

IEEE 802.1 & 802.3 Packet Transmission Pre-emption Solution and Problem Statement

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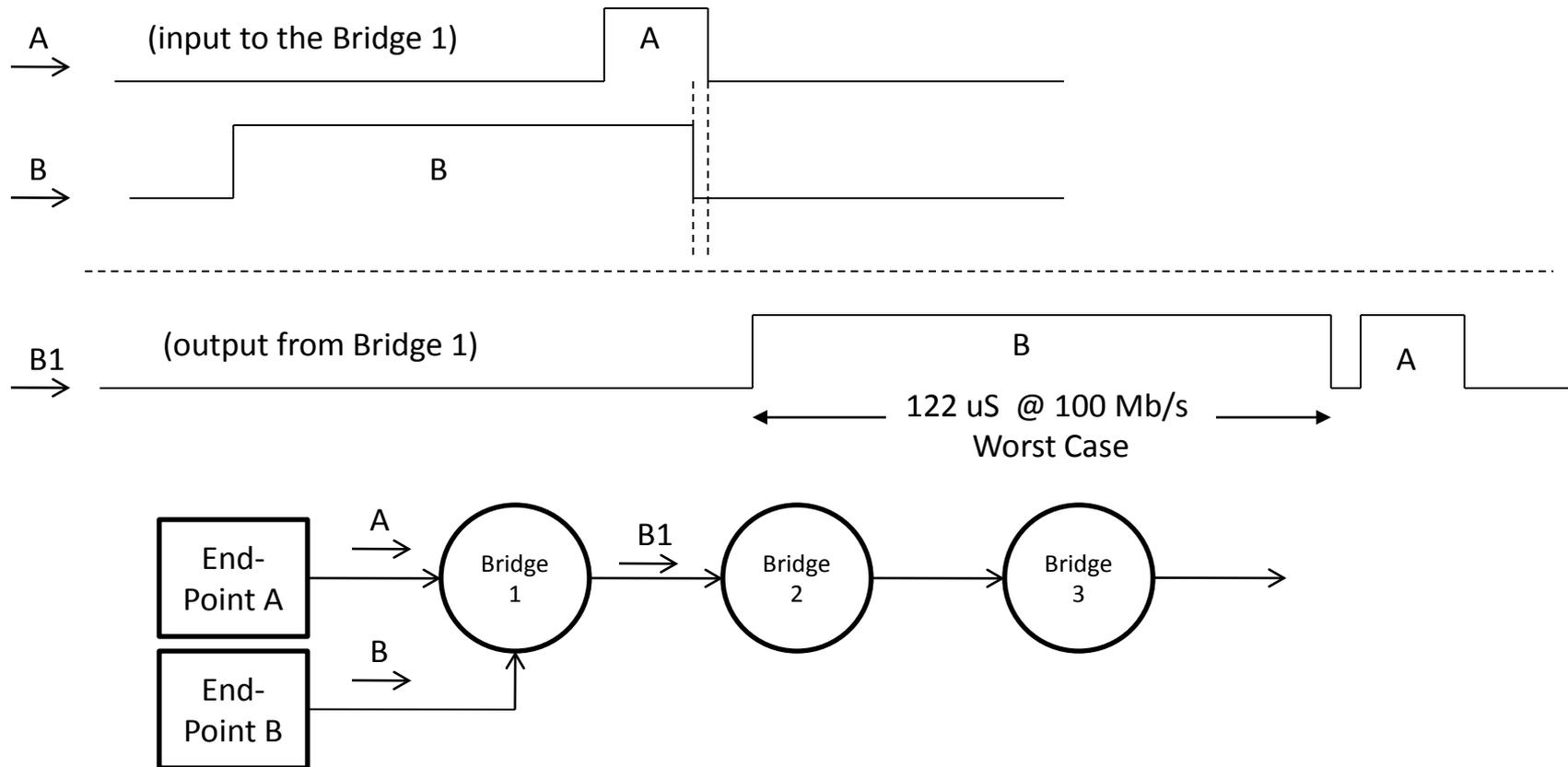
Pre-emption

