

1 Deterministic Blind Radio Networks

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8 — Abstract —

9 Ad-hoc radio networks and multiple access channels are classical and well-studied models of
10 distributed systems, with a large body of literature on deterministic algorithms for fundamental
11 communications primitives such as broadcasting and wake-up. However, almost all of these
12 algorithms assume knowledge of the number of participating nodes and the range of possible IDs,
13 and often make the further assumption that the latter is linear in the former. These are very
14 strong assumptions for models which were designed to capture networks of weak devices organized
15 in an ad-hoc manner. It was believed that without this knowledge, deterministic algorithms must
16 necessarily be much less efficient.

17 In this paper we address this fundamental question and show that this is not the case. We
18 present *deterministic* algorithms for *blind* networks (in which nodes know only their own IDs),
19 which match or nearly match the running times of the fastest algorithms which assume network
20 knowledge (and even surpass the previous fastest algorithms which assume parameter knowledge
21 but not small labels).

22 Specifically, in multiple access channels with k participating nodes and IDs up to L ,
23 we give a wake-up algorithm requiring $O(\frac{k \log L \log k}{\log \log k})$ time, improving dramatically over the
24 $O(L^3 \log^3 L)$ time algorithm of De Marco et al. (2007), and a broadcasting algorithm requir-
25 ing $O(k \log L \log \log k)$ time, improving over the $O(L)$ time algorithm of Gąsieniec et al. (2001)
26 in most circumstances. Furthermore, we show how these same algorithms apply directly to
27 multi-hop radio networks, achieving even larger running time improvements.

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34 **1** Introduction

35 In this paper we address the fundamental question in distributed computing of whether basic
36 communication primitives can be efficiently performed in networks in which the participating
37 nodes have no knowledge about the network structure. Our focus is on *deterministic*
38 algorithms.

39 1.1 Models and problems

40 We consider the two classical, and related, models of distributed communication: *multiple*
41 *access channels* (cf. [19, 28]) and *ad-hoc multi-hop radio networks* (cf. [2, 8, 14, 27]).



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42 **1.1.1 Multiple access channels**

43 A set of k nodes, with unique identifiers (IDs) from $\{1, \dots, L\}$, share a communication
 44 channel. Time is divided into discrete steps, and in every step each node chooses to either
 45 transmit a message to the channel or listen for messages. A transmission is only successful if
 46 exactly one node chooses to transmit in a given time-step; otherwise all nodes hear silence.

47 **1.1.2 Ad-hoc multi-hop radio networks**

48 The network is modeled by a *directed* graph $\mathfrak{N} = (V, E)$, with $|V| = n$, where nodes
 49 correspond to transmitter-receiver stations. The nodes have unique identifiers from $\{1, \dots, L\}$.
 50 A directed edge $(v, u) \in E$ means that node v can send a message directly to node u . To
 51 make propagation of information feasible, we assume that every node in V is reachable in \mathfrak{N}
 52 from any other. Time is divided into discrete steps, and in every step each node chooses to
 53 either transmit a message to all neighbors or listen for messages. A listening node only hears
 54 a transmission if exactly one neighbor transmitted; otherwise it hears silence.

55 It can be seen that multiple access channels are equivalent to *single-hop radio networks*
 56 (that is, radio networks in which the underlying graph is a clique).

57 **1.1.3 Node knowledge**

58 We study *blind* versions of these models, by which we mean that the minimum possible
 59 assumptions about node knowledge are made (and this is where our work differs most
 60 significantly from previous work): we assume nodes do not know the parameters k , L , or n , or
 61 any upper bounds thereof. In accordance with the standard model of ad-hoc radio networks
 62 (for more elaborate discussion about the model, see, e.g., [1, 2, 6, 9, 10, 16, 21, 23, 27]), we
 63 also make the assumption that a node does not have any prior knowledge about the topology
 64 of the network, its in-degree and out-degree, or the set of its neighbors. In our setting, *the*
 65 *only prior knowledge nodes have is their own unique ID.*

66 **1.1.4 Tasks**

67 In both models we consider the fundamental communication tasks of *broadcasting* (see, e.g.,
 68 the survey [27] and the references therein) and *wake-up* (cf. [3, 8, 15]).

69 In the task of *wake-up*, nodes begin in a dormant state, and some non-empty subset of
 70 nodes spontaneously ‘wake up’ at arbitrary (adversarially chosen) time-steps. Nodes are also
 71 woken up if they receive messages. Nodes cannot participate (by transmitting) until they are
 72 woken up, and our goal is to ensure that eventually all nodes are awake. We assume nodes
 73 have access only to a *local clock*: they can count the number of time-steps since they woke
 74 up, but there is no global awareness of an absolute time-step number.

75 The task of *broadcasting* is usually described as follows: one node begins with a message,
 76 and it must inform all other nodes of this message via transmissions. However, to enable our
 77 results to transfer from multiple access channels (single-hop radio networks) to multi-hop
 78 radio networks, we will instead use broadcasting to refer to a more generalized task. Our
 79 broadcasting task will be defined similarly to wake-up, with the only difference being that
 80 nodes have access to a *global clock*, informing them of the absolute time-step number. (In
 81 multiple access channels, this task is usually also referred to as wake-up, specifying global
 82 clock access, but here we will call it broadcasting to better differentiate.)

83 Notice that the standard broadcasting task in radio networks is a special case of this
 84 task, in which only one node spontaneously wakes up. A global clock can be simulated by

85 appending the current global time-step to each transmitted message (and since all message
86 chains originate from the same source node, these time-steps will agree).

87 For both tasks, we wish to minimize the number of time-steps that elapse between the
88 first node waking up, and all nodes being woken. We are not concerned with the computation
89 performed by nodes within time-steps.

90 1.2 Related work

91 As fundamental communications primitives, the tasks of designing efficient deterministic
92 algorithms for *broadcasting* and *wake-up* have been extensively studied for various network
93 models for many decades.

94 1.2.1 Wake-up

95 The wake-up problem (with only local clocks) has been studied in both multiple access
96 channels and multi-hop radio networks (often separately, though the results usually transfer
97 directly from one to the other). It has been commonly assumed in the literature that network
98 parameters are known, and that IDs are small ($L = n^{O(1)}$).

99 The first sub-quadratic deterministic wake-up protocol for radio networks was given
100 in by Chrobak et al. [8], who introduced the concept of *radio synchronizers* to abstract
101 the essence of the problem. They give an $O(n^{5/3} \log n)$ -time protocol for the wake-up
102 problem. Since then, there have been several improvements in running time, making use of
103 the radio synchronizer machinery: firstly to $O(n^{3/2} \log n)$ [4], and then to $O(n \log^2 n)$ [3].
104 The current fastest protocol is $O(\frac{n \log^2 n}{\log \log n})$ [13]. However, without the assumption of small
105 labels, all of these running times are increased. The algorithm of [13] as analyzed would give
106 $O(\frac{n \log L \log(n \log L)}{\log \log(n \log L)})$ time, and similar time with k replacing n in multiple access channels.
107 All of these algorithms, like those we present here, are non-explicit.

