

# R2U2: Formal System Health Management for Autonomous Systems

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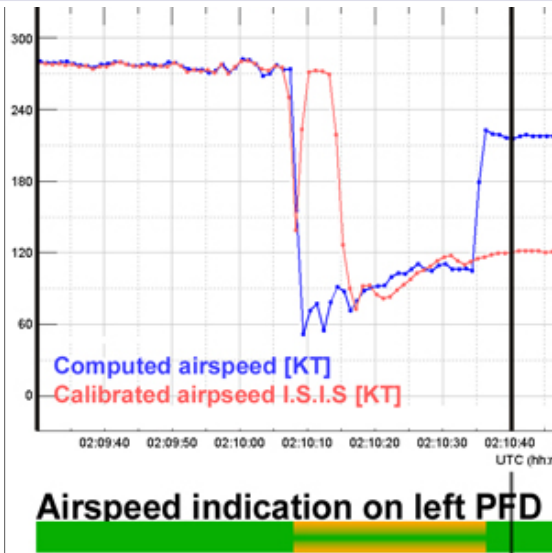
# Autonomy: the Future of Aerospace (and Beyond ...)



# A380: Engine Exploded



# AF447 Airspeed Measurements





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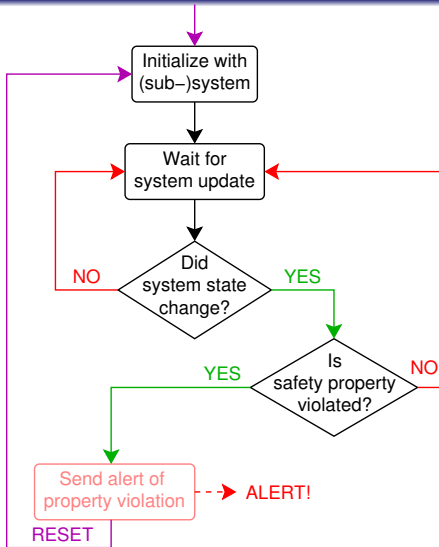
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  - Autopilot
- ② Provide self-awareness
  - System Health Mangement
- ③ Respond to off-nominal conditions
  - Automated replanning and learning
- ④ Make tough judgement calls
  - Algorithms like TCAS beat humans
  - Ethical decisions are an open problem ...

**System Health Management (SHM) is required for autonomy.**

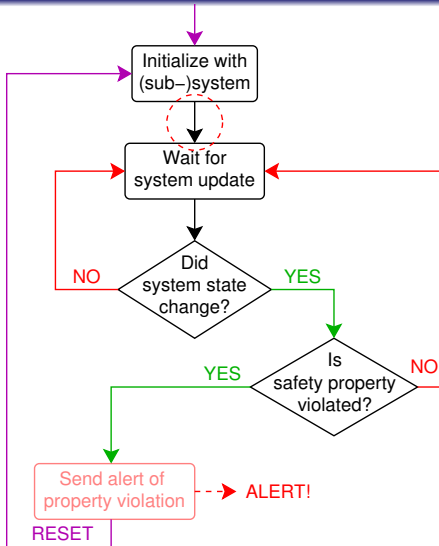
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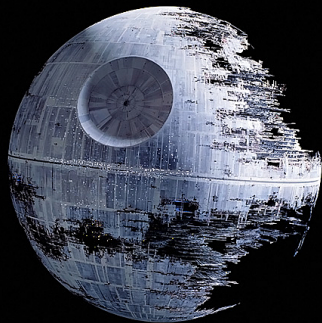
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- **requires instrumentation** to send state variables to monitor

# Runtime Monitoring On-Board

Adding currently available runtime monitoring capabilities to the UAS would change its flight certification.

“Losing flight certification is like moving over to the dark side: once you go there you can never come back.”

— Doug McKinnon,  
NASA's UAS Crew Chief



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Hey guys,  
your UAS  
just crashed!

