

Realizing a Self-Adaptive Network Architecture for HPC Clouds

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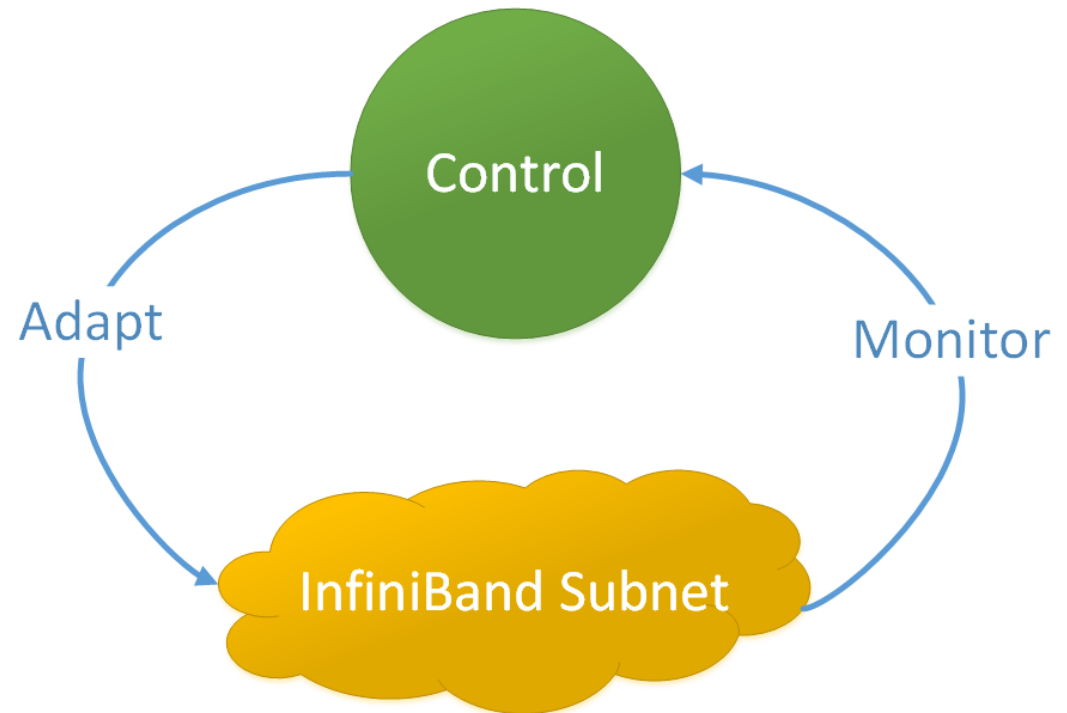
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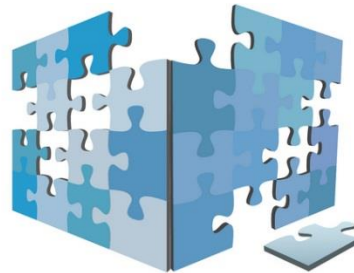
This presentation will walk through my doctoral work covering our contributions, and ‘the big picture’ ahead



