

A Guide To Using Continuous Integration

Within The Verification Environment

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DISCONNECTED TOOLS

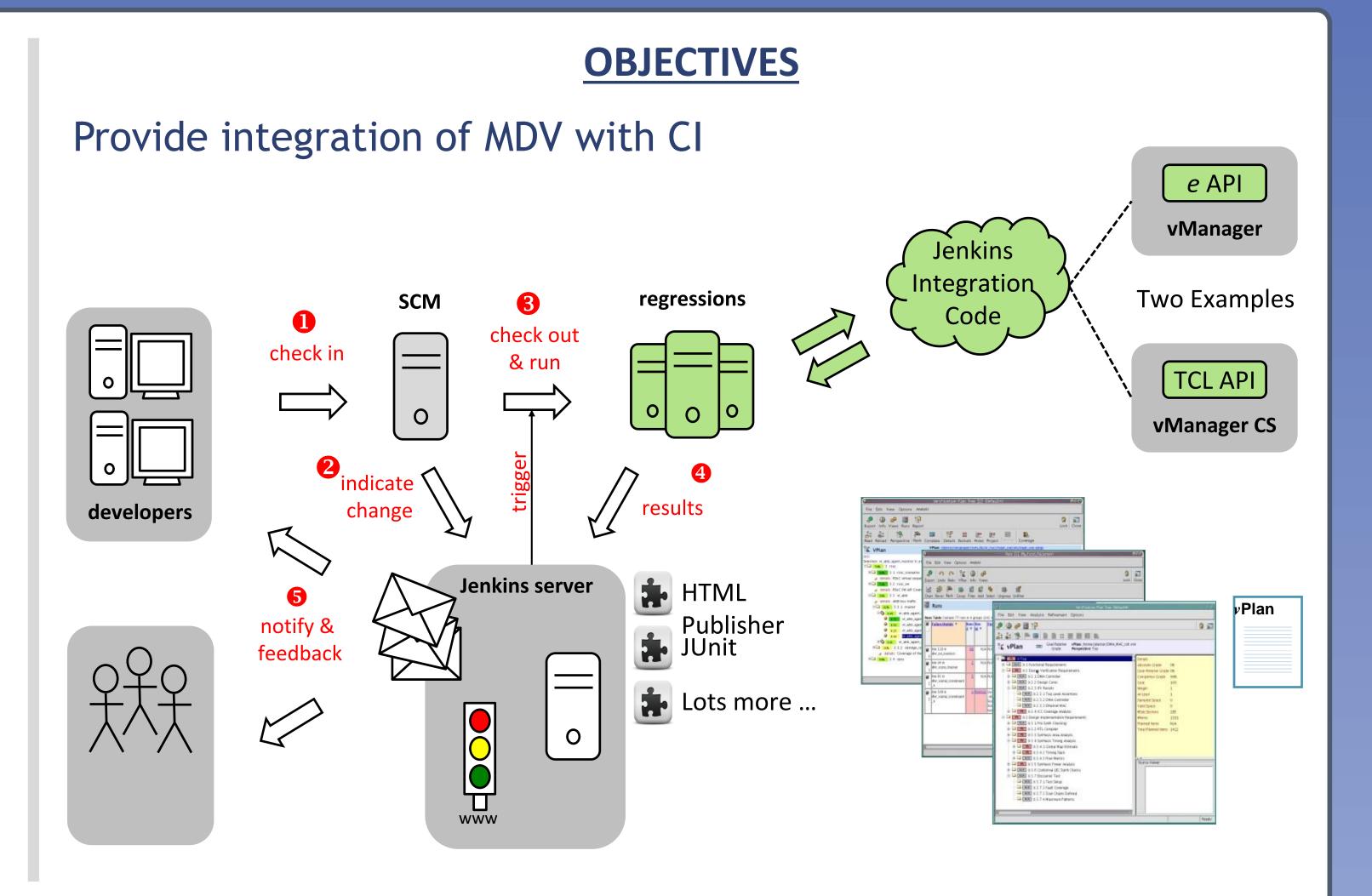
CI (continuous integration), MDV (metric driven verification)

CI (Jenkins)

- Code health
- Keep main branch passing
- Release early & often • Quickly spot and fix issues

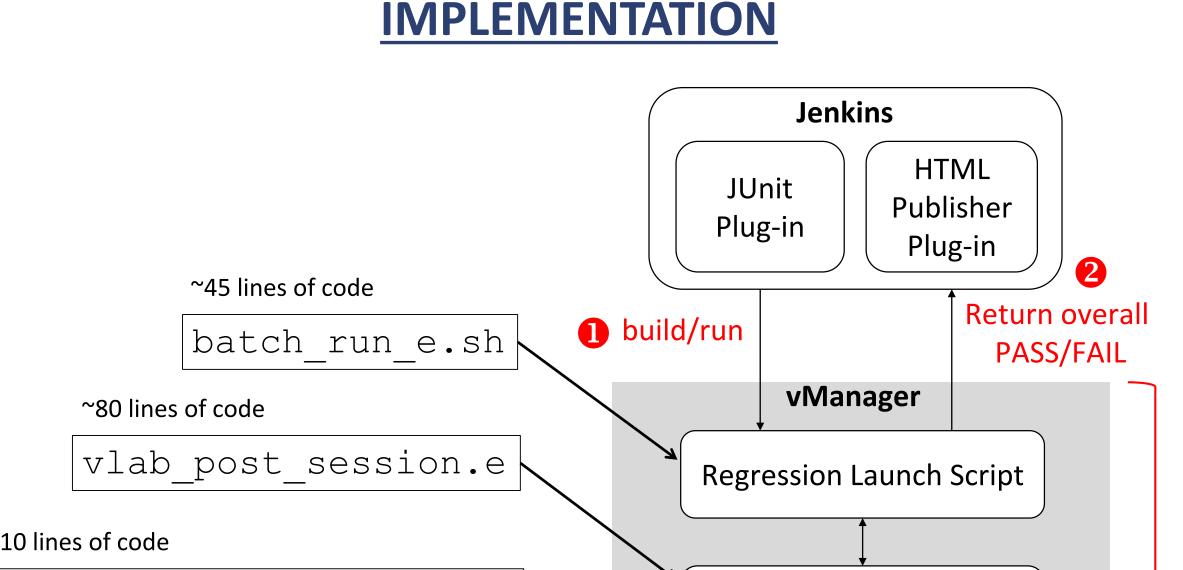
MDV (e.g. vManager)

