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*Architecture Centric  
Virtual Integration  
Process (ACVIP)  
Shadow Effort*



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# Opportunity for Rework Cost Reduction

## Software Interaction Complexity Drives System Cost

### Software Development Life Cycle

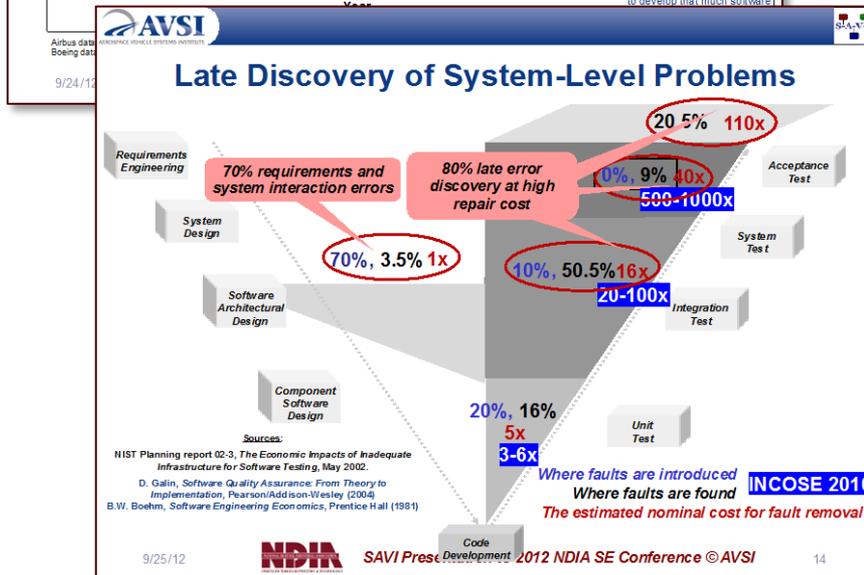
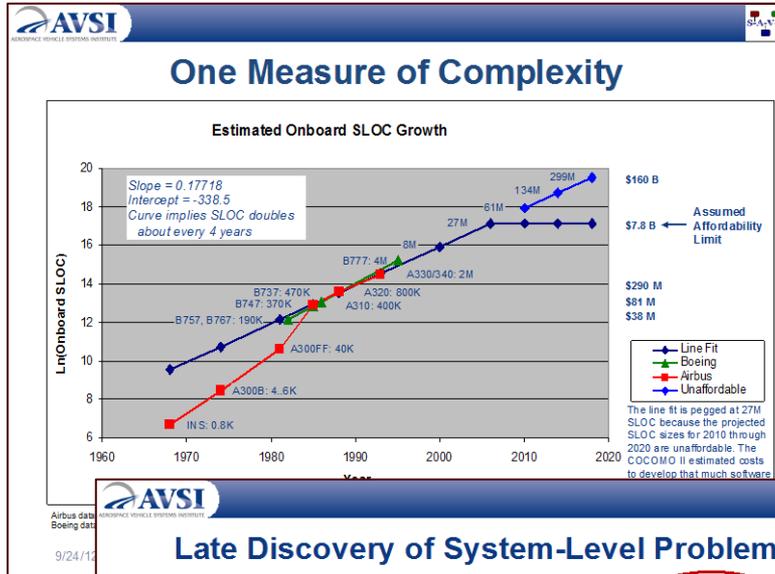


Sources: Critical Code; NIST, NASA, INCOSE, and Aircraft Industry Studies

**Post-unit test software rework cost 50% of total system cost and growing**

**Software as % of total system cost 1997: 45% → 2010: 66% → 2024: 88%**

## System Architecture Virtual Integration (SAVI)



- Aerospace Vehicle Systems Institute (AVSI) is a consortium of commercial aerospace companies and gov't agencies
- AVSI Launched SAVI in 2008 to address the problem of growth in complexity of systems leading to cost and schedule overruns
- The objective is to develop a standards-based Virtual Integration Process (VIP) that allows multiple parties to virtually integrate and analyze systems throughout development life cycle
- The result is earlier detection and correction of errors leading to cost savings
- **Highly focused on integration – defining the state of the art in system integration consistency checking**



