



FTT-SE: Towards flexible/open Cyber-Physical Systems

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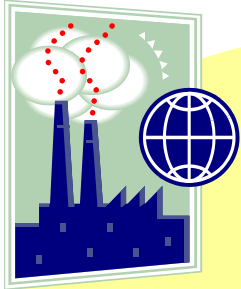
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Unifying frameworks



Networked
Monitoring
and Control



Internet
of Things



Vehicular
Networks

Cyber-Physical Systems

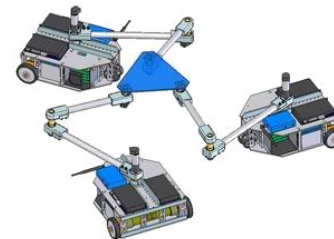
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Anything that involves computer-environment

(Distributed)
Embedded
Systems

Network
Embedded
System

- Focus on**
- Real-time
 - Modeling
 - Adaptation
 - Control



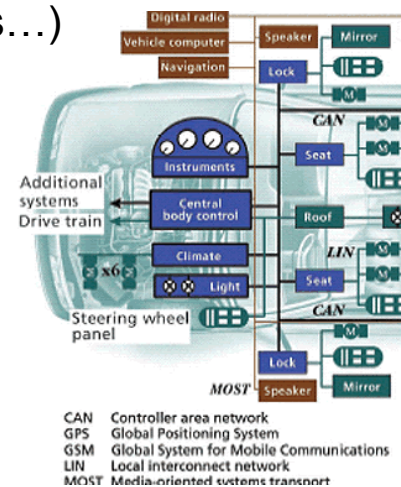
Cyber-Physical Systems

- **Complex structure**

- **High heterogeneity** (functionality, requirements, resources...)
- **Variable composition** (versions, modes, connections...)
- ...

- Need to **be robust** with respect to

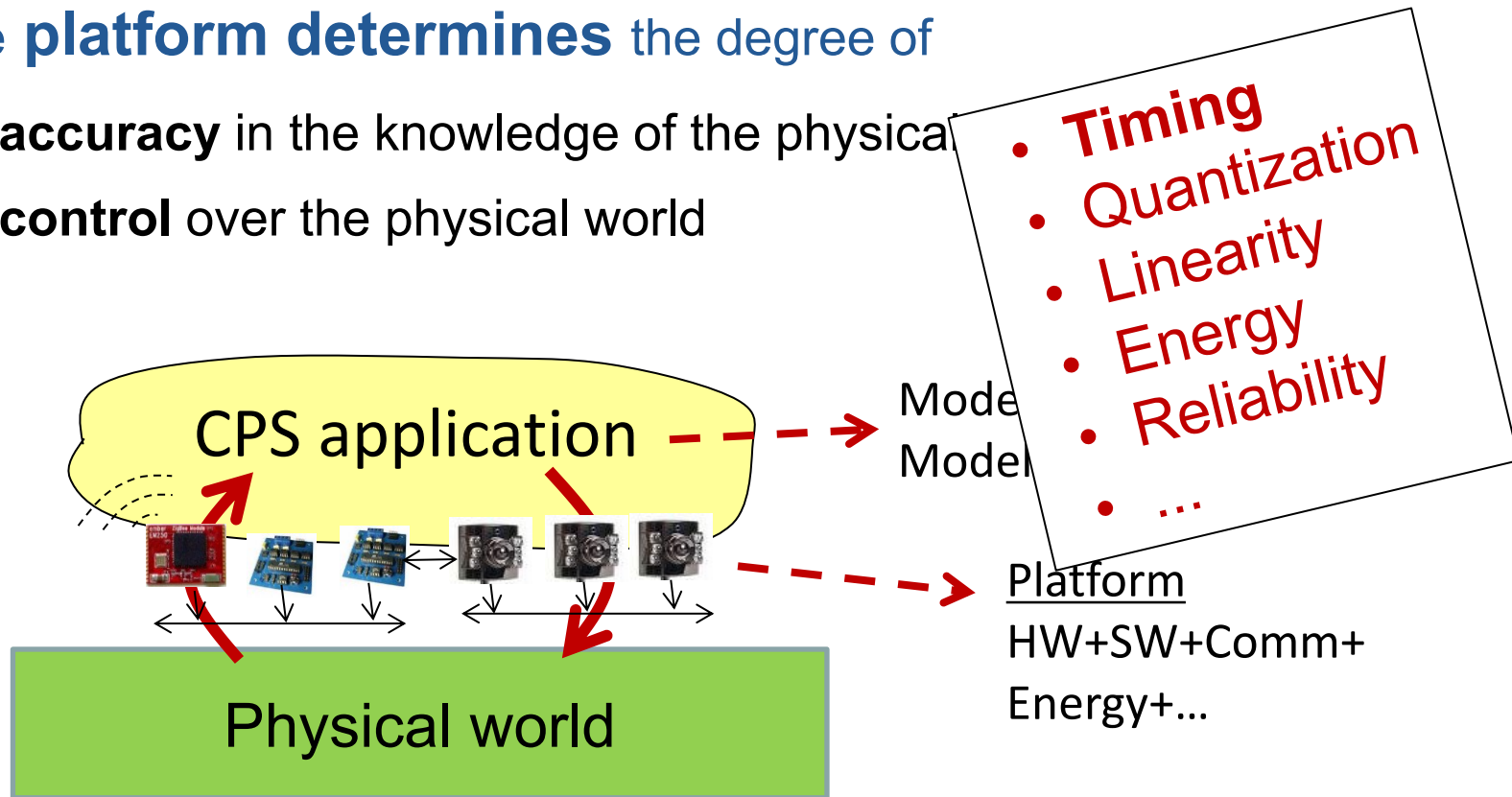
- **Topology changes** (reconfigurations, node crashes, ...)
- **Changes in available resources** (energy, bandwidth...)
- **Denial-of-service** (malfunctioning nodes, malicious actions...)
- **Intrusion** (unauthorized accesses or actions...)
- ...



How to design these systems ??

Cyber-Physical Systems: *internals*

- The **platform determines** the degree of
 - **accuracy** in the knowledge of the physical
 - **control** over the physical world



Real-time capable platforms

- Amenable to **modeling of timing behavior**

- **Bounded and computable delays**

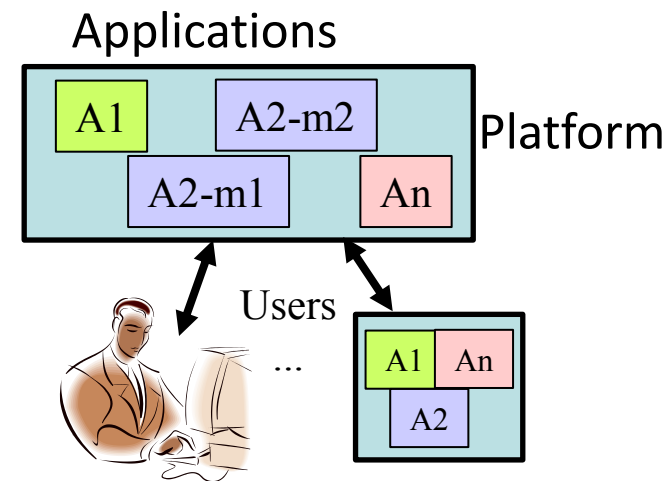
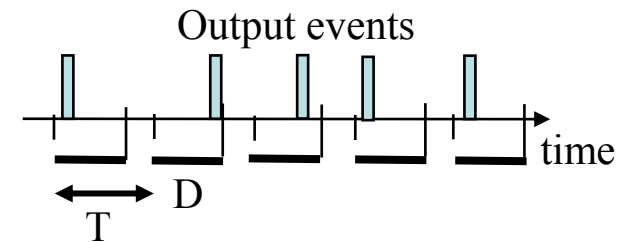
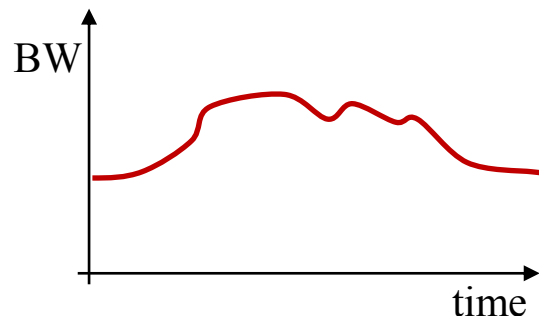
→ **real-time guarantees**

- While supporting **multiple and varying**

- applications, users, operating conditions, ...

