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XXXIV Cycle - I year presentation

Anomaly Detection and Failure Mode
Analysis in Cloud Computing
Infrastructures



::: Background

- I received my M.Sc. in Computer Engineering (cum laude) from University of Naples Federico II
- I work within the DESSERT group at DIETI
- **Type of fellowship:** PhD student grant – Type: Academic



::: What is the problem

Fault-
Injection

*Non-
Determinism*

*High
Volumes
of Data*

*Large
Scale*

Complexity

*High variability
of workloads*

*Off-the-shelf
components*



Workload

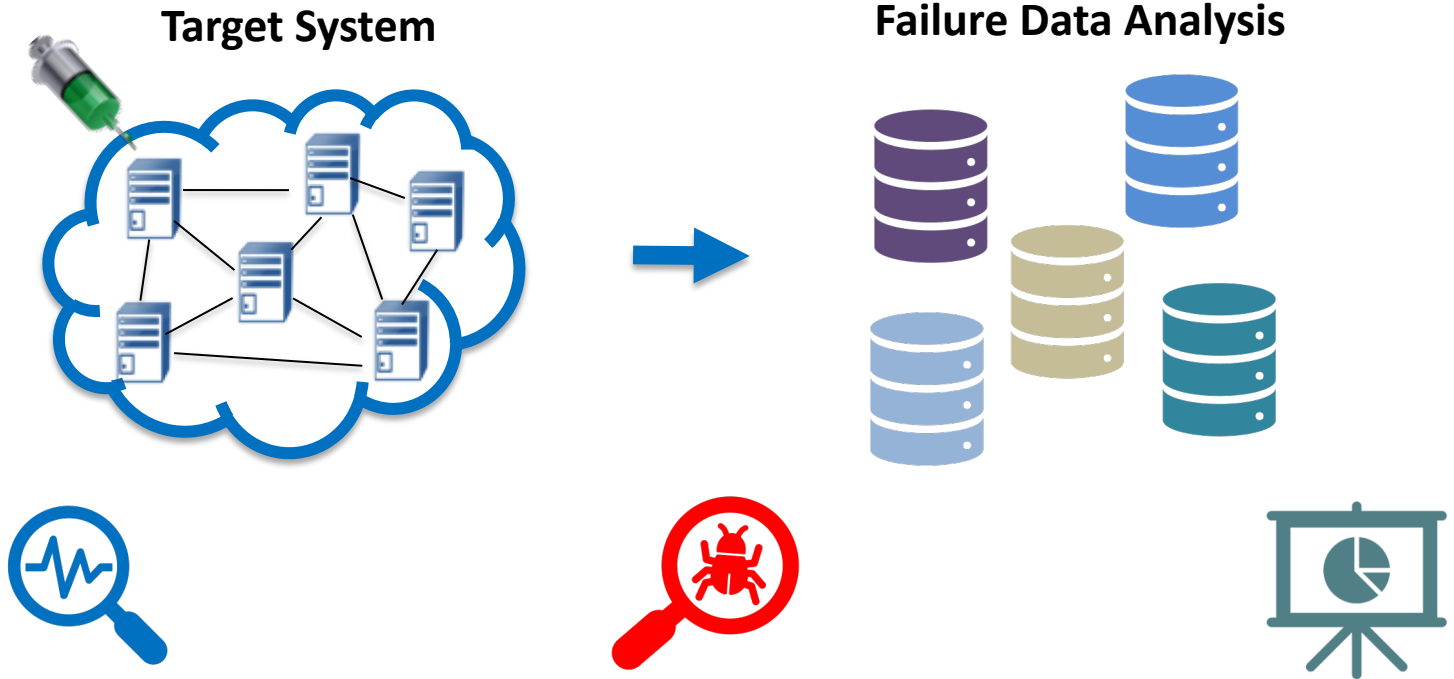


Failure Data Analysis



- ❖ Analysis of each single experiment
 - Difficult and time consuming
- ❖ Failure specification written before each experiment
 - Not possible to discover **new failure modes**

::: My Research Activity



System Monitoring

- *Collection of traces of events*
- *Events: messages exchanged in the system*

Anomaly Detection

- *Comparing faulty traces with the normal behavior of the system*
- *Probabilistic model to support a*

Failure Mode Analysis

- *Experiment Visualization*
- *Experiment classification applying Unsupervised Machine Learning*

::: Preliminary Results

Case Study

- OpenStack cloud computing platform



System Monitoring

- Using distributed tracing systems
- Low intrusiveness
 - ~20 lines of python code



