



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









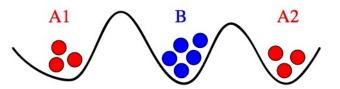
# **Internet of Things**

- 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.

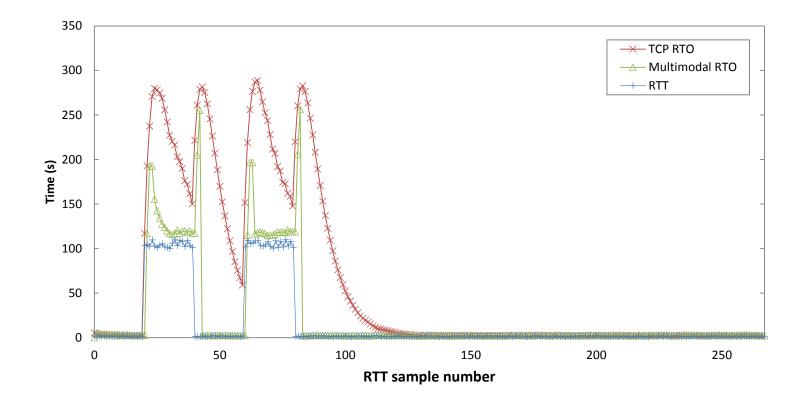
#### **Another scenario**

- 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

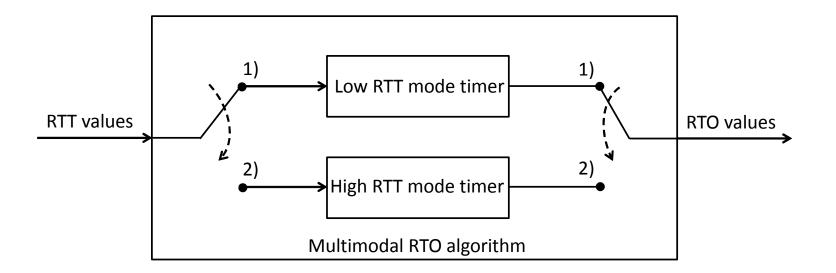
   You don't know the intervals they
   measure (hours(minutes(seconds)))
  - You don't know how many hands?
  - They might be Napoleonic



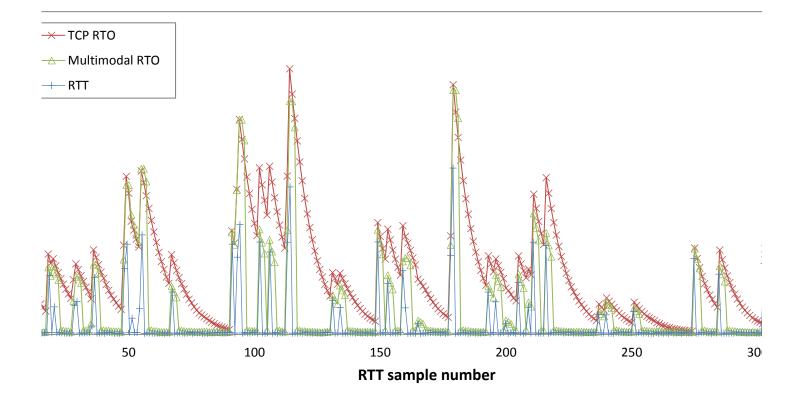


### **Stats**

- 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.