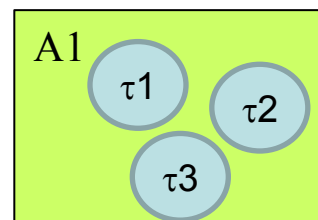
- And being **resource efficient**

- bandwidth, energy

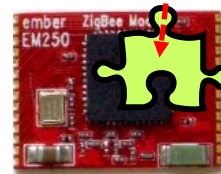
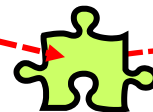


Resource reservation paradigm

- Define the **application non-functional requirements**
 - Performance & **time behavior** → BW, rate, latency, jitter
 - Possibly with multiple levels of service
- Define **how much** of each **resource is needed**
 - To cover the requirements (**demand**)
 - For each service level
 - Reducing the **application** to an **interface** (or a set)



reservation



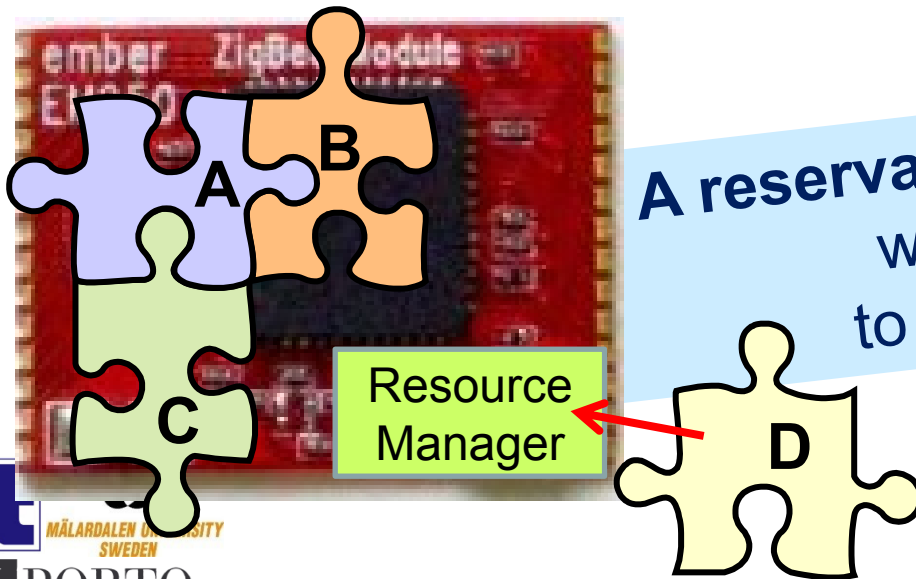
CPU, network,
memory, battery...

Resource reservation paradigm

- **Resource Manager** needed
 - **Provide reservations** (partitions...)
 - that **match demand**
 - **Keep track** of accepted reservations
 - to respect **resource capacity**

Virtualization
Consolidation
Applications isolation

**A reservation is a platform abstraction
with fractional capacity
to match a certain demand**



Networks for CPS

• Are current networks adequate?

- **Real-Time communication technologies**
 - well developed for **(static) DES**
 - focused on **latency** and **isolation**
- **General purpose communication technologies**
 - well developed for **large networks** (Cloud / Internet)
 - essentially **best-effort** (particularly in access networks)
 - focused on **openness, scalability** and **throughput**

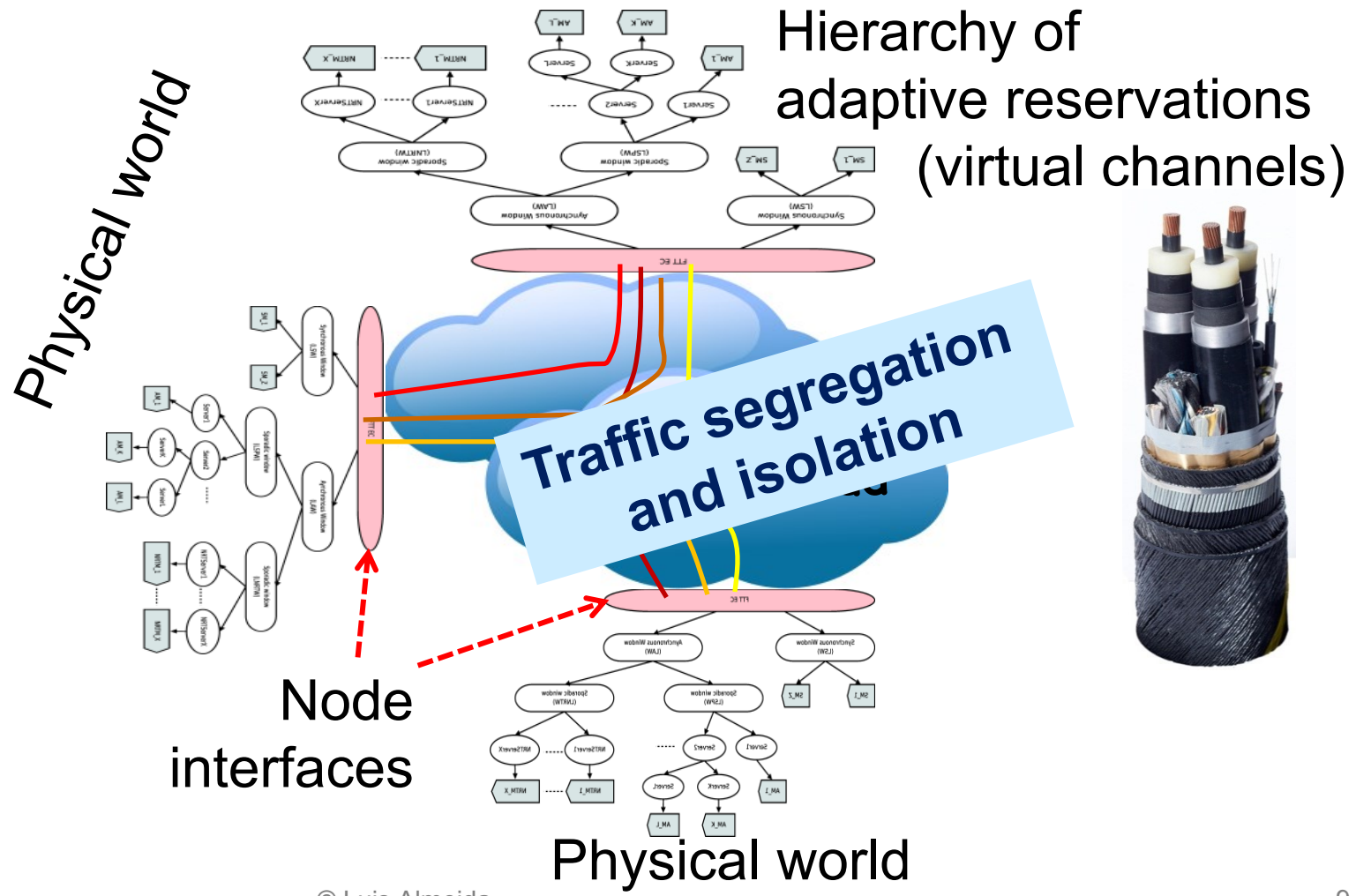
CAN **EtherCAT**
TTEthernet ...
PROFINET-IRT

MPLS
SDN **TCP/UDP**
RSVP-TE
LTE
5G ...

Unifying effort needed, towards
scalable, open and efficient
real-time communication

A Network Challenge for CPS

The real-time enabled cloud



Our approaches

• Centralized resource manager

- The **Flexible Time-Triggered** paradigm
 - Isochronous / asynchronous traffic
 - **Any on-line traffic scheduling** supported
- Building on top of **Linux-TC**
 - Asynchronous traffic, only

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Flexible Time-Triggered architecture

• Distributed resource manager

- The **Reconfigurable and Adaptive TDMA** protocol
 - Used in wireless networks on top of CSMA-CA
 - Isochronous / asynchronous traffic

