

# The Profinet TSN profile for easy network configuration

How Plug&Produce works even with TSN

# Vita

## **PHOENIX CONTACT**

- 1998 Start with INTERBUS
- 2004 Responsible for PROFINET
- 2017 Responsible for TSN in PLCnext

## **PROFIBUS und PROFINET International**

- WG-Lead: CB/PG6 - PNIO (Core-Specs und Guidelines)
- WG-Member: PN Marketing, Committee-B, I4.0, SPE

## **OPC Foundation:**

- WG Member: OPC UA FLC - TSN Expert Group
- WG Member: PROFINET for OPC UA



Gunnar Leßmann – PHOENIX CONTACT  
glessmann@phoenixcontact.com

# Contents

- [Why TSN?](#)
- [What is TSN?](#)
- [What is Profinet over TSN?](#)
- [How does it work?](#)
- [What advantages do I have of PROFINET over TSN?](#)
- [When will products be available?](#)
- [What's next for TSN?](#)
- [Summary](#)



# Why TSN?

- An Ethernet switch is like a roundabout at rush hour. If more vehicles enter than come out, traffic jams can happen. With Ethernet, packets are then discarded. Congestion loss can occur.
- Also, the time from departure to arrival can not be predicted with certain accuracy. Therefore, standard Ethernet today is not completely deterministic.
- This has led to specialized\* solutions such as PROFINET IRT or EtherCAT.
- Time Sensitive Networking (TSN) describes a collection of IEEE standards that can significantly improve the real-time capability of standard Ethernet in future.



A switch can behave like a roundabout at rush hour

\*Not using IEEE Standard Ethernet Hardware

# What is TSN?

- The "Time Sensitive Networks" group in the IEEE is responsible for the worldwide standardization of Ethernet.
- TSN is not a single standard it is a "toolbox" of standards available since 2018
- As a result, Ethernet is suitable for many industries and applications
- The support of TSN mechanisms requires new Ethernet chipsets and software in the devices.
- In future, every device with Ethernet interface is expected to support TSN standards
- The IEEE makes no statement about the profiling of the standards, this must be taken over by the user organizations.
- Thus, PROFINET defines its own TSN profile

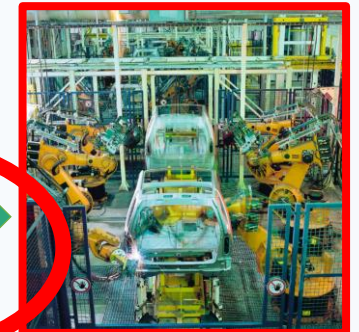
#	IEEE	Content
1	802.1Qci	Streams & Config
2	802.1AS	Time&Cycle Sync
3	802.1Qbv	Scheduled Traffic
4	802.1Qbu	Frame Preemption
5	802.1CB	Seamless Redundancy



