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Automated threat detection and mitigation in medical devices

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Connected Medical Devices

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Connected/Smart Medical Devices

- Connected devices offer tremendous potential to improve healthcare
- Security of medical devices is increasingly a critical concern among all the healthcare stakeholders



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Connected/Smart Device Security

- Historically, medical devices systems (and embedded systems in general) were not susceptible to remote hacks and malware
 - Devices lacked network connectivity
 - “Secured” by their physical locations
- Network access is now pervasive, and even legacy devices are being connected to the internet
- **For medical devices, the threat of hacks and malware has significant concerns for patient health and costs of recalls**



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Impact of Device Recalls

- US FDA recalled \approx 500,000 implantable pacemakers and cardiac defibrillators due to security vulnerabilities
 - ... which could result in **patient harm** from rapid battery depletion or administration of inappropriate pacing
- Correcting vulnerabilities requires physician visit for software update or surgery to replace the device
- Potential overall cost of recall: \$3 billion
- **Recalls take time and patients are left vulnerable**



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Security Doesn't Stop at Design

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Design for Security: Proactive and Reactive

- Security and privacy threats must be addressed throughout the product lifecycle
- Security is shared responsibility of device manufactures and healthcare providers
- **Advocate that a fundamental requirement is to support runtime mitigation**
 - Capable of identifying and safely reconfiguring advice's operation to mitigate vulnerabilities
 - Ensuring the continuity of life-critical operations and patient privacy

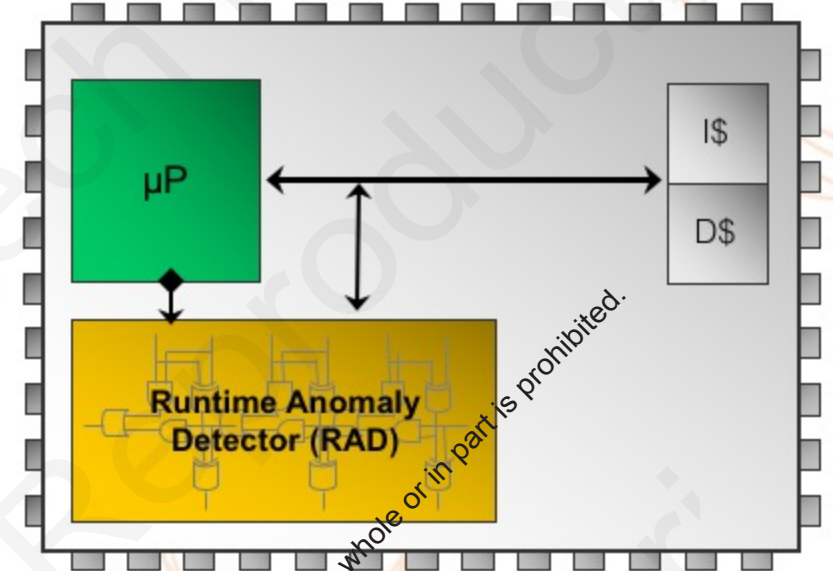
Automated Threat Detection

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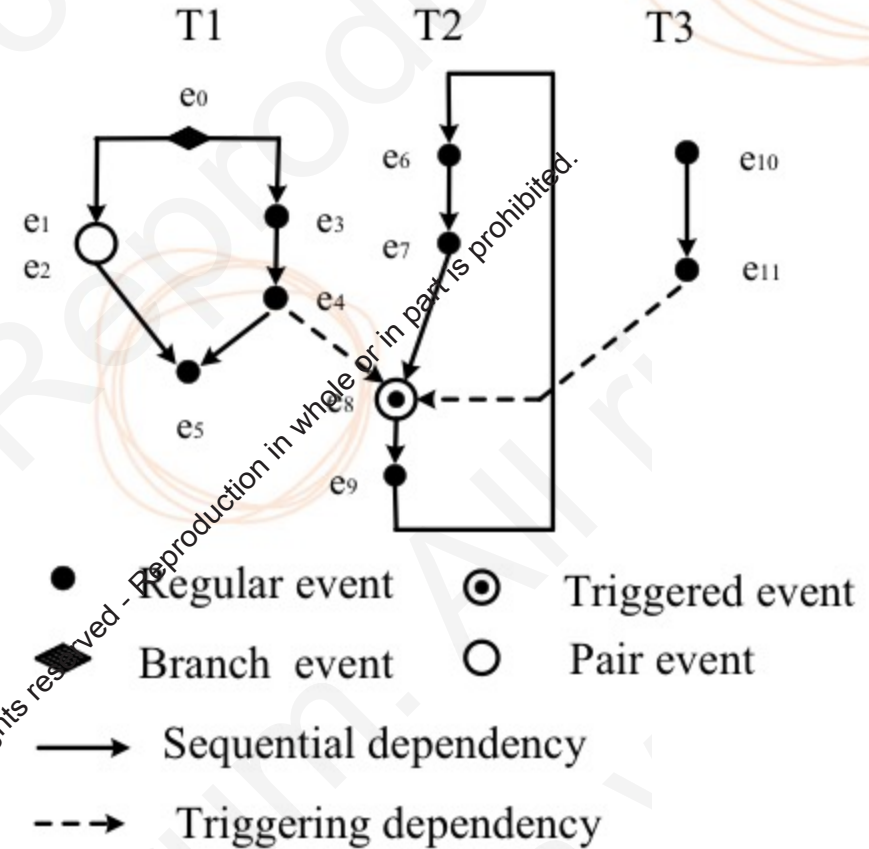
Runtime Anomaly Detection

