SOFTWARE-DEFINED NETWORKING SESSION II

Advanced Computer Networks

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Exam Information

- July 16th, 10-12AM
- Room: MN08
- Written exam
 - Bring a non-erasable blue/black pen (no pencils!)
 - Bring your student ID
 - We provide paper
 - No additional tools allowed (e.g., no calculator)



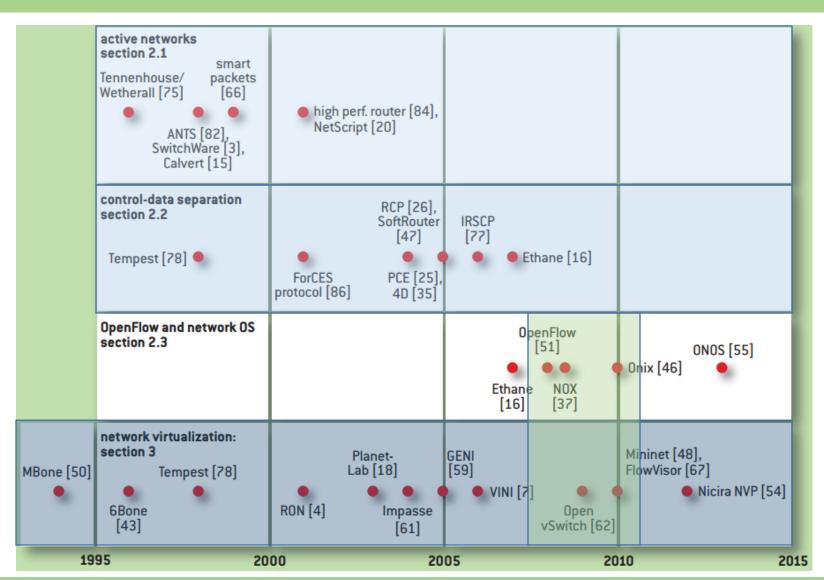
Exam Information

- All topics of the lecture will be covered.
 - Wireless
 - P2P
 - ICN/CCN
 - SDN
 - DCN
 - (Guest talk not relevant for exam)
- Know how concepts work, you will be asked to perform some operations
 - e.g., lookup in a Chord DHT
- Know why we need the concepts
 - (e.g., what are the reasons for using SDN or CCN



Partly based on slides of Nick McKeown, Scott Shenker, Nick Feamster, Jin Xin, and Jennifer Rexford

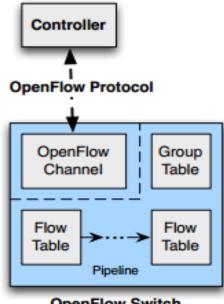
Recap





Recap: OpenFlow – A SDN Protocol

- Main components: Flow and Group Tables
 - Controller can manipulate these tables via the OpenFlow protocol (add, update, delete)
 - Flow Table: reactively or proactively defines how incoming packets are forwarded
 - Group Table: additional processing

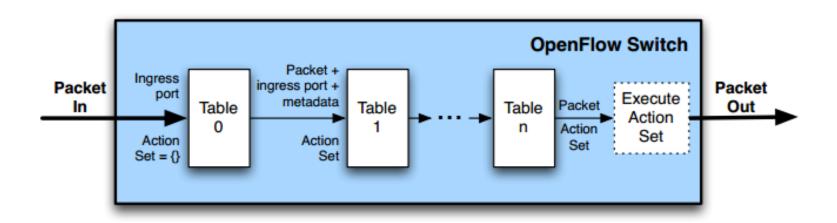


OpenFlow Switch



Recap: OpenFlow – Switches

- Incoming packets are matched against Table 0 first
- Find highest priority match and execute instructions (might be a Goto-Table instruction)
- Goto: Only possible forward





Recap: Examples

Switching

Switch	MAC	MAC	Eth	VLAN	IP		IP	ТСР	ТСР	Action
Port	src	dst	type	ID	Src	Dst	Prot	sport	dport	Action
*	*	00:1f:	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	port6

Flow Switching

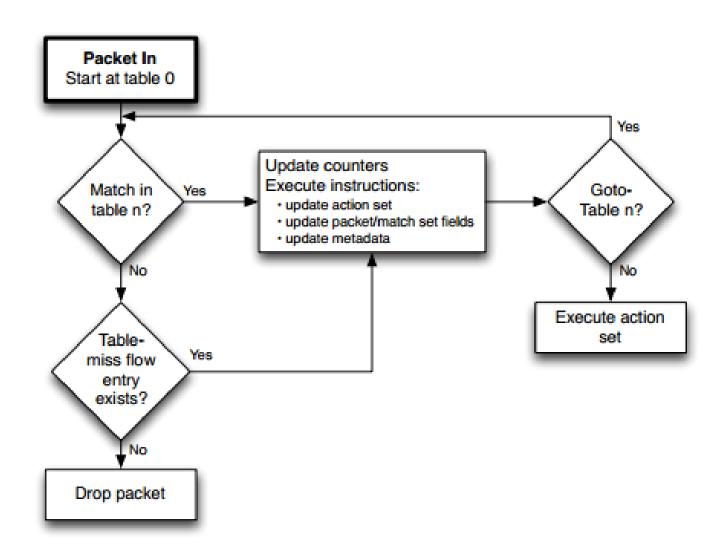
Switch	MAC	MAC	Eth	VLAN					ТСР	Action
Port	src	dst	type	ID	Src	Dst	Prot	sport	dport	Action
port3	00:20	00:1f	0800	vlan1	1.2.3.4	5.6.7.8	4	17264	80	port6

