

# **High Assurance for Distributed Cyber Physical Systems**

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# DART Driving Vision

DARTs coordinate physical agents in an uncertain and changing physical world.

- Coordination – physical agents
- Timeliness – safety critical
- Resource constrained - UAVs
- Sensor rich – sensing physical world
- Intimate cyber physical interactions
- Automated adaptation to physical context
- Computationally complex decisions

\* DART = Distributed Adaptive Real-Time

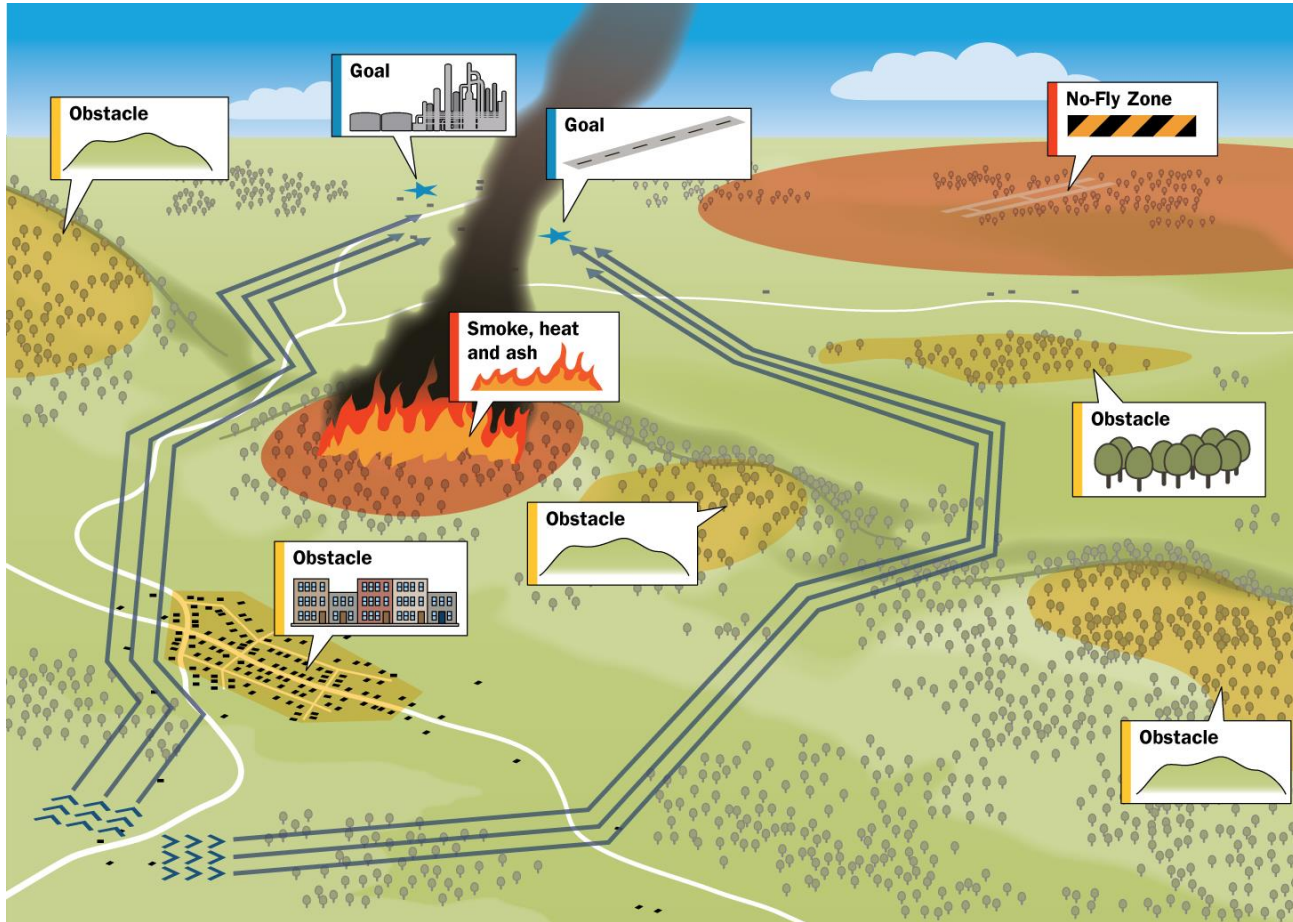
Coordination, adaptation, and uncertainty pose key challenges for assuring safety and mission critical behavior of distributed cyber-physical systems.



The DART project uses develops and packages sound techniques and tools for engineering high-assurance distributed CPS.



