

# CATSY\_

## Catalogue of System and Software Properties

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# Overview of Objectives\_

- Main goal: improve the early verification and validation (V&V) activities
- Define approach to derive formal property from informal requirement
- Define taxonomy of system and software properties
- Evaluate using suitable case study

# OUTLINE

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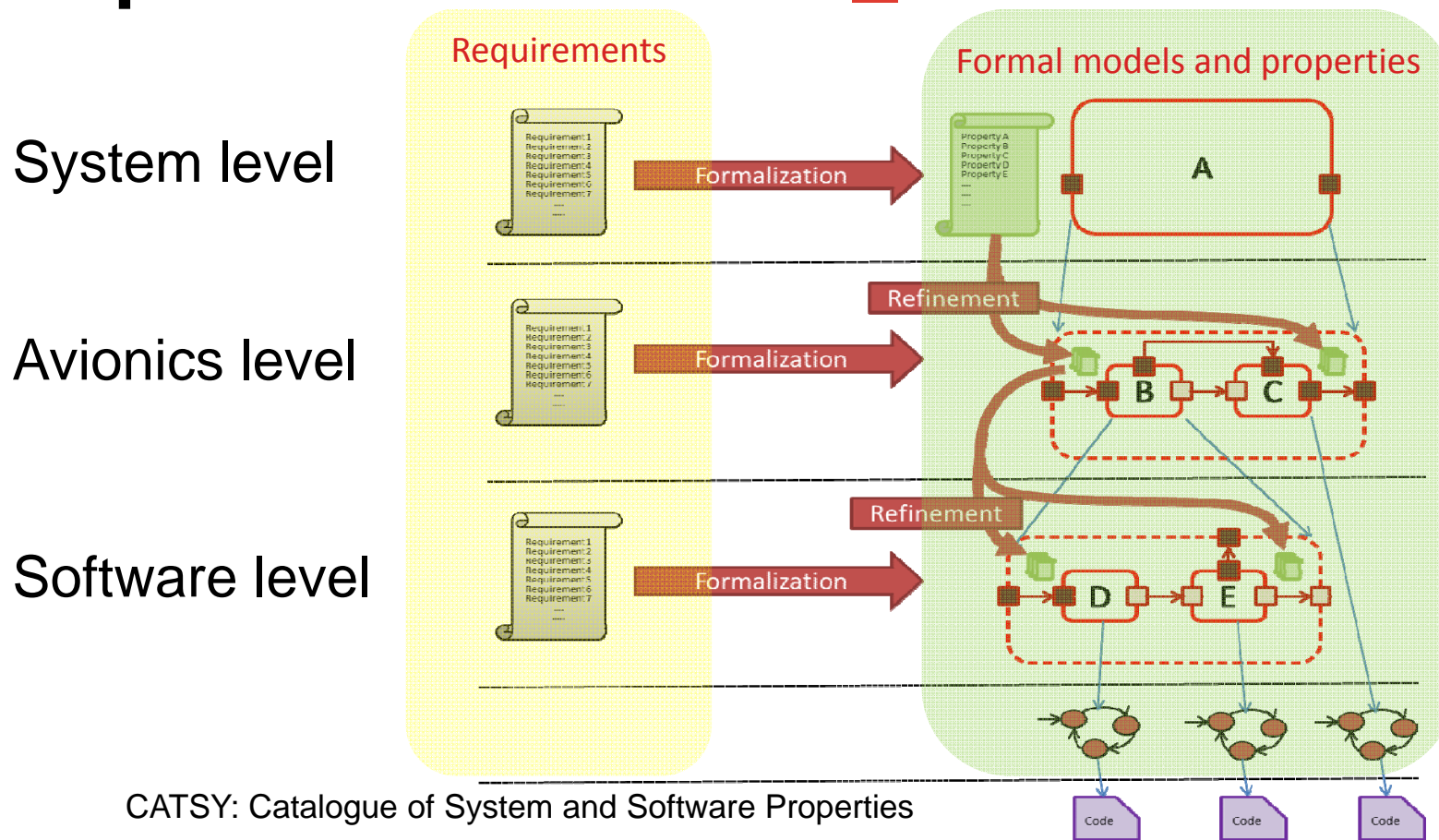
1. Methodology
2. The CSSP
3. COMPASS
4. Case Studies
5. Evaluation
6. Conclusions