Firewall

Switch	MA	C	MAC	Eth	VLAN	IP	IP	IP	ТСР	ТСР	Action
Port	src		dst	type	ID	Src	Dst	Prot	sport	TCP dport	ACTION
*	*	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	22	drop



OpenFlow - Matching





OpenFlow Controllers

OpenFlow Controllers

Controller Summary

	NOX	POX	Ryu	Floodlight	ODL OpenDaylight
Language	C++	Python	Python	JAVA	JAVA
Performance	Fast	Slow	Slow	Fast	Fast
Distributed	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
OpenFlow	1.0 / 1.3	1.0	1.0 to 1.4	1.0	1.0 / 1.3
Learning Curve	Moderate	Easy	Moderate	Steep	Steep
		Research, experimentation, demonstrations	Open source Python controller	Maintained Big Switch Networks	Vendor App support

Source: Georgia Tech SDN Class



...and many more: Beacon, Trema, OpenContrail, POF, etc.



That's a Lot of Controllers!?

"There are almost as many controllers for SDNs as there are SDNs" – Nick Feamster

Which controller should I use for what problem?



Which controller?

Concept?
Architecture?
Programming language and model?
Advantages / Disadvantages?
Learning Curve?
Developing Community?
Type of target network?



NOX [1]

- The first controller
 - Open source
 - Stable





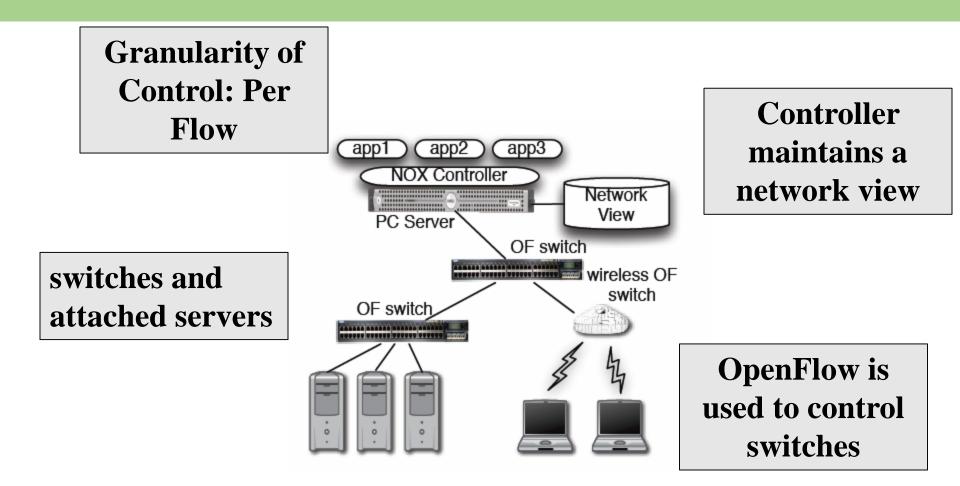
• OF version supported: 1.0



[1] Gude et al. "NOX: towards an operating system for networks." ACM SIGCOMM CCR 38.3 (2008): 105-110.



NOX Architecture



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NOX Architecture

Programming model: Controller listens for OF events

Programmer writes action handlers for events



When to use NOX

- Need to use low-level semantics of OpenFlow
 - NOX does not come with many abstractions
- Need of good performance (C++)
 - E.g.: production networks



POX [1]

• POX = NOX in Python

- Advantages:
 - Widely used, maintained and supported
 - Relatively easy to write code for



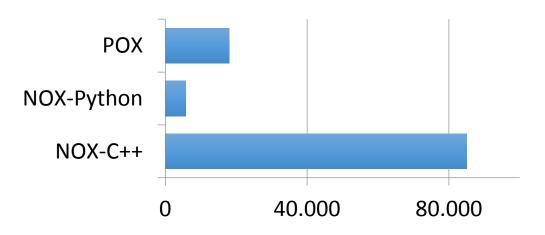
- Disadvantage:
 - Performance (Python is slower than C++)
 - But: can feed POX ideas back to NOX for production use

[1] Mccauley, J. "Pox: A python-based openflow controller." http://www.noxrepo.org/pox/about-pox/

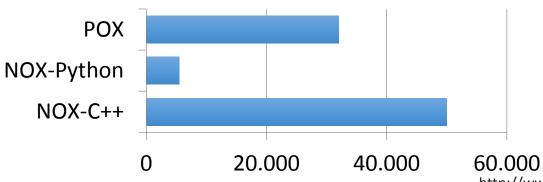


POX

cbench "latency" (flows per second)



cbench "throughput" (flows per second)



http://www.noxrepo.org/pox/about-pox/



When to use POX

Learning, testing, debugging, evaluation

Probably not in large production networks



Programming POX

Recall: controller listens for OF events, here: packetIn

```
def handle PacketIn (self, event):
 Handles packet in messages from the switch.
  packet = event.parsed # This is the parsed packet data.
  if not packet.parsed:
    log.warning("Ignoring incomplete packet")
    return
  packet in = event.ofp # The actual ofp_packet_in message.
 # process packet like a switch
  self.act like switch(packet, packet in)
```



Programming POX

```
def act like switch (self, packet, packet in):
   The controller will check whether or not the destination host
    is in the MAC-TO-PORT table.
    IF that is the case, the controller instructs the switch to
   forward via the corresponding port.
   IF NOT, the controller instructs the switch to flood the packet.
   #update MAC-TO-PORT table for source of packet
    self.mac to port[packet.src] = packet in.in port
    if packet.dst in self.mac to port:
        out port = self.mac to port[packet.dst]
        # Send packet out the associated port
        self.resend_packet(packet_in, self.mac_to_port[packet.dst])
   else:
        self.resend packet(packet in, of.OFPP ALL)
```

