



# The aLIGO Guardian

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# Motivation



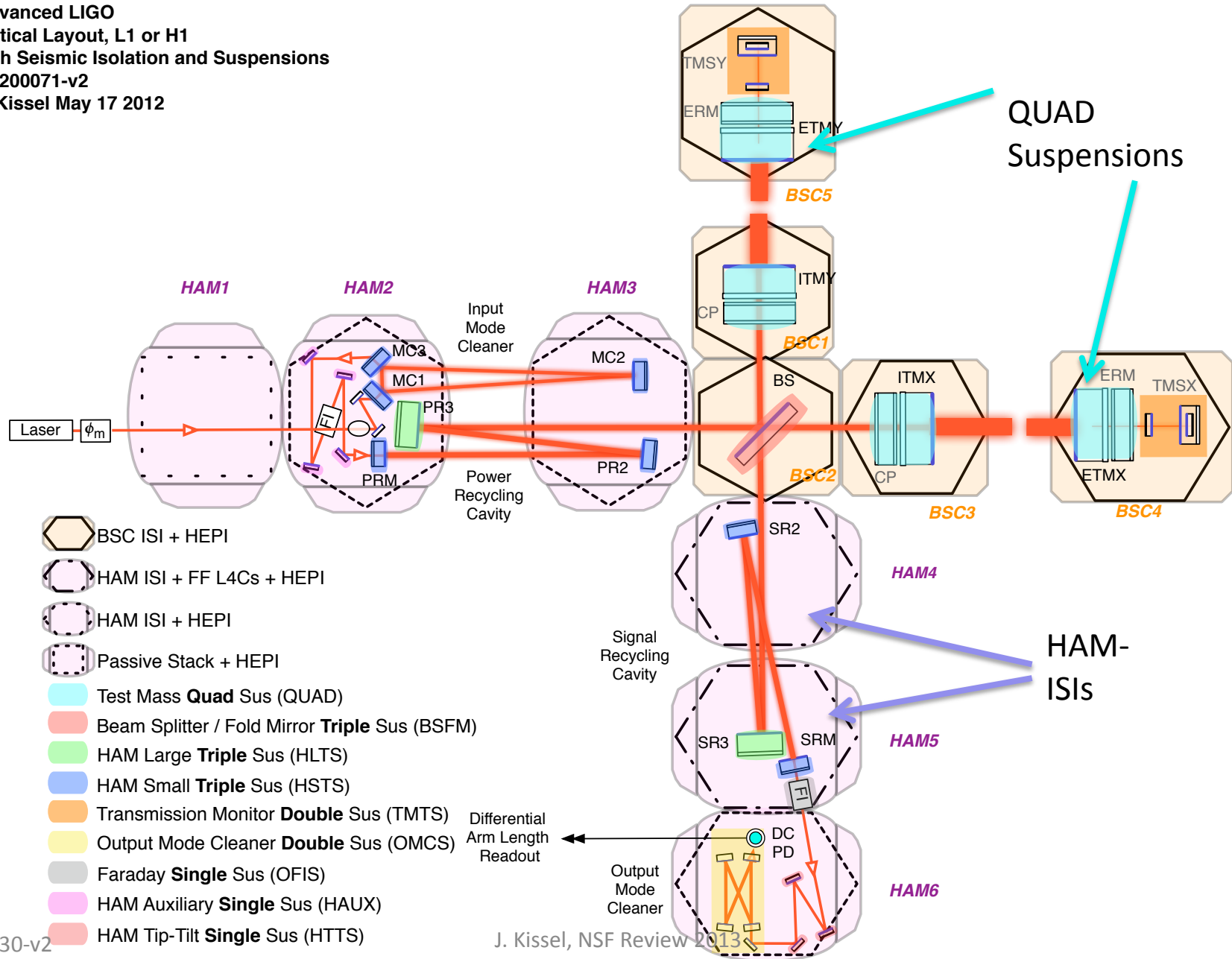
- iLIGO Experience: Operators/Commissioners had to manage many control systems, but many components were passive
- aLIGO has many more control loops/sensors/actuators – “modules” – of which to keep track; too difficult for one operator to manage
- BUT many aLIGO modules are will be controled/managed identically
- Design modular control systems to be in well-defined and verifiable states, which can then be managed hierarchically
- Inspired by the VIRGO and GEO experience
- Natural evolution from operation “by-hand,” to low-level scripts, to an organized well-tought-out infrastructure
- Not a necessary deliverable for aLIGO, but essential for long term, robust, repeatable operation – particularly by non-experts



