

# Timeliness Runtime Verification and Adaptation in Avionic Systems

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# Earlier Projects

The roots of this work



## Innovation Triangle Initiative Program

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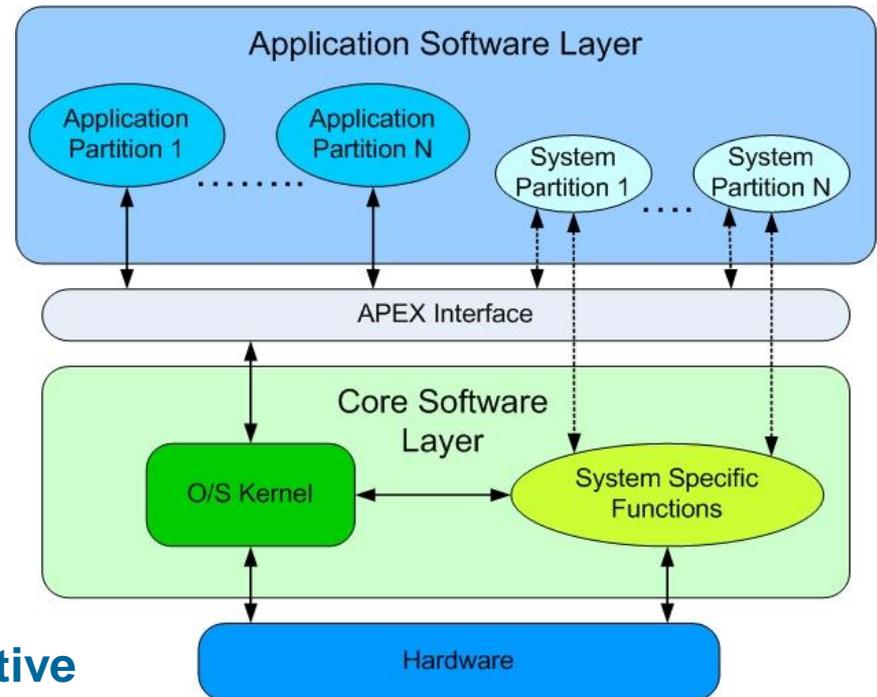


Thales Alenia Space, France

- Project AIR (Type A - Proof of Concept)
- Project AIR-II (Type B - Demonstration of Feasibility and Use)

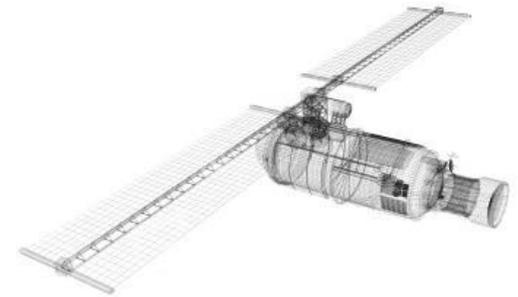
# AIR – ARINC 653 Interface in Real-Time Operating Systems

- Civil aviation industry
  - A380 and B787 avionics
- Native ARINC 653 OS
- **Challenge:**
  - Use of COTS RTOS
    - **RTEMS - Real-Time Executive for Multiprocessor Systems**



