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On-Demand Blind Packet Forwarding

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Agenda

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Motivation

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- Network Address Confidentiality (NAC)
  - classifies all third parties and nodes as adversaries and limits access to packet addresses in cleartext exclusively to communicating endpoints
  - → Sender/recipient and relationship unlinkability
    - Packets can not be linked to source/destination and to communicating endpoints
- Blind Packet Forwarding (BPF)
  - realizes NAC and its unlinkability properties
  - redesigns packet forwarding and its associated network functions to blind ones transferring and processing packet addresses in end-to-end encrypted form
  - builds on Locator/Identifier (Loc/ID) Split
  - separately masks identifiers and locators
- Semi-BPF masks only identifiers
  - NAC and its unlinkability properties apply only to identifiers and communicating endpoints
- Fully BPF masks both locators and identifiers
  - NAC and its unlinkability properties apply to both parts of addresses and communicating endpoints as well as domains and local networks
  - **Issue:** Full blindness requires to set up and maintain masked routing tables in entire domains → Costly process
  - **Idea:** Only nodes on the route between two communicating endpoints need to maintain according masked routing table entries

BPF – Public key Encryption with Keyword Search (PEKS)

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$$KeyGen \rightarrow (A_{pub}, A_{priv})$$

$$PEKS(A_{pub}, W) \rightarrow E(W)$$

$$Trapdoor(A_{priv}, V) \rightarrow T(V)$$

$$Test(E(W), T(V)) \rightarrow 1 \Leftrightarrow W = V, \rightarrow 0\ otherwise$$

- PEKS enables to correctly determine for two ciphertexts whether their cleartext values are the same, without decrypting the ciphertexts.

- PEKS encryption function is not deterministic

BPF – Architecture & Blindness Taxonomies

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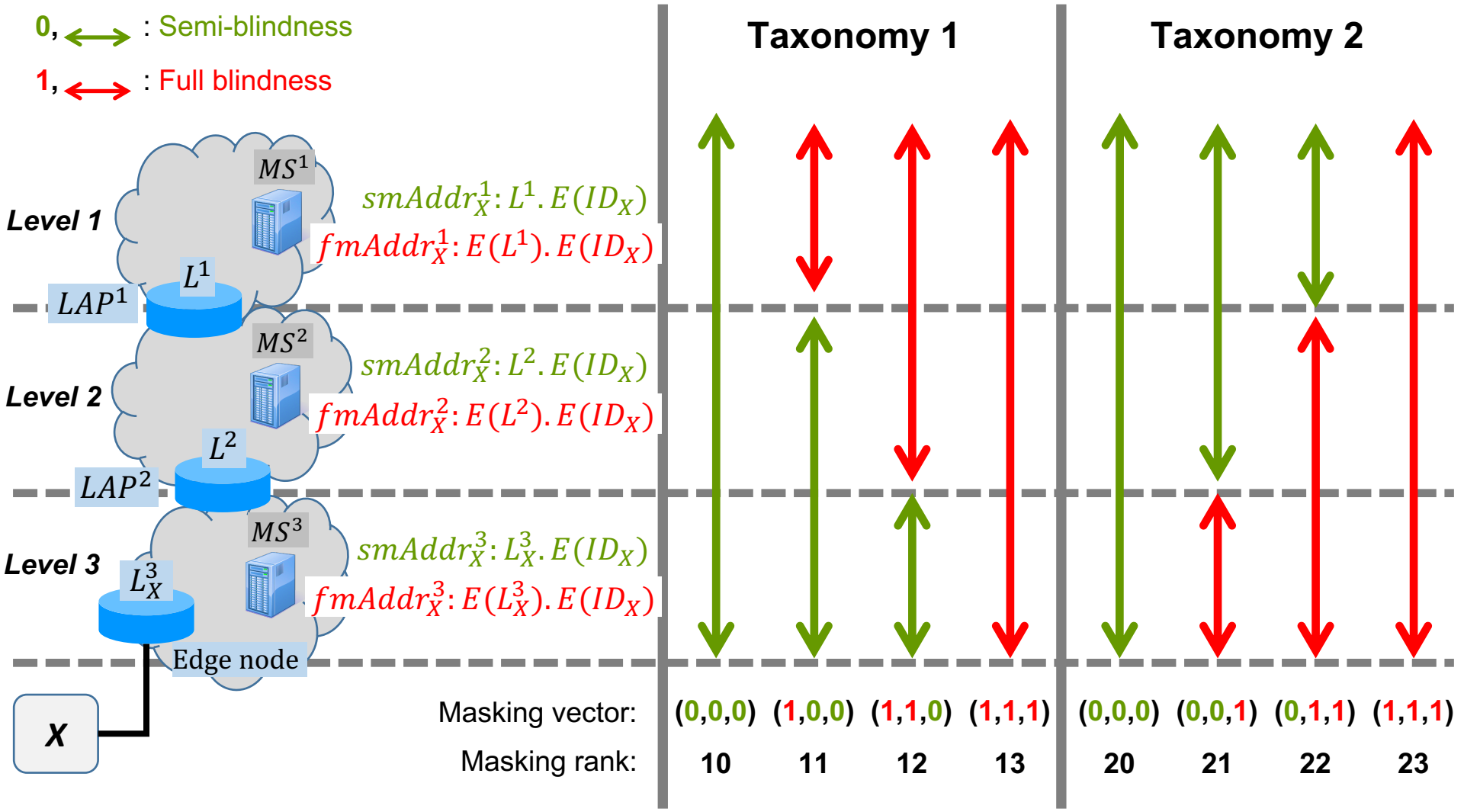