# Requirements

## REALIZABILITY:

- easy, *expressive* specification language
- *generic* interface to connect to a wide variety of systems
- *adaptable* to missions, mission stages, platforms

## RESPONSIVENESS:

- *continuously monitor* the system
- *detect deviations* in *real time*
- *enable mitigation* or rescue measures

## UNOBTRUSIVENESS:

- *functionality*: not change behavior
- *certifiability*: avoid re-certification of flight software/hardware
- *timing*: not interfere with timing guarantees
- *tolerances*: obey size, weight, power, telemetry bandwidth constraints
- *cost*: use commercial-off-the-shelf (COTS) components



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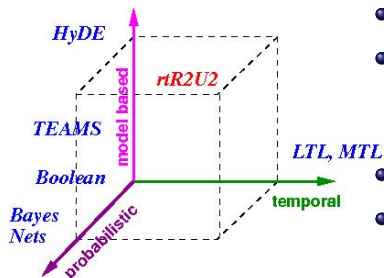


... So how do we do that?

# Fault Detection and Monitoring

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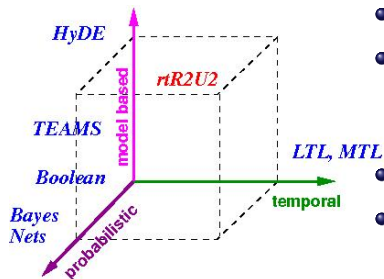


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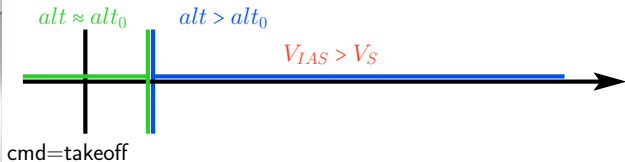
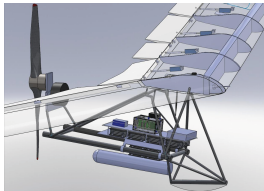
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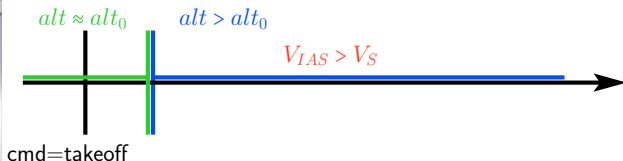
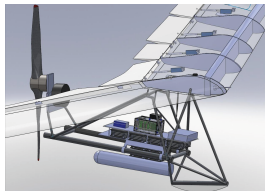
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- **rtR2U2** combines **model-based**, **temporal**, and **probabilistic** paradigms for convenient modeling and high expressiveness

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$$\text{ALWAYS}((alt > alt_0) \rightarrow (V_{IAS} > V_S))$$

# Extending LTL for Safety Properties

**Metric Temporal Logic (MTL)** reasons about *bounded* timelines:

- finite set of atomic propositions  $\{p, q\}$
- Boolean connectives:  $\neg$ ,  $\wedge$ ,  $\vee$ , and  $\rightarrow$
- temporal connectives *with time bounds*:

Symbol	Operator	Timeline
$\Box_{[2,6]} p$	ALWAYS <sub>[2,6]</sub>	
$\Diamond_{[0,7]} p$	EVENTUALLY <sub>[0,7]</sub>	
$p \mathcal{U}_{[1,5]} q$	UNTIL <sub>[1,5]</sub>	
$p \mathcal{R}_{[3,8]} q$	RELEASE <sub>[3,8]</sub>	

We propose *Mission-bounded LTL*, an over-approximation for mission time  $\tau$

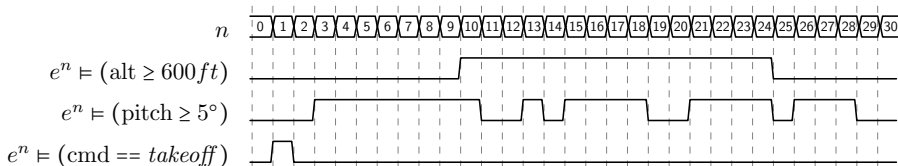
# Asynchronous Observers (aka event-triggered)

- *evaluate with every new input*
- 2-valued output: {**true**; **false**}
- resolve  $\varphi$  *as early as possible* (a priori known time)
- for each clock tick, may resolve  $\varphi$  for clock ticks prior to the current time  $n$  if the information required for this resolution was not available until  $n$





