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Design space exploration for Hypervisor-based mixed-criticality systems

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Introduction

"Brief Introduction to Mixed Criticality and Cyber Physical Systems"

MECO Context: Cyber-Physical System



- A cyber-physical system (CPS) is an integration of computation with physical processes whose behavior is defined by both cyber and physical parts of the system.
- Embedded computers and networks monitor and control the physical processes, usually with feedback loops where physical processes affect computations and vice versa.
- As an intellectual challenge, CPS is about the intersection, not the union, of the physical and the cyber.

[1] Lee, E. A., Seshia, S. A.,: Introduction to Embedded Systems, a Cyber-Physical Systems approach, Second Edition, LeeSeshia.org, 2015



MECO Mixed-Criticality Embedded Systems

- The growing complexity of embedded digital systems based on modern System-on-Chip (SoC) adopting explicit heterogeneous parallel architectures has radically changed the common design methodologies.
- HW/SW co-design methodologies are of renovated relevance
- A growing trend in embedded systems domain is the development of mixed-criticality systems where multiple embedded applications with different levels of criticality are executed on a shared hardware platform (i.e. Mixed-Criticality Embedded Systems)







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- A mixed criticality system is "an integrated suite of HW, OS, middleware services and application software that supports the concurrent execution of safety-critical, mission-critical, and noncritical software within a single, secure computing platform"
- MAIN GOALS: development of EDA tools, mainly oriented to support the designer of Mixed-Criticality and Cyber-Physical systems based on heterogeneous multi/many-core platforms, considering Hypervisor-Based SW partitions

add real-time

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embedded systems design, this work starts from specific а methodology (called HEPSYCODE: HW/SW CO-**DE**sign of **HE**terogeneous Dedicated Parallel **SY**stems), based on an existing System-Level HW/SW Co-Design methodology, and introduces the possibility to and mixed-criticality requirements to the set of non-functional ones

Focus on **Design Space Exploration** considering **HPV-based SW Partitions**



epsy

ode







2.

Safety Assurance Standards

"Criticality is a designation of the level of assurance against failure needed for a system component"

MECO Safety Related Standards



- Industry has shown a growing interest in integrating and running independentlydeveloped applications of different "criticalities" in the same (often multicore) platform. Such integrated systems are commonly referred to as mixed-criticality systems (MCS).
- Most of the MCS-related research cite the safety-related standards associated to each application domain (e.g. aeronautics, space, railway, automotive) to justify their methods and results. However, those standards are not freely available and do not always clearly and explicitly specify the requirements for mixed-criticality
- New MC task model is in essence the result of combining the standard hard real-time requirements (studied by the real-time research community since the 70's) with the notion of "criticality" of execution.



System Design and Development Assurance Process



- During a typical development life cycle of a safety-critical system, the behavior and characteristics that are expected from the system are expressed in the form of a list of requirements
 - based on the system operational requirements (what the system is expected to do) and also considering non-functional properties related to safety, security and performance, including timing and energy constraints.
- System safety assessment process must be carried out as part of the development life cycle to determine and categorize the failure conditions of the system (e.g. through a hazard analysis).
 - safety-related requirements are derived as a result of the system safety assessment process, which may include functional, integrity, dependability requirements and design constraints.
- Safety-related requirements are allocated to hardware and software components, thereby specifying the mechanisms required to prevent the faults or to mitigate their effects and avoid the propagation of failures.





- Most safety standards use the concept of an integrity level, which is assigned to a system or a function. This level will be based on an initial analysis of the consequences of software going wrong. Both standards have clear guidance on how to identify integrity level.
 - DO-178C has Software Development Assurance Level (DAL), which are assigned based on the outcome of "anomalous behavior" of a software component Level A for "Catastrophic Outcome", Level E for "No Safety Effect".
 - ISO26262 has ASIL (Automotive Safety Integrity Level), based on the exposure to issues affecting the controllability of the vehicle. ASILs range from D for the highest severity/most probable exposure, and A as the least.







