

EN.601.414/614

Computer Networks

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<https://github.com/xinjin/course-net>

Assignments

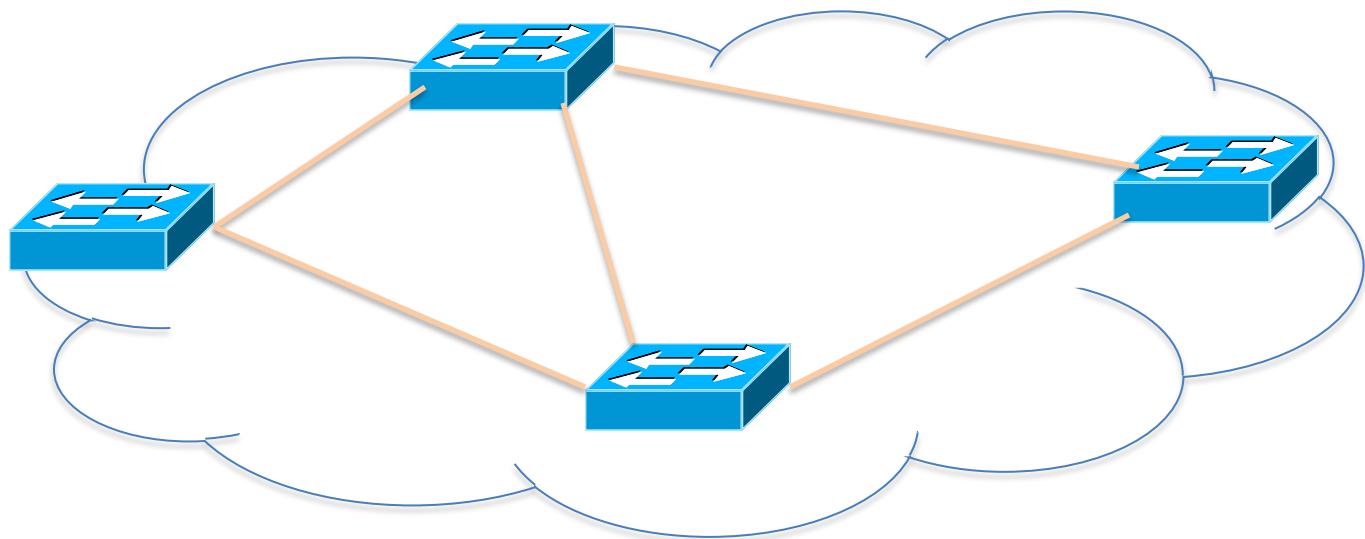
- **The grades for assignment 3 are out**
 - Average: 9.45, median: 10.0, std dev: 1.8
 - Great job!
- **Assignment 4 is due next Tuesday**
 - Keep going

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Traditional Computer Networks

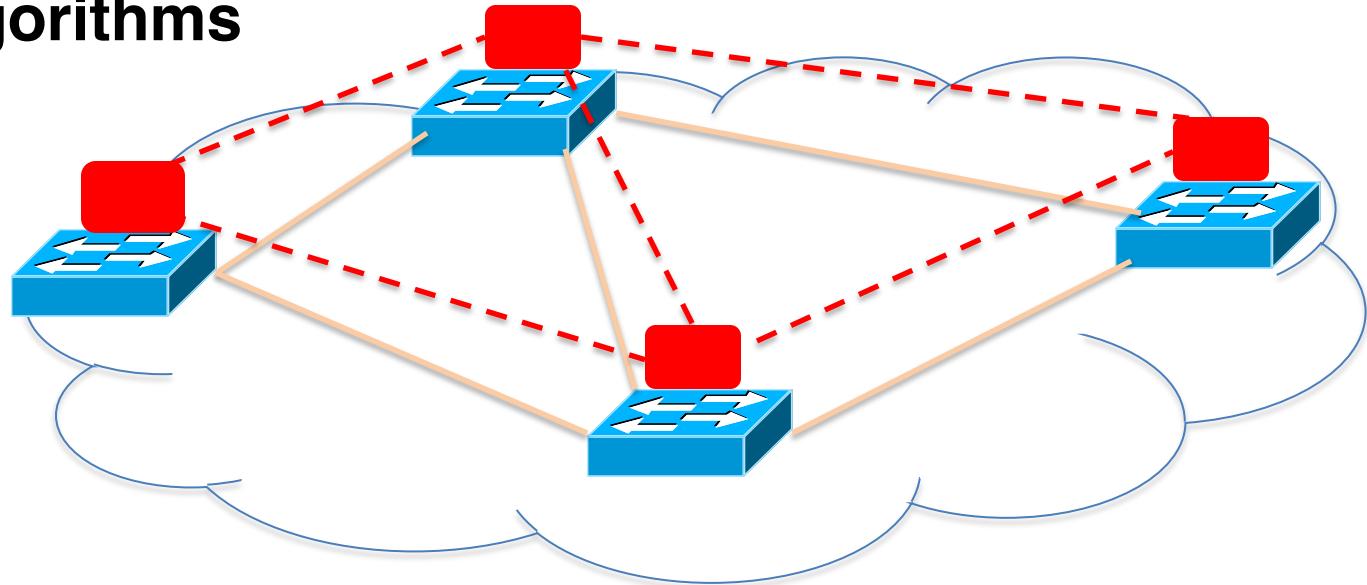
Data plane:
Packet
processing



**Forward, filter, buffer, mark,
rate-limit, and measure packets**

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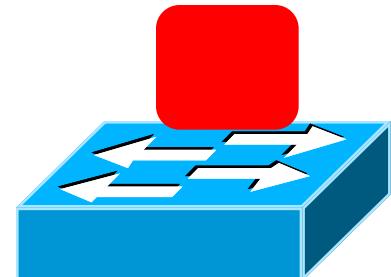
Control plane:
Distributed algorithms



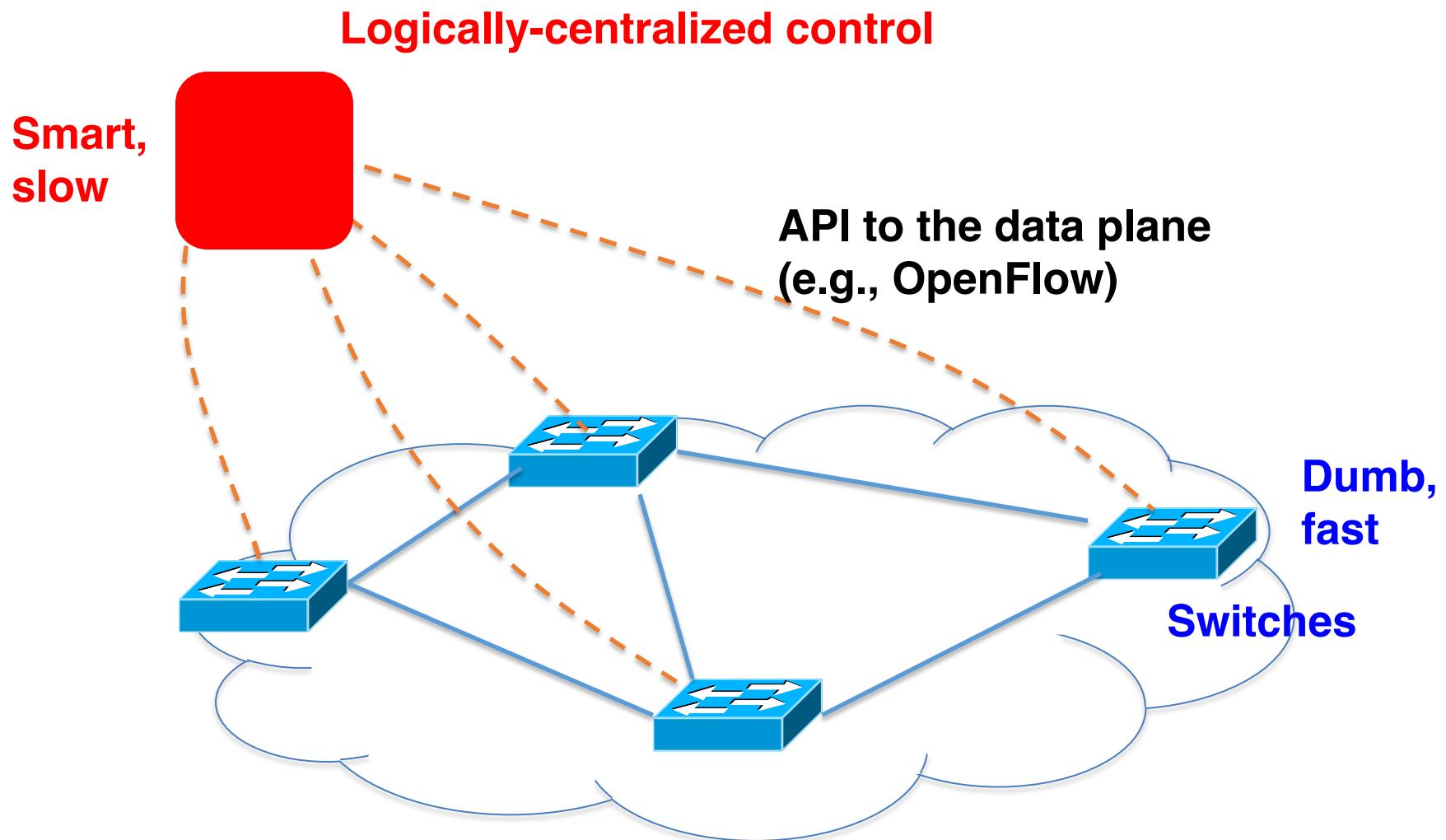
**Track topology changes, compute
routes, install forwarding rules**

