

Slotted WiDom: Schedulability Analysis and its Experimental Validation

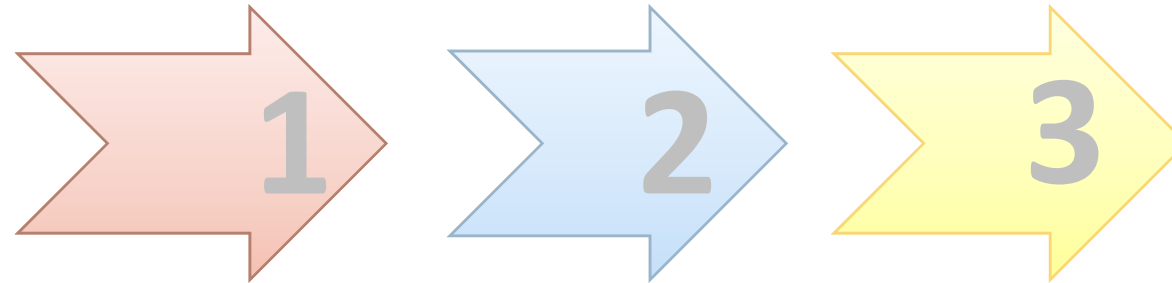
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- Background on WiDom protocol
- Proposed schedulability analysis for Slotted-WiDom
- Experimental results

Introduction

Environmental Monitoring



Collaborative Robotics



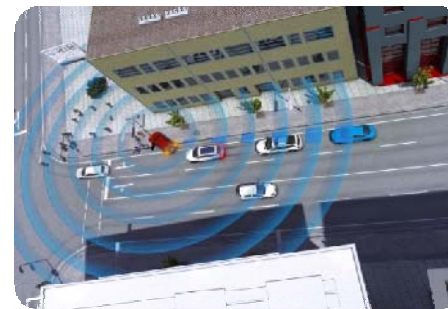
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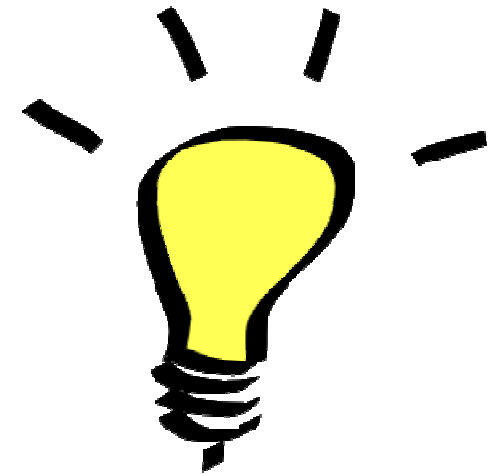


Introduction

Real-Time Requirements

Generalized Rate-Monotonic Analysis

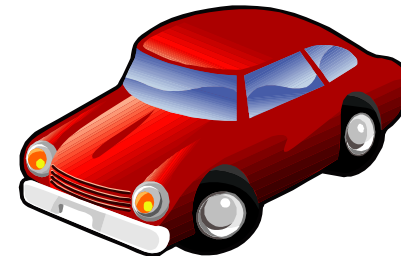
- Uniprocessors
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- Wireless networks



Introduction

RM Analysis Requirements for ~~Wireless~~ :

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- ✓ R2. Slow growth in arbitration overhead (by increasing priority levels)
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- ✓ R4. Provide schedulability analysis



CAN-bus

Dominance / Binary-countdown protocol

Designed for *wired domain*

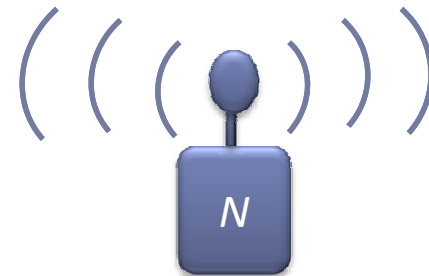
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WiDOM

Wireless version of CAN bus



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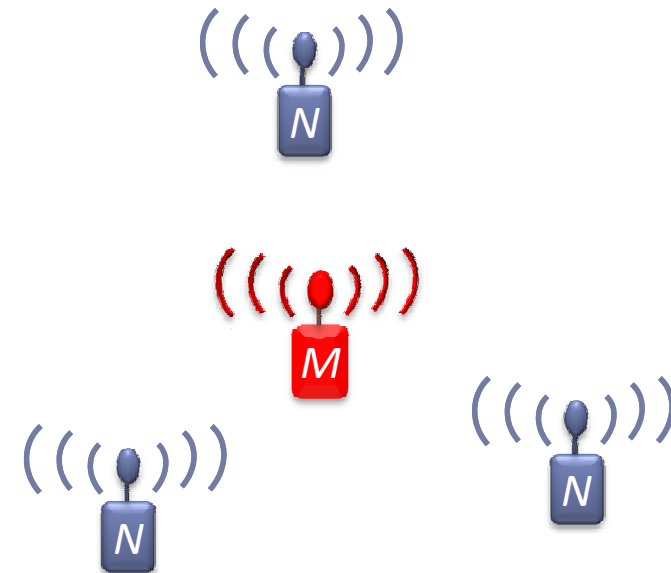


