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T&E Need



- **Network data recorder that provides instantaneous access to recorded flight data without interrupting ongoing recording**
- **Parametric-level data retrieval for backfill of data dropouts and ad hoc requests**
- **Need for spectrally efficient retransmission**



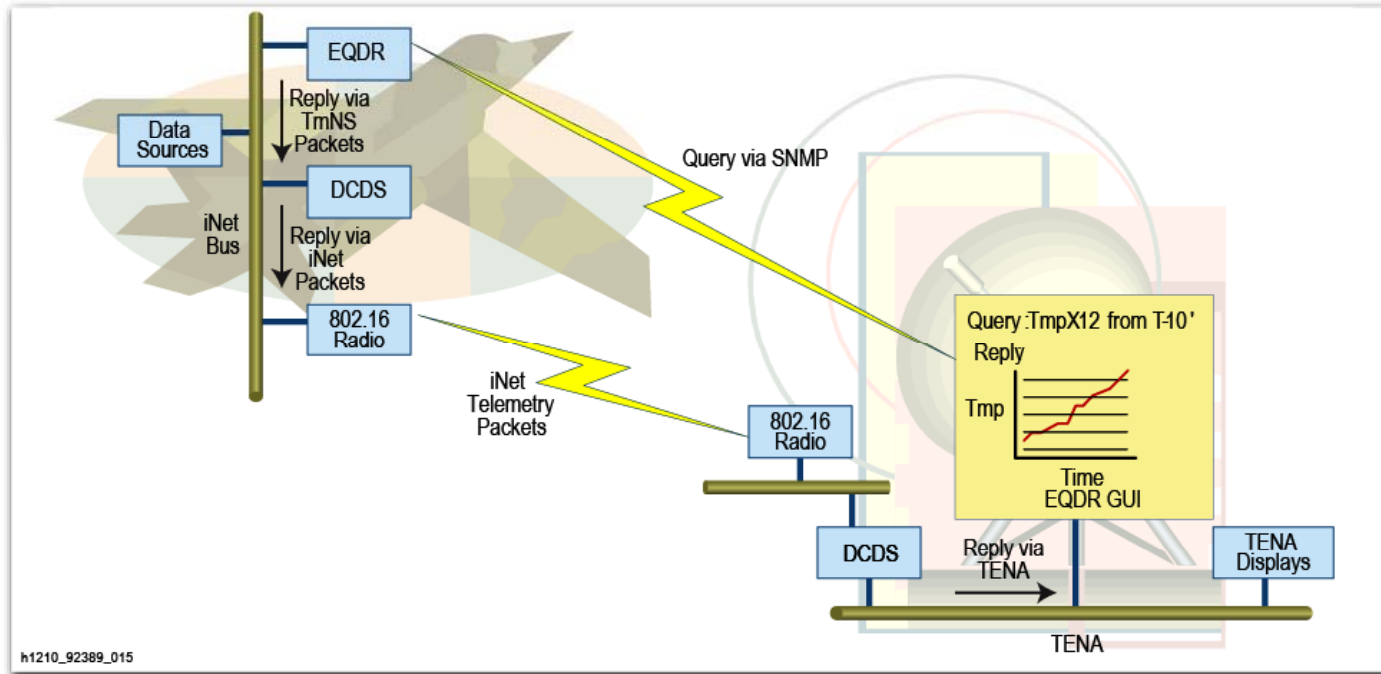
S&T Challenge



- **Recording data at high rates while at the same time allowing for concurrent, rapid and selective data retrieval**
- **Developing approaches to data indexing, storage, and retrieval that optimize overall system performance**
- **Developing ways to retrieve data based on complex criteria, including values of the stored data itself and derived values such as minimum, maximum, average within a time interval**
- **Parallelizing storage and retrieval mechanisms to enhance performance**



Project Description



The Enhanced Query Data Recorder (EQDR) will improve test efficiency and safety of flight during data dropouts, non-nominal modes of operation, and inter-maneuver periods



Project Description



- **Data dropouts**
 - Instantaneous retrieval and retransmission of lost test data or for backfill to improve completeness of control-room data for quick-look data analysis
- **Non-nominal modes of operation**
 - Efficiently retrieve recorded data not previously sent to ground to better understand “trends” of non-nominal behavior observed during the test
- **Inter-maneuver periods**
 - Retrieval of data for quick-look analysis to ensure test objectives met and data gathered before moving on to next test point



S&T Background (slide 1 of 2)



- **Network Data Recorder must:**
 - Record and retrieve data concurrently
 - Record at high enough rate to capture all data onboard the test article
 - *For spectrum efficiency, retrieve individual measurands quickly, with specificity and selectivity, as retransmitted data competes with real-time telemetry stream for limited bandwidth*



