



# Lecture 13

## **CSMA/CD and Multi-access Reservations**

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## Outline of Lecture 12

- ☐ Carrier Sense Multipler Access (CSMA)
- ☐ Stabilization of CSMA
- ☐ CSMA/CD (Collision Detection)
- ☐ Multi-access Reservations



# CSMA - 1

## ■ CSMA random access

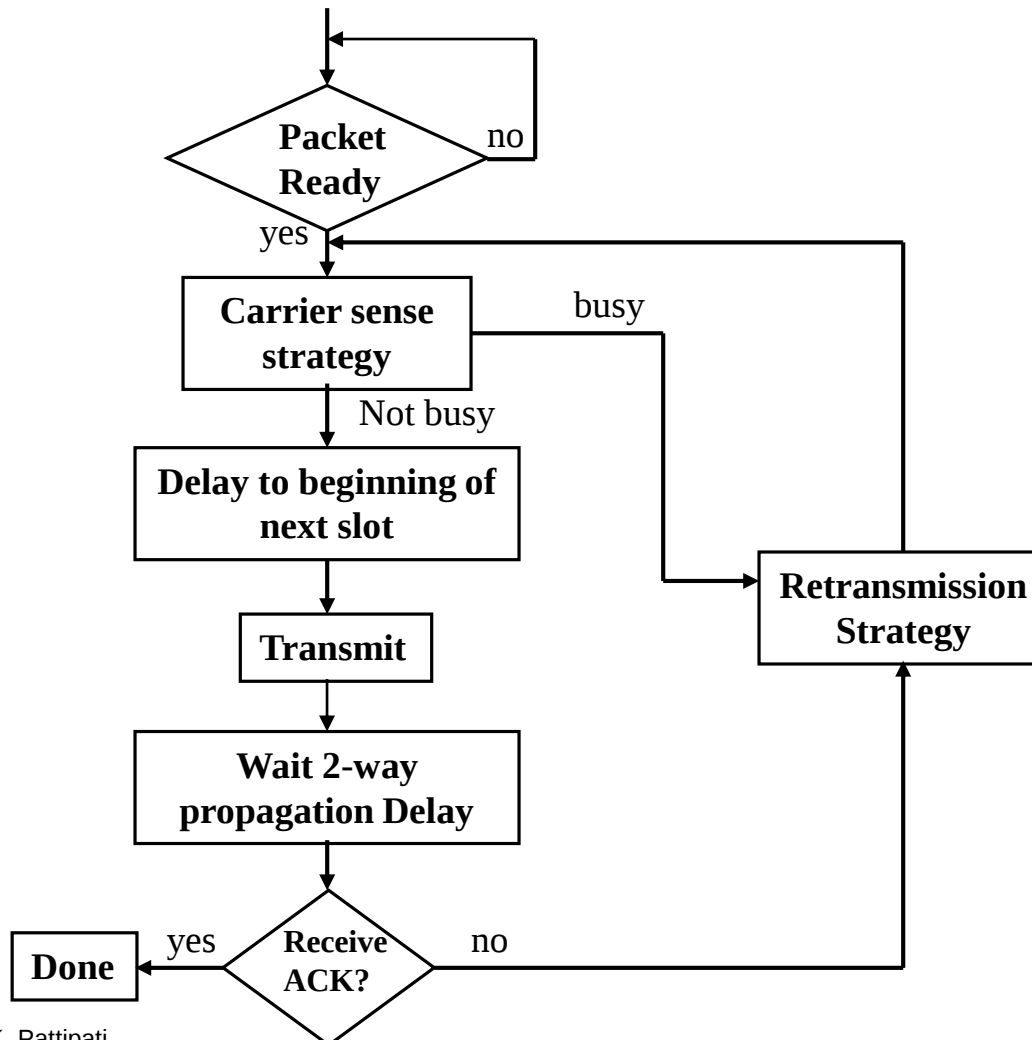
- These are refinements on the pure and Slotted Aloha – We use additional hardware to detect (i.e., sense) the transmissions of other nodes
- Very useful for systems with propagation delays  $\ll$  packet transmission times
- Can have slotted or unslotted versions.

*Let  $\tau$  = propagation and detection delay to detect an idle channel after a transmission ends*

- *CSMA* uses  $\tau$  as the slot size
- If slotted, must transmit it at the beginning of a slot.

# CSMA - 2

## CSMA random access:



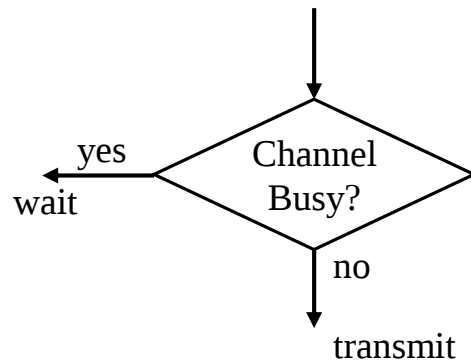
# Types of CSMA

Two types of CSMA:

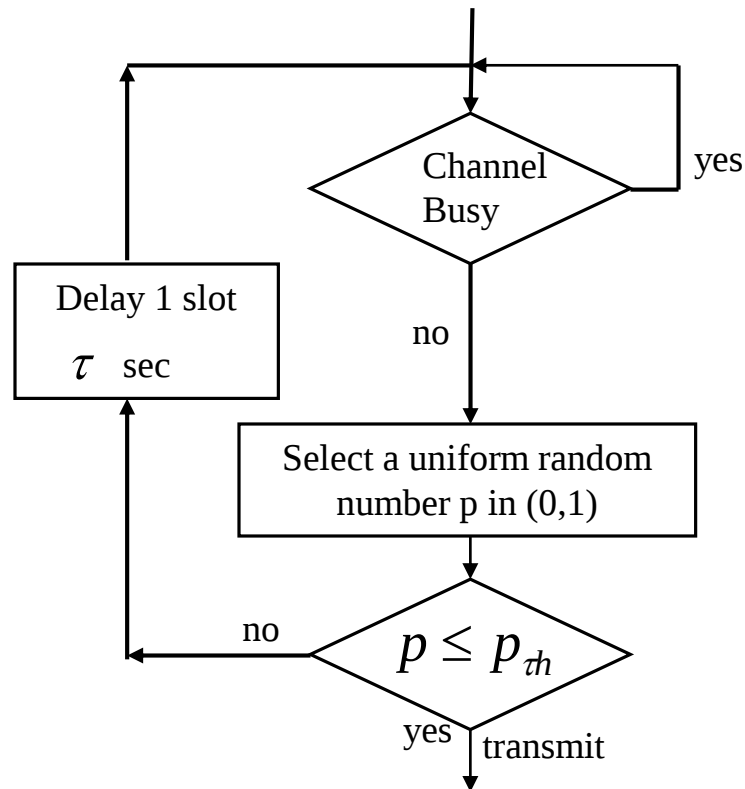
Non-Persistent CSMA

p- persistent CSMA

## Non-persistent CSMA



## p - persistent CSMA





# Analysis of Unslotted CSMA - 1

## ■ Model assumptions:

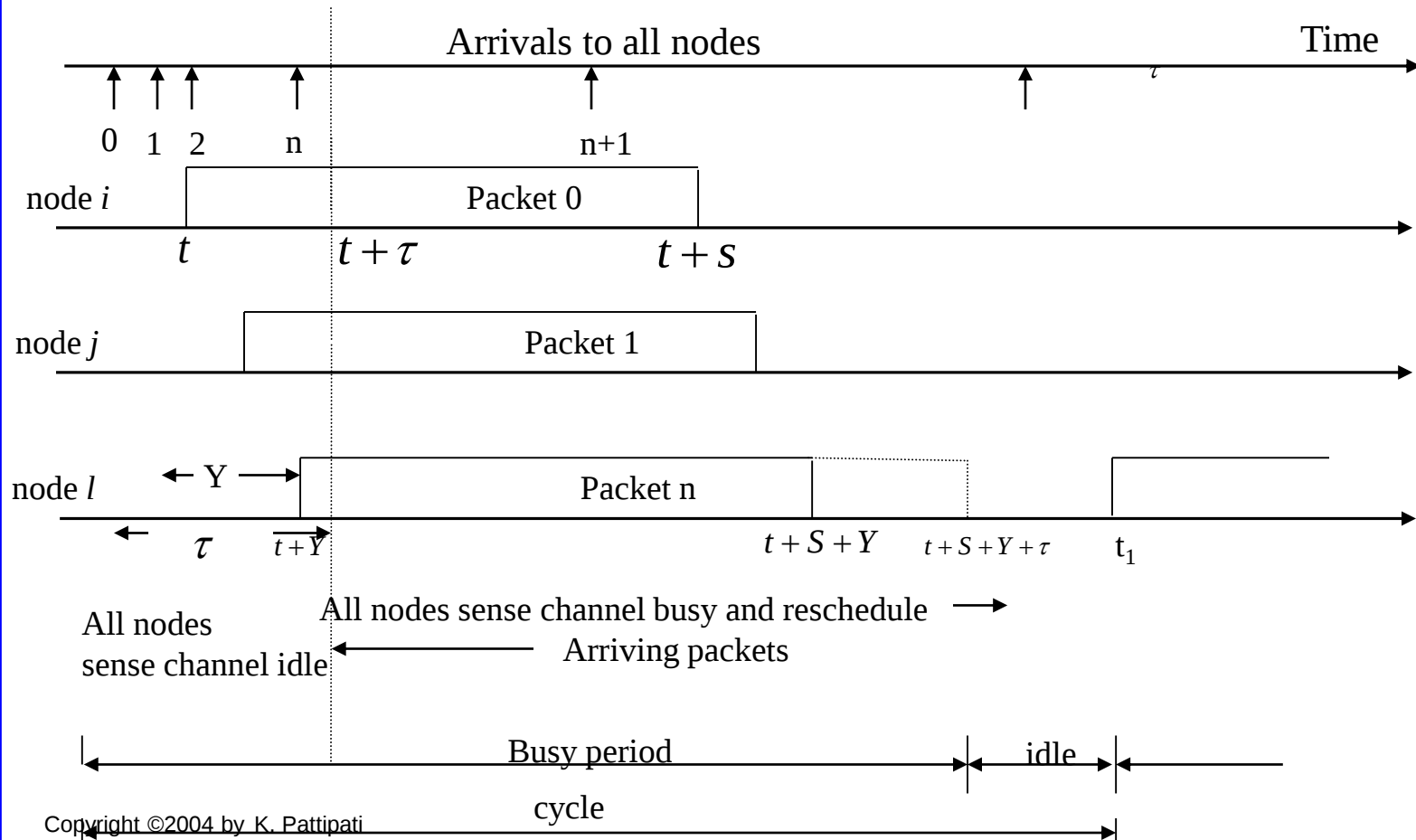
1. Number of users (nodes) is infinite and the arrival process is Poisson.
2. Propagation and detection delay is  $\tau$  seconds.
3. All packets have the same length and the same transmission time,  $S$ .
4. At any point in time, each node has at most one packet ready for transmission, including any previously collided packets.
5. Carrier sensing takes place immediately (instantaneous feedback)
6. Noise-free channel  $\rightarrow$  failure of transmission is due to collisions only.  
Collision occurs whenever two packets overlap.



