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On the Validity of Credit-Based Shaper Delay Guarantees in Decentralized Reservation Protocols

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Introduction

Goal

Problem:

Worst-case latency formulas for CBS in TSN standards. But they do not cover the actual worst case.

Result:

Real-time streams may miss their “promised” deadline.

Solution:

Adapting the decentral admission control scheme to offer safe guarantees.

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Decentralized Reservation Protocols in TSN

Decentralized Reservation Protocols

Protocols for Decentralized Resource Reservations

1997
Resource Reservation Protocol (RSVP)

commonly using IntServ
and per-flow shaping

2010
Stream Reservation Protocol (SRP)

for Credit-Based Shaper
with per-class shaping
IEEE 802.1Qat

2018
Resource Allocation Protocol (RAP)

support planned for various schedulers
including Credit-Based Shaper
IEEE P802.1Qdd (draft)

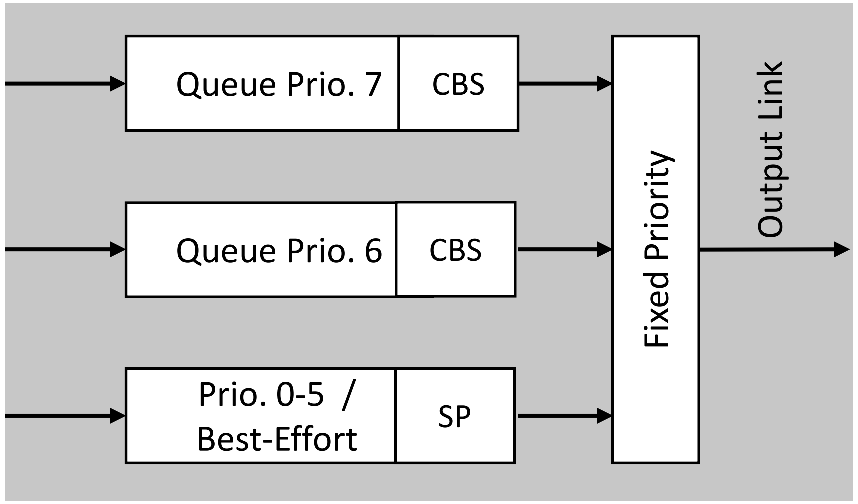
Credit-Based Shaper

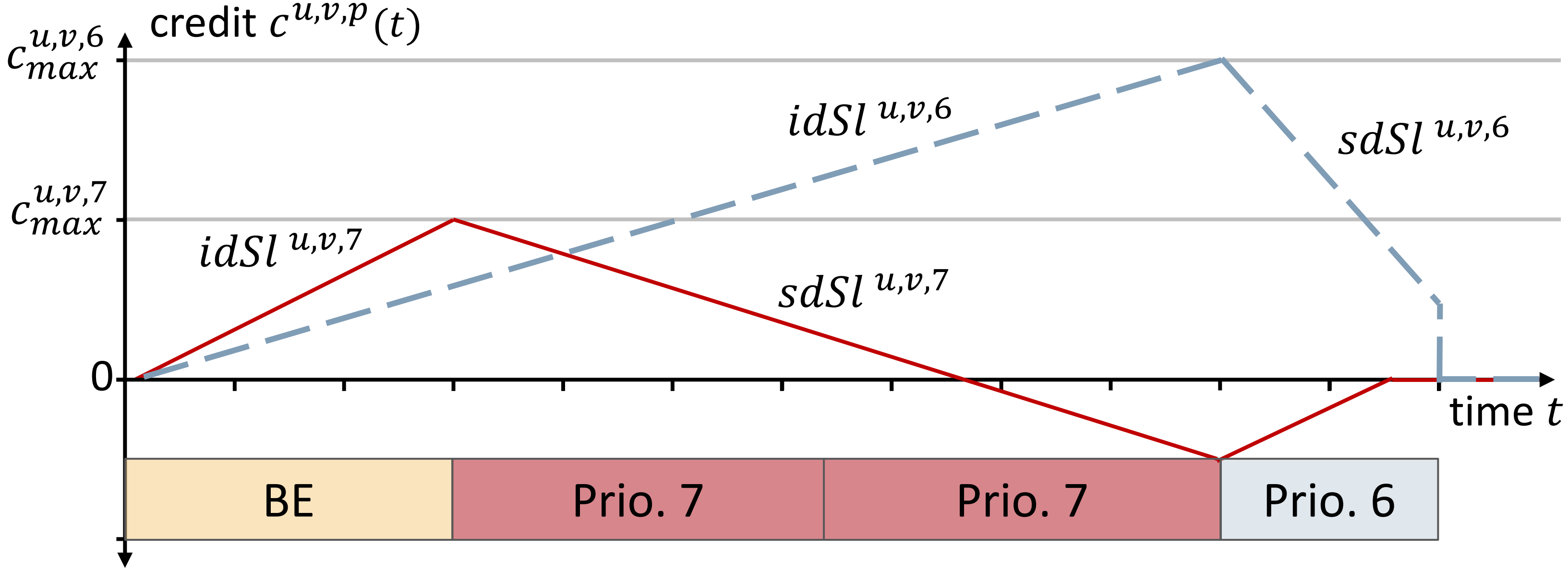
Recap

Credit-Based Shaper (CBS)

- per-queue shaping
- $idSl$ is the reserved bandwidth for each queue

Example Output Port (node u to v)





Decentralized Reservation Protocols

General Procedure

Decentralized Admission Control

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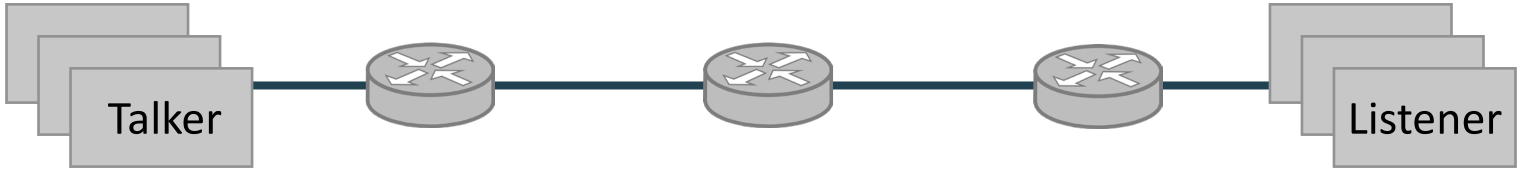
Stream / Flow ID
TSpec: Frame Size & CMI
Priority
E2E delay requirement
Acc. Delay (over path)



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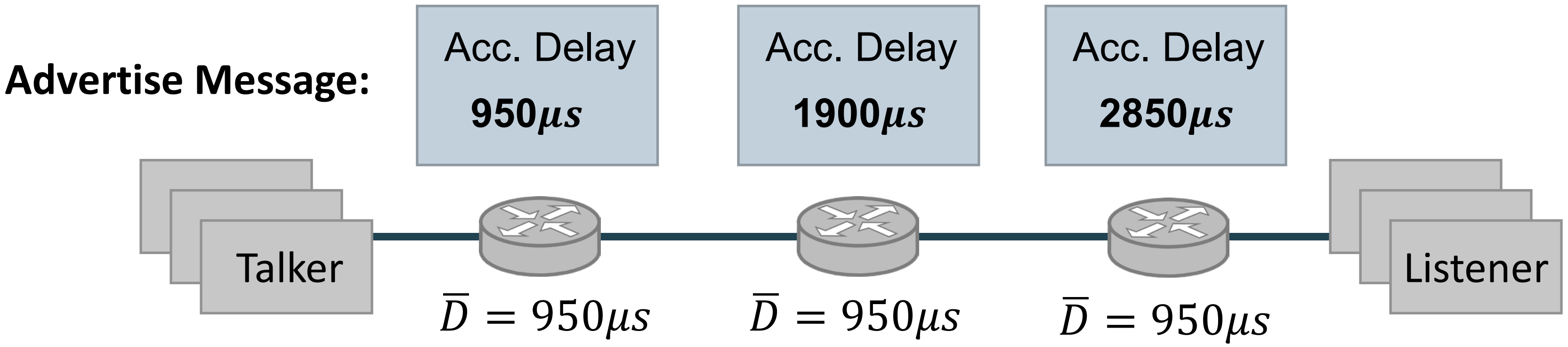

