# PTP\* Introduction

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- \* PTP: Precision Time Protocol
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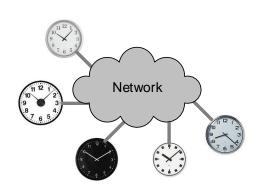
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### Clocks on the network



#### Objective

- Synchronize wall clocks, which are connected over packet-based network.
  - ⇒ 패킷망에 연결된 시계들의 시간을 맞춘다

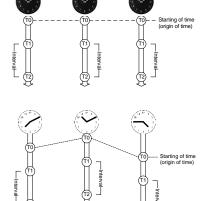
#### Implications

- 'Wall clock' means <u>real-time</u> in nano/micro/milli second accuracy.
  - ⇒ 실시간 정확도
- 'Wall clocks over network' mean a distributed system.
  - ⇒ 분산시스템
- 'Packet-based network' means network delay varies.
  - ⇒ 메시지(정보)를 주고 받음
  - ⇒ 가변적 네트웍 지연

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## Distributed ideal clocks (1/2)

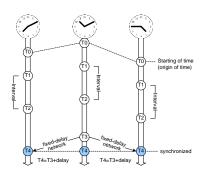


- Identical clocks with the same starting time.
  - ► There is nothing to do with synchronization.
    - ⇒ 동일한 시작 시점을 갖는 '완전히 동일한 시계'
      - 동기화가 필요치 않음
- Identical clock with different starting time.
  - There should be a mechanism to adjust offset.
    - One time synchronization is sufficient.
    - 시작 시점이 다른 '완전히 동일한 시계'들
      - 한 번만 시간을 맞추면 됨
        - ❖ 정확한 통신 지연 파악이 필요

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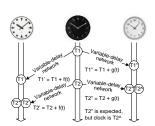
## Distributed ideal clocks (2/2)



- Distributed clock can be synchronized by communication.
  - For identical clocks with different starting
  - Need something about communication.
    - What if communication delay is not deterministic? → Need mechanism to measure communication delay.
    - ⇒ 시작 시점이 다른 '완전히 동일한 시계'들
      - 한 번만 시간을 맞추면 됨
        - 정확한 통신 지연 파악이 필요
- What if clocks are not the same?
  - ► Each clock has different frequency and starting point
  - 만약 각 시계가 동일하지 않다면? ○ 각 시계가 주파수와 시작 시점이 다르다면?

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### Distributed clocks with variable delay network



- Actual (i.e., non-ideal) clocks
  - Phases differ
  - Frequencies differ
  - 실제 시계들은 위상과 주파수가 다름 ○ 위상: 24시간 중 몇 시; 서기 몇년 몇월

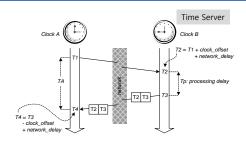
    - 주파수: 1초에 해당하는 시간

- Variable-delay network based clock synchronization
  - Due to temperature, acceleration, aging and
  - 온도, 가속, 노화 등으로 네트웍 지연이 변함
- In addition to frequency calibration/correction of clocks, networkdelay measurement is required.
  - 시계의 주파수 교정과 보정 뿐만 아니라 네트워크 지연도 측정해야 됨
- Delay and frequency should be measured periodically, since they are time-varying.
  - ▶ 네트워크 지연과 주파수는 주기적으로 측정하고 교정/보정 해야 됨

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# Clock synchronization algorithms (1/2)



#### Cristian Algorithm

synchronization with a time server

Tdelay = (T4 - T1 - Tp) / 2

T2 = T1 + Toffset + Tdelay

T4 = T3 – Toffset + Tdelay

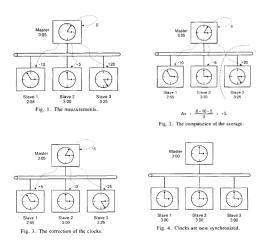
Toffset = [(T2 - T1) + (T3 - T4)] / 2Tdelay = [(T4 - T1) - (T3 - T2)] / 2

F. Cristian, Probabilistic clock synchronization, Distributed Computing, Vol. 3, Issue 3, pp.146-158, Springer, 1989.

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Clock synchronization algorithms (2/2)



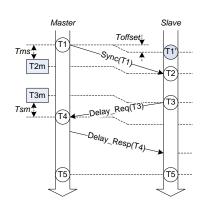
- Berkeley Algorithm
  - synchronization without a time server

R. Gusella and S. Zatti, The accuracy of the clock synchronization achieved by TEMPO in Berkeley UNIX 4.3.BSD, IEEE Trans. on Software Engineering, Vol. 15, No. 7, pp.847-853, July 1989.

