

Part 4: Industrial Applications and Cyber-physical Systems

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Industrial Case Studies

- Three substantial case studies, done by the companies

Application	Document Handling	Dredging Excavator	Self-balancing Scooter
Company	Neopost	Verhaert	Chess WISE & Chess iX
Challenge	Concurrent design	Product robustness	Manage complexity
Fault Source	Error handling	Operator error	Design faults
Improvement	Model-in-loop sim	Design exploration	Reliability analysis
Approach	DE-first	CT-first	DE-first, CT-first & contract-first
Prior	20-sim	-	VDM & 20-sim

- Smaller challenges, mainly done by the project team
 - Flare Dispensing System (Terma)
 - Tilt Tray Conveyor System (Crisplant)
 - Planetary Rover (ESA ESTEC)



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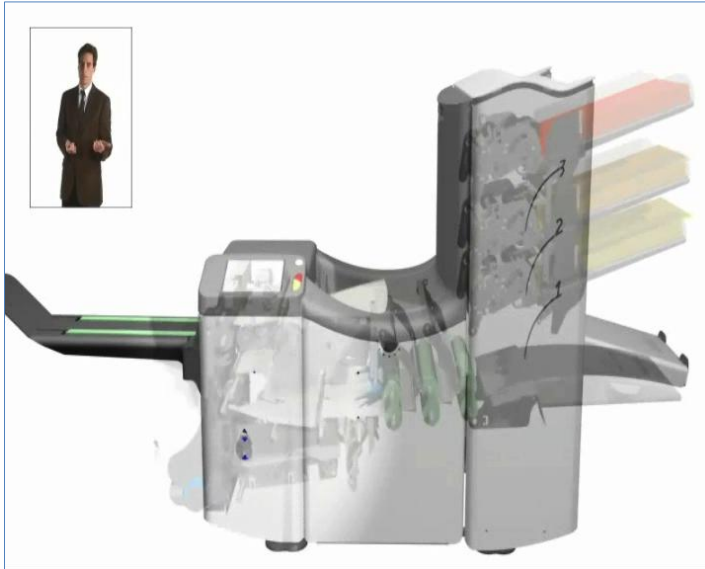
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Document Handling: context



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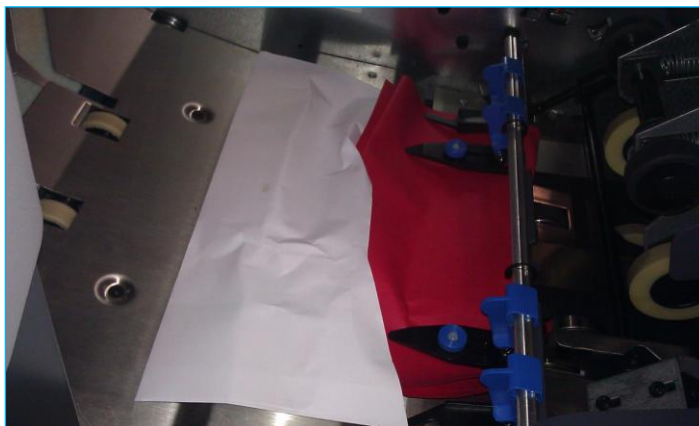
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Document Handling: failure



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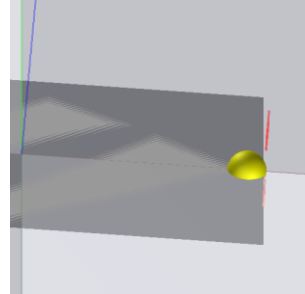
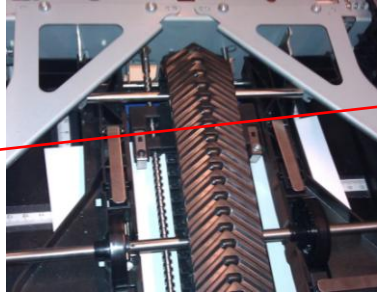
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Document handling: error discovery



- Mechanical design error was spotted before first prototype
- A competent sheet alignment co-model was developed
- Simulation model was (re)used to validate control software



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Document Handling: it works!



