

# Void Creation: Reculer pour mieux sauter

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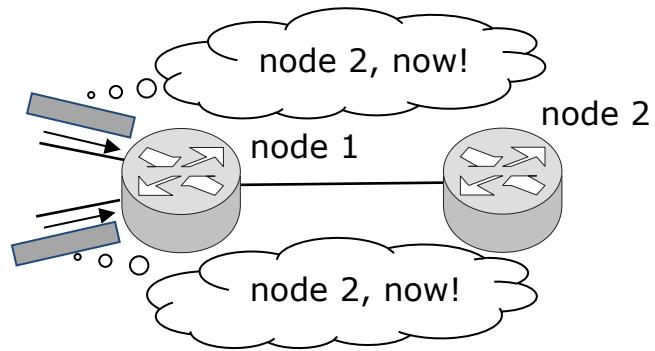
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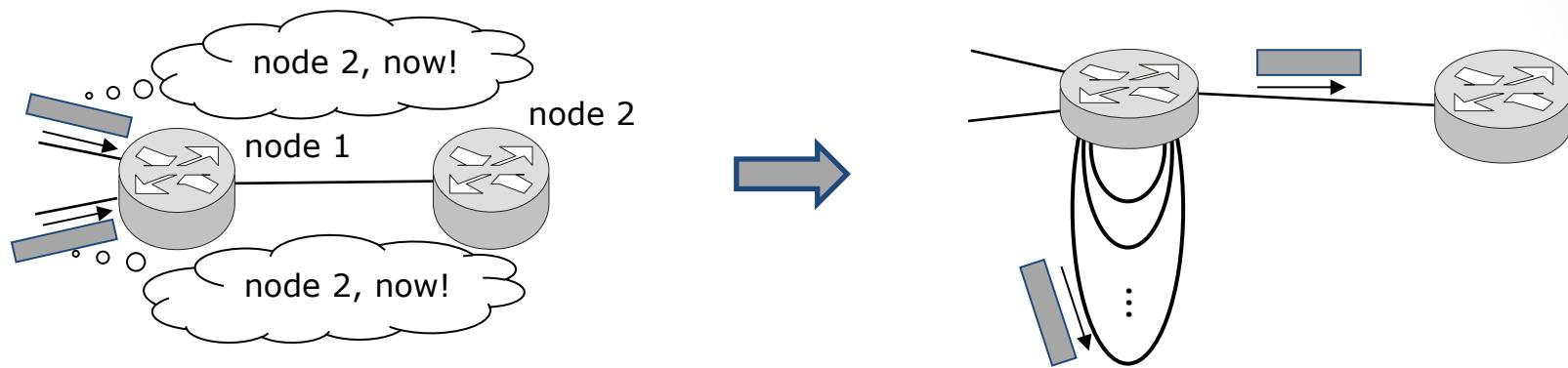
# Contention & resolution



## Arrival process

- single wavelength
- variable packet lengths B
- exponentially distributed interarrival times (Poisson)

# Contention & resolution



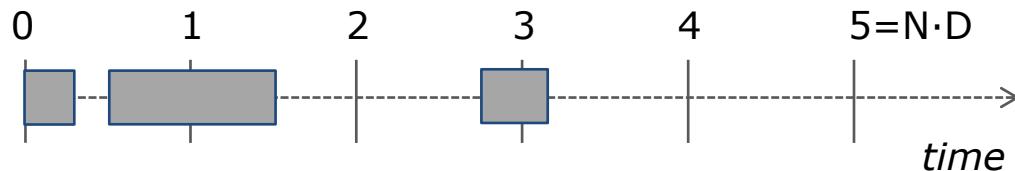
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## Fiber Delay Lines (FDLs)

- set of fibers, # =  $N+1$
- lengths  $j \cdot D$ ,  $j=0 \dots N$
- $N$  = buffer size
- $D$  = granularity =  $E[B]$

# Provisional schedule



- shows already scheduled packets upon arrival of a packet
- horizontal axis: future time
- vertical lines: delays of FDLs ( $N=5$ ,  $D=1$ )
- updated at every arrival
- choppy but uniform movement of all packets to the left

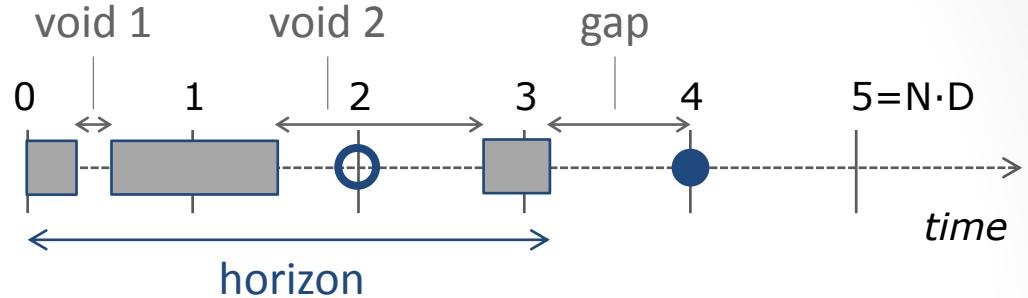
# Provisional schedule

**choose:**

- delay line  $j$  ( $j=0 \dots N$ )

**constraint:**

- no overlap



**existing algorithms**

non-void-filling: always first FDL after horizon: ●  
• only keep track of horizon

void-filling: fill void if possible: ○ else: ●  
• keep track of all voids

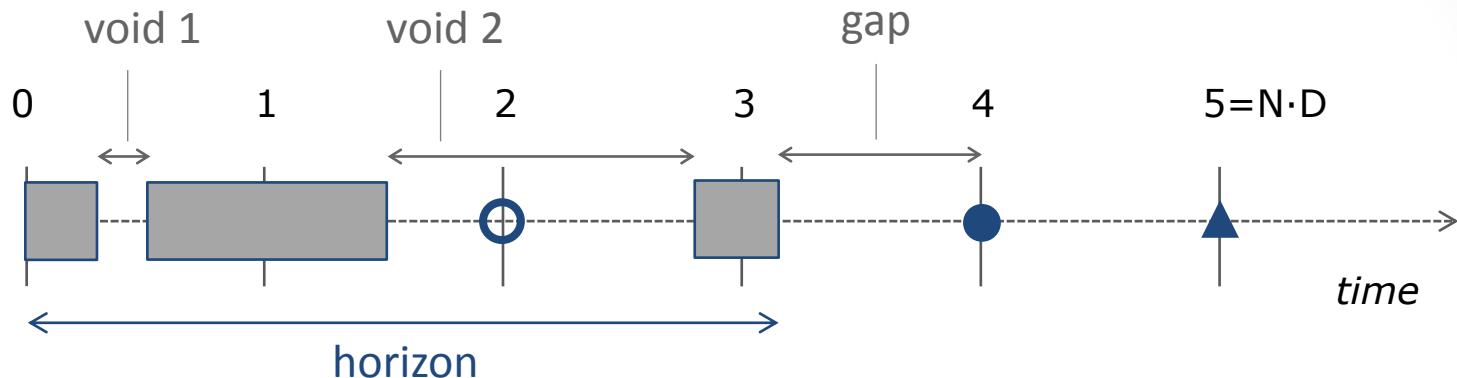
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# Void-creating scheduling algorithm



