

Automatic deployment of the Network Weather Service using the Effective Network View

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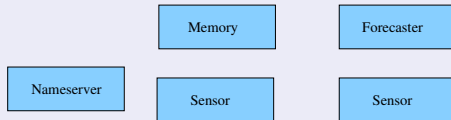
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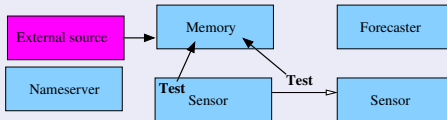
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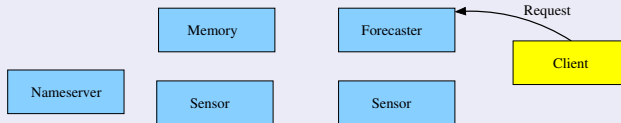
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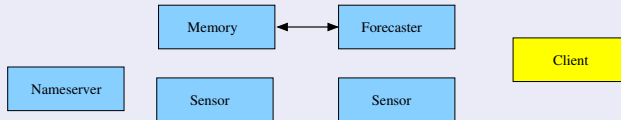
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NWS measurements and forecasting

Provided metrics

`bandwidthTcp`, `latencyTcp` (Default: 64Kb in 16Kb messages; buffer=32Kb),
`availableCpu` (for an incoming process), `currentCpu` (for existing processes),
`connectTimeTcp`, `freeDisk`, `freeMemory`, ...

Statistical forecasting

Selection of the best statistical method (mean, median, gradient, last value, ...)

Data = serie: $D_1, D_2, \dots, D_{n-1}, D_n$. We want D_{n+1} .

Methods are applied on D_1, D_2, \dots, D_{n-1} . each one predict D_n .

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The Effective Network View mapping solution

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Goal: Mapping the network topology

Authors: Gary Shao *et al* (UCSD)

Motivation: Master/slave scheduling

Methodology: Active interference tests

Related work

Method	Restricted	Focus	Routers	Notes
SNMP	authorized	path	all	passive, LAN
traceroute	ICMP	path	all	level 3 of OSI
pathchar	root	path	all	link bandwidth, slow
Other tomography	no	path	$d_{in} \neq d_{out}$	tree bipartite [Rabbat03]
ENV	no	interference	some	tree only

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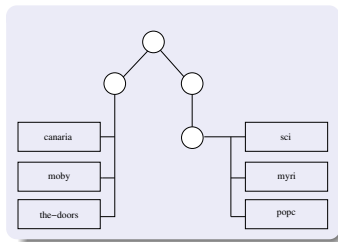
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Structural topology

Topology first guess:

- 1 Each node traceroute to an external location
- 2 Merging results gives a tree



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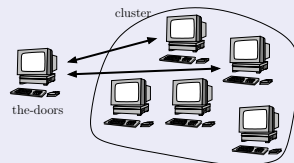
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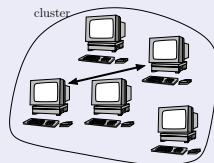
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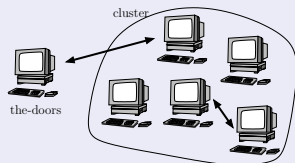
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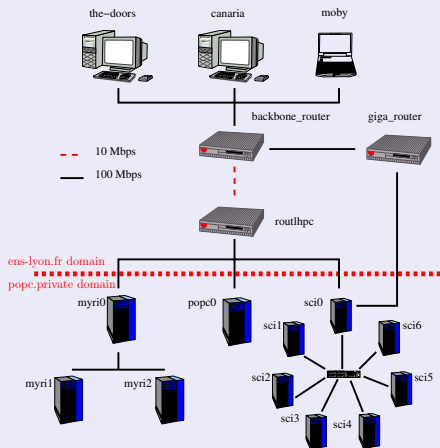
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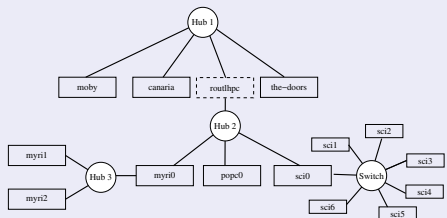


Algorithm (4/4): Result on the ENS-Lyon network

Physical topology



Effective topology from the-doors



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Typical Grid testbeds are **constellation of trees** \Rightarrow hierarchical monitoring

Manually: 2 levels (inter-organization vs intra-organization)

Here: N levels (one per group)

Bottom-up algorithm along the tree

shared group (hub): every pair is representative of internal connectivity

\Rightarrow Form a clique with two arbitrarily chosen hosts

☹ NWS cannot substitute a pair with the chosen one, must be application level

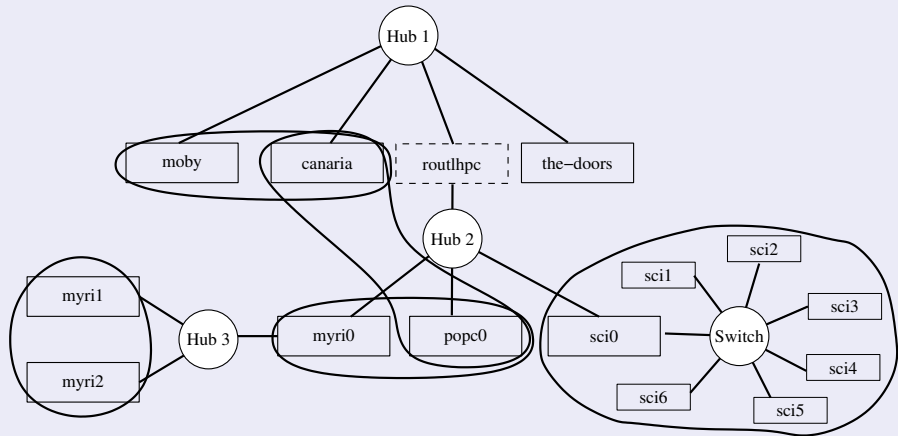
not shared group (switch): transfers interfere only if same host in both
($AB \parallel CD \Leftrightarrow \{AB\} \cap \{CD\} = \emptyset$)

\Rightarrow Host-based locking needed (but not supported by NWS)

\Rightarrow Form a clique with all hosts (ensure validity, deteriorate frequency)

Example on the ENS-Lyon network

Result of the algorithm in our case



How to apply the configuration once computed?

Previous (NWS) solution

ssh to each host; pass options to daemons on command-line

Our solution

- Make a global configuration file; dispatch it using e.g. NFS
- Manager script on each host to apply it (after ssh)

Ease platform **startup** and **shutdown**

Future

Watchdog, or real management solution (JINI)
would allow **error detection and recovery**

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