

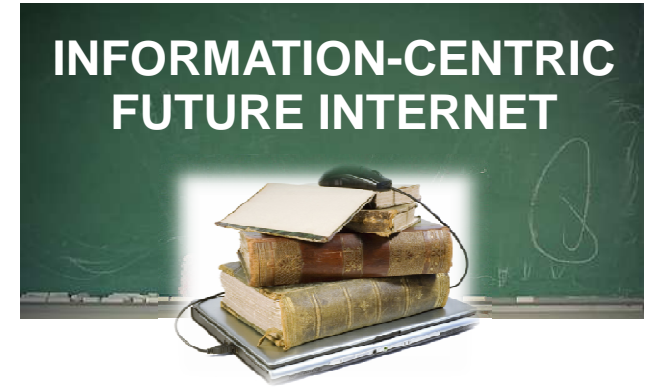


Information-oriented Internetworking

Towards a data-centric forwarding plane

Christian Esteve Rothenberg, 02/07/2009

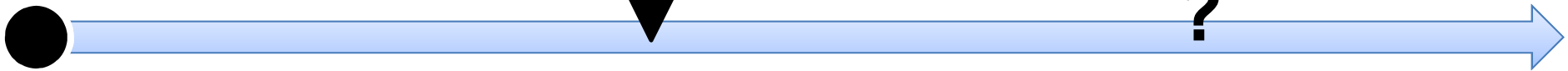
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Haggle

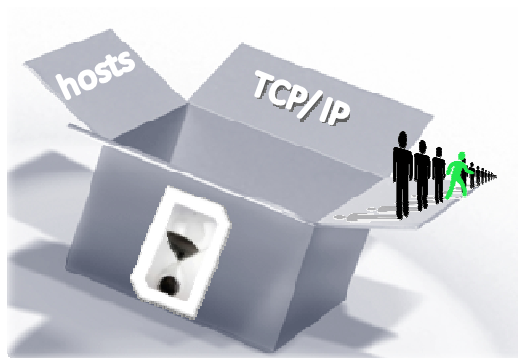
content-centric networking

information-centrism

4Ward



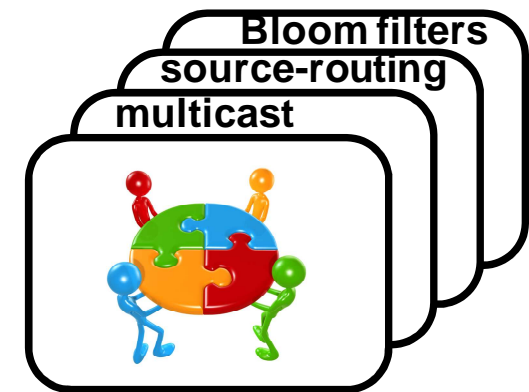
DONA



Thinking "out-of-the-TCP/IP-box"



Exploration



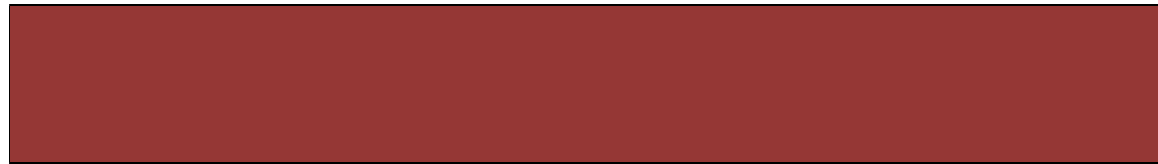
Components

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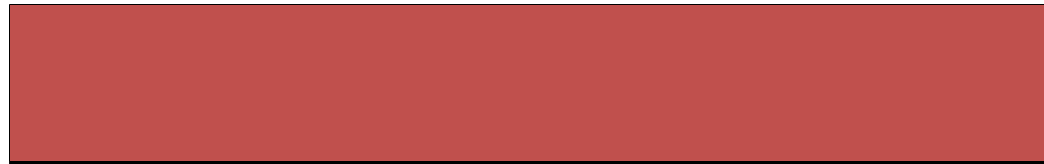
Internet traffic

HTTP 50%



YouTube 25%

P2P 45%



BitTorrent™ 20%

RT VoIP gaming 3%



Other 2%



Akamai 20%



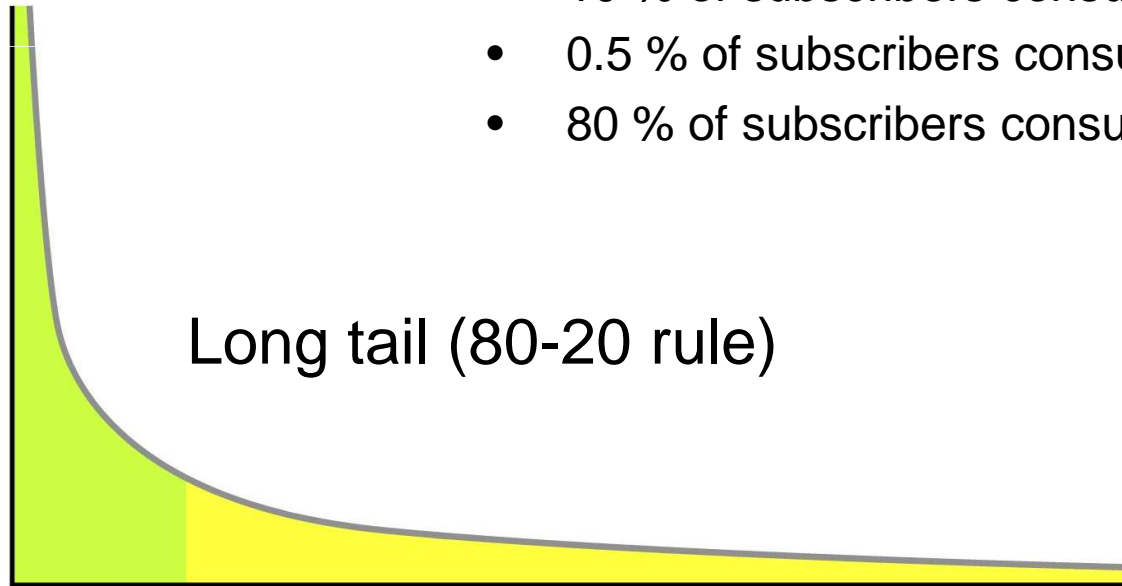
Sources: <http://gigaom.com/2008/04/22/shocking-new-facts-about-p2p-and-broadband-usage/>
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Today



Internet traffic

- 10 % of subscribers consume 80 % of BW
- 0.5 % of subscribers consume 40 % of BW
- 80 % of subscribers consume < 10 % of BW



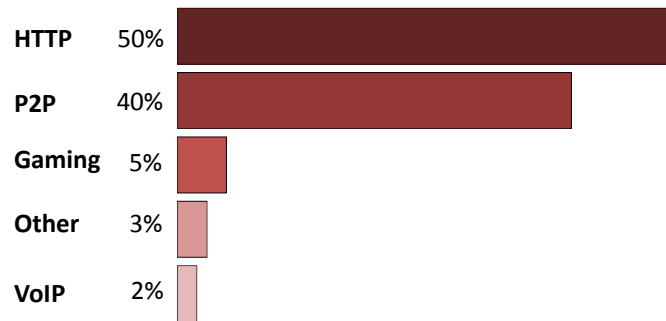
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Internet traffic



- + High Definition Content
- + Sensor Networks
- + Web 2.0
- + Mobile devices
- + Broadband



Source:

Origin

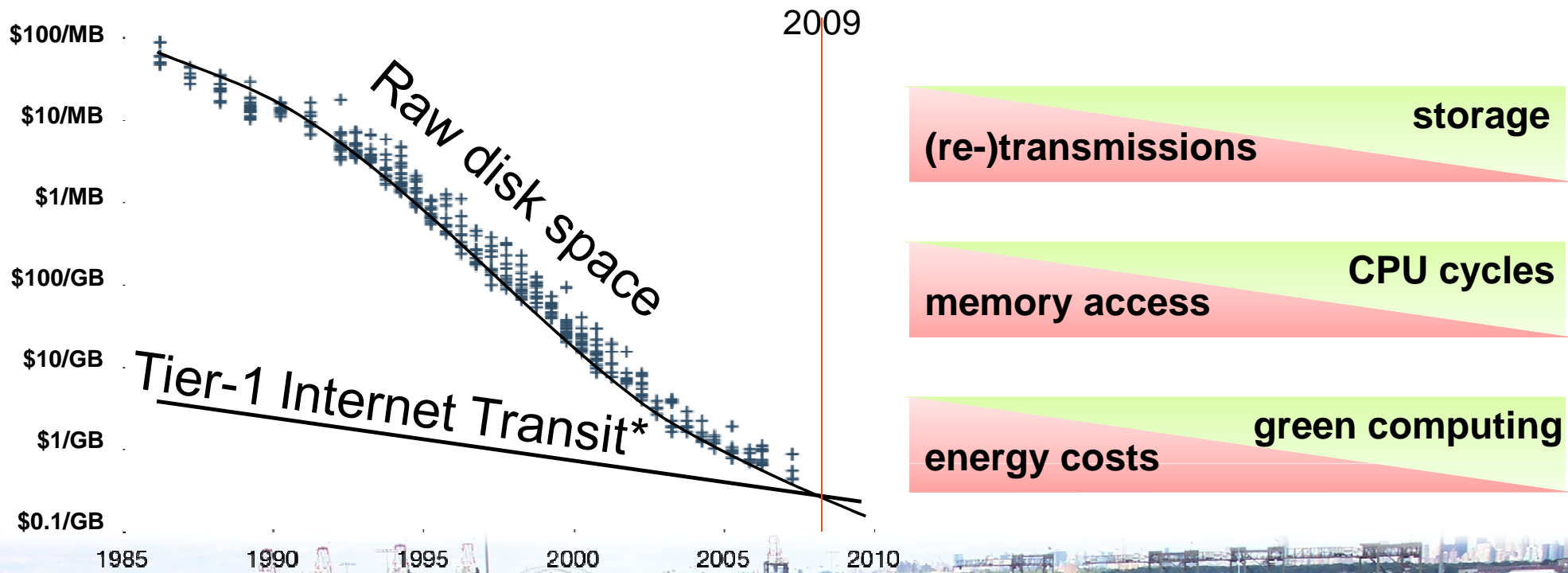
Today

Future



Network Economics

- Many of the technology assumptions behind the original end-to-end principle may no longer be applicable!