# AIR – ARINC 653 Interface in Real-Time Operating Systems

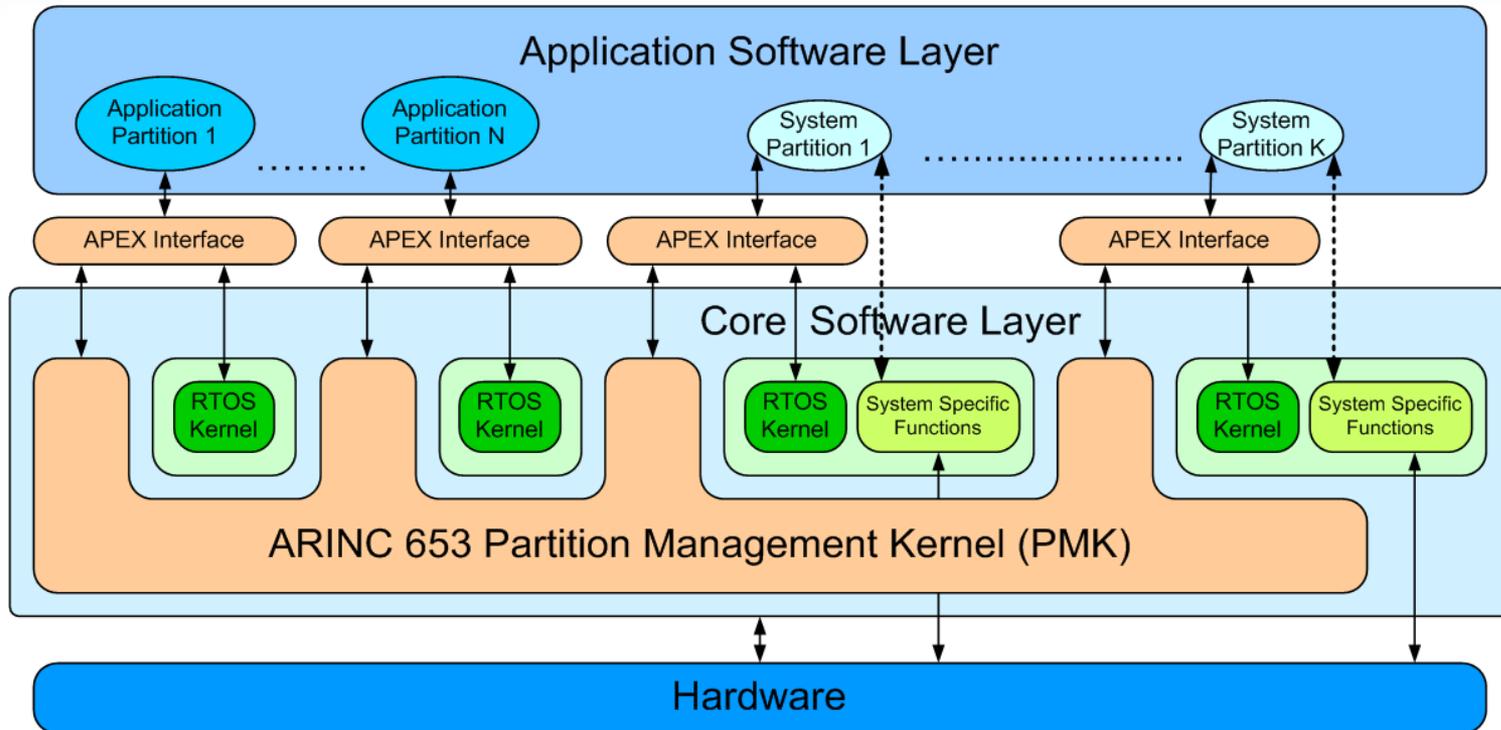
- AIR Proof of Concept Main Objectives:
  - Study the adoption of ARINC 653 to space.
  - Evaluate how RTEMS can be adapted to fulfill the requirements of the ARINC 653 specification.
- Proposed Methodology to AIR – specification of:
  - Modules to be included in RTEMS;
  - Modules needing to be modified/extended;
  - Modules needing to be removed.
  - not strictly followed when project started.



# The motivation: nowadays...

- Application to autonomous unnamed vehicles
  - next generation spacecrafts
  - aerial drones
  - aquatic drones
  - terrestrial vehicles
- Some require low-end cost solutions
- Safety is sometimes a disregarded requirement

# AIR Architecture



- Combination of time and event-triggered approaches
- Multi-executive core layer with two-level hierarchical scheduling
- Portable APEX design concept

