

# Combining Optimistic and Pessimistic DVS Scheduling: An Adaptive Scheme and Analysis

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# Embedded Systems

Computer systems physically embedded into larger device



## Requirements

- Performance
- Energy
- Fault tolerance
- Size
- Weight
- Cost

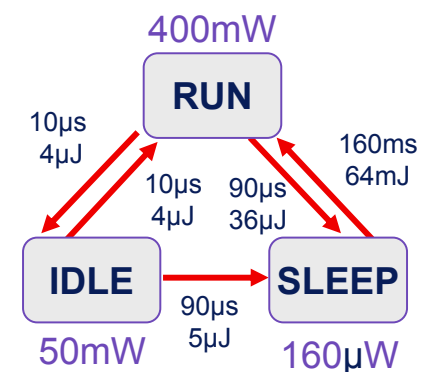
# Methods for CPU Power Management

- **Dynamic Voltage Scaling (DVS)**

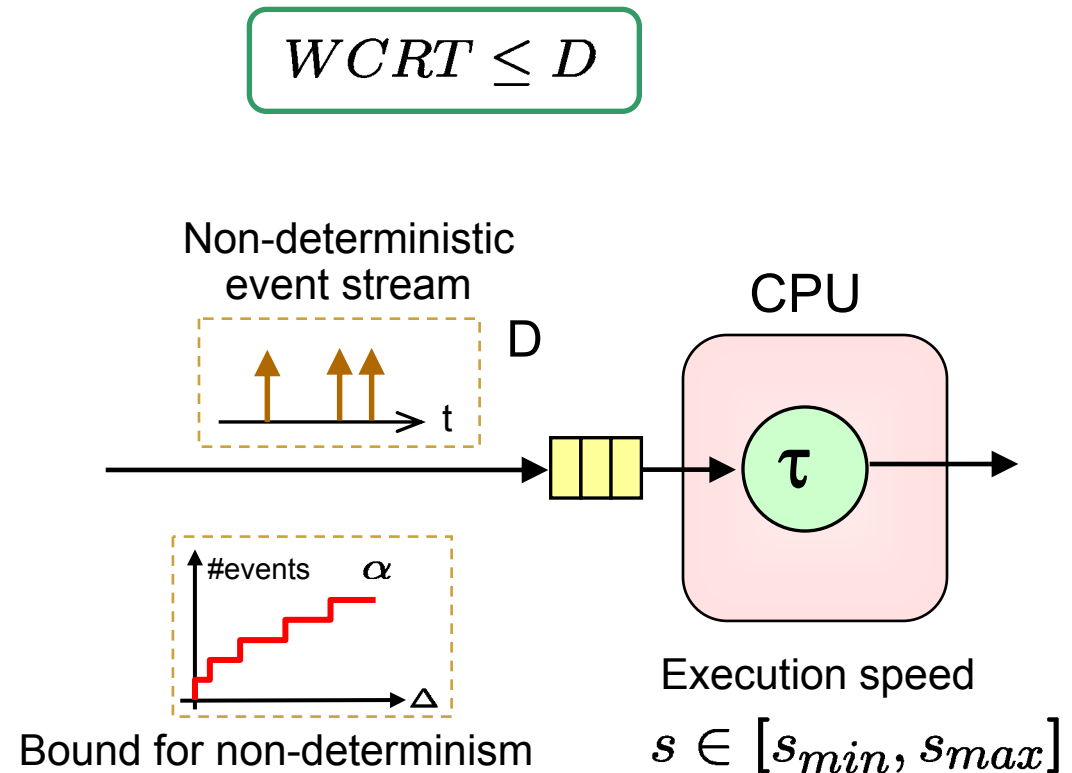
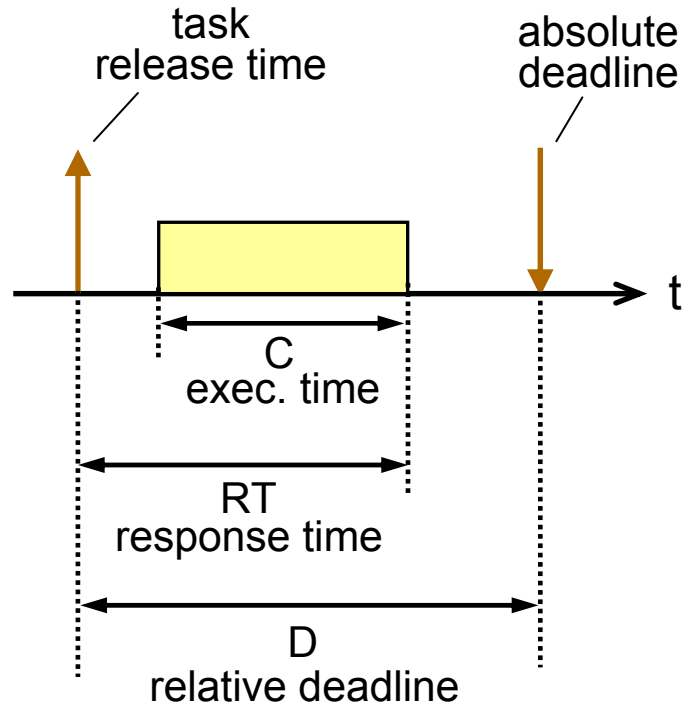
- For CMOS circuits  $E \propto V_{dd}^2$  (ignoring leakage)
- Save energy by reducing supply voltage (clock frequency)

- **Dynamic Power Management (DPM)**

- Switch between different power states
- Helps to reduce power dissipation due to leakage



# System Model



**Goal: Minimize energy consumption while guaranteeing deadlines**

# Related Work

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- **Offline DVS Approaches**

- Take scheduling decisions statically (at design time) based on expected worst-case workload
- E.g. [Yao et al. 1995], [Quan et al. 2007], [Maxiaguine et al. 2005]
- Problem: If the actual event trace differs from the worst-case, the execution speed is unnecessarily high!

→ **They are often too pessimistic (waste energy)**

- **Online DVS Approaches**

- Take scheduling decisions dynamically (at run time) by adapting to actual workload
- E.g. [Yao et al. 1995], [Aydin et al. 2001], [Bansal et al. 2005]
- Problem: They may go above the maximum available speed!