The Call for a Change

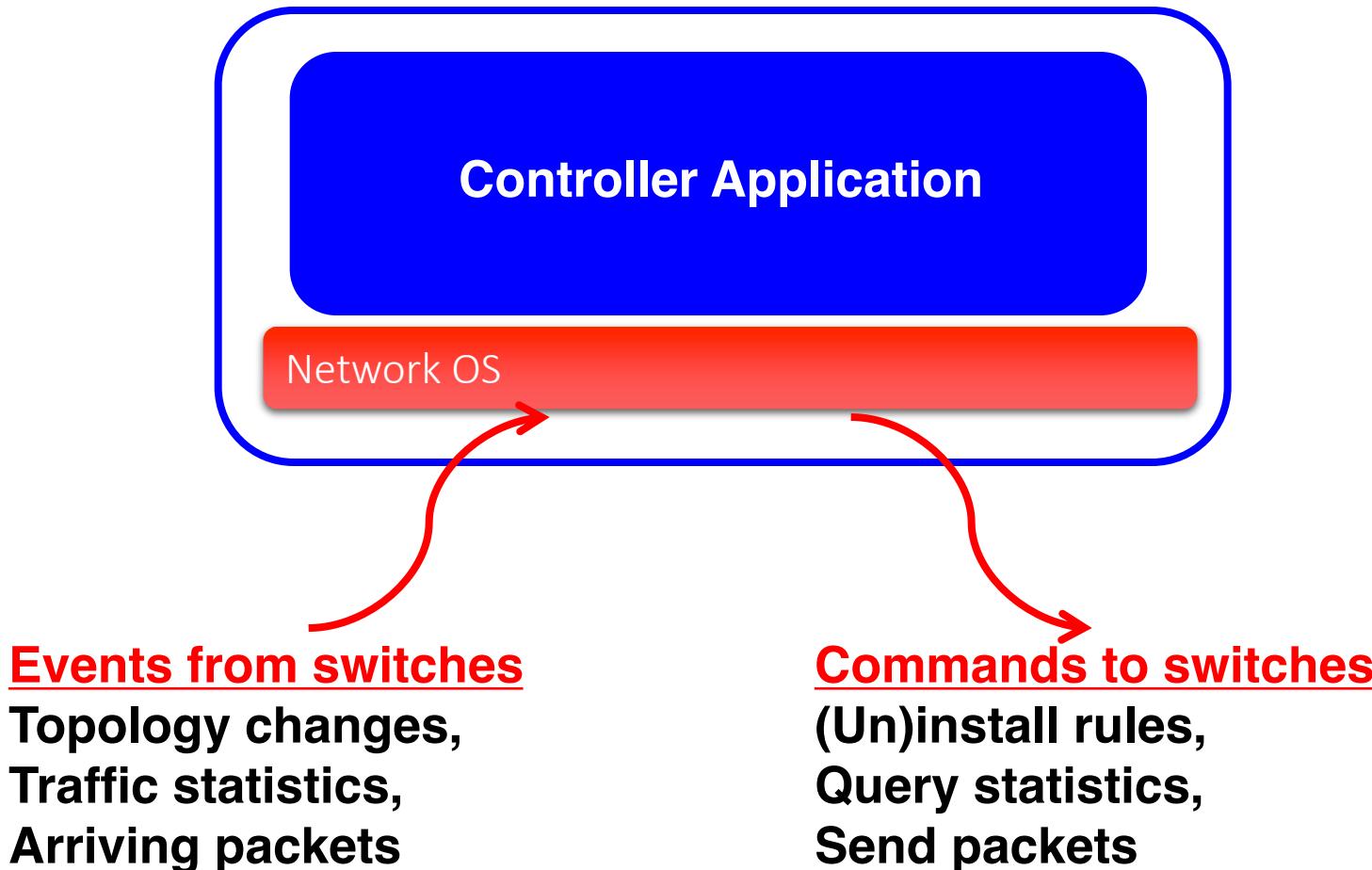
- **Simpler management**
 - No need to “invert” control-plane operations
- **Faster pace of innovation**
 - Less dependence on vendors and standards
- **Easier interoperability**
 - Compatibility only in “wire” protocols
- **Simpler, cheaper equipment**
 - Minimal software



Software Defined Networking (SDN)



Controller: Programmability



A Helpful Analogy

From Nick McKeown's talk “Making SDN Work” at
the Open Networking Summit, April 2012

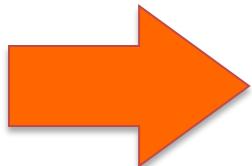
Mainframes

Specialized Applications

Specialized Operating System

Specialized Hardware

**Vertically integrated
Closed, proprietary
Slow innovation
Small industry**



— Open Interface —

Windows (OS)

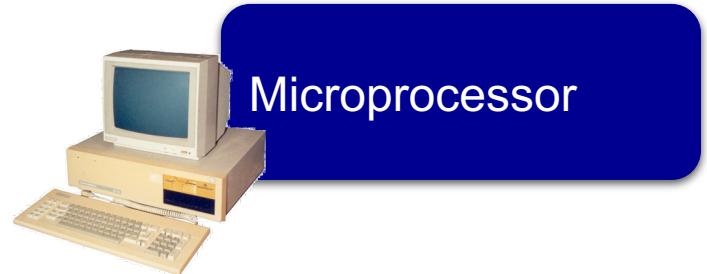
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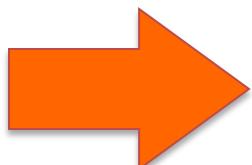
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Mac OS

