

### Search-Based Repair of DNN Controllers of AI-Enabled Cyber-Physical Systems Guided by System-Level Specifications

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### Background – CPS and Al Controller



Image Classifier vs AI-CPS



A typical structure of image classifier



Adaptive Cruise Control (ACC) system

### **Background – STL and Its Robust Semantics**

### STL(Signal Temporal Logic) Syntax

Let  $\vec{o} \in \mathbb{R}^d$  be a vector. In STL, an atomic proposition is represented as  $\alpha :\equiv (f(\vec{o}) > 0)$ , in which  $f : \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{R}$  is a function that maps  $\vec{o}$  to a real number. The syntax of an STL formula  $\varphi$  is defined as follows:  $\varphi :\equiv \alpha \mid \perp \mid \neg \varphi \mid \varphi_1 \land \varphi_2 \mid \varphi_1 \lor \varphi_2 \mid \Box_I \varphi \mid \diamond_I \varphi \mid \varphi_1 \mathcal{U}_I \varphi_2$ 

### **STL Robust Semantics**

The STL robust semantics tells how robust the output signal o satisfies/violates  $\varphi$ . The formal definition of STL semantics is as

below: 
$$\llbracket \mathbf{o}, \alpha \rrbracket := f(\mathbf{o}(0)) \quad \llbracket \mathbf{o}, \neg \varphi \rrbracket := -\llbracket \mathbf{o}, \varphi \rrbracket$$
  
 $\llbracket \mathbf{o}, \varphi_1 \land \varphi_2 \rrbracket := \min \left( \llbracket \mathbf{o}, \varphi_1 \rrbracket, \llbracket \mathbf{o}, \varphi_2 \rrbracket \right)$   
 $\llbracket \mathbf{o}, \Box_I \varphi \rrbracket := \inf_{t \in I} \left( \llbracket \mathbf{o}^t, \varphi \rrbracket \right)$   
 $\llbracket \mathbf{o}, \varphi_1 \mathcal{U}_I \varphi_2 \rrbracket := \sup_{t \in I} \left( \min \left( \llbracket \mathbf{o}^t, \varphi_2 \rrbracket, \inf_{t' \in [0,t)} \llbracket \mathbf{o}^{t'}, \varphi_1 \rrbracket \right) \right)$ 

## **Background – STL and Its Robust Semantics**

### TL;DR

It can tell us how robust the output signal  ${f o}$  satisfies/violates  ${m \phi}$  by

robustness value of a given **o**.



### **Motivation**

• DNN can be faulty, even deadly.



Emerging DNN quality assurance
 Technologies, e.g., DNN repair.

• Lacks oracle for DNN components,

but has system-level specification.



### **Research Workflow of ContrRep**



## **Our Approach - ContrRep**

#### Input:

- A problematic AI-CPS  $\mathcal{M}^{C_{orig}}$
- A system specification  $\varphi$
- A test suite *TS* of input sequences for  $\mathcal{M}^{C_{orig}}$

$$TS_{orig}^{+} = \{t \in TS \mid \mathcal{M}^{C_{orig}}(t) \models \varphi\}$$
$$TS_{orig}^{-} = \{t \in TS \mid \mathcal{M}^{C_{orig}}(t) \not\models \varphi\}$$

• Correctness measure *CM*: the ratio of positive tests to all tests in *TS*.

$$CM(\mathcal{M}^{C_{orig}}, \varphi, TS) = \frac{|TS_{orig}^+|}{|TS|}$$

• A set of suspicious weights SW

### Search-Based Repair of the DNN Controller

ContrRep casts the repair problem as a search problem, with an aim to find feasible values to replace the suspicious weights *SW*.

The **search variables**  $\bar{x}$  of ContrRep are the possible alternative values for SW:

$$\bar{x} = [x_1, \dots, x_{|SW|}]$$

The **search space** (the range of  $\bar{x}$ ) is defined as follows:

$$\left[ v_{orig} \cdot \, \delta^{-sign(v_{orig})}$$
 ,  $v_{orig} \cdot \, \delta^{sign(v_{orig})} 
ight]$ 

where  $sign(v_{orig}) \in \{-1, 1\}$  identifies the sign of  $v_{orig}$ . Here we set  $\delta = 2$ . Given an individual  $\bar{v}$ , the **fitness function** that must be maximized is:

$$\mathsf{fit}(\bar{v}) = CM(\mathcal{M}^{C_{SW} \leftarrow \bar{v}}, \varphi, \mathsf{TS})$$

Here, we adopt **Differential Evolution** (DE) algorithm as the underlying search algorithm.

