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Formal, Architecture-Driven Assurance with AADL and Trusted Build

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Outline

Motivation

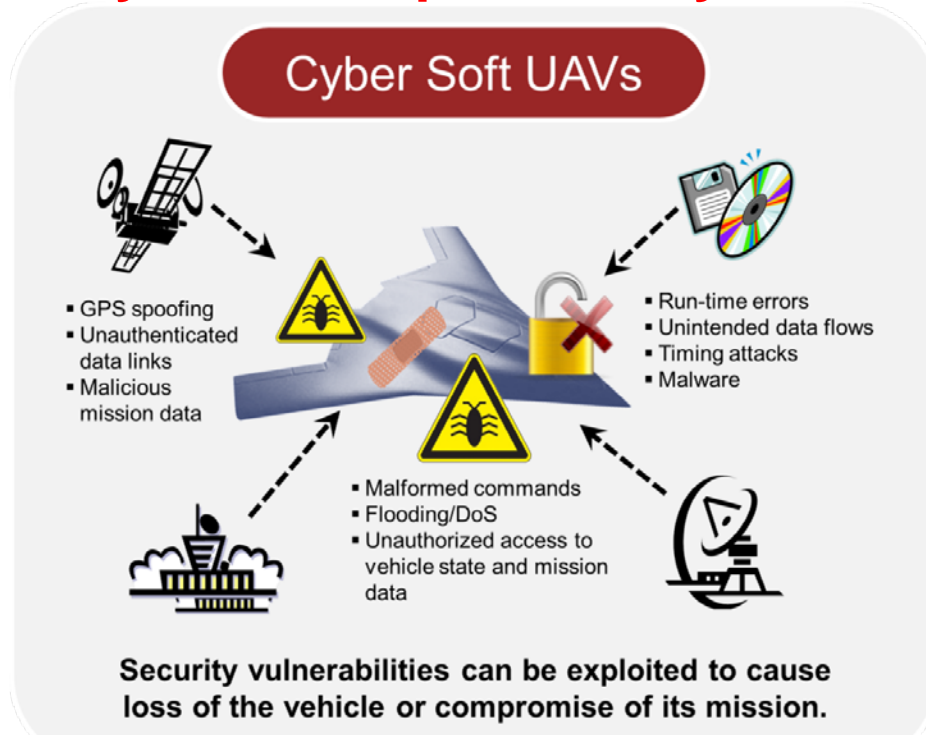
Technologies

Results

Motivation: hacks on embedded systems



Aircraft may be susceptible to cyber attack



*Security vulnerabilities
that can lead to
safety hazards*



**Growing awareness among customers,
regulators, and public**

Cyber Hard UAVs

Secure Analyzable Architecture

- Proof tools for verification of information flow, timing, and safety
- Ensure correctness of system architecture properties



Secure Software Components

- Embedded code synthesized from specifications – no C run-time errors
- Run-time monitoring shuts down suspicious activity

Secure Operating Systems

- Formally verified operating systems
- Provide robust infrastructure and separation of critical/non-critical functions

HACMS Red Team

"No unexpected behaviors or crashes were possible via exposed interfaces"

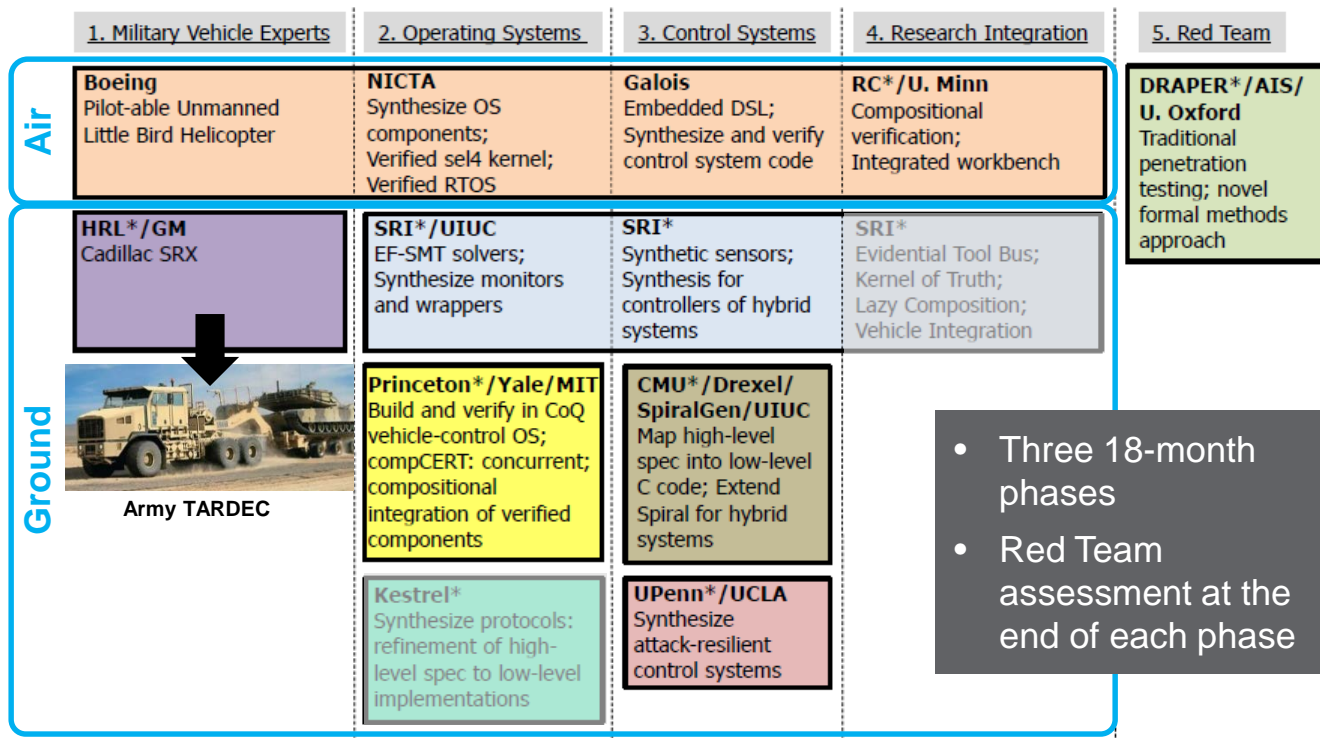
In Phase 1 of the SMACCM project we designed, built, and performed flight demonstrations of a Cyber Hard UAV.



High Assurance Cyber Military Systems (HACMS)



HACMS Program Architecture

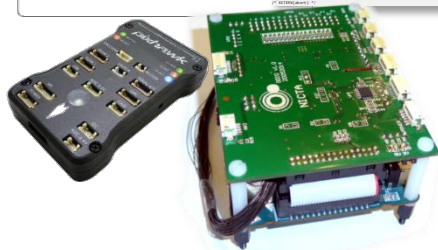
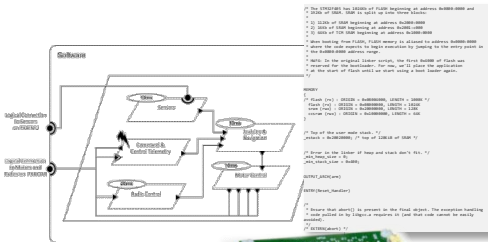


- Three 18-month phases
- Red Team assessment at the end of each phase

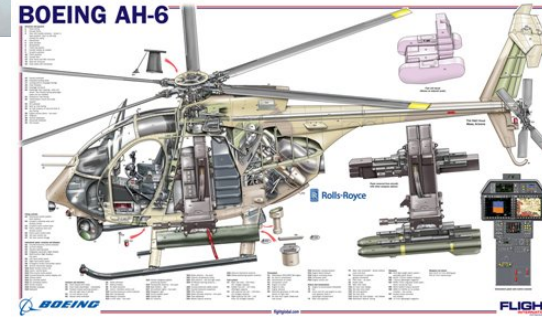
Air Team Platforms



3DR IRIS+ quadcopter
(SMACCMcopter)



Boeing Unmanned
Little Bird (ULB)
AH-6 derivative



New electronics to host
provably secure software



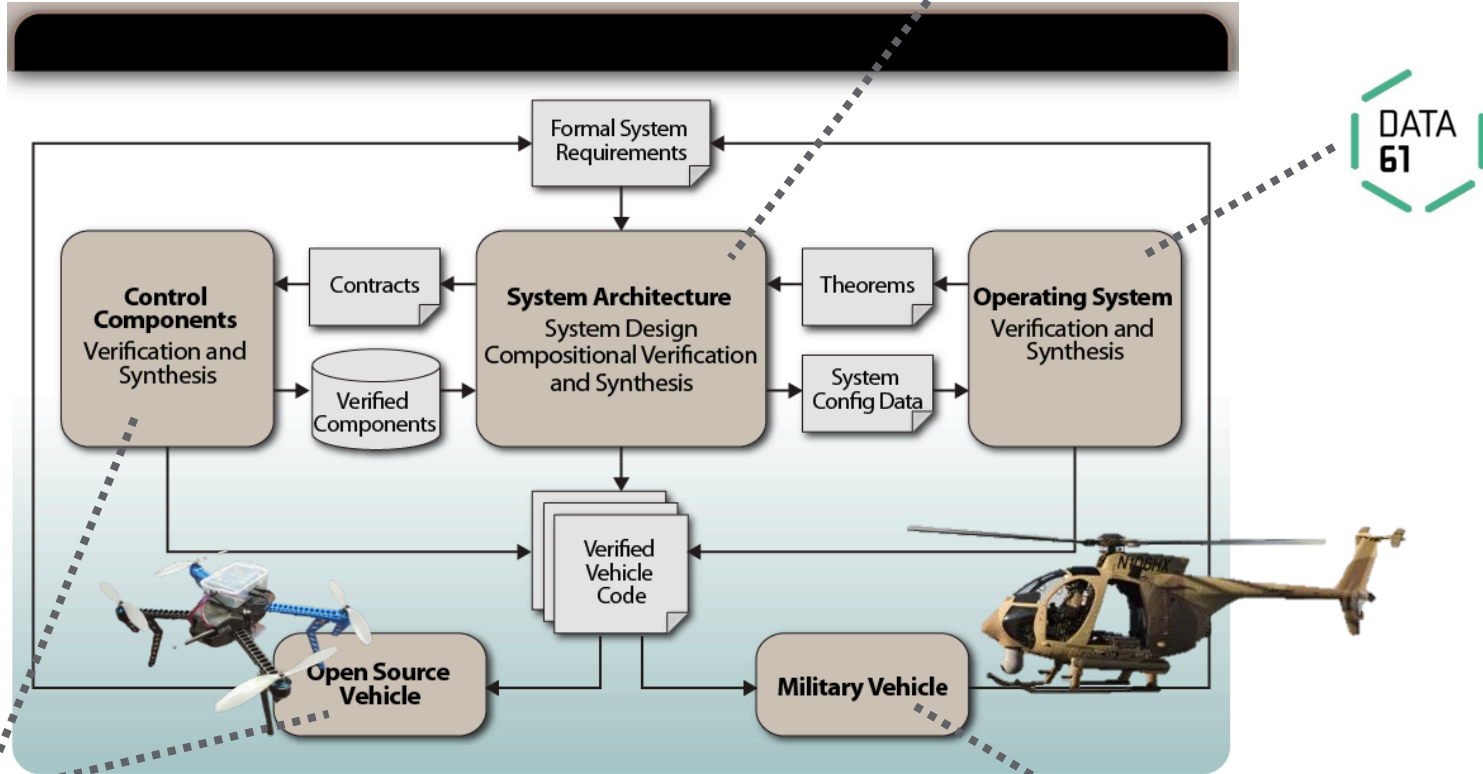
ULB Phase 2 Flight Demo – 24 July, Mesa



Architecture-Driven Assurance

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Why focus on system architecture?

Scalability

Reasoning about large systems through (de)composition

Security

Understand information flows

Interfaces are sources of vulnerabilities

Confidence

Structure for reasoning about system

Transition

System-level modeling and verification is immature

Excellent technology transition target

Can we trust the architecture model?

