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REAL-TIME COMMUNICATION IN AN IP/ETHERNET-BASED IN-CAR NETWORK

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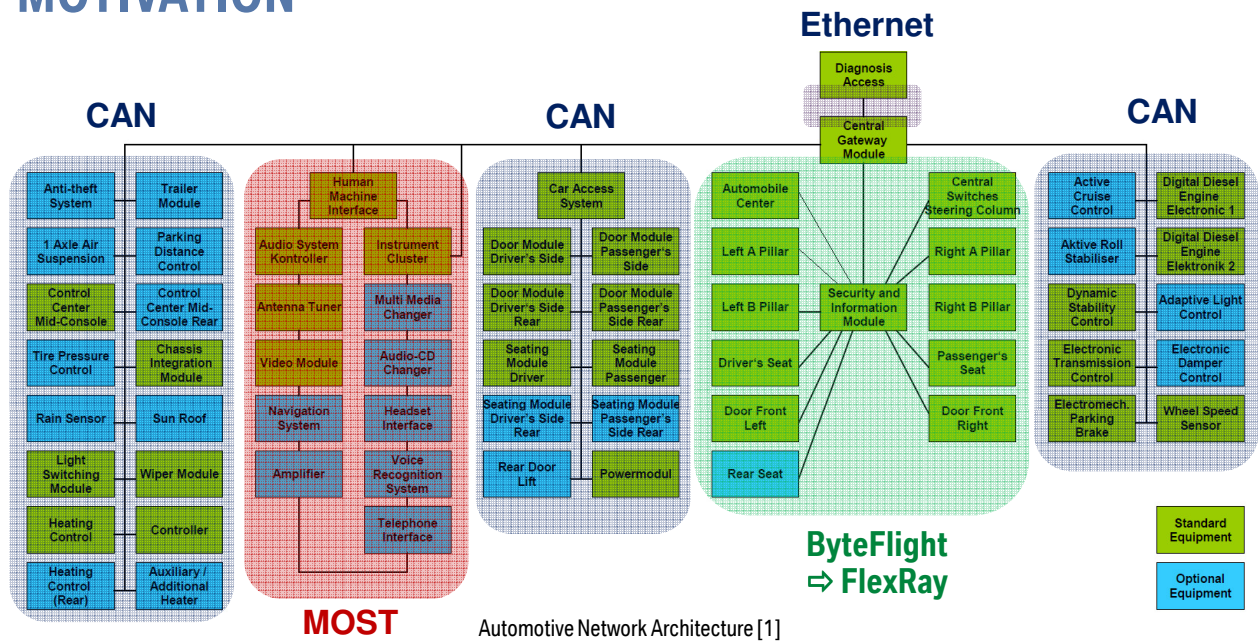
- Influence of the Topologies
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MOTIVATION

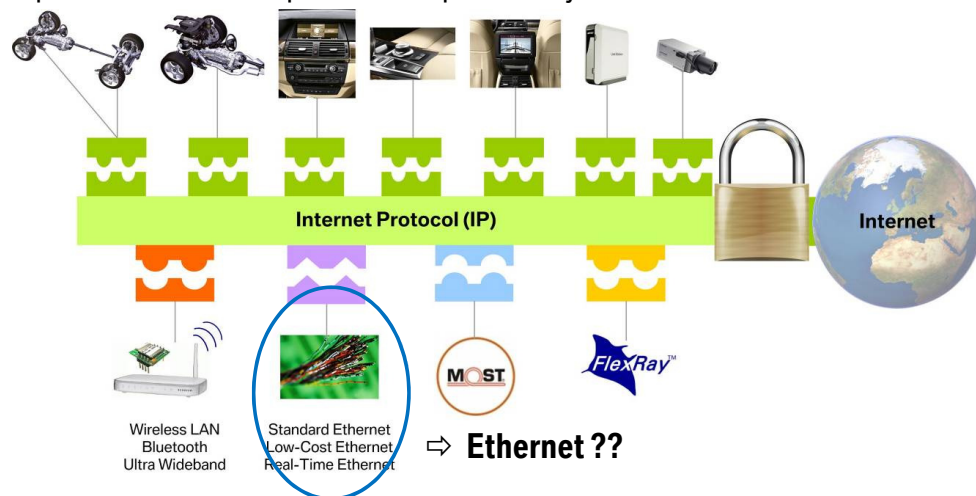


- (-) heterogenous network
- different protocols, used complex centralized application gateway
 - complex cable harness
⇒ Costs
 - slow down innovations