* Preliminary data [Nikander'09]

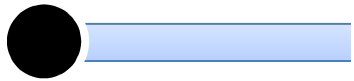
Network economics arguments for a back-to-basics reconsideration of the end-to-end networking model



TCP/IP



Origin



Solved the problem of resource sharing
(FTP, Mail, Telnet, HTTP*)



Today



TCP train wreck applications:

- Massive P2P traffic [Accountability/ re-ECN]
- Multimedia home networking [Wireless losses]
- Cellular networks [E2E control loop]
- High-delay & High-bandwidth links [BW x Delay]
- Data-centers & Cloud computing [Slow start]

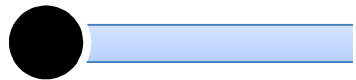


- TCP ignores higher layer needs & lower layer characteristics!
- TCP notion of **fairness** under debate



DNS

Origin



- Identify IP endpoints (computers, routers)
- Handled at human rate



Today



- Identify information objects (URI!)
 - **Semantic overload: both info name & location**
- Under machine-machine applications



- How to move from server locations to **naming of information** really?
- How robust, scalable, sensitive to attacks and mis-configurations?
- How to **HANDLE** IP resolution and **UPDATE** bigger & bigger databases?



Today



Content Delivery Networks

Future



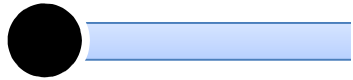
Akamai 20% of total Internet traffic

- Increased Quality of Experience 😊
 - Masks current Internet bottlenecks with an *overlay solution*



- **CDN lock-in**
- **Closed innovation**
- **Complex**
monitoring, DNS tricks

Origin



Observation

Today



Fundamentals of the Internet

- Collaboration
 - Reflected in forwarding & routing
- Cooperation
 - Reflected in trust among participants
- Endpoint-centric services
 - Mail, FTP, even Web
 - Reflected in E2E principle



Reality in the Internet

- Current economics favor senders
 - Receivers are forced to carry the cost of unwanted traffic
- Phishing, spam, viruses
 - There is no trust any more
- Information-centric services
 - Do endpoints really matter?
 - Information retrieval through, e.g., CDNs, P2P

IP, full end-to-end reachability

IP with middleboxes & significant decline in trust

the future of the Internet & the future Internet ?

Source: Jonathan Zittrain, The Future of the Internet — And How to Stop It, , <http://www.jz.org>.



Clean Slate Designs

- 1.- “With what we know today, if we were to start again with a clean slate, how would we design a global communications infrastructure?”
- 2.- “How should the Internet look in 15 years?”



Van Jacobson's waves of networking

*"If a Clean Slate is the solution,
what was the problem?"*

99% Internet traffic:
Named chunks of data
(Web, P2P, Video, etc.)

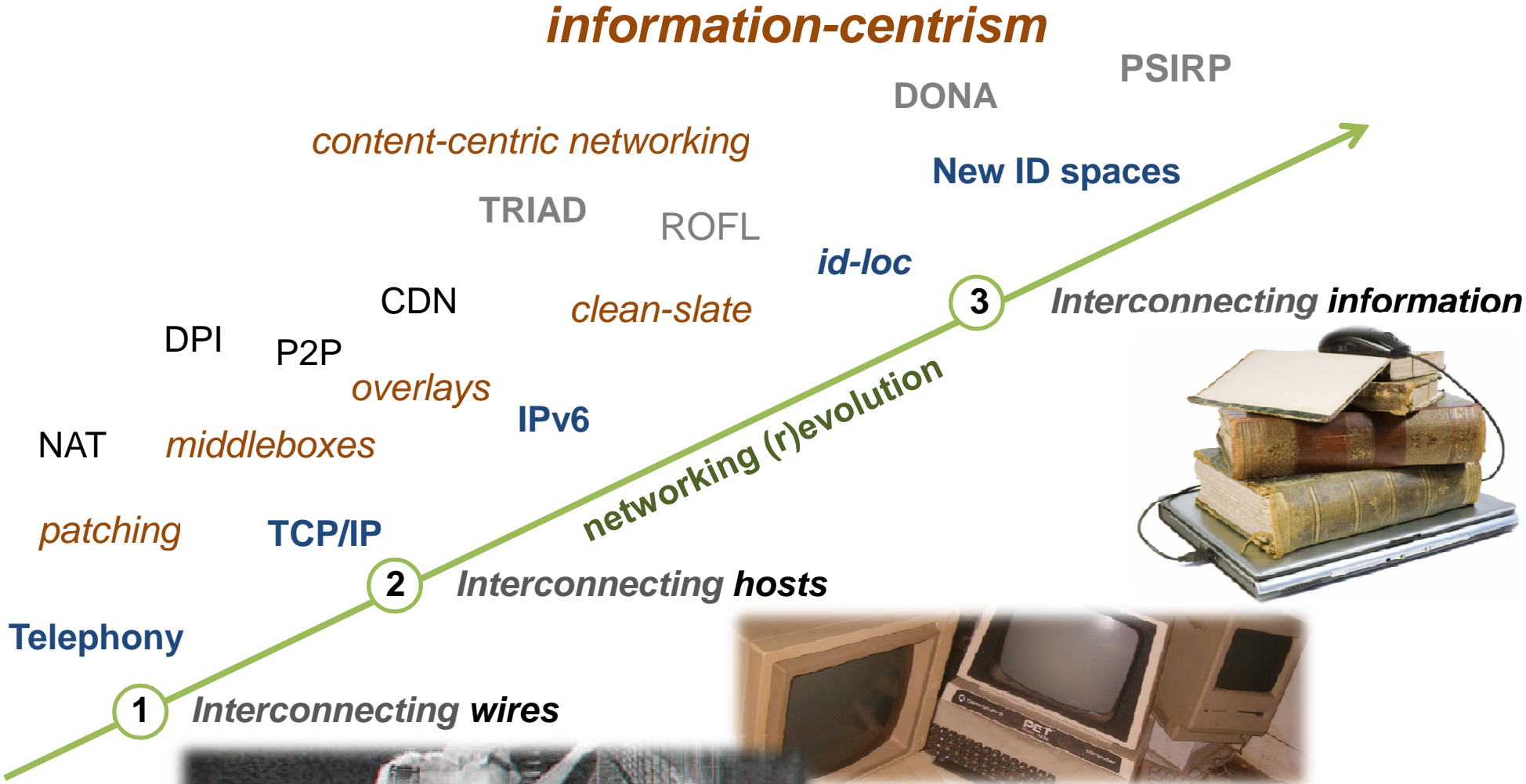


New problem: Dissemination of named pieces of data



Answer: Content-Centric Networking

Re-Architecturing the Future Internet



Information-oriented efforts



- Peer-to-Peer Networks (2000)
- The OceanStore Project (2002)
 - Global-Scale Persistent Data
- TRIAD: Content-Based Routing (2002)
 - Routing on FQDN for HTTP req. avoiding DNS resolution
- I3: Internet Indirection Infrastructure (2002)
 - DHT-based rendezvous points in the network
- LNA: Layered Naming Architecture (2004)
 - ID/Loc split at every layer
- DTN: Delay/Disruption Tolerant Networks (2003)
 - CNF: The cache-and-forward network architecture (2008)
 - Huggle: Pocket Switched Networks (2007)
 - IETF activities

Information-oriented efforts



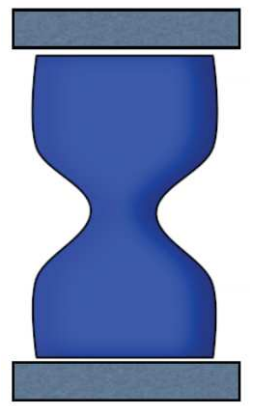
- CCN: Content Centric Networking (2006)
 - Aggregation through structural naming of data pieces
- DONA: Data Oriented Network Architecture (2007)
 - Register / Find P:L
- 4Ward NetInf (2008)
 - Networking of information objects
- Wireless Sensor Networks
 - Data-centric routing approaches
- PSIRP: Publish Subscribe Internet Routing Paradigm (2008)
 - Replace IP with a pure pub/sub based inter-networking stack