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Pre-emption Need

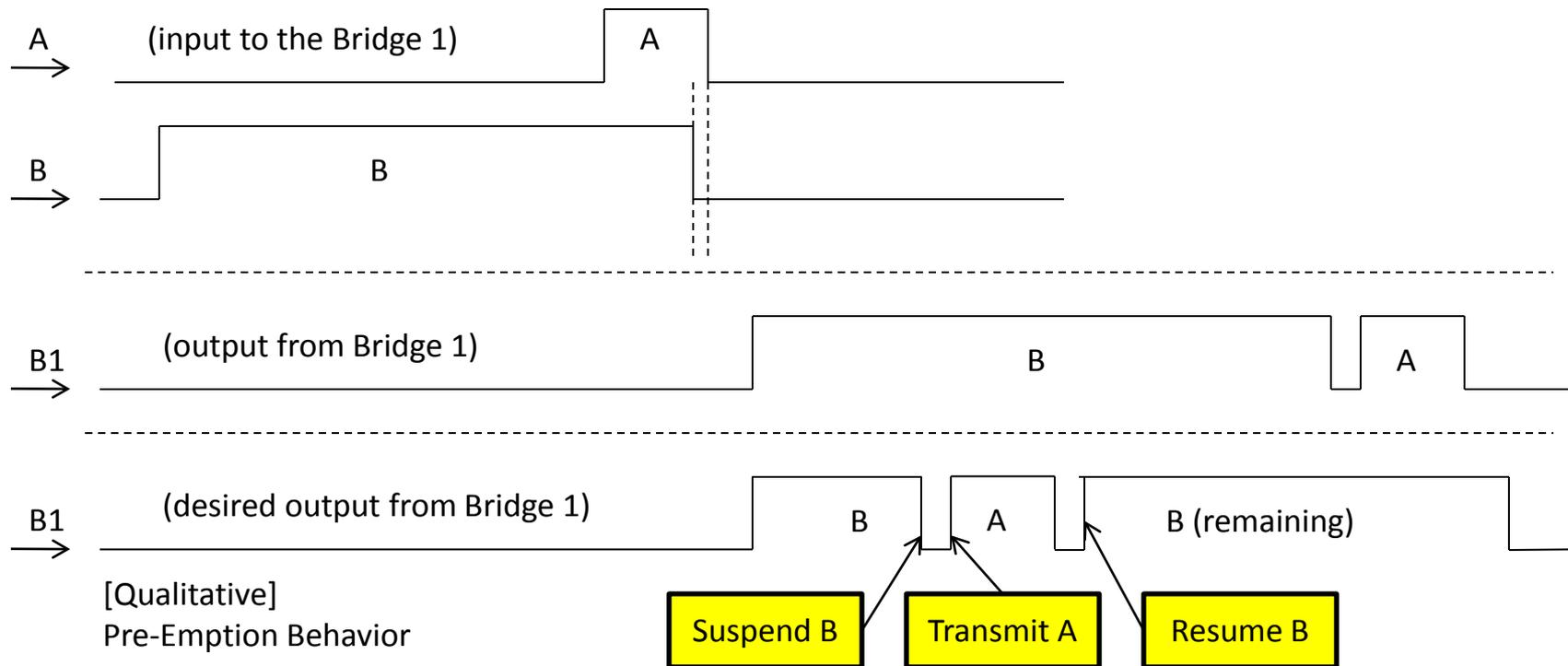
- 100 uS over three bridge hops @ 100 Mb/s and above – Automotive (from March 2011, 802.1)
 - [new-avb-KimNakamura-automotive-network-requirements-0311.pdf](#)
- <5 uS per hop, ~32 bridge hops @ 1000 Mb/s and above – Industrial Ethernet (from January 2011, 802.1). 125 uS over 32 hops desired.
 - [new-goetz-avb-ext-industrcom-0113-v01.pdf](#)
 - Refined objectives from system vendors expected.
- Problem Statement:
 - Max Length Ethernet Frame @ 100 Mb/s = ~120 uS – greater than automotive requirements.
 - Max Length Ethernet Frame @ 1000 Mb/s = ~12 uS – greater than industrial requirements.
 - “Head of Line” blocked behind Max Length Frame exceeds the requirements above.

The Problem



- Classic “Head of Line” problem. The worst case is urgent frame A is scheduled behind best-effort maximum length frame B. But we desire urgent frame to get through (e.g. 3 hops @ 100 Mb/s in 100 μs).
- Except, now we want to do something about this to provide a solution to automotive and industrial network markets.

