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Abstract

This document describes use cases for industrial automation, which have to be covered in the IEC/IEEE 60802 joint project for specifying the TSN Profile for Industrial Automation (TSN-IA). These use cases are intended to guide the specification process: WHAT shall be part of the dual logo International Standard IEC/IEEE 60802. The content of IEC/IEEE 60802 specifies the HOW to achieve the use cases. Some use cases are on a system level of an IA system. Even if the scope of IEC/IEEE 60802 does not cover the overall system level, the IEC/IEEE 60802 shall enable or at least do not prevent the features described in this use case document.

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208 1 Terms and Definitions

209 1.1 Definitions

Reconfiguration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Any intentional modification of the system structure or of the device-level content, including updates of any type - Ref: IEC 61158- Type 10, dynamic reconfiguration - Document provided by PI/PNO: Guidelines for high-availability
(Process) disturbance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Any malfunction or stall of a process/machine, which is followed by production loss or by an unacceptable degradation of production quality - Ref: IEC 61158 – Failure - Ref. ODVA: Unplanned downtime - Document provided by PI/PNO: Guidelines for diagnosis
Operational state of a plant (unit)/machine	Normal state of function and production of a plant(unit)/machine
Maintenance state of a plant (unit)/machine	Planned suspension or partial suspension of the normal state of function of a plant(unit)/machine
Stopped state of a plant (unit)/machine	Full non-productive mode of a plant(unit)/machine
Convergent network concept	All LAN devices (wired or wireless) are able to exchange data over a common infrastructure, within defined QoS parameters
Device	End station, bridged end station, bridge, access point
DCS	Distributed Control System
Transmission selection algorithms	A set of algorithms for traffic selection which include Strict Priority, the Credit-based shaper and Enhanced Transmission Selection. ¹⁾
Preemption	The suspension of the transmission of a preemptable frame to allow one or more express frames to be transmitted before transmission of the preemptable frame is resumed. ¹⁾
Enhancements for scheduled traffic	A Bridge or end station may support enhancements that allow transmission from each queue to be scheduled relative to a known timescale. ¹⁾
Time-Sensitive Stream	A stream of traffic, transmitted from a single source station, destined for one or more destination stations, where the traffic is sensitive to timely delivery, and in particular, requires transmission latency to be bounded. ¹⁾
TSN domain	A quantity of commonly managed industrial automation devices; A set of devices, their Ports, and the attached individual LANs that transmit Time-Sensitive Streams using TSN standards which include Transmission Selection Algorithms, Preemption, Time Synchronization and Enhancements for Scheduled Traffic and that share a common

¹⁾ taken from 802.1Q-2018

	management mechanism. It is an administrative decision to group these devices (see 2.2).
universal time domain	gPTP domain used for the synchronization of universal time
working clock domain	gPTP domain used for the synchronization of a working clock
isochronous domain	stations of a common working clock domain with a common setup for the isochronous cyclic real-time traffic type
cyclic real-time domain	stations with a common setup for the cyclic real-time traffic type - even from different working clock domains or synchronized to a local timescale
Network cycle	transfer time including safety margin, and application time including safety margin (see Figure 12); values are specific to a TSN domain and specify a repetitive behavior of the network interfaces belonging to that TSN domain;
Greenfield	for the context of this document: greenfield refers to TSN-IA profile conformant devices; regardless if "old" or "new";
Brownfield	for the context of this document: brownfield refers to devices, which are not conformant to the TSN-IA profile; regardless if "old" or "new";
Stream forwarding	Forwarding of stream data along the stream path including TSN domain boundary crossings

210 **1.2 IEEE802 terms**

Priority regeneration	See IEEE 802.1Q-2018 clause 6.9.4 Regenerating priority
Ingress rate limiting	See IEEE 802.1Q-2018 clause 8.6.5 Flow classification and metering

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212 **2 TSN in Industrial Automation**

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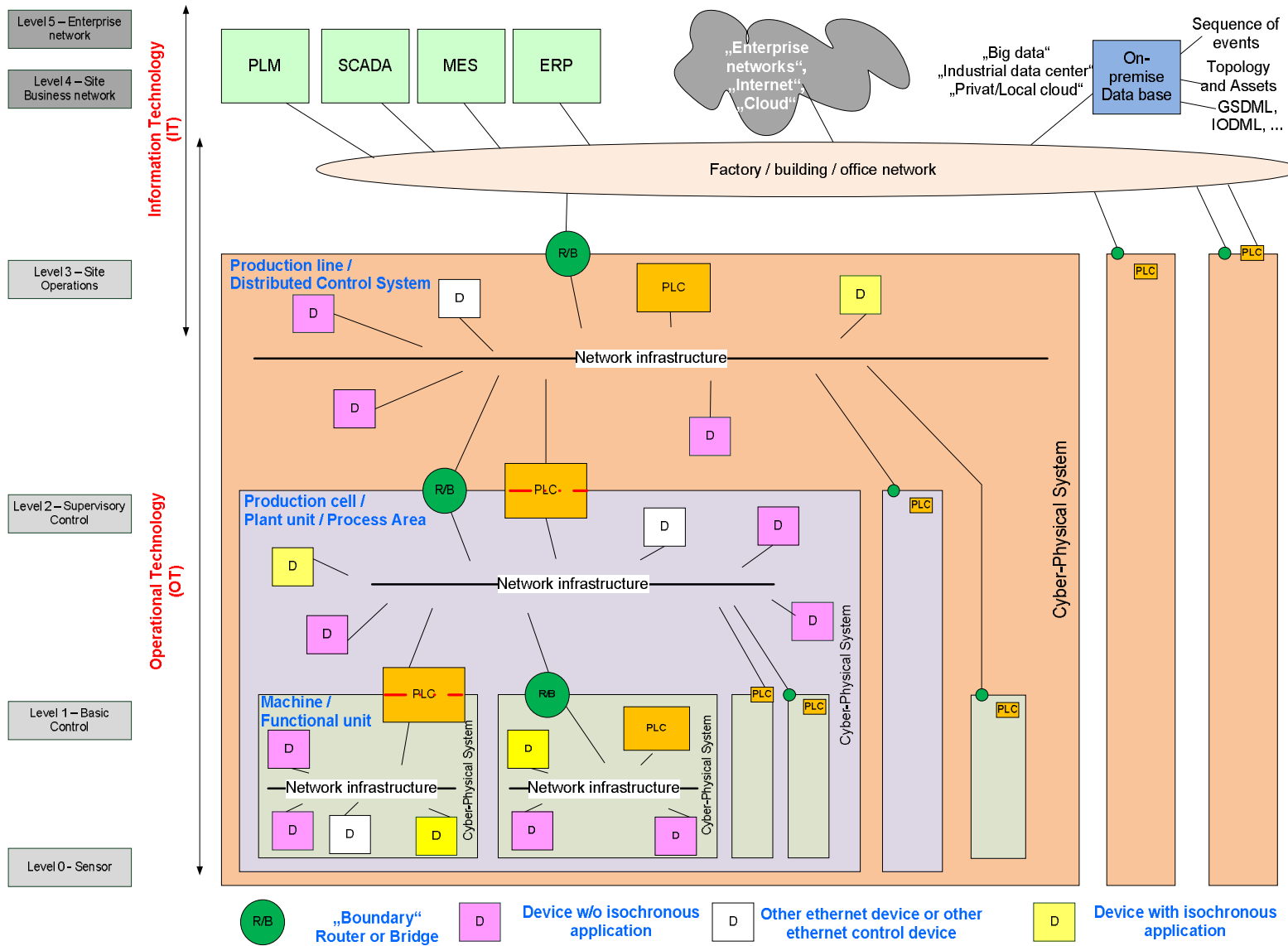


Figure 1 – Hierarchical structure of industrial automation

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217 There is no generally accepted definition of the term “Cyber-Physical System (CPS)”. A report of
218 Edward A. Lee [1] suitably introduces CPS as follows: „*Cyber-Physical Systems (CPS) are*
219 *integrations of computation with physical processes. Embedded computers and networks monitor*
220 *and control the physical processes, usually with feedback loops where physical processes affect*
221 *computations and vice versa.*”
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223 Cyber-Physical Systems are the building blocks of “smart factories” and Industry 4.0. IEEE 802
224 LAN technologies provide the mechanisms (e.g. TSN features) for connectivity to time critical
225 industrial applications on converged networks in operational technology control levels.
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227 IEEE 802 LANs with TSN features can be used in Industrial Automation for:

- 228 • Real-time (RT) Communication within Cyber-Physical Systems
- 229 • Real-time (RT) Communication between Cyber-Physical Systems

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231 A CPS consists of:

- 232 ○ Controlling devices (typically 1 PLC),
- 233 ○ I/O Devices (sensors, actors),
- 234 ○ Drives,
- 235 ○ HMI (typically 1),
- 236 ○ Interface to the upper level with:
 - 237 - PLC (acting as gateway), and/or
 - 238 - Router, and/or
 - 239 - Bridge.
- 240 ○ Other Ethernet devices:
 - 241 - Servers or any other computers, be it physical or virtualized,
 - 242 - Diagnostic equipment,
 - 243 - Network connectivity equipment.

244 2.1 Interoperability

245 Interoperability may be achieved on different levels. Figure 2 and Figure 3 show three areas, which
246 need to be covered:

- 247 - network configuration (managed objects according to IEEE definitions), and
- 248 - stream configuration and establishment, and
- 249 - application configuration.

250 The three areas mutually affect each other (see Figure 2).

251 Application configuration is not expected to be part of the profile, but the two other areas are.

252 The selection made by the TSN-IA profile covers IEEE 802 defined layer 2 and the selected
253 protocols to configure layer 2.

254 Applications make use of upper layers as well, but these are out of scope for the profile.

255 Stream establishment is initiated by applications to allow data exchange between applications. The
256 applications are the source of requirements, which shall be fulfilled by network configuration and
257 stream configuration and establishment.

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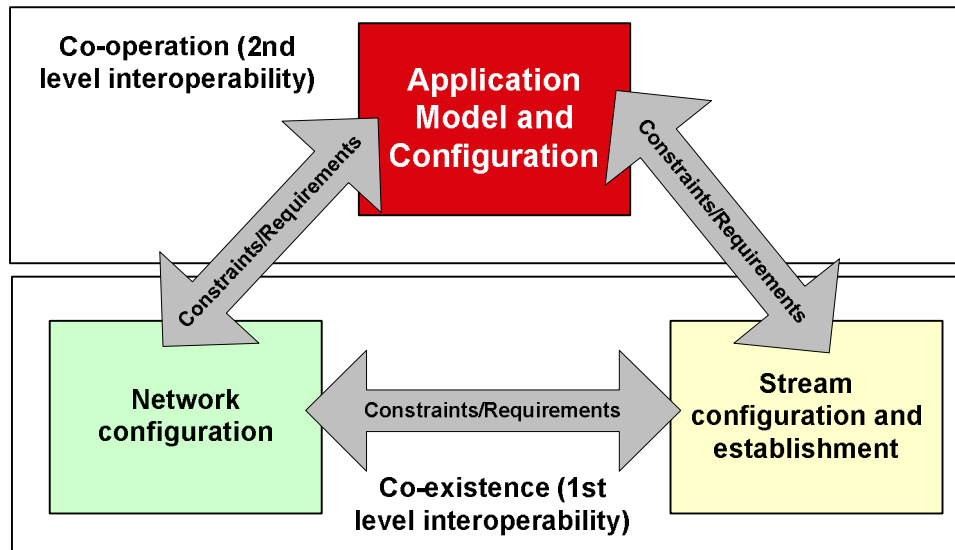


Figure 2 – Principle of interoperation

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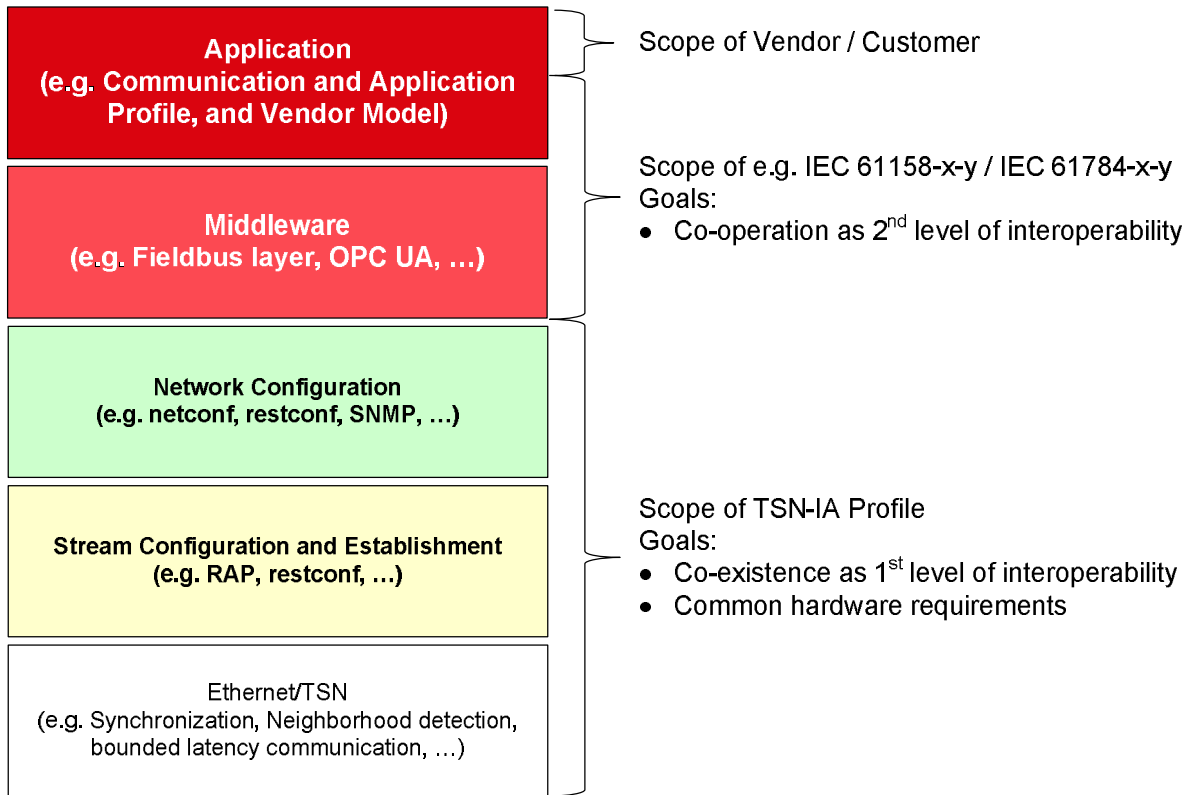


Figure 3 – Scope of work

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265 2.2 TSN Domain

266 2.2.1 General

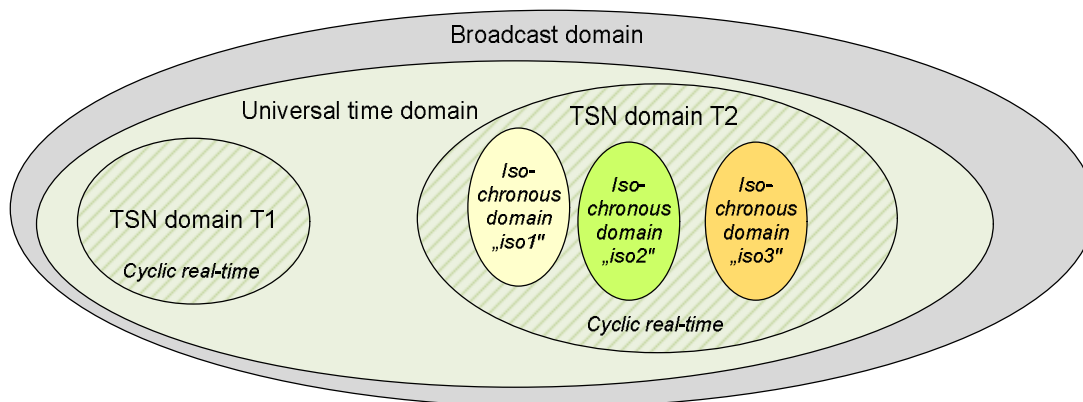
267 A TSN domain is defined as a quantity of commonly managed industrial automation devices; it is
268 an administrative decision to group these devices.

269 TSN Domain Characteristics:

- 270 • One or more TSN Domains may exist within a single layer 2 broadcast domain.
- 271 • A TSN Domain may not be shared among multiple layer 2 broadcast domains.
- 272 • Multiple TSN Domains may share a common universal time domain.
- 273 • Two adjacent TSN Domains may implement the same requirements but stay separate.
- 274 • Multiple TSN domains will often be implemented in one bridge (see 2.2.2.2).
- 275 • Multiple TSN domains will often be implemented in one router (see 2.2.2.3).
- 276 • Multiple TSN domains will often be implemented in one gateway (see 2.2.2.4).

277 Typically machines/functional units (see Figure 1) constitute separate TSN domains. Production
 278 cells and lines may be set up as TSN domains as well. Devices may be members of multiple TSN
 279 domains in parallel.

280 Figure 4 shows two example TSN domains within a common broadcast domain and a common
 281 universal time domain. TSN domain 1 is a pure cyclic real-time domain, whereas TSN domain 2
 282 additionally includes three overlapping isochronous domains.
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285 **Figure 4 – Different Types of Domains**

286 Interconnections between TSN domains are described in 2.2.2 and 2.6.1.

287 **2.2.2 Interconnection of TSN Domains**

288 **2.2.2.1 General**

289 TSN domains may be connected via

- 290 - Bridges (Layer 2), or
- 291 - Routers (Layer 3), or
- 292 - Application Gateways (Layer 7).

293 Wireless Access Points or 5G Base Stations may be used to connect TSN domains, too.

294 **2.2.2.2 Bridges (Layer 2)**

295 When a Bridge is member of multiple TSN domains, one bridge port must only be a member of a
 296 single TSN domain.

297 Figure 5 provides an example of two Bridges, which are members of two TSN domains each.
 298 Bridge B1 provides ports and connectivity in TSN domain Production Cell 1 and in TSN domain
 299 Machine 1, Bridge B2 for Production Line 1 and Production Cell 1.

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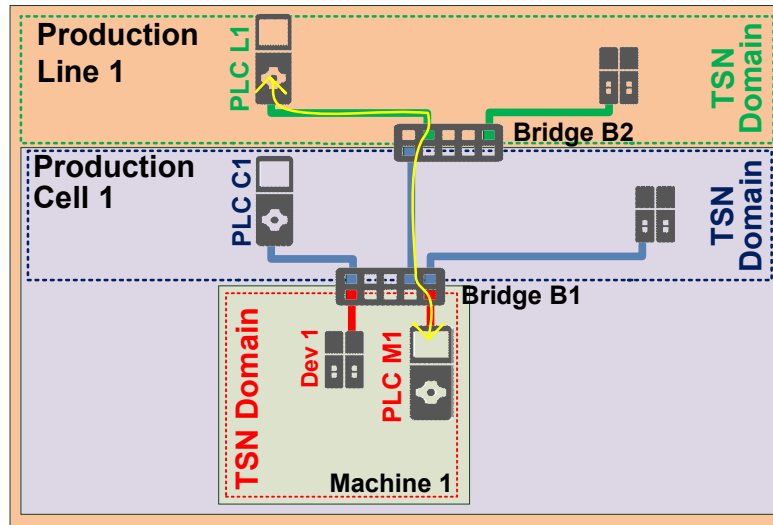
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Figure 5 – Three TSN domains connected by Bridges

303 To support connectivity between multiple TSN domains (e.g. PLC L1 ↔ PLC M1) a method for
 304 reserving time-sensitive streams over multiple TSN domains needs to be specified, including:

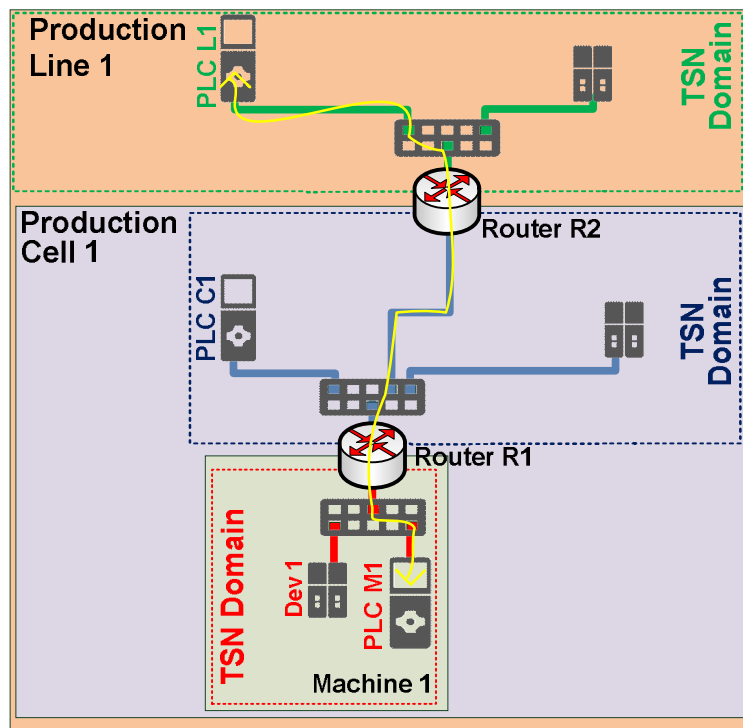
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- 306 - find the communication partner,
 - 307 - identify the involved TSN domains,
 - 308 - identify the involved management entities independent from the configuration model
(centralized, hybrid, fully distributed),
 - 309 - ensure the needed resources,
 - 310 - parameterize the TSN domain connection points to allow stream forwarding if needed.

311 **2.2.2.3 Routers (Layer3)**

312 Together with routers, both intranet and internet are possible. In this sub-clause, however, only the
 313 intranet use case is addressed.

314 When a router is member of multiple TSN domains, one router interface/port must only be a
 315 member of a single TSN domain. Figure 6 provides an example of two routers, which are members
 316 of two TSN domains each. Router R1 provides ports and connectivity in TSN domain Production
 317 Cell 1 and in TSN domain Machine 1, Router R2 for Production Line 1 and Production Cell 1.

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320 **Figure 6 – Three TSN domains connected by Routers**

321 To support connectivity between multiple TSN domains (e.g. PLC L1 ↔ PLC M1) a method for
 322 reserving time-sensitive streams over multiple TSN domains needs to be specified, including:

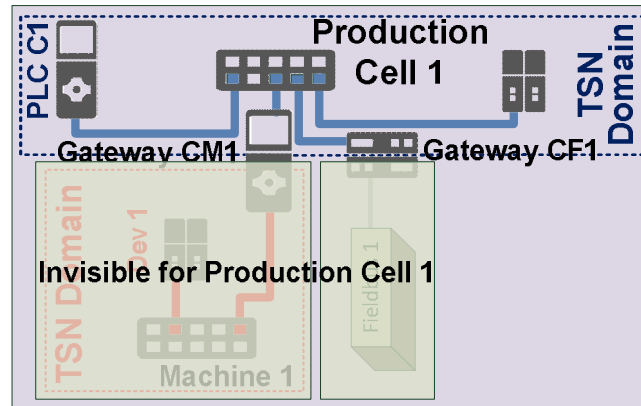
- 323 - find the communication partner,
 324 - identify the involved TSN domains,
 325 - identify the involved management entities independent from the configuration model
 326 (centralized, hybrid, fully distributed),
 327 - ensure the needed resources,
 328 - parameterize the TSN domain connection points to allow stream forwarding if needed.

