

# EWSN 2019 4th Edition Dependability Competition

# Results & Presentations by the top teams

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# **EWSN Dependability Competition Series**

- 4<sup>th</sup> edition
   @ EWSN 2019
   (Beijing, China )
- 3<sup>rd</sup> edition
   @ EWSN 2018
   (Madrid, Spain )
- 2<sup>nd</sup> edition
   @ EWSN 2017
   (Uppsala, Sweden )
- 1<sup>st</sup> edition
   @ EWSN 2016
   (Graz, Austria )











# Why a Dependability Competition?

- Two decades of low-power wireless networking research
  - → Reliable wireless multi-hop networking is now a reality
- Performance rarely benchmarked under the same settings!
   Yet unclear which protocols perform best in a given scenario
- Increasing need for a fair and objective comparison of protocol performance, especially in harsh RF environments
  - → Safety-critical IoT applications require communication protocols to convey info in a reliable, efficient, and timely manner





# Why a Dependability Competition?

- 1. To define common test scenarios and to benchmark the performance of state-of-the-art IoT solutions
- 2. To bring academia and industry together







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Low-power wireless communication in multi-hop harsh settings resembling an industrial wireless sensor and actuator network





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Low-power wireless communication in multi-hop harsh settings resembling an industrial wireless sensor and actuator network

# Do solutions allow a reliable, timely, and energy-efficient communication?





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# Competition Format



2016 & 2017: first editions

- P2P communication only
- Dense (2016) or sparse (2017) network
- Hackathon-style (participants on-site)
- Single evaluation run
- Fixed interference type
- 1-bit message (event detection)
- Aperiodic traffic only
- Fixed source/destination nodes







2018: raising the bar

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- P2P communication only  $\rightarrow$  P2P, MP2P, and P2MP communication
- Dense (2016) or sparse (2017) network → Both dense and sparse
- Hackathon-style (participants on-site) → Remote competition (2 months)
- Single evaluation run → Multiple runs
- Fixed interference type → Multiple types
- 1-bit message (event detection)
- Aperiodic traffic only
- Fixed source/destination nodes

Less specific scenario, but still not fully generic!





- 2019: one more step towards a general benchmark
  - 1-bit message (event detection)
    - → Different message lengths (8, 32, or 64 bytes)
  - Aperiodic traffic only

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- → Aperiodic traffic
- $\rightarrow$  Periodic traffic (5 or 30 seconds)
- Fixed source/destination nodes
  - → Different sets of source and destination nodes









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Solutions have been benchmarked using different testbed layouts:

- Different number of source/destination nodes
- Different number of hops in between the source/destination

(https://iti-testbed.tugraz.at/layout - we used layout 3 and 4)





- Benchmarking infrastructure based on D-Cube
  - Binary patching unit



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- Infrastructure autonomously injects input parameters into the firmware
   # of source and destination nodes
  - ID of source and destination nodes



- Asynchronous messaging
  - → Infrastructure supports TX / RX of messages of different length
- JamLab-NG for interference generation
   → Learn more tomorrow!



More info: M. Schuß et al. Moving Beyond Competitions: Extending D-Cube to Seamlessly Benchmark Low-Power Wireless Systems. In Proc. of the 1st CPSBench Workshop, 2018.



- Benchmarking infrastructure based on D-Cube
  - Unobtrusively tracing GPIO, energy consumption, and latency in hardware
  - Agnostic to the device under test
     (Advanticsys MTM-CM5000-MSP)
    - → Still the one available in most public testbeds

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→ Still the one for which most protocols have been developed



D-Cube v2.1



# Facts and Figures



# <sup>16</sup> 2019 Edition: Facts and Figures

- Two categories
  - 1. Data collection for condition monitoring
  - 2. Dissemination of actuation commands
- Highest participation since 2016
  - 13 competing teams (11 in the first category, 8 in the second category)
  - 50 researchers and practitioners
  - Several countries represented (China, Cyprus, France, Germany, India, Italy, Singapore, Sweden, Switzerland, and United Kingdom)
  - Academia Industry split: 70% 30%