S&T Background (slide 2 of 2)



- **Existing Chapter 10 recorders store data by time interval and channel only**
- **Implications**
 - Retrieval also limited to time and channel
 - No other selection mechanism
 - No filtering based on values of measurands themselves
- **Today's current approach does not meet needs of future network data recorder**



Project Scope



Phase	Brief Description	End TRL
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Determine optimal approach for data storage and retrieval• Develop underlying EQDR technology components• Demonstrate effectiveness and flexibility of EQDR components in lab-based prototype (e.g. desktop environment)	4
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Port EQDR components to embedded system hardware more representative of aeronautical test environment• Optimize software performance• Increase multi-threading/parallelism in execution• Characterize performance of system on embedded hardware	5
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Port EQDR technology to flight-capable hardware• Flight demonstration	6



Performance Testing Setup



- **Test Configuration**
 - Intel i7 610 @ 2.53 GHz, 4 Threads
 - 8 GB RAM
 - Windows 7 Professional SP1 64 bits
 - Java 7.0.3 64 bits
- **Generated Load**
 - Each Data Source has 2000 Data Items, average size 20 bits, 500 Hertz -> 20 Mbits/sec
 - We simulate 12 Data Sources -> 240 Mbits/sec
 - Maximum TmNSMessage size 80 Kbits
 - 20 TmNSPackages per Data Source
 - 100 Data Items per TmNSPackage

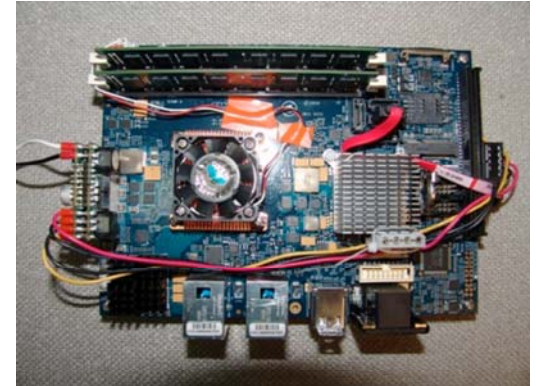
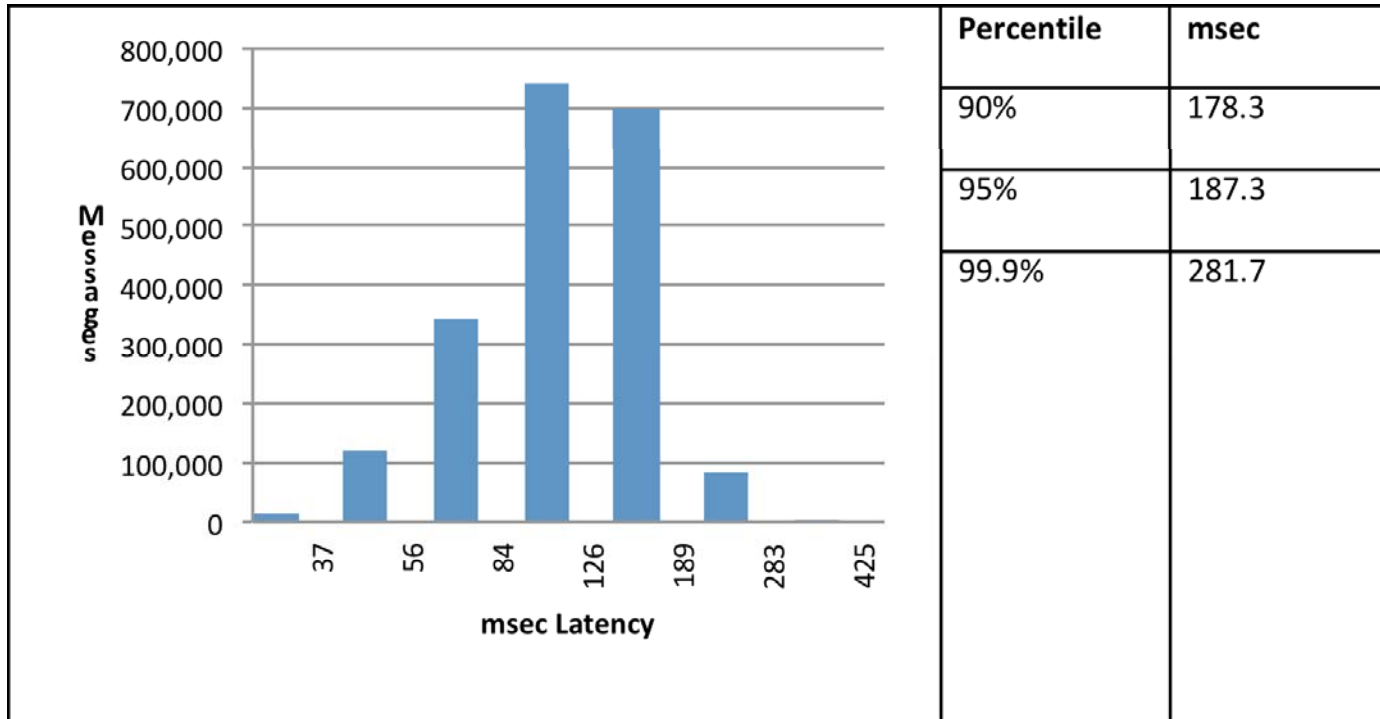