Always fill a void if possible (O in example) else choose between:

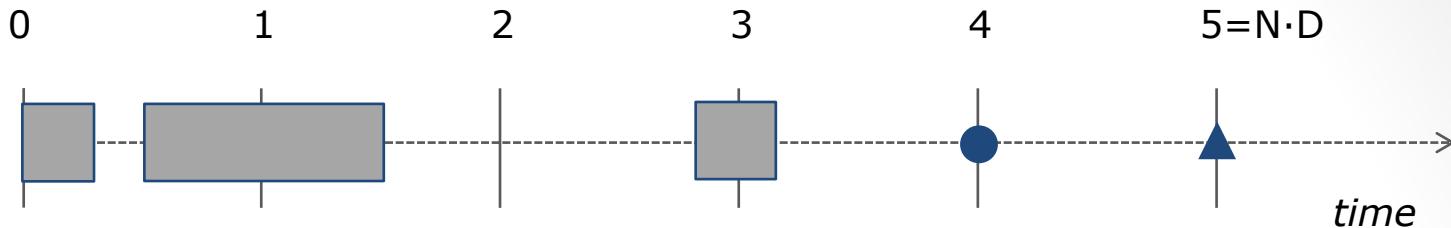


- normal scheduling point
- first FDL after horizon
- creates smaller void

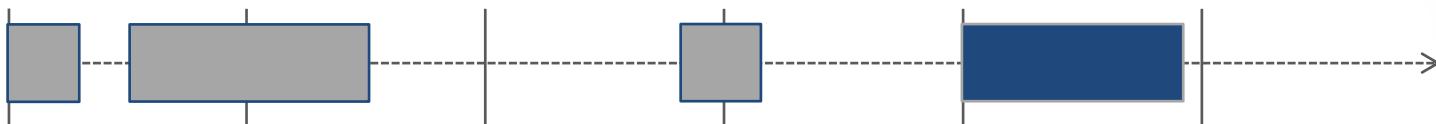


- alternative scheduling point
- second FDL after horizon
- creates larger void

# Why $\blacktriangle$ instead of $\bullet$ ?



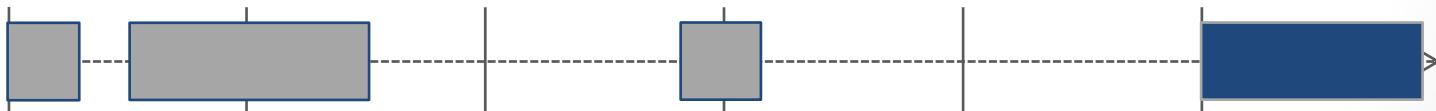
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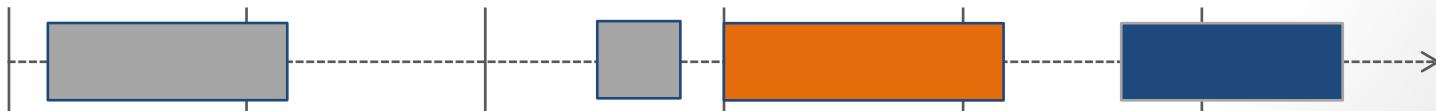
**delay = 5**



