

Architecture of Traffic Engineering module for reconfigurable data-plane routers

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Research Background

- Strict hierarchy³
- Global transit providers
- Regional Providers
- Consumer Networks / Hosting
- New Internet Routing Ecosystem⁴⁻⁵
- Content Providers build own global backbone
- “Flattening” of the Internet
 - Innovation in new designs for Traffic Engineering

| World Regions | Population (2019 Est.) | Population % of World | Internet Users (25 Mar 2019) |
|---------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| Africa | 1,320,038,716 | 17.0 % | 474,111,000 |
| Asia | 4,219,790,790 | 54.7 % | 2,190,910,000 |
| Europe | 866,433,007 | 11.2 % | 718,111,000 |
| Latin America / Caribbean | 558,355,326 | 8.5 % | 438,240,000 |
| Middle East | 258,356,867 | 3.3 % | 170,000,000 |
| North America | 366,496,802 | 4.7 % | 326,500,000 |
| Oceania / Australia | 44,839,201 | 0.5 % | 28,400,000 |
| WORLD TOTAL | 7,753,482,209 | 100.0 % | 4,346,500,000 |

Figure 1. World Internet Usage¹

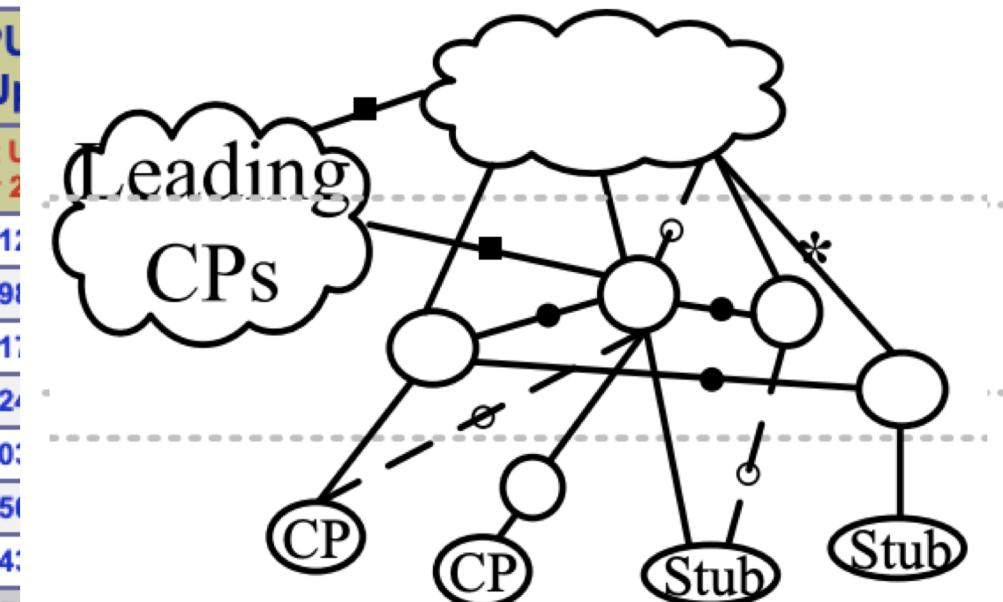


Figure 2. Internet Topology²

Research Problem

■ Border Gateway Protocol - BGP

- Routing based on network prefix
- No application awareness ⁶
- Internet Giants own backbone ⁷

■ Alternatives

- Complex to deploy ⁸
- Modified BGP versions ⁹
 - Do not scale
- Bypass BGP peering agreements

