Service Adaptions for Mixed-Criticality Systems

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One Fact

- Most complex embedded systems are mixed-critical
 - Functionalities of different safety criticalities co-exist
 - A reflection of the real world



Key challenges

- Uncertainties: WCET, temperature, HW/SW errors...
- Different assurances for different criticalities

Two Views

- Obstacle
 - Worst-case model for the entire system
 - Resource over-provisioning

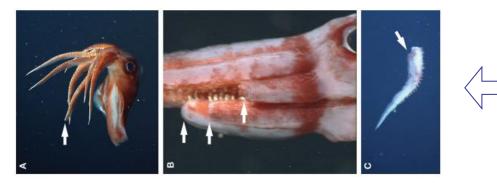
Opportunity

- Self-organized system that *adapts* to uncertainties, and deliver bounded guarantees to all criticalities
- Like all life on earth, we evolve to survive from adverse events

Our Motivation

How should the system re-organize under the attack of uncertainties?

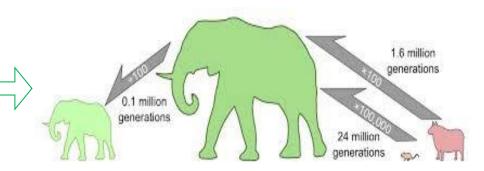
Some answers by nature



Autotomy: detach lesscritical part of a system, as majority of mixed-criticality systems are designed

Size evolution: adapt the size of a system (or part of it),

more flexibility and why not



One Problem Formulation

Our setting up

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- Dual-criticality sporadic tasks <T,D,χ>, χ ∈{HI,LO}
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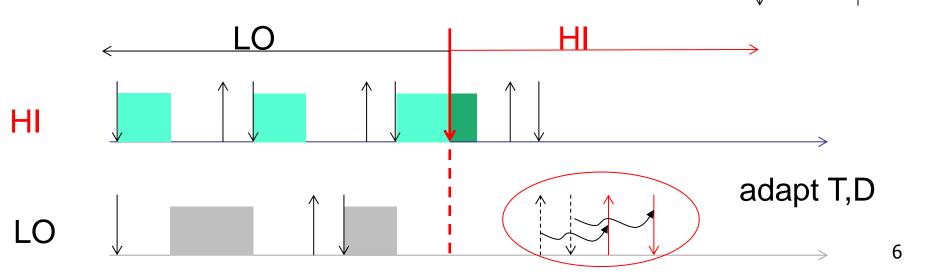
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arrival deadline \uparrow



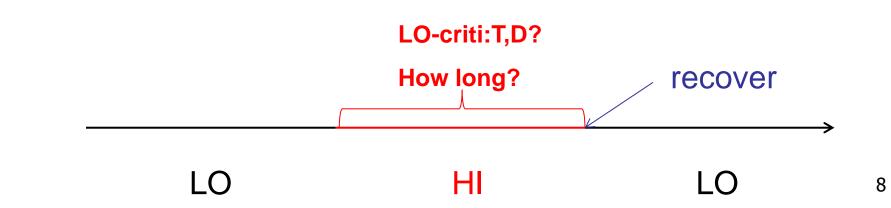
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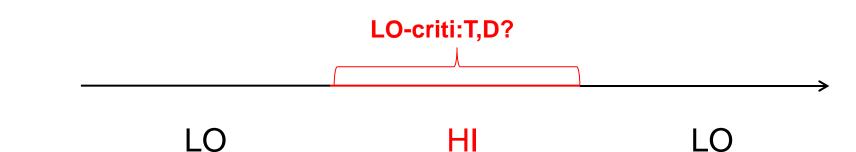
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- Desired behavior
 - For HI-crit: they are always guaranteed
 - For LO-crit: receive different services in different modes

