

# Revisiting the *same service for all* paradigm

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## Enhancing the best-effort service



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## Service Differentiation

The real question is to choose which packets shall be dropped. The first definition of differential service is something like "not mine."  
-- Christian Huitema

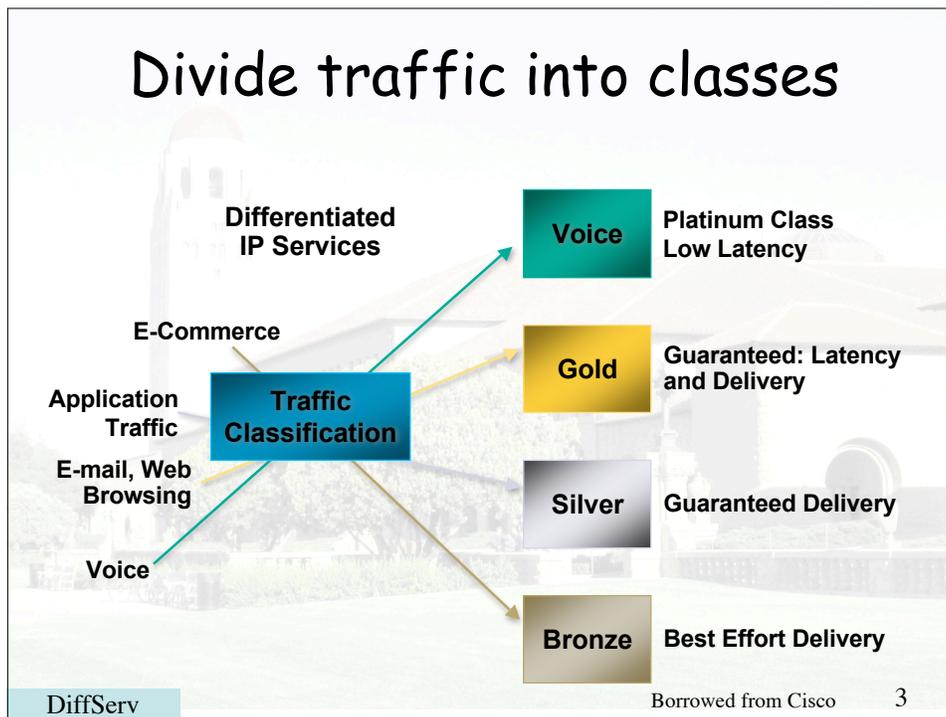
- Differentiated services provide a way to specify the relative priority of packets
- Some data is more important than other
- People who pay for better service get it!



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# Divide traffic into classes



# Design Goals/Challenges

- Ability to charge differently for different services
- No per flow state or per flow signaling
- All policy decisions made at network boundaries
  - Boundary routers implement policy decisions by tagging packets with appropriate priority tag
- Traffic policing at network boundaries
- Deploy incrementally: build simple system at first, expand if needed in future

# IP implementation: DiffServ

RFC 2475

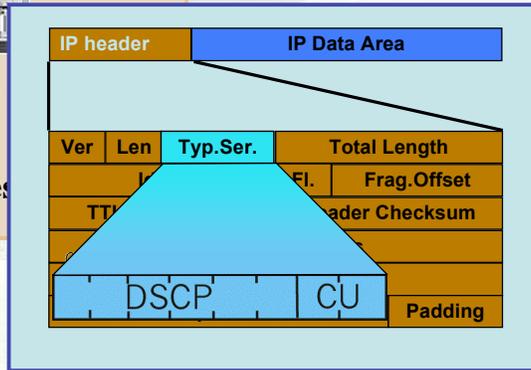
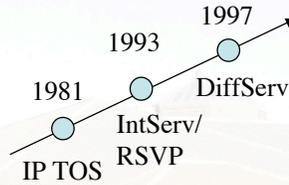
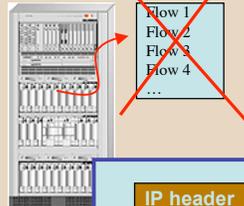
No per flow state in the core

IP packet

10Gbps=2.4Mpps  
with 512-byte packets

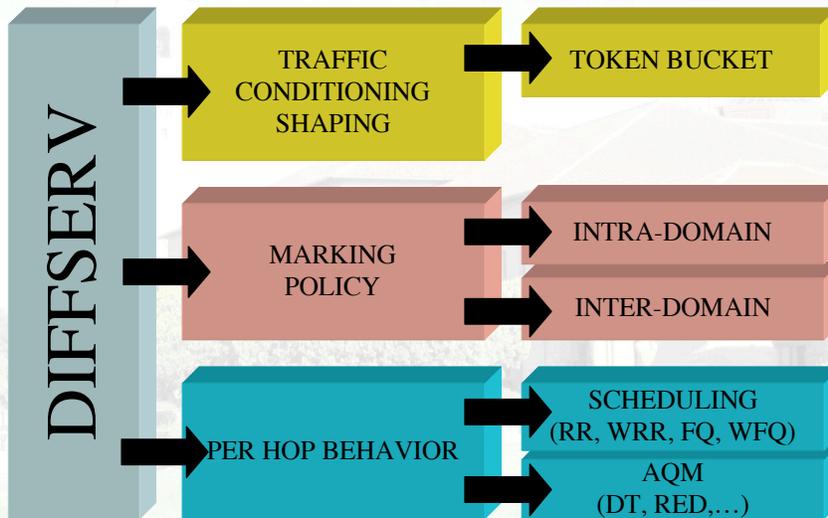
**Stateful approaches  
scalable  
at gigabit rates**

6 bits used for Differentiated Service Code Point (DSCP) and determine PHB that the packet will receive



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## DiffServ building blocks

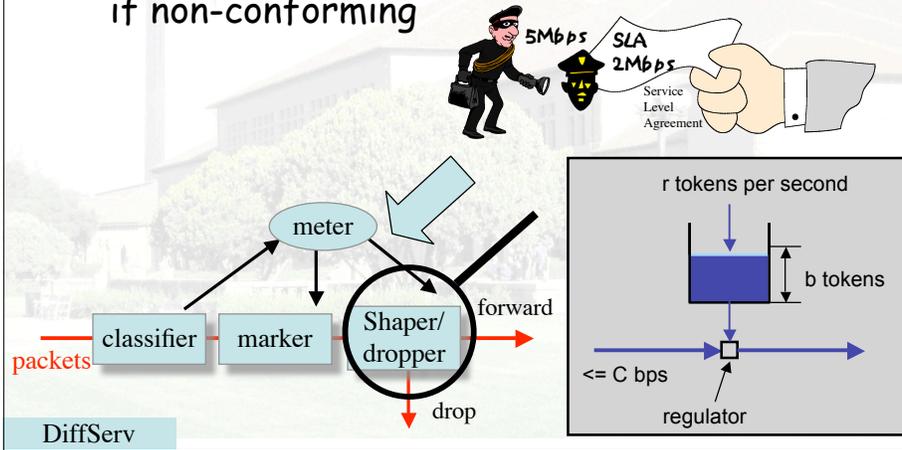


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# Traffic Conditioning

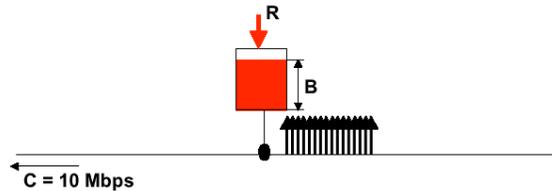
- User declares traffic profile (eg, rate and burst size); traffic is metered and shaped if non-conforming



# Token Bucket (1)

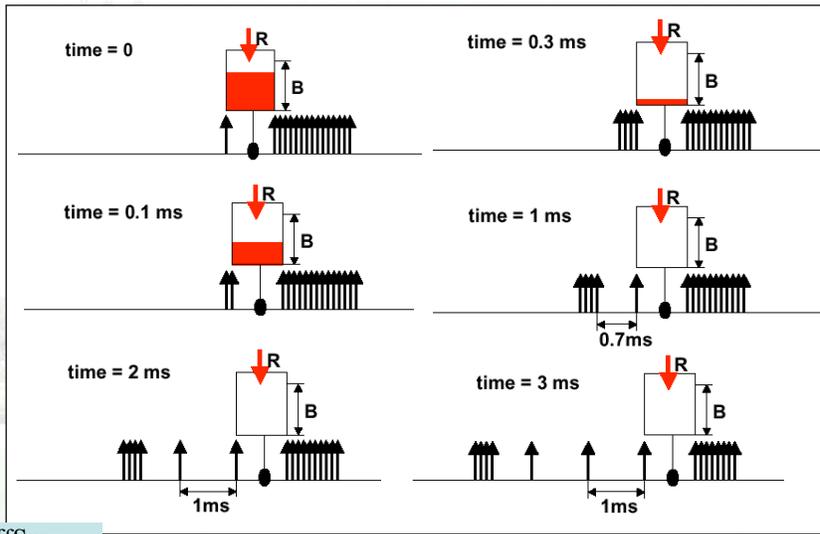
## Example

- $B = 4000$  bits,  $R = 1$  Mbps,  $C = 10$  Mbps
- Packet length = 1000 bits
- Assume the bucket is initially full and a "large" burst of packets arrives



# Token Bucket (2)

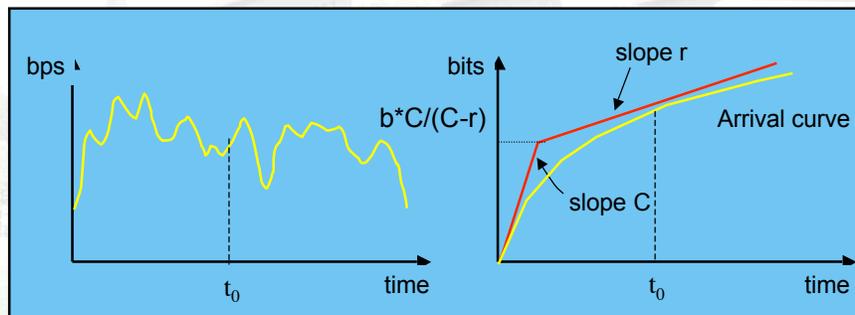
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# Token Bucket for traffic characterization

