

# Introduction to the Architecture Centric Virtual Integration Process (ACVIP)

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## **ACVIP Modeling and Analysis Training Overview**

- Today's meeting will be an overview of the first module of the ACVIP Modeling and Analysis training being developed by Adventium Labs.
- This will be an interactive session.
- Some of the discussions may need to be moved offline so we can keep to a schedule and show you the full module.
- We encourage participants to turn on their cameras and participate in the exercises.

# ACVIP Modeling & Analysis Training

An interactive hands-on training course to give participants an understanding of the **Architecture Centric Virtual Integration Process (ACVIP)**, and to provide hands-on experience with key modeling techniques and analysis tools.

ACVIP includes modeling methods, processes, and analysis tools that can be applied to embedded computing system design projects to:

- Reduce technical risk
- Reduce cost and schedule overruns
- Support conformance to industry standards & required certifications

## Course Details

- Interactive, hands-on Open Source AADL Tool Environment (OSATE) and Architecture Analysis & Design Language (AADL) modeling and analysis
- Live, virtual class via Teams
- Based on the ACVIP Modeling and Analysis Handbook
- Target audience: System designers and developers
- 1st session (overview) will be useful for project managers
- Experience with AADL useful but not required
- 8 sessions lasting about 60 - 90 min each
- Classes begin March 2021

## Course Outline

1. Benefits of ACVIP
2. Developing an ACVIP Management Plan
3. Structuring Models for Delivery and Virtual Integration
4. Defining the Model Content Required for Analysis
5. Incremental Design, Analysis, and Resolution
6. Model Based Development
7. Model Based Integration
8. Assuring Model Conformance & Certification

# Agenda

- Module Objectives
- What is ACVIP?
- Project Management Issues
  - Example Story
- Project Management Goals
- ACVIP Solutions
- Exercise: Match issues with ACVIP solutions
- Example ACVIP Work Flow Walkthrough

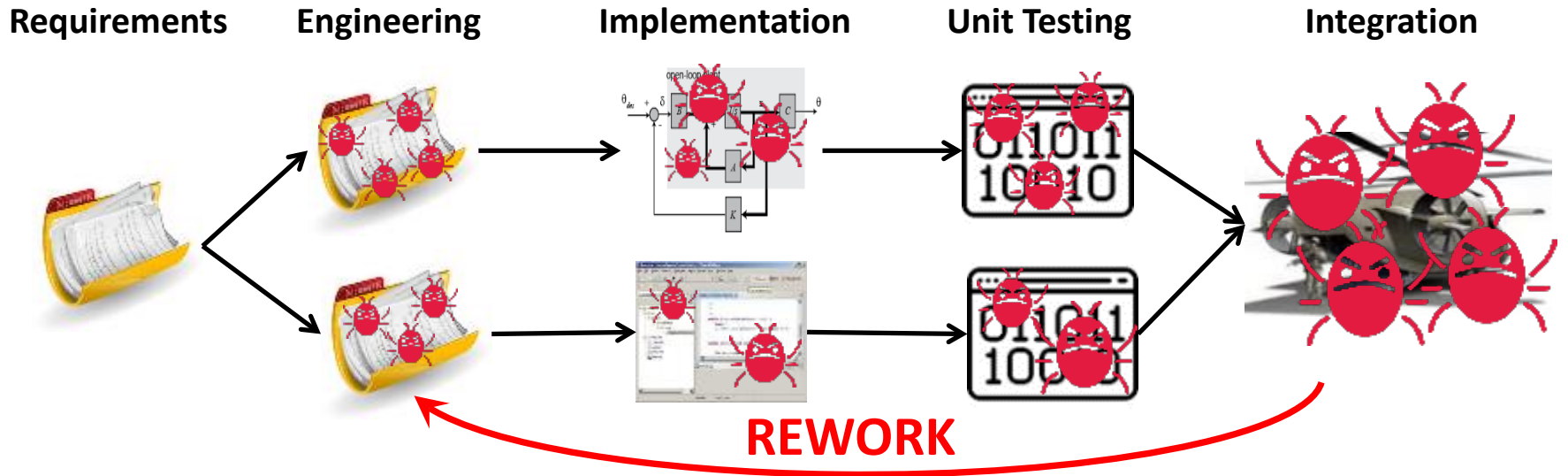
# Learning Objectives

- Understand how ACVIP can address many of the issues found during complex embedded computing system development programs.

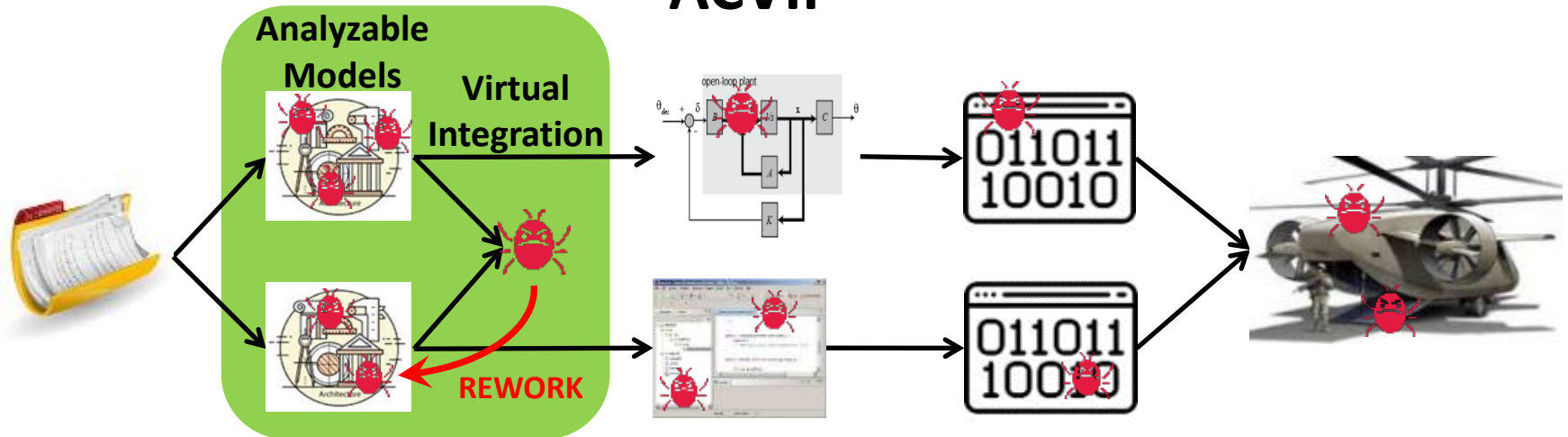
# What is ACVIP?

