

The Challenges of TSN Testing

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Who is Spirent?



Leader in Communications Test & Assurance Solutions

HQ (Corporate)

UK
(Crawley)

Countries served

50 (19 Global offices)

Sales

\$454.8M

Global Customers

1,500+

Exchange

LSE
(SPT.L)

R&D investment in areas that
matter most to our customers

\$112M

Spirent employees

1,450+

Market Cap (5 April 2017)

\$739M



Cloud &
Virtualisation



Networks
Wireless | Fixed | GNSS
| Automotive



High Speed
Ethernet



Service
Assurance



Cyber-Security

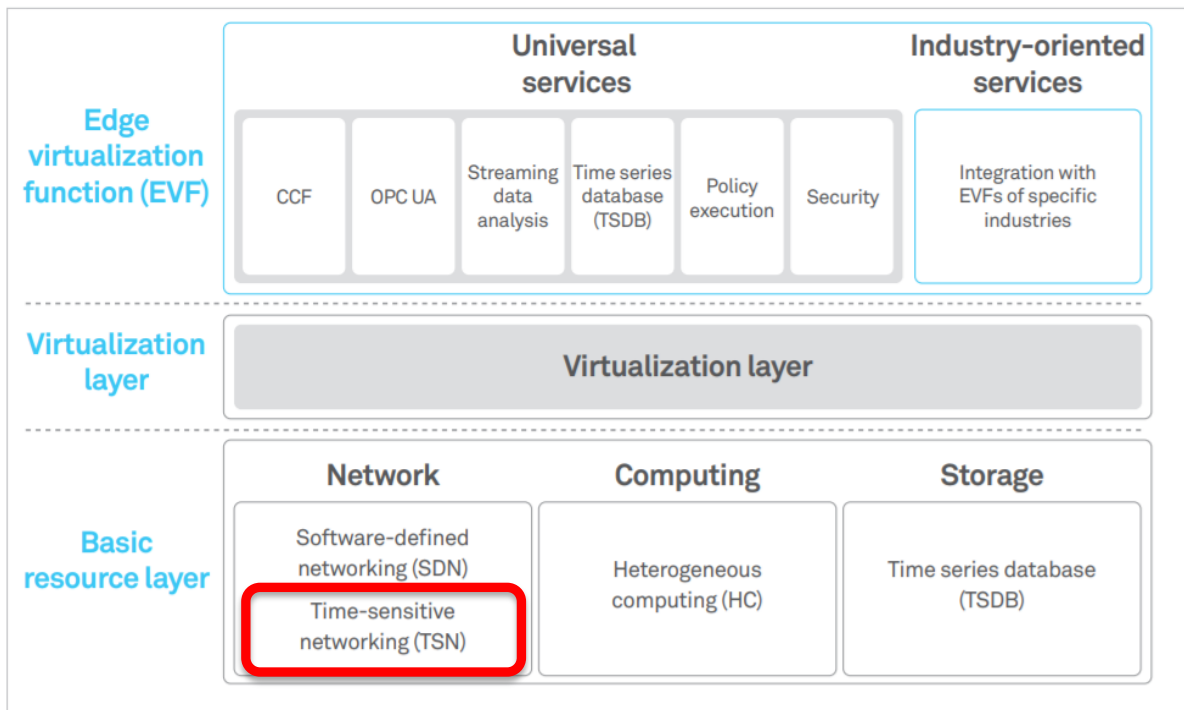
Spirent by the Numbers - 2017

TSN in Edge Computing



TSN in ECN Architecture

- Ensure determinism;
- Large bandwidth;
- Reliable data transmission;
- Unified management;



TSN Industrial Organizations and Roles

Testbed and Reference Architectures

- Testbeds to evaluate “full stack” and provide feedback to members and liaison organizations
- Application specific architectures to aid in market adoption
- Outbound marketing to create awareness



Application Layers

- Define data models for end-device communication
- Integration of TSN communications and configuration models into application tools
- Application flow for end-node configuration
- Conformance for data models and end node configuration



