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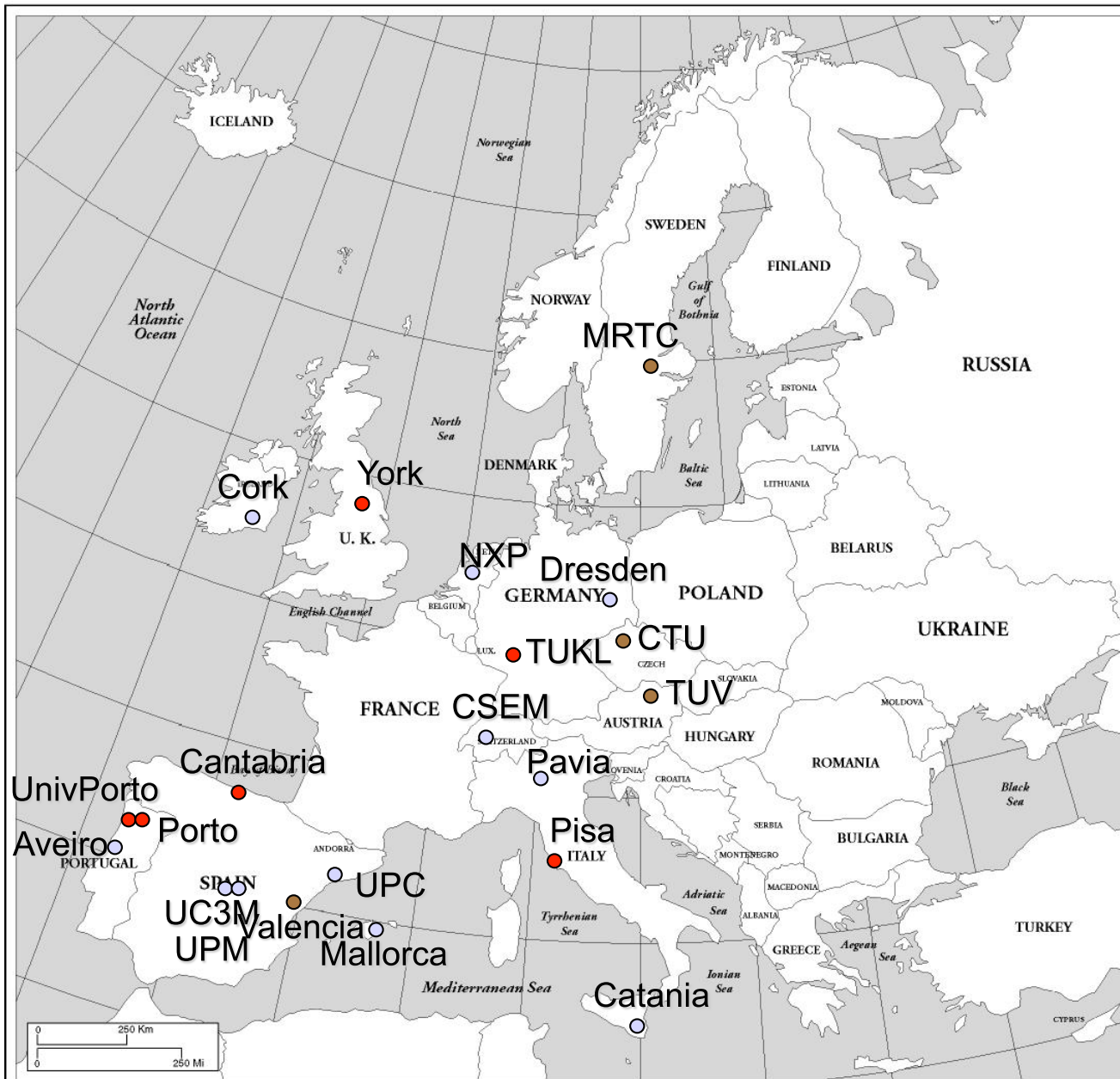
## Real-Time Networks

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## Real-Time Networks Activity

- 6 Core partners
  - 9 Affiliated partners
  - 4 Other Core partners
- 10 Other teams

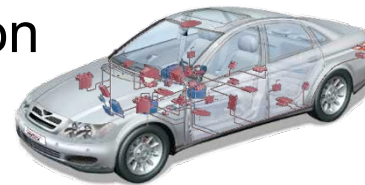
Strong interactions with:  
**Resource Management**  
 and  
**Design for Adaptivity**  
**Activities**



