



A Network Evolution Story:

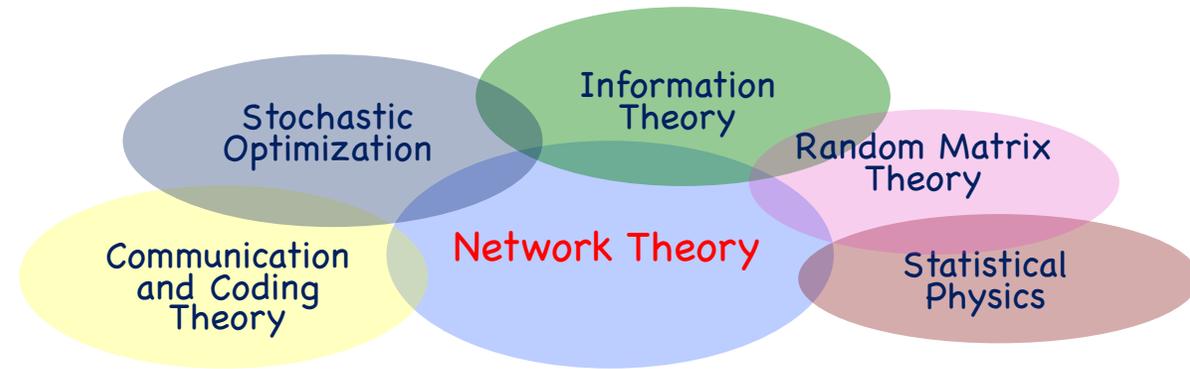
from Communication, to Content Distribution, to Real-Time Computation

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Outline

- Communication
- Content Distribution
 - Efficient Content Storage and Delivery
 - Cache-aided coded multicast
 - Distributed network compression
 - Dynamic Data
- Real-time Computation
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 - Network Slicing (NFV/SDN)
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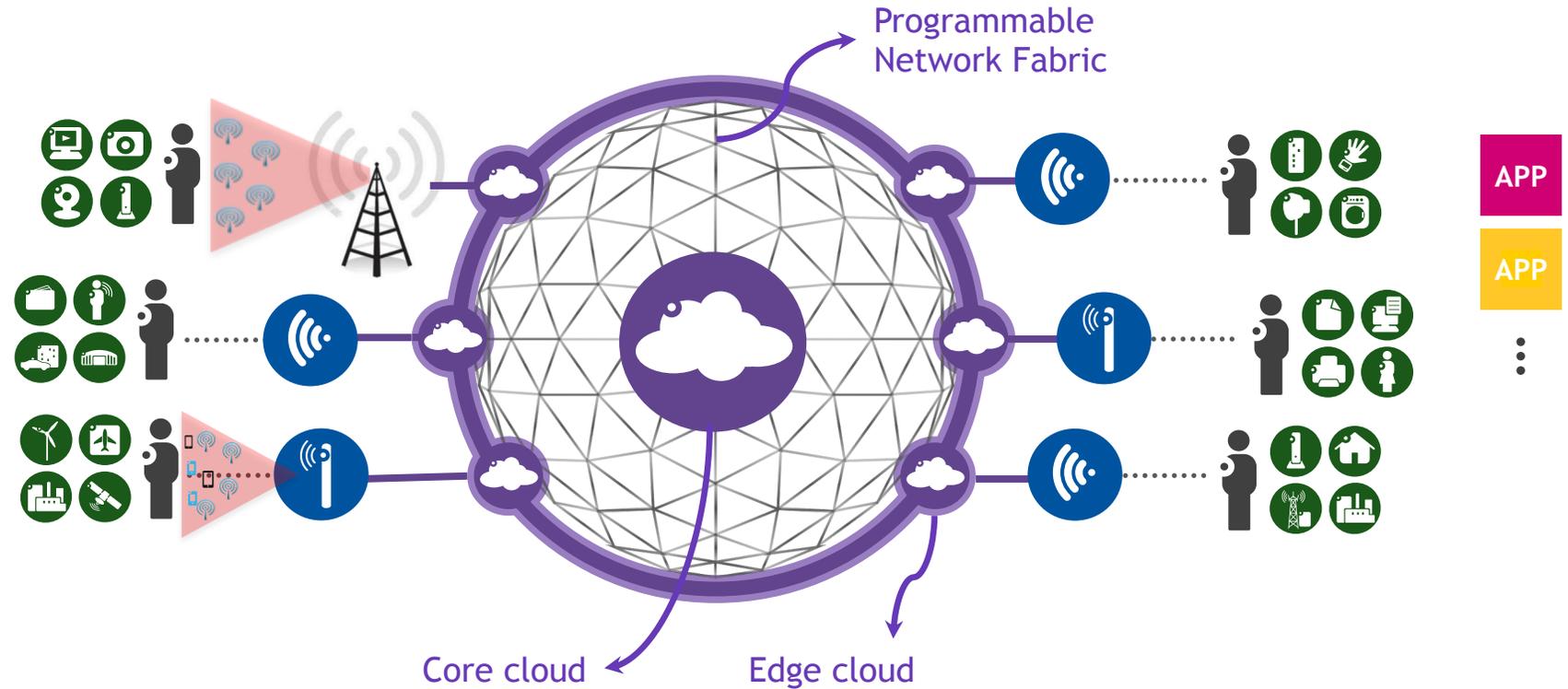
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CLOUD-INTEGRATED NETWORKS AS UNIVERSAL COMPUTE PLATFORMS



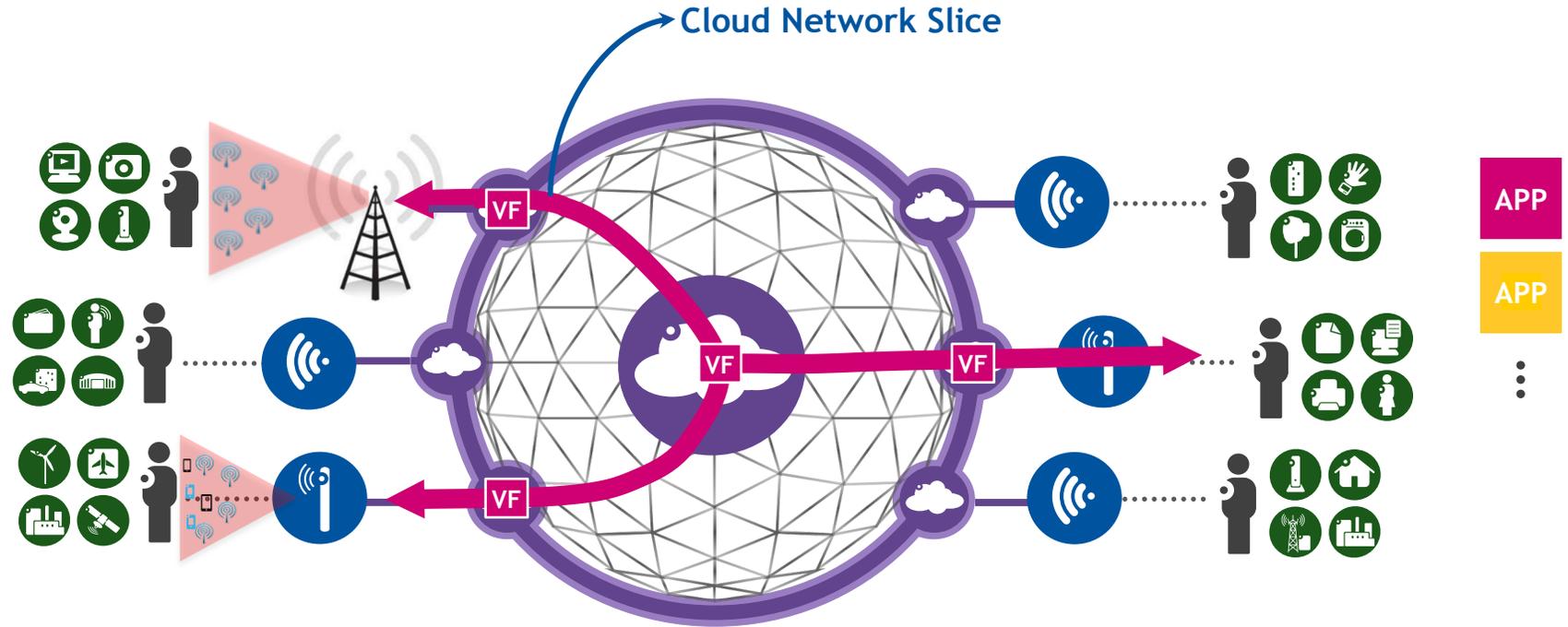
(5G & beyond) cloud-integrated networks will become universal general-purpose compute platforms, where a large variety of services and applications will be deployed in the form of slices within a common physical infrastructure taking advantage of the cloud network's reach, elasticity, and flexibility.

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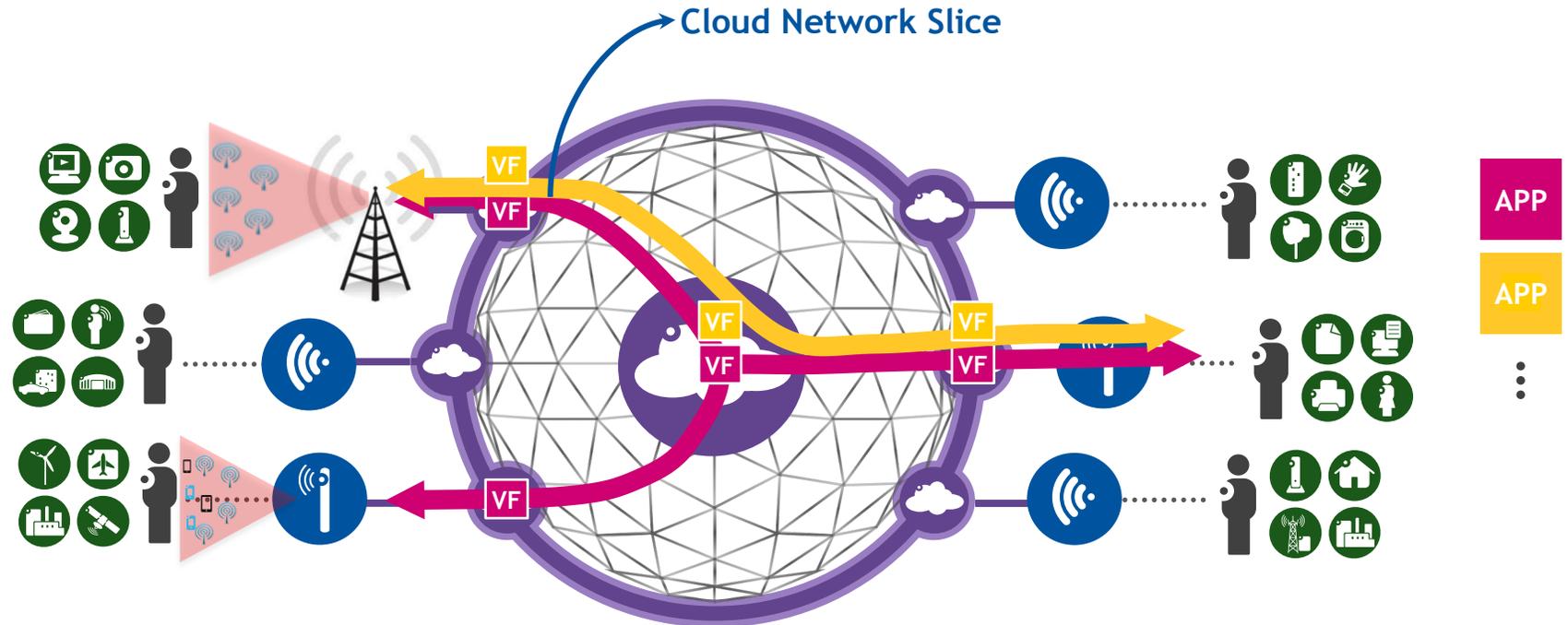
Smart X, IoT

3) Augmented experience services

Virtual X, Augmented X (e.g. reality/cognition)

Immersive video

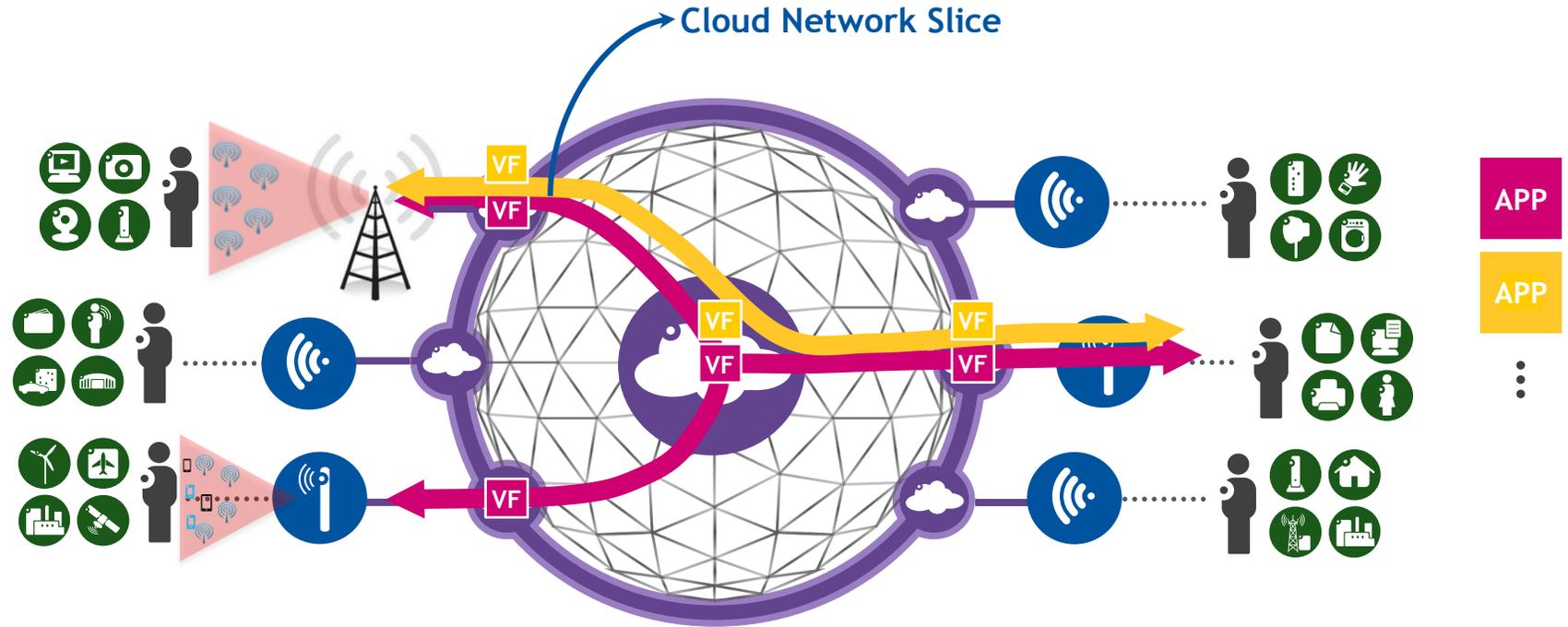
Real-time computer vision/scene analysis



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- Opportunities

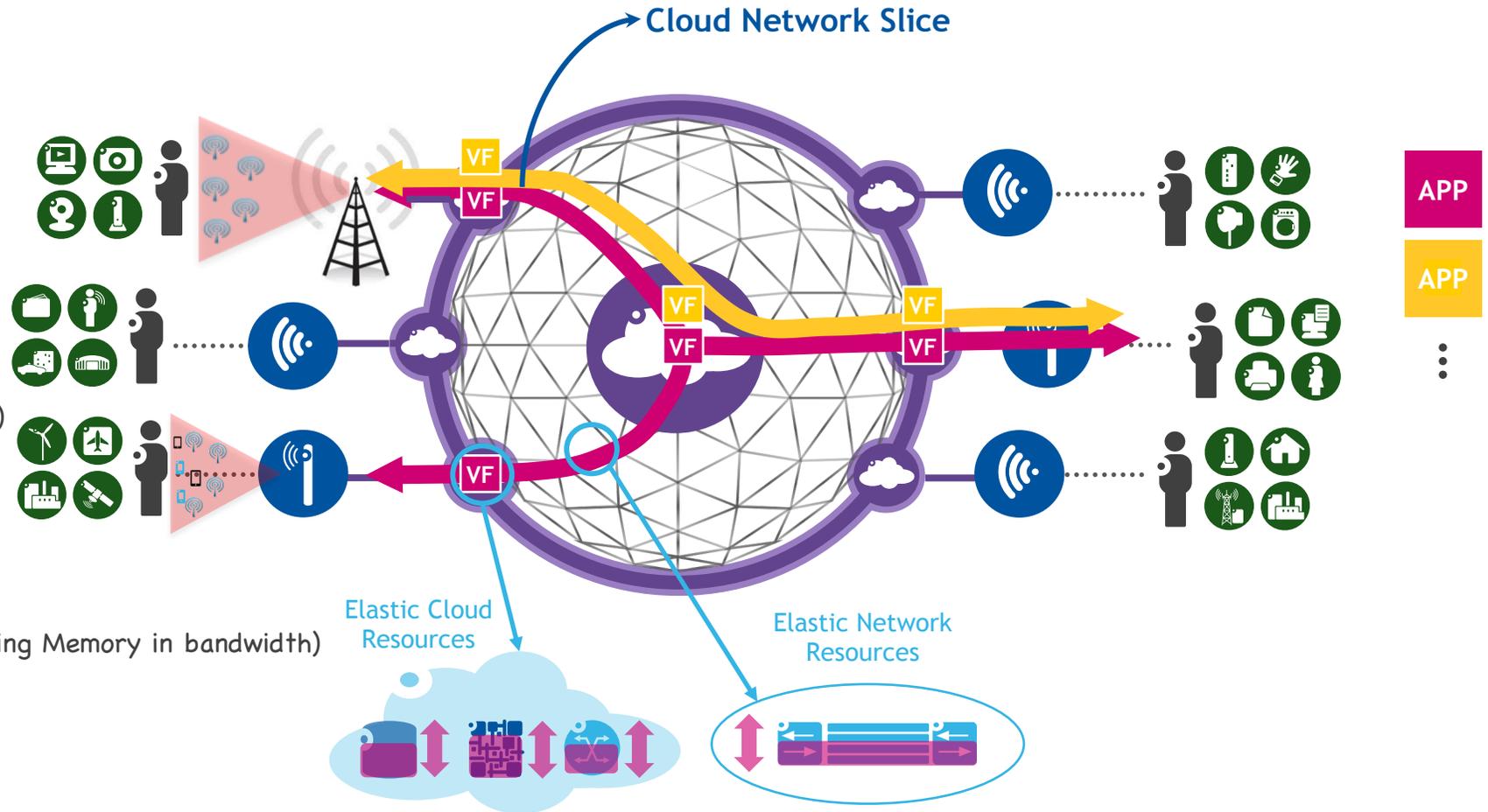
- Users can consume resource- and interaction-intensive applications from resource-limited devices
- Operators can reduce costs and create new value-added services
- Overall sustainability



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• Key enablers

- Network function virtualization (NFV)
- Software defined networking (SDN)
- Network Slicing
- Advance RAT (Turning space in bandwidth)
 - Network densification,
 - Massive MIMO & mmW
 - D2D communications
- Cooperative information sharing (Turning Memory in bandwidth)
 - Cooperative (edge) caching,
 - Network coding,
 - multicast transport
 - Network Compression

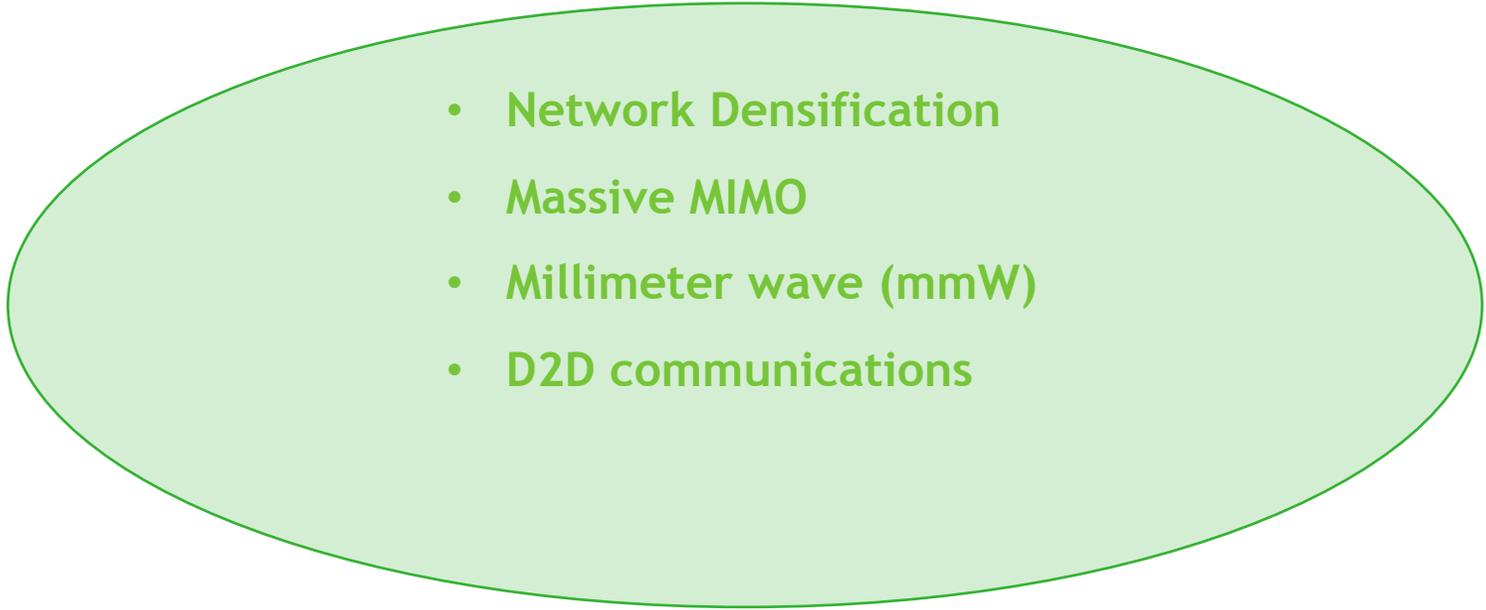


Objectives

- Understand the fundamental efficiency limits of the future networked cloud
- Develop practical solutions that push the network closer to its limits

- ❖ **NFV**: move hardware appliances into software functions deployed at multiple cloud locations and elastically scaled computing resources.
- ❖ **SDN**: program the network in between and steer network flows through the appropriate set of functions.
- ❖ **Network slicing**: create cloud network slices which are hence elastic and programmable.

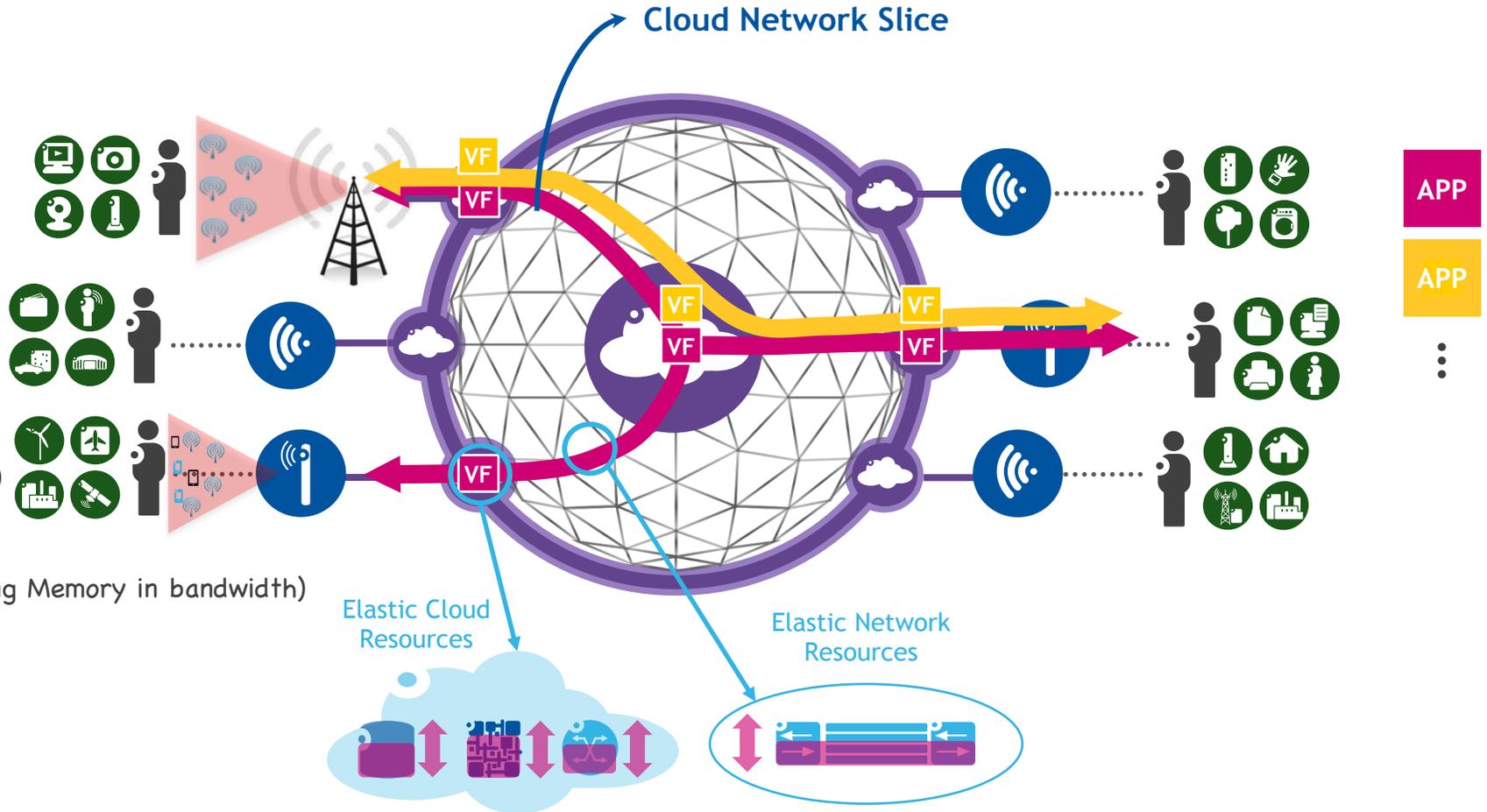
Elastically allocate both cloud (storage and computing) and network resources according to changing demands, in order to meet service requirements while minimizing the use of the physical infrastructure.

