

# A Polymorphic Network Architecture based on Autonomous Domains



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Domain-Insulated  
Autonomous  
Network  
Architecture

# Target of the Work



Overall Views

Building Blocks

Frameworks

Components

Interactions

Principles

Composing rules

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# Scope of the Work



## Objectives/Requirements

- What we want – Functional, Structural & Quality

## Principles

- What to Choose – Selection criteria, Priority, Norms

## Framework / Model

- How to Design – Style and Rules

## Components / Interactions

- How to Build – Building Blocks and Glue logic

# Requirements & Principles



## 1 Requirement & Principles

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Principles

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# 6S Requirements



**Scalable (Modularity)**

**Seamless (Mobility)**

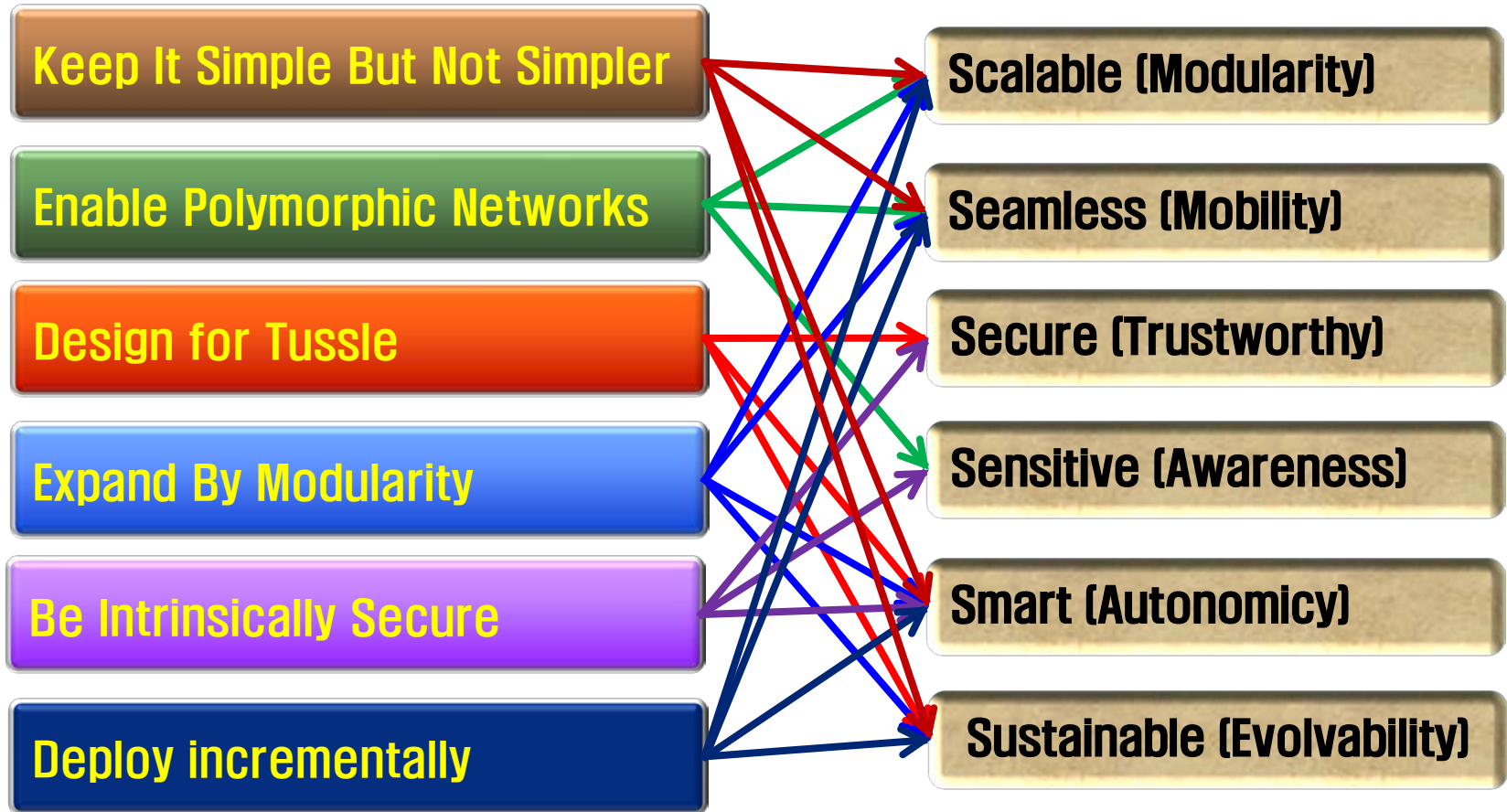
**Secure (Trustworthy)**

**Sensitive (Awareness)**

**Smart (Autonomy)**

**Sustainable (Evolvability)**

# Principles for Requirements



# Principles: Features Derived



## 1. Simple

- ID for Device, User, Contents, Services, and Things
- ID based Bus Abstraction → Narrow Waist

## 2. Polymorphic

- Autonomy for heterogeneous networks
- Dynamic logical network creation

## 3. Tussle

- Union by Federation instead of unification
- Simple rules for Federation

## 4. Modularity

- Horizontal layering as well as vertical layering
- Recursive definition of Network Composite

## 5. Secure

- Trust level and required security
- Self-certifying ID

## 6. Deployment

- Migration Plan
- Incremental deployment

# Framework & Model



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Polymorphic Networks

ID based Networking

ID Lookup Servers (ILS)

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# Why Architectural Framework?



Ref: *Architecting for Innovation*, 2011 T.Koponen, S. Shenker, etc

## ❑ Motivation

- Removing barriers to innovation
  - Architectural modularity
- Inter-domain routing
  - Universal glue that makes end-to-end connectivity in global scope
- Security
  - Built-in security features (as well as trustworthy framework)
- Additional
  - Meta-negotiation between two hosts (possibly communicating entities)
  - Bootstrap interface that can be called at initiation phase

Ref: *The Future Networking*, 2011 S. Shenker

## ❑ Why Framework?

- When first getting systems to work → Focus on mastering complexity
  - When making system easy to use → Focus on extracting simplicity
- ❑ Future of networking lies in finding *right abstractions*
- The era of "a new protocol per problem" is over

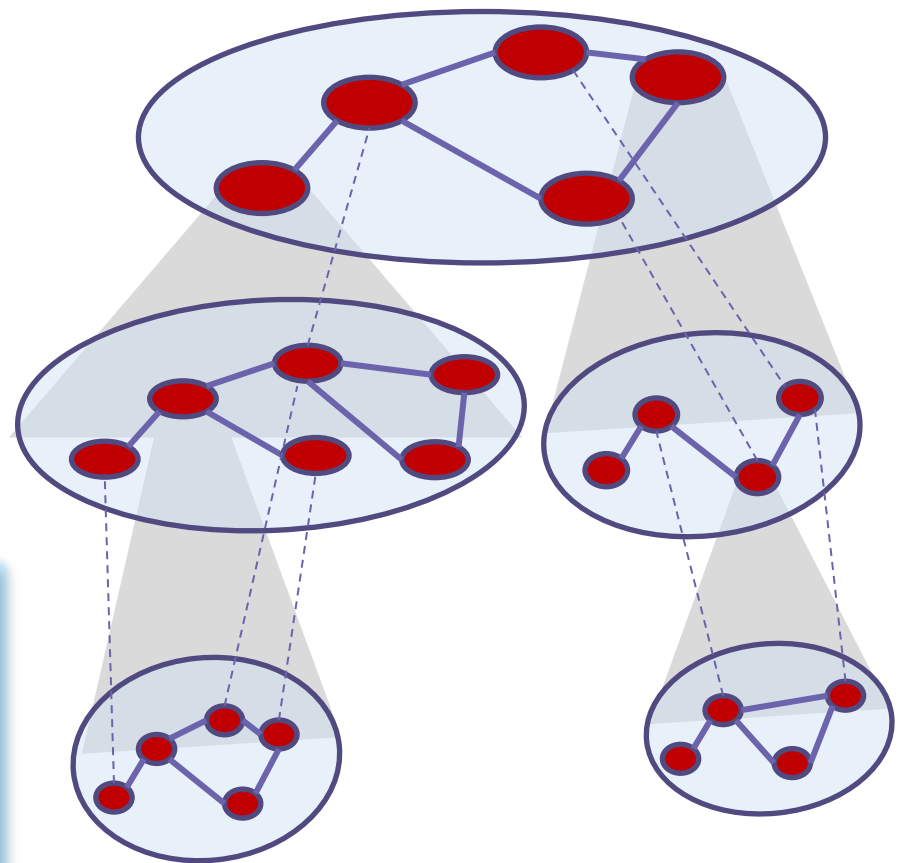
# Methods – Abstraction & Recursion

## Abstraction

- ❑ a process by which *higher* concepts are derived from the usage and classification of concepts
- ❑ while hiding the internal details

