From IP Multicast to Information Centric Networking

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- Information Centric Networking
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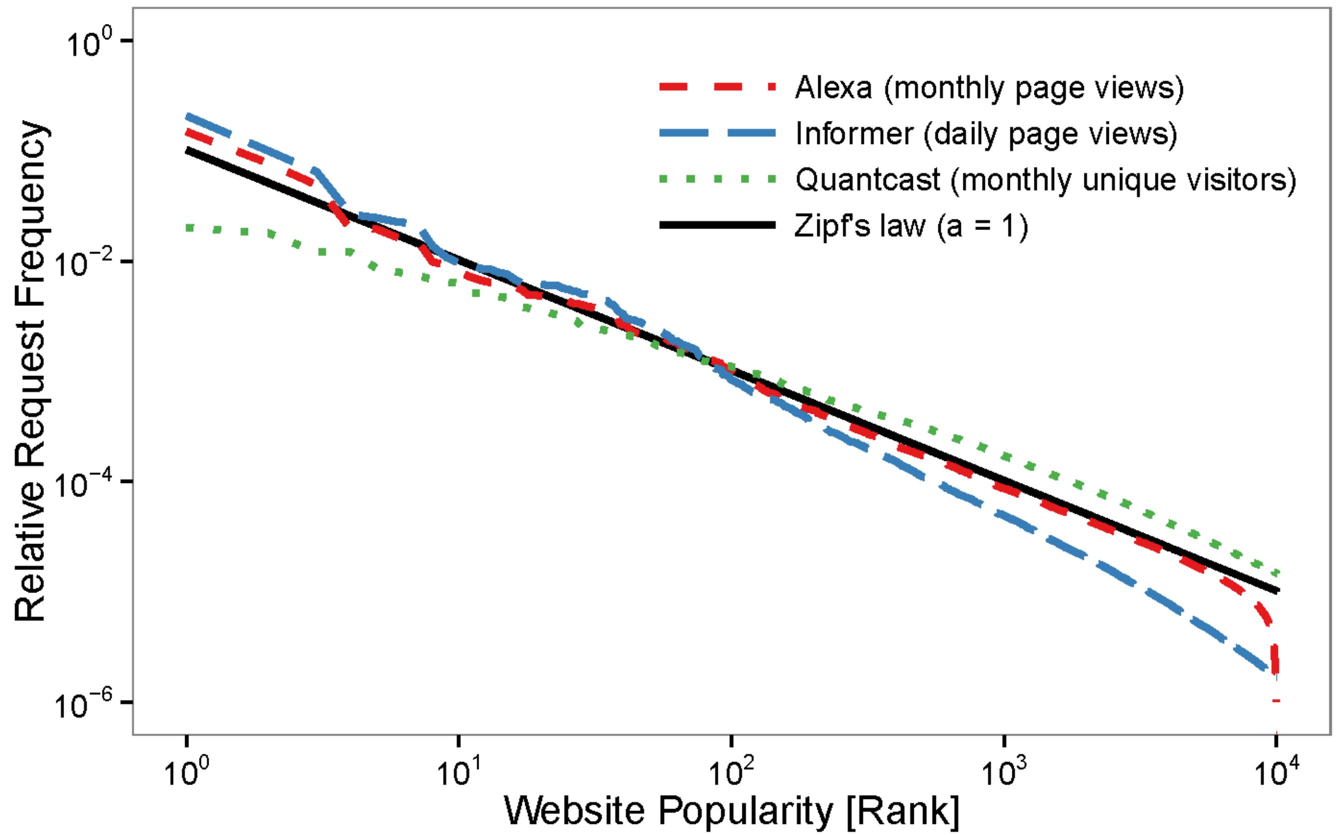
  - Routing & Forwarding

Motivation

- The Internet today has a major purpose in content delivery
- Content popularity is sharply peaked, i.e.,
  - Many consumers request the same content
  - Few publishers dominate Internet traffic
  - Content dissemination assisted by CDNs
- Many Internet applications are inherently for groups
  - Chats, calls
  - Games, infotainment
  - Social networks

Content Popularity Distribution



Why to Talk in Groups?

Many use cases on the Internet:

- Multimedia Content Distribution
- Broadcasting Offers (IPTV)
- Time-sensitive Data (Stock Prices)
- Collaboration, Gaming
- Rendezvous and Coordination Services

⇒ Scalable Communication Paths needed to Distribute Data in Parallel

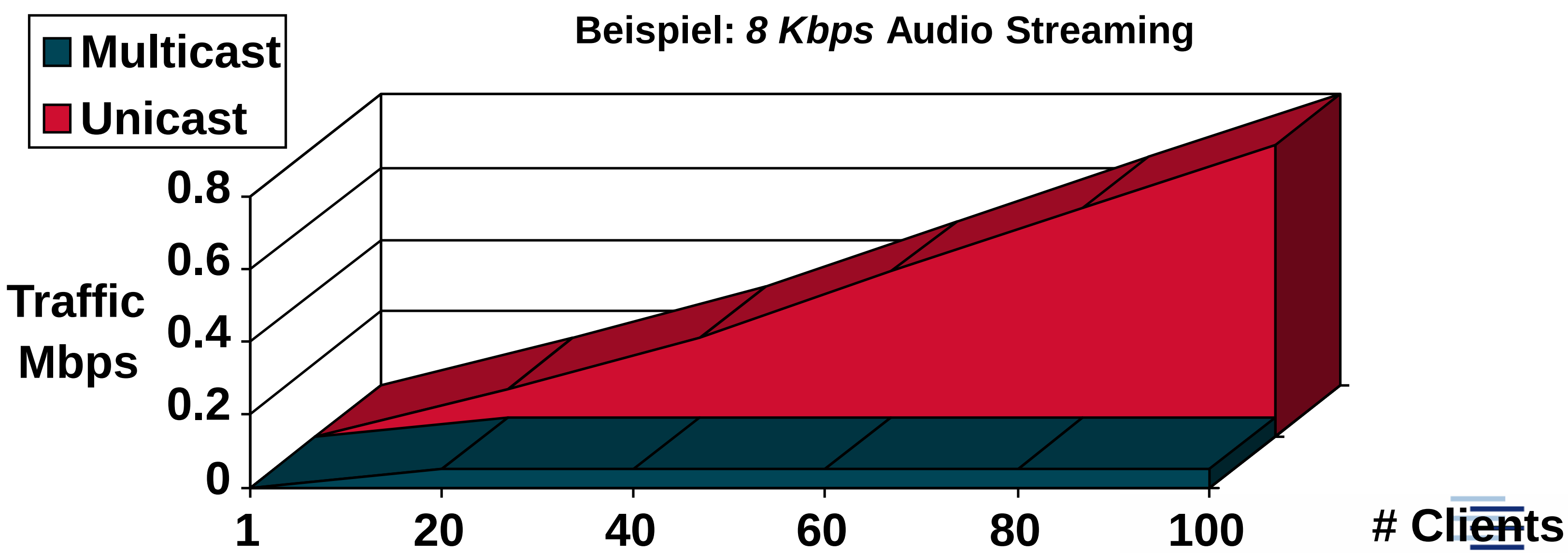
IP Multicasting

Method for Transferring IP Datagrams to Host-Groups

- Initially: RFC 1112 (S. Deering & D. Cheriton, 1989)
- Addresses a host group by *one* group address
- Two kinds of multicast:
  - Any Source Multicast (ASM)
  - Source Specific Multicast (SSM)
- Client Protocol for registration (IGMP/MLD)
- Routing throughout the Internet (Multicast Routing)
- Address translation into Layer 2

Properties of IP Multicasting

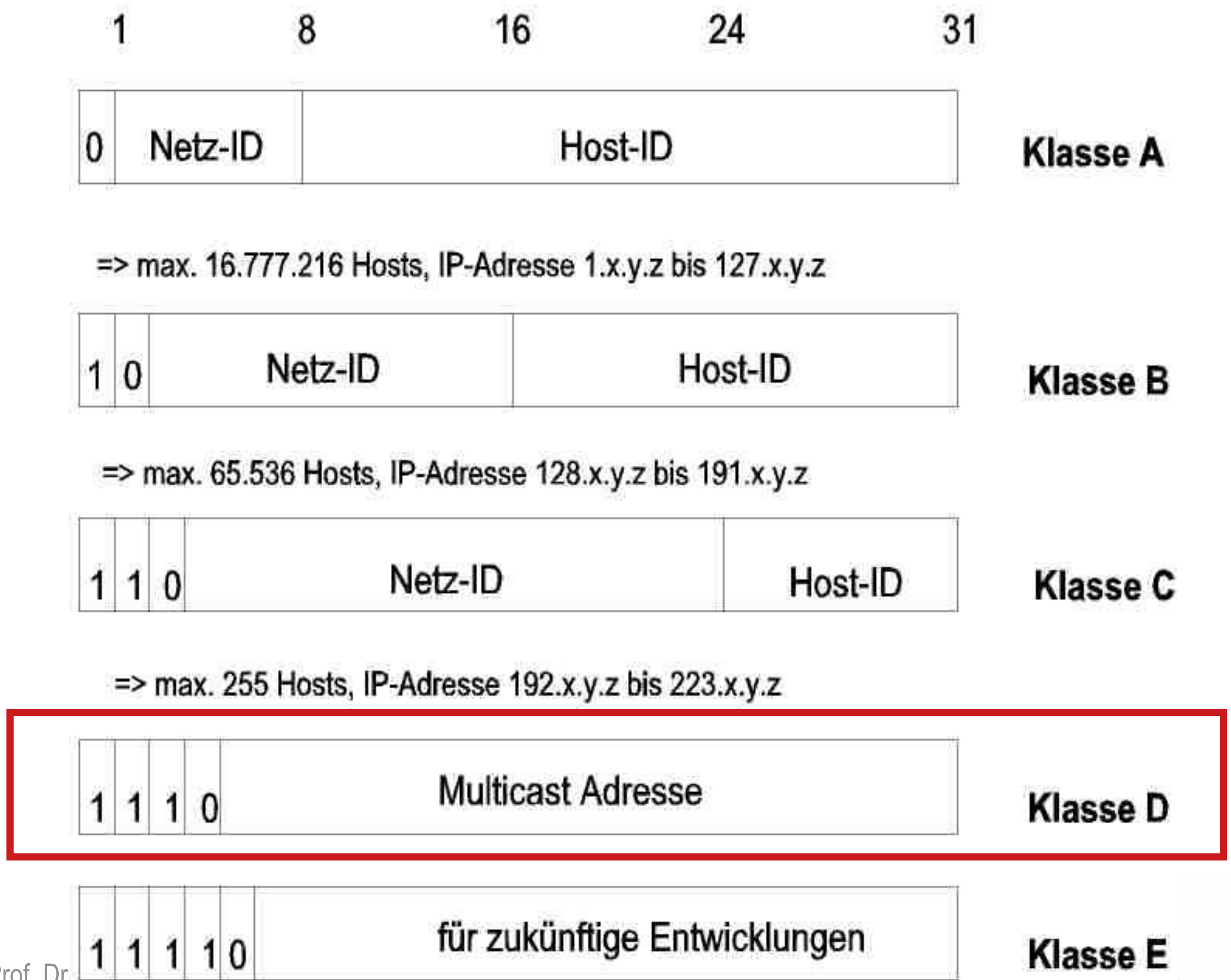
- Prevents redundant network traffic
- Reduces network and server load



Multicast Addressing

- Denote delocalized group identifiers
- IPv4 Multicast Group addresses
  - 224.0.0.0–239.255.255.255
  - Class “D” Address Space
  - Special SSM block: 232.*.*.*
- IPv6: scoped multicast addresses
  - FF00::/8
  - Special SSM block: FF3x::/32
- Permanent Addresses assigned by IANA
  - RFC 1700: Assigned Addresses
  - *“http://www.iana.org/assignments/multicast-addresses ”* lists reserved addresses
- Dynamic Addresses
  - independent of local IP-address space (IPv4)
  - Unicast based Multicast addresses (IPv6)

Internet Address Classes



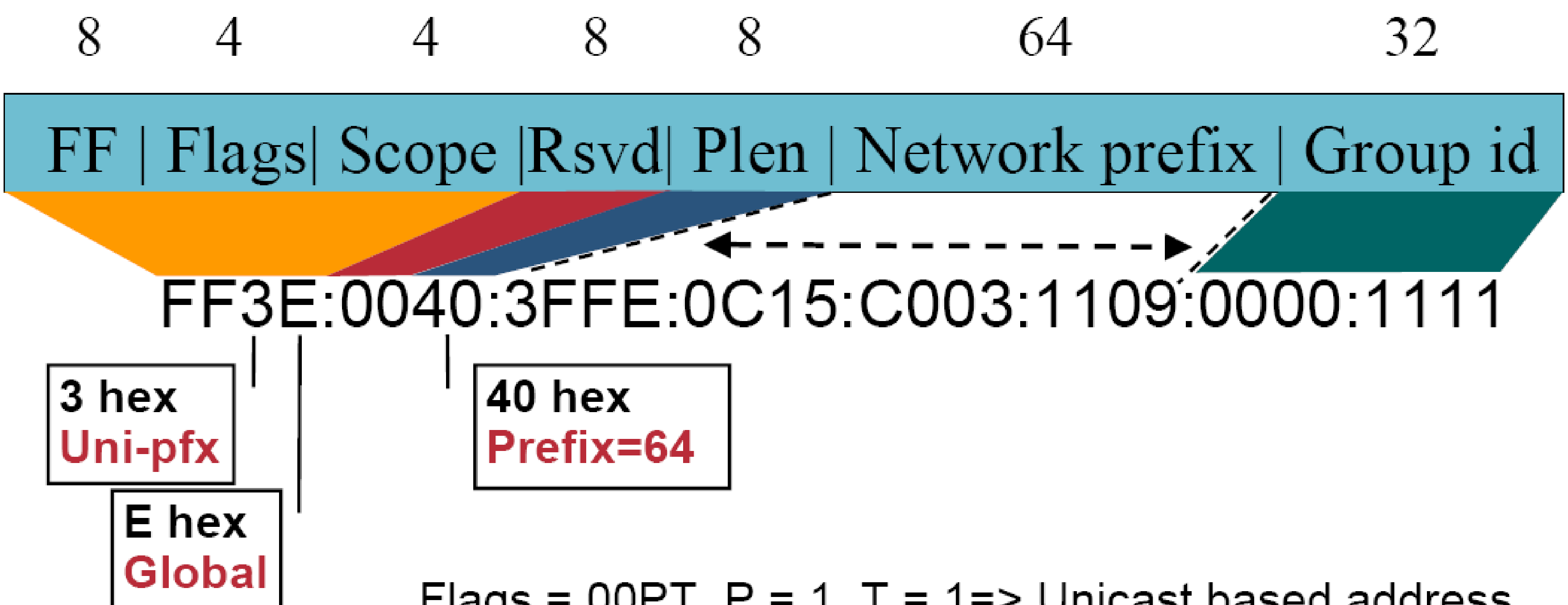
IPv6 Multicast Addresses

11111111	flags	scope	Group ID
8	4	4	112 bits

- Flag field: lower bit indicates permanent (=0) respectively transient (=1) group, rest is reserved (==0)
- Scope field: 1 - node local
  2 - link-local
  5 - site-local
  8 - organisation local
  B - community-local (deprecated)
  E - global (other values reserved)