Information-oriented Networking

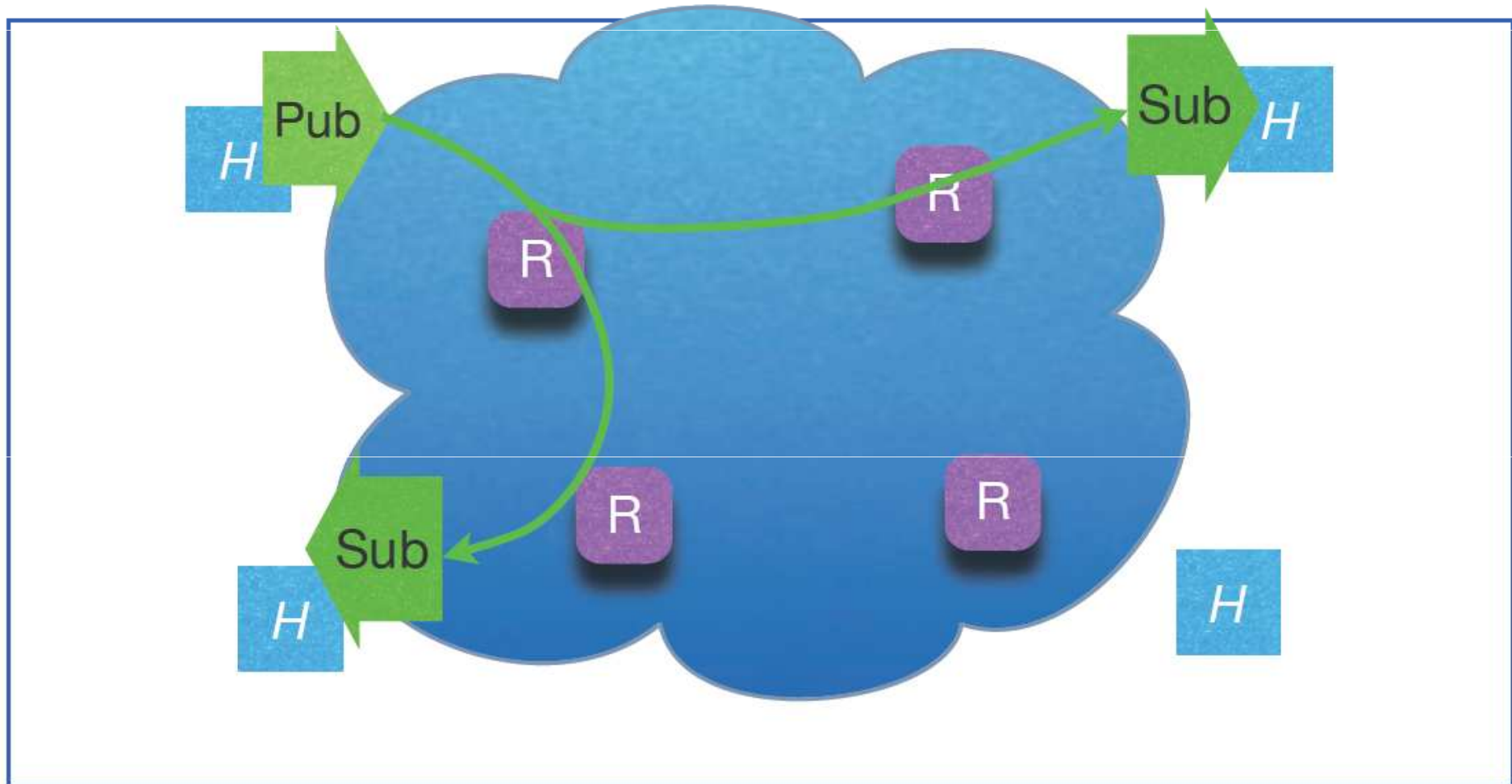
- Rethinking fundamentals -



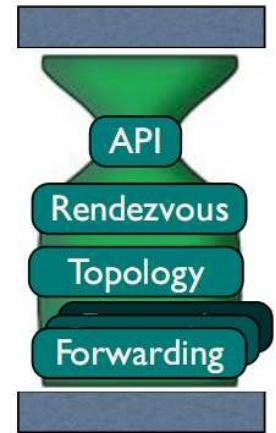
- **Send / Receive** → **Publish / Subscribe**
- **Sender-driven** → **Receiver-driven**
- **Host names** → **Data names**
- **Host reachability** → **Information scoping**
- **Channel security** → **Self-certified metadata**
- **Unicast** → **Multicast**



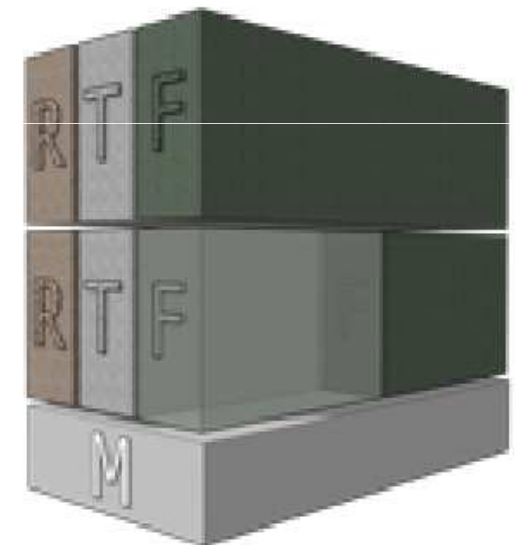
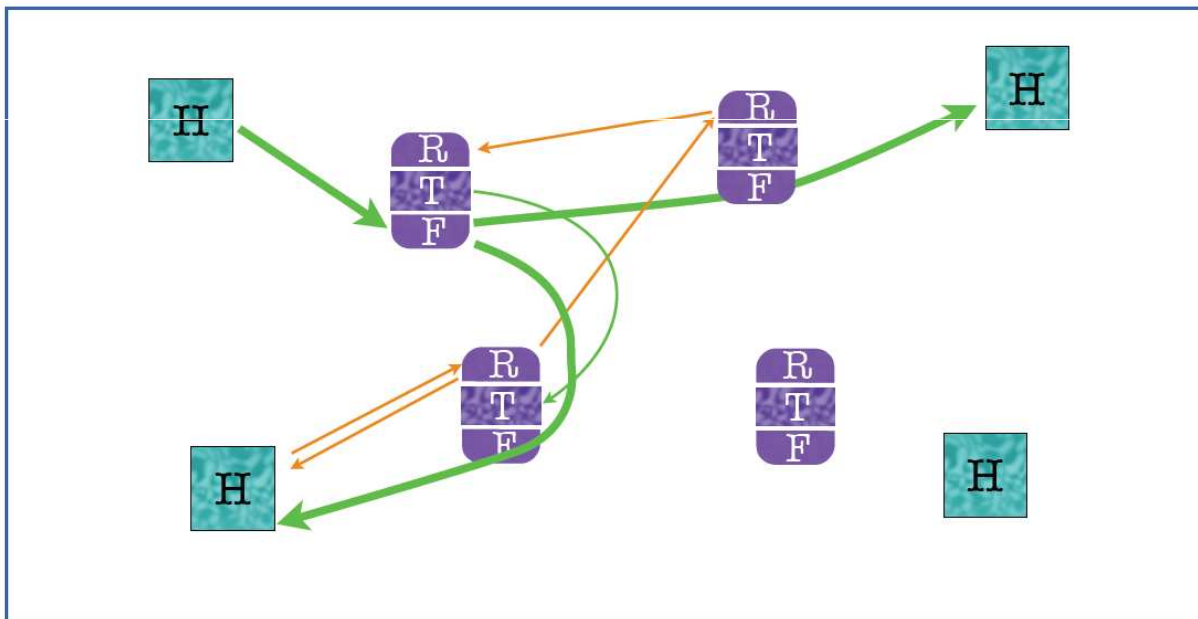
Basic pub/sub networking



RTFM Architecture

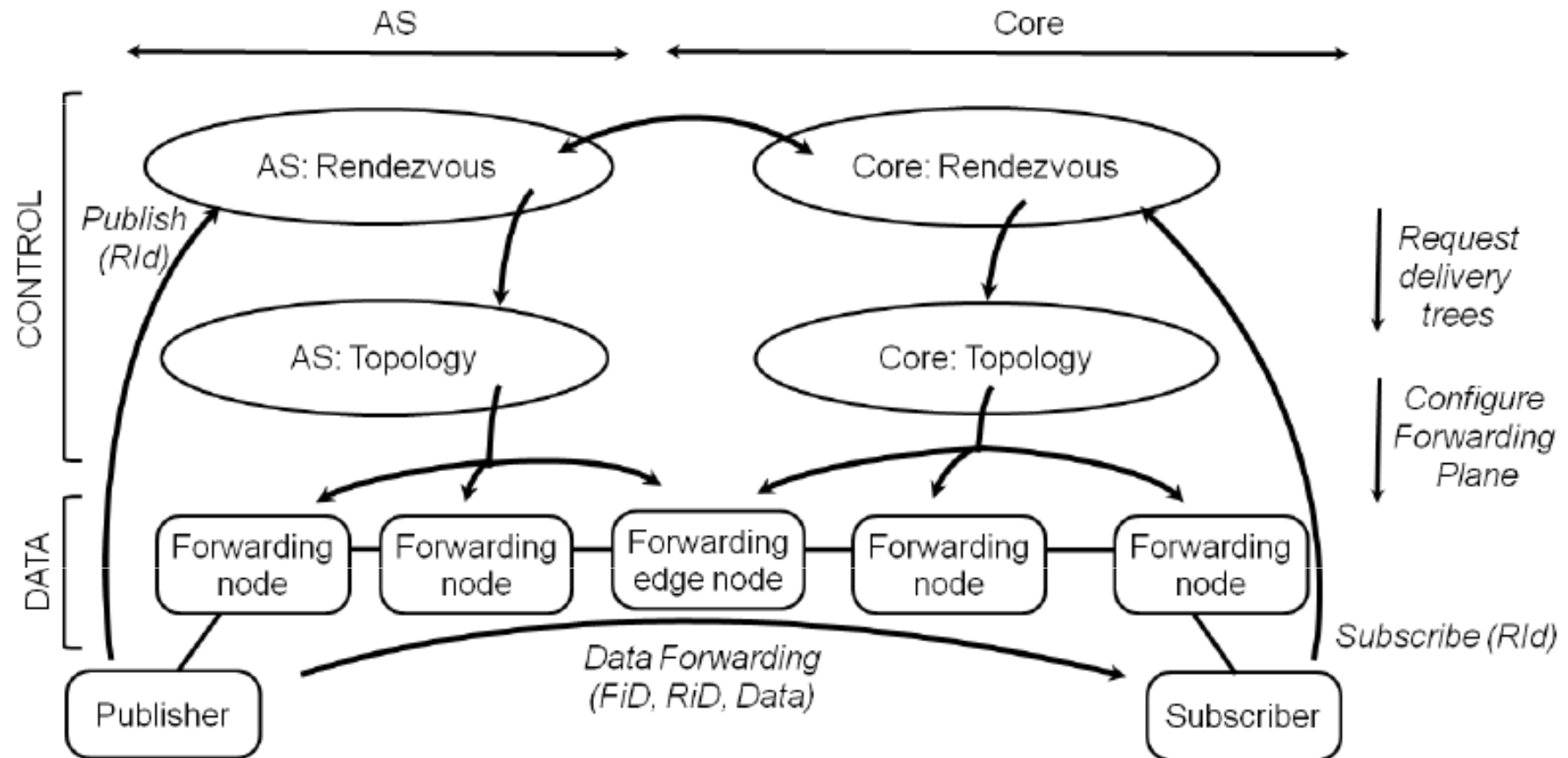


- **Rendezvous**
 - Matching subscriptions to publications
- **Topology**
 - Creating and maintaining delivery trees used for forwarding publications
- **Forwarding**
 - Data delivery operations. e.g., label switching, fast forwarding
- **and More**
 - Node-to-node link data transfer + e.g., opportunistic caching, collaborative and network coding, lateral error correction etc.