- GENERAL (IEC-61508) based on SIL (Safety Integrity Level): Functional safety standards (of electrical, electronic, and programmable electronic)
 - AUTOMOTIVE (ISO26262) based on ASIL (Automotive Safety Integrity Level) (Road vehicles Functional safety)
 - NUCLEAR POWER (IEC 60880-2)
 - MEDICAL ELECTRIC (IEC 60601-1)
 - PROCESS INDUSTRIES (IEC 61511)
 - RAILWAY (CENELEC EN 50126/128/129])
 - MACHINERY (IEC 62061)

> AVIONIC based on DAL (Development Assurance Level) related to ARP4761 and ARP4754

- DO-178B (Software Considerations in Airborne Systems and Equipment Certification)
- DO-178C (Software Considerations in Airborne Systems and Equipment Certification, replace DO-178B)
- DO-254 (Airborne Design), similar to DO-178B, but for hardware
- DO-160F (Airborne Test)

MEDICAL DEVICE

- FDA-21CFR
- IEC-62304



3. Mixed Criticality Systems Analysis

"The more confidence one needs in a task execution time bound (the less tolerant one is of missed deadlines), the larger and more conservative that bound tends to become in practice"

MEC^O MCS state-of-the-art Model (1)



- Almost 200 papers treating of the scheduling of MCS have been referenced in Burns and Davis* paper, and tens of related papers are still published every year. Most of the works about MCS published by the real-time scheduling research community are based on a model proposed by Vestal*
 - System has several modes of execution, say modes $\{1, 2, ..., L\}$. The application system is a set of real-time tasks, where each task τ_i is characterized by a period T_i and a deadline D_i (as in the usual real-time task model), an assurance level I_i and a set of worst-case computational estimates $\{C_{i,1}, C_{i,2}, ..., C_{i,l_i}\}$, under the assumption that $C_{i,1} \leq C_{i,2} \leq ... \leq C_{i,l_i}$
- > The different WCET estimates are meant to model estimations of the WCET at different assurance levels. The worst time observed during tests of normal operational scenarios might be used as $C_{i,1}$ whereas at each higher assurance level the subsequent estimates $C_{i,2}, \ldots, C_{i,l_i}$ are assumed to be obtained by more conservative WCET analysis techniques.

* Burns, A, Davis, RI.: "Mixed Criticality Systems - A Review", University of York, 4 March 2016. ** S. Vestal, "Preemptive Scheduling of Multi-criticality Systems with Varying Degrees of Execution Time Assurance," Real-Time Systems Symposium (RTSS) 28th IEEE International on, Tucson, AZ, 2007, pp. 239-243.

MEC^O MCS state-of-the-art Model (2)



- The system starts its execution in mode 1 and all tasks are scheduled to execute on the core[s]. Then at runtime, if the system is running in mode k then each time the execution budget $C_{i,k}$ of a task τ_i is overshot, the system switches to mode k+1 It results from this transition from mode k to mode k+1 that all the tasks of criticality not greater than k (i.e., $l_i \ge k$) are suspended. Mechanisms have also been proposed to eventually re-activate the dropped tasks at some later points in time*.
 - one of the simplifications of this model is the Vestal's model with only two modes, usually referred to as LO and HI modes (which stand for Low- and High-criticality modes).
- Multiple variations of that scheduling scheme exist, some for single-core, others for multicore architectures. In the case of multicore, both global and partitioned scheduling techniques have been studied and solutions for fixed priority scheduling (RM), Earliest Deadline First (EDF) and time triggered scheduling have been proposed in literature.
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* F. Santy, G. Raravi, G. Nelissen, V. Nelis, P. Kumar, J. Goossens, and E. Tovar. Two protocols to reduce the criticality level of multiprocessor mixed-criticality systems. In RTNS 2013, RTNS' 13, pages 183–192. ACM, 2013.

MCS Design - OFFIS FC education & training



Mixed-criticality principles applied to application layer modelling objects:





- Performance-critical domain T_3, T_4, T_5, S_3 : low-critical tasks and shared objects
- ▶ mixed-critical shared objects: S₁, S₂



- Connections to shared object interfaces
- Deadline
- might affect scheduling decisions

Mixed-Criticality aware properties:

- Task periods
- Safety-crititcal tasks might have increased activation frequencies in high criticality levels
- Vector of computation times ▶ platform-dependent, → later
- ► One for each criticality level (e.g. LO, HI)
- Criticality level
- statically defined at design time

Task $T_i \in \tau$. $(\vec{T}_i, D_i, \vec{C}_i, \pi_i, L_i)$

D_i: deadline

level)

(minimum arrival interval)

