# Asymptotically Tight Bounds on the Time Complexity of Broadcast and its Variants in Dynamic Networks 

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- How many rounds do we need to ensure Broadcast?


## Adversarial Model

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- An adversary can choose any network among a set $A$ of predefined networks.
- There's an objective the adversary tries to delay as much as possible.
- We want to determine the number of rounds $T$ the adversary can delay the objective.

Example for $n-1$ rounds:


## Previous Work

- [Charron-Bost, Schiper '09] + [Charron-Bost, Függer, Nowak '15] : $O(n \log n)$.
- [Zeiner, Schwarz, Schmid '19] : $O(n \log n$ ) (General Case); $O(k n)$ if $k$ internal nodes or $k$ leaves in each round.
- [Függer, Nowak, Winkler '20]: $O(n \log \log n)$.

Our Work: $\theta(n)$

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- If an I.D. has been received by $n$ roots, then everyone has received the I.D.
- We will keep track of the I.D.s the root has received before each round.


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${ }^{a}$ Zeiner, M., Schwarz, M., and Schmid, U. (2019). On linear-time data dissemination in dynamic rooted trees. Discrete Applied Mathematics, 255, 307-319.

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Coverers: 1 and 2.

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## Takeaway and Future Directions

## Main Takeaway

In the worst case scenario, when enough connectivity is ensured and when there is no limit on the message sizes, data dissemination is linear.

Future Work:

- Find ways to speed up the objectives by constraining the adversary differently.
- Look at a random adversary rather than a "smart" one.
- Look at applications - Leader election or Consensus.
- Look at message size constraints.