Motivation and Challenges



Results Approach and Contributions



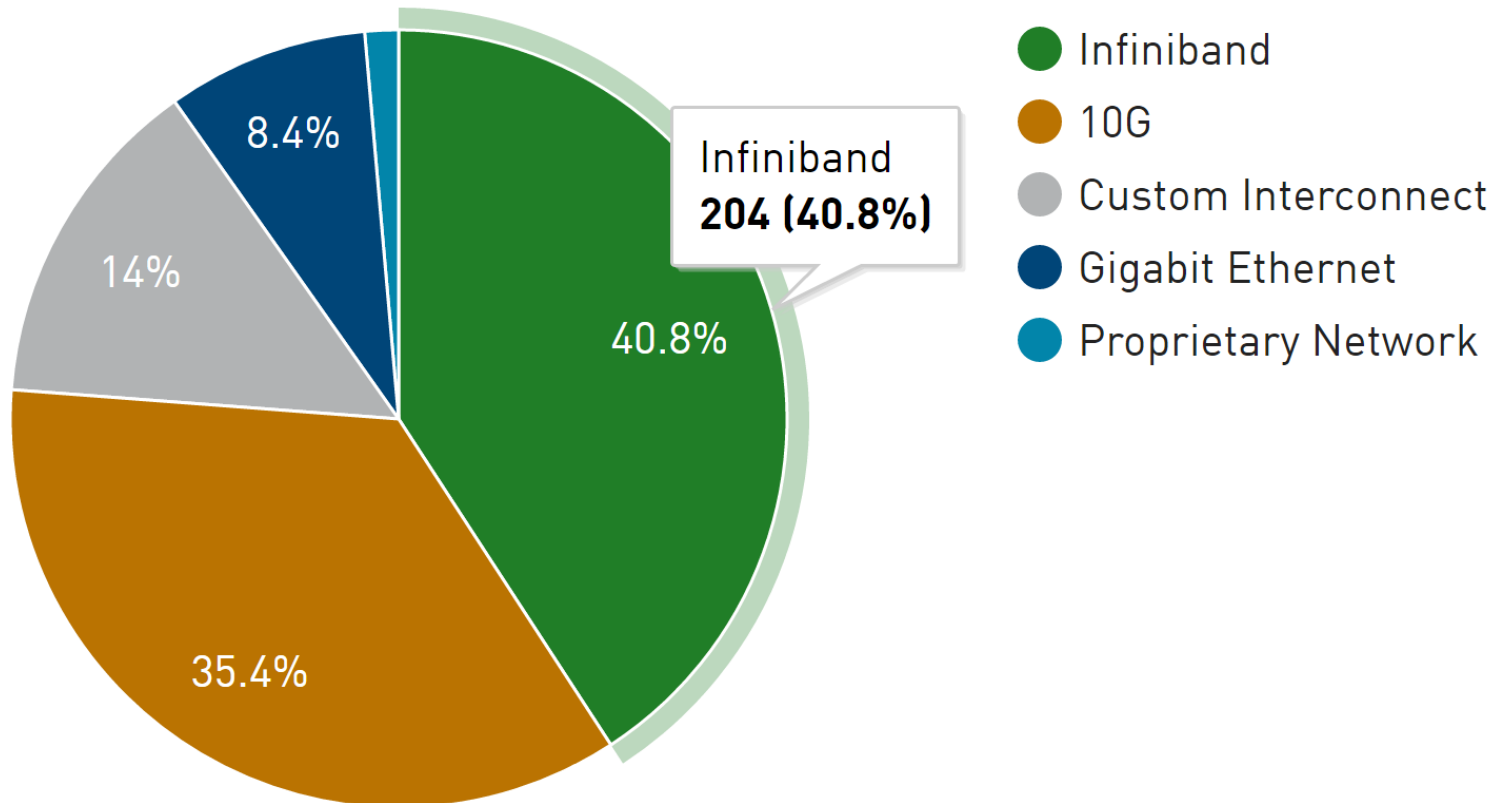
The Big Picture

InfiniBand (IB) is a popular interconnect for HPC systems

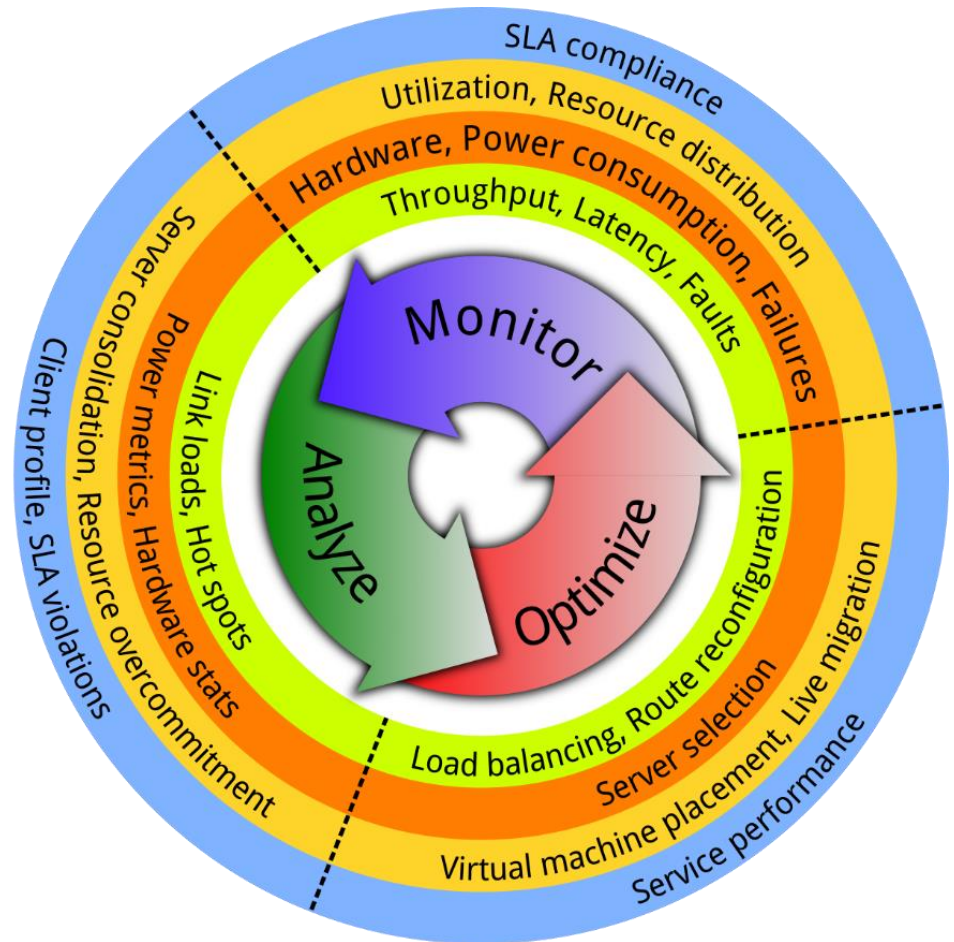
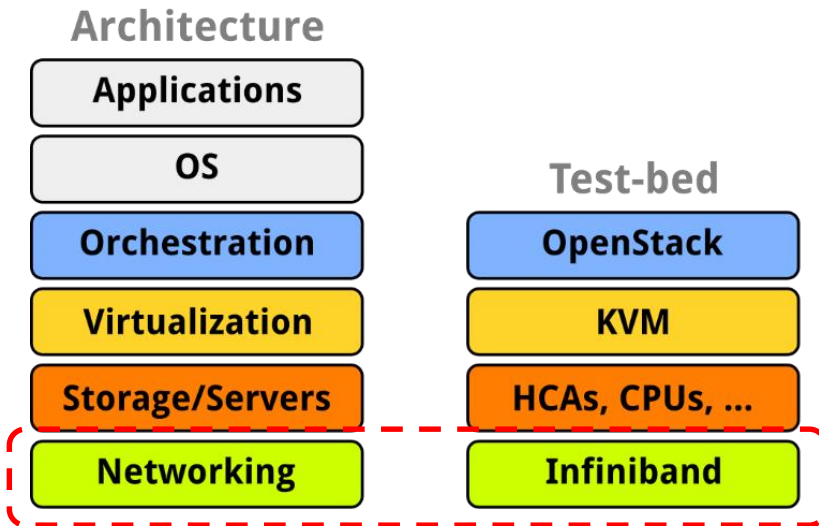


40.8% share in June 2016 top supercomputers list

Interconnect Family System Share



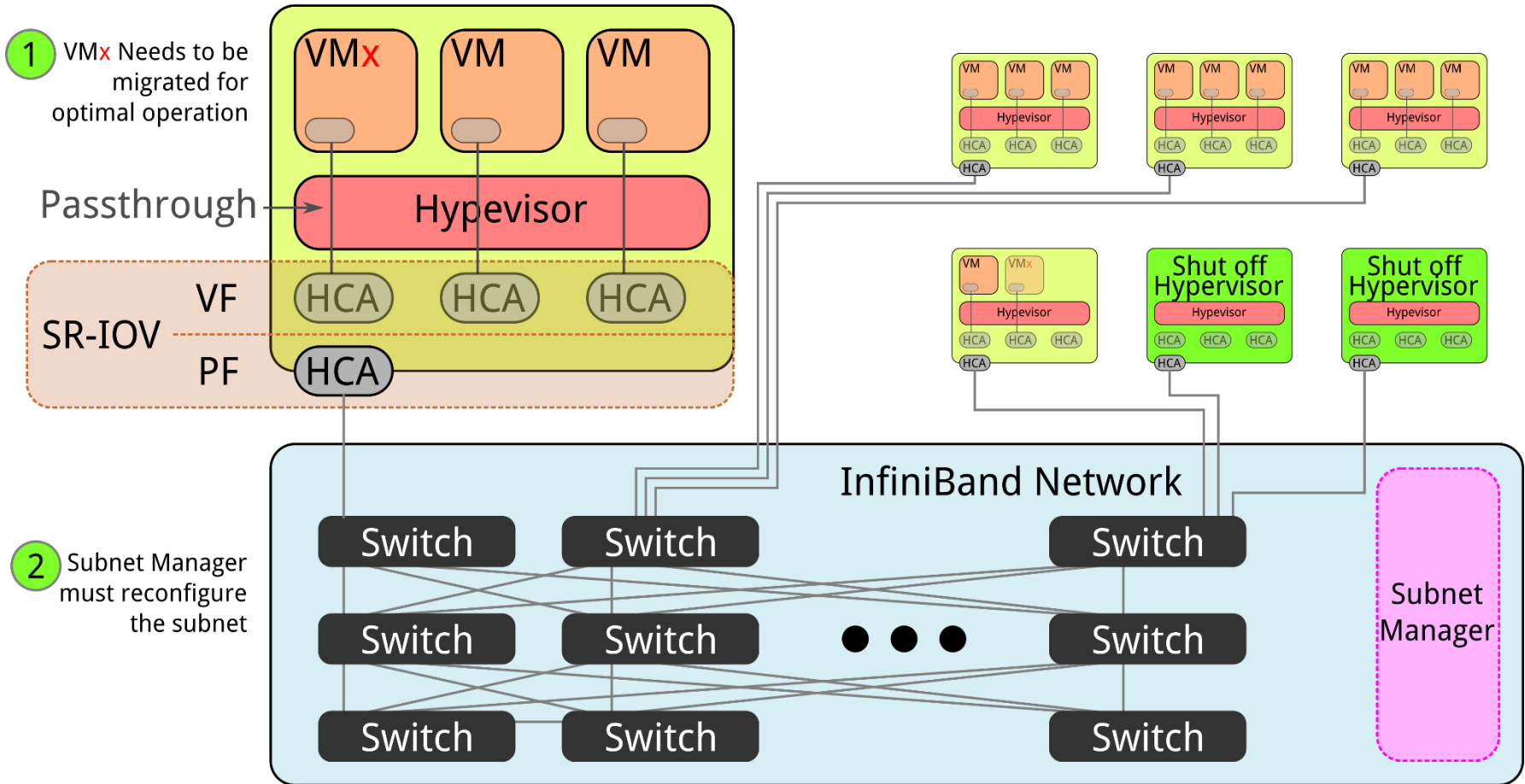
A whole array of challenges need to be addressed to realize a self-adaptive HPC cloud based on feedback-control loop



In this work, the focus has been on the network architecture for HPC clouds

To fully utilize the interconnection network, the network architecture must coordinate with the upper layers of cloud

HPC Cloud Exposed to End Users



1 + 2 coordinate to optimize resource utilization for the whole datacenter

We use a bottom-up approach, and first attack individual research challenges associated with HPC cloud networks

