Centralize what you can, Distribute what you must

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Distributed Architectures

 Last decade networking research has focused in highly distributed architectures

P2P, Distributed Networking Systems

High availability, reliability, high performance



End Result

- The end result is the commoditization of Hardware equipment and reduction of related costs (CAPEX)
 - Distributed Cloud servers, Cheaper databases,
 Commoditizing routers, etc
- However, operational costs (OPEX), have not decreased at the same rate
- In fact, highly distributed architectures tend to increase operational costs
 - Human costs are harder to lower than technology costs



Operational Costs

- Usually account for a much higher cost than the actual equipment
- As CAPEX comes down, OPEX still remains very high

- the CLOUD helps replace CAPEX for OPEX and lower OPEX costs due to higher economies of scale
- Centralize what you can and distributed what you must
 - absorb traffic early, reliability, responsiveness, latency, etc.



Cloud Benefits

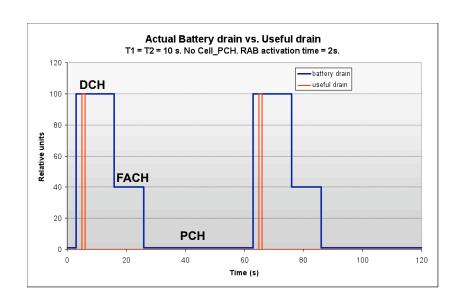
- Reduces OPEX
- Do it once and share
- Do it more coordinately
- Do it more efficiently

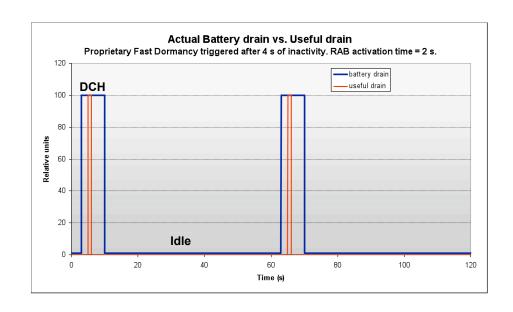
sample benefits for mobile cloud applications: more than offloading computation



Impact of Smart Phones on the network

Signaling Problems: Fast Dormancy for battery savings





CELL_DCH: Dedicated Channel

CELL_FACH: Connected mode but Shared Channel

CELL_PCH: Mostly inactive radio. Radio Resource Control connection up.

Idle: Mostly inactive radio. no Radio Resource Control connection.

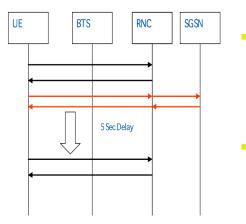




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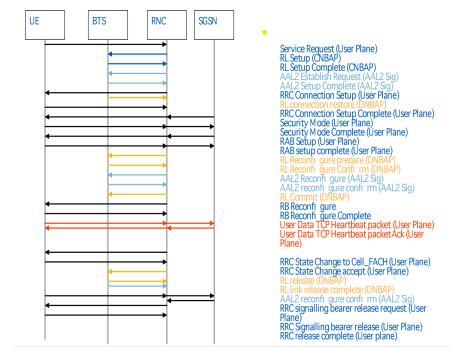
Signaling Problems

Starting Data Session From Low Energy State (PCH state)



- All Data Transmitted on Jub User Plane
- Cell Update User Data Cell Update Accept RRC mode FACH User Data TCP Heartbeat packet User Data TCP Heartbeat packet Ack
- RRC State Change to Cell_PCH RRC State Change accept

Starting Data Session From Idle State





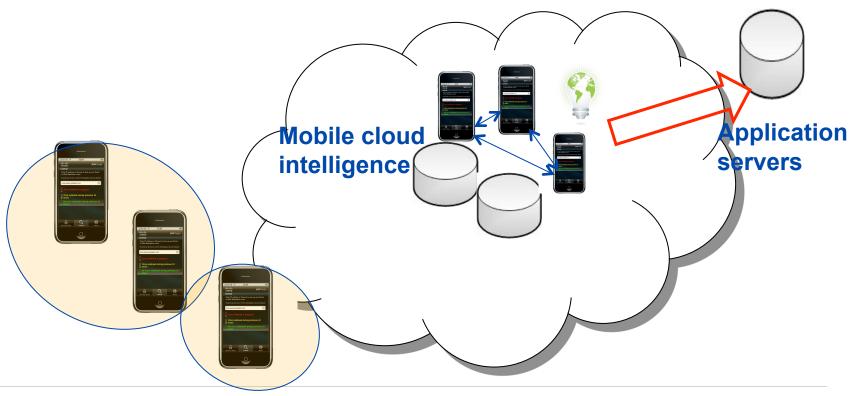
Impact of Smart Phones on the network

- Massive rise in the amount of signalling on Radio and Core systems due to both chatty applications and device designs
- Saturated network elements (e.g. firewalls), due to uncoordinated connection management
- High number of unnecessary PPP context setup and releases



Can we run a full/partial virtual instance of each smartphone in the cloud (apps/firmware?)

- proxy a lot of the functionality, to save signaling and mitigate network impact
- share info and measurements across devices,
- coordinate device sync ups to avoid network peaks, wasting battery, or interfering with voice traffic



Battery efficient Ad-Hoc Data Sharing

By sharing location info and data content across devices using the cloud, one can predict nearby device and data presence better, coordinate short range local transfers and save energy

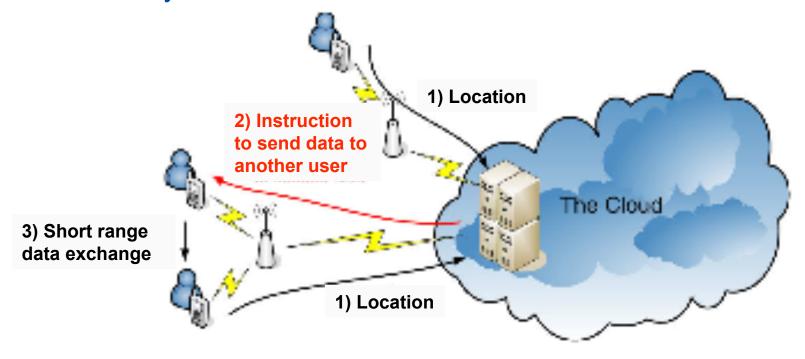
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Cellular	Few kbps 100	100	0*	0*	500
Wi-Fi	11-54 Mbps	5	0.77	1.29	100
Bluetooth	700 Kbps	0.1	0.01	0.12	10

Ananthanarayan et al.'09



Battery efficient Ad-Hoc Data Sharing

Centrally coordinating WiFi/Bluetooth wake up intervals, one can save energy and better predict sharing opportunities: Global View. Local view may see a disconnected graph, while global view may be able to see a connected one





Summary

- As hardware is more commoditized, Operational costs will dominate
- Cloud reduces OPEX by amortizing support/management costs over large number of applications
- Cloud also provides more intelligent services by aggregating global information and intelligently coordinating distributed actions
- What to centralize, what to leave distributed? That is the question

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