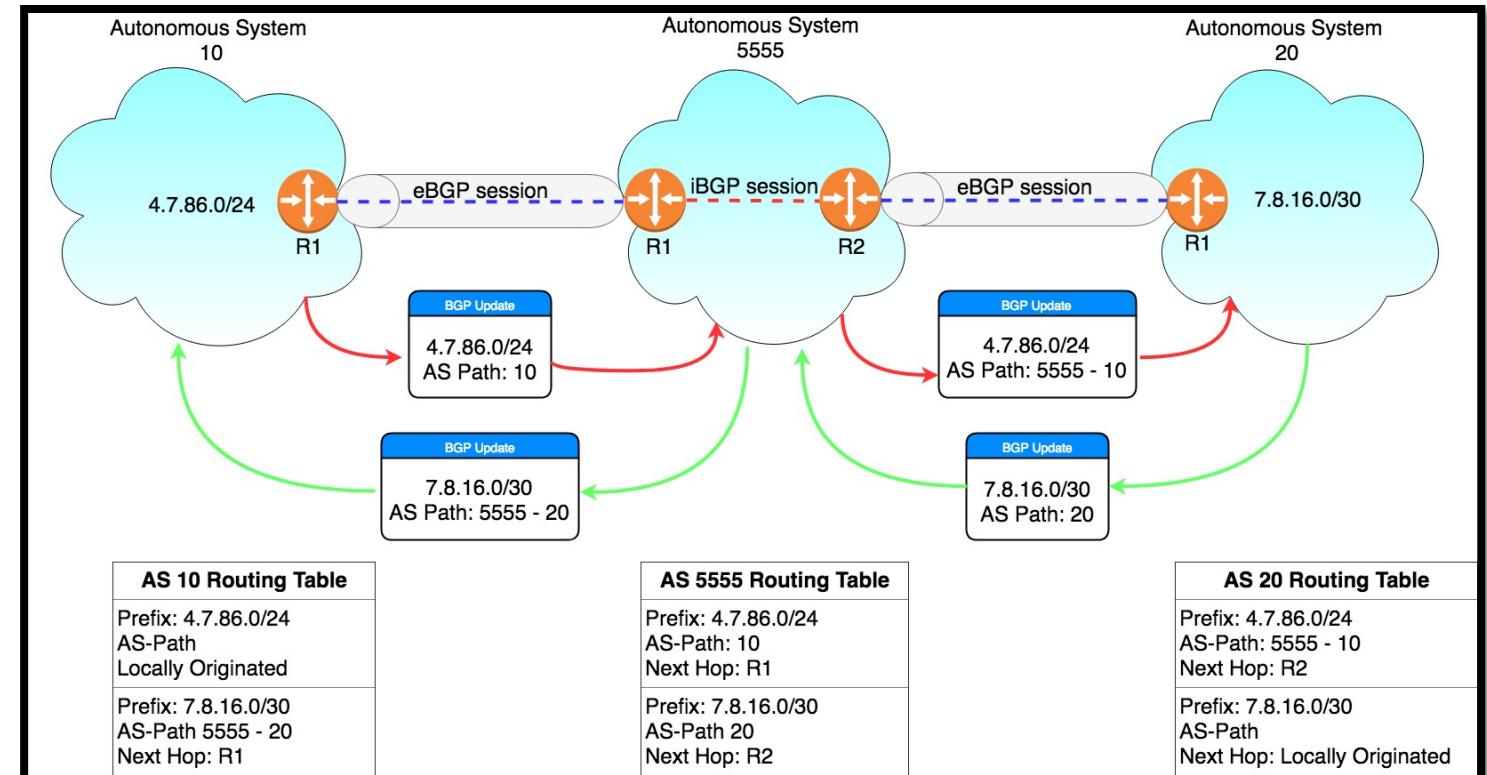


Figure 3. Inter-domain BGP route sharing

Research Question

How can we route inter-domain traffic considering the application layer information without bypassing BGP routing policies?

- Which Interdomain Traffic Engineering guidelines must be considered?
- Which services can benefit from such routing feature? How?

Research Proposal

- Leverage Software Defined Technologies ¹⁰
 - Control plane - forwarding plane separation
 - Centralized Control
- Forwarding plane configuration
 - OpenFlow
 - P4Runtime
- Network Programmability