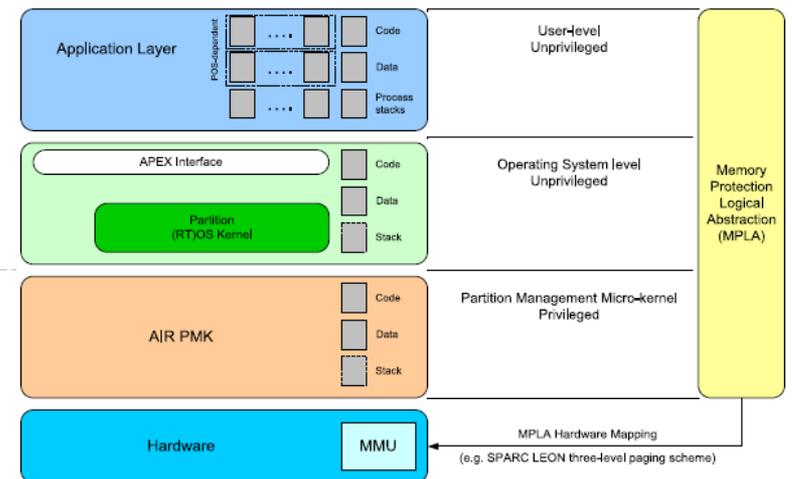
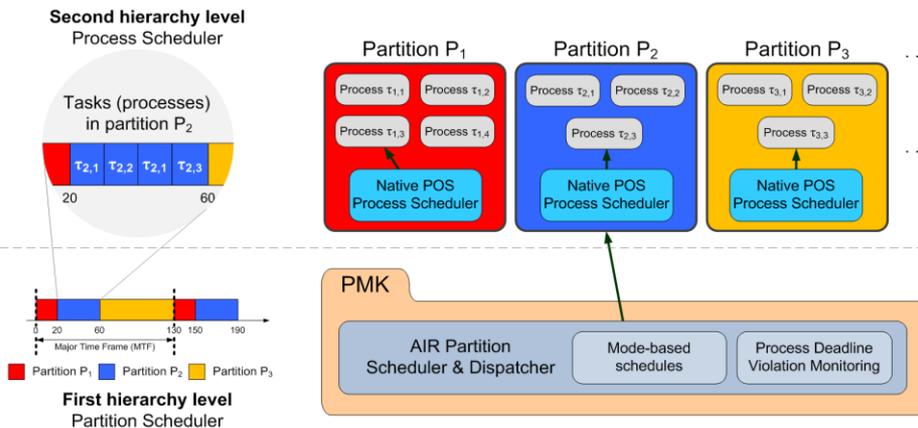
# Time and Space Partitioning

## Time partitioning

- Two-level hierarchical scheduling
- Fixed cyclic partition scheduling, RTOS process scheduling

## Space partitioning

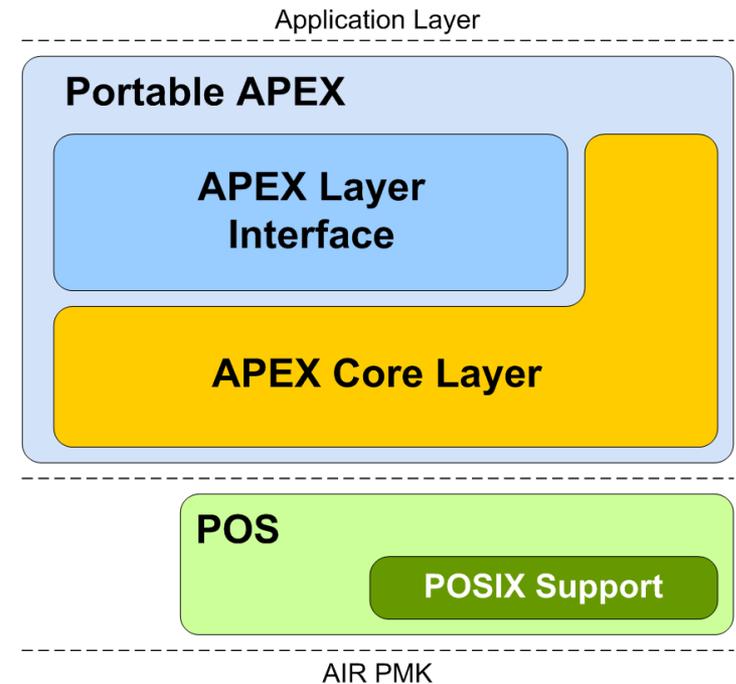
- High-level processor-independent abstraction
- Mapping of high-level partition description to low-level mechanisms



