

Date 29/09/2023

Challenge 01 "Automation of cybersecurity verification for cyber physical systems"

Challenge 01 Working Group Meeting

Philippe Massonet, Coordinateur Scientifique CETIC
Guillaume NGuyen, UNamur
Martin Vivian, UCLouvain
Denis Darquennes, CETIC



<https://cyberwal.be>
<https://cyberexcellence.be>

Agenda

15:00-15:20	Improvements for stateful fuzzing	Martin Vivian (UCLouvain)
15:20-15:40	Identification of Cyber Physical System (CPS) & Orchestration of fuzzing testing	Guillaume Nguyen (Unamur)
15:40-16:00	Automated cybersecurity testing with genetic algorithms	Denis Darquennes, Philippe Massonet (CETIC)

Challenge 01 "Automation of cybersecurity verification for cyber physical systems"

- **Summary of the Challenge:**

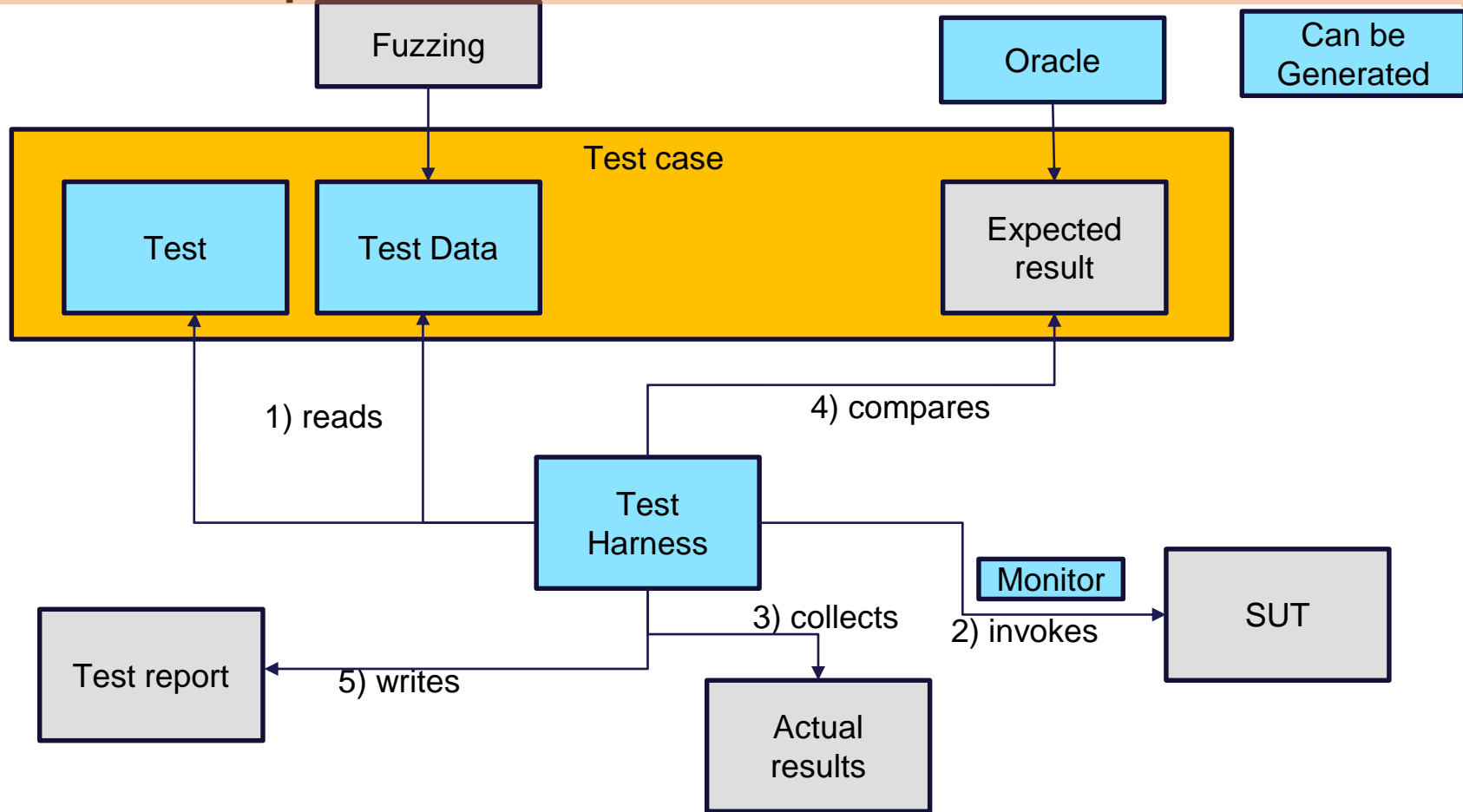
- Penetration testing: still a very manual process, requires cybersecurity experts
- Ambition: automate (partly) the creation of penetration tests to make penetration tests more accessible to companies (SMEs, large companies)

- **Research Challenges:**

- Automatic generation of functional cybersecurity tests (security architecture), use of different generation techniques (to compare) for penetration tests:
 - Fuzzing techniques,
 - Generation of tests by genetic mutation

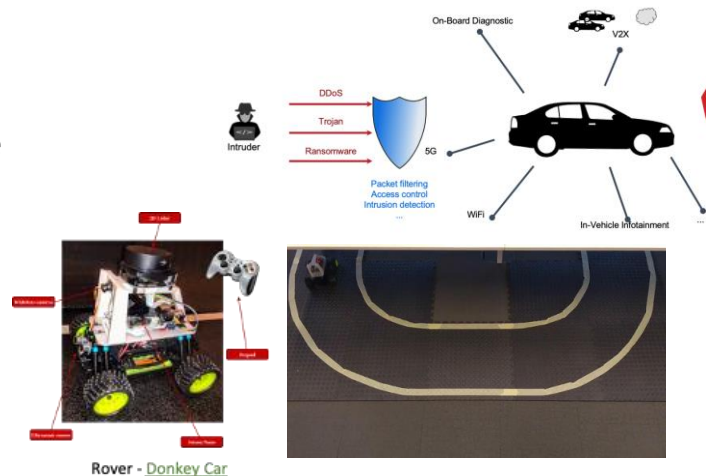
 - Generating tests from models
 - ...
- Partial automation in the form of assistance with the creation process and definition of penetration tests.