# Asynchronous Observers Example



**ALWAYS**<sub>[5]</sub>(pitch ≥ 5°)

0	(false,0)	8	(true,3)
1	(false,1)	9	(true,4)
2	(false,2)	10	(true,5)
3	(⊥, ⊥)	11	(false,11) Resynchronized!
4	(⊥, ⊥)	12	(false,12)
5	(⊥, ⊥)	13	(⊥, ⊥)
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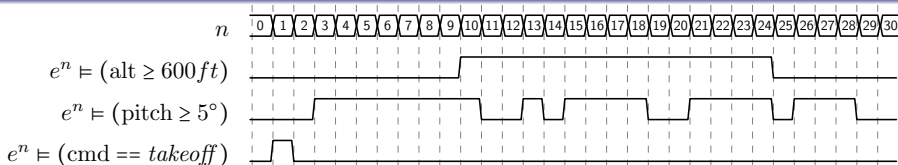
# Synchronous Observers (aka time-triggered)

- update continuously
- 3-valued output: {true; false; maybe}
- small hardware footprints  
( $\leq 11$  two-input gates/operator)



Synchronous observers update at every tick of the system clock  
... enabling probabilistic system diagnosis!

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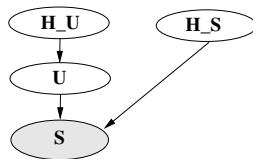


$\text{ALWAYS}_{[5]} ((\text{alt} \geq 600\text{ft}) \wedge (\text{pitch} \geq 5^\circ))$

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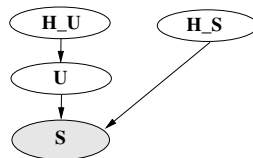
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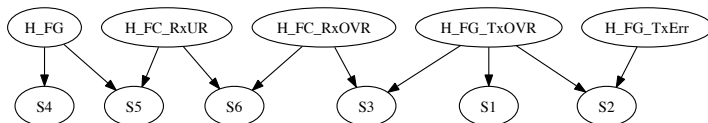
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In our framework we do not use Dynamic BNs as temporal aspects are handled by the temporal observers.

# R2U2: Runtime Specification Patterns in the Field

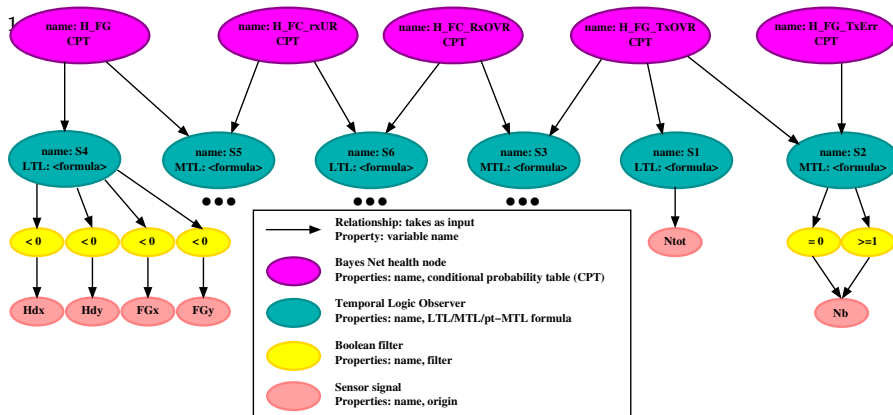
Health Nodes / Failure Modes	
H_FG	<b>magnetometer sensor</b>
H_FC_RxUR	Receiver underrun
H_FC_RxOVR	Receiver overrun
H_FG_TxOVR	<b>Transmitter overrun in sensor</b>
H_FG_TxErr	Transmitter error in in sensor



We combine specifications in a way that is:

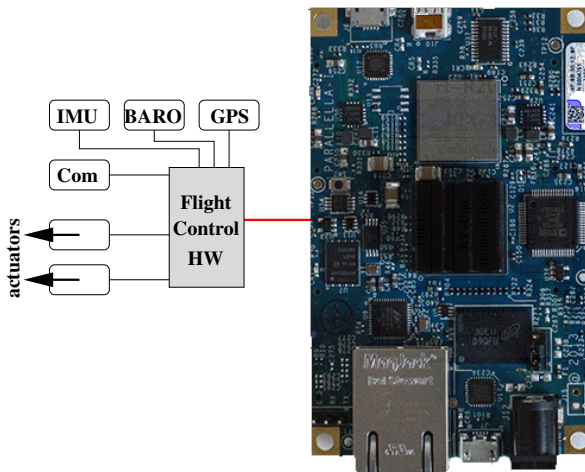
- hierarchical/structured
- compositional
- cross-language

