

# Tutorial on Underwater Acoustic Networking

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# There is a demand for underwater networks!

- ▶ Wired underwater networks:  
SOSUS (1949-), OOI (2009-), NEPTUNE (2009-), VENUS (2006-), etc.
- ▶ Clear demand for underwater networks, but communication and power needs necessitated cables
- ▶ Wired networks are expensive, and impractical for short-term deployments
- ▶ Underwater point-to-point wireless communication technology is maturing
- ▶ Interest in underwater wireless networks is rapidly growing

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# Communication links in underwater network

Technology	Range	Data rate	Latency	Setup	Mobility	Introduction
Fiber-optic cables	$O(100 \text{ km})$	$O(\text{Gbps})$	$O(\mu\text{s})$	hard	limited	Network stack/simulators
Underwater acoustic	$O(\text{km})$	$O(\text{kbps})$	$O(\text{s})$	easy	good	Physical layer
Underwater optical	$O(10 \text{ m})$	$O(\text{Mbps})$	$O(\mu\text{s})$	easy	good	Introduction to UnetStack
Underwater EM	$O(10 \text{ m})$	$O(\text{kbps})$	$O(\mu\text{s})$	easy	good	Medium Access Control (MAC)

- ▶ Choice of links depends on application/environment
- ▶ For nodes with surface expression, in-air radio links may also be used
- ▶ Practical networks may choose a mix of types of links
- ▶ Often networks are  $O(\text{km})$  in size  $\Rightarrow$  acoustic links
- ▶ Acoustic link performance depends on carrier frequency  
(low freq.  $\rightarrow$  long range, low rate; high freq.  $\rightarrow$  short range, high rate)

# What's special about underwater acoustic networks?

- ▶ Limited bandwidth  $\Rightarrow$  Low data rate
- ▶ Slow speed of sound  $\Rightarrow$  Long propagation delay
- ▶ Environmental variability & noise  $\Rightarrow$  Packet loss
- ▶ Environmental variability  $\Rightarrow$  Changing network topology

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# Low data rate – what do we do about it?

- ▶ Bandwidth-efficient protocols needed
- ▶ Limited sizes of protocol headers
- ▶ Efficiency through cross-layer optimization
  
- ▶ If large data transfer is unavoidable, novel strategies such as *data muling* have to be employed

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# Long propagation delay – how does it affect us?

- ▶ It's not just a question of adjusting protocol timeouts!
- ▶ Example: naïve TDMA with guard period
  - (TDMA slot length: 1 s, guard period > maximum propagation delay, for a 10 km network, guard period  $\sim$  7 s, channel utilization  $\sim$  12.5%)
- ▶ Example: naïve stop-and-wait ARQ
  - (packet length: 1 s, transmission range: 9 km, waiting time: 12 s, channel utilization < 8%)
- ▶ In more extreme cases, protocols may completely fail
  - (example: adaptive modulation with feedback may fail on long range links if the channel changes over the period that the feedback arrives)
- ▶ Opportunity: multiple simultaneous transmissions without collision!

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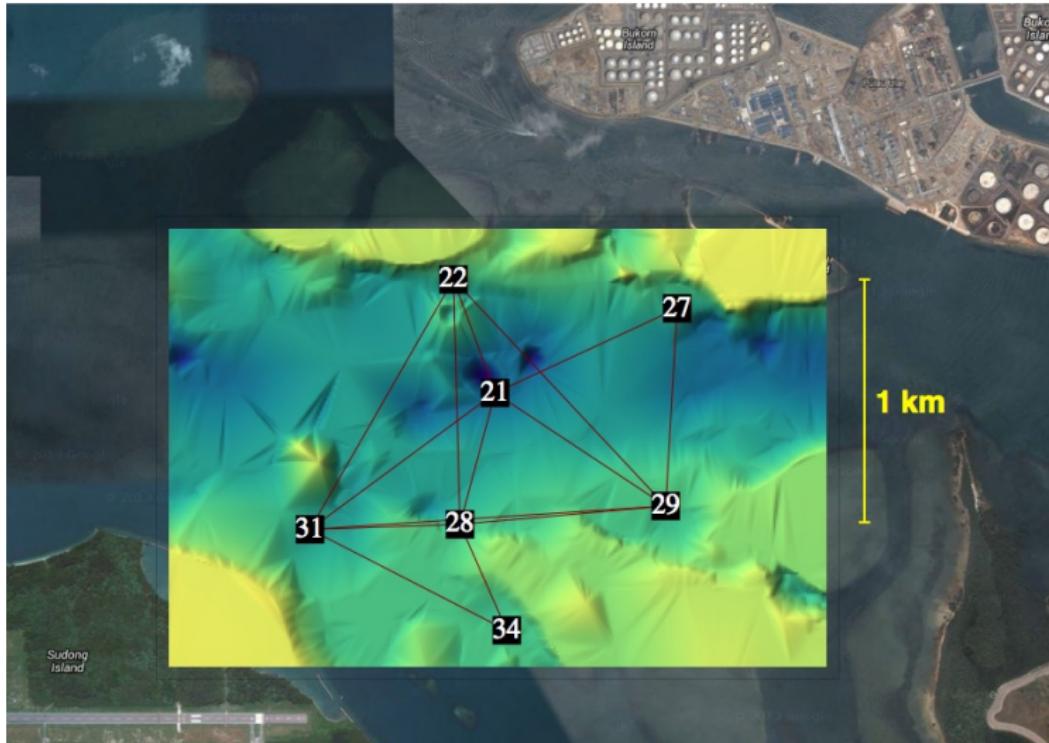
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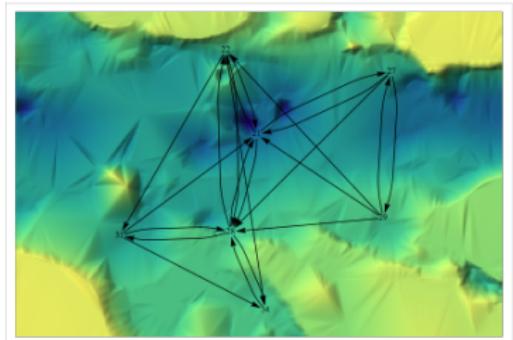
# Packet loss

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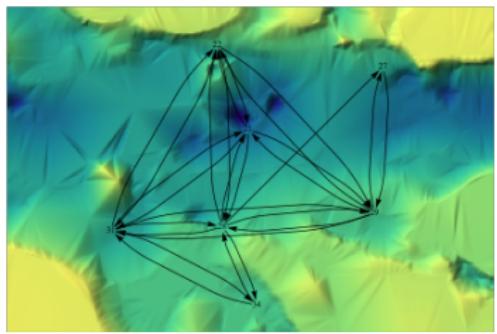
MISSION 2013 packet success rates:

from/to	21	22	27	28	29	31	34
21	-	0.926	0.266	0.917	0.912	-	0.552
22	0.867	-	0.471	0.751	0.850	-	0.288
27	0.359	0.381	-	0.313	0.322	-	-
28	0.847	0.869	0.390	-	0.845	0.925	0.863
29	0.539	0.693	0.333	0.688	-	0.374	-
31	-	-	-	0.902	0.805	-	0.795
34	0.236	0.436	-	0.684	-	0.544	-

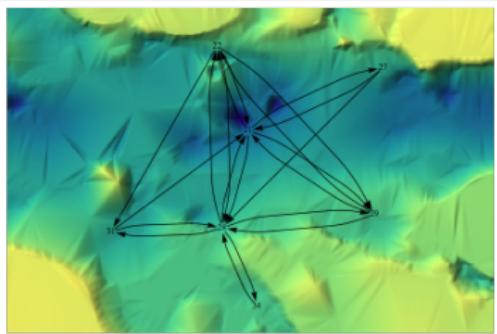
# Changing network topology



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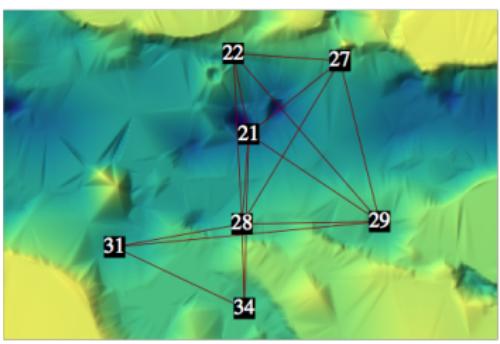
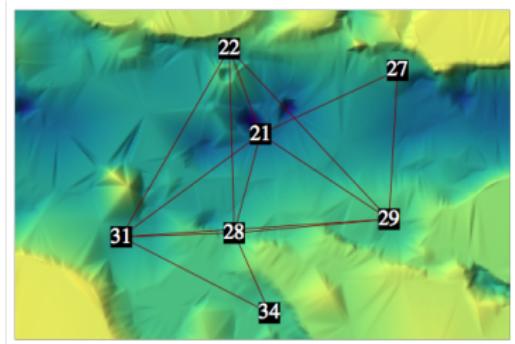
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# Changing network topology

Deployment #1 vs #2:



Minor changes in node positions significantly changes network topology

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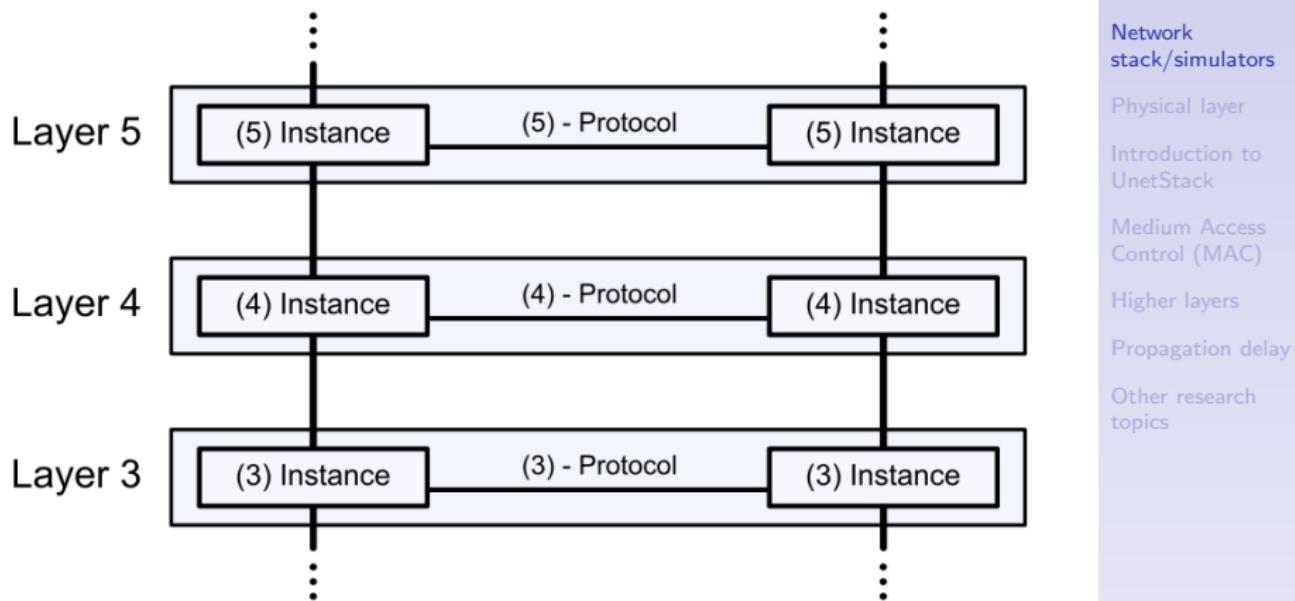
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## Section 2

### Network stack/simulators

# Layered model of network protocol stack



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# OSI 7-layered model

Layer	Data unit	Function
7. Application	Data	High-level APIs, including resource sharing, remote file access, directory services and virtual terminals
6. Presentation	Data	Translation of data between a networking service and an application; including character encoding, data compression and encryption/decryption
5. Session	Data	Managing communication sessions, i.e., continuous exchange of information in the form of multiple back-and-forth transmissions between two nodes
4. Transport	Datagram	Reliable transmission of data segments between points on a network, including segmentation, acknowledgement and multiplexing
3. Network	Packet	Structuring and managing a multi-node network, including addressing, routing and traffic control
2. Data link	Frame	Reliable transmission of data frames between two nodes connected by a physical layer
1. Physical	Bit	Transmission and reception of raw bit streams over a physical medium

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# Internet does not follow the OSI 7-layer model

- ▶ TCP/IP does not use strict hierarchical encapsulation and layering

## Rough mapping:

- ▶ Internet application layer → OSI application, presentation, session
- ▶ Internet transport layer → OSI session, transport
- ▶ Internet layer → OSI network
- ▶ Internet link layer → OSI network, data link, physical

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# Underwater Networking Architecture (UNA)

- ▶ 5-layered architecture proposed, based on OSI-like layered model
- ▶ Application, Transport, Network, Data link, Physical layers
- ▶ Strict layered architecture, with no cross-layer functionality
- ▶ Implemented and used in initial versions of the UNET modems, but eventually retired in favor of an agent-based network stack (UnetStack)

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M. Chitre, L. Freitag, E. Sozer, S. Shahabudeen, M. Stojanovic, and J. Potter, "An Architecture for Underwater Networks," in OCEANS 2006 – Asia Pacific, pp. 1-5, May 2006.

# Why do we need cross-layer functionality?

- ▶ In promoting *modularity*, layering compartmentalizes information
- ▶ Protocols at one layer cannot use information available at another, and so may have sub-optimal performance
  - ▶ Example: Medium access control (data link layer function) may require knowledge of routes (network layer information) and traffic demand (application layer information) for optimal coordination of channel use
- ▶ In resource-constrained networks, the impact of layering can be severe
- ▶ Cross-layer optimization is of interest in wireless networks, but absolutely *critical* to underwater acoustic networks

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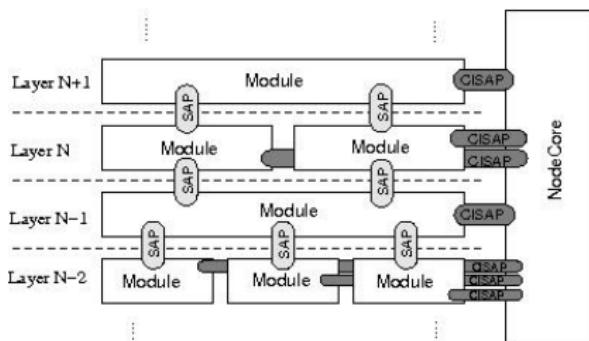
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# Retaining modularity, but allowing information exchange...

