Industrial Scale Proof Engineering for Critical Trustworthy Applications (INSPECTA)

DARPA PROVERS : Pipelined Reasoning of Verifiers Enabling Robust Systems

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The University of Kansas

UNSW Sydney

Kansas State University

DornerWorks

Proofcraft — for a verified future

PROVERS PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

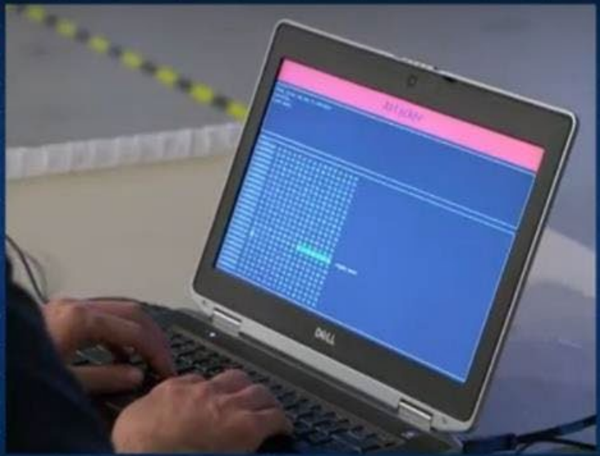
Develop automated, scalable formal methods tools that are integrated into traditional software development pipelines.

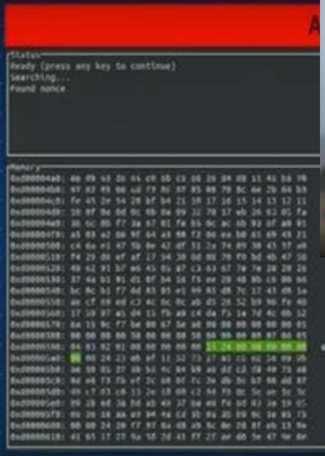
DEFENSE & AEROSPACE

Enable traditional software developers to incrementally produce and maintain high-assurance national security systems.

Adoption of formal methods in Defense Industrial Base development processes

HIGH ASSURANCE CYBER MILITARY SYSTEMS (HACMS)





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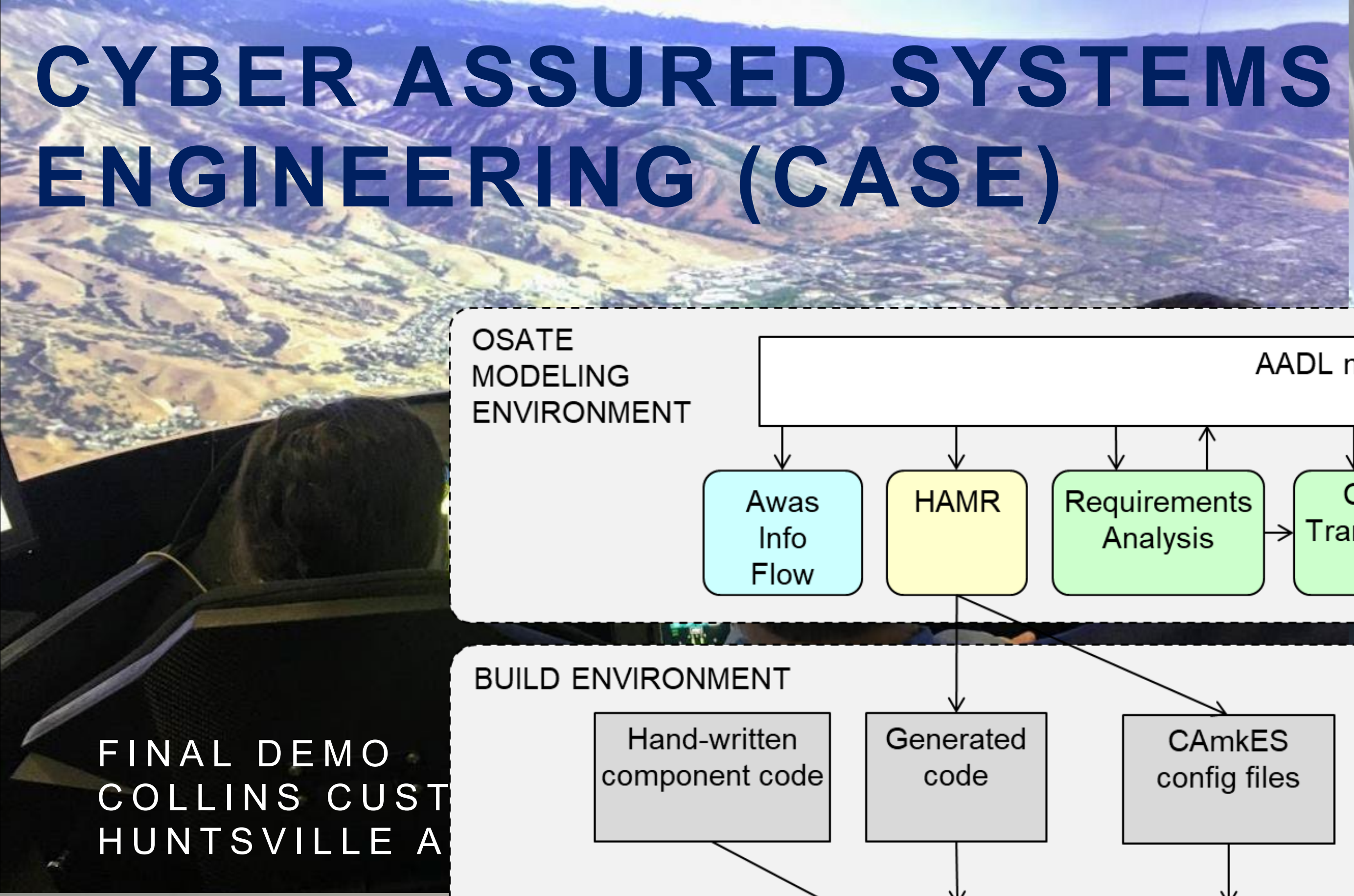
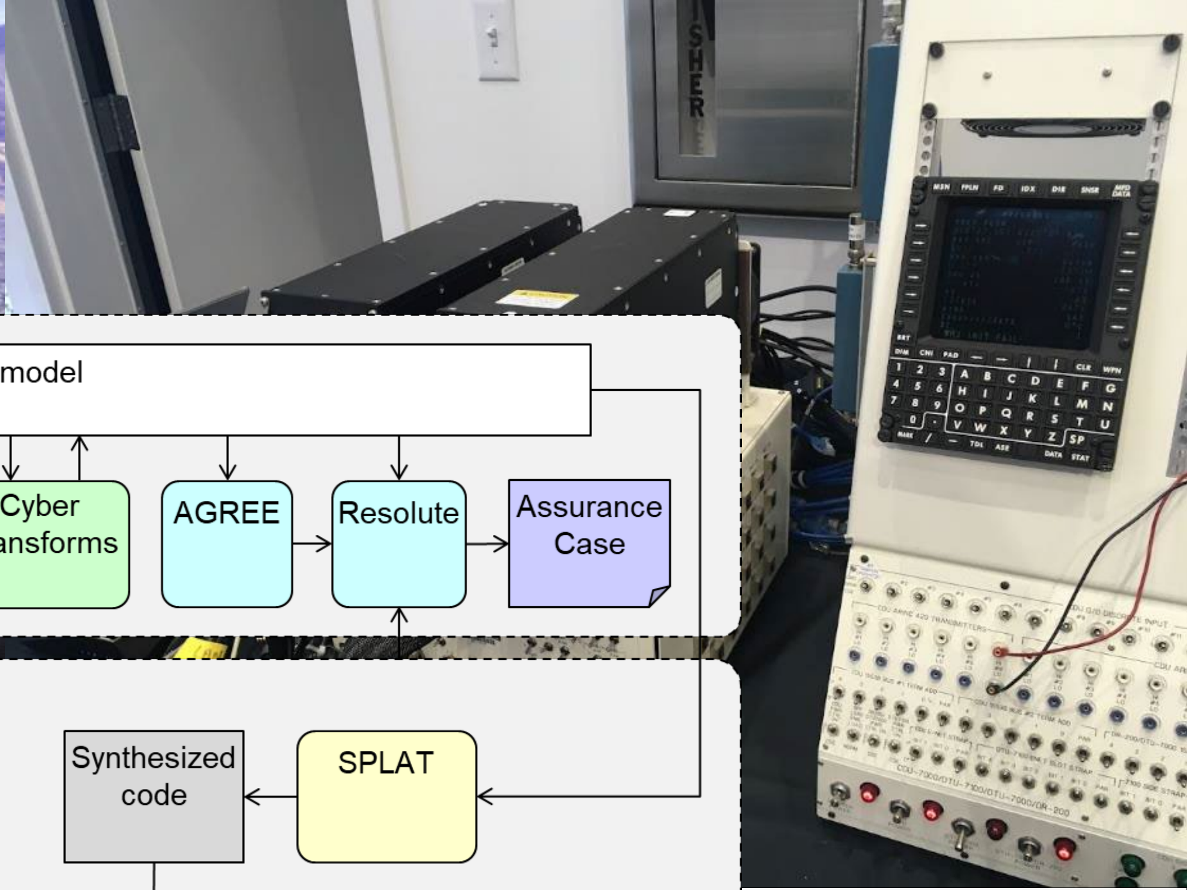
CYBER ASSURED SYSTEMS ENGINEERING (CASE)





