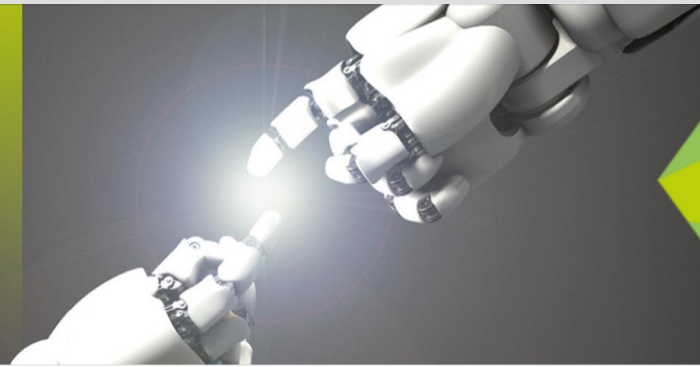




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# Real World Network Coding



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# Evolution of Coding

## Block Codes

1950s

## Convolutional Codes

1960s

## Modern Codes

- LDPCs – patent expired
- Turbo Codes – patents expired or expiring

1990s

1998

## Rateless Codes

Raptor and related codes

- Rate-less (refinement to free E2E)
- Still E2E, still static

## Network Codes

- RLNC enables network coding
- Deterministic construction for special cases
  - Index Coding
  - CATWOMAN (Linux 3.10)



Free



Proprietary close to patent expiry




Proprietary with long patent life

2003

2014

## Fulcrum Codes

- RLNC-enabled 
  - Fluid complexity (flexible field size)
  - Breaks performance-overhead trade-off

# Random Linear Network Coding

$$\begin{pmatrix} C_1 \\ C_2 \\ C_3 \\ C_4 \\ C_5 \\ C_6 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{1,1} & \alpha_{1,2} & \alpha_{1,3} & \alpha_{1,4} & \alpha_{1,5} & \alpha_{1,6} \\ \alpha_{2,1} & \alpha_{2,2} & \alpha_{2,3} & \alpha_{2,4} & \alpha_{2,5} & \alpha_{2,6} \\ \alpha_{3,1} & \alpha_{3,2} & \alpha_{3,3} & \alpha_{3,4} & \alpha_{3,5} & \alpha_{3,6} \\ \alpha_{4,1} & \alpha_{4,2} & \alpha_{4,3} & \alpha_{4,4} & \alpha_{4,5} & \alpha_{4,6} \\ \alpha_{5,1} & \alpha_{5,2} & \alpha_{5,3} & \alpha_{5,4} & \alpha_{5,5} & \alpha_{5,6} \\ \alpha_{6,1} & \alpha_{6,2} & \alpha_{6,3} & \alpha_{6,4} & \alpha_{6,5} & \alpha_{6,6} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} P_1 \\ P_2 \\ P_3 \\ P_4 \\ P_5 \\ P_6 \end{pmatrix}$$

Original packets

Gaussian elimination  $n \times n$  matrix requires  $An^3 + Bn^2 + Cn$  operations.

# Random Linear Network Coding

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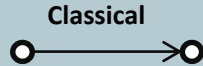
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Rateless code: can output any number of coded packets.  
(such as Fountain codes, but better than RS)

# RLNC: The Technology

## Coding Today

(all End-to-End)



## Coding Tomorrow with RLNC

Classical + Sliding Window Encoding



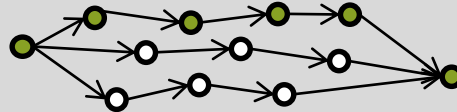
Real time video streaming,  
TCP, SDN...

Multihop



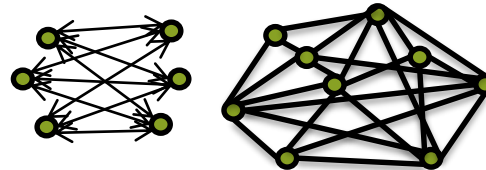
Edge caches, wireless mesh,  
reliable multicast, satellites,  
small relay topologies,  
SDN...

Multipath



Multi-source streaming  
Multipath TCP, channel  
bundling, heterogeneous  
network combining, SDN...

Multisource – Multi-destination / Mesh



Distributed cloud, SDN,  
advanced mesh (IoT, car2car,  
M2M, smart grid) ...