→ **They may be too optimistic (improvident)**



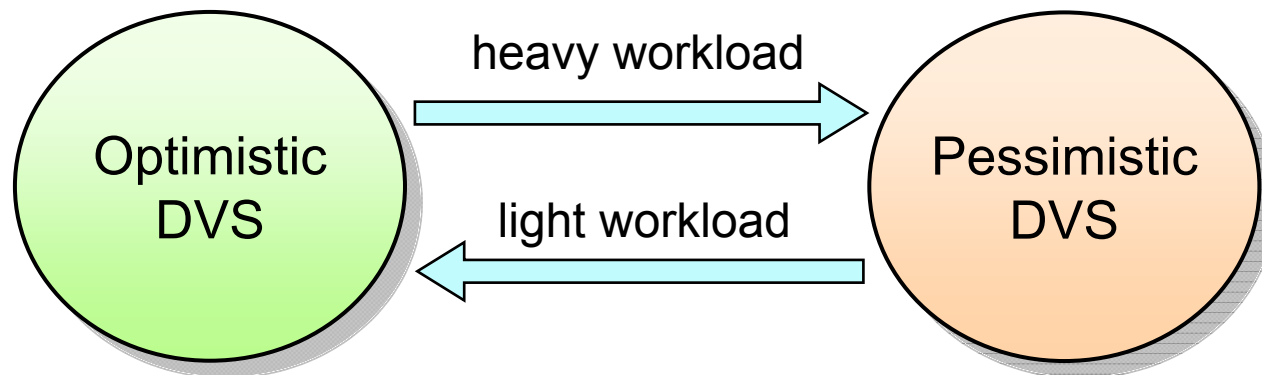
# Idea

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## Adaptive scheme which combines Online and Offline DVS

Idea: Apply optimistic online DVS if system is light-loaded and pessimistic offline DVS if system is heavy-loaded

Key issue: Decide when to switch between the two modes



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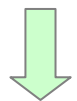
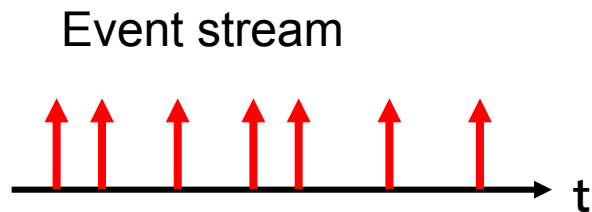
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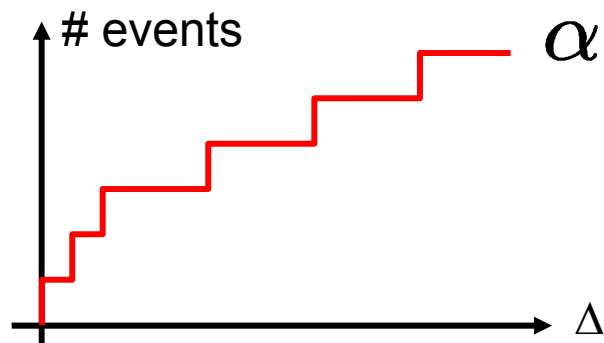


# Event and Resource Models

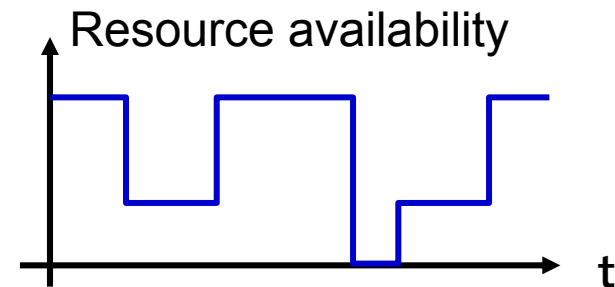
## Real-Time Calculus (RTC) [Thiele et al. 2000]



