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- ✧ In this paper bounds on the generation times and the timing requirements of the signals is taken into consideration to propose a reservation-based scheduling approach that preserves the flexible medium access of the DS

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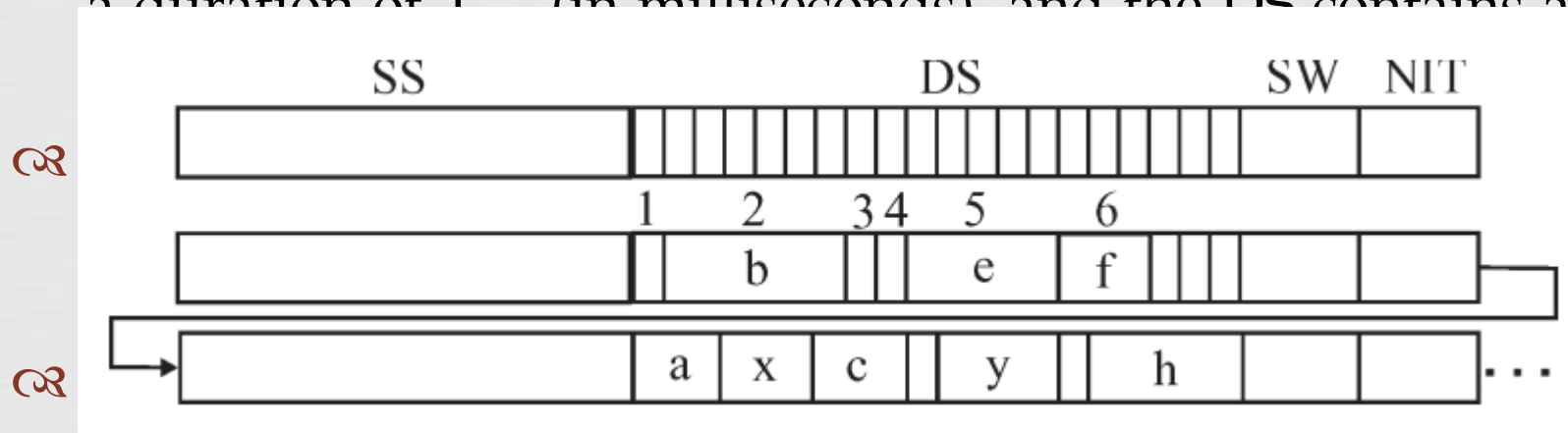
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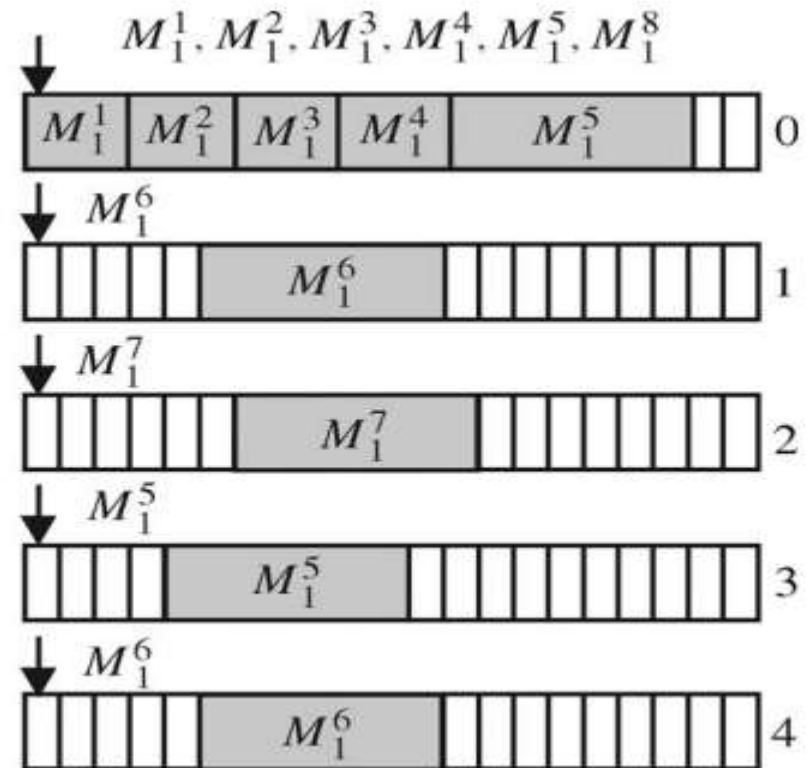