329 2.2.2.4 Application Gateways (Layer7)

330 When an Application Gateway is member of multiple TSN domains, one gateway interface/port
331 must only be a member of a single TSN domain.

332 Figure 7 provides an example of two application gateways:

- 333 - Gateway CM1 is member in the TSN domains Production Cell 1 and Machine 1;
- 334 - Gateway CF1 is member of the TSN domain Production Cell 1 and of Fieldbus 1.



335 **Figure 7 – Gateways with two TSN domains and an attached Fieldbus**
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337 Application level gateways do not provide direct access between devices of different TSN domains.
338 Instead the application gateways act as end-stations for TSN domain egress and ingress
339 communication.

340 An application specific translation of control and data to access adjacent TSN domains may be
341 implemented in the application level gateway to realize TSN domain interconnections. The
342 translation may even involve buffering, collecting and re-arranging of data and control. Thereby
343 application level gateways decouple TSN domains, so that the internal structure and configuration
344 of adjacent TSN domains is not visible respectively.

345 Application level gateways are also used to connect non-Ethernet- or Ethernet-based fieldbuses to
346 TSN domains (see Gateway CF1 in Figure 7 and see also Use case 11: Fieldbus gateway).

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348 2.3 Synchronization

349 2.3.1 General

350 Synchronization covering both universal time (wall clock) and working clock is needed for industrial
351 automation systems.

352 Redundancy for synchronization of universal time may be solved with “cold standby”. Support of
353 “Hot standby” for universal time synchronization is not current practice - but may optionally be
354 supported depending on the application requirements.

355 Redundancy for working Clock synchronization can be solved with “cold standby” or “hot standby”
356 depending on the application requirements. Support of “hot standby” for working clock
357 synchronization is current practice.

358 More details about redundancy switchover scenarios are provided in:

359 <http://www.ieee802.org/1/files/public/docs2018/60802-Steindl-TimelinessUseCases-0718-v01.pdf>.

2.3.2 Universal Time Synchronization

Universal time is used to plant wide align events and actions (e.g. for “sequence of events”). The assigned timescale is TAI, which can be converted into local date and time if necessary. Figure 8 shows the principle structure of time synchronization with the goal to establish a worldwide aligned timescale for time. Thus, often satellites are used as source of the time.

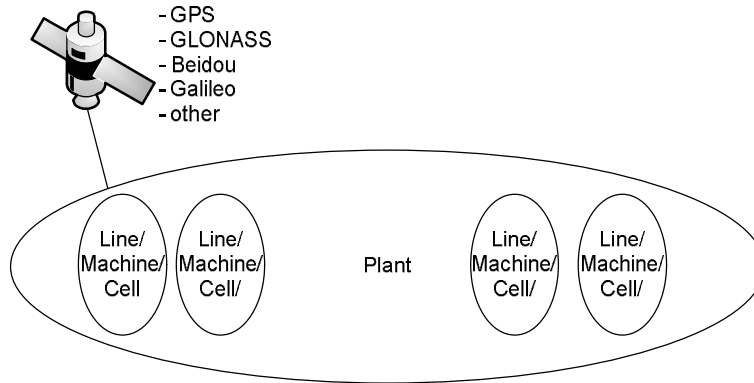


Figure 8 – plant wide time synchronization

Note: “Global Time” or “Wall Clock” are often used as synonym terms for “Universal Time”.

2.3.3 Working Clock Synchronization

Working Clock is used to align actions line, cell or machine wide. The assigned timescale is arbitrary. Robots, motion control, numeric control and any kind of clocked / isochronous application rely on this timescale to make sure that actions are precisely interwoven as needed. Figure 9 shows the principle structure of Working Clock synchronization with the goal to establish a line / cell / machine wide aligned timescale. Thus, often PLCs, Motion Controller or Numeric Controller are used as Working Clock source.

If multiple PLCs, Motion Controller or Numeric Controller need to share one Working Clock timescale (e.g. for scheduled traffic), an all-time active station shall be used as Working Clock source, also known as Grandmaster.

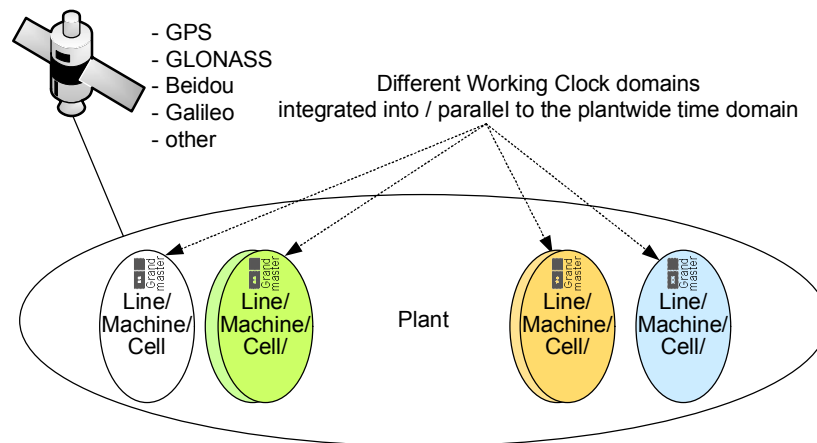


Figure 9 – line/cell/machine wide working clock synchronization overlapping with a universal time domain

382 Working Clock domains may be doubled to support zero failover time for synchronization.

383 High precision working clock synchronization is a prerequisite for control loop implementations with
384 low latency (see 2.4.2).

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386 Requirements:

- 387 • High precision working clock synchronization;
- 388 • Maximum deviation to the grandmaster time in the range from 100 ns to 1 μ s;
- 389 • Support of redundant sync masters and domains;
- 390 • Zero failover time in case of redundant working clock domains;

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392 Useful 802.1 mechanisms:

- 393 • IEEE 802.1AS-Rev

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395 **2.3.4 Use case 01: Sequence of events**

396 Sequence of events (SOE) is a mechanism to record timestamped events from all over a plant in a
397 common database (on-premise database in Figure 1).

398 Application defined events are e.g. changes of digital input signal values. Additional data may be
399 provided together with the events, e.g. universal time sync state and grandmaster, working clock
400 domain and value ...

401 SOE enables root-cause analysis of disruptions after multiple events have occurred. Therefore
402 SOE can be used as diagnostics mechanism to minimize plant downtime.

403 Plant-wide precisely synchronized time (see Figure 8) is a precondition for effective SOE
404 application.

405 SOE support may even be legally demanded e.g. for power generation applications.

406 Requirements:

- 407 • Plant wide high precision Universal Time synchronization;
- 408 • Maximum deviation to the grandmaster time in the range from 1 μ s to 100 μ s;
- 409 • Optional support of redundant sync masters and domains;
- 410 • Non-zero failover time in case of redundant universal time domains;

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412 Useful 802.1 mechanisms:

- 413 • IEEE 802.1AS-Rev

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415 **2.4 Industrial automation modes of operation**

416 **2.4.1 Industrial automation traffic types**

417 **2.4.1.1 General**

418 Industrial automation applications concurrently make use of different traffic **types** for different
419 functionalities, e.g. parameterization, control, alarming. The various traffic **types** have different
420 characteristics and thus impose different requirements on a TSN network. **This applies for all use
421 cases described in this document.**

422 Table 1 subsumes the industrial automation relevant traffic patterns to traffic types with their
423 associated properties (see also [4]).

Table 1 – Industrial automation traffic types summary

Traffic type name	Periodic/ Sporadic	Guarantee	Data size	Redundancy	Details
isochronous cyclic real-time	P	deadline/ bounded latency (e.g. 20%@1 Gbit/s / 50%@100 Mbit/s network cycle)/ bandwidth	bounded	up to seamless ¹⁾	see Table 4 and 2.4.2
cyclic real-time	P	deadline/ bounded latency (e.g. n-times network cycle)/ bandwidth	bounded	up to seamless ¹⁾	see Table 8 and 2.4.5
network control	S	Priority	-	up to seamless ¹⁾ as required	see 2.2.2 and 2.5.1
audio/video	P	bounded latency/ bandwidth	bounded	up to seamless ¹⁾ as required	-
brownfield	P	bounded latency/ bandwidth	-	up to regular ²⁾	see 2.5.6
alarms/ events	S	bounded latency/ bandwidth	-	up to regular ²⁾	see 2.3.4
configuration/ diagnostics	S	Bandwidth	-	up to regular ²⁾	see 2.8.1
Internal / Pass-through	S	Bandwidth	-	up to regular ²⁾	see 2.6.2
best effort	S	-	-	up to regular ²⁾	-

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¹⁾ almost zero failover time;

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²⁾ larger failover time because of network re-convergence

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All traffic types of Table 1 are referenced by the use cases, which are described in this document:

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Isochronous:

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→ see *Use case 02: Isochronous Control Loops with guaranteed low latency*

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In addition, if an isochronous application interface is needed: Machine vision application use cases for counting, sorting, quality control, video surveillance, augmented reality, motion guidance ...

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Cyclic:

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→ see *Use case 03: Non-Isochronous Control Loops with bounded latency*

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In addition, if a cyclic application interface is needed: Machine vision application use cases for counting, sorting, quality control, video surveillance, augmented reality, motion guidance ...

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- 442 Network control:
 443 → see *Use case 07: Redundant networks*
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 445 Audio/video:
 446 → IEEE Std 802.1BA-2011 (AVB) may be supported in industrial automation as well
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 448 Brownfield:
 449 → see *Use case 12: New machine with brownfield devices*
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 451 Alarms/events:
 452 → see *Use case 01: Sequence of events*
 453
 454 Configuration/diagnostics:
 455 → see *Use case 29: Network monitoring and diagnostics*
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 457 Internal:
 458 → see *Use case 18: Pass-through Traffic*
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 460 Best effort:
 461 → see ...

461 **2.4.1.2 Characterization of isochronous cyclic real-time and cyclic real-time**

462 The following properties table is used to characterize in detail the traffic types of Use case 02:
 463 Isochronous Control Loops with guaranteed low latency and Use case 03: Non-Isochronous
 464 Control Loops with bounded latency.

465 **Table 2 – isochronous cyclic real-time and cyclic real-time traffic type properties**

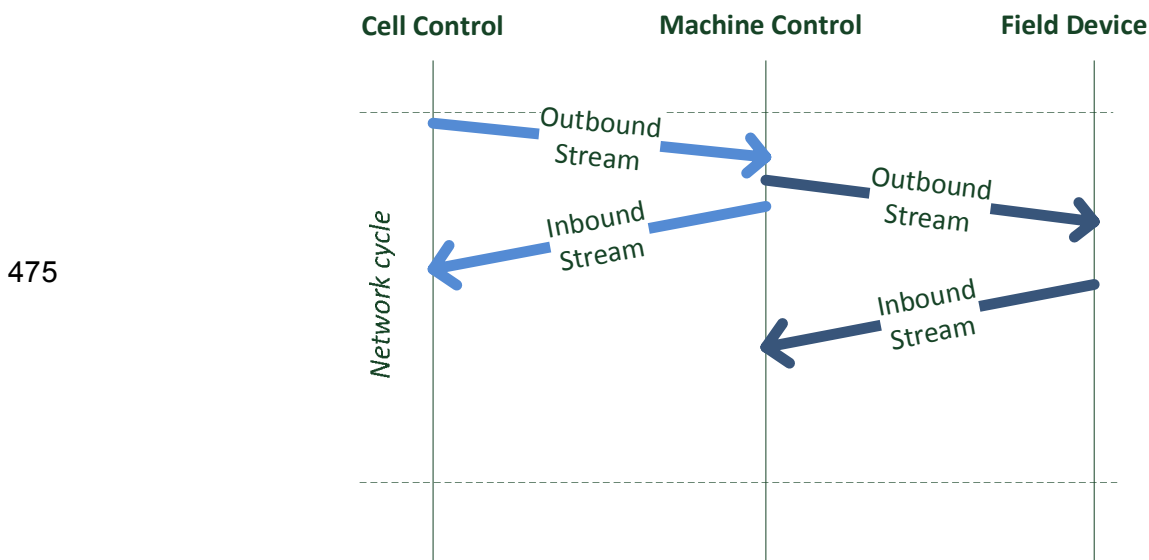
Property	Description
Data transmission scheme	<i>Periodic (P)</i> - e.g. every N μ s, or <i>Sporadic (S)</i> - e.g. event-driven
Data transmission constraints	Indicates the traffic pattern's data transmission constraints for proper operation. Four data transmission constraints are defined: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>deadline</i>: transmitted data is guaranteed to be received at the destination(s) before a specific instant of time, • <i>latency</i>: transmitted data is guaranteed to be received at the destination(s) within a specific period of time after the data is transmitted by the sending application, • <i>bandwidth</i>: transmitted data is guaranteed to be received at the destination(s) if the bandwidth usage is within the resources reserved by the transmitting applications, • <i>none</i>: no special data transmission constraint is given.
Data period	For traffic types that transmit <i>periodic</i> data this property denotes according to the <i>data transmission constraints</i> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>deadline</i>: application data deadline period, <i>latency, bandwidth</i> or <i>none</i>: data transmission period. The period is given as a <i>range</i> of time values, e.g. 1 μ s ... 1ms. For the <i>sporadic</i> traffic types, this property does not apply.
Network access (data)	Indicates whether the data transmission of sender stations is synchronized to the working

Property	Description
transmission) synchronized to working clock (network cycle)	clock (network cycle). Available property options are: <i>yes</i> , <i>no</i> or <i>optional</i> .
Application synchronized to network access	Indicates whether the applications, which make use of this traffic pattern, are synchronized to the network access. Available property options are: <i>yes</i> or <i>no</i> .
Acceptable jitter	Indicates for traffic types, which apply data transmission with <i>latency</i> constraints, the amount of jitter, which can occur and must be coped with by the receiving destination(s). For traffic types with <i>deadline</i> , <i>bandwidth</i> or <i>none</i> data transmission constraints this property is not applicable (<i>n.a.</i>).
Acceptable frame loss	Indicates the traffic pattern's tolerance to lost frames given e.g. as acceptable frame loss ratio range. The frame loss ratio value <i>0</i> indicates traffic types, where no single frame loss is acceptable.
Payload	Indicates the payload data <i>type</i> and <i>size</i> to be transmitted. Two payload types are defined: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>fixed</i>: the payload is always transmitted with exactly the same size <i>bounded</i>: the payload is always transmitted with a size, which does not exceed a given maximum; the maximum may be the maximum Ethernet payload size (1500).

466 2.4.2 Bidirectional communication relations

467 The general behavior of field devices of process sensors and output signals is preconfigured and
468 offers a set of services to a machine control unit. More complex field devices such as drives or
469 machine parts have process data in both directions. If there are only outputs in a field device the
470 stream back to the machine control is necessary for fast detection of problems in a field device. If
471 there are only input process data the stream from the machine control to the field device is not
472 necessary for normal operation.

473 The cell control communicates with the machine controls of the machines also in a bidirectional
474 way.



476 **Figure 10 – Bidirectional Communication**

- 477 Requirements:
- 478 • Support of bidirectional streams;
 - 479 • Sequence of actions how to establish such streams (see Figure 10);

480 Useful 802.1 mechanisms:

- 481 • IEEE 802.1Q (usage of streams)

482 2.4.3 Control Loop Basic Model

483 **Control loops** are fundamental building blocks of industrial automation systems. Control loops include:
484 process sensors, a controller function, and output signals. Control loops may require guaranteed low
485 latency or more relaxed bounded latency (see 2.4.5) network transfer quality.

486 To achieve the needed quality for Control loops the roundtrip delay (sometimes called makespan,
487 too) of the exchanged data is essential.

488 Figure 11 shows the whole transmission path from Controller application to Device application(s)
489 and back. The blue and red arrows show the contributions to the e2e (end-to-end) latency
490 respectively.

491 Figure 11 and Table 3 show three levels of a control loop:

- 493 ▪ Application - within Talker/Listener,
- 494 ▪ Network Access - within Talker/Listener,
- 495 ▪ Network Forwarding - within Bridges.

496 Network Access is always synchronized to a common working clock or to a local timescale.

497 Application may or may not be synchronized to the synchronized Network Access depending on
498 the application requirements. Applications which are synchronized to Network Access are called
499 “isochronous applications”. Applications which are not synchronized to Network Access are called
500 “non-isochronous applications”.

501 Network Forwarding may or may not be synchronized to a working clock depending on whether the
502 Enhancements for Scheduled Traffic (IEEE Std 802.1Q-2018) are applied.
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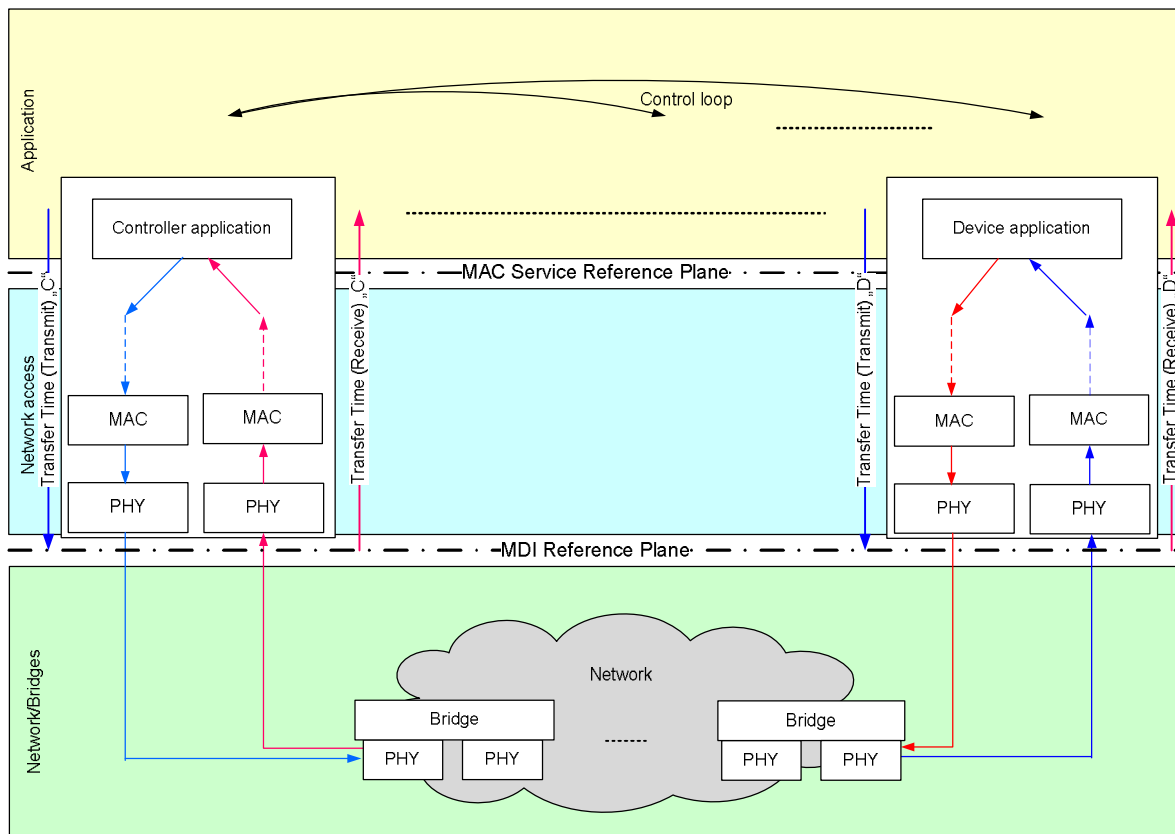


Figure 11 – Principle data flow of control loop

Transfer Times contain PHY and MAC delays. Both delays are asymmetric and vendor specific. Device vendors have to take into account these transfer times when their application cycle models are designed (see Figure 11 and Figure 12).

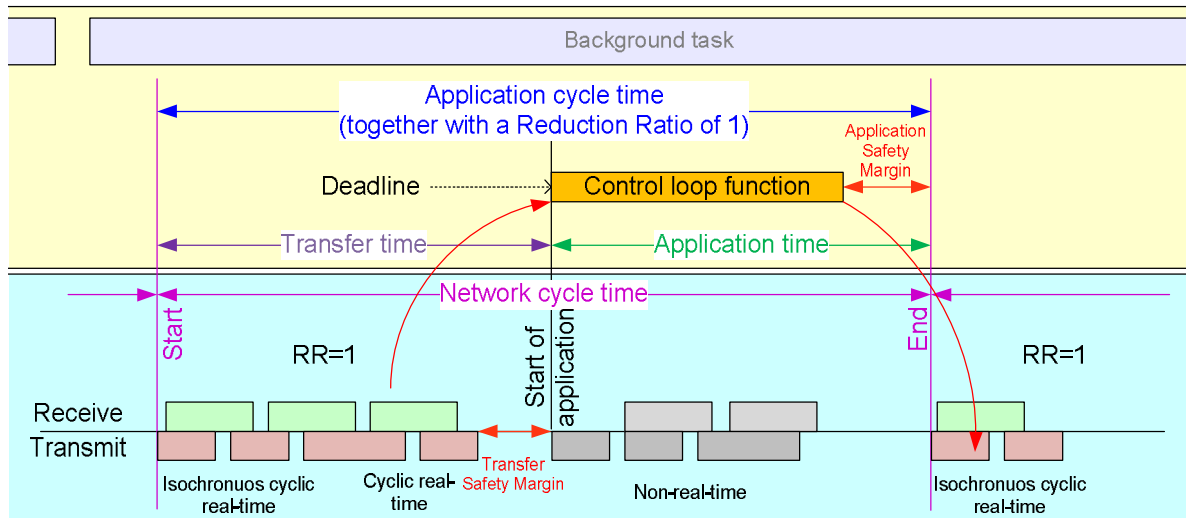
Table 3 – Application types

Level	Isochronous Application		Non-isochronous Application		
Application	Synchronized to network access		Synchronized to local timescale		
Network access	Synchronized to working clock, Stream Class based scheduling, Preemption				Synchronized to local timescale, Stream Class based scheduling, Preemption
Network/Bridges	Synchronized to working clock	Free running	Synchronized to working clock	Free running	Free running
	Scheduled traffic + Strict Priority + Preemption	Strict Priority or other Shaper + Preemption	Scheduled traffic + Strict Priority + Preemption	Strict Priority or other Shaper + Preemption	Strict Priority or other Shaper + Preemption

2.4.4 Use case 02: Isochronous Control Loops with guaranteed low latency

Control loops with guaranteed low latency implement an isochronous traffic pattern for isochronous applications, which are synchronized to the network access (see Table 3). It is based on application cycles, which consists of an IO data Transfer time and an Application time wherein the

516 control loop function is executed. Figure 12 shows the principle how Network cycle, Transfer time
 517 and Application time interact in this use case.
 518 Application cycle time and Network cycle time are identical in the example of Figure 12 (RR=1/see
 519 2.4.6), whereas Figure 13 shows examples where the Application cycle time is longer than the
 520 Network cycle time (RR>1/see 2.4.6).
 521 The control loop function starts for controllers and devices at a fixed reference point after the
 522 transfer time when all necessary buffers are available. A single execution of a control loop function
 523 ends before the next transfer time period starts. Thus, all frames shall be received by the
 524 addressed application within the transfer time. An optimized local transmit order at sender stations
 525 is required to achieve minimal transfer time periods.
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 528 **Figure 12 – network cycle and isochronous application (Basic model)**

529 Transfer Safety Margin is the maximum time, which is needed to transfer received data from the
 530 MDI reference plane (see Transfer Time (Receive) in Figure 11) to the application.