TSN Transport Interoperability and Conformance

- Define network services needed by market
- Fill gaps in standards to provide interoperable network configuration services
- Conformance of transport and network services
- Establish certification services



Network standards

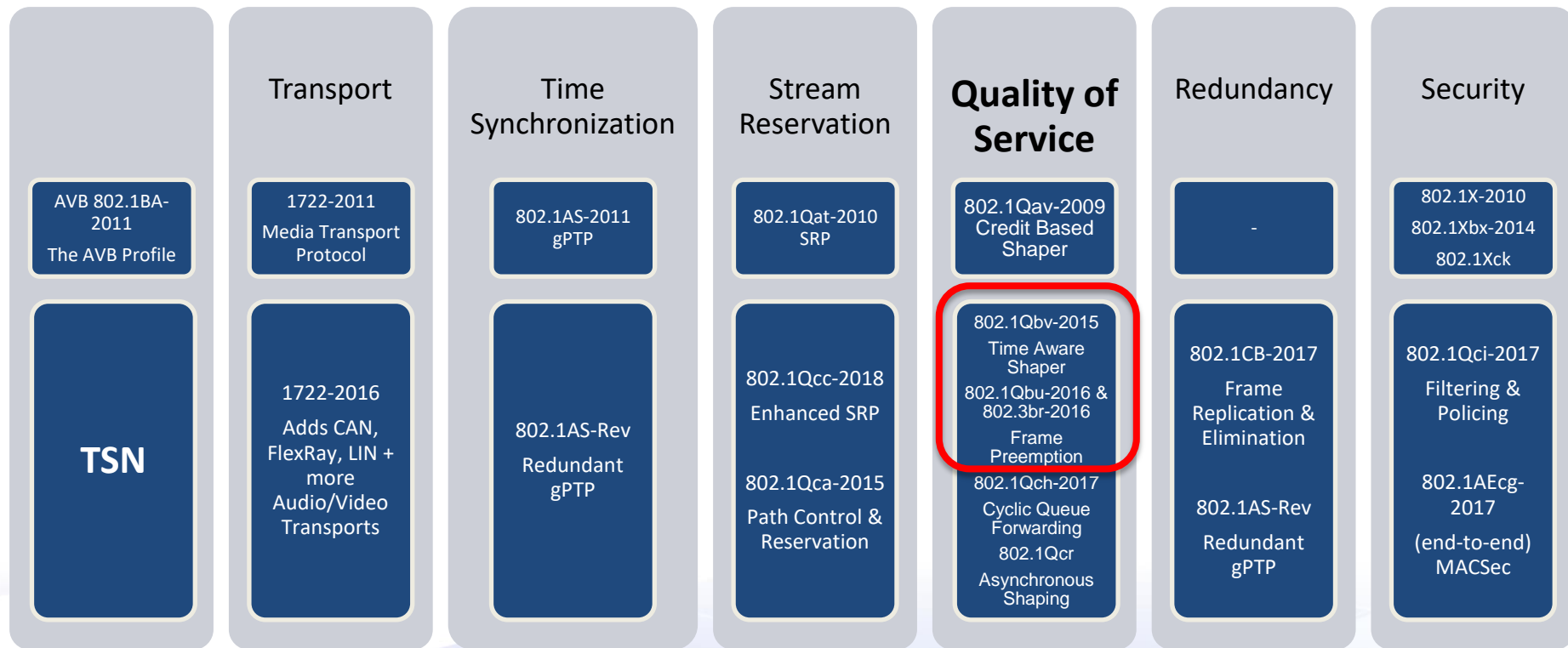
- Define standard features to provide data plane and configuration plane providing TSN capabilities
- Assure proper operations and backwards compatibility with IT and OT



The challenges of testing TSN



IEEE 802.1 TSN Standards



TSN Testing Challenge

Traffic Shaping

Traffic Shaping provides the framework for guaranteed data transport with bounded low latency, low delay variation and extremely low loss.