Architecture model is correct

- Properties, structure, behavior, interaction of components, interfaces, contracts
- Analyzable

Components are correct

- Realizable contracts
- Components verified to implement contracts

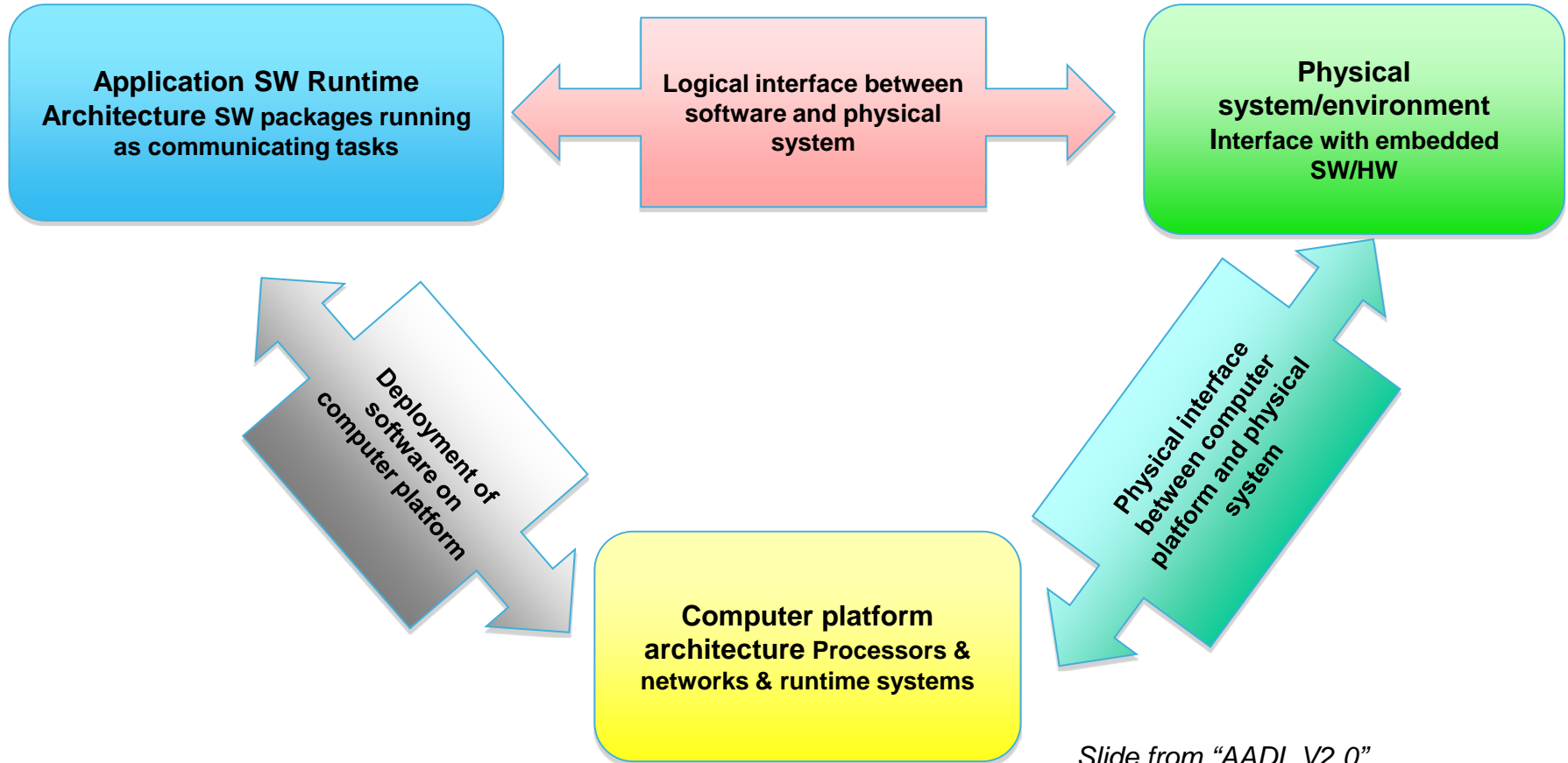
System does what the model says

- No other information flows (memory safety / isolation)
- OS executes model correctly

System implementation corresponds to model

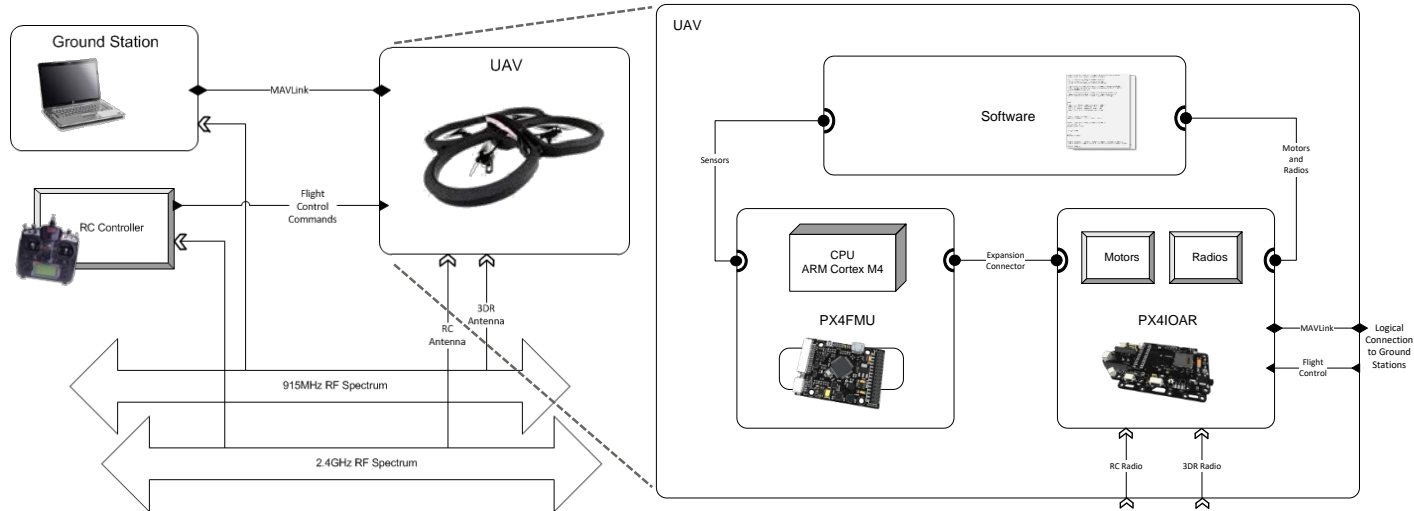
- Automatic build from component and architecture models

Embedded Software System Architecture



Slide from "AADL V2.0" presentation

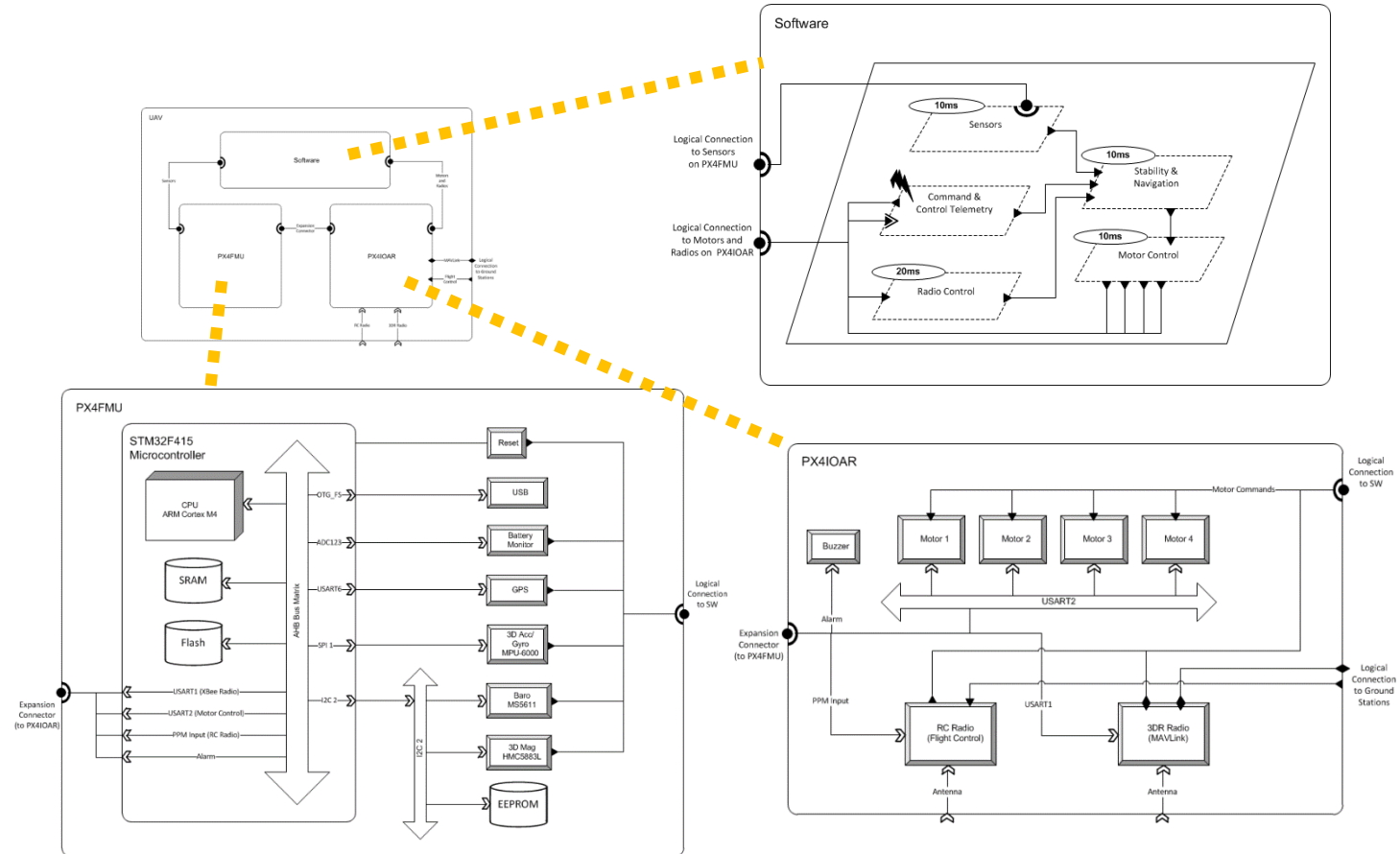
Architecture Analysis and Design Language (AADL)



AADL = SAE AS5506 standard

- Target: Embedded, real-time, distributed systems
- Describes both hardware and software
- Extensible syntax
- Open source tools, supported by SEI

AADL Model of Phase 1 SMACCMcopter



Vulnerabilities: Baseline Assessment

Research Vehicle (quadcopter)

- 3DR Radios have no security; injection and sniffing are trivial
- APM (Ground Station) Mission Planner DoS
- 3DR firmware retrieved from unsecure server by Mission Planner
- 3DR radios allow remote reboot into firmware update mode
- MavLink channel operates near saturation, trivial to overload channel causing effects on Mission Planner
- MavLink protocol allows read/write of internal APM memory

Out of scope
for HACMS

Secure
comms

Fixed
component

System
design

Unmanned Little Bird

- L3 Mini-TCDL multicast network routing failure
- ESR-904 Ethernet to serial converter crash
- STANAG 4586 message injection
- VSM status message saturation can cause link saturation and failure
- Unauthenticated control of Wescam EO/IR payload
- VSM waypoint processing DoS
- L3 Mini-TCDL communications can be hijacked

Other Possible Vulnerabilities

- **Secure dataflows? (can authentication be bypassed?)**
- **Memory safety? (unintended flows)**
- **C runtime errors? (crash)**
- **Task blocking? (CPU utilization)**
- **Response to DoS attacks?**

Trustworthy
architecture

Trustworthy
components

Trustworthy OS

Weakness/Attack Sources:

Common Weakness Enumeration, <http://cwe.mitre.org>

Common Attack Pattern Enumeration and Classification,
<http://capec.mitre.org>

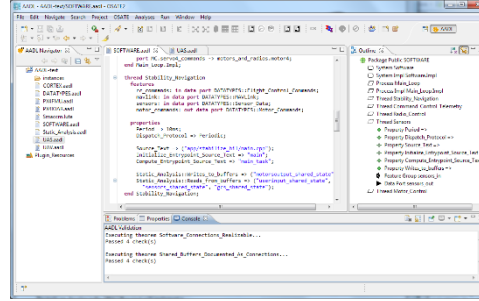
SMACCM milestone 6: Security requirements document

AADL Tools: Formal Methods Workbench

OSATE

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Architecture Models



Resolute

Assurance Case

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Behavioral Analysis

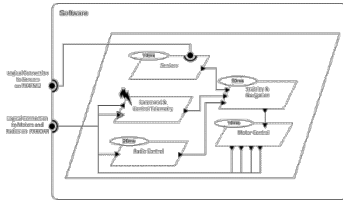
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Structural
Analysis

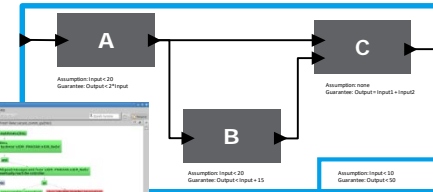
Architecture Analysis



Architecture Translation



seL4
eChronos
VxWorks



Kind/JKind
Model Checker

A reasoned and compelling argument, supported by a body of evidence, that a system, service or organization will operate as intended for a defined application in a defined environment

GSN community standard V1

A graphical representation of an argument supported by evidence

May address different system aspects

- Safety
- Security
- Correctness

Evidence about the model

How can we make **high-level** claims about **correctness**?