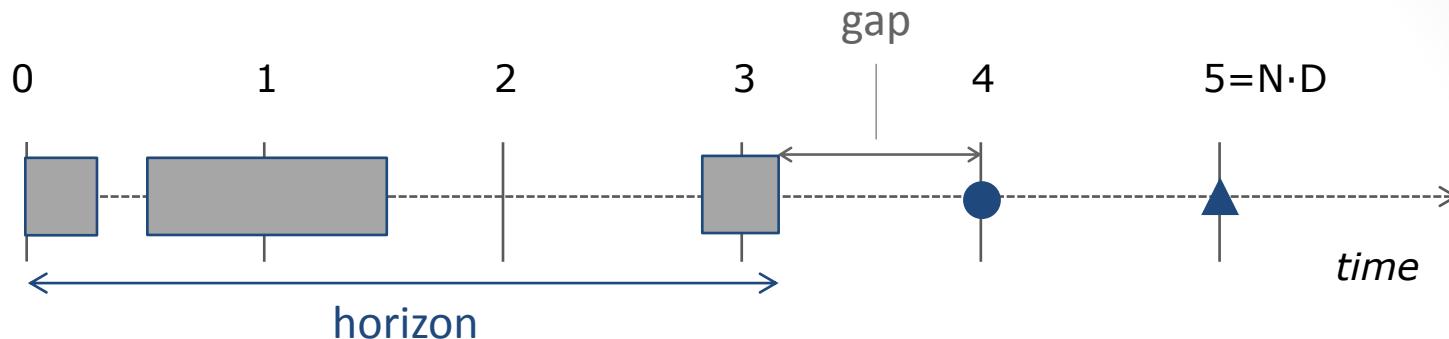
**delay= 5**



**delay= 3**



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**IF void is filled:**

- average delay / packet:  $\downarrow$

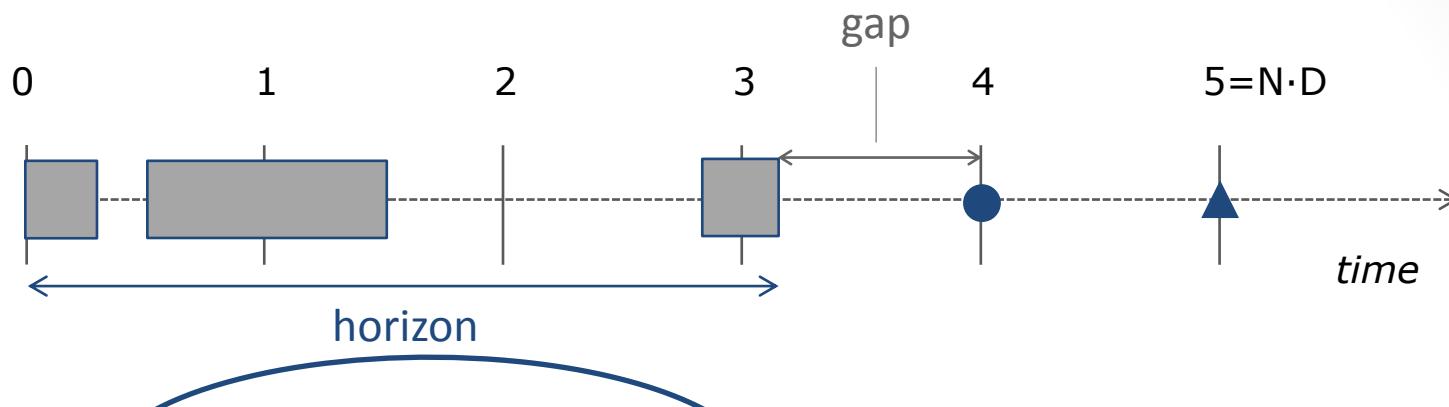


stacking becomes more dense



**loss probability  $\downarrow$**

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loss probability  $\downarrow$

- position with respect to FDL has to be favorable
- depends on size arriving packet
- depends on arrival instances future packets (stochastic arrival process)
- larger voids: chance of filling  $\nearrow$

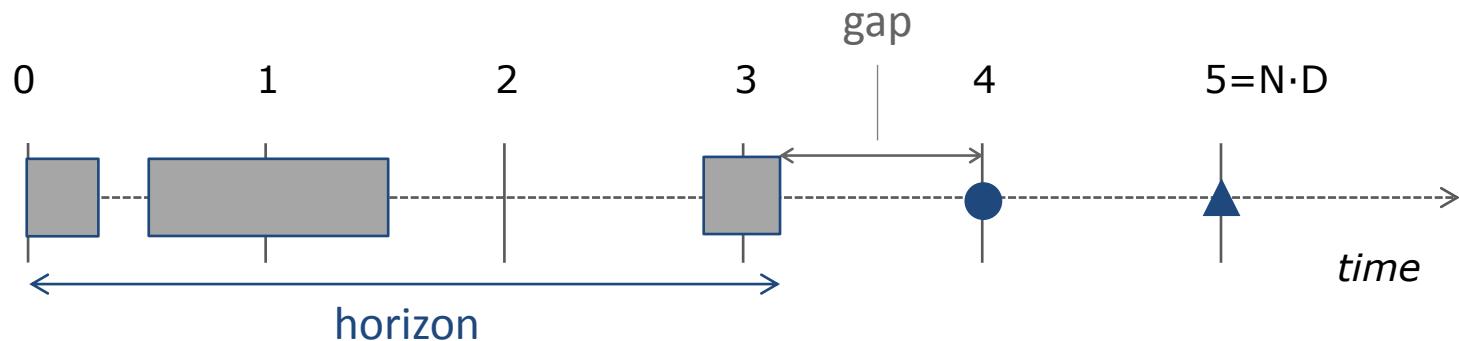
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# Choosing between $\blacktriangle$ and $\bullet$



The value (=negative cost) of a void should be related to its future fillability

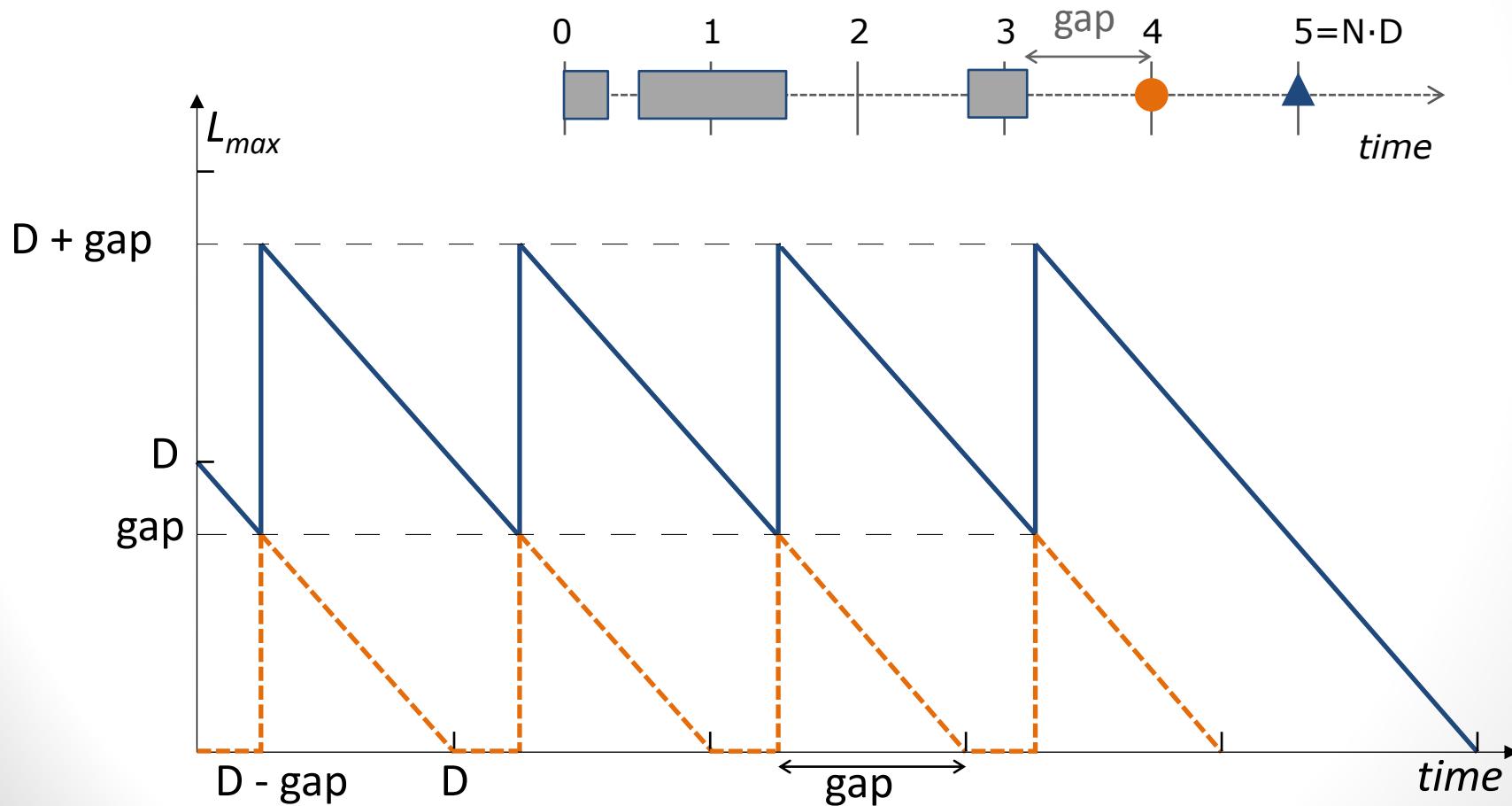
Depends on:

- size of void
- time until expiration
- packet size distribution

Added value of  $\blacktriangle$  over  $\bullet$  depends on same variables

# Lifecycle of a void

shows the maximum packet size  $L_{max}(t)$  that fits in the void (assuming no prior arrival already filled it)



# Theoretical void values

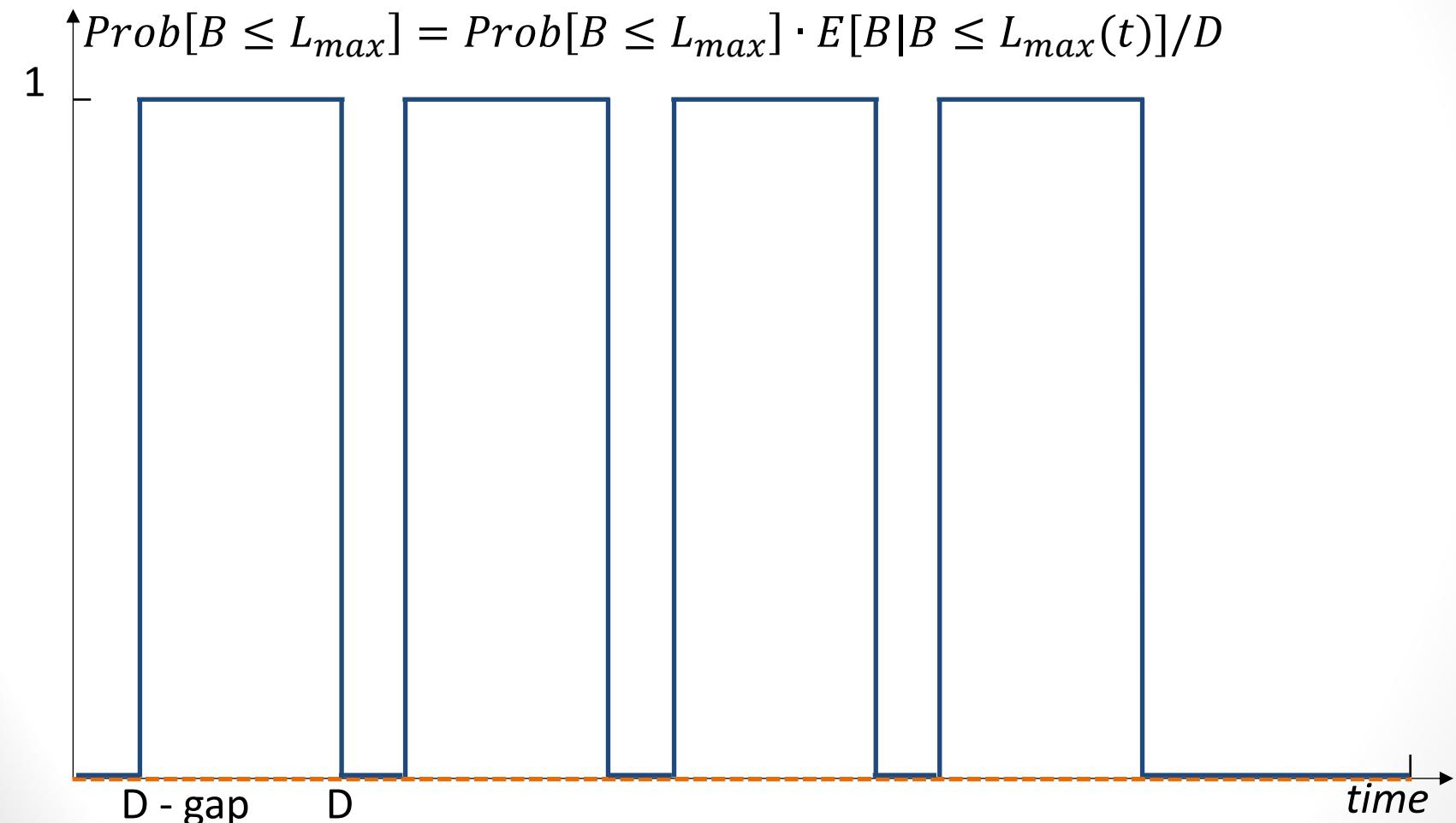
- different packet size distributions possible ( $E[B]=D$ )
- exponentially distributed interarrival times (Poisson process  $E[T]=1/\lambda$ )
- load  $\rho=E[B]/E[T]$
- arrivals that fit into void are inhomogeneous Poisson process with arrival rate  $\lambda(t) = \lambda \cdot \text{Prob}[B \leq L_{\max}(t)]$
- overall expected number of packets that could fill the void during its life cycle = integrating  $\lambda(t)$  over the life cycle

$$\Lambda = \int \lambda(t) dt = \frac{\rho}{D} \cdot \int_0^{\infty} \text{Prob}[B \leq L_{\max}(t)] dt$$

