

Principles of Distributed Network Design

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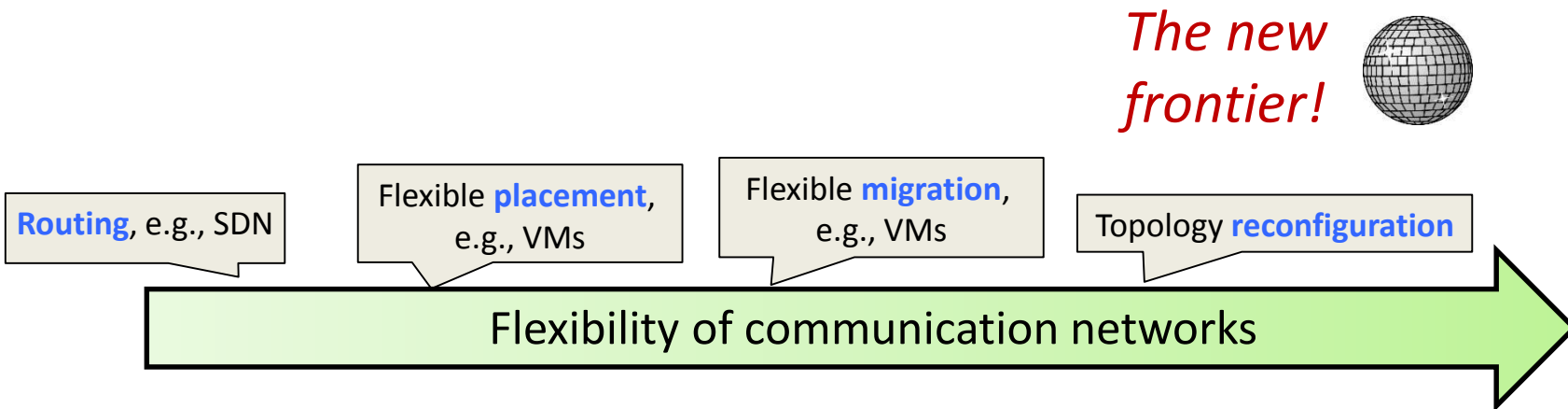


Flexible Distributed Systems: A Great Time To Be a Researcher!



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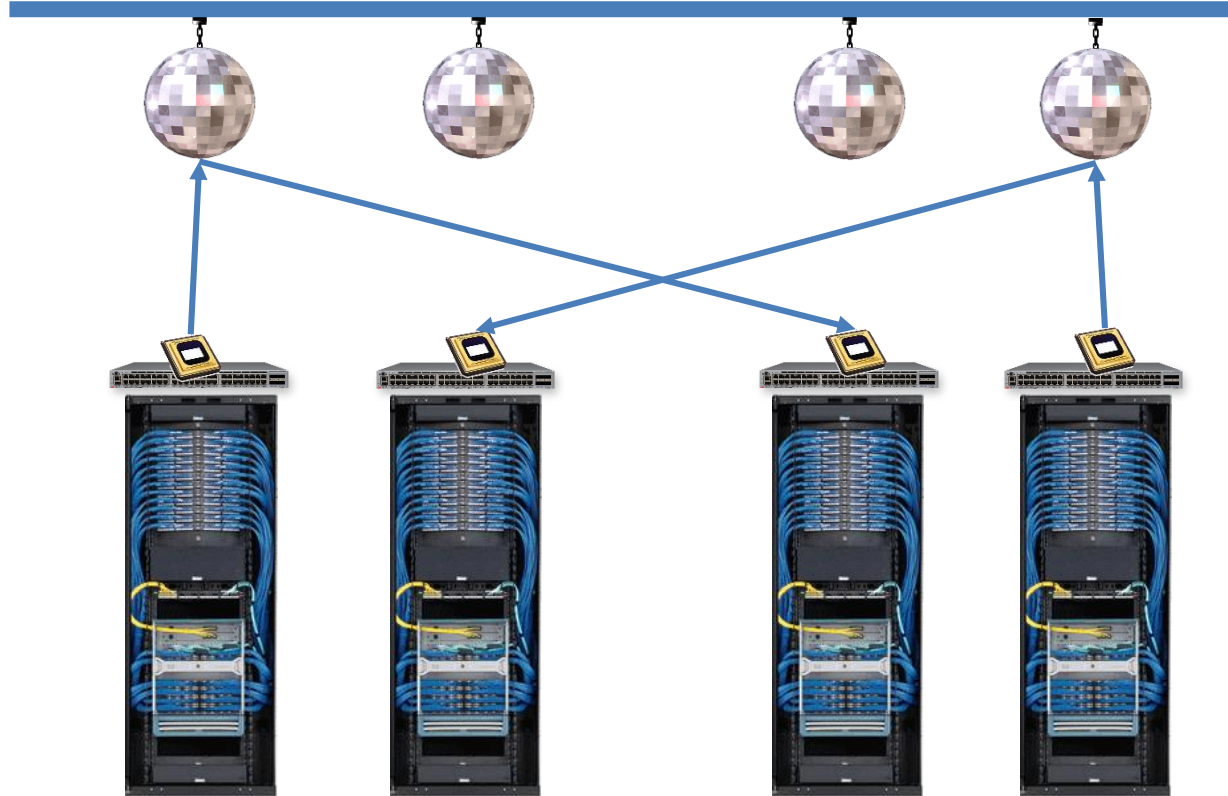
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Technological Motivation

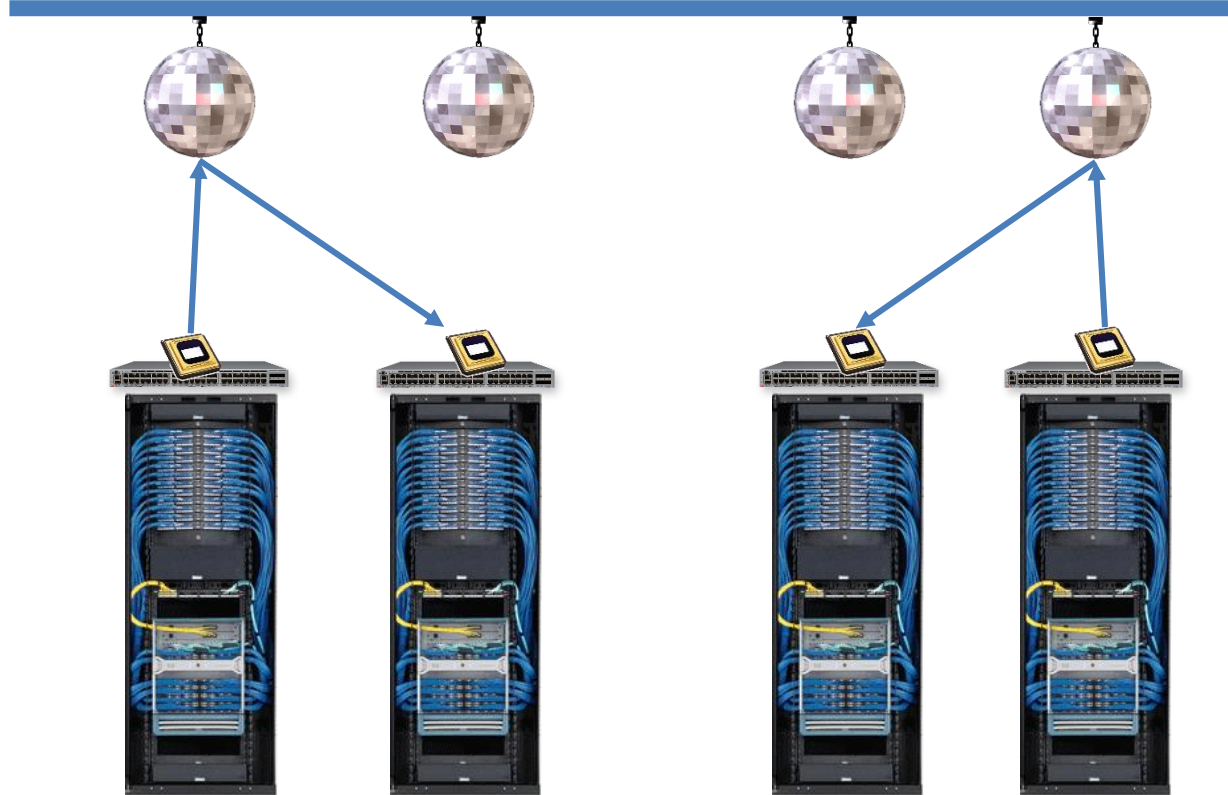
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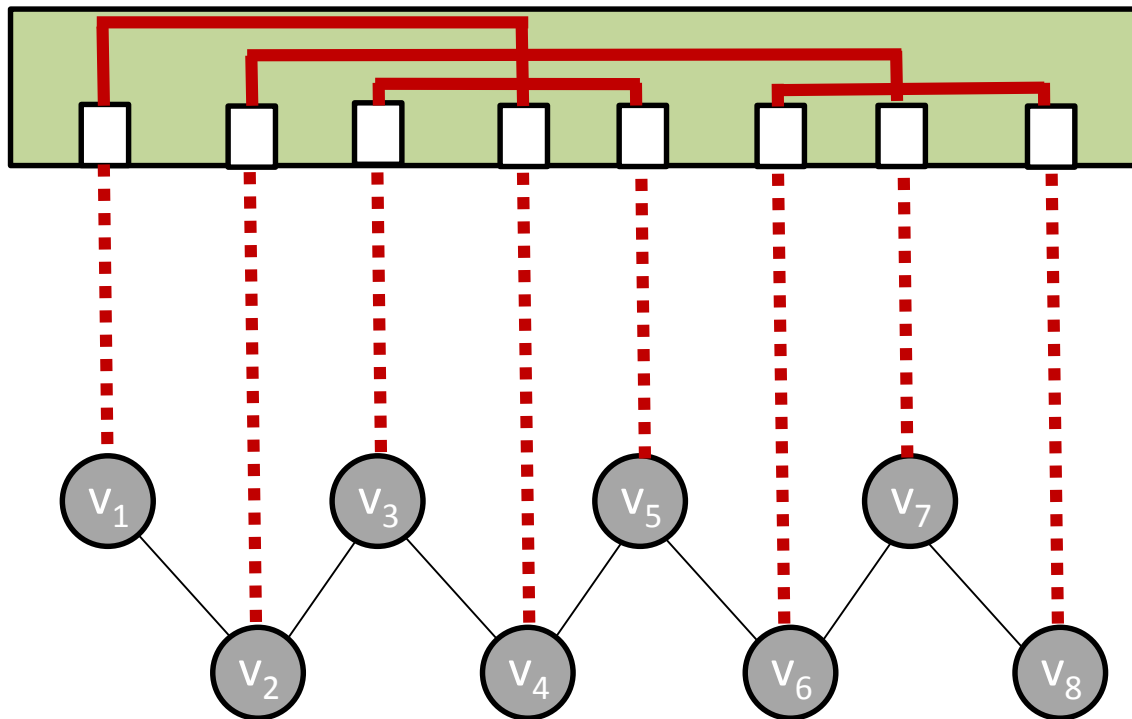
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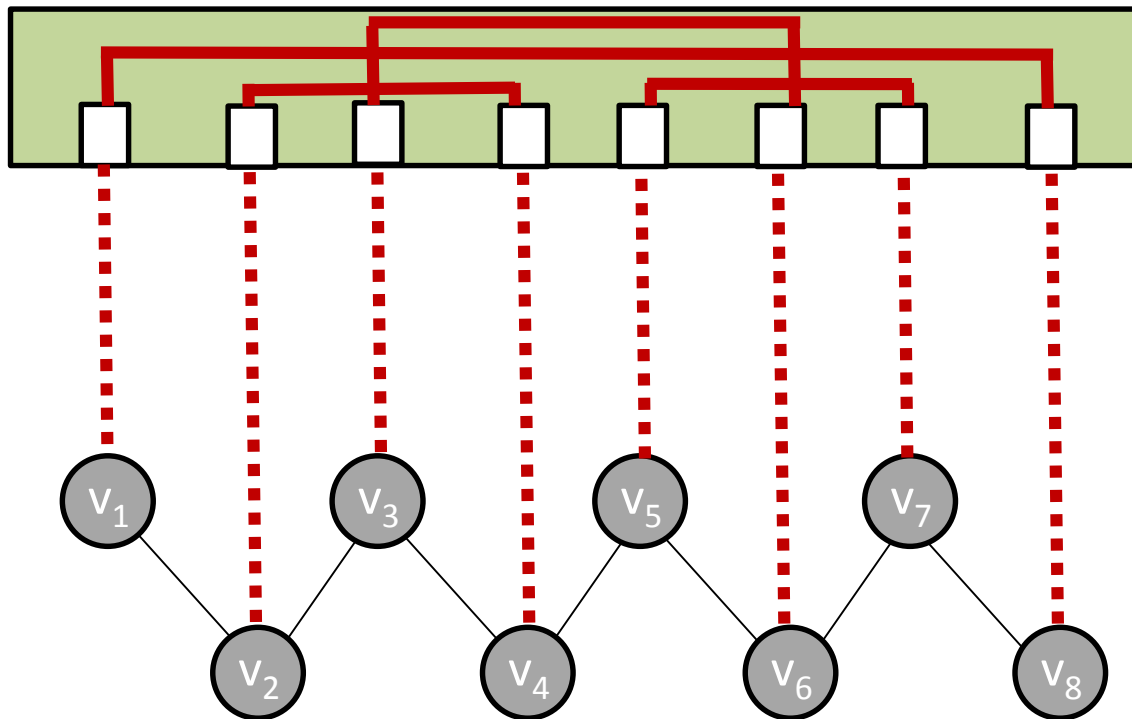
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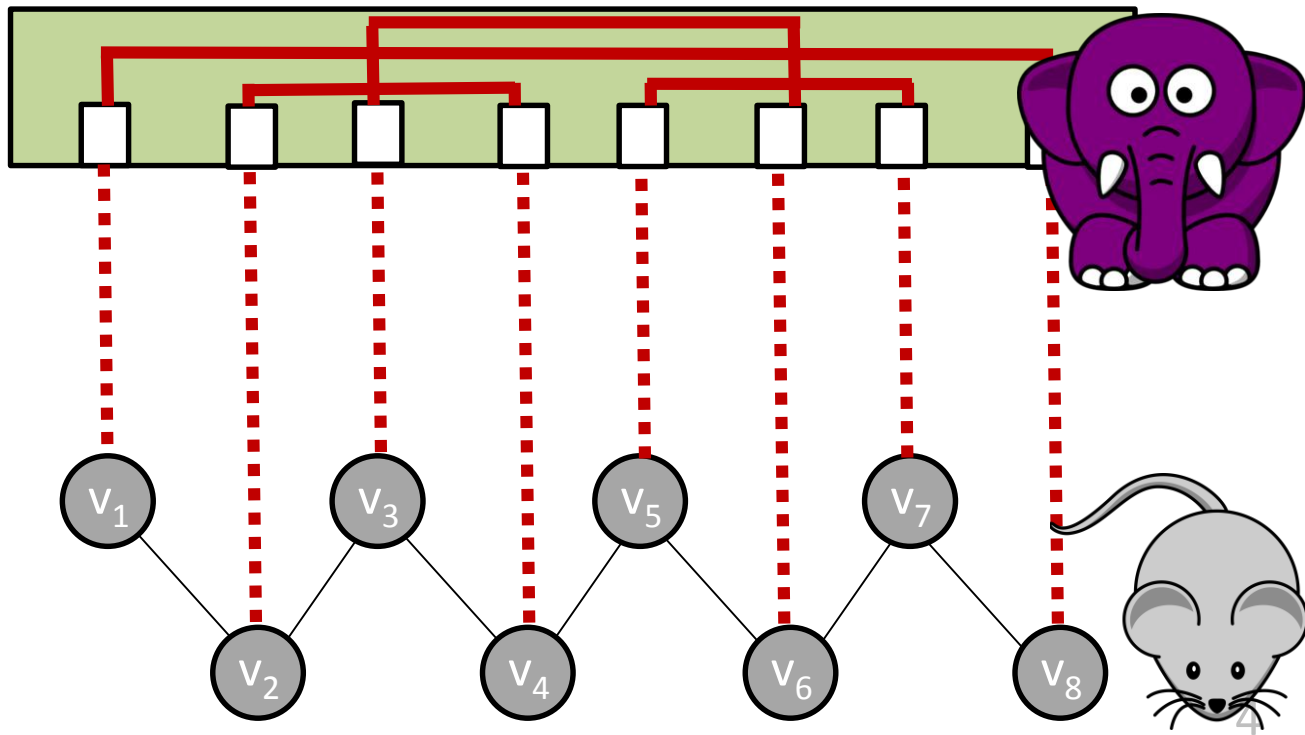
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Further Reading

Free-Space Optics

- Ghobadi et al., "**Projector**: Agile reconfigurable data center interconnect," SIGCOMM 2016.
- Hamedazimi et al. "**Firefly**: A reconfigurable wireless data center fabric using free-space optics," CCR 2014.

Optical Circuit Switches

- Farrington et al. "**Helios**: a hybrid electrical/optical switch architecture for modular data centers," CCR 2010.
- Mellette et al. "**Rotornet**: A scalable, low-complexity, optical datacenter network," SIGCOMM 2017.
- Farrington et al. "Integrating microsecond circuit switching into the data center," SIGCOMM 2013.
- Liu et al. "Circuit switching under the radar with reactor.," NSDI 2014

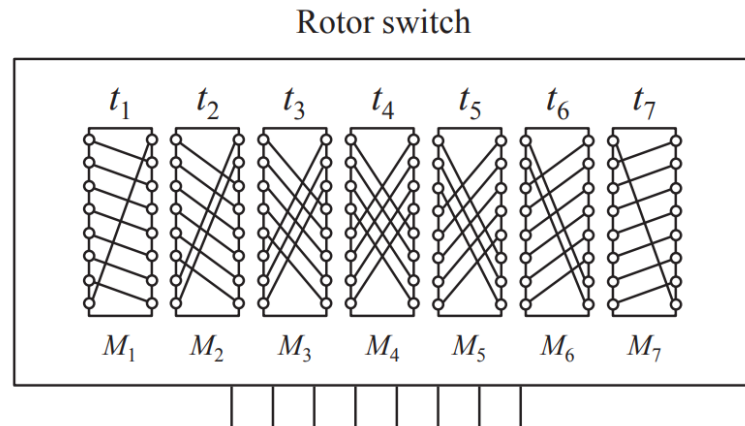
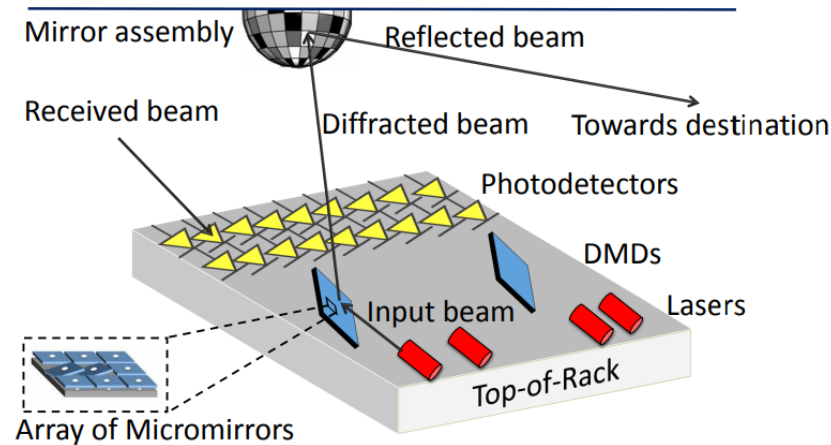
Movable Antennas

- Halperin et al. "Augmenting data center networks with multi-gigabit wireless links," SIGCOMM 2011.

60GHz Wireless Communication

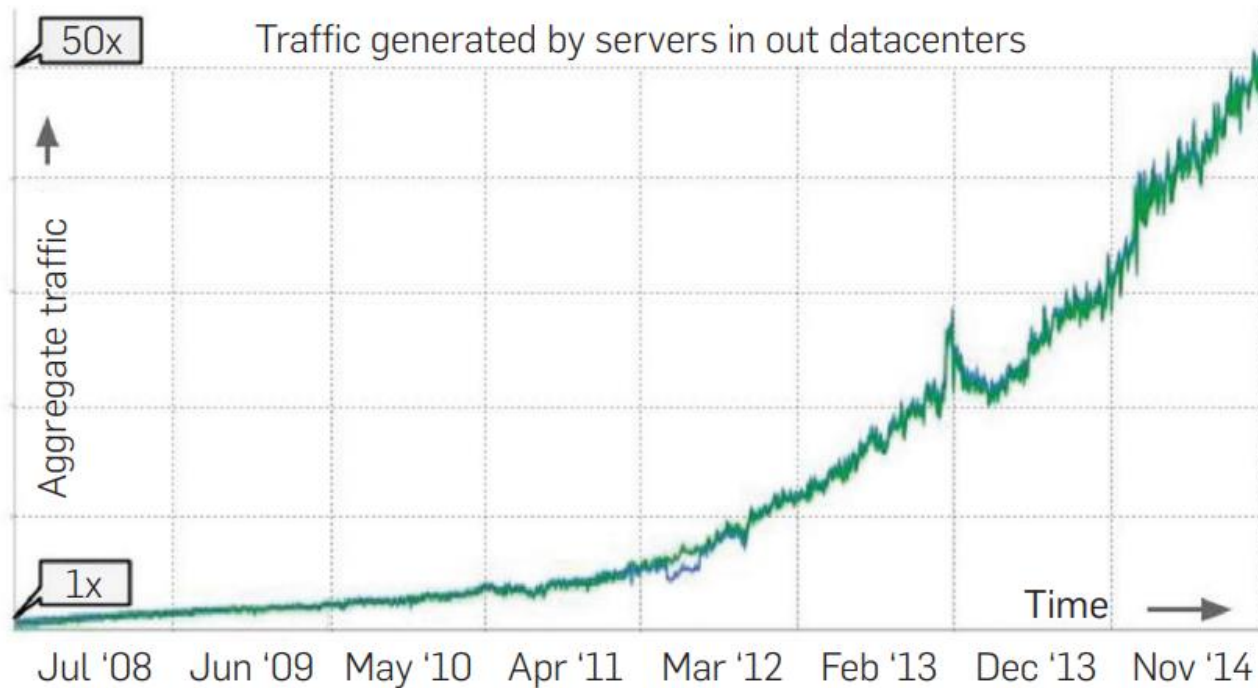
- Zhou et al. "Mirror mirror on the ceiling: Flexible wireless links for data centers," CCR 2012.
- Kandula et al. "**Flyways** to de-congest data center networks," 2009.

