

# Compositional Safety and Security Analysis of Architecture Models

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# Main Messages

*We need a variety of reasoning approaches and partitioning methods for system-level requirements and analysis*

***Your How is My What:*** requirements vs. design is a often matter of perspective

*Requirements hierarchies often follow system and software architectures.*

# Component Level Formal Analysis Efforts



## Examples of Using Formal Methods

### AAMP7G Certified Microprocessor



## Examples of Using Formal Methods

### Integrity-178B Real-Time OS Evaluation



## Examples of Using Formal Methods

### Turnstile

- High-assurance cross domain communication between different domains ranging from top sec



### High Speed

- HW/SW codesign**
  - Target: 40 GB through
  - Core is controller that manages rest of system
  - Specialized high speed **encryptor (top)** and **(bottom)** implement specialized HW

- Formal analysis of controller using Simulink/Stateflow Prover model checker**

#### Challenges:

- Complex data structure involved due to efficiency concerns
- Too much data for **stateful** verification, overwhelms tool
- Manual translation of properties into inductive invariants

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## Formal Analysis of a Triplex Sensor Voter in an Industrial Context

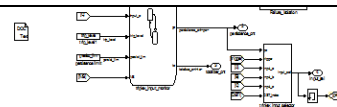
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System/Blocks	Charts / Transitions / TT Cells	Reachable State Space	Properties
0 / 96	3 / 35 / 198	$6.0 \times 10^{13}$	48
7 / 42	0 / 0 / 0	$2.1 \times 10^4$	6
6 / 31	2 / 26 / 0	$1.32 \times 10^{11}$	8
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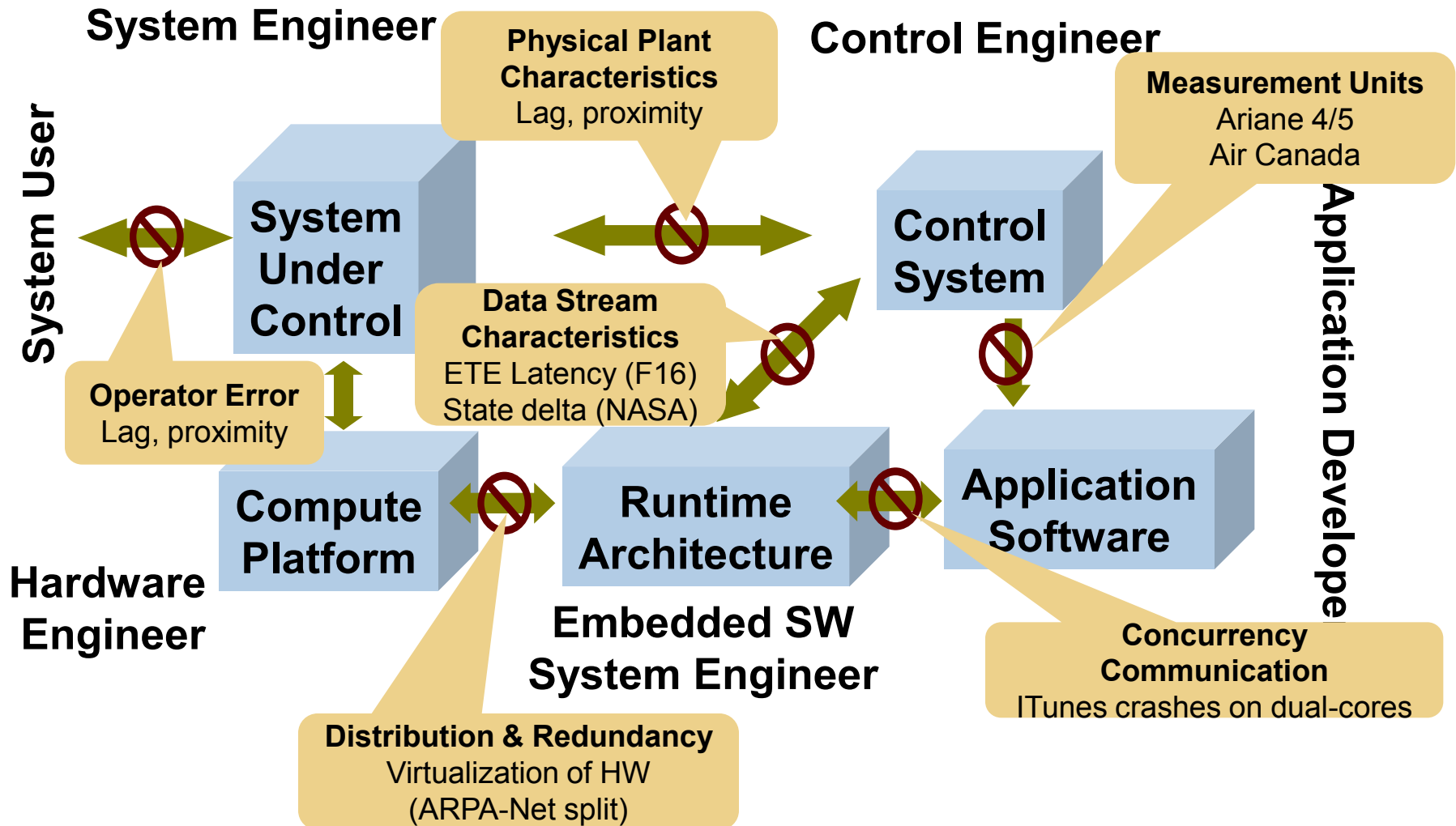
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	Effort (% total)	Errors Found
Testing	60%	0
Model-Checking	40%	12

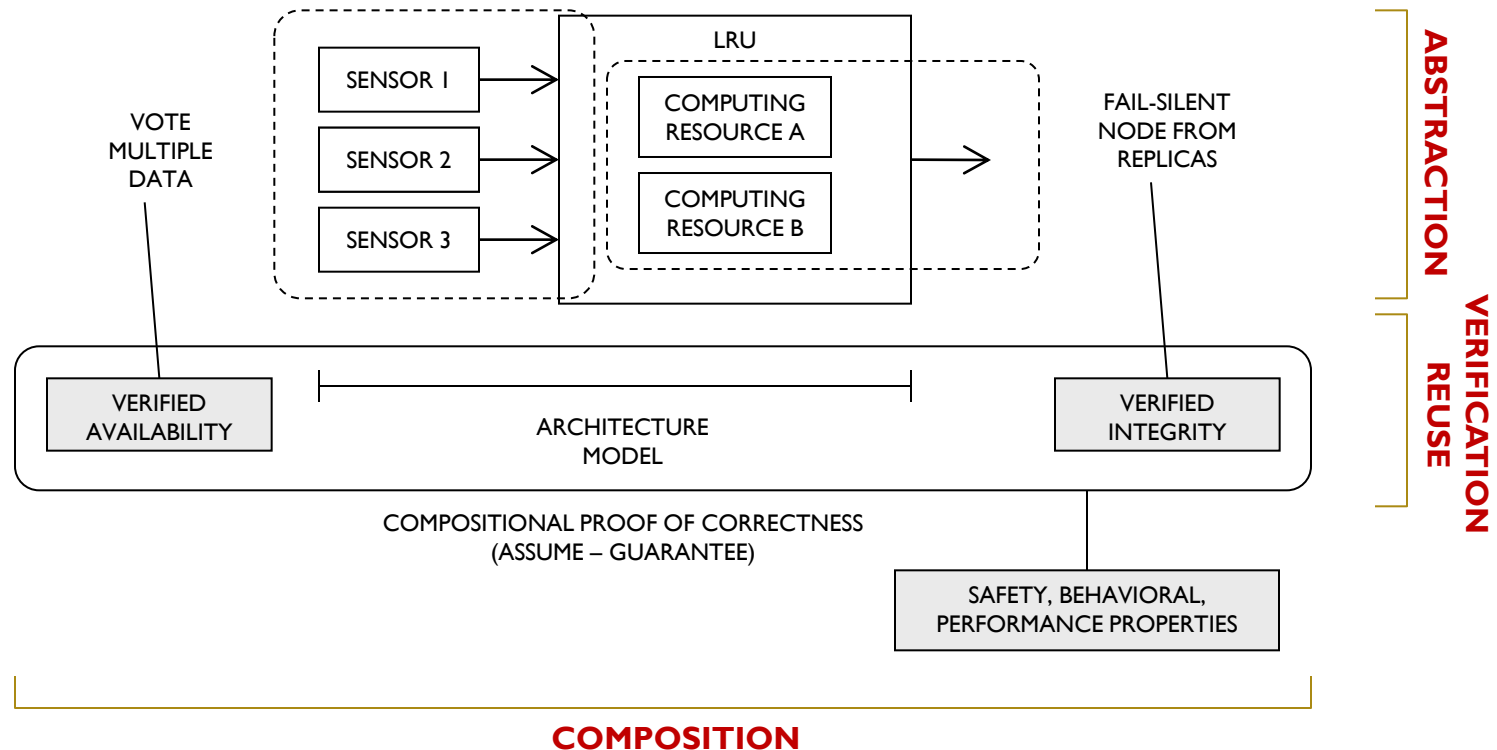
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# Mismatched Assumptions



# Vision

## System design & verification through pattern application and compositional reasoning

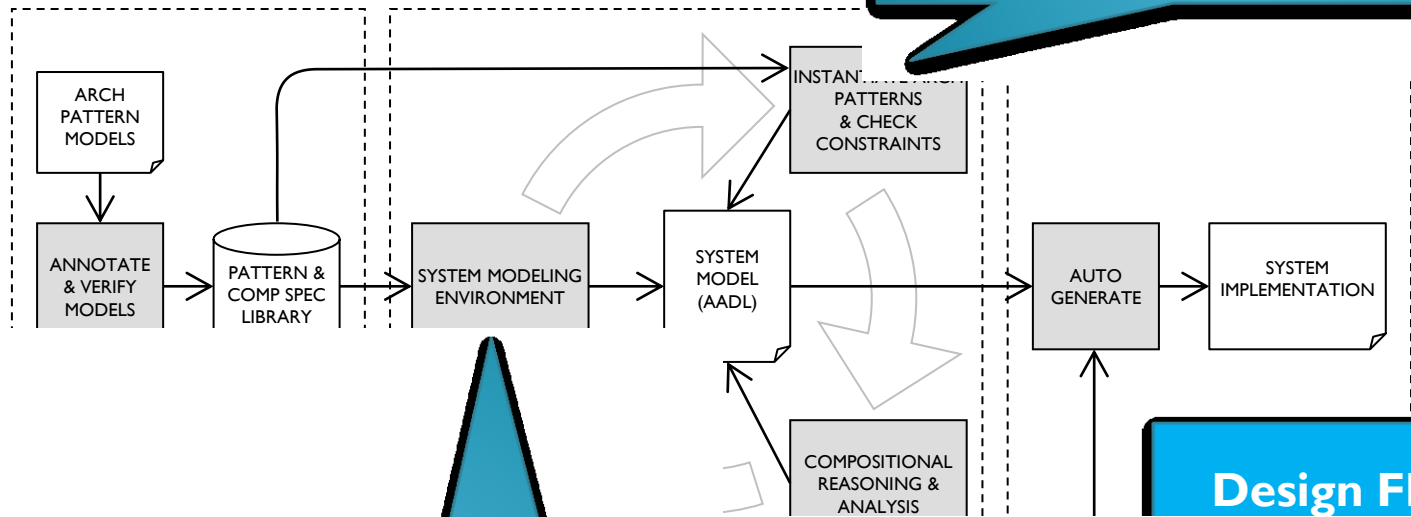


# Approach

## Complexity-reducing design patterns

- Capture best solutions to architectural design problems
- Reuse of formally verified solutions
- Increase level of design abstraction

