

Integrated Design and Analysis Tools for Software Based Control Systems



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Subcontractors and Collaborators



- **Boeing**
 - OCP
- **Georgia Tech**
 - blending controllers
- **OGI & Yale**
 - embedded virtual machine
- **Northrop Grumman**
 - multimodal control
- **Vanderbilt/Xerox**
 - fault detection/isolation, metamodeling
- **Stanford and SRI**
 - modal control systems - softwalls

Problem Description and Program Objective



This project concerns the design of multi-agent multi-modal control systems, their distributed real-time software implementation, and their formal analysis. As a common foundation we build on the use of heterogeneous hybrid modeling techniques.

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Technical Approach Summary

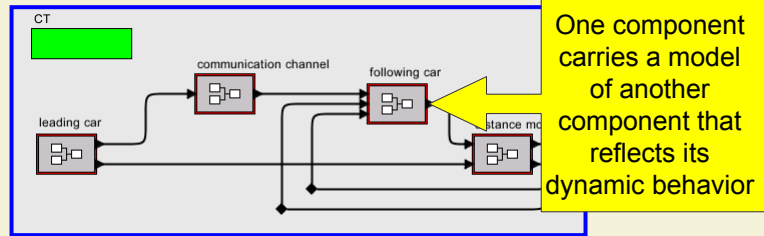


- **Models of computation**
 - real-time
 - heterogeneous
- **Applying theory of component-based design**
 - Interface theories (with Mobies)
 - System-level types (with Mobies)
 - Theory of frameworks
- **Hybrid systems theory**
 - multi-vehicle architecture integration
 - multi-model control derivation and analysis
- **Software laboratory: Ptolemy II**
- **Hardware laboratory: Helicopter UAVs**

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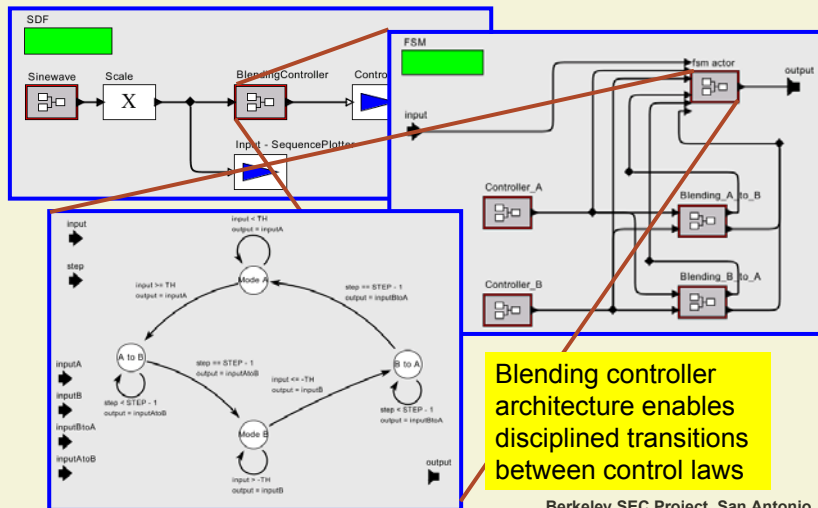
Fault Detection, Isolation, Recovery

- Approach: Generalized reflection
- Demonstration: Cooperative multi-agent control



Reflection is a type theoretic notion of components that make available at run time models of themselves. Classically, these models represent only static type information. Our variant represents dynamics.