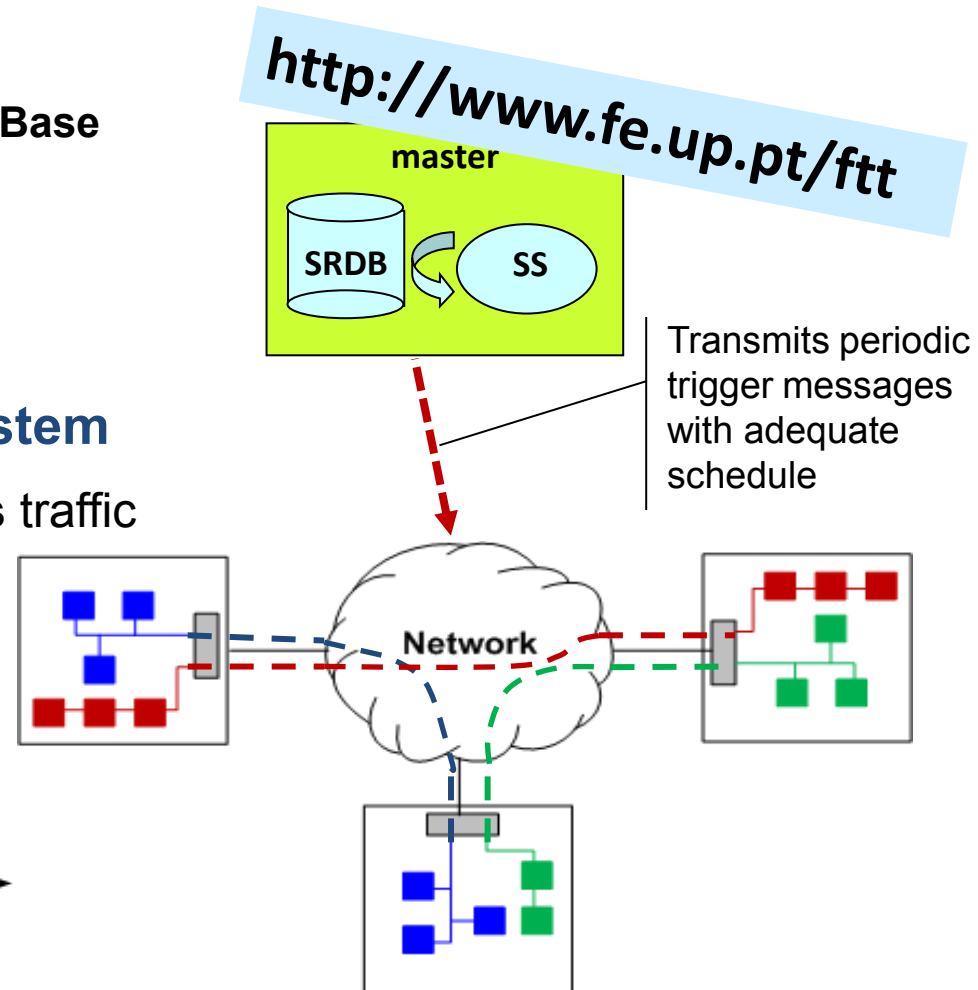
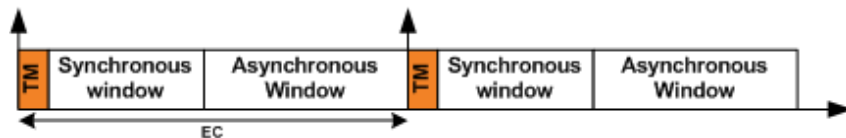
The *Flexible Time-Triggered* paradigm

- **Concentration of operational information**

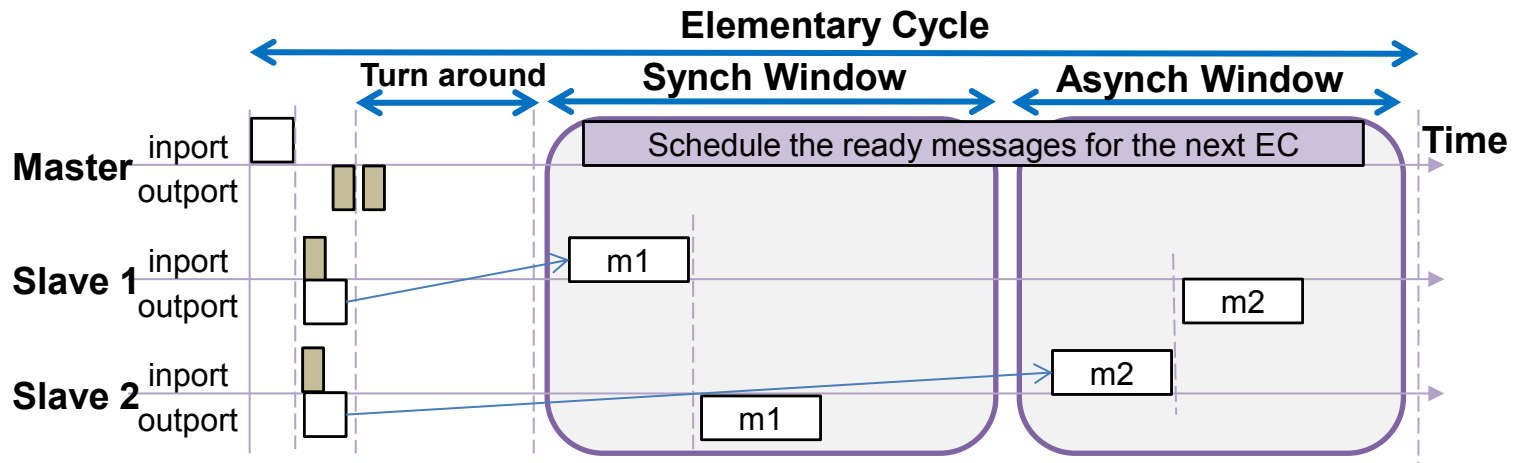
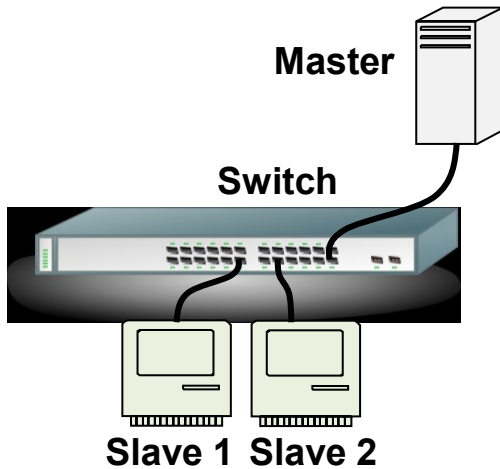
- **Master node with**
 - System Requirements Data Base
 - Online System Scheduler
- **Consistent and prompt channels management**

- **Emanating triggers to the system**

- ~~Isochronous / asynchronous~~ traffic
- Any scheduling policy



FTT-SE: FTT applied to *Switched Ethernet*

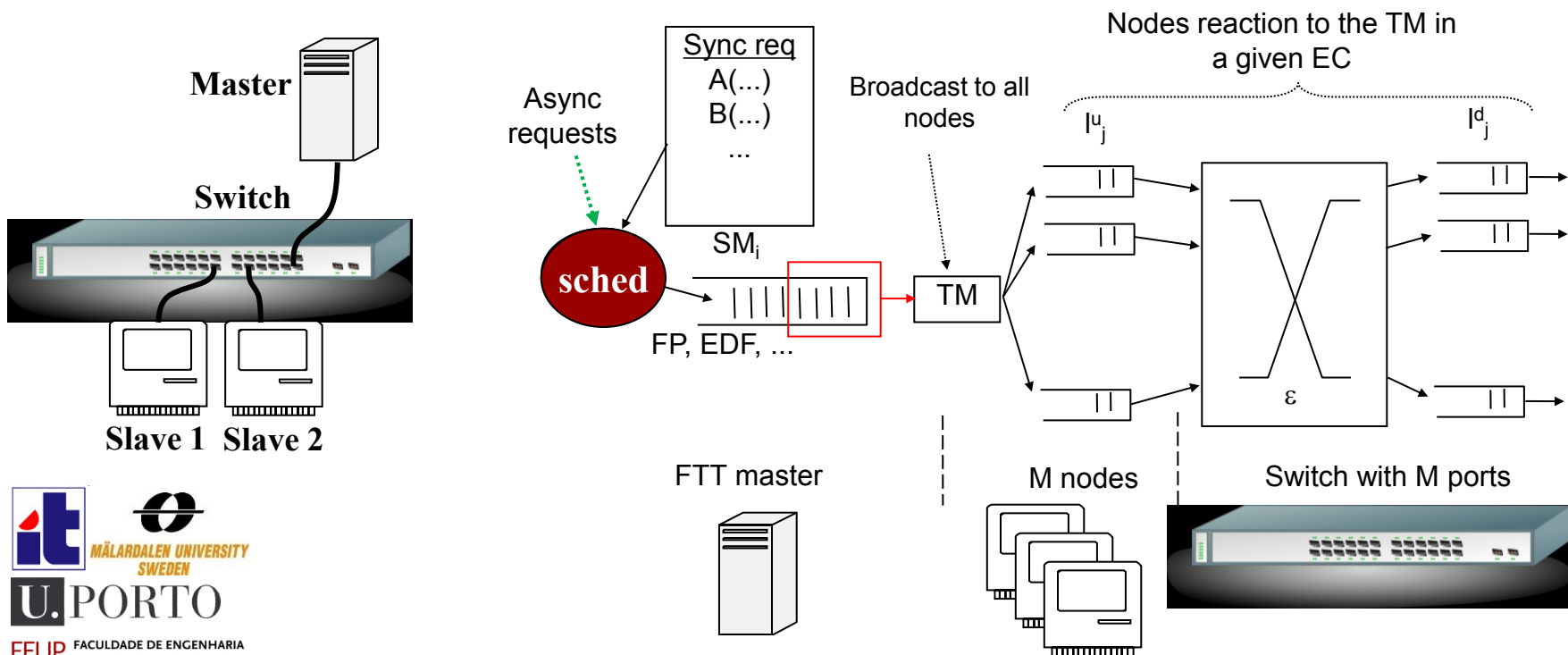


FTT-SE traffic scheduling

✓ Integrated scheduler for all traffic types

Sync: $SRT = \{SM_i: SM_i(C_i, D_i, T_i, O_i, Pr_i, S_i, \{R^1_i .. R^{k_i}_i\}), i=1..N_S\}$