# Analysis of Unslotted CSMA - 2

## ■ Unsuccessful and successful busy periods for nonpersistent CSMA:

### unsuccessful busy period:

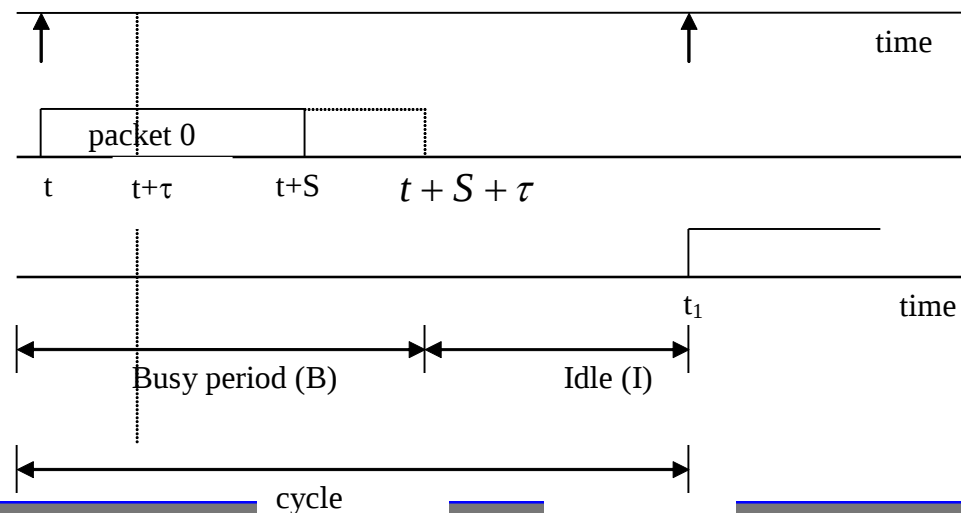




## Analysis of Unslotted CSMA - 3

- Packet 0 arrives at the reference node at time  $t$ . Since the channel is sensed idle, the packet is transmitted immediately.
- Packets 1, 2, ...,  $n$  do not know the existence of packet 0. Let  $t+Y$  be the time at which the last packet (in this case  $n$ ) arrives before  $t+\tau$ .
- After  $t+\tau$ , nodes know that channel is busy. So, they reschedule packets for a later time (e.g., packet  $n+1$  knows that it has to reschedule).
- Packet  $n$  transmission ends by time  $t+Y+S$  and all nodes know about it by  $t+Y+S+\tau$ .

### Successful busy period:



# Analysis of Unslotted CSMA - 4

*No arrival in  $(t, t + \tau) \Rightarrow$  no collisions occur,  $Y = 0$*

So, the vulnerable period for CSMA = propagation and detection delay  
(Recall that for pure and slotted Aoha it was  $2S$  and  $S$ , respectively.)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Throughput } \rho &= \frac{\text{Time over which useful work is performed}}{\text{cycle time}} \\ &= \frac{\bar{U}}{\bar{B} + \bar{I}} \end{aligned}$$

$\bar{U}$  = average time during a cycle where packets are successfully transmitted.

$$\begin{aligned} 1) \bar{U} &= S \cdot \text{prob}\{\text{packet } o \text{ is a good transmission}\} \\ &= S \cdot \text{prob}\{o \text{ arrivals in } (t, t + \tau)\} \\ &= S \cdot e^{-G\tau/S}; \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{G}{S} = \text{attempt rate (new + retransmissions) per packet transmission time}$$



# Analysis of Unslotted CSMA - 5

## 2) Busy period length

$$B = Y + S + \tau$$

know that

$$Y = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if successful transmission with prob } e^{-G\tau/S} \\ \text{some random variable, otherwise with prob } [1 - e^{-G\tau/S}] \end{cases}$$

Distribution of  $Y$ :

$t + Y$  = time of last arrival of a packet in  $(t, t + \tau)$

$\Rightarrow$  no packet in  $(t + Y, t + \tau)$

$$\begin{aligned} F_Y(y) &= \text{prob}\{Y \leq y\} = \text{prob}\{\text{no arrivals in } (t + y; t + \tau)\} \\ &= e^{-G(\tau-y)/S} \quad \text{for } 0 \leq y \leq \tau \end{aligned}$$

$$\bar{Y} = \int_0^{\tau} [1 - F_Y(y)] dy = \tau - \frac{S}{G} [1 - e^{-G\tau/S}] \quad \text{so, } \bar{B} = 2\tau + S - \frac{S}{G} [1 - e^{-G\tau/S}]$$

as  $G \rightarrow 0$ ,  $\bar{B} \rightarrow \tau + S$  as it should



## Analysis of Unslotted CSMA - 6

3) Mean Idle period,  $\bar{I}$

Inter – arrival times are exponential with mean  $\frac{S}{G}$

$$\text{so, } \bar{I} = \frac{S}{G}$$

$$\text{so, } \rho = \frac{\bar{U}}{\bar{B} + \bar{I}} = \frac{S e^{-G\tau/S}}{S[1 + \frac{2\tau}{S}] + e^{-G\tau/S} \frac{S}{G}}$$

If we let  $\beta = \frac{\tau}{S}$  we have

$$\rho = \frac{G e^{-\beta G}}{G(1 + 2\beta) + e^{-\beta G}}$$

For small  $\beta$ ,  $e^{-\beta G} \approx 1 - \beta G$

$$\rho = \frac{e^{-\beta G}}{[\frac{1}{G} + (1 + \beta)]}$$



## Analysis of Unslotted CSMA - 7

- The throughput has a maximum at

$$\frac{d\rho}{dG} = 0 \Rightarrow -\beta e^{-\beta G} \left[ \frac{1}{G} + (1 + \beta) \right] + \frac{1}{G^2} e^{-\beta G} = 0$$