*The Architecture Centric  
Virtual Integration Process (ACVIP)*  
consists of process, methods, and tools  
to perform model-based virtual integration  
and analysis of the embedded computing  
systems.

# Traditional Development Process



## ACVIP



# A Project Gone Wrong

A video of a newscast will be shown at this point.



# Common Project Issues

## Exercise - PM Issues:

In this exercise we brainstorm a number of issues that can befall projects from a program management perspective. These could come from the example scenario or from their own experience. These issues may come in at different levels of detail.

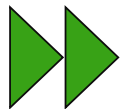
See the Training workbook tab “List PM Issues”.

# Project Management Goals

List project management goals that ACVIP might support on a complex embedded software system development project.

# Project Management Goals

1. Reduce risk of project cost and schedule overrun
2. Reduce project technical risk
3. Achieve Modular Open Systems Approach (MOSA) goals
4. Increase affordable capability
5. Streamline accreditation and verification
6. Support subsequent lifecycle upgrades
7. [Others](#)



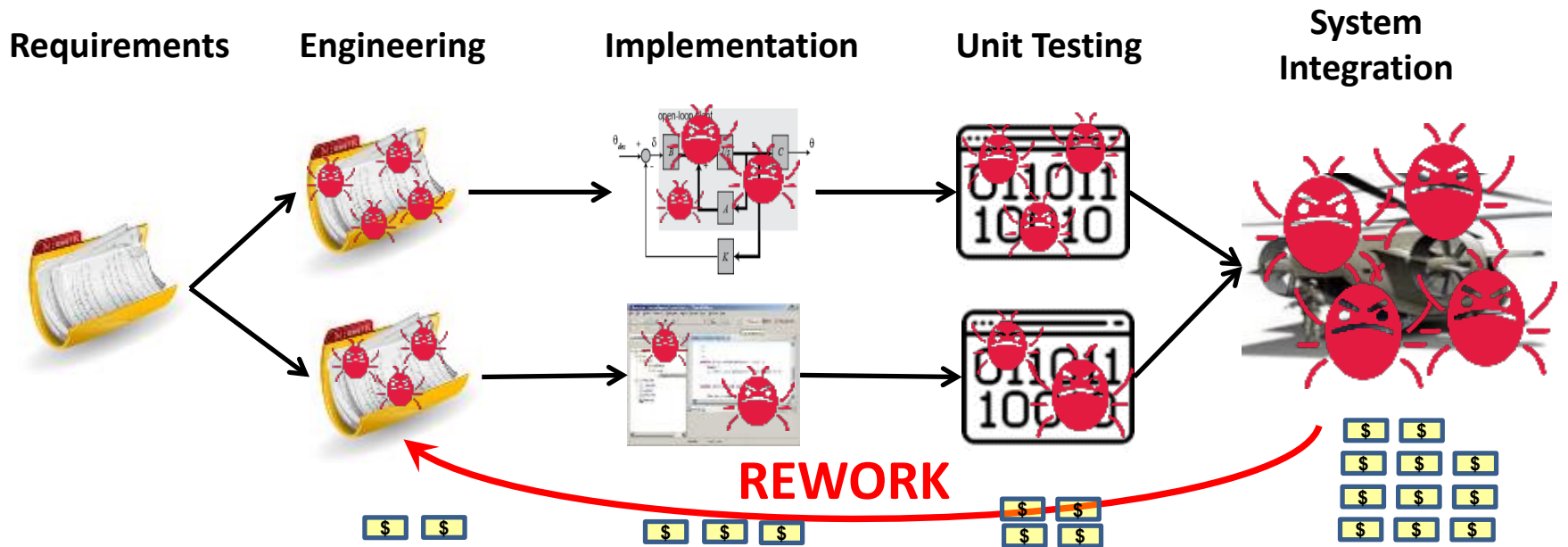


## **Project cost and schedule risk management begins with risk identification**

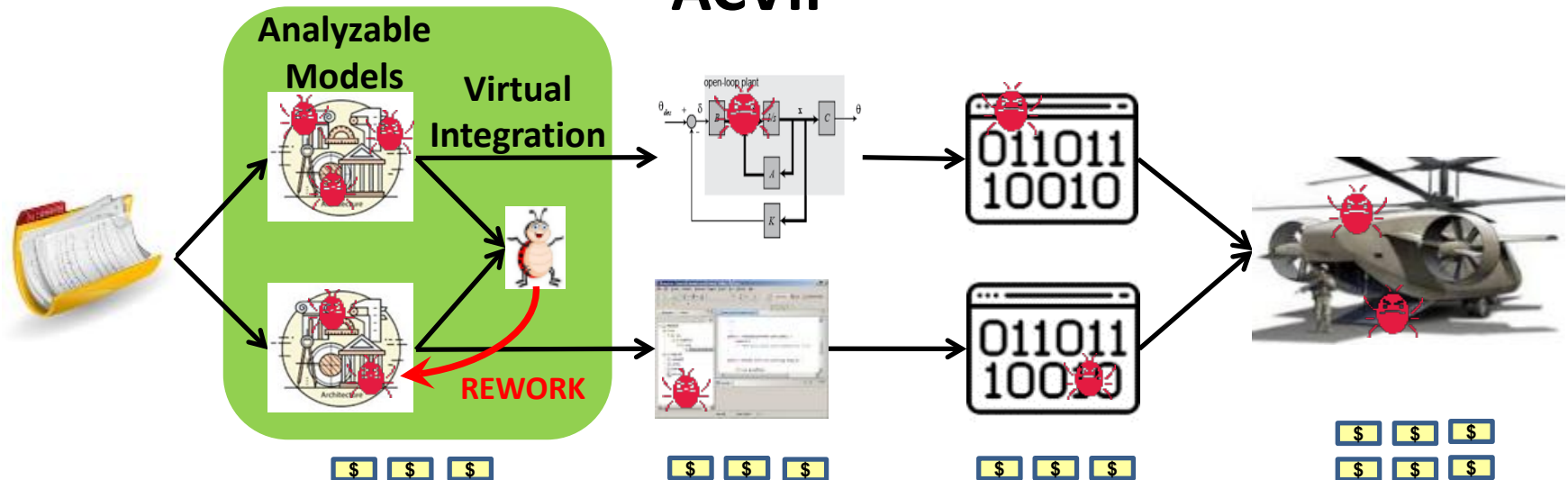
1. Detect early on, defects in embedded system architectures through early virtual integration and analysis of models
2. Address issues early when there is less impact on cost and schedule
3. Support parallel development