Ci: vector of computation

π_i: ports for connecting to

communication objects

L_i: criticality level

(e.g. LO, HI)

times (one for each criticality

Possible Shared Object realisation should include:

- Cached internal state Σ. Σ'
- ▶ before performing the call, create copy: $\Sigma' \leftarrow \Sigma$

Application Layer

🖉 🍠 (Shared) Objec

Virtual Target Architecture Layer

/ Task

- active calls work on state copy Σ'
- Preemptible scheduling of access. policy defined by attribute Φ (e.g. round-robin, fixed-prio)
- if criticality level L increases, abort active calls < L</p>
- only allow calls from tasks with criticality level > L

 $S_i = (\Sigma, \Sigma', L, M, I, \Phi)$ Σ_{0.1}: inner states (containing) abstract data types),

Runtim

- L: current criticality level (e.g. LO, HI)
- M ⊂ Σ × Σ: a set of methods or services (e.g. read(), write())
- $I \subseteq \mathcal{P}(M)$: Interfaces for grouping methods
- •: resource arbitration policy







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- a vector of periods T
 - - after the call, **update** original state: $\Sigma \leftarrow \Sigma'$

Core 0





DEVICE 1

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debug LEDs or transmission of telemetry data.

landing!

Flight

Control

Data

Mining

Predictability





Research – Industrial Domain Misunderstandings

- Academic papers: "system criticality" as a mode of execution of software tasks (e.g. high or low criticality). Mode change allowed
- Industrial domain: "system criticality" refers to the level of assurance (e.g. DAL, SIL or ASIL) applied in the development of a software application that implements critical system functionalities (i.e. safety functions)

> Mixed-Criticality Challenges

 Scheduling (Priority Vs Safety), Partition (Isolation), Performance (WCET estimation), Predictability (Graceful Degradation), Manufactory Cost, Fault-tolerance, Power-consumption, Networking





4. Mixed-Criticality Classification

"Amajor industrial challenge arises from the need to face cost efficient integration of different applications with different levels of safety and security on a single computing platform in an open context"





Separation technique:

- **Timing separation**: scheduling policy, temporal partitioning with HVP, NoC
- Spatial separation: one task per core, one task on HW ad hoc (DSP, FPGA), spatial partition with HVP, NoC, MMU, MPU etc.

≻HW:

- Temporal isolation: Scheduling HW
- Spatial isolation: separated Task on dedicated components (HW ad hoc, FPGA etc.)

Single core:

- Temporal isolation: Scheduling policy with SO o RTOS, Scheduling policy with HVP
- Spatial isolation : MMU, MPU, HVP Partitioning

≻Multi-core

- Architecture: shared memory systems, Uniform Memory Architecture, UMA (SMP), Not Uniform Memory Architecture, NUMA, distributed systems, NoC
- Temporal isolation: Scheduling policy with SO o RTOS, Scheduling policy with HVP
- Spatial isolation: MMU, MPU, HVP partitioning

≻Many-core

Work in progress



Tecnologies:

- Hardware: HW ad hoc, FPGA, DSP, Processor
 > Processor: LEON3, ARM, MICROBLAZE etc.
- Software: Bare-metal, OS, RTOS, HVP

> OS: Linux etc.

> **RTOS**: eCos, RTEMS, FreeRTOS, Threadx, VxWorks, EriKa etc.

> HVP: PikeOS, Xtratum, Xen etc.





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MECO MC Implementation Solutions (M-CIS)



Tecnologies:

- Hardware: HW ad hoc, FPGA, DSP, Processor.
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 - OS: Linux etc.
 - RTOS: eCos, RTEMS, FreeRTOS, Threadx, VxWorks, EriKa etc.
 - HVP: PikeOS, Xtratum, Xen etc
- Many-core: WIP

Separation Technique	нw	Single core	Single core Multi-core			
Spatial		0-levels scheduling [7],[129],[130],[131]	0-levels scheduling [132],[124],[125],[131]			
	0-levels scheduling [125],[129],[130]	1-level scheduling [97],[133],[134],[135] [141],[142],[143]	[124],[125], [126],[127],[128]			
		2-levels scheduling [141],[148]				
		3-levels scheduling [154]				
Temporal	0-levels scheduling [125],[129],[130]	0-levels scheduling [7],[129],[130],[131]	0-levels scheduling [132],[124],[125],[129],[130],[128]	[124],[125], [126],[127],[128]		
		1-level scheduling [133],[134],[135], [142],[143],[131]	1-level scheduling [7],[136],[137],[155],[125],[138],[140] [133],[144],[146],[61],[156],[142]			
		2-levels scheduling [141],[148]	2-levels scheduling [149],[125],[126],[152],[141],[145], [153],[148],[49],[128]			
		3-levels scheduling [154]	3-levels scheduling [154]			







