Perspectives on COSMIC

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Idea

Applications as cooperation of sentient objects

- The system consists of distributed heterogeneous hardware connected by different networks.
- The components are autonomous subsystems and exhibit spontaneous behaviour.
- Message transmission and receive is safety critical sometimes.
- The connections are variable.





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A middleware is necessary !

COSMIC Middleware

Cooperating smart Devices

- Event based communication
- Event channels as abstraction of different networks
- Publish / Subscribe mechanism
- Different Real-time Levels

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COSMIC communication architecture



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Current structure



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Application view

Applications want/require ...

- ...always the same communication interface, but often different ...
 - ... controller types (8-32Bit)
 - ... communication media (field bus, ethernet, wireless)
 - ... operating system software
- quality of service
 - robustness
 - fault-tolerance
 - soft/hard real-time

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Implication of application requirements

The approach

- adaptable system software
- configuration and composition to application needs
- tailorable to system requirements

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Requirements on/features of the middleware I

Functional requirements

- adaptation to communication media/driver and OS
- address binding
- subject binding
- if more than one com. media ...
 ... additional demands
 - Routing
 - Scoping
 - Filtering
- time synchronisation (rt)
- scheduling (srt)

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Requirements on/features of the middleware II

Non-Functional requirements

- as small as possible, due to some μC
- real-time
 - effect on functional demands
- robustness
- fault-tolerance

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Structuring the possibilities

Feature Models[5, 2]

- property description on an abstract level
- functional and non-functional features representable
- common vs variable features
 - common feature are nodes
 - variable feature are leaves

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Feature Model of COSMIC

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COSMIC media event platform CAN ZigBee RT NRT HC08 AVR PC IP UDP TCP SRT HRT PURE Windows Linux QoS EDF

time sync

robustness

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Separation of concerns

- Things which don't related with each other have to be treated and to be implemented separately.
- However, some demands can be separated difficultly because of their cross-cutting character.
 - global system strategies
 - non-functional requirements

$\mathsf{Solution} \Longrightarrow \mathsf{AOP}$

separation of cross-cutting concerns

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Aspect-Oriented Programming [6]

Aspect

- modular implementation of a cross-cutting concern
- can act on/in functions or other aspects
- can have logical dependencies



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Construction of the system



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Applications







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Sensor networks Combined systems Robotic swarms

challenge: fusion of time shifted information based on varying kind and number of sensors

Main Objectivs

- Definition of the problem related data
- Analysis of available information
- Tracing of sensor data
- Adaptable fusion strategies

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Steps

On design time

- Definition of output events / results
- Specification of the required information
- Time and performance elastic computation

On runtime

- Discovery of available data sources
- Selection of the events
- Evaluation of the temporal validity
- Estimation of current states
- Adaption of a fusion model
- Fusion

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Available Information

Self describing Components

- Electronic data sheets (TEDS)
- Toolchain to integrate sensors



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Definition of the required information

Method

- a lot of possible sensors
- different positions/directions
- varying quality of information elements

Description of "usefull" events

event:= <subject, attributes, data>
<temperature senors, [position quality]>
<compass sensor, [timestamp]>

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Example - position estimation for mobile system

Gyro Navigation(2 Temp. Sensor Steering unit GPS х Fusion y method φ Compass

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Example - position estimation for mobile system

<[compass sensor, gps, gyro], [timestamp]> <acceleration sensor, [timestamp, orientation, position]>



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Temporal Validation and Tracing of sensor data

Defined on compile time

$$f(t_{c}) = v(t_{a}) + \delta$$
 with $t_{c} > t_{a}$

- Temporal consistency
- Temporal validity



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Temporal Validation and Tracking of sensor data

Adaptive

- continuous analysis of the signal dynamic
- determination of a current variance as bases of temporal validity



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Adaptable Fusion

One Possibility - Kalman filtering



$$x = Ax + Bu$$
$$y = Cx + Dv$$

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Adaptable Fusion

Positioning Example

$\begin{array}{c} GPS \rightarrow \\ acceleration \rightarrow \\ compass \rightarrow \\ gyro \rightarrow \end{array} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ \ddot{x} \\ \ddot{y} \\ \varphi \\ \dot{\varphi} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & dt^2 \\ 0 & 1 & dt^2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & dt & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} y \\ \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \\ \ddot{x} \\ \ddot{y} \\ \varphi \\ \dot{\varphi} \end{pmatrix} + Dv$ Datafusion $\begin{array}{ccc} GPS \rightarrow & \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ \varphi \\ gyro \rightarrow & \begin{pmatrix} y \\ \varphi \\ \dot{\varphi} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & dt & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ \phi \end{pmatrix} + Dv$

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Future Work

- Implementation of Matlab routines for
 - Comfortable access to COSMIC
 - Service discovery based on a TEDS description
- Design of methods for adaptable combination of varing sensordata
- Choosing a fusion concept
- further development on the COSMIC component and aspect library
- Implementing mechanisms to tailor down the system
- Providing a framework for configuration of COSMIC
- Development of a decentralized controll for Q based on a data fusion in each node

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