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network case study, identifies specific tasking and recommendations for the V&V of neural network systems. "As the demand for developing and assuring adaptive systems grows, this guidebook will provide practitioners with the insight and practical steps for verifying and validating neural networks. The work of the authors is a great step forward, offering a level of practical experience and advice for the software developers, assurance personnel, and those performing verification and validation of adaptive systems. This guide makes possible the daunting task of assuring this new technology. NASA is proud to sponsor such a realistic approach to what many might think a very futuristic subject. But adaptive systems with neural networks are here today and as the NASA Manager for Software Assurance and Safety, I believe this work by the authors will be a great resource for the systems we are building today and into tomorrow." -Martha S. Wetherholt, NASA Manager of Software Assurance and Software Safety NASA Headquarters, Office of Safety & Mission Assurance.

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On March 11, 2011 the North-East of Japan was hit by a massive magnitude 9 earthquake. The earthquake was followed by a tsunami that destroyed farmland, cities, factories and the infrastructure of the coastal regions and also caused the nuclear meltdowns in the Fukushima Daiichi Powerplant. In media as well as in research the disaster was perceived as a national catastrophe, overlooking its transnational character. Japanese diasporic communities worldwide organized support and fundraising events to support the devastated regions and thus showed their solidarity with the homeland. In both transient and permanent Japanese communities being active often became a means to overcome the global, local and personal shockwave of the catastrophe and overcome feelings of insecurity. Yet, the broad variety of activities also furthered diasporic civil society and helped to integrate members of Japanese communities more into the surrounding society. By bringing together disaster studies and diaspora studies and analyzing the reactions of Japanese transient and permanent communities in Ghent, Brussels, Dusseldorf, São Paulo, Honolulu and London following the Triple Disaster, this volume will help to get a better understanding of how catastrophes effect diasporic communities.