VISION AND CHALLENGES

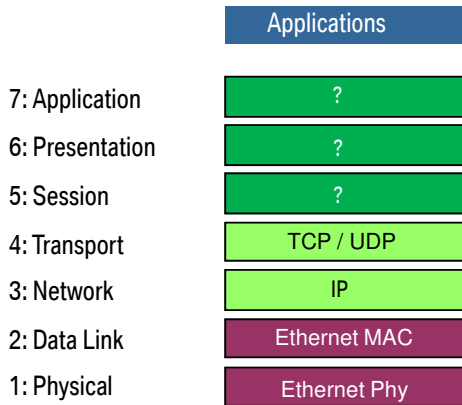
Internet Protocol (IP)-based In-Car Network

- Replacement of current specific In-Car protocols by standard IP



- Suitable technology to transport IP for the automotive use
→ Future applications have higher bandwidth demand due to the increasing number of advanced driver assistance (ADADS) systems and ECUs
- Which of the existent In-Car technologies are capable to transport IP and can fulfill the high bandwidth demand of future applications ?

LEGACY ETHERNET



- (+) Mature Technology
- (+) Fast, easy to use
- (+) Two-wire unshielded available for automotive use
- (+) No single source

- (-) Real-time data transmission is not supported
- (-) Frames can be delayed or lost (Switch)
- (-) Efficiency problems with small packets

Ethernet is currently used only for two areas:

- Diagnosis and flashing (OBD)
- Remote disc access (CIC ↔ RSE)

Currently: no real-time applications; Ethernet without any QoS mechanisms

Research Questions



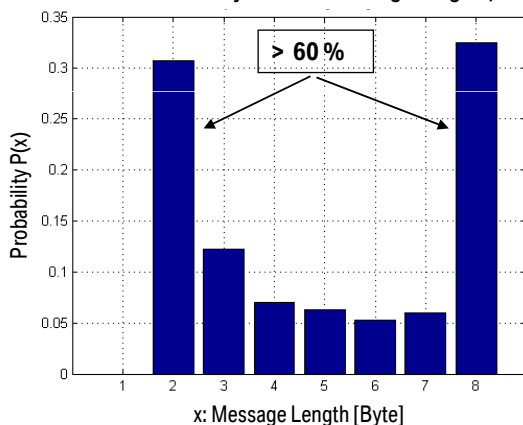
Can Ethernet also be used for Real-Time in the car ??

REVERSE ENGINEERING OF CAN, FLEXRAY [*]

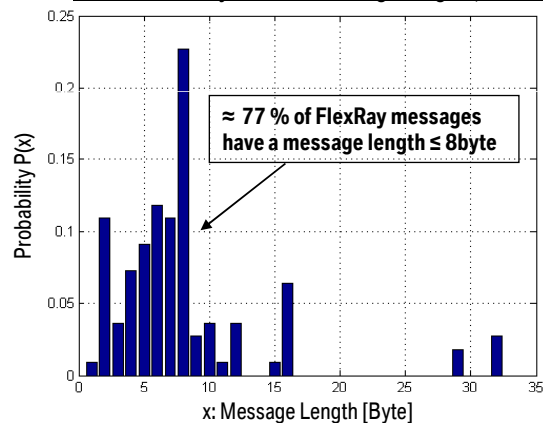
- Trace Analysis:
Analysis of control messages based on real In-Car CAN and FlexRay data derived from a BMW vehicle

- (1) Message length and their distribution
- (2) Cycle Times – Time between two consecutive messages for cycle based messages

CDF: Probability of used message length (CAN)