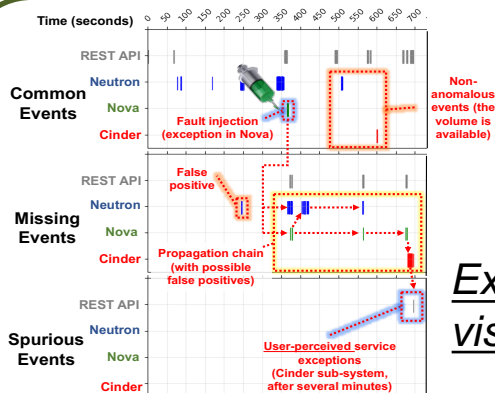
Anomaly Detection

- Limited number of training traces (10-20)
- Low computational times

**Massive
False
Positive
Reduction**
up to ~ 40%



**False
Negative
Increment**
~3 %



Failure Mode Analysis

Failure Mode Clustering

- ✓ External Evaluation
 - High *F-measure*
 - High *Purity*
- ✓ Internal Evaluation

Experiment visualization

::: My Products (1/2)

Conference Paper:

1. D. Cotroneo, L. De Simone, P. Liguori, R. Natella, and N. Bidokhti. “**How Bad Can a Bug Get? An Empirical Analysis of Software Failures in the OpenStack Cloud Computing Platform**”. ACM Joint European Software Engineering Conference and Symposium on the Foundations of Software Engineering (ESEC/FSE), 2019.
2. D. Cotroneo, L. De Simone, P. Liguori, R. Natella, and N. Bidokhti. “**FailViz: A Tool for Visualizing Fault Injection Experiments in Distributed Systems**”. European Dependable Computing Conference (EDCC), 2019.
3. D. Cotroneo, L. De Simone, P. Liguori, R. Natella, and N. Bidokhti. “**Enhancing Failure Propagation Analysis in Cloud Computing Systems**”. International Symposium on Software Reliability Engineering (ISSRE), 2019.

Student Forum:

1. P. Liguori, D. Cotroneo and R. Natella, “**Analyzing Fault Injection Data with Machine Learning**”. European Dependable Computing Conference (EDCC), 2019

Poster Session:

1. Poster Presentation at *European Dependable Computing Conference (EDCC)*, September 18, 2019



::: My Products (2/2)

Artifacts and Tools:

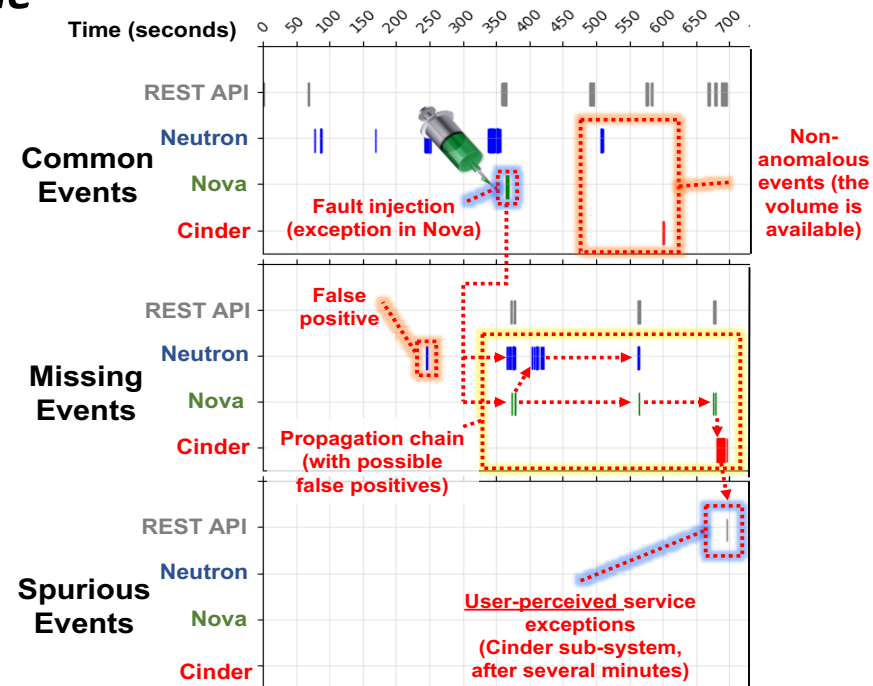
1. OpenStack fault injection environment

- DOI: [10.6084/m9.figshare.8242877](https://doi.org/10.6084/m9.figshare.8242877)
- Awarded with **Reusable** and **Available** badges at FSE Artifact Track



2. FailViz (ongoing work)

- Tool for visualizing fault-injection experiments



::: Future Activities

- Run-time Monitoring of Cloud Computing Infrastructures
 - *Failure Prediction*
 - *Attack Prediction*
- Period abroad: University of North Carolina at Charlotte, under the supervision of the Prof. Bojan Cukic
 - Research topic on software security and cyber security

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Seminars	5	0,8	0	0,5	3,8	0,8	0	5,9	5	0	10-30
Research	30	9,2	7,8	3,5	0	5,6	5,2	31	45	60	80-140
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