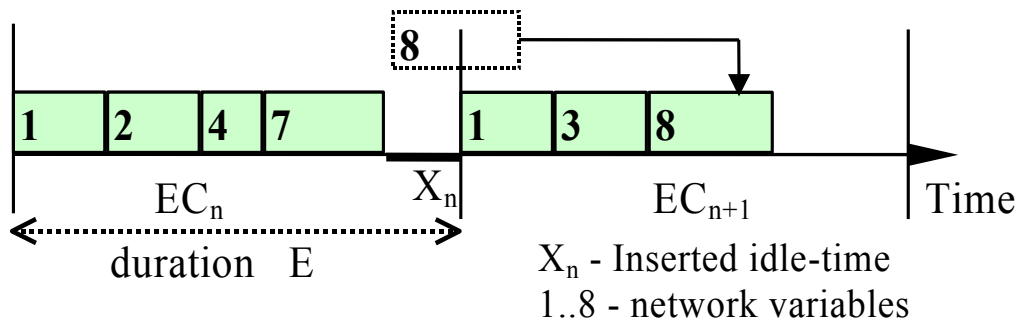
Async: $ART = \{AM_i: AM_i(C_i, D_i, mit_i, Pr_i, S_i, \{R^1_i .. R^{k_i}_i\}), i=1..N_A\}$



FTT-SE traffic scheduling

• Basic scheduling model:

- Schedule within partitions with **strict time bounds**
- Use **inserted idle-time (X)**
 - There is **no blocking**
 - Any analysis for **preemptive scheduling** can be used with **inflated transmission times (C')**

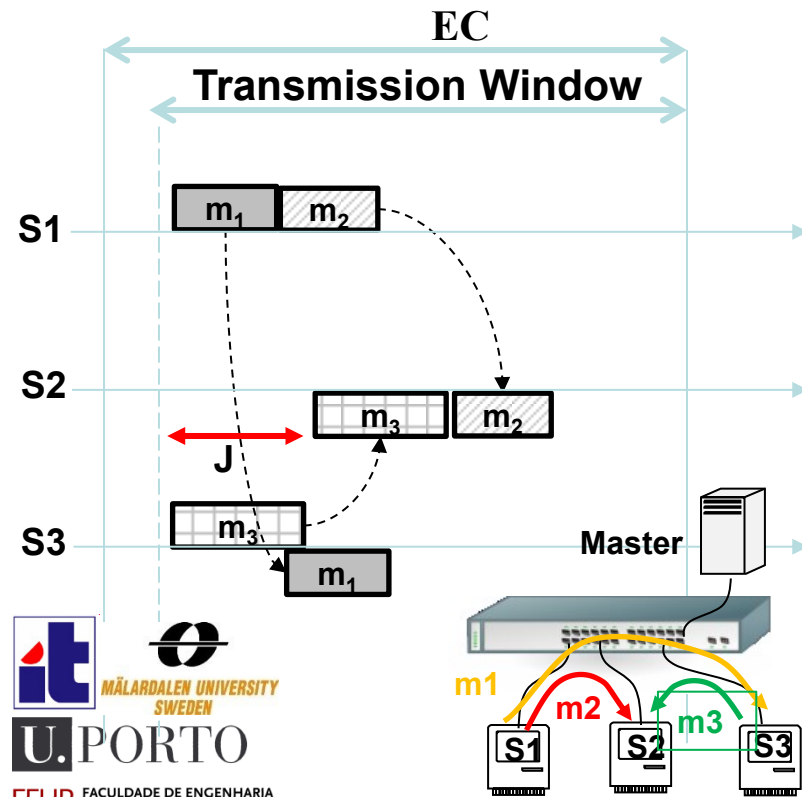


$$C_i' = C_i * \frac{E}{E - X_{\max}}$$

Inserted **idle-time**
compensation factor

FTT-SE traffic scheduling

- **Utilization bounds for on-line BW management**
 - To be applied to each link separately
 - Interference in the uplinks appears at the downlinks as **release jitter** (J)



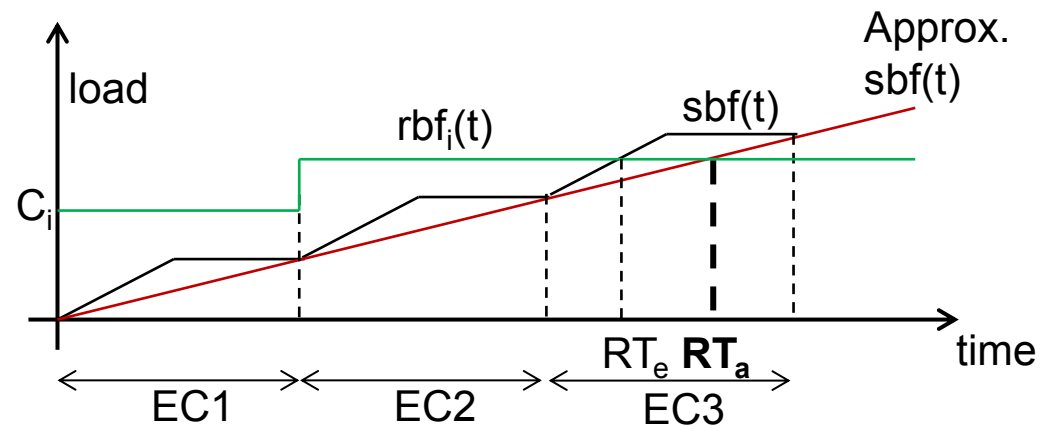
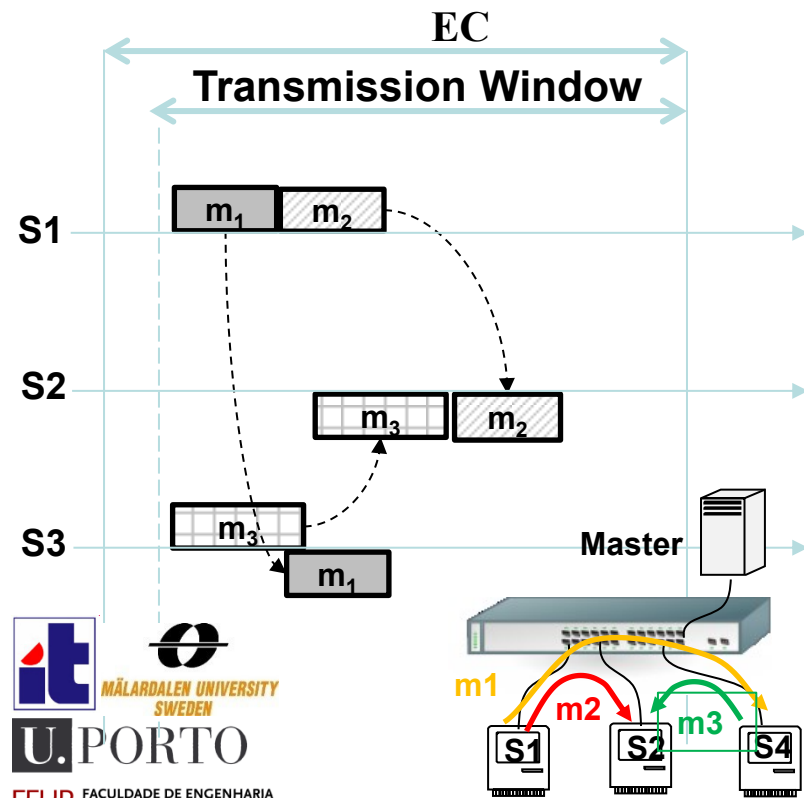
$$\forall_{i=1..n} \sum_{j=1}^i \frac{C_j}{T_j} + \frac{\max_{j=1..i} J_j}{T_i} \leq U_{RM,EDF}^{lub}(i)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{C_i}{T_i} + \frac{\max_{i=1..n} J_i}{T_1} \leq U_{RM,EDF}^{lub}(n)$$

