  - Booleans
  - Signed Integers (SINT, INT, ...)
  - Unsigned Integers (USINT, UINT, ...)
  - Floats (REAL, LREAL)
- Semantics of the above:
  - Fixed-width
  - Discrete evolution of memory values

A photograph of three large cooling towers at a power plant, likely nuclear, reflected in a calm body of water. The towers are grey with red caps and emit plumes of white steam or smoke. The sky is a mix of blue, orange, and pink, suggesting either sunrise or sunset. The water in the foreground is very still, creating a clear mirror image of the towers and the sky.

# Intrepid intro

# Intrepid's guiding principles

- Fast simulation
- Bit-precise
- Scriptable
- Parsing real-world languages

# Intrepid: a model-checking library

- Backend: C++ engine ([intrepid](#))
  - State representation (SMT formulas in Z3)
  - State exploration (Satisf. and QE calls to Z3)
  - Exposes a C API
- Python API ([intrepyd](#))
  - Wraps the C API, and provides OO Python API
  - Retains efficiency, but provides flexibility and fun

# Intrepid's input language

- There is no input language: you write benchmarks directly in Python

```
1 def mkFunc1(ctx, in1, in2):
2     return ctx.mk_and(in1, in2)
3
4 def mkCircuit(ctx):
5     boolType = ctx.mk_boolean_type()
6     in1 = ctx.mk_input('in1', boolType)
7     in2 = ctx.mk_input('in2', boolType)
8     in3 = ctx.mk_input('in3', boolType)
9     myCirc1 = mkFunc1(ctx, in1, in2)
10    myCirc2 = mkFunc1(ctx, in1, in3)
11    myCirc3 = mkFunc1(ctx, myCirc1, myCirc2)
```

example1.py

```
1 from intrepypy import context
2 import example1
3
4 def main():
5     ctx = context.Context()
6     myCirc = example1.mkCircuit(ctx)
7     # do other interesting stuff here
8
9 if __name__ == "__main__":
10    main()
```

example2.py

# Intrepid's input language

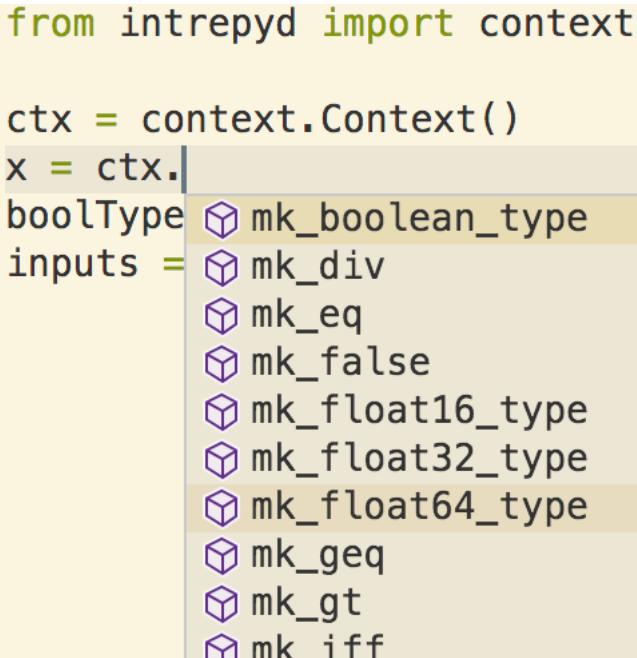
## Some advantages

- Functions and classes
- Benchmarks are programs
- Can natively import the
- Autocompletion

```
inputs = [ctx.mk_input('in' -
```

```
from intrepyd import context

ctx = context.Context()
x = ctx.
boolType
inputs =
```



- I don't have to maintain a parser



# Intrepid's Simulator

- Linear-time in size of circuit
- Fills out values of a “trace” object
  - Values for inputs can be specified for specific time-stamps, otherwise they are defaulted to false/0
- Traces can be converted into pandas dataframes
- Counter-examples are traces, so they can be readily re-simulated to check their validity