# AIR System Architecture

## APEX – Application Executive Interface

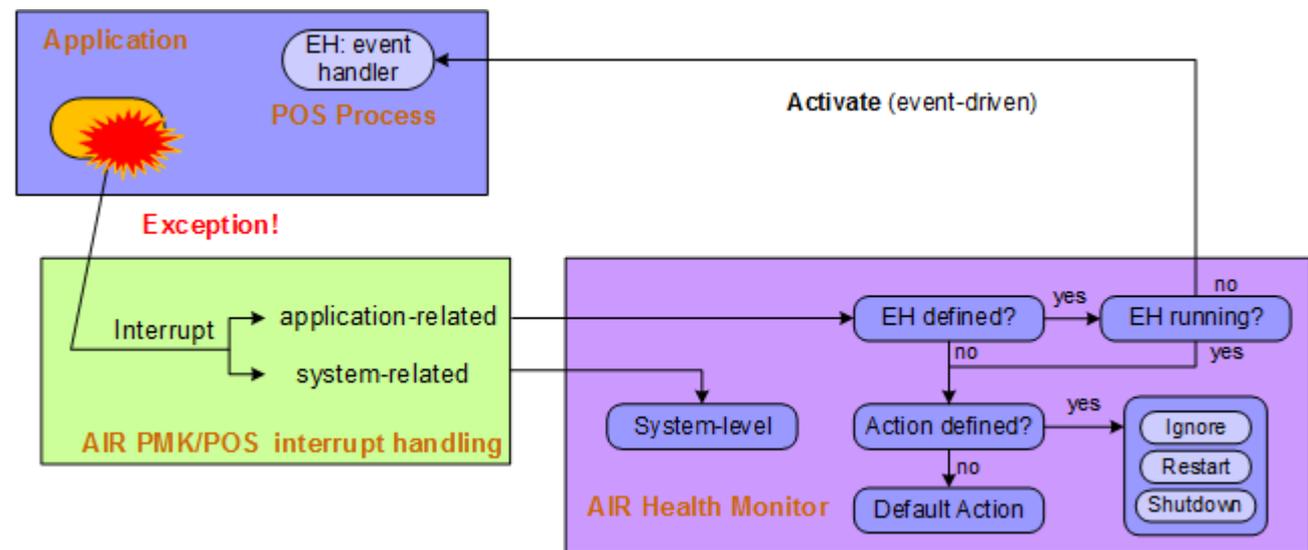
- Flexible Portable APEX
  - Services defined in the ARINC 653 specification
  - Generic OSs: only subset of the APEX services
    - Management/monitoring, interpartition communication



# AIR System Architecture

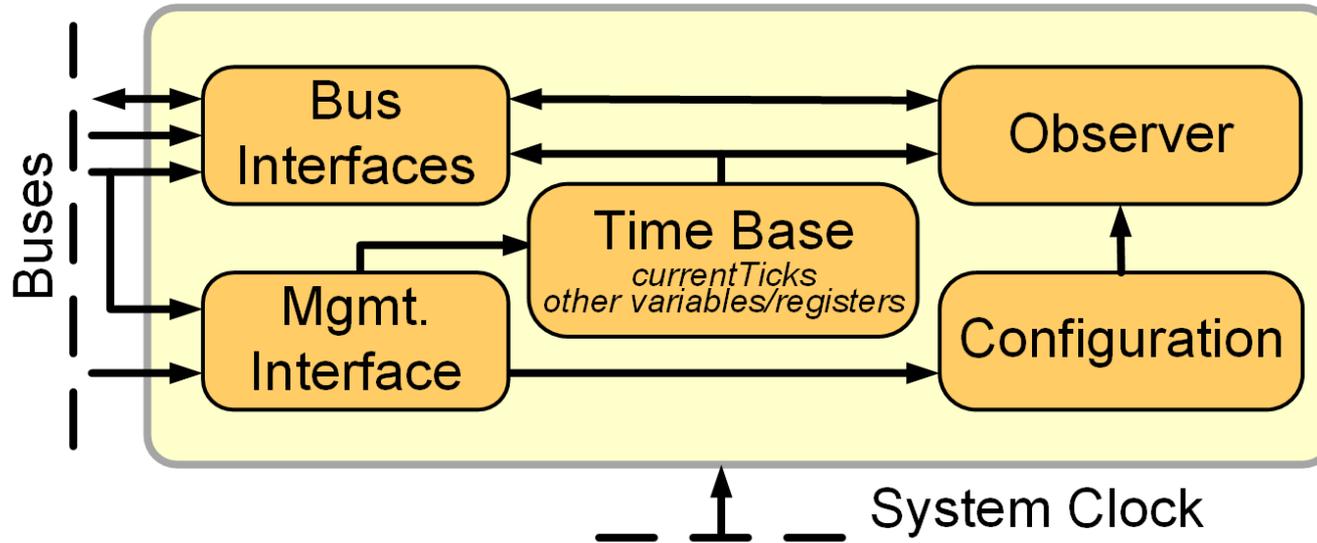
## AIR Health Monitoring (HM)