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# Norm – Reliable Multicast



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# Reliable Multicast

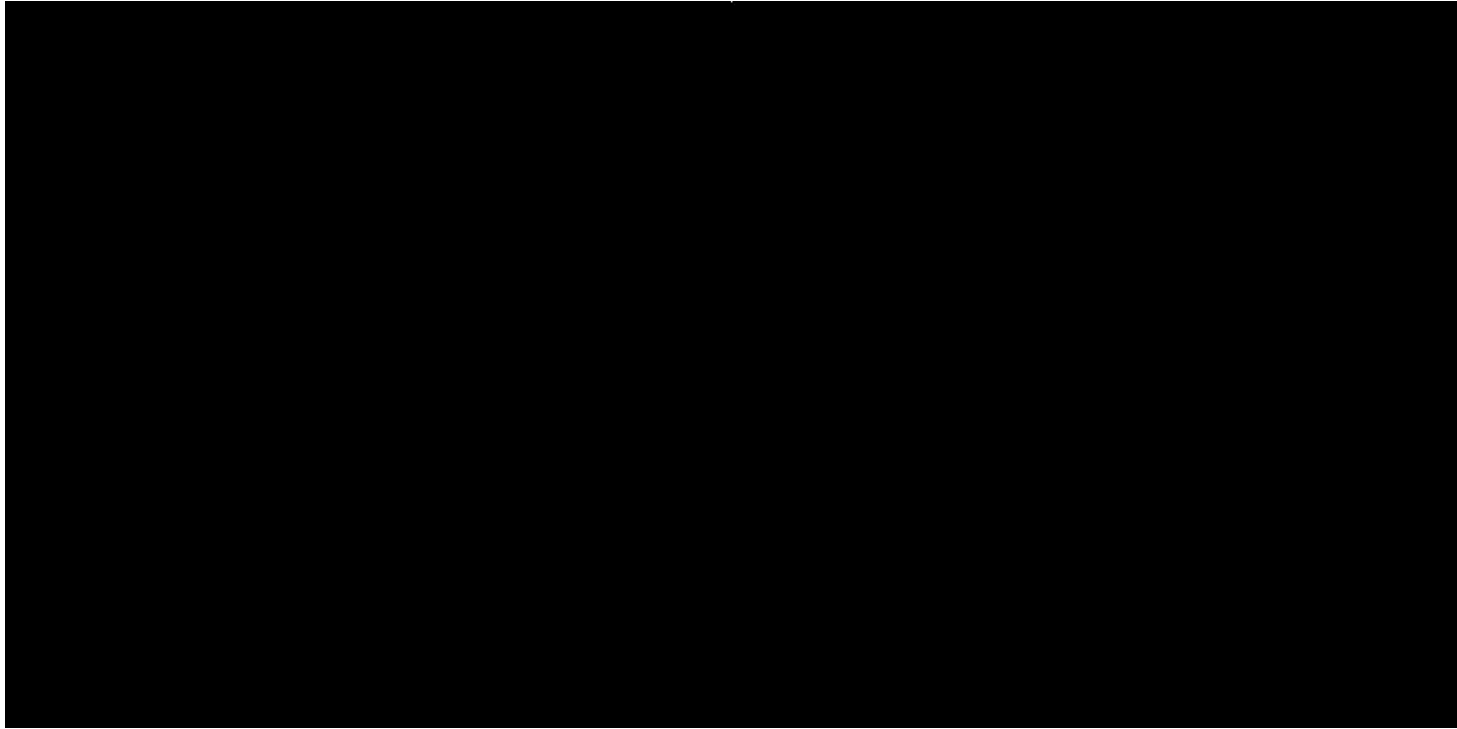




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# Sliding Window



# Coded TCP



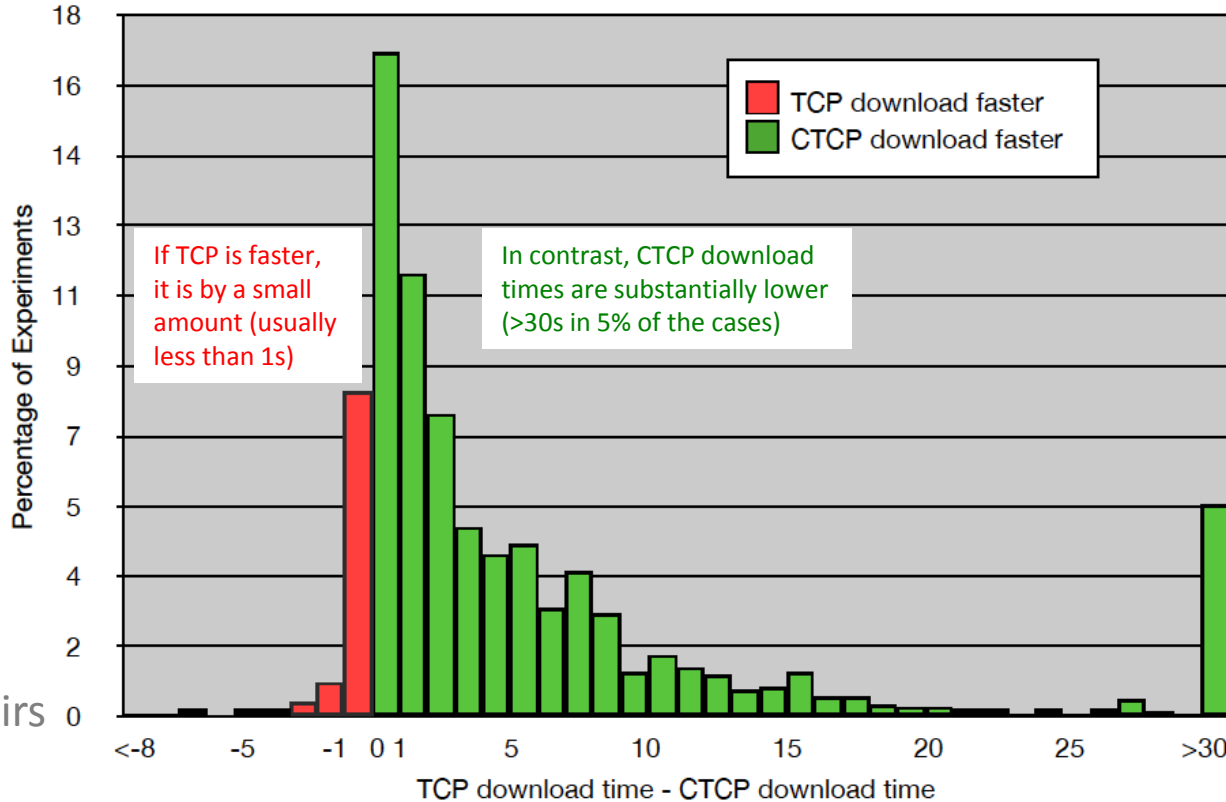
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# Histogram of CTCP-TCP Data Pairs



