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Technology and Products

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Overview

- Runtime Verification
 - Company
 - Licensed by University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 - Scientific Field
 - Co-pioneered with NASA colleagues and collaborators
- Products and Demos
 - RV-Match
 - RV-Predict
 - RV-Monitor
- Conclusion

The Company Runtime Verification, Inc.

Description of Company



Runtime Verification, Inc. (RV): startup company aimed at bringing the best ideas and technology developed by the runtime verification community to the real world as mature and competitive products; licensed by the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC), USA.

Mission: To offer the best possible solutions for reliable software development and analysis.

Computer Science (a) UIUC Ranked top 5 in USA (US News) #1 in USA in Soft. Eng. (csrankings.org) RV technology is licensed by UIUC RV employees are former UIUC students

Technology



- Runtime verification is a new field aimed at verifying computing systems as they execute
 - Good scalability, rigorous, no false alarms
- We are leaders in the field
 - Coined the term "runtime verification"
 - As a NASA research scientist, back in 2001
 - Founded the Runtime Verification conference (RV)
 - 100+ publications
 - Raised \$7M+ funding to develop technology

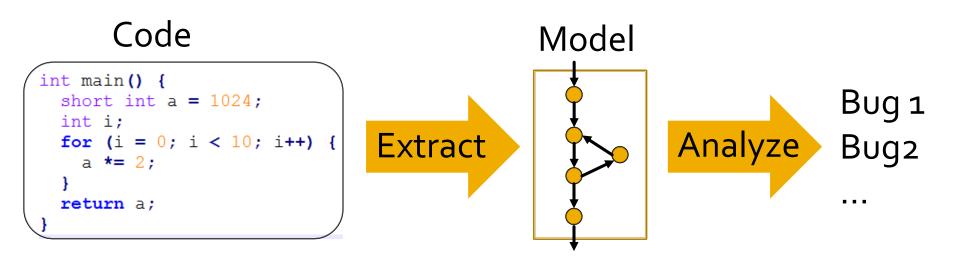
The Field Runtime Verification

What is Runtime Verification (RV)?

- Subfield of program analysis and verification
 - So is static analysis (SA)
 - SA and RV complement each other
- Main idea of RV is different from that of SA:
 - *Execute* program to analyze
 - Using instrumentation or in a special runtime environment
 - Observe execution trace
 - Build model from execution trace
 - Analyze model

Steps above may be combined (e.g., online analysis)

Recall Static Analysis (including model-checking)

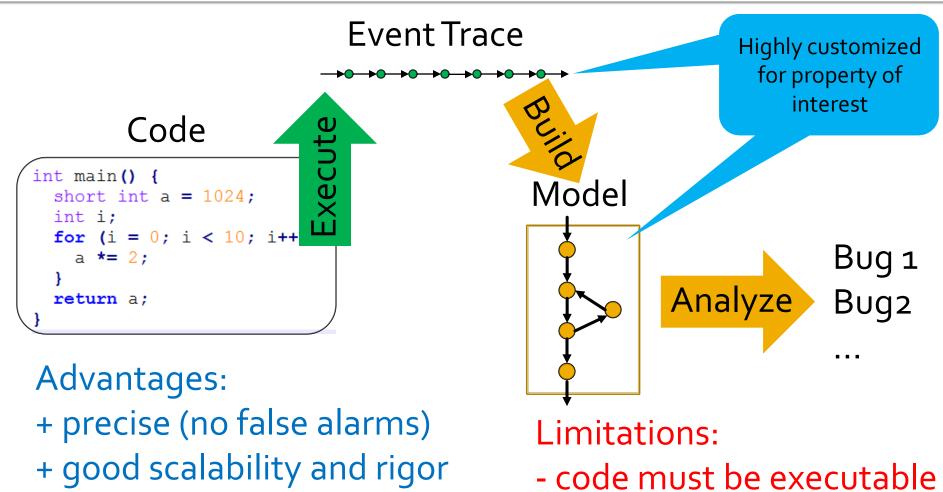


Advantages: + good code coverage + early in development + mature field

Limitations:

- undecidable problem, so
- false positives/negatives or
- does not scale

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+ recovery possible

- less code coverage

Addressing the Limitations

Code must be executable

- Use complementary, static analysis, earlier in process
- Use symbolic execution (RV-Match)
- Less code coverage
 - Integrate RV tools with your existing testing infrastructure: your unit tests should already provide good code coverage; invoke RV tools on each test
 - Systematic re-execution: cover new code each time
 - Symbolic execution covers many inputs at once

The Products

Runtime Verification

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RV-Match is a semantics-based automatic debugger for common and subtle C errors, and an automatic dynamic checker for all types of ISO C11 undefinedness. - C (mature); Java and JavaScript (prototypes)

