

# **COMP 360C: Computer- Checked Programs and Proofs**

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# Kepler Conjecture (1611)

No way to pack equally-sized spheres in space  
has higher density than



# Hales' proof (1998)

- \* Reduces Kepler Conjecture to proving that a function is no smaller than some value on 5,000 different configurations of spheres
- \* This requires solving 100,000 equations
- \* 1998 submission:
  - 300 pages of math
  - + 50,000 LOC (revised 2006: 15,000 LOC)

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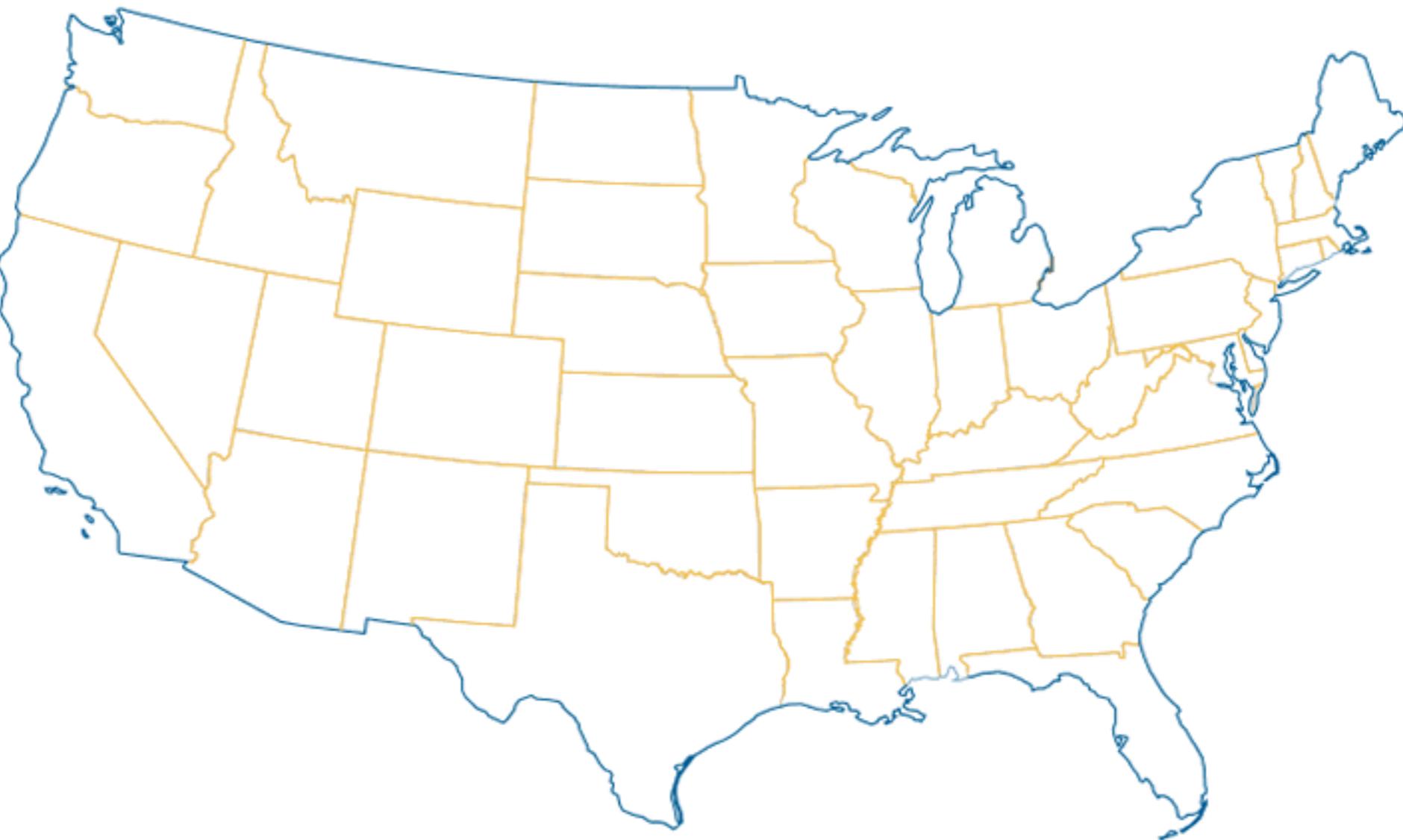
*“This paper has brought about a change  
in the journal's policy on computer proof.  
**It will no longer attempt to check  
the correctness of computer code.”***

