CCN Lite – OMNet++

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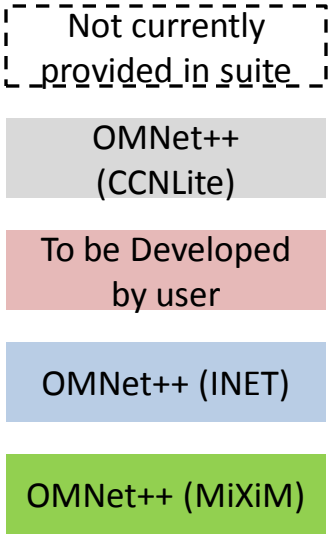
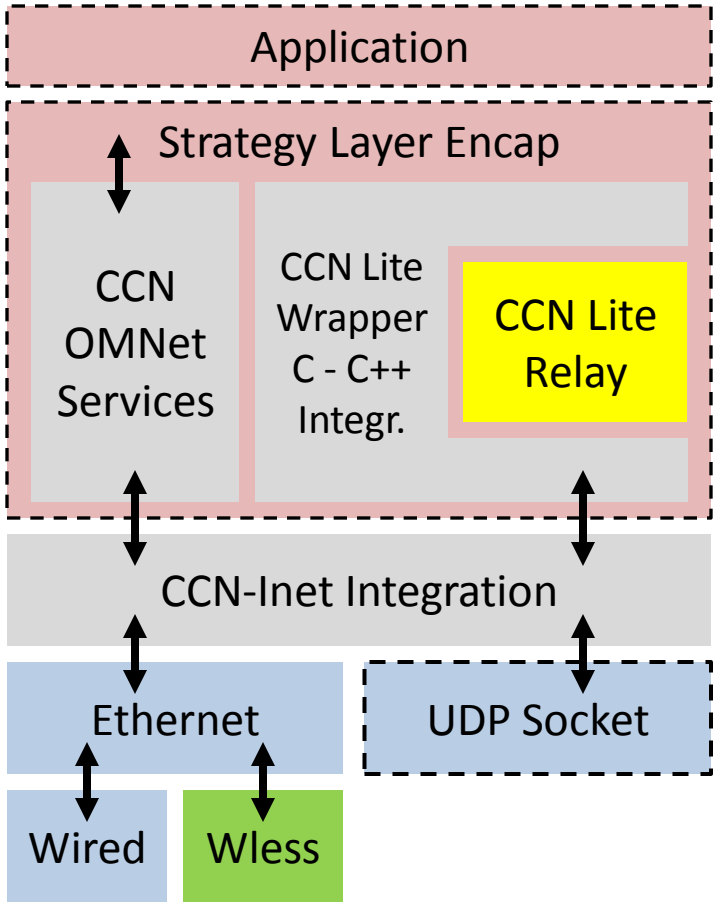
Conceptual Diagram