## Recursion

- ❑ a method calls itself
  - To solve a simpler version of the problem
  - To repeat the same principles
- ❑ Self-Similarity
  - Looks like Fractals



# Polymorphic Networks



## ❑ What is Polymorphic Network

- A network where one could implement, and deploy its new network protocols or cooperation schemes without disturbing other working protocols

## ❑ Why Polymorphic ?

- Various research projects, scientists and “people” will propose new ideas → heterogeneous architectures
- Enable different cooperation paradigms in parallel
- Enable easy deployment of new application deployment

## ❑ How ?

- Virtualization, Overlay, Abstraction, Mapping ...
- Without raising routing and addressing to the application
  - As Peer to Peer networks, overlay networks, VPN, Spontaneous networks ....

# Polymorphic Networks – Examples

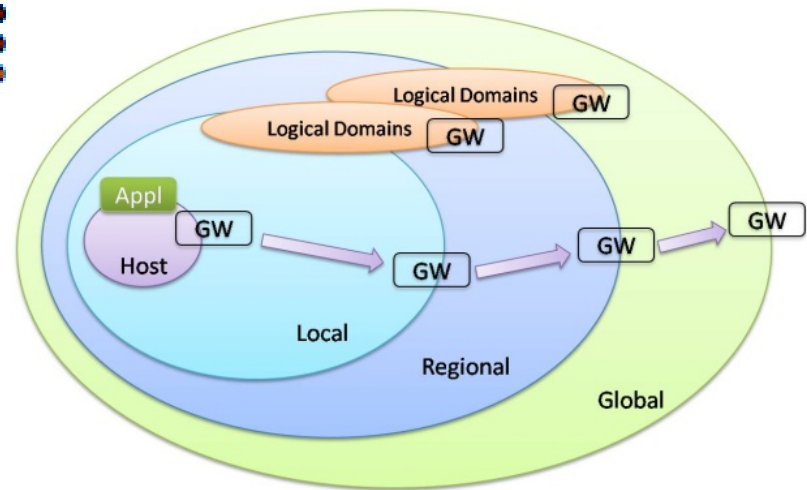
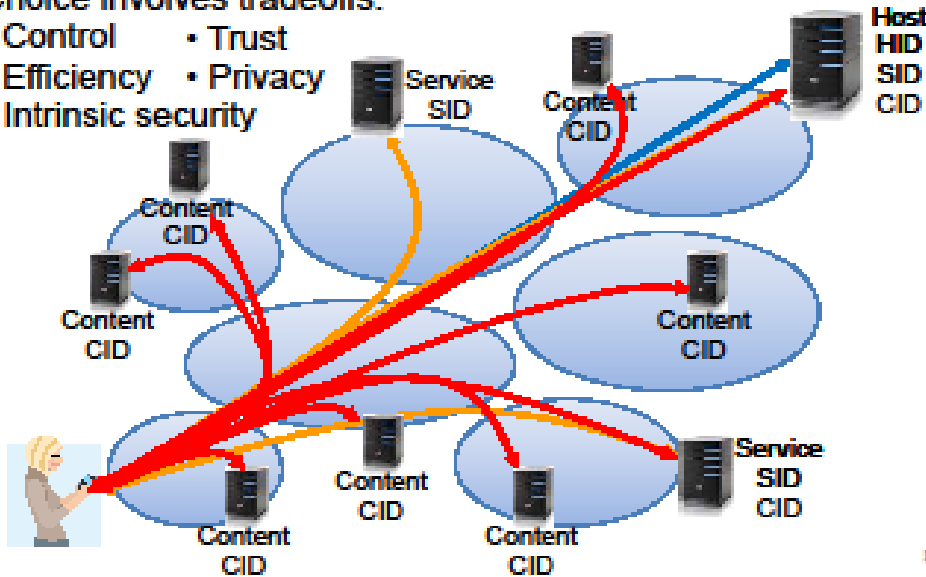


- ## Multiple Principal Types
- x-Centric
    - HID, CID, SID, UID ...
  - Different trust levels
    - guarantees depending on principal type

- ## Network Composites
- Horizontal Layers
    - Local, Regional, Global
  - Logical networks
    - Virtual networks
    - Spontaneous networks

Choice involves tradeoffs:

- Control
- Efficiency
- Intrinsic security
- Trust
- Privacy



# Polymorphic Networks – Issues



## □ How to define individual networks ?

- Define dissimilar networks as independent domains
- Provide minimal rules to allow communication among dissimilar networks or logical groups (network composites)
- Internal details of a domain are hidden from outside
- Domains can be unit of self-management (Self-\*)
- Domain may associated with other domains
  - ◆ in vertical manner (parent-child relation)
  - ◆ in horizontal manner (peer relation)
- Domain has one or more gateways (interfaces)

## □ Challenging topics

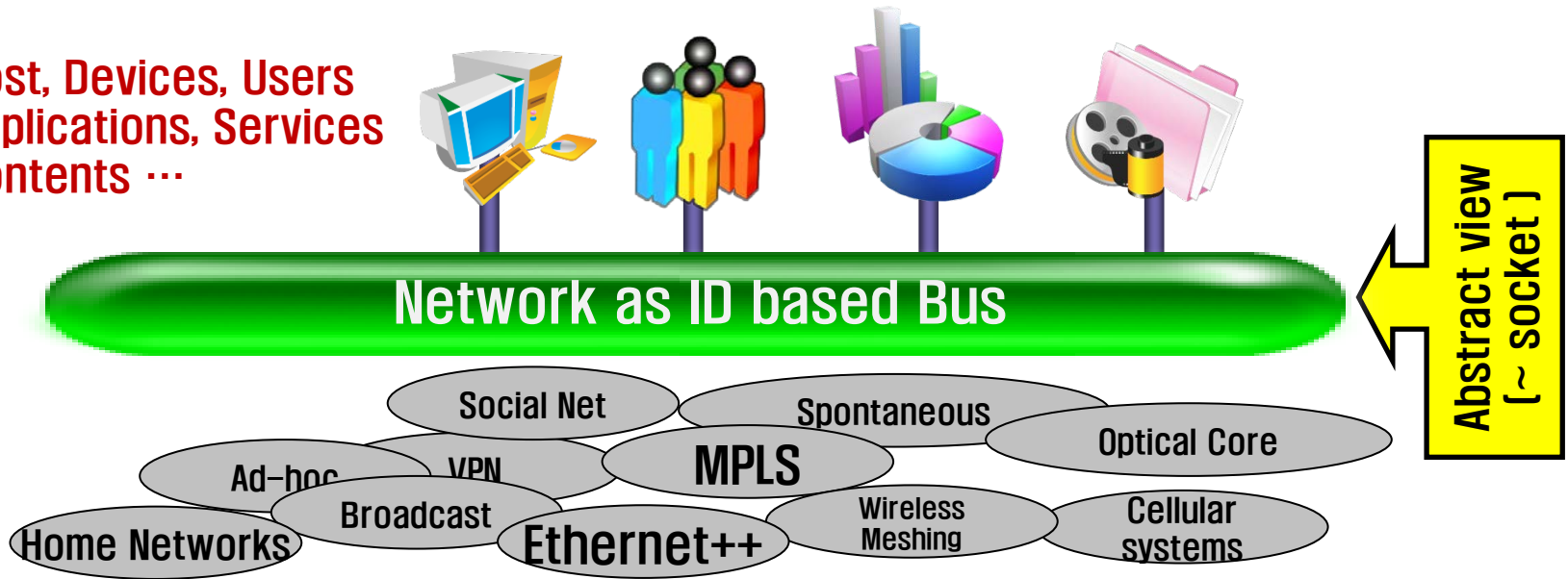
- Life cycle management for domains
- Federation of domains