Blending Controllers (Collaboration with Georgia Tech)



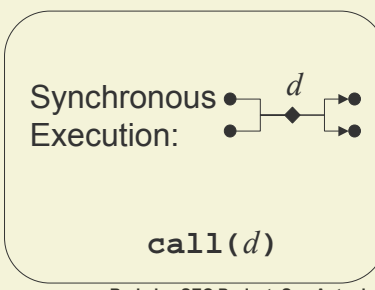
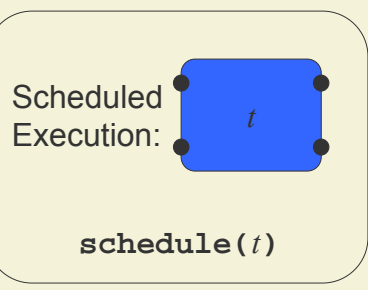
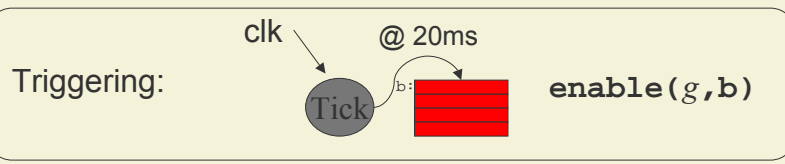
Embedded Virtual Machine (Collaboration with OGI and Yale)



- The embedded machine or E machine is a **virtual, real-time scheduling machine**
- The E machine has:
 - *ports, drivers, tasks, and triggers*
 - 3 key instructions + arbitrary control flow instructions
- The E machine provides a platform for generating **distributed, real-time** scheduling code

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The Embedded Machine: Three Instructions



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Portability, Mobility, Real-Time



- **Portability:** no specific hardware mapping, no specific scheduling scheme
- **Mobility:** dynamic upload/linking of E code; binary application code strictly separated
- **Real-Time:** hard real-time performance

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Boeing Subcontract: Open Control Platform - OCP

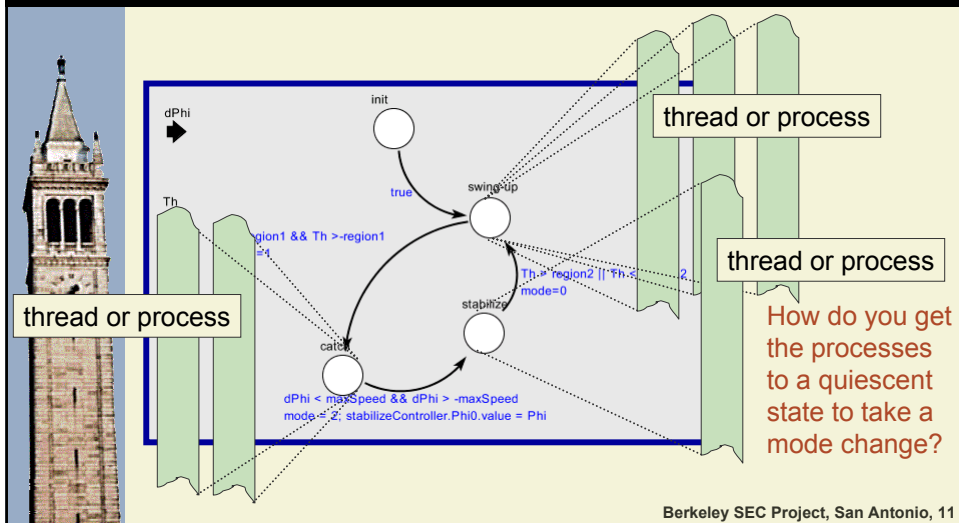


We are contributing to the future evolution of the OCP by helping to define and refine its semantics, using these semantics in hardware-in-the-loop simulation, and determining how the semantic model interoperates with others, such as FSM (for mode changes) and Giotto (for hard-real-time systems). Specific tasks include:

- Ptolemy II domains that explore OCP semantics.
- Component interfaces for real-time quality of service.
- Concurrency management.
- Solving the precise mode change problem.
- Interoperation of heterogeneous semantic models.