IPv6 Unicast Based Multicast Addresses (RFC 3306)

- **Solves the old IPv4 address assignment problem:**
  How can I get global IPv4 multicast addresses (GLOB, ..)
- **In IPv6, if you own an IPv6 unicast address prefix you implicitly own an RFC3306 IPv6 multicast address prefix:**

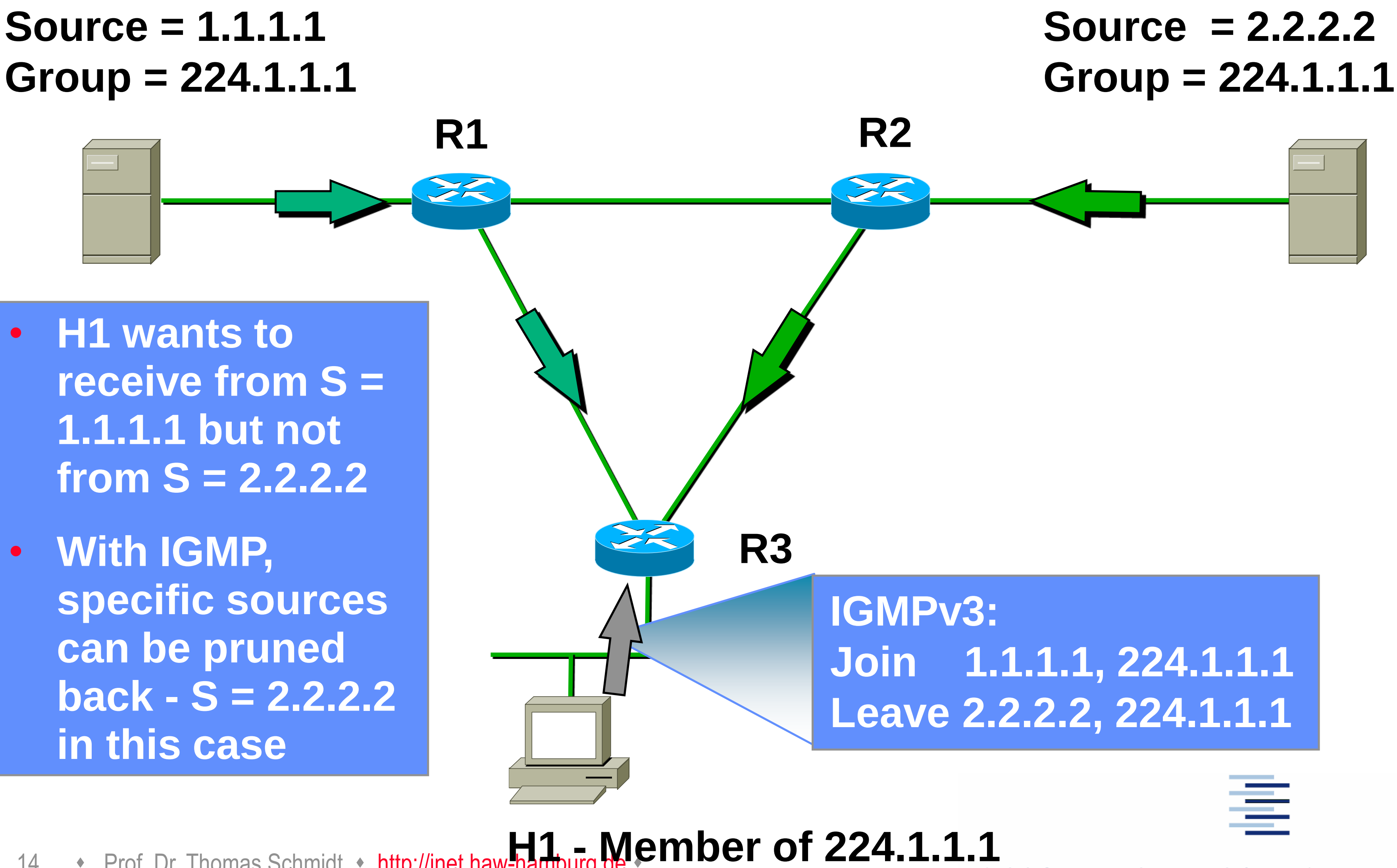


Flags = 00PT, P = 1, T = 1=> Unicast based address

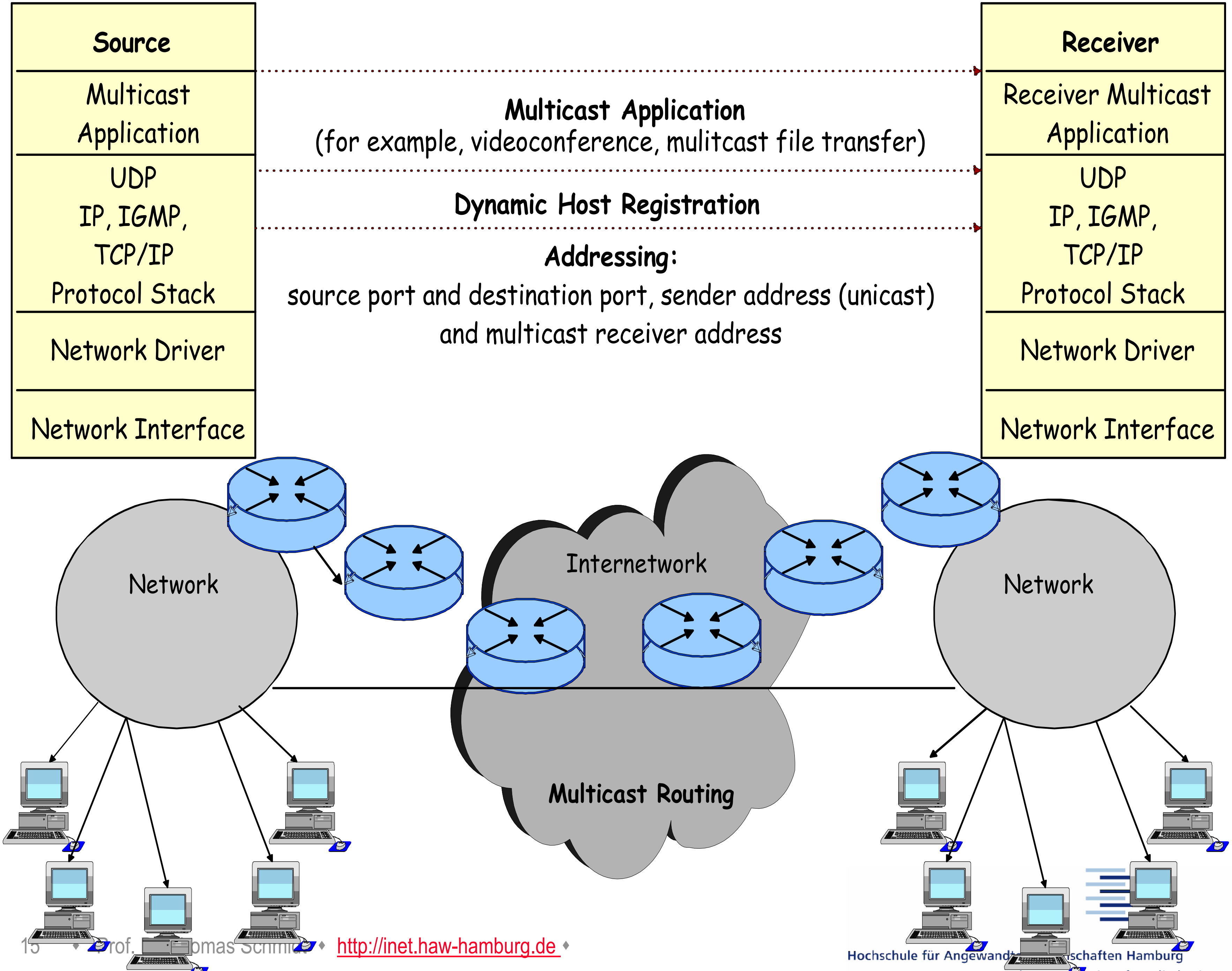
Internet Group Management

- Client Protocol to initiate, preserve and terminate group membership
- Local Router collect and monitor information
- IPv4: Internet Group Management Protocol (IGMP)
    - IGMP v1 RFC 1112
    - IGMP v2 RFC 2236 – implemented almost everywhere
    - IGMP v3 RFC 3376 – implemented in most OSes
- IPv6: Multicast Listener Discovery Protocol (MLD)
    - MLDv1 (RFC 2710) – analogue to IGMPv2
    - MLDv2 (RFC 3810) – starting from IGMPv3
- SSM Specialities: RFC 4604

IGMPv3 (MLDv2)



- H1 wants to receive from S = 1.1.1.1 but not from S = 2.2.2.2
- With IGMP, specific sources can be pruned back - S = 2.2.2.2 in this case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Multicast Application
UDP
IP, IGMP,
TCP/IP
Protocol Stack
Network Driver
Network Interface
Receiver
Receiver Multicast Application
UDP
IP, IGMP,
TCP/IP
Protocol Stack
Network Driver
Network Interface
Multicast Application
(for example, videoconference, mulitcast file transfer)
Dynamic Host Registration
Addressing:
source port and destination port, sender address (unicast)
and multicast receiver address
Network
Internetwork
Multicast Routing
Network

Multicast Routing

Unicast IP-Routing

- Guides IP-Datagrams stepwise to *one* receiver
- Routing decision on *where* to forward packet to
- Solely based on *destination* address
- Adapts to Router topology, *never* to IP-Packets

⇒ Multicast turns Routing upside down

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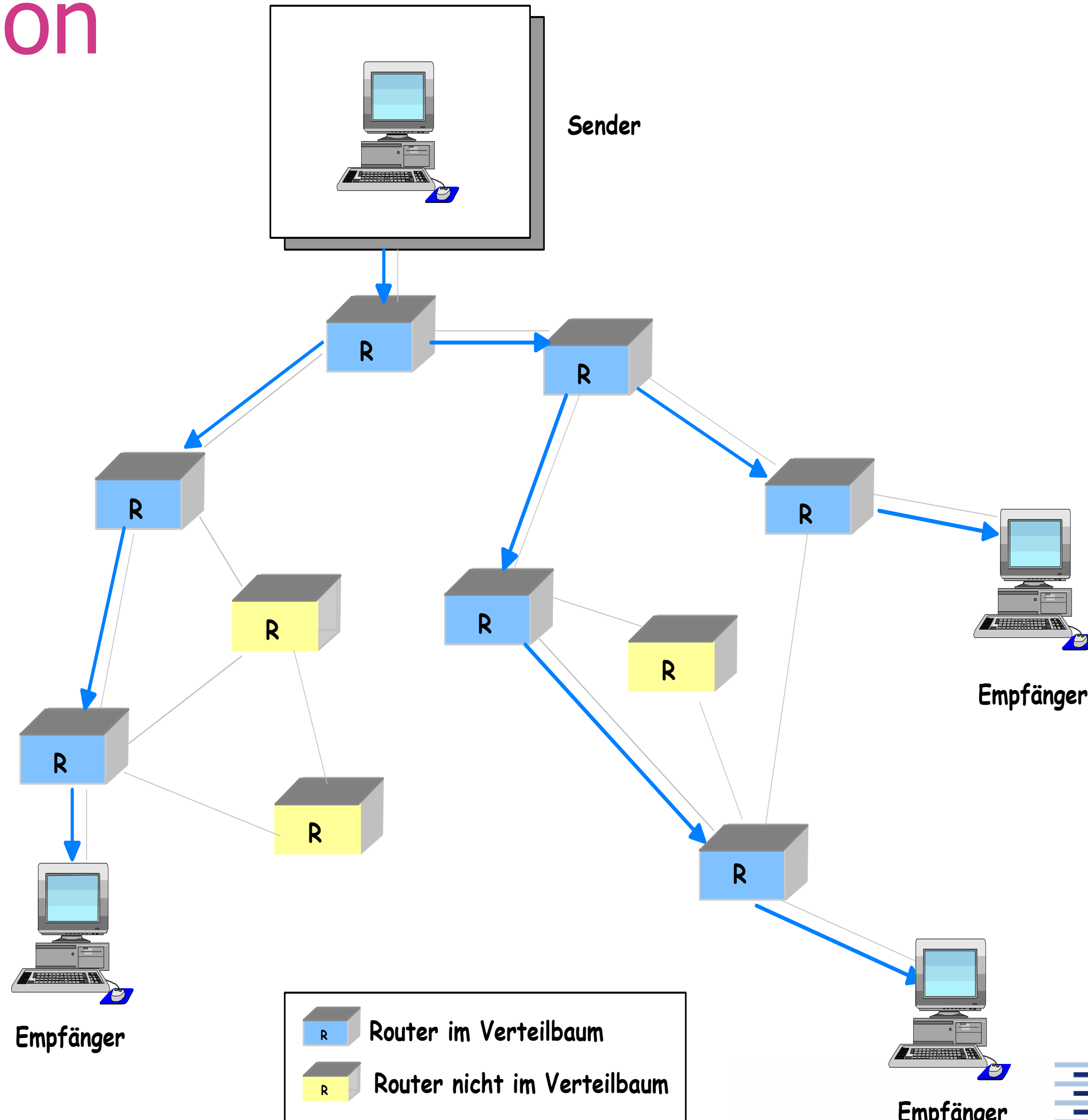
Multicast Routing (2)

IP Multicast is a publish-subscribe approach:

- Routing is receiver initiated:
- Guides mcast-Datagrams according to a distribution tree
- Duplicates Datagrams
- Based on *Source* address
- Changes according to group dynamics
- Uses ‚Reverse' Paths

Distribution Tree



Receiver Initiated Routing

- Group initiation by sender results in distribution tree
- Two types of distribution trees:
  - Source Specific Tree originating at sender (S,G) or
  - Shared Tree originating at Rendezvous Point (*,G) (serving a group of senders)
- Calculation of Routing Information stimulated by receiver
  - A receiver adds/removes branches to/from distribution tree
- Unicast routing tables usable (requires symmetric routing!)
- Forwarding Algorithm: Reverse Path Forwarding

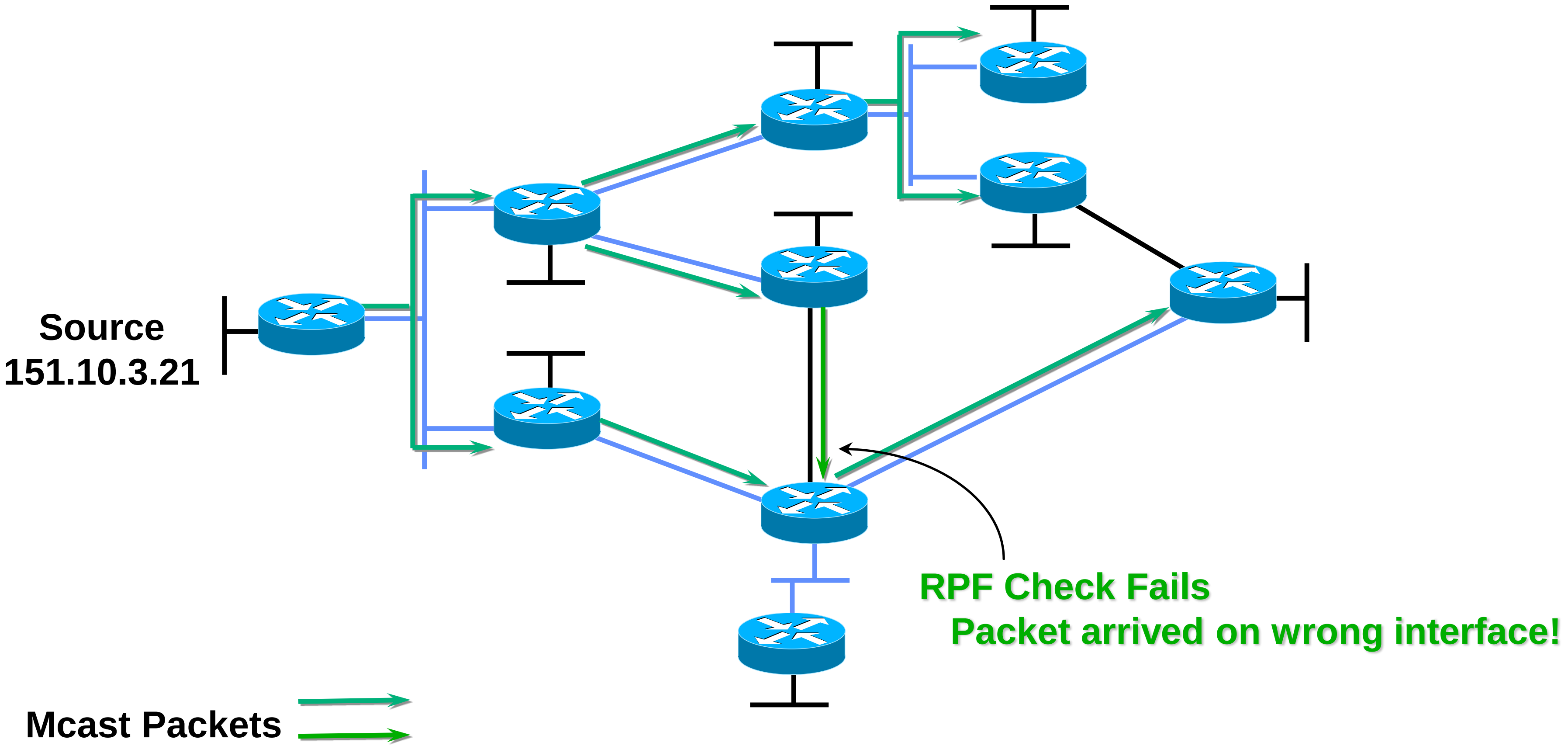
Reverse Path Forwarding (RPF)

A Router forwards a packet only, if it was received on the proper route to source.

RPF Check:

- active routing table searched for *source*-address
- Packet transmitted, if received on the interface foreseen as source address destination
- Packet discarded otherwise

RPF Check


Source
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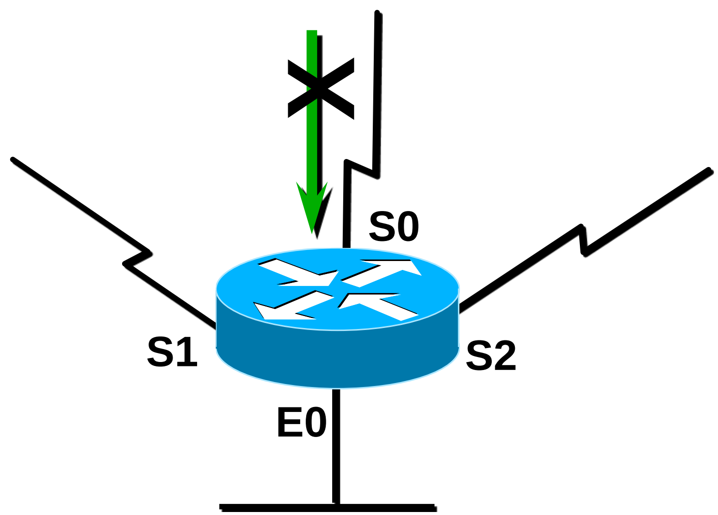
RPF Check Fails
Packet arrived on wrong interface!
Mcast Packets

RPF Check: Failure

Multicast Packet from Source 151.10.3.21



RPF Check Fails!

Unicast Route Table	
Network	Interface
151.10.0.0/16	S1
198.14.32.0/24	S0
204.1.16.0/24	E0

Packet Arrived on Wrong Interface!

Discard Packet!

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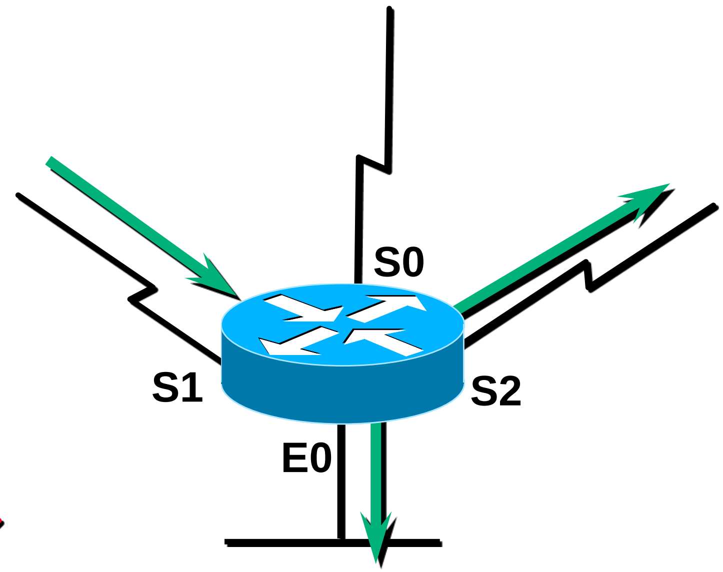
RPF Check: Success

Multicast Packet from Source 151.10.3.21



RPF Check Succeeds!

Unicast Route Table	
Network	**Interface**
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Packet Arrived on Correct Interface!

Forward out all outgoing interfaces.
(i. e. down the distribution tree)

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Any Source Multicast (ASM)

How to construct distribution trees to reach all receivers?

Link-state (MOSPF)

- Augment links with forwarding state
- Flood link state

Dense Mode (DVMRP, PIM-DM)

- Push traffic
- Flooding and pruning

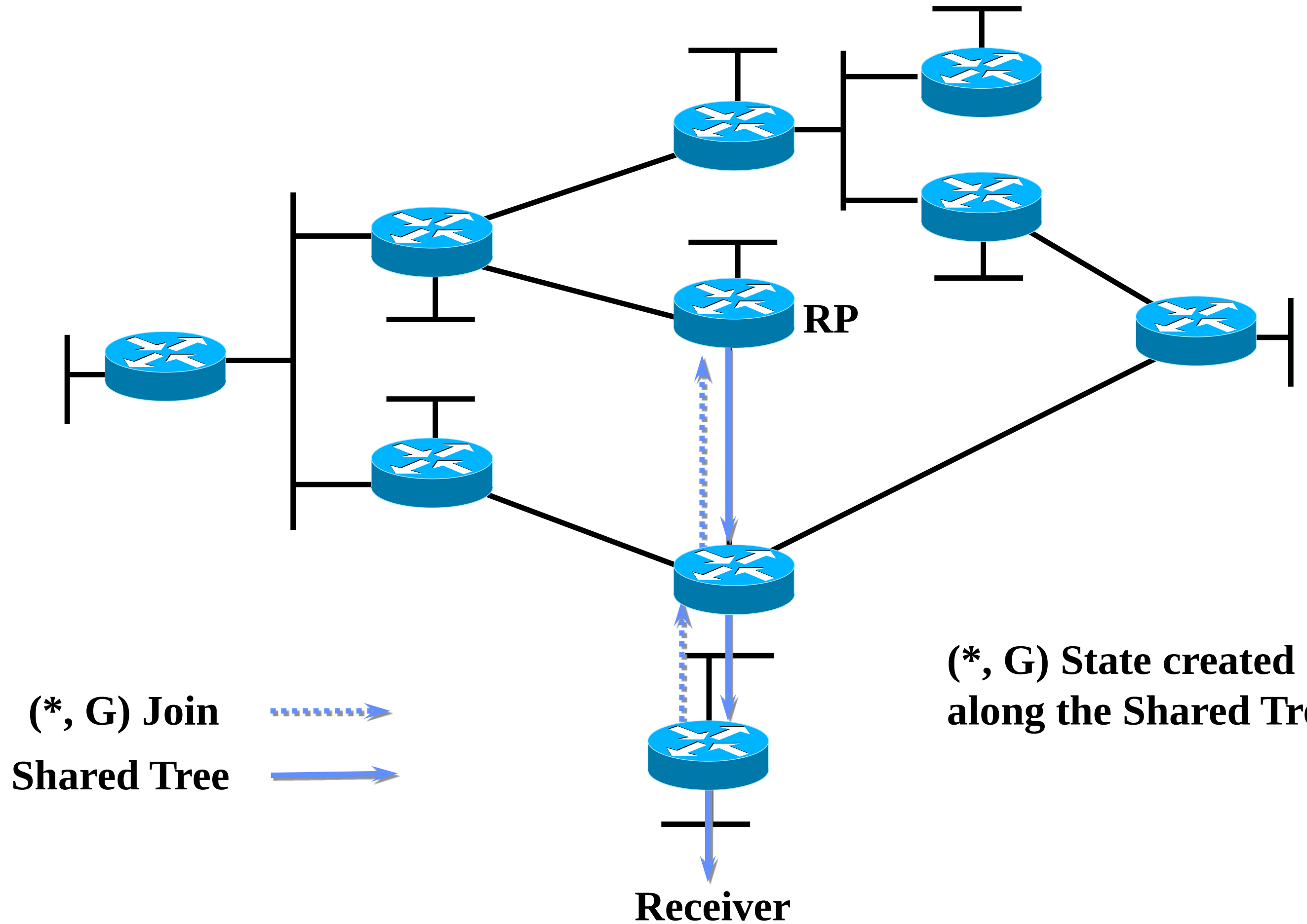
Sparse Mode (PIM-SM, BIDIR-PIM)

- Pull traffic
- Directional traffic only
- Rendezvous Points

Protocol Independent Multicast Sparse Mode (PIM-SM)

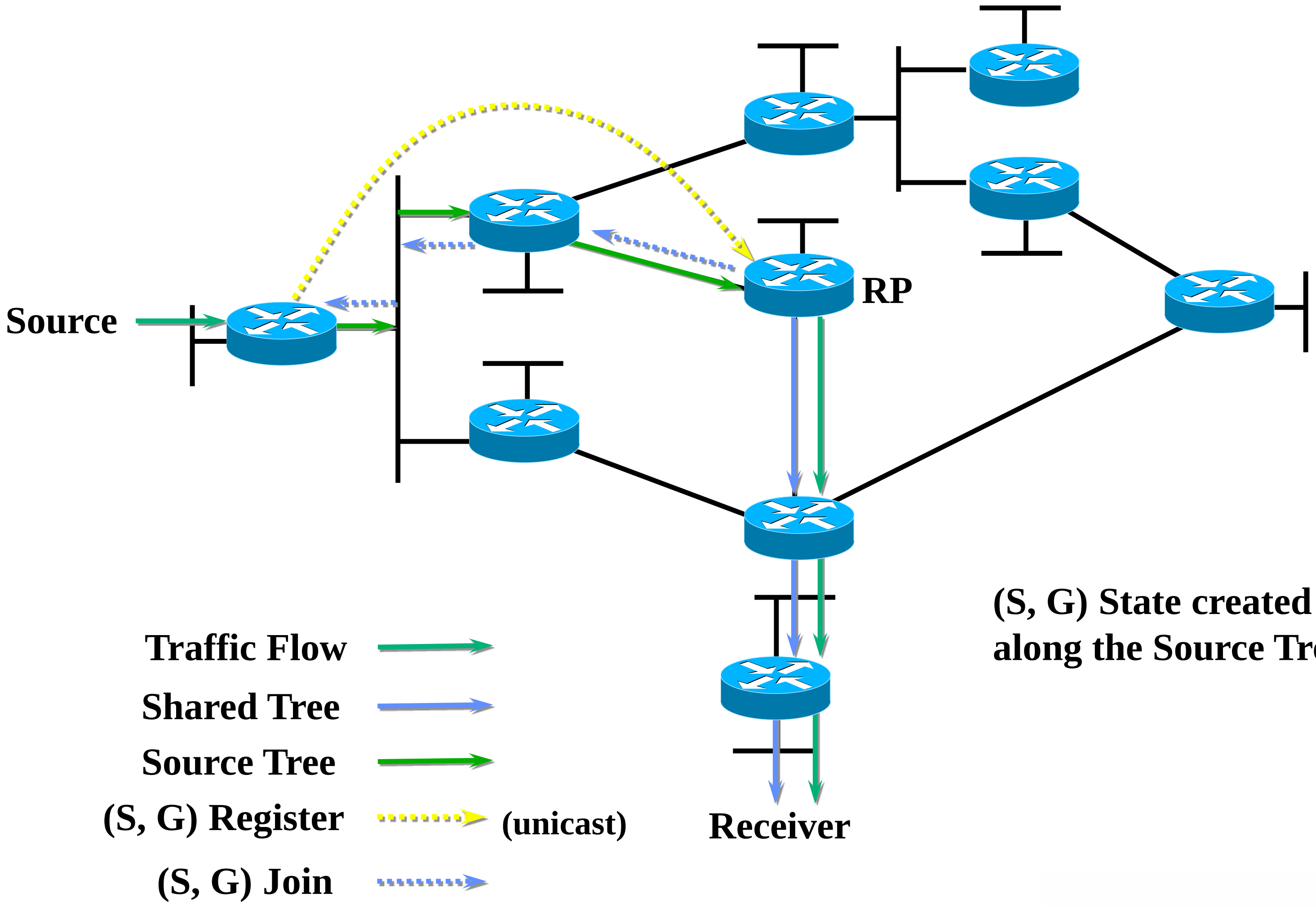
- *Protocol independence:*
  works with all underlying Unicast Routing Protocols
- Long history of standards (RFCs 2326 … 4601 … 7761)
- Sparse Mode PIM uses Rendezvous Points (RP)
  - Constructs a shared distribution tree centred at RP
  - Efficient for widely distributed groups
  - Favoured for wide area networks – problem: inter-RP signalling
  - Widely implemented

