

FORMAL VERIFICATION OF EMBEDDED SOFTWARE

THROUGH FRAMA-C

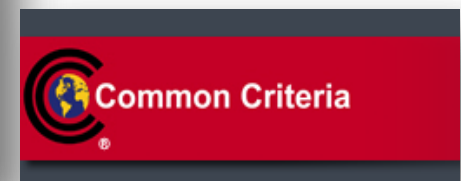
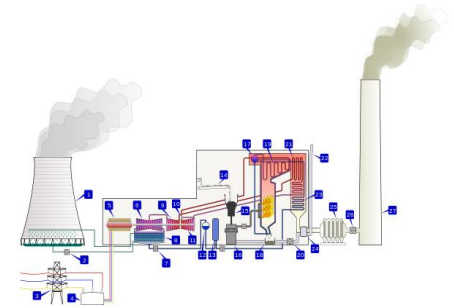
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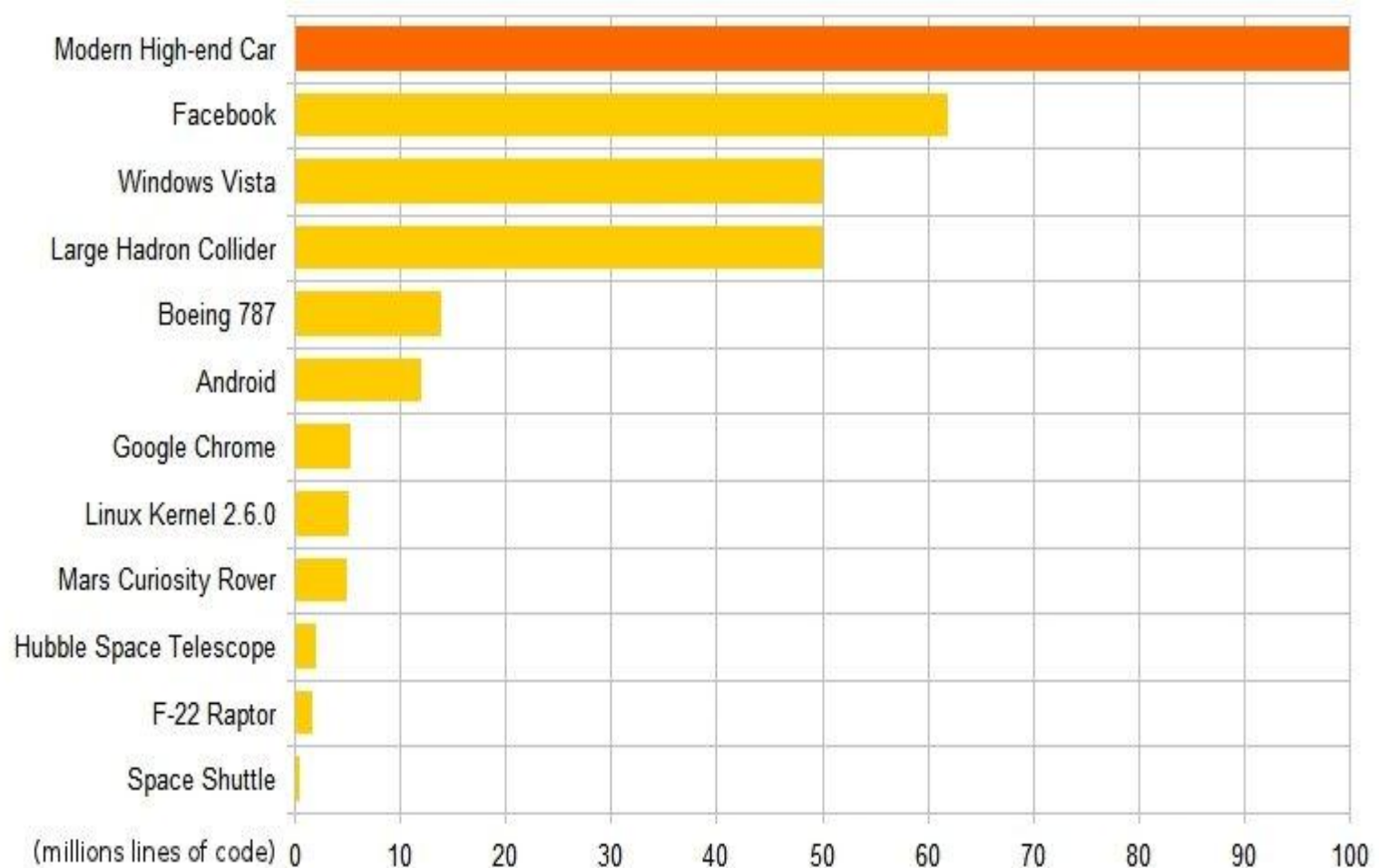
OUTLINE

- **Formal verification of embedded software through Frama-C**
 - Why do we trust (our) software?
 - What is Frama-C?
 - Some industrial usage
- **Frama-C/Value**
- **Frama-C/WP**

TRUST **WHY DO WE
(OUR) SOFTWARE?**

- ✓ Software systems are becoming larger and more complex
- ✓ Life-critical software cannot be permitted to exhibit unexpected behaviors or security vulnerabilities
- ✓ Stringent certification standards require strong guarantees
 - ✓ DO-178B/C for aerospace safety
 - ✓ EN 50128 for rail safety
 - ✓ ISO 26262 for road vehicles (since 2011)
 - ✓ IEC 62304 for medical equipment
 - ✓ CENELEC 61508 reference
 - ✓ Common Criteria EAL7 for security





the number of errors partly depends on the software size...