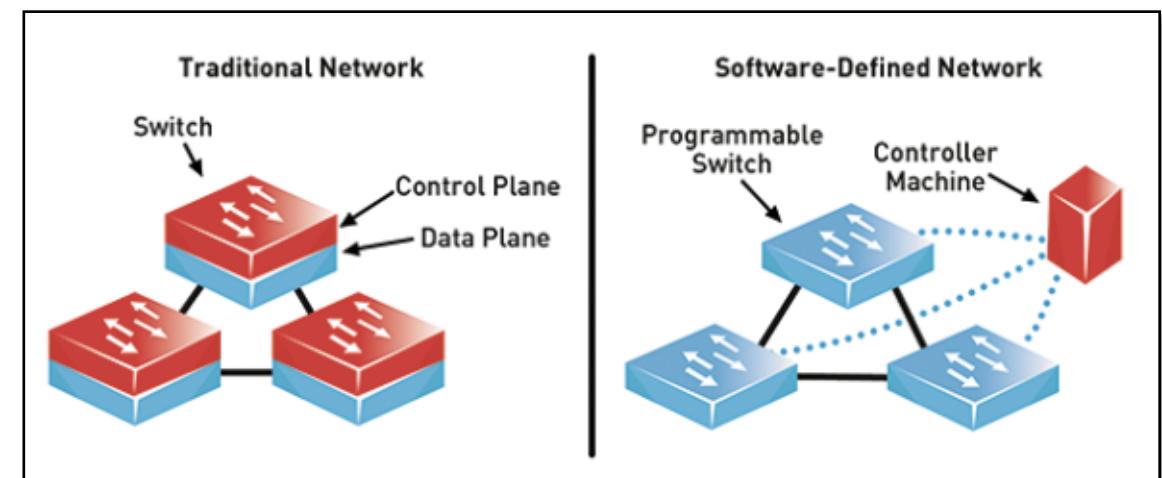


Figure 5. Traditional vs. Software defined network ¹¹

Traffic Engineering Module

Routing decision and forwarding process are decoupled.

- Software Defined Network
 - BGP Function Virtualization
 - Traffic Engineering Module

Packet Forwarding criteria

- Persist in the data plane
- “Line-rate” forwarding decision
 - Minimum query to the routing table

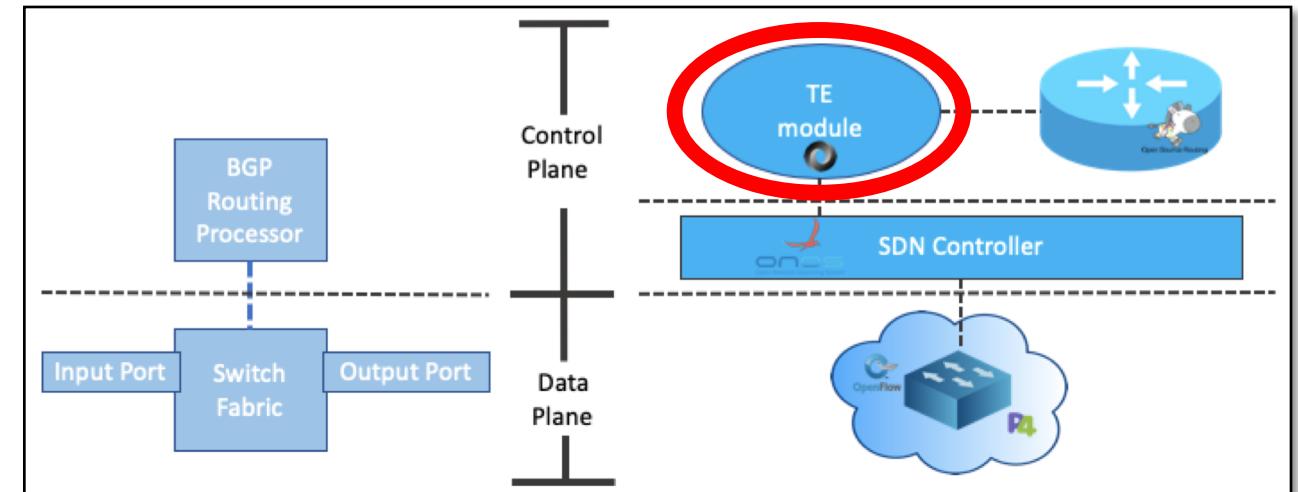


Figure 6. Traditional vs. proposed routing model

TE Module - Components and Interfaces

- BGP Aware!