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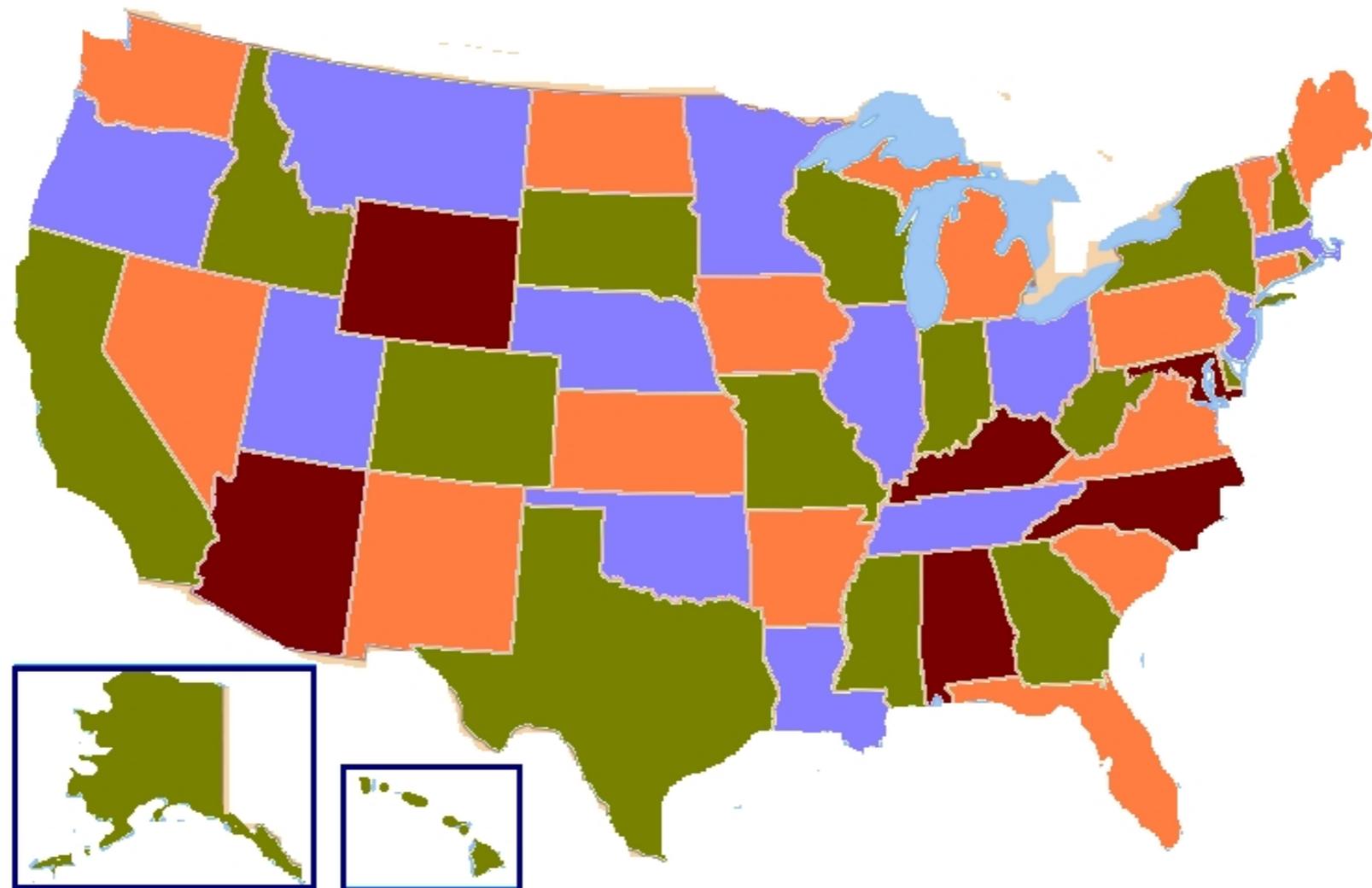


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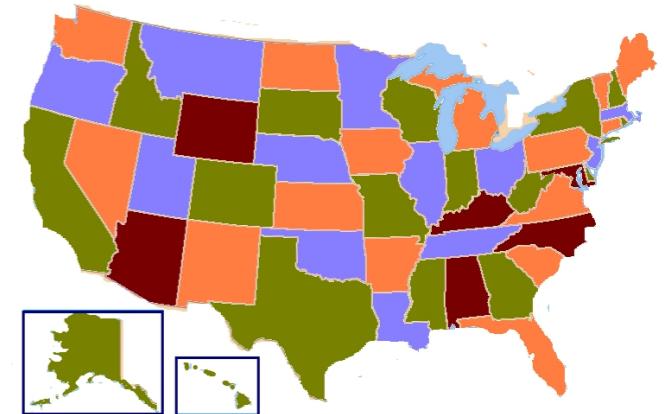
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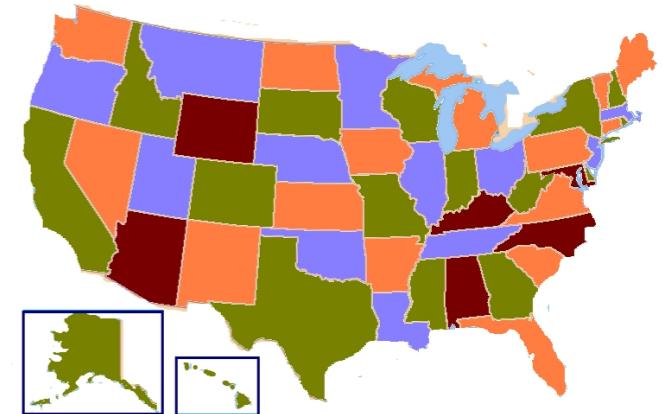