Two Aspects of the Problem

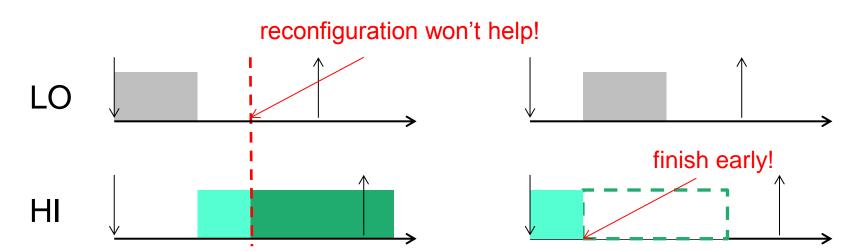
- How should the service of LO criticality tasks be reconfigured?
 - With service adapted for LO criticality tasks, both HI and LO criticality tasks should meet their deadlines
- When can the system be recovered?
 - Safe recovery: no deadline will be missed after that



Service Reconfiguration



- Only reconfiguration when entering HI may not work
- "Preparation" for reconfiguration

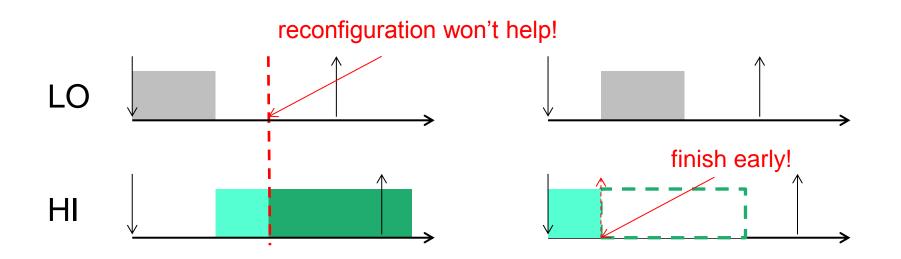


Service Reconfiguration

How to prepare?

Preparation
 Baruah et al. ESA 2011

Shorten the deadlines of HI-crit tasks in the LO mode



Service Reconfiguration

Preparation \rightarrow Reconfiguration?

Relation

Bounded by the schedulability of the system



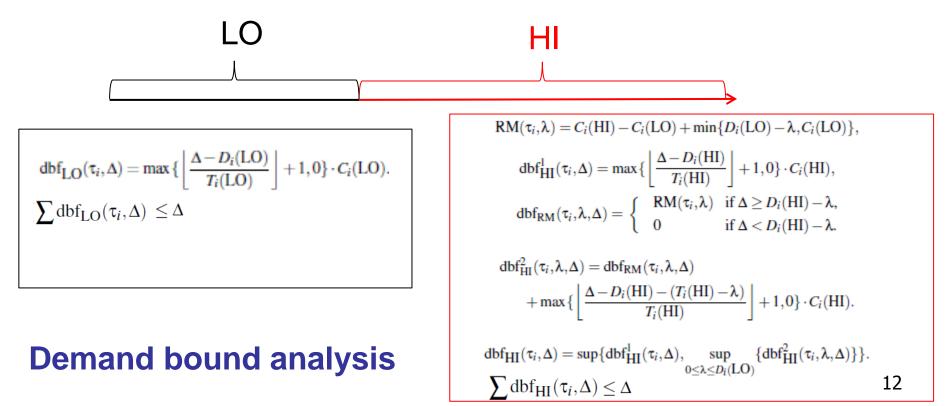
Schedulable with shortened deadlines for HI-crit tasks Schedulable with original deadlines for HI-crit tasks, reduced services for LO-crit tasks