- iBGP peering with SDN-Controller

- REST API

- Override BGP flows with higher priority flows

| Flows for Device of:0000000000000000a1 (30 Total) | | | | | | | |
|---|---------|----------|---------------|------------|---|---|-------------|
| STATE | PACKETS | DURATION | FLOW PRIORITY | TABLE NAME | SELECTOR | TREATMENT | APP NAME |
| Added | 0 | 3,335 | 220 | 0 | IN_PORT:2, ETH_TYPE:ipv4, IPV4_DST:192.168.3.0/24 | imm[ETH_DST:00:00:00:00:03:01, OUTPUT:3], cleared:false | *net.intent |
| Added | 0 | 3,337 | 1000 | 0 | IP_PROTO:1, IPV4_SRC:10.0.3.1/32, IPV4_DST:10.0.3.101/32 | imm[OUTPUT:4], cleared:false | *net.intent |
| Added | 2,209 | 3,337 | 1000 | 0 | IP_PROTO:6, IPV4_SRC:10.0.1.101/32, IPV4_DST:10.0.1.1/32, TCP_DST:179 | imm[OUTPUT:1], cleared:false | *net.intent |
| Added | 0 | 3,337 | 1000 | 0 | IP_PROTO:1, IPV4_SRC:10.0.1.101/32, IPV4_DST:10.0.1.1/32 | imm[OUTPUT:1], cleared:false | *net.intent |
| Added | 1,837 | 3,337 | 1000 | 0 | IN_PORT:4, ETH_TYPE:ipv4, IP_PROTO:6, IPV4_SRC:10.0.2.101/32, IPV4_DST:10.0.2.1/32, TCP_DST:179 | imm[OUTPUT:2], cleared:false | *net.intent |
| Added | 0 | 207 | 4000 | 0 | ETH_TYPE:ipv4, IP_PROTO:6, TCP_DST:2000 | imm[ETH_DST:00:00:00:00:03:01, OUTPUT:3], cleared:false | TE_Module |