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- Network Densification
 - Massive MIMO
 - Millimeter wave (mmW)
 - D2D communications

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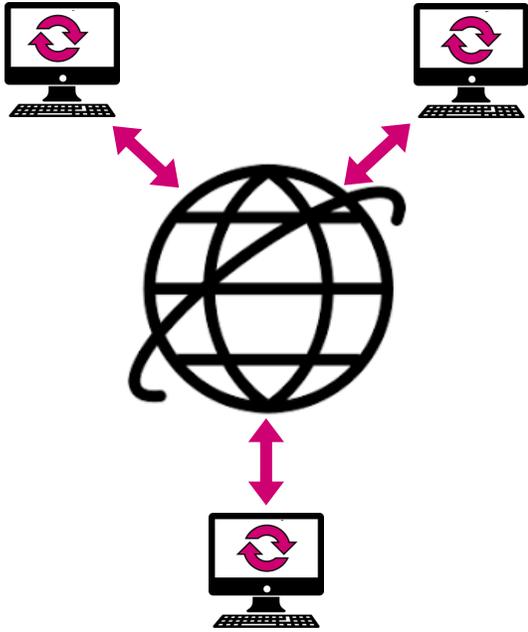
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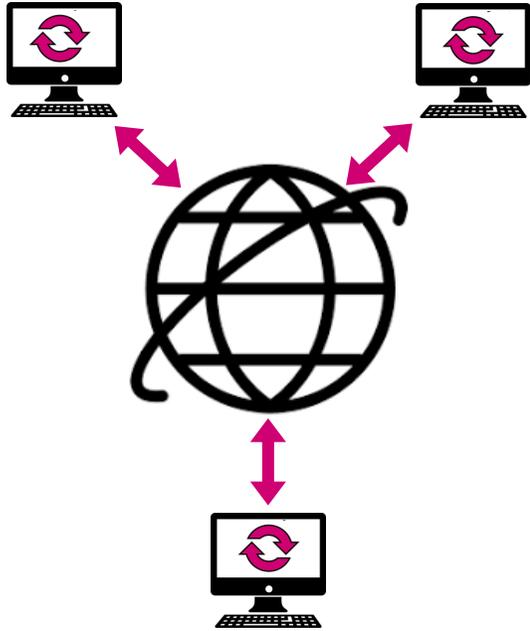
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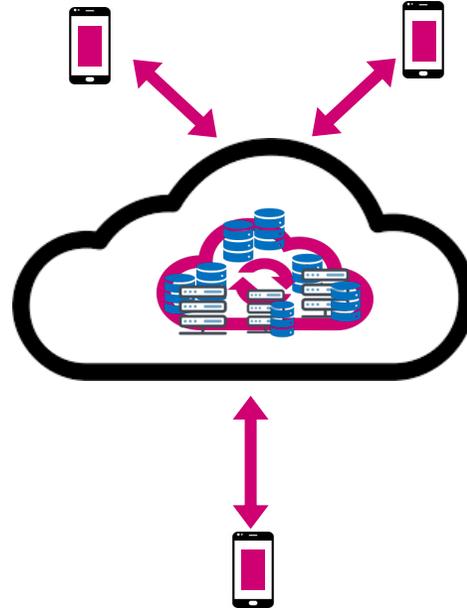
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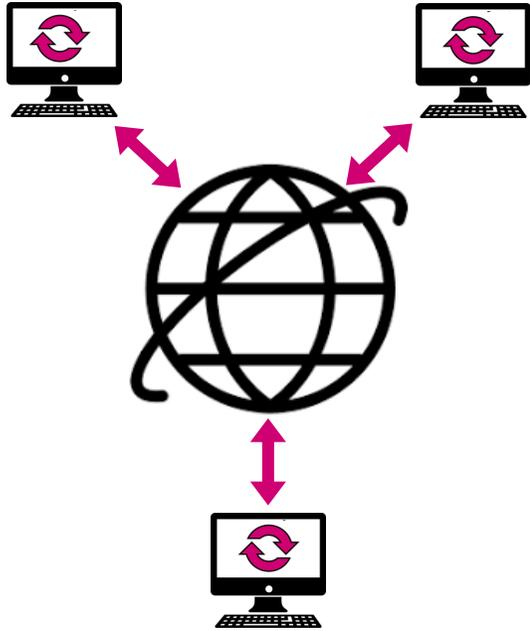
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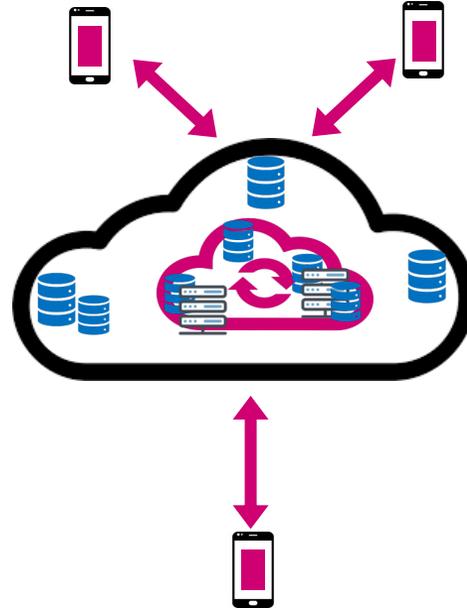
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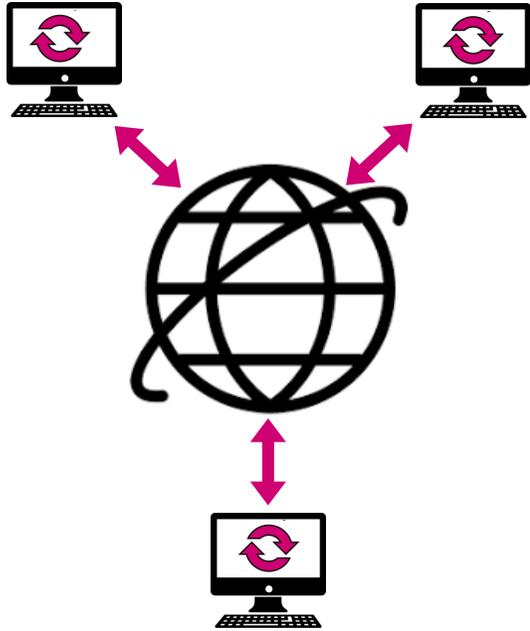
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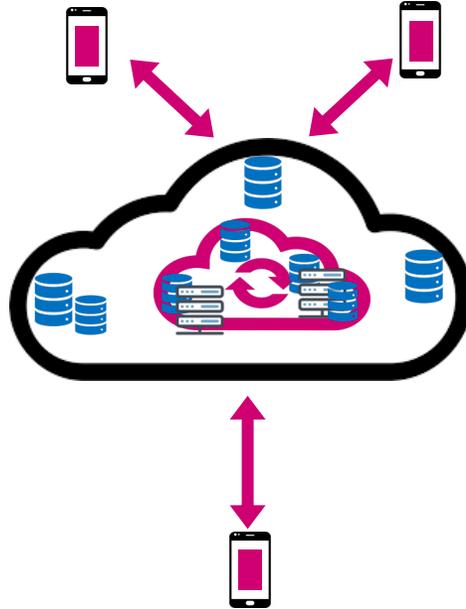
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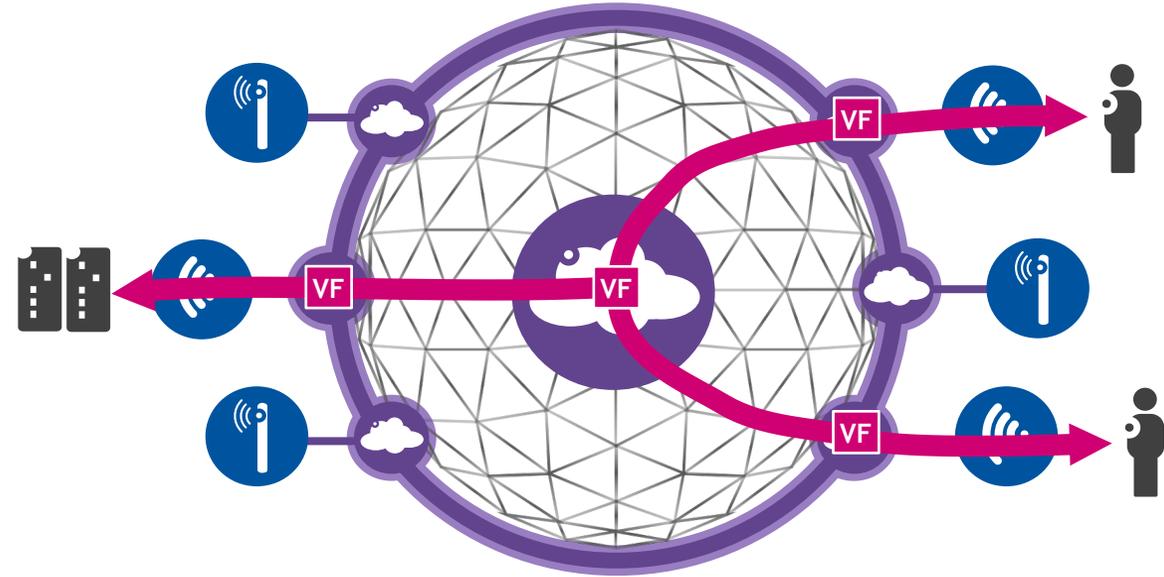
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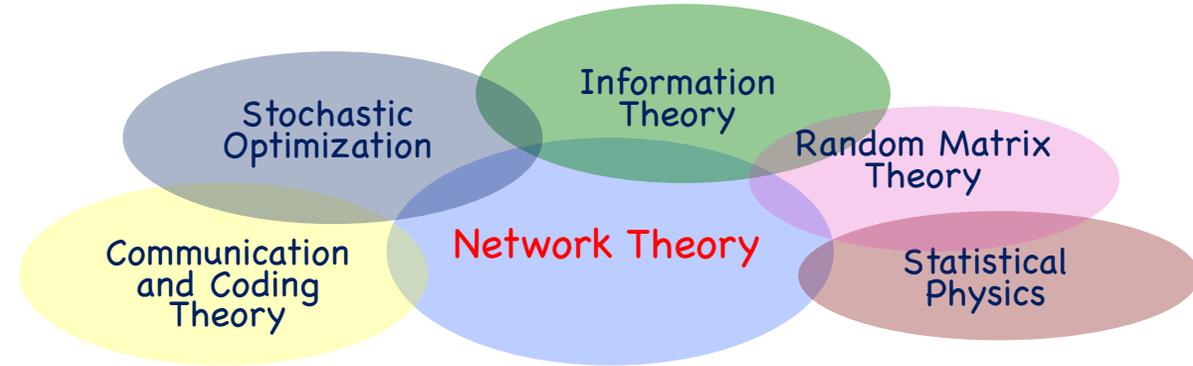


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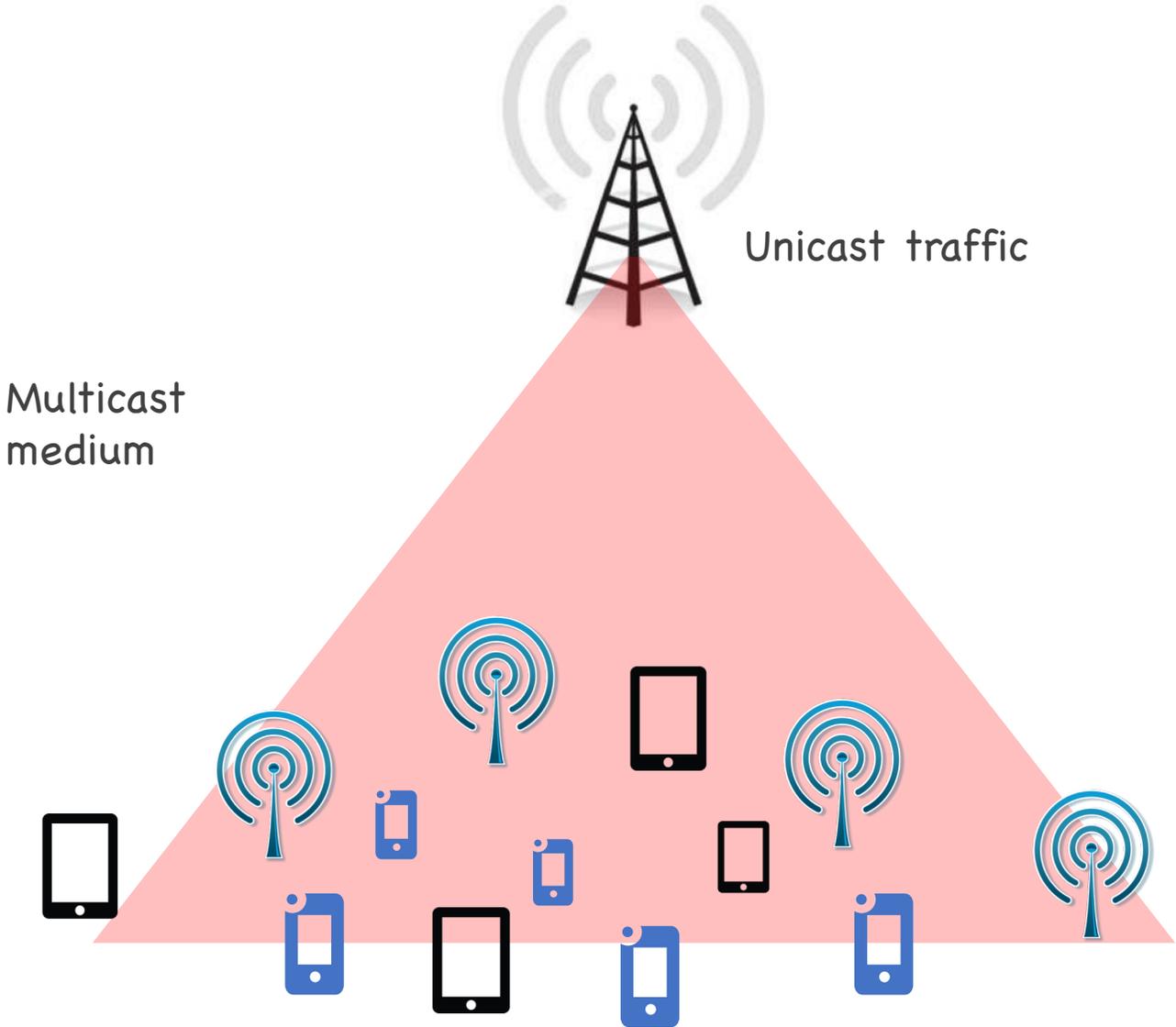
Bridging the time-scale gap between information capture/sensing, analysis/processing, and delivery/consumption

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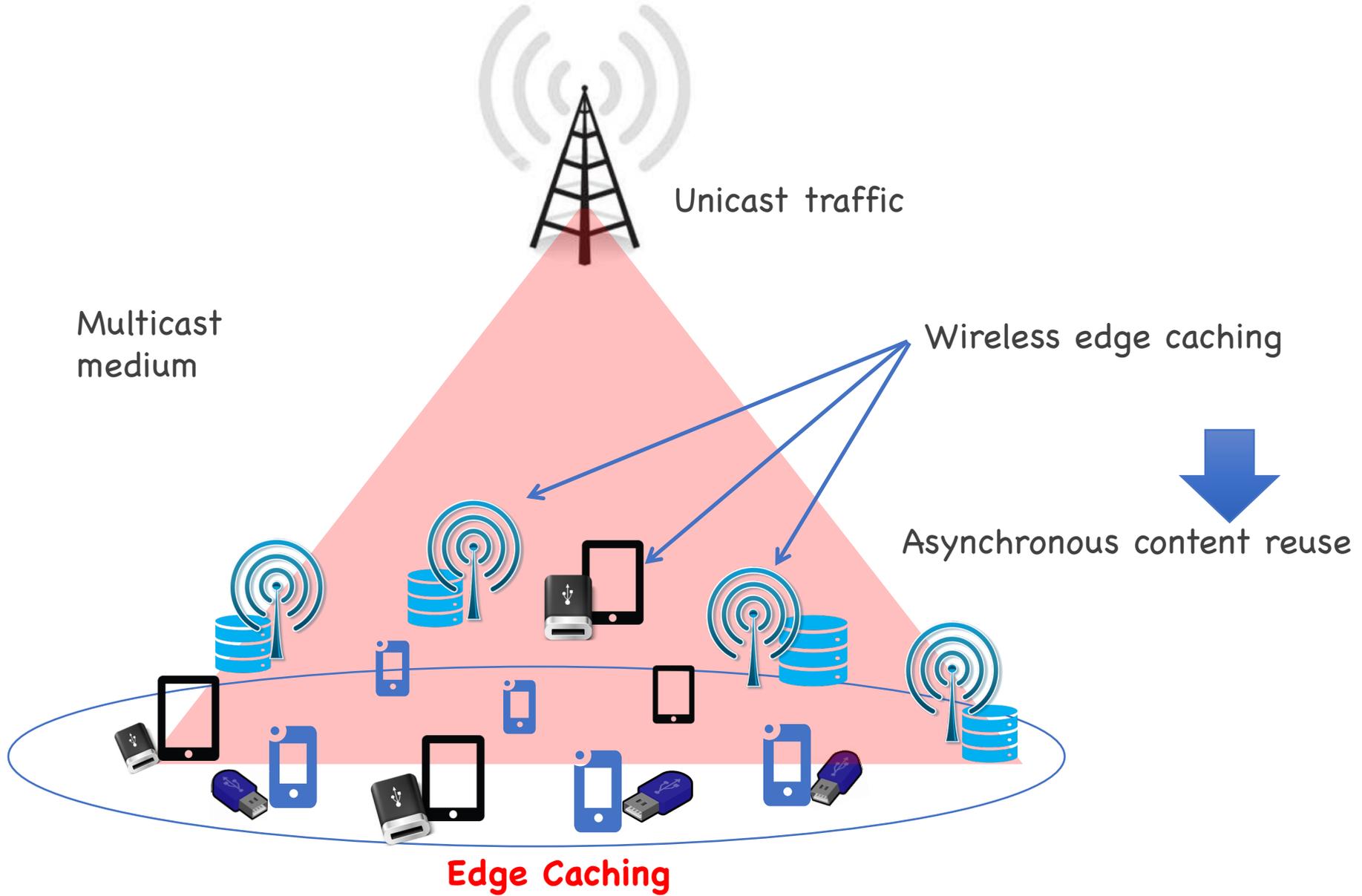
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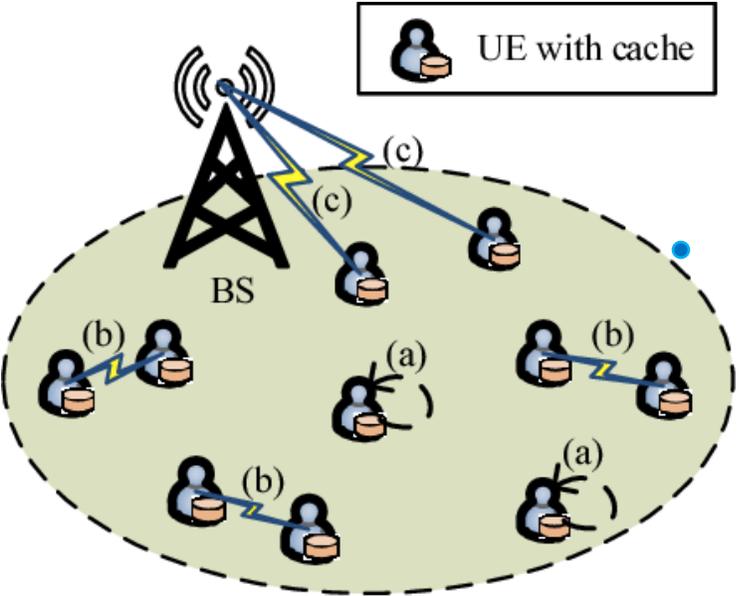
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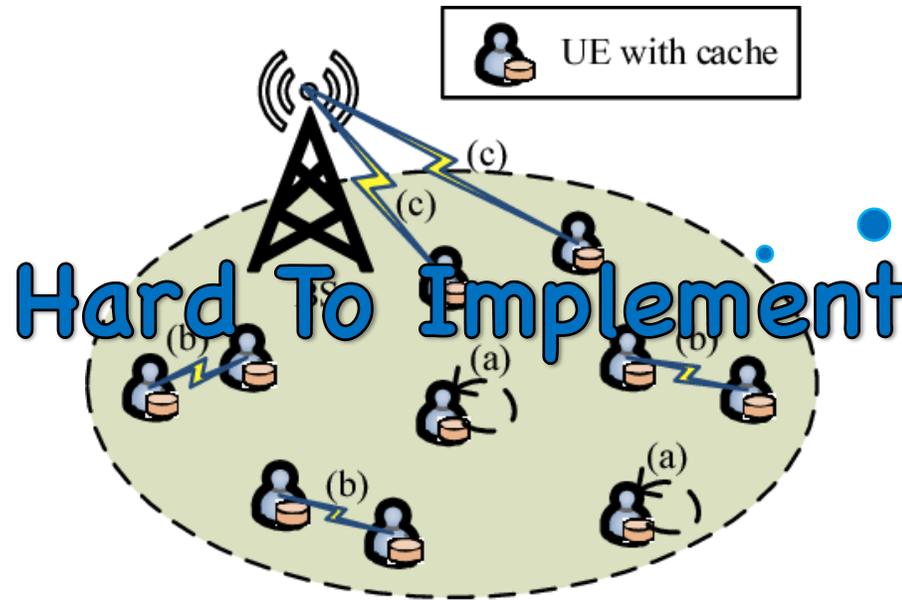
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Requires **no infrastructure** but very hard to implement

- no good D2D standard in place,
- coordination across a large network

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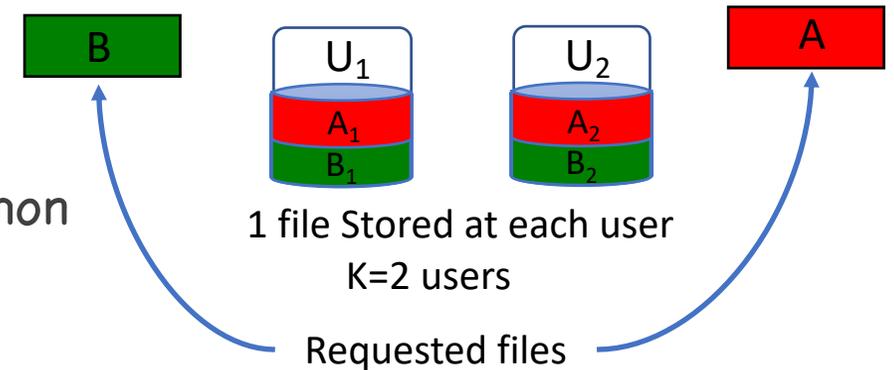
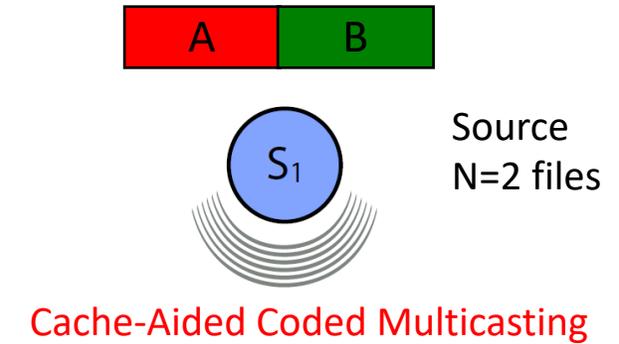
Can we achieve scalability with finite infrastructure and no D2D communication?