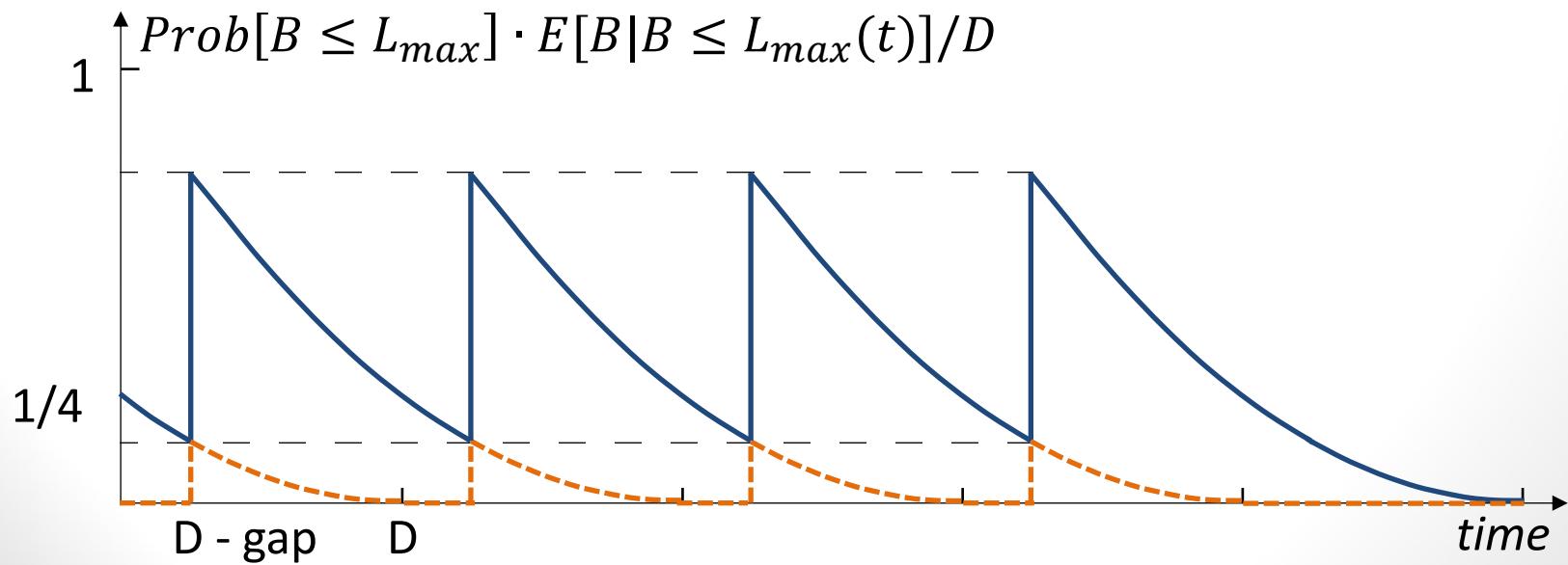
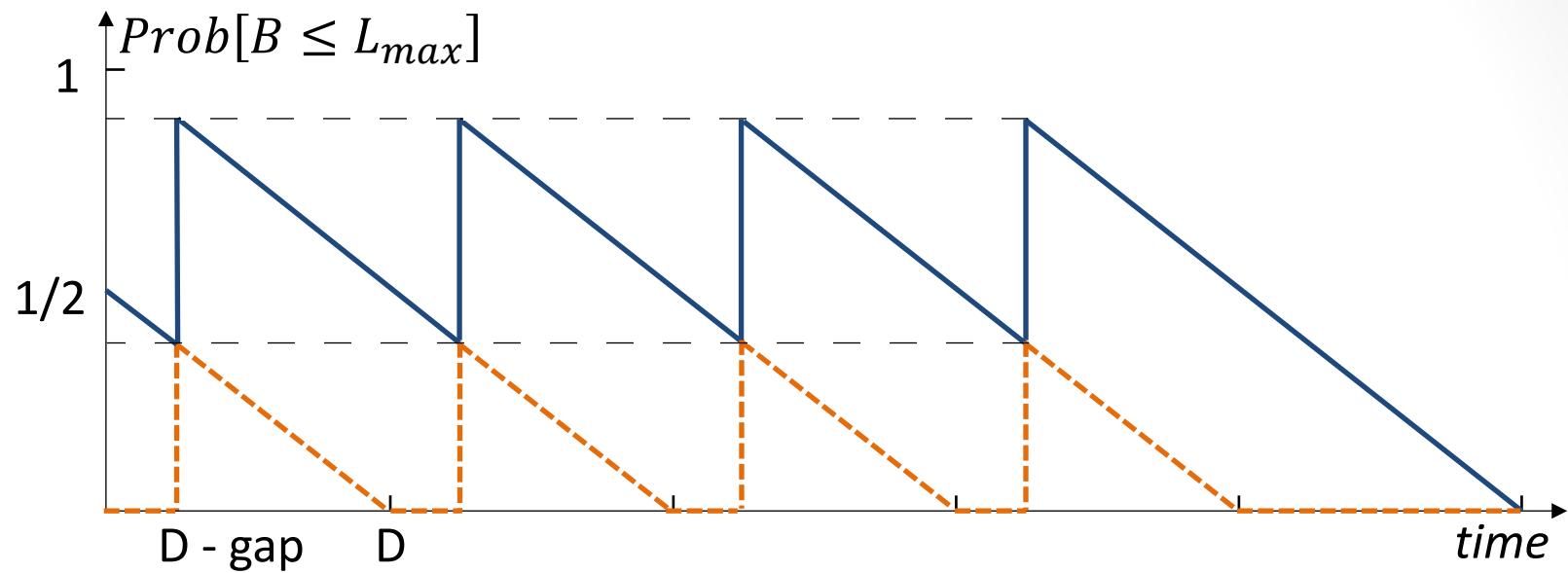
- overall normalized expected packet size of those arrivals:

$$\bar{\Lambda} = \int \bar{\lambda}(t) dt = \frac{\rho}{D} \cdot \int_0^{\infty} \text{Prob}[B \leq L_{\max}(t)] \cdot \frac{E[B|B \leq L_{\max}(t)]}{D} dt$$

