Stork Data Scheduler for Windows Azure

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Big Data ⇨ New Trends

"In the future, U.S. international leadership in science and engineering will increasingly depend upon our **ability to leverage this reservoir of scientific data** captured in digital form."

- NSF Vision for Cyberinfrastructure

Big Data ⇨ New Trends

"One of the main objectives of the future research programs should be **enhancing the data management infrastructure**... since the users should be able to focus their attention on the information content of the data, rather than how to discover, access, and use it."

-Strategic Plan for US Climate Change Program

Big Data ⇨ New Trends

"In the same way that the load register instruction is the most basic operation provided by a CPU, so is the **placement of data** on a storage device… It is therefore essential that at all levels data placement tasks be treated in the same way computing tasks are treated [Kosar2004]."

- DOE Report on Data Management Challenges

Our Vision

"Data storage resources and the tasks related to data access should be considered as first class entities just like computational resources and compute tasks, and not simply the side effect of computation."

- Ph.D. Thesis, Tevfik Kosar, 1999-2005

Data-Aware Computing

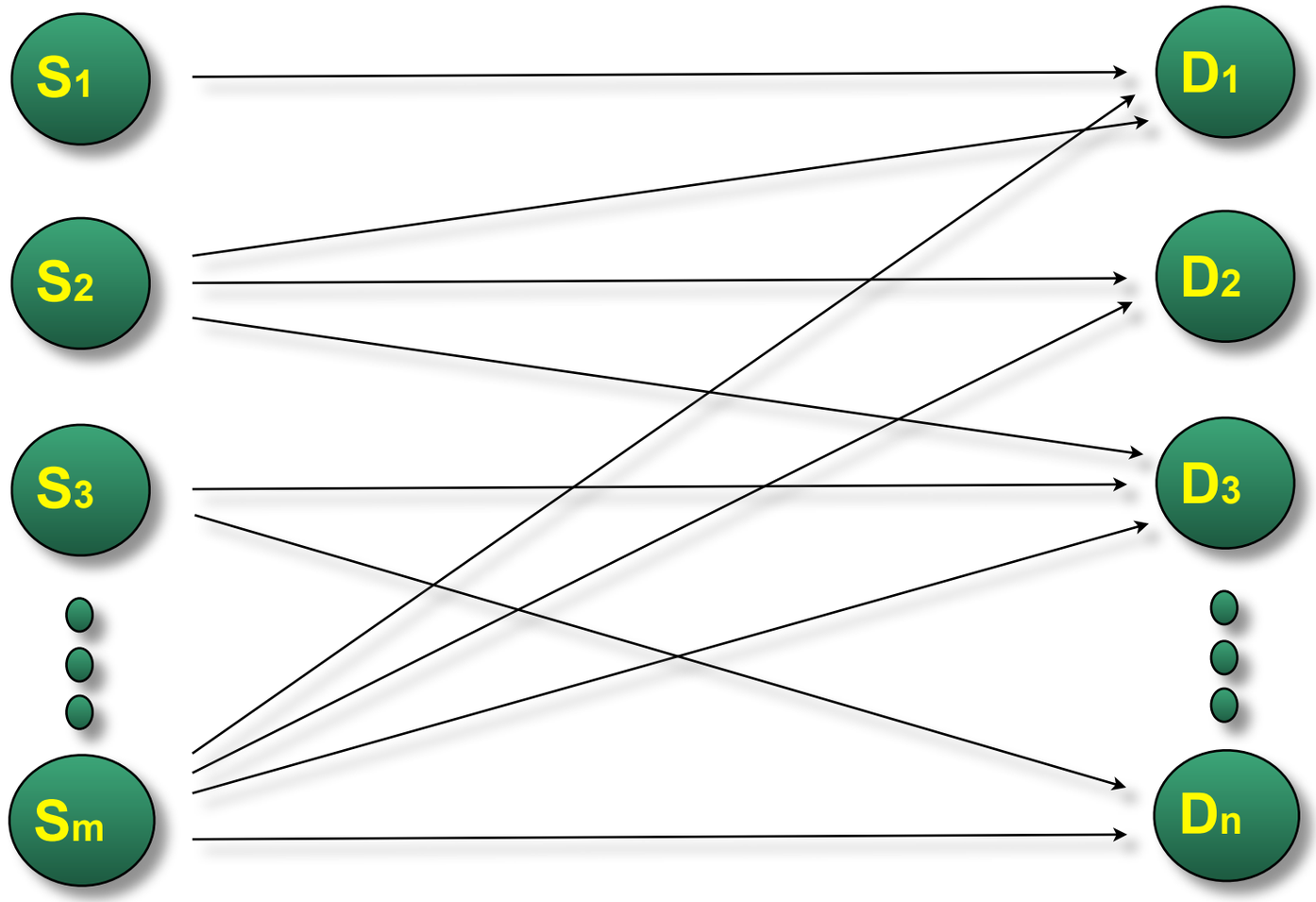
Goal:

- Provide a new computing paradigm where data transfer tasks as well as storage and networking resources are considered first class entities.

Components:

- Data-aware scheduling
- Data-aware storage
- Data-aware workflow management
- Data-aware resource allocation

Data-Aware Scheduling



Transfer *k* files between *m* sources and *n* destinations, optimize by:

- Use physical and semantic metadata in scheduling decisions
- Ordering requests (considering deadlines, file size, storage capacity etc.)
- Choosing the best transfer protocol; translations between protocols
- Tuning protocol transfer parameters (considering current network conditions)
- Throttling - deciding number of concurrent transfers (considering server performance, network capacity, storage space, etc.)

Stork Data Scheduler

- Provides state-of-the art models and algorithms for queuing, scheduling, and optimization of data placement tasks
- Funded by NSF (CAREER, STCI, CiC)
- Futures include:
  - early error detection and classification & recovery
  - data aggregation & connection caching
  - support for multiple transfer protocols
  - dynamic protocol tuning & optimization
  - end-to-end throughput prediction services

- http://www.storkproject.org

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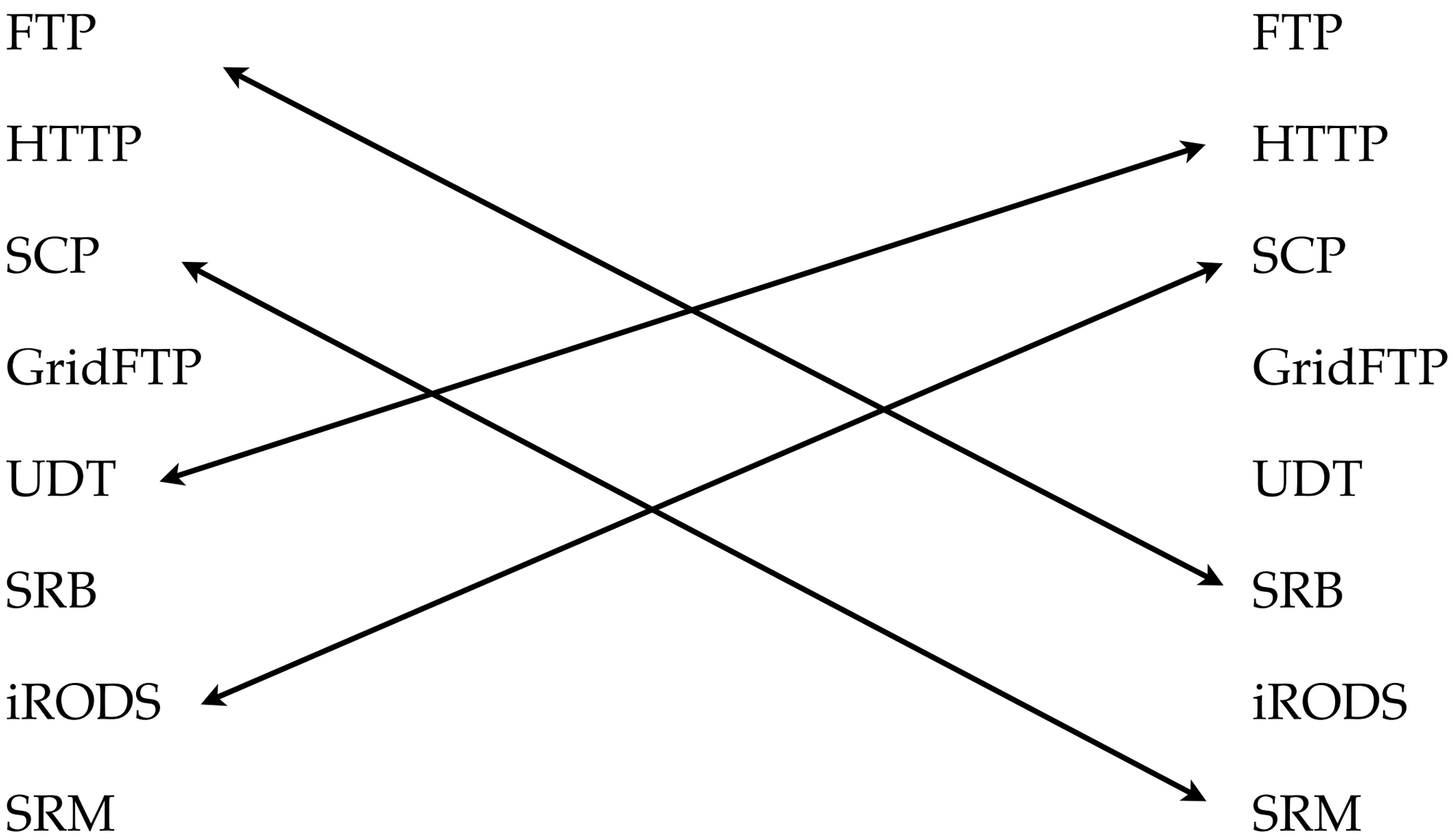

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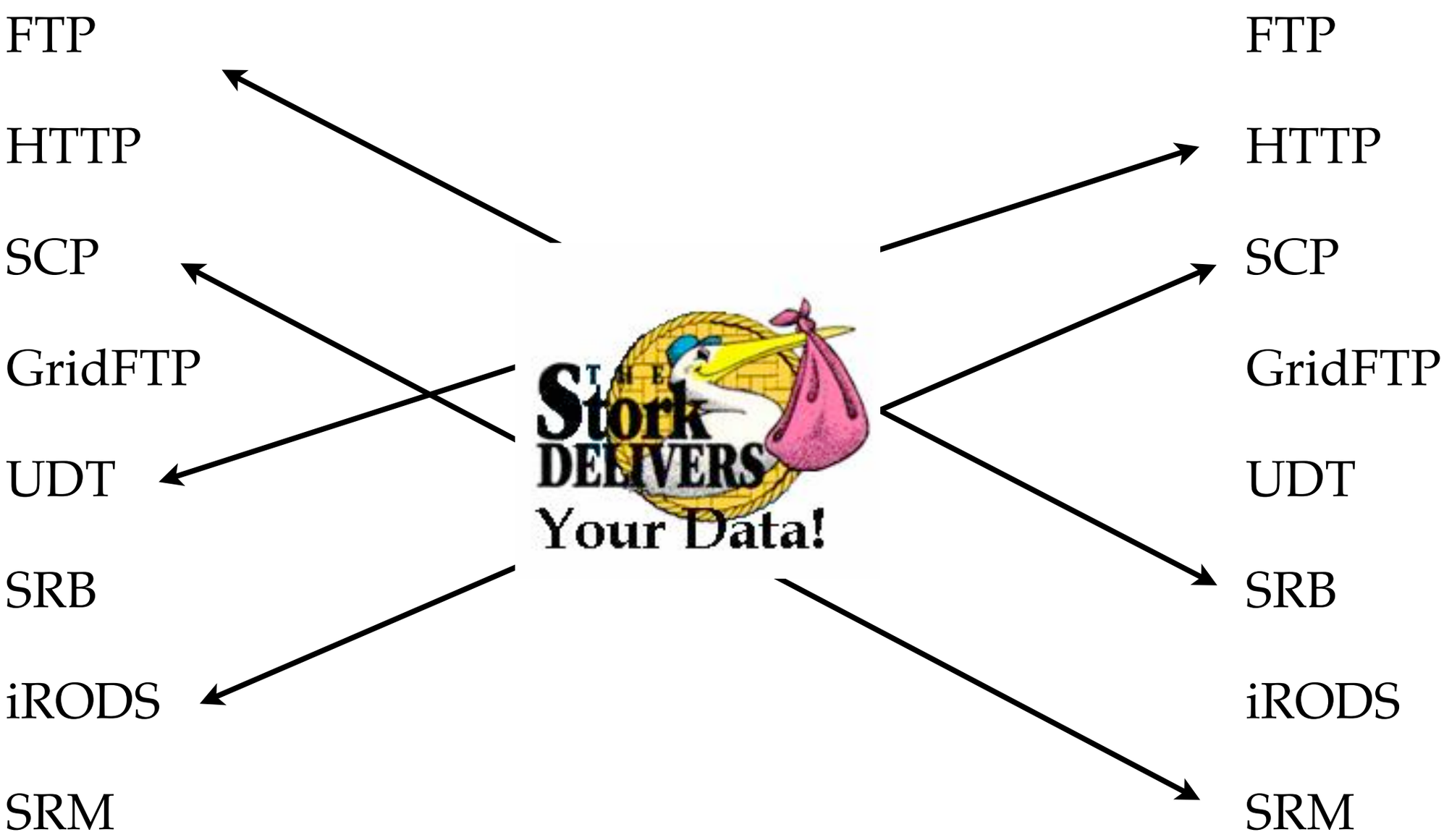
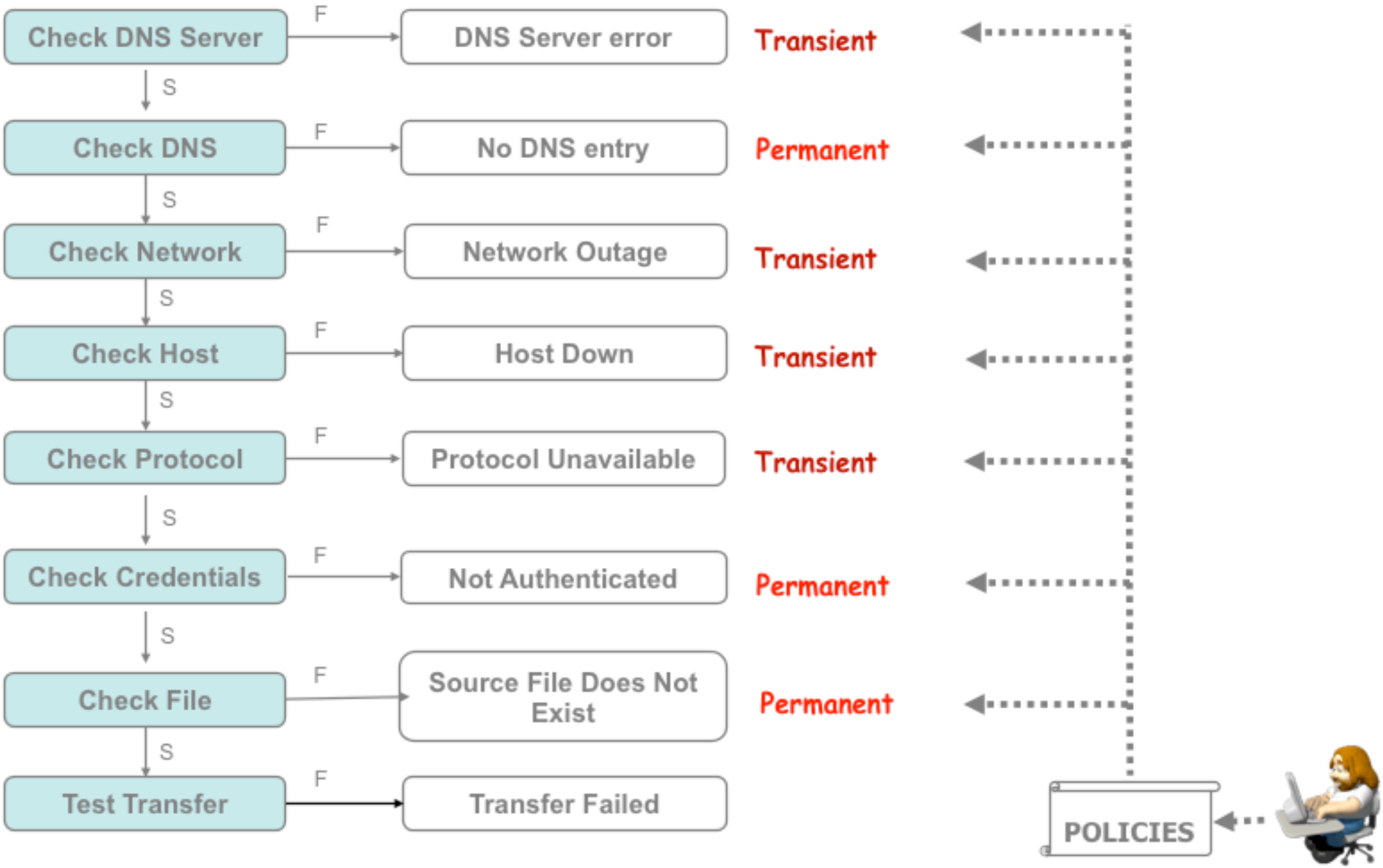