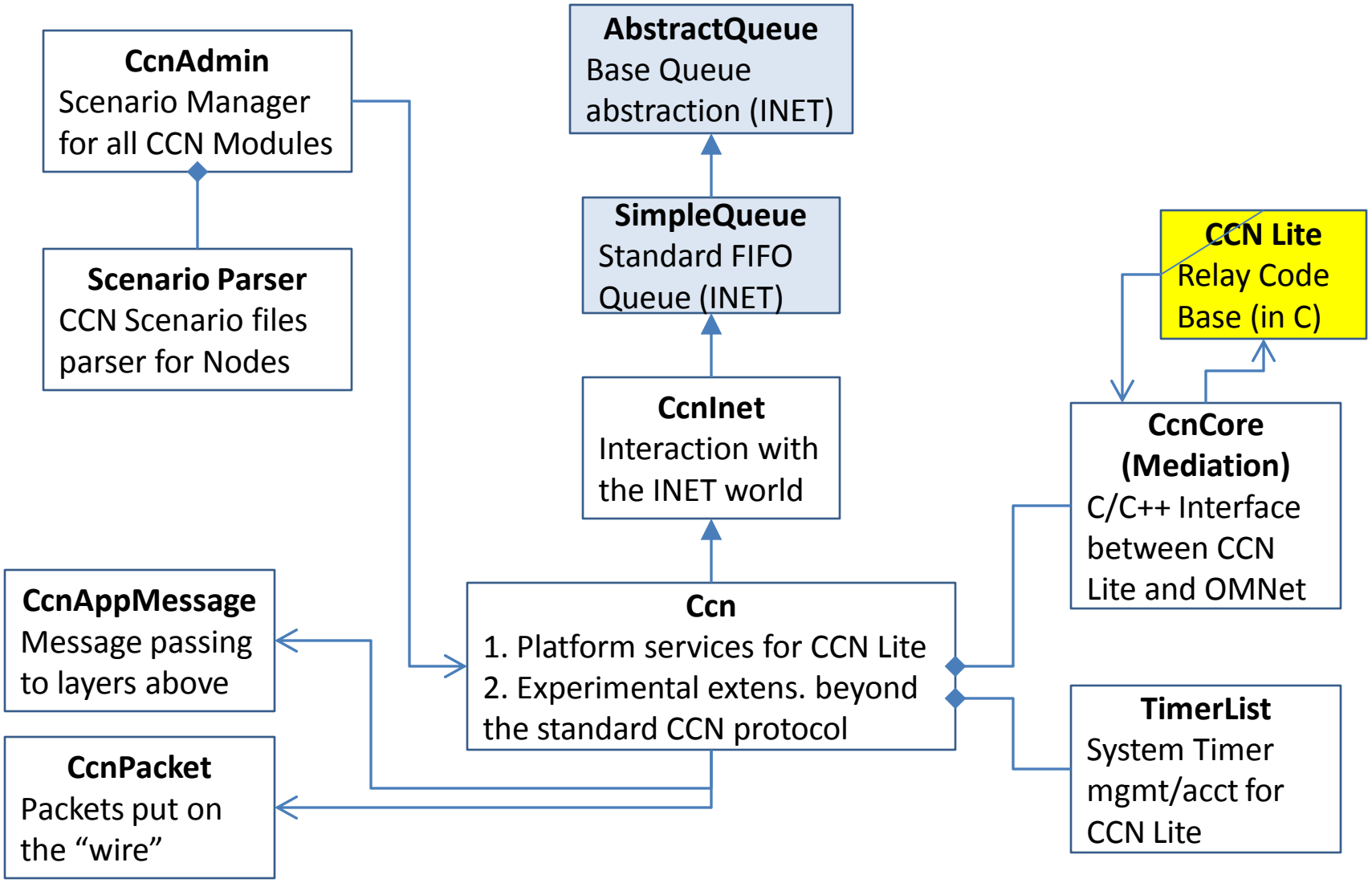
Obvious Dependencies:

- OMNet++ (> v4.2.2) simulator
- INET framework (> v1.99.4.)
- Optionally MiXiM framework (> v2.2.1)
- ... everything else we provide ☺





UML Class Structure



Files (components)

- **ccnl/** - Actual CCN Lite Relay implementation
- **CcnCore.{cc,h}** - CCN Lite Integration (C - C++)
- **Ccn.{cc,h,ned}** - OMNet++ services
- **CcnInet.{cc,h,ned}** - OMNet++ INET Framework Integration
- **CcnAdmin.{cc,h,ned}** - Scenario Administrator (God)
- **Parser.{cc,h}** – Scenario parser (By Thomas Meyer)
- **CcnPacket_m.{cc,h}** – Extensible container for CCN packets exchanged via CCN nodes in OMNet++
- **CcnAppMessage_m.{cc/h/msg}** – Message passing that serves the communication between the CCN layer and layers above