# Our Current Unified Motivating Scenario



## Objectives

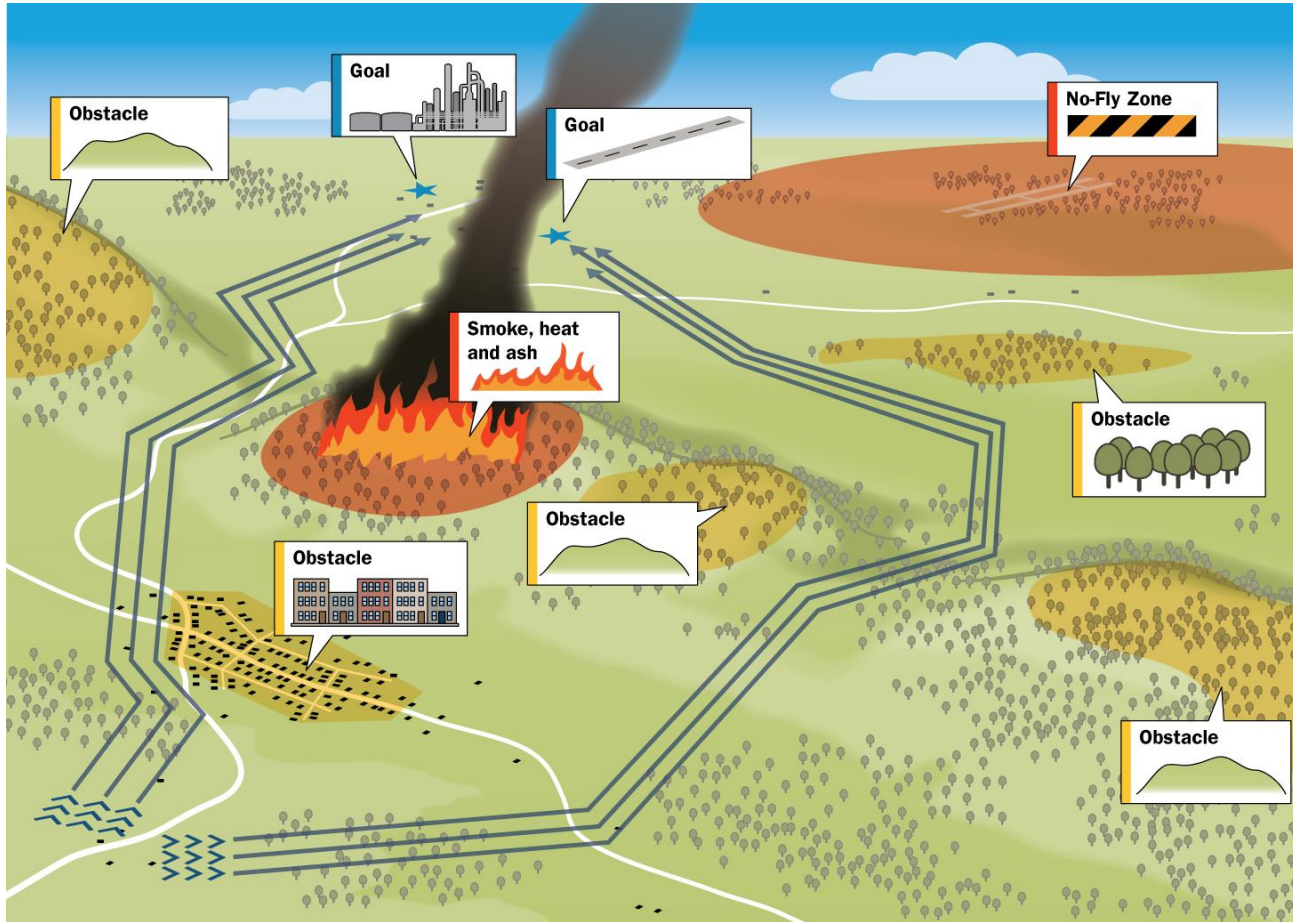
- Search and rescue for groups of UAVs
- Protection among important assets by groups of UAVs

## Threat Models, Challenges and Features

- Disrupted Communications
- Obstacles
- Emergent threats
- Data, Knowledge and Processing Overload