531 Application Safety Margin is the maximum time, which is needed to transfer the produced data from
 532 the application to the MDI reference plane (see Transfer Time (Transmit) Figure 11).

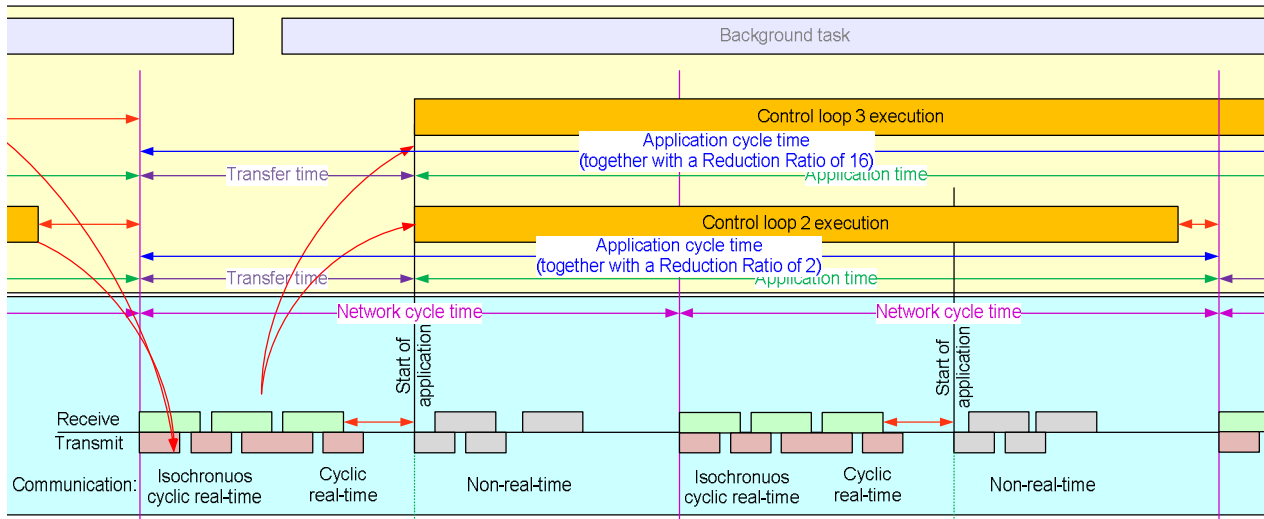
533 Figure 13 shows how this principle is used for multiple concurrent applications with even extended
 534 computing time requirements longer than a single application time within the network cycle time.
 535 When reduction ratio >1 is applied (see 2.4.6), the control loop function can be expanded over
 536 multiple network cycles (Control loop 2 with reduction ratio 2 and Control loop 3 with reduction ratio
 537 16 in Figure 13).

538 Maximum available computation time for a Control loop with reduction ratio X:

539 $X * \text{network cycle time} - \text{Transfer time} - \text{Application safety margin}$

540 Transfer of isochronous cyclic real-time, cyclic real-time and non-real-time data is processed in
 541 parallel to the various control loop functions - preserving the deadline requirement of the control
 542 loops.

543 A cyclic background task can additionally run, whenever spare Transfer or Application time is
 544 available.



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Figure 13 – Multiple concurrent isochronous control loops (Extended model)

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Network cycle: transfer time (including safety margin) and application time (including safety margin)

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Transfer time: period of time, wherein all necessary frames are exchanged between stations (controller, devices); the minimum transfer time is determined by the e2e latencies of the necessary frames; the e2e latency depends on: PHY-, MAC-, cable-, bridge-delays and send ordering. The transfer time is a fraction of the network cycle time.

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For a given target transfer time the number of possible bridges on the path is restricted due to PHY-, MAC-, cable- and bridge-delay contributions.

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Figure 14 to Figure 19 show variations of the basic model of Figure 12:

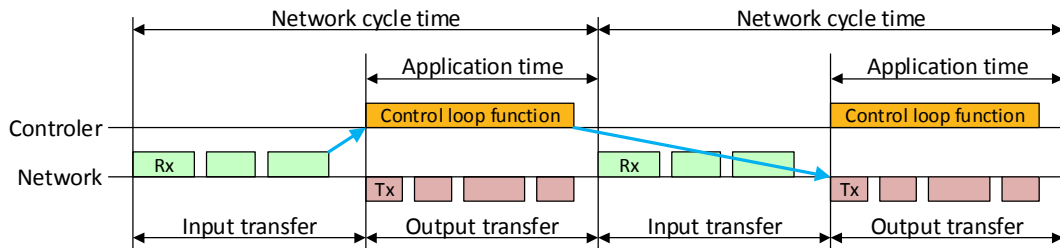
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In existing technologies some of the models are used in optimized ways to reduce the network cycle time and/or the IO-reaction time (sometimes also called 'makespan' or 'roundtrip delay time').

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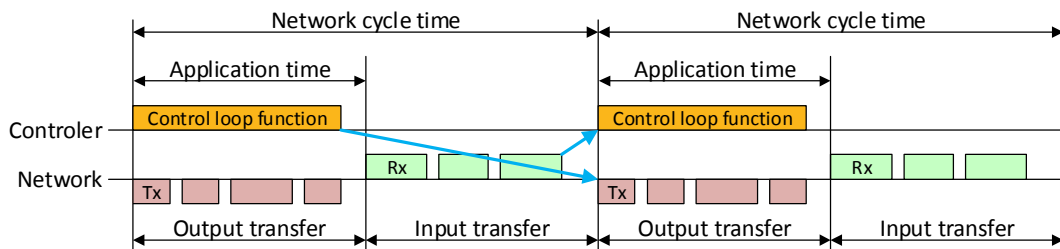


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Figure 14 – Variation 1: two cycle timing model

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Figure 15 – Variation 2: two cycle timing model - shifted by 180°

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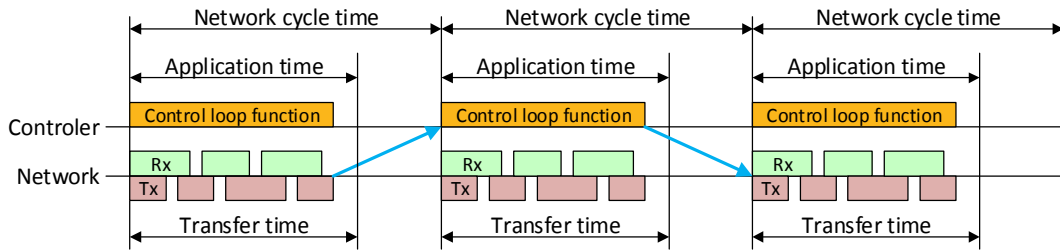


Figure 16 – Variation 3: three cycle timing model

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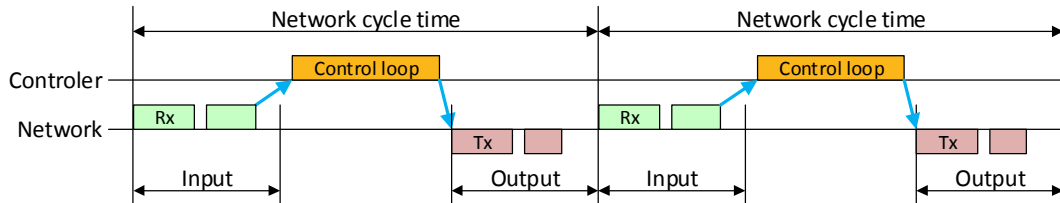


Figure 17 – Variation 4: one cycle timing model

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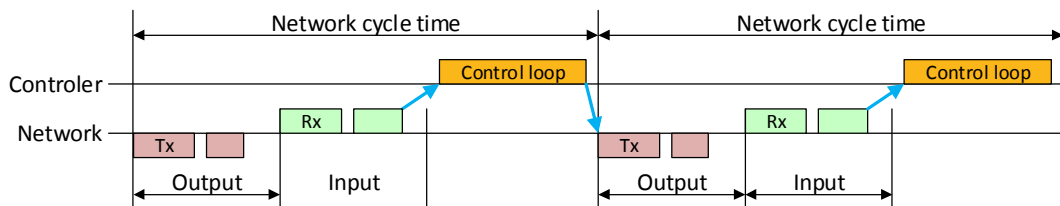


Figure 18 – Variation 5: one cycle timing model – changed sequence

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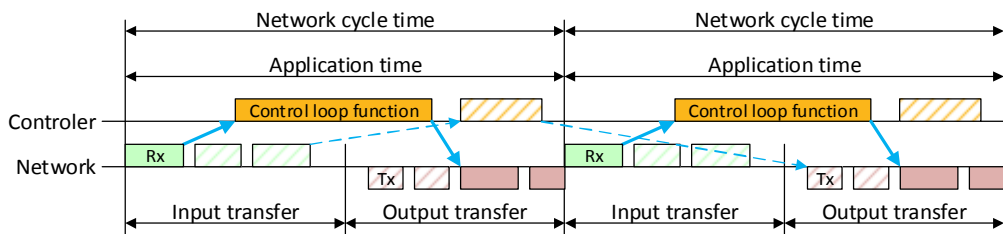
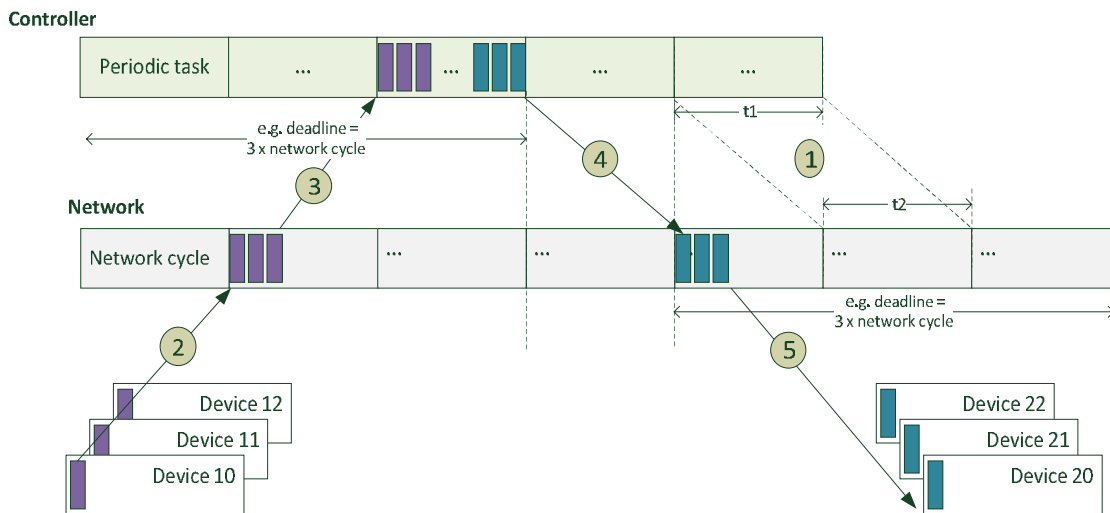


Figure 19 – Variation 6: further optimizations

The extended model of Figure 13 may be applied to these variations as well.

578 **2.4.4.1 Isochronous cyclic operation model**

579 Figure 20 shows the isochronous cyclic operation model for guaranteed low latency.



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Figure 20 – isochronous cyclic operation model

Isochronous cyclic operation characteristics:

Multiple applications (periodic tasks) with different application periods are supported.
 Applications are synchronized to working clock:

- Devices: ✓
- Controller: ✓

Multiple application update times based on different reduction ratios are supported.
 Data transmission is synchronized to network cycle (WorkingClock):

- Devices: ✓
- Controller: ✓

The single steps of the isochronous cyclic operation model are:

①	Controller periodic tasks are synchronized to the working clock. Example: Periodic task_01 period (t_1) == network cycle period (t_2). Periodic task_02 period == $8 * \text{network cycle period } (t_2)$. Periodic task_03 period == $32 * \text{network cycle period } (t_2)$.
②	Device data transmission is synchronized to network cycle (Working Clock).
③	Device input data shall reach controller within an application defined deadline. Controller application may check the timeliness (by means of additional data in the payload, e.g. LifeSign model). Controller application operates on local process image data. Local process image decouples communication protocol from application. Additional: Device input data shall reach controller within a communication monitoring defined deadline (communication protocol). Communication disturbances are recognized and signaled asynchronously by communication protocol to application.
④	Controller output data transmission is synchronized to network cycle (Working Clock).

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Controller output data shall reach device within an application defined deadline. Device application may check the timeliness (by means of additional data in the payload, e.g. PROFINET Isochronous Mode SignOfLife model – see [3]). Device application operates on local process image data. Local process image decouples communication protocol from application.

Additional:

Controller out data shall reach device within a communication monitoring defined deadline (communication protocol). Communication disturbances are recognized and signaled asynchronously by communication protocol to application.

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High control loop quality is achieved by:

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- Short network cycle times to minimize reaction time (dead time),
- equidistant network cycle times based on a synchronized working clock to ensure a defined reaction time,
- device signal processing and transfer coupled to synchronized working clock, and
- device and controller application (function) coupled to synchronized working clock.

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isochronous mode: coupling of device and controller application (function) to the synchronized working clock

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isochronous cyclic real-time: transfer time less than 20% (at link speeds > 100 Mbit/s) / 50% (at link speeds <= 100 Mbit/s) of network cycle and applications are coupled to the working clock.

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Table 4 – isochronous traffic pattern properties

Characteristics		Notes
Data transmission scheme	periodic	
Data transmission constraints	deadline	End-to-end one-way latency ² less than 20% (link speeds > 100 Mbit/s) / 50% (link speeds <= 100 Mbit/s) of network cycle
Data period	1µs .. 1ms 250µs .. 4ms	
Network access (data transmission) synchronized to working clock network cycle	Yes	
Application synchronized to network access	Yes	
Acceptable jitter	n.a.	Deadline shall be kept
Acceptable frame loss	0..n frames	Media redundancy requirements according to the required tolerance; e.g. seamless redundancy for value 0
Payload	1 .. IEEE Std 802.3 maximum data payload size (i.e. 1500 bytes)	Data size negotiated during connection establishment

² The end-to-end one-way latency is measured from the arrival of the last bit at the ingress edge port of the bridged network to the transmission of the last bit by the egress edge port of the bridged network (see, e.g., Annex L.3 in IEEE Std 802.1Q-2018).

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Requirements on network cycle times:

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- 1 μ s to 1 ms at link speed 1 Gbit/s (or higher)

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- 250 μ s to 4 ms at link speed 100 Mbit/s

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- 2 ms to 8 ms at link speed 10 Mbit/s

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2.4.4.2 Delay requirements

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To make short control loop times feasible PHY, MAC and bridge delays shall meet upper limits:

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- PHY delays shall meet the upper limits of Table 5.

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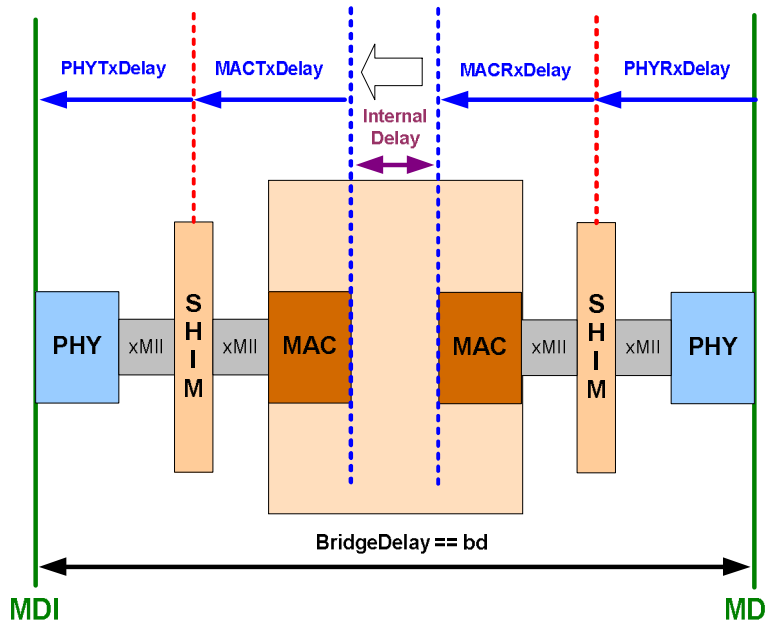
- MAC delays shall meet the upper limits of Table 6.

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- Bridge delays shall be independent from the frame size and meet the upper limits of Table 7.

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Figure 21 shows the definition of PHY delay, MAC delay and Bridge delay reference points.



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Figure 21 – delay measurement reference points

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Strict numbers such as those proposed hereafter in Table 5, Table 6 and Table 7 are necessary to

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approach the problem of short control loop times. The numbers have to be agreed on in the profile.

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Specifying these numbers, however, doesn't eliminate the need to publish exact values through

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802.1 standardized mechanisms as applicable.

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Table 5 – Expected PHY delays

Device	RX delay ^c	TX delay ^c	Jitter
10 Mbit/s	<< 1 μ s	<< 1 μ s	< 4 ns
100 Mbit/s MII PHY	210 ns (Max. 340 ns) ^a	90 ns (Max. 140 ns) ^a	< 4 ns
100 Mbit/s RGMII PHY	210 ns ^b	90 ns ^b	< 4 ns
1 Gbit/s RGMII PHY	<< 500 ns ^b	<< 500 ns ^b	< 4 ns

Device	RX delay ^c	TX delay ^c	Jitter
2,5 Gbit/s RGMII PHY	<< 500 ns ^b	<< 500 ns ^b	< 4 ns
5 Gbit/s RGMII PHY	<< 500 ns ^b	<< 500 ns ^b	< 4 ns
10 Gbit/s	tdb	tdb	tdb
25 Gbit/s to 1 Tbit/s	tdb	tdb	tdb

^a According IEEE 802.3 for 100 Mbit/s full duplex with exposed MII.

^b Values from 100 Mbit/s PHYs (or better) are needed to allow substitution even for Gigabit or higher.

^c Lower values mean more performance for linear topology.

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Table 6 – Expected MAC delays

Link speed	Maximum RX delay	Maximum TX delay
10 Mbit/s	<< 1 μs	<< 1 μs
100 Mbit/s	<< 1 μs	<< 1 μs
1 Gbit/s	<< 1 μs	<< 1 μs
2,5 Gbit/s	<< 1 μs	<< 1 μs
5 Gbit/s	<< 1 μs	<< 1 μs
10 Gbit/s	<< 1 μs	<< 1 μs
25 Gbit/s – 1 Tbit/s	tdb	tdb

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Table 7 – Expected Ethernet Bridge delays

Link speed	Value	Comment
10 Mbit/s	< 30 μs	No usage of bridging expected
100 Mbit/s	< 3 μs	Bridge delay measure from MII to MII ¹⁾
1 Gbit/s	< 1 μs	Bridge delay measure from RGMII to RGMII ¹⁾
2,5 Gbit/s	< 1 μs	Bridge delay measure from XGMII to XGMII ¹⁾
5 Gbit/s	< 1 μs	Bridge delay measure from XGMII to XGMII ¹⁾
10 Gbit/s	< 1 μs	Bridge delay measure from XGMII to XGMII ¹⁾
25 Gbit/s – 1 Tbit/s:	tdb	Bridge delay measure from XGMII to XGMII ¹⁾

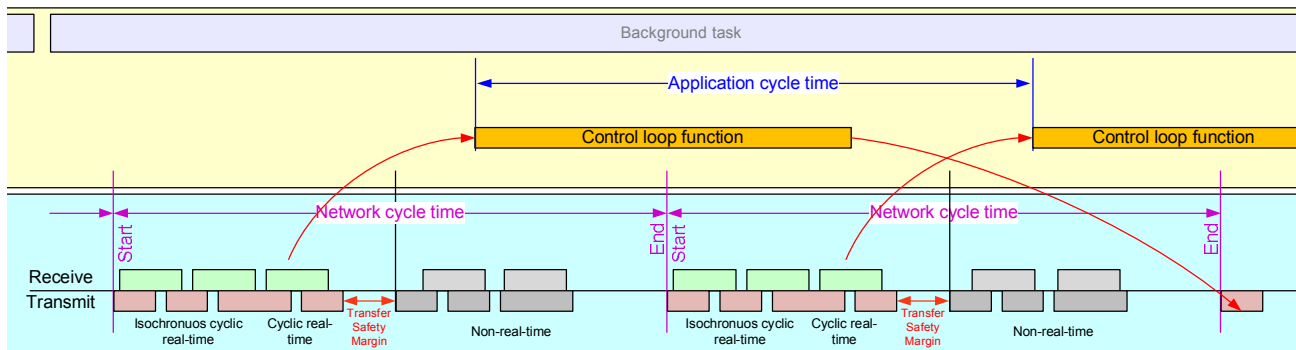
617 ¹⁾ first bit in, first bit out618 Useful 802.1 mechanisms:619 • ...
620621 Example:622 A representative example of a “Control loop with guaranteed low latency” use case is given in
623 clause 2.5.11.4 “Fast” process applications.

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625 **2.4.5 Use case 03: Non-Isochronous Control Loops with bounded latency**

626 Control loops with bounded latency implement a cyclic traffic pattern for non-isochronous
 627 applications, which are not synchronized to the network access but are synchronized to a local
 628 timescale (see Table 3).

629 Figure 22 shows the principle how network cycle, transfer time and application time interact in this
 630 use case. The control loop function starts at an application defined time, which is not synchronized
 631 to the network access but to a local timescale. The network cycle, which describes the repetitive
 632 behavior of the network interface, may be synchronized to a common working clock or to a local
 633 timescale.

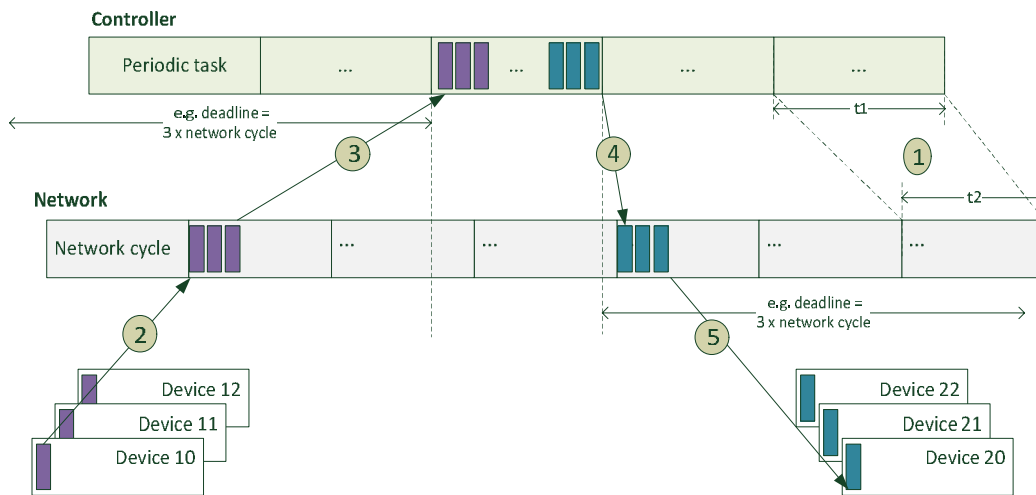


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636 **Figure 22 – network cycle and non-isochronous application (Basic model)**

637 Extensions of this model analogous to Figure 13 (multiple applications with differing application
 638 lengths) are also possible.

