Model-based Development for seL4 Microkit/Rust with Integrated Formal Methods using HAMR

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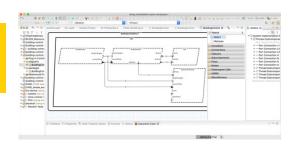
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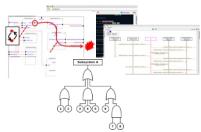
HAMR

HAMR – tool chain for [H]igh [A]ssurance [M]odeling and [R]apid engineering for embedded systems

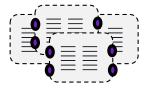
Modeling, analysis, and verification in the **SysMLv2** and **AADL** modeling languages



Model-level behavior specifications (e.g., contracts) and analyses



Component development, automated testing, and verification in multiple languages



- C
- · Rust with Verus verification
- Slang (developed at Kansas State)
 - · safety-critical subset of Scala
 - contract-based verification
 - transpiles to C and Rust

Deployments aligned with AADL run-time on multiple platforms



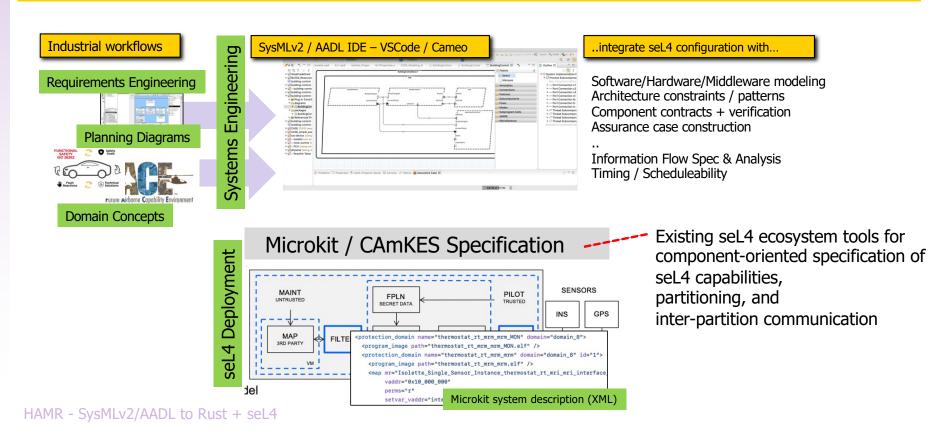




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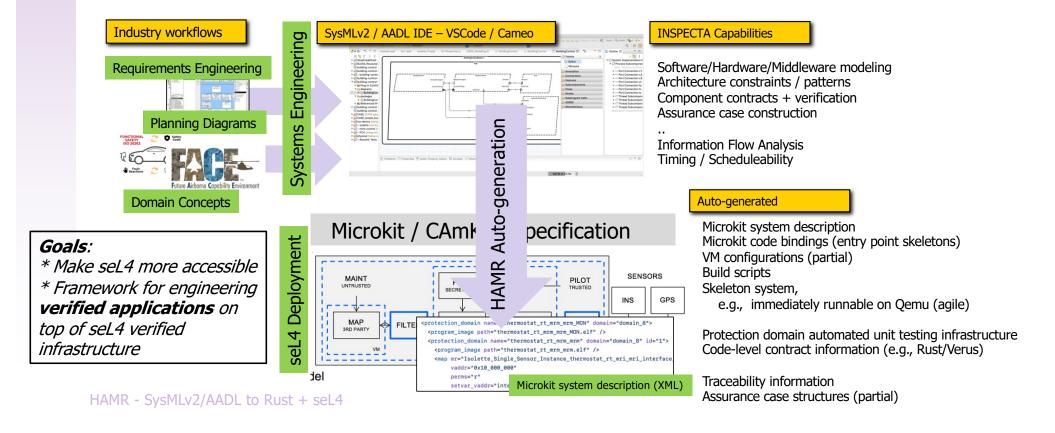
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Context and Target Applications

On the DARPA PROVERS program, HAMR is being used to develop an experimental version of the mission computer for the Collins "Launched Effects" platform (final development will emphasize HAMR SysMLv2 to Rust)





Launched Effects Mission Computer



Video: https://youtu.be/SwPJHmZQMaM?si=NwTdb3VFpV-MxSre

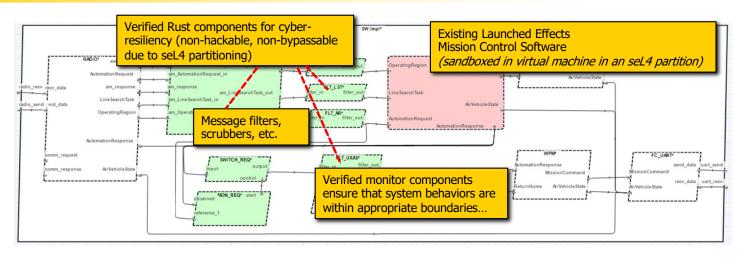
DARPA PROVERS

= "integrating pipelines of formal methods in defense industry development processes"



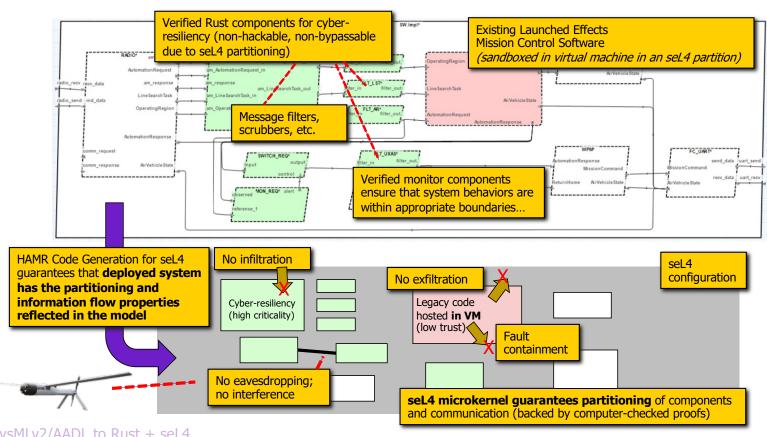
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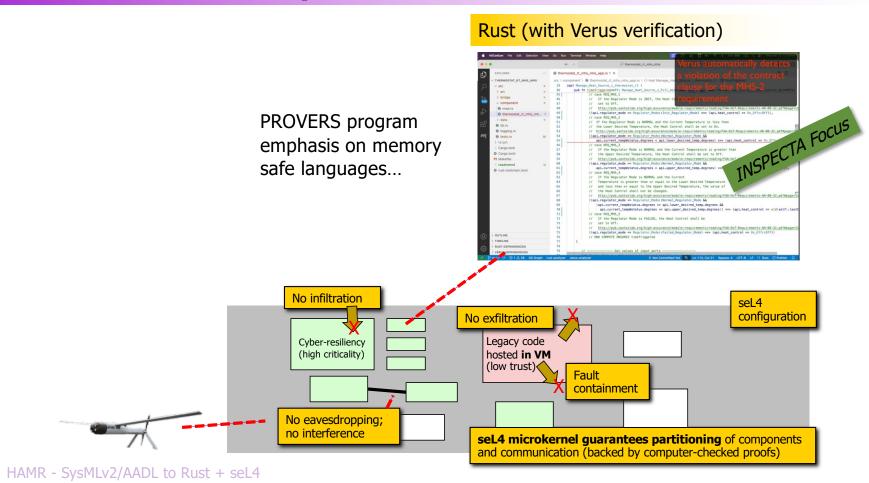
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Verified Component Code