# ID based Networking

- ❑ ID to all communicating Entities
  - hosts, services, and contents are plug in network bus with globally unique ID
- ❑ Location-independent ID
  - ID must be bound to location (early or late binding)
- ❑ provide well-defined interfaces
  - register, publish, present, associate, send/receive

Host, Devices, Users  
Applications, Services  
Contents ...

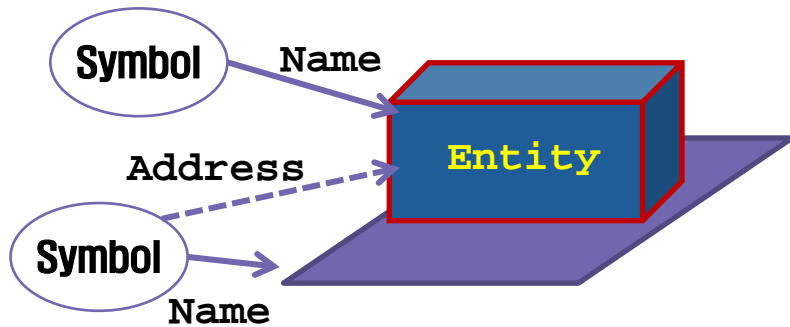


# ID based Networking : Definitions



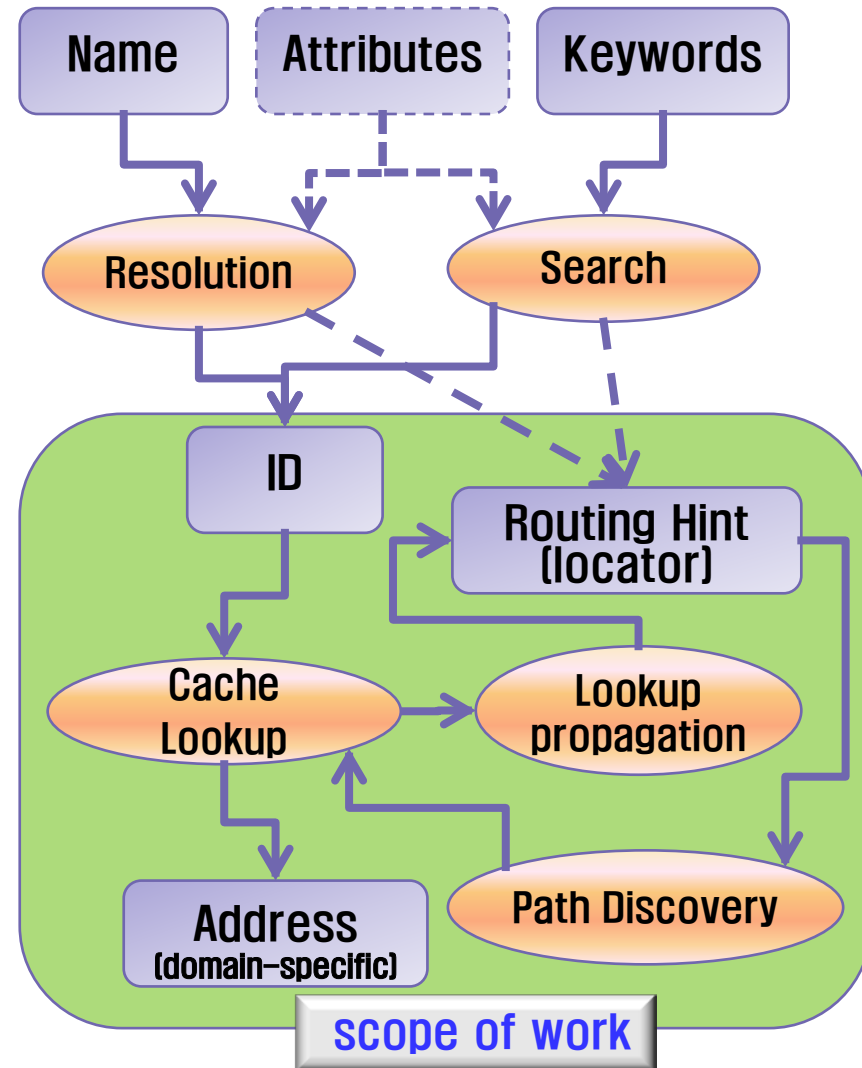
## □ Definitions by Assignments

- Name → what
- Address → where



## □ Definitions by Roles

- ID → scope
  - Unique in a given scope
- Locator → space
  - relative in a given space
  - Vector, metric, topological space



# ID based Networking – Issues



## □ ID

- Location-independent ID
- Self-Certifying
- Same syntax for all entities (devices, users, contents, services ...)

## □ ID based socket

- API for application developers

## □ Challenging topics

- ID based Forwarding (because of ID's location-independency)
- Proactive vs. Reactive routing
- Forwarding Entry Explosion (because of Non-aggregatable)
- Routing Scalability (because of no. of IDs in the network graph)



# ID Lookup Servers



## ❑ ID-LOC separation

- ID has no clue on its location
- To be accessed, ID should be bound to LOC

## ❑ 2-Step Binding

- Registration (Enrollment)
  - Communication Entity(CE) must register its ID to one or more domains
  - each domain has "ID registry function" → (ID, locator) binding
  - ID becomes "valid" by registration
- Attachment (Presence)
  - CE actually appears at the certain domain
  - the registered domain may not be the present domain
  - at the point of presence, an address of the presenting domain is assigned (either early or late binding)

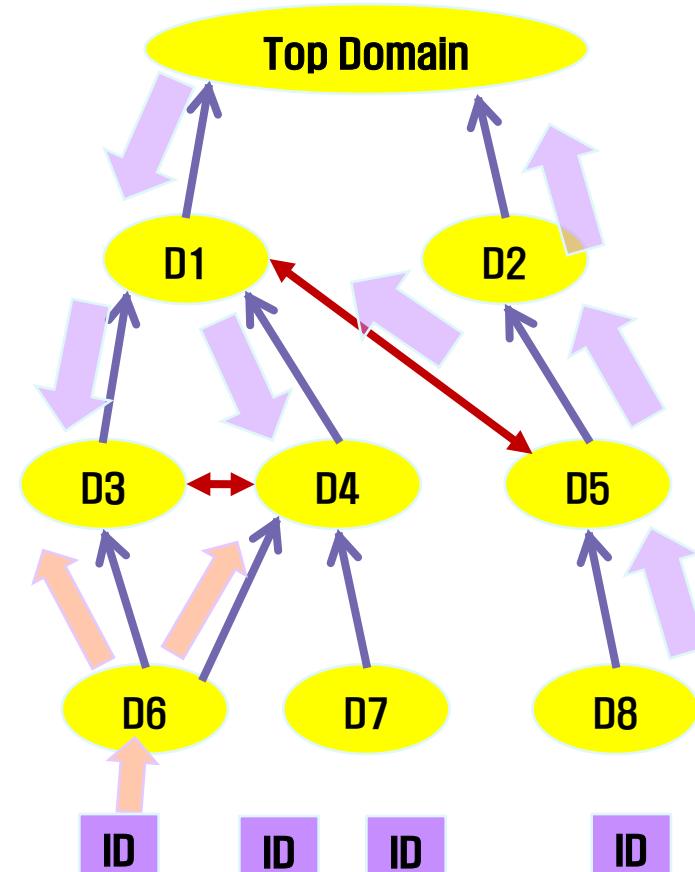
# ID Lookup Servers : Registration and Lookup