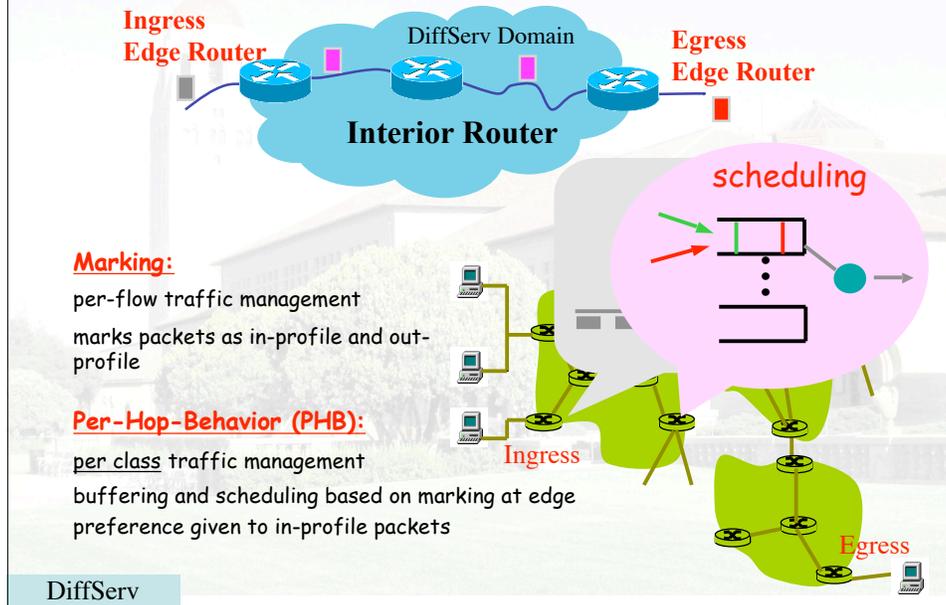
- Given  $b$ =bucket size,  $C$ =link capacity and  $r$ =token generation rate



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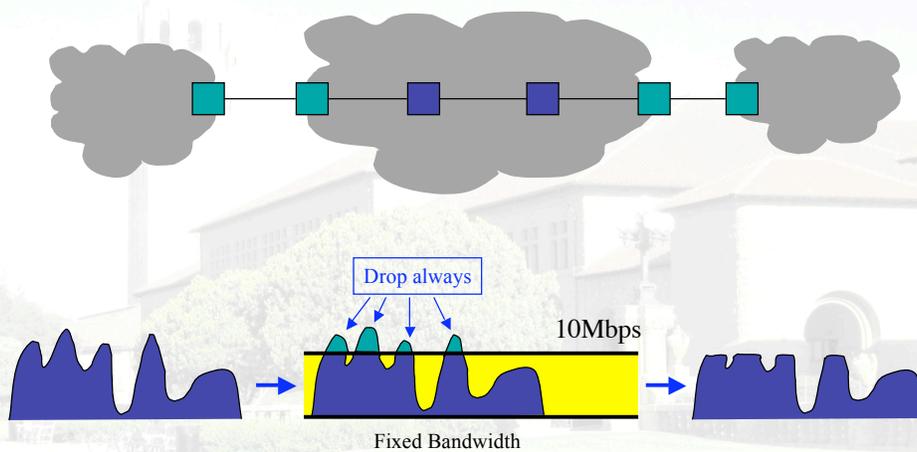
# Differentiated Architecture



## Pre-defined PHB

- ❑ **Expedited Forwarding (EF, premium):**
  - ❑ departure rate of packets from a class equals or exceeds a specified rate (logical link with a minimum guaranteed rate)
  - ❑ Emulates leased-line behavior
- ❑ **Assured Forwarding (AF):**
  - ❑ 4 classes, each guaranteed a minimum amount of bandwidth and buffering; each with three drop preference partitions
  - ❑ Emulates frame-relay behavior

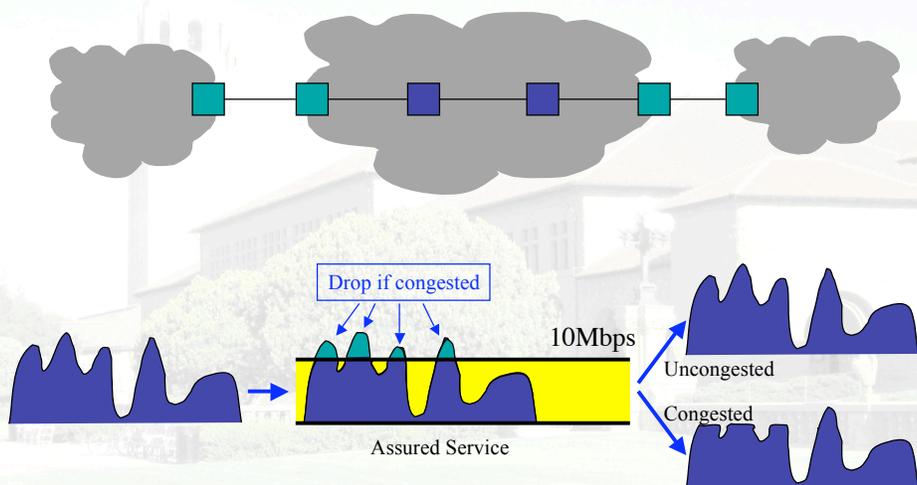
# Premium Service Example



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# Assured Service Example

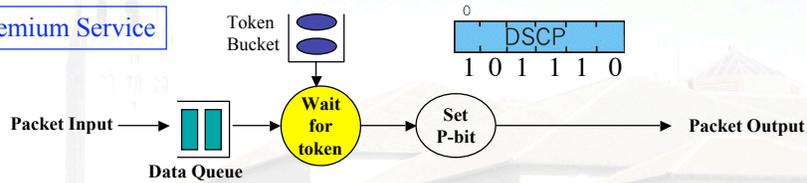


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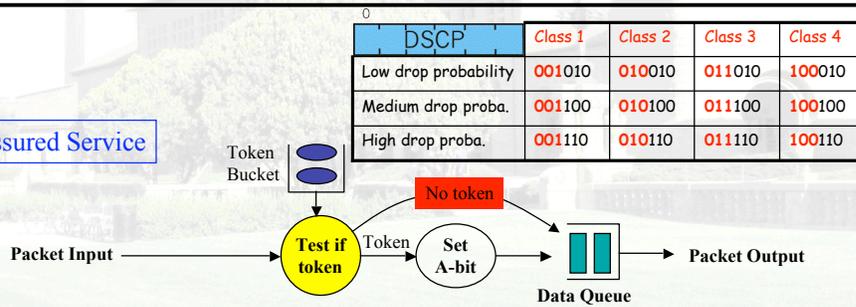
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# Border Router Functionality

## Premium Service



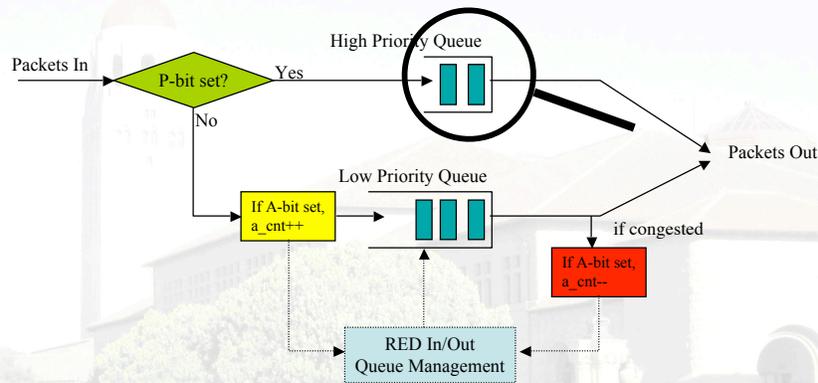
## Assured Service



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# Internal Router Functionality



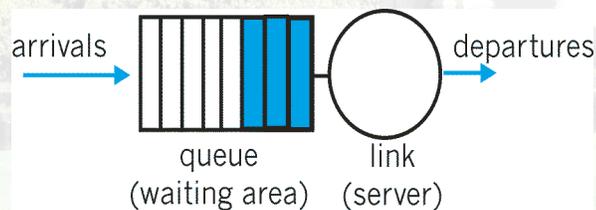
A DSCP codes aggregates, not individual flows  
 No state in the core  
 Should scale to millions of flows

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# Scheduling

- ❑ DiffServ PHB relies mainly on scheduling
  - ❑ choose the next packet for transmission
  - ❑ FIFO: in order of arrival to the queue; packets that arrive to a full buffer are either discarded, or a discard policy is defined.
  - ❑ More complex policies: FCFS, PRIORITY, EDD...

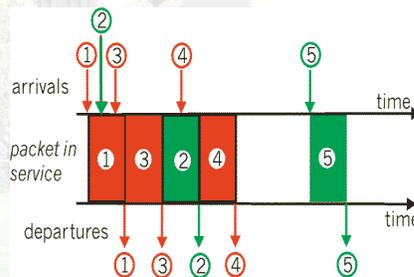
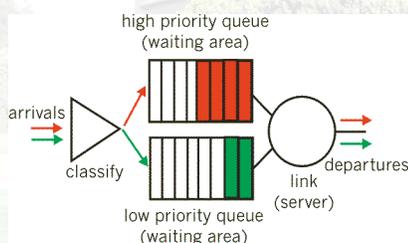


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# Priority Queueing

- ❑ Priority Queueing: classes have different priorities;
- ❑ Transmit a packet from the highest priority class with a non-empty queue
- ❑ Preemptive and non-preemptive versions

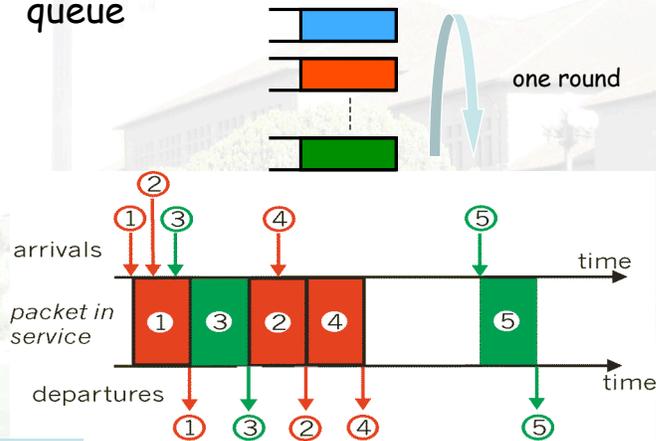


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# Round Robin (RR)

- Round Robin: scan class queues serving one from each class that has a non-empty queue

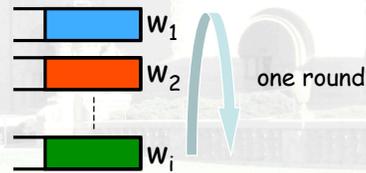


# Weighted Round Robin, WRR

- Assign a weight to each connection and serve a connection in proportion to its weight

Connection A, B and C with same packet size and weight 0.5, 0.75 and 1. How many packets from each connection should a round-robin server serve in each round?