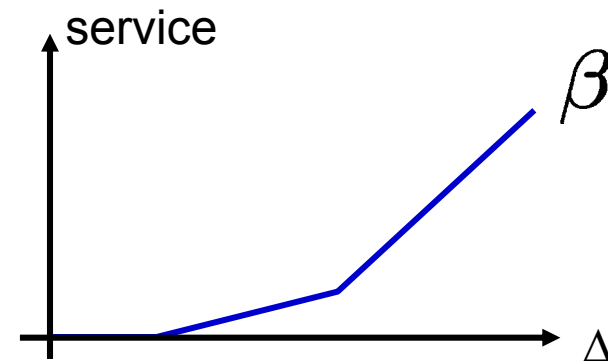
Event model



Arrival curve



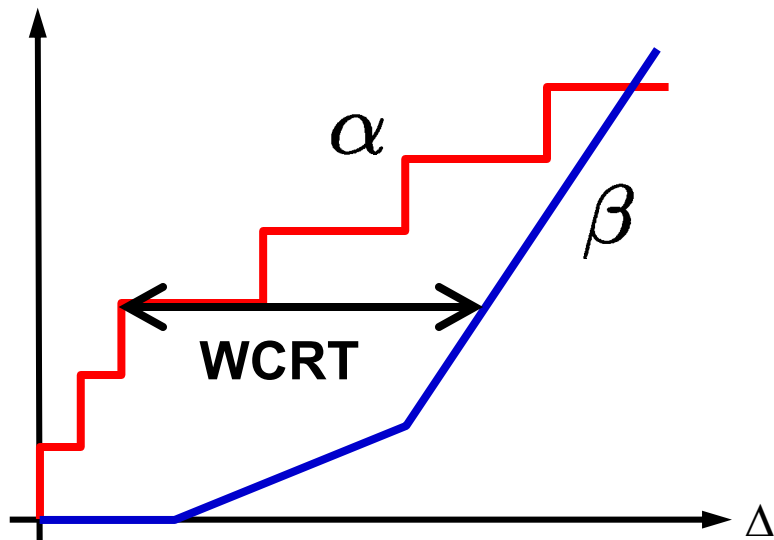
Service model



Service curve

# Pessimistic Offline DVS Scheduling

## Scheduling analysis in RTC

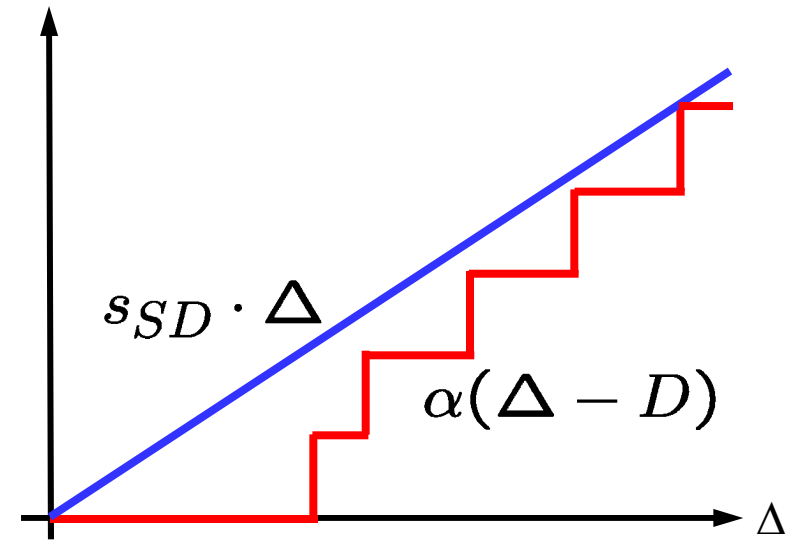


Deadlines guaranteed if

$$WCRT(\alpha, \beta) \leq D$$

$$\alpha(\Delta - D) \leq \beta(\Delta) \quad \forall \Delta \geq 0$$

## Pessimistic DVS Scheduling (SD)



Find smallest  $s_{SD}$  such that

$$\alpha(\Delta - D) \leq s_{SD} \cdot \Delta \quad \forall \Delta \geq 0$$

# Optimistic Online DVS Scheduling

## OPT Algorithm [Yao Demers Shenker 1995]

- Greedily select minimum speed that guarantees all deadlines considering only arrived events
- Event-driven algorithm: Speed changes only at event arrival or completion

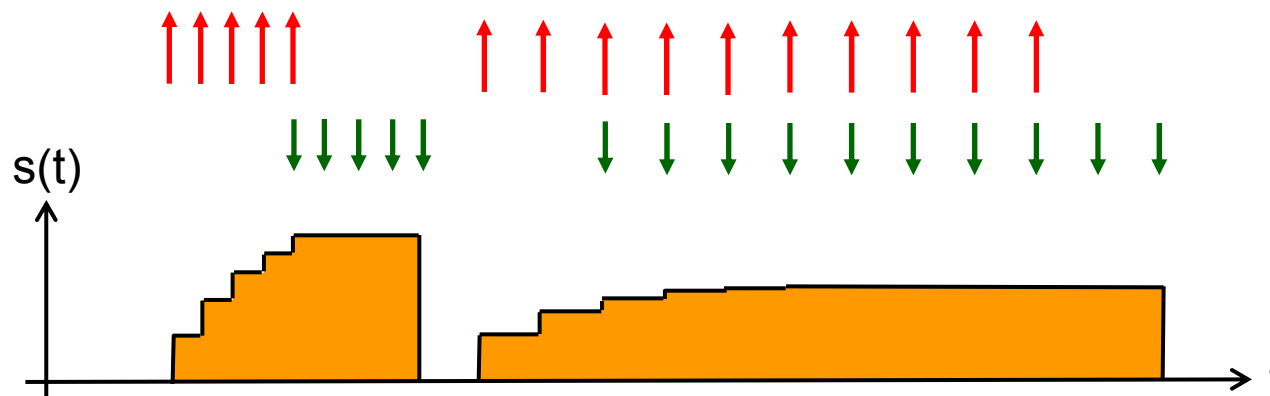
$$s(t) = \max \left\{ s'_{\min}, \max_{e_j} \left\{ \sum_{e_i: a_i \leq t, e_i \preceq e_j} \frac{C_i(t)}{d_j - t} \right\} \right\}$$

$C$  ... remaining execution time

$a$  ... arrival time

$d$  ... deadline (abs.)

$\preceq$  ... priority order



Analytical bound  
for max. speed:  
[Chen et al. 2009]

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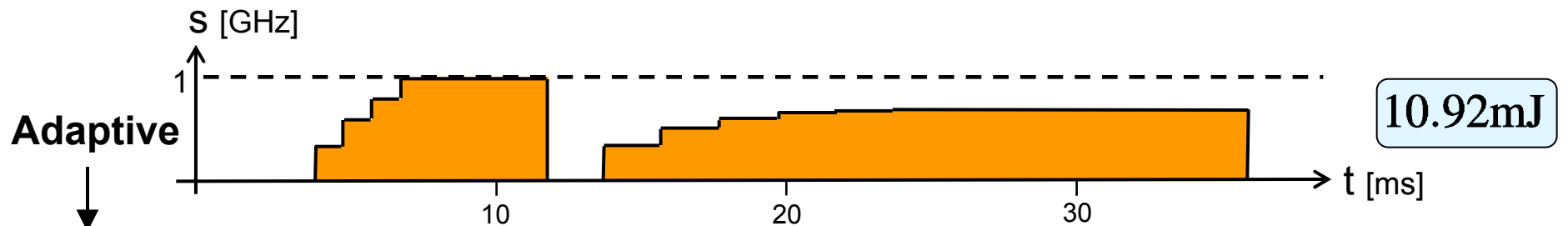
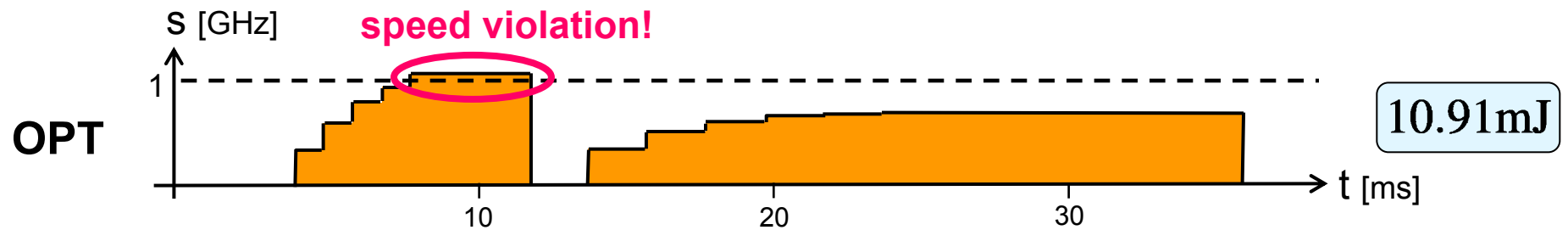
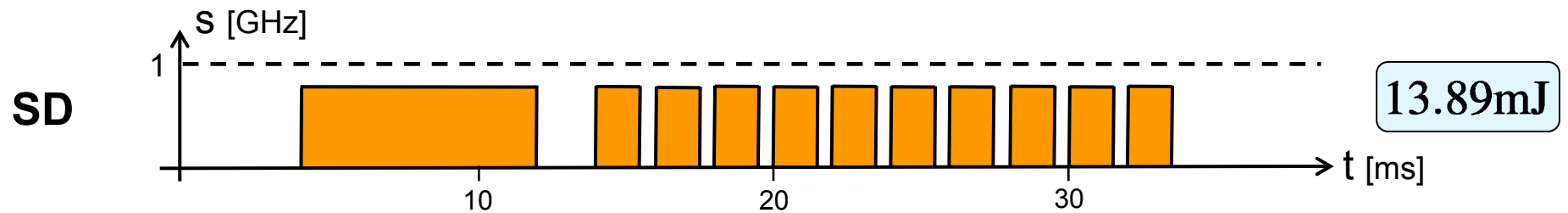
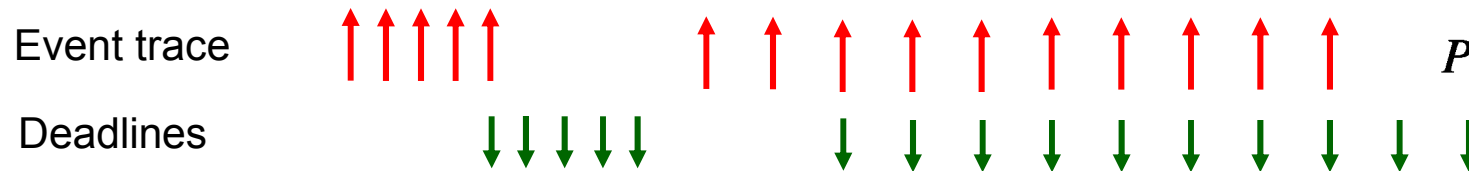
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# Motivational Example