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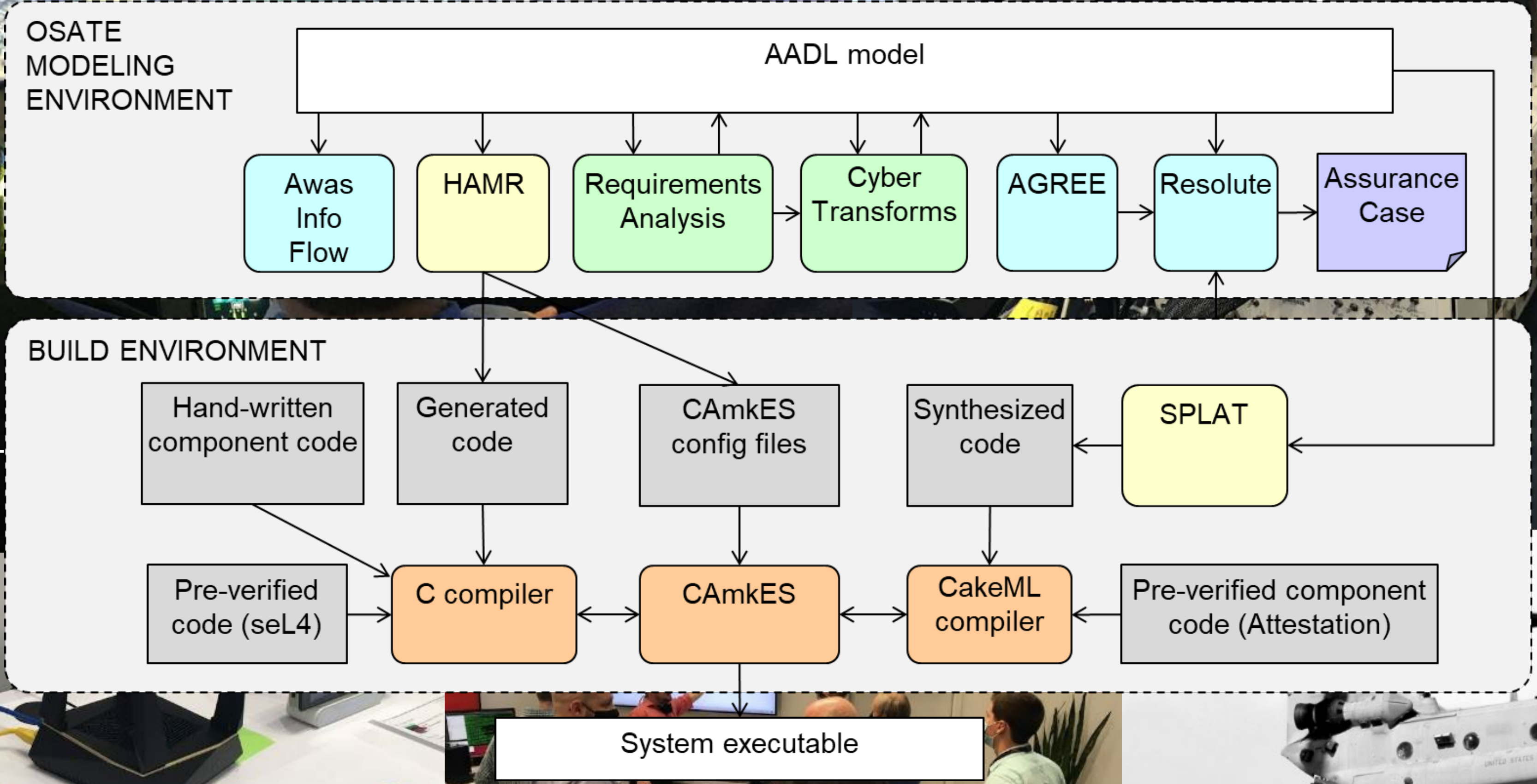
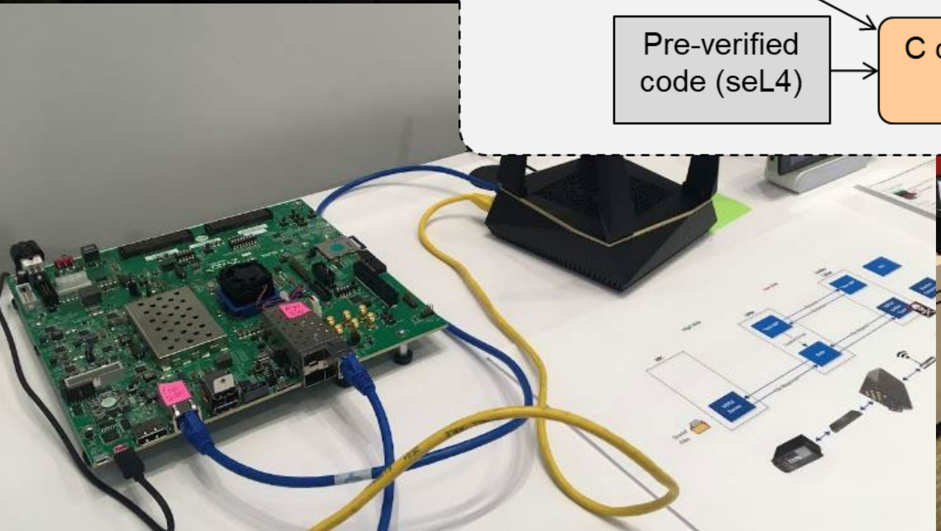
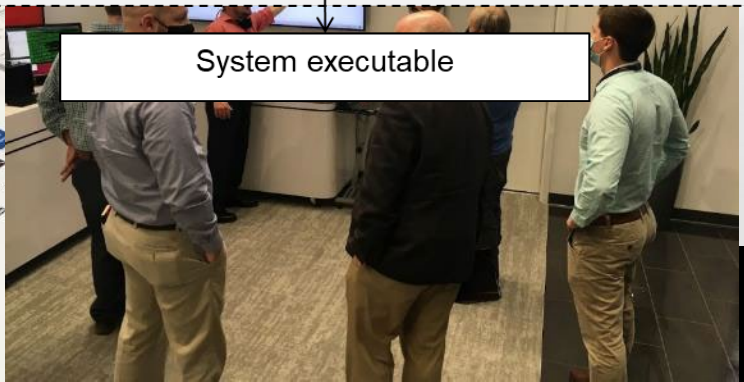
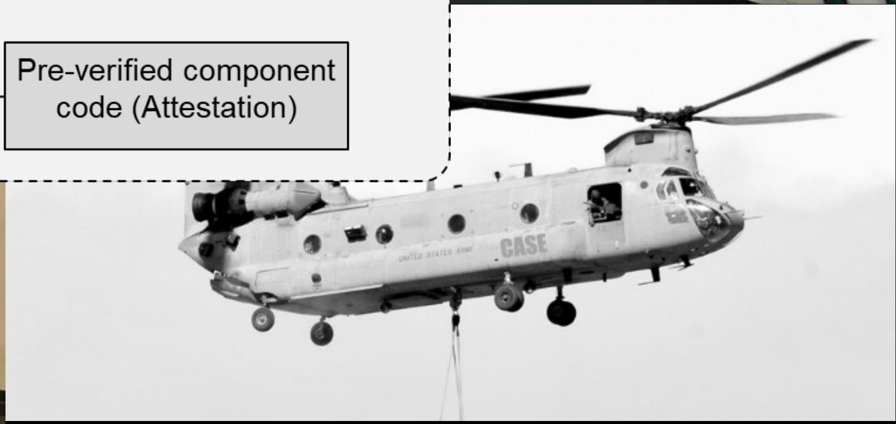