Other Summit INSPECTA-Related Talks



Darren Cofer (Principal Investigator) – Application to Collins Launched Effects

"Integration of seL4 in a Flight Vehicle Mission System"

Robert VanVossen –
Rust contract-based development, testing, and verification of firewall components

'Rust-based drivers and verified rust

"Rust-based drivers and verified rust applications on seL4"

Gerwin Klein – Automating seL4 kernel correctness proofs for new platforms

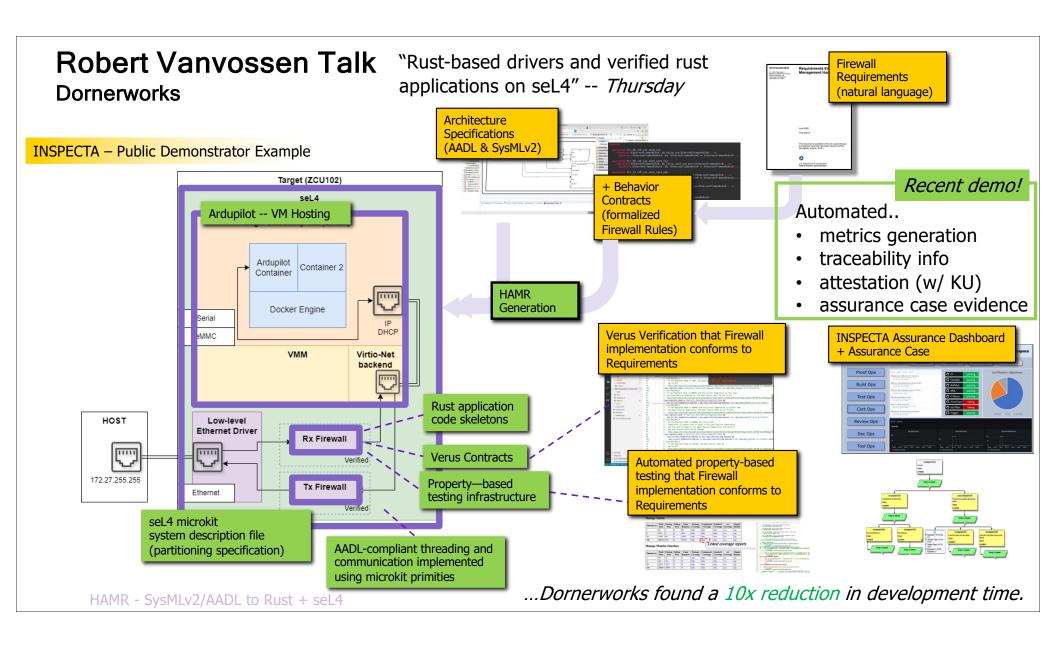
"The next 700 verified seL4 platforms"

Gernot Heiser – Verified infrastructure and services

"Trustworthy Systems R&D Update"

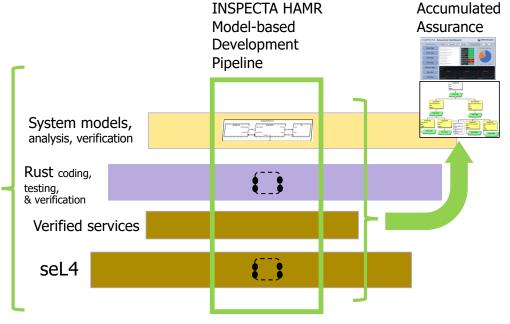
Junming Zhao— Verified infrastructure and services

"Verifying Device Drivers with Pancake"



INSPECTA "PROVERS Pipeline" Scope

A primary goal of PROVERS is to demonstrate "pipelines" of formal methods capabilities. Designing and managing the INSPECTA "pipeline" entails a lot of extra work...



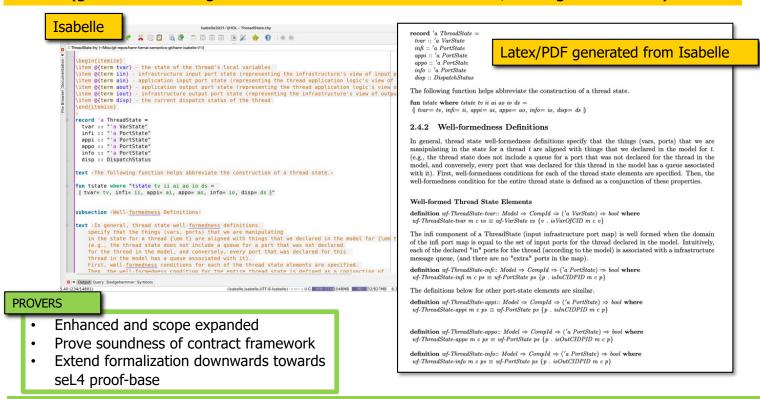
To fully demonstrate pipeline concepts within program timeline, the scope of the pipeline needs to be narrower than that of the individual technologies

- Interactions across the pipelines stages are organized a **core** set of computational and data **abstractions** that are amenable to **formal verification**
- Semantics of these abstractions must be maintained and traceable across the stages
- Claims, contributions of stages, and assurance evidence must be accumulated across the stages

INSPECTA Technologies

HAMR Formal Semantics for INSPECTA Pipeline

150+ page literate-style Isabelle/HOL theories for AADL/SysMLv2 HAMR execution model (guides our design of our contracts and verification/testing framework)

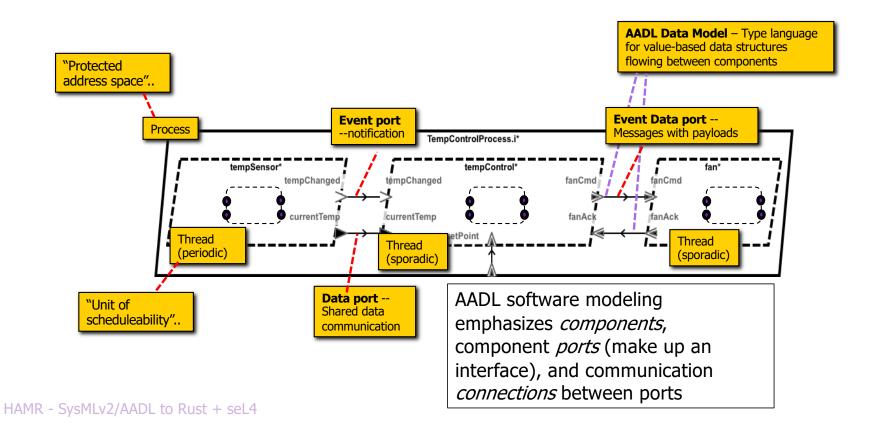


Joint work with Stefan Hallerstede (U. Aarhus)

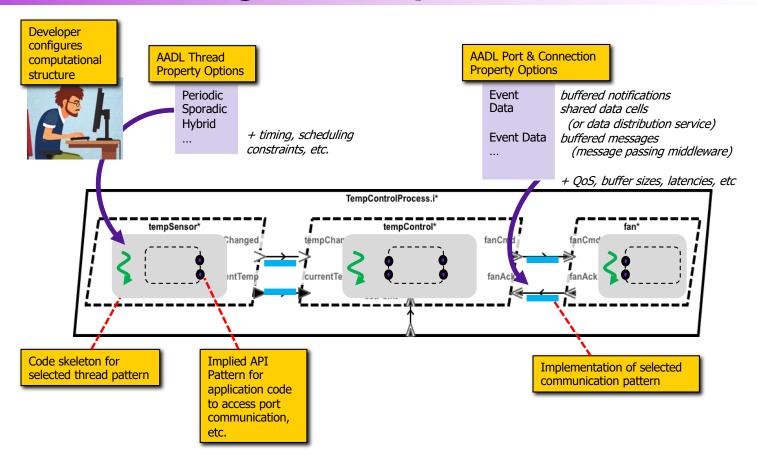
Note limited scope: HAMR subset of AADL/SysMLv2; run-time semantics; connection to code generator by manual inspection

AADL Modeling Concepts

Each AADL modeling element is classified according to its role in embedded system architecture...



