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AVIONICS SYSTEM OF SYSTEMS SIMULATION AND MODELING TOOL CHAIN (ASSIST)

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Company Background (POC only a.k.a. Mission - Torrance)

Founded

Founded in 1985, POC was a small business, employee-owned company until acquired by Mercury Systems Inc. Jan 2021

Revenue

Financially Strong & Profitable
Revenue Projection for 2020 is \$126M

Employees

332 Employees – 27 Ph.Ds,
156 Engineers
Mercury Systems Inc. 2,000+ Employees

Torrance, CA

170,000 sq. ft. facilities, 6 buildings.
27,000 sq. ft expansion in 2020

Patents

Over 160 issued patents – 60 technologies

Strategic Advisory Board

Outside Board Members
Independent Reviews

Certifications

AS9100, AS9110
Test Laboratory Accreditation
CMMI V1.3



Mission – Torrance Areas of Focus

Airborne



DTU
Data Transfer Unit



HDVR
High Definition Data & Video Recorder



AMCS
Aviation Mission Common Server

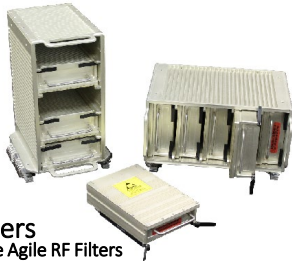


MLS - NAS
Network Attached Storage



JARVIS
Mission Computer - Distributed & Reconfigurable

RF/EW



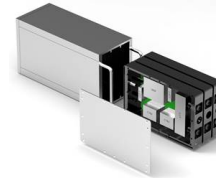
RF Filters
High Power Tunable Agile RF Filters



WISDEM
Wideband Intelligent Spectrum

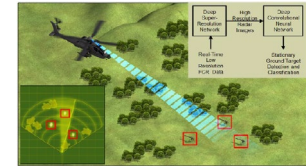


PALM
Predistortion Amplifier



A2D
Interference Canceller

AI/Deep Learning



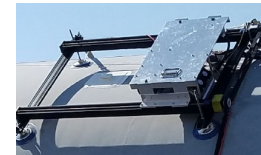
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Cyber Security

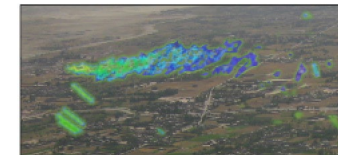


Encrypted Data

Sensor/Scanner



X-Ray
Non Destructive Corrosion Inspection



Data Fusion

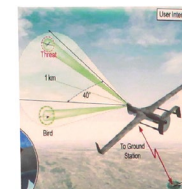
Emerging Technology



ORFOM
Orbital Fiber Optic
Production Module



DREAM
Digital RF
Countermeasure



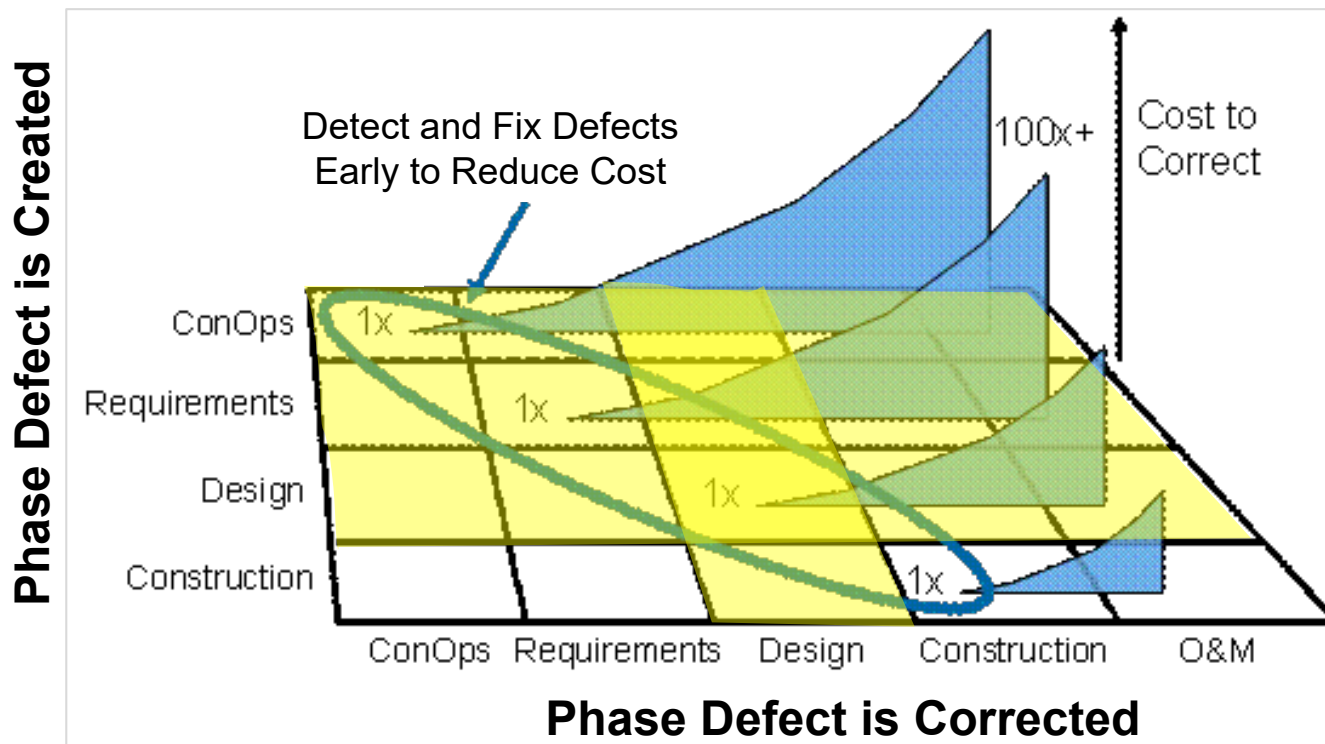
ARGUS
Unmanned
Surveillance

Problem Statement

- **High Complexity of Avionics Software**
 - Exponential growth in Source lines of code (SLOC)
 - High complexity means
 - High development cost and high cost of validation and verification (V&V)
 - Affordability of avionics development adversely impacted
- **Difficulty in Using Multicore Processors in Avionics**
 - Difficult due to inability to verify performance during requirements, design and implementation stages
 - Analysis of hard real-time and soft real-time requirements needed
 - Shared resources make V&V difficult
- **Problems exacerbated in presence of high complexity software**
- **Sustained growth in avionics requires dramatic cost-cutting measures to curtail rising costs**