$$s_{max} = 1\text{GHz}$$

$$C = 1.333\text{ms}$$

$$P(s) = \left(\frac{s}{1\text{GHz}}\right)^3 \text{W}$$



OPT if  $s < 0.85 \text{ GHz}$ ,  $s_{max}$  if  $s \geq 0.85 \text{ GHz}$

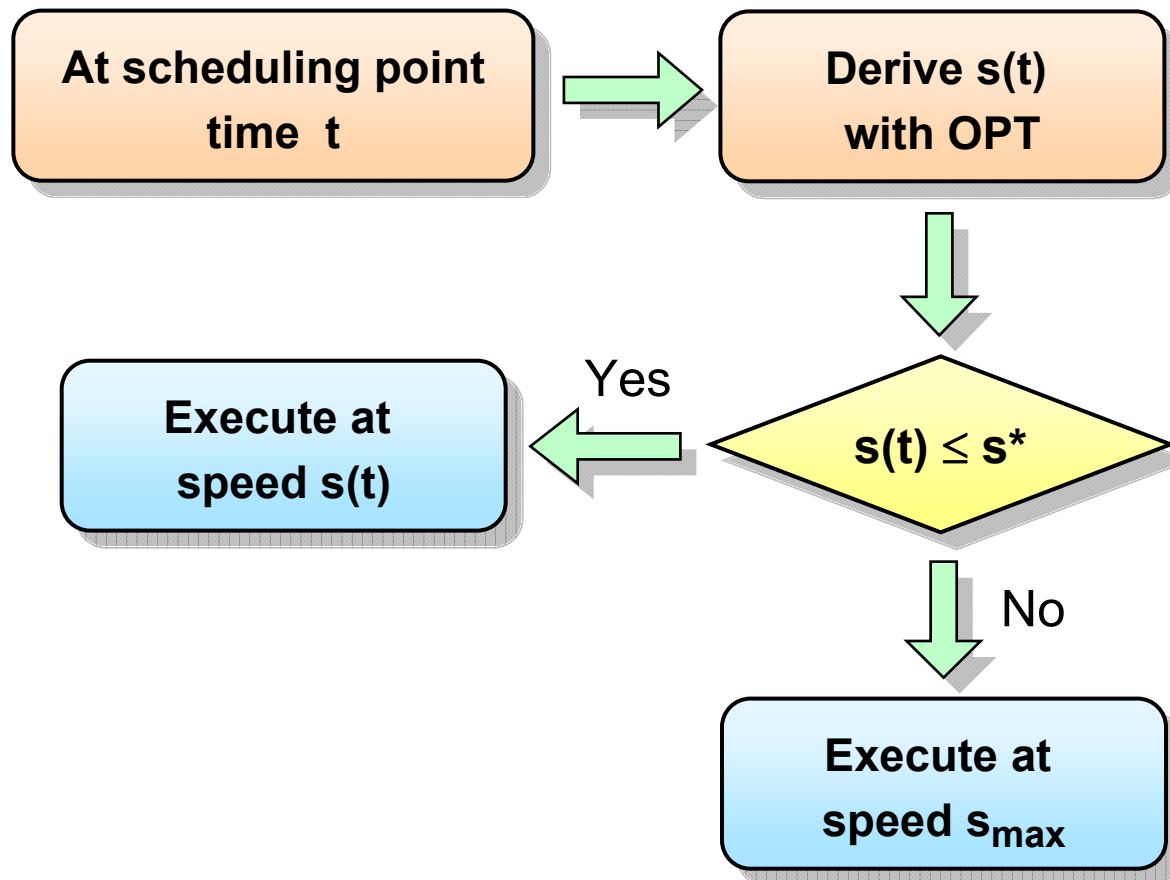
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# Adaptive DVS Scheme