- Responsible for handling HW/SW errors
- Deviation from a system specification
- Isolate errors within domain of occurrence
  - Process
  - Partition
  - System



# Non-Intrusive Runtime Verification

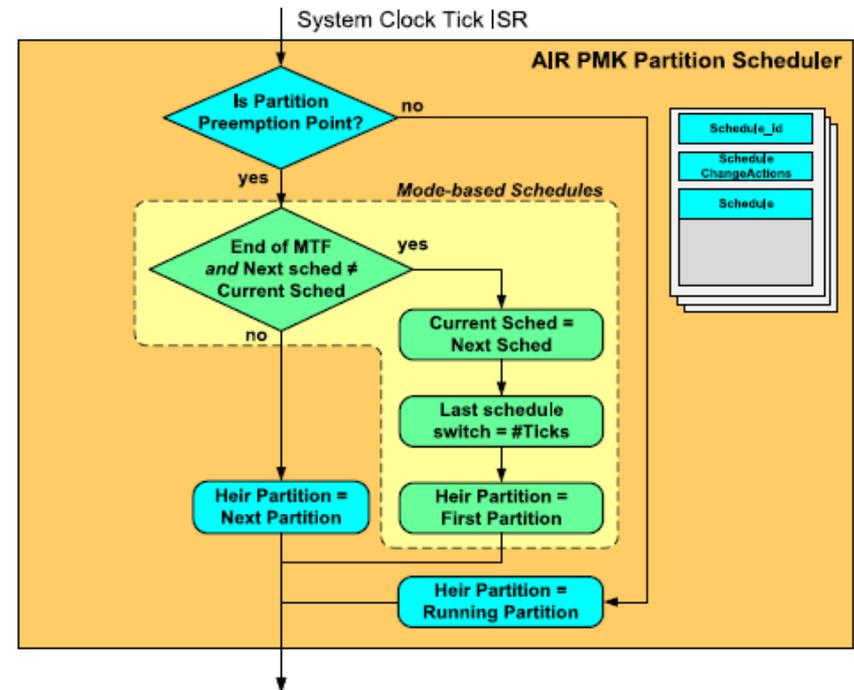
## AIR Observer



- Implemented as an hardware-based module
- System bus observation is non-intrusive
- Events are registered either statically or dynamically
- Activity developed under national Project READAPT, proceeded within COST Action IC1402 – Runtime Verification Beyond Monitoring (ARVI)

# Adaptability mechanisms: Different PST schedules

- Adaptation to different phases of the mission
  - takeoff;
  - approach flight;
  - exploration;
  - flight back;
  - landing.
  
