

# AADL and Virtual System Integration: Past, Present, and Future

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# Virtual Integration and Assurance of Safety-Critical Software-Reliant Systems

## Problem:

Software increasingly dominates safety and mission critical system development cost.

80% of issues discovered post unit test.

**Solution:** Early discovery of system level issues through virtual integration and incremental analytical assurance.

## Approach:

International standard based technology matured into practice through pilot projects and industry initiatives.

Open source research prototyping platform continually enhances analysis, verification, and generation capabilities.

*Reduced Defect Leakage through Early Analytical Assurance is Critical*



# We Rely on Software for Safe System Operation

## Quantas Airbus A330-300 Forced to Landing - 36 Injured

Written by htbw on Oct-7-08 1:48pm  
From: [soyawannaknow.blogspot.com](http://soyawannaknow.blogspot.com)



Thirty-six passengers and crew were injured in a mid-air drama that ended in an emergency landing, the airline said Tuesday.

The terrifying incident started with a mayday call when it succumbed to a problem en route from Singapore to Perth, Qantas said.

Australian Transport Safety Bureau said yesterday that a Qantas Airbus A330-300 fell 650 feet within seconds, slamming passenger seats into the ceiling, before the pilots regained control.

"This appears to be a unique event," the bureau said, adding that it is a "one-off event."

**Embedded software systems introduce a new class of problems not addressed by traditional system safety analysis**

**Intentional misbehavior. Fixing bugs in misbehaving software.**

The article discusses a violation of the Clean Air Act to Ge... maker had intentionally programmed emissions controls only during labor... nitrogen oxide (NO<sub>x</sub>) output to meet... NO<sub>x</sub> in re... and in 50... These fir... vehicles... the data... scientist...

2010 VW Golf TDI with defeat device displaying "Clean Diesel" at a US auto show.

Date	2008-2015
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Expert • Independent • Nonprofit  
**ConsumerReports.org**  
Home & Yard Products

Kenmore 4027

This article appeared in May 2010 Consumer Reports Magazine.

**How do you upgrade washing machine software?**

Many appliances now rely on electronic controls and operating software to work. That helps performance in many cases. But it also means that software bugs can cause problems. Our tests found that many of the newer models have software bugs. When Sears, which makes the washer, teamed up with LG, which makes the washer, to reprogram the software, it worked better. When Sears, which makes the washer, teamed up with LG, which makes the washer, to reprogram the software, it worked better. When Sears, which makes the washer, teamed up with LG, which makes the washer, to reprogram the software, it worked better.

Our retests of the reprogrammed Kenmore 4027 found that the cycles now worked properly, and the machine excelled. It now tops our Ratings (available to subscribers) of more than 50 front-loaders and we've made it a CR Best Buy.

If you own the washer, or a related model such as the Kenmore 4044 or Kenmore Elite 4051 or 4219, you should get a letter from Sears for a free service call. Or you can call 800-733-2299.

## FAA says software problem with Boeing 787s could be catastrophic

an Catchpole  
dcatchpole

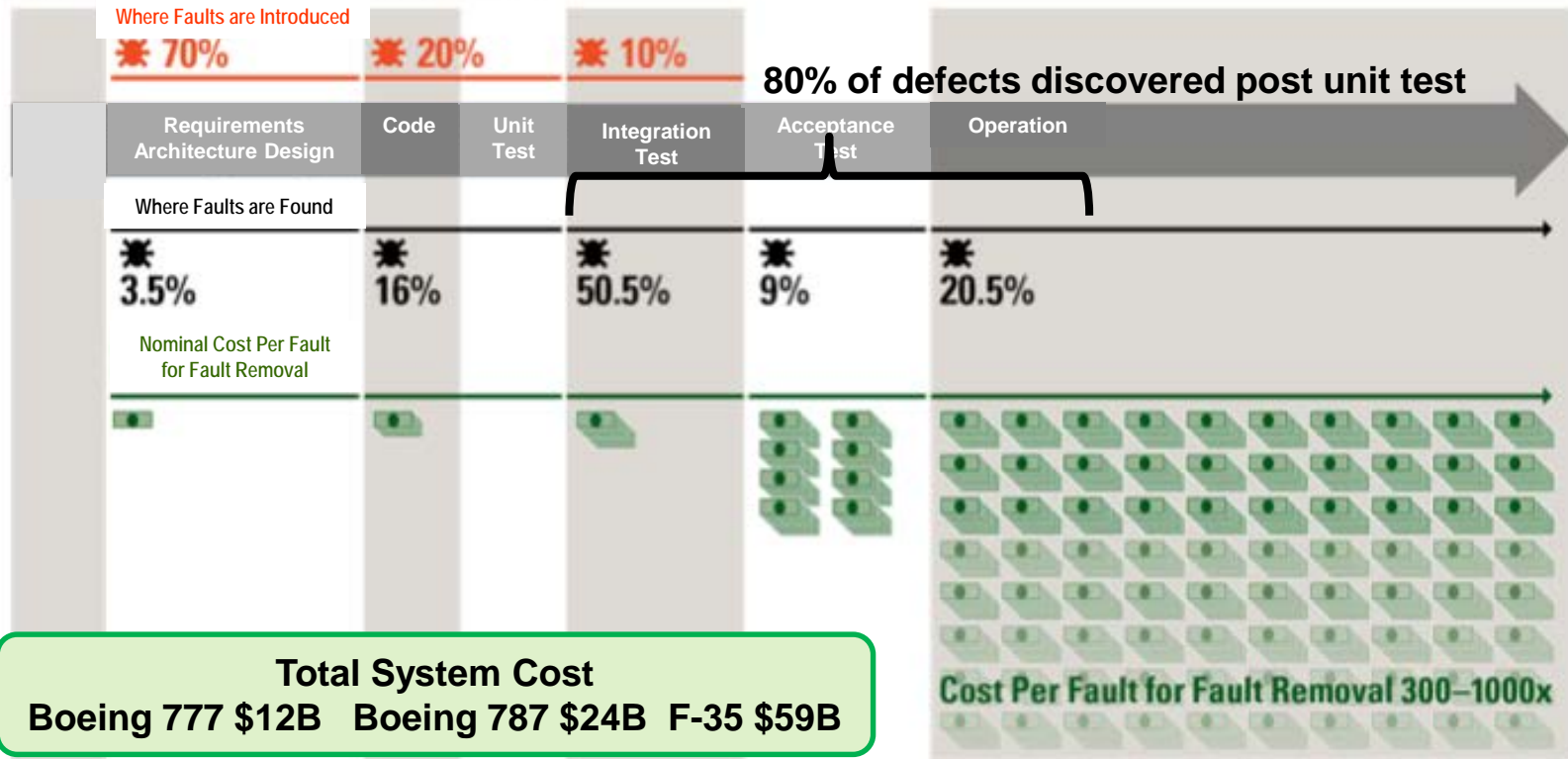
Federal Aviation Administration says a software problem with Boeing 787 jetliners could lead to one of the most feared scenarios for airlines: a loss of electrical power in flight, which could lead to loss of control.