108 There has been some work on wake-up in multiple access channels without knowledge
109 of network parameters: firstly an $O(L^4 \log^5 L)$ algorithm [15], and then an improvement
110 to $O(L^3 \log^3 L)$ [26]. It was believed that this algorithms in this setting were necessarily
111 much slower than those for when parameters were known; for example, [26] states “a crucial
112 assumption is whether the processors using the shared channel are aware of the total number
113 n of processors sharing the channel, or some polynomially related upper bound to such
114 number. When such number n is known, much faster algorithms are possible.”

115 There are no direct results for wake-up in radio networks with unknown parameters, but
116 the algorithm of [26] can be applied to give $O(nL^3 \log^3 L)$ time.

117 We note that randomized algorithms for wake-up have also been studied, both with and
118 without parameter knowledge; see [15, 19].

119 1.2.2 Broadcasting

120 Broadcasting is possibly the most studied problem in radio networks, and has a wealth of
121 literature in various settings. For the model studied in this paper, *directed* radio networks
122 with *unknown structure* and *without collision detection*, the first sub-quadratic *deterministic*
123 broadcasting algorithm was proposed by Chlebus et al. [6], who gave an $O(n^{11/6})$ -time
124 broadcasting algorithm. After several small improvements (cf. [7, 25]), Chrobak et al. [9]
125 designed an almost optimal algorithm that ns the task in $O(n \log^2 n)$ time, the first to
126 be only a poly-logarithmic factor away from linear dependency. Kowalski and Pelc [21]
127 improved this bound to obtain an algorithm of complexity $O(n \log n \log D)$ and Czumaj

128 and Rytter [14] gave a broadcasting algorithm running in time $O(n \log^2 D)$. Here D is the
 129 eccentricity of the network, i.e., the distance between the furthest pair of nodes. De Marco
 130 [24] designed an algorithm that completes broadcasting in $O(n \log n \log \log n)$ time steps,
 131 beating [14] for general graphs. Finally, the $O(n \log D \log \log D)$ algorithm of [13] came
 132 within a log-logarithmic factor of the $\Omega(n \log D)$ lower bound [10]. Again, however, these
 133 results generally assume *small node labels* ($L = O(n)$, though some of the earlier results only
 134 require $L = O(n^c)$ for some constant c), and their running time results do not hold otherwise.
 135 The situation where node labels can be large is less well-studied, though it is easy to see that
 136 the algorithm of [9] still works, requiring $O(n \log^2 L)$ time. In multiple access channels, a
 137 $O(k \log \frac{L}{k})$ time algorithm exists [10]. Again, all of these algorithms are, like those presented
 138 here, non-explicit.

139 All of these results also *intrinsically require parameter knowledge*. Without knowledge of n ,
 140 L , k , or D , the fastest algorithm known is the $O(L)$ time algorithm of [15] for multiple access
 141 channels. This algorithm is explicit, but has the strong added restriction that the first node
 142 wakes up at global time-step 0. It also does not transfer to multi-hop radio networks, so the
 143 best running time therein is the $O(DL^3 \log^3 L)$ given by the algorithm of [26]. Concurrently
 144 with this work, randomized algorithms for broadcasting without parameter knowledge are
 145 presented in [12], achieving a nearly optimal running time of $O(D \log \frac{n}{D} \log^2 \log \frac{n}{D} + \log^2 n)$
 146 in the model we study here (that is, the model without collision detection).

147 Broadcasting, as a fundamental communication primitive, has been also studied in
 148 various related models, including undirected networks, randomized broadcasting protocols,
 149 models with collision detection, and models in which the entire network structure is known.
 150 For example, if the underlying network is undirected, then an $O(n \log D)$ -time algorithm
 151 due to Kowalski [20] exists. If spontaneous transmissions are allowed and a global clock
 152 available, then deterministic broadcast can be performed in $O(L)$ time in undirected networks
 153 [6]. Randomized broadcasting has been also extensively studied, and in a seminal paper,
 154 Bar-Yehuda et al. [2] designed an almost optimal broadcasting algorithm achieving the
 155 running time of $O((D + \log n) \cdot \log n)$. This bound has been later improved by Czumaj
 156 and Rytter [14], and independently Kowalski and Pelc [22], who gave optimal randomized
 157 broadcasting algorithms that complete the task in $O(D \log \frac{n}{D} + \log^2 n)$ time with high
 158 probability, matching a known lower bound from [23]. Haeupler and Wajc [17] improved
 159 this bound for undirected networks in the model that allows spontaneous transmissions and
 160 designed an algorithm that completes broadcasting in time $O\left(\frac{D \log n \log \log n}{\log D} + \log^{O(1)} n\right)$
 161 with high probability, improved to $O\left(\frac{D \log n}{\log D} + \log^{O(1)} n\right)$ in [11]. In the model with collision
 162 detection for undirected networks, an $O(D + \log^6 n)$ -time randomized algorithm due to
 163 Ghaffari et al. [16] is the first to exploit collisions and surpass the algorithms (and lower
 164 bound) for broadcasting without collision detection.

165 For more details about broadcasting algorithms in various models, see e.g., [11, 14, 16,
 166 20, 27] and the references therein.

167 **1.3 New results**

168 We present algorithms for the fundamental tasks of broadcasting and wake-up in multiple
 169 access channels (single-hop radio networks) and multi-hop radio networks which require no
 170 knowledge of network parameters: nodes need know only their own unique ID.

171 Our wake-up algorithm takes $O\left(\frac{k \log L \log k}{\log \log k}\right)$ time in multiple access channels and
 172 $O\left(\frac{n \log L \log n}{\log \log n}\right)$ time in multi-hop radio networks, improving dramatically over the previous
 173 best $O(L^3 \log^3 L)$ and $O(DL^3 \log^3 L)$ respective running times of [26] (recall that $k \leq n \leq L$).

174 This is particularly significant in the case of large labels, since dependency on L has been im-
 175 proved from cubic to logarithmic. Furthermore, our running time matches the $O(\frac{n \log L \log n}{\log \log n})$
 176 time of [13], the fastest algorithm with parameter knowledge and small node labels.