A Generic Preemption Solution

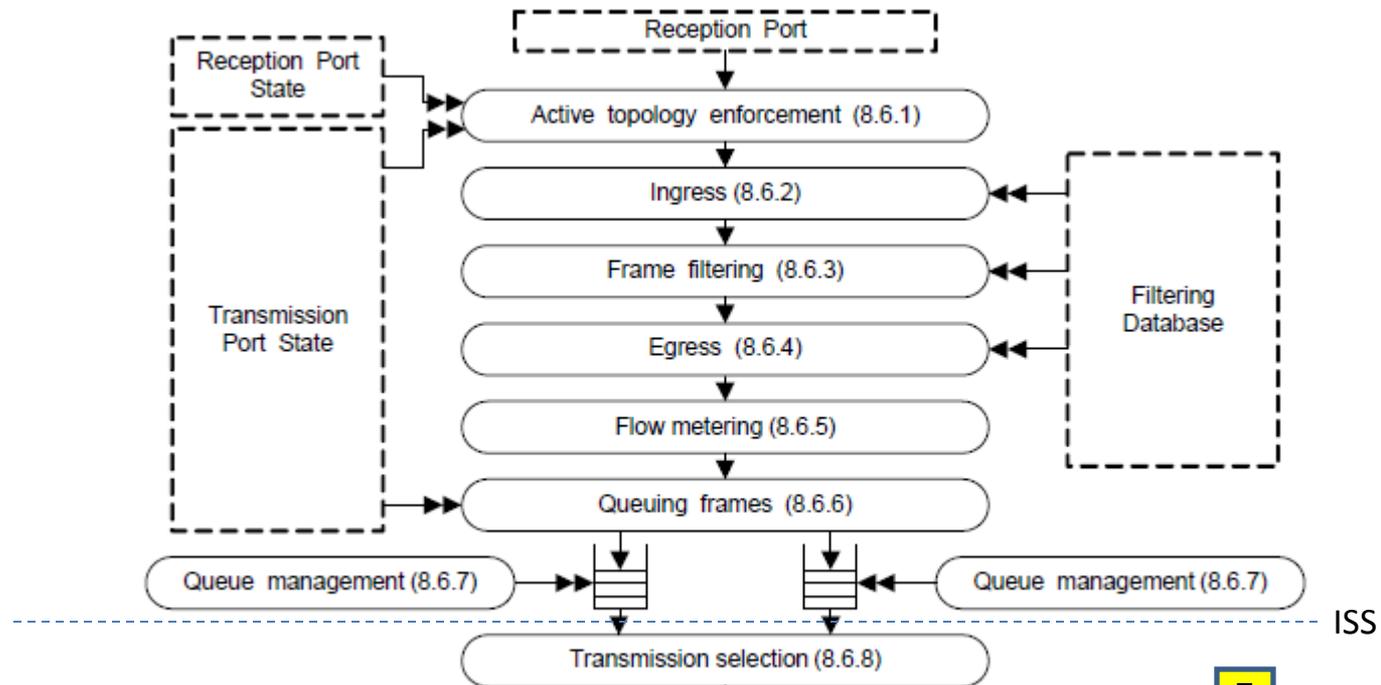


- There is no other solution to “head of line blocking” delay behind a max frame length packet.
- A generic solution is to suspend the max frame length (“B” in this example) packet, transmit urgent frame, and resume previous. Note: Other completion options besides resume-previous is retransmit B entirely, or always fragment B (regardless of existence of A) are not desirable).

Summary of “Preemption Function”

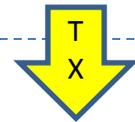
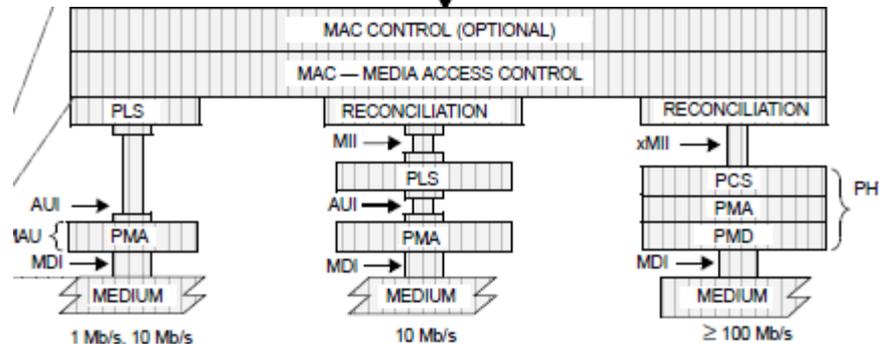
- Easy to explain – easy to understand.
- Fairly straight forward to implement, pending selection of many [functionally] equivalent proposals.
- Observation – “Everyone knows what ‘preemption’ means, but everyone has different ideas on how it may be implemented”. Let’s hold off on this.
- But the MAC Service interface (boundary between 802.1 and 802.3) as defined is not friendly to “Pre-emption” considerations.
 - [Next Slide] Entire 802.1 Frame is sent atomically to 802.3 MAC, as an example. No way to offer preempting frame to 802.3 from 802.1