BPF – Masked Routing & Packet Forwarding

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$Test(E(N_i), T(N_j))$
for each entry i and j
in table and update msg

mLoc., Trapd.	Port	Distance
$E(N_1), T(N_1)$	0	0
$E(N_2), T(N_2)$	1	1
$E(N_3), T(N_3)$	1	2

$Test(E(N_3), T(N_i))$
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$E(N_3), T(N_3)$	2	1

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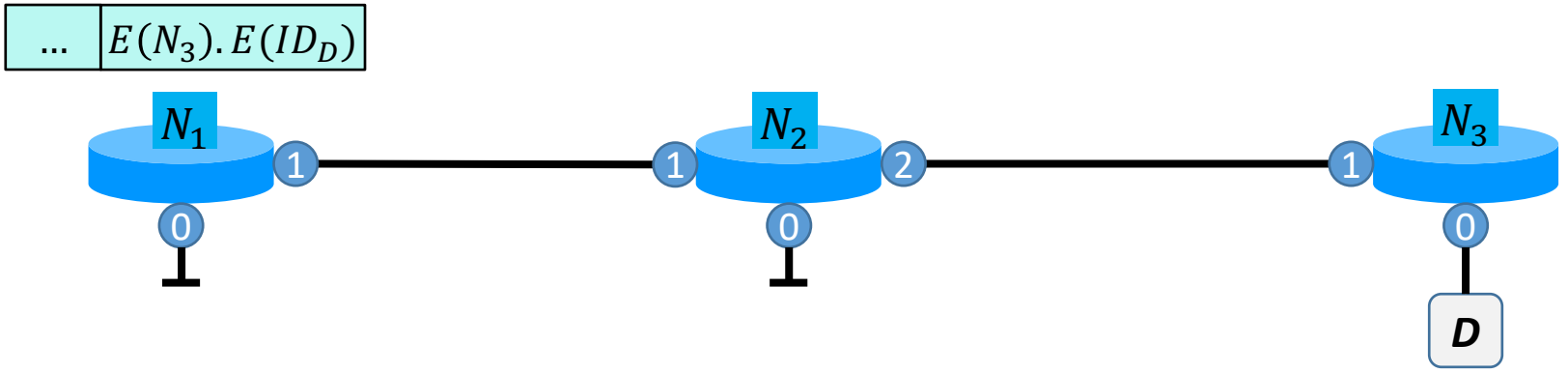
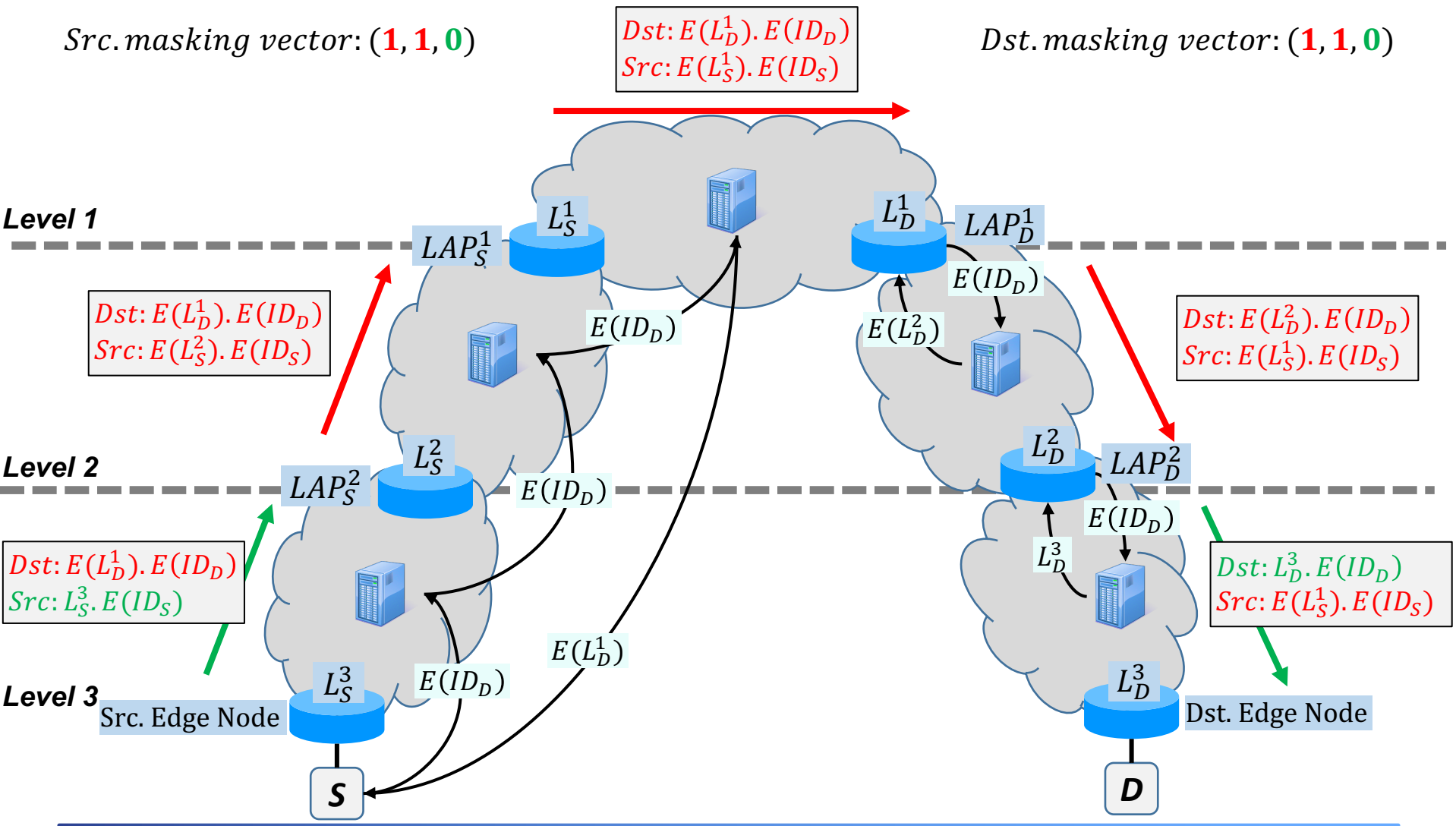
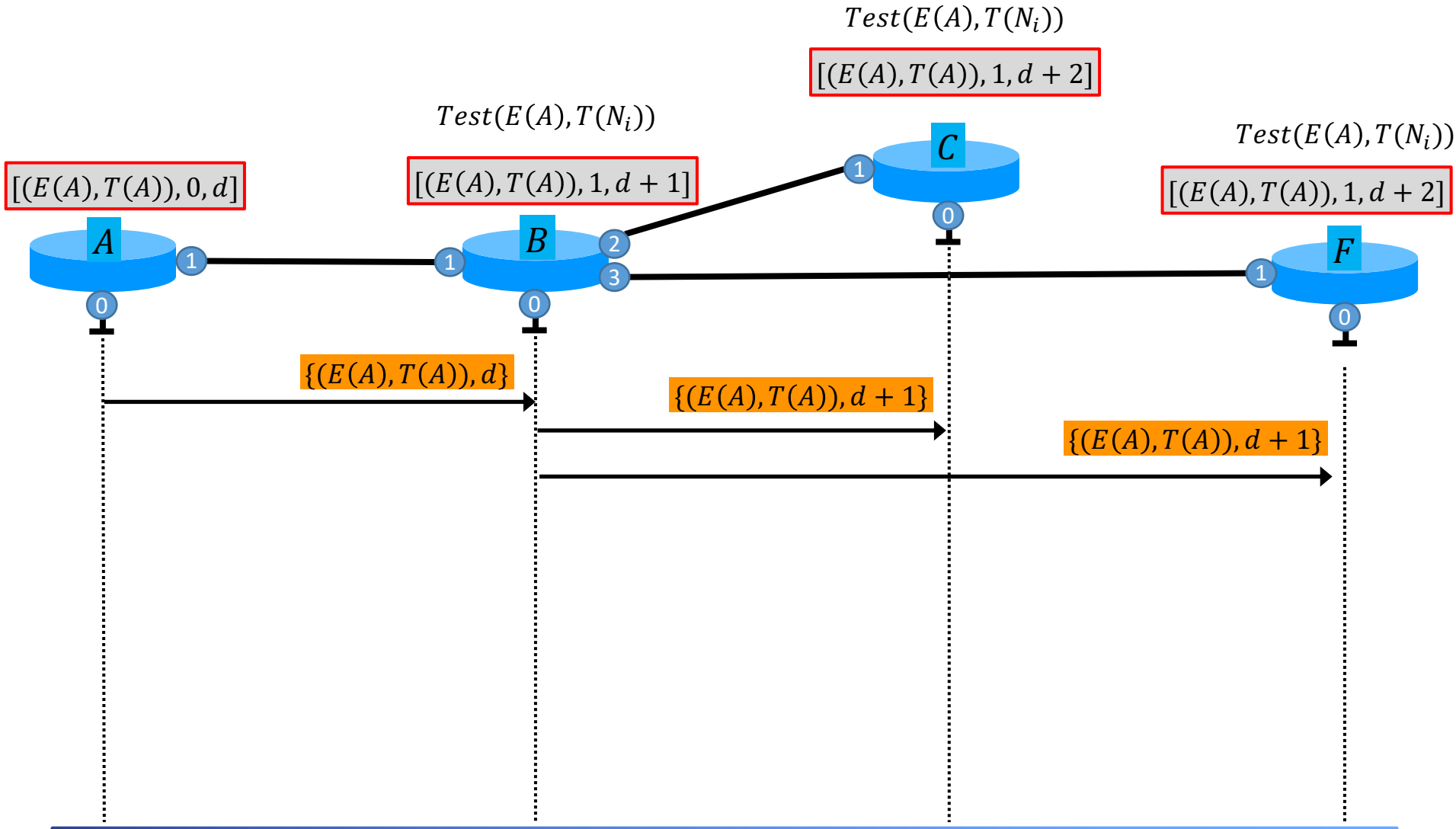