Yes we can!

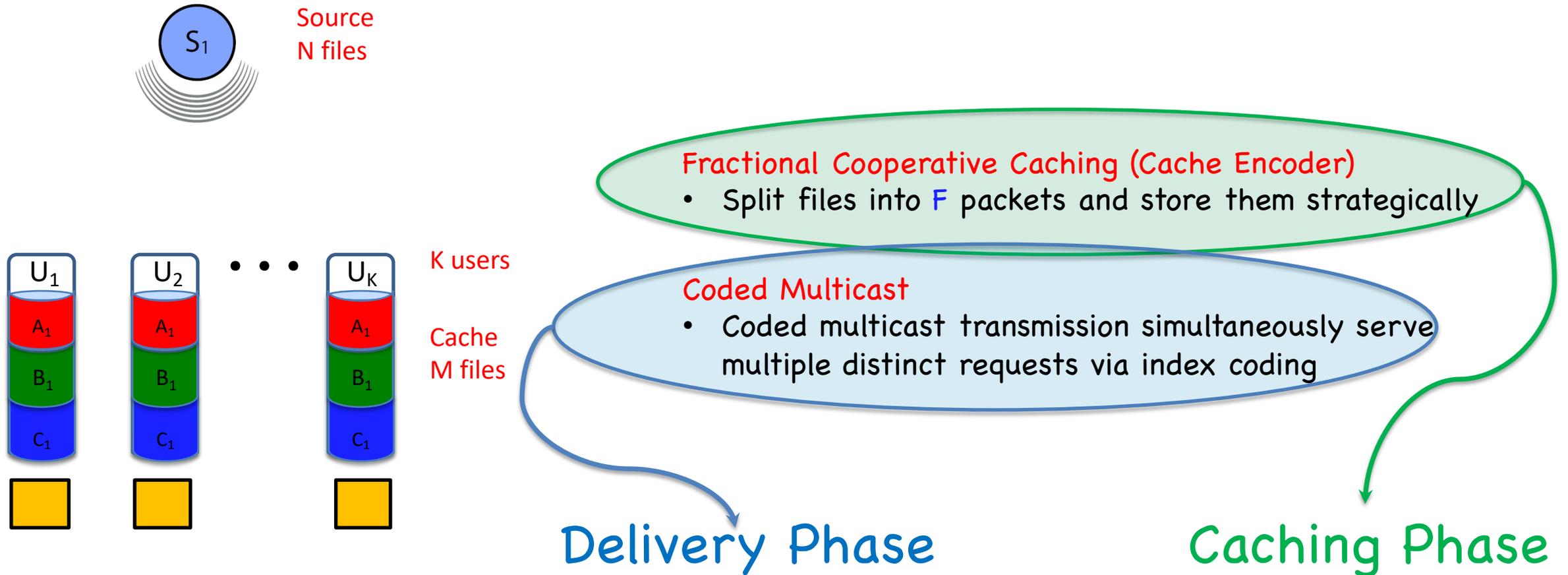
Cache-Aided Coded Multicast (CCM):

Main Idea:

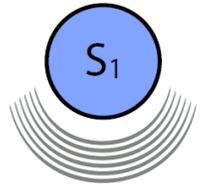
- leverages side information at wireless edge caches to efficiently serve jointly multiple unicast demands via common multicast transmissions,
- leads to load reductions that are proportional to the aggregate cache size.



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N files

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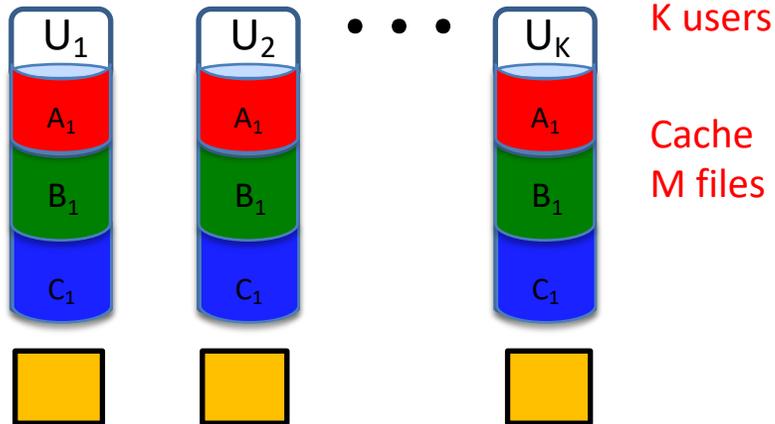
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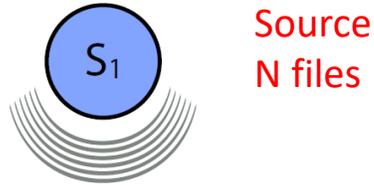
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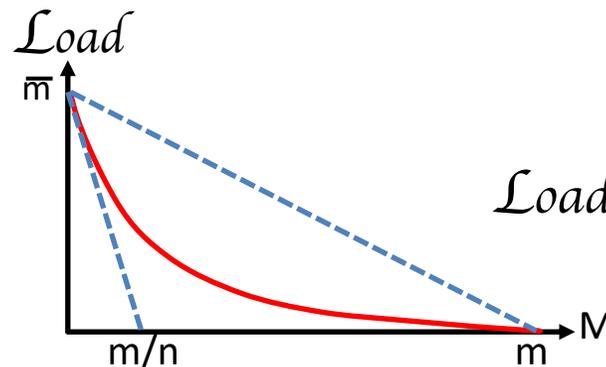
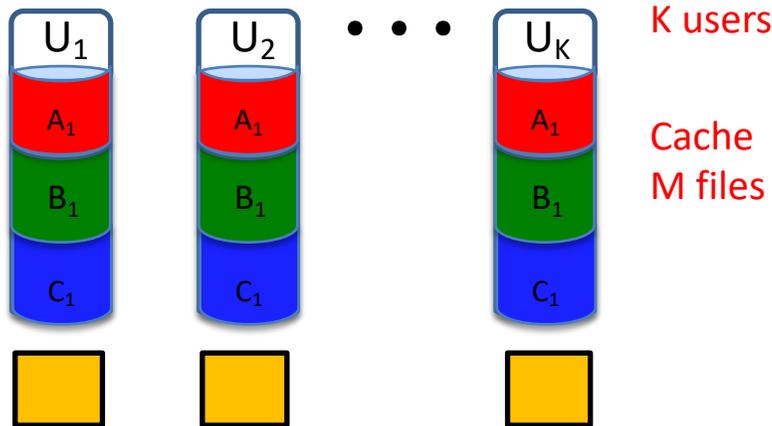
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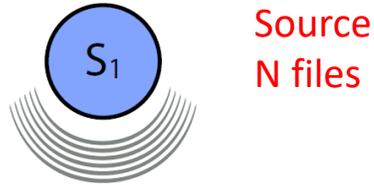


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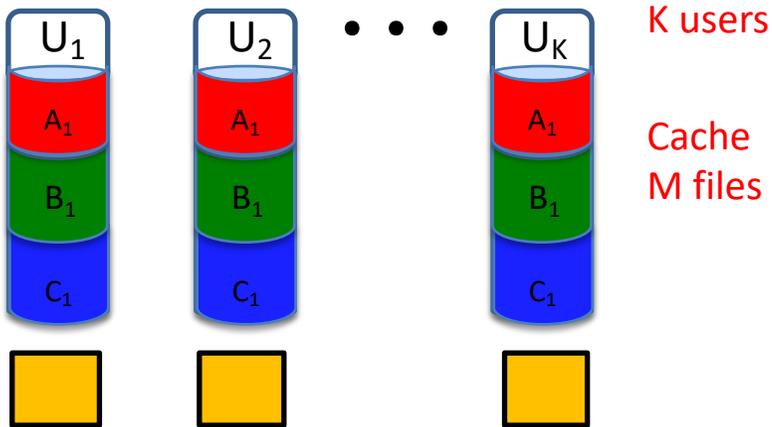
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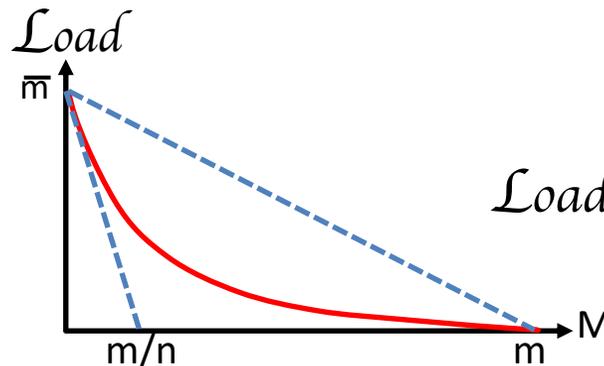
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Index Coding with a twist

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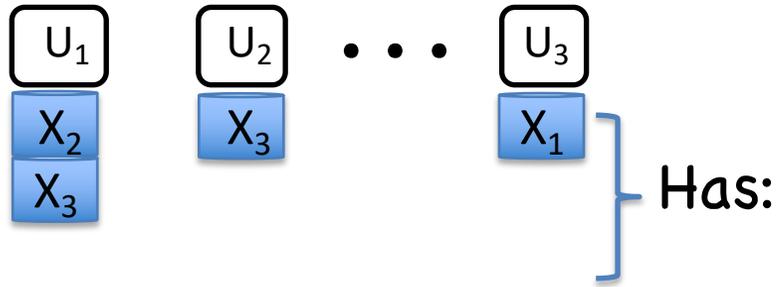
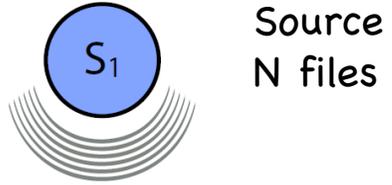
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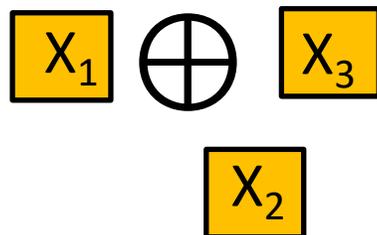
(Index) Coding turns unicast traffic into multicast traffic

Index Coding



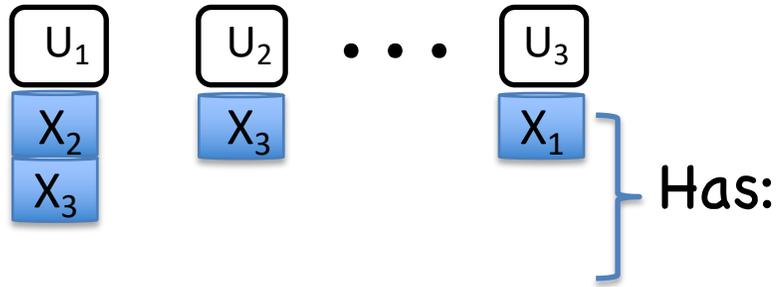
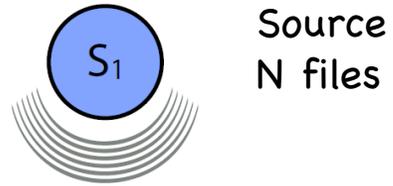
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Graph Coloring solution

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IC is a fundamental and challenging problem
(Birk & Kol'98; Bar-Yossef et al.; Alon et al.; El Rouayheb et al.; Effros et al.; Maleki et al.)

At the beginning...

- Maddah-Ali, and Niesen, [2012](#). "Fundamental limits of caching", ArXiv.
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Gains of CCM unbounded for uniform distribution, $M/m=1/10$, **$n=1000$ users**, only **10 transmissions!**

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Think of $\mu = \frac{M}{N}$ = $\frac{\text{cache size}}{\text{num. of files}}$ as a constant
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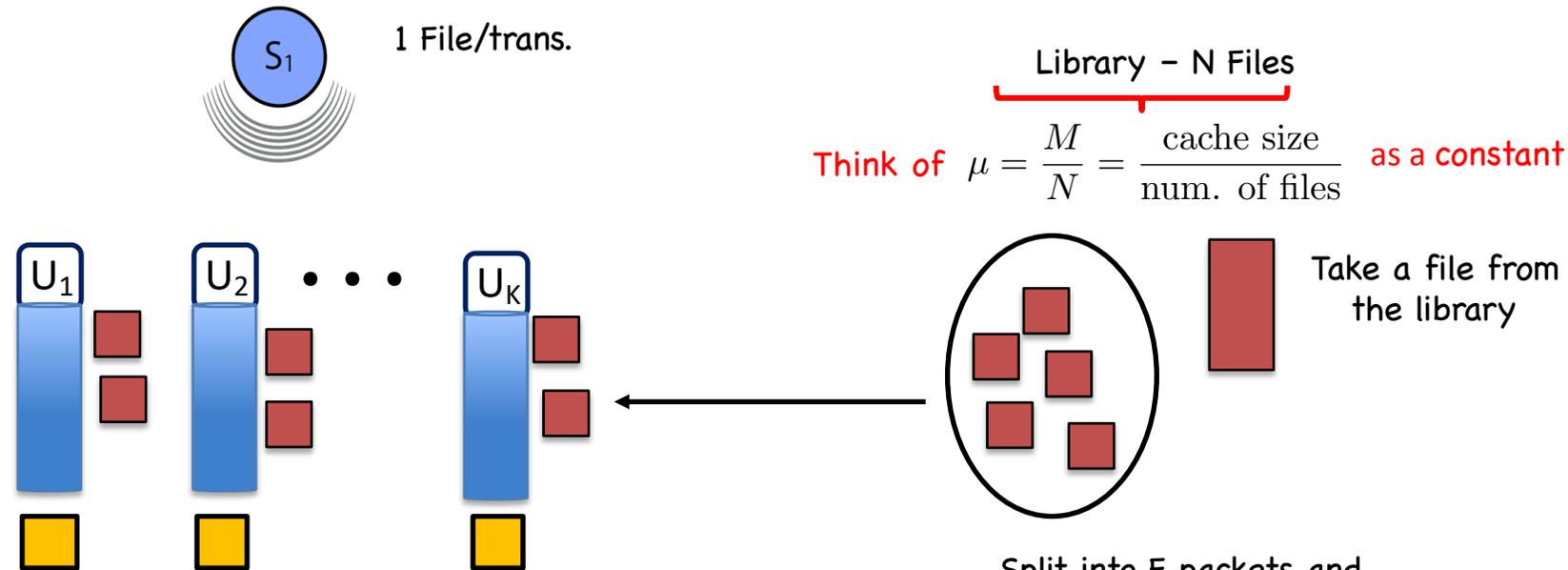
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Key Question: How large F needs to be ?

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all original schemes number of packets grows exponentially with number of caches

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$F = \exp(K f''(\mu)) = \exp(\Theta(K))$ [Tang-Ramamoorthy '17, Yan *et al* '16]

Very practical schemes Exponentially smaller !!

$F = \exp(\sqrt{K} f''(\mu)) = \exp(\Theta(\sqrt{K}))$ [Yan *et al* '16, Shangguan *et al* '16]

$F = K, \mu \geq K^{-\delta(\epsilon)}$ [Shanmugam, Tulino, Dimakis 2017]
 $Load = O(1)$, then $F = K$ is impossible !!

Caching gain = K

$Load = O\left(\frac{K}{K\mu}\right) = O(1)$

Caching gain = $K^{1-\epsilon}$

$Load \leq K^\epsilon$

All these results are about constructions of RUZSA-SZEMÉREDI bipartite graphs

$F = \exp(g f'(\mu))$ [Hachem *et al* '17], [Lampiris *et al* '18], [Parrinello *et al* '18]
 [Jin, Cui, Liu, and Caire. TC, 2019]

PHY: leveraging spatial multiplexing

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users are grouped

Level of cache coordination

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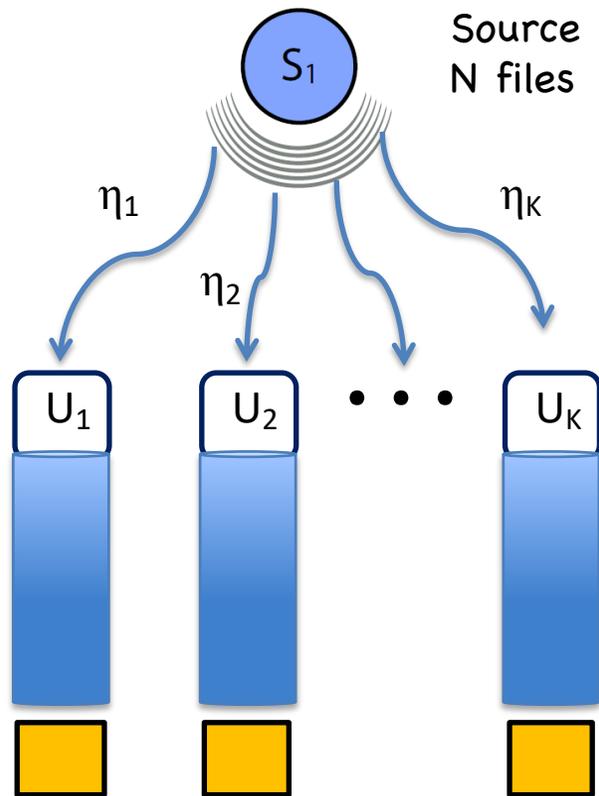
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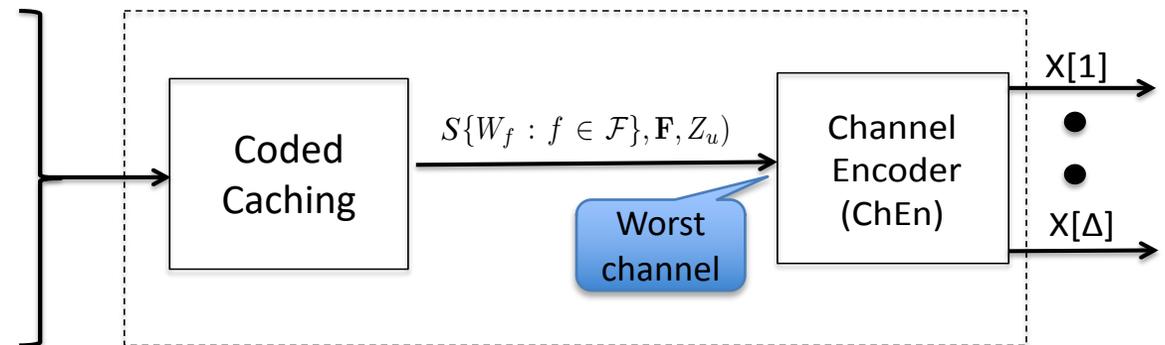
$\eta_u = \eta$ = common channel rate

Separation Source-Channel Coding theorem:

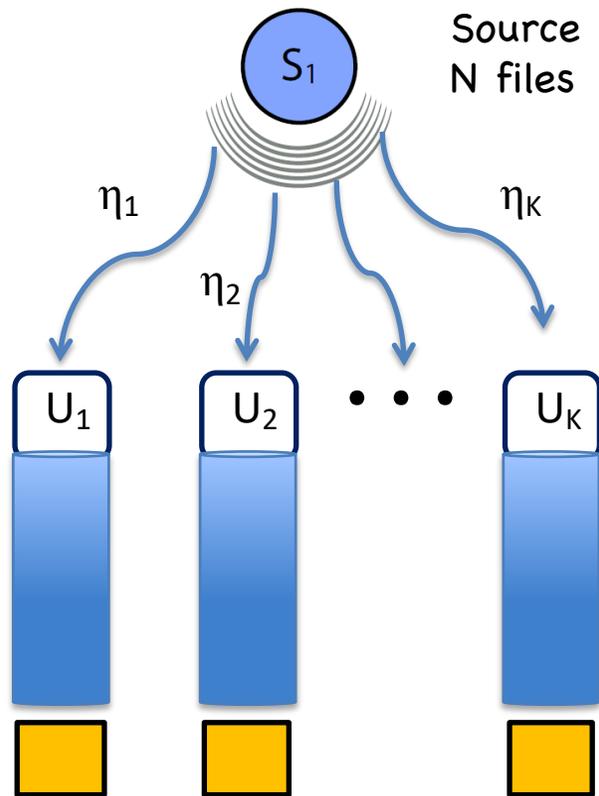


Achievable rate = $\eta / \mathcal{L}oad$

Library Realization
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Cache Contents
Channel Conditions



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η_u channel rate of user u

η_u channel rate different across users

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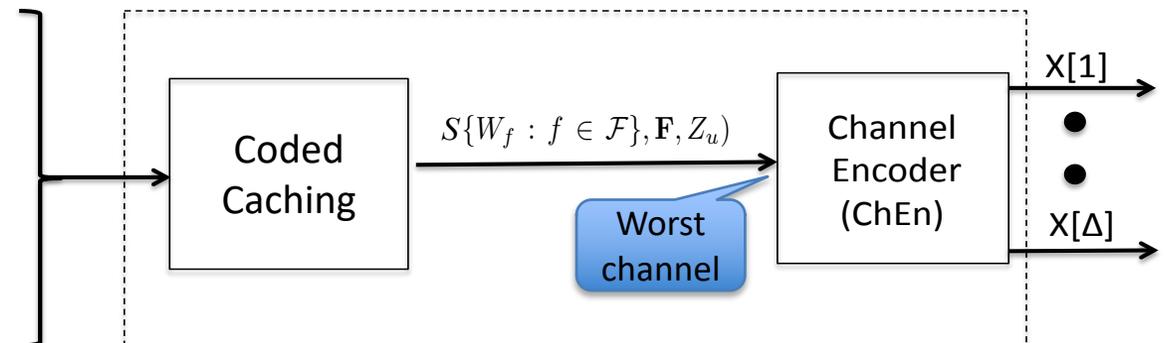
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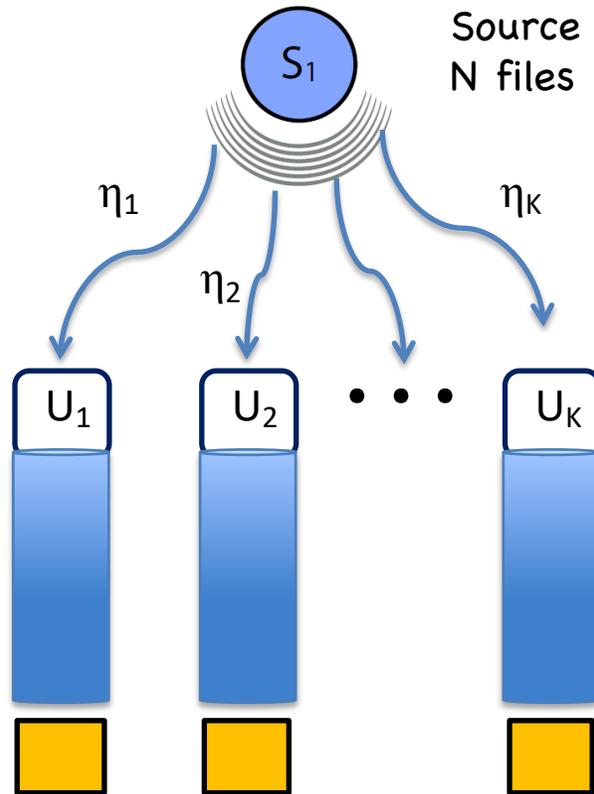
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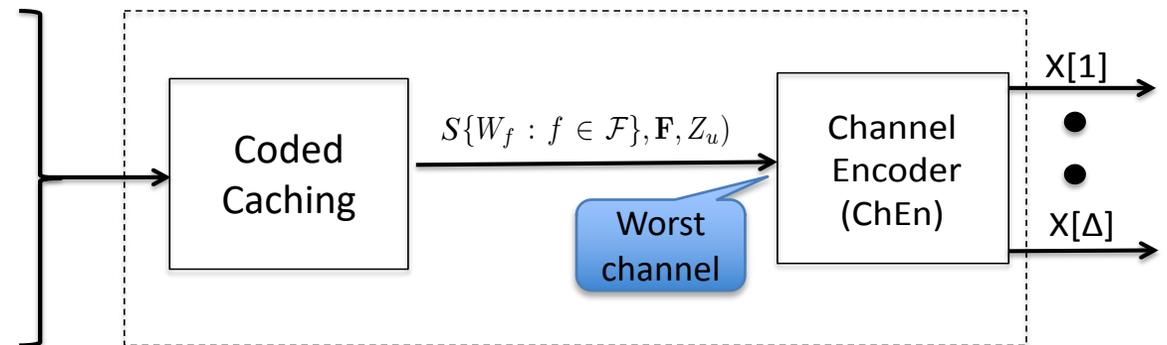
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✓ Two Caches [Asadi-Ong-Johnson, 2015]

- Capacity-memory trade off of two cache-aided receiver broadcast channel.
- Each receiver side information is part of the private message of the other.