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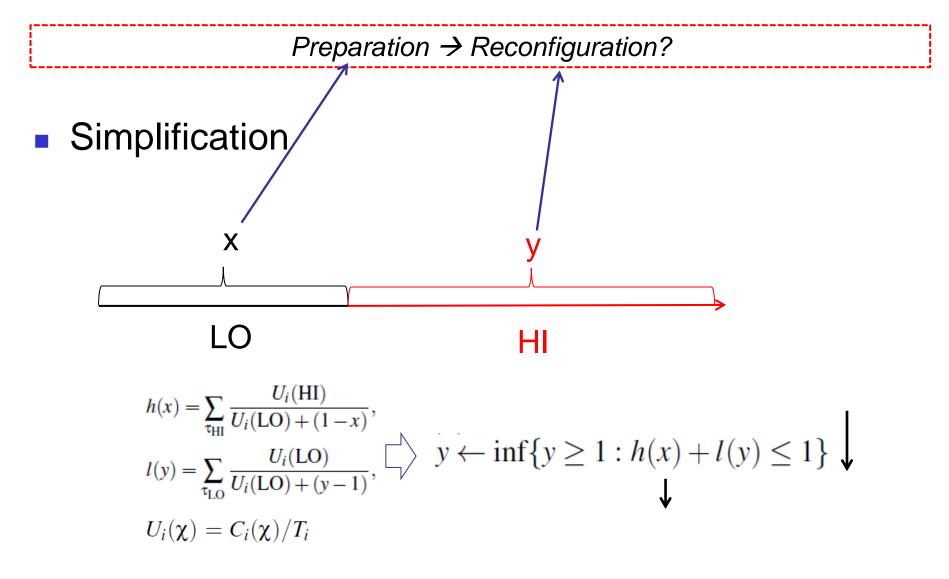
Simplification

- Implicit deadlines
- All HI criticality tasks, LO Mode: *deadlines* \times X (0 < X ≤ 1)
- All LO criticality tasks, HI Mode: *deadlines* × Y

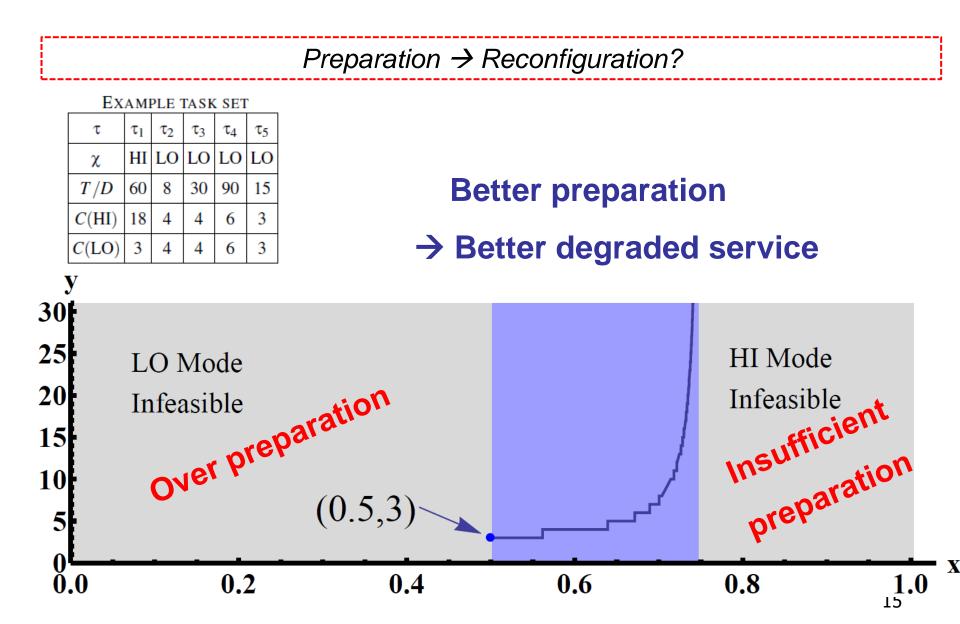
periods \times Y (Y \ge 1)