1354 data pairs

# Pacific Island Testbed

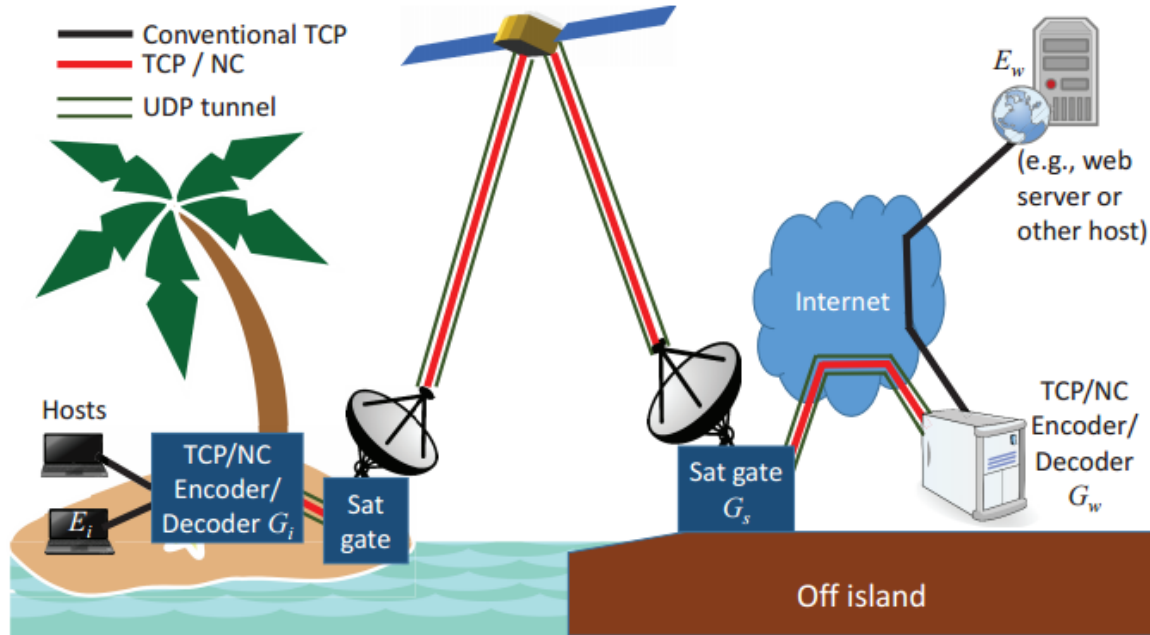
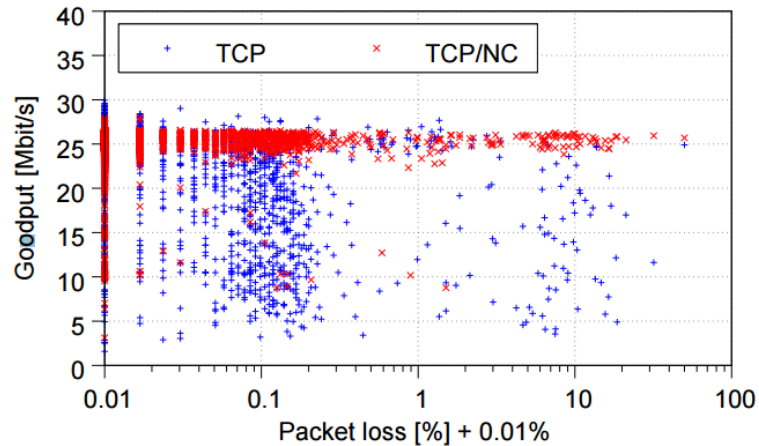
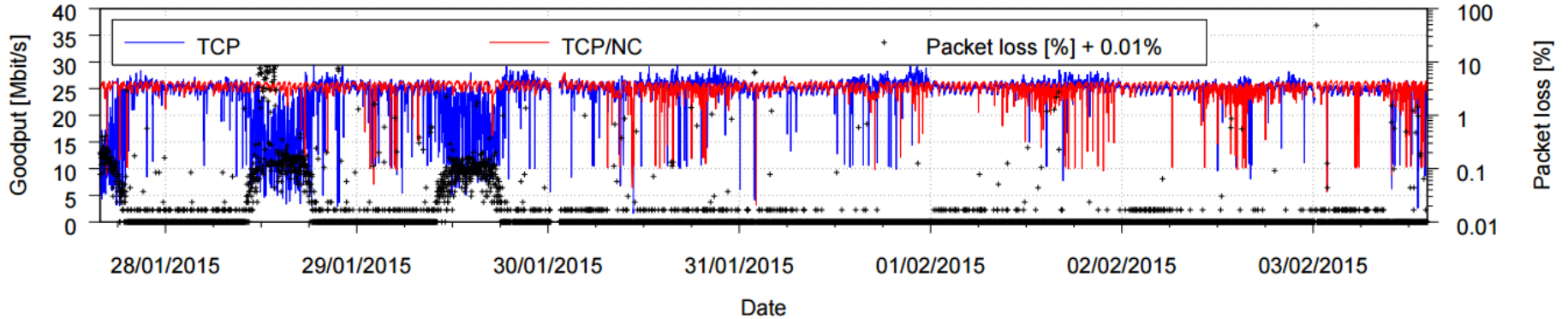


Fig. 1. TCP/NC network topology

<http://arxiv.org/pdf/1506.01048v1.pdf>

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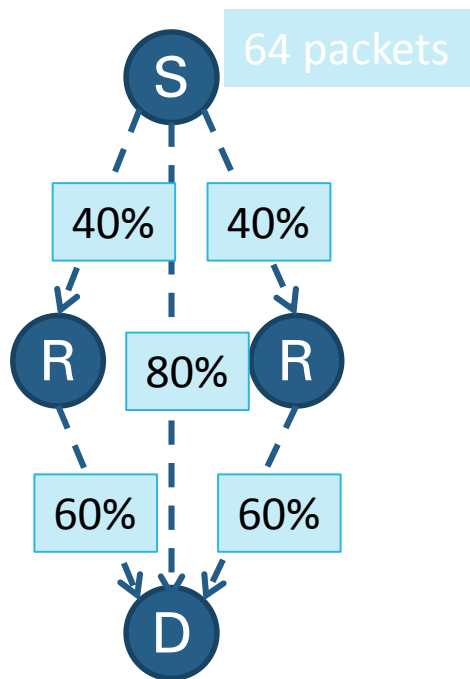
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# Wireless Mesh