# Intrepid's Engines

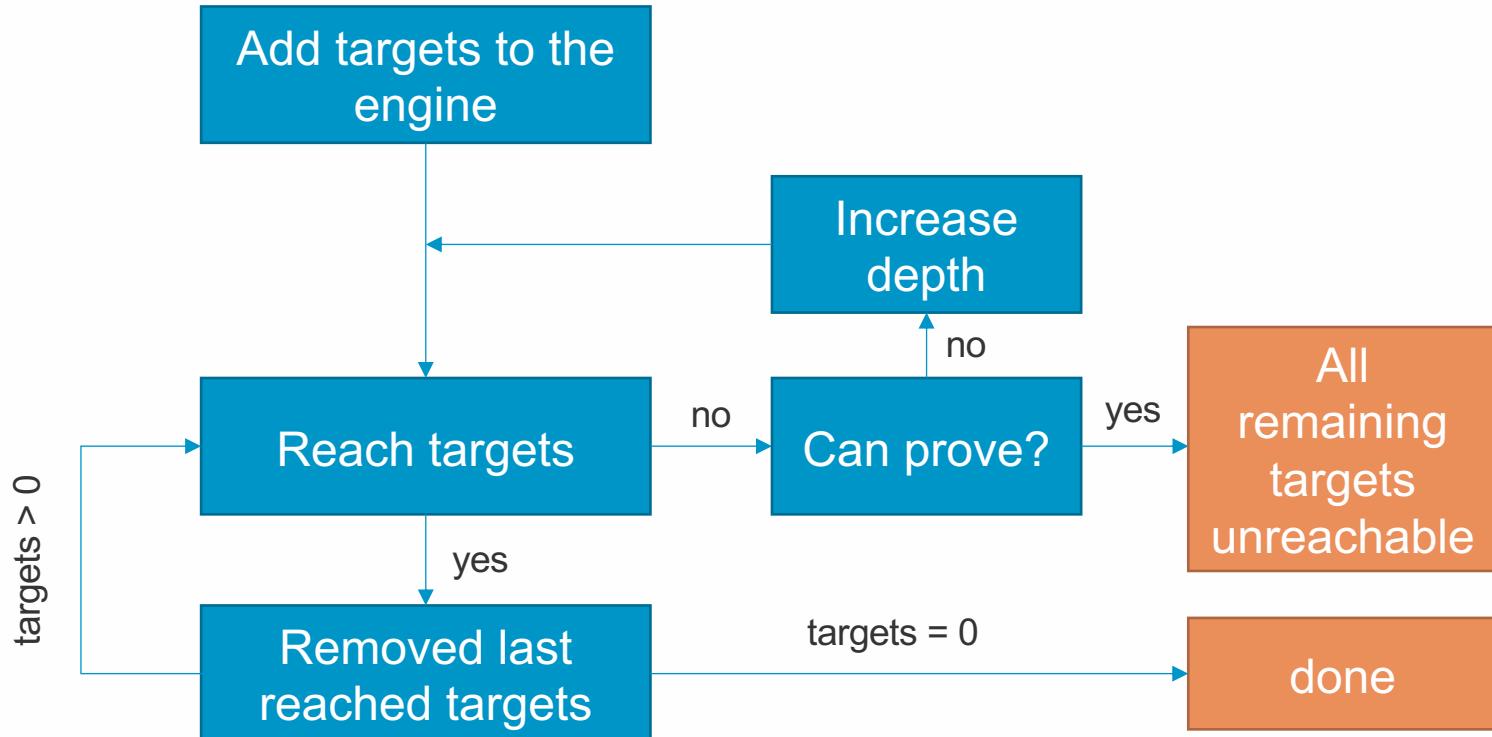
- BMC
  - Finds counterexamples for some targets, at some depth
- Optimizing BMC
  - Find counterexamples that satisfies the highest number of targets
- Backward Reachability
  - Finds counterexamples and proves targets unreachable