✓ Multiple Caches divided in two classes:

Special settings

- [Karamchandani-Diggavi-Caire-Shamai, 2016]
 - Two links (1 & 2) between caches and source.
 - One class receiving only from link 1 the other from both links cache size M .
- [Bidokhti-Wigger-Timo, 2016]
 - Weak receivers with equal “large” BC erasure probabilities and cache size M .
 - Strong receivers with equal “small” BC erasure probabilities with zero cache-size.
 - This especially useful in a designing phase for dimensioning the caches

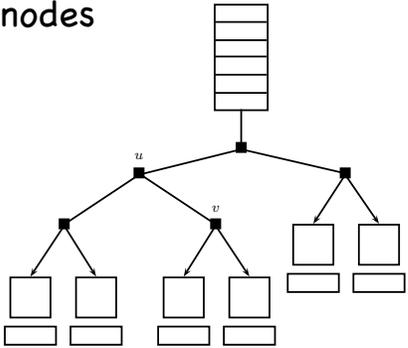
✓ General Setting [Cacciapuoti-Caleffi-Ji-Llorca-Tulino, 2016]

- Channel, cache size, demand distribution, number of requested files arbitrary across users
- Random Fractional Caching
- Channel-Aware Chromatic Index Coding

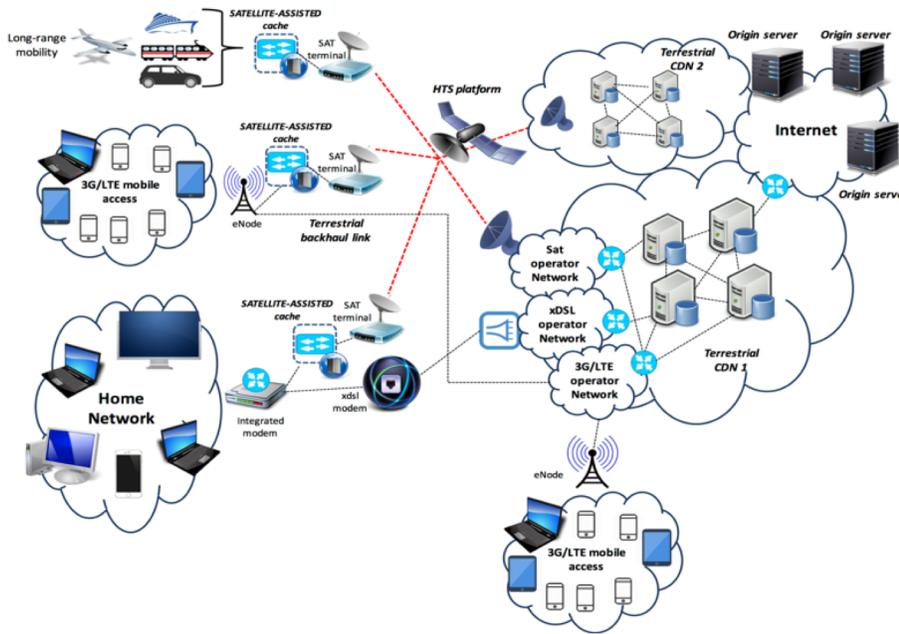
Extension to different network topologies

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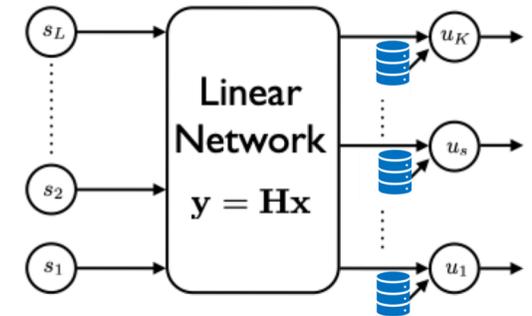
CM with routing at intermediate nodes



SHINE (Secure Hybrid In Network caching Environment)



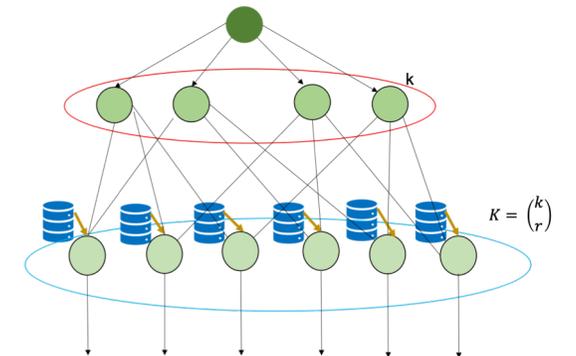
Multiserver/linear network



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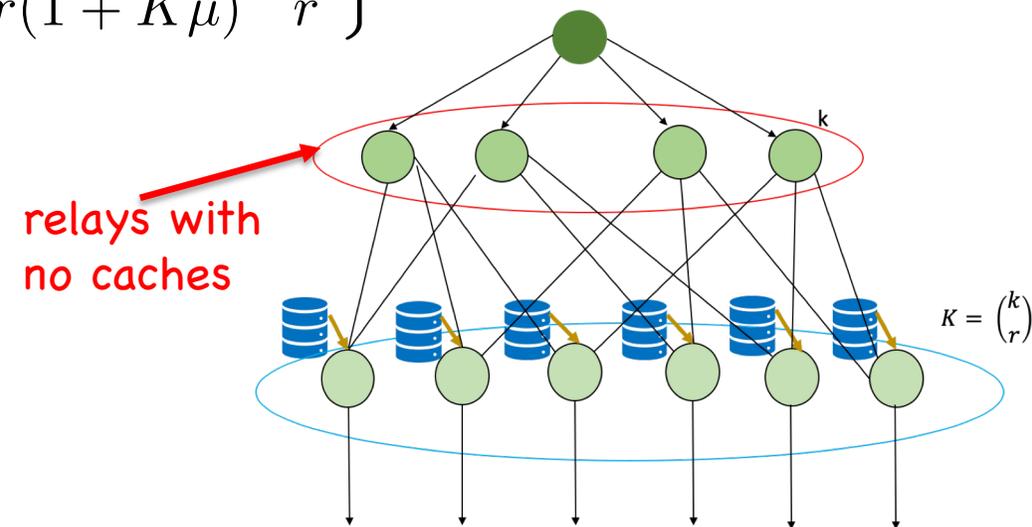
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Simple achievable scheme: concatenation of classical Cache-Aided Coded Multicast (CCM) and MDS coding combined with naive multicasting of all the library and routing (naive unicast), is given by:

$$\text{Maximum link load} = \mathcal{L}oad \simeq \min \left\{ \frac{K}{k} (1 - \mu), \frac{K(1 - \mu)}{r(1 + K\mu)}, \frac{N}{r} \right\}$$

not optimal BUT completely topology-agnostic.

Recently extensions with caches at the relays

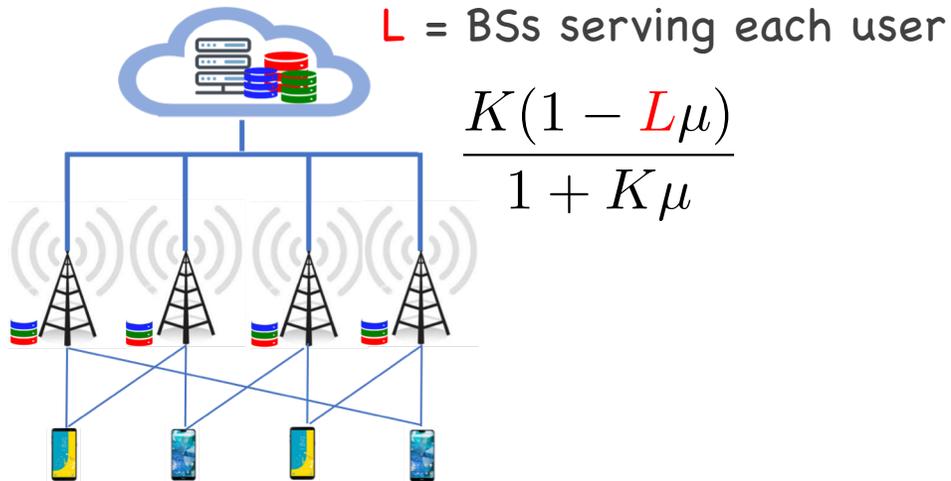


Shared Caches

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- G. Vettigli, M. Ji, K. Shanmugan, J. Llorca, A. Tulino, G. Caire, MDPI Entropy, March 2019
- Parrinello, Unsal and Elia, arXiv:1809.09422, : 2018

The goal is to minimize the worst-case load over the shared link (backhaul).

Each user receives from L distinct BSs



Each user receives from *one* BS with N_0 antennas
number users served by each BS $\geq N_0$

$L = \text{Number of BSs}$

$$\frac{K(1 - \mu)}{N_0(1 + L\mu)}$$



Interplay between shared caches and multiple antennas:

- adding 1 degree of cache-redundancy increases a DoF to N_0 ,
- going from 1 to N_0 antennas reduces delivery time by N_0 .

SHINE



Secure Hybrid In Network caching Environment

S. P. Romano, C. Roseti, A. M. Tulino, ISNCC, 2018

SHINE: Secure Hybrid In Network caching Environment, ESA Project 2017-2019

Goal:

E2E secure delivery of multimedia content over integrated satellite-terrestrial cache-aided networks.

Combination of both unicast and network-coded multicast
Two main building blocks:

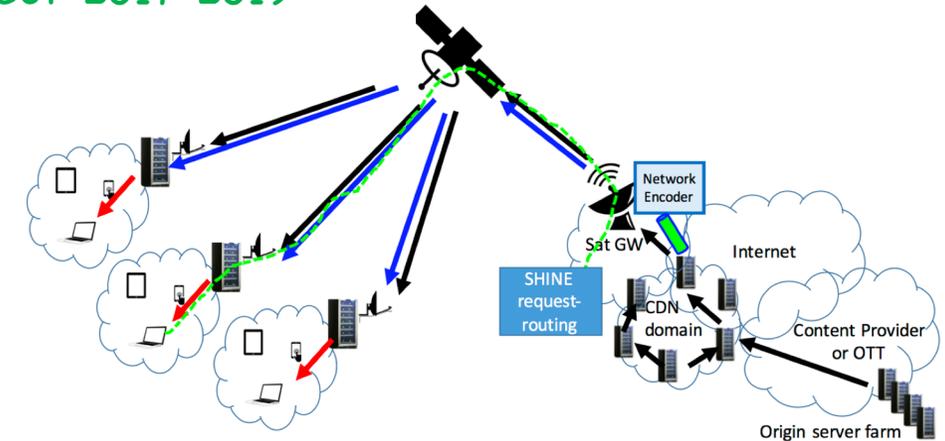


a satellite-enabled broadcast distribution backbone leveraging the CCM in order to improve both performance and security of the transmissions;

a MPEG-DASH/WebRTC-enabled edge distribution network.

(i) relying cache-aided coded multicast to improve both performance and security of communications.

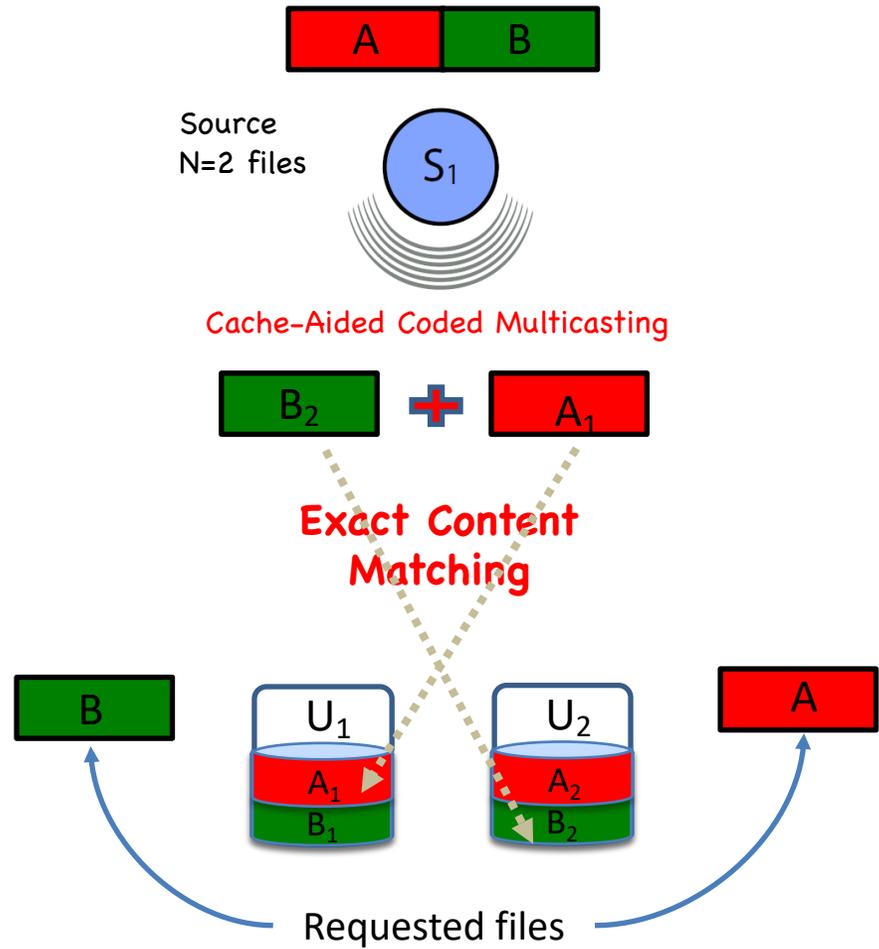
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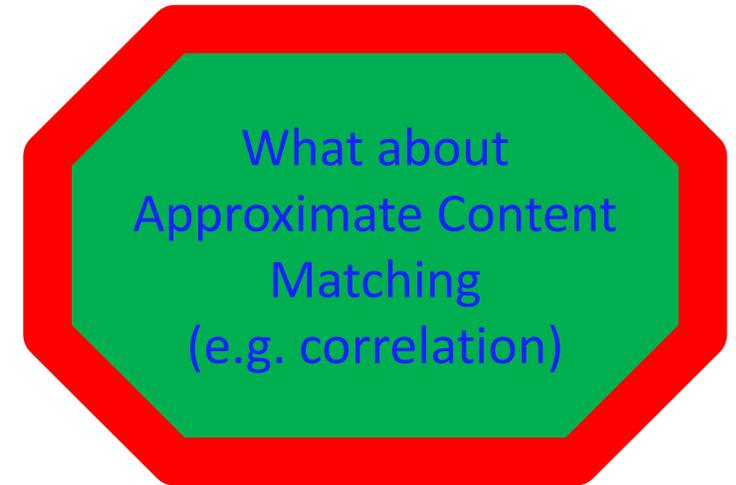
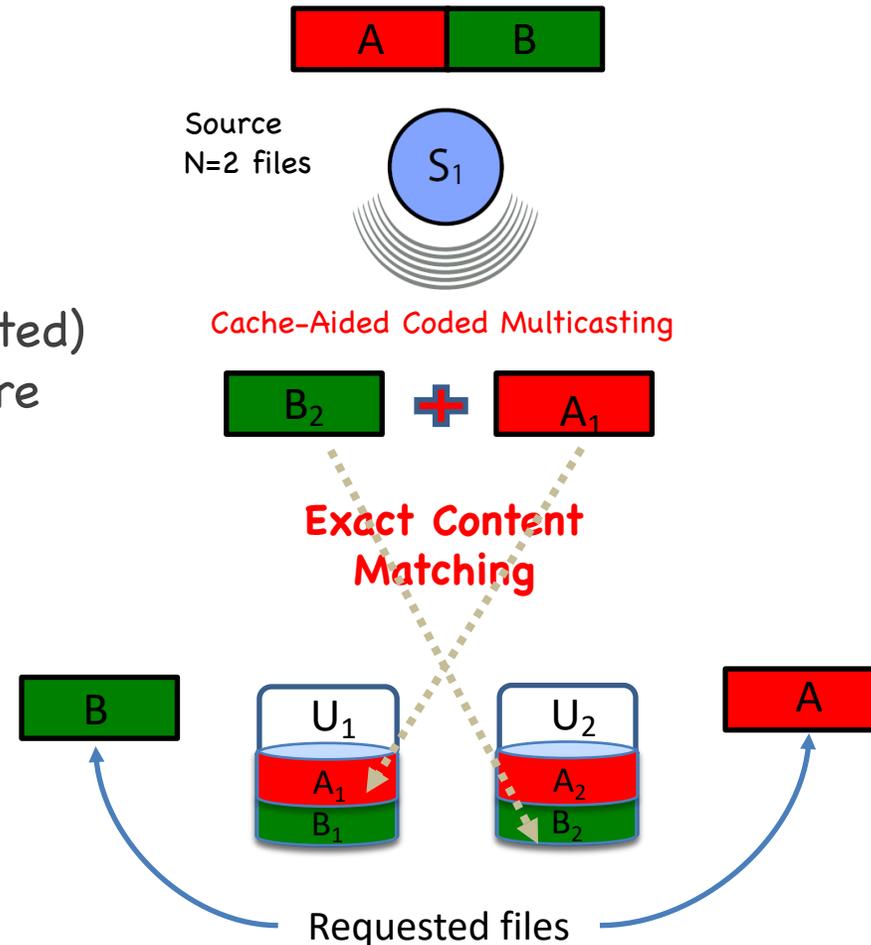
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BUT

Moving towards **real-time** (personalized media dominated) services **exact cache hits** are almost **non-existent**.



Updated versions of dynamic data can exhibit high levels of correlation

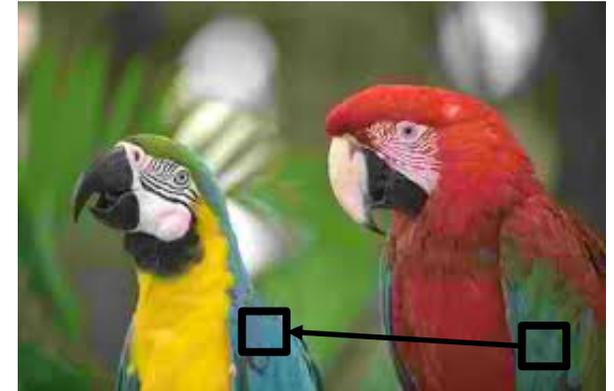
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Compressing information as it travels through the network

FROM STATIC LOCAL COMPRESSION TO DYNAMIC NETWORK COMPRESSION

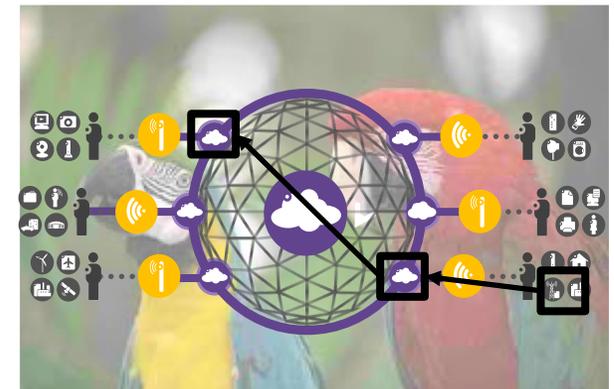
Static local compression is myopic to spatiotemporal information lifecycle

We still compress information based solely on local intra-file correlations, without taking into account increasingly relevant network-wide spatiotemporal correlations



Dynamic e2e compression adaptively exploits redundancy throughout the network

Exploiting cloud network wide spatiotemporal redundancy to push the fundamental limits of information compression



Previously stored information are exploited as references for network compression during delivery

Towards dynamic E2E network compression

Cache-Aided Coded Multicast with Correlated library

[Timo, Bidokthi, Wigger and Geiger TIT'18]:

- Lossy reconstruction.
- Two receivers and one cache, no coded multicasting.

[Op 't Veld and Gastpar ISIT'17]:

- Lossy reconstruction Gaussian sources.
- Distortion-rate-memory region two files.

[Yang and Gunduz ICC'18]:

- Specific correlation structure.
- Worst-case rate-memory trade-off.

[Hassanzadeh, Tulino, Llorca, Erkip, ITW'2016, TIT'20]

- Lossless reconstruction.
- Arbitrary correlated sources.
- Dynamic content.
- General system parameters, prove optimality in some cases.