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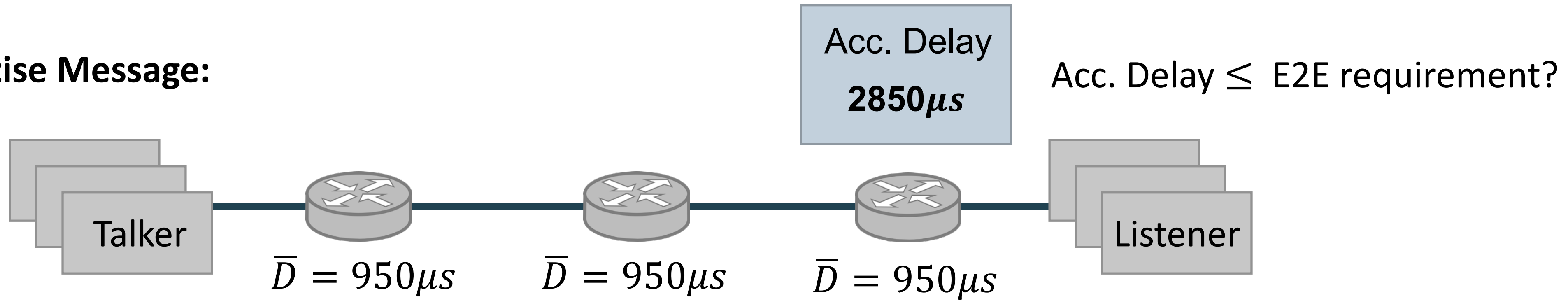
Advertise Message:



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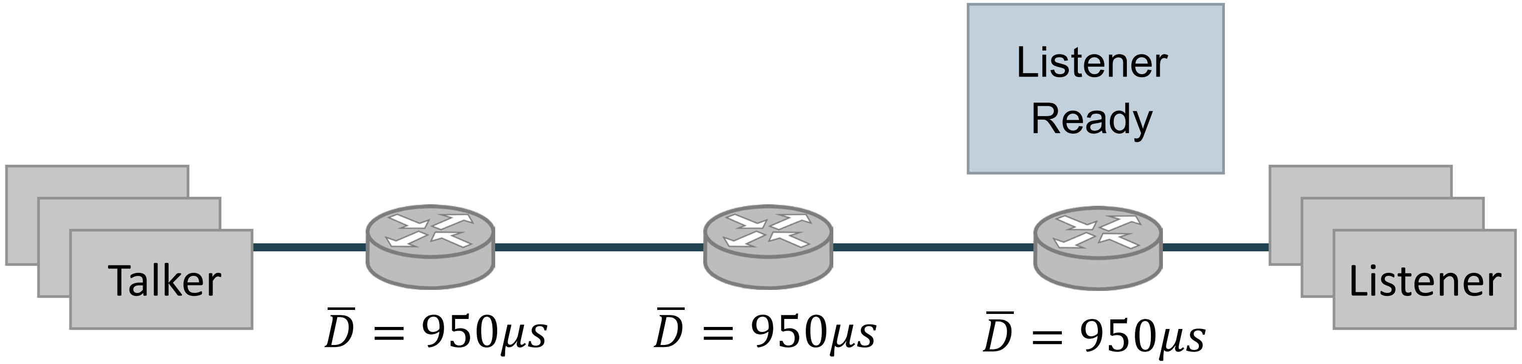

Latency Calculation in the Standards

Existing Formulas

Existing worst-case latency calculations in the TSN standards:

“Rule of Thumb” in IEEE Std 802.1BA-2021

"2 ms [...] for SR Class A can be met for 7 hops of 100 Mbit/s Ethernet
if the maximum frame size on the LAN is 1522 octets“

Counterproof by Christian Boiger (IEEE 802 Plenary Meeting, 09 November 2010)

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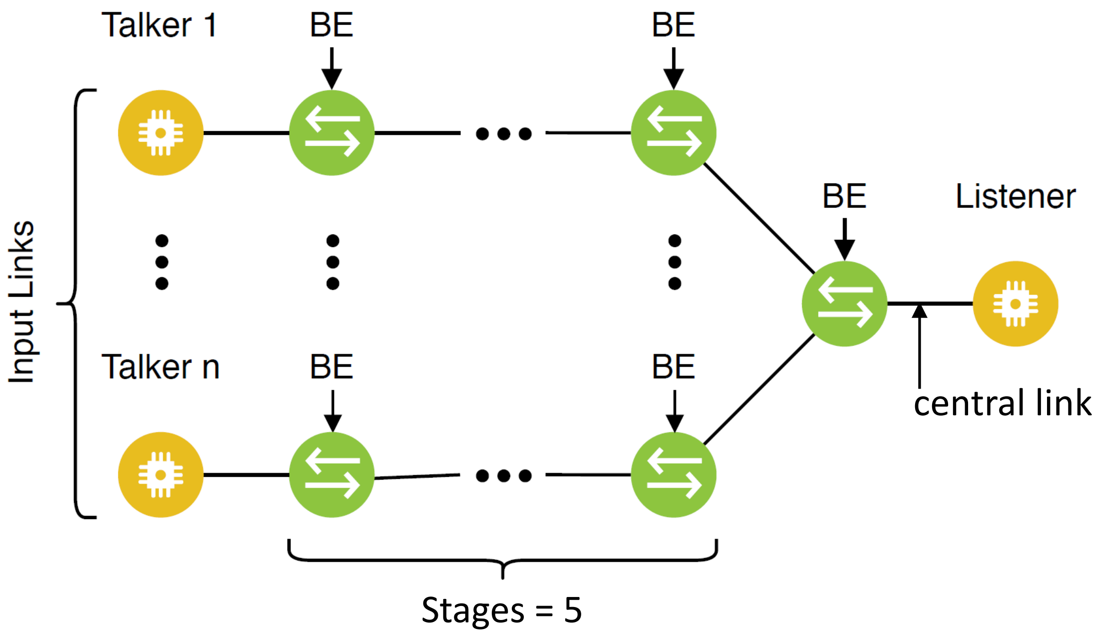
IEEE 802.1Q Section L.3.1.1	$\overline{D} = t_{inQueue} + t_{int} + t_L + t_{prop} + t_{sf}$ includes $t_{queue} = \begin{cases} L_{max}/C & \text{for prio. 7} \\ (L_{max} + L^{(7)})/(C - idSl^{(7)}) & \text{for prio. 6} \end{cases}$
Plenary Session ref. in IEEE 802.1Q, p. 1569	$\overline{D} = \left(\underbrace{L_{max}}_{\text{other pr.}} + \underbrace{2 \cdot (R_{max} - L_{FoI}) - \left\lceil \frac{R_{max} - L_{FoI}}{N} \right\rceil}_{\text{same priority}} + L_{FoI}\right) \cdot t_{oct}$ $R_{max} = \left\lfloor \frac{CMI}{t_{oct}} \cdot \frac{idSl}{C} \right\rfloor, \; N = \min\left(\lvert\mathcal{L}^{-}\rvert, \left\lfloor \frac{R_{max} - L_{FoI}}{L_{min}} \right\rfloor\right)$