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Slotted-WiDOM

Out-of-band Synch. Signal



Motivation

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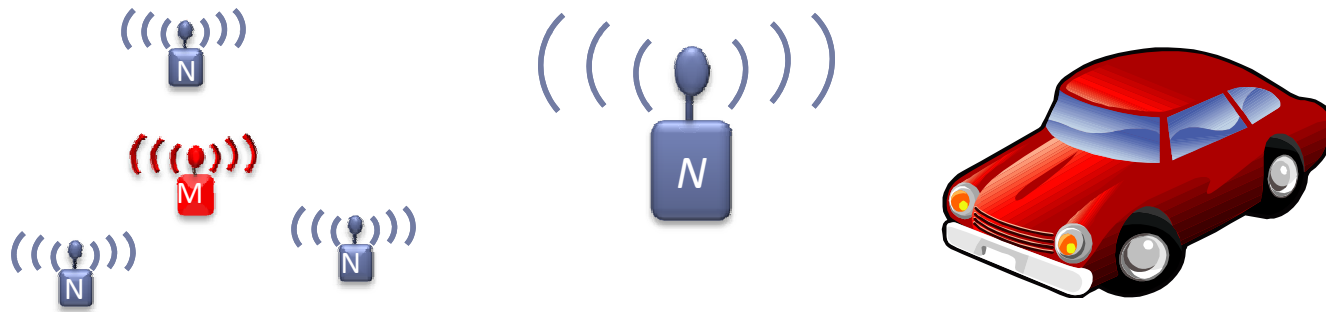
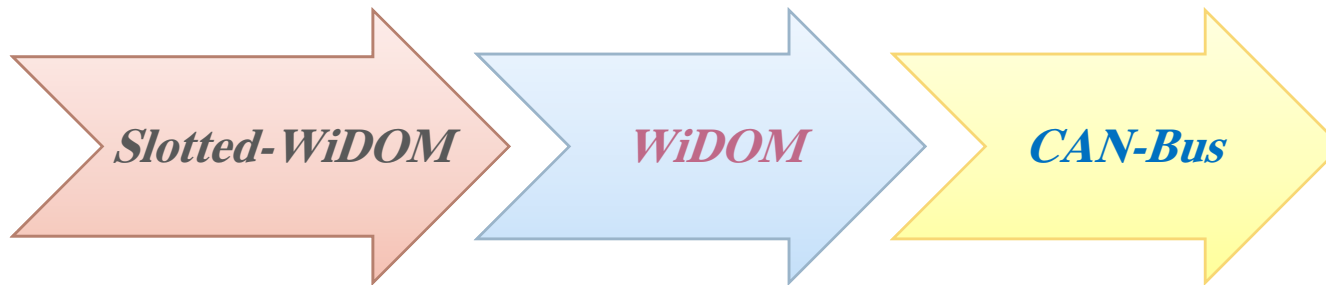
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Background on schedulability analysis



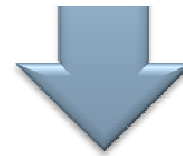
Schedulability analysis of *CAN-bus*

- First proposal (1994)

preemptive static-priority scheduling



Non-preemptive

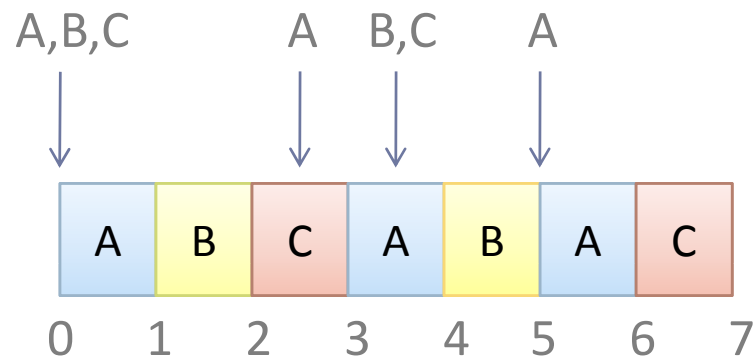


Primitive CAN-bus Analysis 

- First Correct proposal (2007)

Busy period of message i $>$ period of message i

Schedulability analysis of *CAN-bus*



$$C_A = C_B = C_C = 1$$
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$$T_A = 2.5$$
$$T_B = 3.5$$
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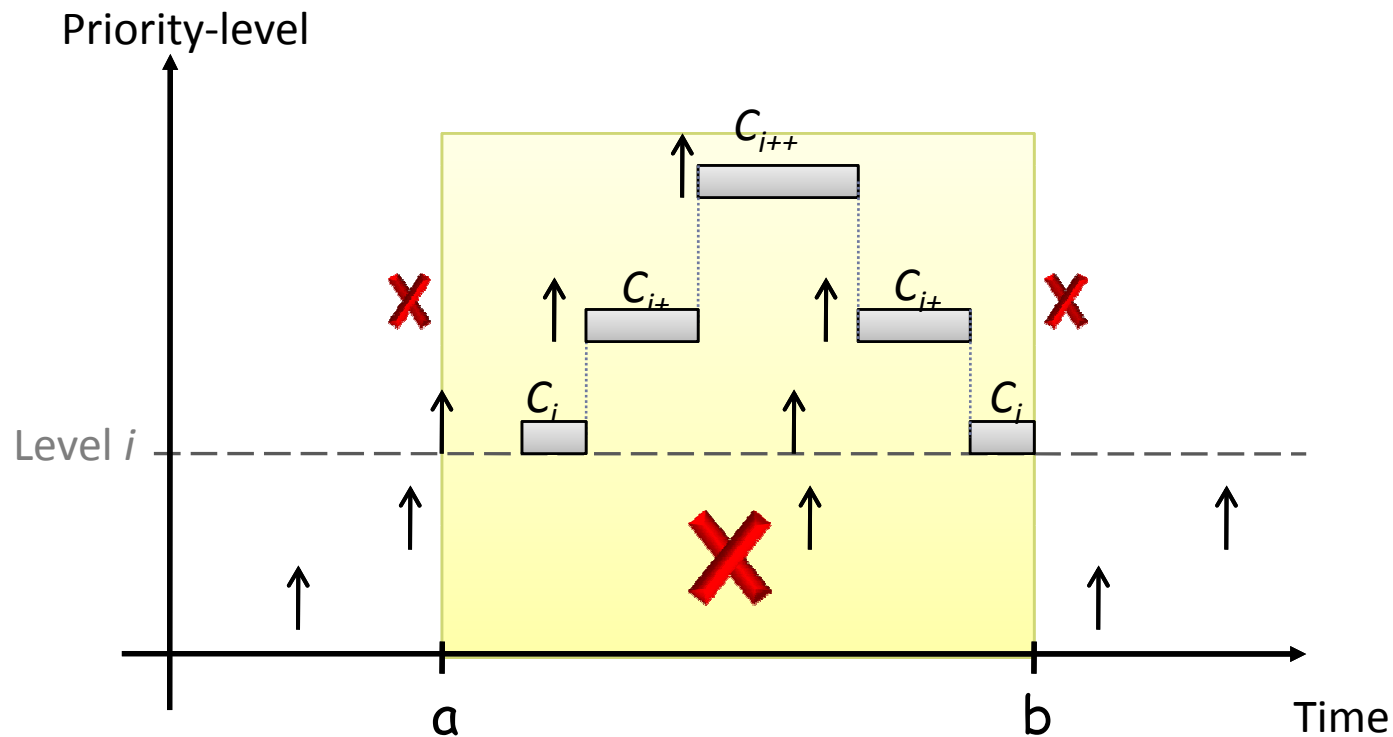
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Schedulability analysis of *CAN-bus*

