Supporting the Engineering of Multi-Fidelity Simulation Units with Simulation Goals

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CPS Development



Smartlab CPS

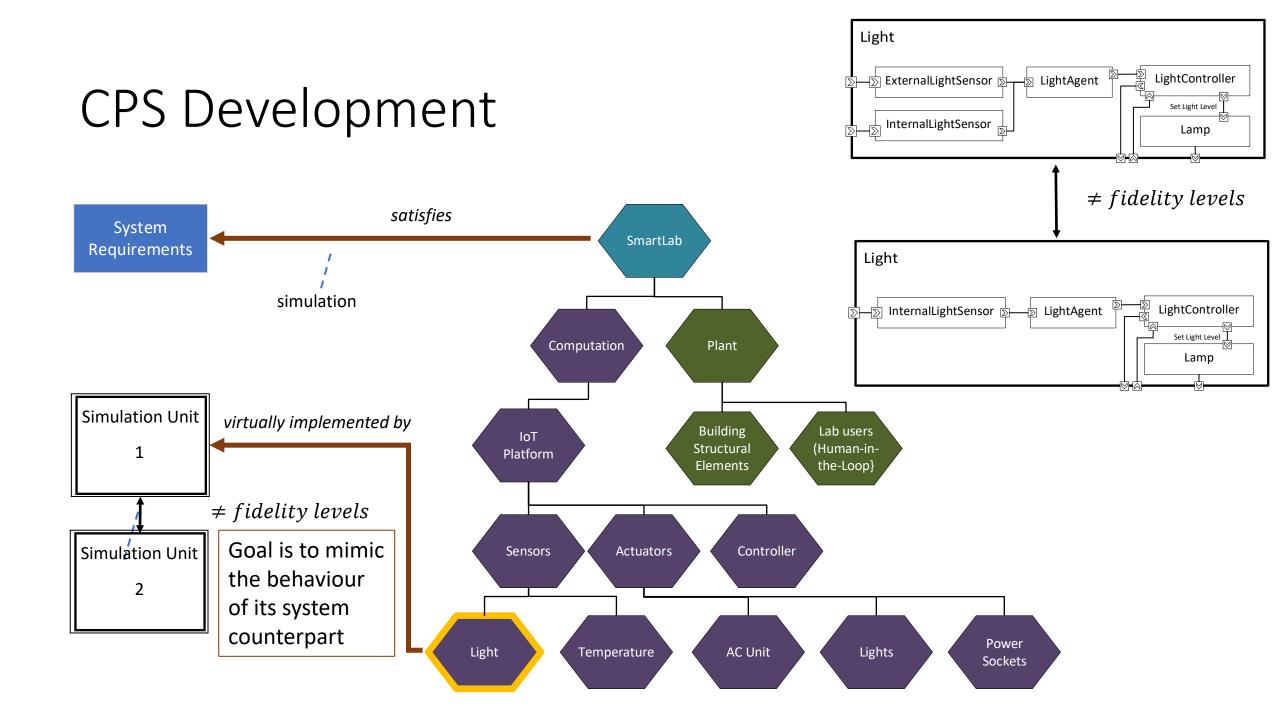
Goals:

 Maximisation of user comfort while reducing energy costs

At each workstation it is possible to monitor the:

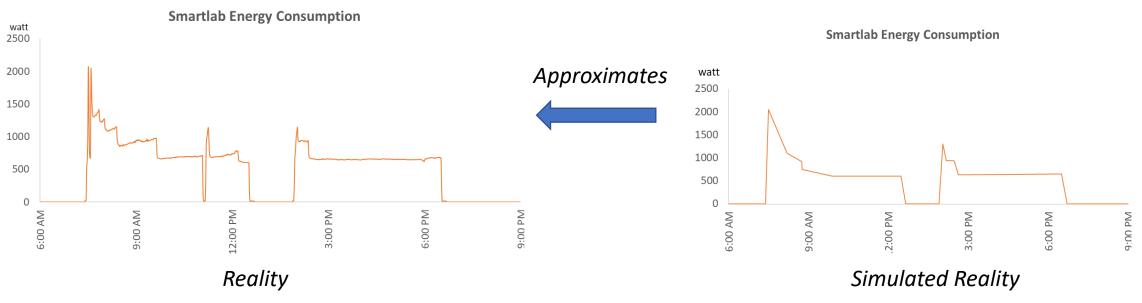
- Visible light level
- Temperature
- Power consumption