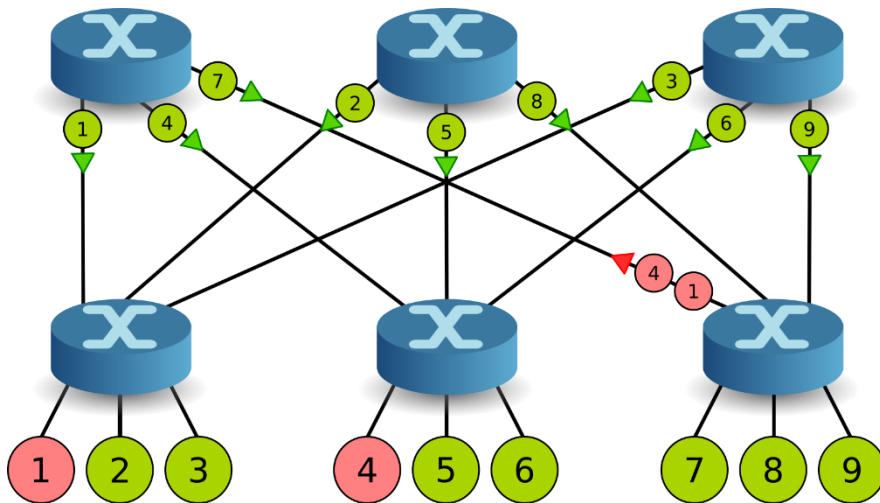


We use OFED, de-facto standard software stack for IB, and Fat-Tree topology for our prototypes

- High Network Utilization and Better Load-Balancing
 - Weighted fat-tree routing algorithm (wFatTree)
- Multi-tenancy and Network Isolation
 - Partition-aware fat-tree routing (pFTree)
- Fast Network Reconfiguration
 - SlimUpdate routing algorithm (SlimUpdate)
 - Metabase-aided reconfiguration method
- Efficient Virtualization
 - Routing for virtualized subnets

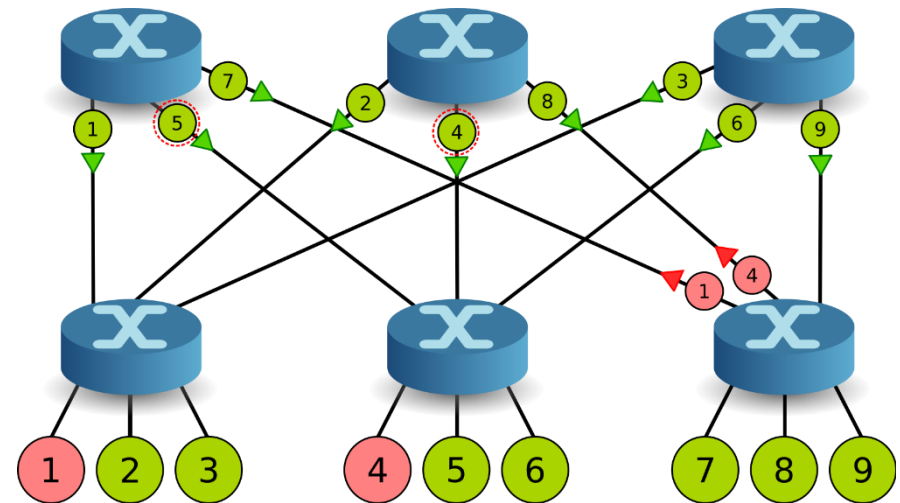
Challenge 1: Efficient Network Utilization

The wFatTree routing algorithm considers node traffic characteristics to balance load across the network links more efficiently



Wt: 100

De-facto Fat-Tree Routing

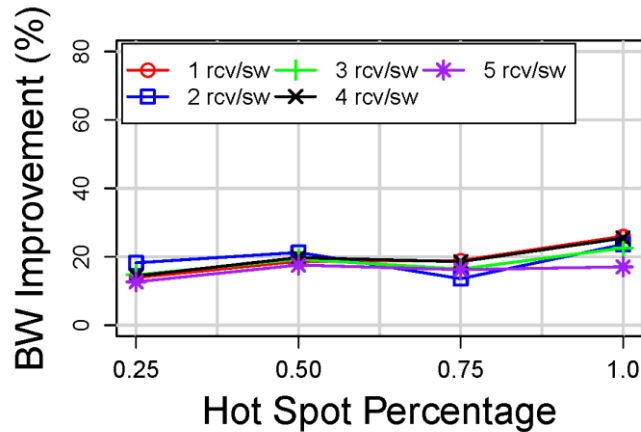


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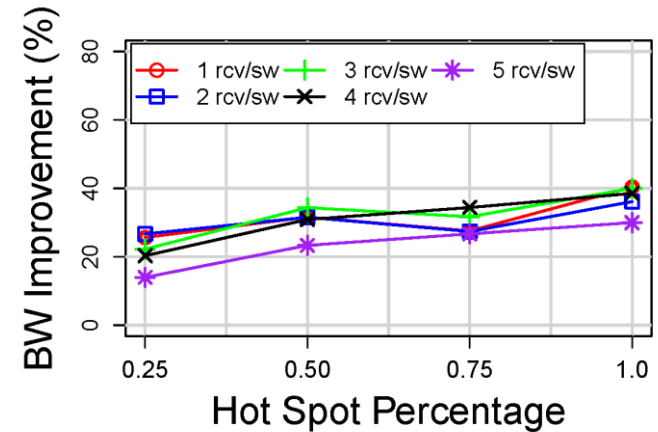
The wFatTree Routing

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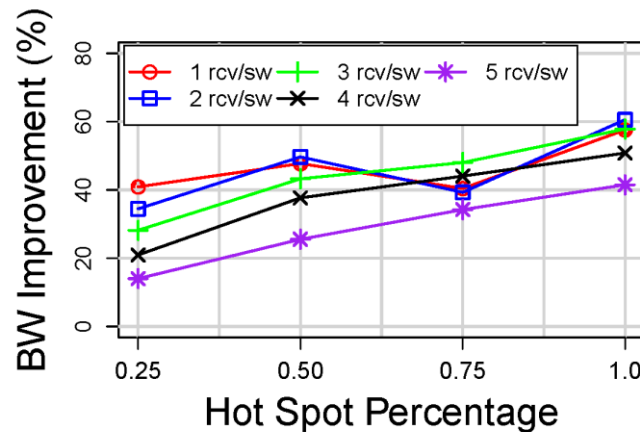
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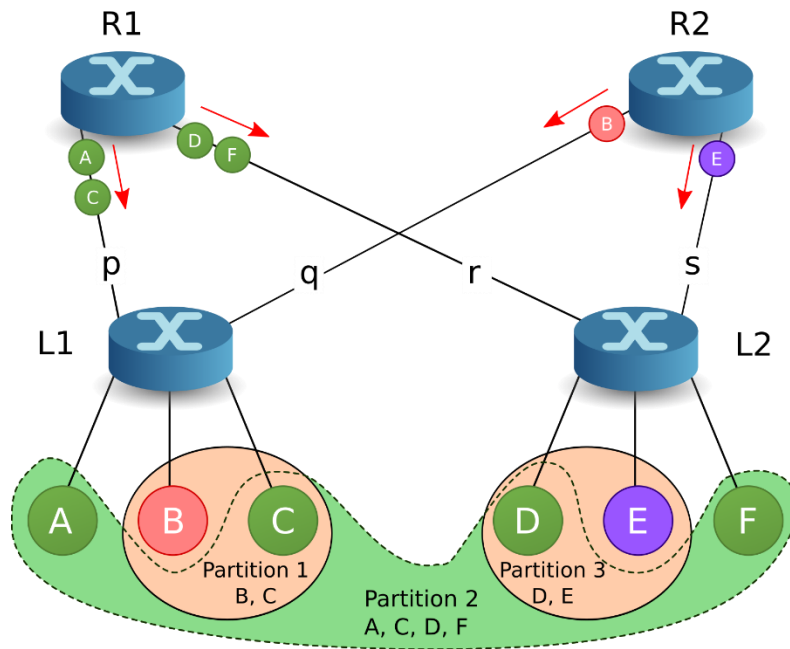
27 switches with rcv nodes