177 Our broadcasting algorithm takes $O(k \log L \log \log k)$ time in multiple access channels and
 178 $O(n \log L \log \log n)$ time in multi-hop radio networks. This improves over the previous best
 179 $O(L)$ multiple access channel bound [15] in most cases. In radio networks the improvement
 180 is even more pronounced, beating not only the $O(DL^3 \log^3 L)$ result of [26] but also the
 181 $O(n \log^2 L)$ -time algorithm of [9], which was the fastest result for large labels even when
 182 network parameters are known. When labels are small (i.e., $L = n^{O(1)}$), our result matches
 183 the best running time for known parameters ($O(n \log D \log \log D)$ from [13]) for networks of
 184 polynomial eccentricity.

185 We believe the primary value of our work is in challenging the *long-standing assumption*
 186 *that parameter knowledge is necessary for efficient deterministic algorithms* in radio networks
 187 and multiple access channels. We show that in fact, deterministic algorithms which do not
 188 assume this knowledge can reach the fastest running times for those that do.

189 1.4 Previous approaches

190 Almost all deterministic broadcasting protocols with sub-quadratic complexity (that is, since
 191 [6]) have relied on the concept of *selective families* (or some similar variant thereof, such
 192 as selectors). These are families of sets for which one can guarantee that any subset of
 193 $[k] := \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ below a certain size has an intersection of size exactly 1 with some member
 194 of the family [6]. They are useful in the context of radio networks because if the members
 195 of the family are interpreted to be the set of nodes which are allowed to transmit in a
 196 particular time-step, then after going through each member, any node with a participating
 197 in-neighbor and an in-neighborhood smaller than the size threshold will be informed. Most
 198 of the recent improvements in broadcasting time have been due to a combination of proving
 199 smaller selective families exist, and finding more efficient ways to apply them (i.e., choosing
 200 which size of family to apply at which time) [6, 7, 9, 14].

201 Applying such constructs requires coordination between nodes, which relies on a global
 202 clock, making them unsuitable for wake-up. To tackle this issue, Chrobak et al. [8] introduced
 203 the concept of *radio synchronizers*. These are a development of selective families which
 204 allow nodes to begin their behavior at different times. A further extension to *universal*
 205 *synchronizers* in [4] allowed effectiveness across all in-neighborhood sizes.

206 Another similar extension of selective families came in 2010 with a paper by De Marco
 207 [24], which used a *transmission matrix* to schedule node transmissions for broadcasting.
 208 Like radio synchronizers, the application of this matrix allowed nodes to begin their own
 209 transmission sequence at any time, and still provided a ‘selective’ property that guaranteed
 210 broadcasting progress. The synchronization afforded by the assumption of a global clock
 211 allowed this method to beat the time bounds given by radio synchronizers (and previous
 212 broadcasting algorithms using selective families).

213 The proofs of *existence* for selective families, synchronizers, and transmission matrices
 214 follow similar lines: a probabilistic candidate object is generated by deciding on each element
 215 independently at random with certain carefully chosen probabilities, and then it is proven
 216 that the candidate satisfies the desired properties with positive probability, and so *such an*
 217 *object must exist*. These types of proofs are all *non-constructive* (and therefore all resulting
 218 algorithms non-explicit; cf. [5, 18] for an explicit construction of selective families with
 219 significantly weaker size bounds).

220 In contrast, results on multiple access channels without parameter knowledge (notably

221 [15, 26]) have not used these types of combinatorial objects, and instead rely on some
 222 results from number theory. The algorithm of [26], for instance, is to have nodes transmit
 223 periodically, a node with ID v waiting p_v steps between transmissions, where p_v is the v^{th}
 224 smallest prime number. A number-theoretic result is then employed to show that eventually
 225 one node will transmit alone. As a result, these algorithms have the advantage of being
 226 explicit, but the disadvantage of slower running times.

227 1.5 Novel approach

228 We aim to apply the approach of using combinatorial objects proven by the probabilistic
 229 method to the setting where network parameters are not known. One way to do this would
 230 be to apply selectors (for example) of continually increasing size, until one succeeds. However,
 231 since there are two parameters which must meet the correct values for a successful application
 232 (k and L in the case of medium access channels), running times for this approach are poor.
 233 Instead, we define, and prove the existence of, *a single, infinite combinatorial object, which*
 234 *can accommodate all possible values of parameters at the same time.*

235 Another difference is that for all previous works using selective families or variants thereof,
 236 the candidate object has been generated with the same sequence of probabilities for each node.
 237 Here, however, in order to achieve good running times we need to have these probabilities
 238 depending on the node ID. In essence, this means that nodes effectively use their own ID as
 239 an estimate of the maximum ID in the network.

240 1.6 A note on non-explicitness

241 As mentioned, almost all deterministic broadcasting protocols with sub-quadratic complexity
 242 have relied on selective families or variants thereof, and have been non-explicit results. Our
 243 work here is also non-explicit, but while this is standard for deterministic radio network
 244 algorithms, it may present more of an issue here, since our combinatorial structures are
 245 infinite. It is not clear how the protocols we present could be performed by devices with
 246 bounded memory, and as such this work is more of a proof-of-concept than a practical
 247 algorithm. However, it is possible that our method could be adapted so that nodes' behavior
 248 could be generated by a finite-size (i.e., a function of ID) program; this would be a natural
 249 and interesting extension to our work, and would overcome the problem.

250 Another issue which would remain is that nodes must perform the protocol indefinitely,
 251 and never become aware that broadcasting has been successfully completed. However, this is
 252 unavoidable in the model: Chlebus et al. [6] prove that *acknowledged* broadcasting without
 253 parameter knowledge is impossible.

254 2 Combinatorial objects

255 In this section we present the two combinatorial objects that we wish to use in our algorithms:
 256 *unbounded universal synchronizers* and *unbounded transmission schedules*. After defining
 257 them in Sections 2.1 and 2.2, we present their main properties in Theorems 3 and 12, and
 258 then show how to apply them to obtain new deterministic algorithms for wake-up and
 259 broadcasting in multiple access channels and in radio networks (Theorems 19, 20, 22, 23).

260 2.1 Unbounded universal synchronizers

261 For the task of wake-up, i.e., in the absence of a global clock, we will define an object called
 262 an **unbounded universal synchronizer** for use in our algorithm.

263 We begin by defining the sets of circumstances our algorithm must account for:

264 ► **Definition 1.** An (r, k) -instance X is a set K of k nodes with

$$265 \quad \sum_{v \in K} \log v = r$$

266 and wake-up function $\omega : K \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$.

267 (By using v as an integer here, we are abusing notation to mean the ID of node v .)

268 Here r is the main parameter we will use to quantify how ‘large’ our input instance is.
269 By using the sum of logarithms of IDs (which approximates the total number of bits needed
270 to write all IDs in use), we capture both the number of participating nodes and the length of
271 IDs in a single parameter. We require r to be an integer, so we round down accordingly, but
272 we omit floor functions for clarity since they do not affect the asymptotic result.