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Dredging Excavator



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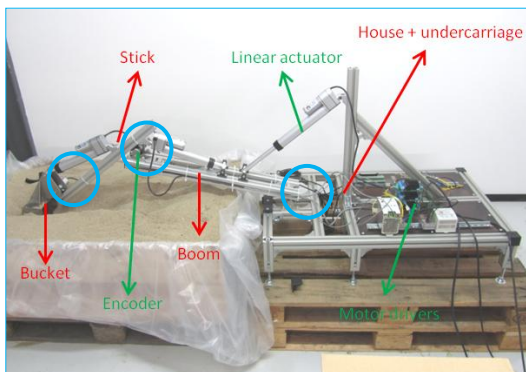
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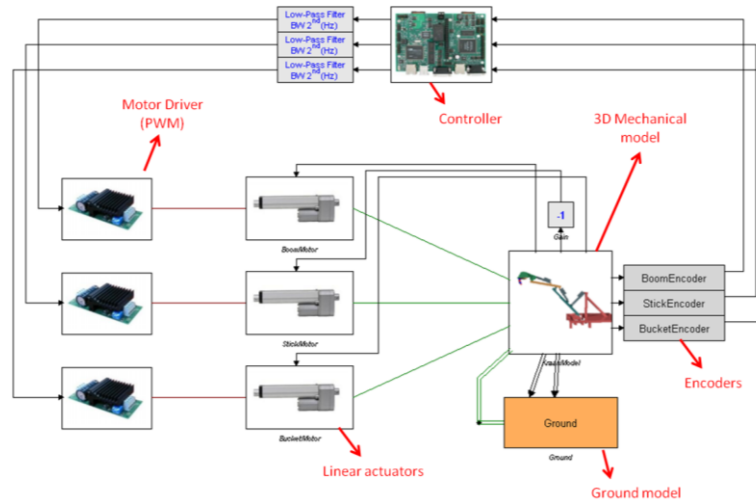
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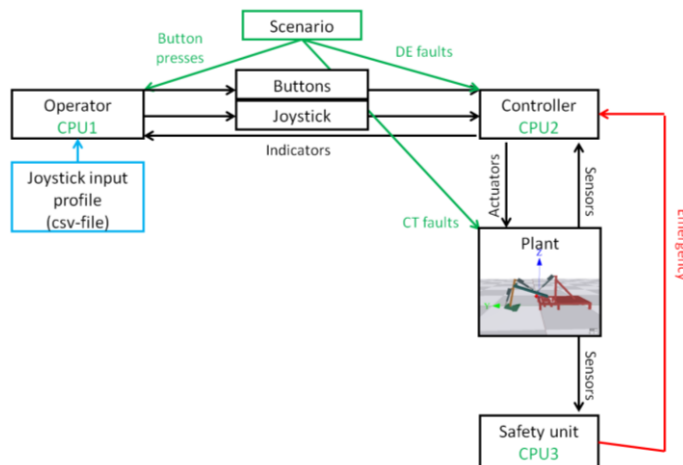
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Dredging Excavator (CT model)



Dredging Excavator (DE model)



Dredging Excavator (Assisted Mode)



- DSE to optimise end-stop protection parameters
- Emergency Switch controller behaviour validated
- Assisted Mode-specification validated on scale model



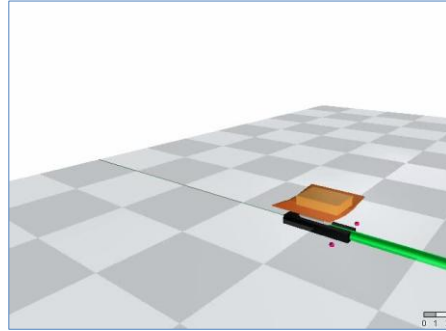
Self-balancing Scooter



- Several design conflicts discovered and resolved
- Behaviour with integrated fault handling validated
- Test and integration phase was very short
 - almost “first time right”



Tilt Tray Conveyor System



- Co-simulation model of the banking function
- Described behaviour of parcels on a moving 3-D banking device
- A good contact model between parcel / tray is essential