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ISOLATION TECHNIQUES





MECO MC Implementation Solutions (M-CIS)



Many-core

SCHEDULING LEVELS









5. Mixed-Criticality HW/SW Co-Design

"Multi-core and manycore computing platforms have to significantly improve system (and application) integration, efficiency and performance"

MEC^O HW/ SW Co-Design Methodologies



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Electronic System Level (ESL) is the utilization of appropriate abstractions in order to increase comprehension about a system, and to enhance the probability of a successful implementation of functionality in a cost-effective manner, targeting design methodologies for electronic digital HW/SW systems



MEC^O Mixed-Criticality HW/ SW Co-Design



Classification of different ESL Methodology Approaches (considering Mixed-Criticality Issues)

		Specification		Specification	Implementation			Decision Making		Refinement	
ESL Approach	$Gen.^1$	Appl. ²	Arch. ³	Language	MoS ⁴	MoP^5	DSE ⁶	Comp. ⁷	Comm. ⁸	Comp. ⁷	Comm. ⁸
AUTOFOCUS3	4.0	PN	HeMPES	Custom	Component	TAPM	•	•	0	•	-
CONTREP	4.0	UML, SDF	HeMPES	MARTE & SysML & SystemC	TLM	TAPM	•	•	0	•	0
DeSyDe	3.0/4.0	SDF	HeMPSoC	XML	-	-	•	•	0	•	0
Combined-DSE	4.0	CP	HeMPES	MiniZinc	TLM	TAPM	•	•	-	•	-
OSSS-MC	4.0	OSSS/MC	HeMPSoC	SystemC	TLM	T/ISAPM	-	•	-	•	-
MultiPARTES	4.0	UML	HoMPES	MARTE	TLM	TAPM	•	•	-	•	-
HEPSYCODE	4.0	CSP	HeMPES	SystemC	TLM	T/ISAPM	•	•	•	•	0

¹ Gen.: HW/SW Co-Design Generation;
 ² Appl.: Application Model;
 ³ Arch.: Architecture Model;
 ⁴ MoS: Model of Structure;
 ⁵ MoP: Model of Performance;
 ⁶ DSE: Design Space Exploration;
 ⁷ Comp.: Computation;
 ⁸ Comm.: Communication; CP: Constraint Programming;

PN: Process Network; CSP: communicating sequential processes; UML: Unified Modeling Language; SDF: Synchronous Dataflow;

He/HoMPS: Heterogeneous/Homogeneous Multi-processor Systems;

He/HoMPSoC: Heterogeneous/Homogeneous Multi-processor System on chip;

He/HoMPES: Heterogeneous/Homogeneous Multi-processor Embedded System;

TLM: Transaction-Level Model:

TAPM: Task Accurate Performance Model: ISAPM: Instruction Set Accurate Performance Model: CAPM: Cycle-Accurate Performance Model:





6. Proposed Methodology

"You will never strike oil by drilling through the map! -Solomon Wolf Golomb"

MECO Proposed HW/ SW Co-Design Methodology

DEFINITION OF A GENERAL METHODOLOGY ABLE TO ABSTRACT CLASSICAL SYSTEM DESIGN FLOW (APPLICABLE TO DIFFERENT HW/SW CO-DESIGN FLOW)

System Description: Introduction of a partition layer to model HPV SW partitions

Metrics Evaluation and Estimation: Definition of different metrics (with related benchmarking arctivites in order to extract as-much-as-possible system informations)

Search Methods: Meta-heuristic algorithm refinement (GA improvements)

Timing Simulator: improvement introducing Hierarchical scheduling feature







Procee

MEC **HEPSYCODE HW/ SW Co-Design Flow**





MEC⁽²⁾ HW/ SW Co-Design Framework

Definition of a general framework able to automate system design flow (Implemented using different SW technologies)

System Behavioral model: Realization of a GUI to model application using the specification language defined in the system behavioral specification step

Functional Simulation: automatic generation of a SystemC code implementing Hoare's CSP model of Computation from GUI