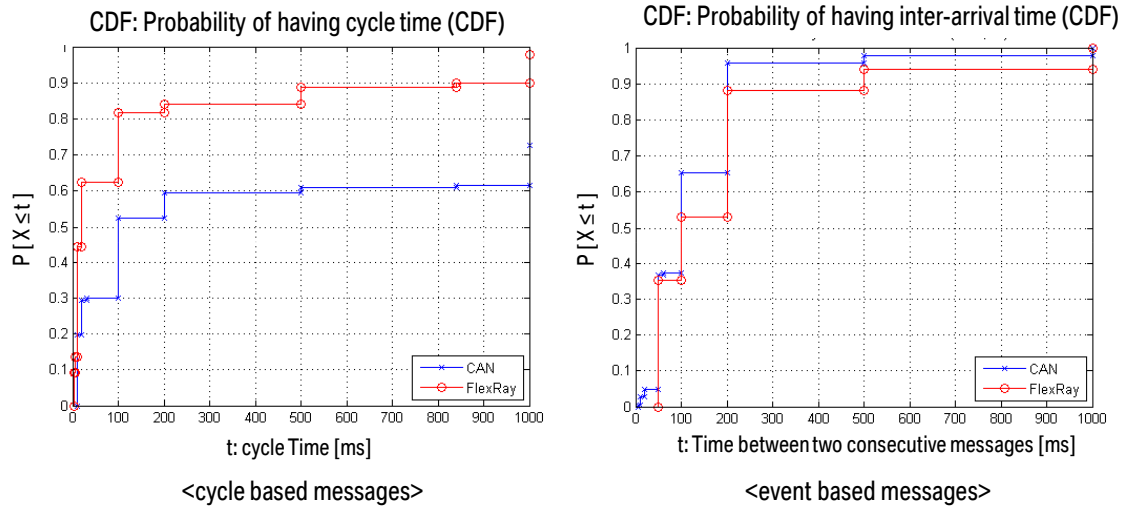
CDF: Probability of used message length (FlexRay)



Most of the in-car control messages have a message length less than 8 Byte. A single UDP packet with a minimum payload size of 20 bytes will cover 95% of the in-car control message length.

REVERSE ENGINEERING OF CAN, FLEXRAY -2- [*]

(2) Cycle Times – Time between two consecutive messages for cycle based messages



ECUs using **cycle messages** with low cycle times are preferred by FlexRay, while high cycle times are mainly used by the CAN bus.

In case of **event based messages**, CAN bus system are preferred to use.

RESEARCH WORK AND METHODOLOGY

Three essential aspects are considered in our work:

No.	Ethernet Types	Methodology	
		Simulation based Evaluation	Prototyping Evaluation
1	Switched Ethernet without Prio. (,Legacy')	Finished	Finished
2	Switched Ethernet with Prio	Finished	Finished
3	IEEE 802.1 Audio Video-Bridging (AVB)	Ongoing	Ongoing

Do the different Ethernet types support real-time communications and fulfill QoS-requirements in terms of **bandwidth** and **end-to-end delay** by a given topology and applications ?

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INTRODUCTION: OMNET++

- Network Simulation Tool
- component-based, modular and open-architecture discrete event network simulator.
- Specific application areas are implemented by various simulation models and frameworks, most of them open source.

OMNeT++ with the INET-Framework

- Framework for wired and wireless TCP/IP based simulations (contains most of the standard protocols from OSI-Layer L1 – L7)
- some limitations for my purposes

1. No Prioritization mechanism:

- data traffic is not classified by different priorities.
- all applications are considered as best effort
- the switches use only a single output queue and a First-In-First-Out (FIFO) scheduler

Framework modified [*]

Prioritization as defined in IEEE 802.1Q (MAC-Layer Prio.)

2. Data Traffic based on statistical models:

- packet size and sending rate are set by statistical distribution functions

Loading external Trace data

SWITCHED ETHERNET-BASED IN-CAR NETWORK [*]

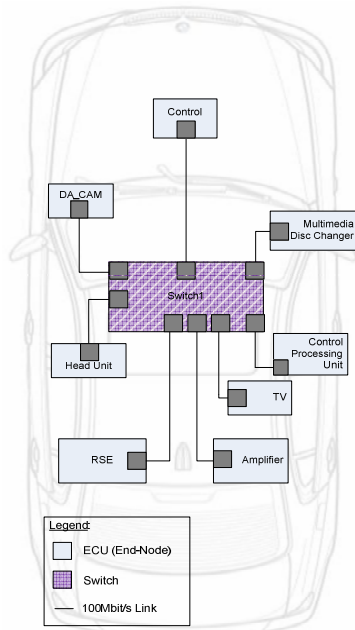
Goal of the analysis:

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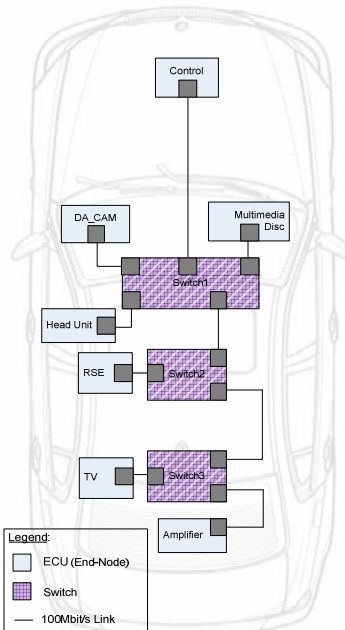
(1) Topology

(2) Prioritization mechanisms

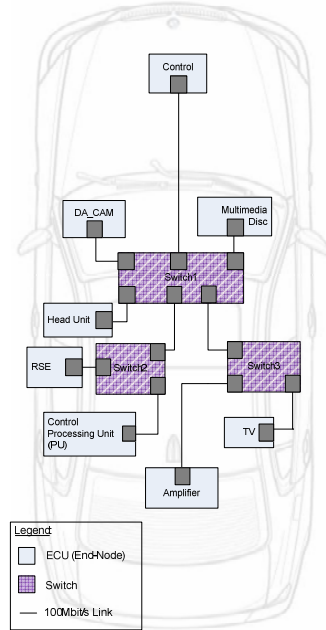
(3) Linkload



**Star-based
(Topology-1)**



**Daisy chain-based
(Topology-2)**



**Tree-based
(Topology-3)**

IN-CAR APPLICATIONS: TRAFFIC CHARACTERISTICS

Traffic Type	UDP Packet Length [Byte]	Sending Rate[ms]	Bandwidth [Mbit/s]	Prio	Max. End-to-End Delay [ms]
Control	18	uniform (10,100)	< 1	3	10 [1,2]
Driver Assistance CAM	1472	0.5	24	2	45 [2]
Navigation	1400	0.7	16	1	100
MM Video	1400	0.28	40	0	150
MM Audio	1400	1.4	8	0	150
TV Video	1400	uniform (0.56,1.12)	10 – 20	0	150
TV Audio	1400	2.33	4.8	0	150

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PERFORMANCE EVALUATION [*]

System Model

- Assumptions**

- 1) Ethernet Link Bandwidth: 100Mbit/s
- Ethernet is based on the 100Base-TX standard
- 2) Quality-of-Service (QoS) with Prioritization mechanism as specified in IEEE 802.1Q (VLAN-tag)
 - 4 Queues per output Port:
 - ⇒ Prio3 (highest Priority): Strict Priority Scheduler
 - ⇒ Prio2 .. Prio1: Weighted Fair Queuing (WFQ)
- 3) MAC Transmission Queue Size: 100 Frames
- 4) Switch Processing Time: 3µs [1]

- Metrics**

-End-to-End delay

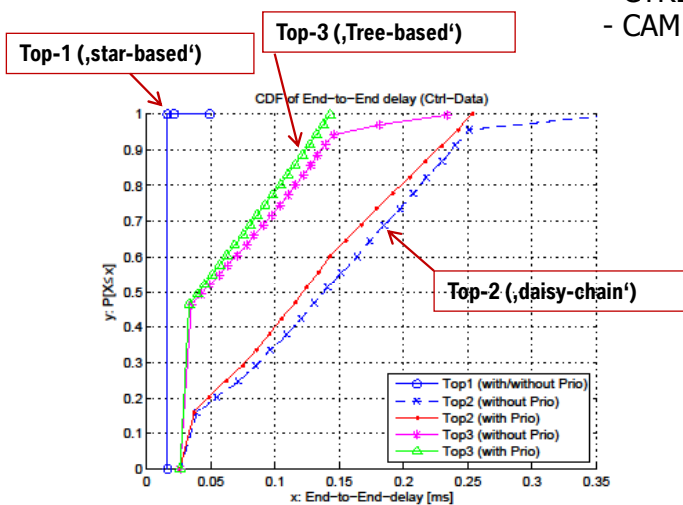
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RESULT: PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

