Techniques and Analysis for Mixed-criticality Scheduling with Mode-dependent Server Execution Budgets



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Problem Description

- Develop a mixed-criticality system that schedules applications of different criticality to share resources and reduce cost
- Ensure the temporal behavior of each application
- Simplify the certification process by providing sufficient temporal isolation
- Any misbehaving computational task should not affect the execution of any other task of the same or higher criticality
- Efficiently use the processing capacity to reduce costs

Main Idea

- An adaptive mode-based scheduling arrangement is used to schedule mixed-criticality applications
- Isolation among applications is achieved through servers

System-level Schedulability

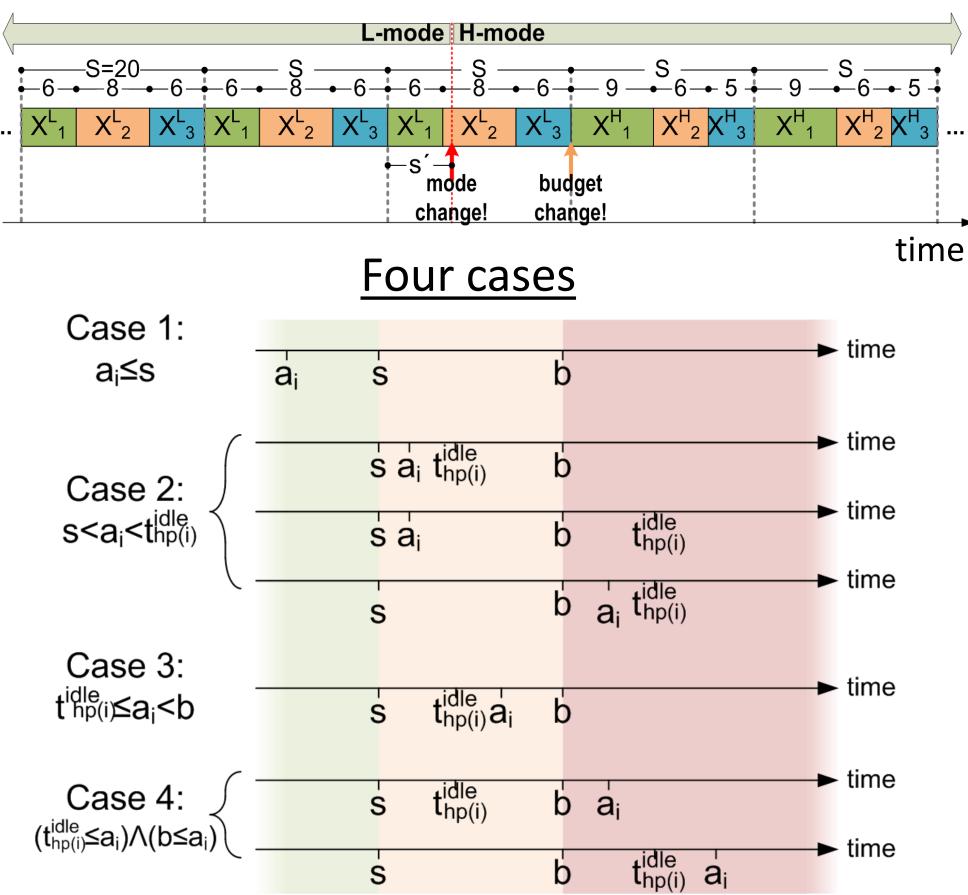
- Assign server budgets in both modes (X^L and X^H)
- Assign offsets in both modes (O^L and O^H)
- Ensure the processing capacity is not exceeded in any mode, (i.e., $\Sigma_i X_i^{L} \leq S$ and $\Sigma_i X_i^{H} \leq S$)
- Computation of X_i^L and X_i^H depends on O_i^L and O_i^H, which in turn depend on Xj^L and Xj^H of preceding servers (j<i)
- Non-decreasing order of X^L X^H leads to benign jitter
- A more generous X^L_i may permit using a smaller X^H_i