AADL Modeling Concepts



SysMLv2/AADL for HAMR with seL4 Microkit

AADL to SysMLv2



Why might SysMLv2 provide a alternate vehicle for rigorous model-based development, including AADL concepts?

- Like AADL, has both a graphical view and textual view
- Many AADL modeling elements have analogues in SysMLv2
 - E.g., components, ports, connections, developer-defined attributes
- Aims to provide a stronger "semantics" for system engineering compared to UML, SysMLv1
- Re-engineered from the ground up
 - No backwards compatibility with SysMLv1 except through translation
 - Not built as a profile of UML
- Will have wide-ranging commercial tool support as well as open source implementations

Standardization Effort - Migrating AADL to SysMLv2



About the SMC

SMC

The OMG Systems Modeling Community gathers people interested in advancing SysMLv2

Different membership structure

See https://www.omg.org/communities/

RTESC Workgroup – entity responsible for integrating AADL concepts into SysMLv2

Charter: "Develop domain libraries w/ KerML & SysMLv2 to support the precise modeling of Real-Time Embedded Safety-Critical Systems. Integrate capabilities from domain-specific models like SAE AADL, OpenGroup FACE, OMG MARTE, & AutoSAR"

Lead: Gene Shreve (i3-Corp), Jerome Hugues (CMU/SEI)

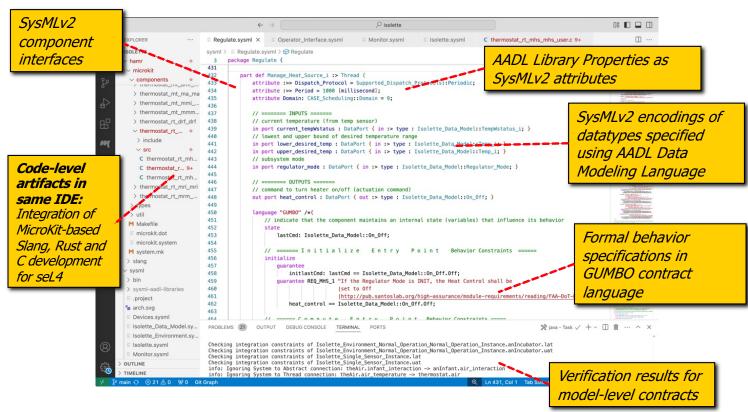
AADLv2 / SysMLv2 review

RTESC WG

- Working with OMG RTESC working group to prototype AADL concepts in SysMLv2
- We are one of the most active participants working on building end-to-end tools for formal methods and code generation
- "Trail blazers" on integrating formal contract languages in SysMLv2 IDE

VSCode SysMLv2 HAMR Front End

We developed a VSCode SysMLv2 HAMR front-end based on the SysIDE VSCode plug-in



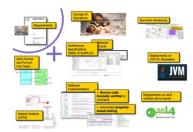
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Artifacts & Workflow -- Detailed Technical Report

Isolette – Infant Incubator



- 9 Real-time Tasks
- ~40 component-level requirements
- Interestesting modal behavior



End-to-end Artifacts

- ConOps
- Testing
- Use Cases
- Verification
- Requirements
- Assurance Case
- Models
- Contracts

The Isolette System: Illustrating End-to-End Artifacts for Rigorous Model-based Engineering (Collins Aerospace INSPECTA Technical Report)

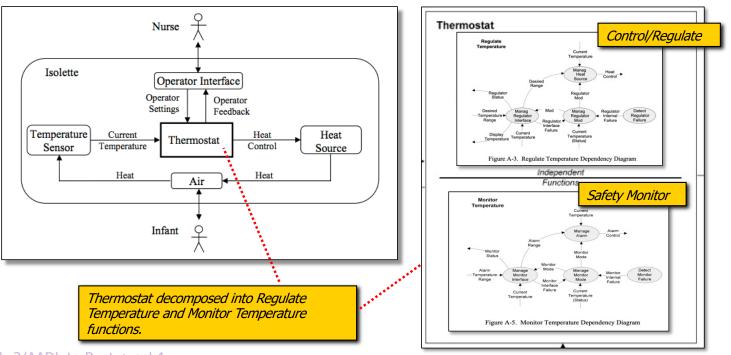
B.3 GUMBOX Artifacts Illustrated ...
B.4 Assurance Artifacts
C Component Verification - Slang

D System Simulation and Visualization - Slang

John Hatcliff and Jason Belt The Isolette System: Illustrating End-to-End Artifacts for Rigorous M. Engineering (Collins Aerospace INSPECTA Technical Report) John Hatcliff and Jason Belt Introduction . . 1.2 Document Objectives . 1.3 Example Choice Justification and Limitations 2 HAMR Approach to Formal Methods-Integrated Model-Based Development $2.1\,$ Motivation for Scoping and Research/Development Approach . 2.2 HAMR Scoping for Code Generation and Formal Methods Integration 3 Artifact Overview 4.2 INSPECTA Development Tasks for Requirements and Initial Design 5.1 AADL Model . 5.2 SysMLv2 AADL Profile Transla 6 Model-level Behavioral Specifications 6.2 SysMLv2. 7 Component Development . 7.2 Code Generation with Embedded Contracts 7.3 Coding Application Logic . 7.4 Thread API: Port Access and Integration Constraints 8 Component Testing . . . 8.1 Manual Unit Testing Framework . 8.2 Contract Checking via GUMBOX 9 Component Verification . . 10 System Scheduling . . 11 System Simulation and Visualization 12 Next Steps in the Development of This Report. A Component Development: AADL A.1 Code Generation with Embedded Contracts A.2 Coding Application Logic . . . B Component Testing - Slang...... B.1 Manual Unit Testing Framework

REMH - Informal Designs

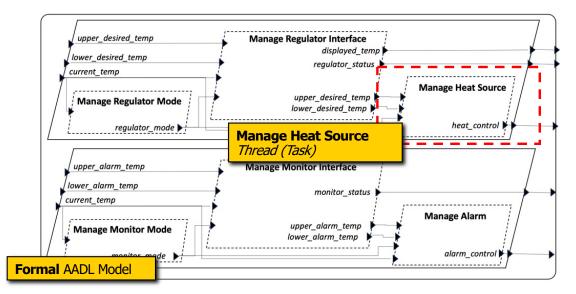
The FAA REMH decomposes the Isolette into a control system and safety monitor subsystem with three tasks each

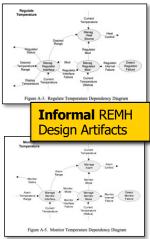


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Using AADL to Represent Design

AADL Model is a straightforward rendering of the design diagrams in the FAA REMH

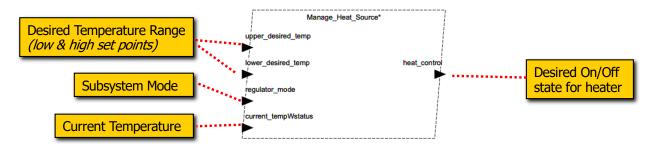




This example (software aspects) is worked **completely end-to-end** from requirements, to contracts, to automatically tested and verified application code, to deployment on seL4, Linux, JVM, JavaScript. **All artifacts are publicly available.**