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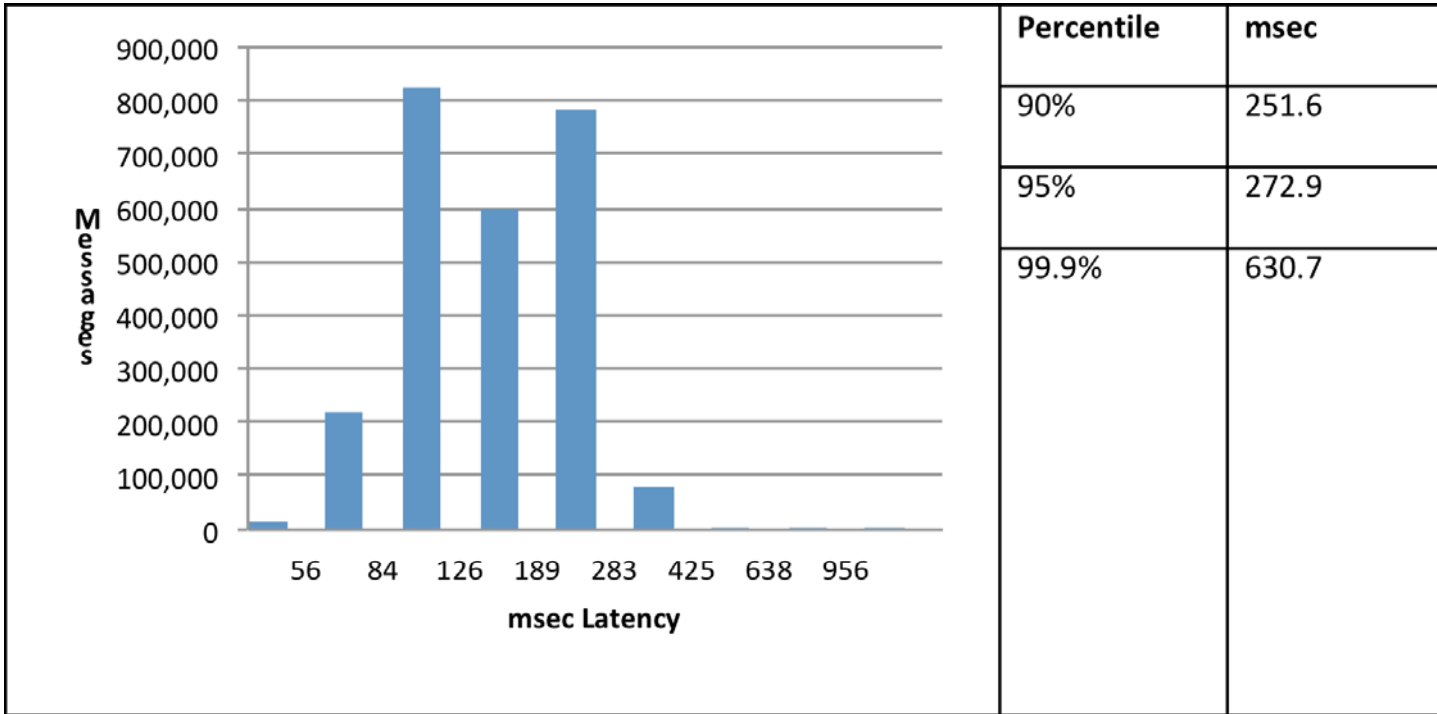
Performance 260 Mbits/sec Recording Rate (Target)



	CPU Load
System Total avg.	27.8%
EQDR Recorder avg.	17.7%
MySQL avg.	3.9%
EQDR Total avg.	21.6%