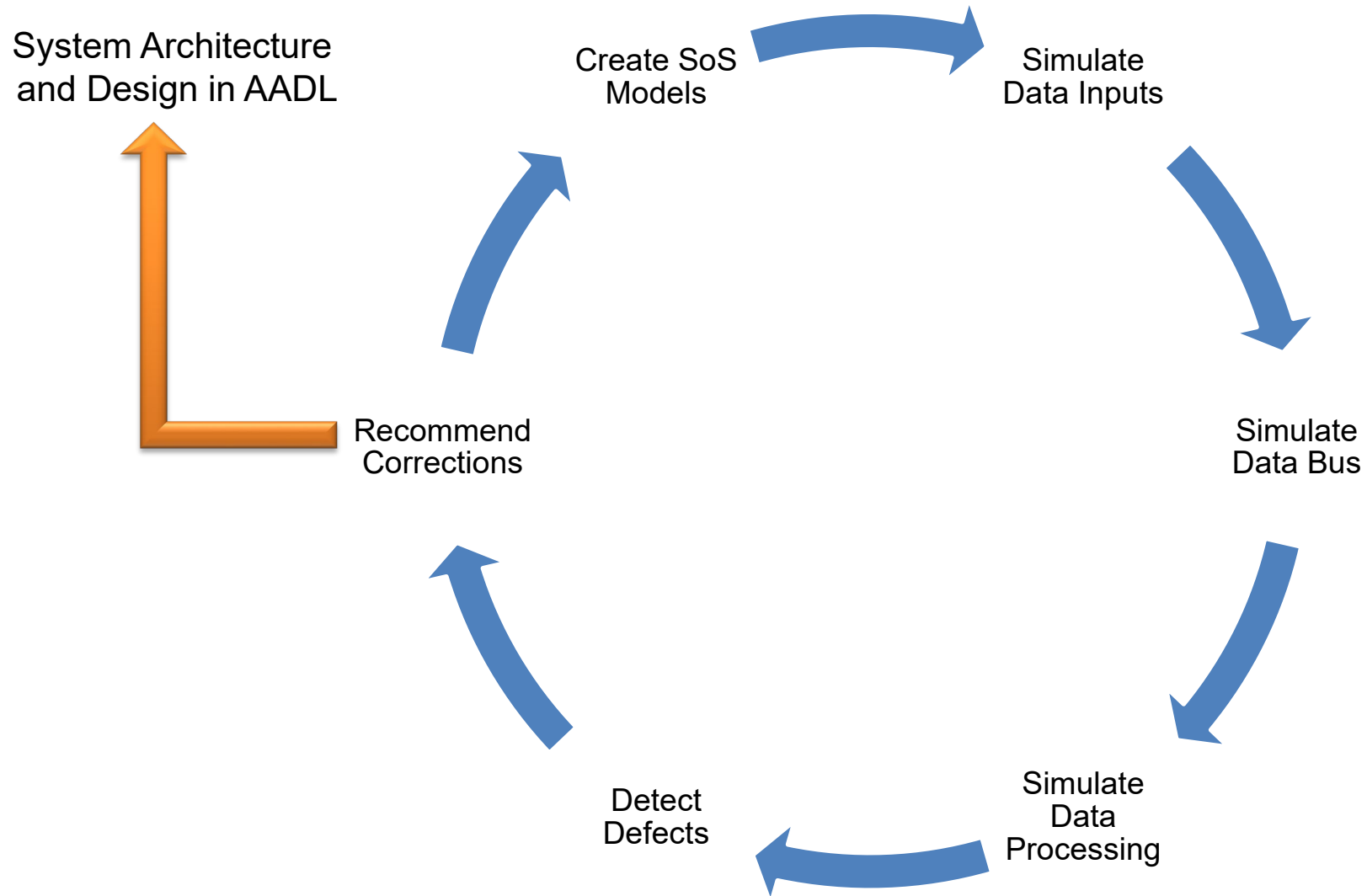
Solution

- **ASSIST: Avionics System of Systems Simulation and Modeling Tool Chain**
- **Cost reduction by**
 - Detect defects created during CONOPS, Requirements and Design
 - Correct defects during avionics design

