PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS OF WIRELESS INDUSTRIAL NETWORKS – CHALLENGES AND TRENDS

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Benefits of Wireless in Industrial Automation

- Fast installation
- Hardly accessible areas
- Flexibility and maintenance
- Moving machines and machine parts







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Smart Manufacturing

- Slip rings
- Food industry
- Chemical processes and dangerous areas



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Requirements

- Coexistence with other wireless networks and technologies
- Energy efficiency, long battery life
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Application type	Latency	Outage Prob.	Technology
Process automation	50 ms – X s	> 10 ⁻⁵	WirelessHART, ISA100.11a
Augmented reality	10 ms	10 ⁻⁵	WLAN, LTE
AGV	15-20 ms	> 10 ⁻⁶	LTE
Factory automation	1-10 ms	10 ⁻⁹	Wireless IO Link
Functional safety	10 ms	10 ⁻⁹	Wireless IO Link

"Funktechnologien für Industrie 4.0", VDE Positionspapier, 2017



Challenges

- Express the end-to-end delay violation probability of wireless industrial networks
 - Multi-hop networks \Rightarrow end-to-end performance guarantees
 - Analytical definition
 - Consider fading and queueing effects
 - Enable coexistence
- Which methods should be used?
- How well do these methods perform?
- Can we provide optimal resource allocation?
- Does the analytical optimum resemble the real system optimum?



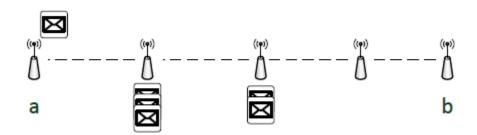
System Model

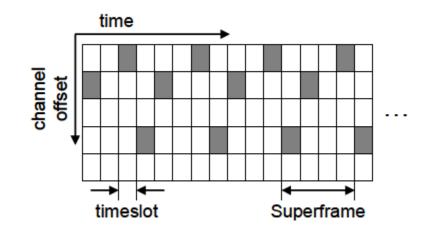
- Multi-Hop Path
- IEEE 802.15.4 PHY
- **IEEE 802.15.4e TSCH MAC:**

Time Synchronized Channel Hopping

 Block fading channels with statistically independent, but

non-identically distrbuted channel gains

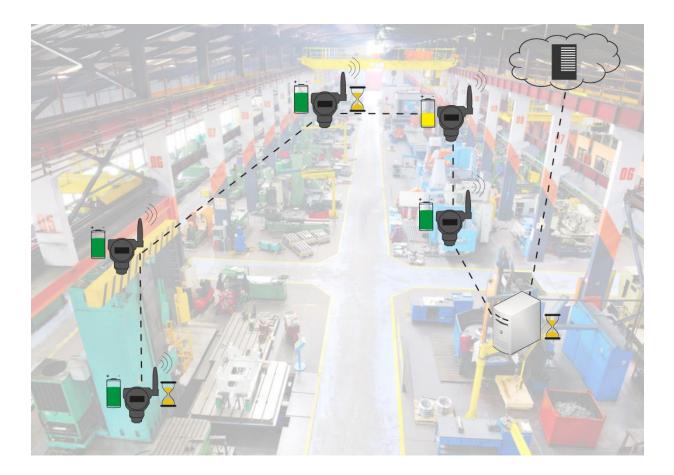






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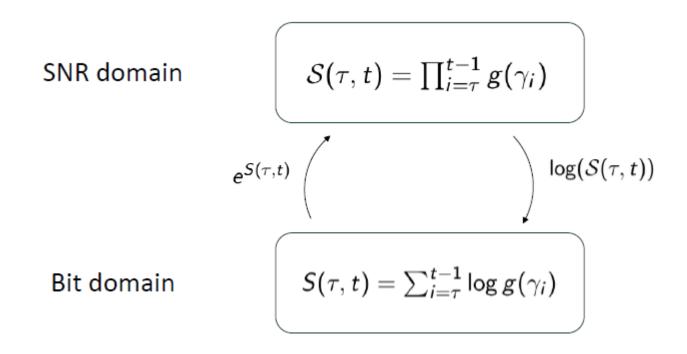
Example: Monitoring Application





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Service Curve in the SNR Domain