- H The Buzz:** Hipster's dilemma
- H Boeing & aerospace news**
- H Aerospace blog**

FAA notified operators of the airplane Friday that if a 787 is powered continuously for 248 days, the plane will automatically shut down its alternating current (AC) electrical power.

# Critical System Cost Drivers

## Software Development Life Cycle



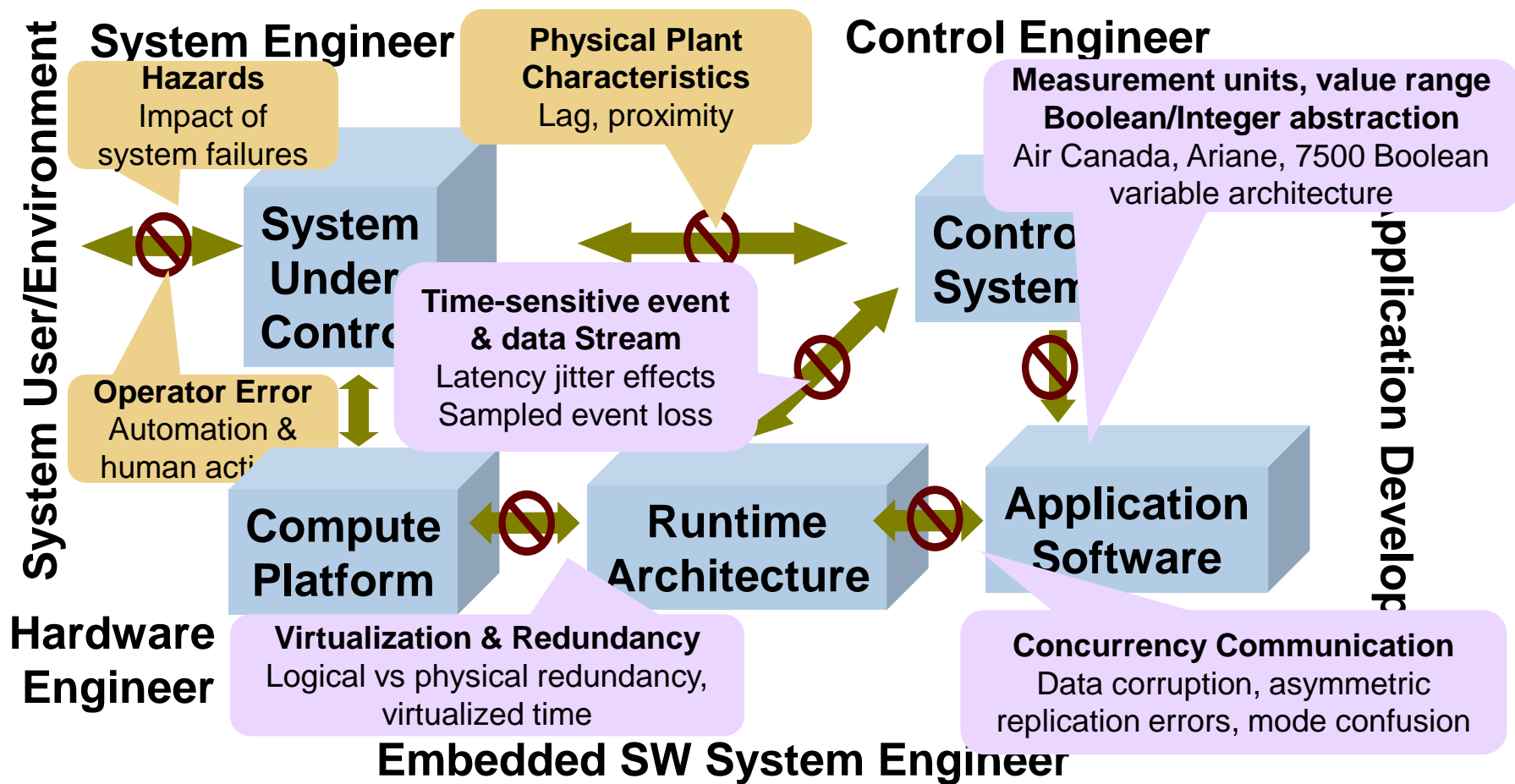
Sources: Critical Code; NIST, NASA, INCOSE, and Aircraft Industry Studies

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%



# Mismatched Assumptions in System Interactions



*Embedded software system as major source of hazards*

*Why do system level failures still occur despite fault tolerance techniques being deployed in systems?*



# Model Based Engineering (MBE)

Modeling and Simulation have been around for a long time

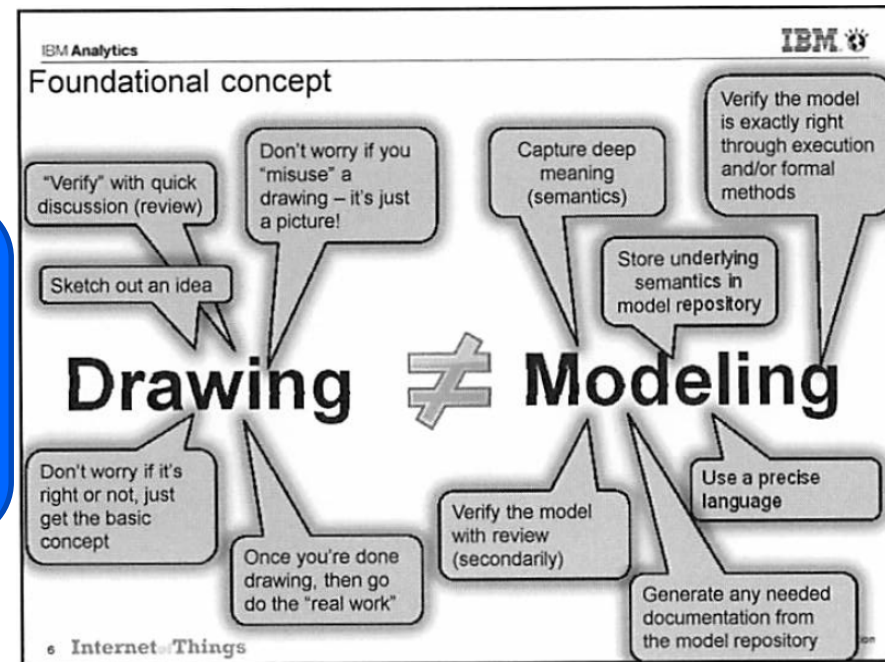
Continuous and discrete state modeling, verification and code generation of detailed design (Mathworks Simulink, ANSYS SCADE)