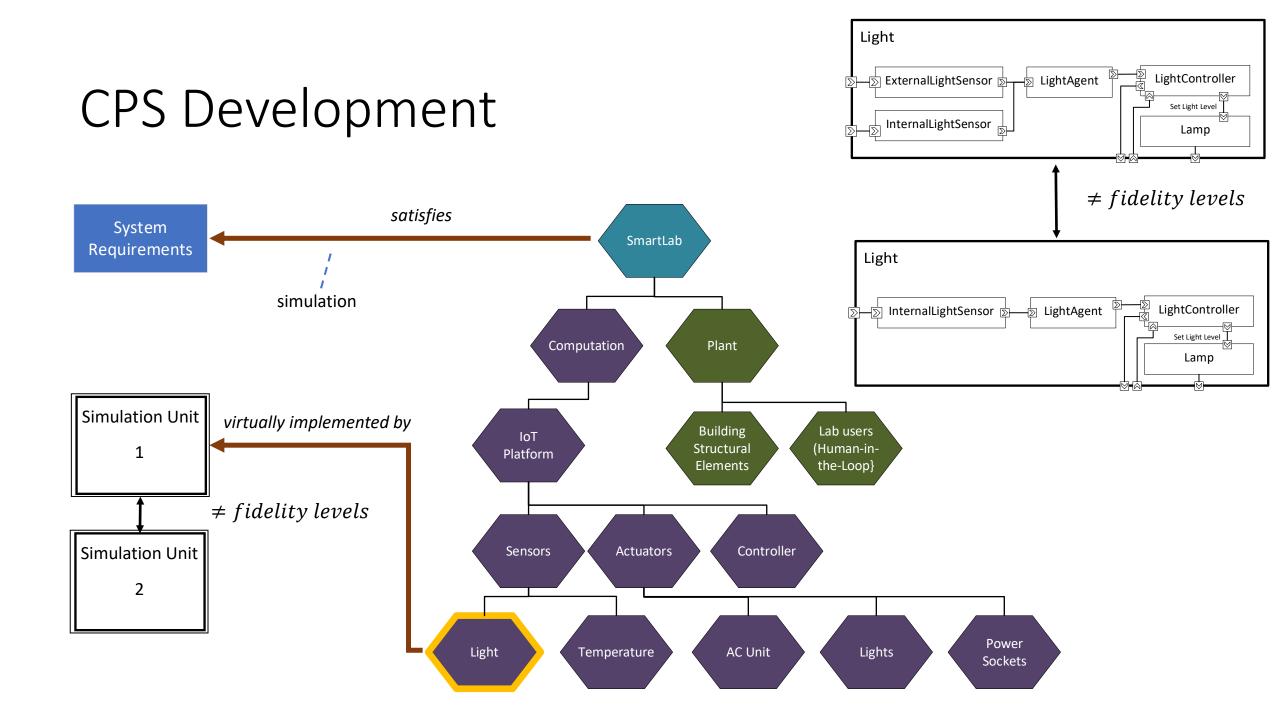




"The fidelity of a model is determined by how accurately it can reproduce the properties of the system under Study"*

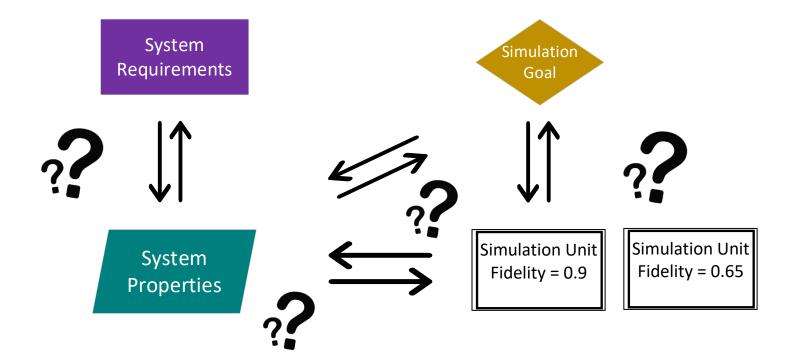


* E. A. Lee and S. A. Seshia, Introduction to embedded systems: A cyber-physical systems approach. Mit Press, 2017.