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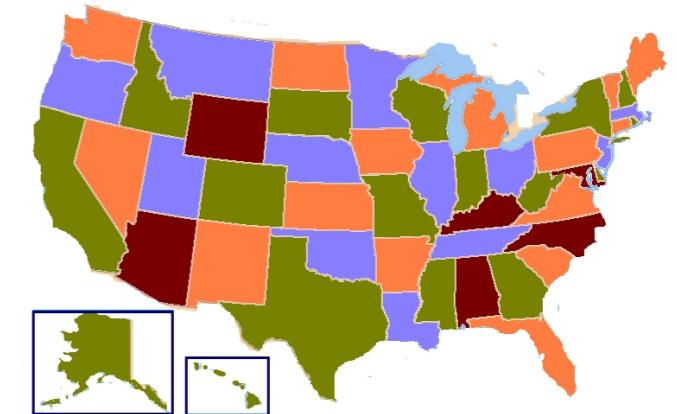
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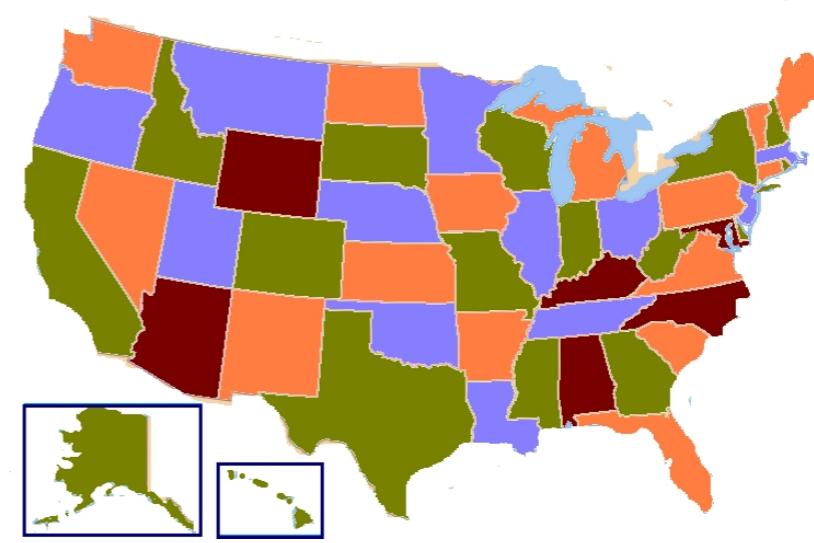
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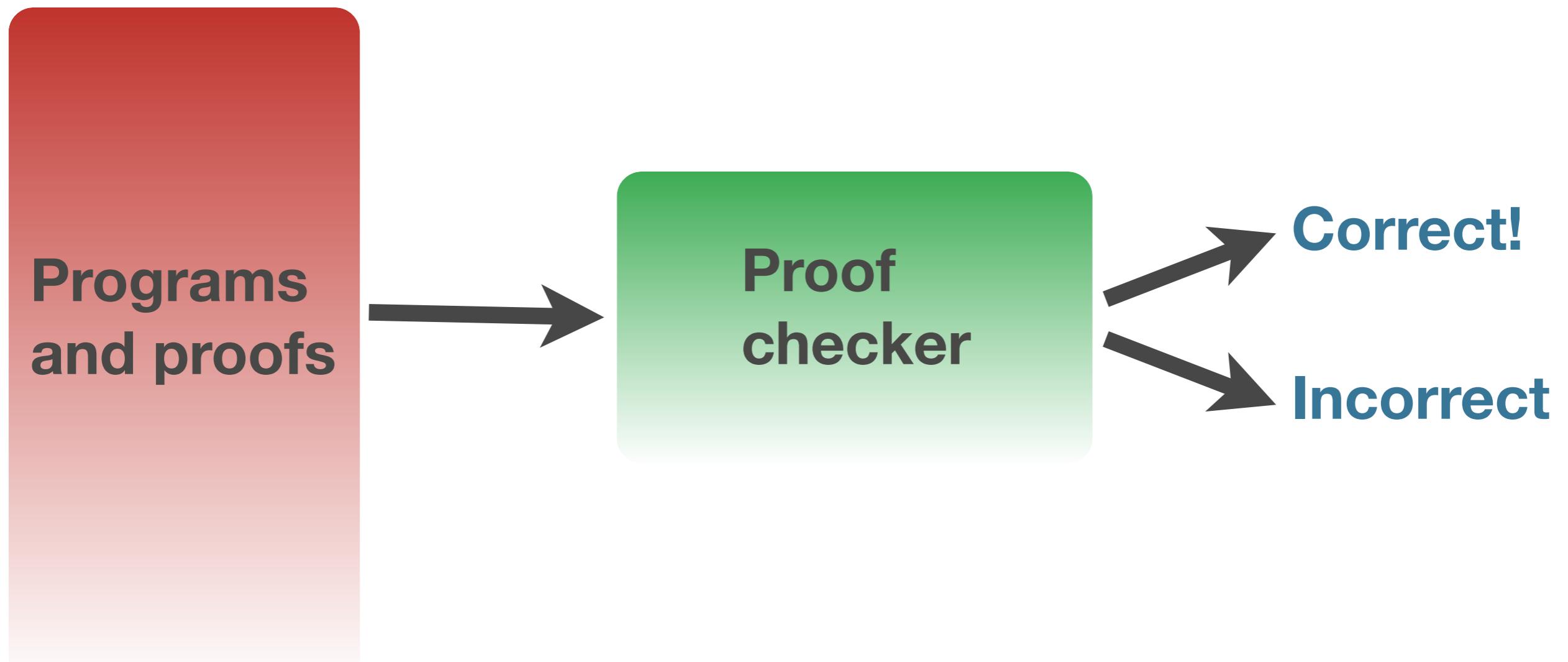
traditional  
proof

# “Cyborg” Proofs



- \* Proofs have both a traditional mathematical part and a computational part
- \* Need to check the math
- \* Need to check correctness of the code

# Computer-checked math



# Kepler Conjecture

 **flyspeck**  
The Flyspeck Project

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## The Flyspeck Project

### Introduction

The purpose of the flyspeck project is to produce a formal proof of the Kepler Conjecture. The name 'flyspeck' comes from matching the pattern `/f.*p.*k/` against an English dictionary. FPK in turn is an acronym for "The Formal Proof of Kepler."

### Book

The formalization project is based on the book "Dense Sphere Packings: a formal blueprint", published by Cambridge University Press, and [available here](#).

### Internal Links

- [Flyspeck Wiki](#)
- The text part of the formalization is complete!
- What's left in the [computer part](#) of the formalization.
- [Computer resources](#) for the verification of Fejes Toth's Conjecture on Packings with Kissing Number Twelve.

### External Links

- [Hol-light source code repository](#)
- [2009 Hanoi workshop](#)
- [McLaughlin's revision of the kepler code](#)
- [Flyspeck I: Tame Graphs](#) G. Bauer and T. Nipkow
- [Flyspeck II: Linear Programs](#) S. Obua
- [QED Manifesto](#)
- [Nonlinear inequality proving](#) R. Zumkeller
- [Learning-assisted Automated Reasoning with Flyspeck](#) C. Kaliszyk and J. Urban
- [Formal Verification of Nonlinear Inequalities with Taylor Interval Approximations](#) T. Hales and A. Solovyev
- [Formal Computations and Methods](#) A. Solovyev

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# Four Color Theorem

## A computer-checked proof of the Four Colour Theorem

*Georges Gonthier*  
Microsoft Research Cambridge

This report gives an account of a successful formalization of the proof of the Four Colour Theorem, which was fully checked by the Coq v7.3.1 proof assistant [13]. This proof is largely based on the mixed mathematics/computer proof [26] of Robertson et al, but contains original contributions as well. This document is organized as follows: section 1 gives a historical introduction to the problem and positions our work in this setting; section 2 defines more precisely what was proved; section 3 explains the broad outline of the proof; section 4 explains how we exploited the features of the Coq assistant to conduct the proof, and gives a brief description of the tactic shell that we used to write our proof scripts; section 5 is a detailed account of the formal proof (for even more details the actual scripts can be consulted); section 6 is a chronological account of how the formal proof was developed; finally, we draw some general conclusions in section 7.

# Odd Order Theorem

## Theorem Proof Gains Acclaim

By [Rob Knies](#)

October 11, 2012 9:30 AM PT

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At 5:46 p.m. on Sept. 20, [Georges Gonthier](#), principal researcher at [Microsoft Research Cambridge](#), sent a brief email to his colleagues at the [Microsoft Research-Inria Joint Centre](#) in Paris. It read, in full:

"This is really the End."