$s^*$  = Threshold speed





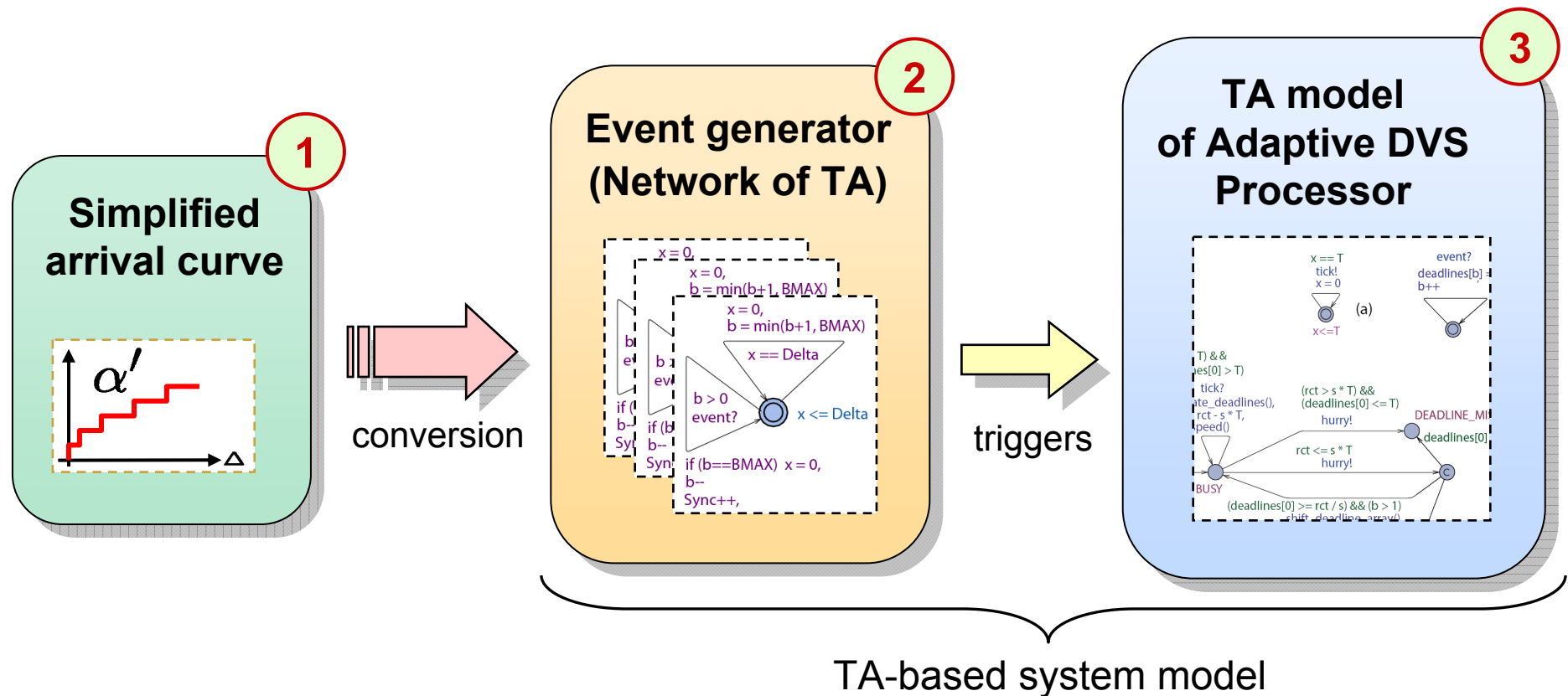
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# Design and Verification - Overview

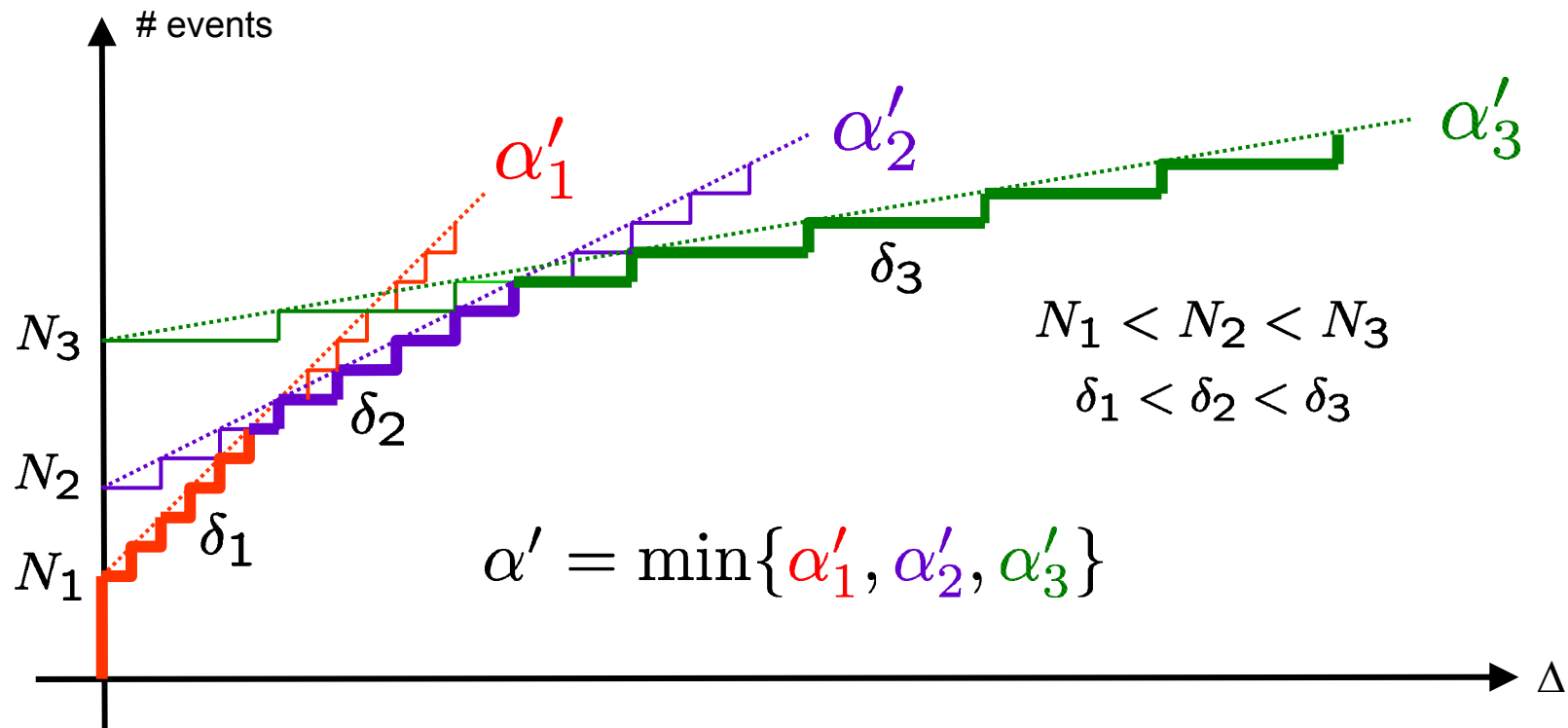
Approach based on hybrid analysis method of [Lampka et al. 2009]