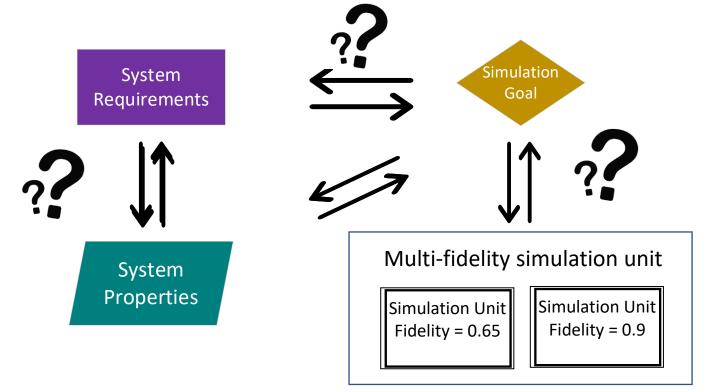
Problem

Currently, the relationships between the system requirements, the system properties, the simulation goals, and the choice of the appropriate simulation units to use on a simulation are usually left implicit or managed in an ad-hoc manner.



Our proposition

A framework that will automatically determine the simulation units at an adequate fidelity level suitable for answering a specific simulation goal.

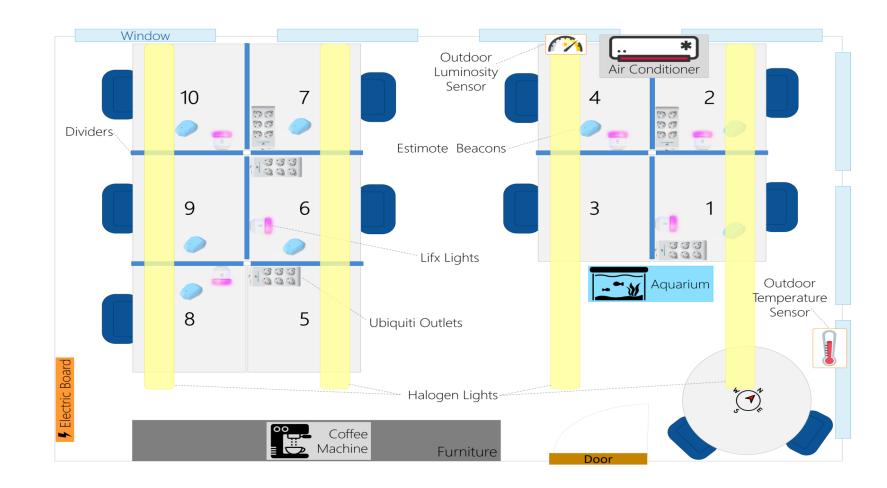


System properties

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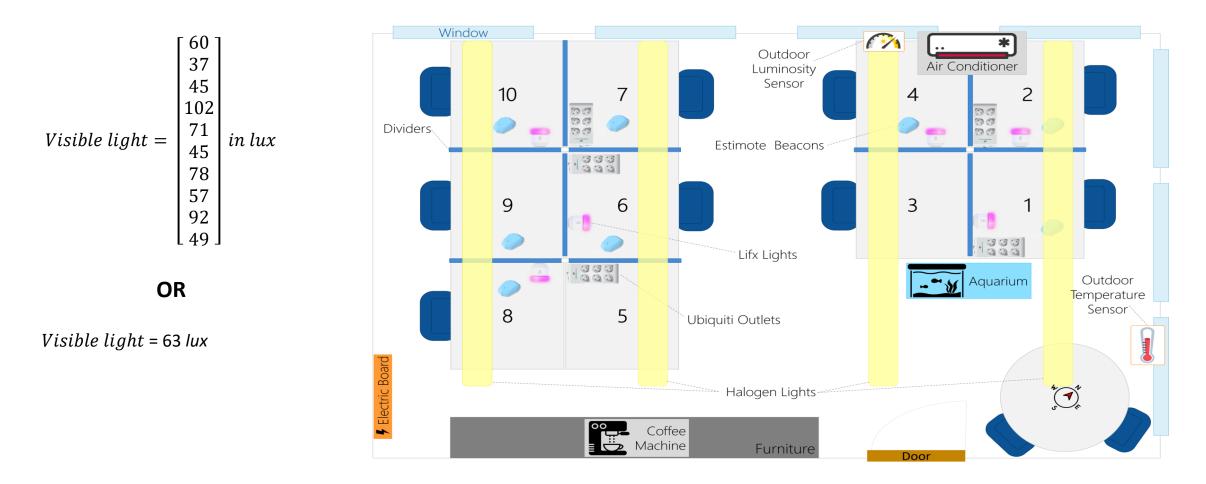
Examples:

- Visible light
- Energy consumption
- Room temperature



System properties – Multi-Representations

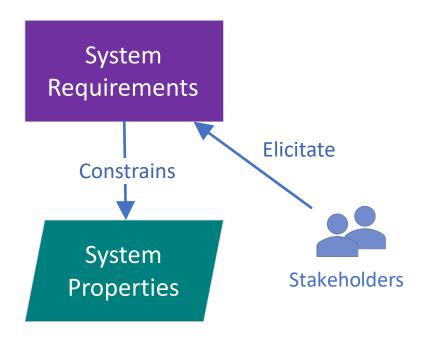
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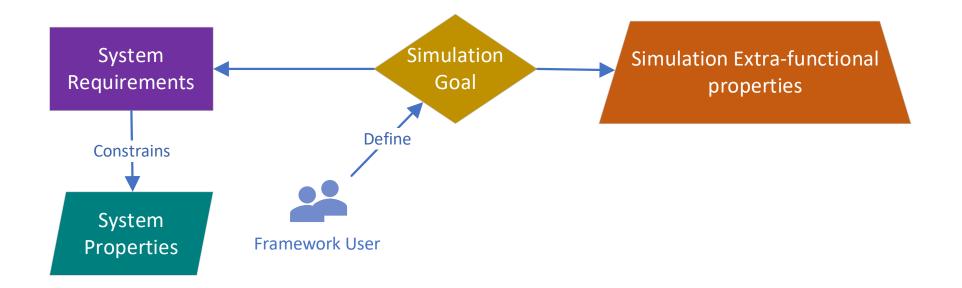
Requirements

A system requirement is a valuation of a system property that can be satisfied or not.

Ex: The minimum visible light level measured at an occupied workstation is 75 lux.