## **Search-Based Repair of the DNN Controller**

**ContrRep** casts the repair problem as a search problem, with an aim to find better values for the suspicious weights *SW*.



A schematic diagram of a ContrRep

### Search-Based Repair of the DNN Controller

Four possible states of Rob( $\mathbf{o}, \varphi$ )

TS	Rob of orignial M	Rob of an individual	
$t_1^+$	10	7	
$t_{2}^{+}$	2	3	
$t_{3}^{+}$	5	2	
$t_4^+$	8	-4	
$t_1^-$	-7	1	
$t_2^-$	-3	4	
$t_3^-$	-1	-3	
$t_4^-$	-4	-2	
fitness	4	5	

preserved:  $t_1^+, t_2^+, t_3^+$ broken:  $t_4^+$ repaired:  $t_1^-, t_2^-$ 

not repaired:  $t_3^-$ ,  $t_4^-$ 

A single fitness calculation

### Speed Up the Fitness Computation – ContrRep<sub>fast</sub>

### How to speed up ContrRep?



numerous times of simulation needed

#### The heuristic behind ContrRep<sub>fast</sub>

The **difficulty** of repairing negative tests or maintaining positive tests is related to the value of robustness.

Given a sorted test suite TS, for  $t_i^-$ , we start from  $t_1^-$ . If an individual can successfully repair  $t_1^-$ , we continue until this individual can no longer repair the next test or has repaired all the negative tests.

 $\mathsf{fit}_{\mathsf{fast}}(\bar{v}) = \mathsf{ApproxFit}(\mathcal{M}^{C_{sw \leftarrow \bar{v}}}, \varphi, \mathsf{TS}, \mathsf{TS}^+_{orig}, \mathsf{TS}^-_{orig})$ 

sorted <i>T</i> S	Rob of orignial M	Rob of an individual
$t_4^+$	12	-
$t_{3}^{+}$	9	-
$t_{2}^{+}$	4	3
$t_1^+$	2	-1
$t_1^-$	-1	3
$t_2^-$	-3	2
$t_3^-$	-5	-1
$t_4^-$	-10	-

# **Experimental Design - Research Questions**

# RQ1. How is the repair performance of ContrRep? Is it affected by the quality of the fault localization results?

 In this RQ, we want to assess if ContrRep can actually repair DNN controllers. Moreover, we want to assess whether having imprecise fault localization results (i.e., containing weights that are not faulty) affects the repair effectiveness.

#### RQ2. Does ContrRep<sub>fast</sub> reduce the execution time of the repair approach? Does it affect the repair performance?

 In this RQ, we want to assess whether the heuristic implemented by ContrRep<sub>fast</sub> is indeed effective in reducing the repair time, and which is the reduction that must be paid in terms of repair performance.

#### RQ3. To what extent does ContrRep fix failing tests and break passing tests?

• In this RQ, we want to assess whether, while trying to repair the failing tests, ContrRep also breaks some passing tests.

### **Experimental Design - Benchmarks**

**ACC:** ACC controls the acceleration of the ego car to keep a safe distance of it from a lead car.

$$\varphi_{ACC} \equiv \Box_{[0,50]} (d_{rel} \ge d_{safe} + 1.4 \cdot v_{ego} \land v_{ego} \le 30)$$

**AFC**: AFC is a powertrain control system developed by Toyota. It takes two signals, pedal angle, and engine speed, as the external inputs and produces two output signals AF that indicate the air-to-fuel ratio and  $AF_{ref}$  that is the reference value of AF.

$$\varphi_{AFC} \equiv \Box_{[0,30]} \left( \left| AF - AF_{ref} \right| \le 0.2 \cdot AF_{ref} \right)$$

Table 1: AI-enabled CPSs  $\mathcal{M}^{C}$  and correctness measure of its faulty versions  $\mathcal{M}^{C_{fault}}$  (CM ( $\mathcal{M}^{C_{fault}}, \varphi, TS$ ) (%))

$\mathcal{M}^{C}$	ACC#1	ACC#2	AFC#1	AFC#2
Structure of $C$	[15 15 15]	[30 30 30]	[15 15 15]	[15 15 15 15]
#weights of <i>C</i>	450	1800	450	675
#blocks of ${\cal M}$	49	49	153	153
$CM(\mathcal{M}^{C_{fault}}, \varphi, TS)$	20	24	52	35

Xiaoqing Jin, Jyotirmoy V. Deshmukh, James Kapinski, Koichi Ueda, and Ken Butts. 2014. Powertrain Control Verification Benchmark. In Proceedings of the 17th International Conference on Hybrid Systems: Computation and Control (Berlin, Germany) (HSCC'14). 13 Association for Computing Machinery, New York, NY, USA, 253–262.