File Transfer Failures

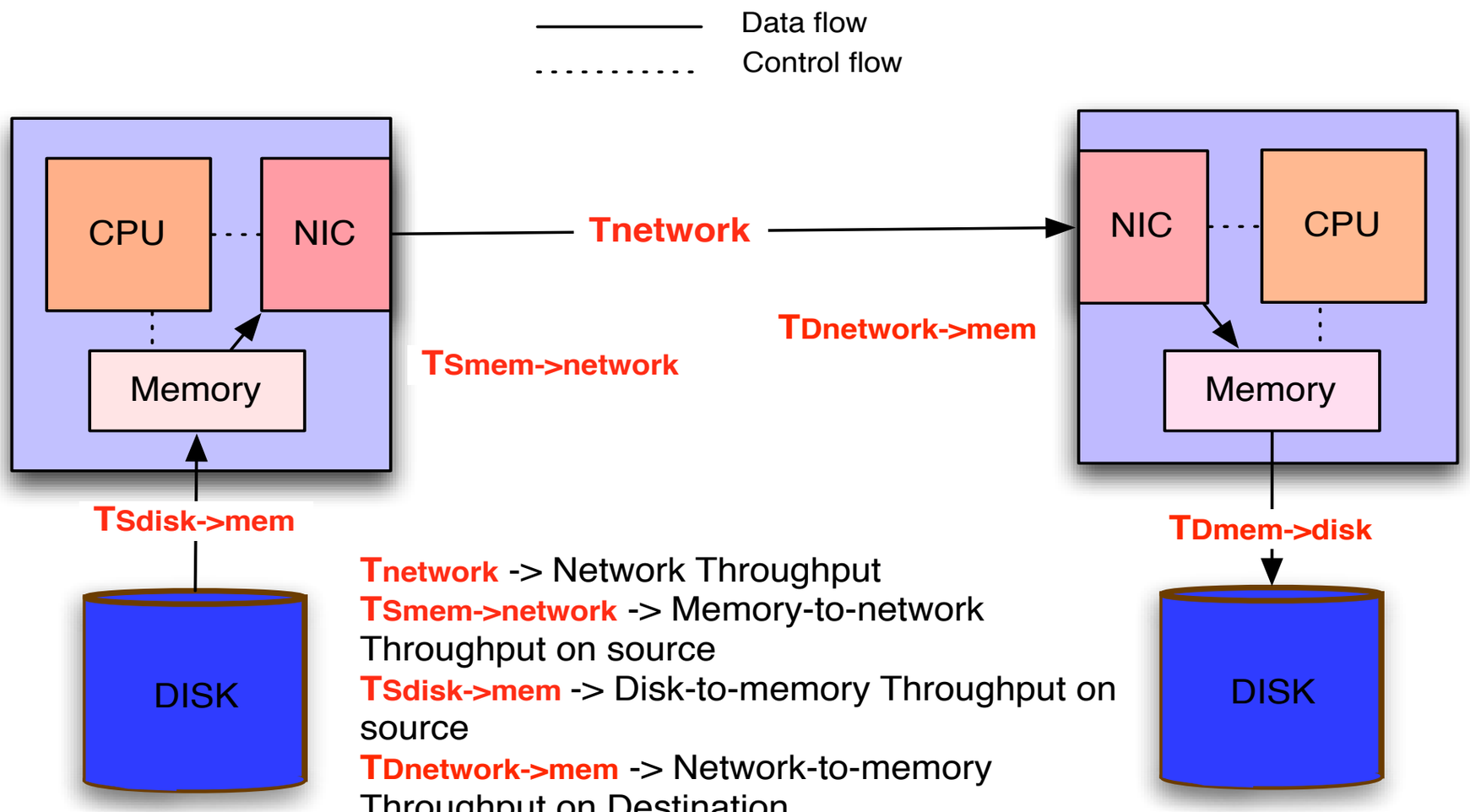
- A data transfer may fail due to different reasons:
  - server down
  - service not running
  - file does not exist
  - authentication failure
  - authorization failure
  - DNS error
  - network error

Error Detection & Clasification



End-to-end Optimization

- In a typical system, the end-to-end throughput depends on the following factors:

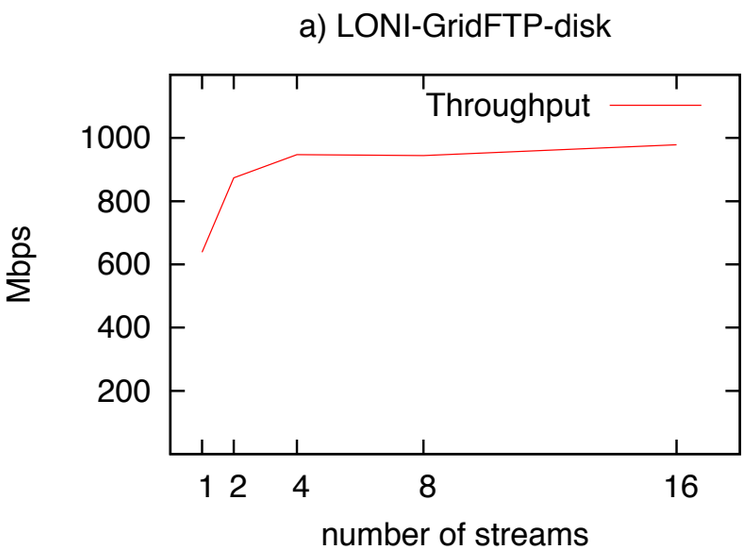


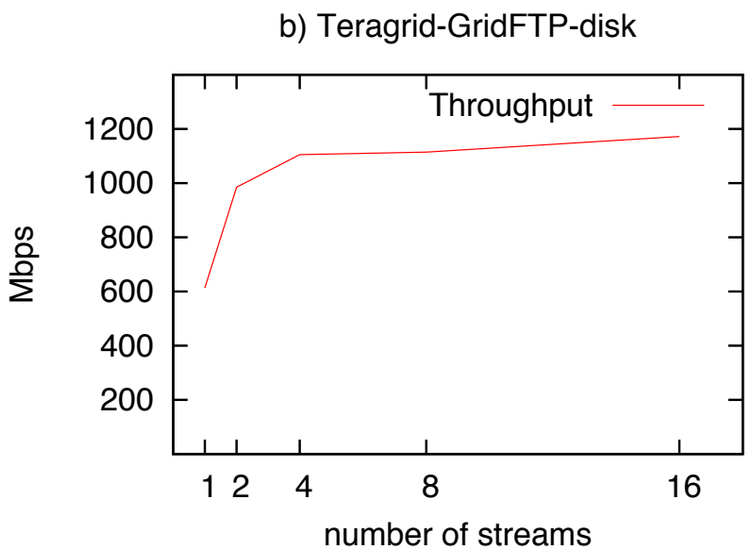
Tnetwork -> Network Throughput
TSmem->network -> Memory-to-network Throughput on source
TSdisk->mem -> Disk-to-memory Throughput on source
TDnetwork->mem -> Network-to-memory Throughput on Destination
TDmem->disk -> Memory-to-disk Throughput on destination

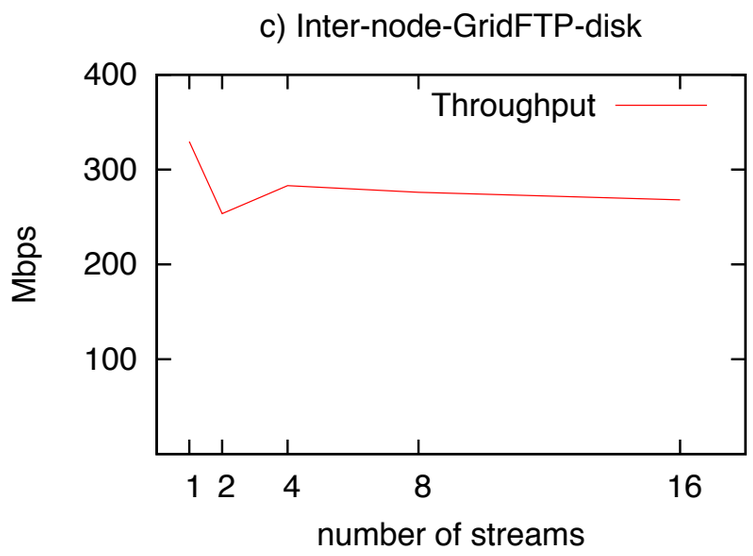
Network Bottleneck

☑ Step1: Effect of Parallel Streams on Disk-to-disk Transfers

- Parallel streams can improve the data throughput but only to a certain extent
- Disk speed presents a major limitation.
- Parallel streams may have an adverse effect if the disk speed upper limit is already reached



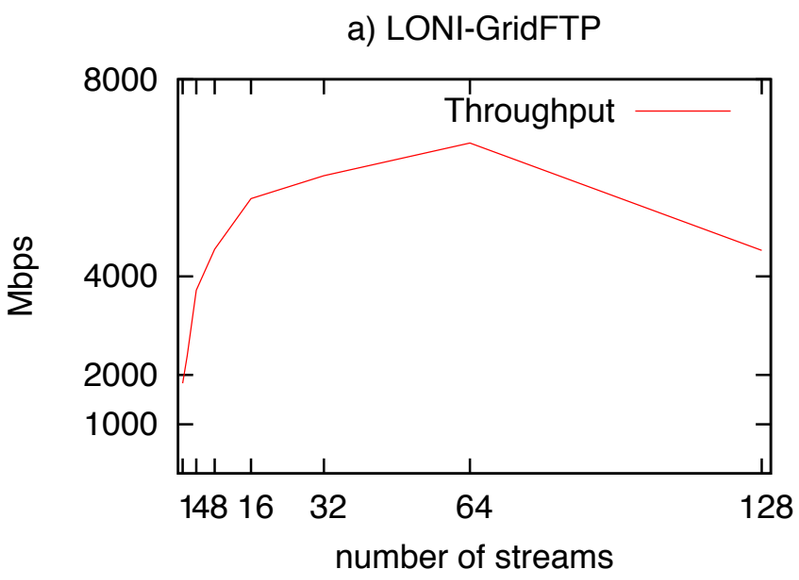


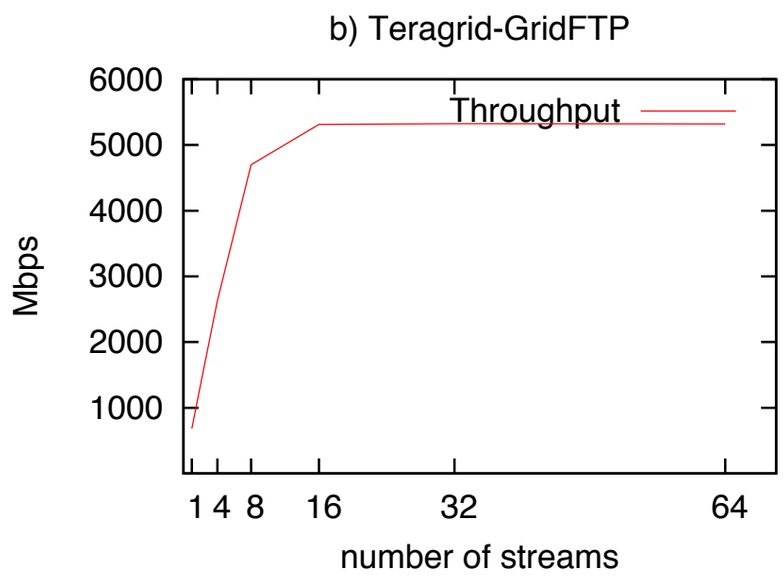


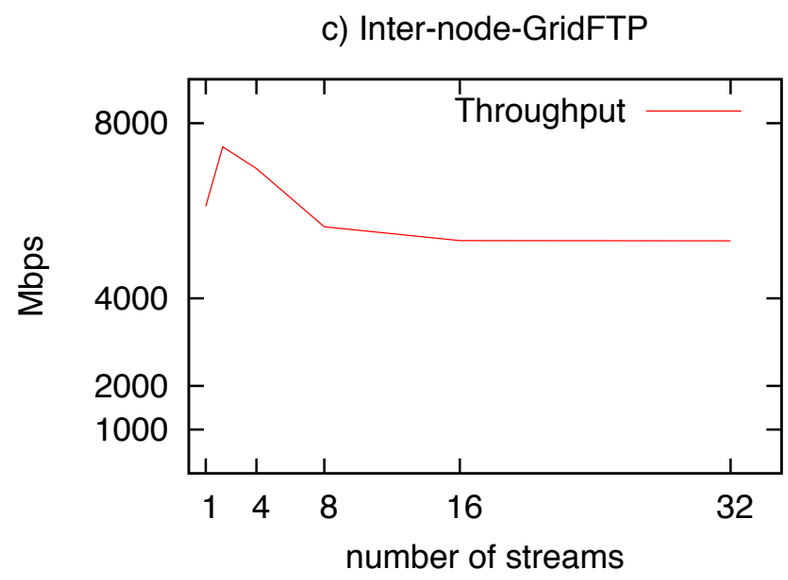
Disk Bottleneck

☑ Step2: Effect of Parallel Streams on Memory-to-memory Transfers and CPU Utilization

- Once disk bottleneck is eliminated, parallel streams improve the throughput dramatically
- Throughput either becomes stable or falls down after reaching its peak due to network or end-system limitations



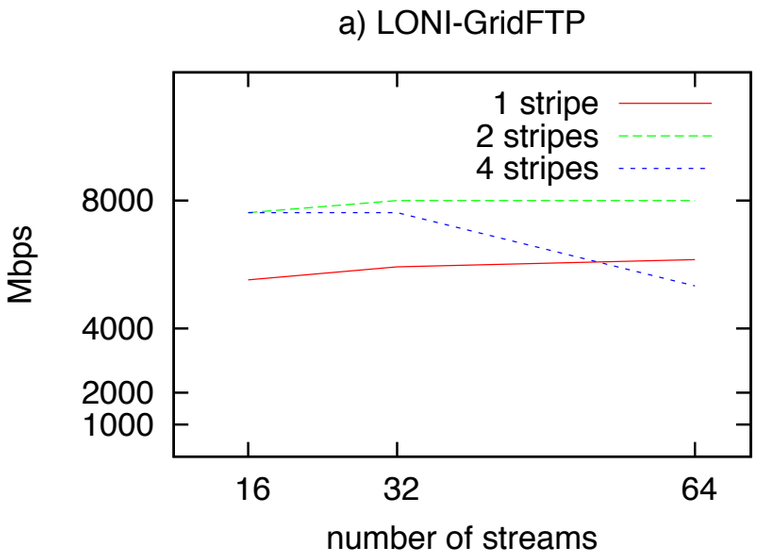


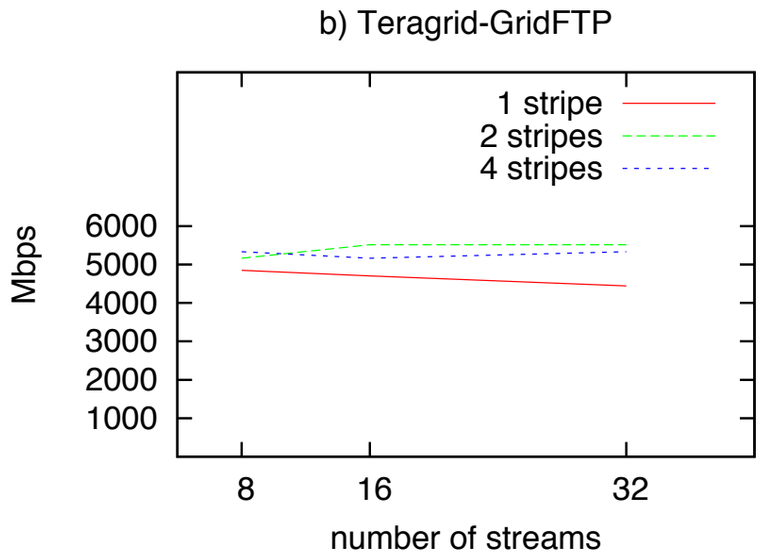


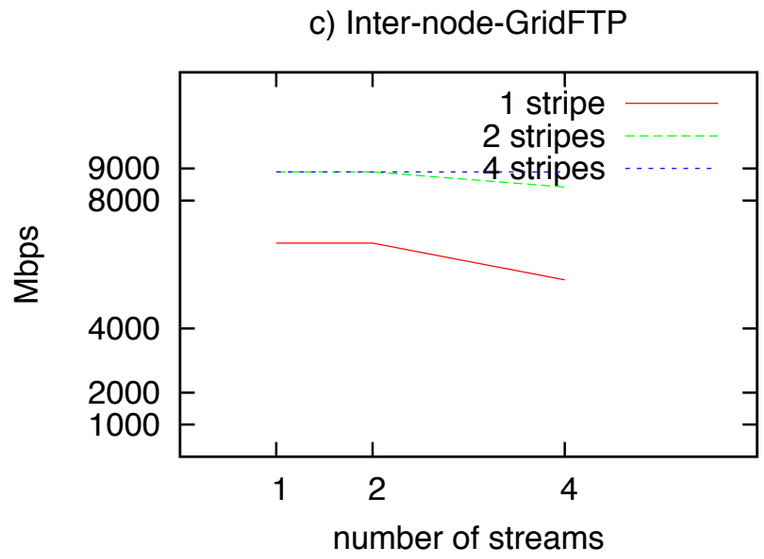
CPU Bottleneck

☑ Step3: Effect of Striping and Removal of CPU Bottleneck

- Striped transfers improves the throughput dramatically
- Network card limit is reached for inter-node transfers (9Gbps)