Busy period:

Lehoczky (1990)

A level- i busy period is a time interval $[a,b]$ within which jobs of priority i or higher are processed through $[a,b]$ but no jobs of level i or higher are processed in $(a-\epsilon,a)$ or $(b,b+\epsilon)$ for sufficiently small $\epsilon>0$.



Schedulability analysis of CAN-bus

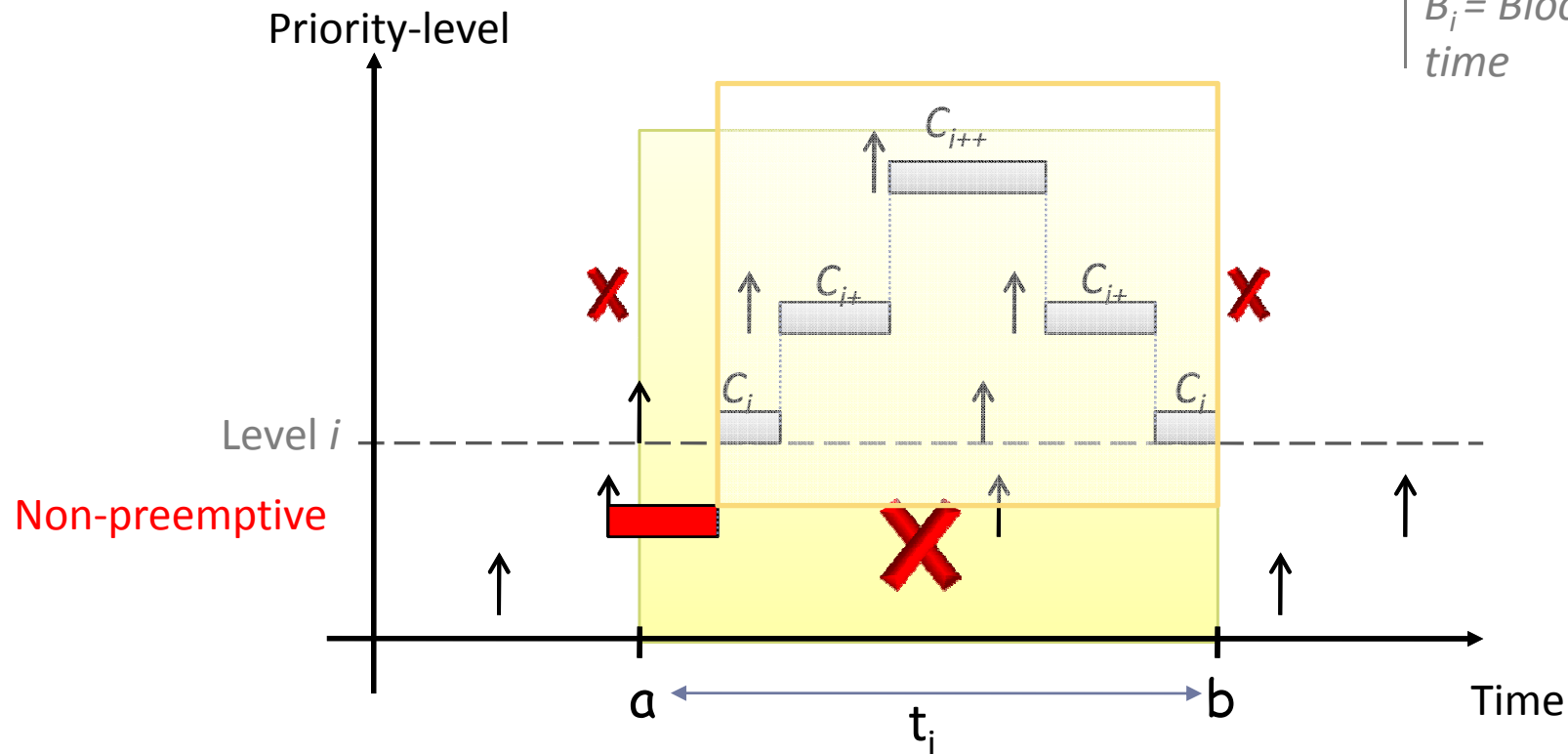
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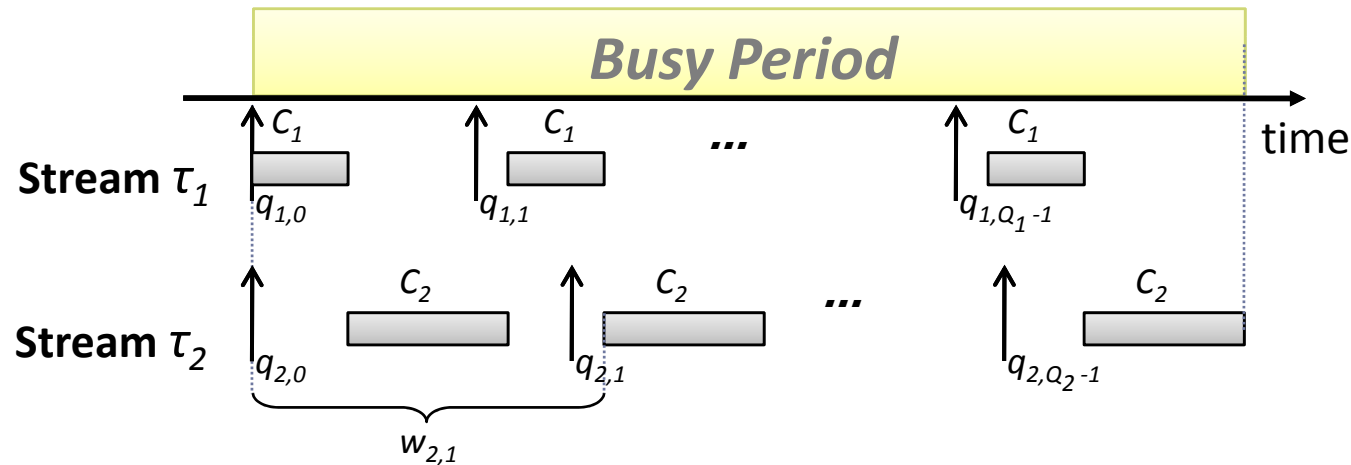
C_m = Transmission time