Level 1:
prevention of
abnormal
operation

Level 2:
control of
abnormal
operation

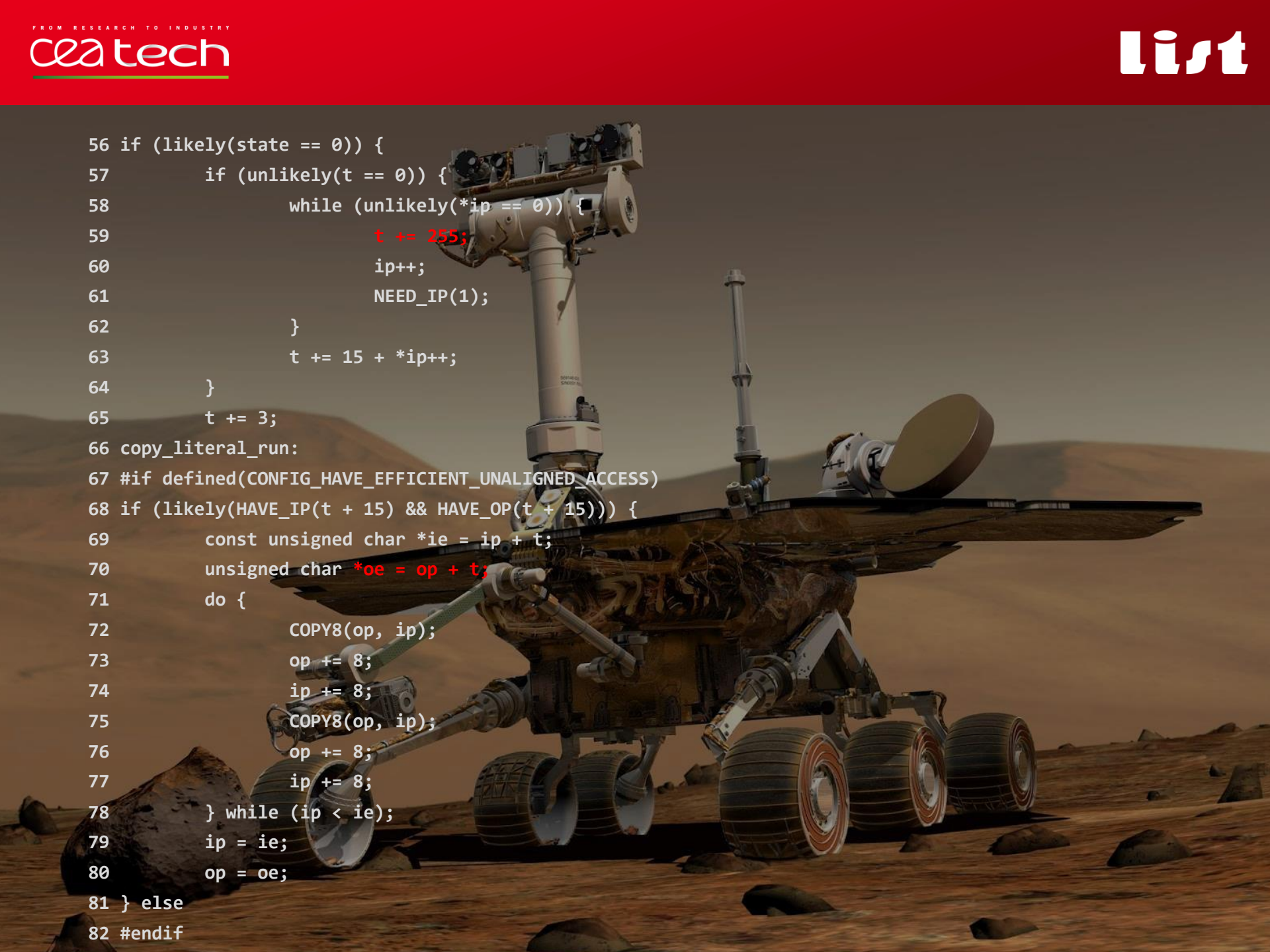
Level 3:
control of
accidents

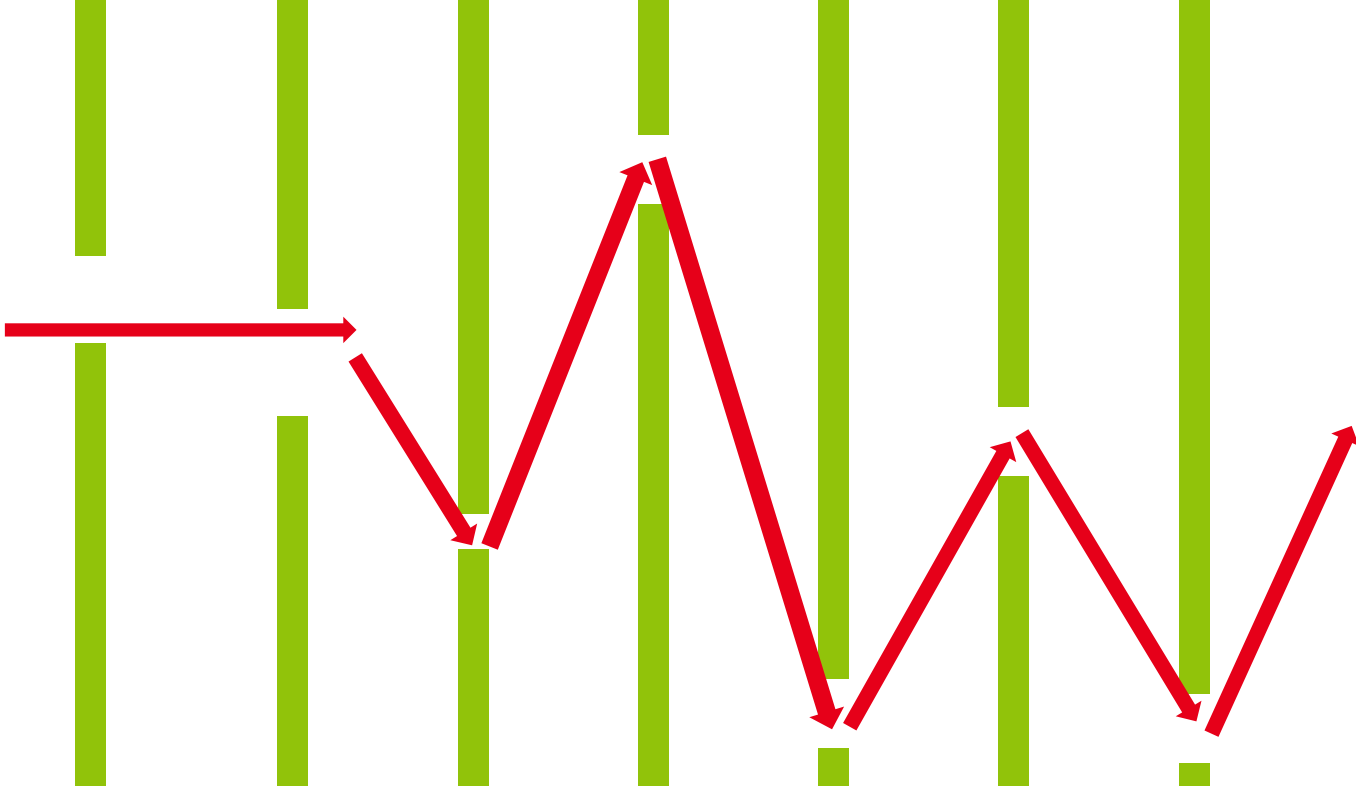
Level 4:
prevention of
accident
progression

Level 5:
consequence
mitigation



```
56 if (likely(state == 0)) {
57     if (unlikely(t == 0)) {
58         while (unlikely(*ip == 0)) {
59             t += 255;
60             ip++;
61             NEED_IP(1);
62         }
63         t += 15 + *ip++;
64     }
65     t += 3;
66 copy_literal_run:
67 #if defined(CONFIG_HAVE_EFFICIENT_UNALIGNED_ACCESS)
68 if (likely(HAVE_IP(t + 15) && HAVE_OP(t + 15))) {
69     const unsigned char *ie = ip + t;
70     unsigned char *oe = op + t;
71     do {
72         COPY8(op, ip);
73         op += 8;
74         ip += 8;
75         COPY8(op, ip);
76         op += 8;
77         ip += 8;
78     } while (ip < ie);
79     ip = ie;
80     op = oe;
81 } else
82 #endif
```

A detailed image of a Mars rover, likely a Curiosity rover, positioned on a rocky, reddish-brown Martian surface. The rover is shown from a side-on perspective, highlighting its six large, treaded wheels, its complex suspension system, and its various scientific instruments. A prominent feature is the large, circular, gold-colored antenna on the right side of the rover's deck. The background shows a hazy, orange-brown sky and distant, low-lying hills, creating a sense of a vast, desolate landscape. The overall lighting is soft, suggesting either dawn or dusk on Mars.