# METHODOLOGY\_

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- Requirement Flowdown
- Taxonomy of Requirements
- Examples of Requirements Classes
- Requirements and Properties in a SW Development Project
- Example Properties

# Requirement Flowdown



# Taxonomy of Requirements\_

- **5 Abstraction levels**
  - **Mission:** mission objectives, products, and services
  - **System-of-Systems:** ground, space, and support segments
  - **System:** satellites, launchers
  - **Sub-system:** AOCS, electrical power control, software
    - Avionics
    - Software
  - **Equipment:** valves, batteries, electronic boxes

# Taxonomy of Requirements\_

- **Requirement classes**
  - Derived from space industry standards, focus on technical requirements
    - Hierarchy of requirement classes
    - 5 top-level classes
    - 13 classes in total
  - Requirements and properties
- **Property:** a requirement specified as a parameter with a certain value.

# Examples of Requirement Classes

- Interface requirements
  - Interconnections
  - physical, thermal, electrical, or software
- Operational requirements
  - Communication protocols
  - Observability
- Performance requirements
  - Time
  - Space



# Requirements and Properties in a SW Development Project\_

**Property:** a requirement specified as a parameter with a certain value. Can be formalized.

- For each requirement/property:
  - Document type (SSS, IRD, SRD, ICD, ...)
  - Abstraction level
  - How to formalize: formal model or formal property
  - Ensured by platform (that runs the SW)

## Example properties

- Data format: SSS / TRD, System level, Formal model
- Command conditions: SSS, System level, Formal model and properties
- Access to shared state: SRD, Software level, Formal model and properties
- Clock synchronization: SSS, Avionics level, Formal model, ensured by platform

# SPECIFICATION LANGUAGE AND THE CSSP\_

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- AADL
- Formal Properties and Patterns
- The CSSP
- Coverage of Design Attributes
- Example

# Architecture Description Language\_

- AADL: Architecture Analysis and Design Language
- SLIM: System Level Integrated Modelling
  - Extends AADL to support property specification
  - Input to COMPASS
- Components and sub-components
- Component types and component implementations
- Interconnected by (typed) ports

# Example component

```
system Car
  features
    battery_status : in data port enum(OK, DEAD);
end Car;
```

```
system implementation Car.Impl
  subcomponents
    battery: device Battery.Impl;
  flows
    battery_status := case battery.output > 0 : OK otherwise DEAD end;
end Car.Impl;
```

# Formal Properties and Patterns

- Requirements formalized into formal properties
- Formal properties: logical expressions over data/events/modes specified in the architecture
  - Example: “`fdi.alarm` implies `sensor.temperature`  $\geq$  `threshold`”
- Different logics: propositional, first-order, temporal (LTL/CTL), probabilistic (CSL)
- Patterns (formulas with place-holders):
  - The atomic proposition P never holds
  - Whenever the atomic proposition P holds, this is eventually responded with S
  - P will eventually become true within Time1 and Time2 with a probability p.

# The CSSP\_

- Detailed designs offer low-level attributes/properties
- Have a clear corresponding formal property
- Still required background in the corresponding logic
- **Catalogue of System and Software Properties (CSSP):** list of properties with a predefined formalization
- Example:
  - “PeriodInterval” and “PeriodOffset” associated to an event or event data port
  - They are *Time* attributes
  - Used to define the periodicity of an event  $e$  with period  $p$  and offset  $o$
  - Implicit formal property:  $F_{=o}e \wedge G ( e \rightarrow \neg e U_{=p} e )$