# Guardian Principles

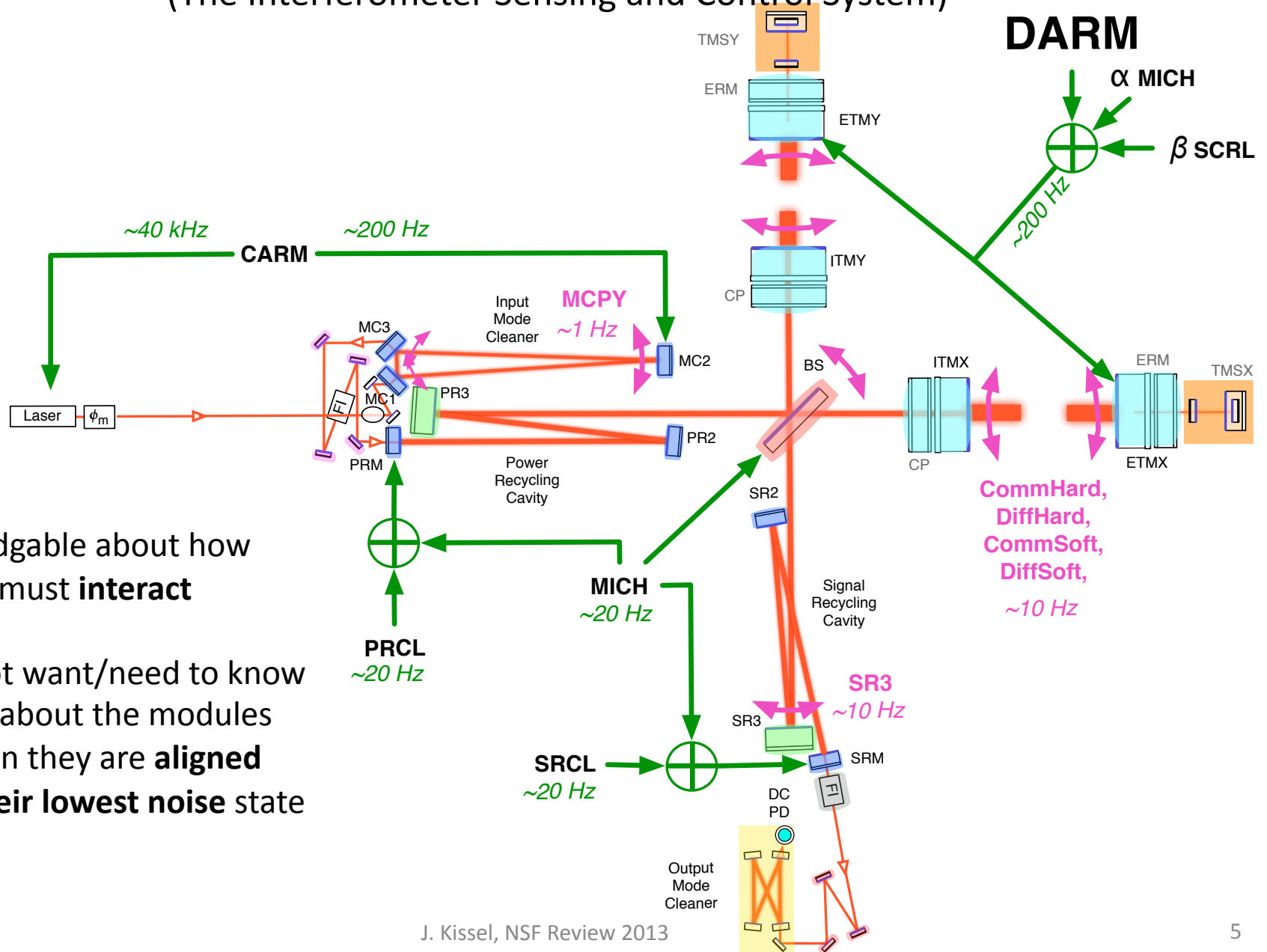
- **NOT** responsible for protection, only reporting, verifying, and transistioning between states (“Guardian” is a mis-nomer)
- **Module Guardian:** the lowest level state machine, directly controls a given component that can be treated identically (e.g. a Triple Suspension, or HAM-ISI)
- **Manager Guardian:** the “puppet master” that merely demands modules be in a given state, based on upper level manager or human requests