# Intrepid's Engines

- Multi-target engines
- Target: a Boolean signal that we want to reach
- Watch: values that we want to see in trace

```
26  class Engine(object):  
27      """  
28          Abstract interface for an Engine  
29      """  
30  
31  +     def __init__(self, ctx): ...  
32  
33  +     def add_target(self, net): ...  
34  
35  +     def reach_targets(self): ...  
36  
37  +     def get_last_reached_targets(self): ...  
38  
39  +     def get_last_trace(self): ...  
40  
41  +     def remove_last_reached_targets(self): ...  
42  
43  +     def add_watch(self, net): ...  
44  
45  +     def can_prove(self): ...  
46  
47  +     def can_optimize(self): ...
```

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# An example application: ATG

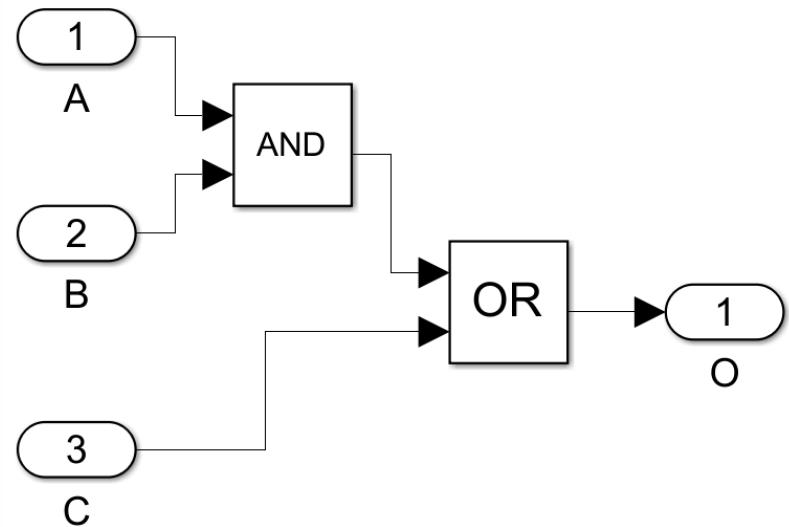
# ATG: compute MC/DC

- MC/DC is a testing criterion defined in DO-178C, for critical software
- Decision: a sub-circuit with a Boolean output
- Condition: a Boolean net in the decision that needs to be observed
- Task: given a decision D, for each condition C find two tests T1, T2 such that
  - C has value true in T1
  - C has value false in T2
  - D evaluates differently in T1 and T2

