

MulBERRY: Enabling Bit-Error Robustness for Energy-Efficient Multi-Agent Autonomous Systems

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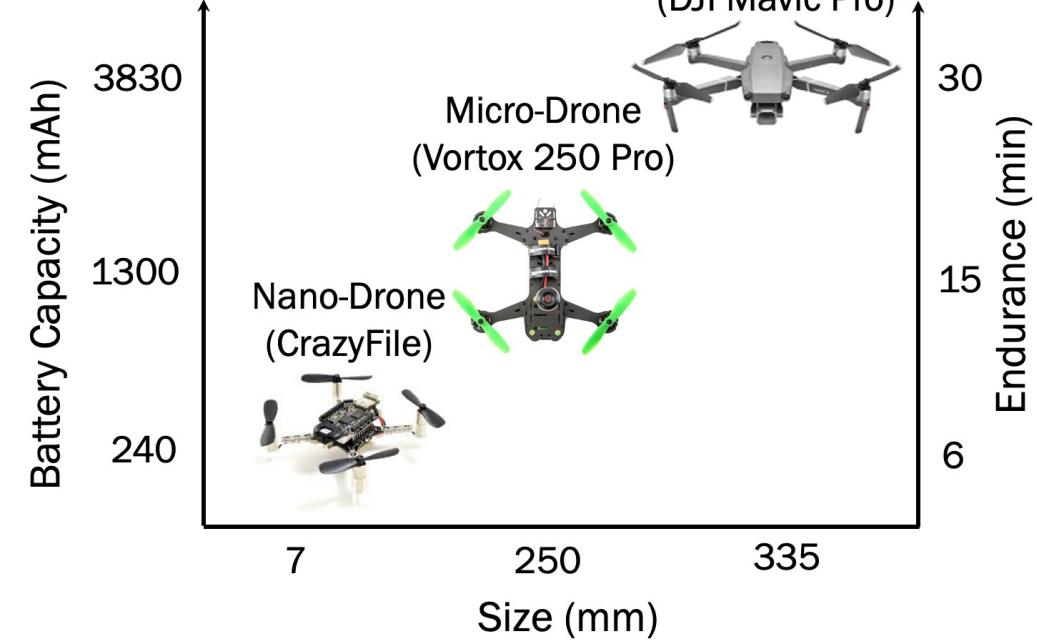
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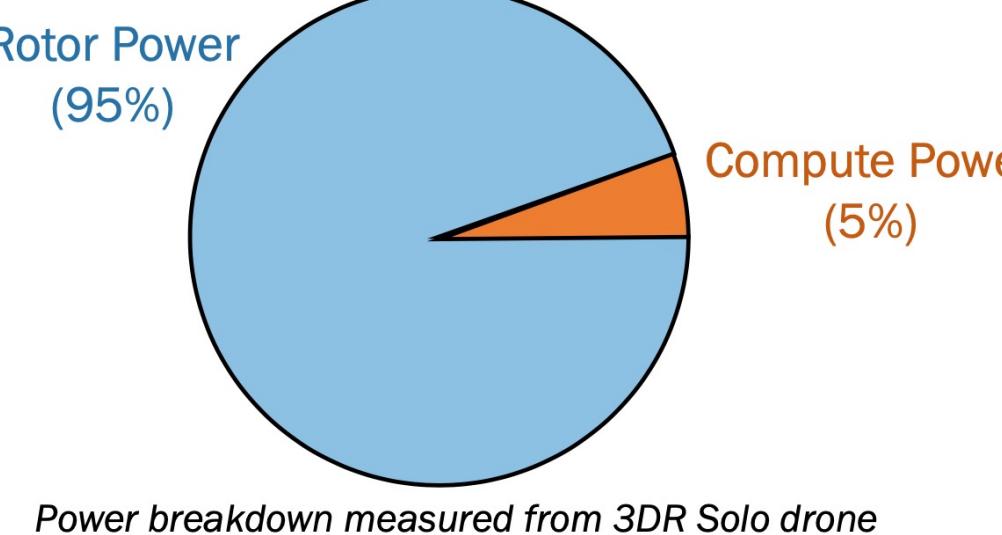
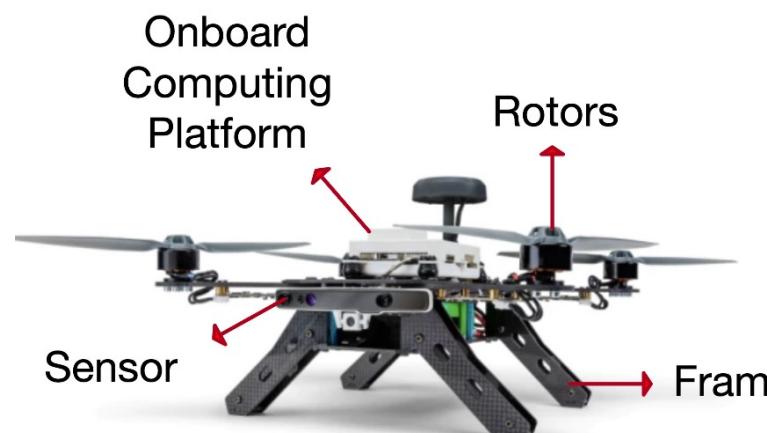
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Background and Motivation