# SAE AS5506 Architecture Analysis & Design Language (AADL) Standard



## The Software

## The System



**Physical platform  
(e.g., Aircraft)**

Continuous  
Distiller

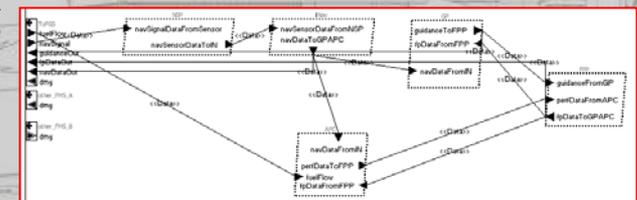


Control  
Guidance

Software design  
architecture & software  
runtime architecture

**Embedded Application  
Software  
(Controls & Mission  
Systems)**

Deployed on  
& Utilizes



## The Computer System

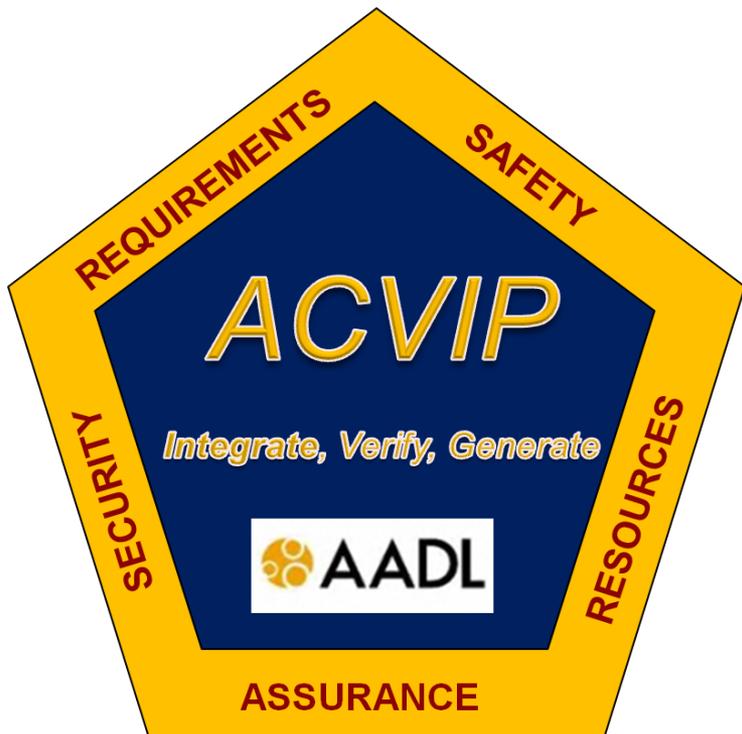


**Computer System  
(Hardware & OS)**

AADL supports :

- 1) Predictive Architecture Analysis
- 2) Incremental development
- 3) Standardized strong semantics
- 4) Analysis driven synthesis
- 5) Software reliant system level analysis

**AADL focuses on interaction between the three major elements of a software-intensive system based on architectural abstractions of each**



- Requires standardized architecture modeling language with well-defined semantics integrating hardware, software and systems
- Includes virtual, incremental, hierarchical, compositional analysis of a software-reliant system to evaluate integration effects
- Avoids the perpetuation of requirements defects into later phases of the development process enabling major rework cost reduction
- Increases assurance confidence by augmenting testing
- Enables rapid generative integration of the verified system
- Includes a “Single Source of Truth”
- Leverages the AVSI SAVI Project

***Virtual Analysis & Integration of Software, Hardware, and Systems***



- **ACVIP requires the processes and tools to be established and matured for effective use on Future Vertical Lift (FVL)**
- **ACVIP will be exercised, documented, applied and enhanced throughout the Mission System Architecture Demonstrations**
  - Definition, development and exercise of the ACVIP tools is initially performed by the tool developers
  - Application and evaluation is conducted during MSAD demos supporting maturation and technology transition

### **ACVIP Process & Tool Maturation**

*1. Define ...2. Develop...3. Exercise ...4. Document ...5. Apply....6. Evaluate*  
|←————JMR MSAD Demonstrations————→|

### **Near Term MSAD Tasks related to ACVIP**

- Develop First Edition ACVIP Handbooks
- AADL/ACVIP Training
- Provide tools for use during AIPD

- **ACVIP as part of a Model Based Acquisition approach**
  - Model requirements in AADL and perform ACVIP analyses prior to solicitation for initial system architecture.
  - Systems architecture requirements specification model in solicitation and response.
  - Systems integrator communicates with component vendors via models.
- **Government's role in the development and analysis process**
  - Government sponsors independent analyses using architecture models.
  - Government requires receipt of architectural models in AADL and model ownership.
  - ACVIP analyses performed by contractor and Government during each architectural phase (functional, conceptual, design, integration).
- **Single source of truth**
  - Models will be used throughout the life-cycle and updated over time.
  - Will be used by multiple technical domains when performing analyses.
  - Models must be accurate, up-to-date, phase appropriate and integrated.
  - Distributed model repository for Government/integrator/supplier collaboration.
  - AADL used as the standard method of communication between tools and across organizations.