Programming POX

```
def resend packet (self, packet in, out port):
    Instructs the switch to resend a packet that it had sent to us.
    "packet in" is the ofp packet in object the switch had sent to the
    controller due to a table-miss.
    msg = of.ofp packet out()
    msg.data = packet in
    # Add an action to send to the specified port
    action = of.ofp action output(port = out port)
    msg.actions.append(action)
    # Send message to switch
    self.connection.send(msg)
```



Just one more: Floodlight [1]

Java

- Advantages:
 - Documentation,
 - REST API conformity
 - Production-level performance



- Disadvantage:
 - Steep learning curve

[1] http://www.projectfloodlight.org/floodlight/



Floodlight: Users



































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Floodlight Adopters:

- University research
- Networking vendors
- Users
- Developers / startups



Floodlight Overview

FloodlightProvider (IFloodlightProviderService)

TopologyManager (ITopologyManagerService)

LinkDiscovery (ILinkDiscoveryService)

Forwarding

DeviceManager (IDeviceService)

StorageSource (IStorageSourceService)

RestServer (IRestApiService)

StaticFlowPusher (IStaticFlowPusherService)

VirtualNetworkFilter (IVirtualNetworkFilterService)

- Floodlight is a collection of modules
- Some modules (not all) export services
- All modules in Java
- Rich, extensible REST API

Taken from: Cohen et al, "Software-Defined Networking and the Floodlight Controller", available at http://de.slideshare.net/openflowhub/floodlight-overview-13938216



Floodlight Overview

FloodlightProvider (IFloodlightProviderService)	 Translates OF messages to Floodlight events Managing connections to switches via Netty
TopologyManager (ITopologyManagerService)	Computes shortest path using DijsktraKeeps switch to cluster mappings
LinkDiscovery (ILinkDiscoveryService)	Maintains state of links in networkSends out LLDPs
Forwarding	Installs flow mods for end-to-end routingHandles island routing
DeviceManager (IDeviceService)	 Tracks hosts on the network MAC -> switch,port, MAC->IP, IP->MAC
StorageSource (IStorageSourceService)	
RestServer (IRestApiService)	Implements via Restlets (restlet.org)Modules export RestletRoutable
StaticFlowPusher (IStaticFlowPusherService)	 Supports the insertion and removal of static flows REST-based API
VirtualNetworkFilter (IVirtualNetworkFilterService)	Create layer 2 domain defined by MAC address



Floodlight Programming Model

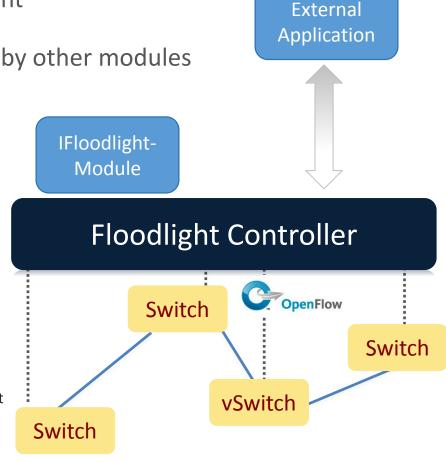
IFloodlightModule

- Java module that runs as part of Floodlight
- Consumes services and events exported by other modules
 - OpenFlow (ie. Packet-in)
 - Switch add / remove
 - Device add /remove / move
 - Link discovery

External Application

Communicates with Floodlight via REST

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Floodlight Modules

Network State

List Hosts

List Links

List Switches

GetStats (DPID)

GetCounters (OFType...)

Static Flows

Add Flow

Delete Flow

List Flows

RemoveAll Flows

Virtual Network

Create Network

Delete Network

Add Host

Remove Host

User Extensions

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Floodlight Controller

Switch

Switch

vSwitch



When to use Floodlight

- If you know JAVA
- If you need production-level performance
- Have/want to use REST API



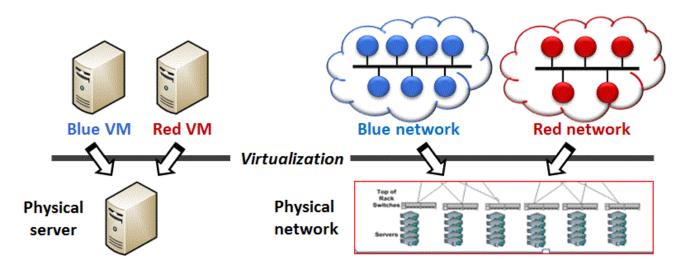
Network Virtualization with OpenFlow

Virtualizing OpenFlow

- Network operators "Delegate" control of subsets of network hardware and/or traffic to other network operators or users
- Multiple controllers can talk to the same set of switches
- Imagine a hypervisor for network equipments
- Allow experiments to be run on the network in isolation of each other and production traffic



Virtualizing OpenFlow



Server virtualization

- Run multiple virtual servers on a physical server
- Each VM has illusion it is running as a physical server