# Module Examples



# Manager Examples

(The Interferometer Sensing and Control System)

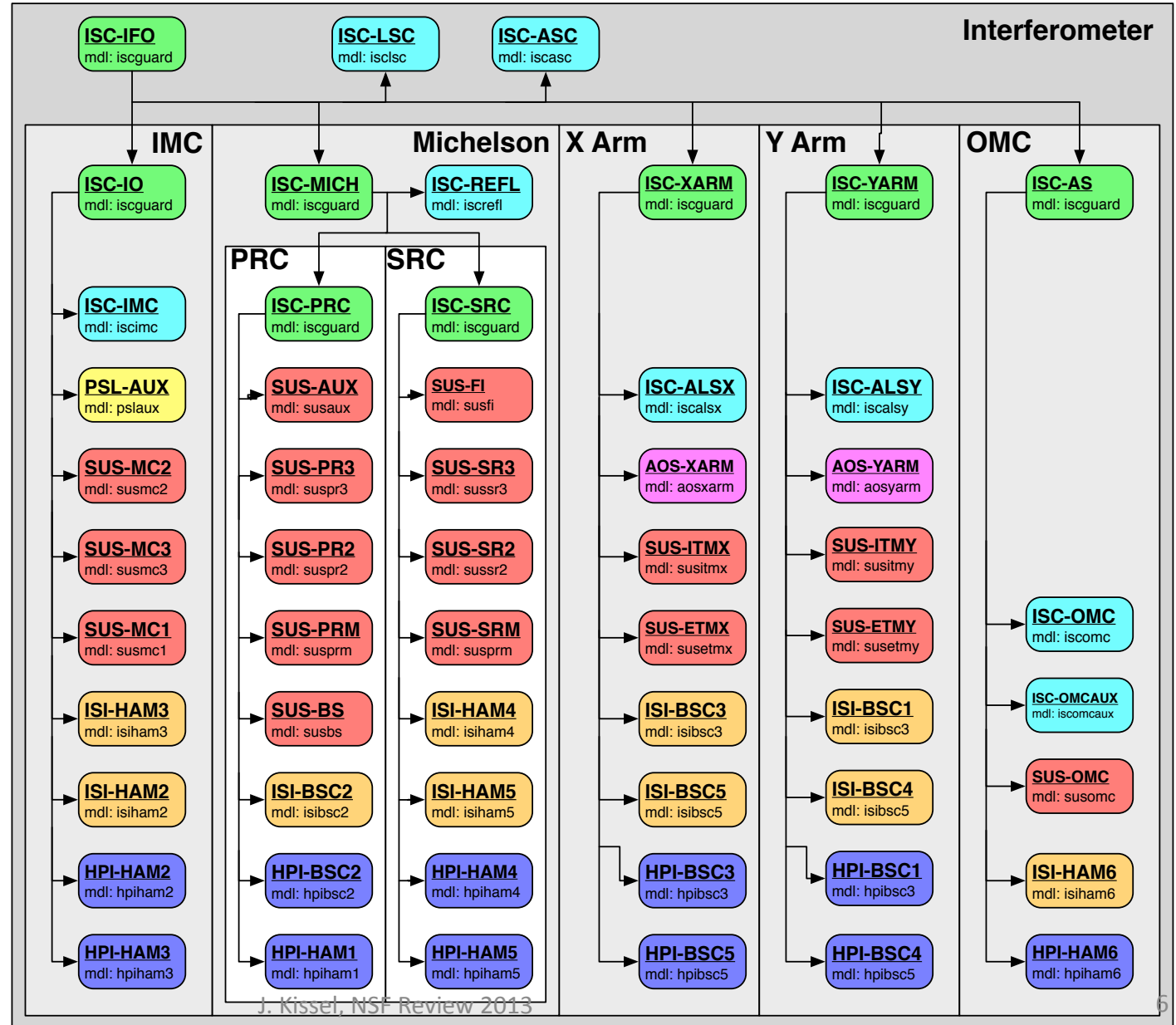
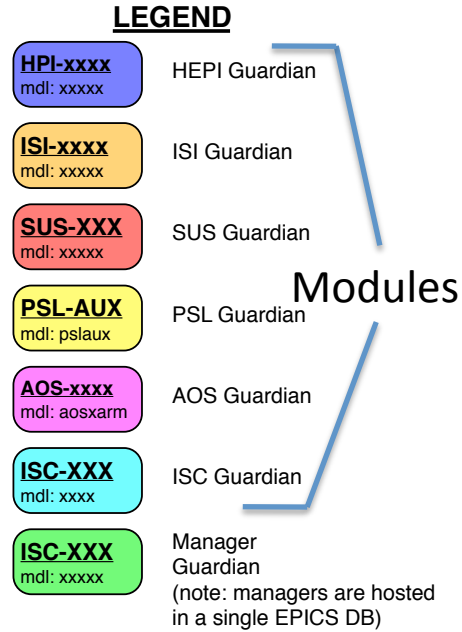