Manage Heat Source Thread

AADL Interface for Manage Heat Source Thread



thread Manage_Heat_Source features

```
-- ======= INPUTS ======

-- ("Current Temperature") - current temperature (from temp sensor)

current_tempWstatus: in data port Isolette_Data_Model::TempWstatus.impl;

-- ("Desired Range") - lowest and upper bound of desired temperature range
lower_desired_temp: in data port Isolette_Data_Model::Temp.impl;

upper_desired_temp: in data port Isolette_Data_Model::Temp.impl;

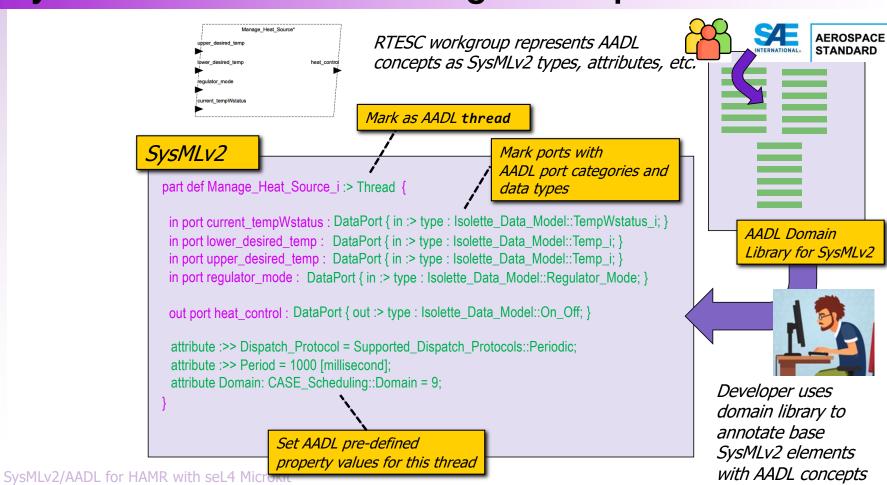
-- ("Regulator Mode") - subsystem mode

regulator_mode: in data port Isolette_Data_Model::Regulator_Mode;

-- ======= OUTPUTS ======

-- ("Heat Control") - command to turn heater on/off (actuation command)
heat_control: out data port Isolette_Data_Model::On_Off;
```

SysMLv2 + AADL Modeling Concepts



AADL / SysMLv2 Component Types Side-by-Side

```
AADL
thread Manage Heat Source
 features
  current_tempWstatus: in data port Isolette_Data_Model::TempWstatus.impl;
  lower desired temp: in data port Isolette Data Model::Temp.impl;
  upper desired temp: in data port Isolette Data Model::Temp.impl;
  regulator_mode: in data port Isolette_Data_Model::Regulator_Mode;
  heat control: out data port Isolette Data Model::On Off;
 properties
  Dispatch Protocol => Periodic;
  Period => Isolette_Properties::ThreadPeriod;
SysMLv2
part def Manage_Heat_Source_i :> Thread {
                                                                          Appearance is similar
    in port current_tempWstatus : DataPort { in :> type : Isolette_Data_Model::TempWstatus_i; }
    in port lower_desired_temp : DataPort { in :> type : Isolette_Data_Model::Temp_i; }
    in port upper_desired_temp : DataPort { in :> type : Isolette_Data_Model::Temp_i; }
    in port regulator_mode : DataPort { in :> type : Isolette_Data_Model::Regulator_Mode; }
    out port heat control : DataPort { out :> type : Isolette Data Model::On Off; }
    attribute :>> Dispatch_Protocol = Supported_Dispatch_Protocols::Periodic;
    attribute :>> Period = 1000 [millisecond];
    attribute Domain: CASE Scheduling::Domain = 9;
```

Challenges

Challenges in migrating AADL Formal Methods to SysMLv2

- SysMLv2 has no "annex mechanism"; need to figure out how to represent AADL Annexes
 - behavior contracts, architectural constraints language, hazard analysis
- Representation of AADL Properties
 - model configuration parameters
- Formal semantics of run-time behavior
 - Development of SysMLv2 "semantics" and "formal methods" is spread across several OMG working groups and is struggling to focus
 - SysMLv2 is big and general, so it is hard for committees to develop a precise semantics that satisfies their committee mandate

Natural Language Requirements for Thread

FAA REMH requirements for Manage Heat Source task

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Requirements for control laws of this task...

REQ-MHS-1: If the Regulator Mode is INIT, the Heat Control shall be set to Off.

Rationale: A regulator that is initializing cannot regulate the Current Temperature of the Isolette and the Heat Control should be turned off.

REQ-MHS-2: If the Regulator Mode is NORMAL and the Current Temperature is less than the Lower Desired Temperature, the Heat Control shall be set to On.

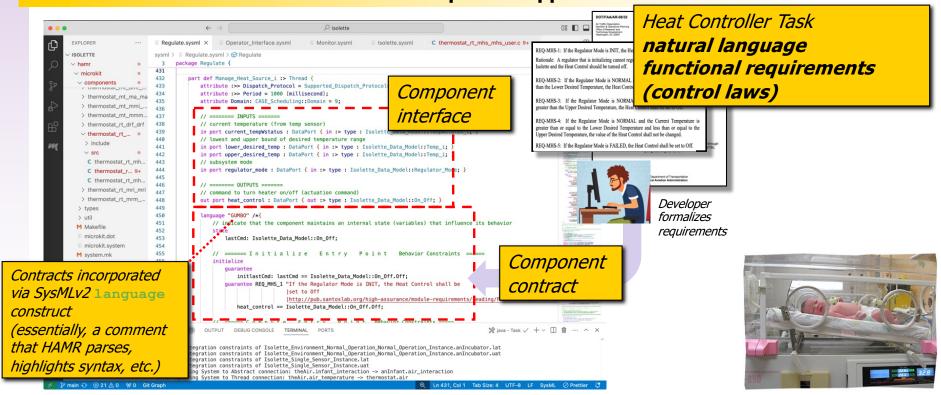
REQ-MHS-3: If the Regulator Mode is NORMAL and the Current Temperature is greater than the Upper Desired Temperature, the Heat Control shall be set to Off.

REQ-MHS-4: If the Regulator Mode is NORMAL and the Current Temperature is greater than or equal to the Lower Desired Temperature and less than or equal to the Upper Desired Temperature, the value of the Heat Control shall not be changed.

REQ-MHS-5: If the Regulator Mode is FAILED, the Heat Control shall be set to Off.

Component Requirements to Contracts

GUMBO contracts are written together with the thread interface in the VSCode SysIDE plug-in using a customized editor extension that we developed to support contracts



Component Requirements to Contracts

Example: One contract from *heater control laws* in **Manage Heat Source** Thread (a periodic component), with traceability to natural language requirements.