Meeting cost and schedule are key goals for program management


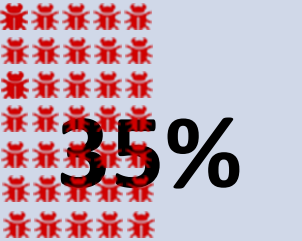

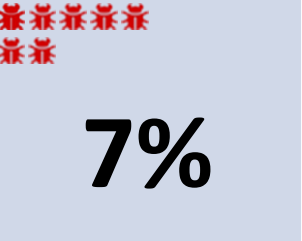

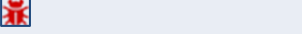
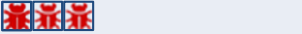

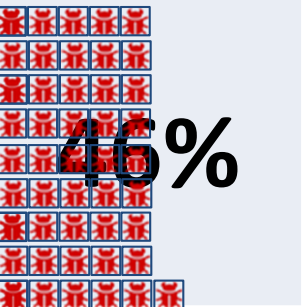
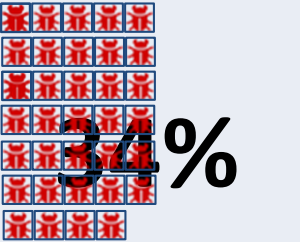
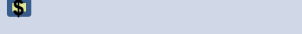
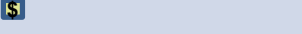
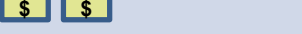


# Traditional Development Process



# ACVIP



# Costs to Find and Correct Defects

Phase	Requirements	Design	Code	Test	Integration
Defects are introduced	 <b>35%</b>	 <b>35%</b>	 <b>20%</b>	 <b>7%</b>	 <b>3%</b>
Defects are found	 <b>1%</b>	 <b>3%</b>	 <b>16%</b>	 <b>46%</b>	 <b>34%</b>
Costs to correct	 <b>.03%</b>	 <b>.2%</b>	 <b>2%</b>	 <b>36%</b>	 <b>62%</b>

Based on data from: “ROI Analysis of the System Architecture Virtual Integration Initiative”, SEI, 2018

Finding and addressing defects early saves cost

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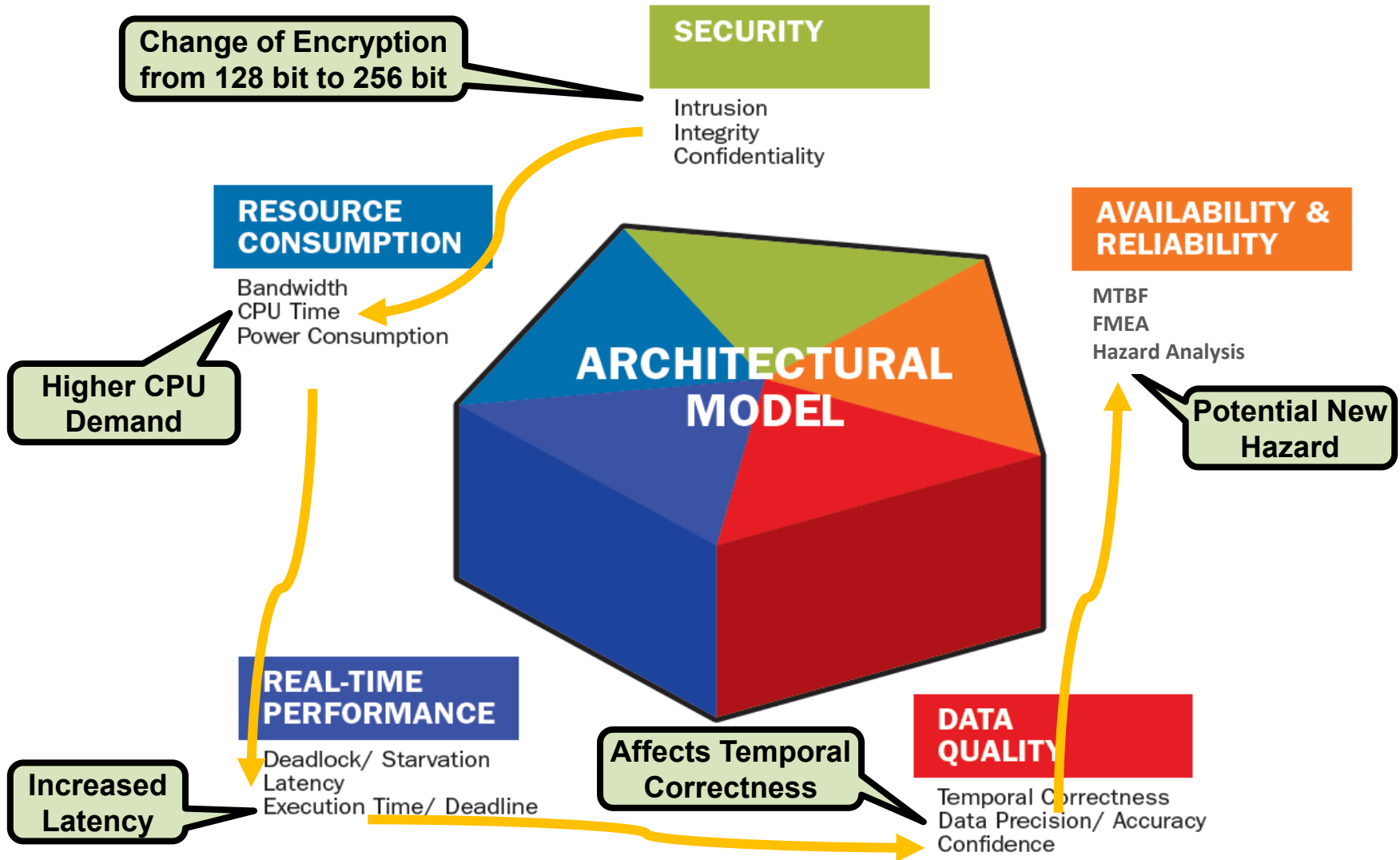
**Technical risk management is an important goal for projects using new technologies or challenging performance requirements.**

1. Reduce ambiguity and documentation errors
2. Improve consistency and interoperability between multiple developers
3. Retain / leverage institutional knowledge
4. Support analysis at all stages of development

**Uncertainties contribute to program technical risks**



# Hidden Dependencies Can Increase Technical Risk



Adapted from: Presentation: AADL Overview and Analysis Methods by Bruce Lewis and Jerome Hugues, July 2008.