PIM SM Tree Joins



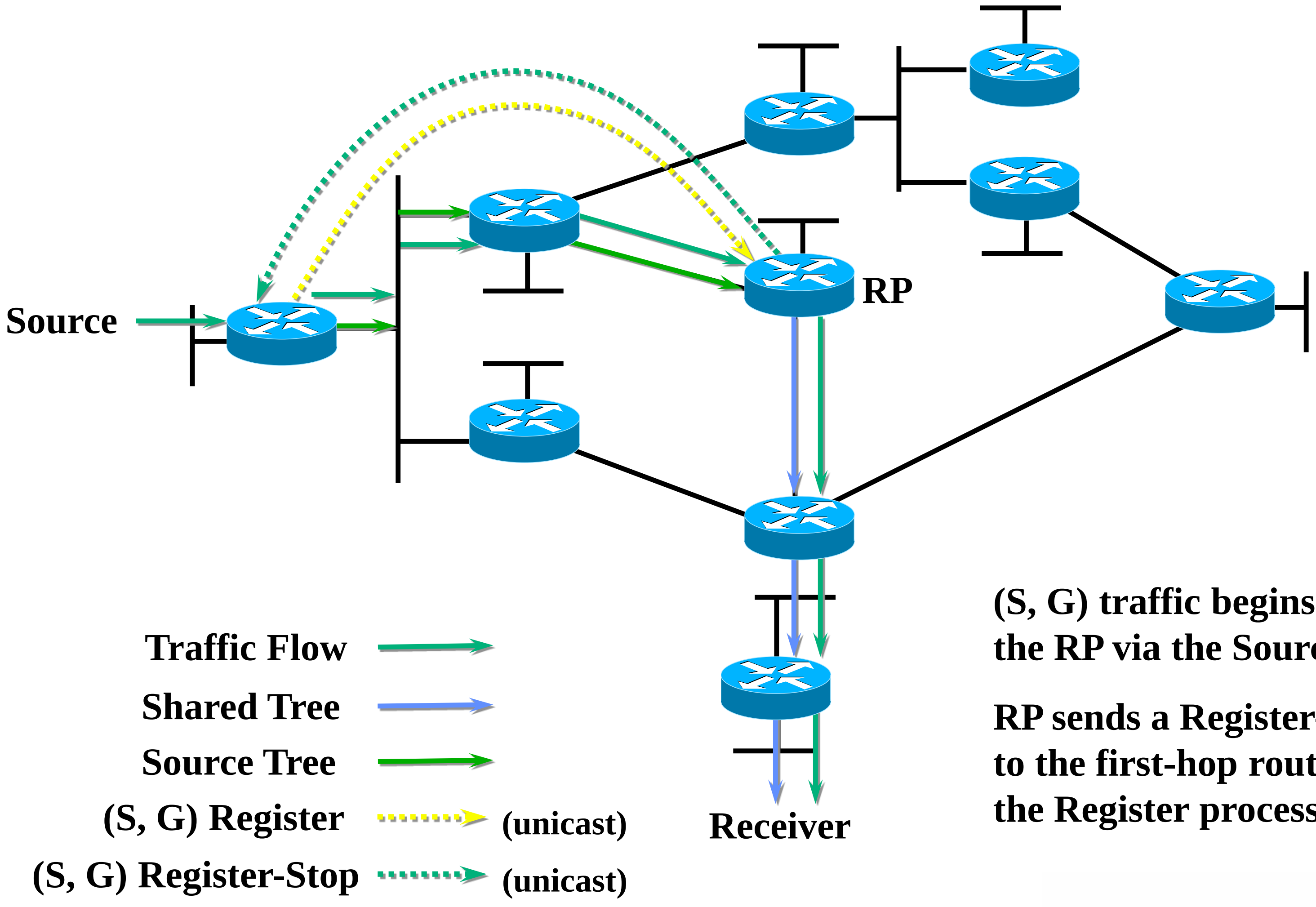
(*, G) State created only along the Shared Tree.

PIM SM Sender Registration



(S, G) State created only along the Source Tree.

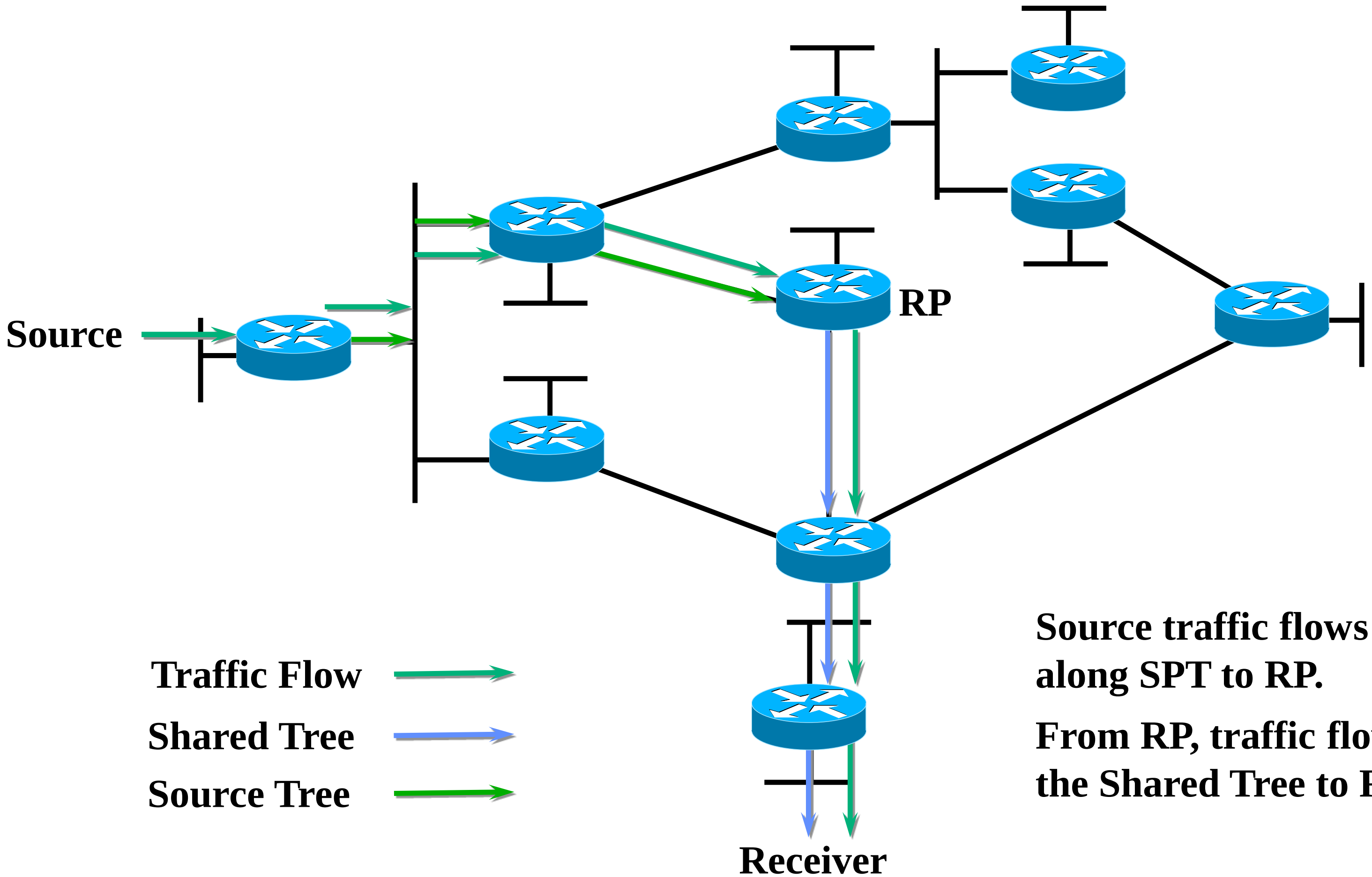
PIM SM Sender Registration



(S, G) traffic begins arriving at the RP via the Source tree.

RP sends a Register-Stop back to the first-hop router to stop the Register process.

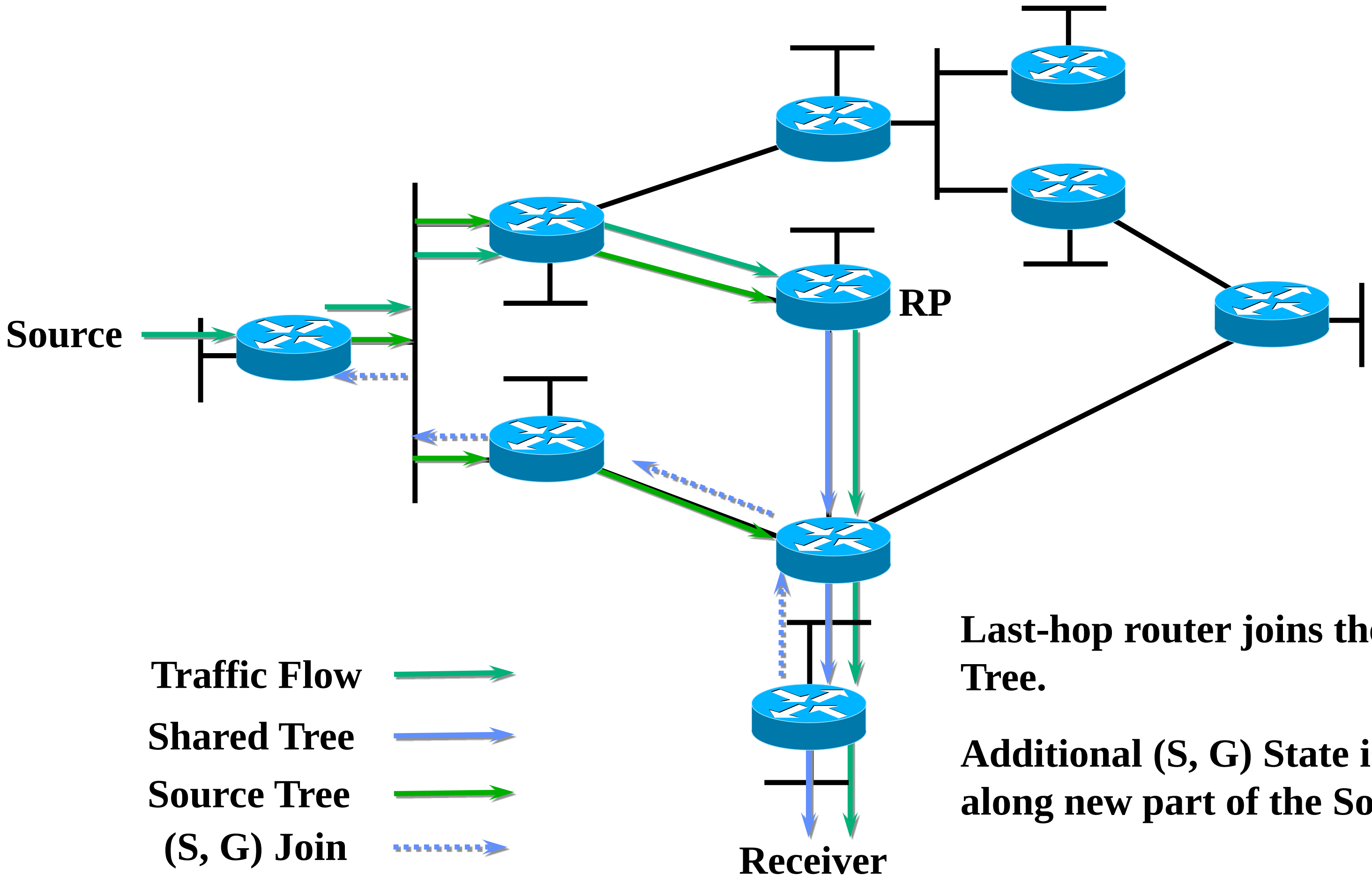
PIM SM Sender Registration



Source traffic flows natively along SPT to RP.

From RP, traffic flows down the Shared Tree to Receivers.

PIM SM Short Cut



Last-hop router joins the Source Tree.

Additional (S, G) State is created along new part of the Source Tree.