High level architectural overview

- Mapping information to delivery trees -



- **Rendezvous identifier (RiD):**
 - Self-certifying identifier of data

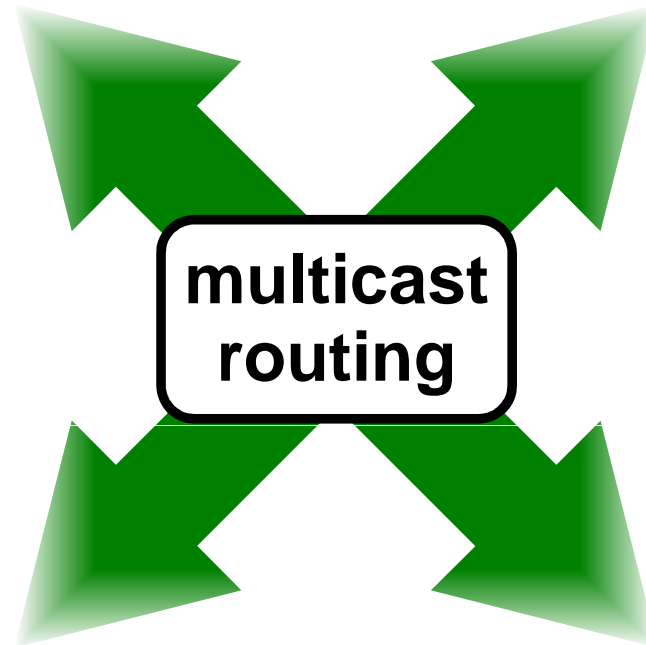
- **Forwarding identifier (FiD):**
 - Used for fast forwarding



4-dimensional solution space

Transport efficiency
(Stretch)

Routing / forwarding
information in packets

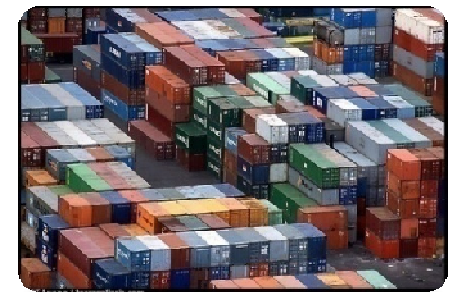
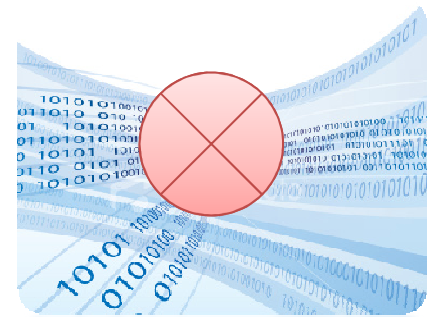


Signaling
overhead

Routing/forwarding
state in network elements

Challenges & Approach

- **Challenges** of an information-centric forwarding plane
 - Take **switching** decisions
 - at *wire speed* (Gbps)
 - on a *large* universe of *flat* identifiers
 - **Scalable native multicast** support
 - no host-based addressing
 - delivery trees of information flows
- **Approach:**
 - Trade **state** for **over-deliveries**
 - Take advantage of a **data-oriented** paradigm
 - Divide & Conquer



Divide and Conquer

Source routing

Hierarchical aggregation

Install network state only when necessary

Stepwise approach for delivery tree management



Transport efficiency



Scalability

(non-ideal trees, over-deliveries, min. signalling & forwarding tables)

The role of Bloom and family

- Well-known Bloom filter

- Efficient *data aggregator*

- False positive:

f (memory / # elements)

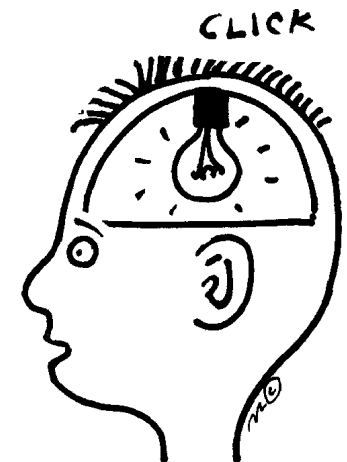
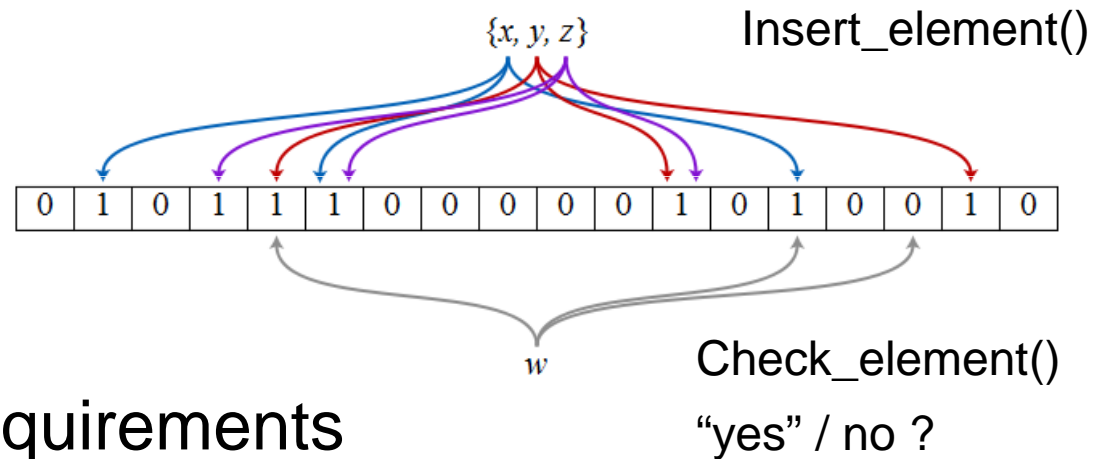
- Wire-speed forwarding requirements

- Low (bounded) packet processing *time* (time to hash)

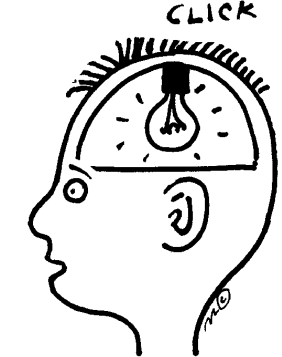
- Limitations in high-speed *memory*

- **A scalable, data-centric forwarding approach:**

- Bloom-filter-based forwarding as *set membership-problems*

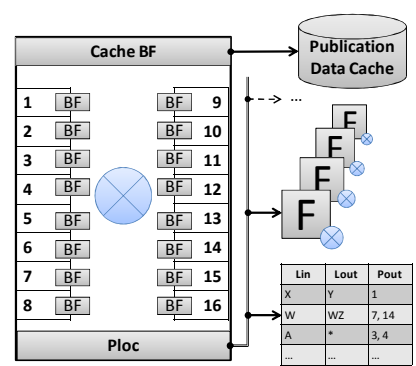


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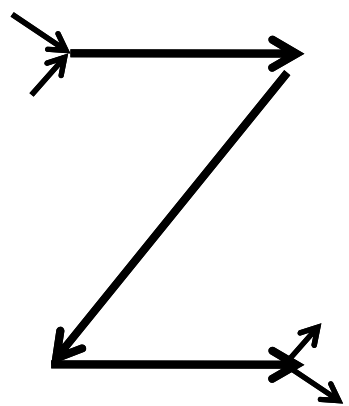
Bloom-filter-based forwarding

2 extreme & complement *set membership-problems*:



SPSwitch [3]: *Is packet label X in forwarding port P?*

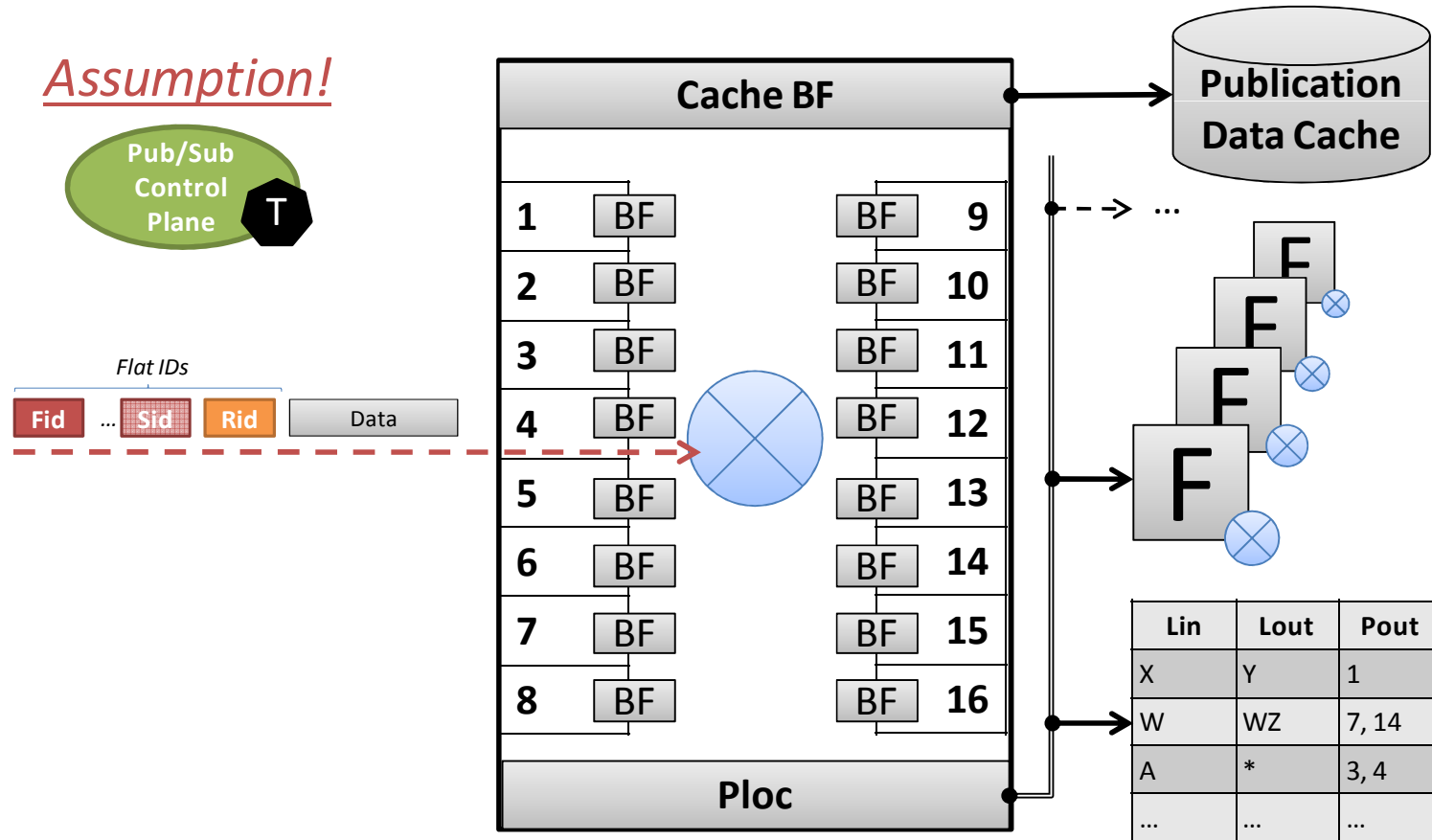
- State in the **network**
- Large Bloom filters maintained in **forwarding tables**



zFilters [5]: *Is outbound link A in packet header Z?*

- State in the **packet header**
- Small in-packet Bloom filter representing a **source route**

SPSwitch



Is packet label X in forwarding port P?