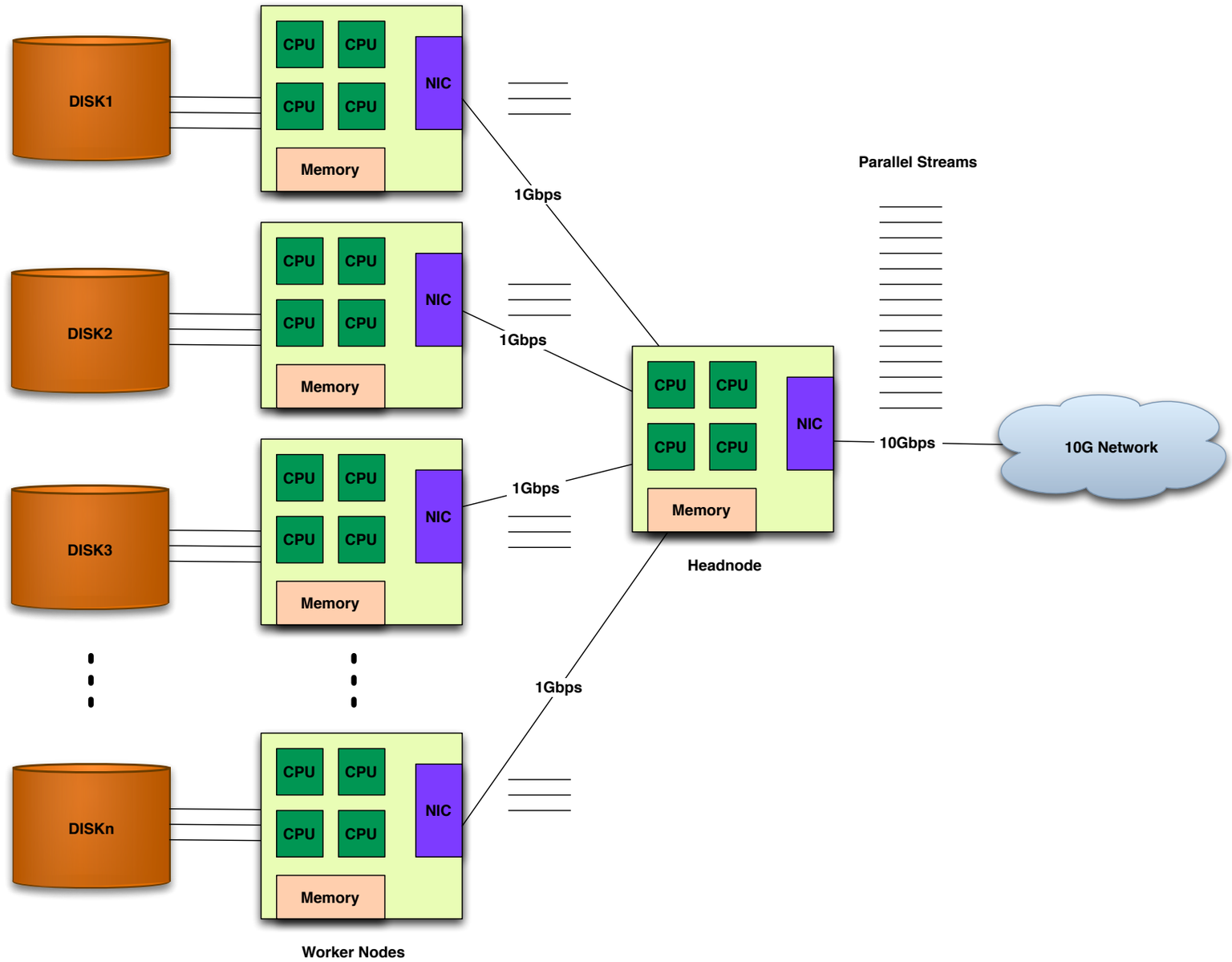




End-to-end Data Flow Parallelism

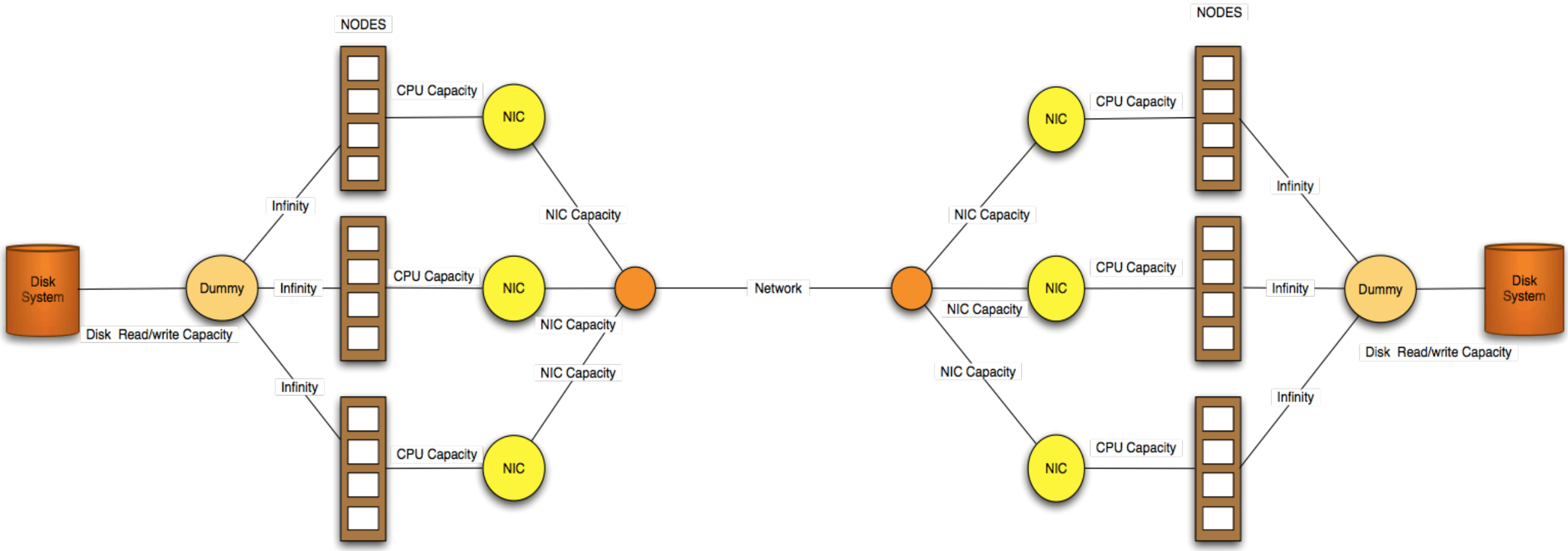
Parameters to be optimized:

- # of streams
- # of disk stripes
- # of CPUs/nodes



Disks and CPUs can be hosted services in a Cloud and dynamically provisioned.

End-to-end Flow Model



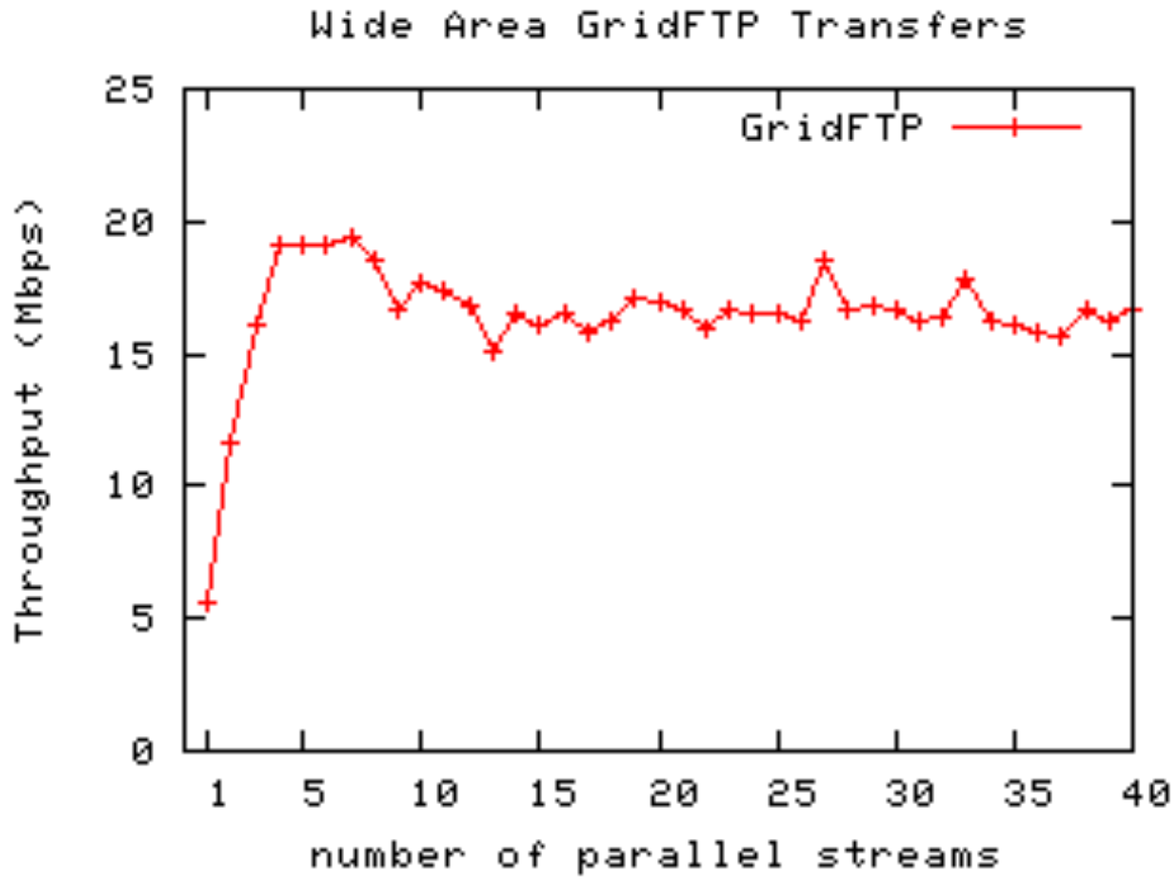
- CPU nodes are considered as nodes of a maximum flow problem
- Memory-to-memory transfers are simulated with dummy source and sink nodes
- The capacities of disk and network is found by applying parallel stream model by taking into consideration of resource capacities (NIC & CPU)

Parallel Stream Optimization

For a single stream, theoretical calculation of throughput (using Mathis Equation):

$$Th <= \frac{MSS}{RTT}\frac{c}{\sqrt{p}}$$

For n streams?

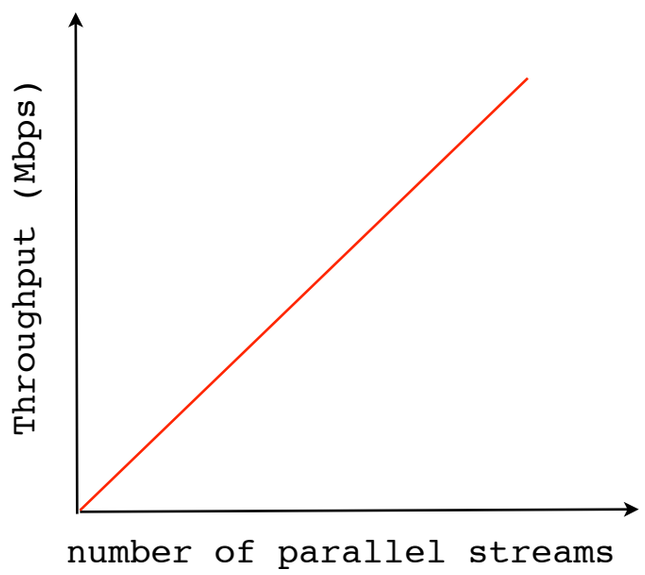


Previous Models

Hacker et al (2002)

An application opening *n* streams gains as much throughput as the total of *n* individual streams can get:

$$Th_n <= \frac{MSS \times c}{RTT}\left(\frac{n}{\sqrt{p}}\right)$$

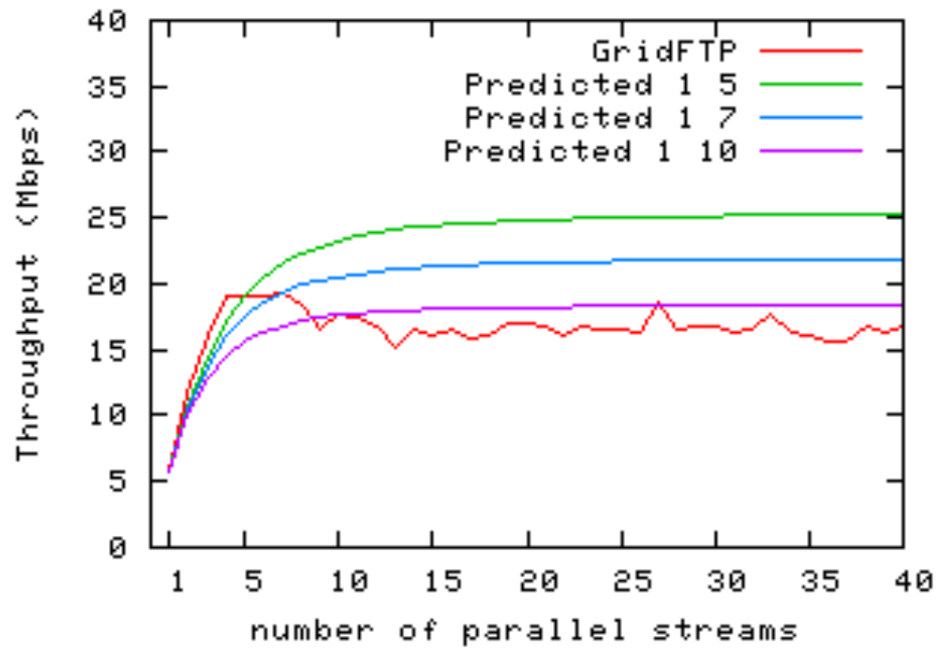


Dinda et al (2005)

A relation is established between *RTT*, *p* and the number of streams *n:*

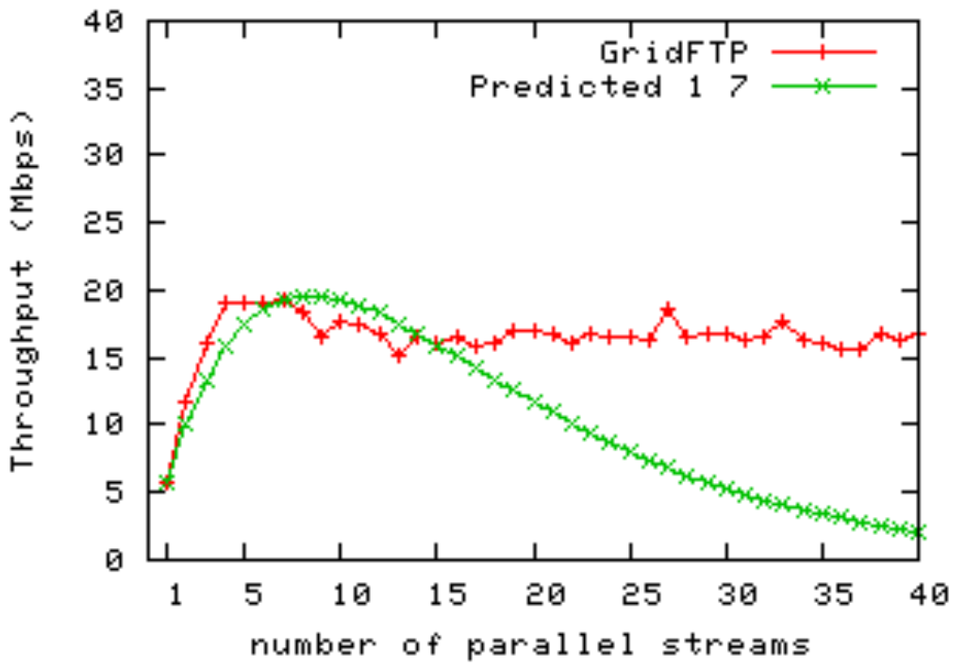
$$p'_n = p_n \frac{RTT_n^2}{c^2 MSS^2} = a'n^2 + b'$$

$$Th_n = \frac{n}{\sqrt{p'_n}} = \frac{n}{\sqrt{a'n^2 + b'}}$$



Kosar et al Models

Exponential Packet Loss



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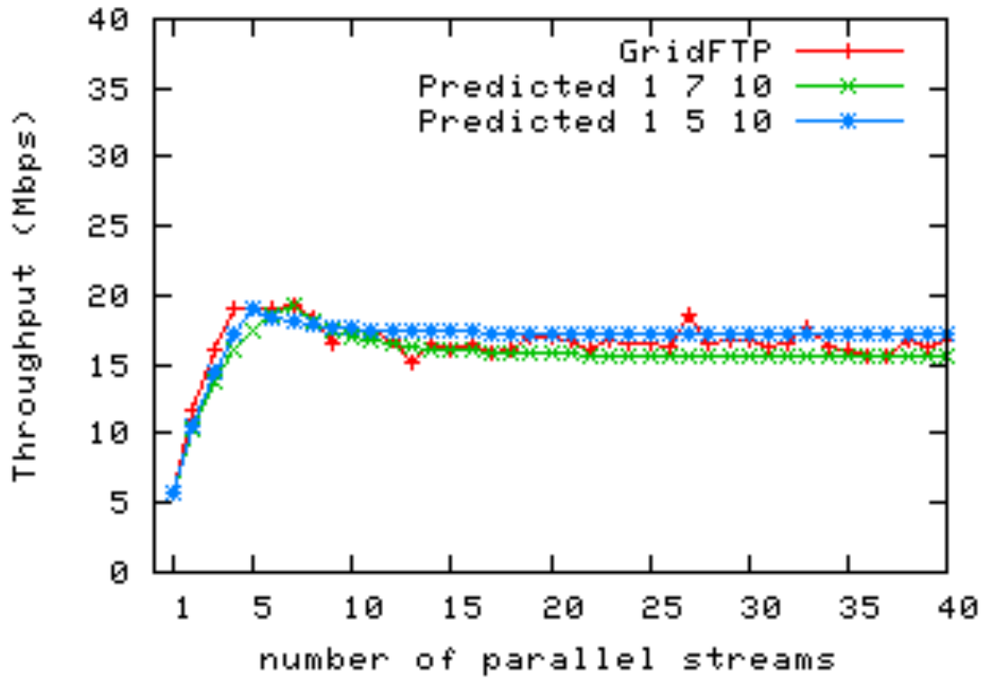
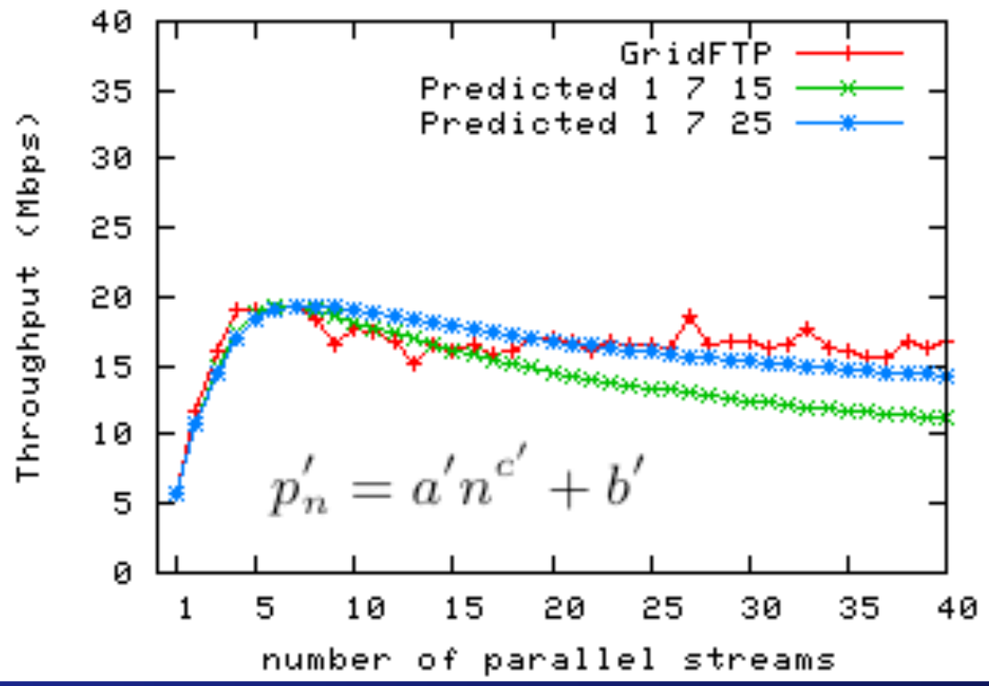
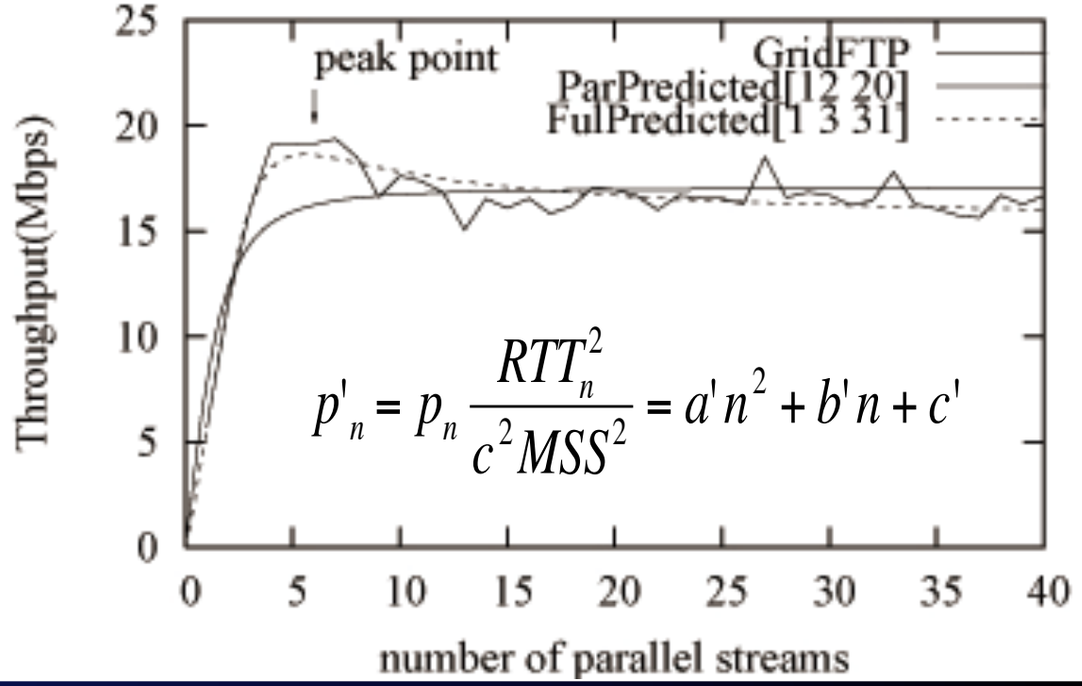