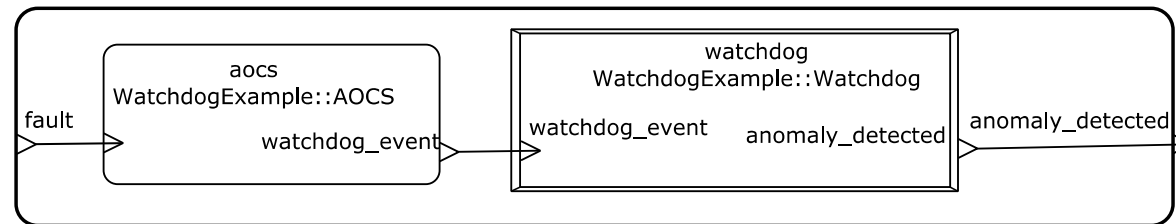
# Coverage of Design Attributes

Design Attributes	CSSP parameters or structure
processing capacity, clock frequency, endianness, memory size, addressable memory units	InvariantRange or Function property associated to corresponding connected feature
list of sub-systems, type of sub-systems, connections between sub-systems	Modeled as AADL subcomponents and port connections between components.
response to inputs and reaction time	Reaction and ReactionLatency associated to input event or event data ports.
events or specific functions	Modeled as AADL event ports
The input that is required to generate an output	PrecededBy associated to output event or event data ports.
...	...





# Watchdog example



**device Watchdog**

**features**

```
watchdog_event : in event port;  
anomaly_detected : out event port;
```

**end Watchdog;**

**system AOCS**

**features**

```
watchdog_event : out event port;  
fault: in event port;
```

**end AOCS;**

# Watchdog example

**device** Watchdog

**features**

```
watchdog_event : in event port;  
anomaly_detected : out event port;
```

**properties**

```
CSSP::Timeout => 1 Sec applies to anomaly_detected;  
CSSP::TimeoutReset => reference(watchdog_event) applies to anomaly_detected;
```

**end** Watchdog

$G(O_{\leq 1sec} \text{watchdog\_event} \rightarrow \neg \text{anomaly\_detected}) \wedge GF_{\leq 1sec}(\text{anomaly\_detected} \vee \text{watchdog\_event})$

**features**

```
watchdog_event : out event port;  
fault: in event port;
```

**end** AOCs;

**system implementation** AOCs.impl

**modes**

$G(\text{alive} \rightarrow F(\text{watchdog\_event} \vee \neg \text{alive}))$   
 $\wedge G((\text{watchdog\_event} \wedge \text{alive}) \rightarrow (F_{\leq 1sec} \neg \text{alive} \vee \neg \text{watchdog\_event} U_{=1sec} \text{watchdog\_event}))$

**properties**

```
CSSP::PeriodInterval => 1 Sec applies to watchdog_event;  
CSSP::PeriodEnabled => (reference(alive)) applies to watchdog_event;  
CSSP::ModeInhibited => (reference(watchdog_event)) applies to dead;
```

**end** AOCs.impl;

$G(\text{dead} \rightarrow \neg \text{watchdog\_event})$



# COMPASS

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- Project
- Toolset
- Workflow

# COMPASS Project\_

- Started in 2008
- Aim: system-software co-engineering approach for evaluation of *correctness, safety, dependability* and *performability* of aerospace systems.
- Various follow-up projects over the years
  - AUTOGEF, HASDEL, FAME, **CATSY** (ESA funded)
  - DMILS, CITADEL (EU funded)