Combine **heterogeneous** evidence from **multiple sources**

- Galois: IVORY DSL

- NICTA: Sel4 Microkernel

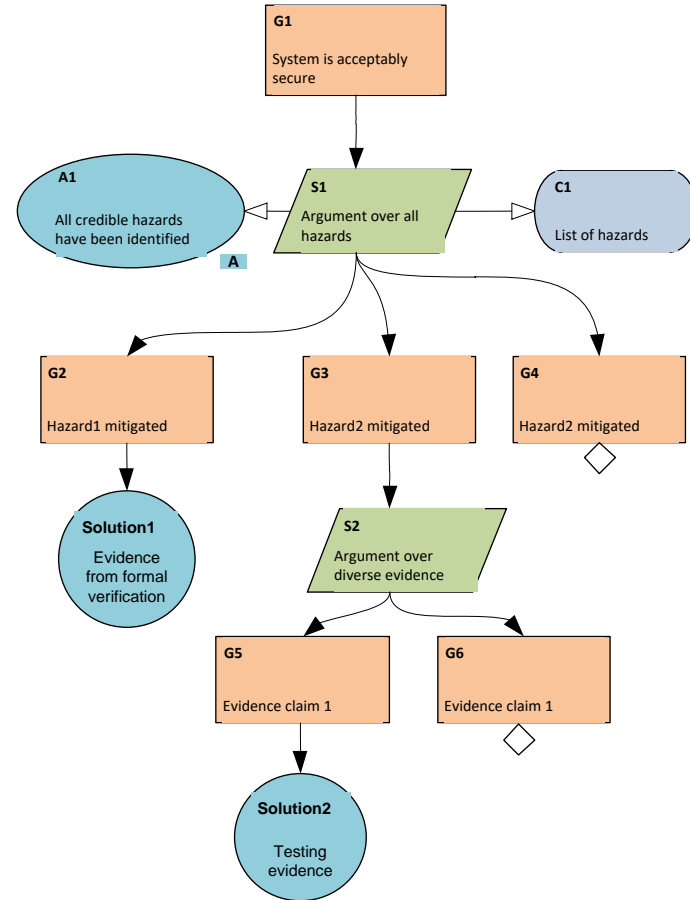
- Boeing: Internal Processes and Best Practices

Generate system image from the model

Assurance Cases

Goal Structuring Notation (GSN) is used in several tools

- *Goals*: claims about the system
- *Strategy*: argues why a goal is true
- *Assumptions*
- *Solution*: leaf level evidence



Assurance Cases

Positives

- Informal
- Can include many different sources of evidence
- Understandable by domain experts
- Captures structure of argument

Negatives

- Informal
- Not strongly tied to the system design
- Semantics are loose (English is ambiguous)

Assurance Cases

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Resolute: An Assurance Case Language for Architecture Models

Use a **logic** to generate an **assurance case**

Make the **structure of the system architecture** help form the **structure of the assurance case**

Use an architectural design language with **defined semantics** (AADL)

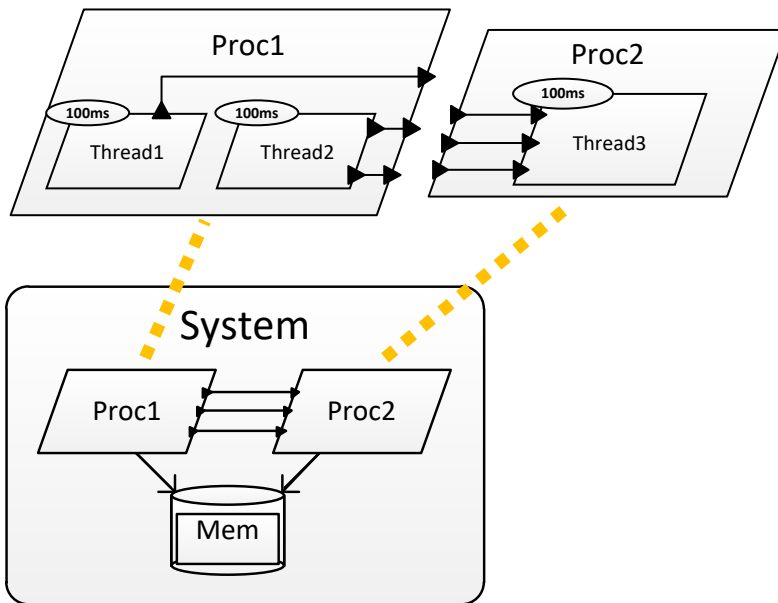
Resolute Language

Claims and **rules** for satisfying those claims

Rules and claims **parameterized by AADL types**

Assurance cases **instantiated** with elements from AADL model

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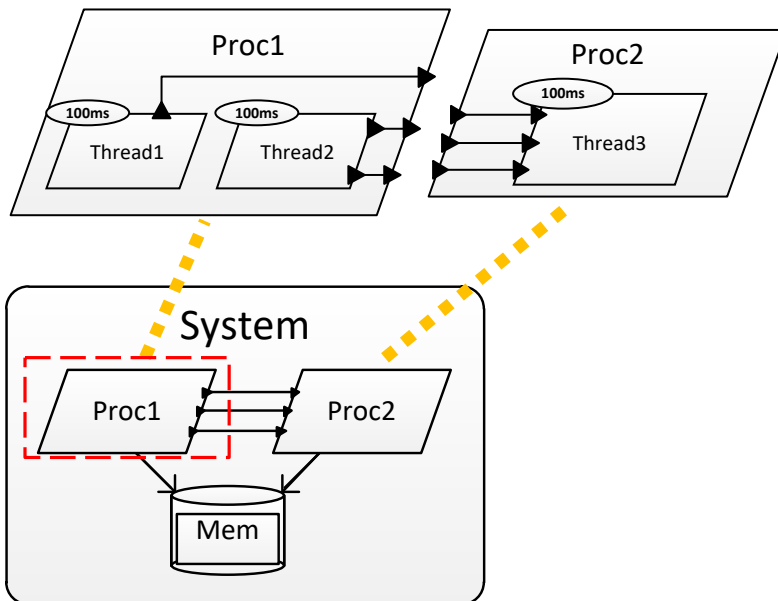
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Process "System.Proc1"
protected from other
processes