## □ ID registration

- first registered at a domain
- registered ID may be propagated toward its ancestor
  - till a domain in between home and top domain
  - downward lookup propagation from top domain finishes at the first domain that know the ID
  - need balance between registration and lookup propagation

## □ ID lookup

- default to parent (optionally peers)
  - not always same as data forwarding path

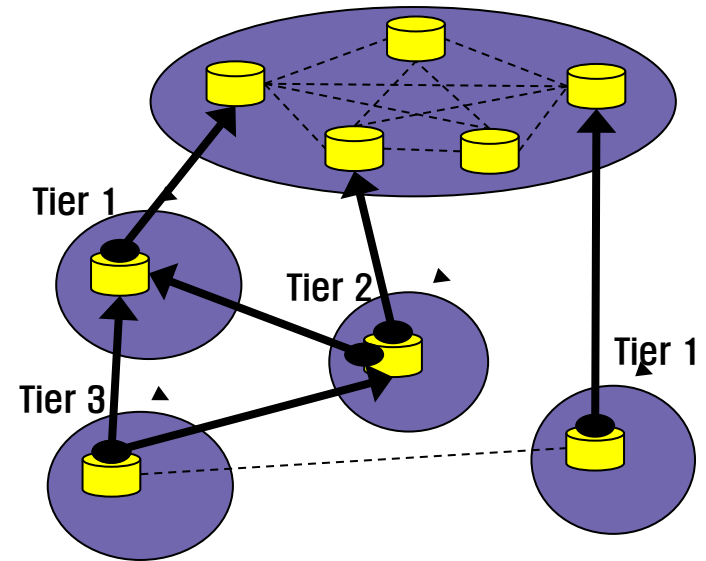


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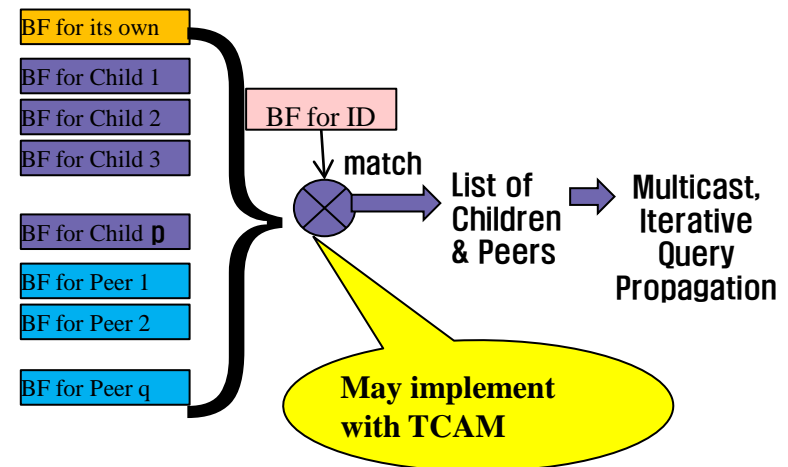
## ❑ ID Lookup Server (ILS)

- Each domain is associated with an ILS
- Distributed, Hierarchical ILS structure
  - Top-Level-Tier (fully peered)
  - Intermediate Tiers (Parental-child, Peer relations)
  - Leaf (only child relation)
- ILS has relation with others
  - Parent-Child, Peer relation



## ❑ Challenging topics

- Optimization on query propagation
  - Use Bloom Filter



# Components & Interactions



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Domains

ID based Routing

Self-Certifying

**4** Putting Together & Applying

# Domains



## □ What is Domains ?

- Basic Building Blocks for composing the whole network
- Abstraction for a piece of the network (network composite)
  - Separate administration, Different media, Local network, Logical networks, Spontaneous networks, Group of services ...
  - Similar concepts: Principal, Turf, Compartment, Context, DIF ...
- Unit of Autonomy
  - Internal operations are hidden from outside of the domain
  - Domain-specific routing
  - May have self-\* capability
- Unit of Insulation
  - Accessed via well-defined interfaces
- Unit of Federation/Composition
  - May be defined in recursive manner

## □ Horizontal layers of the network

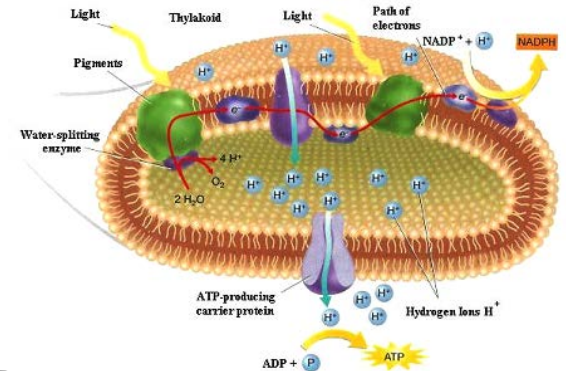
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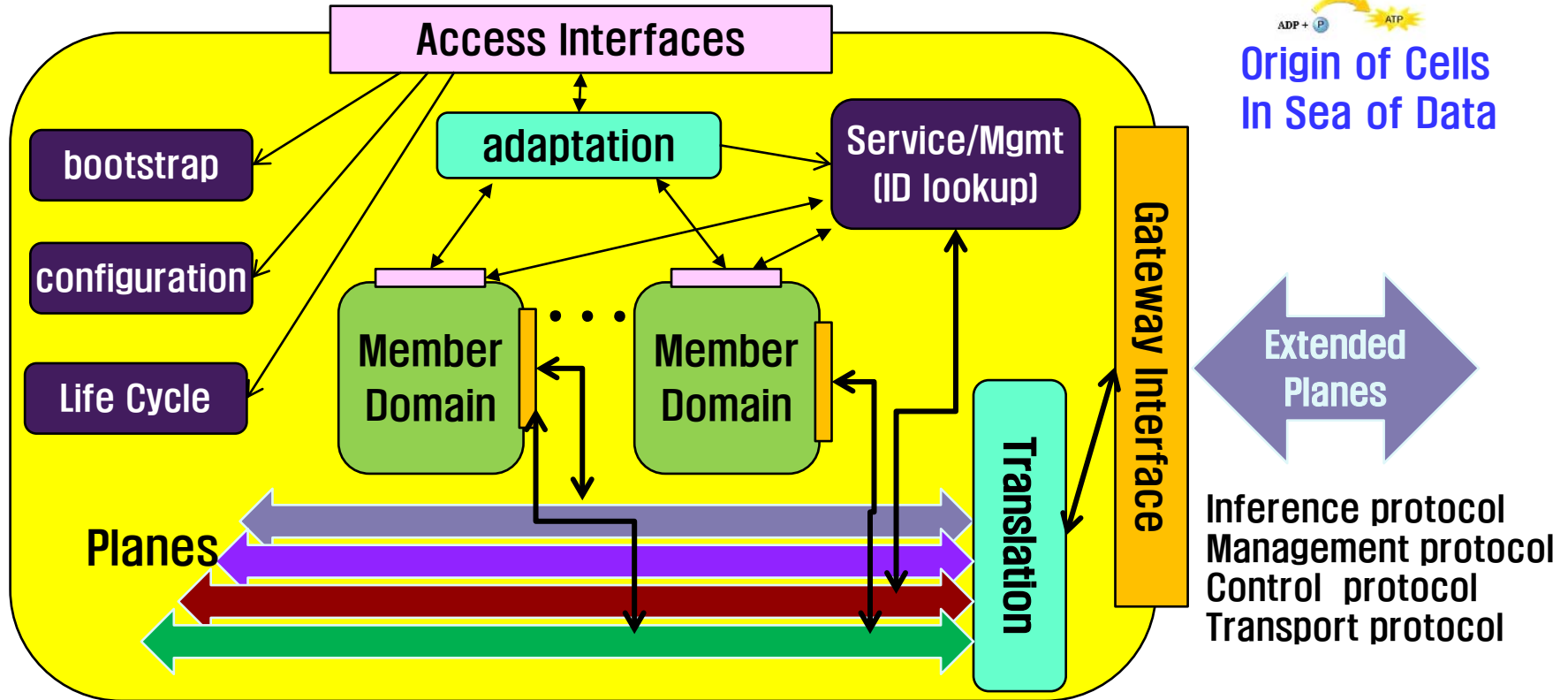
# Domains: Basic Building Blocks



