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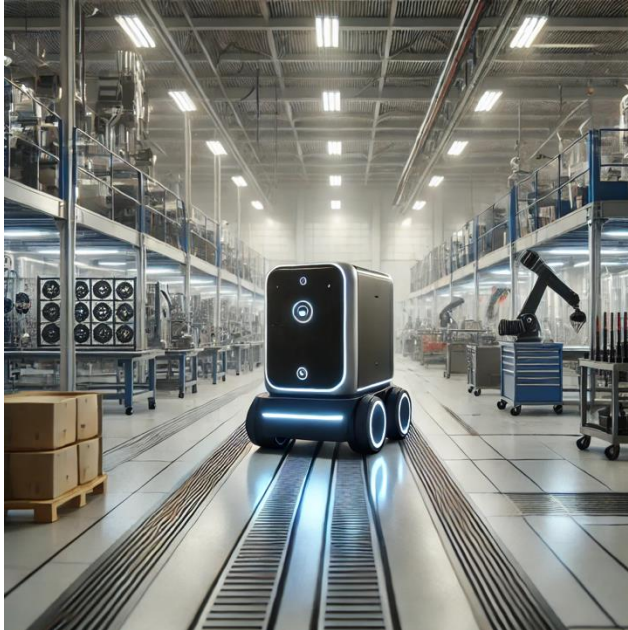
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Simulating and Emulating the
Characteristic Packet Delay of Logical 5G
TSN Bridges

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Converged 5G/TSN Networks



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Agenda

- ❑ Introduction to Converged 5G/TSN networks

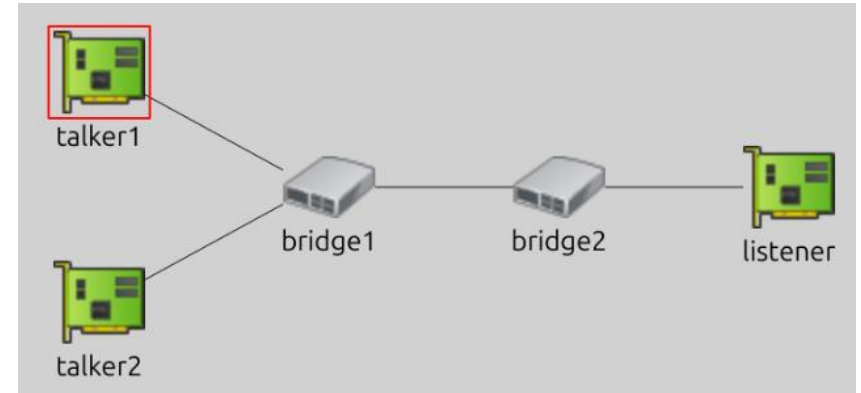
- ❑ Validation Framework Architecture
- ❑ 6GDetCom Simulator
- ❑ 6GDetCom Emulator

- ❑ Conclusion

Converged 5G/TSN Networks

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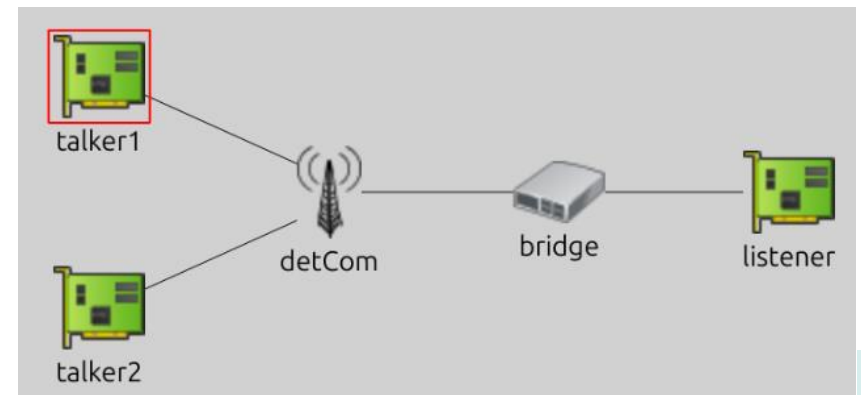
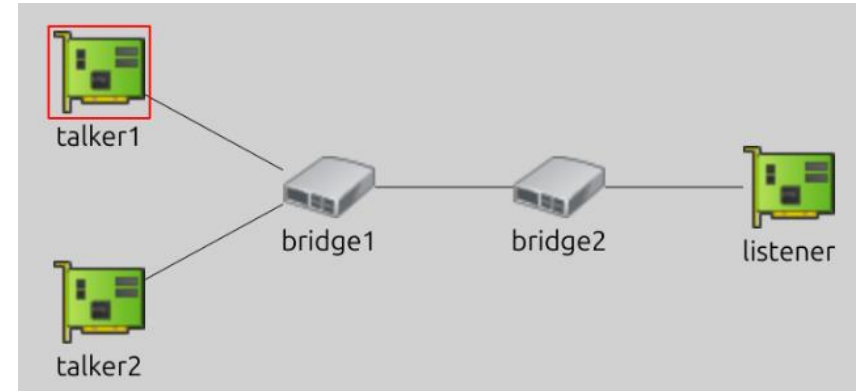
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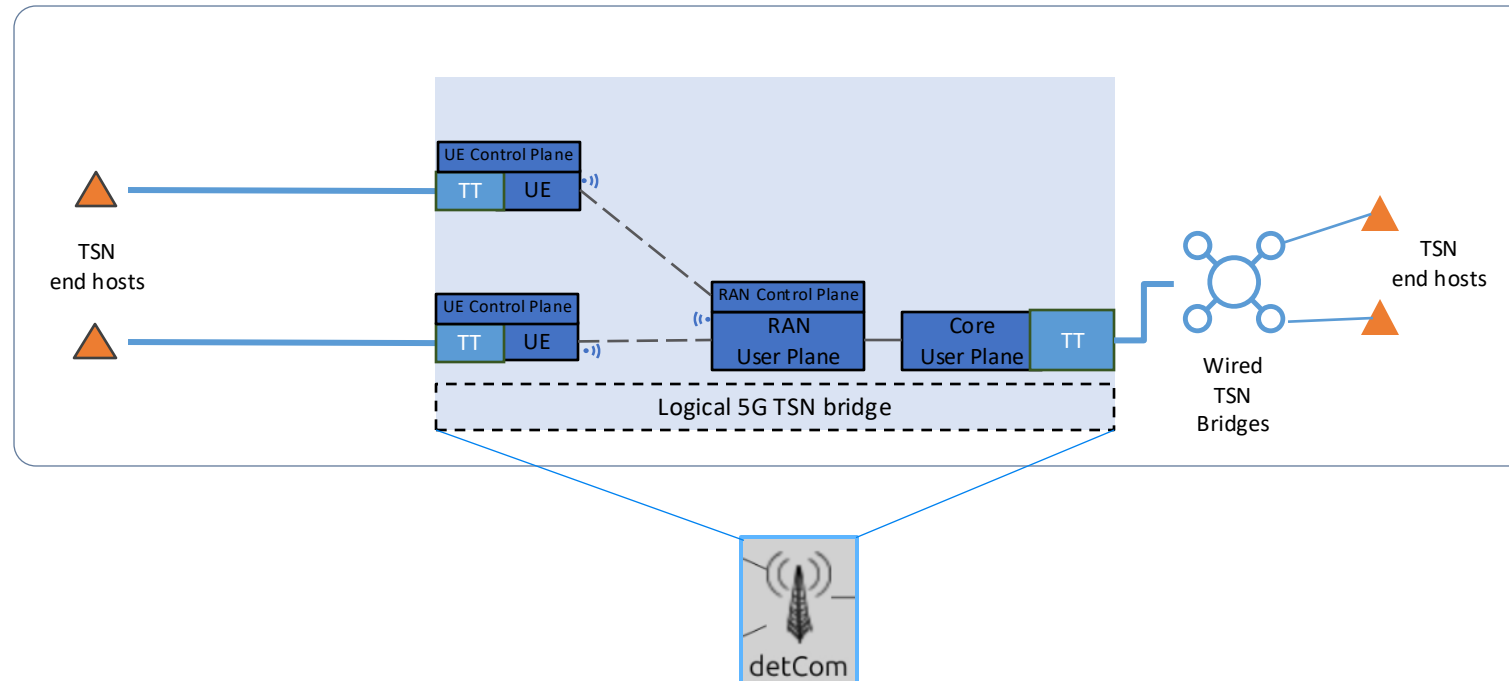
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Converged 5G/TSN networks:

- ❑ DetCom node needs to provide TSN features
- ❑ Wireless Links:
 - ❑ Variable packet delay
 - ❑ Higher packet loss



Converged 6G/TSN Networks



UE : User Equipment
 RAN: Radio Access Network
 TT: TSN Translator

DETERMINISTIC6G Simulation and Emulation Frameworks

Existing frameworks:

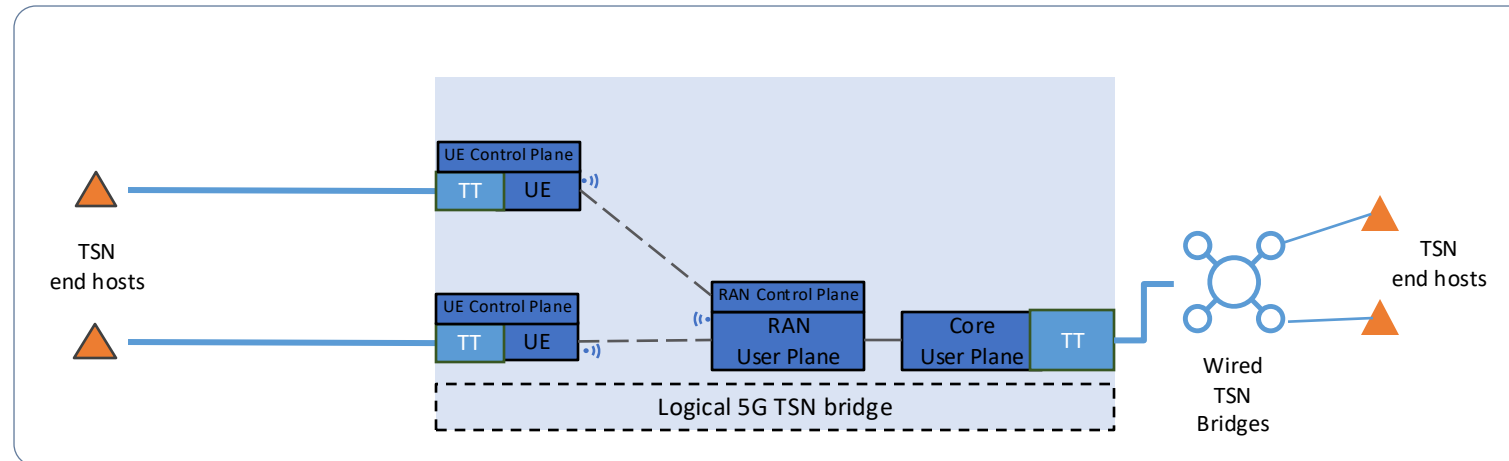
- ❑ Wired TSN networks:
 - ➔ No 5G features