273 The *wake-up function* ω maps each node to the time-step it wakes up (either spontaneously
274 or by receiving a transmission) when our algorithm is run on this instance. This means
275 that the wake-up function depends on the algorithm, but there is no circular dependency:
276 whether nodes wake-up in time-step j only depends on the algorithm’s behavior in previous
277 time-steps, and the algorithm’s behavior at time-step j only depends on the wake-up function
278 up to j . We will also extend ω to sets of nodes in the instance by $\omega(K) := \min_{v \in K} \omega(v)$.

279 We now define the combinatorial object that will be the basis of our algorithm:

280 ► **Definition 2.** For a function $g : \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$, an **unbounded universal synchronizer**
281 **of delay** g is a function $\mathcal{S} : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$ such that for any (r, k) -instance, there is some
282 time-step $j \leq \omega(K) + g(r, k)$ with $\sum_{v \in K} \mathcal{S}(v)_{j-\omega(v)} = 1$.

283 The *unbounded universal synchronizer* S is a function mapping node IDs to a sequence of
284 0s and 1s, which tell nodes when to listen and transmit respectively. The function g , which
285 we will call the *delay function*, tells us how many time-steps we must wait before a successful
286 transmission is guaranteed, so this is what we want to asymptotically minimize.

287 We will apply this object to perform wake-up as follows: each node v transmits a message
288 in time-step j (with its time-step count starting upon waking up) iff $S(v)_j = 1$. Then, the
289 property guarantees that at some time-step j within $g(r, k)$ time-steps of the first node
290 waking up, any (r, k) -instance will have a successful transmission. We call this S ‘*hitting*’ the
291 (r, k) -instance at time-step j . So, our aim is to show the existence of such an object, with g
292 growing as slowly as possible.

293 Our main technical result in this section is the following:

294 ► **Theorem 3.** *There exists an unbounded universal synchronizer of delay g , where*
295 $g(r, k) = O\left(\frac{r \log k}{\log \log k}\right)$.

296 Our approach to proving Theorem 3 will be to randomly generate a candidate synchronizer,
297 and then prove that with positive probability it does indeed satisfy the required property.
298 Then, for this to be the case, at least one such object must exist.

299 Our candidate $S : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$ will be generated by independently choosing each $S(v)_j$
300 to be **1** with probability $\frac{c \log v}{j+2c \log v}$ and **0** otherwise, where c is some sufficiently large constant
301 to be chosen later.

302 While S is drawn from an uncountable set, we will only be concerned with events that
303 depend upon a finite portion of it, and countable unions and intersections thereof. Therefore,
304 we can use as our underlying σ -algebra that generated by the set of all events $E_{v,j} = \{S : S(v)_j = 1\}$,
305 where $v, j \in \mathbb{N}$, with the corresponding probabilities $\mathbb{P}[E_{v,j}] = \frac{c \log v}{j+2c \log v}$.

306 We set delay function $g(r, k) = \frac{c^2 r \log k}{\log \log k}$.

307 To simplify our task, we begin with some useful observations:

308 First we note that since we only care about the asymptotic behavior of g , we can assume
309 that r is larger than a sufficiently large constant.

310 We also note that we need not consider all (r, k) -instances. For a given (r, k) -instance
311 and time-step j , let K_j be the set of nodes woken up by time j (with $k_j := |K_j|$), and r_j
312 be defined as r but restricted to the nodes in K_j . Let t be the earliest time-step such that
313 $t > g(r_t, k_t)$, and curtail the (r, k) -instance to the corresponding (r_t, k_t) -instance of nodes in
314 K_t . It is easy to see that if we hit all curtailed (r_t, k_t) -instances within $g(r_t, k_t)$ time, we
315 must hit all (r, k) -instances within $g(r, k)$ time, so henceforth we will only consider curtailed
316 instances (i.e., we can assume that $j \leq g(r_j, k_j)$ for all $j < g(r, k)$).

317 Finally, we observe that, since nodes' behavior is not dependent on the global clock, we
318 can shift all (r, k) -instances to begin at time-step 0.

319 To analyze the probability of hitting (r, k) -instances, define the *load* of a time-step $f(j)$
320 to be the expected number of transmissions in that time-step:

321 ► **Definition 4.** For a fixed (r, k) -instance, the **load $f(j)$ of a time-step j** is defined as

$$322 \sum_{v \in K_j} \mathbb{P}[v \text{ transmits}] = \sum_{v \in K_j} \frac{c \log v}{j - \omega(v) + 2c \log v} .$$

323 We now seek to bound the load from above and below, since when the load is close to
324 constant we have a good chance of hitting.

325 ► **Lemma 5.** *All time-steps $j \leq g(r, k)$ have $f(j) \geq \frac{\log \log k}{2c \log k}$.*

326 **Proof.** Fix a time-step $j \leq g(r, k)$, let K_j be the set of nodes awake by time-step j , and let
327 $k_j = |K_j|$ and $r_j = \sum_{v \in K_j} \log v$, analogous to r and k . If $k_j = k$, then

$$328 f(j) \geq \sum_{v \in K} \frac{c \log v}{j + 2c \log v} \geq \frac{cr}{j + 2cr} \geq \frac{cr}{\frac{2c^2 r \log k}{\log \log k}} \geq \frac{\log \log k}{2c \log k} .$$

329 If $k_j < k$, then due to our curtailing of instances, we have $j \leq g(r_j, k_j)$. So,

$$330 f(j) \geq \sum_{v \in K_j} \frac{c \log v}{j + 2c \log v} \geq \frac{cr_j}{j + 2cr_j} \geq \frac{cr_j}{\frac{2c^2 r_j \log k_j}{\log \log k_j}} \geq \frac{\log \log k_j}{2c \log k_j} \geq \frac{\log \log k}{2c \log k} . \quad \blacktriangleleft$$

332 Having bounded load from below, we also seek to bound it from above. Unfortunately,
333 the load in any particular time-step can be very high, but we can get a good bound on at
334 least a constant fraction of the columns.