— Open Interface —



Microprocessor

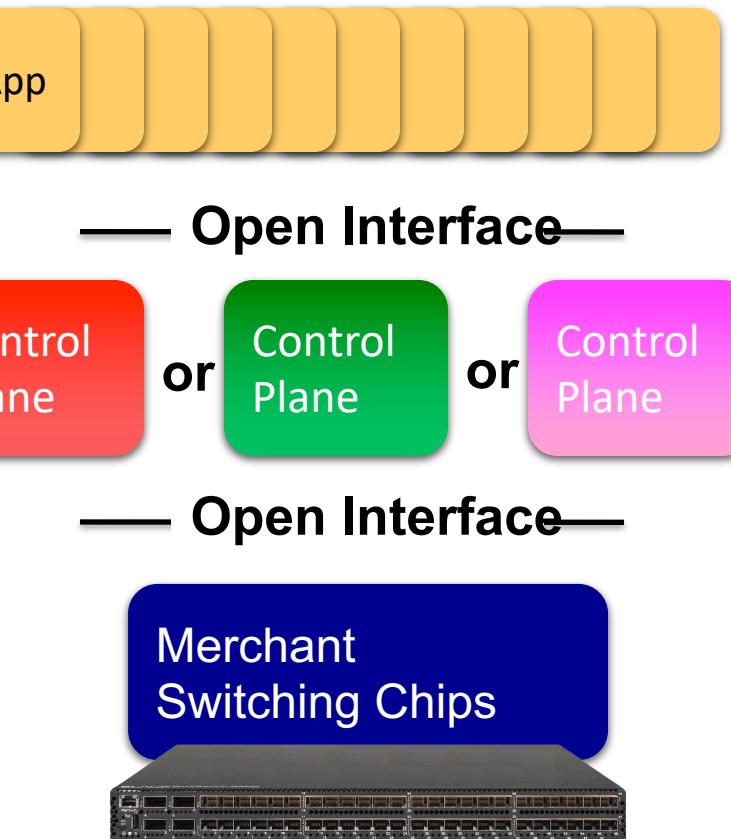


**Horizontal
Open interfaces
Rapid innovation
Huge industry**

Routers/Switches



**Vertically integrated
Closed, proprietary
Slow innovation**

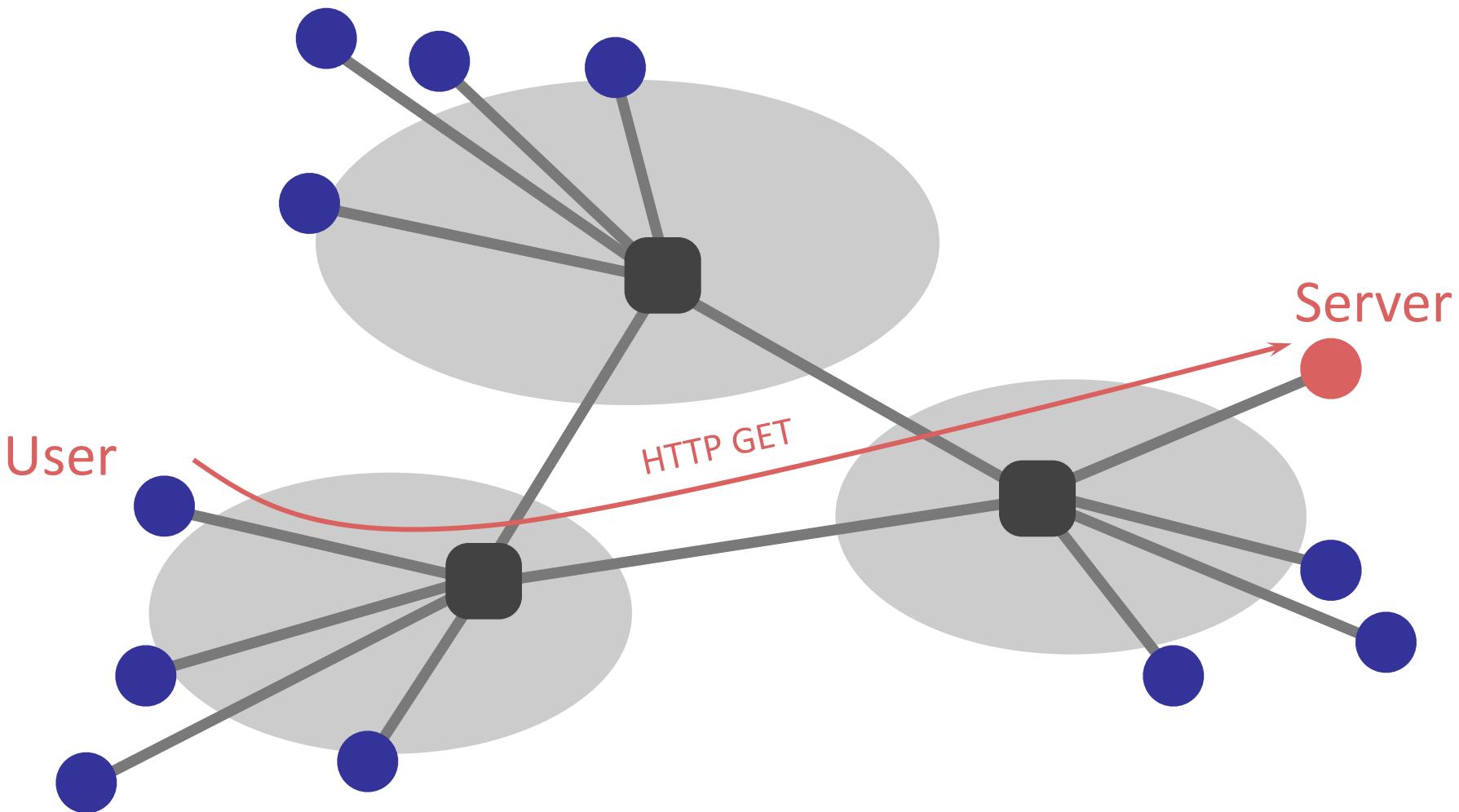


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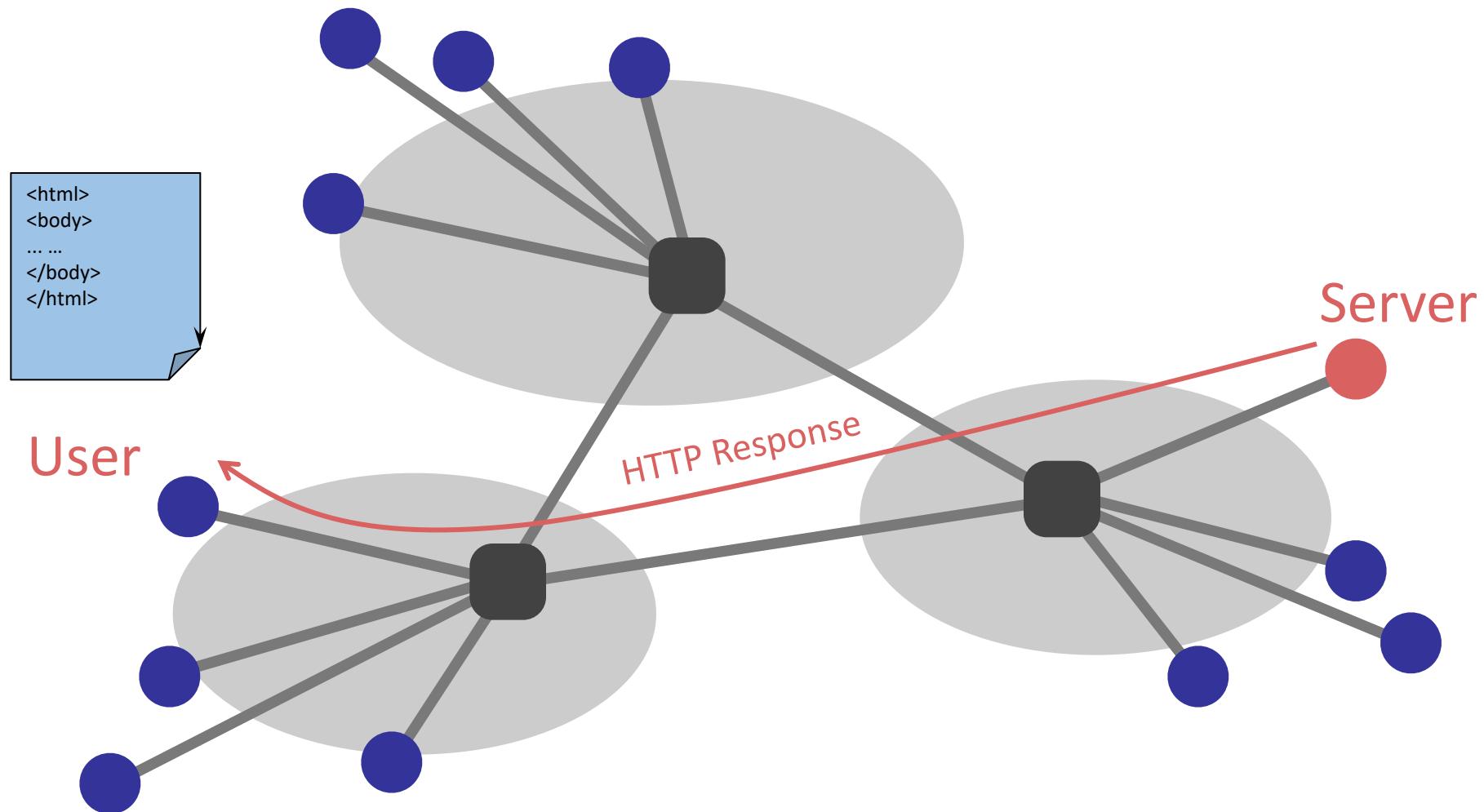
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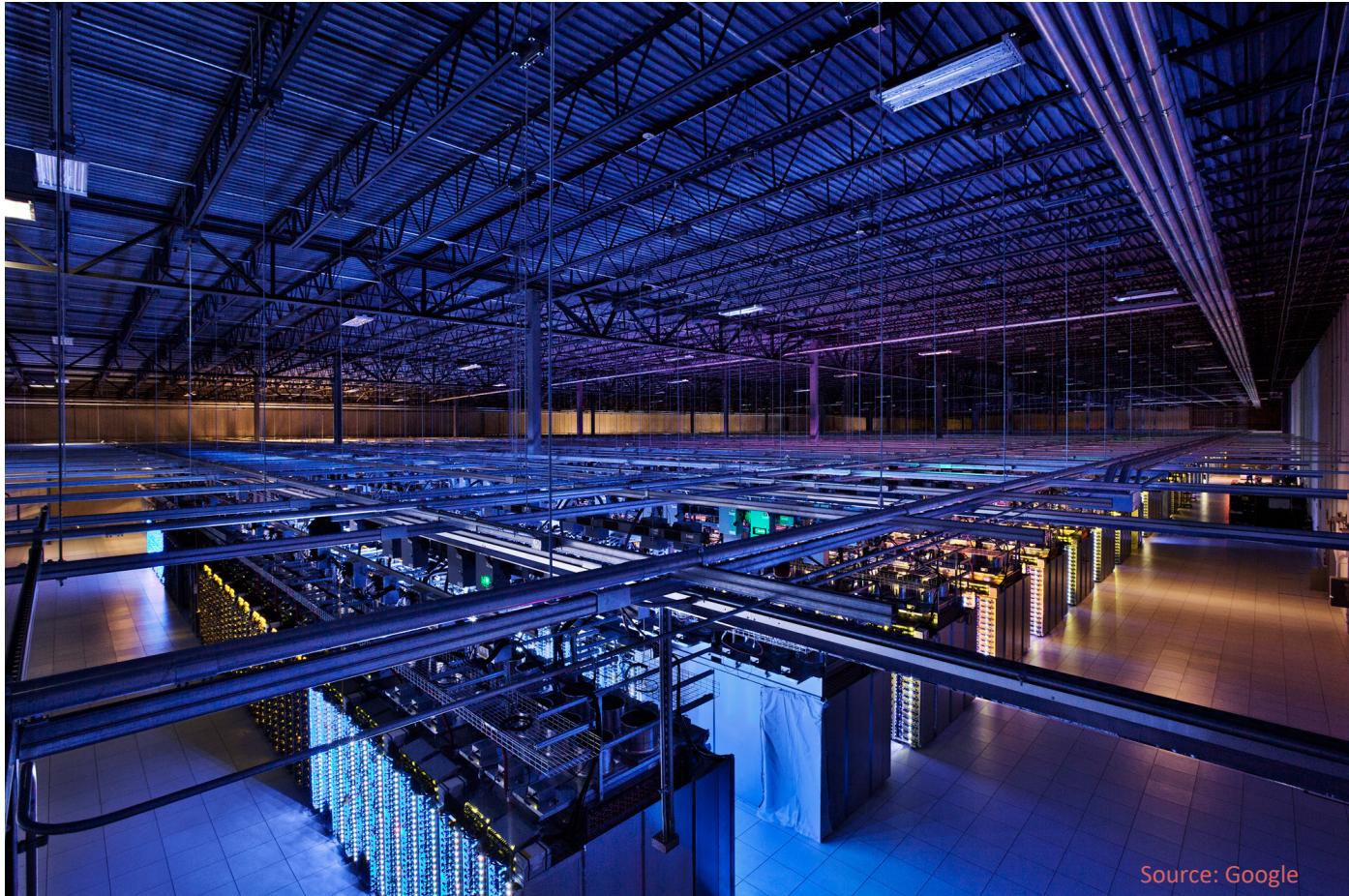
Datacenters



Source: Google

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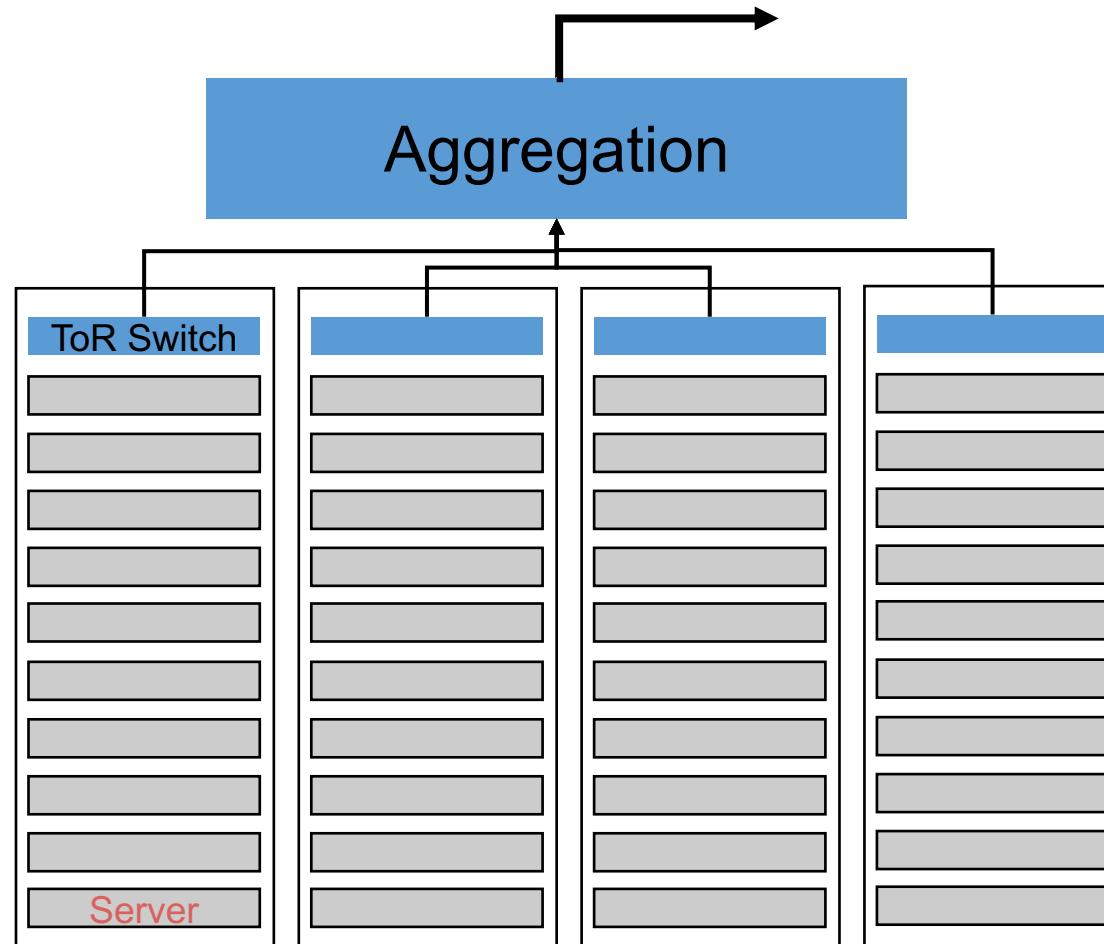
Datacenter networks