"Test Harness pattern" - Generation



Défi 01 : Automatisation de la vérification cybersécurité de systèmes cyber physiques - consultation – Problèmes de recherche

- Problèmes de recherche
 - UNamur : fuzzing guidé par des algorithmes génétiques (Prof. Xavier Devroey, 1 chercheur)
 - UCLouvain : fuzzing – découverte de protocoles de communication par apprentissage, analyse de malware (Prof. Axel Legay, 2 chercheurs)
 - CETIC : génération de jeux de tests, proposition d'une étude de cas (Philippe Massonet, 2 chercheurs pour 1ETP)
- Expérimentation dans la factory
 - Déploiement d'un système à tester dans une sandbox de la factory
 - Etude de cas :
 - véhicule connecté (V2X)+ centre de gestion de trafic (Cloud)
 - Introduction de vulnérabilités
 - Challenge : tests générés découvrent-ils les vulnérabilités/malware



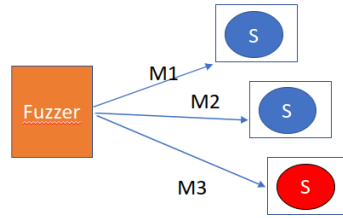
Improvements for stateful fuzzing

Martin Vivian, UCLouvain

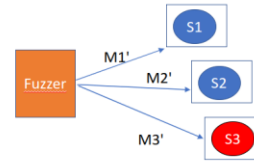
Reminder

Fuzzing on State Machine

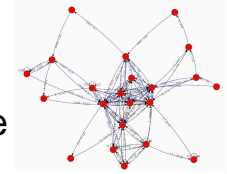
Stateless fuzzing



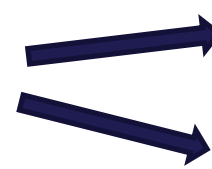
Stateful fuzzing



State machine



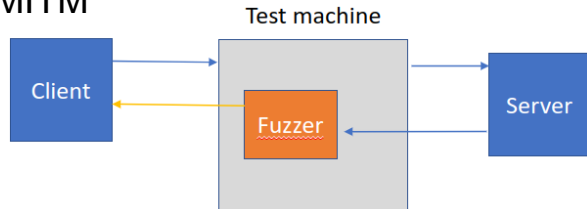
Each message have their grammar
Order of the message in this example, we must send M1' before M2' to reach S3



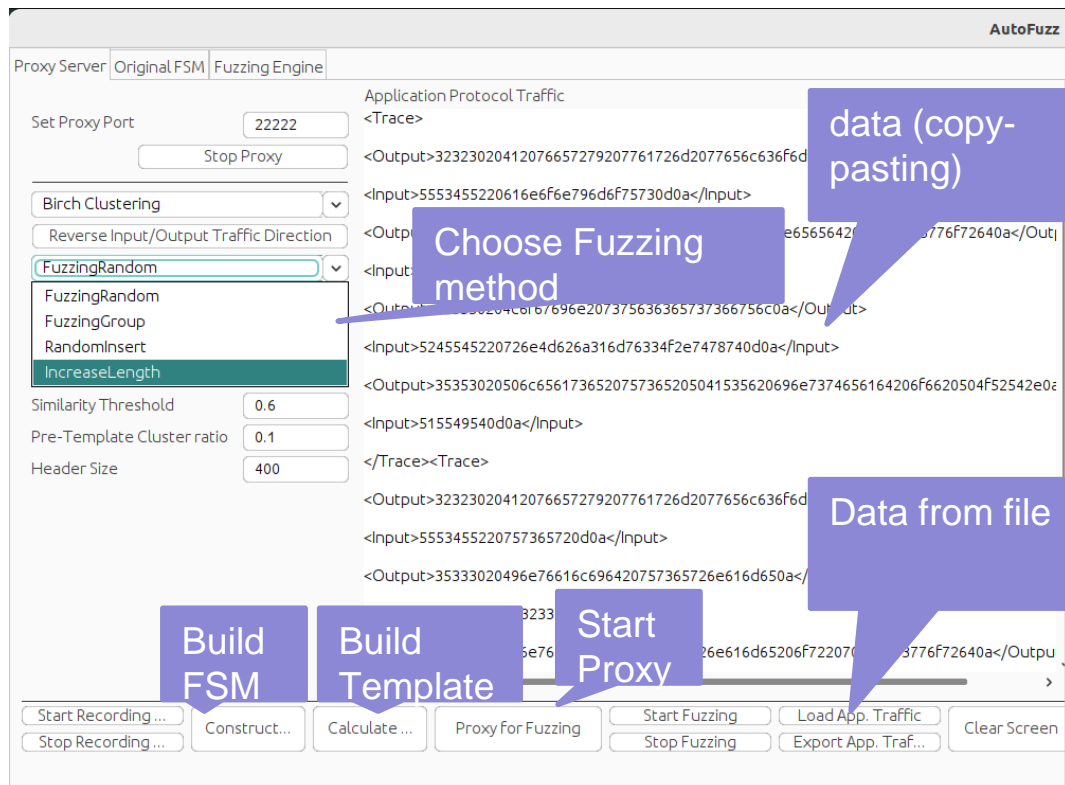
State machine

Template of message for each state transition

MITM



Tool Introduction



The screenshot shows the AutoFuzz tool interface. It has three tabs: Proxy Server, Original FSM, and Fuzzing Engine. The Fuzzing Engine tab is active, showing a list of fuzzing methods: Birch Clustering, FuzzingRandom (selected), FuzzingGroup, RandomInsert, and IncreaseLength. Below the list are input fields for Similarity Threshold (0.6), Pre-Template Cluster ratio (0.1), and Header Size (400). The main area displays XML-like traffic logs with callouts: 'data (copy-pasting)' pointing to an <Output> tag, 'Choose Fuzzing method' pointing to the FuzzingRandom dropdown, and 'Data from file' pointing to the <Input> tags. At the bottom, there are buttons for 'Start Recording...', 'Stop Recording...', 'Construct...', 'Calculate ...', 'Proxy for Fuzzing', 'Start Fuzzing', 'Stop Fuzzing', 'Load App. Traffic', 'Export App. Traf...', and 'Clear Screen'. Callouts at the bottom left indicate 'Build FSM' and 'Build Template' pointing to the Construct and Calculate buttons, and 'Start Proxy' pointing to the Proxy for Fuzzing button.