BPF – Packet Delivery



Selective Masked Routing – Case 1



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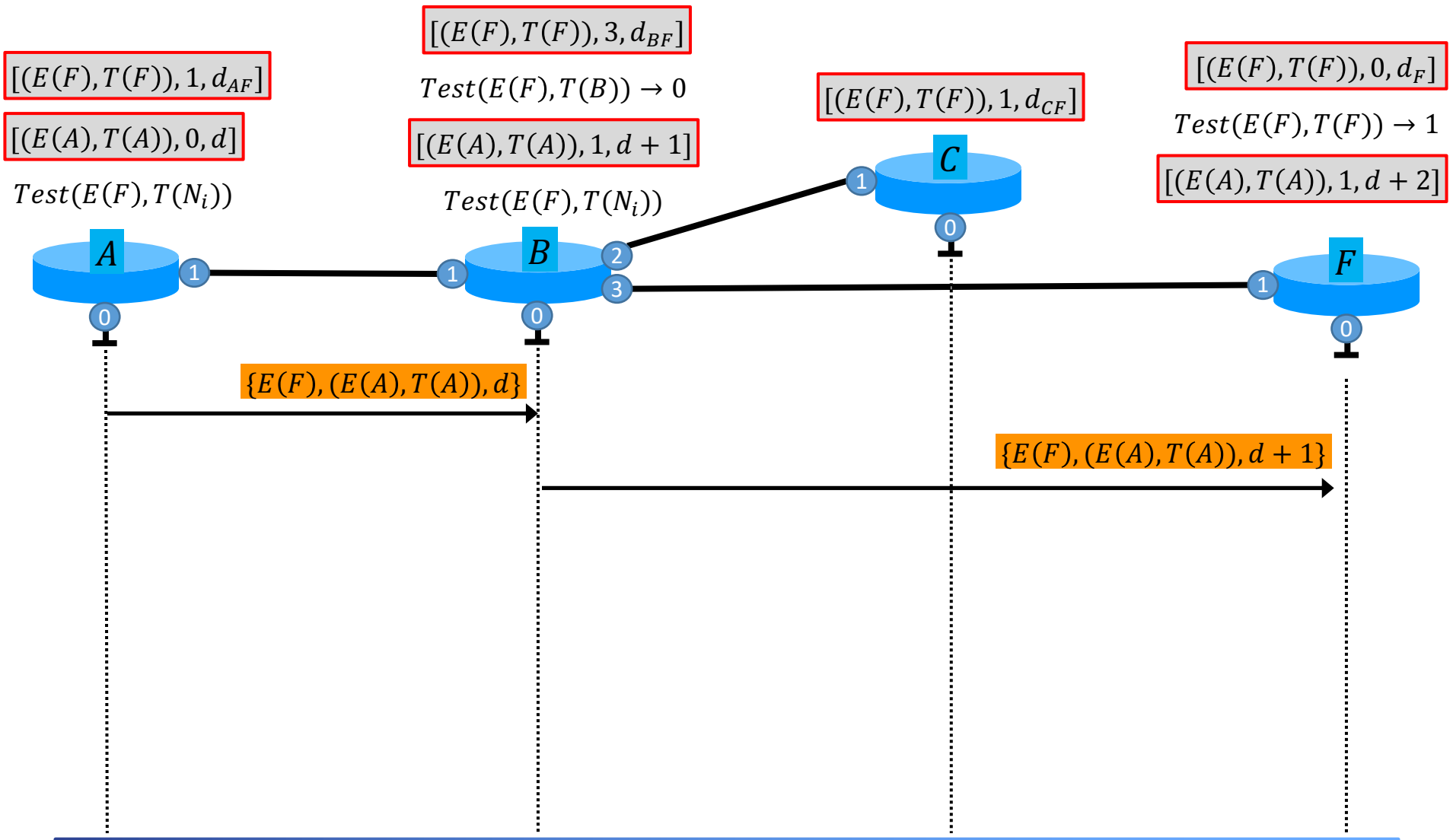