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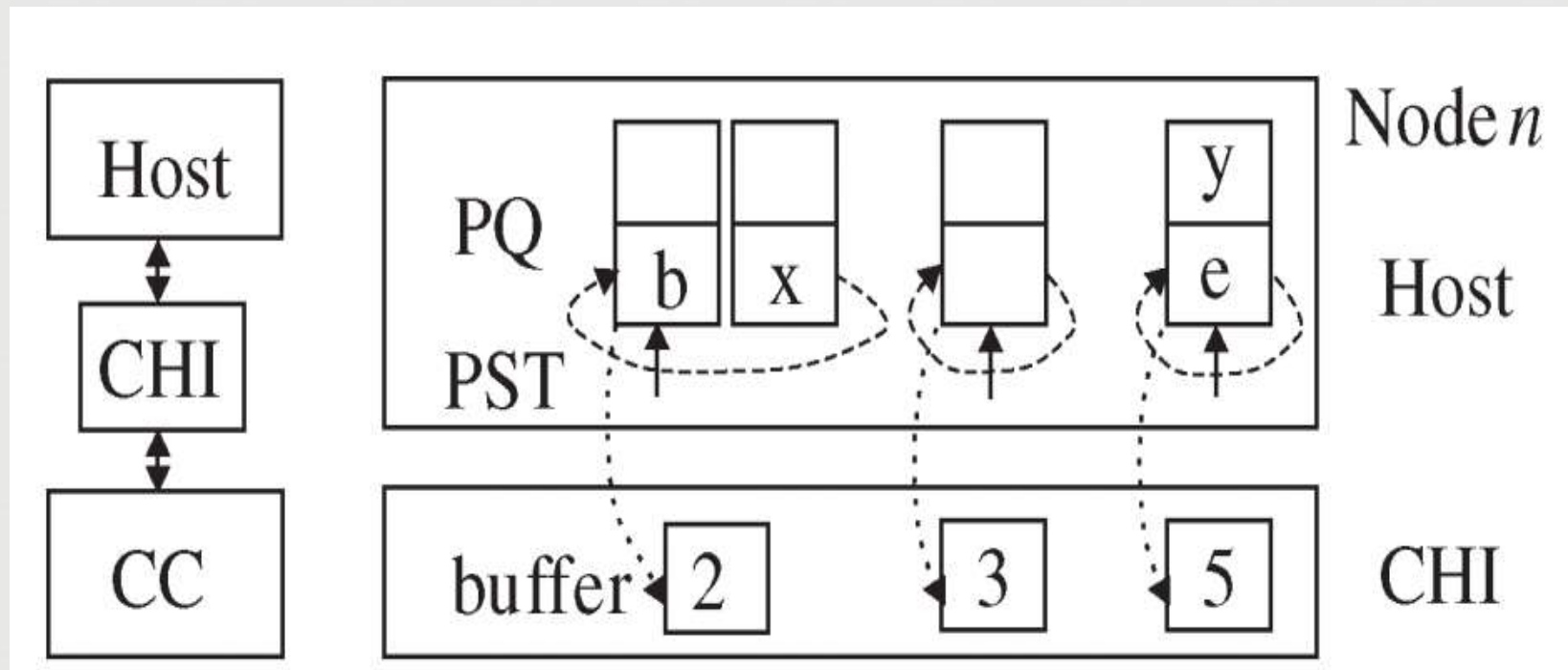
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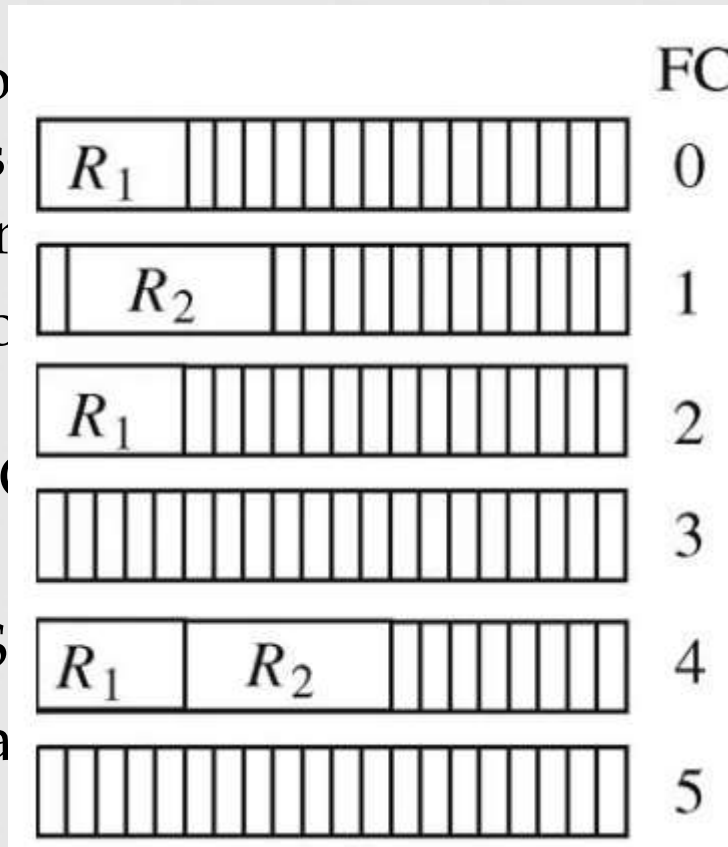