# R2U2 Observation Tree (Specification)



<sup>1</sup> Kristin Yvonne Rozier, and Johann Schumann. "R2U2: Tool Overview." In *International Workshop on Competitions, Usability, Benchmarks, Evaluation, and Standardisation for Runtime Verification Tools (RV-CUBES)*, held in conjunction with the 17th International Conference on Runtime Verification (RV 2017), Springer-Verlag, Seattle, Washington, USA, September 13–16, 2017.

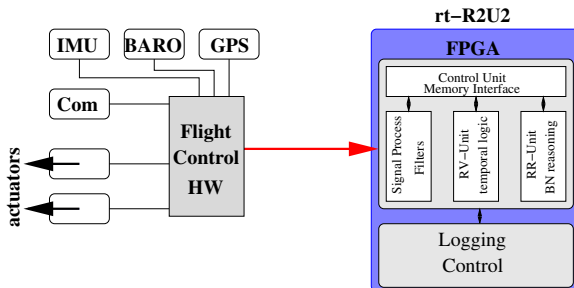
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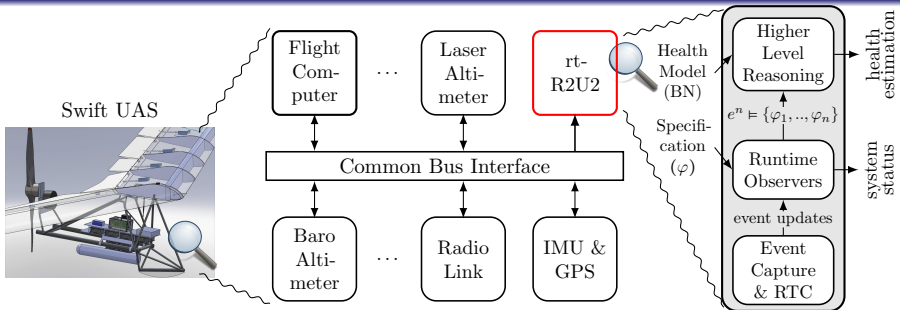
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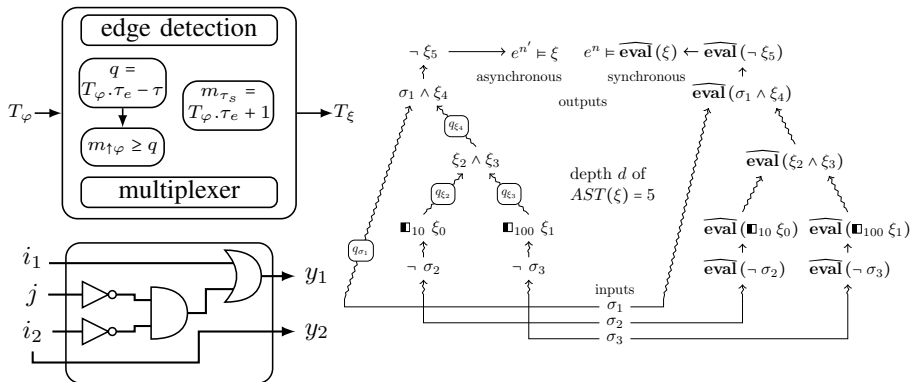
rt-R2U2: **real-time, REALIZABLE, RESPONSIVE, UNOBTRUSIVE**<sup>2</sup>

- synthesis and integration of new paired synchronous/asynchronous observer framework
- enables discrete Bayesian Network-based reasoning
- modular hardware implementation: FPGA

<sup>2</sup> Johann Schumann, Kristin Y. Rozier, Thomas Reinbacher, Ole J. Mengshoel, Timmy Mbaya, and Corey Ippolito.

"Towards Real-time, On-board, Hardware-supported Sensor and Software Health Management for Unmanned Aerial Systems." In *International Journal of Prognostics and Health Management (IJPHM)*, volume 6, number 1, pages 1–27, PHM Society, June, 2015.

