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Trustworthy Systems Group



LionsOS

Fast – Secure – Adaptable

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<https://microkerneldude.org/>



se14 Intrusion Detection



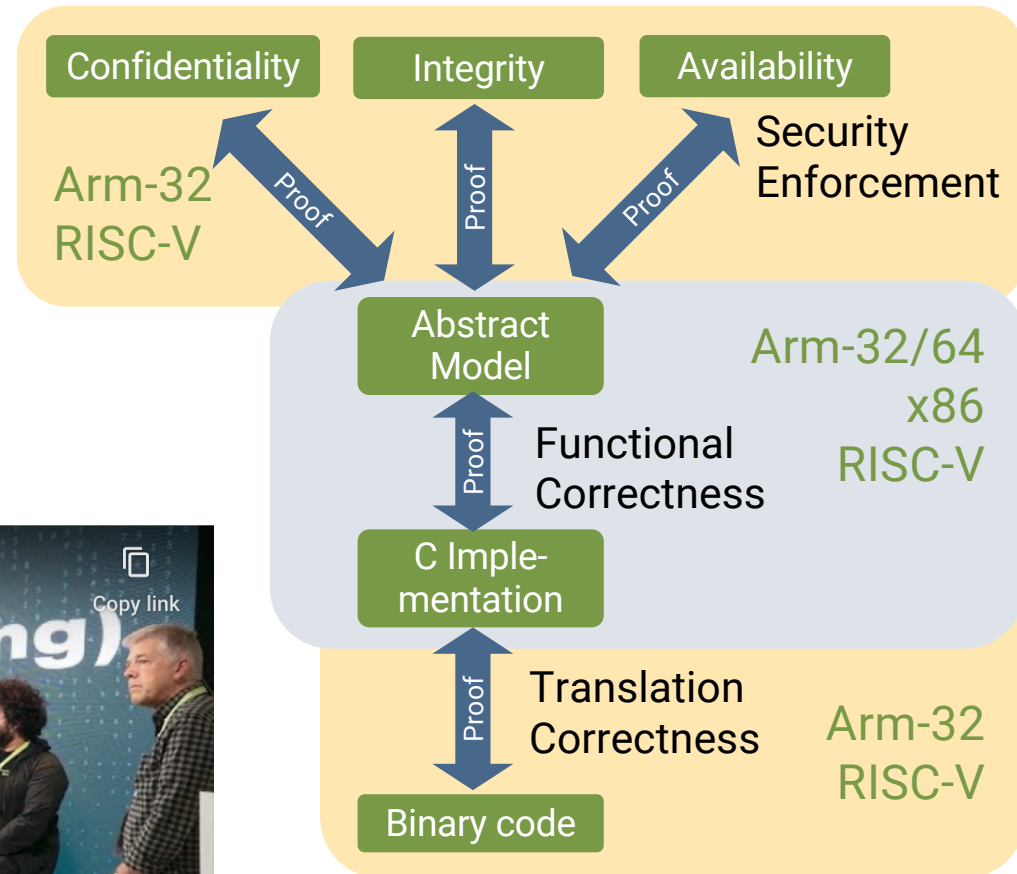
... is an admission of defeat!

We do intrusion prevention

seL4 Mathematically Proved Secure



- Complete proof chain from high-level security properties to the binary code
- World's fastest microkernel
- Open source