- Knowledgeable about how modules must **interact**
- Does not want/need to know anything about the modules other than they are **aligned** and in **their lowest noise state**

## aLIGO Guardian Overview Diagram

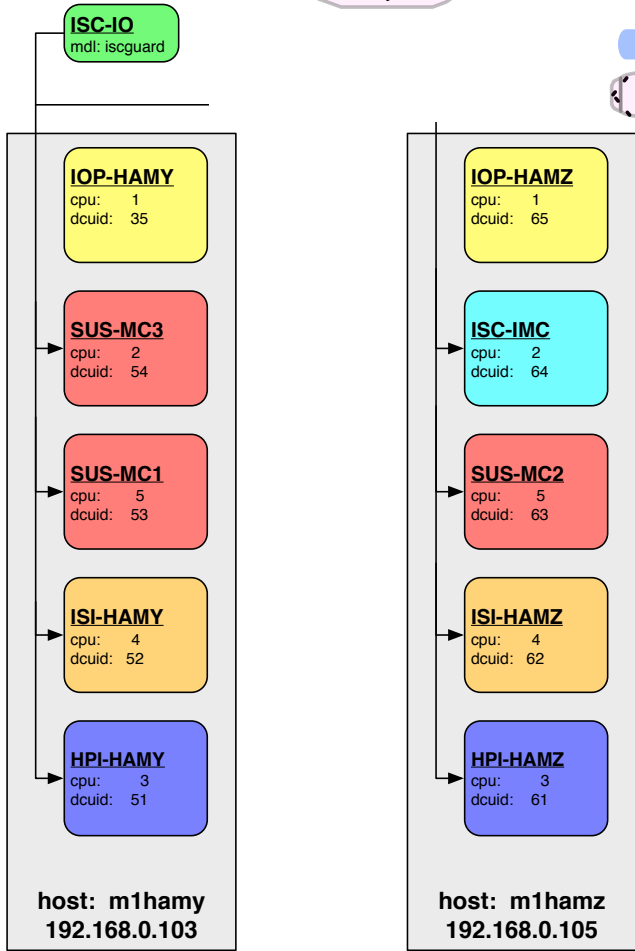
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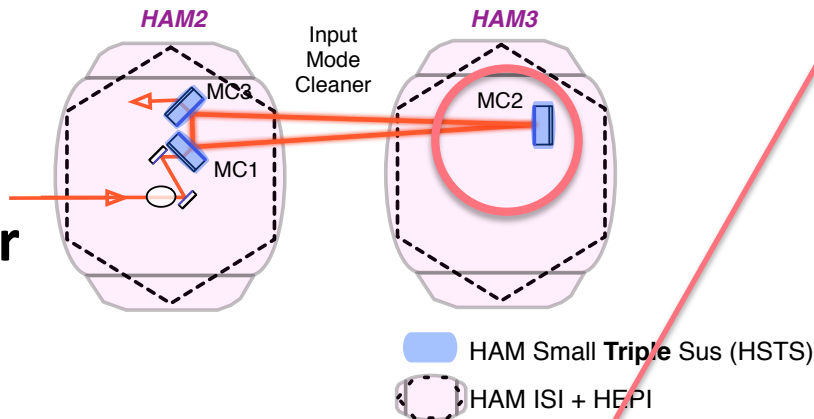