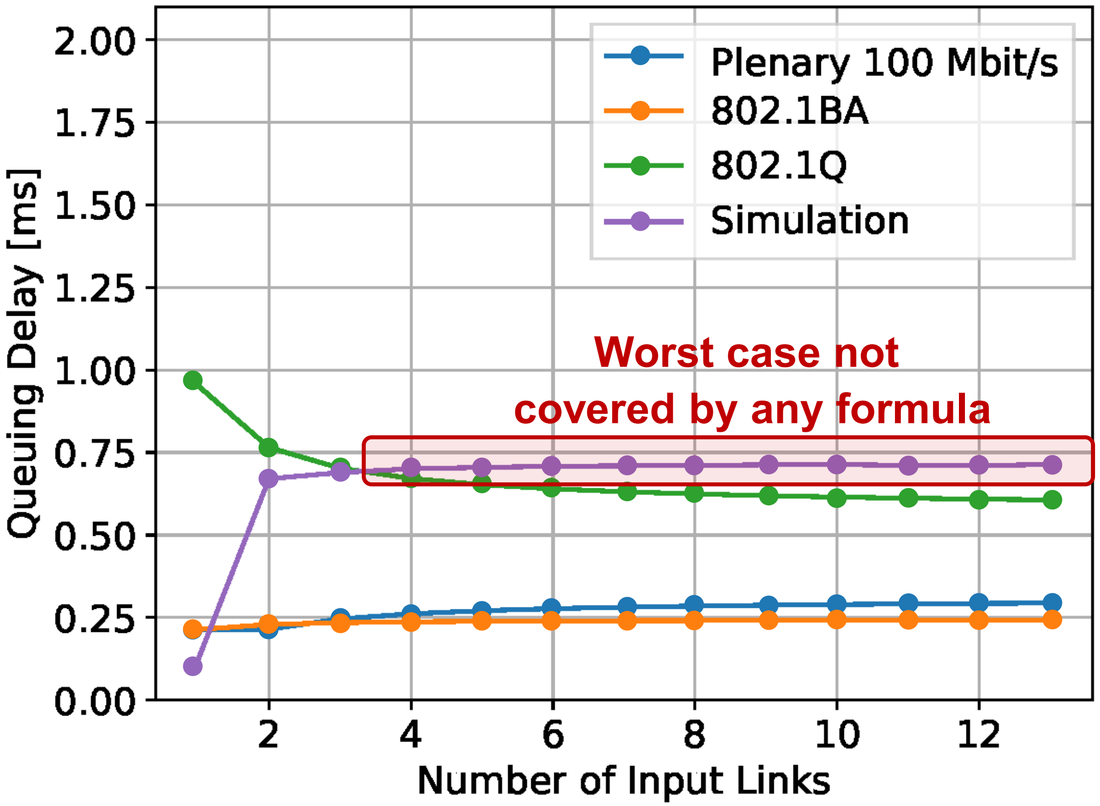
Latency Calculation in the Standards

Counterexamples by Simulation

Simulation Results

- link capacity $100 Mbit/s$, $idSl = 0.75$, priority 7, Talker CMI $= 125\mu s$
- constant central link utilization $75 Mbit/s$
- packet size adapted to number of Input Links (max. 13 due to min. Ethernet size)
- measured max. queueing delay at output port before central link





Unbounded Local Latencies

Unbounded Latency

Proof Overview

Problem:

Decentral architecture → locally available information for worst-case delay calculation.

Given	Wanted
– **data rate** of all connected links – **idleSlopes** of all queues – **TSpec** of all reserved streams (stream ID, priority, sending interval, and data) – before each new reservation: **check available data rate and idleSlope**	→ **maximum local latency** may not change afterwards

Theorem:

With the given information for the decentralized TSN reservation protocols the maximum local latencies in CBS are unbounded.

Proof:

Details in publication, idea illustrated in the following → based on recursion.

Unbounded Latency

Illustration of Proof with Recursion

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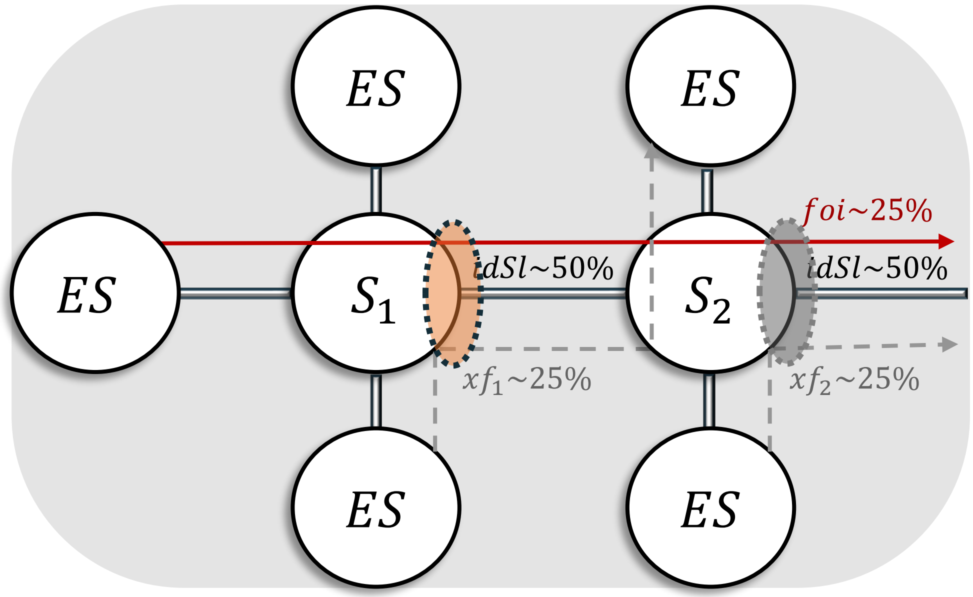