Etc.!



Empirical Motivation

Data-Centric Applications: Growing Traffic...



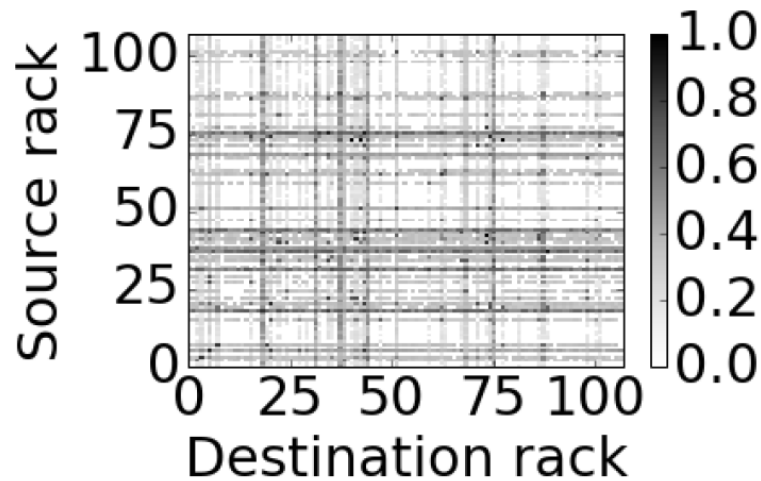
Aggregate server traffic in
Google's datacenter fleet

Source: Jupiter Rising.

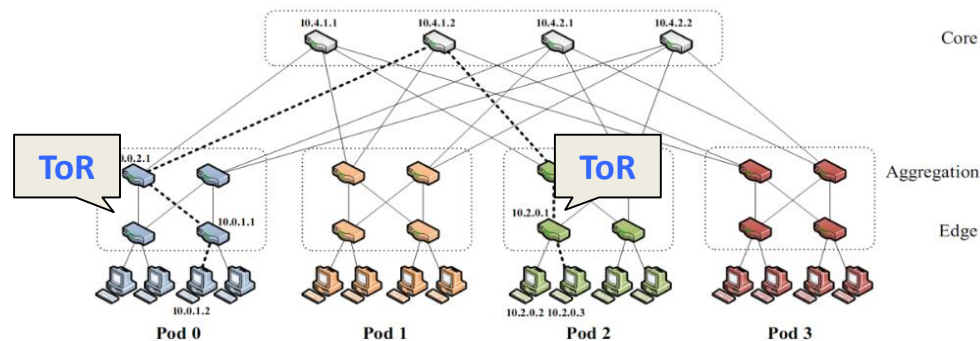
SIGCOMM 2015.

... But Much Structure!

Heatmap rack-to-rack
traffic:



Clos topology and ToR
switches:



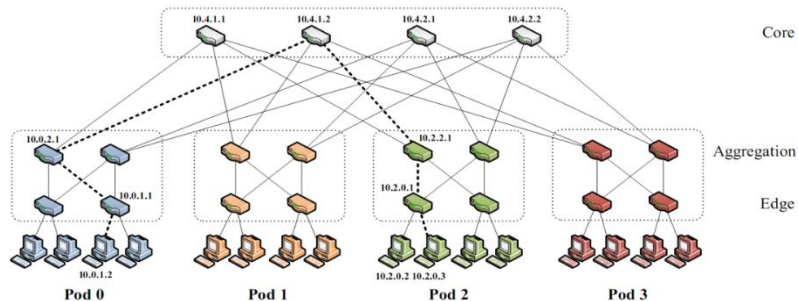
The Idea

Traditional Networks

Demand-Oblivious

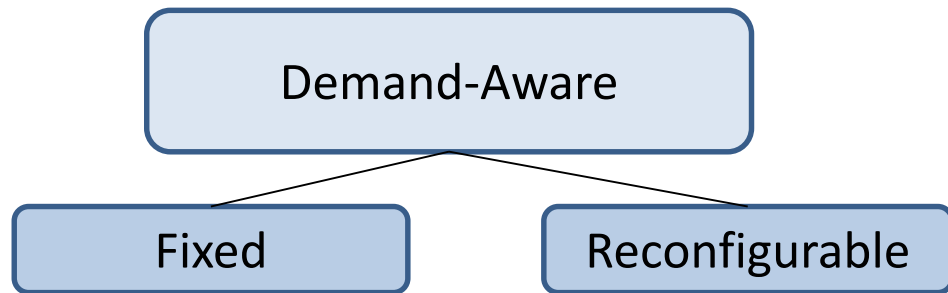
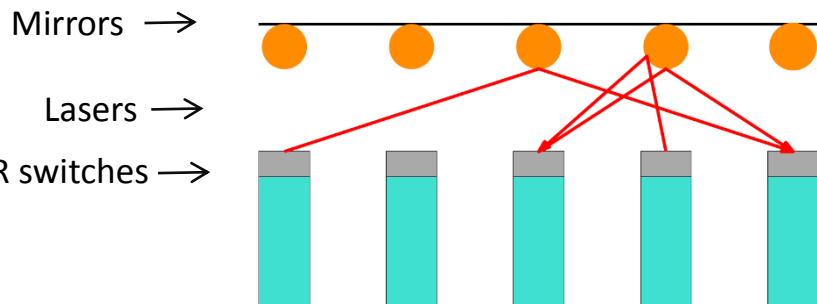
Fixed

- Usually optimized for the “worst-case” (**all-to-all** communication)
- Example, fat-tree topologies: provide **full bisection bandwidth**
- Lower bounds and hard **trade-offs**, e.g., degree vs diameter



Demand-Aware Networks

- **DAN**: Demand-Aware Network
 - Statically optimized **toward the demand**
- **SAN**: Self-Adjusting Network
 - **Dynamically optimized toward** the (time-varying) demand



Roadmap

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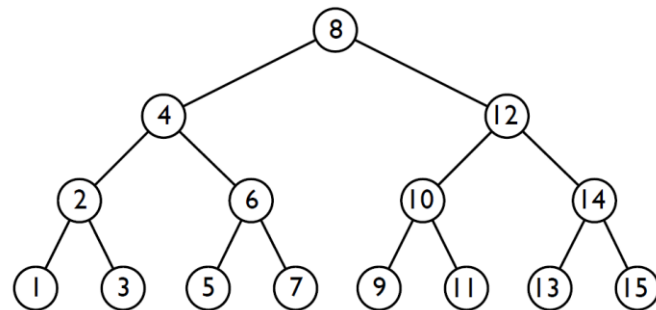
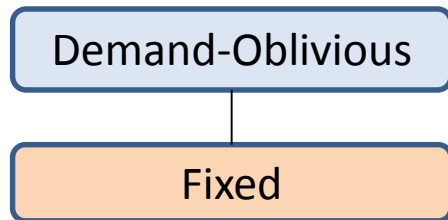
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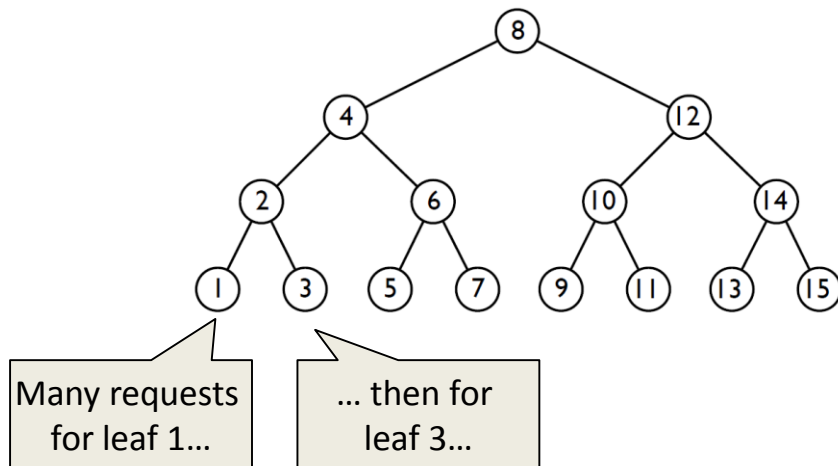
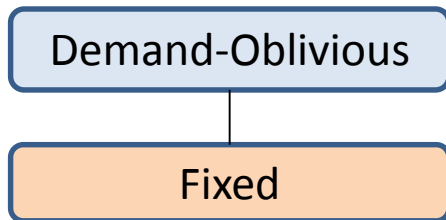
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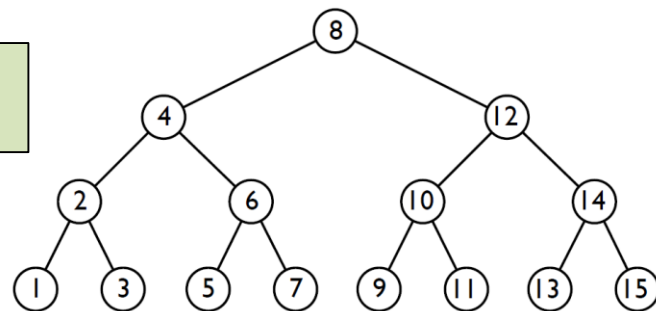
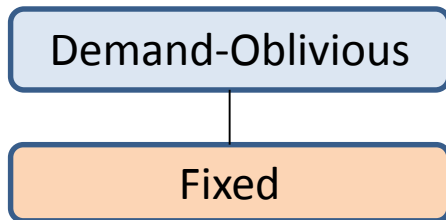
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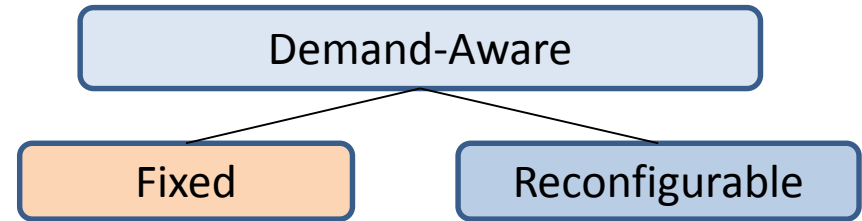


Many requests
for leaf 1...

... then for
leaf 3...

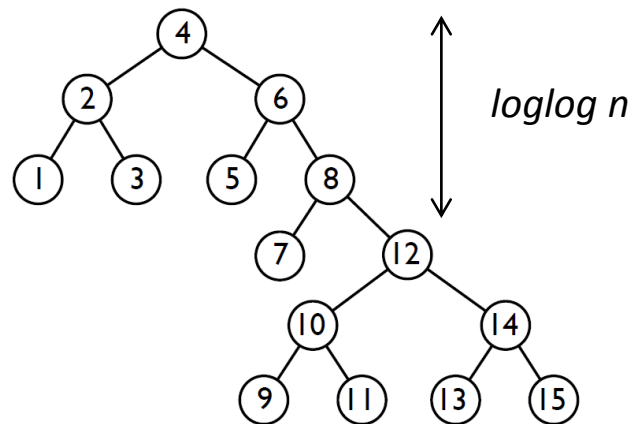
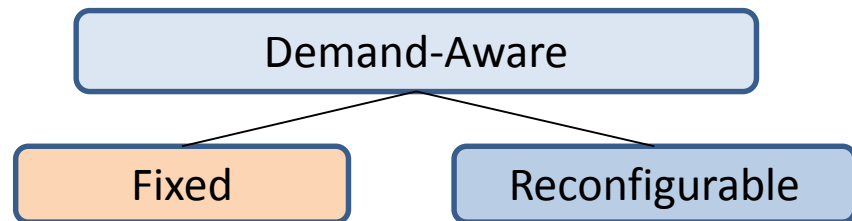
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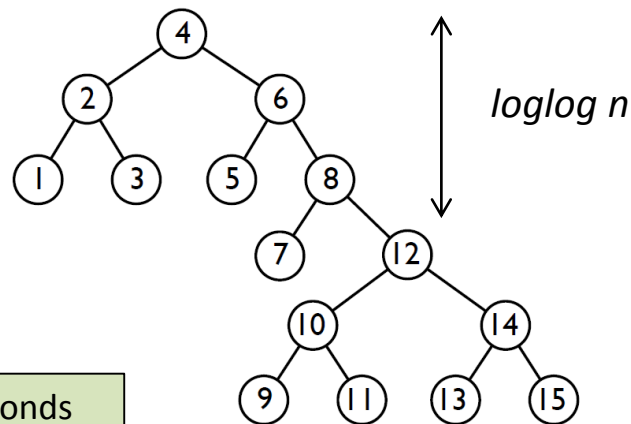
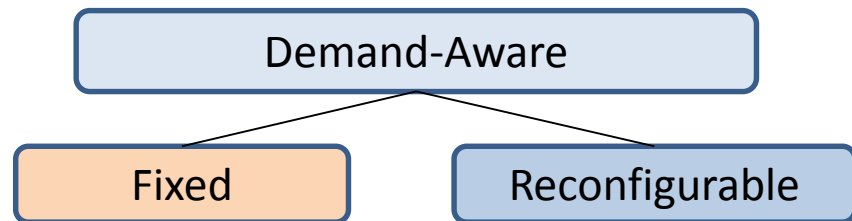
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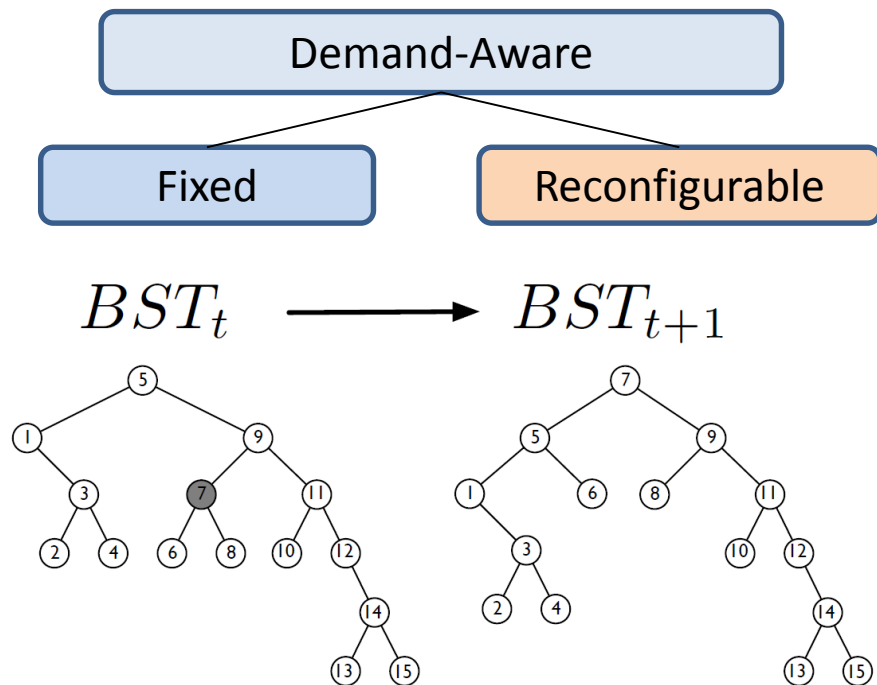
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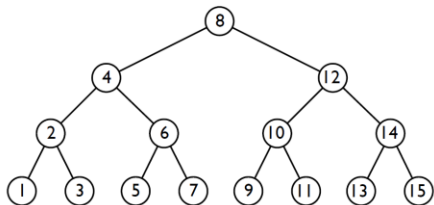
... Self-Adjusting!

- **Demand-aware reconfigurable** BSTs can additionally take advantage of *temporal locality*
- By moving accessed element to the root: amortized cost is *constant*, i.e., $O(1)$
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- Self-adjusting BSTs e.g., useful for implementing *caches* or garbage collection



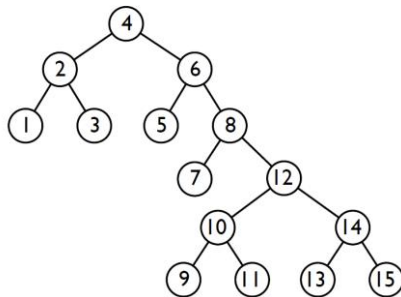
Datastructures

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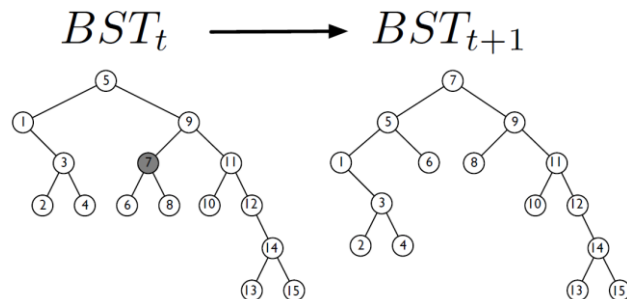
Lookup $O(\log n)$

Demand-Aware



Exploit **spatial locality**:
empirical entropy $O(\log \log n)$

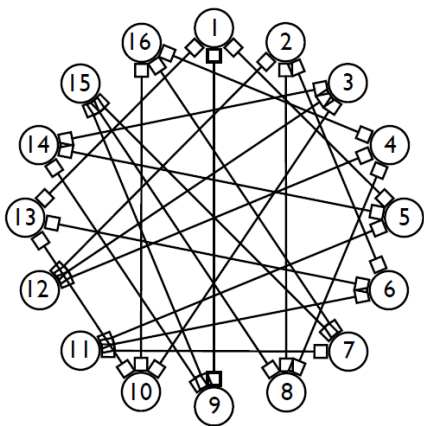
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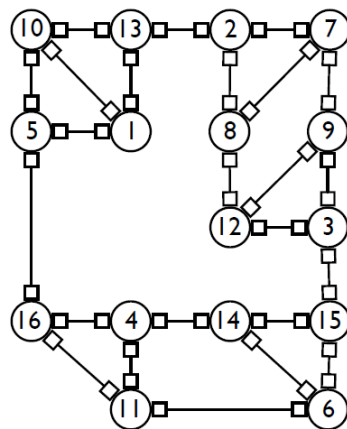
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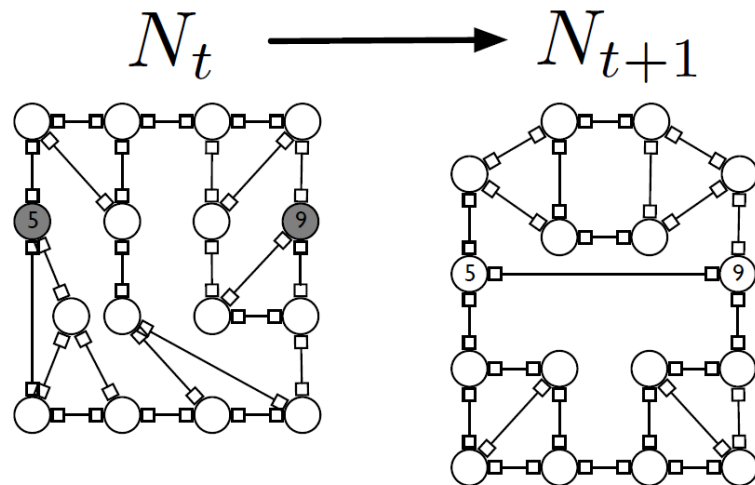
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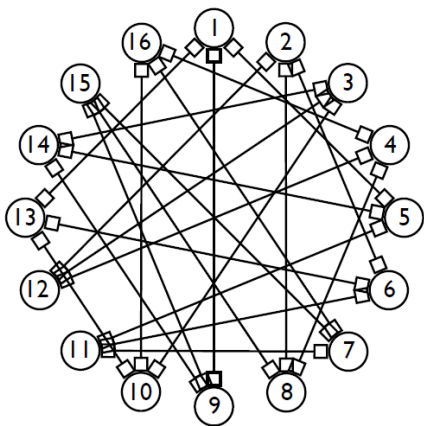
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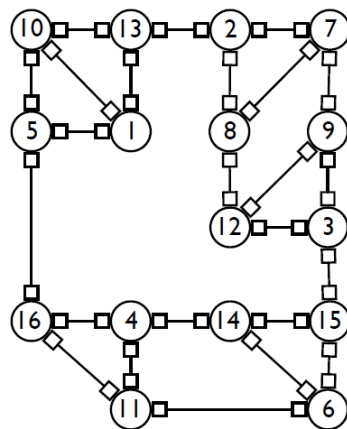
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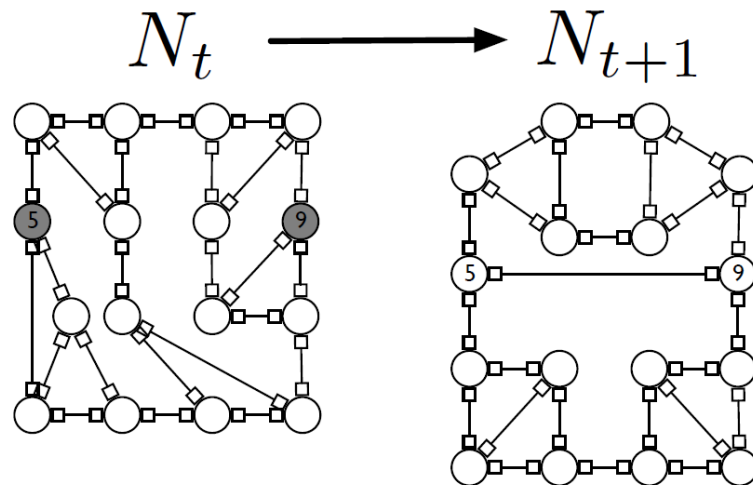
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Toward Demand-Aware Networking: A Theory for
Self-Adjusting Networks. **ArXiv** 2018.