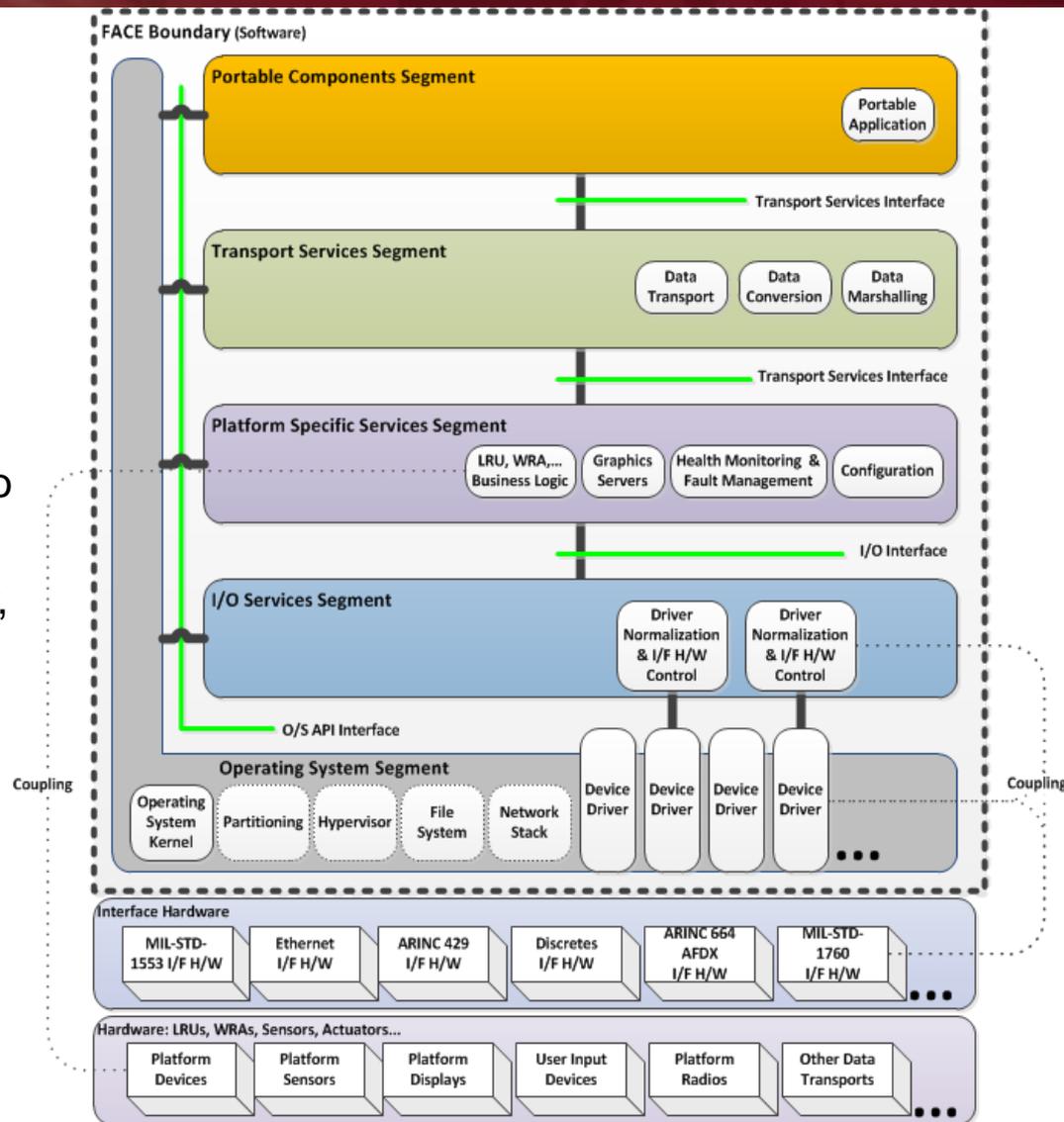
***Communication of accurate information and virtual analysis is key***



# What is



- Future Airborne Capability Environment (FACE™)
- Open standard established by DoD and Industry via The OpenGroup©
- The FACE™ architecture comprises points where variance occurs (i.e., layered architectural segments)
- A SOFTWARE computing environment to enable product lines for military aviation
- Eliminates barriers to software portability, prevents lock-in and improves competition
- Not only a technical standard but also includes a business strategy
- Includes:
  - Development Ecosystem
  - Conformance Test Suite
  - Verification & Certification
  - Repository

