



Research Review 2017

# Automated Assurance of Security Policy Enforcement (AASPE)

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# Executive Summary

## 1. *Relevance for the DoD warfighter*

**Safety-critical systems are no longer closed but connected, thus exposed to security threats**

## 2. *Relevance to state-of-the-art in software engineering or cybersecurity*

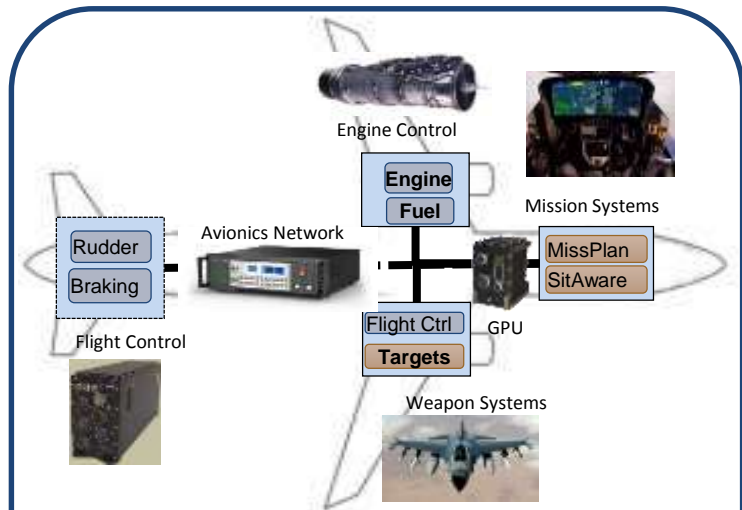
**Avionics industry embraces model-based architecture-centric virtual integration for safety**

## 3. *Expected DoD practice improvements*

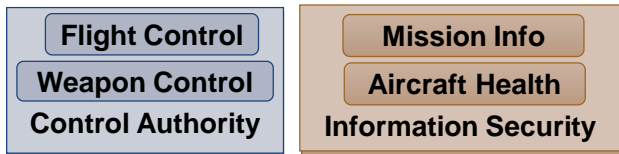
**Continuous assurance through automated architecture security analysis to complement code level security analysis**

- **Analysis of security policy specifications for vulnerabilities**
- **Analysis of security enforcement runtime architecture for vulnerabilities**
- **Generation of runtime system configurations from verified security models**

# Security Challenges as Safety-Critical Systems Become Connected



## Integrated Modular Avionics (ARINC653) Common Networked Processing Platform



Safety-critical avionics systems use partitioning to achieve fault isolation

## Good Example: Aviation



**AFTER JEEP HACK, CHRYSLER  
RECALLS 1.4M VEHICLES FOR  
BUG FIX**

## Bad Example: Automotive



Lack of physical and logical isolation within system leads to costly rework and recalls

***More than secure code and external firewalls!***  
Security policy in form of acceptable command and information flows and isolation requirements

# A Model-Based Analysis and Generation Approach

## Modeling Tool: AADL

Architecture Analysis & Design Language

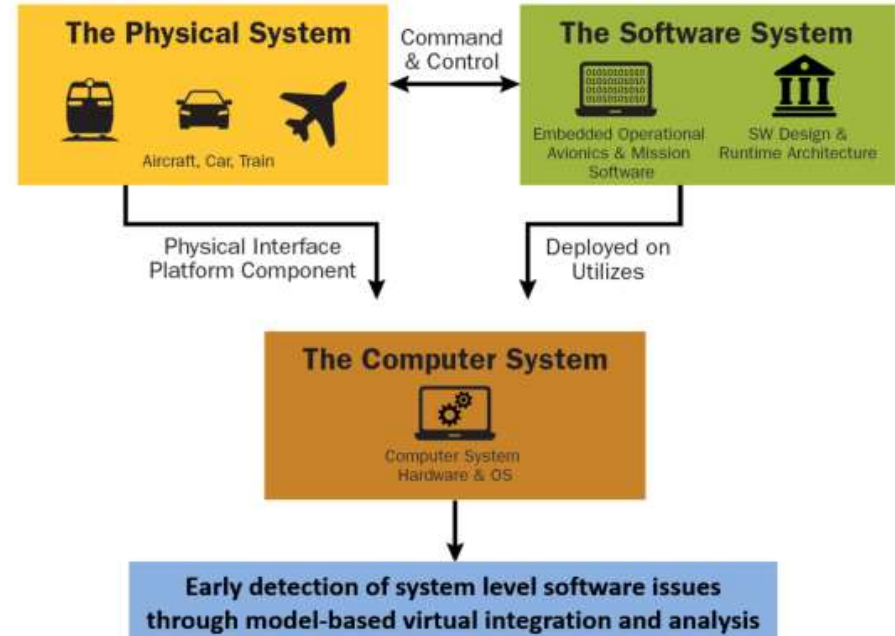
Widely used standard (SAE International)