Demand bounds can be subsequently approximated

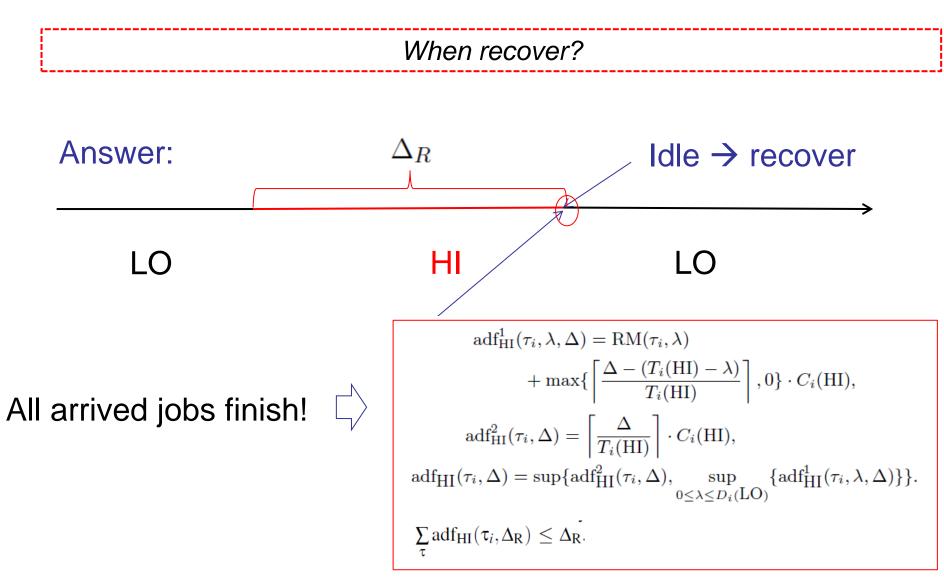
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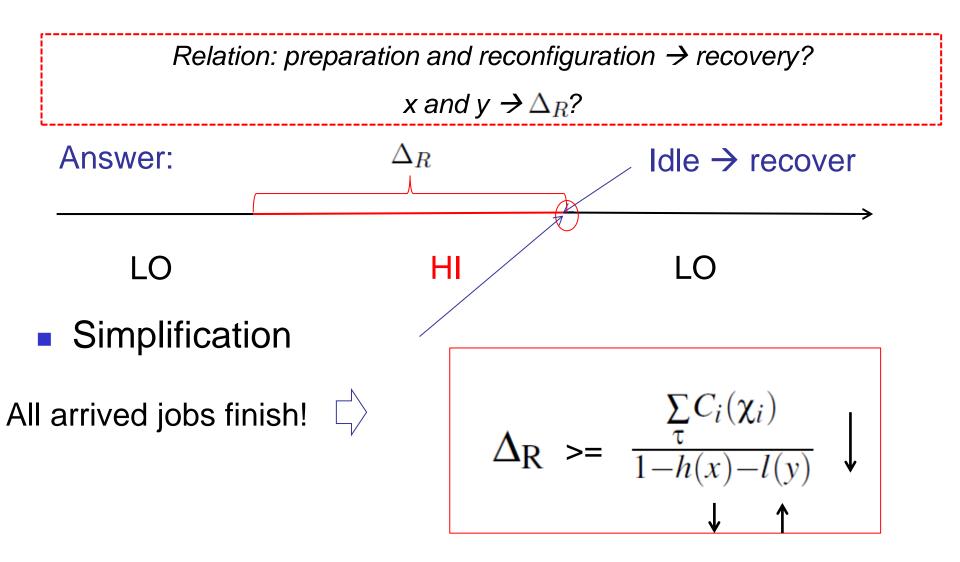
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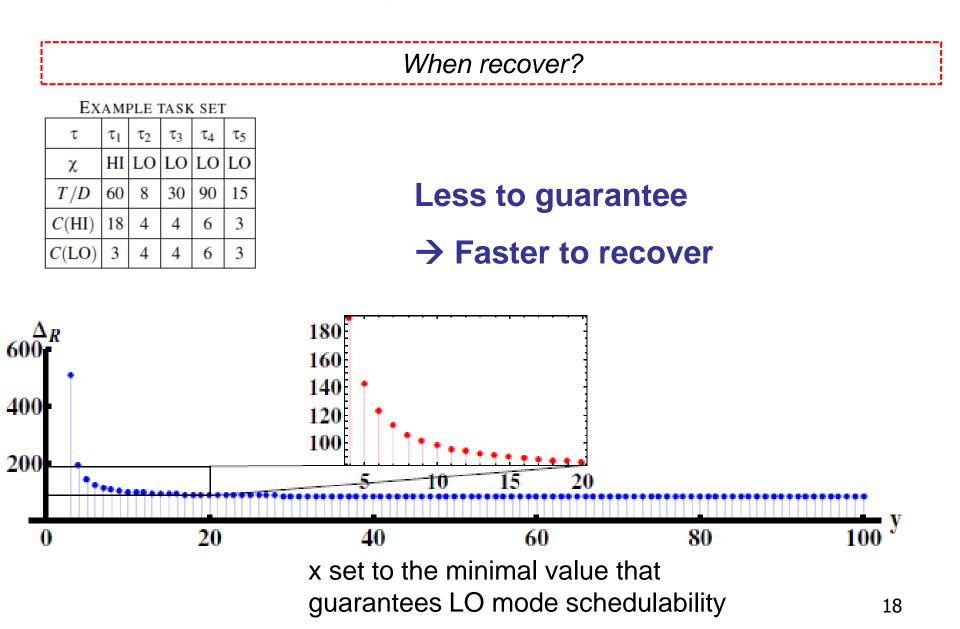
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Case-Study