Mode condition
(..if the mode is Normal)

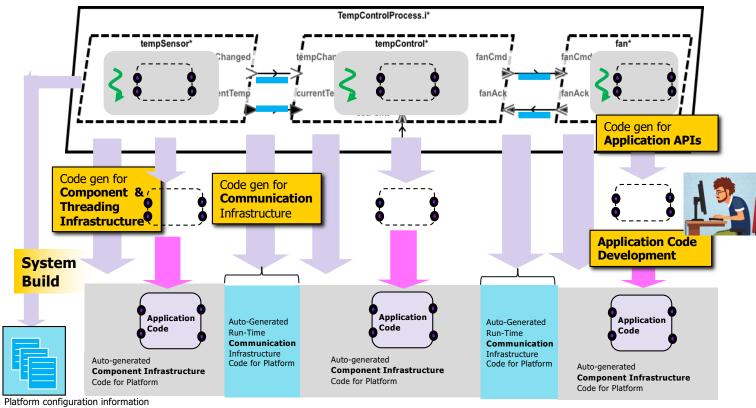
Compare current temperature to desired range

(...if temperature is below the target range)

> Set the desired state of the heater (...turn heater On, to warm up the Isolette)



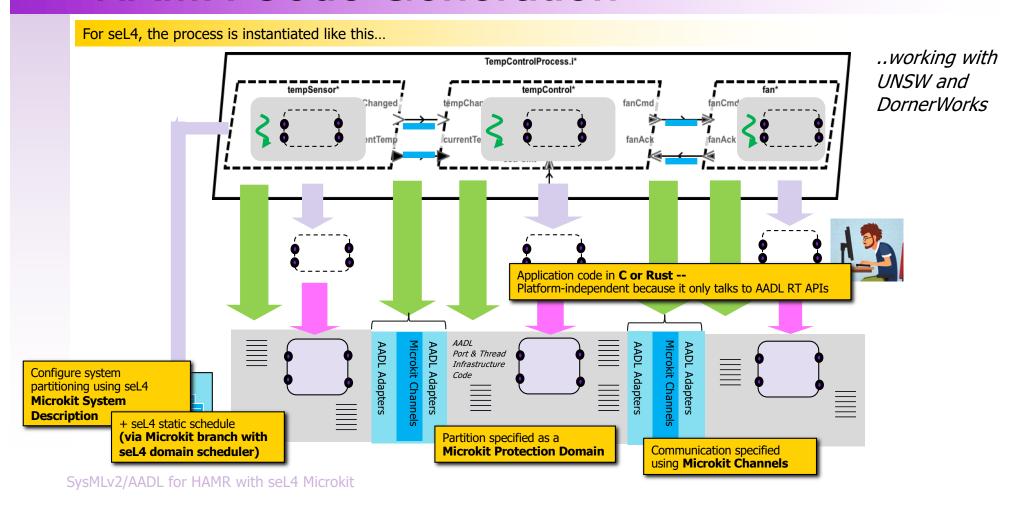
HAMR Code Generation



Platform configuration information (e.g., **seL4 partitioning** and protection information)

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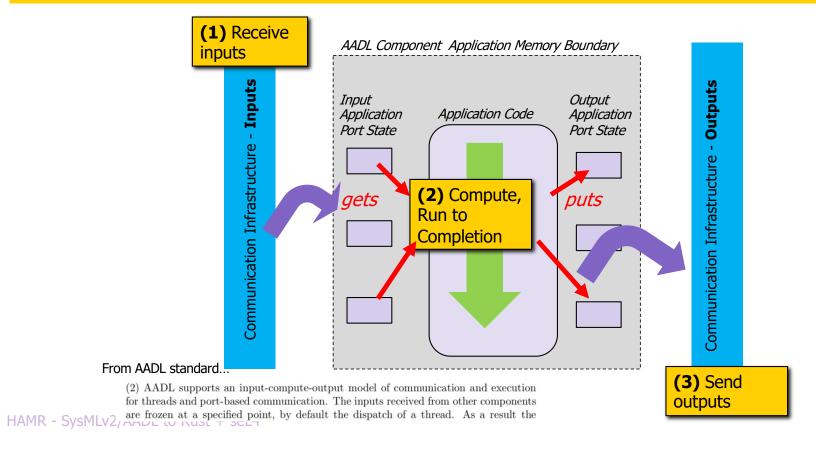
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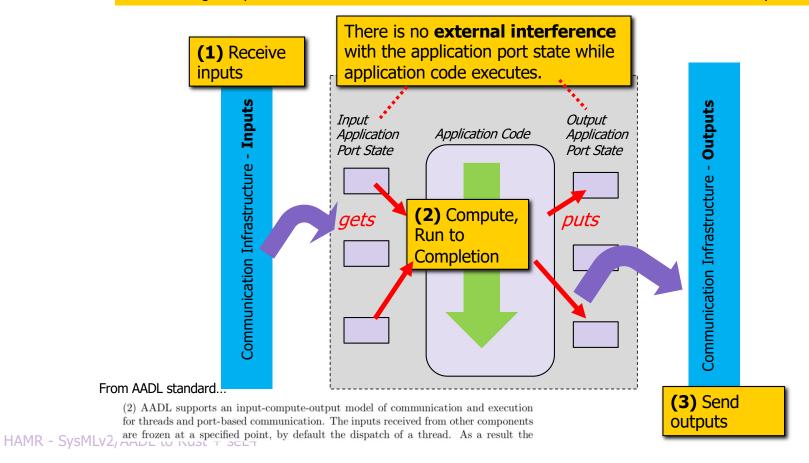
On each dispatch, AADL threads follow a well-known **input-compute-output** pattern for real-time tasks that simplifies analysis and verification...





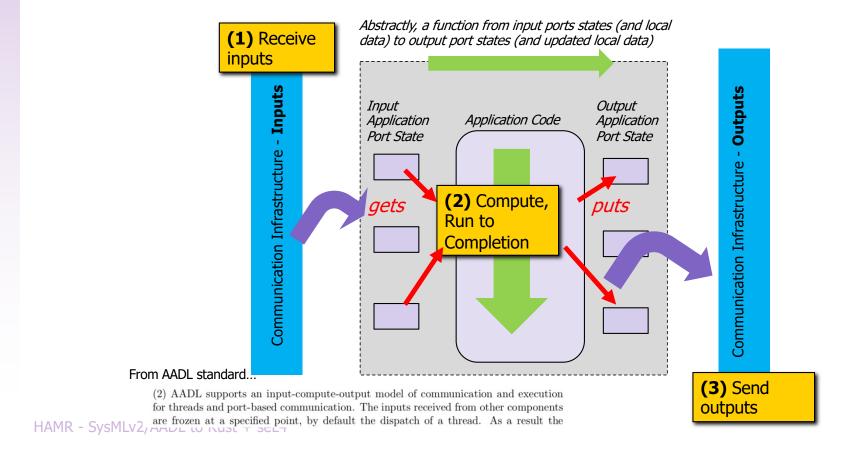
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AADL tasking and port semantics ensures no interference with other threads or communication layer