Network
Firewall

Network
translation

Workstation
firewall

Application
integrity

Kernel
controls

Hypervisor
separation

Hardware
watchdog




```
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2553 int
2554 tls1_process_heartbeat(SSL *s)
2555     {
2556     unsigned char *p = &s->s3->rrec.data[0], *pl;
2557     [...]
2561     /* Read type and payload length first */
2562     hbtype = *p++;
2563     n2s(p, payload);
2564     pl = p;
2565     [...]
2571     if (hbtype == TLS1_HB_REQUEST)
2572     {
2573     [...]
2583         /* Enter response type, length and copy payload */
2584         *bp++ = TLS1_HB_RESPONSE;
2585         s2n(payload, bp);
2586         memcpy(bp, pl, payload);
2587         bp += payload;
2588         /* Random padding */
2589         RAND_pseudo_bytes(bp, padding);
2590
2591         r = ssl3_write_bytes(s, TLS1_RT_HEARTBEAT, buffer,
2592         3 + payload + padding);
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2595             s->msg_callback(1, s->version,
2596             TLS1_RT_HEARTBEAT,
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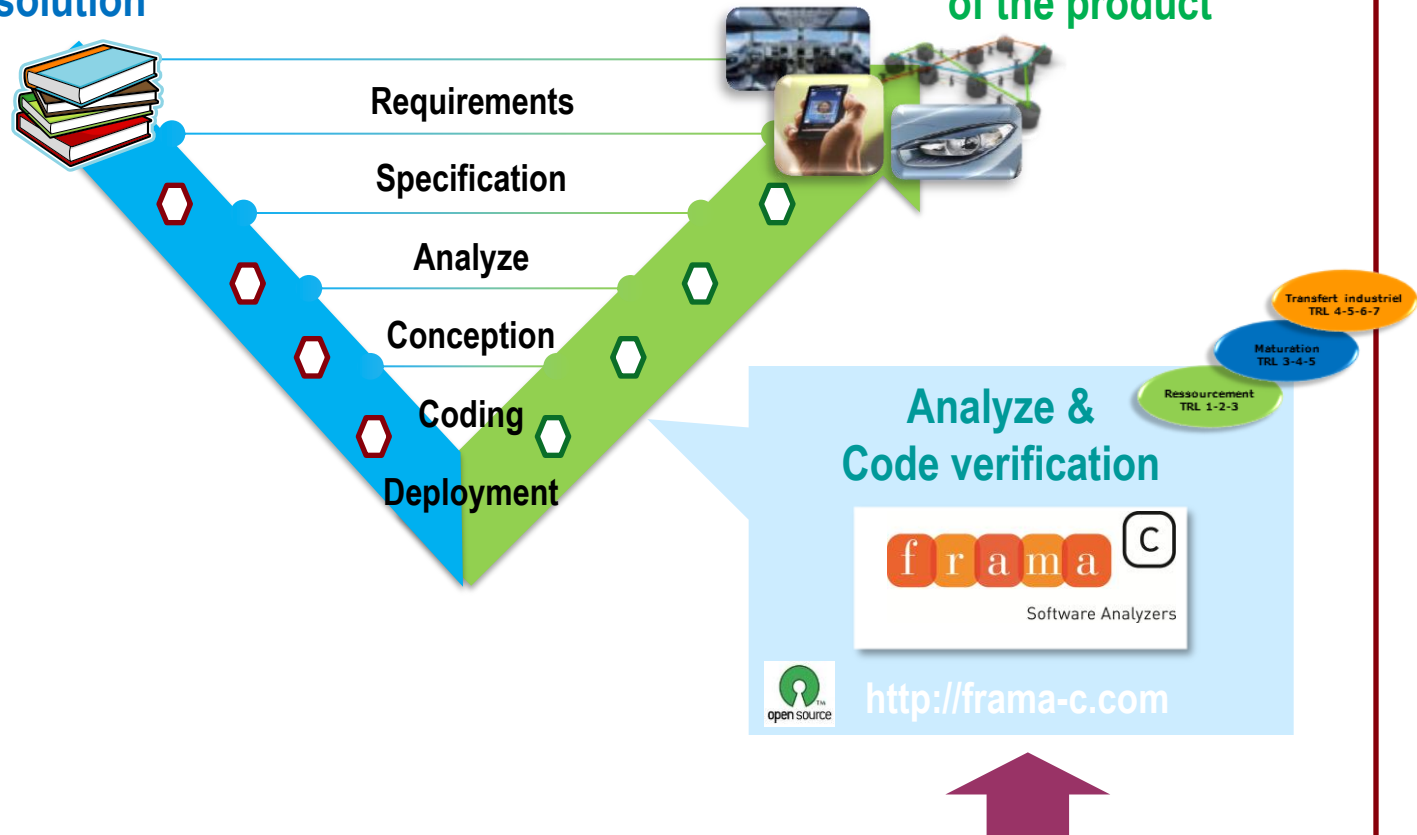


TOOL FOR HIGH CONFIDENCE
SOFTWARE & SYSTEMS

V&V on the second phase of the cycle

Specification & conception
of the solution

Verification & Validation
of the product



HOW DO WE TRUST A SOFTWARE?



- Provide **guarantees** that it has « **no error** »
 - It never crashes
 - It behaves as expected
- What is the **expected behavior**?
 - **Specification**
- How to **ensure** that **the runtime behavior is the expected one**?
 - Full **compliance** of the software wrt its specification
- Is it possible? At what cost?

WHAT WOULD BE A PERFECT TOOL?

What perfect tool **T** in order to guarantee that a program **P** satisfies a specification **S**?

1. provide **P** and **S** as input to **T**
2. press « enter »: automatic analysis
3. **T** looks at **S** and **T**, without executing them: static analysis
4. **T** instantaneously provides an answer
 - ✓ yes, **P** satisfies **S**
 - ✓ no, it doesn't : there is an issue at this program point.
5. be sure that the tool answer is correct

Unfortunately, perfection does not exist...

RICE THEOREM (1953)

An automatic exact static analysis is not possible



Any property which is

- **extensional** (which depends on the program semantics and not on the syntax)
- **not trivial** (neither always true nor false)