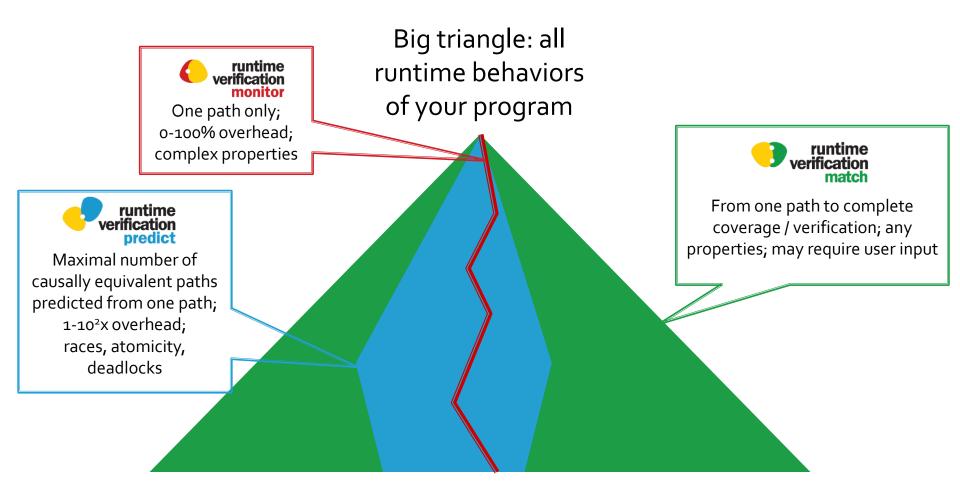


RV-Predict is an automatic dynamic data-race detector
for Java, which is sound (no false positives) and maximal
(no other sound dynamic tool can find more races).
Java (mature), C/C++ with interrupts (prototype)



RV-Monitor is a runtime monitoring tool that allows for checking and enforcement of safety properties over the execution of your software.
Java (prototype), C/C++ (prototype)

Runtime Verification Products Coverage vs. Performance vs. Expressiveness



Semantics-based runtime verification

RV-Match

RV-Match Overview

<u>Code (6-int-overflow.c)</u>

```
int main() {
    short int a = 1;
    int i;
    for (i = 0; i < 15; i++) {
        a *= 2;
    }
    return a;
}</pre>
```

Get to market faster, increase code portability, and save on development and debugging with the most advanced and precise semanticsbased bug finding tool. **RV-Match** gives you:

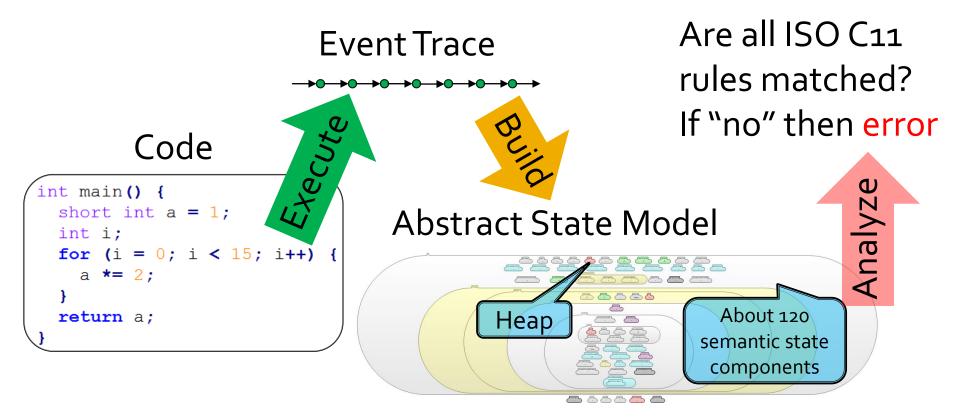
- an automatic debugger for subtle bugs other tools can't find, with no false positives
- seamless integration with unit tests, build infrastructure, and continuous integration
- a platform for analyzing programs, boosting standards compliance and assurance

Conventional compilers do not detect problem

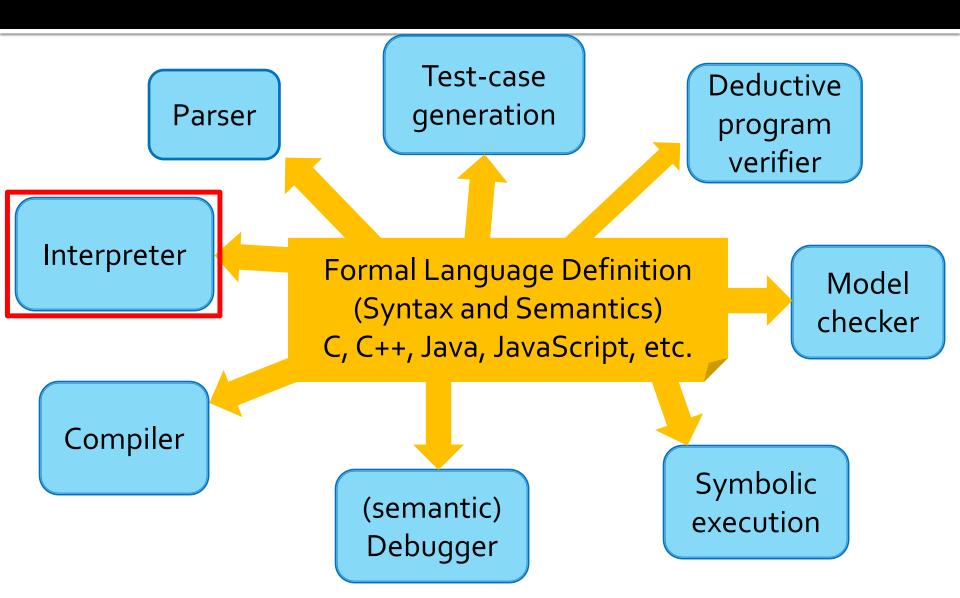
```
$ gcc 6-int-overflow.c
$ ./a.out
$ kcc 6-int-overflow.c
$ ./a.out
Error: IMPL-CCV2
Description: Conversion to signed integer outside the range that can be represented.
Type: Implementation defined behavior.
See also: C11 sec. 6.3.1.3:3, J.3.5:1 item 4
at main(6-int-overflow.c:29)
```