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Precise Mode Change Problem

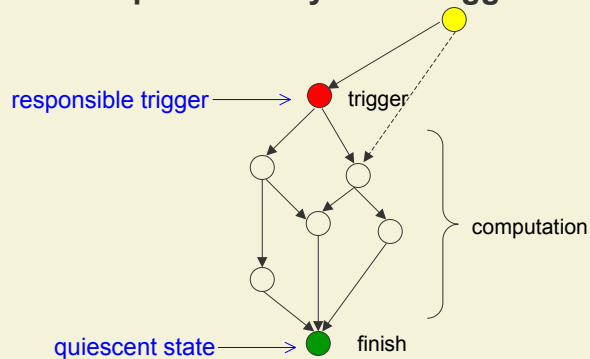


TM: Timed Multitasking A Model of Computation for Real Time

- Previously reported versions were called
 - RTOS (real-time operating system)
 - HPM (hierarchical preemptive multitasking)
- Model of computation with
 - Concurrency
 - Dynamic priorities
 - Improved determinacy (vs. prioritized threads)
 - Simple real-time interface properties
 - Precise mode changes
 - Possibilities for admission control, anytime algorithms...
- Implementable on the OCP
 - Distributed
 - Real-time CORBA, using event channel

Precise Reaction

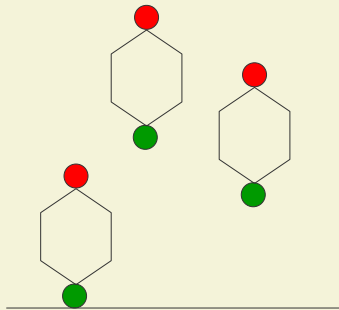
- A **precise reaction** is a finite piece of computation that depends solely on its trigger.



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Responsible Frameworks

- A **responsible framework** requests that all its components be precisely reactive and triggers these components only with responsible triggers.

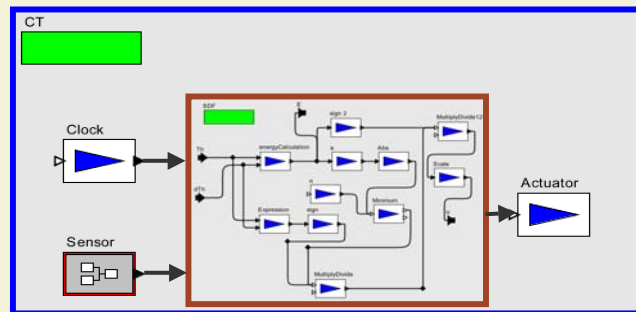


- Deadlocks can be monitored by examining triggering rules.
- A model always settles in quiescent states.
- Solves priority inversion problems in priority-based models.

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Compositional Precise Reaction

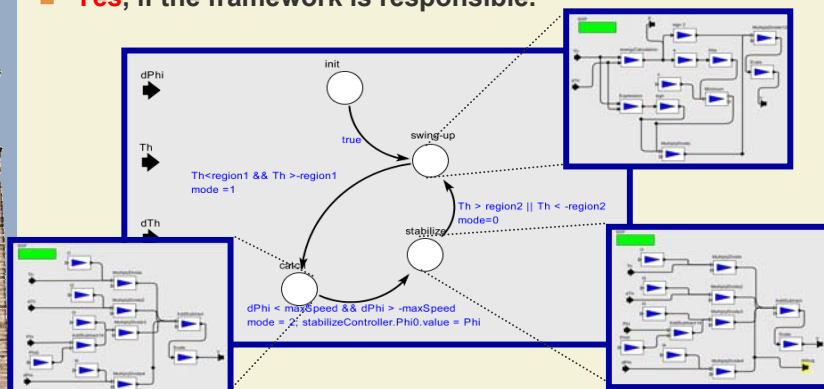
- Can we treat a composition of components as an atomic component?
- Yes**, if the framework is responsible.



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Precise Mode Change Solution

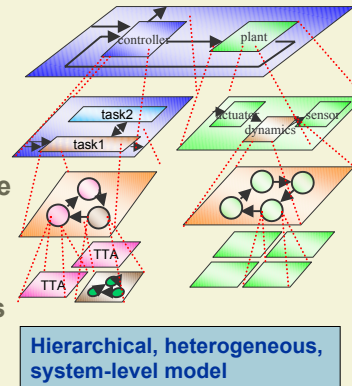
- Will the process be in a quiescent state when we do a mode change?
- Yes**, if the framework is responsible.