is

- **undecidable** (any algorithm which decides whether such a property is valid either loops forever or is wrong for an infinity of input programs)

PRAGMATIC SOLUTIONS TO A THEORETICAL ISSUE

Relax (at least) one constraint

- **Test**: execute the program in order to find bugs
 - Most standard industrial practice
 - Not exhaustive: cannot prove the absence of errors
- **Model checking** (Clarke & Emerson 81, Queille & Sifakis 82)
 - Verify a model of the program
 - Compliance of the program wrt its model?
- **Deductive methods** (Dijkstra 76)
 - Mathematical reasoning about the program
 - Not fully automatic
- **Abstract interpretation** (Cousot & Cousot 77)
 - Correct approximation of the program behavior
 - May answer « I don't know »



FRAMA-C



- developed by **CEA LIST** since 2005 (in collaboration with Inria)
- **platform for the analysis of source code written in C** (ISO C 99)
- Open source (LGPL v2.1)
- Close source extensions for industrial usage
- **several analyzers** inside
- **extensible and collaborative** setting
- both for academic and industrial purposes

Several tools inside a single platform

<http://frama-c.com>

FRAMA-C: EXTENSIBLE AND COLLABORATIVE PLATFORM

- **plug-in based architecture** à la Eclipse
- each analyzer is a plug-in
- each plug-in is connected to the Frama-C **kernel**
 - the kernel provides **general services**
 - the kernel **synthesizes** information
- **analyzers may collaborate each other**
 - use results of others analysis
 - exchange formal ACSL properties to be verified
 - **ACSL** : *lingua franca* between analyzers



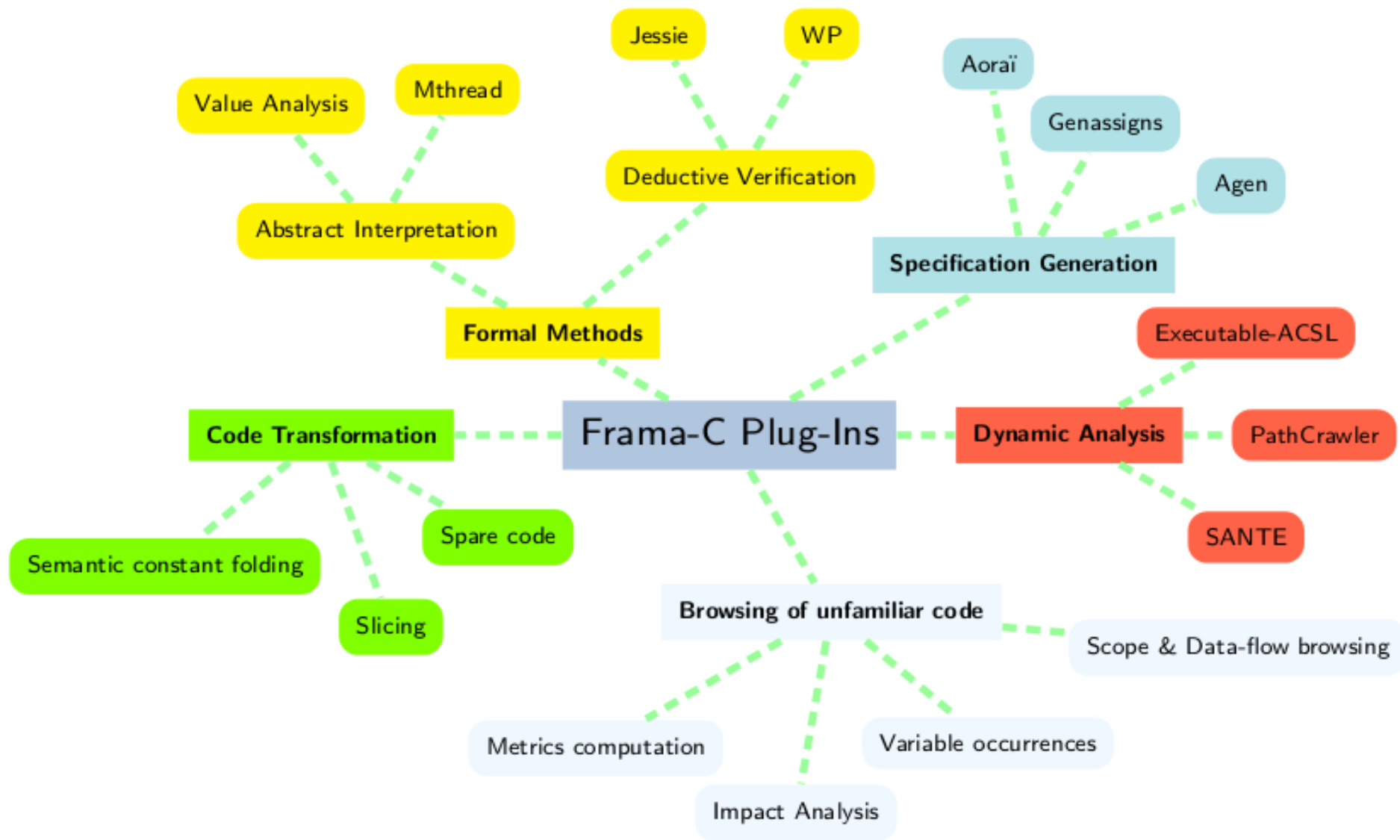
FRAMA-C: DEVELOPMENT PLATFORM

- developed in **OCaml** (>> 100 kloc)
- based on **Cil** (C Intermediate Language, Berkeley)
- **library dedicated to code analysis of C code**

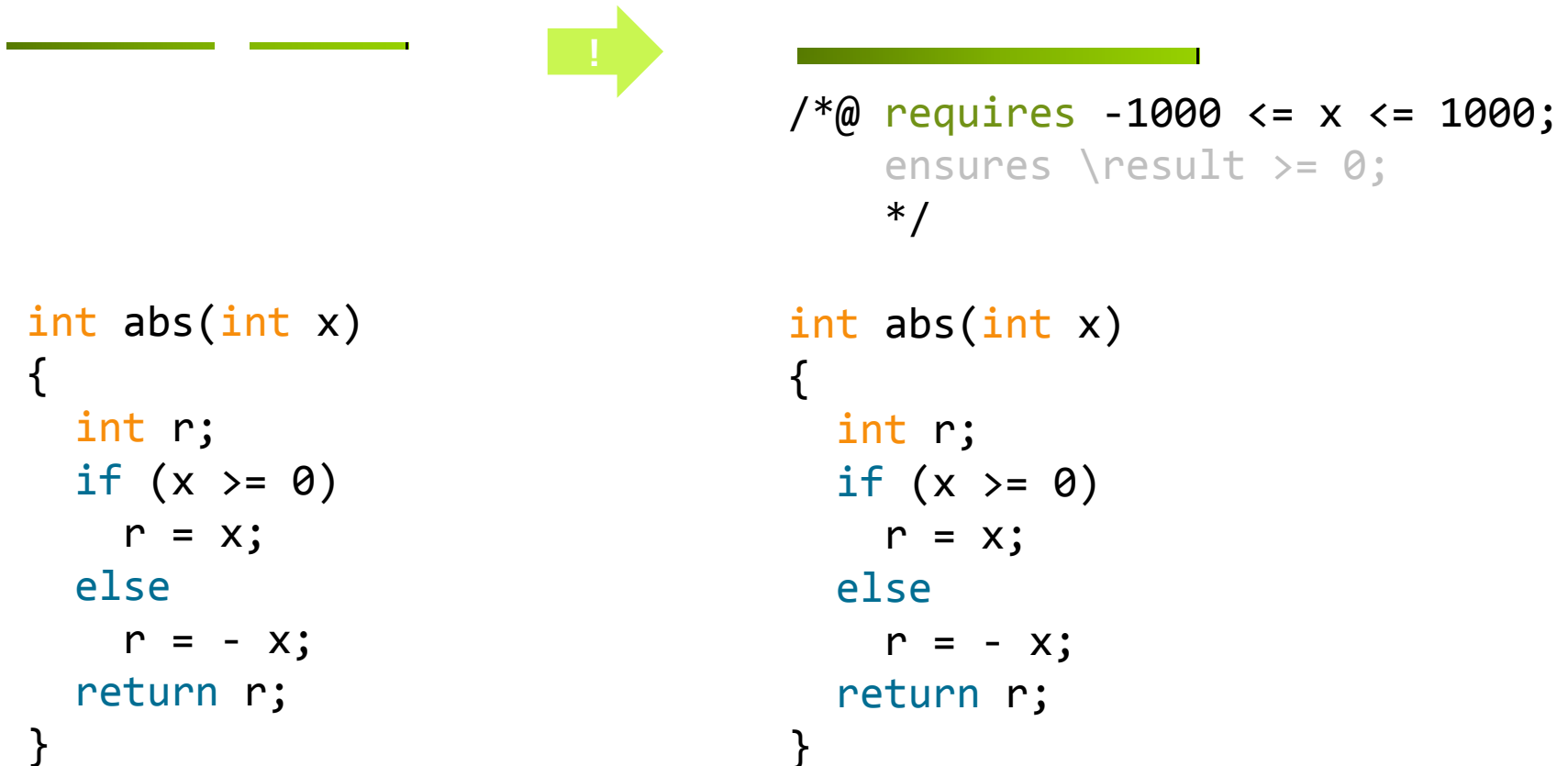


Development of plug-ins by third party

- **powerful low-cost analyzer**
- **extension** of existing analyzers
- experimentation platform
- dedicated plug-ins for **specific tasks** (e.g. verifying coding rules)



- properties are **formalized** using unequivocal specifications
- they can be hand-written
- they can be automatically generated
- they can be automatically verified



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**EXAMPLES OF
USAGES**

HIGH-QUALITY SOFTWARE AND SYSTEMS



Code Analysis :