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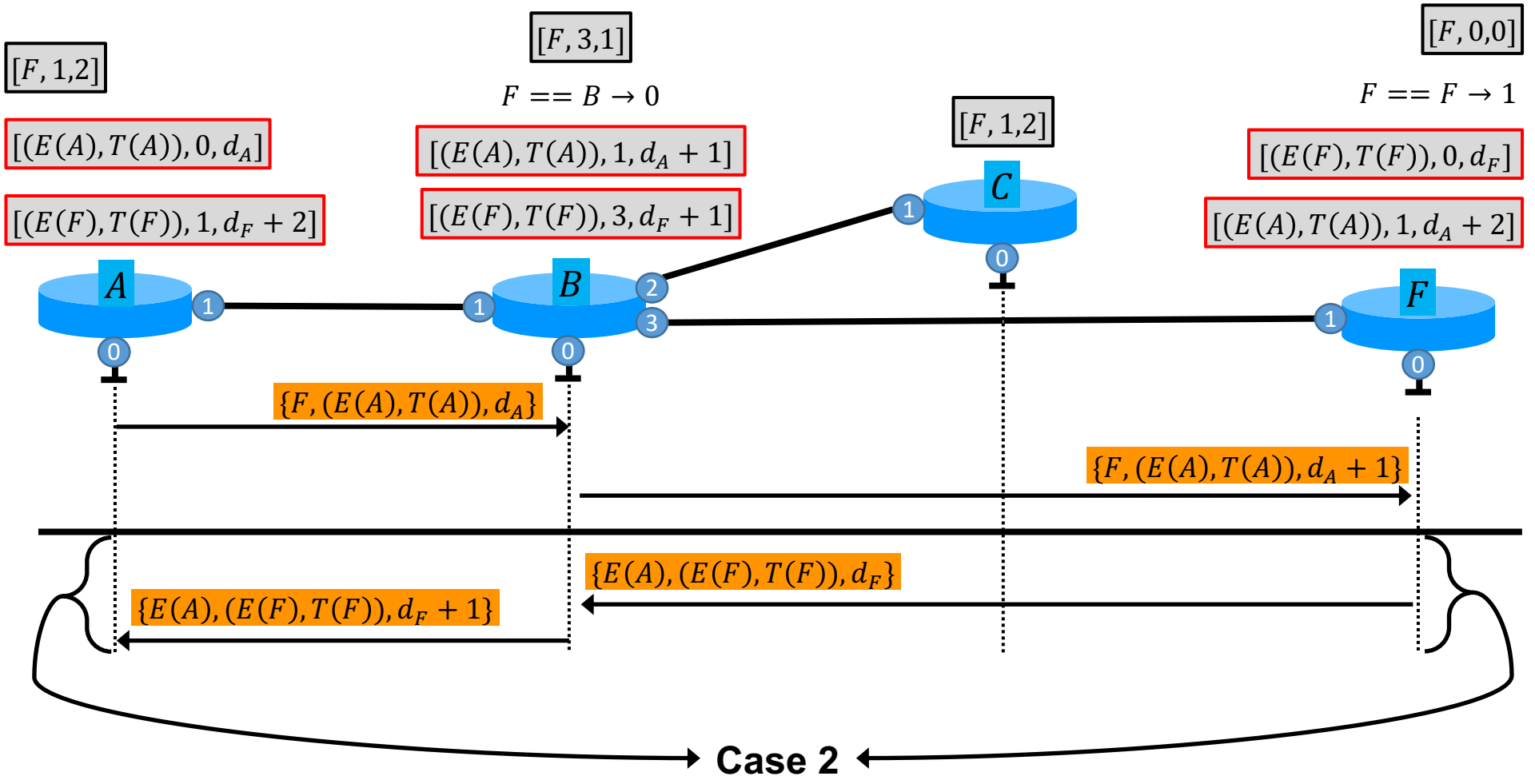

