Domain Specific Modeling Languages for Cyber Physical Systems: Where Are Semantics Coming From?

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CPS is a rapidly emerging, cross-disciplinary field with well-understood and urgent need for **formal methods** driven by challenges in

- model-based design
- system verification and
- manufacturing



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CPS is About Engineered Systems



Sectors	Opportunities	Sector	S	Goals	
Health and Biomedical	In-home healthcare delivery. More capable biomedical devices for measuring health. New prosthetics for use within and outside the body. Networked biomedical systems that increase automation and extend the biomedical device beyond the body.	Aerospa	ace	 Aircraft that fly faster and further on less energy. Air traffic control systems that make more efficient use of airspace. 	
Agriculture	Goldman: Operating Ro Energy efficient technologies. Increased automation. Closed-loop bioengineering processes. Resource and environmental impact optimization. Improved safety of food products.	Automot	live	 Automobiles that are more capable and safer but use less energy. Highways that are safe, higher throughput and energy efficient. 	And the second s
Smart Grid	Michael Norremark: Ho Highway systems that allow traffic to become denser while also operating more safely. A national power grid that is more reliable and efficient.	Defens	se	 Fleets of autonomous, robotic vehicles More capable defense systems Integrated, maneuverable, coordinated, energy efficient Resilient to ever attacks 	



Energy Internet: When IT Meets ET





- Networking and Information Technology (NIT) have been increasingly used as *universal system integrator* in human – scale and societal – scale systems
- Functionality and salient system characteristics emerge through the interaction of *networked physical and computational objects*
- Engineered products turn into Cyber-Physical
 Systems (CPS): networked interaction of physical and computational processes





Networking and computing delivers precision and flexibility in **interaction** and **coordination**

Computing/Communication

- Rich time models
- Precise interactions across highly extended spatial/ temporal dimension
- Flexible, dynamic communication mechanisms
- Precise time-variant, nonlinear behavior
- Introspection, learning, reasoning

Integrated CPS

- Elaborate coordination of physical processes
- Hugely increased system size with controllable, stable behavior
- Dynamic, adaptive architectures
- Adaptive, autonomic systems
- Self monitoring, self-healing system architectures and better safety/security guarantees.





Fusing networking and computing with physical processes brings new unsolved problems

Computing/Communication

- Cyber vulnerability
- New type of interactions across highly extended spatial/temporal dimension
- Flexible, dynamic communication mechanisms
- Precise time-variant, nonlinear behavior
- Introspection, learning, reasoning

Integrated CPS

- Physical behavior of systems can be manipulated
- Lack of composition theories for heterogeneous systems: much unsolved problems
- Vastly increased complexity and emergent behaviors
- Lack of theoretical foundations for CPS dynamics
- Verification, certification, predictability has fundamentally new challenges.



Foundation for Convergence: Model-Based Design





Modeling Layer

- Systems Engineering: Operation research, Reliability, Requirement spec.,..
- Control Engineering: Foundation of system theory: Linear, Nonlinear, ...
- Software Engineering: Formal methods, Model-based SE, RT software, ...
- Communication Engineering: Information theory, Layered protocols, ...

(Re)-convergence of Systems, Control, Software, Communication Engineering



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Components of a CPS





- Physical
 - Functional: implements some function in the design
 - Interconnect: acts as the facilitators for physical interactions

Cyber

- Computation and communication that implements some function
- Requires a physical platform to run/to communicate

Cyber-Physical

Physical with deeply embedded computing and communication



CPS Design Flow Requires Model Integration





Domain Specific Modeling Languages



Example: Architecture Modeling



Sublanguage / Capability	Formalism, Language Constructs, Examples		
Architecture Modeling	Hierarchical Module Interconnect - Components - Interfaces - Interconnects - Parameters - Properties	$\left(\begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\$	Systems Architect - Explore Design Space - Derive Candidate Designs
Design Space Modeling	Hierarchically Layered Parametric Alternatives - Alternatives/ Options - Parameters - Constraints	Image: Component of the companies of the co	Systems Architect - Define Design Space - Define Constraint



Example: Dynamics Modeling





Example: Physical Structure and Manufacturing Modeling









Physical components are involved in multiple physical interactions (multiphysics) Challenge: How to compose multi-models for heterogeneous physical components



Model Integration Challenge: Abstraction Layers





Cyber-physical components are modeled using multiple abstraction layers Challenge: How to compose abstraction layers in heterogeneous CPS components?



A Pragmatic Approach: Model Integration Language



Impact: Open Language Engineering Environment \rightarrow Adaptability of Process/Design Flow \rightarrow Accommodate New Tools/Frameworks , Accommodate New Languages



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What Do We Expect From Formal Semantics?