Eclipse project bundle description

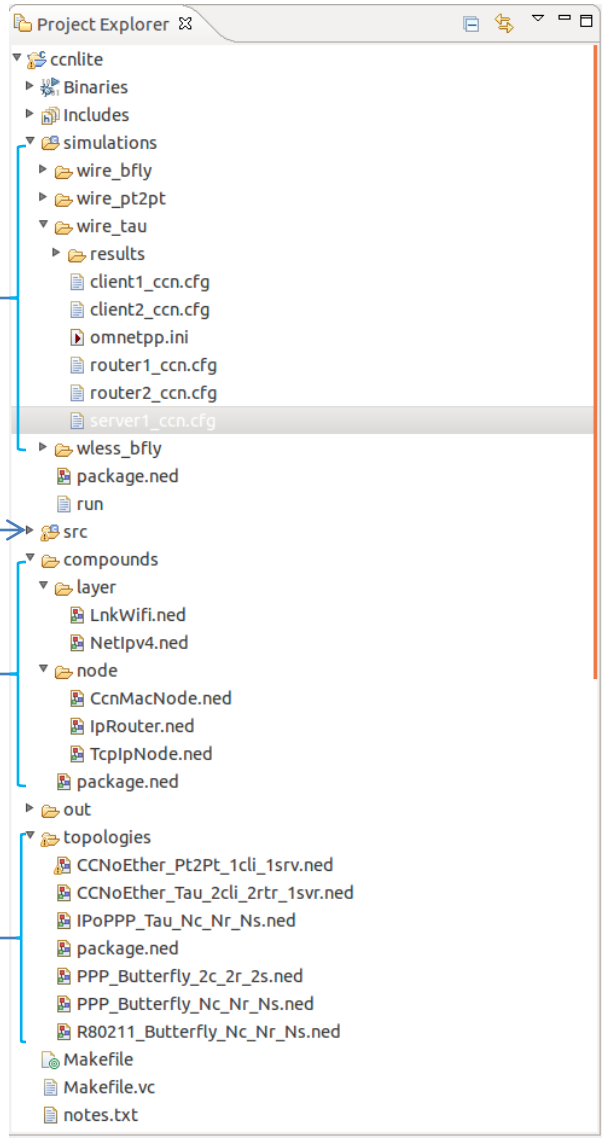
What is Where

Simulation tests for different set-ups and topologies (INI files as well as CCN node scenario configuration files are here)

Source code and NED definitions of *simple modules* and message types

NED configuration files for *compound modules*
- node definitions
- layer definitions

NED configuration files for different topologies



Experiment Configuration

- OMNet++ .INI files
  - Experiment parameters
  - Module options
- OMNet++ NED files
  - Topology
  - Node component composition
- Node configuration files
  - CCN scenario

OMNet++ .INI files

Which topology to use

Console debug output level
.. Can be adjusted per node

Pace transmissions of CCN pkts
(at each CCN relay)

Cache storage
(for each node)

Size of named content chunks
(used with dummy traffic)

Version of CCN Lite code to use
(for each node)

CCN Scenario files that setup
the behavior of each node
throughout the experiment

```
##########################################################################
##  Experiment: CCN over Ethernet
##########################################################################

[Config CCNoEther_2c_3r_2s]

network = unibas.ccnlite.topologies.CCNoEther_Tau_2cli_2rtr_1svr
description = "Example CCN over Ethernet Tau topology with 2 clients, 2 routers, 1 servers. Scena

## topology/scenario settings
*.defaultDebugLevel = 3     ## for all simulation: 0=none, 1=Info, 2=Warning, 3=Error, 4=Detail

## per node settings
**.debugLevel = 5          ## per host: 0=none, 1=Info, 2=Warning, 3=Error, 4=Detail
**.minTxPace = 0ms
**.maxCacheEntries = 400
**.maxChunkSize = 900bytes
**.ccnCoreVersion = "CcnLite.v0"
*.client1.net.ccnScenarioFile = "client1_ccn.cfg"
*.client2.net.ccnScenarioFile = "client2_ccn.cfg"
*.router1.net.ccnScenarioFile = "router1_ccn.cfg"
*.router2.net.ccnScenarioFile = "router2_ccn.cfg"
*.server1.net.ccnScenarioFile = "server1_ccn.cfg"

##########################################################################
##  Global parameters
##########################################################################

[General]
total-stack = 7MiB
tkenv-plugin-path = ../../../etc/plugins
#debug-on-errors = true
#record-eventlog = true
```