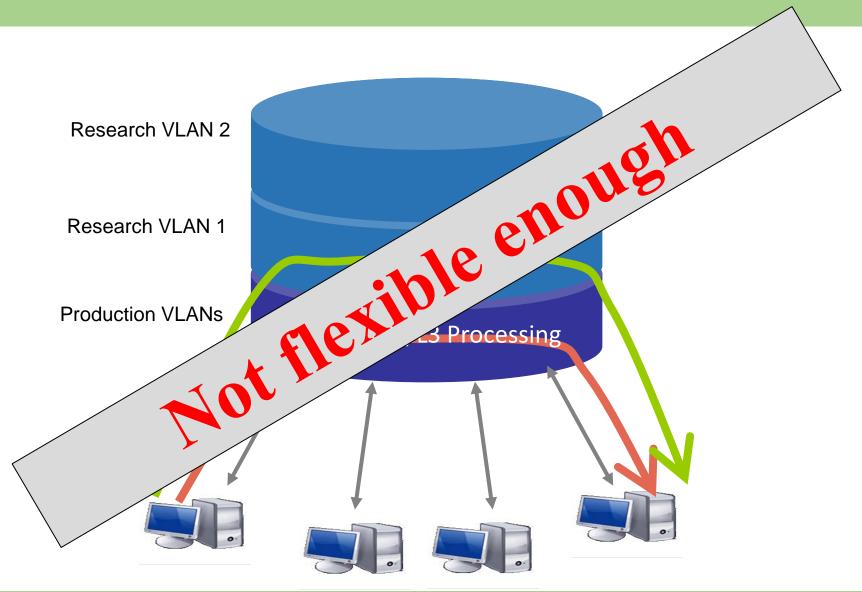
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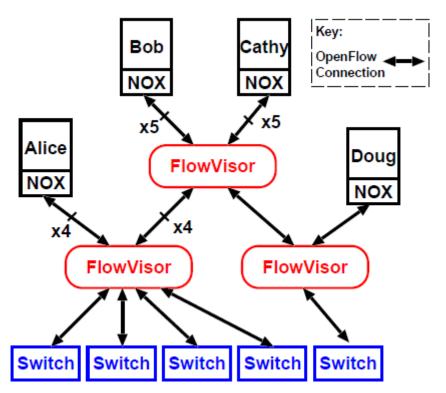
Virtualization: VLANs



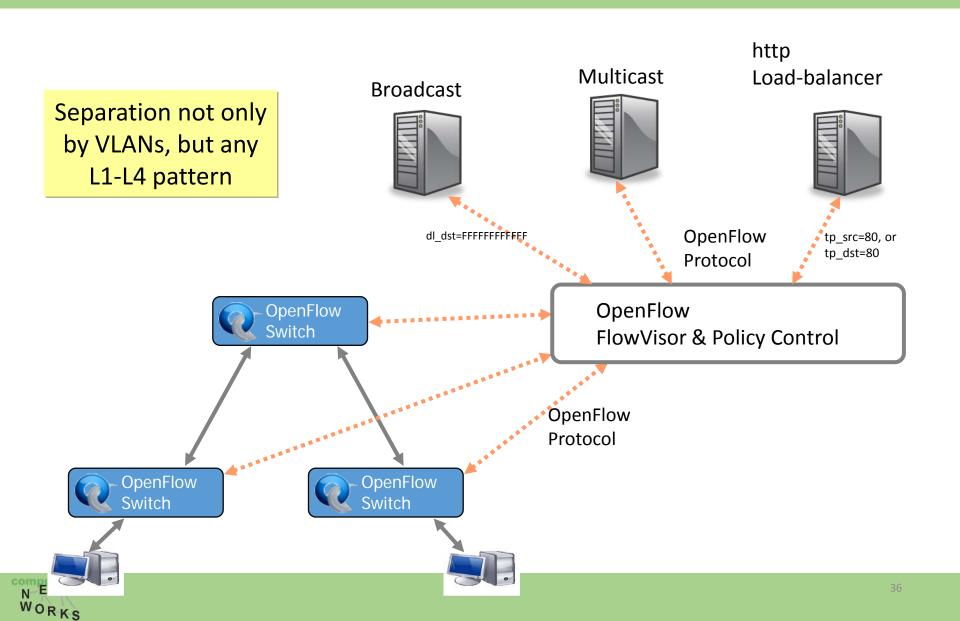


FlowVisor [1]

- A network hypervisor developed by Stanford
- A software proxy between the forwarding and control planes of network devices



FlowVisor-based Virtualization



Slicing Policies

- The policy specifies resource limits for each slice:
 - Link bandwidth
 - Maximum number of forwarding rules
 - Topology
 - Fraction of switch/router CPU
 - FlowSpace: which packets does the slice control?



FlowVisor Resource Limits

- FV assigns hardware resources to "Slices"
 - Topology
 - Network Device or Openflow Instance (DPID)
 - Physical Ports
 - Bandwidth
 - Each slice can be assigned a per port queue with a fraction of the total bandwidth



FlowVisor Resource Limits (cont.)

- FV assigns hardware resources to "Slices"
 - CPU
 - Employs Course Rate Limiting techniques to keep new flow events from one slice from overrunning the CPU
 - Forwarding Tables
 - Each slice has a finite quota of forwarding rules per device



FlowVisor FlowSpace

- FlowSpace is defined by a collection of packet headers and assigned to "Slices"
 - Source/Destination MAC address
 - VLAN ID
 - Ethertype
 - IP protocol
 - Source/Destination IP address
 - ToS/DSCP
 - Source/Destination port number



Use Case: VLAN Partitioning

- Basic Idea: Partition Flows based on Ports and VLAN Tags
 - Traffic entering system (e.g. from end hosts) is tagged
 - VLAN tags consistent throughout substrate

	Switch Port	MAC src								TCP dport
Dave	*	*	*	*	1,2,3	*	*	*	*	*
Larry	*	*	*	*	4,5,6	*	*	*	*	*
Steve	*	*	*	*	7,8,9	*	*	*	*	*