- Approach #1: Retrofit a layered protocol stack architecture with cross-layer extensions
  - Adopted by DESERT, SUNSET, etc.



NS2 MIRACLE cross-layer extension

<http://telecom.dei.unipd.it/pages/read/58/>

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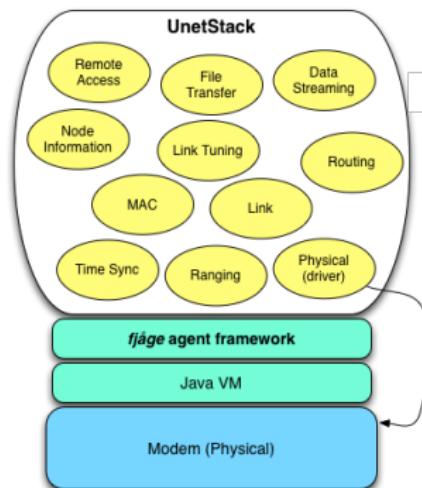
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# Retaining modularity, but allowing information exchange...

- ▶ Approach #2: Adopt an agent-based architecture that naturally lends itself to information exchange between all agents ("layers")
  - ▶ Adopted by UnetStack



UnetStack  
<http://www.unetstack.net/>

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1. Ns (Network Simulator)
2. ns-miracle
3. Aqua-Sim
4. DESERT
5. SUNSET
6. Unet
7. Examples

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# ns (Network Simulator)

- ▶ Began in 1989
- ▶ Variant of the REAL network simulator
- ▶ Maintained by University of Southern California, USA
- ▶ Code base in C++
- ▶ TCL scripting support
- ▶ ns-2 released in 1996

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- ▶ Multi-InteRfAce Cross-Layer Extension library for the Network Simulator
- ▶ Extension for ns-2
- ▶ Engine for handling cross-layer messages
- ▶ Co-existance of multiple modules within each layer
- ▶ Maintained by University of Padova, Italy

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- ▶ Simulate acoustic signal attenuation and packet collisions in underwater sensor networks
- ▶ Extends ns-3
- ▶ Maintained by University of Connecticut, USA

- ▶ DЕsign, Simulate, Emulate and Realize Test-beds
- ▶ Underwater network protocol simulator
- ▶ Extends ns-miracle
- ▶ Maintained by University of Padova, Italy

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- ▶ Sapienza University Networking framework for underwater Simulation, Emulation and real-life Testing
- ▶ Simulate, emulate and test in real-life Novel (underwater) communication protocols
- ▶ Based on ns-miracle
- ▶ Maintained by University of Rome - La Sapienza

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- ▶ Agent-based network stack and simulator designed for underwater communication networks
- ▶ Code in Java and Groovy
- ▶ Groovy scripting support
- ▶ Maintained by National University of Singapore and Subnero

# Simulator Comparison

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Areas	Aqua-Sim NG	SUNSET	DESERT	Unet
Based On	ns-3	ns-miracle	ns-miracle	-
Open Source	Yes	Yes	Yes	Partial
Written in	C++	C++	C++	Java
Scripting support	TCL	TCL	TCL	Groovy/Python
Built-in IDE	No	No	No	Yes
Last Major Update	under dev	Apr 2014	Jul 2017	May 2018
Architecture	Layered	Layered	Layered	Agent-based
Real-Time Scheduling	ns-3	custom	ns-2	custom
Scheduler Compensation	No <sup>1</sup>	Yes	No	Yes
Scriptable Packet Converter	No <sup>1</sup>	Yes	No	Yes
Scriptable Agents/Nodes	No <sup>1</sup>	No	No	Yes

<sup>1</sup>Based on description in the paper, Aqua-Sim: An NS-2 Based Simulator for Underwater Sensor Networks

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## Section 3

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# Physical layer

# Challenges

- Intersymbol interference (ISI) due to multipath (long delay spread)
- Time variability (Doppler spread)
- Wideband Doppler

# Modulation

- Incoherent modulation (e.g. FH-BFSK)
- Coherent modulation
  - Single carrier (e.g. BPSK)
  - Multi-carrier (e.g. OFDM)

# FH-BFSK

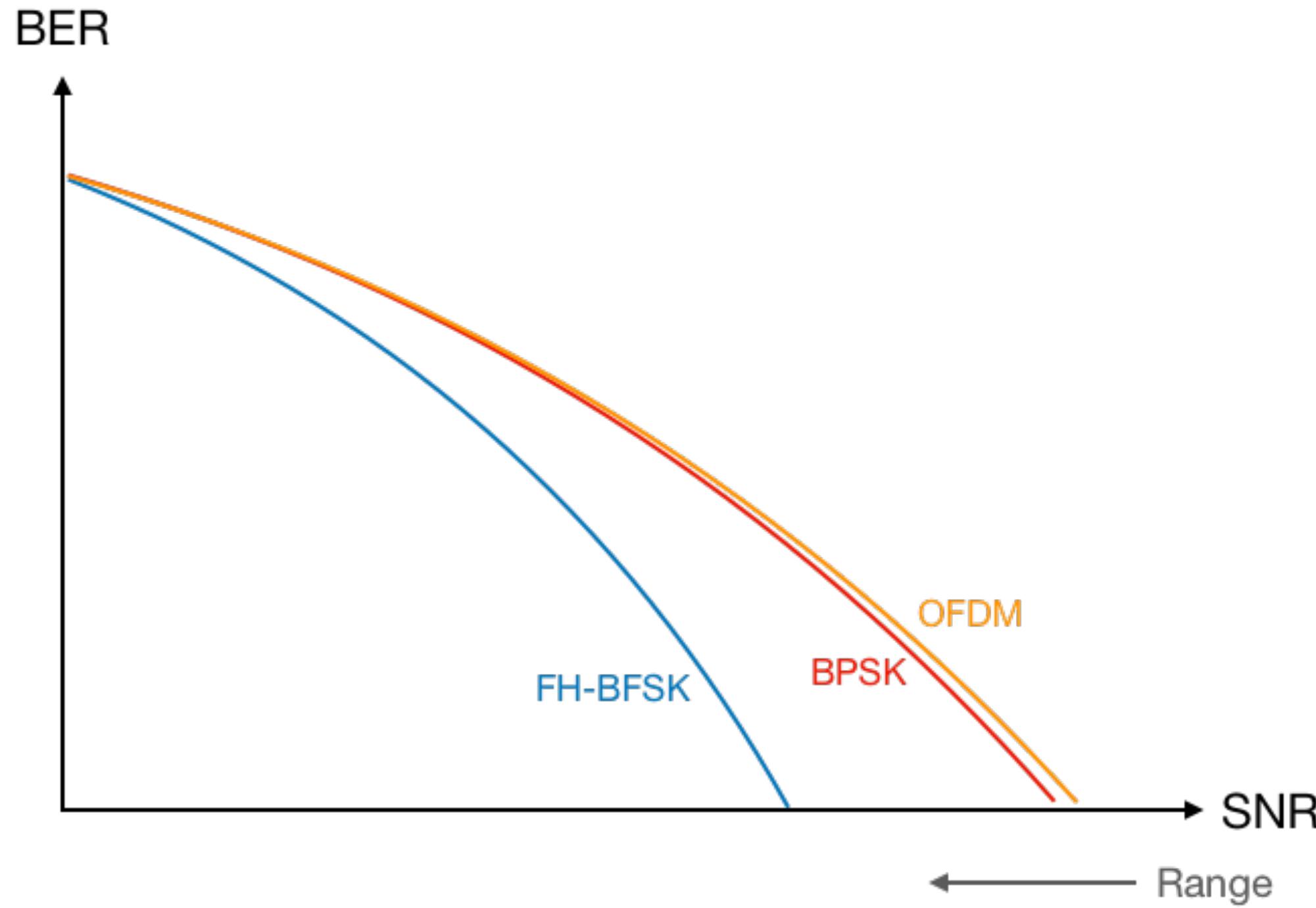
- Frequency-hopping Binary Frequency-shift Keying
- Basis of the JANUS standard
- Use one frequency to indicate a 0, another to indicate a 1
- Switch to a different pair of frequencies to avoid multipath
- Slow, but robust!

# BPSK

- Binary Phase-shift Keying
- Decision-feedback Equalizer (DFE)
- Use carrier phases to represent bits
- Feedback decisions to cancel ISI from previous symbols
- Faster, but less robust
- Sensitive to delay spread and time variability

# OFDM

- Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplexing
- Simple to implement
- Leave a long guard period between symbols to avoid ISI
- Make up for loss in efficiency but using many carriers simultaneously
- Robust to delay spread
- Very sensitive to Doppler



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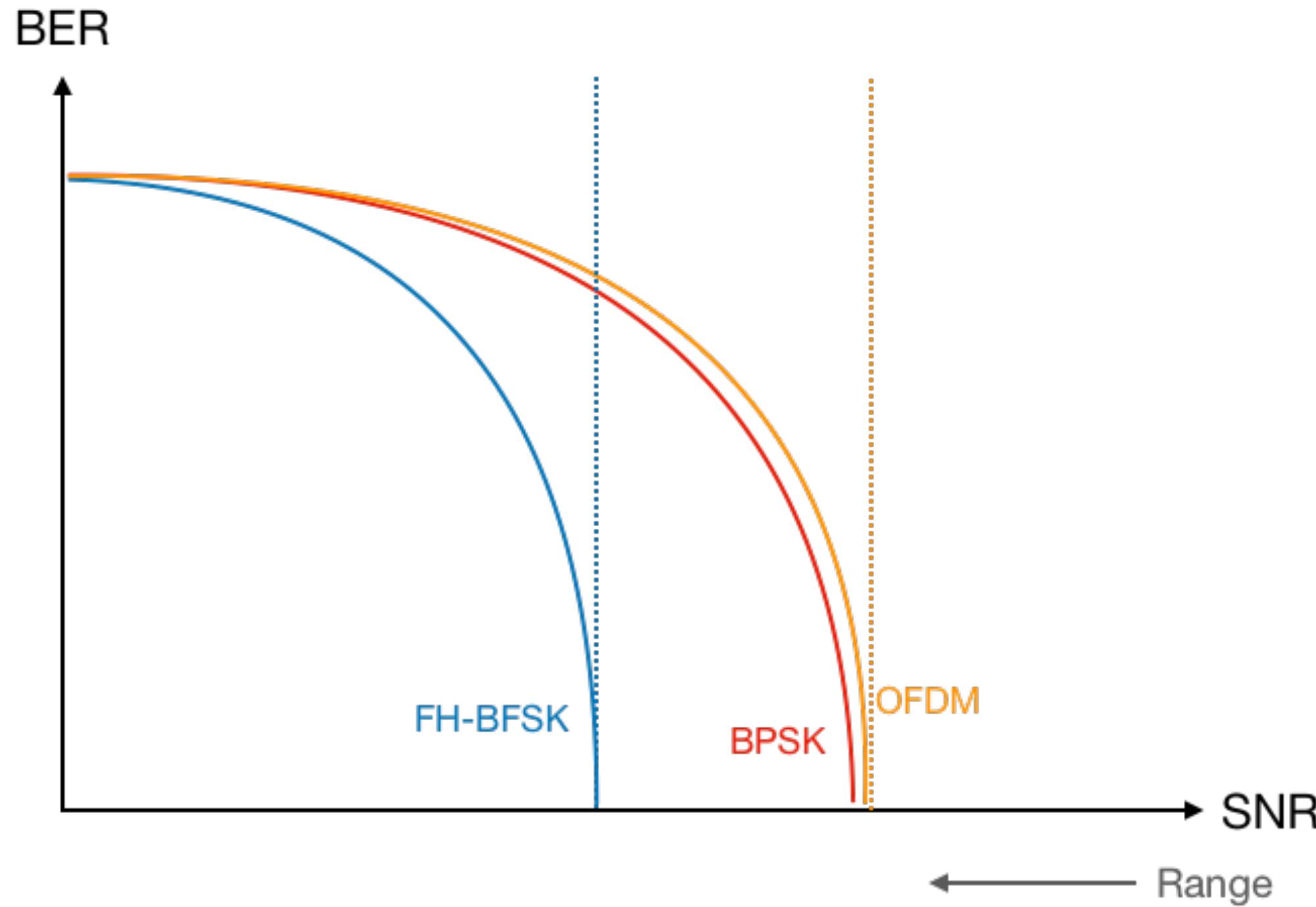
# Logical channels

No one shoe fits all!