Existing 802.1 and 802.3 Service Interface



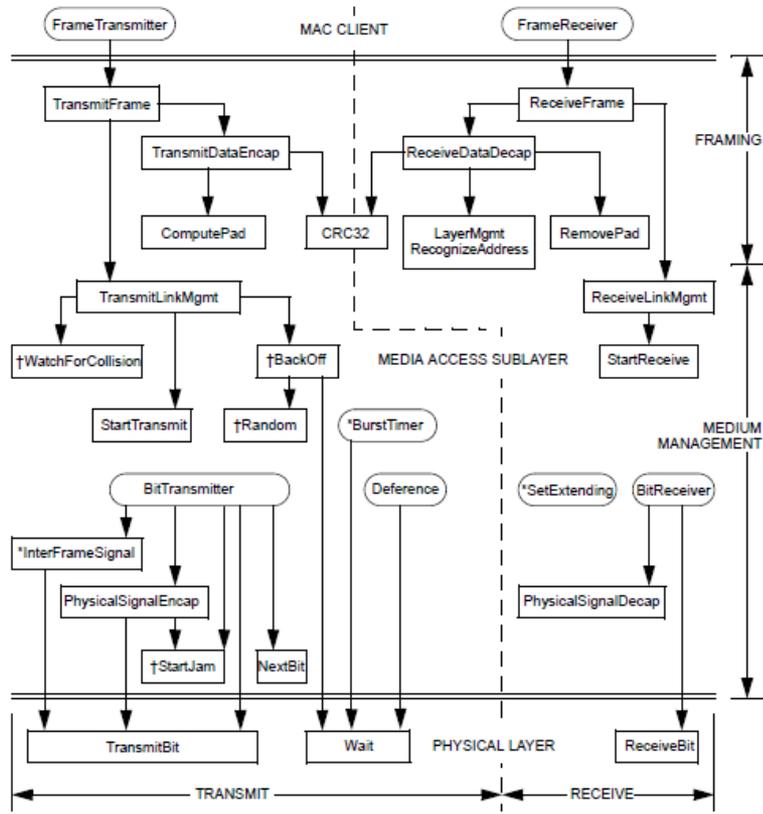
MAC Service Interface

MAC Service Interface



Entire Frame is sent atomically to 802.3 MAC
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IEEE 802.3 Clause 4 or Annex 4A



† Not applicable to full duplex operation.
 * Applicable only to half duplex operation at 1000 Mb/s.

Figure 4-1—Relationship among CSMA/CD procedures

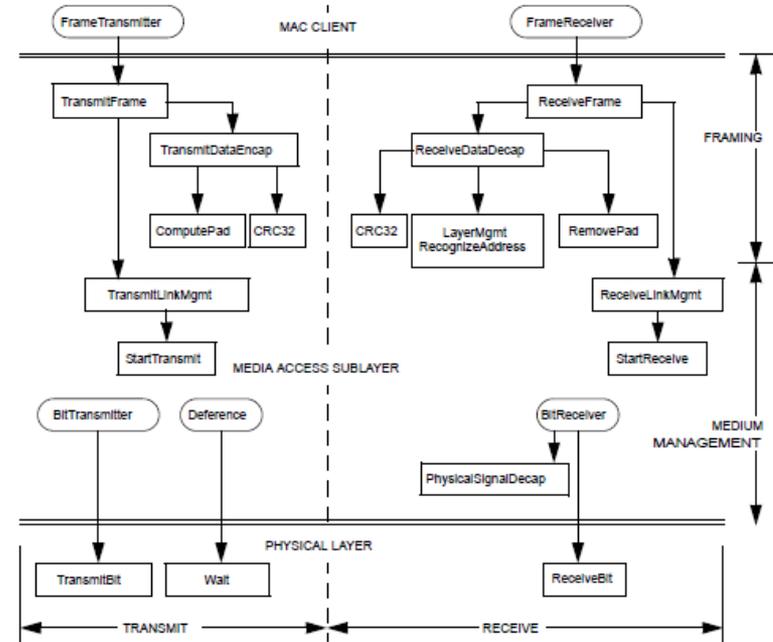


Figure 4A-1—Relationship among MAC procedures

Annex 4A (Full-Duplex only) may be the best clause to consider for preemption function.

Leave Claus 4 alone.

