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RA2DL: New Flexible Solution for Adaptive AADL-based Control Components

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Abstract—The paper deals with adaptive component-based control systems following the Architecture Analysis and Design Language (denoted by AADL). A system is assumed to be a network of software and hardware AADL components that share the control of corresponding physical processes. A component is composed of a set of algorithms encoding the control after any reception of external events and data signals. The termination of execution is generally done with the emission of data and event signals to remote components. According to various evolutions in environment, the system is required to be dynamically reconfigured at run-time to adapt its control functions. We are interested in local reconfigurations of components dealing with the activation-deactivation-update of algorithms and/or data-event inputs and outputs. We propose RA2DL as a solution for reconfigurable AADL components, and define a hierarchical-based architecture to dynamically handle all possible reconfiguration scenarios at run-time. We model and verify this solution and develop a tool for its simulation by taking a real-case study as a running example.

Index Terms—Control System, Component, AADL, Reconfiguration, Modelling, Verification, Simulation, Radar.

I. INTRODUCTION

Embedded control systems [1] continue to grow exponentially and has become critical and complex under usually functional and temporal constraints to be described in user requirements [2]. According to various evolutions of the environment due to incidents or also optimization of performance, the system is required to be flexible by adapting its behavior at run-time. Nevertheless, this adaptation is not easy to be done since it should generally preserve the system safety while meeting its constraints. Nowadays, two reconfiguration policies exist, (i) static reconfiguration [3] to be generally applied offline: (ii) and dynamic reconfiguration that can be applied at run-time. We generally define two solutions for the second case: manual reconfigurations to be applied by users at run-time [4], and automatic reconfigurations which are generally handled by software autonomous agents [5]. We are interested in this paper in automatic reconfigurations of embedded control systems. In order to reduce their development and consequently their time to market, these systems are based on the component-based approach [6]. A component is classically defined as a software unit to be composed with others in order to form the general control functions of the whole system [7]. Two families of components are proposed: the components to be composed at run-time such as .Net [8], COM-DCOM [9],

Enterprise JavaBeans [10], and the components that should be composed off-line to check their respect of functional and temporal constraints such as IEC61131 [11], IEC61499 [12], Metah [13], ACME [14], Rapide [15], Wright [16], Aesop [17] and AADL [18]. We are interested in this paper in the AADL technology. AADL component is a software unit to be encoded with a set of algorithms that implement its control functions. Each algorithm is activated by corresponding external event-data inputs, and generally produces the results of its execution on corresponding data-event outputs. It is well-used in many industrial applications such as Avionics Software [19], Harmony System Engineering (Harmony-SE) [20] and M2M [21]. We note that a rich library is available today to develop applications in this technology. Nevertheless, these applications are not flexible and cannot be adapted to their environment since SAE (Society of Automotive Engineers) [22] does not provide technical solutions for the possible adaptation of the system based on AADL components at run-time. Moreover, no one in all related works deal with the flexibility of AADL components. We propose in this paper a new concept of reconfigurable AADL components to be named RA2DL that allows (1) the activation-deactivation of algorithms at run-time in order to adapt the control functions, (2) the activation-deactivation of the corresponding data-event inputs-outputs, (3) the adaptation of the execution traces (scheduling) of algorithms in the component, (4) the light reconfiguration of data according to user requirements. In order to control the complexity of the problem, we propose a control unit-based architecture to apply local reconfiguration scenarios in a RA2DL component.

We are interested in this research work in automatic reconfigurations of RA2DL components which are composed of two Modules: Controller Module that handles these reconfigurations according to user requirements and also the run-time evolution of the environment; and the Controlled Module that represents all the different services offered by the component. These services are reconfigurable and implemented by different algorithms to be activated by external event-data inputs before providing results on corresponding event-data outputs. To cover all possible reconfiguration forms while controlling their complexity, we specify the Controller Unit in three levels (i) Architecture level that creates/removes or updates algorithms or

input/output data/event, (ii) Composition level that updates compositions of their internal behaviors and (iii) Data level that applies light reconfigurations by data. The Controller Module is modelled by Nested State Machines where states of a machine correspond to other state machines. We use the well-known environment UPPAAL [23] to model and verify the correctness of RA2DL components. The paper's contribution is applied to a case study of a radar system that will be followed as a running example. This system is deployed on an Arduino microcontroller, and a tool named *RA2DL tool* is developed in our LISI Lab at University of Carthage in Tunisia to implement and simulate this case study.

We present in the next section the Architecture Analysis and Design Language (AADL), and define in Section 3 the case study of the radar system. Section 4 proposes the concept of RA2DL, and Section 5 defines the modelling and verification where an UPPAAL-based model checking is applied. We propose in Section 6 an implementation and simulation of *RA2DL tool* and conclude the paper in section 7.

II. AADL

The *Architecture Analysis and Design Language (AADL)* [24] is an architecture description language used to model the software and hardware architecture of an embedded, real-time system. Due to its emphasis on the embedded domain, AADL contains constructs for modeling both software and hardware components (with the hardware components named "execution platform" components within the standard). This architecture model can then be used either as a design documentation, for analyses (such as schedulability and flow control) or for code generation (of the software portion) (version 1.0 released in 2004 [25] and version 2.0 released at the end of 2009. [26]). Within the AADL, a component is characterized by its identity (a unique name and runtime essence), possible interfaces with other components, distinguishing properties (critical characteristics of a component within its architectural context), and subcomponents and their interactions.