A: Normalize each weight so that they are all integers: we get 2, 3 and 4. Then in each round of service, the server serves 2 packets from A, 3 from B and 4 from C.

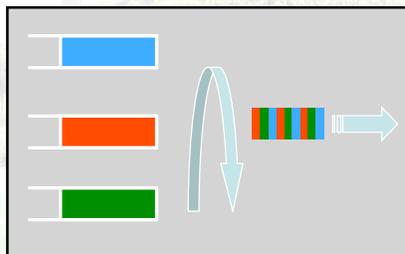


## (Weighted) Round-Robin Discussion

- ❑ Advantages: protection among flows
  - ❑ Misbehaving flows will not affect the performance of well-behaving flows
  - ❑ FIFO does not have such a property
- ❑ Disadvantages:
  - ❑ More complex than FIFO: per flow queue/state
  - ❑ Biased toward large packets: a flow receives service proportional to the number of packets
- ❑ If packet size are different, we normalize the weight by the packet size
  - ❑ ex: 50, 500 & 1500 bytes with weight 0.5, 0.75 & 1.0

## Generalized Processor Sharing (GPS)

- ❑ Assume a fluid model of traffic
  - ❑ Visit each non-empty queue in turn (like RR)
  - ❑ Serve infinitesimal from each
  - ❑ Leads to "max-min" fairness
- ❑ GPS is un-implementable!
  - ❑ We cannot serve infinitesimals, only packets



### max-min fairness

Let  $n$  sources requiring resources  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  with  $x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_n$  for instance. Server has a capacity of  $C$ .

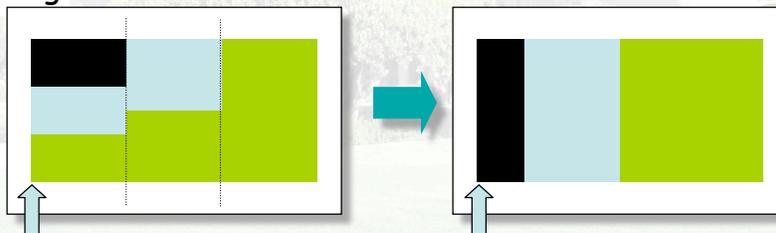
We assign  $C/n$  to source 1. If  $C/n > x_1$ , give  $C/n + (C/n - x_1)/(n-1)$  to the  $(n-1)$  remaining sources. If this amount is greater than  $x_2$ , process again.

# Packet Approximation of Fluid System

- ❑ GPS un-implementable
- ❑ Standard techniques of approximating fluid GPS
  - ❑ Select packet that finishes first in GPS assuming that there are no future arrivals (emulate GPS on the side)
- ❑ Important properties of GPS
  - ❑ Finishing order of packets currently in system independent of future arrivals
- ❑ Implementation based on virtual time
  - ❑ Assign virtual finish time to each packet upon arrival
  - ❑ Packets served in increasing order of virtual times

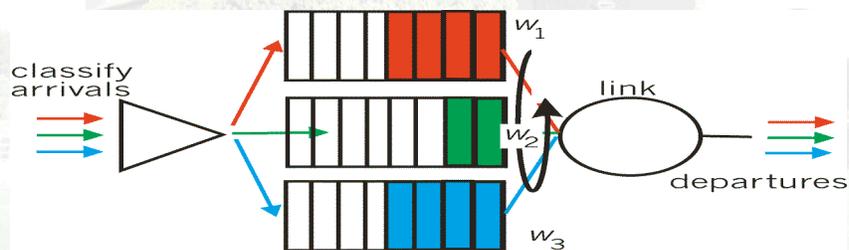
# Fair Queuing (FQ)

- ❑ Idea: serve packets in the order in which they would have finished transmission in the fluid flow system
- ❑ Mapping bit-by-bit schedule onto packet transmission schedule
- ❑ Transmit packet with the lowest finish time at any given time



# Weighted Fair Queueing

- Variation of FQ: Weighted Fair Queueing (WFQ)
- Weighted Fair Queueing: is a generalized Round Robin in which an attempt is made to provide a class with a differentiated amount of service over a given period of time



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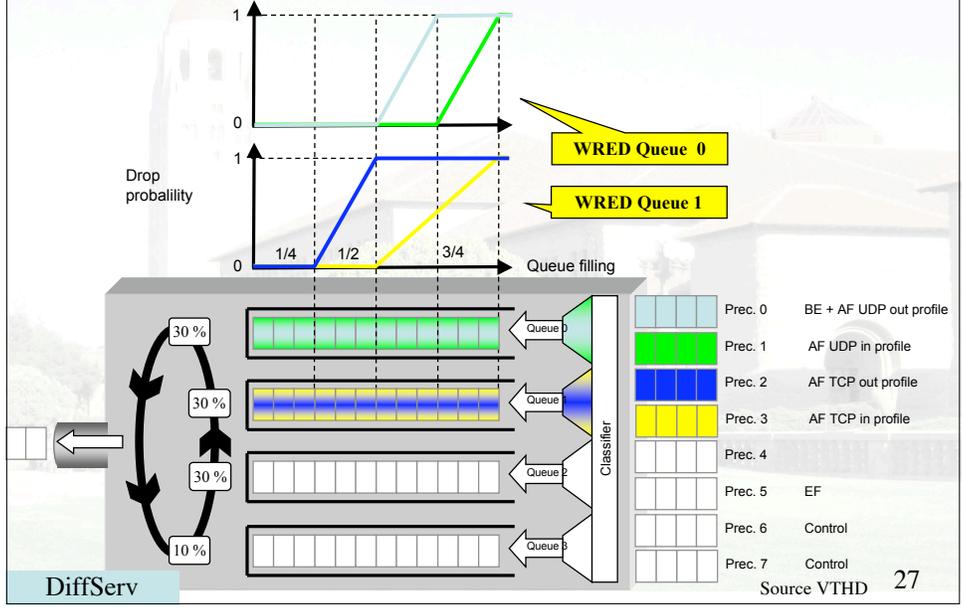
# Implementing WFQ

- WFQ needs per-connection (or per-aggregate) scheduler state → implementation complexity.
  - complex iterated deletion algorithm
  - complex sorting at the output queue on the service tag
- WFQ needs to know the weight assigned for each queue → manual configuration, signalling.
- WFQ is not perfect...
- Router manufacturers have implemented as early as 1996 WFQ in their products
  - from CISCO 1600 series
  - Fore System ATM switches

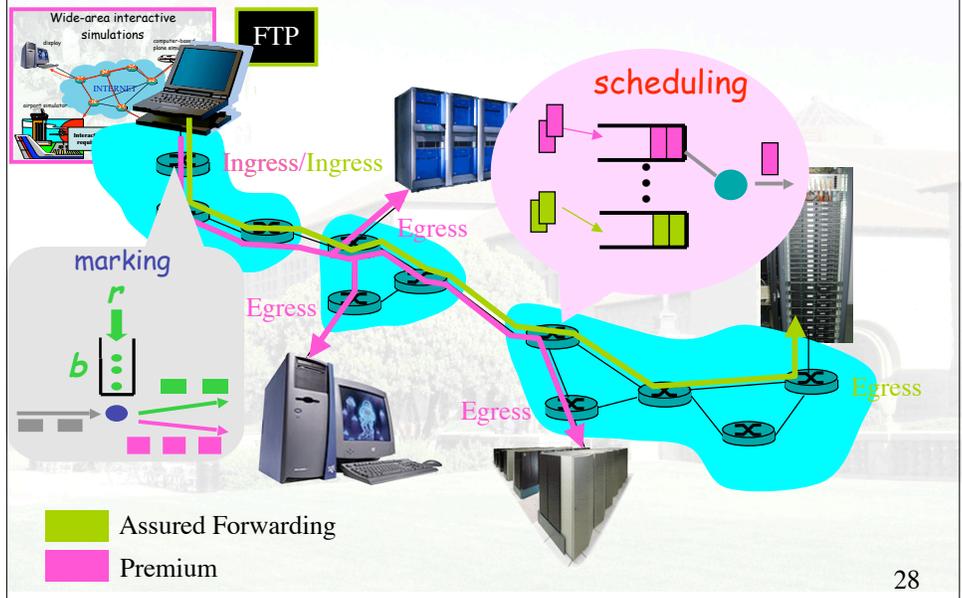
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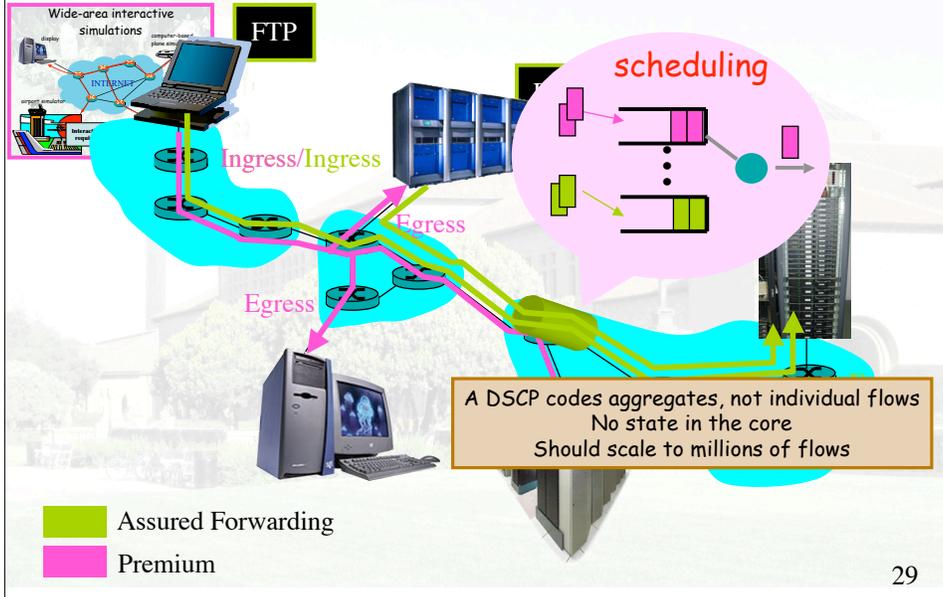
# Putting it together!



