

# Internet of Underwater Things



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# Outline

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- Underwater Wireless Sensor Networks (UWSNs):
  - Motivations and possible applications
- Basics of underwater acoustic communications
- MAC protocols for underwater sensor networks & their performance comparison
- Networking solutions: Channel Aware Routing Protocol (CARP)
- SUNSET Toolchain
- In field experiments and performance evaluation results



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- ✓ Oceans and lakes cover 71% of the earth surface.
- ✓ Marine environments support the life of nearly half of all species on earth.



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- ✓ Help sustain life by providing 20% of the animal proteins and 5% percent of the total proteins in the human diet.
- ✓ Are or are becoming a critical frontier of exploration for transport, oxygen and food production, hydrocarbon exploitation, aquaculture, biofuel production, mineral exploitation, climate and global water circulation.
- ✓ Cumulatively, the services provided by the oceans, such as the provision of food, oxygen, water and climate regulation, have been valued at over US\$21 trillion, while maritime transport support 90% of global trade volume.

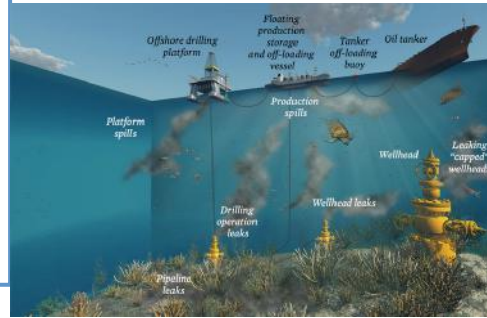


# Applications

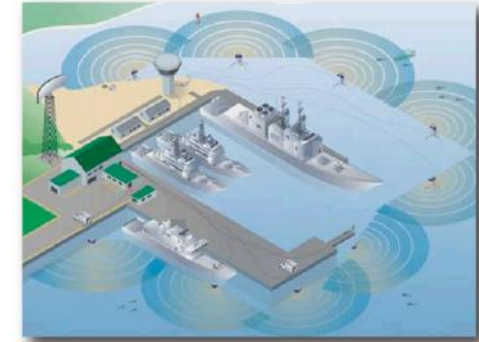
## Oil and gas

### Critical infrastructure monitoring

(offshore platforms and pipelines monitoring, harbour protections)

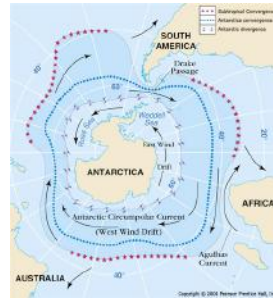


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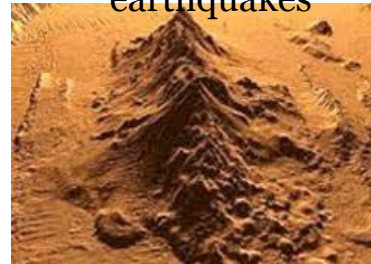


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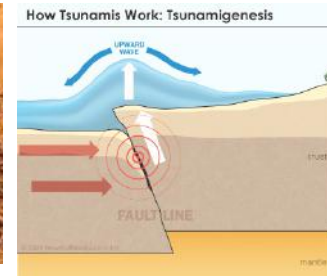
Temperature and salinity    Waves and currents



## Volcanoes and earthquakes



## Tsunami alert



## Biodiversity monitoring



Others: assisted navigation, undersea exploration, underwater cultural heritage etc...



# Limits of traditional approaches

Traditional approaches and the use of cabled solutions are no longer effective, suffering of several limitations: High costs, logistic complexity, etc.

## No real-time monitoring

- The recorded data cannot be accessed until the instruments are recovered

## No on-line system configuration

- Interaction between onshore control systems and the monitoring instruments is not possible

## No failure detection

- If *failures* or *misconfigurations* occur, it may not be possible to detect them before the instruments are recovered

## Limited storage capacity

- The amount of data that can be recorded by every sensor is limited to the capacity of the onboard storage devices

Need for real-time monitoring through an underwater wireless sensor network

Survey available at:

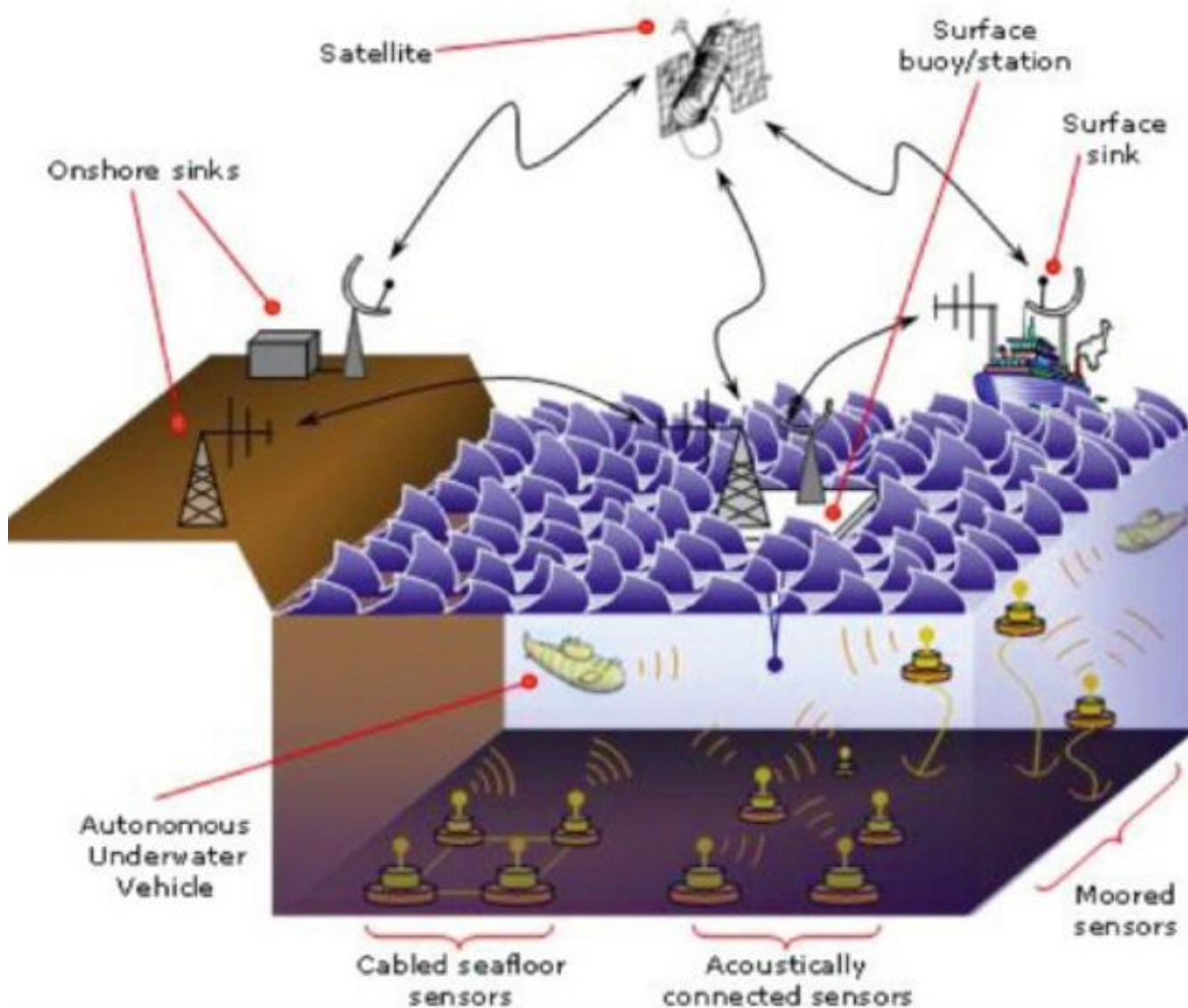
[http://www.ece.rutgers.edu/~pompili/paper/Akyildiz\\_AdHoc05.pdf](http://www.ece.rutgers.edu/~pompili/paper/Akyildiz_AdHoc05.pdf)

(good general overview of topologies and features of underwater acoustic networks

NOT good for UWSN protocols—outdated on protocols)



# Underwater Wireless Sensor Networks





# Underwater sensor nodes & networks

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- Static (anchors at the sea bottom, floating at different depths)
- Mobile (AUVs, ASVs)
- Energy consumption mostly due to transmission (tens or hundreds W) or propulsion (for mobile assets)
- Lower cost devices (10K-100Keuros) can operate in shallow waters, but higher cost nodes (100K-millions euros) are able to operate at thousands meters depth
- Communications technologies:
  - Cabled (high maintenance costs, expensive)
  - Wireless (radio –attenuates fast- vs. optical-short range- vs. acoustic)
  - Acoustic often the technology of choice → low data rate but long range communications



# UWSNs Topologies

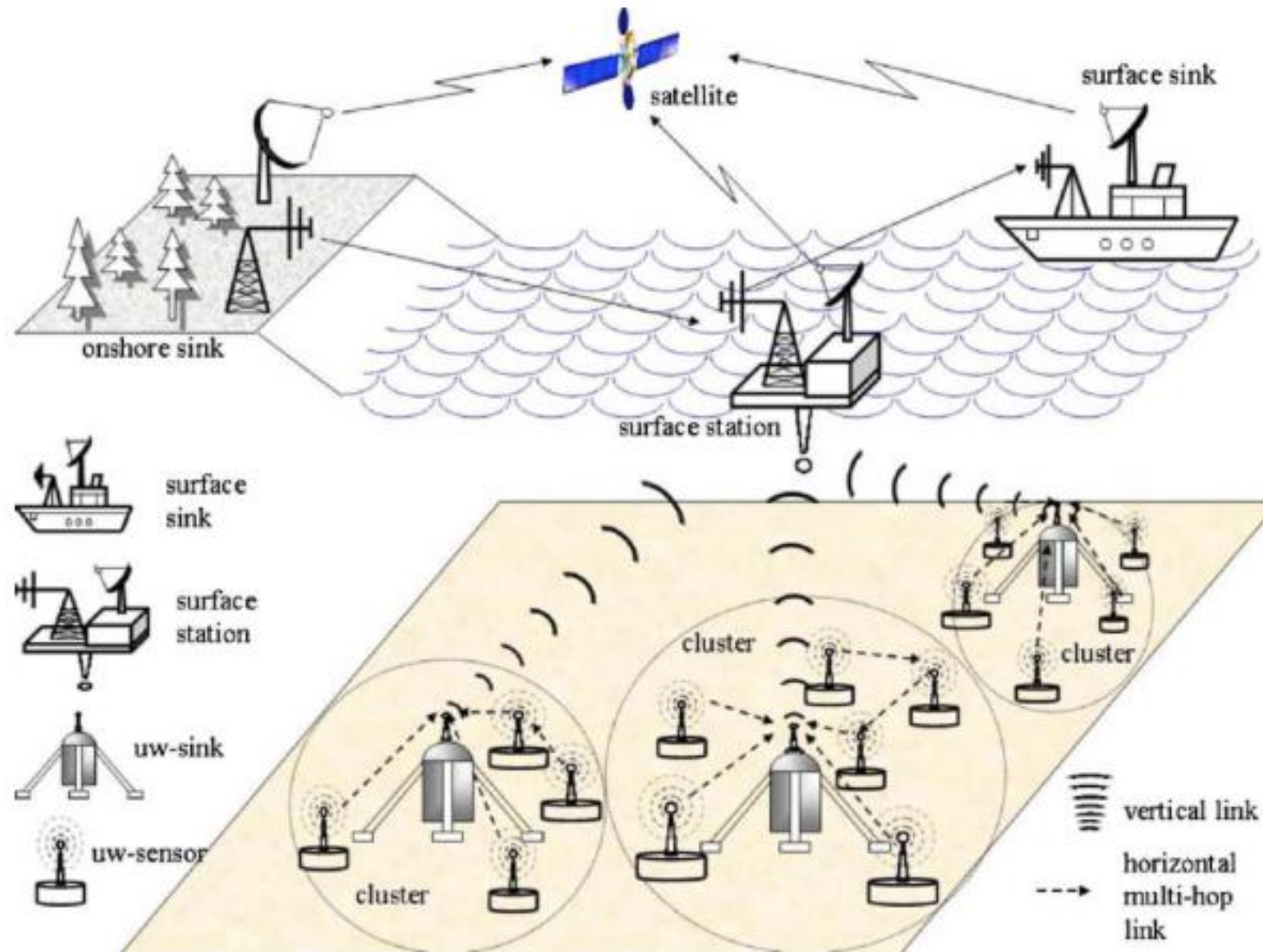


Fig. 1. Architecture for 2D underwater sensor networks.

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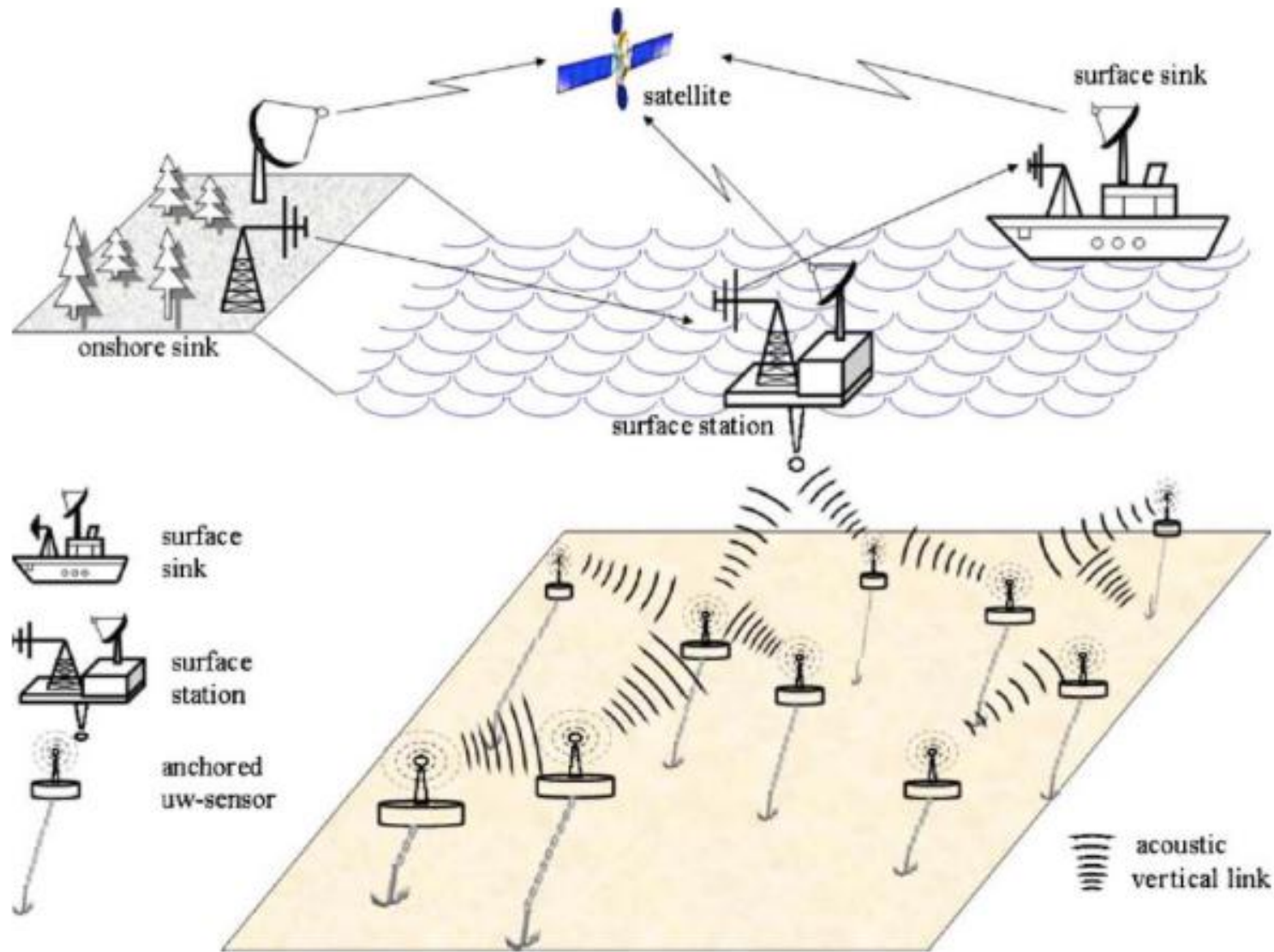
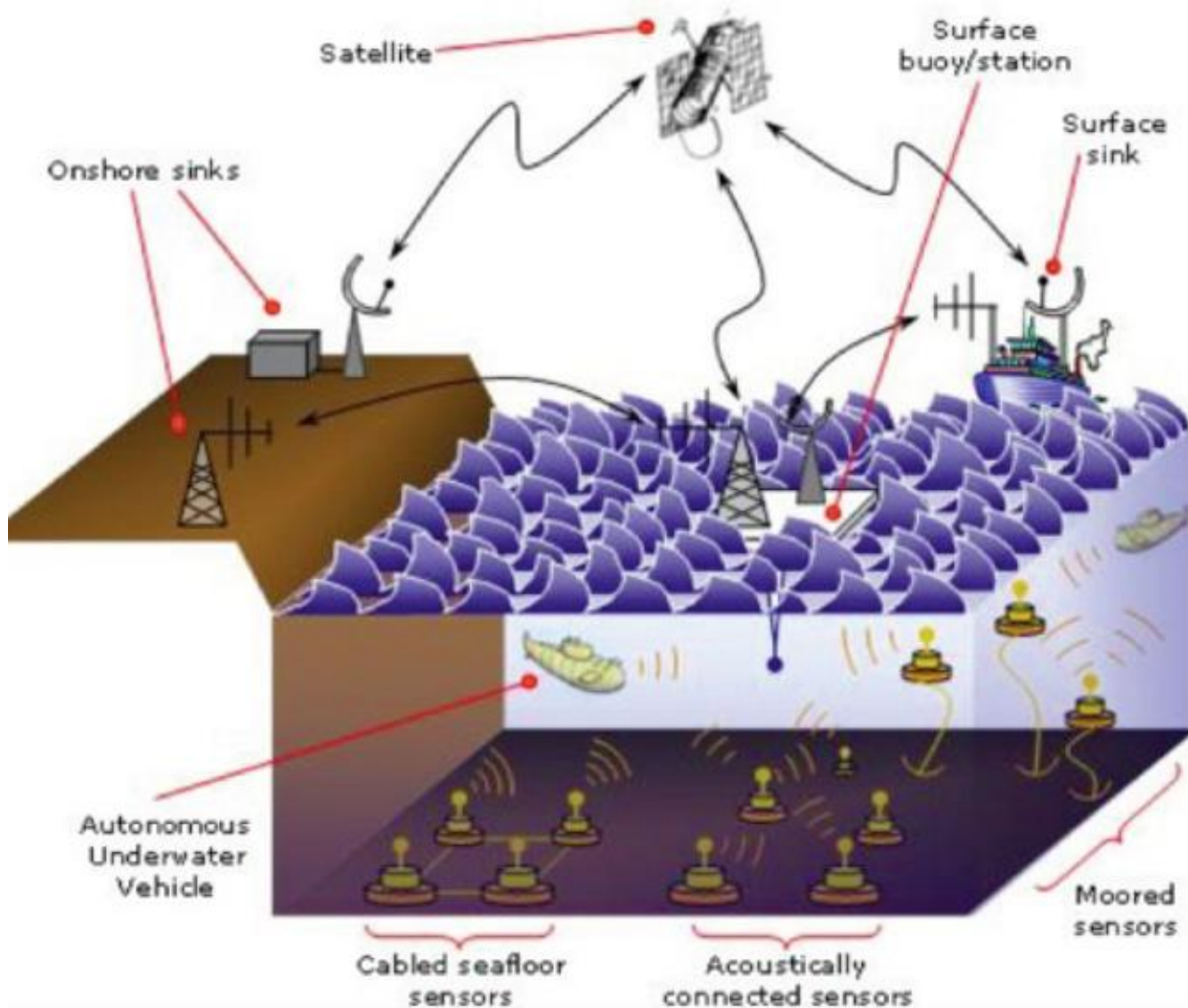


