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In this PhD work, we want to provide a fault mitigation capability at run-time to a Cyber-Physical System (CPS) whose design and implementation are based on a Dataflow Model of Computation and Communication (MoCC).

Context, Motivations & Objectives

Deterministic Dataflow MoCC-based CPS design

- Deterministic Dataflow Models of Computation and Communication (MoCC) are well fitted to model and form the base of design and implementations of distributed Cyber-Physical Systems (CPS).
- The most popular ones are the Synchronous DataFlow (SDF, [1]) and the Cyclo-Static DataFlow (CSDF, [2]).
- The Dataflow MoCC PolyGraph ([3]) is one of the most expressive of the deterministic dataflow:
 - Additional frequency and phase constraints on **actors** (i.e. distributed tasks).
 - Rational production and consumption rate instead of integers (for clock domain synchronizations).

Runtime Verification

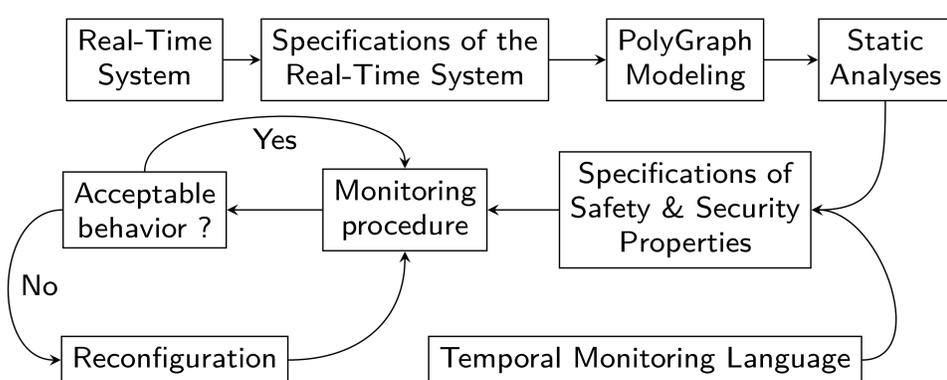
- Runtime verification tools evaluate the system's behavior at run-time.
- The monitoring of global properties has serious drawbacks.
- The system in [4] re-constructs the global trace from local ones.
- Decentralized monitoring of Linear Temporal Logic (LTL) properties is explored [6].

Targeted Contributions

- A Temporal Monitoring Language tailored for a dataflow CPS design.
- A runtime verification tool whose monitoring specifications are derived from PolyGraph's static analyses.
- The validation of global properties from local monitoring.
- The rise of an early alert and a reconfiguration process that mitigates run-time faults.

Runtime Adaptation Tool

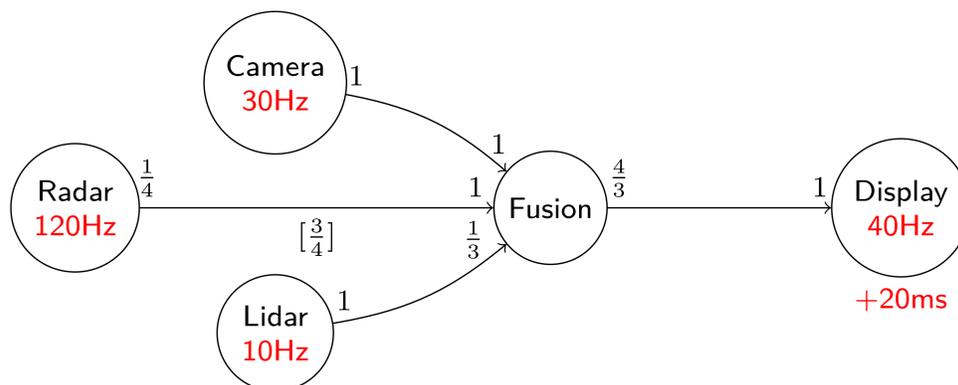
Targeted Tool Overview



- The system provides a fault mitigation capability at run-time.

PolyGraph

- Below is the PolyGraph modeling of a data fusion system for ADAS.



The actors with a frequency must fire at that frequency. The first fire can be delayed with a phase, like the Display actor. The rates on the channels represent token production/consumption between the actors at both endpoints. The values between brackets are the initials tokens.

- Dynamic PolyGraph ([5]) enhances PolyGraph ([3]) with a runtime reconfiguration mechanism.

Use Cases

The Ingenuity Mars Helicopter: Position, velocity, and altitude are estimated using an Inertial Measurement Unit, and navigation adjustments are made using a camera.



An Advanced Driver Assistance System (ADAS): An odometer measures the current speed, a lidar perceives nearby obstacles, and a stereo camera films the road ahead.



Perspectives

Static analyses

- Formalize the Temporal Monitoring Language to specify the actors' (task) execution window, latency, and throughput.
- Define a PolyGraph's mode and the triggering mechanisms.

Implementation & Evaluation

- Implement run-time verification & reconfiguration procedures, and quantify the monitor's overhead.
- Evaluation with faults injection and ensure the system detects them.

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