- Abstract View of a Domain
  - Recursive Definition
  - Adaptation / Translation features
  - Self-manageable



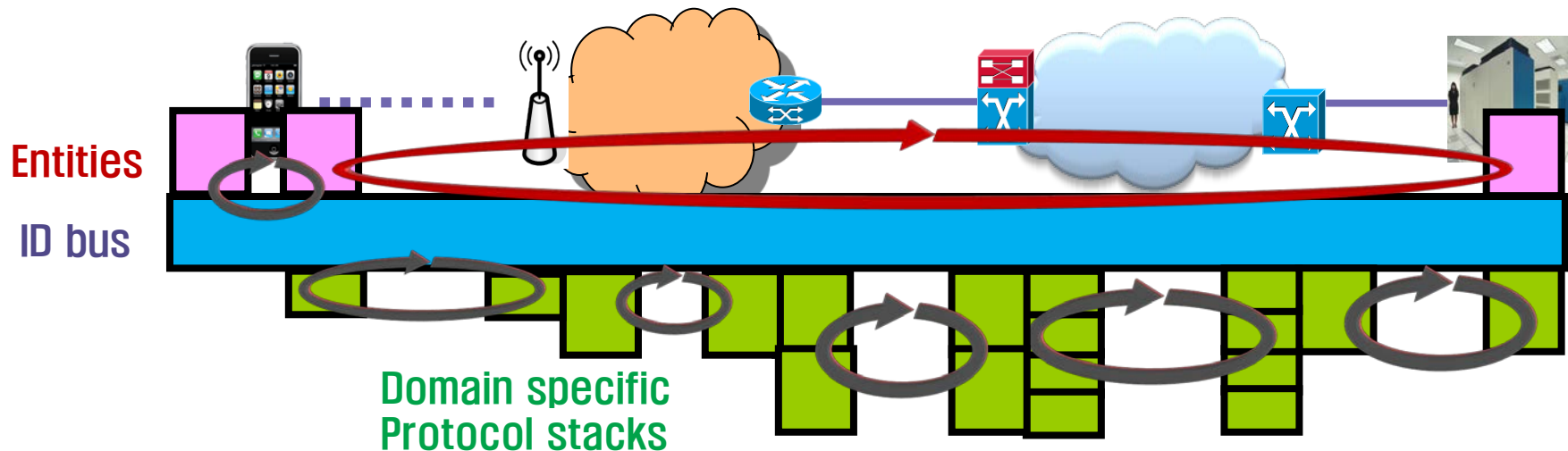
Origin of Cells  
In Sea of Data



# Domain : Justification



- ❑ Each domain provides functions, only where being required
  - Consider why middle boxes violate layer principles
- ❑ Examples
  - IPC within a host
    - only process ID
  - Access to a server within the same LAN
    - need Host ID + MAC address
  - Access to a host at the site with local IP address
    - simple fixed routing table (no routing protocol)
  - Access to a server through internet
    - forward to default gateway (NAT) and use IP and routing



# ID based inter-domain Routing



## □ Design Goals

- To provide mechanism for inter-domain routing
  - Intra-domain routing is domain-specific
- Define minimal set of rules
- Support mobility, multi-homing, trustworthy, late binding ...

## □ Distinguishing Features

- Reactive routing with built-in entries
  - Forwarding entries are setup when actually required
  - Some frequently used entries may be built in advance
- Forwarding Cache with timeout
  - Entries are setup by explicit "path discovery"
  - Unused entries are removed in timeout basis
- Path Discovery with routing hints
  - The path for an ID is setup using the location as a routing hint
  - Utilizing ILS for finding (ID, LOC) binding

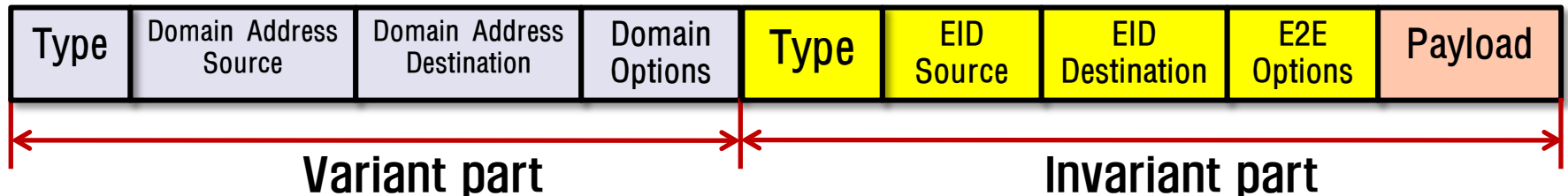


# ID based Routing : Basic Concepts



## ❑ Packet Format (PDU)

- Invariant part: no modification throughout inter-domain
- Variant part: changed depending on domain specific mechanism



## ❑ Routing Hints

- Location (and policy) information bound to the ID
- Obtained by query to ID lookup servers (ILS)
- Normally, Fully Qualified Domain ID (FQDI)  
    "Registered Domain @ ... @ Top-tier Domain"
- Used in "path-discovery"

# ID based Routing : Basic Concepts



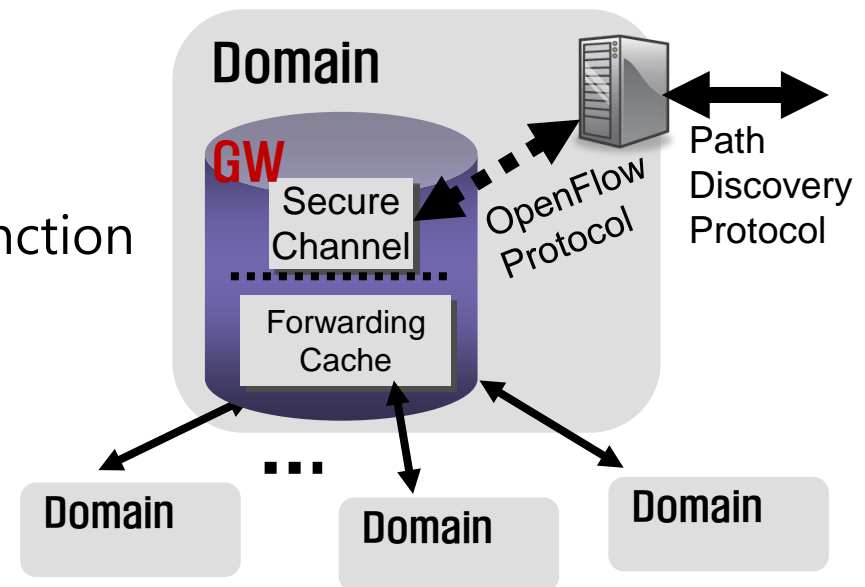
## ❑ Forwarding Cache (FC)

- Indexed by ID (exact match)
- Setup by path-discovery
- Domain specific forwarding