RV-Match Approach

- 1. Execute program within precise mathematical model of ISO C11
- 2. Build abstract program state model during execution
- 3. Analyze each event, performing consistency checks on state



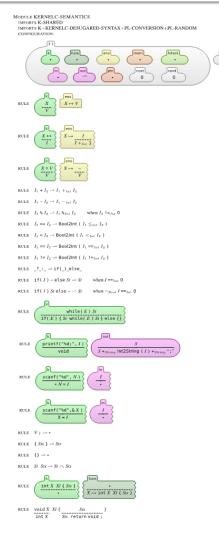
RV-Match: Bigger Picture

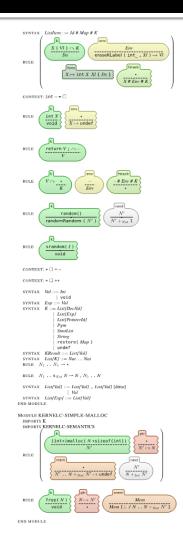


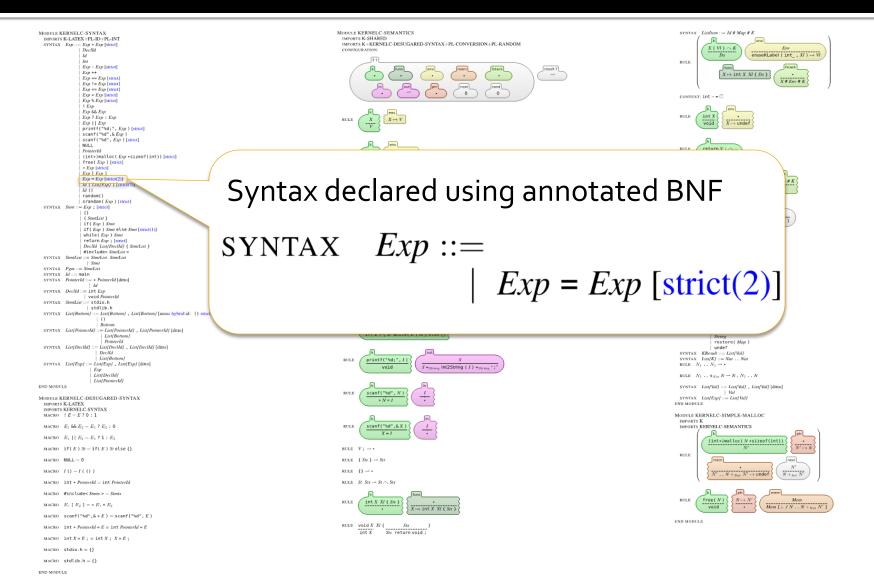
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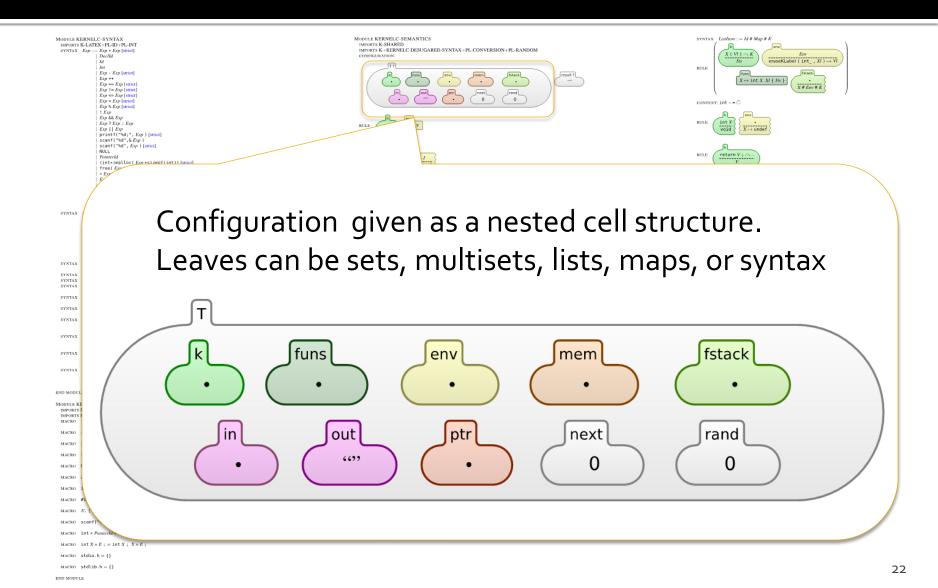
- To define programming languages formally, we use the academic K tool and notation
 - <u>http://kframework.org</u>
 - Developed in the Formal Systems Laboratory (my research group) at the University of Illinois
 - Open source