Software modeling through UML with limited semantics

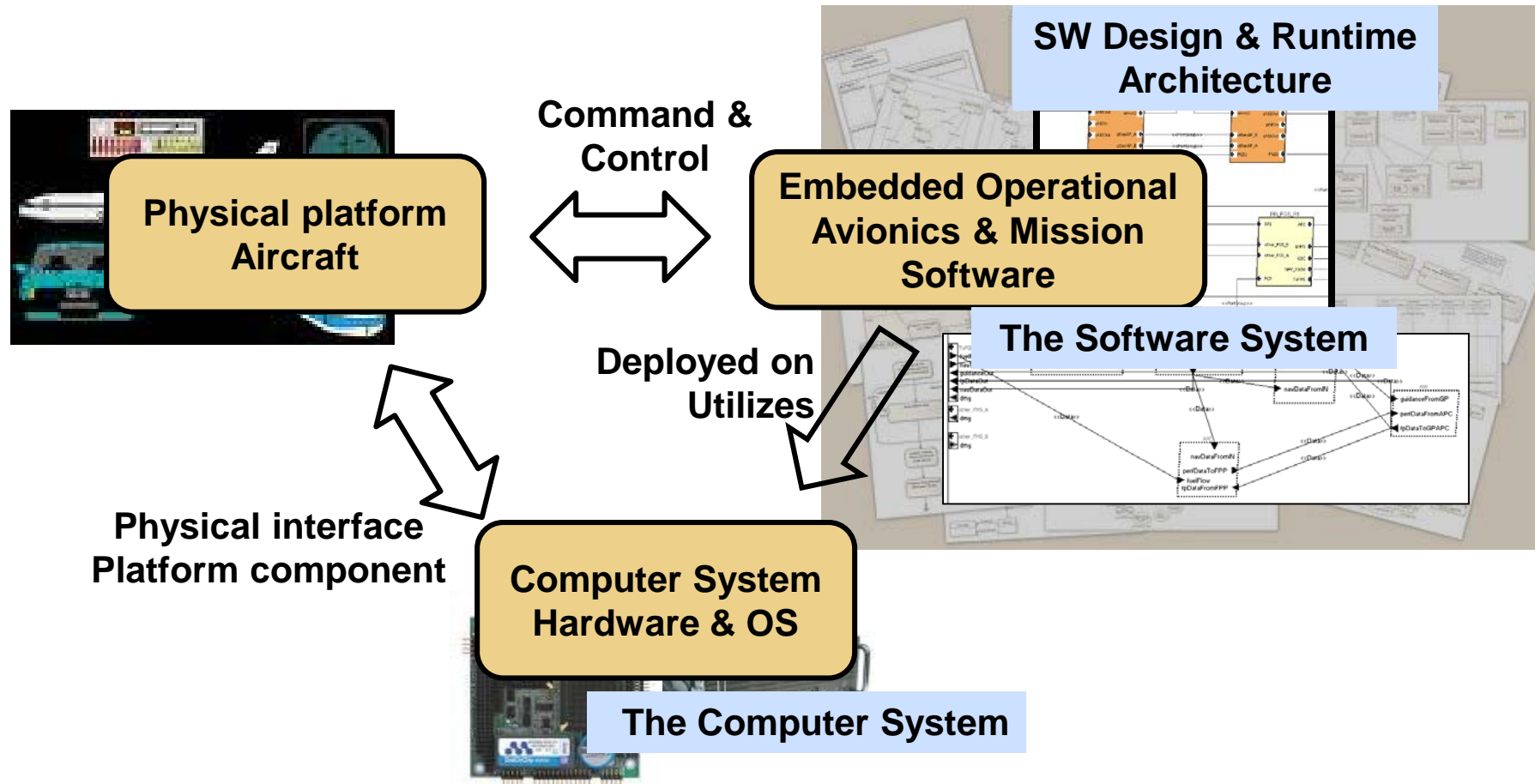
Early system modeling with SysML

## Our MBE Focus

**Safety-Critical Software Systems  
with stringent Safety, Security,  
and Performance Requirements**



# Architecture Analysis & Design Language (AADL)



**AADL focuses on interaction between the three elements of embedded software systems.**



# SAE AADL Standard Suite (AS-5506 series)

Core AADL language standard (V2.2-Jan 2017, V1-Nov 2004)

- Strongly typed language with well-defined semantics
- Textual and graphical notation
- AADL V3 in progress

**Peter Feiler has been the  
technical lead since 1999**

**Authored core AADL and EMV2**

## **Standardized AADL Extensions**

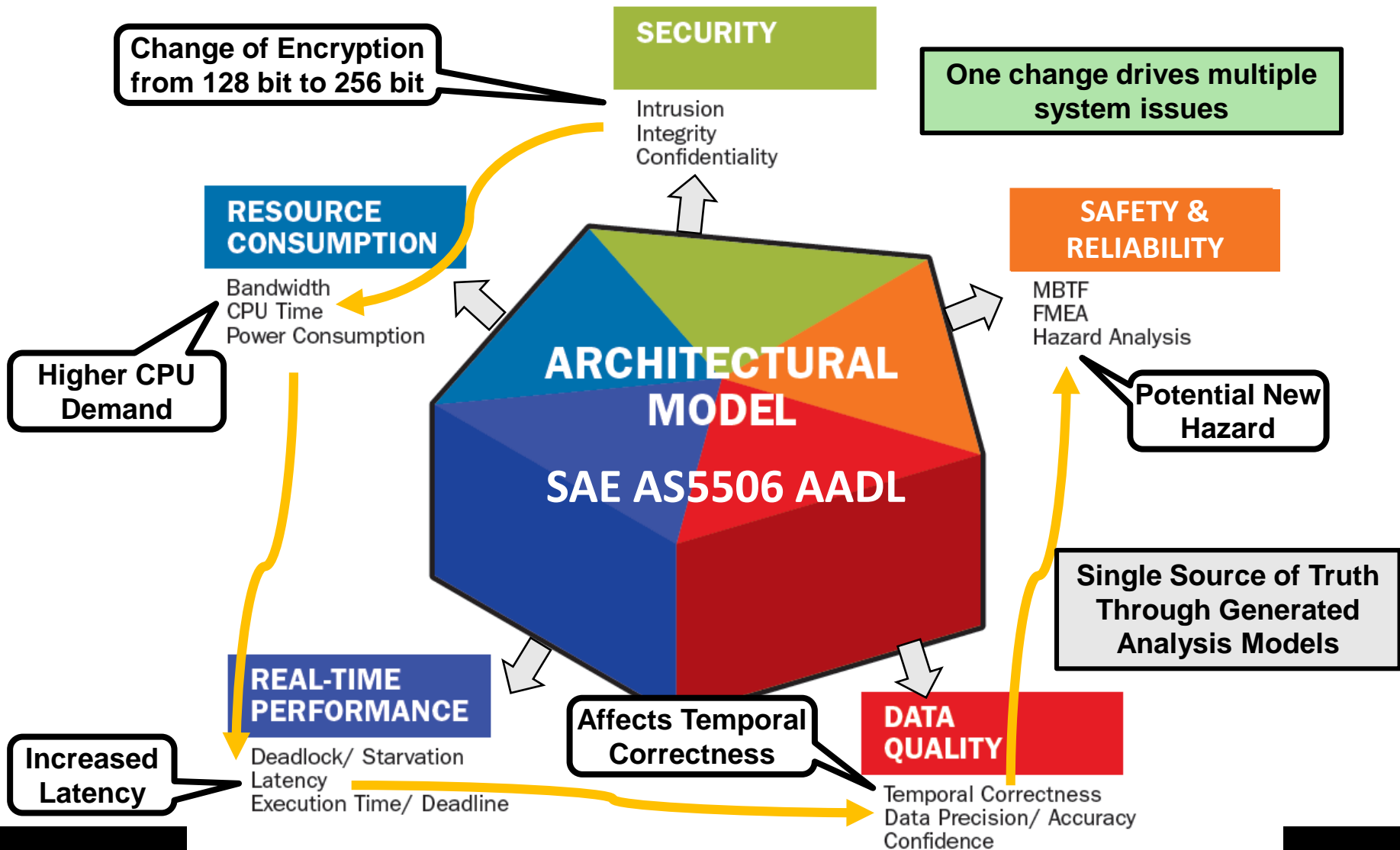
Error Model (EMV2) Annex for safety, reliability, security analysis  
ARINC653 Annex for partitioned architectures  
Behavior Specification Annex for modes and interaction behavior  
Data Modeling Annex for interfacing with data models (UML, ASN.1, ...)  
Runtime System Annex for executive generation