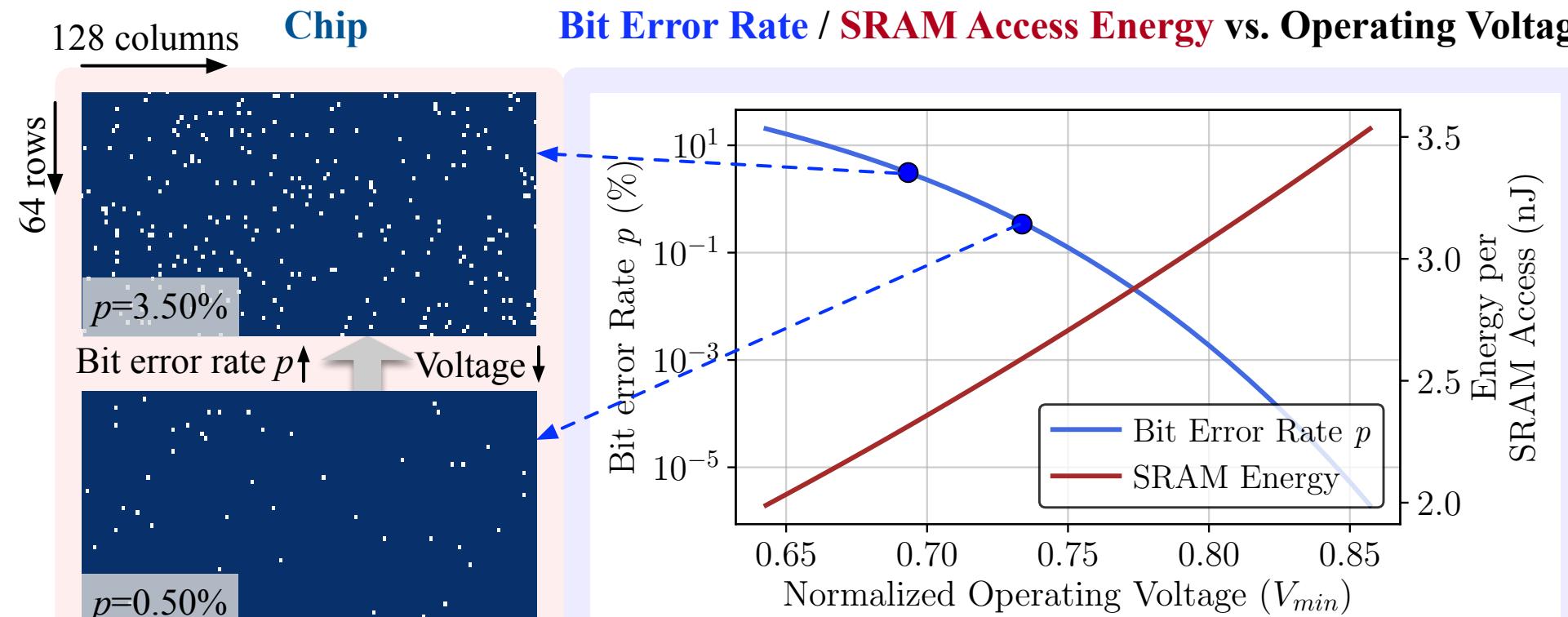
- ❖ **Efficient and Resilient Autonomous Swarms** is essential for diverse application scenarios
- ✓ **Challenge 1:** distributed resource-constrained nodes