INSPECTA : HIGHLIGHTS

- Our workflow and tools will address the **entire software development stack** from requirements and system models, to component source code, through build and deployment on the seL4 secure microkernel, linked by formal verification at each level.
- We will achieve scalability for complex defense systems through **compositional reasoning** at the system level and automated analysis of components based on powerful, cloud-based solvers.
- We will achieve the **highest levels of assurance** by building upon the best available technologies and leveraging our experience from recent research programs as a starting point.
- Our tools will be **integrated with current Collins workflow** automation processes and applied to defense and aerospace products currently under development to demonstrate their usability, practicality, and effectiveness.
- **Formal verification will be made accessible to non-formal methods experts** through automated analysis with streamlined user feedback and generalized proofs that are robust to changes, augmented by automated repair tools.
- Our **framework is adaptable and extendable** to allow incorporation of results from other researchers, including other specification languages, other source code languages, and other operating system targets.
- Our **access to critical defense and aerospace products** in both commercial and military domains served by Collins will serve as the basis for compelling demonstrations of INSPECTA technologies.

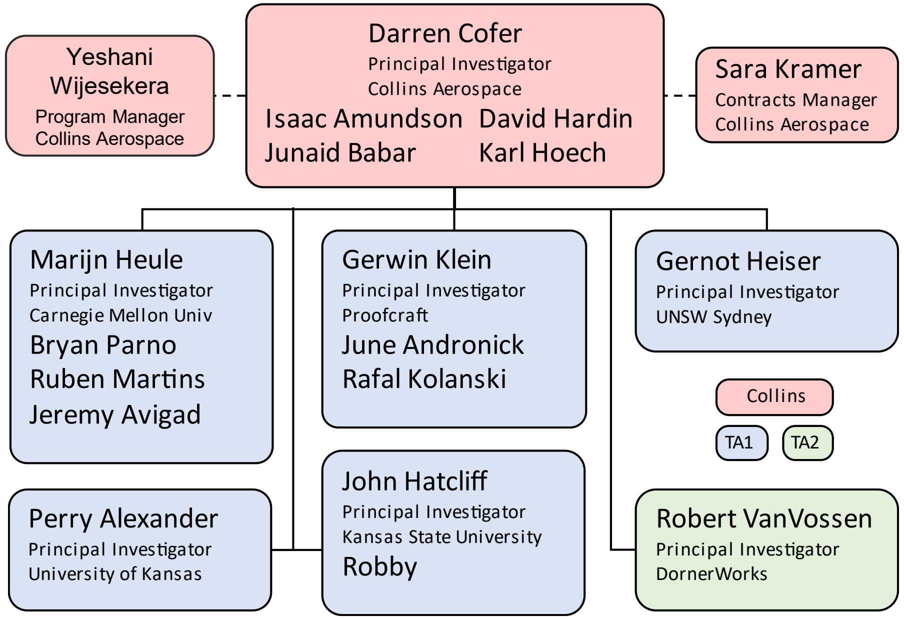
INSPECTA TEAM

Technology Area 1 – Proof Engineering

- **Collins**: System requirements, model-based compositional reasoning, workflow integration and assurance gathering, user feedback and measurement
- **CMU**: Software component analysis, scalable SAT/SMT analysis, Rust software verification environment
- **KS State Univ**: Model-based build framework, formal model of AADL, code generation for seL4 and other OS
- **Proofcraft**: Robust and generalized proofs, seL4 verification
- **UNSW Sydney**: Push-button verification of seL4 microkit, seL4 OS components
- **Univ of KS**: Component software synthesis, AI-Enhanced proof repair, lifecycle attestation for workflow

Technology Area 2 – Platform Development

- **Collins**: Provide platforms for demonstration of TA1 tools, requirements changes to evaluate tool effectiveness, including US Army (Air) Launched Effects
- **DornerWorks**: Develop open demonstration platform based on Army SBIR with Collins, UAS mission software running on seL4