Small changes can have system wide ramifications

# BACK TO PROJECT MANAGEMENT GOALS

# **A Modular Open Systems Approach (MOSA) is required for major defense acquisition programs per National Defense Authorization Act of 2017.**

1. Modular design
2. Major system components severable to support component addition, removal, or replacement
3. Key interfaces defined between major system components
4. Interfaces comply with industry standards

**MOSA provides opportunities for enhanced competition**

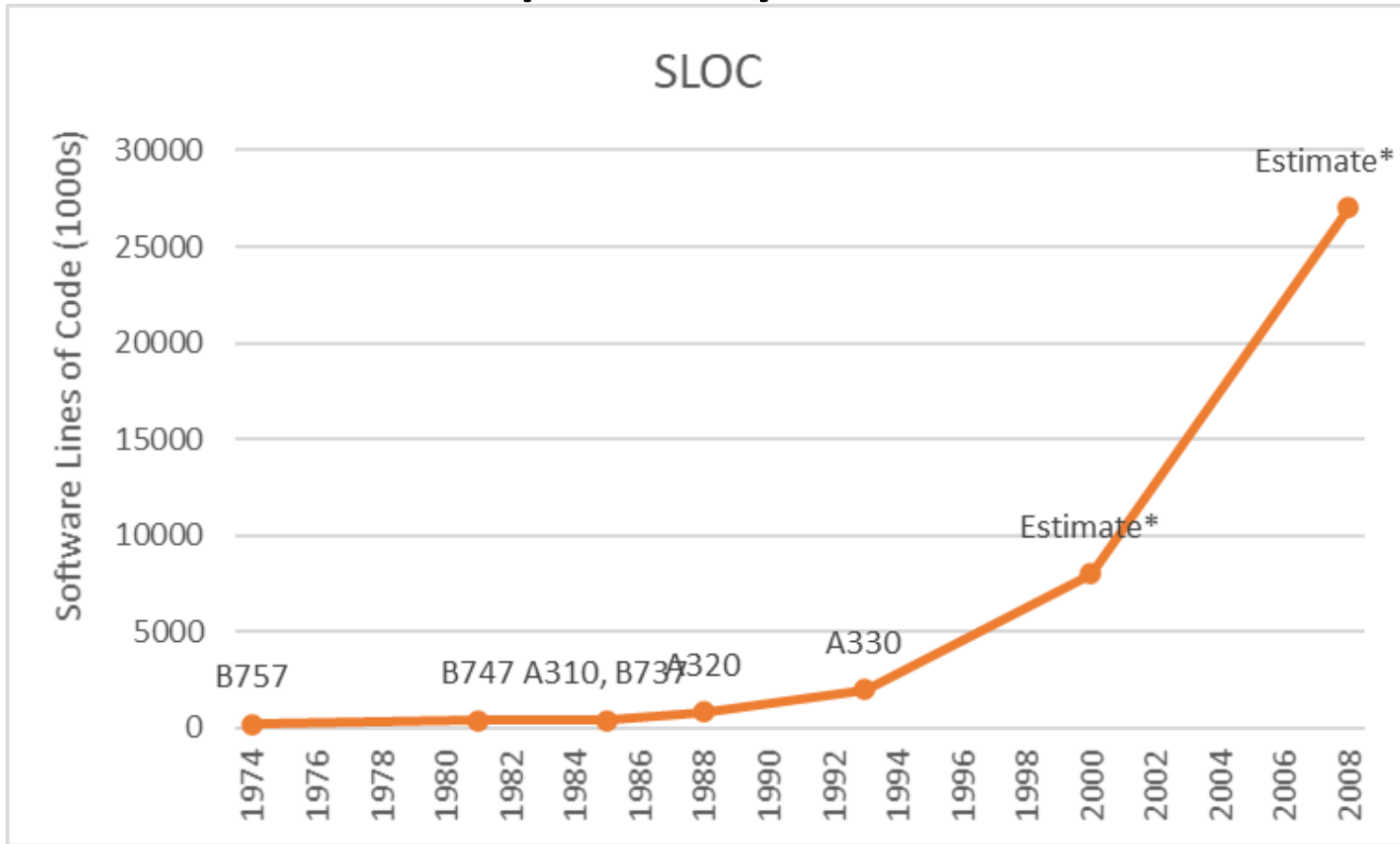
# BACK TO PROJECT MANAGEMENT GOALS

## Field better capabilities more rapidly.

1. Improve system quality
2. Increase affordable capability by using trade studies between cost versus capabilities
3. Trade studies allow a try-before-you-buy approach.
4. When issues arise, capabilities are often sacrificed in order to stay within budget and schedule

Trade studies support more efficient program resource allocation

# Increased Capability = More Software



\*Estimate based on doubling of SLOC every 4 years. Based on data from: “ROI Analysis of the System Architecture Virtual Integration Initiative”, SEI, 2018

**Reducing risk and improving efficiency enables added capability**

# BACK TO PROJECT MANAGEMENT GOALS

**Reduce the costs and increase the positive outcomes of certification, verification and approval processes.**

1. Follow required certification processes
2. Conduct certification analysis throughout development to reduce surprises late in the project
3. Produce reports in required formats

**Analysis results serve as evidence for certification and approval**



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# Aid Future System Development and Upgrades