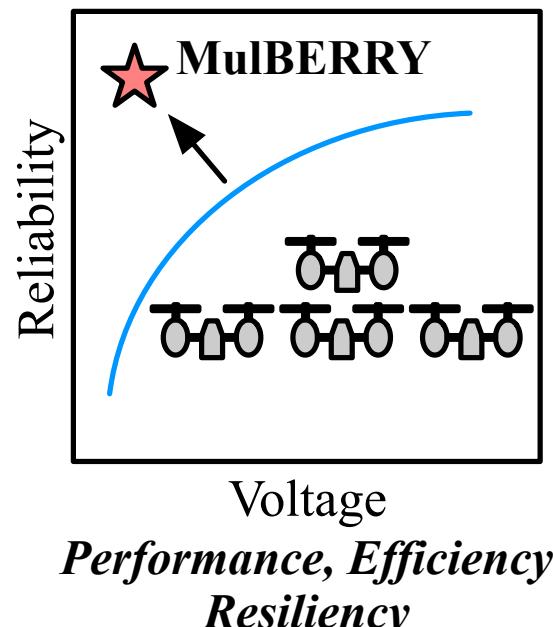
- ✓ **Challenge 2:** complex cyber-physical UAV systems



- ✓ **Challenge 3:** low-voltage reduce energy quadratically but induce bit errors bringing reliability concern