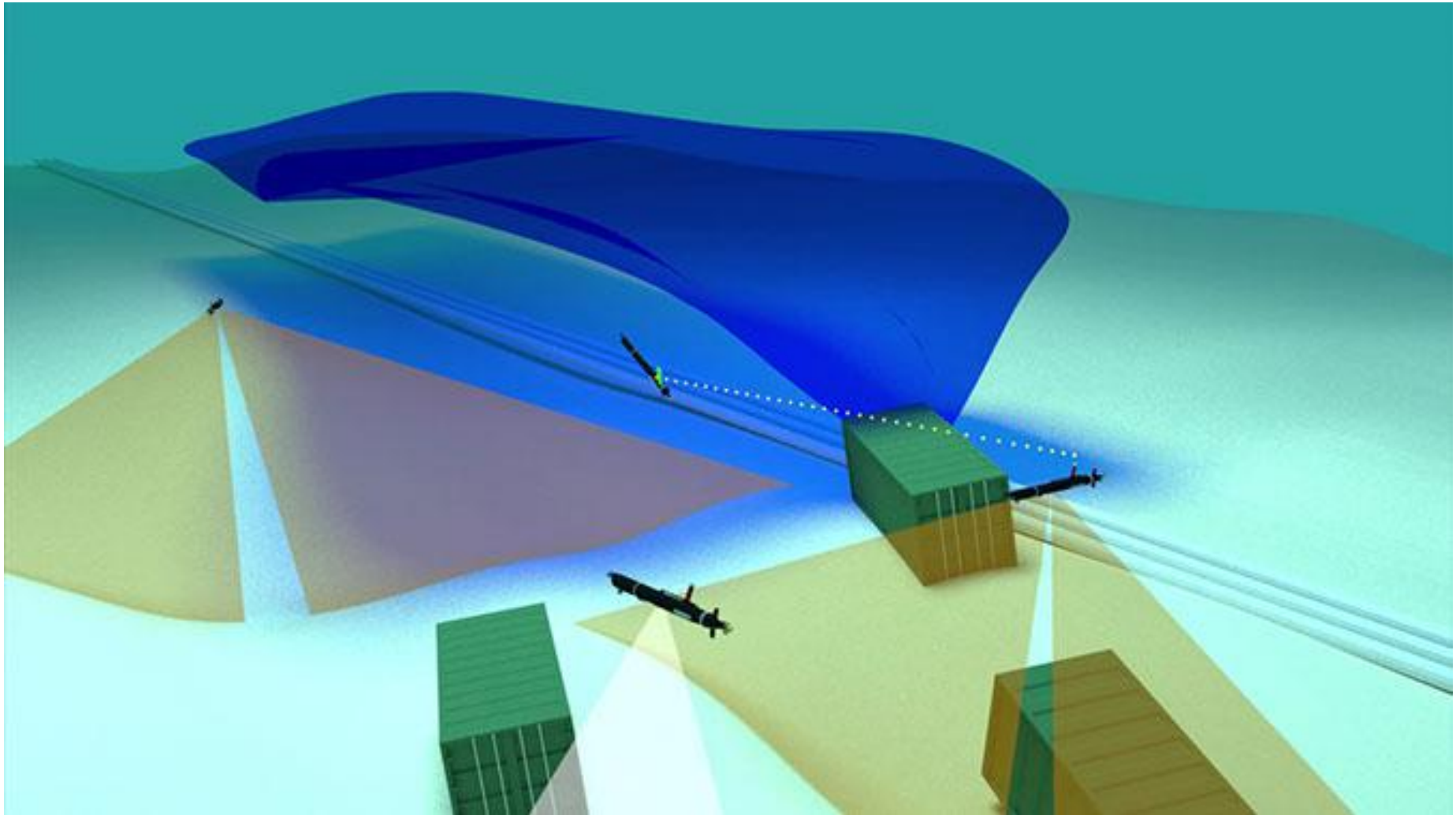
Fig. 2. Architecture for 3D underwater sensor networks.



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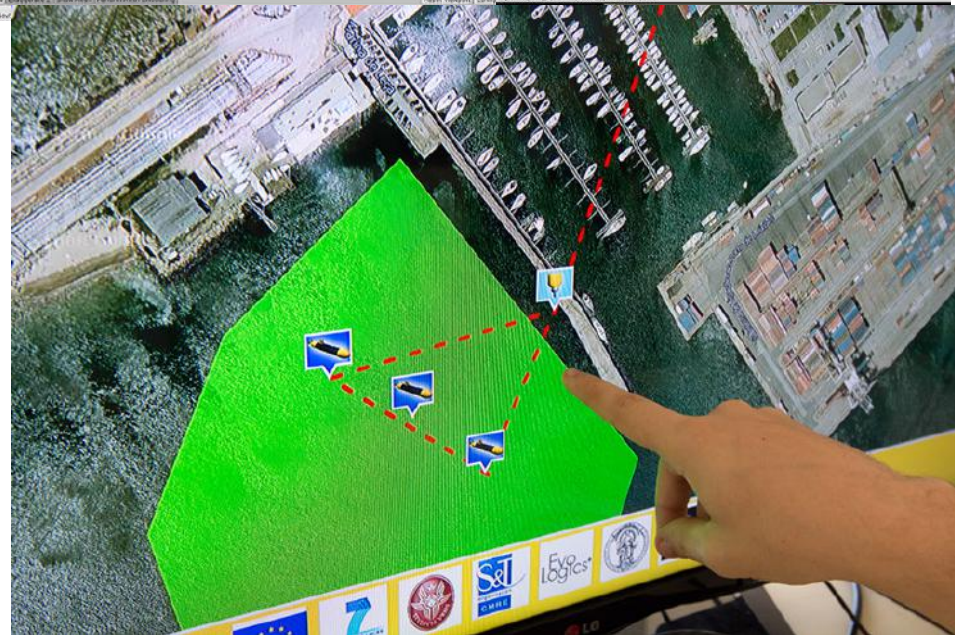
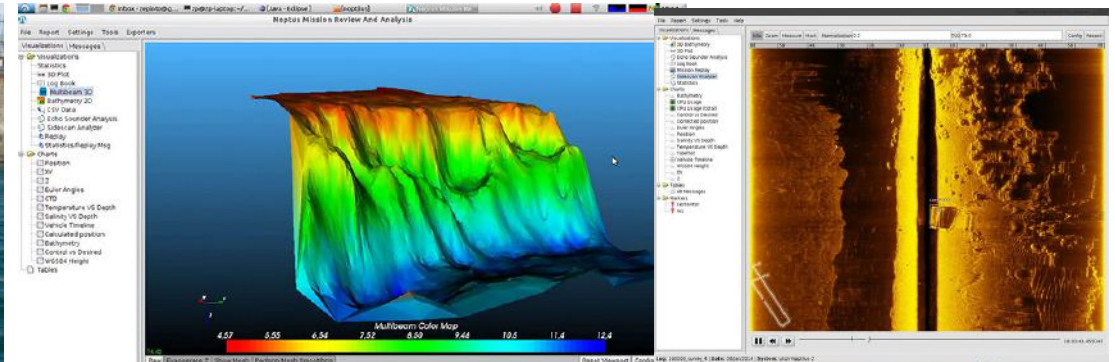


# Underwater Wireless Sensor Networks





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Interoperable

Reliable

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Secure

Low cost

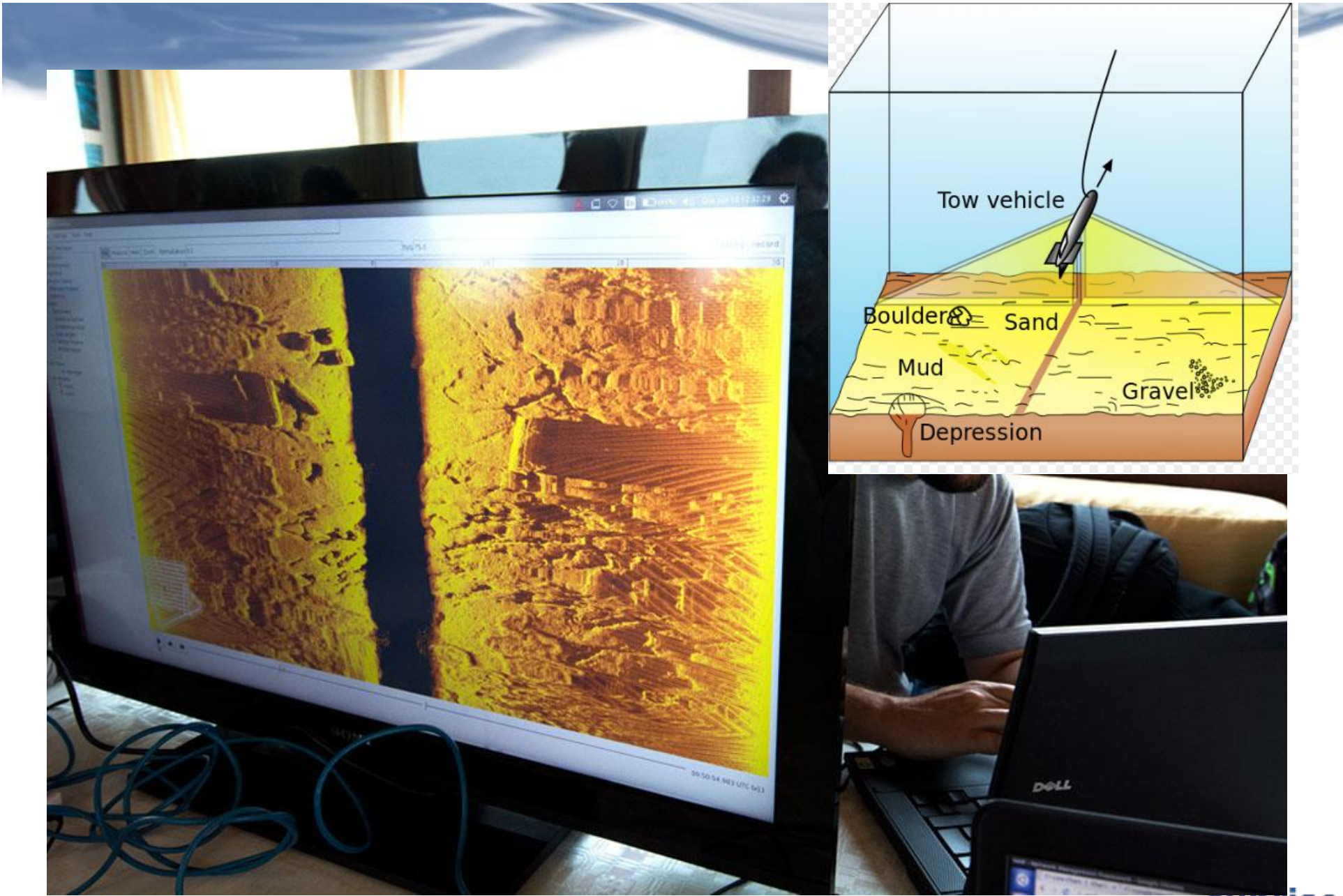




# **SUNRISE- Building the Internet of Underwater Things**

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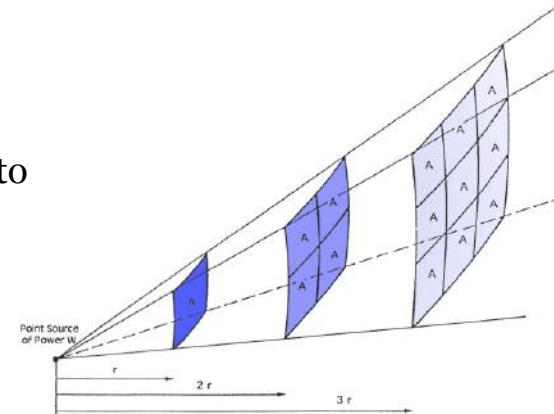




# Waves propagation

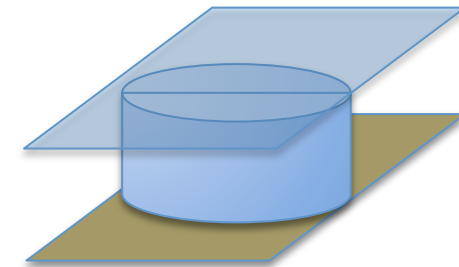
## Radio waves in free space

- Speed:  $3 * 10^8$  m / sec
- In the presence of an obstacle the wave is partially reflected
- In the absence of obstacles, the wave propagates in a straight line (up to a certain limit).
- The power incident on the same surface element diminishes with the inverse square of the distance ( $\sim 1/r^2$ ).



## Acoustic waves in water

- Speed:  $1.5 * 10^3$  m / sec
- In the presence of an obstacle the wave is partially reflected
- In the absence of obstacles, the wave can bend, due to variations in pressure and temperature.
- Thanks to waves bending, over a certain distance, the wave propagates according to a law of attenuation cylindrical rather than spherical. The power decays (in first approximation) as  $1/r$ .



$$\text{channel attenuation: } A(r, f) = A_0 a(f)^r \frac{1}{r^k}$$

$a(f)$  = absorption coefficient: increases with  $f$

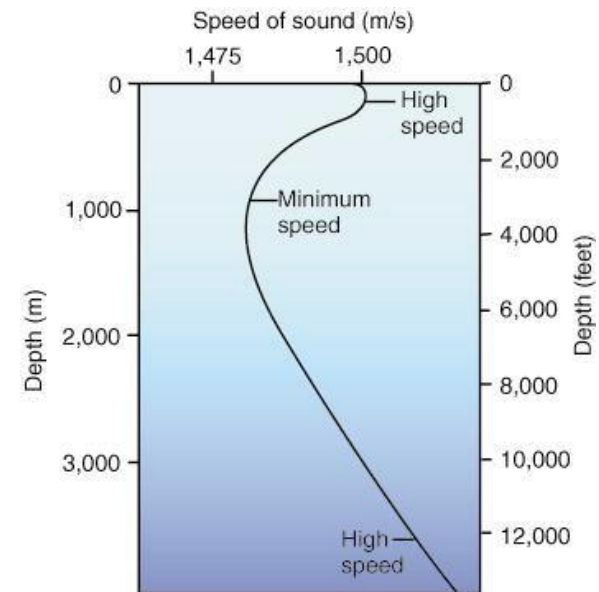
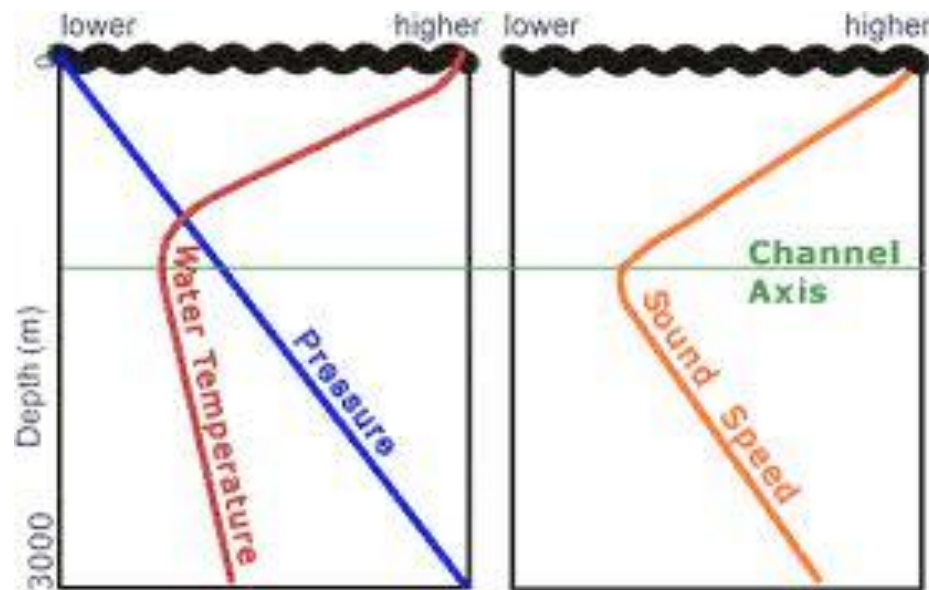