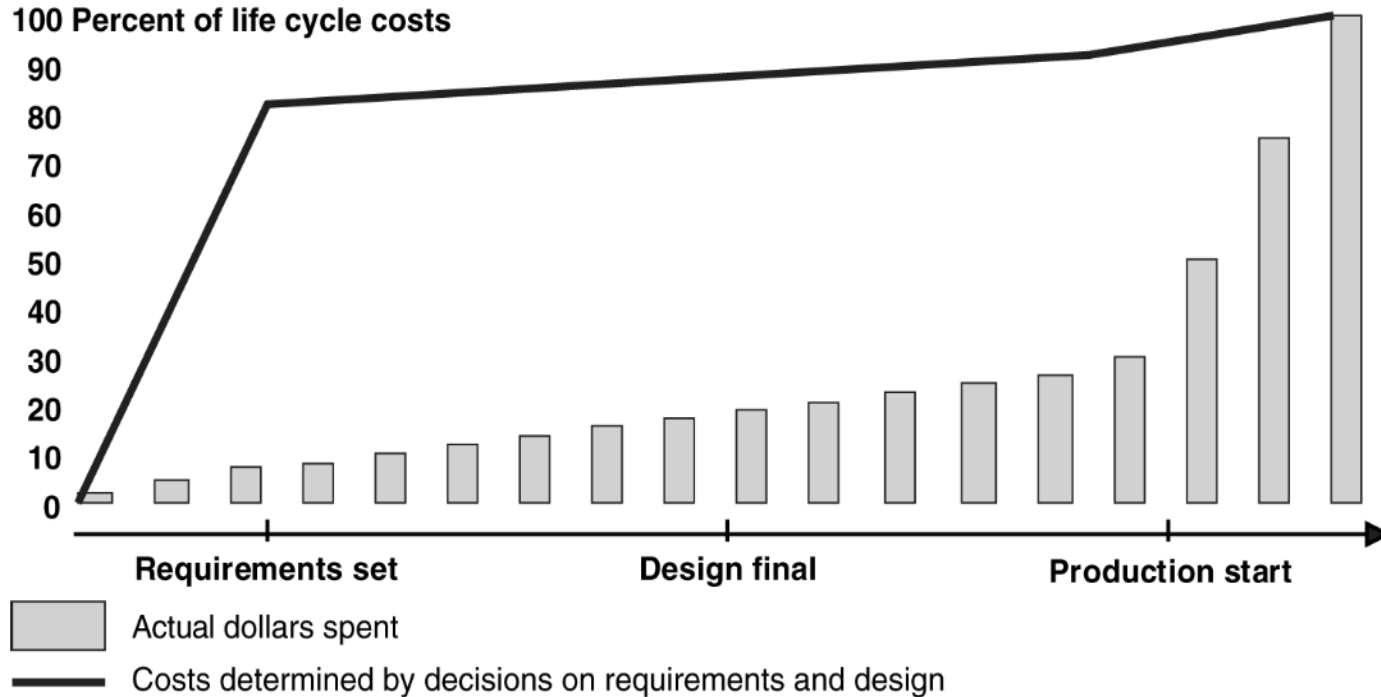
## **Consider the life cycle costs and management of systems across the full program**

1. Consider costs for operation and sustainment early
2. Anticipate and aid future system upgrades
3. Provide assets that reduce cost, schedule, and risk for future upgrades and programs
4. The cost of the creation of some assets may be spread across product lines or families of systems

**Artifacts such as models, analysis results, and reports can be shared across projects**

# Life Cycle Costs

Percent of Life Cycle Costs Determined at Various Points in the Acquisition Process



## Operations & Sustainment Costs

- 70% of life cycle cost is O&S
- 90% of O&S cost has been built-in by end of requirements engineering.

From: 2003 study from Defense Acquisition University, "Setting Requirements Differently Could Reduce Weapon Systems' Total Ownership Costs"

**Most costs are determined early but paid late**

# BACK TO PROJECT MANAGEMENT GOALS

# Model Based Project Goals

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# BACK TO PROJECT MANAGEMENT GOALS

# ACVIP Solutions

- Single common model for multiple uses
- Common interface definitions
- Utilizes industry standards
- Analysis tools for requirements verification/validation
- Iterative model refinement
- Virtual integration
- Automated continuous integration and analysis
- Customizable report generation

# Model Based

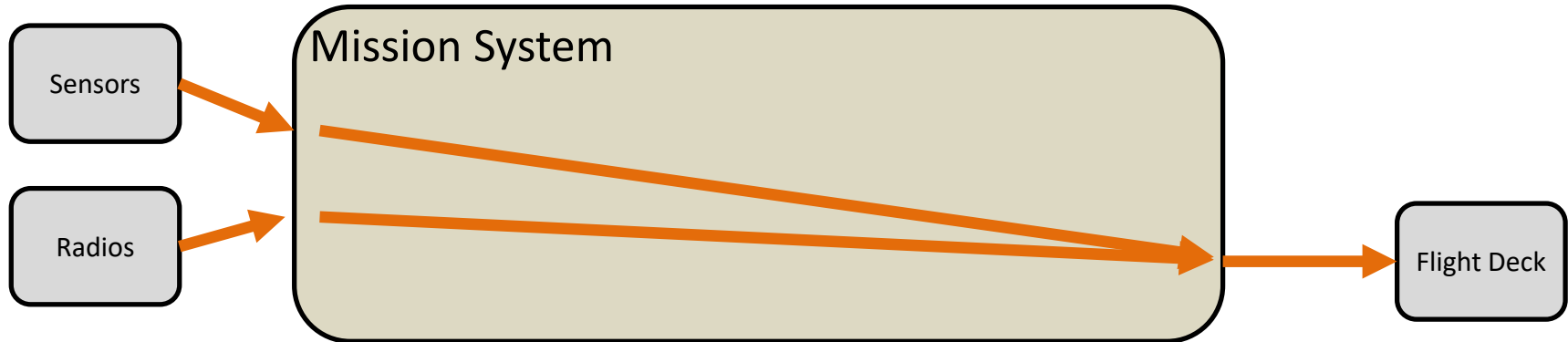
A model is a representation of one or more concepts that may be realized in the physical world

- Models should conform to industry standards
  - Interoperability
- Multiple models can be integrated to form a larger system
  - Supports parallel development by multiple organizations
- The ACVIP model serves multiple purposes:
  - Analysis
  - Documentation
  - Communication
- ACVIP Models can have varying levels of detail or fidelity