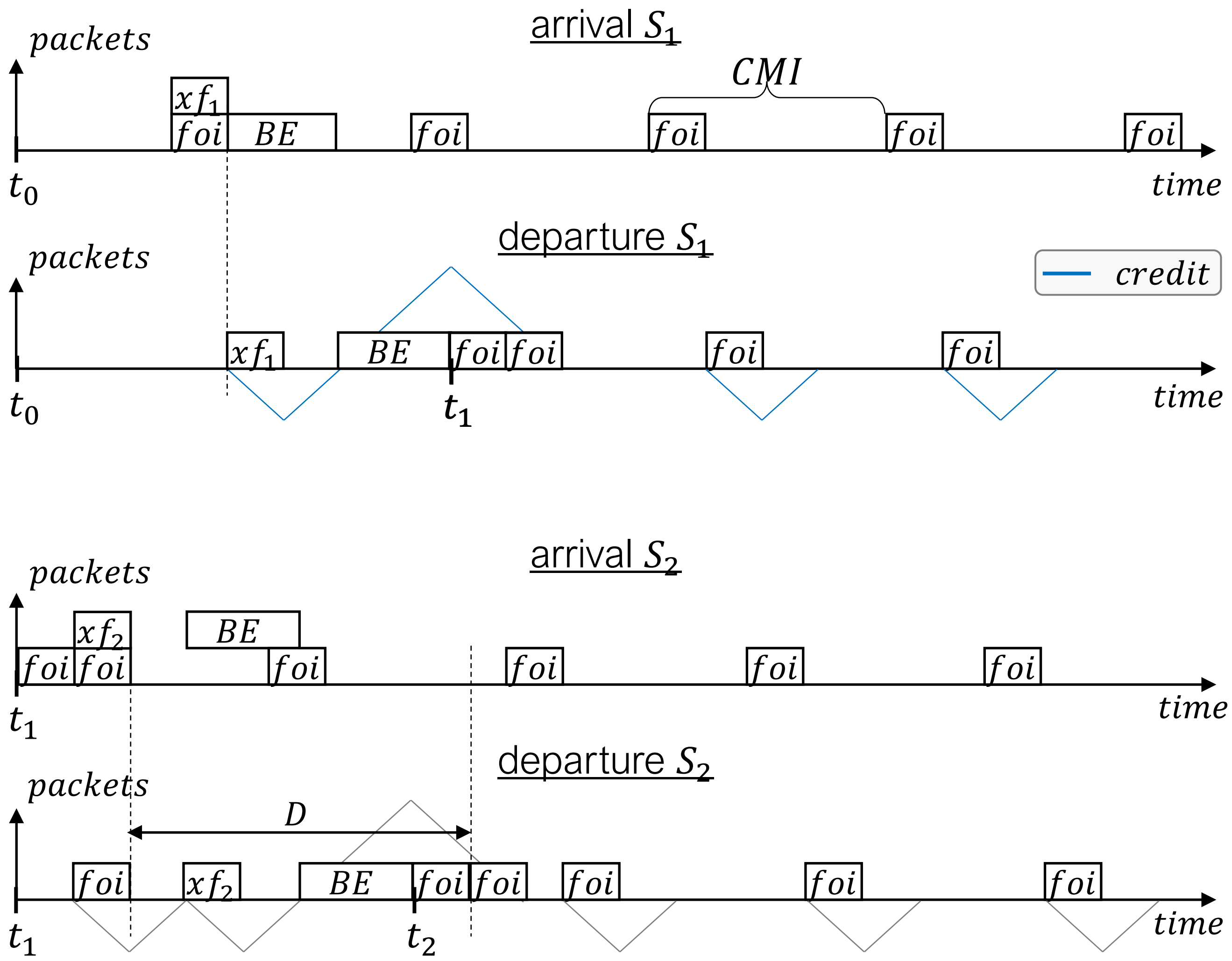

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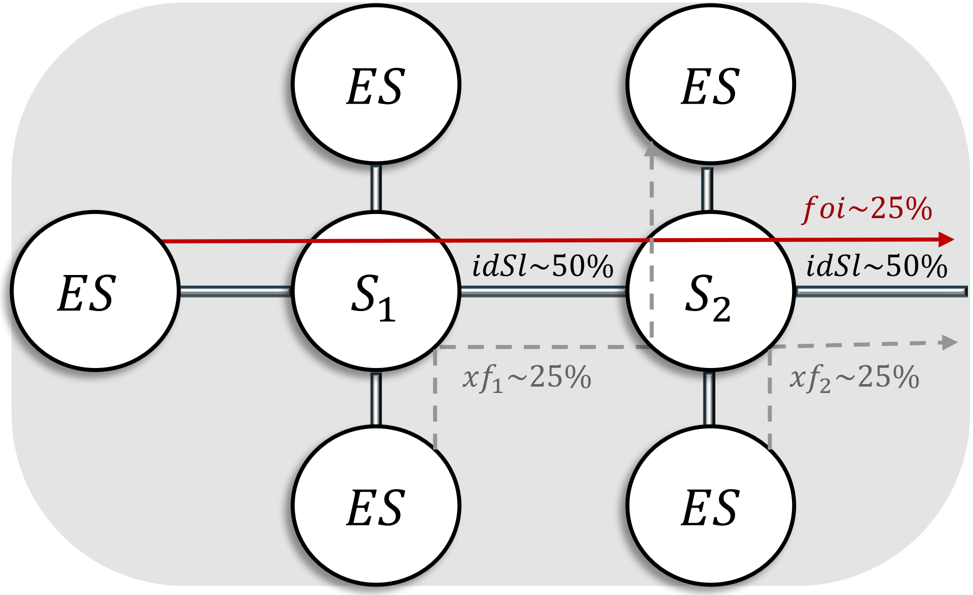

Principle of Recursion:

recursion level 0
foi: path with **two** hops
cross-flows (xf_i): path with **two** hops

For each recursion level i:
crossflows of level i = foi in level i-1

recursion level i → ∞
foi: path with **two** hops
cross-flows (xf_i): path with **four** hops

Unbounded Latency

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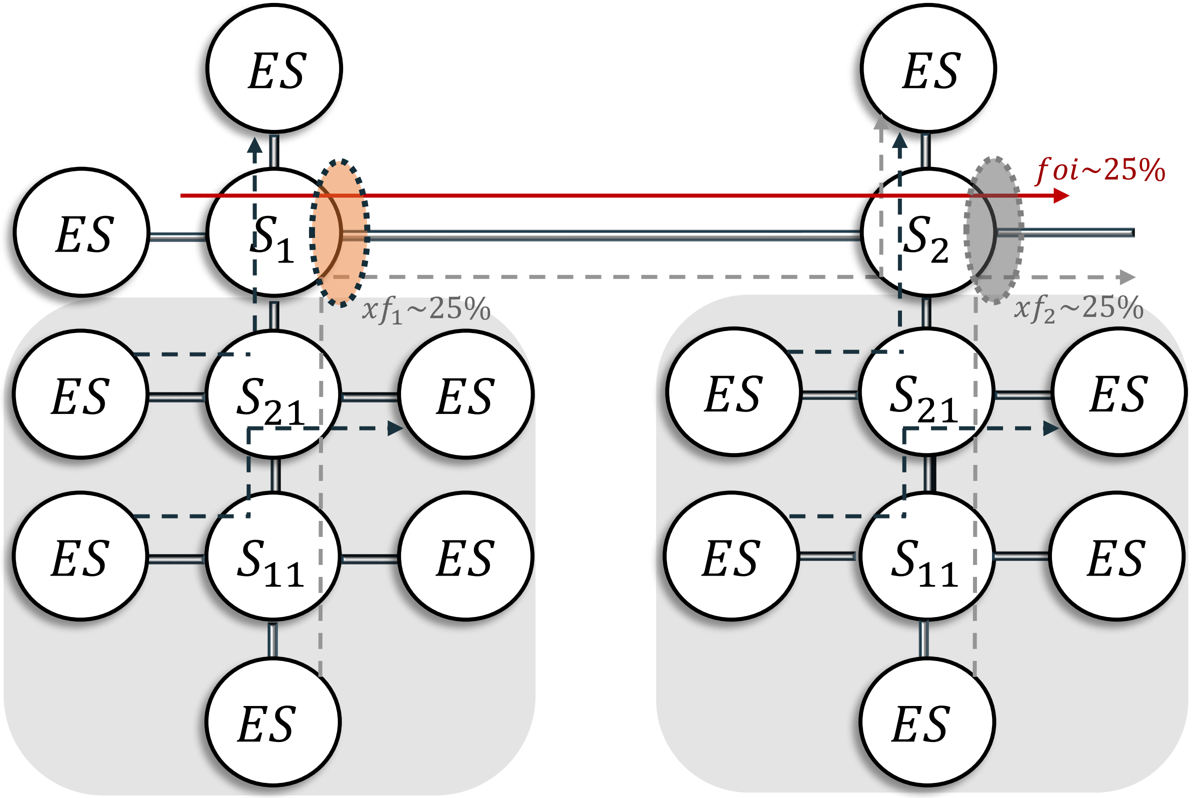