- CONTROL: low rate, high robustness, short frames
- DATA: high rate, longer frames

# Error correction and detection

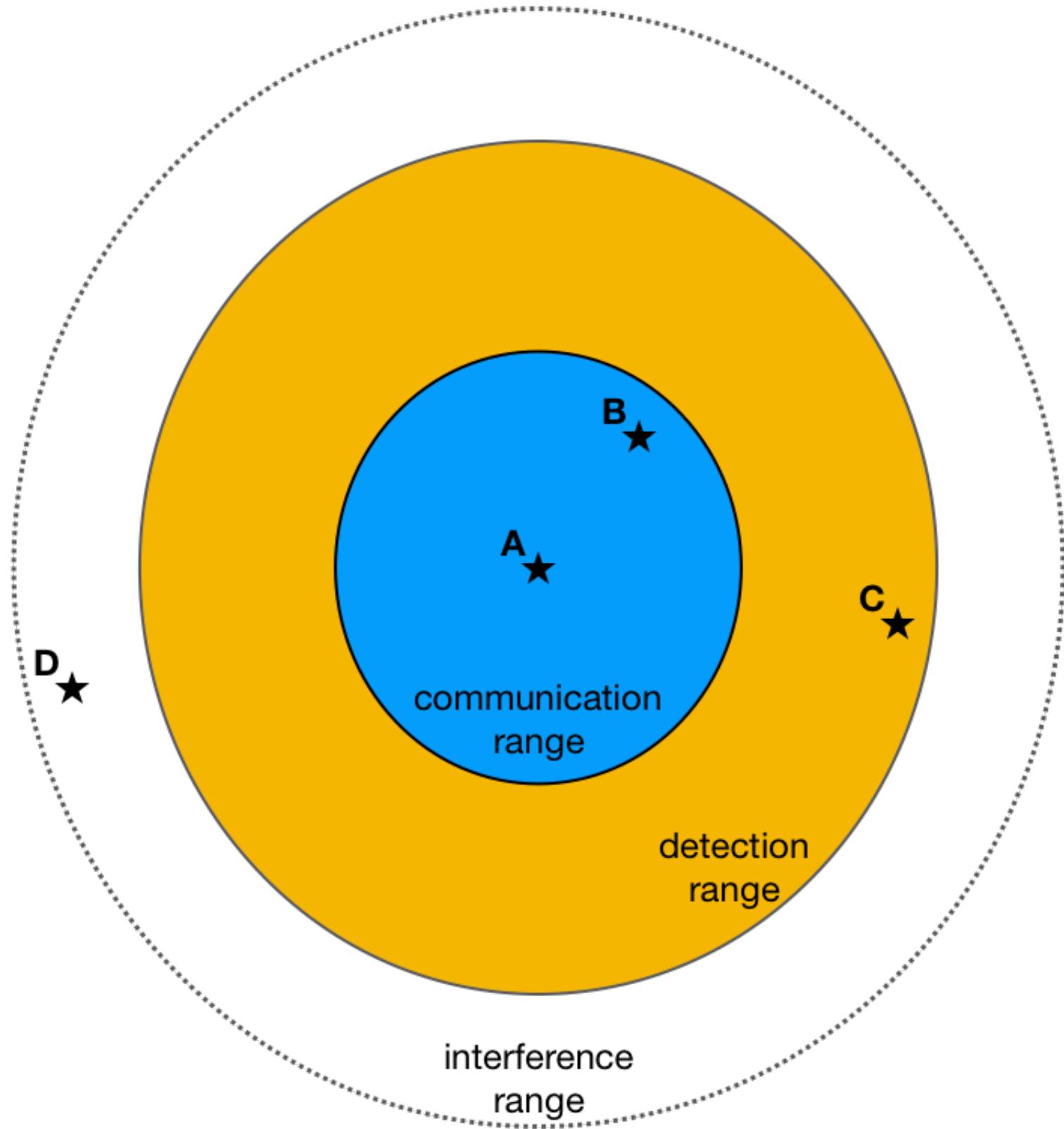
- After demodulation, some bits will be in error
- Use of forward error correction (FEC) codes for correct these (e.g. Turbo codes, LDPC, etc)
- Use of CRC to detect if all errors have been successfully corrected
- If CRC fails, drop frame



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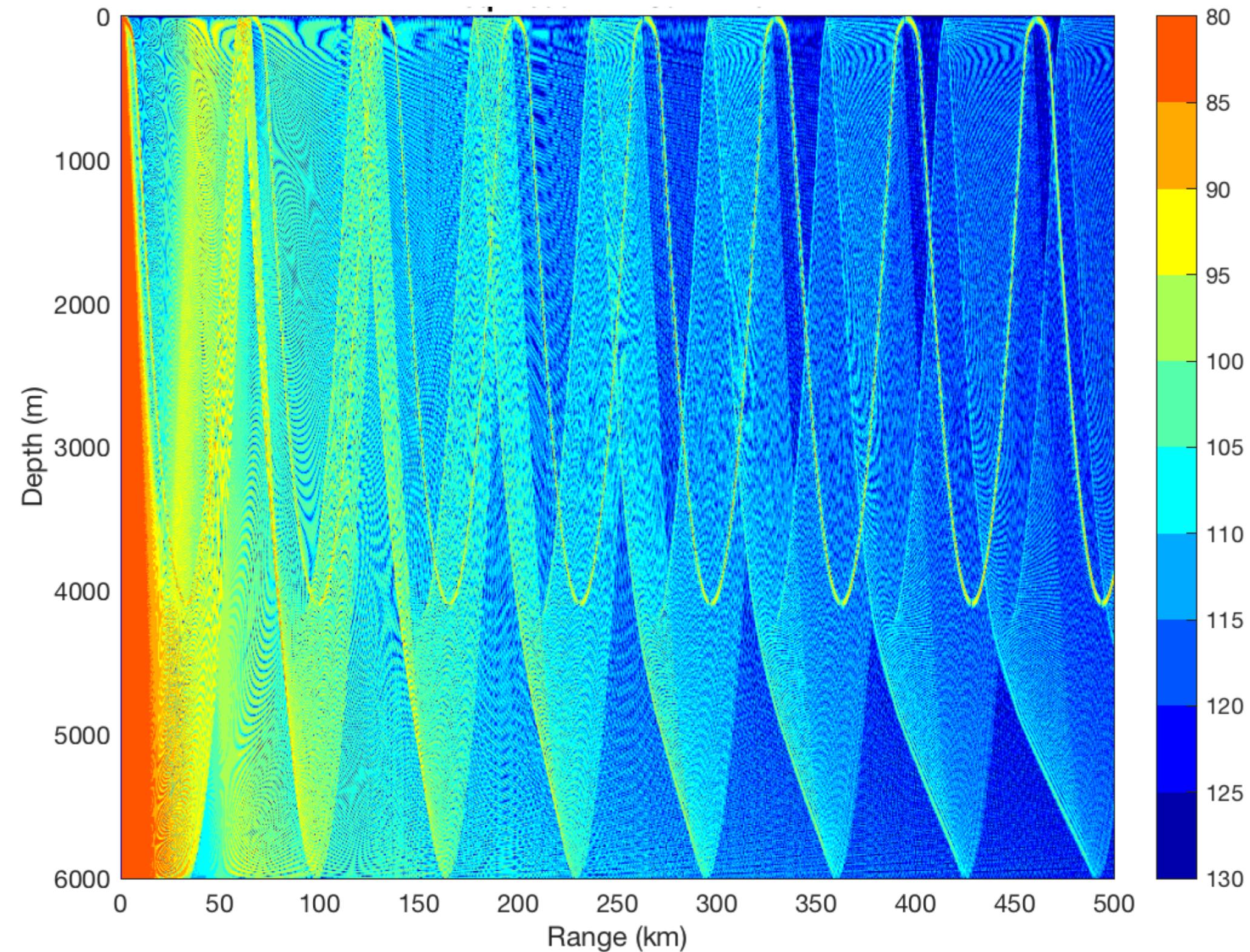
# Abstractions

- Protocol channel model
  - characterized by communication range, detection range and interference range



# Abstractions

- Degrees of fidelity can be added:
  - Detection probability, decoding probability
  - Signal-to-interference-and-noise ratio (SINR)
  - Ray tracing using isovelocity channel assumption
  - Ray tracing using Bellhop to get SINR
  - Ray tracing using Bellhop for acoustic simulation



# Abstractions

- Measured channel models
  - Measured detection, decoding probability (e.g. MISSION 2013 model, Chitre et al 2014)
  - Measured packet loss trace (network replay)
  - Measured impulse response statistics (stochastic acoustic replay, Socheleau et al 2011)
  - Measured impulse responses (acoustic replay, van Walree et al 2008, 2016)

# From simulation to deployment

- The only change between simulation and deployment should be the physical layer
  - In simulation, the physical layer abstraction is used
  - During deployments, the physical layer is provided by the modem
- UnetStack enables us to work with the same code for simulation and deployment!

# Working with UnetStack PHY

- Sending and receiving CONTROL frames
- Sending and receiving DATA frames
- Sending and receiving arbitrary signals

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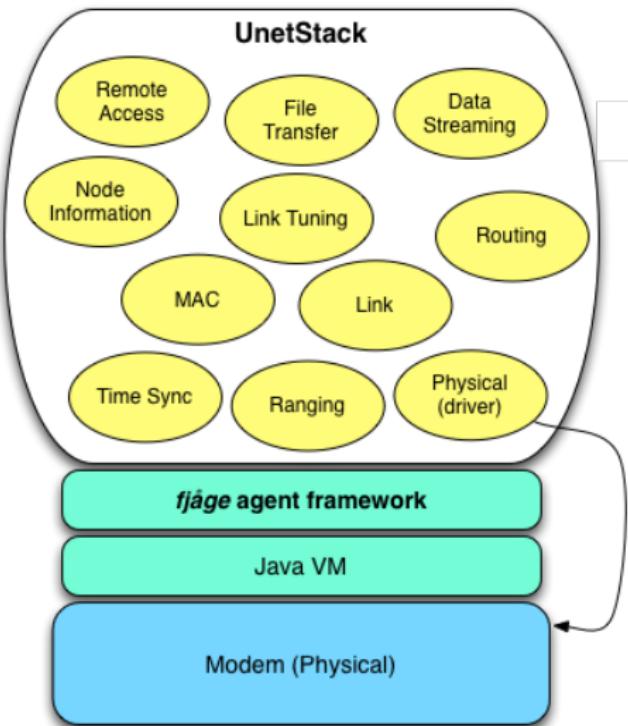
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# Unet Agents

## MyAgent.groovy

```
1 import org.arl.fjage.*  
2 import org.arl.unet.*  
3  
4 class MyAgent extends UnetAgent {  
5  
6     // called before other agents are ready  
7     void setup() {  
8         // ...  
9     }  
10  
11    // called after other agents are ready  
12    void startup() {  
13        // ...  
14    }  
15  
16 }
```

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# Behaviors

- ▶ One-shot behavior – do once, as soon as possible
- ▶ Cyclic behavior – do continuously, forever
- ▶ Waker behavior – do once, after specified delay
- ▶ Back-off behavior – do once, after random delay
- ▶ Ticker behavior – do at regular intervals, forever
- ▶ Poisson behavior – do at random intervals, forever
- ▶ Message behavior – do each time a message arrives
- ▶ Finite State Machine behavior – build a FSM

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# Example

## TickerBehavior

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```
1  class MyAgent extends UnetAgent {  
2  
3      int ticks = 0  
4  
5      void startup() {  
6          // increase ticks every one second  
7          add new TickerBehavior(1000, {  
8              ticks++  
9          })  
10     }  
11 }  
12 }
```

# Messages

```
1 // specific message sent to a named agent
2 phy = agent('phy')
3 msg = new DatagramReq(recipient: phy, data: [1,2,3,4])
4 send(msg)
5
6 // alternate syntax
7 phy = agent('phy')
8 msg = new DatagramReq(data: [1,2,3,4])
9 phy.send(msg)
10
11 // generic message sent to a topic
12 myTopic = topic('personal')
13 msg = new GenericMessage(myName: 'john', myAge: 21)
14 myTopic.send(msg)
```

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# Requests and Responses

```
1 // send request to an agent, and wait for response
2 phy = agent('phy')
3 msg = new DatagramReq(to: 21, data: [1,2])
4 phy.send(msg)
5 rsp = receive()
6
7 // shorter syntax
8 phy = agent('phy')
9 rsp = phy.request(new DatagramReq(to: 21, data: [1,2]))
10
11 // even shorter syntax
12 phy = agent('phy')
13 rsp = phy << new DatagramReq(to: 21, data: [1,2])
```

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# Topics and Notifications

```
1 // subscribe to notifications on a given topic
2 subscribe topic(agent('phy'))
3
4 // receive any message sent to me,
5 // or to a topic that I subscribe to,
6 // with a default timeout of 1 second
7 msg = receive()
8
9 // receive specific type of notification
10 // with a 2 second timeout
11 msg = receive(RxFrameNtf, 2000)
```

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# Processing Messages

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```
1 class MyAgent extends UnetAgent {  
2  
3     Message processRequest(Message msg) {  
4         // ...  
5         return null  
6     }  
7  
8     void processMessage(Message msg) {  
9         // ...  
10    }  
11 }  
12 }
```

# Example

## PingDaemon.groovy

```
1  class PingDaemon extends UnetAgent {
2
3      final static int PING_PROTOCOL = Protocol.USER
4
5      void startup() {
6          def phy = agentForService Services.PHYSICAL
7          subscribe topic(phy)
8      }
9
10     void processMessage(Message msg) {
11         if (msg instanceof DatagramNtf
12             && msg.protocol == PING_PROTOCOL)
13             send new DatagramReq(recipient: msg.sender,
14                                   to: msg.from, protocol: Protocol.DATA)
15     }
16
17 }
```

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# Services and Capabilities

```
1  class MyWonderfulMac extends UnetAgent {  
2  
3      def myAddress           // my node address  
4      def phy                 // physical layer agentID  
5  
6      void setup() {  
7          register Services.MAC  
8          addCapability MacCapability.RELIABILITY  
9      }  
10  
11     void startup() {  
12         def nodeInfo = agentForService Services.NODE_INFO  
13         myAddress = nodeInfo.address  
14         phy = agentForService Services.PHYSICAL  
15         def rsp = request new CapabilityReq(phy,  
16             PhysicalCapability.TIMED_TX)  
17         if (rsp.performative != Performative.CONFIRM)  
18             log.warning 'TIMED_TX not supported!'  
19     }  
20 }
```

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# Parameters

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```
1 // define a PHY agent
2 phy = agent('phy')
3
4 // get a parameter from agent phy
5 rsp = phy << new ParameterReq().get(PhysicalParam.
    rxEnable)
6 println rsp.rxEnable
7
8 // shorter syntax
9 println phy.rxEnable
10
11 // set a parameter on agent phy
12 phy << new ParameterReq().set(PhysicalParam.rxEnable,
    false)
13
14 // shorter syntax
15 phy.rxEnable = false
```

# Example (Shell Session)

## PHY Parameters

```
1 > phy
2 [org.arl.unet.DatagramParam]
3   MTU = 16
4 [org.arl.unet.bb.BasebandParam]
5   basebandRate = 4096
6   carrierFrequency = 25000
7   maxPreambleID = 1
8   maxSignalLength = 8192
9   preambleDuration = 0.025
10 [org.arl.unet.phy.PhysicalParam]
11   busy = false
12   maxPowerLevel = 0
13   minPowerLevel = -48
14   propagationSpeed = 1534.4574
15   refPowerLevel = 185
16   rxEnable = true
17   time = 5174344608
18   timestampedTxDelay = 1.5
19 [org.arl.unet.sim.HalfDuplexModemParam]
20   clockOffset = 3453.5876
21
22 >
```

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# Exposing Parameters

