

# Coordinated City-Scale Traffic Management *using* Quartz “Time-as-a-Service”

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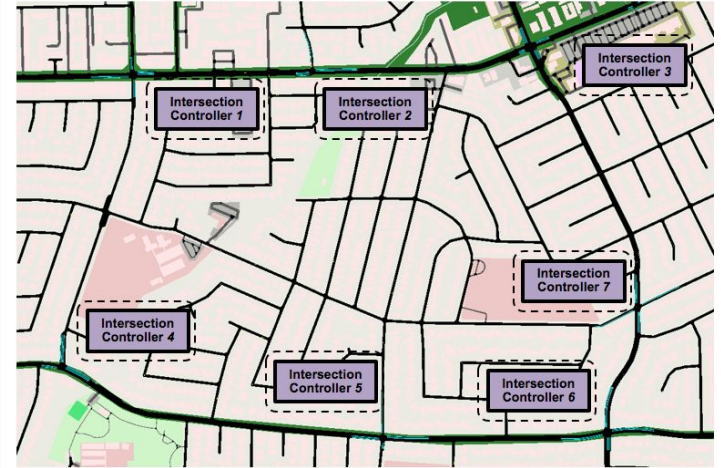
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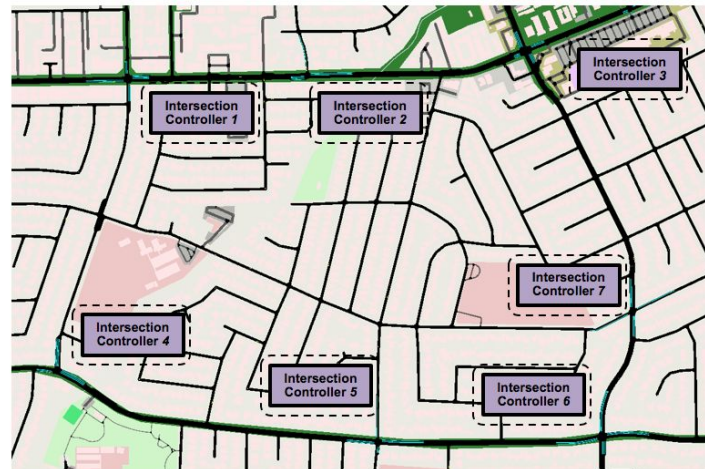
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**Synchronized Clocks are useful**

- clocks help *order events*, build *distributed state*
- clocks enable *distributed-coordinated* scheduling

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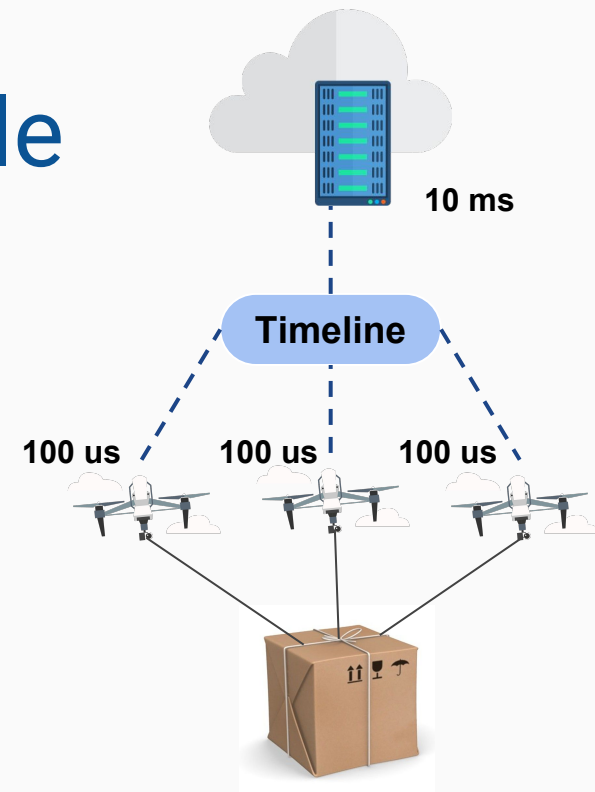
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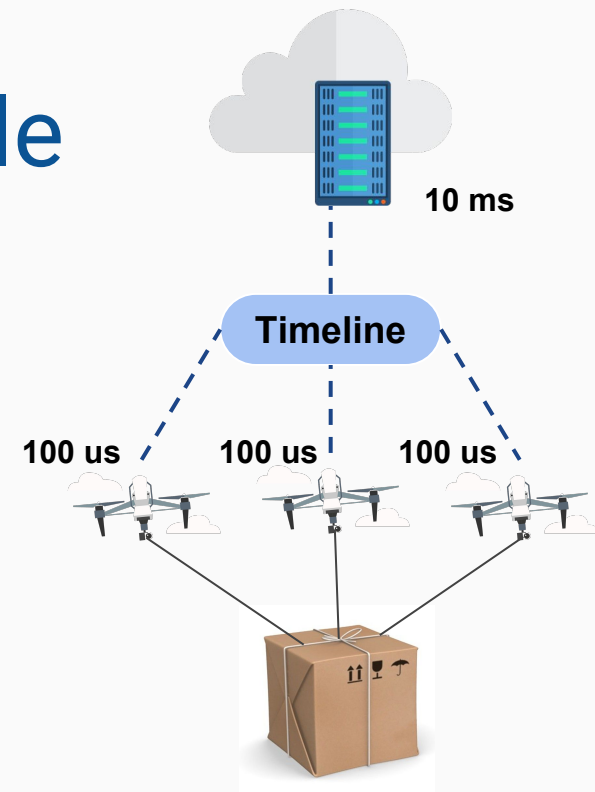
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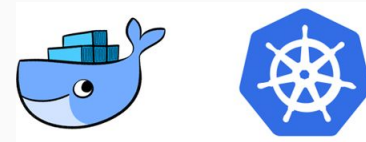


Timelines *abstract* away clock synchronization

→ Applications *specify* QoT requirements, TaaS *orchestrates* the system

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Micro-service architecture → *meeting* QoT requirements +  
*maintaining* timelines over a wide area

# Quartz: Wide-area Deployment