AADL defines several categories of components, divided into three categories:

- 1) Software Components: (i) Data: represent data structures which can be stored or exchanged between components, (ii) Sub-programs: represent fragments of executable sequence codes, such as call-return and calls-on methods, (iii) Process: defines memory spaces in which threads are running, (iv) Threads: active components that can execute concurrently and be organized into thread groups. They can be compared with light processes as defined in the operating systems, (v) thread group: component abstractions for logically organizing threads, data, and groups of thread components within a process,
- 2) Hardware Components: (i)Processor:schedules and executes threads, (ii) Memory:stores code and data, (iii) Bus: interconnects processors, memory, and devices,

(iv) Device: represents sensors, actuators, or other components that interface with the external environment,

- 3) System:design elements that enable the integration of other components into distinct units within the architecture

The AADL can be used to model and analyze systems already in use and design and integrate new systems. The AADL can be used in the analysis of partially defined architectural patterns (with limited architectural detail) as well as in full-scale analysis of a complete system model extracted from the source code (with completely quantified system property values). AADL supports the early prediction and analysis of critical system qualities, such as performance, schedulability, and reliability. For example, in specifying and analyzing schedulability, AADL-supported thread components include the predeclared execution property options of periodic, aperiodic (event-driven), background (dispatched once and executed to completion), and sporadic (paced by an upper rate bound) events. These thread characteristics are defined as parts of the thread declaration and can be readily analyzed.

An AADL model specifies how the different components interact and are integrated to form a complete system. The AADL standard also describes the run-time mechanisms for handling messages and events, synchronized accesses to shared resources, and thread scheduling when several threads run on the same processor. AADL participates in several industrial applications such us avionics industry, [19], transport system [27], Harmony System Engineering (Harmony-SE) [20], M2M (Machine-to-Machine) platform [21], ASSERT project³ [28]. We are interested in this technology because it has useful advantages: AADL offers the possibility to describe the complete hardware/software architecture of embedded control systems, it responds to architectural constraints and can represent multi-modal systems. AADL Standard prescribes the rules for activation and deactivation of components during a mode switch, and a rich library is available today pushing to reuse applications based on AADL. Nowadays, various books deal with this language. Various sophisticated tools are completely deployed according to this technology: Stood [29] also introduces some methodological features to facilitate the operational use of the AADL within industrial projects, OSATE [30] targets both end users and tool developers. The former provides a complete textual editor for AADL and a set of simple analysis tools while the latter provides a full support for the AADL meta-model on an Eclipse platform. TOPCASED [31] is a software environment primarily dedicated to the realization of critical embedded systems including hardware and/or software. ADes [32] makes possible the evaluation and analysis of the behavior of a system during its specification with AADL, for instance by helping in the choice of dimensioning parameters: what will happen if we enlarge an execution time? if we change a deadline? if we bind a task on another processor?, Ocarina [33] is an AADL

tool that generates codes from AADL models. It runs on Linux, Mac OS X, Windows and Solaris. ADELE [34] has been created to provide new versions of ADELE editor and also Ostate2 feature. Cheddar [35] is a free real-time scheduling tool. Although these tools are useful, they do not provide solutions to develop flexible AADL components for adaptive embedded systems. We mean by flexibility the facility to change the behavior of a component according to user requirements and evolution of the environment. The current paper proposes new solutions to allow reconfigurable AADL components called RA2DL which are assumed to be adaptive at run-time according to user requirements.

III. CASE STUDY: AADL-BASED COMPONENTS FOR A RADAR SYSTEM

We use as a running example in the current paper an AADL-based radar represented by the STOOD tool [36] as shown in Fig.1. As described in [37] and detailed as an archive of Ocarina¹, the radar is composed of the following AADL components: (A) Hardware components represented by (i) an Antenna component which is a device that simulates the radar environment, (ii) Processor component which is a part of the execution platform, (iii) Memory component which hosts the address spaces, (iv) Bus component that ensures the communication between the antenna and the main process stored in memory, (v) Motor component which is a device to rotate constantly the antenna and returns the angle. (B) Software components assigned to the processing component which is composed of the following threads:

transmitter → *angle_controller* → *receiver* →
analyser → *display*.

Where: (i) *transmitter*: a thread that sends the radar signals to the antenna, (ii) *angle_controller*: a thread that computes the angle of the radar, (iii) *receiver*: a thread that receives any information from the antenna, (iv) *analyser*: a thread that compares the transmitted and received signals to perform the detection, localization and identification of objects, finally (v) *display*: a thread that displays the objects on the radar screen. The processing component has two data inputs: (i) *get_angle*: from the motor position, and (ii) *receive_pulse*: from the target detected object. It has also two event outputs: (i) *to_screen*, and (ii) *send_pulse*. Each internal thread has also data/event inputs and outputs to support its interaction with remote threads. The reader can find more details on this radar in [37]. Although this system is well-tested, it lacks any possible flexibility that can adapt its behavior at run-time when faults occur, or when the radar environment evolves and requires useful changes in the system's behavior. This flexibility is well-required for modern systems and represents a new challenge for the radar case study. Let us expose some reconfiguration scenarios that can adapt the radar to its environment at run-time. Let us suppose that the radar sends M pulses and detects N objects at a particular time. Let us denote also by (i) p_i

the i -th pulse ($i \in [1, M]$) to be sent from the antenna with a frequency f_i , (ii) O_j the j -th ($j \in [1, N]$) detected object from the radar. It is characterized by a direction r_i , a distance d_i from the radar, and a surface s_i , (iii) C is a radar static parameter to be used for the processing of areas in m^2 . It is equal to H_Res if the radar runs with a high resolution, otherwise L_Res if with low resolution, (iv) *condition_weather* a boolean parameter which is equal to 0 when the weather is bad (snowing or raining), and (v) *wind_speed* which represents the wind speed. We assume that the radar has two motors $M1$ and $M2$ to rotate the antenna with two speeds according to the wind speed. Each motor is controlled by a corresponding software AADL component. We assume in the current paper that we have two threads allowing the emission of pulses with two periods according to the weather conditions: the first sends the pulses each 6 *ms* whereas the second each 2 *ms*. We note that the calculation of the angle can be done before the reception of signals or also after that if we want to optimize the performance of the radar. The calculation of the angle before the reception of signals is done when the traffic is low, otherwise it should be done each time a pulse is sent from the antenna.