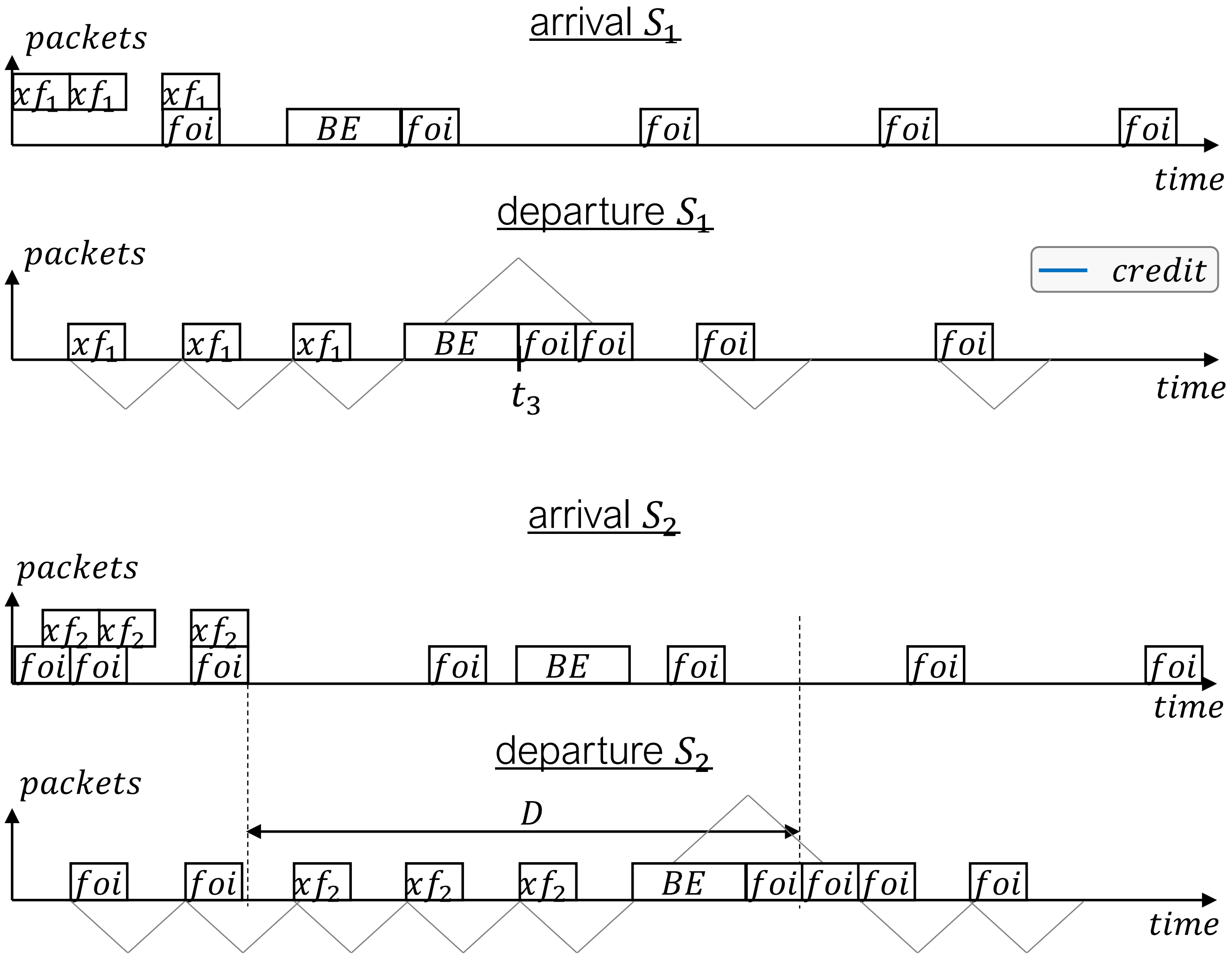

Unbounded Latency

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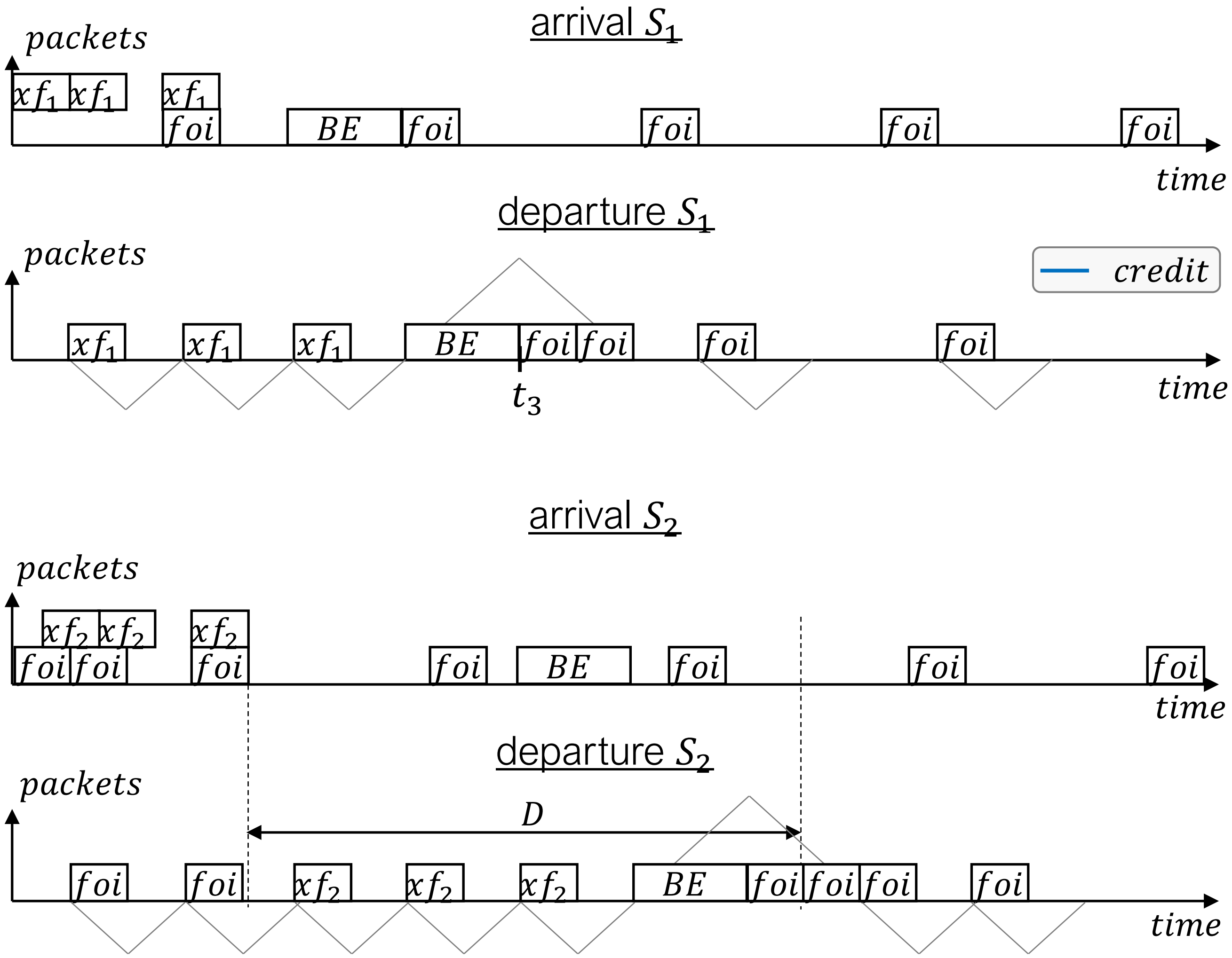
Principle of Recursion:

Delay D increases
with each recursion level i $\rightarrow \infty$ to infinity.