# DiffServ for grids



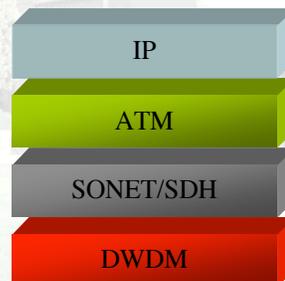
# DiffServ for grids (con't)



# Bandwidth provisioning

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- ❑ DWDM-based optical fibers have made bandwidth very cheap in the backbone
- ❑ On the other hand, dynamic provisioning is difficult because of the complexity of the network control plane:
  - ❑ Distinct technologies
  - ❑ Many protocols layers
  - ❑ Many control software



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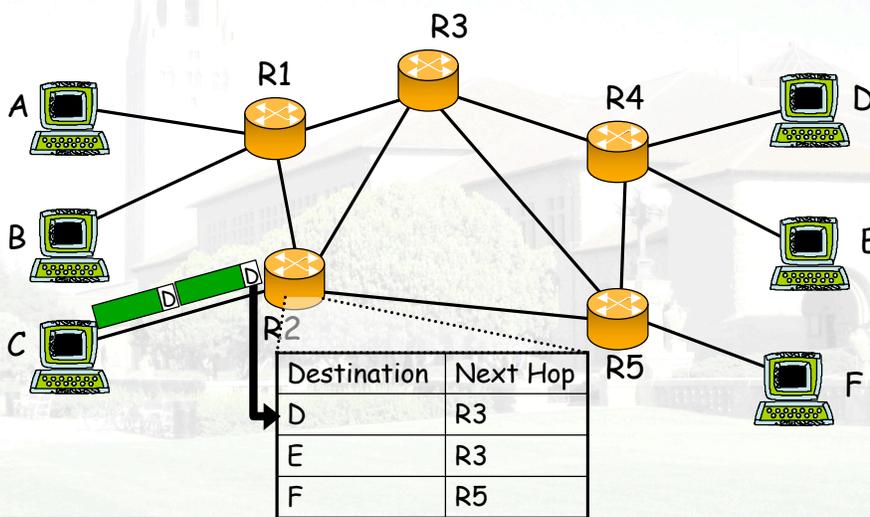
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# Provider's view

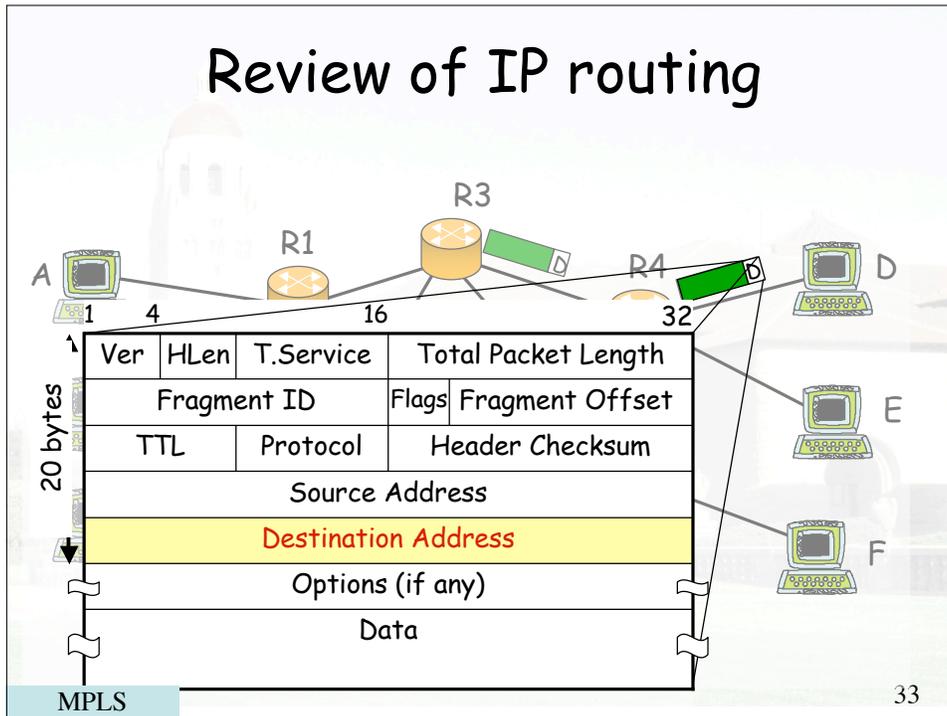


Today's setting time is several weeks/months!  
We want to set dynamic links within hours

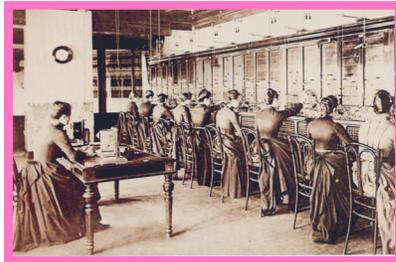
# Review of IP routing



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# Review of telephone network



Signaling replaces the operator

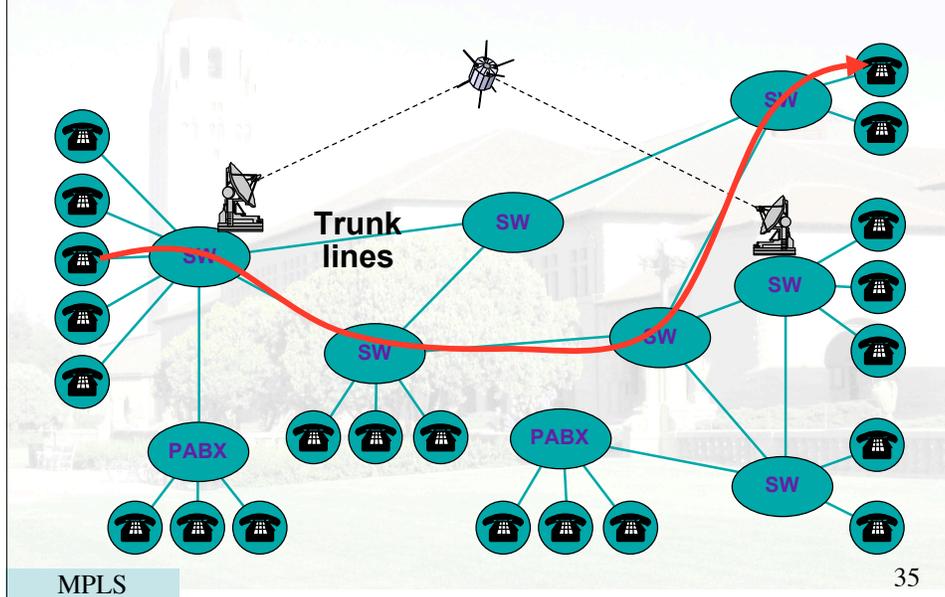


First automatic Branch Exchange Almond B. Strowger, 1891...



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# The telephone circuit view



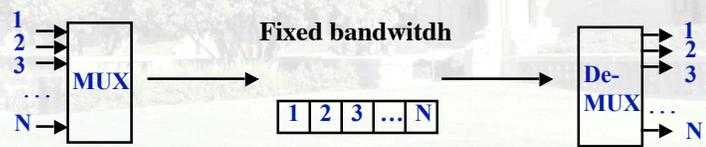
## Advantages of circuits

- Provides the same path for information of the same connection: less out-of-order delivery
- Easier provisioning/reservation of network's resources: planning and management features

# Time Division Circuits

- ❑ Most trunks time division multiplex voice samples
- ❑ At a central office, trunk is demultiplexed and distributed to active circuits
- ❑ Synchronous multiplexor
  - ❑ N input lines
  - ❑ Output runs N times as fast as input

Simple, efficient, but low flexibility and wastes resources

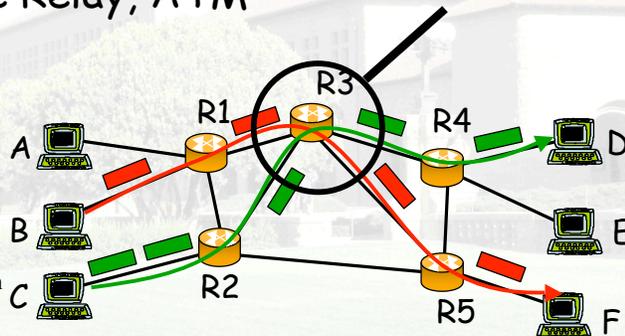


1 sample every 125us gives a 64Kbits/s channel

# Back to virtual circuits

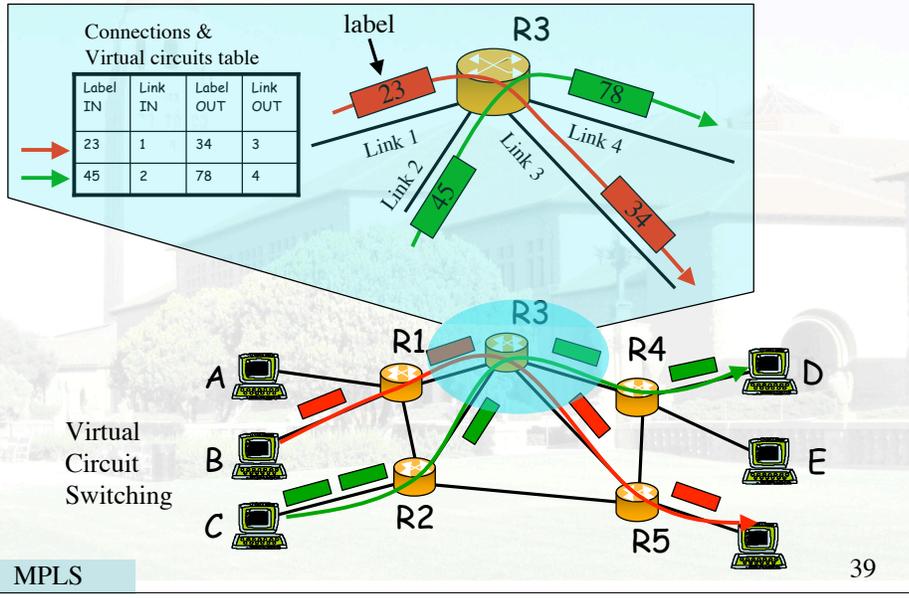
- ❑ Virtual circuit refers to a connection oriented network/link layer: e.g. X.25, Frame Relay, ATM