Towards dynamic E2E network compression

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 - Two step approach:
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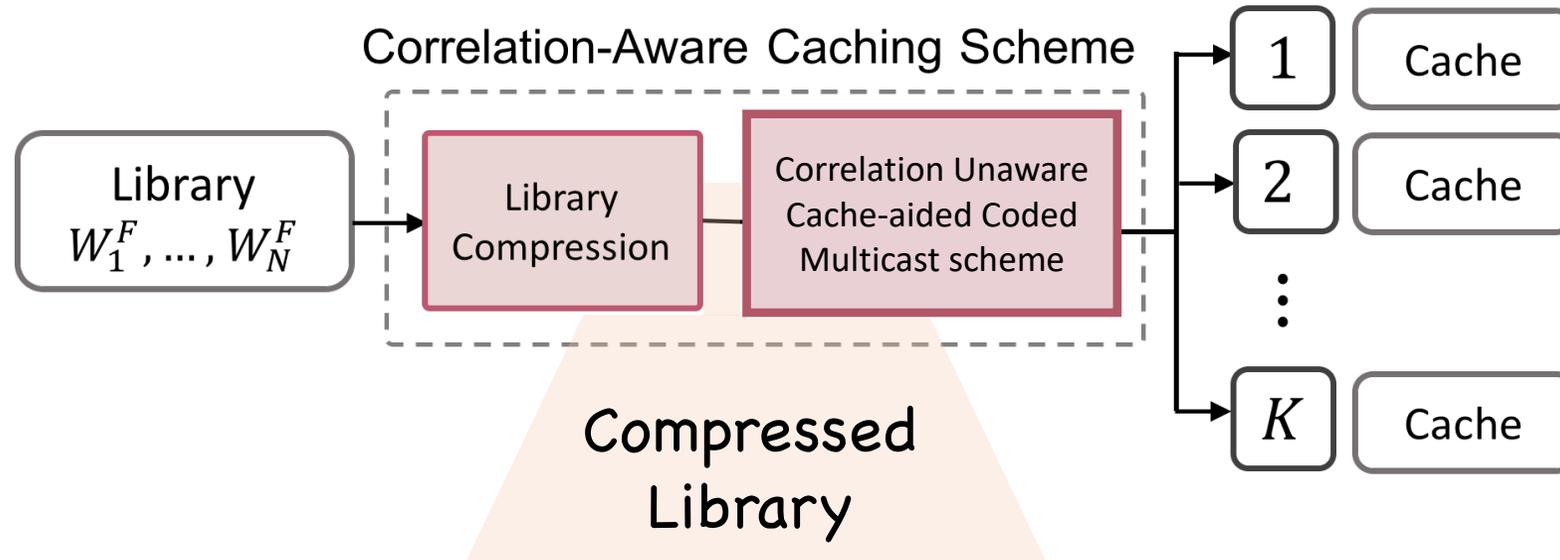
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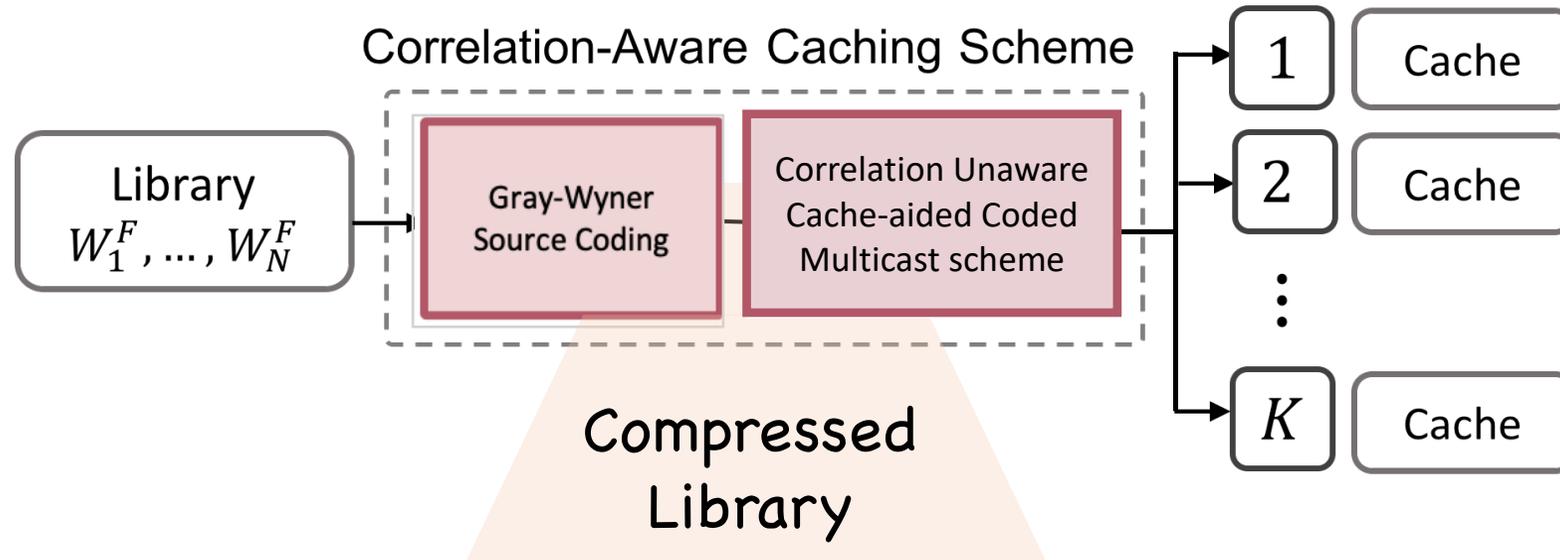
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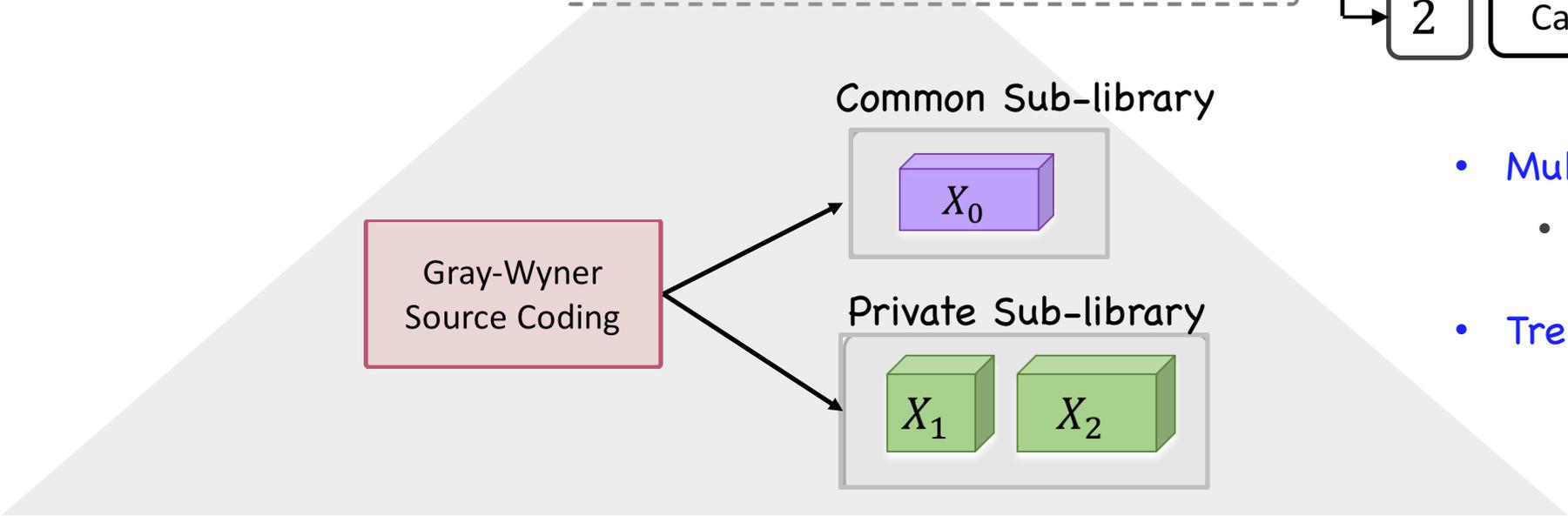
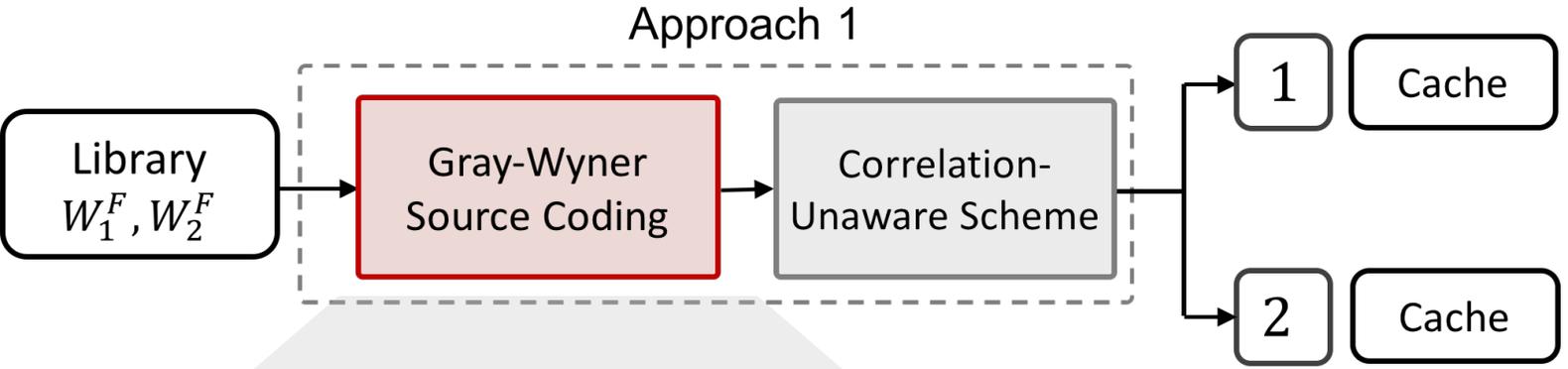
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Example two files

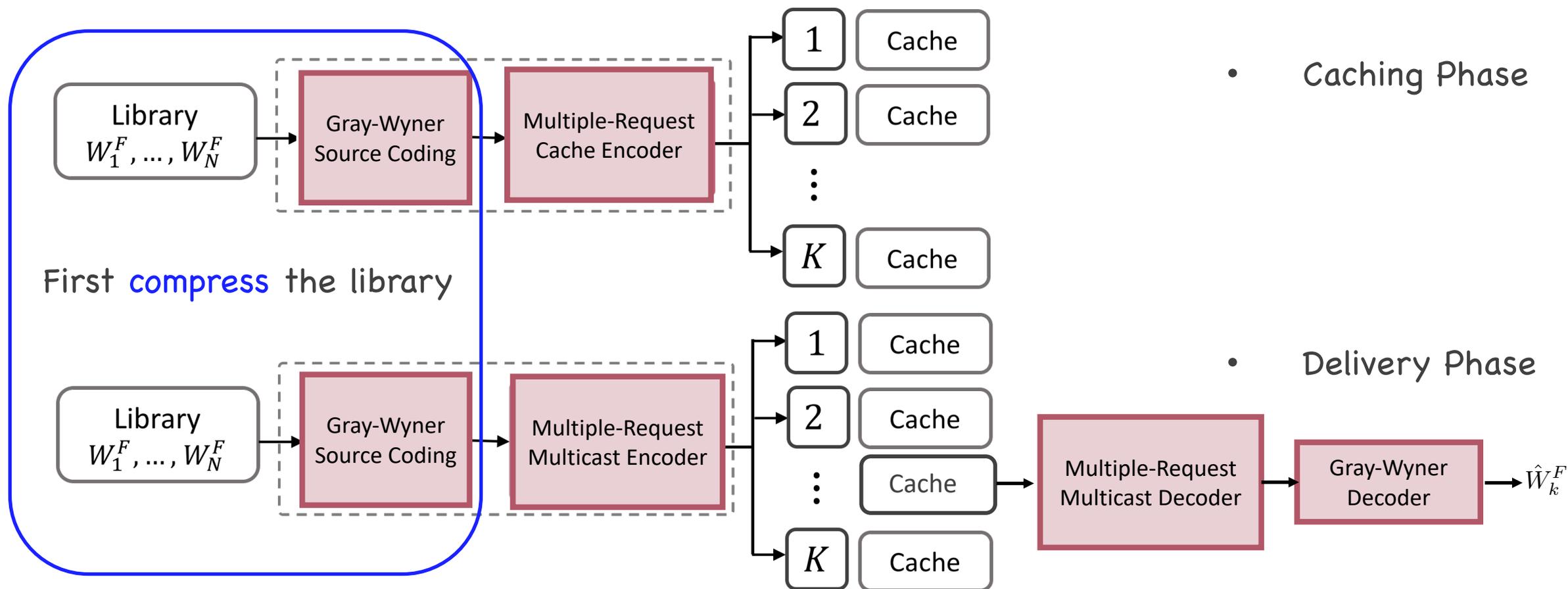


- Multiple-request scheme:
 - particular demand.
- Treat sublibraries independently.

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Cache-Aided Coded Multicast with Correlated library

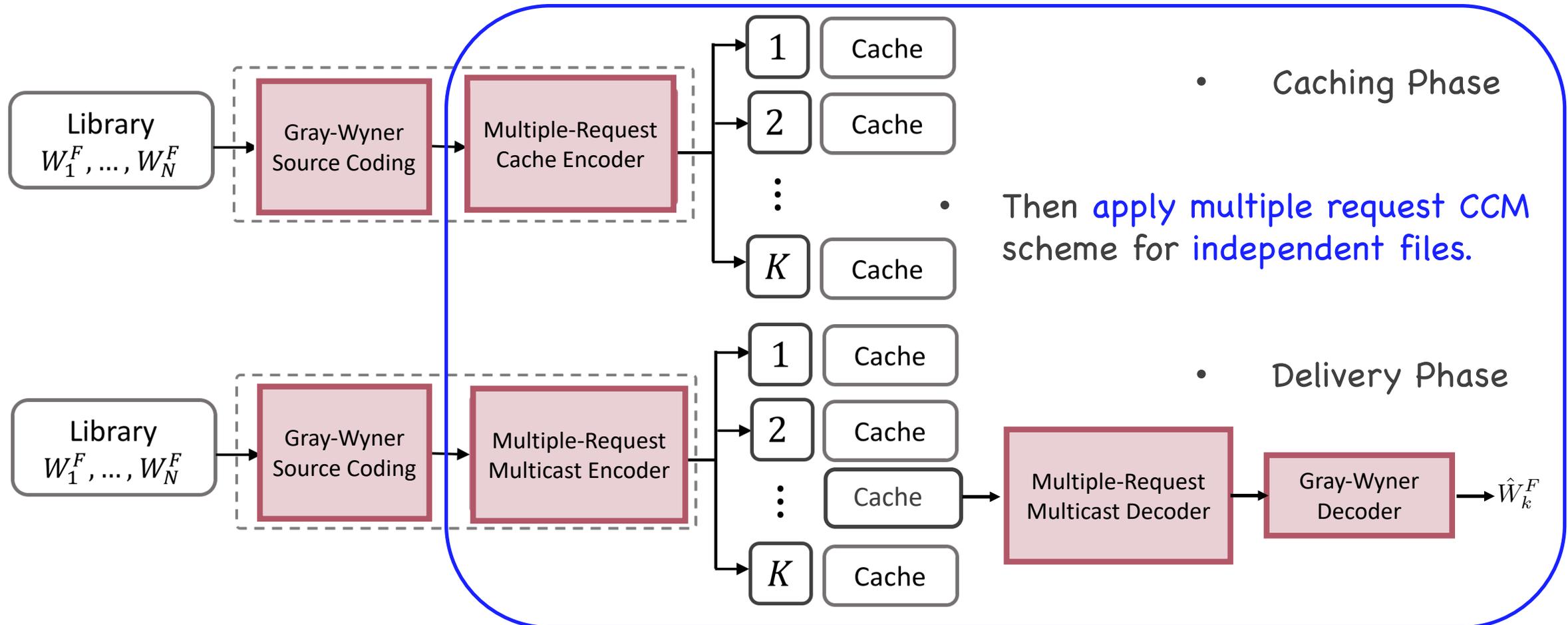
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Library Compression Approach

Optimality Results:

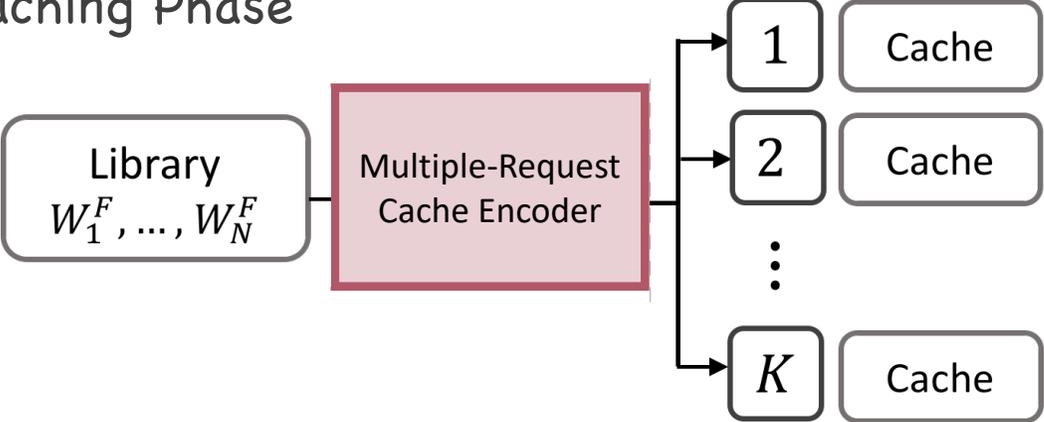
- **Two files and K users:**
 - Optimal for small and large memory.
 - Half of the conditional entropy of files elsewhere.
- **Two files and two users:**
 - Optimal over a larger region.
 - Optimal for special source.
- **Extension to three files:**
 - Optimal for large memory.
 - Half of $H(W_1, W_2 | W_3)$ elsewhere.
- **Lower bound on the optimal load-memory trade-off.**

Shortcomings of this Approach

- **Not robust to system dynamics:** a new file is added.
 - Jointly re-compressed entire library.
 - Update receiver caches.
- General setting with multiple files and receivers.

On-demand Compression Approach

- Caching Phase

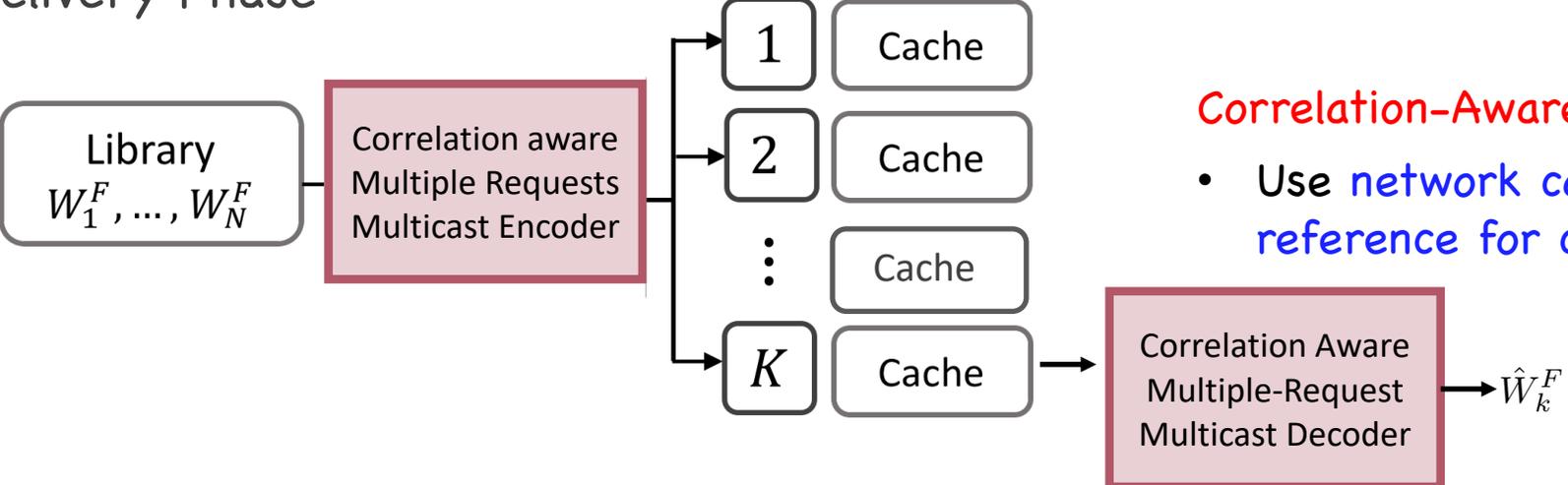


Correlation-Aware Cache Encoder.

- Divide each file into equal-size packets.
- Cache based on correlations and popularity.

Very Efficient in Dynamic content services.

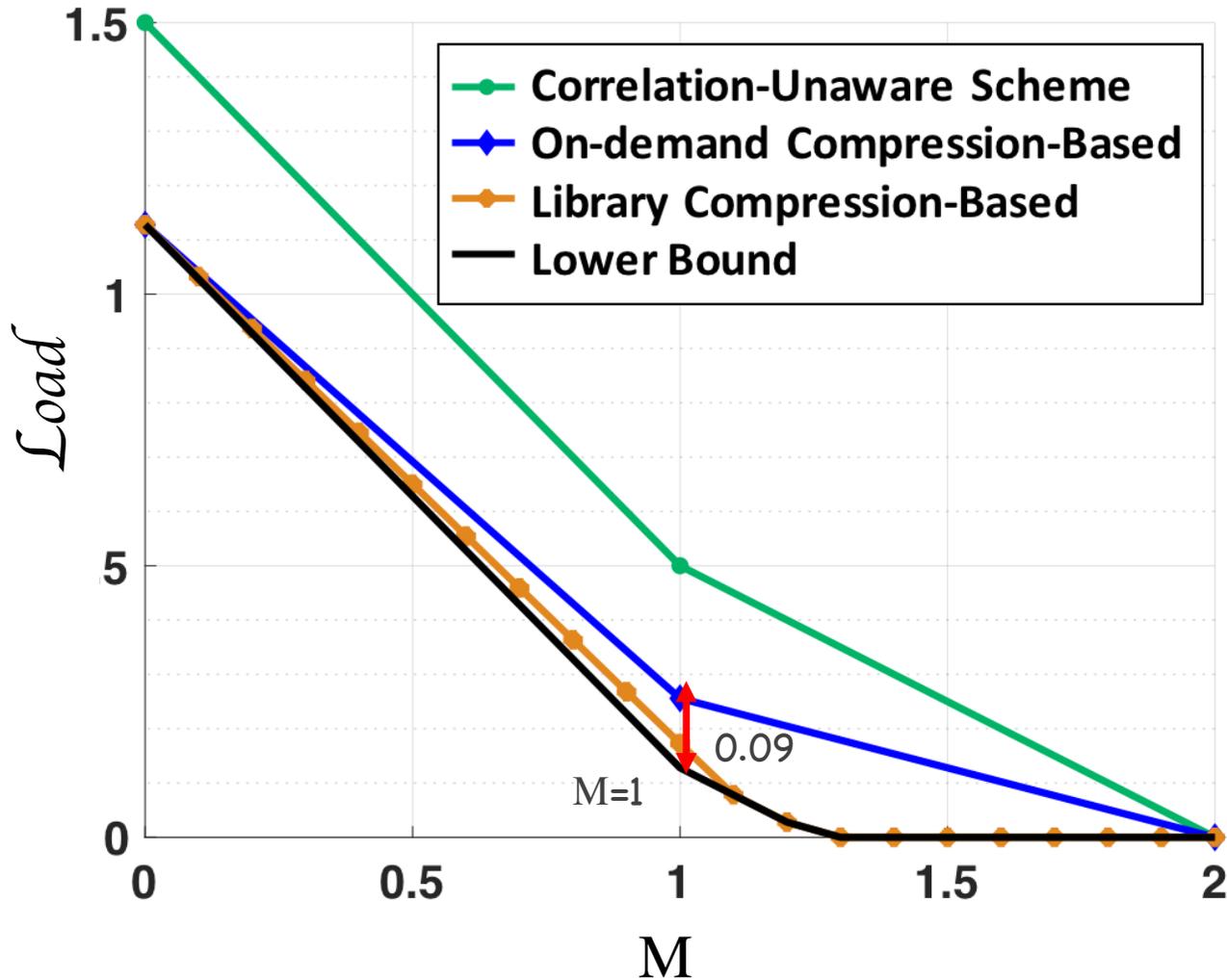
- Delivery Phase



Correlation-Aware Multicast Encoder

- Use network cached information as reference for compression during delivery.

Cache-Aided Coded Multicast with Correlated library

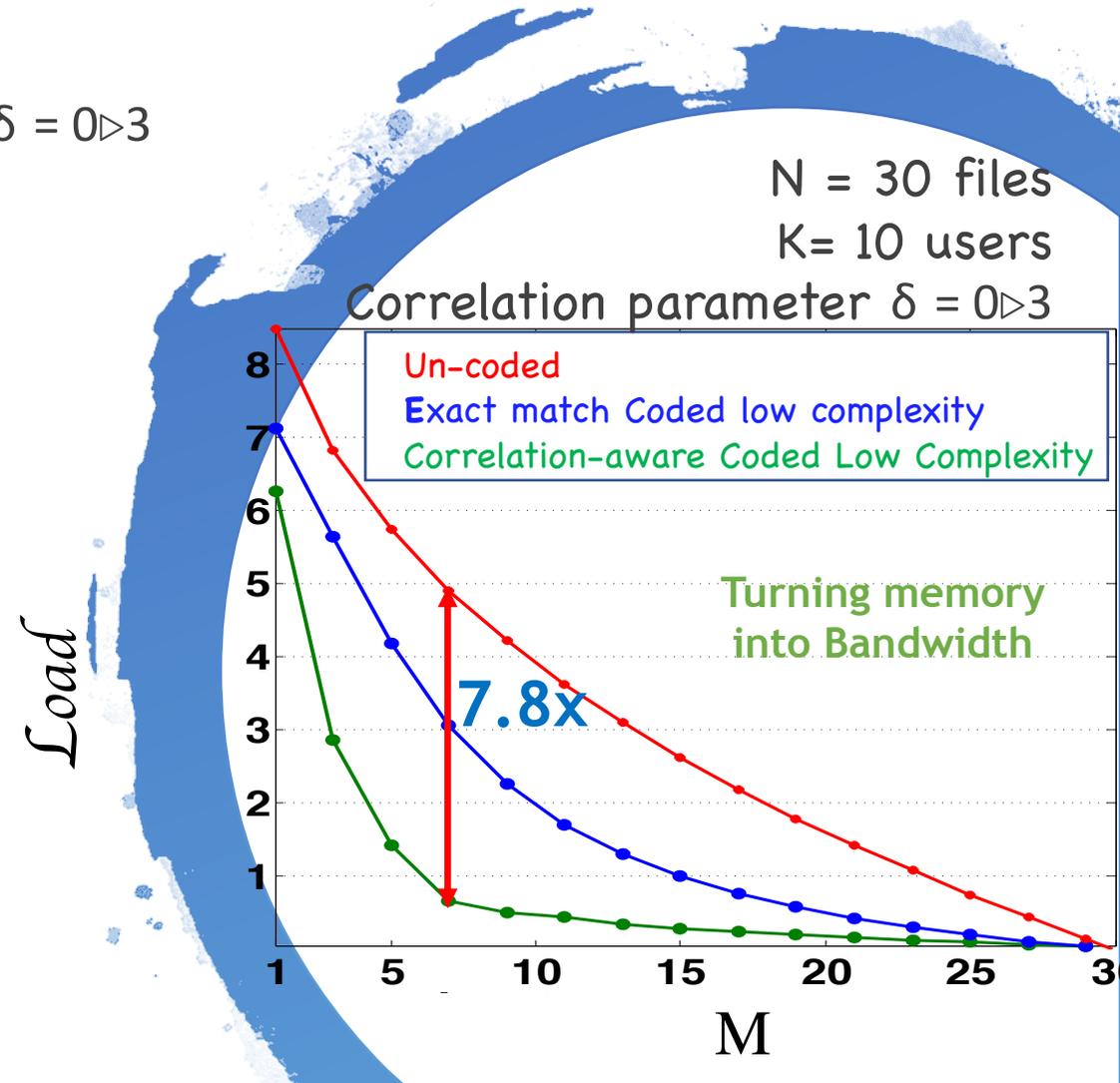
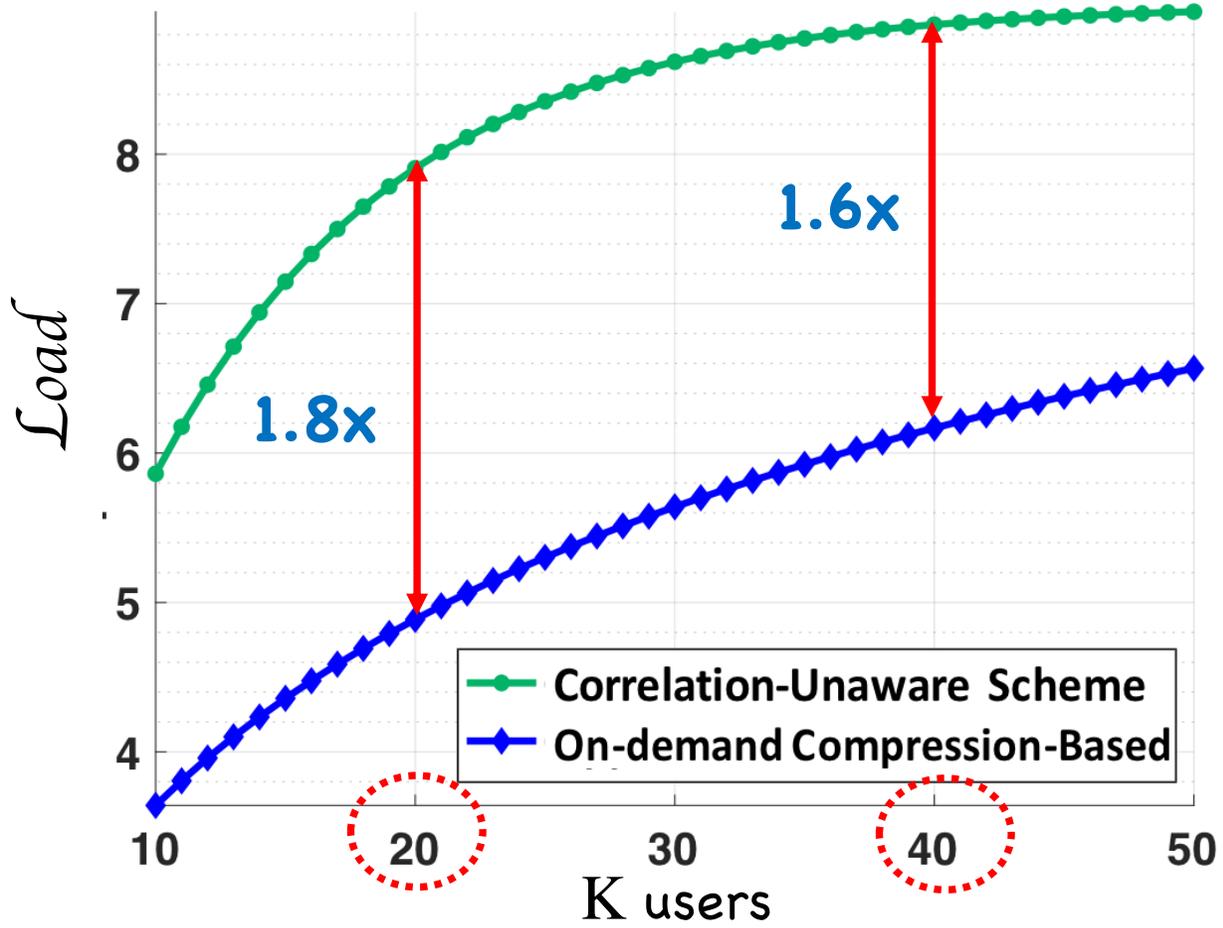


- Static library.
- Two files and two receivers.
- Deterministic cache placement.