# ATG: compute MC/DC

- Each row is a test
- Tests 0 and 1 show MC/DC for A

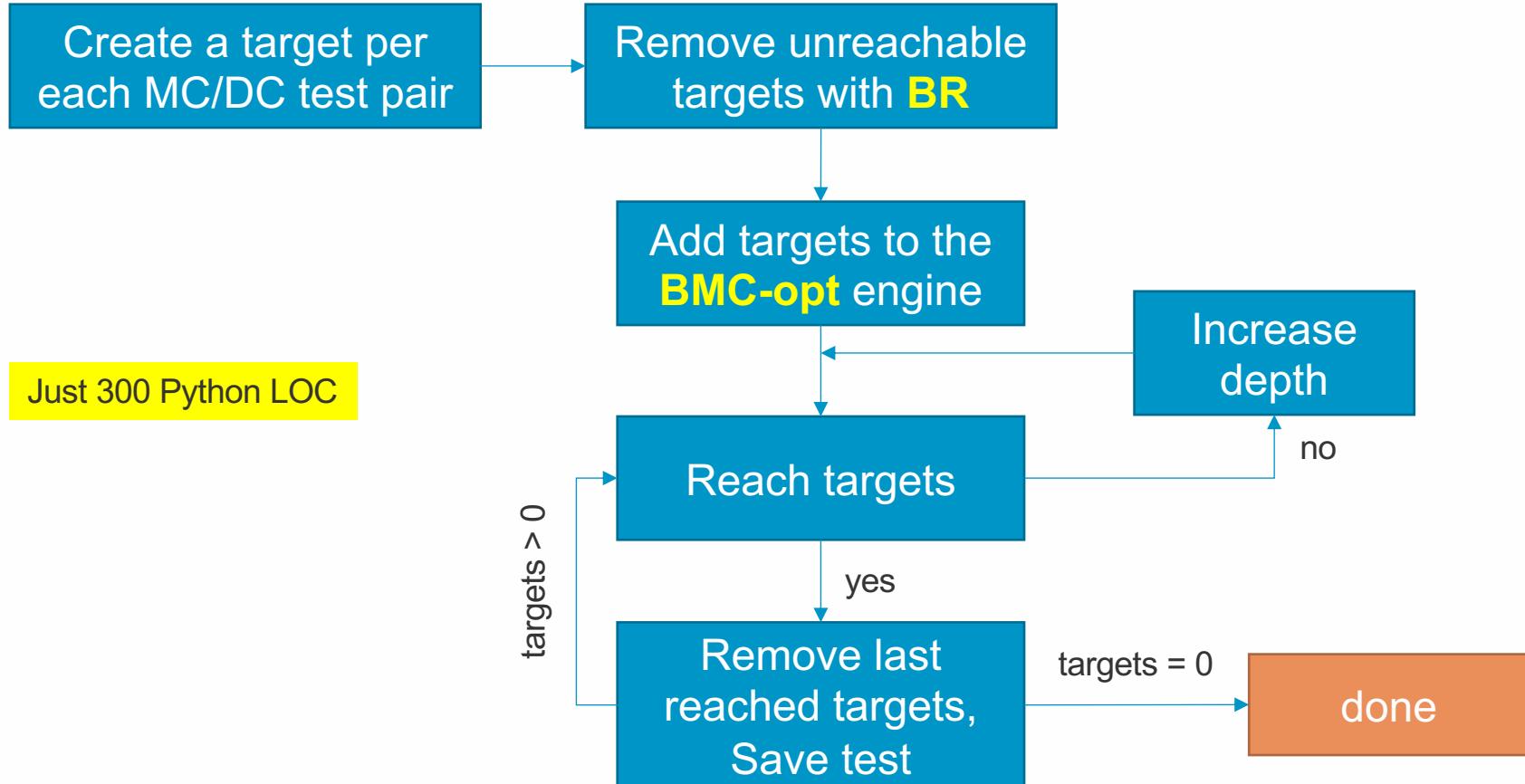
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4	F	F	F	F



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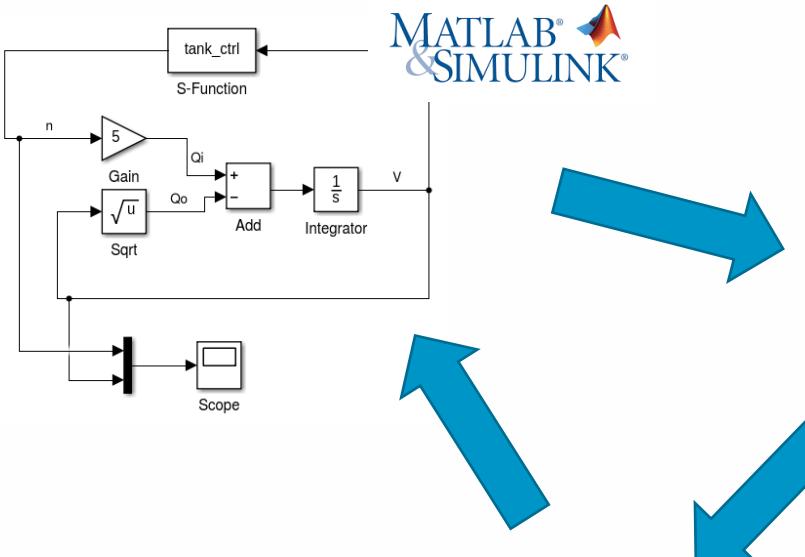
- To come up with suitable tests (the table) is easy
- ... but, the less tests are produced, the better
  - Tests are to be written down on tables and reviewed by the FAA (no kidding)
- It is not so easy, it is an optimization problem
- Also, not merely combinational, sequential part plays a role too
- Need for an optimizing-BMC