Proposed 802.1 & 802.3 Service Interface

- Problem – A packet is sent from 802.1 to 802.3 in zero time. 802.3 transmits the frame.
- Generic Solution –
 1. 802.1/802.3 MAC Service Interface needs to be augmented to convey a second preempting frame.
 - Additional information may be in form of “preempt-indication”, or second “transmit-urgent-request” or any other TBD during standardization.
 2. 802.3 MAC needs to handle preemption point and preemption framing.
 - Depends on the latency objectives and fragmentation header formats. TBD during standardization.
 3. 802.1 Services determine frames that are preemptable, preempting, and not preemptable.
 - Effect of AVB shaper, transmit selection, congestion management (if relevant) TBD during standardization.

Thank you!

One backup slide on 802.1 model
attached.

Provider Backbone Baggie Pants Model

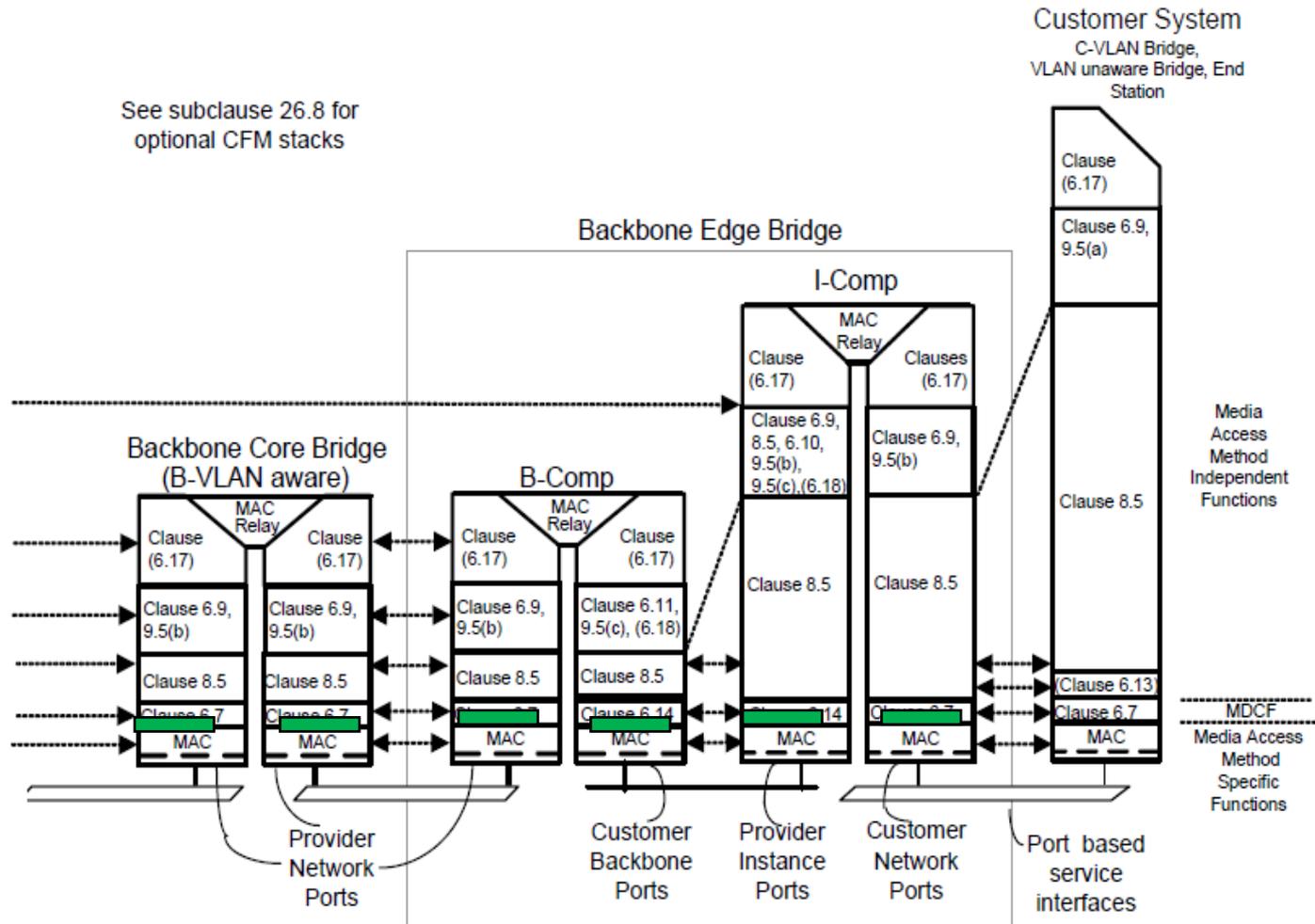


Figure 25-4—Port-based service interface



Suggested preemption Q-Rev work