# Waves propagation

## SOUND SPEED PROFILE

- It expresses the speed of propagation of the acoustic wave at the different depths
- It depends on the temperature and pressure at the different depths



- Sound speed profile determines how the acoustic rays bend



# Waves propagation

## Effects of SOUND SPEED PROFILE

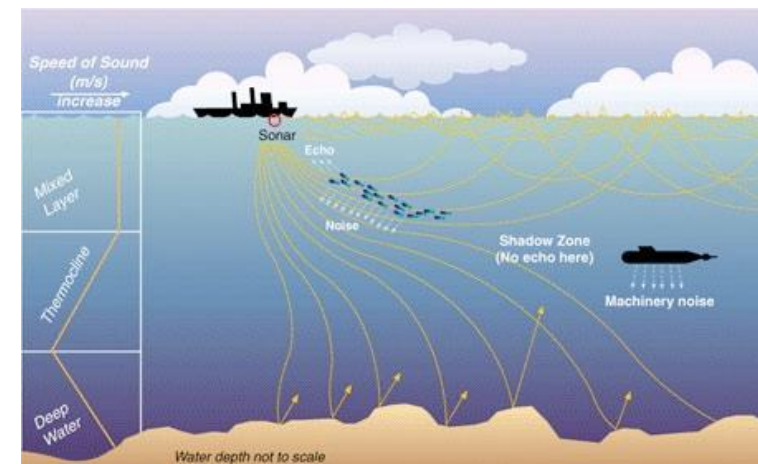
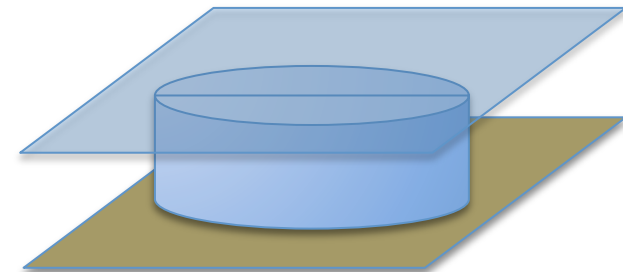
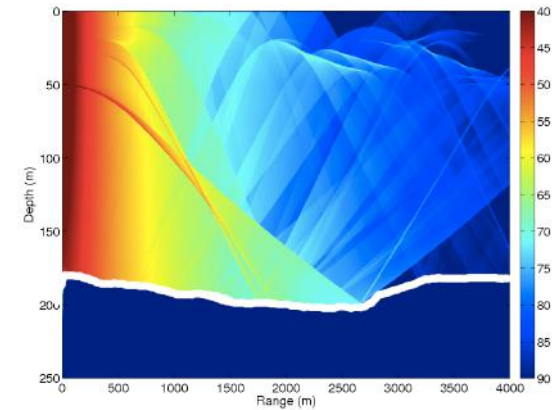
The different speeds at different depths induces rays bending, in particular:

- Cylindrical Propagation: the wave energy expands in two dimensions rather than three, because part of the rays that go towards the surface are folded down and then their energy is "propagated" in the layer of water.
- The sound can propagate for hundreds of kilometers.
- Phenomenon of shadow-zones

Moreover:

Temporal variability due to:

- Currents
- Wave motion on the surface



# Frequency response

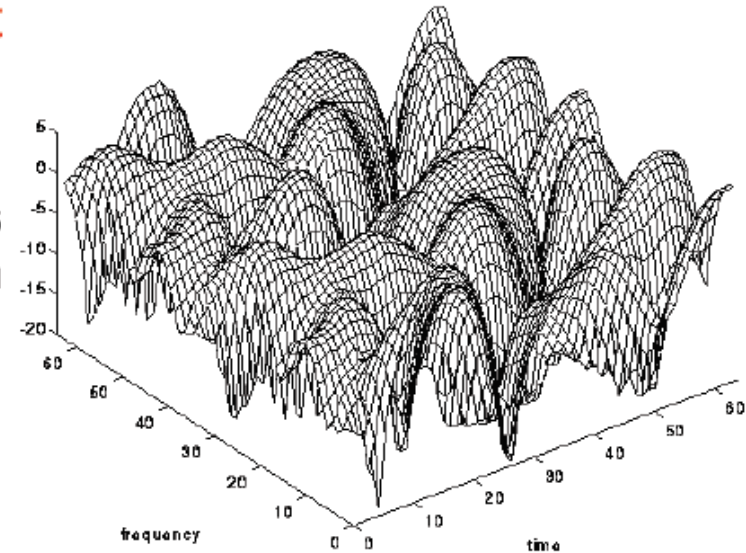
The effects described so far result in different behavior on different frequencies

- The underwater acoustic channel presents significant variations both in time and in frequency
- Time spread and Doppler spreads

It is difficult to obtain sub-orthogonal channels

The noise may come from noise sources (ships, harbor activities), different than acoustic modem.

The interference between nodes is one of the biggest problems for Underwater Acoustic Sensor Networks (UASNs), also due to the long propagation distances).



<http://wuwnet.engr.uconn.edu/papers/p001-preisig.pdf>

sunrise





# MAC comparison

- UASNs MAC characteristics:

Nodal synchronization

Use of control packets for channel acquisition

Ways for accessing the channel

Use of ACKs

Slotted or unslotted time

[http://senseslab.di.uniroma1.it/administrator/components/com\\_jresearch/files/publications/A\\_Comparative\\_Performance\\_Eval.pdf](http://senseslab.di.uniroma1.it/administrator/components/com_jresearch/files/publications/A_Comparative_Performance_Eval.pdf)

The considered protocols are:

CSMA

APCAP (Adaptive Propagation-Delay Collision Avoidance Protocol)

DACAP (Distance Aware Collision Avoidance Protocol)

PDAP



# CSMA

## Random Access with CSMA and backoff:

If the channel is idle, the node transmits

If it is busy, it waits for a backoff time

## Possible use of ACKs,

Limit of  $(2 \cdot \text{delay} + \text{acktime})$  for retransmission

Backoff time  $\sim U[0, T]$  with  $T = 2^{\text{txRetry}}$

Does not require synchronization

## **Slotted version**

slot duration is an important parameter

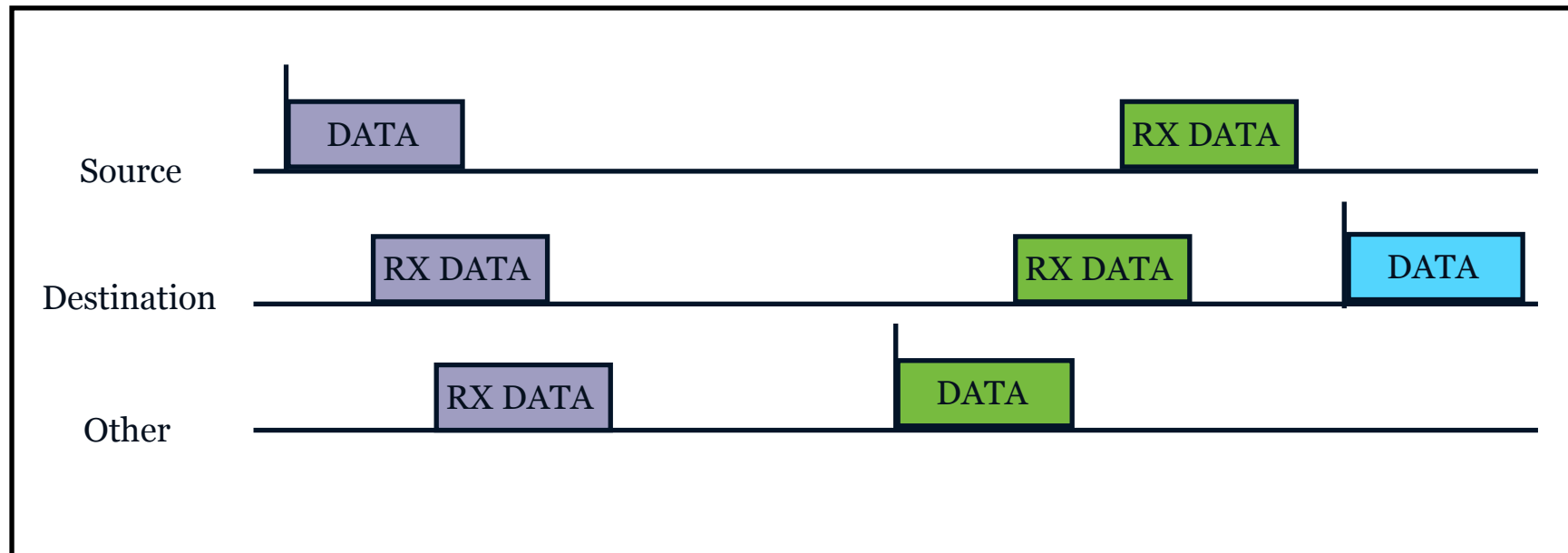
$\text{time\_slot} = \beta \cdot \text{maxDelay} + \text{datatime}$

Requires synchronization



# CSMA

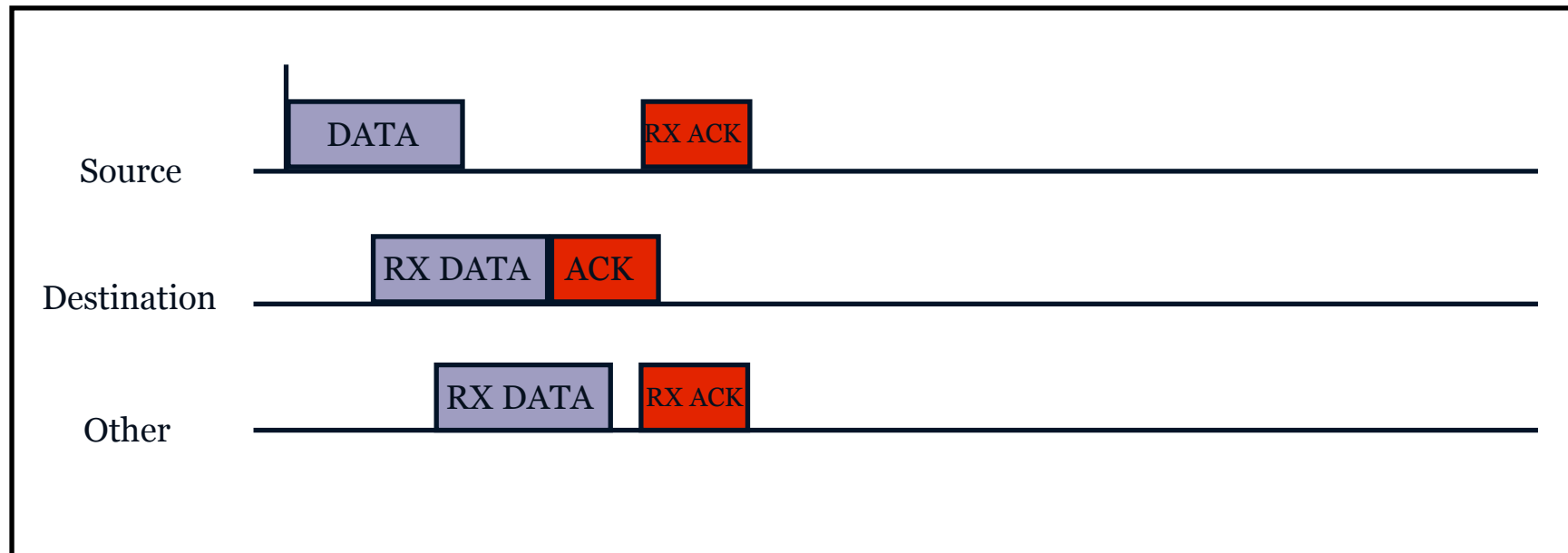
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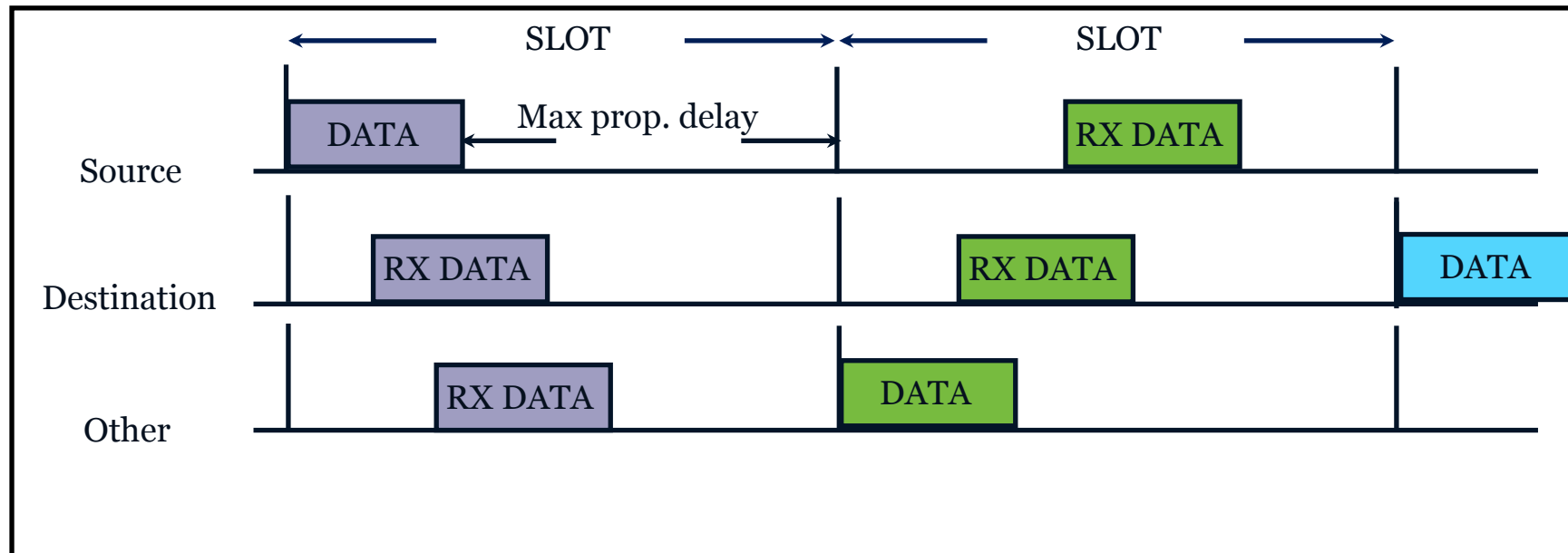
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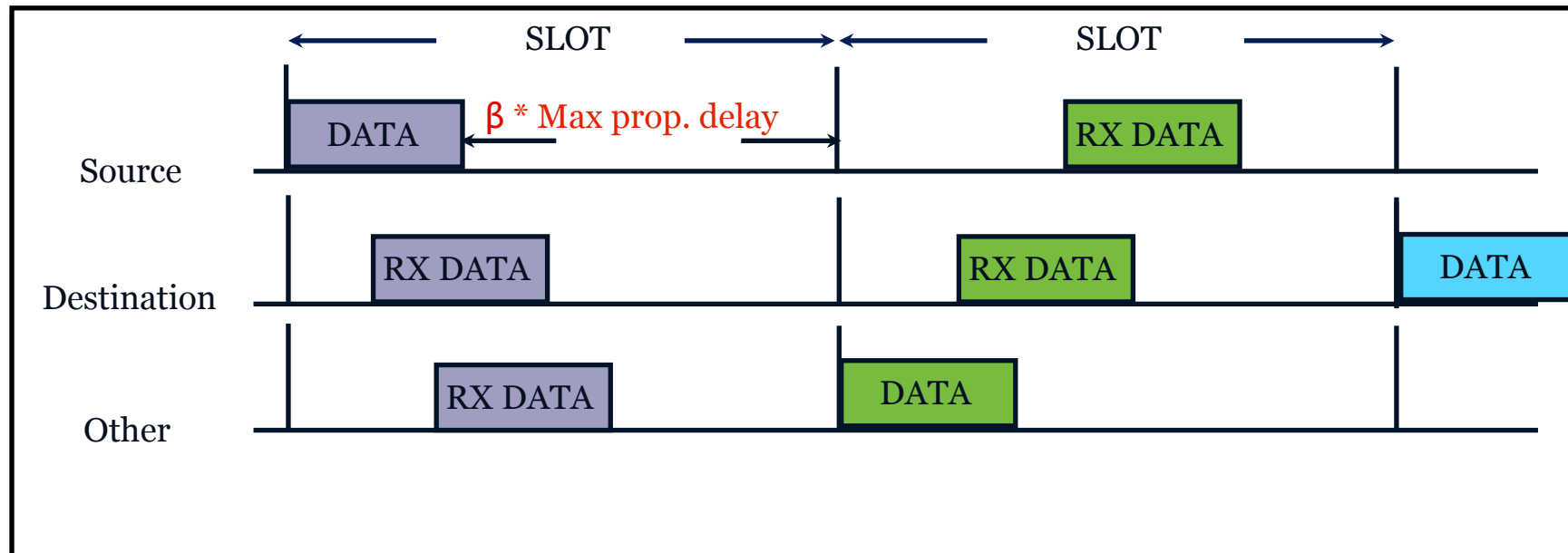
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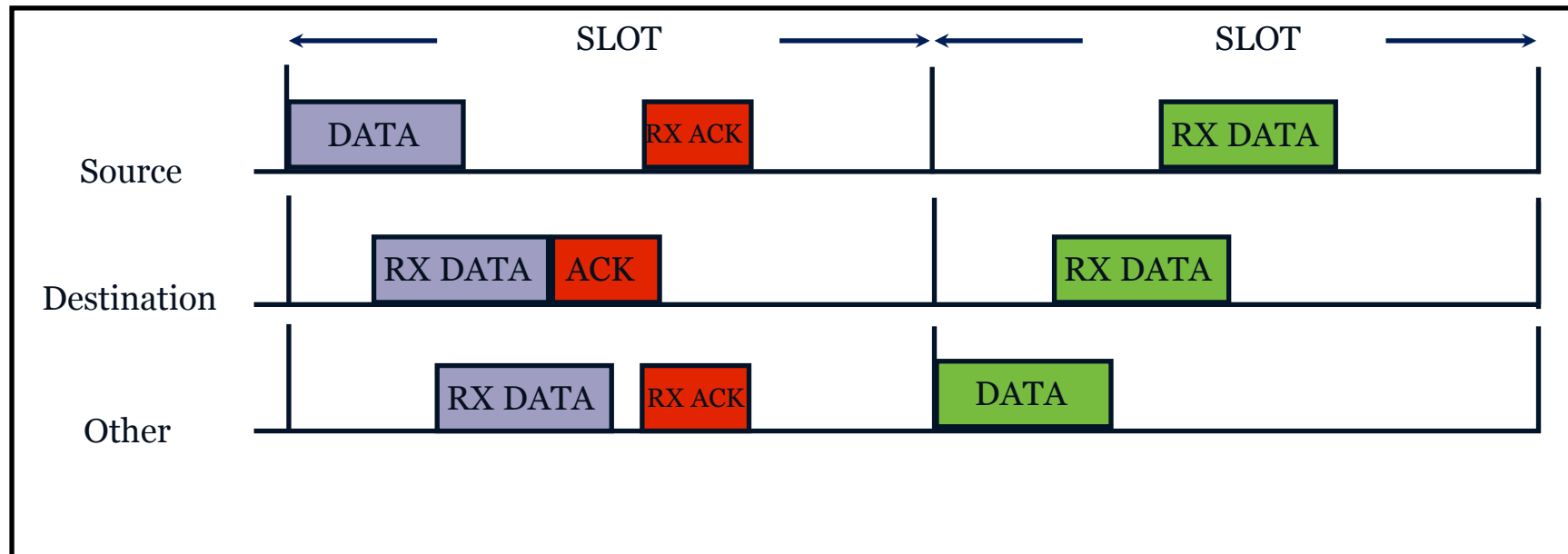
$$\beta = 0.5$$