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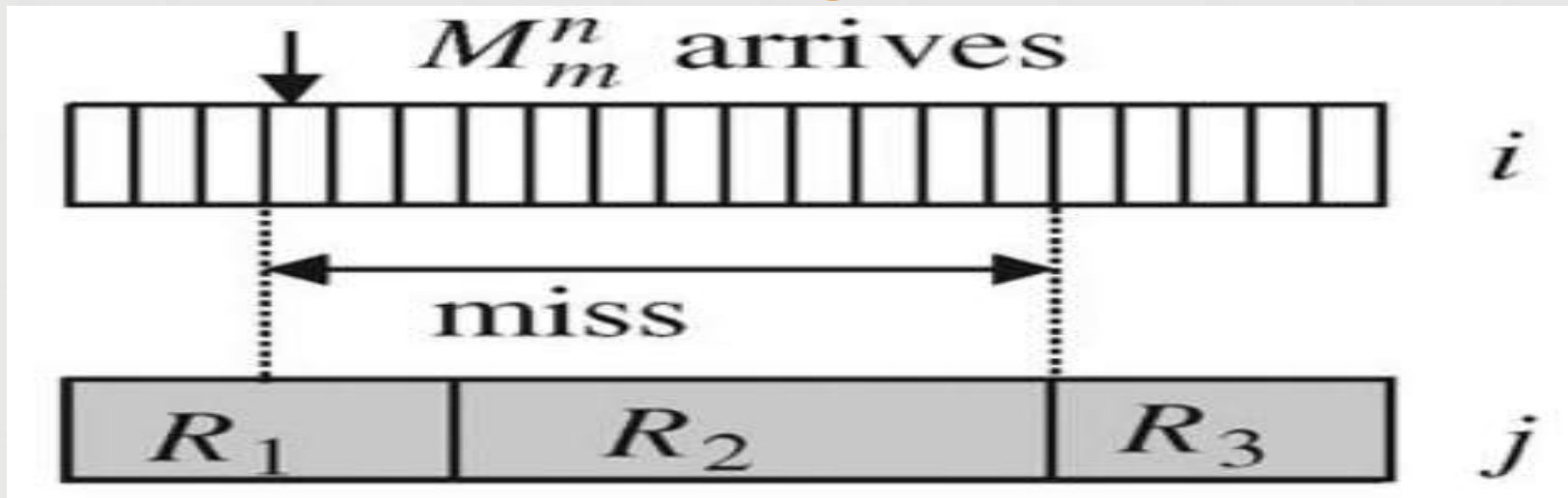
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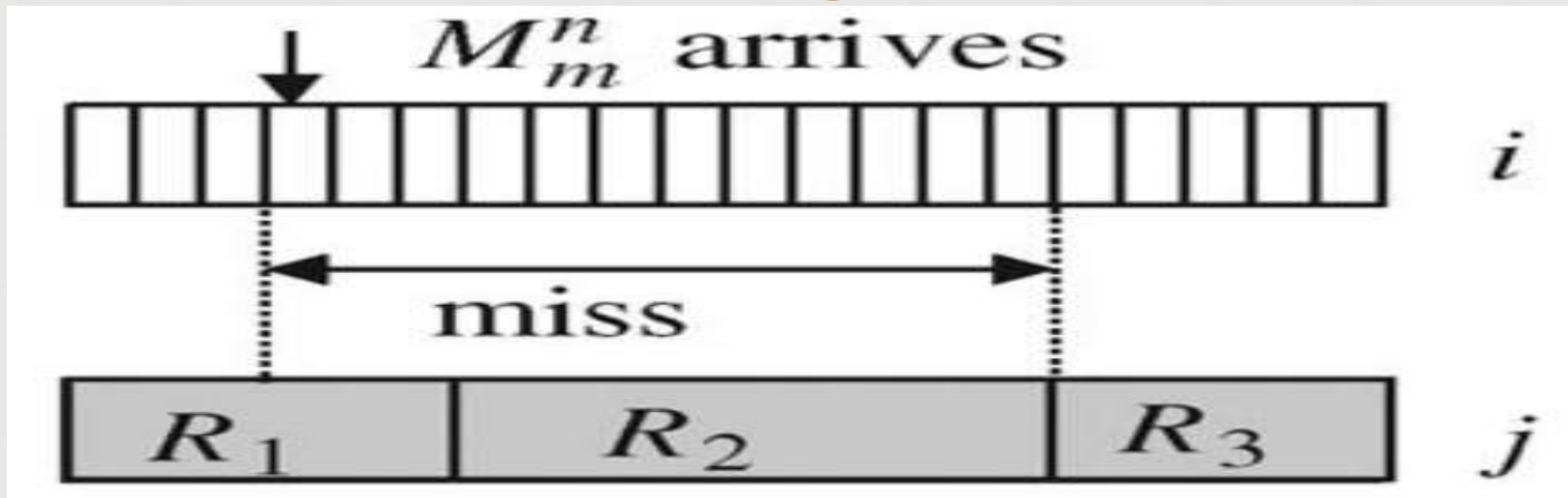