Virtual Circuit Switching: a path is defined for each connection

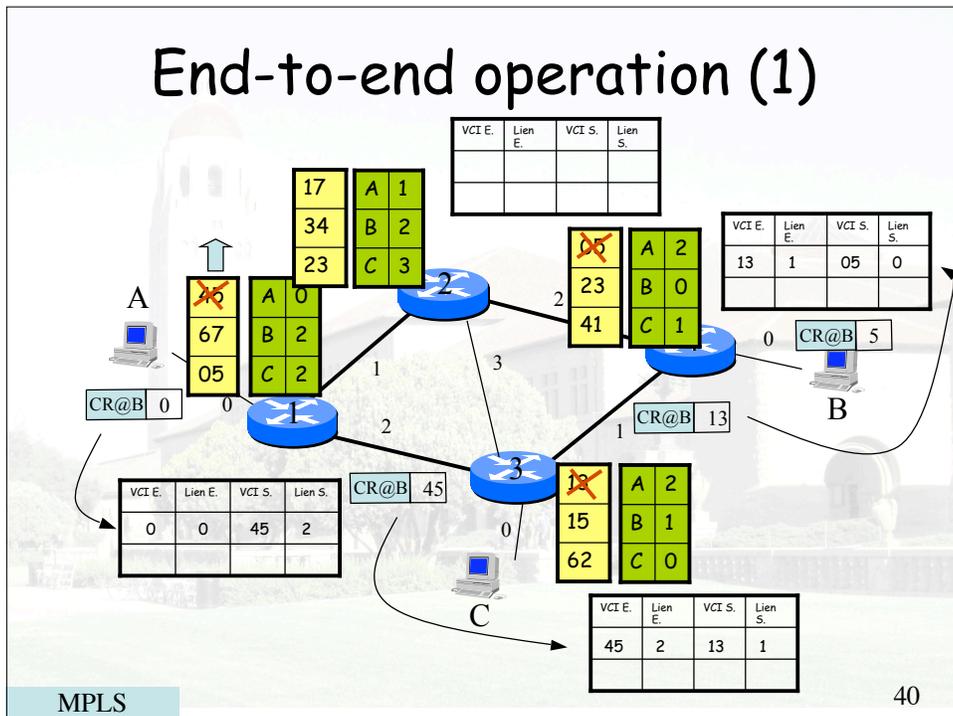


**But IP is connectionless!**

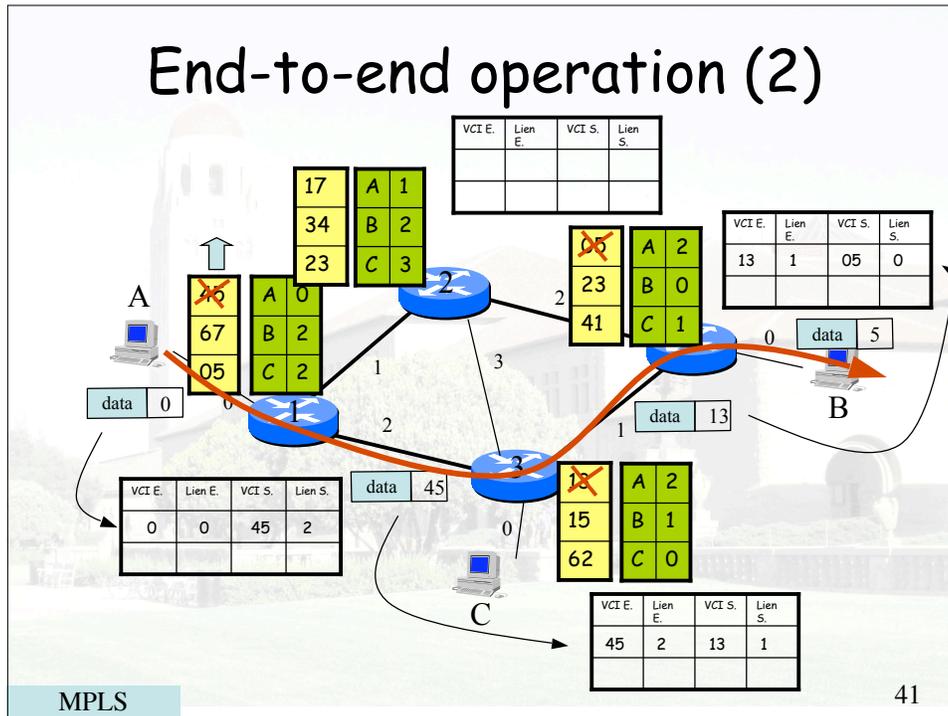
# Virtual circuit principles



# End-to-end operation (1)



## End-to-end operation (2)



## Why virtual circuit?

- Initially to speed up router's forwarding tasks: X.25, Frame Relay, ATM.

We're fast enough!

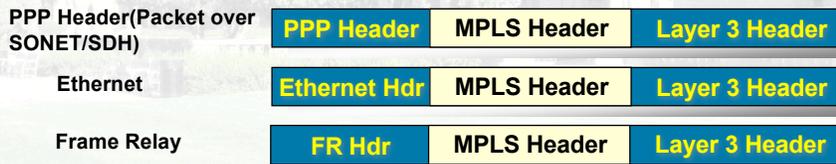


Now: Virtual circuits for traffic engineering!

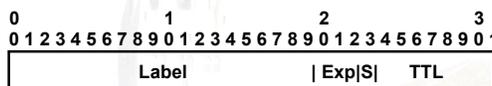
# Virtual circuits in IP networks

- Multi-Protocol Label Switching

- Fast: use label switching → LSR 
- Multi-Protocol: above link layer, below network layer
- Facilitate traffic engineering



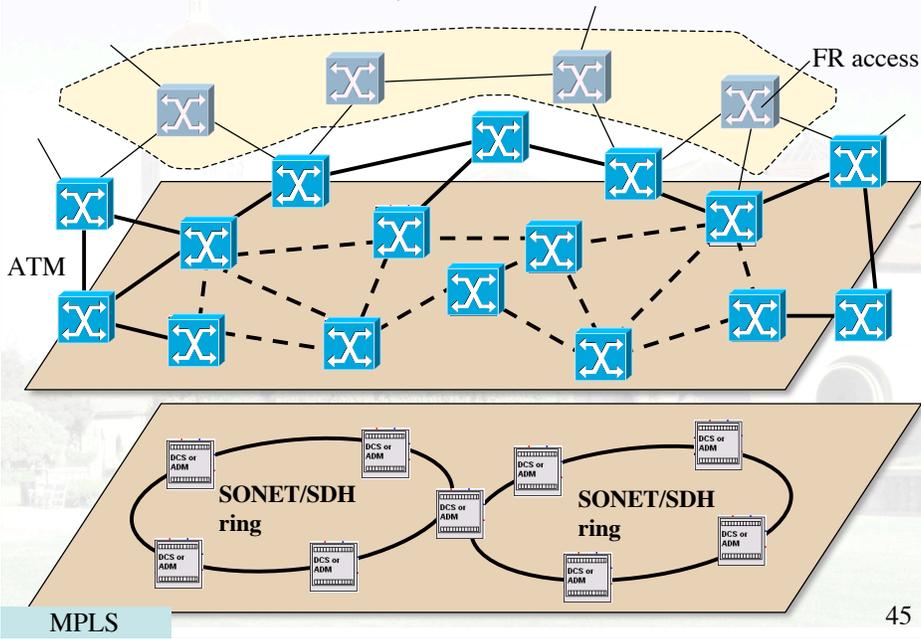
# Label structure



Label = 20 bits  
 Exp = Experimental, 3 bits  
 S = Bottom of stack, 1bit  
 TTL = Time to live, 8 bits

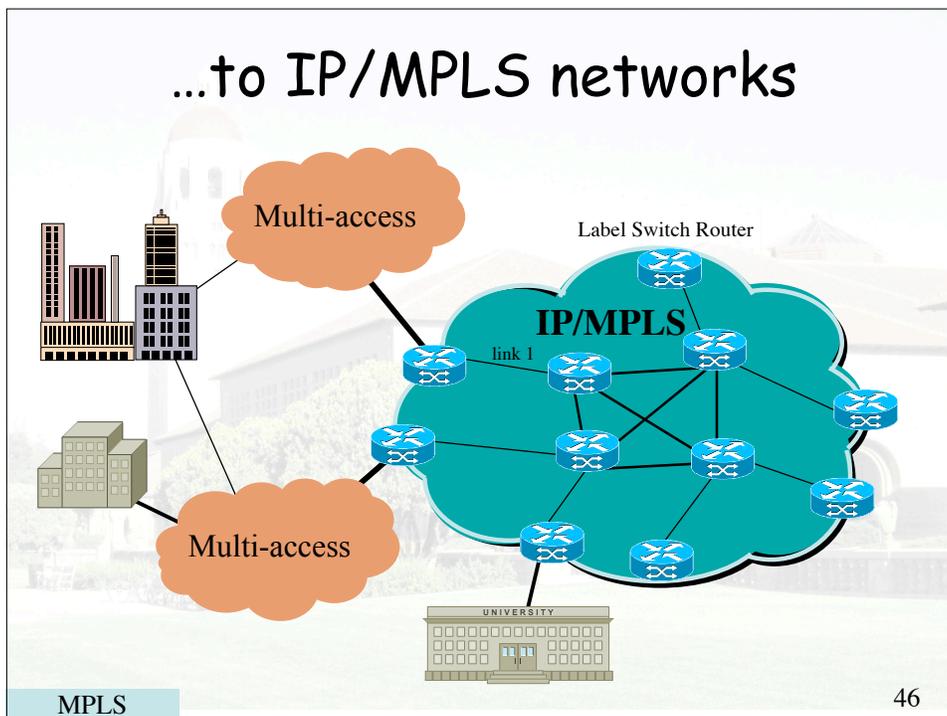
- More than one label is allowed → Label Stack
- MPLS LSRs always forward packets based on the value of the label at the top of the stack

