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## IDE for CAN Networks in Space Applications – IDE4CAN

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# Agenda



- ❖ Companies presentation
- ❖ Information on IDE4CAN project
- ❖ Overview of existing CAN diagnostic tools
- ❖ Highlight of CAN Bus imperfections
- ❖ IDE4CAN – main objectives & added value
- ❖ Application presentation
- ❖ Conclusions & outlook

# AVL company



- AVL achieves unique results with regards to the development and improvement of all types of powertrains as well as in the field of measurement and test technology.
- AVL – over 70 years' experience

## Values and Philosophy



Pioneering Spirit



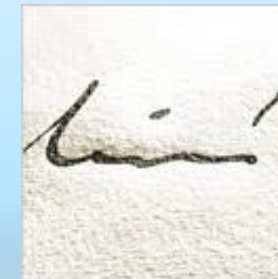
Customer Orientation



Problem-Solving Capability



Responsibility



Independence

# ITTI company

- ❖ **SME** established in 1996, Poznań, Poland
- ❖ Main activities:
  - development of **customised software solutions and innovative applications**
  - **applied R&D** activities in the area of ICT, Security and Space
- ❖ **ca. 70 persons** with professional certificates (e.g. PRINCE2, MSP, ITIL)
- ❖ Our customers:
  - EC, ESA, ENISA
  - Medical sector, Public administration, Manufacturing companies
- ❖ Awards:
  - **“Cristal Brussels Prize”** 2006, 2010, 2013, and 2018 for the most active and successful Polish SME participating EC Framework Programmes
  - For the **high performance in R&D projects for EDA**



# IDE4CAN – ESA Contract No. 4000124053/18/NL/CBi/fg



- ❖ Started: September 2018
- ❖ Planned end: March 2020
- ❖ Reference: AO8433/ESA2016-AVL
- ❖ Polish Industry Incentive Scheme (PLIIS) funds participation
- ❖ Project TRL from 2 to 5 (up to 6)

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# Existing CAN diagnostic tools

## - CANoe/CANalyzer® - state-of-the-art CAN tool developed by Vector®

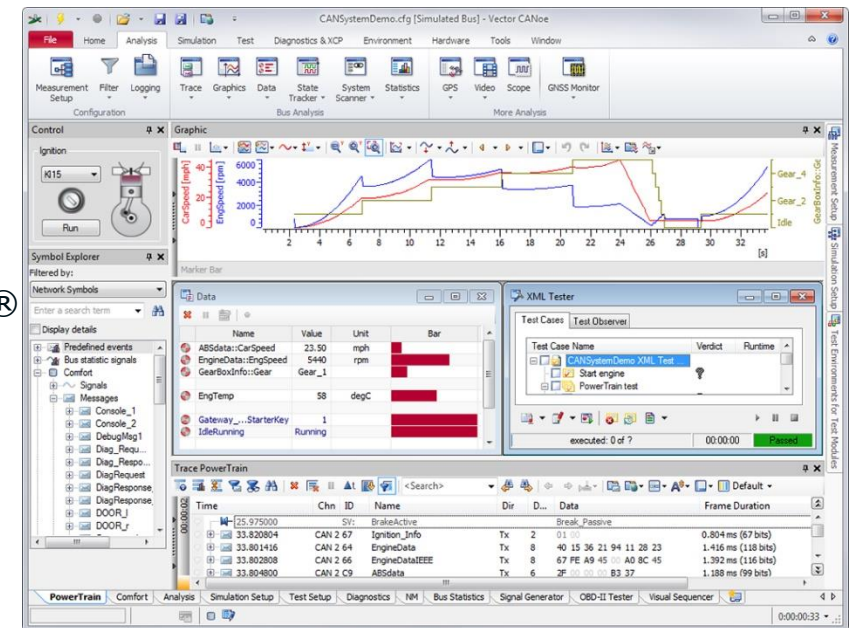
- ❖ professional, widely used tool for CAN networking analysis
- ❖ CAPL script language offers unlimited ways to customize
- ❖ \*.dbc file became an standard of file format for delivering basic CAN message structure of the node
- ❖ Logging and reproduction of data flow enables real-life cases analysis
- ❖ GUI application editor

## - PCAN-Explorer – easy to use, universal - by PEAK-SYSTEM®

- ❖ Customizable CAN dedicated tool for reasonable price
- ❖ Logging and reproduction of data flow enables simplified analysis
- ❖ Easy GUI application editor