639 **2.4.5.1 Cyclic operation model**



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643 **Figure 23 – cyclic operation model**

Cyclic operation characteristics:

- Multiple applications with different application periods are supported.
- Applications synchronized to a common working clock or a local timescale:

- Devices: ✓
- Controller: ✓

Multiple update times based on different reduction ratios are supported.
Network access is synchronized to network cycle (WorkingClock):

- Devices: ✓
- Controller: ✓

644 The single steps of the cyclic operation model are:

①	Controller periodic tasks don't need to be synchronized to working clock, but may be synchronized. Periodic task period (t1) != network cycle period (t2).
②	Data transmission is synchronized to network cycle (Working Clock)
③	Device input data shall reach controller within a communication monitoring defined deadline (communication protocol). Controller application assumes a kept update interval but doesn't know whether it is kept or not. Communication disturbances are recognized and signaled asynchronously by communication protocol to application. Controller application operates on local process image data. Local process image decouples communication protocol from application.
④	Controller output data transmission is synchronized to network cycle (Working Clock).
⑤	Controller output data shall reach device within a communication monitoring defined deadline (communication protocol). Device application assumes an kept update interval but doesn't know whether it is kept or not. Communication disturbances are recognized and signaled asynchronously by communication protocol to application. Device application operates on local process image data. Local process image decouples communication protocol from application.

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646 2.4.5.2 Cyclic traffic pattern

647 Control loops with bounded latency implement a cyclic traffic pattern. More relaxed control reaction
648 time requirements (e.g. 10 ms - 10 s) allow free running applications instead of isochronous
649 applications. In consequence transfer time requirements are more relaxed as well. The transfer
650 time may be longer than the network cycle in this use case.

651 For a given target transfer time the number of possible bridges on a communication path is
652 restricted due to PHY-, MAC- and bridge-delay contributions, but can be much higher compared to
653 Use case 02: Isochronous Control Loops with guaranteed low latency.

654 Cyclic real-time: transfer time may be longer than network cycle and applications are decoupled
655 from the working clock.

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Table 8 – cyclic traffic pattern properties

Characteristics	Notes	
Data transmission scheme	periodic	
Data transmission constraints	deadline	End-to-end one-way latency ³ less than X * network cycle (X 1 .. n)
Data period	X * network cycle (X 1 .. n)	
Network access (data transmission) synchronized to working clock (network cycle)	Optional	May be synchronized to local timescale instead
Application synchronized to network access	No	synchronized to local timescale
Acceptable jitter	n.a.	Deadline shall be kept
Acceptable frame loss	0..n frames	Media redundancy requirements according to the required tolerance; e.g. seamless redundancy for value 0
Payload	1 ... IEEE Std 802.3 maximum data payload size (i.e. 1500 bytes)	Data size negotiated during connection establishment

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Requirements:

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Stations shall be able to implement Use case 02: Isochronous Control Loops with guaranteed low latency and Use case 03: Non-Isochronous Control Loops with bounded latency concurrently.

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Transmission paths shall be able to handle different

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- working clocks, and
- network cycles.

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Useful 802.1 mechanisms:

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2.4.6 Use case 04: Reduction ratio of network cycle

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Application needs may limit the in principle flexible network cycle time to a defined granularity.

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E.g. in case of network cycle granularity 31,25 μs the possible network cycles are:

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≥ 1Gbit/s: 31,25 μs * 2ⁿ | n=0 .. 5

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< 1Gbit/s: 31,25 μs * 2ⁿ | n=2 .. 7

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Application cycle times are the result of the used network cycle times together with reduction ratios:

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- 31,25 μs to 512 ms

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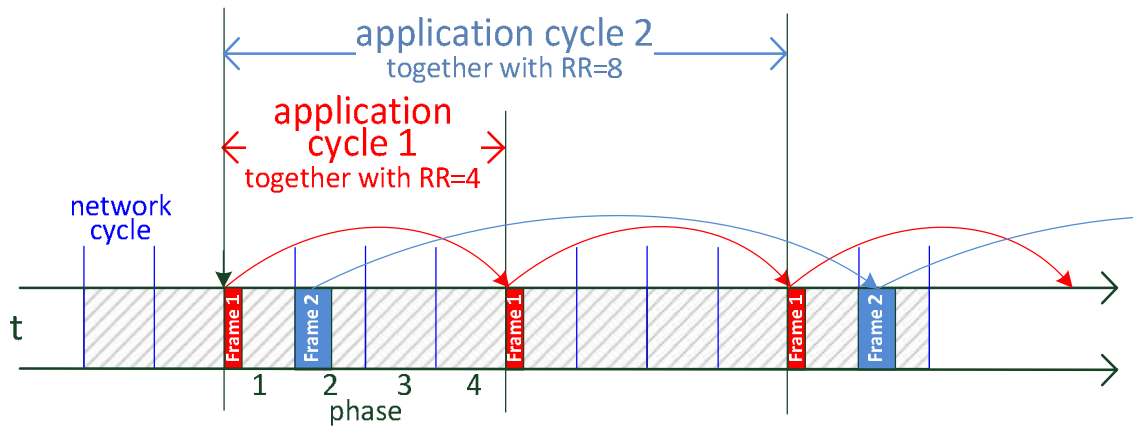
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Reduction ratio: The value of “reduction ratio” defines the number of network cycles between two consecutive transmits.

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³ The end-to-end one-way latency is measured from the arrival of the last bit at the ingress edge port of the bridged network to the transmission of the last bit by the egress edge port of the bridged network (see, e.g., Annex L.3 in IEEE Std 802.1Q-2018).

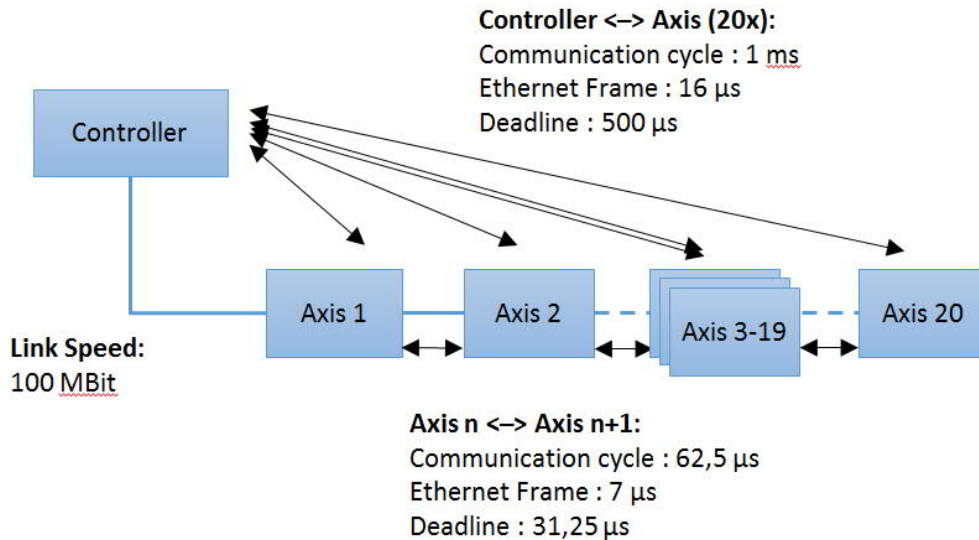
679 Phase: The value of “phase” in conjunction with “reduction ratio” defines the starting network cycle
 680 for the consecutive transmits.



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 682 **Figure 24 – network cycle and application cycle**

683 Use case 06: Drives without common application cycle but common network cycle is an example of
 684 multiple different application cycles, which are based on a common network cycle.

685 Figure 25 shows another example use case where all drives are connected in a line and every
 686 drive needs direct data exchange to the Controller and additionally to its direct neighbor.
 687 Some similar applications might even be more complex when the physical topology does not match
 688 the logical order of drives.



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 690 **Figure 25 – isochronous drive synchronization**

691 Requirements:

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693 Useful 802.1 mechanisms:

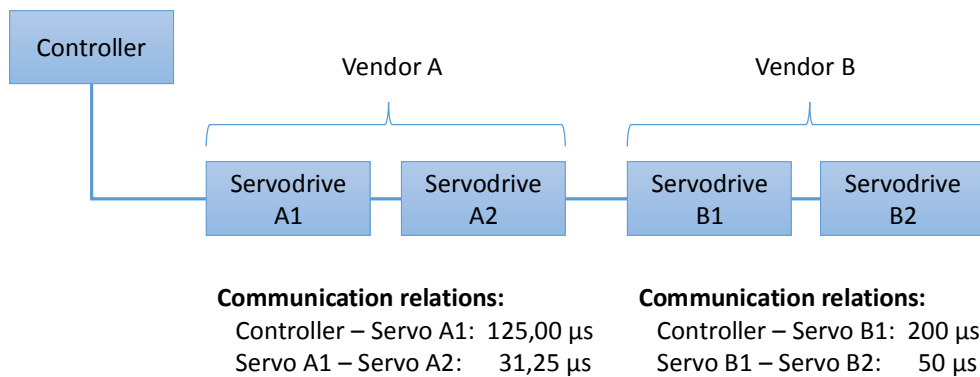
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695 **2.4.7 Use case 05: Drives without common application cycle**696 **2.4.7.1 Background information**

697 The cycle time requirements of different vendors may be based on their technology, which cannot
 698 be changed with reasonable effort. These requirements may be based on hardware dependencies,
 699 independent of the capabilities of the communication part of the device.

700 Figure 26 shows an example, where Vendor A needs to communicate with 31,25 μ s between its
 701 devices (A1 with A2), and Vendor B needs to communicate with 50 μ s (between B1 and B2).
 702 The communication with the controller which has to coordinate both of them shall be a multiple of
 703 their local cycles. A1 needs to exchange data every 125 μ s with the Controller, B1 needs to
 704 exchange data every 200 μ s with the Controller.

705 Servo drives from different vendors (Vendor A and Vendor B) are working on the same network.
 706 For specific reasons the vendors are limited in the choice of the period for their control loop.



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 708 **Figure 26 – network with different application cycles**
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710 The following Communication Relations are expected to be possible:

711 Servodrive A1 \leftrightarrow Servodrive A2: 31,25 μ s

712 Servodrive B1 \leftrightarrow Servodrive B2: 50 μ s

713 Controller \leftrightarrow Servodrive A1: 125 μ s

714 Controller \leftrightarrow Servodrive B1: 200 μ s

715 Servodrive A1 \leftrightarrow Servodrive B1: 1 ms

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717 Requirements:

- 718 - Isochronous data exchange
- 719 - Different cycles for data exchange, which are not multiples of each other
- 720 (cycles are not multiple of a common base, but fractions of a common base, here for
- 721 instance 1 ms)

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723 Useful 802.1Q mechanisms:

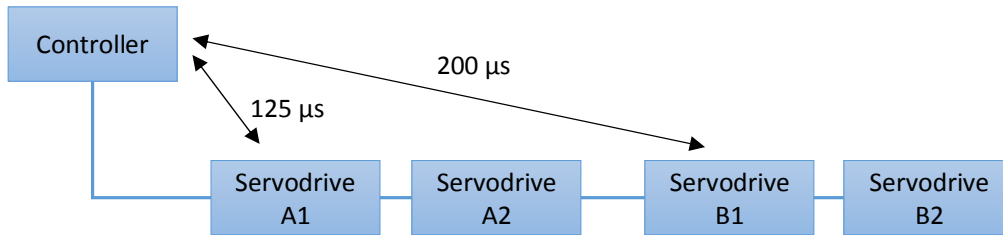
- 724 • Whatever helps

- 725 • ...

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727 **2.4.7.2 Controller communication**

728 The Usecase concentrates on the communication between the devices A1 and B1, and the
 729 Controller as shown in Figure 27. Nevertheless the communication between A1/A2 and B1/B2 has
 730 to be solved as well.

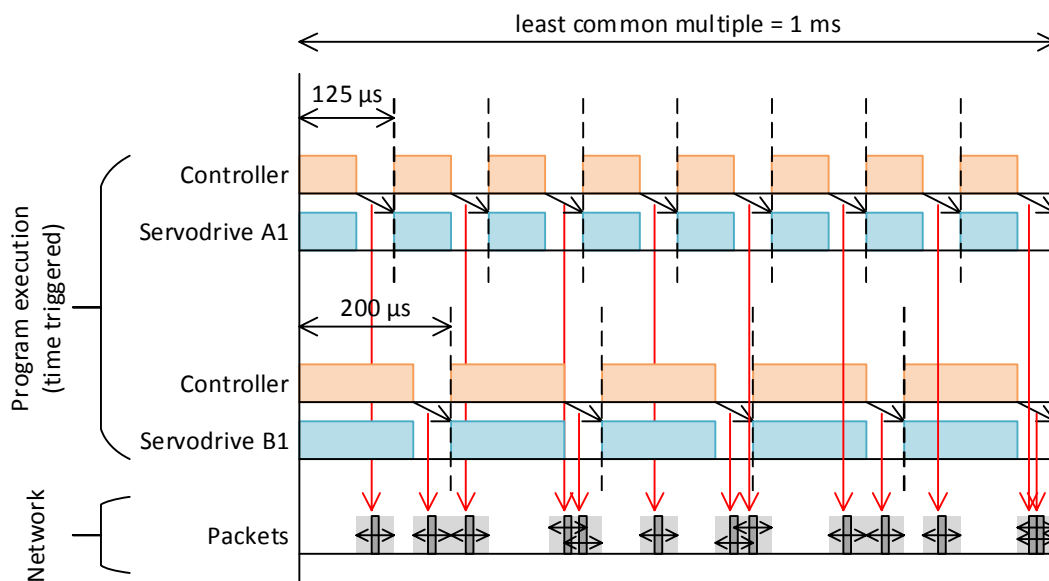


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Figure 27 – Multivendor Motion – Controller communication

734 **2.4.7.3 Timing Requirements**



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Figure 28 – Multivendor Motion – Timing Requirements

738 The Controller runs 2 parallel programs in multitasking, one program with 125 μ s cycle, and
 739 another with 200 μ s cycle. Alternatively there might also be 2 independent controllers on the same
 740 network, one of vendor A and one of vendor B.

741 After every program execution, data needs to be exchanged between Controller and Servodrive.
 742 The time window for this exchange is application specific.

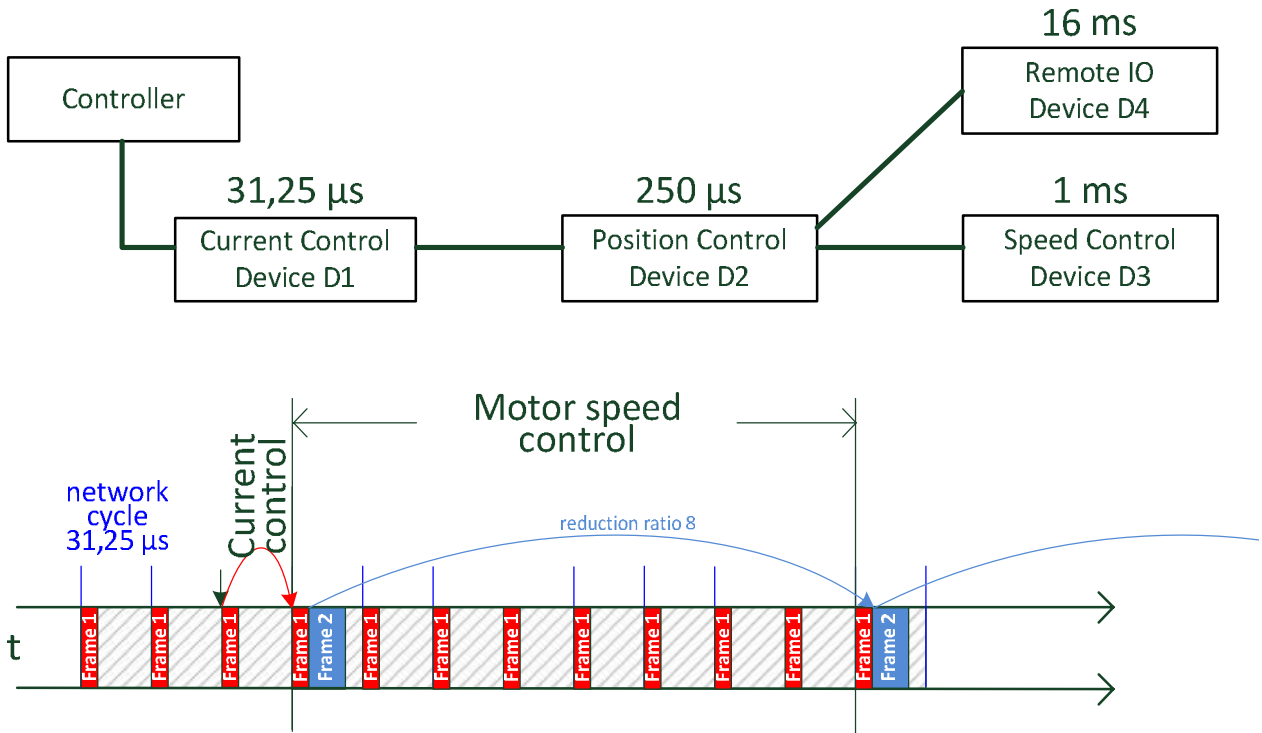
743 The actual data exchange on the wire can happen at any time in this window, the devices are not
 744 dependent on any exact transmission or reception timing, as long as the packet is in the scheduled
 745 window.

746 **2.4.8 Use case 06: Drives without common application cycle but common network cycle**

747 The concept of multiple different application cycles which are based on a common network cycle is
 748 described in Use case 04: Reduction ratio of network cycle.

749 Examples with different application cycle times but common network cycle time 31,25 μ s:

- 750 - 31,25 μ s, i.e. reduction ratio 1 for current control loop,
- 751 - 250 μ s, i.e. reduction ratio 8 for motor speed control loop,
- 752 - 1 ms, i.e. reduction ratio 32 for position control loop,
- 753 - 16 ms, i.e. reduction ratio 512 for remote IO.



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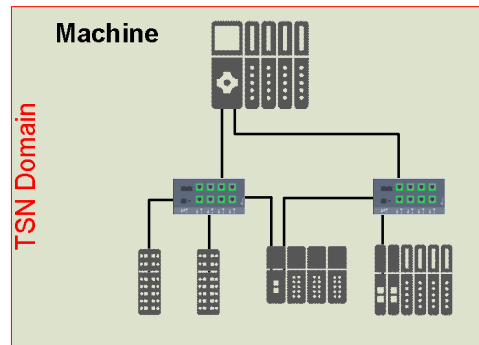
Figure 29 – different application cycles but common network cycle

758 2.5 Industrial automation networks

759 2.5.1 Use case 07: Redundant networks

760 Ring topologies are the basic industrial network architecture for switch-over or seamless
761 redundancy.

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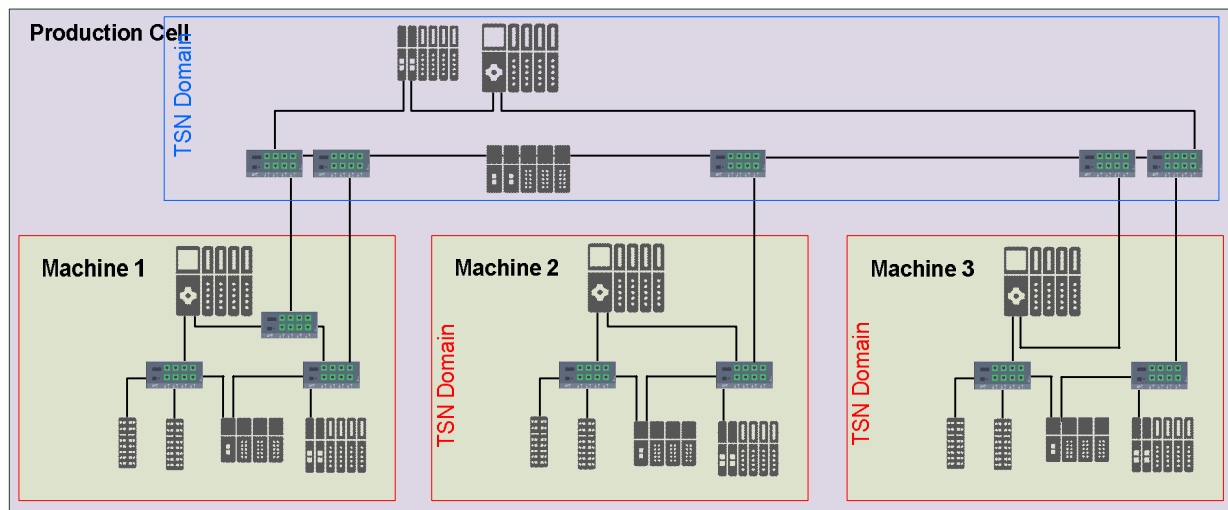
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Figure 30 – ring topology

764 When a production cell is also arranged in a ring topology the resulting architecture of cell with
765 attached machines is an interconnection of rings.

766 To even improve availability of the interconnection from the production cell into the machines this
767 link can be arranged redundantly as well (machine 1 in Figure 31):

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Figure 31 – connection of rings

770 Requirement:

771 Support redundant topologies with rings.

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Useful 802.1 mechanisms:

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776 2.5.2 Use case 08: High Availability

777 High availability systems are composed of:

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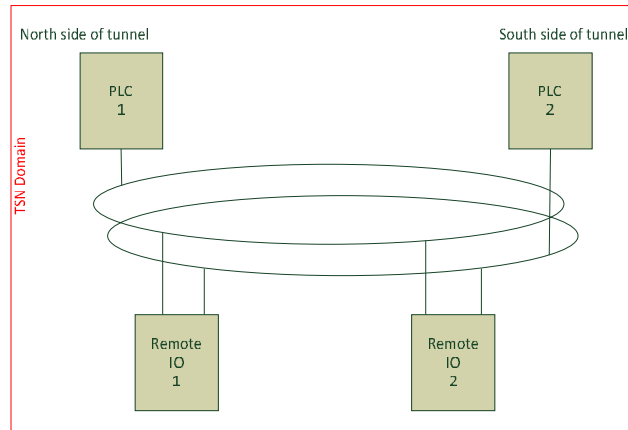
- Redundant networks, and
- Redundant stations.

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780 E.g. tunnel control:

781 Tunnels need to be controlled by systems supporting high availability because airflow and fire
 782 protection are crucial for the protection of people's lives. In this case PLC, remote IO and network
 783 are installed to support availability in case of failure.

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Figure 32 – example topology for tunnel control

786 Tunnel control may also include video surveillance as parallel application on the same network,
 787 replacing dedicated analogue CCTV systems. This includes image processing applications like
 788 speed section control, detecting lost cargo or traffic in wrong direction with minimized detection
 789 time.