- IEEE 802.1Qav - Forwarding and Queuing for Time Sensitive Systems (FQTSS)
 - Works in conjunction with IEEE 802.1Qat (Stream Reservation Protocol)
 - Defines Credit Based Shaping algorithm, SRP Boundary Detection; bandwidth availability parameters used for reservations and mapping of queues to priorities
 - CBS spaces out frames and reduces bursting and bunching
- IEEE 802.1Qbv - Enhancements for Scheduled Traffic
 - Introduces Time Aware Shaping algorithm via time-based control of transmission gates for the 8 bridge queues
 - Gate states: “Open or Close”
 - Needs synchronization mechanism
 - The schedule is periodic
 - Reduces latency variation and makes latency deterministic for Constant Bit Rate (CBR) traffic

TSN Testing Challenge

Traffic Shaping(continued)

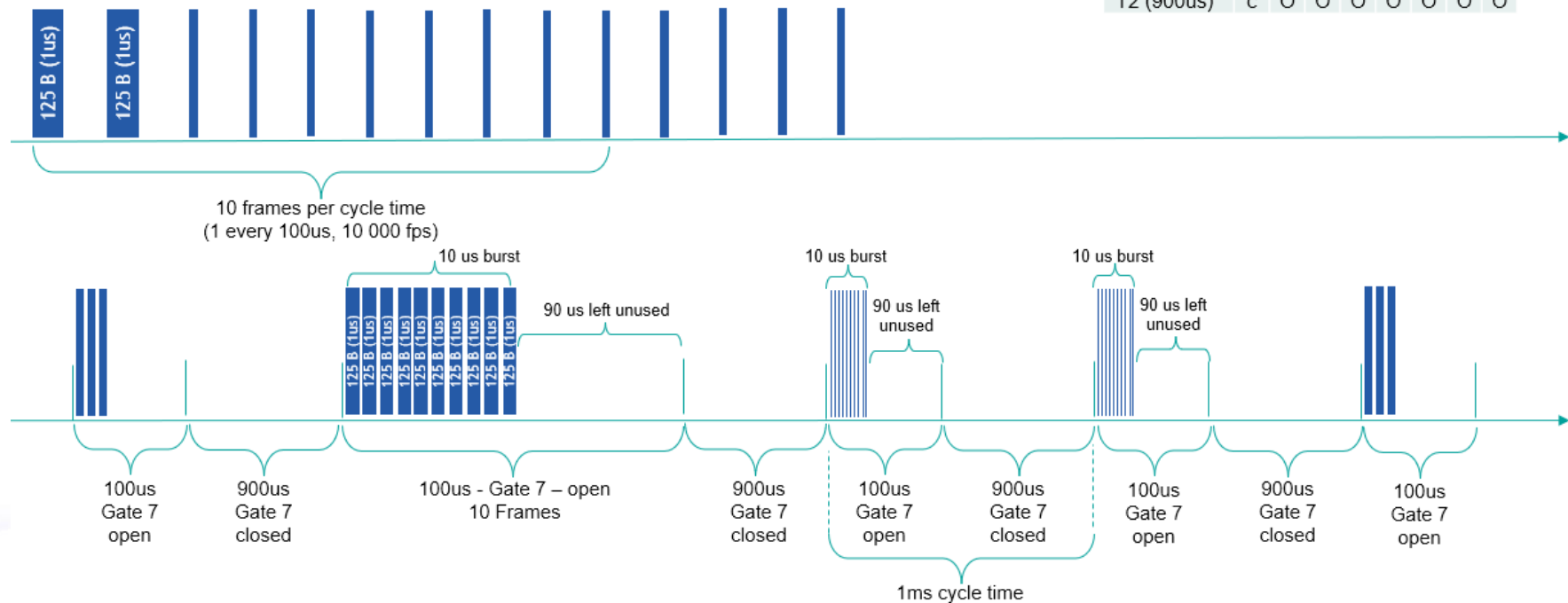
In addition to the traffic shaping standard amendments, **Frame Preemption** standard makes sure that critical time sensitive traffic is not stuck behind other interfering traffic:

- IEEE 802.3br (Interspersing express traffic) & IEEE 802.1Qbu (Frame preemption)
 - Specifies Mac Merge Sublayer for Express and Preemptable traffic
 - Exchange link partner preemption capabilities via LLDP

Test transmission gate operation

Cycle Time = 1ms

	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
T1 (100us)	O	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
T2 (900us)	c	O	O	O	O	O	O	O

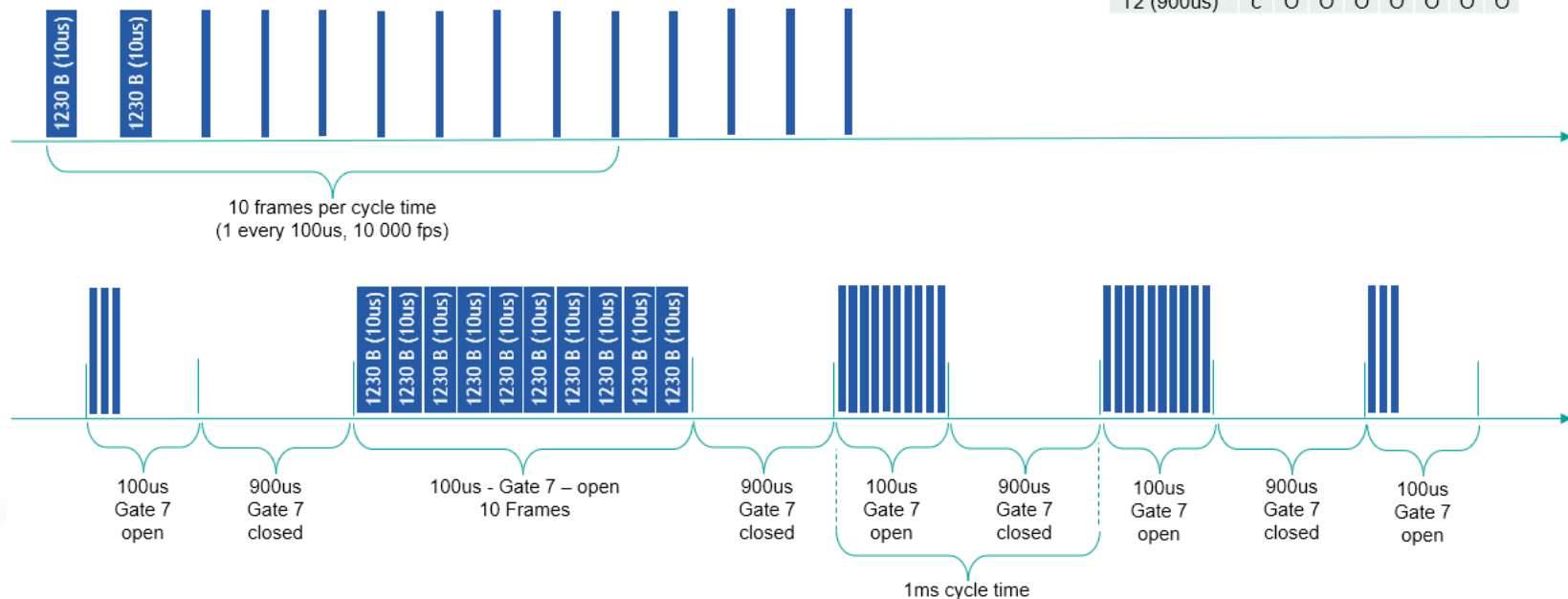


Test gate-close operation

The frames fill completely the gate duration

Cycle Time = 1ms

	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
T1 (100us)	O	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
T2 (900us)	c	O	O	O	O	O	O	O