```
while (x >= 1000) {  
  x = x - a;  
}
```

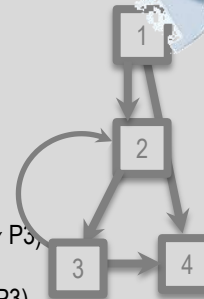
init(x)

$(1000 \leq x) \wedge (P1 \vee P3)$

$P3 : P2[x+a]$

$P4 : (x < 1000) \wedge (P1 \vee P3)$

Research of pre-conditions for infinite loops
(Threat example) $\rightarrow x \geq 1000 \wedge a \leq 0$



SAFETY
IEC60880

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DO-178C

ANALYZING INTRINSIC FAULTS | SCADASYSTEMS

Can we guarantee the absence of defaults in large system-level code?

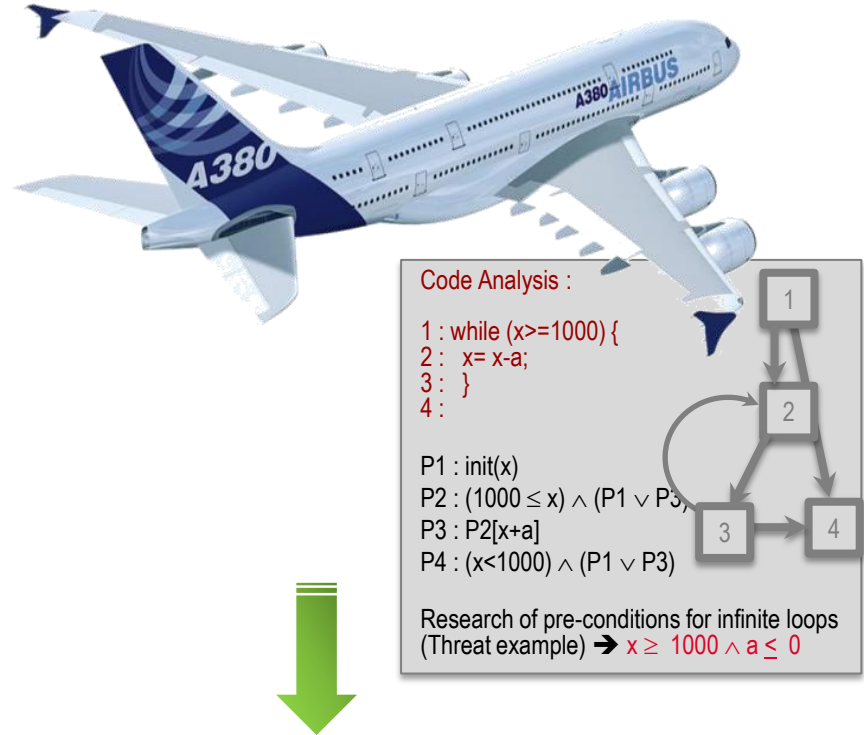
- Pinpoint all runtime errors and help investigate their cause
- Structural properties on memory separation and cyclic behaviors.
- Using collaborative, automated analyses.
- Justification and certification to IEC60880 Class 1