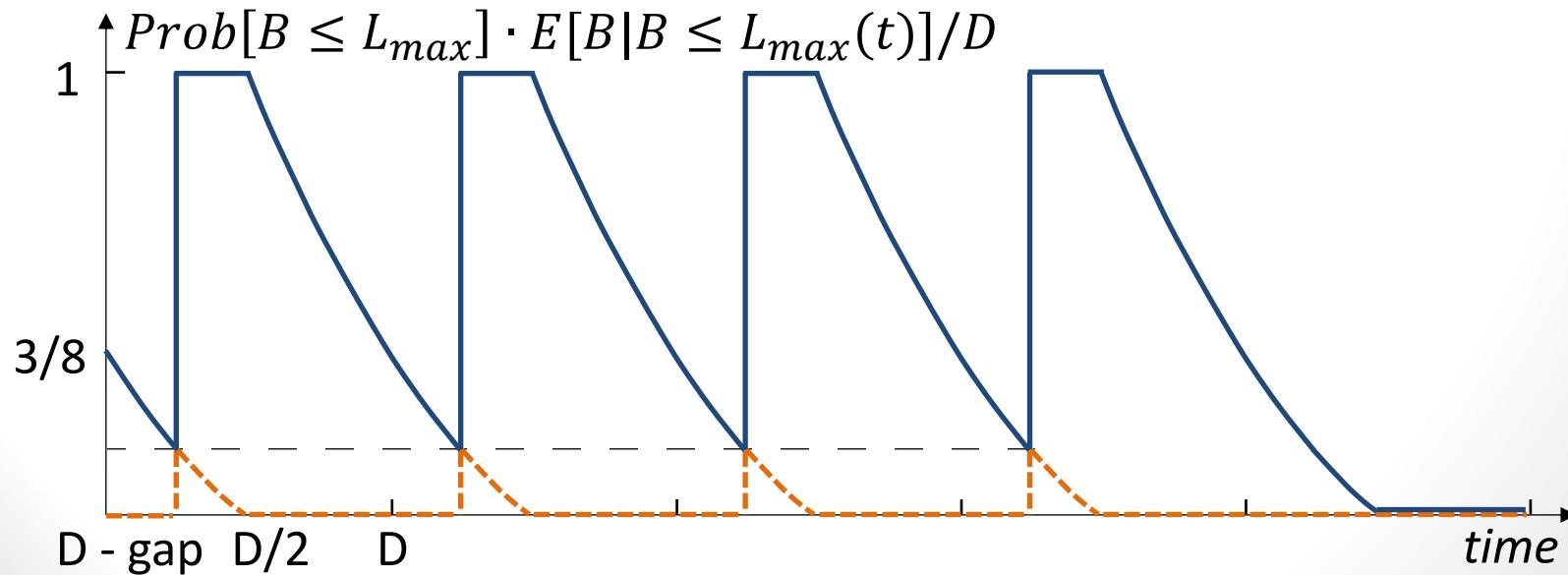
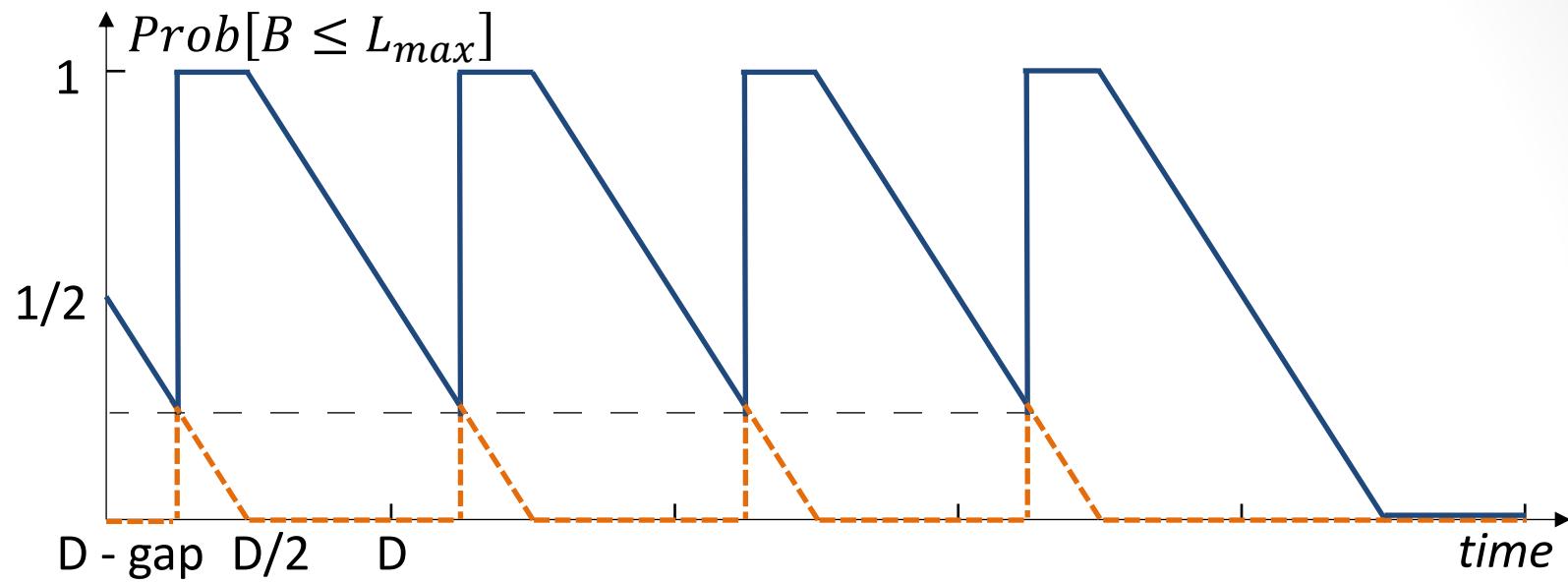
# Example: fixed packet size $B=E[B]=D$