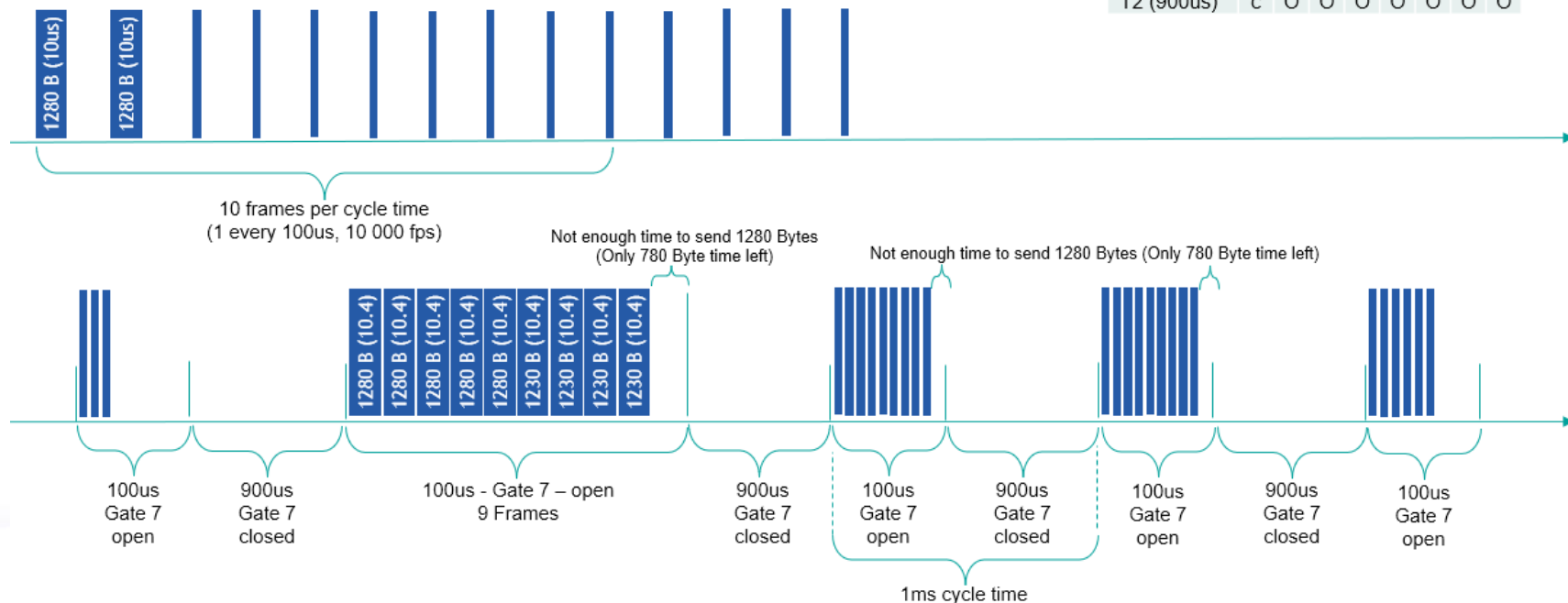
Test gate-close operation

Verify the guard band is enforced

Test solution must send traffic at precise PTP time!