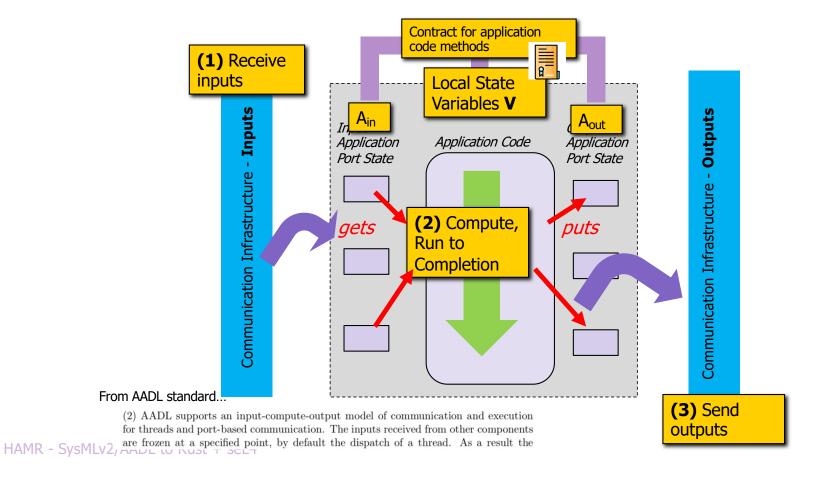


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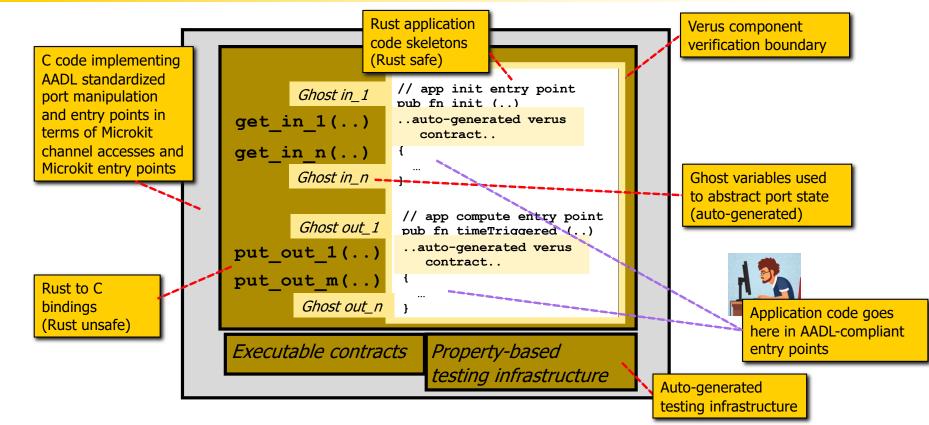


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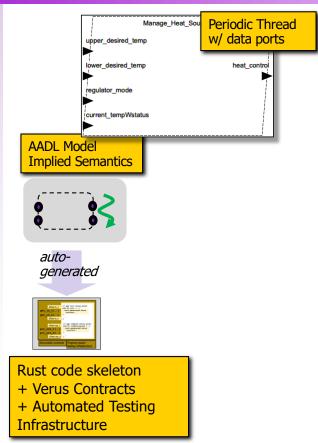


Outline of Protection Domain Structure

For each SysMLv2/AADL periodic Thread component, HAMR generates the following Microkit PD code...



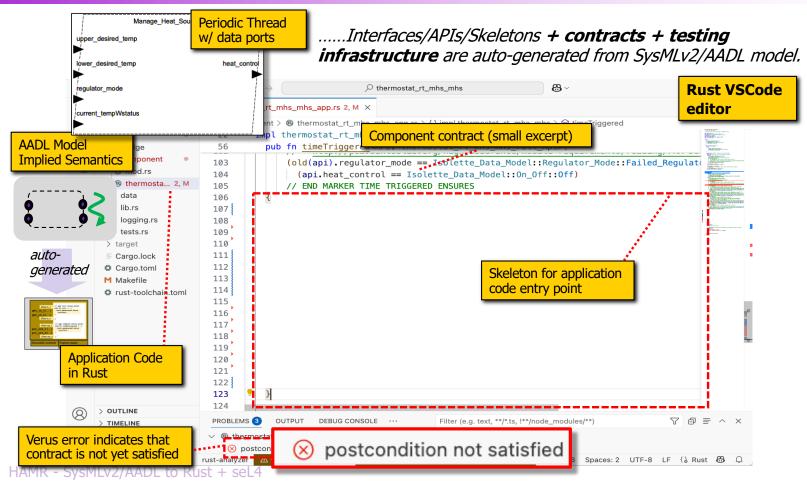
Auto-generated Skeleton, Contracts, Testing



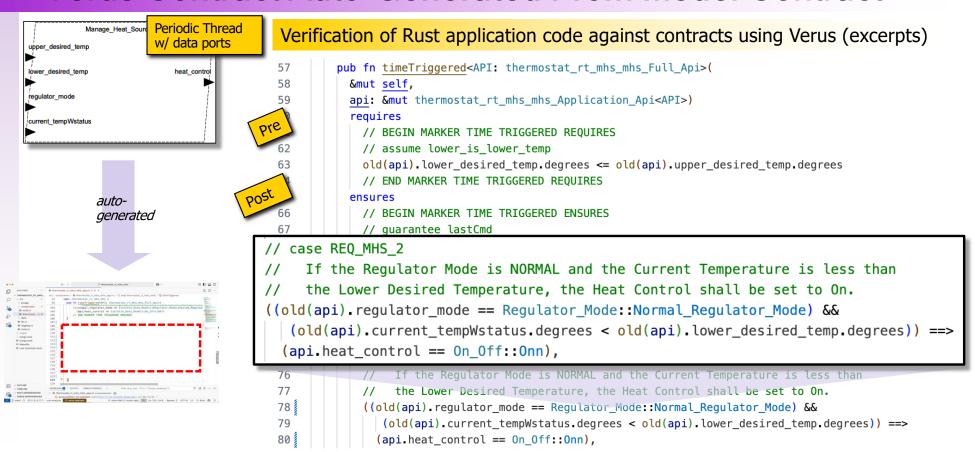
.....Interfaces/APIs/Skeletons + contracts + testing infrastructure are auto-generated from SysMLv2/AADL model.

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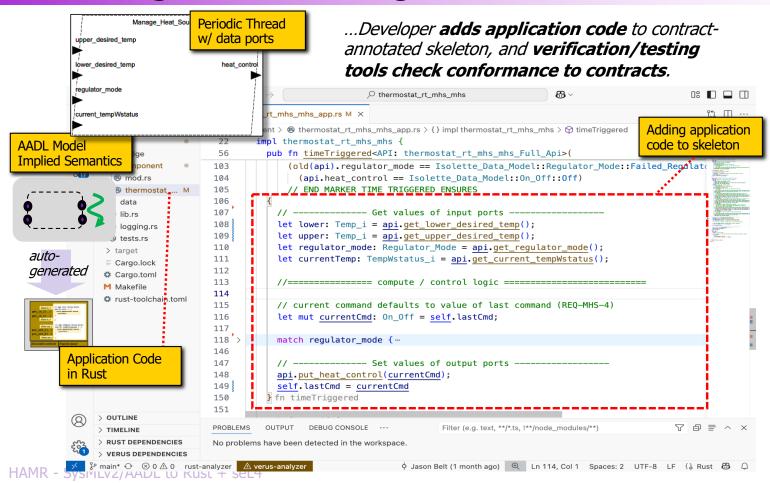
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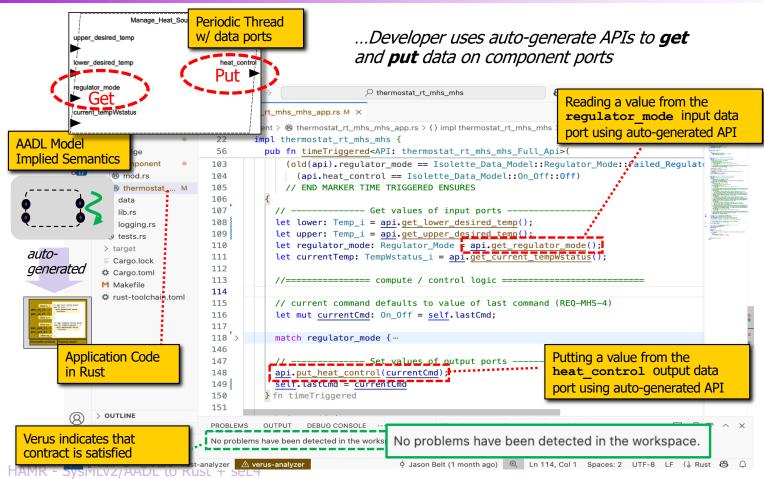
Verus Contract Auto-Generated From Model Contract