## **AADL Extensions in Progress**

Networking Annex  
Security Annex  
Requirements Definition and Assurance Language  
Synchronous System Specification Language  
Hybrid System Specification Language  
System Constraint Specification Language



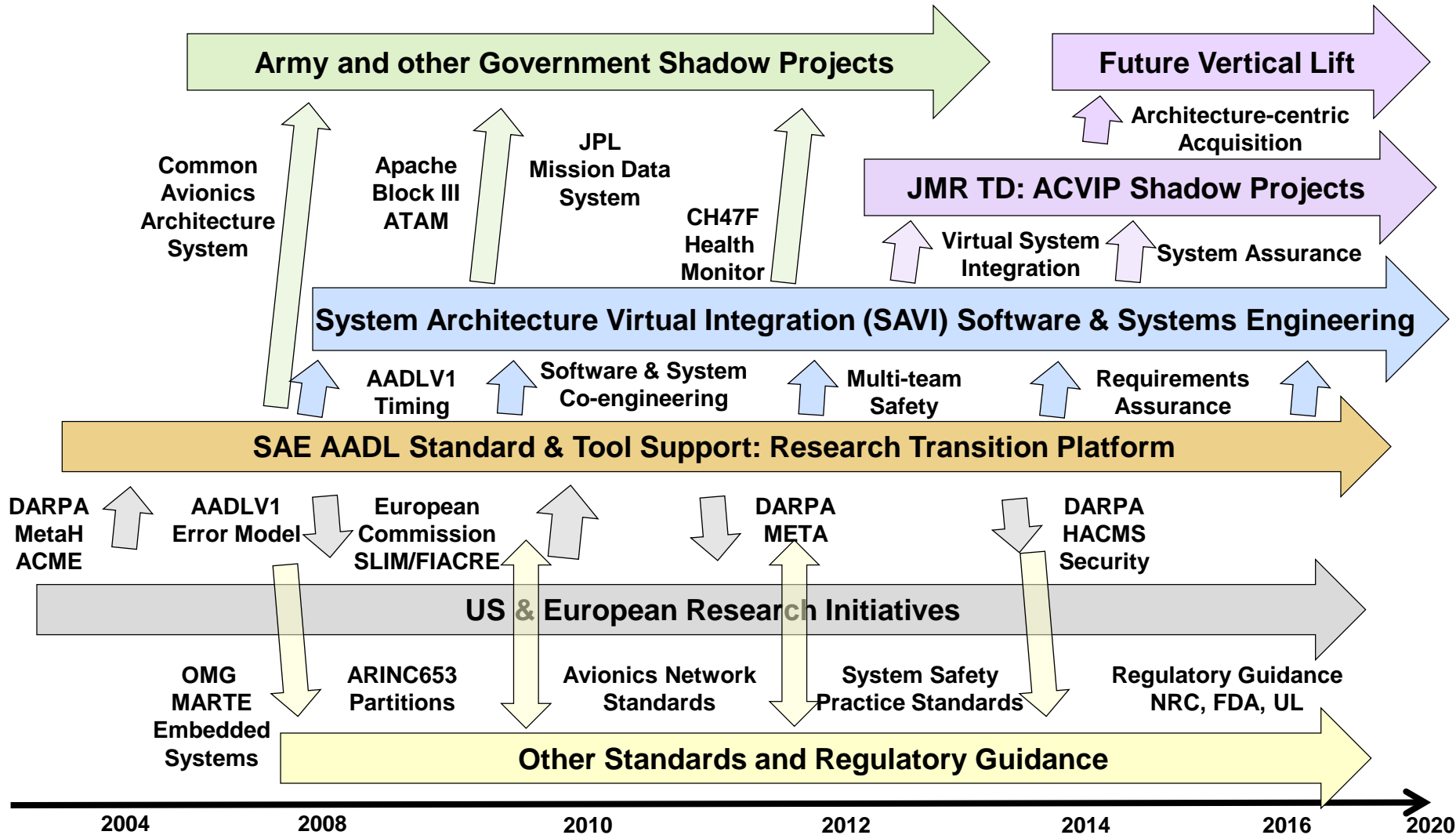
# Analyzable Architecture Models Discover System Level Issues Early in Development



# SAE AADL & Architecture-centric Virtual Integration

## Evolution, Maturation and Transition

AMRDEC has funded AADL standards development since 1999



# Army Pilot Projects with AADL

Common Avionics Architecture System (CAAS) 2004

- Modeling and analysis of reference architecture

Comparative study of 6 CAAS based helicopter systems 2007

- Single AADL model identifies commonalities and differences

Apache Block III Model-based Architecture Evaluation (ATAM) 2008

- AADL modeling during ATAM uncovers additional issues

ASSIP Real-time System State-of-the-Art 2009

- Virtual system integration as emerging technology

Virtual Upgrade Validation Method (VUV) 2010

- Codifies software system root cause areas

Apache Mission Processor Upgrade Study 2011

- Application of VUV method

Reliability Improvement Framework Study for Aviation Engineering Directorate 2011

- Four pillars of a qualification improvement strategy

Apache Flight Management System 2012

- Analyzed 3100 page requirement document with 7500 global Boolean flags

CH47-F Health Monitoring System Upgrade study 2012

- Pre-CDR discovery of system issues

AMRDEC JMR program 2014-2020

- Technology roadmap & ACVIP shadow project (FY14/15), MSAD (FY16/17), Capstone (FY18-19)