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Performance assessments

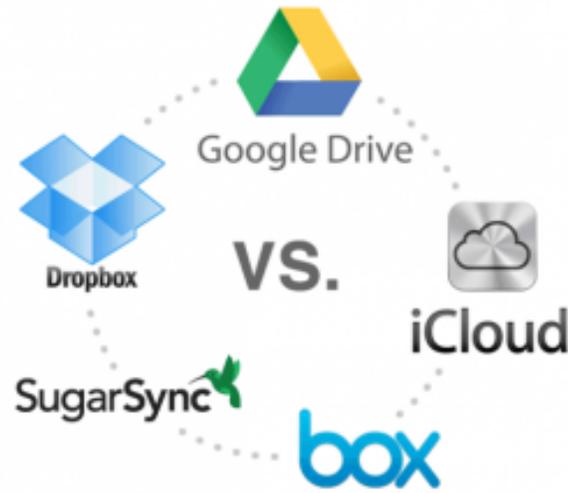
$N = 1000$ files.
Cache size $M = 0.1 \times$ library size. Correlation parameter $\delta = 0.3$



Efficient Storage of Dynamic Data in Distributed Clouds

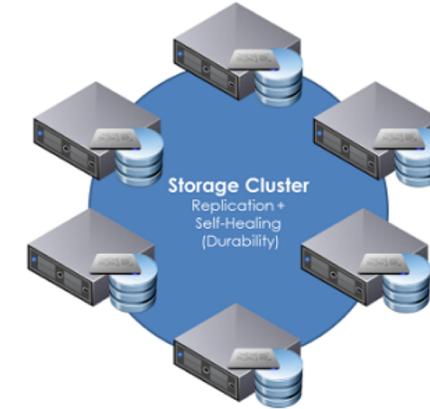
Rapid access to fresh and consistent data without costly replication

[Wang and Cadambe, TIT'14], [Ali, Cadambe, Llorca, Tulino, TC'20]



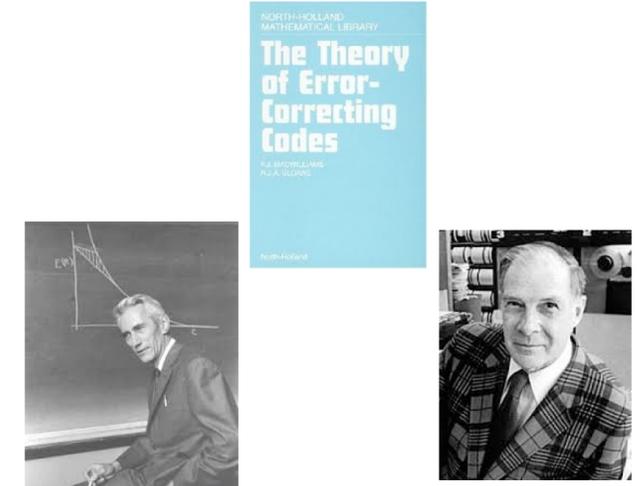
BIG CHALLENGE

Extend the benefits of distributed cloud storage (low latency access, robustness to failures) to highly dynamic applications, where the main challenges are data freshness and consistency



BASELINE

Existing systems don't use coding and end up unnecessarily keeping old versions to ensure consistency via replication (e.g., Microsoft Azure) leading to unbearable cloud resource usage, specially for highly dynamic data.



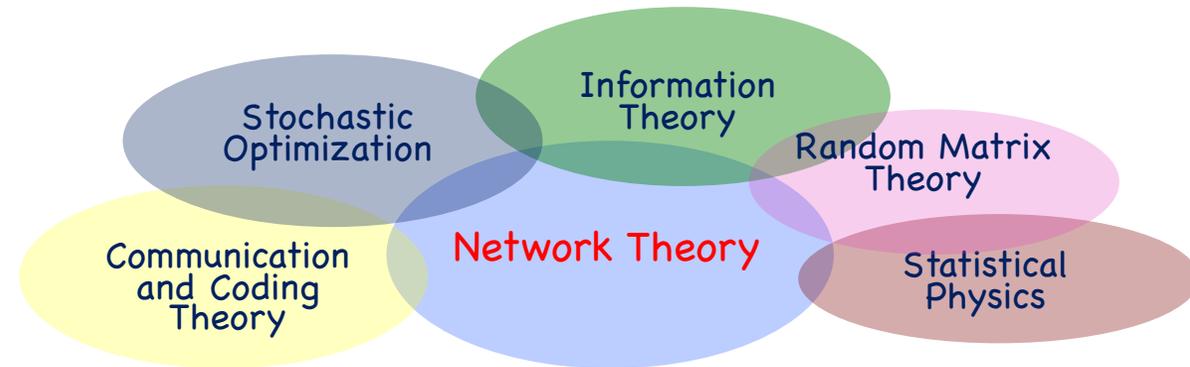
BREAKTHROUGH

Holistic analytical understanding of the fundamental trade-offs between consistency, freshness, storage cost, and access latency. Efficient codes able to approach such fundamental trade-offs.

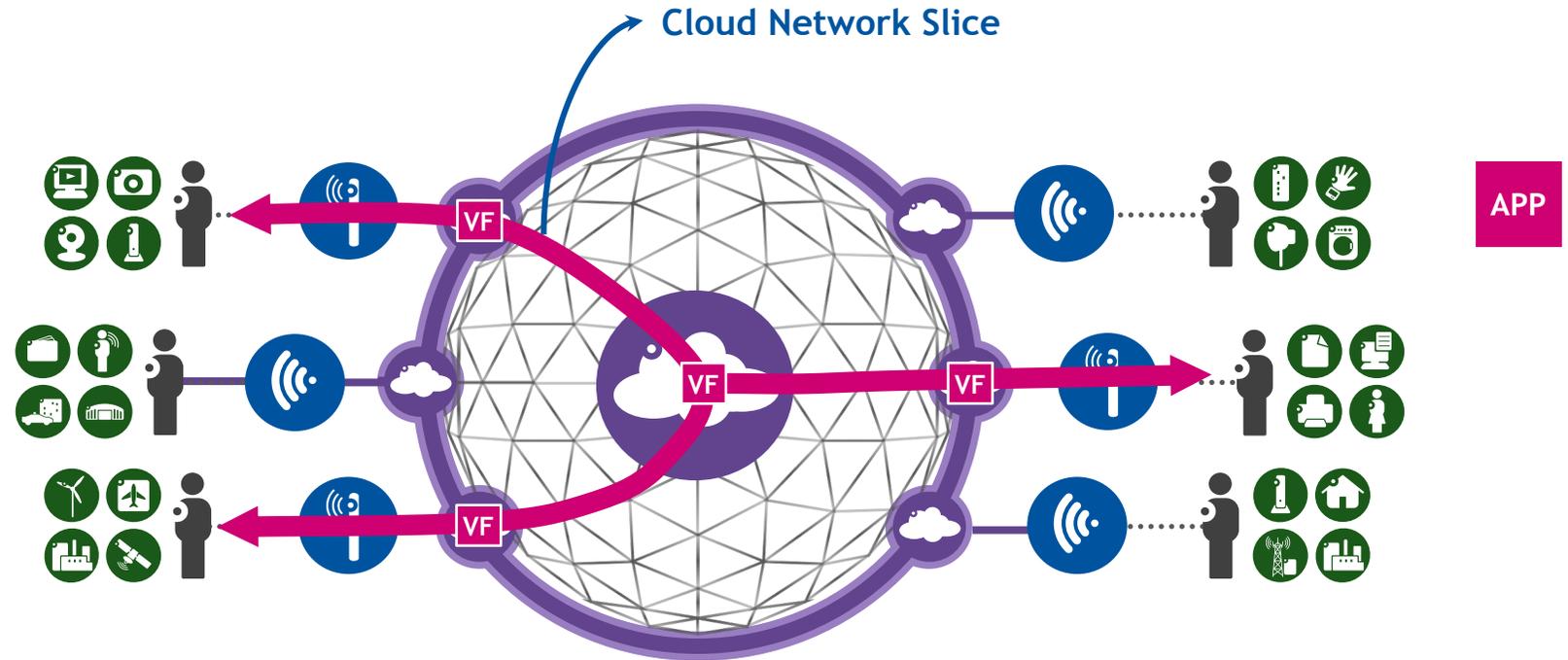
A NOVEL INFORMATION THEORETIC FRAMEWORK FOR CONSISTENT DELIVERY OF FRESH DYNAMIC DATA

Outline

- Communication
- Content Distribution
Efficient Content Storage and Delivery
 - Cache-aided coded multicast
 - Distributed network compression
 - Dynamic Data
- Real-time Computation
Efficient Service Configuration (Storage/Computation/Delivery)
 - Network Slicing (NFV/SDN)
 - Mobile Edge Computing (MEC)
 - Real-time Stream processing



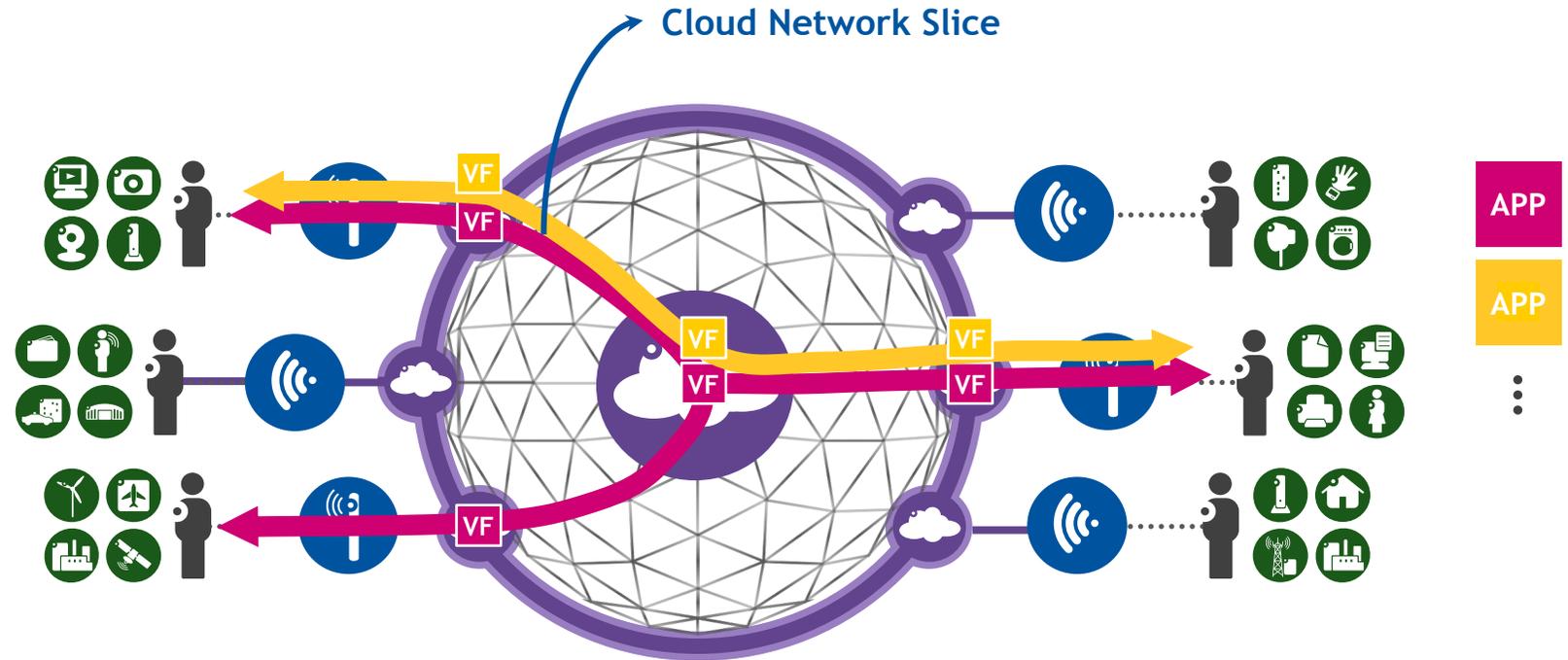
CLOUD-INTEGRATED NETWORKS AS UNIVERSAL COMPUTE PLATFORMS



Every human experience will be supported by a collection of services running over a cloud-integrated network.

M. Weldon, "The Future X Network: A Bell Labs Perspective," CRC PRESS, October 2015.

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These services take information sources from the physical world, route them through multiple functions instantiated across the cloud network until delivering output flows that create some form of augmented value for the end user

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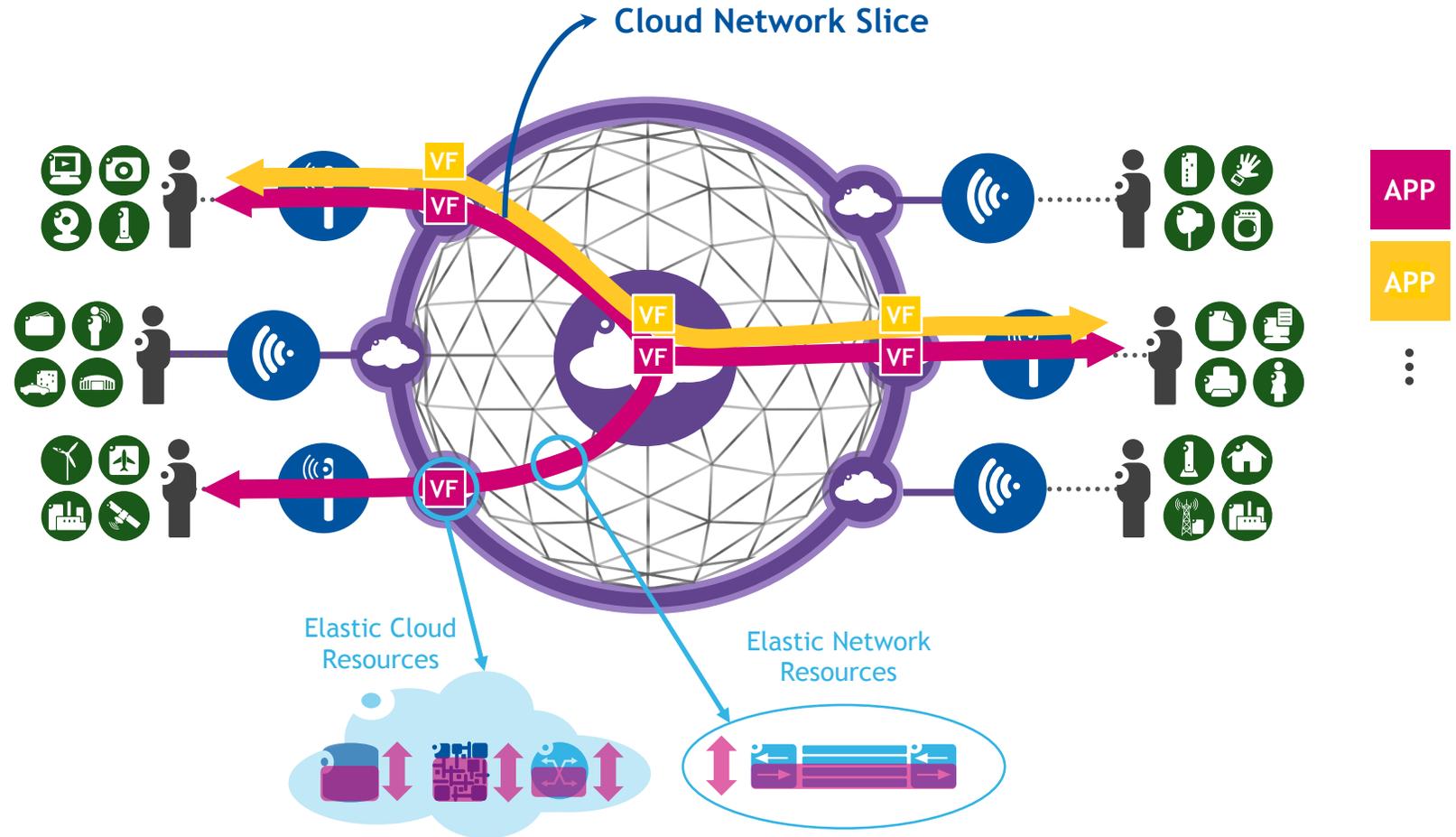
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- Opportunities

- Users can consume resource- and interaction-intensive applications from resource-limited devices
- Operators can reduce costs and create new value-added services
- Overall sustainability

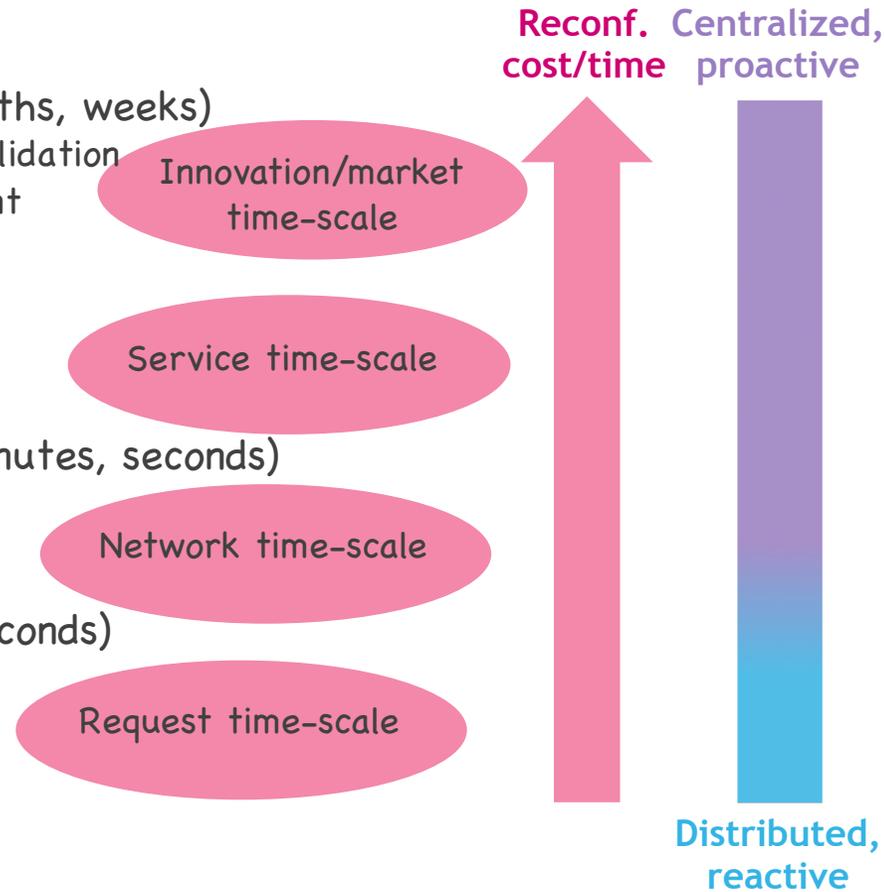
- Challenges

- Optimized elastic consumption of compute/storage/network resources
- **End-to-end autonomous configuration and control**

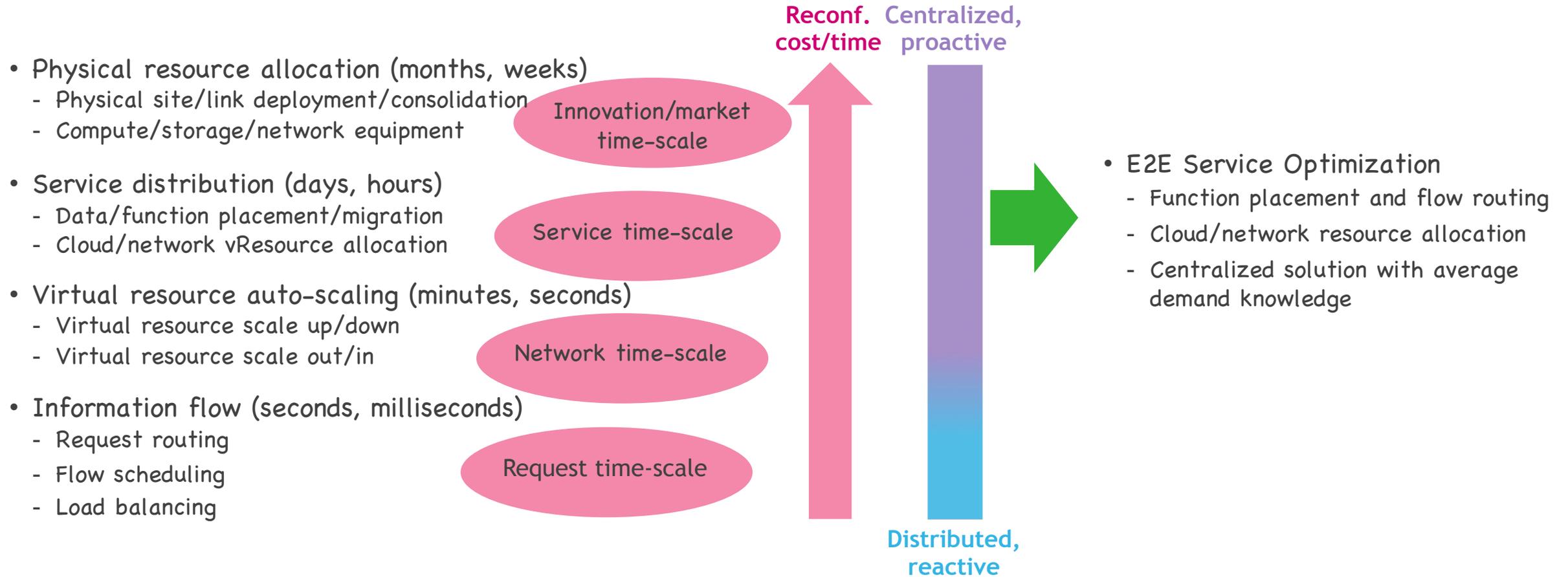


CLOUD NETWORK OPTIMIZATION AND CONTROL

- Physical resource allocation (months, weeks)
 - Physical site/link deployment/consolidation
 - Compute/storage/network equipment
- Service distribution (days, hours)
 - Data/function placement/migration
 - Cloud/network vResource allocation
- Virtual resource auto-scaling (minutes, seconds)
 - Virtual resource scale up/down
 - Virtual resource scale out/in
- Information flow (seconds, milliseconds)
 - Request routing
 - Flow scheduling
 - Load balancing

