Modeling and Analyzing Air Traffic Control Systems using Ptolemy

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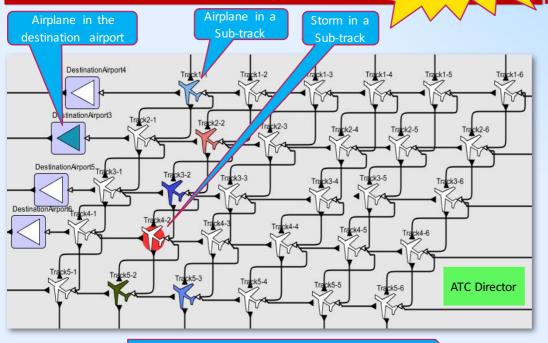
Air Traffic Control system (ATC) is a Safety Critical Cyber Physical System where the people in charge are constantly dealing with various kinds of changes in the environment and the system, like unpredicted changes in the weather or changes in the flight schedules.

Current systems are far from being able to handle the changes in a fully automated and integrated way.

ATC has been modeled using Ptolemy to check the safety properties and analyze different rerouting policies to find a safe and more efficient rerouting policy.

Make fully automated Air Traffic Control SAFE!!

ATC in Ptolemy



North Atlantic Organized Track System

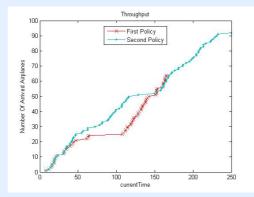
MODEL DESCRIPTION

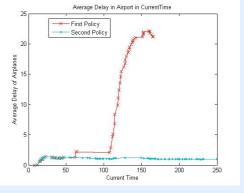
- 5 parallel Tracks & each Track is partitioned to 6 sub-tracks.
- ✓ 100 airplanes, with a predefined flight plan, speed and fuel .
- √ 10 destination airports and 1 source airport.
- ✓ ATC Director as an extension
 of the DE Director.
- Modeling each sub-track as an actor and airplane as a token traveling through subtracks.
- Rerouting airplane considering its remaining fuel, storm in a sub-track and legitimate distance between two airplanes.
- Considering airports capacity, taking off and landing time of airplanes.
- Considering traveling time in sub-tracks.

EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

Measured parameters:

- Flight duration for each airplane.
- Delay of each airplane in the airport.
- Average flight duration.
- Average delay of airplanes in the airport.
- Number of airplanes arrived at their destination (Throughput).
- Delay of airplanes in each sub-track.
- Number of airplanes traveling through each sub-track (Load of sub-track)





Two implemented policies for rerouting the airplanes

- First policy: Local search to find a new route for airplane.
- Second policy: Dijkstra algorithm to find shortest path as the new route.

Deadlock and safety issues are checked.

ATC is the case study of a larger project for designing reliable self-adaptive actor systems.