Fully BPF On-Demand

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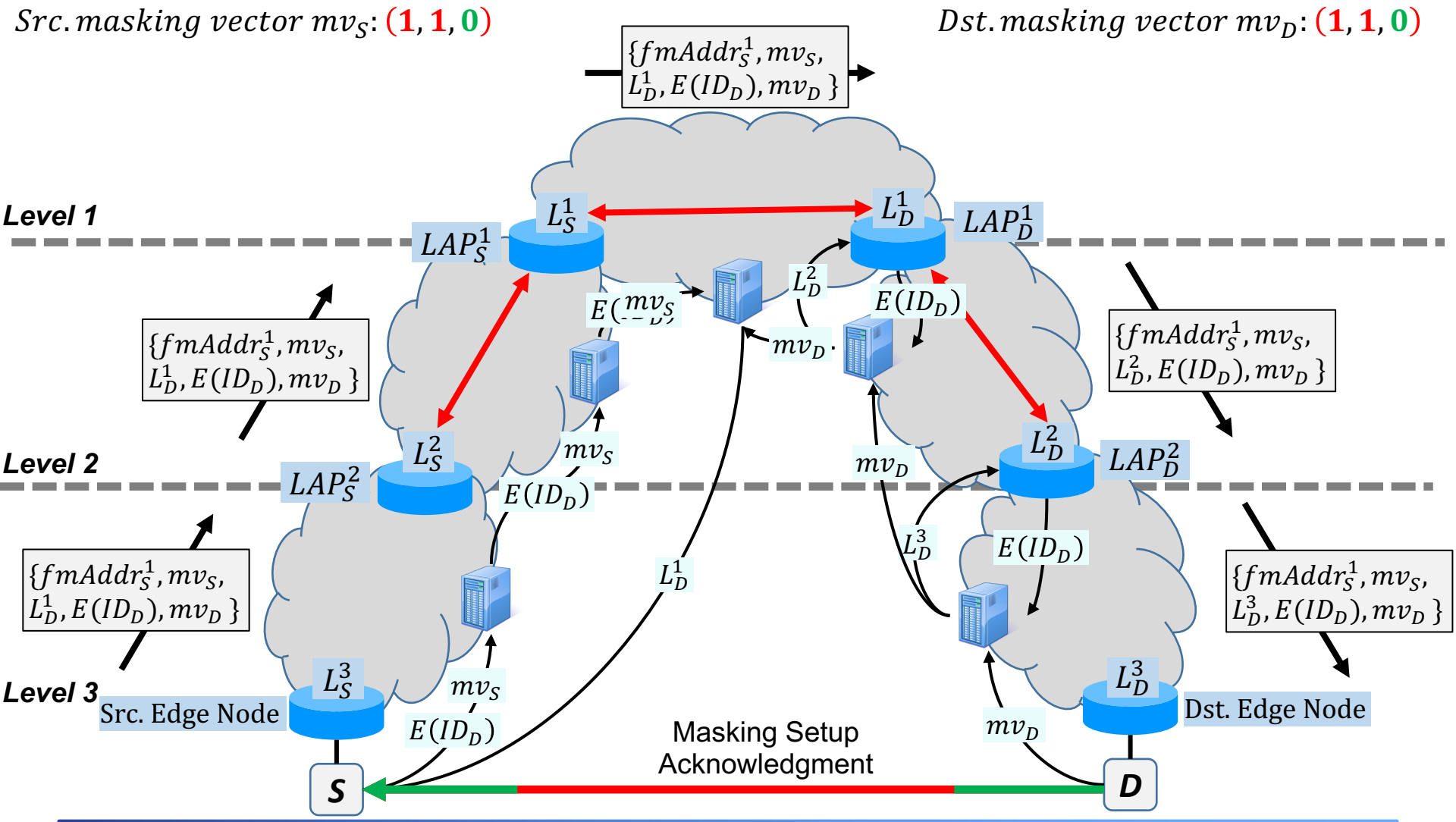