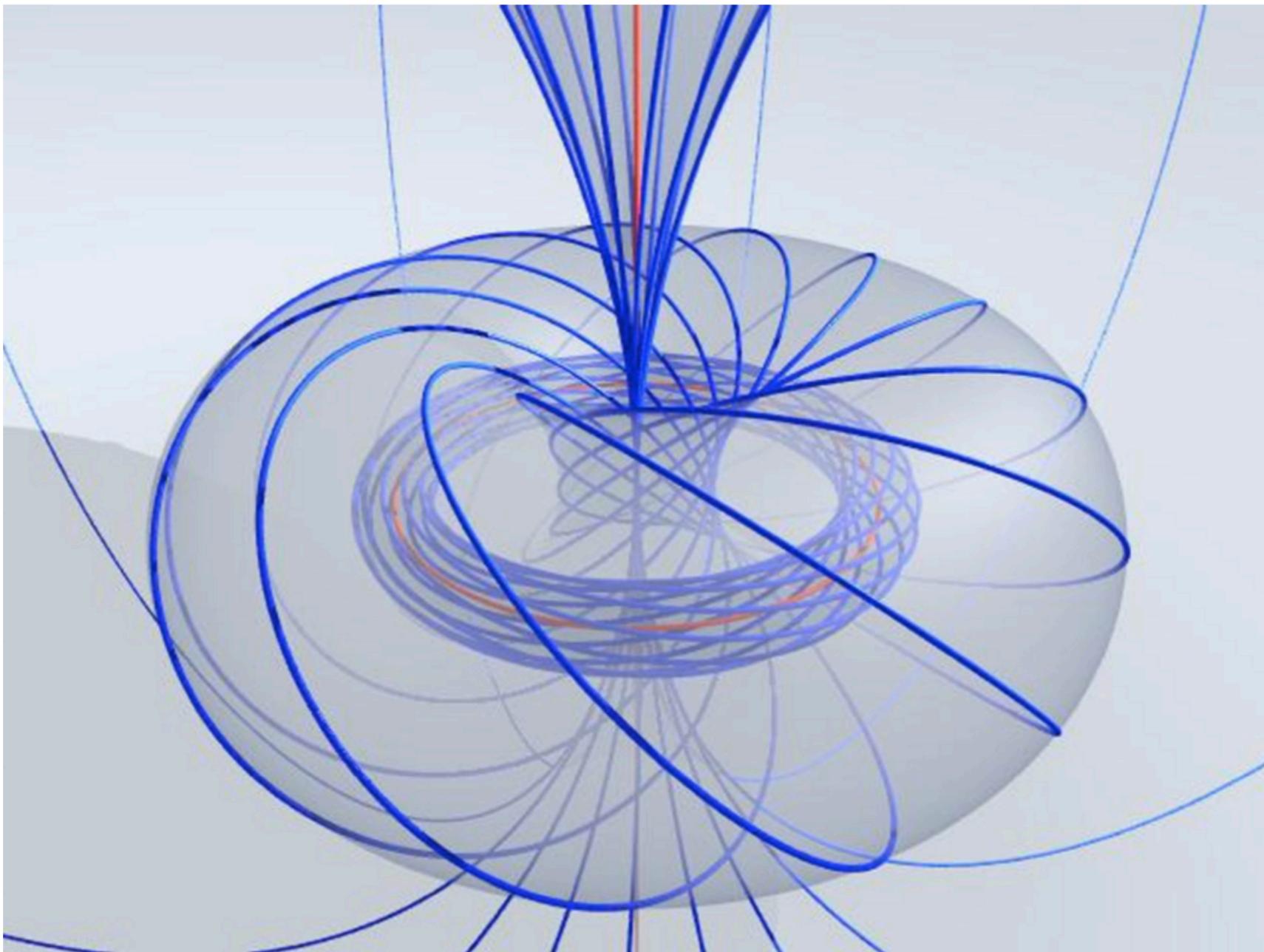
Georges Gonthier

Those five innocuous words heralded the culmination of a project that had consumed more than six years and resulted in the [formal proof of the Feit-Thompson Theorem](#), the first major step of the classification of finite simple groups.

The theorem, first proved by Walter Feit and John Griggs Thompson in 1963 and also known as the Odd-Order Theorem, states that in mathematical group theory, every finite group of odd order is solvable.

That might seem a deceptively simple definition to non-mathematicians, but Gonthier and his collaborators on the Mathematical Components project at the Microsoft Research-INRIA Joint Centre are anything but. Their achievement in completing a computer-assisted proof by the [Coq proof assistant](#), developed at [Inria](#), the French National Research Institute for Computer Science and Applied Mathematics, was acclaimed widely as news spread.

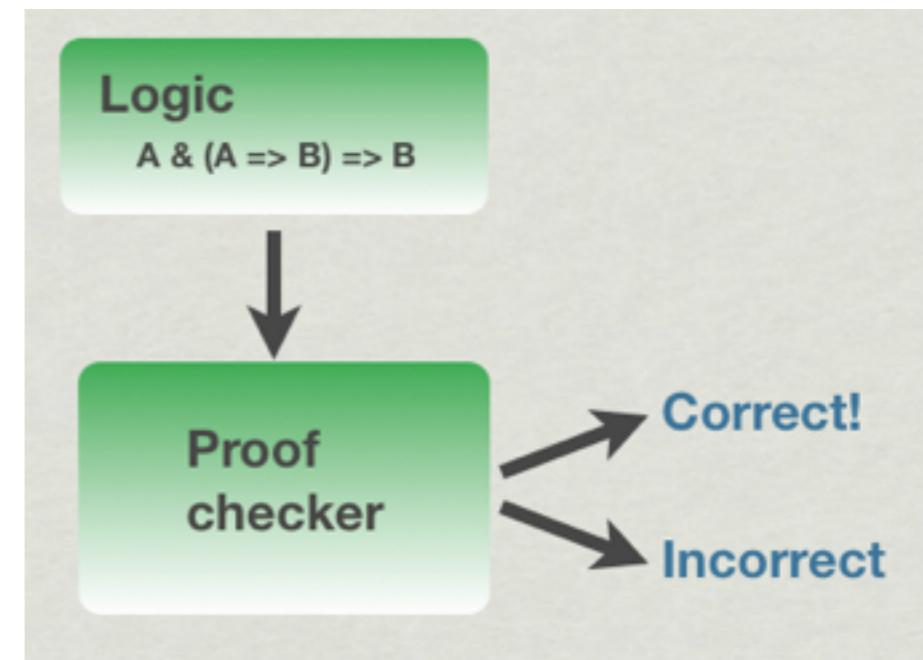
# Homotopy theory



# Computer-assisted proofs

## Proof assistant

- Interactive proof editor
- Automated proofs
- Libraries



# Computer-assisted proofs

- \* are much easier to believe:  
*computer does the journal reviewing*
- \* can use computational methods  
and still be fully rigorous
- \* broaden access:  
*computer as gifted&talented teacher*
- \* are easier to write?