How useful are DANs/SANs?

As always in computer science (e.g., also in coding, in self-adjusting datastructures, etc.): it depends! 😊

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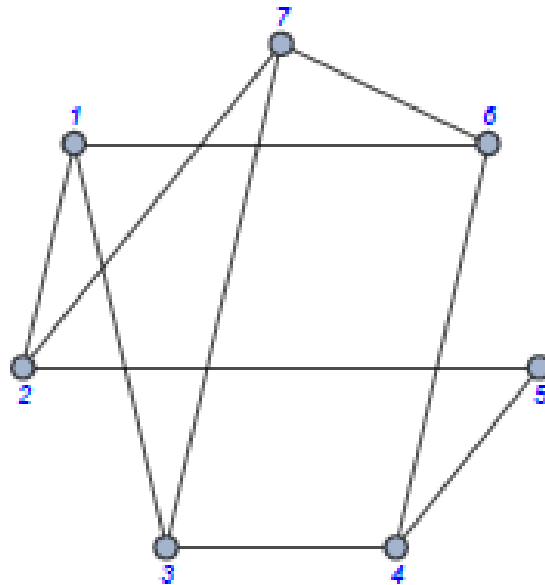
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Output: DAN

Destinations

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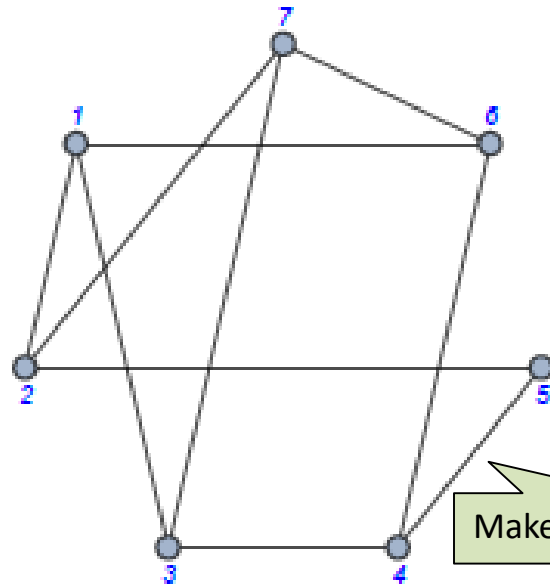
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Much from 4 to 5.

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Makes sense to add link!

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1 communicates to many.

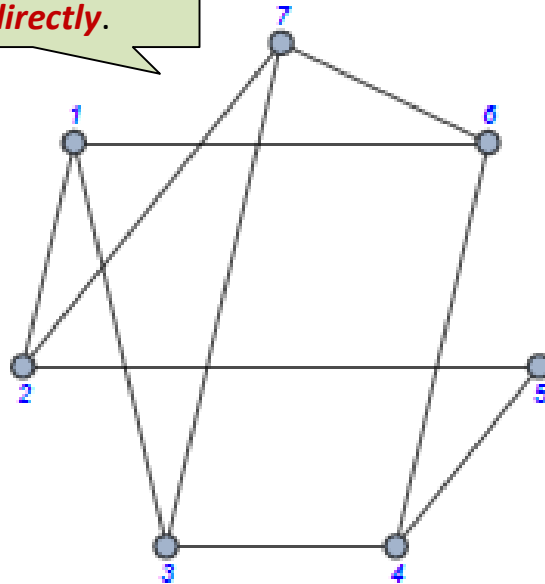
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Bounded degree: route to 7 *indirectly*.

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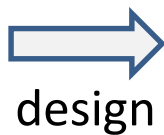
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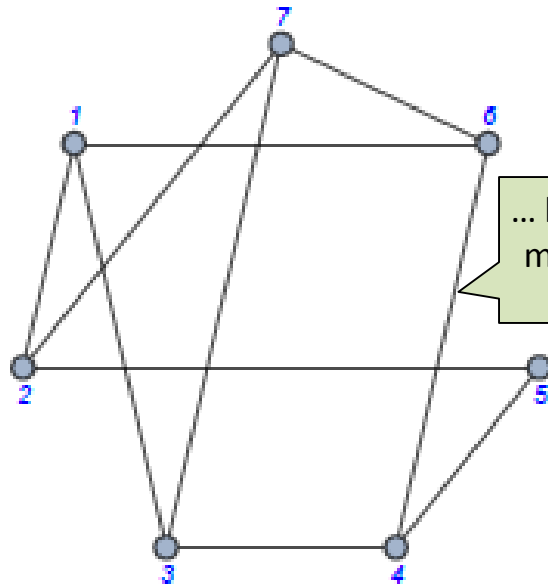
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4 and 6 don't communicate...



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... but “extra” link still makes sense: *not a subgraph*.

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Case Study: Expected Route Length

Shorter paths: smaller bandwidth footprint, lower latency, less energy, ...

More Formally: DAN Design Problem

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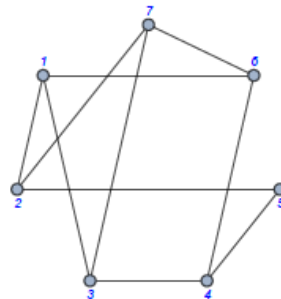
$\mathcal{D}[p(i, j)]$: joint distribution, Δ

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Output:

N: DAN



Bounded degree $\Delta=3$

Expected Path Length (EPL): Basic measure of efficiency

$$\text{EPL}(\mathcal{D}, N) = E_{\mathcal{D}}[d_N(\cdot, \cdot)] = \sum_{(u,v) \in \mathcal{D}} p(u, v) \cdot d_N(u, v)$$

Path length *on DAN*.

Frequency

The Goal: Bounded Network Design (BND)

- **Inputs:** Communication distribution $\mathcal{D}[p(i,j)]_{n \times n}$ and a maximum degree Δ .
- **Output:** A Demand Aware Network $N \in \mathcal{N}_\Delta$ s.t.

$$\text{BND}(\mathcal{D}, \Delta) = \min_{N \in \mathcal{N}_\Delta} \text{EPL}(\mathcal{D}, N)$$

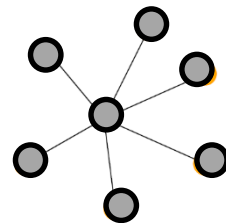
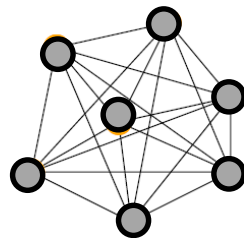
Belong to some graph family:
bounded-degree, but e.g. also **local routability!**

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- Easy: e.g., **clique** and **star** have **constant** EPL but unbounded degree.

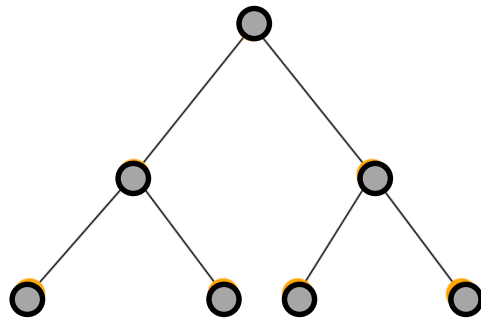


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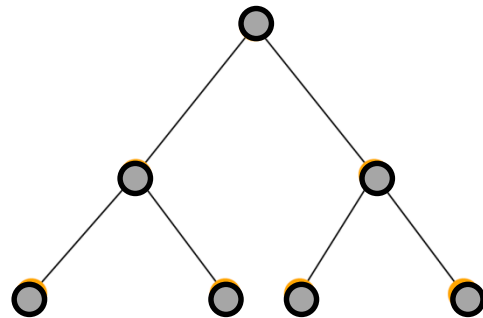
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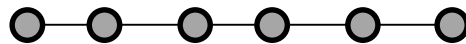
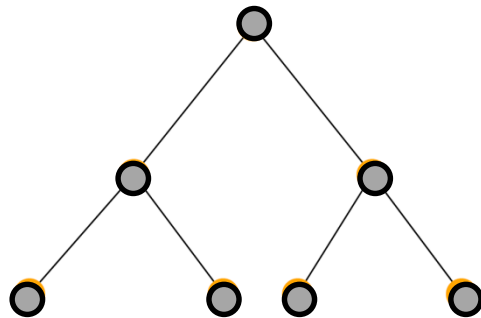
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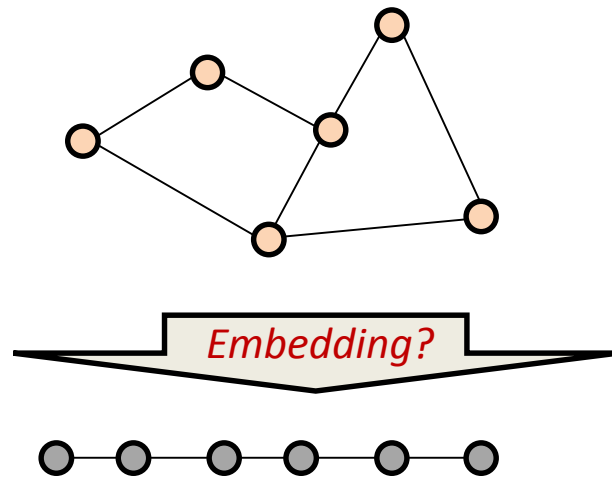
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 - Can we do **better** than **$\log n$** ?
- What about $\Delta = 2$?
 - E.g., set of lines and cycles



How hard is it to design a DAN?

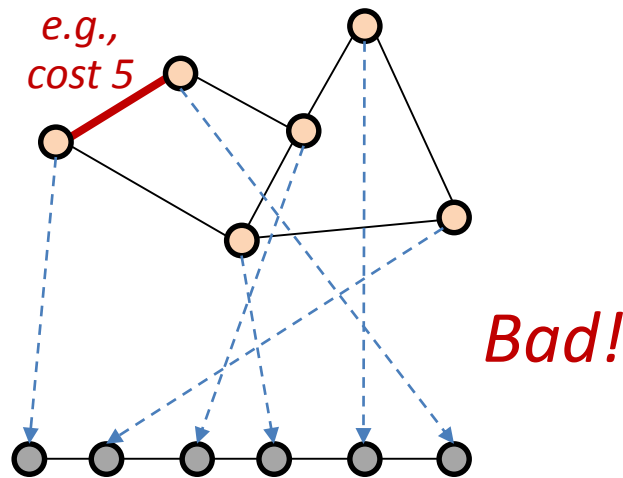
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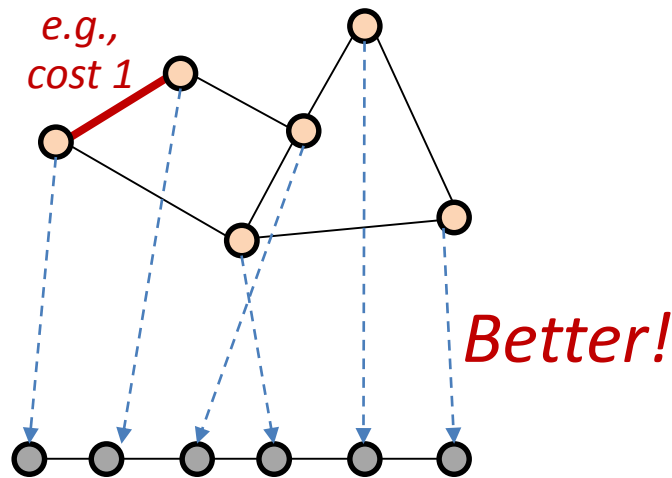
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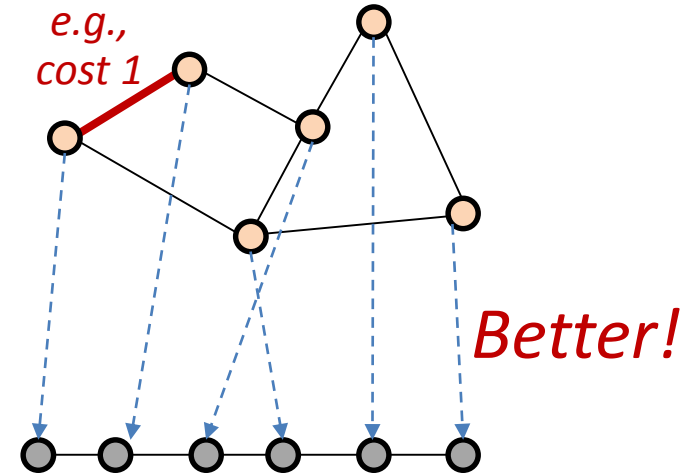
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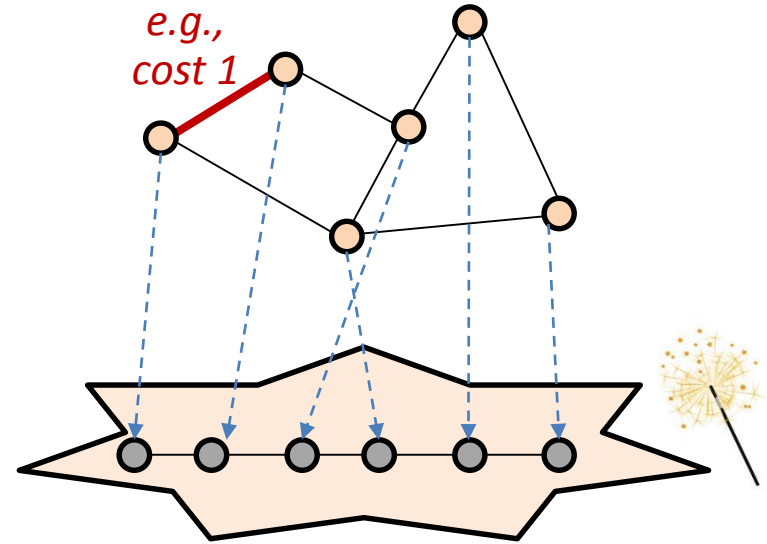
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- But what about > 2 ? Embedding problem still hard, but we have an additional degree of freedom:

Do topological flexibilities make problem easier or harder?!



A new knob for optimization!

Also Related To...:

- Sparse, distance-preserving (low-distortion) **spanners**
- But:
 - Spanners aim at low distortion among *all pairs*; in our case, we are only interested in the *local distortion*, 1-hop communication neighbors
 - We allow **auxiliary edges** (not a subgraph): similar to **geometric spanners**
 - We require *constant degree*

Expected Path Length in Traditional Networks?

Theorem (Traditional Networks):

Each network with n nodes and max degree $\Delta > 2$ must have a diameter of at least $\log(n)/\log(\Delta-1)-1$.

Proof.



1 Δ $\Delta(\Delta-1)$

In k steps, reach at most $1 + \sum \Delta(\Delta-1)^i$

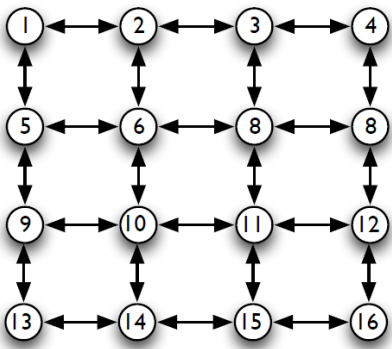
Corollary: Constant-degree graphs have at least logarithmic diameter.

Example: Clos, Bcube, Xpander.

Can DANs do better?

Yes, constant-degree DANs can!

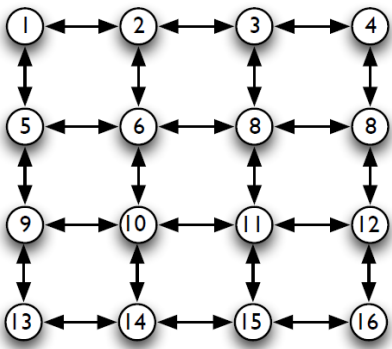
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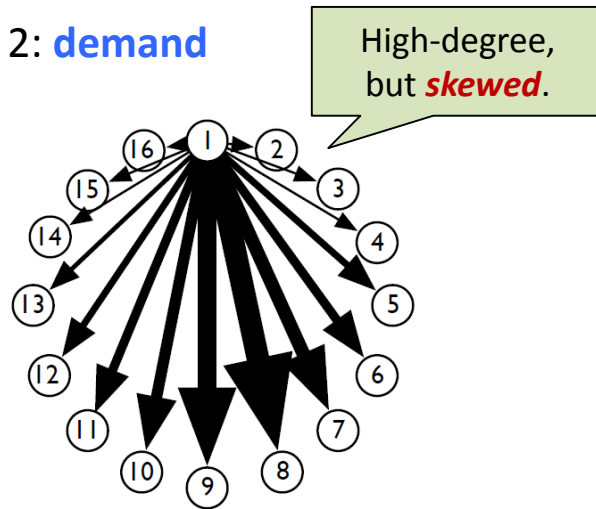
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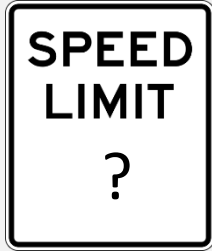


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- Example 2: demand



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Limitations of DANs: Lower Bounds on EPL



Lower Bound Idea: Leverage Coding or Datastructure!

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An optimal **ego-tree**
for this source!

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Entropy lower bound for Binary Search Trees (BST):

Let $H(\mathbf{p})$ be the entropy of the frequency distribution $\mathbf{p} = (p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n)$. Let T be an optimal binary search tree built for the above frequency distribution. Then $EPL(\mathbf{p}, T) \geq H(\mathbf{p})/\log(3)$.

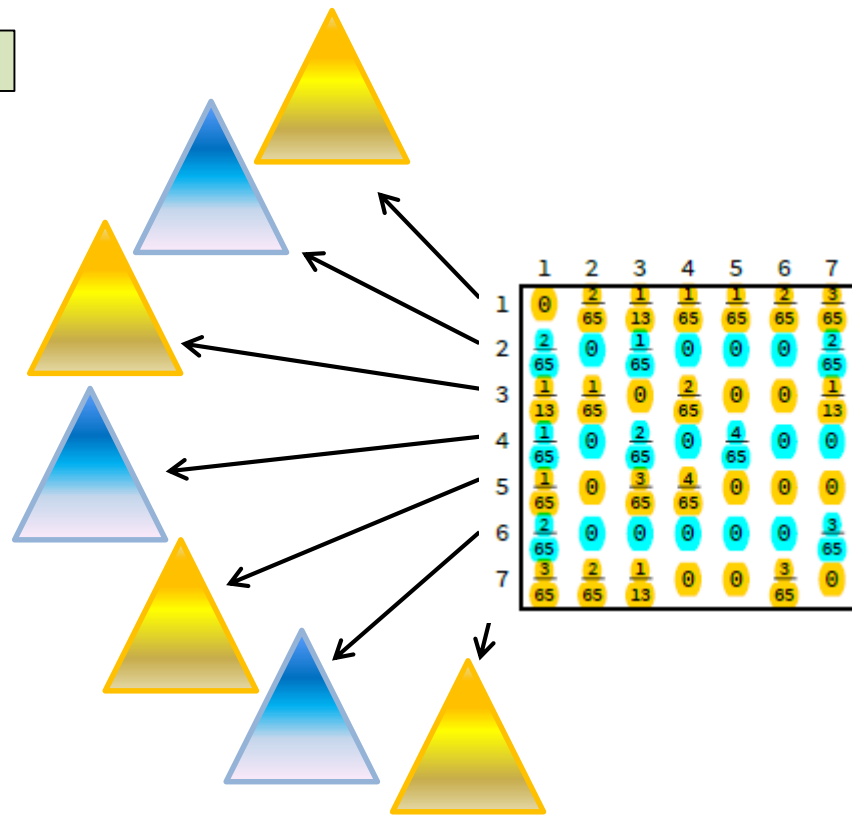
Corollary: Can generalize it easily to other degrees Δ .

An Entropy Lower Bound (Sources)

- **Proof idea** ($\text{EPL} = \Omega(H_{\Delta}(Y|X))$):

- Consider **union** of all **ego-trees**

- Violates **degree restriction** but valid lower bound



Lower Bound: Sources + Destinations

Do this in **both dimensions**:

$$\text{EPL} \geq \Omega(\max\{H_{\Delta}(Y|X), H_{\Delta}(X|Y)\})$$

$\Omega(H_{\Delta}(X|Y))$

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$\Omega(H_{\Delta}(Y|X))$

\mathcal{D}

Lower Bound: Summary

Considering union of n trees,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{EPL}(\mathcal{D}, N_{\Delta}) &\geq \sum_{i=1}^n p(i) \text{EPL}(\mathcal{D}[i], T_{\Delta}^i) \\ &\geq \sum_{i=1}^n p(i) (H_{\Delta}(Y | X=i)) \\ &= \Omega(H_{\Delta}(Y | X)) \end{aligned}$$

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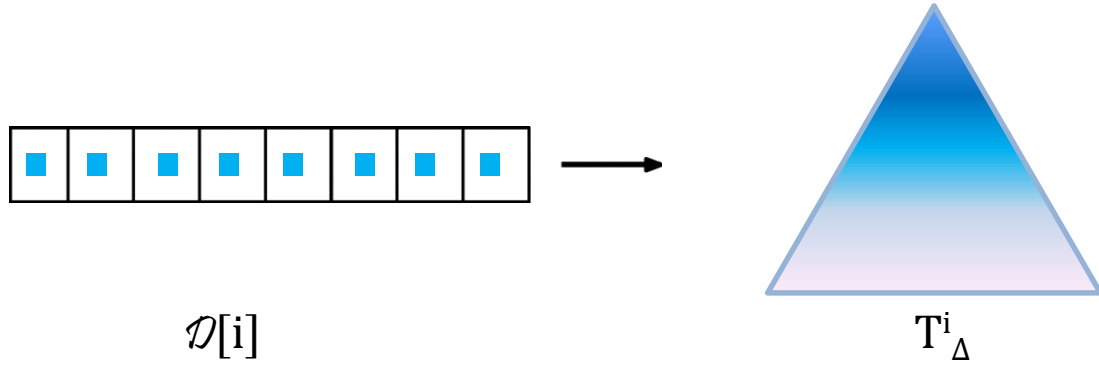
Optimal tree

Can DANs Reach The Entropy Speed Limit?