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## System architecture modeling

- Apply formal specification and analysis tools to system-level design
- Separate component specification and implementation
- Automated model translation

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## Compositional verification

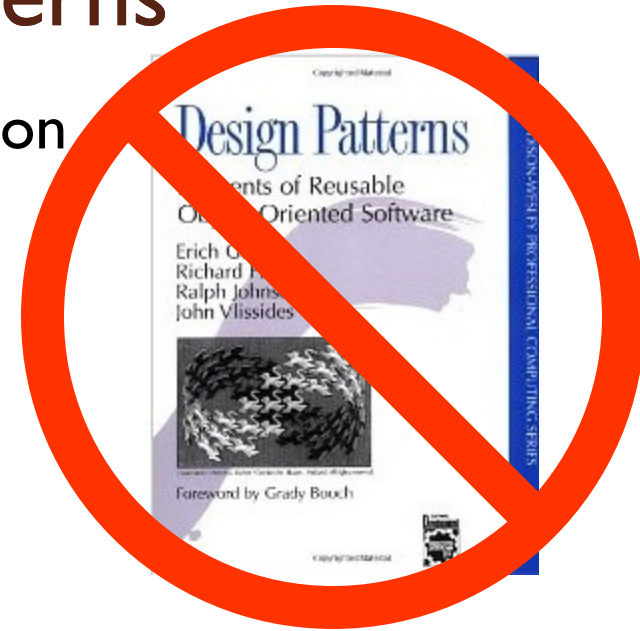
- Reason about system behavior based on contracts and system design model structure
- Compositional approach scales to large software systems

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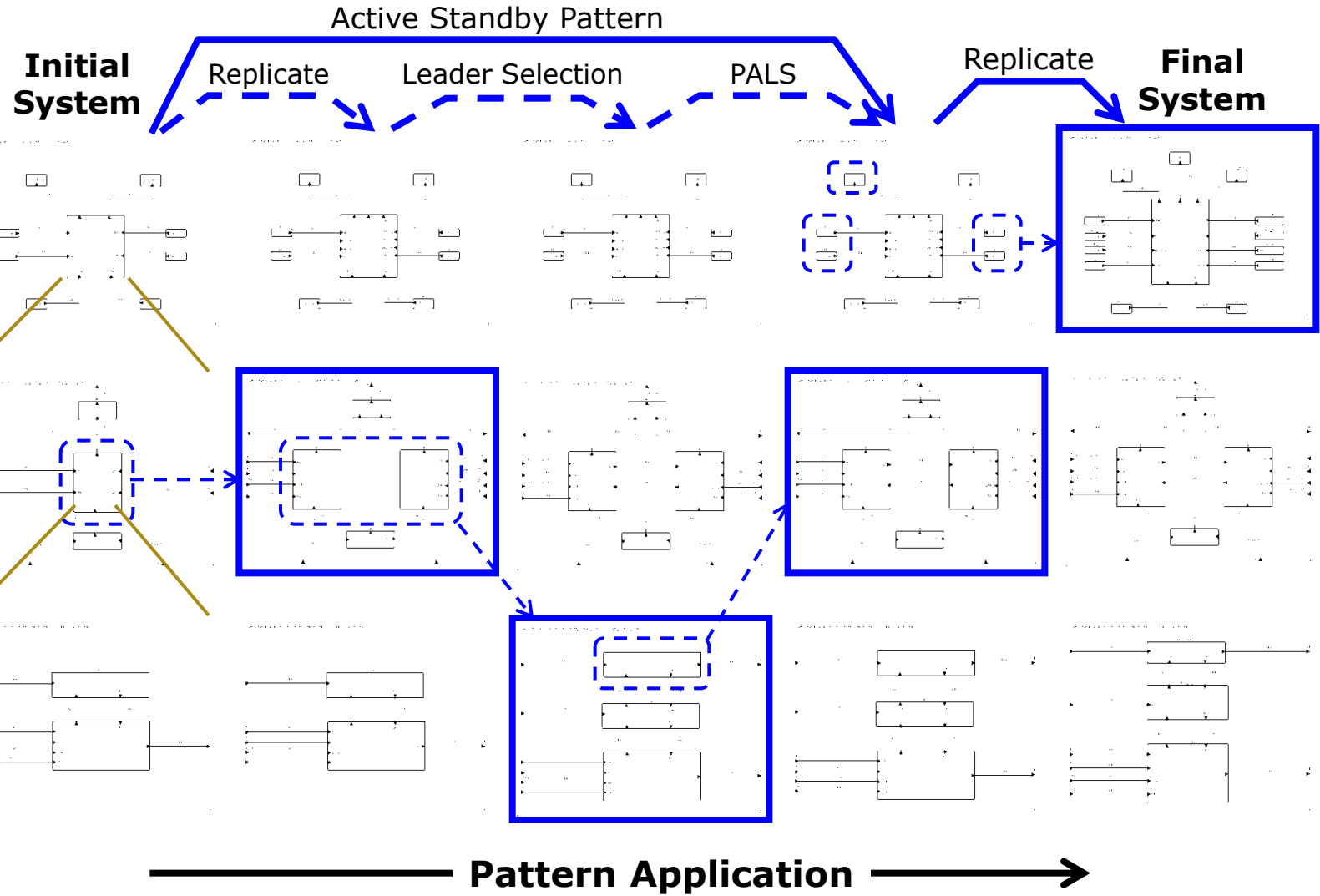


# Complexity-Reducing Architectural Design Patterns

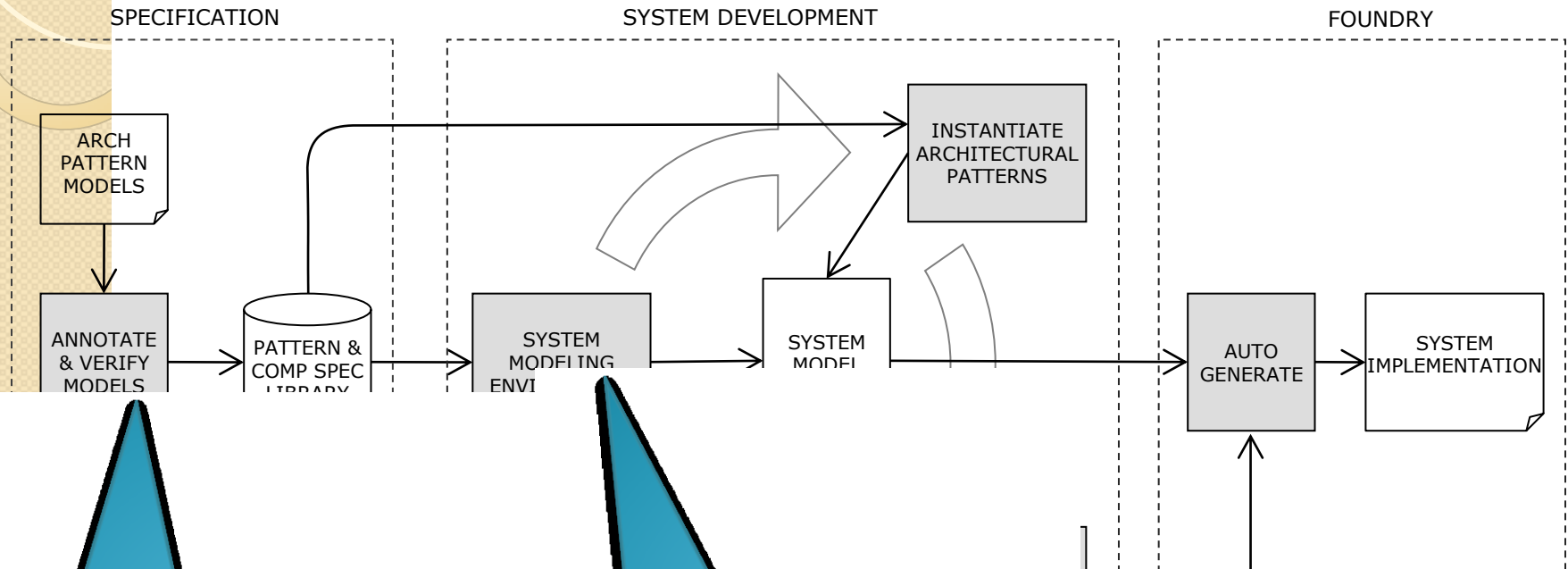
- Design pattern = model transformation
  - $p : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$  (partial function)
  - Applied to system models
- Reuse of verification is key
  - Not software reuse
  - Guaranteed behaviors associated with patterns (and components)
- Reduce/manage system complexity
  - Separation of concerns
  - System logic vs. application logic (e.g., fault tolerance)
  - Process complexity vs. design complexity
- Encapsulate & standardize good solutions
  - Raise level of abstraction
  - Codify best practices



# System Design Through Pattern Application



# System verification



## Reusable Verification:

Proof of component and pattern requirements (guarantees) and specification of context (assumptions)