- Designed for embedded software systems
- Includes support for timing, performance, safety analysis

## Extensions:

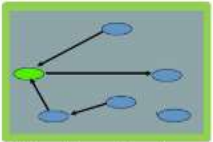
Model security policy and enforcement

- Security levels/domains
- Trust/verification
- Encryption
- Authentication
- Physical and logical exposure
- Concurrency



# Security Policies and Their Enforcement

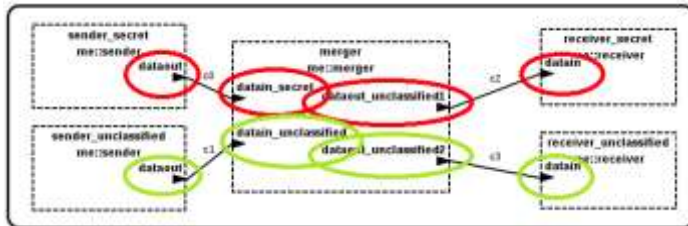
## Functional Mission System Architecture



Mission System Security Policy

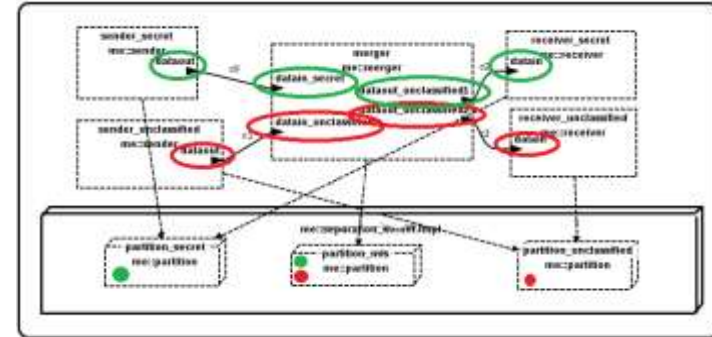
## Security policy vulnerabilities: Analyze Information Flows

Examples: Verify secrets stay secret, and Sensors can't send commands



## Security enforcement vulnerabilities: Analyze Deployment Mechanisms

Example: Hi and low-security channels shouldn't coexist on unpartitioned hardware

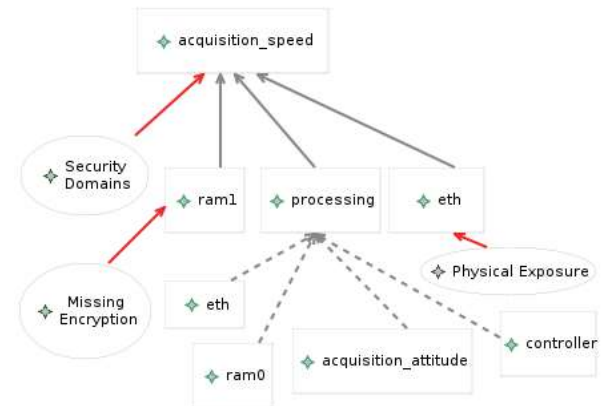
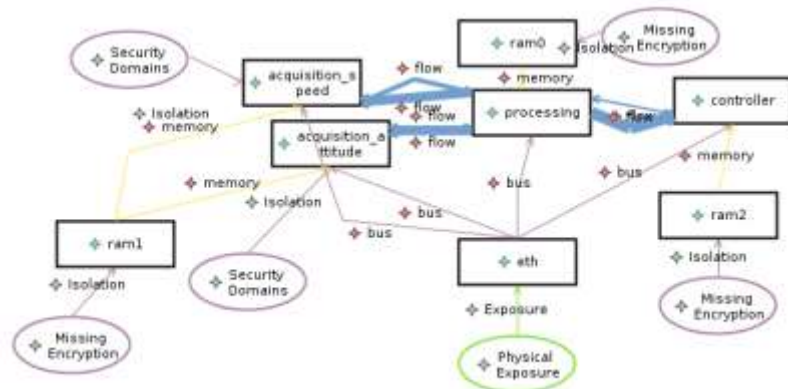


## Research Connection:

Apply *Multiple Independent Levels of Security* (MILS) framework (confidentiality) to system security (integrity)