```
> 100+ kloc
> C source code
> Highest
    certification
    requirements
> 80% code coverage
> 200 alarms
```

VERIFYING PROPERTIES | #AVIONICS

How do we prove that embedded software properties are satisfied?

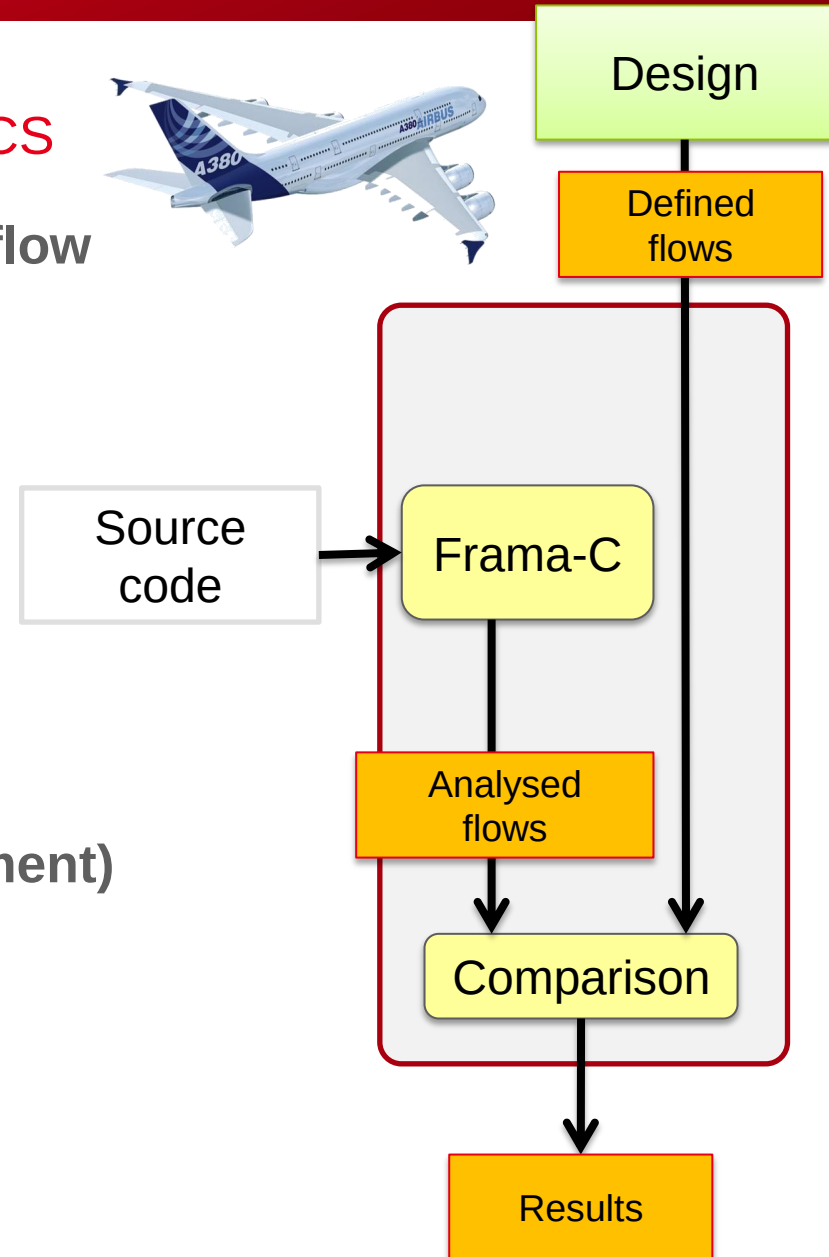
- Automate unit proofs on critical code
- Using C code interactive verification
- A380, A350 & A400M programs
- Qualification and certification to DO178B/C level A



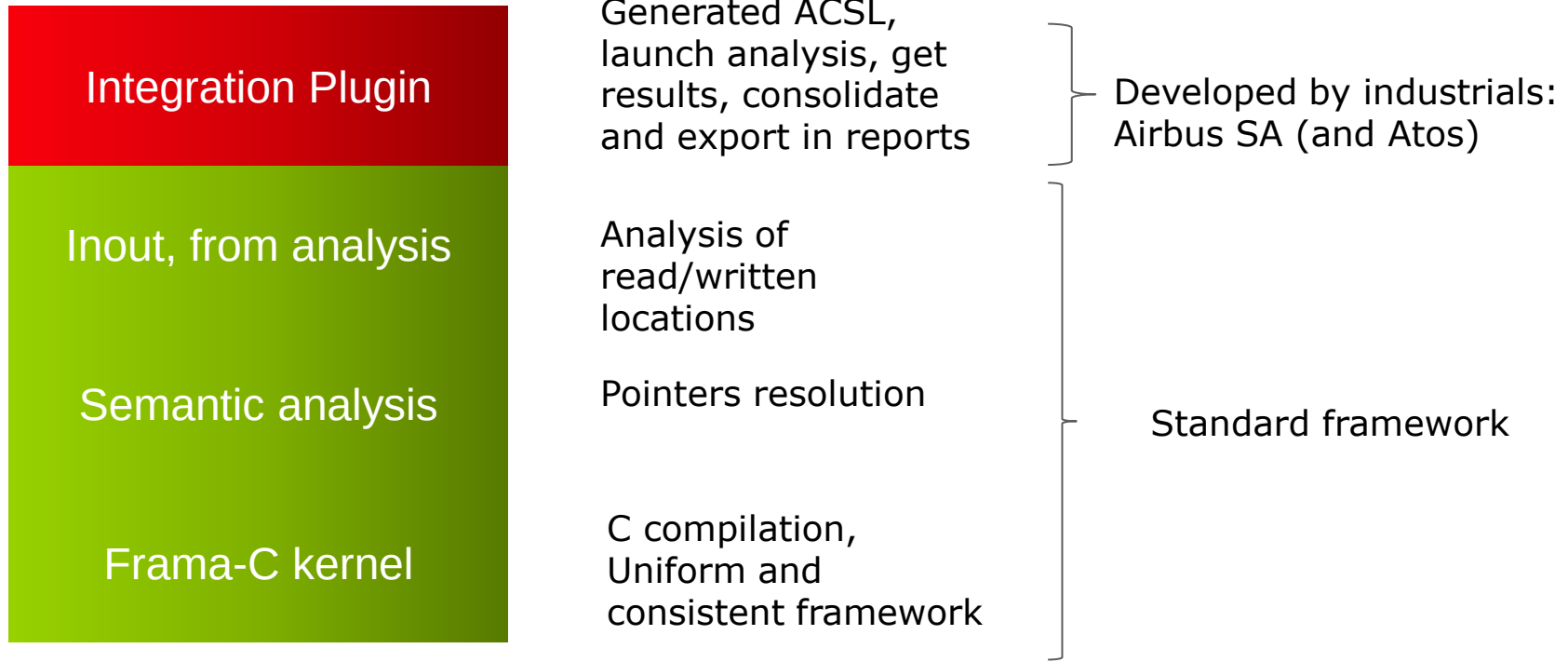
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VERIFYING PROPERTIES | #AVIONICS

- « Source code matches the data flow and control flow defined in the software architecture »
DO178B §6.3.4.b
- Traditionally performed by code review
- Automation objectives**
 - correction (pointers, data alignment)
 - ease of use (push-button)



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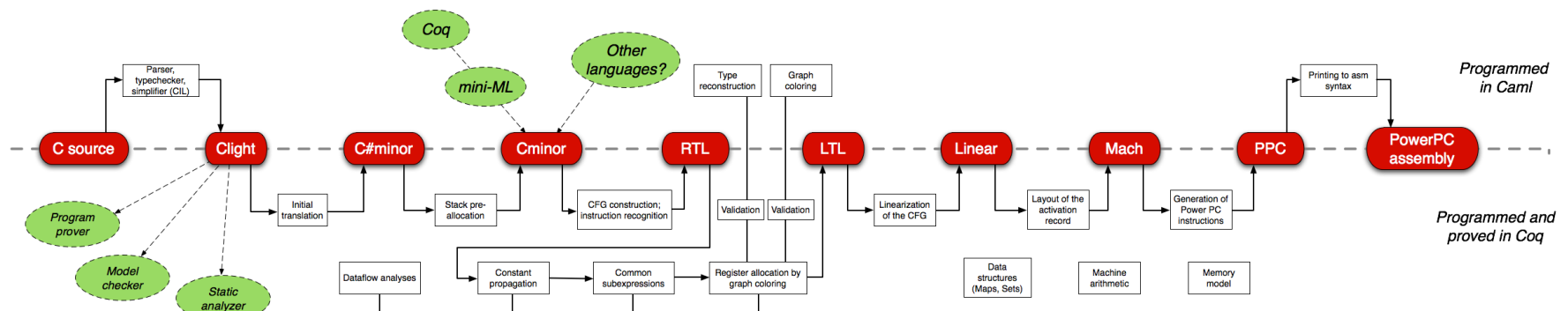


FORMAL COMPILER VERIFICATION | #DRAGONS



Can we formally design and implement an optimizing C language compiler?

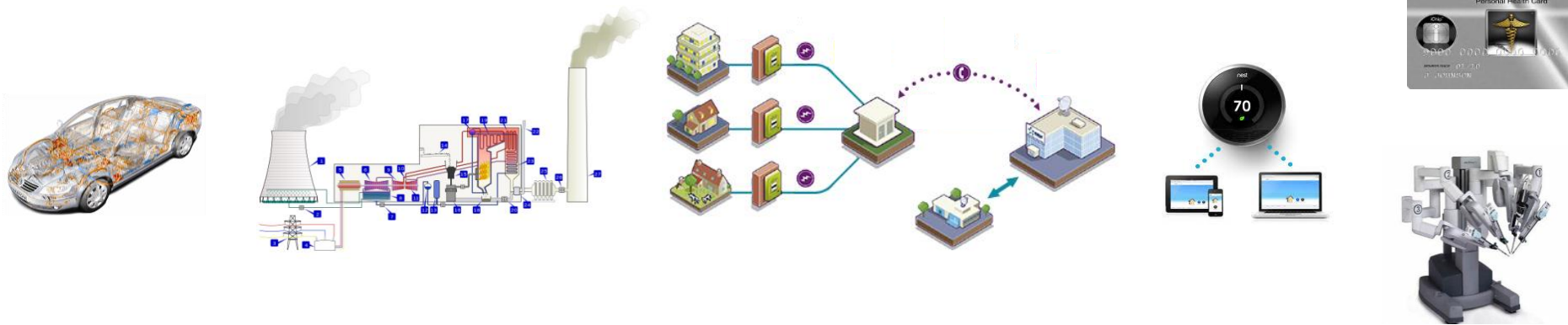
- Compcert compiler designed and implemented in formal higher-order logics with Coq
- MISRA-C 2004, recursive functions, dynamic memory allocation, PPC/ARM/IA32 targets
- Justification and certification to DO-178C Level A