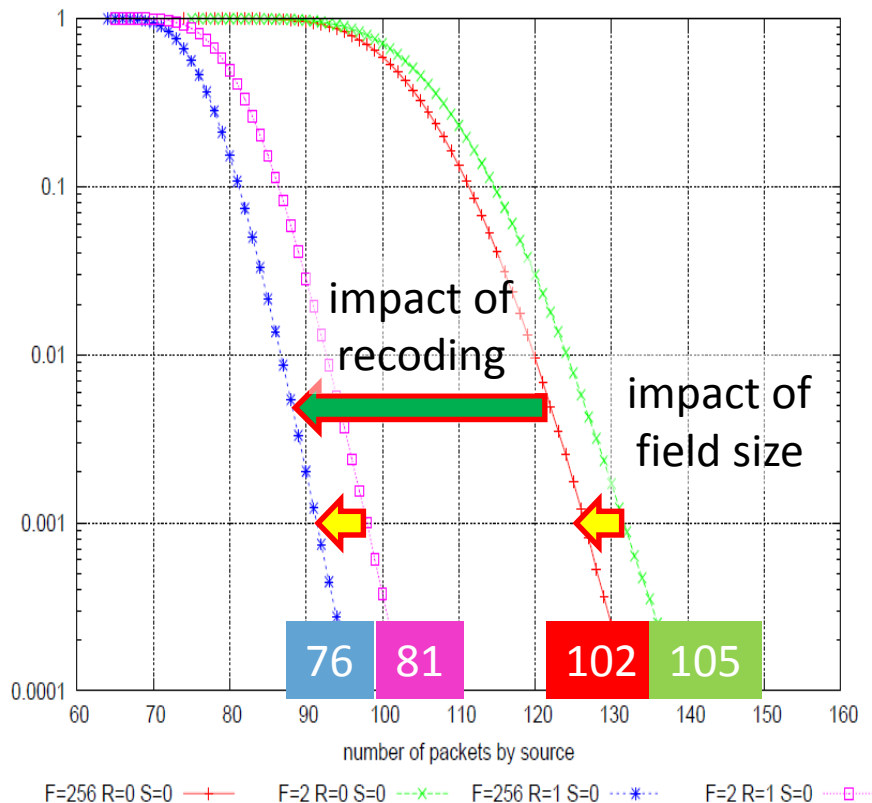


# Recoding

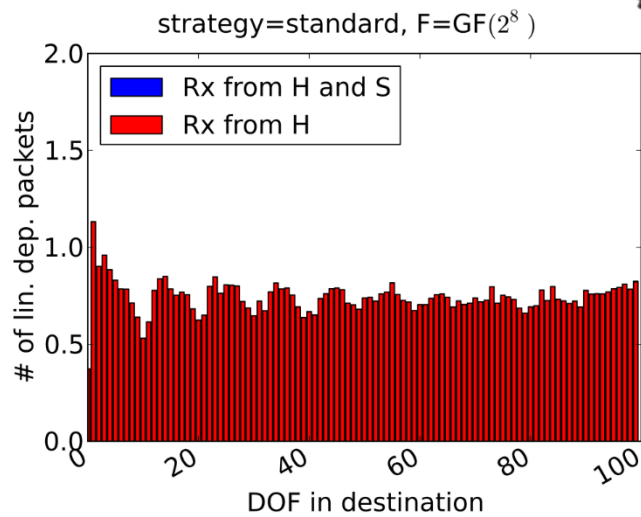
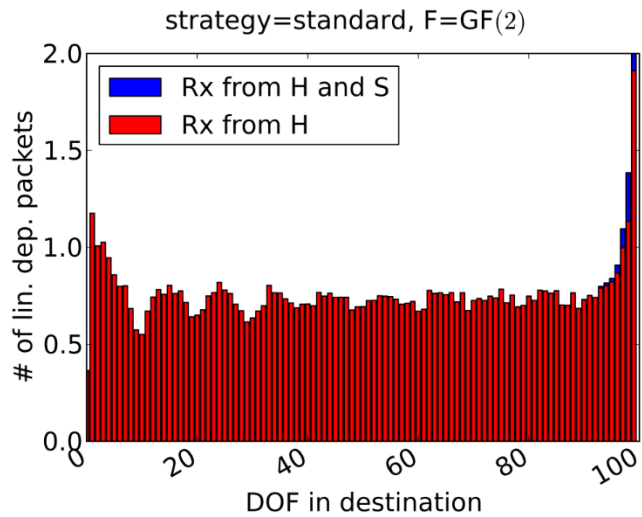
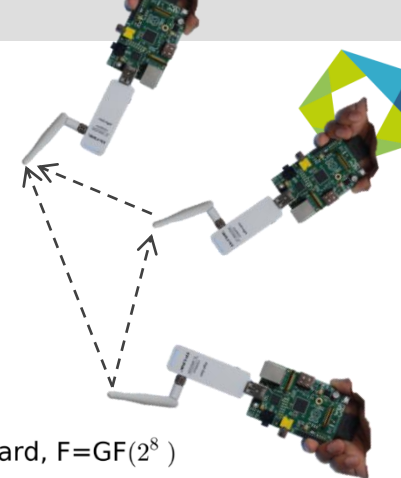
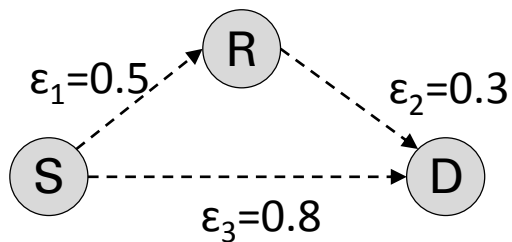


No need for signalling!