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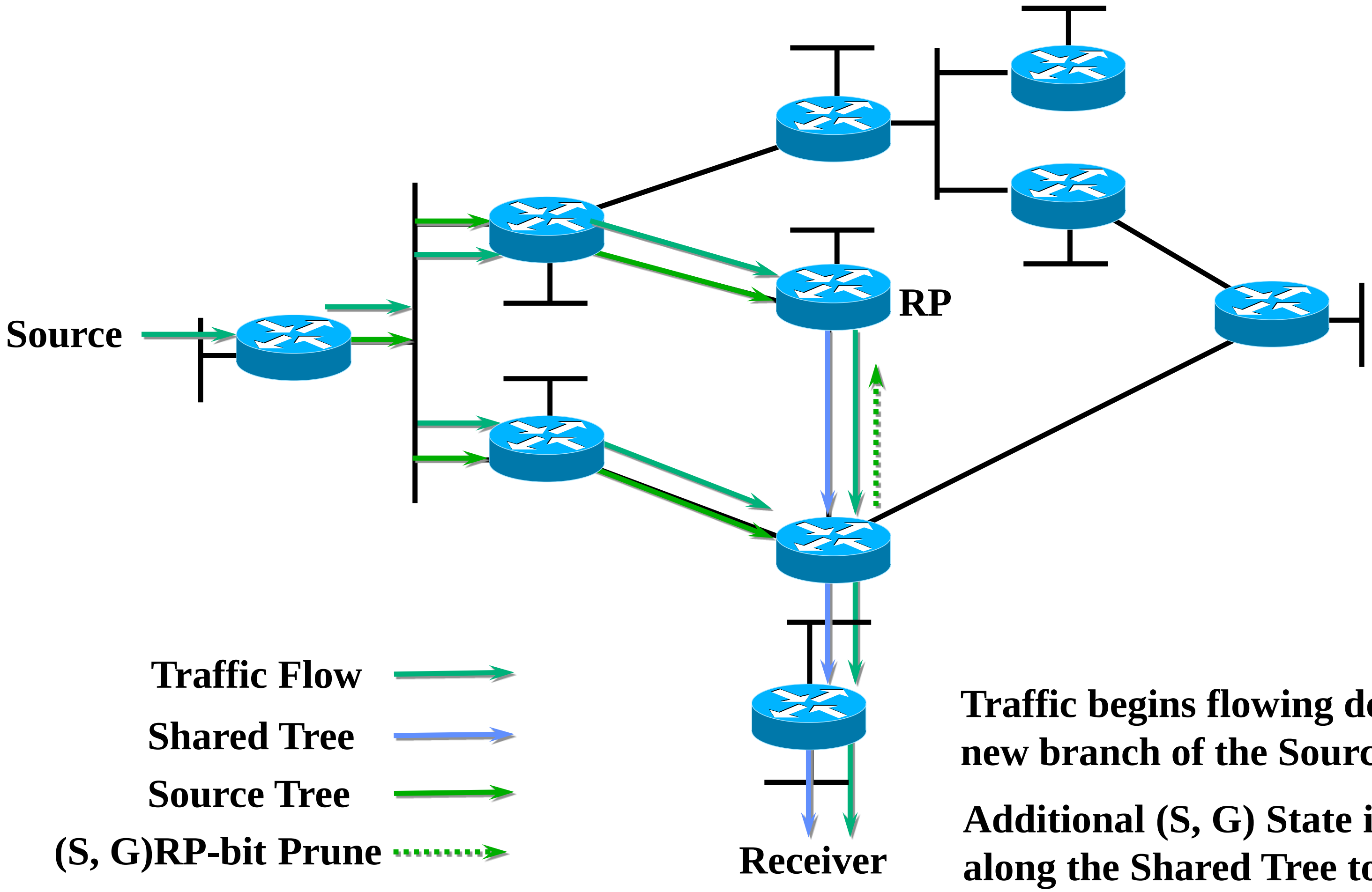

Traffic begins flowing down the new branch of the Source Tree.

Additional (S, G) State is created along the Shared Tree to prune off (S, G) traffic.

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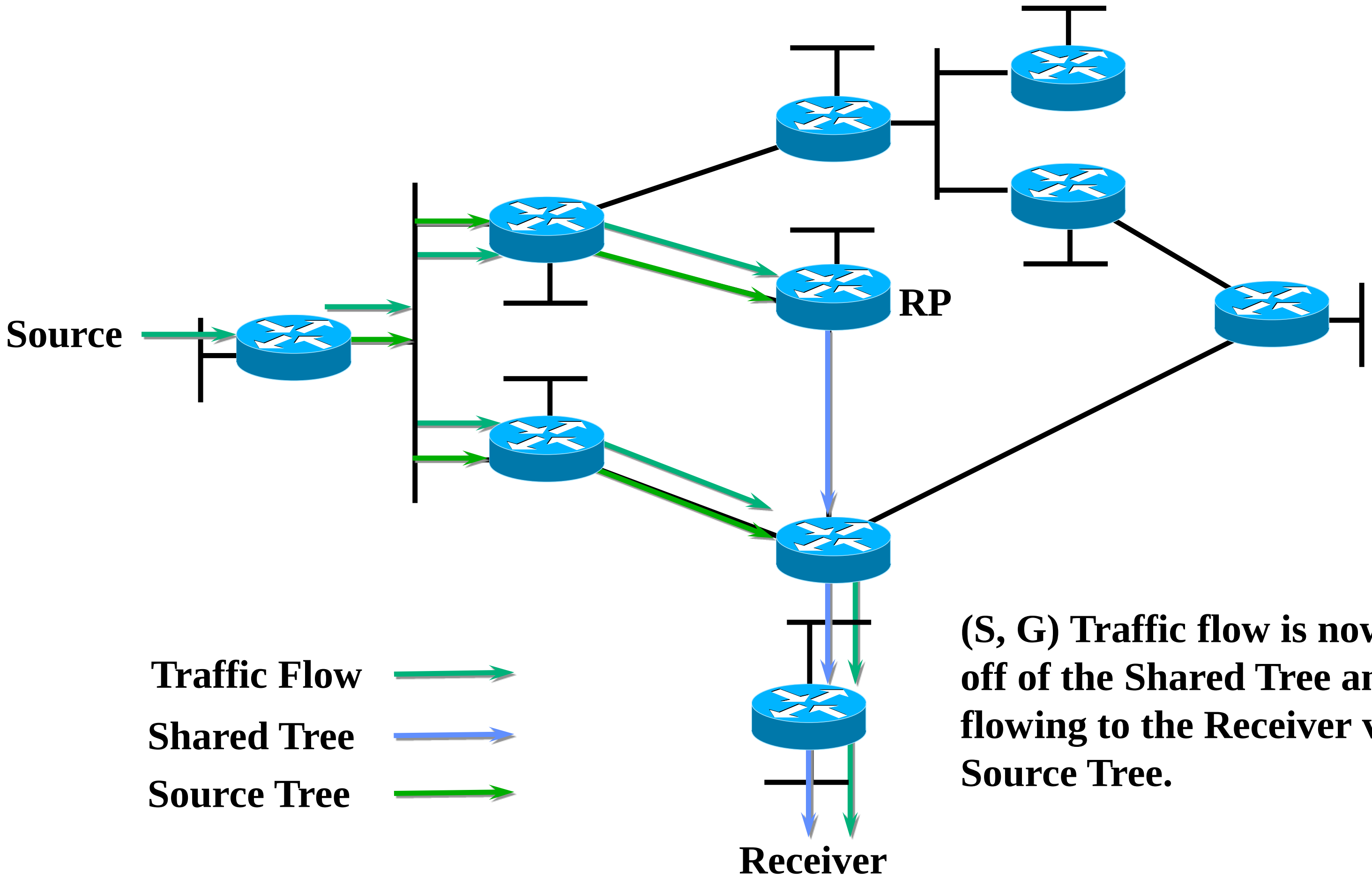

(S, G) Traffic flow is now pruned off of the Shared Tree and is flowing to the Receiver via the Source Tree.

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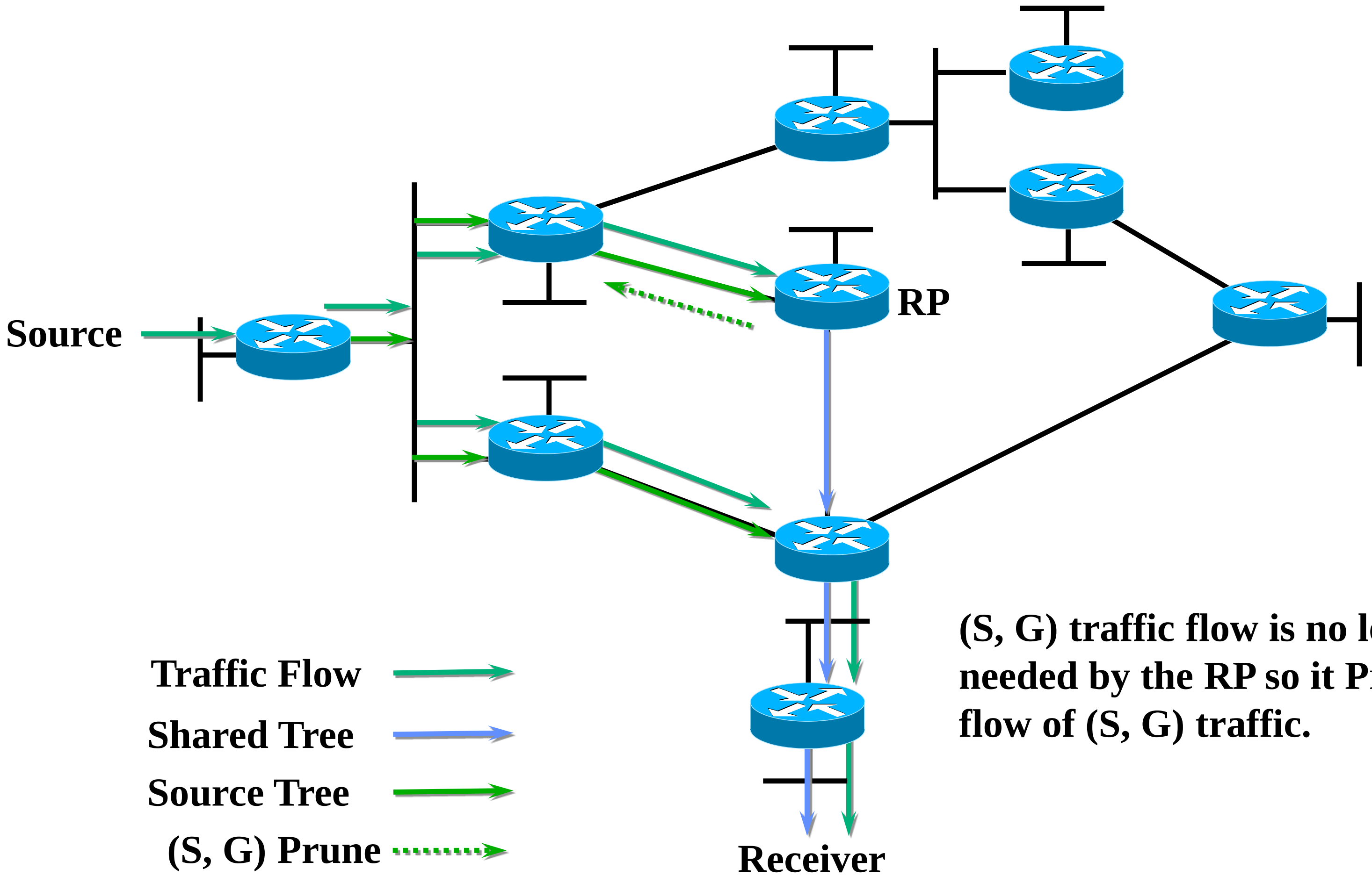

(S, G) traffic flow is no longer needed by the RP so it Prunes the flow of (S, G) traffic.

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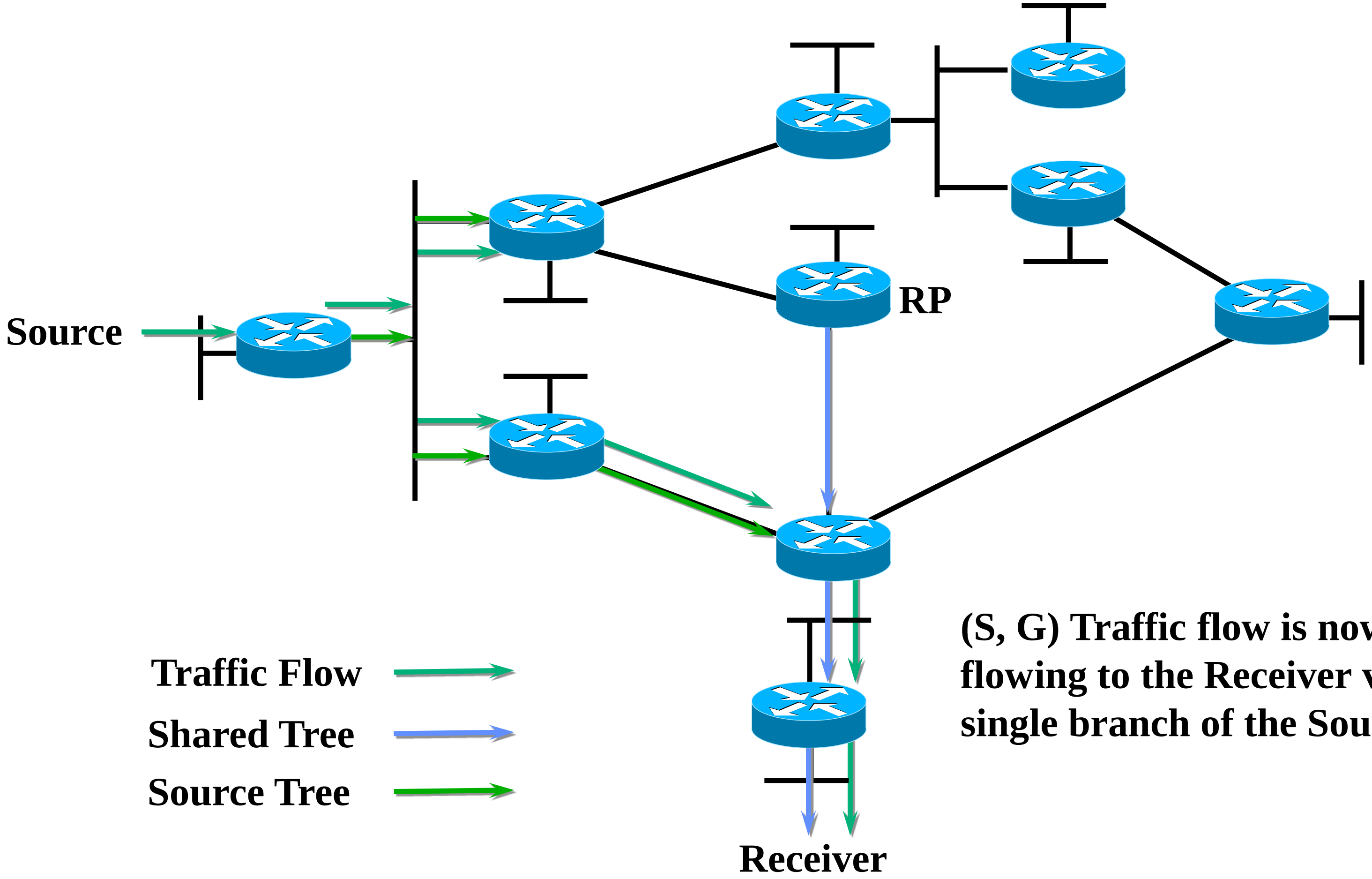


(S, G) Traffic flow is now only flowing to the Receiver via a single branch of the Source Tree.