IEEE TSN „Toolbox“



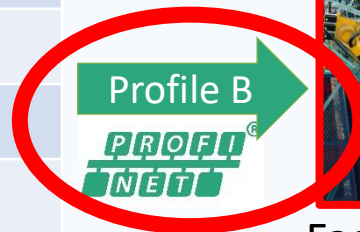
In-Car



Factory Automation

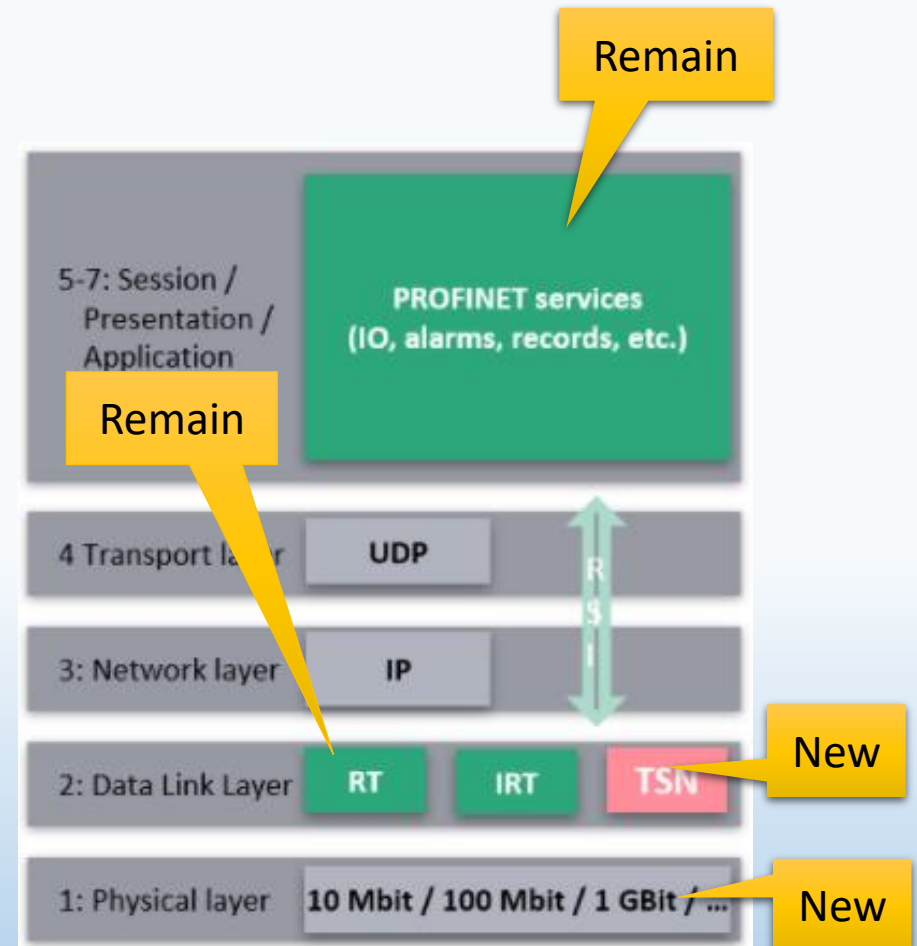


Professional AV



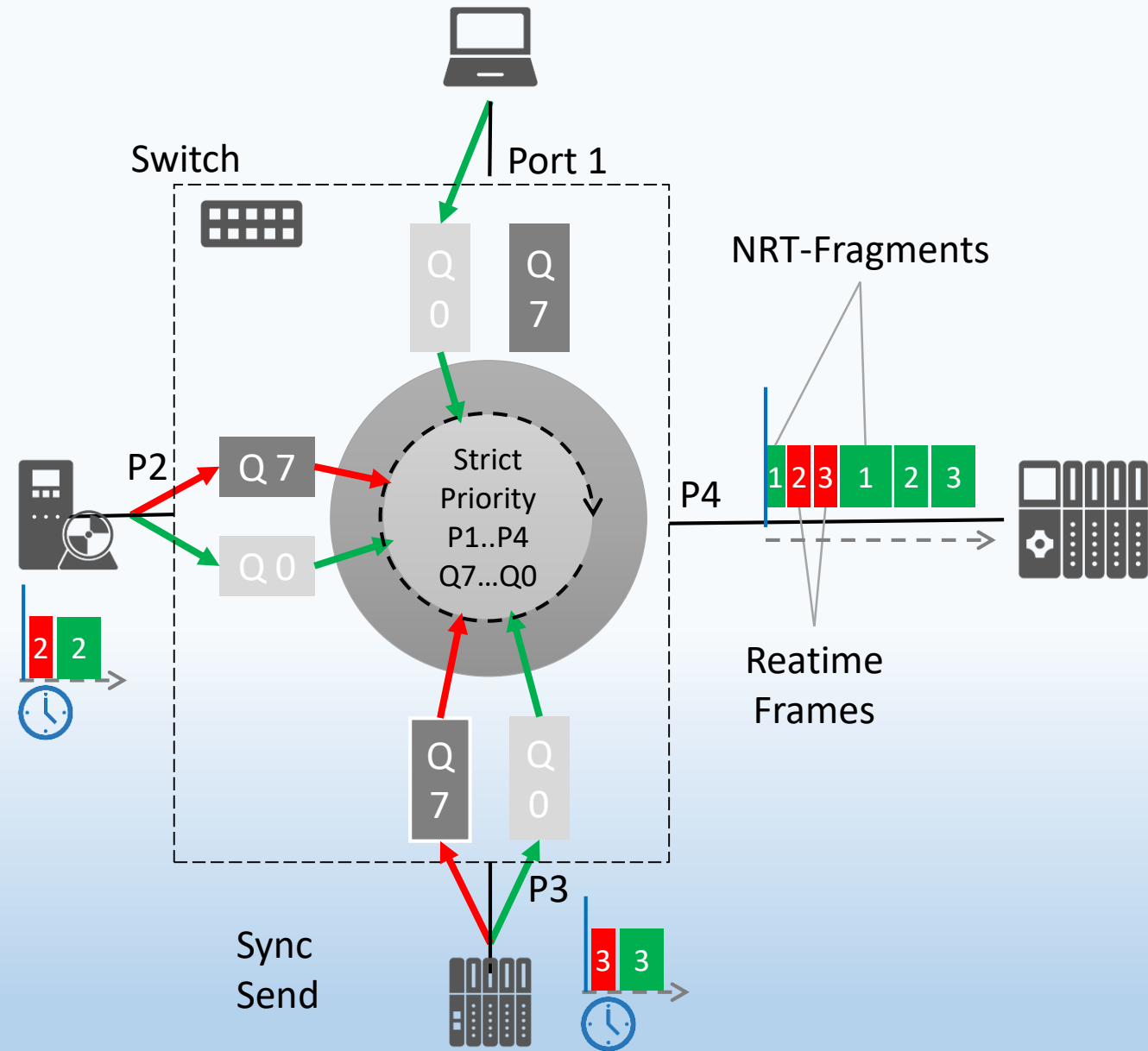
# What is Profinet over TSN?