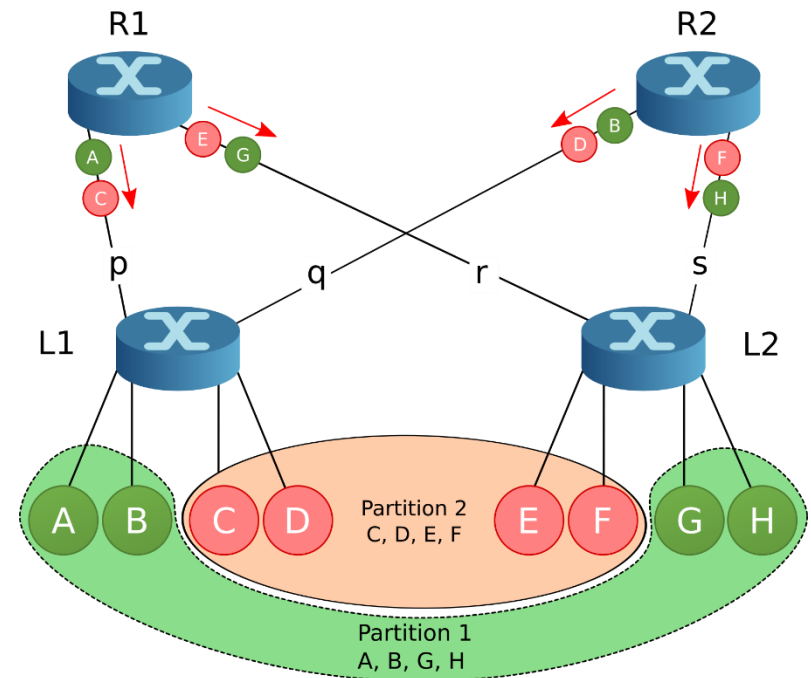
36 switches with rcv nodes

Challenge 2: Tenant Performance Isolation

Traditional fat-tree routing in multi-tenant clusters suffers with degraded load balancing and no isolation between partitions



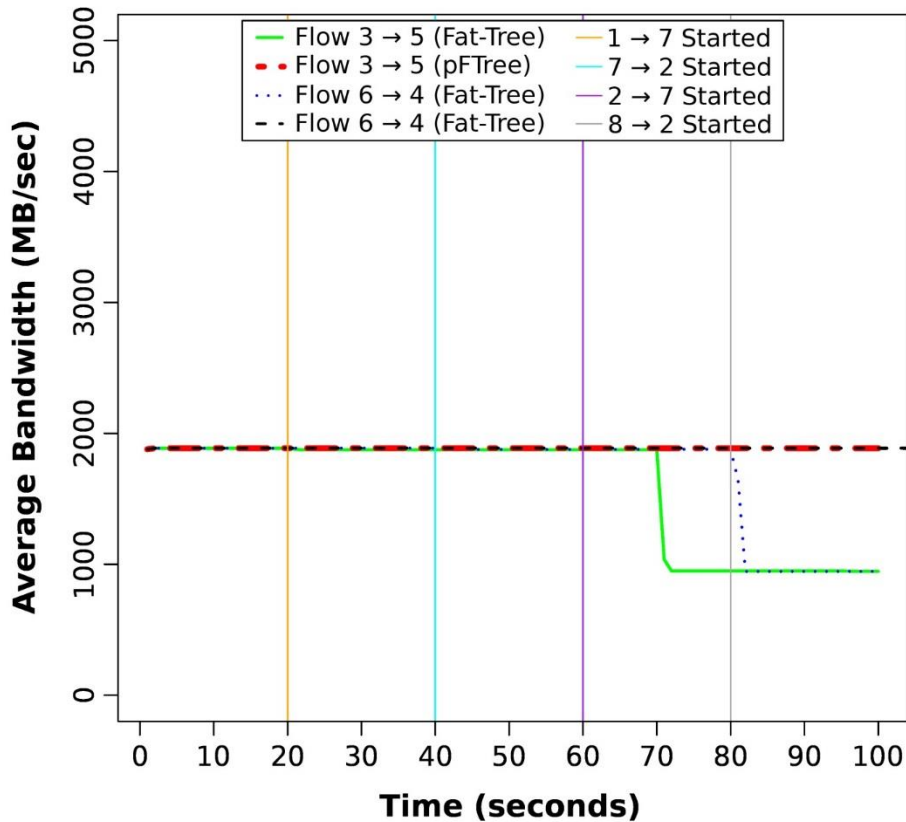
Degraded Load Balancing



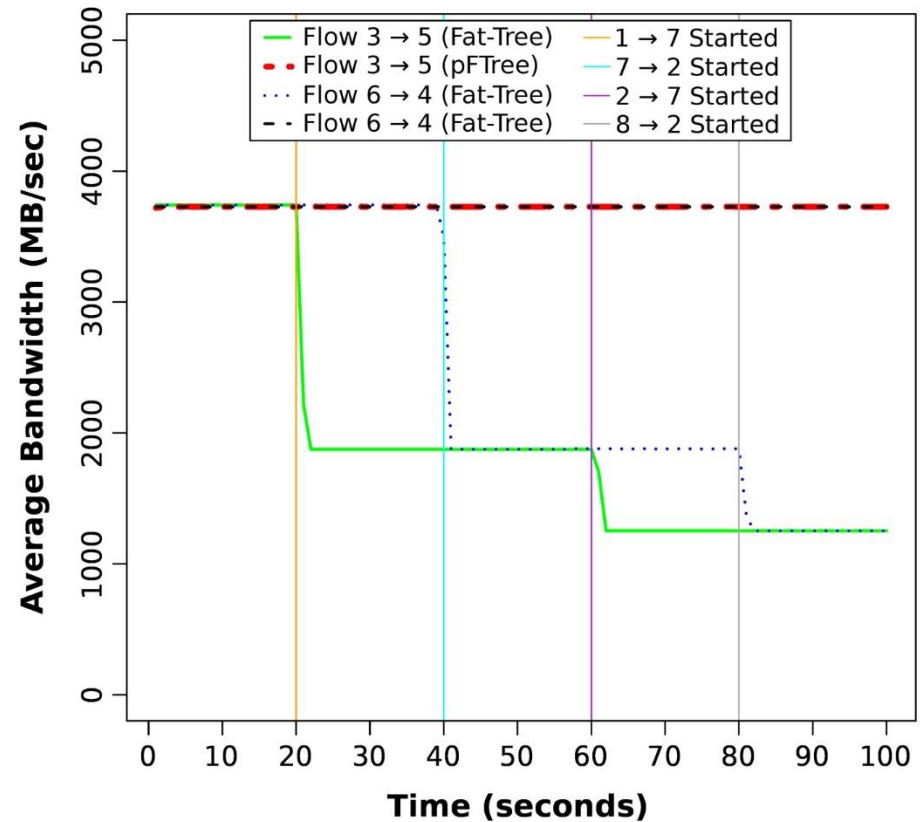
No Isolation Between Partitions

Challenge 2: Tenant Performance Isolation

The pFTree routing algorithm isolates partitions in a multi-tenant cluster without compromising on the load-balancing



Non-oversubscribed Topology

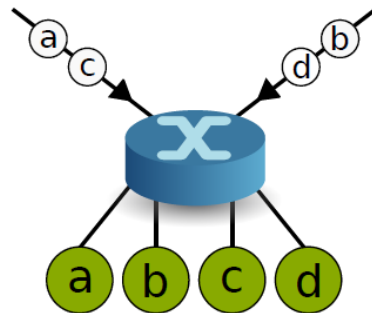


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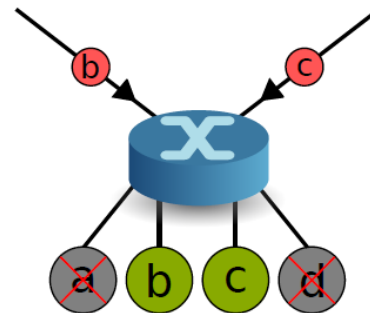
Challenge 3: Fast Network Reconfiguration

Minimal Routing Update (MRU) technique tends to preserve the configured paths in the network on a reconfiguration event

