2018-00733 - Distributed simulation of cyber-physical systems

Contract type: Public service fixed-term contract
Level of qualifications required: PhD or equivalent
Other valued qualifications: PhD degree in applied mathematics or computer science
Function: Post-Doctoral Research Visit

About the research centre or Inria department
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Hycomes has been created as a new team of the Rennes - Bretagne Atlantique Inria research center in July 2013. The team builds upon the most promising results of the former S4 team-project and of the Synchronics large scale initiative. Two topics in embedded system design are covered:

- Hybrid systems modelling, with applications to multi-physics embedded systems design;
- Contract-based design and interface theories, with applications to requirements engineering.

Context
A postdoctoral position is available in the Hycomes team at Inria Rennes (France) in the context of the IPL ModellScale initiative. This position is funded by the Gloo project, funded by Safran, and focused on the co-modeling and co-simulation of cyber-physical systems.

Assignment
The objective of the postdoctoral position is to investigate compile-time and run-time techniques for the distributed simulation of large cyber-physical systems. This includes Structural Analysis algorithms for partitioning large Modelica models into networks of FMI components that can be efficiently simulated on a distributed computing architecture, but also novel numerical schemes such as Quantized State Systems (QSS) methods and code-generation techniques for these methods.

Main activities
The postdoctoral researcher is expected to contribute methods, algorithms and software prototypes on one or several of the following topics:

- Compile-time analysis methods (structural, causality and sensitivity analyses, discrete-continuous dynamics typing, static scheduling of computations) for hybrid Modelica models;
- Discretization schemes amenable to large scale distributed simulation, such as Quantized State Systems (QSS) methods;
- Distributed simulation protocols for networks of hybrid systems, based on the FMI standard.

He will work in close collaboration with researchers at Safran and Inria, to evaluate his contributions on case-studies in aeronautics.

Skills
Technical skills: The postdoctoral researcher is expected to have excellent skills in one or several of the following topics: numerical analysis, programming language design, compilation, high performance / distributed computing. Experience in the Modelica language is not required.

Languages: Excellent scientific writing and oral presentation skills in English. Knowledge of the French language is not required.

Relational skills: Excellent team work skills

Other valued appreciated: Experience in the development of research software prototypes, using modern software engineering methods and tools.

Benefits package
- Subsidised catering service
- Partially-reimbursed public transport
- Social security
- Paid leave
- Flexible working hours
- Sports facilities

Remuneration
Monthly gross salary: 2653 euros

General Information
- Theme/Domain: Embedded and Real-time Systems
- Scientific computing (BAP E)
- Town/City: Rennes
- Inria Center: CRB Rennes - Bretagne Atlantique
- Starting date: 2018-10-01
- Duration of contract: 2 years
- Deadline to apply: 2018-06-30

Contacts
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The keys to success
The postdoctoral researcher is expected to contribute to:

- Publications in conferences and journals on hybrid systems modeling, automatic control and/or applied mathematics;
- Prototype software implementing the main results of the project;
- Case-studies related to aeronautics.

Conditions for application
Please submit online: your resume, cover letter and letters of recommendation.

For further information, please contact:
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Defence Security:
This position is likely to be situated in a restricted area (ZRR), as defined in Decree No. 2011-1425 relating to the protection of national scientific and technical potential (PPST). Authorization to enter an area is granted by the director of the unit, following a favourable Ministerial decision in respect of a position situated in a ZRR would result in the cancellation of the appointment.

Recruitment Policy:
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