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# PTP in short (1/2)



Slave clock runs Toffset ahead

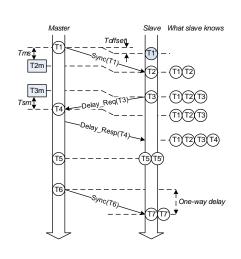
- 마스터와 슬레이브가 동일한 시계를 갖는다면 단순하게 통신지연만을 이용하여 동기 시킬 수 있다.
- 그러나 실제로는 시계가 차이가 나고, 이때 슬레이브 시계가 얼마나 빠른가를 Toffset이라 하며,
- Sync와 Delay\_Req/Resp 패킷을 주고 받아서, 얻는 정보를 이용하여 통신지연과 Toffset을 유추해 낸다.
- 이때 통신지연은 양방향이 동일하다고 가정한다.
- 슬레이브 입장에서 T1' (즉, T1 + Toffset) 시점에 Sync가 네트웍에 전송되고, 슬레이브 시간 T2에 도착한다.
- 슬레이브는 역방향 통신지연을 측정하기 위해, T3에 Delay\_Req를 전송하고, 마스터 입장에서 T4에 받아
- T4 정보를 담아서 Delay\_Resp를 보낸다.
- 이렇게 되면 T1, T2, T3, T4 정보를 슬레이브가 갖게 되므로, 이들을 이용하여 Toffset과 Tdelay를 계산한다.

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## PTP in short (2/2)



 $[offset] \ Toffset = Tslave - Tmaster \qquad \qquad Eq.1$   $[ms\_difference] \ \Delta Tms = T2 - T1 \qquad \qquad Eq.2$   $[sm\_difference] \ \Delta Tsm = T4 - T3 \qquad \qquad Eq.3$   $[ms\_delay] \ Tms = T2m - T1 \qquad \qquad Eq.4$   $[sm\_delay] \ Tsm = T4 - T3m \qquad \qquad Eq.5$ 

T1' is T1+Toffset; T2 is T2m+Toffset; T3 is T3m+Toffset;

[ms\_delay] Tms = T2m - T1 = T2 - Toffset - T1 = ATms - Toffset [sm\_delay] Tsm = T4 - T3m = T4 - (T3 - Toffset) = ATsm + Toffset

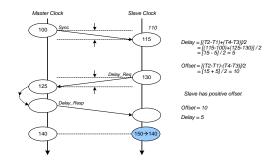
Assume that Tms = Tsm,

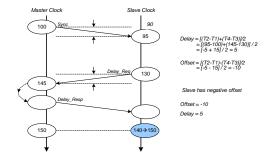
One-way delay Tdelay = [(T2 - T1) + (T4 - T3)]/2Toffset = [(T2 - T1) - (T4 - T3)]/2 = (T2 - T1) - Tdelay

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# PTP examples





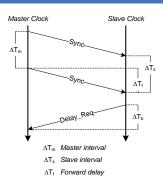
Offset: Slave clock runs ahead of the master.

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### PTP mathematics



 $\begin{array}{lll} \text{Delay}\left(T_{d}\right) & = & \frac{\Delta T_{f} + \Delta T_{b}}{2} \\ \\ \text{Offset}\left(T_{o}\right) & = & \frac{\Delta T_{t} \cdot \Delta T_{b}}{2} & = & \Delta T_{t} \cdot T_{d} \\ \\ \text{Drift}\left(\lambda\right) & = & \frac{\Delta T_{m} \cdot \Delta T_{s}}{\Delta T} \end{array}$ 

ΔT<sub>b</sub> Backward delay

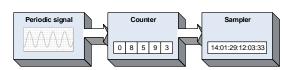
- Offset: clock shift
  - ► 두 시계의 시점이 얼마나 다른가 (12시 ← →12시1분)
- Drift: clock period difference
  - ▶ 시계가 빠르고 느린 정도
- Slave clock is ahead of the master clock by the Offset (To).
  - decrease To
- Slave clock is slower than the master clock by the Drift (λ) per second
  - ▶ 슬레이브 클럭이 마스트 클럭보다 얼마만큼 느린가 (초당 몇 초 느린가)

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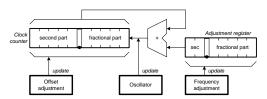
### Clock

Clock is a counter of periodic events.