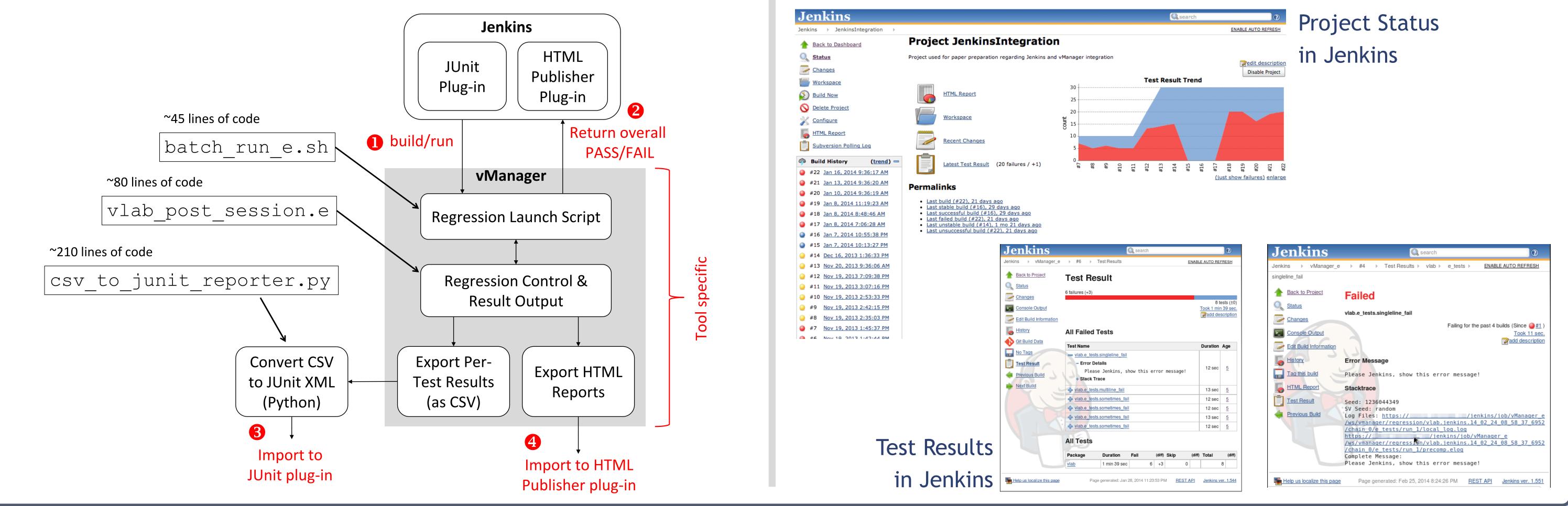
- Finding RTL bugs
- Managing complexity
- Integrated with verification language features



- Integrated with SCM
- Automates test execution
- Communicates status
- PASS/FAIL dashboards

- Verification closure
- Integrates with vplan
- Verification specific results
- Specialized analysis tools





RESULTS

CONCLUSIONS

- CI and MDV are complementary
- Two Jenkins integration examples shown
 - Reusable: csv to junit reporter.py
 - Ex. 1 (vManager) using a e-language API
 - Specific: initial launch script
 - Specific: e code to control exit and export results
 - Ex 2 (vManager CS) using TCL API
 - Specific: initial launch script
 - Specific: TCL to control exit and export results

vmanager/batch_run_e.sh

- vm_launch.pl \
- 47 -vsif ../e/e_tests.vsif \
- 48 -batch \
- 49 -command "load scripts/vlab_post_session.e; sys.vlab_post_session_analysis();" `

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-output_mode log_only \
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       -regr_report
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53 python ../scripts/csv_to_junit_reporter.py regression_tests.csv junit.xml

vmanagercs/batch_run_e.sh

45 vmanager -cs -profile \${MY_VMANAGER_CS_PROFILE} -exec scripts/run.tcl

47 python ../scripts/csv_to_junit_reporter.py regression_tests.csv junit.xml

vmanagercs/scripts/run.tcl

- 1 launch -wait -load -vsif \$::env(VLAB_TESTS)
- 2 csv_export -runs -view \$::env(MY_VMANAGER_CSV_VIEW) -out regression_tests.csv -overwrite
- 3 report_tests -out tests_report -overwrite



- There are some integration requirements
 - Same results on Jenkins as standalone sims
 - Regression must run in batch mode
 - No return until all simulations complete
- We can leverage standard Jenkins plug-ins

Getting the code

https://bitbucket.org/verilab/jenkinsintegration

Full paper

http://www.verilab.com/files/DVCon2014_CI_and_MDV_finalpaper.pdf



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