335 ► **Lemma 6.** *Let F denote the set of time-steps $j \leq g(r, k)$ such that $\frac{\log \log k}{2c \log k} \leq f(j) \leq \frac{\log \log k}{3}$.
336 Then $|F| \geq \frac{cr \log k}{2 \log \log k}$.*

337 **Proof.** The total load over all time-steps can be bounded as follows:

$$338 \sum_{j \leq g(r, k)} f(j) = \sum_{j \leq g(r, k)} \sum_{v \in K_j} \frac{c \log v}{j - \omega(v) + 2c \log v} \leq \sum_{v \in K} \sum_{\omega(v) < j \leq g(r, k)} \frac{c \log v}{j - \omega(v) + 2c \log v}$$

$$339 \leq \sum_{v \in K} c \log v \sum_{j \leq g(r, k)} \frac{1}{j + 2c \log v} \leq \sum_{v \in K} c \log v \ln \frac{2g(r, k)}{4c \log v} .$$

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341 Let $K_i = \{v \in K : \frac{r}{k \cdot 2^i} \leq \log v < \frac{r}{k \cdot 2^{i-1}}\}$, for $i \geq 1$, and $K' = \{v \in K : \log v \geq \frac{r}{k}\}$
 342 If $\sum_{v \in K_i} \log v > \frac{r}{2^i}$ then $r < 2^i \sum_{v \in K_i} \log v \leq 2^i \sum_{v \in K_i} \frac{r}{k \cdot 2^i} \leq r$. This gives a contra-
 343 diction, so we must have $\sum_{v \in K_i} \log v \leq \frac{r}{2^i}$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
 344 \quad \sum_{j \leq g(r,k)} f(j) &\leq \sum_{v \in K} c \log v \ln \frac{2g(r,k)}{4c \log v} \leq \sum_{i \geq 1} \sum_{v \in K_i} c \log v \ln \frac{g(r,k)}{2c \log v} + \sum_{v \in K'} c \log v \ln \frac{g(r,k)}{2c \log v} \\
 345 &\leq \sum_{i \geq 1} \sum_{v \in K_i} c \log v \ln \frac{g(r,k)}{2c \frac{r}{k \cdot 2^i}} + \sum_{v \in K'} c \log v \ln \frac{g(r,k)}{2c \frac{r}{k}} \\
 346 &= \sum_{i \geq 1} \sum_{v \in K_i} c \log v \ln \frac{ck2^{i-1} \log k}{\log \log k} + \sum_{v \in K'} c \log v \ln \frac{ck \log k}{2 \log \log k} \\
 347 &\leq \sum_{i \geq 1} cr2^{-i} (2 \ln k + (i-1) \ln 2) + 2cr \ln k \leq 5cr \ln k \leq 8cr \log k . \\
 348
 \end{aligned}$$

349 Therefore, at most $\frac{24cr \log k}{\log \log k}$ time-steps have load higher than $\frac{\log \log k}{3}$. Since by Lemma 5
 350 all time-steps have load at least $\frac{\log \log k}{2c \log k}$, we have $|F| \geq g(r,k) - \frac{24cr \log k}{\log \log k} \geq \frac{c^2 r \log k}{2 \log \log k}$ (provided
 351 we pick $c \geq 7$). \blacktriangleleft

352 Now that we have bounded load, we show how it relates to hitting probability. The
 353 following lemma, or variants thereof, has been used in several previous works such as [24],
 354 but we prove it here for completeness.

355 **► Lemma 7.** *Let $x_i, i \in [n]$, be independent $\{0, 1\}$ -valued random variables with $\mathbb{P}[x_i = 1] \leq$
 356 $\frac{1}{2}$, and let $f = \sum_{i \in [n]} \mathbb{P}[x_i = 1]$. Then $\mathbb{P}\left[\sum_{i \in [n]} x_i = 1\right] \geq f4^{-f}$.*

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}
 357 \quad \mathbb{P}\left[\sum_{i \in [n]} x_i = 1\right] &= \sum_{j \in [n]} \mathbb{P}[x_j = 1 \wedge \forall_{i \neq j} x_i = 0] \geq \sum_{j \in [n]} \mathbb{P}[x_j = 1] \cdot \mathbb{P}[\forall_i x_i = 0] \\
 358 &\geq f \cdot \mathbb{P}[\forall_i x_i = 0] = f \cdot \prod_{i \in [n]} (1 - \mathbb{P}[x_i = 1]) \geq f \cdot \prod_{i \in [n]} 4^{-\mathbb{P}[x_i = 1]} \\
 359 &= f \cdot 4^{-\sum_{i \in [n]} \mathbb{P}[x_i = 1]} = f4^{-f} . \\
 360
 \end{aligned}$$

361 We can use Lemma 7 to show that the probability that we hit on our ‘good’ time-steps
 362 (those in F) is high:

363 **► Lemma 8.** *For any time-step $j \in F$, the probability that j hits is at least $\frac{\log \log k}{3c \log k}$.*

364 **Proof.** $\frac{\log \log k}{2c \log k} \leq f(j) \leq \frac{\log \log k}{3}$, and so $f(j)4^{-f(j)}$ is minimized at $f(j) = \frac{\log \log k}{2c \log k}$ and is
 365 therefore at least $\frac{\log \log k}{2c \log k} 4^{-\frac{\log \log k}{2c \log k}} \geq \frac{\log \log k}{3c \log k}$. \blacktriangleleft

366 We now bound the number of possible instances we must hit:

367 **► Lemma 9.** *For any (sufficiently large) r , the number of unique (r, k) -instances is at most
 368 2^{5r} .*

369 **Proof.** The total number of bits used in all node IDs in the instance is at most r . There
 370 are at most 2^{r+1} possible bit-strings of length at most r , and at most 2^r ways of dividing
 371 each of these into substrings (for individual IDs), giving at most 2^{2r+1} sets of node IDs. The

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372 number of possible wake-up functions $\omega : K \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ is at most $g(r, k)^k$, since all nodes must be
 373 awake by $g(r, k)$ time or the instance would have been curtailed.

$$374 \quad g(r, k)^k = 2^{k \log g(r, k)} \leq 2^{1.1k \log r} = 2^{1.1(k \log k + k \log \frac{r}{k})} \leq 2^{1.3(k \log(k^{0.9}) + r)} \leq 2^{2.9r} .$$

376 So, the total number of possible (r, k) -instances is at most $2^{2r+1+2.9r} \leq 2^{5r}$. \blacktriangleleft

377 **► Lemma 10.** *For any (sufficiently large) r , the probability that S does not hit all (r, k) -*
 378 *instances is at most 2^{-3r}*

379 **Proof.** Fix some (r, k) -instance. The probability that it is not hit within $g(k, r)$ time-steps
 380 is at most

$$381 \quad \prod_{j \in F} \left(1 - \frac{\log \log k}{3c \log k}\right) \leq e^{-|F| \frac{\log \log k}{3c \log k}} \leq e^{-\frac{2}{3}cr} = 2^{-\frac{2cr}{3 \ln 2}} ,$$

382 by Lemma 8. Hence, if we set $c = 9$, by a union bound the probability that any (r, k) -instance
 383 is not hit is at most $2^{5r} \cdot 2^{-\frac{18r}{3 \ln 2}} \leq 2^{-3r}$. \blacktriangleleft

384 We can now prove our main theorem on unbounded universal synchronizers (Theorem 3):

385 **Proof.** By Lemma 10 and a union bound over r , the probability that S does not hit all
 386 instances is at most $\sum_{r \in \mathbb{N}} 2^{-3r} < 1$. Therefore S is an unbounded universal synchronizer of
 387 delay g with non-zero probability, so such an object must exist. \blacktriangleleft

388 2.2 Unbounded transmission schedules

389 For the task of broadcasting, i.e., when a global clock is available, we can make use of the
 390 global clock to improve our running time. We again define an infinite combinatorial object,
 391 which we will call an **unbounded transmission schedule**. We use the same definition of
 392 (r, k) -instances as in the previous section.