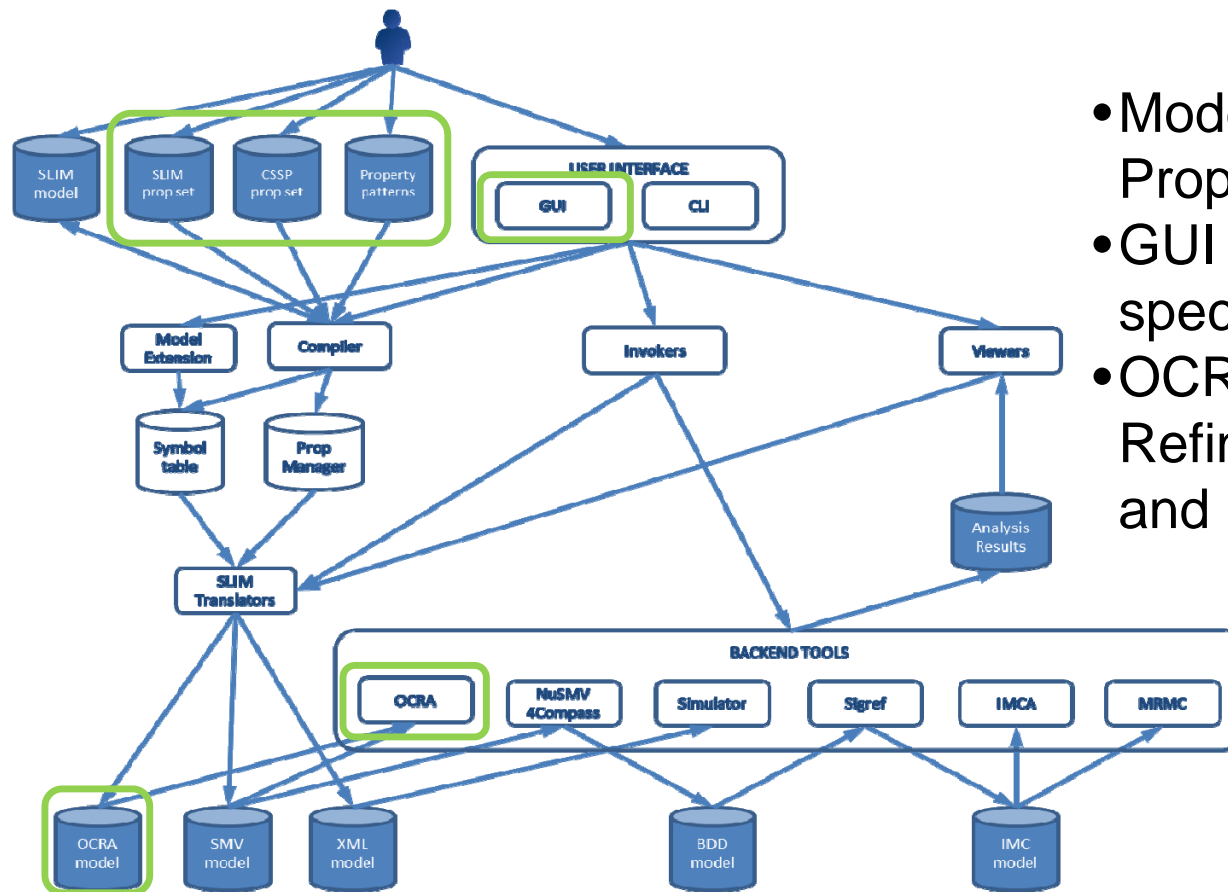
# COMPASS Toolset

- Integrated toolset for
- Input language based on AADL: SLIM (System Level Integrated Modeling)
  - Components
  - Ports
  - Modes
  - ...
- Model extension: Embed error behavior into model