790 Requirement:

791 Failure shall not create process disturbance – e.g. keep air flow active / fire control active.

792 The number of concurrent active failures without process disturbance depends on the application
 793 requirements and shall not be restricted by TSN profile definitions.

794 Parameter, program, topology changes need to be supported without disturbance.

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796 Useful 802.1Q mechanisms:

- 797 • Redundancy for PLCs, Remote IOs and paths through the network
- 798 • ...

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800 Further high availability control applications:

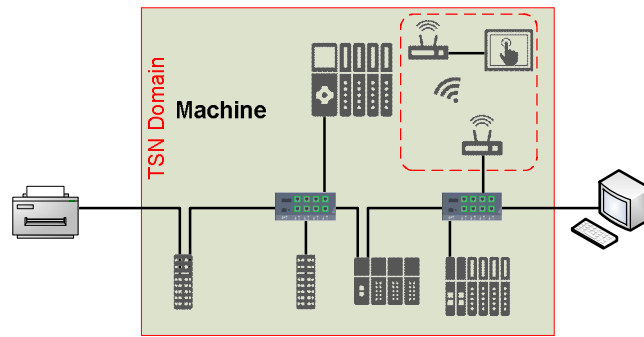
- 801 • Ship control
- 802 • Power generation
- 803 • Power distribution
- 804 • ...

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806 2.5.3 Use case 09: Wireless

807 HMI panels, remote IOs, wireless sensors or wireless bridges are often used in industrial
 808 machines. Wireless connections may be based on IEEE 802.11 (Wi-Fi), IEEE 802.15.1 (Bluetooth),
 809 IEEE 802.15.4 or ITU/3GPP (5G). Even functional safety applications over wireless connections
 810 are supported (see Use case 25: Functional safety).

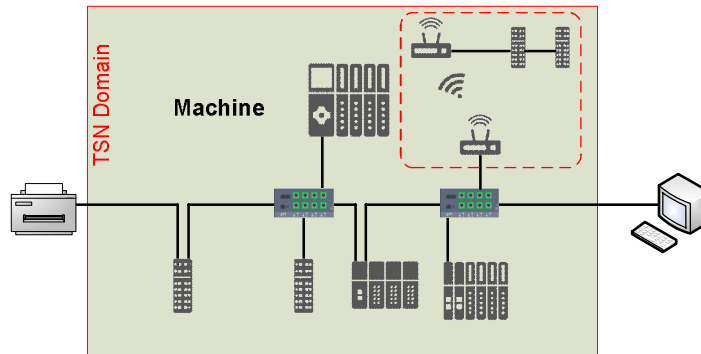
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Figure 33 – HMI wireless connected using cyclic real-time

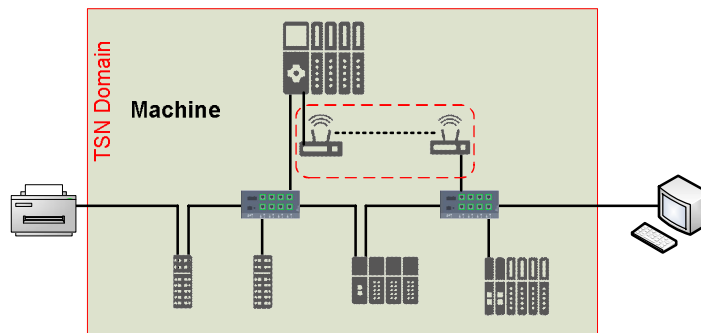
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Figure 34 – Remote IO wireless connected using cyclic real-time

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Figure 35 – Ring segment wireless connected for media redundancy

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Requirement:

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Support of wireless for

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- cyclic real-time, and

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- non-real-time communication

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Useful 802.11 mechanisms:

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- Synchronization support

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- Extensions from .11ax

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Useful 802.15.1 mechanisms:

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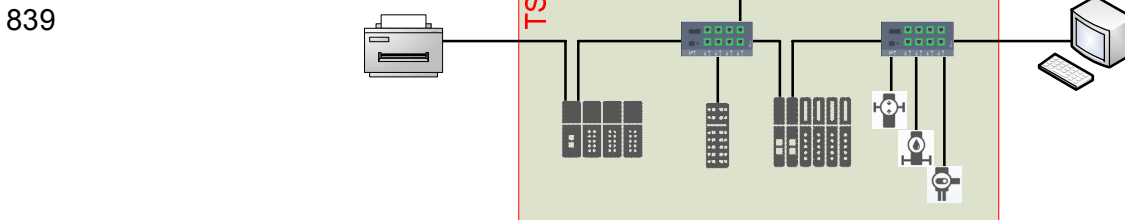
831 Useful 802.1Q mechanisms:

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834 2.5.4 Use case 10: 10 Mbit/s end-stations (Ethernet sensors)

835 Simple and cheap sensor end-stations are directly attached via 10 Mbit/s links to the machine
836 internal Ethernet and implement cyclic real-time communication with the PLC.

837 The support of additional physics like “IEEE 802.3cg APL support” is intended.
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840 **Figure 36 – Ethernet sensors**

841 Requirement:

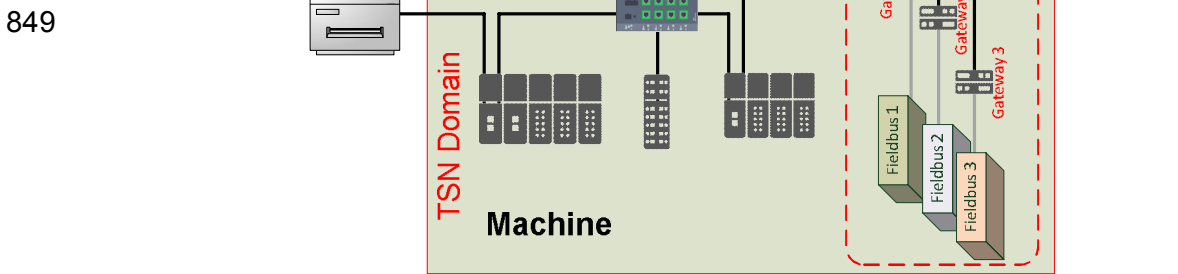
842 Support of 10 Mbit/s or higher link speed attached sensors (end-stations) together with POE and
843 SPE (single pair Ethernet).

844 Useful 802.1Q mechanisms:

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847 2.5.5 Use case 11: Fieldbus gateway

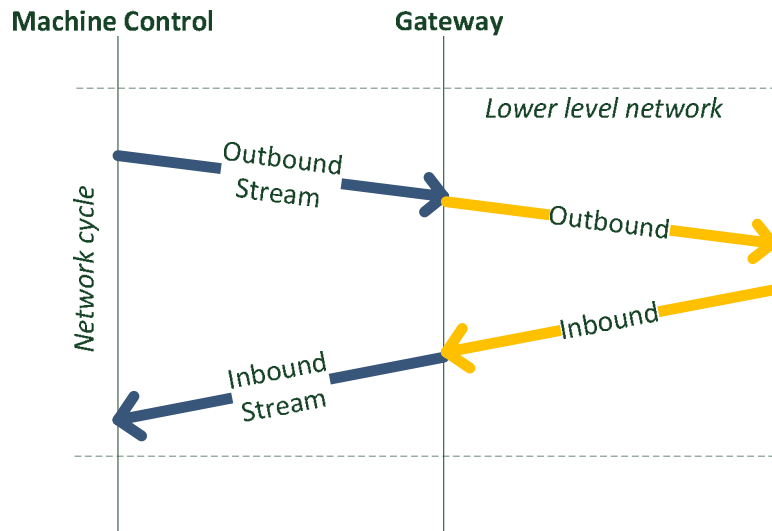
848 Gateways are used to integrate non-Ethernet and Ethernet-based fieldbuses into TSN domains.



850 **Figure 37 – fieldbus gateways**

851 Many systems have at least one merging unit (e.g gateway, multiplexer) between the sensors and
 852 actuators assigned to a single machine control. The clustering is typically done with some
 853 infrastructure elements (slices) that require a backplane communication. The fieldbus
 854 communication is in many cases the third level of communication. Thus, it is assumed that TSN is
 855 not the first communication network between the sensors/actuators and a machine control unit.
 856 This means that TSN should be capable to adapt an existing communication infrastructure
 857 regardless of the size of those networks. The networks behind a gateway have their own timing
 858 constraints. A machine level network may take into account that the lower level networks e.g.
 859 behind a gateway have their own local timing. The timing of a TSN network has impact to sub-
 860 ordinated structures. An optimal timing requires taking into account the gateway behavior for the
 861 TSN configuration (see Figure 38).

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Figure 38 – Embedded non TSN communication

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Requirement:

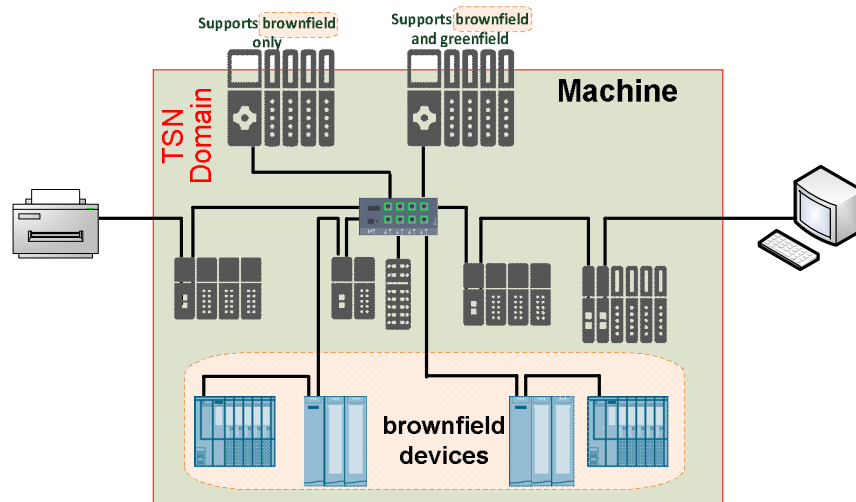
- 865 • Support of non-Ethernet and Ethernet-based fieldbus devices via gateways either
- 866 transparent or hidden;
- 867 • TSN scheduling may need configuration to meet the requirements of subordinate systems;

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2.5.6 Use case 12: New machine with brownfield devices

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870 Brownfield devices with real-time communication are attached to a PLC, which supports both
 871 brownfield and greenfield, within a machine. This allows faster deployment of devices supporting
 872 the TSN-IA profile into the field. Figure 39 gives an example of a machine with brownfield devices.



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Figure 39 – New machine with brownfield devices

Requirement:

876 All machine internal stream traffic communication (stream traffic and non-stream traffic) is
 877 decoupled from and protected against the brownfield cyclic real-time traffic.
 878 Brownfield cyclic real-time traffic QoS is preserved within the TSN domain.

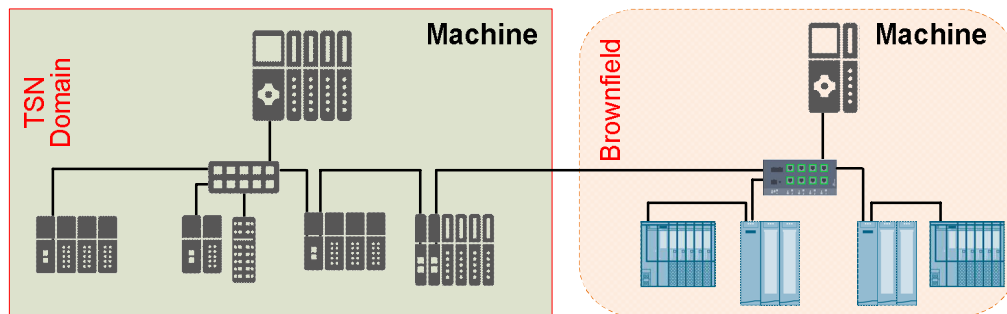
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Useful 802.1Q mechanisms:

- 881 • Priority Regeneration,
- 882 • separate "brownfield traffic queue".
- 883 • Queue-based resource allocation.

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885 Figure 40 shows a different use case where a TSN machine is attached to an existing brownfield
 886 machine. In this case only non-TSN traffic is possible between the two machines.



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Figure 40 – Add TSN machine to brownfield machine

2.5.7 Use case 13: Mixed link speeds

890 Industrial use cases refer to link speeds, as shown in Table 9, in the range from 10 Mbit/s to
 891 10 GBit/s for Ethernet and additional Wi-Fi, Bluetooth and 5G. Thus, the TSN domains need to
 892 handle areas with different link speeds.

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Table 9 – Link speeds

Link speed	Media	Comments
100 kbit/s – 3 Mbit/s	Radio Bluetooth	These devices are connected thru a Bluetooth access point. They may be battery powered.
1 Mbit/s – 1 Gbit/s	Radio Wi-Fi	These devices are connected thru a Wi-Fi access point. They may be battery powered.
1 Mbit/s – 10 Gbit/s (theoretical/expected)	Radio 5G	These devices are connected thru a 5G access point. They may be battery powered.
10 Mbit/s	Copper or fiber	May be used for end station “only” devices connected as leafs to the domain. Dedicated to low performance and lowest energy devices for e.g. process automation. These devices may use PoE as power supply.
100 Mbit/s	Copper or fiber	Historical mainly used for Remote IO and PLCs. Expected to be replaced by 1 Gbit/s as common link speed.
1 Gbit/s	Copper or fiber	Main used link speed for all kind of devices
2,5 Gbit/s	Copper or fiber	High performance devices or backbone usage
5 Gbit/s	Copper or fiber	Backbone usage, mainly for network components
10 Gbit/s	Fiber	Backbone usage, mainly for network components
25 Gbit/s – 1 Tbit/s	tbd	Backbone usage, mainly for network components

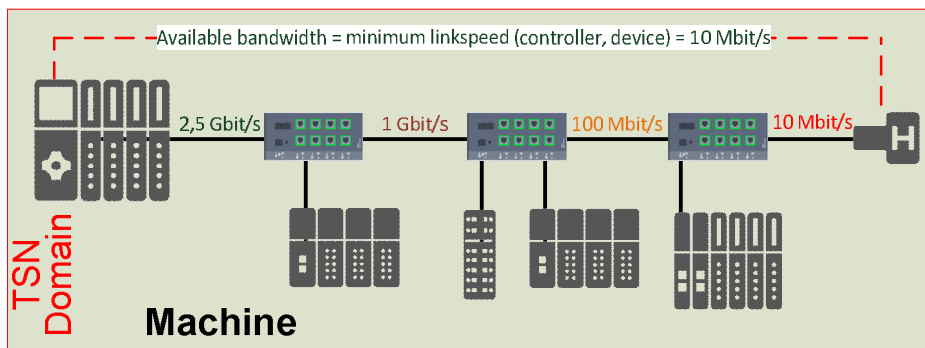
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895 Mixing devices with different link speeds is a non-trivial task. Figure 41 and Figure 42 show the
896 calculation model for the communication between an IOC and an IOD connected with different link
897 speeds.

898 The available bandwidth on a communication path is determined by the path segment with the
899 minimum link speed.

900 The weakest link of the path defines the usable bandwidth. If a topology guideline ensures that the
901 connection to the end-station always is the weakest link, only these links need to be checked for the
902 usable bandwidth.

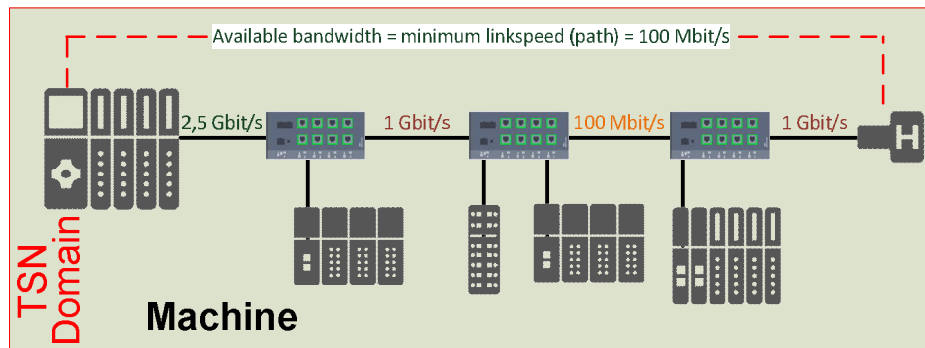
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Figure 41 – mixed link speeds

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Figure 42 – mixed link speeds without topology guideline

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Requirement:

908 Links with different link speeds as shown in Figure 41 share the same TSN-IA profile based
 909 communication system at the same time.

910 Links with different link speeds without topology guideline (Figure 42) may be supported.

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Useful 802.1 mechanisms:

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2.5.8 Use case 14: Multiple isochronous domains

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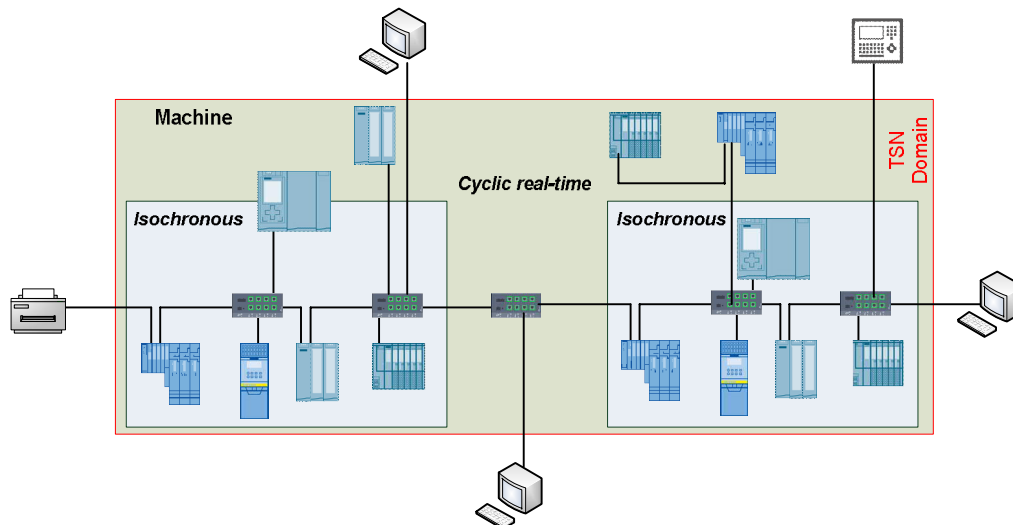
916 Figure 43 shows a machine which needs due to timing constraints (network cycle time together
 917 with required topology) two or more separated isochronous real-time domains but shares a
 918 common cyclic real-time domain.

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919 Both isochronous domains may have their own Working Clock and network cycle. The PLCs need
 to share remote IOs using cyclic real-time traffic.

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Figure 43 – multiple isochronous domains

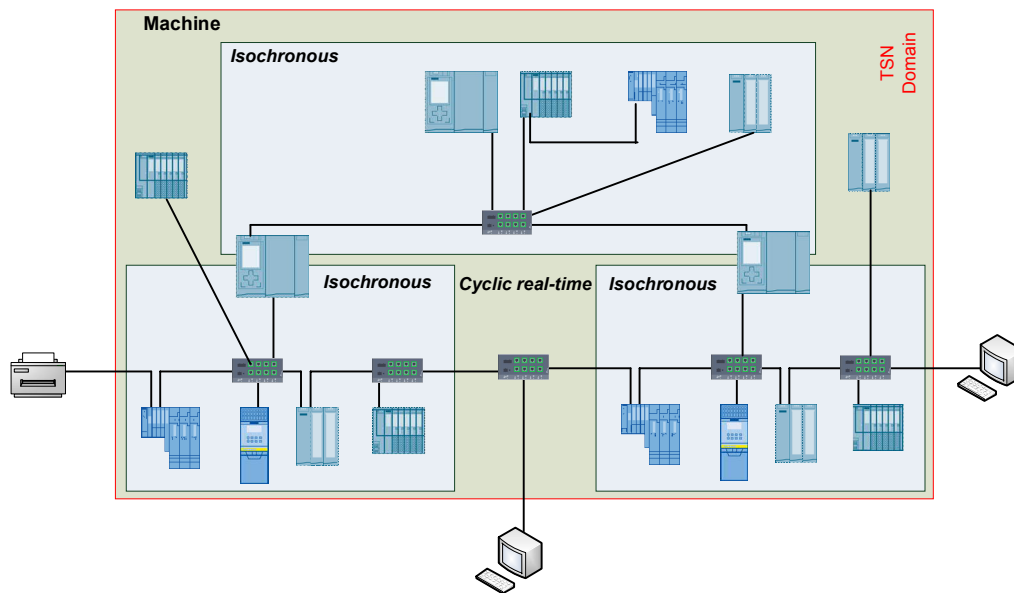
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922 Some kind of coupling (e.g. shared synchronization) between the isochronous domains / Working
 923 Clocks may be used (see Figure 44).

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925 All isochronous domains may have different network cycle times, but the cyclic real-time data
 exchange shall still be possible for PLCs from both isochronous domains.



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Figure 44 – multiple isochronous domains - coupled

Requirements:

Isochronous real-time domains may run independently, loosely coupled (start of network cycle is synchronized) or tightly coupled (shared working clock). They shall be able to share a cyclic real-time domain.

Useful 802.1 mechanisms:

- separate “isochronous” and “cyclic” traffic queues,
- Queue-based resource allocation in all bridges,
- ...

2.5.9 Use case 15: Auto domain protection

Machines are built in a way that not always all devices are really attached either due to different machine models/variants or repair. In this use case a TSN domain shall not expand automatically when e.g. two machines get connected via an unplanned and unintended link.

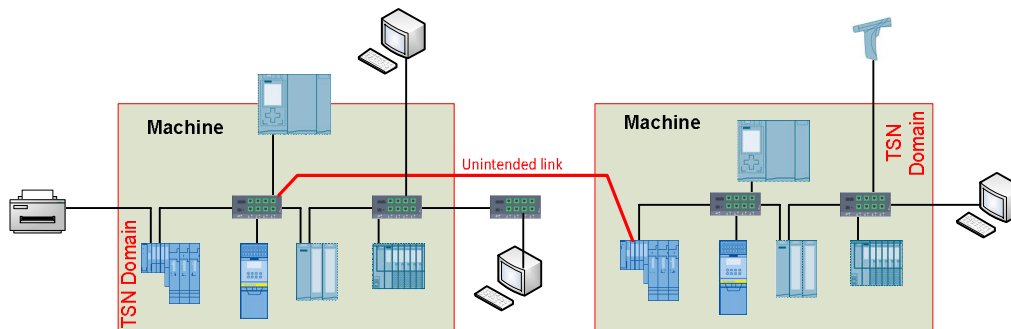


Figure 45 – Auto domain protection

Requirement:

946 Support of auto TSN domain protection to prevent unintended use of traffic classes

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948 Useful 802.1Q mechanisms:

949 • Priority regeneration

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951 **2.5.10 Use case 16: Vast number of connected stations**

952 Some industrial applications need a massive amount of connected stations like

953 - Car production sites

954 - Postal, Parcel and Airport Logistics

955 - ...

956 Examples for "Airport Logistics":

957 • Incheon International Airport, South Korea

958 • Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport, China

959 • London Heathrow Airport, United Kingdom

960 • Dubai International Airport, UAE

961 • ...