# ATG: compute MC/DC



# Parsers for real-world industrial languages

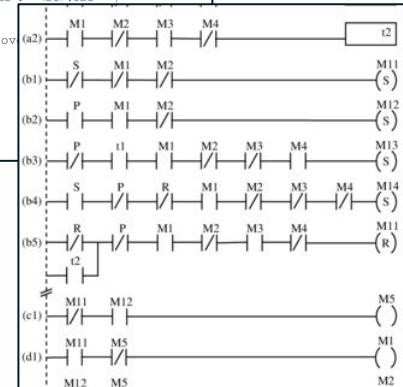
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## Lustre to Python

- Parser written in Python using ANTLR
- Takes Lustre, dumps Intrepid's Python API
  - benchmark.lus => benchmark.py
- Good collection of benchmarks (Kind2), thanks for the effort of collecting them

# Simulink/Stateflow to Python

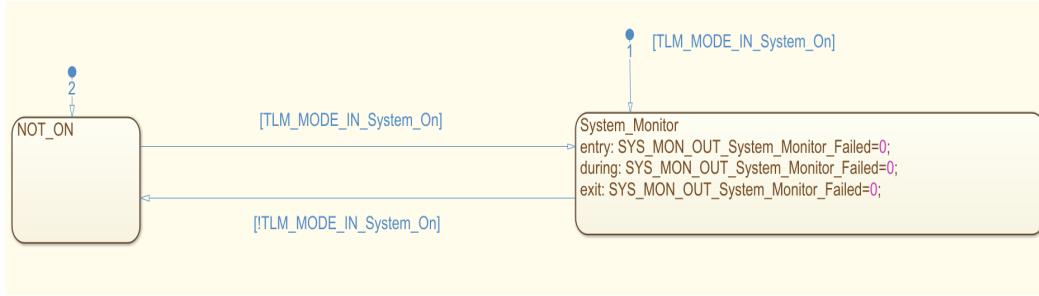
- Simulink to Python: initial translation implemented on top of ConQAT Java libraries
  - Very fast but
  - A pain to implement in detail and to maintain
  - Need to infer data types
- Stateflow to Python: a real nightmare
  - No available specification of the language!
  - Need to guess behavior via simulation

**FAILURE**

# Simulink/Stateflow to IEC-61131 ST to Python

- Matlab provides a toolkit called Simulink PLC Coder that generates IEC-61131 ST
- Two birds with one stone:
  - We can indirectly handle Simulink/Stateflow
  - We can set foot in the Industrial Automation world
- No need to parse the “whole” ST language, but only a subset (i.e., no loops)
- Parser implemented again with ANTLR in Python