- Anomaly detection detects attempted hacks, breaches, malware, etc., by continually monitoring the system execution
- Deviations between normal execution and runtime behavior indicate potential threats
- On-chip hardware ensures efficiency (e.g., 1% power overhead)



Formal Runtime Security Models

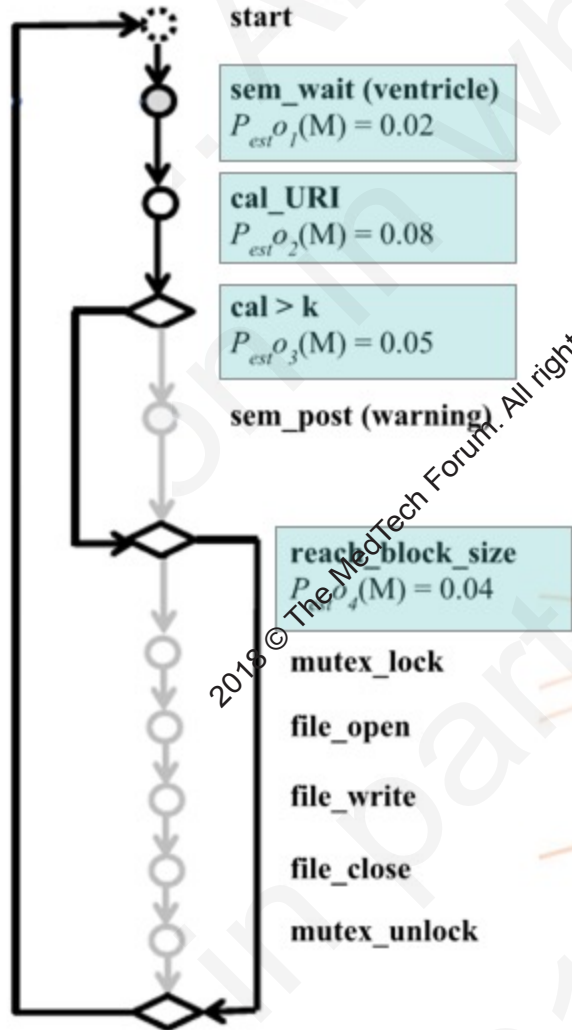
- Formal models incorporate both timing and execution ordering behaviors
- Embedded systems software typically contains precise and well-defined timing requirements
- Can be used to increase detection rate, accuracy, and speed of runtime threat detection



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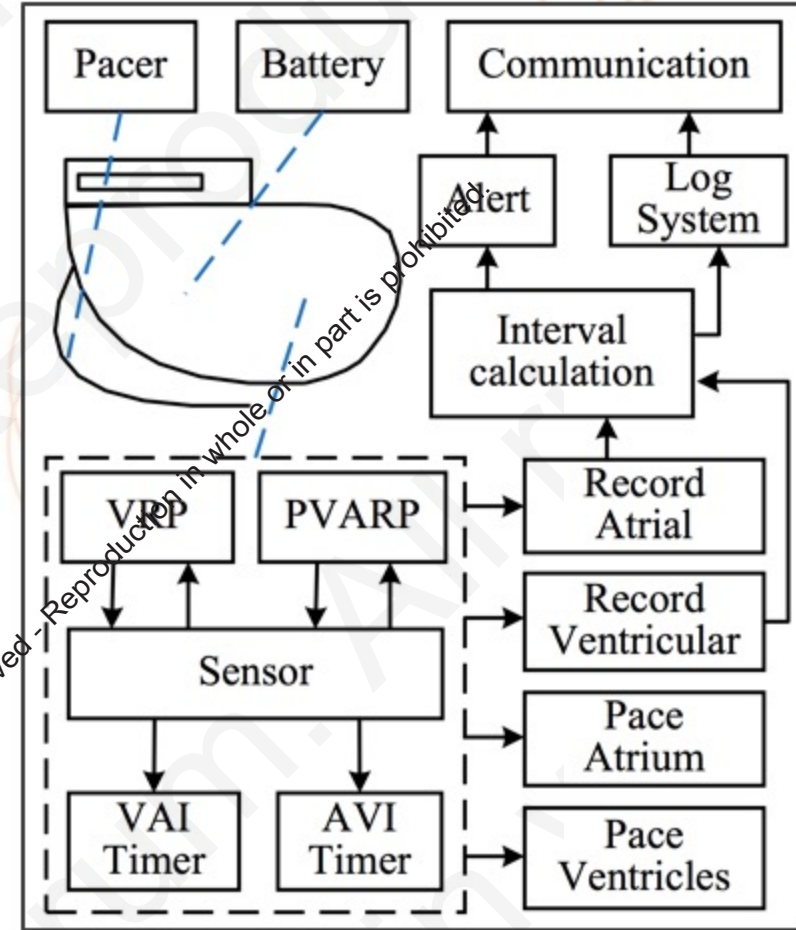
Estimating Threat Probability