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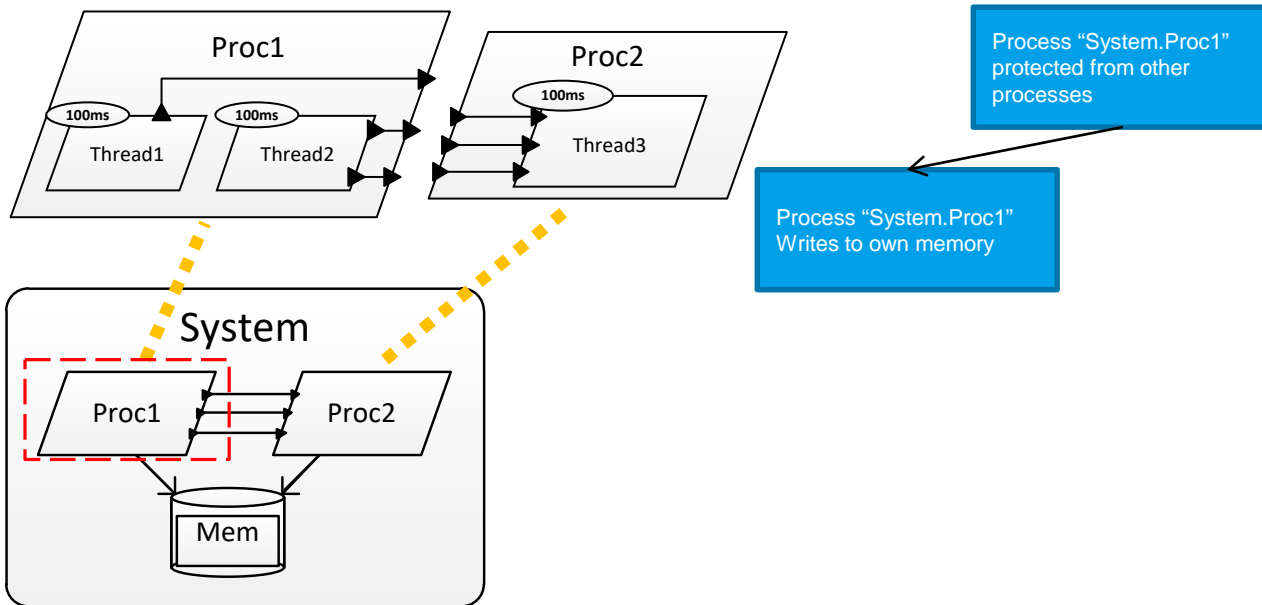
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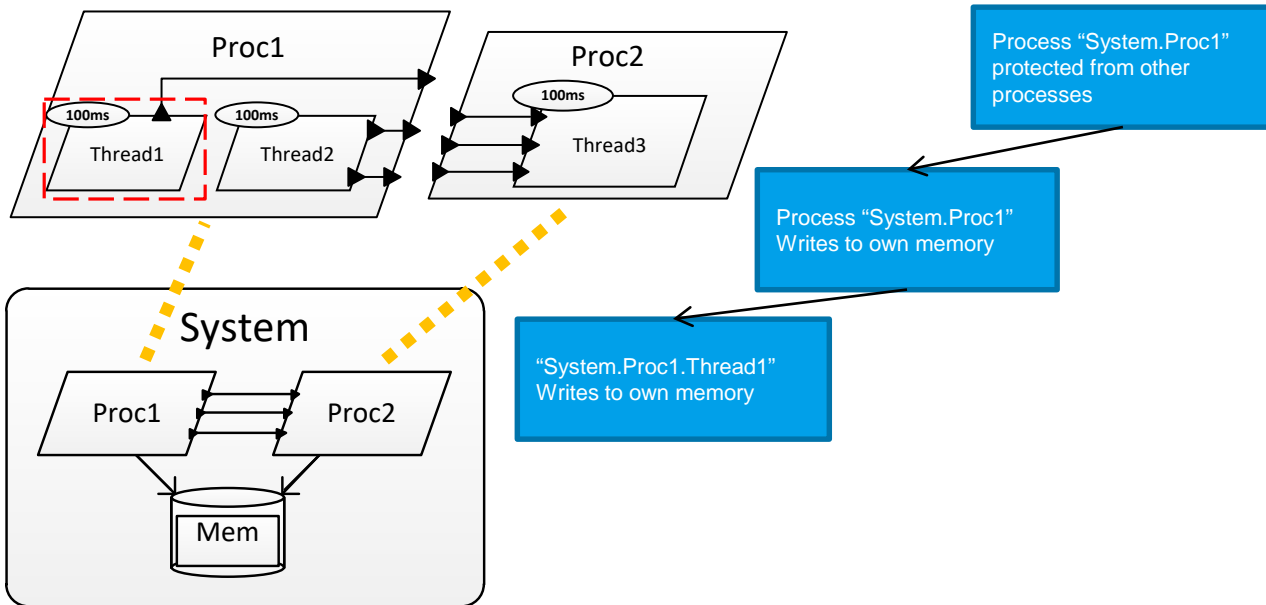
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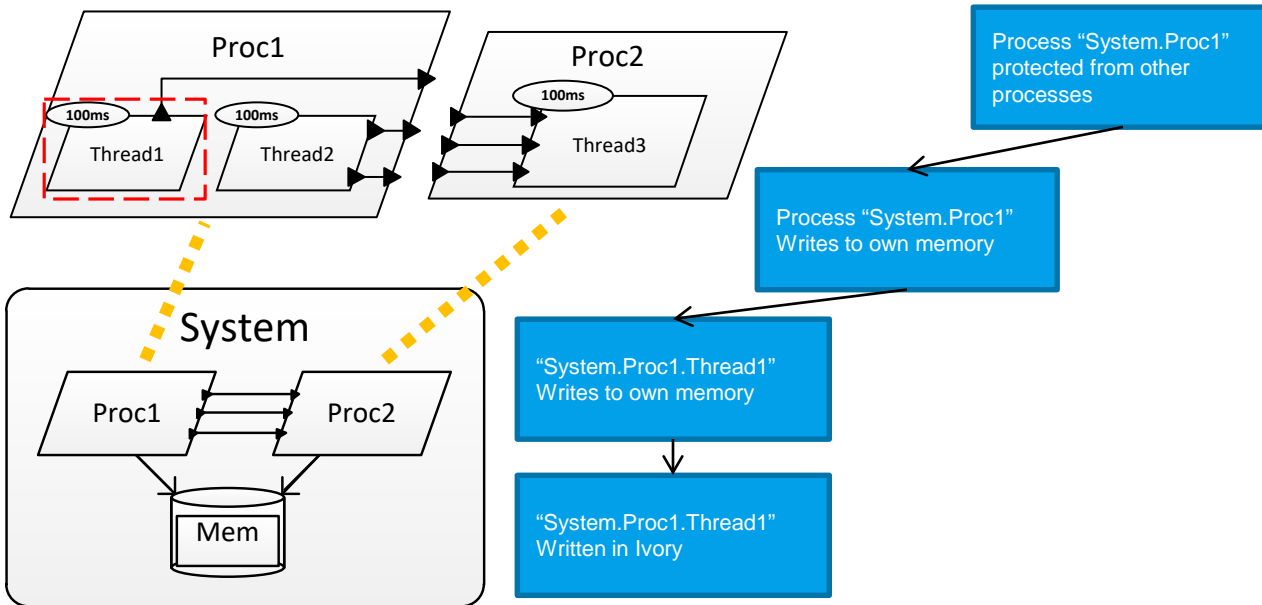
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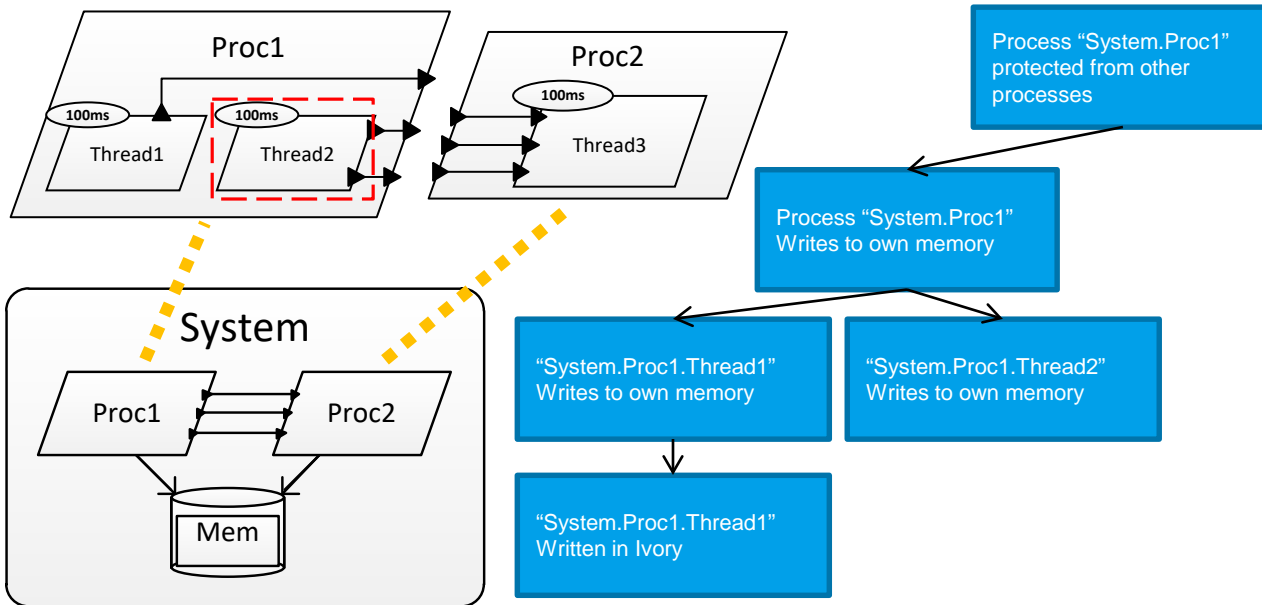
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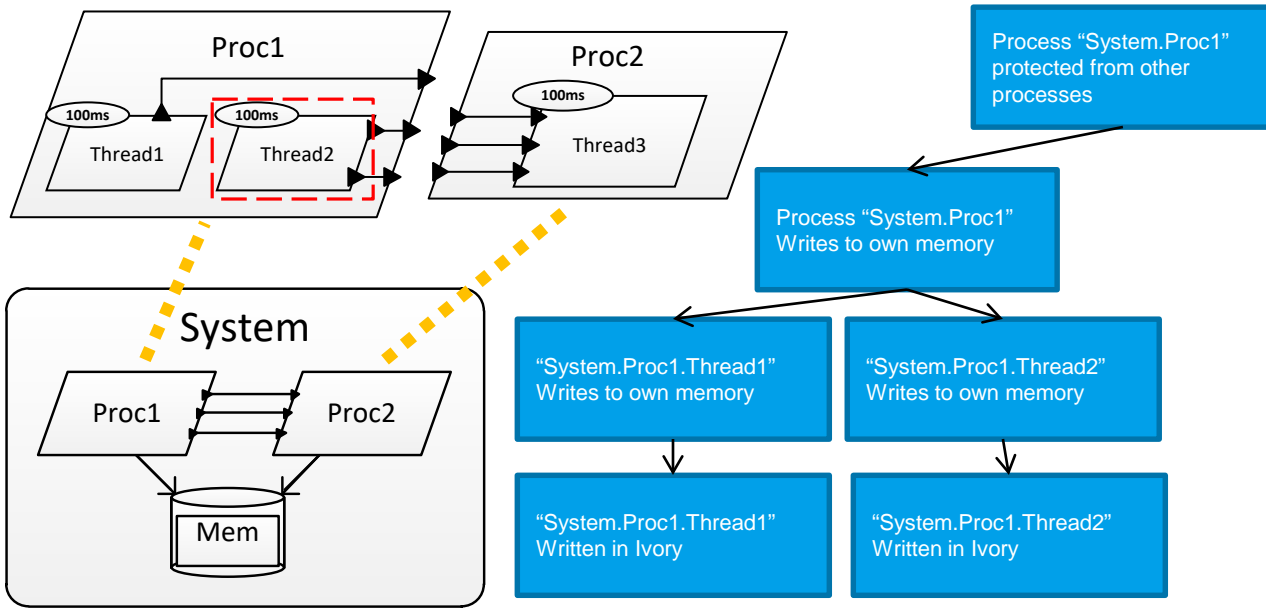
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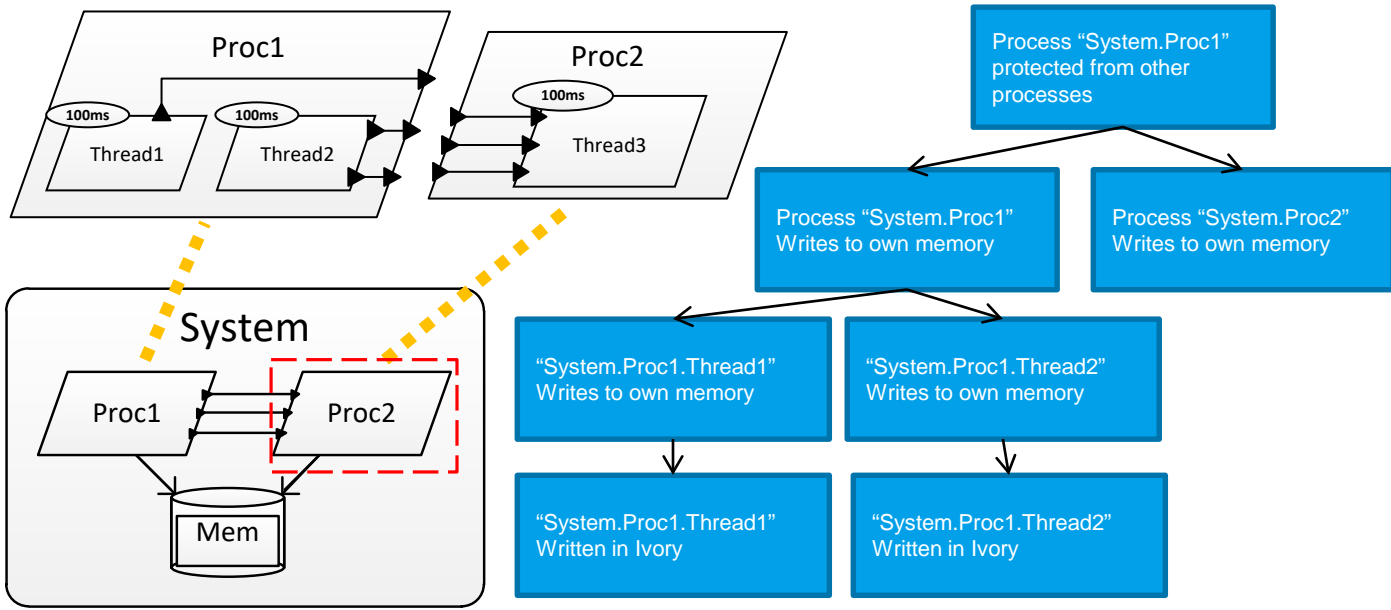
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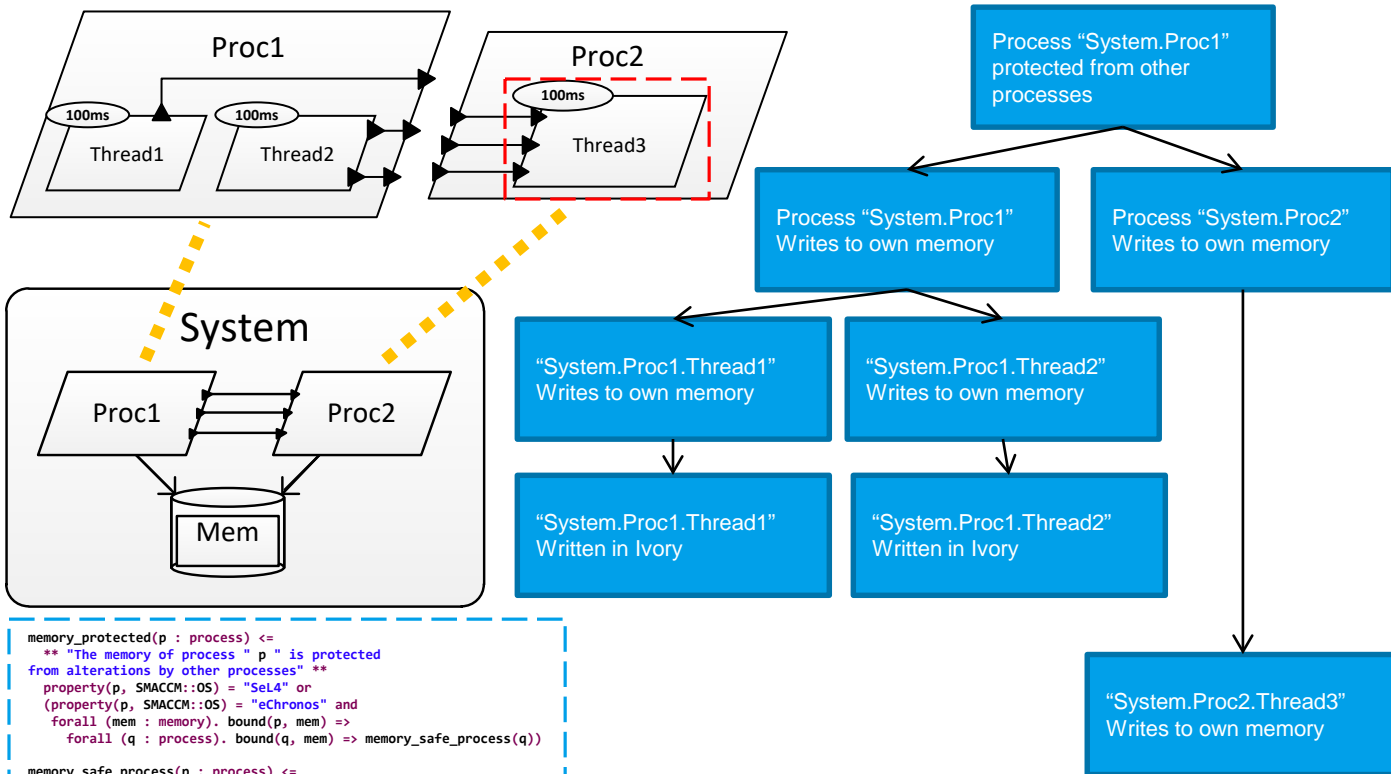
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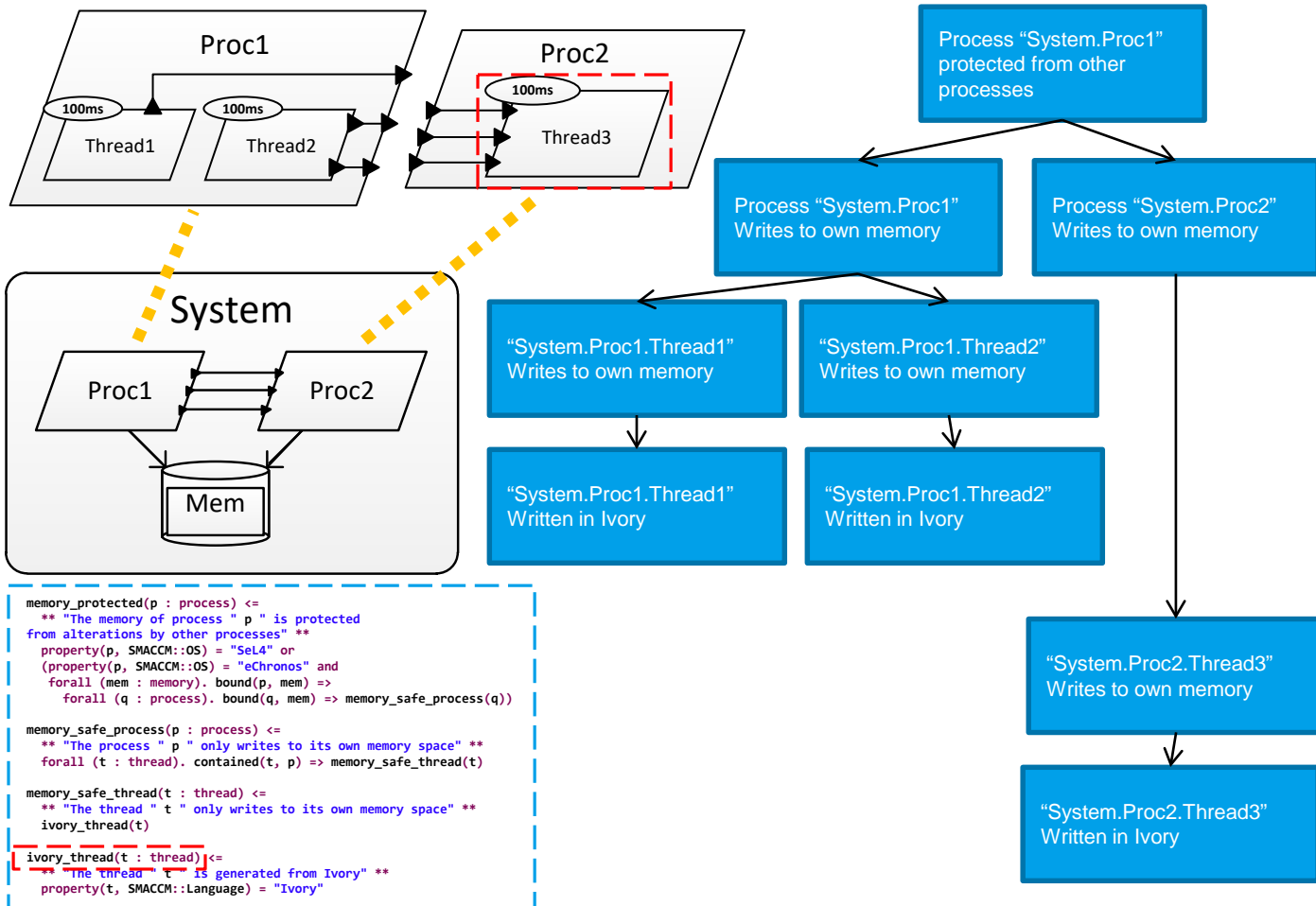
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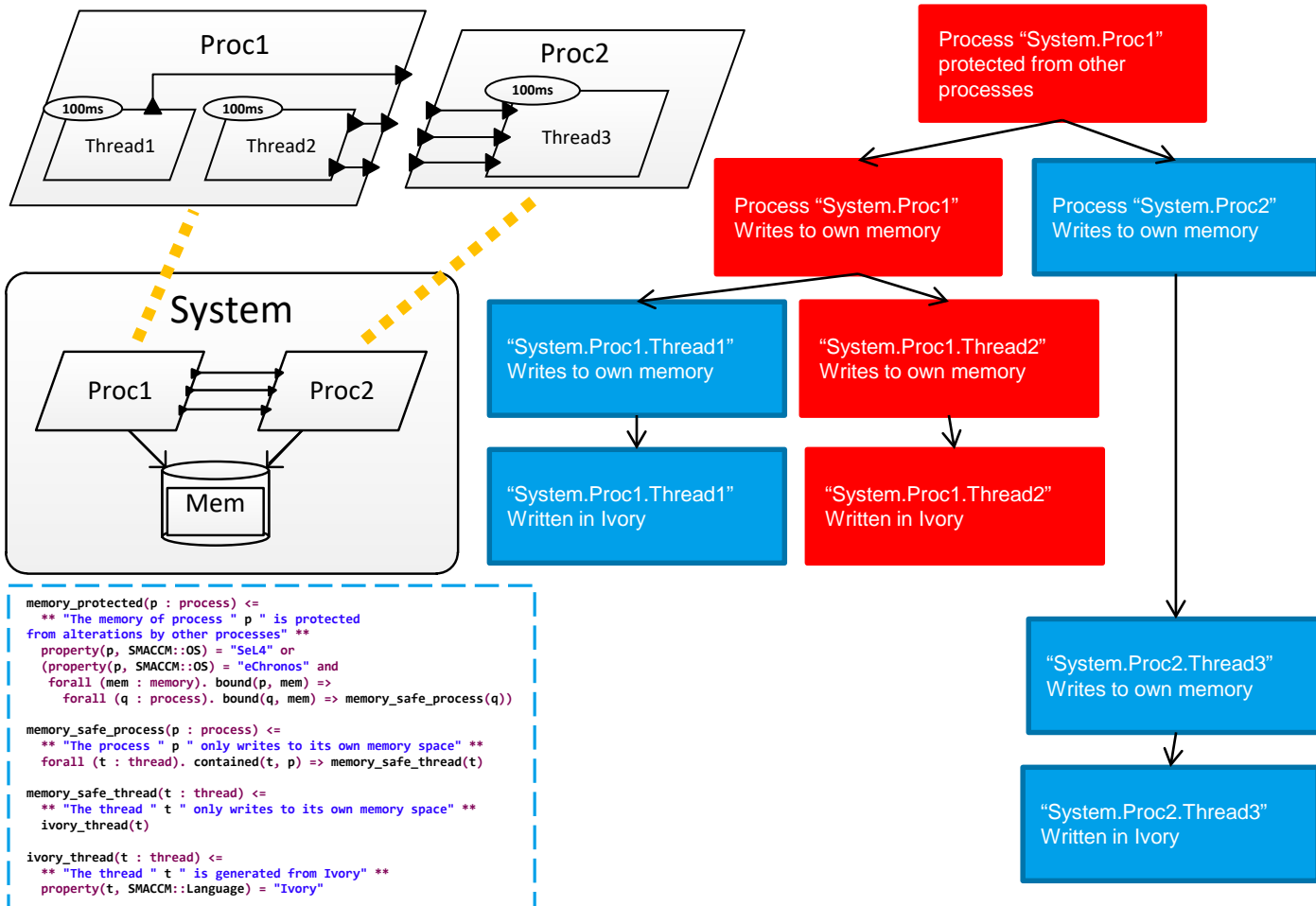