# Architecture-Centric Virtual System Integration with AADL

## Investment Highlights

SEI & AMRDEC SED long term strategy for maturing architecture-centric virtual system integration

International commercial aerospace industry AVSI SAVI

D-MILS Euro-MILS: Design of Secure Systems

Multiple projects in DARPA META&HACMS programs

NASA research by University Minn & Rockwell Collins

*10+ Chinese patents based on papers written by others*



## Spreading the Word

5000+ OSATE Downloads per release

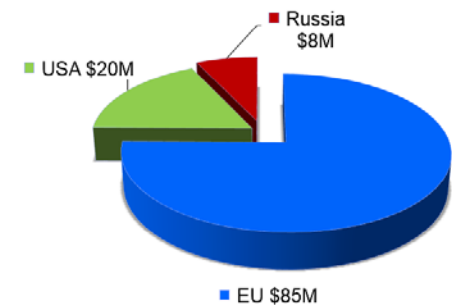
53,000 separate visitors to AADL website

AADL Book by Feiler/Gluch

20+ SEI blog posts, 40+ podcasts, 1 webinar

60+ SEI publications

1000+ publications by others



## Workbenches

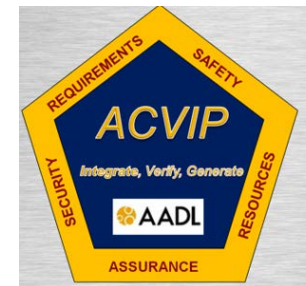
OSATE: Open source by SEI

AADL Inspector: commercial

TASTE: European Space Agency

MASIW: Russian aerospace

ANSYS: Commercial Tool Suite



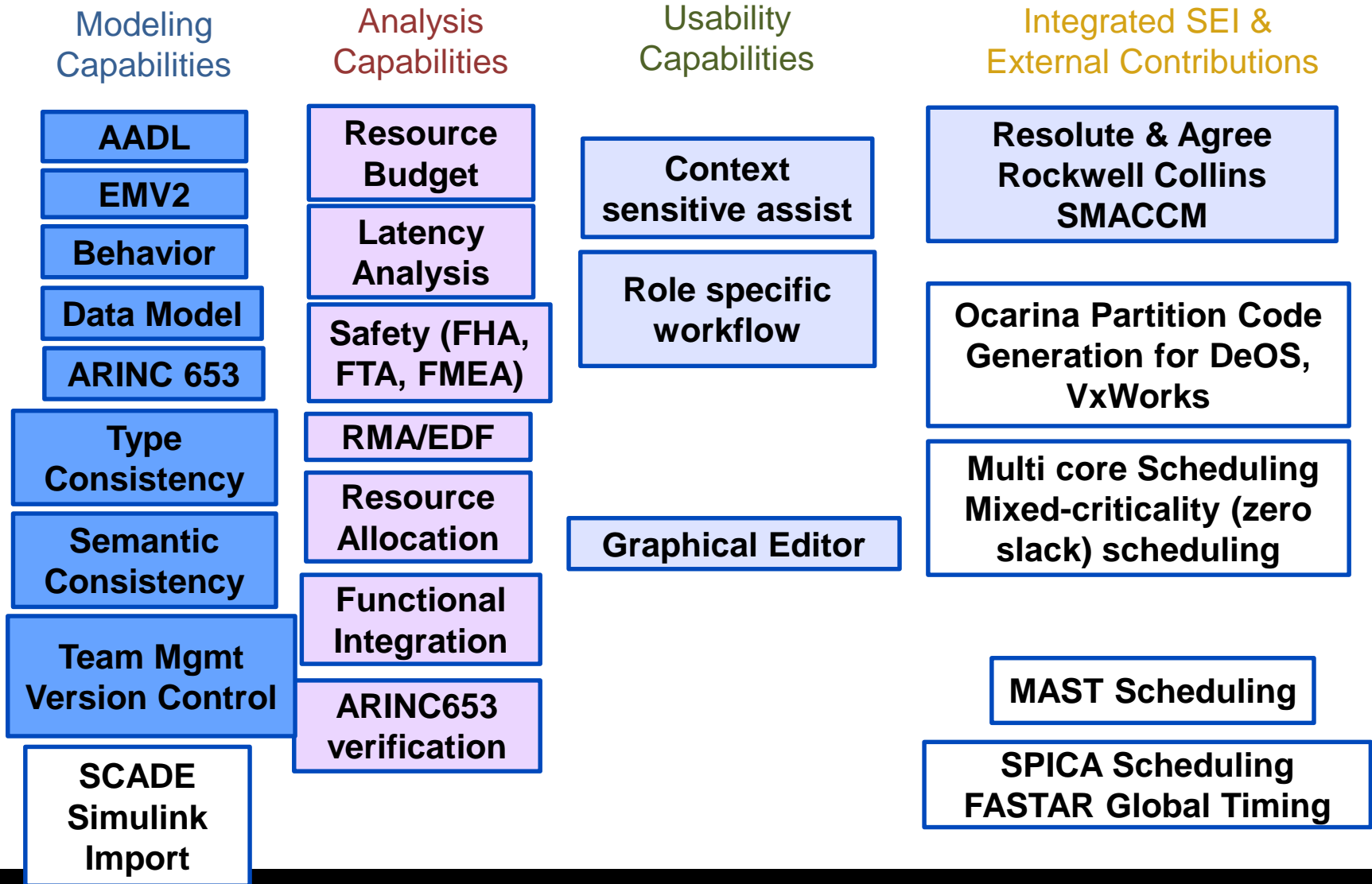
# OSATE

## Eclipse-based Open Source AADL Tool Environment (OSATE)

- No cost license under EPL license
- Reference implementation of core AADL and annex standards
- Original release in 2004 with publication of AADL standard
- Maintained on GitHub
- OSATE release cycle
  - Quarterly stable release, Nightly builds
- AADL/OSATE community
  - AADL Wiki
  - Aadl.info and osate.org websites
  - Discussion forums
- Used in pilot projects
  - SEI customer work, Industry and universities around the world
- Research prototyping platform
  - European projects, DARPA META and HAMCS projects



# OSATE Workbench Capabilities



# Sampling of International Efforts Leveraging SAE AADL

Compositional  
Timing Framework  
OSD 2014



P Project  
Auto Code Gen  
2011-2014



OPEES  
Formal analysis  
2011-2014



OpenGroup  
Real-Time Forum  
EU + US partners  
2008-current



D-MILS  
Design of Secure Systems  
2013 - \$4.9M



ESA COMPASS  
System SW Co-engineering  
2008-2015

TOPCASED  
Open Source Embedded  
Systems Tool Framework  
28 partners €20+M 2005-2009



