

TSN Support for Quality of Service in Space

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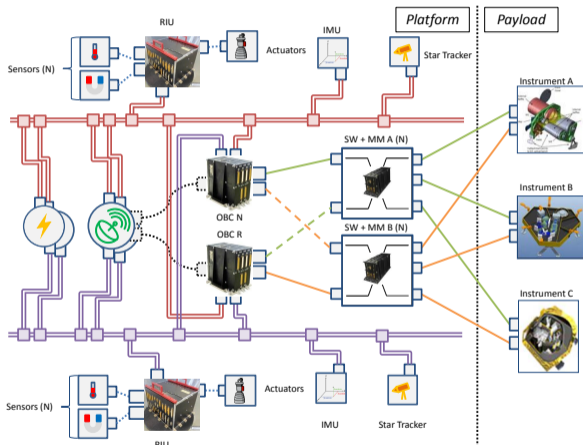
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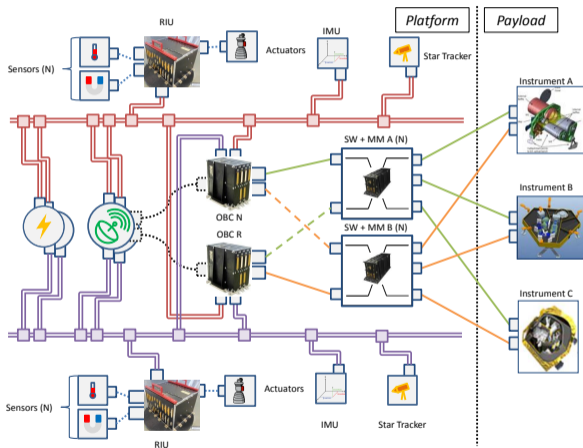
- Performances:
Low latency,
low jitter,
guarantee of
arrival
- RAMS:
Link and
device
redundancy
- Technologies:
1553, CAN,
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Payload

- Performances:
High average
throughput
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- Technologies:
SpaceWire,
HSSL,
(*SpaceFibre*)

Current Satellite Architecture



Strengths

- Mature
- Suited for space environment
- Simple and reliable
- AOCS friendly

Weaknesses

- Lack of bandwidth
- Lack of flexibility
- Niche market (few customers and few users)
- Few interactions with academics or other industrials

Where to go ?

Problem Statement

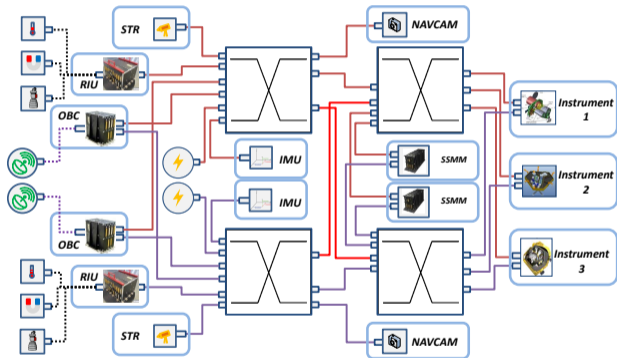
Is it possible to find a unique Ethernet technology, that:

- ➔ **is able to fulfil both platform and payload needs ?**
- ➔ **has better performances ?**
- ➔ **is easy to analyse/configure ?**
- ➔ **eases development and integration ?**

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Ethernet Next-Gen Satellite Functional Architecture Candidate



Opportunities

- High bandwidth with Quality of Service
- Large ecosystem with COTS
- Easier integration
- Looked at in other industry verticals

Threats

- Complex behaviour and configuration
- Most COTS not qualified for space (yet)
- Risk of redesigning "legacy" devices

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Time Sensitive Networking

- Developed by the IEEE TSN WG
- State of the art of Ethernet
- Adds mixed QoS and fault tolerance capabilities
- Receives attention in several industry verticals

TSN: a good candidate

TSN fauil requirements

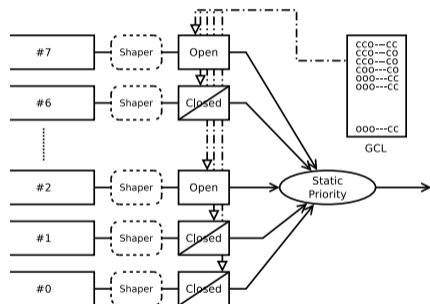
- high bandwidth
- fault tolerance (FRER)
- time guarantees
- low jitter with TAS

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802.1Qbv: Time Aware Shaper – TAS