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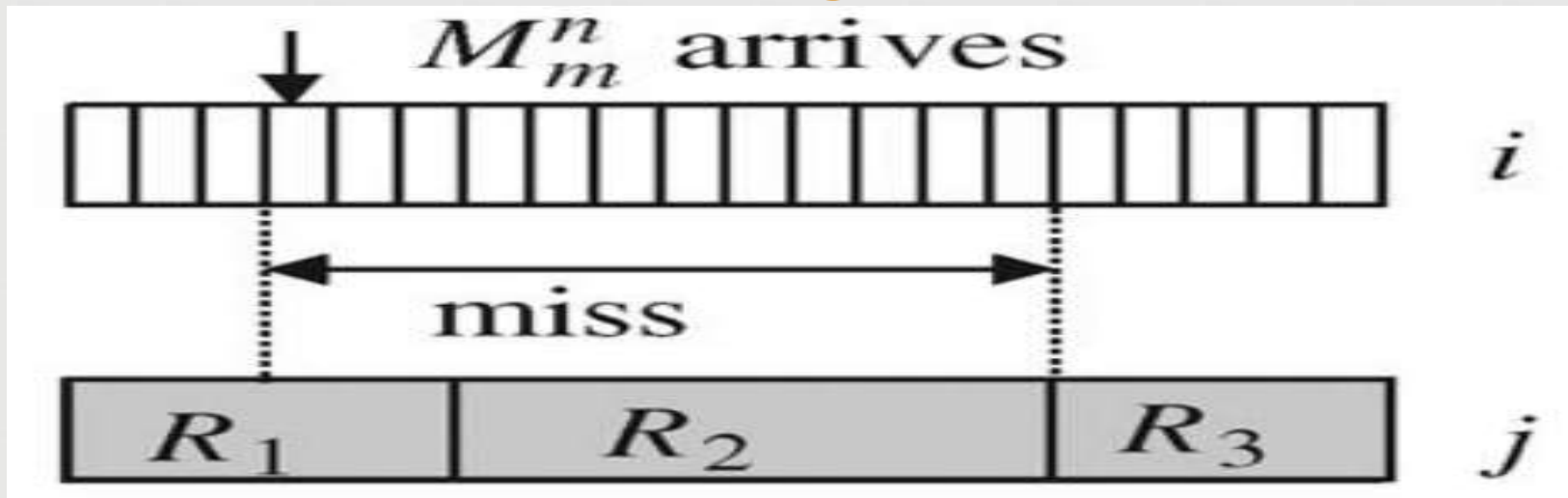
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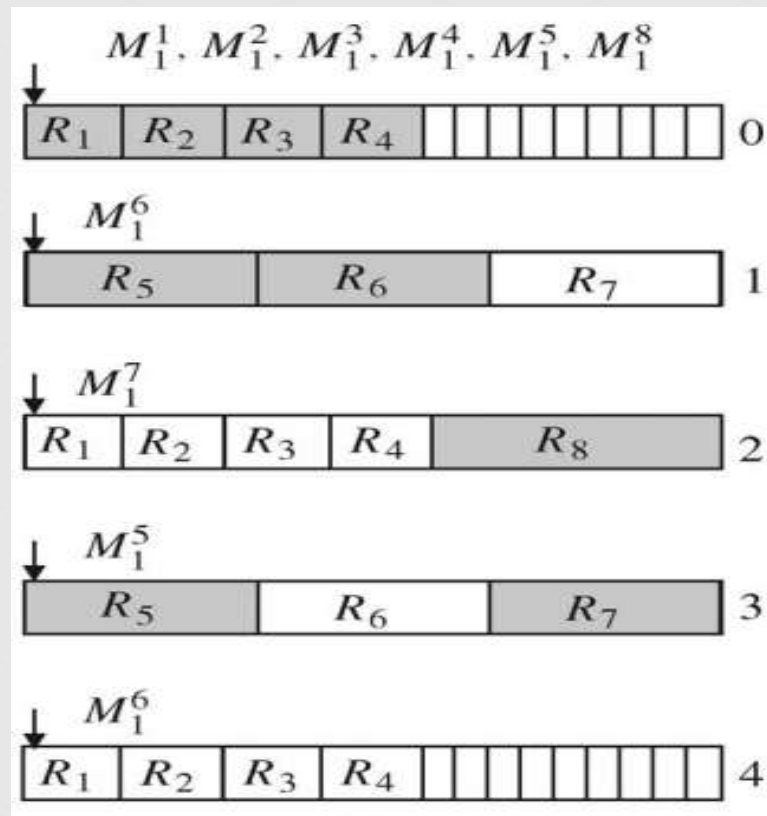