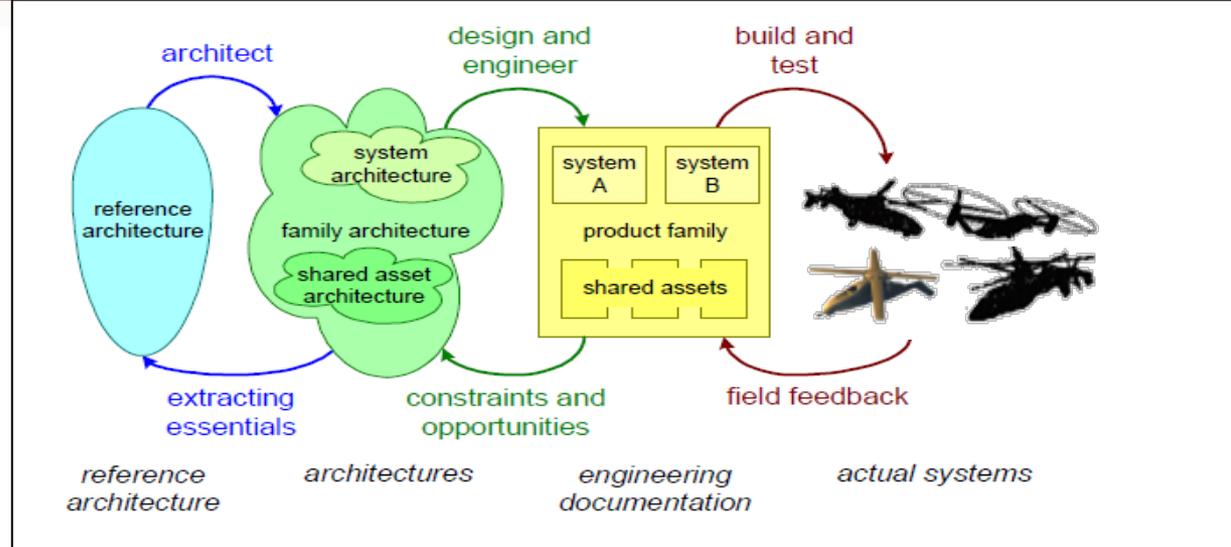


Learn more @ <http://www.opengroup.org/face/face101>

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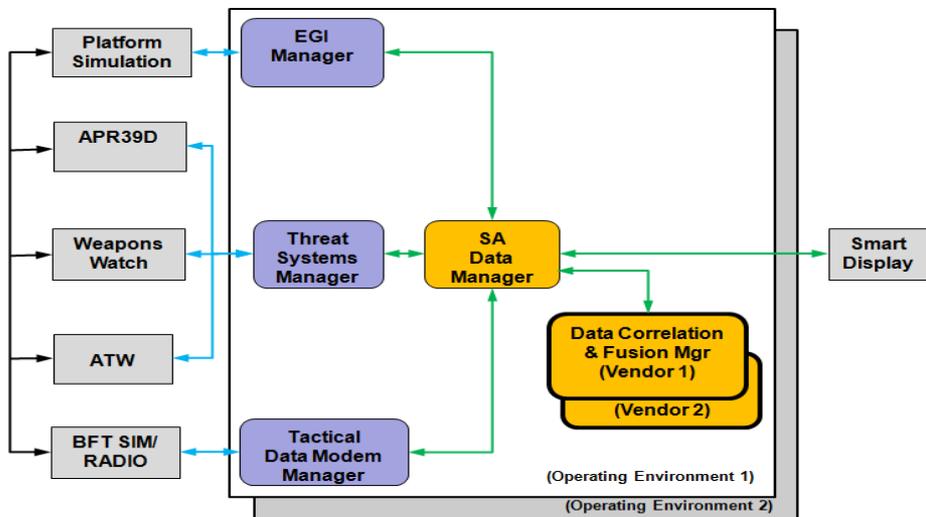
# What is Joint Common Architecture (JCA)?

- JCA is a Reference Architecture (not a system architecture) for FVL Family of Systems
- JCA Guides and constrains architecture implementations by providing:
  - a common lexicon and taxonomy
  - a common (architectural) vision
  - modularization and the complementary context



- JCA v1.0 describes conceptual avionics capabilities with specific focus on the Mission Computer (MC) subsystem
- JCA includes:
  - Functional Model**
    - Decomposed Mission Level Capabilities allocated to the MC subsystem and their top level organization and interactions
  - Semantic Model**
    - Conceptual level
    - Linked to Functional Model
  - Model Analysis**
    - Model representation in AADL allowing ACVIP type analysis
  - Documentation**
    - Development Plan
    - Implementation Plan
  - Tools/Ecosystem**
    - Translation of the JCA v1.0 conceptual model into FACE v3.x conformant conceptual and logical models
    - JCA conformance

## Modular Integrated Survivability (MIS) System



## Goals/Objectives

- Validate the JCA & FACE approaches
- Mature JCA, FACE Standard & Ecosystem tools, and business practices
- Gain experience implementing a model based approach (learn by doing)

## Approach – Controlled Experiment

- Procure single software component from multiple vendors built to same specification
- Integrate component on two undisclosed Operating Environments (OEs)
- Execute a representative model-based acquisition approach
- Limit developers and integrator interactions
- Use FACE Ecosystem tools
- Exercise FACE Verification Authority process
- Procure a Reusable Verification Component
- Conduct a partial ACVIP as a Shadow Effort

## Payoff

- Reduces risk for future implementations
- Provide Government greater insight than from a typical acquisition

## JCA Demo Schedule

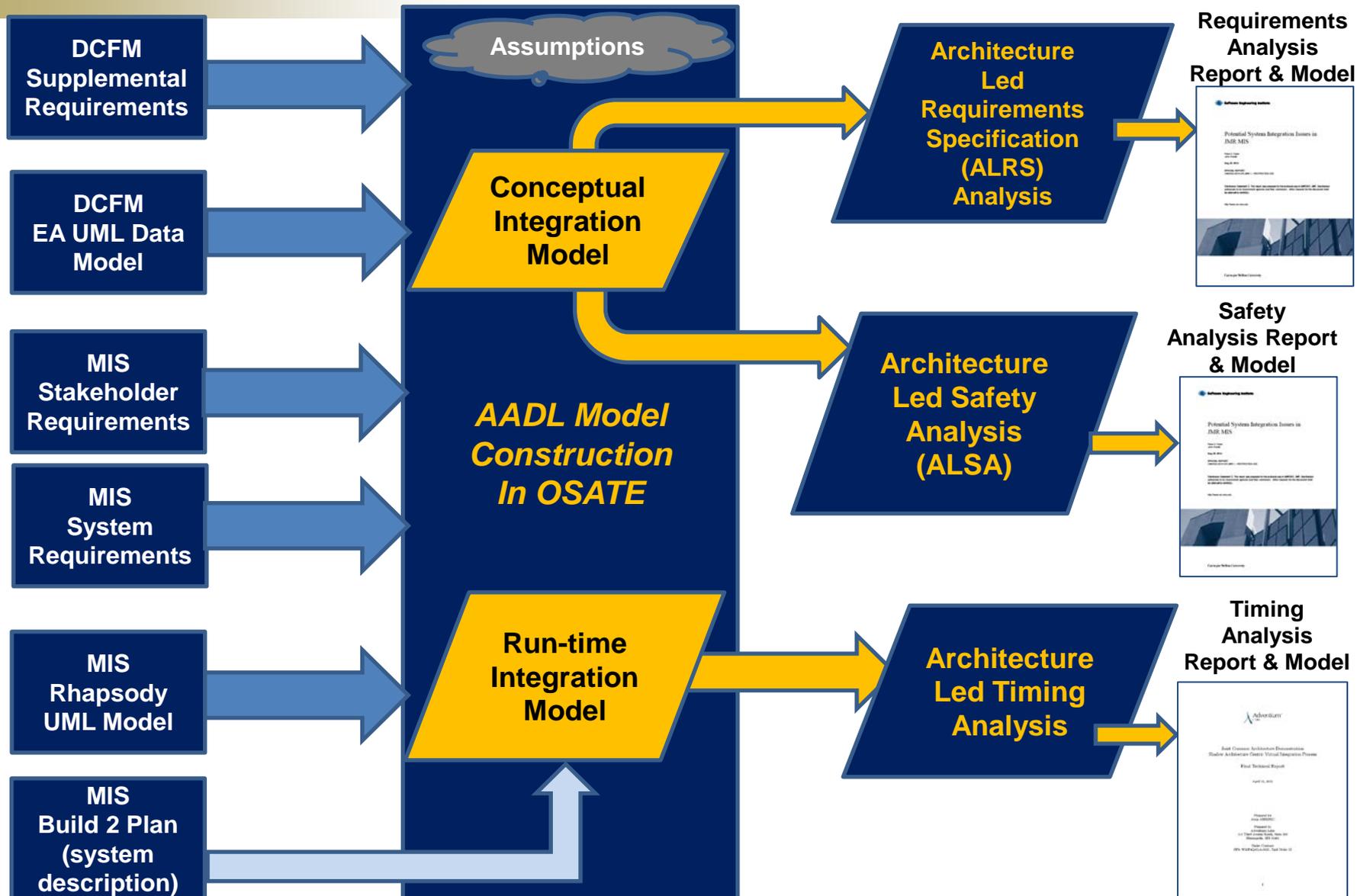
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# ACVIP Shadow Effort on JCA Demonstration