```
1 import org.arl.unet.*  
2 import com.google.gson.annotations.JsonAdapter  
3  
4 class MyAgent extends UnetAgent {  
5  
6     // parameters  
7     int retryCount = 3  
8     float retryTimeout = 1.0  
9  
10    // list of parameters  
11    @JsonAdapter(JsonTypeAdapter)  
12    enum Parameters implements Parameter {  
13        retryCount,  
14        retryTimeout  
15    }  
16  
17    // advertise the list  
18    List<Parameter> getParameterList() {  
19        allOf(Parameters)  
20    }  
21  
22 }
```

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- ▶ Address Resolution
- ▶ Datagram
- ▶ Physical
- ▶ Ranging
- ▶ Baseband
- ▶ Link
- ▶ Medium Access Control
- ▶ Routing
- ▶ Route Maintenance
- ▶ Transport
- ▶ Remote Access
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# Example

## Datagram Service Reference Summary

Agents offering the Datagram service support messages to transmit and receive datagrams.

- ▶ **Capabilities:**

FRAGMENTATION, RELIABILITY, PROGRESS, CANCELLATION,  
PRIORITY, TTL

- ▶ **Parameters:**

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# Example

## Datagram Service Reference Summary

### ► Requests & responses:

DatagramReq → AGREE, REFUSE, FAILURE

DatagramCancelReq → AGREE, REFUSE, NOT\_UNDERSTOOD

ParameterReq → ParameterRsp

CapabilityReq → CapabilityListRsp, CONFIRM,  
DISCONFIRM

### ► Notifications:

DatagramNtf, DatagramDeliveryNtf, DatagramFailureNtf,  
DatagramProgressNtf, ParamChangeNtf

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# Simulation DSL

## Running discrete-event simulations

```
1 //! Simulation: A very simple discrete-event simulation
2
3 simulate 1.hour, {
4     node 'A', address: 1, location: [0, 0, 0]
5     node 'B', address: 2, location: [1.km, 0, 0]
6 }
```

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# Simulation DSL

Running simulations for user interaction

```
1 //! Simulation: A real-time simulation with shell access
2
3 platform = org.arl.fjage.RealTimePlatform
4
5 simulate {
6     node 'A', address: 1, shell: true, location: [0, 0, 0]
7     node 'B', address: 2, remote: 1102, location: [1.km,
8         0, 0]
9 }
```

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# Simulation DSL

## Running simulations with custom agents

```
1  //! Simulation: 3-node network with ping daemons
2
3  import org.arl.fjage.*
4
5  platform = RealTimePlatform
6
7  def myStack = { container ->
8      container.add 'ping', new PingDaemon()
9  }
10
11 simulate {
12     node 'A', location: [0, 0, 0], stack: myStack, shell:
13         true
14     node 'B', location: [1.km, 0, 0], stack: myStack
15     node 'C', location: [2.km, 0, 0], stack: myStack
16 }
```

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# Simulation DSL

## Node mobility

```
1  n = node('AUV-4', location: [-20.m, -150.m, 0],  
2          heading: 0.deg, mobility: true)  
3  
4 // dive to 30m before starting survey  
5 n.motionModel = [  
6     [duration: 5.mins, speed: 1.mps, diveRate: 0.1.mps],  
7     [diveRate: 0.mps]  
8 ]  
9  
10 // then do a lawnmower survey  
11 n.motionModel += MotionModel.lawnmover(speed: 1.mps,  
12     leg: 200.m, spacing: 20.m, legs: 10)  
13  
14 // finally, come back to the surface and stop  
15 n.motionModel += [  
16     [duration: 5.mins, speed: 1.mps, diveRate: -0.1.mps],  
17     [diveRate: 0.mps, speed: 0.mps]  
18 ]
```

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# Simulation DSL

Running simulations over a range of parameters

```
1  for (def load = 0.1; load <= 1.5; load += 0.1) {  
2      simulate 1.hour, {  
3          // ...  
4      }  
5  }
```

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# Modem & Channel Settings