- ⌘ Additionally  $(rp+1) \cdot T_c \leq d_m$  and hence  $rp = \lceil d_m / T_c \rceil - 1$
- ⌘ Having determined the message reservation period for each message in MS, a good choice for the FC time  $T_c$  is the gcd of all  $rp$

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$$L_j = \sum_{R \in \mathcal{R}_j} l + \left( |\mathcal{M}_S| - \sum_{R \in \mathcal{R}_j} 1 \right) = \sum_{R \in \mathcal{R}_j} (l - 1) + |\mathcal{M}_S|.$$

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# Message Grouping



## Algorithm 4.1 (Check and Add)

Input:  $M_l^n, \mathcal{G}_q^n, \mathcal{G}^n$ .

Init:  $\text{result} = \text{more\_fit}$

**if** ( $P_{q,l}^n < 0$  or  $RM_{q,l}^n < 1$ )

$\text{result} = \text{no\_fit}$

**else**

$\mathcal{G}_q^n := \mathcal{G}_q^n \cup \{M_l^n\}$  and  $\mathcal{G}^n = \mathcal{G}^n \cup \mathcal{G}_q^n$

**if** ( $RM_{q,l}^n = 1$ )

$\text{result} = \text{last\_fit}$

**return** result

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## Algorithm 4.2 (Group)

Input:  $LM_S^n, M_c^n, \mathcal{G}_q^n, \mathcal{G}^n$

**(while**  $M_c^n < \text{last}(LM_S^n)$ )

$M_c^n = \text{next}(M_c^n)$

$\text{temp}\mathcal{G}_q^n = \mathcal{G}_q^n$

$\text{result} = \text{Check and Add}(M_c^n, \text{temp}\mathcal{G}_q^n, \mathcal{G}^n)$

**if** ( $\text{result} = \text{more\_fit}$  and  $M_c^n \neq \text{last}(LM_S^n)$ )

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**Group** ( $LM_S^n, \text{temp}M_c^n, \text{temp}\mathcal{G}_q^n, \mathcal{G}^n$ )



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- ✧ Our goal is now to determine  $G_s$  and the offsets  $w_i$  of the corresponding reservations such that  $L_{\max}$  (and, thus, the required duration  $T_{DS}$  of the DS) is minimized

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- ✧ We formulate integer programming problems with two components to find the optimal message schedule
  - ✧ The first component addresses the selection of the message groups and the corresponding reservations.  $g_i \in \{0,1\}$  takes the value of 1 if  $G_i \in G_S$  and is 0 otherwise
  - ✧ The second component is determining the reservation offsets.  $x_{i,k} \in \{0,1\}$  takes the value of 1 if  $w_i = k$  and is 0 otherwise, where  $k=0,\dots,rp_i-1$

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Consider a reservation  $R_i$  that corresponds to  $\mathcal{G}_i \in \mathcal{G}$ . The contribution of  $R_i$  to  $L_j$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, G_{RP} - 1$ , is given as follows.