# Simulink/Stateflow to IEC-61131 ST

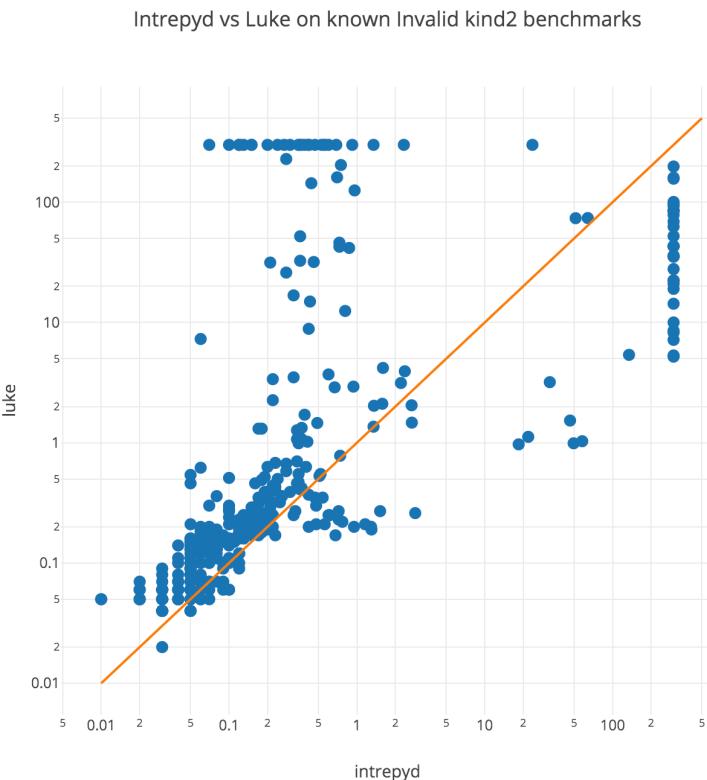


```
80 CASE ssMethodType OF
81   0:
82     is_active_c1_Subsystem := 0;
83     is_c1_Subsystem := 0;
84     Failed := FALSE;
85   1:
86     IF is_active_c1_Subsystem = 0 THEN
87       is_active_c1_Subsystem := 1;
88       IF Sys_On THEN
89         is_c1_Subsystem := 2;
90         Failed := FALSE;
91       ELSE
92         is_c1_Subsystem := 1;
93       END_IF;
94     ELSE
95       CASE is_c1_Subsystem OF
96         1:
97           IF Sys_On THEN
98             is_c1_Subsystem := 2;
99             Failed := FALSE;
100            END_IF;
101          ELSE
102            IF NOT Sys_On THEN
103              Failed := FALSE;
104              is_c1_Subsystem := 1;
105            ELSE
106              Failed := FALSE;
107            END_IF;
108          END_CASE;
109        END_IF;
110      END_CASE;
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# Experiments

# Intrepid vs Luke on Invalid benchmarks

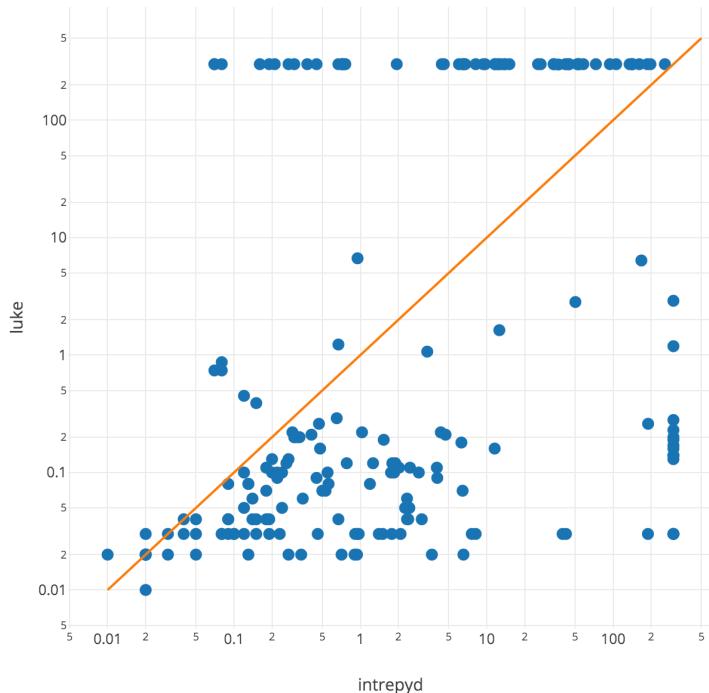
- Basically two different implementation of BMC
- Solved by Intrepid: 341 in 589 s
- Solved by Luke: 342 in 3219 s
- <https://plot.ly/create/?fid=robertobruttomesso:30#/>