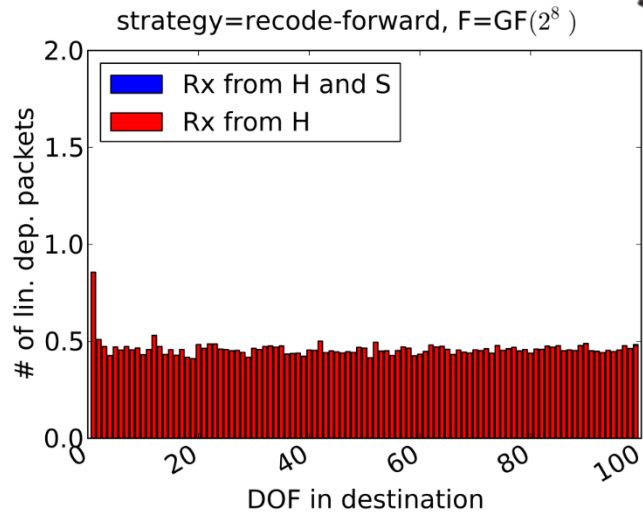
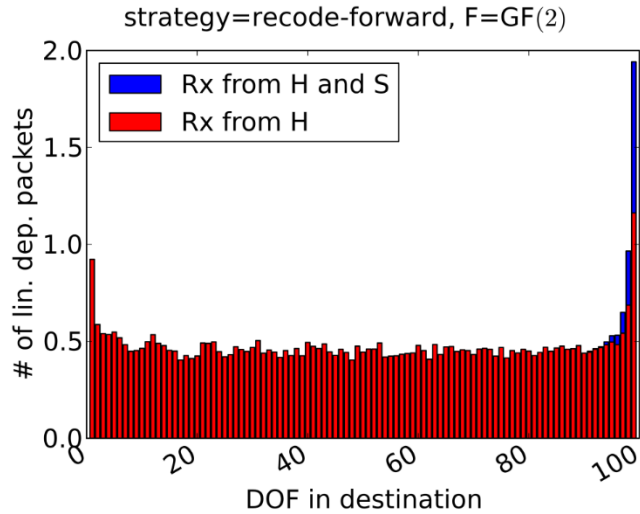
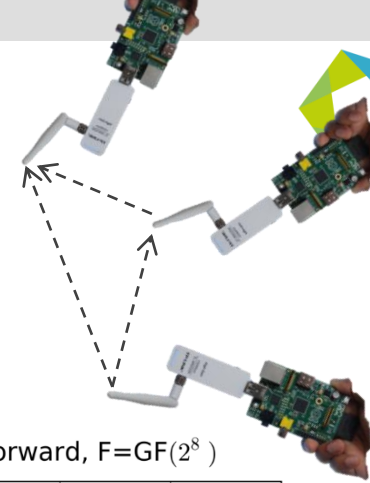
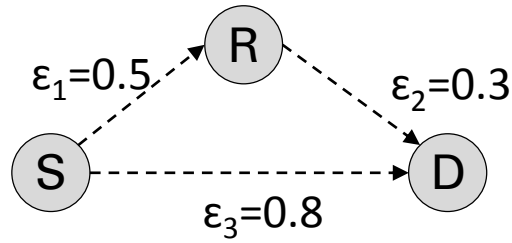
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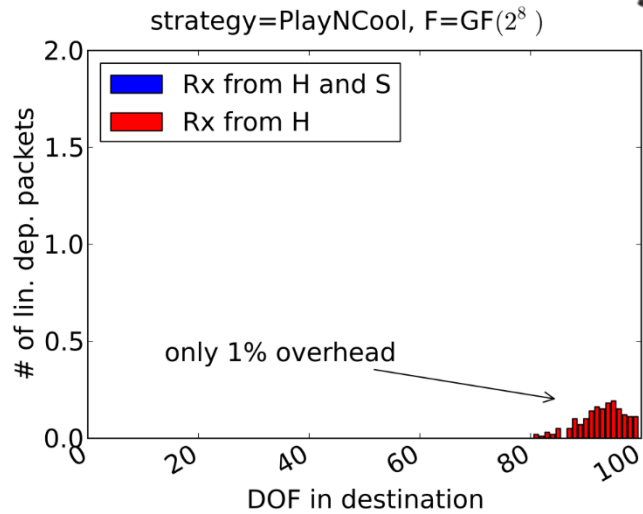
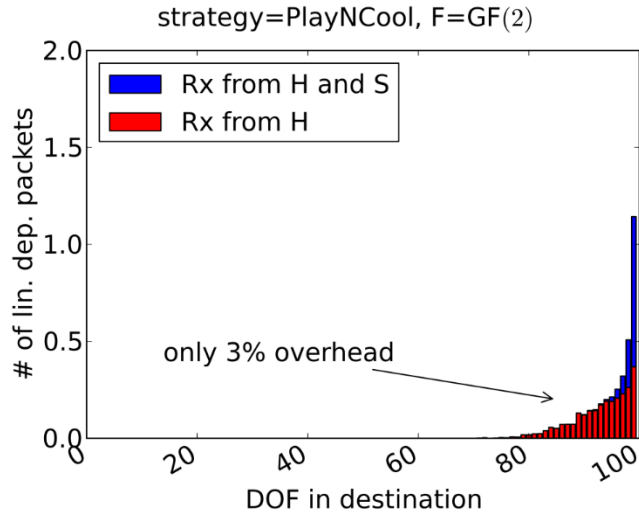
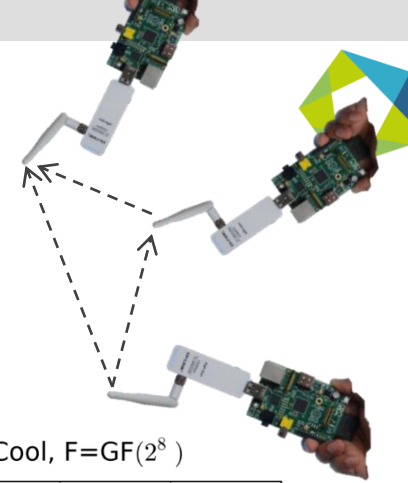
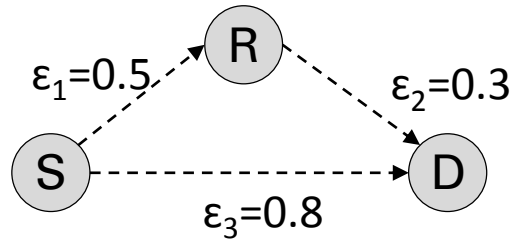
# Agnostic Recoding