VCO-based (Voltage Controlled Oscillator)

Counter-based clock



- Offset/phase can be adjusted by updating value of counter
  - ▶ 오프셋/위상은 카운트의 값을 변화시켜서 조 정 가능
- Drifting/frequency can be adjusted by varying the amount of increment.
  - ► 드리프팅/주파수는 증가하는 값을 변화시켜 서 조정가능

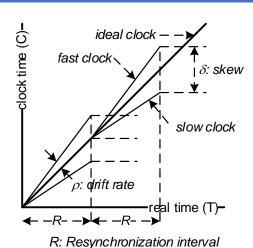
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Rare implementation

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## **Terminologies**



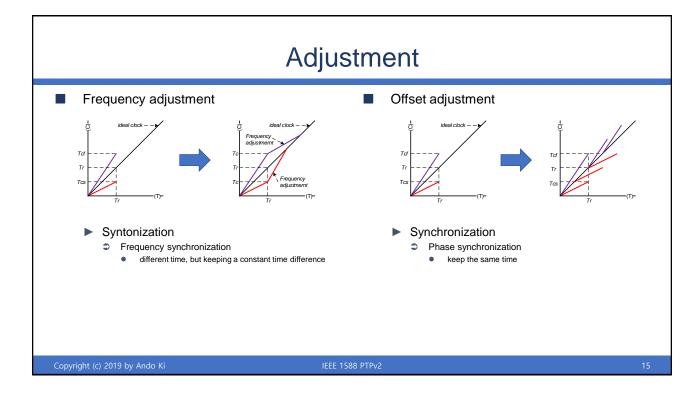
- Terminologies
  - Resynchronization interval R
  - Drift rate ρ
    - Clock drift: Count at different rates. (Different frequency of the oscillator.)

$$1 - \rho \le \frac{dC}{dt} \le 1 + \rho$$

- Ideal clock: drifting rate 0
- Clock skew δ
  - Clock skew (offset): Difference between time on two clocks.

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# Time transfer technologies

	IRIG-B	(S)NTP	РТР	GPS
Accuracy (typical)	1-10µs	1ms – 10 ms	100ns-1μs	10ns
Transport media	Dedicated cables	Ethernet cable	Ethernet cables	Wireless
Protocol style	Master-slave	Client-server	Master-slave	
Built in latency correction	No	Yes	Yes	
Set-up	Configured	Configured	Self-organizing, or configured	
Update intervals	1 second	Minutes	1 second	
Specialized hardware	Required	No	Required	Required

IRIG: Inter-Range Instrumentation Group; (S)NTP: Simple Network Time Protocol; GPS: Global Positioning System

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### PTP related standards

- IEEE 1588-2008
  - ▶ IEC 61588 Ed.2
    - IEC International Electrotechnical Commission
  - Sub-microsecond synchronization
  - Standard for a Precision Clock Synchronization Protocol for Networked Measurement and Control Systems
- IEEE 802.1AS
  - Standard for transport of precise timing and synchronization in Audio/Video Bridging (AVB) networks (AVB) networks.
  - ► It is based on IEEE 1588 V2, and includes a PTP profile.
  - It is also known as General Precision Time Protocol (gPTP).