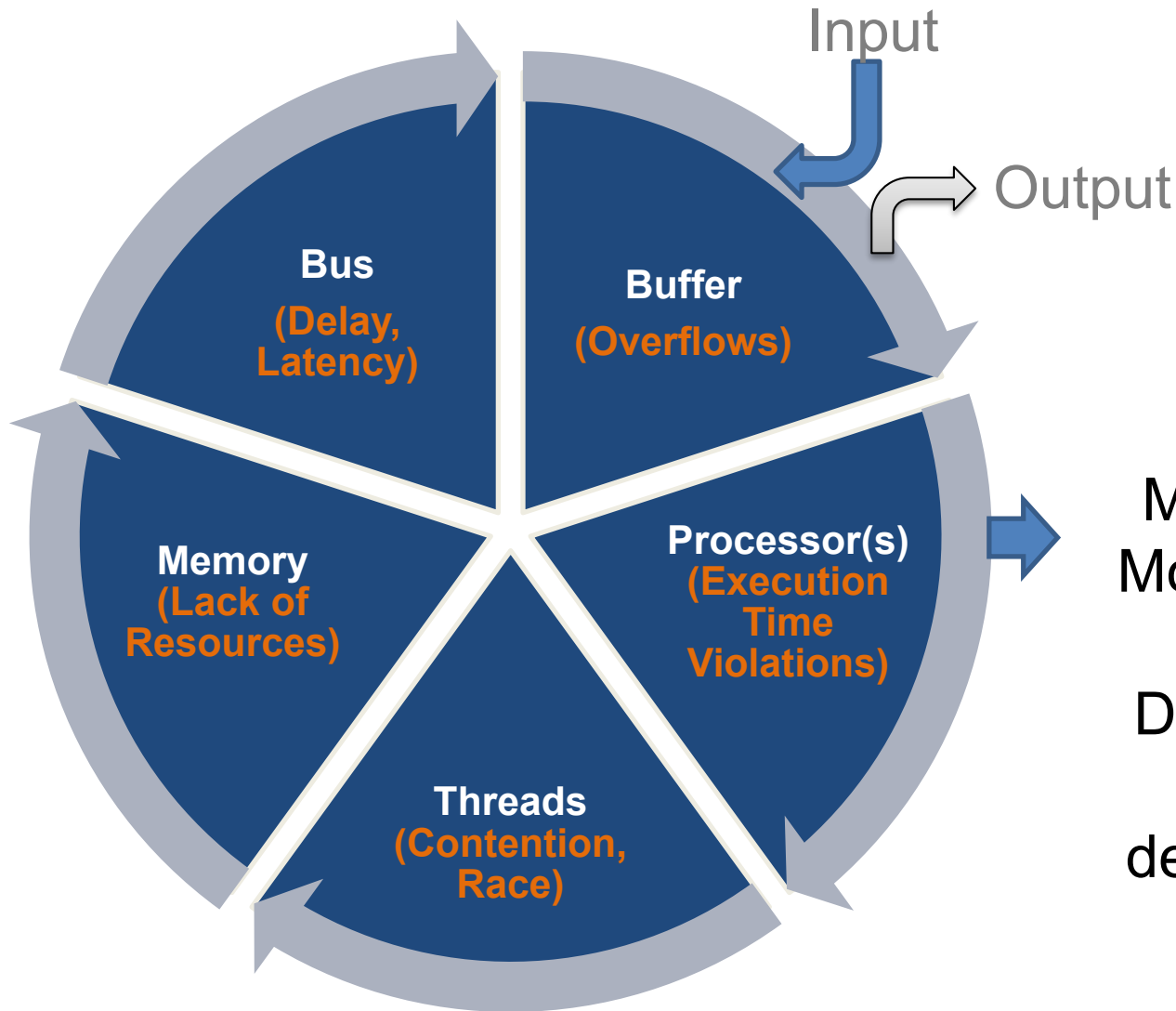


<https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/publications/seitsguide/section3.htm>

ASSIST Approach



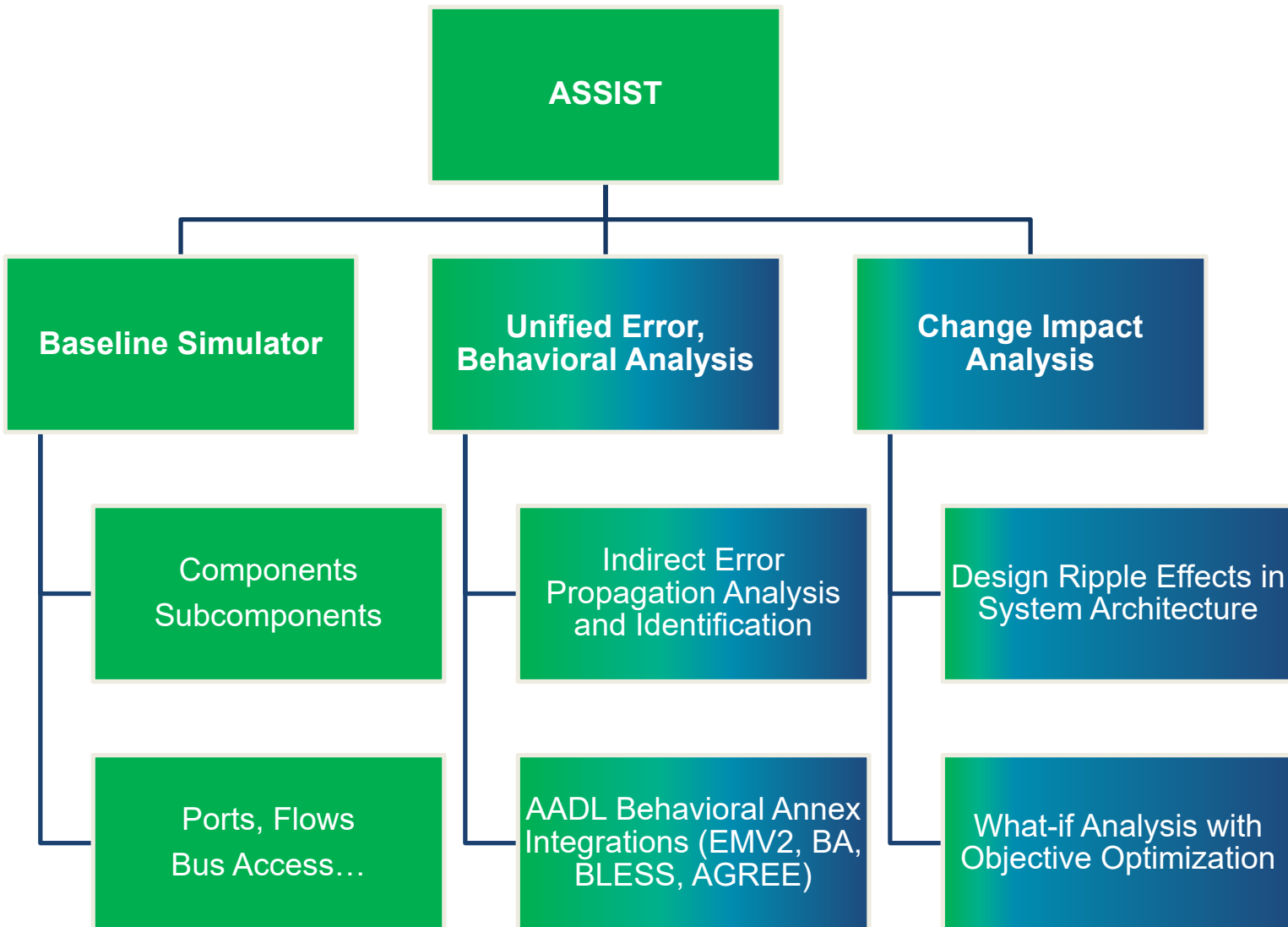
Ex.: Defects Detected, Corrected via M&S



