



**Embedding network calculus and event stream theory
in a common model**

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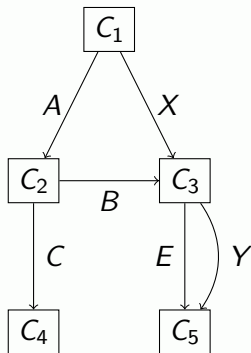
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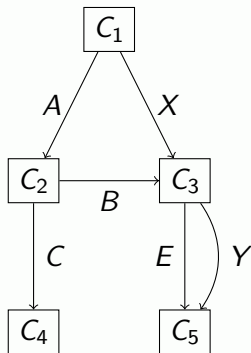
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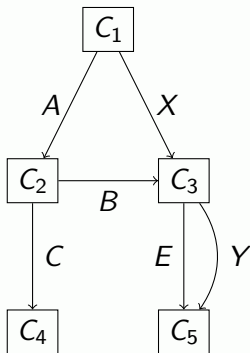
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- local latency
- end-to-end latency



Two flow/component models

	Event Stream/CPA	Network Calculus
	$\xrightarrow{E} \boxed{C} \xrightarrow{E'}$	$\xrightarrow{A} \boxed{C} \xrightarrow{A'}$
Flow model	$E(t)$: number of events up to time t	$A(t)$: amount of data up to time t
Contract	η^+, η^- : event arrival functions	α : arrival curve
$\forall t, d \geq 0$	$E(t+d) - E(t) \leq \eta^+(d)$ $E(t+d) - E(t) \geq \eta^-(d)$	$A(t+d) - A(t) \leq \alpha(d)$
Flow transformation	Busy window	Residual service

- Two very close models
- No best method (depends on the system)

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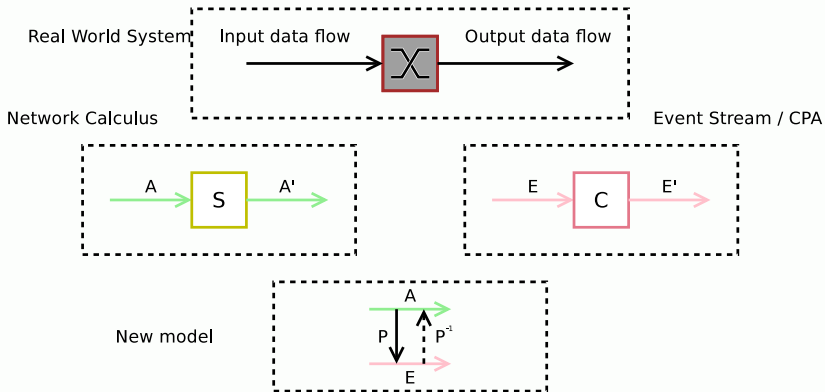
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Guidelines

- a compositional model
- an algebraic model

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The global picture



Definition of the new model

Arrival curve	Packet count	Event count
$A : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$	$P : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$	$E : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$
$A(t)$: amount of data up to t	$P(d)$: number of full packets in the d first "bits"	$E(t)$: number of full packets up to t

$$\underbrace{P(A)}_1 = \underbrace{E}^{\text{CPA}}$$

NC

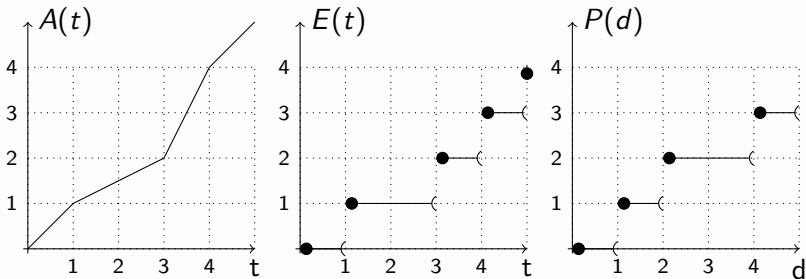
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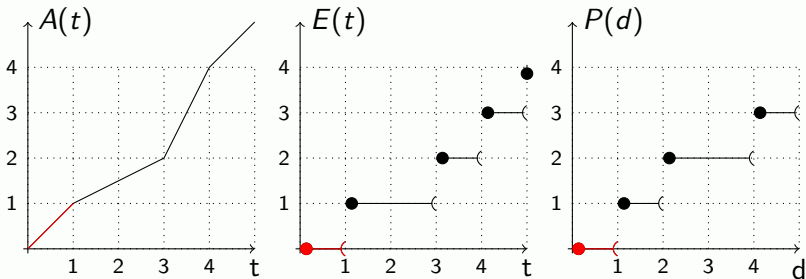
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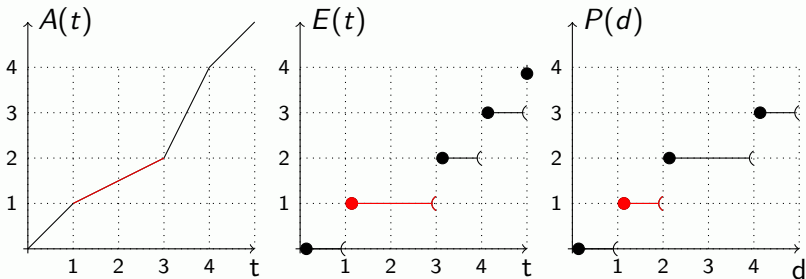
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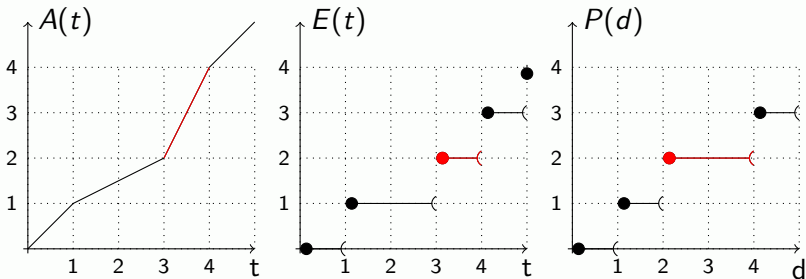
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Interval Bounding Pair (IBP)