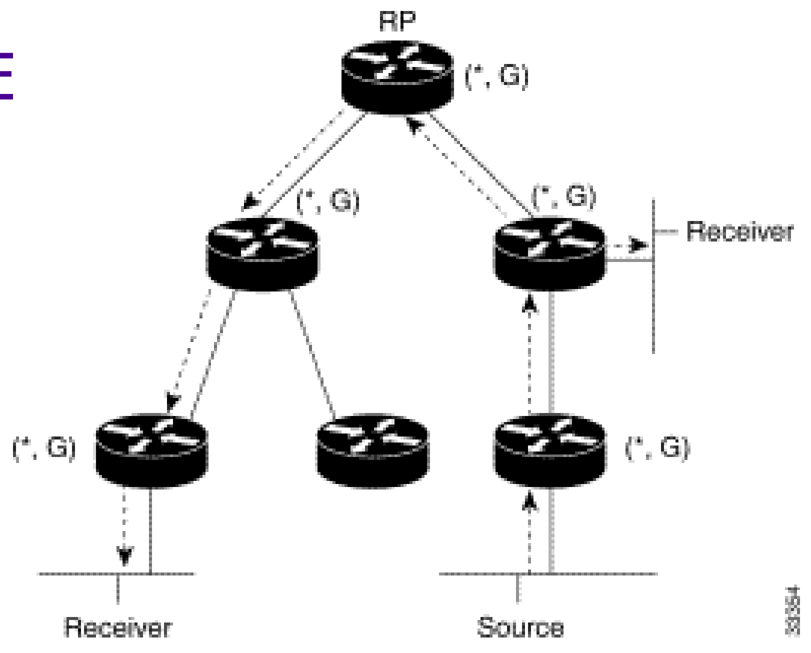
Bidirectional PIM

Mark Handley et. al.: RFC 5015

- Intra-domain protocol
- Selects (per Group) a "virtual" rendezvous point address (RPAs) – this may be an unused address on the rendezvous point link (RPL)
- Generates (RPA) a shared tree of designated forwarders (DFs): One router per link with best route to RPA
- Explores a domain by per group shared forwarding states: "NoInfo" or "Include"
- Decouples state management from data plane

Bidirectional PIM (2)

- Trees have RPA as virtual root, branch on RPL
- Group specific states are propagated by JOIN/PRUNE messages towards RPA
- Shared trees are operated bidirectionally
- Sources always forward upstream even without on-link receivers



Source Specific Multicast - SSM

- Standardised with PIM (RFC 3569, 4607, 7761)
- Assumes source address known at receiver
  - Allows for source selection
  - Source discovery offline or via MSDP
- Receiver subscribes to (S,G) using IGMPv3/MLDv2
  - No state aggregation on shared trees
- Routing: PIM-SSM, a subset of PIM-SM
  - Obsoletes rendezvous points & flooding
- Simpler, well suited for single source media broadcast or interdomain apps

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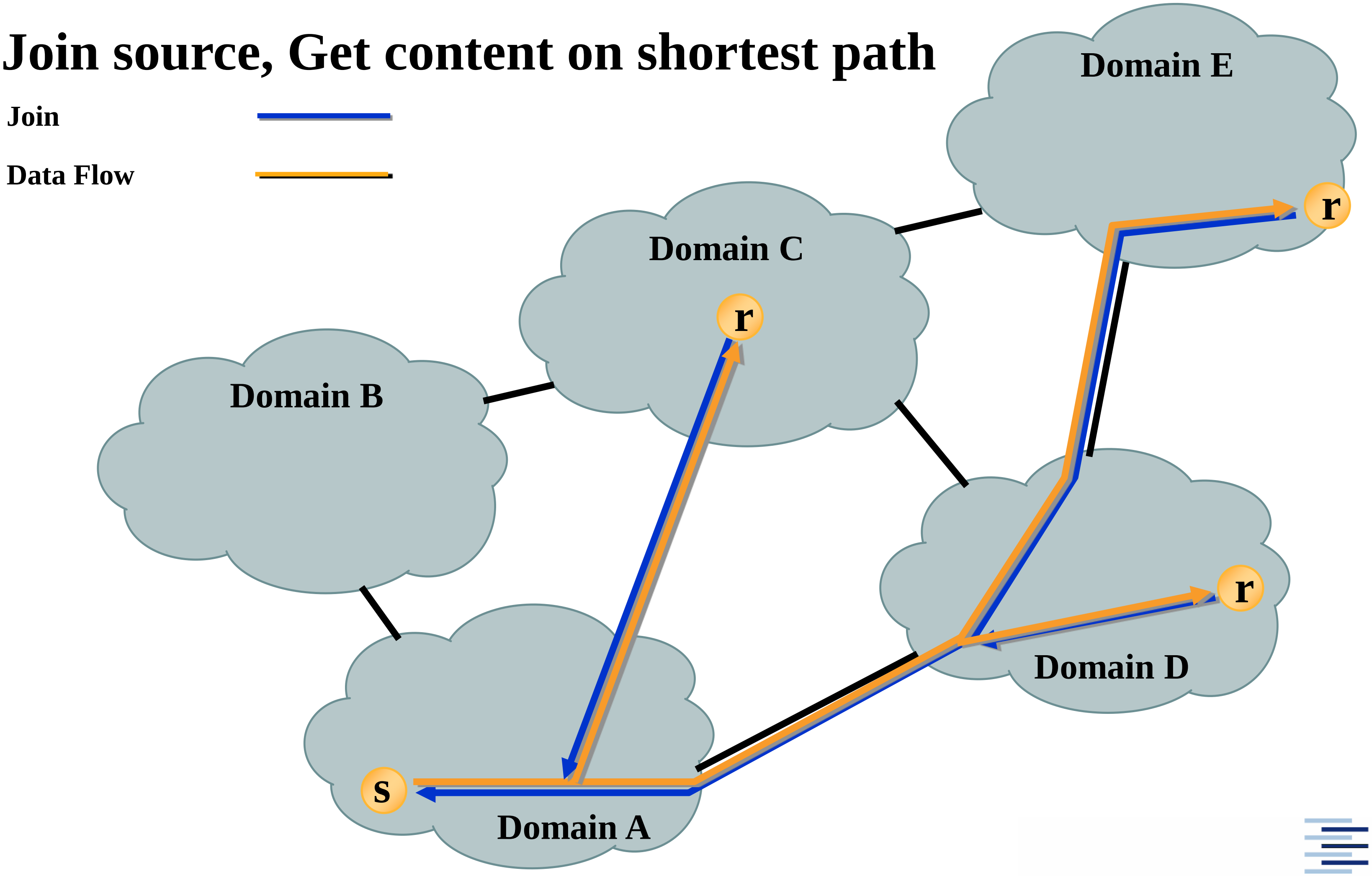
SSM Routing

Join source, Get content on shortest path



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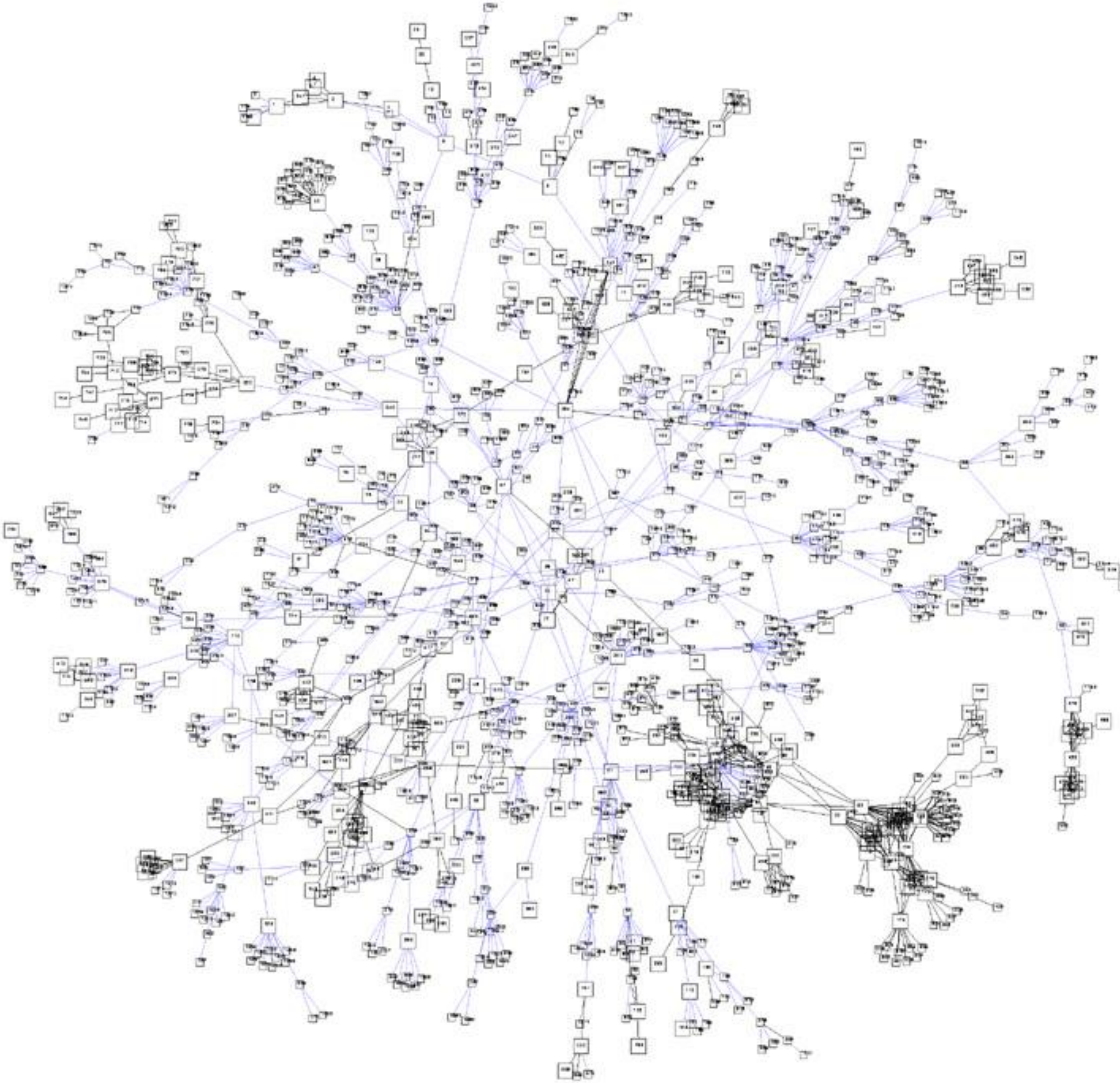
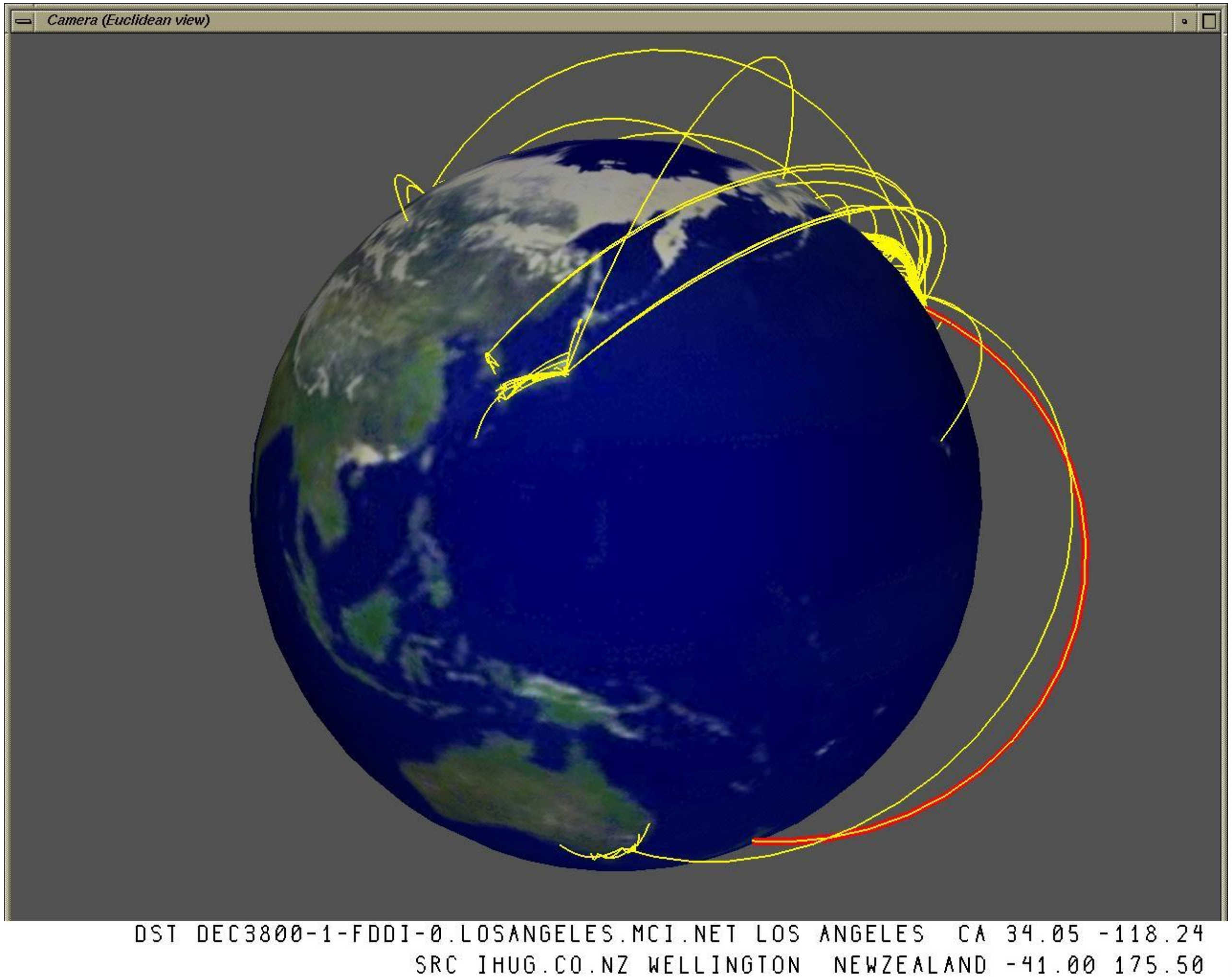