- **Tens to hundreds of thousands of hosts, often closely coupled, in close proximity:**
 - E-commerce (e.g., Amazon)
 - Content servers (e.g., Netflix, YouTube, Apple, Microsoft)
 - Search engines, data mining (e.g., Google)
 - Social networks (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, Instagram)
- **Challenges:**
 - Multiple applications, each serving massive numbers of clients

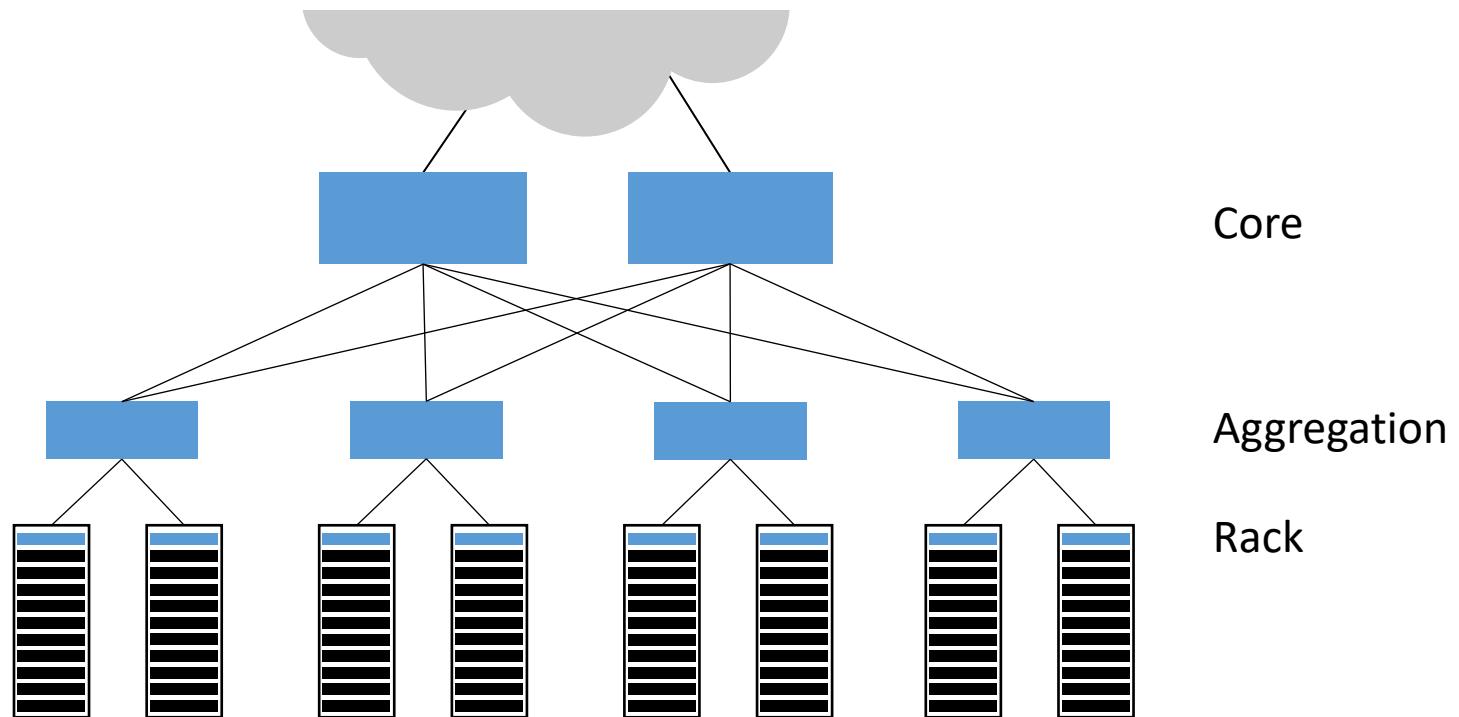
How big exactly?

- 1M servers/site [Microsoft/Amazon/Google]
- > \$1B to build one site [Facebook]
- >\$20M/month/site operational costs [MS'09]
- End-user spending on global data center infrastructure is projected to reach \$200 billion in 2021. [Gartner report]
- But only O(10-100) sites

Datacenter networks



Datacenter networks (Cont.)



Core

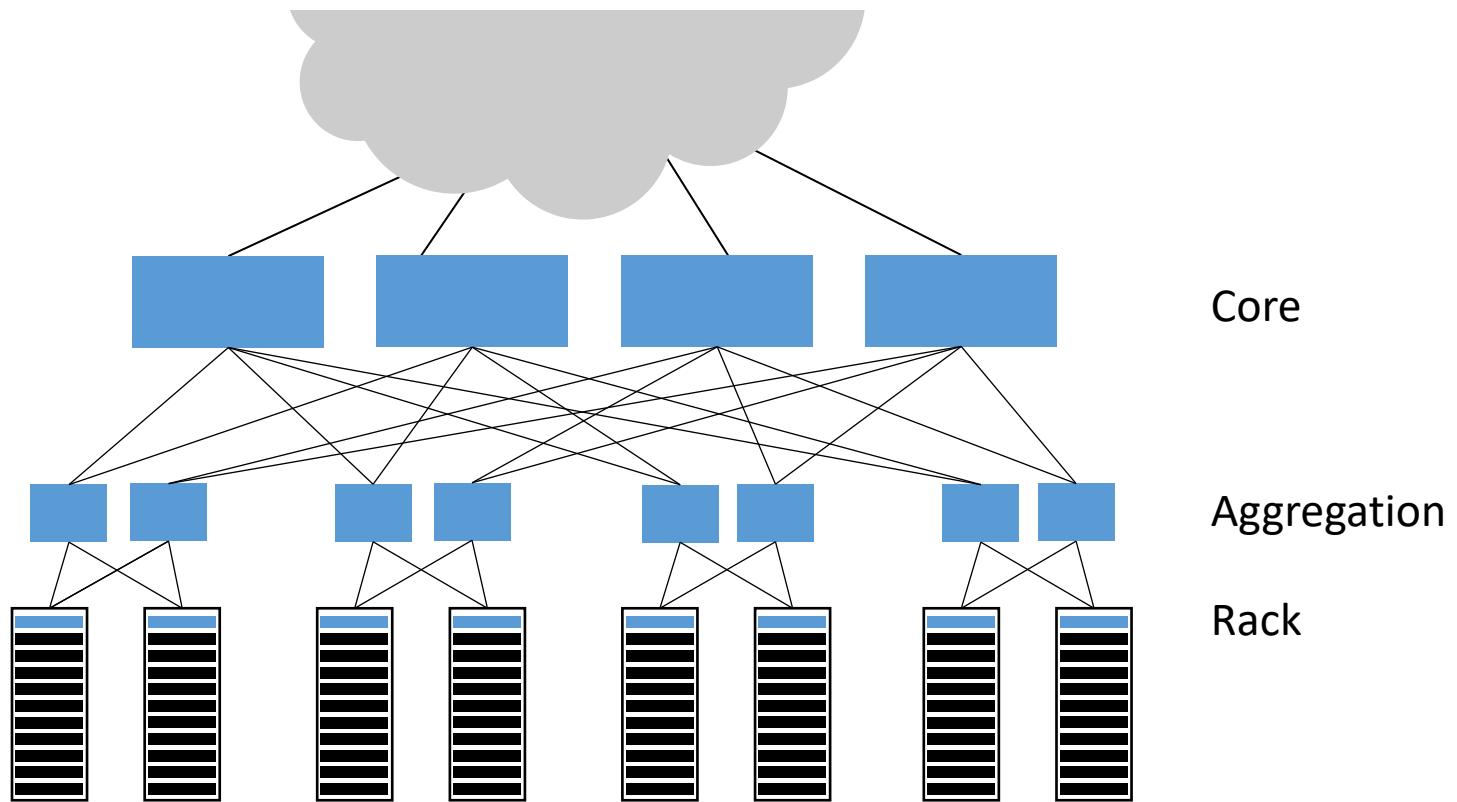
Aggregation

Rack

Challenges

- **Not enough bandwidth**
 - **Oversubscription**: Less bandwidth in the ToR-Agg links than all the servers bandwidth in the rack
 - **Oversubscription ratio**: Ratio between bandwidth underneath and bandwidth above
- **Not enough paths between server pairs**
 - Load balancing issues
 - Failure recovery issues