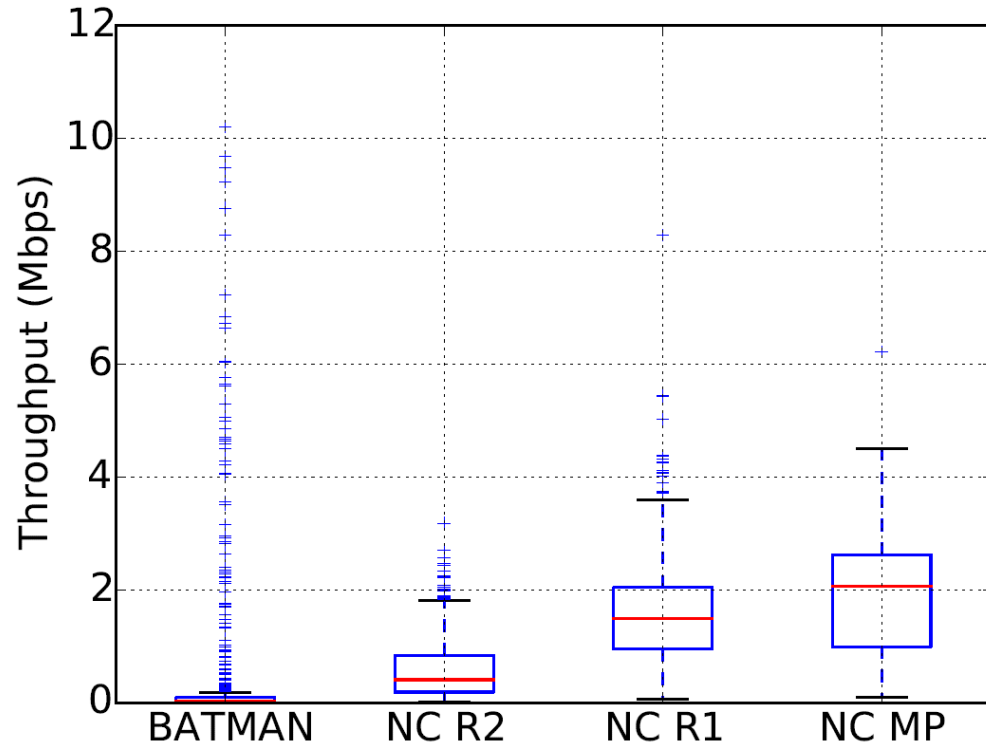
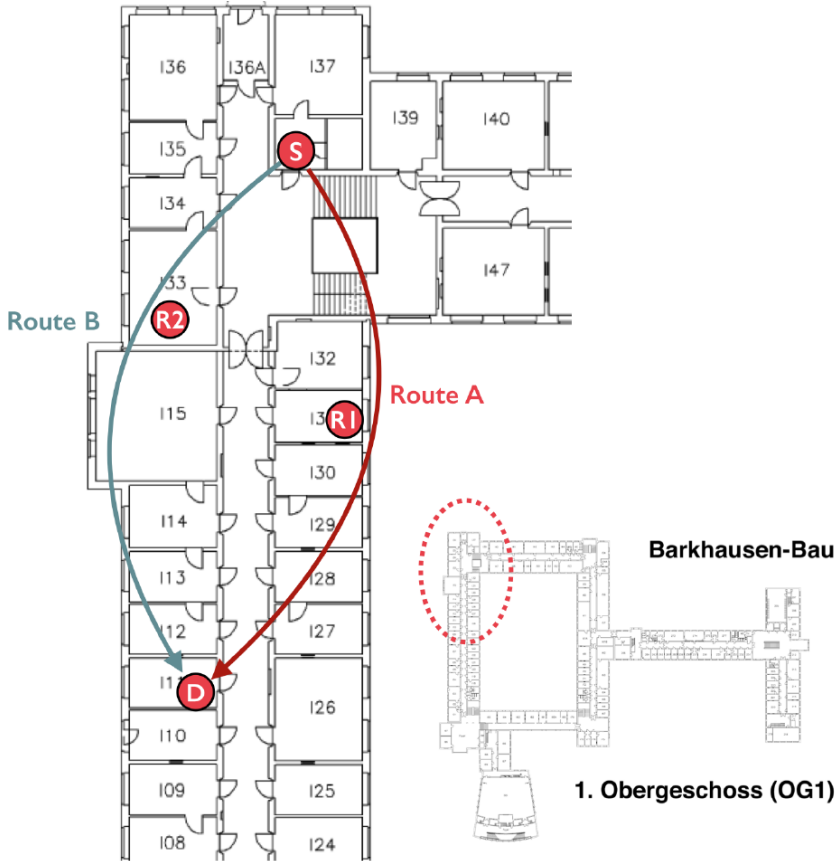
# Recode + Simple Protocol



# PlayNCool



# Some Real Stuff



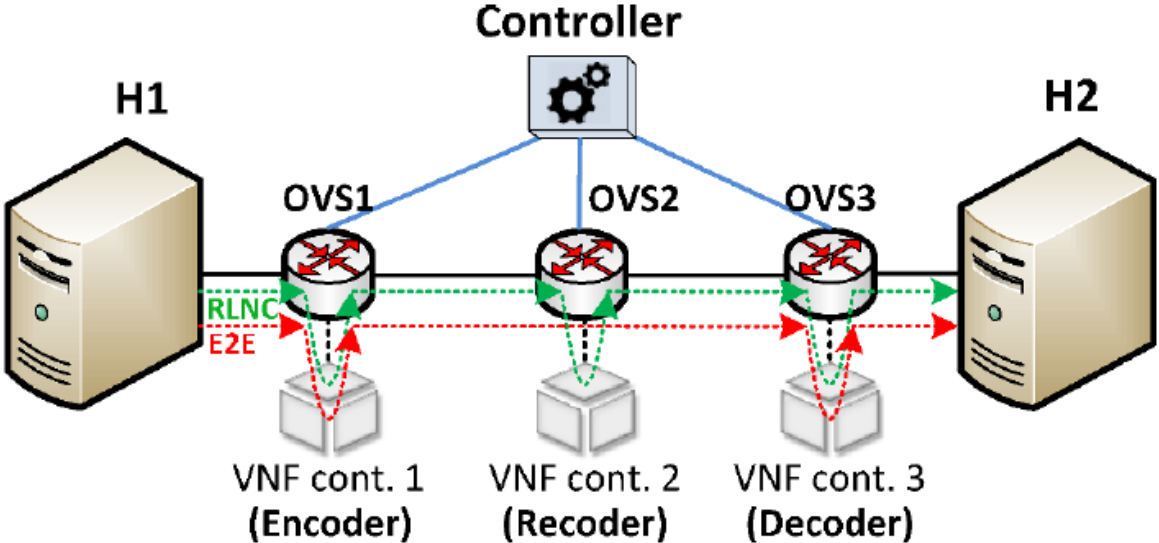


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# 5G SOFTWARE DEFINED NETWORK