# Objectives

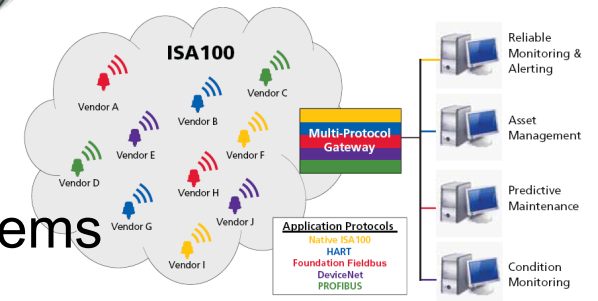
## ➤ **Managing complexity in networked embedded systems**

- QoS adaptation and graceful degradation
- higher integration with protection



## ➤ **Towards (real-time) wireless everywhere**

- WSN, MANETs, cooperating embedded systems
- Reduce communication-related energy consumption



## ➤ **Networking technology outreach**

- courses, seminars, schools, standards, joint R&D projects



## Challenges

### ➤ (Real-time) wireless everywhere (WSN)

- Synchronization
  - High precision time synchronization
- Management of energy and bandwidth
  - Long lifetime, high scalability and data aggregation

**Timeliness and energy in Wireless (Sensor) Networks**

### ➤ Managing complexity (NES)

- QoS adaptation and graceful degradation
  - Flexibility to cope with variations, topology changes, and other reconfigurations
- Networking support
  - Provide real-time and complex services
    - » Efficient temporal partitioning and dynamic, end-to-end resource reservation

**Flexibility, robustness and efficiency in NES**

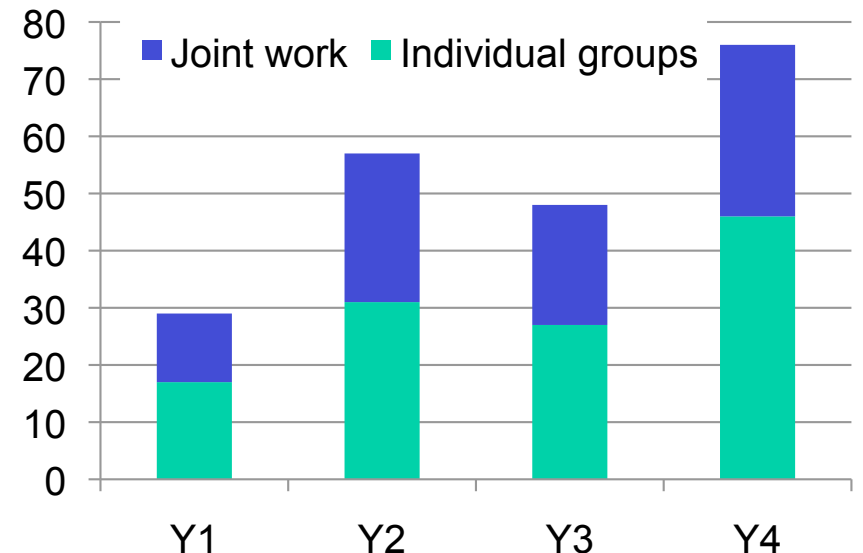
# Summary of global outcomes

## Publications produced

- **121** publications from **individual groups**
- **89** publications from **joint work**

## Other activities

- **16 workshops** (RTN, APRES, SOCNE...)
- **12 special sessions/tracks** (ETFA, INDIN...)
- **27 tutorials/seminars** (~all Artist Summer Schools....)
- **10 joint projects** (FP6/7-STREP, ARTEMIS, ITEA2, national)
- Continued participation in the **TinyOS Net2 Working Group** (*OpenZB stack*)
- **16 new collaborations** beyond Core Partners and Affiliated Partners



## Global highlights

### ➤ Protocols, tools and analysis for **wireless networks**

- **WSN: toolset** to design, analyze, configure and deploy dense networks
  - **OpenZB** protocol stack, **Z monitor**, **TinyOS** Net2 Working Group
  - **Visual tracking** and **localization** for ITS
- **MANETS: RTDB** middleware and protocol for **collaborating robots**
- **Industrial systems: Real-time WiFi, WirelessHART (ISA 100)**