Mutual Dependencies
Modeled and Simulated

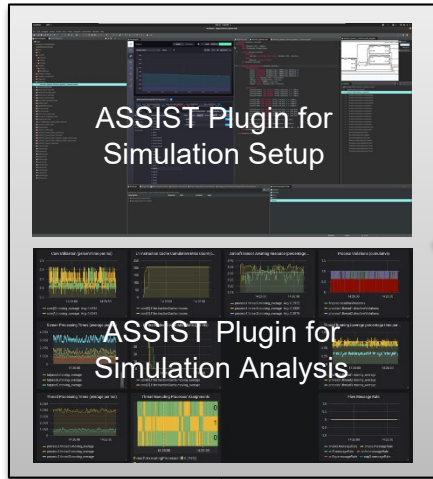
Defects caused due to
mutual coupling
detected and corrected

ASSIST Features



Cloud to Simulate Large Avionics Systems

OSATE with ASSIST Plugin

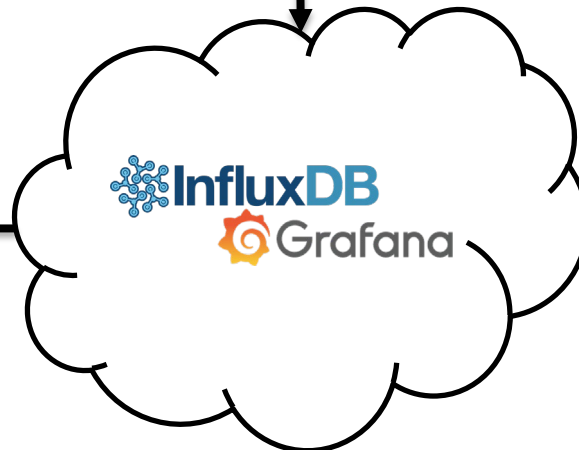


AADL



- Distributed Simulations**
- Powerful machines for complex systems
 - Parallel simulations for evaluating multiple designs

Simulation Data



- Secured Time Series Database**
- Low latency time-series logging
 - Built-in analysis and visualization
 - Secured access to protect data privacy

Analysis & Detected Design Flaws

ASSIST is Integrated with OSATE Framework

Manage Projects

View Simulation Data and Real-time Analysis

Edit AADL

Visualize System

Visualize Design Flaws, Errors

Organize, Manage Simulations

The screenshot displays the ASSIST software interface with several key components:

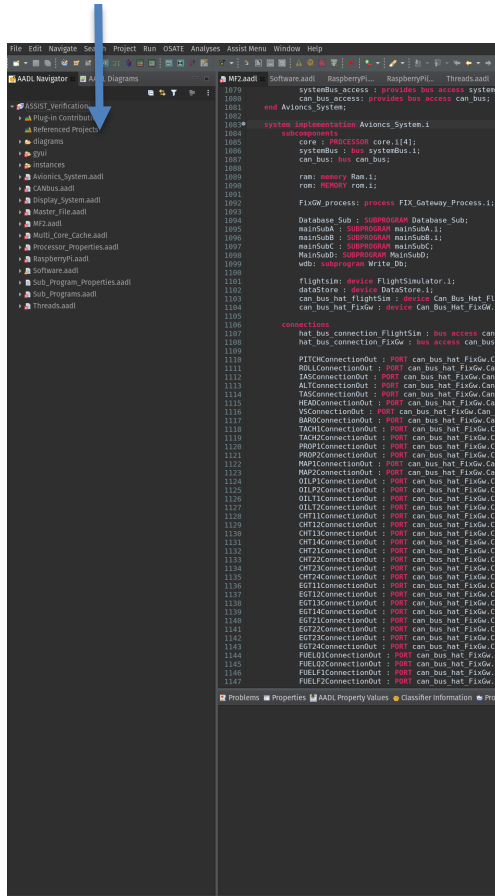
- Left Panel (AADD Navigator):** A tree view showing project structure, including folders like 'Referenced Projects', 'auto', 'crazyflie', 'library', 'models', 'Crazyflie', 'ADAMELind', 'Crazyflie-compat', 'Crazyflie-compat-flat', 'diagrams', and 'testrunners'. The selected project is 'Avionics_System_Avionics_System_Instance.aadl'.
- Top Panel (Chronograf):** A real-time analysis dashboard showing a line graph of simulation data over time. Below the graph is a table with columns for 'SELECT from("provisioning") AS "run_time"', 'start', 'end', and 'duration'. The table contains data for various simulation runs.
- Center Panel (AADD Editor):** A code editor showing AADL code for the 'Avionics_System' package. The code includes package declarations, system features, and system implementations for various components like 'RaspberryPi', 'AMCortex', 'L3bus', 'can_bus', 'ram_bus', 'cores2cache1', 'cores2ram2', 'cores2ram3', 'cores2ram4', 'extramemcache', and 'rambus'.
- Right Panel (System Diagram):** A block diagram of the system architecture. A red box highlights a specific component, likely a bus or processor, indicating a design flaw or error.
- Bottom Panel (Problems and Assist Simulation View):** A table showing simulation results. The table has columns for 'Description', 'Resource', 'Path', 'Location', and 'Type'. It lists simulation runs like 'sim_0', 'sim_1', and 'sim_2'.