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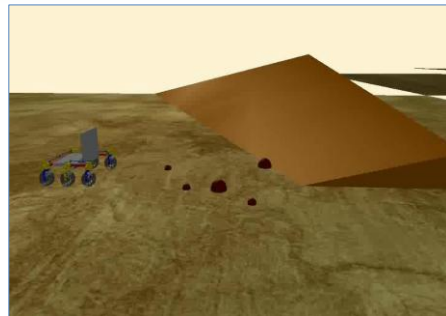
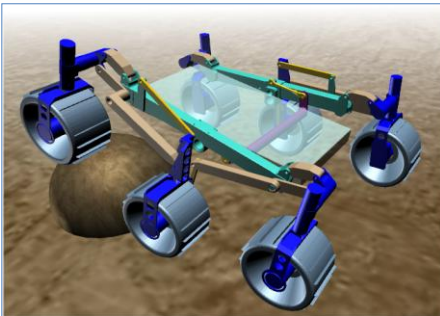
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Planetary Rover



- Existing CT model extended with DE model of locomotion
- Contact models helped investigate behaviour on obstacles
- Simple safety controller added



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Deployment Experience



"Simulation will become increasingly important for Neopost. Test setups and physical prototypes will become more costly and have less availability. ... The most critical current drawback of the Crescendo technology is the incompatibility with the tools we use for generating the code for the embedded platform."



"We see great potential in the Crescendo technology during the development of complex systems ...that are difficult to test due to high risk, cost, timing constraints. ... Adding a GUI could broaden the use of the tool to non-software engineers. Graphical tools for visual validation of discrete behaviour ... would be beneficial as well... Finally, an increase in simulation speed would of course be a welcome improvement."



"The complexity of embedded systems is ever increasing with the focus on: error handling, safety, and added functionality. This cannot be overseen by a single lead engineer or engineering team. To avoid making expensive mistakes, modern systems cannot be developed anymore without utilising modelling ... When following this sort of concurrent and holistic model-based development principles, a technology like Crescendo is a critical enabler."



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Towards Cyber-Physical Systems



- We have looked at individual embedded systems
- CPSs are networked groupings of digital devices
- ... which may require more elaborate co-models!



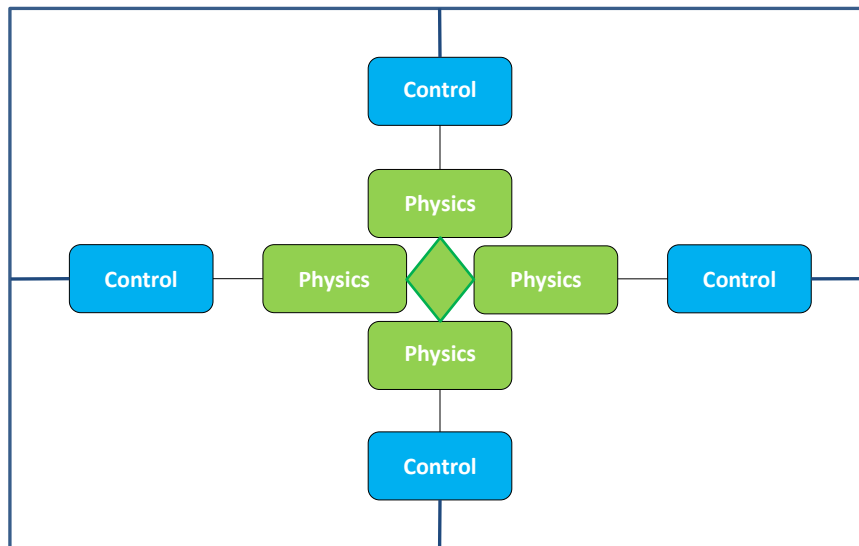
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Towards Cyber-Physical Systems