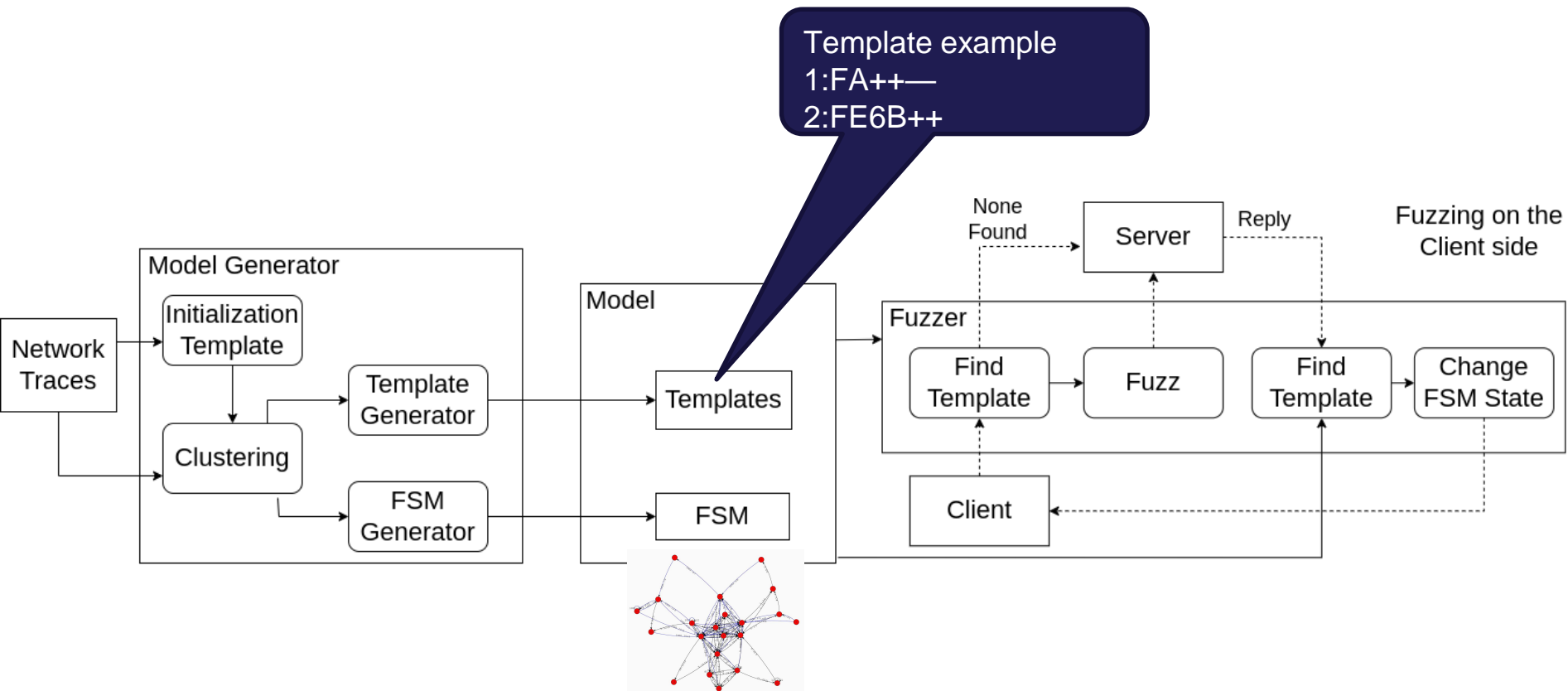
Data in XML format

```
<Trace></Trace> : session  
<Input></Input> : data  
<Output></Output>
```

Initially start to improve Autofuzz :
<https://sourceforge.net/projects/autofuzz/>

Finally keep UI and modify the rest

Process of the Tool



Clustering for State Machine

Gather similar networking messages from the data to build a fsm based on this cluster

1) Pretemplate :

Find highest variable part (like crc, session id...) and don't take in account for clustering

Example : FE+++++++A-----+++--- => "+" indicate high variability

2) Header separation (clustering on header) :

Choose an header length for the clustering

Example : header = 4 for frame "AABBCCDD" => header part is AABB

Create separate cluster for size below

Create a separate cluster for unclusterized data

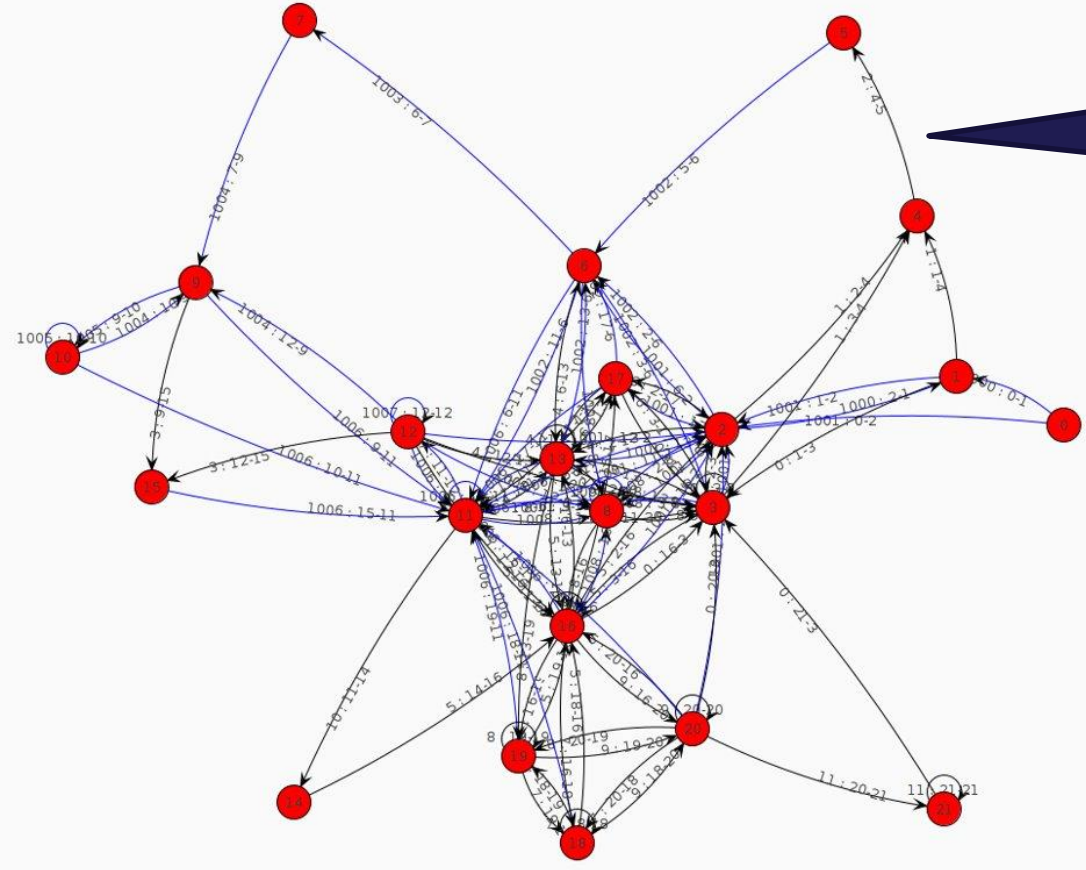
3) Algorithm used

Hierarchical Clustering algorithm :

(BirchLeaf clustering) : <https://github.com/sbobek/smiling/blob/master/demo/src/main/java/smile/demo/vq/BIR>

Link between State Machine and cluster

- We are at the state 4
- We receive an output message that match the cluster ID 2 then we go to the state 5



Cluster Id 2 should be represented by the template : AF++-C---++
 And the message received should be AFEBFCEEAA

If output are fuzz then the message will be fuzzed following the corresponding template

Template and Fuzzing Strategy

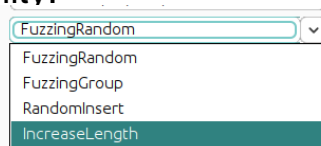
Template :

- Since the fuzzer is in MitM we can modify the messages by following a template
- We need before to calculate the template for each cluster
- Distinction between constant value, strong and weak variable with χ^2 (distribution for each position in the frame).