- White Rabbit project
  - ► Sub-nanosecond synchronization
  - Utilizes Synchronous Ethernet (SyncE) to achieve syntonization and IEEE 1588 (1588) Precision Time Protocol (PTP) to communicate time
- (Not clear year)
  - ▶ IEEE 1588-2018 (?), PTPv2.1, PTPv3
    - Compatible with PTPv2
    - Security extensions
    - Sub-nanosecond accuracy

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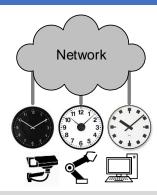
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  - PTP profiles

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### IEEE 1588 PTP

- IEEE 1588
  - ▶ (commonly known as Precision Time Protocol, PTP)
  - ▶ v1: 2002
  - v2: 2008 (IEC 61588 Ed.2)
- IEEE 1588 specifies "A protocol to synchronize independent clocks running on separate nodes of a distributed measurement or control system to a high accuracy and precision".
- IEEE 1588 is a protocol designed to synchronize real-time clocks in the nodes of a distributed system that communicate using a network.
  - ▶ IEEE 1588은 네트웍을 통해 통신하는 분산 시스템 의 각 노드에 있는 시계를 동기시키는 프로토콜



Precision Time Protocol (PTP) is a protocol to synchronize clocks throughout a network and it achieves clock accuracy in the sub-microsecond range on a local area network.

PTP는 네트웍을 통한 시간동기화 프로토콜이며, 로컬네트웍 에서 마이크로초 (10<sup>-6</sup>sec)이내의 정확도로 시간을 맞춘다.

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### PTP v1 & v2

Criteria	PTPv1	PTPv2
clock types	Ordinary Clock (OC)	Ordinary Clock (OC)
	Boundary Clock (BC)	Boundary Clock (BC)
		end-to-end Transparent Clock (e2e TC)
		peer-to-peer Transparent Clock (p2p TC)
		Management Node
time representation	epoc number (16 bit)	
	seconds (32 bit)	seconds (48 bit)
	nanoseconds (32 bit)	nanoseconds (32 bit)
time interval resolution	1 ns	2 <sup>-16</sup> ns (15.26 fs)
message types		Announce
	Sync	Sync
	Follow_Up	Follow_Up
	Delay_Req	Delay_Req
	Delay_Resp	Delay_Resp
	Management	Management
		Pdelay_Req
		Pdelay_Resp
		Pdelay_Resp_Follow_Up
		Signaling
message rates	small choice	bigger range and selectable per message type
addressing	multicast	multicast
		unicast
mappings	UDP/IPv4 over IEEE 802.3	UDP/IPv4 over IEEE 802.3
		UDP/IPv6 over IEEE 802.3
		directly over IEEE 802.3
		PROFINET
		DeviceNet/ControlNet
extensions	none	by Type/Length/Value (TLV)
redundancy	BMC	BMC, Alternate Master, Master Cluster
	no	yes
multiple domains	by 4 multicast addresses	by Domain Number (8 bit)
What else?		profiles
		unicast message negotiation
		security protocol (experimental)

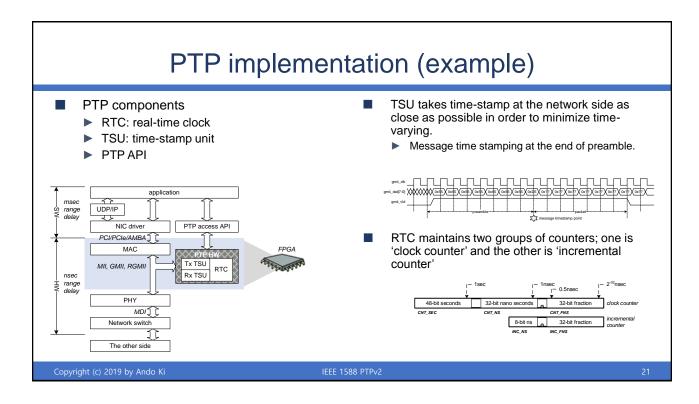
- V1 and V2 cannot directly synchronize to each other because they use different message format.
- V2
  - ▶ Transparent clock
  - ► More accurate clock (48-bit sec & 32-bit nsec)
    - Starts 1970.Jan.1: echo == 0
    - 48-bit second: up to 8\_925\_512 years
  - ▶ Peer-to-peer messages
  - UDP/IPv6 (layer 3) & Raw Ethernet (layer 2) packet
- Standard protocol only, but nothing about how to correct the slave.

Hans Weibel, Technology Update on IEEE 1599: The Second Edition of the High Precision Clock Synchronization Protocol, 2009.