- A flight management system (FMS)
 - Subset 11 tasks
 - DO-178B criticality B (HI) and C (LO)
 - Only know LO criticality WCETs' ranges
 - Scaled by safety factor f_{safe} to get HI criticality WCETs

τ	τ_1	τ_2	τ_3	τ_4	τ_5	τ_6
T/D	5000	200	1000	1600	100	1000
C(LO)	$\{0, 20\}$	$\{0, 20\}$	$\{0, 20\}$	$\{0, 20\}$	$\{0, 20\}$	$\{0, 20\}$
χ	В	В	В	В	В	В
τ	τ7	τ_8	τ9	τ_{10}	τ_{11}	
T/D	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	
C(LO)	$\{0, 20\}$	$\{0, 200\}$	$\{0, 200\}$	$\{0, 200\}$	$\{0, 200\}$	
χ	В	С	С	С	C	

TASK PARAMETERS FOR THE FMS APPLICATION

Case-Study

-50 random FMS instances

-3 algorithms

- Worst-case reservation - EDF-VD degraded - EDF-VD setting 1 -- $f_{safe}=3,y=5$ Speedx 1.3 1.1 0.9 0 10 20 30 40 50

Resource Efficiency Flexibility

Case-Study

1 random FMS instance

$$f_{\text{safe}} = \frac{C(\text{HI})}{C(\text{LO})}$$

$f_{\text{safe}} = 3$		$f_{safe} = 4$			$f_{\rm safe} = 5$				
y	x	$\Delta_{\mathbf{R}}$	y	x	$\Delta_{\mathbf{R}}$	у	x	$\Delta_{\mathbf{R}}$	
1	1	0	3	0.25	21.6	22	0.25	2.1×10^{3}	P
-	-	-	4	0.25	7.8	23	0.25	661.8	
-	I	-	5	0.25	5.92	24	0.25	406.1	

Increased uncertainty in WCET (larger f_{safe})



Summary

- Mixed-criticality systems
 - Mixed (safety) critical, uncertainties, heterogeneous assurances
- Self-organizing under WCET uncertainty
 - Service reconfiguration, service recovery
- Demonstrated with a flight management system
 - Resource efficiency, flexibility
- Outlook
 - Different sources of uncertainties, different scheduling policies...