Co-Analysis&Co-Estimation: definition of a extensible activity step to evaluate system metrics:

- Affinity
- Concurrency
- Communication
- Size
- Load
- Power (WIP)

DSE: implementation of an automatic (extensible) DSE to make analysis and propose solutions in an HW/SW Co-simulation environment (**HEPSIM**)







7. ESL Methodology Main Elements

"All models are wrong but some are useful-*George E. P. Box*"








- Concurrency is the decomposability property of a program, algorithm, or problem into order-independent or partially-ordered components or units.
- Even if the concurrent units of the program, algorithm, or problem are executed out-of-order or in partial order, the final outcome will remain the same. This allows for parallel execution of the concurrent units, which can significantly improve overall speed of the execution in multi-processor and multi-core systems.
- A number of mathematical models have been developed for general concurrent computation (Petri nets, process calculi, the Parallel Random Access Machine model, the Actor model etc.).

MEC^O Model Of Computation



- A *Model of Computation (MoC)* is a set of operational elements used to describe the behavior of an application (or a system). The set of operational elements and the set of relations among them are called the semantics of a MoC.
- MoC can be classified into Timed or Untimed, when introducing a totally or partially ordered events respectively.
 - □ Untimed MoC:
 - Rendezvous of Sequential Processes: applications are modeled with sequential processes that reach a particular point at which they have to synchronize each other (i.e., CSP by Hoare, 1975).
 - Kahn Process Networks: a process network where processes communicates using channels, which are unbounded point-to-point FIFO queues, sending fixed amount of data, called tokens
 - Dataflow: a special case of Kahn process networks, where processes (called actors) consume data exchanged between channels with a fixed firing rate

MECO Process Calculi and CSP



- Process Calculi (or Process Algebras) are a diverse family of related approaches for formally modelling concurrent systems. Process calculi provide a tool for the high-level description of interactions, communications, and synchronizations between a collection of independent agents or processes. They also provide algebric laws that allow process descriptions to be manipulated and analyzed, and permit formal reasoning about equivalences between processes (e.g., using bisimulation).
- Process Calculi include the Communicating Sequential Processes (CSP), the Calculus of Communicating Systems (CCS), the Algebra of Communicating Processes (ACP) and so on.
- CSP is based on message passing via channels and was highly influential in the design of the OCCAM programming language.
- CSP was first described in a 1978 paper by Tony Hoare [8], but has since evolved substantially. CSP has been practically applied in industry as a tool for specifying and verifying the concurrent aspects of a variety of different systems as well as a secure ecommerce system. The theory of CSP itself is also still the subject of active research, including work to increase its range of practical applicability (e.g., increasing the scale of the systems that can be tractably analyzed).

MECO Modelling Language



- The system behavior modeling language introduced in HEPSYCODE named HML (HEPSY Modeling Language), is based on the well-known Communicating Sequential Processes (CSP) Model of Computation (MoC)
- > By means of HMLit is possible to specify the System Behavior Model (SBM)

SBM = {PS, CH} is a CSP-based executable/simulatable model of the system behaviour based on a Concurrent Processes MoC that explicitly defines also a model of communication) among processes (PS) using unidirectional point-to-point blocking channels (CH) for data exchange (i.e. CSP channels).

 $PS = \{ps_{1}, ps_{2}, ..., ps_{n}\}\$ is a set of concurrent processes that communicate each others exclusively by means of channels and use only local variables. Each process is described by means of a sequence of statements (an init section followed by a neverending loop) by using a suitable modeling language. Each process can have a priority p: 1(lower) to 100 (higher) imposed by the designer

 $CH = \{ch_1, ch_2, ..., ch_n\}$ is a set of channels where each channel is characterized by source and destination processes, and some details (i.e. size, type) about transferred data. Each channel can have also a priority p: 1(lower) to 100 (higher) imposed by the designer

MECO System Description Models

- > **HEPSYCODE** Modeling Language (HML):
 - Process Network connected via synchronous channels
- \triangleright G = {PS; CH} is the graph of the specification, where the graph nodes are the processes and the graph edges are the channel



The initial HML model is then transformed into an executable SystemC model based on the Communicating Sequential Processes (CSP) Model of Computation (MoC)