393 **► Definition 11.** For a function $h : \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$, an **unbounded transmission schedule**
 394 **of delay h** is a function $T : \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$ such that $T(v, \omega(v))_j = 0$ for any $j < \omega(v)$, and
 395 for any (r, k) -instance there is some time-step $j \leq \omega(K) + h(r, k)$ with $\sum_{v \in K} T(v, \omega(v))_j = 1$.

396 The difference here from an unbounded universal synchronizer is that nodes now know the
 397 global time-step in which they wake up, and so their transmission patterns can depend upon
 398 it. This is the second argument of the function T . The other difference in the meaning of
 399 the definition is that the output of T now corresponds to absolute time-step numbers, rather
 400 than being relative to each node's wake-up time as for unbounded universal synchronizers.
 401 That is, the j^{th} entry of a node's output sequence tells it how it should behave in global
 402 time-step j , rather than j time-steps after it wakes up.

403 Our existence result for unbounded transmission schedules is the following:

404 **► Theorem 12.** *There exists an unbounded transmission schedule of delay h , where*
 405 *$h(r, k) = O(r \log \log k)$.*

406 Our method will again be to randomly generate a candidate unbounded transmission
 407 schedule T , and then prove that it satisfies the required property with positive probability,
 408 so some such object must exist.

409 Let d be a constant to be chosen later. Our candidate object T will be generated as follows:
 410 for each node v , we generate a transmission sequence $s_{v,j}$, $j \in \mathbb{N}$, with $s_{v,j}$ independently
 411 chosen to be 1 with probability $\frac{d \log v \log \log j}{j+2d \log v \log \log j}$ and 0 otherwise.

412 However, these will not be our final probabilities for generating T . To make use of
 413 our global clock, we will also divide time into short *phases* during which transmission
 414 probability will decay exponentially. The lengths of these phases will be based on a function
 415 $z(j) := 2^{\lceil 1 + \log \log \log j \rceil}$, i.e., $\log \log j$ rounded up to the next-plus-one power of 2. An
 416 important property to note is that for all i , $z(i) | z(i+1)$. We also generate a sequence $p_{v,j}$,
 417 $j \in \mathbb{N}$ of *phase values*, each chosen independently and uniformly at random from the real
 418 interval $[0, 1]$. These, combined with the global time-step number and current phase length,
 419 will give us our final generation probabilities.

420 We set $T(v, \omega(v))_j$ to equal 1 iff $s_{v, j - \omega(v)} = 1$ and $p_{v, j - \omega(v)} \leq 2^{-j \bmod z(j - \omega(v))}$.

421 It can then be seen that

$$422 \quad \mathbb{P}[T(v, \omega(v))_j = 1] = \frac{d \log v \log \log(j - \omega(v))}{(j - \omega(v) + 2d \log v \log \log(j - \omega(v))) 2^{j \bmod z(j - \omega(v))}} .$$

423 The reason we split the process of random generation into two steps (using our phase
 424 values) is that now, if we shift all wake-up times in an (r, k) -instance by the same multiple
 425 of $z(x)$, then node behavior in the first x time-steps after $\omega(K)$ does not change. We will
 426 require this property when analyzing T .

427 Our probabilistic analysis is with respect to the σ -algebra generated by all events
 428 $E_{v, \omega(v), j} = \{T : T(v, \omega(v))_j = 1\}$, with $v, \omega(v), j \in \mathbb{N}$, and with the corresponding probabilities
 429 given above.

430 Let **load** $f(j)$ of a **time-step** j be again defined as the expected number of transmissions
 431 in that time-step:

$$432 \quad f(j) := \sum_{v \in K_j} \frac{d \log v \log \log(j - \omega(v))}{(j - \omega(v) + 2d \log v \log \log(j - \omega(v))) 2^{j \bmod z(j - \omega(v))}} .$$

433 We will set our delay function $h(r, k) = d^2 r \log \log k$.

434 Again we make some observations that allow us to narrow the circumstances we must
 435 consider: firstly that we can again assume that r is larger than a sufficiently large constant,
 436 and secondly that we need only look at curtailed instances (i.e., we can assume that
 437 $j - \omega(K) \leq h(r_j, k_j)$ for all $j < h(r, k)$). This time, however, we cannot shift instances to
 438 begin at time-step 0, because node behavior is dependent upon global time-step number.

439 We follow a similar line of proof as before, except with some extra complications in
 440 dealing with phases. We first consider only time-steps at the beginning of each phase, i.e.,
 441 time-steps $\omega(K) < j \leq \omega(K) + h(r, k)$ with $j \bmod z(h(r, k)) \equiv 0$, and we will call these *basic*
 442 time-steps. Notice that for basic time-steps,

$$443 \quad f(j) = \sum_{v \in K_j} \frac{d \log v \log \log(j - \omega(v))}{j - \omega(v) 2d \log v \log \log(j - \omega(v))} .$$

444 We bound the load of basic time-steps from below:

445 ► **Lemma 13.** *All basic time-steps j have $f(j) \geq \frac{1}{2d}$.*

446 **Proof.** Fix a basic time-step j , let K_j be the set of nodes awake by time-step j , and let
 447 $k_j = |K_j|$ and $r_j = \sum_{v \in K_j} \log v$, analogous to r and k . If $k_j = k$, then

$$448 \quad f(j) \geq \sum_{v \in K} \frac{d \log v \log \log(j - \omega(v))}{j - \omega(v) + 2d \log v \log \log(j - \omega(v))} \geq \sum_{v \in K} \frac{d \log v \log \log h(r, k)}{h(r, k) + 2d \log v \log \log h(r, k)}$$

$$449 \quad \geq \sum_{v \in K} \frac{d \log v \log \log k}{2d^2 r \log \log k} \geq \frac{dr}{2d^2 r} = \frac{1}{2d} .$$

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451 If $k_j < k$, then due to our curtailing of instances, we have $j - \omega(K) \leq h(r_j, k_j)$. So,

$$\begin{aligned}
 452 \quad f(j) &\geq \sum_{v \in K_j} \frac{d \log v \log \log(j - \omega(v))}{j - \omega(v) + 2d \log v \log \log(j - \omega(v))} \geq \sum_{v \in K} \frac{d \log v \log \log h(r_j, k_j)}{h(r_j, k_j) + 2d \log v \log \log h(r, k)} \\
 453 \quad &\geq \sum_{v \in K} \frac{d \log v \log \log k_j}{2d^2 r_j \log \log k_j} \geq \frac{dr_j}{2d^2 r_j} = \frac{1}{2d} . \quad \blacktriangleleft
 \end{aligned}$$