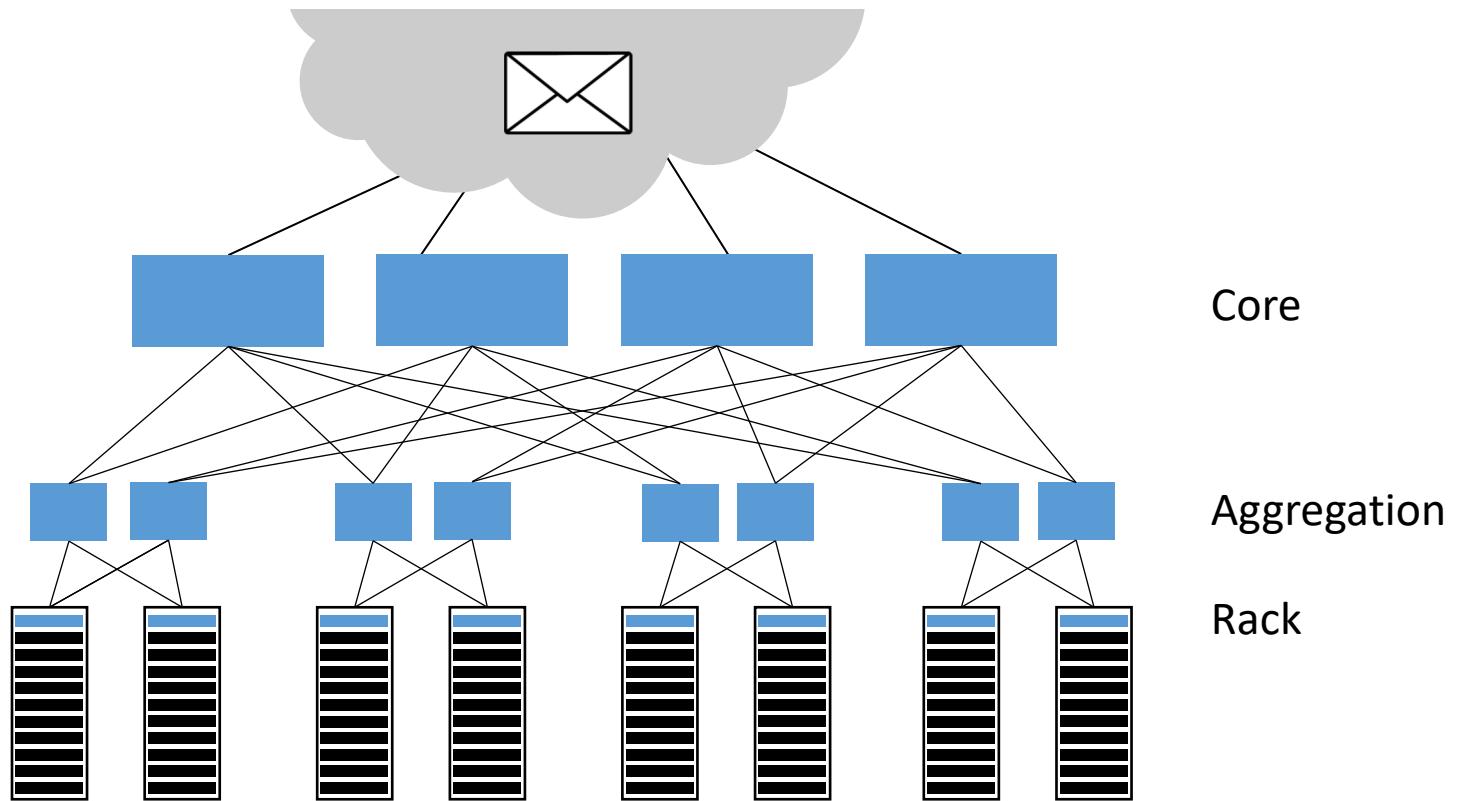
Modern datacenter networks: More bandwidth, more paths



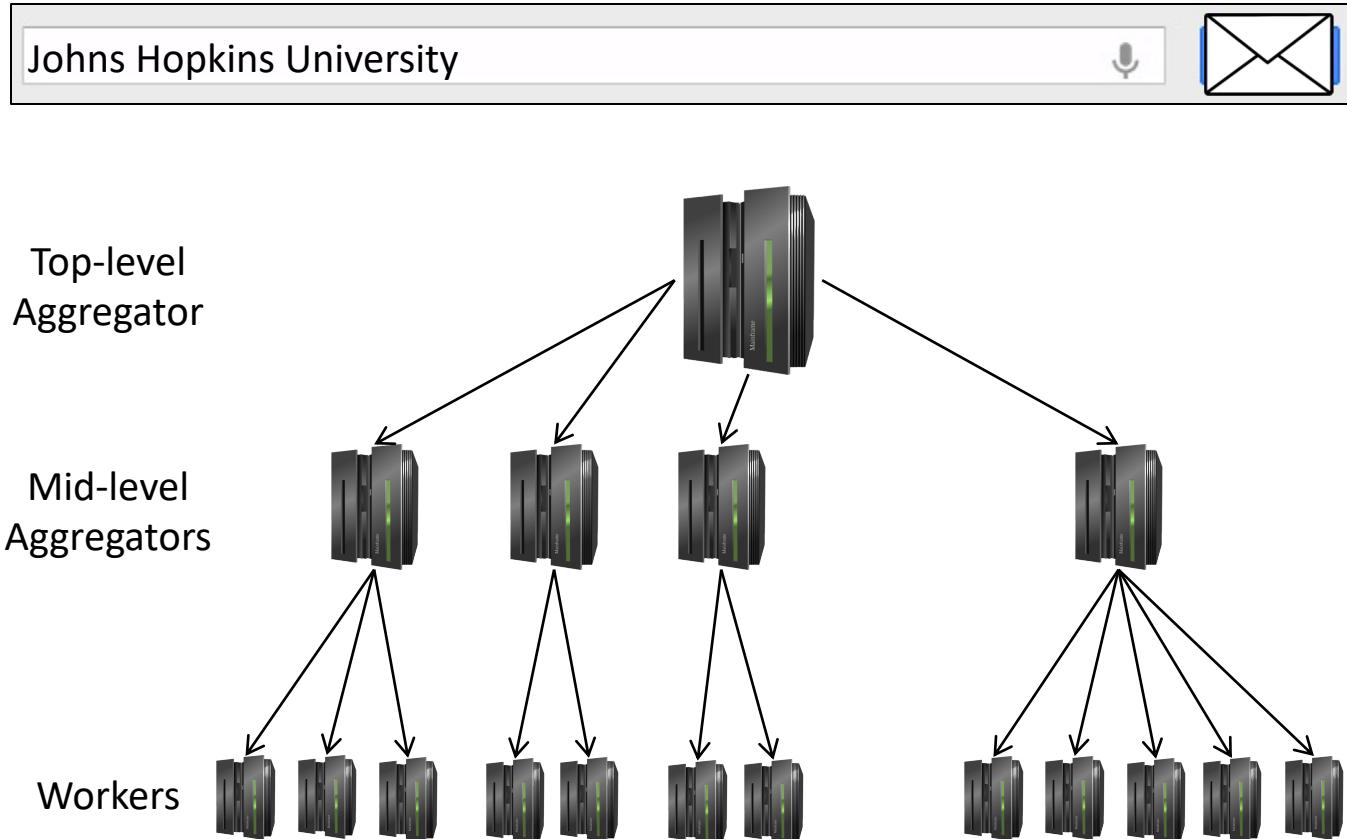
Let's take a Web service



Who's serving Web services?



What happens inside?



Partition-Aggregate traffic

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Address: Baltimore, MD 21218

Acceptance rate: 11.4% (2016)

Undergraduate tuition and fees: 52,170 USD (2017)

Typical ACT scores: 31-34 (2014)

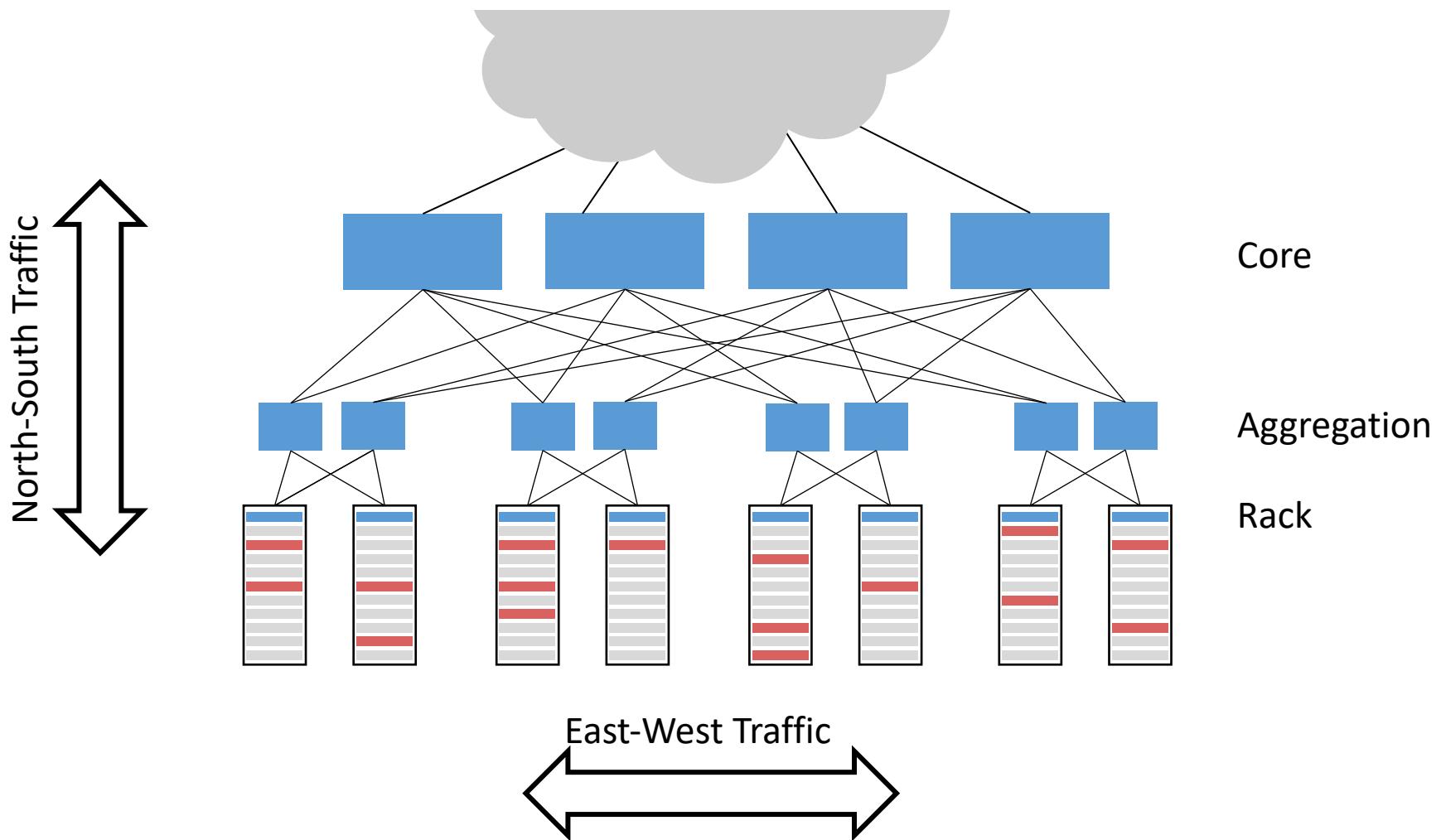
Typical SAT scores: Writing 670-760 (2014), Math 690-770 (2014), Reading 670-740 (2014)

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Partition-Aggregate traffic



End-to-end response time

- **Less than 200 milliseconds between receiving user query in the browser and displaying the results**
 - RTT = O(10) to 100 milliseconds
 - What remains?
- **Next time, when the page is not loading fast enough, think about the poor servers working for you 😊**

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What are we talking about when we talk about network virtualization?