- ❑ Wireless 5G networks
 - ➔ No deterministic communication mechanisms

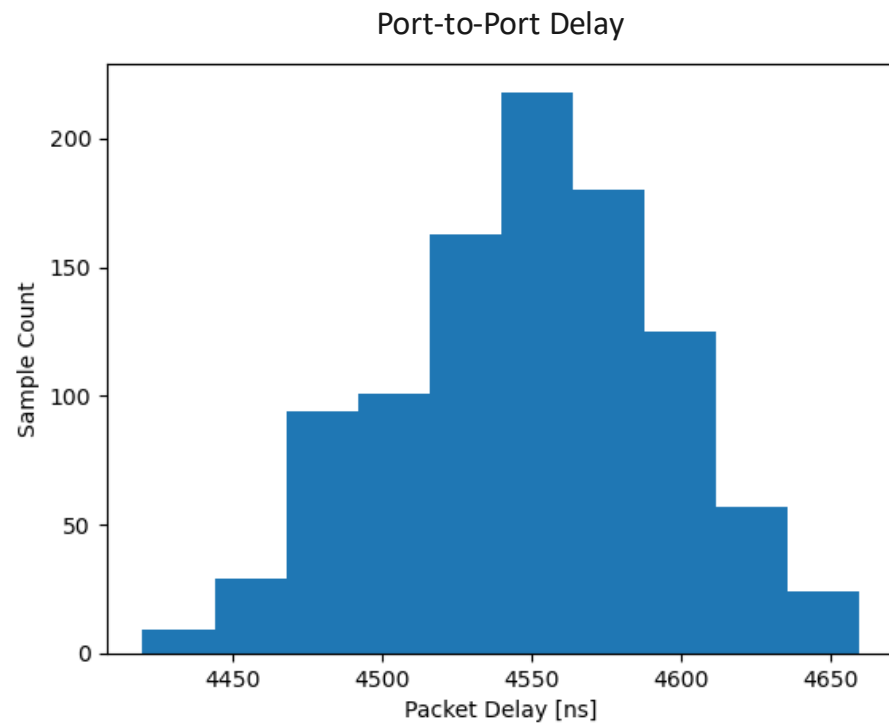
Problem: There is no existing simulation/emulation framework to evaluate converged 5G/TSN networks.

Goal: Evaluation platform for analysis of end-to-end deterministic communication in converged 5G/TSN networks.

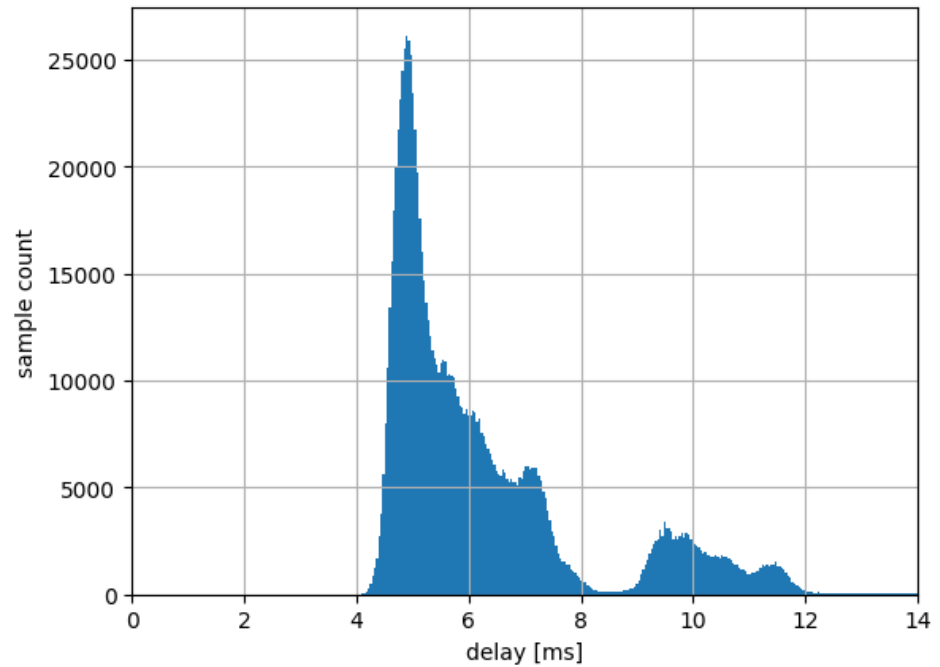
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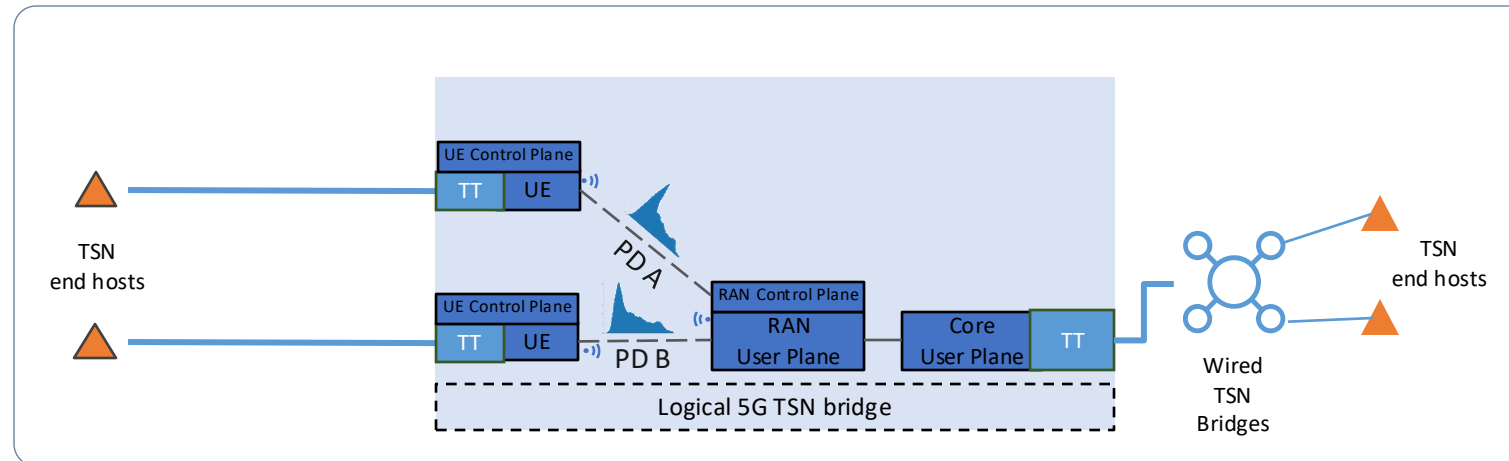