Implementation & Testbed

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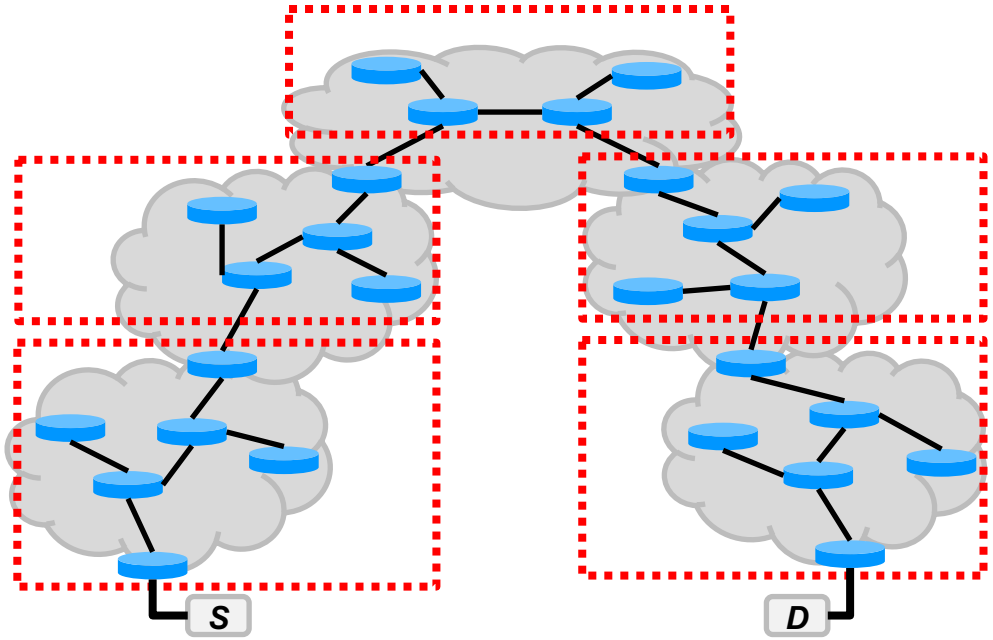
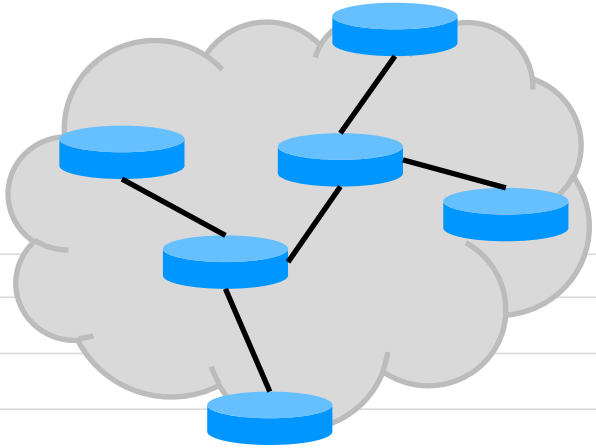
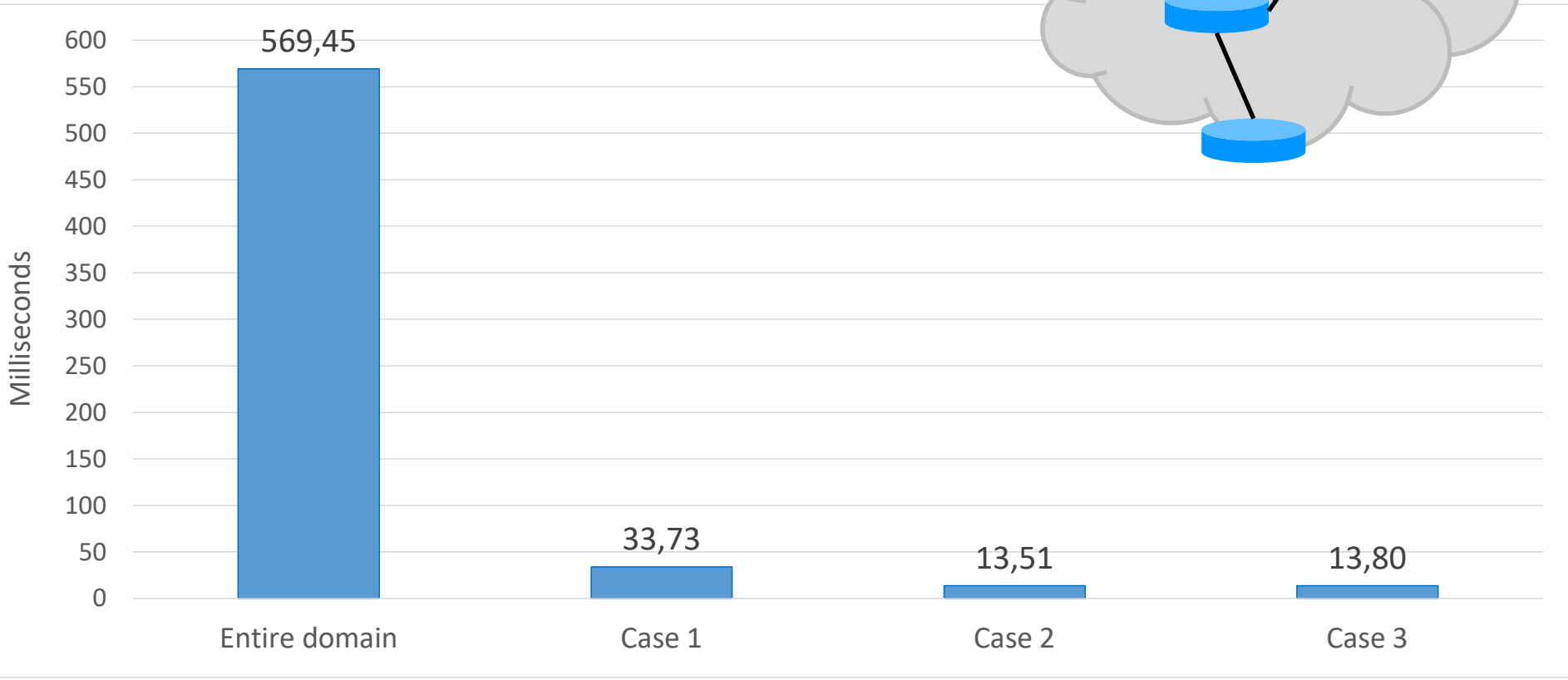
- OLV-OpenFlow
  - replaces the Type Length Value (TLV)-based mechanism in OpenFlow with an Offset Length Value (OLV)-based proceeding
- OLV-NOX: OLV-OpenFlow compatible controller
- Blind Network Stack (BNS)
- Emulated by Mininet (Intel Core i5-7200U 2.50 GHz CPU)