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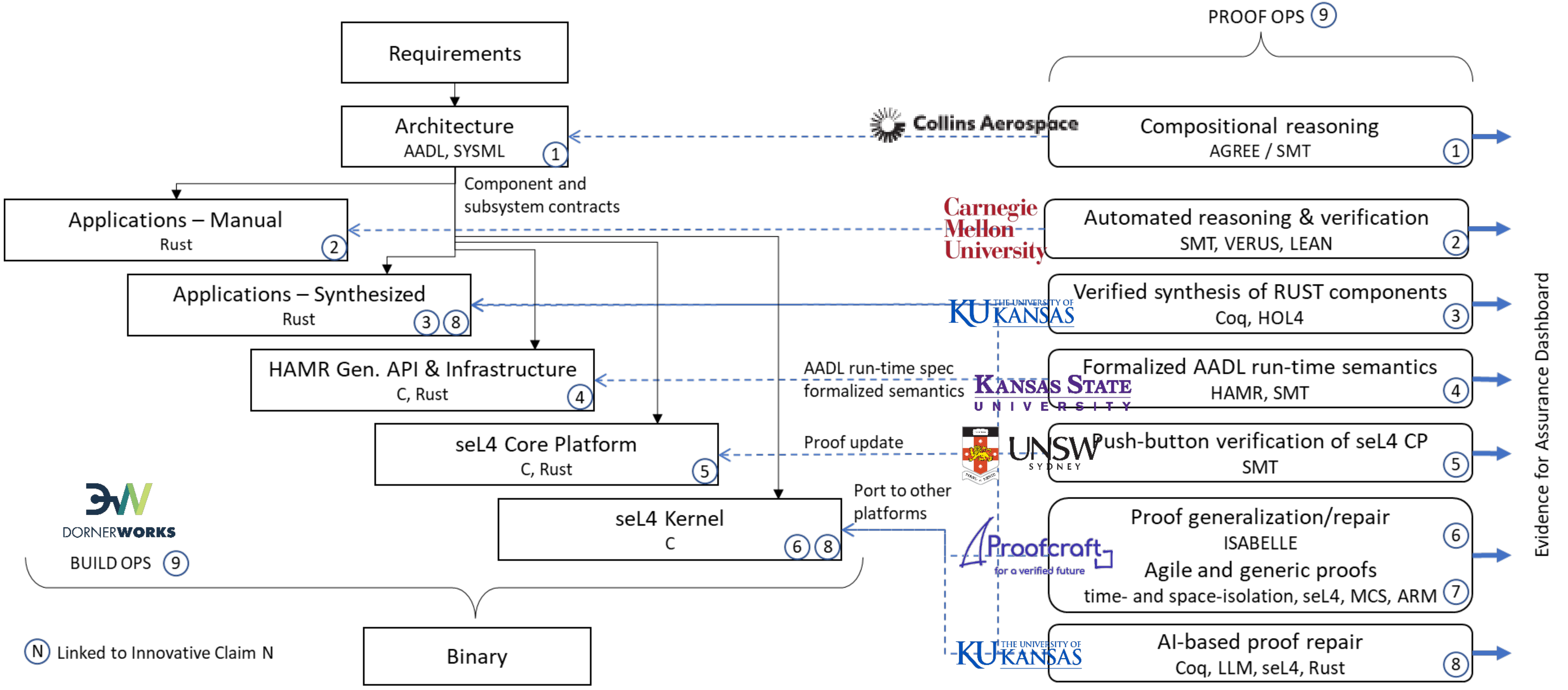
INSPECTA : TA1 TOOLS



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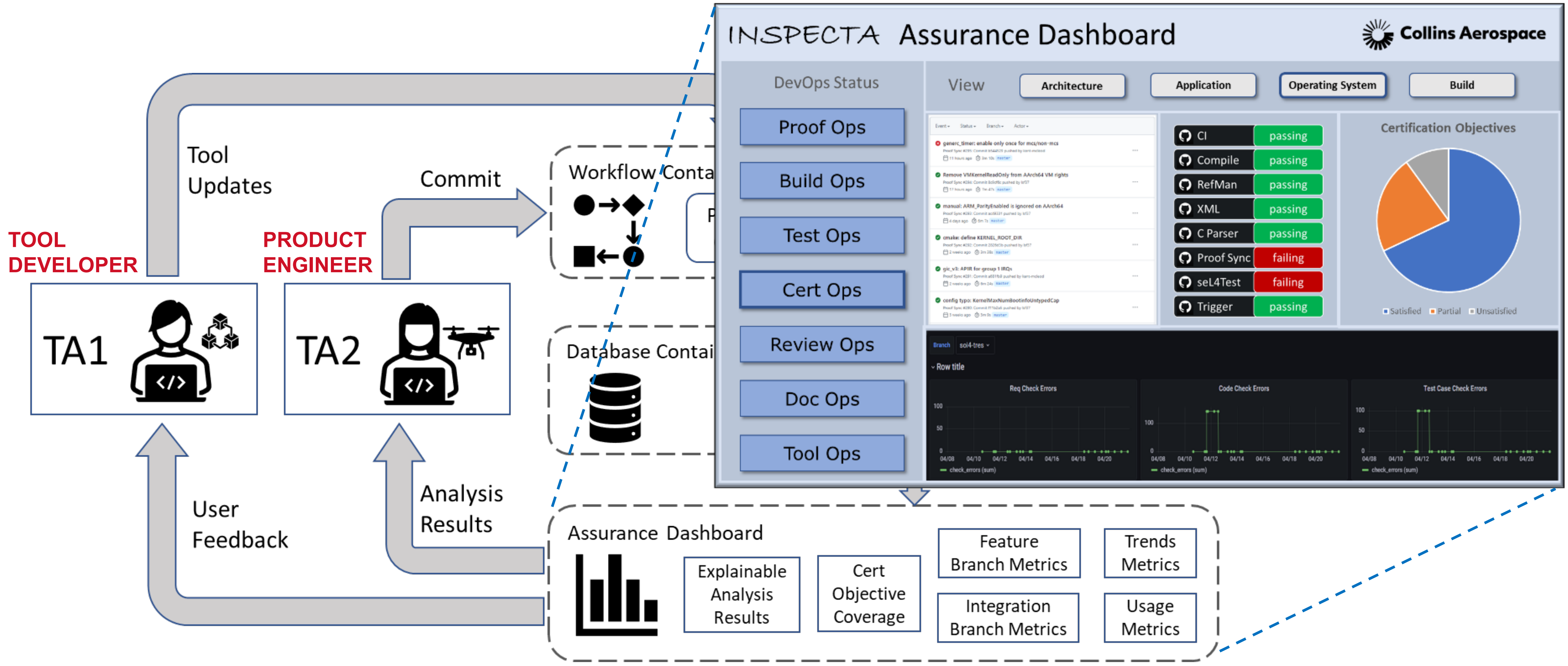
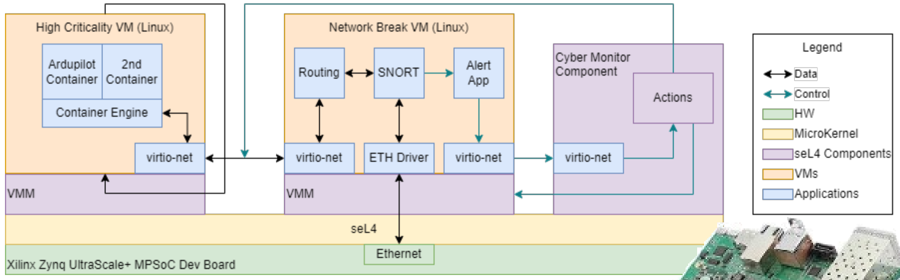
INSPECTA : TA1 WORKFLOW

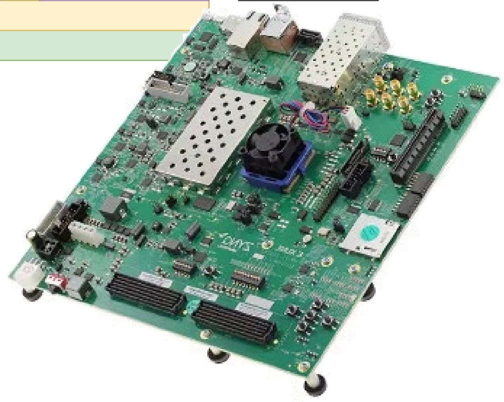


TA2 PLATFORM DEVELOPMENT

Open Platform

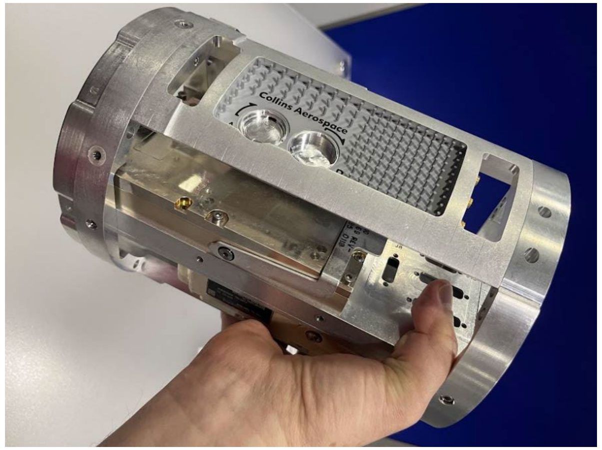
- Developed and supported by DornerWorks
- Unrestricted UAV mission software, system model with formal properties, multiple VMs, Rust software components, seL4 kernel
- Xilinx Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC-based development board (equivalent to RapidEdge)