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Benefits

- Composable semantics
 - arbitrarily deep hierarchies
 - heterogeneous hierarchies
- Precise mode switching
 - nest FSMs with anything else
- Real-time scheduling
 - make RT scheduling policies independent of functionality



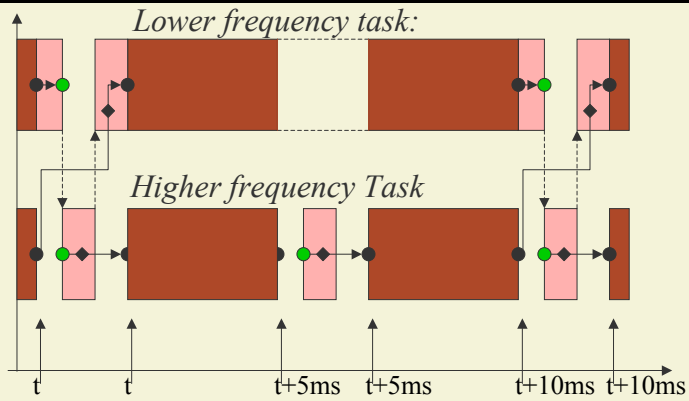
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Examples of Responsible Frameworks

- Dataflow with firing
 - Firing rules are responsible trigger conditions.
 - Atomic firings are precise reactions.
- Timed Multitasking
 - Tasks are either nonpreemptable or arbitrarily preemptable.
 - Event-based firing rules are responsible triggers.
 - Split-phase execution and over-run handling to guarantee timing properties.
- Giotto
 - Time are responsible triggers.
 - Well-defined communication guarantees precise reaction.
 - Tasks are arbitrarily preemptable.

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Giotto – Periodic Hard-Real-Time Tasks with Precise Mode Changes



- Giotto compiler targets the E Machine
- Ptolemy II Giotto domain code generator planned

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Helicopter Testbeds



- Giotto controller for Zurich helicopter written
- Giotto controller for Berkeley helicopter in progress



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High Confidence Control Design for UAVs

John Koo



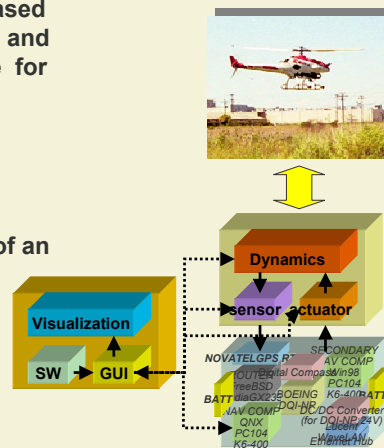
- Hybrid Control Design for Multi-Vehicle Multi-Modal Systems
 - Multi-modal controller for single vehicle
 - Coordination of multiple vehicles
- High-Confidence Hybrid Control
 - FDIR capabilities for single (envelope protection, sensor/actuator failures) and multiple vehicles (collision avoidance and conflict resolution)
- Hierarchical System Design
 - Based on parallel and serial compositions of models of computation
 - Enabling multiple vehicle cooperative control
 - Implementation on OCP

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Technical Approach



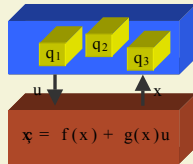
- Hybrid Control design will be based on a nonlinear helicopter model and nonlinear controllers. Available for simulation in Ptolemy II and Simulink
- Hardware-In-the-Loop (HIL) simulation for architecture evaluation is currently under construction. System consists of an embedded controller and an emulator for emulating sensor/dynamics/actuator.
- Verified/Validated embedded controller will be used for controlling a R-Max helicopter.