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963 Dubai International Airport, UAE

964 Technical Data:

965 • 100 km conveyor length

966 • 222 check-in counters

967 • car park check-in facilities

968 • Max. tray speed: 7.5 m/s

969 • 49 make-up carousels

970 • 14 baggage claim carousels

971 • 24 transfer laterals

972 • Storage for 9,800 Early Bags

973 • Employing 48 inline screening

974 • Max. 8-stories rack system

975 • 10,500 ton steel

976 • 234 PLC's

977 • 16,500 geared drives

978 • [xxxx digital IOs]

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980 Further representative examples of required quantities are provided in 2.5.11.1 and 2.5.11.2.

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982 Requirement:

983 Make sure that even this massive amount of stations works together with the TSN-IA profile. This

984 kind of applications may or may not require wireless support, too.

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986 Useful 802.1 mechanisms:

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988 **2.5.11 Minimum required quantities**989 **2.5.11.1 A representative example for VLAN requirements**

990 Figure 46 shows the IEEE 802.1Q based stacked physical, logical and active topology model. This
 991 principle is used to build TSN domains.

992 It shows the different active topologies driven by either VID (identified by VLAN) or protocol
 993 (identified by DA-MAC and/or protocol type).

994 Additionally the number of to be supported VIDs per bridge is shown. The number of protocol agent
 995 defined active topologies is just an example because e.g. LLDP, RSTP or MST is missing.

996 The following topologies, trees and VLANs are shown in Figure 46.

①	Physical network topology	all existing devices and links
①	Logical network topology	TSN domain: administrative selection of elements from the physical topology
②	Active default topology	Default VLAN: result of a spanning tree algorithm (e.g. RSTP)
③	Cyclic RT	VLAN for cyclic real-time streams
④	Cyclic RT „R”	VLAN for redundant cyclic real-time streams
⑤	Isochronous cyclic RT 1	VLAN for isochronous cyclic real-time streams
⑥	Isochronous cyclic RT 1 „R”	VLAN for redundant isochronous cyclic real-time streams
⑦	Isochronous cyclic RT 2 ⁴	VLAN for isochronous cyclic real-time streams
⑧	Working clock	gPTP sync tree used for the synchronization of a working clock
⑨	Working clock „R”	Hot standby gPTP sync tree used for the synchronization of a working clock
⑩	Universal time	gPTP sync tree used for the synchronization of universal time

⁴ The isochronous cyclic RT 2 „R” is not applied in this example but can be made available additionally

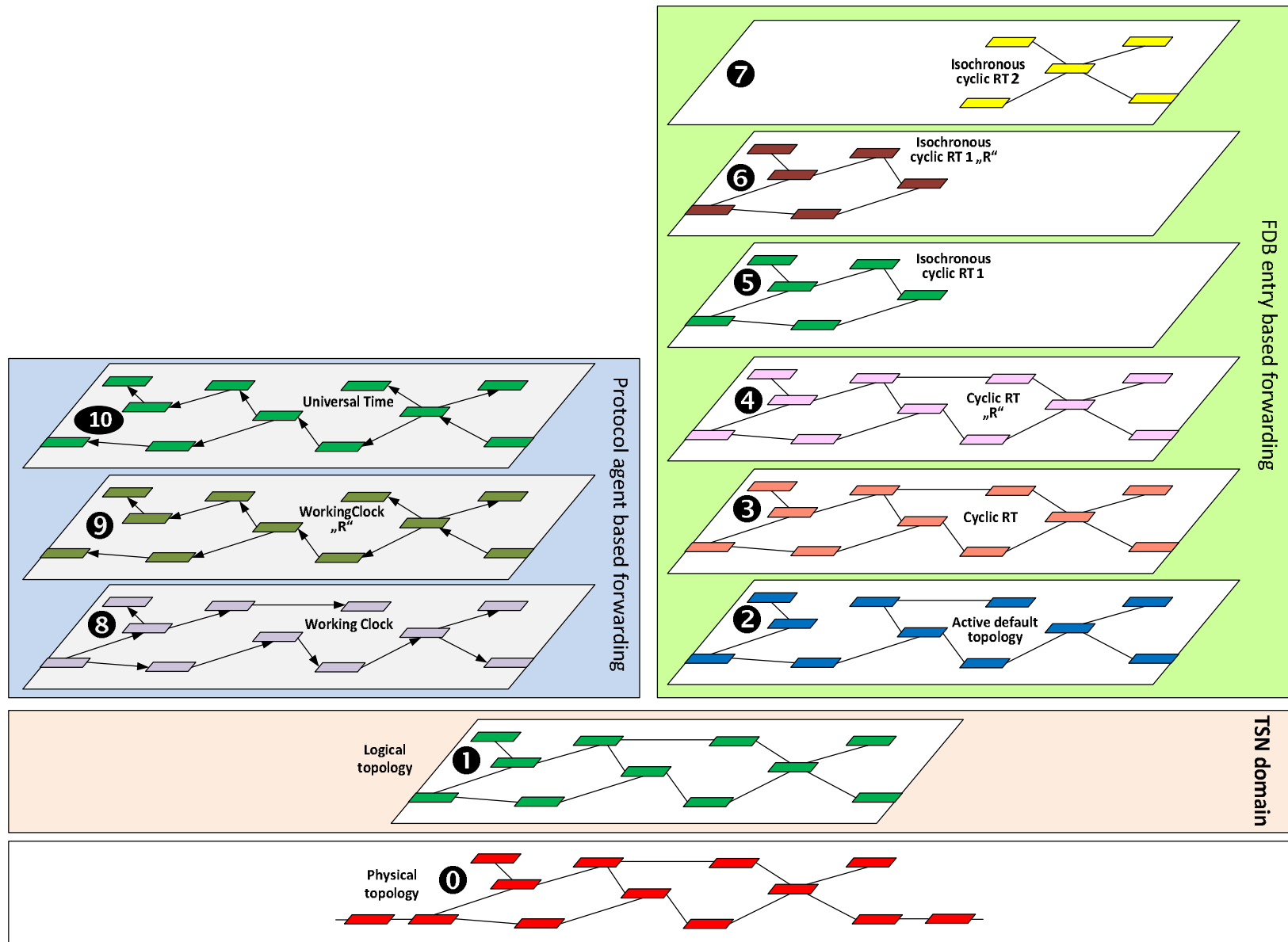


Figure 46 – Topologies, trees and VLANs

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1000 Expected numbers of DA-MAC address entries used together with five VLANs (Default, High, High
1001 Redundant, Low and Low Redundant) are shown in Table 10 and Table 11.

1002 Table 10 may be implemented as FDB table with a portion of DA-MAC address (e.g. 12 bits of
1003 Identifier and TSN-IA profile OUI) as row and the VLANs as column to ensure availability of a
1004 dedicated entry.

1005 **Table 10 – Expected number of stream FDB entries**

# of VLANs	# of DA-MACs	Usage
4	4 096	Numbers of DA-MAC address entries used together with four VLANs (High, High Red, Low and Low Red)

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1007 Expected number of entries is given by the maximum device count of 1024 together with the 50%
1008 saturation due to hash usage rule. Table 11 shows the expected number of possible FDB entries.

1009 **Table 11 – Expected number of non-stream FDB entries**

# of VLANs	# of entries	Usage
1	2 048	Learned and static entries for both, Unicast and Multicast

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1011 The hash based FDBs shall support a neighborhood for entries according to Table 12.

1012 **Table 12 – Neighborhood for hashed entries**

Neighborhood	Usage
8	Default A neighborhood of eight entries is used to store a learned entry if the hashed entry is already used. A neighborhood of eight entries for the hashed index is check to find or update an already learned forwarding rule.

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1014 **2.5.11.2 A representative example for data flow requirements**

1015 TSN domains in an industrial automation network for cyclic real-time traffic can span multiple
1016 Cyber-physical systems, which are connected by bridges. The following maximum quantities apply:

- 1017 – Stations: 1024
- 1018 – Network diameter: 64
- 1019 – per PLC for Controller-to-Device (C2D) – one to one or one to many – communication:
 - 1020 ○ 512 producer and 512 consumer data flows; 1024 producer and 1024 consumer data
 - 1021 flows in case of seamless redundancy.
 - 1022 ○ 64 kByte Output und 64 kByte Input data
- 1023 – per Device for Device-to-Device (D2D) – one to one or one to many – communication:
 - 1024 ○ 2 producer and 2 consumer data flows; 4 producer and 4 consumer data flows in case
 - 1025 of seamless redundancy.
 - 1026 ○ 1400 Byte per data flow
- 1027 – per PLC for Controller-to-Controller (C2C) – one to one or one to many – communication:

- 1028 ○ 64 producer and 64 consumer data flows; 128 producer and 128 consumer data flows in
- 1029 case of seamless redundancy.
- 1030 ○ 1400 Byte per data flow
- 1031 – Example calculation for eight PLCs
- 1032 → $8 \times 512 \times 2 = 8192$ data flows for C2D communication
- 1033 → $8 \times 64 \times 2 = 1024$ data flows for C2C communication
- 1034 → $8 \times 64 \text{ kByte} \times 2 = 1024 \text{ kByte}$ data for C2D communication
- 1035 → $8 \times 64 \times 1400 \text{ Byte} \times 2 = 1400 \text{ kByte}$ data for C2C communication
- 1036 – All above shown data flows may optionally be redundant for seamless switchover due to the
- 1037 need for High Availability.

1038 Application cycle times for the 512 producer and 512 consumer data flows differ and follow the
 1039 application process requirements.

1040 E.g. 125 μs for those used for control loops and 500 μs to 512 ms for other application processes.
 1041 All may be used concurrently and may have frames sizes between 1 and 1440 bytes.

1042 **2.5.11.3 A representative example of communication use cases**

1043 IO Station – Controller (input direction)

- 1044 – Up to 2000 published + subscribed signals (typically 100 – 500)
- 1045 – Scan interval time: 0,5 ..100ms (typical 10ms)

1046 Controller – Controller (inter-application)

- 1047 – Up to 1000 published + subscribed signals (typically 100 – 250)
- 1048 – Application task interval time: 10..1000ms (typical 100ms)
- 1049 – Resulting Scan interval time: 5 ... 500 ms

1050 Closing the loop within/across the controller

- 1051 – Up to 2000 published + subscribed signals (typically 100 – 500)
- 1052 – Application task interval time: 1..1000ms (typical 100ms)
- 1053 – Resulting Scan interval time when spreading over controllers: 0,5 ... 500 ms

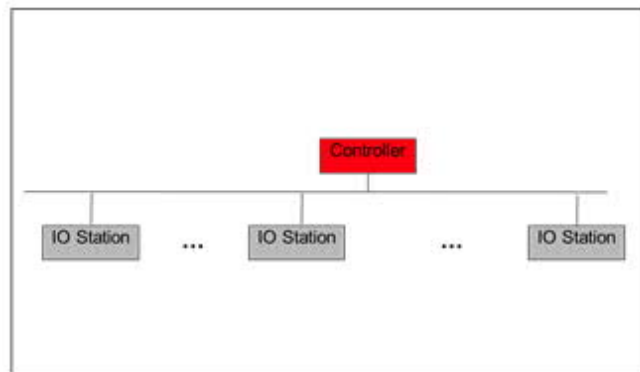
1054 Controller – IO Station (output direction)

- 1055 – Up to 2000 published + subscribed signals (typically 100 – 500)
- 1056 – Application task interval time: 10..1000ms (typical 100ms)
- 1057 – Resulting Scan interval time: 5 ... 500 ms

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1059 **2.5.11.4 “Fast” process applications**

1060 The structure shown in Figure 1 applies. Figure 47 provides a logic station view.



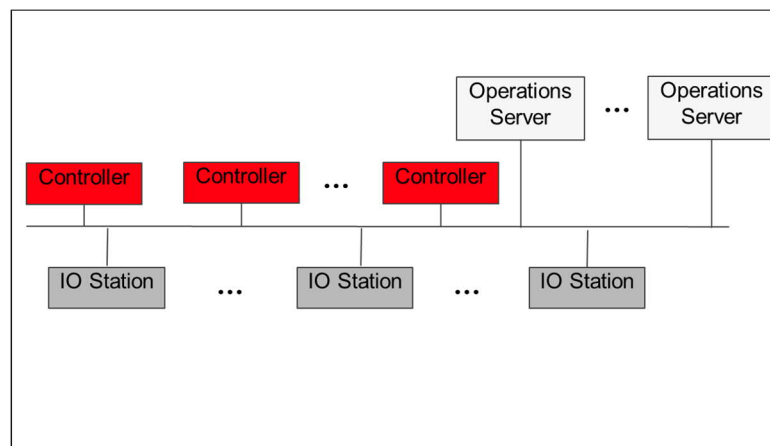
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1062 **Figure 47 – Logical communication concept for fast process applications**

1063 Specifics:

- 1064 – Limited number of nodes communicating with one Controller (e.g. Turbine Control)
- 1065 – Up to a dozen Nodes of which typically one is a controller
- 1066 – Data subscriptions (horizontal):
 - 1067 ▪ 270 bytes published + subscribed per IO-station
 - 1068 ▪ Scan Interval time 0,5 to 2 ms
- 1069 – Physical Topology: Redundant (as path and as device)

1071 **2.5.11.5 Server consolidation**

1072 The structure shown in Figure 1 applies. Figure 48 provides a logic station view.



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1074 **Figure 48 – Server consolidated logical connectivity**

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1076 Data access to Operations Functionalities consolidated through Servers

- 1077 – Up to 100 Nodes in total
- 1078 – Out which are up to 25 Servers

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1080 Data subscriptions (vertical):

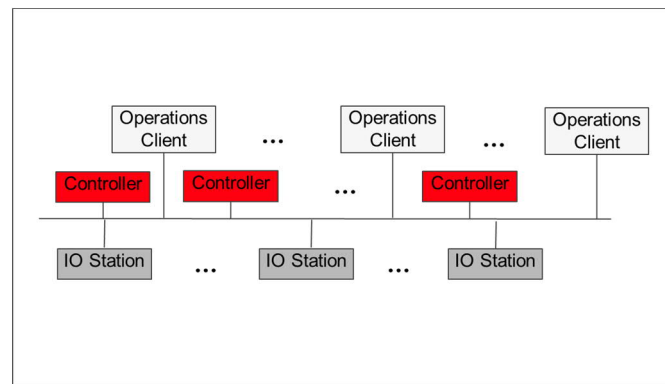
- 1081 - Each station connected to at least 1 Server
- 1082 - max. 20000 subscribed items per Controller/IO-station
- 1083 - 1s update rate
- 1084 - 50% analog items -> 30% change every sec
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1086 Different physical topologies

- 1087 - Rings, stars, redundancy
- 1088

1089 2.5.11.6 Direct client access

1090 The structure shown in Figure 1 applies. Figure 49 provides a logic station view.



1091 **Figure 49 – Clients logical connectivity view**

1092 Data access to Operations Functionalities directly by Clients

- 1093 - Max 20 direct access clients
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1096 Data subscriptions (vertical):

- 1097 - Up to 3000 subscribed items per client
- 1098 - 1s update rate
- 1099 - Worst case 60000 items/second per controller in classical Client/Server setup
- 1100 - 50% analog items -> 30% change every sec
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1102 Different physical topologies

- 1103 - Rings, stars, redundancy
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1105 2.5.11.7 Field devices

1106 The structure shown in Figure 1 applies. Figure 50 provides a logic station view.

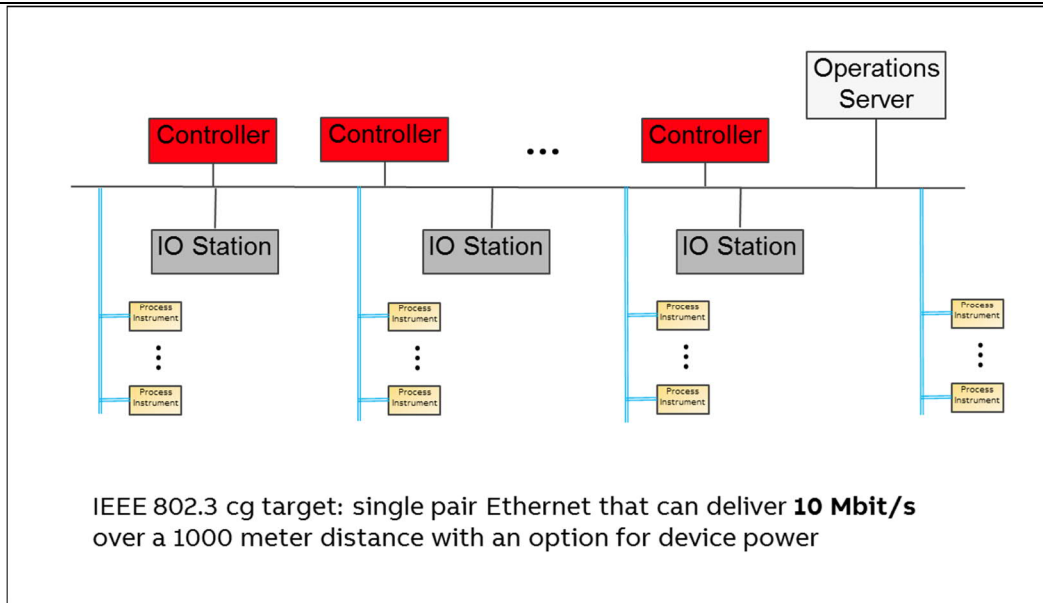


Figure 50 – Field devices with 10Mbit/s

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1110 Field Networks integrated with converged network

- 1111 – Up to 50 devices per field segment
- 1112 – Scan interval 50ms ... 1s, typical 250ms
- 1113 – Mix of different device types from different vendors
- 1114 – Many changes during runtime

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1116 **2.5.12 Bridge Resources**

1117 The bridge shall provide and organize its resources in a way to ensure robustness for the traffic
1118 defined in this document as shown in Formula [1].

1119 The queuing of frames needs resources to store them at the destination port. These resources may
1120 be organized either bridge globally, port globally or queue locally.

1121 The chosen resource organization model influences the needed amount of frame resources.

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1123 For bridge memory calculation Formula [1] applies.

$$\text{MinimumFrameMemory} = (\text{NumberOfPorts} - 1) \times \text{MaxPortBlockingTime} \times \text{Linkspeed} \quad (1)$$

Where

<i>MinimumFrameMemory</i>	is minimum amount of frame buffer needed to avoid frame loss from non stream traffic due to streams blocking egress ports.
<i>NumberOfPorts</i>	is number of ports of the bridge without the management port.
<i>MaxPortBlockingTime</i>	is intended maximum blocking time of ports due to streams per millisecond.
<i>Linkspeed</i>	is intended link speed of the ports.

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1125 Formula [1] assumes that all ports use the same link speed and a bridge global frame resource
1126 management. Table 13, Table 14, Table 15, and Table 16 shows the resulting values for different
1127 link speeds and fully utilized links.

The traffic from the management port to the network needs a fair share of the bridge resources to ensure the required injection performance into the network. This memory (use for the real-time frames) is not covered by this calculation.

Table 13 – MinimumFrameMemory for 100 Mbit/s (50%@1 ms)

# of ports	MinimumFrameMemory [KBytes]	Comment
1	0	The memory at the management port is not covered by Formula [1]
2	6,25	All frames received during the 50%@1 ms := 500 μ s at one port needed to be forwarded to the other port are stored during the allocation of this port due to stream transmission.
3	12,5	All frames received during the 50%@1 ms := 500 μ s at two ports needed to be forwarded to the other port are stored during the allocation of this port due to stream transmission.
4	18,75	All frames received during the 50%@1 ms := 500 μ s at three ports needed to be forwarded to the other port are stored during the allocation of this port due to stream transmission.
other	tbd	tbd

Table 14 – MinimumFrameMemory for 1 Gbit/s (20%@1 ms)

# of ports	MinimumFrameMemory [KBytes]	Comment
1	0	The memory at the management port is not covered by Formula [1]
2	25	All frames received during the 20%@1 ms := 200 μ s at one port needed to be forwarded to the other port are stored during the allocation of this port due to stream transmission.
3	50	All frames received during the 20%@1 ms := 200 μ s at two ports needed to be forwarded to the other port are stored during the allocation of this port due to stream transmission.
4	75	All frames received during the 20%@1 ms := 200 μ s at three ports needed to be forwarded to the other port are stored during the allocation of this port due to stream transmission.
other	tbd	tbd

Table 15 – MinimumFrameMemory for 2,5 Gbit/s (10%@1 ms)

# of ports	MinimumFrameMemory [KBytes]	Comment
1	0	The memory at the management port is not covered by Formula [1]
2	31,25	All frames received during the 10%@1 ms := 100 μ s at one port needed to be forwarded to the other port are stored during the allocation of this port due to stream transmission.
3	62,5	All frames received during the 10%@1 ms := 100 μ s at two ports needed to be forwarded to the other port are stored during the allocation of this port due to stream transmission.
4	93,75	All frames received during the 10%@1 ms := 100 μ s at three ports needed to be forwarded to the other port are stored during the allocation of this port due to stream transmission.
other	tbd	tbd

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Table 16 – MinimumFrameMemory for 10 Gbit/s (5%@1 ms)

# of ports	MinimumFrameMemory [KBytes]	Comment
1	0	The memory at the management port is not covered by Formula [1]
2	62,5	All frames received during the 5%@1 ms := 50 μs at one port needed to be forwarded to the other port are stored during the allocation of this port due to stream transmission.
3	125	All frames received during the 5%@1 ms := 50 μs at two ports needed to be forwarded to the other port are stored during the allocation of this port due to stream transmission.
4	187,5	All frames received during the 5%@1 ms := 50 μs at three ports needed to be forwarded to the other port are stored during the allocation of this port due to stream transmission.
other	tbd	tbd

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A per port frame resource management leads to the same values, but reduces the flexibility to use free frame resources for other ports.

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A per queue per port frame resource management would increase (multiplied by the number of to be covered queues) the needed amount of frame resources dramatically almost without any benefit.

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Example “per port frame resource management”:

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100 Mbit/s, 2 Ports, and 6 queues

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Needed memory := 6,25 KOctets * 6 := 37,5 KOctets.

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No one is able to define which queue is needed during the “stream port blocking” period.

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Bridged End-Stations need to ensure that their local injected traffic does not overload its local bridge resources. Local network access shall conform to the TSN-IA profile defined model with management defined limits and cycle times (see e.g. row Data period in Table 4).