### • Related projects

**WASP** - Wireless Accessible Sensor Populations. **Contact: TUKL**

**EMMON** - EMbedded MONitoring. **Contact: ISEP-Porto**

**CONET** - Cooperating Objects Network of Excellence. **Contact: ISEP-Porto**

**FLEXWARE** - Flexible Wireless Autom. in Real-Time Env. **Contact: Catania**

**IPERMOB** - Perv. Hetero. Infrast. to Control Urban Mobility in Real-time.

**Contact: Pisa,**

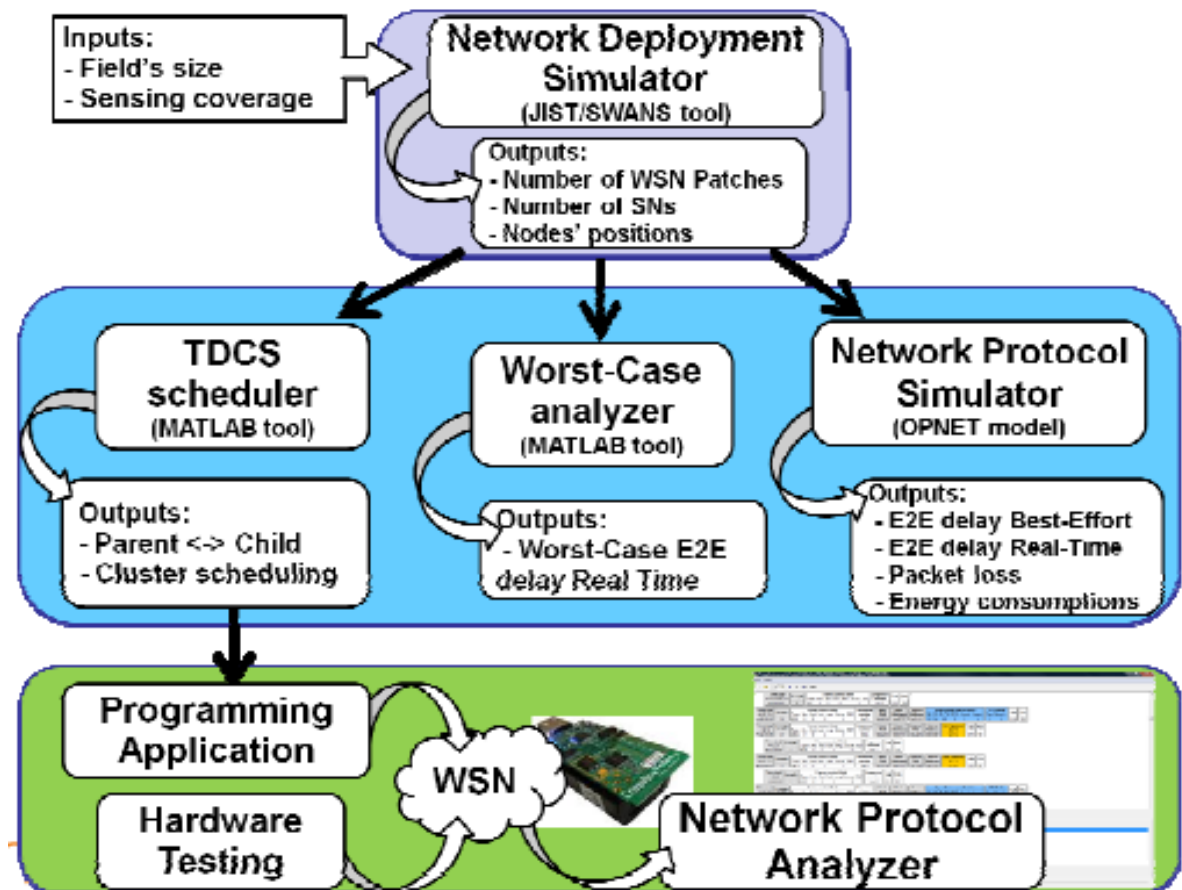
**Evidence**



# WSN toolset

## ❖ Integrated toolset for dense WSNs comprising:

- deployment planning
- worst-case analysis and dimensioning
- network protocol simulation
- automatic node programming and testing
- network sniffing
- Target: 10k nodes