Legend

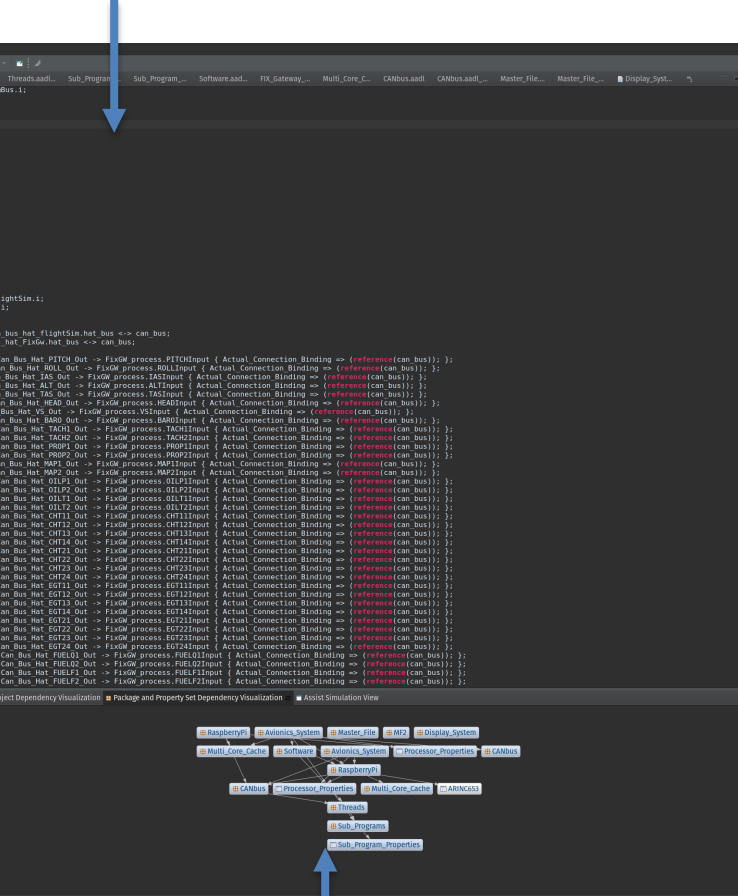
Built-in OSATE Capabilities
POC-developed Plugin Capabilities

Managing and Editing AADL Projects

Manage Projects



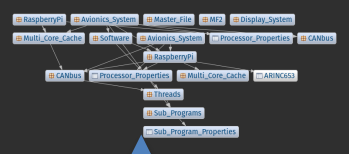
Edit AADL



View System Outline



Visualize Project Dependencies



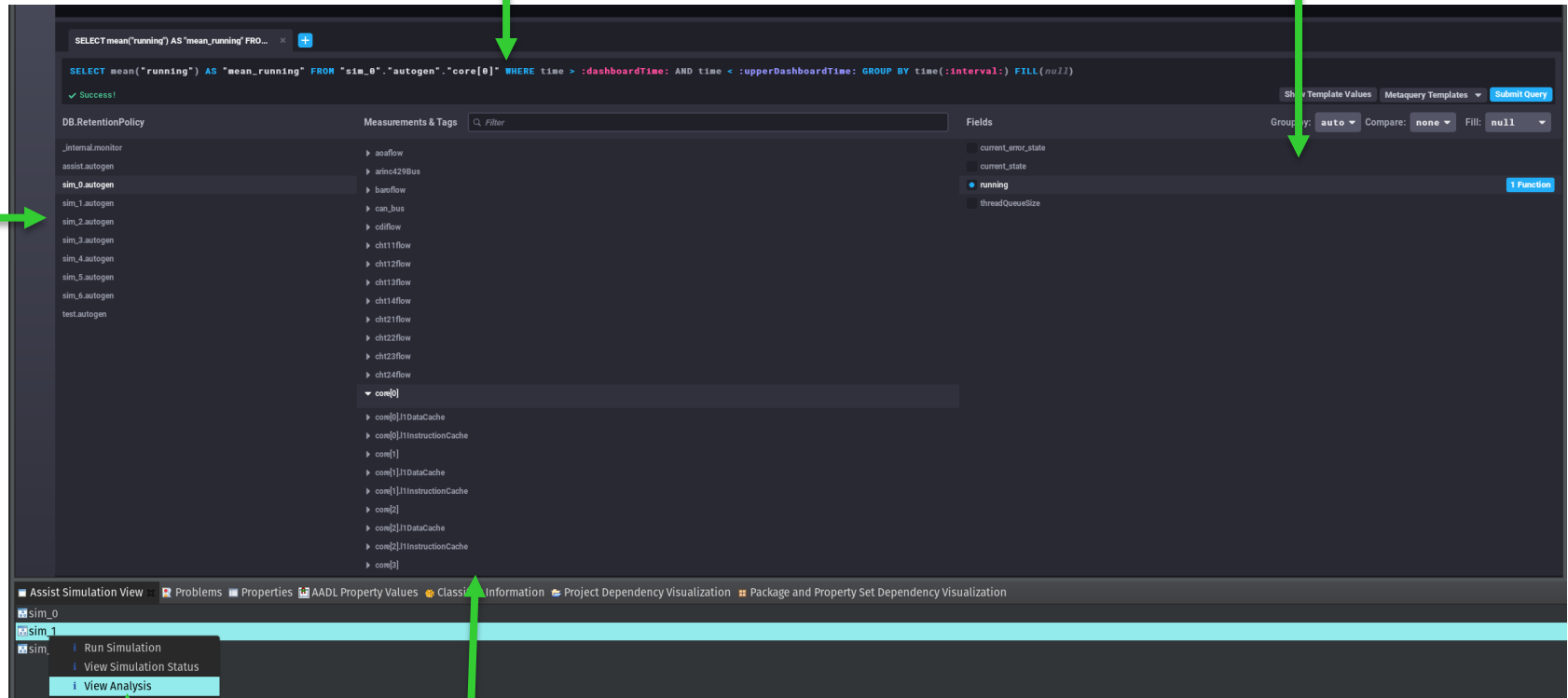
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POC-developed Plugin Capabilities