# Application of Research to Motivating Scenario



## Design Time Verification

- Guaranteed behavior
- Best-effort behavior

## Autonomy Implementation

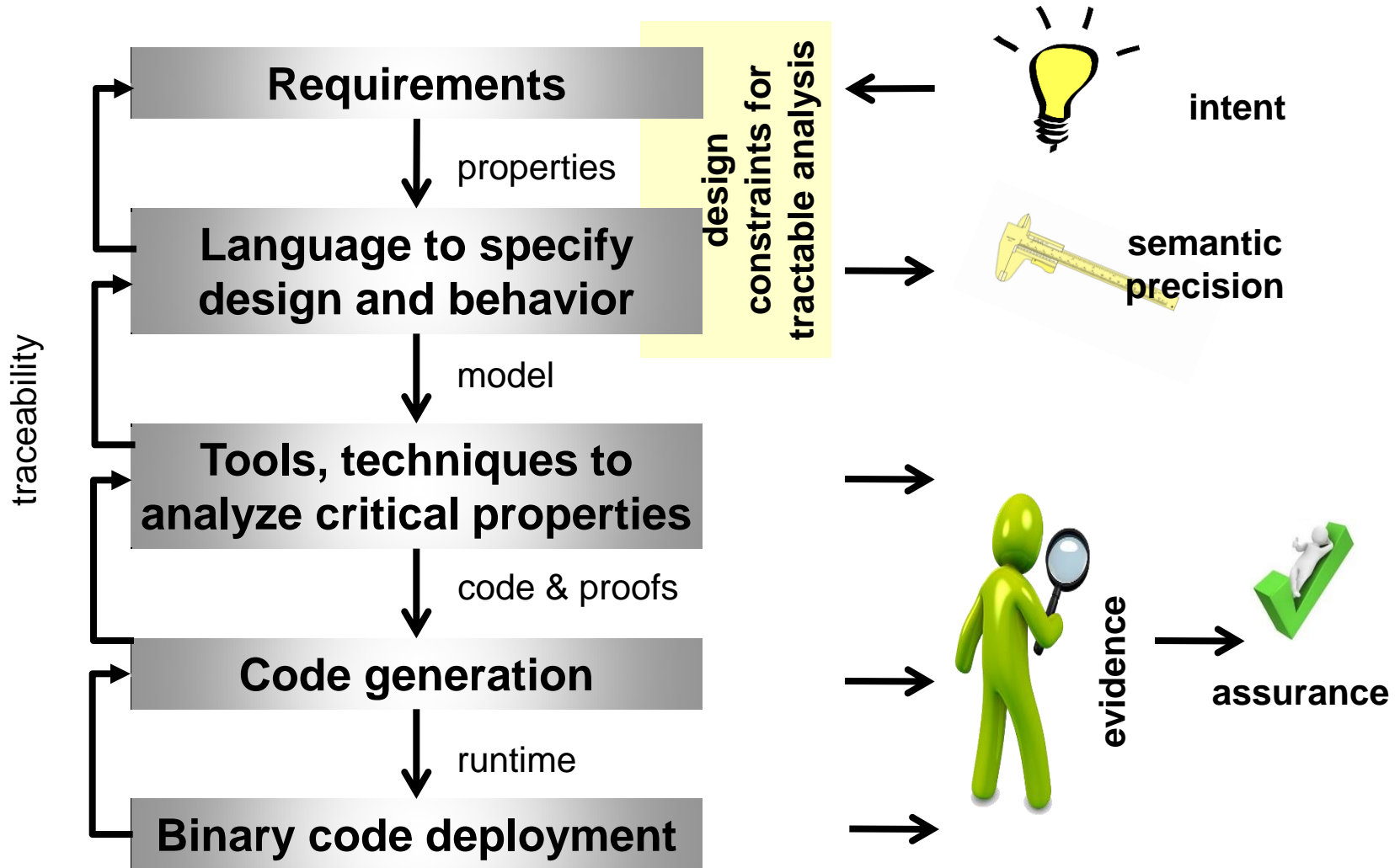
- Real-time reasoning, timing and control
- Networking
- Quality-of-service

## Runtime Assurance

- Critical Timing behavior
- Coordination
- Adaptation



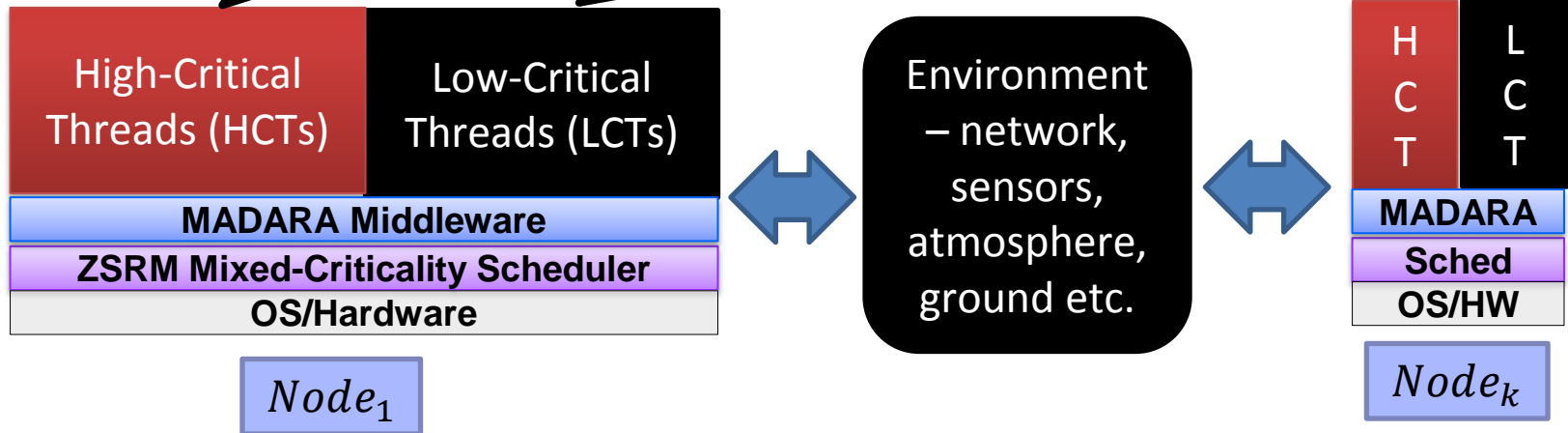
# Engineering High Assurance for DART



# DART High-Level Architecture

Software for guaranteed requirements, e.g., collision avoidance protocol must ensure absence of collisions

Software for probabilistic requirements, e.g., adaptive path-planner to maximize area coverage within deadline