Coding and Background Verification

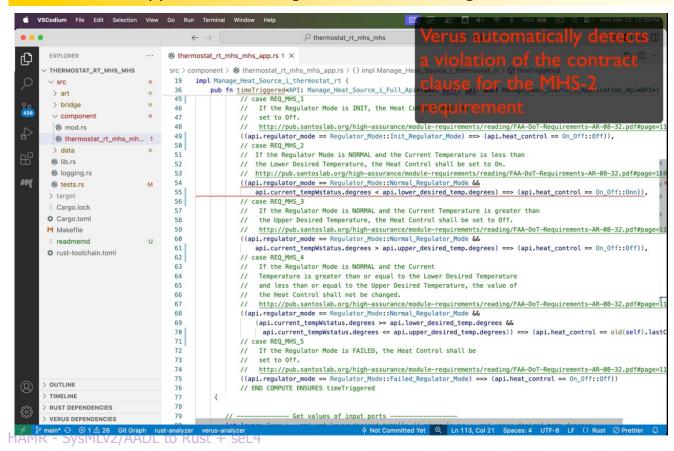


Coding and Background Verification



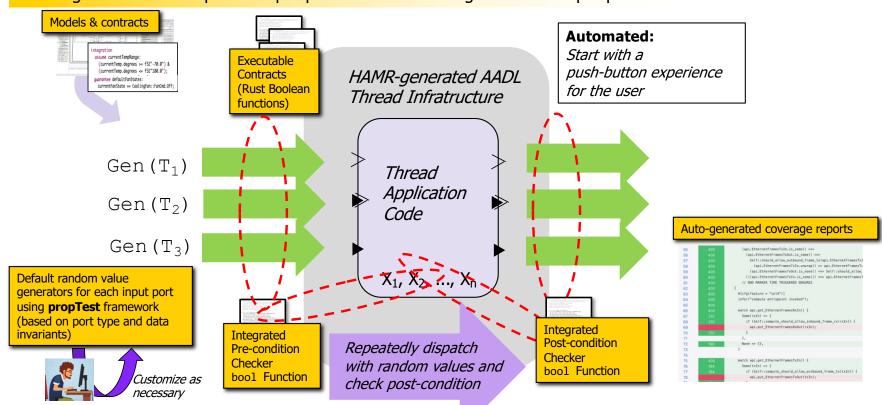
Demo

Verification of application code against contracts using Verus verification tool...



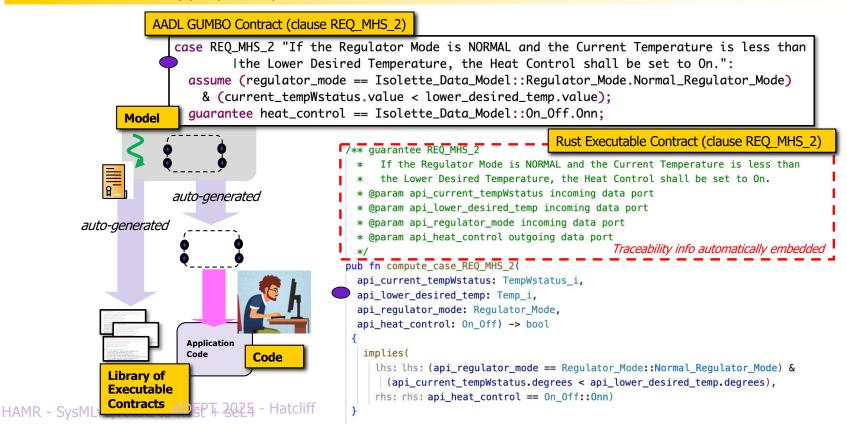
Automated Testing to Contracts

For every thread component, HAMR auto-generates property-based testing infrastructure for inserting values into component input ports and for checking values of output ports.



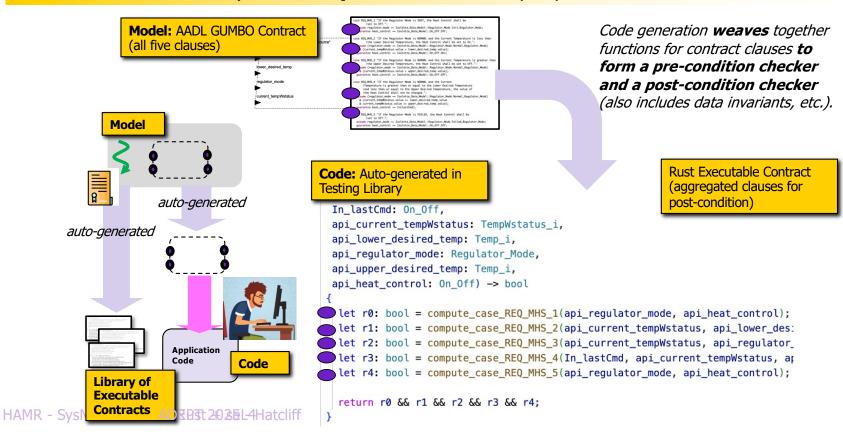
HAMR-generated Executable Contracts

Each clause in **model-level** GUMBO contracts is translated to a **code-level** Boolean function in Rust that works on the appropriate port/thread state elements



HAMR-generated Executable Contracts

Complete set of **Model-level** GUMBO contract clauses are translated to a hierarchy of executable Boolean functions in Rust (**code-level**) to form executable pre/post conditions and test oracles.



HAMR-generated Randomizing Test Runner

HAMR automatically generates test runner infrastructure with default random value generators for each input port. The executable contract is automatically used behind the scenes as a test oracle.

```
Press this button and you automatically get 1000's of random
testComputeCB_macro! {
                              tests against the component contract
  prop_testComputeCB_default, // test name
  config: ProptestConfig { // proptest configuration, built by overriding fields from default config
      cases: numValidComputeTestCases,
      max_global_rejects: numValidComputeTestCases * computeRejectRatio,
      verbose: verbosity,
                                                               auto-generated configurations for propTest
      ..ProptestConfig::default()
                                                                framework
  // auto-generated strategies for generating each component input
  api current tempWstatus: test api::Isolette Data Model TempWstatus i strategy default(),
  api_lower_desired_temp: test_api::Isolette_Data_Model_Temp_i_strategy_default(),
  api_regulator_mode: test_api::Isolette_Data_Model_Regulator_Mode_strategy_default(),
  api upper desired temp: test api::Isolette Data Model Temp i strategy default()
                                                              auto-generated propTest
                                                              random value generators for each input port
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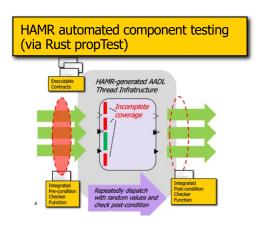
Default random generators are often easy to customize to increase coverage, reduce #'s of discarded tests, obtain tests for specific features, etc.

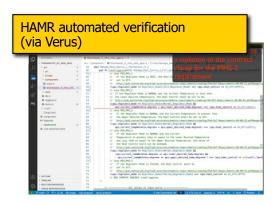
```
testComputeCB_macro! {
  ▶ Run Test | Debug
  prop testComputeCB default, // test name
  config: ProptestConfig { // proptest configuration, built by overriding fields from default config
      cases: numValidComputeTestCases,
     max global rejects: numValidComputeTestCases * computeRejectRatio,
     verbose: verbosity,
                                                                           Customizing a numeric
      ..ProptestConfig::default()
                                                                           generator to a particular range
  },
// developer-customized strategies for generating each component input
api_current_tempWstatus: test_api::Isolette_Data_Model_TempWstatus_i_stategy_cust
    95..=103,
    test api::Isolette Data Model ValueStatus strategy default()),
api_lower_desired_temp: test_api::Isolette_Data_Model_Temp_i_stategy_cust(94. = 105),
api_regulator_mode: test_api::Isolette_Data_Model_Regulator_Mode_strategy_default(),
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Developer-customized generators