- Real behaviours are unknown at design
- Performance studies based on contract
- Interval Bounding Pair: renaming of arrival curves/event stream

$\phi = (\underline{\phi}, \overline{\phi})$ is an Interval Bounding Pair (IBP) of f iff

$$\forall t, d \geq 0 : \underline{\phi}(d) \leq f(t+d) - f(t) \leq \overline{\phi}(d)$$

- Handle the contract tuple $\langle \alpha, \pi, \eta \rangle$ where α, π, η are respective IBPs of A, P, E

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Taking in hand the model

- Defining a new model is easy
- Model evaluation is hard
- Taking in hand the model:
 - basic properties of the model itself
 - modelling basic component
 - ① packetizer
 - ② aggregation
 - model accuracy (new)

Mathematical operators

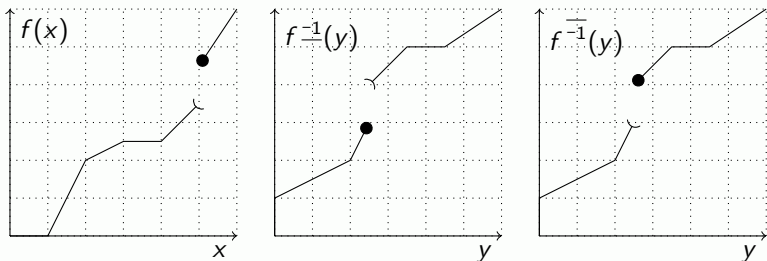
- Min/max-plus convolution: associative, commutative, monotonous

$$(f \underline{*} g)(t) = \inf_{0 \leq s \leq t} f(t-s) + g(s) \quad (f \overline{*} g)(t) = \sup_{0 \leq s \leq t} f(t-s) + g(s)$$

- Composition: associative, monotonous

$$(f \circ g)(t) = f(g(t))$$

- Pseudo-inverses



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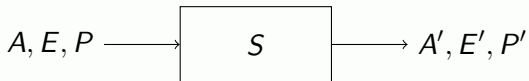
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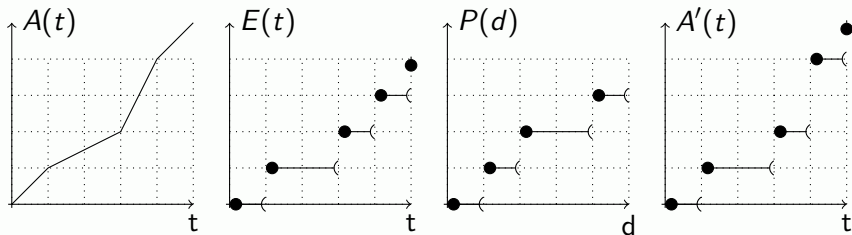
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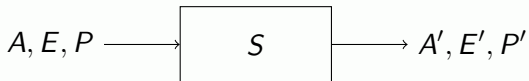
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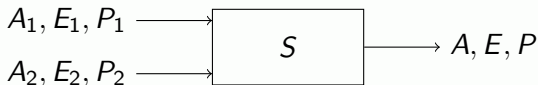
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Aggregation:

- mix of flows
- “sum” of flows is a flow
- no delay

$$A := A_1 + A_2$$

$$E := E_1 + E_2$$

$$P(A_1 + A_2) := P(A_1) + P(A_2)$$

$$\underline{\alpha} := \underline{\alpha}_1 + \underline{\alpha}_2$$

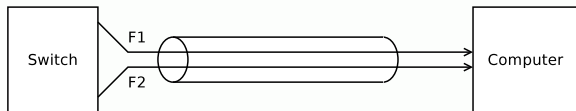
$$\underline{\eta} := \underline{\eta}_1 + \underline{\eta}_2$$

$$\underline{\pi} := \lfloor \underline{\pi}_1 * \underline{\pi}_2 \rfloor$$

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- Two data flows, F_1, F_2 , from S to C
- Using a link of throughput 1