# Security Analysis Techniques and Tools

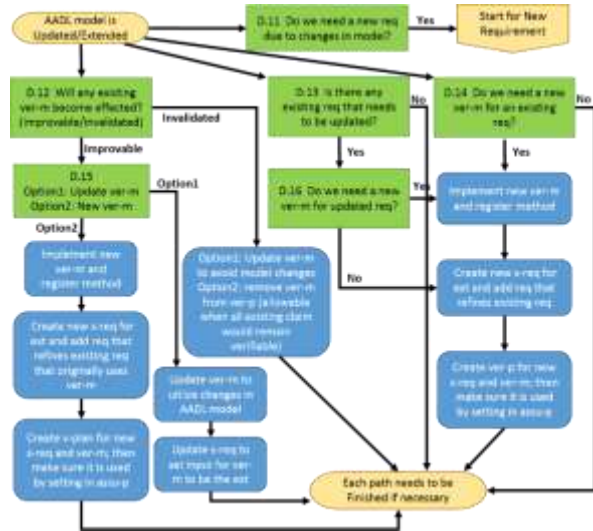
0. Consistency in security policy specification and enforcement
1. Model-Based Attack Impact Analysis (AIA) tool
2. Model-Based Attack Tree Analysis (ATA) tool
3. Generation of security configuration files
  - Model-based auto-configuration of certified kernel (seL4/CAMkES) security policy





# Using Security Assurance Techniques and Tools

1. Specify security policy as verifiable requirements
2. Formalize verification activities
3. Automate execution of verification plans



MILS-R0: Components sharing a bus should have the same security level.

MILS-R1: Inter-communicating components should have the same security level.

MILS-R2: Processes with different security levels use isolated memory regions.

MILS-R3: Components associated with identical processing resources share the same security level.

MILS-R4: Threads inside the same process share the same security levels.

CWE-131 Incorrect calculation of buffer size.

CWE-311 Missing encryption of sensitive data.

CWE-805 Buffer Access with Incorrect Length Value.

## Extension to Architecture-Led Incremental System Assurance (ALISA) workbench

- ❗ System case JeepSecurityCase: (S94 F9 T0 E0 tbd0 ELO TS0)
  - ❗ Model JeepSecurityCase.JeepSecurityPlan(integration.attack)
    - ✔ Claim MILS\_R5(integration.attack): MILS\_R5: All non-verifi
    - ✔ Claim CWE131(integration.attack): CWE131: incorrect calc
      - ✔ Evidence vaCWE131a (203 ms): check connections for c
      - ✔ Evidence vaCWE131b (252 ms): Check that timing requ
    - ✔ Claim CWE311(integration.attack): CWE311: Missing Encry
    - ✔ Claim CWE805(integration.attack): CWE805: Buffer Access
  - ❗ Subsystem cellular: (S4 F2 T0 E0 tbd0 ELO TS0)
    - ❗ Claim MILS\_R0(cellular): MILS\_R0: Components sharing
    - ❗ Claim MILS\_R1(cellular): R1: Components with different
    - ✔ Claim MILS\_R5(cellular): MILS\_R5: All non-verified com
    - ✔ Claim CWE311(cellular): CWE311: Missing Encryption o
    - ✔ Claim CWE805(cellular): CWE805: Buffer Access with In
    - ✔ Claim MILS\_R6(cellular): R6: All communication that an
  - ❗ Subsystem internet: (S5 F1 T0 E0 tbd0 ELO TS0)
    - ✔ Claim MILS\_R0(internet): MILS\_R0: Components sharing
    - ❗ Claim MILS\_R1(internet): R1: Components with differen
    - ✔ Claim MILS\_R5(internet): MILS\_R5: All non-verified com
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    - ✔ Claim MILS\_R6(internet): R6: All communication that ar
  - ✔ Subsystem router\_cel: (S3 F0 T0 E0 tbd0 ELO TS0)
  - ❗ Subsystem car: (S62 F6 T0 E0 tbd0 ELO TS0)
  - ✔ Subsystem attacker\_cel: (S5 F0 T0 E0 tbd0 ELO TS0)
  - ✔ Subsystem attacker\_wifi: (S5 F0 T0 E0 tbd0 ELO TS0)
  - ✔ Subsystem attacker\_internet: (S5 F0 T0 E0 tbd0 ELO TS0)

# AASPE Results

Code and Examples on GitHub (<https://github.com/cmu-sei/AASPE>)

- Tools

- Security policy and enforcement verification on AADL models
- Graphical attack impact and attack tree analysis tools
- Generation of attack impact graphs and attack trees from AADL models with security annotations
- Generation of seL4 configuration files from AADL based specifications

- Example models

- Automotive: Jeep, Prius
- Aircraft model
- Drone case study

Proposal for AADL Security Annex standard

Papers/report on security analysis, security assurance workflow

Proposal for an integrated safety and security engineering approach



# Summary and Future Work

**Where We Started:** DARPA High-Assurance Cyber Military Systems (HACMS) program successfully demonstrated AADL-based verification and generation for reducing vulnerabilities in unmanned drones.

**What We Did:** We demonstrated the feasibility of improving security assurance through architecture modeling and analysis of vulnerabilities in security policy specification and enforcement.

**What's Next for the Community:** Use of SAE International AADL standard offers transition path through the Open Source AADL Tool Environment (OSATE). We will advance the proposed Security Annex to AADL towards approval.

**What's Next for the SEI:** Develop an integrated approach to safety and security engineering approach to mission critical systems funded as new three-year SEI line project.

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