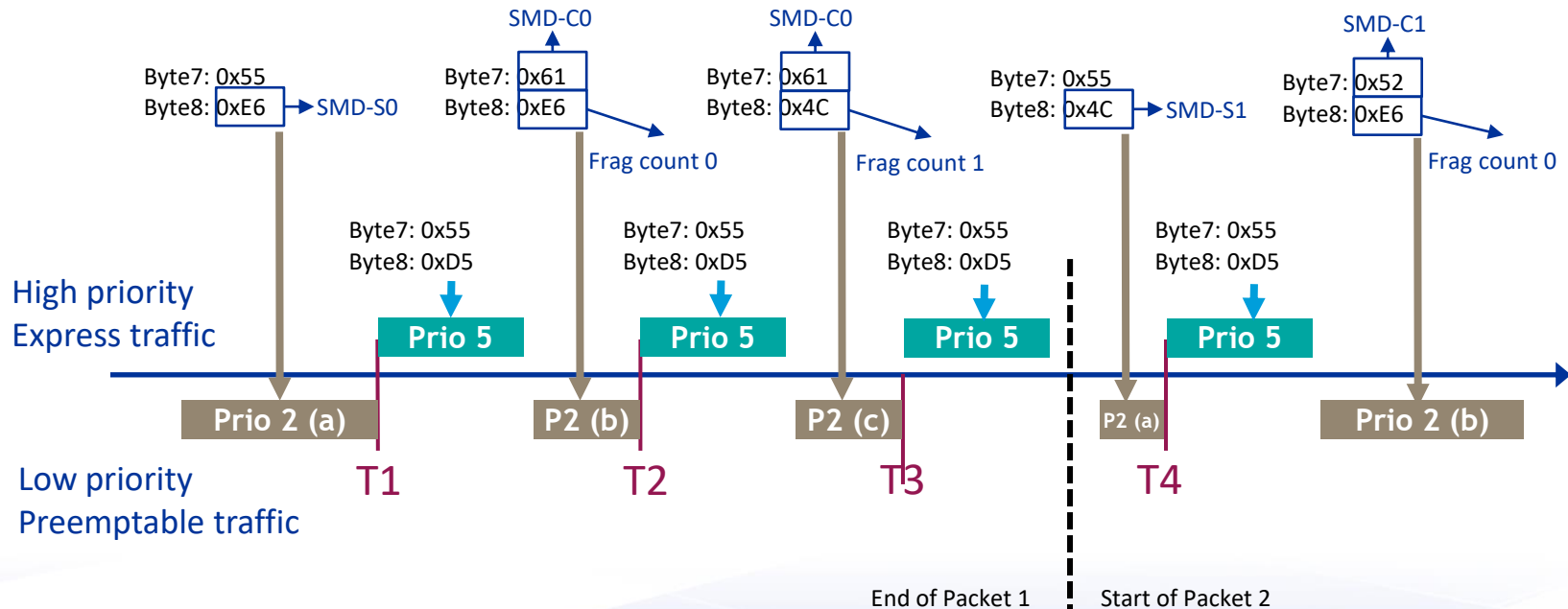
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T2 (900us)	c	O	O	O	O	O	O	O