Result:
Even with limited $idSl$ and limited path length,
the worst-case delay of CBS can increase infinitely
→ depends on the cross-flows (more traffic added to the network, but not locally at the bridge).

Note:
The actual delay can be safely calculated (e.g., with Network Calculus, eligible intervals, etc.) with global network knowledge.
But no bound with only local information possible.



Solution: Reliable Reservation Protocol

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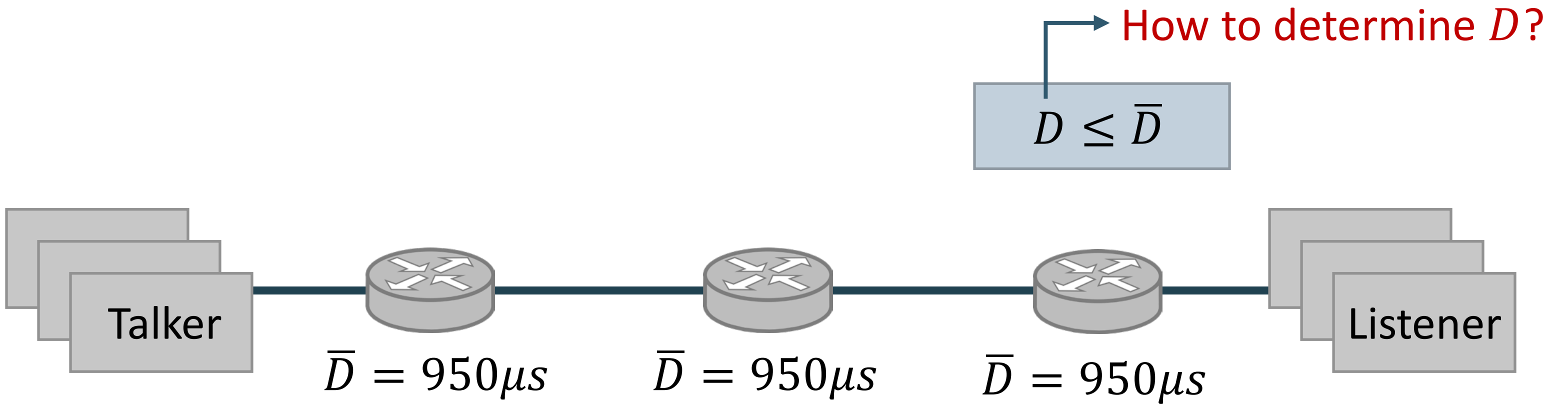

Reliable Reservation Protocols

Delay Analysis

How to determine the actual/current delay D?

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  with h being the max. horizontal distance
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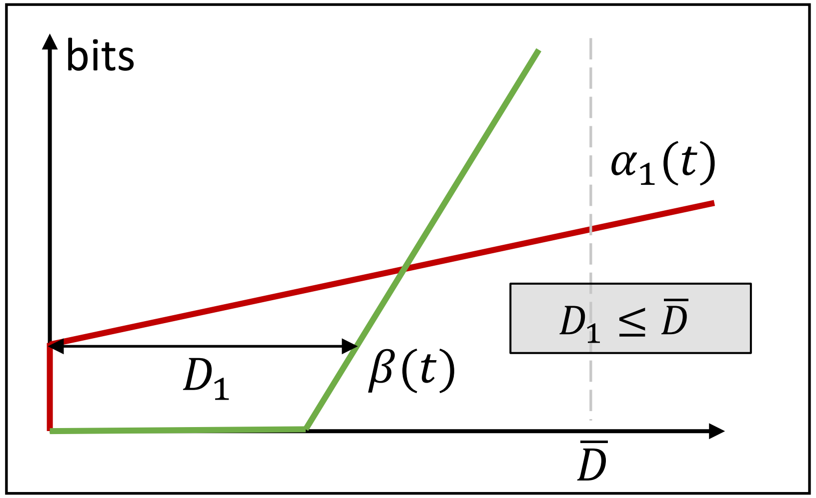

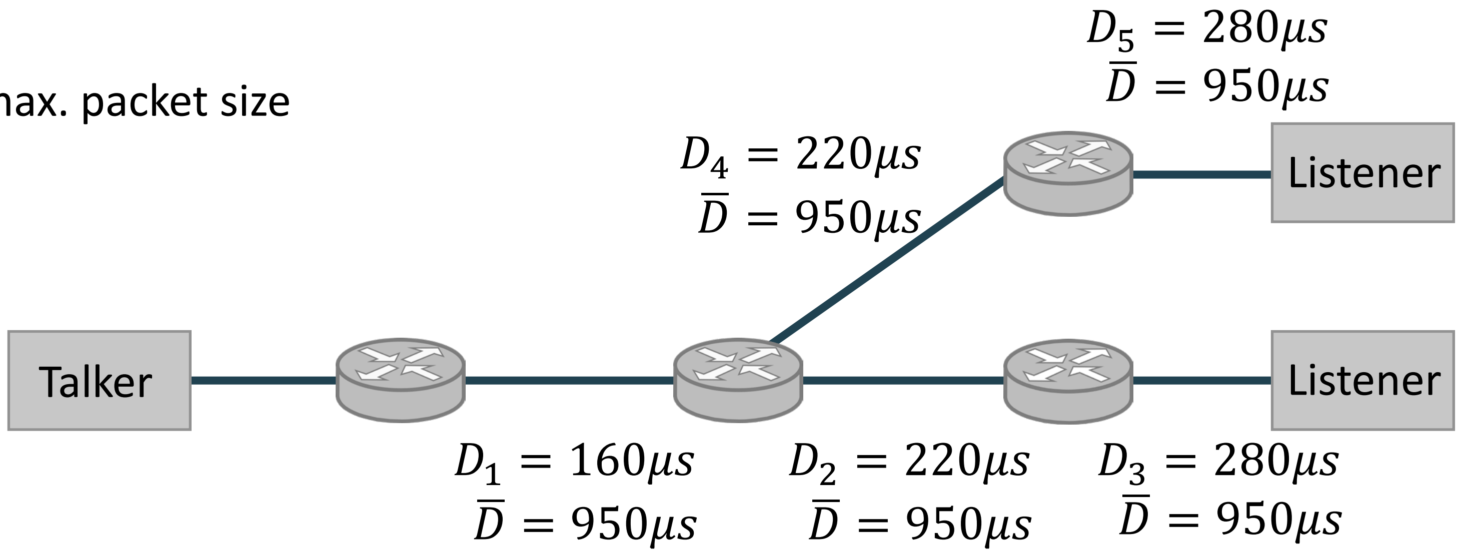

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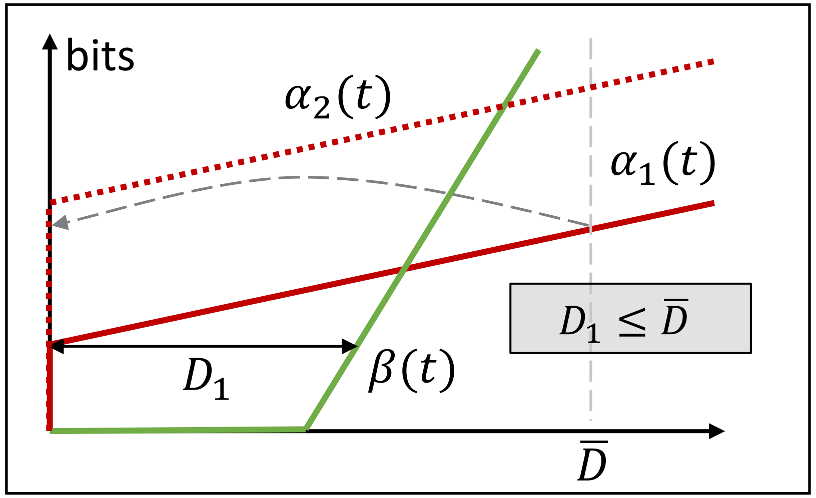