## Instantiation:

Check structural constraints, Embed assumptions & guarantees in system model

## Compositional Verification:

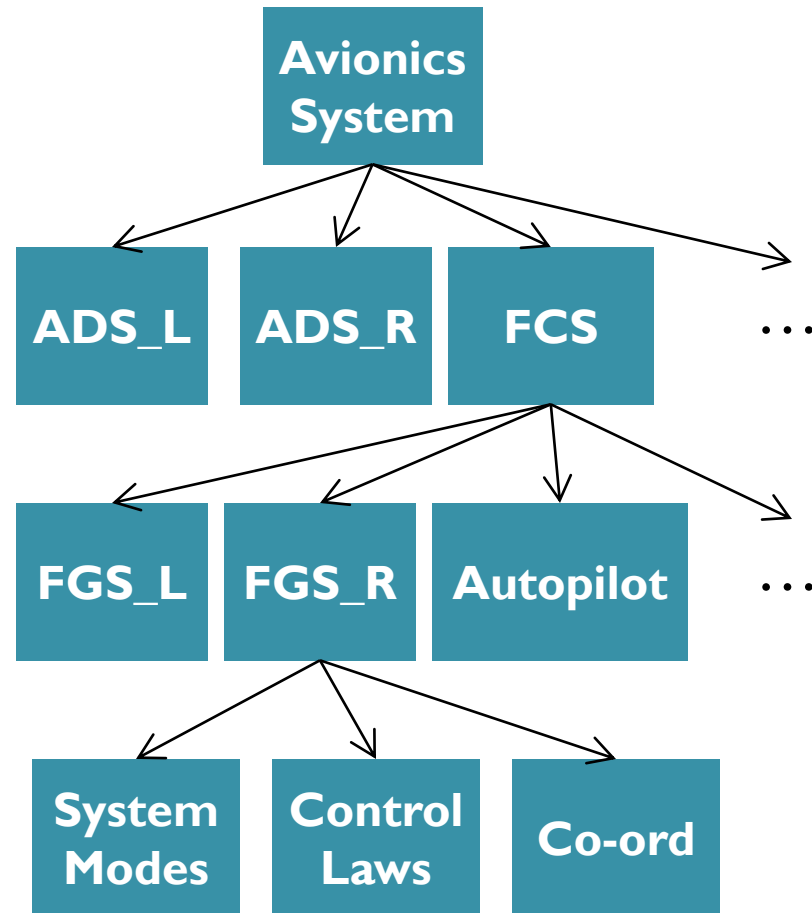
System properties are verified by model checking using component & pattern contracts

# Hierarchical reasoning about systems

- Avionics system requirement

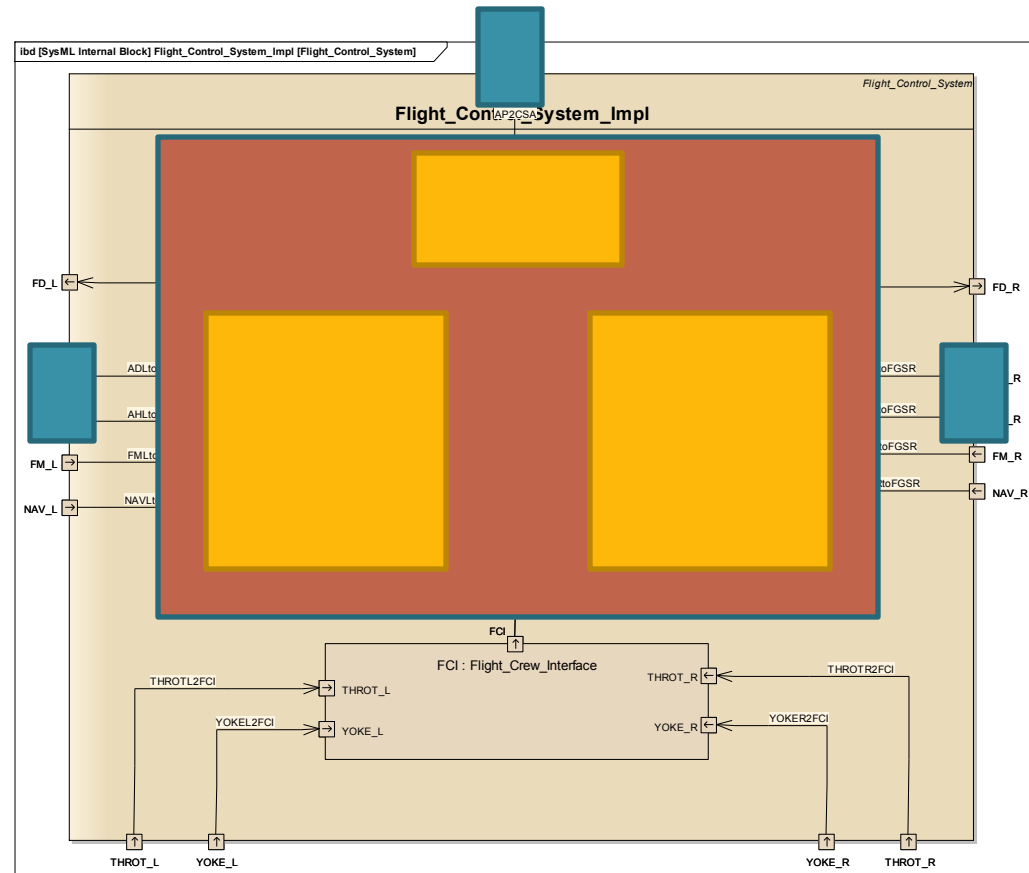
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- Relies upon
  - Accuracy of air data sensors
  - Control commands from FCS
    - Mode of FGS
    - FGS control law behavior
    - Failover behavior between FGS systems
    - ....
  - Response of Actuators
  - Timing/Lag/Latency of Communications



# Compositional Reasoning for Active Standby

- Want to prove a **transient response** property
  - The autopilot will not cause a sharp change in pitch of aircraft.
  - Even when one FGS fails and the other assumes control
- Given assumptions about the **environment**
  - The sensed aircraft pitch from the air data system is within some absolute bound and doesn't change too quickly
  - The discrepancy in sensed pitch between left and right side sensors is bounded.
- and guarantees provided by **components**
  - When a FGS is active, it will generate an acceptable pitch rate
- As well as **facts** provided by pattern application
  - Leader selection: at least one FGS will always be active (modulo one "failover" step)



```

transient_response_1 : assert true ->
  abs(CSA.CSA_Pitch_Delta) < CSA_MAX_PITCH_DELTA ;
transient_response_2 : assert true ->
  abs(CSA.CSA_Pitch_Delta - prev(CSA.CSA_Pitch_Delta, 0.0))
  < CSA_MAX_PITCH_DELTA_STEP ;
    
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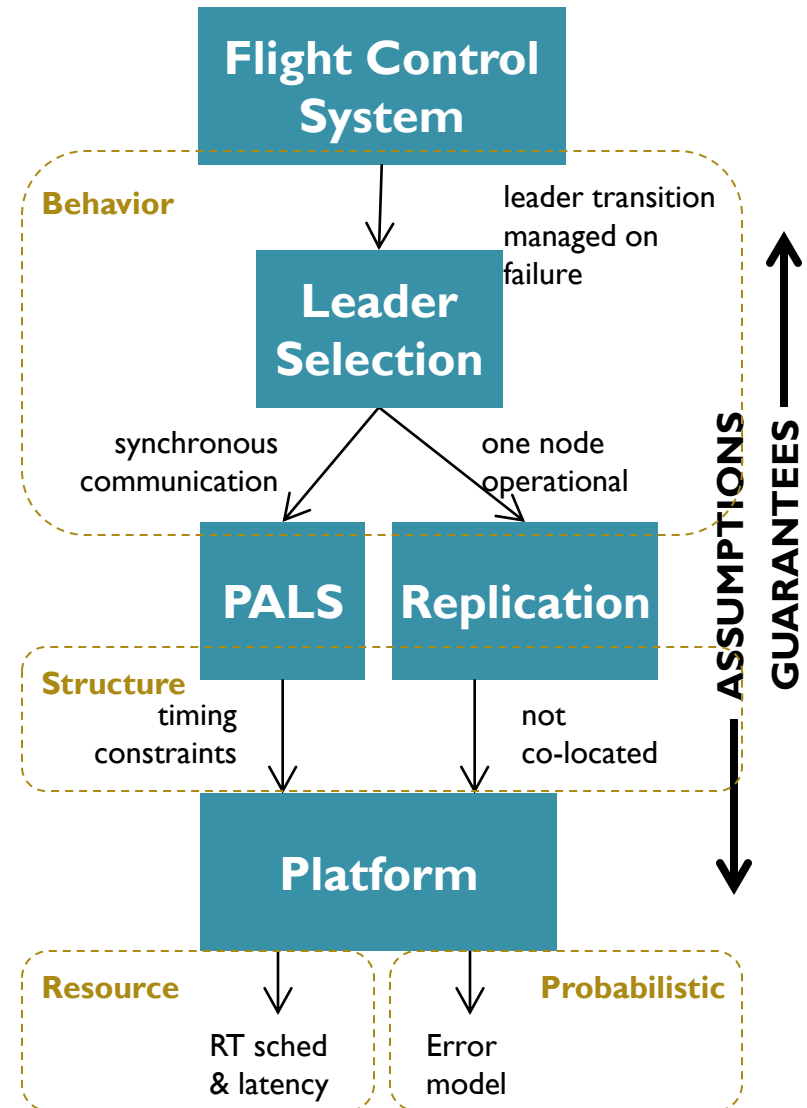
# Hierarchical reasoning between analysis domains.

- Avionics system requirement

Under single-fault assumption, GC output transient response is bounded in time and magnitude

- Relies upon
  - Guarantees provided by patterns and components
  - Structural properties of model
  - Resource allocation feasibility
  - Probabilistic system-level failure characteristics

*Principled mechanism for “passing the buck”*



# Contracts

- Derived from Property Specification Language (PSL) formalism
  - IEEE standard
  - In wide use for hardware verification
- Assume / Guarantee style specification
  - Assumptions: “Under these conditions”
  - Promises (Guarantees): “...the system will do X”
- Local definitions can be created to simplify properties

```
Contract:

fun abs(x: real) : real = if (x > 0) then x else -x ;

const ADS_MAX_PITCH_DELTA: real = 3.0 ;
const FCS_MAX_PITCH_SIDE_DELTA: real = 2.0 ;
const CSA_MAX_PITCH_DELTA: real = 5.0 ;
const CSA_MAX_PITCH_DELTA_STEP: real = 5.0 ;

property AD_L_Pitch_Step_Delta_Valid =
  true ->
    abs(AD_L.pitch.val - prev(AD_L.pitch.val, 0.0)) < ADS_MAX_PITCH_DELTA ;

property AD_R_Pitch_Step_Delta_Valid =
  true ->
    abs(AD_R.pitch.val - prev(AD_R.pitch.val, 0.0)) < ADS_MAX_PITCH_DELTA ;

property Pitch_lr_ok =
  abs(AD_L.pitch.val - AD_R.pitch.val) < FCS_MAX_PITCH_SIDE_DELTA ;

property some_fgs_active =
  (FD_L.mds.active or FD_R.mds.active) ;

