Model-based Design and Analysis of Cyber Physical Systems

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Outline

- Work context: NFFP6 project
- Modeling and analysis using Uppaal
- Modeling and analysis using AADL
- Intuitions for future avionic systems
- Conclusion





Work Context: NFFP6 Project

- Separation of platform and application descriptions.
- Model both elements at an early conceptual stage:
 - analysis is tractable;
 - design inconsistencies are discovered early.
- Scalable and formal analysis of performance and feasibility
- Exploit the analysis results of current platforms for future platforms.



Work Context: NFFP6 Project

- Use of model-based design to study design trade-offs.
- Investigation of methods and tools for high level description and automated analysis.
- Model different platform architectures: today's federated, forthcoming multicore, any emerging future platform.





Current work

- Formal tool-supported design and analysis
 - Study the modularity and scalability of Uppaal for application deployment on a single node multicore platform.
- Model-based design using AADL
 - Understanding the benefits and limitations of the AADL descriptions and supporting tools for multi-node networked platforms.
- Provide methods to estimate shared resource access patterns and analyze utilization in a multicore setting.





Model-based design and Analysis of Avionic Systems using Uppaal



Uppaal Toolsuite

- Automata-based modular description.
- Simulation and formal verification.
- Reconfiguration and flexibility.





Model-based design and Analysis using Uppaal

- Multicore platforms with a hierarchy of memories (local caches, shared L2 cache and DRAM).
- Local scheduling at each core level.
- Application described by a set of periodic processes.
- Each process has parameters:
 - Worst case execution time (WCET)
 - Worst case resource access (WCRA).
- Outcome: Schedulability, core utilization and maximum interference per access to shared memories.



Reusable and reconfigurable frameworks

- Modular design.
- Statistical model checking for performance estimation.
- Case study size: Currently 30 tasks running on 8 cores.





Model-based design and Analysis of Avionic Systems using AADL



Model-based design using AADL

- AADL (Architecture Analysis & Design Language) is a modeling language to describe architectures and applications.
- Concepts to describe the computing and communication elements, and the software applications.
 - Independently!
- Flexible mapping of the application elements to the hardware.



AADL for Multi-processor Platform description

- Alternative design models as a proof of flexibility
 - Each CPM has a single core.
 - Each CPM is a multicore processor.
 - An imaginary future platform.
- Analysis of schedulability and performance using AADL Inspector tool.
- Study the scalability.



Multi-CPM single core platform

- PPM includes 2 CPMS and a network.
- Each CPM schedules 2 partitions using ARINC653.
 - major frame, criticality, partition slots
- AAM includes 4 SW applications, each consists of 2 threads.
- Threads are scheduled using a local scheduler (alternative algorithms).
- Bandwidth and latency constraints for network and individual connections.





AADL analysis tool: Inspector

- Execution simulation
- Schedulability analysis
- Processor utilization and response time analysis





Multi-CPM multicore networked platform

- Alternative design models as a proof of flexibility
 - Each CPM has a single core.
 - Each CPM is a multicore processor.
 - An imaginary future platform.
- Reuse the experience from the Uppaal study and add network characterization in AADL



Imaginary Future Avionic Platforms



Rough sketch of approach

- Goal: will the design decisions taken earlier for the original platform be suitable for the new platform?
 - Describe the future platform to some extent and reuse the application model in analysis.
 - Or, analyze the application using a current platform, relate the future platform to the current platforms and reuse the analysis process.



Summary

- Two different model-based tools to describe avionic systems.
 - Uppaal: timeliness
 - AADL: Engineer-friendly
- Two different types of architectures
 - Single processor or multicore & networked
 - Scalability studies ongoing...
- Challenge: identify future platform!



Questions?

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Challenges for future platforms

- The static time slot-based scheduling of ARINC653 may lead to non efficient utilization of the processing resources.
- It could be interesting, in the event of a hardware failure, to be able to reconfigure the system, which means reallocating functions to safe modules.