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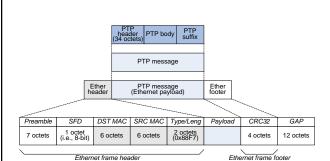
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Message type	Message	Note	
Event message	Sync	master to slave (to adjust offset)	
	Delay_Req	slave to master (to measure propagation delay)	
	Pdelay_Req	port to port (to measure link delay)	
	Pdelay_Resp	port to port (to measure link delay)	
General message	Announce		
	Follow_Up	master to slave (to adjust offset)	
	Delay_Resp	master to slave (to measure propagation delay)	
	Pdelay_Resp_Follow_Up	port to port (to measure link delay)	
	Management		
	Signaling		

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## PTPv2 messages (2/3)



#### Raw Ethernet

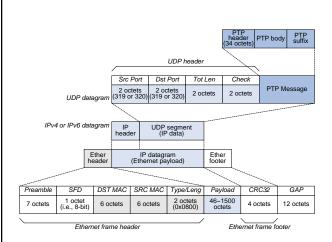
- ► Ref: IEEE 1588-2008 Annex F
- ► Ethernet type field: 0x88F7.
  - Destination MAC address
    - 01-1B-19-00-00-00 (delay message)
      - Sync, Announce
    - 01-80-C2-00-00-0E (peer delay message)
      - Pdelay\_Req

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## PTPv2 messages (3/3)



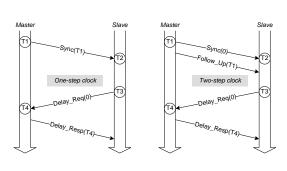
#### UDP/IP over Ethernet

- ► Ref: IEEE 1588-2008 Annex D and E
- ► Ethernet type field: 0x0800 (IP)
- ▶ UDP port: 319 or 320
  - 319 for even messages: Sync, Delay\_Req
  - 320 for general message: Follow\_Up, Delay\_Resp
- Destination IP address (multicast)
  - ⇒ IPv4
    - 224.0.1.129 (delay message) 0xE0.00.01.81
      - MAC: 01-00-5E-00-01-81
    - 224.0.0.107 (peer delay message) 0xE0.00.00.6B
      - MAC: 01-00-5E-00-00-6B
  - ⇒ IPv6
    - FF0x::181 (delay message)
    - FF02::6B (peer delay message)

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### Mechanisms to measure offset



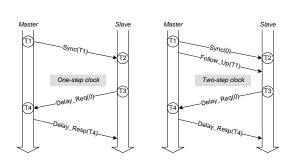
- Under the assumption of symmetric link
  - propagation time from master to slave equals to the propagation time from slave to master
  - offset = (Slave Time) (Master Time) = [(T2-T1)-(T4-T3)]/2
- For one-step, the 'Sync' message carries time-stamp, while 'Follow\_Up' carries timestamp for two-step.

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## Mechanisms to measure delay (1/2)

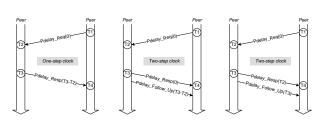


- Delay request-response mechanism
  - to generate and communicate the timing information needed to synchronize ordinary and boundary clocks
  - 1-step clock
    - Sync, Delay\_Req, Delay\_Resp
    - **□** [(T2-T1)+(T4-T3)]/2
  - 2-step clock
    - Sync, <u>Follow Up</u>, Delay\_Req, Delay\_Resp
- For one-step, the 'Sync' message carries time-stamp, while 'Follow\_Up' carries timestamp for two-step.

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## Mechanisms to measure delay (2/2)



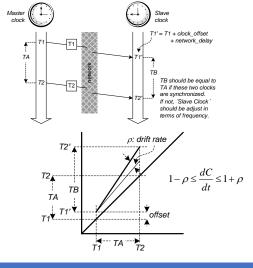
- Peer delay mechanism
  - to measure the link delay between two clock ports
  - ▶ 1-step clock
    - Pdelay\_Req, Pdelay\_Resp
    - **□** [(T4-T1)-(T3-T2)]/2
  - 2-step clock
    - Pdelay\_Req, Pdelay\_Resp, Pdelay\_Resp\_Follow\_Up
    - **□** [(T2-T1)+(T4-T3)]/2

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### Mechanisms to measure drift



- Drift\_Rate
  - ► [(T2'-T1')/(T2-T1)] 1
  - ► TB/TA 1 = (TB TA) / TA
- If Slave clock increments its frequency with Fs, it should be adjusted as follows.
  - Fs' = Fs − (Fs \* Drift\_Rate)