T_m = Message Period

B_i = Blocking time



Schedulability analysis of *CAN-bus*



$$R_i = \max_{q=0, \dots, Q_i-1} (R_{i,q})$$

$$Q_i = \left\lceil \frac{t_i}{T_i} \right\rceil$$

$$R_{i,q} = w_{i,q} - q \times T_i + C_i$$

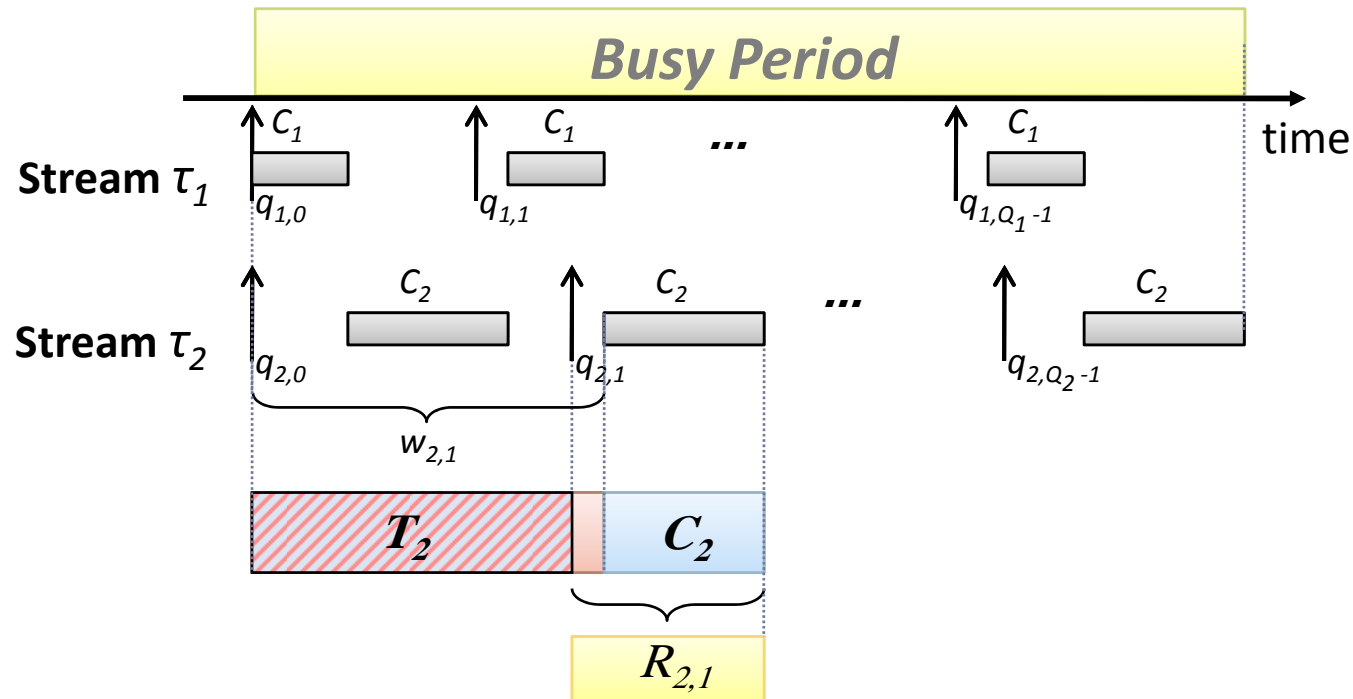
R_i = WCRT of message stream i

Q_i = No. of instances of message stream i located in level- i busy period

T_i = Periodicity of message stream i

$w_{i,q} = ?$


Schedulability analysis of *CAN-bus*



$$R_{2,1} = w_{2,1} - 1 \times T_2 + C_2$$

Background on WiDom protocol

Dominance / Binary-countdown protocol

- Conflict-free tx by exploiting *bitwise arbitration*
- Provides large number of priority levels
- *Lower* value  *higher* priority
- Three phases:

- Synchronization phase
- Tournament phase
- Receive/transmit phase



Tournament phase (an example)

0: Dominant bit

1: recessive bit



Prio=100 (4)



Prio=010 (2)



Prio=001 (1)