## Research Thrusts

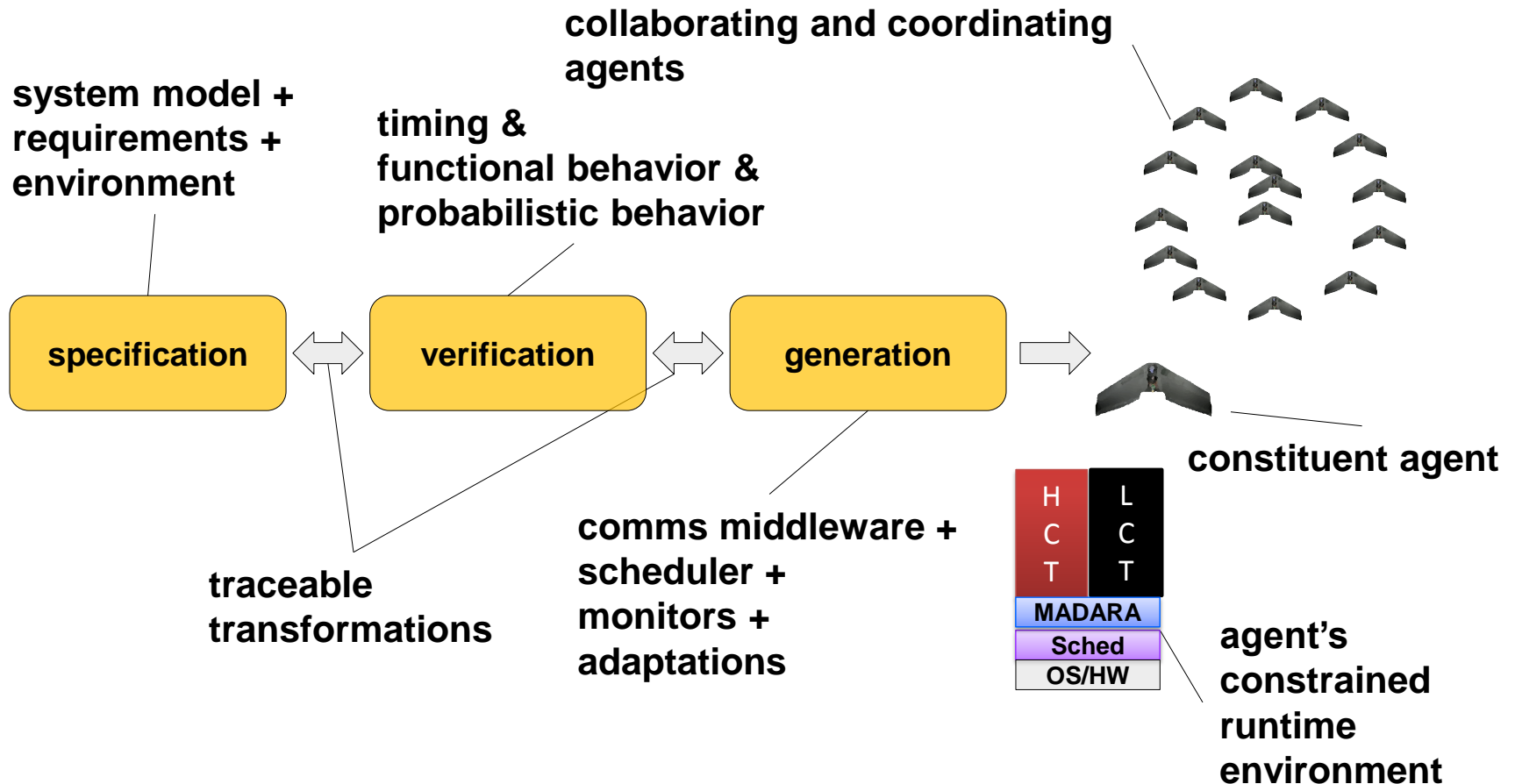
- Proactive Self-Adaptation
- Statistical Model Checking
- Real-Time Schedulability
- Functional Verification

## Validation Thrusts

- Model Problem
- Workbench



# DART Tooling and Techniques





# Research - Deterministic Behavior



Discharges Assumptions  
Needed for Correctness

## Real-Time Schedulability

- Technique to guarantee deadlines among tasks with different semantic criticalities in a rate-monotonic scheduler.

### Challenges:

- Mixed-Criticality Scheduling under I/O
- End-to-end Mixed-Criticality Scheduling

## Functional Verification

- Technique to ensure the behavior of a distributed application that satisfies a user-specified safety specification.

### Challenges:

- Unbounded Model Checking Synchronous Software
- Unbounded Model Checking Asynchronous Software

de Niz, D.; Lakshmanan, K.; Rajkumar, R., "On the Scheduling of Mixed-Criticality Real-Time Task Sets," Real-Time Systems Symposium, 2009, RTSS 2009. 30th IEEE, vol., no., pp.291-300, Dec. 2009.

Chaki, S., Edmondson, J., "Model-Driven Verifying Compilation of Synchronous Distributed Applications," Model-Driven Engineering Languages and Systems, Springer, LNCS, v.8767, pp. 201-217, Oct. 2014.



# Research - Probabilistic Behavior



Measures the Effectiveness  
of Adaptation

## Statistical Model Checking

- Technique to compute the bounded probability that a specific event occurs during a stochastic system's execution.

### Challenges:

- Importance Sampling with Heterogenous Fault Regions
- Statistical Model Checking for systems with non-determinism

## Proactive Self-Adaptation

- Technique for a system to adapt to an upcoming situation given that time is needed to perform the adaptation.

