



Mitigating Multimodal **Round Trip Times** (RTTs) in the Internet of Things Jon Crowcroft Feb 2020 Work with Carles Gomez, UPC









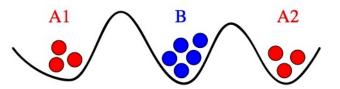
Internet of Things

- Things Sensors, Actuators, Cloud
 - Lots of stuff being connected
 - Sometimes/often battery powered
 - Very low power cpu/memory/network
- Internet & TCP/IP
 - Protocols and code exist
 - Can be subsetted to shrinkwrap above
 - Any actual *differences*?
- Not going to talk about security

 It is so stupid it is like brexit.

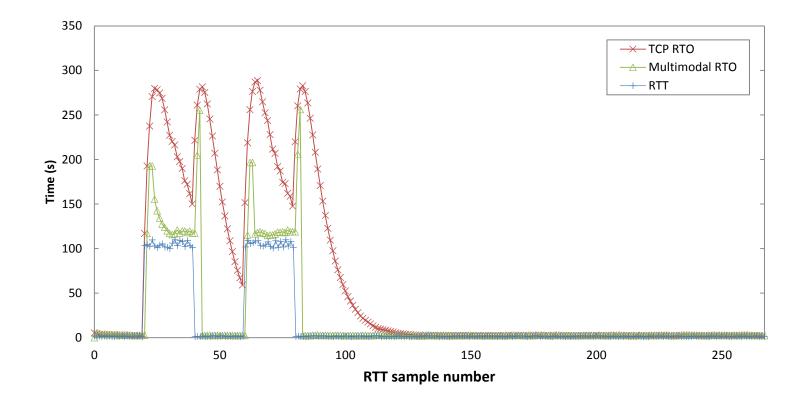
Another scenario

- 2 Byzantine Generals on 2 hills
- Want to attack town
- Send messengers to synchronise
- Messengers can take different time or get captured –to be sure?



Round Trip Times

• RTT and RTO in low power radio nets



You land on an alien planet

- And observe a bunch of clocks

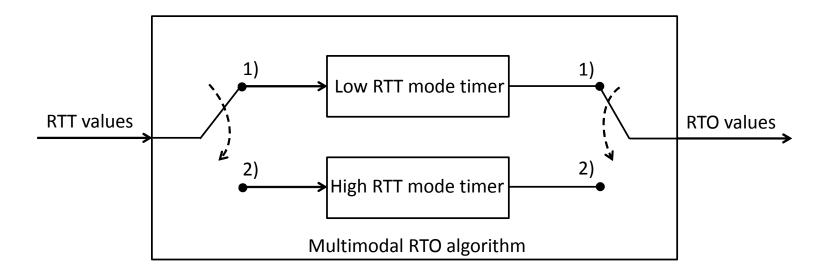
 You don't know the intervals they
 measure (hours(minutes(seconds)))
 - You don't know how many hands?
 - They might be Napoleonic



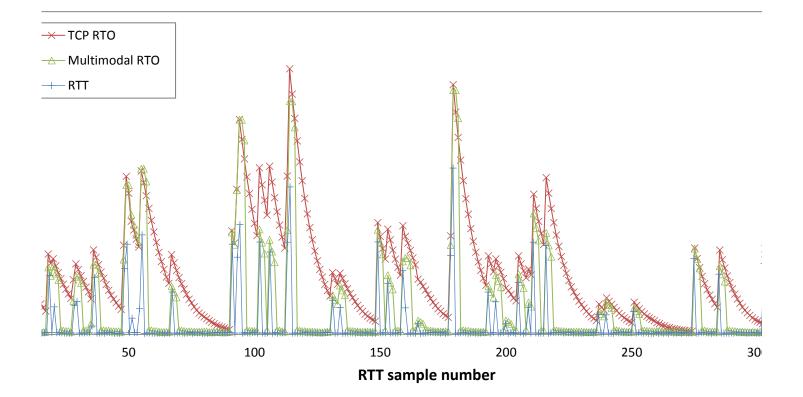


Stats

- Unknown distribution…
- General problem hard
- How many samples to infer moments?
- What to do with result?
- How about bi-modal?



Seems to work pretty well



Summary

- Interesting problems show up
- In surprisingly mature contexts!
- Practical solutions powerful
- But must ground in principles.

