



Exploiting Minimal Arrival Curves To Deal With Negative Service Curves

How MinAC Saves The Day

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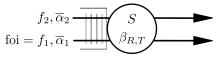
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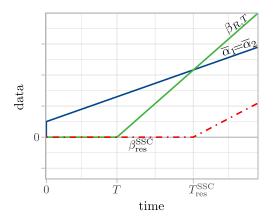
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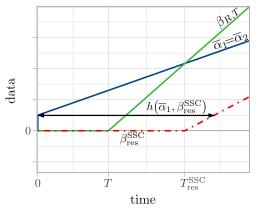
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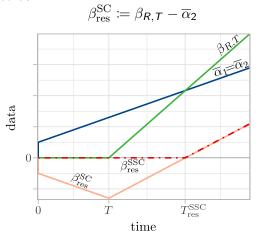


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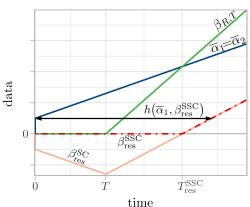
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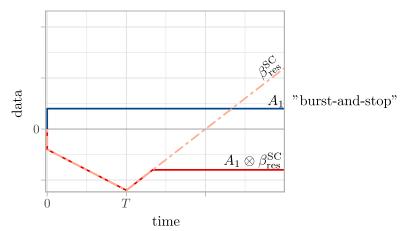
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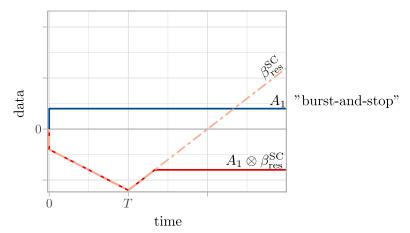
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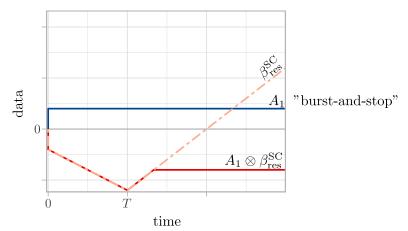


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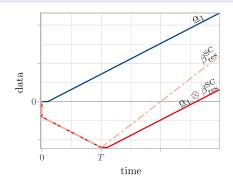
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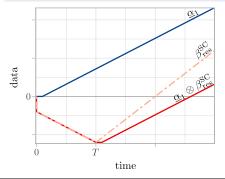
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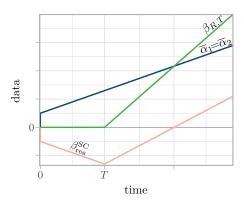
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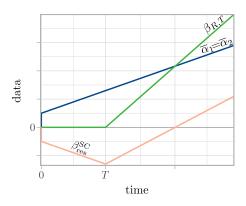


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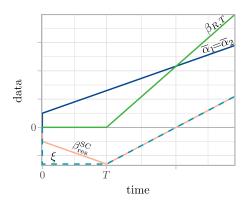
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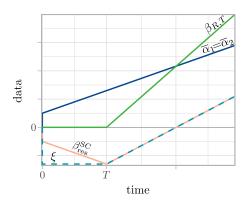




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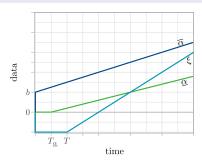
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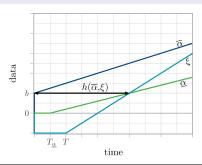
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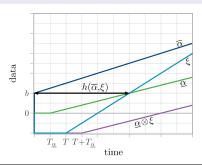
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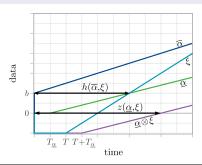
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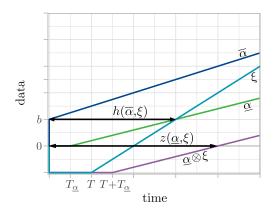
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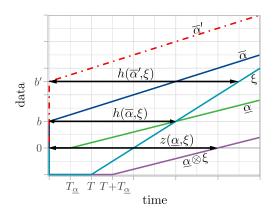
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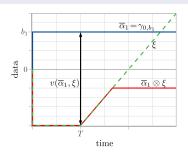
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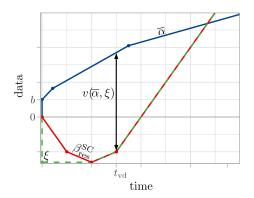
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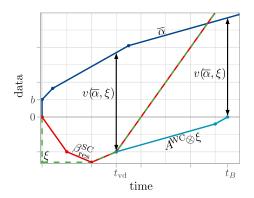
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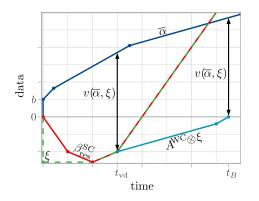
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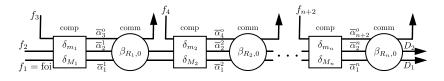
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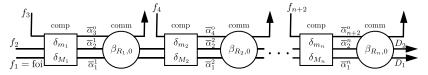
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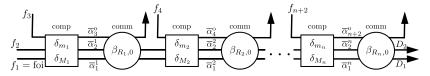