# From multilayer networks...



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# ...to IP/MPLS networks



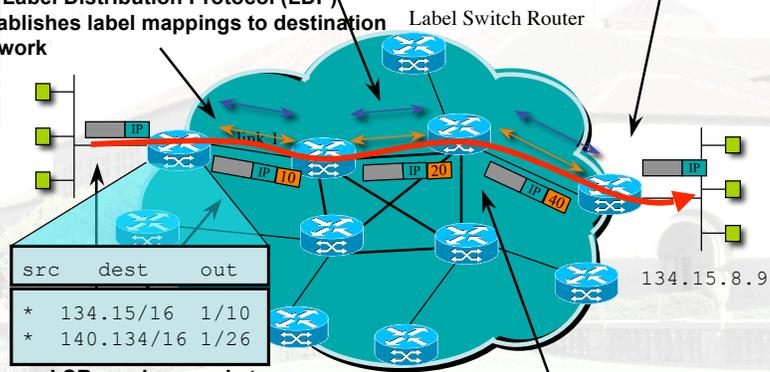
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# MPLS operation

1a. Routing protocols (e.g. OSPF-TE, IS-IS-TE) exchange reachability to destination networks

1b. Label Distribution Protocol (LDP) establishes label mappings to destination network

4. LSR at egress removes label and delivers packet



2. Ingress LSR receives packet and "label"s packets

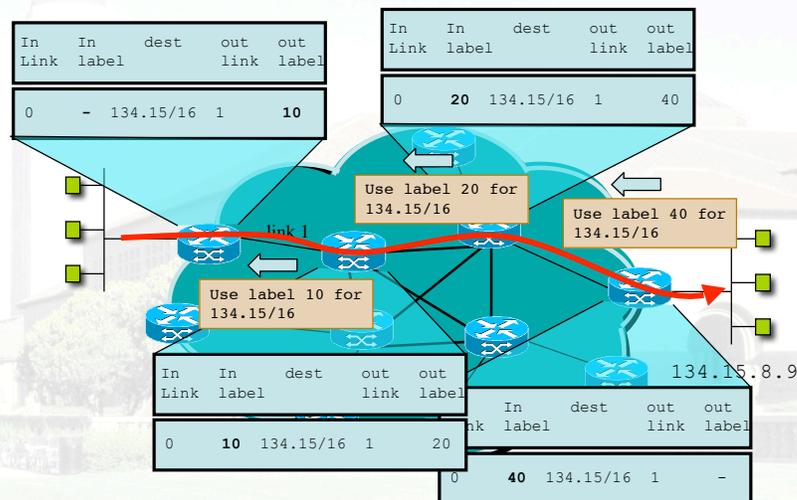
3. LSR forwards packets using label switching

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# Label Distribution

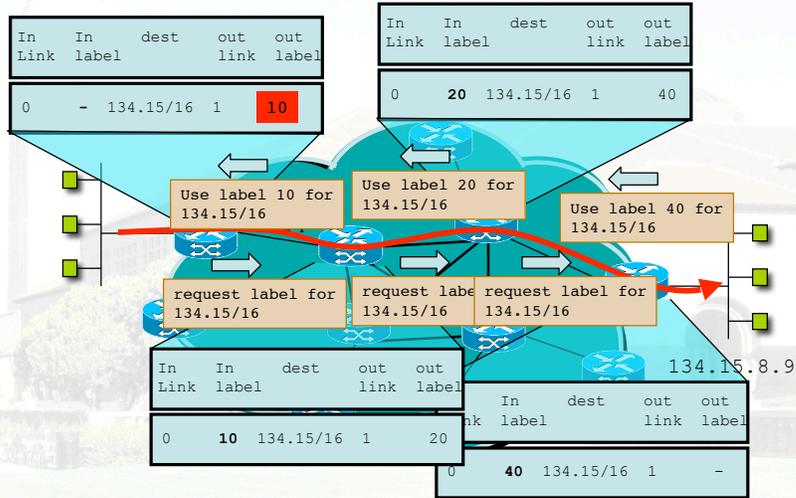


Unsolicited downstream label distribution

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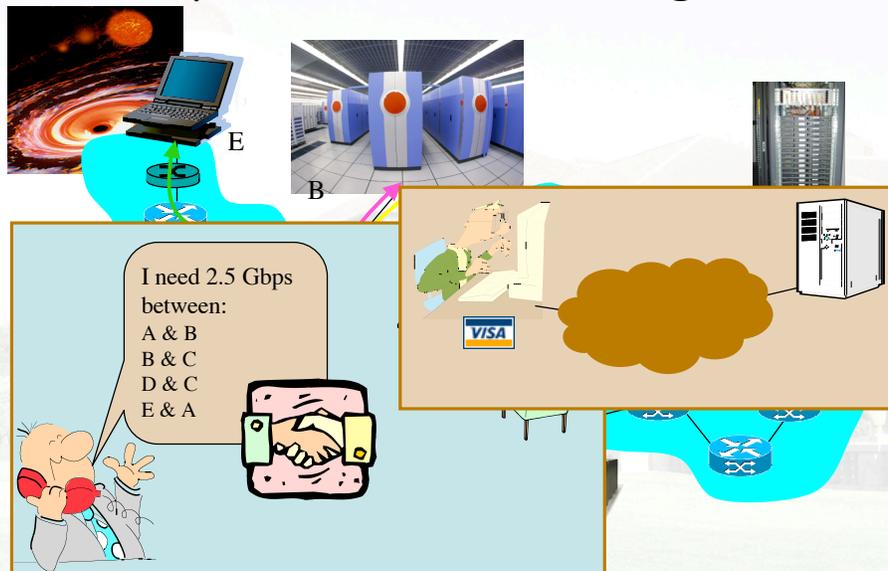
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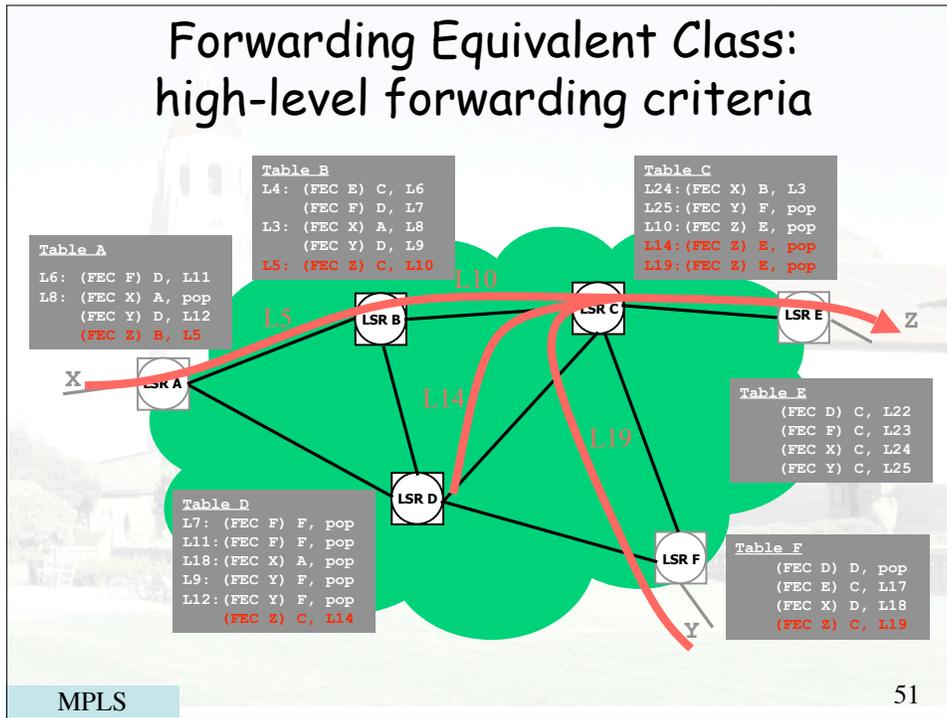


On-demand downstream label distribution

# Dynamic circuits for grids

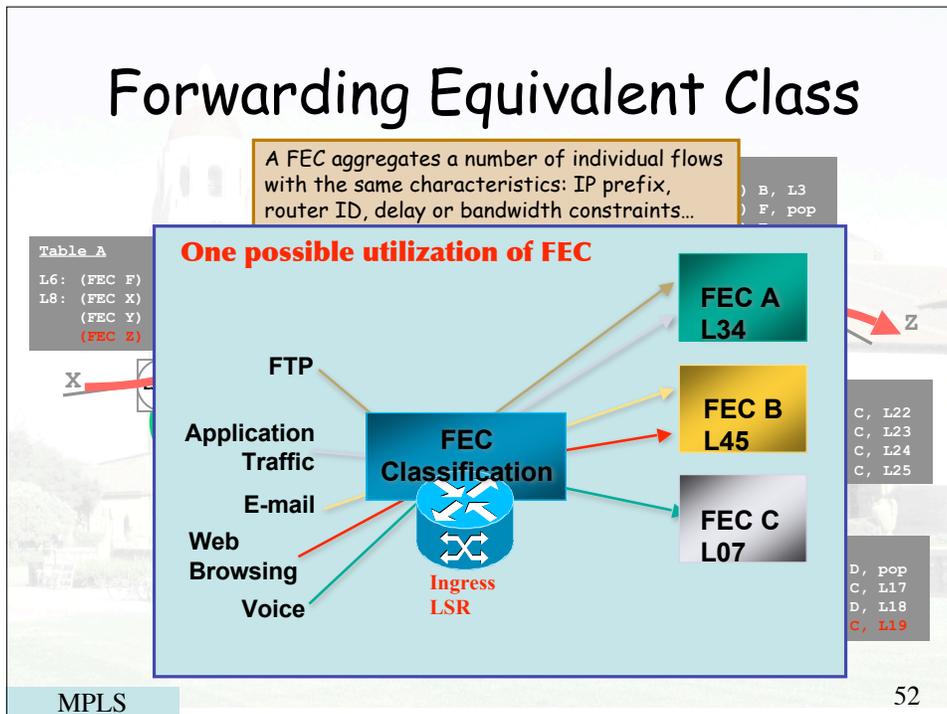


# Forwarding Equivalent Class: high-level forwarding criteria



# Forwarding Equivalent Class

A FEC aggregates a number of individual flows with the same characteristics: IP prefix, router ID, delay or bandwidth constraints...