IST ARTIST2  
Embedded Systems  
Center of Excellence  
2007-2012



AVSI SAVI  
Analysis-based System Validation  
12 partners \$20M 2008-2017



ITEA SPICES  
Model-Driven Embedded  
Systems Engineering  
15 partners €16M 2006-2009



Flex-eWare  
Auto Code Generation  
2007-2010

DARPA META  
Complex System  
Engineering  
2010-2012



EC ASSERT  
Proof-based Satellite  
Architectures  
ESA + 30 partners  
€15M 2004-2007

ESA TASTE  
System & SW  
Validation & Generation  
2010-current

PARSEC  
Safety/security  
2010-2013

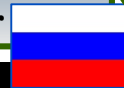


DARPA HACMS  
Security in CPS  
RC formal methods  
2013-2015



AADL Inspector  
Ellidiss  
2010-current

MASIW  
Avionics Workbench  
2011-current  
\$2M+ per year



Integrated Clinical  
Environment  
Device Certification  
FDA KSU  
2011-current

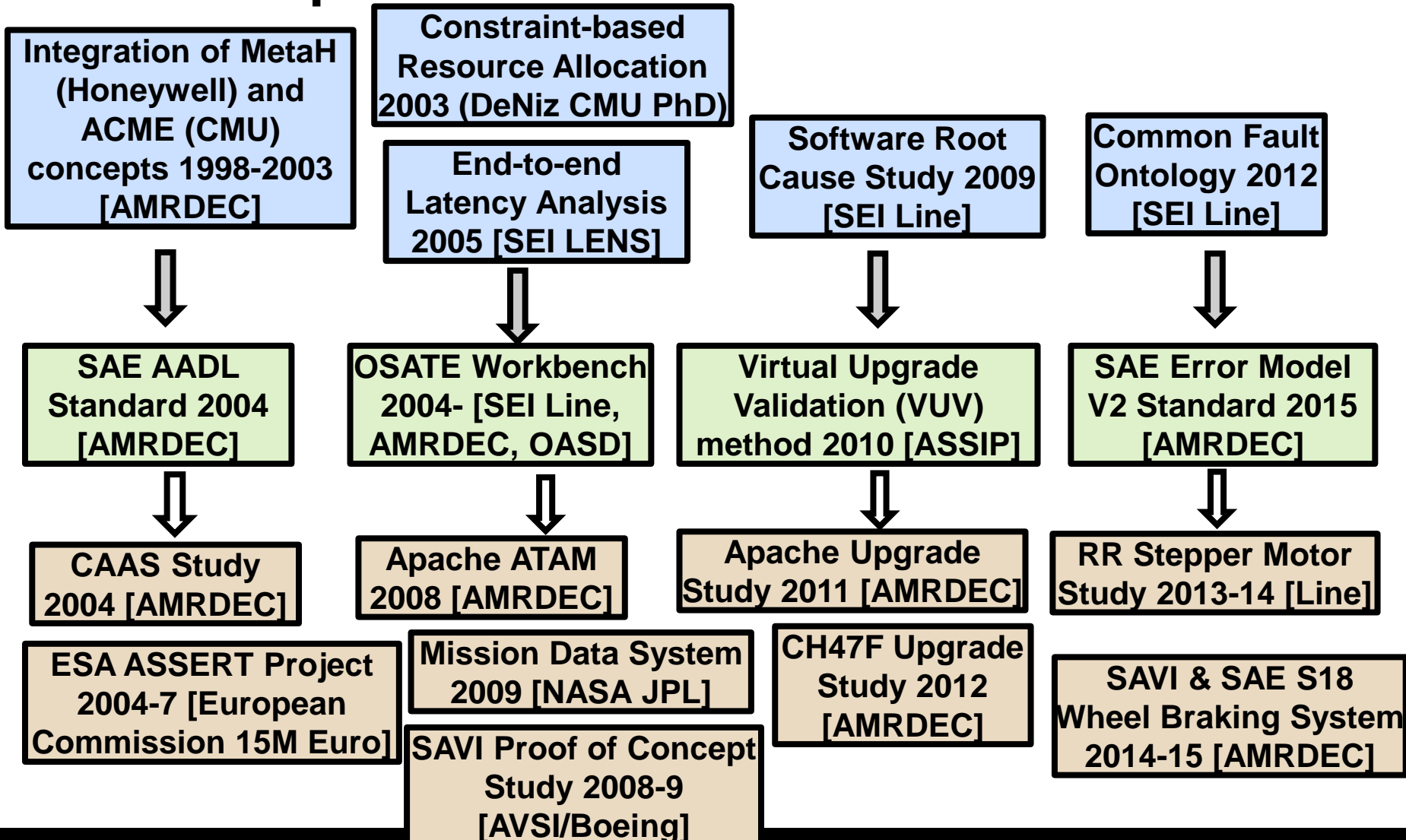


PROARTIS  
Partitioned RT systems  
2010-2013 €1.8M

RAMSES  
Auto Code Generation  
2012-current



# From Research to Practice under SEI Leadership



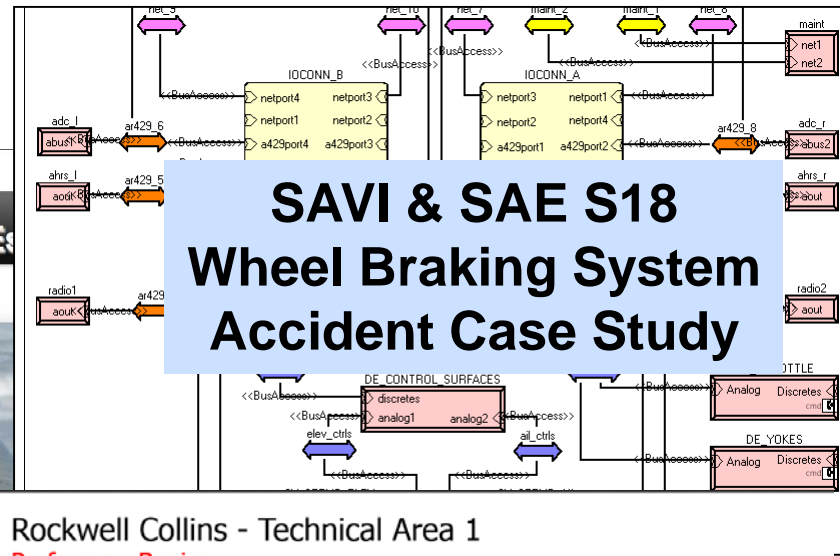
# Studying Real Systems

Institut Supérieur de l'Aéronautique et de l'Es

## Boeing 777 Accident Analysis



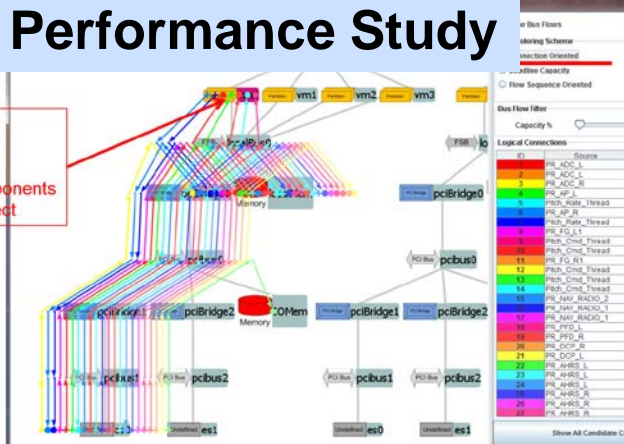
## SAVI & SAE S18 Wheel Braking System Accident Case Study