455 We next examine time-steps at the end of phases, i.e., with $\omega(K) < j \leq \omega(K) + h(r, k)$
 456 and $j \bmod z(h(r, k)) \equiv -1$, and call these *ending* time-steps. Note that for ending time-steps,

$$457 \quad f(j) = \sum_{v \in K_j} \frac{d \log v \log \log(j - \omega(v))}{(j - \omega(v) + 2d \log v \log \log(j - \omega(v)))2^{z(j - \omega(v)) - 1}} .$$

458 We bound the load of (a constant fraction of) ending time-steps from above:

459 **► Lemma 14.** *Let \mathcal{F} denote the set of ending time-steps j such that $f(j) \leq 1$. Then*
 460 $|\mathcal{F}| \geq \frac{d^2 r}{2}$.

461 **Proof.** Let t be the first ending time-step. The total load over all ending time-steps can be
 462 bounded as follows:

$$463 \quad \sum_{\text{ending timestep } j} f(j) \leq \sum_{i=0}^{h(r,k)/z(h(r,k))} f(t + iz(h(r, k))) \leq \sum_{i=0}^{d^2 r} f(t + iz(h(r, k))) .$$

464 Applying the definition of f , $f(t + iz(h(r, k)))$ is equal to:

$$465 \quad \sum_{v \in K_{t+iz(h(r))}} \frac{d \log v \log \log(t + iz(h(r, k)) - \omega(v))2^{-z(t+iz(h(r, k)) - \omega(v)) - 1}}{(t + iz(h(r, k)) - \omega(v) + 2d \log v \log \log(t + iz(h(r, k)) - \omega(v)))} ,$$

466 which is bounded from above when $t - \omega(v) = 0$:

$$\begin{aligned}
 467 \quad f(t + iz(h(r, k))) &\leq \sum_{v \in K_{t+iz(h(r))}} \frac{d \log v \log \log(iz(h(r, k)))}{(iz(h(r, k)) + 2d \log v \log \log(iz(h(r, k))))2^{z(iz(h(r, k)))}} \\
 468 \quad &\leq \sum_{v \in K_{t+iz(h(r, k))}} \frac{d \log v \log \log(iz(h(r, k)))}{iz(h(r, k))2^{z(iz(h(r, k)))}} .
 \end{aligned}$$

470 So,

$$\begin{aligned}
 471 \quad \sum_{\text{ending timestep } j} f(j) &\leq \sum_{i=0}^{d^2 r} \sum_{v \in K_{t+iz(h(r, k))}} \frac{d \log v \log \log(iz(h(r, k)))}{iz(h(r, k))2^{z(iz(h(r, k)))}} \\
 472 \quad &\leq \sum_{v \in K} \sum_{i=0}^{d^2 r} \frac{d \log v \log \log(iz(h(r, k)))}{iz(h(r, k))2^{z(iz(h(r, k)))}} \\
 473 \quad &\leq \sum_{v \in K} \sum_{i=0}^{d^2 r} \frac{2d \log v \log \log(iz(h(r, k)))}{iz(h(r, k)) \log^2(iz(h(r, k)))} \\
 474 \quad &\leq \sum_{v \in K} 2d \log v \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{\log \log(iz(h(r, k)))}{iz(h(r, k)) \log^2(iz(h(r, k)))} \leq 10dr .
 \end{aligned}$$

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476 Here the last inequality follows since the second sum converges to a constant less than
477 5, which can be seen by inspection of the first three terms and using the integral bound

$$478 \int_2^\infty \frac{\log \log x}{x \log^2 x} < 2$$

479 Therefore, at most $10dr$ ending time-steps have load higher than 1, and so at least
480 $d^2r - 10dr \geq \frac{d^2r}{2}$ (provided we set $d \geq 5$) ending time-steps have $f(j) \leq 1$. ◀

481 We can use Lemma 14 to show that we have sufficiently many time-steps with load within
482 the interval $[\frac{1}{2d}, 1]$:

483 ▶ **Lemma 15.** *Let \mathcal{F} be the set of time-steps $\omega(K) < j \leq \omega(K) + h(r, k)$ with $\frac{1}{2d} \leq f(j) \leq 1$.
484 Then $|\mathcal{F}| \geq \frac{d^2r}{2}$.*

485 **Proof.** It can be seen that load decreases by at most a multiplicative factor of 3 between
486 consecutive time-steps (since the contribution of each node decreases by at most a factor
487 of 3). So, since every base time-step has load at least $\frac{1}{2d}$, for every ending timestep j with
488 $f(j) \leq 1$, there is some j' in the preceding phase with $\frac{1}{2d} \leq f(j') \leq 1$. ◀

489 Since these time-steps have constant load, they have constant probability of hitting:

490 ▶ **Lemma 16.** *For any time-step $j \in \mathcal{F}$, the probability that j hits is at least $\frac{1}{3d}$.*

491 **Proof.** By Lemma 7, the probability that j hits is at least $f(j)4^{-f(j)}$. This is minimized
492 over the range $[\frac{1}{2d}, 1]$ at $f(j) = \frac{1}{2d}$ and is therefore at least $\frac{4^{-\frac{1}{2d}}}{2d} \geq \frac{1}{3d}$. ◀

493 We now need to know how many unique (r, k) -instances we must hit. Since we are only
494 concerned with the first $h(r, k)$ time-steps after the first node wakes up, we need only consider
495 (r, k) -instances which are unique within this time range.

496 ▶ **Lemma 17.** *For any (sufficiently large) r , the number of unique (up to the first $h(r, k)$
497 steps after activation) (r, k) -instances is at most 2^{5r} .*

498 **Proof.** As before (in Lemma 9) there are at most 2^{2r+1} sets of node IDs. The number of
499 possible wake-up functions $\omega : K \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ for a fixed $\omega(K)$ is again at most $h(r, k)^k$, and though
500 we are using a different delay function to the previous section, the calculations used to prove
501 Lemma 9 still hold.

$$502 \quad h(r, k)^k = 2^{k \log h(r, k)} \leq 2^{1.1k \log r} = 2^{1.1(k \log k + k \log \frac{r}{k})} \leq 2^{1.3(k \log(k^{0.9}) + r)} \leq 2^{2.9r} .$$

504 However, now our object does depend on $\omega(K)$, though as we noted we can shift all
505 activation times by a multiple of $z(h(r, k))$ and behavior during the time-steps we analyze is
506 unchanged. So our total number of instances to consider is multiplied by $z(h(r, k))$, and is
507 upper bounded by $2^{2r+1+2.9r} z(h(r, k)) \leq 2^{5r}$. ◀