Use model checker UPPAAL and binary search to determine max.  $s^*$

# 1 Simplified Arrival Curves

Pseudo-concave arrival curve (increasing step widths)

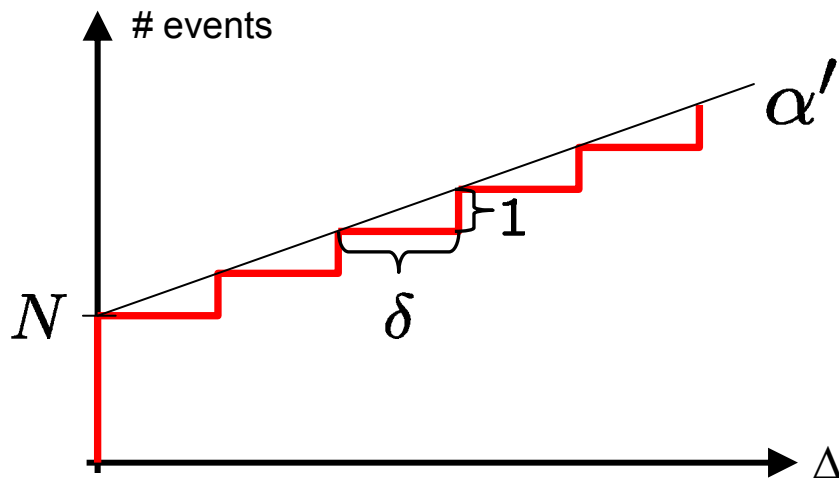


$$\alpha'_i(\Delta) := N_i + \left\lfloor \frac{\Delta}{\delta_i} \right\rfloor$$

$$\alpha'(\Delta) := \min_i \{\alpha'_i(\Delta)\}$$

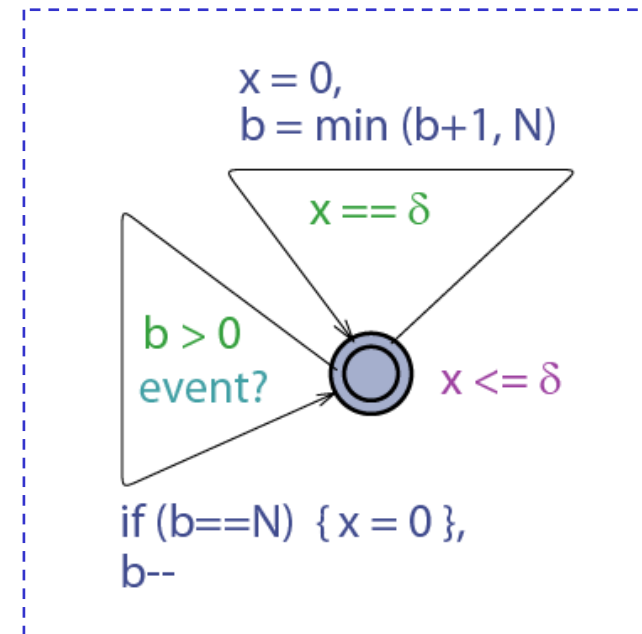
## 2 TA Representation of Arrival Curve

Arrival curve



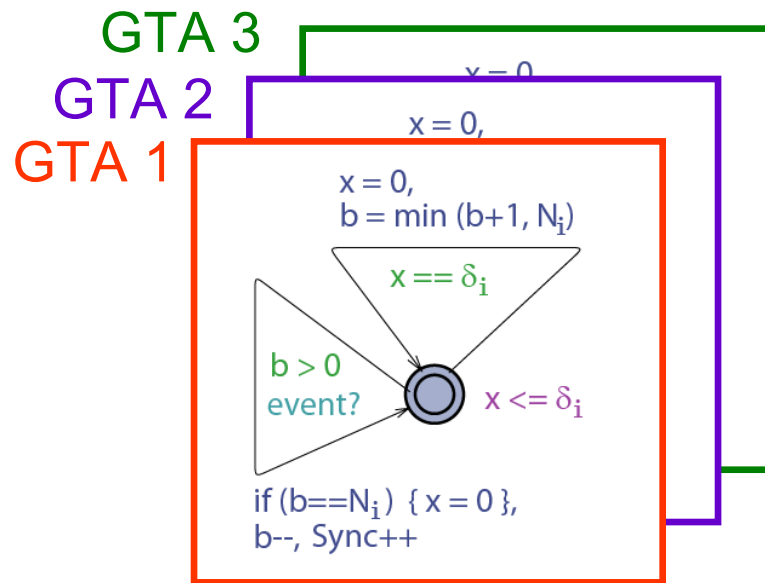
$$\alpha'(\Delta) = N + \left\lfloor \frac{\Delta}{\delta} \right\rfloor$$

GTA

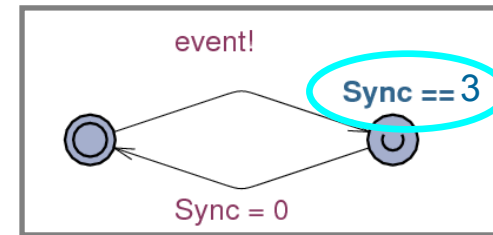


GTA guarantees that event stream conforms to  $\alpha'$

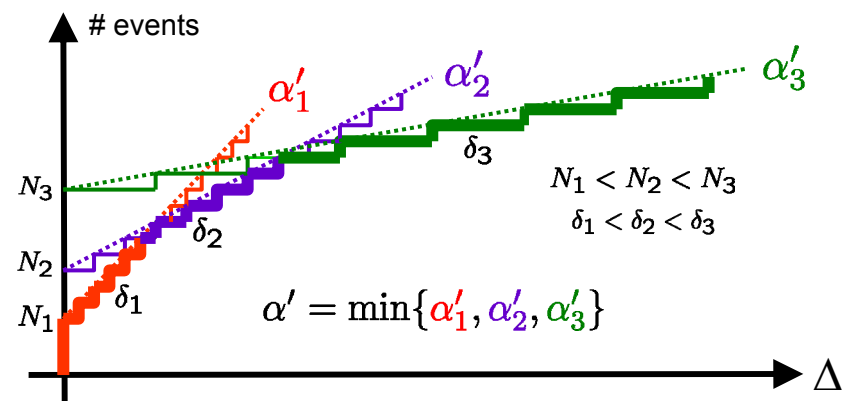
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Scheduler



Event generation only  
if all GTA permit it



### 3 TA Model of Adaptive DVS Processor

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Speed computation in event-driven OPT requires knowledge of remaining execution time and time left to deadline

⇒ Exact modeling of OPT is not possible in UPPAAL  
(because computations on clock variables are not supported)

Finding a conservative TA approximation of event-driven OPT is not trivial!