# COMPASS Toolset

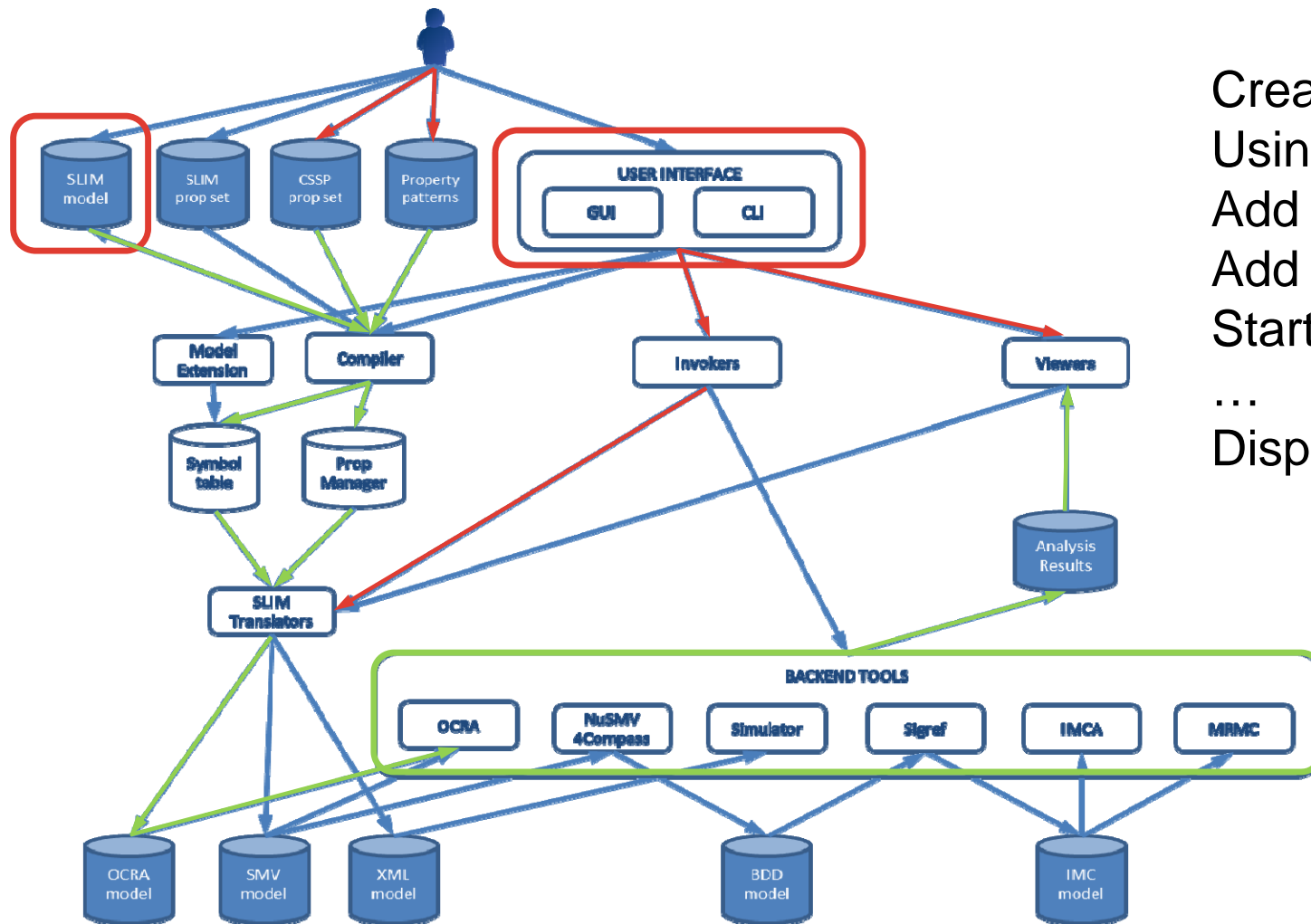
- Extensions developed during CATSY:
  - Model properties (AADL)
  - Upgraded pattern specification (GUI)
  - CSSP property specification (GUI)
  - New verification engines (OCRA)

# COMPASS Toolset: Overview



- Model Properties and Property Patterns
- GUI for property specification
- OCRA (Othello Contract Refinement Analysis) tool and backends

