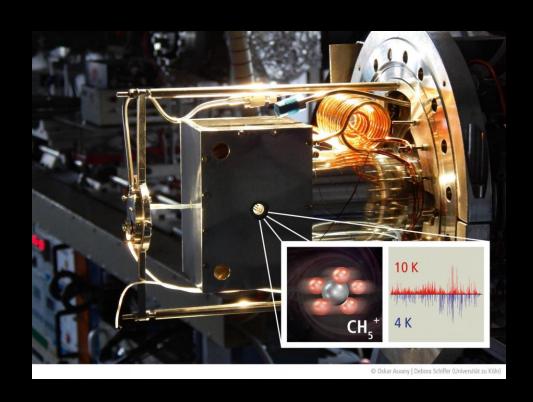


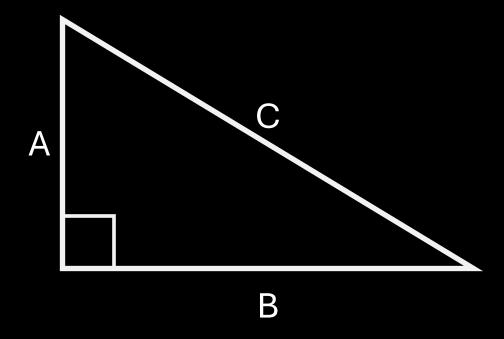
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Science

learning about the world as it exists, without bias





Engineering

Creation backed by evidence and science





Not Engineered

Engineered

Craftsmanship

Creation backed by best practice and experience







Magic

Use of tools without knowledge of how they work

"Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic."

- Arthur C. Clarke

Magic

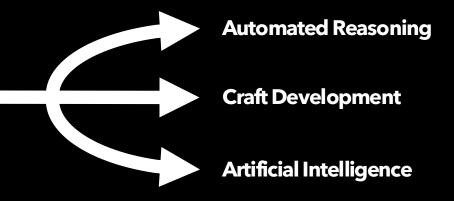
Use of tools without knowledge of how they work



Every API you call without reading and understanding its backing code







Software Craft

Software is built as a craft

We follow rules of tradition

Can't guarantee it works or is secure

Software Magic

Al embraces complexity to its extreme

Results are Magical, but unpredictable

Nobody knows how a given model works

Software Engineering

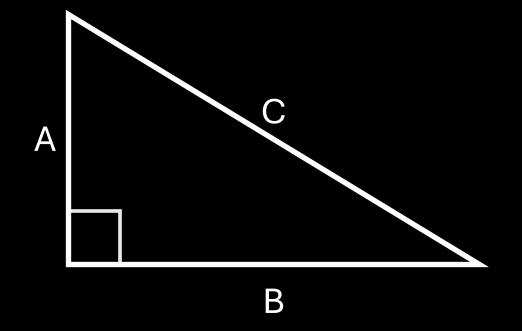
Formal Methods use math to *know* software

Proof it works the same way 100% of the time

Brings software into the age of engineering



Automated Reasoning



Pythagorean's Theorem

$$A^2 + B^2 = C^2$$

The proof is a *spec* for right triangles

$$3*3 + 4*4 = 5*5$$

It shows any instance is correct



Software verified by Automated Reasoning is Engineered Software

Almost no software today is engineered Exception: Cryptography / Defence

So What?

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Craftsmanship thinking dominates Software Crafted software is already "good enough"
Open/Free/Community grew out of Craftsmanship Low to no liability for failed software

Engineering is anathema to today's software community Math sounds hard. Don't make me learn new things Engineering is expensive! I like free / supported by others Engineering means accountability! No way! Resist!



Software Engineering is inevitable

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"Cold war 2.0" is targeting civilian infrastructure such that defense and infrastructure are now the same thing

Al on the edge raises the urgency for resilience, safety

Just like other engineering disciplines, software engineering will become regulated, licensed, safe

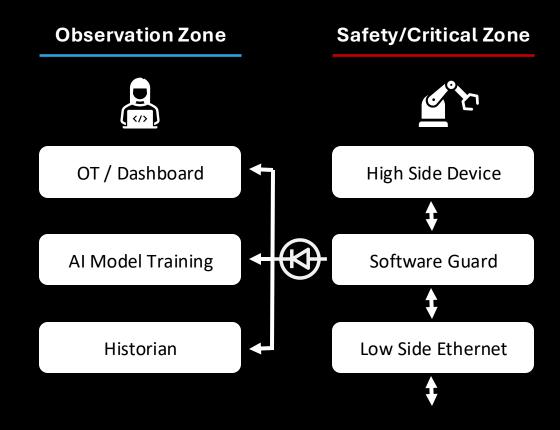
European Cyber Resilience act is the first step towards regulating software on devices by law





Real World Engineering

- Provable freedom from interference for compliance with evidence
- Minimum to zero downtime during updates - while machines are running
- Highly resilient Any failure recoverable with minimal impact
- Assured rollback and update installation without physical access



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Call to Action

- Embrace Certification and raise the bar!
 We must push for required verification in all safety certifications
- Common language, messaging, and goals
 Automated Reasoning
 Software Engineering
 Resilience and Safety
- Transition from craftsmanship to engineering is a struggle Trust, reputation, readiness - Don't confuse research with commercial Don't let this take generations



Success Criteria

- Projects under development
 Diversity of use cases. Not a monoculture.
- Deployed, active devices
 Measured in millions, then Billions

 Active, managed, deployed is more important than built or demonstrated
- Health of community
 Number of engineers in community, and at events
 Code sharing velocity



Thank you