```
1 // modem model settings
2 modem.model = HalfDuplexModem
3 modem.dataRate = [800.bps, 2400.bps]
4 modem.frameLength = [16.bytes, 64.bytes]
5 modem.powerLevel = [0.dB, -10.dB]
6 modem.preambleDuration = 5.ms
7 modem.txDelay = 0
8
9 // channel model settings
10 channel.model = BasicAcousticChannel
11 channel.carrierFrequency = 25.kHz
12 channel.bandwidth = 4096.Hz
13 channel.temperature = 25.C
14 channel.salinity = 35.ppt
15 channel.noiseLevel = 60.dB
16 channel.waterDepth = 20.m
```

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- ▶ Protocol channel model
- ▶ Basic acoustic channel model
  - (based on Urick and BPSK with Rayleigh/Rician fading)
- ▶ MISSION 2012a and 2013a channel models
- ▶ Custom channel models

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## Section 5

### Medium Access Control (MAC)

# Outline

- ▶ Background and MAC basic concepts
- ▶ Protocol models and choices
- ▶ An intuitive comparison of basic protocol models
- ▶ Mathematical analysis basics
- ▶ Adaptive MAC protocol suite
- ▶ Conclusion

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# Background

- ▶ Improve physical layer signal processing performance
- ▶ At Layer 2, MAC or Medium Access Control
  - ▶ Ensure efficient co-ordination between nodes to share limited bandwidth
  - ▶ informs who can transmit and when
- ▶ At every layer above MAC also, efficiency is critical

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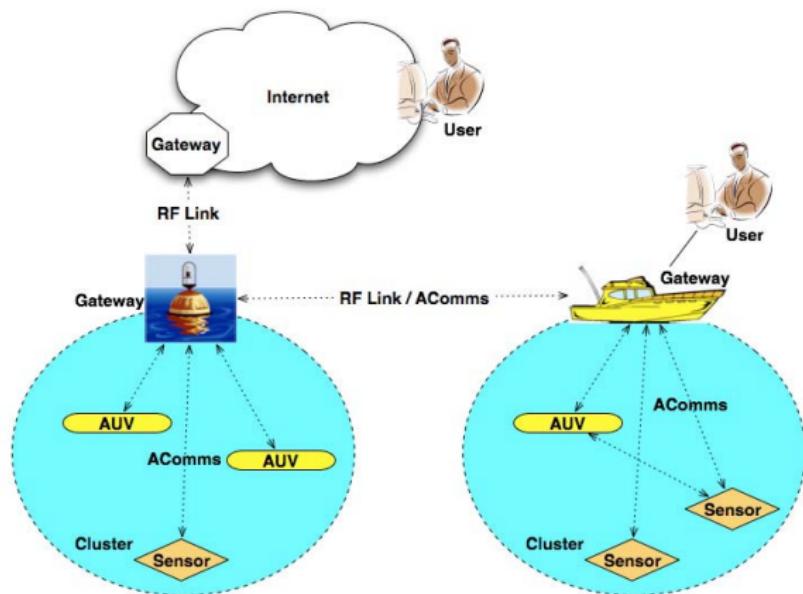
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- ▶ In UnetStack, agents are the users of the channel
- ▶ Ask MAC when and for how long to use the channel
- ▶ May be able to book timeslots in advance
- ▶ Call Physical services to transmit once timeslot is granted

# Underwater Acoustic Networking (UAN)

- ▶ characterized by large propagation delay, extremely low data-bandwidth and high packet errors
- ▶ requires unique, tailored solutions



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# Important Considerations

- ▶ Dynamic channelization, allocation
- ▶ Contention based vs. contention-free
- ▶ Ad hoc capability: arrivals and departures
- ▶ Spatial re-use
- ▶ Topology: distributed vs. centralized
- ▶ Dependence on time synchronization
- ▶ Scalability
- ▶ Robustness
- ▶ Fairness

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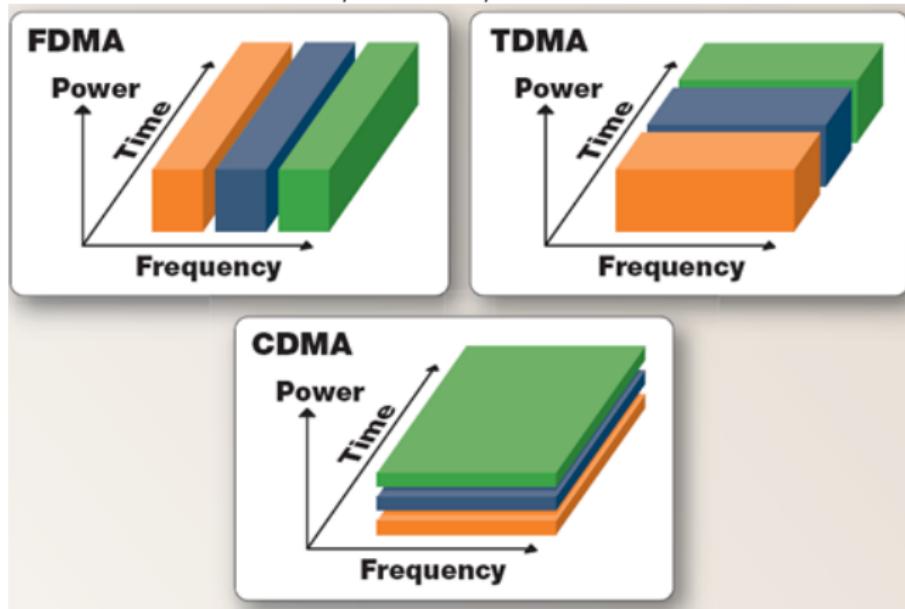
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# MAC Protocol Choices

## Channelization: TDMA, FDMA, CDMA



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<sup>1</sup> Image courtesy: <http://wcdma3g.blogspot.in/2008/07/conclusion.html>

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## Channelization: TDMA, FDMA, CDMA

- ▶ Equivalence in ideal case is known [BOOKCH]
- ▶ Time  $\times$  Bandwidth  $\times$  Code space
- ▶ CDMA in UANs affected by latency induced non-orthogonality, near-far problem

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- ▶ The most significant difference!
- ▶ For equivalent capacity, CDMA and FDMA need simultaneous reception in all codes or bands while your own transmission is in progress
- ▶ i.e., modems need to be full duplex and multi-channel capable
- ▶ Such modems are not common

# MAC Protocol Choices

- ▶ TDMA is possibly the best choice for UANs
- ▶ Easy to implement over any Physical Layer
- ▶ A significant majority of proposed MAC protocols for UANs is based on time division

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# Time Domain MAC Protocols

TDMA	Time Domain Multiple Access
ALOHA	
DATA-ACK	
D-TDMA	Dynamic TDMA
MACA	Medium Access with Collision Avoidance
FAMA	Floor Acquisition Multiple Access
DACAP	Distance Aware Collision Avoidance Protocol
T-LOHI	Tone LOHI
MACA-EA	MACA with Early ACK
MACA-C	MACA-Centralized
MAC-AMM	Adaptive Multi-mode MAC

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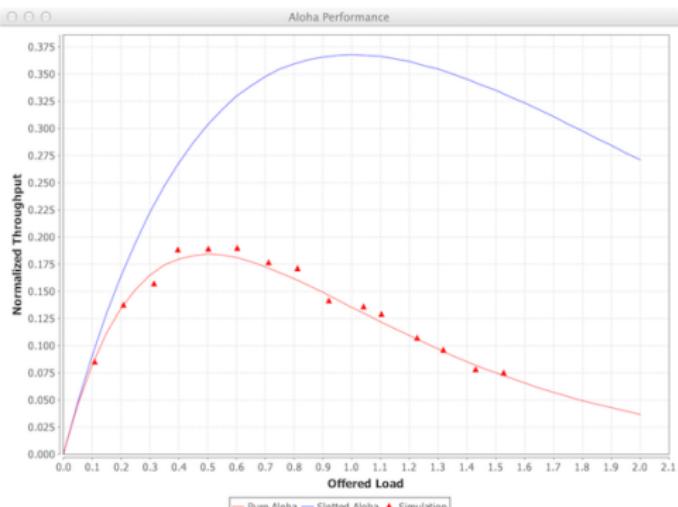
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- ▶ Easiest when there is perfect time synchronization
- ▶ Contention-free
- ▶ In radio wireless, key component of many protocols such as GSM
- ▶ Some disadvantages or challenges in UANs
  - ▶ Scalability
  - ▶ Robustness to time synchronization
  - ▶ Dynamic channelization and allocation

# ALOHA

- ▶ Random access, practically no MAC!
- ▶ Contention-based
- ▶ Nodes assumed to have sporadic data arrivals and transmit immediately
- ▶ Nodes do not transmit when their own transmission is in progress
- ▶ Disadvantage: low throughput, maximum 18



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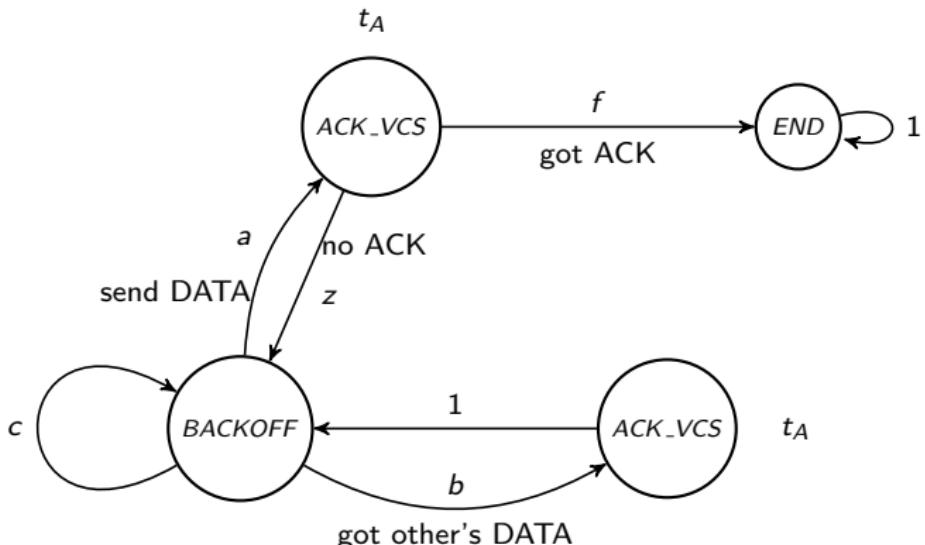
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# DATA-ACK

- ▶ DATA-ACK with queueing and reliable communication [MAC-AMM]
- ▶ Markov chain used for mathematical analysis



Virtual Carrier Sense (VCS)

Analysis terminating *END* state, in actual usage loops back to *BACKOFF* state

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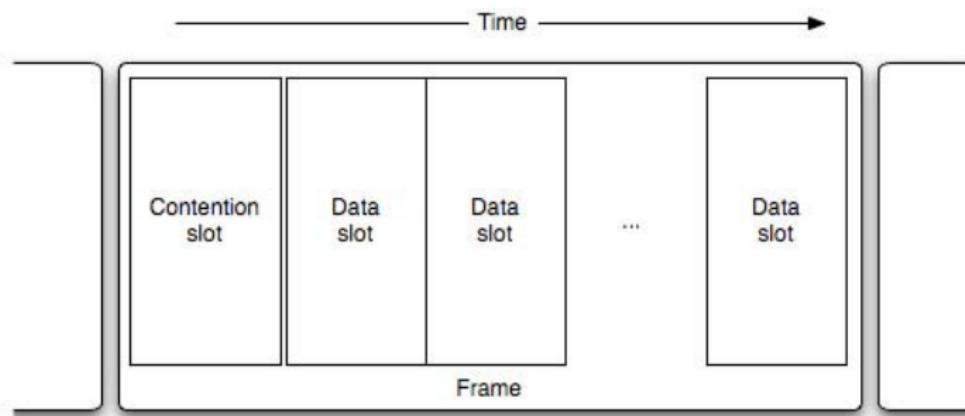
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# Dynamic TDMA

- ▶ Dynamic allocation
- ▶ Random access during the contention slots
- ▶ Contention slot takes up data-bandwidth and reduces efficiency
- ▶ Cost of ad hoc capability, dynamic allocation



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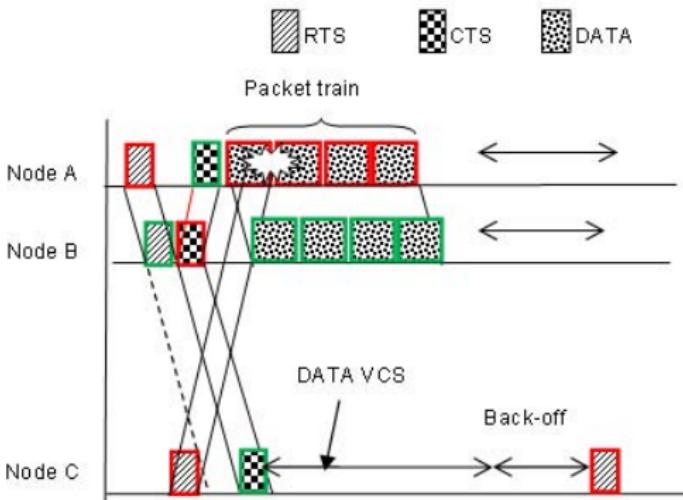
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- ▶ RTS-CTS-DATA proposed by Karn in 1990 [MACA]
- ▶ Can be viewed as a logical extension of D-TDMA
- ▶ Bhargavan et al in '94 added ACK and adaptive back-off [MACAW]
- ▶ Used since 90s in terrestrial wireless and for more than a decade in UANs, e.g.[SEAWEB]
- ▶ The fundamental basis for many UAN MAC protocols proposed in the last decade

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Strictly speaking, backoff as shown is introduced in MACAW

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- ▶ Eliminates clock synchronization required by D-TDMA
- ▶ Dynamic channelization and allocation, automatic time domain channel-reuse
- ▶ Good for UANs with contiguous multi-hop nodes
- ▶ Note: Loss of efficiency due to latency and collisions is a fundamental limitation arising from the requirement of dynamic channelization and allocation

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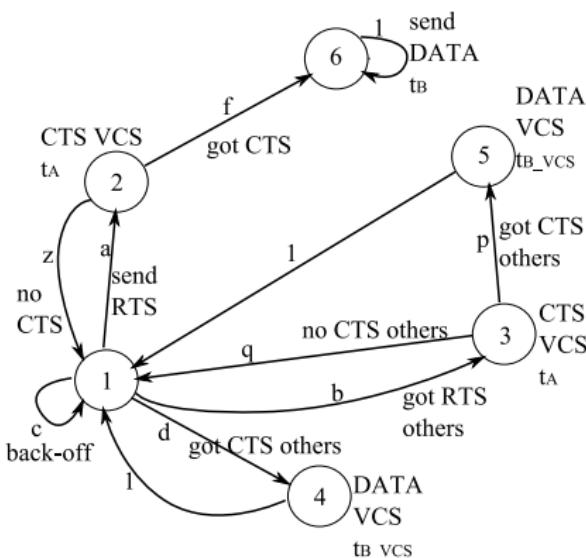
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- ▶ A proven MAC protocol for UANs [MACA-EA]
- ▶ Mathematically analyzed, simulated and tested in sea-trials
- ▶ Based on RTS-CTS-DATA\_BATCH-ACK
- ▶ Has many additional features
  - ▶ Virtual Carrier Sense (VCS) using all overheard packets including batched DATA
  - ▶ DATA packets' header shows how many packets remain in the batch. Helps nodes that missed RTS/CTS to regain VCS with a probability close to 1 after a few DATA packets are sent

# MACA-EA Markov Chain Model

- ▶ Transition probabilities along edges ( $a, f, p$  etc)
- ▶ Time in a state shown ( $t_A, t_B$  etc)

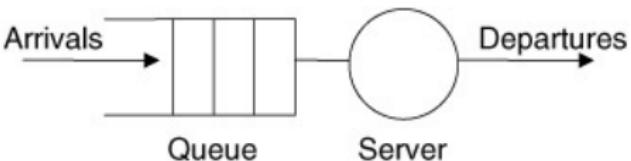


Analysis terminating state 6, in actual usage loops back to back-off state 1

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# MAC - Queueing Analysis

- ▶ Independence of arrivals and service

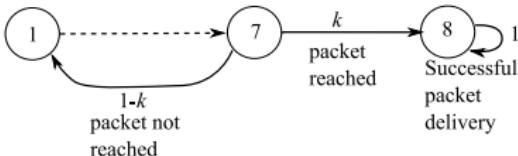


- ▶ Key factors: time duration of a packet  $L$ , probability that a packet is detected and decoded correctly  $k$ , batch size  $B$ , response time-out  $t_A$  (related to propagation delay)
- ▶ Metrics
  - ▶ Mean batch service time and packet service time
  - ▶ Throughput (for reliable transmission)
  - ▶ Waiting time
  - ▶ Trade-off

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# Mean batch and packet service times $s_b$ , $s_p$

- ▶  $s_b$  - the average delay from the time a batch is intended for transmission (RTS contention starts in MACA or similar protocol) until it is successfully transmitted, i.e., until the first ACK is received for the batch
- ▶  $s_p$  - expected delay from the time a packet is intended for transmission (RTS contention starts in MACA or similar) until it is successfully delivered, i.e., until the ACK (with retries) shows successful reception of the specific packet



$$s_p = \frac{1}{k} s_b \quad (1)$$

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# Normalized Throughput $T$

- ▶ Defined as the number of packets successfully transferred per unit time normalized by the system capacity, ( $1$  pkt in  $L$ ).  $B$  packets are sent as a batch in time  $s_b$ , and of these, only  $k$  succeed due to decoding and detection losses.

$$T = \frac{kB/s_b}{(1/L)} \quad (2)$$

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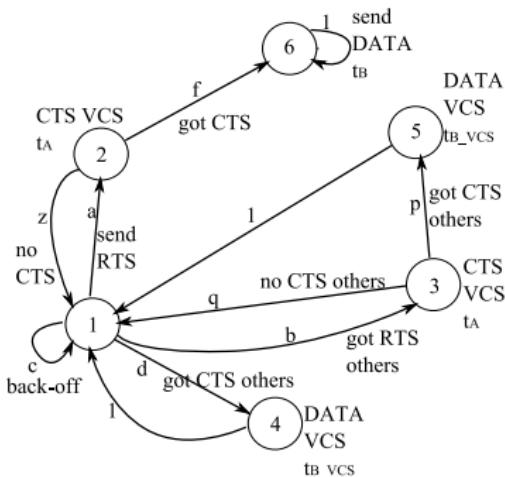
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# The Transition Matrix

- MAC protocol state machines can be analyzed as Markov Chains [MACA-EA, MAC-AMM]



$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} c & a & b & d & 0 & 0 \\ z & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & f \\ q & 0 & 0 & 0 & p & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (3)$$

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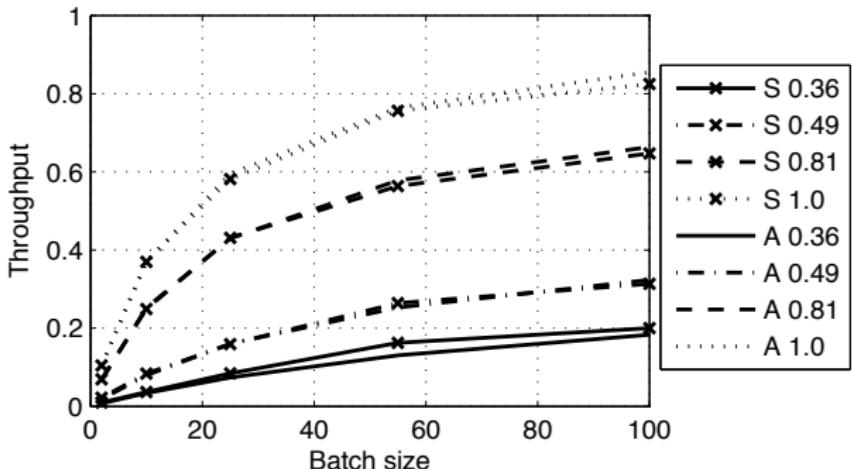
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# MACA-EA: Normalized Throughput $T$

$$T = \frac{kB/s_b}{(1/L)}$$

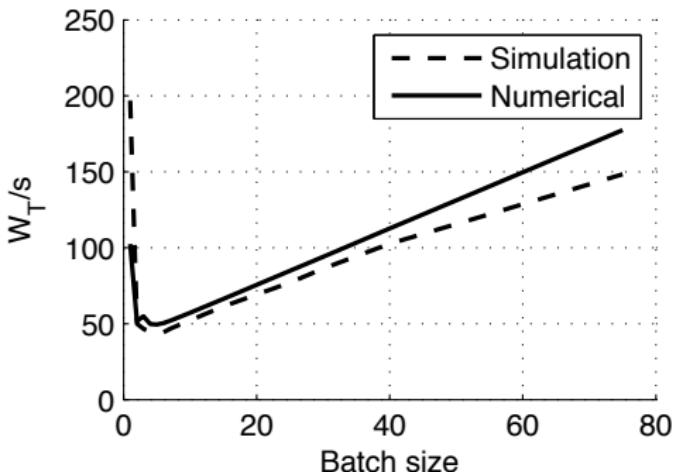
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**Figure:** Throughput vs. batch size for  $k = 0.36, 0.49, 0.81$  and  $1.0$ , simulations (S), analysis (A). Parameters:  
 $L = 0.5s$ ,  $N = 3$ ,  $D = 0.5s$ ,  $W = 4$ ,  $i = 3$ .

# MACA-EA: Waiting Time Analysis

- ▶ The total waiting time  $W_T = W_Q + s_p$   
( $W_Q$  is waiting time in queue alone)



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# MAC - Queueing Analysis Key Take Aways

- ▶ For random access protocols such as ALOHA there is a throughput maximization behaviour as widely known
- ▶ For batch mode protocols, throughput saturates as batch size increases
- ▶ An optimum batch size minimises waiting time
- ▶ There exists a maximum arrival rate for stable performance

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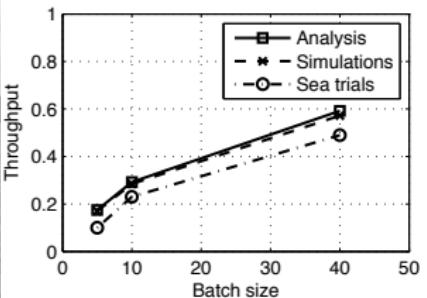
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# Validation - MACA-EA



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# Adaptive multi-mode MAC protocol MAC-AMM

- ▶ An adaptive suite of protocols [MAC-AMM]
- ▶ DATA-ACK mode with queuing and reliable communication
- ▶ State-dependent DATA-ACK for low traffic intensity
- ▶ Centralized MACA-C mode
- ▶ MACA-EA
- ▶ Uses a transition traffic intensity between MACA-EA and DATA-ACK modes for minimizing waiting time
- ▶ The 802.11 DCF is akin to MACA-EA and 802.11 PCF is akin to MACA-C and 802.11 has a mode similar to the DATA-ACK

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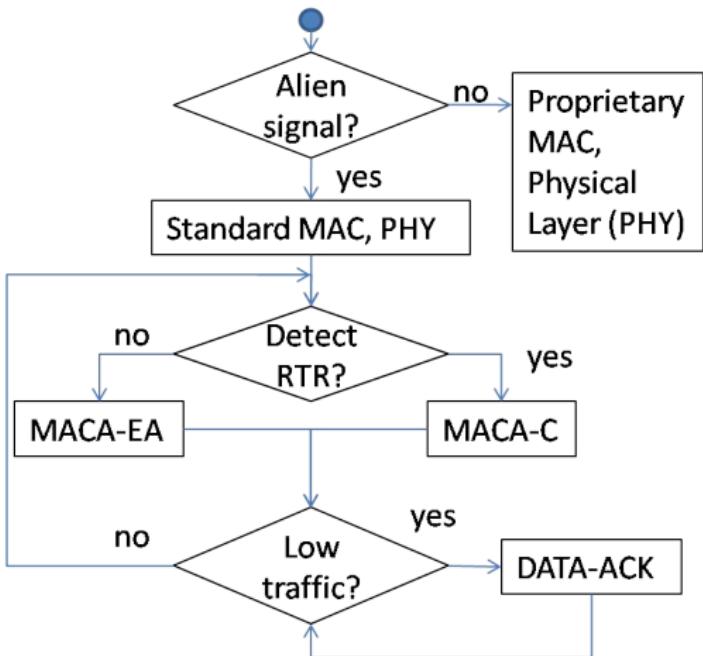
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# Other areas to be explored

- ▶ Neighbourhood node and traffic estimation
- ▶ Link tuning and power control
- ▶ Fairness and starvation
- ▶ Standardization of UAN MAC
- ▶ Seamless integration with Internet

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# Conclusion

- ▶ Time domain protocols are often the best choice compared to CDMA or FDMA for UAN
- ▶ All proposals use one of the basic protocol structures
  - ▶ TDMA, Random Access, MACA
- ▶ MACA-based protocols well suited for UANs
- ▶ Heterogeneous UAN and adaptation to changing environment and requirements - MAC-AMM
- ▶ Protocol performance must be validated through sea-trials
- ▶ Markov chain analysis for theoretical understanding of behaviour
- ▶ Simulation results must be compared either on same or compatible platforms
- ▶ Performance comparisons must be made on equal terms in terms of metrics, environmental conditions etc

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# Objective

Develop two simple MAC agents using UnetStack

- ▶ A very simple MAC
- ▶ Handshake MAC - more complex protocols

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The MAC agents are intentionally kept simple and not optimized for performance.

<http://www.unetstack.net/doc/html/mac.html> for runnable code samples

# MAC Channel Reservation

- ▶ MAC in UnetStack does channel reservation in a broader sense
- ▶ It does not directly transmit data
- ▶ It just lets the caller agent know when to START and STOP channel usage (via Physical) in reply to a ReservationReq
- ▶ This is done via ReservationStatusNtf notification and the status therein of ReservationStatus.START and ReservationStatus.END
- ▶ The caller agent can use the allocated time for data transmission or other actions such as ranging, baseband transmissions etc

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# Data Transmission

- ▶ Regular data agents (RD) - shall normally use Link agent for data transmissions
- ▶ Link agent deals with MAC on their behalf
- ▶ Other agents (OA) - may directly call MAC agent to perform actions such as ranging, baseband transmissions or any custom data transmission protocols not offered by the stock data agents in UnetStack

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# Send a reservation request

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```
1 def mac = agentForService Services.MAC
2 if (mac) {
3     def req = new ReservationReq(recipient: mac, to:
4         destination, duration: duration)
5     def rsp = request req
6     if(rsp && rsp.performance== Performative.AGREE) {
7         // wait for a channel reservation notification
8         def ntf= receive(ReservationStatusNtf, timeout)
9         if (ntf && ntf.requestID == req.msgID && ntf.status ==
10             ReservationStatus.START) {
11             // transmit data for requested duration
12             // :
13         }
14     }
```