- Accommodation of component failure

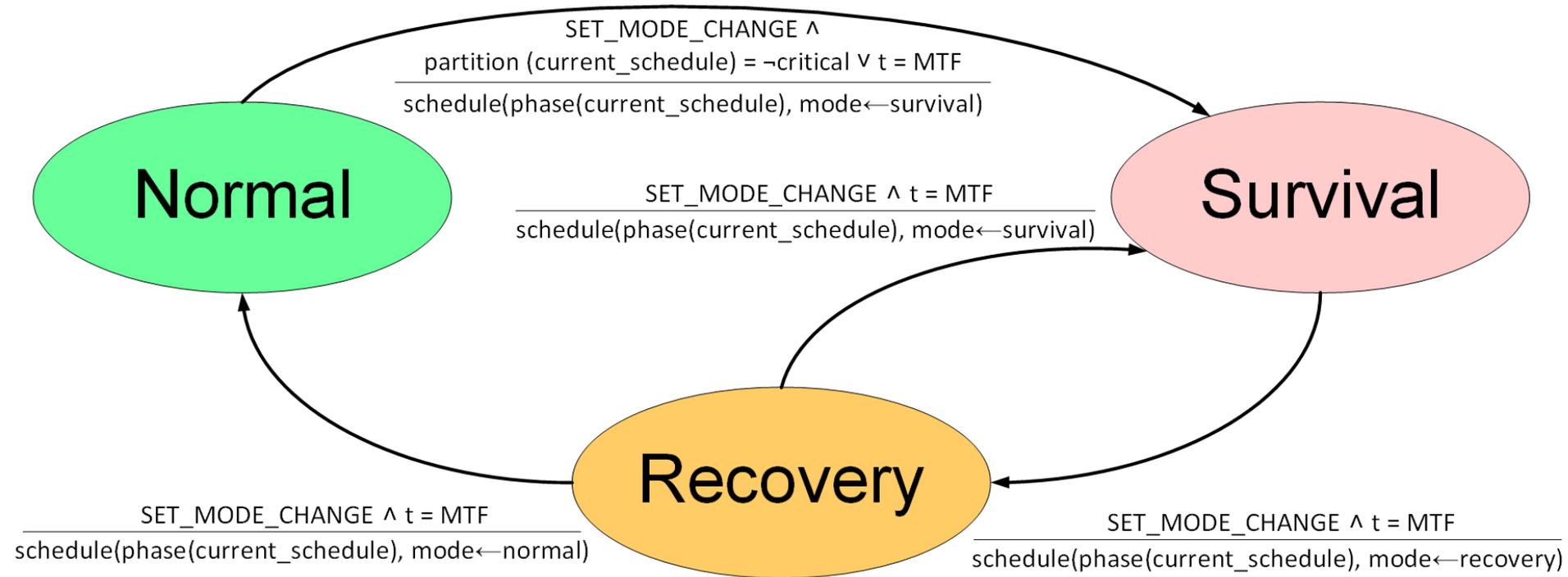


# Adaptability mechanisms: Mode-changes

- No (mandatory) need to wait for the end of the MTF
- For each mission phase three schedules are defined (one for each mode)
- An approach similar to mission phase adaption is used (schedule a different PST)
- Only slight changes to AIR native scheduler are required

# Adaptability mechanisms

## Mode-changes



# Adaptability mechanisms

## Mode-changes

Mode	Partition (and function)			
	AOCS	TTC	FDIR	Payload
Normal	Full	Full	Partial (detection)	Full
Survival	Full	Partial (e.g. abort)	Partial (detection)	only the required
Recovery	Full	Partial (e.g. normal)	Full	only the required

AOCS – Attitude and Orbit Control Subsystem  
 TTC – Telemetry Tracking and Command  
 FDIR – Fault Detection, Isolation and Recovery



# Adaptability mechanisms

## Impact on the APEX interface

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### Primitive

### Short description

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#### **Need to register/update critical execution period bounds in the AO**

SET\_MODE\_SCHEDULE

Requests a mode change for a new schedule  
Served if/when no critical activities

SET\_PHASE\_SCHEDULE

Requests a new mission phase schedule  
Served in normal mode, at the end of a MTF

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#### **No need to register/update critical execution period bounds in the AO**

GET\_MODE\_SCHEDULE\_ID

Obtains the current schedule identifier

GET\_MODE\_SCHEDULE\_STATUS

Obtains the current schedule status

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# Integrating Adaptability and Non-Intrusive RV

Functional system	Verification sub-system
Hardware-based	Software-based (minimum intrusiveness)
Software-based	Hardware-based (non-intrusive)

- Partition scheduling and dispatching (trigger)
- Support to phase-dependent and mode-based schedules
- Process deadline verification

## Algorithm 1 AIR Partition Scheduler with runtime verification featuring adaptation through mode-based schedules

- 1: ▷ Entered upon exception: partition preemption point signalled by the AO
- 2: ▷ Runtime verification actions

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3: if ( $mode(currentSchedule) = mode(nextSchedule) \wedge$ 
 $schedules_{currentSchedule}.table_{tableIterator}.tick \neq$ 
 $(currentTicks - lastScheduleSwitch) \bmod$ 
 $schedules_{currentSchedule}.mtf) \vee$ 
 $(mode(currentSchedule) \neq mode(nextSchedule) \wedge$ 
 $schedules_{currentSchedule}.table_{tableIterator}.critical >$ 
 $(currentTicks - lastScheduleSwitch) \bmod$ 
 $schedules_{currentSchedule}.mtf)$  then