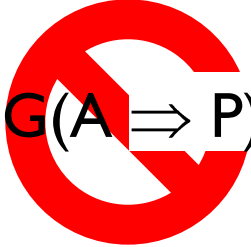
active_assumption: assume some_fgs_active ;

transient_assumption :
  assume AD_L_Pitch_Step_Delta_Valid and
    AD_R_Pitch_Step_Delta_Valid and Pitch_lr_ok ;

transient_response_1 :
  assert true -> abs(CSA.CSA_Pitch_Delta) < CSA_MAX_PITCH_DELTA ;
transient_response_2 :
  assert true ->
    abs(CSA.CSA_Pitch_Delta - prev(CSA.CSA_Pitch_Delta, 0.0)) <
    CSA_MAX_PITCH_DELTA_STEP ;
```

# Reasoning about contracts

- Notionally: *It is always the case that if the component assumption is true, then the component will ensure that the guarantee is true.*

-   $G(A \Rightarrow P);$

- An assumption violation in the past may prevent component from satisfying current guarantee, so we need to assert that the assumptions are true up to the current step:
  - $G(H(A) \Rightarrow P) ;$



# Systems of Contracts

- Architectures are hierarchically composed in layers.

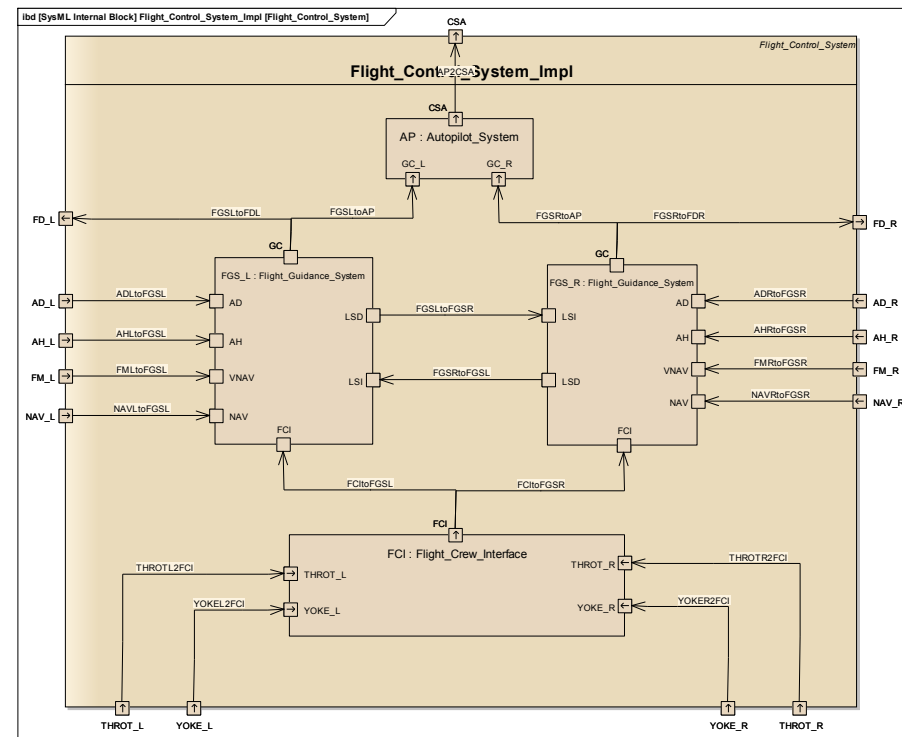
- Visually: a box and line diagram

- Formally you can view a layer as a system  $S$ :

$$S = (A, P, C)$$

- $C$  is a finite set of component contracts

$$C: \mathbb{P}(A \times P)$$



# Reasoning about Contracts

- Given the set of component contracts:

$$\Gamma = \{ G(H(A_c) \Rightarrow P_c) \mid c \in C \}$$

- Architecture adds a set of obligations that tie the system assumption to the component assumptions

$$Q = \{ H(A_s) \Longrightarrow P_s \} \cup \{ H(A_s) \Longrightarrow A_c \mid c \in C \}$$

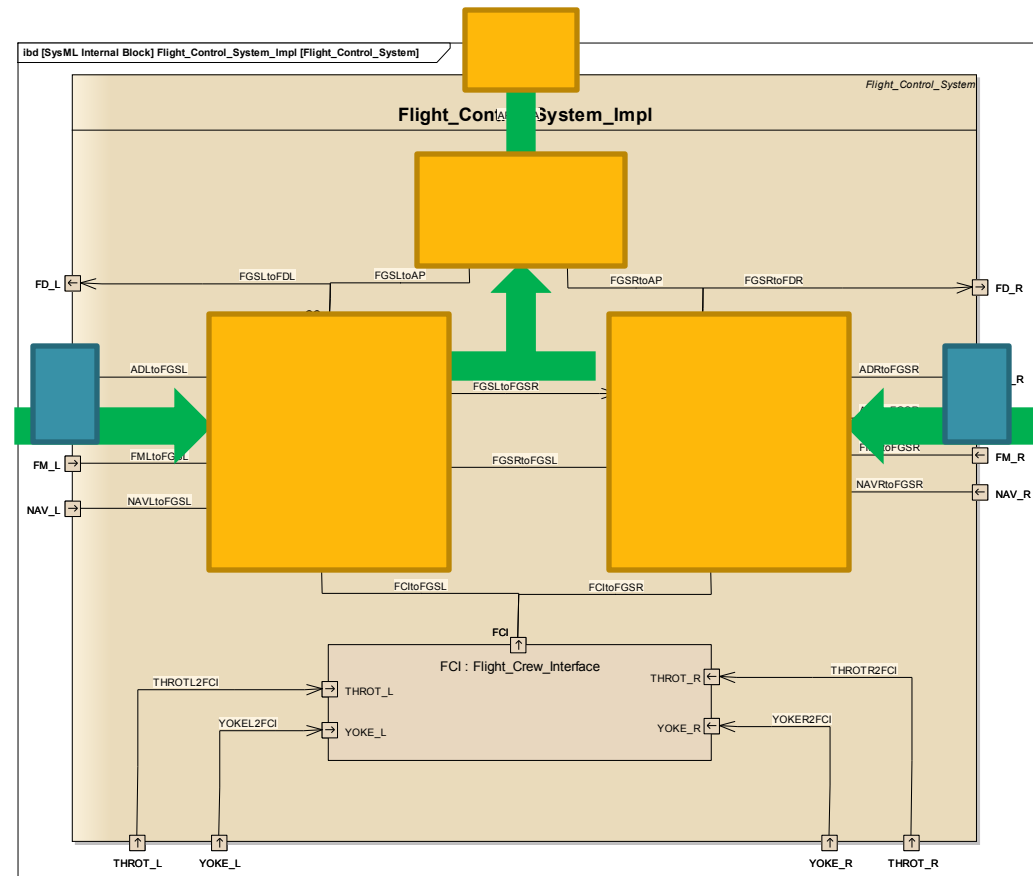
- This process can be repeated for any number of abstraction levels

# Composition Formulation

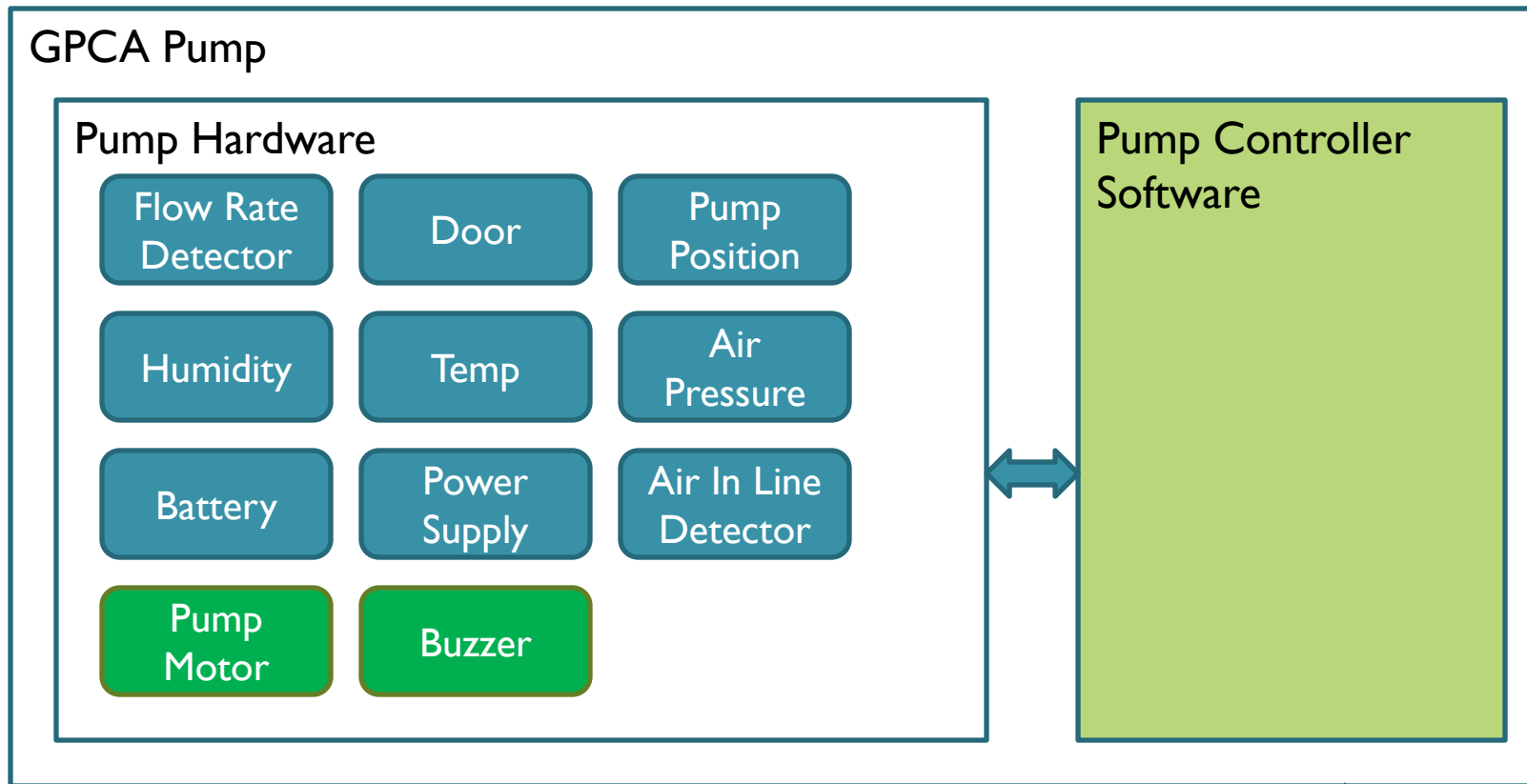
- Suppose we have
  - *Sets of formulas  $\Gamma$  and  $Q$*
  - *A well-founded order  $\prec$  on  $Q$*
  - *Sets  $\Theta_q \subseteq \Delta_q \subseteq Q$ , such that  $r \in \Theta_q$  implies  $r \prec q$*
- Then if for all  $q \in Q$ 
  - $\Gamma \Rightarrow G((Z(H(\Theta_q)) \wedge \Delta_q) \Rightarrow q)$
- Then:
  - $G(q)$  for all  $q \in Q$
- [Adapted from McMillan]

# A concrete example

- Order of data flow through system components is computed by reasoning engine
  - {System inputs} → {FGS\_L, FGS\_R}
  - {FGS\_L, FGS\_R} → {AP}
  - {AP} → {System outputs}
- Based on flow, we establish four proof obligations
  - System assumptions → FGS\_L assumptions
  - System assumptions → FGS\_R assumptions
  - System assumptions + FGS\_L guarantees + FGS\_R guarantees → AP assumptions
  - System assumptions + {FGS\_L, FGS\_R, AP} guarantees → System guarantees
- System can also handle circular flows, but user has to choose where to break cycle



# Architecture of Generic Infusion Pump



- GPCA = Generic Patient-Controlled Analgesia