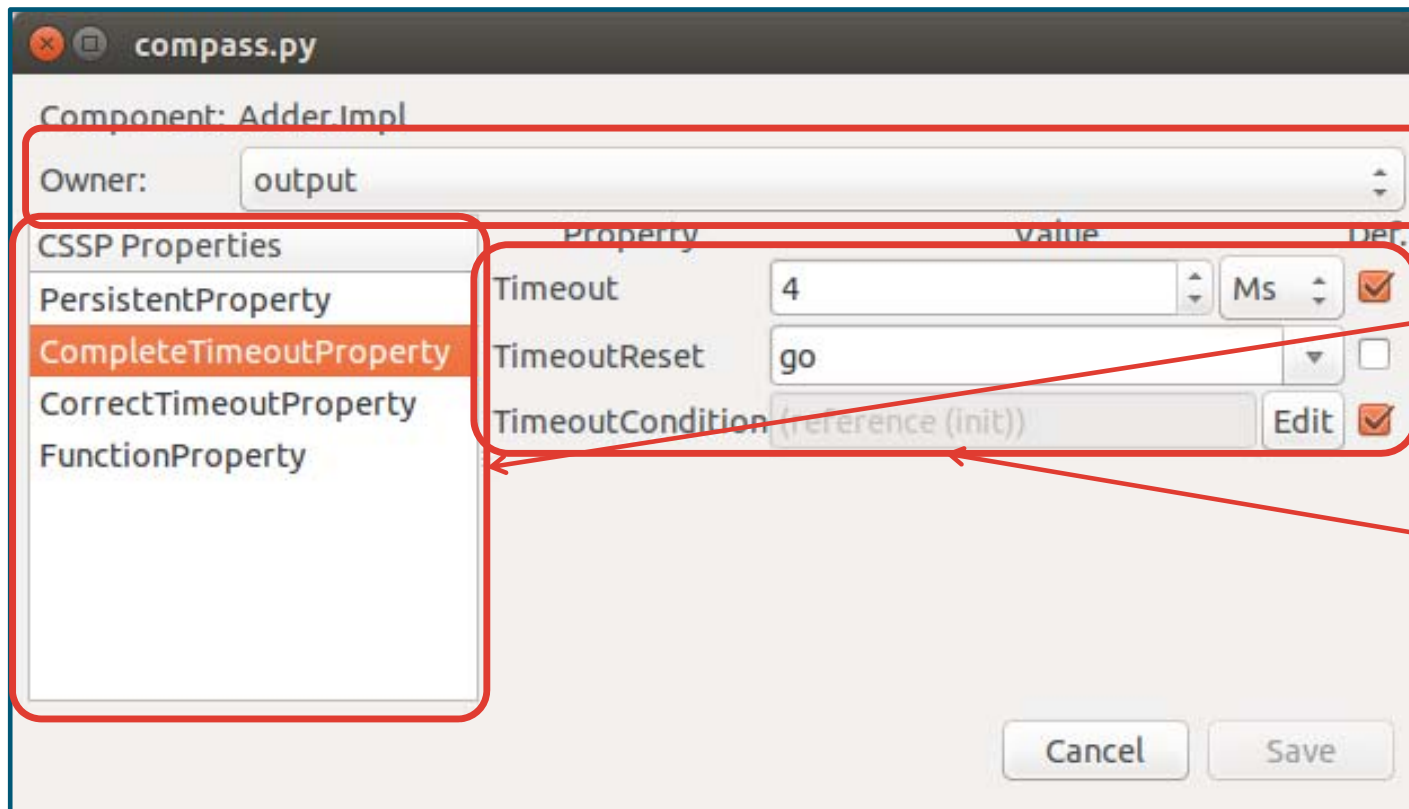
# COMPASS Toolset: Workflow



Create Design Model  
Using GUI:  
Add properties  
Add CSSP Attributes  
Start analysis  
...  
Display result