$$\text{or } \frac{1}{G^2} - \frac{\beta}{G} - \beta - \beta^2 = 0$$

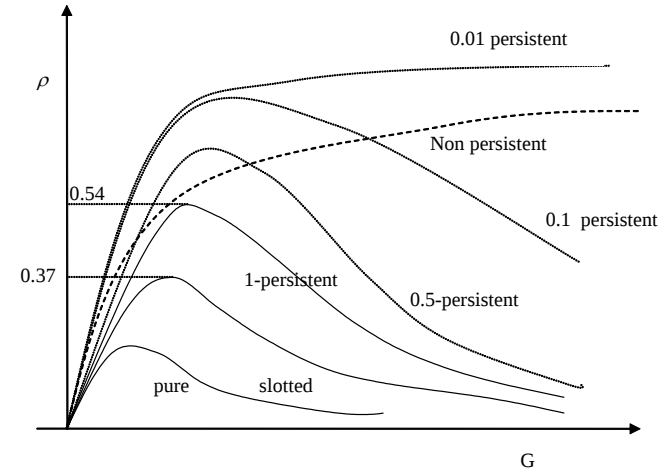
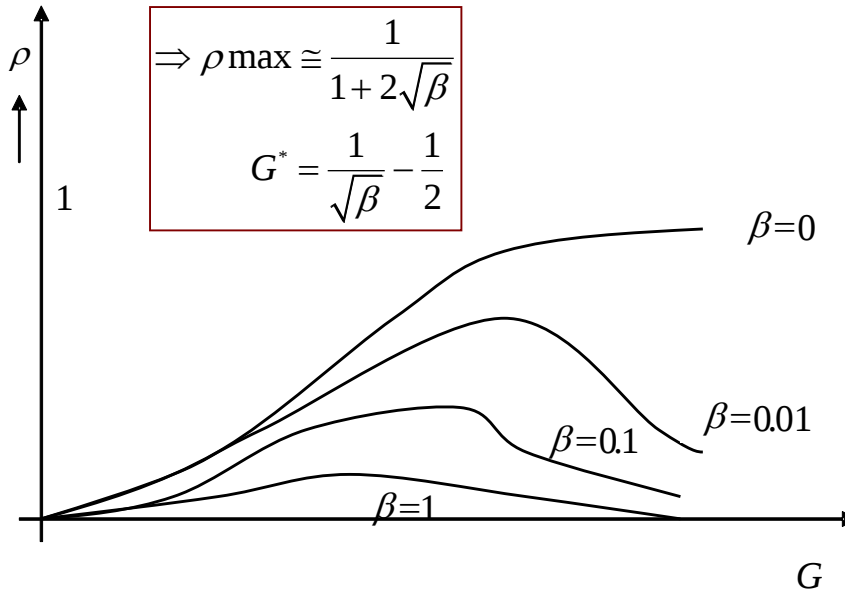
$$(\beta + \beta^2)G^2 + \beta G - 1 = 0$$

$$\beta \text{ small} \Rightarrow G^2 + G - \frac{1}{\beta} \approx 0$$

$$G = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{1 + 4/\beta}}{2} \approx \beta^{-1/2} - 1/2 \Rightarrow \rho_{\max} \cong \frac{1}{1 + 2\sqrt{\beta}}$$

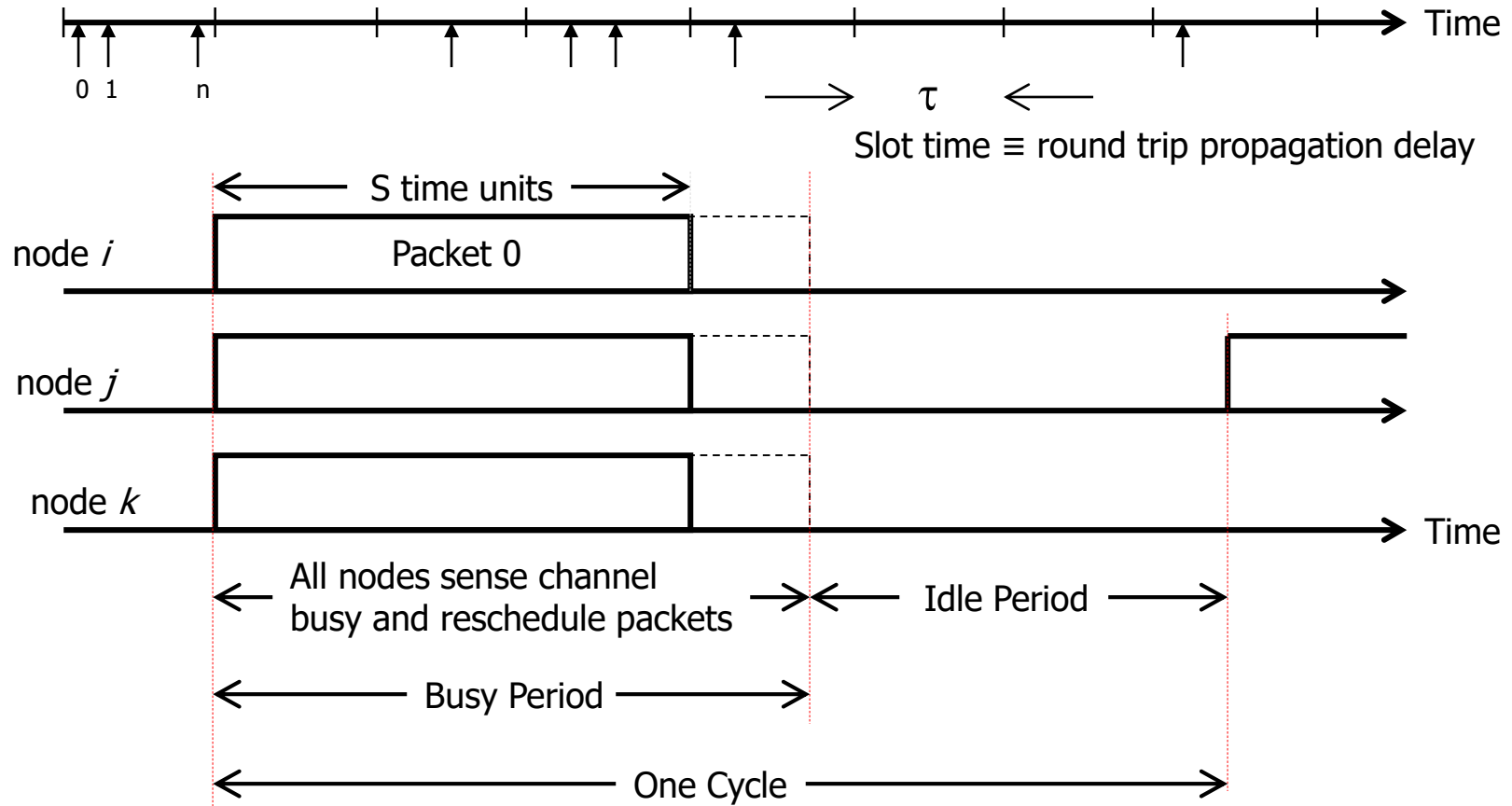
$$\text{Note: } \beta = 0 \Rightarrow \rho = \frac{G}{1 + G} \text{ and } \rho_{\max} = 1 \text{ at } G = \infty$$