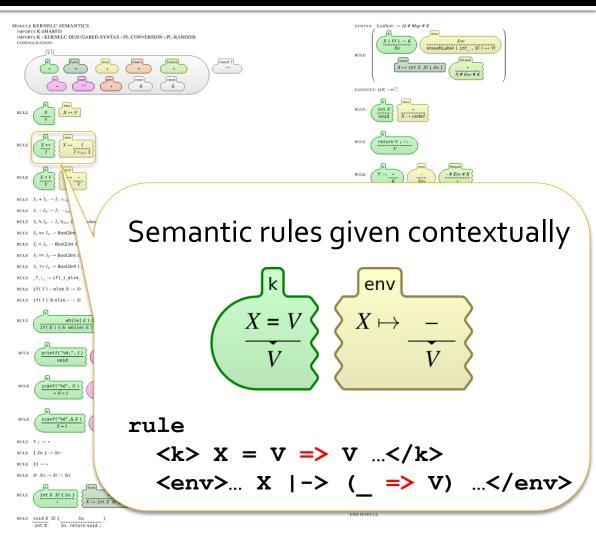










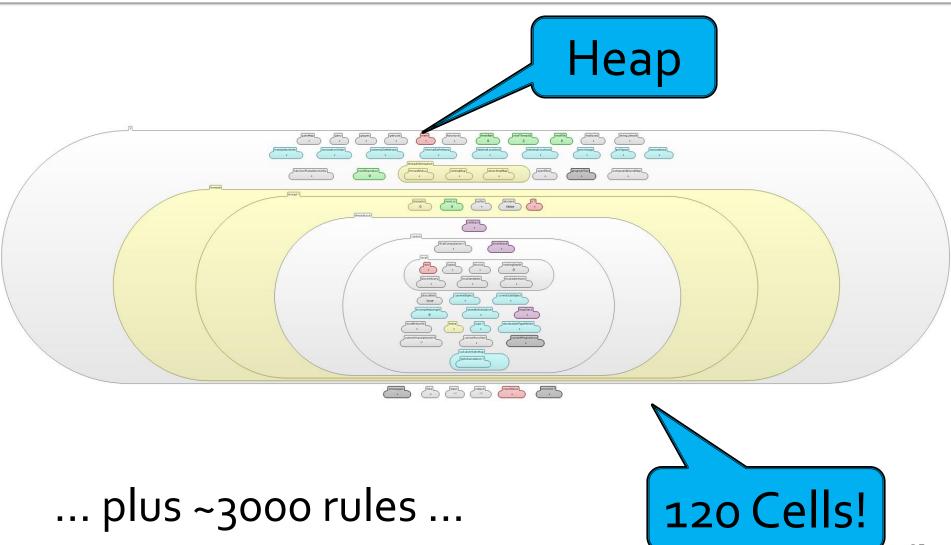


K Scales

Several large languages were recently defined in K:

- Java 1.4: by Bogdanas etal [POPL'15]
 - 800+ program test suite that covers the semantics
- JavaScript ES5: by Park etal [PLDI'15]
 - Passes existing conformance test suite (2872 pgms)
 - Found (confirmed) bugs in Chrome, IE, Firefox, Safari
- C11: Ellison etal [POPL'12, PLDI'15]
 - It defines the ISO C11 standard
 - Including all undefined behaviors

K Configuration and Definition of C



Advantages of RV-Match Approach

- No need to re-implement tools as language changes
 - Easy to customize tools
 - E.g., embedded C for a specific micro-controller
 - Programming languages continuously evolve (C90 → C99 → C11 → ...; or Java 1.4 → Java 5 → ... → Java 8 → ...)
- Tools are correct by construction
 - Tools are language-independent and can produce correctness certificates based on language semantics only
 - Language definitions are open-source and public
 - Experts worldwide can "validate" them
 - No developer "interpretation" of language meaning (e.g., C)

Does it Work?

- Let's use RV-Match with (extended) C11 semantics
- Goal: catch undefined behavior!
 - You should always avoid undefined behavior in your code!!!
 - Undefined behavior \rightarrow lack of portability, security risks, non-determinism
- Wrapped RV-Match[C11] as an ICO C11 compliant drop-in replacement of C compilers (e.g., gcc), called kcc
- Example: what does the following return?

```
int main() {
  int x = 0;
  return (x = 1) + (x = 2);
} 4 with gcc
3 with clang(LLVM)
ISO C11: undefined!
kcc reports error
```

Why Undefined Behavior Matters?

And, because of that, your code tested on PC will not port on embedded platform, will crush when you change compiler, and will give you different results with even the same compiler but different options ...