- Since version 2.4, PROFINET is also specified for use with TSN standards.
- The user view and look&feel is unchanged. Customers can take advantage of the new possibilities of TSN without having to familiarize their self with a new system or handling.
- PROFINET TSN can be integrated into every new device and switch if chipsets and software support TSN standards.
- The devices can also be used for RT and other Standard Ethernet systems like OPC UA Pub/Sub, MODBUS/TCP or Ethernet/IP as TSN Standards are downwards compatible.
- PROFINET TSN is specified for 10MBit to 10Gbit/s and thus can also be used to improve new applications like APL/SPE.
- Today's PROFINET RT devices can be connected to a TSN network without loss of function -> investment protection and migration path
- It is guaranteed that PROFINET and other IoT data do not influence each other. Check of planning rules is integrated in the system.



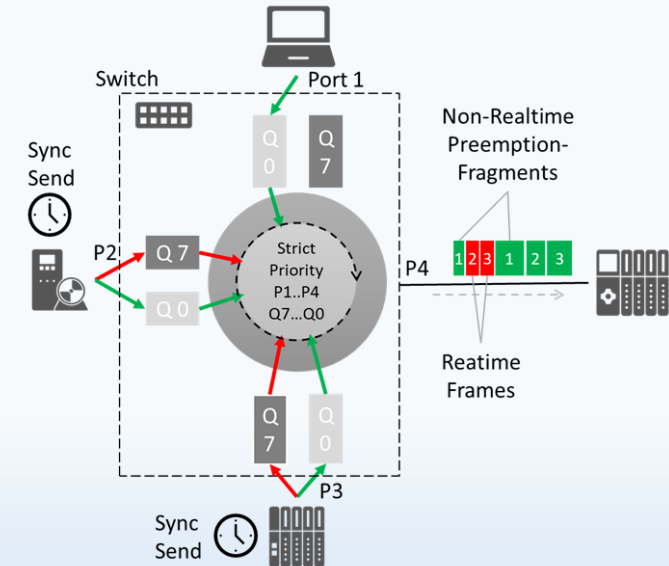
# How does it work?

- Clock synchronization with 802.1AS
- Synchronized sending of frames
- Frame-Storage in switch Qs
- Strict priority scheduling
- Preemption of large NRT frames
- Configured Switch-Buffers to avoid overload of NRT to RT traffic.