Experimental results

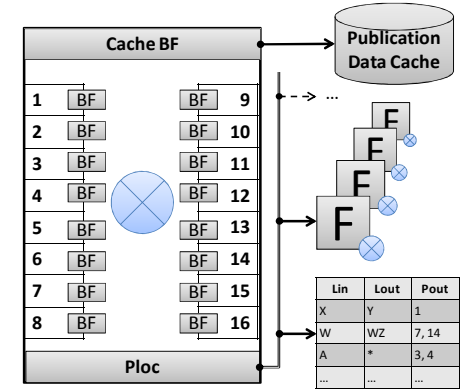
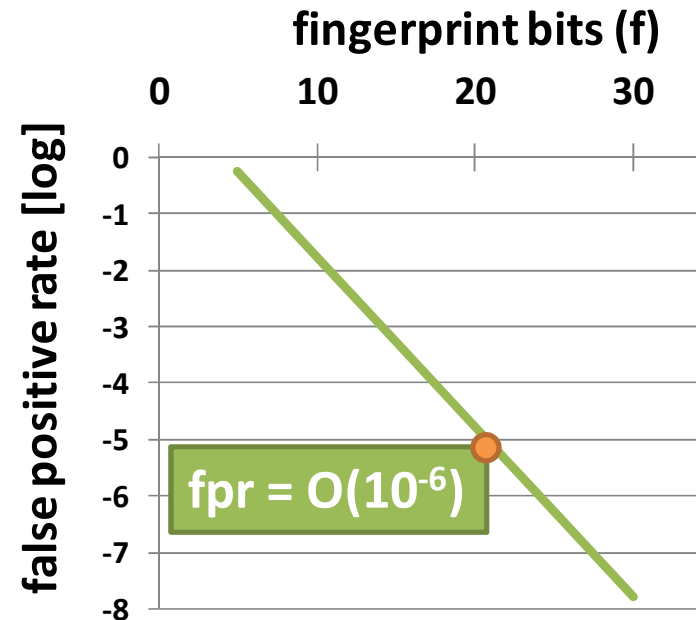
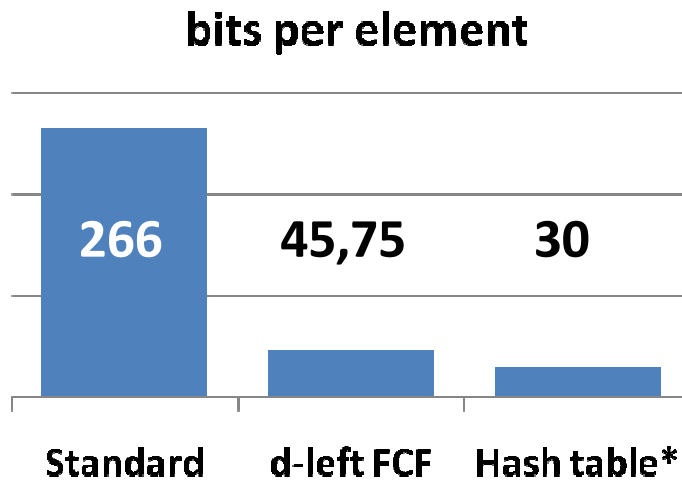


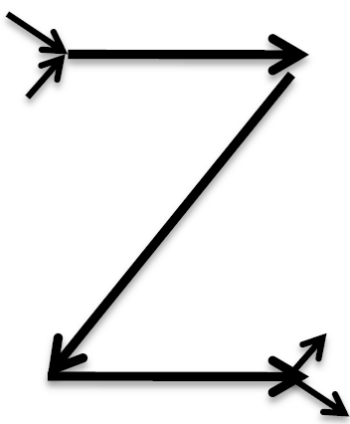
Table 2: Analytical and experimental comparison of different data structures for the switching procedures.

	Mem. access	Mem. size M	(Mbits)**	(bpc)	False positive	(predicted)**	(actual)**
Standard Table	$O(n) - O(1)^*$	$n * (s + p)$	253.68	266.0	0	0	-
Fingerpr. Table	$O(n) - O(1)^*$	$n * (f + p)$	28.61	30.00	2^{-f}	$9.54 * 10^{-7}$	-
p-bank BF	$O(1)$	$2^p * m$ ****	43.63	45.75	$\approx 2^p * 0.62^{M/n}$	$2.91 * 10^{-7}$	$4.33 * 10^{-7}$
d-left FCF	$O(1)$	$d * b * h * (f + p)$	42.92	45.00	$< d * h * 2^{-f}$	$1.72 * 10^{-5}$	$1.51 * 10^{-5}$
d-left FCF DBR	$O(1)$	$d * b * (h * (f + p) + c)$	43.63	45.75	$< d * h * 2^{-f}$	$3.57 * 10^{-6}$	$3.46 * 10^{-6}$

* Assumes a perfect hash function. ** Parameters: $n = 1,000,008$; $d = 3$; $b = 83,334$; $f = 20$; $p = 10$; $h = 6$; $c = 3$; $s = 256$.
 **** Total memory of the p-bank Bloom filters equal to the value M of the d-left FCF DBR. $m = M/2^p$; $k_{opt} = 31$.

20-bit **fingerprint** + 10-bit port





zFilters: in-packet Bloom filter encoding of delivery trees

State in the *packet headers*

- Each network link has an identity and (a series of) *Link IDs*:
LIT: 256 bit vector with just $k=5$ bit positions set to one
- Delivery tree by ORing the Link IDs into a fixed-size in-packet Bloom filter (zFilter) representing a *source route*

Basic forwarding operation

“Is outbound link A in packet header Z?”

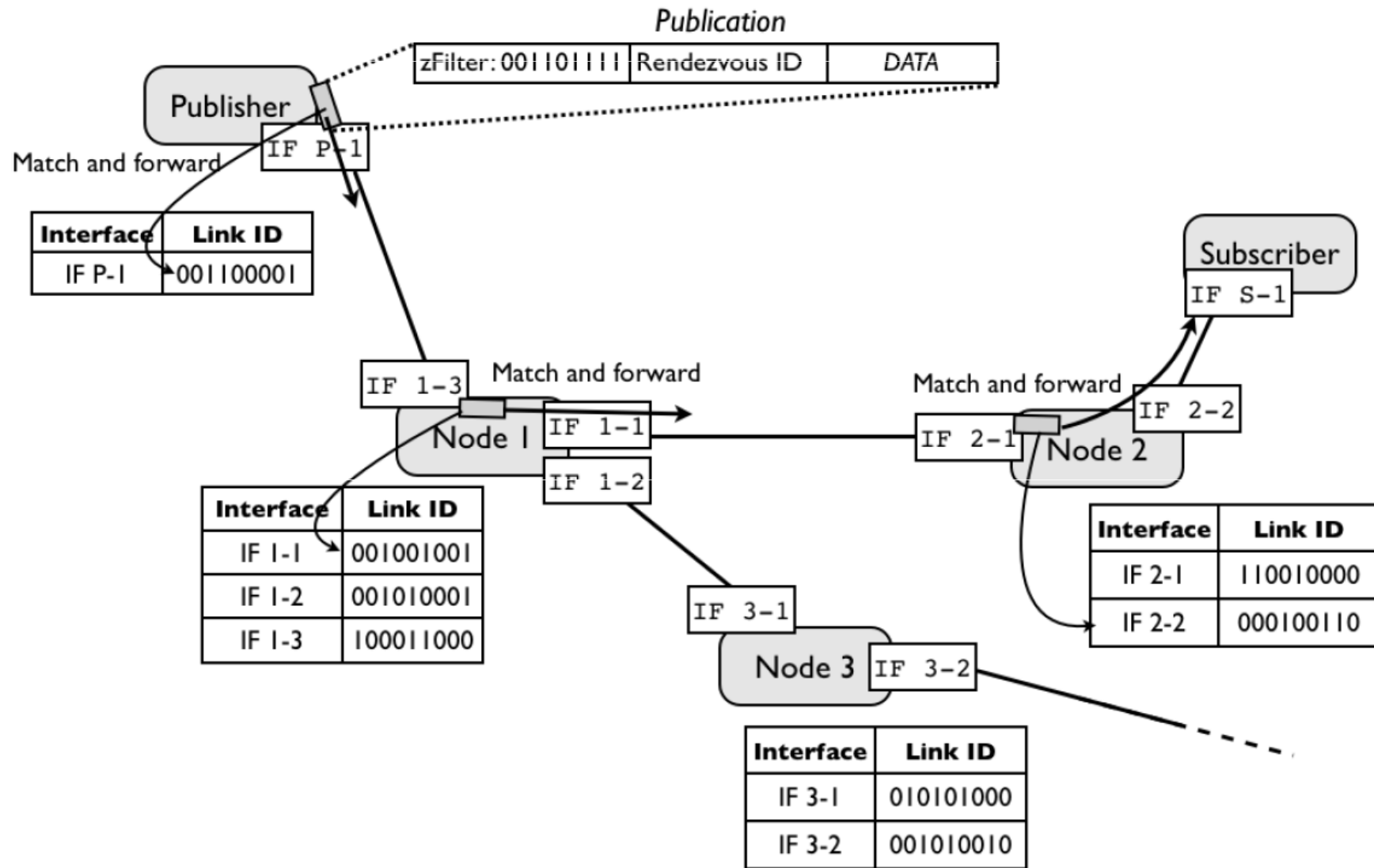
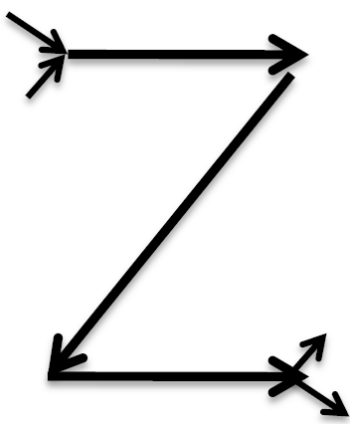
- *Small* forwarding tables (Link ID to neighbors + Virtual Link IDs)
- *Fast* packet forwarding (bitwise AND operations)