Modeling Based on Newton's Iteration



Modeling Based on Full Second Order



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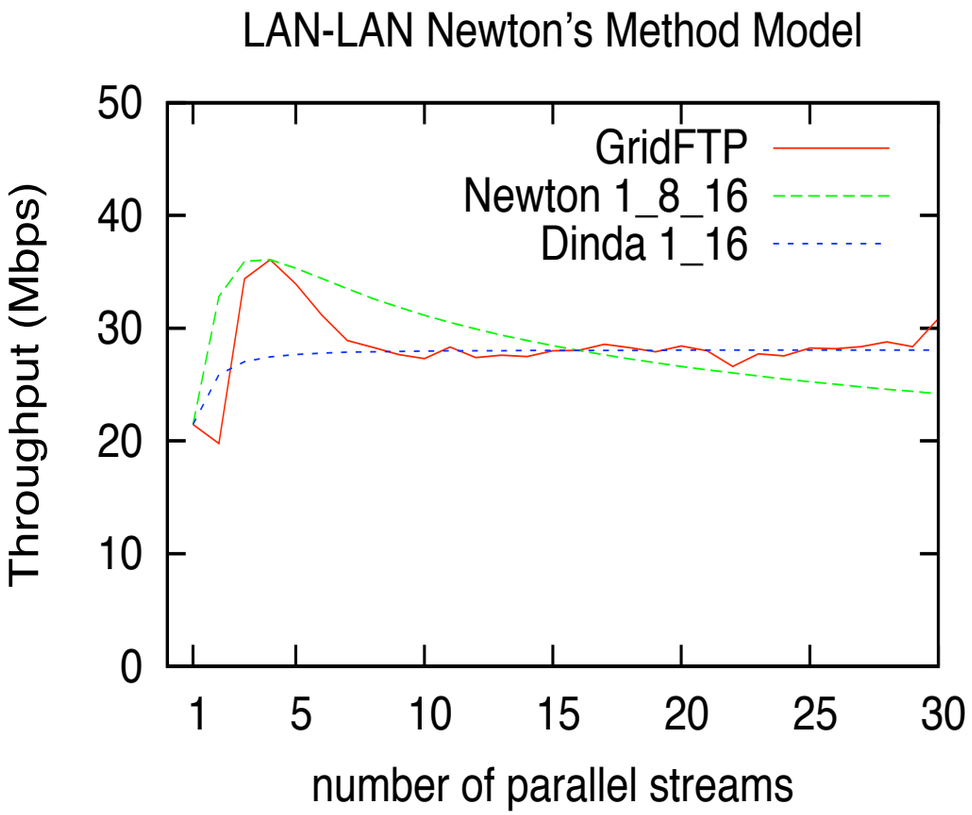

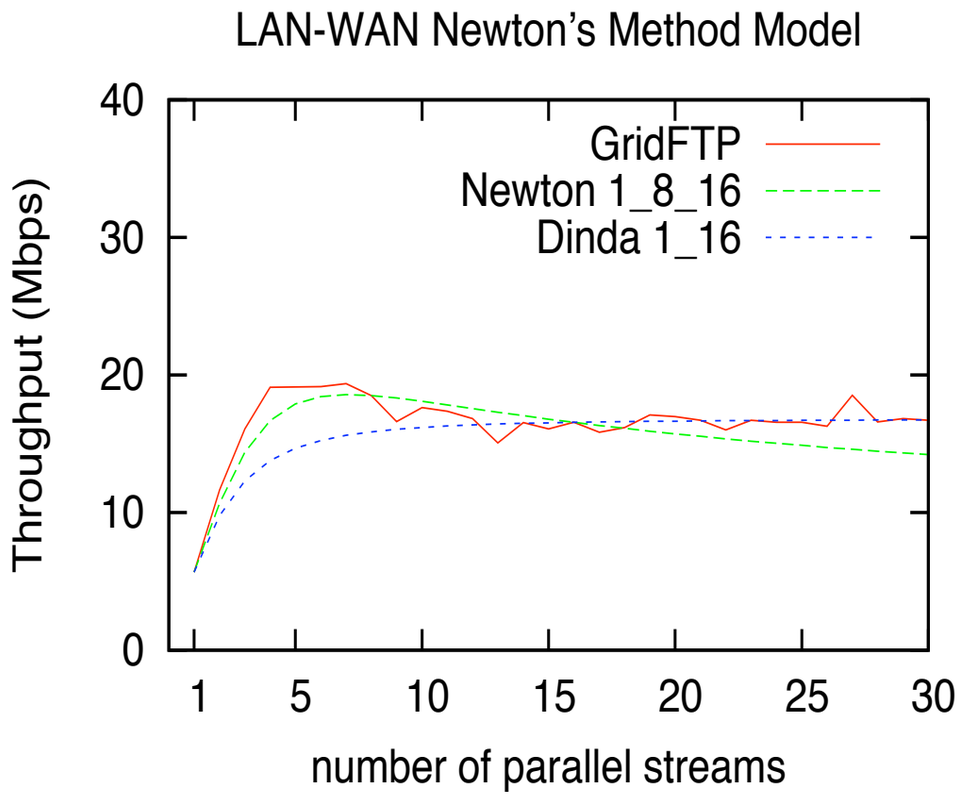

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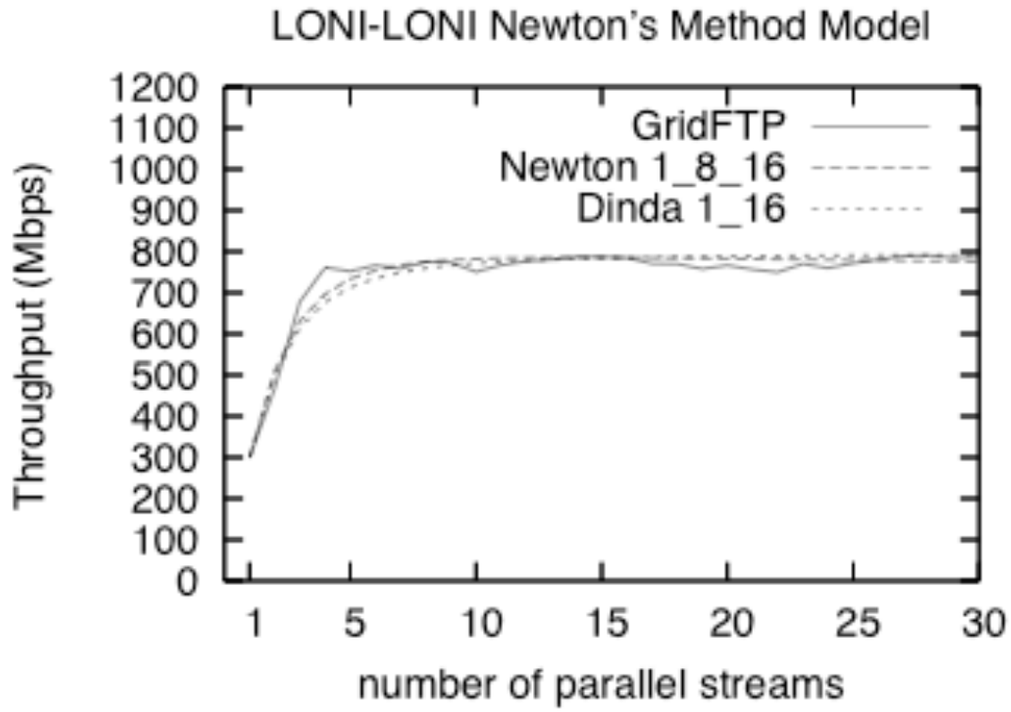

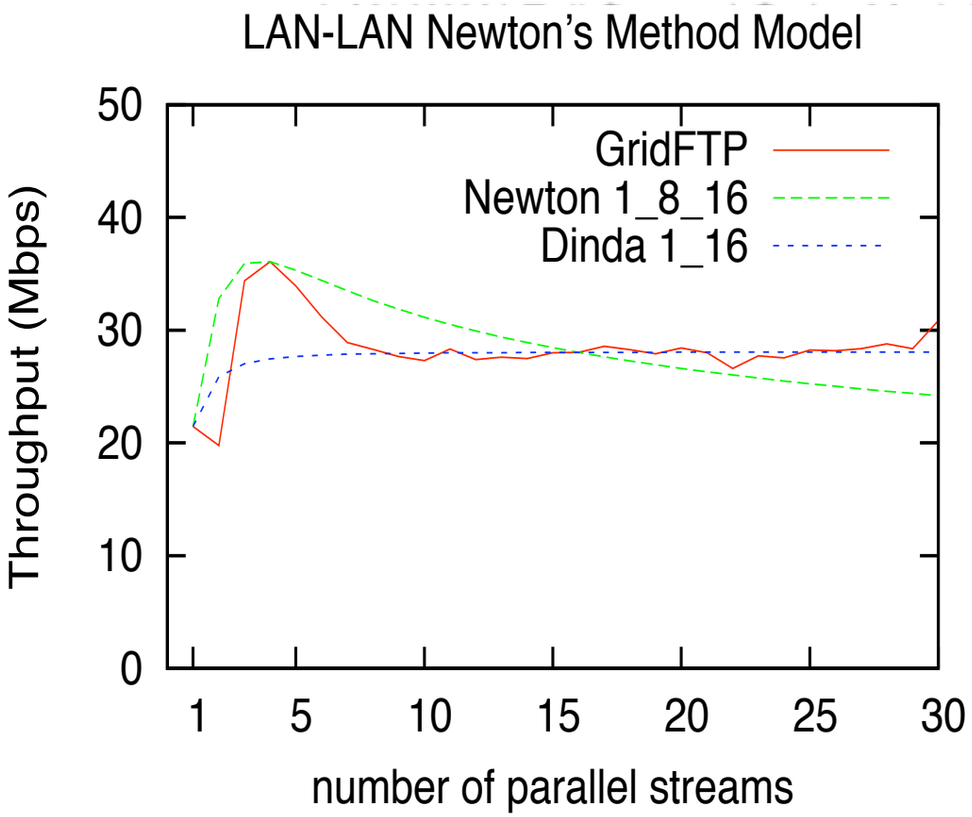

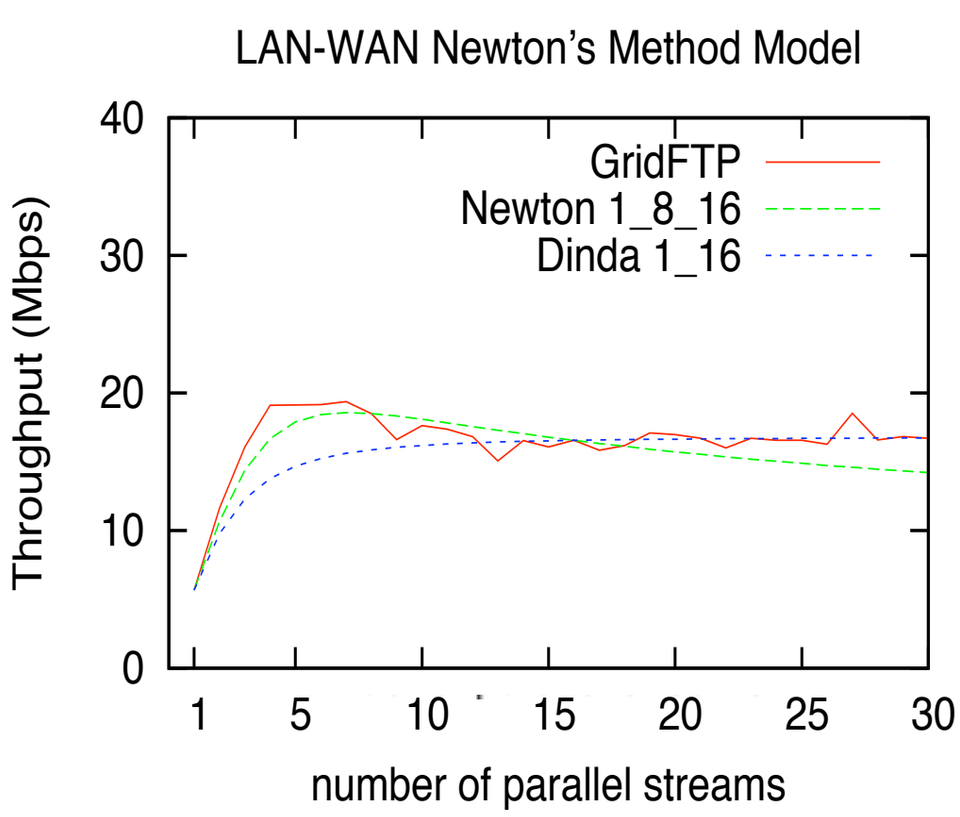

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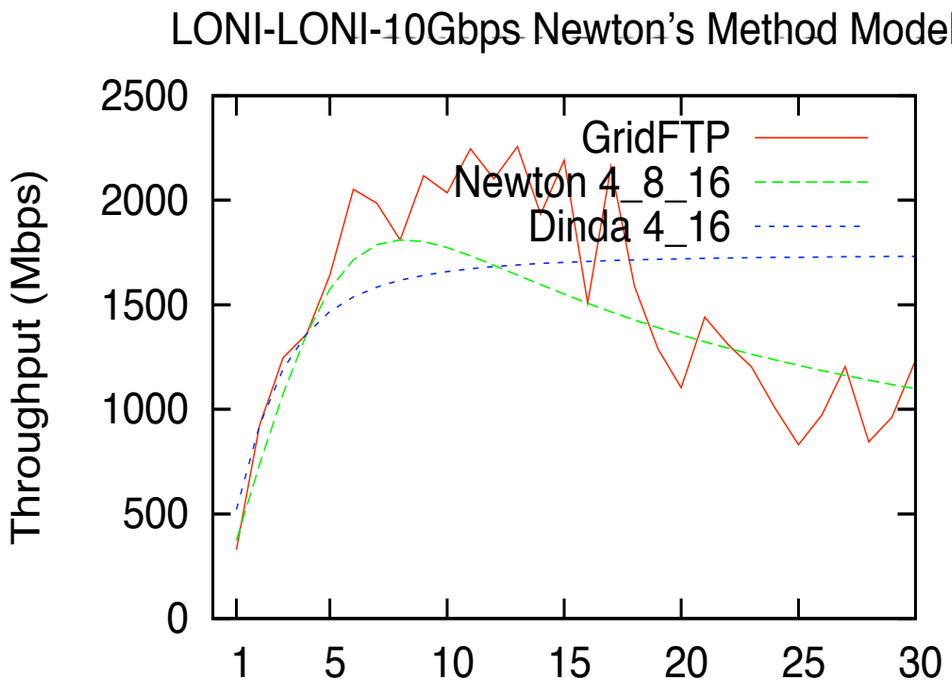