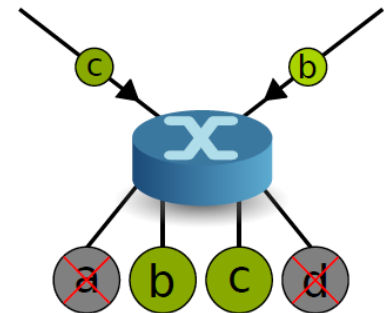
Nodes Shutdown



(a) Initial Routing

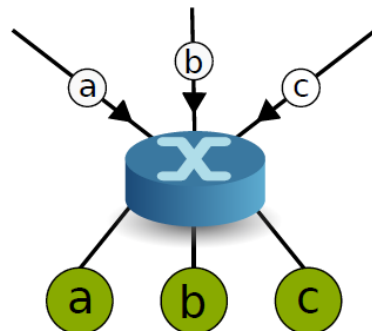


(b) Without MRU

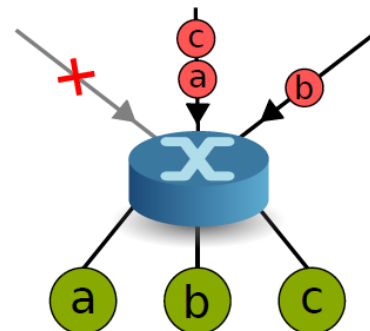


(c) With MRU

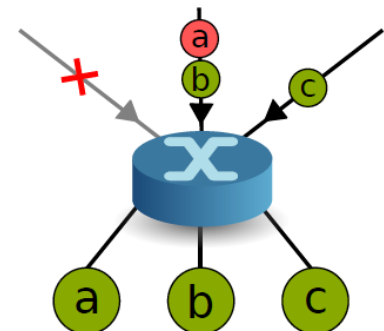
Link Failure



(d) Initial Routing



(e) Without MRU

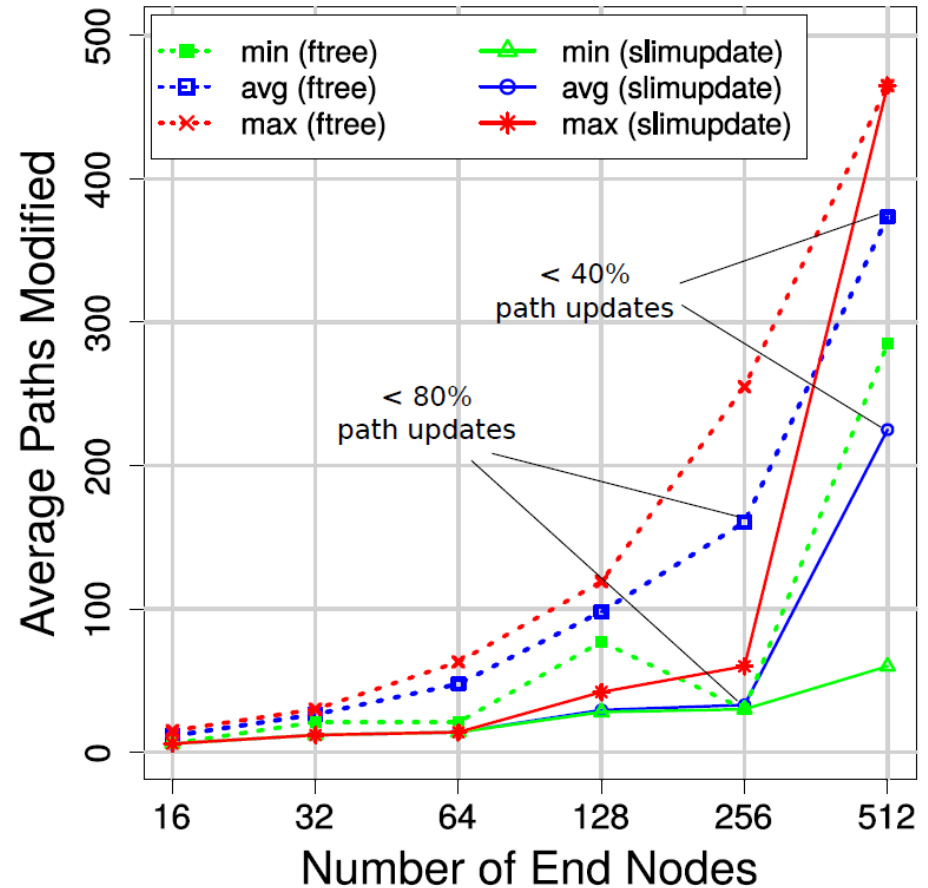


(f) With MRU

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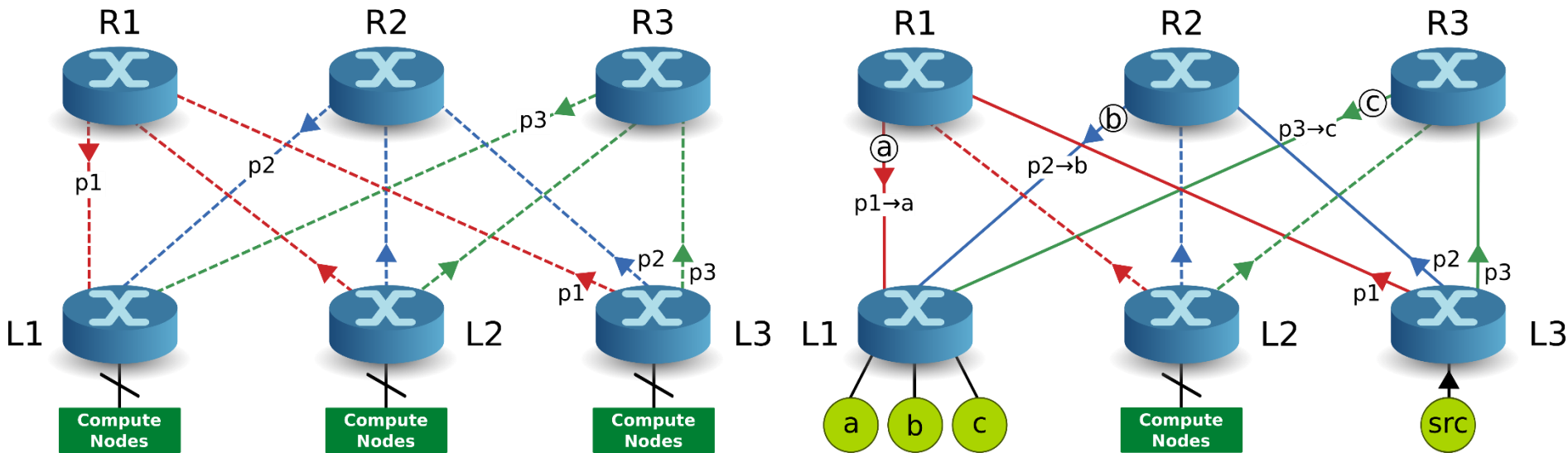
SlimUpdate Routing algorithm utilizes MRU technique, and saves up to 80% path updates

Name	# Nodes	Topology
A	16	4-ary-2-tree
B	32	4-ary-2-tree oversub
C	64	4-ary-3-tree
D	128	4-ary-3-tree oversub
E	64	8-ary-2-tree
F	128	8-ary-2-tree oversub
G	256	16-ary-2-tree
H	512	16-ary-2-tree oversub



Challenge 3: Fast Network Reconfiguration

In metabase-aided reconfiguration method, routing is divided into two distinct phases: calculation of paths, and assignment of paths to the actual destinations