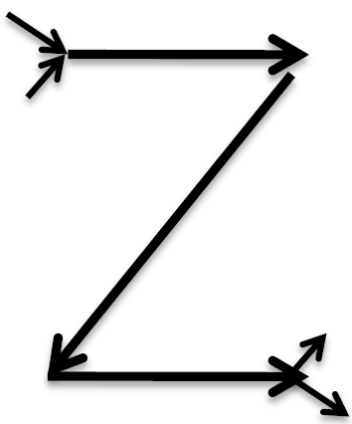
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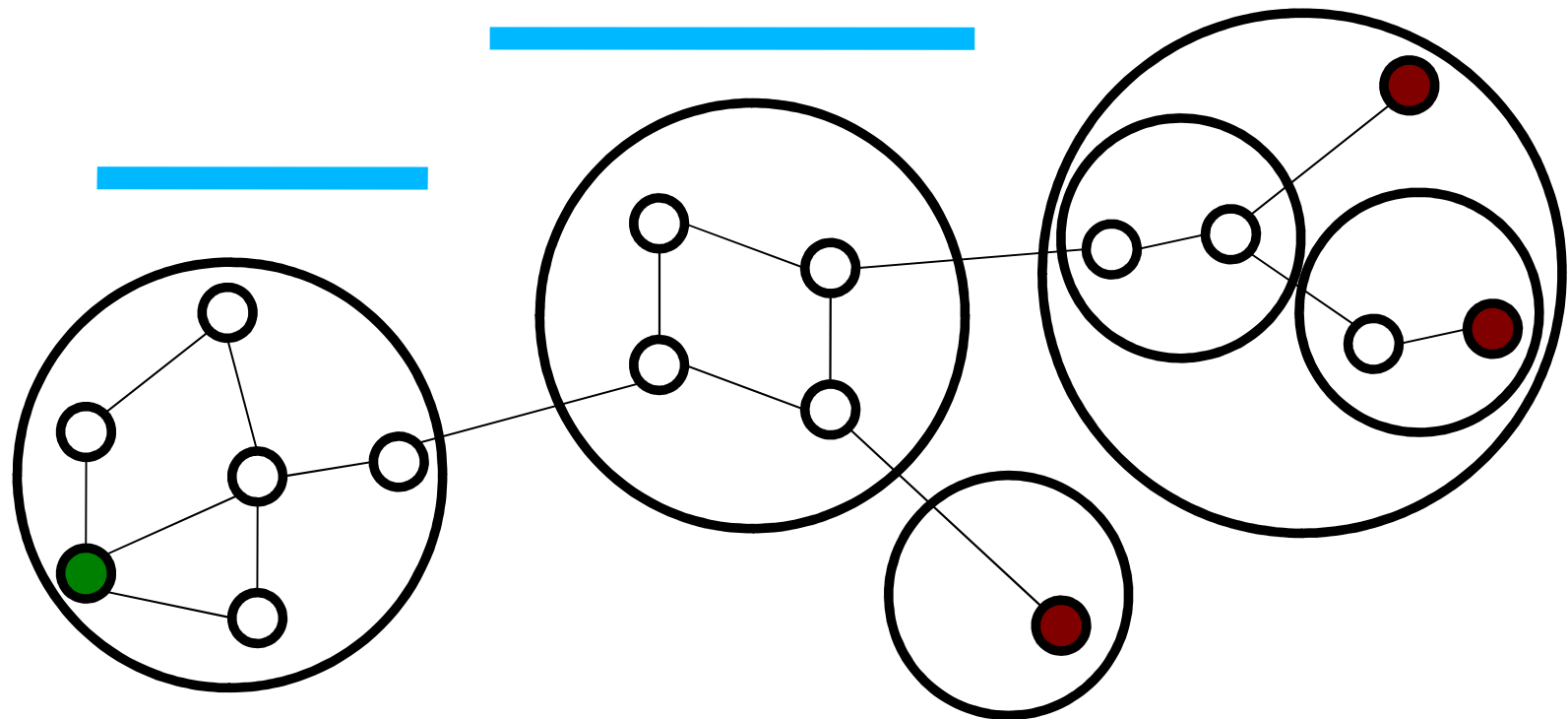
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Forwarding on Bloomed link identifiers



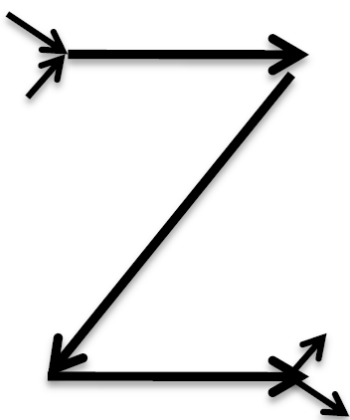


Virtual links



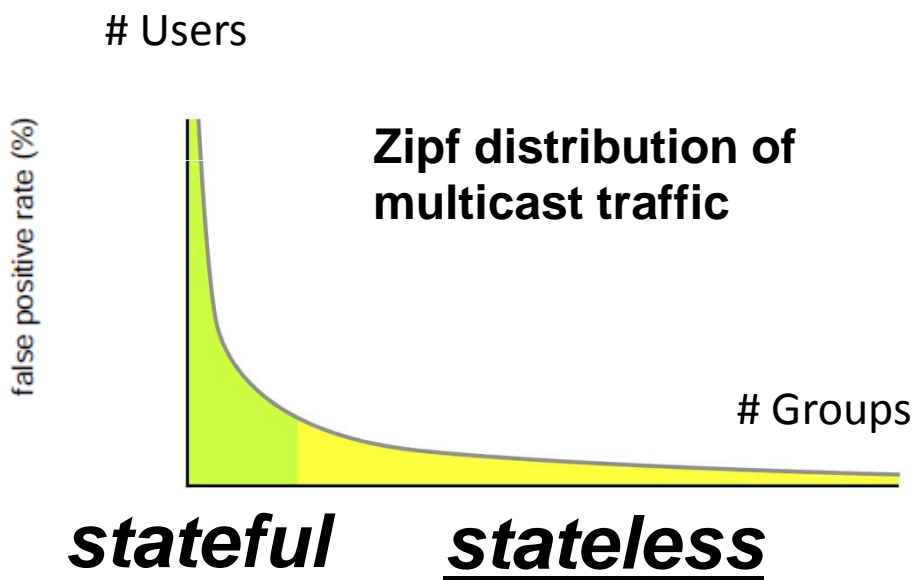
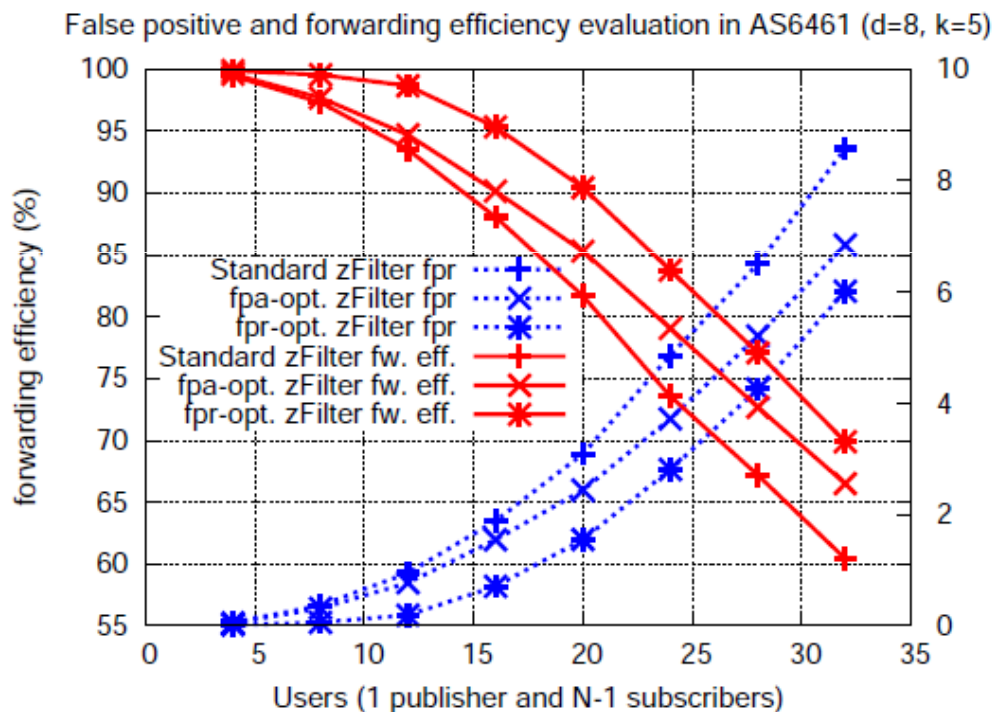
State in network nodes

- One-to-one, one-to-many, many-to-many, many-to-one forw. structures
- Supporting horizontal and/or hierarchical aggregation
- Less overdeliveries



Practical results

- Stateless multicast with 256-bit zFilters (35 links -> 20 subscribers)
- Enough for sparse multicast in typical WAN

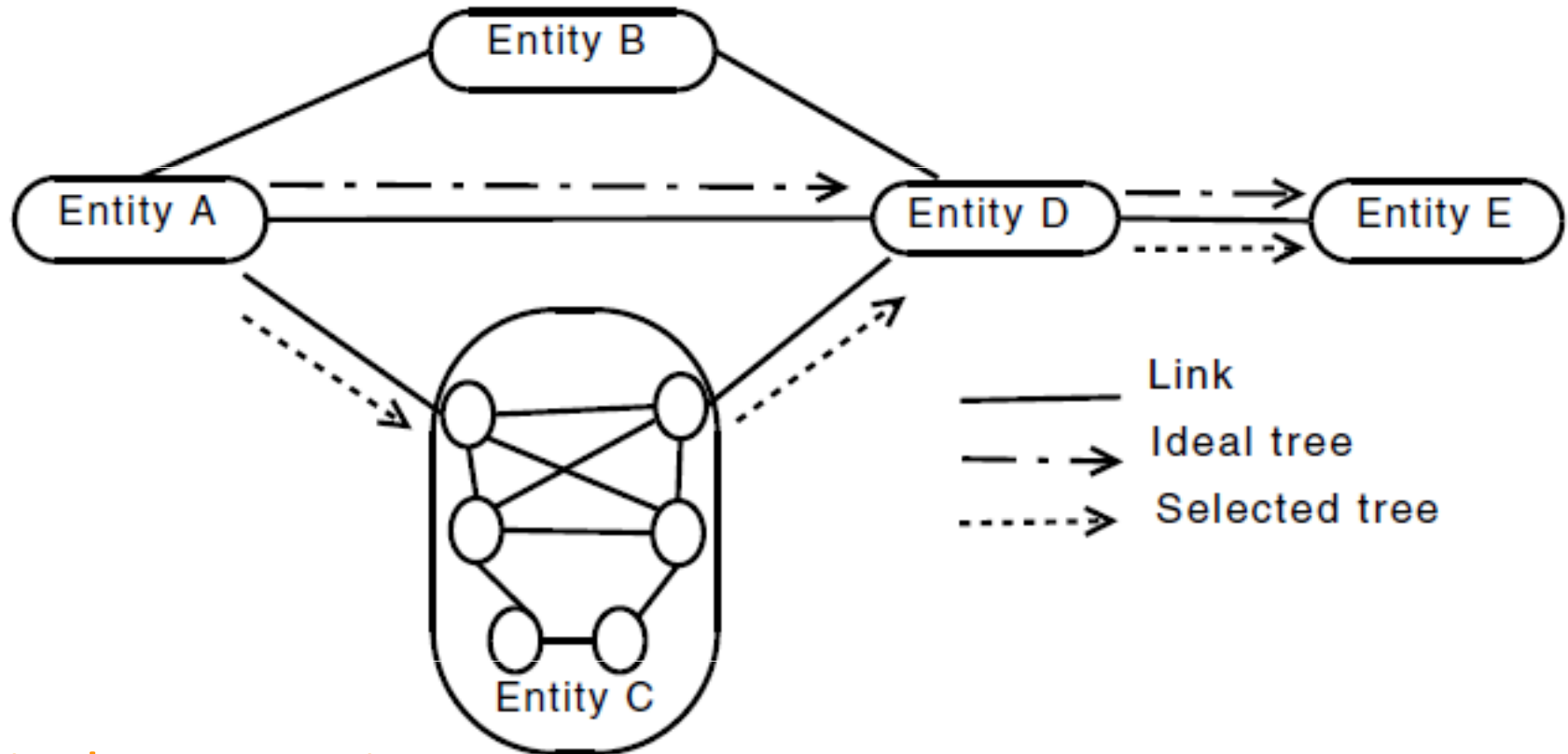


Delivery trees in 5 steps

- 1) Compute an *ideal tree*.
- 2) Determine the *gaps* between the ideal tree and any existing trees.
- 3) Select *tree-creation* strategies or *gap-filling* strategy for each gap.
- 4) *Compute* the needed *changes* according to the strategies.
- 5) *Apply* the changes to the network.