ID	Dev	Type	Domain Address
B1	GW	Eth	00:01:02:03:04:05
C1	GW	IP	129.168.55.22
D1	GW	UDP	129.168.100.3:2485
E1	GW	TCP	TCP connection ID
A1	ID	direct	-

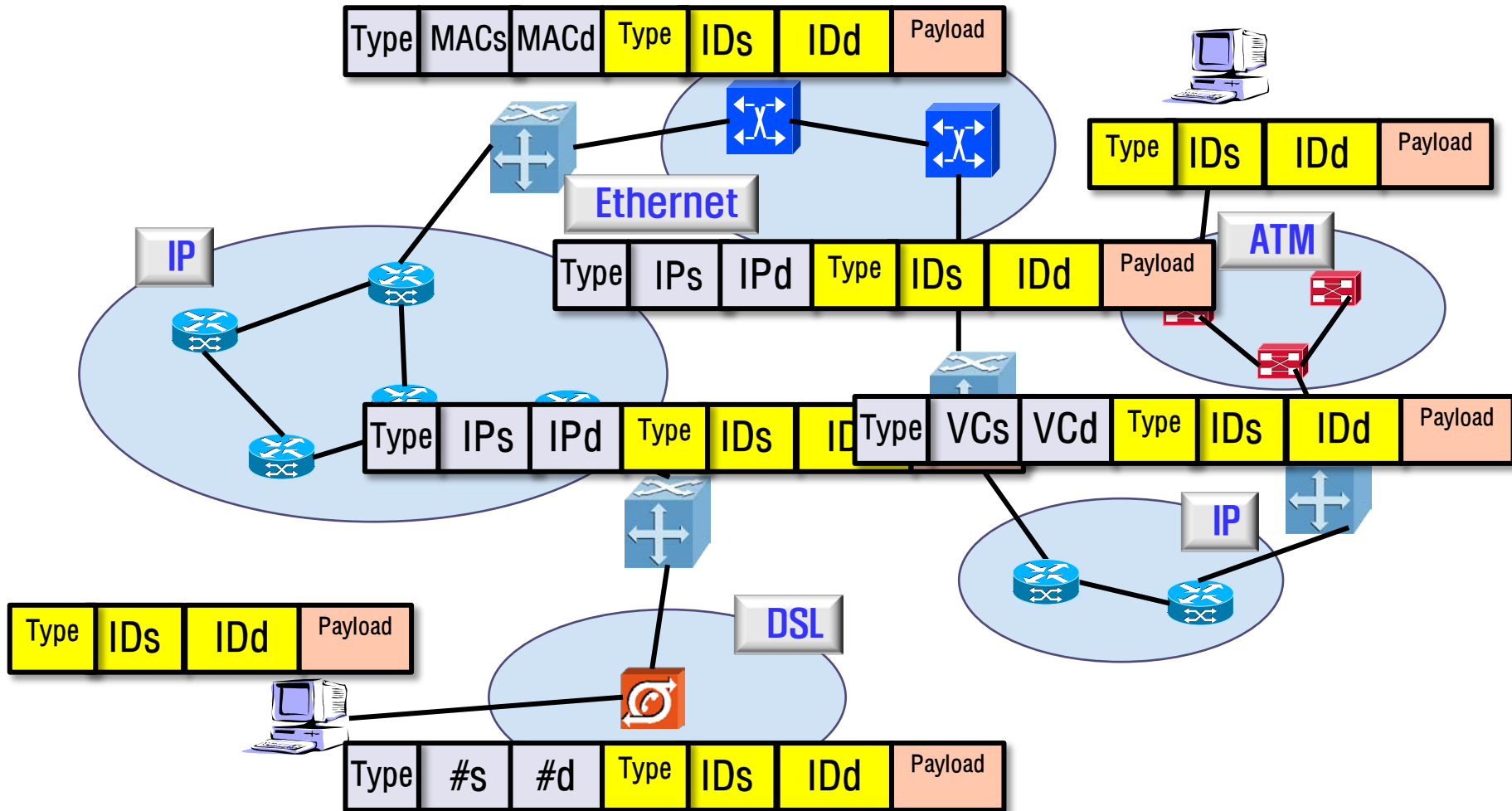
## ❑ Path Discovery

- triggered by the first packet when no entry in FC
- may be initiated by control function
- On successful path discovery
  - Setup entries on the GW along the path
  - May utilize "OpenFlow"



# ID based Routing : a simple example

- Assume entries at the GW along the path have been setup



# ID based Routing : Issues



## ❑ ID exact match (flat ID)

- No longer LPM(longest prefix match) → high performance
- No aggregation → scalability ?
  - Keep only relevant entries in FC
  - Per-interface forwarding cache (split interface)

## ❑ Location-independency

- (ID, LOC) binding requires ID lookup propagation
  - Delay at the first packet
  - Frequently-used entries may be built in FC in advance
- Late-binding and multi-homing is possible
  - Multi-homing : ID with multiple locations
  - Identical copies (servers) : same ID to multiple contents (servers)

## ❑ Policy based “path-discovery”

- May enforce policy while path discovery
- Resource reservation can be done while path discovery

# Self-Certifying



## □ Intrinsic Trustworthy Framework

- Self-certifying ID for every communication entity and domain
- Insulated Domain
  - All End-point ID (EID) should be verified
  - All communication must pass the well-defined gateway
- Trusted Domain
  - Trust-level between domains

## □ EID verification

- At the first-hop domain
- Only verified ID can be installed in FC

## □ Domain verification

- If domain A trust domain B in a certain trust-level
  - Then performs appropriate functions (forward or block)
- Initiate security functions depending on trust-level