MECO HEPSYCODE Functional Language



- > **HEPSYCODE** Functional Language:
 - Reference languages is the SystemC, C++ class library able to capture and define system specifications
 - CSP processes are modelled by exploiting basic SC_THREAD (implemented as an infinite loop with an initialization step)
 - CSP channels have been modeled by introducing a proper SC_CSP_CHANNEL in the SystemC library.
 - System behavior is enclosed into a single SC MODULE, containing all the CSP processes and channels
 - Other SC MODULE and SC CSP CHANNEL are then used to model the Test-Bench and connected to the system by means of proper SC PORT



MECO System Behaviour



An example of a possible SBM in shown in Figure, where the process $PS = \{ps_1, ..., ps_4\}$ exchange data using channel $CH = \{ch_1, ..., ch_7\}$





> Non-Functional Constraints

- Timing Constraints (TC)
 - Time-To-Completion Constraint (TTC)
- ✓ Real-Time Constraints (RTC)
 - Time-To-Reaction Constraint (TTR)
- ✓ Mixed-Criticality Constraints (MCC)
 - Constraint in the DSE cost function
- ✓ Architectural Constraints
 - Target Form Factor (TFF)
 - On-chip: ASIC, FPGA, SO(P)C
 - On-Board: SOB (PCB)
 - Target Template Architecture (TTA) (related to type of available Basic Blocks BB)
- ✓ Scheduling Directives (SD) Available scheduling policies for SW processors:
 - First-Come First-Served (FCFS), FCFS(no overhead), FCFS (Time Stretching)
 - Fixed Priority (FP)
 - Hypervisor (HVP WIP)



MECO SBM with Real-Time Constraints



Communicating sequential processes (CSP) System Behavioral Model (CSP-SBM): network of concurrent processes model

Process Implementation Model (PIM): split processes into several "dependent" tasks.

Process Task Graph Model (PTM): Directed Acyclic Graph Task model (data flow)



MECO SBM with Real-Time Constraints



With respect to the SBM model, it is now possible to identify two class of CSP processes: classical CSP process and real-time CSP processes



MECO Timing Constraints



- Time-to-Completion (TTC): time available to complete the SBM execution from the first input trigger to complete output generation. This constrain should be satisfied by each (input_i, output_i) couple.
- Time-to-Reaction (TTR): real-time constraints related to the time available for the execution of leaf CSP processes (i.e. the time available to execute the statements inside the input/output pair that delimits the never-ending loop of a CSP process). This constrain should be satisfied by each input and output



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MEC Target Architecture

- The target HW architectures are composed of different basic HW components. This components are collected into a Technologies Library (72). TL can be considered a generic "database" that provides the characterization of all the available technologies used in industry and academic world.
- TL = {PU, MU, EL}, where PU = {pu₁ pu₂, ..., pu_p} is a set of Processing Units, MU = {mu₁ mu₂, ..., mu_m} is a set of Memory Units and EL = {il₁ il₂, ..., il₀} is a set of External Interconnection Links.
- Blocks built by the designer starting from the TL are called Basic Blocks (BB)
- They are the basic components available during DSE step to automatically define the HW architecture. A generic BB is composed of a set of Processing Units (PU), a set of Memories Units (MU), an Internal Interconnection (II) and a Communication Unit (CU). and a Communication Unit (CU). CU represents the set of EL that can be managed by a BB.







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HEPSYCODE Metrics



CC4CS: early stage metric to estimate in a HW/SW unified view process execution time

Statistical Analisys: Evaluate metric accuracy

S4CS (HW/SW): size metric to evaluate software (in terms of bytes in RAM/ROM) and hardware (in terms of gate or LUT count) size (WIP)

Other WIP metrics: Affinity, Power/Energy, Monitorability, Security







Mapping Refinement

MECO HEPSYCODE Design Space Exploration



► INPUT:

- **Application Model:** CSP model injected with safety requirements.
- Platform Model: subset of HW solution (also in a multi-core scenario)
- Metrics: results from the Evaluation&Estimation activity
- **Constraints:** F/NF constraints (depending on application domain)

▶OUTPUT:

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MECO System Description Models

- HEPSIM (HEPSYCODE SIMulator), the extended SystemC simulator used for HW/SW Co-Simulations in HEPSYCODE:
 - The System C library has been extended with a SC_CSP_CHANNEL template class to implement the point-to-point CSP channel semantic



Implemented an Hierarchical Scheduling manager (2-Levels Scheduling)