We devise a formal model for a time-driven variant of OPT

- Based on discrete time (clock ticks with period  $T$ )
- Adaptation of event release times:  $a' := \lceil \frac{a}{T} \rceil T$
- Adaptation of deadlines:  $d' := \lfloor \frac{d}{T} \rfloor T$

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# TA Model of Adaptive DVS Processor

$x == T$   
tick!  
 $x = 0$

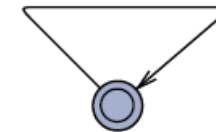


$x \leq T$

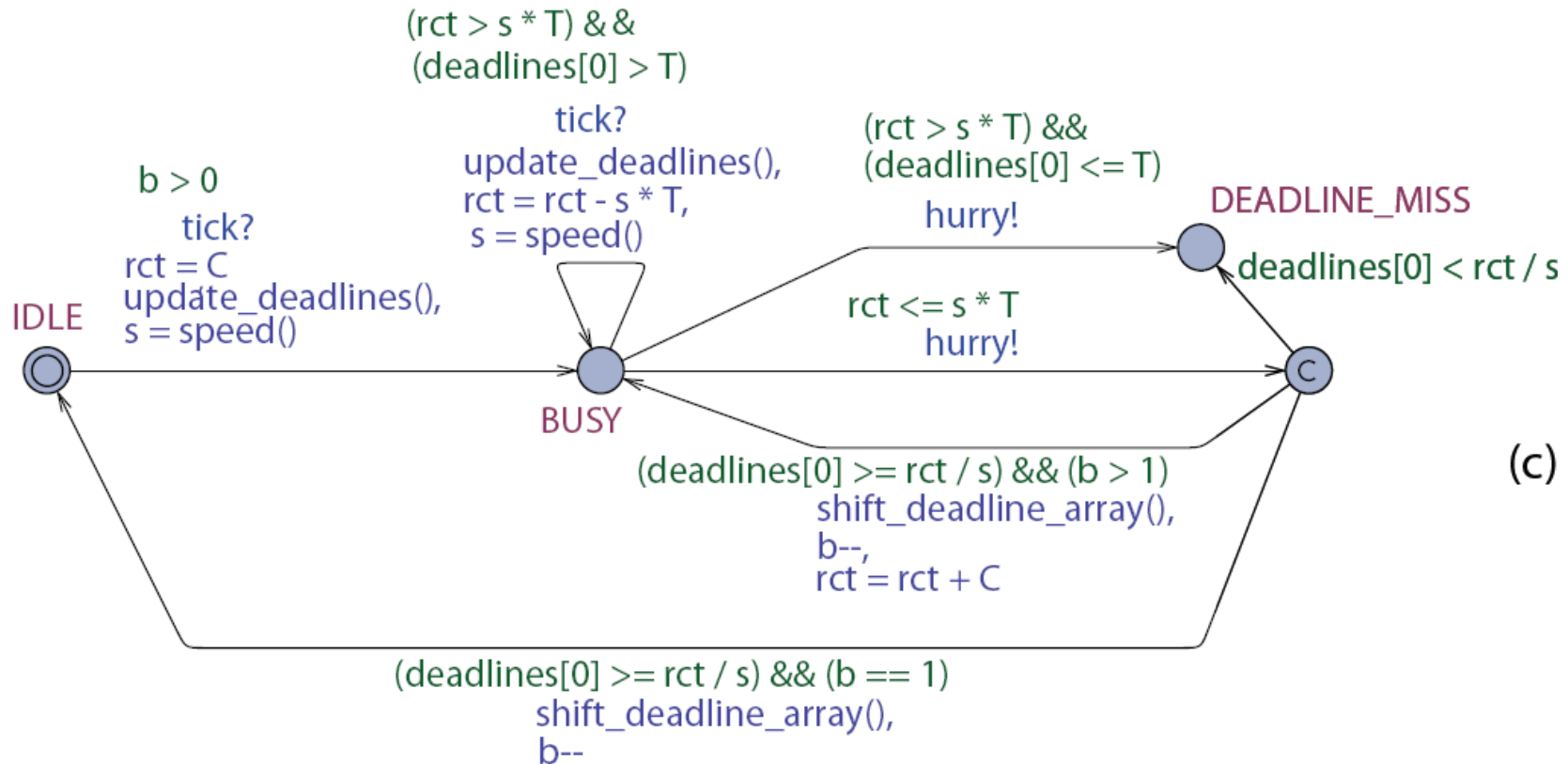
(a)

event?

$\text{deadlines}[b] = D$   
 $b++$



(b)



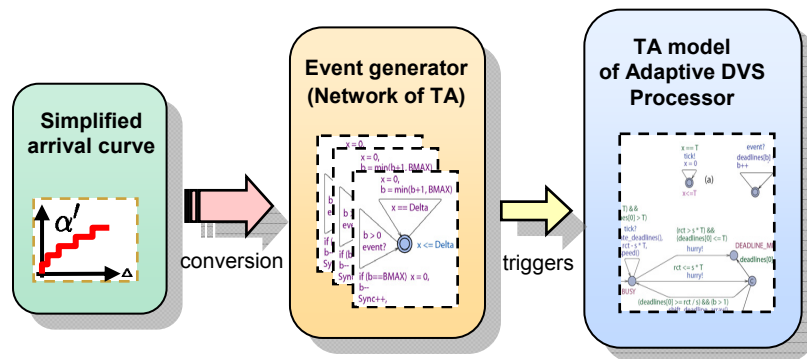
(c)