FTT-SE traffic scheduling

• Response-time analysis

- request bound function (**rbf**): Max. submitted load & interference
- supply bound function (**sbf**): Min. effective network capacity



$$RT_i = \min t : rbf_i(t) = sbf(t)$$

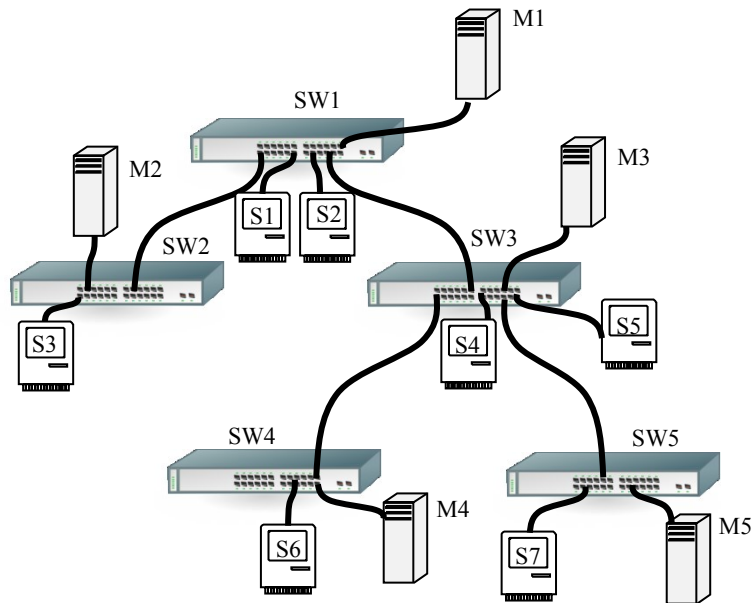
$$rbf_i(t) = C_i + (SFD_i + \Delta) + Wl_i(t)$$

Switching
delay

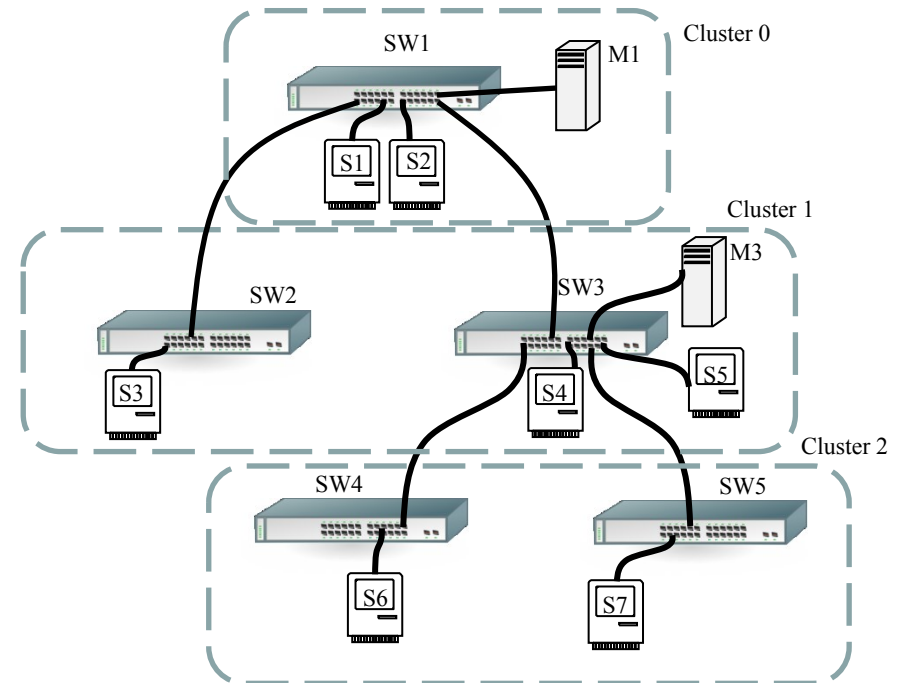
hp(i)
interference

Multi-switch FTT-SE architectures

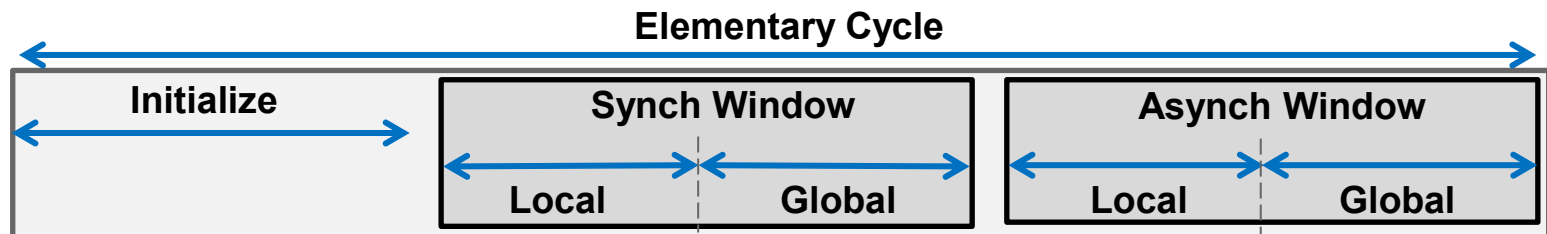
Single-Master



Multi-Master



Hybrid



Multi-hop Delay Analysis

- request bound function

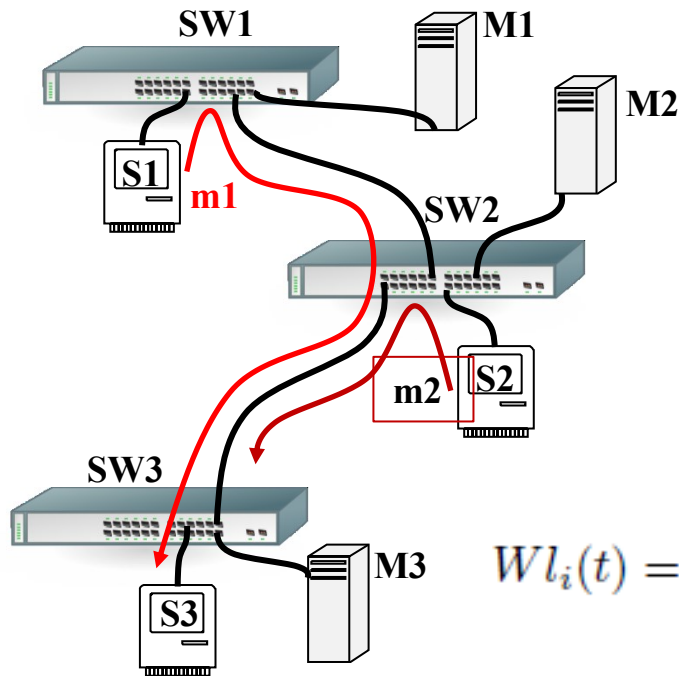
$$rbf_i(t) = C_i + \underbrace{sn_i \times (SFD_i + \Delta)}_{\text{Switching delay}} + \underbrace{Wl_i(t)}_{\text{Shared Link Delay}} + \underbrace{Wr_i(t)}_{\text{Remote Link Delay}}$$

- supply bound function

$$sbf(t) = \left(\underbrace{\frac{\overbrace{BW}^{\text{Window duration}} - \overbrace{I}^{\text{Idle Time}}}{\underbrace{EC}_{\text{duration}}}}_{\text{EC duration}} \right) \times t$$

Traffic Delay Analysis

- Shared Link Delay



m2 has higher priority than m1, thus causing delay

$$Wl_i(t) = \sum_{\substack{\forall j \in [1, n], j \neq i \\ \wedge R_j \cap R_i \neq \emptyset \\ \wedge m_j \in hp(m_i) \\ \wedge m_j \in WT(m_i)}} \left\lceil \frac{t}{T_j} \right\rceil (C_j + sn_j \times (SFD_j + \Delta))$$

Improved Response-Time Analysis

Revisiting the Shared Link Delay

$$Wl_i(t) = \sum_{\substack{\forall j \in [1, n], j \neq i \\ \wedge R_j \cap R_i \neq \emptyset \\ \wedge m_j \in hp(m_i) \\ \wedge m_j \in WT(m_i)}} \left\lceil \frac{t}{T_j} \right\rceil (C_j + sn_j \times (SFD_j + \Delta))$$

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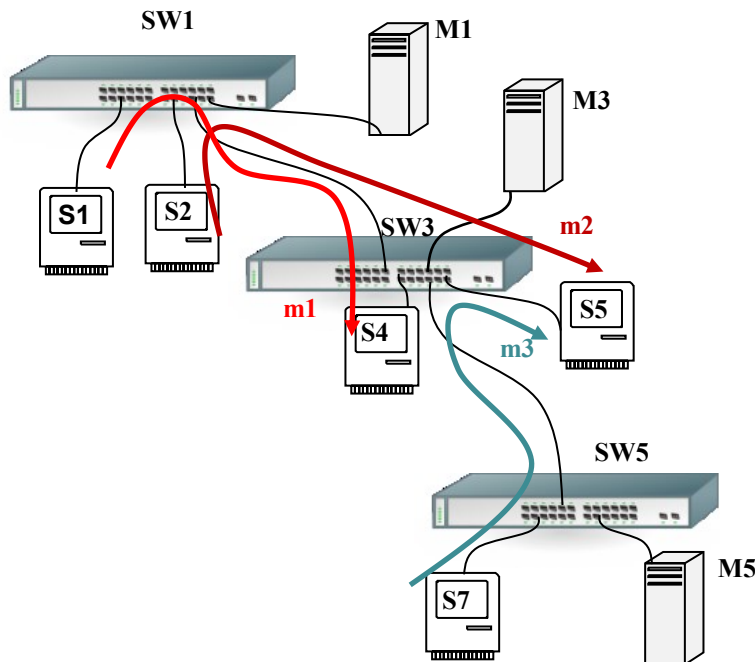
G contains an upper bound on the number of switching delays from each message that contribute to the Shared Link Delay at time t

$$Is_i(t) = \sum_{l=1}^{z(t)} G_i^{sort}(t)[l] \quad z(t) = \left\lceil \frac{t}{EC} \right\rceil$$