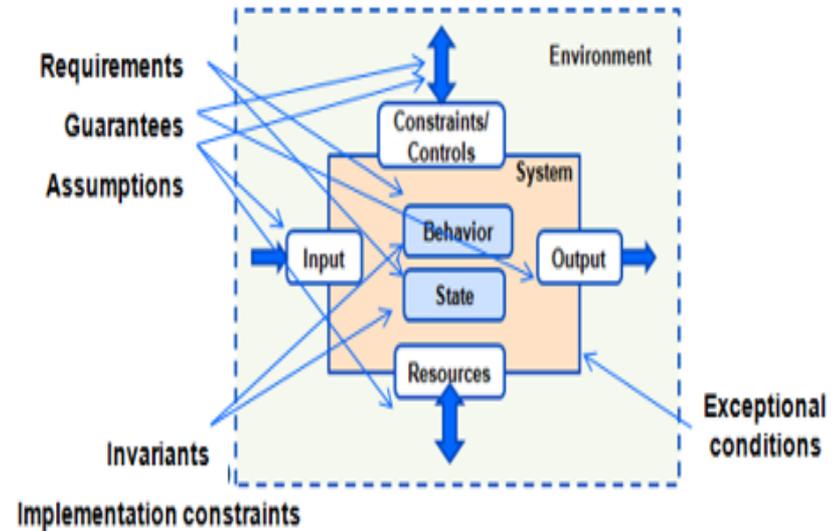
- **ACVIP Shadow Effort was performed by independent analysts from the Software Engineering Institute (SEI) of Carnegie Mellon University and Adventium Labs with information obtained from the component specification, component developers and system integrator. The purpose of the Shadow Effort was to:**
  - Gain experience with ACVIP
  - Demonstrate potential of ACVIP
  - Maturate Government-sponsored AADL tools
- **ACVIP was effective in the conduct of post-award analysis for:**
  - Requirements – checked for consistency, accuracy, completeness
  - Safety – identified potential safety hazards and safety assessment
  - Timing – analyzed adequacy of resource scheduling and partitioning
- **ACVIP Shadow effort did not demonstrate a representative ACVIP process; however, significant experience and results were obtained.**
  - Pre-solicitation requirements analysis would have reduced errors.
  - Models were not reused or integrated in a repository.
  - Analytical tools and processes were very immature.
  - Lack of accurate and/or complete information from DCFM developers and system integrator. Many assumptions had to be made.



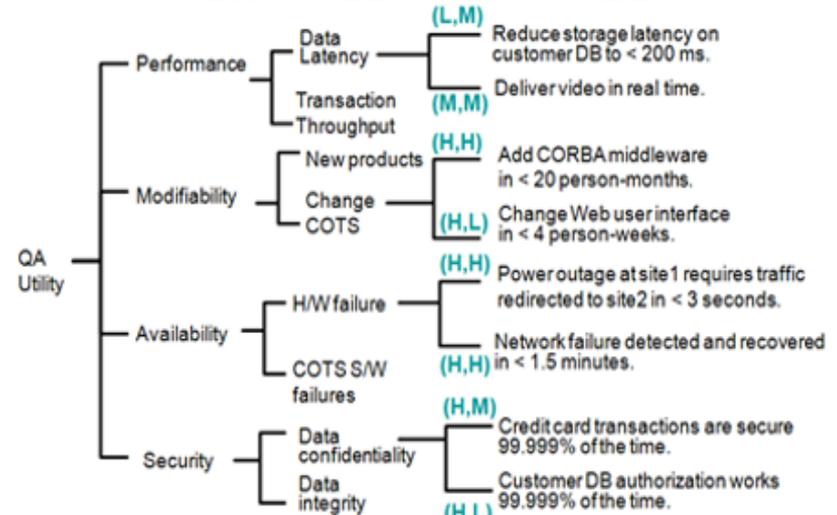
# Architecture Led Requirements Specification (ALRS) Analysis

- **Textual requirements results in:**
  - Ambiguous, missing, incomplete and inconsistent requirements.
  - Cost and schedule impacts due to error injected in the design
- **Solution:**
  - Represent verifiable requirements in an architecture model (based on AADL RDAL\* Annex)
- **ALRS Analysis Process:**
  - Every element of a system specification must be addressed by requirements
  - Non-functional requirements are driven by utility trees as output of an ATAM\*\*
  - Resulting annotated model is basis for Architecture-led Safety Analysis (ALSA)

\* RDAL = Requirements Definition & Analysis Language  
 \*\* ATAM = Architecture Tradeoff Analysis Method™