Restricted Platform

- Collins Air Launched Effects (ALE) Mission Computer
- Tube-launched air vehicle, payload(s), & mission system applications for autonomously delivery of kinetic or non-kinetic effects
- RapidEdge provides mission computing for ALE, supporting autonomous functionality, and includes radios for communication and handling multiple levels of classified data
- Based on same computer hardware family as Open Platform



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(AIR) LAUNCHED EFFECTS

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Both air and ground launched options supporting a wide variety of missions

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RESTRICTED DEMO PLATFORM

Collins ALE Mission Computer

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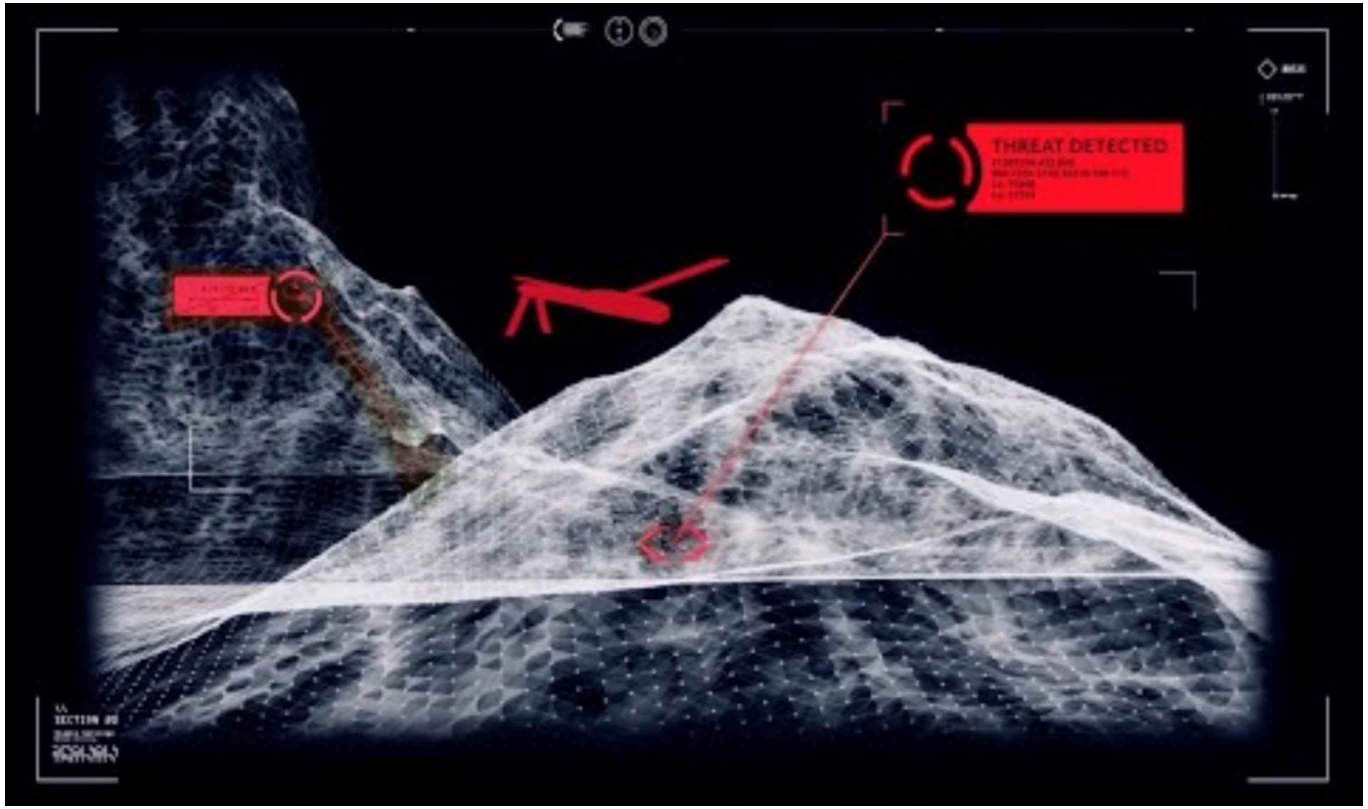