- **Product Family** architecture

Infusion  
Command

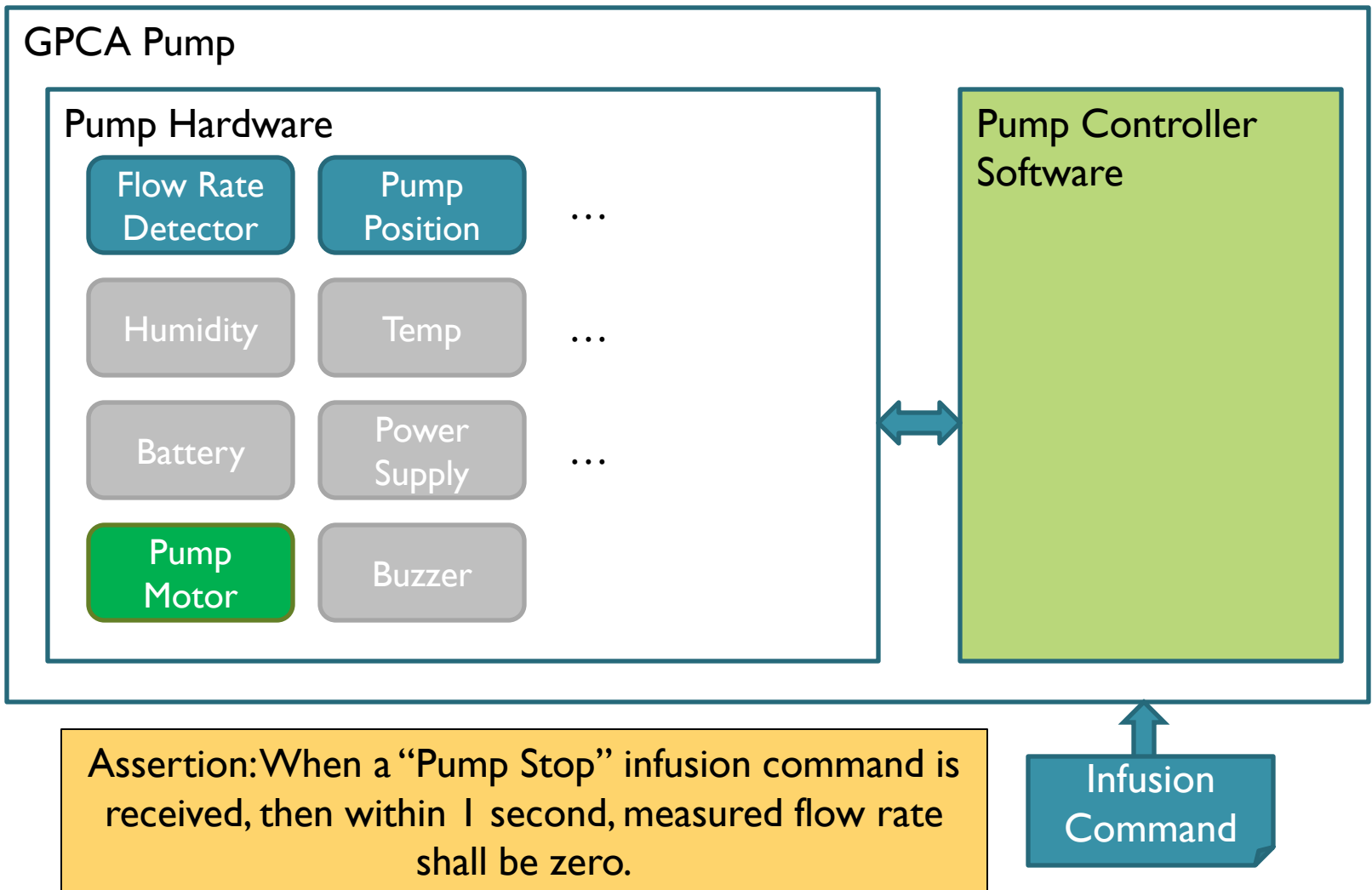
# GPCA Pump Example

- Property of Interest:
  - If a “Pump Stop” command is received, then within 1 second, measured flow rate shall be zero.
- We will prove this property compositionally based on the architecture of the Pump subsystem.



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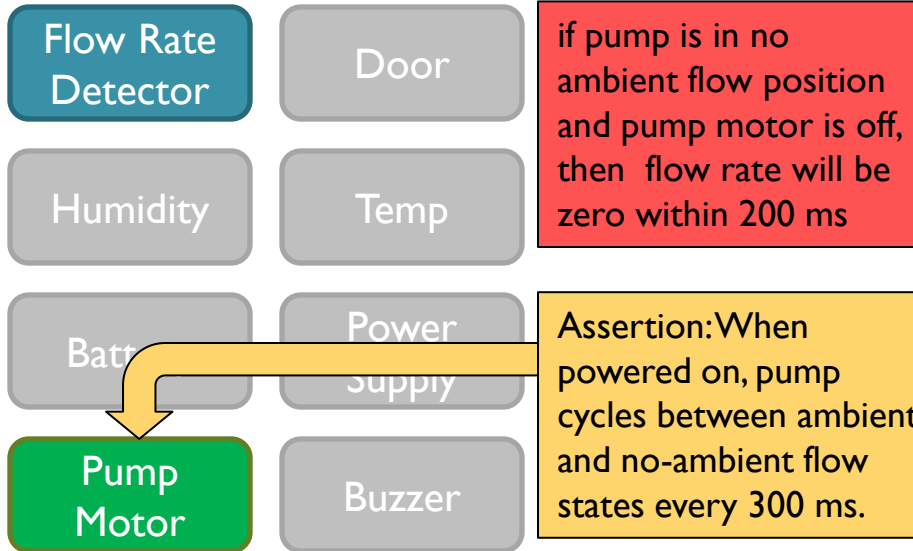
# Proof of GPCA Pump



# Proof of Reciprocating Pump

## GPCA Pump

### Reciprocating Pump Hardware



### Pump Controller Software

When pump stop command occurs, pump motor will be switched off when pump motor position reaches no-ambient flow state.

Assertion: When a "Pump Stop" infusion command is received, then within 1 second, measured flow rate shall be zero.



# Proof of Rotary Pump

## GPCA Pump

### Rotary Pump Hardware

Flow Rate  
Detector

Door

Humidity

Temp

Battery

Power  
Supply

Pump  
Motor

Buzzer

if pump is in no ambient flow position and pump motor is off, then flow rate will be zero **within 400 ms**

### Pump Controller Software

When pump stop command occurs, pump motor will be immediately switched off.



Assertion: When a "Pump Stop" infusion command is received, then within 1 second, measured flow rate shall be zero.



# **ARCHITECTURE AND REQUIREMENTS**

# Requirements or Design Information?

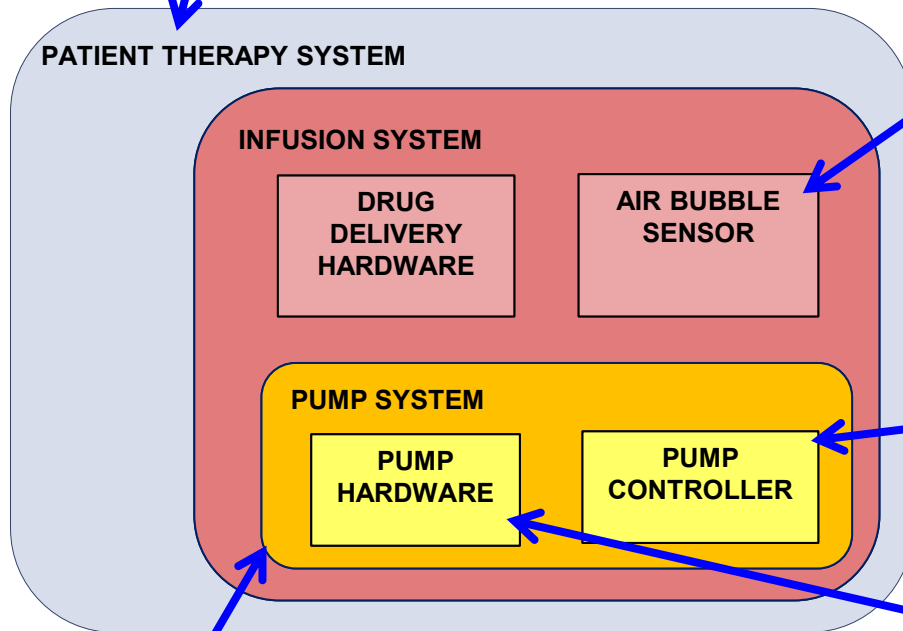
1. The patient shall never be infused with a single air bubble more than 5ml volume.
2. When a single air bubble more than 5ml volume is detected, the system shall stop infusion within 0.01 seconds.
3. When a single air bubble more than 5ml volume is detected, the system shall issue an air-embolism command.
4. When air-embolism command is true, the system shall stop infusion.
5. When air-embolism command is received, the system shall stop piston movement within 0.1 second.



# A: Both

1. The patient shall never be infused with a single air bubble more than 5ml volume.

3. When a single air bubble more than 5ml volume is detected, the **system shall** issue an air-embolism command.



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4. When air-embolism command is true, the **system shall** stop infusion.

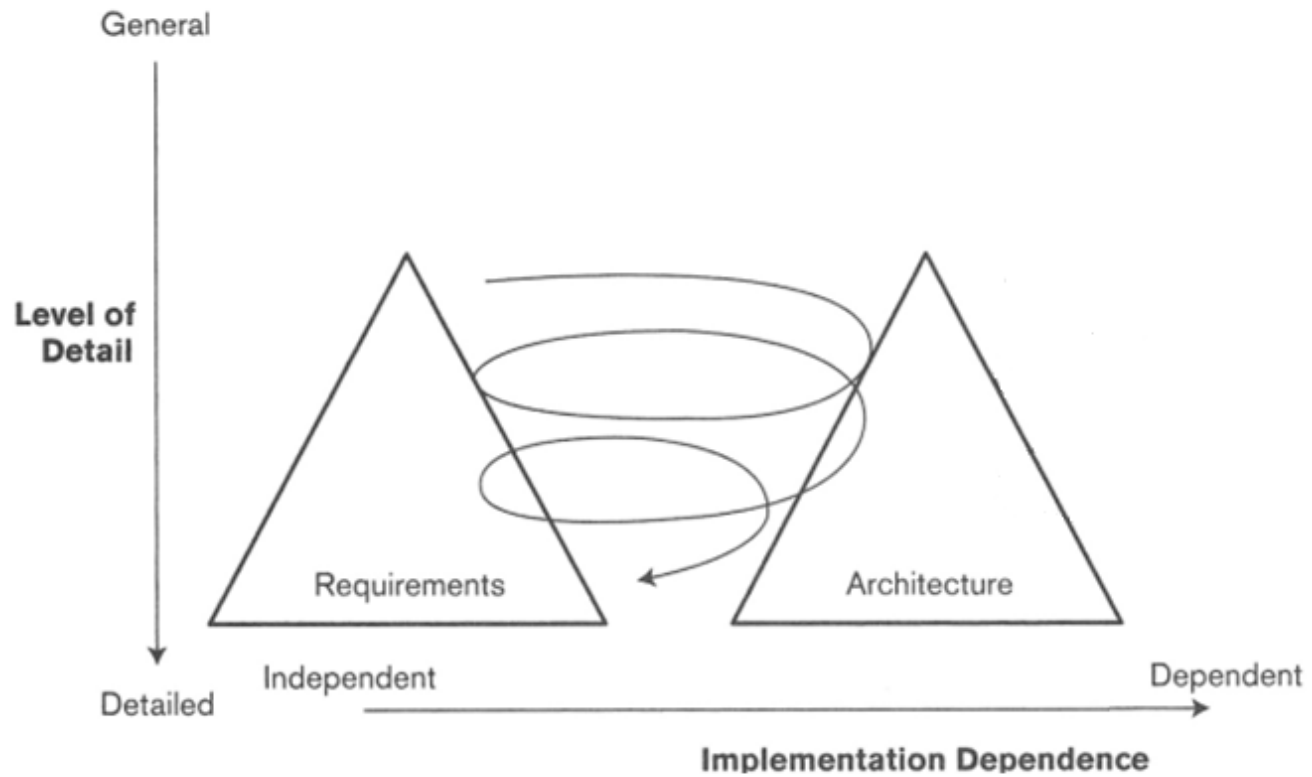
5. When air-embolism command is received, the **system shall** stop piston movement within 0.1 seconds



# Your How is My What

- Systems are hierarchically organized
- Requirements vs. architectural design must be a matter of perspective
- Need better support for *N*-level decompositions for **requirements** and **architectural design**
  - Reference model support
    - How do elements “flow” between world, machine, and specification as we decompose systems?