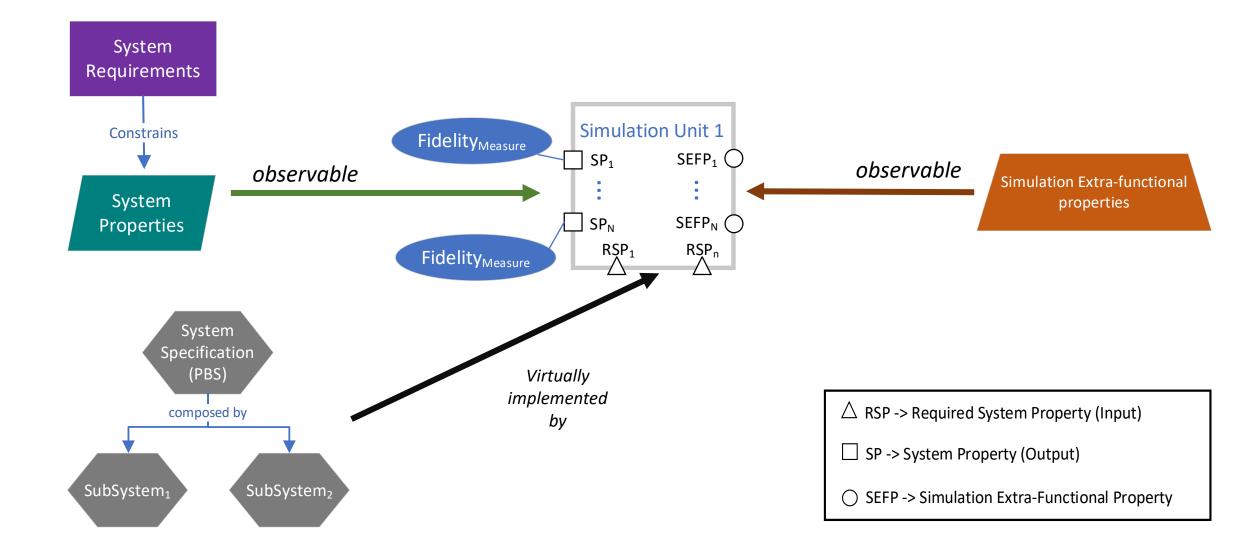


Simulation Goal



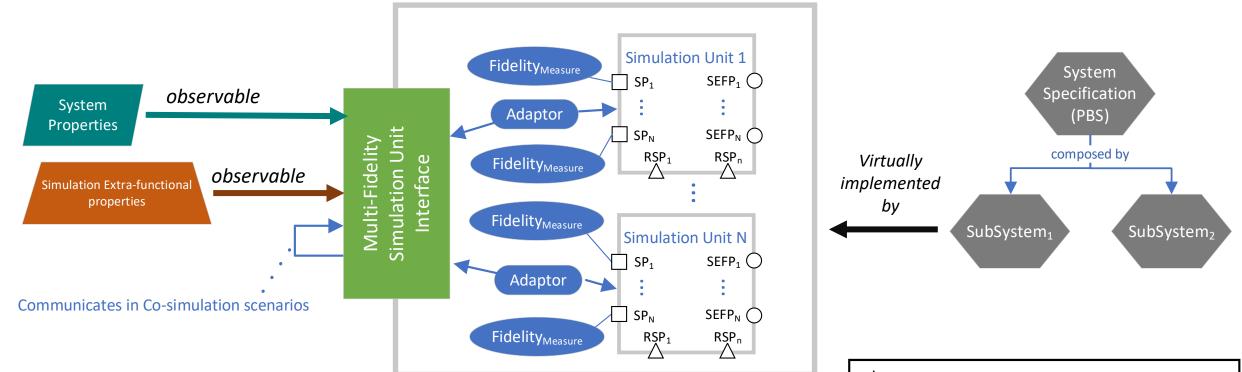
Ex: Simulation Goal -> "Verify that over the period of one week that the minimum visible light level measured at an occupied workstation is 75 lux with an accuracy of 2 lux and the simulation time required is less than 2 minutes"

Simulation Unit adapted to a fidelity context



Multi-Fidelity Simulation Unit

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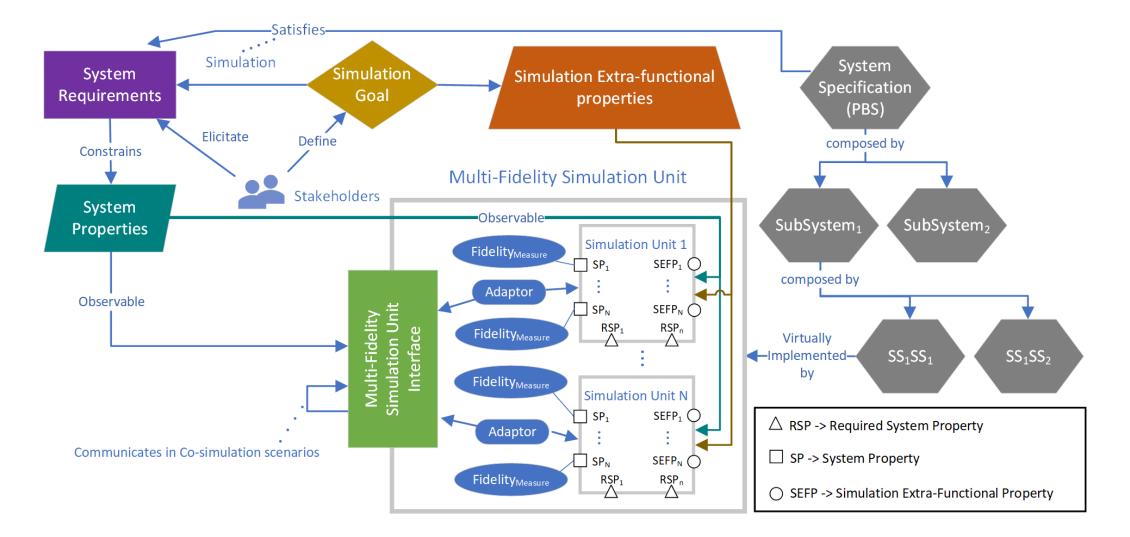