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$$\text{SLOT} = \text{TxTime}(\text{DATA}) + \text{TxTime}(\text{ACK}) + \text{Max propagation delay}$$



# DACAP distance aware collision avoidance protocol

## Random access. Based on RTS-CTS

- Differently from APCAP, the replies are instantaneous
- Collisions are avoided through the insertion of a WARNING time between the reception of the CTS and the actual data transmission.
- During this interval, the receiver can send a WARNING packet if it hears any control packet from other nodes.
- Likewise the sender can overhear control packets.
- If the sender receives a warning or listens to other control packets during the warning time, it aborts the data transmission.
- The challenge is the best choice of the WARNING time, which is performed through an inference of the sender-receiver distance obtained by measuring the RTS CTS round trip delay

No synchronization required



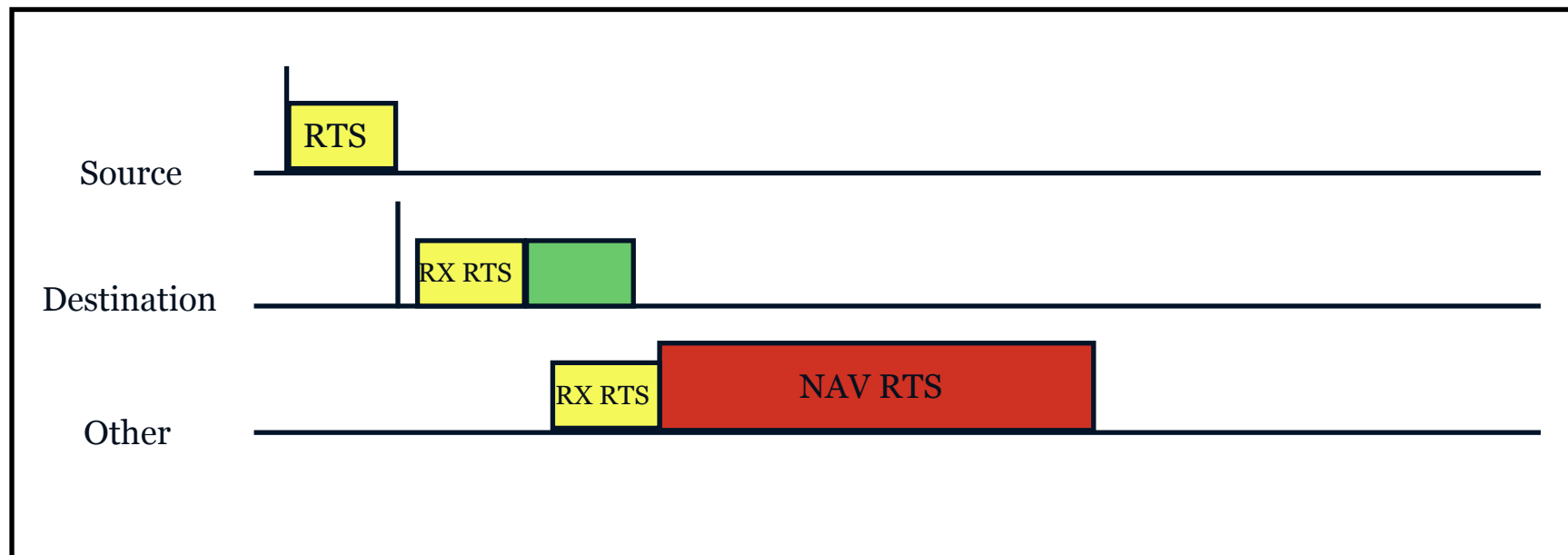
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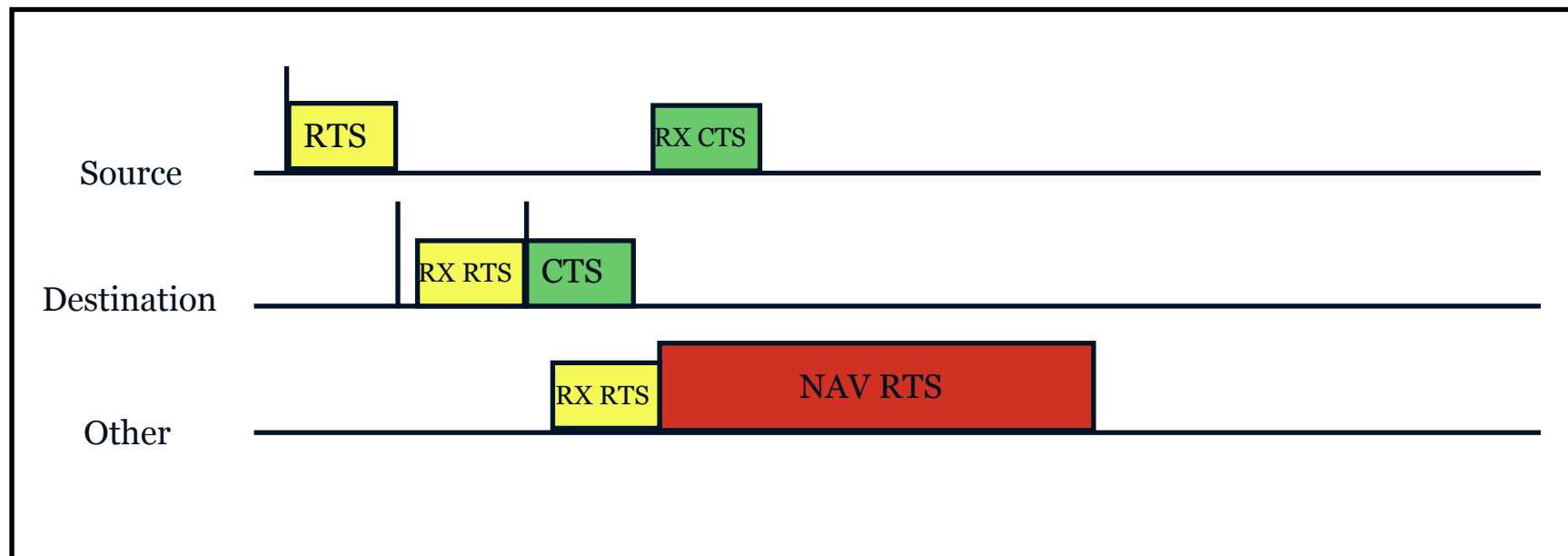
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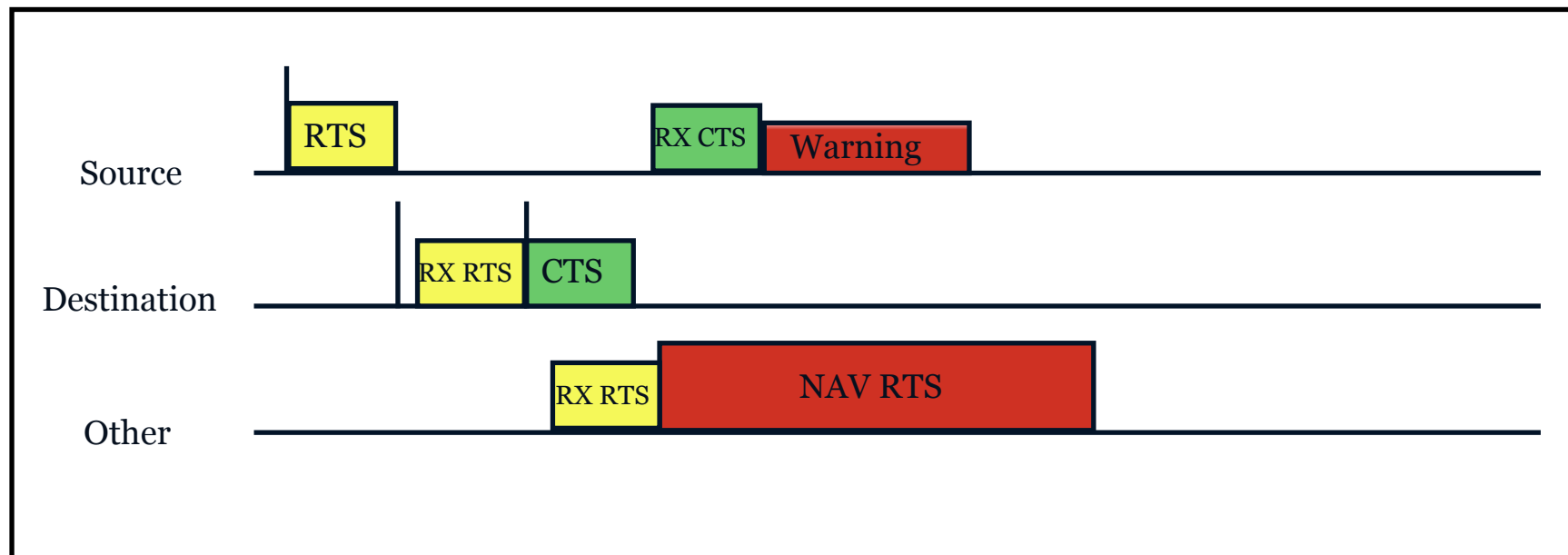
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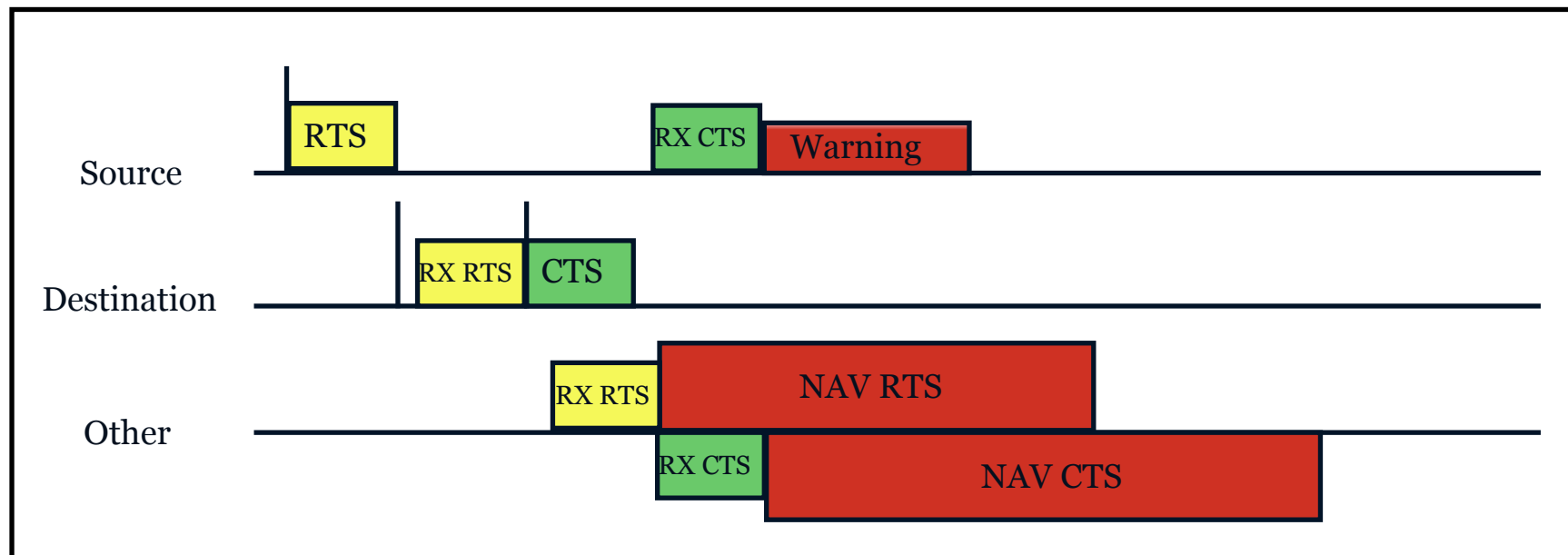