- 1)  $g_i = 0$ : Then,  $\mathcal{G}_i \notin \mathcal{G}^S$  and  $R_i$  does not add to  $L_j$ .
- 2)  $g_i = 1$  and  $x_{i,k} = 1$  for  $k = j \bmod rp_i$ : Then,  $w_i = k$  and  $l_i$  MS are reserved for  $R_i$  in  $L_j$ .
- 3)  $g_i = 1$  and  $x_{i,k} = 0$  for  $k = j \bmod rp_i$ : Then,  $w_i \neq k$  and one MS is reserved for  $R_i$  in  $L_j$ .

Accordingly, we can express the cycle load  $L_j$  as follows:

$$L_j = \sum_{\mathcal{G}_i \in \mathcal{G}} g_i \cdot (x_{i,k} \cdot l_i + (1 - x_{i,k}) \cdot 1)$$



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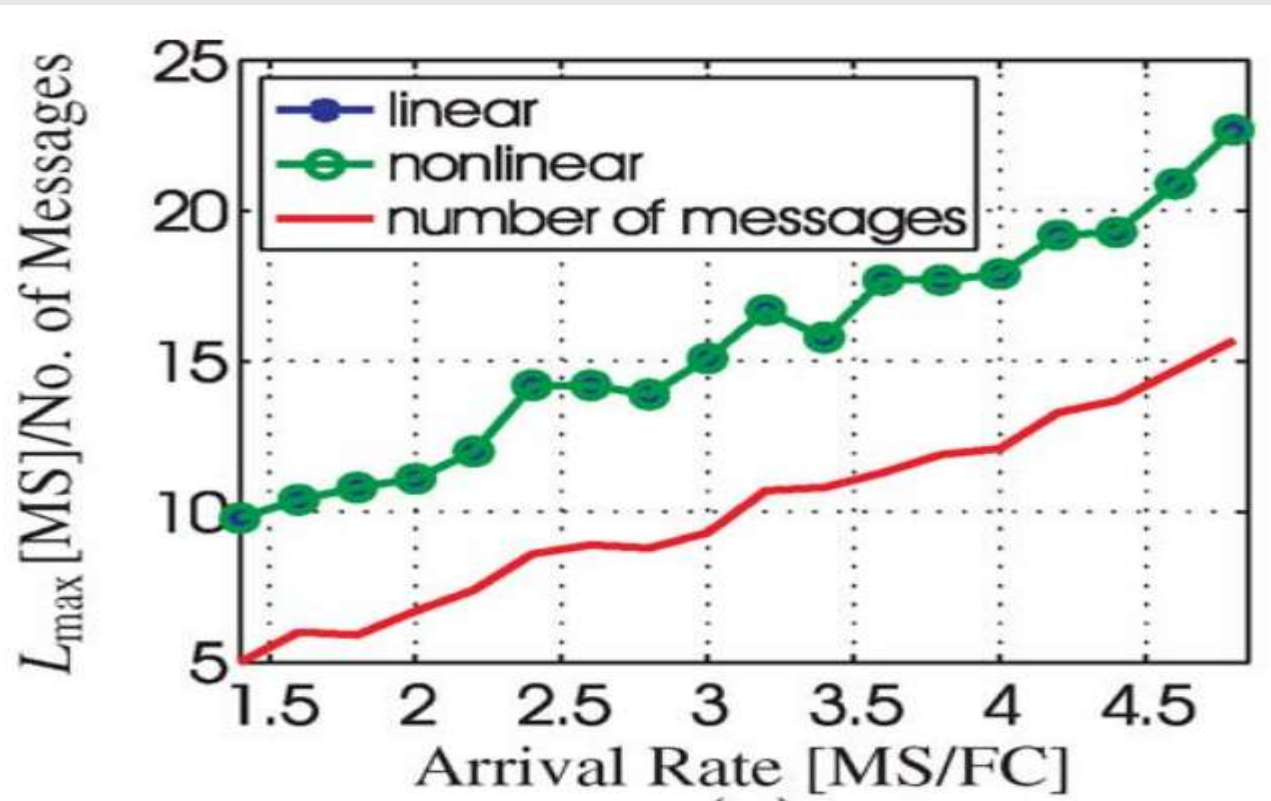