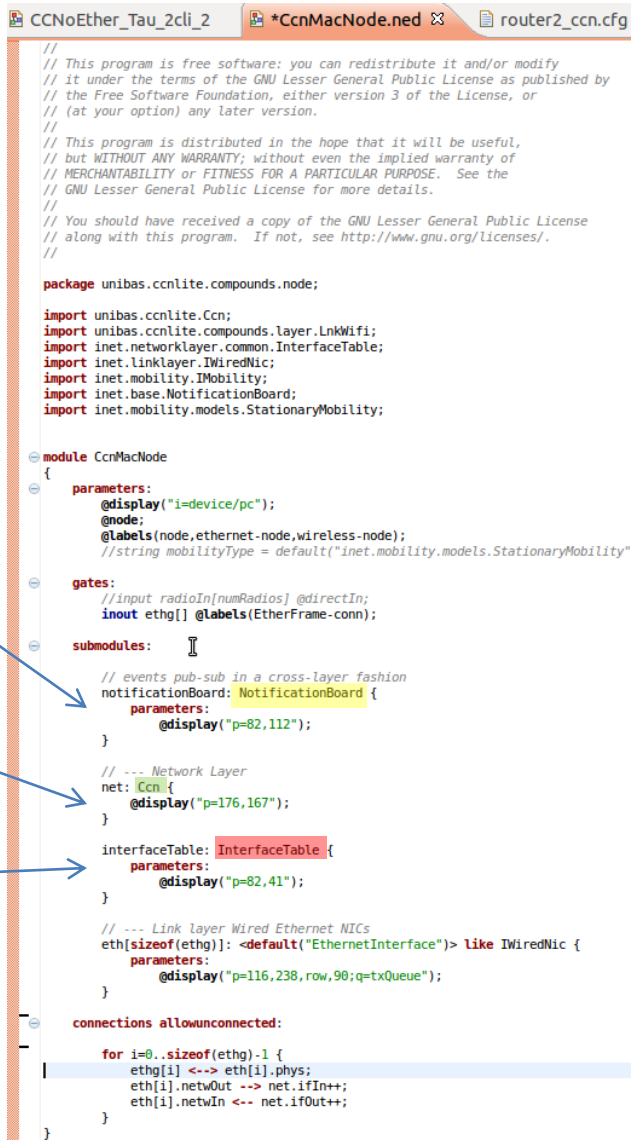
OMNet++ NED files: CCN Node

Eg. Configuration of CCN node over Ethernet

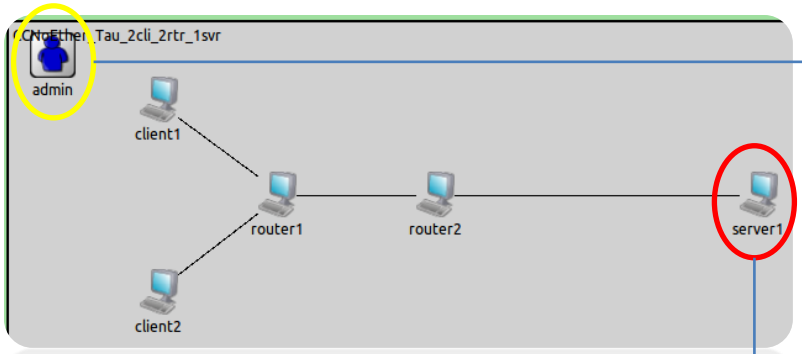
The notification board is useful for pub/sub of events (intended to use in the future)

CCN layer functionality is provided by the Ccn module

As in the IPv4/6 network layer definition we reuse the Interface Table module (for the association of MAC addresses to NICs)



OMNet++ .NED files: Topologies



Every topology needs to have a CcnAdmin module in addition to the CCN nodes.

It also helps to set in advance the number of interfaces per node and explicitly define the connections (rather than use auto-vectors), since this will allow you to remember the interfaces when defining the forwarding rules in the scenario files (see next slide)