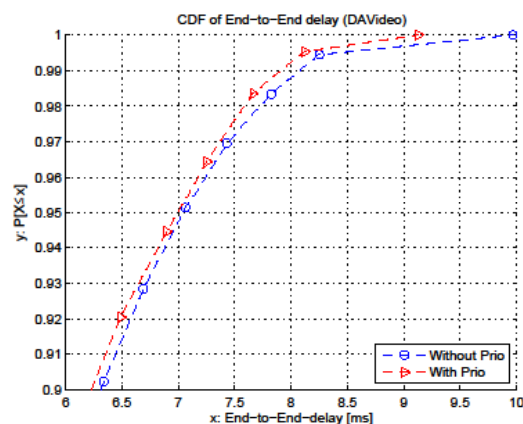
(1) CDF: End-to-End delay

Service constraints:

- CTRL: Delay ≤ 10 ms
- CAM: Delay ≤ 45 ms



Prioritization reduces the end-to-end delay of the highest data class to approx. 40%



Independent of the used Topology, Prioritization reduces the end-to-end delay of driver assistance camera data to approx. less than 10%

SUMMARY: PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

- Prioritization mechanism at a MAC-Layer as defined in the IEEE 802.1p/q standard can considerably improve the performance in terms of the end-to-end delay
 - ⇒ Application constraints of the in-car applications are fulfilled
- The star-based topology has the best performance in terms of the minimum end-to-end delay.

- Are there any mechanisms at Layer-2 to support a deterministic behavior of applications in a switched Ethernet network ?
 - frames should arrived at the destination within a certain time
 - high synchronization accuracy
 - low jitter
- ⇒ **IEEE 802.1 Audio/Video Bridging (AVB) standard**

IEEE 802.1 ETHERNET AUDIO/VIDEO BRIDGING (AVB)

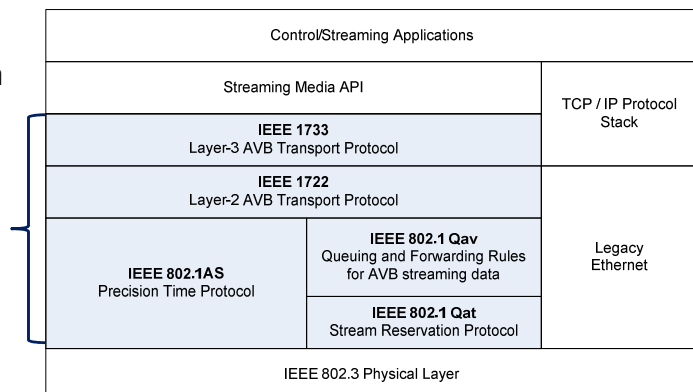
- **IEEE 802.1 AVB:**
 - Specifications that will allow time-synchronized low latency streaming services and QoS through 802 networks (Switched Ethernet, WLAN)
 - Mechanisms on Layer2 (MAC-Layer)
 - The Standard guarantees

- Maximum latency of 2ms over 7 Hops (Class A) or 50ms (Class B)
- Synchronization accuracy of less than 1us over 7 Hops

- consists of several sub-standards which are currently ratified and published

➔ **AVB Protocols**

- Max. 75% of Bandwidth for AVB
- Min. 25% of Bandwidth for legacy



BACKGROUND INFORMATION: ETHERNET AVB -1-

IEEE 802.1AS – Time Synchronization Protocol

- Synchronization of distributed nodes in a switched Ethernet network to achieve two goals:

1. Common Time Basis/Reference Clock

- Synchronization of distributed, networked ECUs (Audio/Video: Lip Sync)
- Coordination multiple ECUs

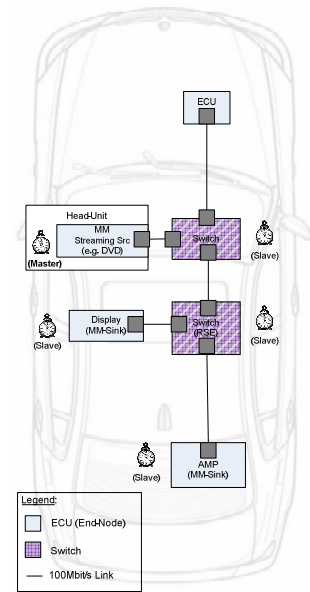
2. Meets jitter requirements

- Guarantees timely execution
- Administration free protocol

- Sync Process is executed by two steps:

- (1) Selection of the best master clock (BMC) in a network
- (2) Start of the synchronization by the BMC (grandmaster)

- Measurement only between two adjacent systems
- Clock drifts between AVB systems and the grandmaster are determined