- 1) **Reconfiguration 1:** If there exists an object O_j ($j \in [1, N]$) such that $s_j < C$, **Then** the processing component reconfigures the parameter C from L_Res to H_Res to allow a possible detection of the object,
- 2) **Reconfiguration 2:** If *condition_weather* == 1, **Then** the pulses are periodically sent from the antenna by a thread EV_T1 each 6 *ms*,
- 3) **Reconfiguration 3:** If *condition_weather* == 0, **Then** the pulses are periodically sent from the antenna by a thread EV_T2 each 2 *ms*,
- 4) **Reconfiguration 4:** If *wind_speed* > 100 *km/h*, **Then** the first radar motor $M1$ rotates 45 *tr/mn*. We assume in this case that a particular software AADL component *Rotat1* is executed to control the first motor,
- 5) **Reconfiguration 5:** If *wind_speed* < 100 *km/h*, **Then** the second radar motor $M2$ rotates 30 *tr/mn*. We assume in this case that a second software AADL component *Rotat2* is executed to control the second motor.

Although AADL is a well-expressive language, it lacks useful technical solutions for the reconfiguration of hardware and software components at run-time. We propose in this paper to enrich this important language with new solutions in order to allow more flexible components that can be reconfigured at run-time. We focus in this paper on the reconfiguration of the AADL software *Processing* Component which includes a set of sub-components (algorithms).

IV. RA2DL: RECONFIGURATION OF AADL

A. Motivation: Reconfiguration Forms

We define in this section a new concept named *RA2DL* as a solution for reconfigurable AADL components where the

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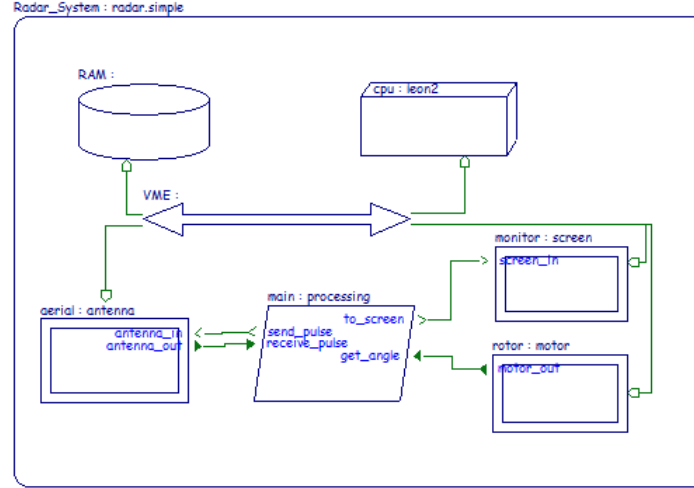


Fig. 1. Graphical AADL representation of a radar components [37]

interface of the AADL component contains data/event inputs and outputs supporting interactions with the environment. Events are responsible for the activation of the algorithms while data contain valued information of the AADL component. RA2DL is proposed in the current paper to adapt the AADL to its environment at run-time.

Throughout our study, we concentrate on three hierarchical reconfiguration levels that we present in the following:

(i) Form 1: Architectural Reconfiguration: modifies the component architecture when particular conditions are met. This is done by adding new algorithms, events and data or removing existing operations in the internal behaviors of the component. (ii) Form 2: Compositional Reconfiguration: modifies the composition of the internal components (algorithms) for a given architecture. (iii) Form 3: Data Reconfiguration: changes the values of variables without changing the component algorithms.

B. RA2DL Architecture

We define a new architecture for a RA2DL component (to be denoted by Cmp). This architecture is composed of a Controller module and a Controlled module, where the first one is a set of reconfiguration functions applied in RA2DL, and the second one is a set of input/output events, algorithms, and data as represented in the four reconfiguration modules RM in Fig.2:

- **IEM (Input Events Module):** This module processes the reconfiguration of input events (IE) stored in the $IEDB$ database of input events. It defines and activates at a particular time a subset of events to execute the corresponding algorithms in RA2DL.
- **OEM (Output Events Module):** This module processes the reconfiguration of output events (OE) stored in the $OEDB$ database of output events. It defines and activates at a particular time a subset of events to be sent once the corresponding algorithms finish their execution in RA2DL.

- **ALM (Algorithms module):** This module processes the reconfiguration of the active algorithms (addition or removal) at a particular time in order to be coherent with active input and output events of IEM and OEM . These algorithms are stored in the $ALDB$ database of algorithms.
- **DM (Data Module):** This module processes the reconfigurations of $data$ in RA2DL in coherence with the rest of modules. It is stored the DDB database of data values.

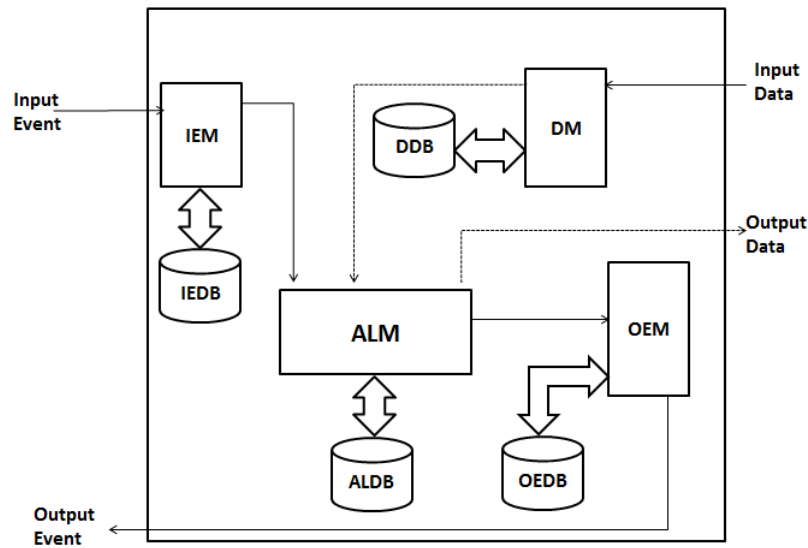


Fig. 2. RA2DL Architecture

Note that each reconfiguration scenario applied by IEM , OEM , ALM and DM defines the required sets of input-output events that activate corresponding algorithms of the component Cmp with well-defined values of data. A recon-

figuration scenario defines a new execution model of Cmp to apply required services according to user requirements and also the evolution of the environment.

