Hardware Software Co-Design and Testing Using Simulink® Real-Time™

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Overview

Process Development

• Introduction to THALES
• Overview of design process
• Development of autocode capability

Real Time Testing for the Lightweight Multirole Missile

• Guidance and control algorithm design
• Guidance and control algorithm implementation
• Guidance and control algorithm testing
THALES in the UK

- Aerospace
  - Avionics Systems
  - Air Traffic Management
  - In-Flight Entertainment
  - Electrical Systems
  - Training and Simulation

- Defence
  - Radar
  - Watchkeeper
  - Command and Control
  - Cameras and Sensors
  - Sonar Systems
  - Threat Warning
  - Short Range Defence

- Ground Transportation
  - Signalling Systems
  - Integrated Comms & Supervision Systems
  - Revenue Collection Systems

- Security
  - Secure Communication
  - Network & Infrastructure Systems
  - Protection Systems
  - Critical Information Systems & Cybersecurity

- Space
  - Telecoms
  - Observation
  - Infrastructure
  - Navigation
THALES in Belfast
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Effectors

Platforms

Space
Model Based Algorithm Development

System Requirements / Model

DESKTOP

Algorithm Design

Verify Design

Test Cases

DEVELOPMENT

Verify Timing

Verify Design

PRODUCTION

Real Time Simulation

Real Time Validation

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HARDWARE IN THE LOOP

SIMULINK
Goals and Objectives

• Remove human error
• Reduced code development time
• Early prototype on hardware
• Improved efficiency
• Fast turn around between iterations
• Common test environment
• Improved traceability
Evolution of Autocoding Capability

2005: Land Based Systems
- Algorithm development for target tracking algorithm
- Implemented in C from Simulink
- Floating point C code

2007: Missile Systems
- Guidance algorithm implemented in C from Simulink
- Target-specific libraries used to optimise speed
- Fixed point C code
Evolution of Autocoding Capability

2009: Hardware/Software Partitioning
- Motor control algorithms developed in Simulink
- Autogenerated C code used to quickly prove concept
- Final solution partitioned between C and HDL

2013: FreeFall-LMM rapid development
- Rapid prototyping of guidance and control algorithms
- Autogenerated C code
- 6 months development from concept to flight trials
Evolution of Autocoding Capability

2017: Next Generation Beam Steering

- Updated algorithms developed for new guidance unit
- μrad positional accuracy and stabilisation error
- Autocoded algorithms ported to System on Chip
- Improved linkages between model and implementation
Evolution of Autocoding Capability – Future?

Missile state machines
- Currently using legacy state machine layer
- Bring this logic within MBD process as complexity increases

Digital laser scanning
- Very high rate (ns), high precision control
- High fidelity simulation crucial to understanding
- MBD approach essential for rapid prototyping and implementation
Real Time Testing for the Lightweight Multirole Missile
LMM launch
Overview

Guidance and control algorithm design

- (Sub)system model development
- Algorithm development
- Performance verification in non-real time Simulink 6DOF simulation
- Generate algorithm autocode (C or HDL)

Guidance and control algorithm testing

- Real time simulator development
  - Real time 6DOF simulation
  - Hardware emulators
- Hardware in the Loop testing
- Verification and Validation
Develop subsystem models:

- Aerodynamics
- Structural bending
- Inertial Measurement Unit (IMU)
- Laser Information Field (LIF)
- Semi-Active laser (SAL)
- Control Actuation System (CAS)
- Rocket motor(s)
- Missile dynamics
- Canister exit model
- Launch platform
- Guidance algorithms
Guidance algorithm design

- Controllers developed at key operating points
- Based on a continuous linearised/idealised model
- Algorithm design iteration may be required
- Discrete versions of algorithms created
- Performance quantified in 6DOF simulation
- Iteration may be needed

1. Linearise aero functions at fixed Mach number
2. Create continuous controllers for fixed Mach number
3. Test continuous controllers in 6DOF simulation (variable Mach)
4. Test discrete controllers in 6DOF simulation

Good performance?

Yes

No

Proceed to code generation
Testing in non-real time - Simulink 6DOF Simulation

- Continuous version
- Discrete version

Ensure system performance integrity from continuous to discrete domain

- Guidance and control algorithms
- Actuator model(s)
- Sensor performance models
- Data Link Noise Model
- Specific Data visible to missile (with noise)
- Specific Data visible to missile

Aerodynamics and kinematics

- Equations of motion
- Aero coefficient tables
- Disturbance noise

Control surface position

Force and moments experienced by missile

- Algorithm Design
- Verify Design

Ensure system performance integrity from continuous to discrete domain
Autocode algorithms onto target - C

- Common autocode configuration settings across projects for code standard consistency
- Run Monte Carlo simulations replacing algorithms with autogenerated code
- Open loop tests using 6DOF generated test vectors performed on target hardware
- Verify executable code integrity and assess coverage
Autocode algorithms onto target - HDL

- Common autocode configuration settings across projects for code standard consistency
- Fixed point model required
- Open loop tests using 6DOF generated test vectors performed on target hardware
- Check executable code integrity and assess coverage
LMM Laser Beam Riding (LBR) HIL key components

Missile Electronics
• Guidance Processing Unit
  • Generate elevator angle demands
  • Simultaneously roll stabilise missile nose
• Fin Control Actuation System
  • Implement fin control algorithms

System Emulators
• Laser Information Field emulator
  • Provides missile with its position
• Inertial Measurement Unit emulator
  • Provides missile with rates and accelerations for inertial reference calculations
Hardware in the Loop (HIL) testing

- Autocoded algorithms implemented on hardware
- Simulink Real Time version of 6DOF simulation created
  - May require simplification - Larger step-size, remove high frequency dynamics, limit real time comms
- Model subsystems can be gradually removed from the 6DOF simulation and replaced with hardware or hardware emulators
- Run Monte-Carlo real time simulations on real time target
- Simulation version of algorithms can run on real time target in parallel to permit debugging
LMM Laser Beam Riding (LBR) HIL simulation

Close guidance loop with either:
- Fin deflections from actual missile hardware
- Fin deflections from real time 6DOF simulation
Verification and validation

- HIL simulation is a key part of pre-flight tests
- Hardware stimulated closed-loop with realistic flight data
- Failure mode testing
- Iterative development – 6DOF (both non-real time and real time) validated against flight telemetry data
- Linkage from algorithm design model to hardware implementation tests accelerates rapid prototyping development and testing
Next steps

Missile Hardware

Real Time Computer

Real Time Sensor Emulation

Real Time Scenario Generation
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LMM in action