# Kepler proof

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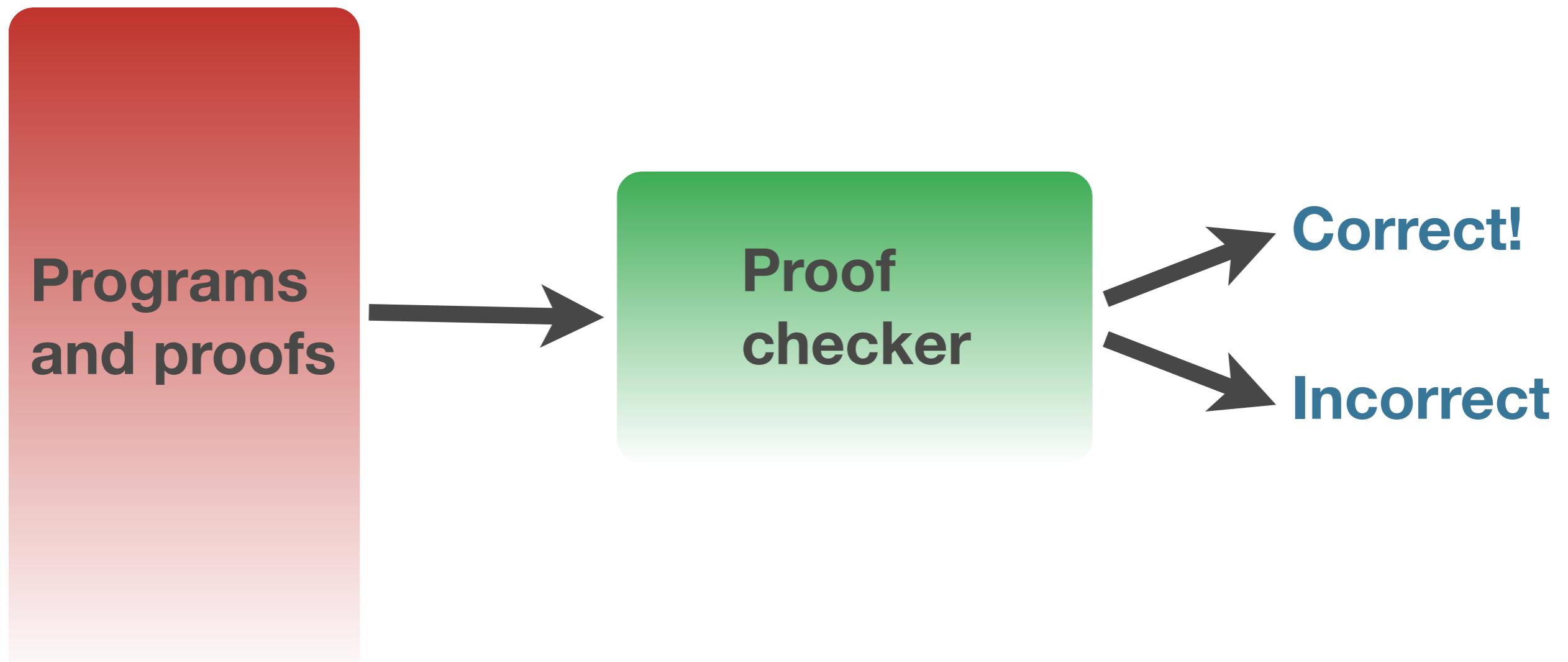
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# Computer-checked code



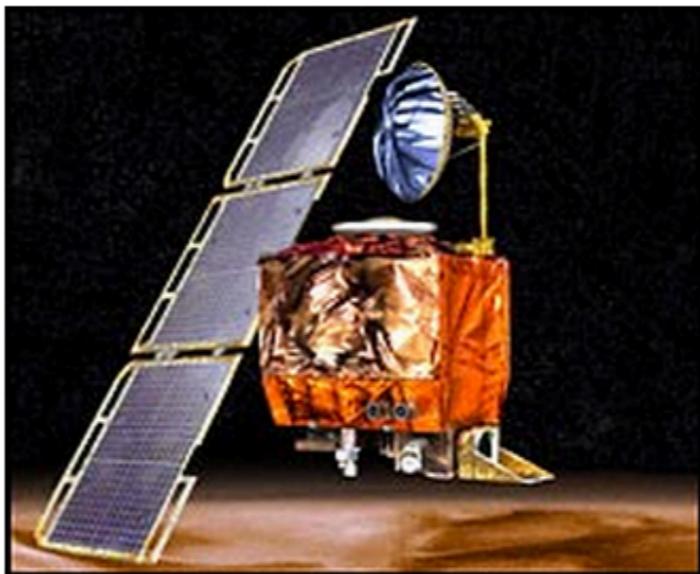
## Mystery of Orbiter Crash Solved

*By Kathy Sawyer*

Washington Post Staff Writer

Friday, October 1, 1999; Page A1

NASA's Mars Climate Orbiter was lost in space last week because engineers failed to make a simple conversion from English units to metric, an embarrassing lapse that sent the \$125 million craft fatally close to the Martian surface, investigators said yesterday.