Wired TSN bridge



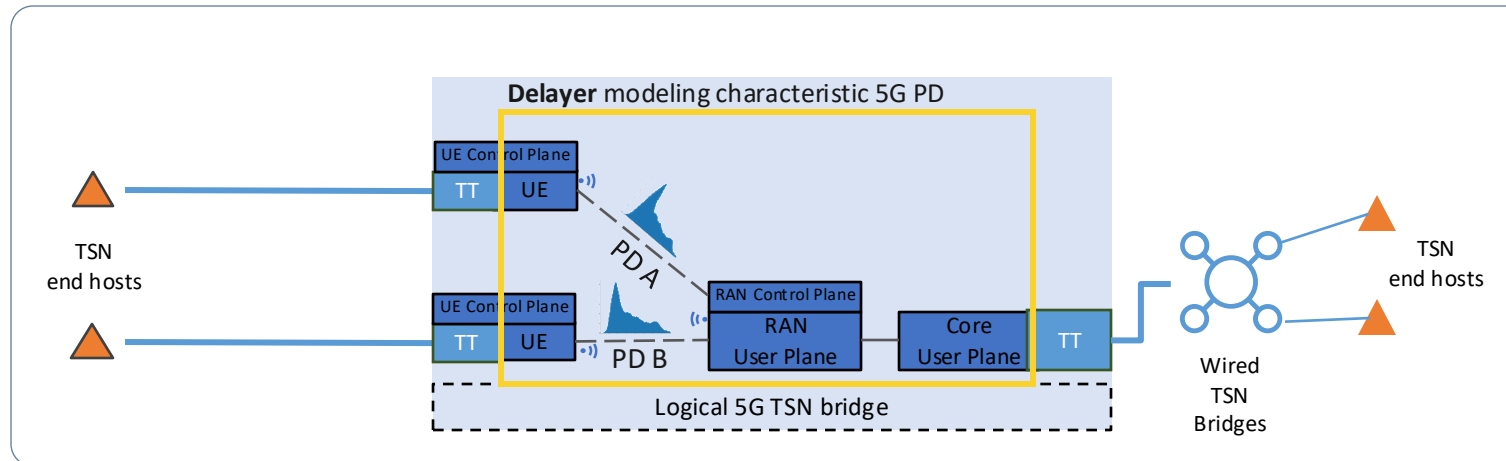
5G Logical Bridge

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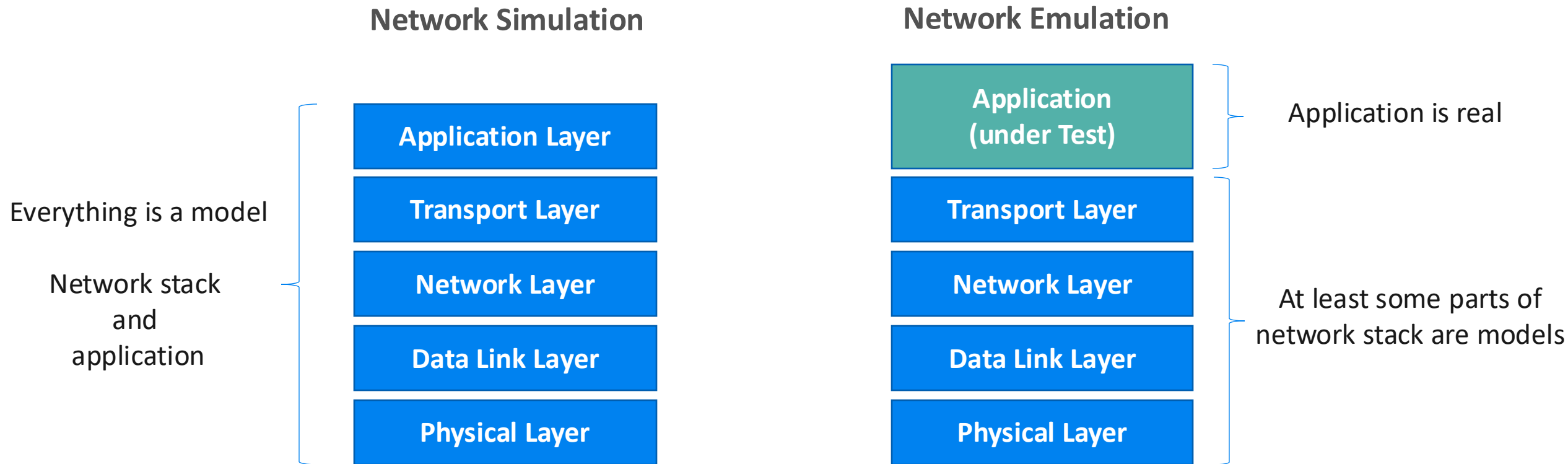
Simulation and Emulation Frameworks: Data-Driven Approach

- ❑ Novel **data-driven** simulation approach:
 - ❑ Integrating real 5G measurements into TSN simulator
 - ❑ Only possibly through joint (contributions of various project partners)
 - ❑ Validation at very early stage of 6G development possible