C. Formalization

We formalize the new RA2DL component by:

$$Cmp = (\beta, R)$$

Where β is Controlled Module of RA2DL to be described in the next section, and R is the Controller Module which is described in the three following levels:

1) *First Level: Architectural Level (AL)*: Deals with the changes of the architecture of the RA2DL component when particular conditions are satisfied. In this case, it is possible to add, remove or also change the internal behavior of the component in IEM, OEM, ALM and DM . We denote by Ψ_{Cmp} the big set in $ALDB$ of all the possible algorithms involved in the different implementations of the component Cmp , which is implemented at any particular time t by a subset ξ_{Cmp} that represents the set of algorithms involved in a particular implementation $\xi_{Cmp} \subseteq \Psi_{Cmp}$. We model the architectural level AL by a finite state machine S_{AL} such that each state of S_{AL} corresponds to a particular implementation of IEM, OEM, ALM and DM .

$S_{AL} = (\Psi_{Cmp}, \mathbf{O}, \delta)$, where:

- \mathbf{O} is a set of n states in $S_{AL}(\mathbf{O} = \{ S_{AL}^i \mid i \in 1..n \})$,
- δ is a state-transition function $\Psi_{Cmp} \times \mathbf{O} \rightarrow \Psi_{Cmp} \times \mathbf{O}$.

The reconfigurataion in this level is supported by the Architectural Controller AC .

Running example. We distinguish three architectures of RA2DL in the radar system as depicted in Fig.3

First architecture : when the weather is perfect, ($IEM = condition_weather == 1$), **then** we implement the RA2DL according to the first architecture (ASM1). Second architecture: when the weather is imperfect ($IEM = condition_weather == 0$ and $DM = wind_speed < 100 \text{ km/h}$), **then** we implement the RA2DL according to the second architecture ASM2. Third architecture: when the weather is perfect and the wind speed is high ($IEM = condition_weather == 0$ and $DM = wind_speed > 100 \text{ km/h}$), **then** we implement the RA2DL according to the third architecture ASM3.

2) *Second Level: Composition Level (CL)*: This level keeps the same architecture in Cmp but just changes the composition of algorithms, input-output events in order to adapt the component to its environment. It is formalized by different Composition State Machines such that each one CSM corresponds to a particular state in the Architecture Level S_{AL} . For each state S_{AL}^i in S_{AL} , we define in the second hierarchical level (Composition Level CL) a particular state machine to be denoted by S_{CL}^i . Each state in

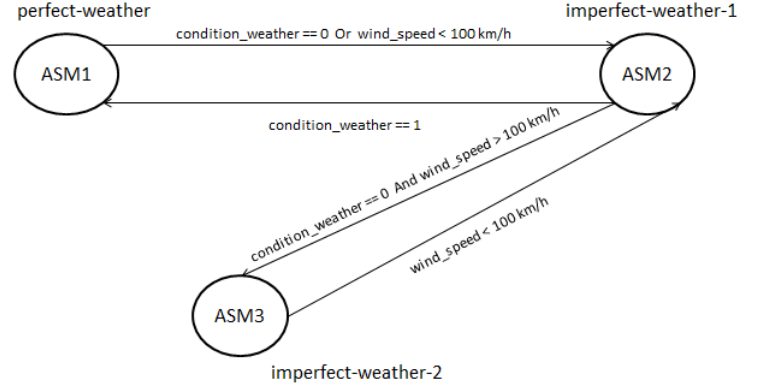


Fig. 3. First Architectural Level of RA2DL

$S_{CL}^{i,j}$ in S_{CL}^i defines a particular composition of the subset of algorithms and input-output events. The reconfiguration in this level is supported by the Composition Controller CC .

Running example. We distinguish two compositions in the radar system for the first architecture (ASM1): the calculation of the angle can be done before or after the reception of signals (Fig.4). In this case, the component has two compositions $CSM1$ and $CSM2$ such that each one is characterized by the time intervals $T_1 = 20 \text{ seconds}$ and $T_2 = 60 \text{ second}$.

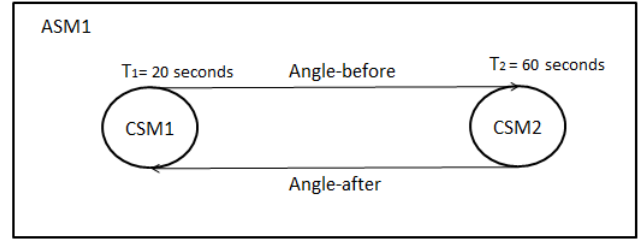


Fig. 4. Composition of ASM1

3) *Third Level: Data level*: This level deals with the light reconfiguration of data of the RA2DL component. It is formalized by a set of Data State Machines where each state of them corresponds to particular values of data. We define for each state S_{AL}^i of S_{AL} and for each state $S_{CL}^{i,j}$ of S_{CL}^i a new state machine $S_{DL}^{i,j,k}$ where each state corresponds to new values of data. The reconfiguration in this level is supported by the Data Controller DC .

Running example. In the radar system, if the weather problem occurs at run-time, we have to change the value of the parameter C in DM from L_Res ($DSM1$) to H_Res ($DSM2$). In this case, we will not be interested in any performance improvement but in the rescue of the whole system to guarantee a minimal level of safety.