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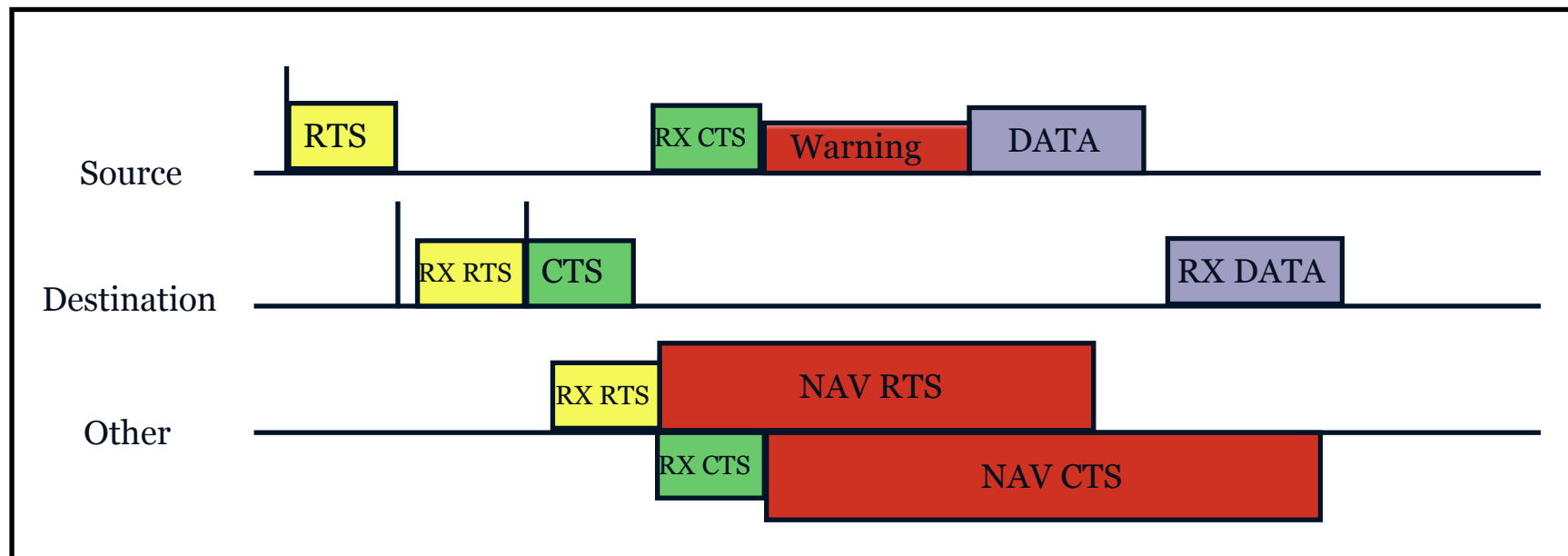
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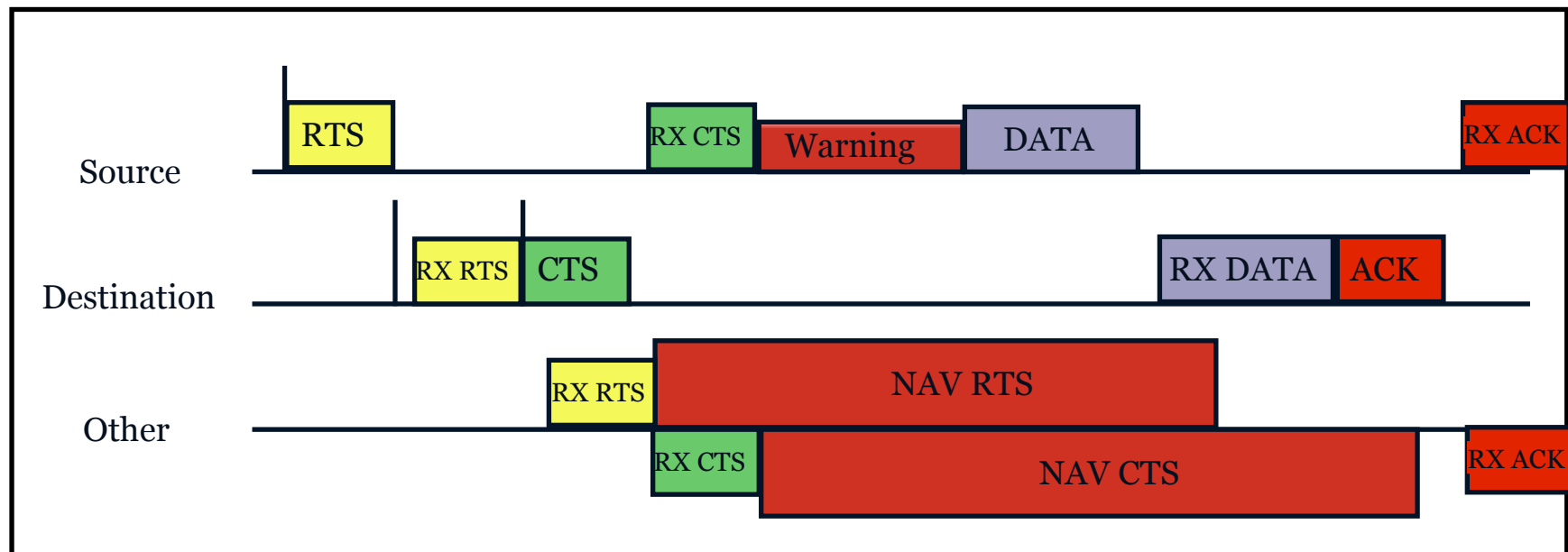
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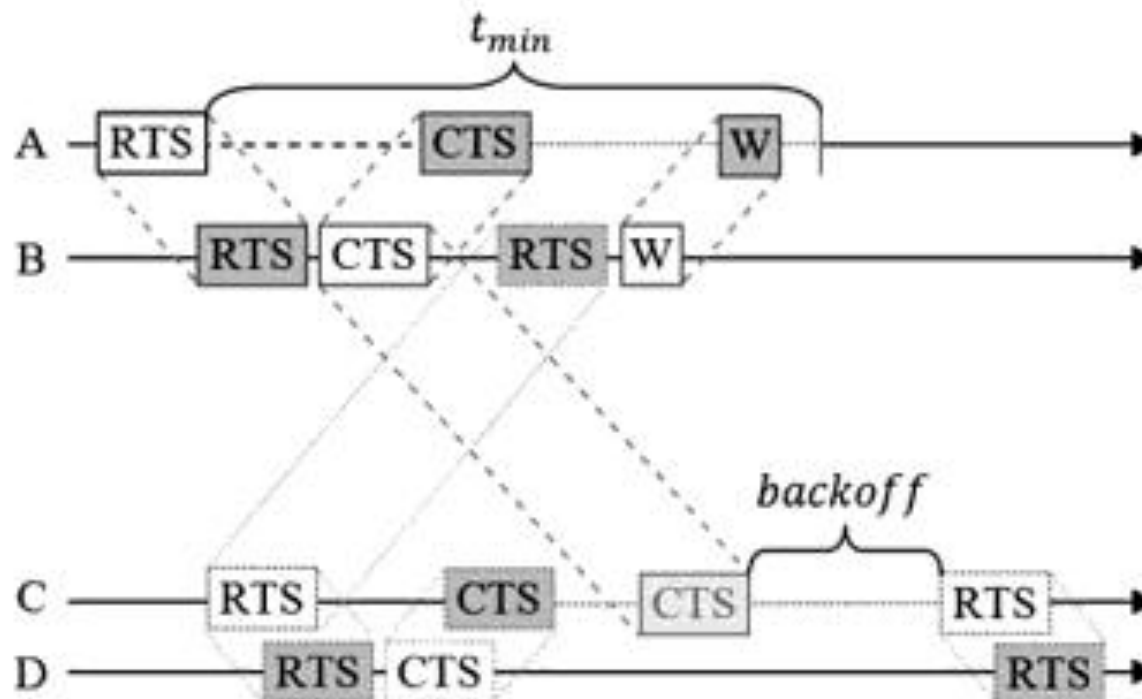
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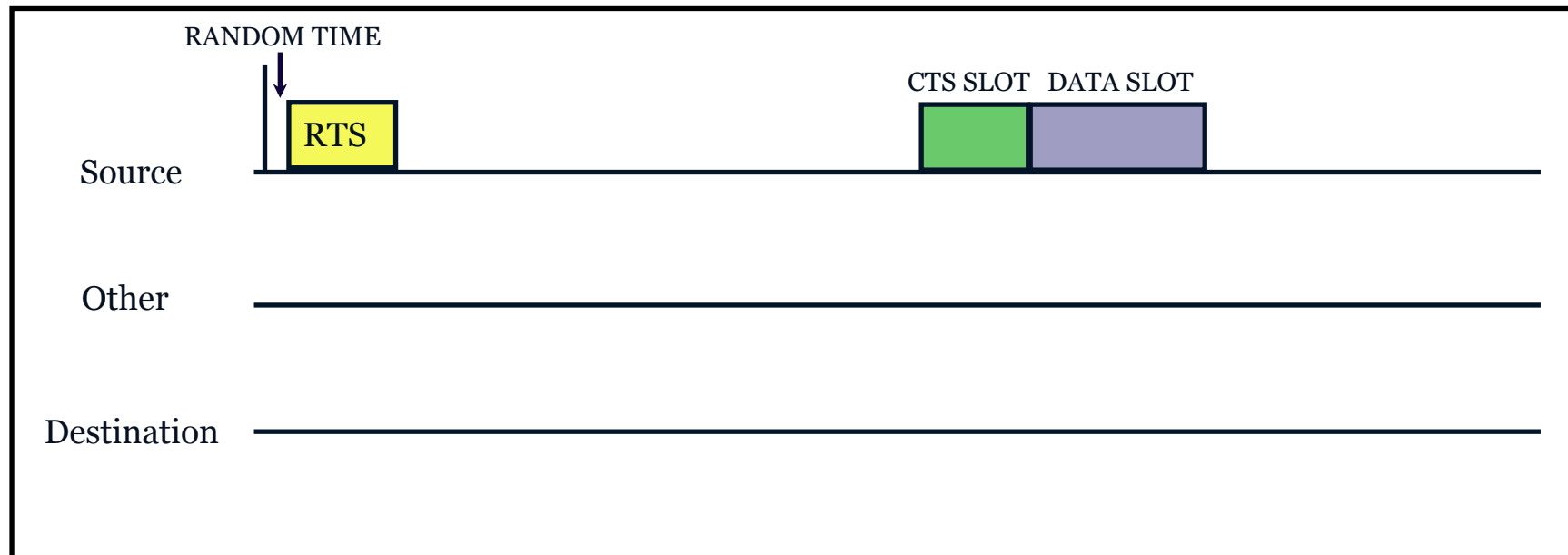
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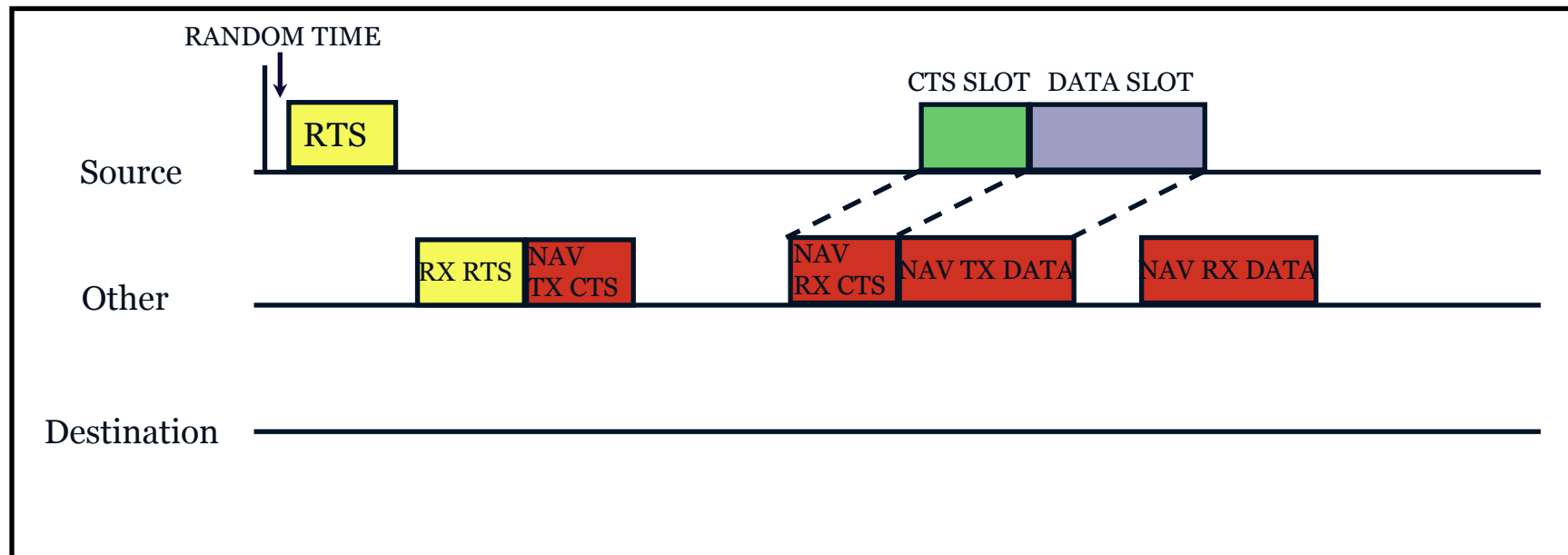
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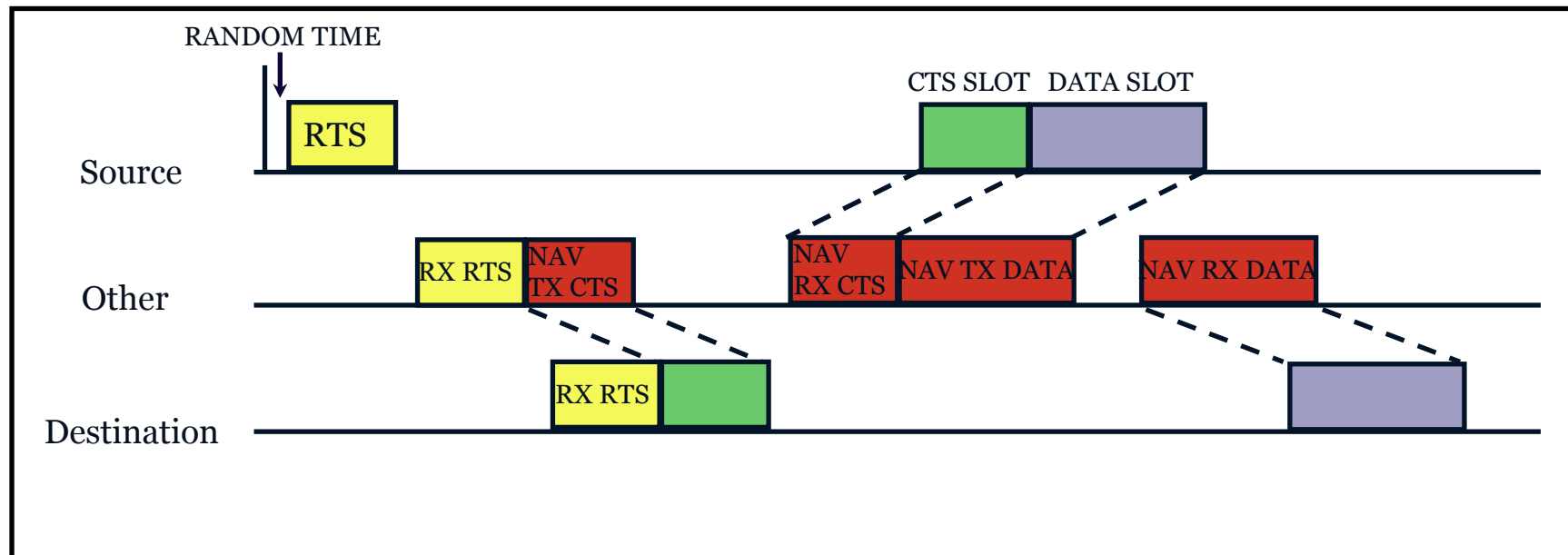
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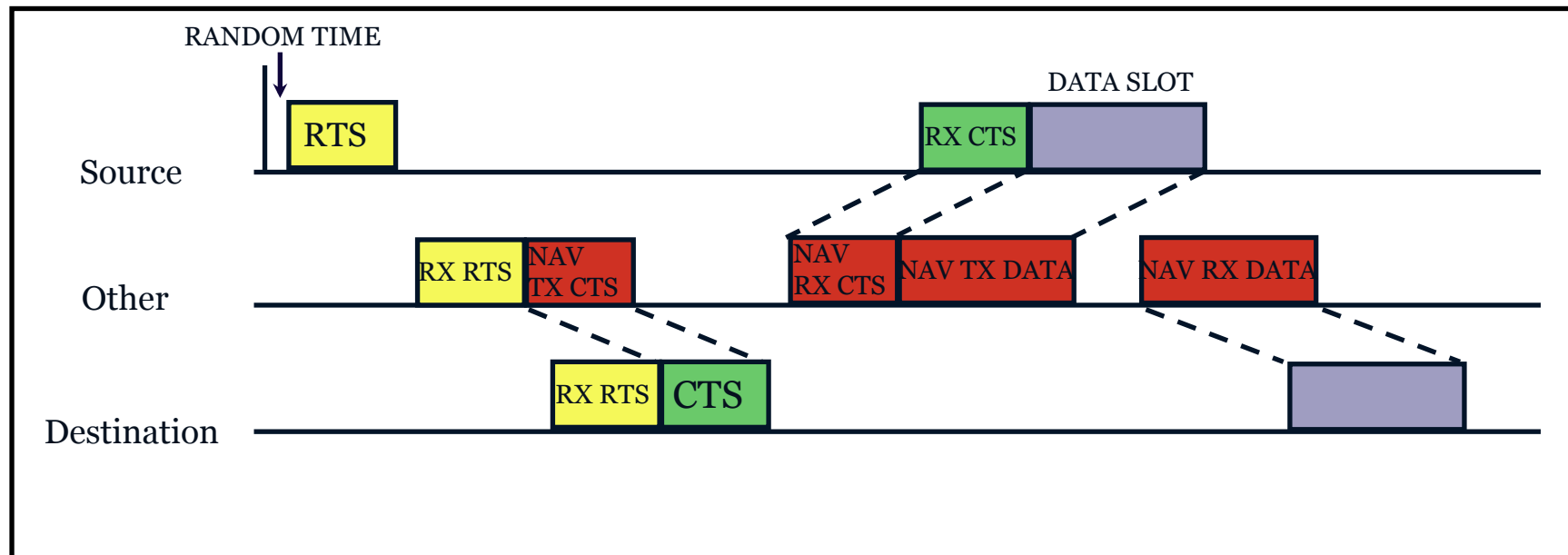
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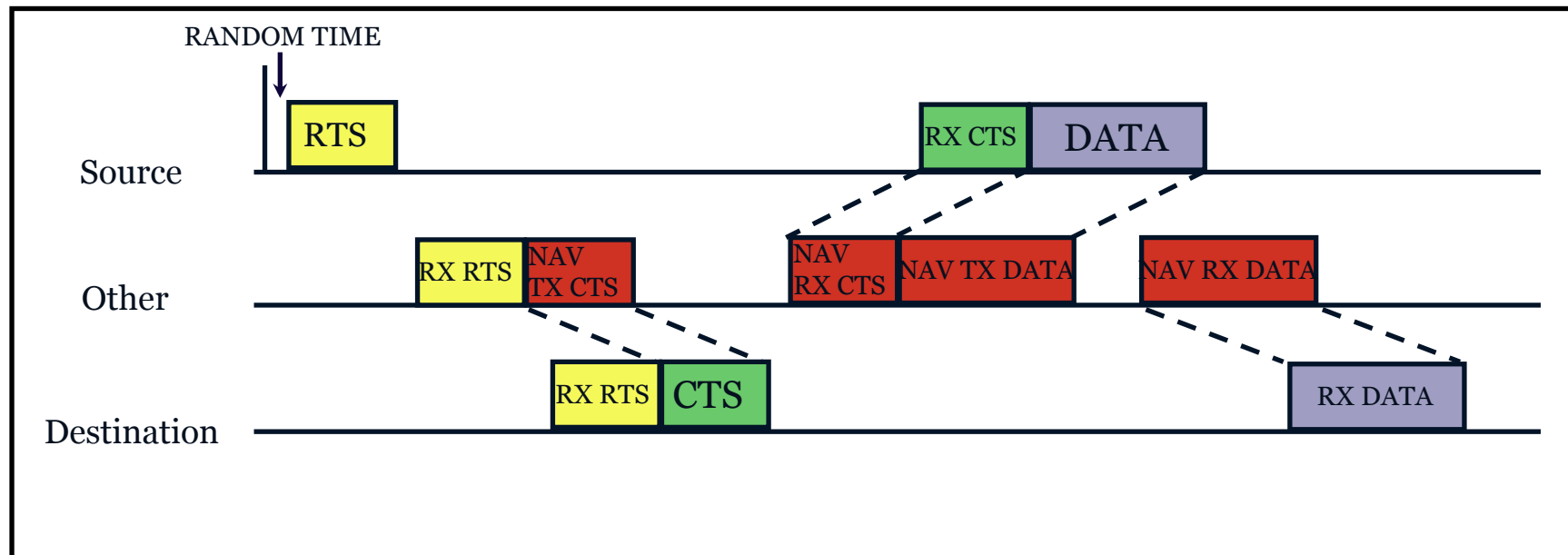
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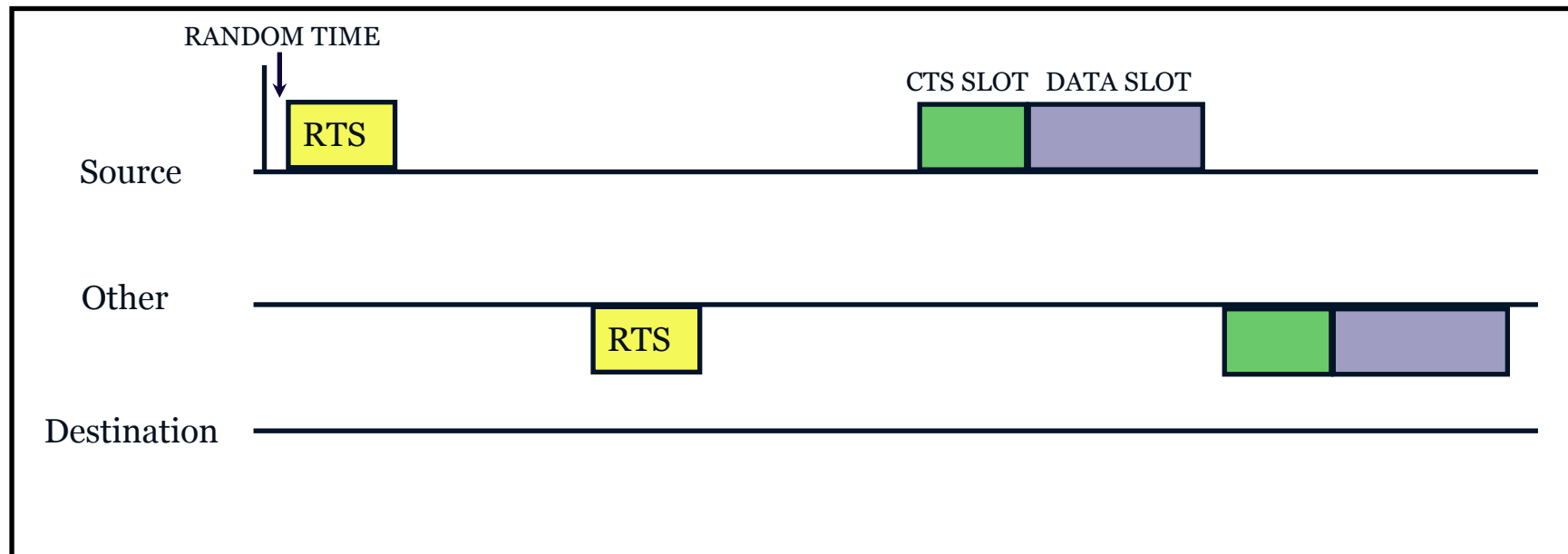
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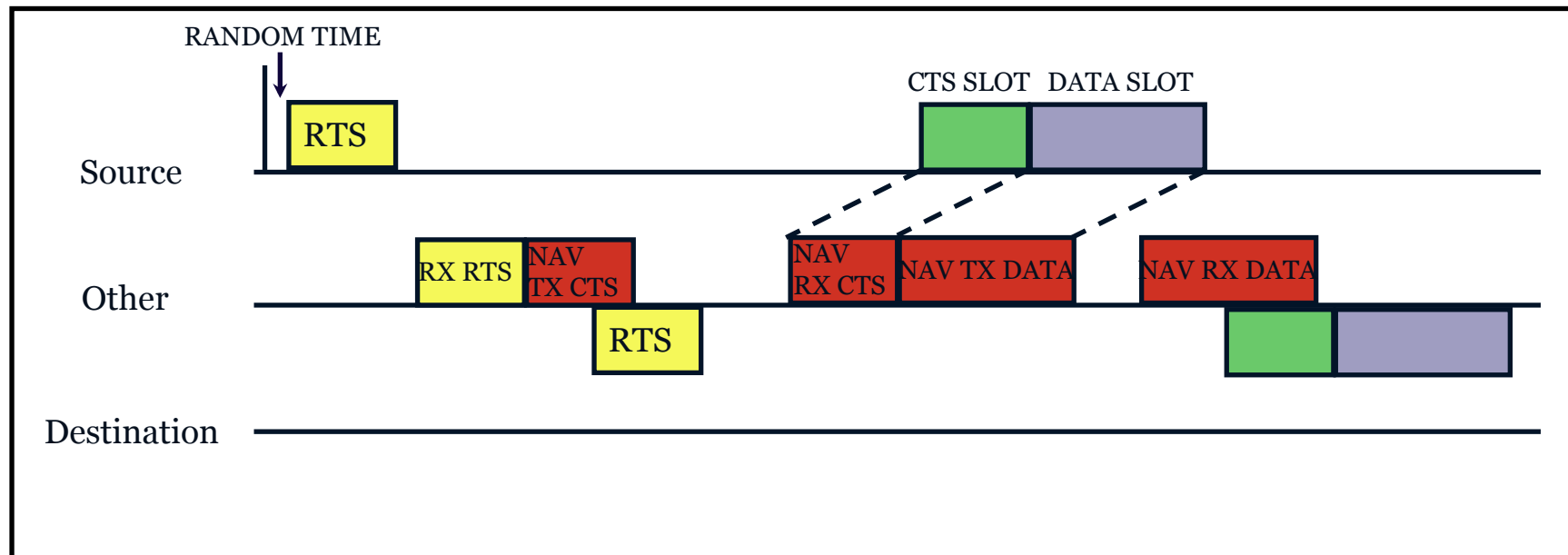
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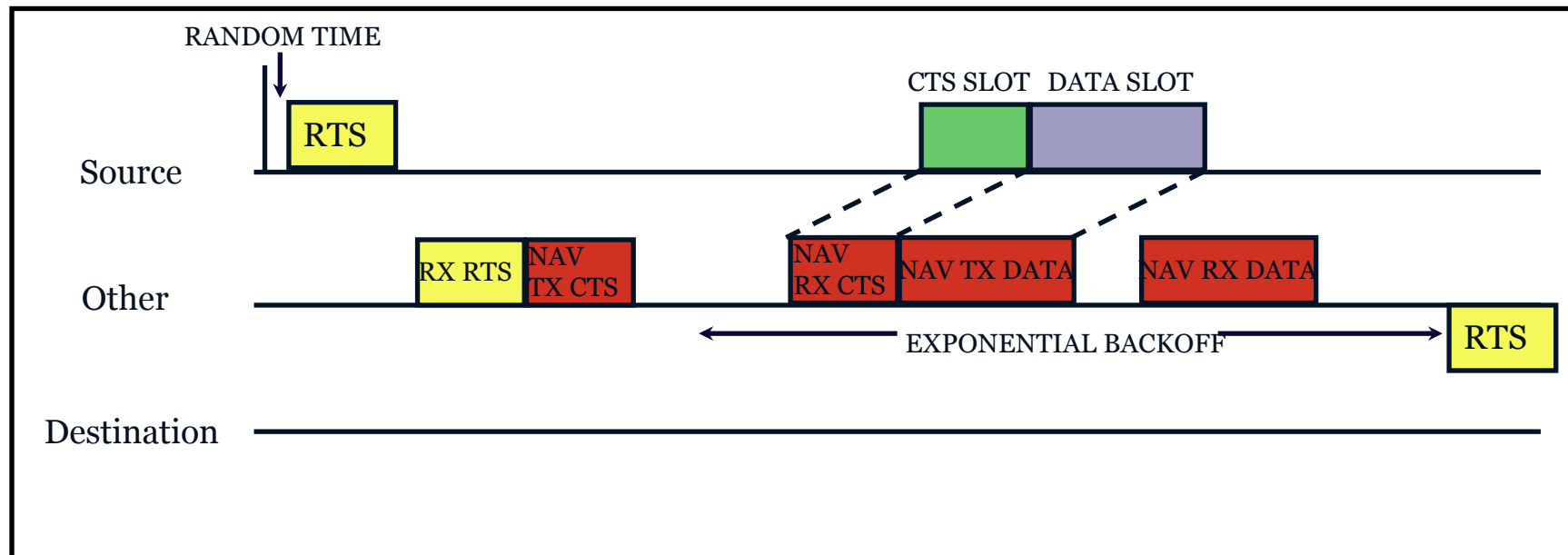
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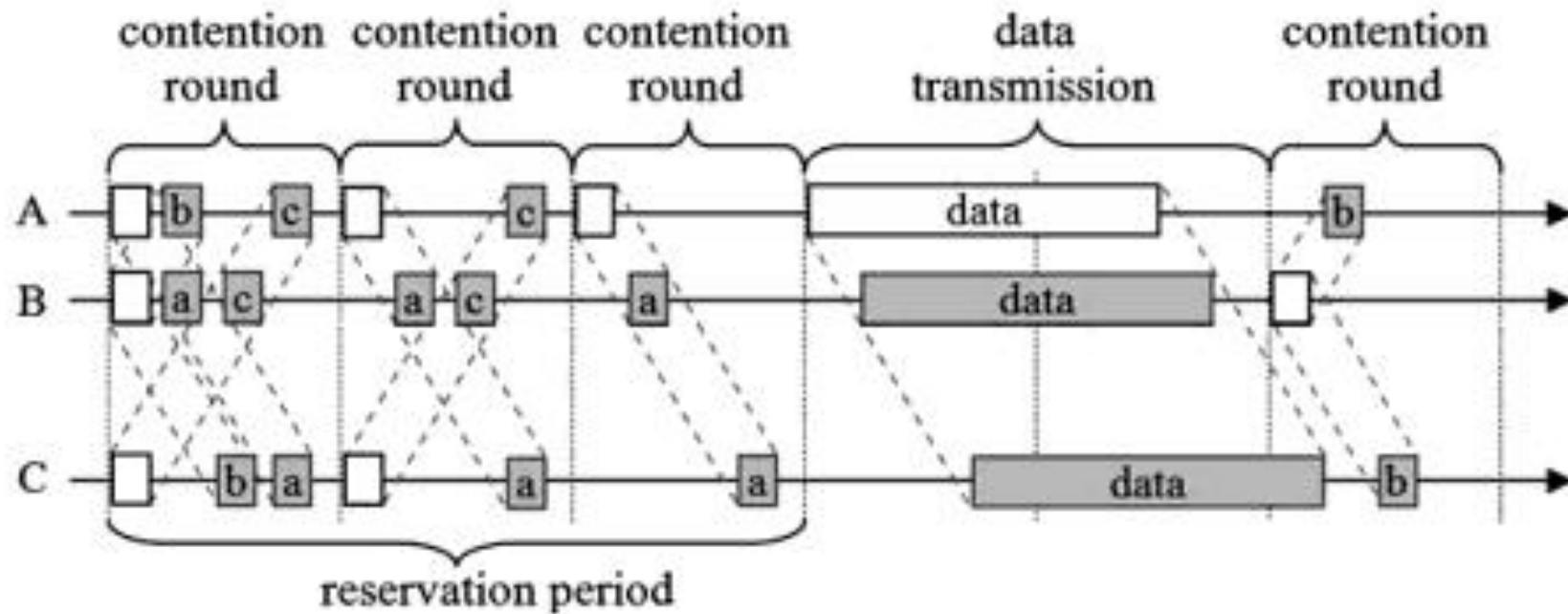
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# Performance evaluation (parameters)