Upper Bounds on EPL

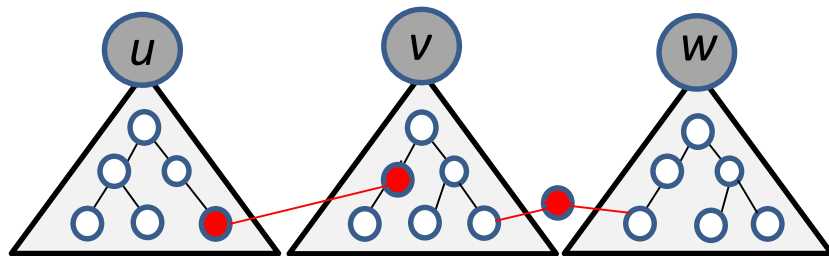
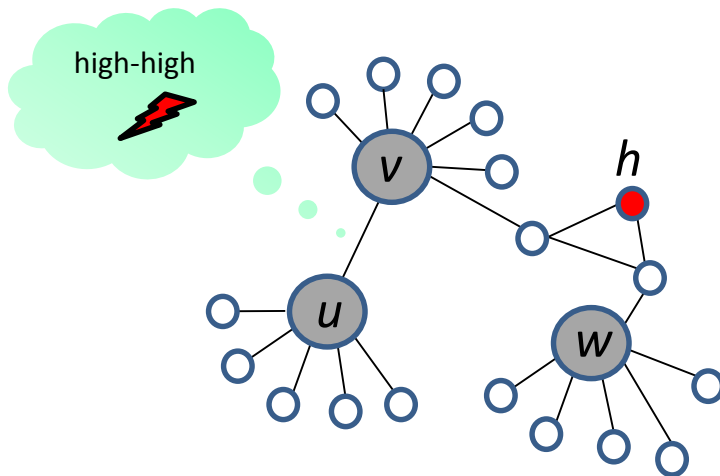


Ego-Trees Revisited



(Tight) Upper Bounds: Algorithm Idea

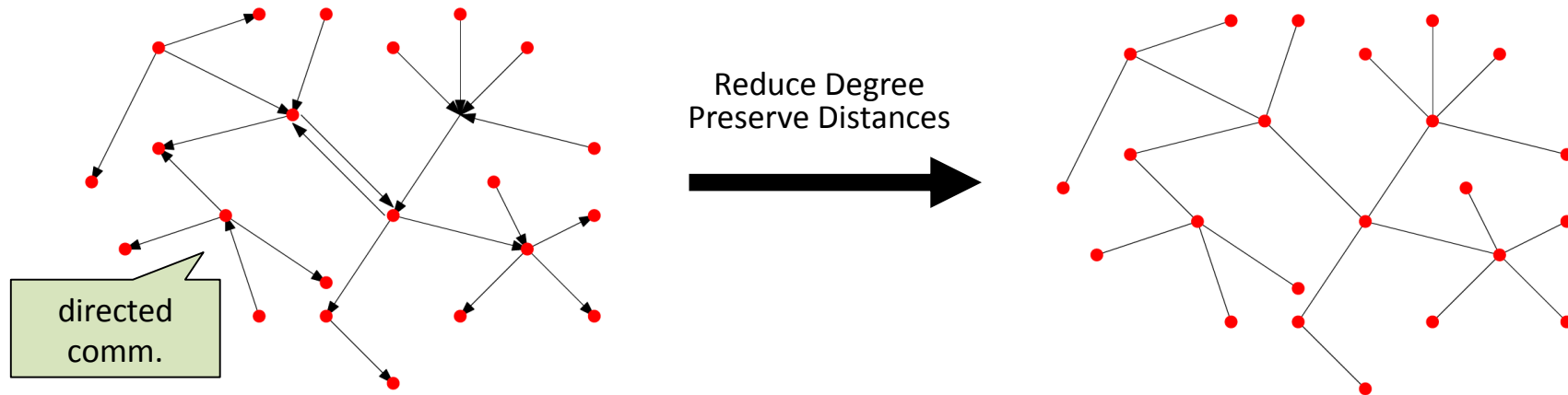
- Idea: construct **per-node optimal tree**
 - BST (e.g., Mehlhorn)
 - Huffman tree
 - Splay tree (!)
- Take **union** of trees but reduce degree
 - E.g., in **sparse distribution**: leverage **helper** nodes between two “large” (i.e., high-degree) nodes



How to Reduce Degree?

Example: Tree Distributions

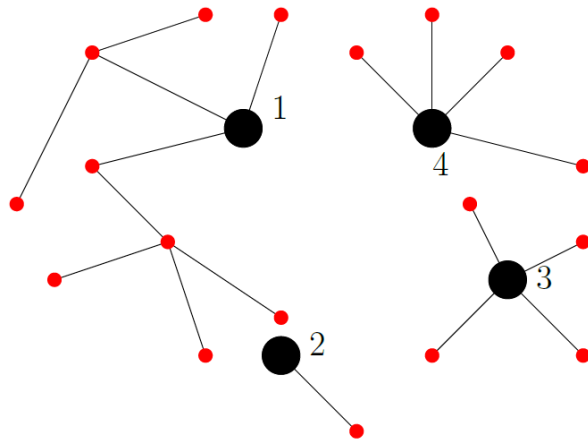
Theorem: Let \mathcal{D} be such that $G_{\mathcal{D}}$ is a tree (ignoring the edge direction). It is possible to generate a DAN with maximum degree 8, such that, $EPL(\mathcal{D}, N) \leq O(H(Y|X) + H(X|Y))$.



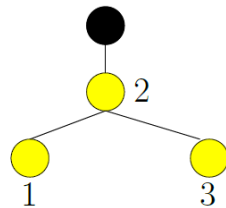
Tree Distributions

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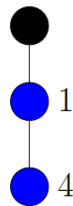
- Make tree **rooted** and directed: gives **parent-child** relationship
- Arrange the outgoing edges (to children) of each node in a **binary (Huffman) tree**
- Repeat for the incoming edges: make another **another binary (Huffman) tree** with incoming edges from children
- Analysis
 - Can **appear in at most 4 trees**: in&out own tree and in&out tree of parent (parent-child helps to avoid many “children trees”)
 - **Degree** at most 6
 - Huffman trees maintain **distortion**: proportional to **conditional entropy**



out-tree:

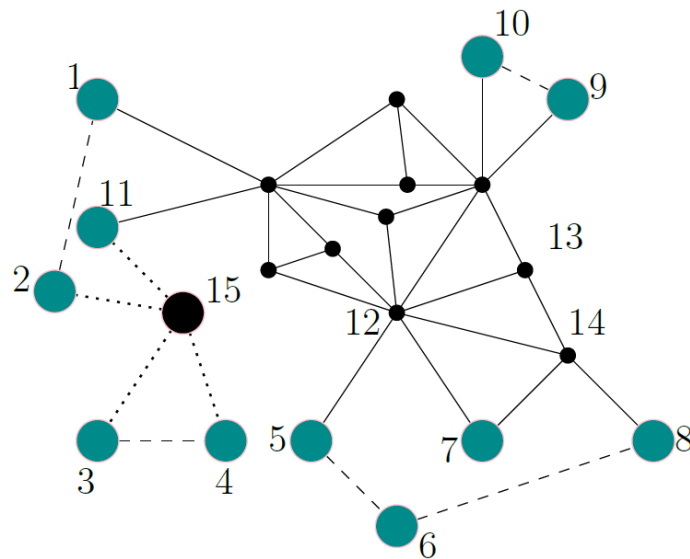


in-tree:



Generalize to Arbitrary Sparse Distributions

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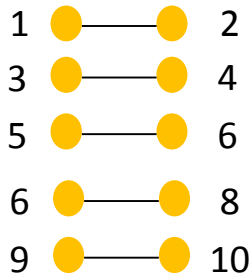


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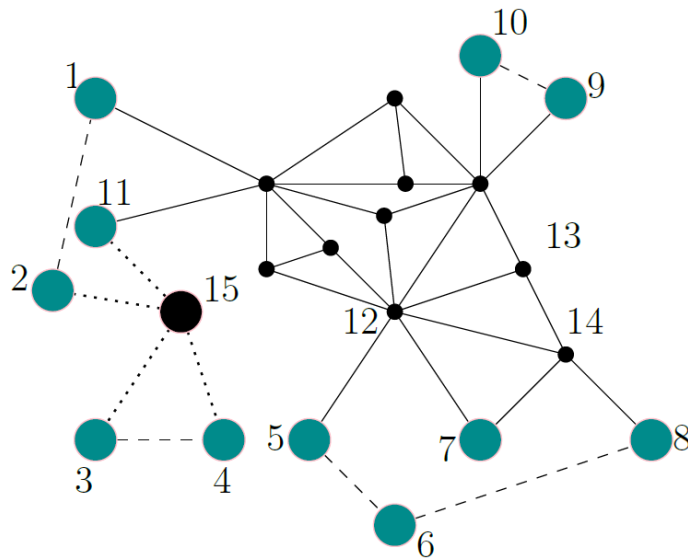
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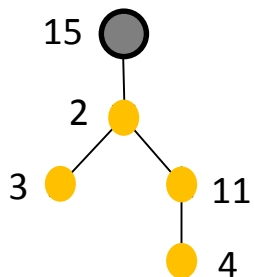
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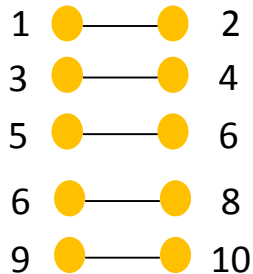
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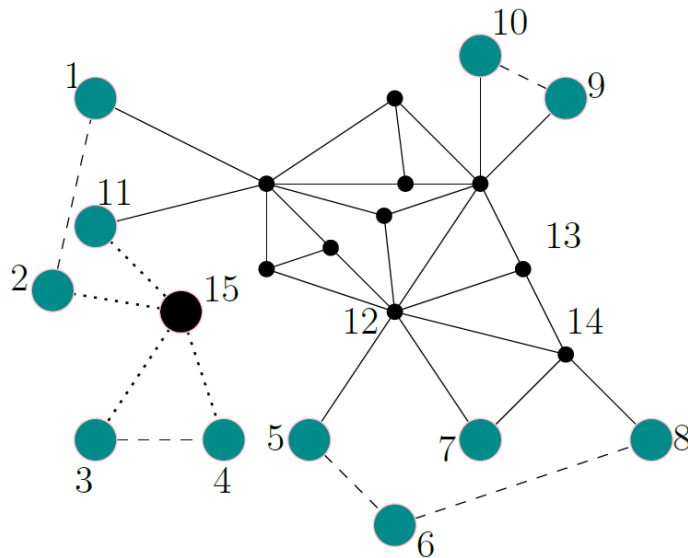


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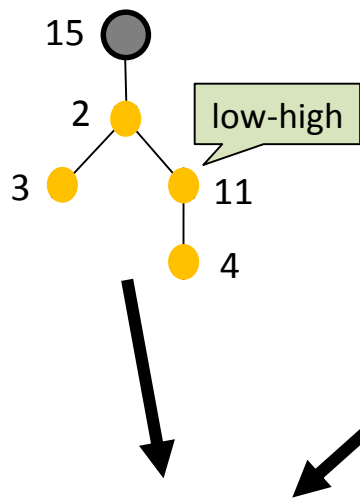
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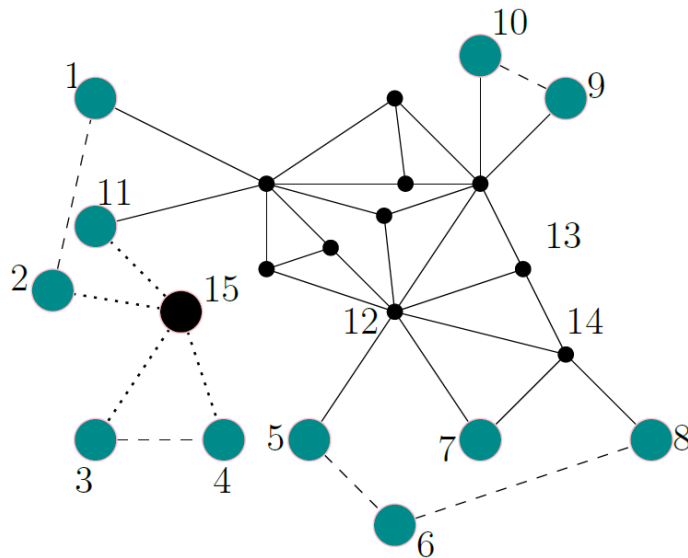
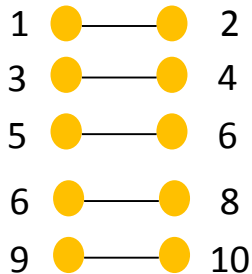
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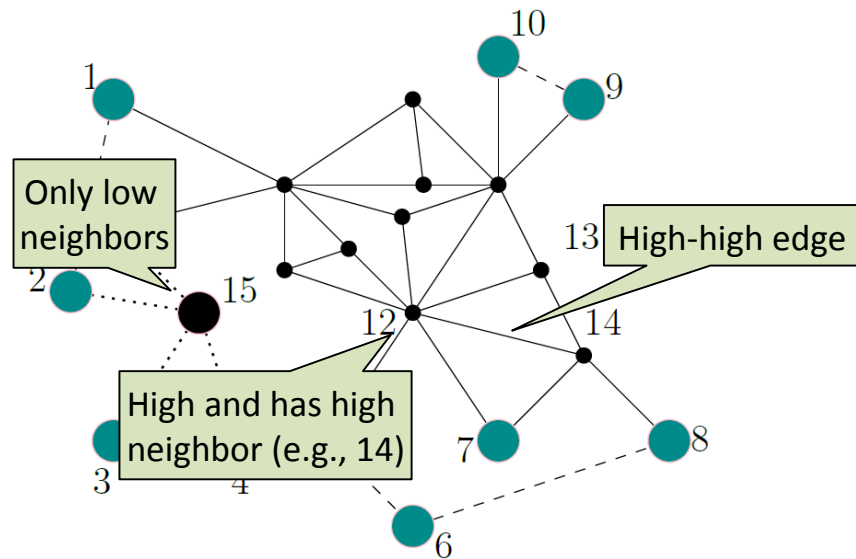
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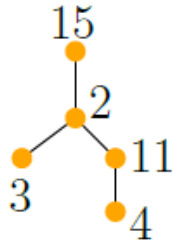
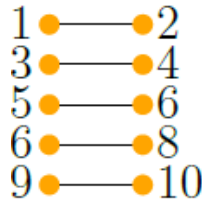
- Find **low** degree nodes
 - Half of the nodes of lowest degree: “below twice average degree”
- Find high degree nodes having only low degree neighbors (e.g., 15 but not 12):
 - Create optimal **binary tree** with low degree neighbors
- Put** the **low-low** edges and the binary **tree** into DAN and remove from demand
- Mark **high-high** edges
 - Put (any) **low degree** nodes in between (e.g., 1 or 2): one is enough so distanced increased by **+1**
- Now high degree nodes have only low degree neighbors: make **tree** again



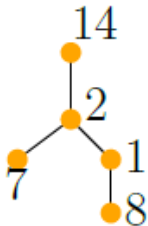
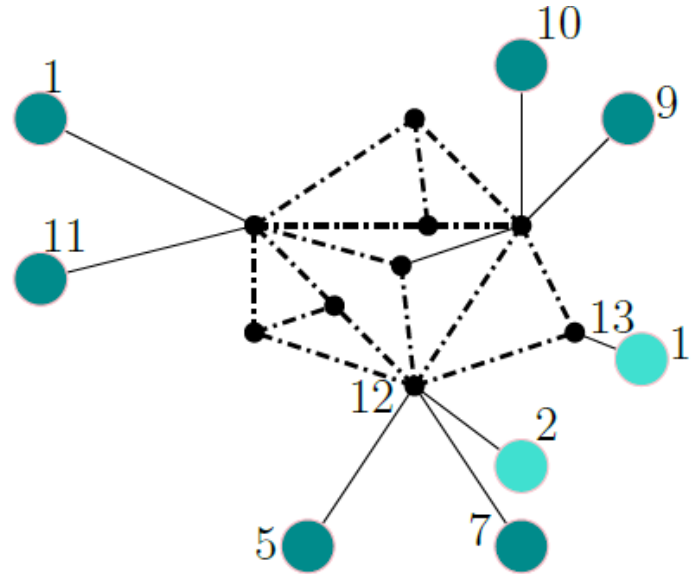
Example Illustrated

- Find **low** degree nodes
- Mark **low-low** edges
- Find **high** degree nodes with only **low** degree neighbors (e.g., 15)
- Make **binary tree** for them
- Add **low** degree node (e.g., 1 and 2) between **high-high** edge (e.g., 12-14, e.g., 14 has two high-degree neighbors 12 and 13)
- Now high nodes have only low neighbors as well, so make **tree** again (at 12-14)

DAN:



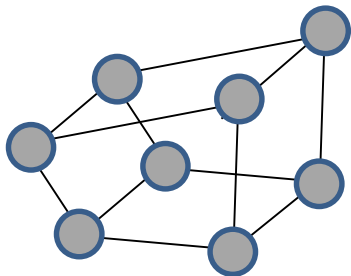
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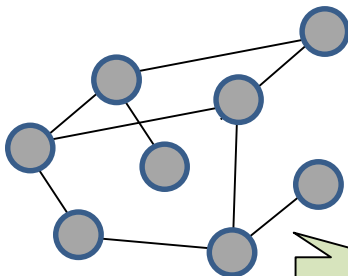
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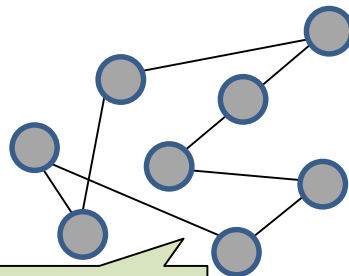
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subgraph!



Constant degree **optimal**
DAN (EPL at most **log r**):



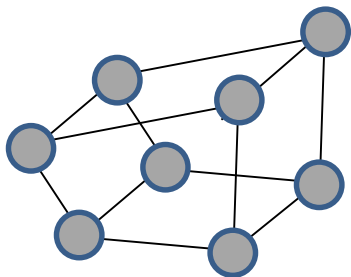
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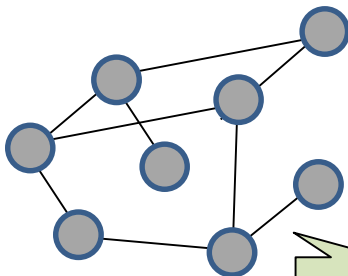
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Optimal: in r -regular graphs, conditional entropy is $\log r$.

r -regular and uniform request:

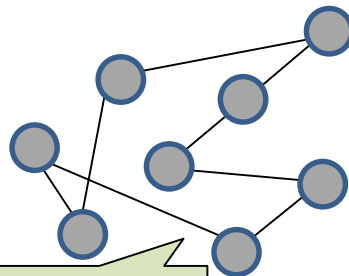


Sparse, irregular (constant) spanner:



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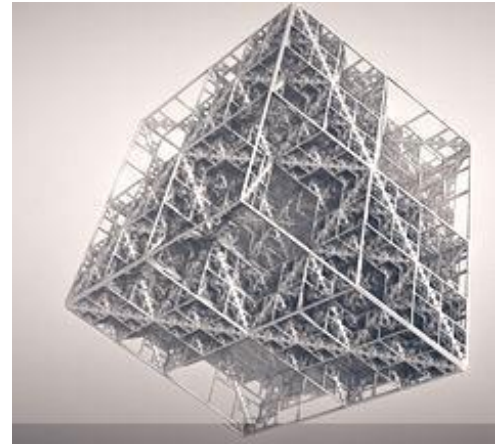
Constant degree optimal DAN (EPL at most $\log r$):



auxiliary edges

Reduction from Spanner

- Proof technique: degree-reduction again, this time *from sparse spanner* (before: from sparse demand graph)
- Consequences: optimal DAN designs for
 - **Hypercubes** (with $n \log n$ edges) Has sparse 3-spanner.
 - **Chordal** graphs Has sparse $O(1)$ -spanner.
 - Trivial: graphs with polynomial degree (**dense graphs**)



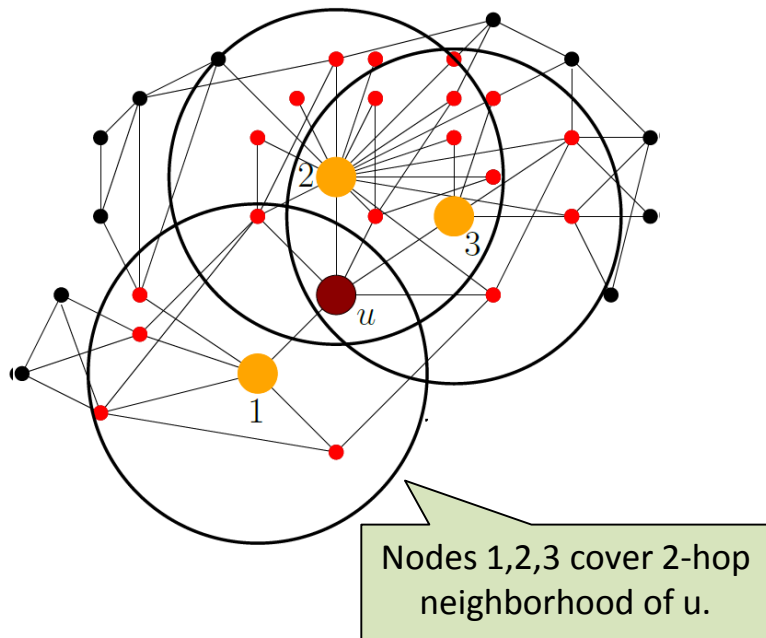
A dense graph

Another Example: Demands of Locally-Bounded Doubling Dimension

- **LDD**: $G_{\mathcal{D}}$ has a **Locally-bounded Doubling Dimension** (LDD) iff all 2-hop neighbors are covered by 1-hop neighbors of just λ nodes
 - Note: care only about **2-neighborhood**

We only consider 2 hops!