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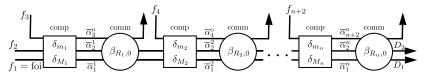
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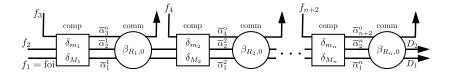


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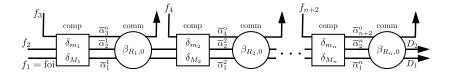
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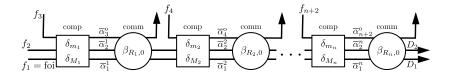
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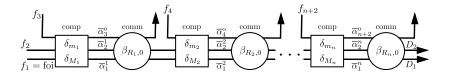
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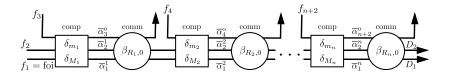
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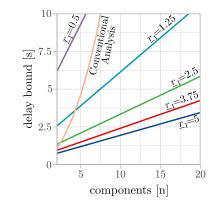


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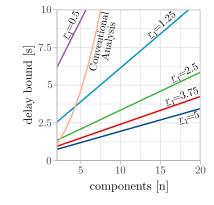


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 - Explore further applications
 - Build lower traffic shaper
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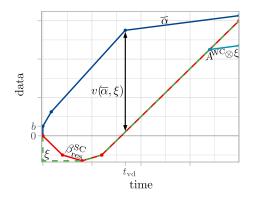
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Any questions?

Tightness of the Backlog Bound: The Standard Case

lacktriangle The negativity of ξ essentially plays no role



- Let $t_B := \overline{\alpha}^{-1}(v(\overline{\alpha}, \xi))$
- Set a worst-case sample path as:

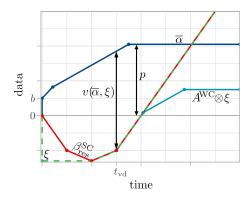
$$A^{ ext{WC}}(t) \coloneqq egin{cases} \overline{lpha}(t_B) - \overline{lpha}(t_B - t), & ext{if } t \leq t_B, \ \overline{lpha}(t_B), & ext{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

and
$$D^{\mathrm{WC}} \coloneqq \left[A^{\mathrm{WC}} \otimes \xi \right]^+$$
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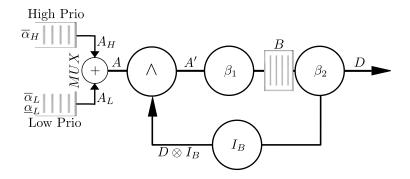
■ Then $q(t_B) = v(\overline{\alpha}, \xi) \wedge \sup_{s>0} \{\overline{\alpha}(s)\}$

Tightness of the Backlog Bound: The Plateau Case

■ The backlog may never attain $v(\overline{\alpha}, \xi)$



Finite Buffers: Network Model

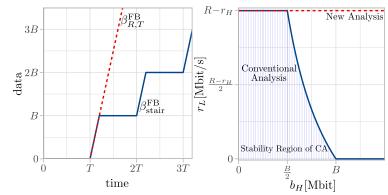


Finite Buffers: Buffer Dimensioning

- High prio stays the same: $v(\overline{\alpha}_H, \beta^{FB}) = b_H$
- Low prio changes with analysis method
 - $\blacksquare \mathsf{MinAC} : v(\overline{\alpha}_L, \beta_{\mathrm{res}}^{\mathrm{mac}}) = b_H + b_L$

Finite Buffers: Stability Regions of Conventional Analysis

- Check whether $R^{\text{res}} T^{\text{res}} < B^{\text{res}}$
 - □ True? $\Rightarrow v(\overline{\alpha}, \beta_{\rm res}^{\rm ca}) = b_L + r_L \frac{b_H}{R r_H}$
 - False? \Rightarrow Follow shape of $\beta_{\text{stair}}^{\text{FB}}$ and watch for r_L



- a) Shapes of $\beta_{R,T}^{\text{FB}}$ and $\beta_{\text{stair}}^{\text{FB}}$.
- b) Stability regions of the analyses.

Finite Buffers: Delay Bounds

- High prio stays the same: $h(\overline{\alpha}_H, \beta^{\mathrm{FB}}) = \frac{b_H}{R}$
- Low prio changes with analysis method
 - MinAC uses previously shown delay bound
 - f CA: Analogous to backlog; check for bandwidth delay product and r_L