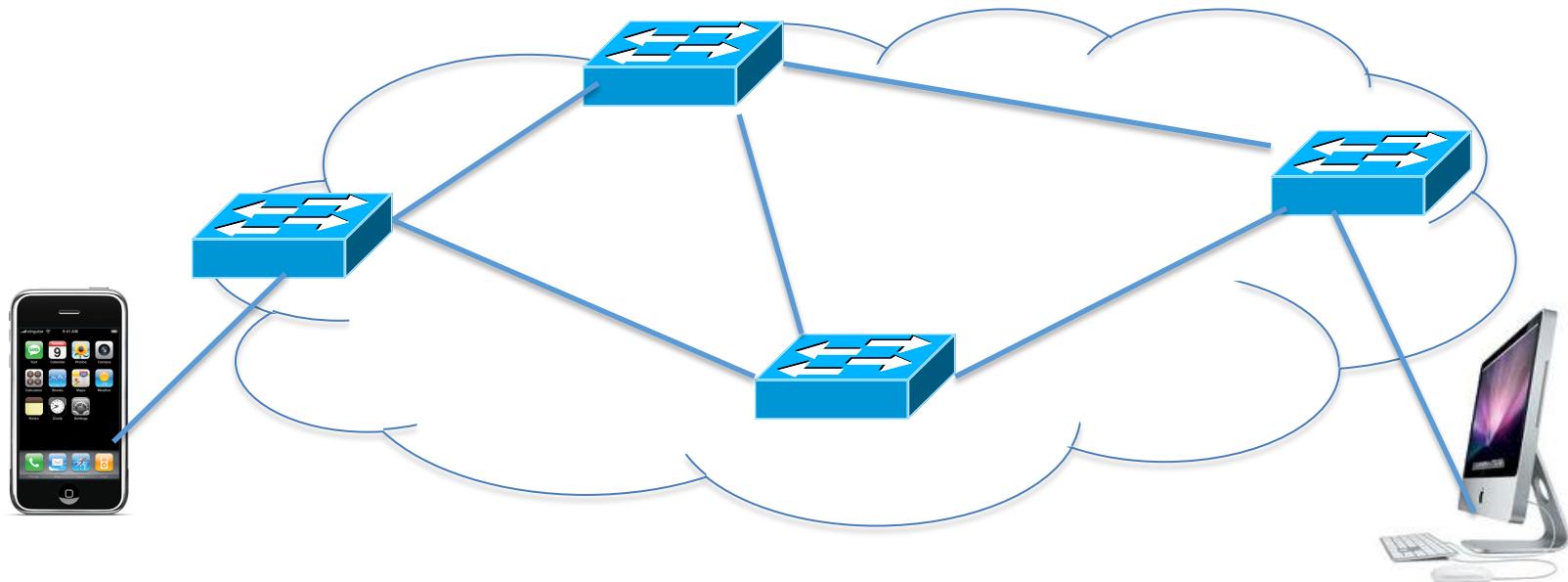
Network Virtualization of the “Network”

Controller #1

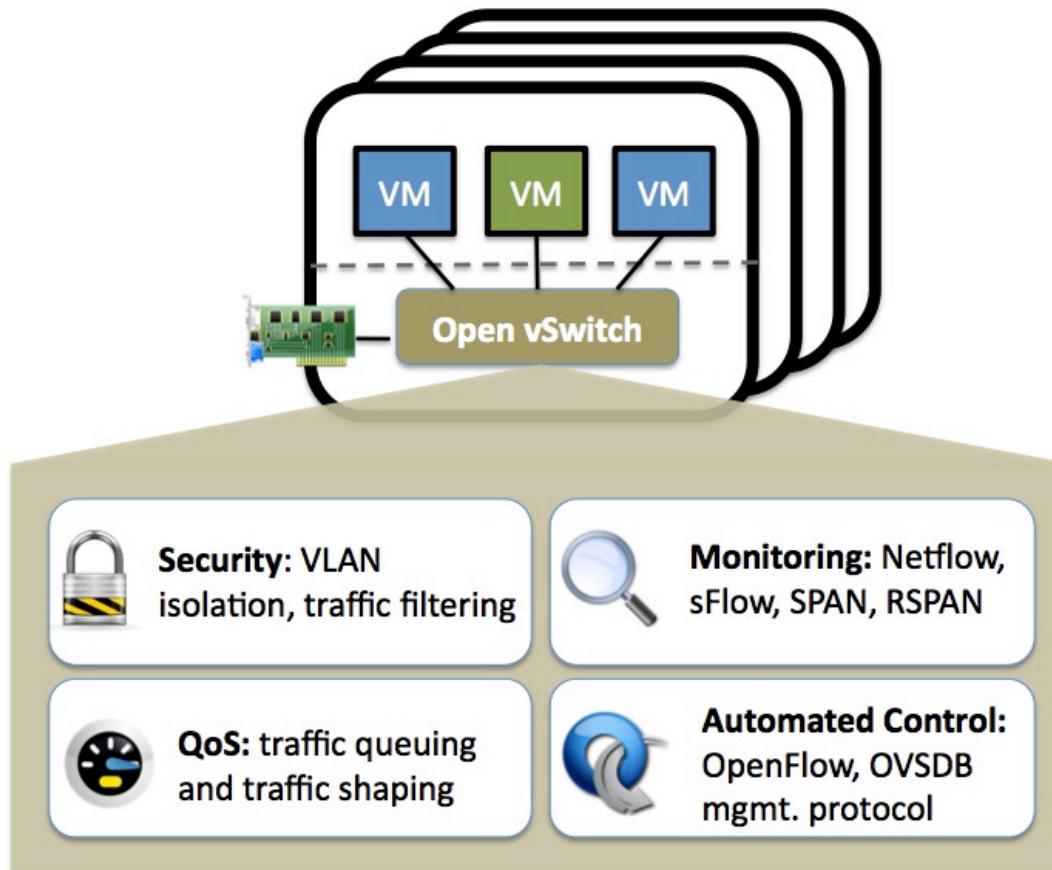
Controller #2

Controller #3

Partition the space of packet headers



Network Virtualization of the “Host”



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Network Testing and Verification

- **What problems to test and verify?**

- Reachability
- Loop
- Blockhole
- Policy: access control, isolation for multi-tenancy

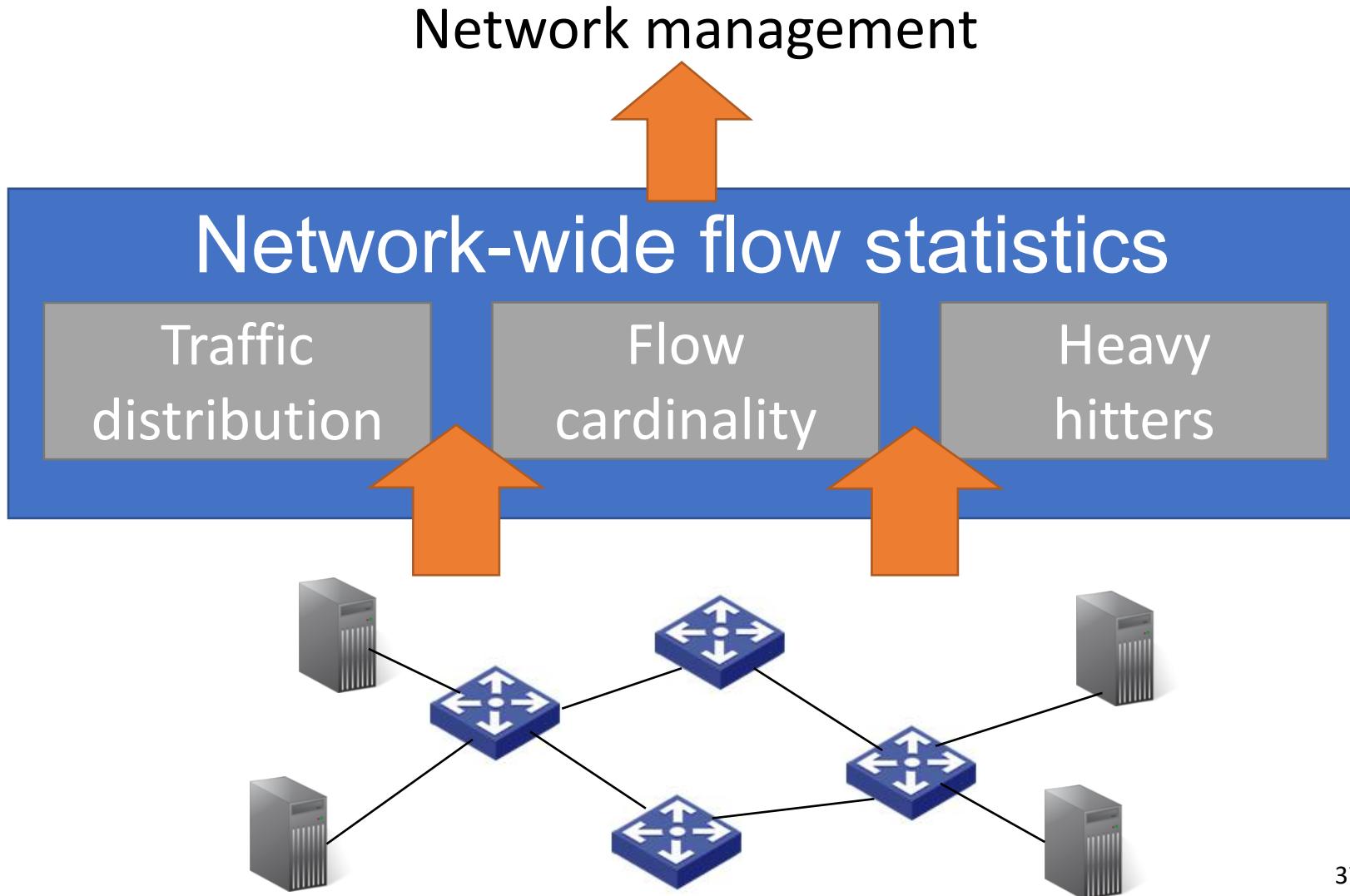
- **How to test and verify?**

- Control plane
 - Analyze switch configuration files
- Data plane
 - Analyze flow tables in switches
 - Passively collect network measurements
 - Actively inject test packets