Failed Assurance Cases

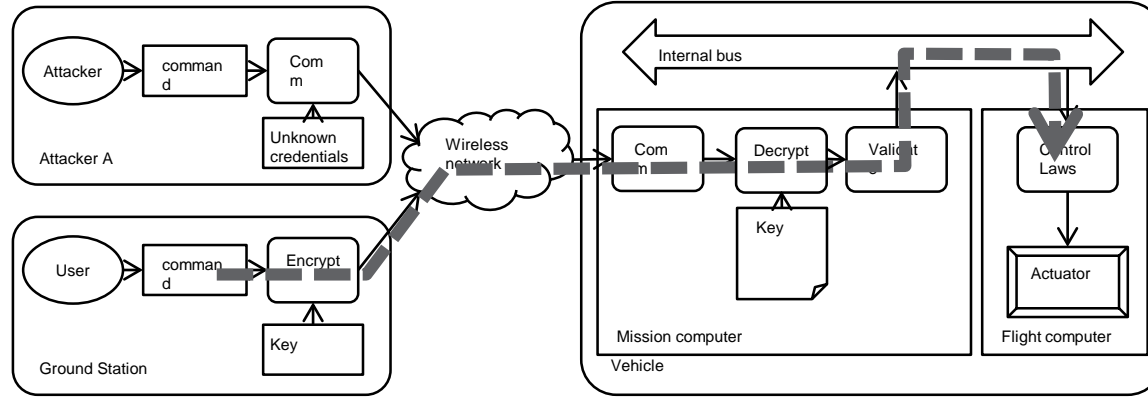
Unlike traditional assurance cases, Resolute can produce a **failed assurance case**

Claims that are false are shown in red so the assurance case can be debugged

Failures may occur if the **architecture changes**, or if **external analysis** fails