# Label Distribution Protocols

- ❑ LDP
  - Maps unicast IP destinations into labels
- ❑ RSVP-TE, CR-LDP
  - Used in traffic engineering
- ❑ BGP
  - External labels (VPN)
- ❑ PIM
  - For multicast states label mapping

# MPLS for resiliency

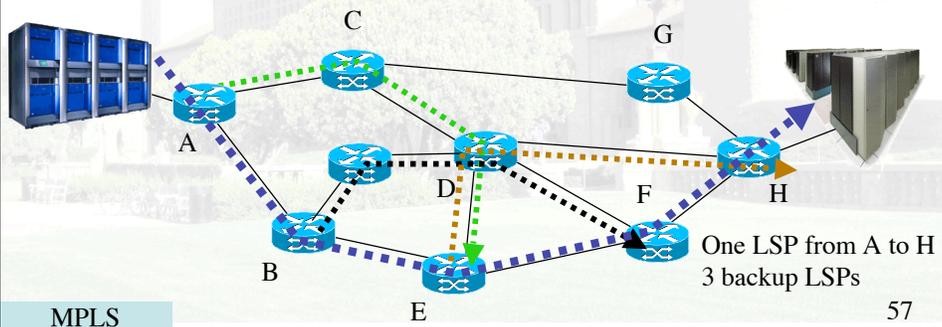
## MPLS FastReroute

- ❑ Intended to provide SONET/SDH-like healing capabilities
- ❑ Selects an alternate route in tenth of ms, provides path protection
- ❑ Traditional routing protocols need minutes to converge!
- ❑ FastReroute is performed by maintaining backup LSPs

# MPLS for resiliency, con't

## Backup LSPs

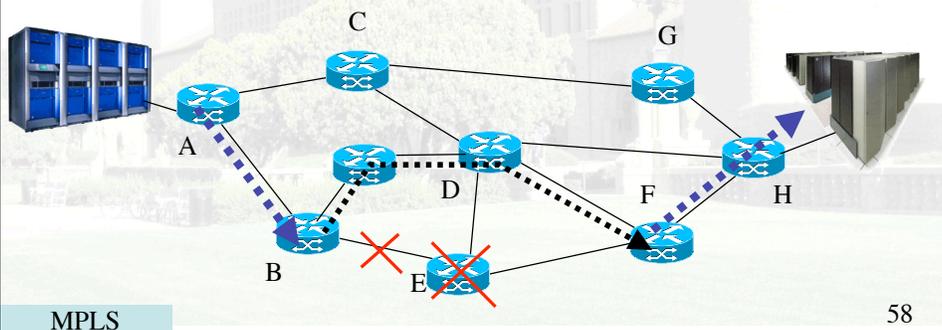
- One-to-one
- Many-to-one: more efficient but needs more configurations



# MPLS for resiliency, con't

## Recovery on failures

- Suppose E or link B-E is down...
- B uses detour around E with backup LSP



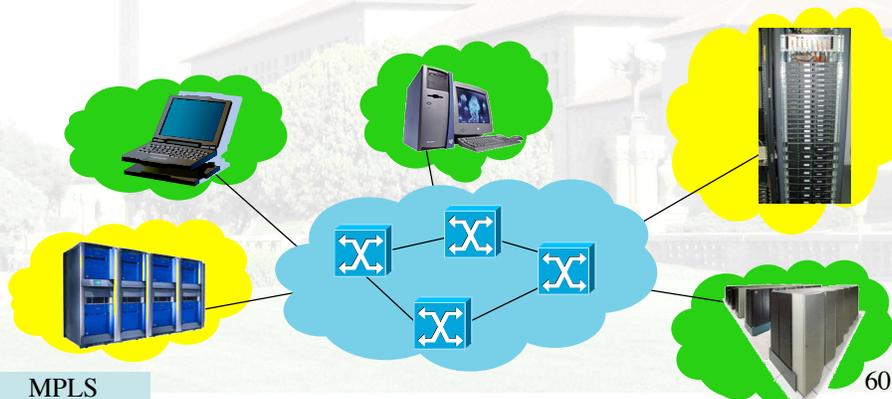
# MPLS for VPN (Virtual Private Networks)

- Virtual Private Networks: build a secure, confidential communication on a public network infrastructure using routing, encryption technologies and controlled accesses



# MPLS for VPN, con't The traditional way of VPN

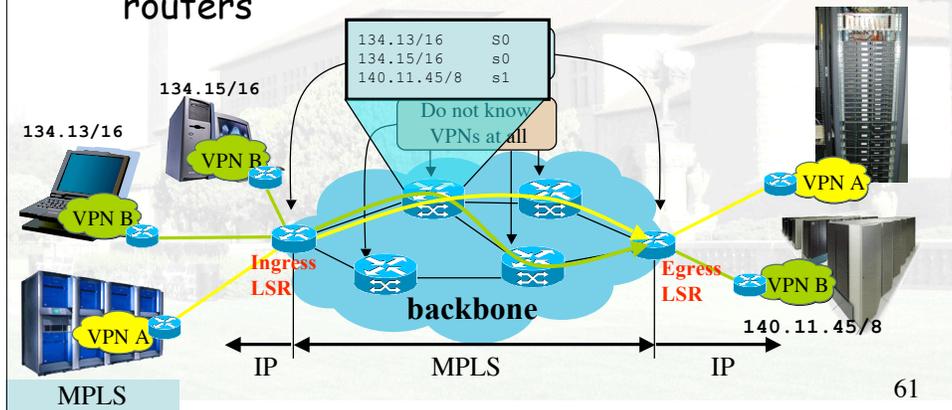
- Uses leased lines, Frame Relay/ATM infrastructures...



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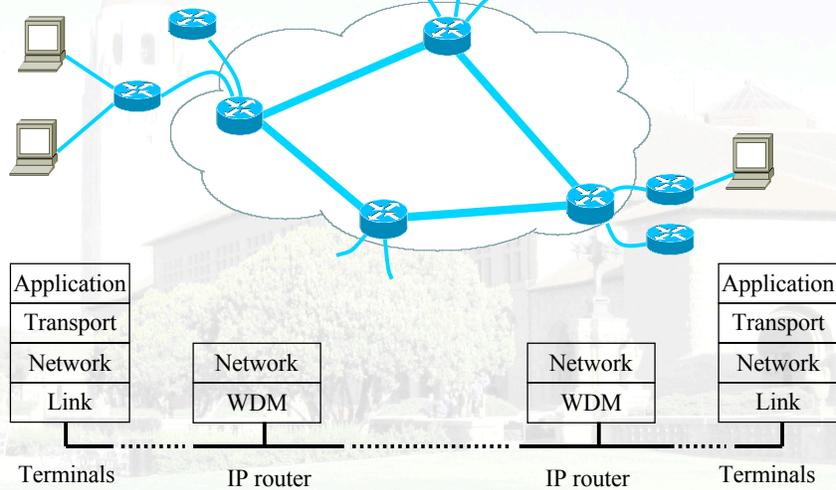
## VPN over IP/MPLS

- ❑ IP/MPLS replace dedicated networks
- ❑ MPLS reduces VPN complexity by reducing routing information needed at provider's routers



# MPLS for optical networks

## Before MPLS



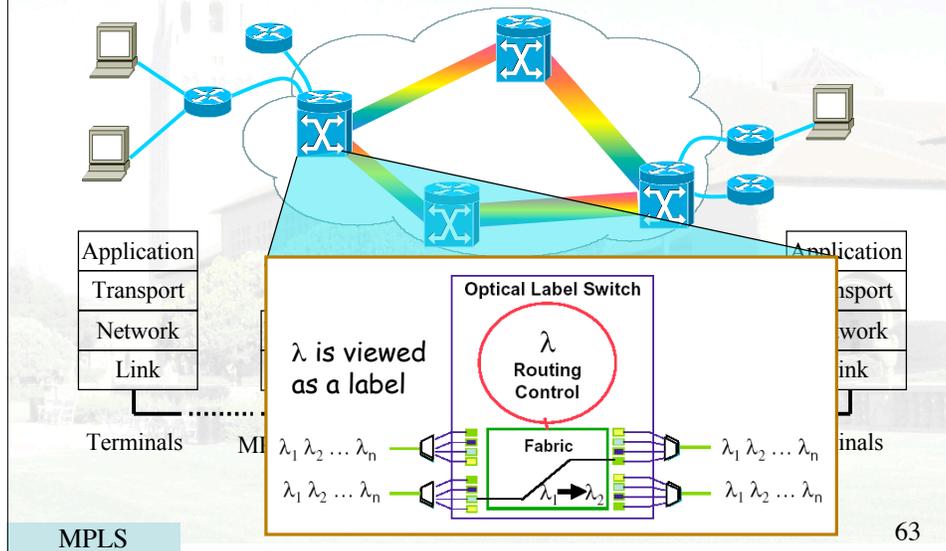
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## MPLS for ON, con't

$MP\lambda S = MPLS + \lambda$  lightpath



## MPLS for ON, con't

GMPLS

- ❑ GMPLS stands for "Generalized Multi-Protocol Label Switching"
- ❑ Extends the concept of MPLS beyond data networks to address legacy transport networks
- ❑ Reduce OPEX cost for operators
- ❑ A suite of protocols that provides a common set of control functions for disparate transport technologies (IP, ATM, SONET/SDH, DWDM)
- ❑ Hot issue at IETF!