  - Certification standard support (DO-178B/C)
    - Currently: two levels of decomposition: “high” and “low”

# Twin Peaks



# Often, Architecture Comes First

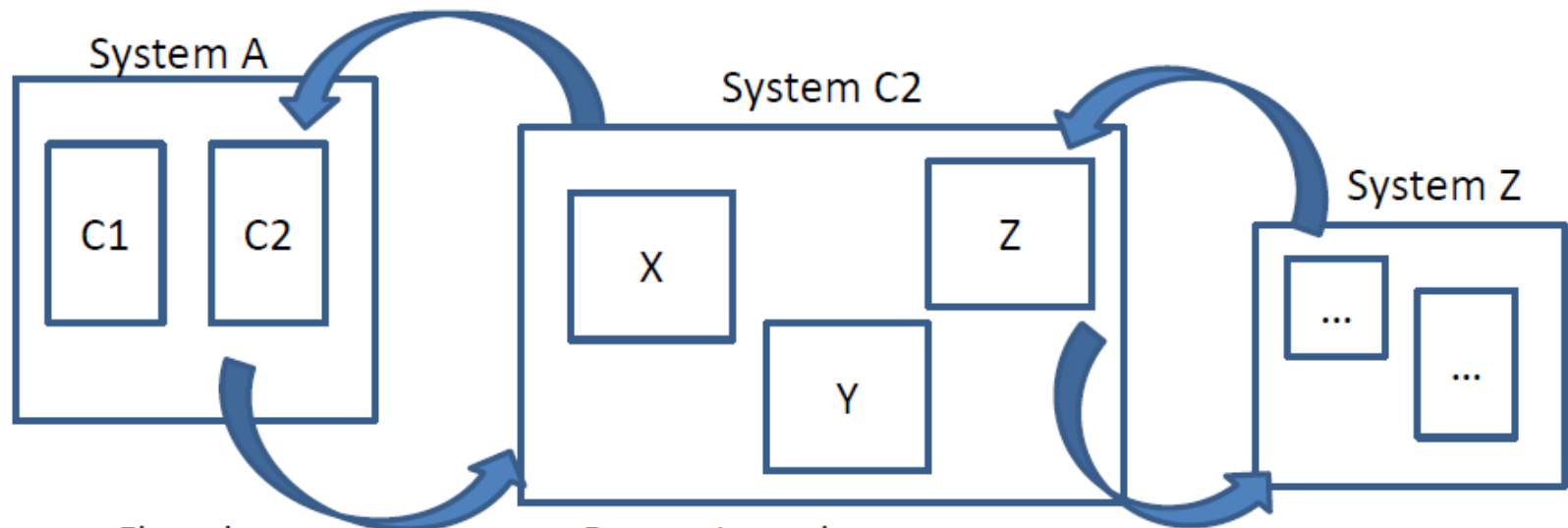
- Candidate architectures from previous systems
  - Designer familiarity
  - Cost amortization
- Program families
- Certification or criticality requirements

**Architectural choices often restrict set of achievable system requirements.**



# Flow is Bi-directional

Flow up: Environmental constraints and modified system requirements from C2



Flow down:  
Requirements for C2

- Determine subcomponents
- Allocate requirements to subcomponents
- Verify that subcomponent requirements establish system requirements

# Requirements Validation and Verification

- Given hierarchical systems, where are the most serious problems with requirements?
  - At the component level?
  - At the top-level?
  - Somewhere in the middle?
- A hypothesis:
  - The most problematic are the layers in the middle
  - Errors in decomposing system requirements become integration problems.
- These are requirements to be both *verified* and *validated*.



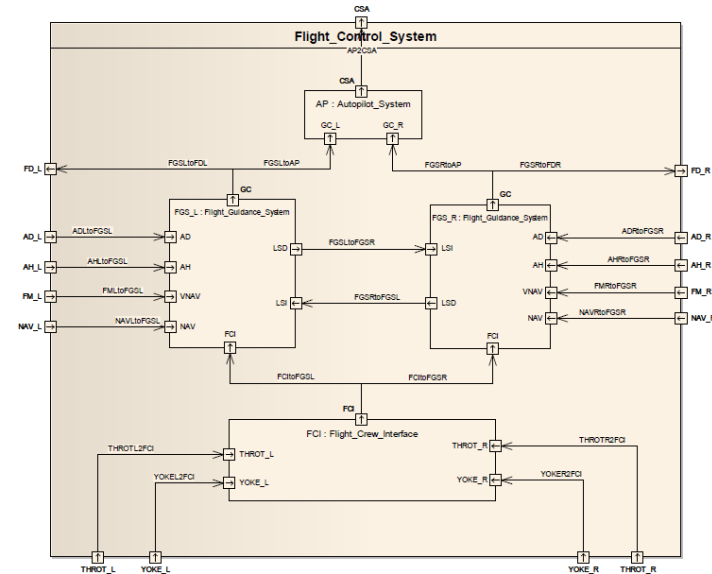
# **STRUCTURAL PROPERTIES**

# Structural Properties

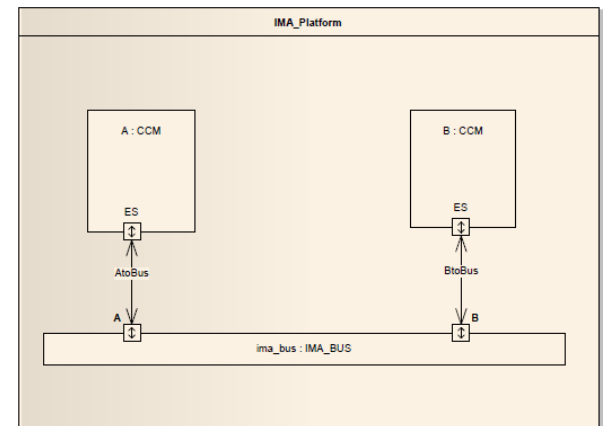
- Often, we are interested in properties about a model structure
  - Given the processor resources, is the system schedulable?
  - Is my software correctly distributed across different physical resources?
  - Are my end-to-end timing assumptions met?
- Often these involve checking the mapping between the software and the hardware.

# Structural Properties

- Software + HW platform
  - Process, thread, processors, bus
- Ex: PALS vertical contract
  - PALS timing constraints on platform
  - Check AADL structural properties
- Guarantees
  - Sync logic executes at PALS\_Period
  - Synchronous\_Communication => "One\_Step\_Delay"
- Assumptions (about platform)
  - Causality constraint:  
 $\text{Min}(\text{Output time}) \geq 2\varepsilon - \mu_{\min}$
  - PALS period constraint:  
 $\text{Max}(\text{Output time}) \leq T - \mu_{\max} - 2\varepsilon$

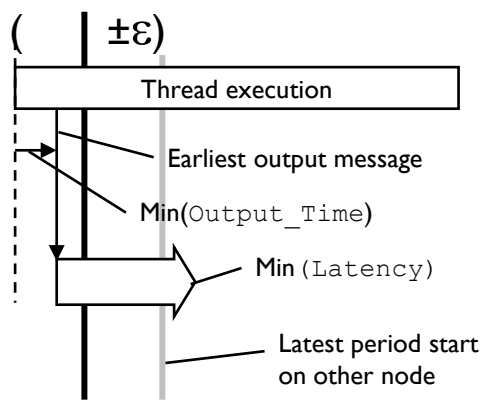
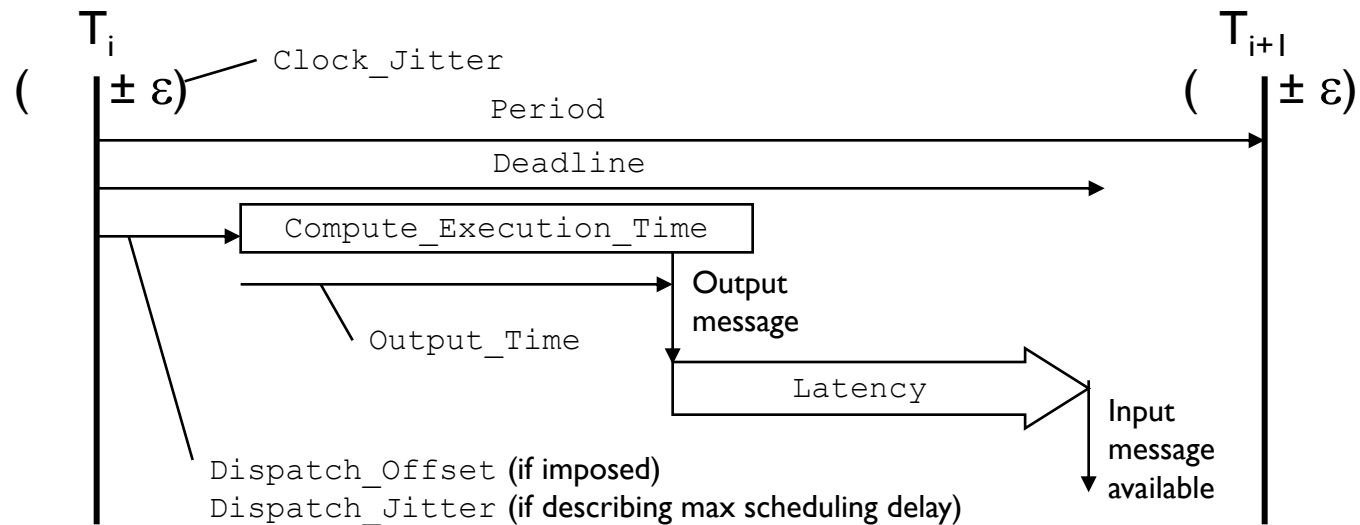


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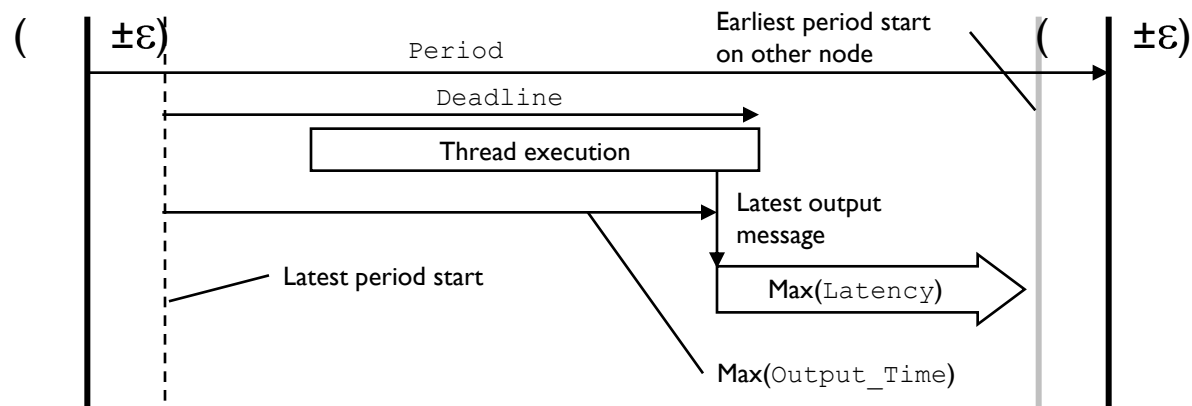


Platform

# PALS assumptions in AADL



Causality Constraint



PALS Period Constraint

# Structural property checks

- **Contract**
  - Platform model satisfies PALS assumptions
- **Attached at pattern instantiation**
  - Model-independent
  - Assumptions
  - Pre/post-conditions
- **Lute theorems**
  - Based on REAL
  - Eclipse plug-in
  - Structural properties in AADL model

