Systems of Systems Modeling

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The Conventional V-Model of System Design



Image source: <u>Clarus Concept of Operations.</u> Publication No. FHWA-JPO-05-072, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), 2005.

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validation (at system

integration time).



The iCyPhy Model of System Design



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Virtual Integration Requires Working with Models. Models vs. Reality

Solomon Golomb: Mathematical models – Uses and limitations. Aeronautical Journal 1968

You will never strike oil by drilling through the map!



Solomon Wolf Golomb (1932) mathematician and engineer and a professor of electrical engineering at the University of Southern California. Best known to the general public and fans of mathematical games as the inventor of polyominoes, the inspiration for the computer game Tetris. He has specialized in problems of combinatorial analysis, number theory, coding theory and communications. But this does not, in any way, diminish the value of a map!

The Kopetz Principle



Prof. Dr. Hermann Kopetz

Many (predictive) properties that we assert about systems (determinism, timeliness, reliability, safety) are in fact not properties of an *implemented* system, but rather properties of a *model* of the system.

We can make definitive statements about *models*, from which we can *infer* properties of system realizations. The validity of this inference depends on *model fidelity*, which is always approximate.

(paraphrased)

Determinate Models

Physical System







Synchronous digital logic

Determinate Models

Physical System



Model

/** Reset the output receivers, which are the inside receivers of * the output ports of the container. * @exception IllegalActionException If getting the receivers fails. */ private void _resetOutputReceivers() throws IllegalActionException { List<IOPort> outputs = ((Actor) getContainer()).outputPortList(); for (IOPort output : outputs) { if (_debugging) { _debug("Resetting inside receivers of output port: " + output.getName()); 3 Receiver[][] receivers = output.getInsideReceivers(); if (receivers != null) { for (int i = 0; i < receivers.length; i++) {</pre> if (receivers[i] != null) { for (int j = 0; j < receivers[i].length; j++) {</pre> if (receivers[i][j] instanceof FSMReceiver) { receivers[i][j].reset(); 7 } } } } }

Single-threaded imperative programs

Determinate Models

Physical System







Differential Equations

A Major Problem for CPS: Combinations are Nondeterminate





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Schematic of a simple CPS:









Consequences

When timing affects system behavior, designs are brittle. Small changes in the hardware, software, or environment can cause big, unexpected changes in timing. Testing has to be redone. Results:

- Manufacturers frequently stockpile parts to suffice for the complete production run of a product.
- Manufacturers cannot take advantage of improvements in the hardware (e.g. weight, power). The cost of re-testing and re-certifying is too high.
- Designs are over provisioned, increasing cost, weight, and energy usage.
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A Key Challenge: Timing is not Part of Software Semantics

Correct execution of a program in C, C#, Java, Haskell, OCaml, etc. has nothing to do with how long it takes to do anything. Nearly all our computation and networking abstractions are built on this premise.



Programmers have to step *outside* the programming abstractions to specify timing behavior.

Programmers have no map!

The hardware out of which we build computers is capable of delivering "correct" computations and precise timing...

The synchronous digital logic abstraction removes the messiness of transistors.



... but the overlaying software abstractions discard the timing precision.

```
// Perform the convolution.
for (int i=0; i<10; i++) {
   x[i] = a[i]*b[j-i];
   // Notify listeners.
   notify(x[i]);
}</pre>
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Challenge

Can we change programming models so that a *correct* execution of a program always delivers the same temporal behavior (up to some precision) at the subsystem I/O?

i.e. we need determinate CPS models

Engineering Abstractions and Engineering Methodology



Components in such a system come from multiple vendors in diverse engineering disciplines with distinct domain expertise.

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E.g. Electric Power Systems (EPS) for Aircraft

Physically:

- Generators
- Contactors
- Busses
- Loads





Figure 1: Single line diagram of an electric power system adapted from Honeywell Patent US 7,439,634 B2. Figure courtesy of Rich Poisson, Hamilton-Sundstrand.

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Challenge

How can we define interfaces between components that bridge engineering disciplines and clarify requirements and expectations?

i.e. we need a discipline of "model engineering"

Heterogeneous Models:

Discrete-Event (DE) Model of a Generator-Regulator-Protector in Ptolemy II



Notice the voltage spike when the load is disconnected. Also notice that the PID controller tries to take the drive negative, but the generator model clips the drive input to be non-negative. Heterogeneous Ptolemy II model. Superdense model of time with a semantics of simultaneity.











Aspect-Oriented Modeling in Ptolemy II



Two alternative execution platforms. Select between them using the useTwoProcessors parameter.

1Processor





The Supervisor and PID actors can execute on the same processor or on two processors, depending on the value of useTwoProcessors. If they use one processor, overvoltage protection kicks in, while if they use two, it does not.

Aspect-Oriented Modeling in Ptolemy II Two Processor Architecture Model



Aspect-Oriented Modeling in Ptolemy II One Processor Architecture Model



Other Uses of Aspect-Oriented Modeling

- Modeling communication system architecture
- Modeling the effects of communication impairments
- Modeling faults
- Creating observers:
 - Anomaly detection
 - Contract monitoring
- Security attack models

In Ptolemy II, all of these models are cleanly separated from the functional system model.

Their effect on the model is "woven in" at run time.

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Ptolemy II

http://ptolemy.org

- Open source Open architecture
- Well documented

Free Book: Claudius Ptolemaeus, Editor

http://ptolemy.org/systems

This is an open-source book about open source software solutions to pressing industrial problems.



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Systems of Systems Modeling

A discipline of "model engineering"

- Embrace models for virtual system integration
- Avoid accidental nondeterminism
- Embrace heterogeneity
- Use aspect-oriented modeling

Raffaello Sanzio da Urbino – The Athens School