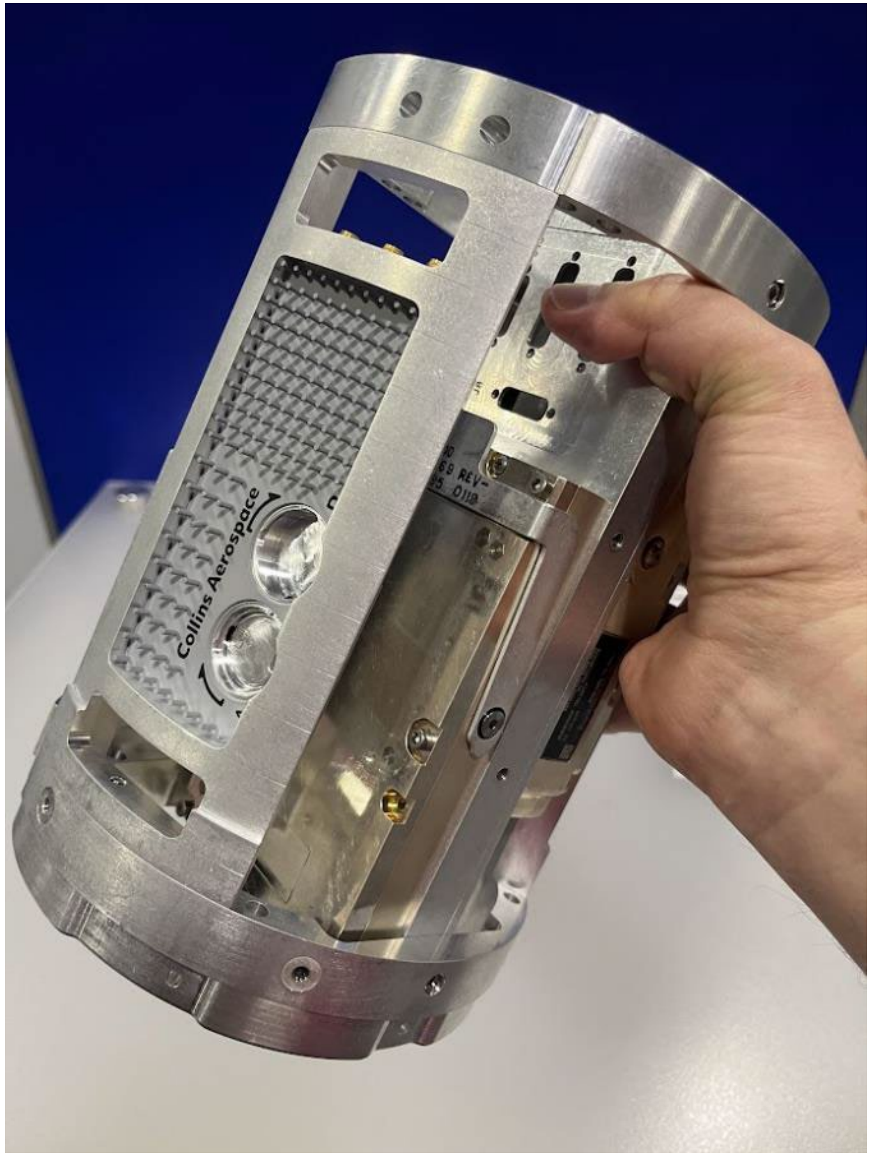

Collins RapidEdge™ Mission System
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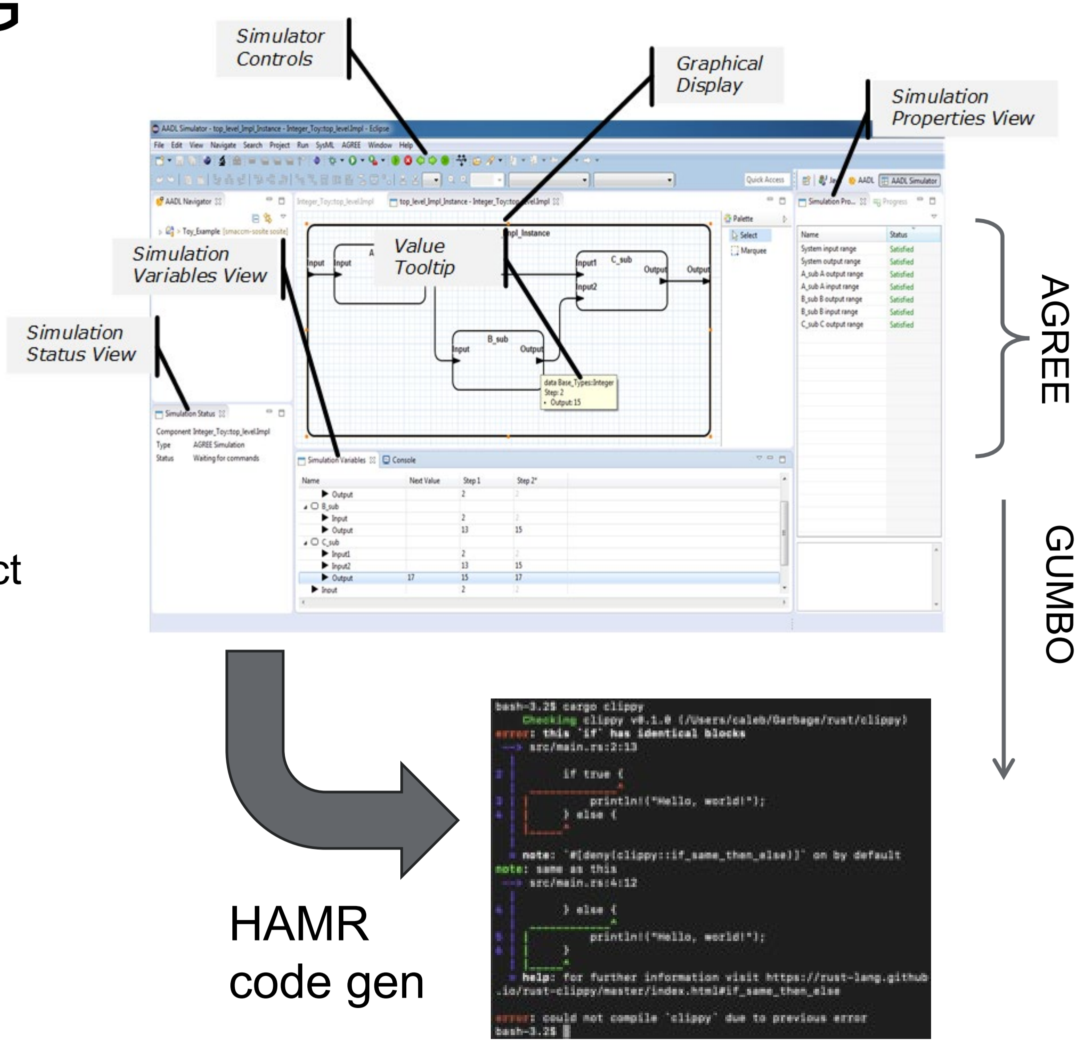
COLLINS : ARCHITECTURE MODEL AND COMPOSITIONAL REASONING

- Develop language abstractions to simplify contract specification in AGREE
- Enhance graphical interface for AGREE that enables engineers to walk through generated counterexamples more intuitively
- Establish traceability to proof obligations at the source code level
  - Achieved through tighter coupling with KSU’s GUMBO contract language
- Integrate AGREE into DevOps workflow
- Compositional reasoning for SysMLv2
  - OMG Real-Time Embedded Safety Critical Systems working group



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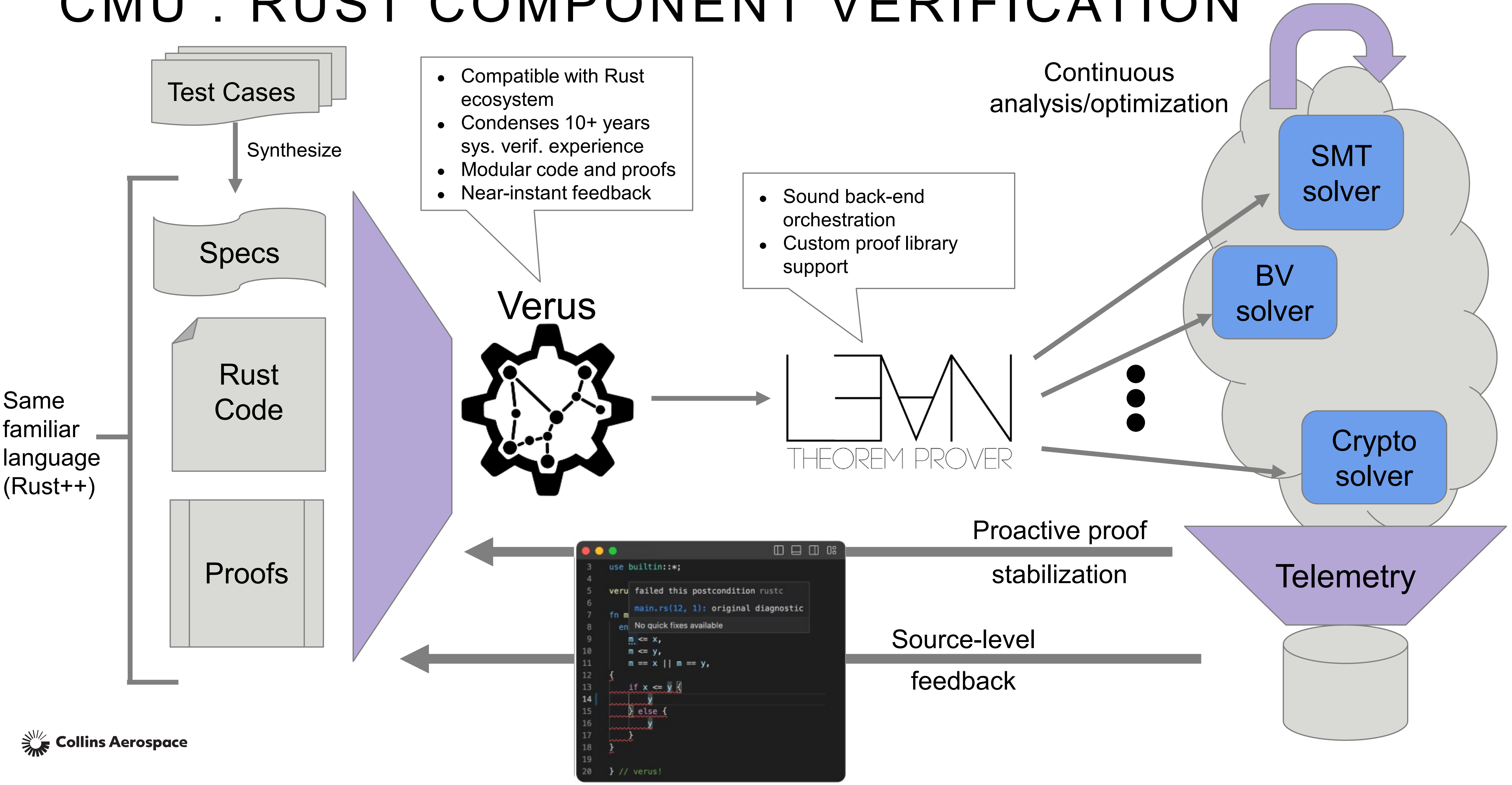
CMU : RUST COMPONENT VERIFICATION