```
PALS_Threads := {s in Thread_Set | Property_Exists(s,
"PALS_Properties::PALS_Id")};

PALS_Period(t) := Property(t, "PALS_Properties::PALS_Period");
PALS_Id(t) := Property(t, "PALS_Properties::PALS_Id");
PALS_Group(t) := {s in PALS_Threads | PALS_Id(t) = PALS_Id(s)};

Max_Thread_Jitter(Threads) :=
  Max({Property(p, "Clock_Jitter") for p in Processor_Set |
  Cardinal({t in Threads | Is_Bound_To(t, p)}) > 0});

Connections_Among(Set) :=
  {c in Connection_Set | Member(Owner(Source(c)), Set) and
  Member(Owner(Destination(c)), Set)};

theorem PALS_Period_is_Period
  foreach s in PALS_Threads do
    check Property_Exists(s, "Period") and
      PALS_Period(s) = Property(s, "Period");
  end;

theorem PALS_Causality
  foreach s in PALS_Threads do
    PALS_Group := PALS_Group(s);
    Clock_Jitter := Max_Thread_Jitter(PALS_Group);
    Min_Latency := Min({Lower(Property(c, "Latency") for
      c in Connections_Among(PALS_Group)});
    Output_Delay := {Property(t, "Output_Delay") for t in PALS_Group};
    check (if 2 * Clock_Jitter > Min_Latency then
      Min(Output_Delay) > 2 * Clock_Jitter - Min_Latency
    else
      true);
  end;
```





# Research Challenges



# Structural and Behavioral Properties

## Structural (Non-functional) Properties:

Analyze conformance, optimization properties for hardware resources and model structure.

**Assertion:** My system is schedulable using Rate Monotonic Scheduling.

### Theorem RMA

**foreach** e **in** Processor\_Set **do**

Proc\_Set(e) := { x **in** Process\_Set |  
Is\_Bound\_To(x, e) } ;

Threads := { x **in** Thread\_Set |  
Is\_Subcomponent\_Of(x, Proc\_Set) }

**check** (sum  
(get\_property\_value (Threads  
"RTOS\_properties::Utilization")) <=  
(Cardinal (Threads) \*  
(2 \*\* (1 / Cardinal (Threads))) - 1 ) ) ;

**End** RMA ;

**Checkable with Lute**

## Behavioral (functional) Properties:

Analyze system behavior. Behavioral properties may use structural properties.

**Assertion:** If a "Pump Stop" command is received, then within 1 second the measured flow rate shall be zero.

### PSL\_contract

**property** no\_flow\_after\_stop :  
**after**  
(not (infusion\_control\_in.Pump\_On))  
**(exists**  
flow\_rate\_detector\_out.Rate = 0  
**within**  
STEPS\_PER\_SECOND \* 1) ;

**assert** (no\_flow\_after\_stop) ;  
**end** PSL\_contract;

**Checkable with AGREE**

# Are these the “right” logics?

- **Simpler logics have benefits**
  - Primary benefit: much simpler to analyze
  - AADL error annex is (mostly) propositional
    - Makes analysis simpler
    - Supports useful categorization of errors
  - Datalog-style logics support “timeless” analysis
    - The Lute checker is essentially a datalog interpreter
- **More complicated logics are necessary for certain properties**
  - Richer types (e.g., algebraic types for XML messages)
  - Quantification

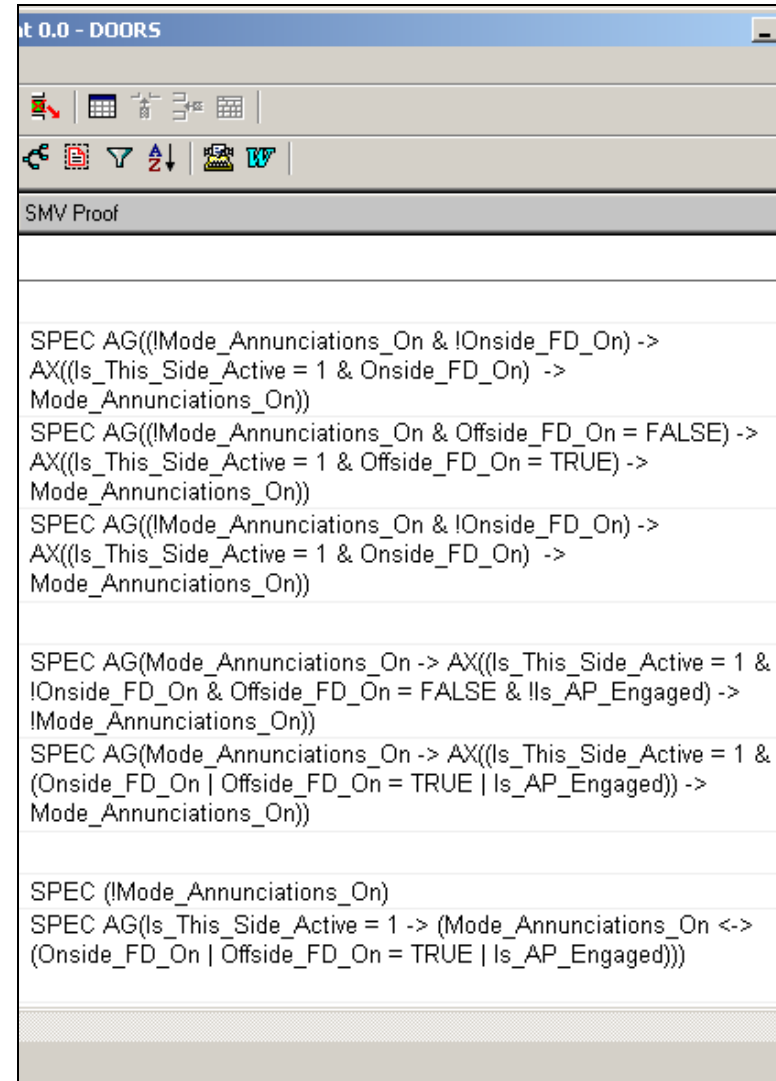
# Dealing with Time

↑ SIMPLEST —  
— MOST ACCURATE —  
↓

- Pure synchrony or asynchrony
- Uniform discrete time
  - Choose fixed time quantum between steps
  - This quantum need not be the same between layers
  - Adjust process behavior and requirements with clocks.
- Non-uniform discrete time
  - Calendar/Timeout automata advance system to next interesting instant
- Dense time

# Scaling

- What do you do when systems and subcomponents have hundreds of requirements?
  - FGS mode logic: 280 requirements
  - DWM: >600 requirements
- Need to create automated slicing techniques for predicates rather than code.
  - Perhaps this will be in the form of counterexample-guided refinement