H. Al-Zubaidy, J. Liebeherr, A. Burchard, "Network-Layer Performance Analysis of Multihop Fading Channels", IEEE/ACM Transactions on Networking, 2014

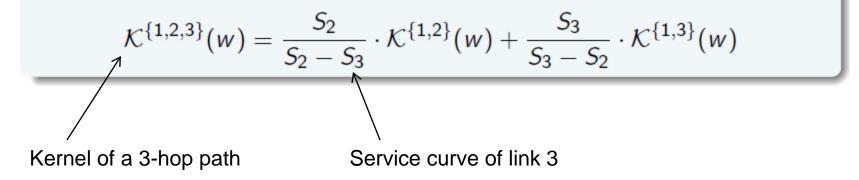


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End-to-End Delay Bound

 $\mathbb{L} = \{1, 2, 3\}$ $\xrightarrow{A(t)} S_2 \xrightarrow{S_2} S_3 \xrightarrow{D(t)}$

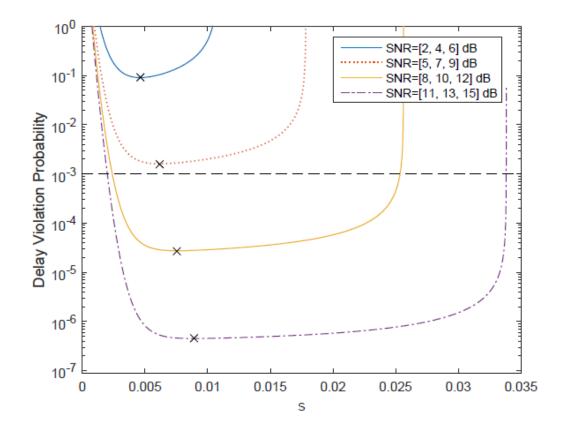
Probability, that the target end-to-end delay w is violated:



N. Petreska, H. Al-Zubaidy, J. Gross, "On the Recursive Nature of End-to-End Delay Bound for Heterogeneous Wireless Networks", IEEE International Conference on Communications, 2015



Convex Delay Bound in IEEE 802.15.4e-based Networks

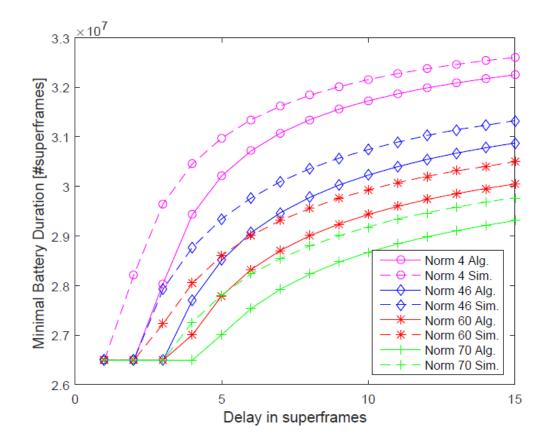


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Bound-Based vs. Real System Optimum

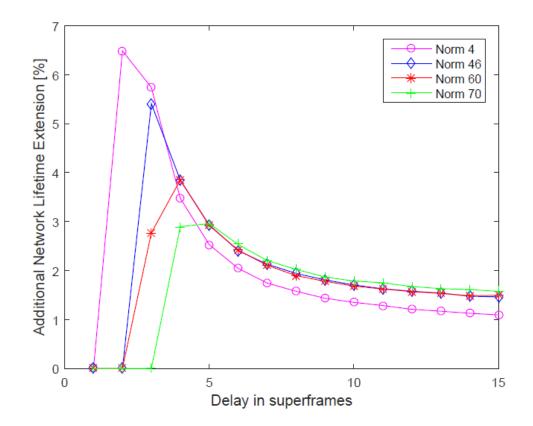


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Additional Lifetime Extension



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Outlook

- Performance analysis is an important and necessary step in the process of network design and planing of industrial networks
- The presented research enables optimal resource allocation while providing statistical delay guarantees
- Current work
 - Routing algorithm with performance guarantees
 - Project ZEPOWEL: Build a multi-hop network prototype with Contiki OS using the TSCH MAC mode. Minimize transmit power along the path.
- Further research topics
 - Transient analysis
 - Integrate machine learning concepts



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