# Performance of Unslotted CSMA





# Slotted Non-Persistent CSMA -1



□  $S$  is an integer multiple of slot length  $\tau$



## Slotted Non-Persistent CSMA - 2

$$\text{Throughput } \rho = \frac{\text{Time over which useful work is done}}{\text{Cycle Time}} = \frac{\bar{U}}{\bar{B} + \bar{I}}$$

$$\bar{U} = S \cdot P \{ \text{packet is a good transmission} \} = S \cdot P_s$$

$$P_s = \text{prob} \{ \text{one arrival in } (0, \tau) \mid \text{an arrival in } (0, \tau) \}$$

$$\text{Attempt rate} = \frac{\text{Ave. \# of attempted transmissions}}{\text{Channel Time}} = \frac{G}{S}$$

$$P_s = \frac{\left(\frac{G}{S}\tau\right)e^{\frac{-G\tau}{S}}}{1 - e^{\frac{-G\tau}{S}}} = \frac{\beta G e^{-\beta G}}{1 - e^{-\beta G}}$$

$$\text{So, } \bar{U} = S \left[ \frac{\beta G e^{-\beta G}}{1 - e^{-\beta G}} \right]$$

$$\text{Average busy period: } \bar{B} = S + \tau = S(1 + \beta)$$

$$\text{Average idle period : } \bar{I} = \tau \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} j p_j ; j = \text{length of idle period in slots}$$



# Slotted Non-Persistent CSMA - 3

$j = 0 \Rightarrow$  an arrival in the last slot of busy period

$$p_j = (e^{-\beta G})^j (1 - e^{-\beta G}) \quad ; \quad j \geq 0$$

so, 
$$\bar{I} = \tau \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} j (e^{-\beta G})^j (1 - e^{-\beta G}) = \frac{\tau e^{-\beta G}}{1 - e^{-\beta G}}$$

so, 
$$\rho = \frac{s \frac{\beta G e^{-\beta G}}{1 - e^{-\beta G}}}{\frac{\tau e^{-\beta G}}{1 - e^{-\beta G}} + s + \tau} = \frac{\beta G e^{-\beta G}}{\beta e^{-\beta G} + (1 + \beta)(1 - e^{-\beta G})} = \frac{\beta G e^{-\beta G}}{1 + \beta - e^{-\beta G}}$$

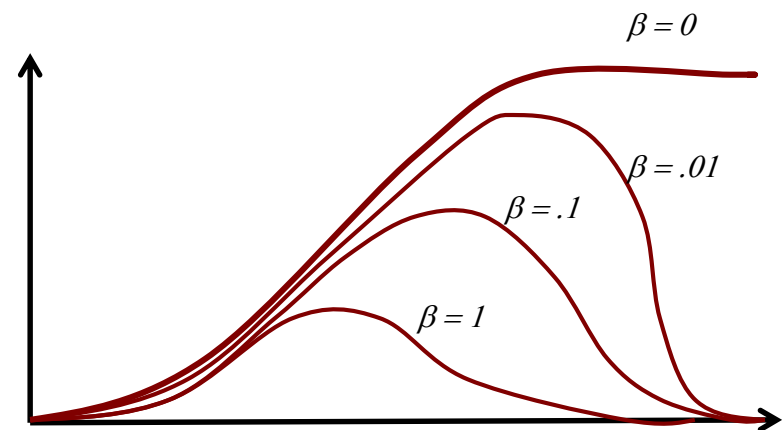
for small  $\beta$ ,

$$\rho \approx \frac{G e^{-\beta G}}{1 + G} = \frac{e^{-\beta G}}{(\frac{1}{G} + 1)} > \rho_{\text{unslotted}}$$

For small  $\beta$ , max. at  $G = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\beta}}$

$$\Rightarrow \rho_{\text{max}} = \frac{1}{1 + \sqrt{2\beta}} \dots \text{proof soon}$$

Similarly, one can derive results for p-persistent CSMA (See Kleinrock and Tobagi, *IEEE T-Comm*, Dec. 1975 & Oct. 1977)





## Slotted Non-Persistent CSMA (4)

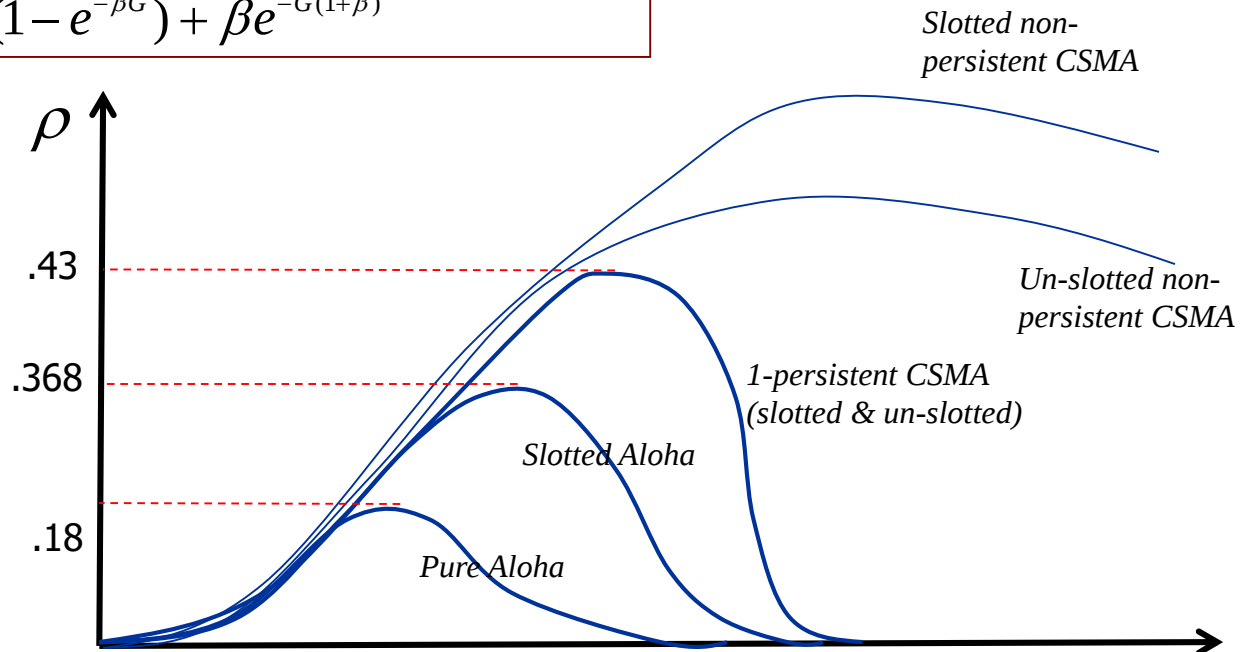
For 1-persistent CSMA: (Unslotted)