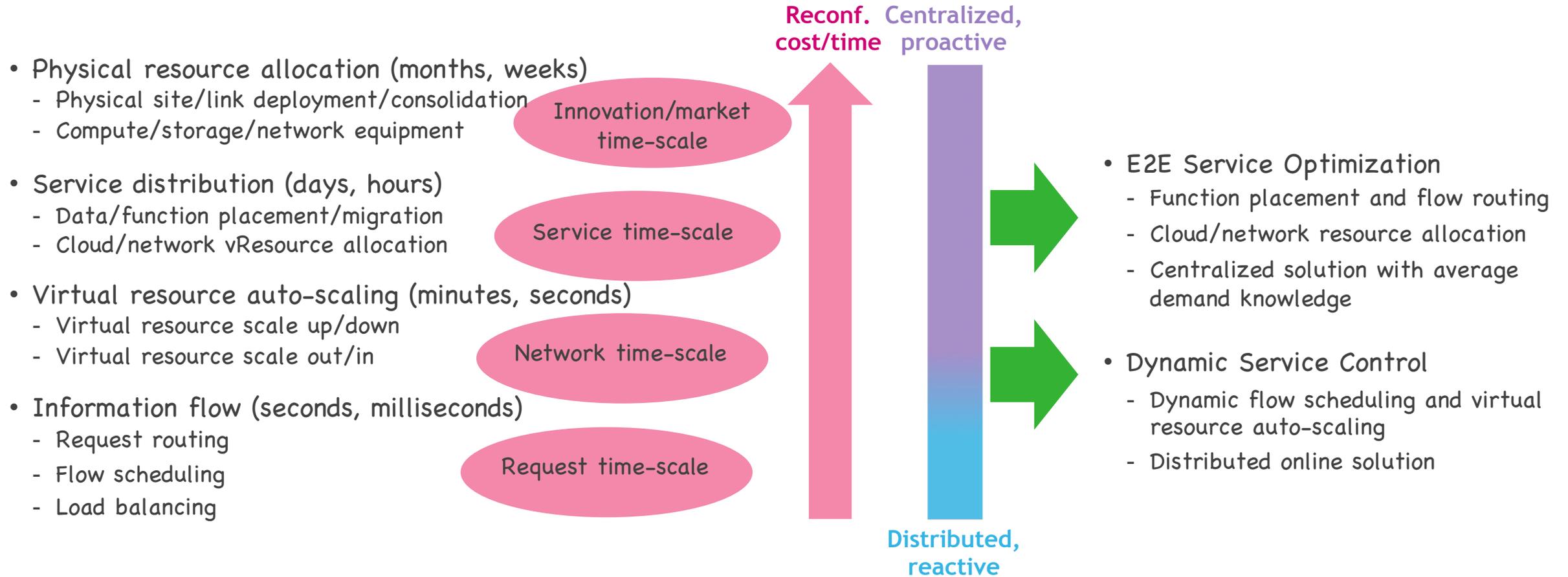


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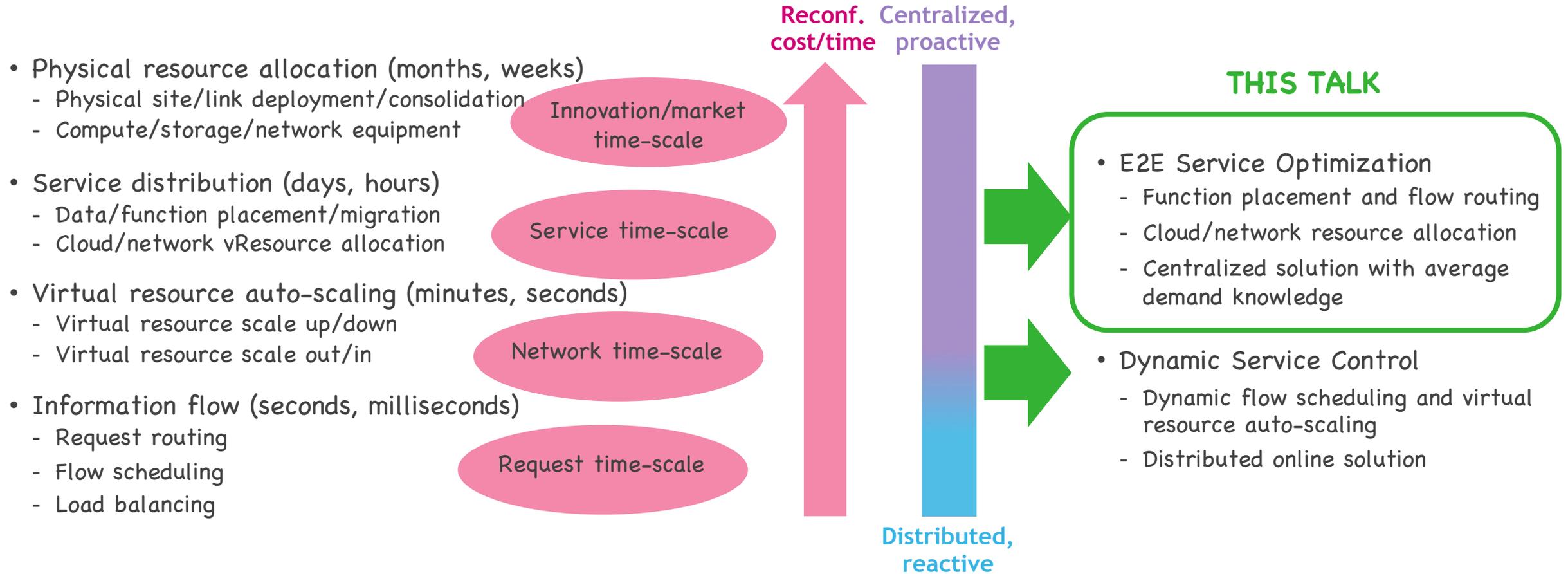
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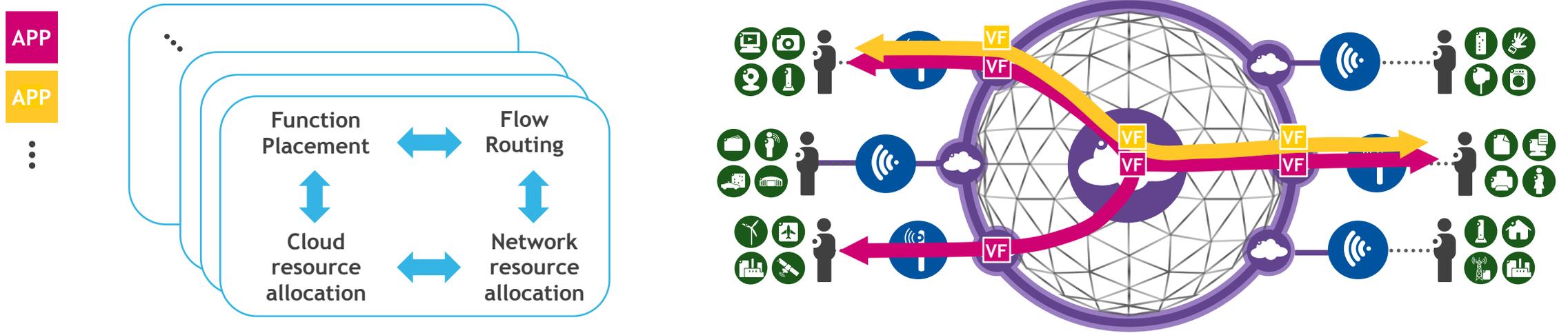
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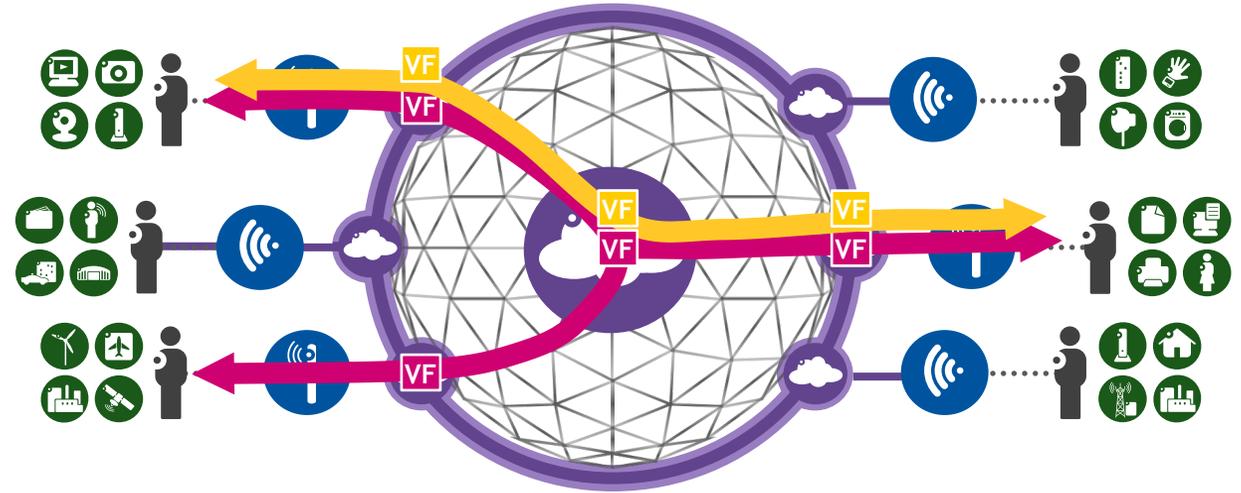
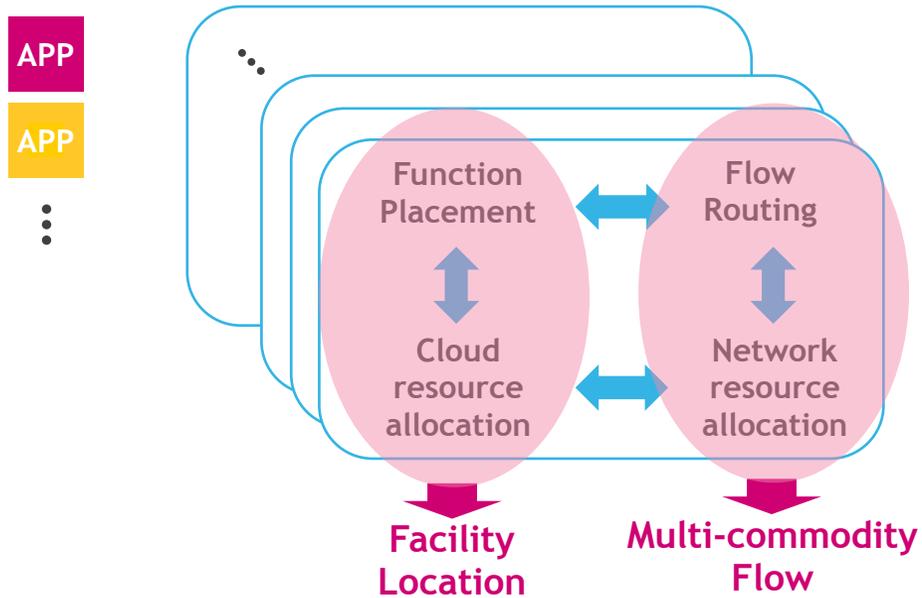
JOINT END-TO-END SERVICE OPTIMIZATION



- Function placement
 - Function chaining, splitting, and replication
- Flow routing
 - Flow scaling
 - Mix of unicast and multicast traffic

EXISTING APPROACHES

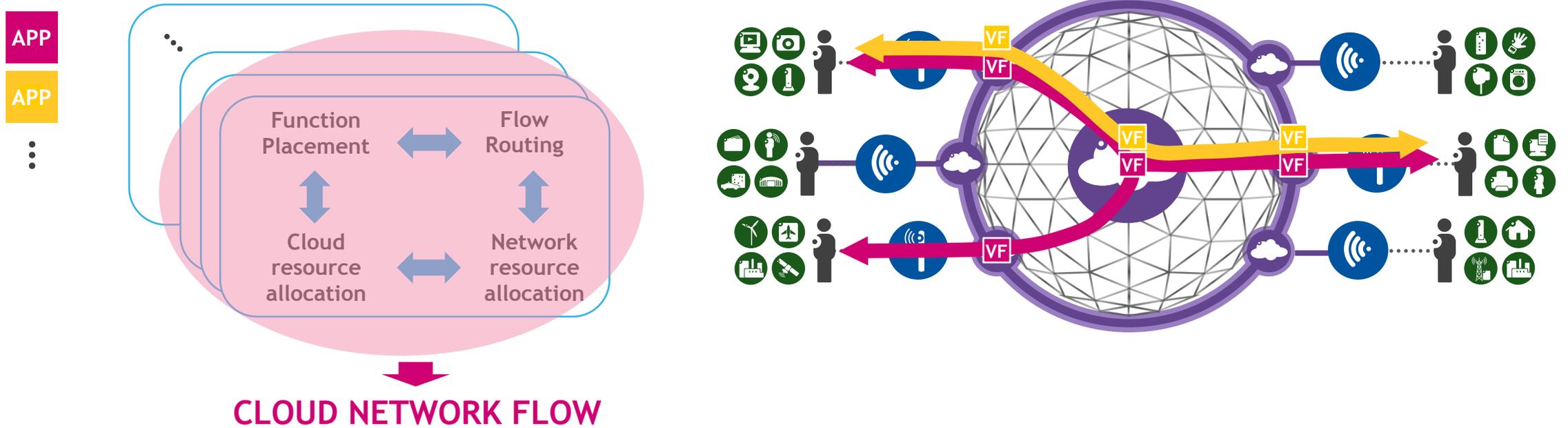
COMPLEX DISJOINT SOLUTIONS



Separate data/function placement, flow routing, cloud and network resource allocation

- Driven by old vision of cloud and network separation
- No joint placement/routing optimization
- Unacceptable QoE, limited knowledge augmentation, and/or unsustainable costs with resource overprovisioning.

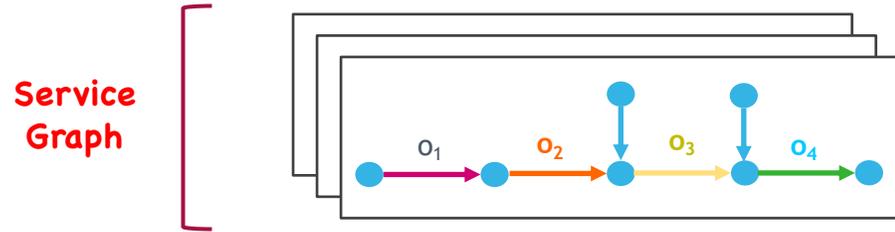
CLOUD NETWORK FLOW APPROACH



- Comprehensive model
 - Arbitrary flow chaining, scaling, splitting, and replication
 - Arbitrary traffic mix (unicast and multicast flows)
 - Non-isomorphic embeddings
- Approximation guarantees

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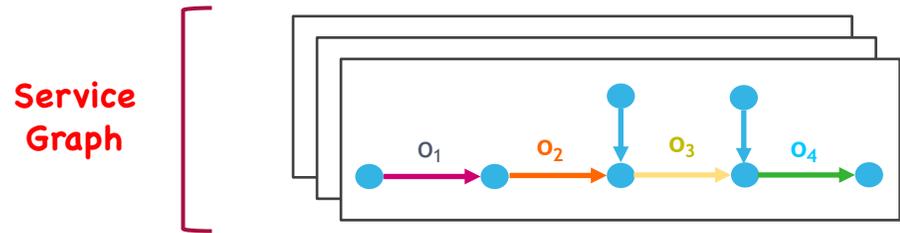
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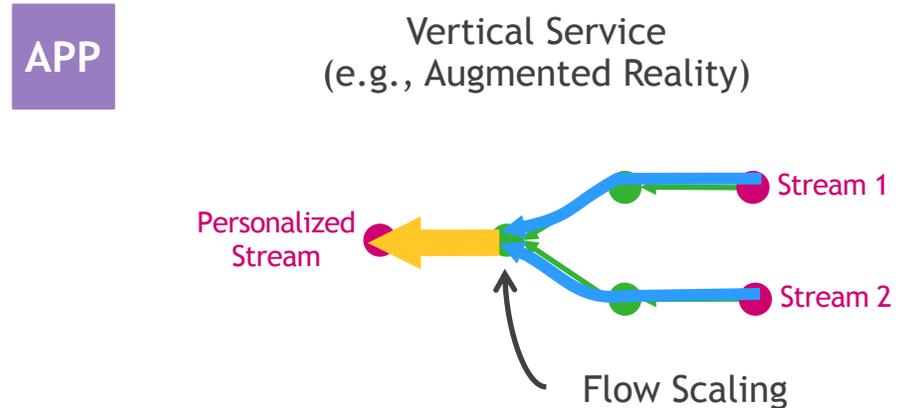
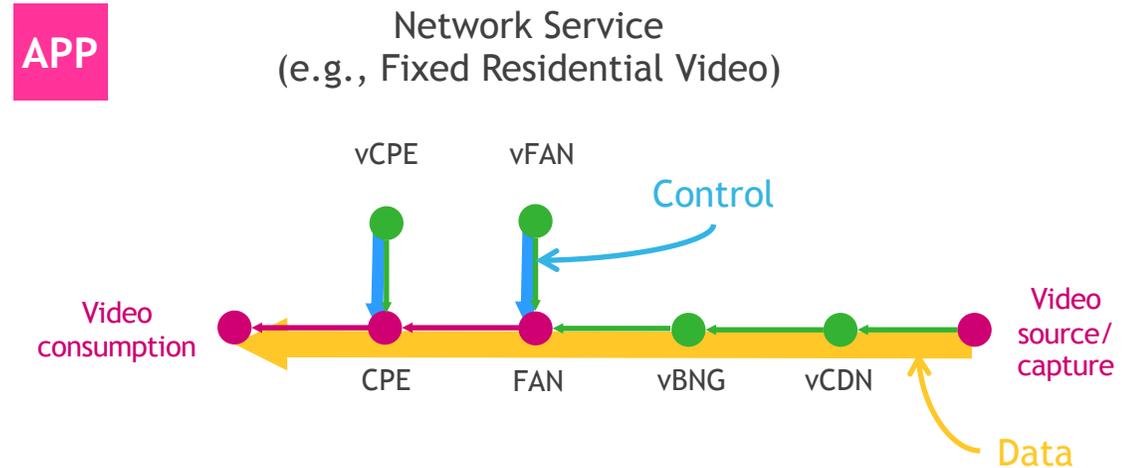
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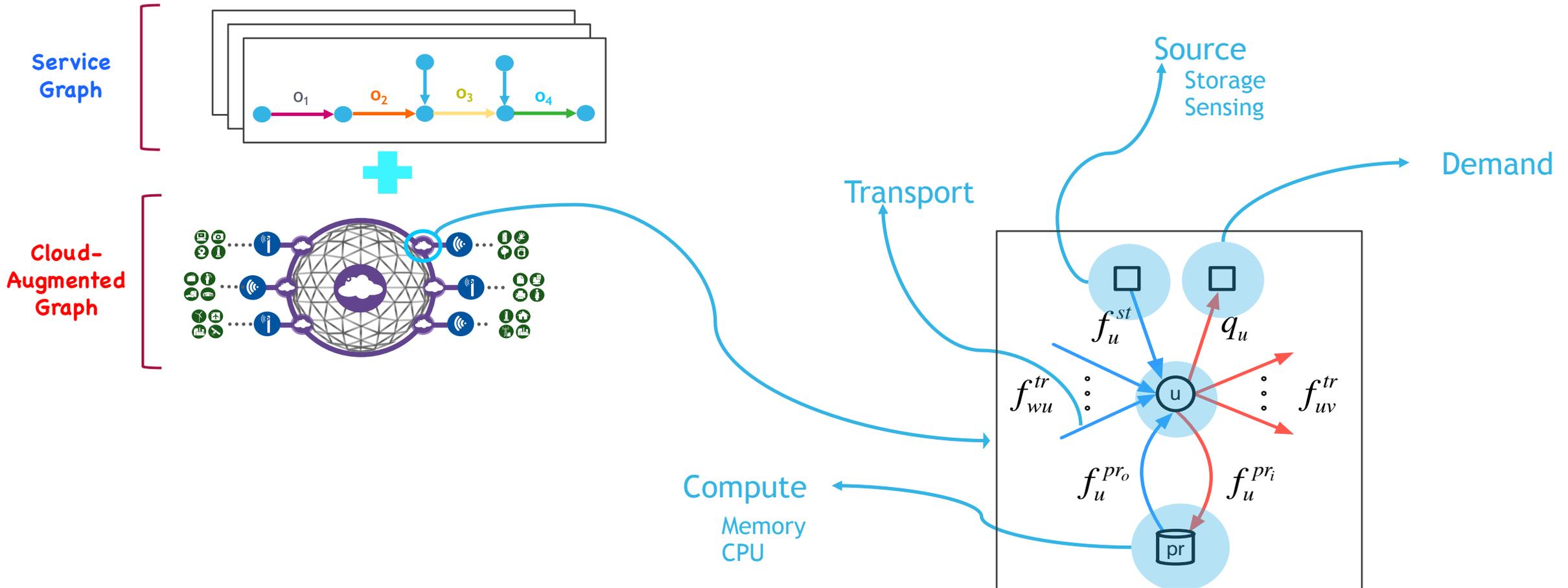


- Directed acyclic graph that encodes the relationship between service functions and associated input/output flows
- Control/data plane as well as hardware/software based functions
- Heterogeneous function complexity (proc. res. units per flow unit) and flow scaling (output flow units per input flow unit)