### Challenges:

- Adaptation decision under uncertainty
- Integration with Machine Learning Techniques

Hansen, J.P., Wraga, L., Chaki, S., de Niz, D., Klein, M., "Semantic Importance Sampling for Statistical Model Checking," in press, Tools and Algorithms for the Construction and Analysis of Systems (TACAS), Springer, LNCS, Apr. 2015.

Cámara, J., Moreno, G.A., Garlan, D., "Stochastic Game Analysis and Latency Awareness for Proactive Self-adaptation," 9th International Symposium on Software Engineering for Adaptive and Self-Managing Systems (SEAMS). ACM, New York, NY, pp. 155-164. May 2014.



# Validation Thrusts



## DART Model Problem

- High assurance multi-agent DART prototype integrating deterministic and probabilistic verification techniques.

### Challenges:

- Quantifying mission impact
- Spanning the gap between “the lab” and real world

## DART Workbench

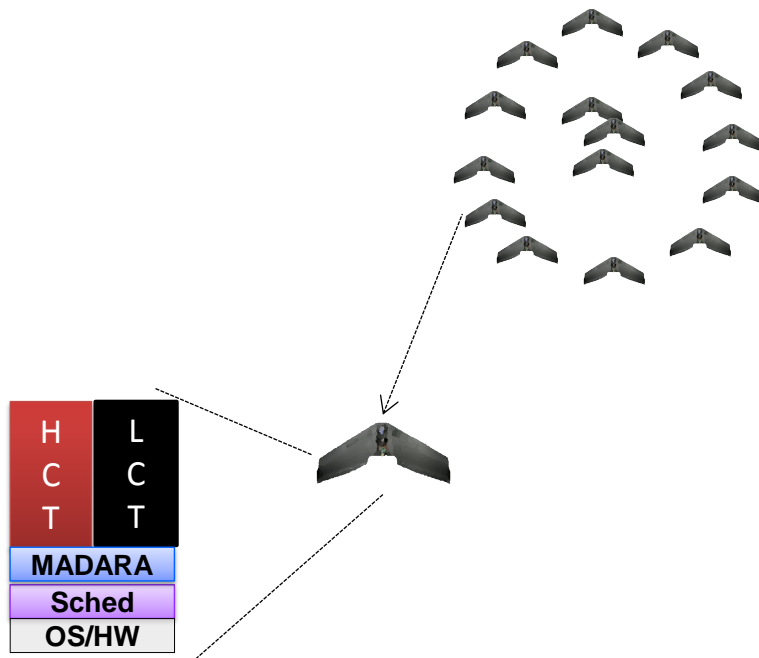
- Create an integrated engineering approach for developing DART systems through specifications and tooling.

### Challenges:

- Semantically precise specifications
- end-to-end traceability



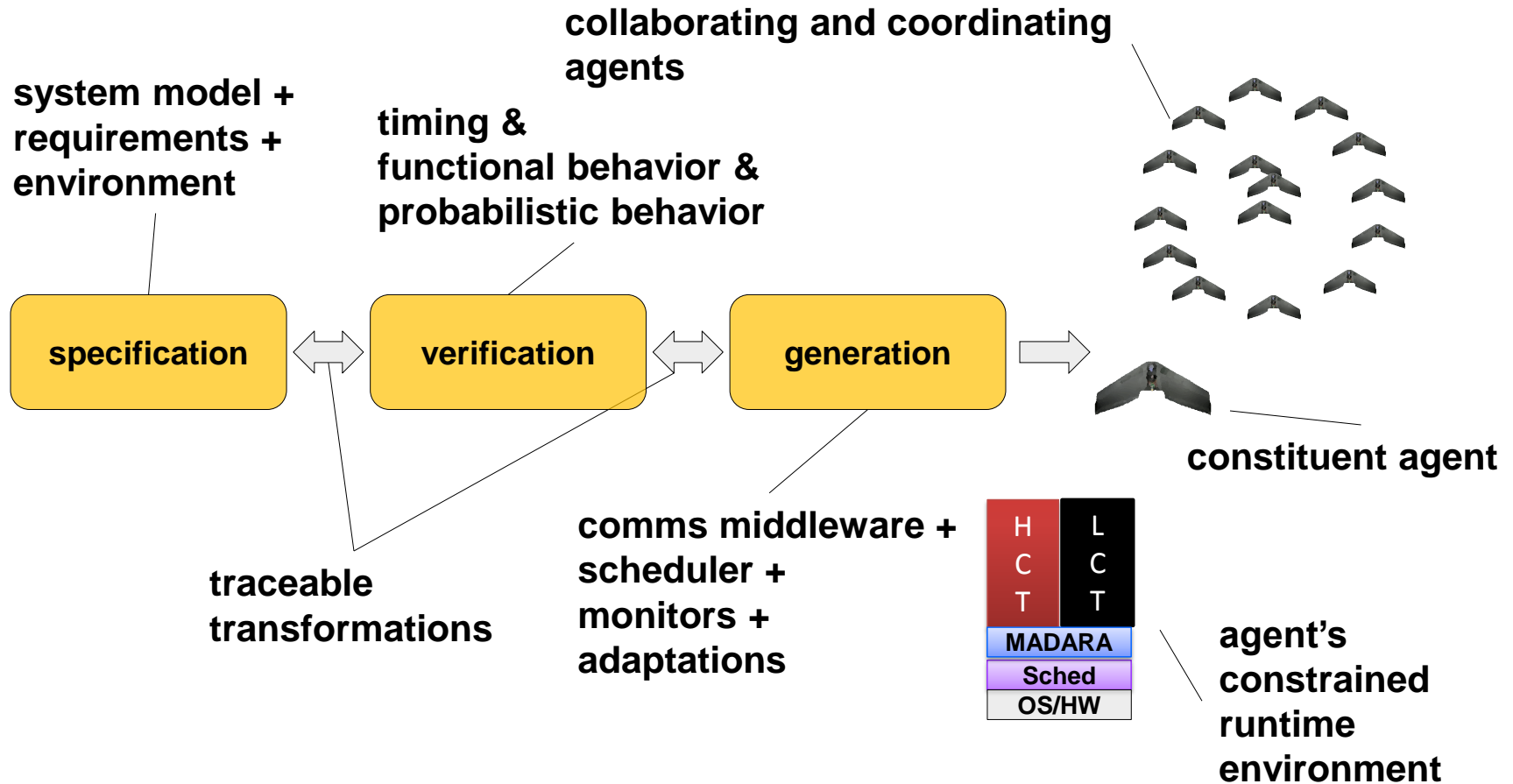
# DART Model Problem – Elements of Analysis