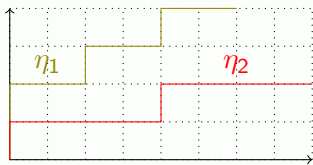
Flow	Packet size	Burst	Throughput	$\bar{\alpha}_i$	$\bar{\pi}_i$
F_1	$1/2$	1	$1/4$	$x/4 + 1$	$\lceil 2x \rceil$
F_2	1	1	$1/4$	$x/4 + 1$	$\lceil x \rceil$

- Goal: evaluation of the packet throughput
 - $F = F_1 + F_2$
 - what is $\bar{\eta}$?
 - challenge: modelling the link shaping

Packet throughput: no shaping

No shaping :

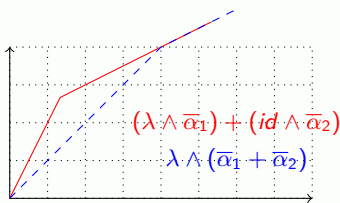
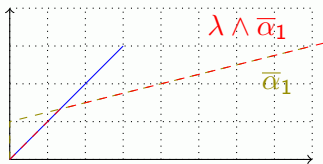
- $\bar{\eta}_1 = \bar{\pi}_1 \circ \bar{\alpha}_1 = \left\lfloor \frac{x}{2} \right\rfloor + 2$
- $\bar{\eta}_2 = \bar{\pi}_2 \circ \bar{\alpha}_2 = \left\lfloor \frac{x}{4} \right\rfloor + 1$
- $\bar{\eta} \leq \bar{\eta}_1 + \bar{\eta}_2$



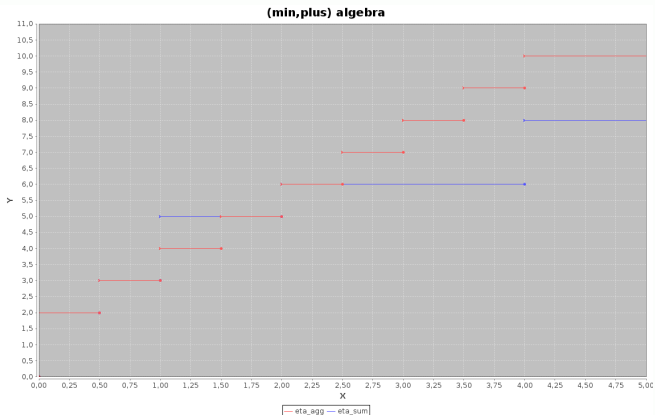
Packet throughput: with shaping

Link throughput: $\lambda(t) = t$

- Shaping reduces data throughput
 - for each flow,
 $\bar{\alpha}_i^s = \lambda \wedge \bar{\alpha}_i$
 - for the aggregate flow:
 $\bar{\alpha}_{1+2}^s = \lambda \wedge (\bar{\alpha}_1 + \bar{\alpha}_2)$
- Impact on packet throughput
 - per flow: $\bar{\eta}_i^s = \bar{\pi}_i \circ \bar{\alpha}_i^s$
 - aggregate flow:
 $\bar{\eta}_{1+2}^s = \lceil \bar{\pi}_1 * \bar{\pi}_2 \rceil \circ \bar{\alpha}_{1+2}^s$
 - both $\bar{\eta}_1^s + \bar{\eta}_2^s$ and $\bar{\eta}_{1+2}^s$ are packet throughput bounds



Numerical results



- the shaping only affects start of curve
- the simple method has better long term throughput
- the new method is locally better

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- A new model, unifying NC and Event-Stream/CPA
- Taking the model in hand
 - algebraic results
 - some accuracy gains
- Next steps
 - composition implementation
 - aggregation improvement
 - realistic case study

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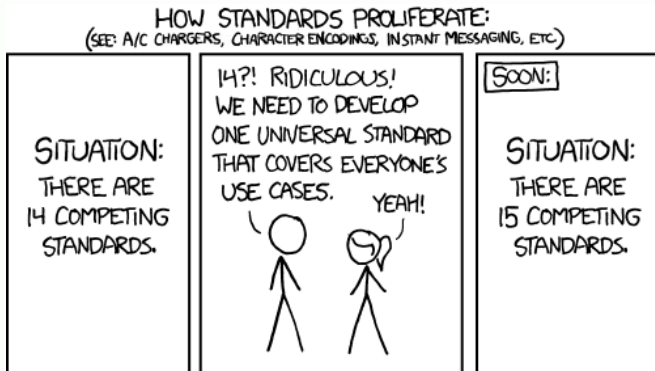


Figure: <http://xkcd.com/927/>