# No additional run-time overhead

## Design time

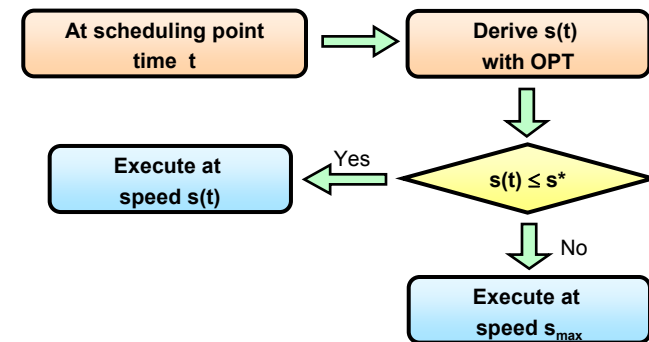
- Parameterization and validation of adaptive DVS scheduler
- Application of (expensive) state-based formal verification



determine threshold speed  $s^*$

## Run time

- Simple variant of OPT algorithm



use threshold speed  $s^*$

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# Experimental Setup

Comparison of static DVS (SD), online DVS (OPT), and adaptive DVS (AD)

Set of 6 periodic event streams with large non-deterministic jitters

Parameters [ms]:

	I	II	III	IV	V	VI
<b>p</b>	198	102	283	239	148	114
<b>J</b>	387	70	269	222	91	13
<b>d</b>	48	45	58	65	78	0
<b>C</b>	30	35	77	69	53	52
<b>D</b>	110	140	310	280	200	120

Considered processor:

**Intel XScale**

$$s_{max} = 0.5\text{GHz}$$

$$P(s) = 0.04 + \hbar(1.56(\frac{s}{0.5\text{GHz}})^3) \text{ W}$$

$s^*$  for AD is computed with UPPAAL model checker

# Results

**Maximum speeds for SD and OPT (analytical bounds) [GHz]:**

	I	II	III	IV	V	VI
$s_{SD}$	0.44	0.38	0.42	0.4	0.39	0.47
$s_{OPT}^{max}$	0.513	0.505	0.501	0.506	0.506	0.506

→ OPT violates  $s_{max}$

**Maximal threshold speeds  $s^*$  for AD [GHz]:**

$s^* (T=2ms)$	0.38	0.36	0.29	0.39	0.37	0.39
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Granularity of discretization in TA model

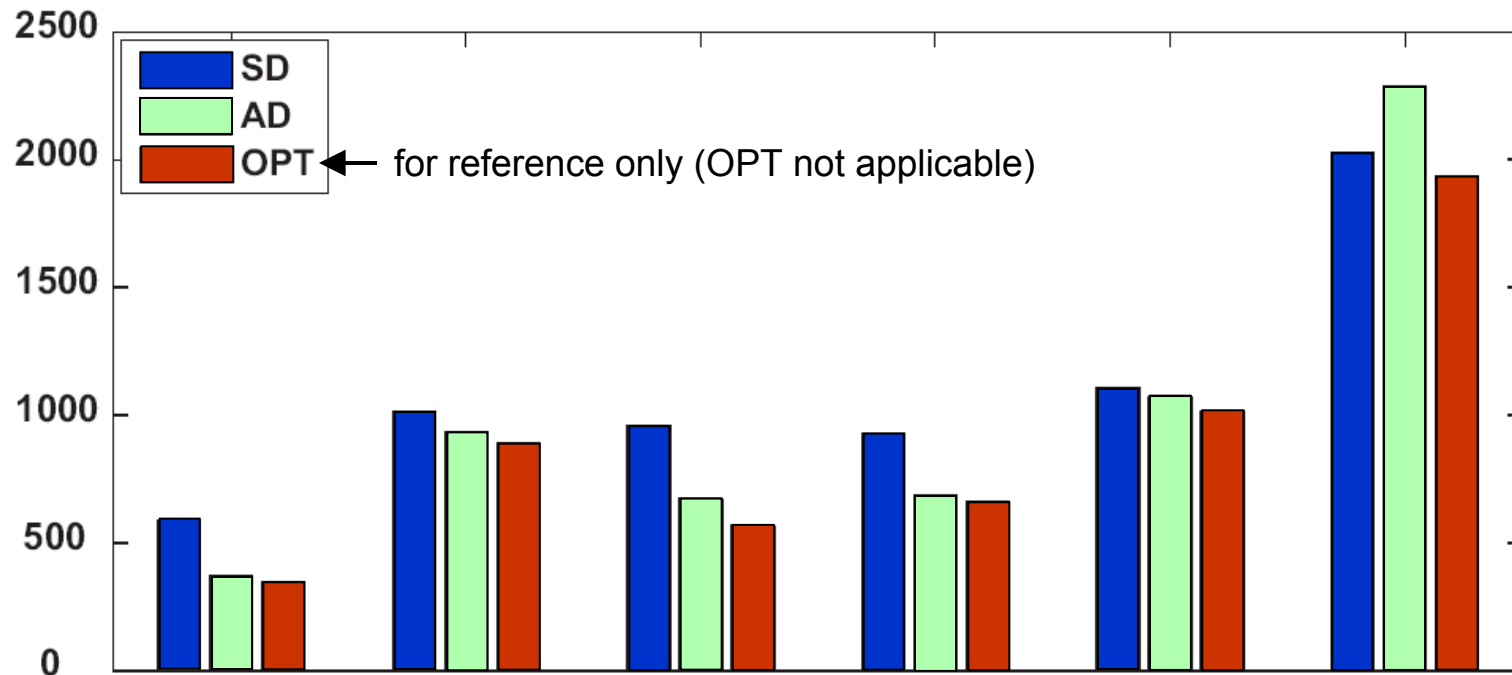
**Verification times [s]:**

(T=2ms)	210	262	16679	2973	459	2
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(on a 64 bit Sun Fire X2200 M2 with 8GB RAM)

# Results

**Average energy consumption for execution of 10 random traces [mJ]:**



- Adaptive DVS is not much worse than OPT (10% on average)
- Adaptive DVS performs better than Static DVS (22% on average)

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- New adaptive scheme for DVS scheduling of arbitrary non-deterministic event streams bounded by arrival curves
- Combines advantages of offline and online DVS scheduling
- Verification of state-based scheme by means of timed model checking
- Extension to multiple event streams simple but computationally expensive (state space explosion expected)
- Extension to discrete speeds simple (reduced complexity)
- Method not bound to particular power model (only monotonicity and convexity of energy consumption required)
- Open issue: How to best choose the speed of the pessimistic mode ( $s_{\max}$  is not necessarily the best option)



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# Thank you!

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