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# PTP clocks (1/2)

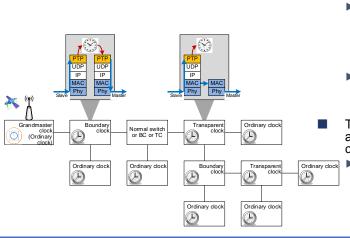
PTP devices (clock and node)			Remark	
OC: Ordinary clock		ary clock	A single port device that can be a Master or Slave clock.	
	GMC: grandmaster clock			
	SC: Slave clock			
CC: Connection clock		ection clock	A multi port device	
	BC: Boundary clock		A multi port device that can be a Master or Slave clock.  It has a built-in Slave clock that recovers a clock. This clock is then used to drive the built-in Master, which supplies the clock to the next node.	
	TC: Transparent clock		A multi-port device that is not a master or slave clock but a bridge between the two.	
	E2E TC: End-to-End TC	Forwards and modifies all PTP Messages to compensate for residence time.  Compensation is achieved by addition of the bridge residence time into a correction field within the header of the message.		
		P2P TC: Peer-to-Peer TC	Forwards and modifies Sync and Follow_Up messages only to compensate for residence time. Compensation is achieved by addition of the bridge residence time + the peer-to-peer link delay, into a correction field within the header of the message.	
Management node		ent node	A device that configures and monitors clocks.	

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## PTP clocks (2/2)



- BC (Boundary Clock) extends synchronization across an intermediate network element
  - A boundary clock contains more than one PTP port:
    - a slave port that is synchronized with a remote master, and
    - a master port that synchronizes other slaves downstream
  - Synchronization messages are terminated at each port and not forwarded
  - TC (Transparent Clock) is a switch that adjusts a PTP message's timestamp to compensate for its own queuing delays
    - Timestamp in incoming message is modified before sending the message out
      - Creates security issues, since original crypto checksum is not valid anymore

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### PTP best master clock algorithm

- The best master clock (BMC) algorithm performs a distributed selection of the best candidate clock based on the clock properties.
  - Any ordinary clock can be grand master clock.
- Clock properties are broadcasted via 'Sync' (PTPv1) or 'Announce' (PTPv2) message. (lower has higher priority)
  - ▶ 1. priority (0-255): user configurable
  - ▶ 2. class (0-255): got GPS
  - ▶ 3. accuracy: 100ns
  - 4. variance: frequency stability
  - ▶ 5. priority (0-255): user configurable
  - ► 6. unique identifier (clock id)



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### PTP profiles

- The set of allowed PTP features applicable to a device. (more restrictive set of rules for specific application)
  - Specifies
    - Required options
    - Allowed options
    - Forbidden options
    - Network topology limitations
    - Performance requirements

- Default profile
  - Defined by IEEE 1588 (it only defines this default profile)
- Power plant profile
  - ► IEEE C37.238-2011/2017 Standard
- Telecom profile for frequency transfer
  - ► ITU-T G.8265, G.8275
- Audio & video application profile
  - ▶ IEEE 802.1AS
- Enterprise profile

Profiles are a set of rules which place restrictions on PTP, intended to meet the needs of a specific application or set of similar applications.

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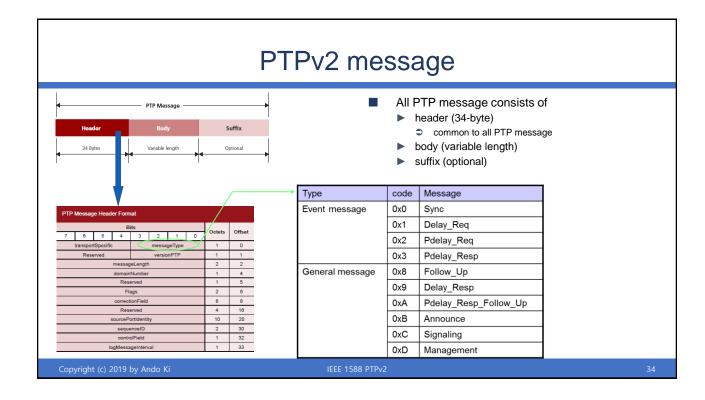
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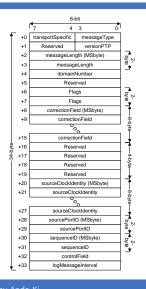
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## PTPv2 message header