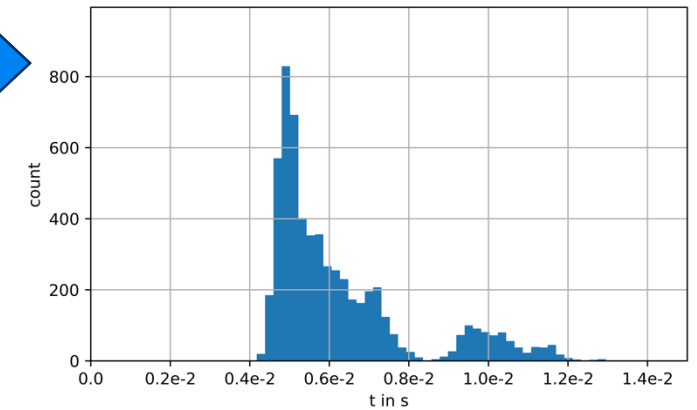
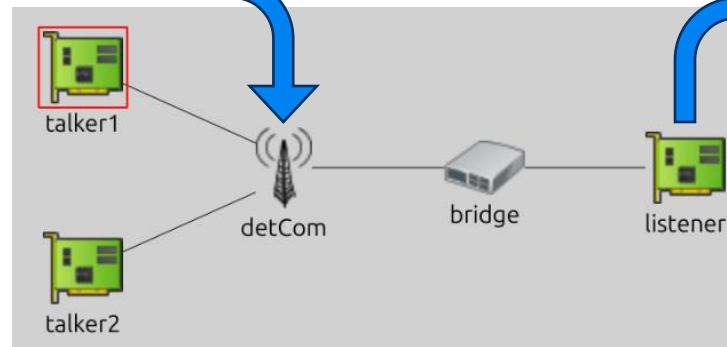
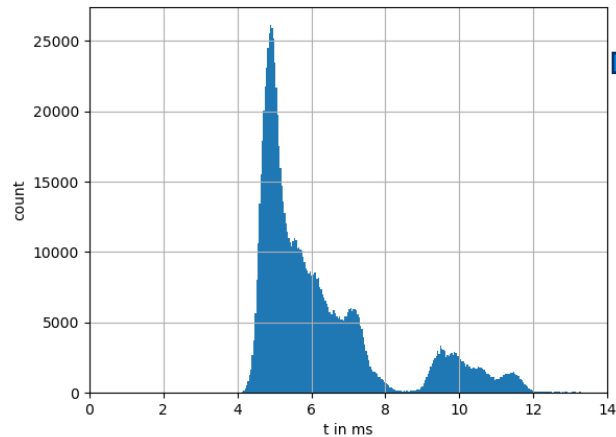
- ❑ **Available PD models and data sets^[1]:**
 - ❑ 5G experimental platform (KTH Stockholm)
 - ❑ 5G testbed of industrial shop floor (Ericsson)
 - ❑ Wired TSN bridge (University of Stuttgart)

[1] Available on Github: https://github.com/DETERMINISTIC6G/deterministic6g_data

Network Simulation vs Network Emulation



Deterministic6G Simulation Framework: Architecture



Simulation Input

```
*.histogramContainer.histograms =
{uplink: "uplink.xml"}
```

```
*.detCom.dstt[0].delayUplink =
rngProvider("histogramContainer", "uplink")
```

Resulting end-to-end delay in simulation

Deterministic6G Simulation Framework: Features

Simulation of characteristic Packet Delay (PD):

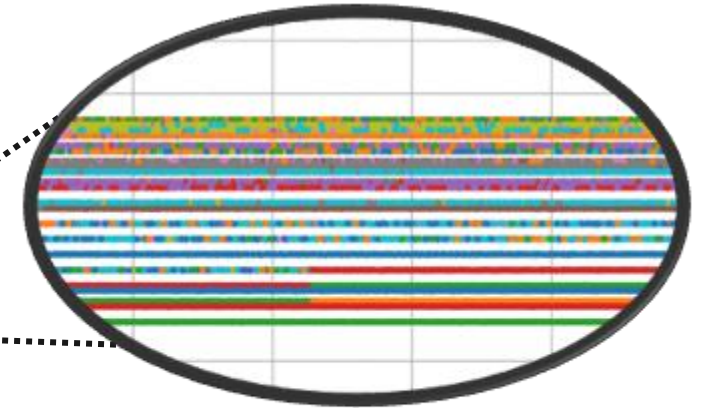
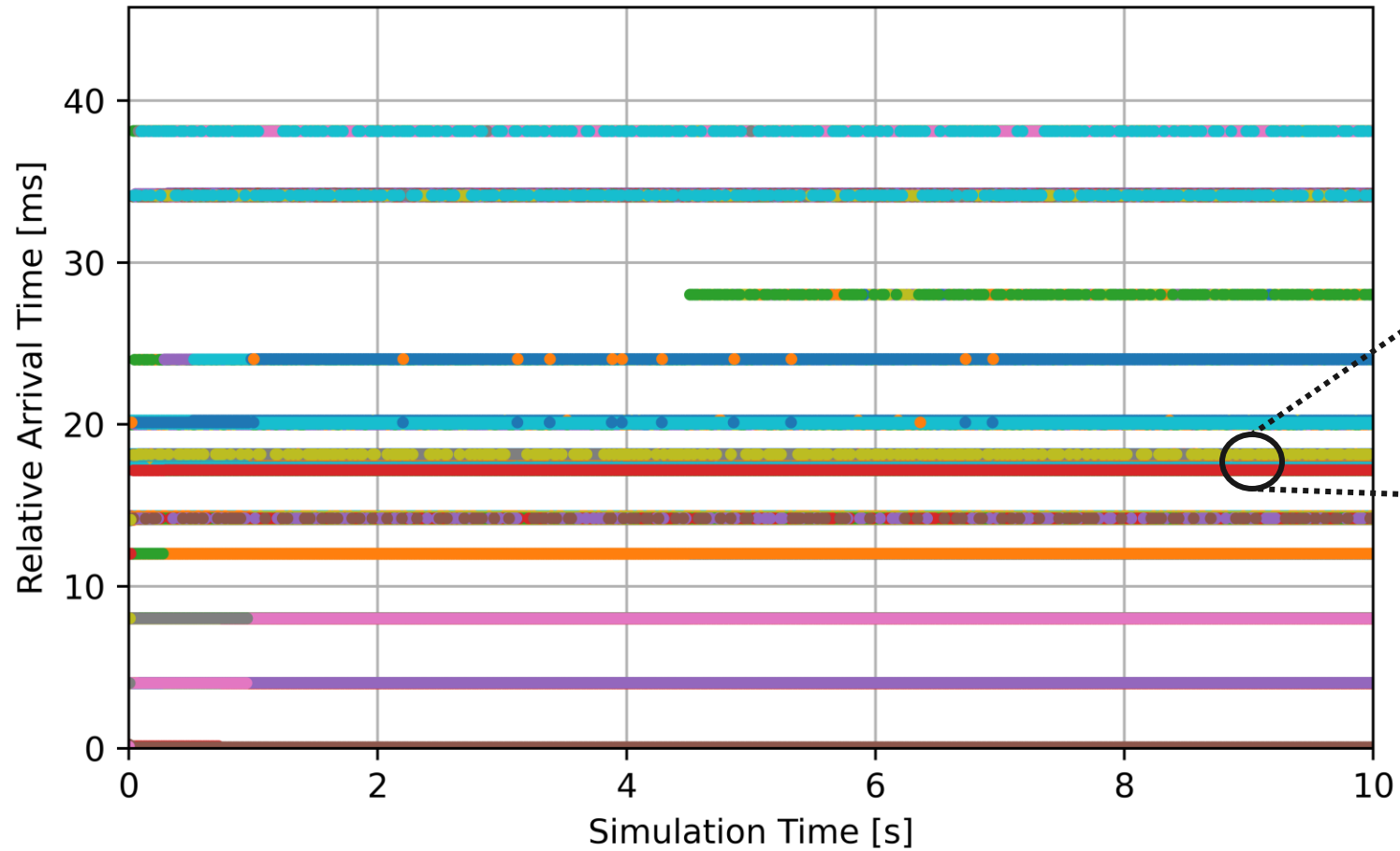
- Histograms from real-world PD measurements
- PD distribution functions (e.g., a normal distribution)
- Stochastic processes (e.g., a random walk process)
- Delay Traces