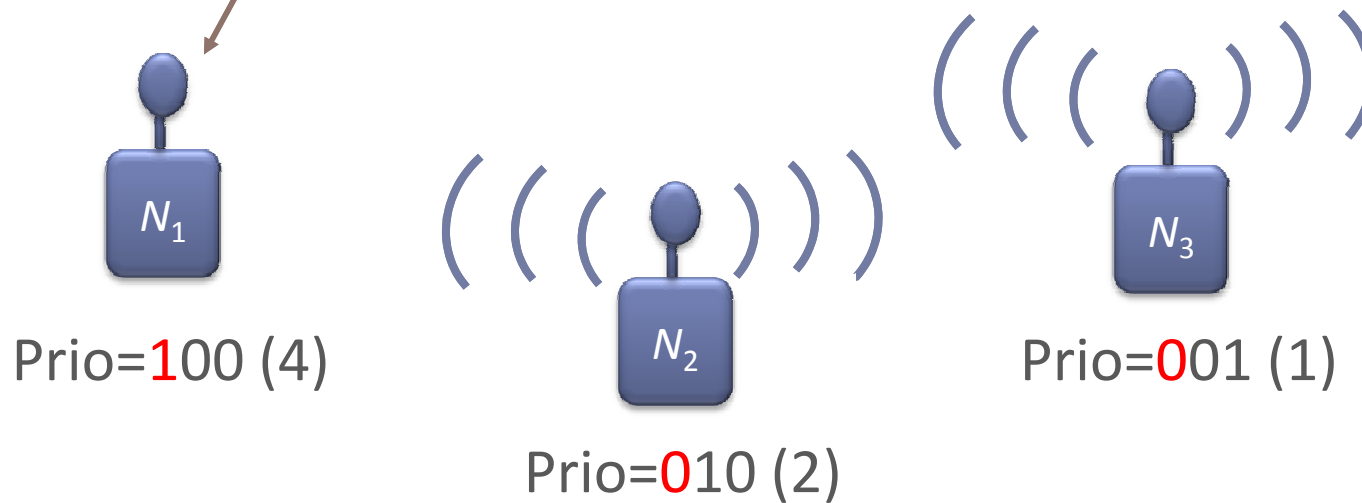
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N_1 detects a dominant bit.

N_1 loses the arbitration.



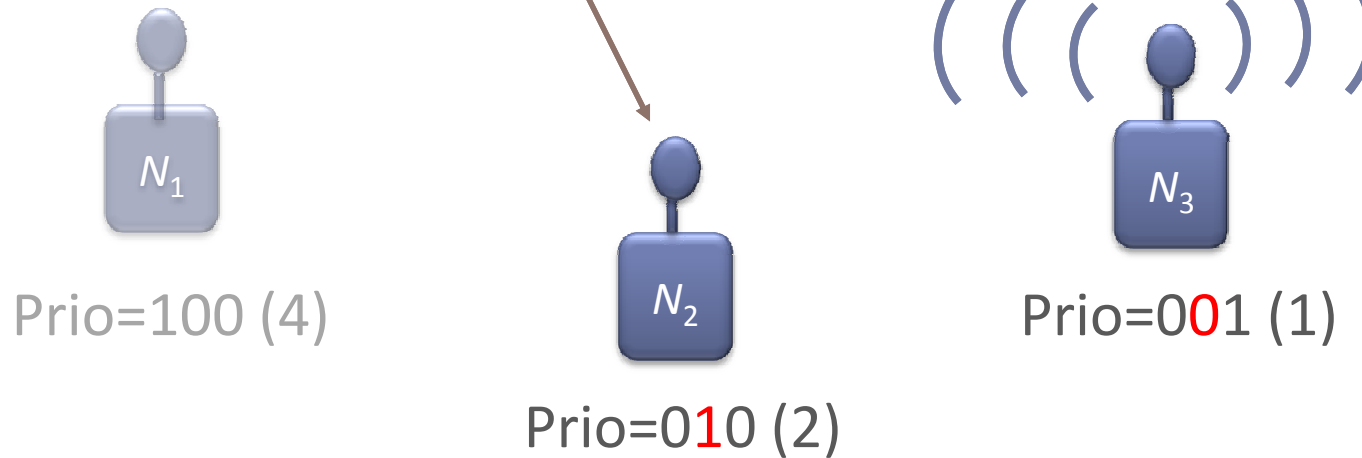
Node with *Dominant* bit, **transmit** a carrier

Nodes with *recessive* bit, **listen**

Tournament phase

N_2 detects a dominant bit.

N_2 loses the arbitration.



Node with *Dominant* bit, **transmit** a carrier

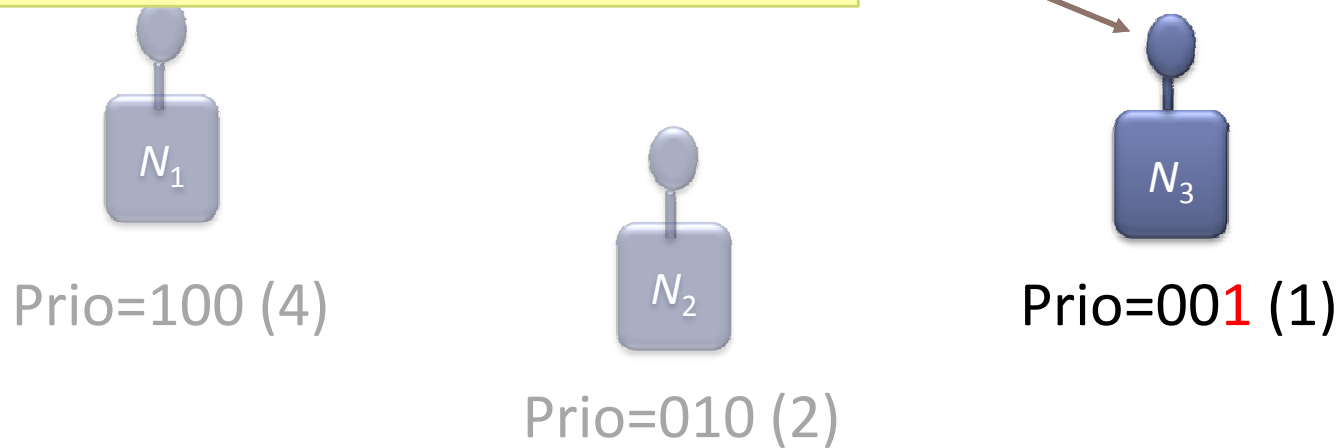
Nodes with *recessive* bit, **listen**

Tournament phase

N_3 finishes transmitting the priority bits.