# FPGA Implementation of Temporal Observers<sup>3</sup>

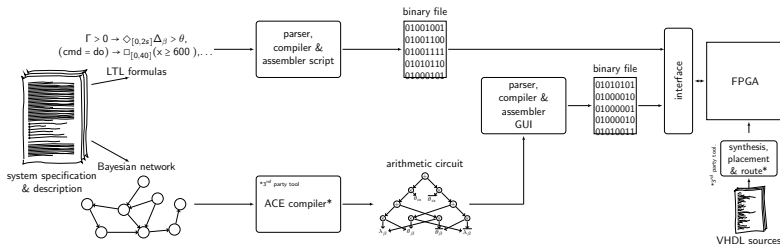


- asynchronous observers: substantial hardware complexity
- synchronous observers: small HW footprint

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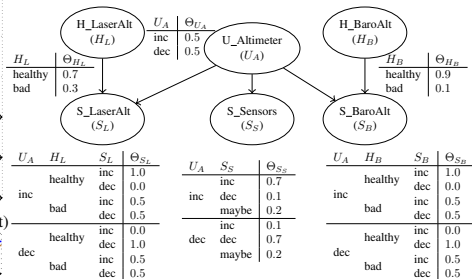
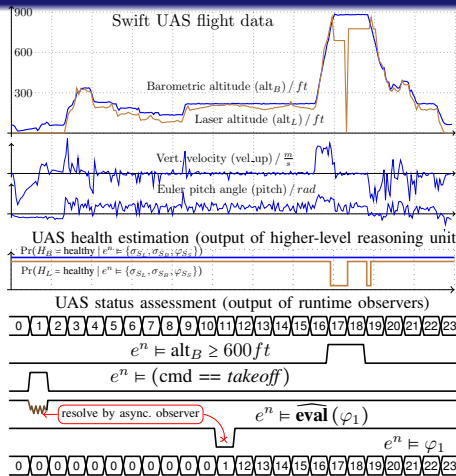
# Tool Chain and FPGA Implementation of Bayes Nets<sup>4</sup>

- Tool chain to translate SHM models into efficient FPGA-designs
- Bayesian Network models are compiled into arithmetic circuits that are evaluated by highly parallel special purpose execution units.



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# rt-R2U2 Finds Laser Altimeter Failure



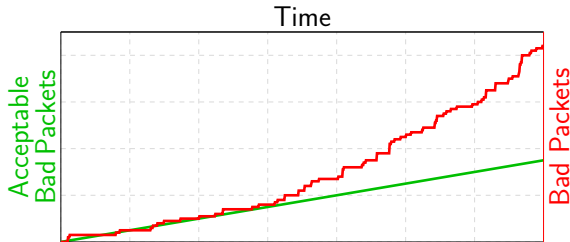
Inputs to rt-R2U2 are flight data, sampled in real time; a health model as BN, right; and an MTL specification  $\varphi$ . Outputs: health estimation (posterior marginals of  $H_L$  and  $H_B$ , quantifying the health of the laser and barometric altimeter) and the UAS status.

After receiving a command (cmd) for takeoff, the Swift UAS must reach an altitude of 600ft within 10 seconds.

# Fluxgate Magnetometer: Impact



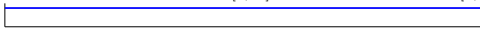
## R2U2 finds Fluxgate Magnetometer Buffer Overflow



The fluxgate packet transmission rate is appropriate :  $63 \leq N_{tot}^R \leq 66$



The number of bad packets is low :  $\square_{[0,30]}(N_b^R = 0 \vee (N_b^R \geq 1 \mathcal{U}_{[0,30]} N_b^R = 0))$



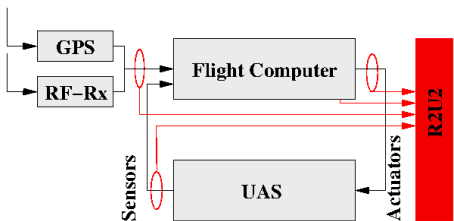
The bad packet rate is not increasing:  $\neg(\Diamond_{[0,30]} N_b^R \geq 2 \wedge \Diamond_{[0,100]} N_b^R \geq 3)$



<http://www.usgs.gov/blogs/surprisevalley/>

# Monitoring and Diagnosis of Security Threats<sup>5</sup>

For threat detection we use R2U2 to perform *attack monitoring*, *post-attack system behavior monitoring*, and *diagnosis*.