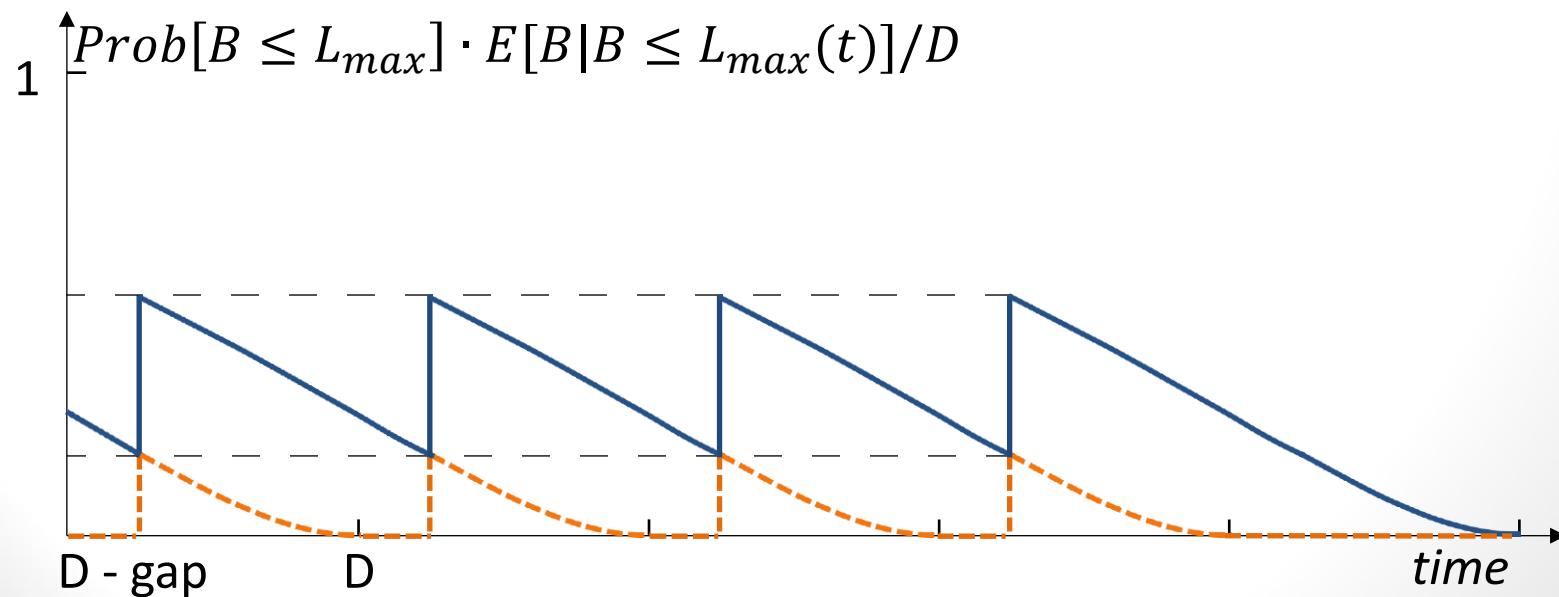
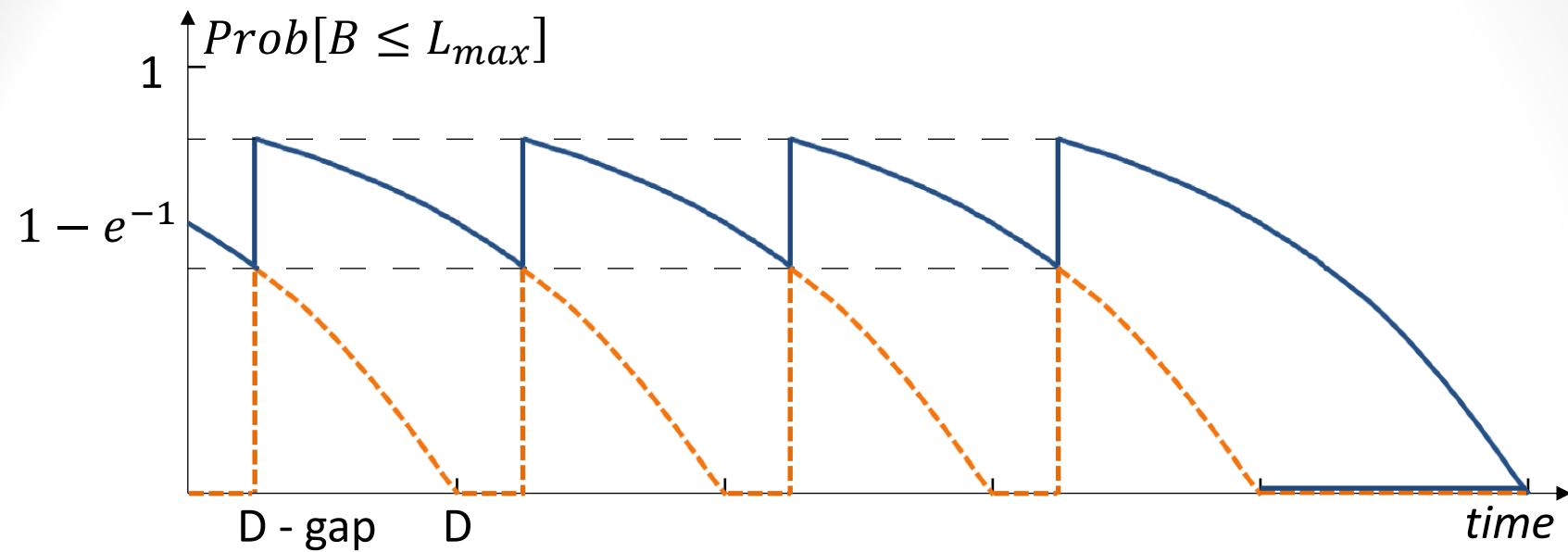
# Example: uniform on $[0, 2 \cdot D]$



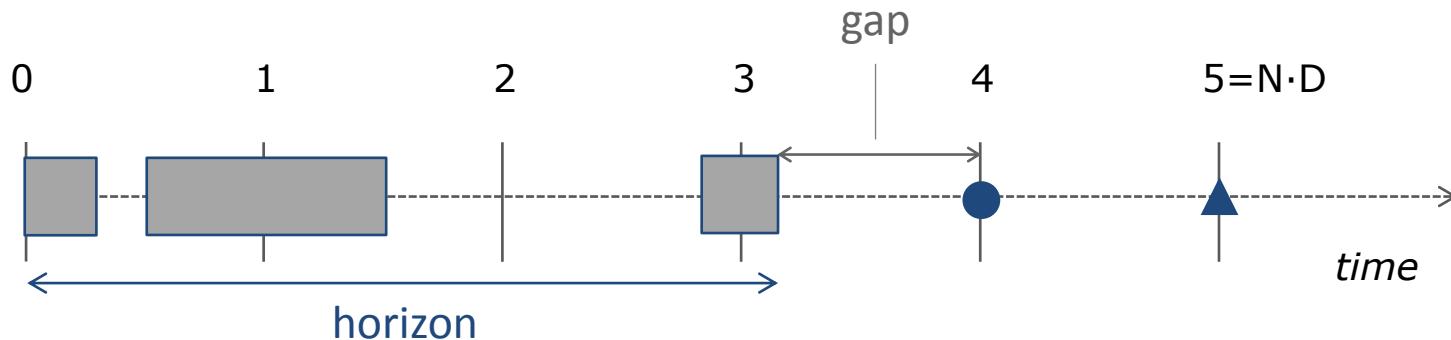
# Example: uniform on $[0.5 \cdot D, 1.5 \cdot D]$