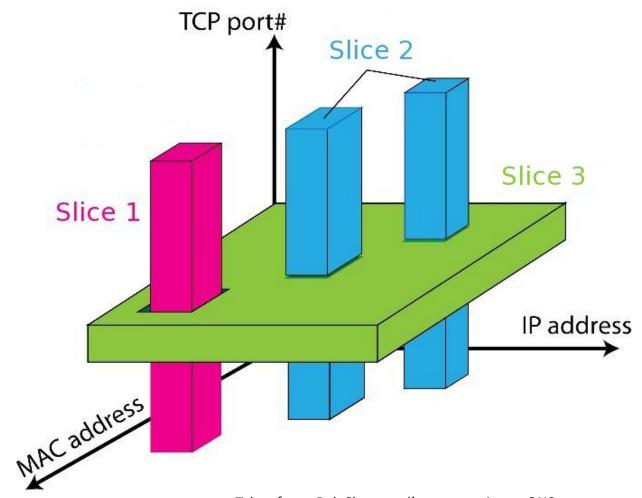
Use Case: Content Distribution Network

- Basic Idea: Build a CDN where you control the entire network
 - All traffic to or from CDN IP space controlled by Experimenter
 - All other traffic controlled by default routing
 - Topology is the entire network

	Switch	MAC	•	MAC	Eth	VLAN	IP	IP	IP	TCP	TCP
	Port	src		dst	type	ID	Src	Dst	Prot	sport	dport
From CDN	*	*	*		*	*	84.65.*	*	*	*	*
To CDN	*	*	*		*	*	*	84.65.*	*	*	*
Default	*	*	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*



FlowSpace: Maps Packets to Slices



Taken from: Rob Sherwood's presentation at ONS: http://www.opennetsummit.org/archives/apr12/sherwood-mon-flowvisor.pdf



FlowVisor Slicing Policy

- FlowVisor intercepts OpenFlow messages from devices
 - Send control plane messages to the slice controller only if source is in slice topology.
 - Rewrite OpenFlow feature negotiation messages so the slice controller only sees the ports in it's slice
 - Port up/down messages are pruned and only forwarded to affected slices



FlowVisor Slicing Policy

- FlowVisor intercepts OpenFlow messages from controllers
 - Rewrites flow insertion, deletion & modification rules so they don't violate the slice definition
 - Flow definition ex. Limit Control to HTTP traffic only
 - Actions ex. Limit forwarding to only ports in the slice

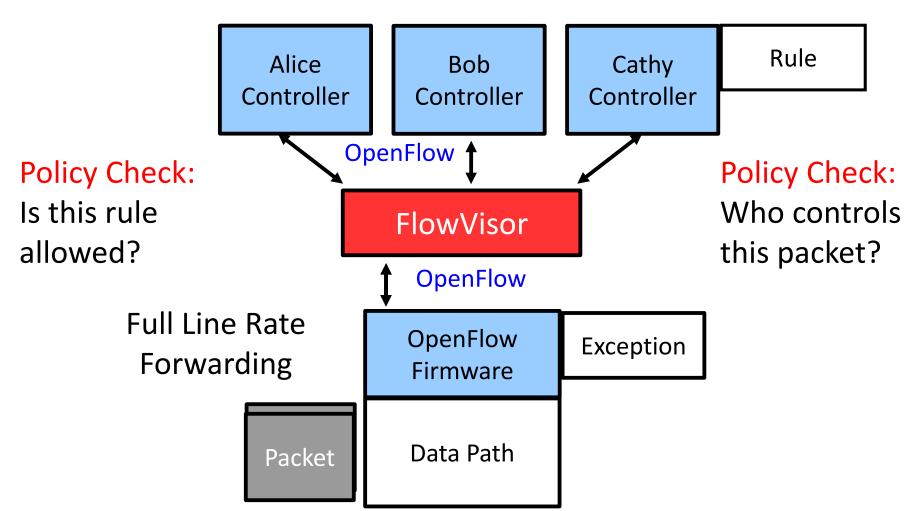


FlowVisor Slicing Policy

- FlowVisor intercepts OpenFlow messages from controllers
 - Expand Flow rules into multiple rules to fit policy
 - Flow definition ex. If there is a policy for John's HTTP traffic and another for Uwe's HTTP traffic, FV would expand a single rule intended to control all HTTP traffic into 2 rules.
 - Actions ex. Rule action is send out all ports. FV will create one rule for each port in the slice.
 - Returns "action is invalid" error if trying to control a port outside of the



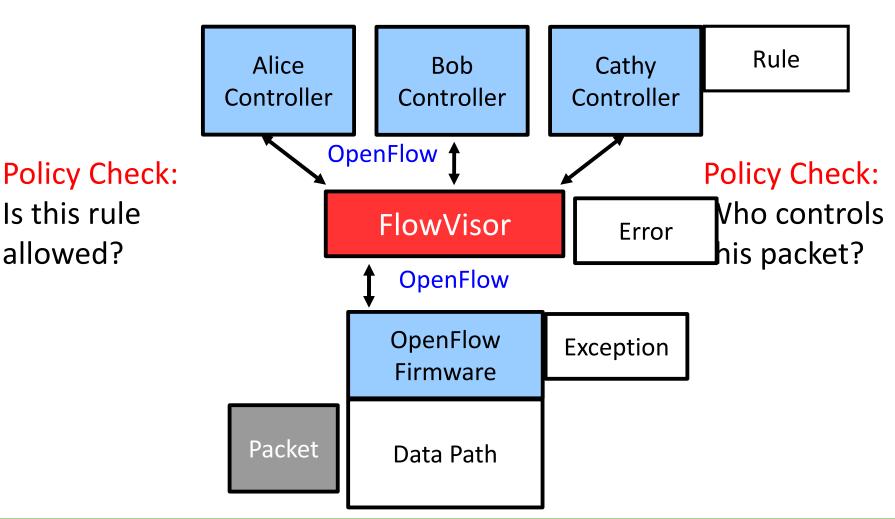
FlowVisor Message Handling





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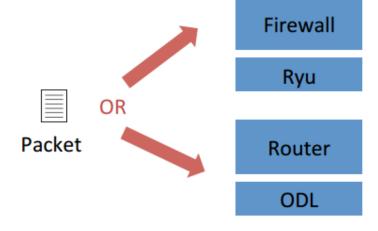
Is this rule

allowed?