- Formally, $B(u, 2) \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^{\lambda} B(v_i, 1)$
- Challenge: can be of **high degree**!



DAN for Locally-Bounded Doubling Dimension

Lemma: There exists a sparse 9-(subgraph)spanner for LDD.

This *implies optimal DAN*: still
focus on regular and uniform!

Def. (ϵ -net): A subset V' of V is a ϵ -net for a graph $G = (V, E)$ if

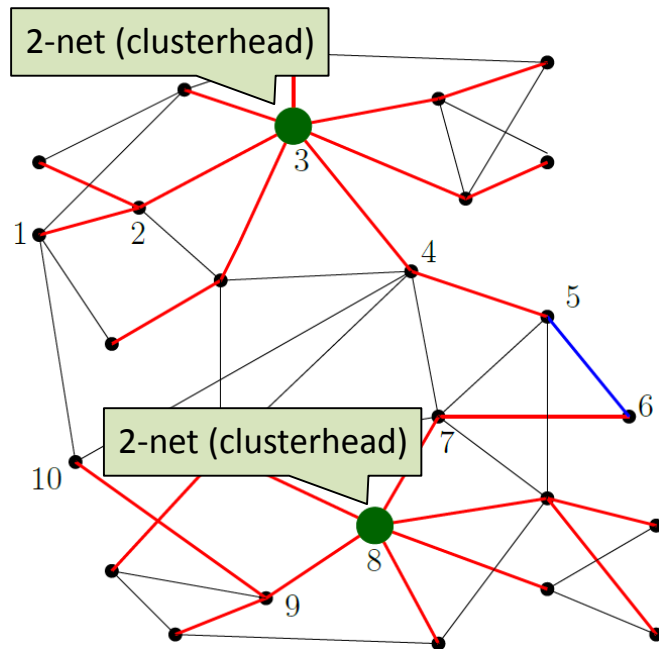
- V' sufficiently “independent”: for every $u, v \in V'$, $d_G(u, v) > \epsilon$
- “dominating” V : for each $w \in V$, \exists at least one $u \in V'$ such that, $d_G(u, w) \leq \epsilon$

9-Spanner for LDD (= optimal DAN)

Simple algorithm:

1. Find a 2-net

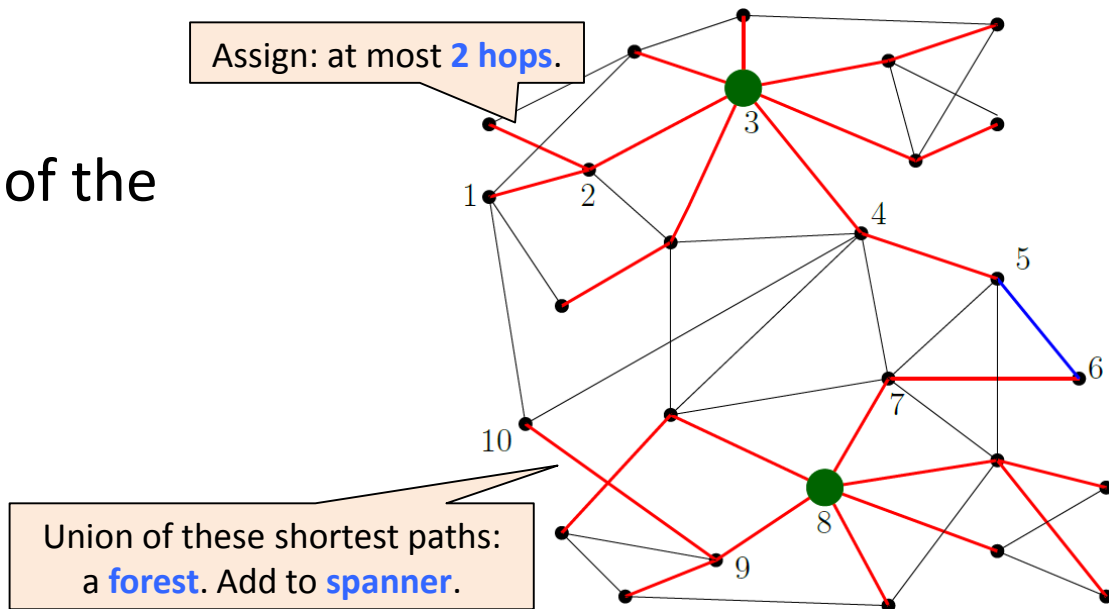
Easy: Select nodes into 2-net **one-by-one** in decreasing (remaining) degrees, **remove 2-neighborhood**. Iterate.



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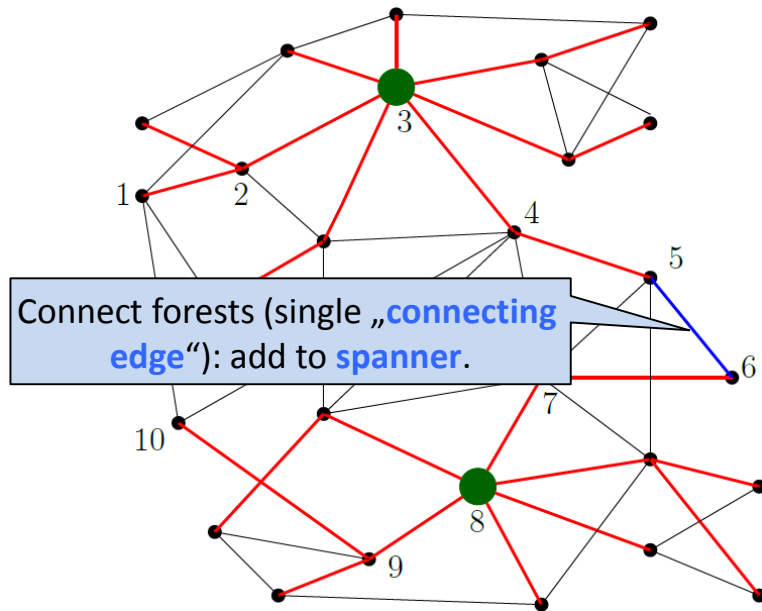
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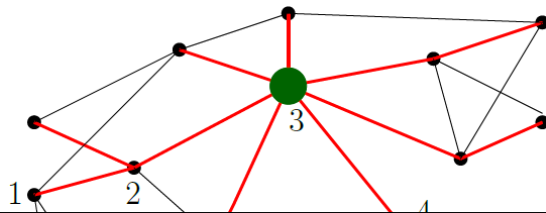
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Distortion 9: Detour via clusterheads:
 $u, \text{ch}(u), x, y, \text{ch}(v), v$



1. Find a 2-net
2. Add nodes to one of the closest 2-net nodes
3. Join two clusters edges in between



Sparse: Spanner only includes forest (sparse) plus “connecting edges”: but since in a locally doubling dimension graph the number of cluster heads at distance 5 is bounded, only a small number of neighboring clusters will communicate.



Further Reading

Demand-Aware Network Designs of Bounded Degree
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31st International Symposium on Distributed Computing (**DISC**),
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So how useful are entropy-proportional DANs?

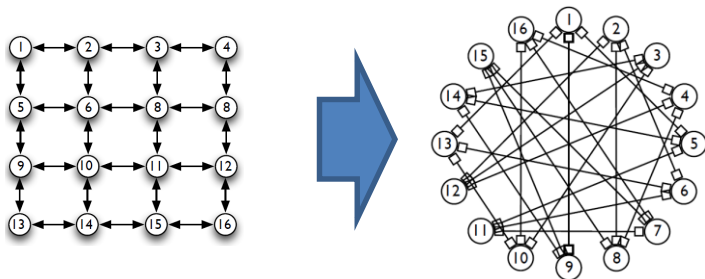
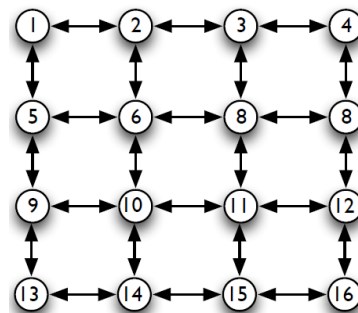
It depends...

- Demand-oblivious network: no information about matrix: **maximum uncertainty (entropy)**, so $EPL = \text{entropy} = \Omega(\log n)$...
 - ... even if the demand matrix has a very low **actual entropy**
- **Actual entropy** depends on **spatial locality** of communication

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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Example 1: 2-dim Grid

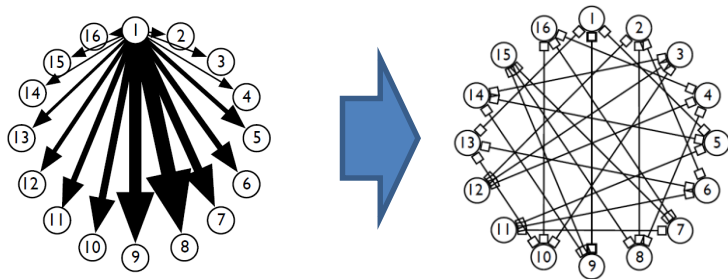
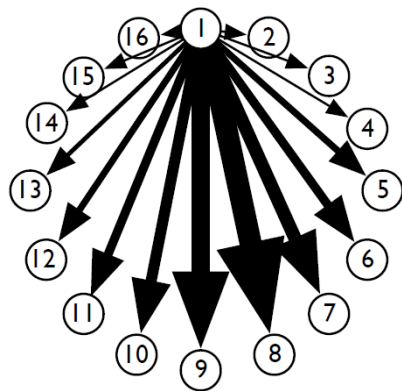
Low **spatial locality**: conditional entropy
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Example 2: Weighted Star

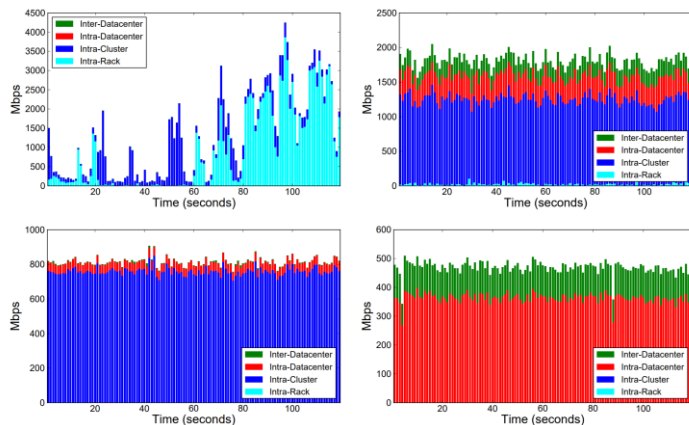
Low **spatial locality**: conditional entropy can be **very small** if skew is large



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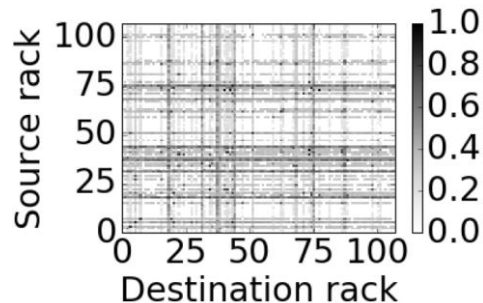
Many Empirical Studies Confirm Spatial Locality

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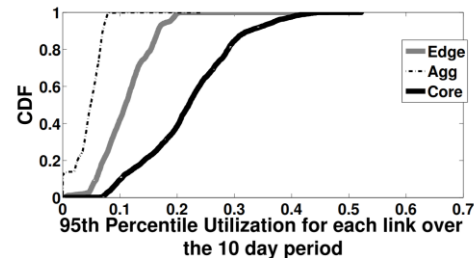
Inside the Social Network's (Datacenter)
Network @ SIGCOMM 2015

Microsoft



ProjectToR @ SIGCOMM 2016

Benson et al.



Understanding Data Center Traffic
Characteristics @ WREN 2009

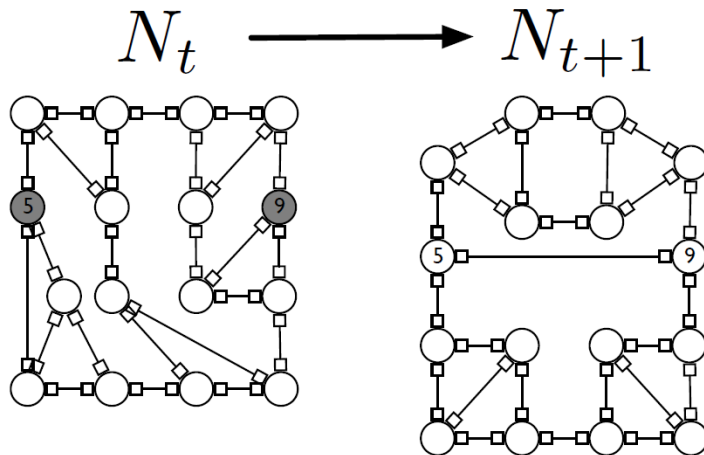
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What Are the Objectives and Metrics for SANs?

Model: A Cost-Benefit Tradeoff

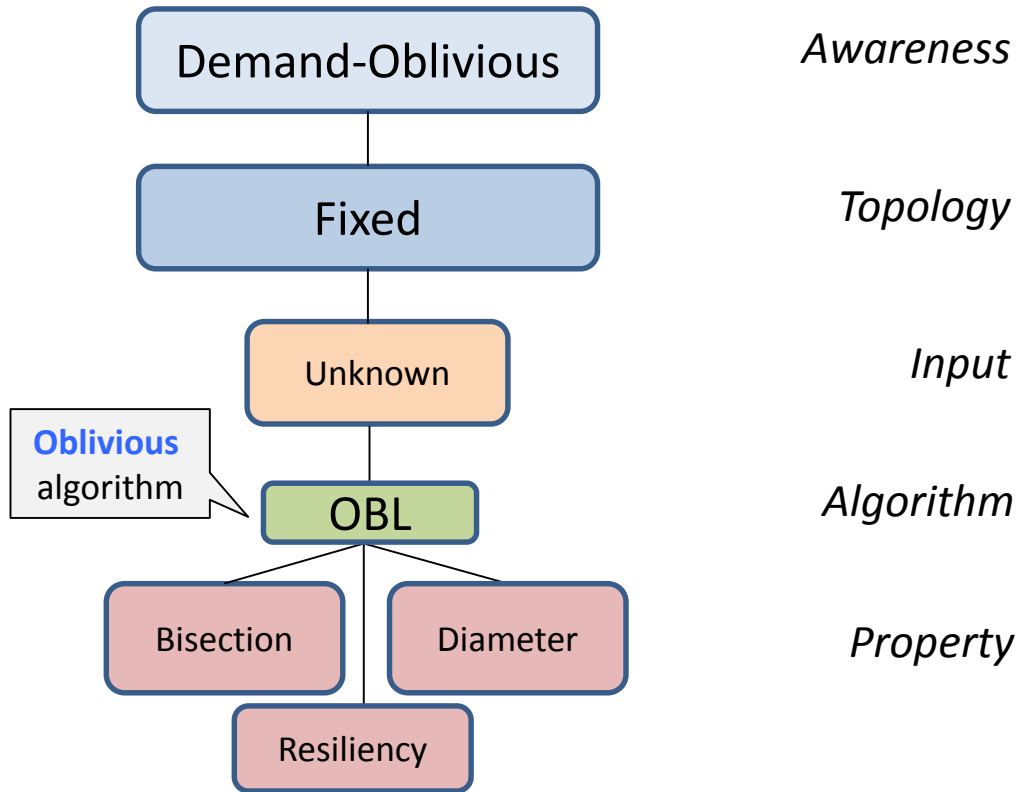


Basic question:
How often to reconfigure?

Short routes
High reconfiguration cost

Low reconfiguration cost
Long routes

A Taxonomy: Traditional Networks



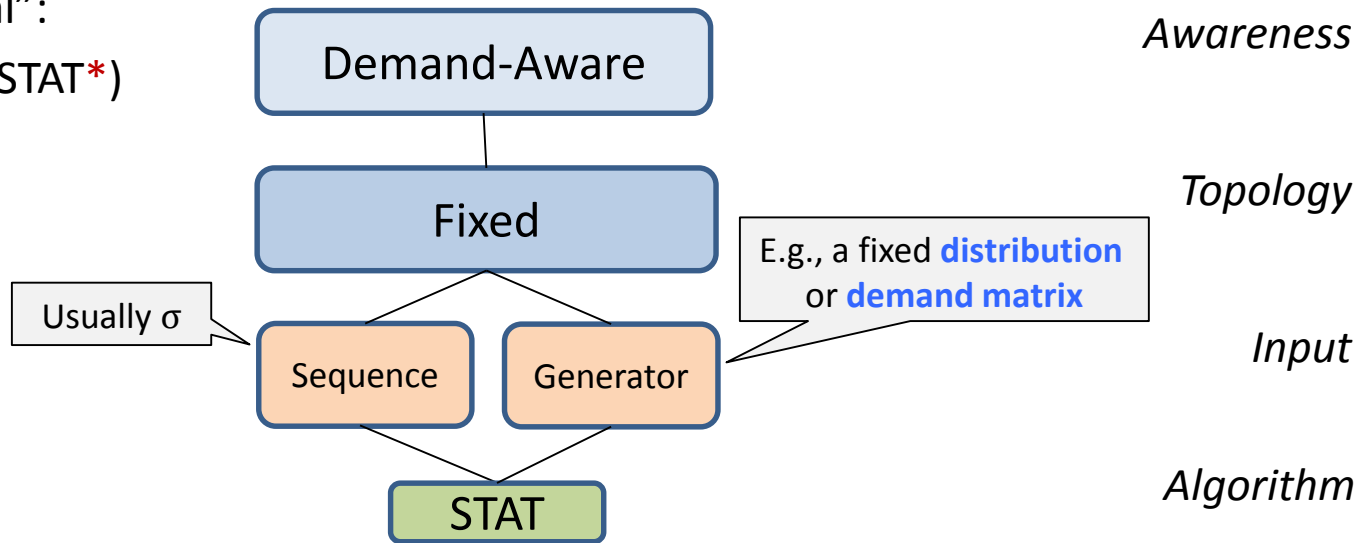
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Objective:

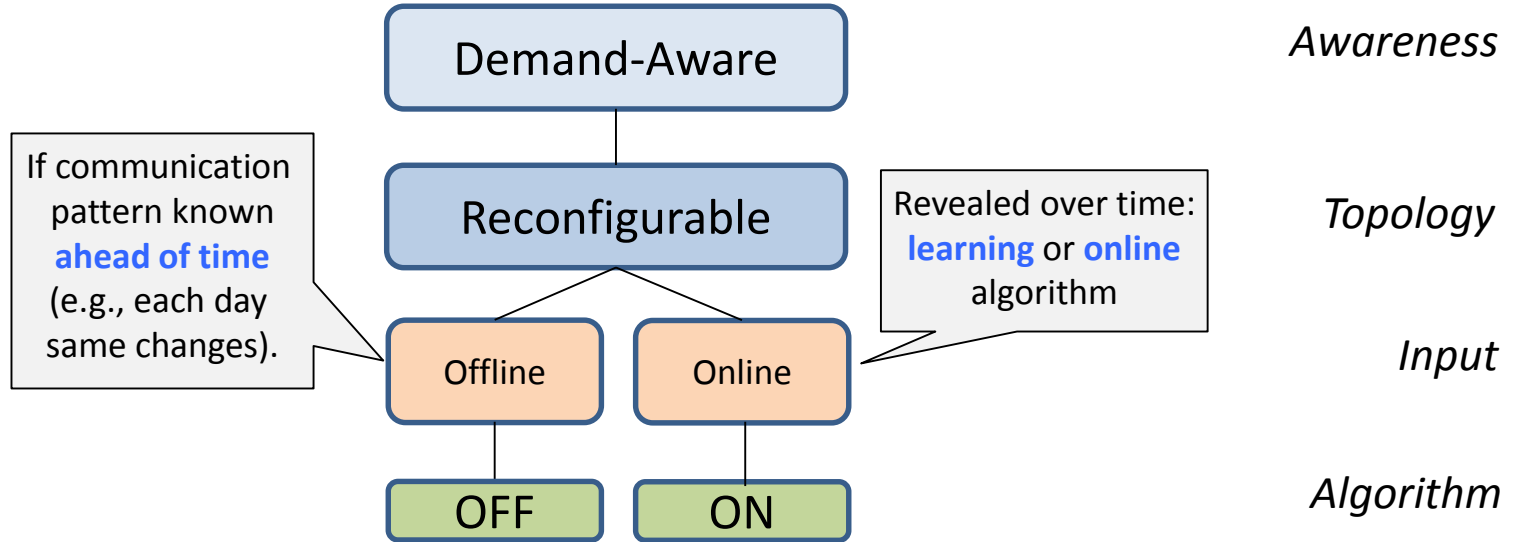
“Close to optimal”:

$$\rho = \text{Cost}(\text{STAT}) / \text{Cost}(\text{STAT}^*)$$

is small.