### Experimental Design – Approaches, Inputs

#### Approaches

- ContrRep
- ContrRep<sub>fast</sub>

#### **Different Fault Localization Results**

We built three sets of SW, for assessing a repair approach in settings of different complexity:

- $SW_{noNoise}$ : the FL results are precise, i.e.,  $SW_{noNoise} = W^{fault}$ .
- $SW_2$ : the FL results are not precise, i.e.,  $SW_2 = W^{fault} U \{w_1, w_2\}$ , with  $w_1, w_2 \in W \setminus W^{fault}$ .
- $SW_4$ : similar to  $SW_2$ , i.e.,  $SW_4 = \mathcal{W}^{fault} \cup \{w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4\}$ , with  $w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4 \in \mathcal{W} \setminus \mathcal{W}^{fault}$ .

## **Experimental Design – Evaluation Metrics 1**

### **Evaluation Metrics**

for RQ1 and RQ2:

1. Effectiveness: Correctness Measure **CM**: the ratio of positive tests to all tests in *TS*.

$$CM(\mathcal{M}^{C_{orig}}, \varphi, TS) = \frac{|TS_{orig}^+|}{|TS|}$$

Note:

- we consider the value of the correctness measure CM obtained by the best-repaired model.
- 2. Efficiency: Total number of test executions **ExecTests** : used to assess the computational cost of a repair approach.

### **Experimental Design – Evaluation Metrics 2**

#### **1. Mann-Whitney U Test** ( $\alpha = 0.05$ )

Is there any difference between two independent samples (APP1 vs APP2 over a given **EM**)?



A given EM by APP1 for ( $\mathcal{M}^{C_{fault}}$ , SW) A given EM by APP2 for ( $\mathcal{M}^{C_{fault}}$ , SW)

#### 2. Vargha and Delaney's $\widehat{A}_{12}$ effect size

It can assess the strength of the significance.

APP1 is significantly **Better** than APP2  $(0.5, + \bowtie)$ :

negligible: (0.5, 0.556) medium: [0.638, 0.714)  $\sqrt{\sqrt{}}$  large: [0.714, + $\bowtie$ )  $\sqrt{\sqrt{}}$ 

András Vargha and Harold D. Delaney. A Critique and Improvement of the "CL" Common Language Effect Size Statistics of McGraw and Wong. Journal of Educational and Behavioral Statistics, Vol. 25, No. 2 (Summer, 2000), pp.101-132

### **Experimental Results – RQ1**

# RQ1. How is the repair performance of ContrRep? Is it affected by the quality of the fault localization results?

Table 2: Average  $CM(\mathcal{M}^{C_{best}}, \varphi, TS)(\%)$  of ContrRep and ContrRep<sub>fast</sub> across 10 runs.

		ContrRep	ContrRep <sub>fast</sub>
ACC#1	SW <sub>noNoise</sub>	80.6	77.3
	SW <sub>2</sub>	83.8	77.9
	SW <sub>4</sub>	91.5	81.5
ACC#2	SW <sub>noNoise</sub>	80.5	83.3
	SW <sub>2</sub>	81.4	79.7
	SW <sub>4</sub>	73.2	73.0
AFC#1	SW <sub>noNoise</sub>	71.6	71.3
	SW <sub>2</sub>	78.0	77.1
	SW <sub>4</sub>	82.6	66.6
AFC#2	SW <sub>noNoise</sub>	72.9	50.7
	SW <sub>2</sub>	43.8	43.0
	SW <sub>4</sub>	59.6	57.4

- 1. ContrRep outperforms ContrRep<sub>fast</sub> in terms of final repair accuracy.
- 2. The difference is often not very noticeable in many cases.

### **Experimental Results - RQ2**

# RQ2. Does ContrRep<sub>fast</sub> reduce the execution time of the repair approach? Does it affect the repair performance?