New ns2-based simulation framework for performance comparison

- ① Shallow water scenario
- ② N static nodes randomly and uniformly scattered on the lower face of a cuboid  $L \times L$  (base)  $\times H$ , where  $H = 200\text{m}$
- ③ Single-hop and multi-hop with shortest path routing scenarios
- ④ Different average nodal degrees (5, 10 and 15)
- ⑤ Acoustic modem transmission range set to 1000m
- ⑥ Poisson traffic process with different rate (low traffic up to high traffic)
- ⑦ Three data rates: 2000bps, 8000bps and 28000bps
- ⑧ Data packet size set to 2400 bits
- ⑨ Physical header size set to 60 bytes



# Performance evaluation (metrics of interest)

- ④ Percentage of data packets sent
- ④ Percentage of data packets received
- ④ Percentage of data packets lost
- ④ End-to-end latency
- ④ Goodput





# Performance evaluation (Results)

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2000bps (transmission delay is twice the maximum propagation delay)

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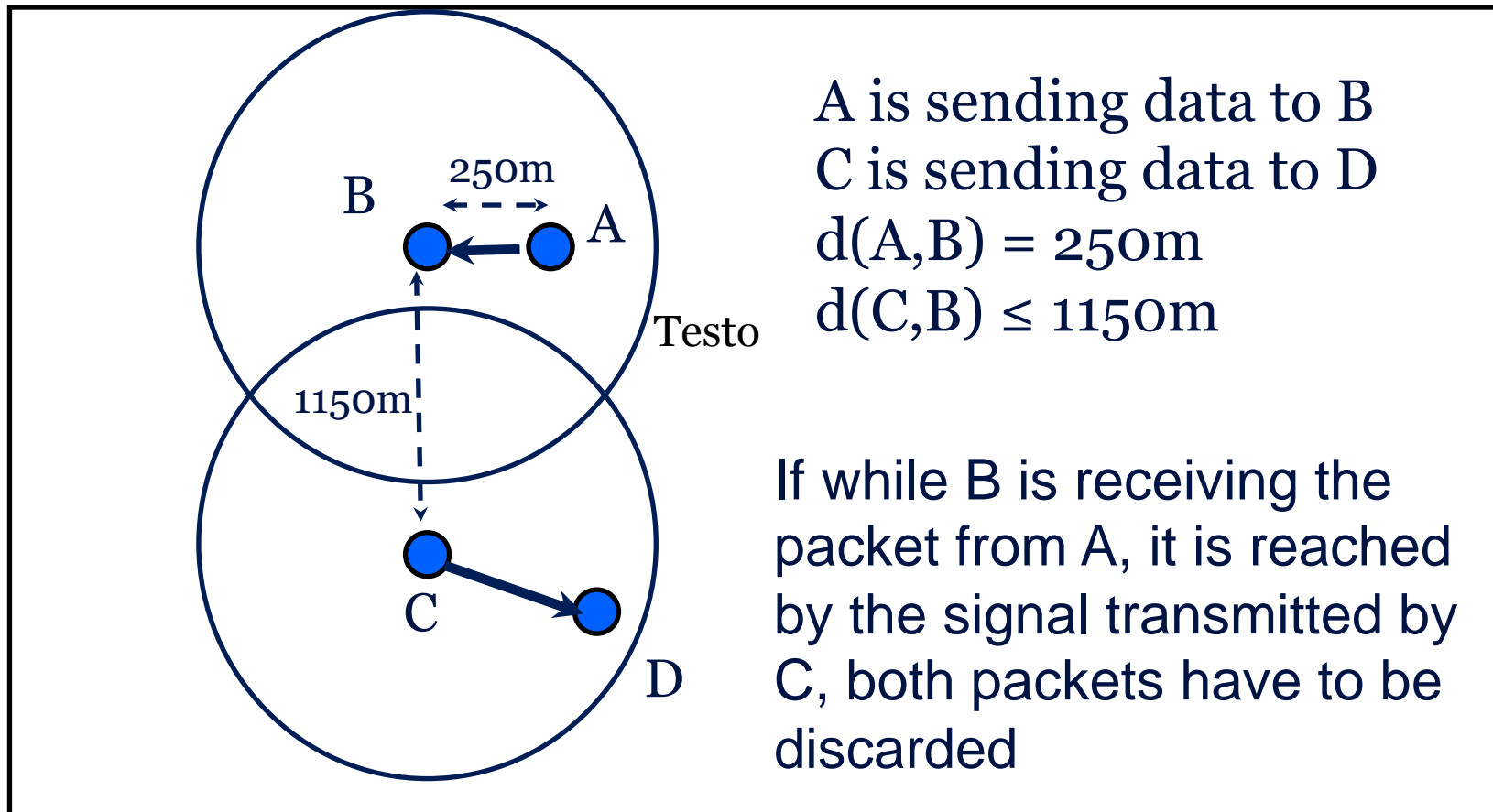
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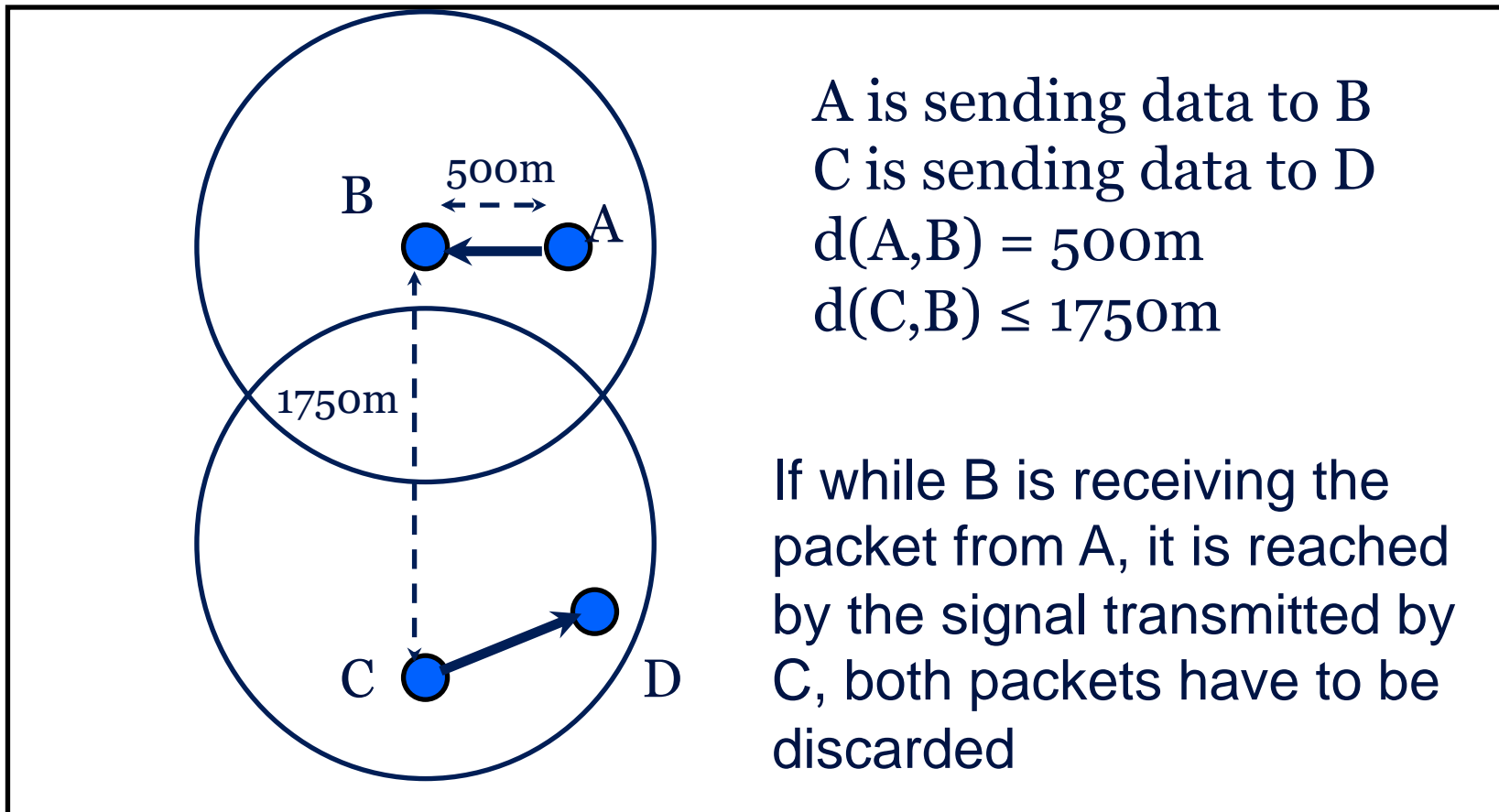