Finally, this classification covers all possible reconfiguration forms to dynamically adapt the RA2DL component to

the evolution in the environment according to user requirements.

D. RA2DL behaviors

To analyze the Controlled Module (β) of a RA2DL, we characterize the corresponding algorithms by worst (resp, Best) case execution times $WCET$'s (resp, $BCET$). Moreover, we consider that output events can be simultaneously sent or in exclusion according to user requirements. To validate the temporal behavior of a RA2DL component, we only focus on input events. We assume, in the rest of this paper, a complete synchronization between events and data. Indeed, when an event occurs in the corresponding input, all the associated data occur at the same time in the corresponding inputs. The different reconfiguration scenarios applied by the different controllers, define all possible behaviors in the β Controlled Module. In this work, we specify these behaviors by a unique Behavior State Machine (denoted by BSM) where each state corresponds to a particular behavior of the RA2DL component.

Running example. We specify in Fig.5 the different behaviors of the controlled part that we can follow for all reconfigurations scenarios. We distinguish five branches of different behaviors. **Branch 1** specifies the system behavior when Reconfiguration 1 is applied (e.g $s_j < C$), **Branch 2** specifies the system behavior when Reconfiguration 2 is applied (e.g $condition_weather == 1$), **Branch 3** specifies the system behavior when Reconfiguration 3 is applied (e.g $condition_weather == 0$). **Branch 4** specifies the system behavior when Reconfiguration 4 is applied (e.g $wind_speed > 100$ km/h), and **Branch5** specifies the system behavior when the 4Reconfiguration 5 or (e.g $wind_speed < 100$ km/h) is applied.

V. MODELLING AND VERIFICATION OF RA2DL

We propose in this section the modelling and verification of RA2DL by using the UPPAAL tool [23]. We model the Controller Module of RA2DL by Nested State Machines such that the Architectural Level is specified by ASM in which each state corresponds to a particular architecture of the component. Therefore, each transition of ASM corresponds to an activation or deactivation of algorithms and input-output events. A state of ASM corresponds to a particular state machine in the Composition Level denoted by CSM . This state machine specifies all the composition forms of algorithms and input-output events to be activated in this architecture state of the first level. A state of the Composition Level corresponds to a state machine in the Data Level DSM that specifies all possible values of data in the RA2DL component. The Controller Unit applies automatically different run-time reconfiguration scenarios such that each one is denoted by $Reconfiguration_i$ where $i \in [1.5]$.

Running example. We present in Fig.6 the nested state machines of RA2DL component in all levels of reconfiguration. The ASM state machine is composed of three

states $ASM1$, $ASM2$ and $ASM3$ corresponding respectively to the first architecture (i.e. perfect weather), the second architecture (i.e. imperfect weadher) and the third architecture (i.e. perfect weather and wind speed is high). $ASM1$ corresponds in the second level to the nested state machine $CSM1$ which is composed of two states $CSM11$ and $CSM12$ that specify respectively the cases of perfect and imperfect weather. $ASM2$ corresponds to the states $CSM21$, $CSM22$ that specify the wind speed, and $CSM23$ and $CSM24$ that specify the weather condition. $ASM3$ corresponds to the composition $CSM31$, $CSM32$ for the combination between weather and wind conditions. Finally DSM specifies the reconfiguration of the data processing component.

In the RA2DL, all the forms of reconfigurations are given in Fig.7 which has five locations: *Reconfiguration 1*, *Reconfiguration 2*, *Reconfiguration 3*, *Reconfiguration 4*, and *Reconfiguration 5*. We initially start by *Reconfiguration 1*, which corresponds to a *processing* component when the condition $S_j < C$ is assumed. In this case, the *processing* component reconfigures the parameter C from L_Res to H_Res . If the weather situation is normal then the condition $condition_weather == 0$ is satisfied. In this case, the radar system passes to the state *Reconfiguration3* after which the pulses are periodically sent from the *antenna* component by a thread component EV_T2 each 2ms in this state. If $wind_speed > 100$ km/h then the radar system passes to the state *Reconfiguration4* where the first motor component $M1$ rotates by 45tr/mn and the component $Rotat1$ is executed to control the first motor. Otherwise when the condition $wind_speed < 100$ km/h is satisfied then the radar passes to the state *Reconfiguration5* where the second motor component $M2$ rotates in 30tr/mn and the component $Rotat2$ is executed to control the second motor. The same thing, is repeated for the *Reconfiguration2* when the condition $condition_weather == 1$ is satisfied.

In Fig.6, we present the automata of the controlled module describing the behavior of the radar system represented by algorithms, input-output events/data. Fig.7 models all the reconfiguration to be performed by the controller module.

We check the correctness of the system's behavior after any reconfiguration scenario in order to avoid any unpredictable execution.

Running example. In the assumed radar component, we check simple reachability, safety, liveness and deadlock-free properties. The simple reachability properties are checked if a given location is reachable:

- $P1 = A \square RA2DL.(Reconfiguration2 \text{ or } Reconfiguration3 \text{ or } Reconfiguration4 \text{ or } Reconfiguration5)$: the radar system should work in all weather conditions,
- $P2 = A \square RA2DL.Reconfiguration4.M1$: The Motor $M1$ turns when the condition $wind_speed > 100$ km/h is satisfied,
- $P3 = A \square RA2DL.Reconfiguration5.M2$: The Motor $M2$ turns when the condition $wind_speed < 100$ km/h is satisfied.