Example



Hierarchical aggregation

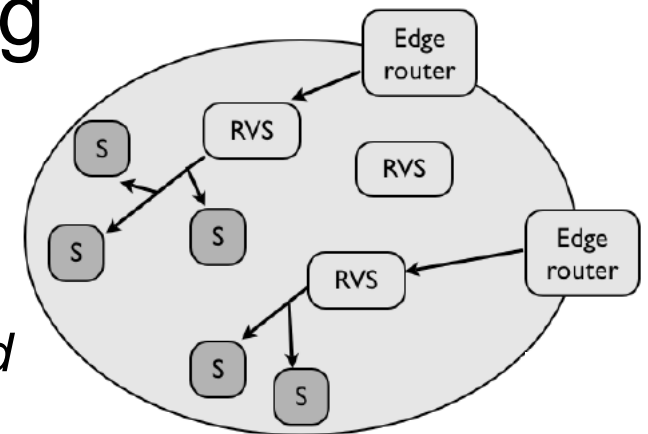
- AS confederations, ASes, intra-domain areas, routers
- Selecting a *good enough* tree
- Strict requirement: containing all the subscribers

Challenges and future work

Inter-domain routing and forwarding

Avoid the **mapping problem**:

- Between intra-AS trees and inter-AS trees no one-to-one mapping exist
- *Do we really need rendezvous identifier-based matching for label swapping?*
- Hints for future directions:
 - Information scopes
 - Non-routable link identifiers for mapping



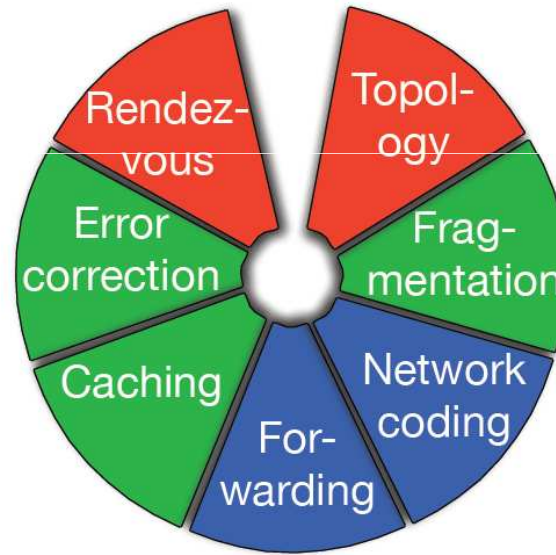
Topology functions:

- performance implications
- delay
- inter-operation between Topology Managers

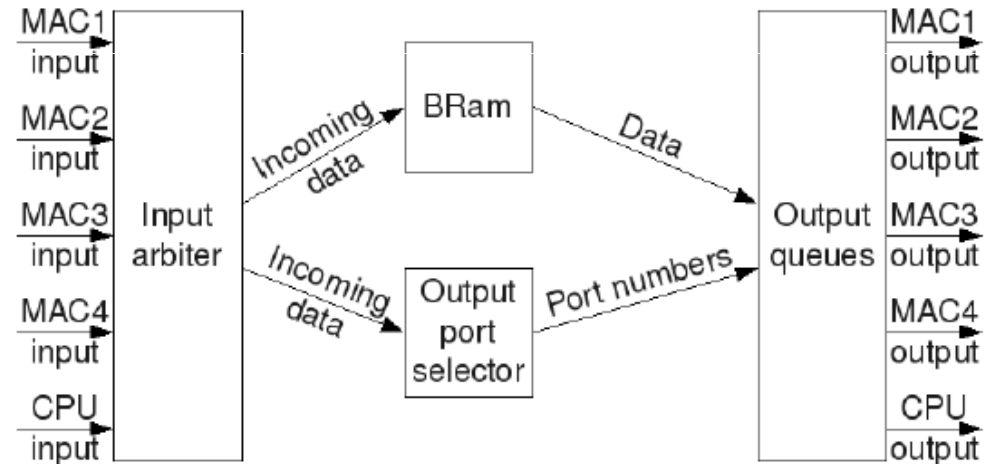
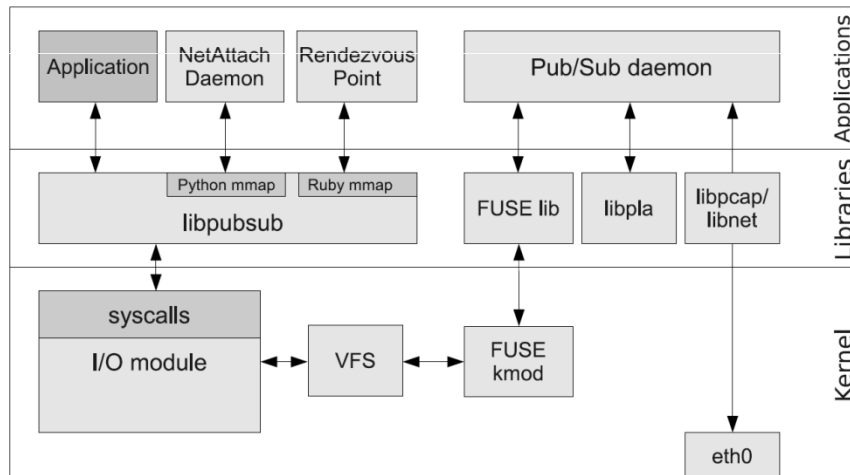
Prototype implementation



RTFM architecture



Component Wheel

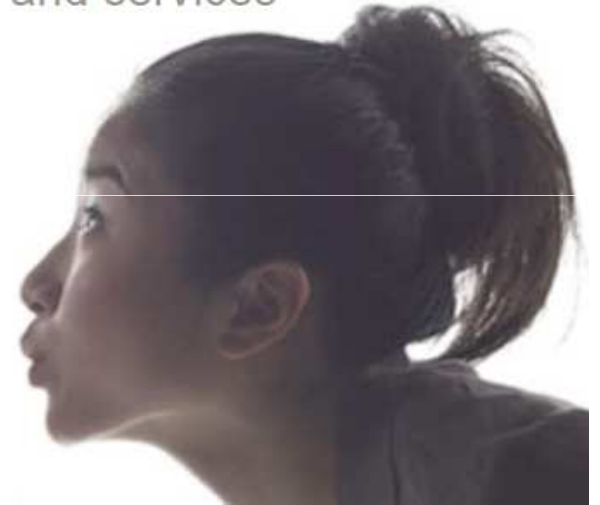


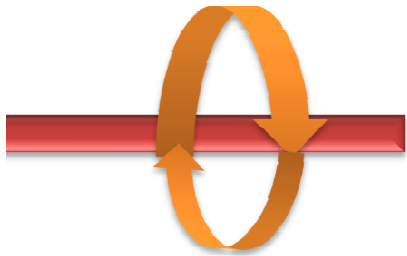
Pure pub/sub application development*

Imagine ways to implement applications and services based on the notion of information only!

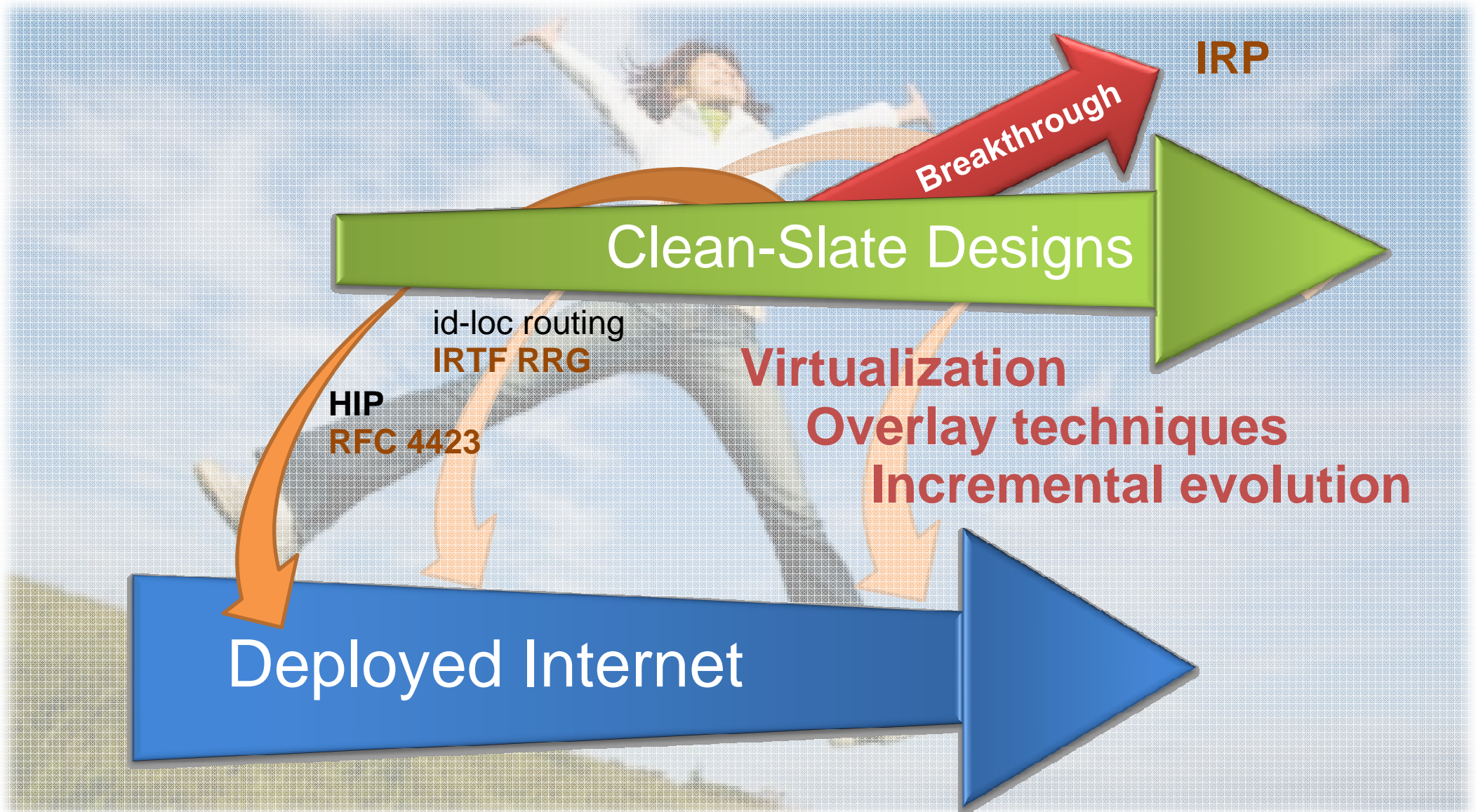
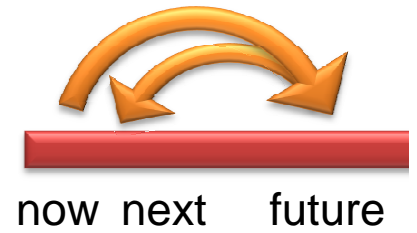
- **Information** is all you care about
 - You might care who created information
- Semantics is all you care about
 - Determines the collections and networks you build
- You can **publish** information (with labels)
- You can **subscribe** to information (through labels)
- You can group labels into other labels (building networks)
- Location only matters when it is information...
 - ...not for the delivery of information per se!
 - ...but you might care who delivers something