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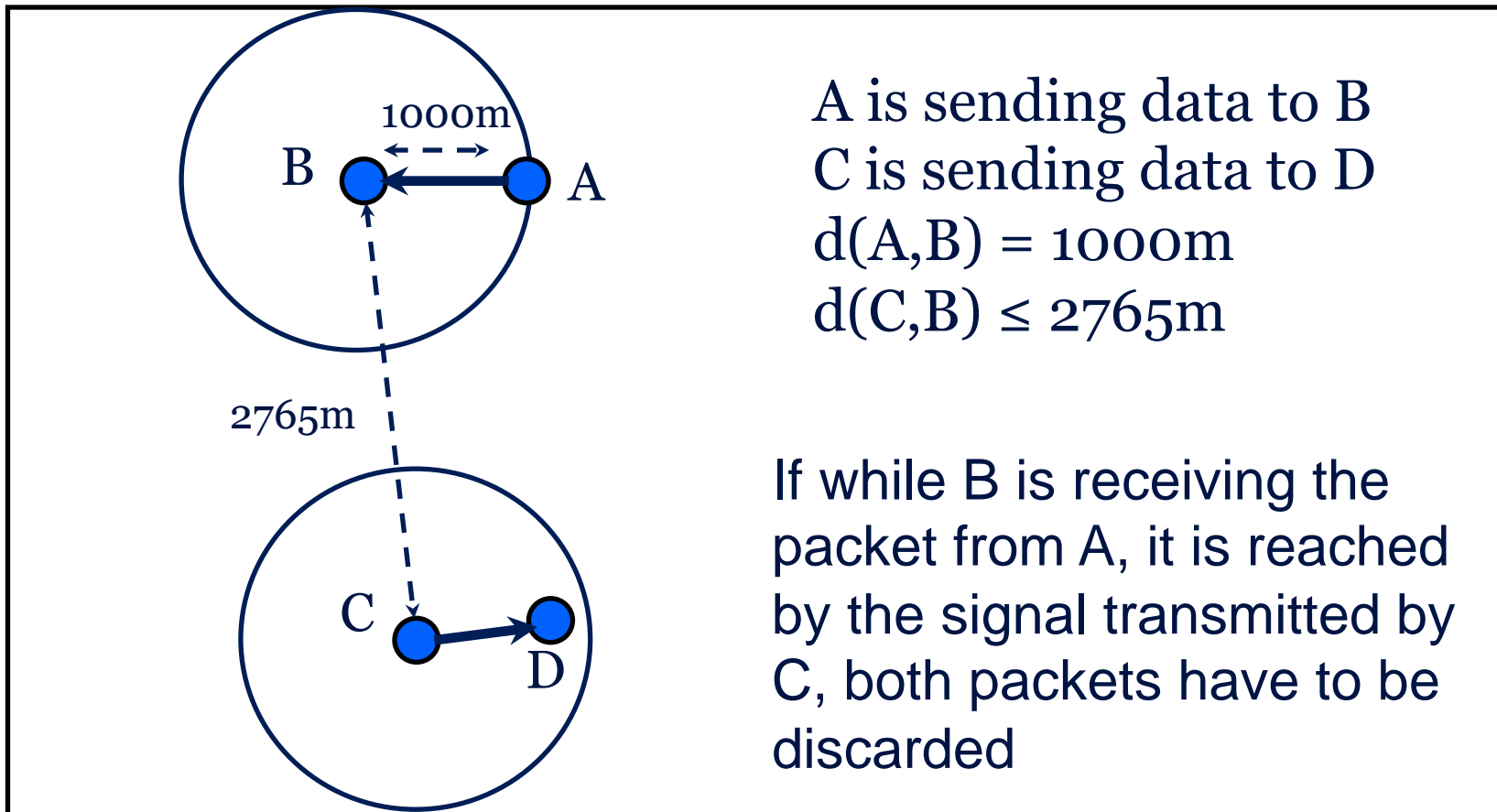
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# Multi-hop scenarios

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# Performance evaluation (Results)

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100% Data delivery 2000bps	-	-	-	-	-
		-	$\lambda \leq 0,05$ ACKs	$\lambda \leq 0,05$ ACKs	

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more than 90% data delivery 28000bps	$\lambda \leq 0,13$	$\lambda \leq 0,11$ no ACKs	$\lambda \leq 0,13$ no ACKs	$\lambda \leq 0,13$ no ACKs	$\lambda \leq 0,12$
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# Towards adaptive, cross layer network protocols

New protocol solutions are needed to make the use of underwater networks really effective

- They must be lightweight
- To optimize trade-offs among PDR, energy consumption, latency → They should be adaptive



Cross-layering approaches needed to account also for e.g., channel quality in making decisions on relay selection

[http://senseslab.di.uniroma1.it/administrator/components/com\\_jresearch/files/publications/CARP\\_A\\_Channel\\_aware\\_Routing\\_P.pdf](http://senseslab.di.uniroma1.it/administrator/components/com_jresearch/files/publications/CARP_A_Channel_aware_Routing_P.pdf)



# CARP

- **CARP (Channel Aware Routing Protocol)** is a cross-layer protocol based on short control packet (RTS/CTS) handshaking to access the channel and to determine next hop relay. First solution of SoA considering link quality on relay selection.
- Power control is used to obtain similar Packet Error Rates for both control and data packets.
- The relay selection is based on cross-layer information carried by the RTS/CTS packets:
  - Link quality (based on the success of past data/control packets transmissions to the neighbors).
  - Distance in hop from the sink node (Hop Count).
  - Node residual energy.
  - Node storage capacity.
- Data packet trains are used to reduce the handshaking overhead.

**sunrise**





# CARP description

When CARP starts there is a set-up phase to collect information on the network topology.

- HELLO packets are flooded from the sink through the network, containing the hop count (HC) of the sender to reach the sink,  $HC(\text{sink}) = 0$ .
- Each node  $x$  receiving an HELLO packet from a node  $y$  updates its HC, if needed:
  - If  $HC(x) > (\text{HELLO}(HC(y)) + 1)$ .
  - $x$  updates its  $HC(x)$  to  $(\text{HELLO}(HC(y))+1)$ .
  - $x$  retransmits the HELLO packet containing its  $HC(x)$ .



# CARP description

When a node  $x$  has a train of data to transmit:

- It broadcast a PING packet containing the number of packet that  $x$  wants to transmit and its hop count.
- Each eligible node  $y$  receiving a PING packet replies with a PONG packet containing its HC, residual energy, storage capacity and capability in relaying packet towards the sink.
- Relaying capability ( $Lq$ ) is defined as an exponential moving average on the success ratio of data packet transmissions.

- When  $x$  receives the PONG packets, it selects the best relay computing neighbor nodes goodness:

$$\text{goodness}(y) = Lq(y) + Lq(x,y)$$

- The node  $i$  with the highest ratio  $\text{goodness}(i) / \text{HC}(i)$  is chosen as the relay. Energy and storage information are used to break ties. The number of data packets that will be sent depends on the PONG storage capacity value.



# CARP description

To select links which are reliable for long data packets, making use of short control messages exchange we proceed this way:

- Let's say  $P_{\text{data}}$  is the power used for data packet transmissions, it will result in a Bit error rate  $BER_{\text{data}}$  and Packet error rate  $PER_{\text{data}}$ .
- Using  $P_{\text{data}}$  for short packets we obtain the same Bit error rate but a lower Packet Error Rate having less bit to be received,  $PER_{\text{control}} < PER_{\text{data}}$ .
- We select a lower transmission power  $P_{\text{control}} < P_{\text{data}}$  such that  $BER_{\text{control}} > BER_{\text{data}}$  and  $PER_{\text{control}} \sim PER_{\text{data}}$ .
- Selected link using short control packet will be reliable also for data packet transmissions.



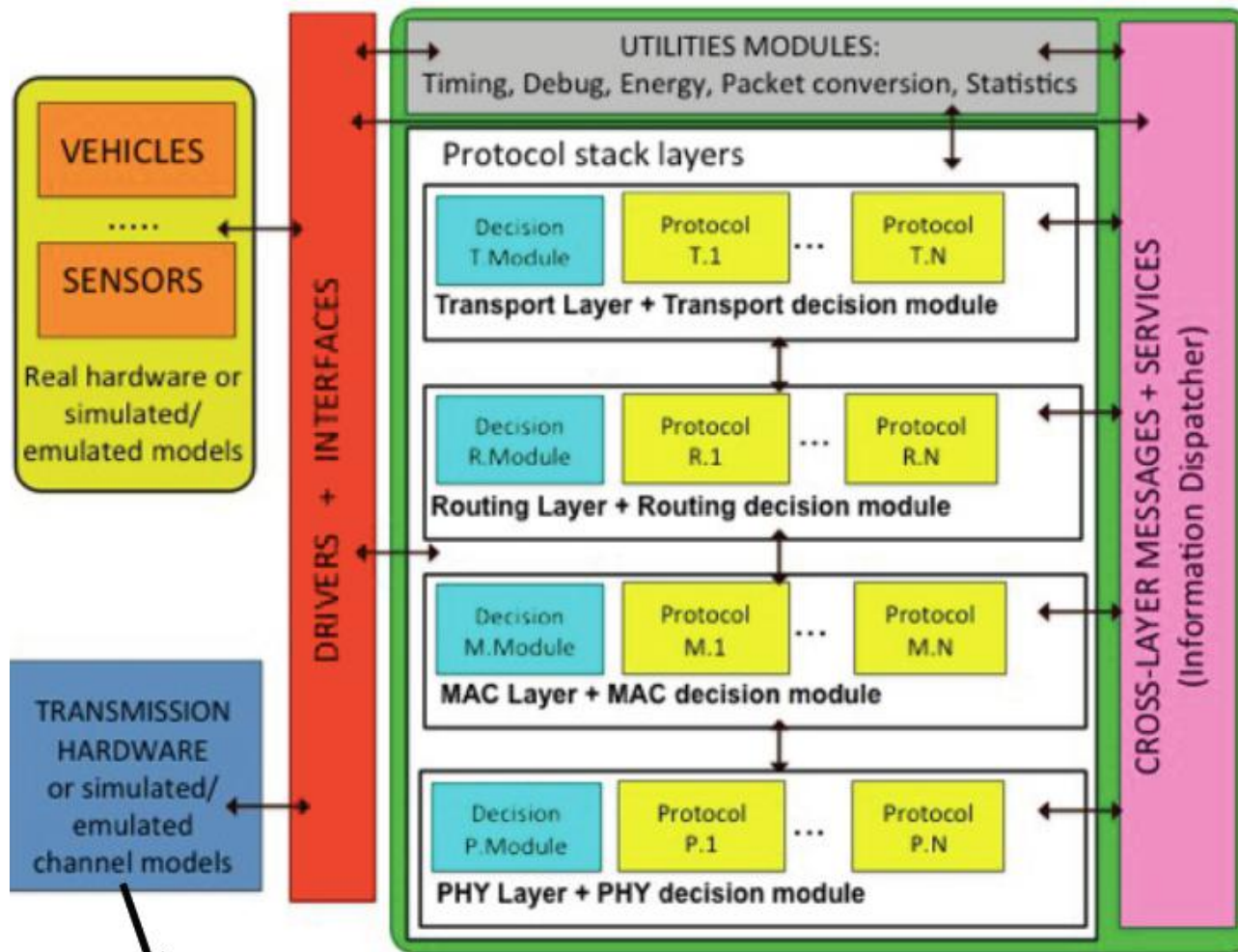
# SUNSET simulations

- SUNSET has been the first solution extending the well know network simulator ns-2 to perform simulation, emulation and in field tests. No code rewriting
- SUNSET has been significantly extended according to the experience gained through more than two dozens in field experiments
- It is lightweight enough to run on PCs or embedded devices
- SUNSET currently includes and supports multiple:
  - MAC, Routing and cross layer solutions
  - Acoustic modems (Evologics, Kongsberg, Teledyne Benthos, WHOI, Applicon)
  - Underwater robots (eFolaga, MARES, LAUV), surface vehicles
  - Sensing platforms (CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, Temperature, ADCP, Pressure, PH, etc.)
- PC and small, energy efficiency embedded devices (Gumstix, BeagleBone, IGEP, and different other embedded platforms,..)





# SUNSET simulation/emulation environment



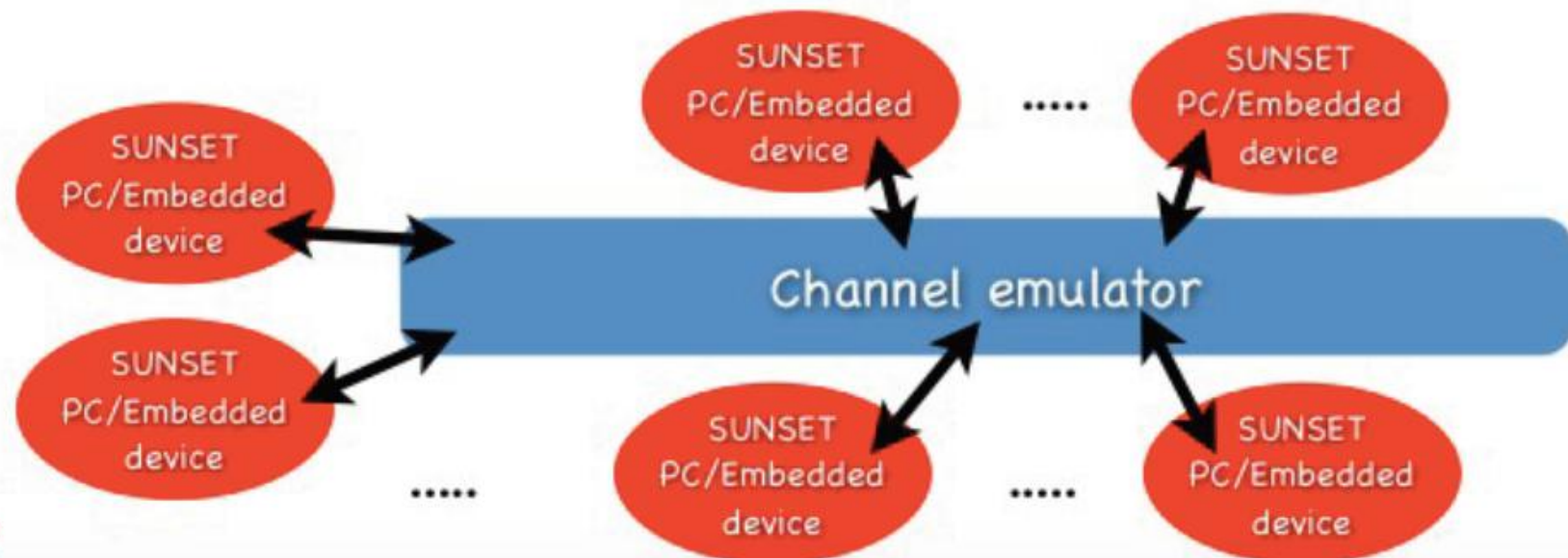
- Separation of protocol stack from additional components
- Layered structure
- Multiple solutions at each layer
- Possibility to share information among the different layers
- Additional modules to make transparent to the user moving from simulation to at sea tests
- Additional modules for pre-deployment tests and parameter tuning

Urlick, Bellhop, channel replay, modems, emulators

# Channel emulator

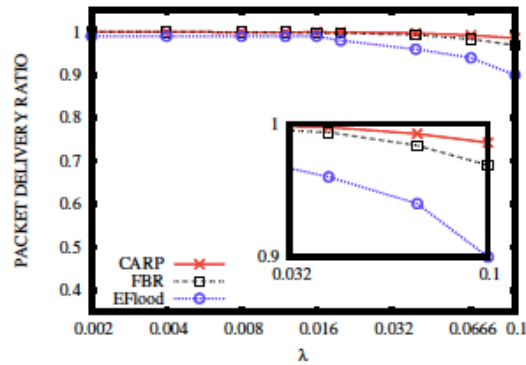


- Introduce propagation delays according to node distance
- Support node mobility
- Different topologies and acoustic channels can be configured and tested
- Protocol solution can be tested running on real hardware (PC, embedded devices and others), as it would happen during in field tests