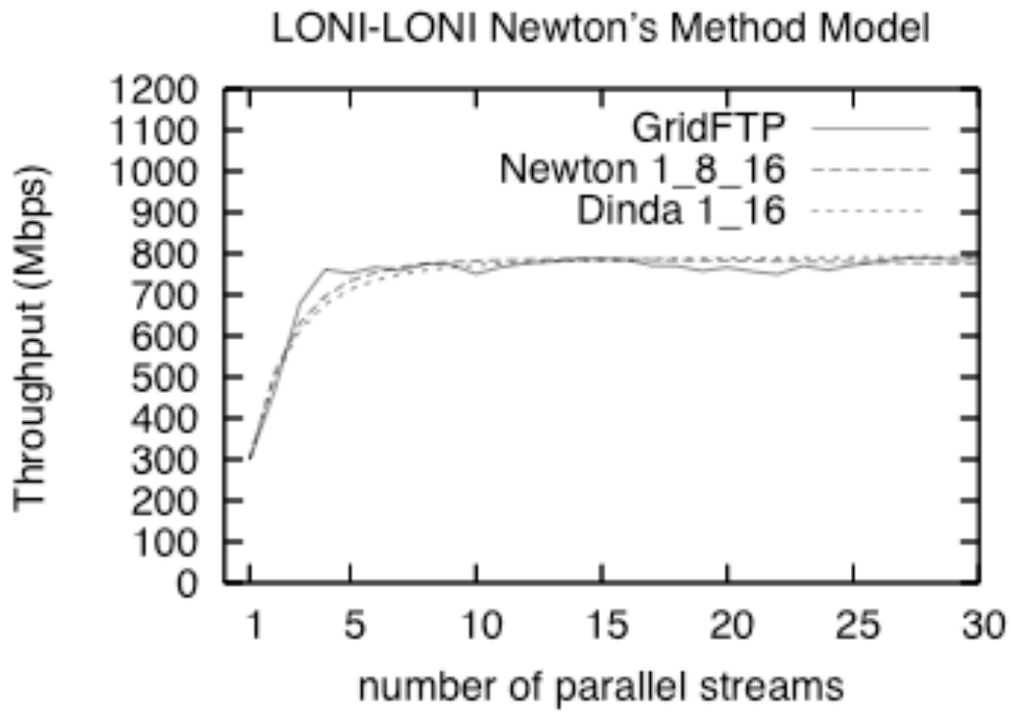

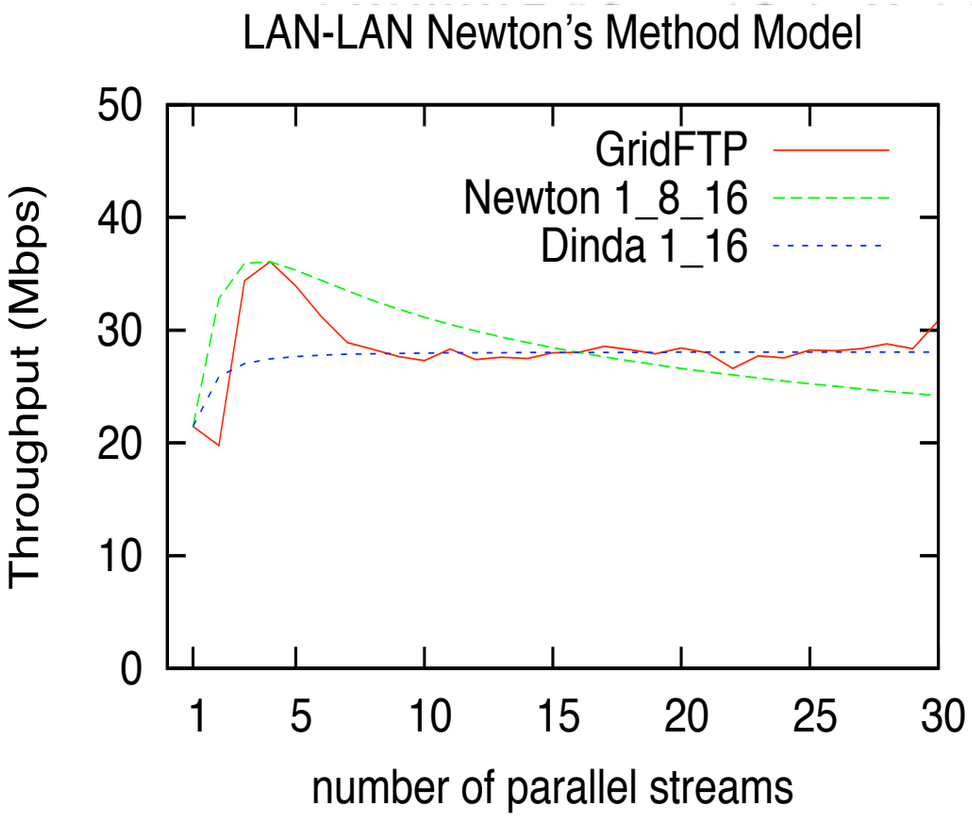

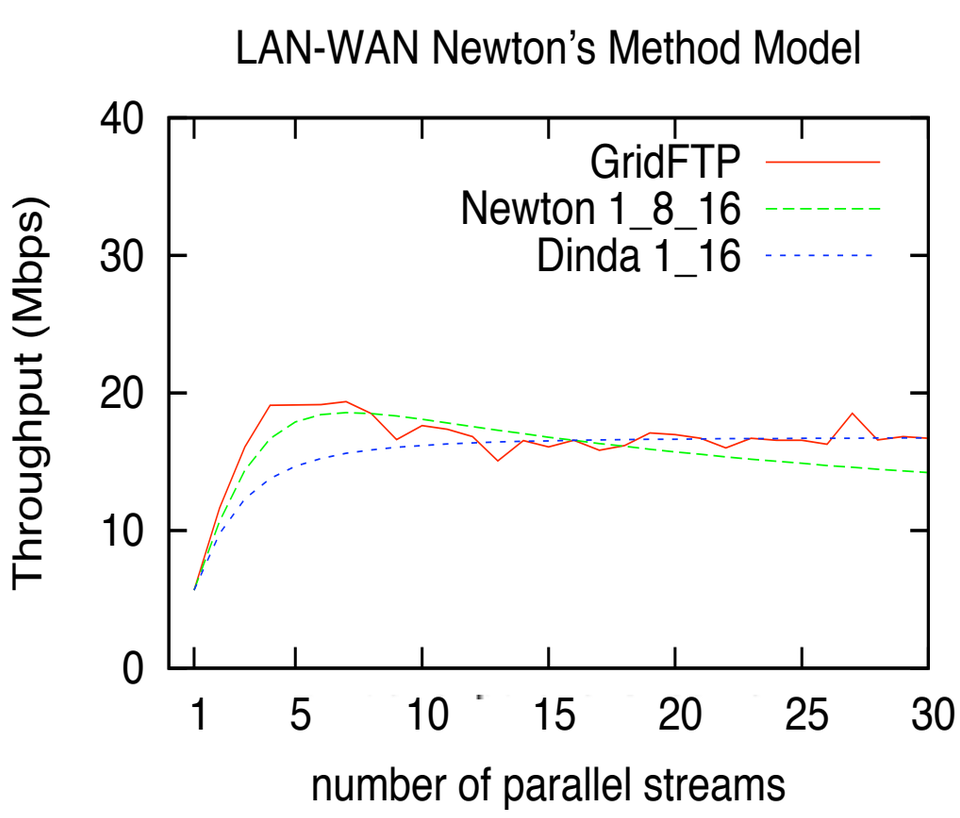

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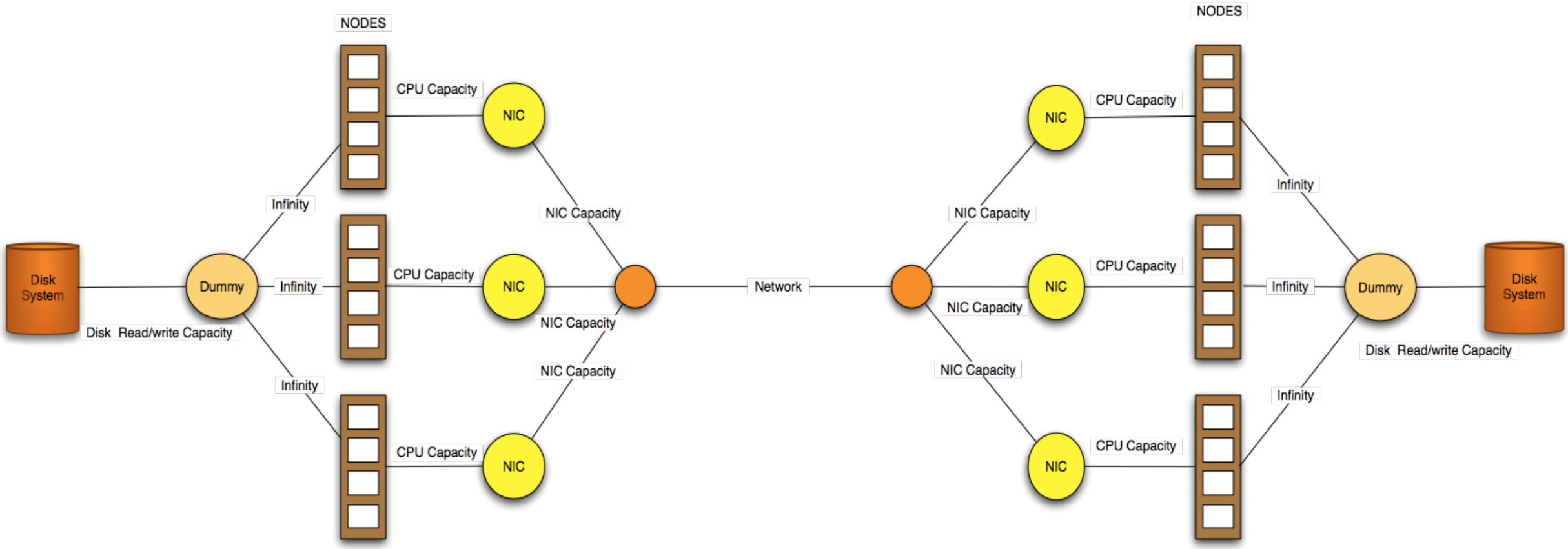


- Convert the end-system and network capacities into a flow problem
- Goal: Provide the user with parallelism parameters
- Number of streams per stripe (N_{si})
- Number of stripes per node (S_x)
- Number of nodes (N_n)

Assumptions:

- Parameters not given and found by the model:
  - Available network capacity
  - Available disk system capacity
- Parameters given
  - CPU capacity (100% assuming they are idle at the beginning of the transfer)
  - NIC capacity
  - Number of available nodes

Modeling CPU utilization

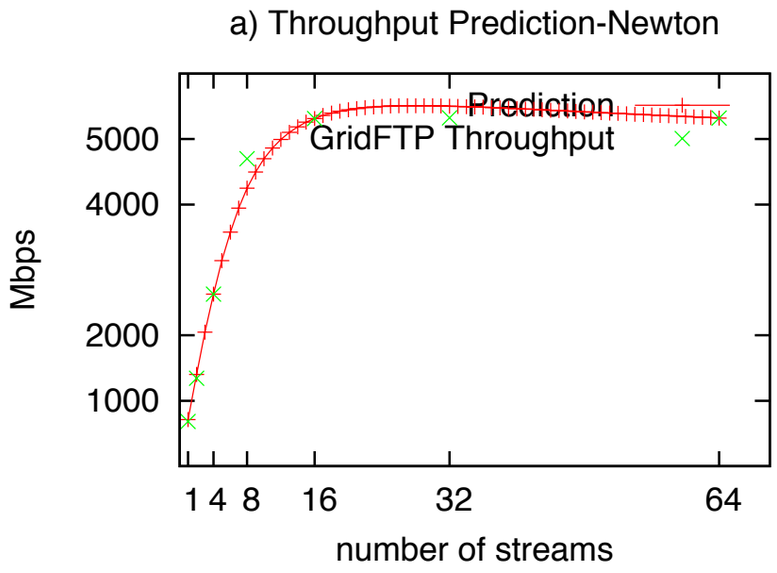
- There is a high positive correlation between the throughput of parallel streams and CPU utilization
- The linear relation between CPU utilization and Throughput is presented as -->

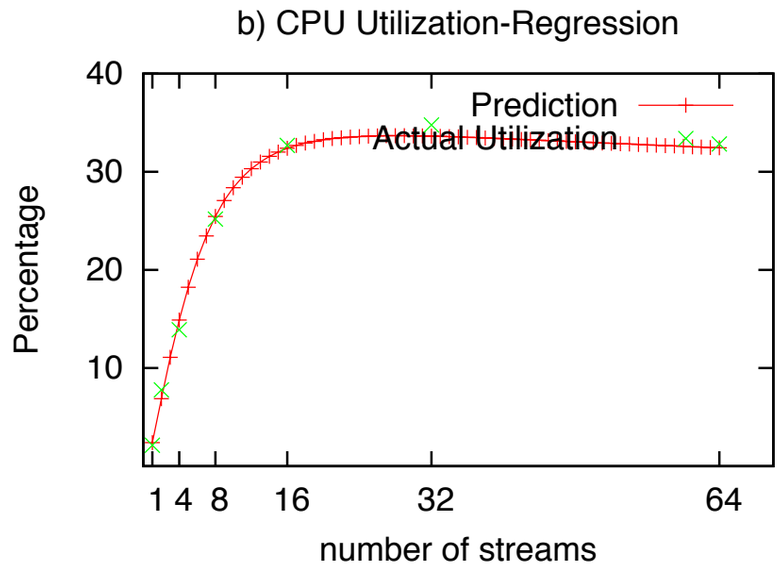
$$Ucpu = a + b \times Th$$

- The variables could be calculated by using method of least squares and the sampling throughput & utilization values from the parallel streams optimization model -->

$$a = Mean(U) - b \times Mean(Th)$$

$$b = \frac{\sum ThU - (\sum U \sum Th / size)}{\sum Th^2 - (\sum Th)^2 / size}$$





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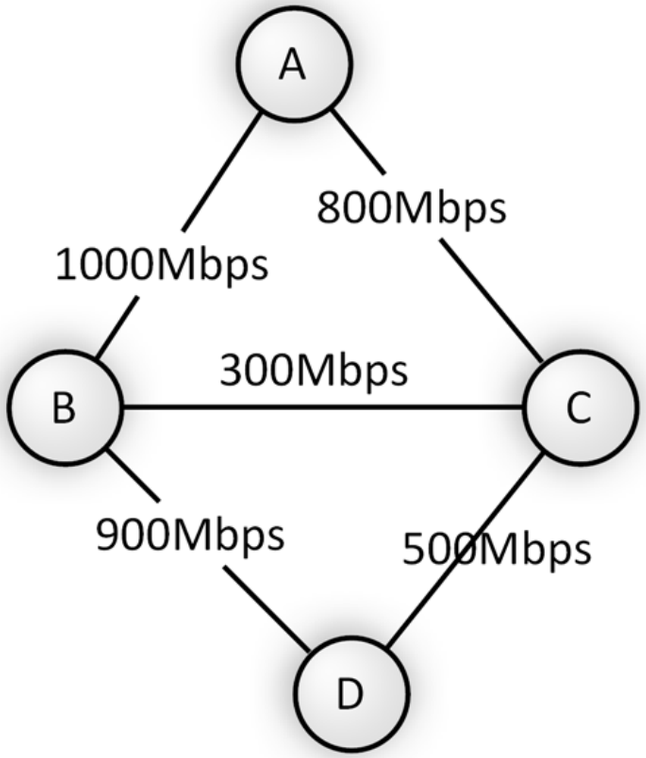

Network Graph with edges showing maximum bandwidth

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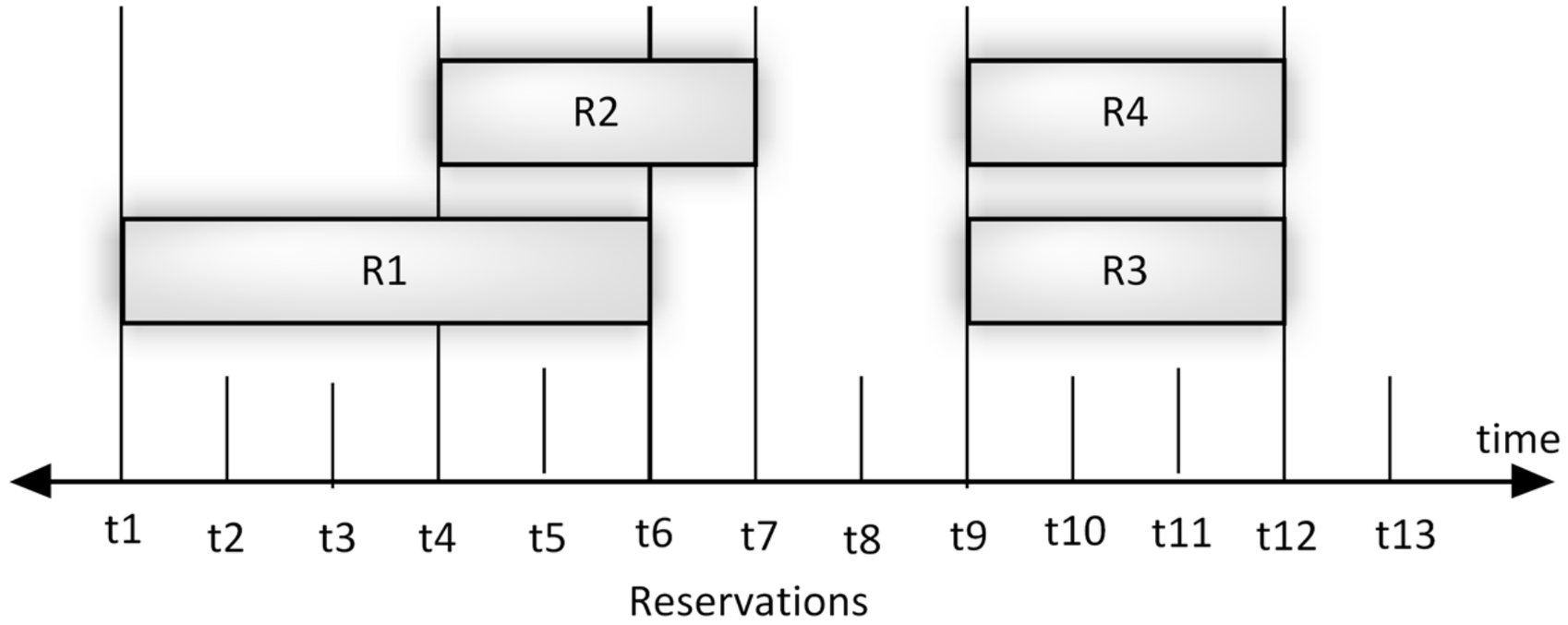

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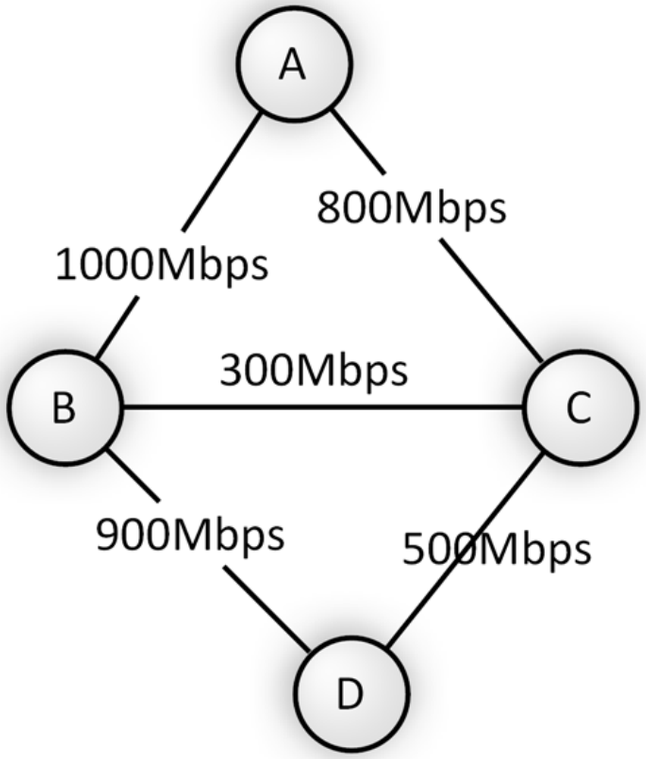