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Hierarchical Control of Multi-Modal Systems

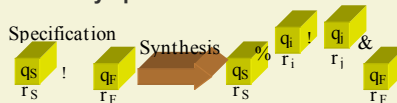
- Given a continuous control system, a collection of *control modes* are designed



For control mode q_i ;
 $o=p : y_i = h_i(x)$
 $i=p : u = k_i(x; r_i)$
 $y_i \neq r_i$ by design
 Assume that $r_i \in \mathbb{R}^i$
 $x(t_0) \in S_i(r_i) \cap X_i$
 $x(t) \in X_i; t \in [t_0, \dots]$

- Problem Statement of Mode Switching

- Does there exist a finite sequence of *control modes* for satisfying a set of given reachability specifications?



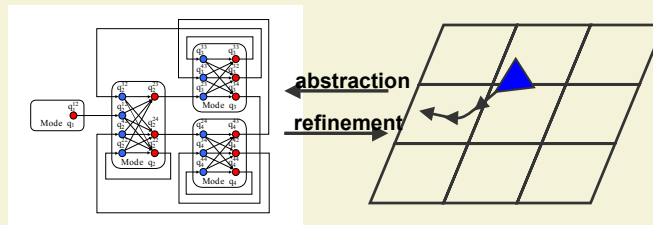
- If it does exist, can the switching conditions be determined?
 - When/ Where? **Guard/Reset Synthesis**
 - What Trajectory? **Performance Criteria**

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Mode Switching Algorithm for Multi-Modal Control

- Computation

- Offline: Synthesis of control mode graph
 - Reachability and Intersection
- Online: Synthesis of control switching sequence
 - Reachability on Graph

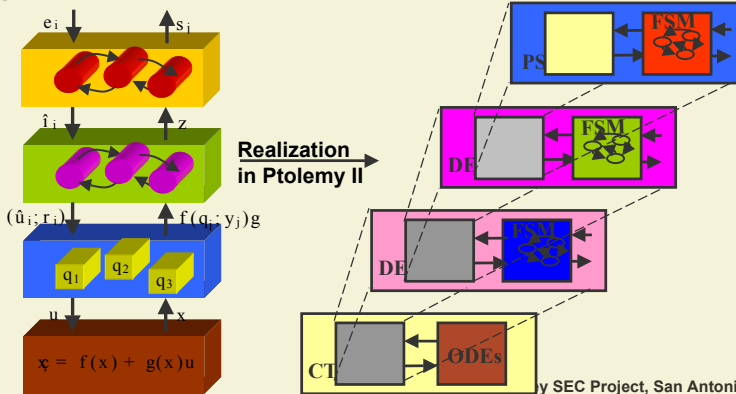


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Hierarchical Component-Based Design

- Hierarchical nesting of compositions of discrete and continuous components
- At each level of the hierarchy, a Model of Computation (MoC) governs the behaviors and interactions of components

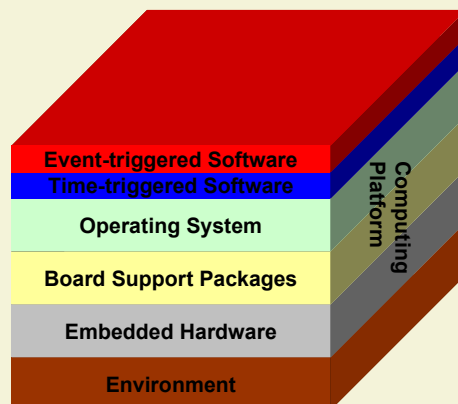


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Implementing a Design in Embedded Software

- Question: How to guarantee safety of the embedded system?

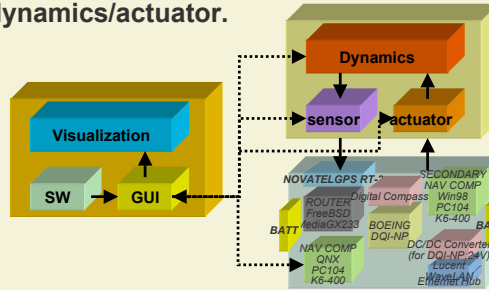
- Our Solution:
 - at the level closest to the environment under control, the embedded software needs to be **time-triggered** for guaranteed safety;
 - at higher levels, an **asynchronous** hybrid controller design is required.