- Runtime anomaly detection can isolate which components are affected
- Estimate the probability of a threat affecting specific software components, tasks, and applications
- Average detection rate greater than 95%
- Machine learning yields 45% improvement

$$P_{est} p_j(N) = 1 - (1 - P_{est} o_j(M))$$

$$P_{est} p_j(N) = 0.18$$

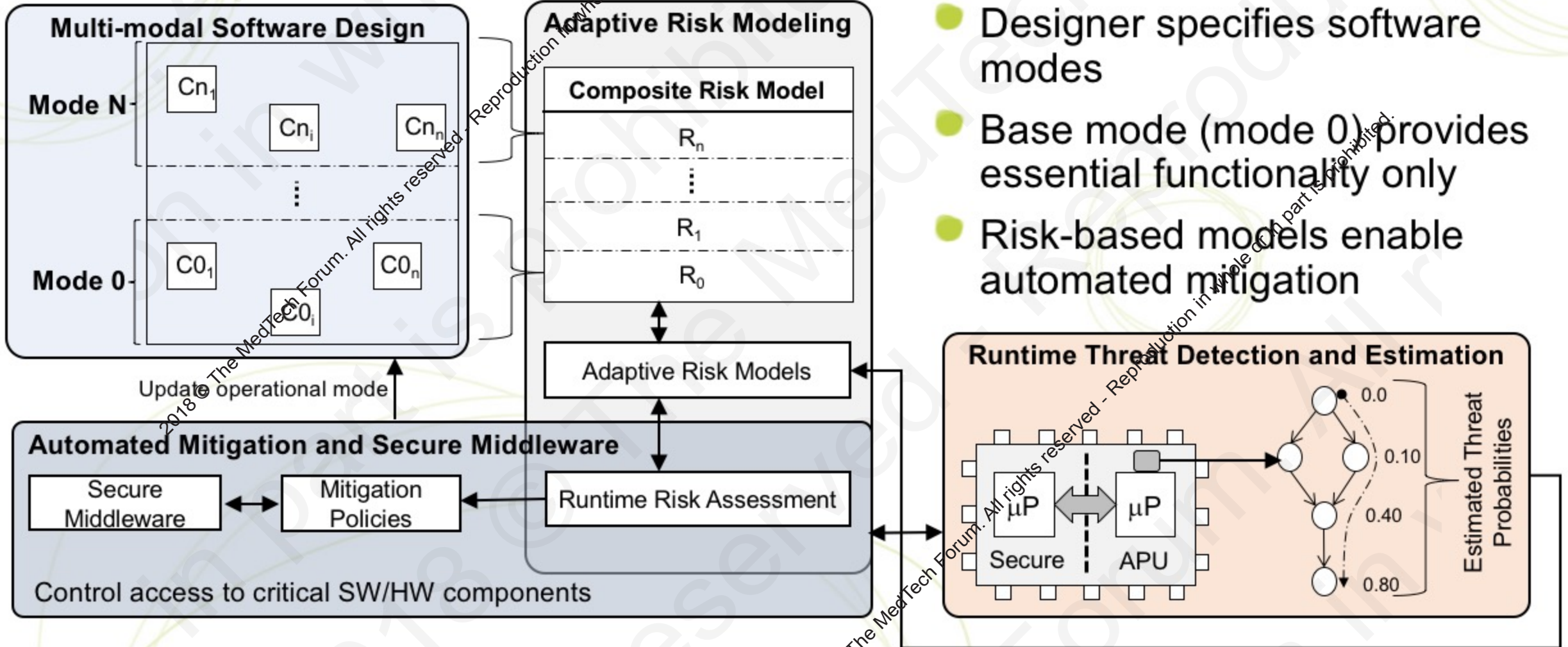


Automated Runtime Mitigation

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Multimodal Adaptive Software Design



- Designer specifies software modes
- Base mode (mode 0) provides essential functionality only
- Risk-based models enable automated mitigation

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Concluding Remarks

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Concluding Remarks

- Security and privacy threats must be addressed throughout the product lifecycle
- Security is shared responsibility of device manufactures and healthcare providers
- Automated runtime threat detection and mitigation is a fundamental requirement for connected medical devices

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