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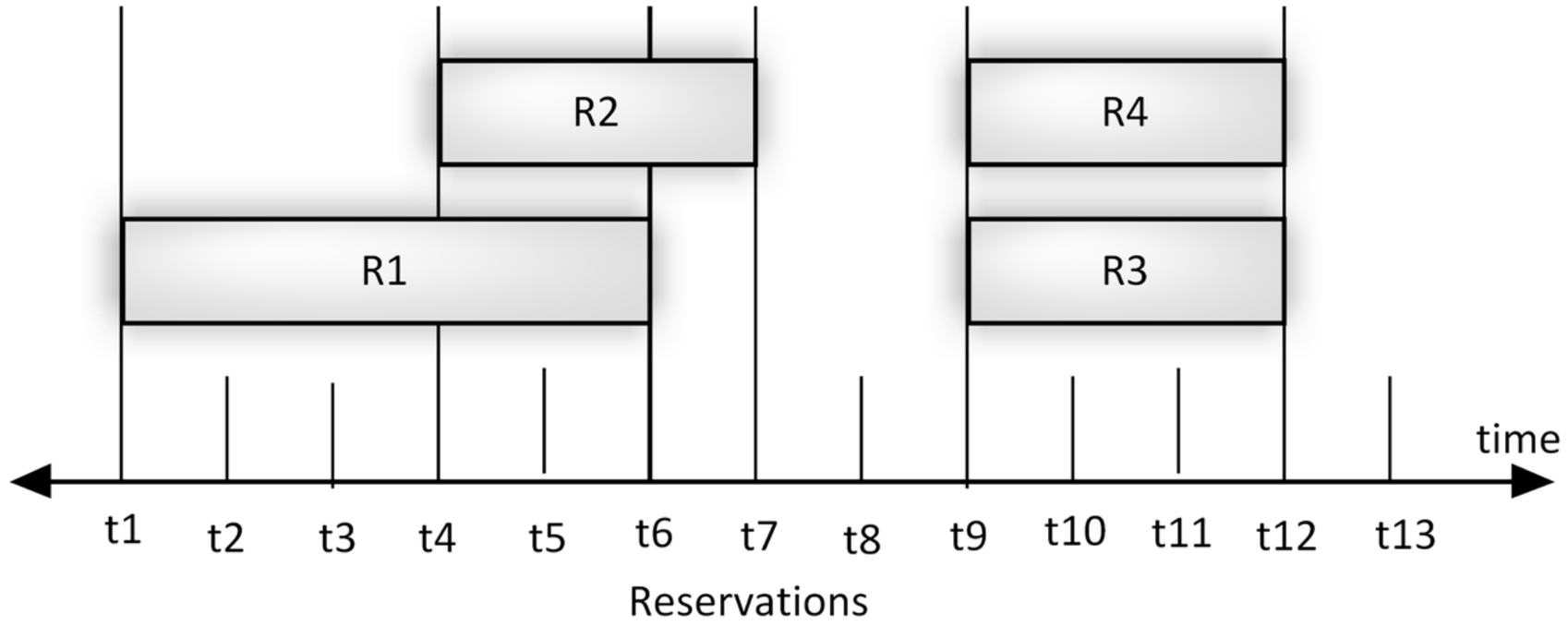

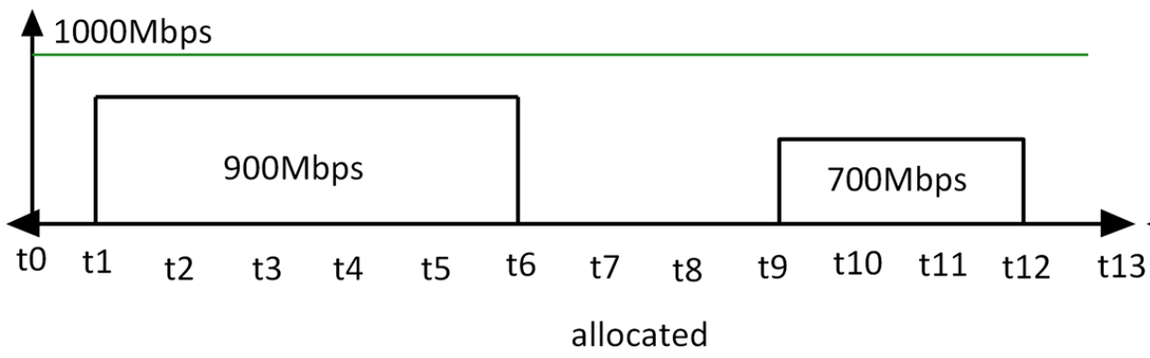

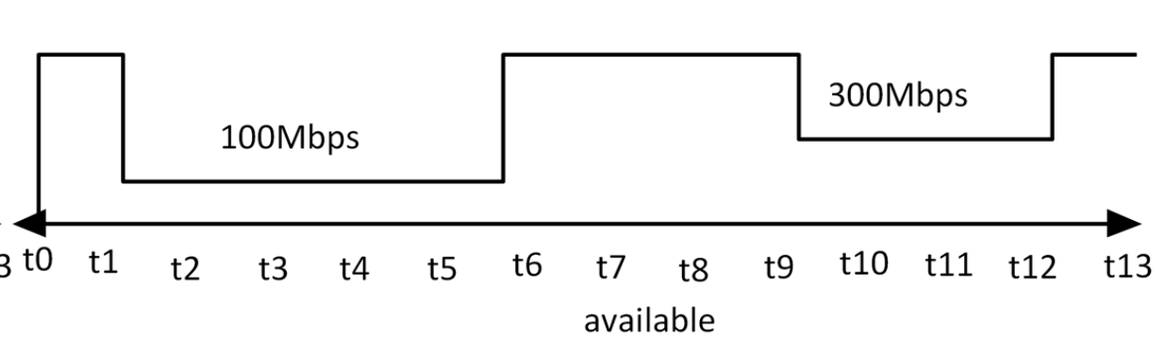

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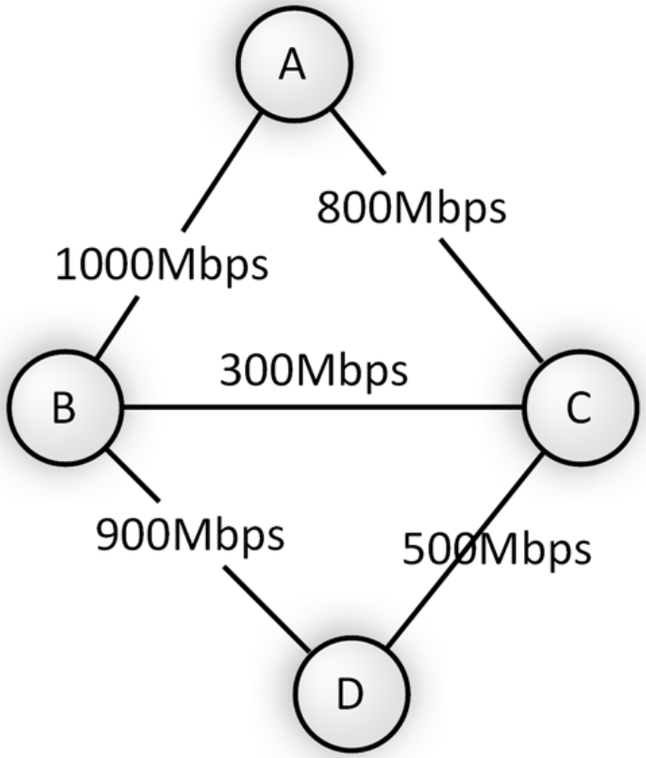

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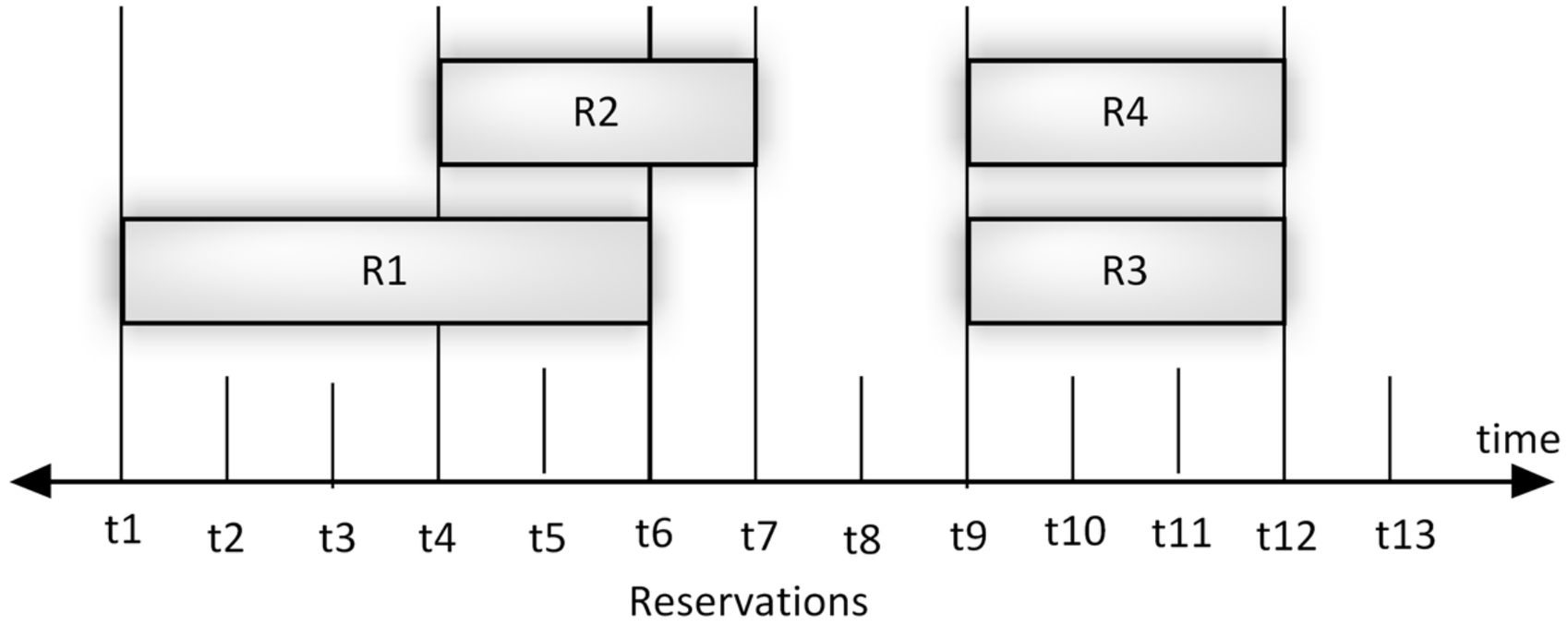

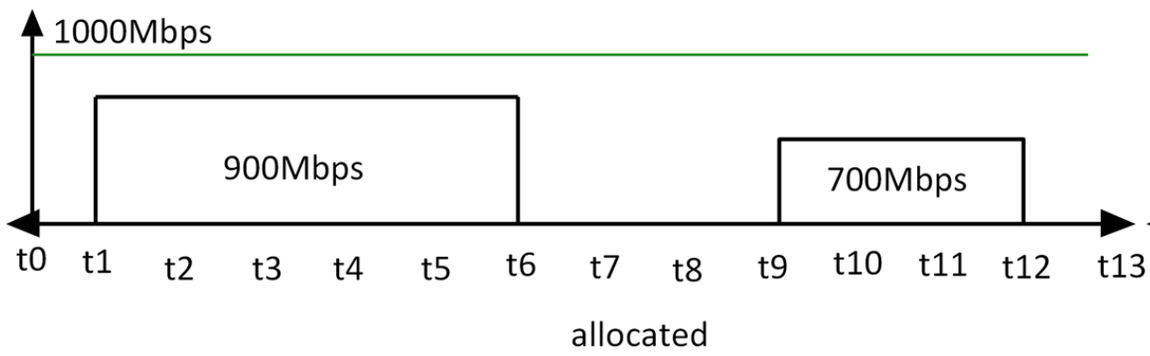

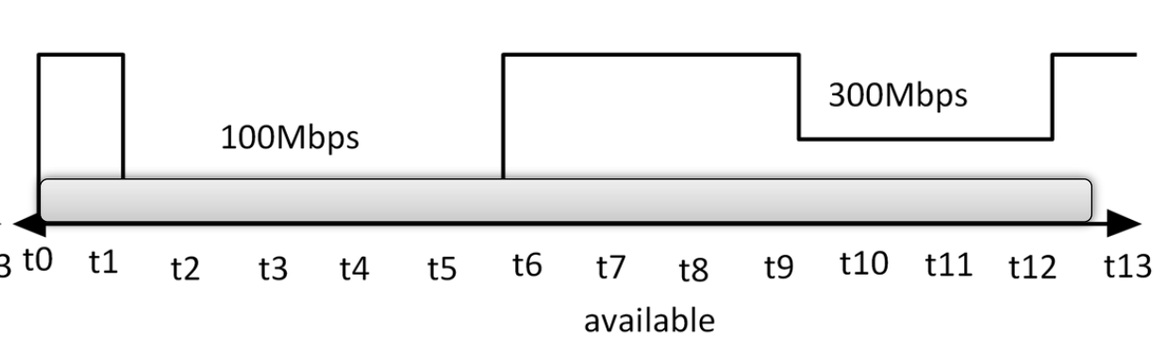

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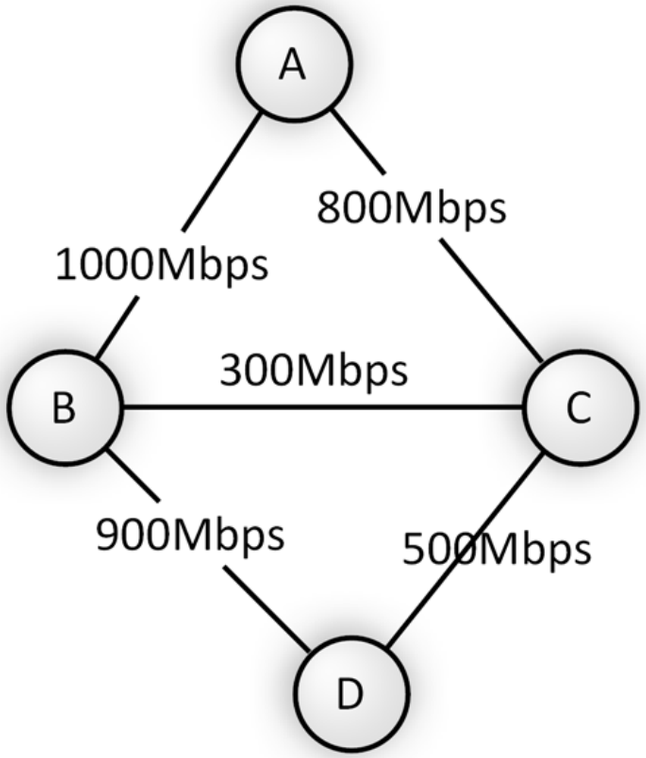

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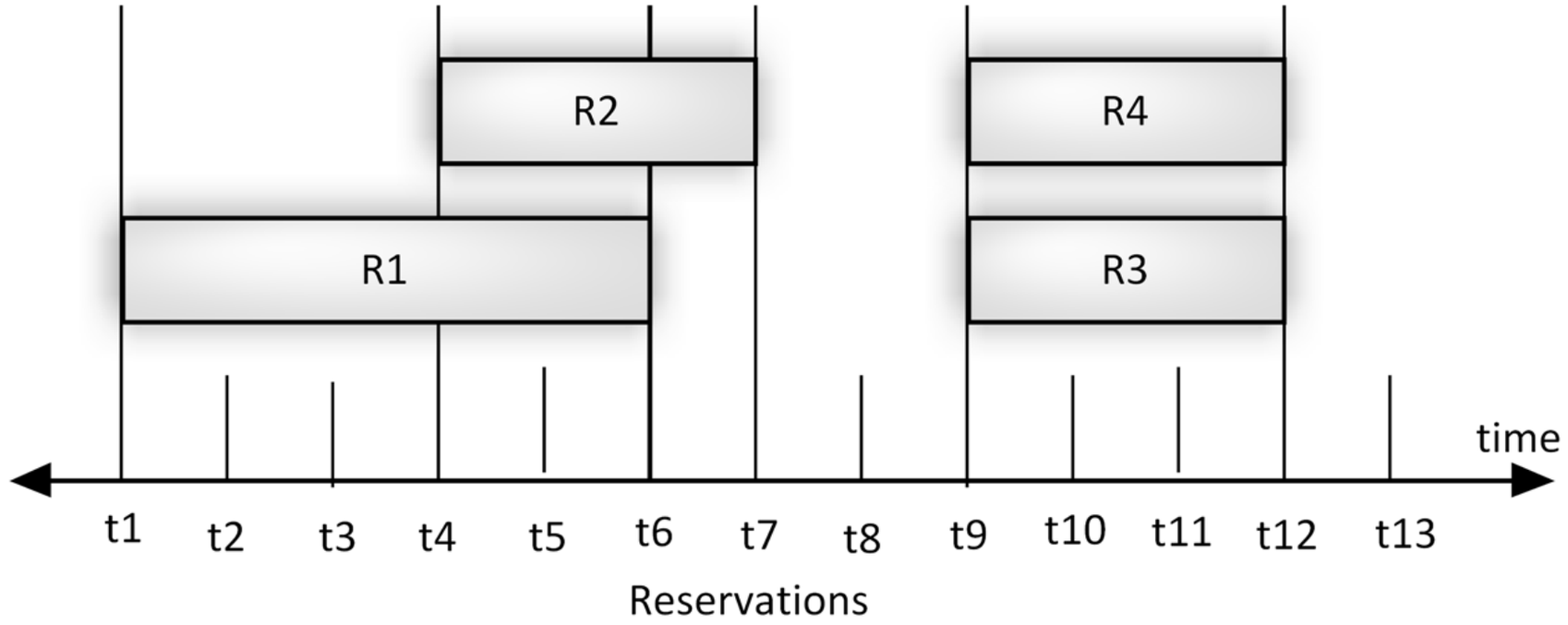