Visualisation of Multicast Group



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IP Mcast Deployment Issues

- Complexity versus Performance Efficiency
  - IP Multicast most efficient, but burdens infrastructure
- Provider Costs
  - Provisioning of knowledge, router capabilities & maintenance, Interdomain mcast routing problem
- Security
  - ASM simplifies DDoS-attacks
- Multicast Distributes Synchronously
  - VoD supersedes IPTV

Information-centric Networking

Idea:

- Access content – not nodes – in a request/response paradigm
  - Address content directly by name
  - Augment content with (self-)authentication
  - Ubiquitous in-network storage (caching)
- Various approaches
  - Seminal: TRIAD (Gritter & Cheriton 2001)
  - Most popular: NDN (Van Jacobson et al. 2009)

Approaches to ICN

- TRIAD
- DONA
- CCN/NDN
- PSIRP/PURSUIT –
- NetINF (4WARD/SAIL) -

} Routing on names

Name resolution system publishes source routing identifiers (Bloom filters)

Name resolution system refers to publisher IDs, routes to pub. locators

TRIAD

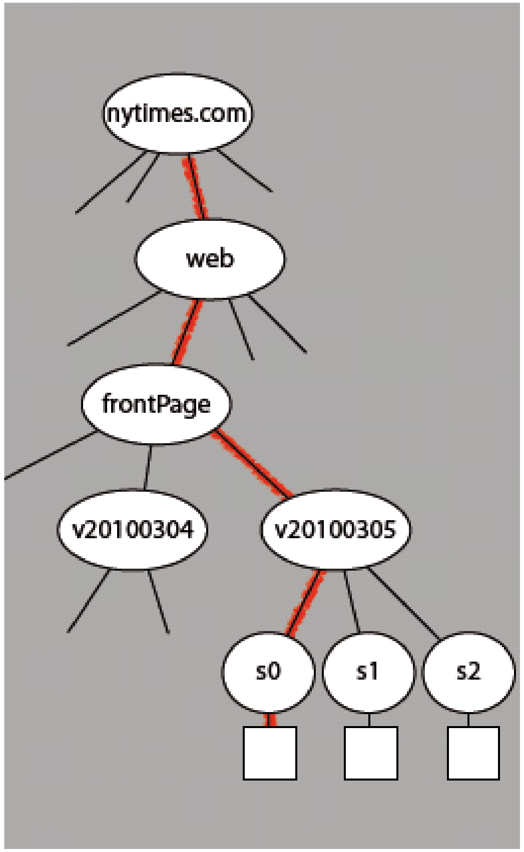
Gritter & Cheriton, 2001

- Stanford started Future Internet Initiative with a Multicast rework
- Starting point: Make content replication better than CDNs – and open:
  - Routing on names by augmenting IP routing
  - Content delivery by HTTP/TCP/IP
  - Architecture of Content Routers and Content Servers
- Early concept of name aggregates
- Community was not ready then

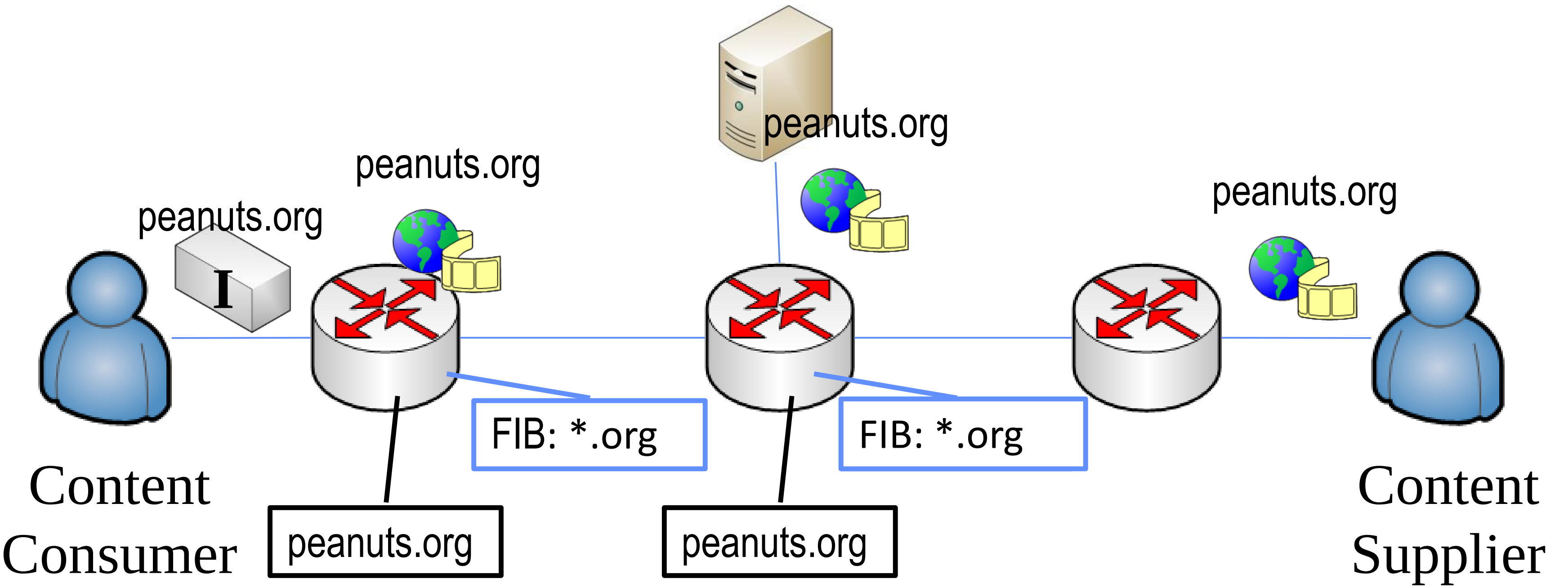
Named Data Networking

Van Jacobson et.al., 2009

- Routes on Names
  - Source publishes Content ‚to a network‘ that caches and replicates
  - Network distributes names in its routing protocol
  - Subscriber requests content from network by name
  - Request places 'trail of breadcrumbs' in the network
- Forwarding on reverse path
  - No IP layer, no source addresses
- Universal On-Path Caching



Basics: Content Centric Routing

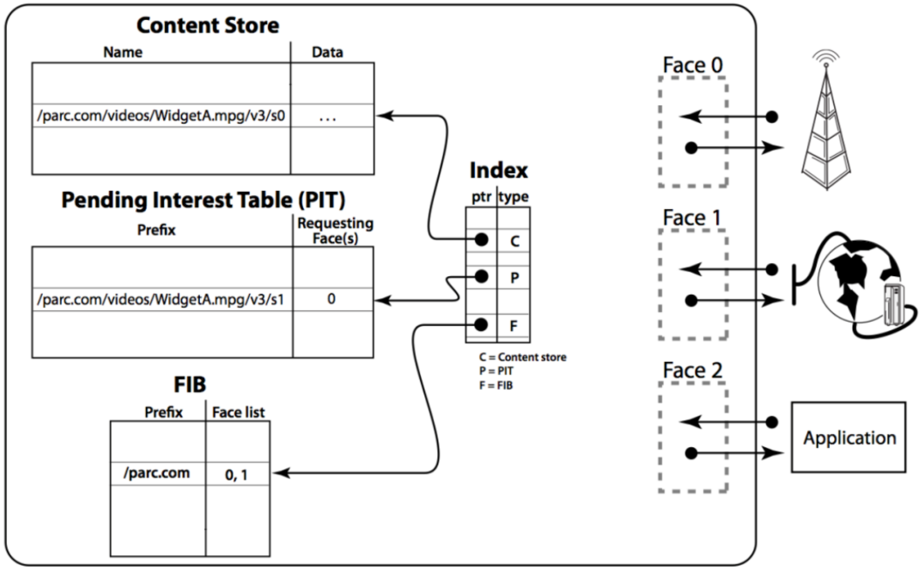


- Observation 1: In-network states driven by data
- Observation 2: End-users affect backbone states

NDN Stateful Routing and Forwarding

Details on state management:

- Each router holds
  - Forwarding states (FIB)
  - Pending Interest Table (PIT)
  - In-network storage
- States describe data chunks
  - Updates at high frequency



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The Problem of State

Two kinds of states:

1. Content publication (and caching)
   → routing
2. Content request trails (breadcrumbs)
   → forwarding

Both kinds are 'content-aware':

- Control states are open to user activities
- State management relies on data-driven events

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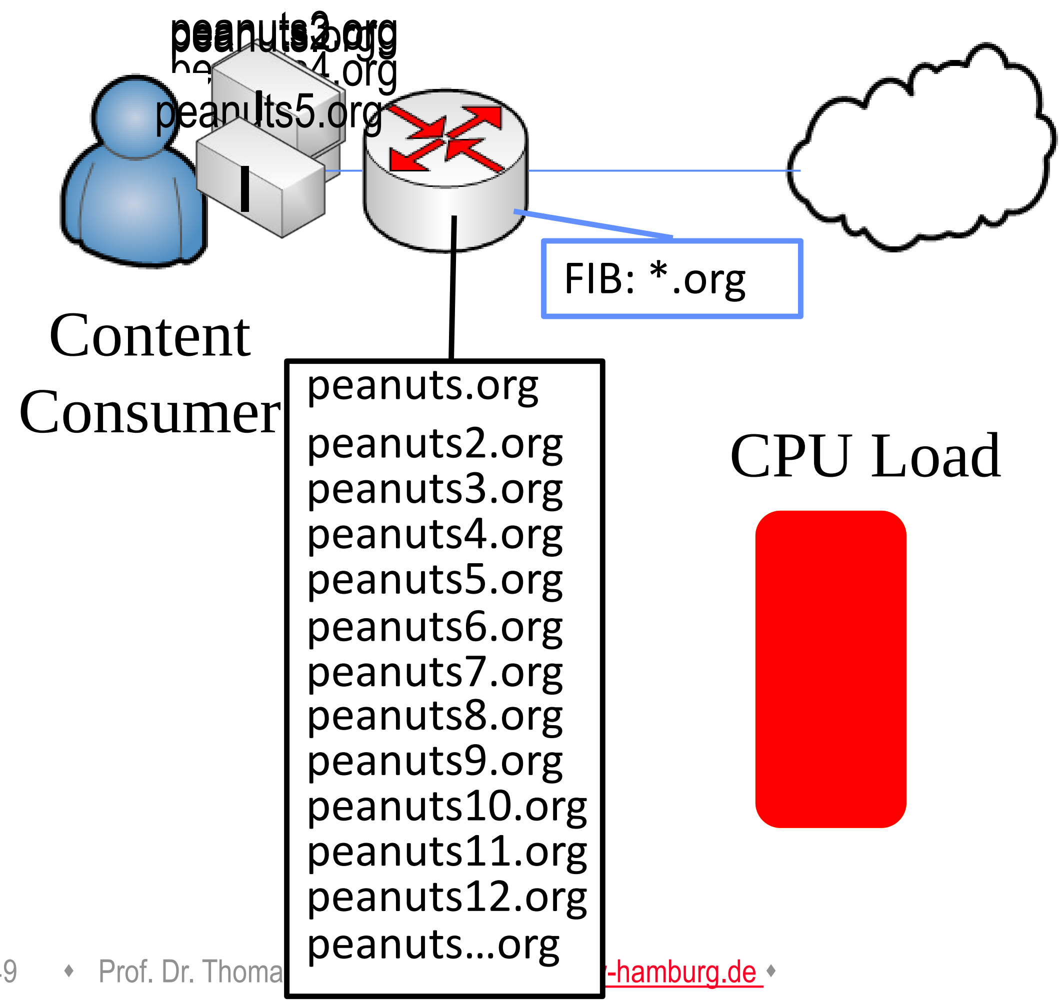
Threat: Resource Exhaustion



- *Consumer* initiates many interests
  - Content need not exist
- *Supplier* uploads content
  - Might be micro-content

→ Do this for an 'unlimited' number of items

→ Affects routing or content states

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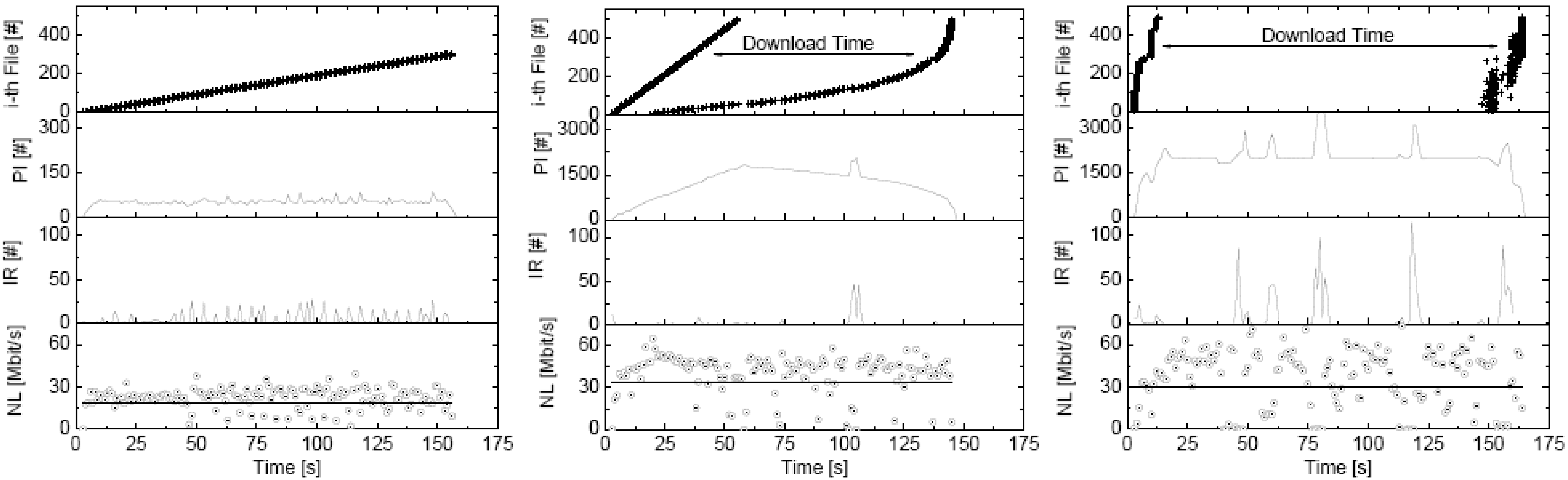
Data-driven States in Praxis