## - LabView® - multidisciplinary programmable measurement environment - by NI®

- ❖ Achieving CAN functionality is the most complex process
- ❖ Multi-node CAN communication synchronization is not optimized feature, as real time analysis



Src.: <https://www.vector.com>

# None is dedicated to optimize CAN communication

# IDE4CAN – goals and added value



## Goals:

- ❖ Project idea is a response to call for CAN networks optimizing tool
- ❖ High utilization of the bus was the goal eg. on-board of satellites
- ❖ Optimization technique must not demand any changes in electric network structure and must be within CAN2.0 A/B set of rules

# CAN BUS as a medium

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- Developed in 80' by BOSCH® to be used in vehicles

- Dedicated to carry low and medium data payload

- Basic data exchange and synchronization can be done with minimum occupancy of SW level – HW layer takes care for data correctness

- Inbuilt Arbitration mechanism prevents data corruption  
...but also makes frame deploy time tentative



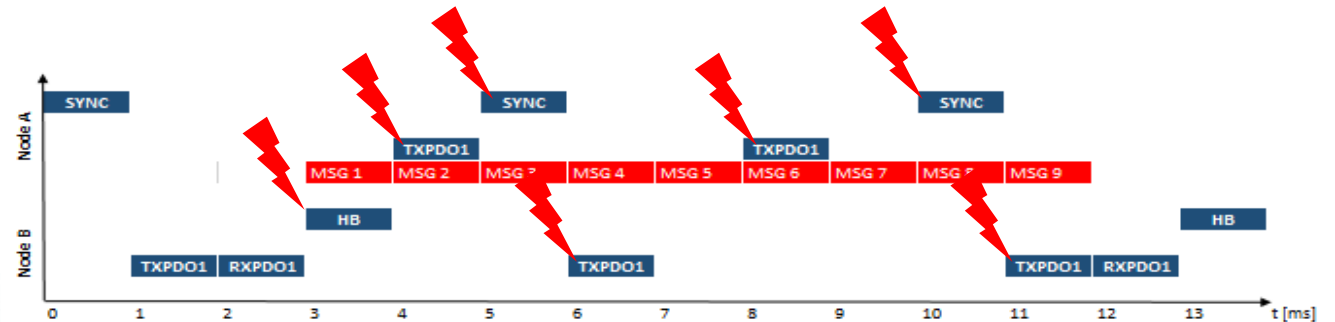
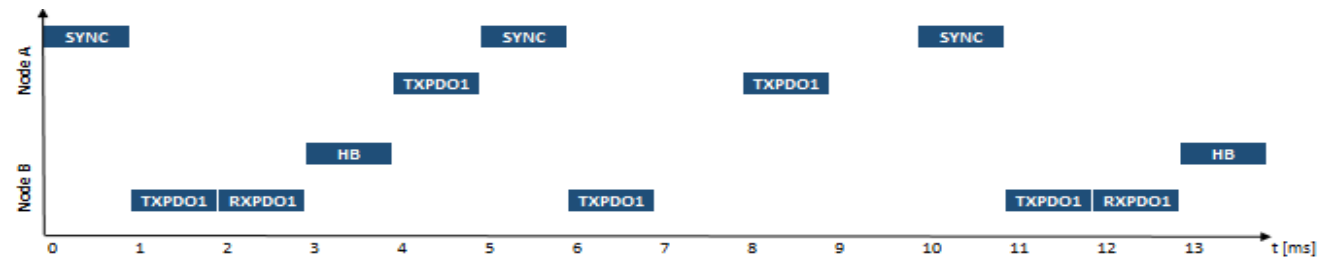
For correct control process operation a distributed system requires **repetitive and time-deterministic** exchange of data between the nodes