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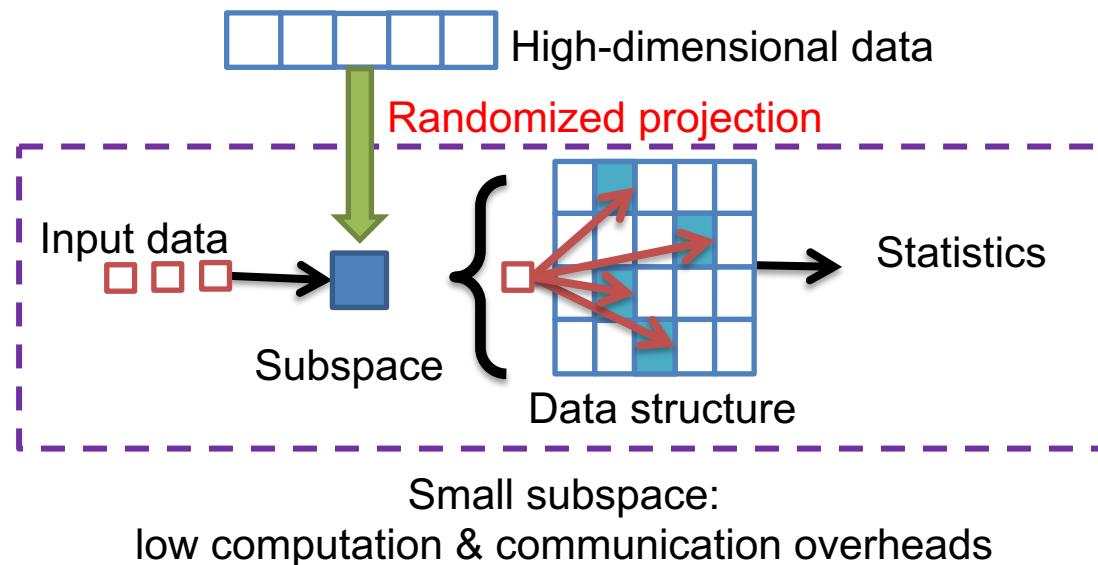
Big Network Data Processing



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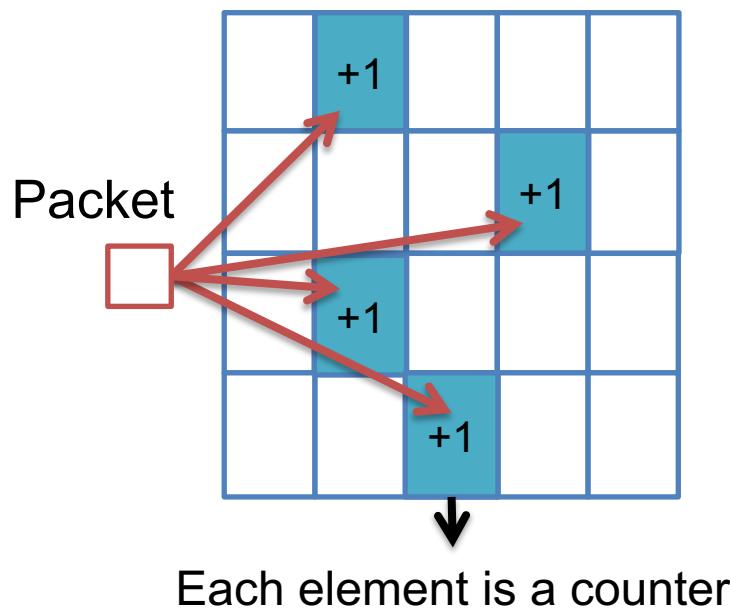
- **Sketch: a promising solution**

- A family of randomized algorithms
- Key idea: project high-dimensional data into small subspace
- Subspace reflects mathematical properties
 - Strong theoretical error bounds when querying for statistics



Big Network Data Processing

- Example: count flow packets with Count-Min sketch



➤ Update with a packet

- Hash flow id to one counter per row
- Increment each selected counter

➤ Query a flow

- Hash the flow to multiple counters
- Take the minimum counter as estimated packet count

➤ Theoretical guarantee

- Allocate $\lceil \log_2 \frac{1}{\delta} \rceil$ rows and $\lceil \frac{U}{\epsilon} \rceil$ counters each row
- The error for a flow is at most ϵ with probability at least $1 - \delta$

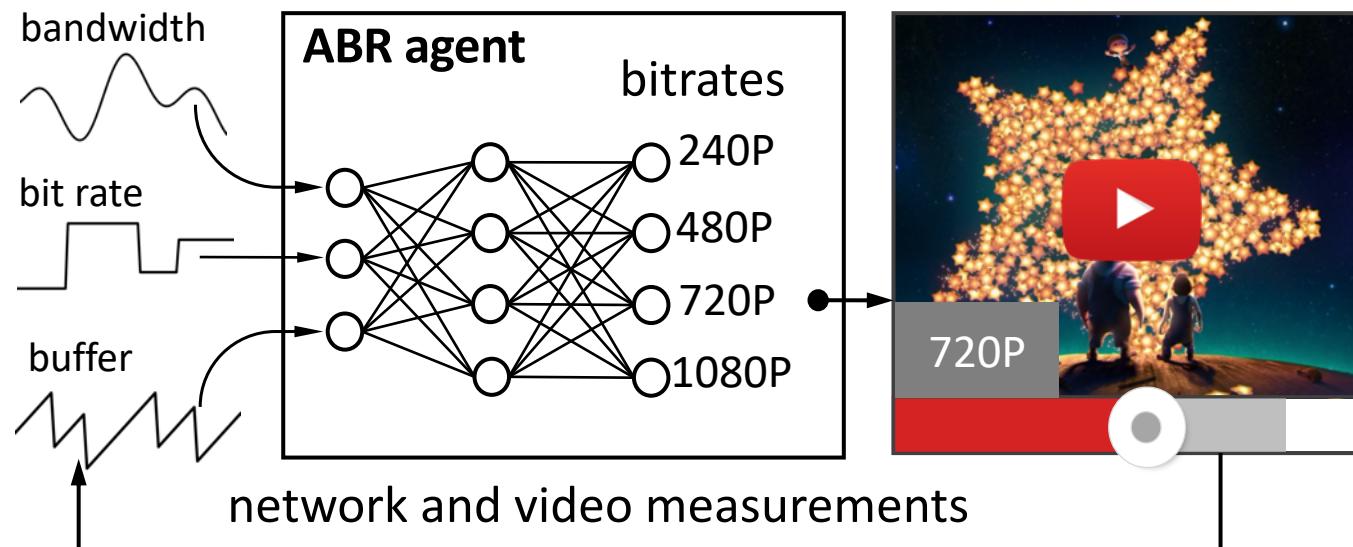
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AI and Networking

- **AI for networking**

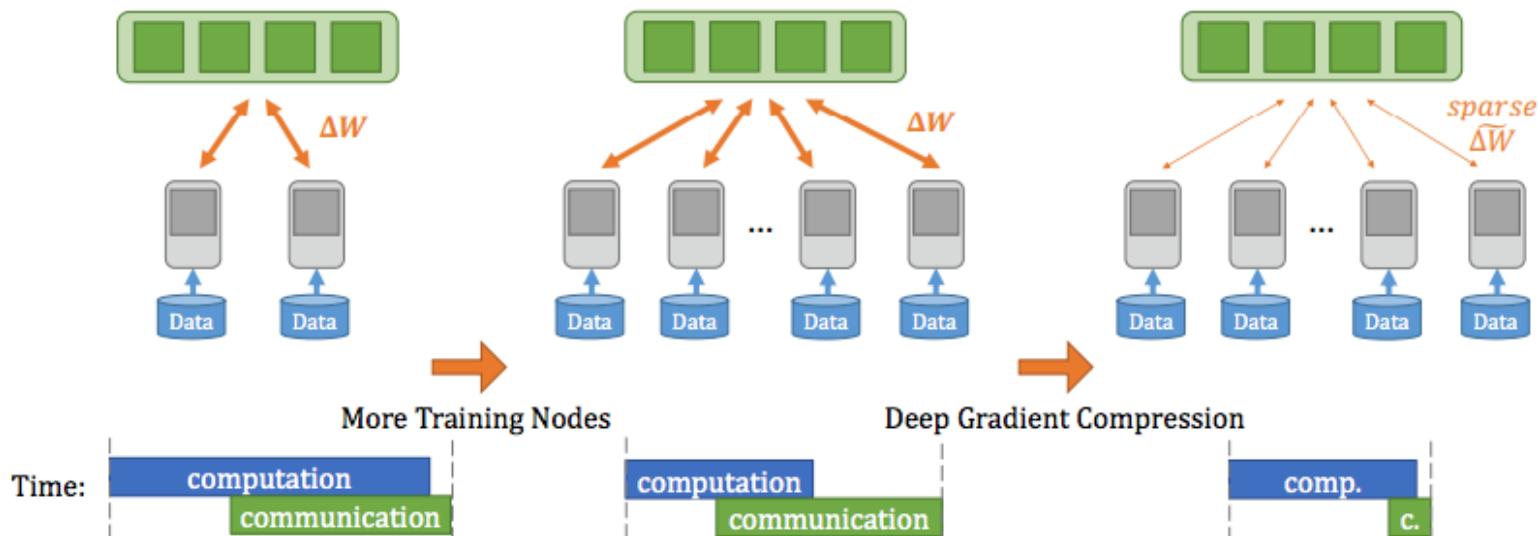
- Apply AI to solve networking problems, e.g., video streaming, routing, congestion control
- Example: apply deep reinforcement learning to bitrate adaptation for better Quality of Experience (QoE) [SIGCOMM'17 Pensieve]



AI and Networking

- **Networking for AI**

- Apply networking to solve AI problems, e.g., improve communication efficiency for training and serving
- Example: compress gradients to reduce communication to speed up distributed training of DNNs [ICLR'18 DGC]