Widely used  
open-source tools

OpenZB      Z monitor  
TDCS scheduler

# Supporting collaborative robotics

## ❖ Integrated toolset for teams of robots comprising:

- Real-Time Database (RTDB) middleware



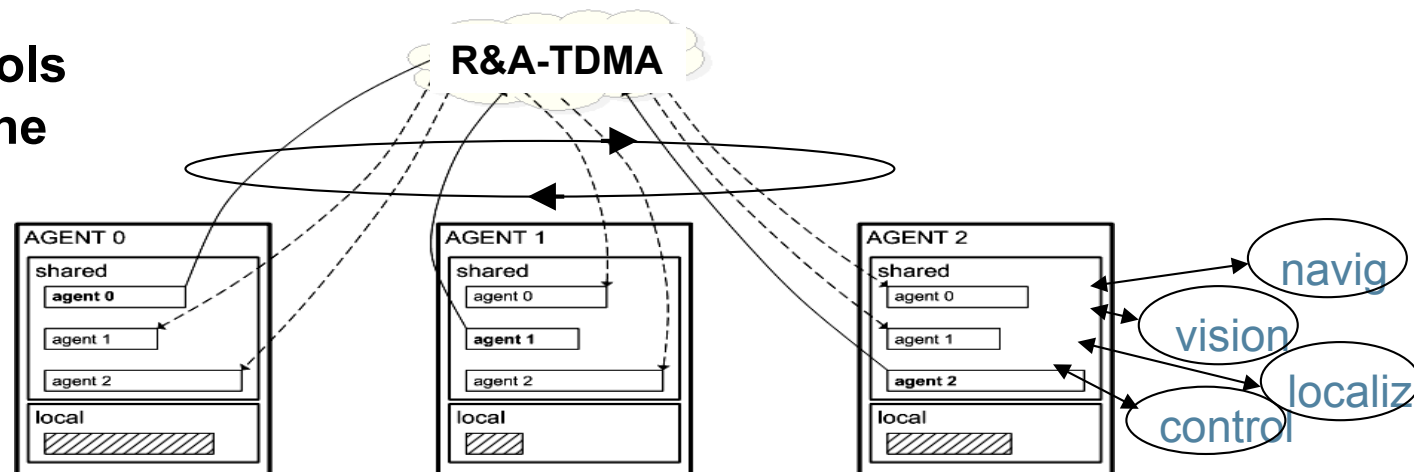
### *Distributed shared memory model*

*Each member publishes its data relevant to others  
Data available locally to all collaborating members*

- Reconfigurable and Adaptive TDMA protocol

*Round divided dynamically among current members  
Virtually configuration-free and self-synchronized*

Open-source tools  
with impact in the  
**RoboCup MSL**





## Global highlights

### ➤ Protocols and middleware for

### robust and flexible real-time communication

- *Modeling and analysis suites for distributed embedded systems (**MAST**)*
- *Ethernet: new analysis (**AFDX, AVBs**), new tools (**FTT-SE / HaRTES**)*
- *CAN: new analysis, (**Re**)**CANcentrate**, topology optimization*
- *RT middleware: analysis(**DDS**), new middleware (**iLAND, HI systems**)*

### • Related projects

**iLAND** - *mIddLewAre for deterministic dynamically reconfigurable Networked embedded systems. Contact: Madrid-UC3M, UnivPorto*

**HaRTES** - *Hard Real-Time Ethernet Sw. Contact: Aveiro, UnivPorto, Mallorca*

**CANbids** - *CAN infra. for dependable systems. Contact: Mallorca, UnivPorto*

**MADES** - *UML / MARTE based model-driven approach. Contact: York*

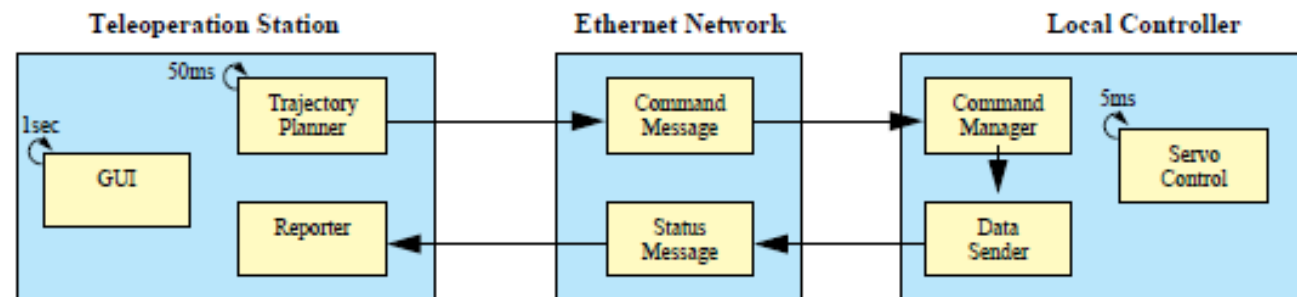
**INDEXYS** - *INDustrial EXploitation of the genesYS cross-domain architecture.*