# Key objective of CAN optimization

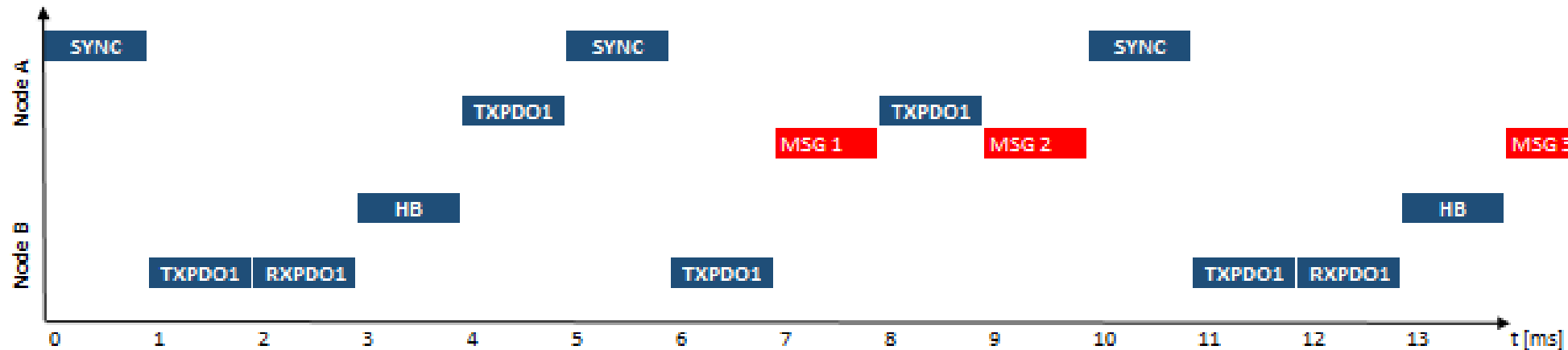
To increase CAN BUS payload:

- ❖ Send more frames!
- ❖ Reduce probability of arbitration mechanism activation -> to save time



# Solution

- ❖ Do the planning of frame deploy time in every node in the system



IDE4CAN computes optimized schedule and generates outputs

Outputs can be used then as input data for CAN drivers in the nodes

# Idea of Containers

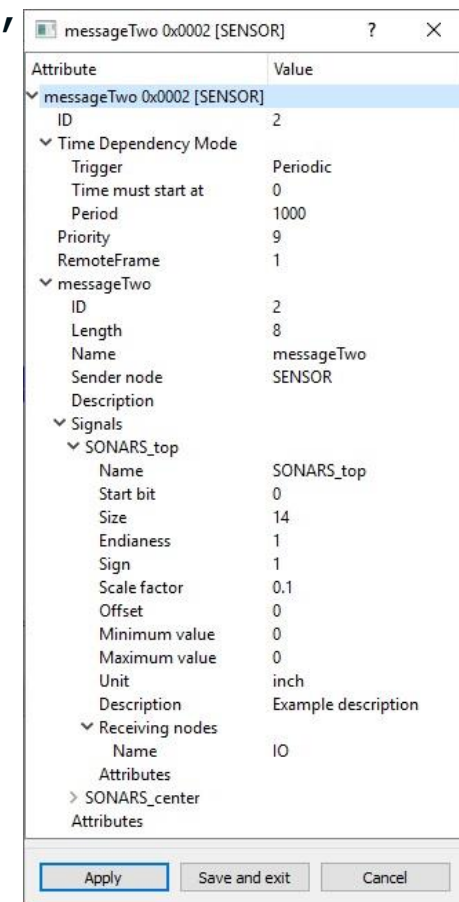
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To be able to include all parameters IDE4CAN need for scheduling, data structure named CONTAINER had to be developed

Each CAN frame in system has its own container

CONTAINER carry:

- ❖ unique ID
- ❖ planned deploy time of the frame
- ❖ priority over the other frames
- ❖ information about the structure of the network
- ❖ dependency of other frames (triggers)



Attribute	Value
messageTwo 0x0002 [SENSOR]	
ID	2
Time Dependency Mode	
Trigger	Periodic
Time must start at	0
Period	1000
Priority	9
RemoteFrame	1
messageTwo	
ID	2
Length	8
Name	messageTwo
Sender node	SENSOR
Description	
Signals	
SONARS_top	
Name	SONARS_top
Start bit	0
Size	14
Endianness	1
Sign	1
Scale factor	0.1
Offset	0
Minimum value	0
Maximum value	0
Unit	inch
Description	Example description
Receiving nodes	
Name	IO
Attributes	
SONARS_center	
Attributes	

# Idea of Triggers

Thanks to triggers, frames in the system can be tied together with time dependency.