**FROM
TO**

**SAFETY
SECURITY**

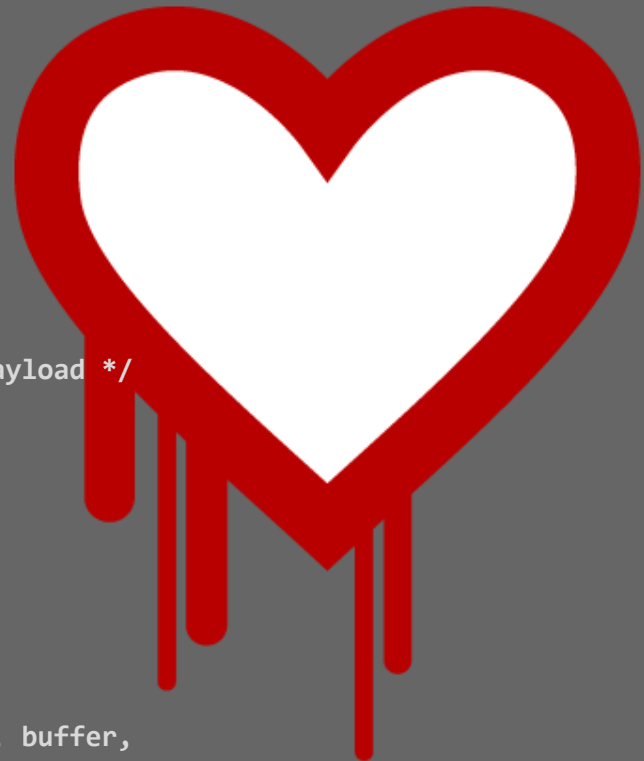
Software-intensive systems are spreading widely



SOCIETAL ACCEPTANCE DEMANDS 100% SECURITY GUARANTEES

- ➔ Formal modeling & validation of software assets
- Frama-C: verify *functional security*, check *data-flow boundaries*, guarantee the absence of *runtime vulnerabilities*, generate *test cases*...

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DETECTING SECURITY FLAWS | COTSCOMPRESSONLIBRARY

How do we reach the sophisticated “last vulnerabilities”?

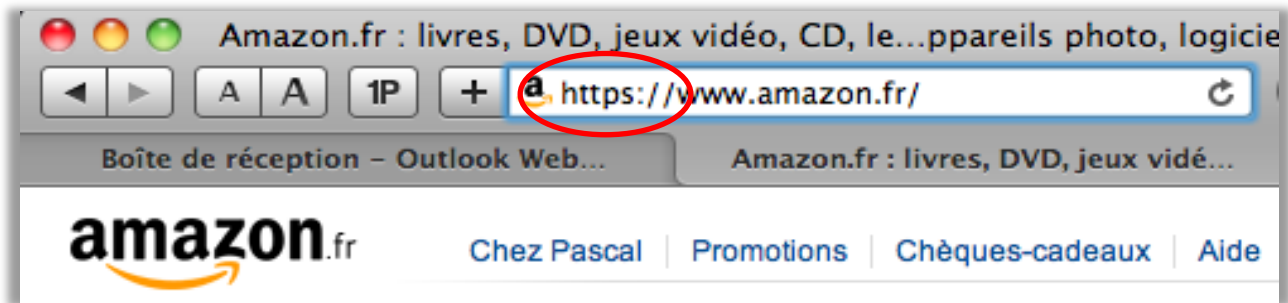
- Detect all occurrences of a given category of vulnerabilities.
- Using automated code analyses
- Handling general-purpose code constructs
- Ongoing analysis of the normative context



Fixed a condition where QLZ_MEMORY_SAFE could fail detecting corrupted data. Thanks to Pascal Cuoq and Kerstin Hartig who used **Frama-C's value analysis!**



VERIFICATION OF POLAR SSL | COTSCRYPTOLIBRARY



TOOL EXPOSITION & EVALUATION

Are software analysis tools as exhaustive as they claim?

- NIST's **Ockham Criteria** provides “known good” and “known bad” code
- Evaluated on the Juliet Test Suite – 27000 testcases
- Only tool able to satisfy the criteria in 2014
- Several bugs found in the Juliet benchmark