**ACVIP employs models for integration and analysis**



# Iterative Model Refinement

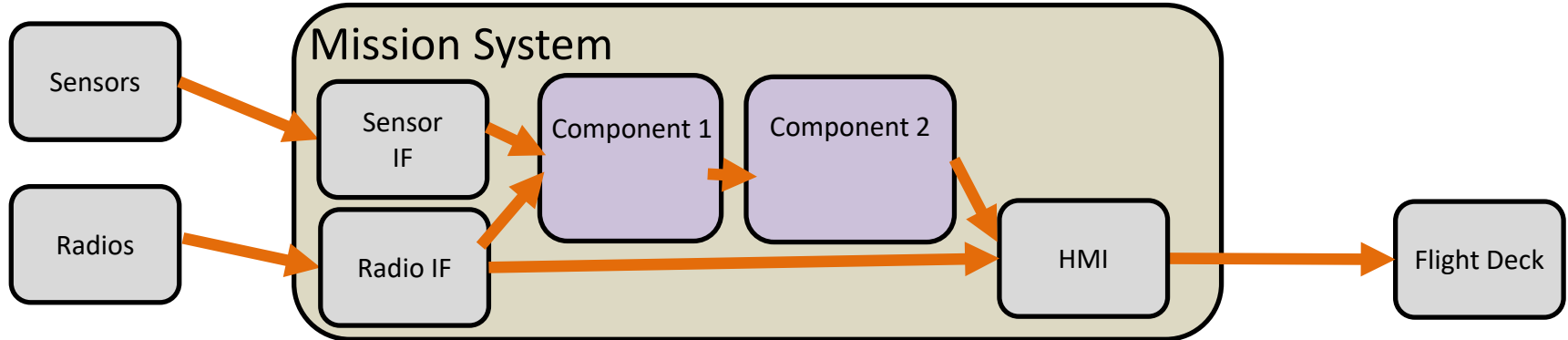


Low model fidelity analysis:

- MILS
- Safety / Risk
- Assign Latency Budgets

ACVIP analysis starts early in the design process

# Iterative Model Refinement

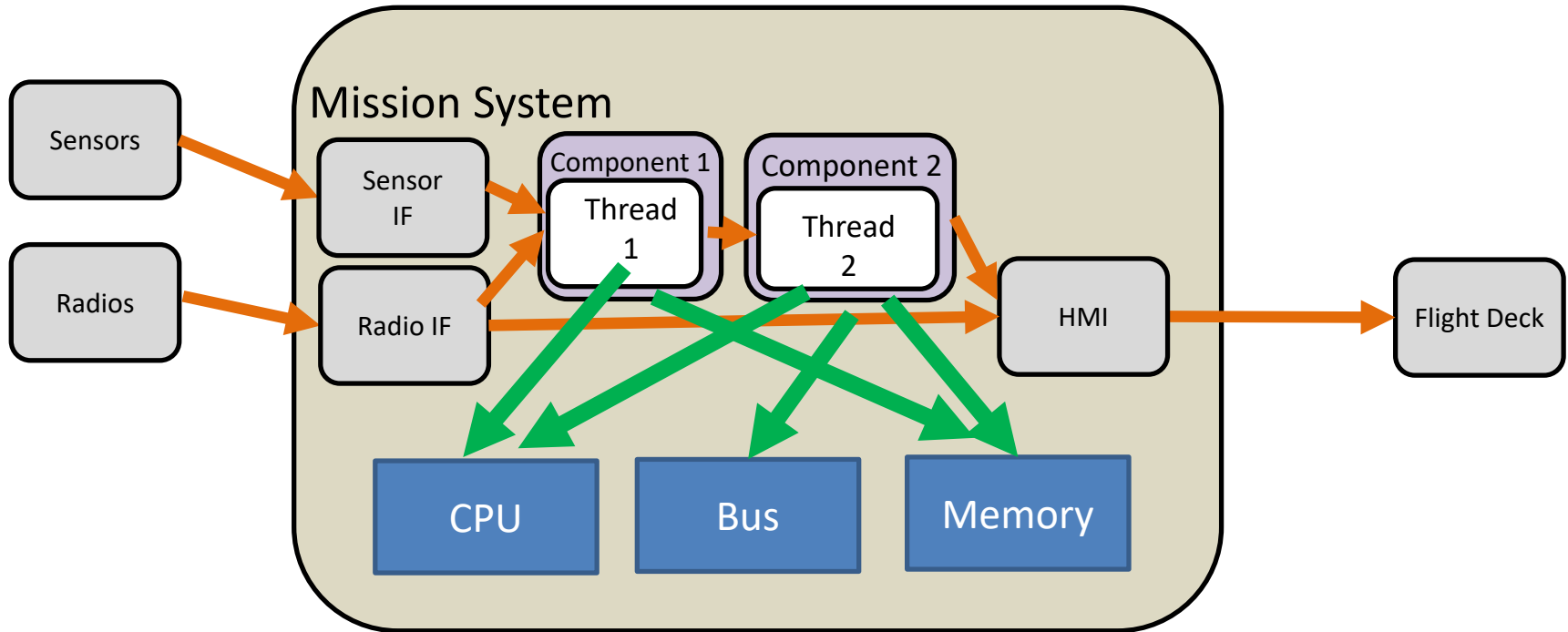


Mid fidelity analysis:

- Inter-connection consistency
- Error handling and propagation
- Latency budgets by component

Additional model fidelity leads to additional analysis detail

# Iterative Model Refinement



High fidelity analysis:

- CPU, Memory and Bus Utilization
- Latency

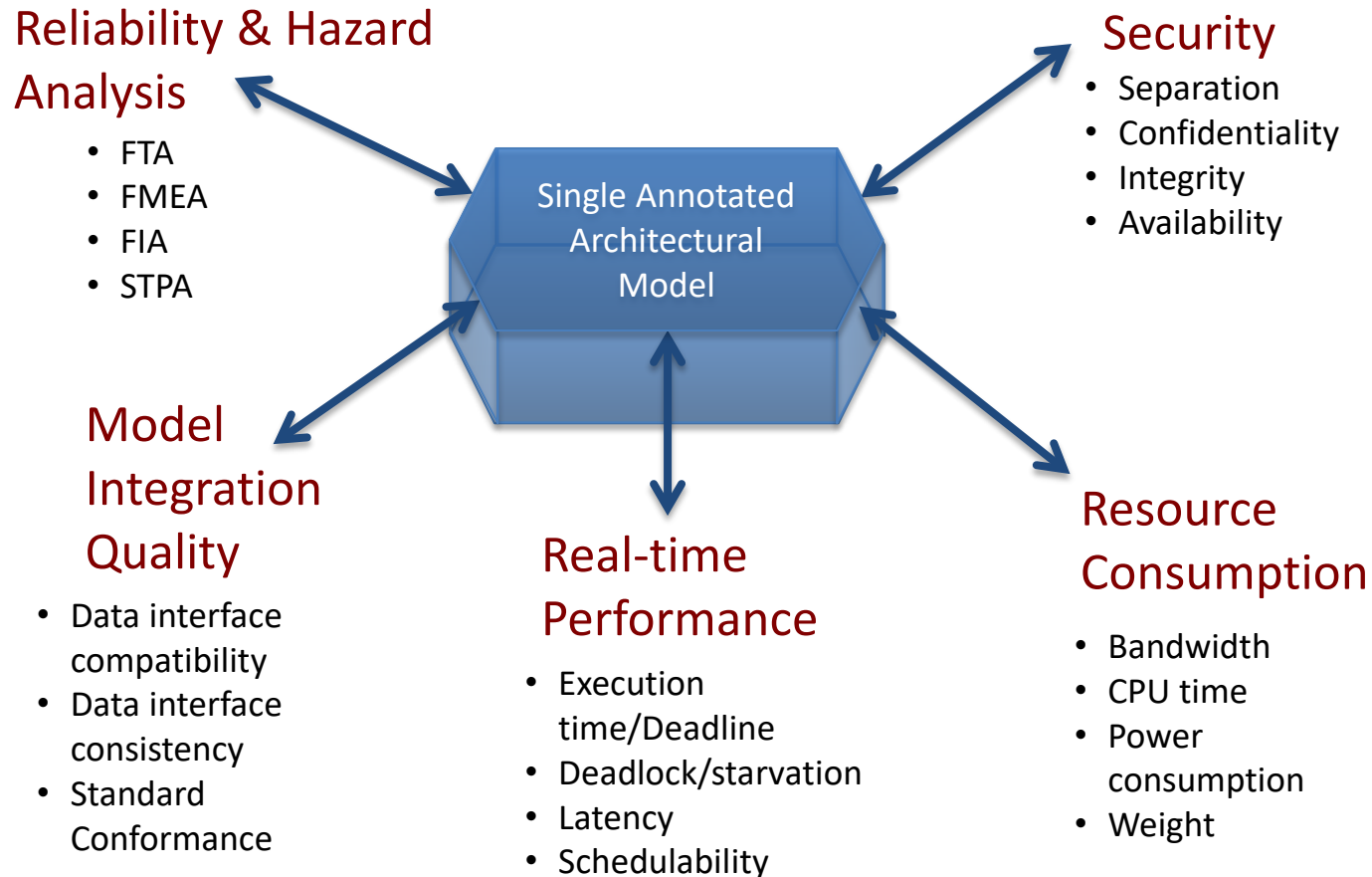
Detailed models provide detailed analysis results including code generation

# Model Fidelity (level of detail)

<b>Fidelity Level</b>	<b>Example Model Elements</b>
1	System, Inputs and Outputs, Flows
2	SubComponents, Connections, Processes, EMV2 Error States and Transitions
3	Threads and Thread Groups, End to End Flows, Modes, EMV2 Error Propagations
4	Processor, Memory and Bus Hardware Components, Bindings
5	Behaviors, Subprogram Calls

Different portions of a model may be at different fidelity levels

# ACVIP Analysis Tools



Common model supports a range of analyses

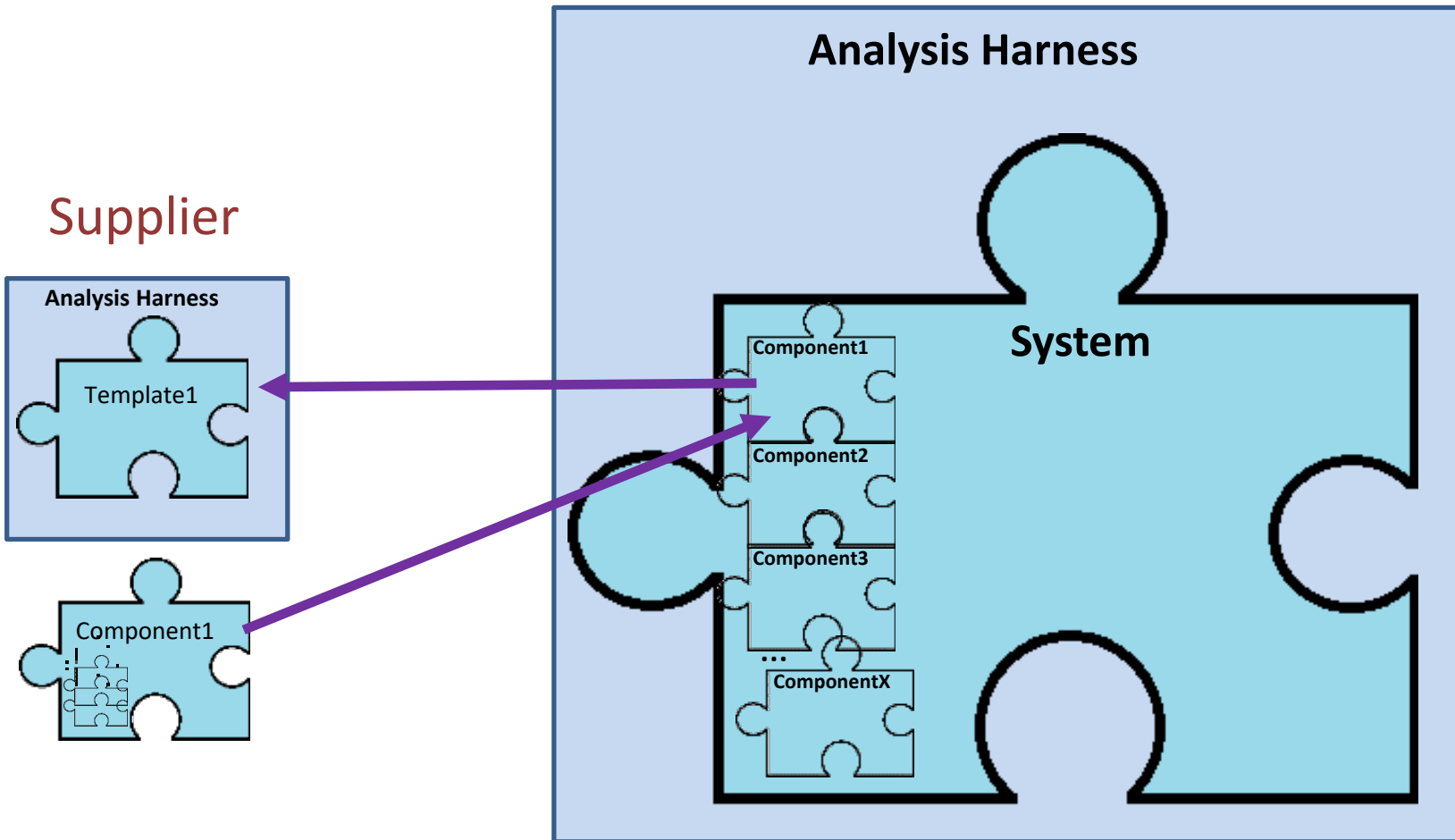
# Virtual Integration

- Virtual Integration combines model components into a larger system to support testing and analysis
- ACVIP Virtual Integration:
  - Can find interface incompatibilities
  - Supports mixed fidelity models
  - Supports hierarchically organized models
  - Can be performed early in a design process
  - Should be repeated whenever a model changes
  - Can be applied at multiple customer / supplier levels
  - Can be automated