## ASIIST Bus Delay Visualization

## F-35 Performance Study

Filter for partition and HW Components by selecting components Ctrl + Mouse Select



University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign



Rockwell Collins - Technical Area 1  
Performer: Boeing

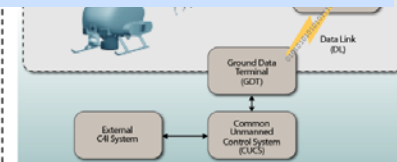


- Real-time Flight Control Computer (FCC)
- Manages safety critical systems

- Mediates communication with CUCS
- Translates STANAG 4586 commands into vehicle specific actions
- Manages non safety critical mission equipment packages

## DARPA HACMS No Security Break-in

- Pilot-able Unmanned
- **Mission-tested**
- **Multi-level challenge problems:** range from low-level embedded real-time system to higher level vehicle domain requirements
- **Unclassified Platform**
- Live **Flight Demo** in Phase 3
- **Transition Target:** NCORE common open architecture which is the basis for systems based on both AH-6 and AH-64 (Apache) airframes



Utilizes common military buses for comms:  
MIL-STD-1553B,  
ARINC-429,  
Ethernet, VME,  
RS-422, and  
RS-232

**Example:** CUCS sends STANAG waypoint commands via the Data Link (TCDL); waypoint translated into vehicle specific actions by VSM and passed to FCC where it is converted into appropriate control commands.



# Incremental Multi-Tier Assurance in SAVI

**Aircraft: (Tier 0)**

**Aircraft system: (Tier 1)**  
 Engine, Landing Gear, Cockpit, ...  
 Weight, Electrical, Fuel, Hydraulics,...

**LRU/IMA System: (Tier 2)**  
 Hardware platform, software partitions  
 Power, MIPS, RAM capacity & budgets  
 End-to-end flow latency

**System & SW Engineering:**  
 Mechatronics: Actuator & Wings  
 Safety Analysis (FHA, FMEA)  
 Reliability Analysis (MTTF)

**Subcontracted software subsystem: (Tier 3)**  
 Tasks, periods, execution time  
 Software allocation, schedulability  
 Generated executables

**OEM & Subcontractor:**  
 Subsystem proposal validation  
 Functional integration consistency  
 Data bus protocol mappings

**Repeated Virtual Integration Analyses:**  
 Power/weight  
 MIPS/RAM, Scheduling  
 End-to-end latency  
 Network bandwidth

## *Proof of Concept Demonstration and Transition by Aerospace industry initiative*

- Architecture-centric model-based software and system engineering
- Architecture-centric model-based acquisition and development process
- Multi notation, multi team model repository & standardized model interchange
- Multi-tier system & software architecture (in AADL)
- Incremental end-to-end verification of system properties



# Return On Investment: There is No Magic

- A typical commercial airplane development program should cost ~\$10B in 2007
  - \$2B/year x 5 years = \$10B
  - “The development cost of the A380 had grown to €11 billion when the first aircraft was completed.”  
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/A380>
- In aerospace, rework is in the 50% range
- 50% rework x \$10B = \$5B opportunity
- About half of this opportunity, \$2.5B, will be related to airplane systems
- Most of that will be related to software
- **There is a large opportunity**



# Mission Systems Architecture Demo (MSAD)



*We need tools that help do the job, not become the job!*

- ▶ **Effective Acquisition**
  - Competitive Opportunities
  - Reduced Vendor Lock
  - Increased Affordability
- ▶ **Efficient Integration**
  - Reduced Time to Field
- ▶ **Improved Capabilities**
  - Portable / Reusable
  - Interoperable
  - Upgradeable / Resilient
  - Planned Variability
- ▶ **Efficient Qualification**
  - Safe/Secure



## JCA AIPD Capstone

**JMR matures the architectures, tools and processes for FVL and legacy systems**

FY	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
				JCA DEMO		AIPD			Capstone Demo

**Purpose:**

Investigate/Mature processes, tools and standards necessary to specify, analyze, design, implement and qualify a Mission Systems Architecture in support of emerging FVL PoR that meets Army business goals

**Approach:**

- Leverage or develop the standards and tools necessary to successfully implement a mission systems architecture
- Execute a series of increasingly complex demos - Learn by doing