Strategy :

- Don't fuzz constant, less fuzzing for highest variable and high fuzzing for weak variable.
Template example : **FE++++** (red no fuzzing, yellow low probability to be fuzzed and green higher probability).

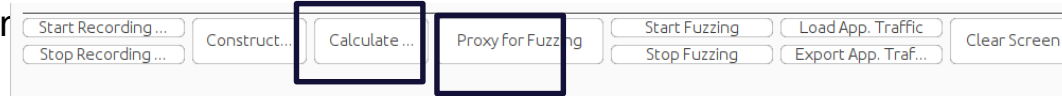
- Fuzzing Function :



- Possibility to not fuzz all frame, select states to fuzz.

Information :

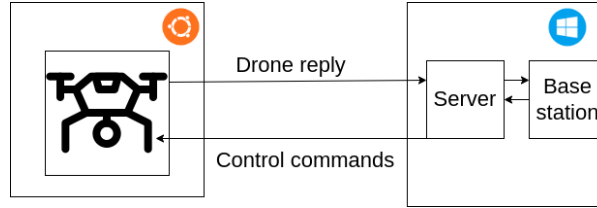
Distinction between constant value, strong and weak variable



Application to Industrial drone Case Study

Industrial protocol characterised by

- CRC
- Session ID
- DateTime
- Telemetric, logs packets
- Header
- Black-box
- No always tuple input-output
- No text-interpretable protocol



Results on the case study

- Relevant State machine
- Relevant template to identify cluster and reusable for fuzzing
- Tools is enough good to create separate state for the drone commands
 - For example each time that we start the motors we go to the state 9.
 - It gives the possibility to only fuzz specific control command without modifying telemetries packet and get the good fuzzing template .
- For the moment on the case studies with this we can create protocols errors but not really crash or vulnerability.

Application to the Rover Case Study and demonstration plans

- We could directly test our tools on the Rover case study by following the same strategy of the drone.
- Some parameters should be change for example : header size, cluster number, size of dataset, probability to fuzz...
- The difficulty should be to place the tools between the rover. It may be necessary to integrate the possibility of injecting data via a MitM attack.

Next Steps and progress in maturity of results

- Test on more case studies
- Fix last issues : the tool sometimes seems to miss to fuzz some packets, the fsm build use too many memory => limitation for the dataset size.
- Find an heuristics to know in advance the number of clusters
- Possibility to correct the model during the fuzzing phases

Test-based classification framework for CPS

Guillaume Nguyen, UNamur

Table of contents

1. Context
2. Survey
3. Challenges
4. Conclusion

Context


Ambient
Intelligence

Proprietary
Technologies

Versatility

Fuzzing



Automotive Industry 

Regulations Standards

Regulation (EU) 2019/2144


Please Select the systems you would like to check:


Antilock Brake System


Lane Assist

Cruise Control

ADAS




Automotive Industry 


Lane Assist 

Please configure the test:


Testing level

Unit Test 

Knowledge level

White Box 

Grey Box

Black Box 

Find
Testi
ng
Tools

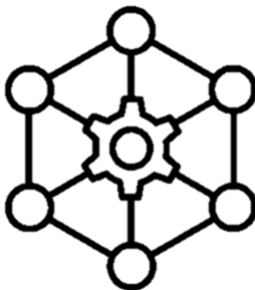
Survey

Project Partners

Cross Industries
(Belgium/EU)

Survey on challenges

Since May, only 5 usable
responses to the
questionnaire



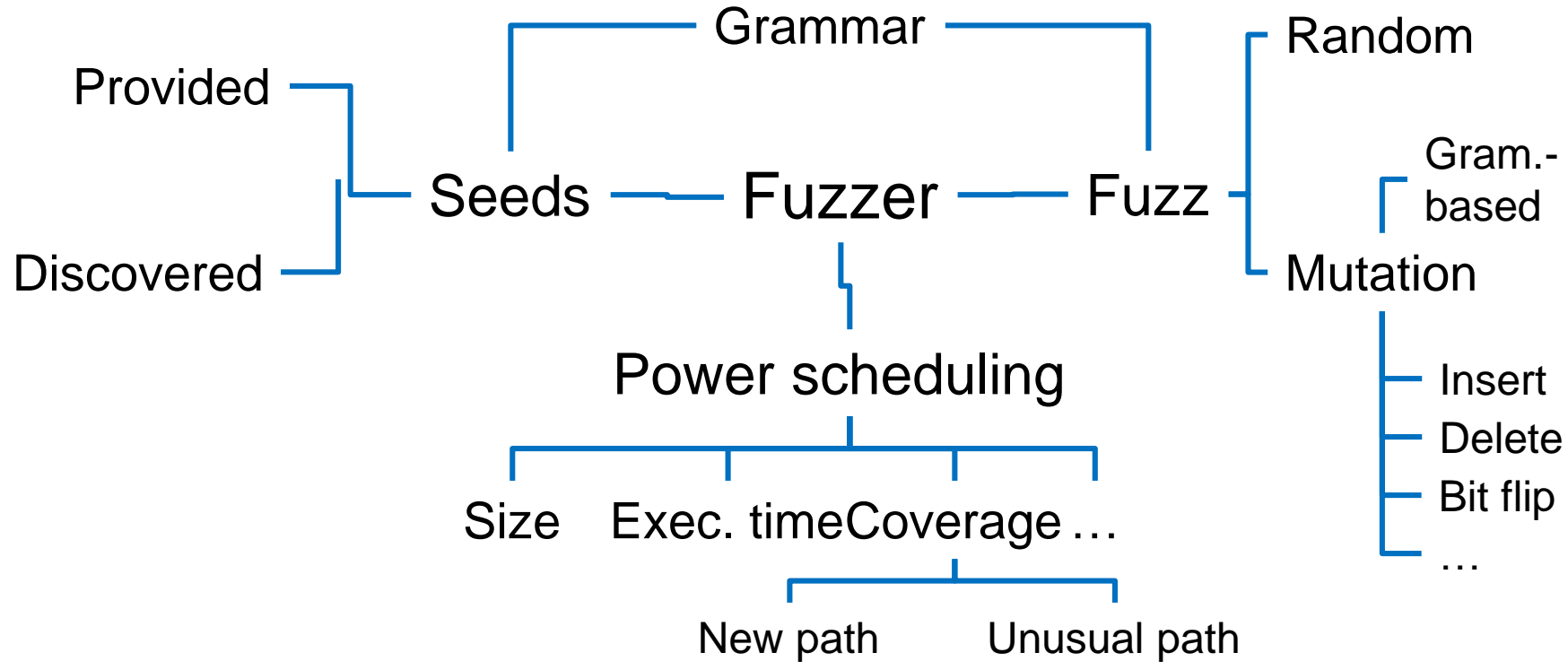
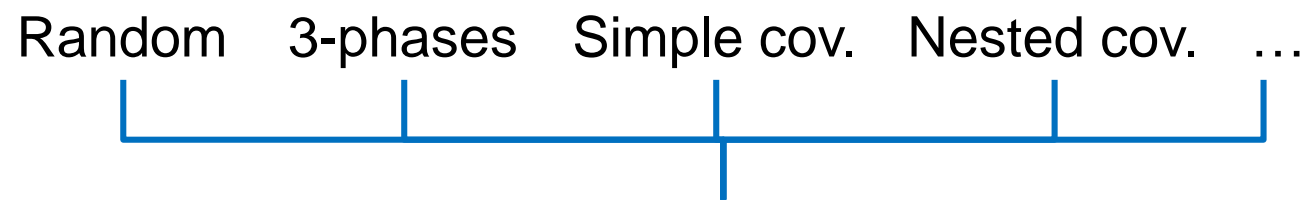
Challenges

- How can we ensure overall quality through time?
 - Regulations adaptations
 - Internal processes changes
 - Standards developments
 - Industry needs évolutions

We don't want to make new products every 30 years!