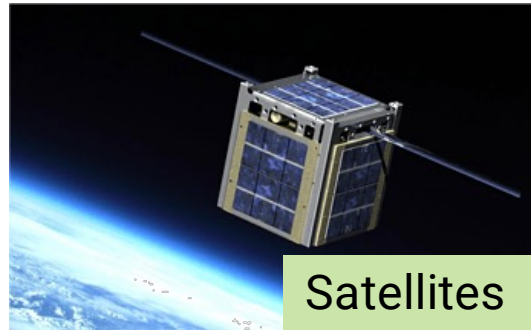
2022 ACM Software System Award



se14 Used in Real-World Systems



Autonomous vehicles



Satellites

Critical infrastructure protection



Secure communication device
In use in multiple defense forces



Cars

seL4 is Unusable by Almost Everyone

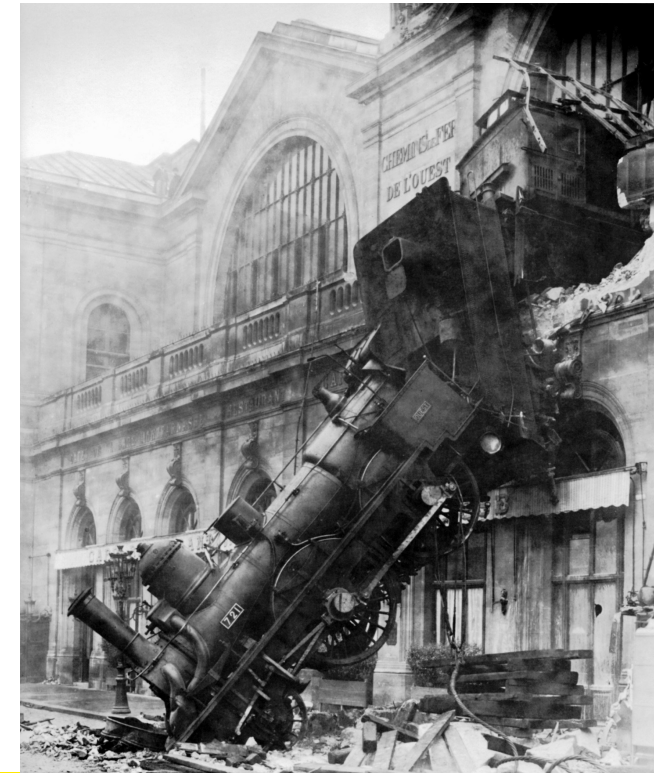


Good design on seL4
requires deep expertise

Rare beyond TS
and ex-TSers

The seL4 community
needs an OS that is:

- well designed
- easy to use
- open source





LionsOS Aims



Aim 1: *Practical, easy-to-use, open-source OS for wide range of embedded/IoT/cyberphysical use cases*

Must be well designed!

Aim 2: *Best-performing microkernel-based OS ever*

Can use static architecture

Aim 3: *Most secure OS ever*

Must be verified!



Overarching Design Principle: KISS!



LionsOS is what
Posix/Unix isn't!

Helps development
and verification!

Radical simplicity:

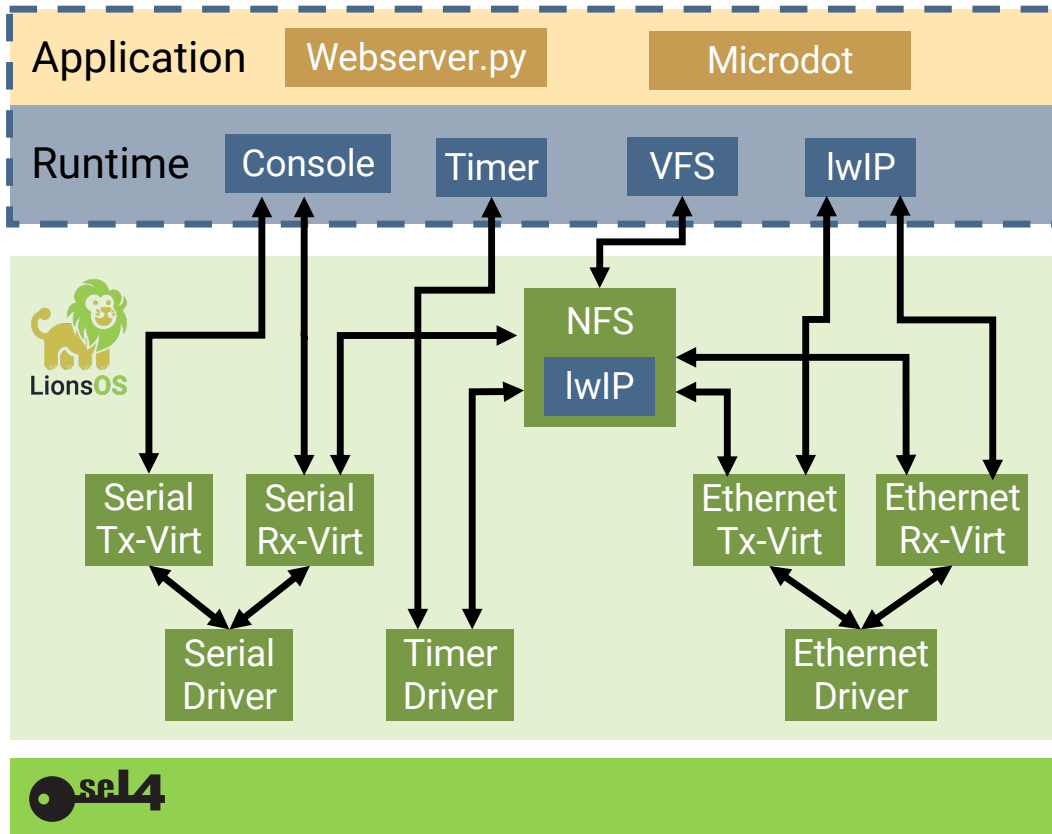
- fine-grained modularity,
strict separation of concerns
- event-driven programming model
- use-case-specific policies