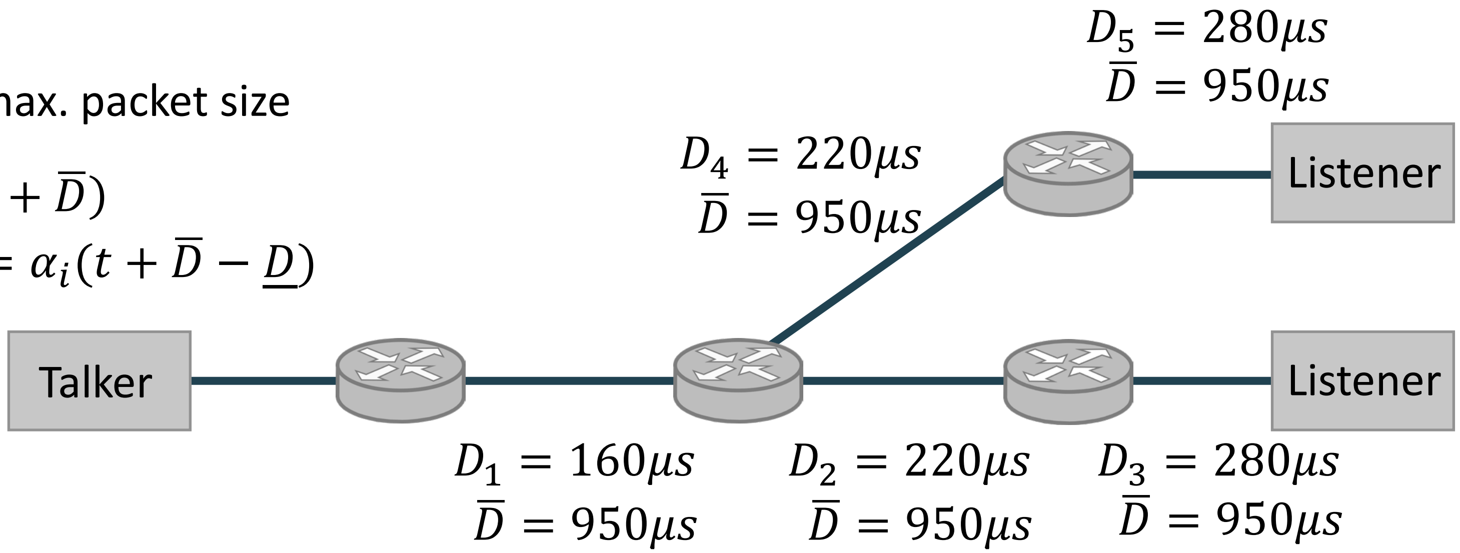

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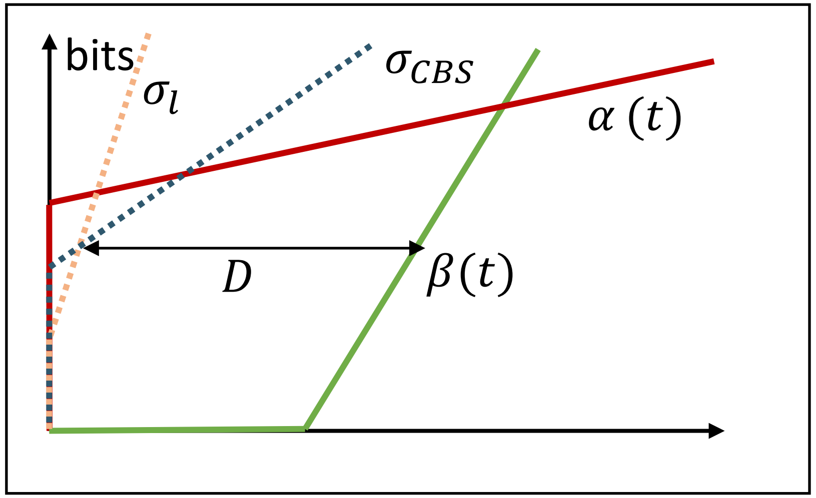
- improved by shaping curves of the link σ_l

  and optionally by previous CBS queues σ_{CBS}

Information available (arrival curve through shaping curves of the link)

→ Information needs to be added / distributed (previous CBS queues)