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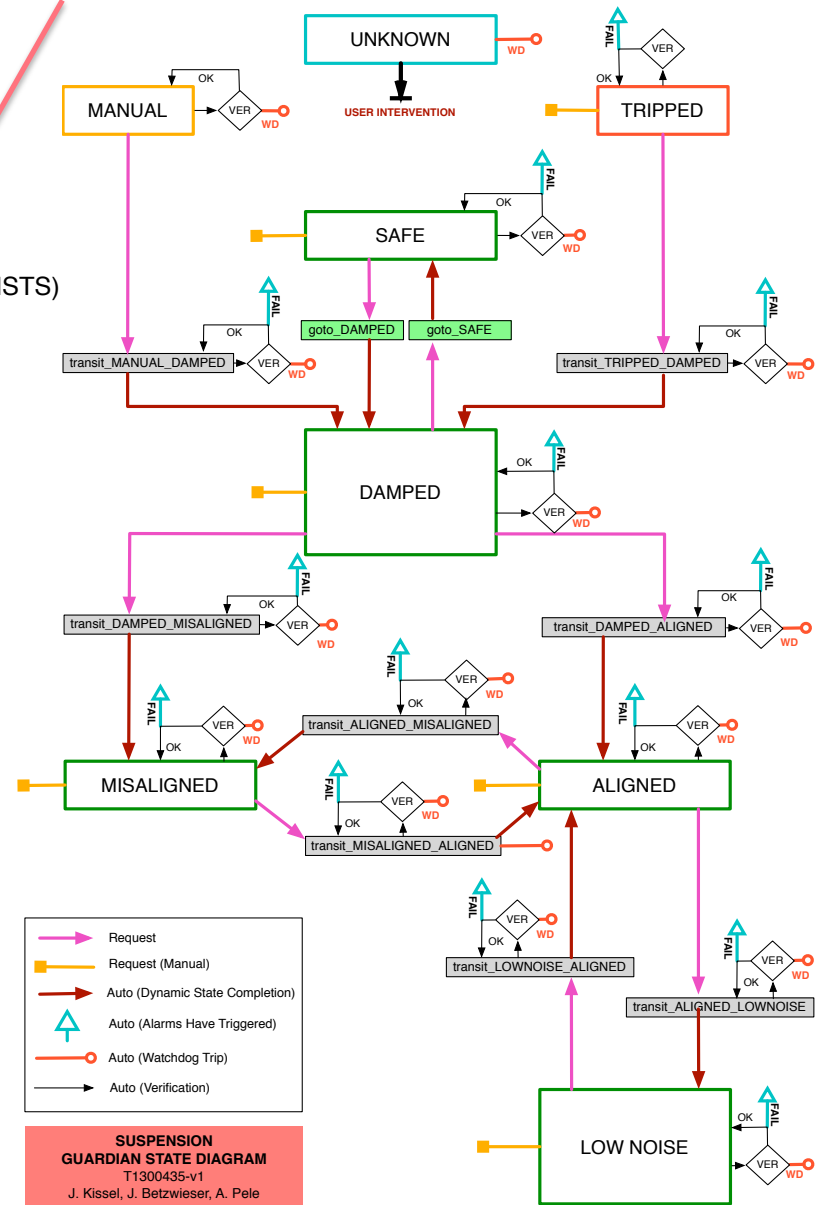


(CPU and DCUID allocations are somewhat arbitrary)

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# Module (HAM Triple Suspension)



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# Progress Thus Far...



- First article infrastructure created at MIT
- Prototype module systems developed at MIT (SUS) and Stanford (SEI) using representative hardware
- L1 Input Mode Cleaner Integrated Test Phase included prototype of IMC Manager Guardian
- Very new (last week!): face-to-face meeting of subsystem leaders on the Guardian

We've had enough prototyping that we can now really:

- Define Requirements
- Define common goals and infrastructure
- Software infrastructure can begin to be absorbed by CDS / Software Engineers
- Establish “czar” to ensure commonality and smooth interactions at the manager level

All of which we accomplished/has begun