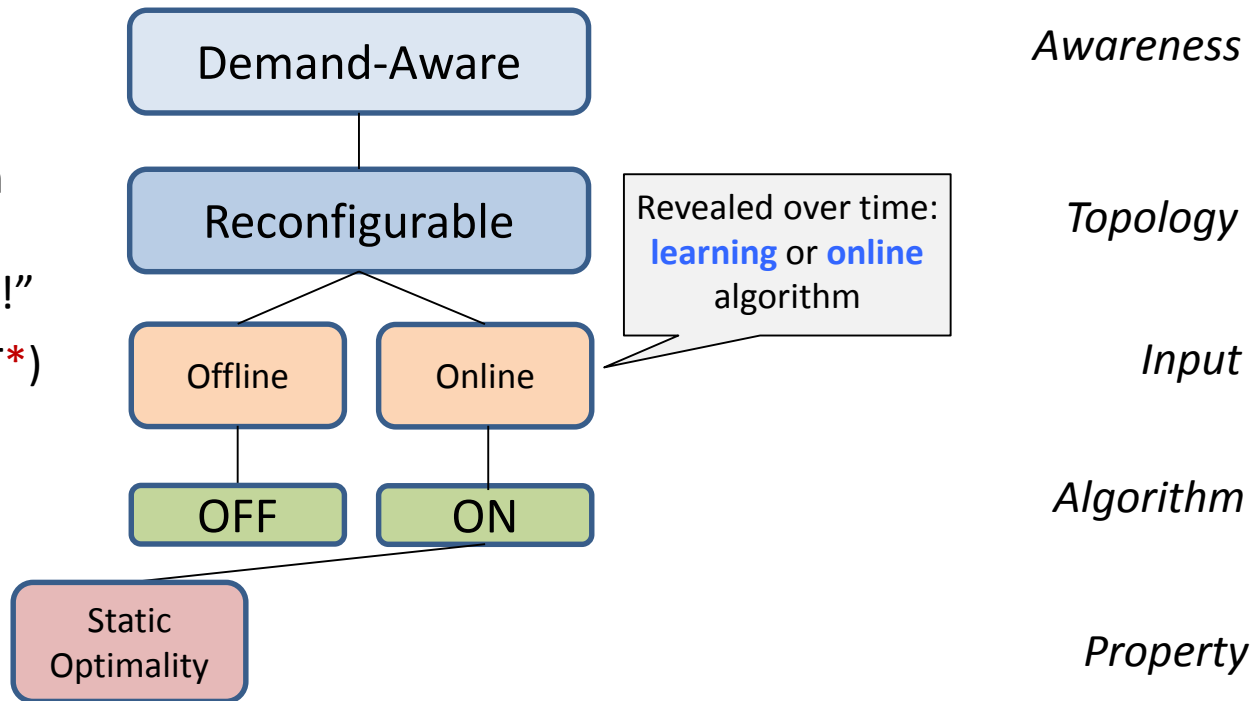
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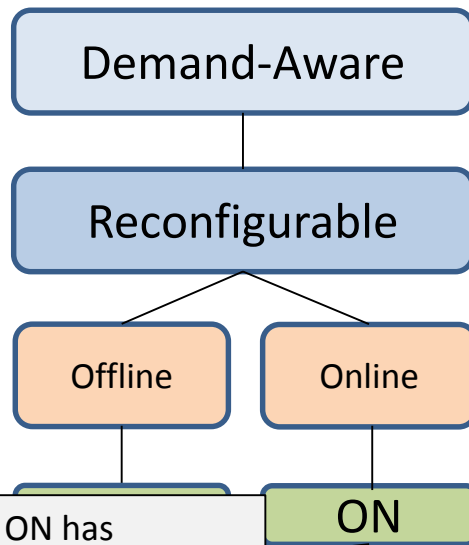
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Note: may be $\ll 1$. ON has **advantage** of adjusting, but the **disadvantage** of not knowing the workload. E.g. if much **temporal locality**.



Awareness

Topology

Input

Algorithm

Property

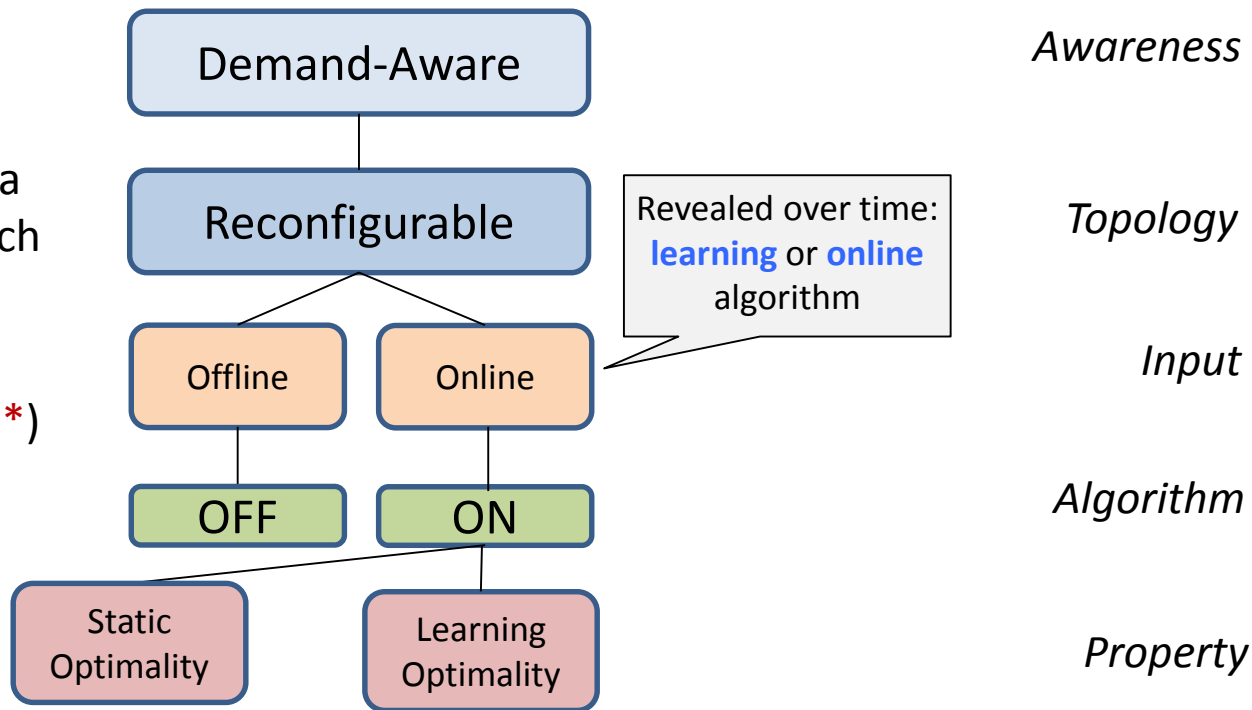
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Learning Optimality:

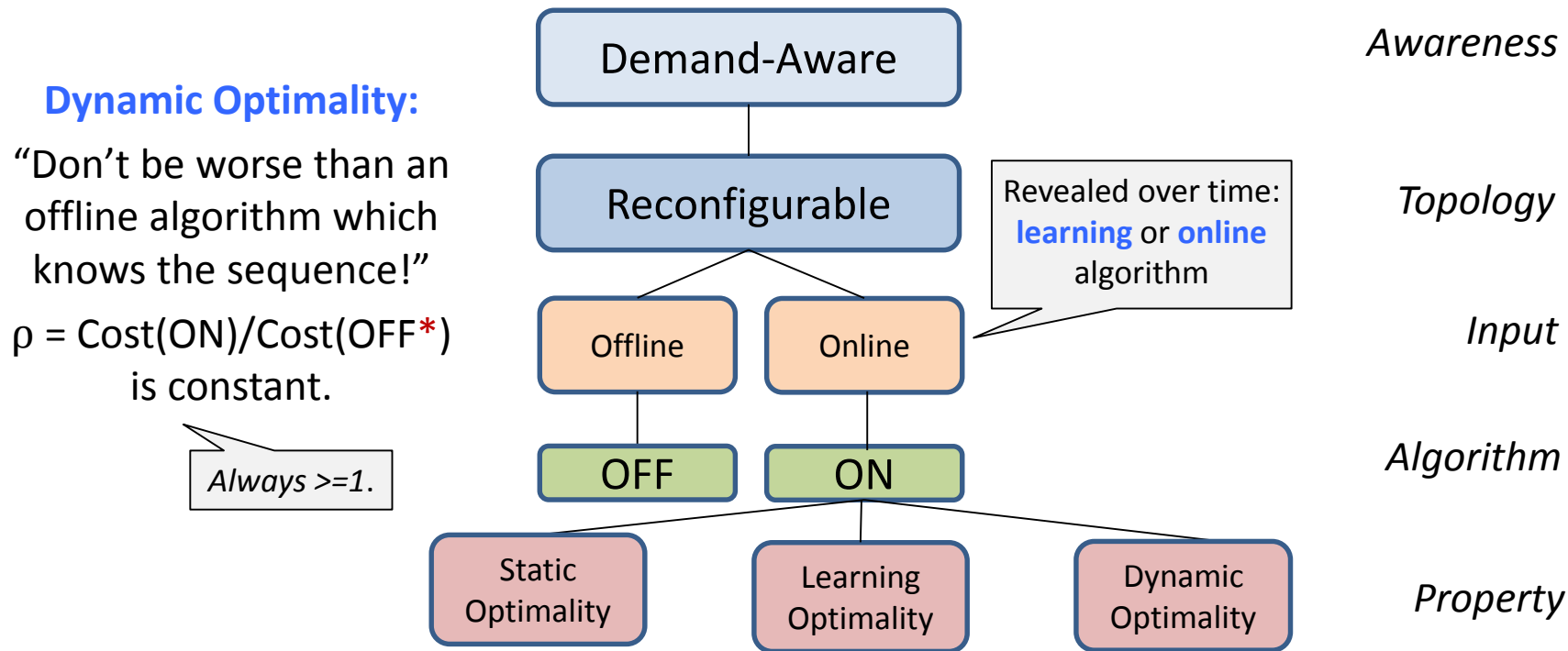
“Don’t be worse than a dynamic algorithm which knows the (fixed) generator!”

$\rho = \text{Cost}(\text{ON}) / \text{Cost}(\text{GEN}^*)$ is constant.

Always ≥ 1 .

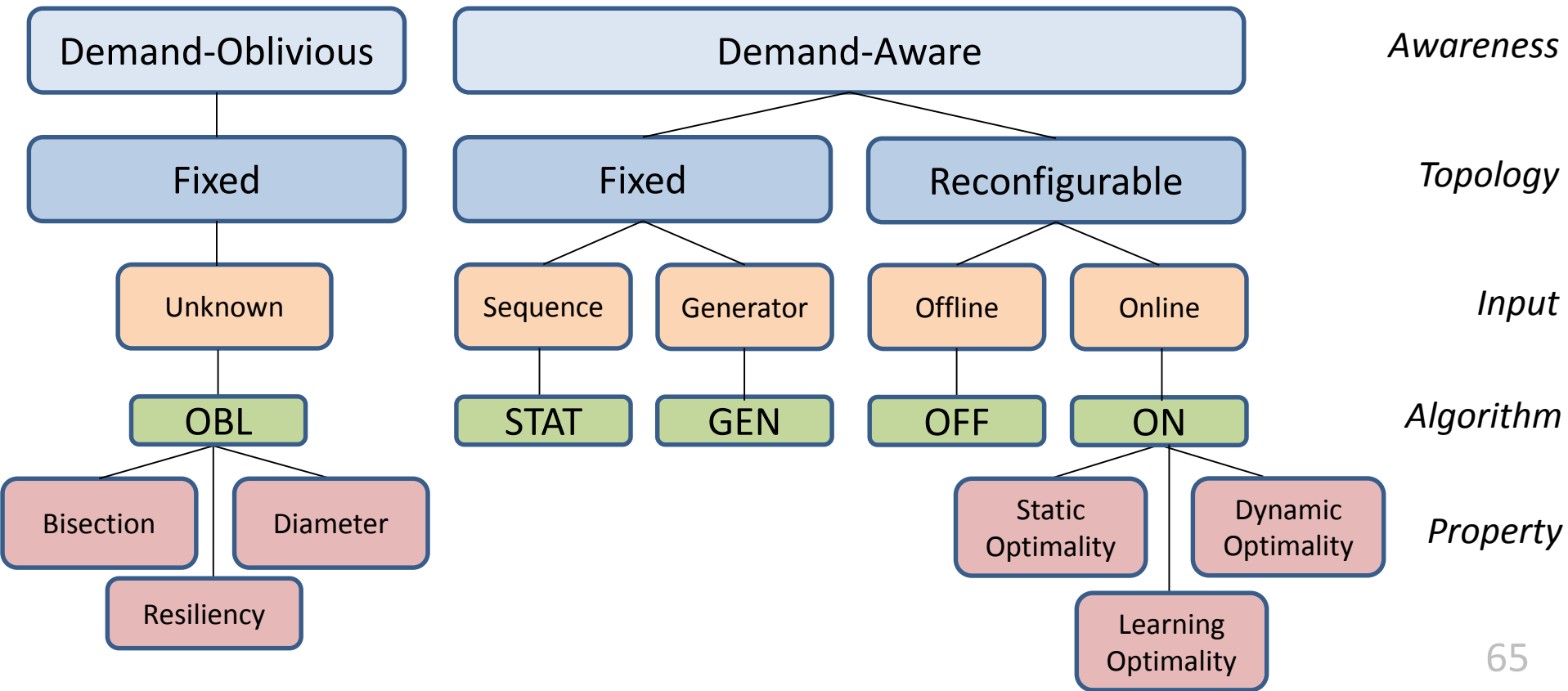


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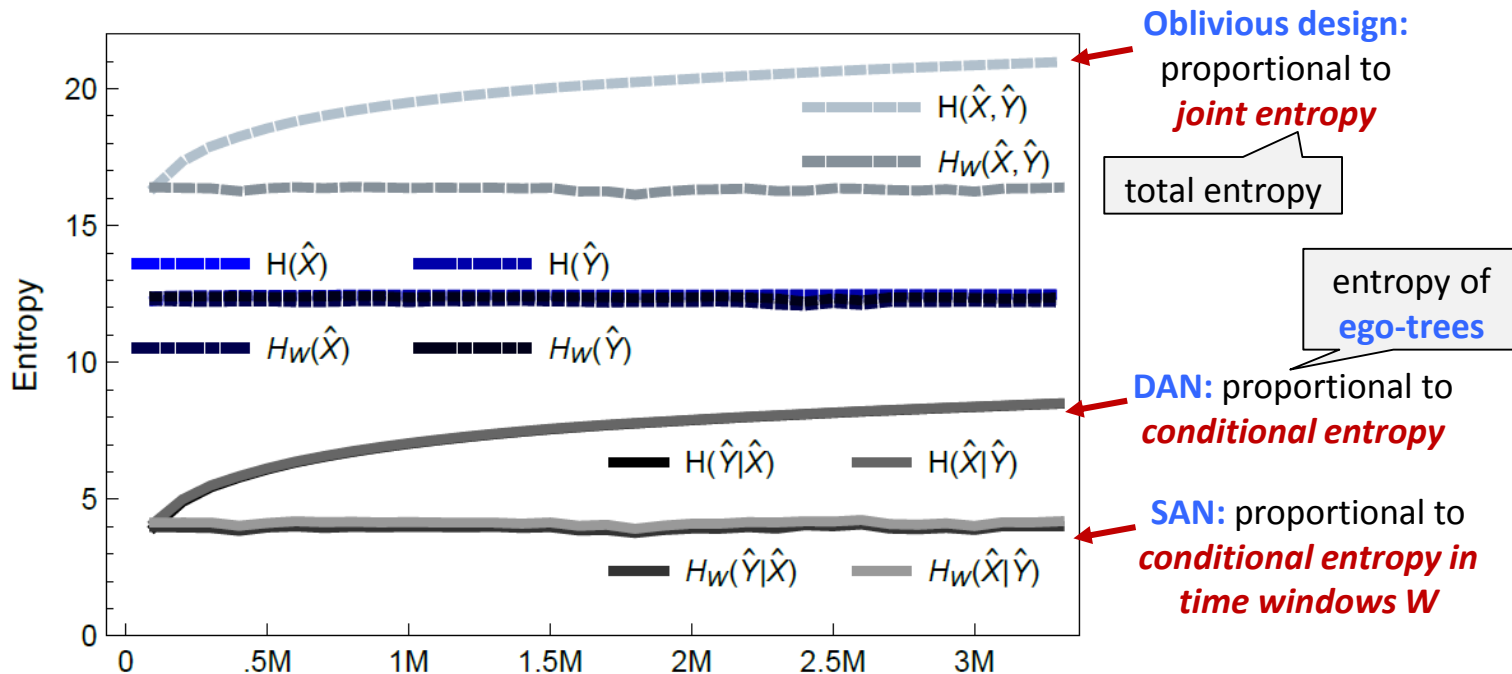
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Toward Demand-Aware Networking: A Theory for Self-Adjusting Networks. **ArXiv** 2018.



When are SANs better than DANs?

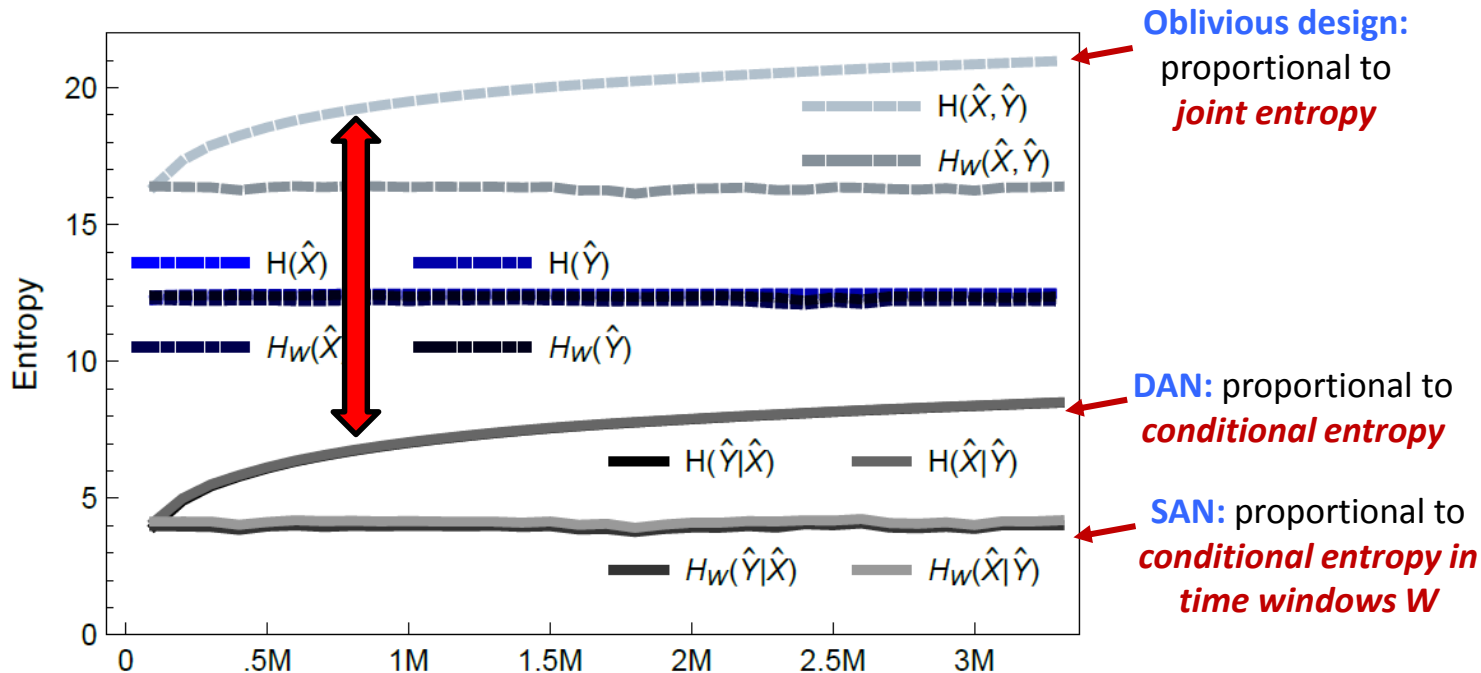
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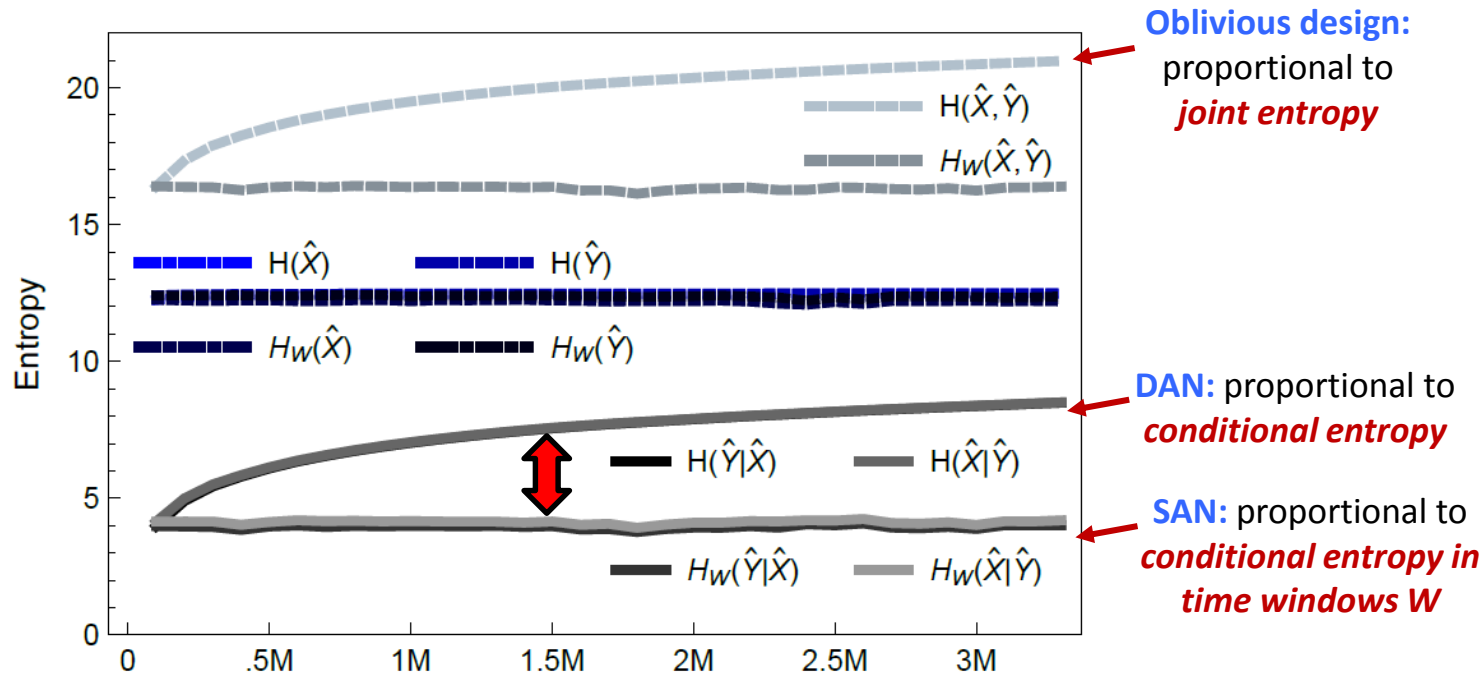
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Benefit of
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Benefit of SAN
(if we change every
 $W=100k$ requests)