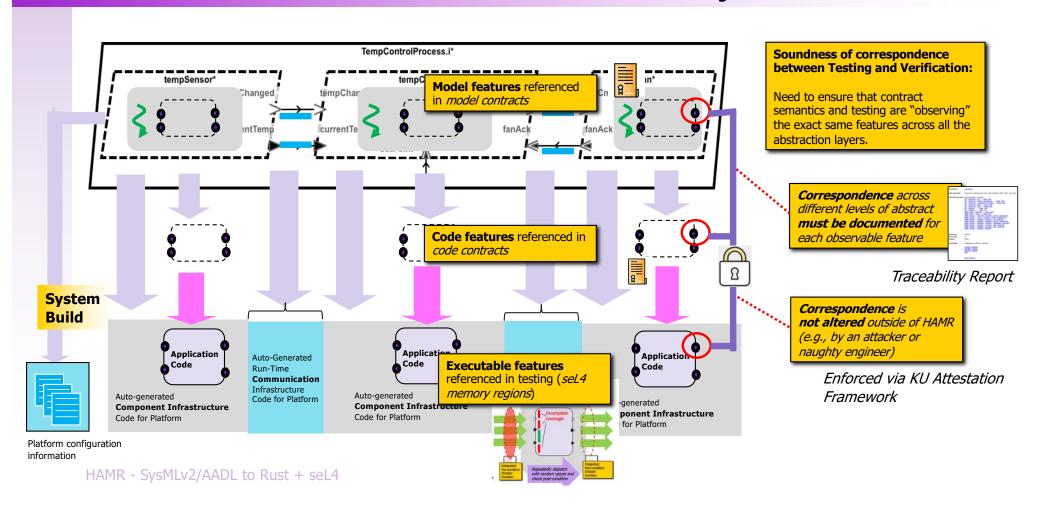
Benefits - Integrated Testing / Verification

- Immediately launch 1000's of default tests, check conformance to contracts
 - Debug contracts; gradually move to Verus
- When Verus verification fails, generate concrete failing tests that can be given to developers to run through debugger
- When Verus/SMT cannot handle certain language features; use testing for lowerconfidence assurance
 - Maybe be a step taken before handing off certain VCs from Verus to Lean
- Testing and verification derived from the exact same GUMBO contracts



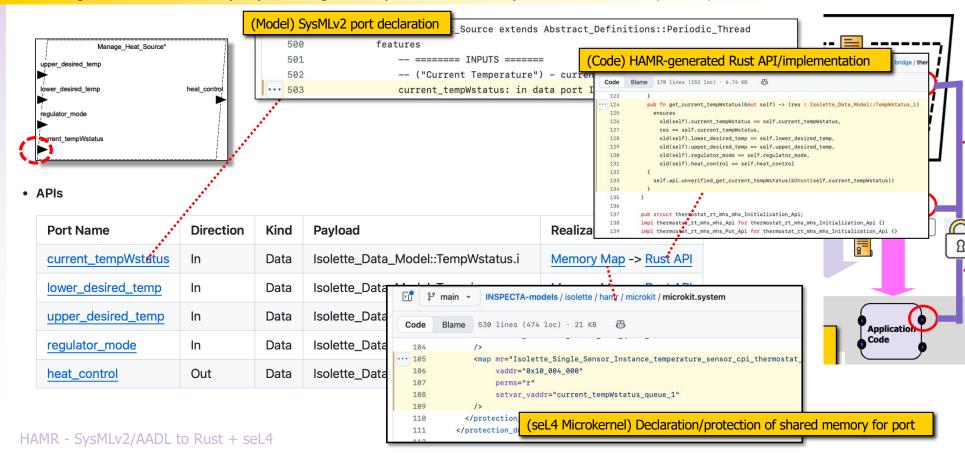


HAMR Observations/Traceability Framework

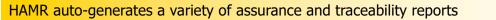


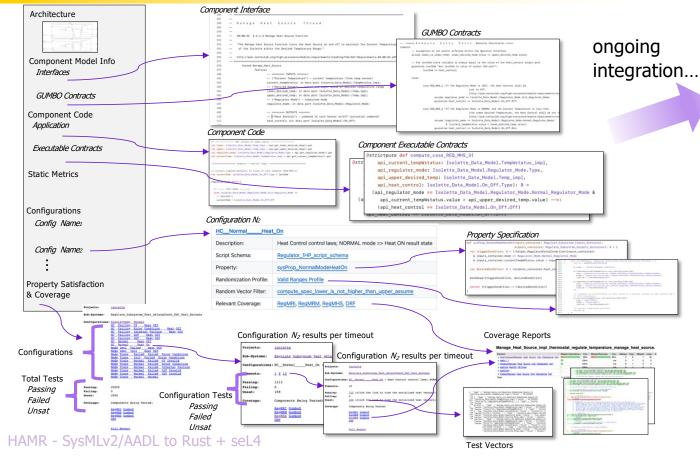
Auto-generated System Feature Traceability for Manage Heat Source Port (GitHub Markdown)

HAMR auto-generates traceability reports, e.g., for a port – relationships between model, code, kernel artifacts



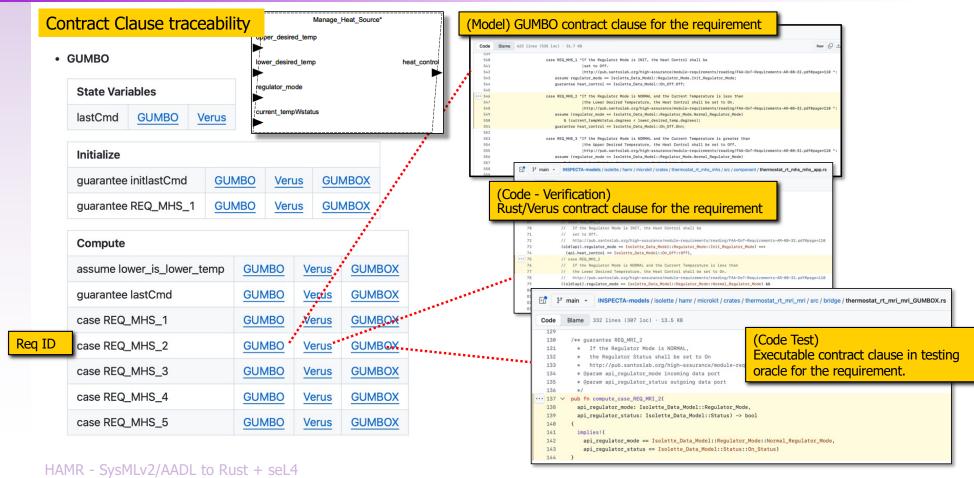
Assurance and Traceability Reports







Auto-generated Contract Traceability for Manage Heat Source Requirement (GitHub Markdown)



Conclusions -- Themes

- Raising the abstraction level
 - "patterns for Microkit protection domains" for application components
 - choosing patterns to be amenable to component/system assurance
 - representing patterns/abstractions in standardized modeling languages
 - separating developer view of the pattern (higher-level) from seL4/microkit realization (lower-level)
- Auto-generation support for development tasks
 - build scripts, VM configuration, testing, logging
- Leveraging specifications for both verification and testing
- Integrating activities from broader industry ecosystems, especially those related to assurance activities

Plans - Next Six Months

- System Reasoning
 - Formal system specifications
 - System Testing / Run-time Monitoring
 - System Verification
- Continued evolution of Microkit target
 - More systematic scheduling and communication, support for LionsOS concepts
- Efficiency improvements for seL4 microkit and hardening of infrastructure code
- Build-out for assurance framework, traceability, attestation