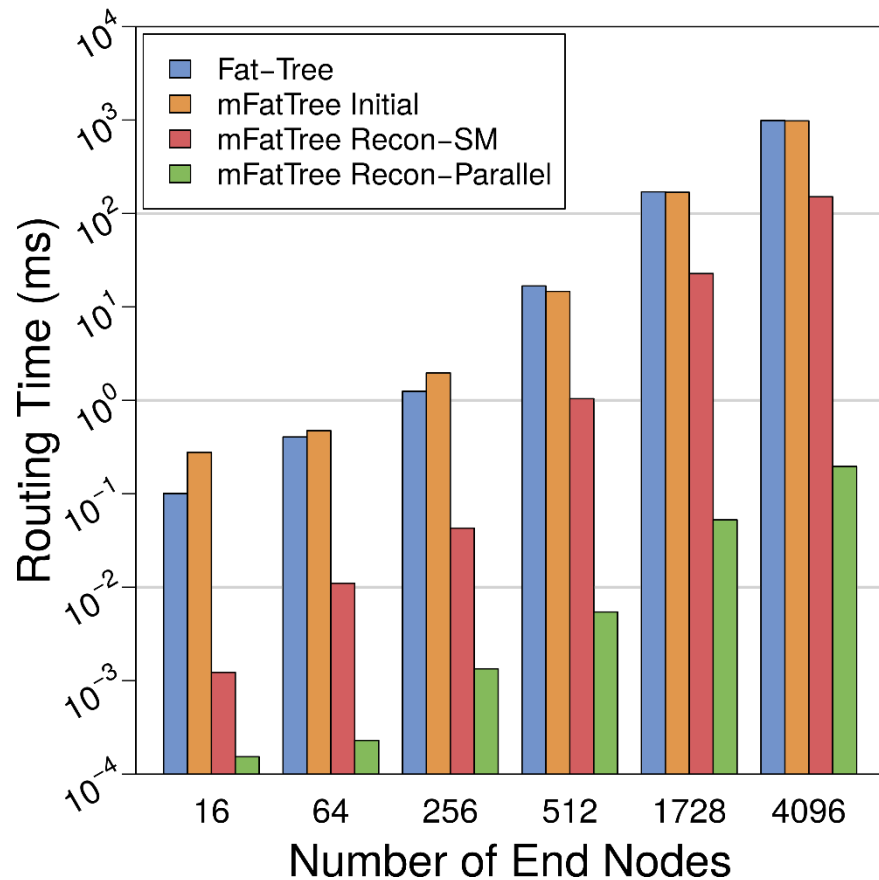


Phase I: Calculation of paths

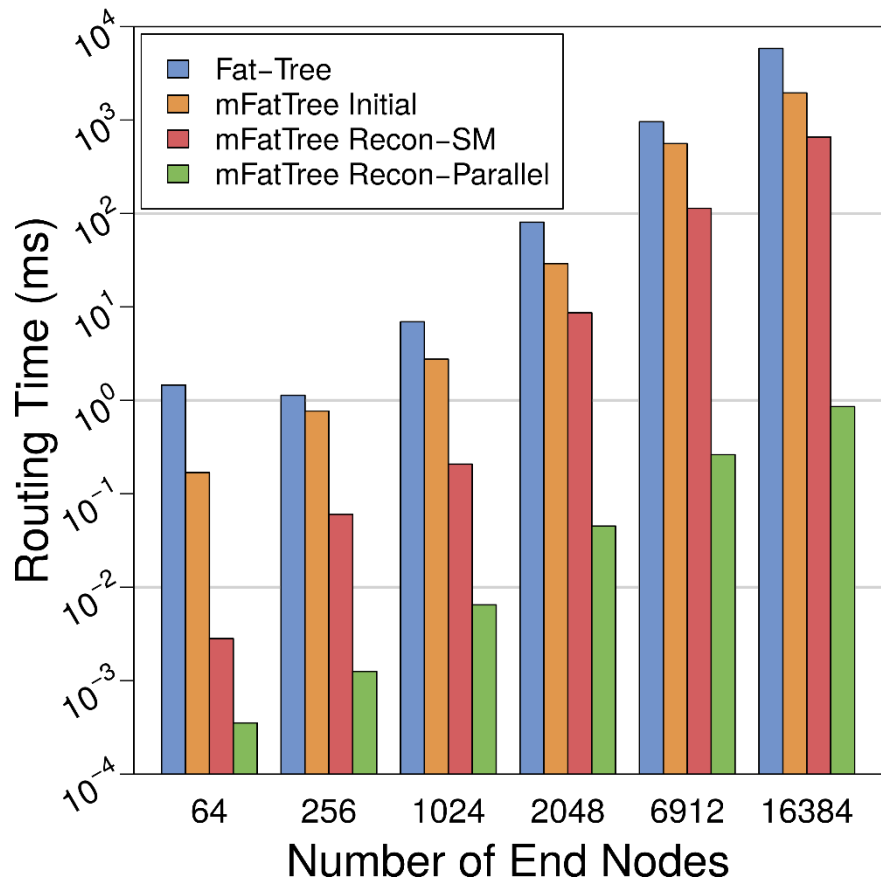
Phase II: Assignment of Paths

Challenge 3: Fast Network Reconfiguration

Metabase-aided routing substantially reduces network reconfiguration time on performance-based reconfigurations



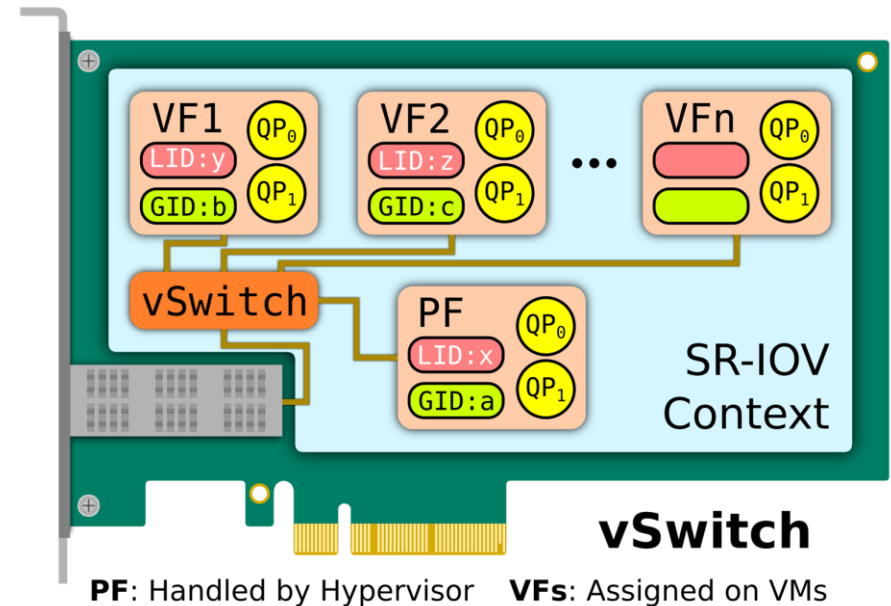
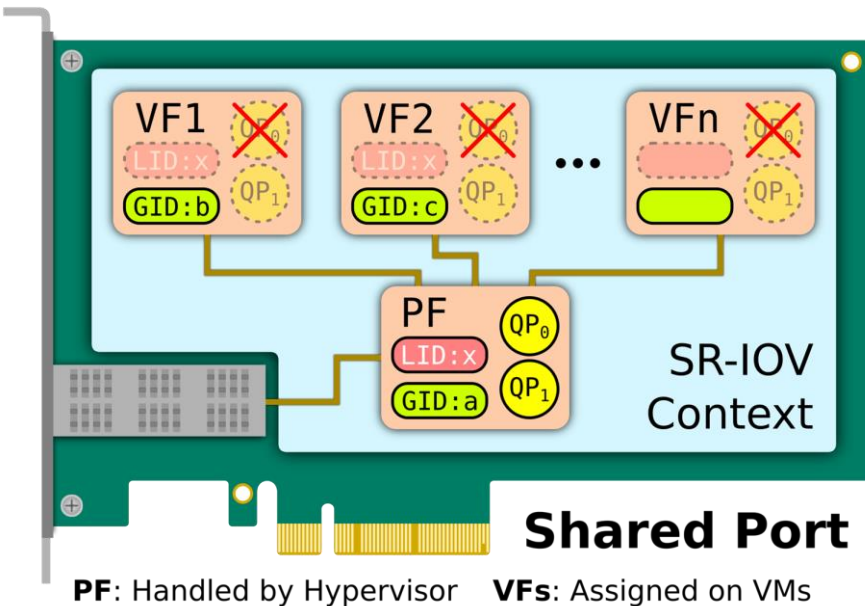
Non-oversubscribed Topologies