Specify
Unambiguate
Compute



DSML Semantics







Example 1/2











Modeling Language Semantics Has Extensive Research History



- Broy, Rumpe '1997
- Harel `1998
- Harel and Rumpe '2000
- Tony Clark, Stuart Kent, Bernhard Rumpe, Kevin Lano, Jean-Michel Bruel and Ana Moreira -Precise UML Group
- Edward Lee, Alberto Sangiovanni-Vincentelli '2004
- Joseph Sifakis '2005



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Specification of Domain-Specific Modeling Languages



Abstract syntax of DSML-s are defined by metamodels.

A metamodeling language is one of the DSML-s.

Semantics of metamodeling languages: structural semantics. **Key Concept**: Modeling languages define a set *of well- formed models* and their *interpretations*. The interpretations are mappings from one domain to another domain.



MetaGME metamodel of simple statecharts Model-editor generated from metamodel





- Gives semantics to metamodels
- A domain D is given by
 - An alphabet Σ
 - A finite set of n-ary function symbols Y that describes the relations between members of the alphabet
 - A set of model realizations R_{γ} a term algebra over Y generated by Σ $r \in R_{\gamma}, r \succ C, \rightarrow r \in D$
 - A set of constraints C such that
- We denote $D = (\Sigma, Y, R_Y, C)$



Structural Semantics of DSMLs – 2/3



- Complex constraints cannot be captured by simple type systems. Common fix is to use a constraint language (e.g. OCL).
- We use Logic Programming because:
 - LP extends term algebra semantics while supporting declarative rules
 - The fragment of LP supported is equivalent to full first-order logic over term algebras
 - Unlike purely algebraic specs, there is a clear execution sematics for logic programs making it possible to specify model transformations in the same framework
 - Many analysis techniques is available for LP.





- Model realization that satisfies the domain constraints is simply called a model of a domain
- The decision procedure for domain constraints satisfaction is as follows
 - represent the model realization as a logic formula $\Psi(r)$
 - compute deductive closure of a sum of the formula Ψ(r) and C
 - examine the deductive closure to find if r satisfies the domain rules.
- Constraints are given as proofs
 - positive domain: r satisfies constraints if any wellform (.) term can be derived
 - negative domain: r satisfies constraints if it is impossible to derive any malform (.) term



Formalization of Structural Semantics



 $L = \langle Y, R_Y, C, ([])_{i \in J} \rangle$ $D(Y, C) = \{ r \in R_Y \mid r \mid = C \}$ $: R_{Y} \mapsto R_{Y'}$

- *Y*: set of concepts,
- R_Y : set of possible model realizations
- C: set of constraints over R_Y D(Y,C): domain of wellformed models

[]: interpretations

Jackson & Sz. '2007 Jackson, Schulte, Sz. '2008 Jackson & Sz. '2009 <u>Key Concept</u>: DSML syntax is understood as a constraint system that identifies behaviorally meaningful models. *Structural semantics provides mathematical formalism for interpreting models as well-formed structures*.

<u>Structural Semantics</u> defines modeling domains using term algebra extended with Logic Programming. This mathematical structure is the semantic domain of metamodeling languages.

Use of structural semantics:

- Conformance testing: $x \in D$
- Non-emptiness checking: $D(Y,C) \neq \{nil\}$
- DSML composing:
- Model finding:

 $D_1 * D_2 | D_1 + D_2 | D' \text{ includes } D | \dots$ $S = \{s \in D | s | = P\}$ $m' = T(m); m' \in X; m \in Y$

• Transforming:

Microsoft Research Tool: FORMULA

- Fragment of LP is equivalent to full first-order logic
- Provide semantic domain for model transformations.













<pre>domain DFA { primitive Event ::= (lbl: Integer). primitive State ::= (lbl: Integer).</pre>		Event < <atom>> 0* dst</atom>	
<pre>[Closed(src, trg, dst)] primitive Transition ::= (src: State, trg: Event, dst: State). [Closed(st)] </pre>		label : field	Transition < <connection>> EventID : field</connection>
<pre>nonDeterTrans := Transition(s, e, sp), Transition (s, e, tp), sp != tp. conforms := !nonDeterTrans. }</pre>	Current < <reference>></reference>	State < <atom>> 0* src label : field</atom>	
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1	model A1 of DFA {	\bigcirc			
2	e1 is Event(1) e2 is Event(2)				
3	s1 is State(1) s2 is State(2)	\mathbf{X}			
4	Transition(s1, e1, s2)				
5	Transition(s2, e2, e1)	\sum_{n}			
6	Current(s1)	2 - 2			
7	}	Ŭ			