... but we'll
have Posix-like
I/O wrappers

Use-case diversity by
replacing components



Underneath <https://sel4.systems/>



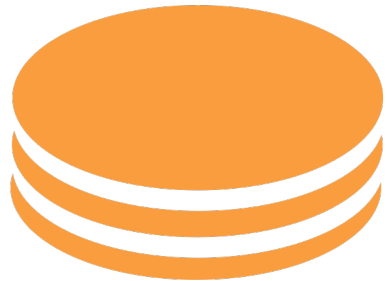
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Serial Driver	249	Microkit	303
Serial Tx Virt	175	Ser. queue	219
Serial Rx Virt	126	I2C queue	101
I2C Driver	514	Eth queue	140
I2C Virt	154	FS queue & protocol	268
Timer Driver	136	Coroutines	848
Eth Driver	397	LWIP	16,280
Eth Tx Virt	122	NFS	45,707
Eth Rx Virt	160	VMM	3,098
Eth Copier	79		

TCB: 3.1 kSLOC



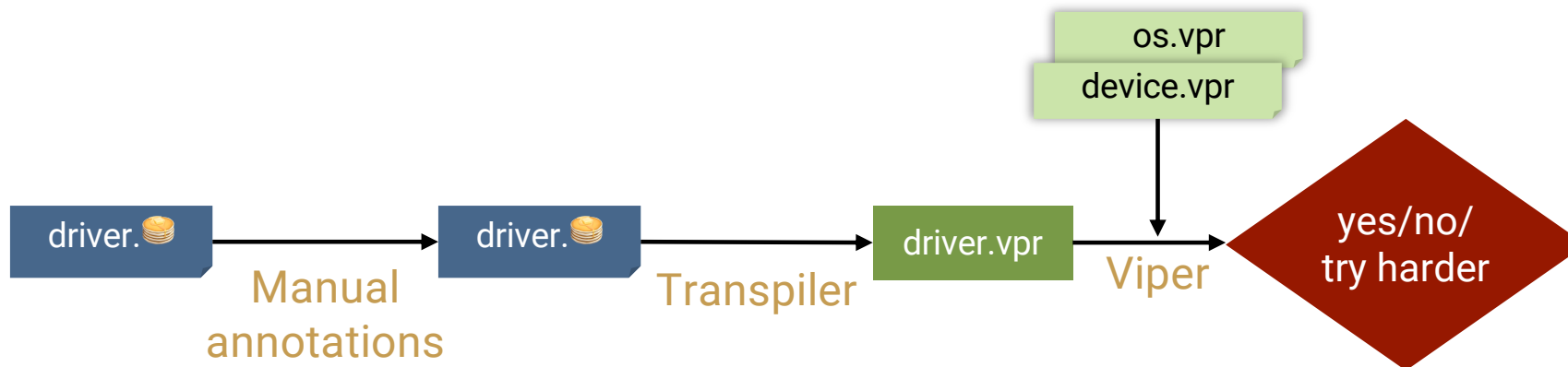
Untrusted

Verification: Ethernet Driver

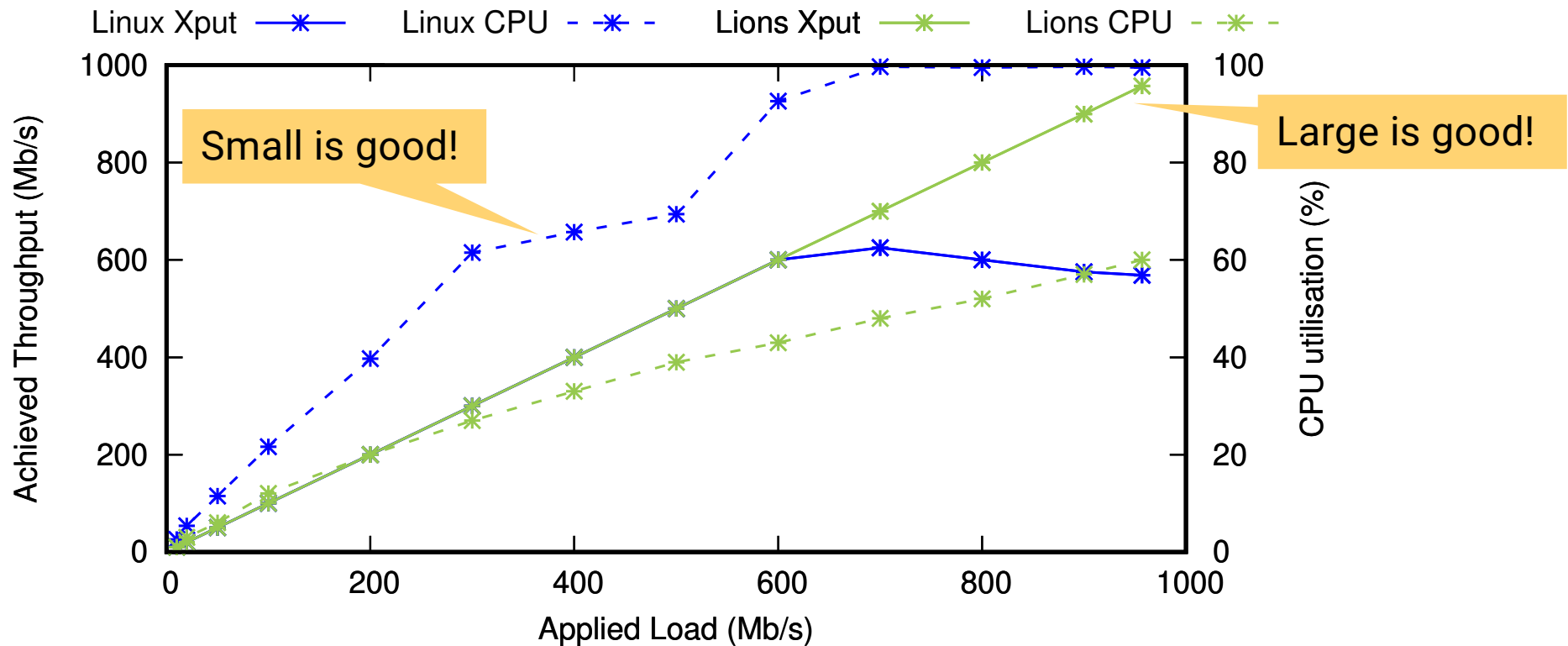


PANCAKE

- C-like, systems-programmer friendly
- Verified compiler!
- Successfully verified real-world Ethernet driver