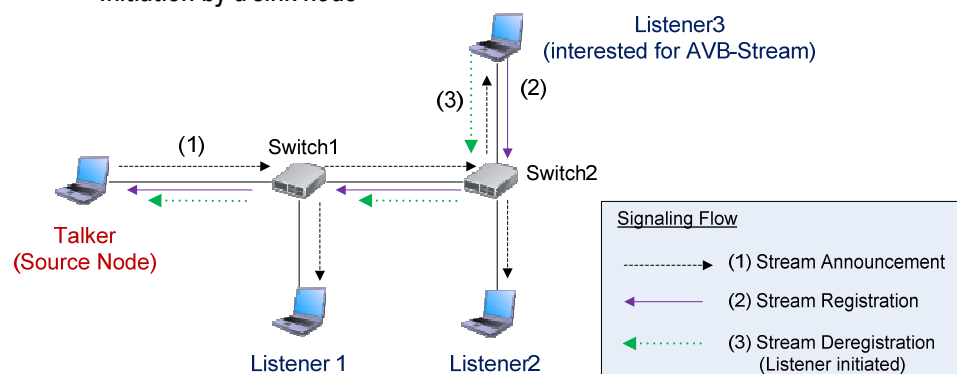
BACKGROUND INFORMATION: ETHERNET AVB -2-

IEEE 802.1Qat – Stream Reservation Protocol

- Signaling protocol to reserve the required bandwidth for a specific stream (AVB-Stream) over the network

- Signaling process is executed by three steps:

1. Stream Announcement by a source node ('Talker')
2. Stream Registration by a sink node ('Listener')
3. Stream Deregistration
 - Initiation by a source node
 - Initiation by a sink node



BACKGROUND INFORMATION: ETHERNET AVB -3-

IEEE 802.1Qav – Queuing and Forwarding Rules

- Mechanisms for switches to guarantee time-sensitive data transmission in terms of delay, jitter and frame loss requirements
- Based on the IEEE 802.1Q standard which allows a separation of the network traffic into different classes by prioritization mechanisms
- Following two mechanisms are specified:

1) Mapping of the IEEE 802.1Q priority values to AVB

- AVB frames have always the highest priority value

		Number of Available Traffic Classes						
		2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Priority	0 (Default)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6
	3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	4	0	0	1	1	1	1	2
	5	0	0	1	1	1	2	3
	6	0	0	1	2	2	3	4
	7	0	0	1	2	3	4	5

AVB Frames
(Class-A; Class-B)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: ETHERNET AVB -4-

IEEE 802.1Qav – Queuing and Forwarding Rules

2) Queuing Algorithms for AVB- and non AVB-frame

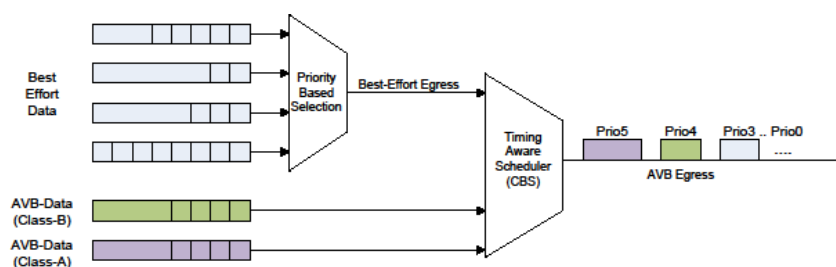
- Two different scheduling algorithms to transmit AVB and non AVB (legacy Ethernet) frames in a network

a) Strict Priority Algorithm for Legacy Ethernet

b) Credit Based Shaper Algorithm for AVB

- Each AVB-Class (A or B) has certain credits
 - A Transmission is only allowed when a credit is ≥ 0
 - For each transmission the credit is decreased at a rate of sendSlope
- Otherwise: - credit is increased at a rate of idleSlope

⇒ Transmission of legacy Ethernet frames



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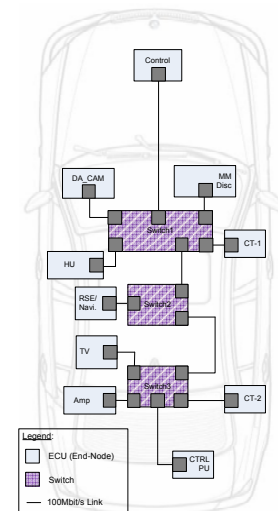
EVALUATION OF ETHERNET AVB [*]

Research Questions:

1. Is the IEEE 802.1 Ethernet AVB standard able to guarantee the latency, jitter and synchronization requirement of streaming data even in high load situations ?
2. Do control data transmitted with legacy Ethernet frames meet the application constraints in terms of the maximum latency and frame loss rate ?