Example: Experimental Analysis for CCNx



(a) 2 files per second (b) 10 files per second (c) 100 files per second

Bulk of Interest: Performance Measurement of Content-Centric Routing,
In: *Proc. of ACM SIGCOMM Poster, 2012*

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Reverse Path Forwarding States (PIT)

Consider the # of PI states at a router

$$
\begin{aligned}
S_i(t) &= S_i(t-T_i) + \int_{t-T_i}^{t} \alpha_i(\tau) - \omega_i(\tau) d\tau \\
&= S_i(t-T_i) + \int_{t-T_i}^{t} \alpha_i(\tau) - \alpha_i(\pi(\tau)) d\tau \\
&= \langle \alpha_i \rangle \cdot \min(\langle RTT \rangle, T_i) + \\
&\quad \mathcal{O}\left(\sigma(\alpha_i) \cdot \sigma(\min(RTT, T_i))\right) \\
&\approx \langle \alpha_i \rangle \cdot (\langle RTT \rangle + \kappa\, \sigma(RTT)) \\
&\approx U_i(t) / \langle l \rangle \, (\langle RTT \rangle + \kappa\, \sigma(RTT))
\end{aligned}
$$

Reverse Path Forwarding States (PIT)

Content request rate

$$
\begin{aligned}
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&\approx U_i(t) / \langle l \rangle \, (\langle RTT \rangle + \kappa\, \sigma(RTT))
\end{aligned}
$$

Link utilization

This can be very bad

$\Rightarrow$ State requirements are proportional network utilization +

$\Rightarrow$ Enhanced by a factor of a global retransmission timeout

Implications

1. The RTT distribution covers Internet-wide traffic:
   A long-tailed Gamma law (unlike TCP that deals with dedicated endpoints)
2. Rapidly varying RTTs are characteristic for ICN interfaces and even for prefixes (multimodal delay distribution due to content replication)
3. Limits of PIT sizes, state timeout, and interest rates are hard to define well – and don't protect routers without degrading network performance
4. Routing resources (memory, CPU) are required orders of magnitude higher than previously predicted
5. Inverts router design: Highest resources required at edge

Problems of Name-based Routing

- Names are many more than active (IP-) Adresses
- Names don‘t aggregate w.r.t. location
- Name aggregation is not locally decidable
- Name update frequency much higher than IP topology

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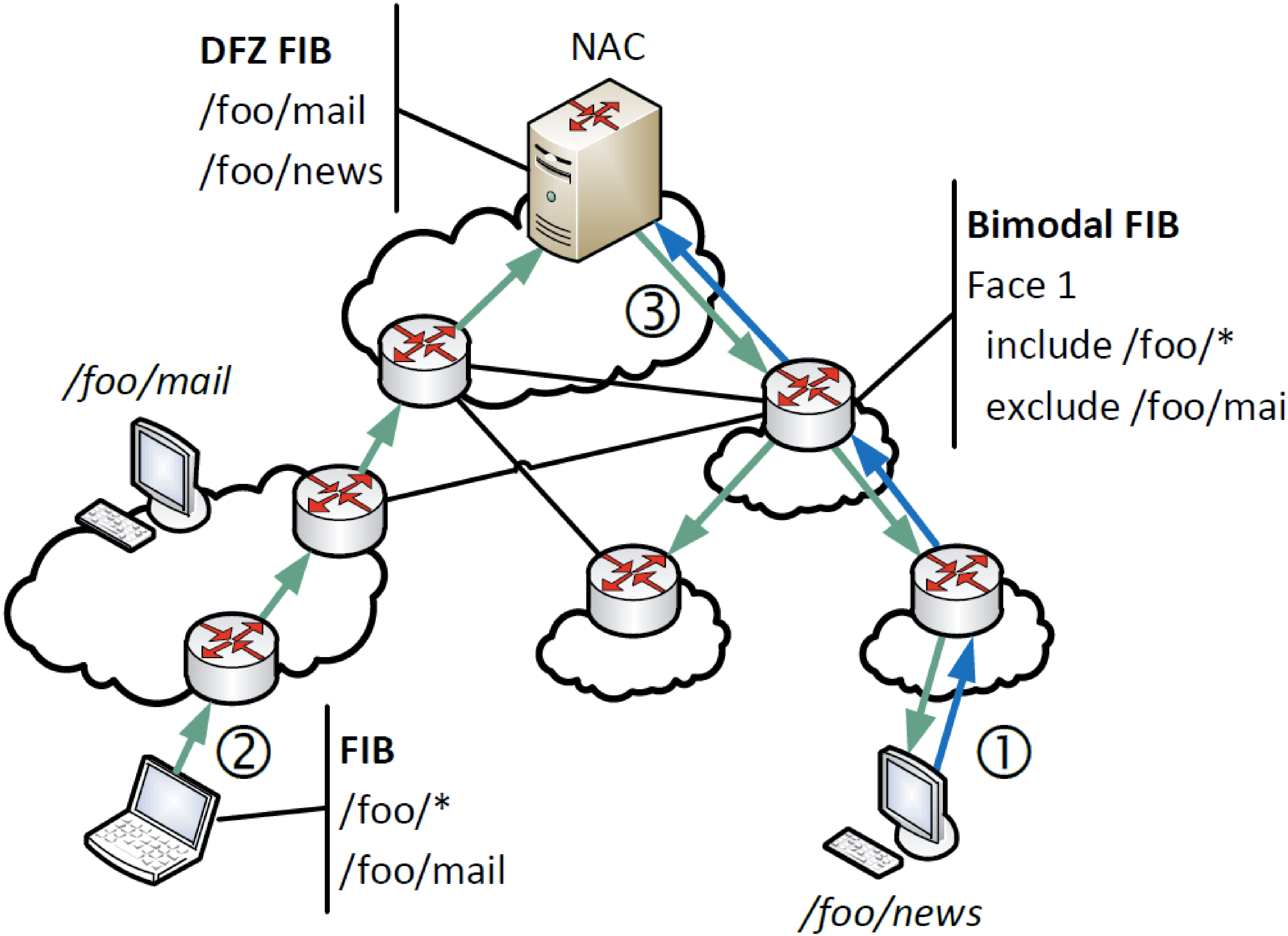
PANINI: Partial Adaptive Name Information in ICN

Intra-domain routing protocol that limits FIBs

Key ideas

1. Name Collector (NAC): prefix-specific aggregation point
2. Default distribution tree: prefix-specific default routes
3. Adaptive FIB management: adjust to content popularity and local resources
4. Scoped flooding: on FIB miss only, limited to UR-subtrees


DFZ FIB
/foo/mail
/foo/news
NAC
Bimodal FIB
Face 1
include /foo/*
exclude /foo/mail
③
/foo/mail
②
FIB
/foo/*
/foo/mail
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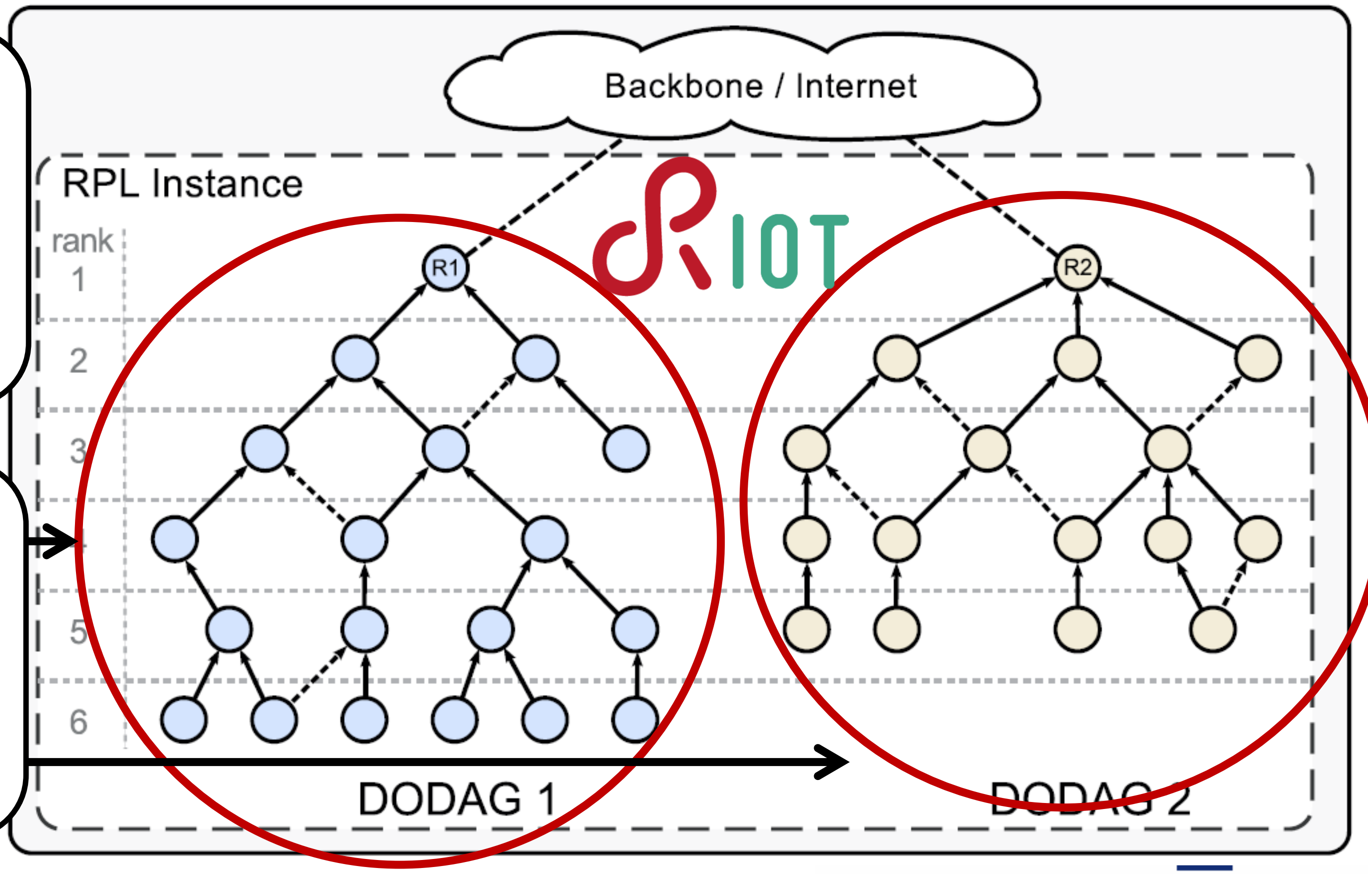
/foo/news

ICN in the IoT

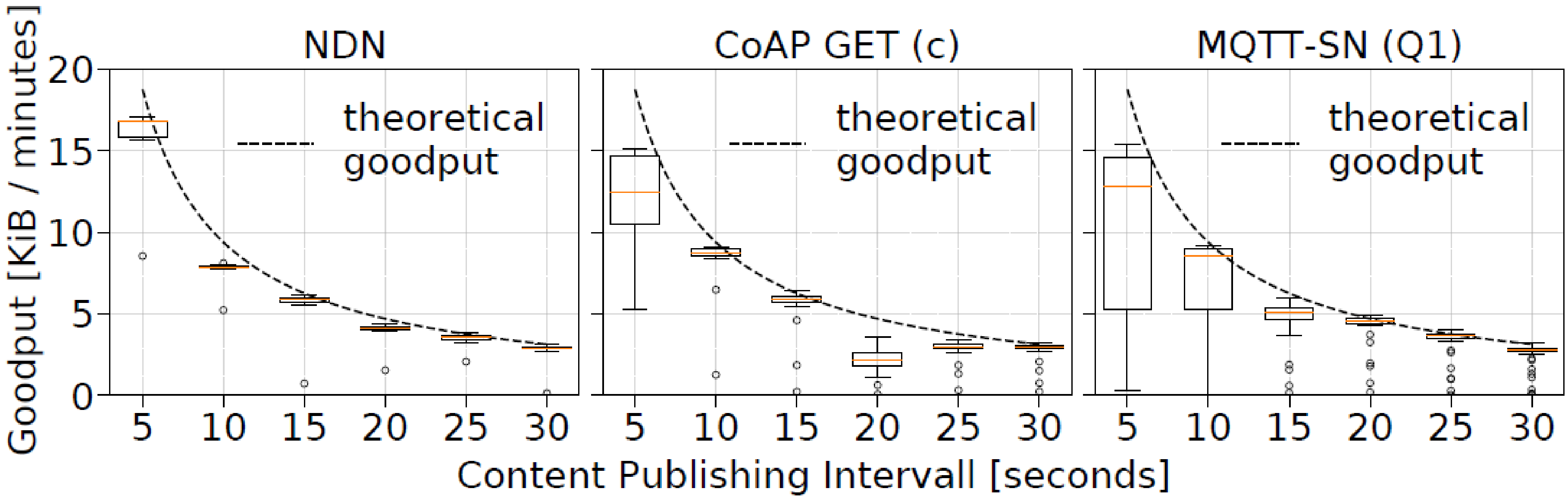
IPv6 Routing Protocol for Low-power and Lossy Networks (RPL)

Hopwise trans-fer to gateway: Robust & simple



Performance Comparison: Reliable IoT Protocols

- Multihop Network of 50 Nodes:



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