

Relaxed Systems

— Current State + Future Plans —

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FOWM @ Cam

↳ PKVM verification
(c.f. PriSC keynote)

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↳ Reasoning tools
(c.f. A×SL @ POPL)

Protected KVM

Production
(Android
14+)

Hypervisor

Google

Protected KVM

Plan: verify security properties
w.r.t. relaxed Arm semantics

Arm v9-A

Arm Features

(required for PKVM and similar)

ifetch + cm0/p0v
devices + poc

VMSA: multistage
Multi level
ASID/VMID
HA/HID
TLB maint.
Cachability
System mmus

Exceptions
Interrupt Controller

Sys regs

Pick deps



ES0P20

ES0P22

WIP
Cam

ARM

WIP
(IPIV4/4CL)

MTE
(Arm)

Address translation
(Mc Arm [Multi-stage]
[H/w dirty+access])

ifetch
(mc, later Arm)

Exceptions
(WIP, Kammar)

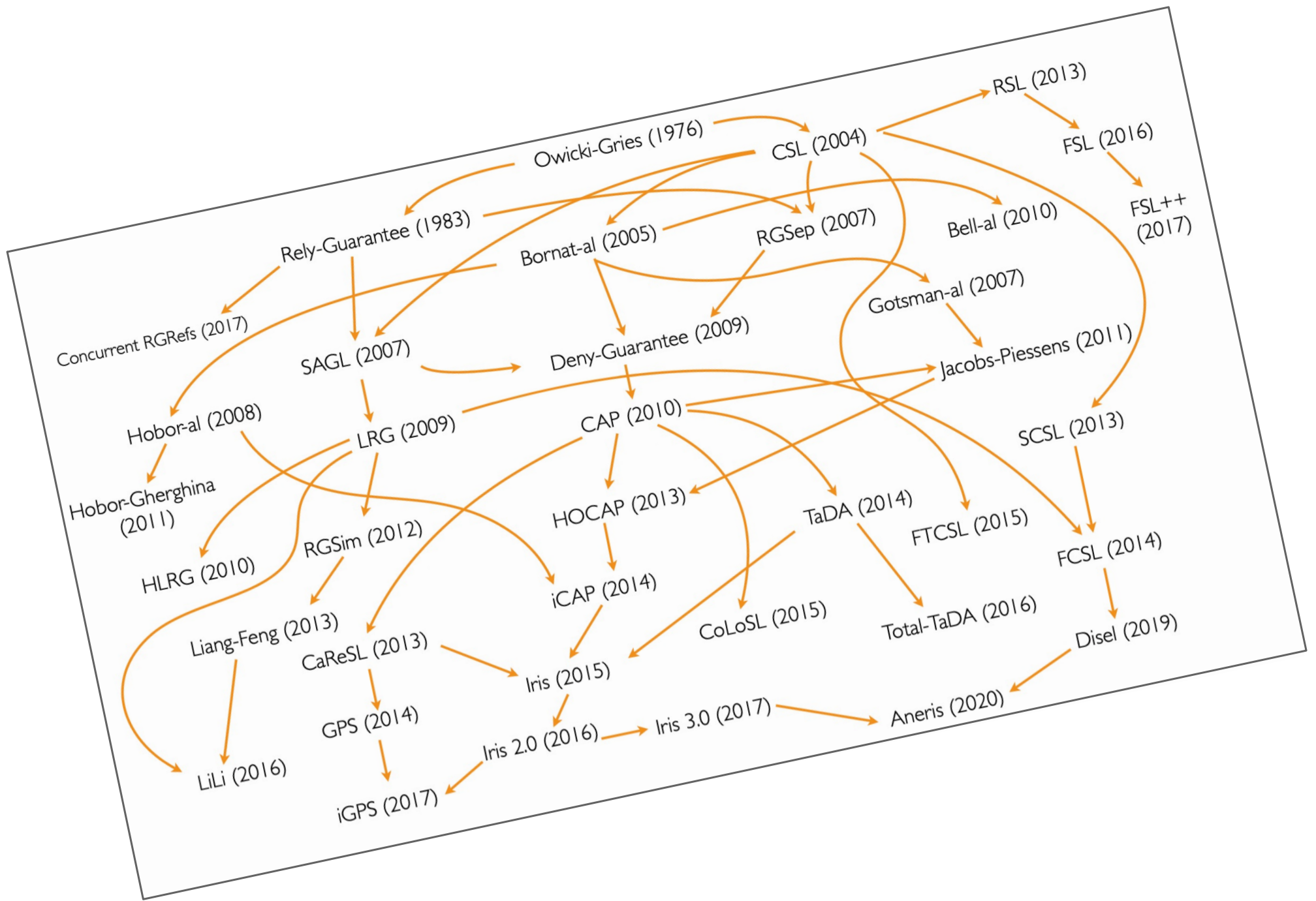
Armv9-A (Barc) - Persistence
(Rued et al)