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4:   HEALTHMONITOR(activePartition)

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5: else ▷ Partition Scheduling Table (PST) and partition switch actions

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6:   if  $currentSchedule \neq nextSchedule \wedge$ 
 $((mode(currentSchedule) \neq mode(nextSchedule) \wedge$ 
 $(currentTicks - lastScheduleSwitch) \bmod$ 
 $schedules_{currentSchedule}.mtf \geq$ 
 $schedules_{currentSchedule}.table_{tableIterator}.critical) \vee$ 
 $((currentTicks - lastScheduleSwitch) \bmod$ 
 $schedules_{currentSchedule}.mtf = 0))$  then

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7:     ▷ PST switch actions

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8:      $currentSchedule \leftarrow nextSchedule$ 

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9:      $lastScheduleSwitch \leftarrow currentTicks$ 

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10:     $tableIterator \leftarrow 0$ 

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11:   end if

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12:   ▷ Partition switch actions

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13:    $heirPartition \leftarrow$ 

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 $schedules_{currentSchedule}.table_{tableIterator}.partition$ 

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14:    $tableIterator \leftarrow (tableIterator + 1) \bmod$ 

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 $schedules_{currentSchedule}.numberPartitionPreemptionPoints$ 

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15: end if

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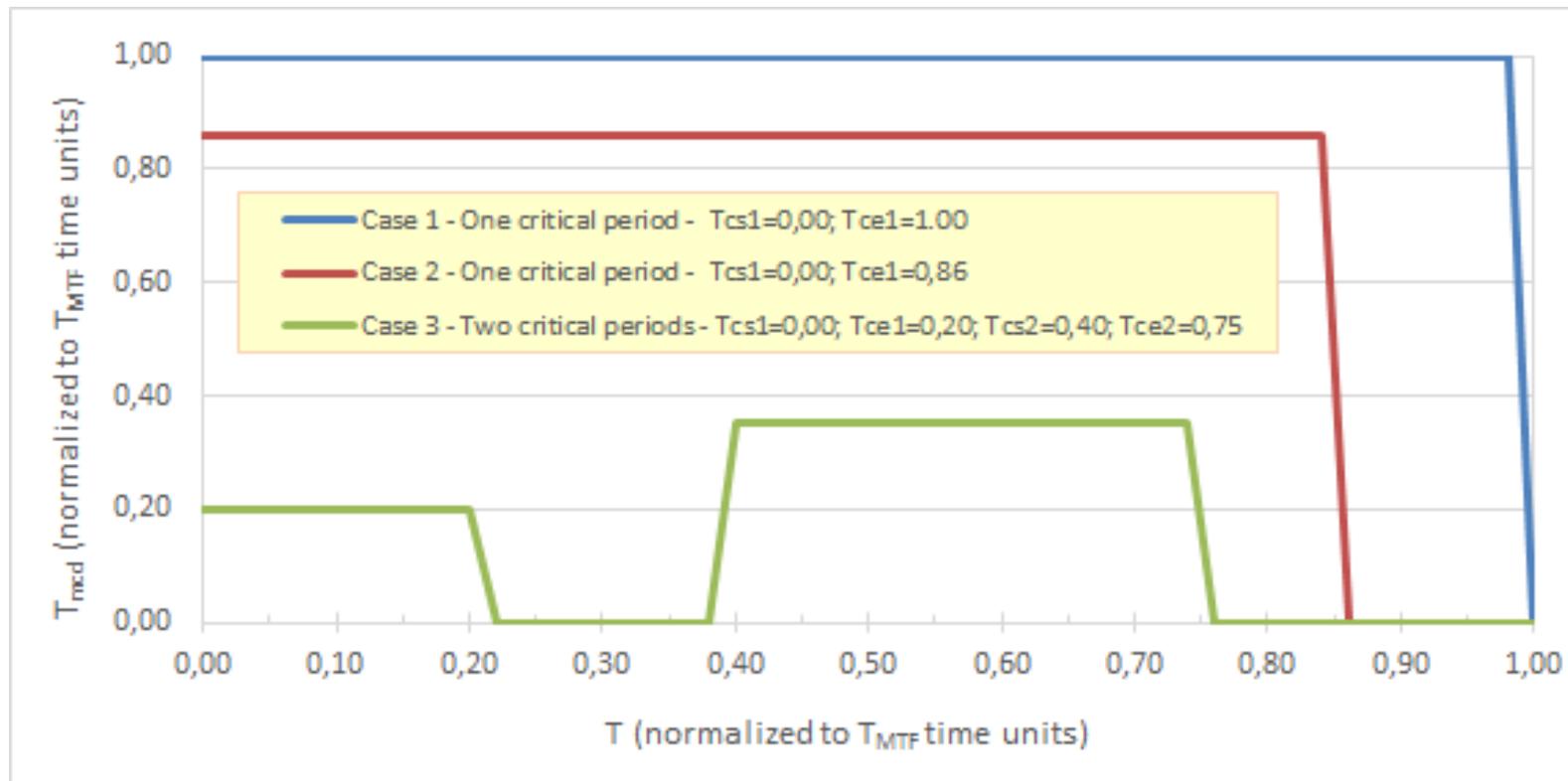
Triggered by hardware