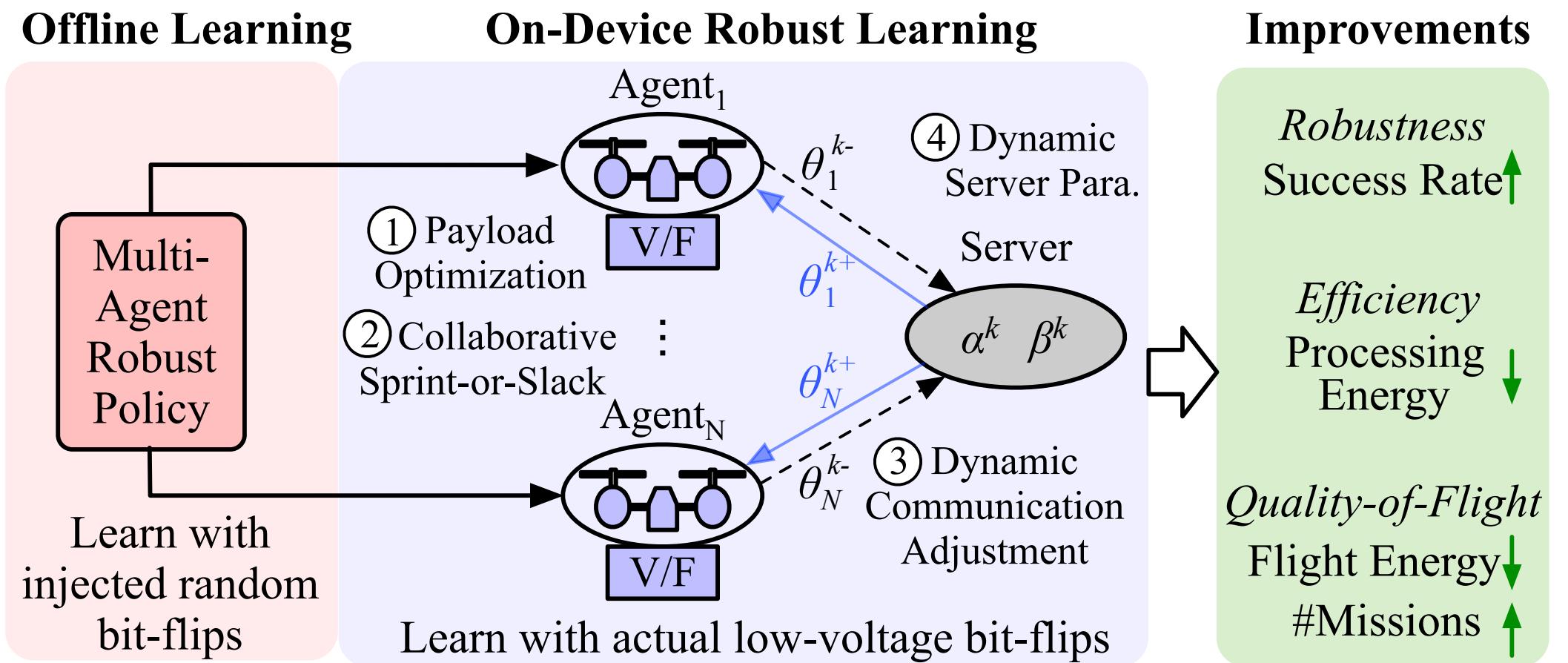
- ❖ **Unexplored opportunity in autonomous swarms?**



Goal: Enable aggressive energy-savings yet computational-resilient autonomous swarms