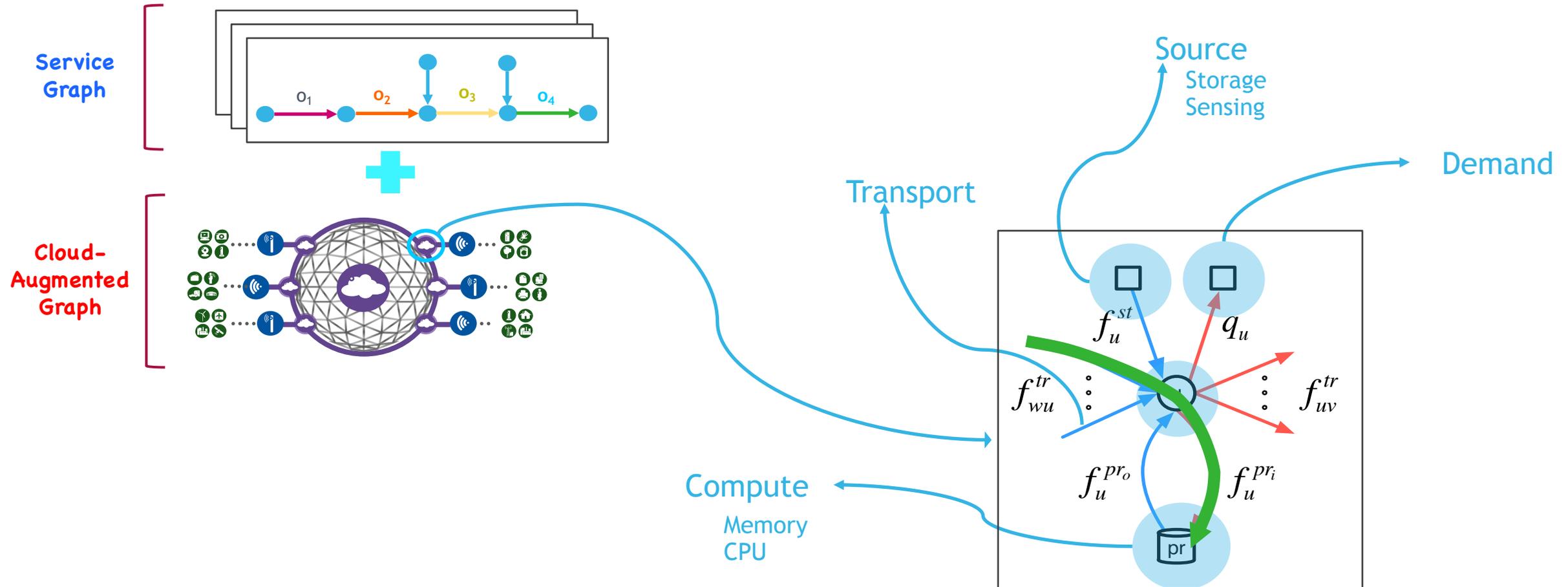
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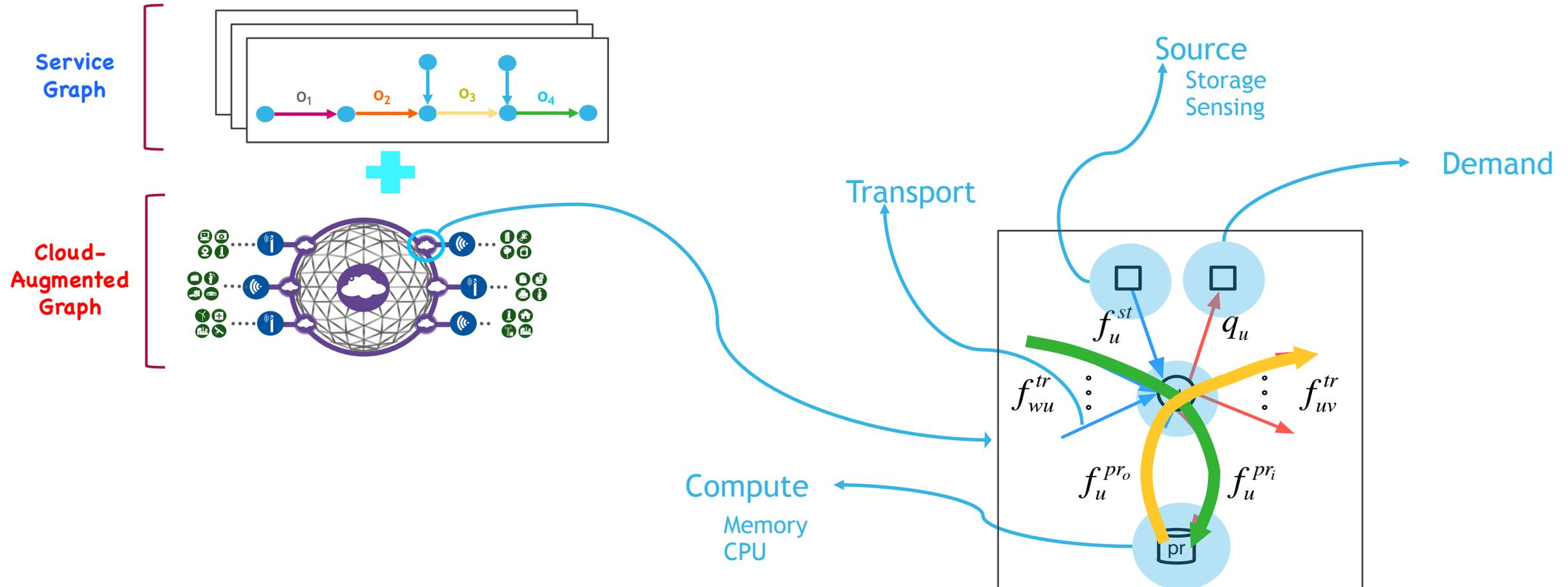
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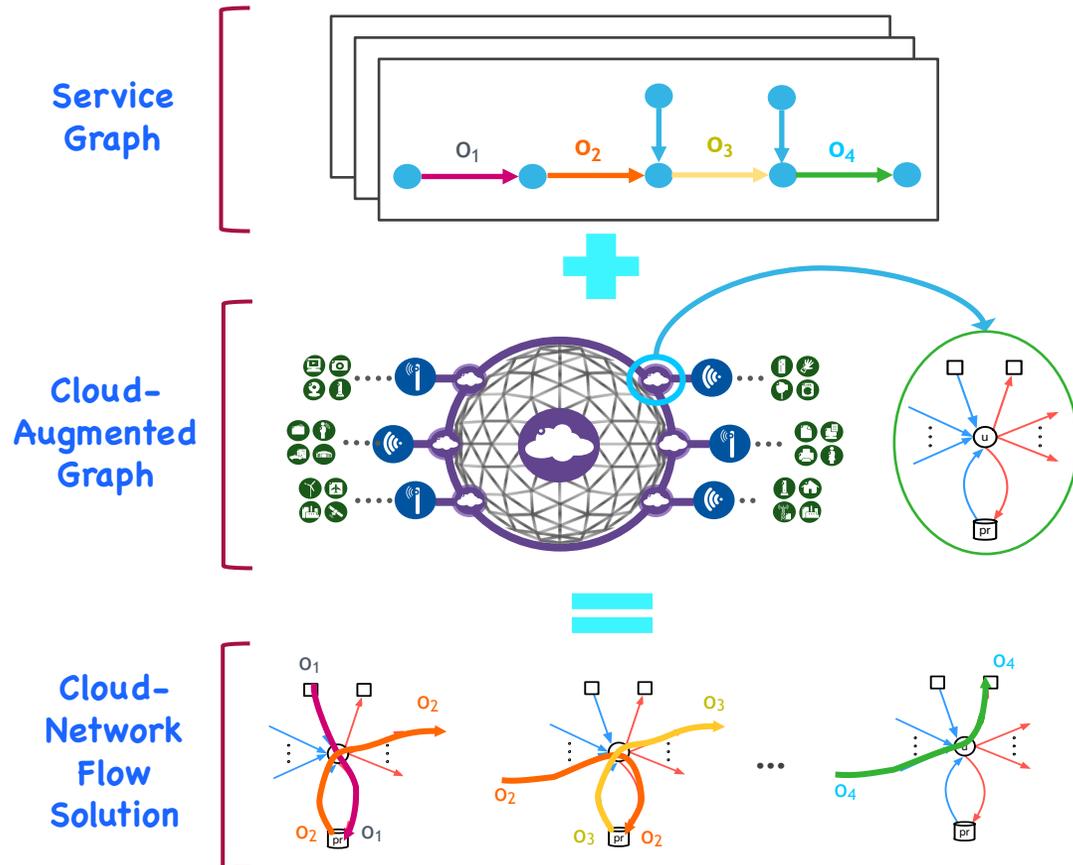


CLOUD NETWORK FLOW APPROACH

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CLOUD NETWORK FLOW APPROACH



- Mixed-cast multi-commodity-chain flow on a cloud-augmented graph
- Includes and generalizes placement and network flow problems
- Captures combined use of compute/storage/transport resources, unicast and multicast flows, and flow/function chaining, scaling, splitting, and replication
- Admits optimal polynomial time solutions under linear costs and splittable flows, and efficient approximations otherwise

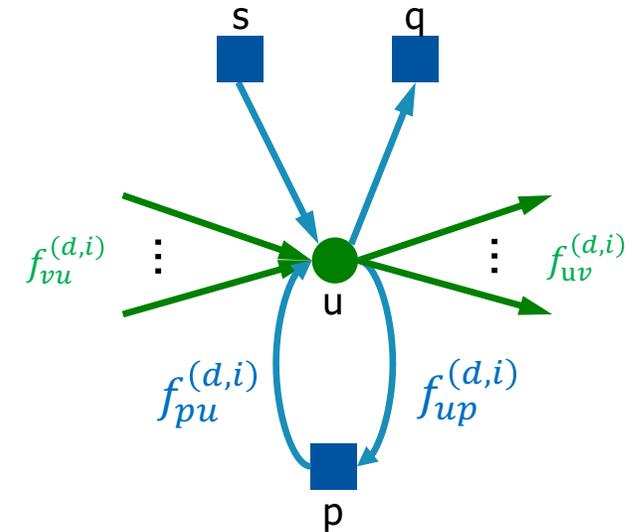
CLOUD NETWORK FLOW

3. Mixed-cast chained information flow

min	$\sum_{(u,v)} f_{uv} e_{uv}$	Cost Function
s.t.	$\sum_v f_{vu}^{d,i} = \sum_v f_{uv}^{d,i} \quad \forall u, d, i$	Generalized Flow Conservation
	$f_{pu}^{d,i} = f_{up}^{d,i} \quad \forall u, d, i, j \in \mathcal{Z}(i)$	Flow Chaining
	$f_{su}^{d,i} = 1 \quad \forall u, d, i \in \mathcal{S}(u)$	Sources and Demands
	$f_{uq}^{d,i} = 1 \quad \forall u, d, i \in \mathcal{Q}(u)$	
	$f_{uv}^{d,i} \leq f_{uv}^i \quad \forall (u, v), d, i$	Actual flow sizing
	$f_{uv}^i \leq f_{uv}^k \quad \forall (u, v), d, k, i \in \mathcal{K}(k)$	
	$\sum_k f_{uv}^k R_{uv}^k \leq f_{uv} \leq c_{uv} \quad \forall (u, v)$	
	$f_{uv}^{d,i}, f_{uv}^i, f_{uv}^k \in [0, 1] \quad \forall (u, v), d, i, k$	Fractional/Integer flows

Virtual flows

Actual flows



CLOUD NETWORK FLOW

3. Mixed-cast chained information flow

\min	$\sum_{(u,v)} f_{uv} e_{uv}$		Cost Function
s.t.	$\sum_v f_{vu}^{d,i} = \sum_v f_{uv}^{d,i}$	$\forall u, d, i$	Generalized Flow Conservation
	$f_{pu}^{d,i} = f_{up}^{d,i}$	$\forall u, d, i, j \in \mathcal{Z}(i)$	Flow Chaining
	$f_{su}^{d,i} = 1$	$\forall u, d, i \in \mathcal{S}(u)$	Sources and Demands
	$f_{uq}^{d,i} = 1$	$\forall u, d, i \in \mathcal{Q}(u)$	
	$f_{uv}^{d,i} \leq f_{uv}^i$	$\forall (u, v), d, i$	
	$f_{uv}^i \leq f_{uv}^k$	$\forall (u, v), d, k, i \in \mathcal{K}(k)$	Actual flow sizing
	$\sum_k f_{uv}^k R_{uv}^k \leq f_{uv} \leq c_{uv}$	$\forall (u, v)$	
	$f_{uv}^{d,i}, f_{uv}^i, f_{uv}^k \in [0, 1]$	$\forall (u, v), d, i, k$	Fractional/ Integer flows

- Fractional flows
 - Good for network slices
 - Large aggregate flows
 - Per-flow splitting
- Integer flows
 - Good for individual services
 - Unsplittable flows

SERVICE CLASSIFICATION AND SOLUTIONS

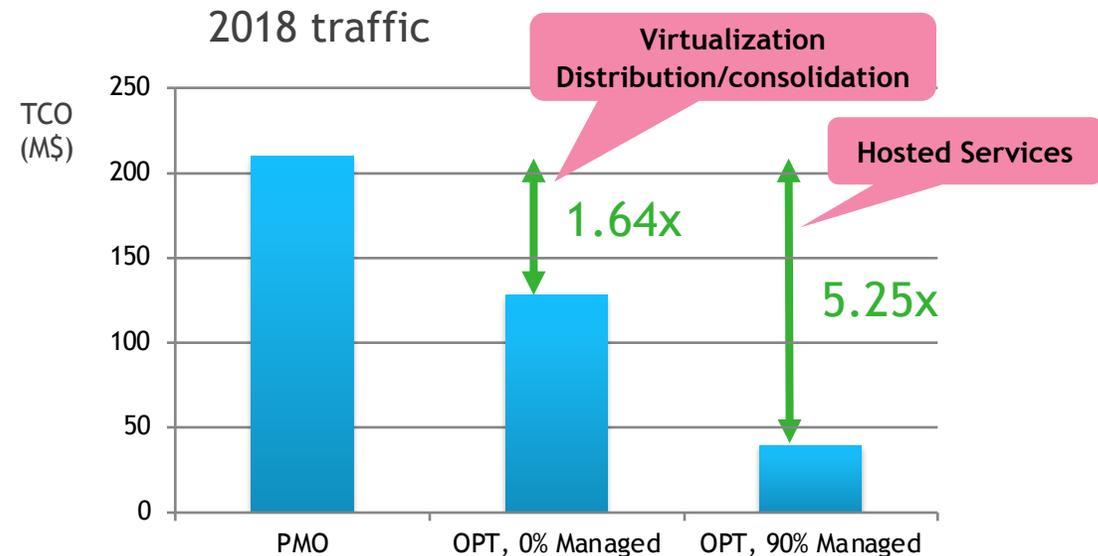
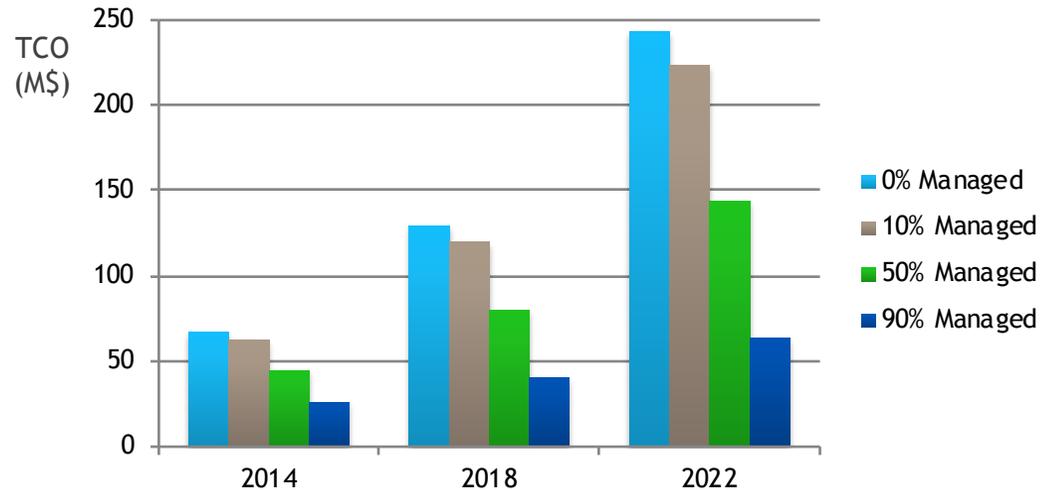
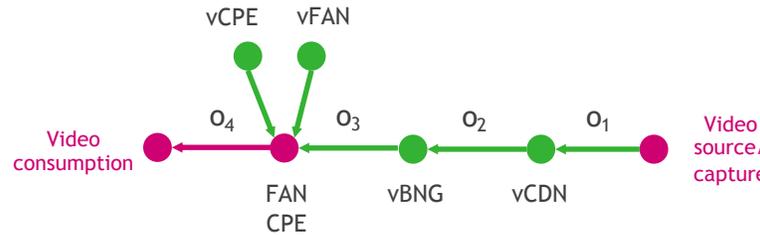
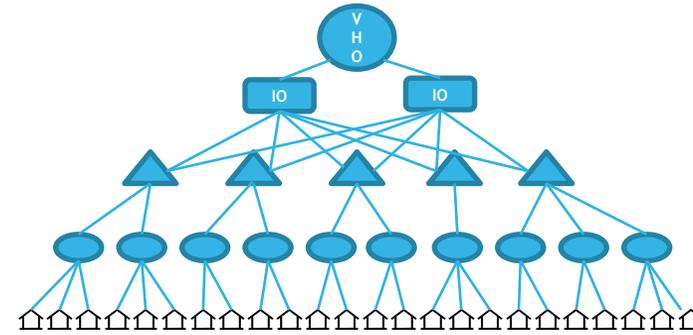
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	Splittable	Unsplittable	Splittable	Unsplittable
Service Chain	Polynomial FPTAS	NP-Hard Bicriteria approx.	NP-Hard (no coding)	NP-Hard Bicriteria approx.
Service DAG	NP-Hard (no coding)	NP-Hard Bicriteria approx.	NP-Hard (no coding)	NP-Hard Bicriteria approx.

SERVICE CLASSIFICATION AND SOLUTIONS

	Unicast		Multicast	
	Splittable	Unsplittable	Splittable	Unsplittable
Service Chain	Polynomial FPTAS 5G Slices	NP-Hard Bicriteria approx.	NP-Hard (no coding)	NP-Hard Bicriteria approx.
Service DAG	NP-Hard (no coding)	NP-Hard Bicriteria approx.	NP-Hard (no coding)	NP-Hard Bicriteria approx. RTSP

NETWORK SERVICE CHAINS

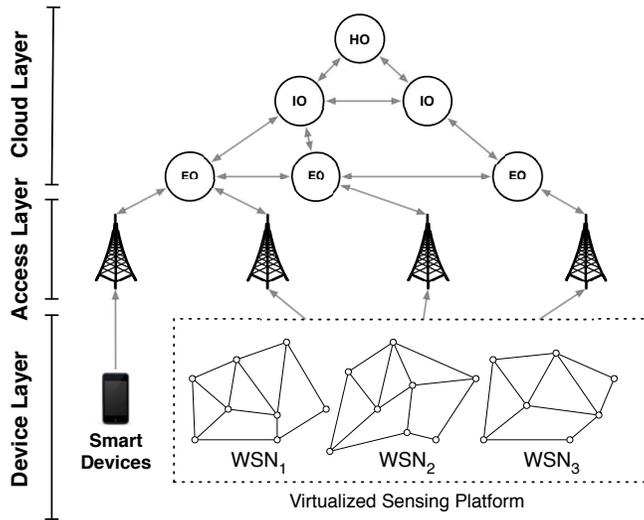
- Network: Generic US Metro
 - 4 Metro PoP, 12 Metro Agg, 60 Metro Edge
 - 10G links, CloudBand compute nodes
- Service: Fixed Residential Video
 - Data plane: vCDN, vBNG, FAN, CPE
 - Control Plane: vCDN, vBNG, vFAN, vCPE
- Demand:
 - 2014, 2018, 2022 video traffic
 - 50% VoD, 40% VS, 10% IPTV



SMART CITY SERVICES

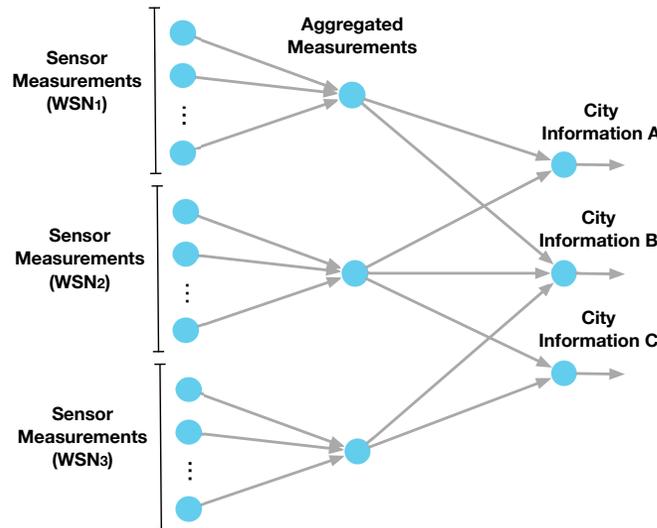
- IoT-Cloud Network:

- Cloud layer (core, metro, edge)
- Access layer
- Device layer

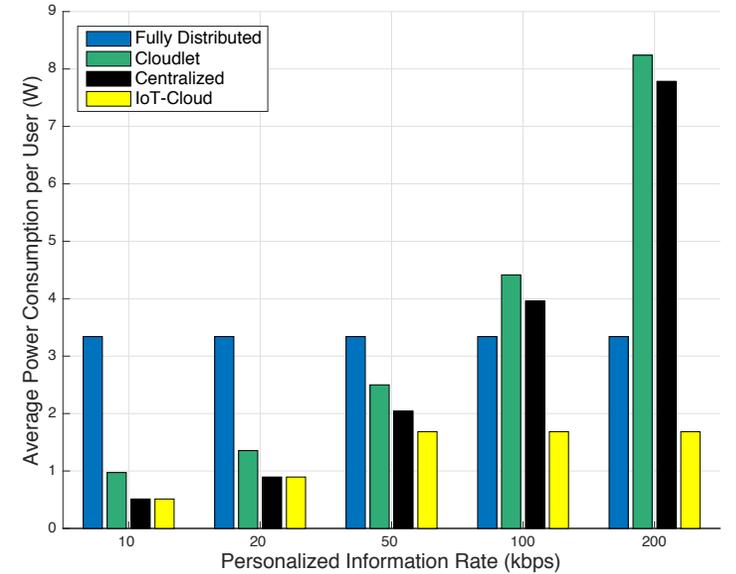


- City Streams Service:

- Deliver contextually relevant personalized city streams

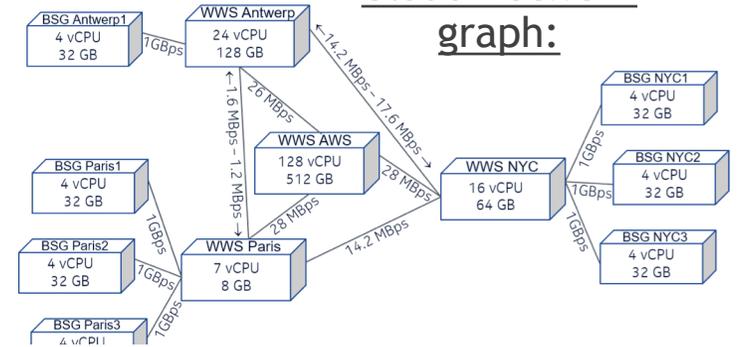


- Operational cost as a function of personalized stream data rate

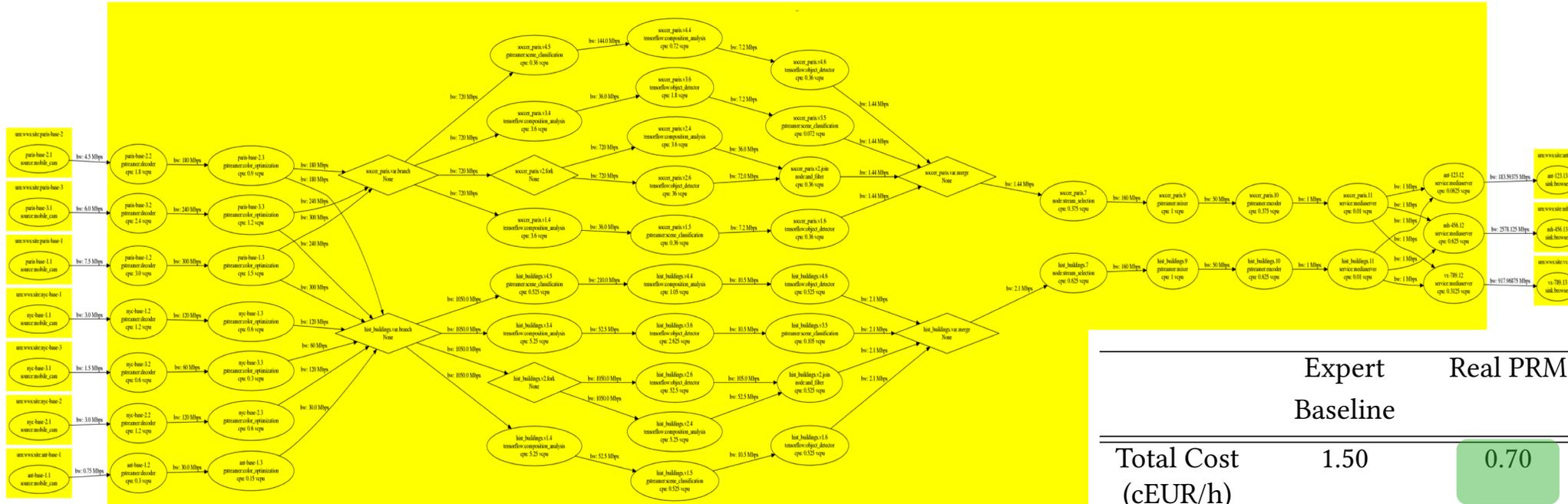


WORLD WIDE STREAMS

Cloud network graph:



Service graph:



	Expert Baseline	Real PRM	“flat”	“lucky”
Total Cost (cEUR/h)	1.50	0.70	1.68	2.60
Variant selected	Var. 1 (manual)	Var. 4 (autm.)	Var. 4 (autm.)	Var. 4 (autm.)
Placement note	“Video close to source”	Smart distrib.	Mostly AWS	Mostly AWS

2X-4X

CONCLUSIONS

- Networks are **becoming universal compute platforms**, able to host a variety of services and applications that can optimize the **automated operation of physical systems and augment human experiences in real time**.
- New mathematical tools are required to **jointly optimize the allocation of compute, storage, and network resources**, as well as the efficient flow of information over such highly distributed computing infrastructures.
- **Dynamic cloud-network compression** aims to an E2E compression of information throughout its entire lifecycle - capture/creation, upload, storage, computation, and delivery - in order to maximize conveyed information per unit cost
- Using **cloud-network-wide spatiotemporal redundancy** to push the fundamental limits of information compression, pioneering algorithms in network compression, including **compressed video delivery with up to 8X capacity gains** has been designed.
- **Cloud network flow** generalizes traditional network information flow models to jointly capture the efficient storage, computation, and delivery of information of real-time relevance.
- Significant efficiency improvements can be obtained via the **end-to-end optimization of next generation services over distributed cloud-integrated networks**.

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