Figure 8. Flow Table

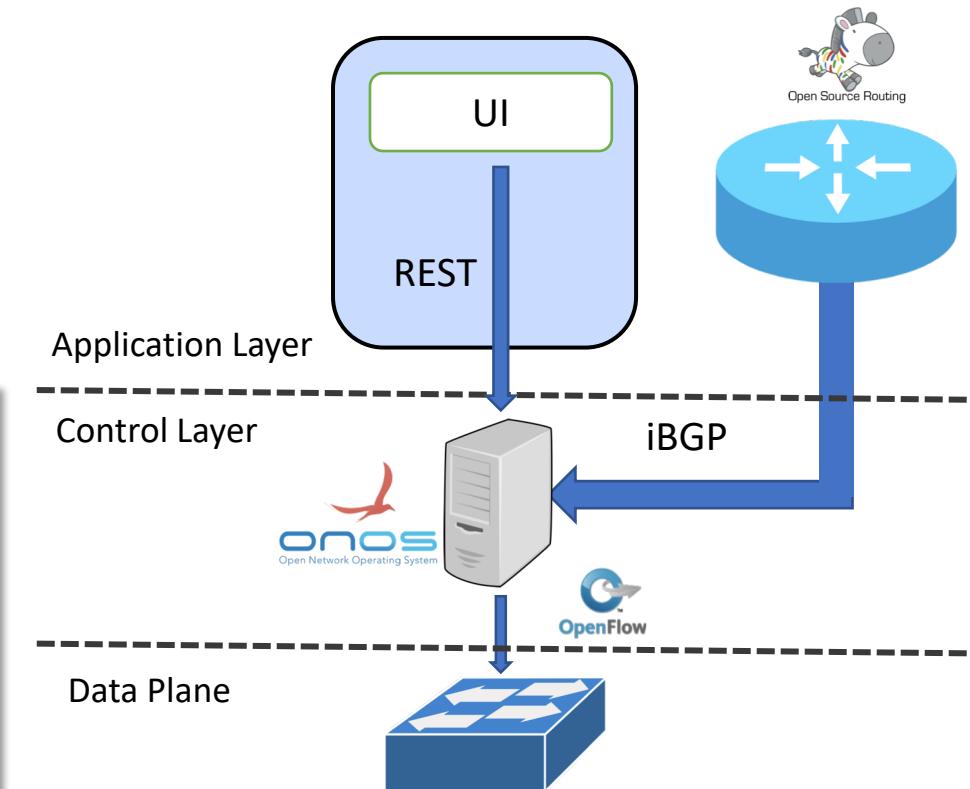


Figure 7. Traffic Engineering Module

Traffic Engineering Guidelines

- BGP peering agreements
 - Routing table updates
 - Incorrect installation of rules
 - Consider valid and best routes
- Learn entire BGP table!
 - Use all valid next hops