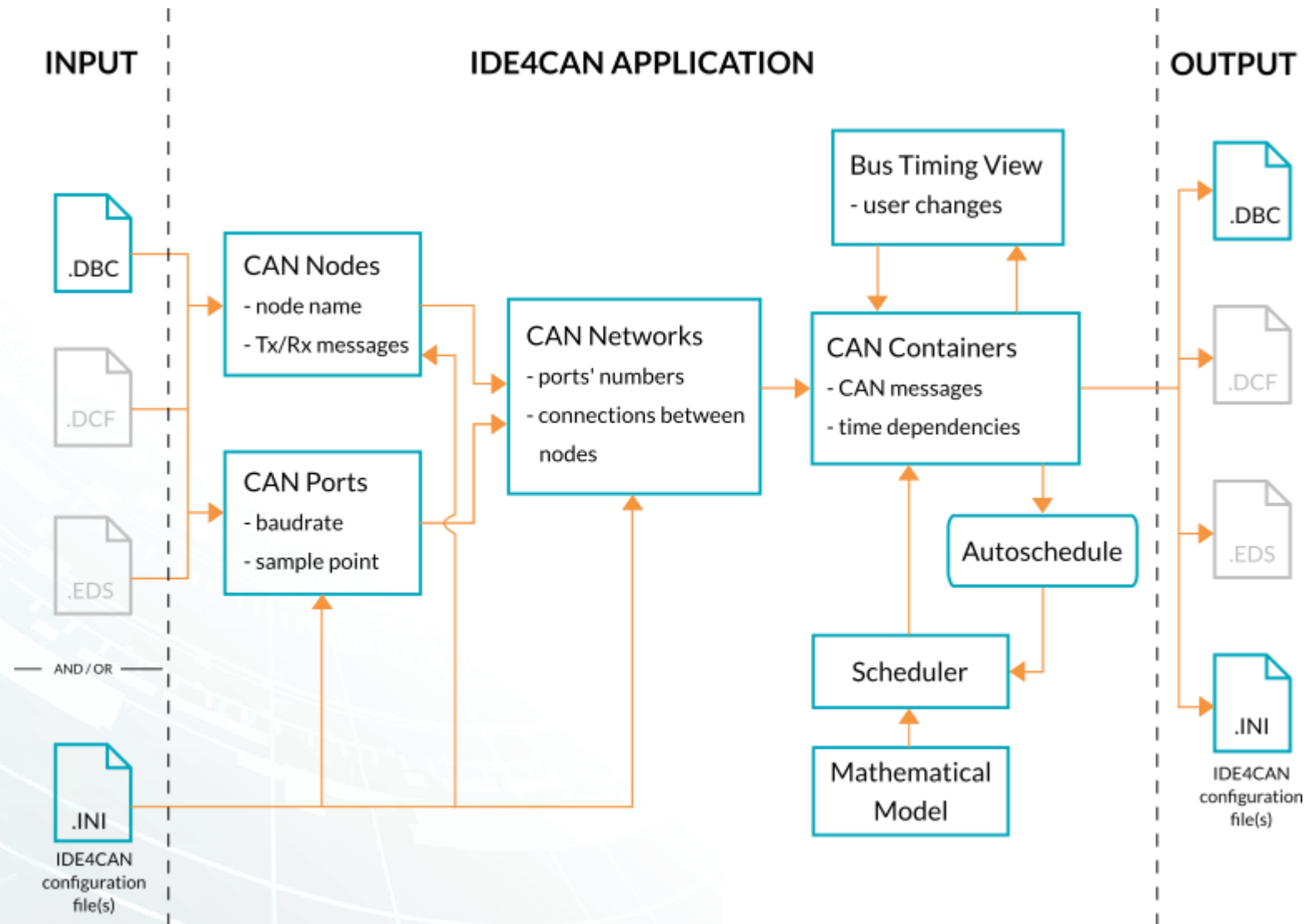
Triggers act similar like in the GanttPlan eg.:

- ❖ Starts After Frame (unique ID),
- ❖ Starts Before Frame (unique ID),
- ❖ Starts At Time 0010[us] +/-tolerance[us],
- ❖ Not Later than 0023[us] +/-tolerance[us],  
etc.



...now: the IDE4CAN application

# IDE4CAN: Architecture and data flow





## IDE4CAN: Main window of application



IDE4CAN

File View Scheduler Settings About

**Project Explorer**

Attribute	Value
GNSS	3
ID	GNSS
Description	
TxContainers	msgThree
RxContainers	
Ports	
Resources	
Attributes	
CAN networks	
Network 1	
Network 2	
ID	2
Name	Network 2
CanPorts	
OBC: 3	
GNSS: 4	
ID	2
Baudrate	400
Sample point	8
Delay	1
SOLARS: 5	
Resources	