- FORMULA (Schulte, Jackson et al, MSR) A tool suite for building models and analyzing their properties. Co-developed with the European Microsoft Innovation Center (EMIC), Aachen, Germany
- GME-FORMULA translator Extension of the MIC tool suite (VU-ISIS in cooperation with MSR)
- Analysis tools Domain and Model Equivalence, Domain Composition, Model Completion (VU-ISIS in cooperation with MSR)



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- Given a DSML $L = \langle Y, R_Y, C, ([])_{i \in J} \rangle$ $D(Y, C) = \{r \in R_Y \mid r \mid = C\}$ $[]: R_Y \mapsto R_{Y'}$
- Behavioral semantics will be defined by specifying the transformation between the DSML and a modeling language with behavioral semantics.

V

Implicit Methods for Specifying Behavioral Semantics





Explicit Methods for Specifying Behavioral Semantics



V Specifying Behavioral Semantics With Semantic Anchoring





Example Specification : FSM



Abstract Data Model



Interpreter

```
abstract class FSM
  Run (e as Event) as Event?
    step
     let CS as State = GetCurrentState ()
    step
      let enabledTs as Set of Transition = {t | t in
        outTransitions (CS) where e.eventType =
        triggerEventType(t) }
    step
     if Size (enabledTs) \geq 1 then
        choose t in enabledTs
          step
            CS.active := false
          step
            dstState(t) active := true
          step
            if t in me.outputEventType then
              return Event(outputEventType(t))
            else
              return null
      else
        return null
```

Underlying abstract machine - ASM Language: AsmL Yuri Gurevich, MSR



Ongoing Work



- Semantic anchoring of DSMLs using "semantic units"
- Compositional specification of semantics for heterogeneous modeling languages
- Investigating alternative frameworks (e.g. based on FORMULA)



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Capturing Physical Semantics



Physical Semantics: Structural Implications 1/2





Physical Semantics: Structural Implications 2/2





Physical Semantics: Behavioral Implications







Physical Semantics: Ongoing Work



- Extend metamodeling language and metaprogrammable modeling tool (GME) with generative constructs
- Make specification of generative modeling constructs integrated with metamodeling
- Extend structural semantics and tools with dynamic constructs
- Develop rule libraries for relevant cross-physical domains



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V Integration Across Abstraction Layers: Much Unsolved Problems



Dealing With Leaky Abstractions



- Leaky abstractions are caused by lack of composability across system layers.
 Consequences:
 - intractable interactions
 - unpredictable system level behavior
 - full-system verification does not scale
- Solution: simplification strategies
 - Decoupling: Use design concepts that decouple systems layers for selected properties
 - Cross-layer Abstractions: Develop methods that can handle effects of cross-layer interactions



Example for Decoupling: Passive Dynamics

time robustness





<u>Goals:</u>

- Effect of "leaky abstraction": loss of stability due to implementation-induced time delays (networks, schedulers)
- Passivity of dynamics decouples stability from time varying delays
- Compositional verification of essential dynamic properties

stability

- safety
- Hugely decreased verification complexity
- Hugely increased flexibility



Passivity-based Design and Modeling Languages 1/4





Passivity-based Design and Modeling Languages 2/4



Constrain modeling language with constructs below:



- Bilinear transform (b)
- Power and Wave variables
- Passive down- and up-sampler (PUS, PDS)

Delays

[Kottenstette'2011]

- Power junction
- Passive dynamical system

Passivity-based Design and Modeling Languages 3/4



Constrain modeling language with composition constraints below:



Extensive research in the VU/ND/UMD NSF project toward correct-by-construction design environments (where *correct-by-construction means what the term suggest*)

Passivity-based Design and Modeling Languages 4/4



Constrain modeling language behavior with these constraints (for LTI)

 For LTI passive systems, we can always assume quadratic storage function

$$V(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^T P x \quad \text{where} \quad P = P^T > 0.$$

• For continuous-time system this leads to the following LMI

$$\begin{bmatrix} A^T P + PA & PB - C^T \\ B^T P - C & -D - D^T \end{bmatrix} \le 0$$

• In discrete-time the LMI becomes the following

$$\begin{bmatrix} A^T P A - P & A^T P B - C^T \\ B^T P A - C & B^T P B - D - D^T \end{bmatrix} \le 0$$

[Antsaklis '2008]



Summary



- Penetration of networking and computing in engineered systems forces a grand convergence across engineering disciplines.
- Signs of this convergence presents new opportunities and challenges for formal methods research:
 - New foundation for model integration emergence of metaprogrammable tool suites and multi-modeling
 - Embedding physical semantics in modeling languages
- Model-based design facilitates a necessary convergence among software, system, control and network engineering



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