Organize, Manage Simulations

Dynamically
configure query for
custom analysis

Select multiple
analytics Per
statistic



Browse and
view analysis
for multiple
simulations

Open analysis
window for
simulations

Select multiple
statistics to view

Legend { Built-in OSATE Capabilities
POC-developed Plugin Capabilities

View Simulation Data and Real-Time Analysis

Cumulative cache misses (top)
Cache miss count rate per ms (middle)

Time spent awaiting
resources per ms per process



Deadline
violations
per task

% time
spent in
running
state per
thread

Processing time per
thread execution

Core assignment per
thread

Incoming data rate
for messages

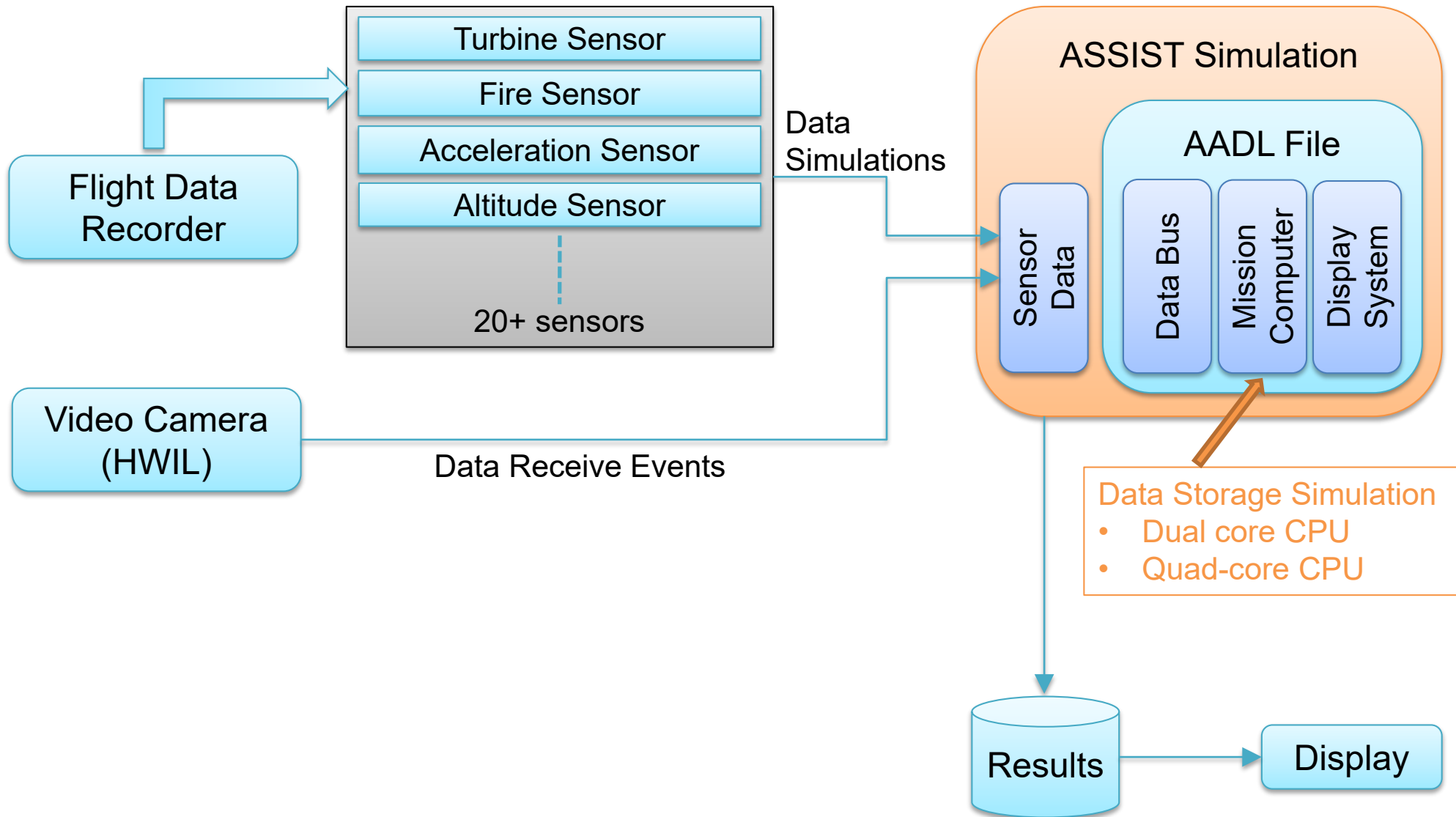
Core
utilization
(per ms)