# COMPASS GUI



Applicable model element

CSSP Property

Design Property

# COMPASS GUI

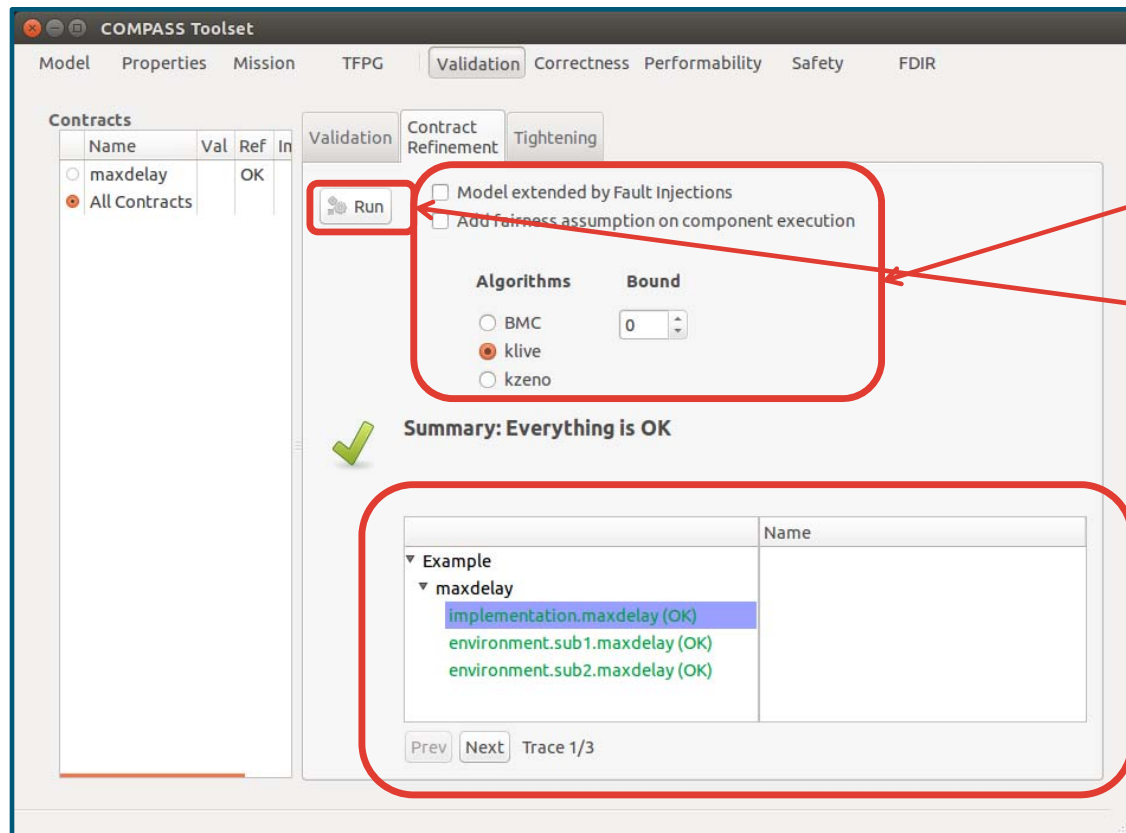
The screenshot shows the COMPASS GUI window titled "compass.py". The interface includes the following elements:

- Name:** A text field containing "Eventually true".
- Pattern:** A dropdown menu set to "Existence".
- Scope:** A dropdown menu set to "Globally".
- Placeholder:** A green highlighted text field containing "output = true".
- Time bound:** A dropdown menu set to "all the time".
- Probability:** A checkbox labeled "with probability" followed by a spinner set to "0.00".
- Description:** A text area containing "Globally, {output = true} holds eventually".
- Formula:** A text area containing "<> {output = true}".
- Buttons:** "Cancel" and "Save" buttons at the bottom.

Red callout boxes on the right side of the image point to the following GUI elements:

- Pattern
- Scope
- Placeholder
- Time bound
- Probability

# COMPASS GUI



Configuration

Start

Output

# CASE STUDY\_

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- BepiColombo SSMM
- Requirement Selection
- Requirement Modelling
- Analysis and Results

# BepiColombo Solid State Mass Memory\_

- Concurrent data storage facility for
  - 9 payloads
  - On-board computer
  - Telemetry format generator
- Implemented in FPGAs and memory modules
- Controlled by SSMM Application software (ASW)

# Requirements Selection\_

Abstraction levels: System, Avionics, Software

Tracing between different levels

Focus on requirements specifying:

- Communication SSMM and other on-board systems
- FDIR approach in SSMM
- Booting and rebooting of processor modules
- File transfer session protocol