## EXAMPLE UTILITY TREE



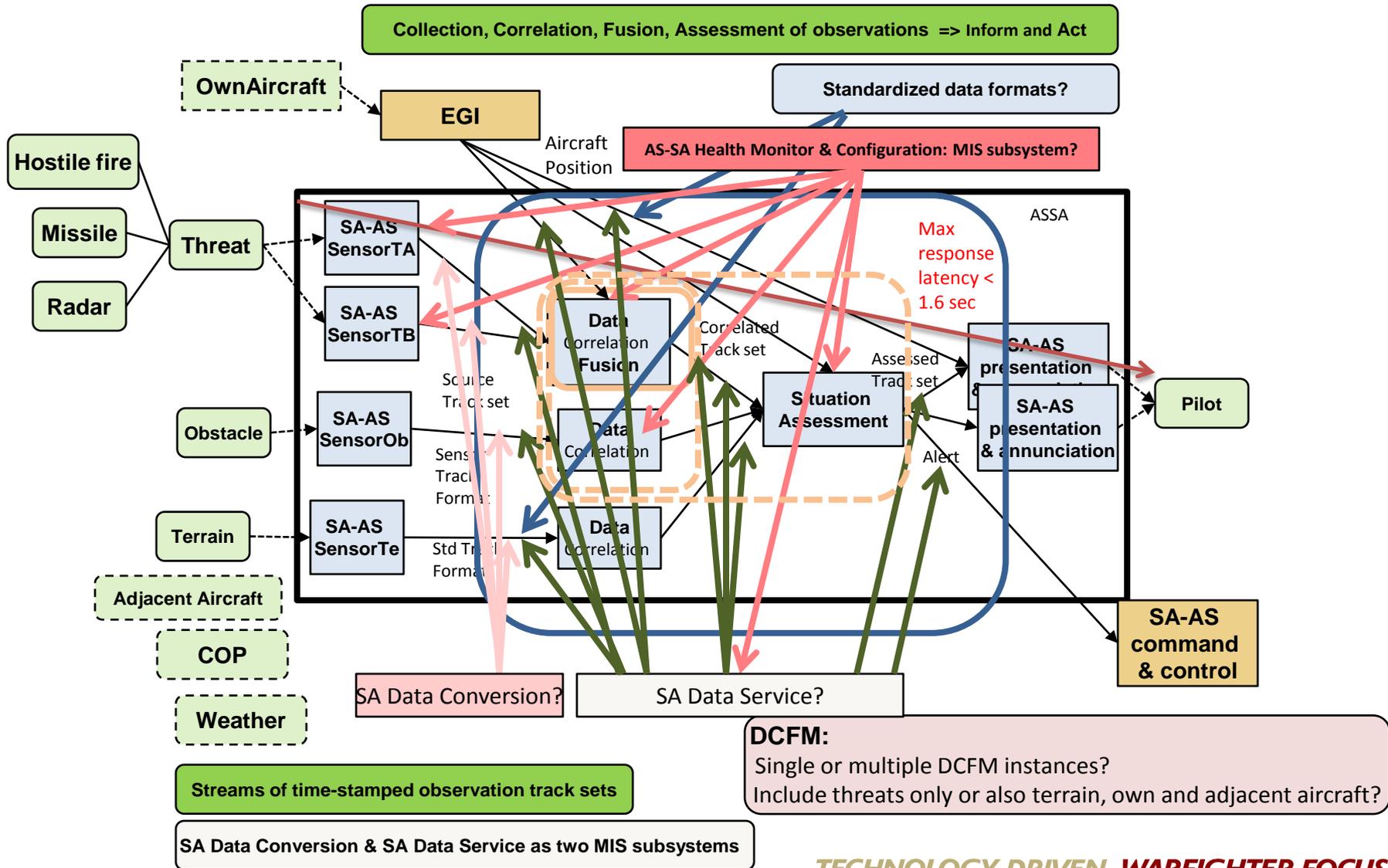
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# Architecture Led Requirement Specification (ALRS) on JCA Demo