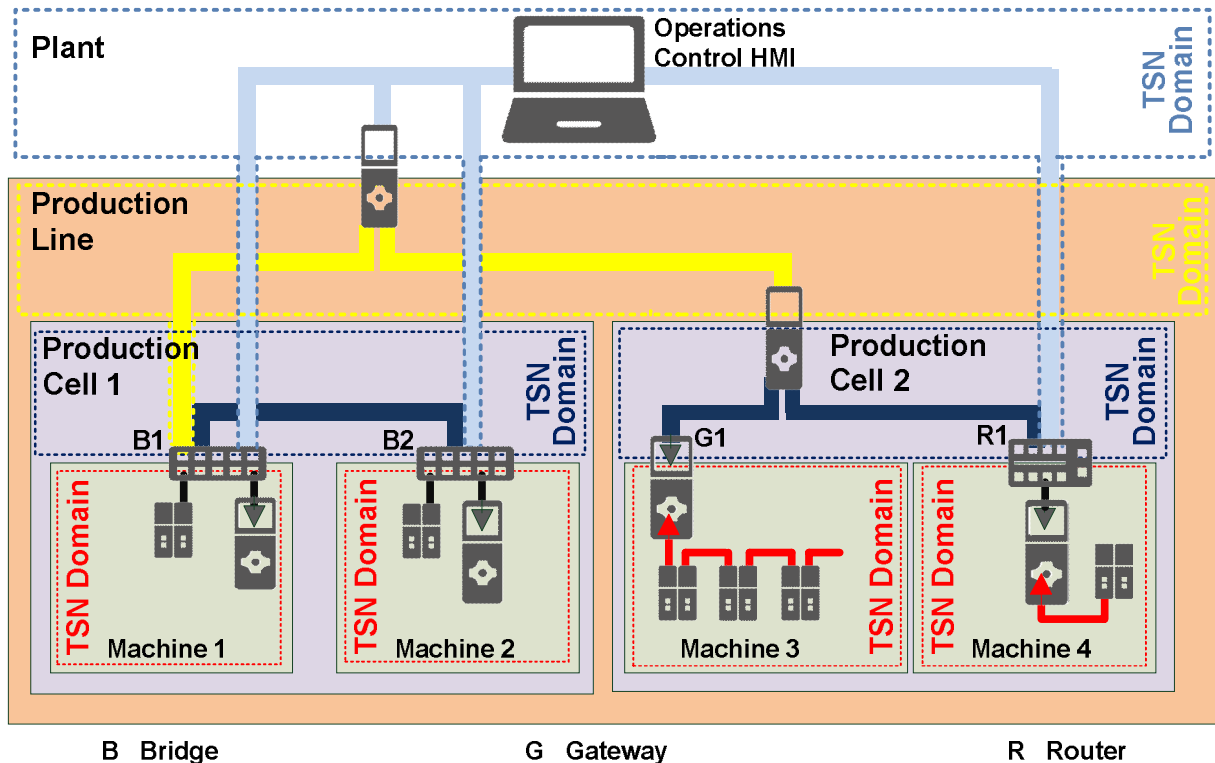
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1152 2.6 Industrial automation machines, production cells, production lines

1153 2.6.1 Use case 17: Machine to Machine/Controller to Controller (M2M/C2C) Communication

1154 Preconfigured machines with their own TSN domains, which include tested and approved internal
 1155 communication, communicate with other preconfigured machines with their own TSN domains, with
 1156 a supervisory PLC of the production cell (with its own TSN domain) or line (with its own TSN
 1157 domain) or with an Operations Control HMI (with its own TSN domain).



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 1159 **Figure 51 – M2M/C2C between TSN domains**

1160 Figure 51 shows that multiple logical overlapping TSN Domains arise, when controllers use a
 1161 single interface for the M2M communication with controllers of the cell, line, plant or other
 1162 machines. Decoupling of the machine internal TSN Domain can be accomplished by applying a
 1163 separate controller interface for M2M communication.

1164 Machine 1: the controller link to its connected cell bridge B1 is concurrently member of the TSN
 1165 Domains of Machine 1, Production Cell 1, Production Line and Plant.

1166 Machine 2: the controller link to its connected cell bridge B2 is concurrently member of the TSN
 1167 Domains of Machine 2, Production Cell 1 and Plant.

1168 Machine 3: the controller is directly attached to the PLC of Production Cell 2 and is therefore
 1169 member of the TSN Domain of Production Cell 2. The machine internal TSN Domain is
 1170 decoupled from M2M traffic by a separate interface.

1171 Machine 4: the controller link to its connected cell bridge B3 is concurrently member of the TSN
 1172 Domains of Production Cell 2 and Plant. The machine internal TSN Domain is
 1173 decoupled from M2M traffic by a separate interface.

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 1175 Examples:
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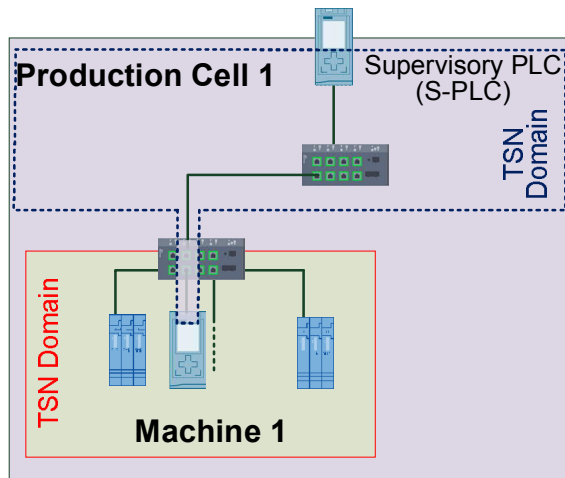


Figure 52 – M2M with supervisory PLC

There are quite a few constraints related to the machine internal networks. Each machine may run a different schedule and even the intervals may be different. It may be very complex or even impossible to find an optimal communication schedule down from the sensors and actuators to the cell control. The requirements for cascaded control loops require faster intervals for the lower control loops. The multiple machine intervals embedded in one cell interval can be mapped onto a sequence of intervals. Each step in the exchange of data between machine and cell control unit can be mapped into machine intervals:

- outbound cell communication,
- transfer outbound within machine network,
- transfer inbound within machine network,
- inbound cell communication.

Additionally Figure 54 shows an example where M2M communication is used to connect a PC for diagnostics/monitoring.

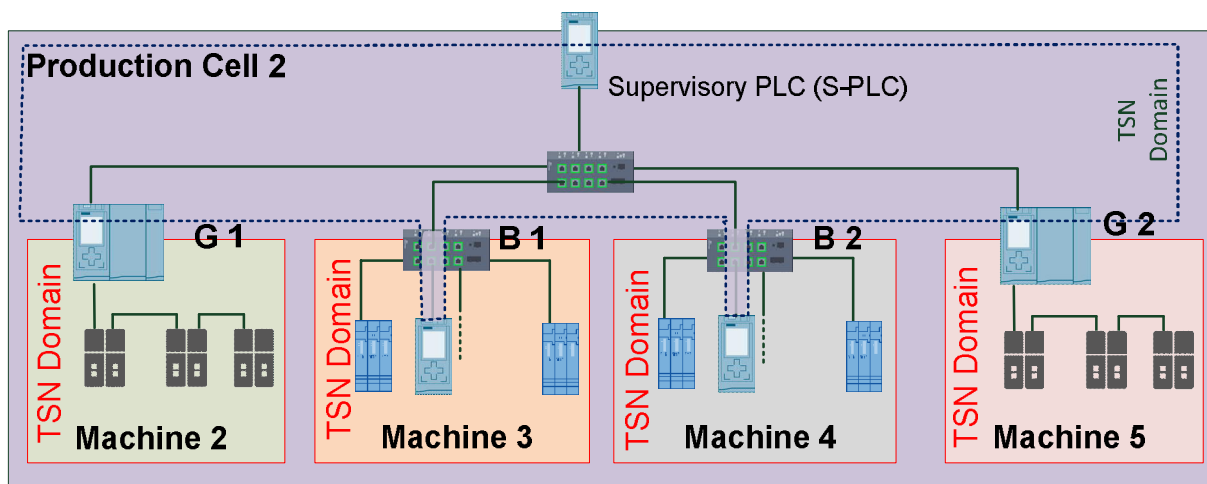


Figure 53 – M2M with four machines

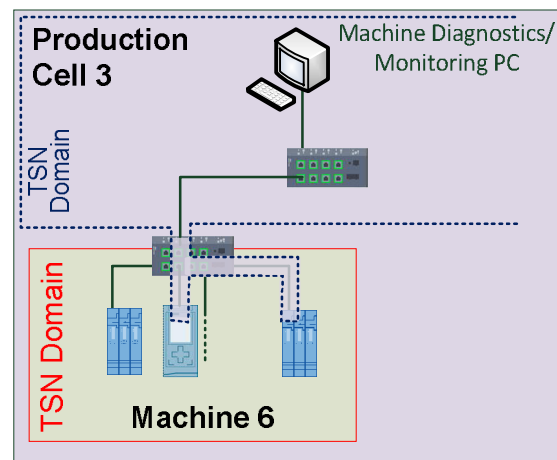


Figure 54 – M2M with diagnostics/monitoring PC

1177 Figure 54 shows a M2M diagnostics related use case: communication is cyclic and shall happen
 1178 within short application cycle times. An example of this use case is the verification of proper
 1179 behavior of a follower drive, in a master-follower application. Today, the use case is covered by
 1180 connecting a common PC to an interface of the follower drive. The various TSN mechanisms may
 1181 now make it possible to connect such a PC network interface card anywhere in the system network
 1182 and still gather the same diagnostics with the same guarantees, as the current direct connection.

1183 The required guarantees are:

1184 Each 4 ms a frame shall be sent from a follower drive and have its delivery guaranteed to the
 1185 network interface of the PC used to perform the diagnostics. Of course, local PC-level processing
 1186 of such frames has to be implemented such that the diagnostic application gets the required quality
 1187 of service.

1188 From the communication point of view the two types of machine interface shown in Figure 53 are
 1189 identical. The PLC represents the machine interface and uses either a dedicated (machine 1 and 4)
 1190 or a shared interface (machine 2 and 3) for communication with other machines and/or a
 1191 supervisor PLC.

1192 The communication relations between machines may or may not include or make use of a
 1193 supervisory PLC.

1194 Requirement:

- 1195 • All machine internal communication (stream traffic and non-stream traffic) is decoupled from
 1196 and protected against the additional M2M traffic and vice versa.
- 1197 • 1:1 and 1:many communication relations shall be possible.
- 1198 • Scheduling in a way that interleaved operation with machine intervals is possible.

1199 Useful 802 mechanisms:

- 1200 • IEEE Std 802.1Q-2018, Fixed priority, IEEE Std 802.3br
- 1201 • Priority Regeneration,
- 1202 • Queue-based resource allocation,
- 1203 • VLANs to separate TSN domains.

1204 **2.6.2 Use case 18: Pass-through Traffic**

1205 Machines are supplied by machine builders to production cell/line builders in tested and approved
 1206 quality. At specific boundary ports standard devices (e.g. barcode reader) can be attached to the
 1207 machines. The machines support transport of non-stream traffic through the tested/approved
 1208 machine (“pass-through traffic”) without influencing the operational behavior of the machine, e.g.

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connection of a printer or barcode reader. Figure 55, Figure 56 and Figure 57 give some examples of pass-through traffic installations in industrial automation.

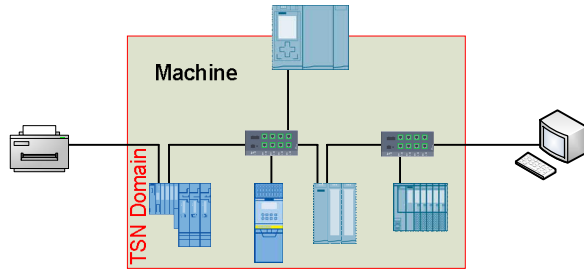


Figure 55 – pass-through one machine

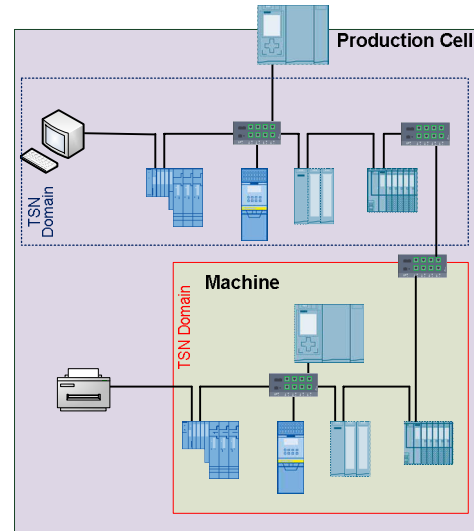


Figure 56 – pass-through one machine and production cell

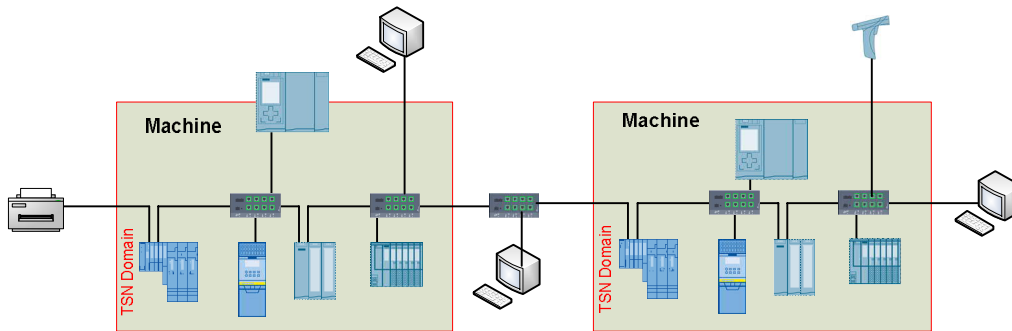


Figure 57 – pass-through two machines

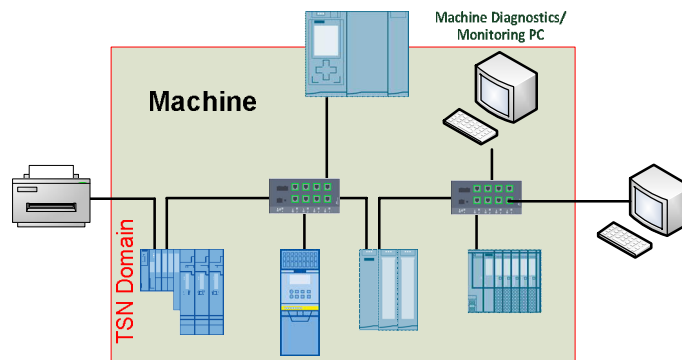


Figure 58 – machine with diagnostics / monitoring PC

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Requirement:

All machine internal communication (stream traffic and non-stream traffic) is decoupled from and protected against the additional “pass-through” traffic.
“Pass-through” traffic is treated as separate traffic pattern.

Useful 802.1Q mechanisms:

- Priority Regeneration,

- 1218 • separate "pass-through traffic queue",
- 1219 • Queue-based resource allocation in all bridges,
- 1220 • Ingress rate limiting.
- 1221

2.6.3 Use case 19: Modular machine assembly

In this use case machines are variable assemblies of multiple different modules. Effective assembly of a machine is executed in the plant dependent on the current stage of production, e.g. bread-machine with the modules: base module, 'Kaisersemmel' module, 'Rosensemmel' module, sesame caster, poppy-seed caster, baking oven OR advertisement feeder for newspapers.

Figure 59 may have relaxed latency requirements, but the machine in Figure 60 needs to work with very high speed and thus has very demanding latency requirements.

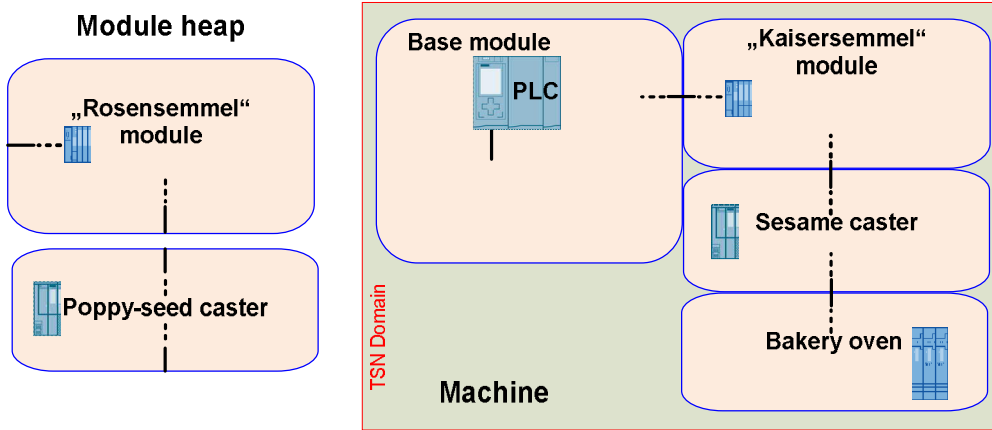


Figure 59 – modular bread-machine

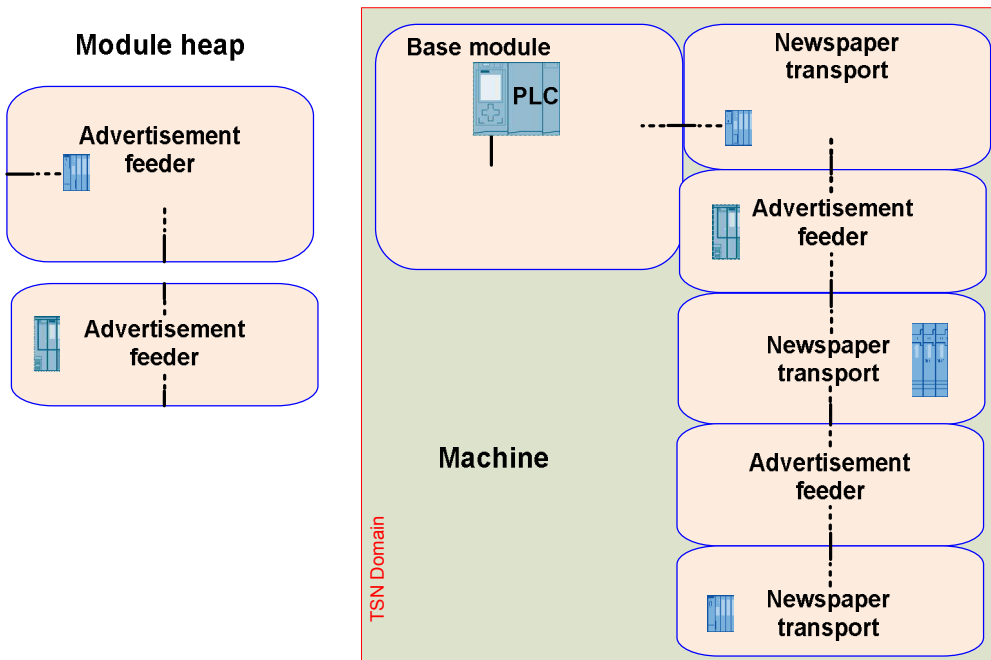


Figure 60 – modular advertisement feeder

Requirement:

Modules can be assembled to a working machine variably on-site (either in run, stop or power down mode) as necessary (several times throughout a day). The machine produces the selected variety of a product. Communication relying on TSN features is established automatically after the modules are plugged without management/ configuration interaction.

2.6.4 Use case 20: Tool changer

Tools (e.g. different robot arms) are in power off mode. During production a robot changes its arms for different production steps.

They get mechanically connected to a robot arm and then powered on. The time till operate influences the efficiency of the robot and thus the production capacity of the plant. Robots may share a common tool pool. Thus the “tools” are connected to different robots during different production steps.

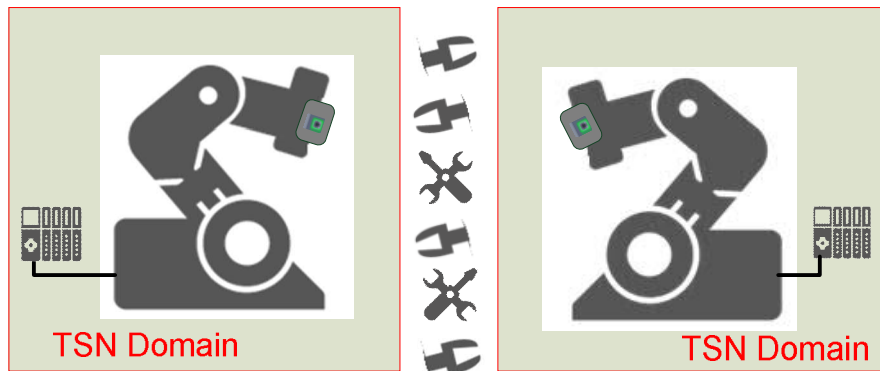


Figure 61 – tool changer

Requirement:

- Added portion of the network needs to be up and running (power on to operate) in less than 500ms.
- Extending and removing portions of the network (up to 16 devices) in operation
 - by one connection point (one robot using a tool)
 - by multiple connection points (multiple robots using a tool)

Useful 802.1Q mechanisms:

- preconfigured streams
- ...

2.6.5 Use case 21: Dynamic plugging and unplugging of machines (subnets)

E.g. multiple AGVs (automatic guided vehicles) access various docking stations to get access to the supervisory PLC. Thus, an AGV is temporary not available. An AGV may act as CPS or as a bunch of devices.

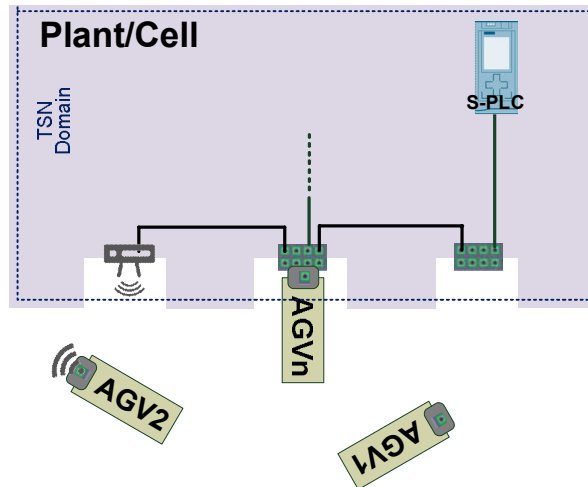


Figure 62 – AGV plug and unplug

Requirement:

The traffic relying on TSN features from/to AGVs is established/removed automatically after plug/unplug events.

Different AGVs may demand different traffic layouts.

The time till operate influences the efficiency of the plant.

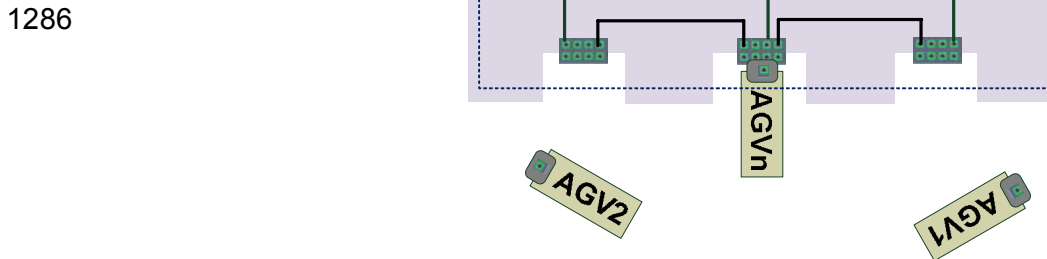
Thousands of AGS may be used concurrently, but only a defined amount of AGVs is connected at a given time.

Useful 802.1Q mechanisms:

- preconfigured streams
- ...

1283 **2.6.6 Use case 22: Energy Saving**

1284 Complete or partial plant components are switched off and on as necessary to save energy. Thus,
 1285 portions of the plant are temporarily not available.



1287 **Figure 63 – energy saving**

1288 **Requirement:**

1289 Energy saving region switch off/on shall not create process disturbance.

1290 Communication paths through the energy saving area between end-stations, which do not belong
 1291 to the energy saving area, shall be avoided.