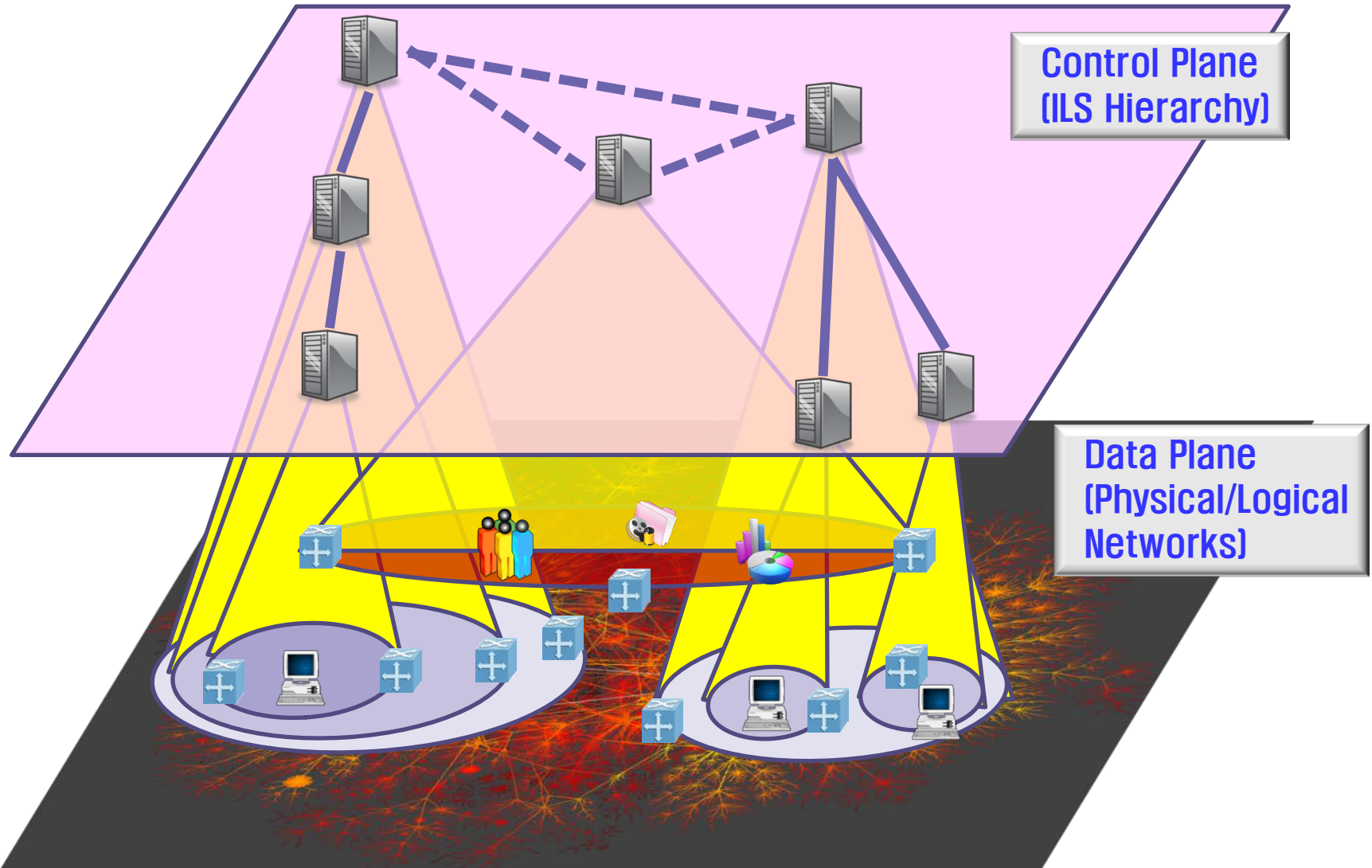
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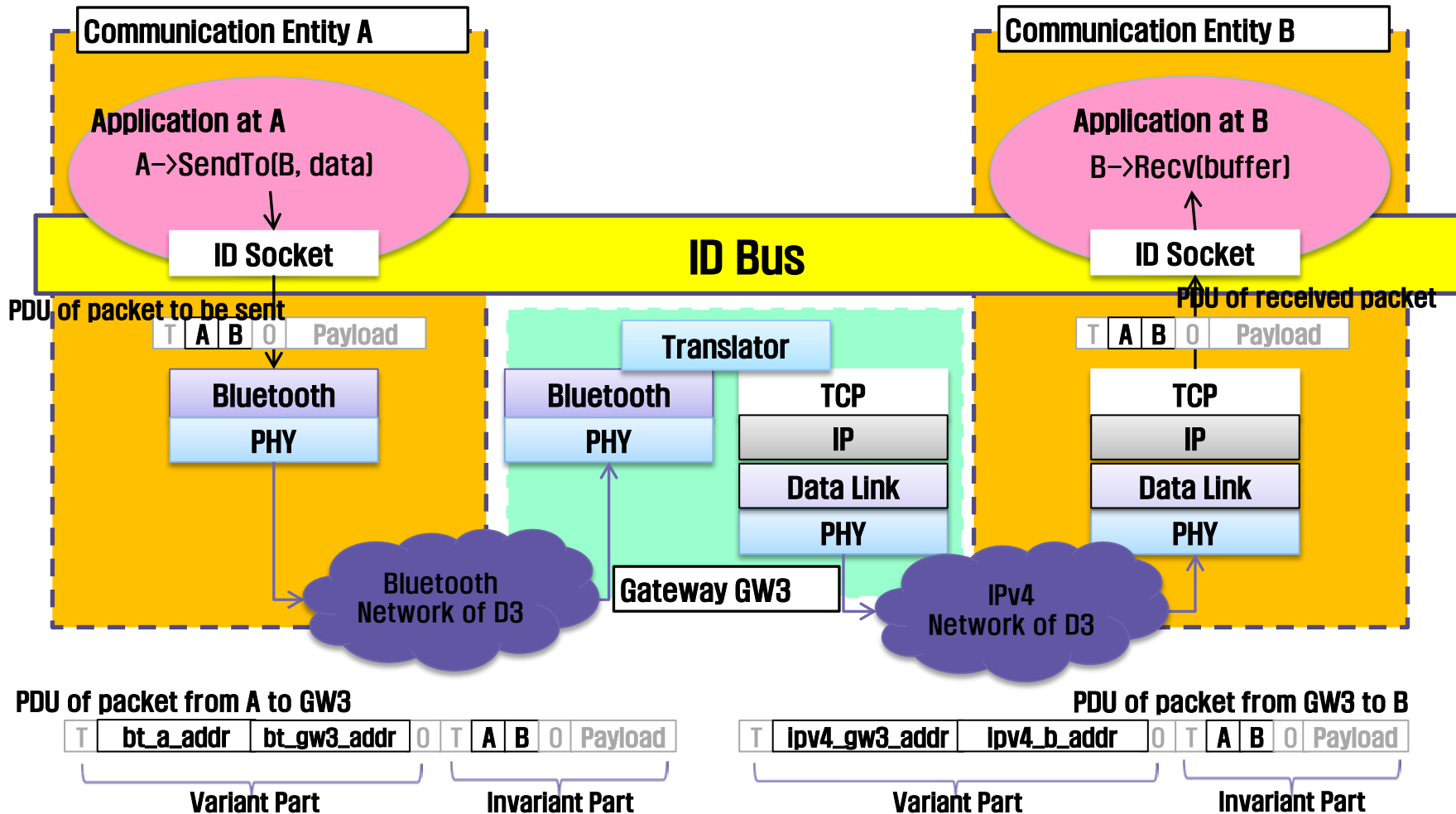
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# Putting Together: Data & Control Plane