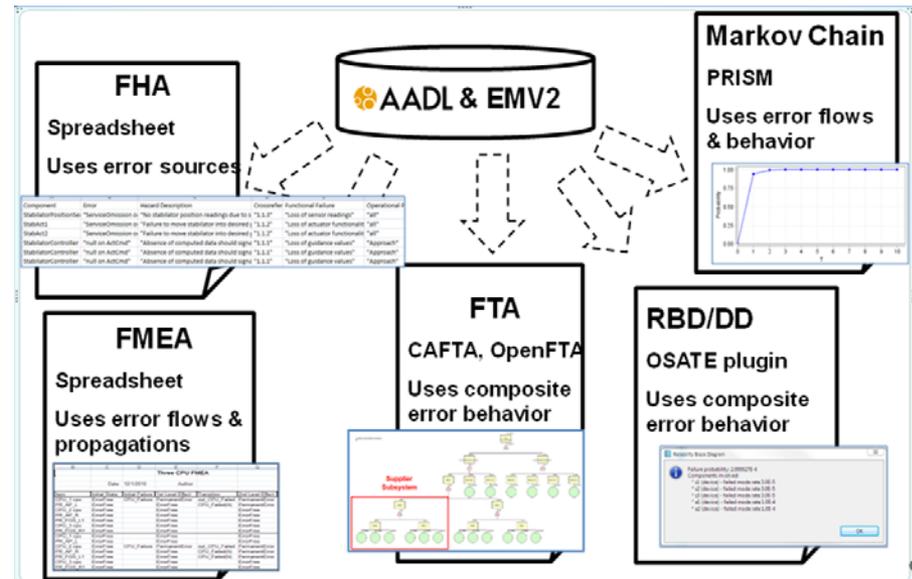
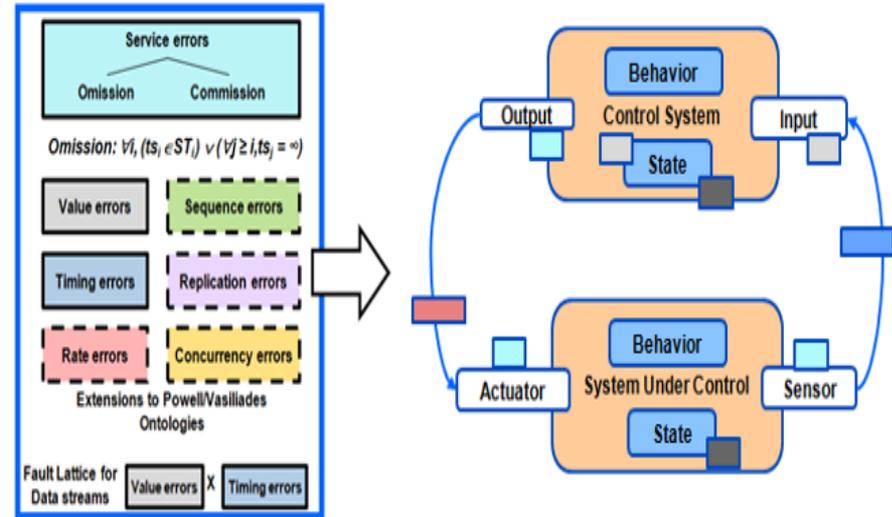


Aircraft Survivability Situational Awareness System (ASSA) = DCFM Integrated with the MIS



- SEI conducted a safety analysis of the JCA Demo system using ALSA
- ALSA based on the AADL Standard Error Model Ver 2 (EMV2) Annex
- EMV2 supports SAE ARP 4761
- An error propagation ontology guides identification of hazards
- Hazard annotations of AADL model lead to automated fault impact analysis and report generation
- ALSA extendible to security