# Advantages?

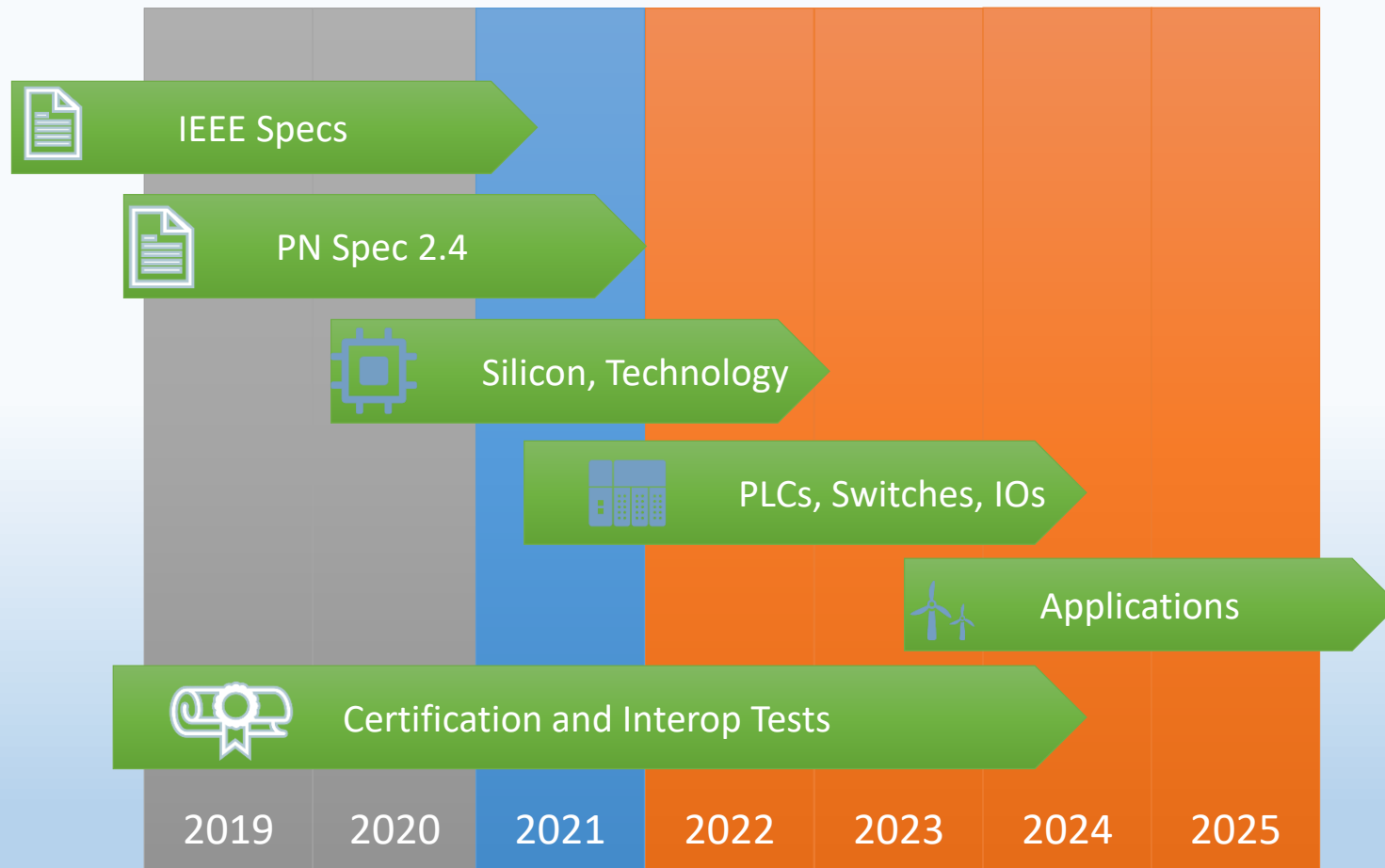
- Switches do not need to be synchronized\*
- No complex frame scheduling
- Devices can be plugged and pulled during runtime
- Device position can be changed during runtime
- Low latency due to preemption ( $1\mu\text{s}@1\text{Gbit/s}$  per hop)
- No waste of bandwidth



\*Only transparent for PTP sync frames.