# A simple MAC agent<sup>2</sup>

- ▶ Accedes to every reservation request as soon as it is made

```
1 class MySimplestMac extends UnetAgent {  
2  
3     void setup() {  
4         register Services.MAC  
5     }  
6  
7     Message processRequest(Message msg) {  
8         //body shown next slide  
9     }  
10 }
```

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<sup>2</sup>samples/mac/MySimplestMac.groovy

# A simple MAC agent

```
1 Message processRequest(Message msg) {  
2     if (msg instanceof ReservationReq) {  
3         if (msg.duration <= 0)  
4             return new Message(msg, Performative.REFUSE)  
5  
6         ReservationStatusNtf ntf1 = new ReservationStatusNtf(  
7             recipient: msg.sender, requestID: msg.msgID,  
8             to: msg.to, status: ReservationStatus.START)  
9  
10        ReservationStatusNtf ntf2 = new ReservationStatusNtf(  
11            recipient: msg.sender, requestID: msg.msgID,  
12            to: msg.to, status: ReservationStatus.END)  
13  
14        send ntf1  
15  
16        add new WakerBehavior(Math.round(1000*msg.duration),  
17        { send ntf2 })  
18  
19        return new ReservationRsp(msg) //default return AGREE  
20    }  
21    return null  
22 }
```

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## Real-time simulation

- ▶ Test code through manual interaction via the shell
- ▶ sample with random node locations and link performance

# Real time: 3-node random network<sup>3</sup>

```
1 platform = RealTimePlatform
2 channel = [ model: BasicAcousticChannel ]
3 simulate {
4     // define network stack
5     def myStack = { container ->
6         container.add 'mac', new MySimplestMac()
7     }
8     // define simulation nodes
9     node "1", location: [rnd(-500.m, 500.m),
10                     rnd(-500.m, 500.m), rnd(-20.m, 0)],
11                     stack: myStack, shell: true
12     node "2", location: [rnd(-500.m, 500.m),
13                     rnd(-500.m, 500.m), rnd(-20.m, 0)],
14                     stack: myStack
15     ...
16 }
```

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<sup>3</sup>samples/mac/mac-test-rt.groovy

# Using a console shell to run

```
> mac << new ReservationReq(duration: 1.second, to: 2)
AGREE: ReservationRsp
ReservationStatusNtf:INFORM [requestID:xxx to:2
    status:START payload:(0 bytes)]
ReservationStatusNtf:INFORM [requestID:xxx to:2
    status:END payload:(0 bytes)]
>
```

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# Load Generation <sup>4</sup>

```
1 class LoadGenerator extends UnetAgent {  
2  
3     private List<Integer> destNodes  
4     private float load  
5     private AgentID mac, phy  
6  
7     LoadGenerator(List<Integer> destNodes, float load) {  
8         this.destNodes = destNodes  
9         this.load = load  
10    }  
11  
12    void startup() {  
13    }  
14  
15    void processMessage(Message msg) {  
16  
17    }  
18 }
```

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<sup>4</sup>samples/mac/LoadGenerator.groovy

# Load Generation...

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```
1 void startup() {
2     phy = agentForService Services.PHYSICAL
3     mac = agentForService Services.MAC
4     float dataPktDuration = get(phy, Physical.DATA,
5         PhysicalChannelParam.frameDuration)
6     float rate = load/dataPktDuration
7     // compute average packet arrival rate
8     add new PoissonBehavior(1000/rate, {
9         // create Poisson arrivals at given rate
10        mac << new ReservationReq(to:rnditem(destNodes),
11            duration: dataPktDuration)
12    })
13 }
```

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```
1 void processMessage(Message msg) {  
2     if (msg instanceof ReservationStatusNtf &&  
3         msg.status == ReservationStatus.START) {  
4         phy << new ClearReq()  
5             // stop any ongoing transmission or reception  
6         phy << new TxFrameReq(to: msg.to, type: Physical.DATA)  
7             // start a new transmission  
8     }  
9 }
```

# Performance Test<sup>5</sup>

```
1 def nodes = 1..10
2 for (int i: 1..10) {
3     float load = i/10.0
4     float loadPerNode = load/nodes.size()
5     simulate 1.hour, {
6         for (int me: nodes) {
7             node "$me", location: [rnd(-500.m, 500.m), rnd(-500.
8                 m, 500.m), rnd(-20.m, 0)], stack: {
9                 container.add 'mac', new MySimplestMac()
10                container.add 'load', new LoadGenerator(nodes-me,
11                    loadPerNode) // generate load to all nodes
12                    except me
13                }
14            }
15        }
```

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<sup>5</sup>samples/mac/mac-test-perf.groovy

# Performance Test Results

MySimplestMac simulation

=====

TX Count	RX Count	Offered Load	Throughput
604	466	0.110	0.085
1118	671	0.203	0.122
1707	746	0.310	0.135
2231	803	0.407	0.146
2755	779	0.502	0.141
3258	777	0.594	0.141
3757	732	0.685	0.133
4457	648	0.815	0.118
4976	575	0.910	0.104
5474	561	1.001	0.102

10 simulations completed in 101.009 seconds

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# Enhancements to simple MAC

- ▶ The above "simple" MAC protocol may work reasonably under Poisson or sporadic traffic
- ▶ It will fail if traffic is fully loaded since the MAC grants reservation requests as soon as it is requested
- ▶ A more sophisticated version of the simple MAC that uses exponential backoff etc is shown in samples/mac/MySimpleThrottledMac.groovy

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# Handshake MAC

- ▶ A simple RTS-CTS 2-way handshake-based MAC agent
- ▶ `samples/mac/MySimpleHandshakeMac.groovy`

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# Handshake MAC

- ▶ Communication protocols are best described using a finite state machine (FSM)
- ▶ The FSM for a simple handshake-based MAC agent is shown next
- ▶ Models the basics of MAC protocols such as MACA or FAMA that use request-to-send (RTS) and clear-to-send (CTS) for channel reservation
- ▶ This can be treated as a Markov Chain for analysis

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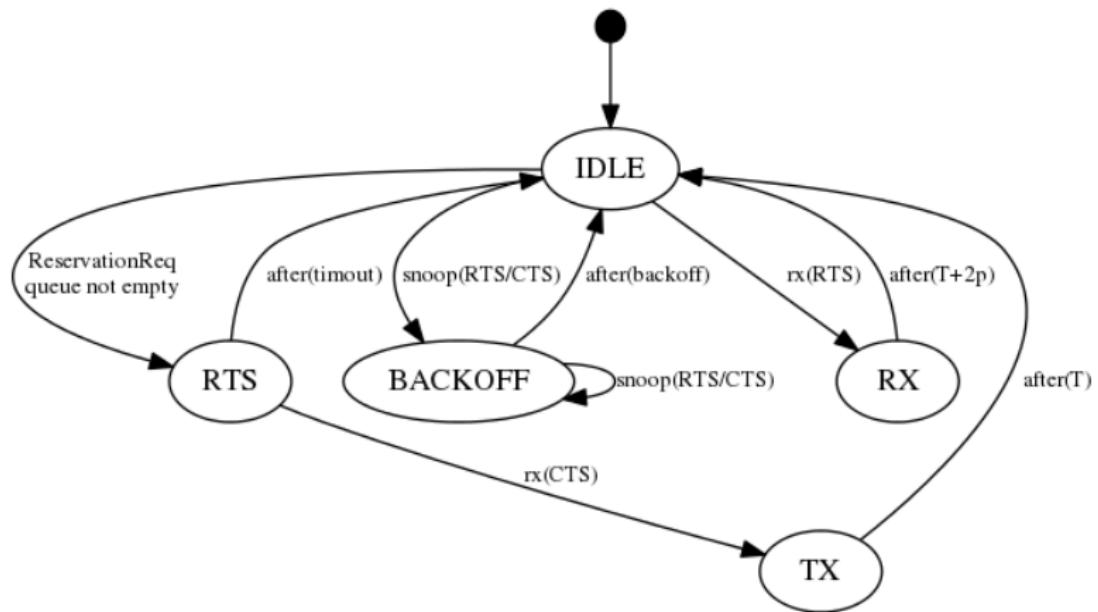
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# Handshake MAC



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# Handshake MAC - FSM declaration

- ▶ Shall focus on the heart of the implementation first
- ▶ Define the FSM states and the events that the FSM reacts to

```
1 enum State {  
2     IDLE, RTS, TX, RX, BACKOFF  
3 }  
4  
5 enum Event {  
6     RX_RTS, RX_CTS, SNOOP_RTS, SNOOP_CTS  
7 }
```

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# FSMBuilder- MAC dev made simple and clean!

- ▶ The FSMBuilder utility class helps construct a FSMBehavior from declarative representation
- ▶ Direct mapping between the FSM diagram and FSM code
- ▶ `state(...)`: FSM states
- ▶ `onEnter/onExit`: actions upon entering/exiting a state
- ▶ `onEvent(...)`: behavior in response to events
- ▶ `after(...)`: timers that operate in a state
- ▶ `action`: continuous actions while in a state

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# Handshake MAC - FSM declaration

```
1  FSMBehavior fsm = FSMBUILDER.build {  
2      state(State.IDLE) {  
3          action { ... }  
4          onEvent(Event.RX_RTS) { ... }  
5          onEvent(Event.SNOOP_RTS) { ... }  
6          onEvent(Event.SNOOP_CTS) { ... }  
7      }  
8      state(State.RTS) {  
9          onEnter { ... }  
10         onEvent(Event.RX_CTS) { ... }  
11     }  
12     state(State.TX) {  
13         onEnter { ... }  
14     }  
15     state(State.RX) {  
16         onEnter { ... }  
17     }  
18     state(State.BACKOFF) {  
19         onEnter { ... }  
20         onEvent(Event.SNOOP_RTS) { ... }  
21         onEvent(Event.SNOOP_CTS) { ... }  
22     }  
23 }
```

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# Handshake MAC - initialization

```
1 void setup() {
2     register Services.MAC
3 }
4
5 void startup() {
6     phy = agentForService Services.PHYSICAL
7     subscribe(phy)
8     subscribe(topic(phy, Physical.SNOOP))
9     add new OneShotBehavior({
10         def nodeInfo= agentForService Services.NODE_INFO
11         addr = get(nodeInfo, NodeInfoParam.address)
12     })
13     add(fsm)
14 }
```

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# Handshake MAC - request handler

```
1 Message processRequest(Message msg) {  
2     switch (msg) {  
3         case ReservationReq:  
4             if(msg.to==Address.BROADCAST || msg.to==addr)  
5                 return new Message(msg, Performative.REFUSE)  
6             if(msg.duration<= 0 || msg.duration>  
7                 maxReservationDuration)  
8                 return new Message(msg, Performative.REFUSE)  
9             if(queue.size() >= MAX_QUEUE_LEN)  
10                return new Message(msg, Performative.REFUSE)  
11                queue.add(msg)  
12                fsm.restart() // tell fsm to check queue  
13                return new ReservationRsp(msg)  
14         case ReservationCancelReq:  
15         case ReservationAcceptReq:  
16             return new Message(msg, Performative.REFUSE)  
17     }  
18     return null  
19 }
```

Queue uses: Queue<ReservationReq> queue = new ArrayDeque<ReservationReq>()

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# Handshake MAC - message handler

```
1 void processMessage(Message msg) {
2     if (msg instanceof RxFrameNtf && msg.protocol ==
3         PROTOCOL) {
4         def rx = pdu.decode(msg.data)
5         def info = [from: msg.from, to: msg.to,
6                    duration: rx.duration/1000.0]
7         if (rx.type== RTS_PDU) fsm.trigger(info.to== addr ?
8             Event.RX_RTS : Event.SNOOP_RTS, info)
9         else if (rx.type == CTS_PDU) fsm.trigger(info.to ==
10            addr?
11                Event.RX_CTS : Event.SNOOP_CTS, info)
12    }
13 }
```

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# Handshake MAC - outline done!!