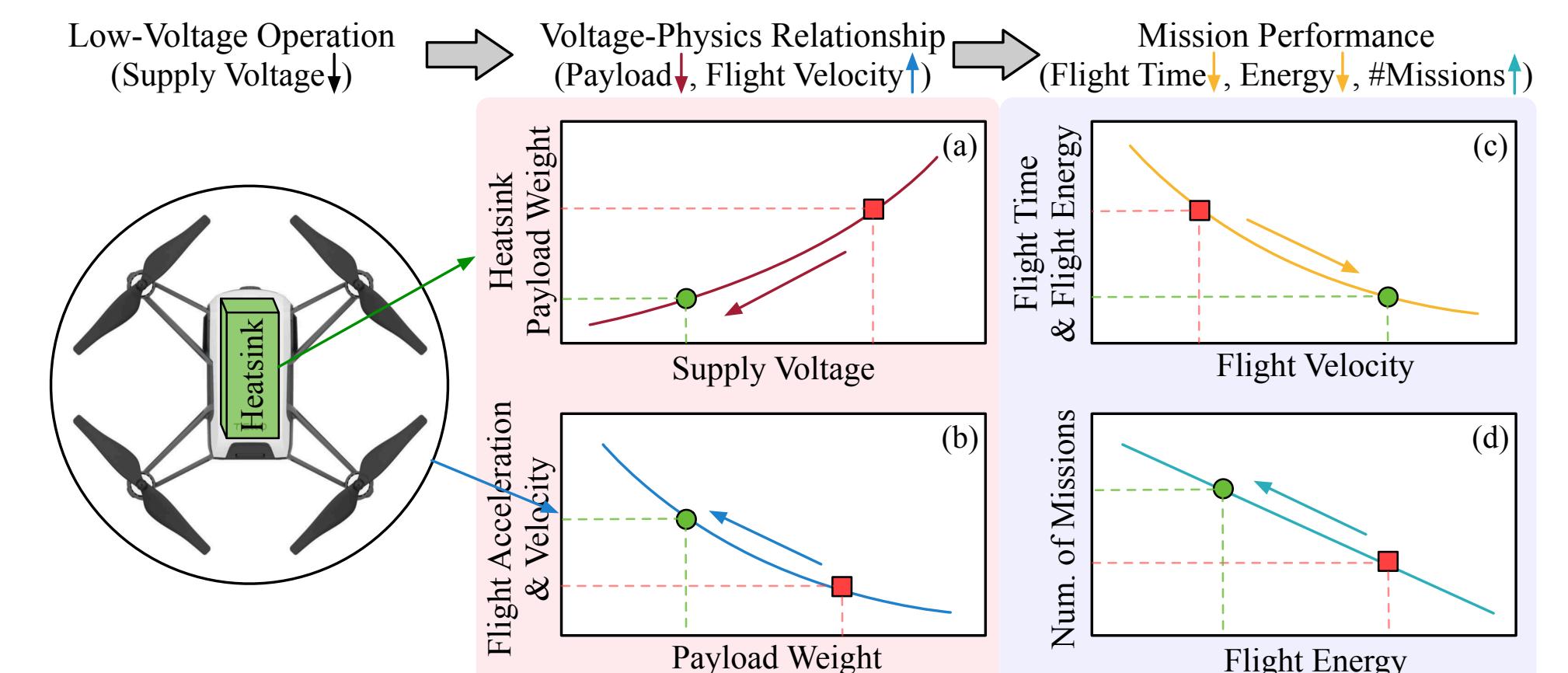
Proposed MulBERRY Framework

- ❖ **MulBERRY:** robust learning framework to achieve aggressive energy-savings yet compute-resilient autonomous swarms