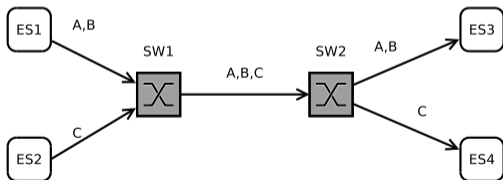
- “Enhancements for Scheduled Traffic”
- A gate is associated to each queue
- The gate is either open or closed
- A global cyclic schedule (Gate Control List – GCL), w.r.t local clock
- Building schedule is out of standard
- “Exclusive gating” \approx one gate opened at a time
- Integration with GCL: update of credit evolution rules
- End-to-end TT schedule requires
 - global build of local schedules
 - synchronisation of local clocks (eg. 802.1AS)



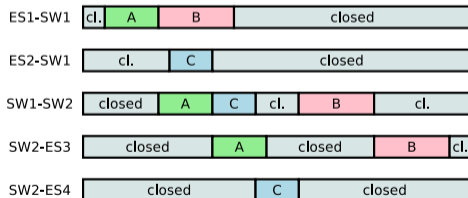
TAS: a Time-Triggered implementation

Principles

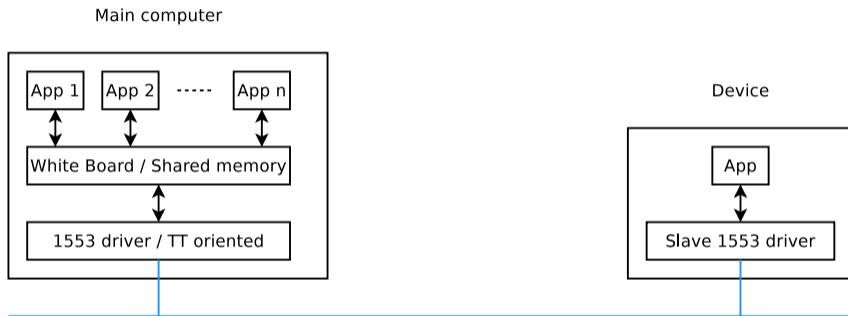
- one TT queue
- exclusive access
- gate opening built in a “smart” way



Nominal case

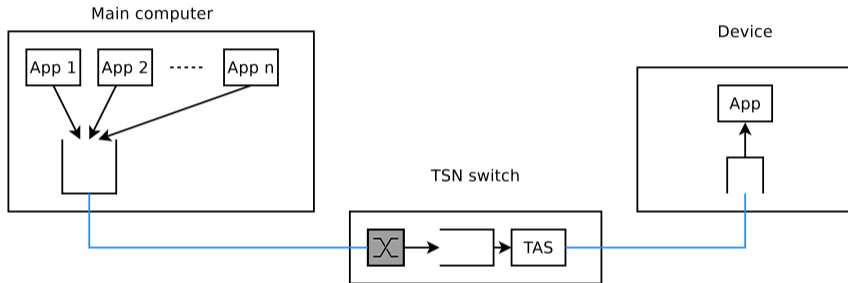


Low jitter with 1553



- The 1553 master is scheduled based on Time-Triggered table
- The slaves have very low reaction time (from $4\mu s$ to $12\mu s$)
- Each app must write data before time slot

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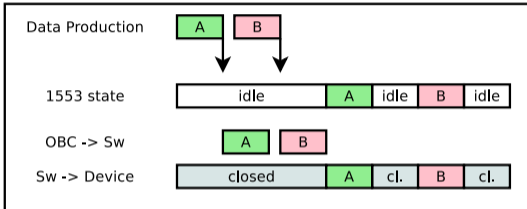


- TSN TAS is based on queues
- ⇒ require ordering at emission
- ⇒ A buffer app? Synchronisation between Apps?

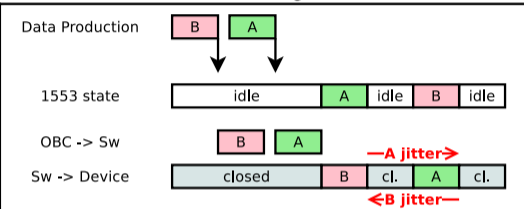
- Frames may be lost
- ⇒ next frame in queue is sent
- ⇒ out of schedule frame

1553 vs TAS schedule

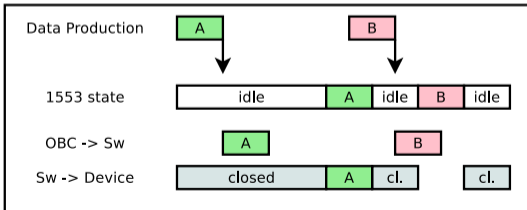
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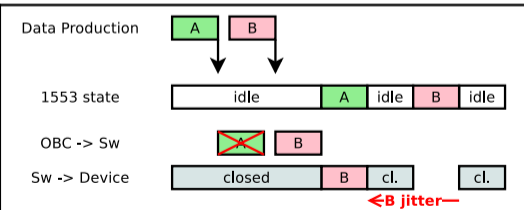
Re-ordering case



Late case



Bad CRC case



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