Total
processing
time per
sensor
data
message

ASSIST

USING ASSIST

MultiCore Analysis



Simulation Statistics Collected

- **Data of interest for Multicore Processor Analysis**

- *Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Study - Assurance of Multicore Processors in Airborne Systems*

<http://www.tc.faa.gov/its/worldpac/techrpt/tc16-51.pdf>

- **Statistics recommended by FAA and collected by ASSIST:**

- *Core utilization (% utilized averaged over ms)*
- *Processing time per sensor message*
- *Processing time per thread*
- *Cache miss (+hit) counts and miss (+hit) rates/ms*
- *Thread execution details:*
 - *Assigned processor*
 - *State transitions (running, executing, waiting on resource, idle)*
- *Deadline violations*
- *Flow rates per message*

Comparative Analysis

Processor Core Utilization

- Dual Core: 72% / 64%
- Quad Core: 45% / 44% / 78% / 47% (additional headroom) ✓

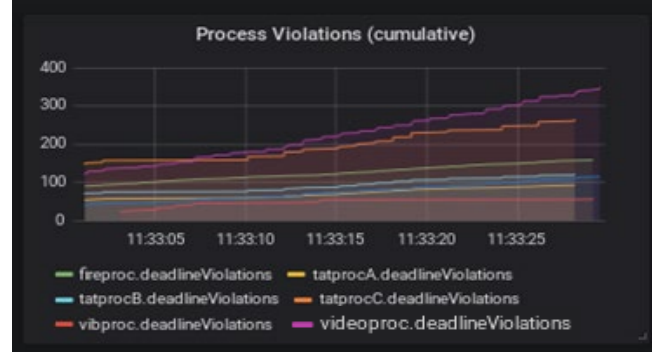
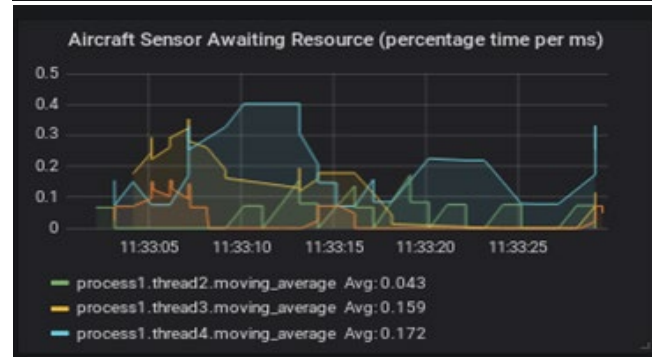
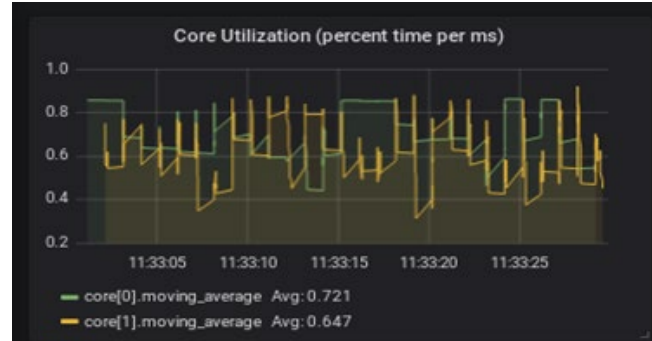
Thread Preemption Latency

- Dual Core: ~15-20 instances preemption exceeds 10%
- Quad Core: 0 instances preemption exceeds 10% ✓

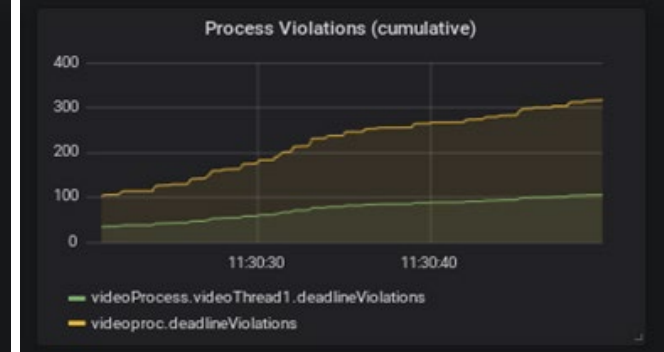
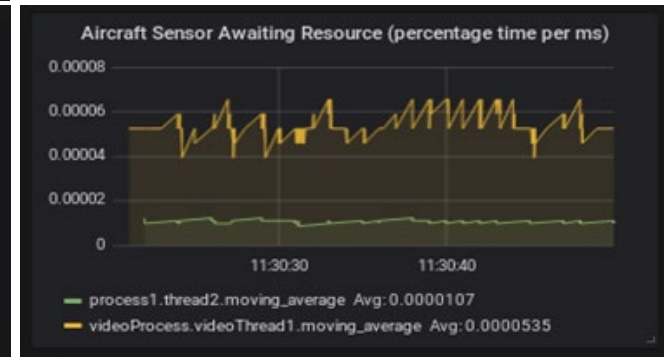
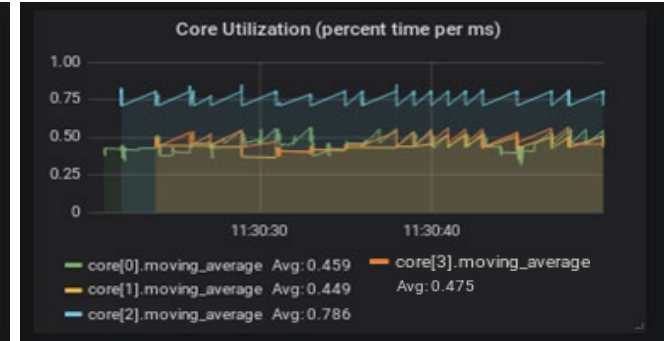
Processing Deadline Violations