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pirit of C. The Committee kept as a major goal to preserve pirit of C. There are many facets of the spirit of C, but the essence ity sentiment of the underlying principles upon which the C language some of the facets of the spirit of C can be summarized in phrases like

Trust the programmer.

• Don't prevent the programmer from doing what needs to be done.

•Keep the language small and simple.

Provide only one way to do an operation.

Make it fast, even if it is not guaranteed to be portable.

The last proverb needs a little explanation. The potential for efficient of generation is one of the most important strengths of C. To help ensure that no explosion occurs for what appears to be a very simple operation, many operat

RV-Match DEMO

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 - Most of the examples above are also discussed, with detailed comments, at

https://runtimeverification.com/match/docs/runningexamples

You can also run the Toyota ITC benchmark: <u>https://runtimeverification.com/match/docs/benchmark</u>

Does it *Really* Work? Let's Evaluate it!

- Evaluated RV-Match on the *Toyota ITC benchmark*, aimed at quantitatively evaluating static analysis t
 - By Shin'ichi Shiraishi and collaborators
 - ISSRE'14 original paper, compared six tools; pa
 - Press release by Grammatech, available at <u>PRI</u>

Independent Study Names CodeSonar Best in Class after Head-to-Head Toyota InfoTechnology Center Compares Six Static Analysis Tools and Awards CodeSonar Top Overall Ranking

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ITHACA, N.Y., Feb. 12, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- GrammaTech, Inc., a leading maker of tools that improve and accelerate embedded software development, today announced that CodeSonar has been ranked first overall in a study titled Quantitative Evaluation of Static Analysis Tools, performed by the Toyota InfoTechnology Center. The study was conducted to determine which static analysis tools excel at finding safety problems in code, and its findings and accompanying benchmarks were just made available by John Regehr, Associate Professor of Computer Science at the University of Utah.

The report compares six different static analysis tools against benchmarks in eight safety-related categories of software defect types: Static Memory, Dynamic Memory, Numerical, Resource Management, Pointer-Related, Concurrency, Inappropriate Code, and Miscellaneous. The tools are then ranked in each category using a productivity metric that captures the ability of the tool to find real problems and simultaneously suppress false positives.

"Static analysis is an important, innovative, and powerful technique for finding and preventing critical problems in software," said Shinichi Shiraishi, Senior Researcher and lead author of the study. "We're excited to share these benchmarks with the global community of software developers, to help them find the right static analysis tool to ensure the safety of their code."

In addition to being ranked best overall, CodeSonar received the following rankings:

... report compares six different static analysis tools against benchmarks in eight safety-related categories of software defect types: Static Memory, Dynamic Memory, Numerical, Resource Management, Pointer-Related, Concurrency, ...

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Toyota ITC Benchmark Paper - Static Analysis Tools -

Shiraishi etal published revised version in *ISSRE 2015 1276 programs;* 3 static analysis tools compared

Grammatech CodeSonar wins again (numbers below from ISSRE'15 paper)

Shiraishi et al., ISSRE '15	RV-Match		GrammaTech CodeSonar			MathWorks Code Prover			MathWorks Bug Finder			GCC			Clang			
				DR	<u>FPR</u>	РМ	DR	<u>FPR</u>	РМ	DR	<u>FPR</u>	РМ	DR	<u>FPR</u>	РМ	DR	<u>FPR</u>	РМ
Static memory				100	100	100	97	100	98	97	100	98	0	100	0	15	100	39
Dynamic memory				89	100	94	92	95	93	90	100	95	0	100	0	0	100	0
Stack-related				0	100	0	60	70	65	15	85	36	0	100	0	0	100	0
Numerical				48	100	69	55	99	74	41	100	64	12	10	NA / I			33
Resource management				61	100	78	20	90	42	55	100	74	6	10	Wha			18
Pointer-related				52	96	71	69	93	80	69	100	83	9	10	get fo	or fi	ree	36
Concurrency				70	77	73	0	100	0	0	100	0	0	100			V	0
Inappropriate code				46	99	67	1	97	10	28	94	51	2	100	1	0		0
Miscellaneous				69	100	83	83	100	91	69	100	83	11	100	34	11	10	34
AVERAGE (Unweighted)				59	97	76	53	94	71	52	98	71	4	100	20	6	100	24
AVERAGE (Weighted)				68	98	82	53	95	71	62	99	78	5	100	22	7	100	26

DR: Percent of programs with defects where defects are reported

FPR: Percent of programs without defects, with defects incorrectly reported; $\underline{FPR} = 100 - FPR$

PM: Productivity metric: $\sqrt{DR \times (100 - FPR)}$

RV-Match on Toyota ITC Benchmark - Comparison with Static Analysis Tools -

- We do not have semantics for "inappropriate code" yet
- We miss defects because inherent limited code coverage of RV
 - No false positives for RV-Match!