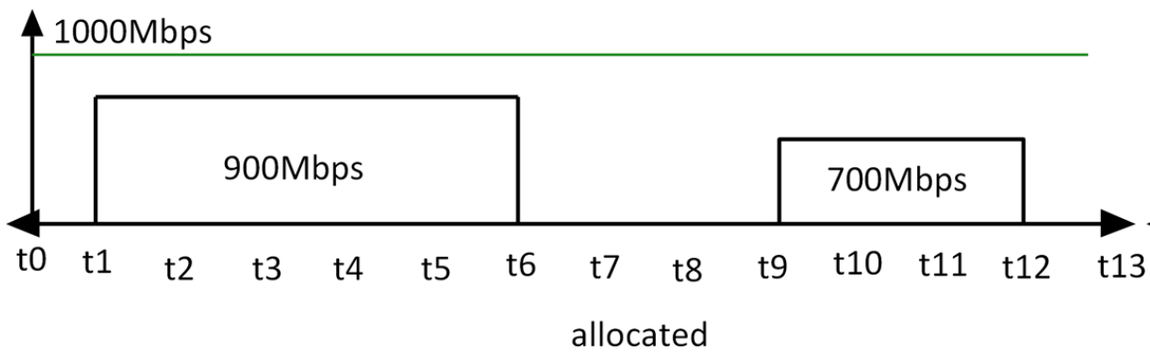

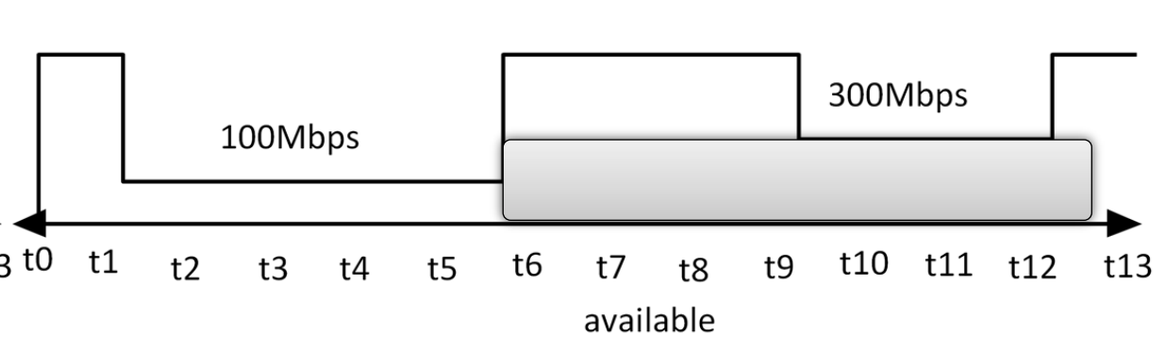

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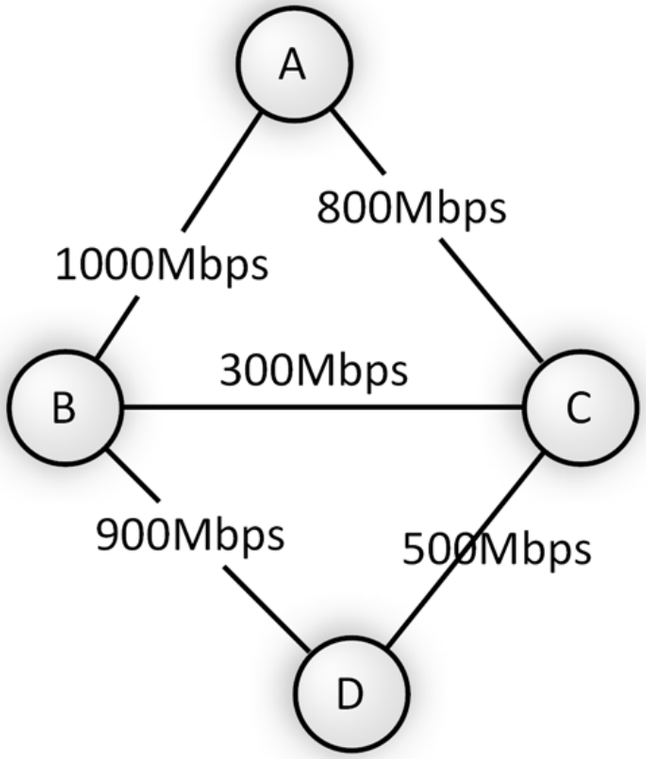

Network Graph with edges showing maximum bandwidth

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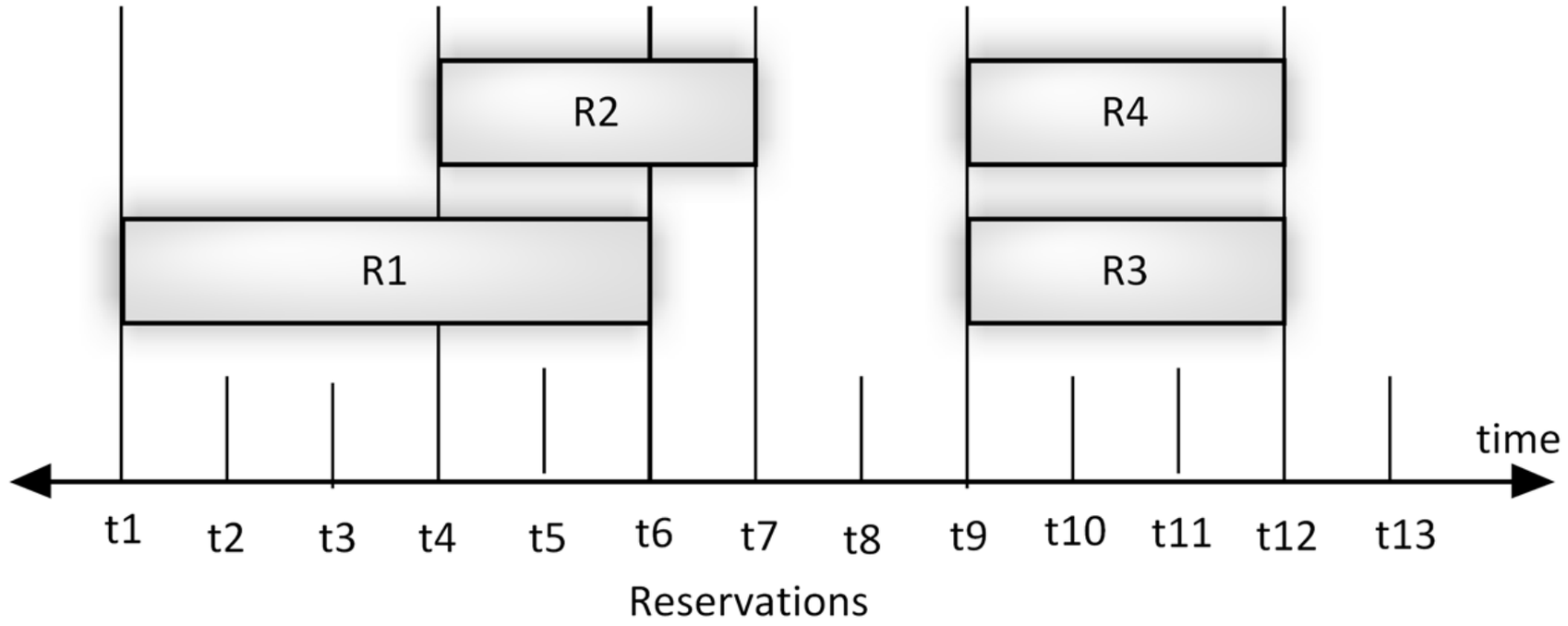

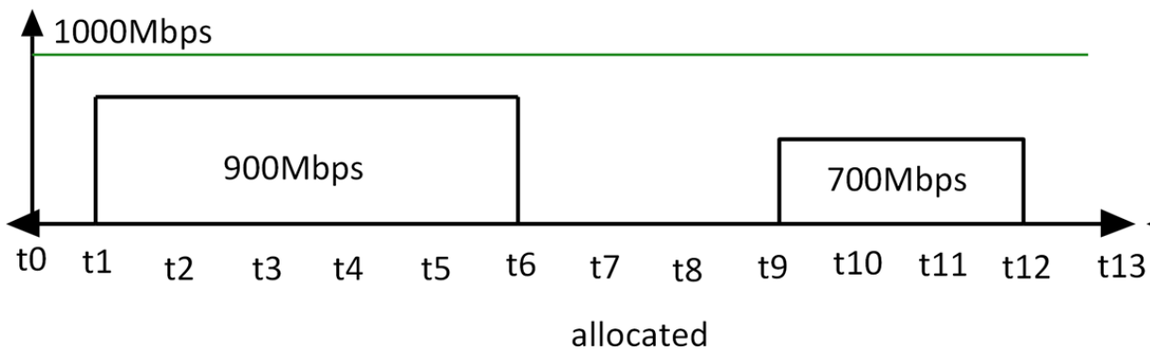

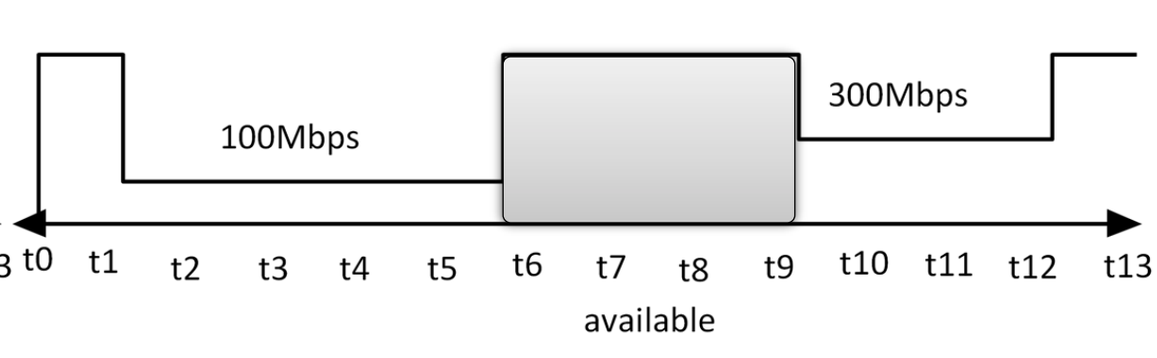

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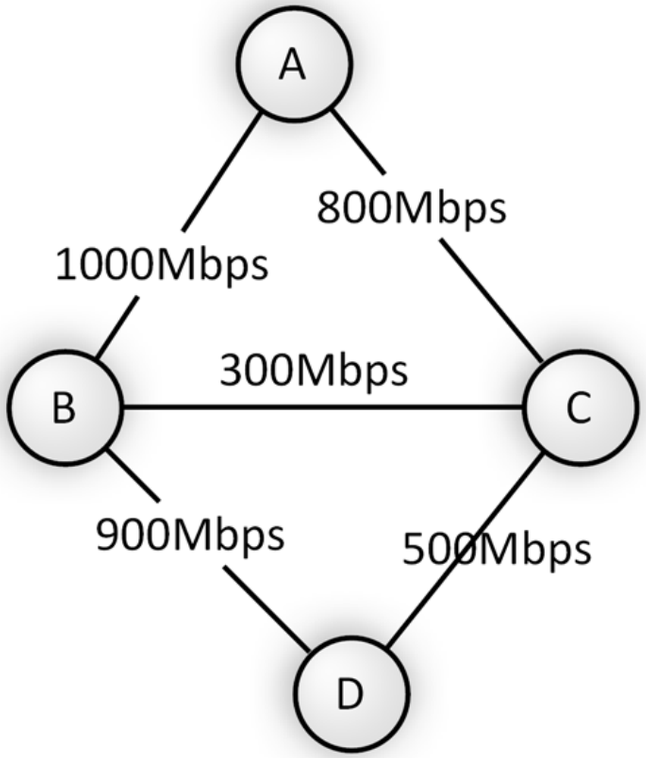

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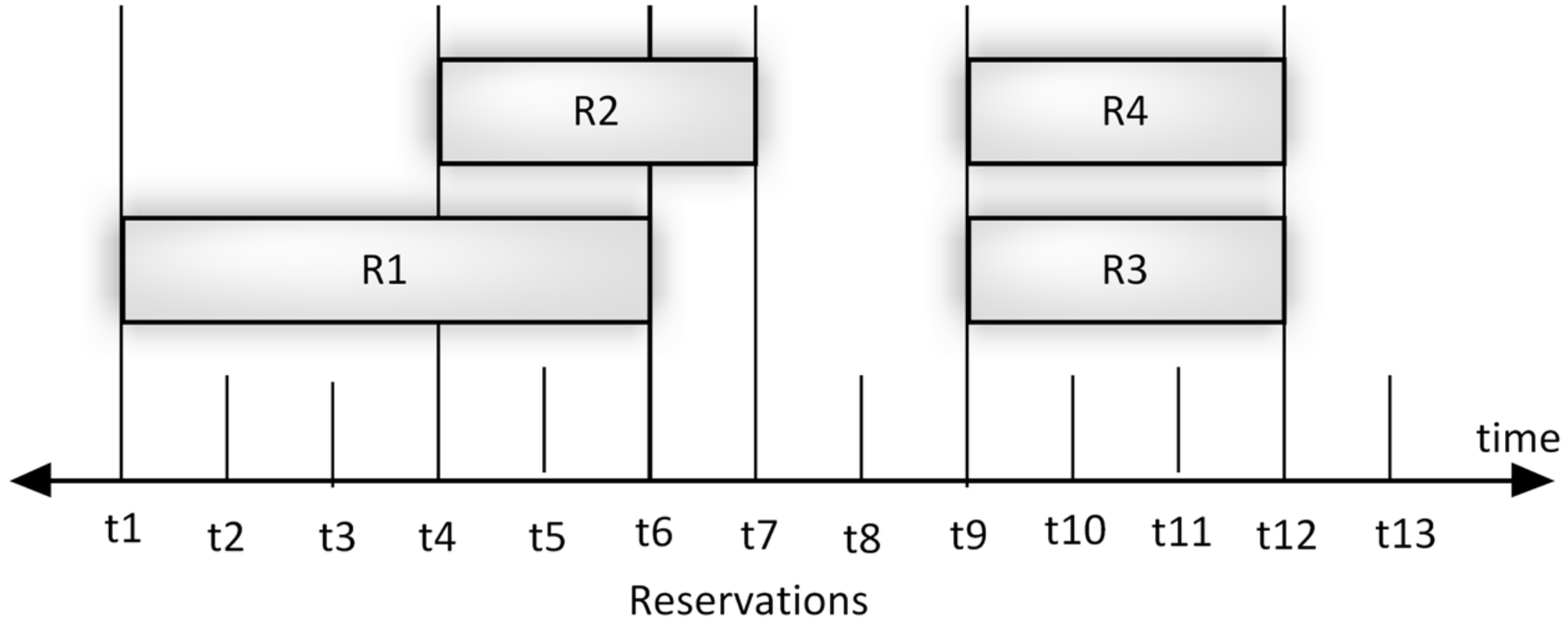

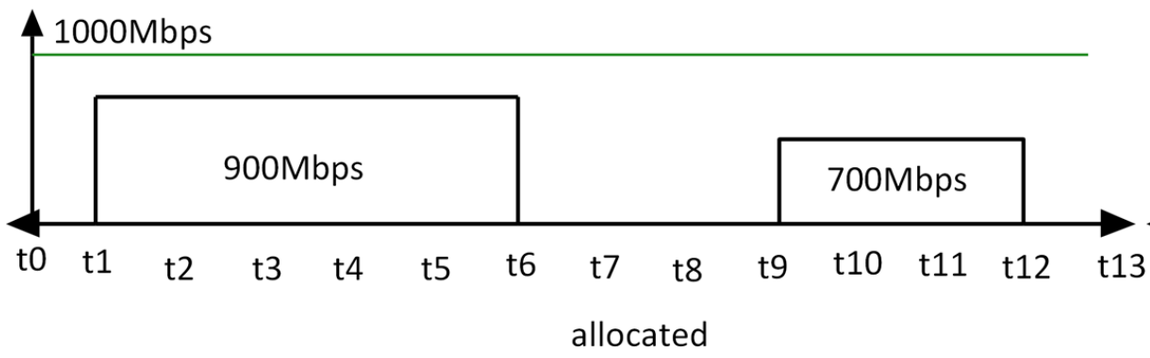

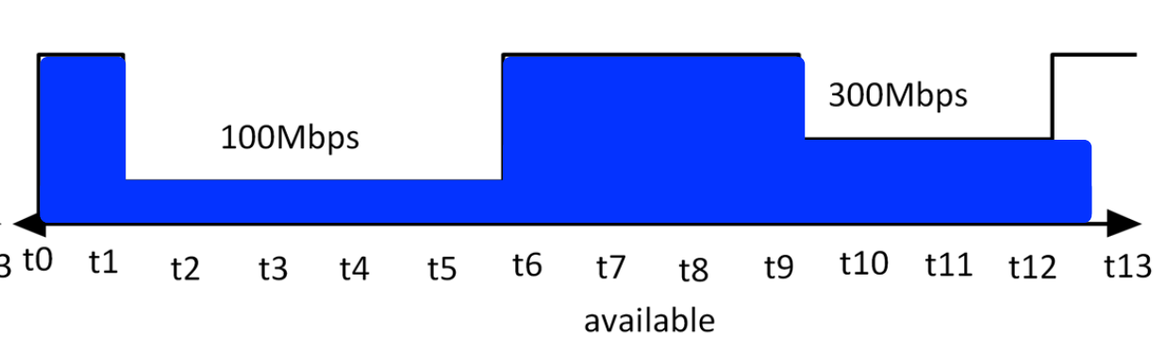

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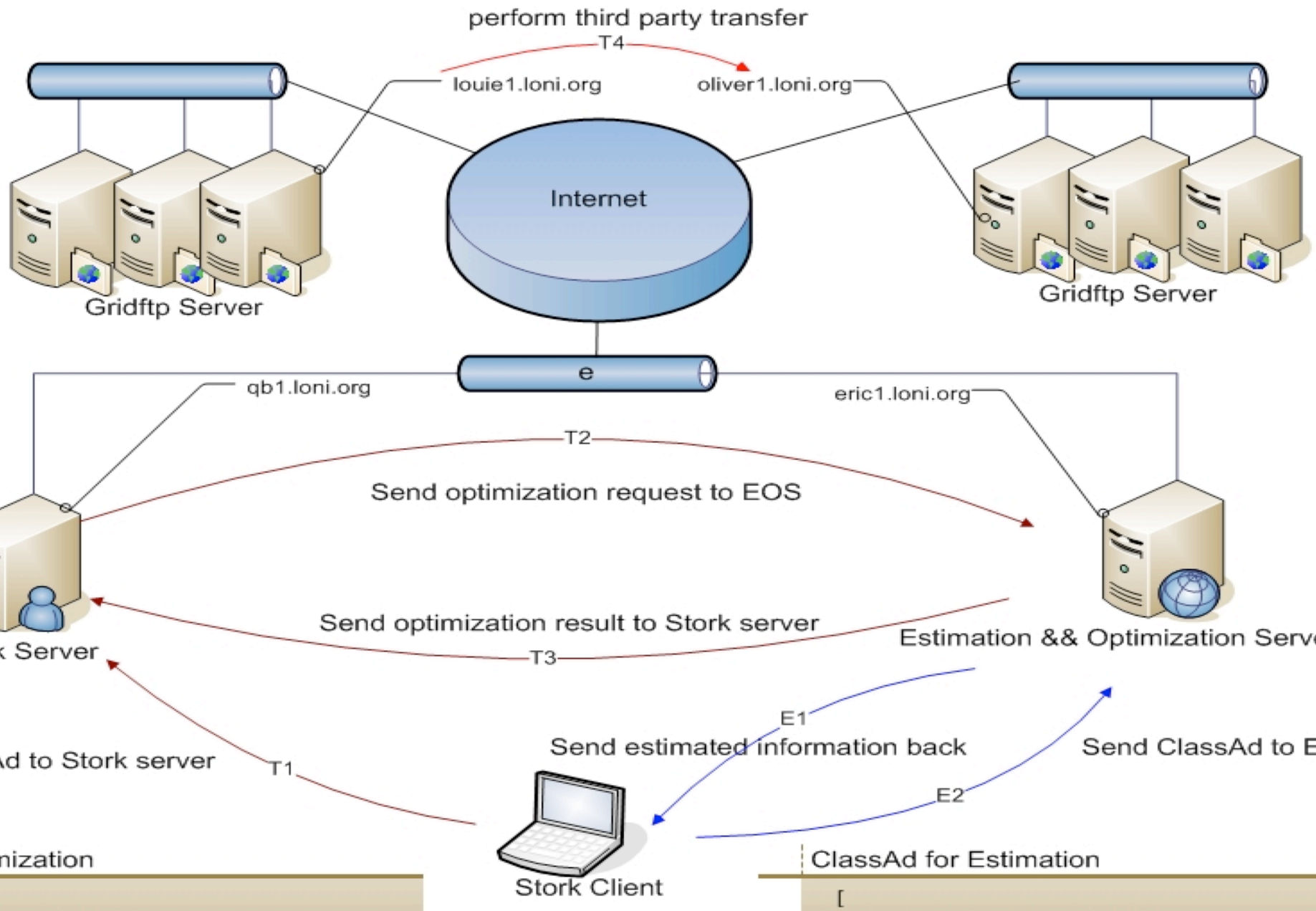