- Dual Core: 4 critical threads 100's violations
- Quad Core: only non-critical video thread ✓

Dual Core



Quad Core



Change Analysis – What if Scenarios

[CPU_COUNT:2] [RAM:256MB] [ROM:128MB]
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Generate Alternative System Designs

- Variations of baseline system design
- All permutations of parameters are possible
 - # Cores, threads
 - Size of memory
 - Scheduling algorithms
 - Bus types

Field	Optimization
processingTime	min
processingTime	min
processingTime	min

Specify Design Criteria

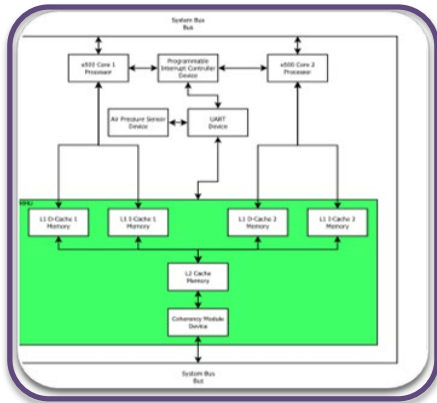
- Create minimization and maximization criteria for system performance such as
 - Minimize processing time
 - Maximize CPU utilization
- Prioritize minimization and maximization criteria

[ROM: 128MB]	5
[ROM: 128MB]	6
[ROM: 256MB]	7
[ROM: 128MB]	8

Rank Configurations

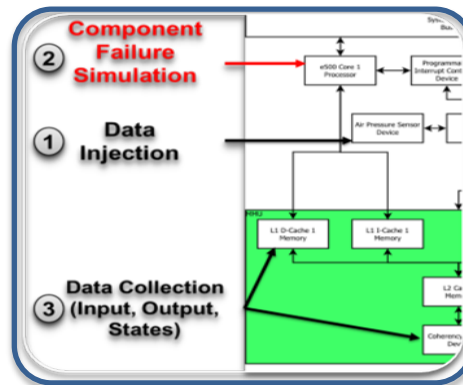
- Simulate alternate designs in parallel using cloud resources
- Generate performance statistics for each alternative
- Rank alternative designs using Multi-Criteria Decision Analysis (MCDA)

Error and Behavioral Analysis



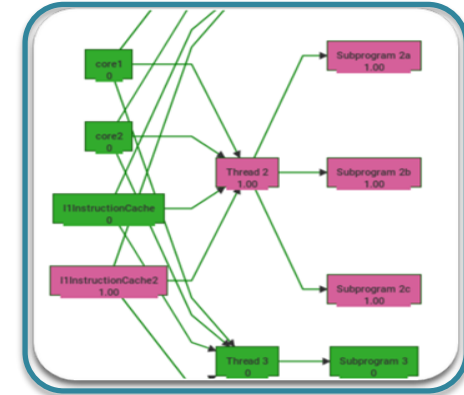
Define Error Propagation Paths and Behavioral Specifications

- Use AADL error annex to track failure propagations across components
- User AADL behavior annex to define behavioral specifications and resource requirements



Inject Component Failures

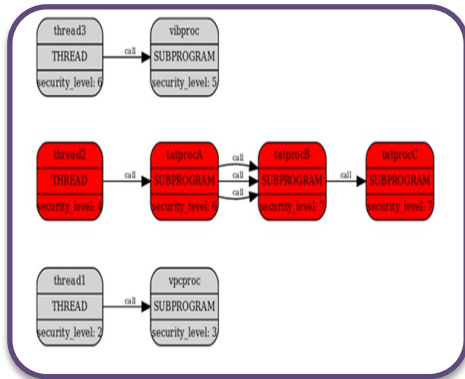
- Induce system failures during simulation
- Component failures can be generated to ensure evaluation of edge cases and common component failure conditions
- Based on the failure conditions for each component defined in AADL, ASSIST can algorithmically generate and simulate permutations of all possible system-wide component failure states



Identify Failure Propagations

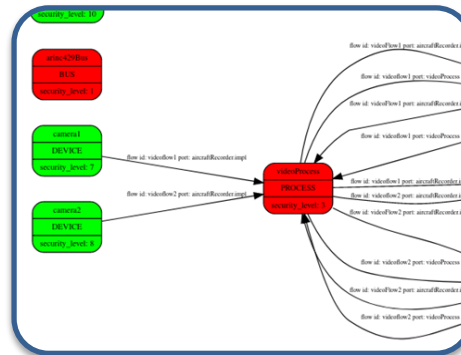
- Identify failure propagations resulting from error propagation paths defined in Annexes
- Identify indirect and induced failure propagations resulting from defined propagation paths

Security Analysis



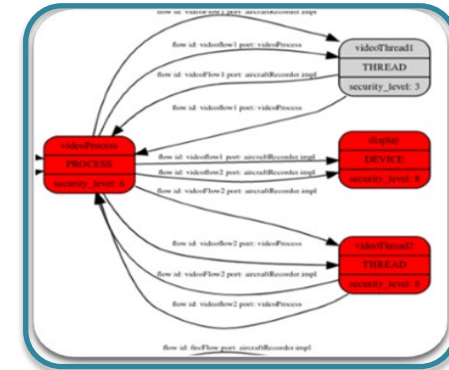
System Defined as Graph

- System components modeled as nodes and connections as edges
- Relationships currently represented are:
 - Subcomponents
 - Data flows
 - Connections
 - Software function calls



Assign Security Classifications

- Assign security classifications to each component
- Component can be assigned varying levels of security classification representing **secured** or **unsecured** components using AADL property specifications



Identify Vulnerabilities

- Vulnerabilities identified by determining unsecured components connected to secured components through connection and data flow
- Security vulnerability propagation identified through graph analysis
- Security vulnerability generated scores generated for system and components

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