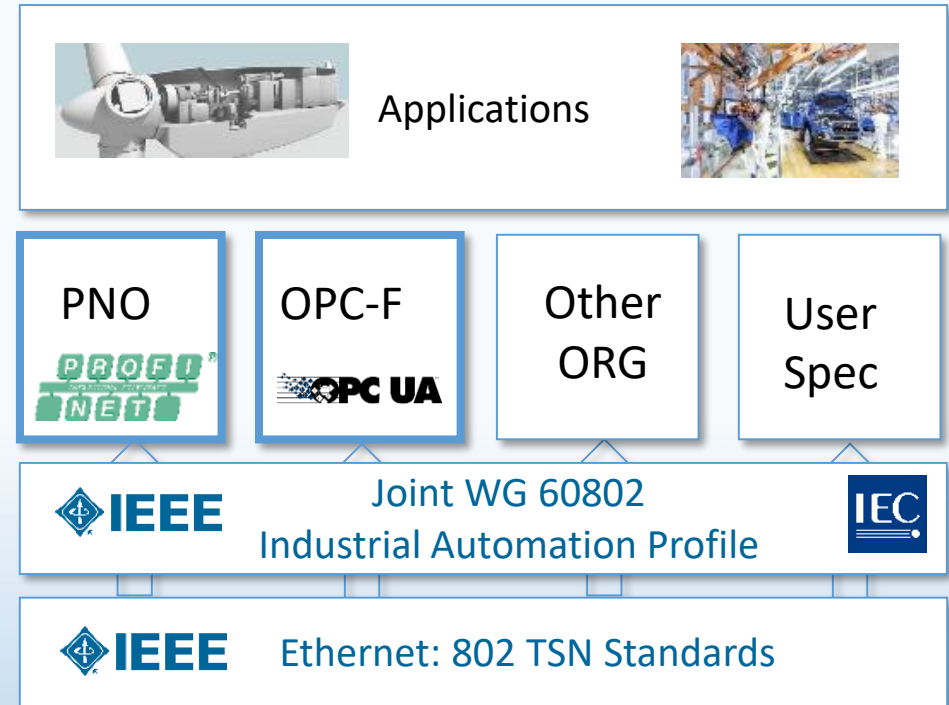
# When will products be available?



- TSN is a future technology that requires new chipsets and stacks and thus new developments in all devices involved.
- Availability depends on the respective technology, product and PLC provider
- In parallel work is already being done on the development of a certification system for Profinet with TSN

# What's next for TSN?

- TSN standards are related to data link layer (2)
- As IEEE does not do any profiling, each user organization can select different TSN standards for their ecosystem.
- To harmonize this, a joint task force of IEEE and IEC has been set up – 60802. Release is expected for 2023
- IEC/IEEE 60802 targets the converged network, which enables the concurrent support of PROFINET, OPC UA, EtherCAT, vendorspecific and TCP/IP traffic on the same wire
- Profinet will follow IEC/IEEE 60802 to enable the converged network with OPC UA and TSN
- See: <https://1.ieee802.org/tsn/iec-ieee-60802/>



L1: 10MBit ... 10GBit, SPE, APL

# Summary

- The usage of IEEE TSN standards continues the Profinet success story for the next decades.
- Profinet over TSN enables additional applications that RT, IRT and even other standards cannot fulfil.
- Existing PROFINET RT devices can be used in combination with TSN for seamless migration
- Look and Feel is not changing. The PROFINET Plug&Produce concept remain.



# Thank you – Questions?

## Contact Information:

Gunnar Lessmann

Master Specialist Profinet

PHOENIX CONTACT Electronics GmbH

PLCnext Technology

mail to: [glessmann@phoenixcontact.com](mailto:glessmann@phoenixcontact.com)

[www.phoenixcontact.com](http://www.phoenixcontact.com).