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1293 **Useful 802.1Q mechanisms:**

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- Appropriate path computation by sorting streams to avoid streams passing through energy
 1295 saving region.

1296 **2.6.7 Use case 23: Add machine, production cell or production line**

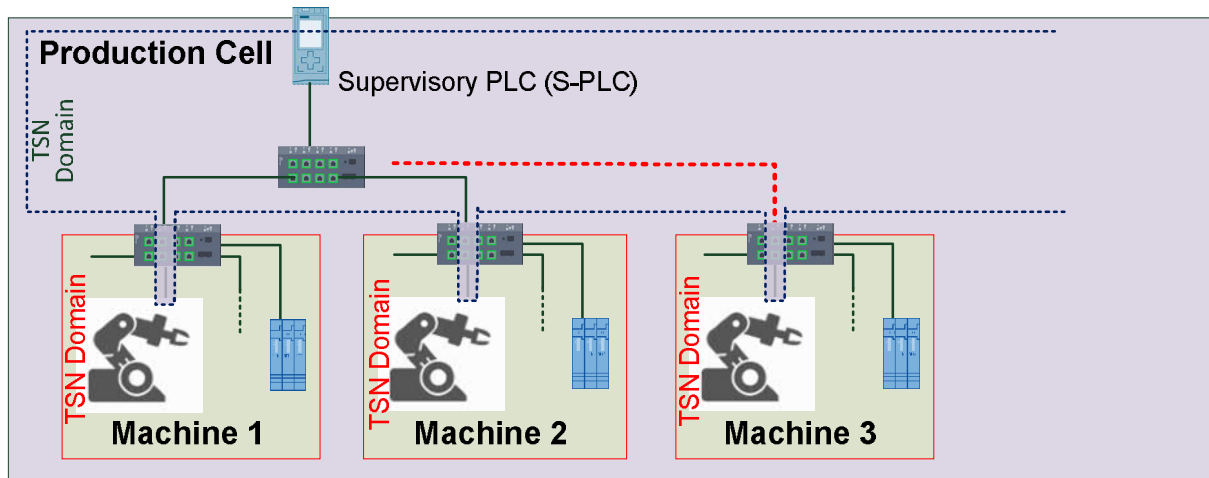
1297 When production capacity is exhausted, additional machines, production cells or even production
 1298 lines are bought and integrated into a plant.

1299 E.g. an additional welding robot is added to a production cell to increase production capacity. The
 1300 additional machine has to be integrated into the production cell control with minimal disturbance of
 1301 the production cell process.

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1303 Another aspect is when a machine or a group of machines is tested in a stand-alone mode first
 1304 before it is used in the combination with other machines or in combination with a supervisory
 1305 system.

1306 A flexible cell communication is needed to support this. Enabling and disabling of cell
 1307 communication within a machine should be possible with minimal impact on production.



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Figure 64 – add machine

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Requirement:

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Adding and removing a machine/cell/production line shall not disturb existing installations

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Useful mechanisms:

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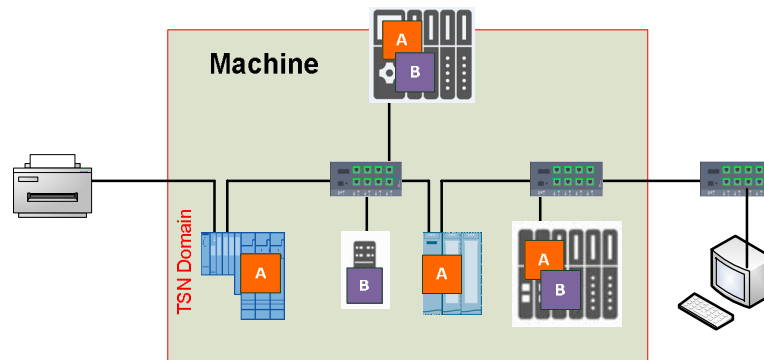
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2.6.8 Use case 24: Multiple applications in a station using the TSN-IA profile

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Technology A and B are implemented in PLC and devices.



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Figure 65 – two applications

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Requirement:

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Stations with multiple applications using TSN traffic classes shall be supported.

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Useful 802.1 mechanisms:

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2.6.9 Use case 25: Functional safety

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Functional safety is defined in IEC 61508 as “part of the overall safety relating to the EUC

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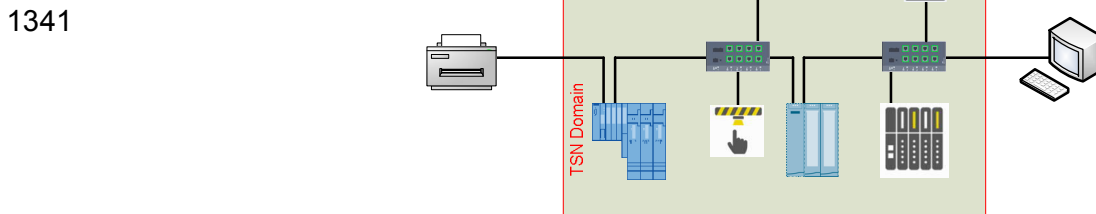
[Equipment Under Control] and the EUC control system that depends on the correct functioning of

1329 *the E/E/PE [electrical/electronic/programmable electronic] safety-related systems and other risk*
 1330 *reduction measures”*

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 1332 IEC 61784-3-3 defines a safety communication layer structure, which is performed by
 1333 a standard transmission system (black channel), and an additional safety transmission protocol on
 1334 top of this standard transmission system.

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 1336 The standard transmission system includes the entire hardware of the transmission system and the
 1337 related protocol functions (i.e. OSI layers 1, 2 and 7).

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 1339 Safety applications and standard applications are sharing the same standard communication
 1340 systems at the same time.



1342 **Figure 66 – Functional safety with cyclic real-time**

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 1344 Requirement:

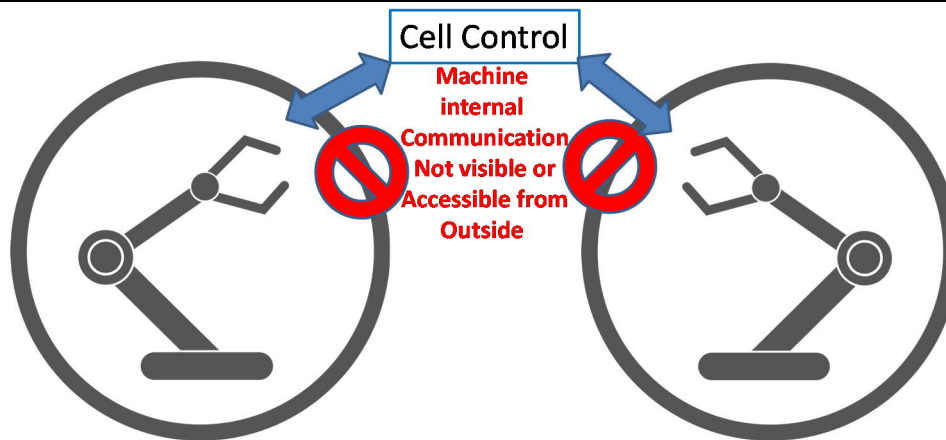
1345 Safety applications (as black channel) and standard applications share the same TSN-IA profile
 1346 based communication system at the same time.

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 1348 Useful 802.1 mechanisms:

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1350 **2.6.10 Use case 26: Machine cloning**

1351 The machines used in a cell can be identical but with a different task. Robots are a typical example
 1352 of that kind of machines (see Figure 67). Thus, both machines have the same internal
 1353 communication flows. The difference is just different machine identification for the external flow.
 1354 The concept as of today is that the machine internal configuration has its identification and the cell
 1355 system has its configuration but there is no dependency between both. The machine internal setup
 1356 is done earlier and the cell identification is a result from a different configuration step and is done
 1357 by a different organizational unit. Thus, it is difficult to propagate the cell level identification at the
 1358 very beginning to the machine internal components. A worst case scenario is the startup of a
 1359 machine and the connection to a cell in an ad hoc way with identification of the machine by the
 1360 globally unique MAC address of the machine and the resolution of other addresses within the cell
 1361 controller or above (e.g. for allocation of IP addresses). If there is a need to communicate with a
 1362 few field device within the machine in a global way the machine subsystem has to be configured
 1363 accordingly in advance. This configuration step could be done by a different organization as the
 1364 stream configuration and not all machine internal elements may require a global address.



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1366 **Figure 67 – Machine internal communication with isolated logical infrastructure**

1367 Requirements:

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- TSN domains with unique addressing within the TSN domains;
 - Unique TSN domain identification (e.g. using LLDP) also for cloned machines;
 - Define handling of specific addresses (e.g. IP addresses) for global identification and how they are managed within the machine set-up procedures;

1372 Useful 802.1 mechanisms:

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- IEEE 802.1Q (usage of streams)
 - IEEE 802.1 support for isolation is VLAN

1375 **2.7 DCS Reconfiguration**

1376 **2.7.1 Challenges of DCS Reconfiguration Use Cases**

1377 The challenge these use cases bring is the influence of reconfiguration on the existing
1378 communication: all has to happen without disturbances to the production!

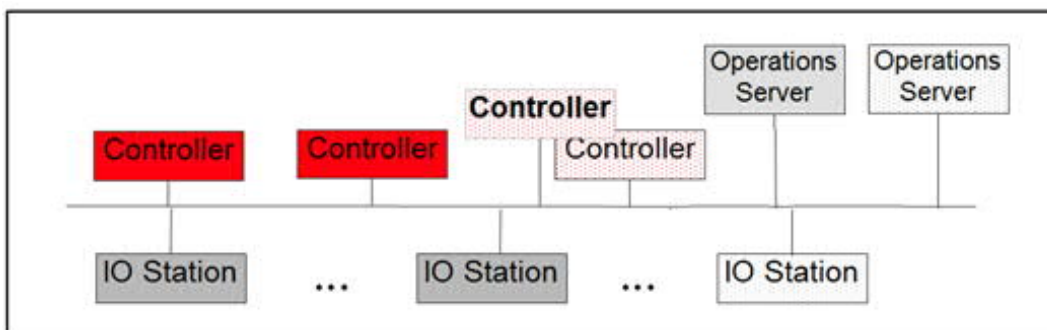
1379 We consider important the use case that we can connect any number of new devices wherever in
1380 the system and they get connectivity over the existing infrastructure supporting TSN features
1381 without a change to the operational mode of the system.

1383 **2.7.2 Use case 27: DCS Device level reconfiguration**

1384 The structure shown in Figure 1 applies. Figure 68 provides a logic station view.

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- SW modifications to a device
 - A change to the device's SW/SW application shall happen, which does not require changes to the SW/SW application running on other devices (incl. firmware update).
 - Device Exchange/Replacement
 - The process device is replaced by another unit for maintenance reason, e.g. for off-process calibration or because of the device being defective (note: a "defective device may still be fully and properly engaged in the network and the communication, e.g. if just the sensor is not working properly anymore).
 - Use case: repair.
 - Add/remove additional device(s)

- 1395 - A new device is brought to an existing system or functionality, which shall be used in the
 1396 application, is added to a running device, e.g. by enabling a SW function or plugging in a
 1397 new HW-module. Even though the scope of change is not limited to a single device
 1398 because also the other device engaged in the same application.
- 1399 - For process devices, servers: BIOS, OS and applications updates, new VMs, workstations.
- 1400 - Use cases: replacement with upgrade/downgrade of an existing device, simply adding new
 1401 devices, removal of device, adding connections between devices.
- 1402 • Influencing factors relative to communication
- 1403 - Communication requirements of newly added devices (in case of adding)
- 1404 - Existing QoS parameters (i.e. protocol-specific parameters like TimeOuts or Retries)
- 1405 - Device Redundancy
- 1406 - Network/Media Redundancy
- 1407 - Virtualization
- 1408 - For servers: in-premise or cloud
- 1409 - Clock types in the involved process devices
- 1410 - Universal time and working clock domains
- 1411 - Cycle time(s) needed by new devices
- 1412 - Available bandwidth
- 1413 - Existing security policies



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 1415 **Figure 68 – Device level reconfiguration use cases**

1416 **2.7.3 Use case 28: DCS System level reconfiguration**

1417 The structure shown in Figure 1 applies. Figure 69 provides a logic station view.

- 1418 • Extend an existing plant
- 1419 - Add new network segment to existing network
- 1420 - Existing non-TSN / Newly added is TSN
- 1421 - Existing TSN / Newly added is TSN
- 1422 • Update the system security policy
- 1423 - [New key lengths, new security zones, new security policy]
- 1424 - To be defined how and by whom to be handled
- 1425 • Influencing factors
- 1426 - Same as for “device-level”

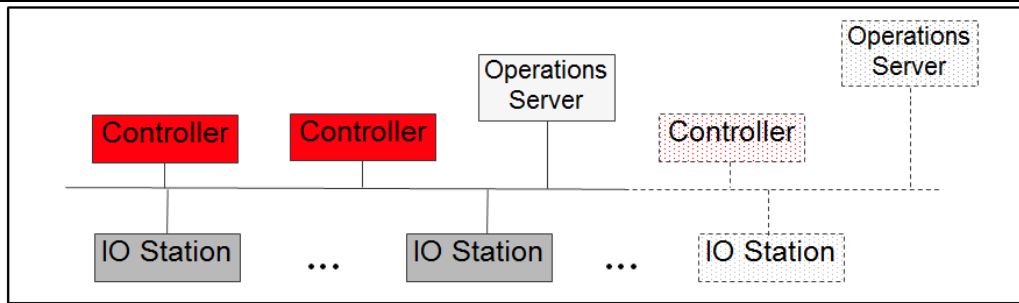


Figure 69 – System level reconfiguration use cases

2.8 Further Industrial Automation Use Cases

2.8.1 Use case 29: Network monitoring and diagnostics

Diagnostics plays an important role in the management of systems and of devices. Industrial automation requires a method for quick reaction to failures. The error reaction shall limit the damage caused by the error and minimize the machine downtime.

The error detection shall be done within a few cycles (exact value is depending on the application) and reaction shall be specified precisely in the case of an error. Machine stop is not always the right reaction on errors. This reaction can be located at the talker and listener.

Repairs are done by the service persons on site which have no specific communication knowledge. The indication of the components which have to be repaired shall occur within a few seconds. Machines are powered down during the repair. A typical repair time goal is below 15 min. This includes the restart of a machine and the indication that the problem is solved.

Generally speaking the mechanisms used in this context are acyclic or having large cycle times so that they could perhaps be considered, from a networking perspective as sporadic. Most of the use cases related to diagnostics will be included in this category.

- Quick identification of error locations is important to minimize downtimes in production (see also Use case 01: Sequence of events).
- Monitoring network performance is a means to anticipate problems so that arrangements can be planned and put into practice even before errors and downtimes occur.
- Identification of devices on an industrial Ethernet network shall be done in a common, interoperable manner for interoperability on a converged TSN network. This identification both needs to show the type of device, and the topology of the network. IEEE 802.1AB, the Link Layer Discovery Protocol (LLDP), provides one possible mechanism for this to be done at layer two, but provides a large degree of variability in implementation.

Requirement:

- Minimize downtime;
- Monitoring and diagnostics data including used TSN features shall be provided, e.g. established streams, failed streams, stream classes, bandwidth consumption, ...;
- A discovery protocol such as IEEE 802.1AB shall be leveraged to meet the needs of TSN-IA;
- Reporting of detailed diagnostics information for TSN features shall be supported.

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Useful 802.1 (ietf) mechanisms:

- MIBs (SNMP)
- YANG (NETCONF/RESTCONF)
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2.8.2 Use case 30: Security

Industrial automation equipment can become the objective of sabotage or spying.

Therefore all aspects of information security can be found in industrial automation as well:

- Confidentiality "is the property, that information is not made available or disclosed to unauthorized individuals, entities, or processes."
- Integrity means maintaining and assuring the accuracy and completeness of data.
- Availability implies that all resources and functional units are available and functioning correctly when they are needed. Availability includes protection against denial-of-service attacks.
- Authenticity aims at the verifiability and reliability of data sources and sinks.

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Requirement:

Optional support of confidentiality, integrity, availability and authenticity.

Security shall not limit real-time communication

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Protection against rogue applications running on authenticated stations are out of scope.

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Useful mechanisms:

- 802.1X
- IEC62443
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2.8.3 Use case 31: Firmware update

Firmware update is done during normal operation to make sure that the machine e.g. with 1000 devices is able be updated with almost no down time.

With bump: separate loading (space for 2 FW versions required) and coordinated activation to minimize downtime

Bumpless: redundant stations with bumpless switchover – the single device may lose connection (bump)

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Requirement:

Stations shall be capable to accept and store an additional fw version without disturbance.

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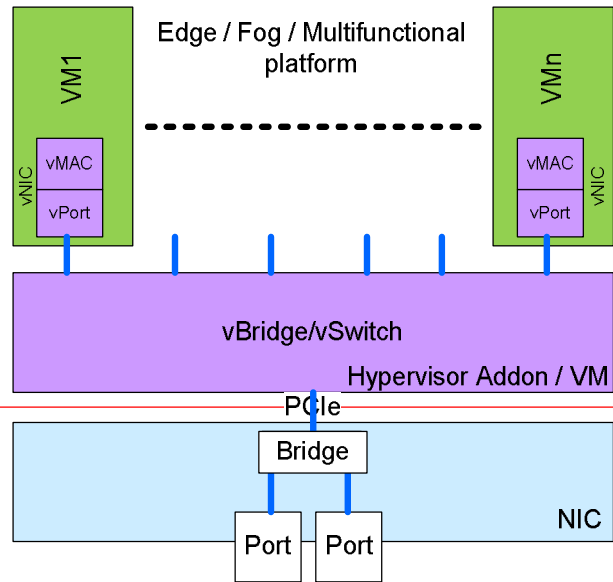
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2.8.4 Use case 32: Virtualization

Workload consolidation is done by virtualizing the hardware interfaces. Even in such kind of environment the TSN features according to the TSN-IA profile shall be available and working.

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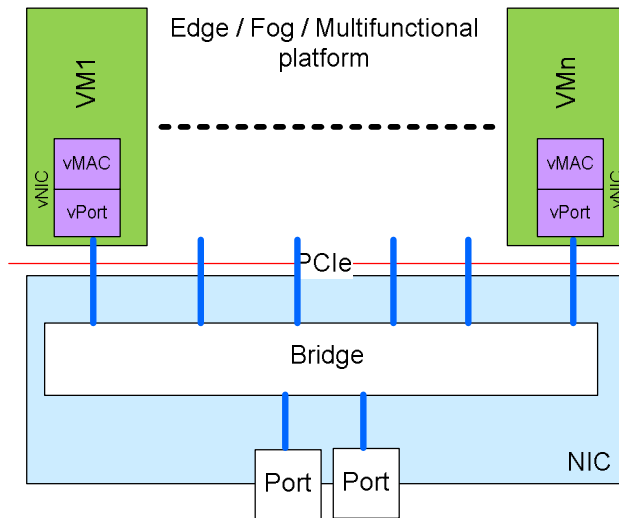
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 1508 Figure 70 and Figure 71 show the two principle setups for an Ethernet communication concept
 1509 allowing both, communication VM to Ethernet and VM to VM. The applications inside the VM shall
 1510 not see, whether they communicate to another VM or an Ethernet node.



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1512 **Figure 70 – Ethernet interconnect with VM based vBridge**

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 1515 compute power of the vMAC/vPort and vSwitch/vBridge VM are much higher than the PCIe
 1516 bandwidth to the NIC.



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1518 **Figure 71 – Ethernet interconnect with PCIe connected Bridge**

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 1520 Figure 71 fits for a limited amount of VMs, because it saves the additional vSwitch/vBridge VM. For
 1521 a given amount of VMs, e.g. PCIe Gen3 x4 or Gen4 x4, seems to be sufficient.

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Requirement:

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vBridge and vPort should behave as real Bridge and real Port: data plane, control plane, ...

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vBridge and vPort can become members of TSN domains.

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2.8.5 Use case 33: Offline configuration

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The configuration of a machine is typically done before the machine is actually built. This is necessary for checking the availability of all components and as input for the machine programming. This requires an electronic data sheet of the field devices. Bridging components and talker listener behavior shall be described in these files. The talker and listener parameters are deduced from the application configuration as well as the communication intervals. The bridge description may include the port properties and the amount of streams supported for the individual purposes. Performance parameters are also required to set up the system. XML based textual description is used currently to describe the capabilities of field devices used in machinery. The individual elements are combined and additional parameters are defined resulting in another file which describes a machine configuration. This file is given to the machine control unit after machine setup and used to verify the commissioning. Protocols are needed to compare the real machine elements with the configured ones. Topology discovery is an important feature as well as the access to bridges to read and write management data.

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Latency requirements restrict usable topologies and vice versa. Some applications can be handled with the description of an upper bound for latency. In this case the configuration may not use the accumulated latency from the bridge description but a limit which has to be checked during setup.

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Another parameter for real time communication is the quality of time synchronization which depends upon several parameters of the components used in the synchronization path. YANG models of IEEE 802 components may be suitable for that purpose as offline database for individual bridge components and for the IEEE 802 network. It is not necessary for a machine configurator to handle the YANG related protocols but use the models. YANG means a completely different language as used today and implies two databases and some transformation and consistency issues between the two descriptive units. Thus, it is recommended to provide a mapping between XML and YANG.

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Requirements:

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- Device type description of IEC/IEEE 60802 components containing all necessary managed objects needs to be defined
- Means to store machine configuration offline in a textual form (e.g. XML);
- Offline - Online comparison of machine configuration shall be supported;

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Useful 802.1 mechanisms:

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- IEEE 802.1 YANG models;

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1565 **2.8.6 Use case 34: Digital twin**

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1567 Virtual pre-commissioning of machines can save a lot of time and money.

1568 Up to 30 % time-saving in the development of new machines are foreseen by an increased
1569 engineering efficiency due to the implementation and usage of digital twins.

1570 Faster development, delivery and commissioning of new machines at customer locations should be
1571 possible.

1572 A digital twin shows the real machine in as much detail as possible and allows simulation of its
1573 operation. With the help of digital twins machines can gradually and virtually be developed – in
1574 parallel to the real production and commissioning process of the machines at customer locations.

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1576 Requirement:

1577 Reliable planning, development, testing, simulation and optimization results shall be possible

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1579 Useful 802.1 mechanisms:

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1581 **2.8.7 Use case 35: Device replacement without engineering**

1582 Any device in a plant, i.e. end-station, bridged end-station or bridge, may get broken eventually. If
1583 this happens fast and simple replacement of a broken device is necessary to keep production
1584 disturbance at a minimum (see also: 2.7.2 Use case 27: DCS Device level reconfiguration).

1585 Support of “mechanical” replacement of a failed device with a new one without any engineering
1586 effort (i.e. without the need for an engineering tool) is a prerequisite for minimal repair downtime.

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1588 Requirement:

1589 In case of repair it shall be possible to replace end-stations, bridged end-stations or brides without
1590 the need of an engineering tool.

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1592 Useful 802.1 mechanisms:

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Abbreviations

AGV	Autonomous Guided Vehicle
CCTV	Closed Circuit Television
DCS	Distributed Control System
FW	Firmware
PA	Process Automation

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