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Pointer-related	98	100	99	52	96	71	69	93	80	69	100	83	9	100	30	13	100	36
Concurrency	67	100	82	70	77	73	0	100	0	0	100	0	0	100	0	0	100	0
Inappropriate code	0	100	0	46	99	67	1	97	10	28	94	51	2	100	13	0	100	0
Miscellaneous	63	100	79	69	100	83	83	100	91	69	100	83	11	100	34	11	100	34
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RV-Match on Toyota ITC Benchmark - Comparison with Other Analysis Tools -

- We have also evaluated other free analysis tools on the Toyota ITC benchmark
- Numbers for other tools may be slightly off; they were not manually checked yet
- Clang cannot be run with UBSan, ASan and TSan together; we ran them separately

Shiraishi et al., ISSRE '15	RV-Match			Valgrind + Helgrind (GCC)			UBSan + TSan + MSan + ASan (Clang)					(Value Plugin)	Compcert Interpreter		
	DR	<u>FPR</u>	РМ	DR	<u>FPR</u>	РМ	DR	<u>FPR</u>	РМ	DR	<u>FPR</u>	РМ	DR	<u>FPR</u>	РМ
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Stack-related	100	100	100	70	80	75	95	75	84	45	65	54	35	70	49
Numerical	96	100	98	22	100	47	59	100	77	79	47	61	48	79	62
Resource management	93	100	96	57	100	76	47	96	67	63	46	54	32	83	52
Pointer-related	98	100	99	60	100	77	58	97	75	81	40	57	87	73	80
Concurrency	67	100	82	72	79	76	67	72	70	7	100	26	58	42	49
Inappropriate code	0	100	0	2	100	13	0	100	0	33	63	45	17	83	38
Miscellaneous	63	100	79	29	100	53	37	100	61	83	49	63	63	71	67
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Competition on Software Verification (SV-COMP)



RV-Match on SV-Comp

- We had a tutorial at ETAPS'16 Congress. We heard colleagues at ETAPS'16 complaining that some of the correct SV-Comp benchmark programs are undefined
 - SV-Comp = benchmark for evaluating C program verifiers
 - Annual competition of program verification
- So we run the correct SV-Comp programs with kcc
- Unexpected results
 - Out of 1346 "correct programs", 188 (14%) were undefined, that is, wrong! So most program verifiers these days prove wrong programs correct. Think about it ...

RV-Match Error Reports

	The C11 semantic errors follow the template: Error_Type-Error_Code.
	The Error_Type can be one of: UB (Undefined Behavior), USP (Unspecified Behavior), CV (Constraint Violation), or IMPL (Implementation Specific Behavior)
	The Error_Code is a unique code used to identify a particular error.
Error	Description
UB-CB1	Types of function call arguments aren't compatible with declared types after promotions.
UB-CB2	Function call has fewer arguments than parameters in function definition.
UB-CB3	Function call has more arguments than parameters in function definition.
UB-CB4	Function defined with no parameters called with arguments.
UB-CCV1	Signed integer overflow.
UB-CCV3	Conversion to integer from float outside the range that can be represented.
UB-CCV4	Floating-point value outside the range of values that can be represented after conversion.
UB-CCV5	Casting empty value to type other than void.
UB-CCV6	Casting void type to non-void type.
UB-CCV7	Conversion from pointer to integer of a value possibly unrepresentable in the integer type.
UB-CCV11	Conversion to a pointer type with a stricter alignment requirement (possibly undefined).

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~200 different error reports

Predicting Concurrency Errors from Correct Executions without false alarms **RV-Predict**

RV-Predict Overview

<u>Tomcat (OutputBuffer.j</u>ava) public void clearEncoders() { encoders.clear(); protected void setConverter() . . . conv = (C2BConverter) encoders.get(enc); . . . **Conventional testing** approaches do not detect the data-race STS Results : Tests run: 0, Failures: 0, Errors: 0, Skipped: 0 . . . Data race on field java.util.HashMap.\$state: Concurrent write in thread T83 (locks held: {Monitor@67298f15}) ----> at org.apache.catalina.connector.OutputBuffer.clearEncoders(OutputBuffer.java:255)

Concurrent read in thread T61 (locks held: {})

----> at org.apache.catalina.connector.OutputBuffer.setConverter(OutputBuffer.java:604)

Automatically detect the rarest and most difficult data races in your Java/C code, saving on development effort with the most precise race finder available. **RV-Predict** gives you:

- an automatic debugger for subtle Java/C data races with no false positives
- seamless integration with unit tests, build infrastructure, and continuous integration
- <u>a maximal detection algorithm</u> that finds more races than any sound dynamic tool

RV-Predict precisely detects the data-race, and reports the relevant stack-traces

Simple C Data Race Example

#include <thread>

```
int var = 0; // shared
```

```
void thread1() {
    var++;
```

```
}
```

```
void thread2() {
    var++;
}
```