N_3 reaches the end of the arbitration...

...and proceeds to transmit the message.



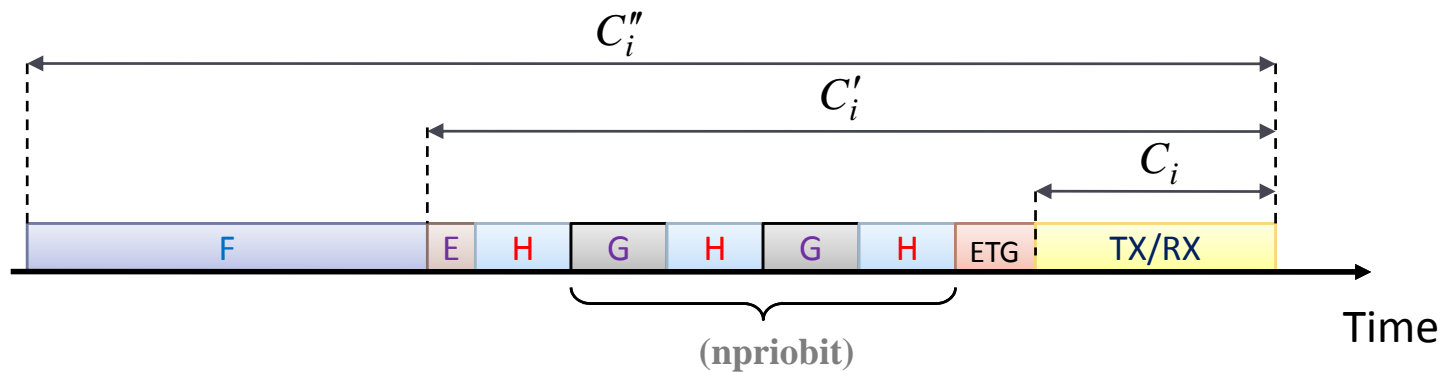
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WiDom synchronization

Initial WiDom

Long period of silence : F



- E: clock drift compensation
- H: carrier pulse transmission
- G: guarding time
- ETG: end of tournament gap
- npriobit: No of priority bits

WiDom synchronization

Slotted WiDom

Out-of-band signalling



WiFLEX add-on board

- WiFLEX_main
- WiFLEX_rxsync



WiFLEX platform
stacked on FireFly mote

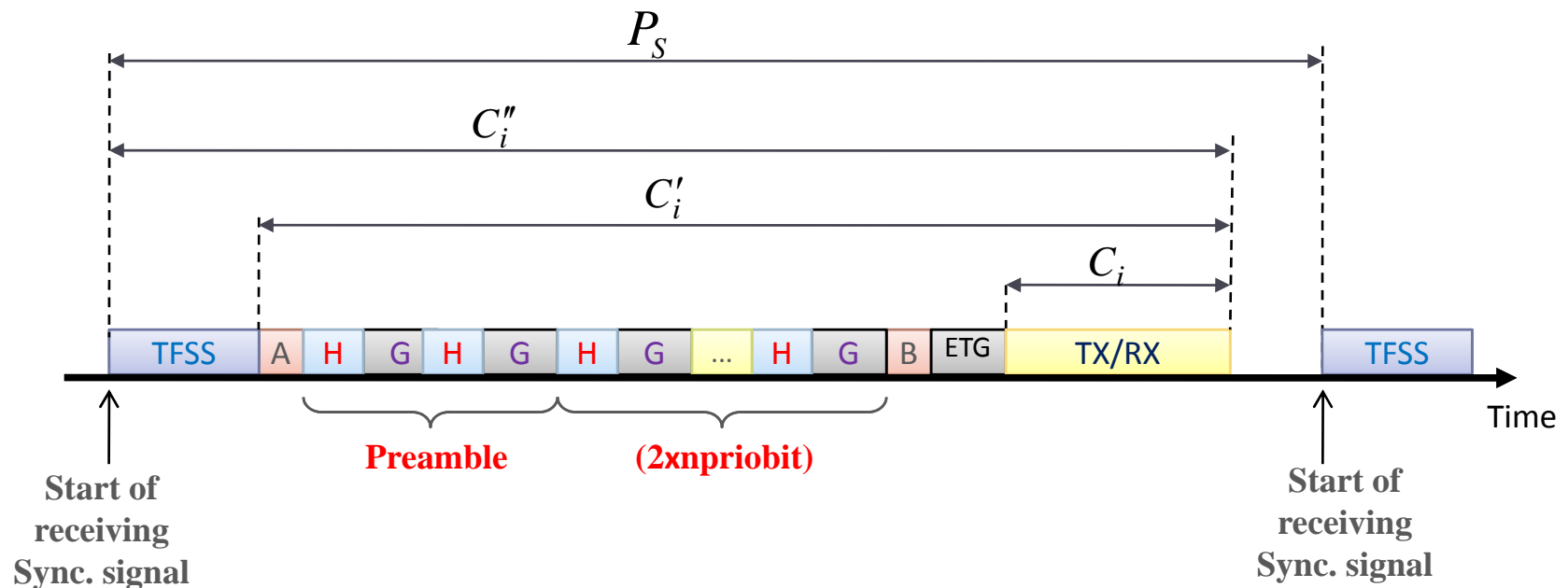


WiFLEX platform
stacked on MICAz mote

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A: Transferring priority from MicaZ to WiFLEX (PRIO_TRA)