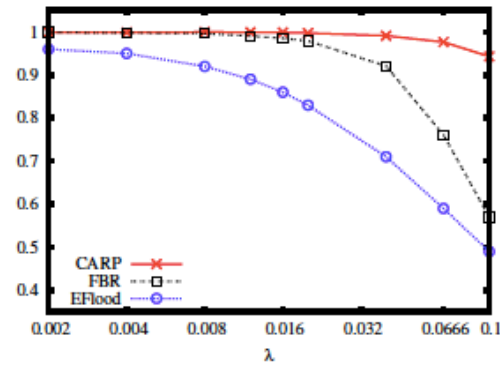




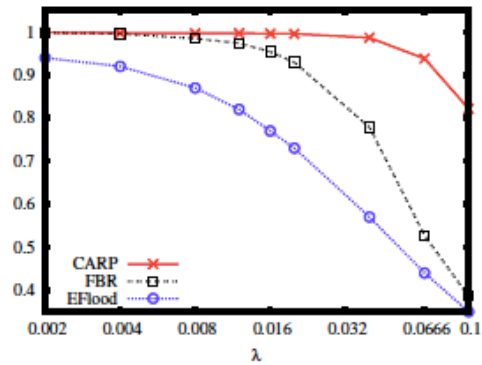
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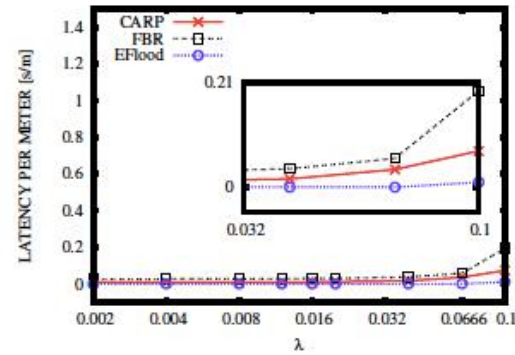
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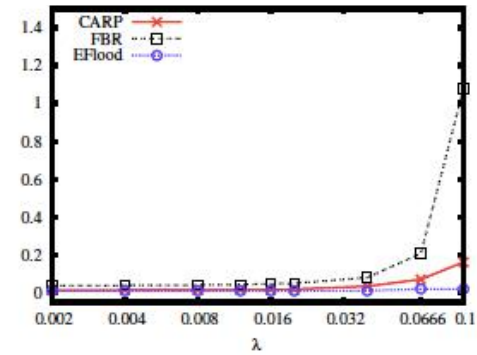
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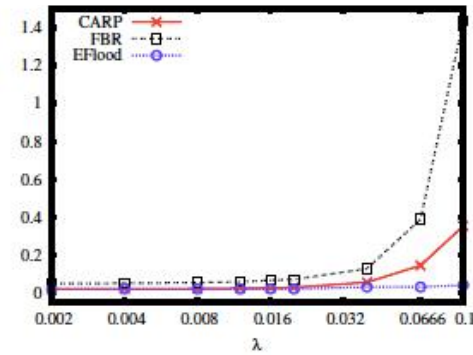
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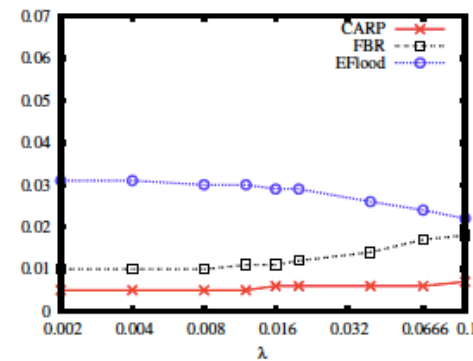
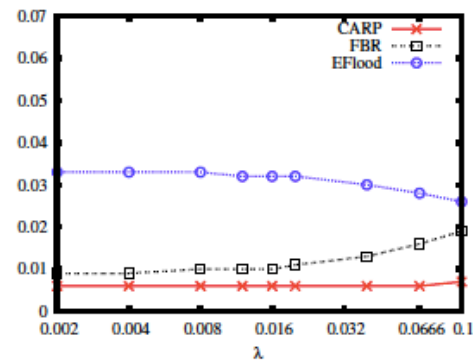
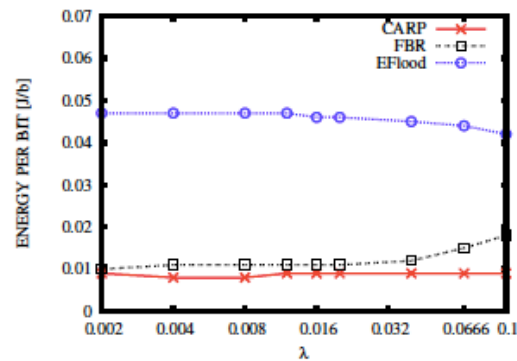
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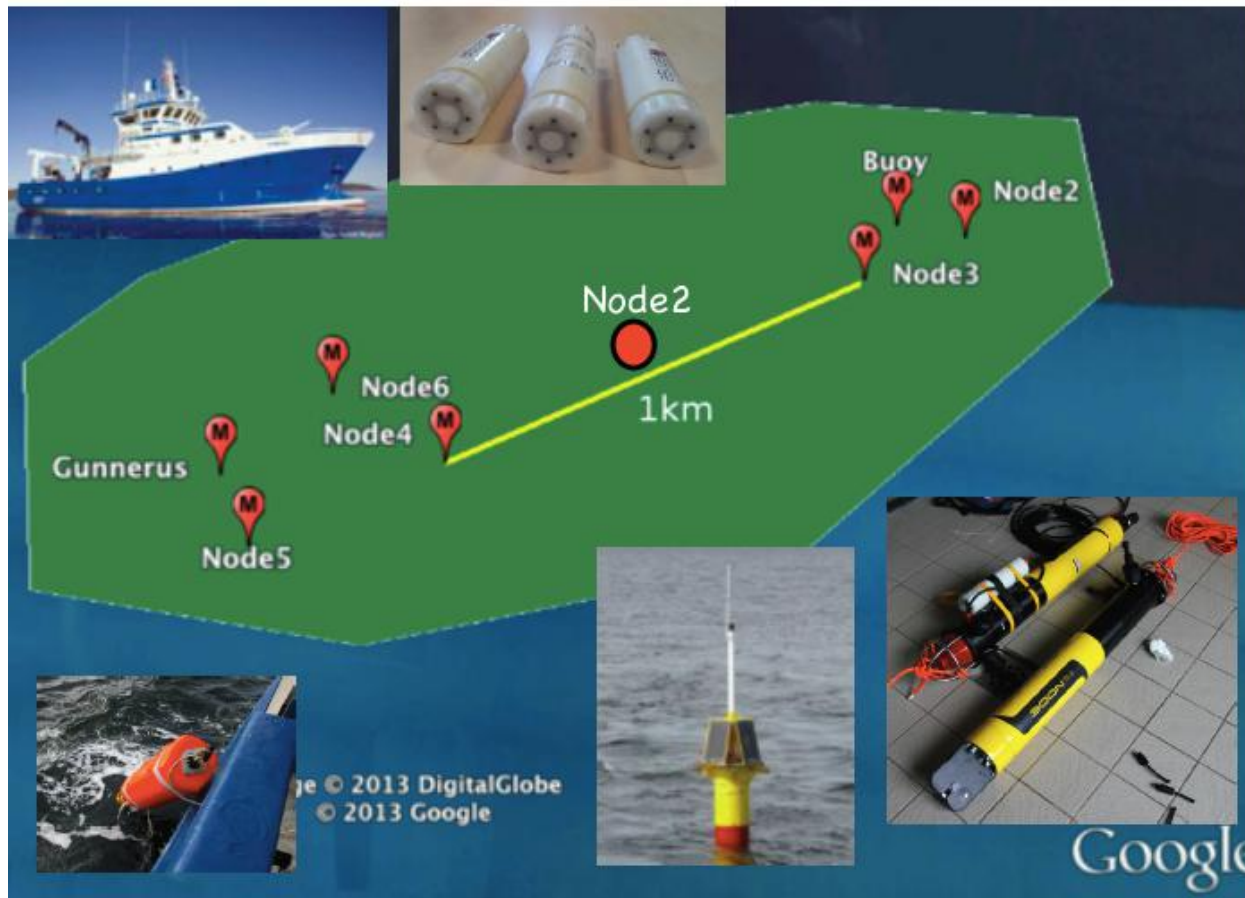
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# Experiments in Trondheim



7 CLAM nodes

Maximum distance ~2Km, up to 3 hops. Nodes deployed at 200m depth

Kongsberg modem

Investigation of 3 different routing solutions and multiple MACs

Network reconfiguration starting and stopping each test in less than **30 seconds**

**One week of continuous operation on the network**

**Backseat driver used also to start external tests and release the node from the seafloor**

More than 50.000 packets transmitted during the trial.



# Experiments in Trondheim

	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	-	76%	89%	79%	65%	75%
2	73%	-	3%	3%	28%	5%
3	60%	5%	-	4%	88%	4%
4	53%	6%	15%	-	6%	95%
5	46%	2%	25%	0%	-	25%
6	50%	3%	10%	94%	39%	-

(a) Midday May 30.

Entry (i,j) is the percentage of messages successfully received over the link from i to j

	1	3	4	5	6
1	-	75%	75%	38%	77%
3	53%	-	0%	40%	0%
4	100%	28%	-	0%	85%
5	53%	39%	0%	-	65%
6	63%	2%	68%	61%	-

(b) Morning May 31.

	1	3	4	5	6
1	-	40%	42%	50%	67%
3	100%	-	0%	83%	0%
4	66%	11%	-	0%	72%
5	52%	52%	0%	-	54%
6	82%	23%	76%	54%	-

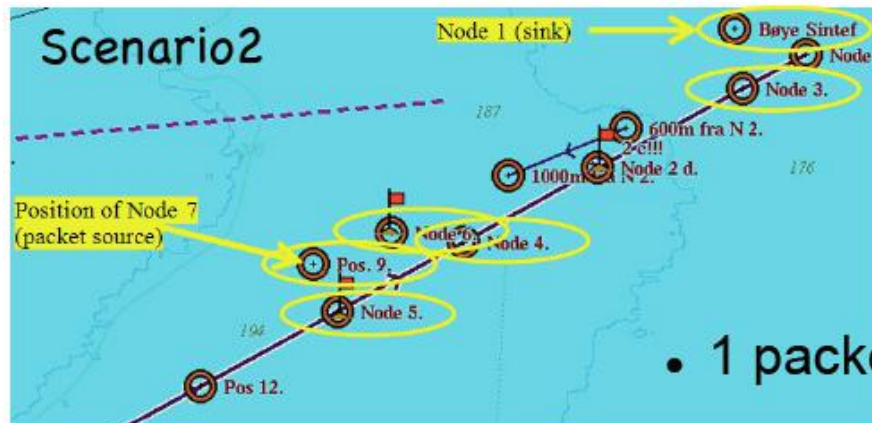
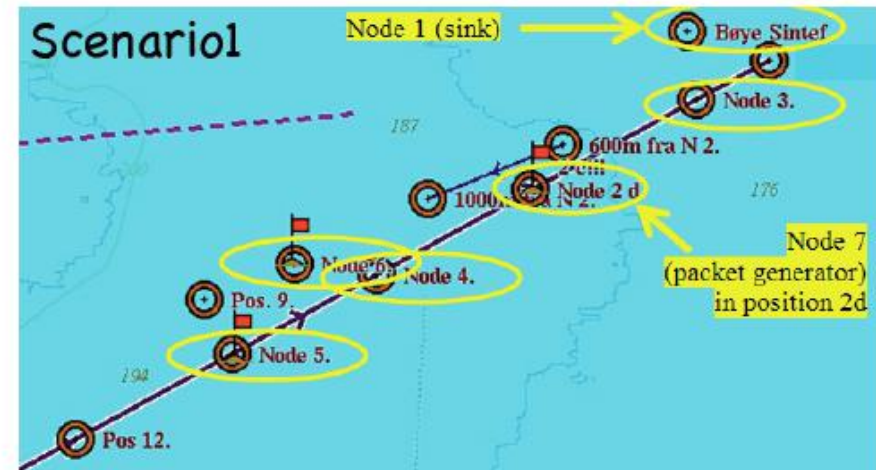
(c) Afternoon May 31.





# CARP evaluation in Trondheim

Bit rate 200 bit/s. Payload size: 24 bytes.  
 Three nodes selected as data packets generators (two nodes at 1 hop and one node at 2 hops).



- 1 packet in the network every 20 seconds

	Scenario1	Scenario2
PDR [%]	82	80
Average Delay [s]	78	36
Route length [hops]	1.3	1.3
Energy Eff[J/s]	0.09	0.09

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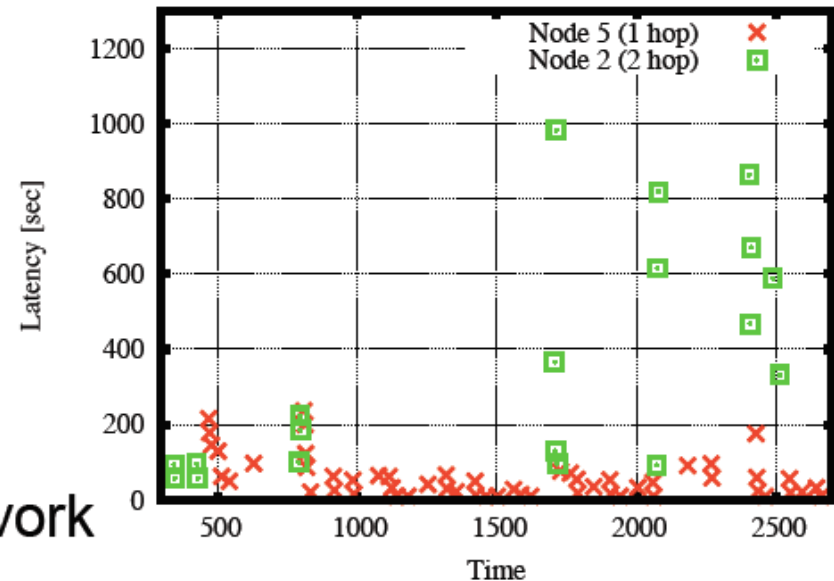
	CARP	EFLOOD
PDR [%]	60	42
Average Delay [s]	207	13
Route length [hops]	1.31	1.05
Energy Eff [J/b]	0.06	0.075



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# Experiments in Palmaria



Up to 12 devices (4 cabled, 4 at surface, 4 with no direct link)

Maximum distance 3Km, up to 4-5 hops

3 different modems

5 routing solutions, 5 MACs

Network reconfiguration in less than **35 seconds**

Multiple **overnight tests**

More than 70.000 packets transmitted during the trial.



# CARP evaluation in Palmaria

Acoustic Modem:  
Evologics Acoustic  
Modem.

Bitrate 480 bit/s. Payload  
size: 50 bytes.

Three nodes selected as  
data packet generators.

Different data generation  
rates in the network  
have been considered.

- 1 packet in the network every 20 seconds

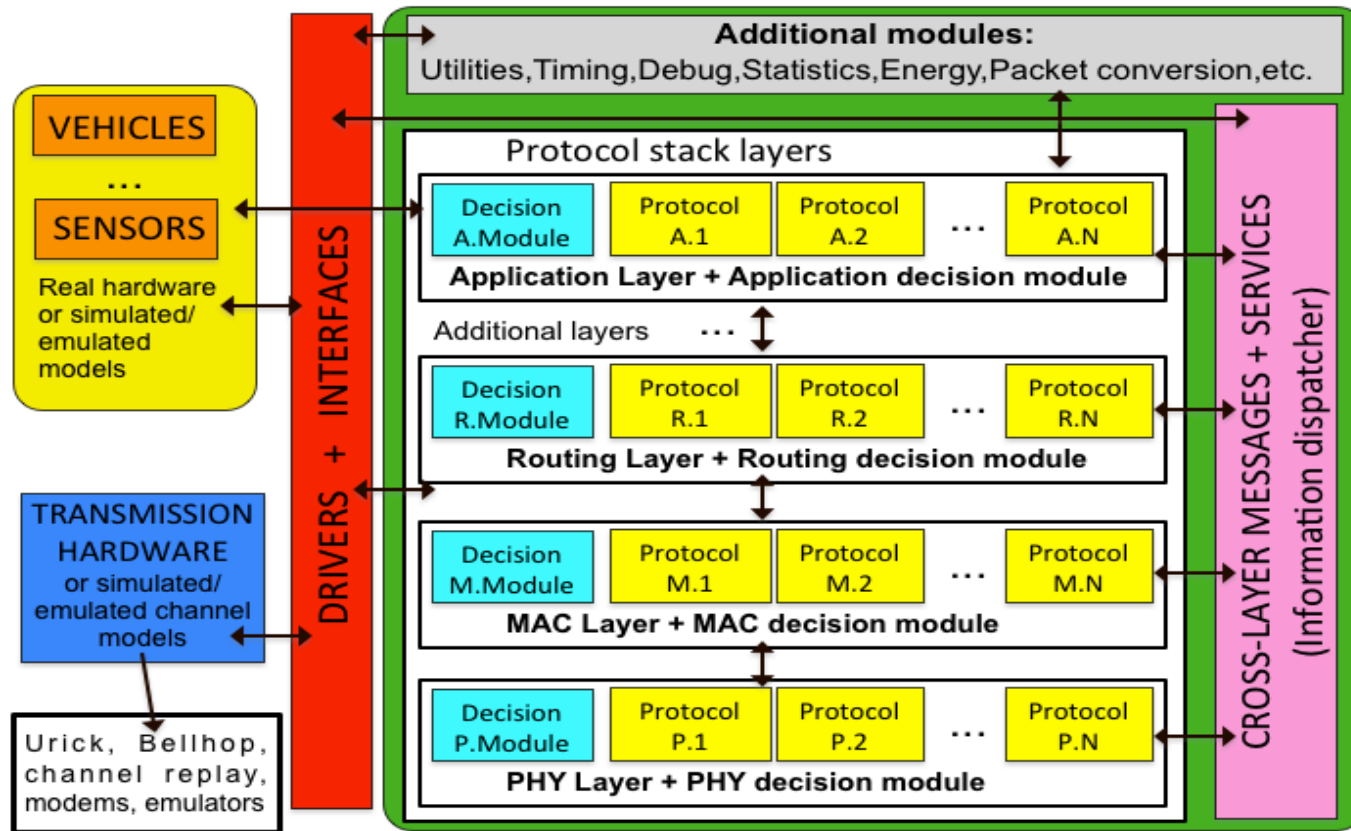
	CARP	EFLOOD
PDR [%]	96	96
Average Delay [s]	37	9
Route length [hops]	1.35	1.6
Energy Eff [J/b]	0.04	0.064

- 1 packet in the network every 10 seconds

	CARP	EFLOOD
PDR [%]	95	87
Average Delay [s]	52	10
Route Length [hops]	1.36	1.4
Energy Eff [J/b]	0.05	0.095



# Software defined communication stack



Adaptive schemes (changing protocol operations depending on channel And application requirements achieve high packetd elivery ratio, low Latency and energy consumption!)