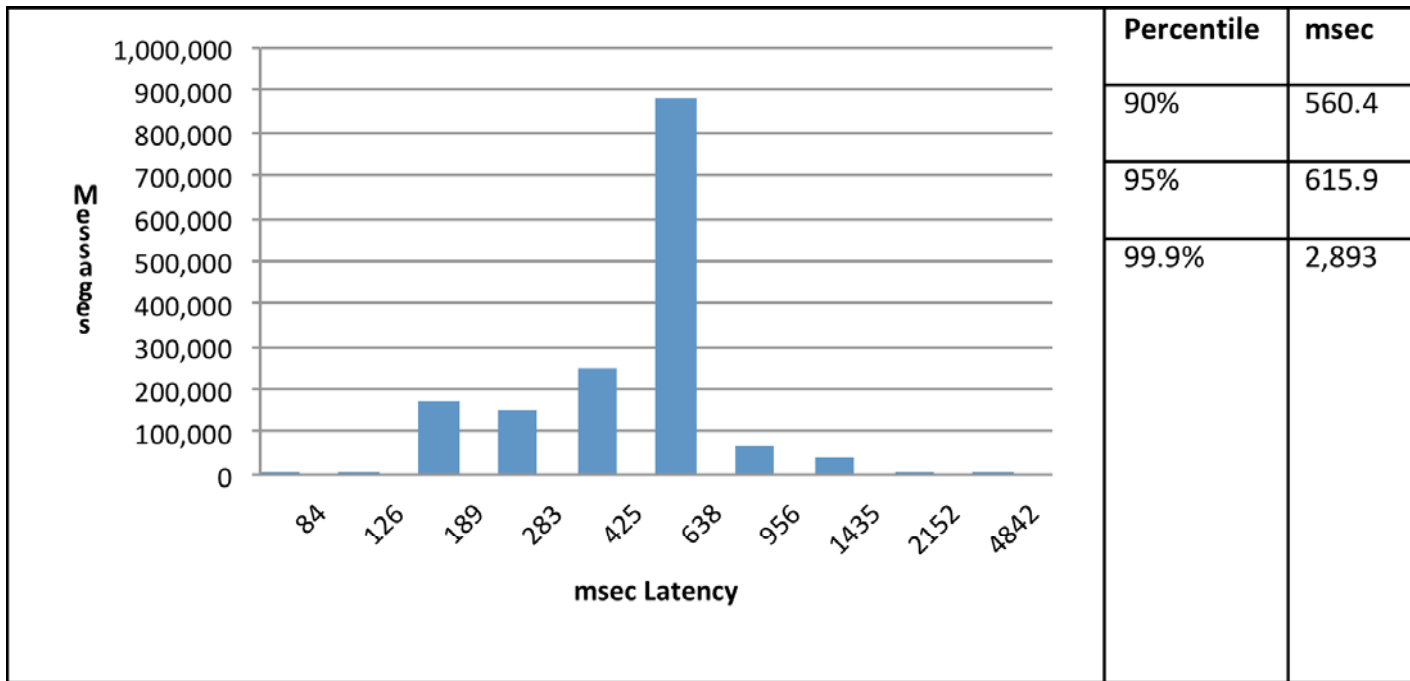
Performance at 480 Mbits/sec Recording Rate (Maximum)



	CPU Load
System Total avg.	50.1%
EQDR Recorder avg.	35.6%
MySQL avg.	7.0%
EQDR Total avg.	59.0%



Performance at 600 Mbits/sec Recording Rate (Peak)



	CPU Load
System Total avg.	68.5%
EQDR Recorder avg.	49.3%
MySQL avg.	9.7%
EQDR Total avg.	59.0%



Retransmission Performance



	250 Kbits/sec Retransmission	5 Mbits/sec Retransmission	20 Mbits/sec Retransmission
System Total avg. CPU Load	26.6%	27.4%	28.2%
EQDR Recorder avg. CPU Load	16.2%	17.6%	18.0%
MySQL avg. CPU Load	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%
EQDR Total avg. CPU Load	20.1%	21.5%	21.9%
Percentile	msec	msec	msec
90%	176.9	177.3	179.6
95%	185.9	186.6	187.0
99.9%	344.0	283.2	283.1

Concurrent recording (250 Mbits/sec) and retransmission



Summary



- **The Enhanced Query Data Recorder (EQDR) will improve test efficiency and safety of flight during data dropouts, non-nominal modes of operation, and inter-maneuver periods**
- **Spectrum efficiency necessitates retrieval and retransmission of individual parameters**
- **EQDR enables data retrieval based on complex criteria, including values of stored data itself and derived values and statistical data**
- **Performance on Intel i7 610: 480 Mbits/sec recording with 60 Mbits/sec concurrent retransmission**



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