Oversubscribed Topologies

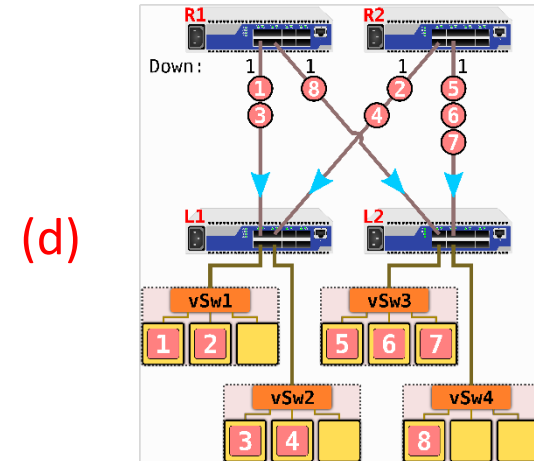
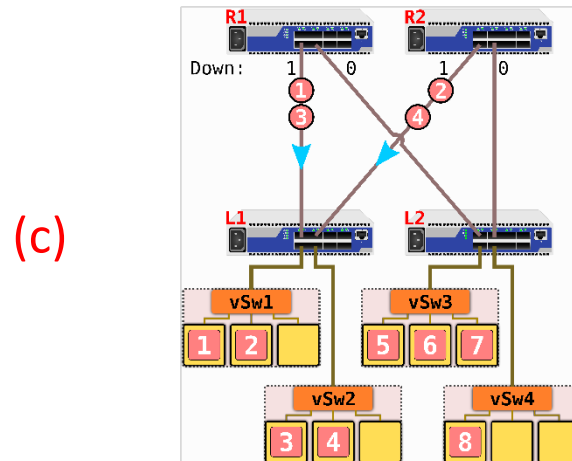
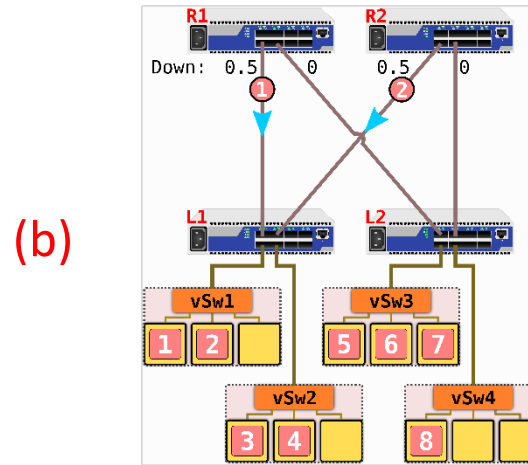
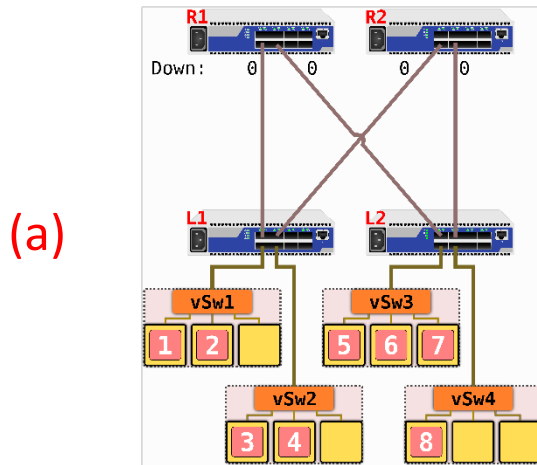
Challenge 4: Efficient Virtualization

The vSwitch Architecture has an advantage over shared-port architecture that it allows configuring routes for the individual VMs in the subnet (but bloats LID space); hybrid models can save LIDs



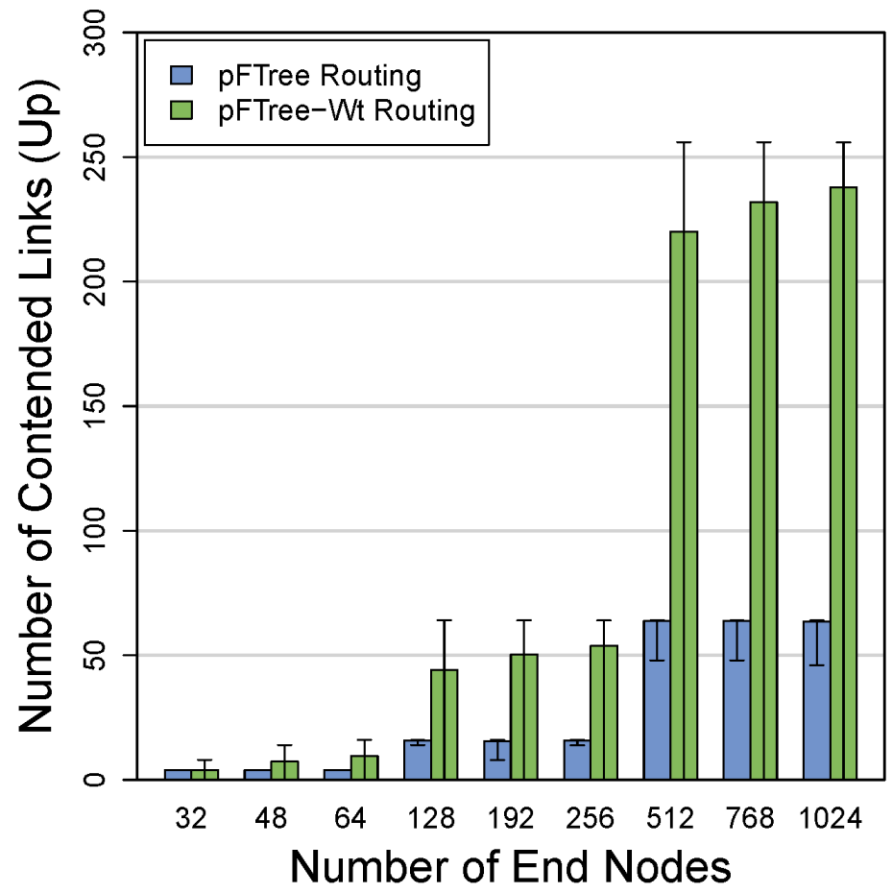
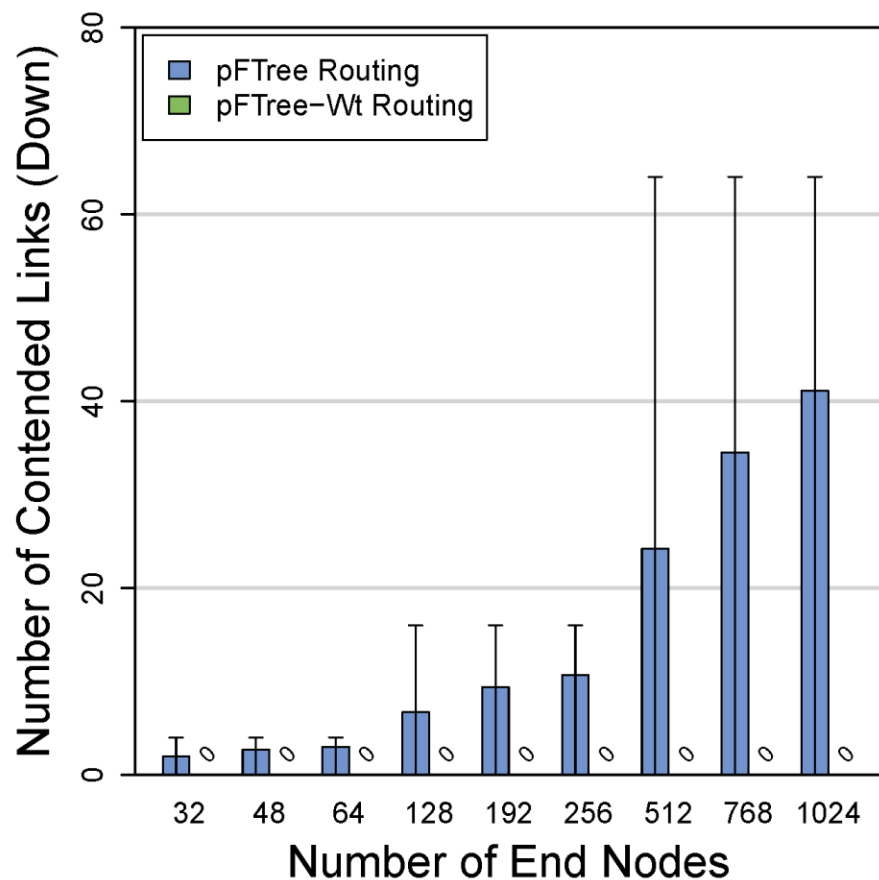
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The vSwitchFatTree routing considers VMs in the subnet