KSU : HAMR

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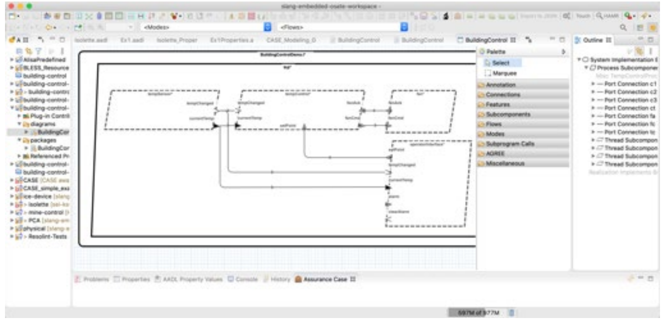
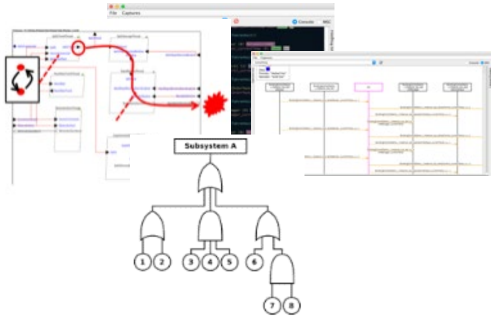
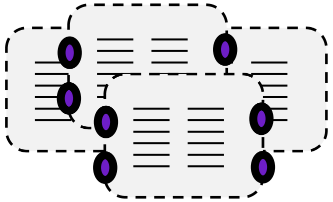
Modeling, analysis, and verification in the **AADL** modeling language



Leveraging analyses from AADL community



Component development and verification in multiple languages



- C
- Slang (developed at Kansas State)
  - high integrity subset of Scala
  - contract verification framework
  - translates to C

Deployments aligned with AADL run-time on multiple platforms

JVM Deployment

JVM (Java Virtual Machine)

Linux Deployment

Linux

seL4 Deployment

seL4 Security. Performance. Proof.

verified micro-kernel

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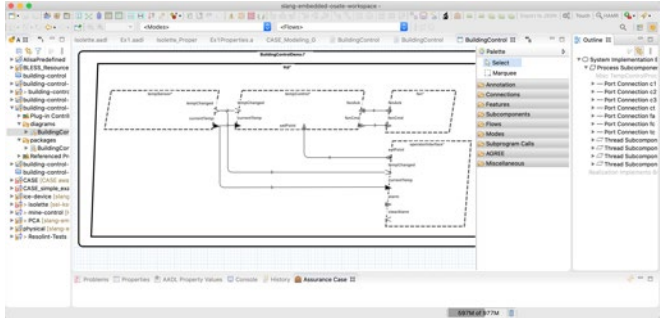

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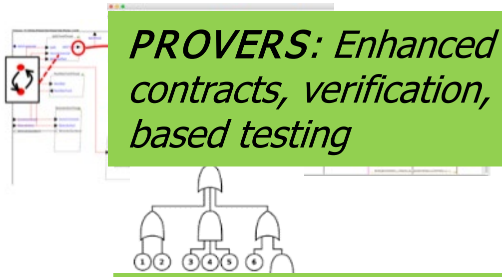
PROVERS: Add SysMLv2 prototype



PROVERS: Enhanced support for contracts, verification, property-based testing

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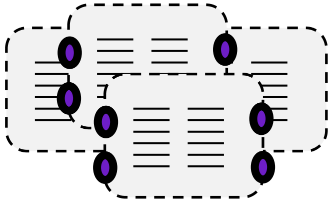

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PROVERS: Add code- and contract-generation, and property-based testing for Rust

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seL4 Deploymen

PROVERS: Retarget to seL4 micro-kit (Core Platform)

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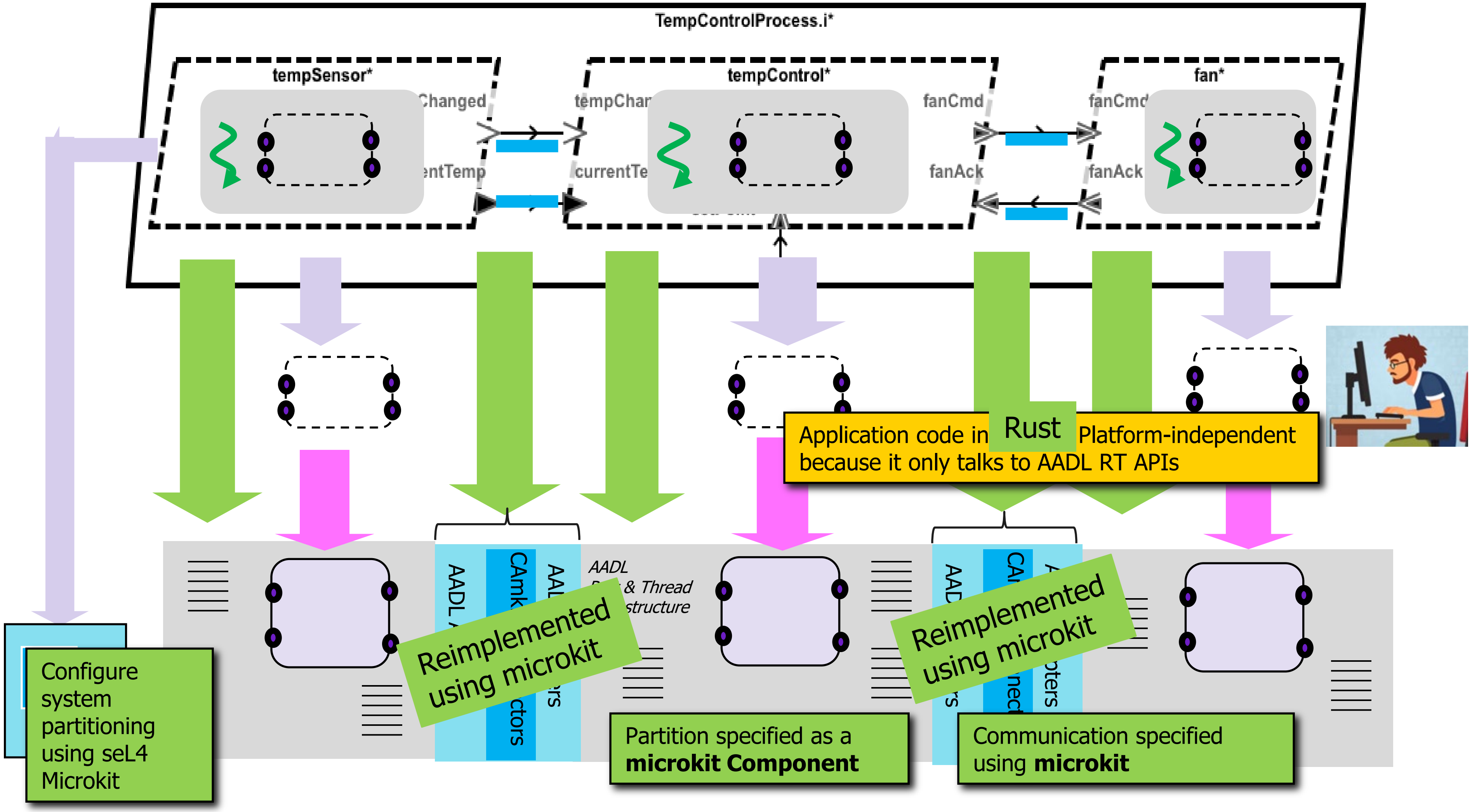
verified micro-kernel