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# MPLS for ON, con't

## GMPLS control plane

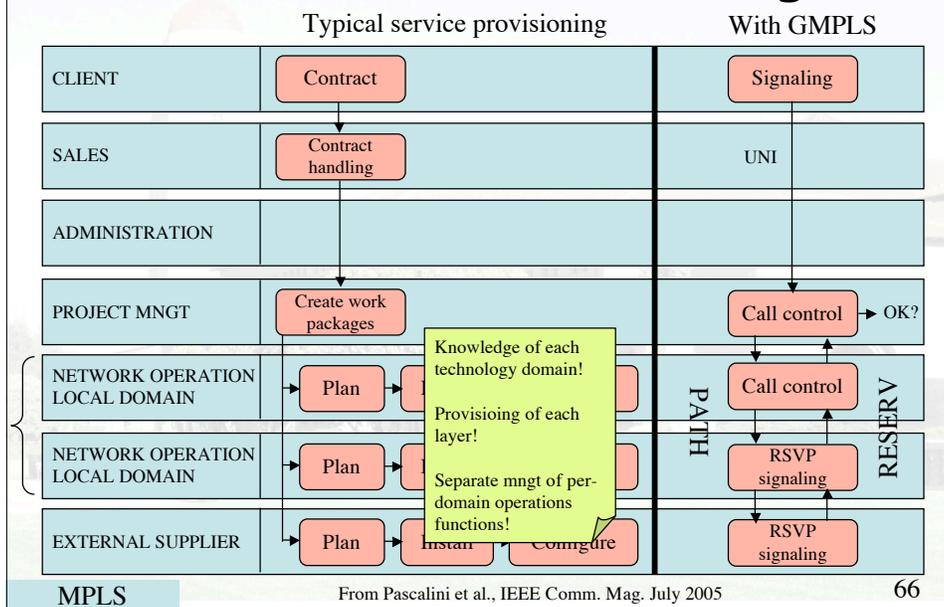
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| <b>LINK MANAGEMENT:</b> Link Management Protocol (LMP)                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Neighbor discovery</li> <li>-Maintain control channel connectivity</li> <li>-Verify data link connectivity</li> <li>-Correlate link property information</li> <li>-Suppress downstream alarms</li> <li>-Localize link failures</li> </ul>                              |
| <b>ROUTING:</b> Open Shortest Path First-Traffic Engineering (OSPF-TE)        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Distribute TE link information</li> <li>-Advertise nodes in the network and create topology</li> <li>-Calculate constrained shortest path (CSPF)</li> <li>-Routing information for control and data plane</li> </ul>   |
| <b>SIGNALING:</b> Resource ReserVation Protocol-Traffic Engineering (RSVP-TE) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Signals setup/teardown/refresh of paths with QoS requirements (e.g., circuit size)</li> <li>-Uses control channel to setup an optical LSP</li> <li>-Supports refresh reduction</li> <li>-Supports Explicit Route Object (ERO) and Record Route Object (RRO)</li> </ul> |

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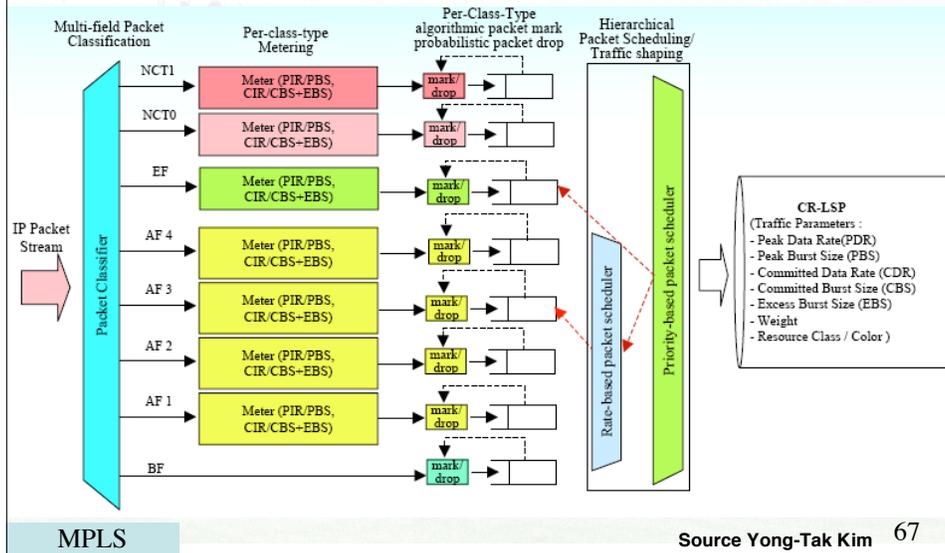
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## Ex: Service Provisioning

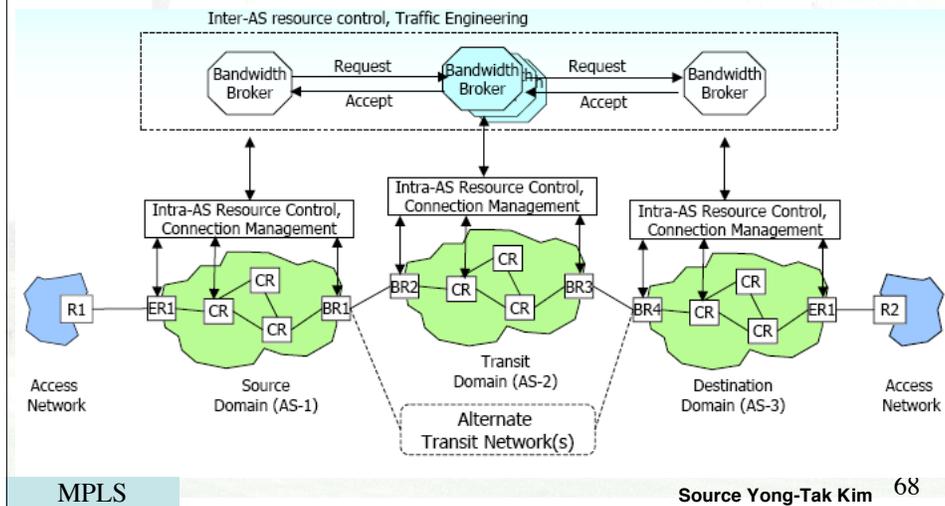


# DiffServ over (G)MPLS

## map DiffServ class on MPLS FEC

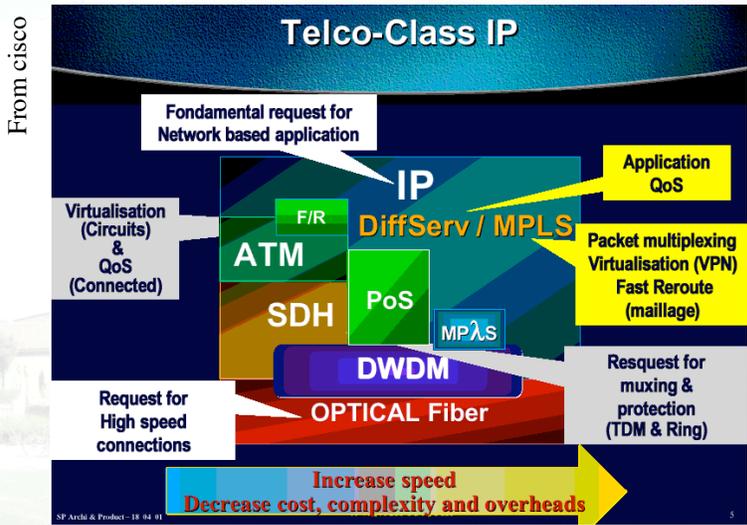


# Some words on inter-domain



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## Towards IP/(G)MPLS/DWDM

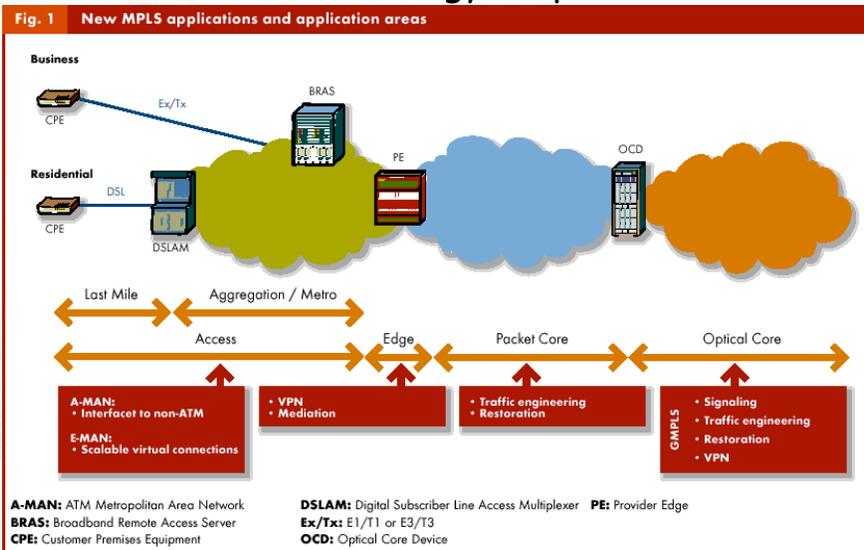


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## Technology scope



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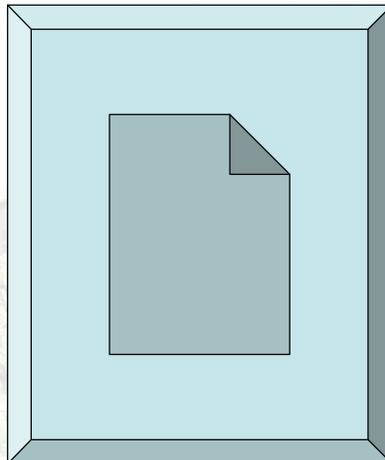
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