CoVisor [1]

FlowVisor allows controllers to work on disjoint slices

of traffic only



 How about multiple controllers collaborating on the same traffic?

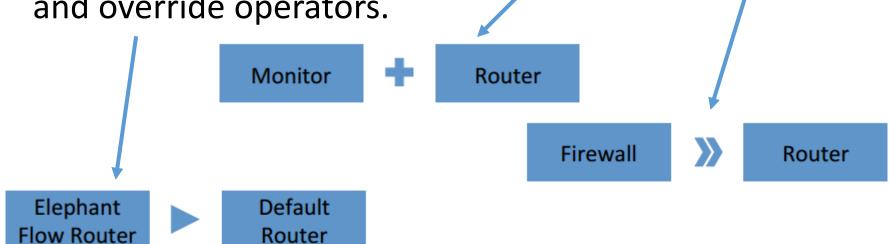


[1] Jin et al: "CoVisor: A Compositional Hypervisor for Software-Defined Networks", USENIX NSDI 2015 Slides from the presentation at NSDI'15



CoVisor – Controller Composition

 CoVisor allows combinations of parallel, sequential and override operators.

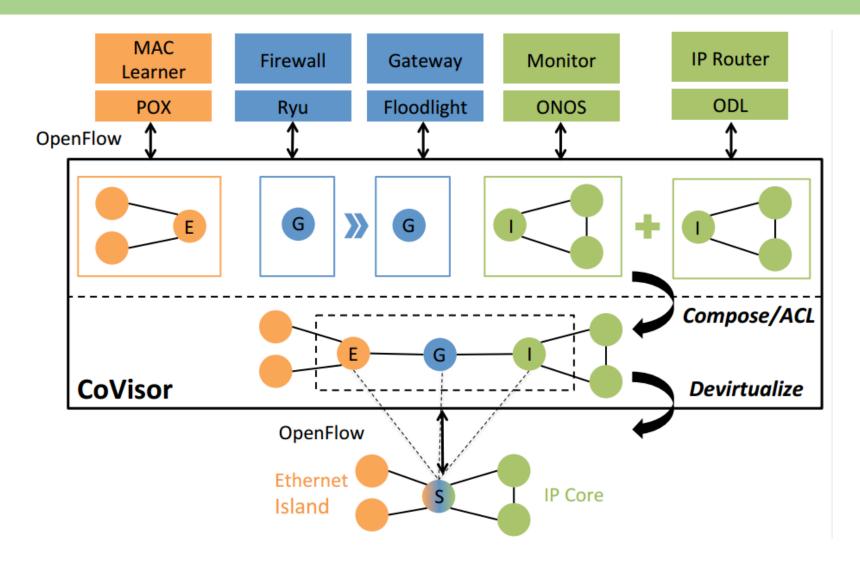


• Combination:



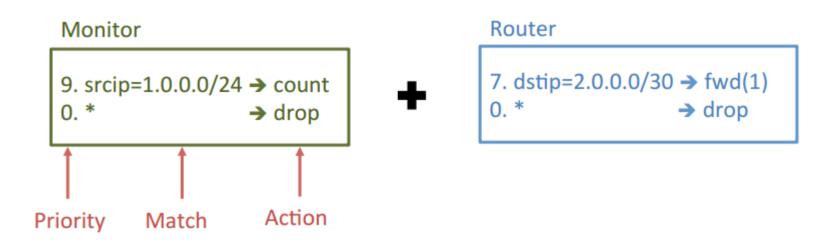


CoVisor - Overview





- Policy: a list of rules
- Compile policies from controllers to a single policy





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- Compile policies from controllers to a single policy

Monitor 9. srcip=1.0.0.0/24 → count 0. * → drop 7. dstip=2.0.0.0/30 → fwd(1) 0. * → drop ?. srcip=1.0.0.0/24, dstip=2.0.0.0/30 → count, fwd(1)



Monitor

9. srcip=1.0.0.0/24 → count 0. * → drop



Router

7. dstip=2.0.0.0/30 → fwd(1)
0. * → drop



- ?. srcip=1.0.0.0/24, $dstip=2.0.0.0/30 \rightarrow count$, fwd(1)
- ?. srcip=1.0.0.0/24
- ?. dstip=2.0.0.0/30
- ?. *

- → count
- → fwd(1)
- → drop

- Controllers continuously update their policies
- Hypervisor recompiles them and update switches

Monitor

```
9. srcip=1.0.0.0/24 → count 0. * → drop
```



Router

```
7. dstip=2.0.0.0/30 → fwd(1)
3. dstip=2.0.0.0/26 → fwd(2)
0. * → drop
```



- Computation overhead
 - The computation to recompile the new policy
- Rule-update overhead
 - The rule-updates to update switches to the new policy

Monitor

```
9. srcip=1.0.0.0/24 → count 
0. * → drop
```



Router

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Assign priorities from top to bottom by decrement of 1