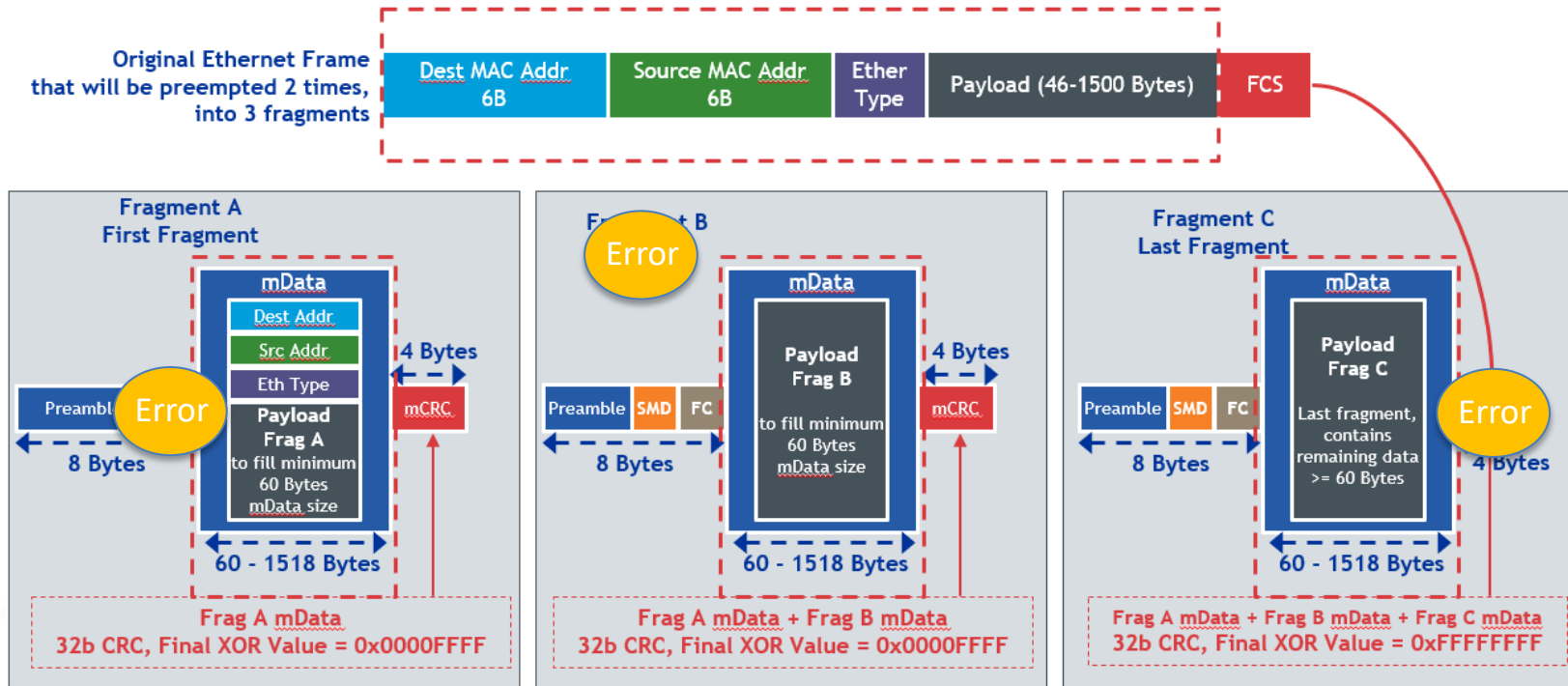
Reduce guard band for cut-through

Using frame preemption (802.1Qbu-2016 & 802.3br-2016)



Look inside preemption

Verify fragment sequence/SMD/mCRC...



TSN Testing Challenge

Ensure smooth transition from design to deployment

- Ability to test against emulated real-world configurations
 - **Precisely scheduled traffic**
 - Mixed traffic profiles (different classes and priorities)
 - Mixed topology of TSN and non-TSN compliant elements
- Performance measurements
 - Under heavy data plane or control plane (protocol messages) traffic load
- Conforming to the standards
- Testing for resiliency and reliability
 - Negative testing

The Right Toolset



TSN traffic simulation

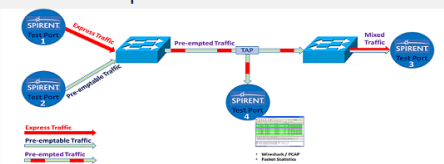
Spirent TestCenter

Wizards

Filter: Clear

- Access
- Application Layer Protocols
- Benchmarking
- Carrier Ethernet
 - AVB
 - EQAM
 - Packet Pre-emption**
 - QCI
- Devices
- Routing and MPLS
- Sequence Generator
- Switching
- Traffic
- Triple Play

Packet Pre-emption



This wizard is used to configure packet pre-emption

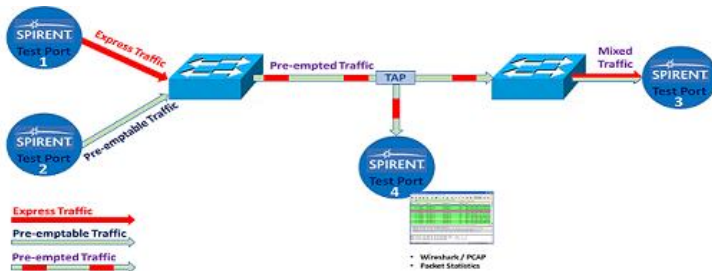
Use Case 1: Testing Pre-emption capability between two DUTs