#### **2019 Edition: Facts and Figures**

- Roughly three months of (remote) preparation
  - Oct Dec 2018

- 4274 jobs run by all teams (up to 300 seconds each)
- Final firmware submission (Dec 23, 2018)
  - Only one single . ihex per category
- Two months of evaluations
  - Jan Feb 2019
  - 3240 jobs run (of 600 seconds each)



# <sup>18</sup> 2019 Edition: Facts and Figures

- 10 teams submitted a final firmware
  - <u>Team 01</u>: Using DeCoT+ to Collect Data under Interference (X. Ma, P. Zhang, Y. Liu, X. Li, W. Tang, P. Tian, J. Wei, L. Shu, and O. Theel)
- **BASELINE** <u>Team 02</u>: Low-Power Wireless Bus Baseline (F. Mager, R. Jacob, R. Da Forno, and M. Zimmerling)
  - <u>Team 03</u>: Keep it Simple, let Flooding Shine (J. Mueller, A. Schaper, R. Jacob, and R. Da Forno)
  - <u>Team 05</u>: Alternating Multicast with Aggregated Data Collection in Wireless Sensor Networks (A. Naureen and N. Zhang)
  - <u>Team 06</u>: Adaptive Software Defined Scheduling of Low Power Wireless Networks (M. Baddeley, A. Stanoev, U. Raza, Y. Jin, and M. Sooriyabandara)
  - <u>Team 07</u>: Centrally Scheduled Low-Power Wireless Networking for Dependable Data Collection (O. Harms and O. Landsiedel)
  - <u>Team 08</u>: Actuating Network with Multi-Channel Codecast
  - (E.K. William, P. Appavoo, M.C. Chan, and M. Mohammad)
  - <u>Team 10</u>: RedNodeBus, Stretching Out the Preamble (A. Escobar-Molero, J. Garcia-Jimenez, F. Moreno-Cruz, J. Klaue, B. Saez, F.J. Cruz, U. Ruiz, and A. Corona)
- **BASELINE** <u>Team 11</u>: CRYSTAL Baseline (M. Trobinger, T. Istomin, A.L. Murphy, and G.P. Picco)
  - <u>Team 12</u>: OpenWSN, a Development Environment for 6TiSCH (T. Chang, T. Watteyne, and X. Vilajosana)



# Evaluation Phase



# <sup>20</sup> Evaluation Phase

- Three evaluation metrics
  - 1. Availability (energy efficiency)
    - $E_{Metric} = E_{total} E_{setup}$
    - $\sum$  over all nodes in the network ( $E_{total}$ )
    - First 60 s are excluded ( $E_{setup}$ )
  - 2. Timeliness (end-to-end latency)
    - $L_C = (L_{mean} + L_{median}) / 2$
    - Mean heavily penalizes even for a few outliers
    - Median allows to delay some messages arbitrarily





# <sup>21</sup> Evaluation Phase

- Three evaluation metrics
  - 3. Reliability (correct delivery)
    - Computes the number of messages correctly delivered
    - Reduced for duplicated or corrupted messages











### <sup>23</sup> Evaluation Phase

#### These results are only for one specific scenario!

(data collection, no interference, 8-byte messages, 30s period)

#### Scenarios in both category 1 and 2

- 4 types of RF interference (none, mild, strong, dynamic)
- 2 different node topologies (layout 3 and 4)

- 3 message lengths (8, 32 or 64 Bytes)
- 3 traffic loads (aperiodic, periodic 5 s, periodic 30s)
- → This means 72 permutations!
- → We look for teams performing best in most of them!



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- Example: category 1 (all scenarios together)
  - Each axis is one metric
  - Colors identify teams
  - Shapes identify different interference levels

 $\rightarrow$  Too many dimensions!