Runtime verification  
(software)

PST switch  
(software)

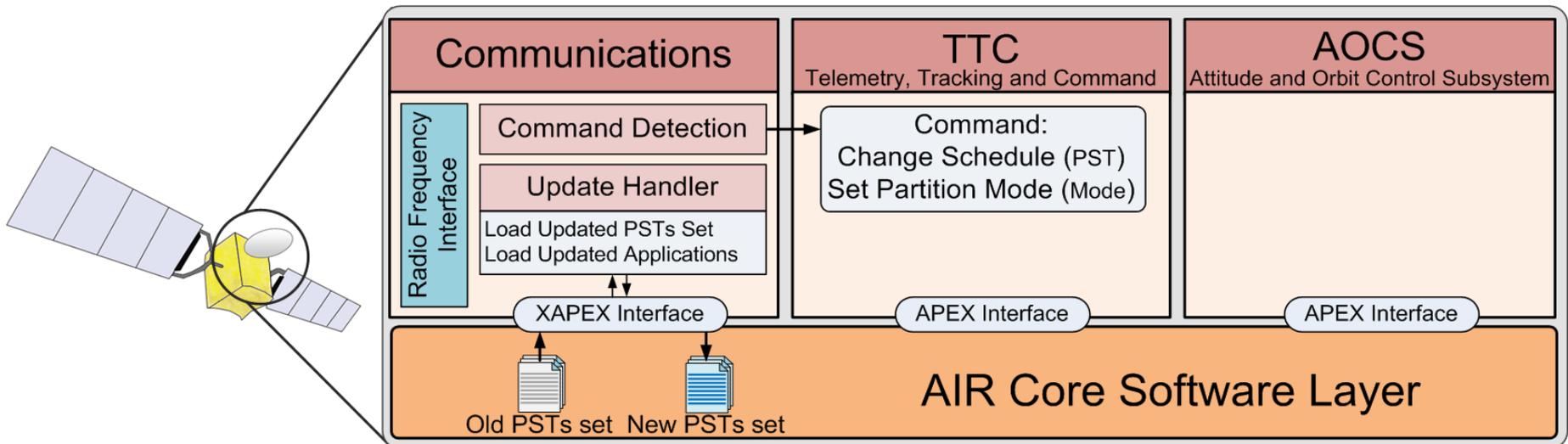
Partition switch  
(software)

# Integrating Adaptability and Non-Intrusive RV



# AIR Prototyping Activities

## Mockup of Integration on Spacecraft Onboard Platform



# AIR – Prototype



# Conclusion

- Simple modifications to AIR native technology:
  - Improved (self-)adaptation features
  - Allows timely responses to unexpected events
  - Hardware-assisted approach
  - Complemented with software-based components

# Questions?

## Further information:

<http://air.di.fc.ul.pt>

<http://www.navigators.di.fc.ul.pt/wiki/Project:READAPT>

<https://www.cost-arvi.eu>

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