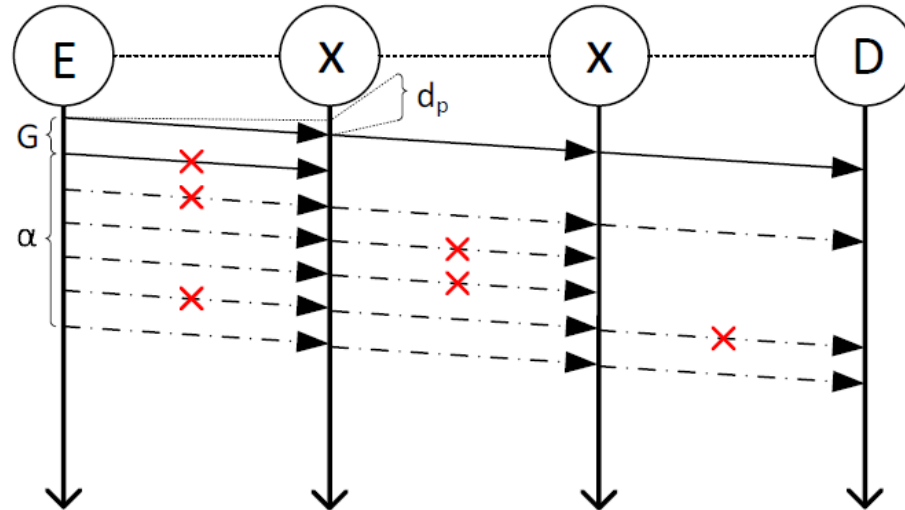


# Virtual SDN testbed



## End to End Coding Schemes: Store and Forward

$$P_{E2E} = \sum_{h=1}^H G \cdot \left( \frac{1}{(1-\epsilon)^h} \right) \quad D_{E2E} = \left( G \cdot \left( \frac{1}{(1-\epsilon)^H} \right) + (H-1) \right) \cdot d_p$$

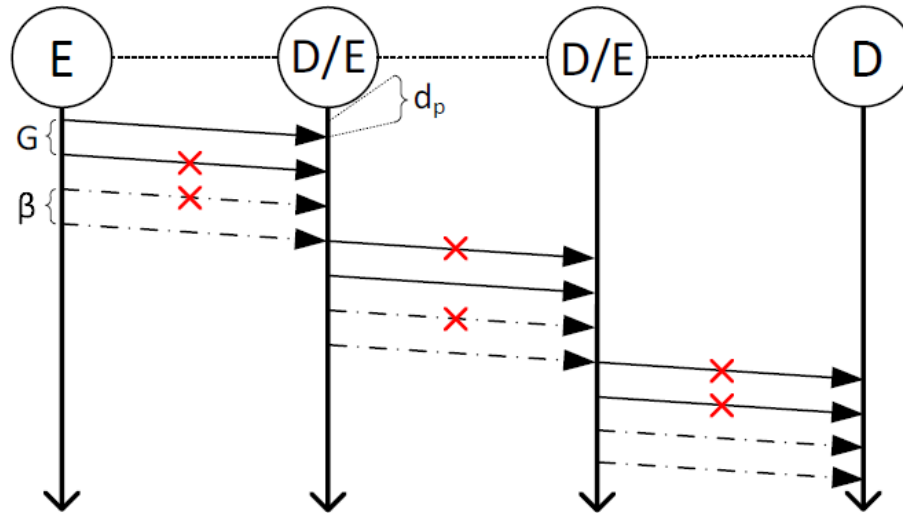


# Software Defined Networks

## Hop by Hop Coding Scheme: Store and Forward

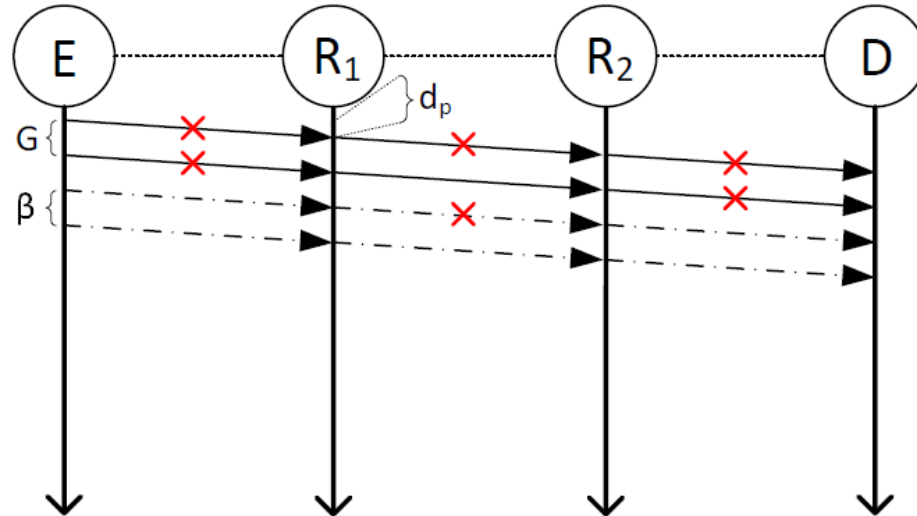
$$P_{HbH} = G \cdot H \cdot \left( \frac{1}{1 - \epsilon} \right)$$