Additional features:

- Packet Delay Correction (PDC)
- Time Synchronization for Converged 5G/TSN network
- Dynamic Scenarios w/ Scheduler Integration

Example Usage:

Wireless-Unaware 802.1Qbv Schedule *without* PDC





Limitations

Usage of **histograms**:

- Values are independently identically distributed (i.i.d)
- State of simulation/DetCom node does not affect delays

Usage of **delay traces**:

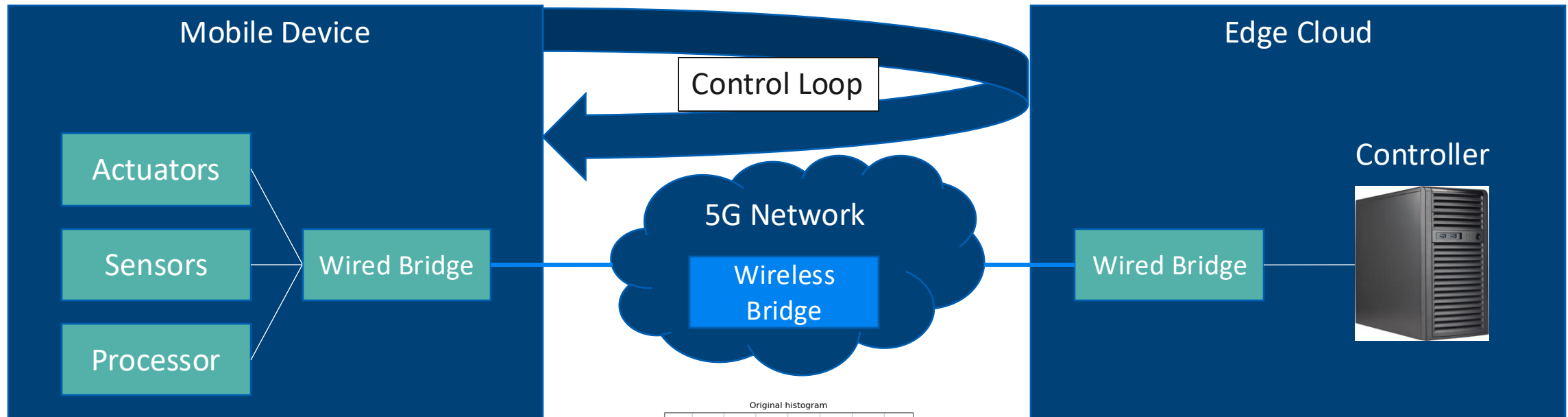
- Parameters such as packet size do not affect delay

Both:

- TSN schedules or network load do not affect configured delays

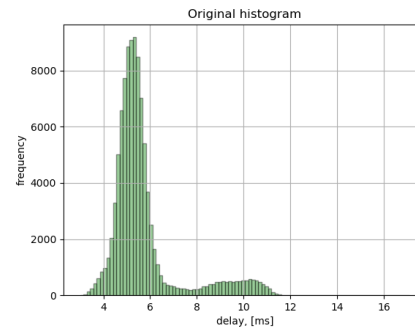


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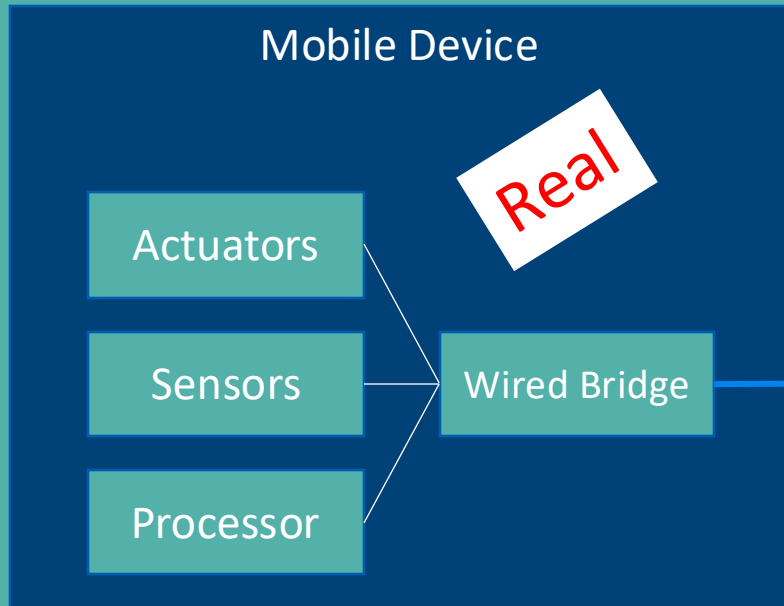
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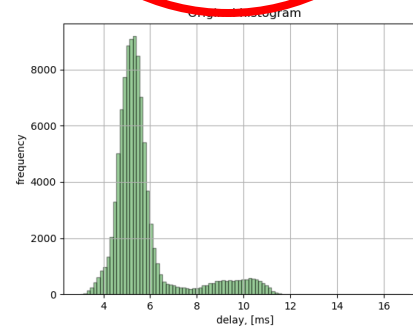
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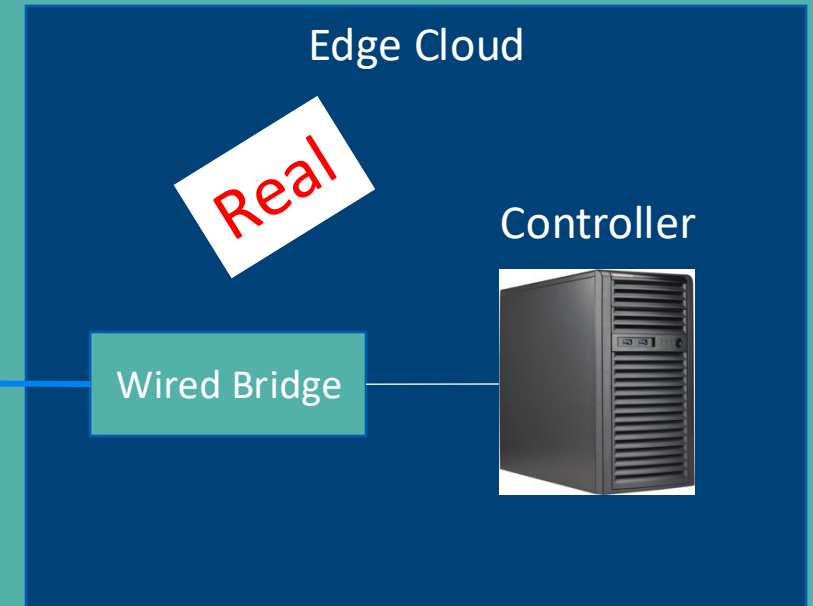
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6GDetCom
Delay Emulator