We select the first $z(t)$ elements (which are the largest) for each t

Traffic Delay Analysis

- Remote Link Delay

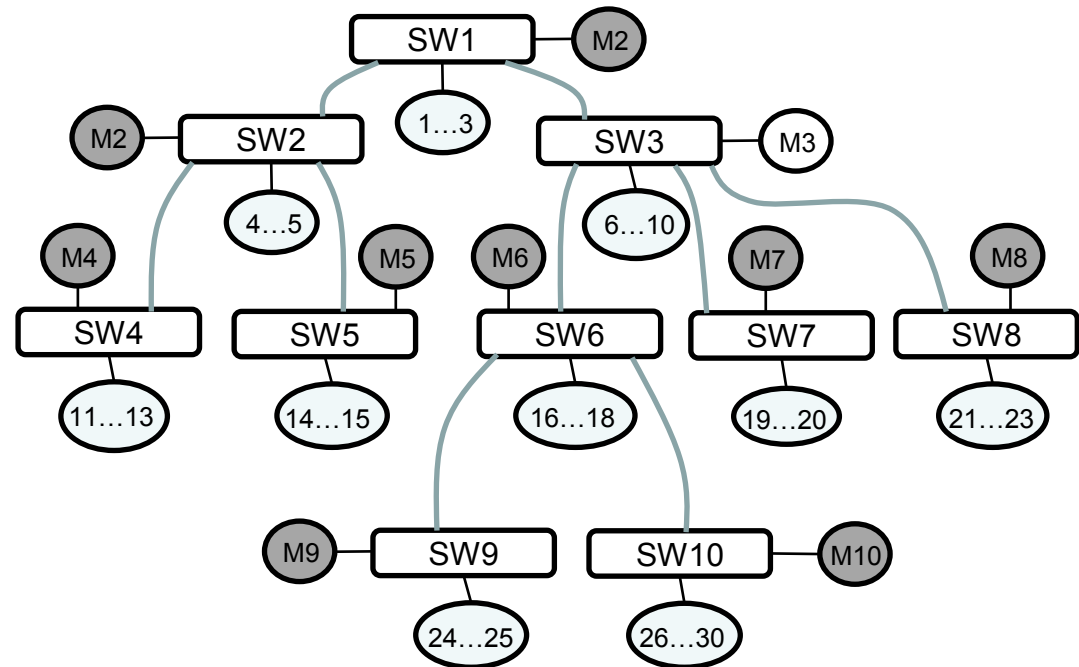


Scheduling of **m1** can push **m3** via **m2**, despite **m1** and **m3** not sharing links.

$$W r_i(t) = \sum_{\substack{\forall k, j \in [1, n], k \neq j \neq i \\ \wedge R_k \cap R_j \neq 0 \wedge R_k \cap R_i = 0 \wedge R_j \cap R_i \neq 0 \\ \wedge m_k \in hp(m_j) \\ \wedge m_k \in WT(m_j)}} \left\lceil \frac{t}{T_k} \right\rceil (C_k)$$

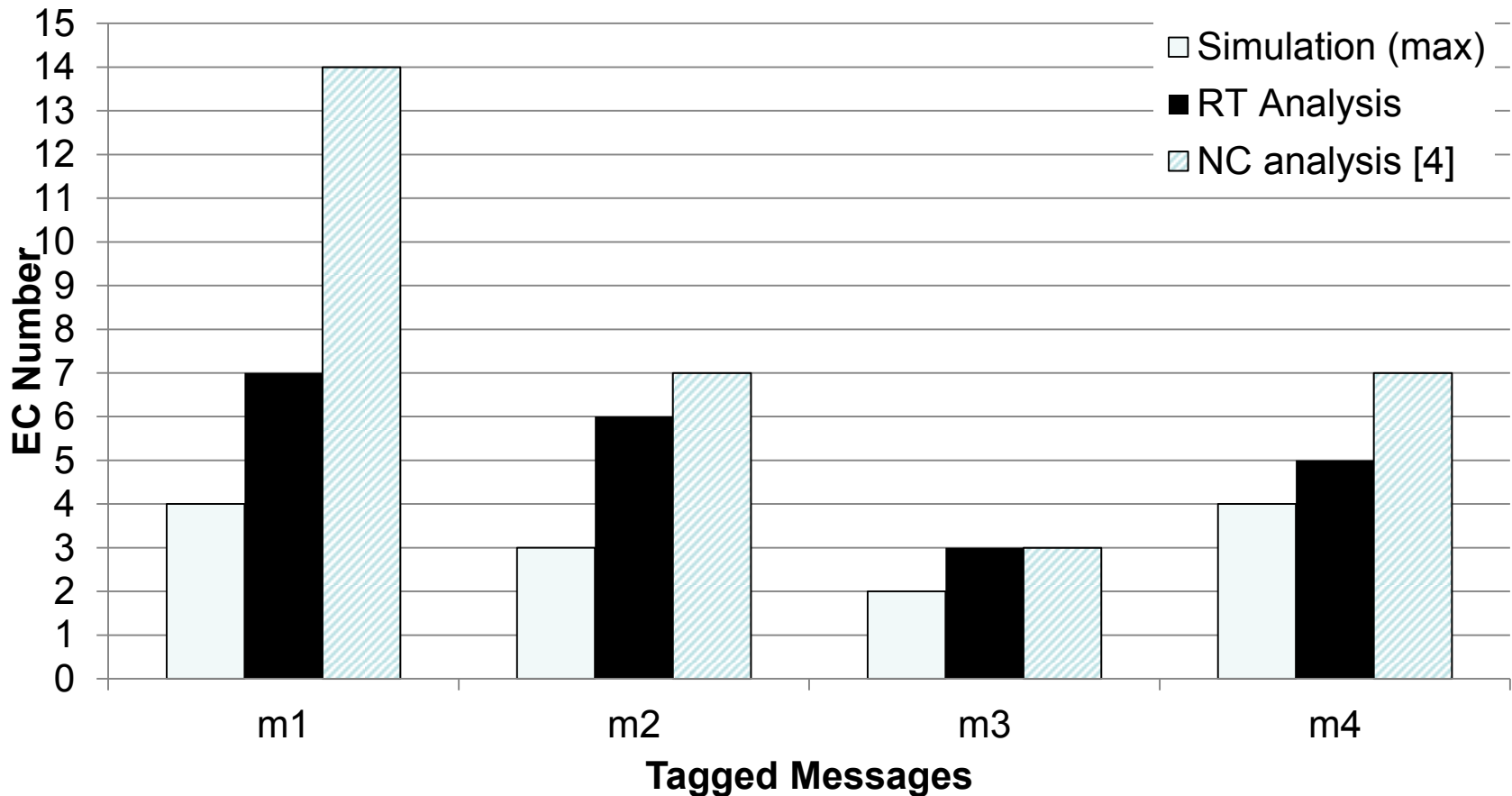
Assessing the Analysis

- 10 switches
- 30 nodes
- EC = 10ms
- C = 100Mbps
- Sync local win = 1.5ms
- Sync global win = 2ms
- Async local win = 1.5ms
- Async global win = 4.4ms
- 4 clusters each 1.1ms



- 90 messages with random parameters
- Worst-case scenario for 4 messages (one per each type)
 - Long route, different activation of interfering messages, priorities