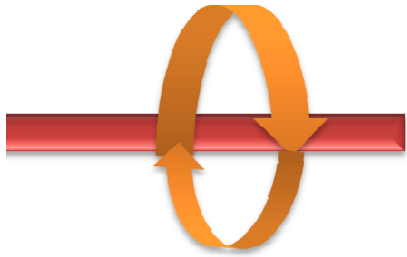
A lot like social networking, really!





Closing the research loop: Late binding to reality





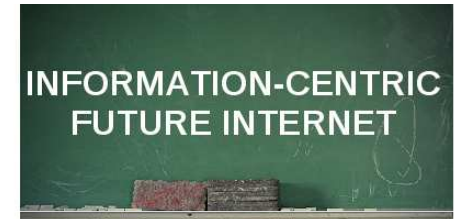
Closing the research loop: Data Center Networking



- Instantiate the forwarding mechanisms in a realistic data center environment
 - Scalable L2 flat architecture (cost-driven)
 - Source routing (e.g., middlebox concatenation)
 - Stateless multicast
 - Resource pooling:
 - Load-balanced oblivious routing exploiting multi-path & id/loc capabilities
 - DDoS-resistant architecture
- Control Plane based on OpenFlow

Take Aways

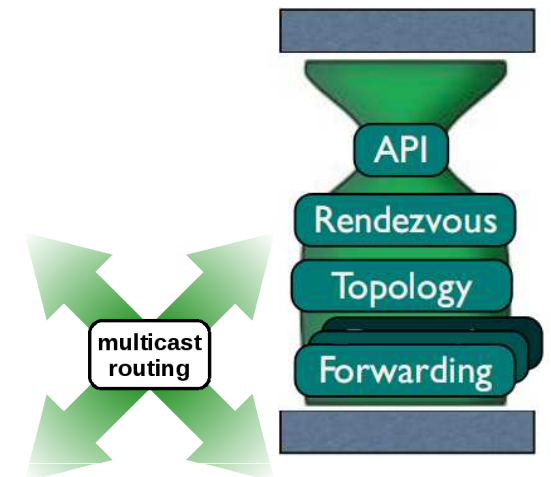
We are building an *information-centric* network based on the *publish / subscribe* paradigm



We are re-thinking the forwarding plane with *native multicast* departing from host-centric designs

To meet the *scalability* requirements, we explore the trade-off between *transport efficiency* and network state via

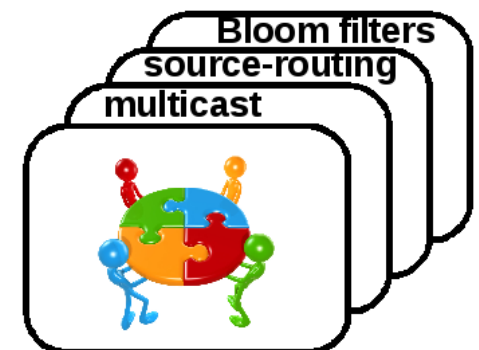
- 1) *Bloom-filter-based* forwarding decisions
- 2) approximate *delivery trees*
- 3) hierarchical/horizontal *division*



We have a flexible design for routing & forwarding, with component enablers allowing:

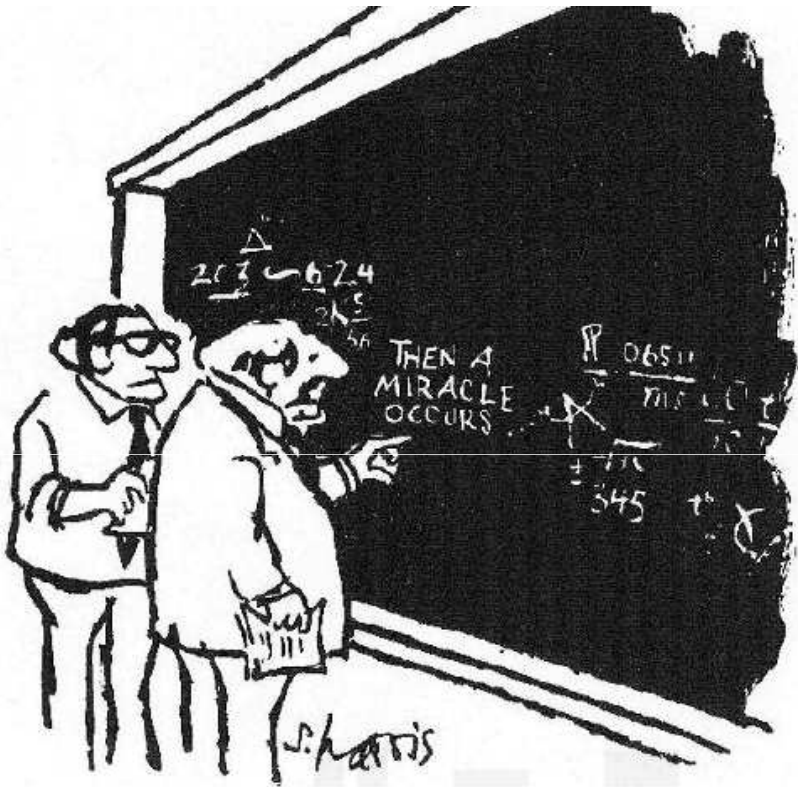
stateless and *stateful* operations

balance state : packet *headers* <·> netw. *nodes*





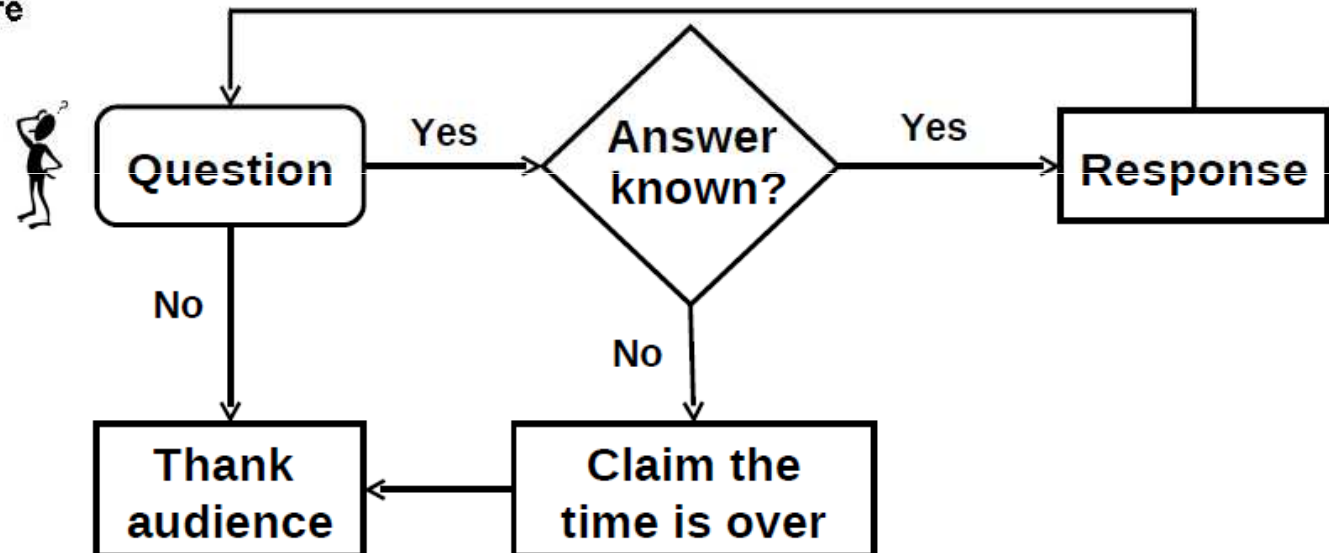
Obrigado!



"I think you should be more explicit here in step two"

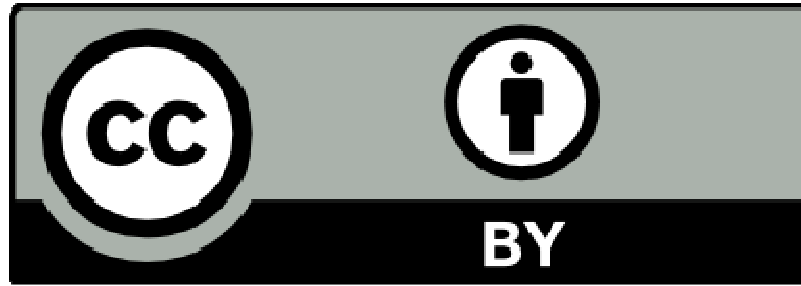
questions?

Thank you!



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