## Error Propagation Ontology

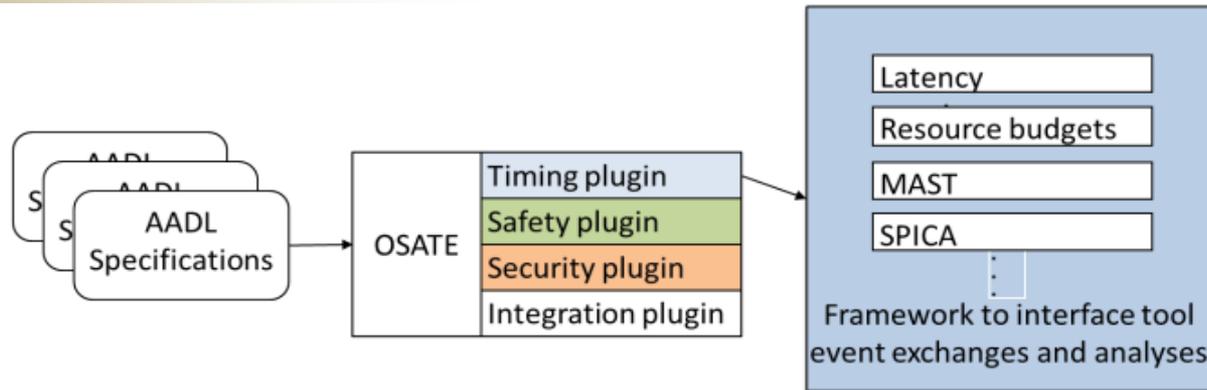




# Architecture Led Safety Analysis (ALSA) on JCA Demo



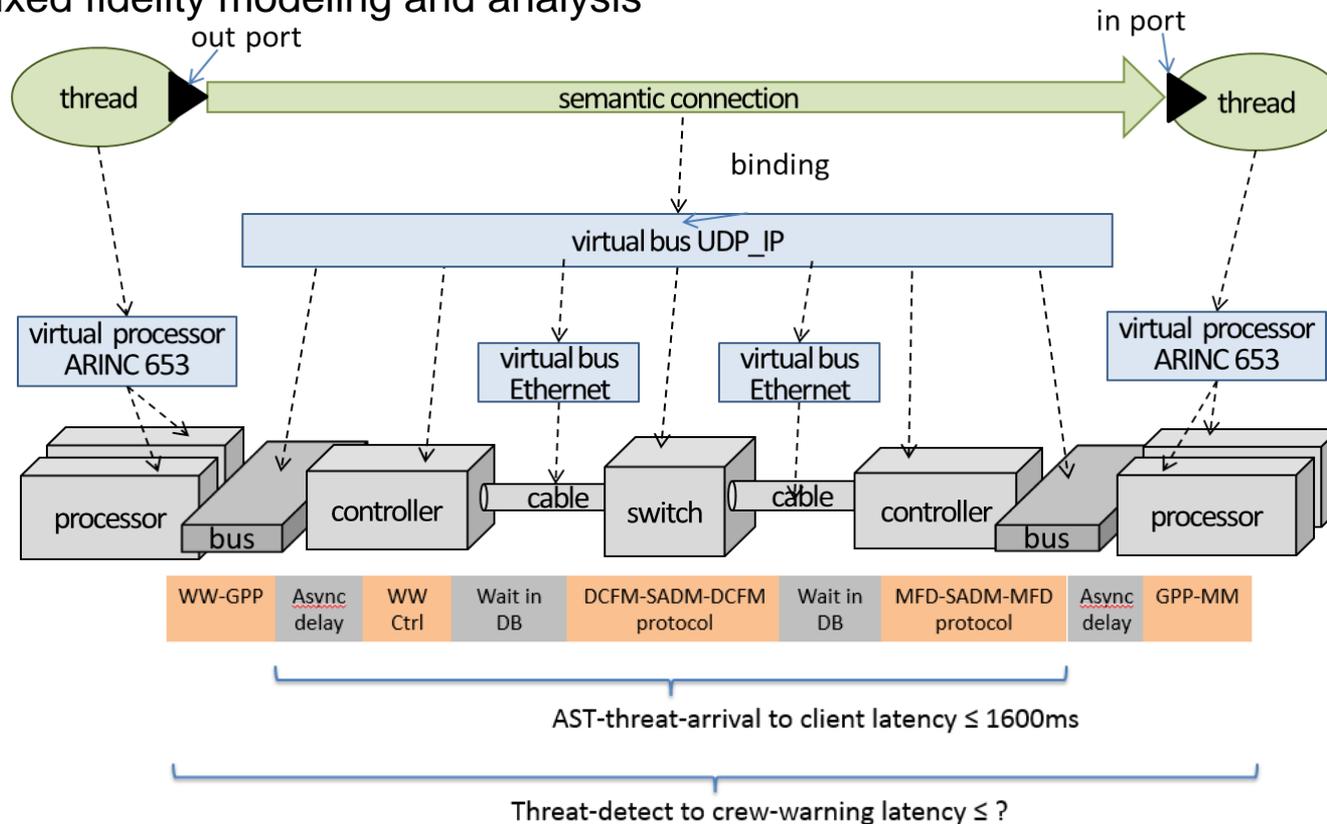
- **JCA Demo BAA assigned Design Assurance Level (DAL) E to DCFM, but:**
  - Aircraft are lost to operational threats, obstacles, and terrain.
  - Multiple minor hazard contributors can have catastrophic consequences.
  - Embedded software as major hazard source: unexpected interaction behavior.
- **SEI demonstrated the use of ALSA to assist in identifying the appropriate DAL for the system**
  - Identified critical areas related to the reporting of false positives, false negatives, untimely information.
  - Derived Health Monitoring System (HMS) requirements, clarifying expected functionality of the HMS.
  - Safety hazards introduced by health monitor.



- **Challenge: analysis of end-to-end timing for distributed, multidisciplinary, heterogeneous computer systems**
  - Different scheduling on different network and processing nodes
  - Co-existence of sampled and event-driven processing of time sensitive information
- **Two approaches: simulation and schedulability analysis**
  - ACVIP Shadow focused on schedulability analysis
  - Survey identified 16 schedulability analysis tools
- **Adventium developed Framework of Schedulability, Timing and Resources (FASTAR)**
  - Integration of variable scheduled subsystems and end-to-end analysis
- **For JCA Demo FASTAR integrated the following two timing analysis tools:**
  - MAST: Modeling & Analysis Suite for Real-Time Systems for Switched Networks analysis
  - SPICA: Separation Platform for Integrating Complex Avionics for Partitioning analysis

- **Functional Architecture Mapped to Hardware Architecture**

- Identified system timing issues in layered hardware architecture
- Hardware with different clock domains (e.g., Switched Ethernet & ARINC 653)
- Unsynchronized compute module and the remote sensors
- Mixed fidelity modeling and analysis





# Significant ACVIP Analysis Findings on JCA Demo



- Unclear requirements between component states and MIS system state
- Missing specification of currency/staleness for the data and end-to-end timing requirement for hazard data
- Partition schedule did not meet ARINC 653 scheduling rules
- Non-clarity in protocol from MIS to support single or multiple DCFM instantiations
- Absence of data storage requirements between the DCFM and MIS
- Ambiguity of MIS system Operational State when a clock timer expires
- Missing source track quantity requirements for the aircraft survivability sensor
- Potential for track jitter
- Multiple sensor stream rates could create potential issues and requires further analysis
- Disagreement in threat thresholds between the DCFM and MIS
- Lack of memory requirements in MIS that could lead to memory leaks
- Ambiguity in the requirement to correlate 50 source tracks within 1 second

86 potential issues were elicited by ACVIP



# ACVIP Lessons Learned on JCA Demo



- Process of modeling the architecture alone can uncover requirement issues
- Value in performing Architecture Led Requirement Specification analysis
- Accurate system information is required for valid analysis
- Translation between AADL and other modeling languages would reduce ambiguity and improve communication
- Metrics for measuring ACSVIP effectiveness are lacking
- Additional timing analysis tools need to be added to FASTAR to address a broader range of timing issues.
- AADL training proved beneficial
  - Provided government personnel with insight into AADL modeling
  - Created interest with industry



# Conclusions from JCA Demo ACVIP Shadow Effort



- Performing ACVIP analysis prior to the release of BAA would have been beneficial to overall program execution.
- ACVIP analyses could reduce error perpetuation from requirements phase to system integration & test.
- Many of the ACVIP tools are currently immature.
- Demonstrations can identify, validate, mature and transition methods and tools to support ACVIP.
- ACVIP must transition from execution by tool developers to Government and industry personnel.
- A full ACVIP needs to be exercised in a demonstration in order to understand the complete value of ACVIP.

***JCA Demo ACVIP Shadow was successful in providing the Government with experience and validating the ACVIP concept.***



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