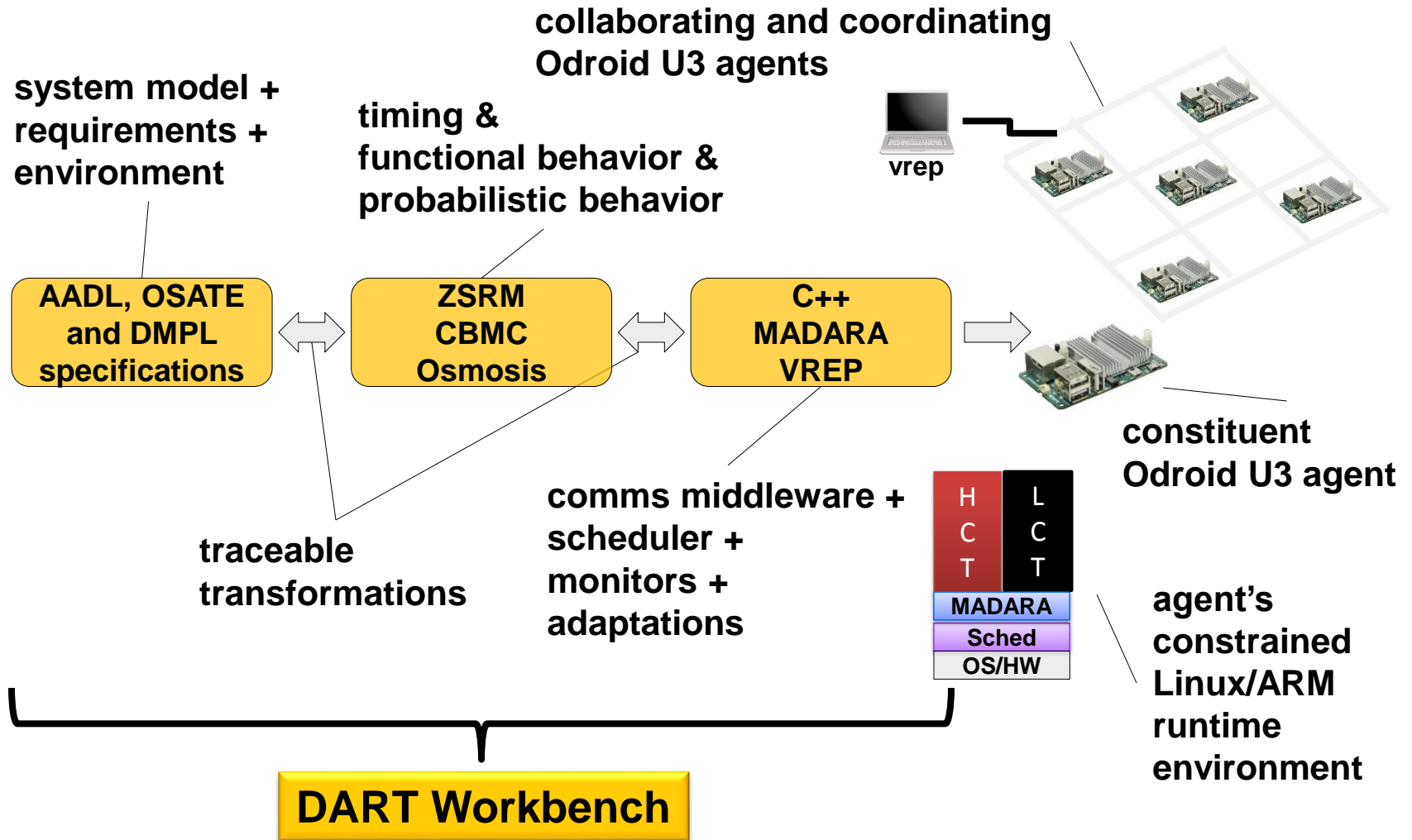
- Guaranteed separation among multiple agents (MA) through compositional model checking
- Best-effort confidence in adherence to MA formation through statistical model checking
- Increased survivability of MA system from threats through proactive self-adaptation
- Coordination of sensor functions among MA with end-to-end latency (fy16)
- Coordination of mission objectives between MA systems (fy16)
- Guarantee timing behavior of highly critical threads through *mixed-criticality* temporal protection mechanisms