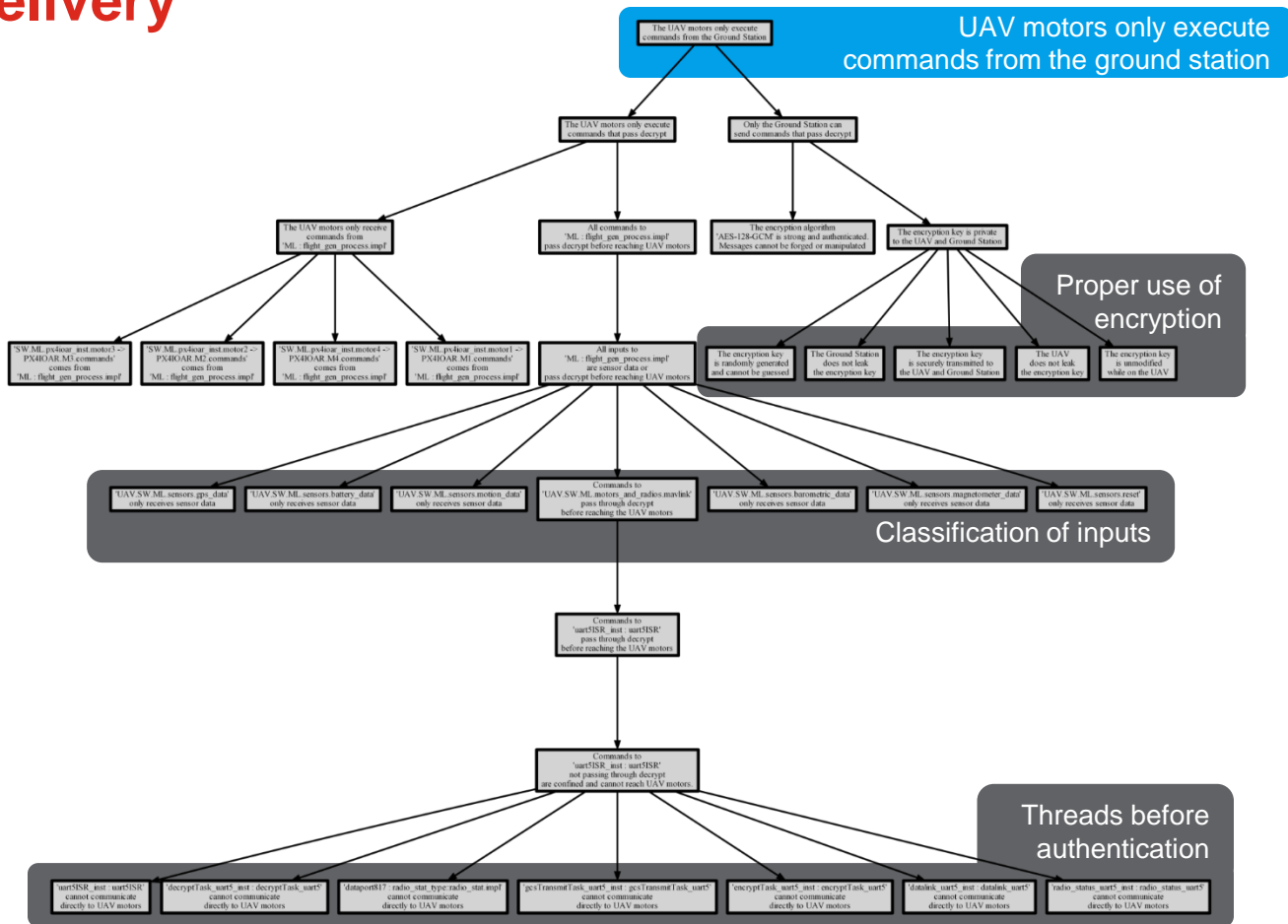


Properties from SMACCM Project



- The motor controller only receives messages from the trusted ground station.
- All messages received by the radio reach the motor controller.
- All connections are accurate/non-bypassable.
 - Requires memory-safety

Secure Delivery



Analysis Results

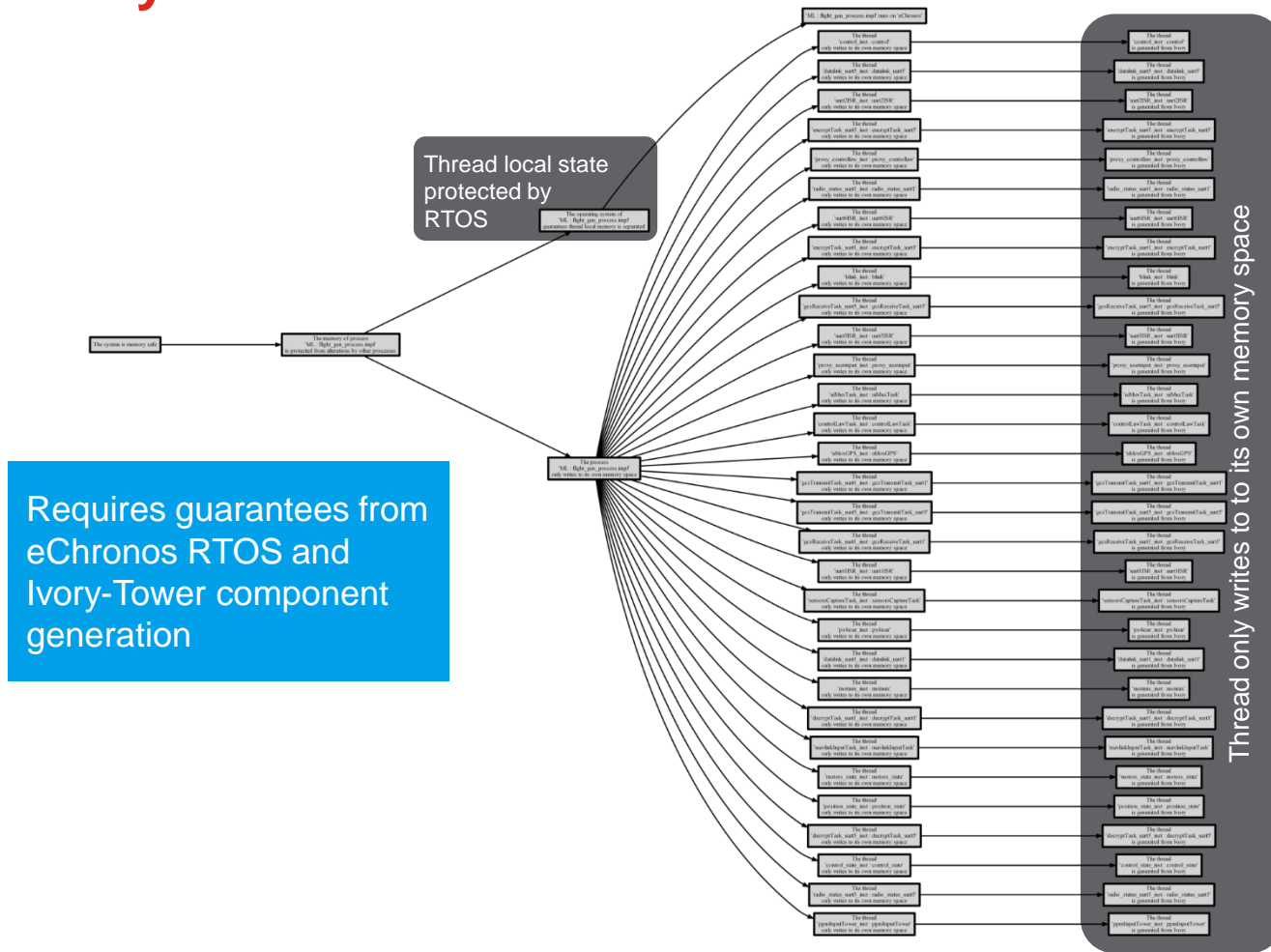
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 - ▲ ❗ The connection 'SN.motor_commands -> MC.motor_commands' only carries messages that pass Decrypt
 - ▷ ✔ The connection 'SN.motor_commands -> MC.motor_commands' delivers data without alteration
 - ▲ ❗ The component 'SN : SOFTWARE::Stability_Navigation' only receives messages that pass Decrypt
 - ▷ ✔ The connection 'CCT.mavlink_out -> SN.mavlink' only carries messages that pass Decrypt
 - ▲ ❗ The connection 'RC.commands_out -> SN.rc_commands' only carries messages that pass Decrypt
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 - ▷ ❗ The component 'RC : SOFTWARE::Radio_Control' only receives messages that pass Decrypt

Failed assurance case

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 - ▷ ✔ The connection 'DC.decrypt_out -> CCT.mavlink_in' only carries messages that pass Decrypt
 - ✔ The connection 'SS.sensors_out -> SN.sensors' only carries sensor data

Successful assurance case

Memory Safety



Galois: Domain-Specific Languages (DSLs)

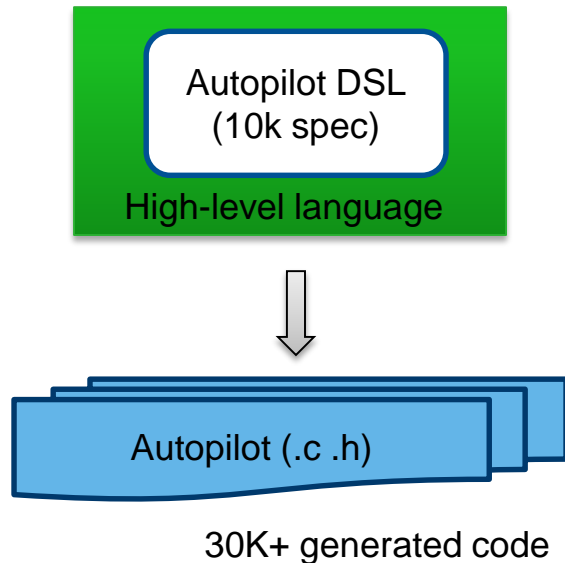
The *Ivory-Tower* DSL

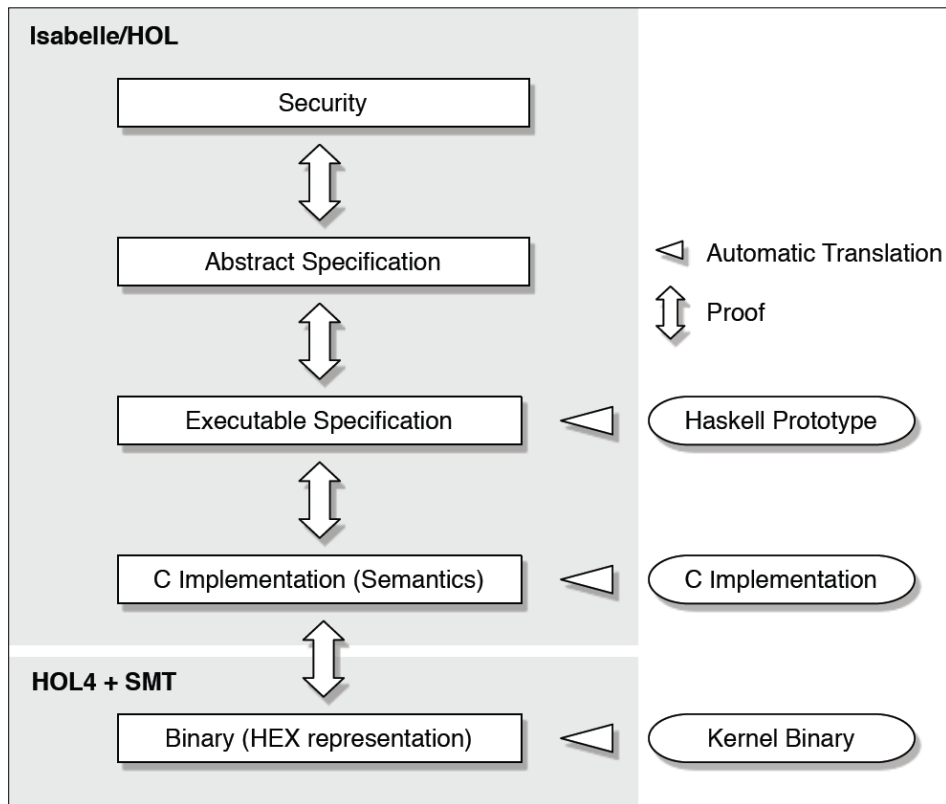
Embed the DSL in a high-level language:

- DSL compiler is small (8k locs)
- Language prevents user from making common C errors
- Type-safe macros in the host language allow fast, safe programming

Outcome:

- 10k spec generates 30k locs code and ~2k locs properties, mostly
 - Arithmetic checks to prevent overflow
 - Checks on interface values
- New backends are created in about ~1k locs (C code, models, test cases)





seL4 is the world's first formally verified high-performance microkernel

The binary code correctly implements the behavior described in its abstract specification

...and nothing more

The specification and the binary satisfy the security properties called *integrity* and *confidentiality*

Now open source

sel4.systems

Bugs eliminated:

- Buffer overflow
- Null pointer dereference
- Pointer errors
- Memory leaks
- Arithmetic overflow/exceptions
- Undefined behaviors