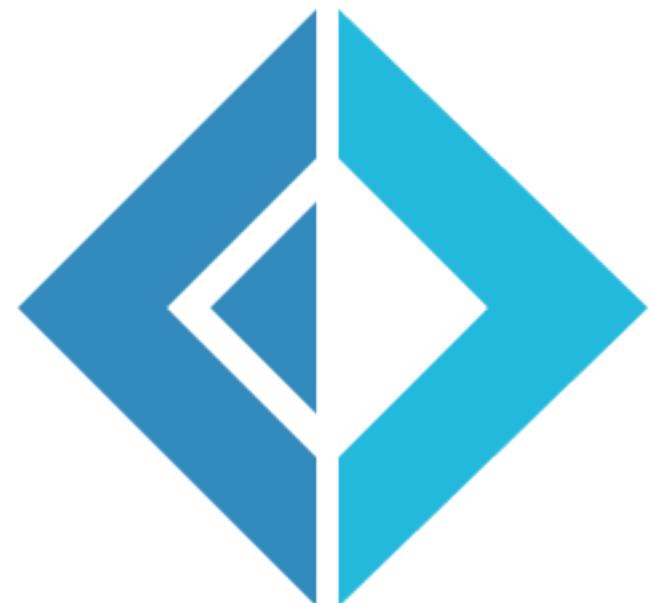


Scientists do not yet know what caused the Mars Orbiter to crash. (AP)

Officials are scrambling to determine whether a similar error is buried in the computer files of two other spacecraft currently cruising through space: the Mars Polar Lander, scheduled to hit the Martian surface on Dec. 3, and the Stardust craft bound for a comet.

It now appears the error had affected the orbiter mission from its launching almost 10 months and 416 million miles before its Sept. 23 failure. And yet the problem was never caught and corrected by the system of checks and balances at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in California, which manages this and numerous other interplanetary missions for NASA.

As a result, flight controllers believe the spacecraft plowed into the Martian atmosphere, where the stresses crippled it, aborted its insertion into Martian orbit and most likely left it hurtling on through space in an orbit around the sun.



```
[<Measure>] type kg
```

```
[<Measure>] type s
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```
[<Measure>] type m
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```
let gravityOnEarth = 9.81<m/s^2> // an acceleration  
let heightOfMyOfficeWindow = 3.5<m> // a distance
```

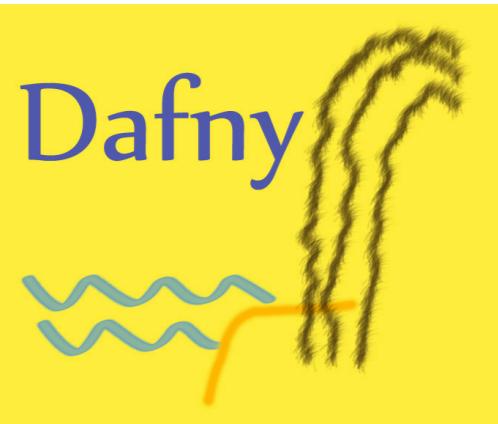
```
let speedOfImpact = sqrt (2.0 * gravityOnEarth * heightOfMyOfficeWindow)
```

```
val speedOfImpact: float<m/s>
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Full name: Units1.speedOfImpact
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let speedOfImpact = sqrt (2.0 * gravityOnEarth + heightOfMyOfficeWindow)
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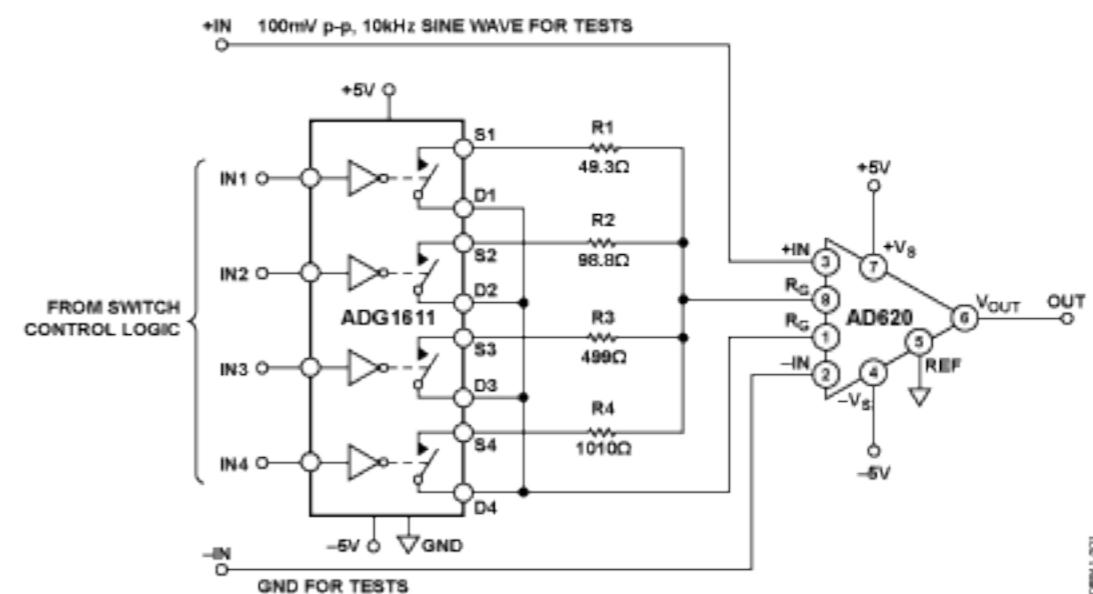
```
The unit of measure 'm' does not match the unit of measure 'm/s ^ 2'
```



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```
method Find(a: array<int>, key: int) returns (index: int)
  requires a != null
  ensures 0 <= index ==> index < a.Length && a[index] == key
  ensures index < 0 ==> forall k :: 0 <= k < a.Length ==> a[k] != key

  var low, high := 0, a.Length;
  while low < high
    invariant 0 <= low <= high <= a.Length
    invariant forall i :: 0 <= i < a.Length && !(low <= i < high) ==> a[i] != value
  {
    var mid := (low + high) / 2;
    if a[mid] < value
    {
      low := mid + 1;
    }
    else if value < a[mid]
    {
      high := mid;
    }
    else
    {
      return mid;
    }
  }
  return -1;
```



# The seL4 Microkernel



*Security is no excuse for poor performance!*

The world's first operating-system kernel with an end-to-end proof of implementation correctness and security enforcement is available as open source.