$$\rho = \frac{G \left[ 1 + G + \beta G \left( 1 + G + \frac{\beta G}{2} \right) \right] e^{-G(1+2\beta)}}{G(1+2\beta) - (1 - e^{-\beta G}) + (1 + \beta G) e^{-G(1+\beta)}}$$

For 1-persistent CSMA: (Slotted)

$$\rho = \frac{G e^{-G(1+\beta)} \left[ 1 + \beta - e^{-\beta G} \right]}{(1 + \beta)(1 - e^{-\beta G}) + \beta e^{-G(1+\beta)}}$$

Typical throughput  
Curves for  $\beta = .01$



# Stabilization of CSMA - 1

## (Pseudo Bayesian Algorithm)

For slotted CSMA

$$\rho = \frac{\beta G e^{-\beta G}}{1 + \beta - e^{-\beta G}}$$

$$\frac{d\rho}{dG} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{(\beta e^{-\beta G} - \beta^2 G e^{-\beta G})(1 + \beta - e^{-\beta G}) - \beta^2 G e^{-2\beta G}}{(1 + \beta - e^{-\beta G})^2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\beta e^{-\beta G} - \beta^2 G e^{-\beta G})(1 + \beta) - \beta e^{-2\beta G} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \beta(1 - \beta G)(1 + \beta) = \beta e^{-\beta G} \approx \beta \left[ 1 - \beta G + \frac{\beta^2 G^2}{2} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow (1 - \beta G)\beta^2 - \frac{\beta^3 G^2}{2} = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad 1 - \beta G - \frac{\beta G^2}{2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow G^2 + 2G - \frac{2}{\beta} = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad G \cong \sqrt{\frac{2}{\beta}}$$

$$\text{or, at } \beta G = \sqrt{2\beta} \quad ; \quad \rho_{\max} \cong \frac{1}{1 + \sqrt{2\beta}}$$



# Stabilization of CSMA - 2

(Pseudo Bayesian Algorithm)

To achieve maximum,

estimate  $\hat{n}_k$

set prob of retransmission  $\gamma_k = \frac{\sqrt{2\beta}}{\hat{n}_k}$

in fact, set  $\gamma_k = \min\left(\frac{\sqrt{2\beta}}{\hat{n}_k}, \sqrt{2\beta}\right)$

update  $\hat{n}_k$  via

$$\hat{n}_{k+1} = \begin{cases} \hat{n}_k(1 - \gamma_k) + \rho\beta & \text{for idle} \\ \hat{n}_k(1 - \gamma_k) + \rho(1 + \beta) & \text{for success} \\ \hat{n}_k + 2 + \rho(1 + \beta) & \text{for collision} \end{cases}$$

Splitting algorithm don't do any better in this case



# CSMA/CD

## ■ CSMA/CD:

- "Listen while transmit"
- "Enables the detection of a collision shortly after it arrives and thus abort flawed packets promptly"
- "Minimizes channel time occupied by unsuccessful transmissions"
- Transmits a jamming signal when collision occurs and backs-off

Slotted or Unslotted

# Slotted CSMA/CD - 1

$G$  = offered traffic per packet time,  $S$

$$g = \frac{G\tau}{S} = \text{attempt rate per propagation delay} = G\beta$$

Consider state transitions at the end of idle slots

If no transmission occurs, the next idle slot ends after time  $\tau$

If one transmission occurs, the next idle slot ends after time  $\tau + S$

If a collision occurs, the next idle slot ends after  $2\tau$ , i.e., nodes must hear an idle slot after the collision to know that it is safe to transmit

So, expected length of interval between state transitions

$$\begin{aligned} E(\text{Interval}) &= \tau e^{-g} + g e^{-g} (\tau + S) + [1 - (1 + g)e^{-g}] 2\tau \\ &= \tau + g e^{-g} S + \tau [1 - (1 + g)e^{-g}] \\ &= S [\beta + g e^{-g} + \beta [1 - (1 + g)e^{-g}]] \end{aligned}$$