Assessing the Analysis

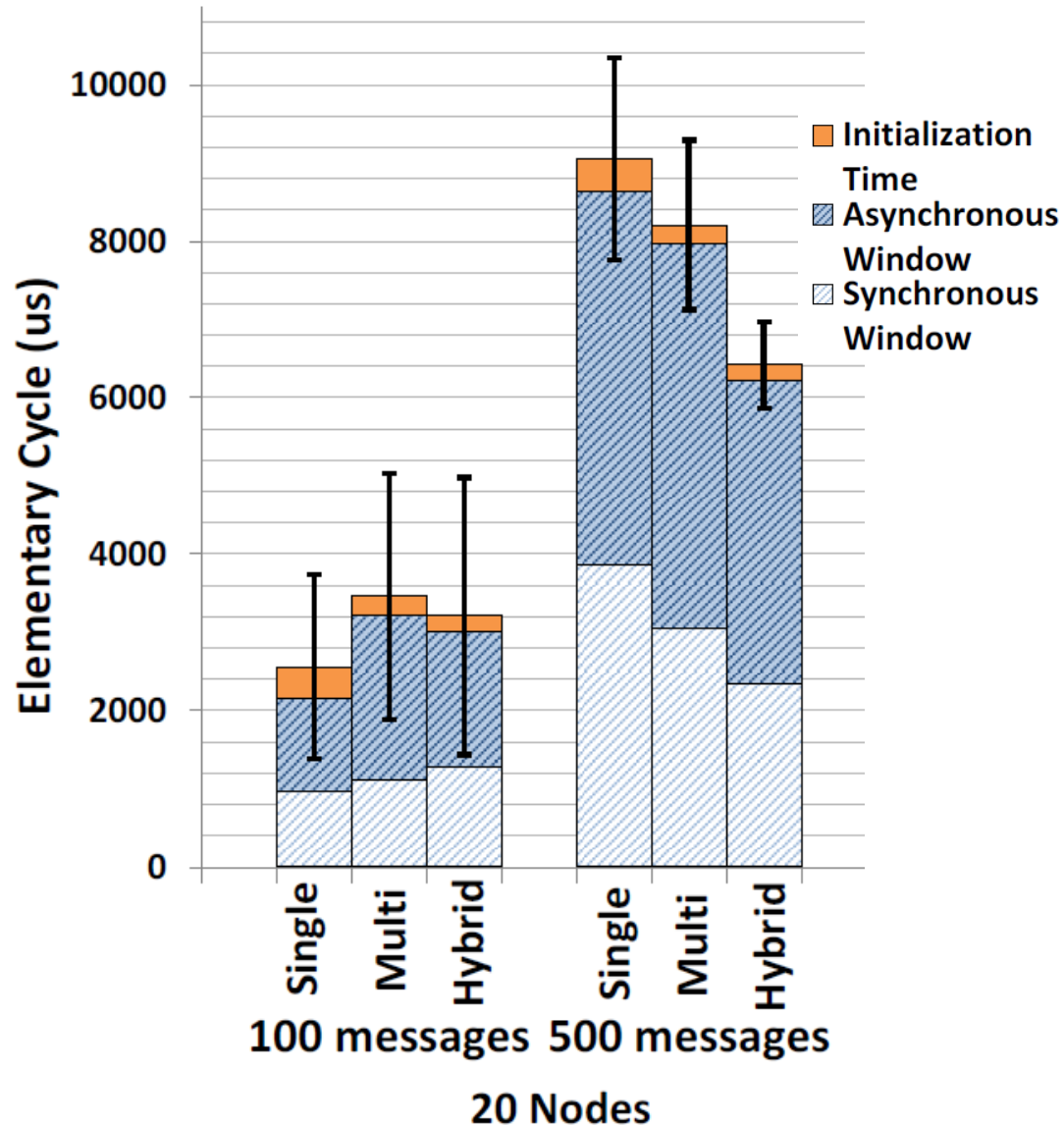


m1: global sync
m2: global async

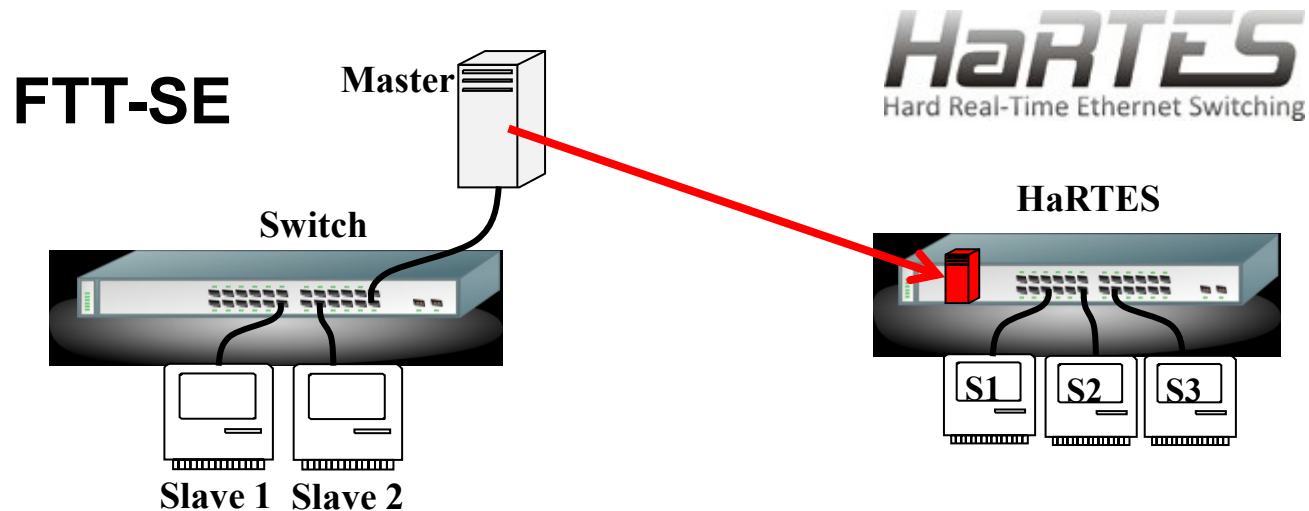
m3: local sync
m4: local async

Simulated for 10,000 ECs

Comparing the multi-hop approaches

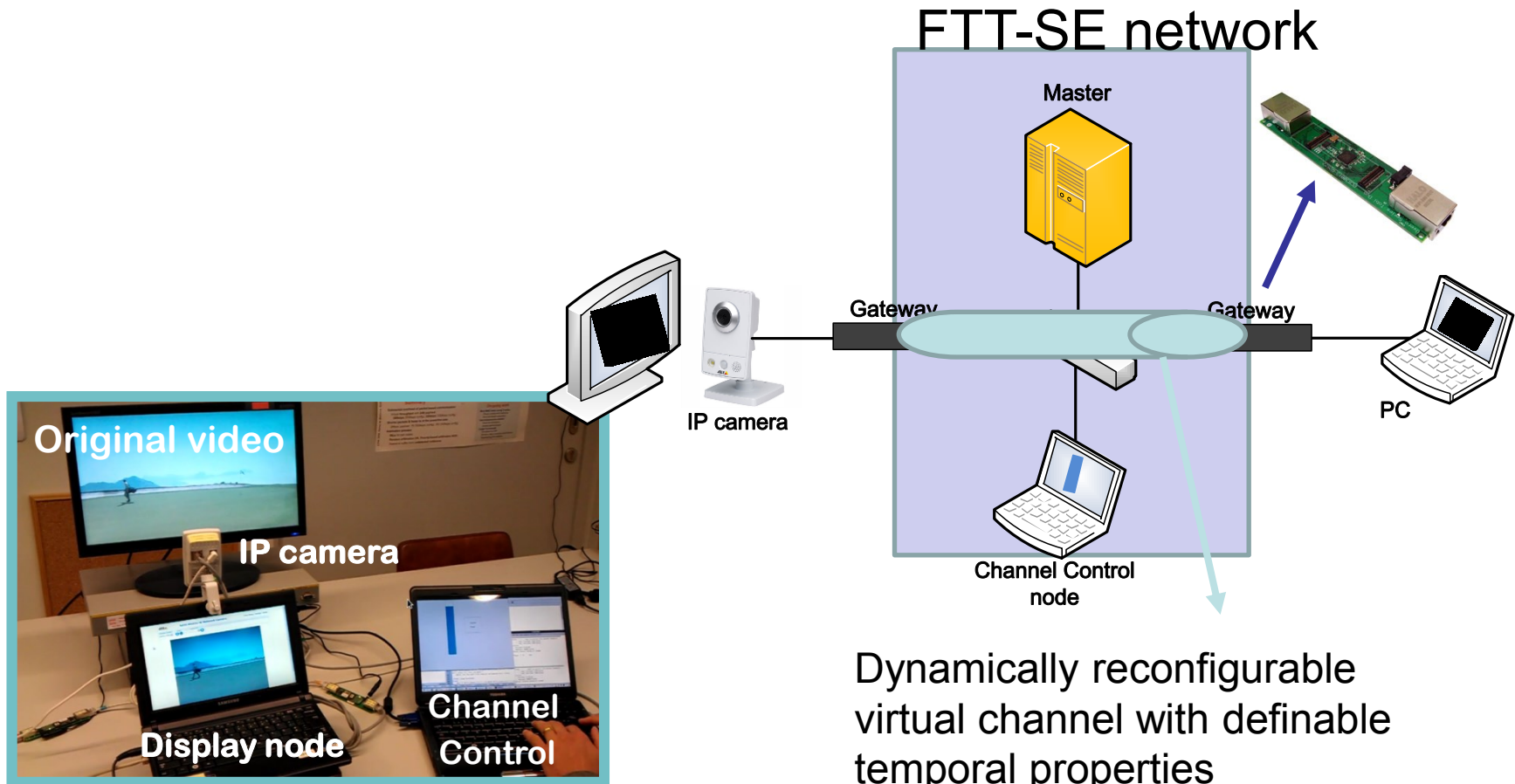


From FTT-SE to HaRTES

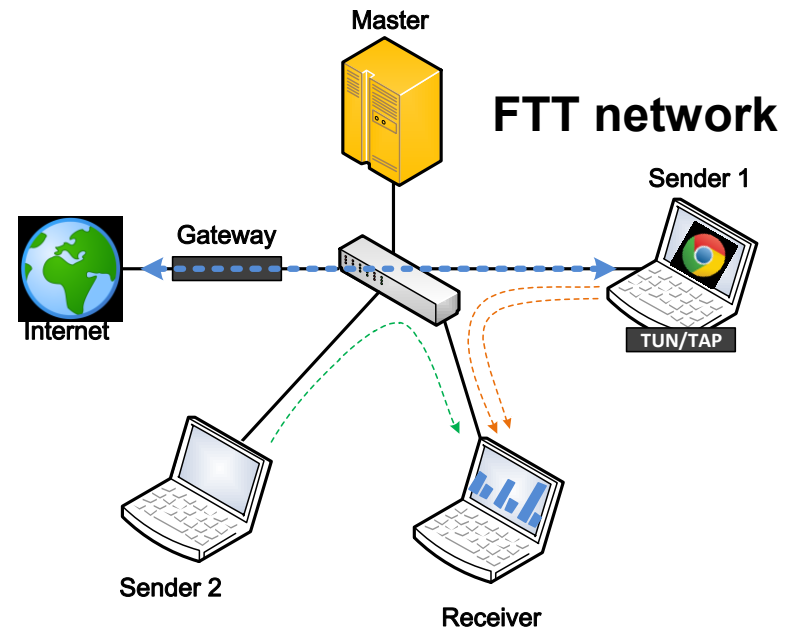
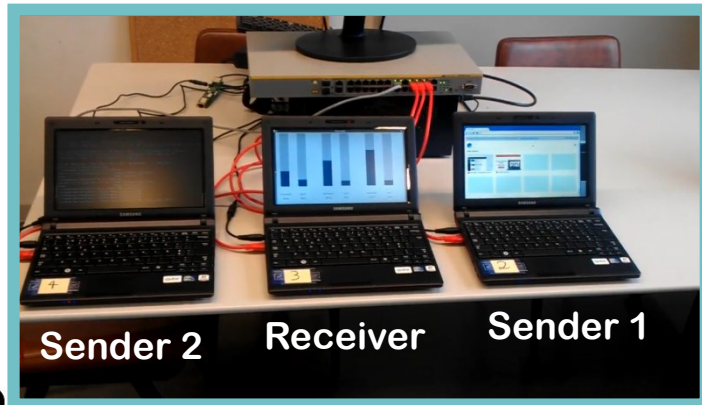
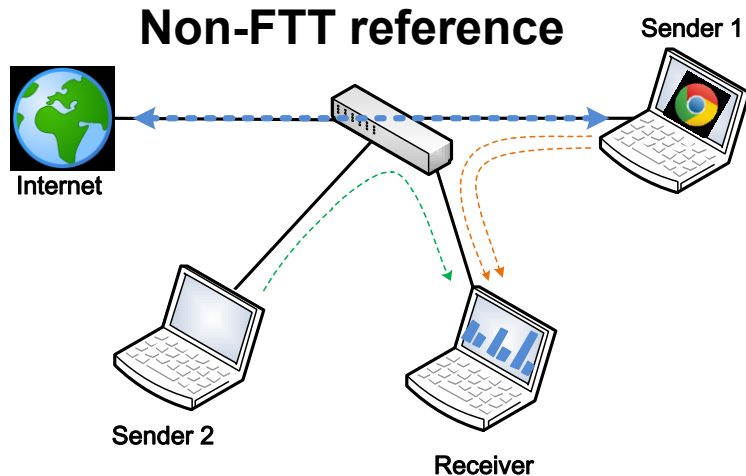


- **Master integrated** in the switch
- Asynchronous & NRT traffic **shaped** by the switch
- Allows direct **connection of non-FTT** nodes

Channel control in FTT-SE



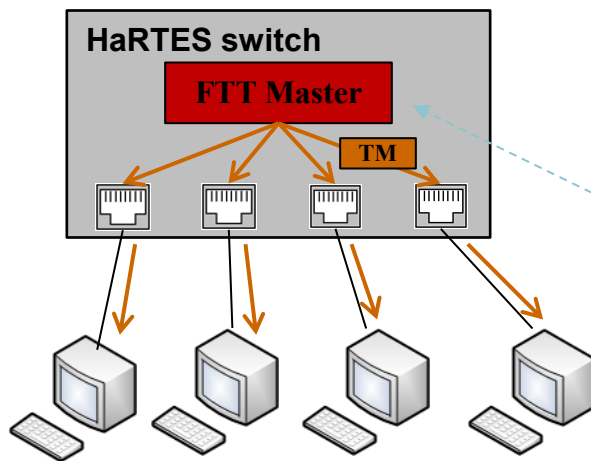
Temporal isolation in FTT-SE



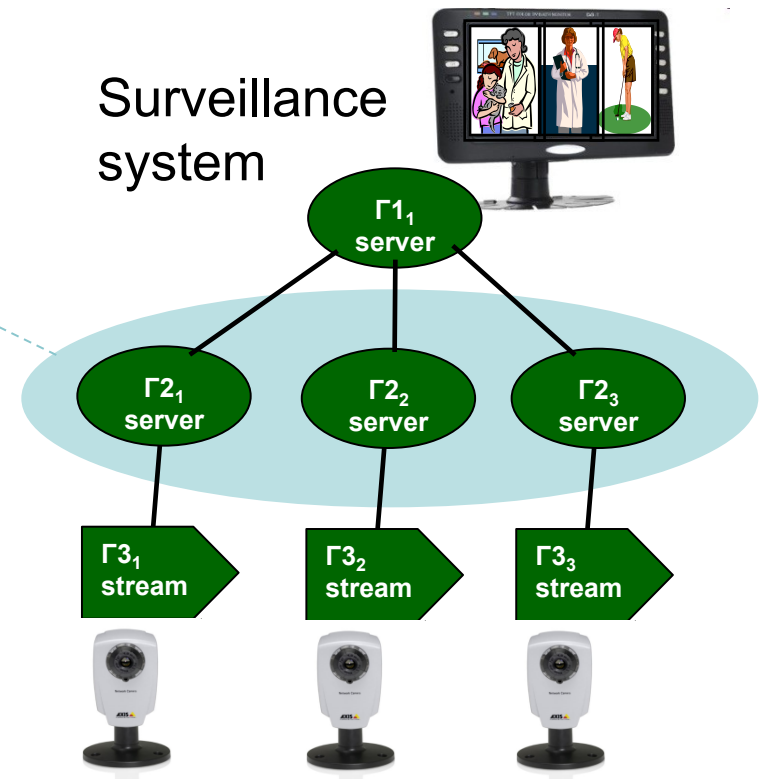
Max interference on FTT-SE channels:

- With graphical interface, $< 500\mu\text{s}$
- Without graphical interface, $< 50\mu\text{s}$

Dynamic QoS management with HaRTES



- **Only 1 server** is allowed with **more BW** at a time.
Constant total BW



IP cameras programmed with constant frame rate

Insufficient total bandwidth \rightarrow frame drops w/ TCP/IP sync

Wrapping up

Communications in CPS

- **Resource reservations** provide **composable virtual channels**
 - Supporting **traffic segregation and isolation**
- **Efficiency requires reconfigurable and adaptive reservations**
 - Adapting channels to **actual use** and **resource availability**
- **The Flexible Time-Triggered paradigm**
 - Provides a **centralized network resource manager**
 - Enforces **reservations** with the desired **operational flexibility**
 - Can **scale to multi-master** topologies using a clustered approach

Some pending issues

- **How strong/robust and how relevant is enforcing proper resource usage (the partitioning) ?**
- **Control over resources and flexibility management imply extra resource needs (BW, CPU, energy ...) !**
 - Also imply extra complexity! With potential for lower reliability!
- **How to divide free resource capacity among current reservations?**
 - Equally, elastic models (weighted), greedy models, ...
 - How much does the application benefit?
- **Global resource reservations management protocols ...**
- **New technologies...**
 - **Software Defined Networks (wired), LTE, 5G (wireless)...**

Questions?

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