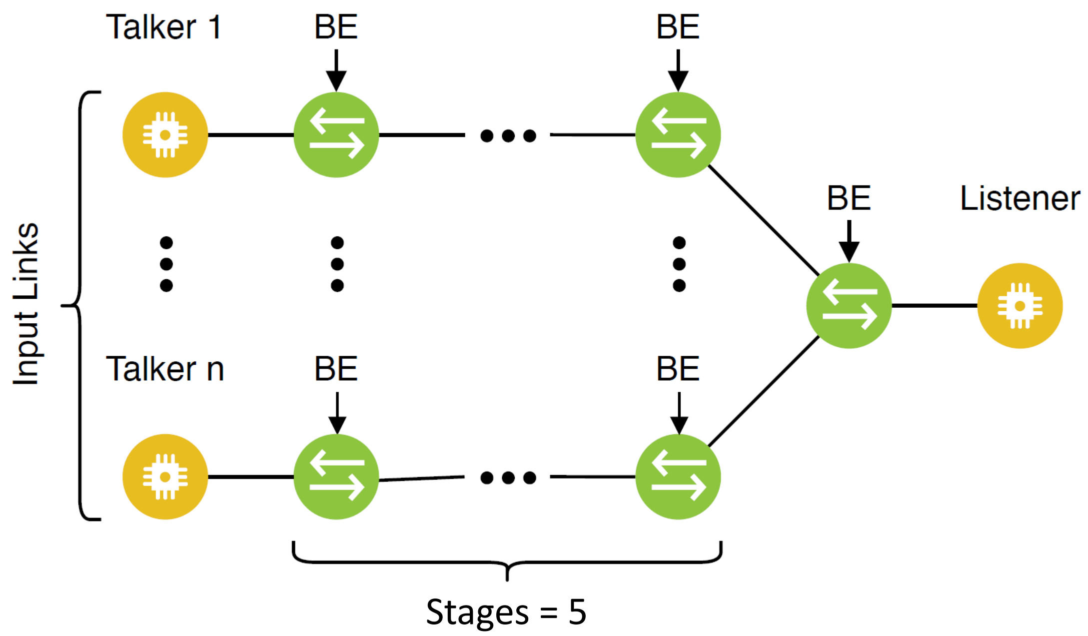


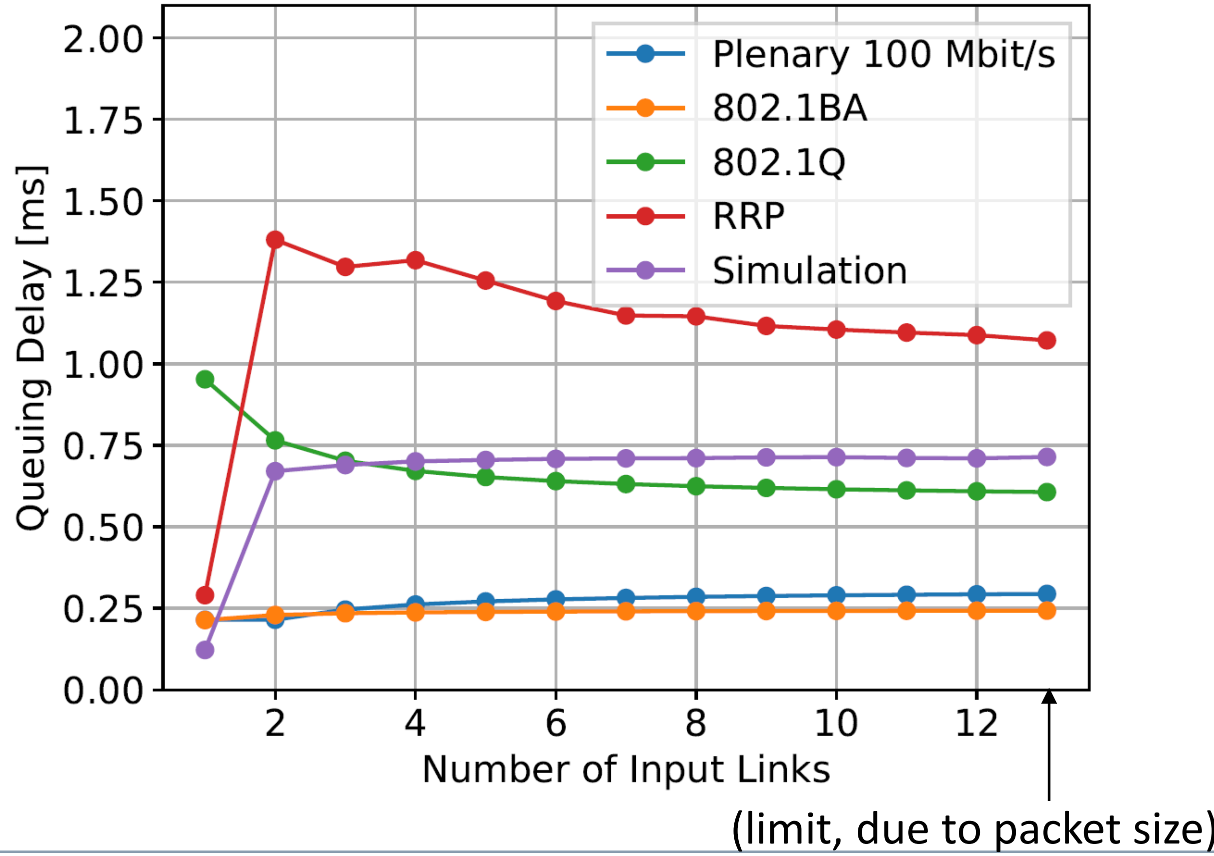
Evaluation

Validity of Worst-Case Queuing Delay

Deadline Guarantees

- $\overline{D}$ from RRP versus the standard formulas and simulation results
- worst case covered



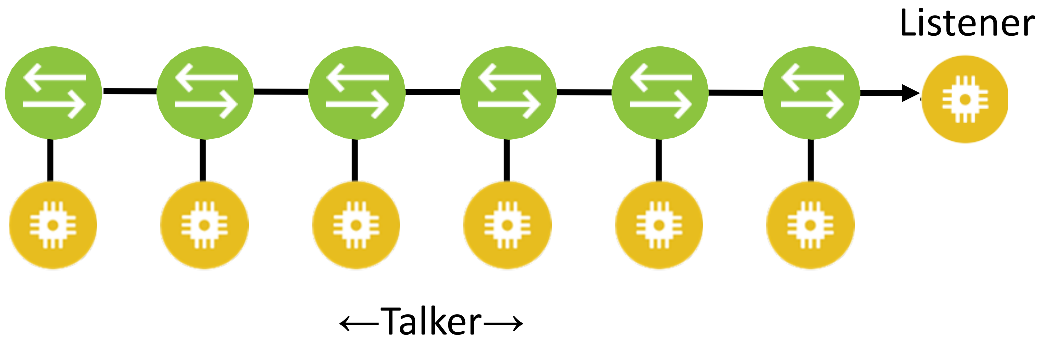


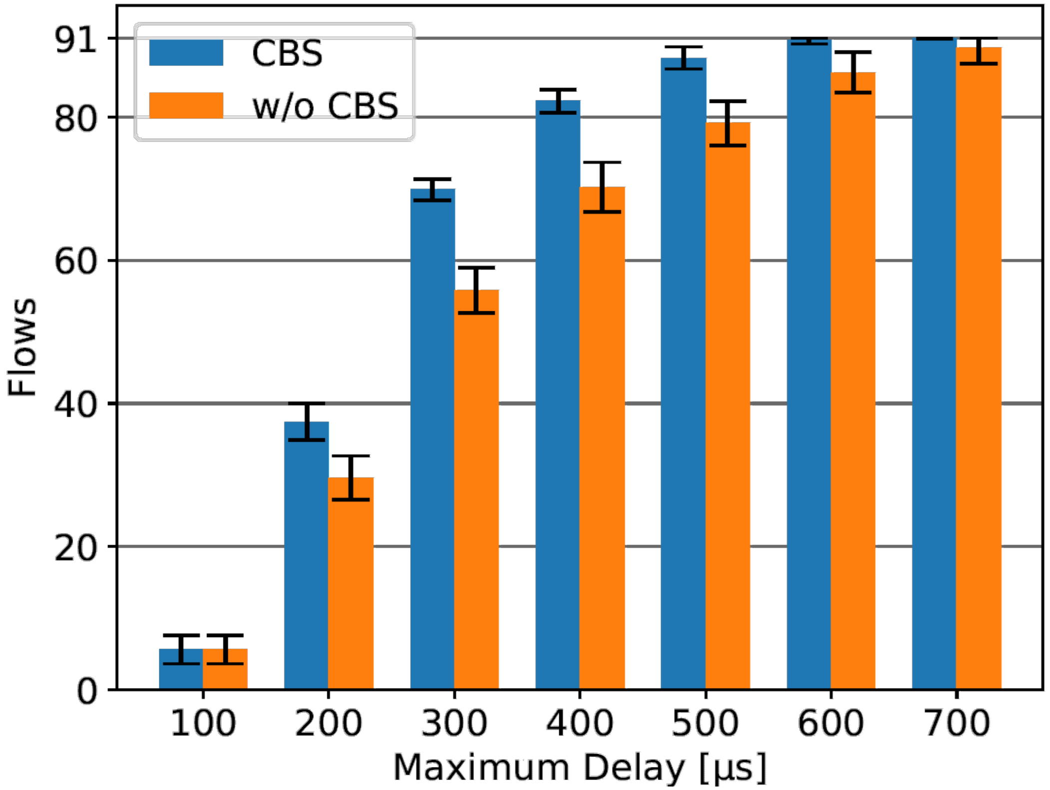
Evaluation

Improvement by Shaping Curve

CBS Shaping Curves Effect on Delay Guarantees

- max. 91 flows for full bandwidth usage
- CBS shaping (with σ_{CBS}) allows for more flow reservations
- using RAP to distributing neighboring information is beneficial





Conclusion

- TSN seeks to add delay guarantees to networks with decentralized control
- Currently, no worst-case latency formula in the standards cover the actual worst-case
- With the current procedure, bounding the worst-case delay in CBS networks is not possible
- We introduced RRP - a new approach which can be used by the existing protocols
- CBS shaping information can increase the number of reservable flows
- We hope that our solutions help future standardization processes in TSN

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