Expected numbers of arrivals between state transitions

$$\bar{n} = \rho [\beta + g e^{-g} + \beta [1 - (1 + g)e^{-g}]]$$

Expected Drift in  $n = \bar{n} - P_s = \bar{n} - g e^{-g}$

## Slotted CSMA/CD - 2

So,

$$\rho < \frac{ge^{-g}}{\beta + ge^{-g} + \beta[1 - (1 + g)e^{-g}]}$$

$$\rho_{\max} \text{ at } g = 0.77$$

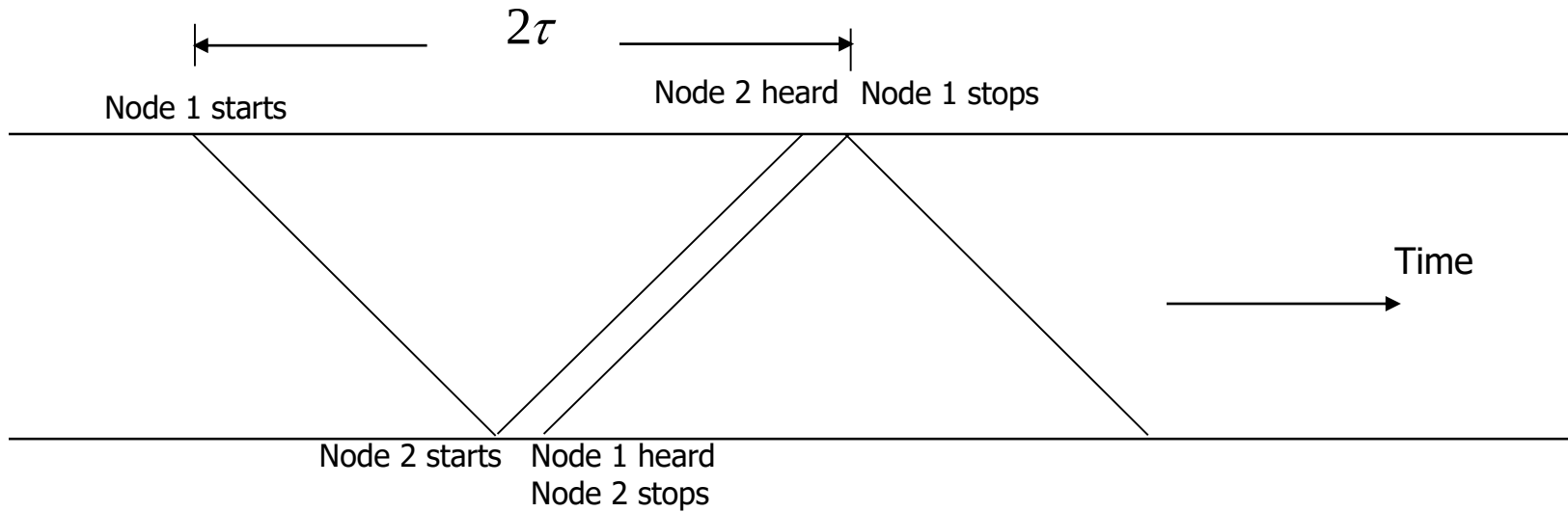
$$\rho_{\max} \approx \frac{1}{1 + 3.31\beta} \quad \text{compare with } \rho_{\max} = \frac{1}{1 + \sqrt{2\beta}} \text{ for CSMA}$$

For  $\beta$  small, can get  $\rho_{\max} \approx 1$



# Un-slotted CSMA/CD - 1

(used extensively in Local Area Networks)



## ■ Two complications:

1. Random times of collision detections
2. 'When you hear' depends on 'where you are located' on the bus

# Un-slotted CSMA/CD - 2

(used extensively in Local Area Networks)

■ But, can get a lower bound on throughput as follows:

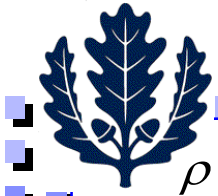
- Assume that each node initiates transmission whenever the channel is idle  
 $\frac{G}{S} \equiv$  the overall Poisson intensity
- All nodes sense the beginning of an idle period at most  $\tau$  seconds after the end of a transmission
- Expected time to the beginning of the next transmission is at most an additional  $S/G$   
 This next packet will collide with some other packets with probability  $1 - \exp(-\tau G/S)$
- Colliding packets will cease transmission after at most  $2\tau$  seconds
- Packet will be successfully transmitted with probability  $\exp(-\tau G/S)$  and will occupy  $S$  seconds

So, 
$$\rho > \frac{\exp(-\tau G/S) S}{\tau + S/G + 2\tau(1 - \exp(-\beta G)) + \exp(-\beta G) S}$$