Virtual integration should be performed early and often

# Virtual Integration & Analysis

Customer



Component models integrate into system models

# ACVIP Solutions

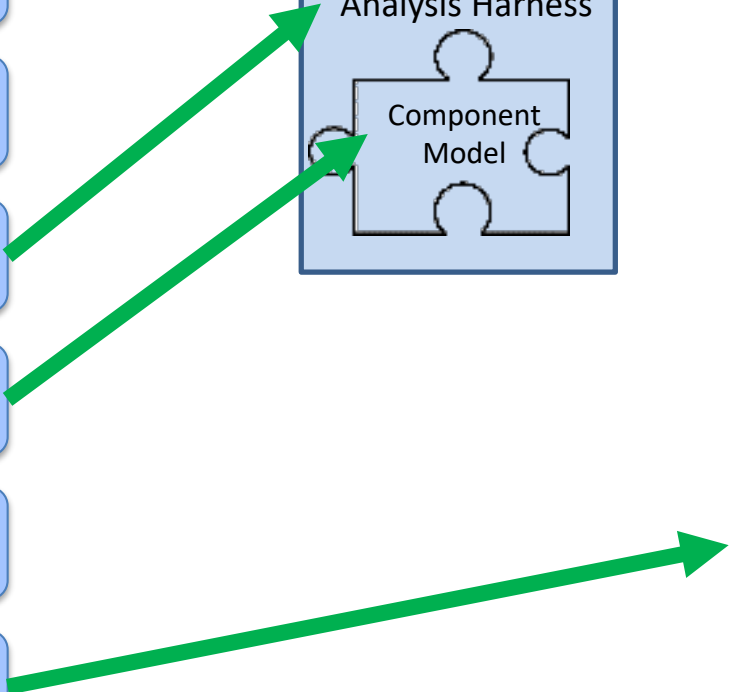
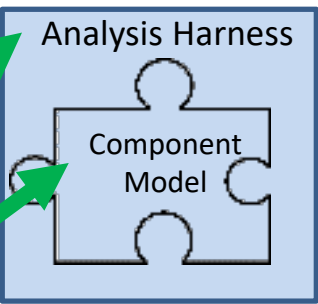
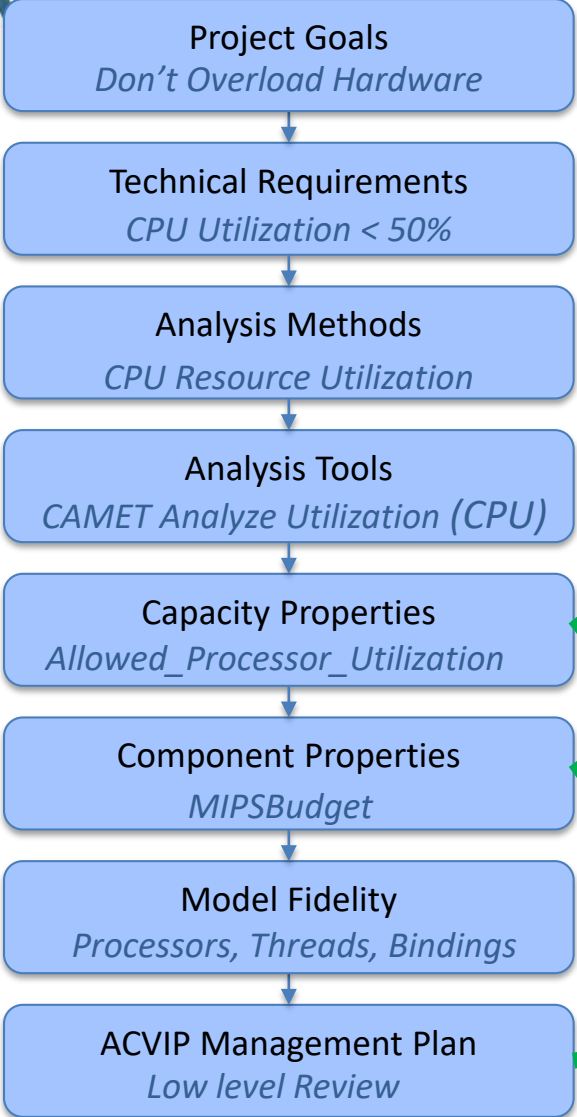
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## **Exercise – ACVIP Features:**

In this exercise ACVIP features are matched up with the issues solicited earlier.

Using the Training workbook “Match Issues with Solutions”.



**From goals and requirements to properties and analysis**

# ACVIP Training Outline



## 1.0 ACVIP Overview

- Common Project Issues
- Project Goals and ACVIP Solutions

## 2.0 Structure Models for Delivery and Virtual Integration

- AADL for Modeling Embedded Systems
- Modeling Guidelines

## 3.0 ACVIP Analysis Tools: Risk, Safety and Security

- Risk and Safety Analysis: SESSAF, FTA, FIA
- Security Analysis: MILS, MADS, RMF

## 4.0 ACVIP Analysis Tools: Utilization, Timing, and Behavior

- Utilization and Timing Analysis: OSATE & CAMET Tools
- Behavior Analysis: CAMET SLICED Tool

## 5.0 Model Based Development

- Multi-Organizational Model Development Exercise

## 6.0 Model Based Integration

- Multi-Organizational Virtual Integration Exercise

## 7.0 Assure Model Conformance & Certification

- Integrating Models from Other Sources
- Managing IP

## 8.0 Develop ACVIP Management Plan

- Common Project Issues
- Project Goals and ACVIP Solutions

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