**Node View**

Overview STARTRACKER OBC GNSS SOLARS

**Bus Timing View**

All Network 1 Network 2

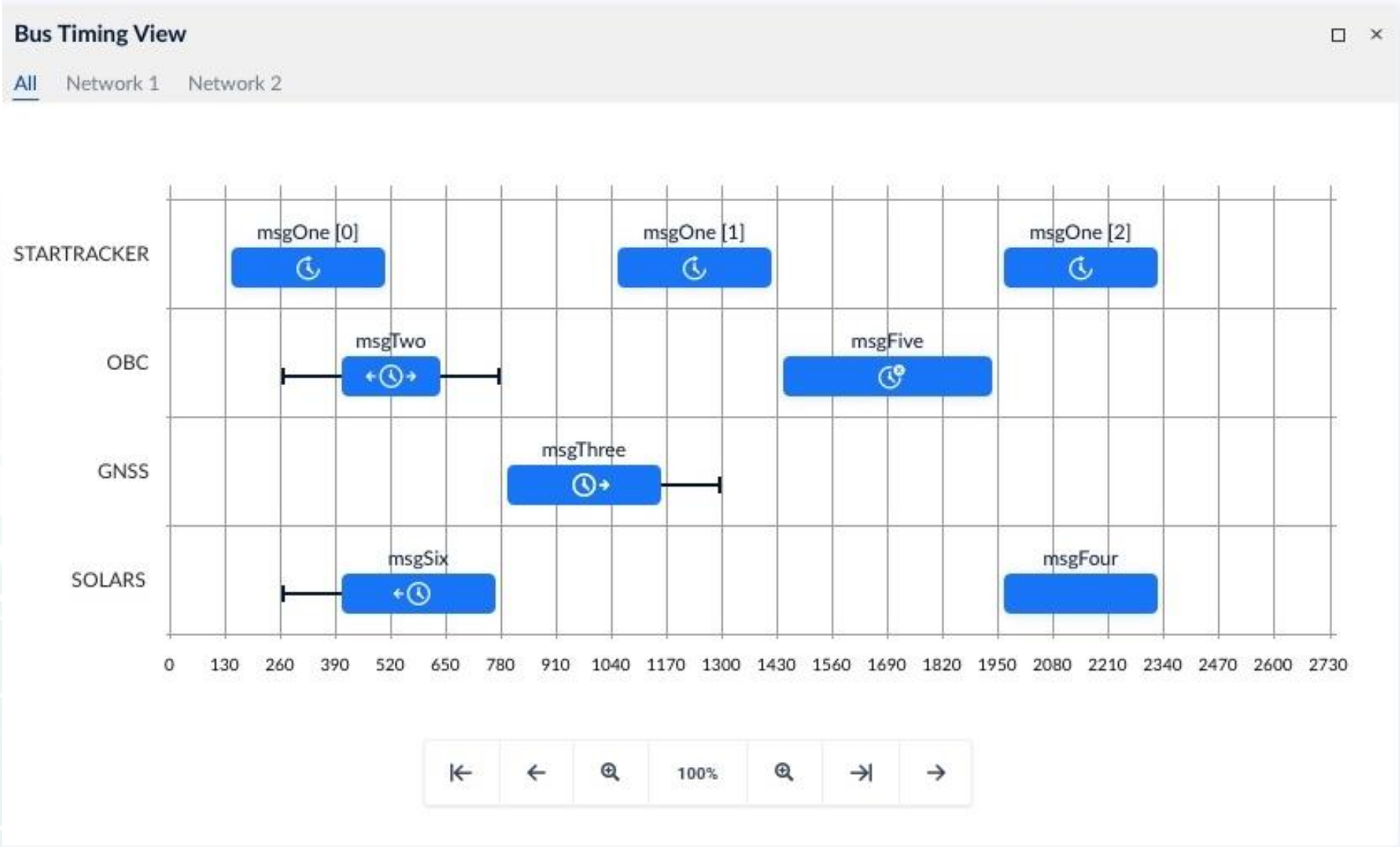
STARTRACKER: msgOne [0], msgOne [1], msgOne [2]  
 OBC: msgTwo, msgFive  
 GNSS: msgThree  
 SOLARS: msgSix, msgFour

**Network Topology**

**Application Log**

Timestamp	Delta	Severity	Module name	Message
2019-05-16 11:50:37.195	0	INFO	Project	Added container 2 to scheduled data.
2019-05-16 11:50:37.195	0	INFO	Project	Added container 4 to scheduled data.
2019-05-16 11:50:37.195	0.016	INFO	Project	Added container 5 to scheduled data.
2019-05-16 11:50:37.195	0	INFO	Project	Added container 6 to scheduled data.
2019-05-16 11:50:37.195	0	INFO	Project	Added container 7 to scheduled data.
2019-05-16 11:50:37.195	0	INFO	Project	Added container 2 to scheduled data.
2019-05-16 11:50:37.195	0	INFO	Project	Added network Network 2 to scheduling data.
2019-05-16 11:50:37.195	0.708	INFO	Scheduler	Containers have been sorted by a time start at.