 \triangle RSP -> Required System Property (Input)

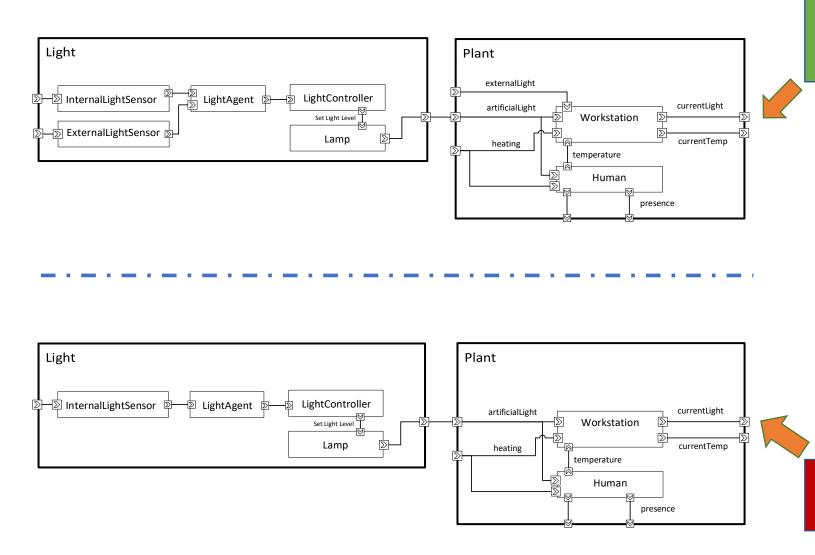
SP -> System Property (Output)

○ SEFP -> Simulation Extra-Functional Property

Framework overview



Framework application example



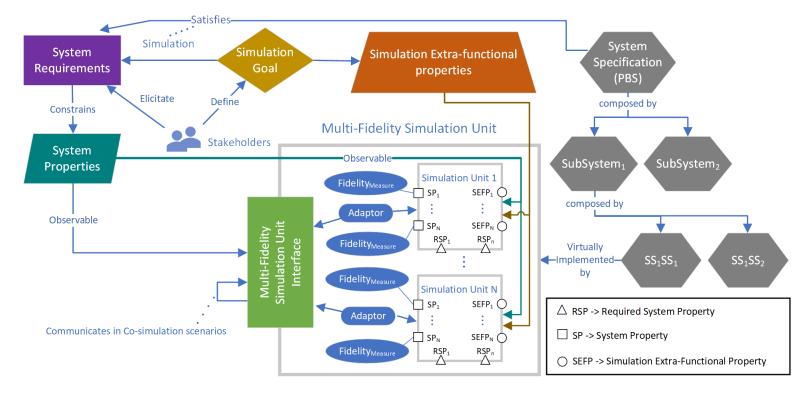
Accuracy workstation visible light level = 2 Simulation time = 1,7 minutes

Simulation Goal -> "Verify that over the period of one week that the minimum visible light level measured at an occupied workstation is 75 lux with a maximum accuracy of 2 lux and the simulation time required is less than 2 minutes"

Accuracy workstation visible light level = 10 Simulation time = 1 minute

Conclusions

• The outcome of this framework is a way to automatically determine the simulation units at an adequate fidelity level suitable for answering a specific simulation goal.



Open Questions – Ongoing work

- Any links missing in the framework?
- How does a change in the fidelity of an input change the fidelity of an output?
- We need to reach a treatable fidelity definition. Can it be represented by bonds, an average, a distribution?
- What about simulation timing errors, and specificities of cyber simulation units?
- How to characterize the Multi-fidelity unit interface?

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