System Construction: Trusted Build

Trustworthy
architecture



Ensure fidelity between models and system image

Proofs are over architectural models

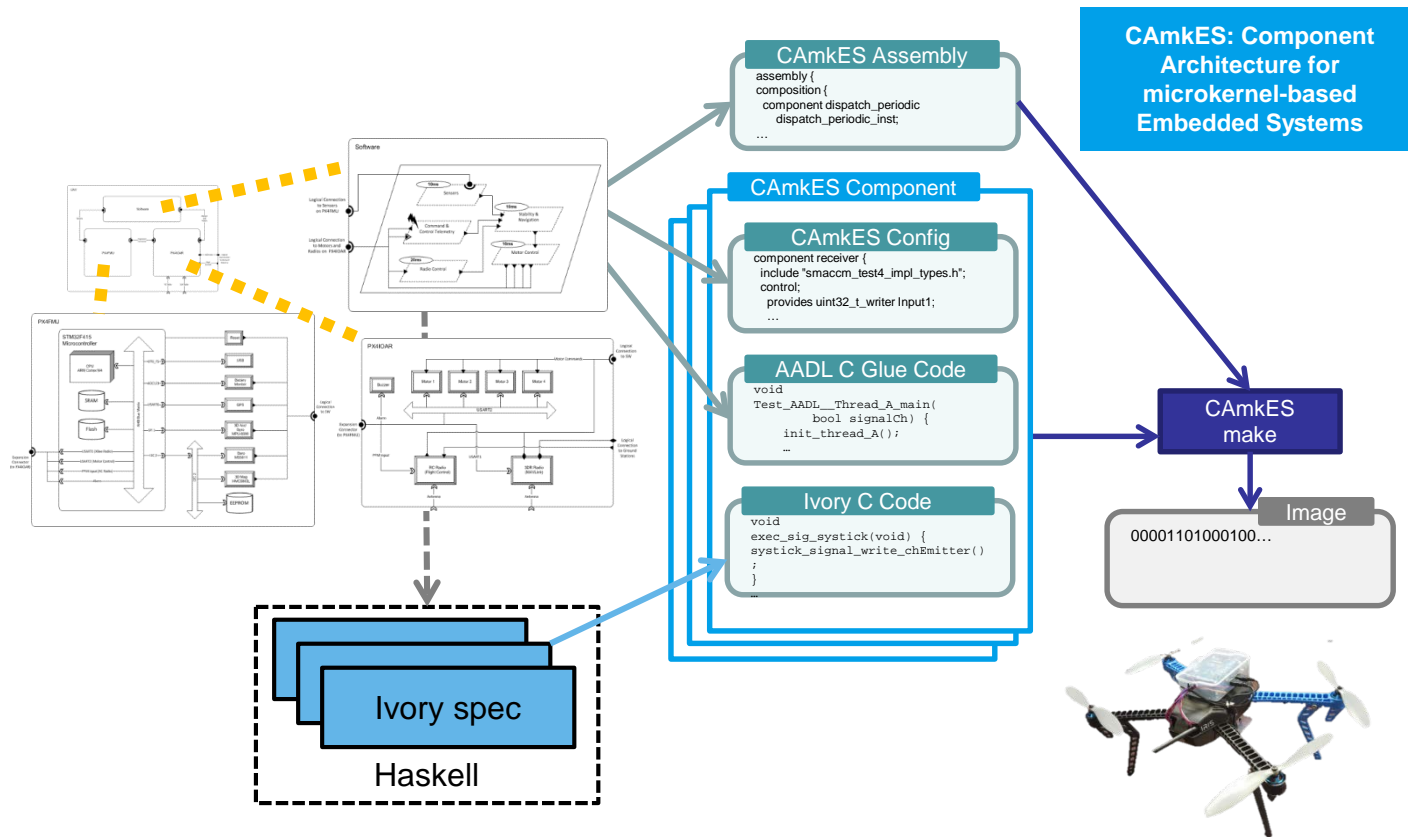
- Information flow between processes and threads
- Well-formedness of architecture: scheduling, memory limits and safety, etc.

Trusted build **generates** system image from architectural model

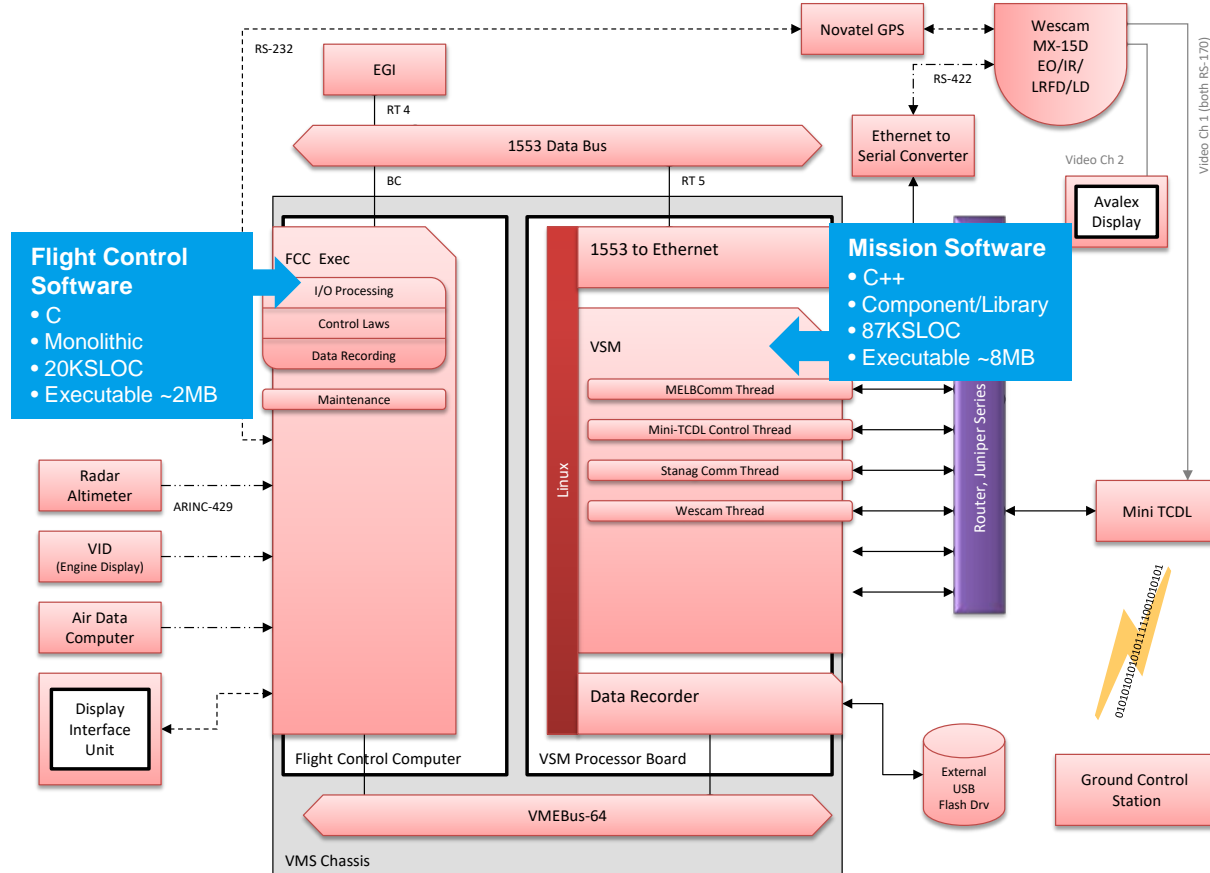
- Prevents stupid errors
 - Mismatches on unit types between modules [Mars Polar Lander]
 - Mismatches on alignment of data, data representation, and data location