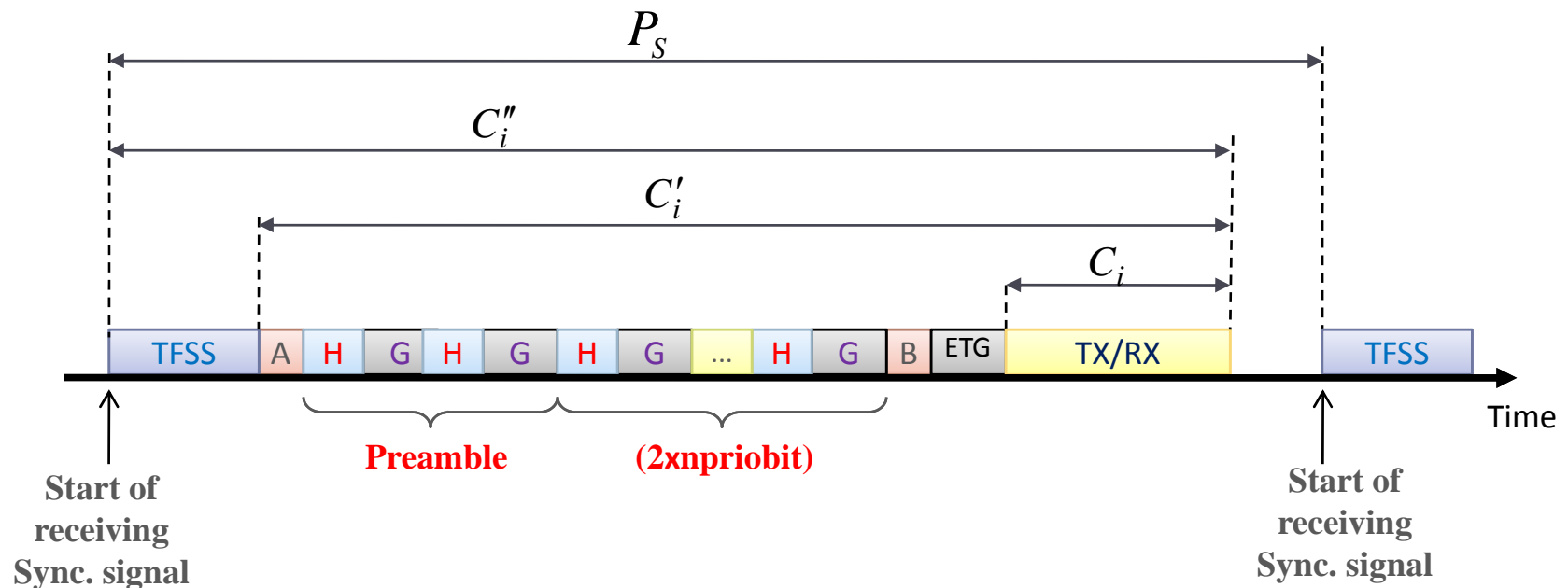
B: Transferring winner priority from WiFLEX to MicaZ (WIN_PRIO)

P_s : sync. Signal periodicity / Slot duration

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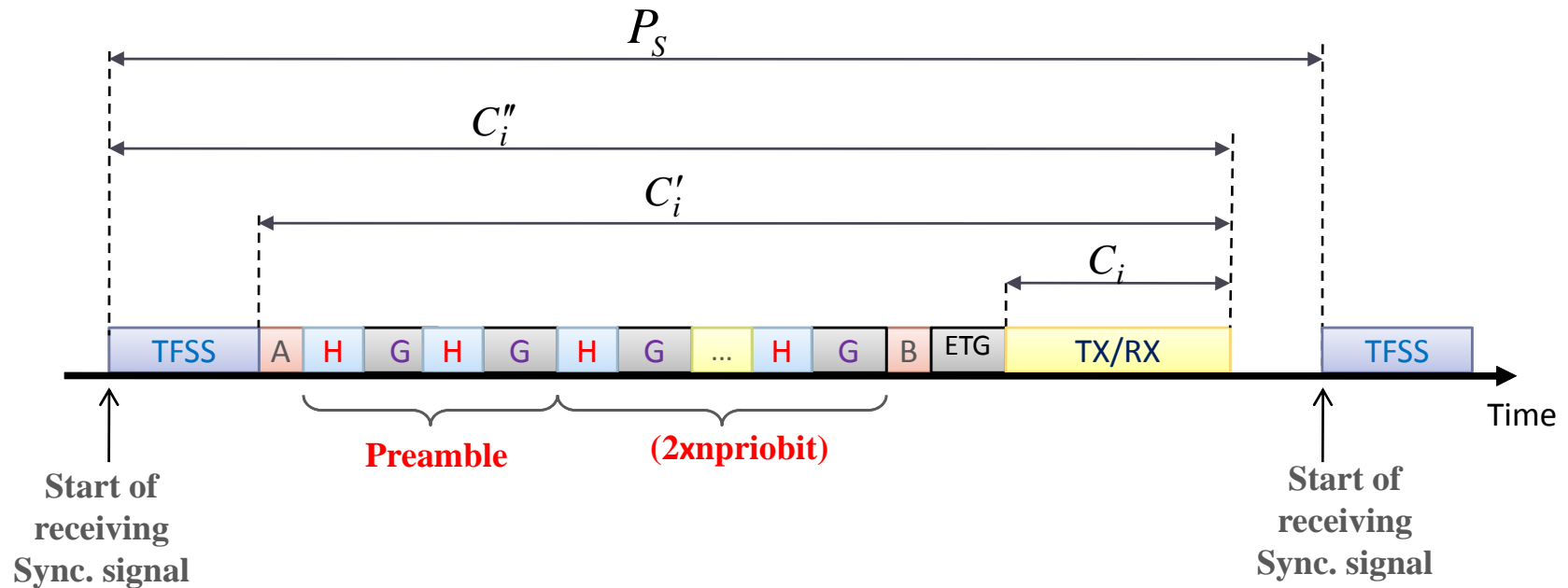
$$P_s \geq TFCS + PRIO_TRA + 2(H+G)(npriobits+1) + ETG + WIN_PRIO + \max(C_i)$$