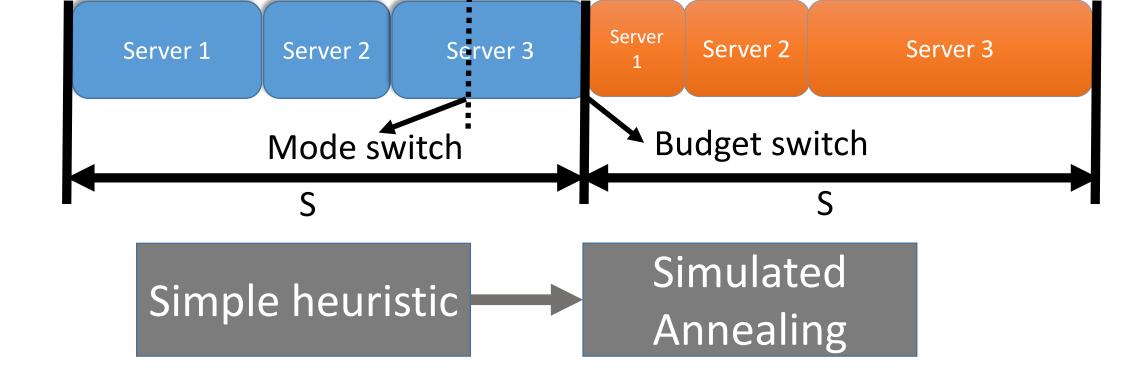
Budget Assignment Heuristics

Static ($X^{L}=X^{H}$) vs Dynamic ($X^{L}\neq X^{H}$) server budgets

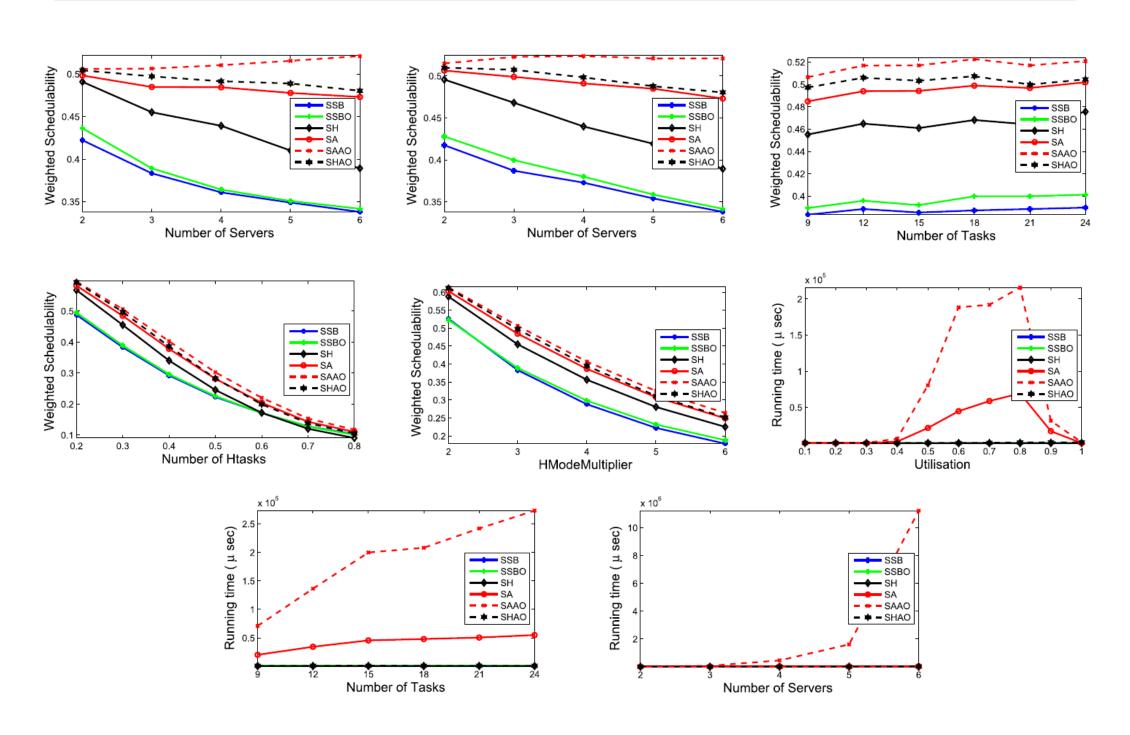
- Servers are scheduled in a cyclic executive manner to reduce certification cost
- Vary the server budgets dynamically upon a mode-switch to improve processing resource utilization
- Assign per-mode execution budgets to servers via heuristics

Server-level Schedulability

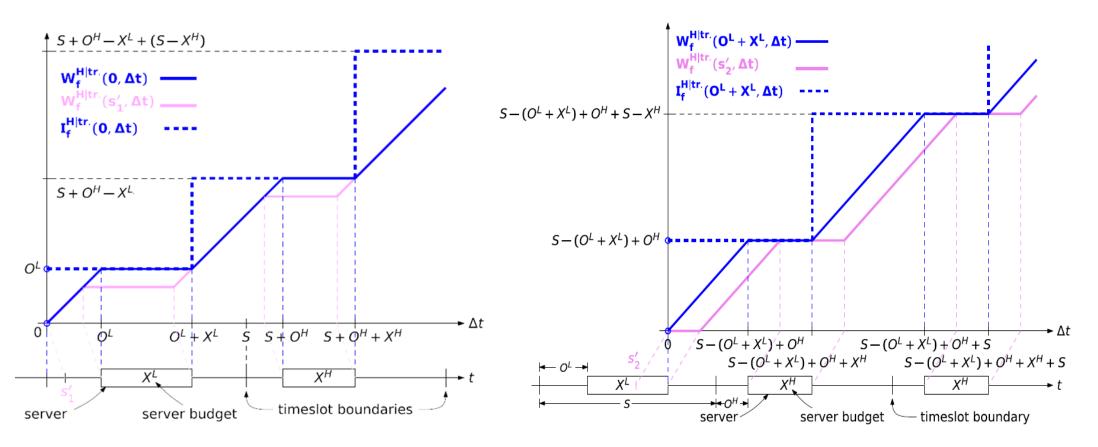




Evaluation



Fake task interference two worst-cases



Concluding Remarks

- New schedulability analysis for mixed-criticality systems
- Periodic servers scheduled in a cyclic executive manner
- AMC scheduling policy within each server
- Varying server budgets in different modes
- Strict temporal isolation
- Mode dependent budgets can improve the schedulability ratio by up to 52.8% vs. static budgets
- Even simple heuristics can yield up to 27% of improvement
- The order of servers can influence the schedulability ratio and the proposed ordering heuristics perform well

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