**Contact: TUKL and NXP**

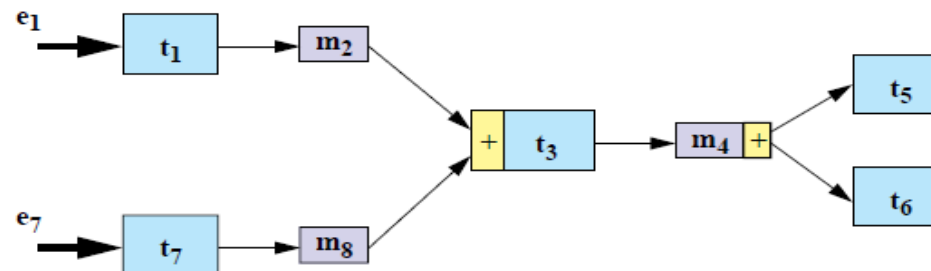
# MAST suite

## ❖ Modeling and Analysis Suite for Real-Time Applications

- **Worst-case response time** schedulability analysis (RTA) In single-processor and **distributed systems**
- Based on the concept of **transaction / end-to-end flow**
- Includes most **common protocols** for real-time communication



Widely used open-source tools



# Flexible Time-Triggered framework

## ❖ TT model + online scheduling for distributed systems

- Centralized scheduling per cluster

*Supports any desired scheduling*

*Particularly hierarchical virtual channels and prompt reconfiguration*

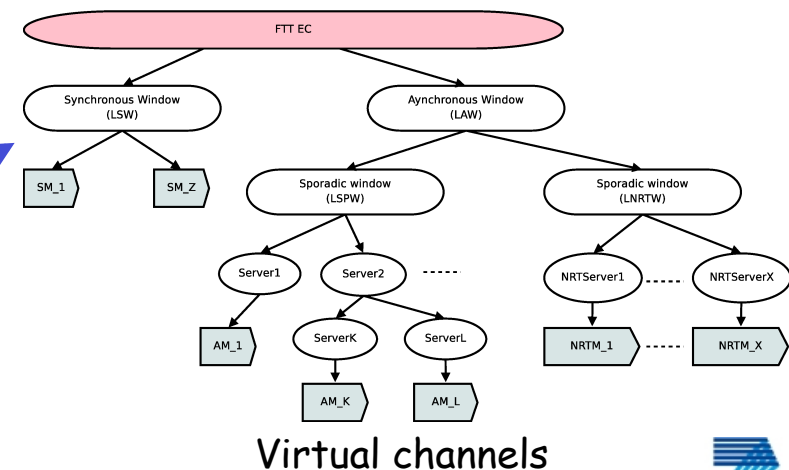
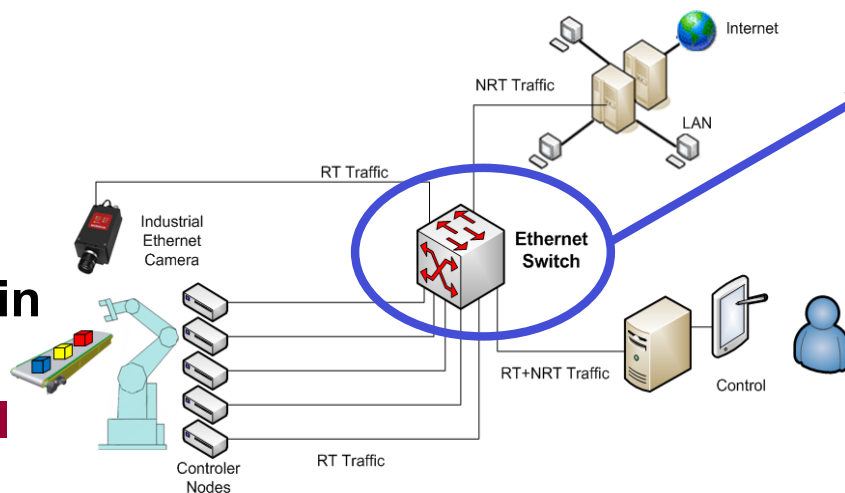
- Dynamic isochronous and asynchronous channels

*Analyzable channels with guaranteed latency / mutual isolation*

*Supports legacy systems and mixed-criticality applications*



Open source tools with main impact at research level



## The end ?

- **Steady on-going collaborations**  
*Involving 27 groups across the world*
- Several **projects starting** or continuing
- Integration in many **complementary communities**
- ...

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*Towards a real-time connected world*