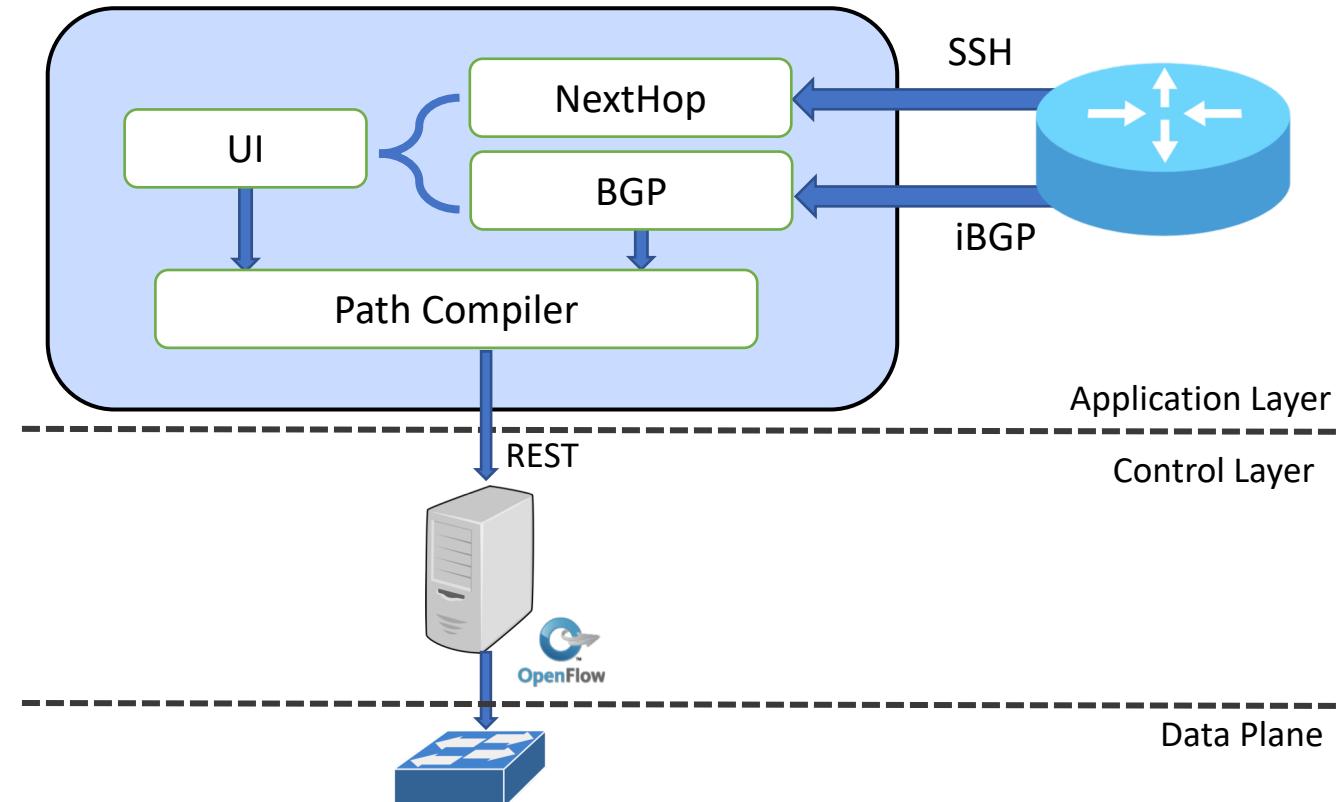


Figure 9. Traffic Engineering Module

Application Specific Peering/SD-WAN

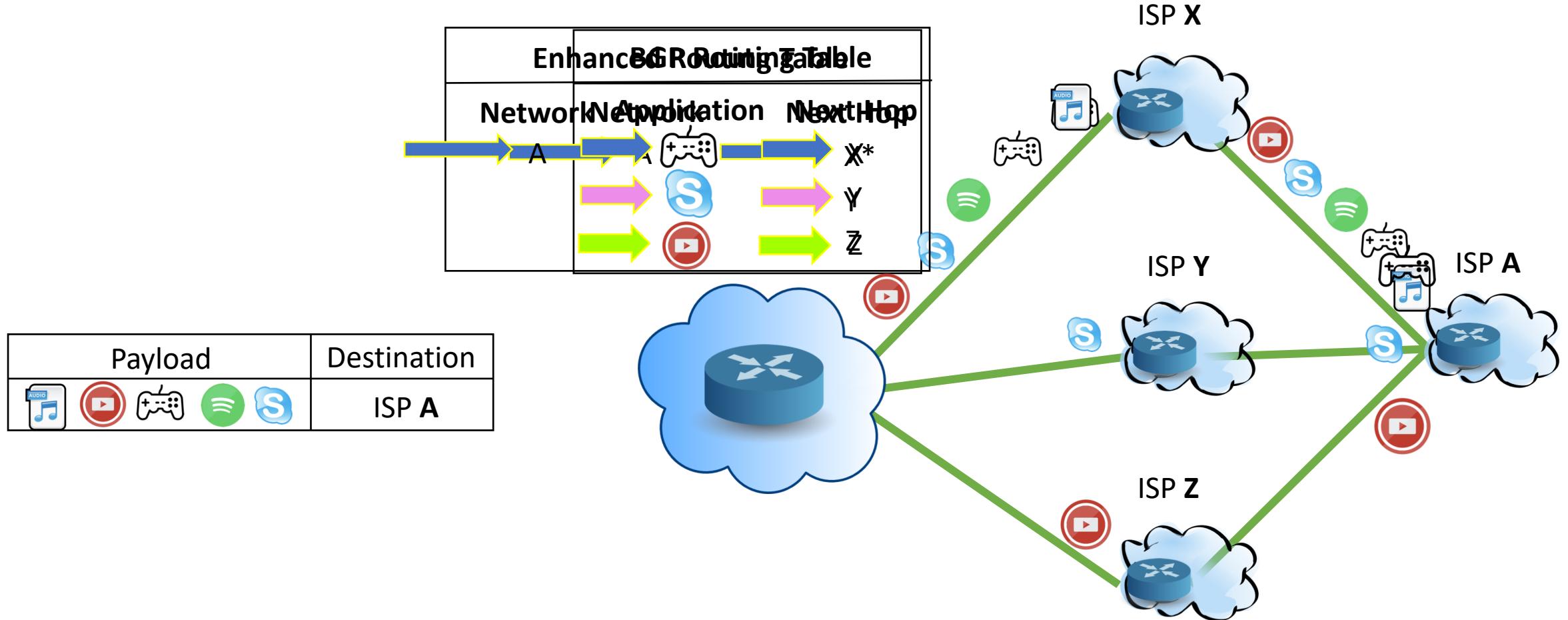


Figure 10. Application Specific Peering

Future Works

- Traffic Engineering Module
 - Link Congestion
 - Other guidelines for the routing decision
 - Upgraded link capacity
 - BGP parameters
 - Popular destinations
 - Traffic volumes
 - Interface with ML/Firewall classification technique
 - Knowledge-Based Network
- Deploy over Pragma-ENT
- Deploy over P4 compatible dataplane

Takeaways

- BGP does not provide mechanisms for traffic engineering considering specific applications.
- SDN allows to decouple the BGP routing decision from the forwarding process.
 - Packet Forwarding criteria persist in the data plane.
- Application specific peering is possible matching the TCP/UDP port number of packet header in data plane match-action tables.

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