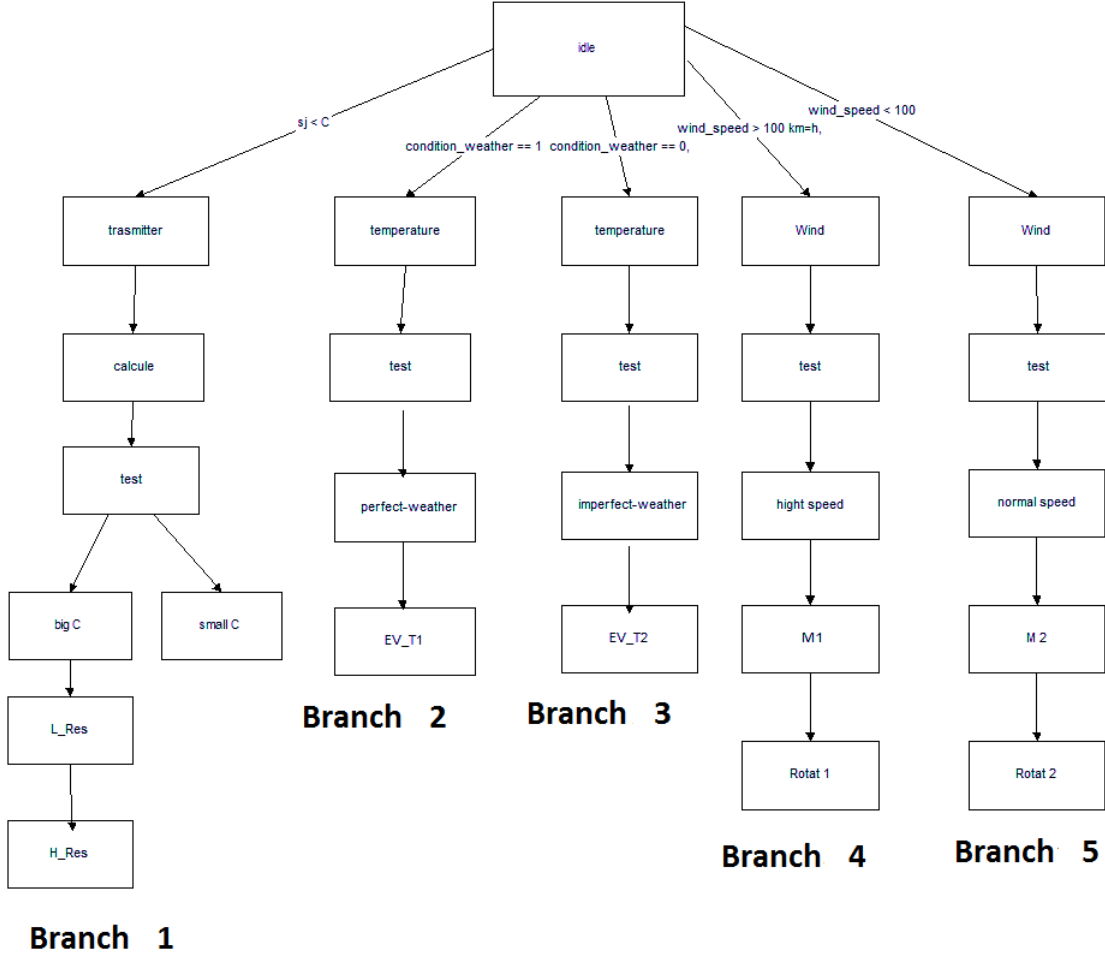


Fig. 5. Behaviors of the controlled module

The following safety properties must be held for all reachable states:

- **P4**= $A \square \text{RA2DL.Reconfiguration4.r}=45$: In bad climate conditions the Motor M1 must rotate with a well-defined speed equal to 45 tr/mn.
- **P5**= $A \square \text{RA2DL.Reconfiguration5.r}=30$: In good climate conditions the Motor M2 must rotate with a well-defined speed equal to 30 tr/mn.

The liveness properties are specified as follows:

- **P6**= $A \square (\text{RA2DL.ASM1 implies RA2DL.Reconfiguration3.x} \leq 2) \text{ and } (\text{Radar.ASM2 implies RA2DL.Reconfiguration2.x} \leq 6)$: Bounded Liveness: A RA2DL will reconfigure the sending signal in maximum within 2 seconds in Reconfiguration3 and 6 seconds in Reconfiguration2.
- **P7**= $\text{RA2DL.Reconfiguration3 implies RA2DL.Reconfiguration4}$: Whenever wind_speed > 100km/h, the corresponding M1 will eventually turn.
- **P8**= $\text{RA2DL.Reconfiguration3 implies RA2DL.Reconfiguration5}$: Whenever a wind_speed < 100km/h, the corresponding M2 will eventually turn.

Property	Result	Time (sec)	Memory (Mo)
P1	Yes	16.37	4.45
P2	Yes	4.48	4.03
P3	Yes	12.20	4.20
P4	Yes	10.34	4.20
P5	Yes	3.44	4:03
P6	Yes	8.50	4.20
P7	Yes	13.16	4.45
P8	Yes	7.12	4.20
P9	Yes	4.23	4.03

TABLE I
EVALUATION OF THE VERIFICATION

The deadlock-free property is described as follows:

- **P9**= $A \square \text{RA2DL not deadlock}$: the system is deadlock-free.

The verification of these properties is summarized in Table I.