# IDE4CAN: Containers and Triggers



# IDE4CAN: Representation of conflicts



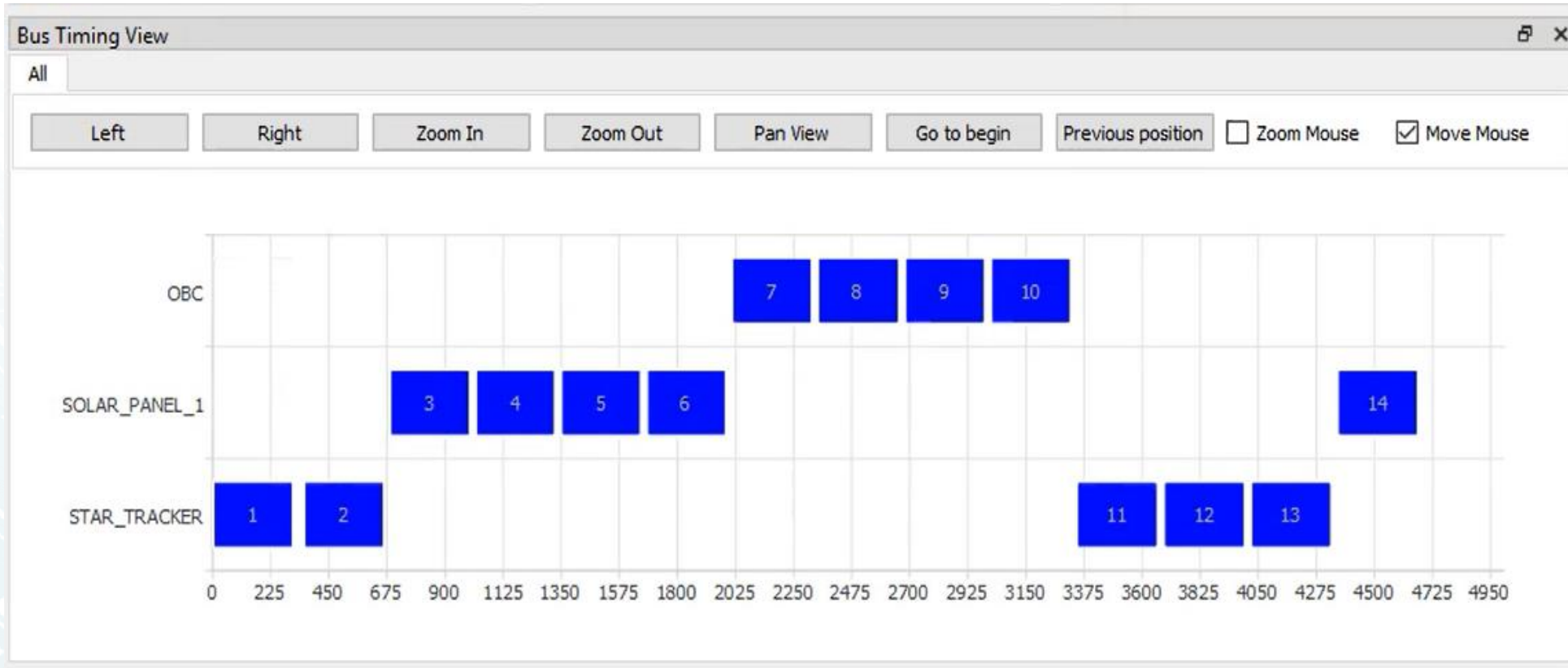


# IDE4CAN: Demonstration film



Short film  
demonstrating  
IDE4CAN application

# IDE4CAN: Outcome → Optimized schedule



# Conclusion and outlook

## IDE4CAN:

- ❖ is a design, not diagnostic, environment!
- ❖ does not try to replace any of the existing CAN tools! Integration in future is an option!
- ❖ is a kind of CAN frame planner which goal is to eliminate arbitration mechanism
- ❖ to demonstrate full potential of the service it would need to collaborate with CAN drivers in the nodes (not in the scope of the project)
- ❖ it can support network recovery actions after data avalanche

Thank you!



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