508 ▶ **Lemma 18.** *For any (sufficiently large) r , the probability that T does not hit all (r, k) -
509 instances is at most 2^{-3r} .*

510 **Proof.** Fix some (r, k) -instance. The probability that it is not hit within $h(r, k)$ time-steps
511 is at most

$$512 \quad \prod_{j \in \mathcal{F}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{3d}\right) \leq e^{-\frac{|\mathcal{F}|}{3d}} \leq e^{-\frac{dr}{6}} = 2^{-\frac{dr}{6 \ln 2}} .$$

513 Hence, if we set $d = 34$, by a union bound the probability that any (r, k) -instance is not
514 hit is at most $2^{5r} \cdot 2^{-\frac{34r}{6 \ln 2}} \leq 2^{-3r}$. ◀

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515 We can now prove our main theorem on unbounded transmission schedules (Theorem 12):

516 **Proof.** By Lemma 18 and a union bound over r , the probability that T does not hit all
517 instances is at most $\sum_{r \in \mathbb{N}} 2^{-3r} < 1$. Therefore T is an unbounded transmission schedule of
518 delay h with non-zero probability, so such an object must exist. ◀

519 **3 Algorithms for multiple access channels**

520 Armed with our combinatorial objects, our algorithms are now extremely simple, and are
521 the same for multiple access channels as for multi-hop radio networks.

522 Let S be an unbounded universal synchronizer of delay g , where $g(r, k) = O\left(\frac{r \log k}{\log \log k}\right)$,
523 and T be an unbounded transmission schedule of delay h , where $h(r, k) = O(r \log \log k)$.

524 Our algorithms are simply applications of these objects.

Algorithm 1 Wake-up at a node v

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for  $j$  from 1 to  $\infty$ , in time-step  $\omega(v) + j$ , do
   $v$  transmits iff  $S(v)_j = 1$ 
end for
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525 ▶ **Theorem 19.** *Algorithm 1 performs wake-up in multiple access channels in time*
526 *$O\left(\frac{k \log L \log k}{\log \log k}\right)$, without knowledge of k or L .*

527 **Proof.** By the definition of an unbounded universal synchronizer, there is some time-step
528 within

$$529 \quad g(r, k) = O\left(\frac{r \log k}{\log \log k}\right) = O\left(\frac{k \log L \log k}{\log \log k}\right)$$

530 time-steps of the first activation in which only one node transmits, and this completes
531 wake-up. ◀

Algorithm 2 Broadcasting at a node v

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for  $j$  from 1 to  $\infty$ , in time-step  $j$ , do
   $v$  transmits iff  $T(v, \omega(v))_j = 1$ 
end for
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532 ▶ **Theorem 20.** *Algorithm 2 performs broadcasting in multiple access channels in time*
533 *$O(k \log L \log \log k)$, without knowledge of k or L .*

534 **Proof.** By the definition of an unbounded transmission schedule, there is some time-step
535 within $h(r, k) = O(r \log \log k) = O(k \log L \log \log k)$ time-steps of the first activation in which
536 only one node transmits, and this completes broadcasting. ◀

537 **4 Algorithms for radio networks**

538 To see how our results on multiple access channels (Theorems 19 and 20) transfer directly to
539 multi-hop radio networks, we apply the analysis method of [13] for radio network protocols.
540 The idea is that we fix a shortest path $p = (p_0, p_1, \dots, p_d)$ from some *source* node to some
541 *target* node, and then classify all nodes into *layers* depending on the furthest node along the

542 path to which they are an in-neighbor, i.e., layer $L_i = \{v : \max j \text{ such that } (v, p_j) \in E = i\}$.
 543 We wish to quantify how long a layer can remain *leading*, that is, the furthest layer to contain
 544 awake nodes. The key point is that we can regard these layers as multiple access channels:
 545 though they are not necessarily cliques, all we need is for a single node in the layer to transmit
 546 and then the layer ceases to be leading. Once the final layer ceases to be leading, the target
 547 node must be informed, and since this node was chosen arbitrarily we obtain a time-bound
 548 for informing the entire network. Thereby the problem is reduced to a sequence of at most D
 549 single-hop instances, whose sizes sum to at most n . For full details of this analysis method
 550 see [13].

551 Therefore we can use the following lemma from [13] (paraphrased to fit our notation) to
 552 analyze how our algorithms perform in radio networks.

553 ► **Lemma 21.** (*Lemma 10 of [13]*) Let $X : [n] \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ be a non-decreasing function, and
 554 define $Y(n)$ to be the supremum of the function $\sum_{i=1}^n X(\ell_i)$, where non-negative integers ℓ_i
 555 satisfy the constraint $\sum_{i=1}^n \ell_i \leq n$. If a broadcast or wake-up protocol ensures that any layer
 556 of size ℓ remains leading for no more than $X(\ell)$ time-steps, then all nodes wake up within
 557 $Y(n)$ time-steps.

558 ► **Theorem 22.** *Algorithm 1 performs wake-up in radio networks in time $O(\frac{n \log L \log n}{\log \log n})$,*
 559 *without knowledge of n or L .*

560 **Proof.** By Theorem 19, any layer of size ℓ remains leading for no more than $X(\ell)$ time-steps,
 561 where $X(\ell) = O(\frac{\ell \log L \log \ell}{\log \log \ell})$. $Y(n, h)$ is then maximized by setting $\ell_1 = n$ and $\ell_i = 0$ for every
 562 $i > 1$. So, by Lemma 21, wake-up is performed for the entire radio network in $O(\frac{n \log L \log n}{\log \log n})$
 563 time. ◀

564 ► **Theorem 23.** *Algorithm 2 performs broadcasting in radio networks in $O(n \log L \log \log n)$*
 565 *time, without knowledge of n or L .*

566 **Proof.** By Theorem 20, any layer of size ℓ remains leading for no more than $X(\ell)$ time-steps,
 567 where $X(\ell) = O(\ell \log L \log \log \ell)$. $Y(n, h)$ is then maximized by setting $\ell_1 = n$ and $\ell_i = 0$
 568 for $i > 1$. So, by Lemma 21, broadcasting is performed for the entire radio network in
 569 $O(n \log L \log \log n)$ time. ◀

570 5 Conclusions

571 We have shown that *deterministic algorithms* for communications primitives in multiple
 572 access channels and multi-hop radio networks *need not assume parameter knowledge, or*
 573 *small IDs*, to be efficient. One possible next step would be to show a means by which nodes
 574 could generate efficient transmission schedules based on some finite (i.e., with size bounded
 575 by some function of ID) advice string; this would go some way towards making the algorithm
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