# Requirements Modelling

- 25 system level requirements
- 24 avionics level requirements
- 9 software level requirements

Percentage of total number of requirements: 3.2%

# Case Studies – Analysis and Results

- Formal property validation
  - Satisfiability of guarantee expressions
  - Compatibility of sets of properties and components
  - Implication of properties by other properties
- Validation of refinement relations
- Calculation of the probability of mass memory corruption
- Analysis of coverage of requirements classification



# Achievements\_

- Formalisation of representative space system requirements at different abstraction levels
- Use of the CSSP to capture properties
- Automated validation of properties
- Automated validation of “implemented-by” relations between different abstraction levels
- Demonstrated COMPASS performance in general very good

## Not demonstrated by case study\_

- Interaction between conventional requirements engineering process and the CATSY approach
- Benefits of the requirements classification
- Benefits of all property types in the CSSP

# EVALUATION\_

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- Benefits
- Limitations
- Lessons learned

# Evaluation – Potential Benefits

- Harmonisation of requirements
  - at one abstraction level and across abstraction levels
- Verification of requirements
  - Mutual consistency of requirements
  - Compatibility: property does not contradict requirements
  - Entailment: property is consequence of requirements
- COMPASS more reliable than manual verification
- Early verification: before implementation phase

## Evaluation – Potential Benefits (cont'd.)

- Verification of traceability
  - Automated checking of formal contracts
- COMPASS enables systematic dependability and safety analysis:
  - Generation of failure probability data
  - FTA, FMEA, FDIR

## Evaluation – Limitations\_

- CATSY does not address all requirement types
  - Some analyses by COMPASS take too much time
  - A lot of human effort needed
    - Formalizing requirements
    - Specifying formal properties and contracts
- Comparable to efforts for static analysis of source code

## Evaluation – Lessons Learnt

Value of the CSSP has not been demonstrated in the case study

- Case study uses “since” and “until” operators a lot, but these are not covered by CSSP property patterns

Way forward:

1. Case study with more focus on existing CSSP properties
2. extension of the CSSP

## Evaluation – Lessons Learnt

Interaction of CATSY approach with requirements engineering has not been demonstrated

- Ad hoc selection of requirements to formalize
- Requirements not updated due to formalization

Way forward: application of CATSY in on-going requirements engineering phase



## Evaluation – Lessons Learnt

SLIM modes and states were avoided as much as possible

- Limited COMPASS functionality

Way forward:

- extend SLIM for refinement of modes and states
- Extend COMPASS to analyse this refinement

# Evaluation – Lessons Learnt

Complicated temporal logic formulas

- Capturing many things in single formulas

Way forward: first check if requirements can be simplified, then introduce more CSSP property patterns

# Possible Research and Development for Industrialisation

- Extension of the CSSP
- Extension of SLIM
- Support for algorithmic requirements
- Support for test case specification
- Support for redundancy ASIL algebra
- Scalability of COMPASS

# Relation to the other CSSP project\_

- Similar architecture-based design:
  - Main differences between SLIM and BIP:
    - SLIM allows hybrid modeling (continuous variables)
    - BIP allows more complex interactions and priorities
- Similar approach to formalization:
  - Ontology only in CSSP(AUoT)
  - Boilerplates only in CSSP(AUoT)
  - Catalogue of predefined properties only in CSSP(SSF)
  - More expressive logic (fragments of FO-LTL, MTL, CSL) used in CSSP(SSF)
  - Richer validation analysis used in CSSP(SSF)

# Relation to the other CSSP project\_

- Tool support
  - Similar engines:
    - nuXmv, DFinder in CSSP(AUoT)
    - nuXmv, xSAP, OCRA, MRMC in CSSP(SSF)
  - Single front-end in CSSP(SSF) fully integrated with other COMPASS analysis
  - More loosely integrated in CSSP(AUoT): ontology, BIP, nuXmv



# End of presentation

<http://www.compass-toolset.org/catsy>