Table 3: RQ2 - Comparison of ContrRep and ContrRep<sub>fast</sub> in terms of  $CM(\mathcal{M}^{C_{best}}, \varphi, TS)$  Table 4: RQ2 - Comparison of ContrRep and ContrRep<sub>fast</sub> in terms of **ExecTests** 

		ContrRep vs. ContrRep <sub>fast</sub>			ContrRep <sub>fast</sub> vs.	ExecTests (avg. 10 runs)	
	SW <sub>noNoise</sub>	11			ContrRep	ContrRep <sub>fast</sub>	ContrRep
ACC#1	$SW_2$	$\int \int \int \int$		SW noNoise	J J J J J	7.0628e+04	2.5e+05
	$SW_4$		ACC#1	$SW_2$	<i>\\\\</i>	7.4871e+04	3.0e+05
	SW <sub>noNoise</sub> XX		$SW_4$	ノノノノ	9.9049e+04	3.5e+05	
ACC#2	$SW_2$			SW <sub>noNoise</sub>	J	3.9681e+04	2.5e+05
	<i>SW</i> <sub>4</sub>	V V	ACC#2	$SW_2$	ノノノノ	4.8032e+04	3.0e+05
	SW <sub>noNoise</sub>	× = √ √ √ √		$SW_4$	ノノノノ	6.2070e+04	3.5e+05
	$\frac{SW_2}{SW_4}$			SW noNoise	ノノノノ	1.0905e+05	2.5e+05
S AFC#2 S	S147	DNoise	AFC#1	$SW_2$	$\checkmark$	1.2923e+05	3.0e+05
	SW noNoise			$SW_4$	1	1.7531e+05	3.07e+05
	$SW_4$			SW <sub>noNoise</sub>	J J J J	8.4564e+04	2.5e+05
			AFC#2	$SW_2$	ノノノノ	1.0180e+05	3.0e+05
				$SW_4$	<i>」 」 」 」 」 」 」 」 」 」</i>	1.2021e+05	3.5e+05

ContrRep<sub>fast</sub> has a significant advantage in terms of time spent on repair!

### **Experimental Results - RQ3**

# RQ3. To what extent does ContrRep fix failing tests and break passing tests?

Table 5: RQ3 - Number of repaired and broken tests (average across 10 runs)

		ContrRep			ContrRep <sub>fast</sub>				
		$TS^{-}_{orig}$		$TS^+_{orig}$		$TS^{-}_{orig}$		$TS^+_{orig}$	
		repaired	not repaired	preserved	broken	repaired	not repaired	preserved	broken
	SW noNoise	75.89%	24.11%	99.29%	0.71%	71.61%	28.39%	100.00%	0.00%
ACC#1	$SW_2$	79.64%	20.36%	100.00%	0.00%	72.32%	27.68%	100.00%	0.00%
	$SW_4$	89.38%	10.63%	100.00%	0.00%	76.88%	23.13%	100.00%	0.00%
	SW <sub>noNoise</sub>	74.34%	25.66%	100.00%	0.00%	78.03%	21.97%	100.00%	0.00%
ACC#2	$SW_2$	75.79%	24.21%	100.00%	0.00%	73.29%	26.71%	100.00%	0.00%
	$SW_4$	65.13%	34.87%	100.00%	0.00%	64.80%	35.20%	100.00%	0.00%
	SW <sub>noNoise</sub>	47.02%	52.98%	94.23%	5.77%	43.75%	56.25%	96.70%	3.30%
AFC#1	$SW_2$	62.50%	37.50%	92.31%	7.69%	64.84%	35.16%	88.46%	11.54%
	$SW_4$	67.50%	32.50%	97.69%	2.31%	48.75%	51.25%	79.62%	20.38%
	SW <sub>noNoise</sub>	66.84%	33.16%	84.13%	15.87%	29.23%	70.77%	90.48%	9.52%
AFC#2	$SW_2$	32.31%	67.69%	65.14%	34.86%	18.62%	81.38%	88.29%	11.71%
	$SW_4$	36.92%	63.08%	64.00%	36.00%	29.85%	70.15%	85.71%	14.29%

ContrRep and ContrRep<sub>fast</sub> can repair the broken test, while keeping the originally correct tests still correct!

### **Discussion and Future Work**

- This work makes an early attempt to repair DNN controller in Al-enabled CPS. **There is a need for more research efforts** on the repair of such systems.
- In this work, we assume that the plant is correct and that the DNN controller must be fixed. However, some plants have hyperparameters that can be tuned, which can affect the behavior of the AI-enabled CPS. In future work, we plan to investigate the combined repair of the physical plant and the DNN controller.
- Besides repair, **AI-CPS enhancement approaches** also should be developed to further improve the quality of such systems.