# Example: exp. dist. with $E[B] = D$



# Choosing between $\blacktriangle$ and $\bullet$



$$\text{Added value of } \blacktriangle \text{ over } \bullet = \bar{\Lambda}(\blacktriangle) - \bar{\Lambda}(\bullet)$$

The added value is related to the difference in future fillability

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# Assumptions

- **inter-arrival time packets** = exponentially distributed,  $E[T]$
- **packet size distributions:** fixed, uniform  $[0, 2D]$  and  $[0.5D, 1.5D]$ , exp. dist.  
all  $E[B]=D$
- **D** = granularity = 100
- **N+1** = # Fiber Delay Lines = 10
- **load** =  $\rho = \frac{E[B]}{E[T]}$  = 80 % **AND** 60 %
- **reference algorithm:** schedule on lowest FDL possible (with void filling)
- **void-creating algorithm:**
  - fill void if possible
  - else: schedule on  $\blacktriangle$  if  $\bar{\Lambda}(\blacktriangle) - \bar{\Lambda}(\bullet) \geq \text{threshold}$
  - optimize threshold

# Performance improvements

maximum gain	<i>fixed</i> $B=D$		<i>uniform</i> $[0, 2D]$		<i>uniform</i> $[0.5D, 1.5D]$		<i>exp. dist.</i> $E[B]=D$	
	$\rho=0,6$	$\rho=0,8$	$\rho=0,6$	$\rho=0,8$	$\rho=0,6$	$\rho=0,8$	$\rho=0,6$	$\rho=0,8$
<b>LP</b>	-54,1 %	-36,1 %	-5,7 %	-6,9 %	-28,7 %	-19,4 %	-4,5 %	-6,4 %
<b>LPlength</b>	-54,1 %	-36,1 %	-0,6 %	-1,9 %	-25,0 %	-16,5 %	-0,24 %	-0,14 %
<b>delay</b>	-16,3 %	-16,2 %	-1,7 %	-3,9 %	-8,2 %	-8,8 %	-0,8 %	-3,4 %

optimal threshold	<i>fixed</i> $B=D$		<i>uniform</i> $[0, 2D]$		<i>uniform</i> $[0.5D, 1.5D]$		<i>exp. dist.</i> $E[B]=D$	
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<b>LP</b>	1,0	1,2	1,4	1,6	1,2	1,5	1,1	1,4
<b>LPlength</b>	1,0	1,2	1,9	2,0	1,3	1,6	2,3	3,0
<b>delay</b>	1,0	1,2	1,1	1,0	1,2	1,1	0,9	0,9

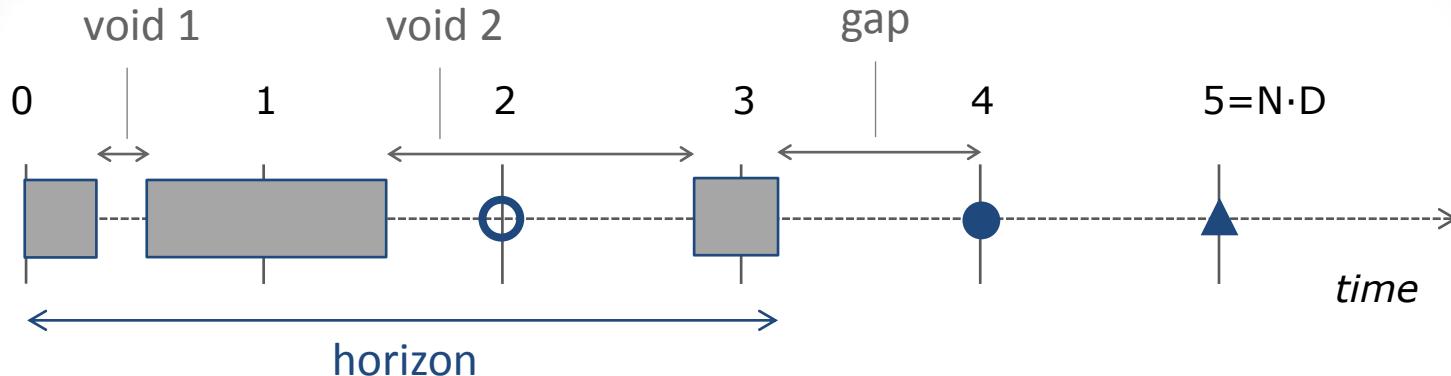
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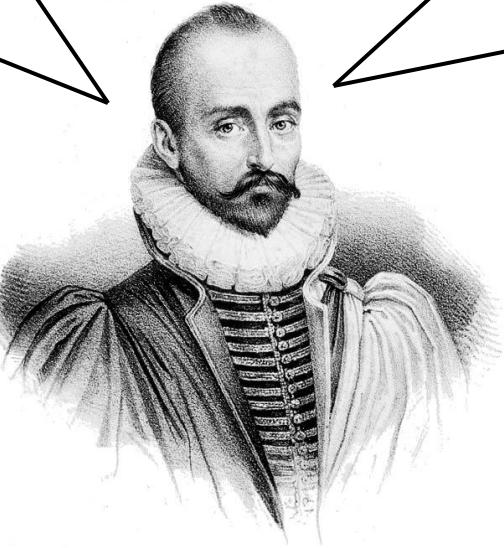
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# Conclusions



- current algorithms: fill void if possible (○), else ●
- **void creating** algorithms: fill void if possible (○) else ● or ▲
- ▲ : creates larger void
- speculating on **more dense stacking** → loss probability and delay ↴
- choose between ● and ▲ based on added value  $\bar{\Lambda}(\Delta) - \bar{\Lambda}(\bullet) \geq \text{threshold}$
- **performance improvements** up to 54 % LP reduction
- **optimal threshold** depends on packet size distribution, load and performance measure



A black and white engraving of Michel de Montaigne. He is shown from the chest up, wearing a dark doublet over a white ruff collar and a striped cravat. He has a prominent mustache and is looking slightly to his left.

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to better express myself!

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# Questions

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