Monitor

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3. srcip=1.0.0.0/24, dstip=2.0.0.0/30 \rightarrow count, fwd(1)
```

2. srcip=1.0.0.0/24

→ count

1. dstip=2.0.0.0/30

→ fwd(1)

0. *

→ drop



Assign priorities from top to bottom by decrement of 1

Monitor

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9. srcip=1.0.0.0/24 → count 
0. * → drop
```



Router

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0. * → drop
```

```
5. srcip=1.0.0.0/24, dstip=2.0.0.0/30 → count, fwd(1)
4. srcip=1.0.0.0/24, dstip=2.0.0.0/26 → count, fwd(2)
3. srcip=1.0.0.0/24
2. dstip=2.0.0.0/30
3. dstip=2.0.0.0/30
3. dstip=2.0.0.0/26
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6. dstip=2.0.0.0/26
7. dstip=2.0.0.0/26
7. drop
```



Assign priorities from top to bottom by decrement of 1

```
3. srcip=1.0.0.0/24, dstip=2.0.0.0/30 → count, fwd(1)
2. srcip=1.0.0.0/24 → count
1. dstip=2.0.0.0/30 → fwd(1)
0. * → drop
```



```
5. srcip=1.0.0.0/24, dstip=2.0.0.0/30 → count, fwd(1)
4. srcip=1.0.0.0/24, dstip=2.0.0.0/26 → count, fwd(2)
3. srcip=1.0.0.0/24 → count
2. dstip=2.0.0.0/30 → fwd(1)
1. dstip=2.0.0.0/26 → fwd(2)
0. * → drop
```

Computation overhead

 Recompute the entire switch table and assign priorities

Rule-update overhead

 Only 2 new rules, but 3 more rules change priority



Add priorities for parallel composition

Monitor



Router

```
7. dstip=2.0.0.0/30 → fwd(1)
0. * → drop
```

$$9+7 = 16$$
. srcip=1.0.0.0/24, dstip=2.0.0.0/30 \rightarrow count, fwd(1)



Add priorities for parallel composition

Monitor

```
9. srcip=1.0.0.0/24 \rightarrow count
                        → drop
```



Router

```
7. dstip=2.0.0.0/30 \rightarrow fwd(1)
                        → drop
```

```
9+7=16. srcip=1.0.0.0/24, dstip=2.0.0.0/30 \rightarrow count, fwd(1)
9+0=9. srcip=1.0.0.0/24
0+7=7. dstip=2.0.0.0/30
```

```
→ count
→ fwd(1)
```

→ drop



Add priorities for parallel composition

Monitor

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Router

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0. * → drop
```

```
9+7=16. srcip=1.0.0.0/24, dstip=2.0.0.0/30 → count, fwd(1)
9+3=12. srcip=1.0.0.0/24, dstip=2.0.0.0/26 → count, fwd(1)
9+0=9. srcip=1.0.0.0/24 → count
0+7=7. dstip=2.0.0.0/30 → fwd(1)
0+3=3. dstip=2.0.0.0/26 → fwd(1)
0+0=0. * → drop
```



Add priorities for parallel composition

```
16. srcip=1.0.0.0/24, dstip=2.0.0.0/30 → count, fwd(1)
9. srcip=1.0.0.0/24 → count
7. dstip=2.0.0.0/30 → fwd(1)
0. * → drop
```



```
16. srcip=1.0.0.0/24, dstip=2.0.0.0/30 → count, fwd(1)
12. srcip=1.0.0.0/24, dstip=2.0.0.0/26 → count, fwd(2)
9. srcip=1.0.0.0/24
7. dstip=2.0.0.0/30
3. dstip=2.0.0.0/26
0. * → fwd(2)

→ drop
```

Computation overhead

 Only compose the new rule with rules in monitor

Rule-update overhead

Add 2 new rules



- Add priorities for parallel composition
- Concatenate priorities for sequential composition

Load Balancer

```
3. srcip=0.0.0.0/2, dstip=3.0.0.0 → dstip=2.0.0.1
1. dstip=3.0.0.0 → dstip=2.0.0.2
0. * drop
```



```
1. dstip=2.0.0.1 → fwd(1)
```

Router

```
1. dstip=2.0.0.2 \Rightarrow fwd(2)
```

```
0. * → drop
```

```
3 >> 1 = 25, srcip=0.0.0.0/2, dstip=3.0.0.0 → dstip=2.0.0.1, fwd(1)

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High Low

Bits Bits
```



- Add priorities for parallel composition
- Concatenate priorities for sequential composition

Load Balancer

```
3. srcip=0.0.0.0/2, dstip=3.0.0.0 → dstip=2.0.0.1
1. dstip=3.0.0.0 → dstip=2.0.0.2
0. * drop
```



```
1. dstip=2.0.0.1 → fwd(1)
```

Router

1. $dstip=2.0.0.2 \rightarrow fwd(2)$

). * → drop



```
25. srcip=0.0.0.0/2, dstip=3.0.0.0 → dstip=2.0.0.1, fwd(1)
9. dstip=3.0.0.0 → dstip=2.0.0.2, fwd(2)
0. * drop
```



- Add priorities for parallel composition
- Concatenate priorities for sequential composition

Load Balancer

```
3. srcip=0.0.0.0/2, dstip=3.0.0.0 → dstip=2.0.0.1
1. dstip=3.0.0.0 → dstip=2.0.0.2
0. * drop
```