Mixed-size
(Flur et al [opsen]
Alyousef et al [Arx])

Multi-copy
Atomicity
(Pulte et al)

Transactions
(Chong et al)

Reasoning about Software



Credit: Ilya Sergey

Program Logics
and refinement...

By
An abstracting
Language

Reasoning
about
Software

Model
Directed

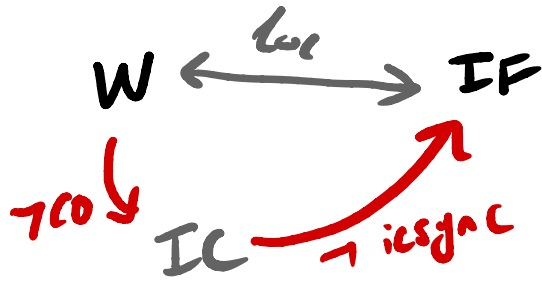
Abstracting away Complexity:

Data



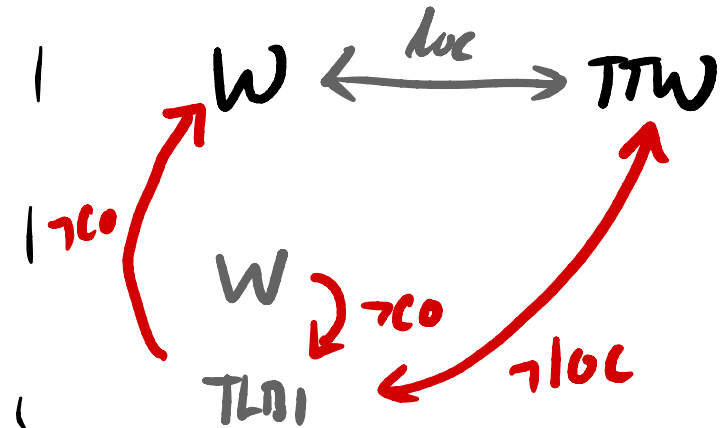
"DRF"

ifetch



"bad ifetch"

vm



"BBM violation"

Simplified Model

Simple "Race free" Model

VI

Armv9-A

Simplified Model

Simple "Race free" Model

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Simplified Model

Spec

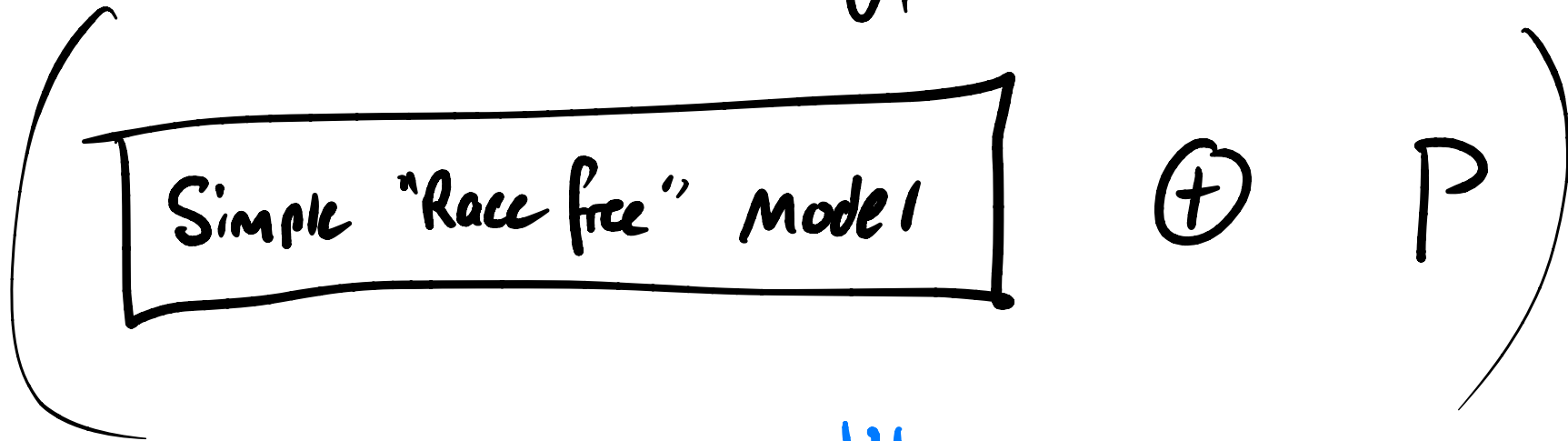
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(Simple "Race free" Model ⊕ P)

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Arm v9-A

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Racy Programs?