HAMR Code Generation

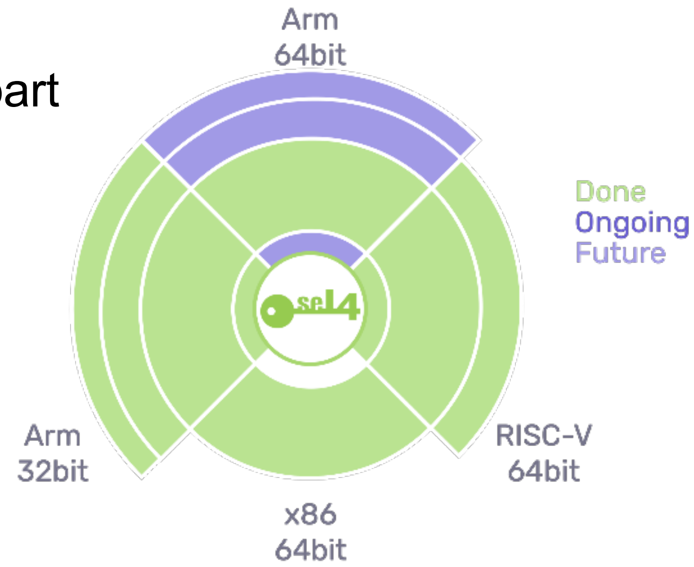
HAMR instantiation for Rust based development on **seL4 microkernel** using seL4 microkit



PROOFCRAFT : SEL4 KERNEL PROOF GENERALIZATION AND REPAIR

Proofcraft

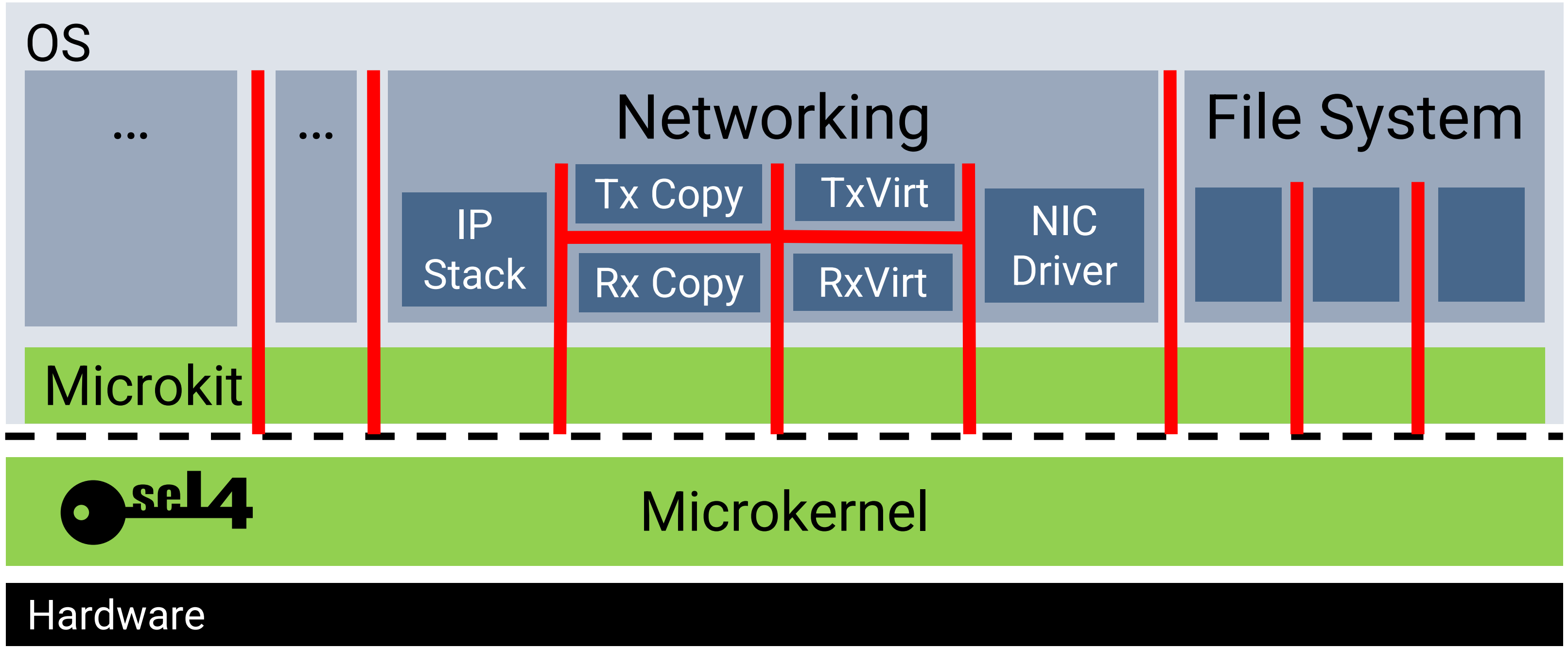
- Goal: make seL4 proofs less dependent on experts for maintenance and extensions
  - Automated Verification for Platform Ports
    - → Proof parametrization, proved once against sufficient conditions
    - → For each new platform: automatic extraction of configuration parameters & check against conditions
  - More Agile and Generic Proofs
    - → Split generic architecture-independent part from architecture-dependent part
    - → Extend verification to latest major feature: MCS seL4
- Impact: scalable access to formal methods
  - → Reduced cost and reliance on experts for maintenance and extensions
  - → Increased assurance robustness against anticipated change
  - → Increased features for verified foundation



seL4 verified on more platforms, with more features, for less cost and less expertise

UNSW SYDNEY : LIONS OPERATING SYSTEM & COMPONENT VERIFICATION

- Lions OS: new seL4-based OS developed from scratch at UNSW
- Highly-componentized, verification-friendly, yet high performance
- Simplicity & adaptability by use-case-specific, swappable policies



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KANSAS (KU) : AI-BASED PROOF REPAIR AND COMPONENT SYNTHESIS

- ML-Enhanced Proof Repair
  - Maintain evidence over design, requirements and environmental changes
  - Update and replay proofs, retake measurements, replay testing
- Evidence Protocols
  - Update and generalize Copland attestation protocols for general-purpose evidence gathering
  - Develop canonical techniques for parametric adaptation, refinement and abstraction, protocol synthesis
  - Reuse MAESTRO attestation environment for general evidence gathering
- Verified Synthesis
  - Enable working at the requirements level
  - Synthesis of Rust from requirements language retargeting Coq to CakeML synthesis

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