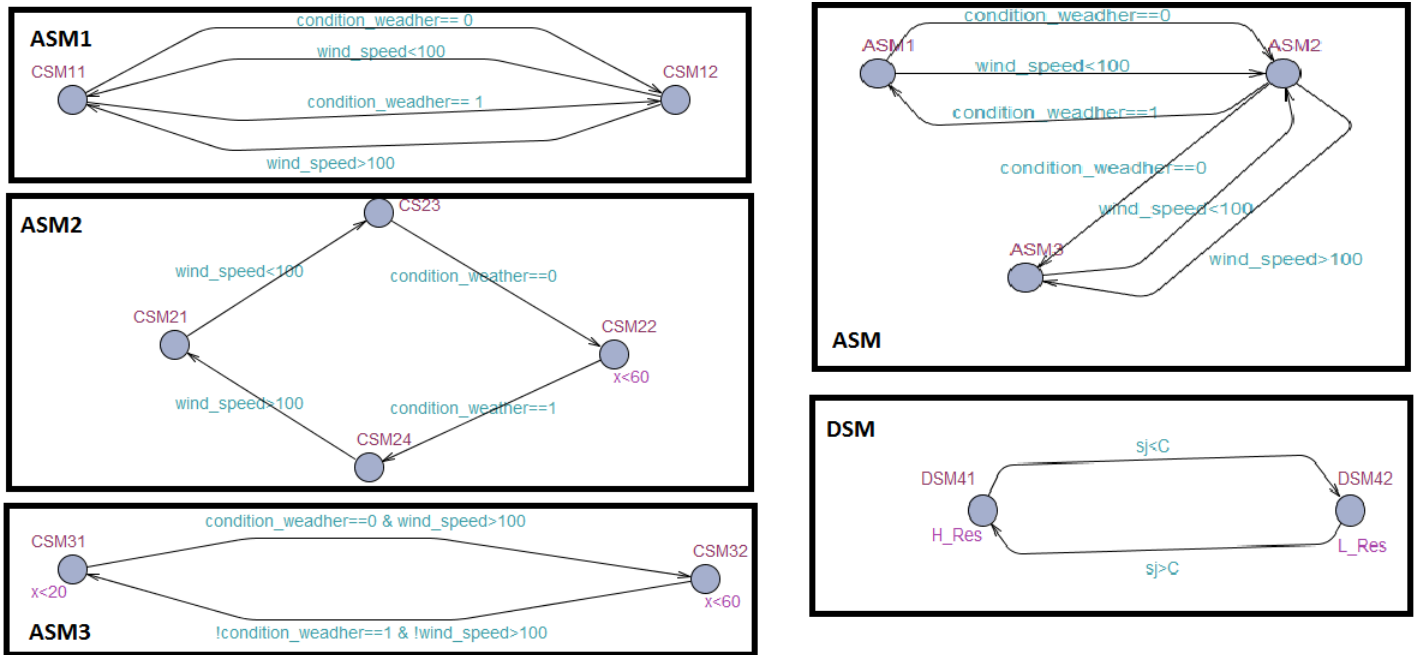


Fig. 6. Nested State Machines of RA2DL

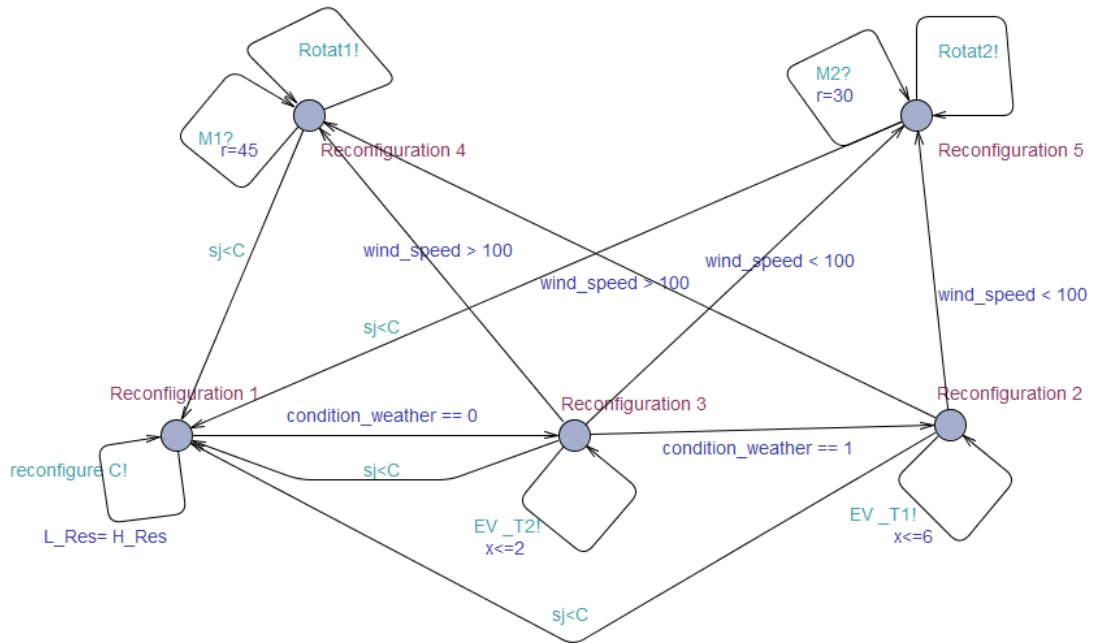


Fig. 7. Modeling of the Controller module

VI. SIMULATION

We present in this section the simulator *RA2DLtool* and the radar system that we developed in LISI Laboratory at INSAT Institute of University of Carthage in Tunisia. First, we present some interfaces of the simulator *RA2DLtool*. Second we show a simulation of the RA2DL-based radar system implemented in Arduino Uno microcontroller with ATmega32 processor (8 bits) and SRAM 2KB, the antenna is represented by an ultrasound sensor hc-SR04 and the motor is represented by Servomoteur df05bb with a power supply of 160mA (4.8V), speed 0.17 seconds/60 degrees. The implementation and simulation of the radar system are represented in Fig.8.