- ▶ And that's the general outline of a more complex MAC implementation!!<sup>6</sup>
- ▶ Next up, we may look at the details of each state of the Handshake protocol

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<sup>6</sup>Runnable code may require a few more little details that can be found at <http://www.unetstack.net/doc/html/mac.html>

# Handshake MAC - IDLE state

```
1  state(State.IDLE) {
2      action {
3          if (!queue.isEmpty()) {
4              after(rnd(0, BACKOFF_RANDOM)) {
5                  setNextState(State.RTS)
6              }
7          }
8          block()
9      }
10     onEvent(Event.RX_RTS) { info ->
11         rxInfo = info
12         setNextState(State.RX)
13     }
14     onEvent(Event.SNOOP_RTS) {
15         backoff = RTS_BACKOFF
16         setNextState(State.BACKOFF)
17     }
18     onEvent(Event.SNOOP_CTS) { info ->
19         backoff = info.duration + 2*MAX_PROP_DELAY
20         setNextState(State.BACKOFF)
21     }
22 }
```

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# Handshake MAC - RTS state

```
1  state(State.RTS)  {
2      onEnter  {
3          Message msg = queue.peek()
4          def bytes = pdu.encode(type: RTS_PDU,
5              duration: Math.ceil(msg.duration*1000))
6          phy << new TxFrameReq(to: msg.to, type:
7              Physical.CONTROL, protocol: PROTOCOL, data: bytes)
8          after(CTS_TIMEOUT)  {
9              if (++retryCount >= MAX_RETRY)  {
10                  sendReservationStatusNtf(queue.poll(),
11                      ReservationStatus.FAILURE)
12                  retryCount = 0
13              }
14              setNextState(State.IDLE)
15          }
16      }
17      onEvent(Event.RX_CTS)  {
18          setNextState(State.TX)
19      }
20  }
```

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# Handshake MAC - TX state

```
1  state(State.TX)  {
2      onEnter {
3          ReservationReq msg = queue.poll()
4          retryCount = 0
5          sendReservationStatusNtf(msg, ReservationStatus.
6              START)
7          after(msg.duration) {
8              sendReservationStatusNtf(msg, ReservationStatus.
9                  END)
10             setNextState(State.IDLE)
11         }
12     }
13 }
```

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# Handshake MAC - RX state

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```
1  state(State.RX)  {
2      onEnter  {
3          def bytes = pdu.encode(type: CTS_PDU,
4              duration: Math.round(rxInfo.duration*1000))
5          phy << new TxFrameReq(to: rxInfo.from, type:
6              Physical.CONTROL, protocol: PROTOCOL, data: bytes
7                  )
8          after(rxInfo.duration + 2*MAX_PROP_DELAY)  {
9              setNextState(State.IDLE)
10         }
11         rxInfo = null
12     }
```

# Handshake MAC - BACKOFF state

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```
1  state(State.BACKOFF)  {
2      onEnter  {
3          after(backoff)  {
4              setNextState(State.IDLE)
5          }
6      }
7      onEvent(Event.SNOOP_RTS)  {
8          backoff = RTS_BACKOFF
9          reenterState()
10     }
11     onEvent(Event.SNOOP_CTS) { info ->
12         backoff = info.duration + 2*MAX_PROP_DELAY
13         reenterState()
14     }
15 }
```

# Conclusion

- ▶ UnetStack and its MAC framework takes away much of the chores of writing complex MAC protocols
- ▶ We hope researchers will use this to implement very sophisticated and practical MAC protocols
- ▶ Such implementations can then be tested directly in Unet or other compatible modems without any alteration or porting

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# Default Network Stack

```
1 > ps
2 node: org.arl.unet.nodeinfo.NodeInfo - IDLE
3 mac: org.arl.unet.mac.aloha.AlohaACS - IDLE
4 phy: org.arl.unet.sim.HalfDuplexModem - IDLE
5 state: org.arl.unet.state.StateManager - IDLE
6 simulator: SimulationAgent - IDLE
7 arp: org.arl.unet.addr.AddressResolution - IDLE
8 rdp: org.arl.unet.net.RouteDiscoveryProtocol - IDLE
9 remote: org.arl.unet.remote.RemoteControl - IDLE
10 shell: org.arl.fjage.shell.ShellAgent - IDLE
11 link: org.arl.unet.link.ReliableLink - IDLE
12 ranging: org.arl.unet.phy.Ranging - IDLE
13 transport: org.arl.unet.transport.SWTransport - IDLE
14 router: org.arl.unet.net.Router - IDLE
15
16 >
```

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# Node Information

```
1 > node
2 node
3 -----
4 address = 1
5 canForward = false
6 diveRate = 0
7 heading = 0
8 location = [0.0, 0.0, -15.0]
9 mobility = false
10 nodeName = 1
11 origin = []
12 speed = 0
13 time = 1459262304068
14 turnRate = 0
15
16 >
```

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# Address Resolution

```
1 > host 'gwbuoy'  
2 24  
3  
4 > host 'redstar-auv'  
5 115  
6  
7 >
```

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# Reliable Link

On node 1

```
1 > link
2 link
3 -----
4 MTU = 2000
5 dataChannel = 1
6 mac = mac
7 maxPropagationDelay = 2.5
8 maxRetries = 3
9 phy = phy
10 reservationGuardTime = 0.5
11
12 > x = new byte[64]
13 > link << new DatagramReq(to: 2, data: x, reliability:
    true)
14 AGREE
15 DatagramDeliveryNtf:INFORM[to:2]
16
17 >
```

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# Reliable Link

On node 2

```
1 > subscribe phy
2 > subscribe link
3
4 RxFrameNtf:INFORM[type:DATA from:1 to:2 protocol:2
      rxTime:1362851667 (32 bytes)]
5 RxFrameNtf:INFORM[type:DATA from:1 to:2 protocol:2
      rxTime:1363088667 (32 bytes)]
6 RxFrameNtf:INFORM[type:DATA from:1 to:2 protocol:2
      rxTime:1363326667 (9 bytes)]
7 DatagramNtf:INFORM[from:1 to:2 protocol:0 (64 bytes)]
8
9 >
```

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# Router & Route Discovery

```
1  > routes
2  >
3
4  > addroute 3,2
5  > routes
6  1: to 3 via link/2 [reliable, hops: 0, metric: 1.0]
7
8  > trace 3
9  [1, 2, 3, 1]
10
11 > delroutesto 3
12 > rreq 3
13 AGREE
14 > routes
15 1: to 3 via link/3 [reliable, hops: 1, metric: 3.0]
16 2: to 2 via link/2 [reliable, hops: 1, metric: 6.0]
17 3: to 3 via link/2 [reliable, hops: 2, metric: 2.55]
18 >
19
20 > trace 3
21 [1, 3, 1]
22
23 >
```

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# Transport

```
1 > transport
2 transport
3 -----
4 MTU = 65535
5 link = router
6 maxRetries = 2
7 reportProgress = false
8 timeout = 60.0
9
10 > x = new byte[4096]
11 > transport << new DatagramReq(to: 2, data: x,
12   reliability: true)
13 AGREE
14 DatagramDeliveryNtf:INFORM[to:2]
15 >
```

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```
1 > tell 2, 'hello'  
2 AGREE  
3  
4 > fput 'abc.txt', 2  
5 AGREE  
6  
7 > fget 1, 'abc.txt'  
8 FILE TRANSFERRED  
9  
10 >
```

# Remote Access

```
1 > n2 = rnode 2
2 Remote node 2
3
4 > n2.phy.MTU
5 RemoteParamNtf:INFORM[MTU: 16]
6 > n2.link.maxRetries
7 RemoteParamNtf:INFORM[maxRetries: 2]
8 > n2.link.maxRetries = 3;
9 > n2.link.maxRetries
10 RemoteParamNtf:INFORM[maxRetries: 3]
11
12 > n2 << 'tell 1, "hello"'
13 OK
14 RemoteTextNtf:INFORM[from: 2 text: 'hello']
15
16 > n2.abc()
17 OK
18
19 >
```

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## Section 7

### Propagation delay

# What is the impact of propagation delay on network throughput?

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# Definitions

## Long propagation delay

Propagation delay comparable to symbol length, or packet length.

## Normalized network throughput

Network throughput normalized by average link data rate.

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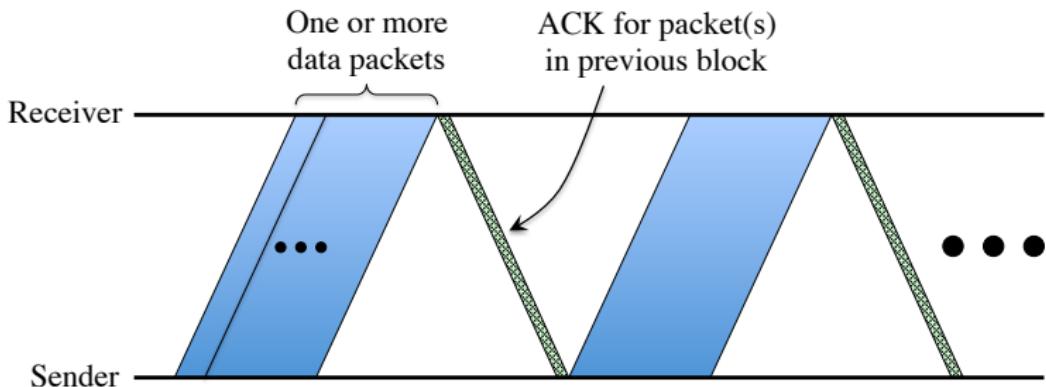
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# Naïve adaptation of protocols



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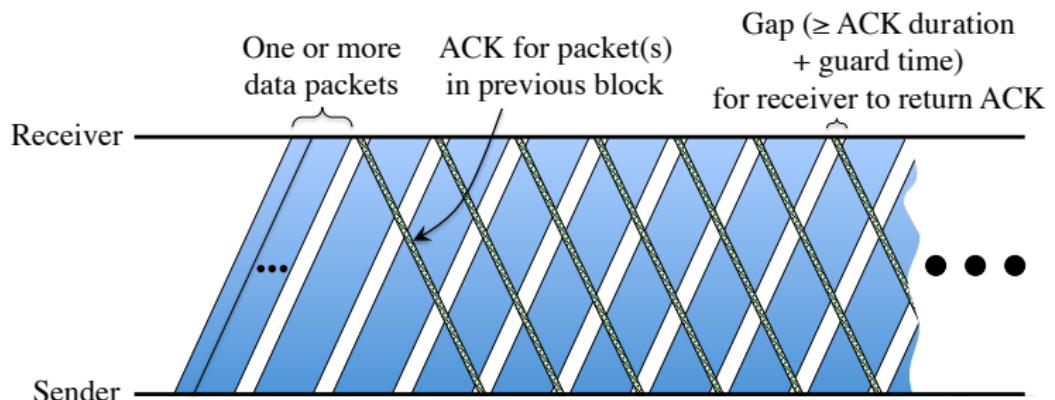
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# Smarter adaptation of protocols



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M. Chitre and W.-S. Soh, "Reliable point-to-point underwater acoustic data transfer: To juggle or not to juggle?," IEEE Journal of Oceanic Engineering, vol. 40, no. 1, pp. 93-103, 2014.

# More definitions . . .

## Mitigation

Mitigation suggests that propagation delay inherently reduces throughput, and we can only reduce the severity of the effect.

## Exploitation

Exploitation suggests that propagation delay allows higher throughput, and appropriately design protocols may be able to gain from it.

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# How big is the opportunity?

- ▶ Consider a  $N$ -node network, and a slotted schedule with slot length  $t$  (we can let  $t \rightarrow 0$ , if we like)
- ▶ Consider a periodic schedule with  $T$  slots (again, we can let  $T \rightarrow \infty$ , if we like)
- ▶ There are a total of  $TN$  slots available per period
- ▶ At most  $TN/2$  slots can be used for transmission, as every transmission must correspond to a reception
- ▶ Hence the maximum throughput of the network is  $N/2$
- ▶ This throughput is achieved when on-an-average half the nodes are transmitting simultaneously



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## But what about interference?

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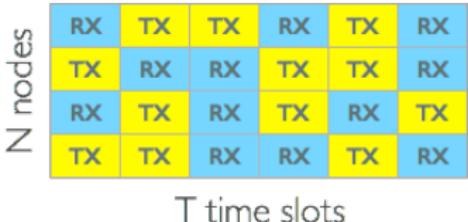
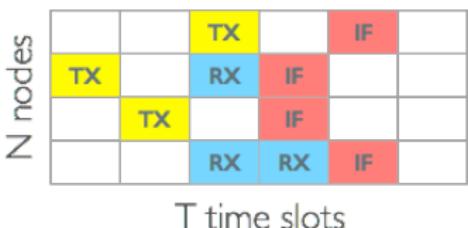
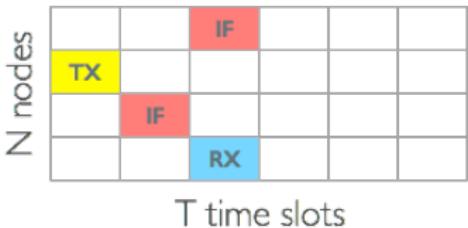
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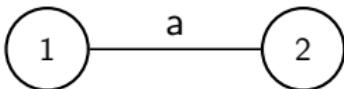
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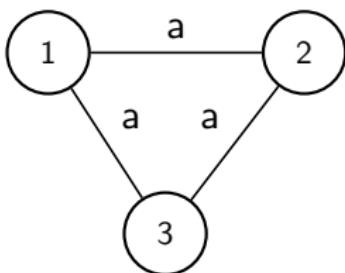
## 2-node network



- ▶ Choose time slot length  $\tau = a/c$ , where  $c$  is the sound speed
- ▶ then distance matrix  $D = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
- ▶ Choose period  $T = 2$
- ▶ Schedule  $Q^{(T)} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$   
(positive numbers represent transmissions to that node, negative numbers represent receptions from that node)
- ▶ Throughput  $S = 1$

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# 3-node network



$$\blacktriangleright D = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \tau = a/c$$

$$\blacktriangleright Q^{(4)} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & -3 & -2 \\ -3 & -1 & 1 & 3 \\ -2 & 1 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\blacktriangleright S = 1.5$$

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# Other networks

- ▶ Isosceles triangle ( $N = 3$ ),  $S = 1.5$
- ▶ Regular tetrahedron ( $N = 4$ ),  $S = 2$
- ▶ Stretched tetrahedron ( $N = 4$ ),  $S = 2$
- ▶ Linear ( $N = 3$ ),  $S = 1.33 < 1.5$

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# Non-integer delay matrices

$$X = c \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -4.83 & 0.84 & -3.20 & -1.23 & -1.08 \\ 0 & 1.28 & 0.61 & -2.23 & 0.19 & 1.15 \\ 0 & -0.15 & 1.76 & 0.90 & -1.64 & 1.24 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 5.00 & 2.04 & 4.00 & 2.06 & 2.01 \\ 5.00 & 0 & 6.02 & 4.01 & 4.05 & 4.01 \\ 2.04 & 6.02 & 0 & 5.01 & 4.00 & 2.06 \\ 4.00 & 4.01 & 5.01 & 0 & 4.02 & 4.00 \\ 2.06 & 4.05 & 4.00 & 4.02 & 0 & 3.04 \\ 2.01 & 4.01 & 2.06 & 4.00 & 3.04 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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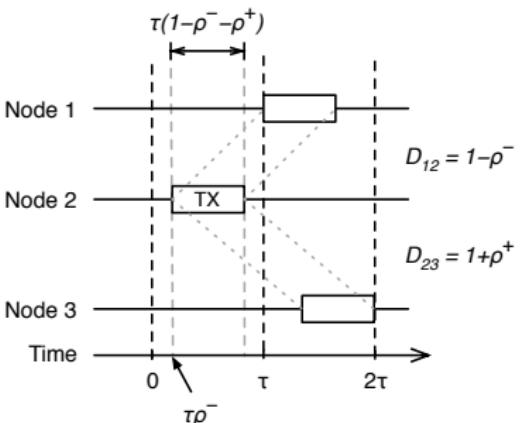
# Non-integer delay matrices

- $D \approx \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 5 & 2 & 4 & 2 & 2 \\ 5 & 0 & 6 & 4 & 4 & 4 \\ 2 & 6 & 0 & 5 & 4 & 2 \\ 4 & 4 & 5 & 0 & 4 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & 4 & 4 & 0 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 & 4 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

- $\rho^+ = 0.05, \rho^- = 0$

- $Q^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 \\ -4 & 4 \\ -3 & 3 \\ -6 & 6 \\ -5 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$

- $S = 2.82 < 3$



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# Scheduling algorithms

- ▶ Dynamic programming based scheduling:

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- ▶ Scheduling with power control:

P. Anjangi and M. Chitre, "Scheduling Algorithm with Transmission Power Control for Random Underwater Acoustic Networks," in IEEE OCEANS'15 Genoa, May 2015.

- ▶ Scheduling in multihop grid networks:

S. Lmai, M. Chitre, C. Laot, and S. Houcke, "Throughput-maximizing Transmission Schedules for Underwater Acoustic Multihop Grid Networks," IEEE Journal of Oceanic Engineering, vol 40, no. 4, pp. 853-863 , 2015.

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# Scheduling algorithms

- ▶ Scheduling in linear networks:

S. Lmai, M. Chitre, C. Laot, and S. Houcke, "Throughput-efficient Super-TDMA MAC Transmission Schedules in Ad hoc Linear Underwater Acoustic Networks," IEEE Journal of Oceanic Engineering, 2016, (in press).

- ▶ Multihop scheduling:

H. Zeng, Y. T. Hou, Y. Shi, W. Lou, S. Kompella, and S. F. Midkiff, "SHARK-IA: An interference alignment algorithm for multi-hop underwater acoustic networks with large propagation delays," ACM International Conference on Underwater Networks & Systems, 2014.

- ▶ MILP based unslotted scheduling:

C.-C.Hsu, M.-S.Kuo, C.-F.Chou, and K.C.-J.Lin, "The elimination of spatial-temporal uncertainty in underwater sensor networks," IEEE/ACM Transactions on Networking (TON), vol. 21, no. 4, pp. 12291242, 2013.

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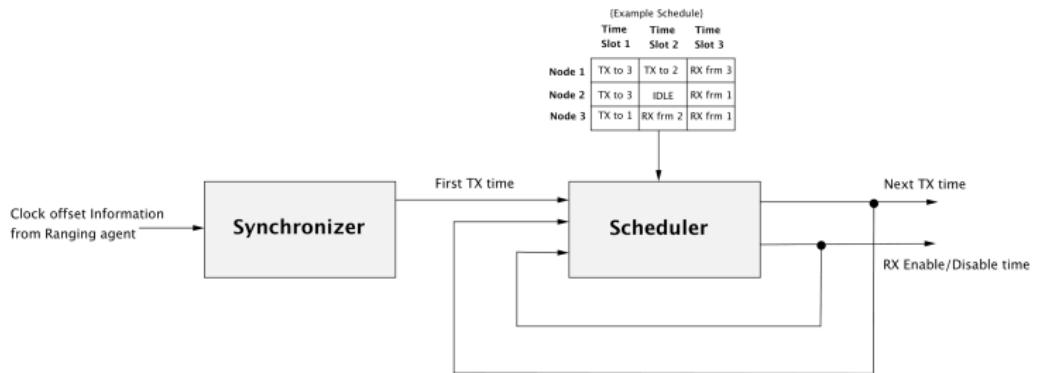
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# Practical implementation

(using UnetStack and Unet-2 modem)



- ▶ **Objective of Synchronizer:** To achieve time synchronization among the nodes in the network
- ▶ **Objective of Scheduler:** To transmit packets at accurate times and prepare the modem for reception at appropriate times as per the schedule

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# Time synchronization

- ▶ Step 1: Get the clock offset information from Ranging agent
- ▶ Step 2: The most advanced node in time computes the synchronization time and transmits to all other nodes in the network