- Test the DUT's Receive and Transmit preemption capabilities i.e. both Fragmentation and reassembly
- Spirent test ports provide the ability to create a traffic profile using multiple ports to cause pre - emption at the attached DUT
- Spirent port1 sends Express traffic to DUT1
- Spirent port2 sends traffic marked as Preemptible to DUT1
- DUT1 is expected to fragment the preemptible traffic and send to DUT2
- DUT2 is expected to reassemble and send the traffic to Spirent Port3
- Spirent Port3 analyses the received traffic

Use Case 2 : Testing receive and re-transmit capability of DUT !!

- Spirent test ports provide the ability to manually create a pre-empted traffic profile using stream blocks
- Spirent Port1 sends a mix of pre-empted fragments and express traffic to DUT and Port2 receives traffic from DUT
- DUT's receive capability for identifying the fragments, keeping track of fragment sequence, reassembling the received fragments, dropping a frame if required etc can be tested

Reset < Back Next > ☐ Preview Topology Cancel



TSN traffic simulation

Spirent TestCenter

Streams > Filtered Stream Results | Change Result View | Select Filters... | 1 of 1 | Show: Port //1/4

Change Counter Mode: Basic Mode

Basic Counters

Errors

Basic Sequencing

Advanced Sequencing

Histograms (Latency)

Rx Port Name	Destination MAC	Rx Stream Id	Stream Index	Rx Sig Rate (fps)	Short Term Avg Latency (us)	Avg Latency (us)	Min Latency (us)	Max Latency (us)
Port //1/4	00:10:94:00:00...	65536	7	1,000	458.35	425.2	8.13	908.25
Port //1/4	00:10:94:00:00...	65536	6	1,000	557.68	420.99	8.14	908.25
Port //1/4	00:10:94:00:00...	65536	5	1,000	657	416.69	8.13	908.24
Port //1/4	00:10:94:00:00...	65536	4	999	756.33	412.39	8.13	908.24
Port //1/4	00:10:94:00:00...	65536	3	999	855.66	408.1	8.13	908.24
Port //1/4	00:10:94:00:00...	65536	2	1,000	8.22	404.62	8.14	908.24
Port //1/4	00:10:94:00:00...	65536	1	1,000	61.04	409.41	8.13	908.22
Port //1/4	00:10:94:00:00...	65536	0	1,000	160.36	414.54	8.13	908.24
Port //1/4	00:10:94:00:00...	65536	9	1,000	259.69	419.66	8.13	908.24
Port //1/4	00:10:94:00:00...	65536	8	1,000	359.02	424.79	8.13	908.24

TSN conformance verification

TTsuite - TSN

Invalid Fragment

Count

Reject a fragmented frame where the first continuation fragment has a non-zero Fragment Count

Reject a fragmented frame where the fragments are received out of order

Reject a fragmented frame where one fragment is missing

Reject a fragmented frame where more than one fragment is missing (2 missing fragments)

Reject a fragmented frame where the Fragment Count is not incremented (remains constant)

Reject a fragmented frame where the Fragment Count has an invalid value (e.g. 0xAB)

Reject a fragmented frame where the continuation fragments have SMD-C values different than expected based on the SMD-S value

Invalid SMD-C

from the initial fragment

Reject a fragmented frame where the 5th continuation fragment has SMD-C values different than expected based on the SMD-S value from the initial fragment

Reject a fragmented frame where a continuation fragment has an invalid SMD-C value (e.g. 0xAB)

Preempt
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Time
Aware
Shaper

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Filtering
&
Policing

100

Redunda
ncy

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The background is a deep blue gradient with abstract digital elements. On the right, a human profile is shown in silhouette, composed of a grid of dots. A network of glowing blue lines connects various points across the scene. In the bottom left, there are wavy, translucent lines in shades of orange and purple, overlaid on a triangular mesh pattern.

THANKS!