Router

```
1. dstip=2.0.0.1 → fwd(1)
1. dstip=2.0.0.2 → fwd(2)
0. * → drop
```



```
25. srcip=0.0.0.0/2, dstip=3.0.0.0 → dstip=2.0.0.1, fwd(1)
9. dstip=3.0.0.0 → dstip=2.0.0.2, fwd(2)
0. * drop
```



- Add priorities for parallel composition
- Concatenate priorities for sequential composition
- Stack priorities for override composition

Elephant Flow Router

```
1. srcip=1.0.0.0, dstip=3.0.0.0 \rightarrow fwd(3)
```

```
0
```

```
1. dstip=2.0.0.1 → fwd(1)
1. dstip=2.0.0.2 → fwd(2)
0. * → drop
```

Default Router (Max priority = 8)



```
1 + 8 = 9. srcip=1.0.0.0, dstip=3.0.0.0 → fwd(3)

1. dstip=2.0.0.1 → fwd(1)

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```



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Default Router (Max priority = 8)



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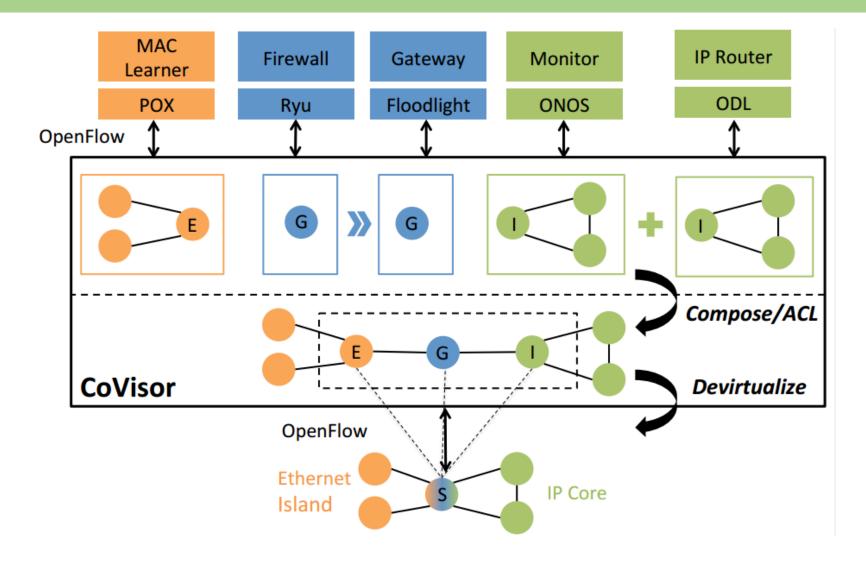
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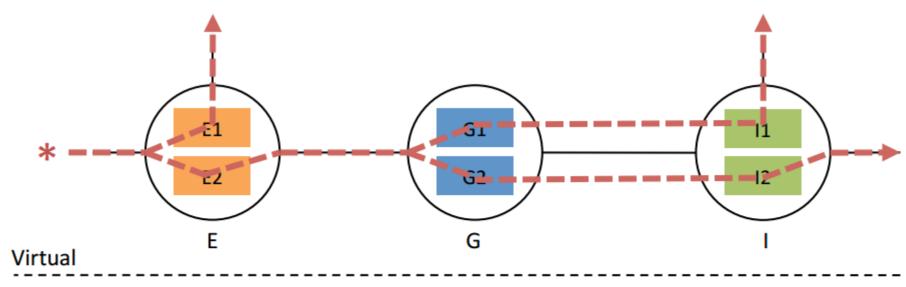


CoVisor - Overview



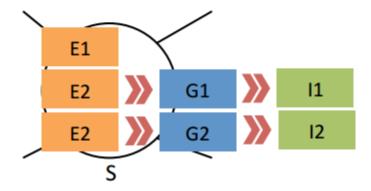


CoVisor - Devirtualization



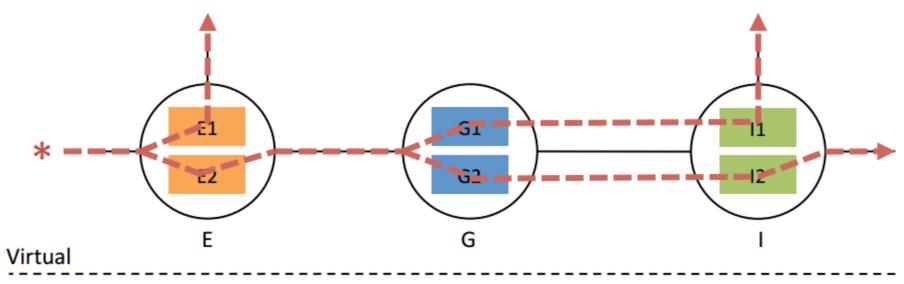
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- Symbolic path generation
- Sequential composition



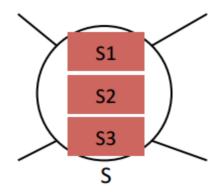


CoVisor - Devirtualization



Physical

- Symbolic path generation
- Sequential composition
- Priority augmentation





Summary SDN

- SDN as a new way of networking that exploits existing concepts
 - Separation of planes, etc.
- OpenFlow as the de-facto standard protocol
- Controllers as operating systems
- Application: network virtualization
 - Slicing
 - Co-existence of different controllers
 - On disjoint traffic
 - On same traffic



Outlook SDN

- There is a lot more, just a small subset covered so far
- If you're interested:
 - Block courses on Software-defined Networking (probably at the end of the upcoming winter semester, i.e., March 2016)
 - Introduction to SDN (1 week)
 - Advanced SDN (1 week)
 - Some things from this lecture will be familiar
 - Add-ons: practical work on SDNs, researching on SDNs