Example of a Possible Deployment platform







"The fundamental issue with MCS is how to reconcile the differing needs of separation (for safety) and sharing (for efficient resource usage)"

8. HepsyCode-MC

MECO education & training HEPSYCODE Multi-Objective Optimization Problem



Multi-Objective Design Space Exploration Optimization Problem

 $\min_{\bar{x}} \quad \bar{F}(\bar{x}) = [f_1(\bar{x}), f_2(\bar{x}), \dots, f_k(\bar{x})]$ subject to $\bar{x} \in \Omega = \{\bar{x} \in \mathbb{N}_{>0}^n : x_i \le (b-r) + r * p_{max}\}$

where $\bar{x} = \{x_1, \ldots, x_n\}$ is an n-dimensional decision variable vector representing processes in the solution space Ω (which refers to a feasible search space, feasible set of decision vectors) and $\bar{F}(\bar{x}) = [f_1(\bar{x}), f_2(\bar{x}), \ldots, f_k(\bar{x})] \in \mathbb{R}^k$ consists of k ≥ 2 real-valued objective functions (\mathbb{R}^k refers to the objective space). The value b is the total number of BBs, r is the number of BBs that have processor type equal to GPP, and p_{max} is the maximum number of HPV-based SW Partition instances for each GPP processor.

Linearization of Multi-objective Design Space Exploration Optimization Problem

$$\min_{\bar{x}} \qquad U(\bar{x}) = \sum_{k} \omega_k \cdot f_k(\bar{x}) = \sum_{k} \omega_k \cdot f_k(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

subject to $\bar{x} \in \Omega = \{ \bar{x} \in \mathbb{N}_{>0}^n : 0 < x_i \le (b-r) + r * p_{max} \}$

 $U(\bar{x})$ is the utility function evaluated at each iteration of the GA for each individual $\bar{x} \in \Omega$. f_k represents the value of the objective function (or metric) k for each individual \bar{x} , while ω_k is the weight associated to each objective function or metric. Proceedings of CPS&IoT2019 page 494

MECO HEPSYCODE Multi-Objective Optimization Problem



- The introduction of mixed-criticality requirements reduces the decision space due to the fact that applications with different criticality can not share the same HW block or the same SW partition
 - Introducing *l* criticality levels assigned to each process (with some kind of risk analysis driven by standards and certifications), the decision variable space (without HPV-based software partition) could be divided into different clusters



▶ Decision Variable Space Size (No HPV SW Partitions): $P(b, l) = \frac{b!}{(b-l)!}, l \le b$

• *r* processors able to support HPV, *t* processors not able to support HPV

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▶ Decision Variable Space Size: $P([t + r \cdot p_{max}], l) = \frac{[t + r \cdot p_{max}]!}{([t + r \cdot p_{max}] - l)!}, l \leq [t + r \cdot p_{max}]$ Proceedings of CPS&IoT2019 page 495

MECO education & training HEPSYCODE Multi-Objective Optimization Problem



Multi-objective optimization problem: Introduction of HPV-based software partitions into the decision variable space.

Pareto analysis with mixed-criticality constraints: The introduction of Hypervisor technologies increase the number of feasible solutions decreasing the global cost.







DSE Approach



11.3 Processes Communication Index

The **Processes Communication Index** is based on the Communication Matrix, calculated in the Co-Estimation step:

$$CM = \begin{bmatrix} cm_{1,1} & cm_{1,2} & \cdots & cm_{1,n} \\ cm_{2,1} & cm_{2,2} & \cdots & cm_{2,n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ cm_{n,1} & cm_{n,2} & \cdots & cm_{n,n} \end{bmatrix}$$
(48)

CM is expressed by the number of bits sent/received over each channel. So, for each individual \bar{x} , it is possible to define a *Processes Communication Selection* Matrix, $S^{cm}(\bar{x}) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, as listed below:

$$S^{cm}(\bar{x}) = \begin{cases} s^{cm}_{i,j}(\bar{x}) = 1, & \text{if } ps_i \in pu_x \land ps_j \in pu_y \land pu_x \neq pu_y \\ s^{cm}_{i,j}(\bar{x}) = 0.5, & \text{if } ps_i \in pt_x \land ps_j \in pt_y \land pt_x \neq pt_y \\ s^{cm}_{i,j}(\bar{x}) = 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
(49)