```
t 0.0 - DOORS
SMV Proof
SPEC AG(!Mode_Annunciations_On & !Onside_FD_On) ->
AX((!Is_This_Side_Active = 1 & Onside_FD_On) ->
Mode_Annunciations_On))
SPEC AG(!Mode_Annunciations_On & Offside_FD_On = FALSE) ->
AX((!Is_This_Side_Active = 1 & Offside_FD_On = TRUE) ->
Mode_Annunciations_On))
SPEC AG(!Mode_Annunciations_On & !Onside_FD_On) ->
AX((!Is_This_Side_Active = 1 & Onside_FD_On) ->
Mode_Annunciations_On))
SPEC AG(Mode_Annunciations_On -> AX((!Is_This_Side_Active = 1 &
!Onside_FD_On & Offside_FD_On = FALSE & !Is_AP_Engaged) ->
!Mode_Annunciations_On))
SPEC AG(Mode_Annunciations_On -> AX((!Is_This_Side_Active = 1 &
(Onside_FD_On | Offside_FD_On = TRUE | Is_AP_Engaged)) ->
Mode_Annunciations_On))
SPEC (!Mode_Annunciations_On)
SPEC AG(!Is_This_Side_Active = 1 -> (Mode_Annunciations_On <->
(Onside_FD_On | Offside_FD_On = TRUE | Is_AP_Engaged)))
```

# Assigning blame

- Counterexamples are often hard to understand for big models
- It is much worse (in my experience) for property-based models
- Given a counterexample, can you automatically assign blame to one or more subcomponents?
- Given a “blamed” component, can you automatically open the black box to strengthen the component guarantee?

Signal	Step...					
	0	1	2	3	4	5
AD_L.pitch.val	-0.91	-1.83	-2.74	-3.65	-4.35	-4.39
AD_L.pitch.valid	FALSE	TRUE	FALSE	TRUE	TRUE	FALSE
AD_R.pitch.val	0.83	-0.09	-1.00	-1.91	-2.83	-3.74
AD_R.pitch.valid	TRUE	FALSE	TRUE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE
AP.CSA.csa_pitch_delta	0.00	0.13	0.09	0.26	0.74	-4.26
AP.GC_L.cmds.pitch_delta	0.00	-4.91	-4.65	-4.57	-4.74	-4.35
AP.GC_L.mds.active	TRUE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE
AP.GC_R.cmds.pitch_delta	0.00	0.83	-4.43	-4.48	4.91	4.83
AP.GC_R.mds.active	TRUE	TRUE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Assumptions for AP	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Assumptions for FCI	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Assumptions for FGS_L	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Assumptions for FGS_R	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
FGS_L.GC.cmds.pitch_delta	-4.91	-4.65	-4.57	-4.74	-4.35	0.09
FGS_L.GC.mds.active	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE	FALSE
FGS_L.LSO.leader	2	2	3	2	1	3
FGS_L.LSO.valid	FALSE	TRUE	FALSE	TRUE	TRUE	FALSE
FGS_R.GC.cmds.pitch_delta	0.83	-4.43	-4.48	4.91	4.83	3.91
FGS_R.GC.mds.active	TRUE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
FGS_R.LSO.leader	0	0	1	0	1	1
FGS_R.LSO.valid	TRUE	FALSE	TRUE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE
leader_pitch_delta	0.00	0.83	0.83	0.83	0.83	-4.35
System level guarantees	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	FALSE

# “Argument Engineering”

- Disparate kinds of evidence throughout the system
  - Probabilistic
  - Resource
  - Structural properties of model
  - Behavioral properties of model
- How do we tie these things together?
- Evidence graph, similar to proof graph in PVS
  - Shows evidential obligations that have not been discharged
- SRI is working on this: *Evidential Tool Bus (ETB)*
  - This seems to be a reasonable approach for tying tool results together
  - Declarative (like make or ant), but more powerful (uses Datalog)

# Integration with AADL

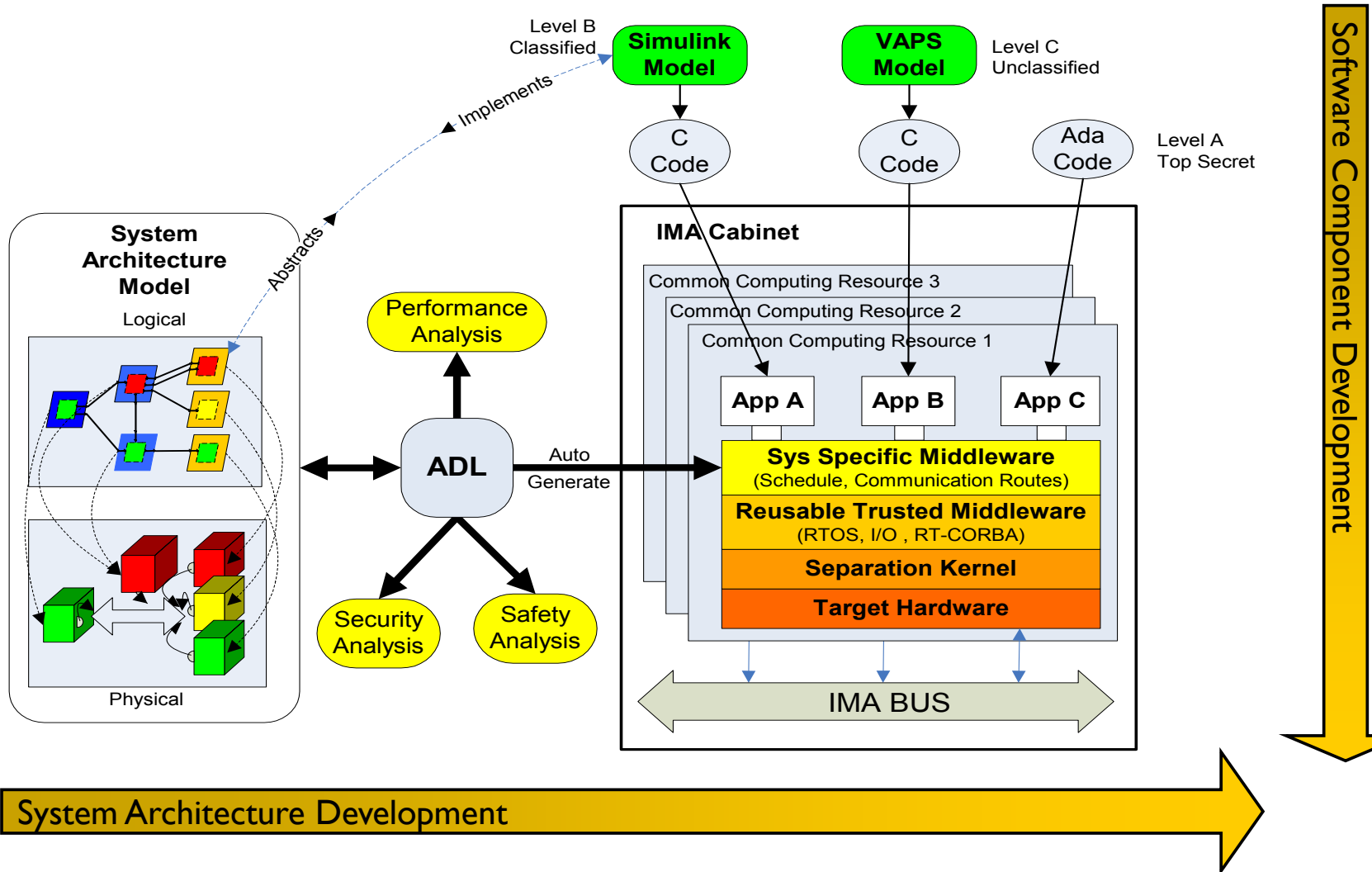
- Type representations
  - Currently we use “homebrew” property set for typing information
  - AADL data modeling annex?
- Inheritance and Refinement
  - **Extends** from same AADL class
  - **Implements** from different AADL class
  - Contracts should preserve behavioral subtyping
    - Weaken assumptions
    - Strengthen guarantees
  - Some subtleties:
    - For existential properties over traces (CTL), this refinement is generally **unsound**.
    - Probably only want to support **universal properties** (like LTL)
- Binding of logical system to physical system
  - Contracts are built on many assumptions involving physical system involving resources. Currently these are not addressed in the temporal logic, but externally
  - How do we represent physical failures in logical contracts?



# Conclusions

- AADL is very nice for designing systems
  - Good way to describe hardware and software
  - Lots of built-in analysis capabilities
- Allows new system engineering approaches
  - Iteration between reqs and design
  - Specification and use of architectural patterns
- Looking at behavioral and structural analysis
  - Still *lots* of work to do!
  - ..but already can do some interesting analysis with tools
  - Sits in a nice intersection between requirements engineering and formal methods
  - Starting to apply this to large UAV models for security properties in the SMACCM project

# System Architectural Modeling & Analysis



# Thank you!

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Obrigado!

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