Fuzzing as a one-go technique

- We already identified that CPS were developed and operated using various technologies, constructors, protocols, etc.
- Fuzzing allows for various levels of agnosticism. It has capabilities ranging from brute-force to very specific surgical types of attacks.
- Multiple tools already exist it's all about finding the good one.



Conclusion

- We need more responses for a more qualitative analyses of the test challenges when it comes to CPS
- We will perform multiple case studies to spot the differences accross industries
- Dynamic testing and evolution will benefit industries, customers and states
- We will identify the most suitable fuzzing tests and tools

Automated cybersecurity testing with genetic algorithms

Denis Darquennes, Philippe Massonet

How can genetic algorithms be used for Cybersecurity testing ?

Cybersecurity test generation methods and tools based on **genetic algorithms**

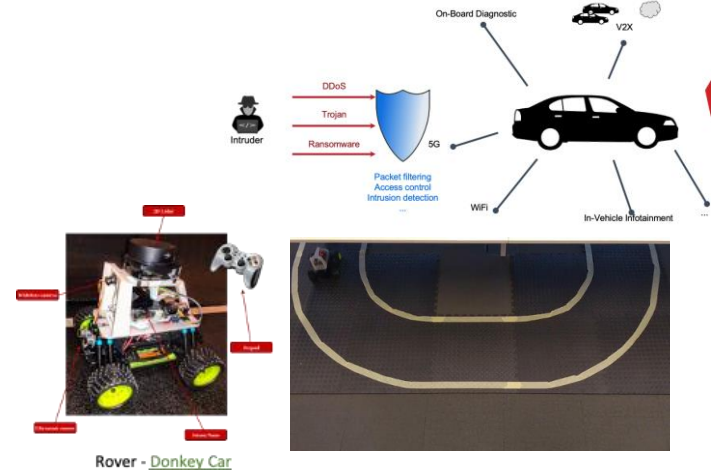
Tools (White box):

- Pynguin (Python)
- EvoSuite (Java)
- Mull (C/C++)

Not cybersecurity specific

Cybersecurity architecture testing (CIA) ?

Penetration testing, Vulnerability analysis ?



Platooning case Study with rovers (CPS)

Methodology for Cybersecurity architecture testing (CIA)

Cybersecurity architecture testing (CIA) ?

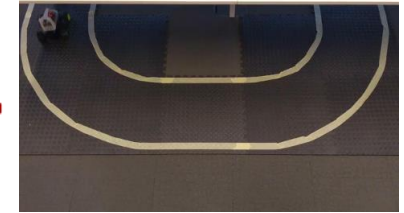
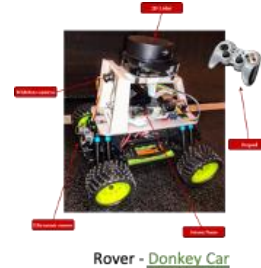
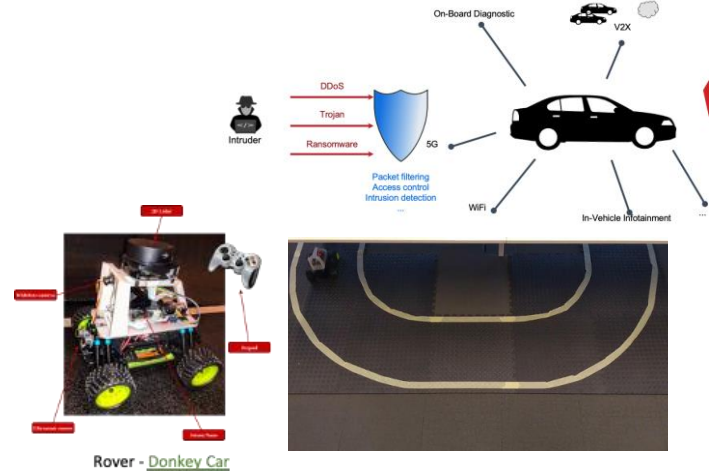
Generate CIA assertions from specifications, e.g. UMLSec model + model checker to generate assertions for code

Manually write CIA assertions that capture requirements

Integrate assertions into SUT code

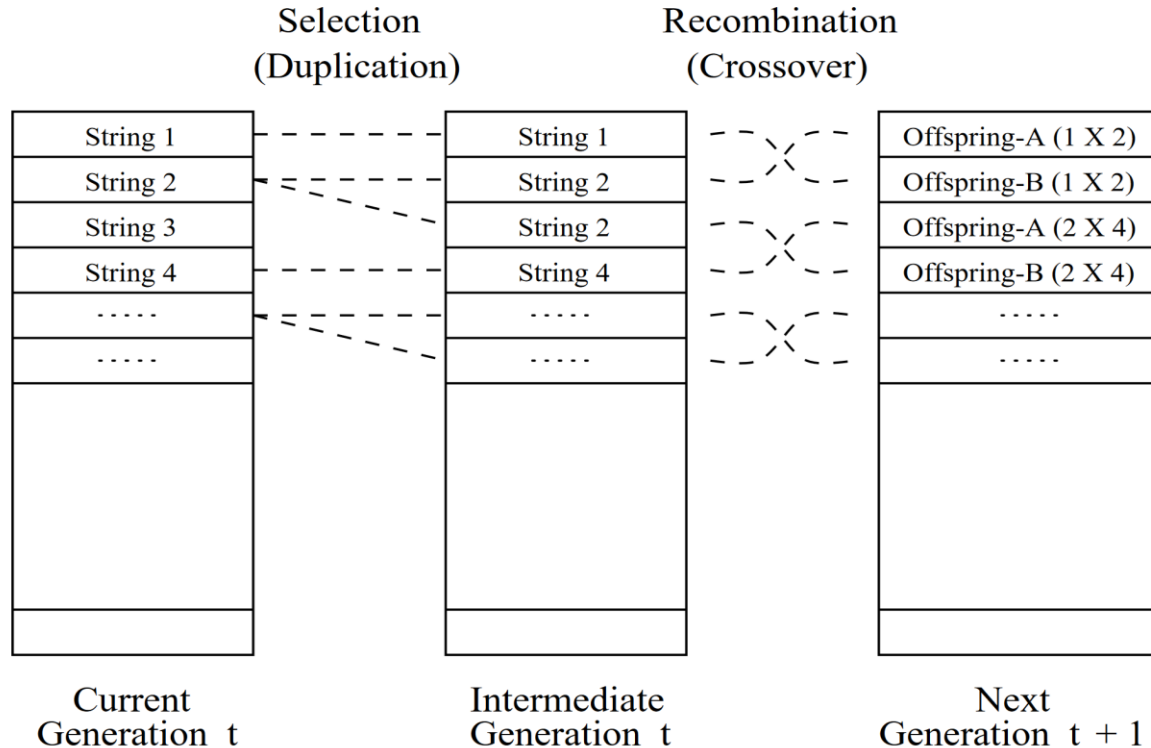
- Tools (White box):
- Pynguin (Python)
 - EvoSuite (Java)
 - Mull (C/C++)