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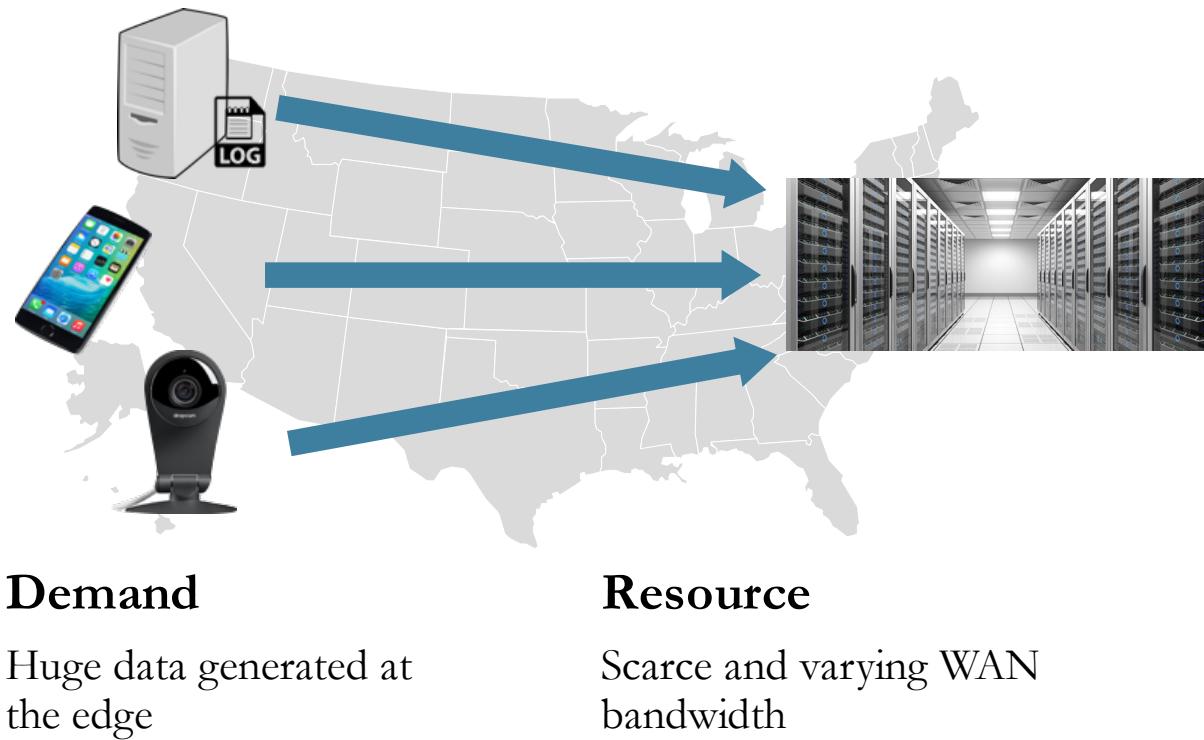
Internet of Things

- Internet-connected things are everywhere
[MobiCom'19 Living IoT]



Internet of Things

- And, we need to collect and analyze the data collected from all of them [SIGCOMM'18 AWStream]



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What is bitcoin?

Bitcoin is money.

What is money?

Types of Money

- Paper



Types of Money

- **Gold, silver, and precious metals**



Types of Money

- **Grains and other crops**



Types of Money

- Shells (e.g. wampum)



Types of Money

- Ramen noodles



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Types of Money

- **Digital currencies: a number on your digital (banking) account**

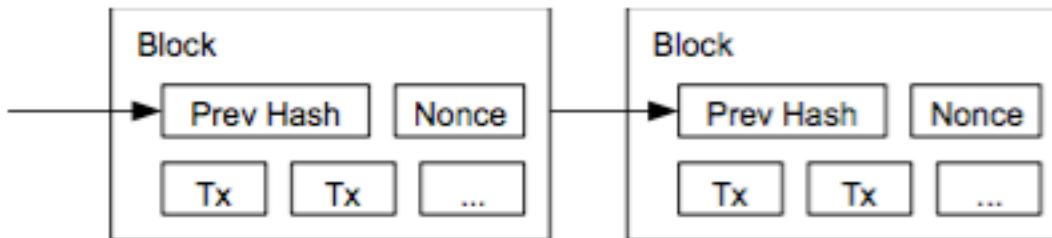


Bitcoin and Digital Currencies

- **Advantages of digital currencies**
 - Easy to produce
 - Easy to use
 - Easy to store
- **Bitcoin is a decentralized digital currency without a central bank or single administrator that can be sent from user to user on the peer-to-peer bitcoin network without the need for intermediaries.**
 - Bitcoin, and Cryptocurrencies in general, are just one type of digital currencies
 - Key feature: decentralization, no central bank or single administrator

Bitcoin and Blockchain

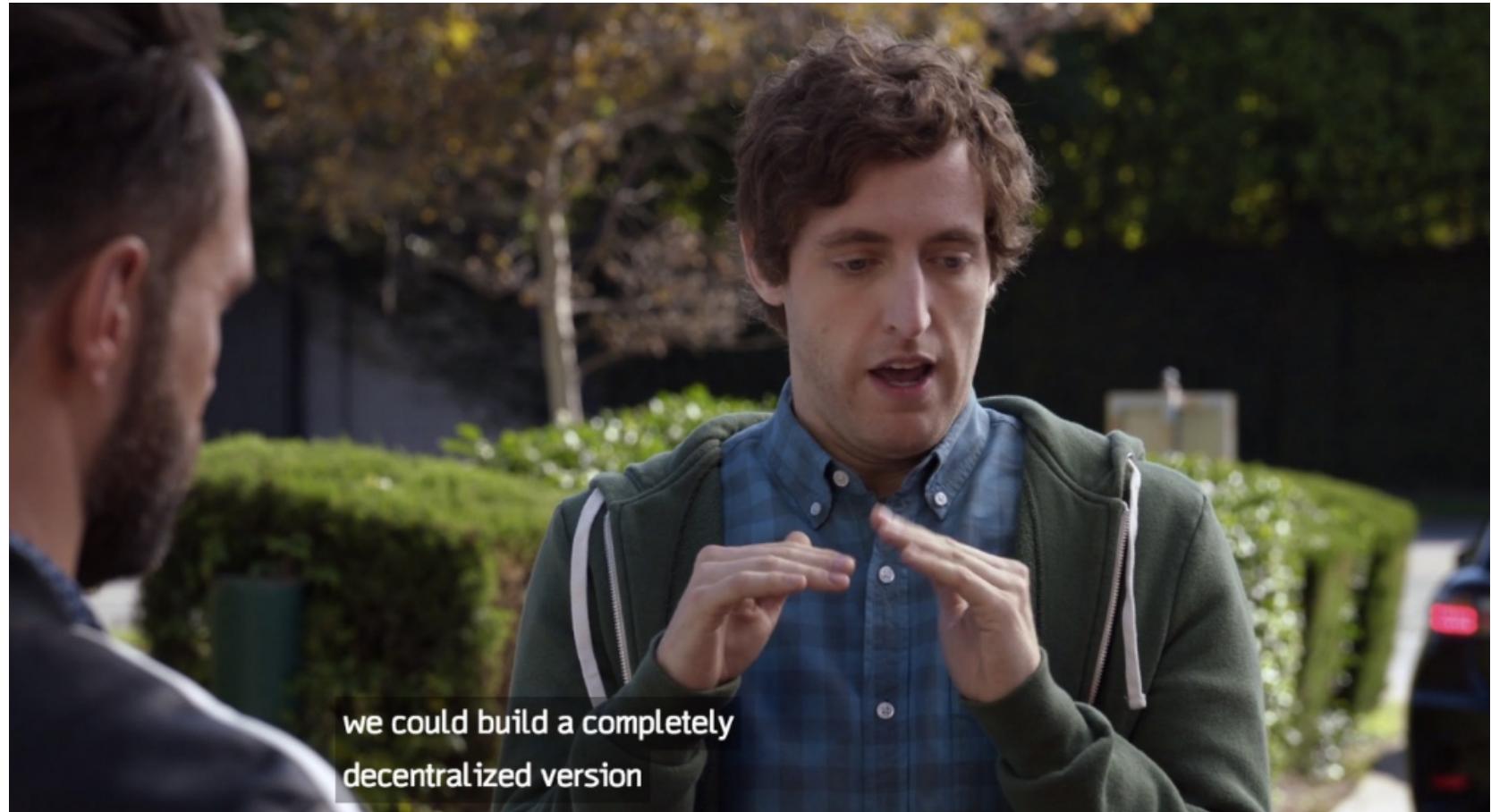
- Bitcoin is realized by the blockchain technology
- A blockchain is a linked list of blocks
- Each block contains a set of transactions
 - The blockchain stores the entire transaction history
- The blockchain is replicated in all participants
 - No need to trust any single entity
 - It works as long as more than half of the participants are honest



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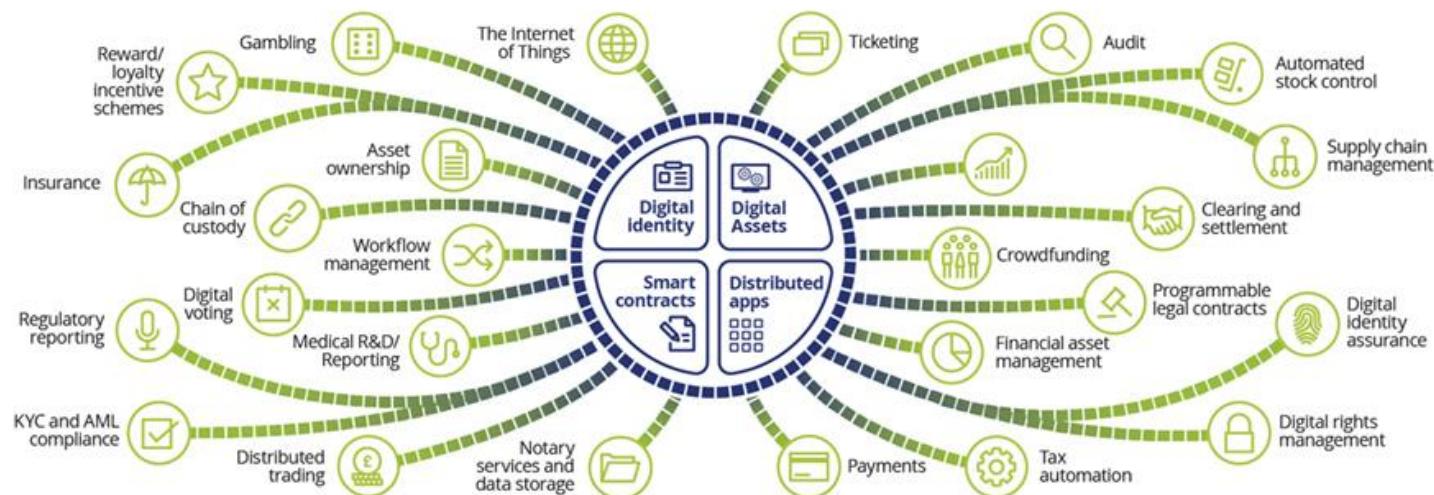
we could build a completely
decentralized version

And then, the new Internet...

- **Blockchain enables a new generation of decentralized Internet applications**
 - Bitcoin is only one of them
 - Still a hype...

What can you do with a blockchain?

KYC – Know Your Customer
AML – Anti-Money Laundering



Group Discussion

- **Topic: the future of Internet**
 - What problems does the current Internet have? How do you want to solve them?
- **Discuss in groups, and each group chooses a leader to summarize the discussion**
 - Everyone should speak.
 - Turn on your audio and video. Do not mute.

Summary

- Computer networks is a fast growing area
- Take 601.714 Advanced Computer Networks if you are interested

Thanks!
Q&A