$$\rho > \frac{\exp(-\beta G)}{\beta + S/G + 2\beta(1 - \exp(-\beta G))}$$

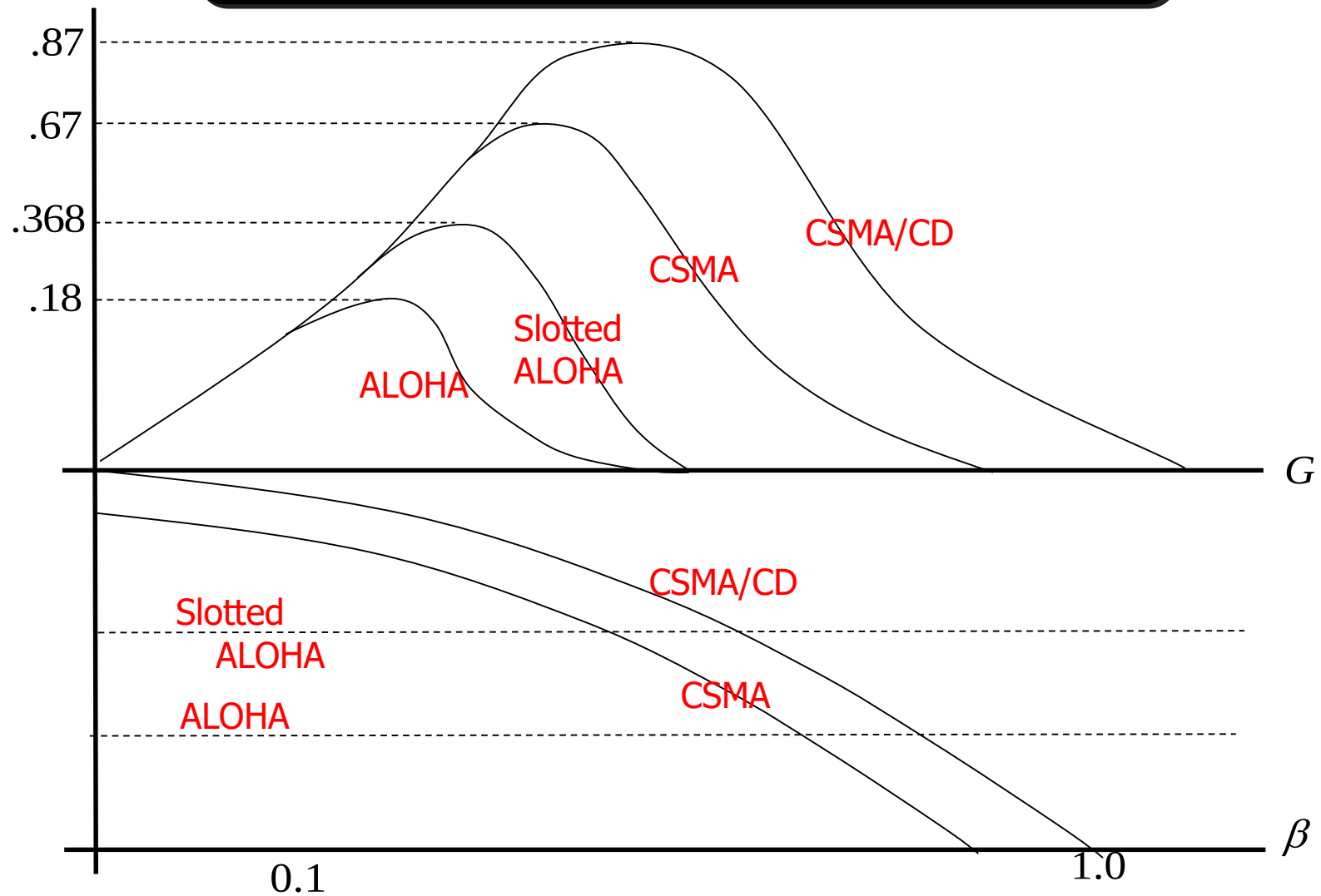
Max at  $\beta G = (\sqrt{13} - 1)/6 \approx 0.43$

So, 
$$\rho > \frac{1}{1 + 6.2\beta}$$
 Compare  $\rho_{\max} = \frac{1}{1 + \sqrt{2\beta}}$  for CSMA

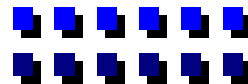


# Un-slotted CSMA/CD - 3

(used extensively in Local Area Networks)



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# Multi-access Reservations - 1

## Basic idea:

- Use short packets to reserve slots for longer data packets
- Suppose data packets require 1 time unit and reservation packets require  $v$  time units /slots
- If  $\rho_r$  is the maximum throughput of reservation packets per reservation slot, then,

$$\text{average time per reservation} = v / \rho_r$$

$$\text{total time} = 1 + v / \rho_r$$

$$\text{maximum throughput } \rho_{\max} = \frac{1}{1 + v / \rho_r}$$

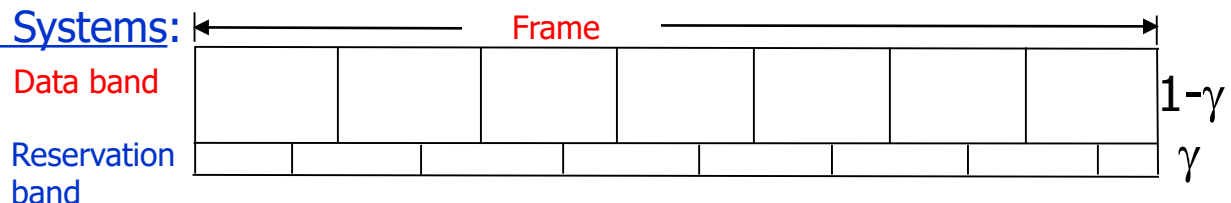
$$v = 0.01, \text{ and Slotted ALOHA} \Rightarrow \rho_{\max} = \frac{1}{1 + ve} = 0.9735$$

- Suppose, we use reservation packets also to send some data, then,

$$\text{total time} = 1 - v + v / \rho_r$$

$$\text{so, } \rho_{\max} = \frac{1}{1 + v(1/\rho_r - 1)} \stackrel{\text{Slotted ALOHA}}{=} \frac{1}{1 + v(e - 1)} \rightarrow 1 \text{ as } v \rightarrow 0$$

- Satellite Reservation Systems:





## Multi-access Reservations - 2

- Round trip propagation delay =  $2\beta$
- Fraction  $\gamma$  of the available bandwidth is used for reservations
- TDM is used within this bandwidth  $\Rightarrow$  one reservation packet per round trip delay period  $2\beta$

Let  $v = \frac{\text{reservation packet length}}{\text{data packet length}}$

$$\gamma = \frac{mv}{2\beta}$$

- An arriving packet waits  $\beta$  time units until the beginning of reservation interval
- *Transmission of reservation packet* =  $\frac{2\beta}{m}$  time units
- *Round trip delay* =  $2\beta$  (confirmation of reservation)

$$\Rightarrow \text{A delay of } \beta + \frac{2\beta}{m} + 2\beta = 3\beta + \frac{2\beta}{m} \text{ time units}$$



## Multi-access Reservations - 3

• The transmission is like M/G/1 queue  $X \rightarrow \frac{X}{1-\gamma}, \rho = \frac{\lambda \bar{X}}{1-\gamma}$

$$\begin{aligned} W &= 3\beta + \frac{2\beta}{m} + \frac{\lambda \bar{X}^2}{2(1-\gamma)^2(1-\rho)} \\ &= 3\beta + \frac{2\beta}{m} + \frac{\lambda \bar{X}^2}{2(1-\gamma)(1-\gamma-\lambda \bar{X})} \end{aligned}$$

□ many variations (e.g., the first packet makes reservations for subsequent packets)



# Summary

- ☐ Carrier Sense Multipler Access (CSMA)
- ☐ Pseudo Bayesian Algorithm for CSMA
- ☐ CSMA/CD (Collision Detection)
- ☐ Multi-access Reservations