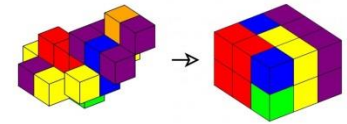
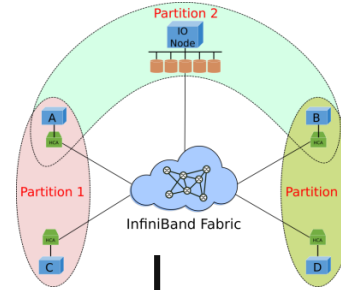


Big Picture: Enable smart network provisioning for the HPC clouds – combine individual contributions

Weighted pFTree routing (pFTree-Wt) can substantially reduce contention in a partitioned subnet



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Optimized Algorithms

Weighted Routing

Partition-aware Routing

Adjust for Load/Faults



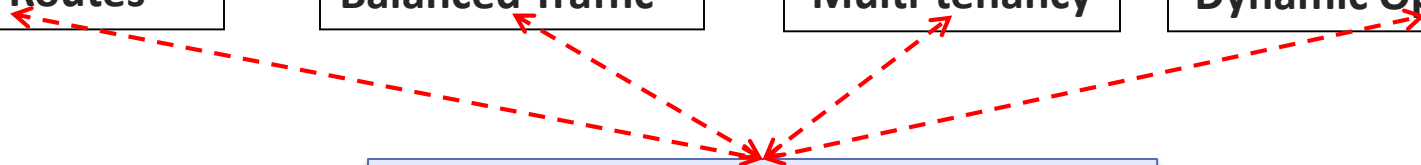
Better Routes

Balanced Traffic

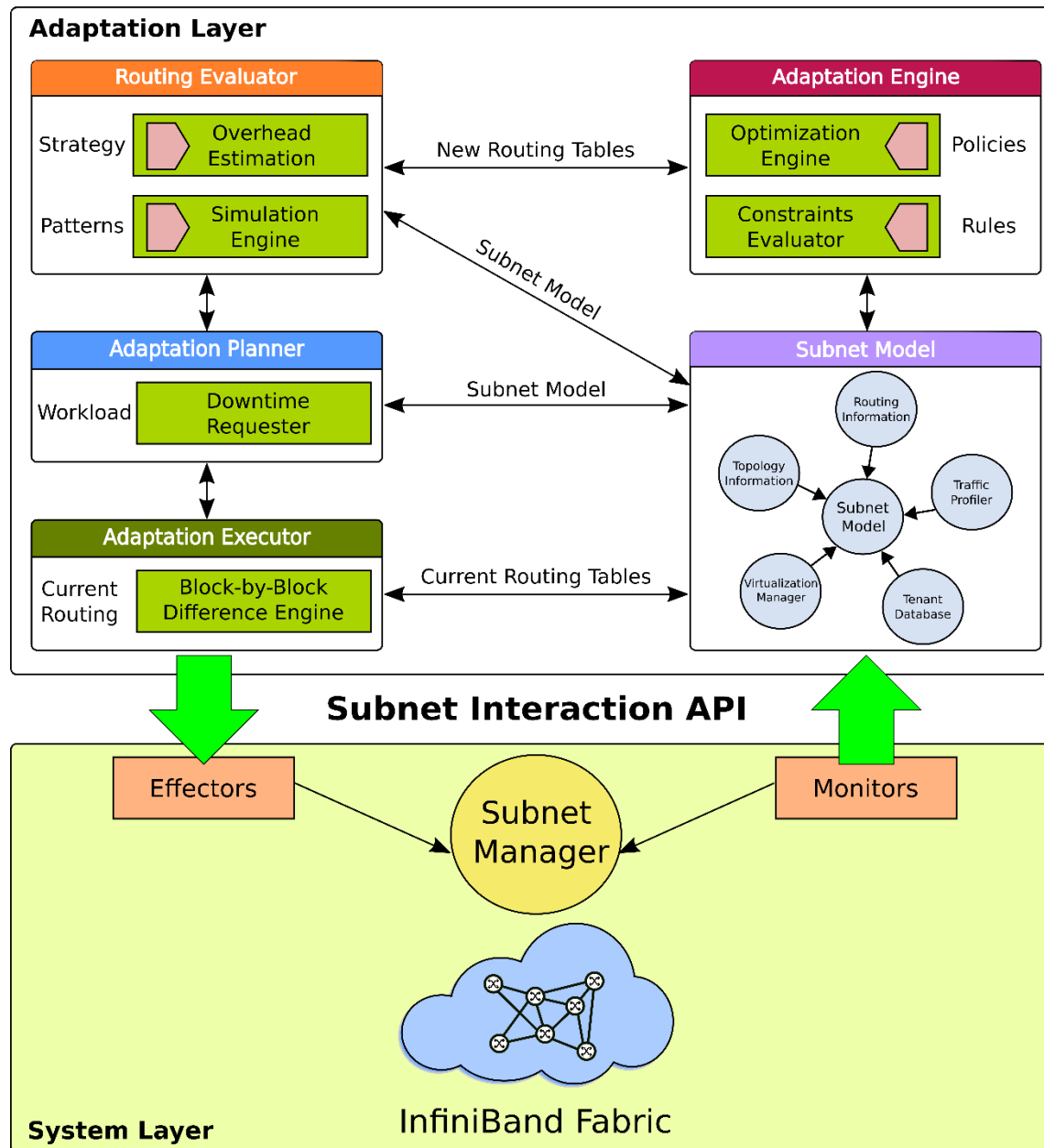
Multi-tenancy

Dynamic Optimizations

Monitor->Optimize->Execute Loop



Big Picture: A Self-Adaptive Network Architecture

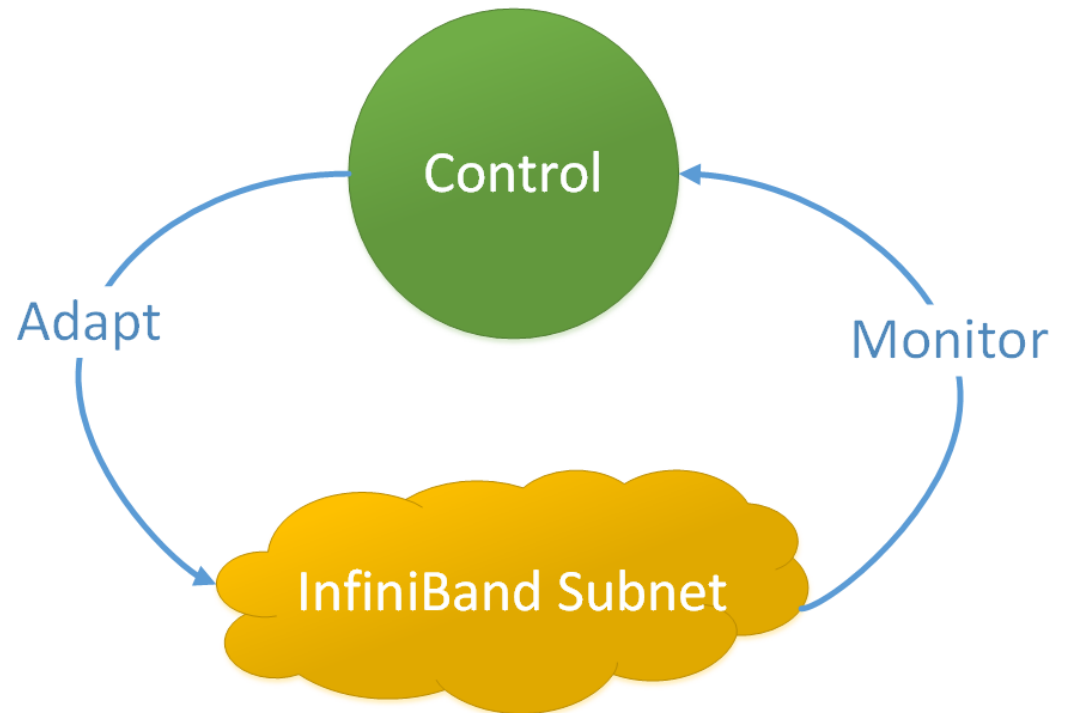


In summary, a self-adaptive network architecture can make HPC clouds fully utilize underlying interconnection network

**State-of-the-art network
architecture with static
configurations**



**A Self-adaptive network
architecture enabling dynamic
HPC clouds**



Thanks for your attention!