Platooning case Study with rovers (CPS)



Why genetic algorithms for software cybersecurity testing

From : "A Genetic Algorithm Tutorial". D. Whitley. Springer 1994



Why genetic algorithms for software cybersecurity testing (1/2)

Example of recombination

11010 \ / 01100101101
yxyyx / \ yxxyyxyxxy

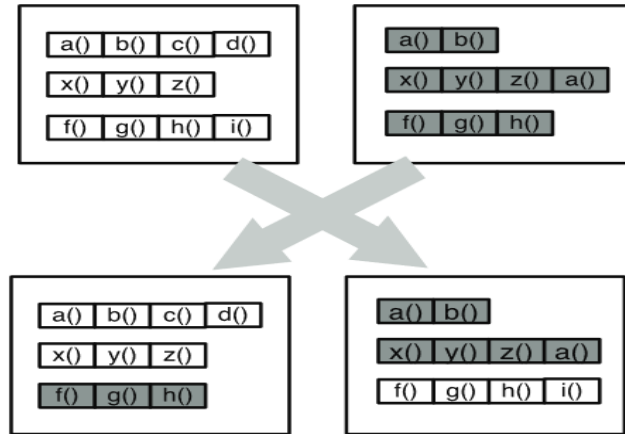
11010yxxyyxyxxy

and

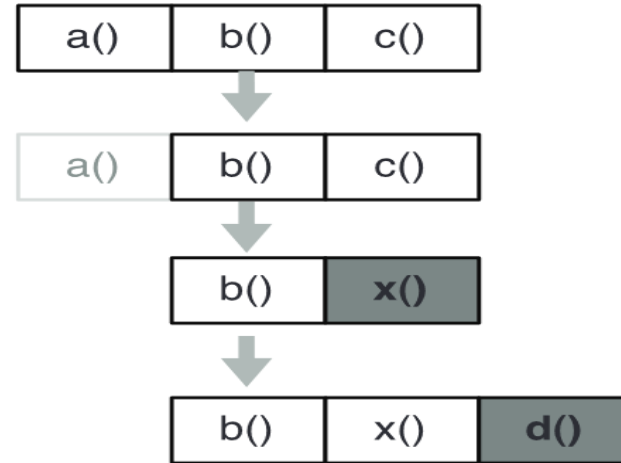
yxyyx01100101101

EvoSuite (Java) : Test Suite Generation

- <https://www.evosuite.org/evosuite/>
- Test suite generation
- The individuals of population are sets of test cases (test suites)
- Crossover is based on exchanging test cases
- Mutation adds/modifies tests to suites, and adds/removes/changes statements within tests
- Fitness function estimates how close a test suite is to covering all branches of a program



(a) Test Suite Crossover



(b) Test Case Mutation

- (From “Whole Test Suite Generation”, G. Fraser, A. Arcuri, IEEE Trans. on Sftw Eng, 2013)

EvoSuite (Example)

```
public void test3() throws Throwable {
    TestReentrantLock testReentrantLock0 = new TestReentrantLock();
    testReentrantLock0.methodeB(1626);
    testReentrantLock0.methodeB(1626);
    String[] stringArray0 = new String[5];
    stringArray0[0] = "jZMv]:•2V0B{0a/#,O";
    stringArray0[1] = "";
    stringArray0[2] = "bF\"^2;cOM^MXVz-H•";
    stringArray0[3] = "/=V5Qu(=hv-Q!d<!U";
    stringArray0[4] = ":<s3K4p{sE";
    TestReentrantLock.main(stringArray0);
    testReentrantLock0.methodeB(1626);
    testReentrantLock0.methodeB(1);
    testReentrantLock0.methodeA(1626);
    testReentrantLock0.methodeB(720);
    testReentrantLock0.methodeA(1626);
    testReentrantLock0.methodeA((-2314));
    testReentrantLock0.methodeB(42);
    testReentrantLock0.methodeA((-1));
    testReentrantLock0.methodeB(0);
    testReentrantLock0.methodeB(720);
    testReentrantLock0.methodeA(0);
    testReentrantLock0.methodeB(1626);
    testReentrantLock0.methodeA((-1));
```

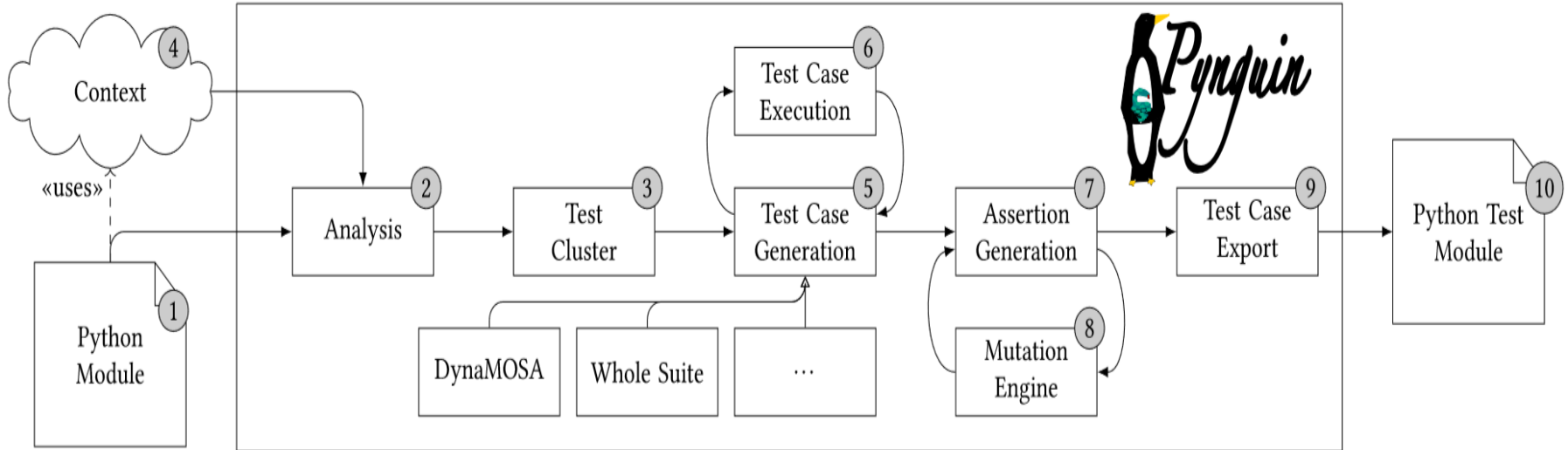
Pynguin (Python) (cont)