```
<weakness id="2958">
<name>invalid memory access</name>
<location
path="synthetic/testcases/CWE126_Buffer_Over
read/s02/CWE126_Buffer_Overread__malloc_wcha
r_t_loop_03.c" line="70">
</location>
<grade severity="4"/>
<output><textoutput><![CDATA[../ppc/share/li
bc/wchar.c:32:[kernel] warning: out
of bounds write. assert \valid(tmp);
                                stack: wmemset ::
testcases/CWE126_Buffer_Overread/s02/CWE126_
Buffer_Overread__malloc_wchar_t_loop_03.c:70
<-
                                goodG2B1 ::
testcases/CWE126_Buffer_Overread/s02/CWE126_
Buffer_Overread__malloc_wchar_t_loop_03.c:12
3 <-

CWE126_Buffer_Overread__malloc_wchar_t_loop_
03_good
]]></textoutput></output></weakness>
```



Frama-C for software safety and security

www.trust-in-soft.com

SOFTWARE DEVELOPERS

- Industrial support
- Commercial licenses
- Preinstalled workstations

SOFTWARE INTEGRATORS

Off-the-shelf validation kits for common open-source packages

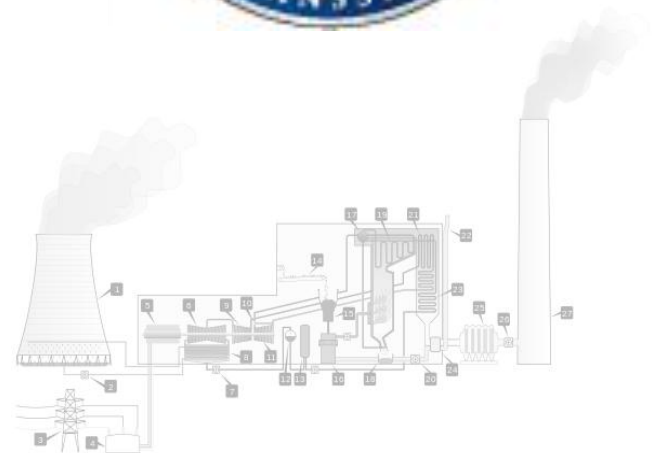
SERVICE PROVIDERS

Dedicated affiliate programs

CYBERSECURITY STANDARDISATION

What is the state of the art in software analysis?

- Guarantee the absence of runtime errors such as **buffer overflows** or **invalid pointers**
- Verify that an implementation adheres to a **formal security model**
- Impact analysis, monitor insertion, etc.



NEXT

**DECADE
TECHNOLOGIES**

RUNTIME MONITORING AND VERIFICATION

Is it possible to toughen runtime checks in dynamic and compositional systems?

- Automate monitor generation from formal specifications
- Benefit from static analyses to infer specifications and minimize overhead
- Use in conjunction with hardware enablers

```
int div (int x, int y) {
    // make sure *p != 0;
    return x / *p;
}
```



```
int div (int x, int y) {
    if (!is_valid(p)
        || *p==0)
        e_acsl_fail();
    return x / *p;
}
```



ADVANCED VALIDATION OF A SET OF INFORMATION FLOW PROPERTIES

Can we build on existing analysis tools to specify and verify custom privacy properties?

- Specification and verification of non-interference properties
- Mixed static / dynamic techniques
- Quantitative information flow analysis at TRL2

① *Specification of security properties*

```
/*@ requires security_state(x) == public()
*/
void send(int x);

int c;

void f(int public_arg) {
    int y = 1;
    int z = (int /*@ public */) public_arg;

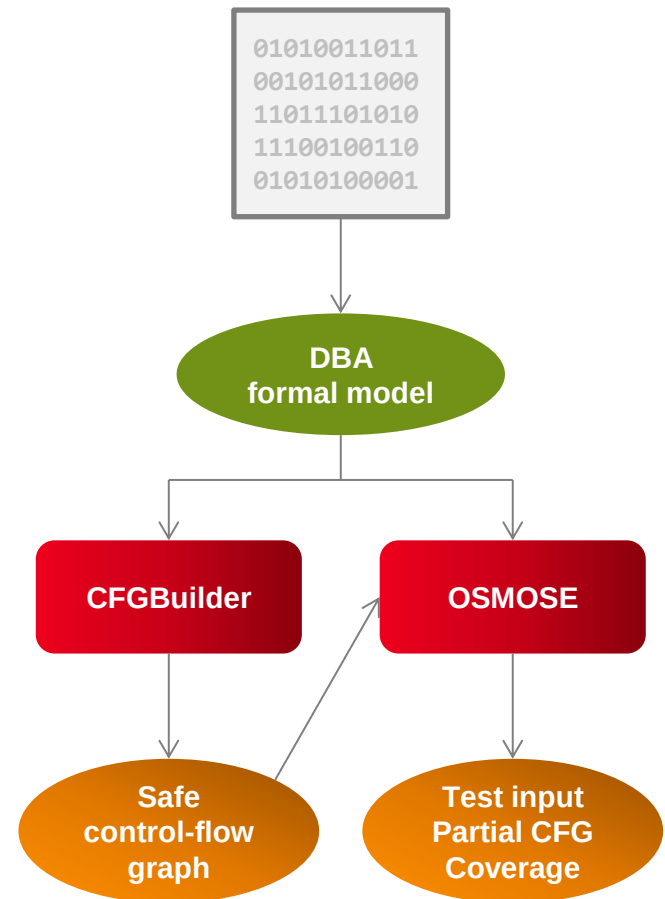
    crypt(&y);
    if (c) y = z;
    send(y);
}
```

② *Error found.*

MACHINE CODE SECURITY ANALYSIS

How much can we check when source code isn't an option?

- Intermediate language for machine code analysis (DBA)
- Safe control-flow graph reconstruction based on advanced refinement techniques
- Test data generation through dynamic symbolic execution





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