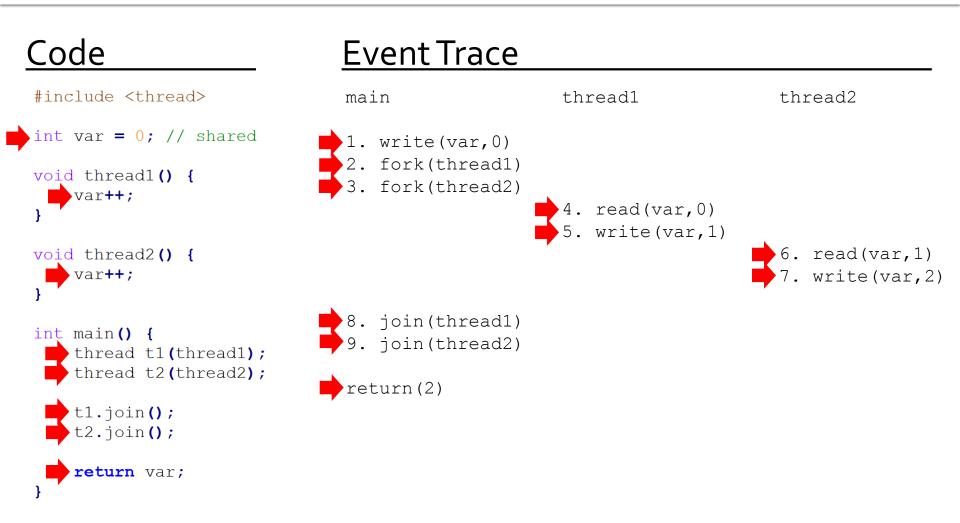
```
int main() {
   thread t1(thread1);
   thread t2(thread2);
```

```
t1.join();
t2.join();
```

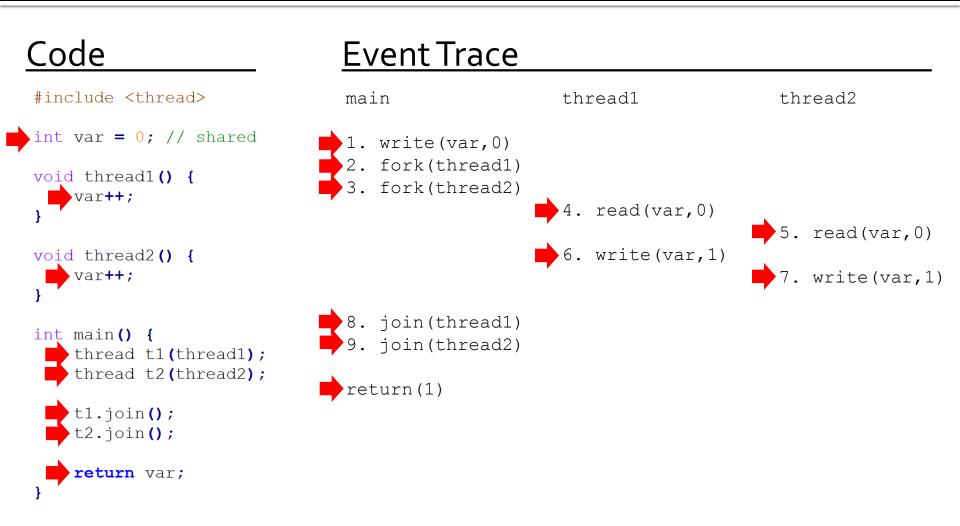
```
return var;
```

- What value does it return?
- Data race on shared var
- This one is easy to spot, but data races can be evil
 - Non-deterministic
 - Rare
 - Hard to reproduce
- Led to catastrophic failures
 - Human life (Therac 25, Northeastern blackout, ...)

Expected Execution

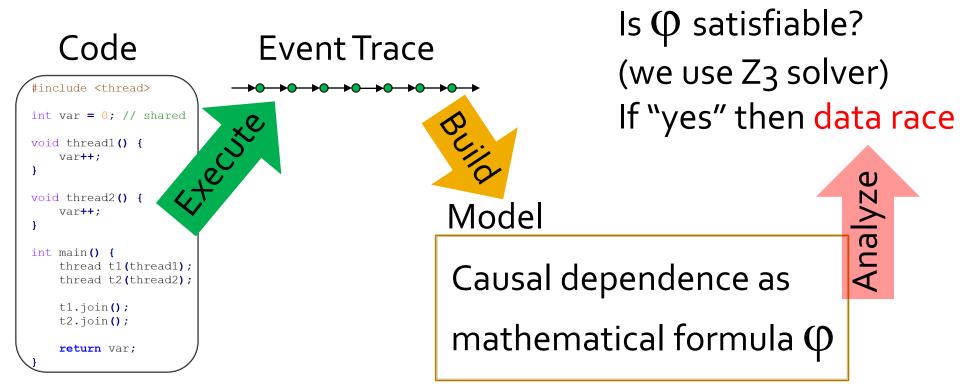


UnExpected Execution (Rare)



RV-Predict Approach

- 1. Instrument program to emit event trace when executed
- 2. Give every observed event an order variable
- 3. Encode event causal ordering and data race as constraints
- 4. Solve constraints with SMT solver



Predicting Data Races

<u>Code</u>

#include <thread>

int var = 0; // shared
void thread1() {
 var++;