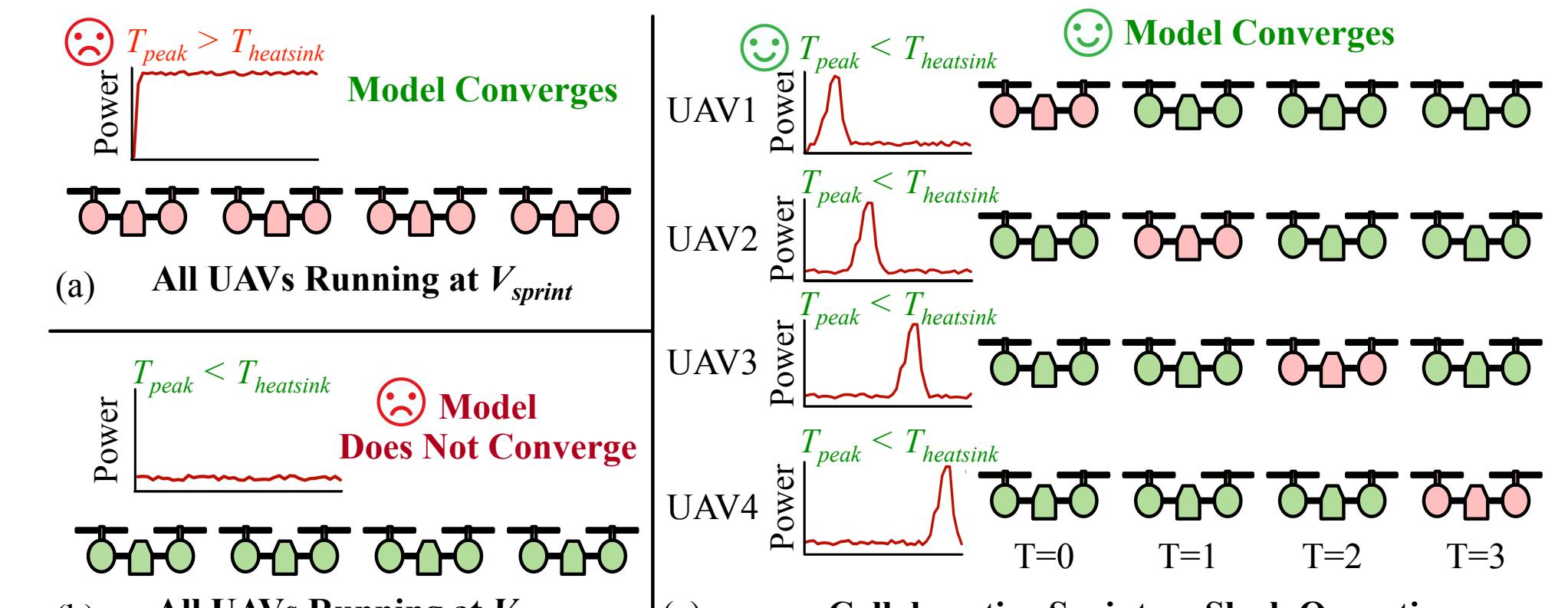


Key Features:

- ✓ Two-stage offline and on-device robust swarm learning
- ✓ Low-voltage UAV payload optimization



- ✓ Collaborative sprint-or-slack operation



- ✓ Dynamic agent-server communication and knowledge-sharing parameter adjustment

Evaluation Results

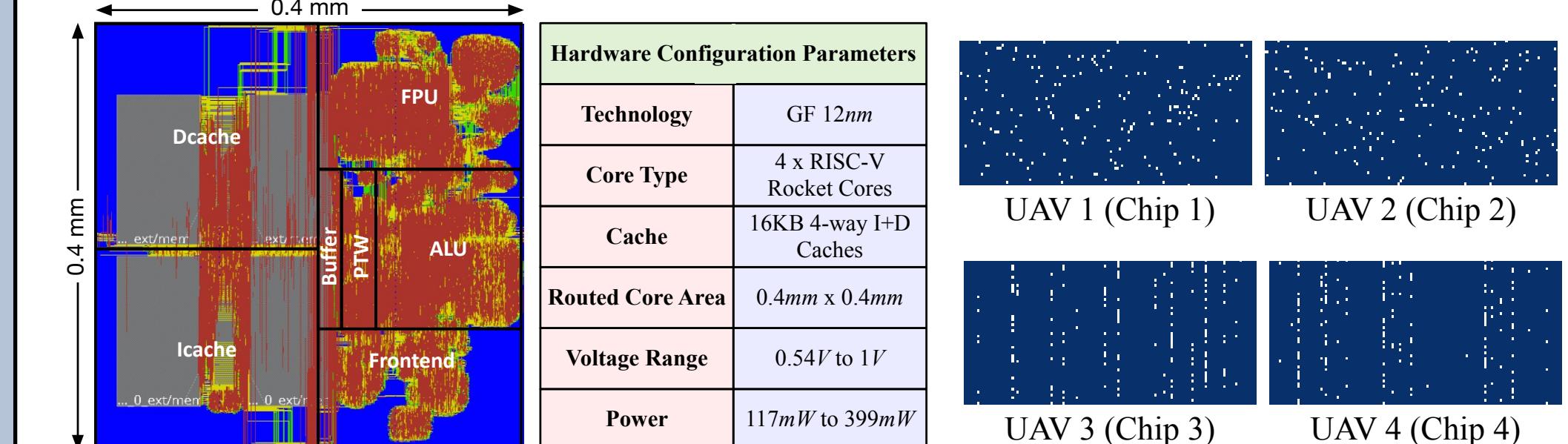
Evaluation Setups

- ✓ Closed-loop eval.; Diverse environments, UAVs, models

| Crazyflie | DJI Tello | DJI Spark | C3F2 | C5F4 | C7F6 |
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| 10mm | 95mm | 170mm | 1.27MB | 2.49MB | 3.28MB |
| UAV Size | Network Policy Size | | | | |



- ✓ UAV compute hardware and reliability characteristics



Resilience-Efficiency Improvement

- ✓ Improve resilience, processing efficiency, and mission efficiency under robust low-voltage operation
- ✓ Generalize across chips, environments, UAVs, models