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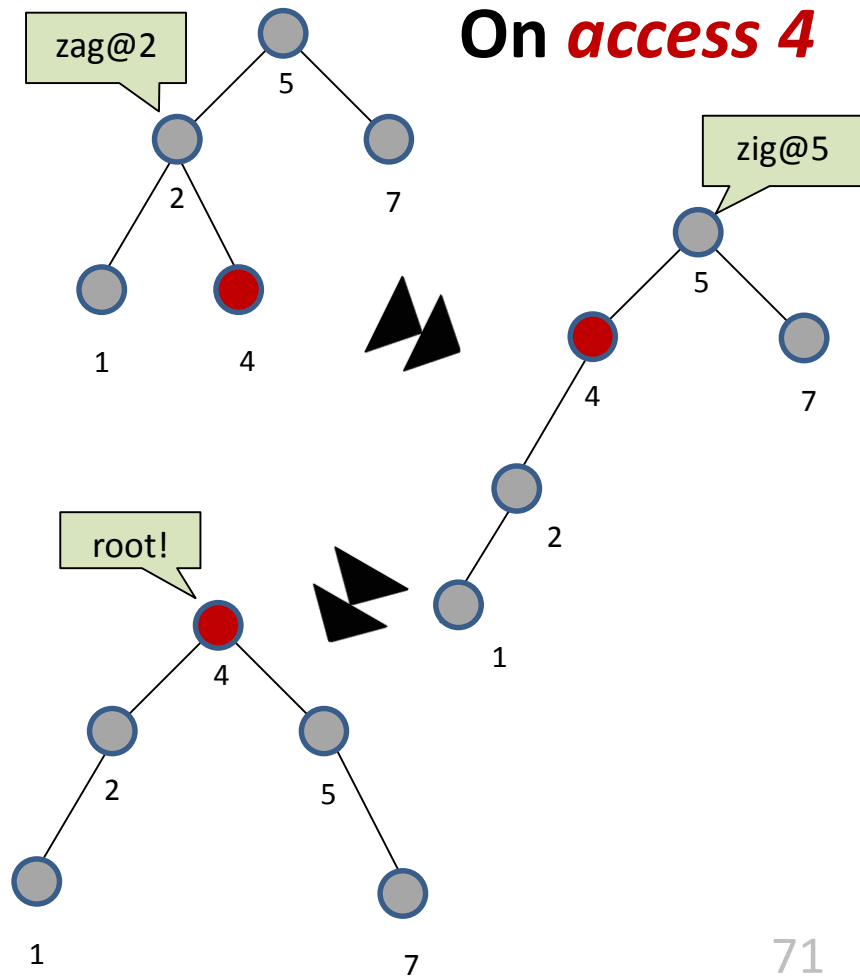
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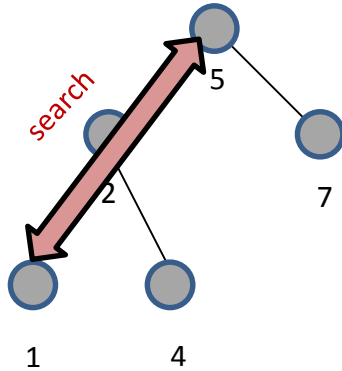
Inspiration from **self-adjusting
datastructures** again!

The Classic Self-Adjusting Datastructure: Splay Tree

- A Binary Search Tree (**BST**)
- Inspired by “**move-to-front**”: move **to root**!
- Self-adjustment: **zig**, **zigzig**, **zigzag**
 - Maintains **search property**
- Many nice properties
 - **Static optimality**, **working set**, (static,dynamic) **fingers**, ...

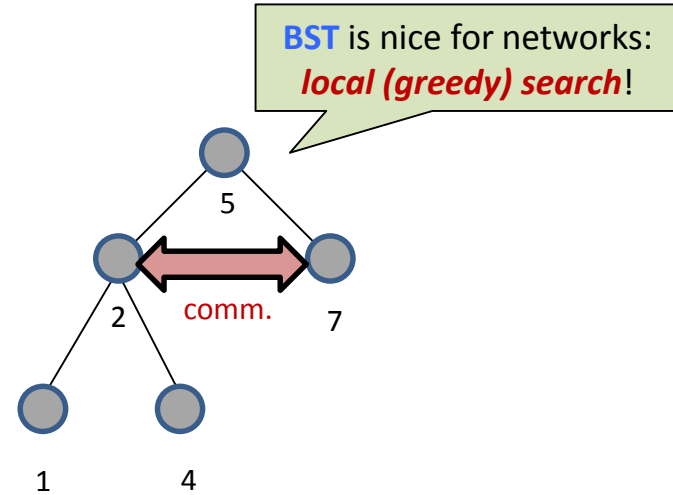


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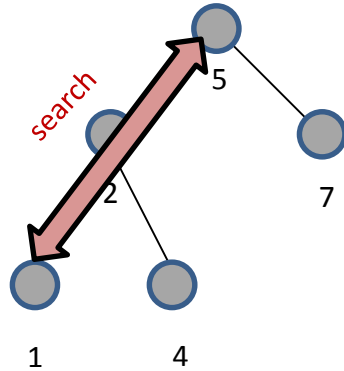
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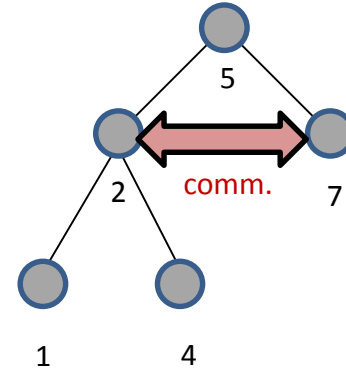
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But how?



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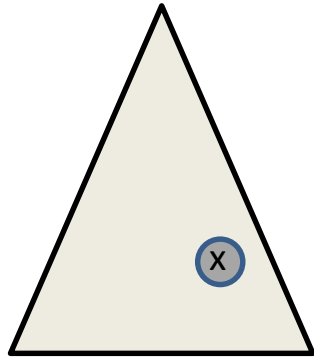
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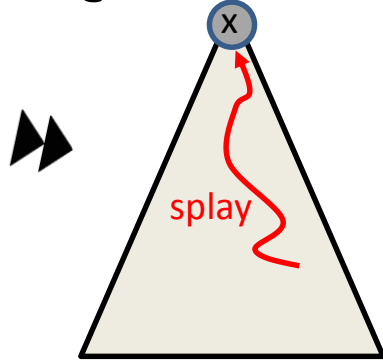
SplayNet

SplayNet: A Simple Idea

@t: access x

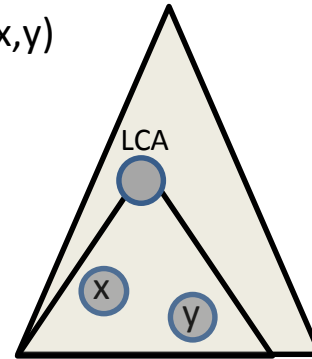


@t+1

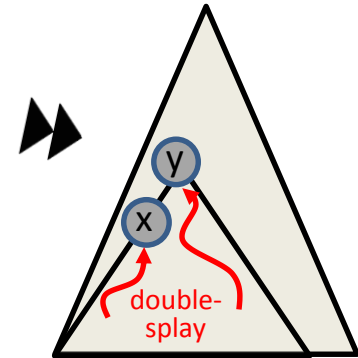


Splay Tree

@t: comm
(x,y)

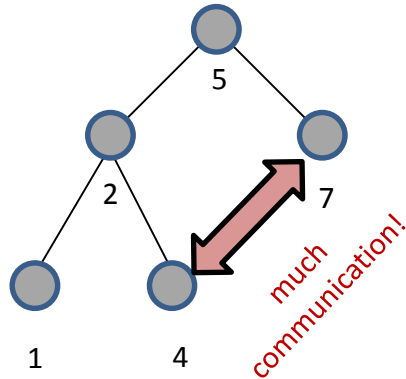
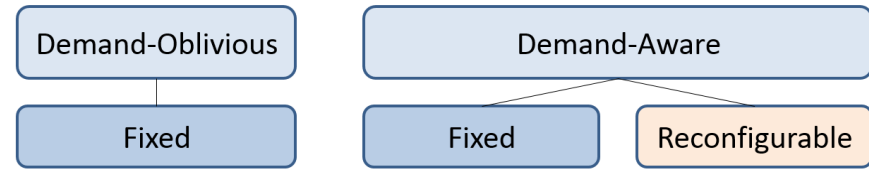


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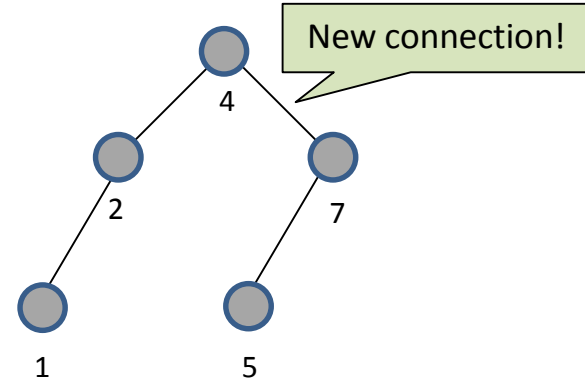
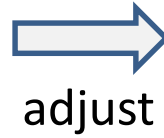


SplayNet

Example



$t=1$



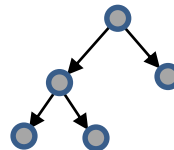
$t=2$

Challenges: How to **minimize reconfigurations**?
How to keep network **locally** routable?

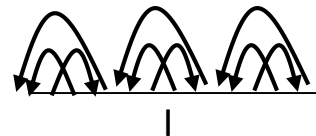
Properties of SplayNets

- **Statically optimal** if demand comes from a **product distribution**
 - Product distribution: entropy equals conditional entropy, i.e., $H(X)+H(Y)=H(X|Y)+H(X|Y)$
- Converges to optimal static topology in
 - **Multicast scenario**: requests come from a **BST** as well
 - **Cluster scenario**: communication only **within interval**
 - **Laminated scenario**: communication is „**non-crossing matching**“

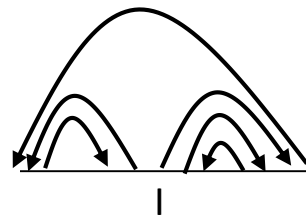
Multicast Scenario



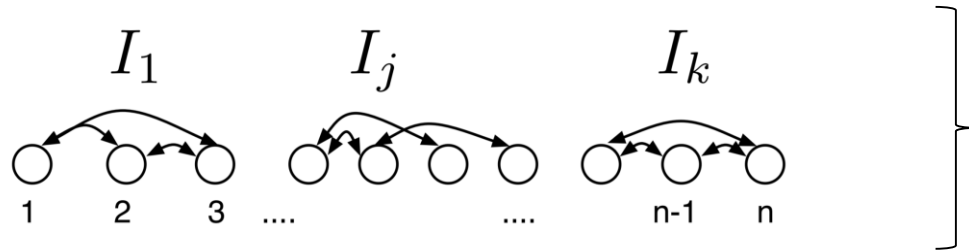
Cluster Scenario



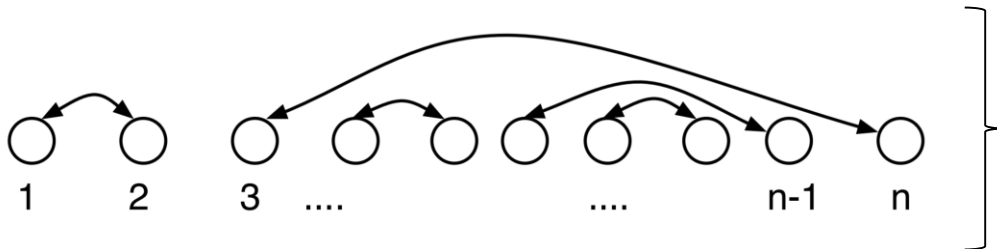
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More Specifically



Cluster scenario: SplayNet will converge to state where **path between cluster nodes** only includes cluster nodes



Non-crossing matching scenario: SplayNet will converge to state where all communication pairs **are adjacent**

Remark: Fast Static SplayNet

Theorem: Optimal static SplayNet can be computed in polynomial-time (dynamic programming)

– Unlike unordered tree?

1. Define: flow out of interval I

$$W_I(v) = \sum_{u \in I} w(u, v) + w(v, u)$$

Decouple cost to outside:
distance to root of T_I only

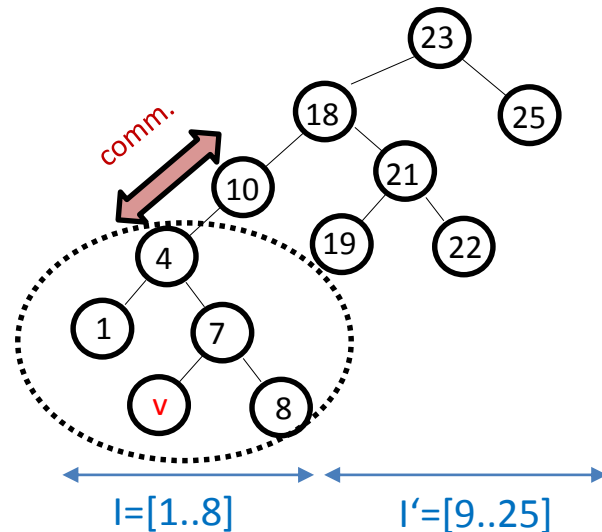
2. Cost of a given tree T_I on I :

$$\text{Cost}(T_I, W_I) = \left[\sum_{u, v \in I} (d(u, v) + 1) w(u, v) \right] + D_I * W_I$$

(D_I distances of nodes in I from root of T_I)

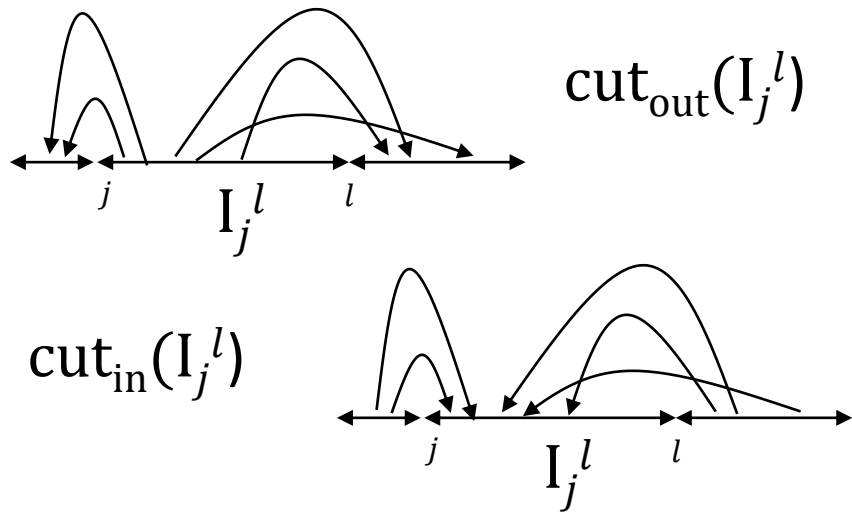
3. Dynamic program over intervals

Choose optimal root and
add dist to root



Remark: Improved Lower Bounds

Interval Cuts Bound



$$\text{Cost} = \Omega(\max_i \min_{j,l} H(\text{cut}_{\text{in}}(I_j^l)))$$

$$\text{Cost} = \Omega(\max_i \min_{j,l} H(\text{cut}_{\text{out}}(I_j^l)))$$

If much goes over same cut:
leads to long paths!

Edge Expansion Bound

- Let cut $W(S)$ be weight of edges in cut (S, S') for a given S
- Define a distribution $w_S(u)$ according to the weights to all possible nodes v :

$$w_S(u) = \sum_{\substack{(u,v) \in E(S, \bar{S}) \\ u \in S}} w(u, v) / W(S)$$

- Define entropy of cut and $\text{src}(S), \text{dst}(S)$ distributions accordingly: :

$$\phi_H(S) = W(S) (H(\text{src}(S)) + H(\text{dst}(S)))$$

- Conductance entropy is lower bound:

$$\Omega(\phi_H(\mathcal{R}(\sigma)))$$

For SplayNets: stronger lower bounds
than conditional entropy.

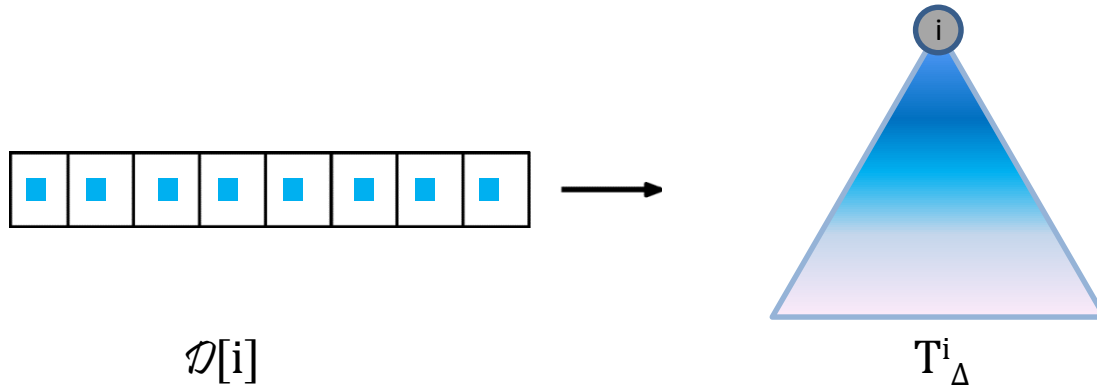
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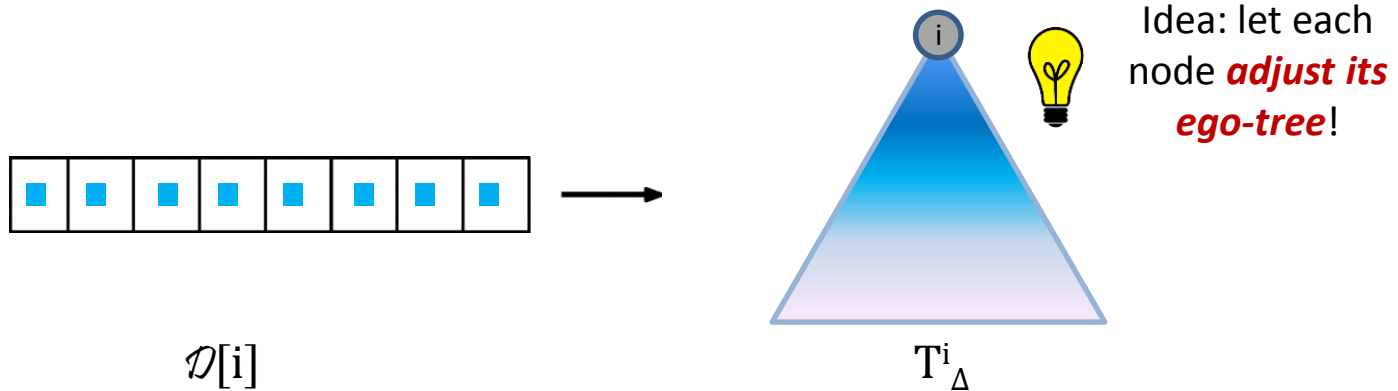
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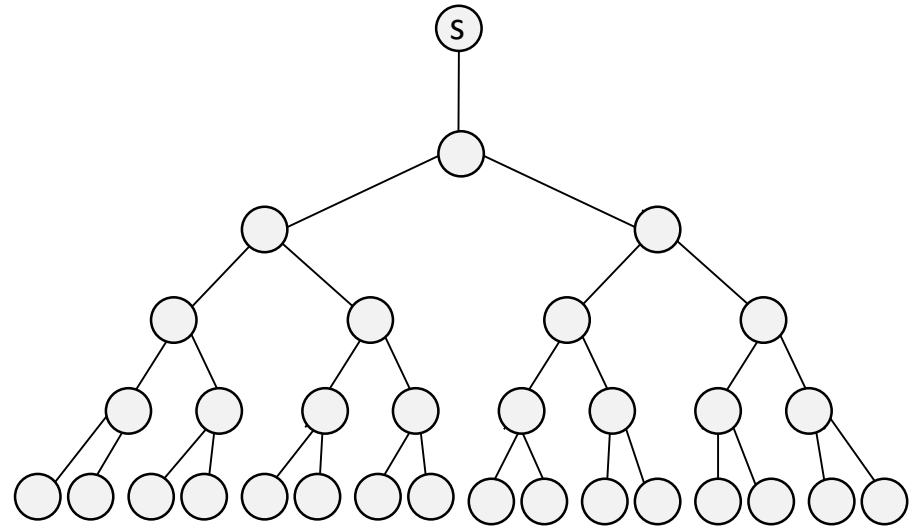