# <sup>25</sup> Reducing Dimensions

- First step: derive a single metric (T) for each scenario
  - For each metric, consider the best absolute achieved value
  - Compute relative performance (%)
  - $T = E * K_E + L * K_L + R * K_R$ 
    - E = relative energy
    - L = relative latency
    - $\circ$  R = relative reliability
    - $K_E = K_L = 1$ ;  $K_R = 20$ (reliability has a higher weight)
- Second step: sort teams based on T (decreasing order)





## **Reducing Dimensions**

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Metric	Points
1 st	9
2 <sup>nd</sup>	6
3 <sup>rd</sup>	4
4 <sup>th</sup>	3
5 <sup>th</sup>	2
6 <sup>th</sup>	1
7 <sup>th</sup> +	0

#### Rationale

- Award excellence with exponential weight (a team that excels in most scenarios beats those having average performance)
- If two solutions are within 10% → tie (same amount of points awarded)
- Only runs with  $\geq$  30% reliability considered

1 score / scenario  $\rightarrow \sum$  of all 72 scenarios



# Final Results



# Category 1: Data Collection – WINNERS

# Team 01

#### Using DeCoT+ to Collect Data under Interference

Xiaoyuan Ma, Peilin Zhang, Ye Liu, Xin Li, Weisheng Tang, Pei Tian, Jianming Wei, Lei Shu, and Oliver Theel



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1<sup>st</sup> place

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Using DeCoT+ to Collect Data under Interference <u>Team 01</u>: X. Ma, P. Zhang, Y. Liu, X. Li, W. Tang, P. Tian, J. Wei, L. Shu, and O. Theel

2<sup>nd</sup> place (ex-aequo)

Adaptive Software Defined Scheduling of Low Power Wireless Networks <u>Team 06</u>: M. Baddeley, A. Stanoev, U. Raza, Y. Jin, and M. Sooriyabandara

RedNodeBus, Stretching Out the Preamble <u>Team 10</u>: A. Escobar-Molero, J. Garcia-Jimenez, F. Moreno-Cruz, J. Klaue, B. Saez, F.J. Cruz, U. Ruiz, and A. Corona

#### 4th place

OpenWSN, a Development Environment for 6TiSCH <u>Team 12</u>: T. Chang, T. Watteyne, and X. Vilajosana















# **Category 2: Dissemination – WINNERS**

# Team 10

#### **RedNodeBus, Stretching Out the Preamble**

Antonio Escobar-Molero, Javier Garcia-Jimenez, Jirka Klaue, Fernando Moreno-Cruz, , Borja Saez, Francisco J. Cruz, Unai Ruiz, and Angel Corona



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# Category 2: Dissemination – RESULTS

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2<sup>nd</sup> place

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3rd place

CRYSTAL Team 11: M. Trobinger, T. Istomin, A.L. Murphy, and G.P. Picco

4<sup>th</sup> place

Actuating Network with Multi-Channel Codecast <u>Team 08</u>: E.K. William, P. Appavoo, M.C. Chan, and M. Mohammad



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## **Firmware Size**

Category 1: Data collection





## **40** Firmware Size

Category 2: Dissemination





#### What's Next?

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- Presentations of the top teams
  - <u>Category 1</u>: Team 01, Team 06, Team 10
  - <u>Category 2</u>: Team 06, Team 10
- Poster session (17:30 19:00)
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- Awards ceremony
  - Tonight, during the banquet!







# Presentation of Top Teams



# Team 01

Among the top 3 teams in category 1 ("Data collection")

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## Using DeCoT+ to Collect Data Under Interference

Category I: Data Collection for Condition Monitoring



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### **DeCoT+: Based on DeCoT [1]** Channel Hopping Mechanism: Scan-and-Lock



[1] Ma, Xiaoyuan, et al. "DeCoT: A Dependable Concurrent Transmission-Based Protocol for Wireless Sensor Networks." *IEEE Access* 6 (2018): 73130-73146.