*CCNoEther_Tau_2cli_ | router2_ccn.cfg | client1_ccn.cfg | NClien

```
package unibas.ccnlite.topologies;

import unibas.ccnlite.compounds.node.CcnMacNode;
import unibas.ccnlite.CcnAdmin;
import ned.DatarateChannel;


network CCNoEther_Tau_2cli_2rtr_1svr
{
    parameters:
        @display("bgb=912,359");

        int defaultDebugLevel = default(3);     // 0=none, 1=Info, 2=Warning, 3=Error, 4=Det

    types:
        channel fastEthernet extends DatarateChannel
        {
            delay = 0.5us;
            datarate = 100Mbps;
        }

    submodules:

        admin: CcnAdmin {
            @display("p=38,28");
        }

        client1: CcnMacNode {
            parameters:
                @display("p=131,67");
                //eth[0].mac.address = "0A-00-00-00-00-0A"; // manually set mac address
            gates:
                ethg[1];                                    // number of ethernet interfaces
        }


        client2: CcnMacNode {
            parameters:
                @display("p=131,235");
            gates:
                ethg[1];                                    // number of ethernet interfaces
        }


        router1: CcnMacNode {
            parameters:
                @display("p=234,150");
            gates:
                ethg[3];                                    // number of ethernet interfaces
        }

        router2: CcnMacNode {
            parameters:
                @display("p=373,150");
            gates:
                ethg[2];                                    // number of ethernet interfaces
        }

        server1: CcnMacNode {
            parameters:
                @display("p=656,150");
            gates:
                ethg[1];                                    // number of ethernet interfaces
        }

    connections:

        client1.ethg[0] <--> fastEthernet <--> router1.ethg[0];
        client2.ethg[0] <--> fastEthernet <--> router1.ethg[1];

        router1.ethg[2] <--> fastEthernet <--> router2.ethg[0];
        router2.ethg[1] <--> fastEthernet <--> server1.ethg[0];
}
```

CCN Scenario files

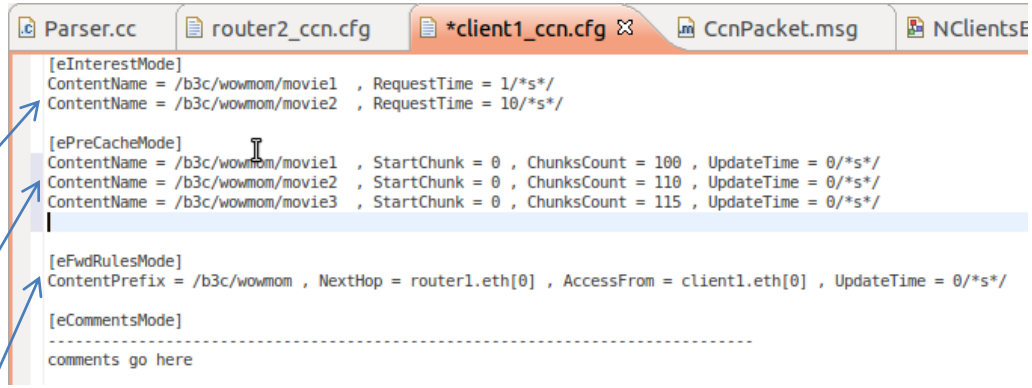
CCN Scenario files specify what the node will do and when in terms of CCN related actions

Express *Interest* for named content at a specified time

Pre-Load content in the cache (as ranges of chunks) at a specified time

Learn about some content at a specified time, by adding a FIB entry

More to come in the future ...



CCN Lite: Where to hook what ?

- CCN application ?
  - Write the application as a separate OMNet++ simple or compound module, which communicates with the Ccn module through ***CcnAppMessages***

- Transport functionality (Strategy Layer) ?
  1. Write the Strategy as a separate OMNet++ simple or compound module (layer), which communicates with the Ccn module through ***CcnAppMessages*** (An application should then run on top of the Strategy layer, so you would have to have a north and south interface)
  - Extend the ***CcnAppMessage*** definition to match your needs for control communication between the Ccn module and the Strategy module

  2. Implement the Strategy layer as a class that derives from the Ccn class, and extends the Ccn module providing a new module (you would only need to override the ***sendInterest()*** method.
  - Extend the ***CcnAppMessage*** definition to match your needs for control communication between the Strategy module and the Application module

  3. Implement the Strategy functionality as code placed directly within the Ccn module (e.g. in ***sendInterest()*** method) – UGLIEST approach of the three but probably fastest

- Routing protocol ?
  1. Implement the Routing protocol in a class that derives from the Ccn class, and extends the Ccn module functionality as a new module.

  2. Create a separate module for the Routing protocol and then place it with the Ccn module in a compound module that specifies an extended “CCN layer” (by analogy to the network layer functionality in INET which groups ARP, routing and IP modules).

- Caching strategy ? – Hmmm.....