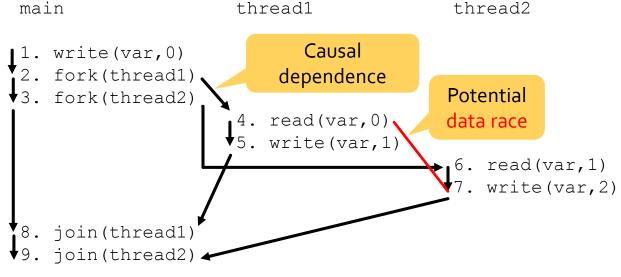
If φ satisfiable then
data race is possible
 (no false alarm)

t1.join();
t2.join();

return var;

}

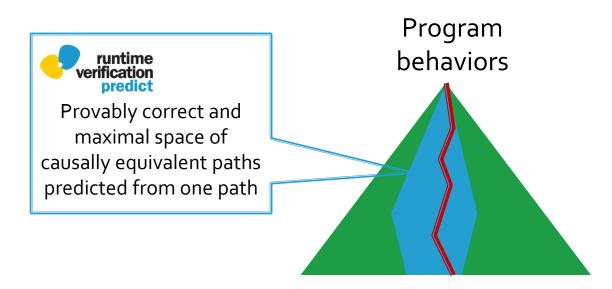




```
return(2)
```

Encode causal dependence and data race as constraints:

RV-Predict Features



- Also synchronization, interrupts; see demo
- No false alarms: all predicted races are real
- Maximal: Impossible to precisely (without false alarms) predict more races than RV-Predict does from the same execution trace

RV-Predict DEMO

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Monitor Safety Requirements and Recover when Violations Detected **RV-Monitor**

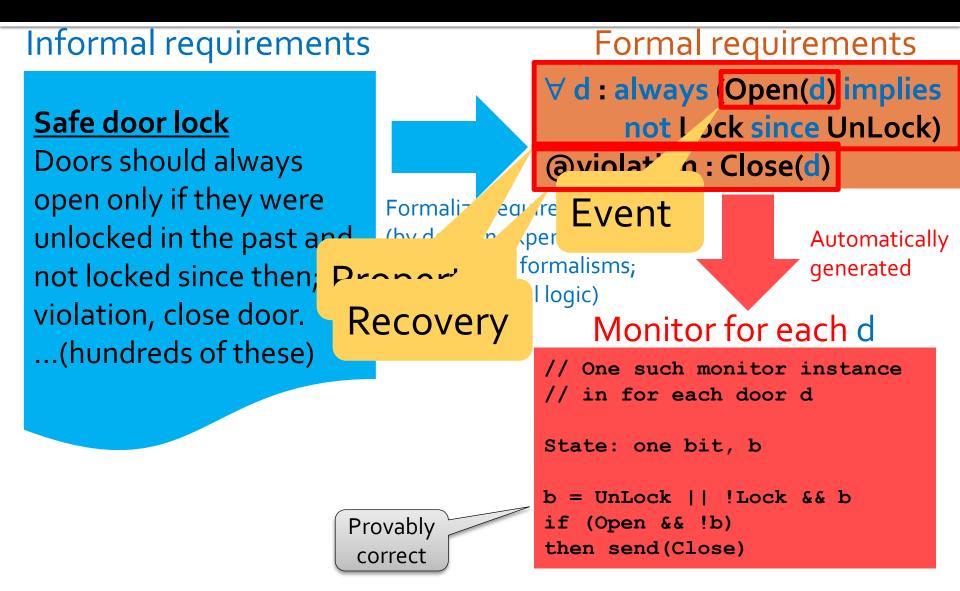
RV-Monitor for C

RV-Monitor is a code generator

- Takes safety property specifications as input
- Generates efficient monitoring code library as output
 - Provably correct: proof certificate can also be generated
- Specifications can be implicit (generic API protocols) or explicit (application-specific)
- RV-Monitor specifications consist of
 - Events: snapshots of system execution
 - Properties: desired sequences of events
 - Recovery: what to do when property violated

RV-Monitor Example

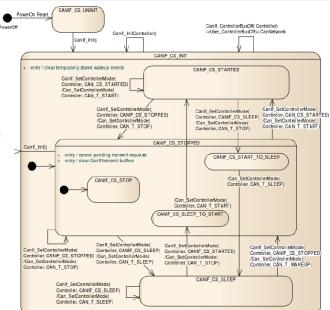




RV-Monitor Applications

RV-AUTOSAR

- Monitor AUTOSAR compliance
- Formalized 20+ CAN interface properties
- RV-ECU
 - ECU in charge of safety on CAN bus
 - Runs LLVM
 - All code generated automatically from safety specifications; provably correct
 - Built prototype using STM ECU board STM3210C-EVAL
 - Currently runs in an actual car (model omitted)





RV-ECU DEMO

 Go to <u>https://runtimeverification.com/ecu</u> and watch video

Conclusion



- Runtime Verification, Inc., is a new startup company licensed by the University of Illinois
- Offers solutions for reliable and safe software
- Technology based on runtime verification
 - Scalable, rigorous, automatic, no false alarms
 - Can also be done exhaustively: full verification
 - Leaders in the field
- Business model
 - General-purpose libraries and tools
 - Custom tools and services to select customers