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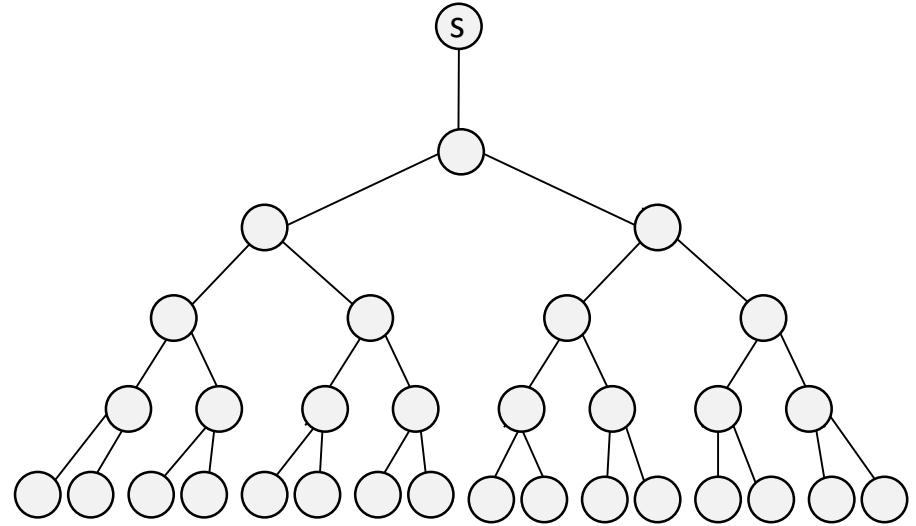
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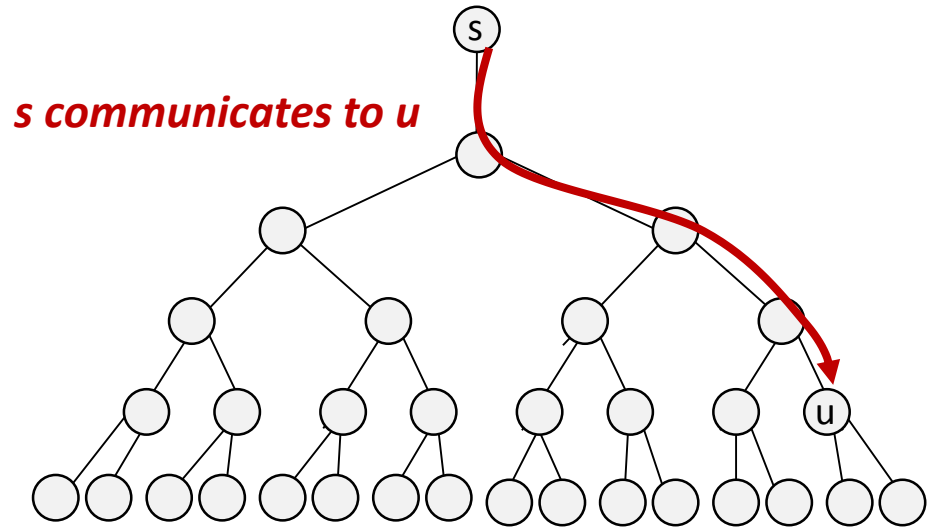
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A useful dynamic property: **Most-Recently Used (MRU)**!
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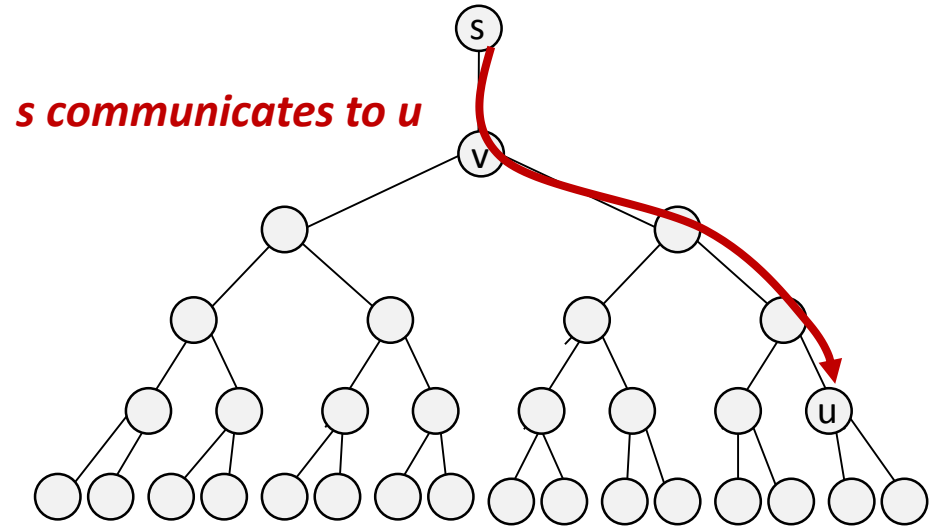
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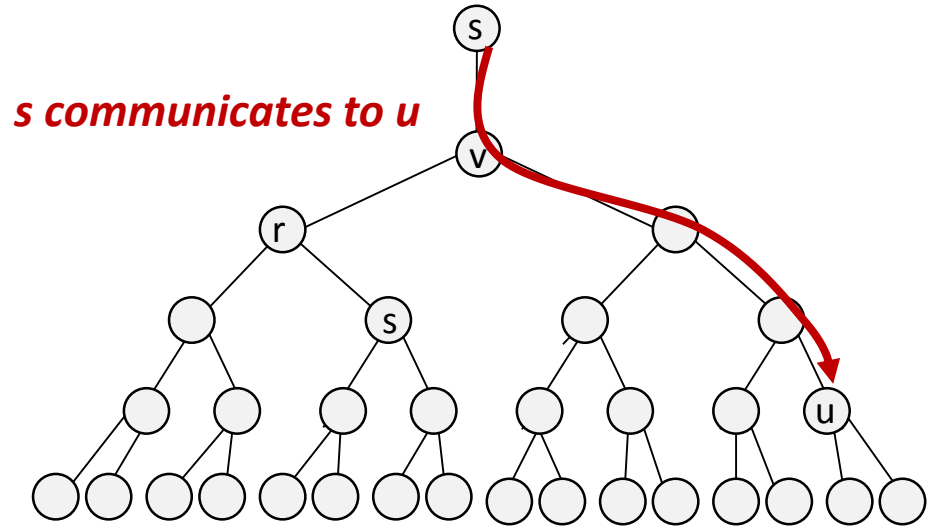
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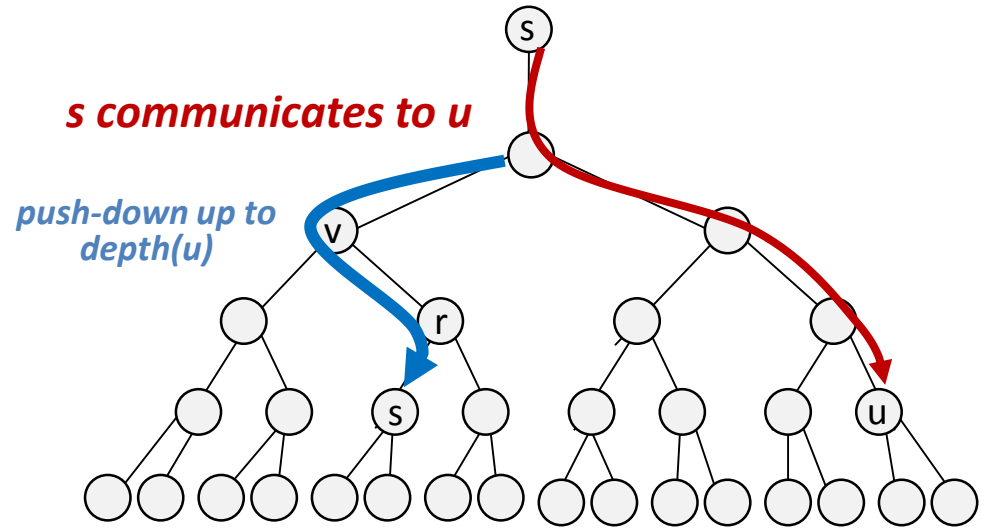
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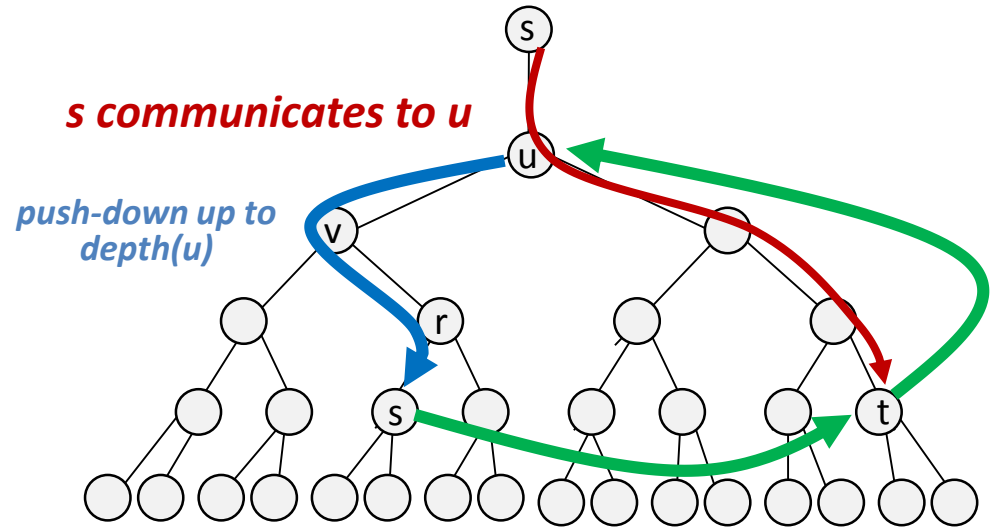
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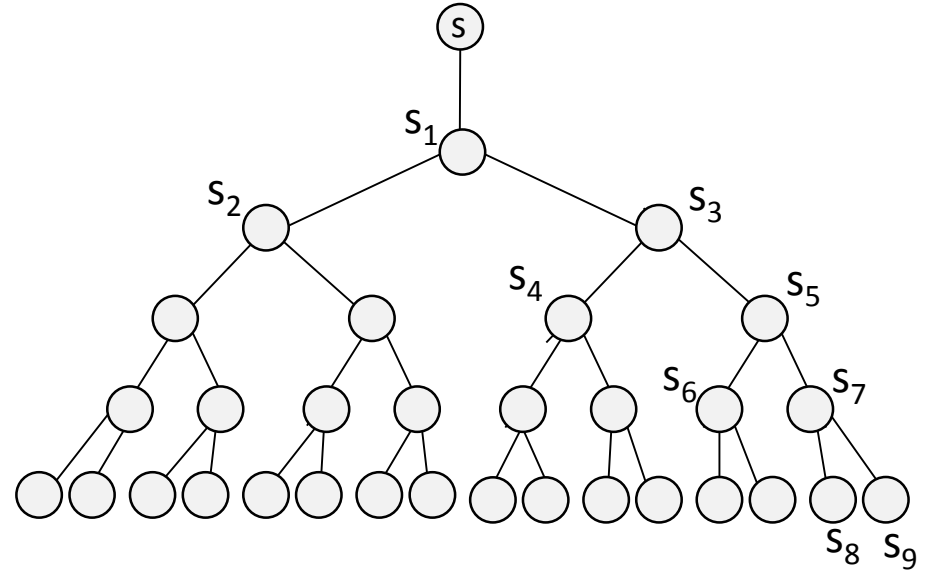
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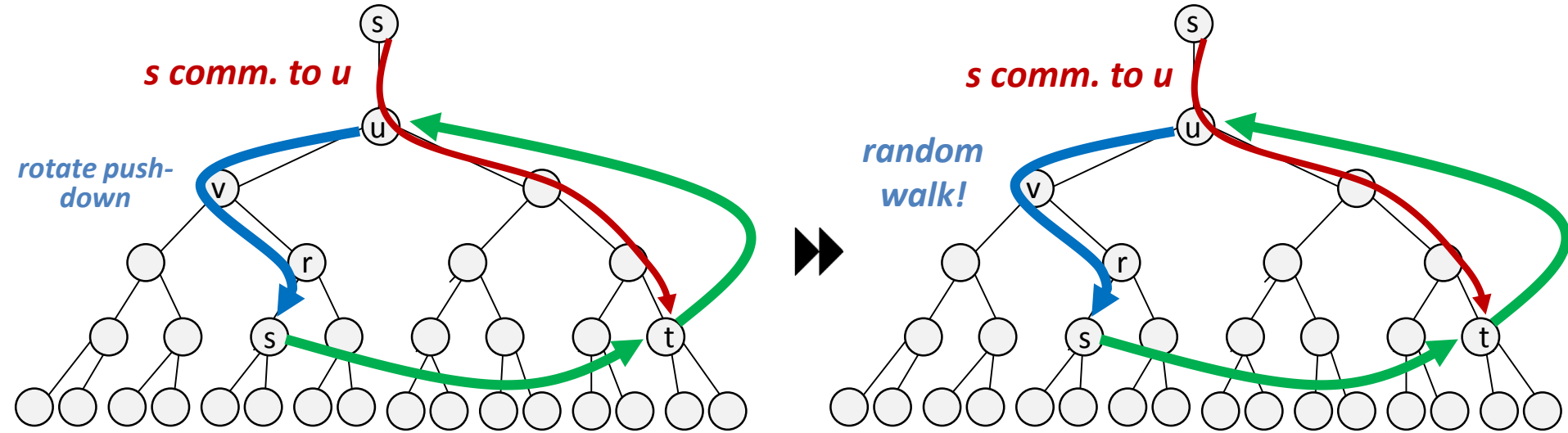
*Then: promote u to available root, and
t to u: at original depth!*

Remarks

- Unfortunately, alternating push-down does **not maintain MRU** (working set) property
- Tree can **degrade**, e.g.: sequence of requests from level 4,1,2,1,3,1,4,1



Solution: Random Walk



***At least maintains approximate
working set / MRU!***

Further Reading

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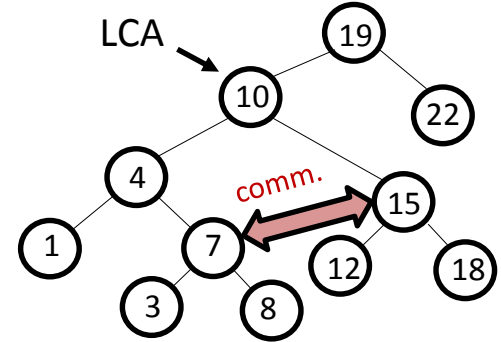
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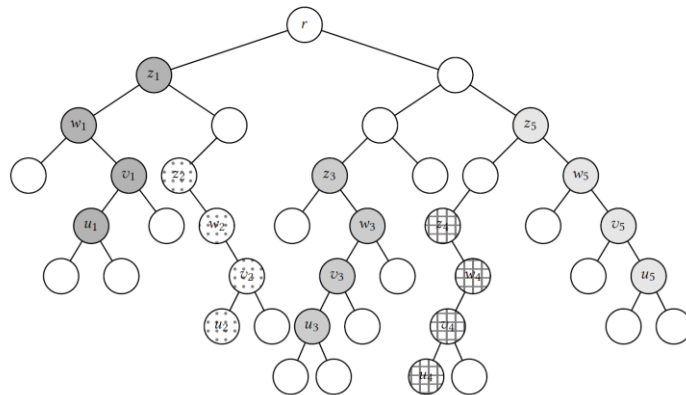
- SplayNet attractive: ordered BST supports **local routing**
 - Nodes **maintain three ranges**: interval of left subtree, right subtree, upward
- If communicate (frequently): **double-splay** toward LCA
- Challenge: **concurrency**!
 - Access Lemma of splay trees no longer works: **potential function** does not „**telescope**“ anymore: a concurrently rising node may push down another rising node again



SplayNet

DiSplayNet: Challenges

- DiSplayNet: Rotations (zig,zigzig,zigzag) are **concurrent**
- To avoid conflict: distributed computation of **independent clusters**
- Still challenging:



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	...	$i-6$	$i-5$	$i-4$	$i-3$	$i-2$	$i-1$	i
σ_1	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
σ_2	-	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	-	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
...
σ_{m-1}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	...	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	-
σ_m	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	...	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	-

	1	2	3	...	i	$i+1$	$i+2$	$i+3$	$i+4$	$i+5$	$i+6$...	j	...	k
s_1	✓	✓	✓	...	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	...	-	✓	...	-
d_1	✓	✓	✓	...	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	...	-	✓	...	-
s_2	-	✓	✓	...	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	-	...	-	-	...	-
d_2	-	✓	✓	...	✓	✓	✗	✓	-	-	...	-	-	...	-
s_3	-	-	✓	...	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	...	✓	...	-
d_3	-	-	✓	...	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	...	✓	...	-

Sequential SplayNet: requests **one after another**

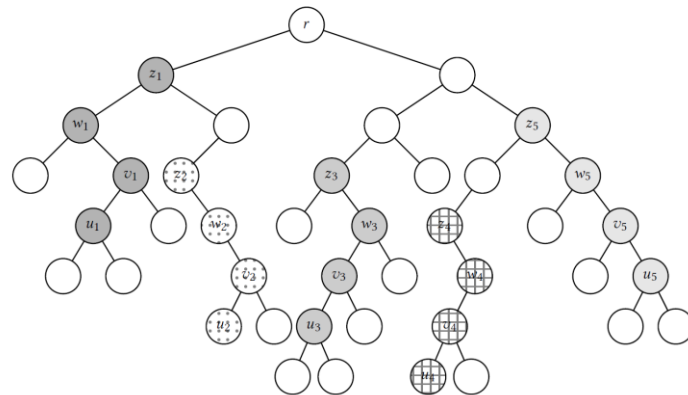
DiSplayNet: Analysis more challenging: potential function sum no longer **telescopic**. One request can “push-down” another.

DiSplayNet: Challenges

- DiSplayNet: Rotations (zig,zigzig,zigzag) are **concurrent**
- To avoid conflict: distributed computation of **independent clusters**
- Still challenging:

Telescopic: max potential drop

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Sequential SplayNet: requests **one after another**

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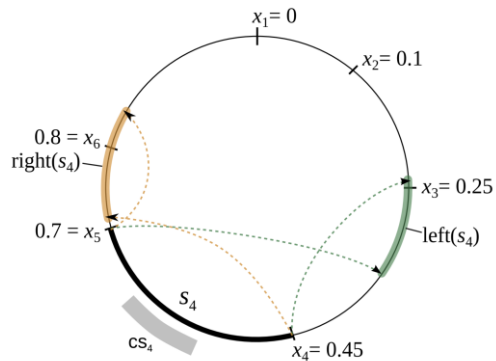
Roadmap

- Vision and Motivation
- An analogy: coding and datastructures
- Principles of Demand-Aware Network (DAN) Designs
- Principles of Self-Adjusting Network (SAN) Designs
- Principles of Decentralized Approaches



Many Open Questions

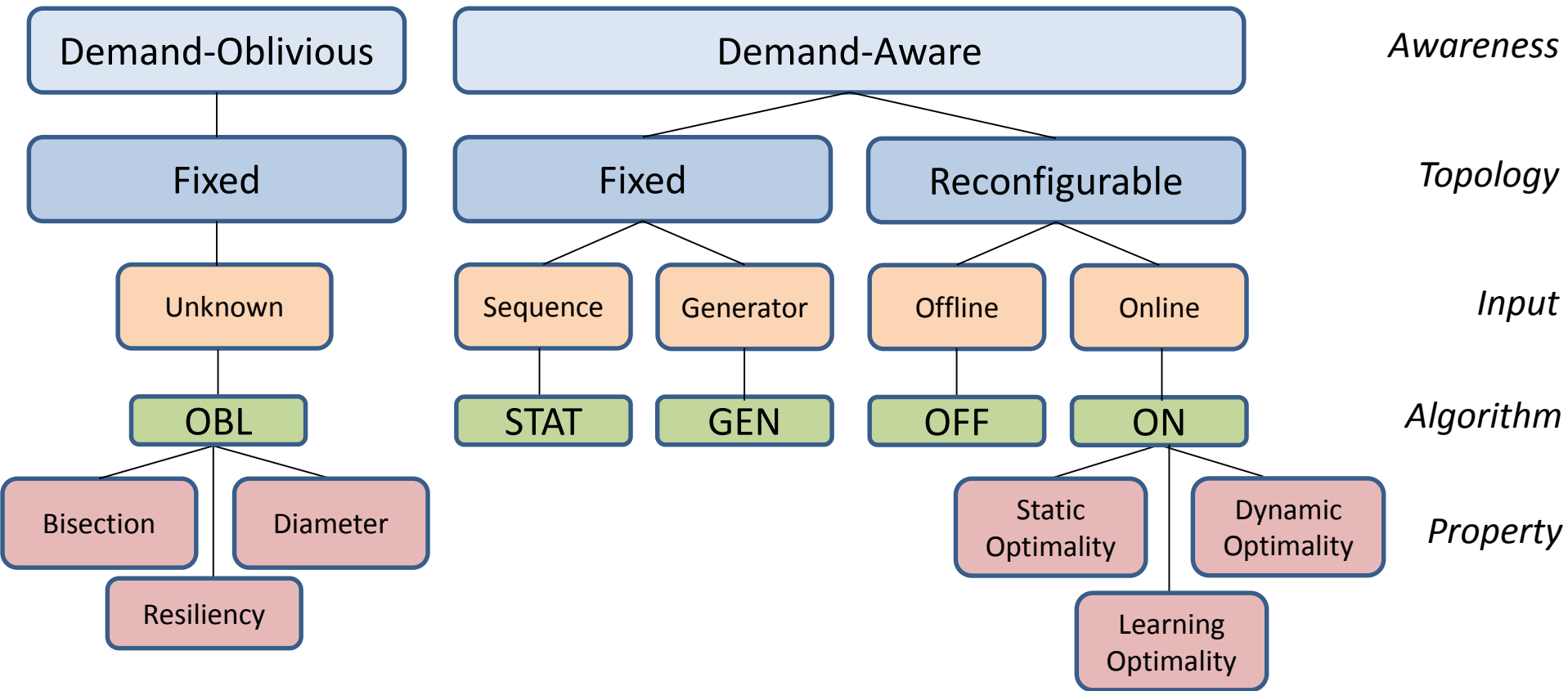
- E.g., robust demand-aware networks?
 - First idea: **rDAN**, based on continuous-discrete approach and Shannon-Fano-Elias coding
- Serving dense communication patterns
- Distributed version
- ...



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Conclusion

- Networked systems become reconfigurable
- First techniques emerging (e.g., ego-trees)
- How much it helps depends on spatial and temporal locality
- Entropy seems to be a useful metric

Thank you!
Question?

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