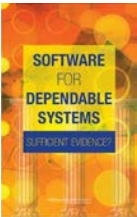
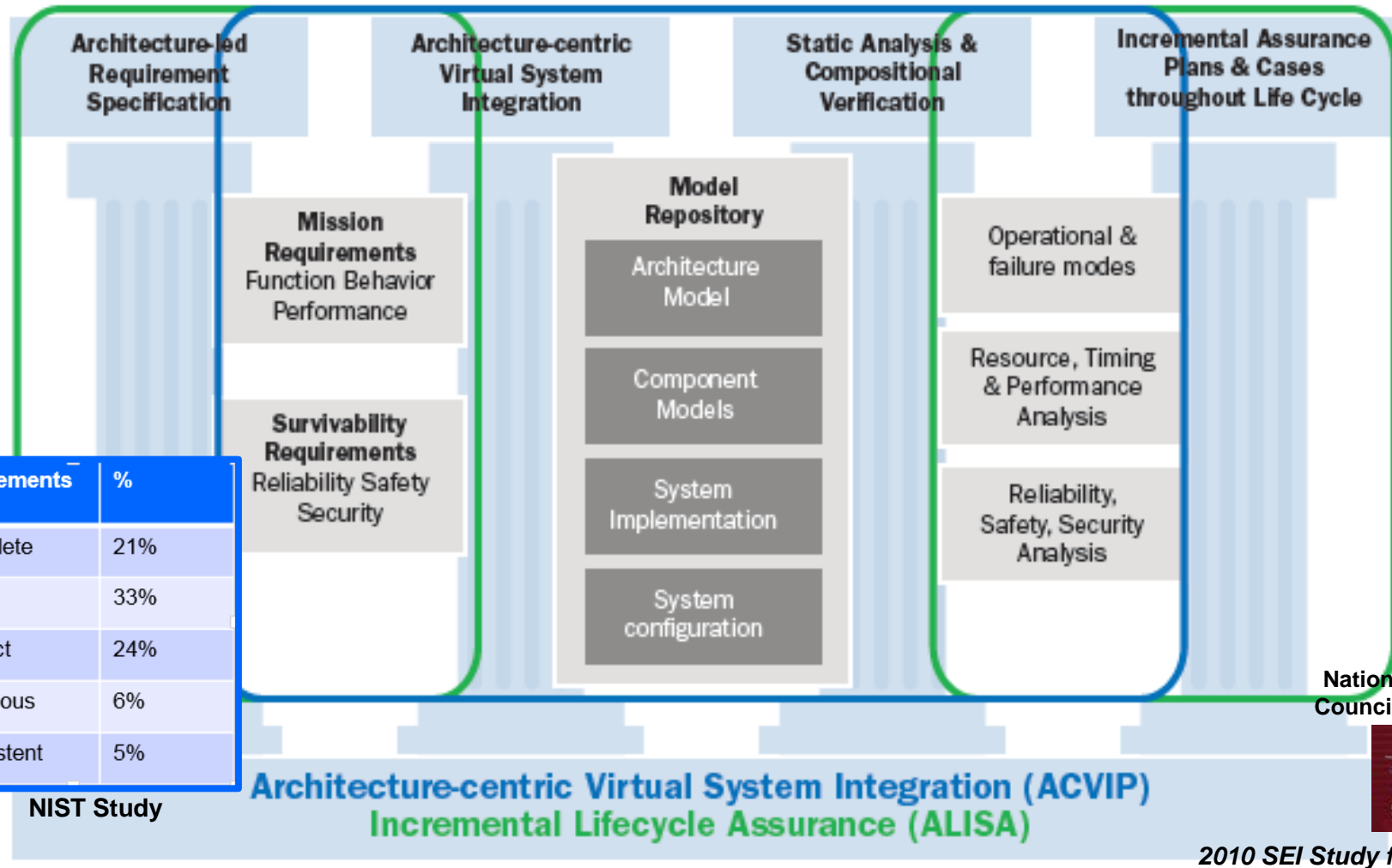
**Focus Areas:**

- Implementation of Open System Architectures (OSA)
  - Joint Common Architecture (JCA)
  - FACE™ Technical Standard
  - Hardware Open Systems Technologies (HOST)
- Application of Model Based Engineering (MBE)
  - Model-based specification/acquisition
- Execution of an Architecture Centric Virtual Integration Process (ACVIP)
  - Predictive performance assessment

**TECHNOLOGY DRIVEN. WARFIGHTER FOCUSED.**

# Verification: Assurance and Qualification Improvement Strategy

Assurance: Sufficient evidence that a system implementation meets system requirements



National Research Council Study 2007

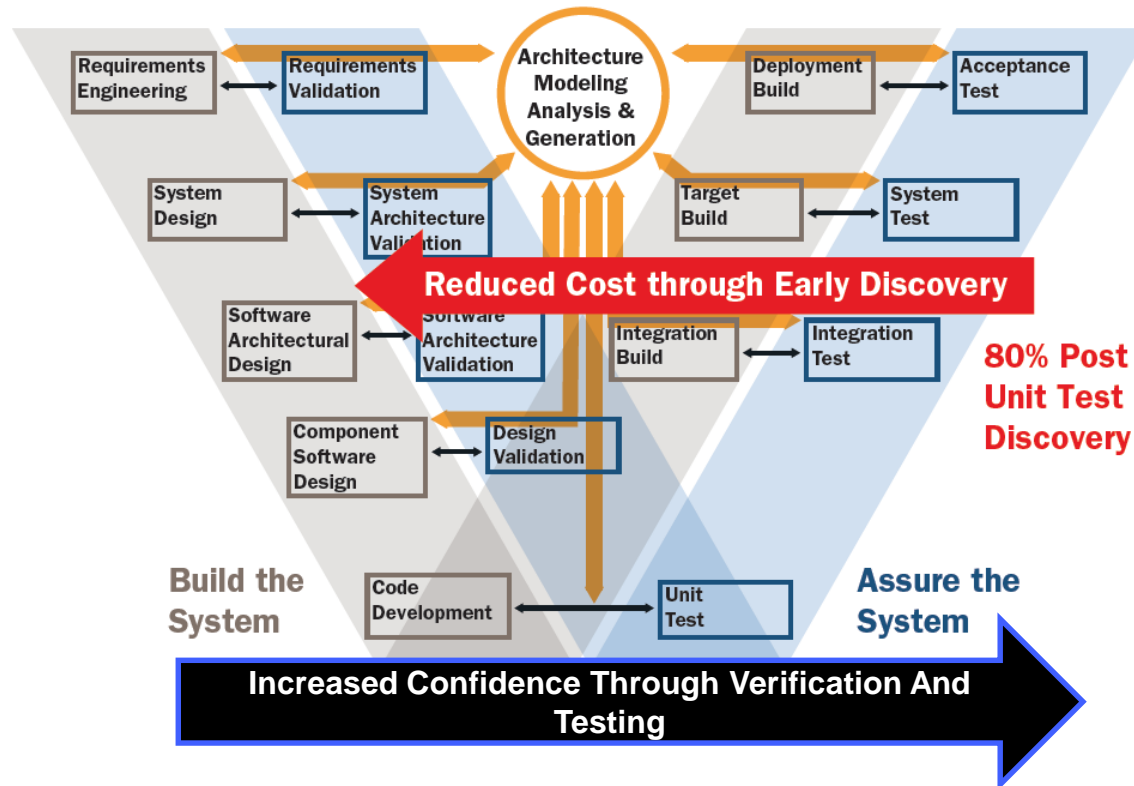


2010 SEI Study for AMRDEC



# Benefits of Virtual System Integration & Incremental Lifecycle Assurance

## Early Discovery through Virtual System Integration



# Current Projects

## Maturing practices and raising TRL of tool support

- FY14-15: AADL Workbench (OASD funded)
- FY15-21: AMRDEC and JMR support (funded)
- FY18-19: Integration with FACE (funded)

## Broadening perspective from development to assurance

- FY15-16: Incremental Life Cycle Assurance of Critical Systems
- FY16-17: Automated Assurance of Security Policy Enforcement
- FY17: Guided
- FY18-20: Integrated Safety & Security Engineering of Mission Critical System

## New domains & organizations (regulatory agencies)

- FY15-17: NRC (funded)
- FY15-16: FAA (funded, collaboration)
- FY15-17: FDA/KSU (collaboration)

# Looking Ahead

## Technology Creation and Maturation Funding

- Continued evolution of SAE AADL standard suite
- Common approach to system safety and security robustness
- Integration with other standards (network, security, safety, multi-core)
- Integration with system engineering practices

## Transition of Virtual Integration Technology Funding

- Training, mentoring, community of interest lessons learned
- Cost effectiveness studies
- Transition to other programs
- Incorporation into acquisition process

**This Requires Coordinated Community Investment**



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