```
Request all the offset information from ranging agent
boolean getOffsetInfo() {
    def ofs = []
    laddr.each {
        if (it != me) {
            def rsp = ranging << new SyncInfoReq(it)
            if (rsp.getPerformativ() != Performativ.FAILURE) {
                log.info "Sync Information from peer = "+rsp.getPeer()+" Is offset = "+rsp.getOffset()
                ofs[rsp.getPeer()] = rsp.getOffset()
            } else {
                log.info "SyncInfoReq Failure, Aborting..."
                return false
            }
        }
    }
    offset = 0
    if (ofs.size() == 0) {
        offset = 0
    } else {
        if (it.value > offset) {
            offset = it.value
        }
    }
    .....
}

if (getOffsetInfo()) { // Returns TRUE if Offset Info available
    add new WakerBehavior(someDelay,
    // invoked someDelay sec later
    if (offset == 0) {
        // offset is 0 for the most advanced node in time
        // synctime at the most advanced node --> 1 min from now
        synctime = phy_time + 60000000 // First TX Time
        synctime = synctime.toString()
        // Transmit the synctime to all other nodes
        def rsp = link << new DatagramReq(data: synctime, protocol: Protocol.USER)
        if (rsp.getPerformativ() != Performativ.FAILURE) {
            log.info 'the synctime is successfully delivered'
        } else {
            log.info 'the synctime was not successfully delivered'
        }
    })
}
```

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# Scheduling

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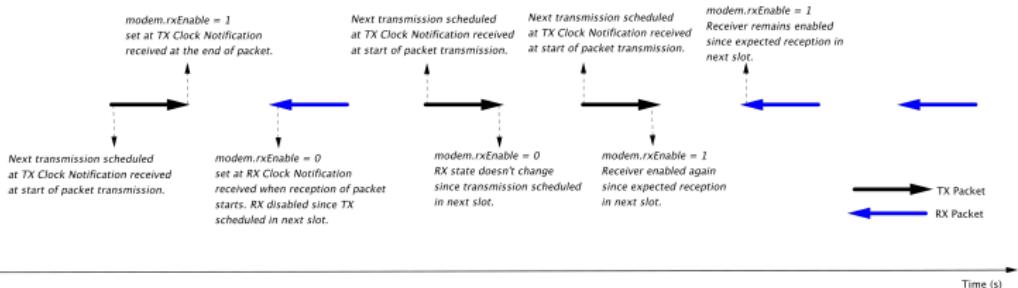
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## An example of scheduler job sequence



### ► Timed transmissions:

Transmissions can be scheduled by setting an alarm

### ► Switching of receiver state:

The receiver state is enabled and disabled at appropriate times according to the schedule

```
/*An example code to transmit test packet
at a specified time t in future*/
scheme[1].txTrigger = 4
def t = phy.time
t = phy.time + timeinFuture
modem.trigger = t
test // transmits a scheme[1] test packet
```

```
/*An example code to switch RX state*/
modem.rxEnable = 0 // Receiver disabled
modem.rxEnable = 1 // Receiver enabled
```

# Experimental results

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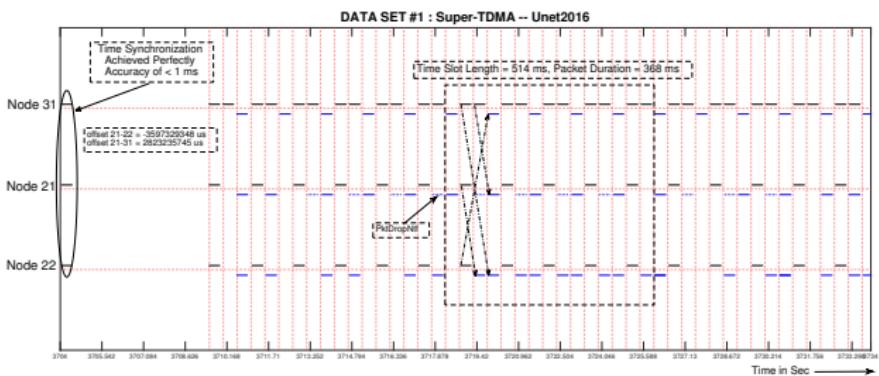
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	Time Slot 1	Time Slot 2	Time Slot 3
Node 31	TX to 22	TX to 21	RX from 22
Node 21	TX to 22	IDLE	RX from 31
Node 22	TX to 31	RX from 21	RX from 31

$$S = \frac{4}{3} \times \frac{368}{514} = 0.95$$



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### Other research topics

# Delay and disruption tolerant networks

- ▶ Delay-tolerant routing protocols

M. S. Rahim, et al., "On the Performance of Delay-Tolerant Routing Protocols in Underwater Networks," IEEE OCEANS'11 Santander, 2011.  
Guo, Zheng, et al., "Adaptive routing in underwater delay/disruption tolerant sensor networks," Wireless on Demand Network Systems and Services, 2008. WONS 2008. Fifth Annual Conference on. IEEE, 2008.

- ▶ Underwater convergence layer implementation

D. Merani, et al., "An Underwater Convergence Layer for Disruption Tolerant Networking," 2011 Baltic Congress on Future Internet Communications (BCFIC Riga), 2011.

- ▶ Survey paper

H. H. Cho, et al., "Survey on underwater delay/disruption tolerant wireless sensor network routing," in IET Wireless Sensor Systems, vol. 4, no. 3, pp. 112-121, September 2014.

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# Heterogenous networks

## ► Acoustic-optical handover for data muling

M. Doniec, I. Topor, M. Chitre, and D. Rus, "Autonomous, localization-free underwater data muling using acoustic and optical communication," in *Experimental Robotics* (J. P. Desai, ed.), pp. 841-857, Switzerland: Springer International Publishing, 2013.



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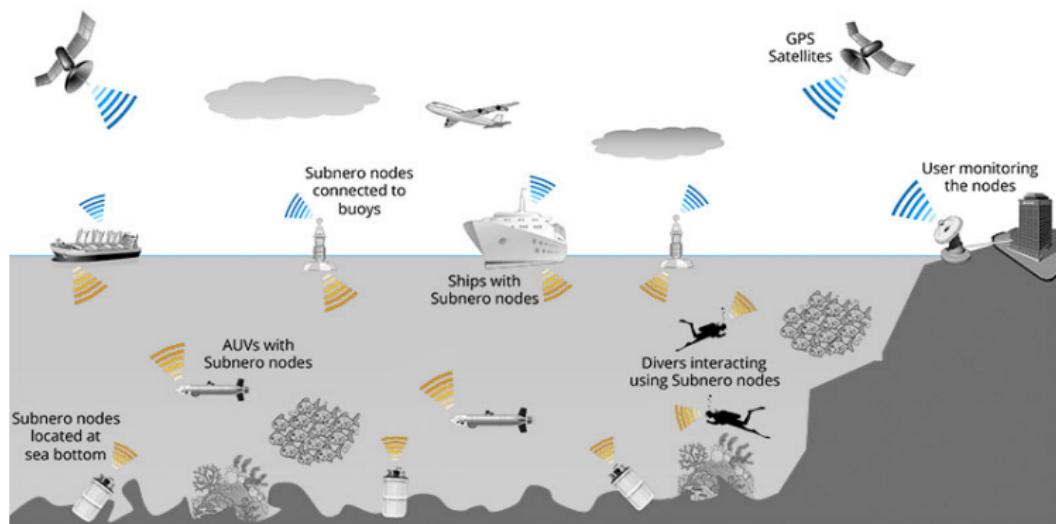
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# Heterogenous networks

An illustration by Subnero showing what an underwater network of the future, with a mix of acoustic, optical and radio links might look like...



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# Things that we didn't get to talk about...

- ▶ Routing protocols
- ▶ Address assignment and resolution protocols
- ▶ Erasure codes and ARQ-based protocols
- ▶ Network coding
- ▶ Network synchronization
- ▶ Network localization
- ▶ Mobility and network connectivity

and much more...

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