- <https://pynguin.readthedocs.io/en/latest/index.html>
- Generation of regression assertions within its generated test cases based on the values observed during test-case execution
- Need to analyse code, assertable types : enum values, builtin types (int, str, bytes, bool and None), builtin collection types (tuple, list, dict and set) + assertion generation on raised exceptions
- Observed properties: return values of functions, method invocations



Pynguin (Python)

<https://pynguin.readthedocs.io/en/latest/index.html>

(from “Pynguin: Automated Unit Test Generation for Python”, S. Lukasczyk, G. Fraser)



Pynguin (Python)

```
def triangle(x: int, y: int, z: int) -> str:
    if x == y == z:
        return "Equilateral triangle"
    elif x == y or y == z or x == z: 
        return "Isosceles triangle"
    else:
        return "Scalene triangle" 

import example as module0

def test_case_0():
    complex_0 = -298.067 + 2058j
    bool_0 = True
    str_0 = module_0.triangle(complex_0, complex_0, bool_0)
    assert str_0 == "Isosceles triangle"

def test_case_1():
    str_0 = 'M8M-3]Q.(UDhzK`5Bc"'
```

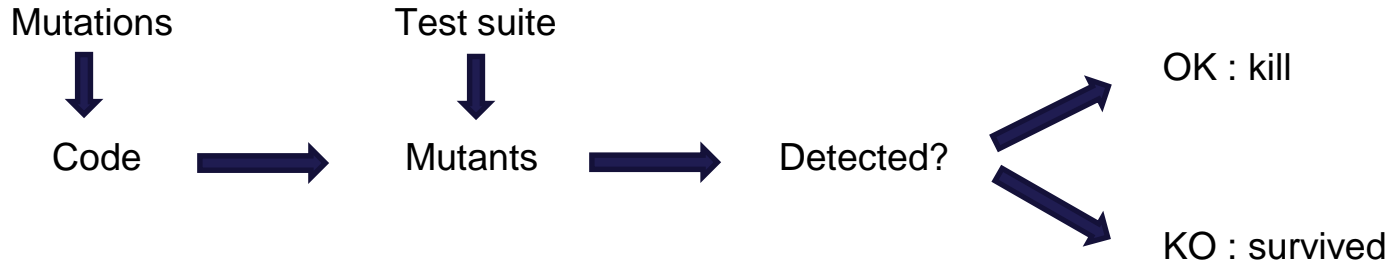
```
INFO Start generating assertions generator.py:599
INFO Setup mutation controller mutationadapter.py:
INFO Build AST for example mutationadapter.py:
INFO Mutate module example mutationadapter.py:
INFO Generated 14 mutants mutationadapter.py:6
INFO Running tests on mutant 1/14 assertiongenerator.py:
.../....
INFO Running tests on mutant 14/14 assertiongenerator.py:
INFO Mutant 0 killed by Test(s): 0, 1, assertiongenerator.py:
2, 3, 4
INFO Mutant 1 killed by Test(s): 0, 1, assertiongenerator.py:
2, 3, 4
INFO Mutant 2 killed by Test(s): 2 etc....

Written 5 test cases to generator.py:712
/tmp/pynguin-results/test_example.py
```

Mull (C/C++)

<https://github.com/mull-project/mull>

Evaluate and **improve** quality of software existing tests (does not generate new tests)



Maybe useful to complement a tool that generates tests

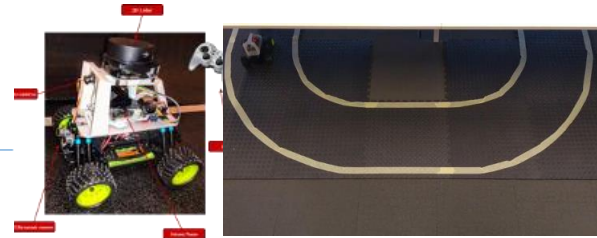
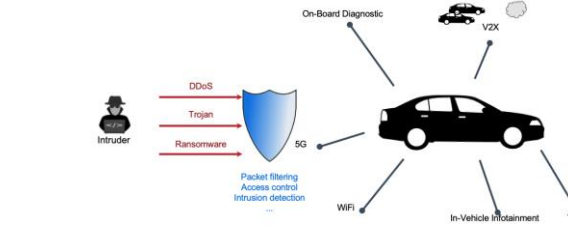
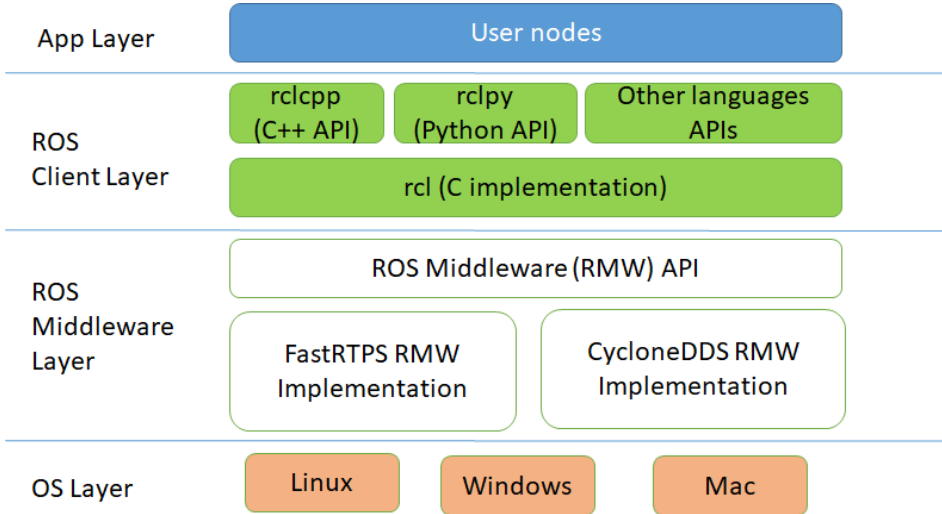
Application to the Rover Case Study and demonstration plans

EvoSuite
(Java)

Pynguin
(Python)

Mull
(C/C++)

Traffic Supervision
(Java)



Rover - [Donkey Car](#)

CPS case Study

...

Next Steps and progress in maturity of results

- Cybersecurity architecture testing (CIA)
 - Place testing tools in a Kubernetes Container
 - Apply test generation tools to the rover platoon case study
 - Try other genetic algorithm based test case generation tools, e.g. for C/C++
 - Try other tools that genetic algorithms
- Penetration testing, Vulnerability analysis ?
 - tests can reveal faults that can become vulnerabilities?