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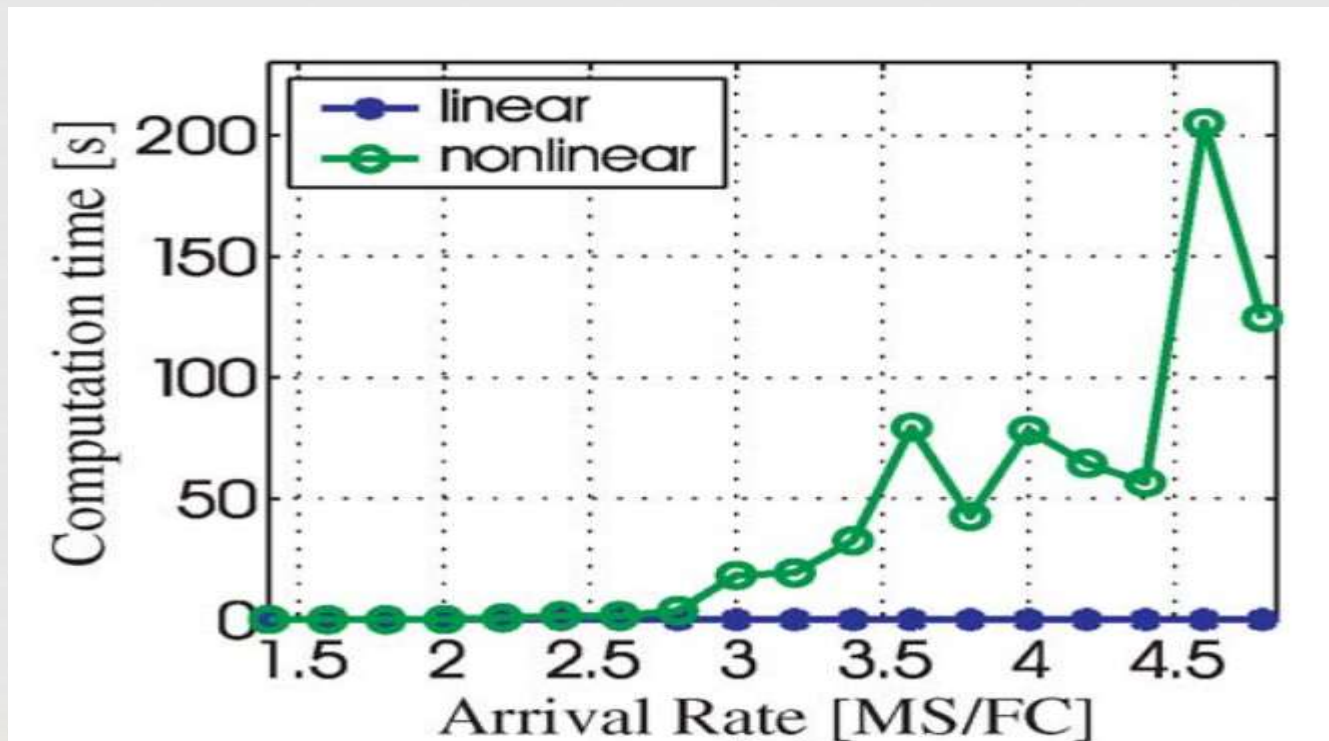
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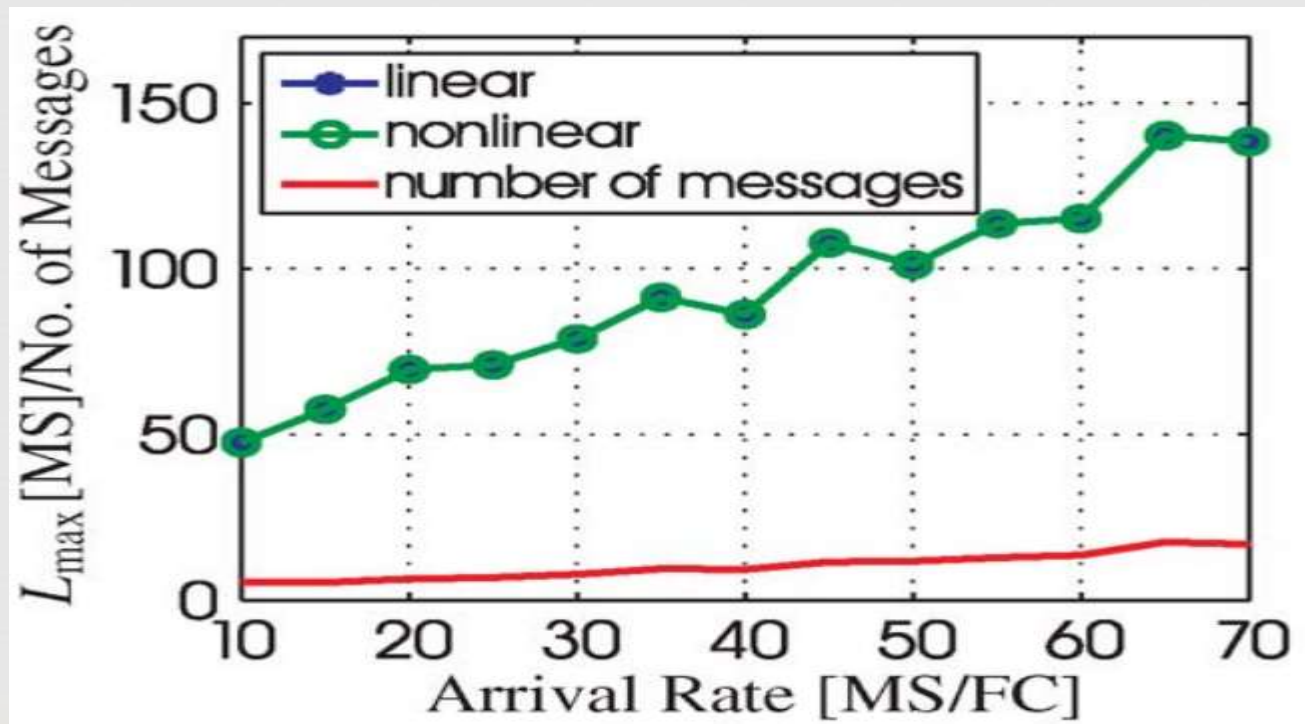
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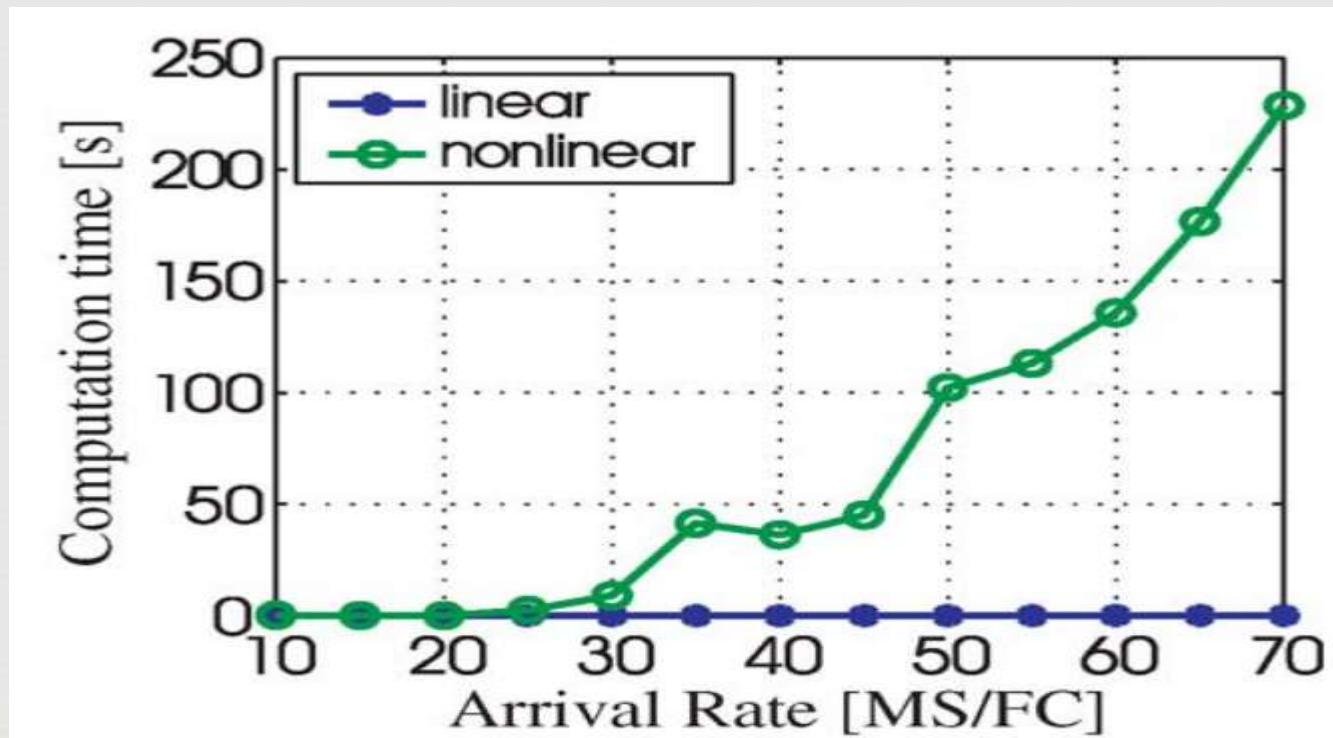




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