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Ongoing Work

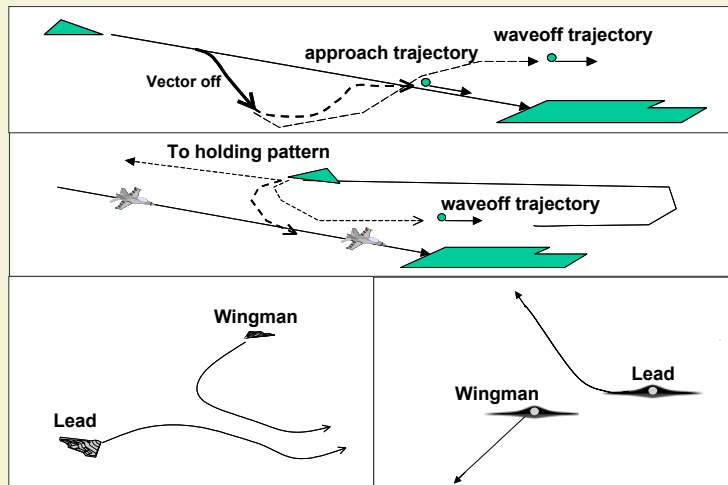
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Candidate Real-life Applications (with Northrop-Grumman)



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Project Tasks/Schedule/Status



■ Demos done

- Multi-modal helicopter control model (hybrid system)
- Fault detection/isolation based on generalized reflection
- Blending controller (with Georgia Tech)
- Publish & subscribe using Jini and JavaSpaces
- Giotto helicopter control for Zurich helicopter
- Precise mode changes using TM domain
- Multi-modal distributed control (with Lego robots)

■ Fundamental contributions

- Framework theory
 - responsible frameworks
 - precise reactions/mode changes
 - managing heterogeneity
 - models of computation
- Timed multitasking model of computation
- Giotto time-triggered model of computation
- Multimodal control framework
- Controller synthesis for safety properties

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Next Milestones



■ Future milestones

- Giotto helicopter control for Berkeley helicopters
- Hardware-in-the-loop simulation
- CORBA/OCP event channel interface to the TM domain
- OCP E Machine realization
- E Machine realizations running hard-real-time code
- FDIR in hybrid controllers for single/ multiple vehicles
- Multi-vehicle formation flight

■ Anticipated fundamental contributions

- Just watch!

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Technology Transition/Transfer



- **Classic tech transfer strategy:**
 - **Copyright**
 - Retain intellectual property & leverage the profit motive
- **Radical tech transfer strategy:**
 - **Copyleft**
 - Distribute freely & impose your ideology on others
- **Berkeley tech transfer strategy:**
 - **Copycenter**
 - Take it to the copy center & copy as much as you like.

- **Success of this model:**
 - Many companies have brought Berkeley research results into the marketplace.

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Technology Transition/Transfer – Near-Term Plans



- **E Machine pilot implementations will show how to**
 - Isolate designers from RTOS platforms
 - Get a coherent semantics in the run-time environment
- **Giotto model of computation will show how to**
 - Build hard-real-time, periodic, multimodal models
 - Specify real-time requirement (vs. infer real-time behavior)
- **TM model of computation will show how to**
 - Build priority-driven multitasking with precise mode changes
- **Ptolemy II version 2.0 release will show how to**
 - Get precise mode changes in a real-time multitasking context
 - Realize multi-modal multi-agent hybrid systems
 - Realize blending controllers
- **Helicopter control models will show how to**
 - Hierarchically build autonomous multi-vehicle control systems with hybrid control methods.
 - Work with Northrop-Grumman to transfer methods.

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Program Issues – Employing SEC Technology

■ Homeland defense – softwalls

- carry on-board 3-D database with “no-fly-zones”
- enforce in the on-board avionics, based on localization
- non-networked, non-hackable
- hybrid, modal controller in embedded software