CPS Examples

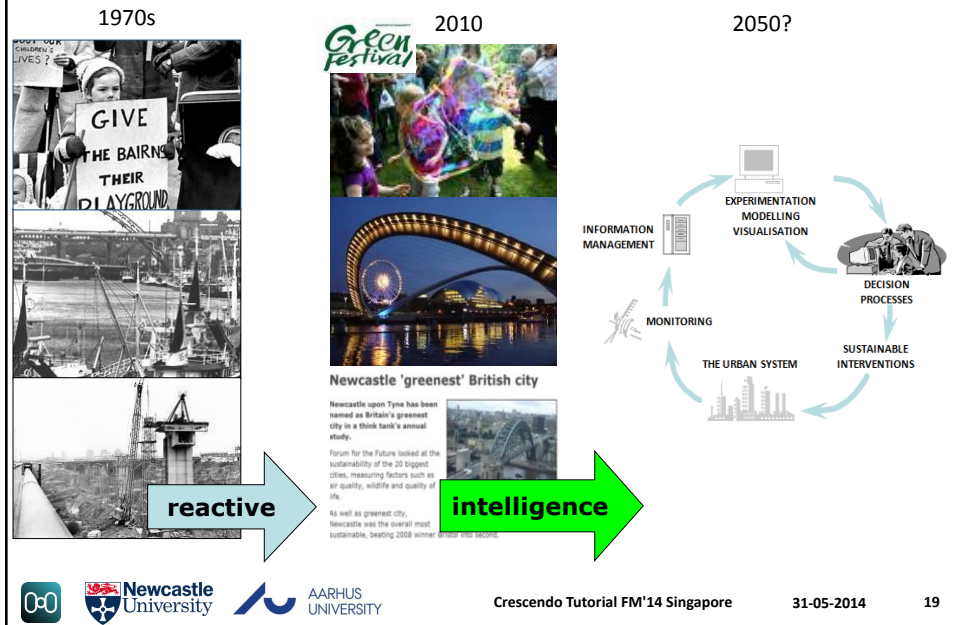


Agricultural Logistics

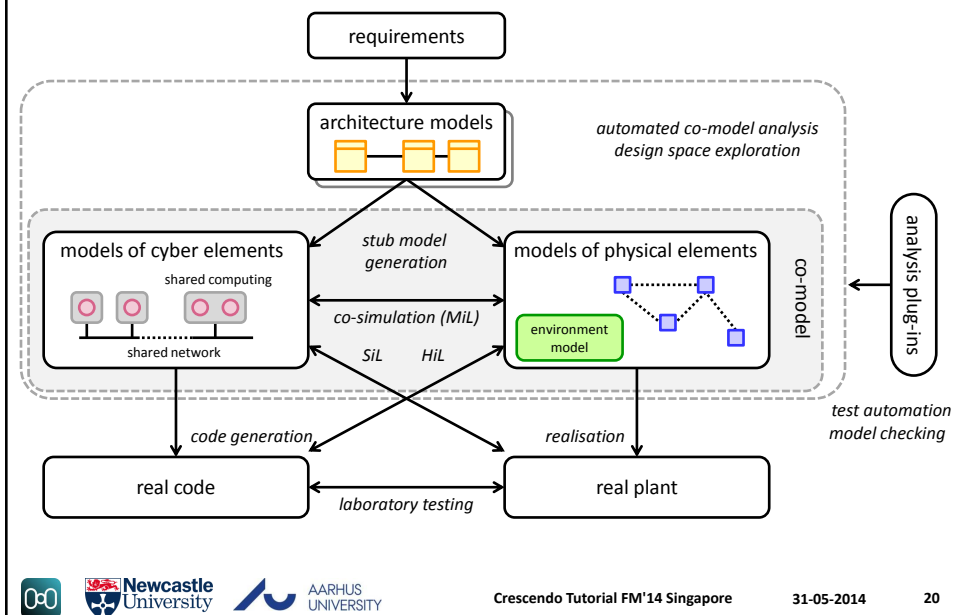
- Smart devices (harvesters, trucks, storage systems)
- Data to planning subsystems
- Integrating dynamic data (weather, soil condition, moisture, storage capacity, prices, ...)
- Dynamic re-planning to harvesting logistics



CPS Examples



CPS co-modelling



The Challenges

- Foundations, methodology, practice and experience
 - Deployment to date has been encouraging
 - Semantic basis is still restricted to specific formalisms
 - Model interchange will encourage methodologies to develop
 - Pragmatics, including performance!
- Encouraging “Cyber-Physical Thinking”
 - Moving easily across engineering domains, trading off between them



Your Thoughts, Please!

- Thanks for your time today.
- Have we met your expectations?
- Do you think this work addresses real challenges?
- What do you see as the barriers to deploying more collaborative modelling and design techniques?



Collaborative Modelling and Co-simulation

Tools and Techniques for Designing Embedded Systems

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