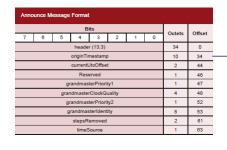


- The header (34-byte) is common to all PTP message. (note that big-endian style for multibyte data)
  - transportSpecific: '0' or '1' depending on UDP payload 124-byte requirement
    - □ 1 for IEEE 802.1AS and 0 by default
  - messageType: Sync, Delay\_Req, ...
  - versionPTP: PTP version of the originating node
    2 for PTPv2
  - messageLength: full length including header, body and suffix, but excluding any padding
  - domainNumber: domain this message belongs to
     domain: logical group of clocks to be synchronized
  - ▶ flags: status information
  - correctionField: correction value in nano-second
  - souceClockIdentity
  - sourcePortIdentity: originating port for this message
  - sequenceID: sequence number of each message types
  - controlField: backward compatibility
    - logMessageInterval: depends on type of messages

# Announce message

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Indicates the capabilities of a clock to the other clocks on the same domain.

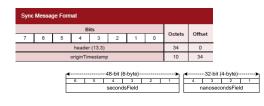


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# Sync & Follow\_Up messages



- The 'Sync' message is sent by a master clock and contains the master time
  - ▶ If the master clock is a two-step, this timestamp will be zero value. Actual timestamp value will be sent afterwards in the associated 'Follow\_Up' message.

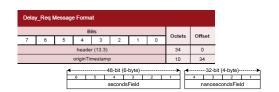
- The 'Follow\_Up' message is sent by master clock and contains the master time
  - lt is used when the master clock is a two-step.

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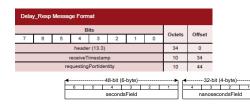
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# Delay\_Req & Delay\_Resp messages



- The 'Delay\_Req' message is sent by a slave clock and contains the slave time
  - ► It is only used in the delay request-response mechanism.

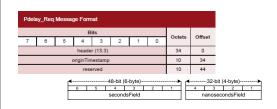


- The 'Delay\_Resp' message is sent by the master clock and contains the master time when the 'Delay\_Req' message was received.
  - It is only used in the delay request-response mechanism.
  - 'requestingPortIdentity' contains the value of 'sourcePortIdentity' field of the associated 'Delay\_Req' message.

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## Pdelay\_Req & Pdelay\_Resp messages



- The 'Pdelay\_Req' message is sent by 'delay requester' peer-to-peer clock and contains the 'delay requester' peer-to-peer clock time.
  - lt is sent only in the peer delay mechanism.
  - 'reserved' filed is used to make the message length the same as the 'Pdelay\_Resp' message.

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# Pdelay\_Req & Pdelay\_Resp messages



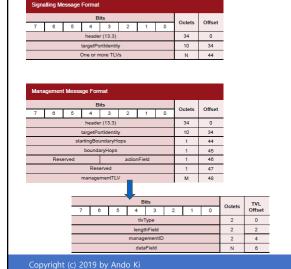


- The 'Pdelay\_Resp' message is sent by 'delay responder' peer-to-peer clock and contains the 'delay responder' peer-to-peer clock time.
  - lt is sent only in the peer delay mechanism.
  - 'requestingPortIdentity' contains the value of 'sourcePortIdentity' field of the associated 'Pdelay\_Req' message.
  - If the clock is a two-step, this timestamp will be zero value. Actual timestamp value will be sent afterwards in the associated 'Pdelay\_Resp\_Follow\_Up' message.
- The 'Pdelay\_Resp\_Follow\_Up' message is sent by 'delay responder' peer-to-peer clock.

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## Signaling and management messages



- Signaling message
  - Send TLV (Type Length Value)
    - ⇒ REQUEST UNICAST TRANSMISSION
    - □ GRANT\_UNICAST\_TRANSMISSION
    - □ CANCEL\_UNICAST\_TRANSMISSION
    - ⊃ ...
- Management message
  - to transmit information from a clock to a node manager and from a node manager to one or more clocks.

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