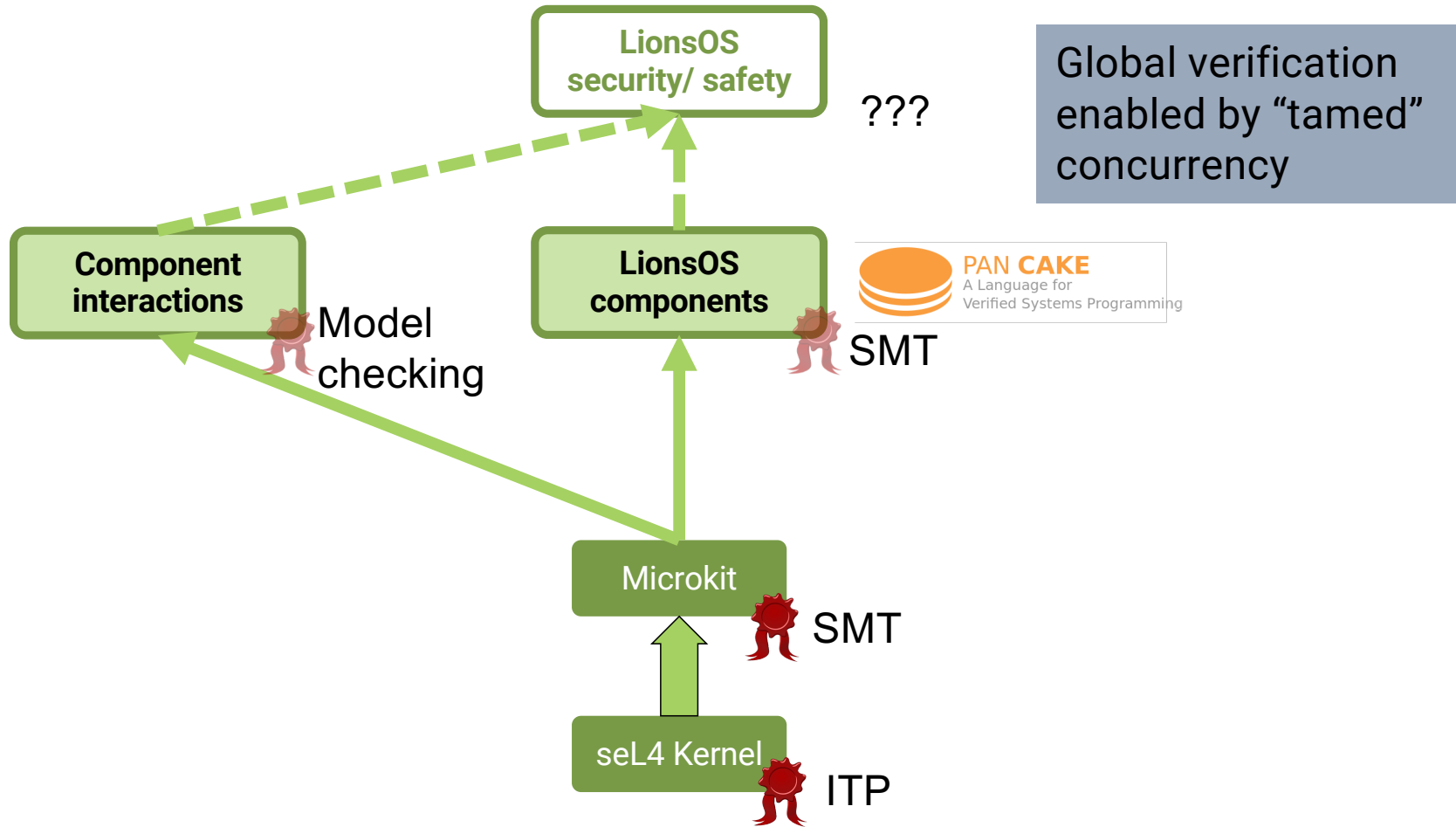
Performance: i.MX8M, 1Gb/s E/N, UDP



Single-core configuration



Verifying Lions OS





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Security is no excuse
for bad performance!



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