Evaluation – Masked Routing Table Entry Setup Times





Evaluation – Masking Setup Times in Blindness Taxonomies 1 & 2

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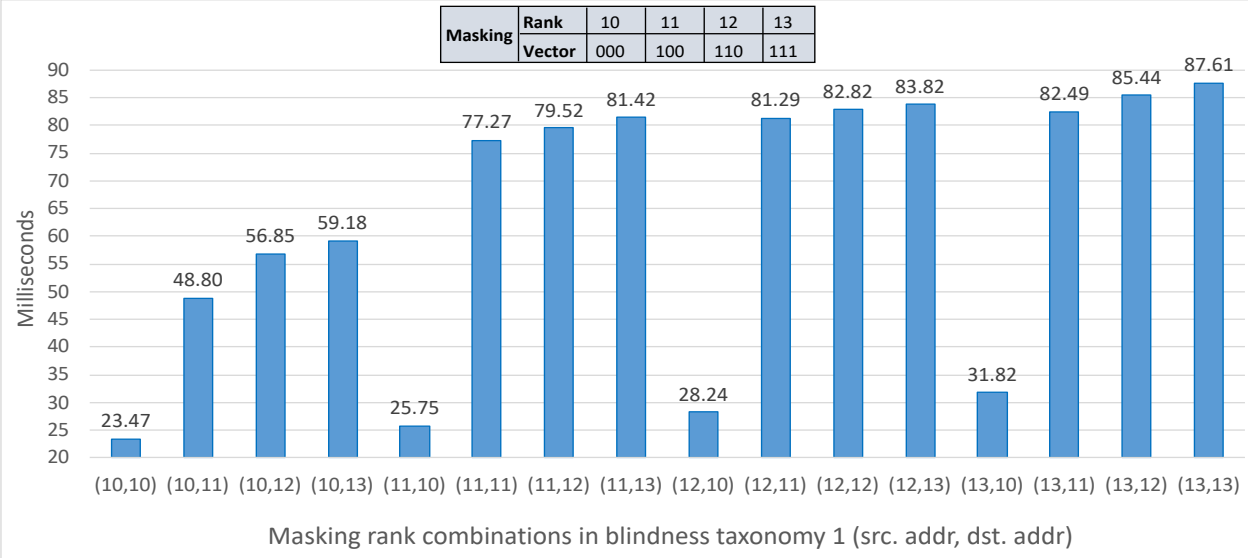
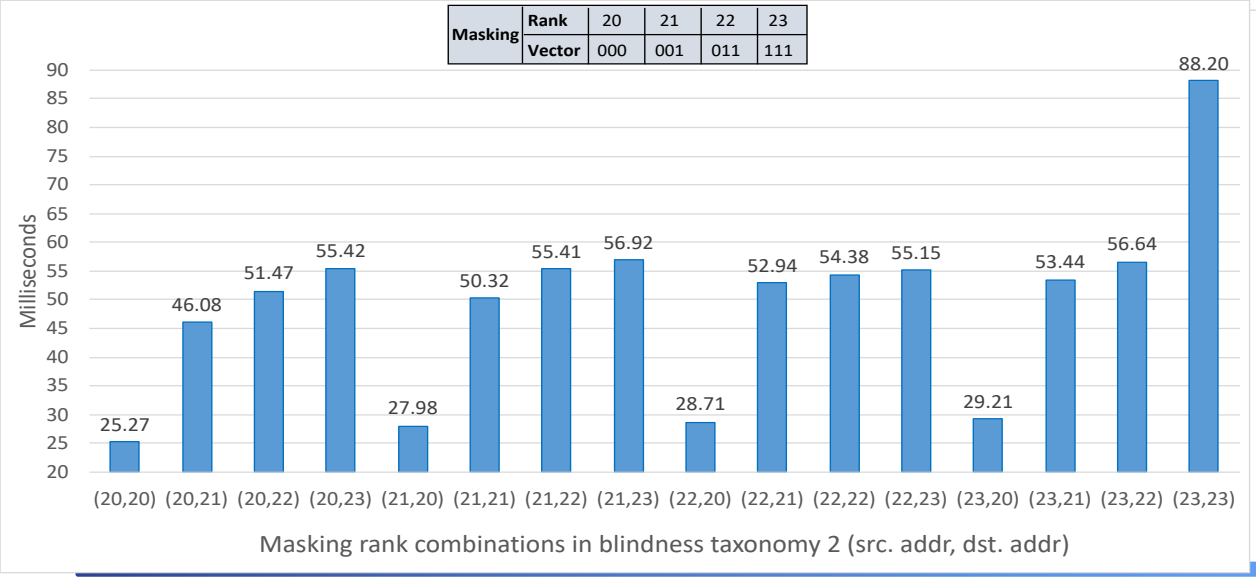


Masking rank combinations in blindness taxonomy 1 (src. addr, dst. addr)



Masking rank combinations in blindness taxonomy 2 (src. addr, dst. addr)

Conclusion

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- Full blindness in a domain needs to set up and maintain masked entries in the entire domain
  - Costly process
- On-Demand BPF provides selective masked routing and full blindness on demand
- Performance

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Questions?