Planning réunion de groupe de travail par Défi

Date	Description
23/01/2023	First meeting of the working group
29/09/2023	Présentation des research results and discussion on demonstrators
*/01/2024	Présentation of démonstrateurs
*/06/2024 */09/2024	Présentation of final demonstrators

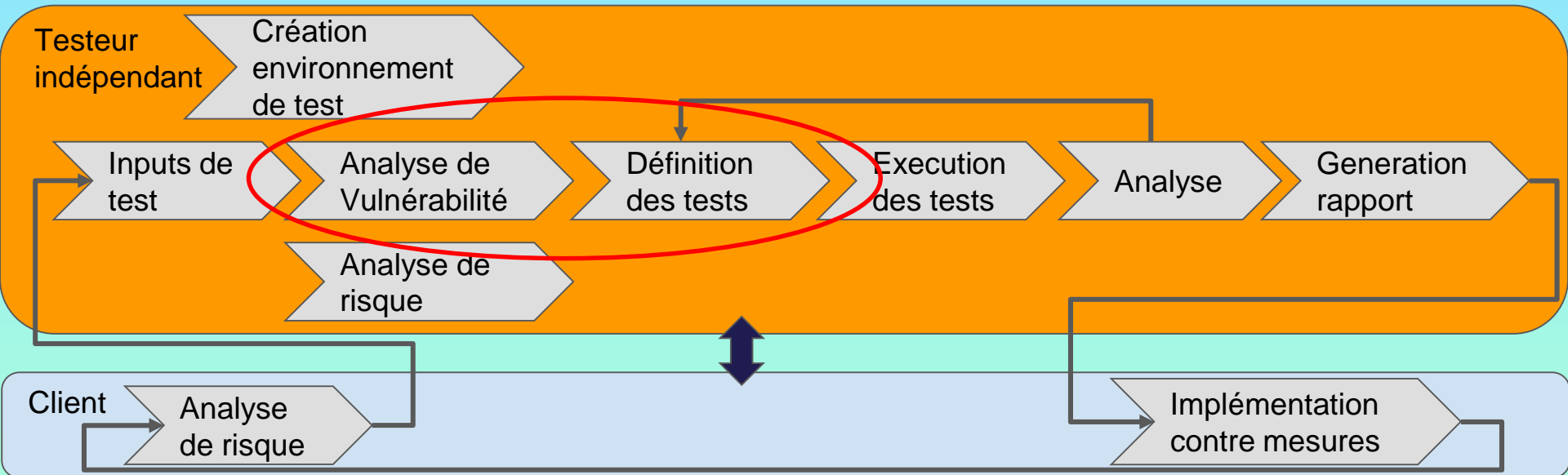
Who participates:

- Companies interested in the challenge
- Challenge Manager
- Researchers contributing to the challenge

Thank you for your attention

Processus de Tests de Pénétration

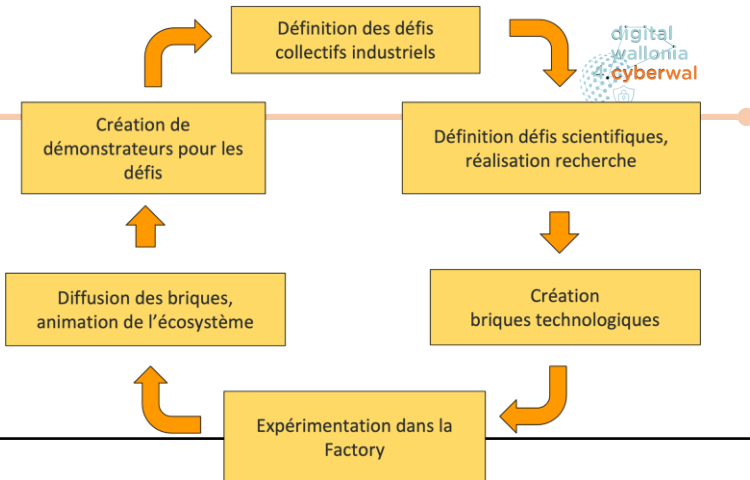
(<https://www.cetic.be/CYRUS-EN>)



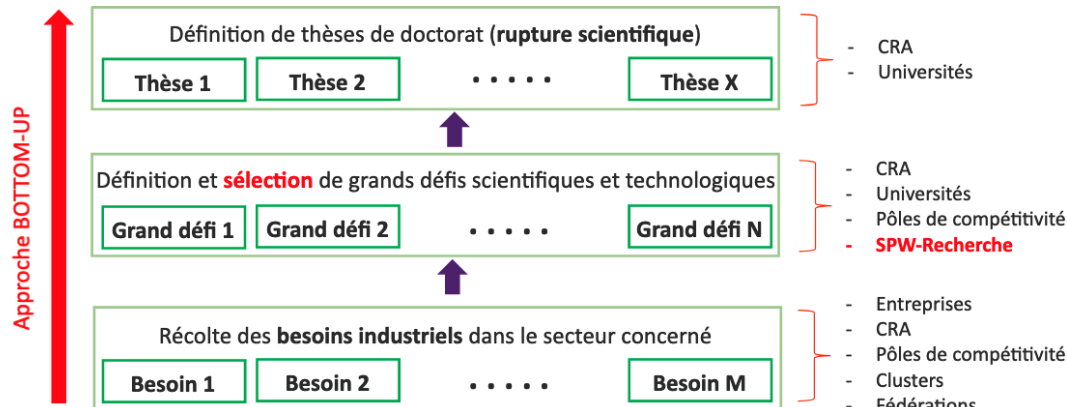
Classes	Network mapping with scanner	Database Scan	SAST	DAST & WAST	Fuzzing Tools	Wireless attacks	Compliance assessment
Outils	Sniffing MITM	Vulnerability analysis	Firmware analysis	Password attacks	Exploitation tools	Hardware	Forensics

Projet CyberExcellence et Défis Collectifs Industriels

- **Projet CyberExcellence**
 - Projet de recherche en cybersécurité, 01/01/2022, 18,9 millions de budget)
 - Partenaires : 5 universités + 2 CRA
 - Recherche fondamentale mais **au bénéfice du tissu industriel**: réponds aux besoins des entreprises/administrations
- **Défi Collectif Industriel**
 - Récolte des besoins industriels dans le secteur concerné
 - Identification des défis Collectif Industrie
- **Factory**
 - Production de briques technologiques
 - Validées dans des démonstrateurs



Programme Win4Excellence: Objectifs



WP	Expérimentation dans la Factory
WP1	Rendre les systèmes résilients aux cyberattaques : phase de conception.
WP2	Détection, Réponse, Réaction : Phase Dynamique
WP3	RGPD et Open data : sécurité à la conception
WP4	La protection et le partage des données au cœur des préoccupations
WP5	Laboratoires d'expérimentation, de validation, et d'entraînement
WP6	Factory et grands défis