# Intrepid vs Luke on Valid benchmarks

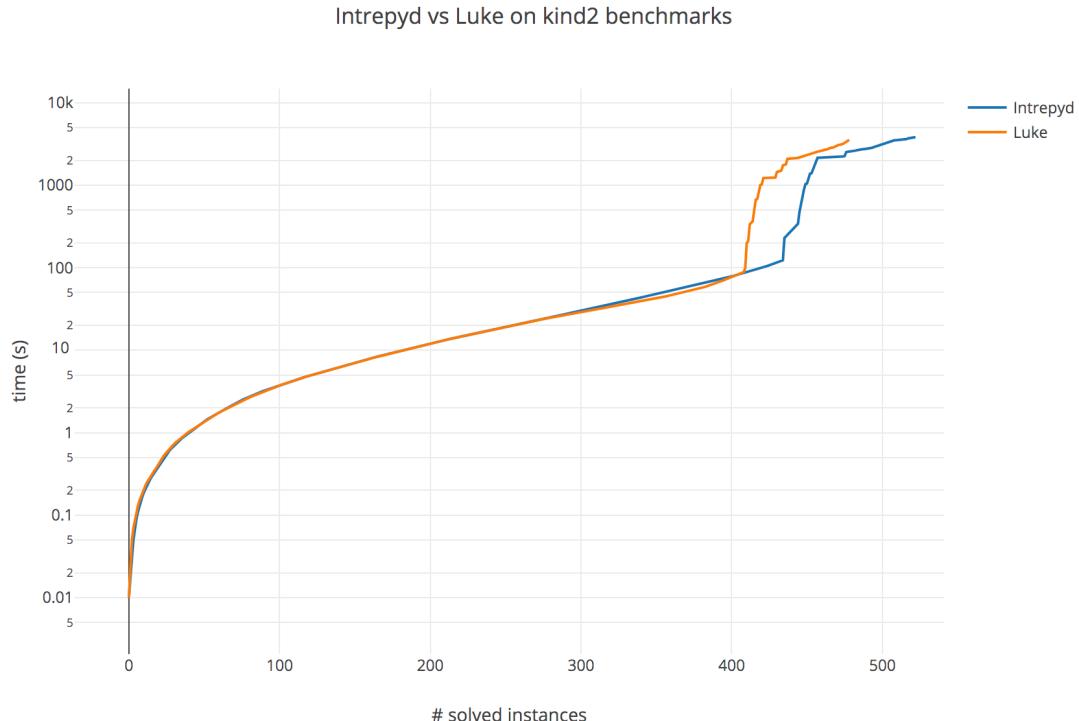
- Basically TI vs Backward Reach
- Solved by Intrepid: 182 in 3242 s
- Solved by Luke: 137 in 335 s
- <https://plot.ly/create/?fid=robertobruttomesso:32#/>

Intrepdy vs Luke on known Valid kind2 benchmarks



# Intrepid vs Luke on Valid benchmarks

- Solved by Intrepid overall:  
523 in 3831 s
- Solved by Luke overall:  
479 in 3557 s
- <https://plot.ly/create/?fid=robertobruttomesso:36#/>



## Preliminary experiments: GPCA Simulink/Stateflow

- Benchmark from the CocoSim suite (<https://coco-team.github.io/cocosim/>)
- Simulink/Stateflow model of an infusion pump
- Translated into IEC-61131 ST with Matlab and then into Python with our frontend (takes a few seconds)
- Out of 8 properties, 4 can be solved in about 50 seconds (14 seconds for parsing)

# Conclusion

# How to get intrepid

- Intrepid is open-source, BSD-3 licensed
- Works on Windows and Linux “officially”
- repo = <https://github.com/formalmethods>
- Backend: repo/intrepid
- Python API: repo/intrepyd
- pip install intrepyd
- Blog: <https://formalmethods.github.io>



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