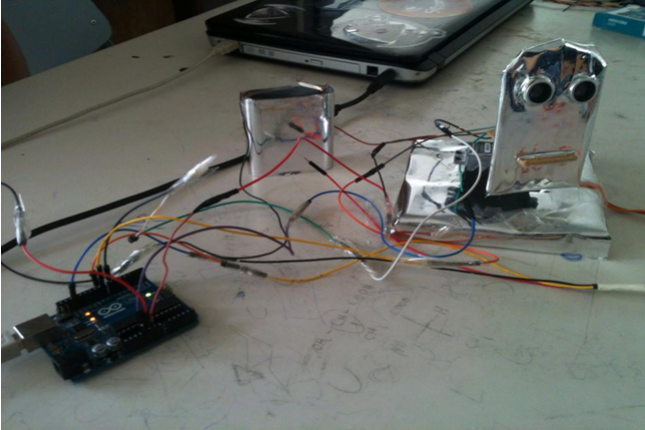


Fig. 8. Radar System

The *RA2DL* tool offers the possibility to create all re-configuration scenarios of the RA2DL component (addition, removal and update of algorithms, events and data) when any weather problem occurs (Fig.9).

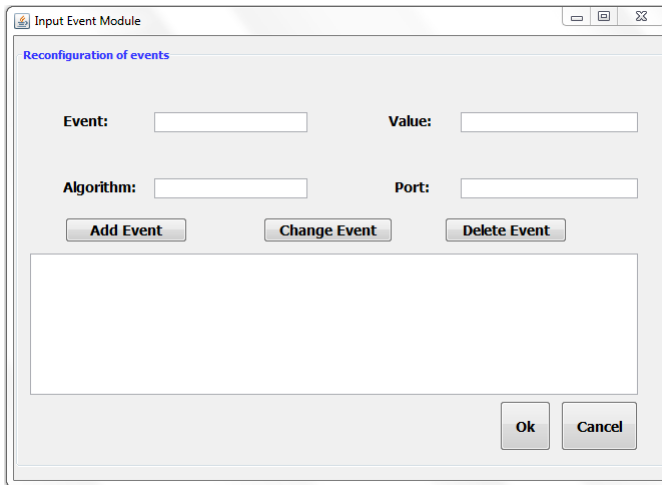


Fig. 9. Interface for Reconfiguration Architecture in IEM

Running example. In the radar system (Fig.11), we assume that the perfect-weather mode is applied. To verify the interaction between the controller and controlled modules

when a problem imperfect-weather appears, we change the state of the rotor and antenna component. Consequently, the AC decreases or changes the time of sending the signals, angles and rotations of the rotor. AC studies the feasibility of this new reconfiguration in order to accept the composition change of the system. In this case, the AC controller sends a final confirmation to officially apply this new reconfiguration. The result of this reconfiguration is displayed on the screen of radar as in Fig.10.

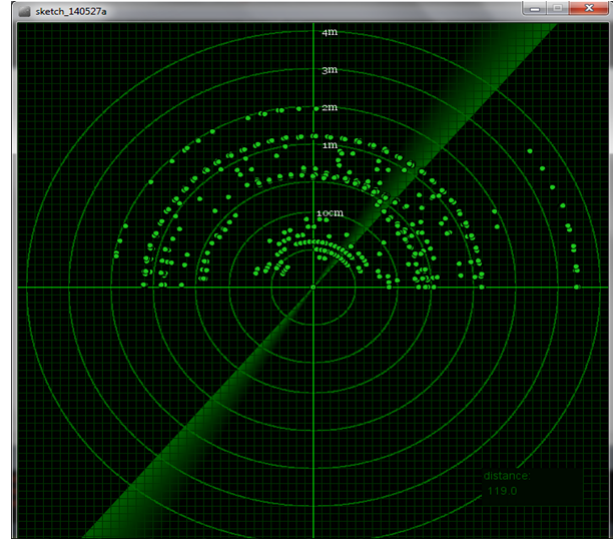


Fig. 10. Result after reconfiguration

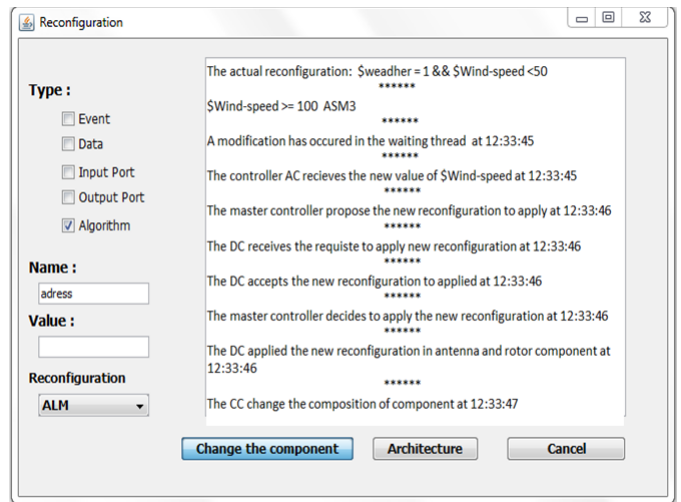


Fig. 11. Example of reconfiguration

The *RA2DL* is a solution for the run-time reconfiguration of the AADL component in the radar system. By this solution the AADL component has become dynamic and flexible. None of the existing works has treated the dynamic reconfiguration of the AADL components as our method did.

VII. CONCLUSION

The paper deals with new solutions for a required flexibility of adaptive control systems. It is applied to a radar system

following the AADL language. We classify all possible reconfiguration scenarios of a component into three forms: The first deals with the component architecture, the second with the internal composition of algorithms as well as input-output events and the third with the reconfiguration of data. We propose a new concept named RA2DL to enrich the AADL Language by adding the flexibility criterion to its components. RA2DL is composed of a Controller module that allows all forms of reconfigurations, and a Controlled module that encodes all possible reconfigurable services to be offered by the component. The Controller module is modelled by Nested State Machines to control the complexity of the reconfiguration problem, whereas the Controlled module is modelled by a multi-branches state machines where each branch corresponds to a particular reconfiguration scenario. We plan in the future works to study the reconfiguration of several RA2DL components that should be coherent after any reconfiguration scenario to avoid any faults of interoperability. This work will be extended for the reconfiguration of distributed systems where new RA2DL components should be defined to allow feasible and coherent distributed reconfigurations on different devices.

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