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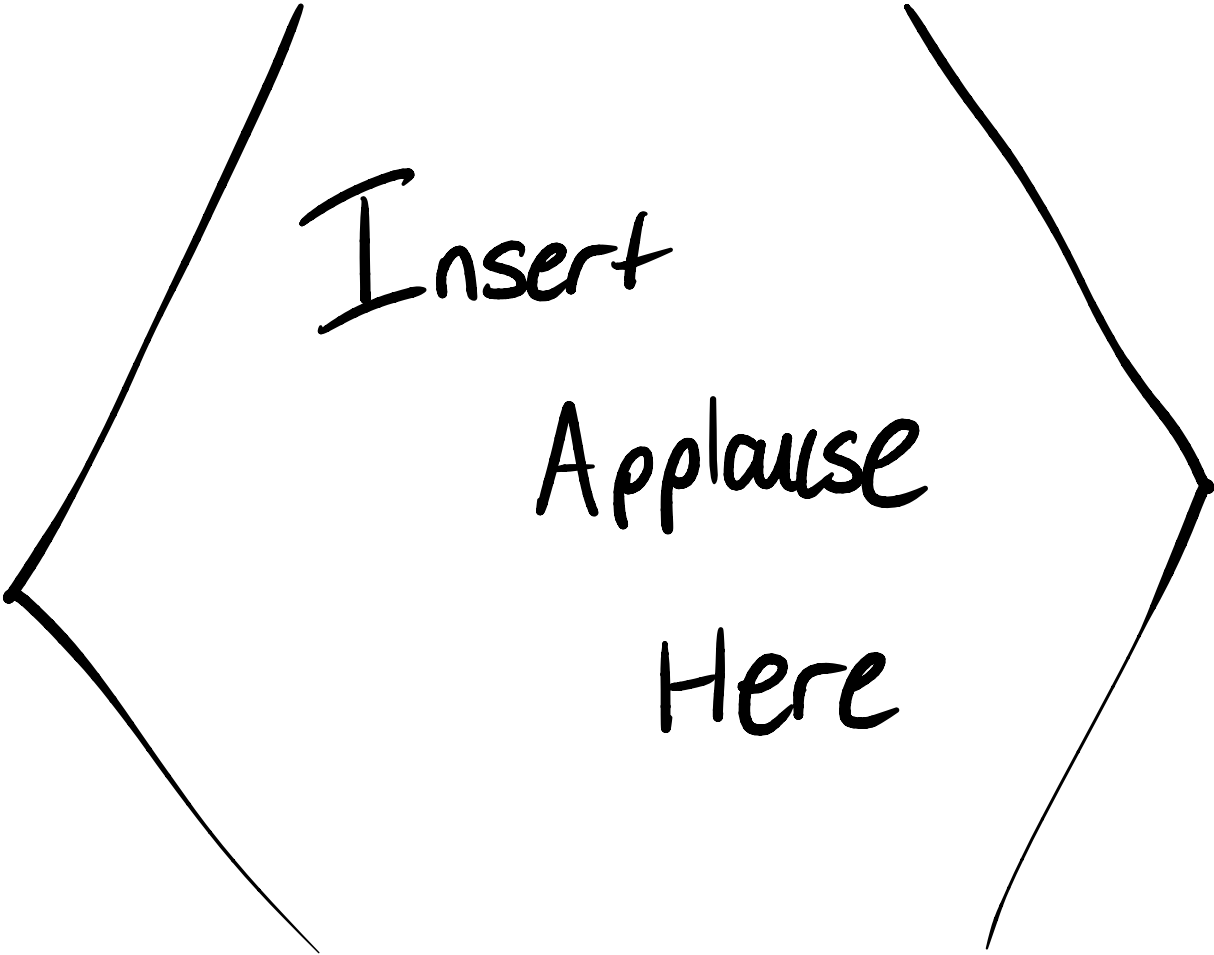
AxSL

Hammond, Liu et al
POPL '24

No

Conclusion

... yet



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