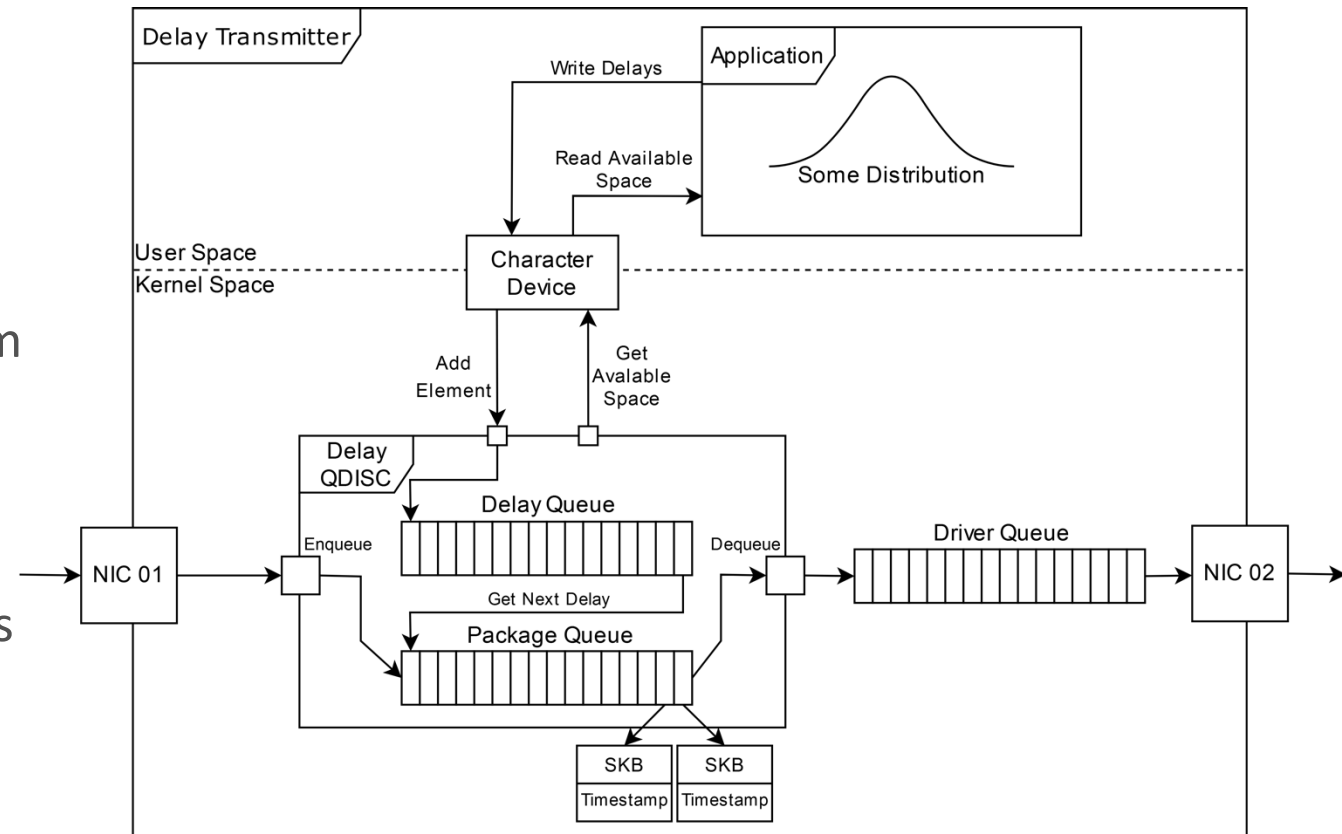
Characteristic Packet Delay



Deterministic6G Emulation Framework: Architecture

- High flexibility and extensibility to define packet delays:
 - Generate by user application
 - Histograms (from datasets)
 - Probability Density Functions (e.g. from numpy)

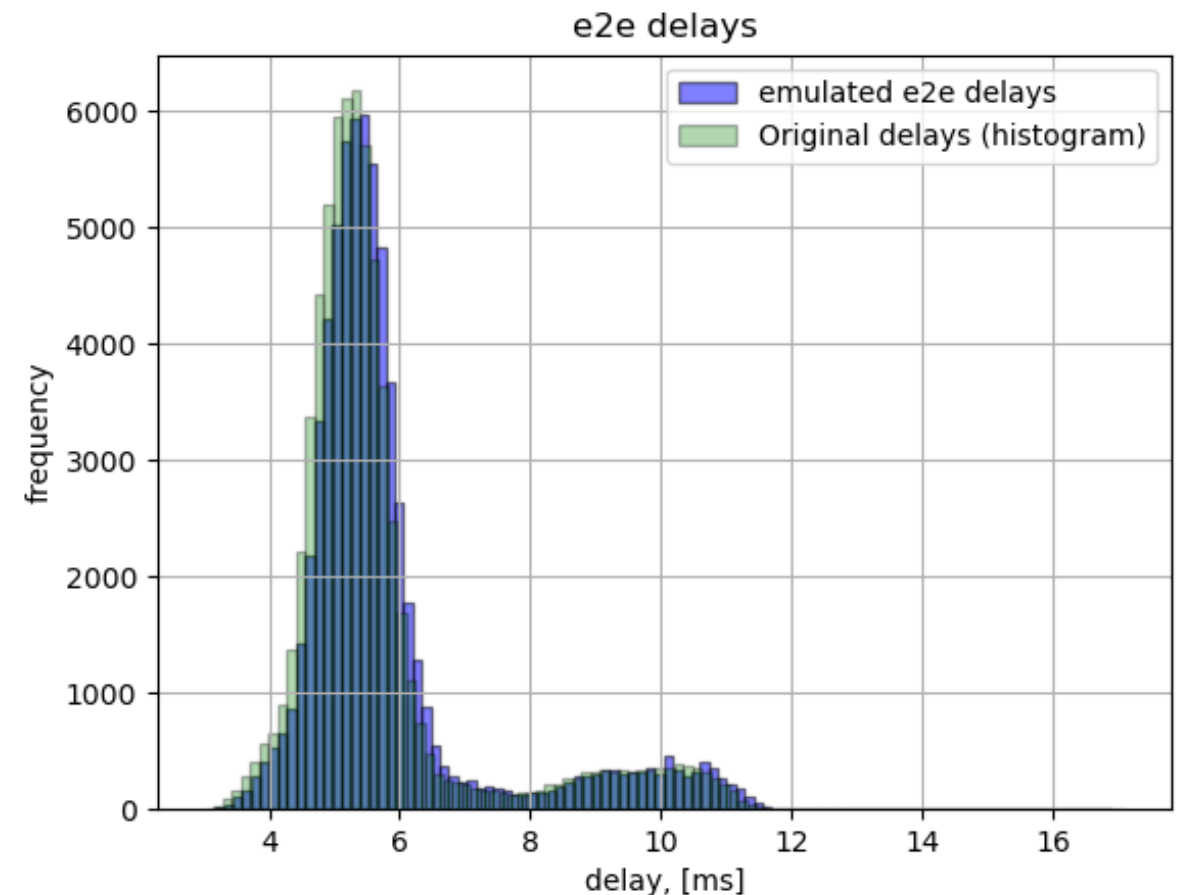
- Modular due to QDisc concept
 - Combination with existing Linux QDiscs and filters (packet classifiers)
 - Integration with Linux virtual Bridge



Deterministic6G Emulation Framework: Performance

Good performance for a software solution:

- ❑ Max throughput ~ 1 Gbps
- ❑ Min delay ~ 100-150 us
 - ➔ Milli-seconds range of delay OK
 - < 100 us not OK



Limitations

Delays are calculated **in advance** and **buffered** in kernel:

- ❑ **Dynamic (non-stationary) delay distributions only at coarse time granularity**
 - ❑ Takes long time to change from Delay Distribution A to Distribution B
 - ❑ Or if distribution changes continuously: **long dead time**
- ❑ Delays are i.i.d.

Deterministic6G Emulation Framework: Comparison

Simulation Framework	Emulation Framework
Great to evaluate new models/approaches	Great to test real-world applications
Simplified model of real-world devices	Real-world devices can be evaluated with emulated 5G/TSN bridge
Delay distribution models are exactly configurable	Emulation as a software-component introduces additional error

Conclusion

- ❑ Data-driven evaluation platform for converged 5G/TSN networks
- ❑ Based on realistic delay models from real-world measurements

- ❑ **6GDetCom Simulator** and **Emulator** publicly available on GitHub
- ❑ **Datasets** publicly available on Zenodo

Open Source Code & Data



<https://github.com/DETERMINISTIC6G>



<https://zenodo.org/communities/deterministic6g/>

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