So, for each individual \bar{x} , the *Inter Cluster Communication Cost*, $ICCC(\bar{x}) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, represents the cost associated to process communication if processes are allocated on different processors:

$$UCCC(\bar{x}) = CM \cdot S^{cm}(\bar{x}) \tag{50}$$

Starting from ICCC matrix, the Normalized Total Communication Cost index is:

$$f_{NTCC}(\bar{x}) = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} iccc_{j,k}(\bar{x})}{max_{NTCC}}$$
$$max_{NTCC} = \sum_{j=1}^{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} cm_{j,k}$$
(51)

11.7 Criticality Index

The metric specifically introduced in [29] [30] and extended in this paper to consider HPV-based SW partition is the **Criticality Index**, related to the criticality level associated to each process ps_j . In particular, defined the array $CRIT = \{[crit_1, crit_2, ..., crit_j, ..., crit_n] : crit_j \in \mathbb{R} \text{ is the criticality level associated to process } ps_j\}$, then it is possible to define the *Criticality Index* as:

$$f_{CRIT}(\bar{x}) = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{n} \sum_{k=j+1}^{n} mc_{j,k}(\bar{x})}{\frac{n\cdot(n-1)}{2}}$$

$$MC(\bar{x}) = \begin{cases} mc_{j,k}(\bar{x}) = 1 & if \ |crit_j - crit_k| > 0 \ \land \ ps_j \in pu_x \ \land \ ps_k \in pu_y \ \land \ pu_x = pu_y \\ mc_{j,k}(\bar{x}) = 1 & if \ |crit_j - crit_k| > 0 \ \land \ ps_j \in pt_j \in pu_x \ \land \ ps_k \in pt_k \in pu_y \ \land \ pt_j = pt_k \ \land \ pu_x = pu_y \end{cases}$$

$$(62)$$

The goal behind this metric is to avoid having processes with different criticality levels on the same (shared) partition/processor/core resource. If the constraint is not satisfied, the index value becomes 1, so the final cost function has a higher value (in term of utility function) if an individual doesn't satisfy criticality constraint.

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9. Case Studies

"In the future, everyone will be world-famous for 15 minutes – Andy Warhol"







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10. Hepsycode Ecosystem

"In the long history of humankind (and animal kind, too) those who learned to collaborate and improvise most effectively have prevailed – *Charles Darwin*"






11.

Publications and European Projects

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HEPSYCODE Repository

HW/SW CO-DEsign of HEterogeneous Parallel dedicated SYstems:

Tool available for free on a git repository under GPL2 for testing, improvements, collaborations etc. Web Site: <u>www.hepsycode.com</u>

You can download the HEPSYCODE tool on this page:

https://bitbucket.org/vittorianomuttillo87/tool-hepsycode/src/master/





12.

Conclusions and Future Work



"Embedded systems are the key innovation driver to improve mechatronic products with cheaper and even new functionalities. They support today's information society as inter-system communication enabler. Consequently, boundaries of application domains are alleviated and ad-hoc connections and interoperability play an increasing role'

MECO Conclusions and future work



- O ESL HW/SW Co-Design approach able to take into account mixed-criticality constraints
- O The methodology, design flow and framework drive the designer from the input specification to the final implementation solution, while offering timing simulation capabilities, design space exploration activities with the support of analysis tool
- O It is possible to integrate this approach with other external tools (like Xamber, but other tools are under evaluation)
- O FUTURE WORKS:
 - Consider multi-core scenario while introducing schedulability and RT analysis
 - Combine PAM1 and PAM2 activities into a unique DSE approach
 - Exploit parallel programming techniques (parallel meta-heuristics)
 - Analysis and tests in PAM2 considering also mixed-criticality index
 - Introduce fixed WCET values (taken from external tools)
 - Integrate other external tools to enhance HEPSYCODE functionality
 - Improve the hierarchical scheduling implementation

MECO Conclusions and future work



- Model GR-CPCI-LEON4-N2X Quad-Core 32-bit LEON4 SPARC V8 processor with MMU, IOMMU
- Model TASI/ UNIVAQ Satellite Applications
- Contributed to benchmarking of fully-open Aeroflex Gaisler quad-LEON3 system on FPGA with Xtratum and PikeOS
- Improve case studies example, exploit works into some European Projects



MECO HW/ SW Co-Design Methodologies





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THANKS!

Any questions?