**R2U2** monitors. . .

- Flight Software (FSW) inputs
  - GPS, GCS commands
  - sensor values
- actuator outputs
- important FSW variables

Monitoring of system inputs and analyzing post-attack behavior is not independent. We therefore model their interaction in R2U2.

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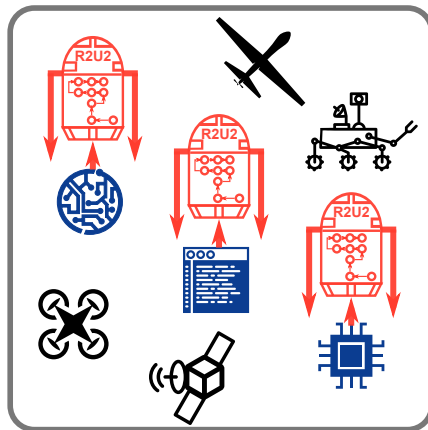


# (Semi-)Automating Specification via Runtime Functional Specification Patterns<sup>6</sup>

- Work on specification patterns focuses mostly on **design time**
- Formula patterns are **not compositional**
- Automata patterns are **not decomposable**
  - hard for cyber-physical systems during runtime
  - sanity checks are more complex
- What if that is a **functional pattern**?
- Are there **different patterns** for specification functions, e.g., between **design time and runtime**?

<sup>6</sup> K. Y. Rozier. "Specification: The Biggest Bottleneck in Formal Methods and Autonomy." VSTTE 2016. ▶

# Multi-Platform, Multi-Architecture Runtime Verification of Autonomous Space Systems



# SHM is Different in Space vs Air

## ① COTS ≠ RAD-hard

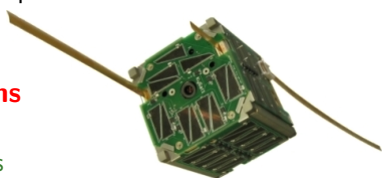
- run **software** and **hardware** versions in parallel
- how to **check the checkers**?
- monitors for **health of the monitors**?

## ② Swarms enable external observations

- rovers usually **watched** by satellites
- CubeSats usually launched in **swarms**
- UAS on other planets expected to **work in groups**
- how to incorporate signals from **external observers**?

## ③ Resource constraints differ

- power, CPU, memory, ...
- tiny **telemetry bandwidth**: on-board monitoring is essential
- human validation is limited



# And Many More ...

- Using SHM outputs for better **diagnostics**
- Intelligent **sensor fusion**
- Predictive SHM for better **prognostics**
- Links between SHM and **planning**
- **Explainable SHM:**
  - How to enable human understanding
  - Intelligent co-pilots

# R2U2: Runtime System Health Management

## ① **TL Observers:** Efficient temporal reasoning

① **Asynchronous:** output  $\langle t, \{0, 1\} \rangle$

② **Synchronous:** output  $\langle t, \{0, 1, ?\} \rangle$

- **Logics:** MTL, pt-MTL, Mission-time LTL

- **Variables:** Booleans (from system bus), sensor filter outputs

## ② **Bayes Nets:** Efficient decision making

- **Variables:** outputs of TL observers, sensor filters, Booleans

- **Output:** most-likely status + probability

# BACKUP SLIDES

# R2U2 Demo: GPS Spoofing Case Study<sup>7</sup>

UAS navigation relies on GPS and inertial measurement unit

**Scenario:** Attacker tries to redirect UAS by manipulating GPS signal

**Our objective:** Detect attack / calculate likelihood for attack

## Approach:

- Monitor deviation between IMU and GPS with MTL formulas
- Estimate likelihood of attack using Bayesian network model

## Setup:

- SITL simulator on PC generates signal traces to monitor
- Connected Parallella board monitors the UAS online

<http://temporallogic.org/research/RV16/demo.html>

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<sup>7</sup> J Schumann, P Moosbrugger, KY Rozier. "Runtime Analysis with R2U2: A Tool Exhibition Report" RV'16.