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Prove If You Can, Test If You Cannot

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Current formal methods focus on mathematical proof as a means for establishing that a system is correct with respect to a formal specification. This perspective can limit the applicability of formal methods, since the development of such proofs remains a very difficult task requiring specialized expertise, even with computer assistance. This presentation argues that formal-specification approaches that support both proof and testing as V&V technologies can enhance the practical usefulness of formal methods. It then describes an approach, called instrumentation-based verification, that is intended to realize this vision. Examples from the automotive domain will be used to illustrate the application of the work.

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