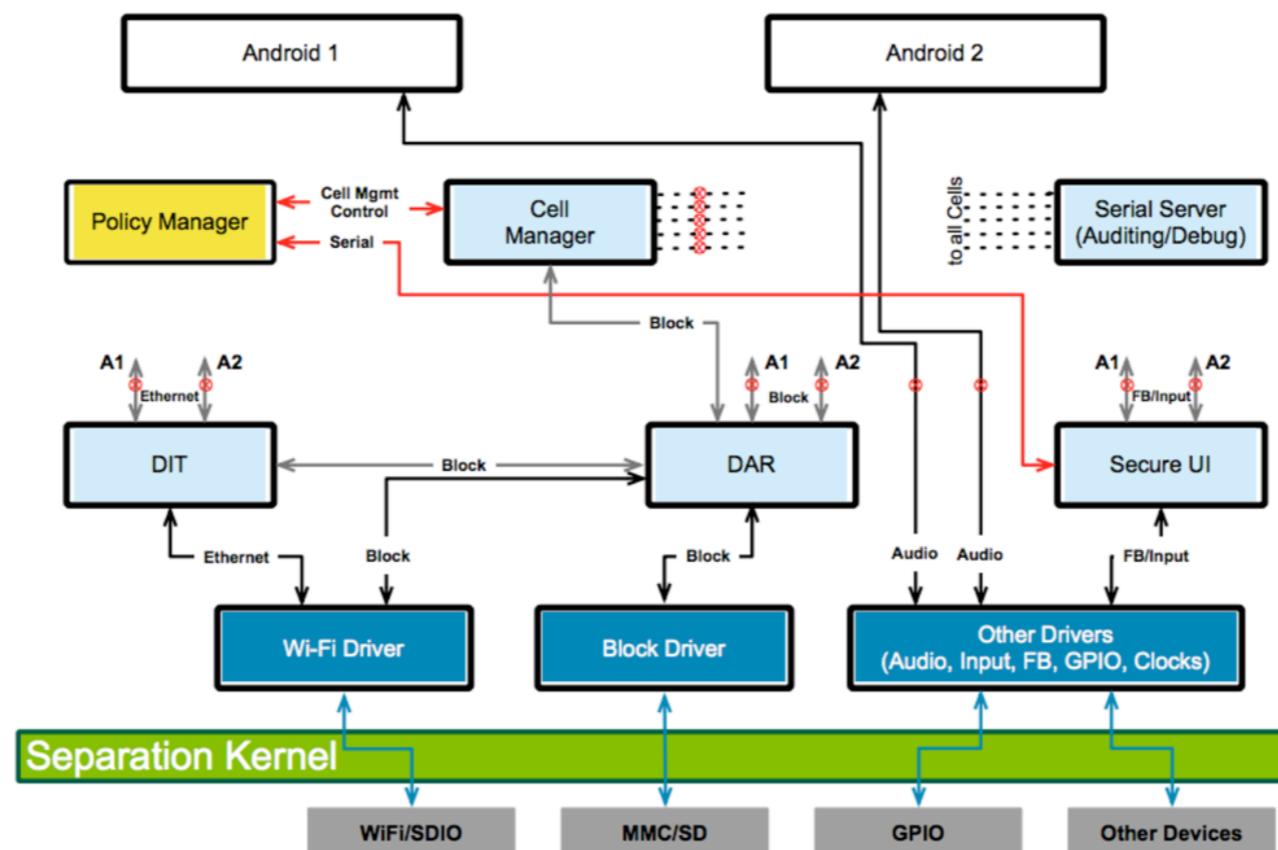
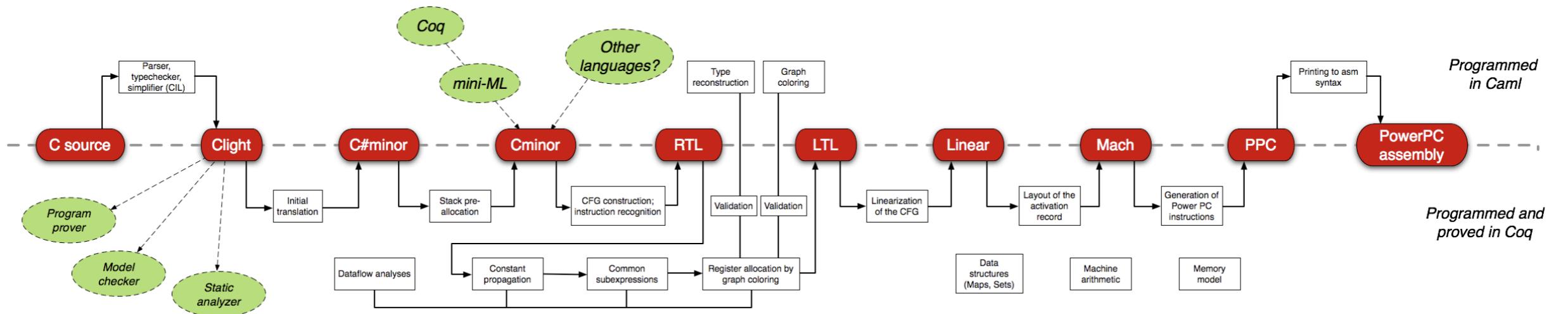
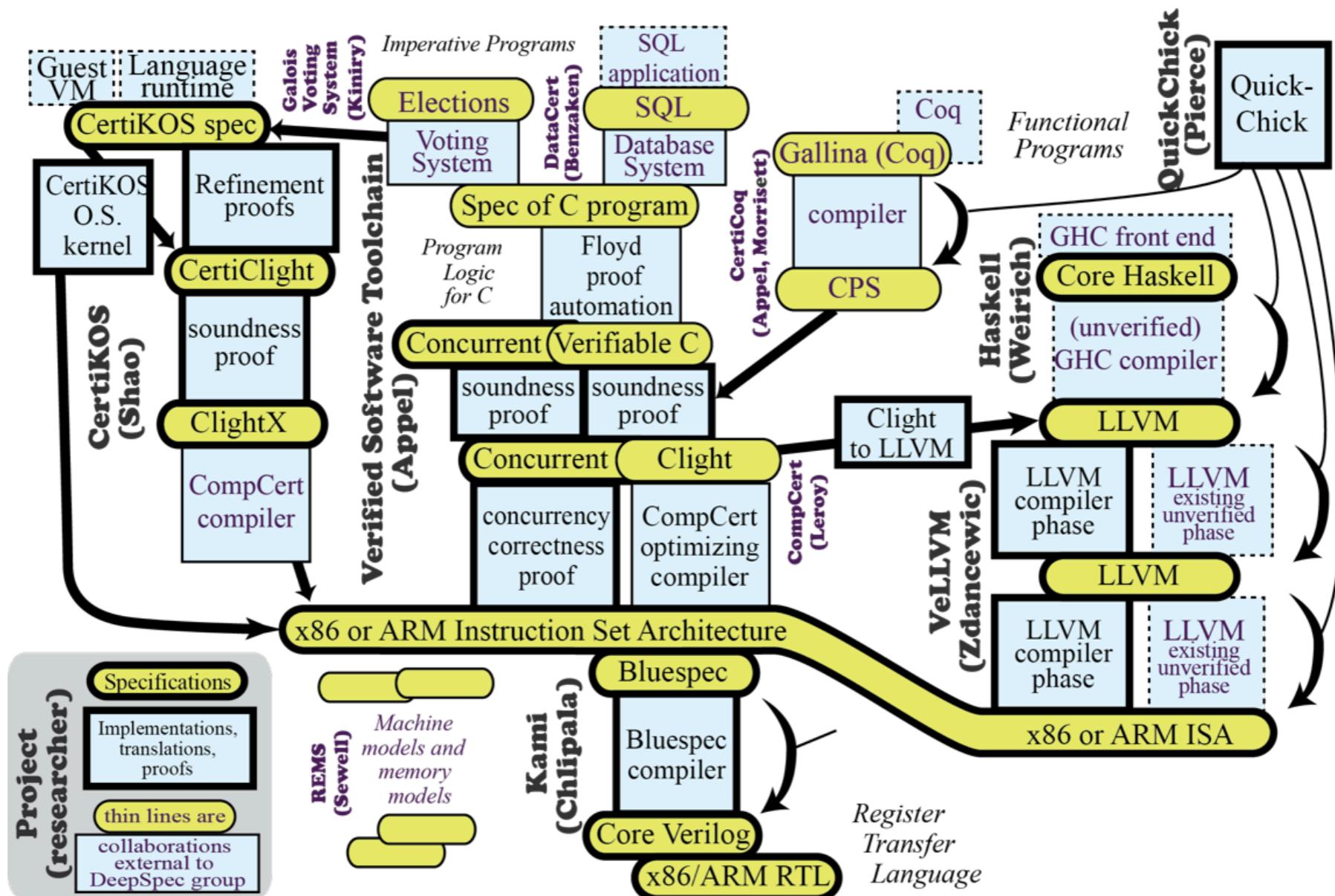
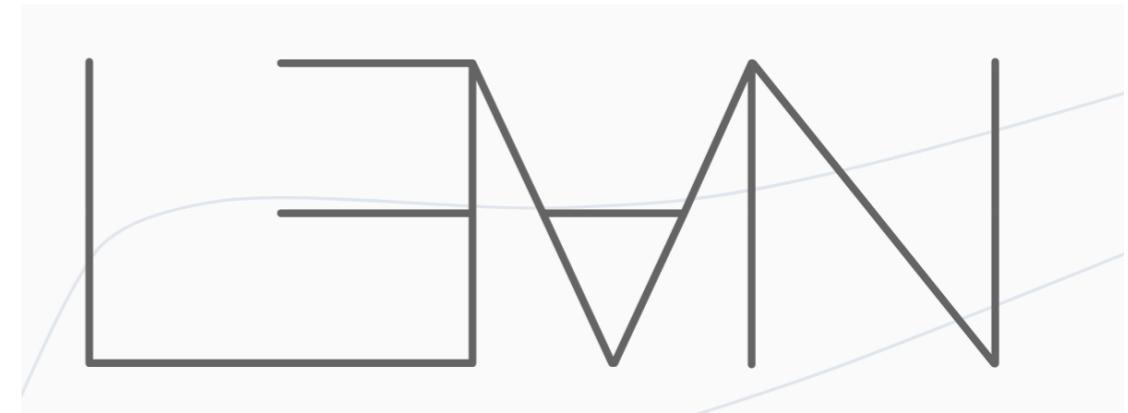