ClassAd for Optimization

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   opt_server = "eric1.loni.org";
   dap_type = "transfer";
   optimization = “YES”;
   src_url = "gsiftp://qb1.loni.org/dev/zero";
   dest_url = "gsiftp://oliver1.loni.org/home/dyin/dest.dat";
   arguments = "-b 1M -f 100M -s 20M";
   x509proxy = “default”;
]
```

ClassAd for Estimation

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Optimization Overhead

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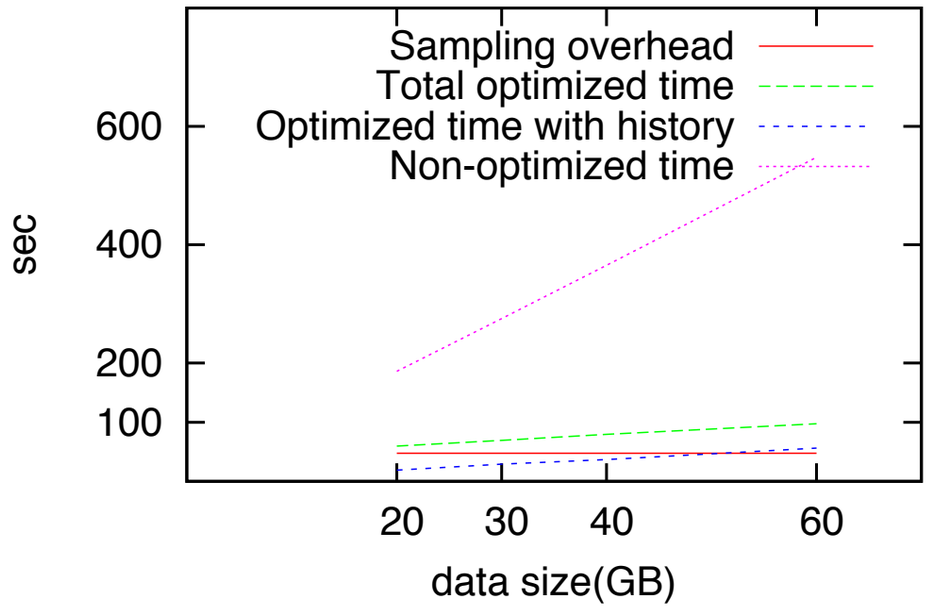

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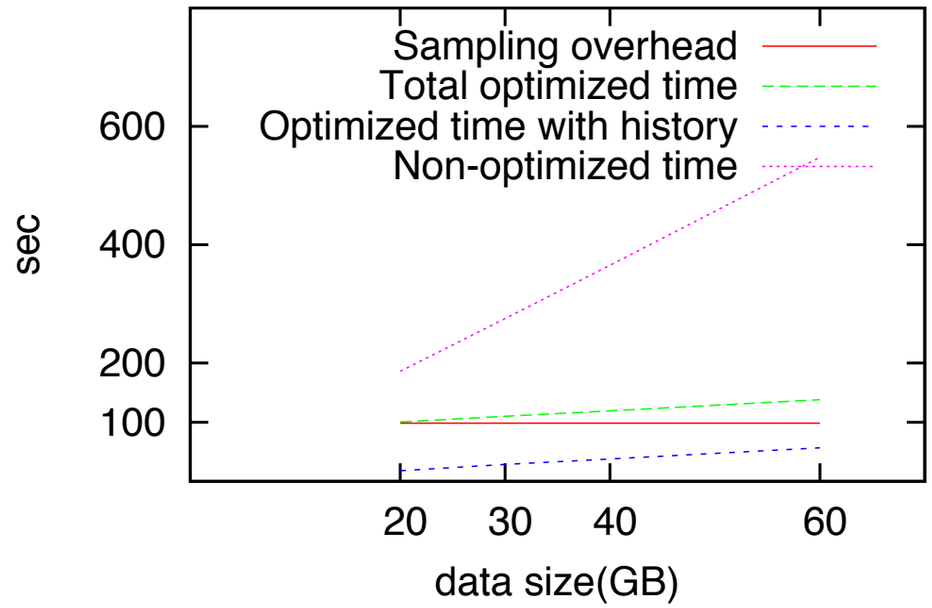

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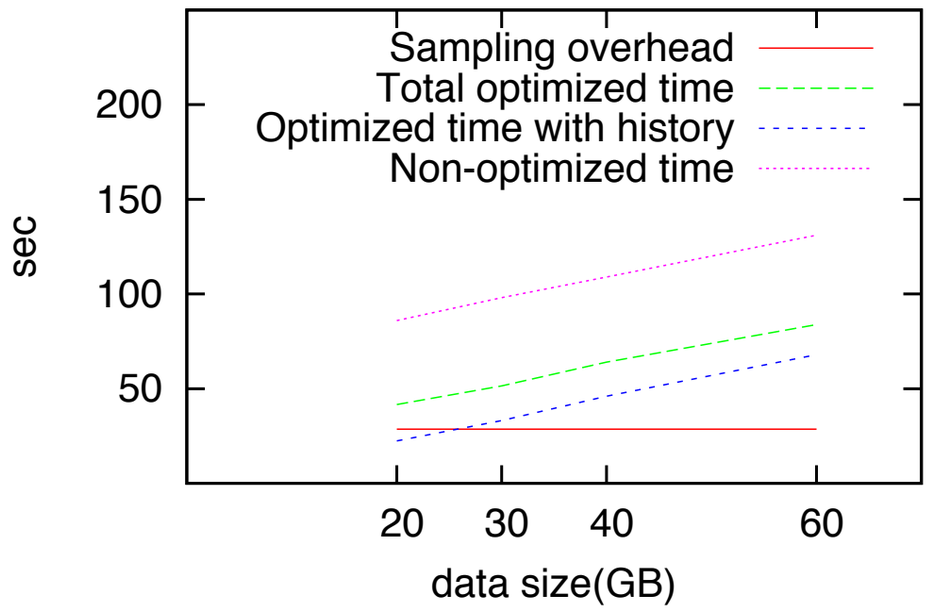

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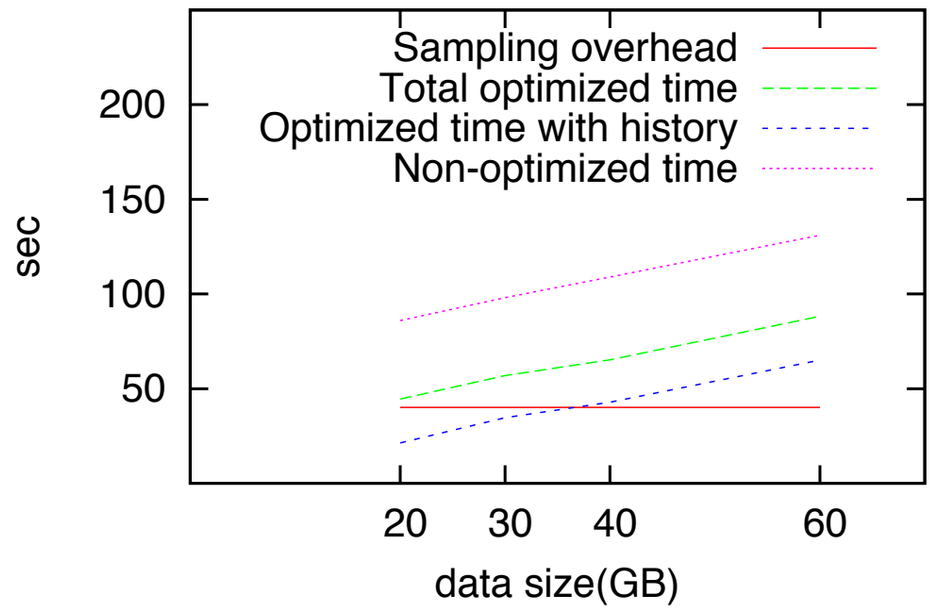
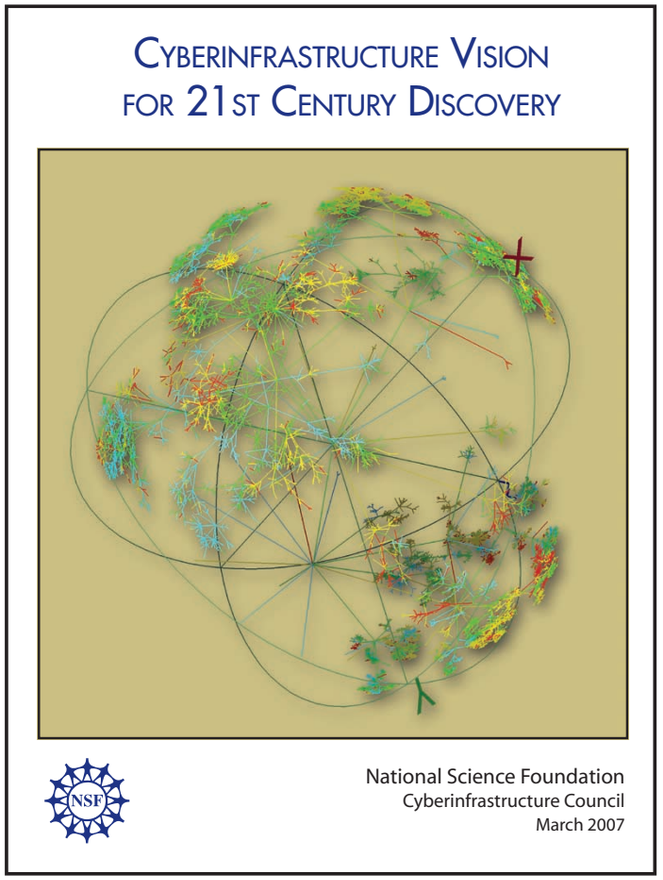
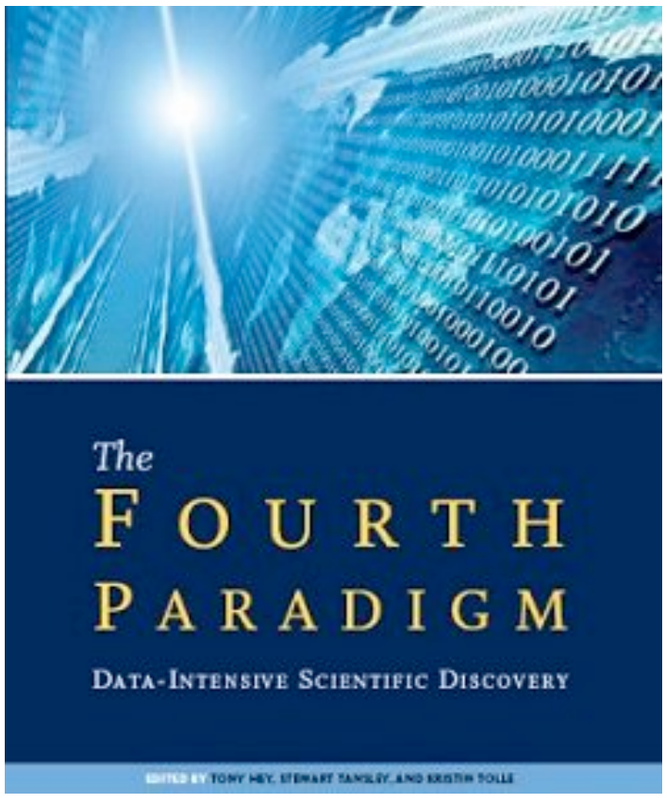


Summary

- Scientific applications are getting more and more data intensive
- Data sharing and I/O is the major bottleneck in front of multi-institutional and inter-disciplinary collaborative science
- Stork project focuses on developing models, algorithms, and real systems to mitigate the data bottleneck
- Recent NSF CiC Grant allows us to bring scheduled data placement to Windows Azure platform





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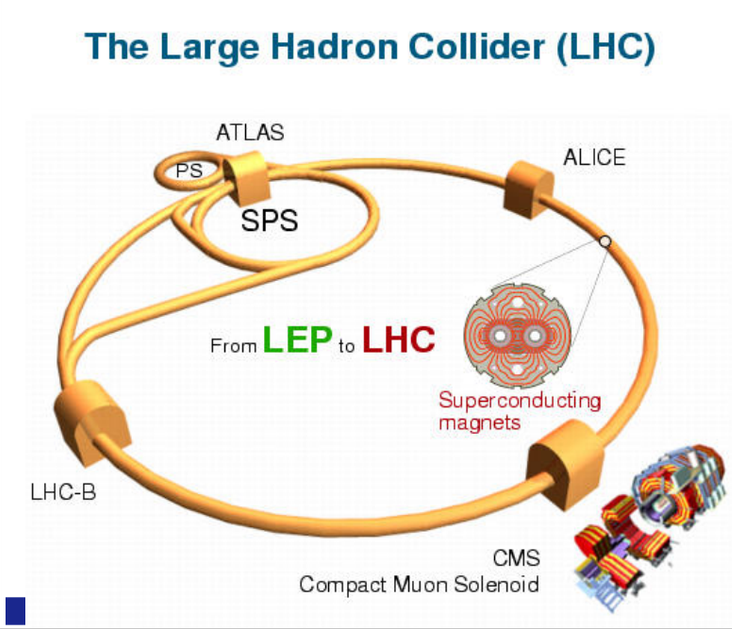

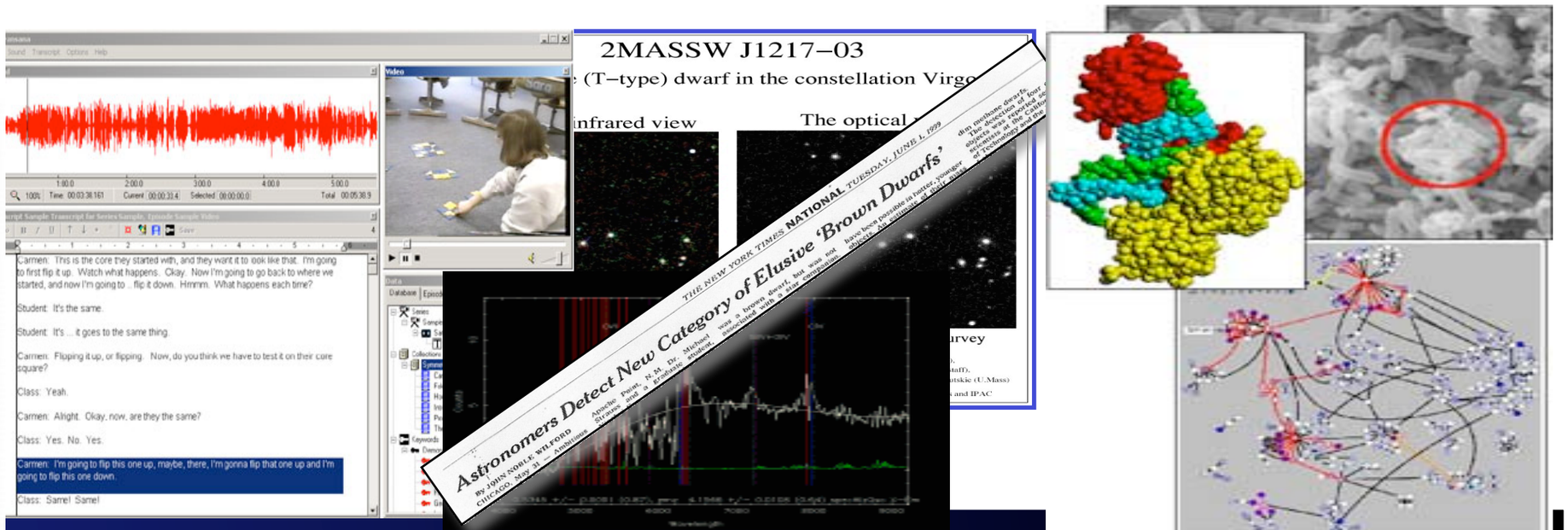

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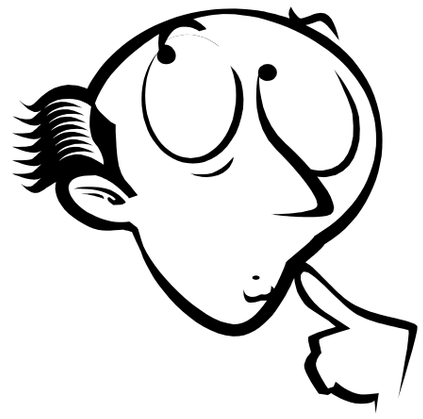

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