### **DeCoT+: Based on DeCoT [1]** Decentralized Mechanism: Force-Initiated Mechanism

Interference unexpectedly partitions a CT-based network: Gray nodes would never synchronize with the host.



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### **DeCoT+: Based on DeCoT [1]** Decentralized Mechanism: Force-Initiated Mechanism

Nodes in the partitioned network get synchronized with an agent. In the competition, all the source nodes work as agents.



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## **DeCoT+: Nego-and-Action Framework**



## **DeCoT+: Data Freezing Mechanism**

An example, we assume that N3 has a packet to N20. The interference varies as the red dashed line.



## **Preliminary Evaluation**



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Using DeCoT+ to Collect Data Under Interference Category I: Data Collection for Condition Monitoring



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# Team 06

Among the top 3 teams in category 1 ("Data collection") Among the top 2 teams in category 2 ("Dissemination")

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Adaptive Software Defined Scheduling of Low Power Wireless Networks EWSN 2019 DepComp

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# 01

## One Architecture to Rule Them All...





One architecture, two solutions.



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- Flooding primitives are designated either shared or dedicated
- Primitives configured through offsets, guards, and logic blocks
- Primitives are linked together to form protocol operation
- Protocols are constructed and scheduled based on the competition configuration requirements.



Atomic-SDN: A Synchronous Flooding Control Framework for Low Power Wireless



The basic idea... Configure. Indicate. Control. Other Processes. Repeat.



Configure, Repeat, Repeat, Repeat, Repeat...



**Atomic-SDN** 

# 02

## Timings, Timings, Timings!



#### Lower Layer Optimisation: Timings, Timings, Timings!





#### **Test Locally, Measure Everything**

#### Lower Layer Optimisation: Timings, Timings, Timings!



#### **Beating Interference with Space, Time, and Frequency Diversity**

# 03

### Challenges + What Next?



- Single time synchroniser
  - Selected as the one of the sources/destinations
  - Resulted in extremely variable performance depending on location
  - Can we improve this?
- Clocks will drift, transmissions will be misaligned
- Systematic testing is crucial
  - Change one thing at a time and test extensively



## Questions?





# Team 10

Among the top 3 teams in category 1 ("Data collection") Among the top 2 teams in category 2 ("Dissemination")

## **RedNodeBus, Stretching Out the Preamble**

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# RedNodeBus

## Stretching Out the Preamble



## Motivation

#### **Industry 4.0**

Wireless Sensor and Actuator Networks (WSANs)

Deterministic low-latency required to run control loops wirelessly

Harsh environments



#### **Smart Cities**

Self-organized multi-hop topology

Transparent node deployment

No routing needed

#### **Automotive**

Robust and scalable car-tocar communication

Reliable high-priority alarm signals





## Motivation

#### Ariane

Wireless sensors/actuators

#### **Fixed Wing**

Cabin network Health monitoring Flight test Landing gear

#### Rotorcraft

Flight test Health monitoring




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### Rotorcraft

#### Flight test Health monitoring







## **Concurrent Transmissions**

**RedNodeBus** is an all-to-all **mesh protocol** based on **flooding** and **concurrent transmissions**.

It follows the same principle as the **RedFixHop** and **BigBangBus** protocols, with an **increased packet preamble**.





## RedNodeBus





MMM Preamble

#### **New Features**

#### **Increased Packet Preamble**

Bounded Latency (Packet TTL) Packet Source Diversity Synchronization Beacons **RED NODE LABS** 



Capture Effect is triggered more frequently



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  - All contestants •
  - All EWSN organizers
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  - Thanks to our sponsors for financing the set-up of the competition infrastructure and the cash awards!





Dependable Internet of Things in Adverse Environments



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### All results are publicly available!



# **Stay Tuned!**

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- All results will be publicly available after the banquet!
  - https://iti-testbed.tugraz.at/ewsn2019/summary/
  - <u>https://iti-testbed.tugraz.at/ewsn2019/leaderboard/</u>



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