# DART Workbench Overview



# DART Workbench Details



# DART Workbench Usage

## Node Specification in a DSL

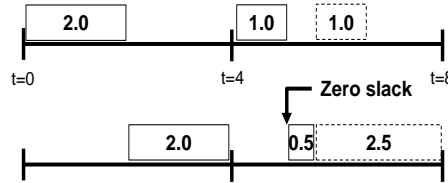
```

@HERTZ (8)
@CRITICALITY (HIGH)
@WCET_NOMINAL (2.5)
@WCET_OVERLOAD (5.0)
@BARRIER_SYNC
...
void collision_avoid() {
    // Operates on X & Y
}
...
require(FORALL_NODE_PAIR
(id1, id2,
x@id1 != x@id2 ||
y@id1 != y@id2));

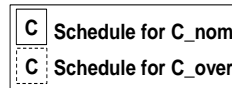
require(InBounds(X, Y);
...
@AT_LEAST(0.8)
expect(COVER() >= 0.9)
else {
    // Adapt
};
...
    
```

ZSRM timing

T: <other>  
 Period: 4  
 C<sub>nom</sub>: 2.0  
 C<sub>over</sub>: 2.0  
 Crit: Low  
 Pri: High



T: coll\_av  
 Period: 8  
 C<sub>nom</sub>: 2.5  
 C<sub>over</sub>: 5.0  
 Crit: High  
 Pri: Low



CBMC model

read shared context  
 ASSUME (local constraints)  
 do collision\_avoid()  
 ASSERT (local changes)  
 write shared context

VREP model\*

log (COVER() variables)  
 Do collision\_avoid()  
 \*multiple repetitions  
 Perform offline  
 statistical analysis  
 of logged data

## Target Code Gen.

```

attr.period_msec = 125;
attr.Cmon_msec = 2.5;
attr.Cover_msec = 5.0;
attr.criticality = HIGH;
attr.zs_instant_nsec =
    zsinst["coll_avoid"];
zs_reserve(&attr);

int loc_X = ShrRead(X);
int loc_Y = ShrRead(Y);

// Do coll_avoid logic

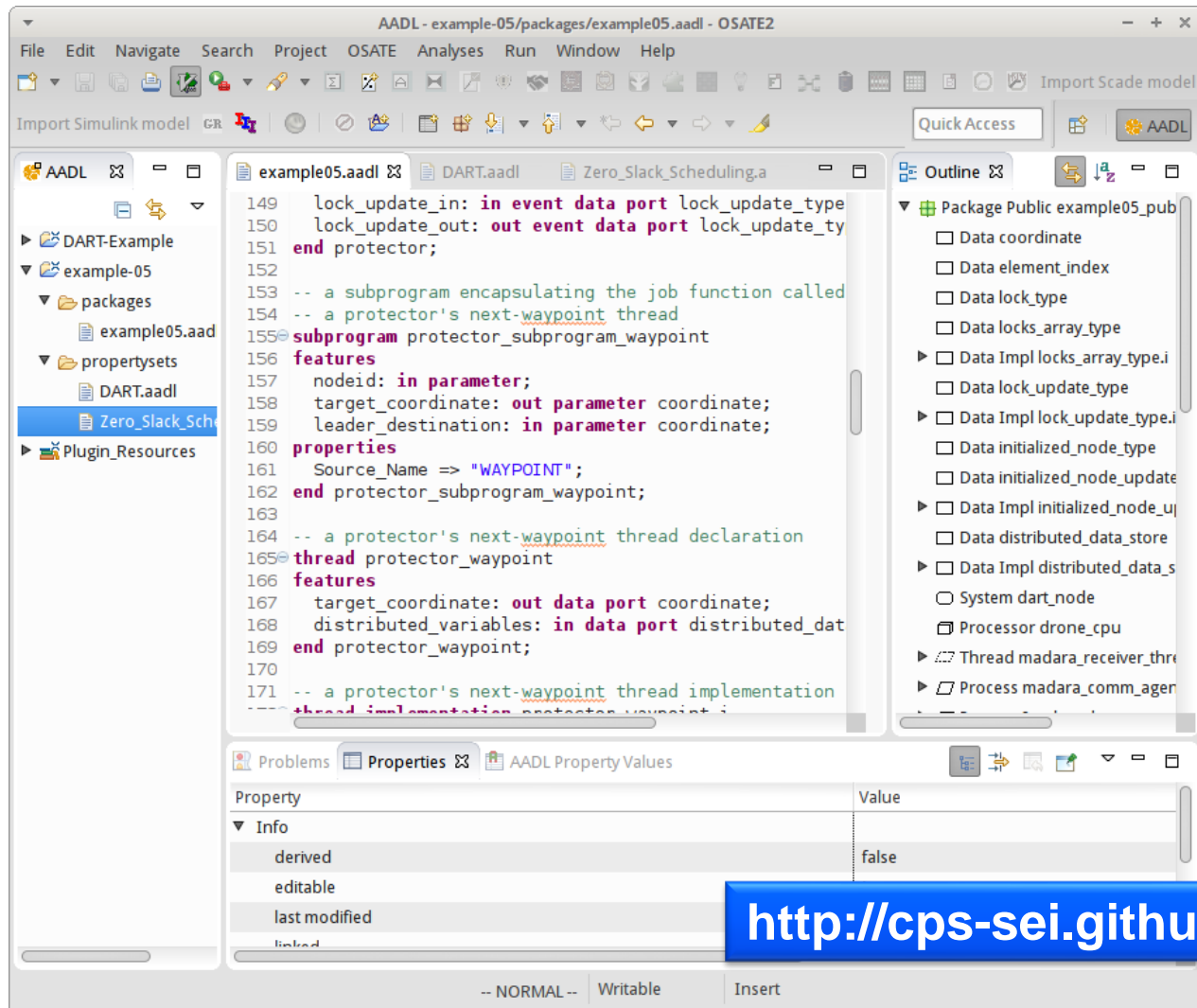
if(!(InBounds(loc_X,
              loc_Y))
    // Handle Fault

AdaptManager(COVER());

ShrWrite(X).set(loc_X);
ShrWrite(Y).set(loc_Y);
    
```