New schedulability analysis

One packet per slot

- Level- i busy period $L_i = P_S + \sum_{j \in hp(i) \cup i} \left\lceil \frac{L_i + J_j}{T_j} \right\rceil \times P_S$
- Finding no of instances $Q_i = \left\lceil \frac{L_i + J_i}{T_i} \right\rceil + 1$
- Finding WCRT $R_i = \max_{q=0 \dots Q_i-1} (w_{i,q} + J_i + C_i'' - q \times T_i)$

New Schedulability analysis



$$C_i'' = C_i' + TFCS$$

$$C_i' = C_i + 2(H+G) + PRIO_TRA \\ + 2(H+G)(npriobits) + WIN_PRIO + ETG$$

Analytical results

- Packet length 128 Bytes
- Data rate 250 Kb/s

$$\forall i \in \{1 \dots n\}: C_i = 128 \times 8 \times \frac{1}{250000} = 4096 \mu s$$

$$\forall i \in \{1 \dots n\}: C'_i = 8545 \mu s$$

$$\forall i \in \{1 \dots n\}: C''_i = 8845 \mu s$$

$$P_S \geq 8845 \mu s$$

$$P_S = 9560 \mu s$$

(npriobits)	15
(H+G)	110 μs
(TFSS)	300 μs
(PRIO_TRA)	139 μs
(WIN_PRIO)	235 μs

Analytical result (first scenario)

- Packet length 128 Bytes
- Data rate 250 Kb/s
- Release jitter 1 ms
- No of Nodes 6

i	1	2	3	4	5	6
$T_i (\mu s)$	30,000	80,000	150,000	300,000	700,000	1,800,000
$R_i (\mu s)$	18,405	27,965	37,525	56,645	66,205	85,325

$$\forall i \in \{1 \dots n\}: R_i \leq T_i$$

Analytical result (second scenario)

- Packet length 128 Bytes
- Data rate 250 Kb/s
- Release jitter 1 ms
- No of Nodes **10**

<i>i</i>	1	2	3	4	5
$T_i (\mu s)$	30,000	70,000	120,000	300,000	900,000
$R_i (\mu s)$	18,405	27,965	37,525	56,645	66,205
<i>i</i>	6	7	8	9	10
$T_i (\mu s)$	1,900,000	3,700,000	5,400,000	5,400,000	5,400,000
$R_i (\mu s)$	94,885	114,005	123,565	171,365	180,925

$$\forall i \in \{1 \dots n\}: R_i \leq T_i$$

Experimental setup

- Hardware platform MICAz + WiFLEX



- Software Nano-RK OS + WiDom

```
Send-Task( ) {  
    generated-packet++;  
}  
  
send_pkt( ) {  
    transmitted-packet++;  
}
```

generated-packet

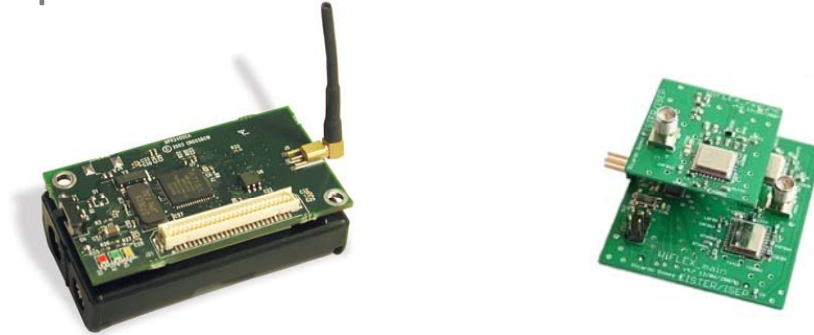
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transmitted-packet

Deadline miss

Experimental setup

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```
Send-Task( ) {  
    Set Timer;  
}
```

```
rf_tx_packet( ) {  
    Wi=Read Timer;  
    pPayload=Wi;  
}
```

Receiver Side:

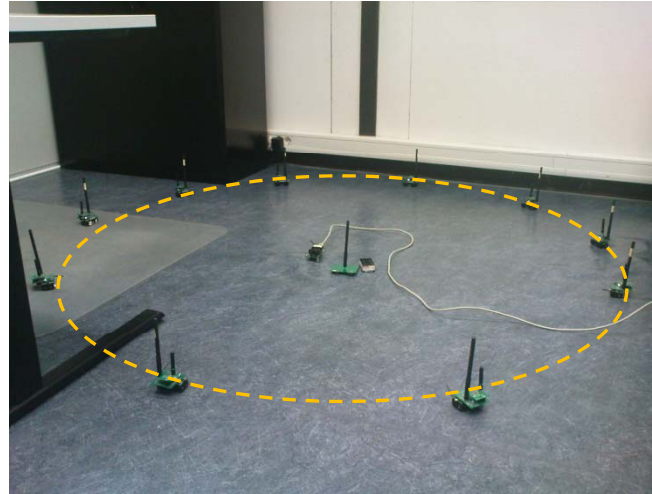
$$R_i = W_i + C_i$$

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$R'_i (\mu s)$	18,348	27,583	37,128	55,982	59,184	64,834

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$R'_i (\mu s)$	18,343	27,584	37,147	56,225	55,428

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$R'_i (\mu s)$	58,019	39,509	62,490	34,464	62,403

Experimental result

- No deadline miss

generated-Packet == transmitted-packet

- Very small packet loss rate ($\leq 1\%$)

- Validate the calculated upperbound

Calculated RT \geq Measured RT

Next steps

- Implementing Reliable WiDom
- Provide a real-time constraint-free model for WiDom
- Find appropriate priority relationship assignment for multi-hop message streams



Thank You!