# Putting Together: ID Socket

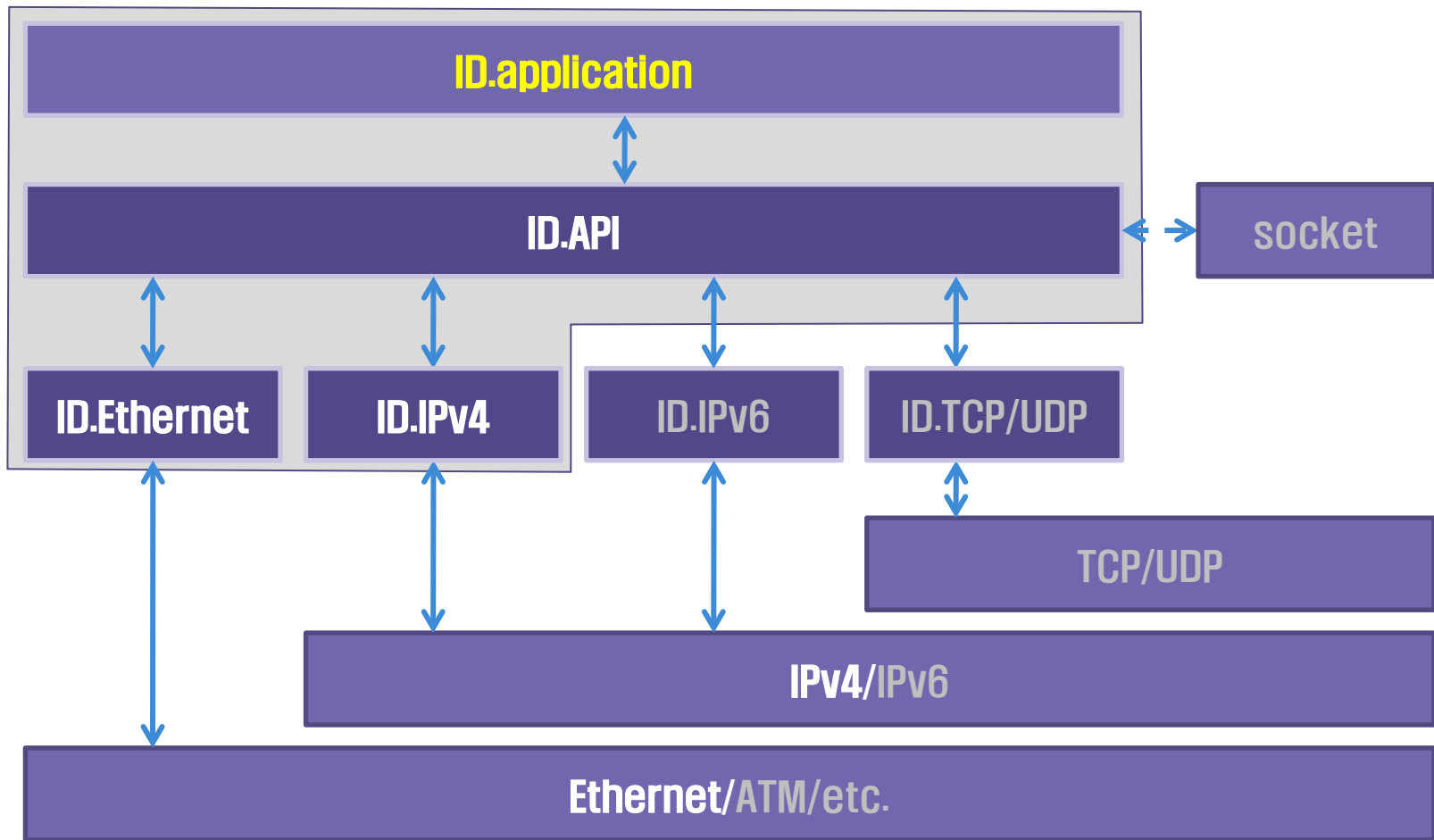




# Putting Together : Prototyping



- ❑ Implement on Linux Kernel
- ❑ Two-level abstraction (ID & IP/Ethernet)



# Putting Together: Applying



## ❑ Multicast, Anycast, Concast

- Defined as logical domains (with attributes)
- Define root of the forwarding tree as GW of the domain
- Join/Leave → register/de-register from the domain
- Forwarding Tree setup → path discovery

## ❑ Mobility

- Present → Location update at the ID Lookup Server
- Move → exception → triggering “path discovery”

## ❑ Named Data Network

- Named Data → assign ID (Content ID)
- Use the “ID based routing”
- Identical Copies are handled by the same way as multi-homing

## ❑ VPN, P2P, Spontaneous Networks

- Dynamic creation of domains and membership management

# Putting Together: Applying



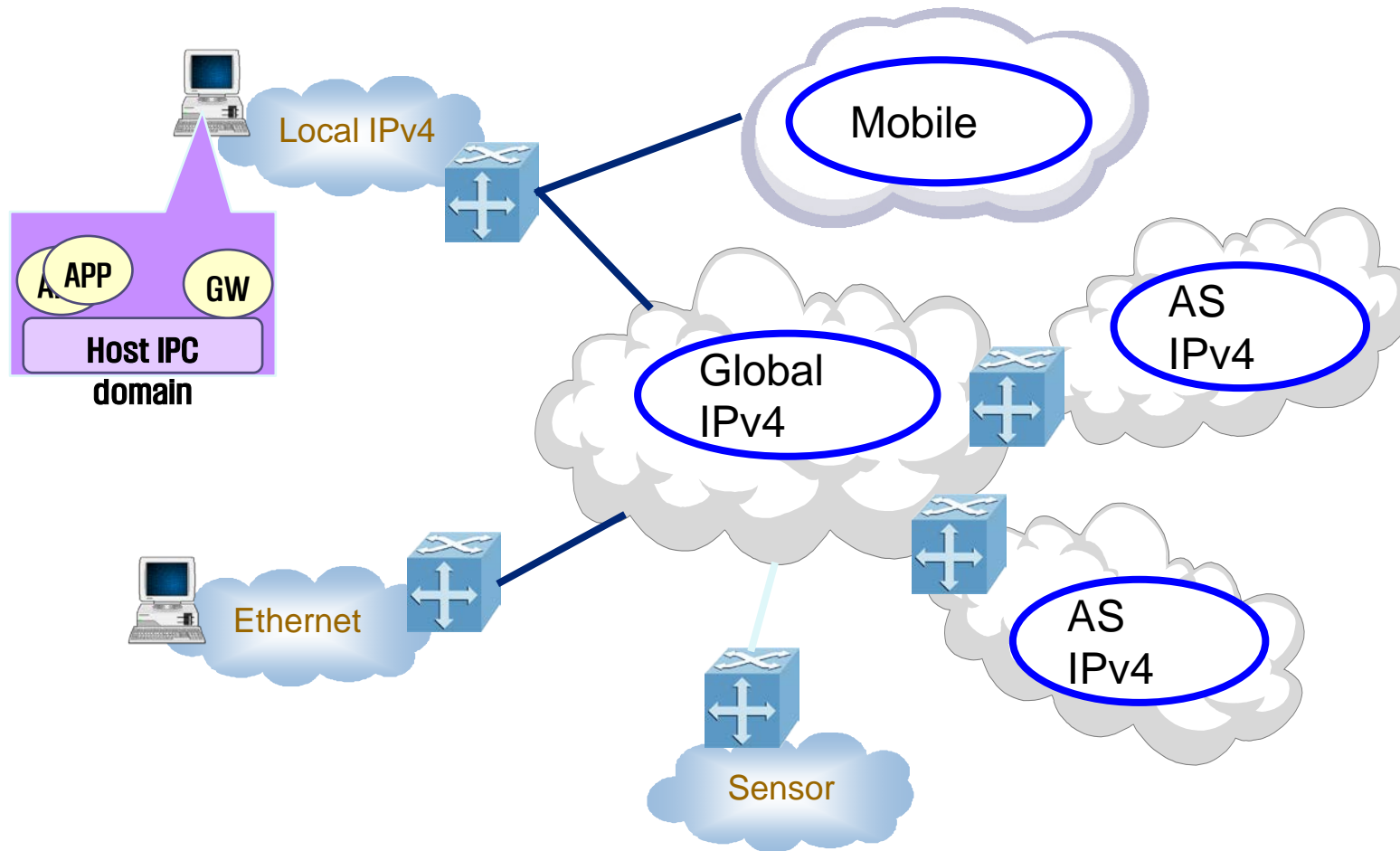
## □ Active entities and Passive entities

- Active entities : ID + processing (Protocols)
- Passive entities : ID without processing
  - forms a domain with GW
  - Agent(without ID) at the GW

## □ Software Define Network

- Must concentrate on control/management functions
- Borrow software development techniques
  - Object oriented (Class & Instance)
  - Recursive definition
  - Abstraction and virtualization
  - Late binding
- Apply the principles to network composite as well as networking functions
  - Network composite == Domain

# Putting Together: incremental Deployment



# Major Contributions



## ❑ Autonomous Domains

- Map polymorphic networks onto independent domains
- Keep trust zones based on self-certifying ID
- Accommodate dissimilar architectures by simple rules

## ❑ Hierarchical structuring of Domains

- Allow recursive definition of network composites
- Eliminate routing scalability issue

## ❑ Reactive routing and Path-Discovery

- Reduces the burden of forwarding entry explosion problem
- Allows forwarding table split by per-interface forwarding cache
- Supports mobility and multi-homing (identical-copies)

## ❑ Incremental Deployment

- Allows a number of domains on the current Internet
- Accepts new networks without interference to the existing ones

# Concluding Remarks



- ❑ What FI has to do for new services?
  - Build shared infra with richer capabilities
  - Show incentives to adaptors of new concepts
  - Suggest graceful migration plans from the existing Networks
    - Not "backward compatibility" but "adaptability"
  
- ❑ New Era of Networks
  - Internet must be based on Science
  - Two major techniques
    - Abstraction
    - Recursion
  
- ❑ Network Composites
  - Network → Lego blocks
  - Union instead of unification
  - Simple rules for composition
    - Invariant glue logics