Figure 0: An example multi-persona Android platform built leveraging a separation kernel (OKL4 Microvisor) for componentization. This approach enables stronger policy controls, non-by-passable guaranteed invocation of encryption, and other high-assurance capabilities.

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# PRL Project "Proof/Program Refinement Logic"

implementing computational mathematics  
and providing logic-based tools that help automate programming



# Autoformalization

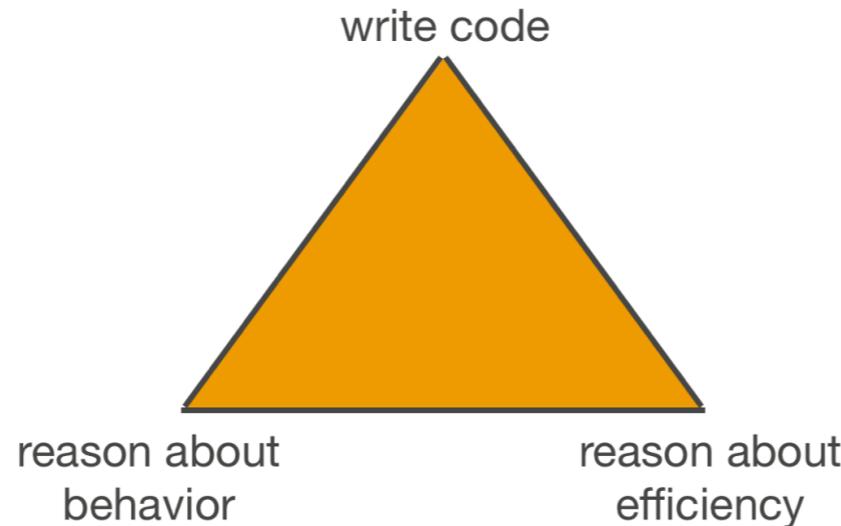


**Google DeepMind**

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# Goals



- \* Learn to write programs and proofs in Agda
- \* Learn to integrate programming and specification and proving
- \* Understand algorithms that are hard otherwise
- \* Prepare to use these tools/skills in your job
- \* Prepare for research/grad school

# Student Agda Projects

- \* Ben Hudson: techniques for reasoning about cost
- \* Joomy Korkut and Max Trifunovski: correctness of regular expression matching
- \* Emily Black: correctness of dictionary data structure deletion
- \* Phil Kaelbling: attempt at extending Agda for modal type theory
- \* Tess Lepeska-True: correctness of edit-distance algorithm
- \* Zameen Cater: version control in cubical type theory
- \* Adam Kleber: formalizing logic and combinatorics (Myhill Isomorphism Theorem)