System Model

- Topology: daisy-chain with 3 switches in a network
- Applications
 - 1) Driver Assistance Camera Data (AVB: Class A)
 - 2) TV Streaming Data (AVB: Class B)
 - 3) MM Streaming Data (AVB: Class B)
 - 4) Control Data
 - 5) Navigation Data
 - 6) Bulk Data
- Metrics:
 - Maximum Latency
 - Jitter
 - Frame Loss Rate



EVALUATION OF ETHERNET AVB – SYSTEM MODEL

Assumptions

- Ethernet Link: 100Mbit/s
- Static clock drifts of the ECUs without BMCA
 - Grandmaster (node with best clock): HeadUnit
 - Each nodes have static clock drifts
- Six Different Traffic Classes
 - Six Queues per output port (2 AVB + 4 Legacy Ethernet)

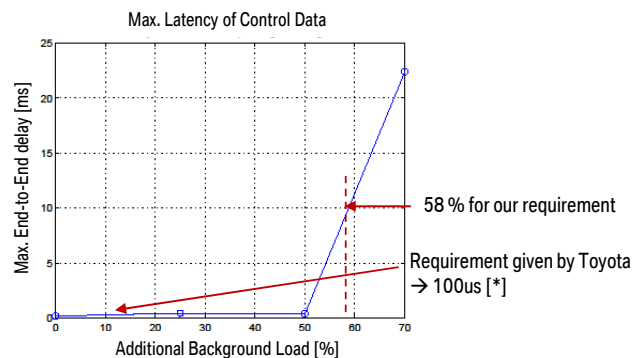
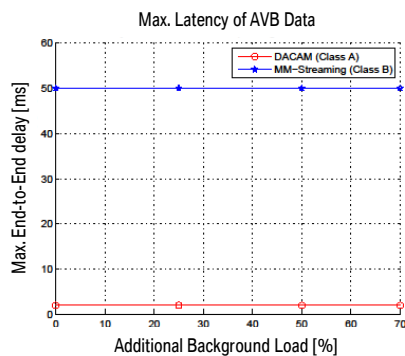
Traffic Characteristics

Traffic Type	Ethernet Payload [Byte]	Sending Rate [ms]	Bandwidth [Mbit/s]	Prio
Driver Assistance CAM	390	0.125	27.6	Class A (Prio5)
TV Streaming	700	0.250	23.7	Class B (Prio4)
MM Streaming	700	0.125	47.5	
Control	46	uniform (10,100)	70 e-3 .. 700e-3	3
Bulk	1428	0 .. 0.168	[0,25,50,70]	1
Navigation	1000	5	1.667	2

EVALUATION OF ETHERNET AVB – RESULT

Control and AVB data depending on the background Load

Metric	Control Data (Control → CTRL_PU)				AVB Class-A (DA_CAM → HU)			
	0%	25%	50%	70%	0%	25%	50%	70%
Max Latency [ms]	0.095	0.434	0.391	22.40	2.0003	2.0004	2.0003	2.0003
Max Jitter [ms]	0.059	0.372	0.285	12.39	0.0003	0.0004	0.0003	0.0004
Frame Loss Rate	0	0	0	0.584	0	0	0	0



EVALUATION OF ETHERNET AVB – SUMMARY

The simulation based performance Evaluation of the AVB protocols shows:

(1) The latency and frame loss of AVB streaming data are independent of the network load.

- All applications modeled as AVB Class-A/B frames have the latency less or equal than specified values (2ms for Class-A; 50ms for Class-B)

(2) The performance of control data in an AVB-network depends strongly on the network load.

- In order to guarantee the hard latency requirement of 100us, the additional background load should be less or equal than 15%.

- The IEEE 802.1 Ethernet AVB standard improves definitely the performances of multimedia and applications for driver assistance purposes. A deterministic behavior of these applications are achieved.
- In order to fulfill the hard real-time requirements of control data additional scheduling and prioritization mechanisms are required.

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Questions ? Any Comments ?

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