# DART Workbench Screenshot



<http://cps-sei.github.io/dart/>





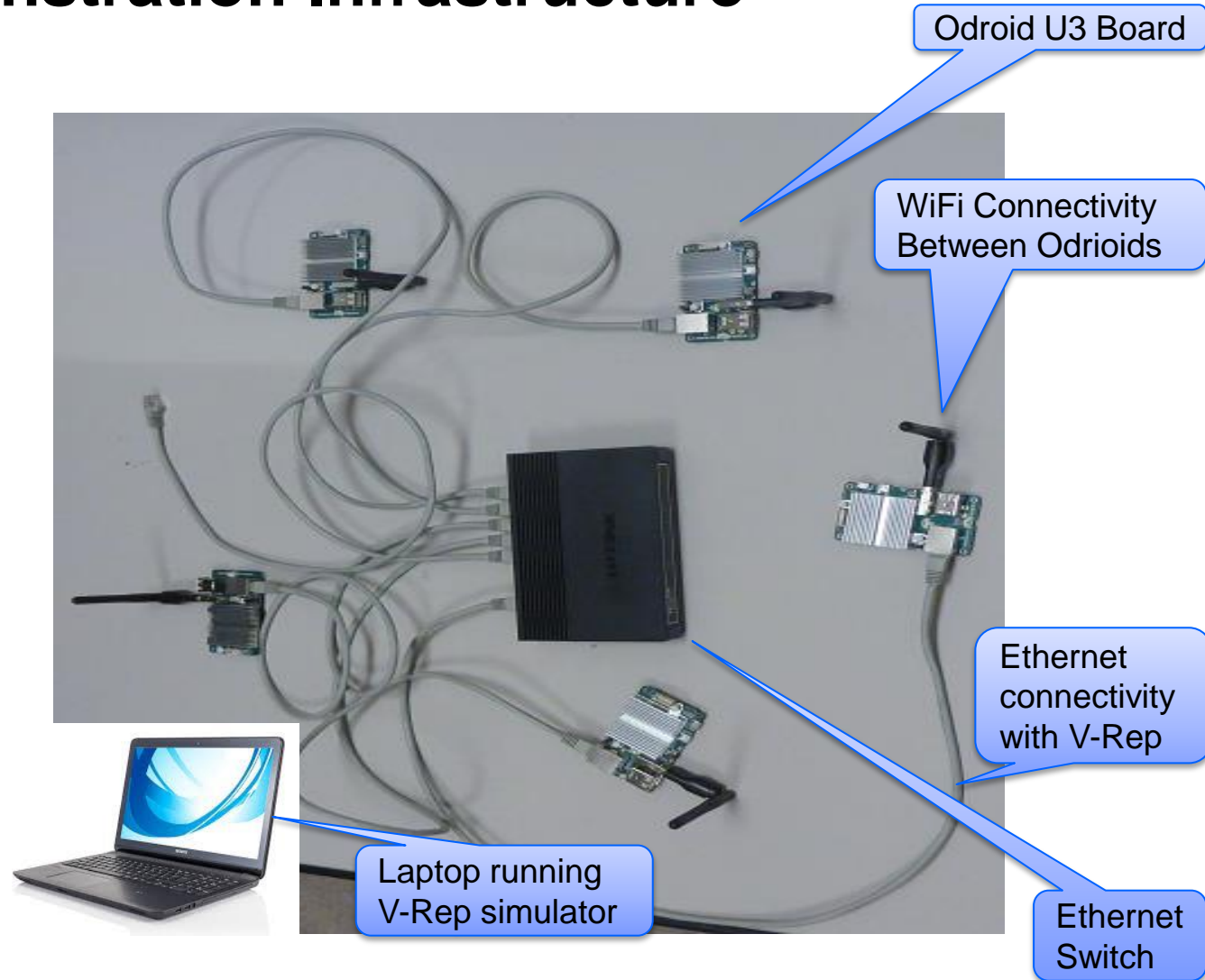
# DART Demonstration Infrastructure

## Odroid U3s

- Linux-RK/ARM
- ZSRM
- WiFi

## Laptop

- VREP
- Logging
- Ethernet



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