Build Process for seL4

Trustworthy
architecture



Baseline ULB Architecture



Phase 3 Architecture

AADL models for both VSM and FCC

VSM Models deployed to seL4

FCC AADL model deployed to VxWorks

Some FCC components implemented in Ivory/Tower

VSM split into “navigation” and camera VSMs

Authentication and LOI

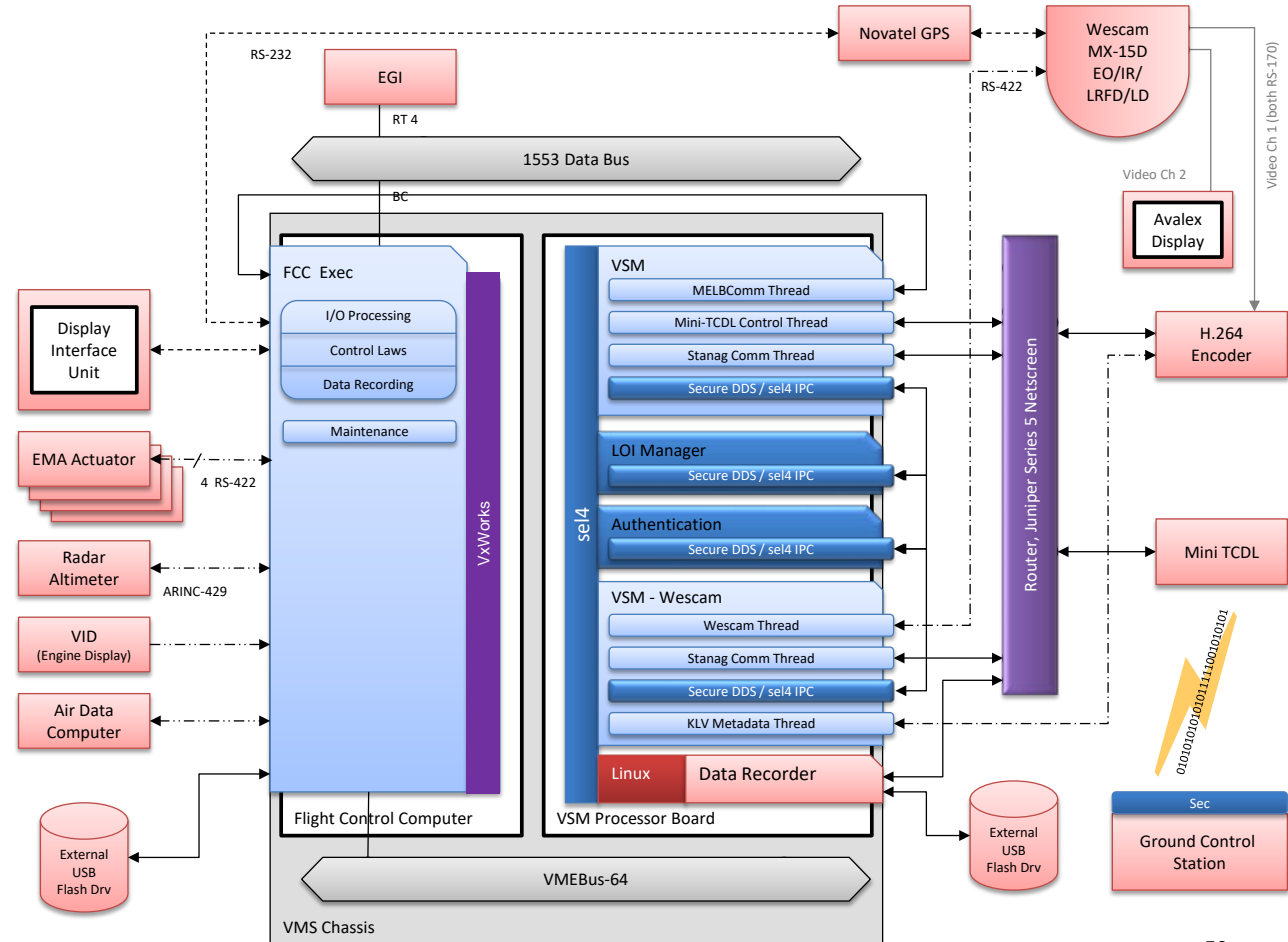
Ivory components

Other VSM components in Ivory

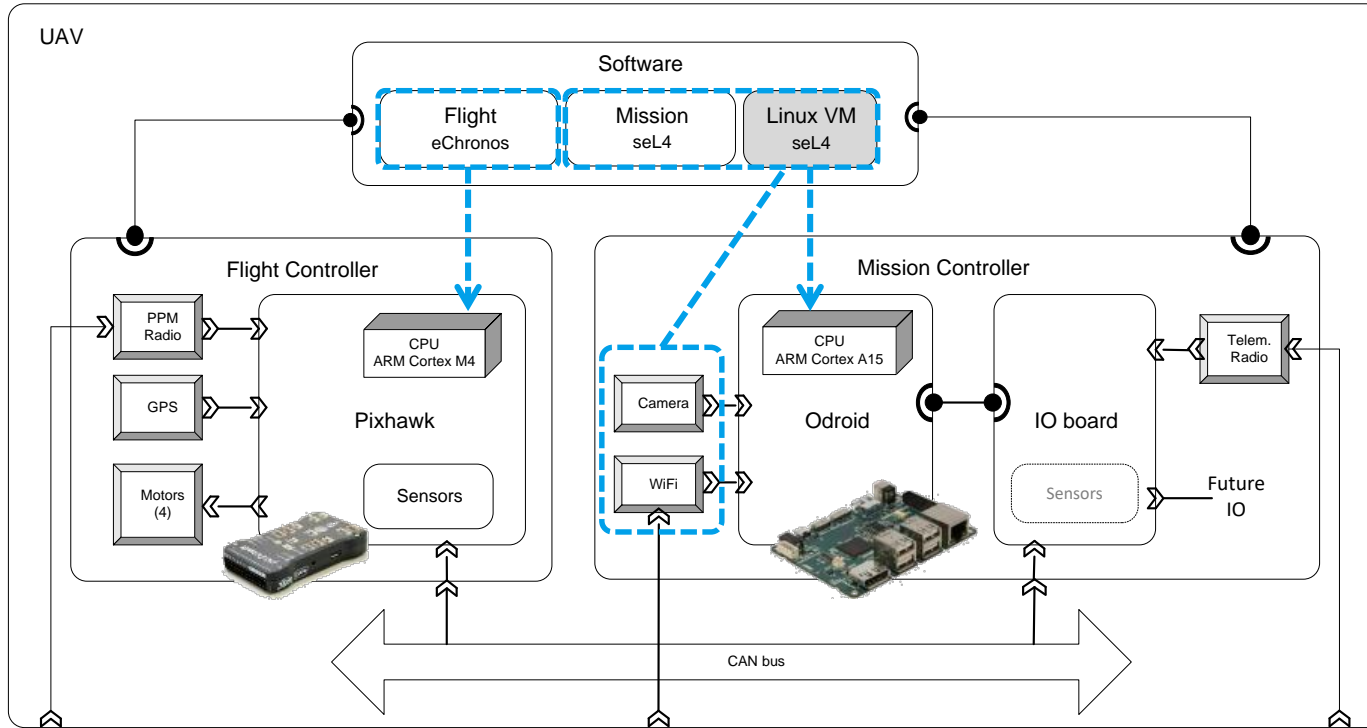
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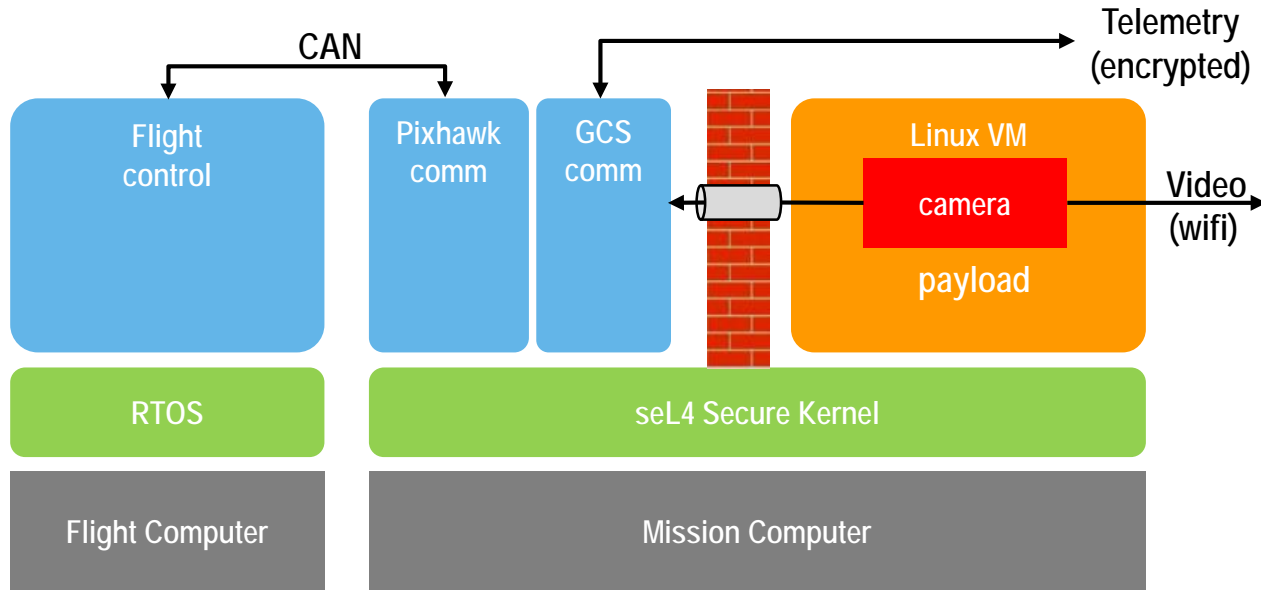
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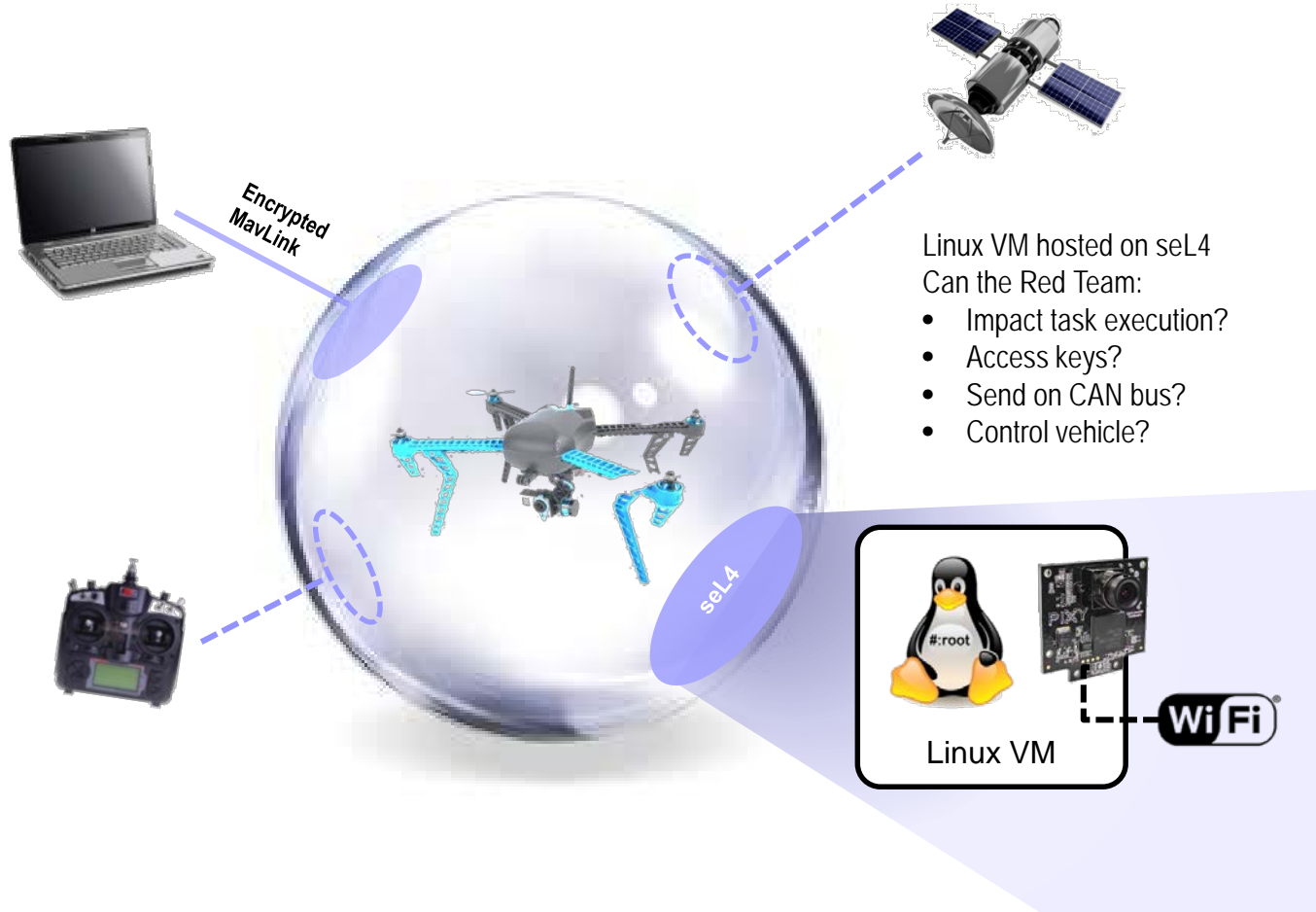
SMACCMcopter Phase 3 Architecture



Secure Software Architecture



Evaluation: Attack Surface



Evaluation: Assessment / Attack

3 month assessment by *Red Team*

- Team of professional penetration testers
 - In other efforts, the red team has broken a large number of both commercial and military systems (including the baseline Little Bird)
- Provided all artifacts: design documents, source code, architecture models, system images

For secured attack surfaces, **no vulnerabilities found!**

- For each phase, for each vehicle
- For both the SMACCMCopter and the Little Bird

DARPA “Wait, What?”

St. Louis, 9-11 Sept 2015



Formal
Methods



Conclusion

Vehicles can now come under remote attack due to networking

Current vehicle architectures are not built for cyber-security: vulnerable to a broad range of attacks

For security, we need secure software architectures:

- Secure communications with ground
- Enforced software task separation onboard
- Correct data flows and behaviors in system architecture

...and secure software components:

- Analysis and construction based on *formal methods*

Untrusted code can be safely used within trusted boundaries

Secure systems can be built at scale without sacrificing performance

Some Press...



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Pentagon Looks to Fix 'Pervasive Vulnerability' in UAS

BY NOAH SHACHTMAN | 12:31:12 | 6:30 AM | PERMALINK

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An MQ-9 Reaper drone at Creech Air Force Base, NV. Photo: USAF

Drones may be at the center of the U.S. campaign to take out extremists around the globe. But there's a "pervasive vulnerability" in the robotic aircraft, according to the Pentagon's premier science and technology division — a weakness the drones share with just about every car, medical device and power plant on the planet.

<http://www.wired.com/2012/12/darpa-drones/>

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"Creating drones that can't be hacked"

FEBRUARY 6, 2015, 1:46 PM | DARPA Project Manager Kathleen Fisher on creating HACMS: unhackable software for military drones, with Dylan McNamee and Pat Hickey from Galois.

<http://www.cbsnews.com/videos/creating-drones-that-cant-be-hacked/>

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DARPA Unveils Hack-Resistant Drone

Posted by timothy on Saturday May 24, 2014 @04:43AM from the nothing's-perfect dept.

savuporo (858486) writes with news based on the work of a DARPA project known as High Assurance Cyber Military Systems.

"The Pentagon's research arm unveiled a new drone built with secure software that "prevents the control and navigation of the aircraft from being hacked". The software is designed to make sure a hacker cannot take over control of a UAS. The software is mathematically proven to be invulnerable to large classes of attack," (HACMS program manager Kathleen) Fisher said. "This is currently being demoed on a

<http://slashdot.org/index2.pl?fhlfilter=drone>

defensetech.org/2014/05/21/darpa-unveils-hack-proof-drones

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The mini drone is engineered with mathematically assured software making it invulnerable to cyber attack. Citing the success of mock-enemy or "red-team" exercises wherein cyber experts tried to hack into the quadcopter and failed, Fisher indicated that DARPA experts have referred to the prototype quadcopter as the most secure UAS in the world.

"We started out with the observation that many vehicles are easy for malicious hackers to

<http://defensetech.org/2014/05/21/darpa-unveils-hack-proof-drone/>

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SAE International Architecture Analysis and Design Language (AADL) is a ***standard**** architecture modeling language, developed by and for the avionics, aerospace, automotive, and robotics communities.

Uses component-based notation for the ***specification*** of task and communication ***architectures of real-time, embedded, fault-tolerant, secure, safety-critical, software-intensive systems.***

The language & associated tools are used to ***model, analyze, and generate embedded real-time systems***

Tool-based analysis in Eclipse framework

A modeling infrastructure that supports ***model-based engineering concepts***

Based on 15 Years of DARPA funded ***research*** technologies

First published Nov 2004 (***V1***) - revised standard Jan 2009 (***V2***)



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