$$D_{HbH} = G \cdot \left( \frac{1}{1 - \epsilon} \right) \cdot H \cdot d_p$$



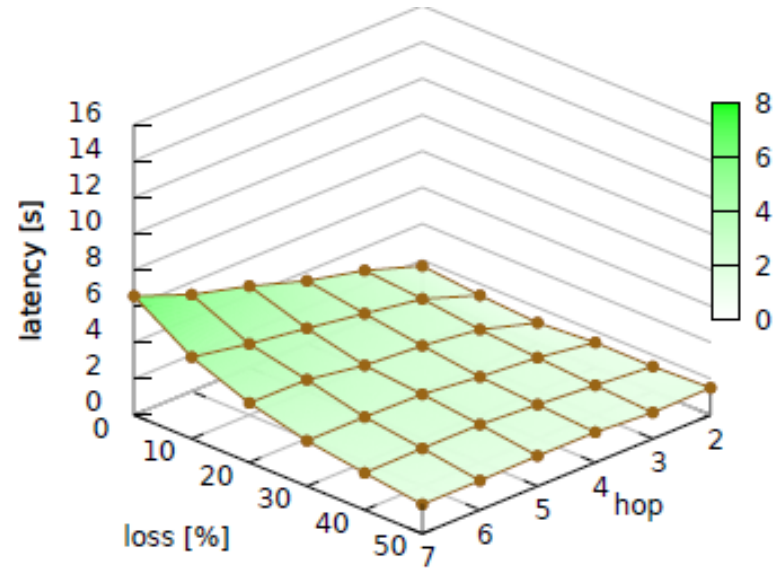
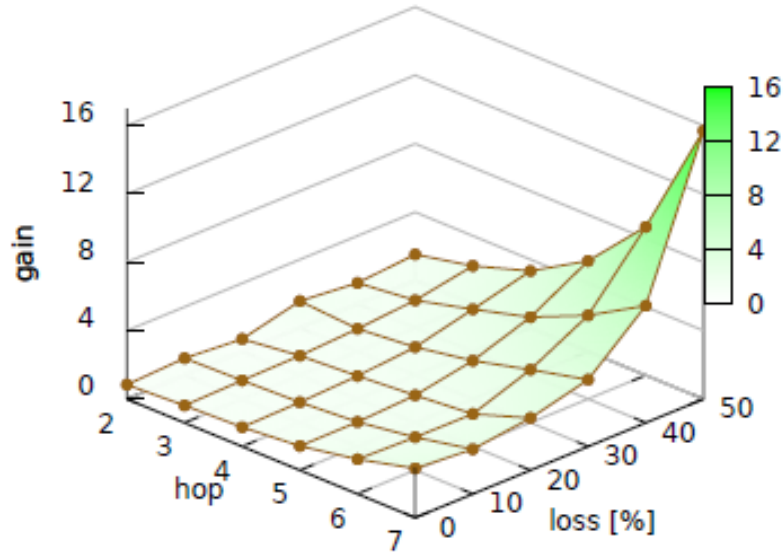
## Network Coding Scheme: Compute and Forward

$$P_{RLNC} = G \cdot H \cdot \left( \frac{1}{1 - \epsilon} \right) \quad D_{RLNC} = \left( G \cdot \left( \frac{1}{1 - \epsilon} \right) + (H - 1) \right) \cdot d_p$$



# Software Defined Networks

Latency gain of e2e vs RLNC (left) and hbh vs RLNC(right)





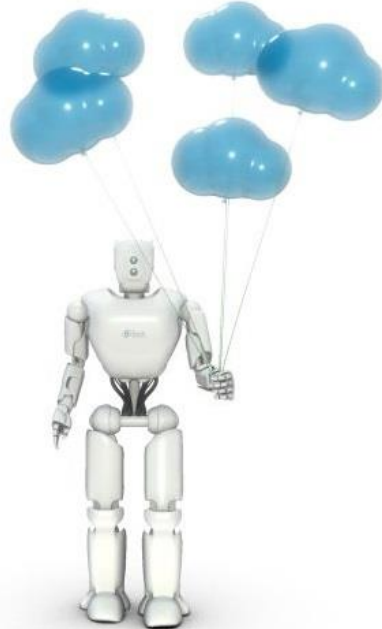
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**5G AGILE CLOUD**

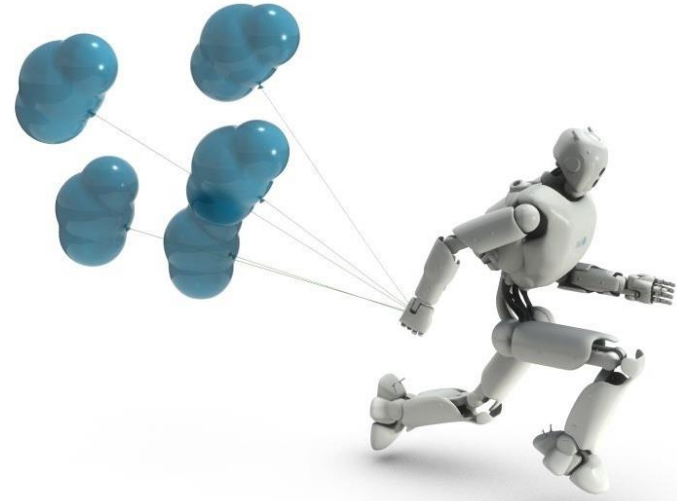
# Cloud Evolution



Single/Static

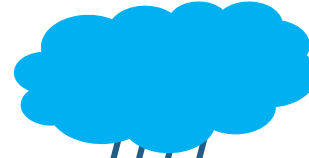
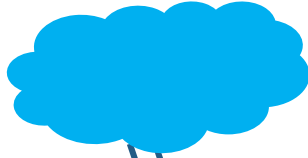
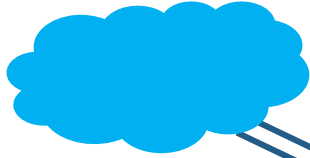


Distributed/Static



Distributed/Agile

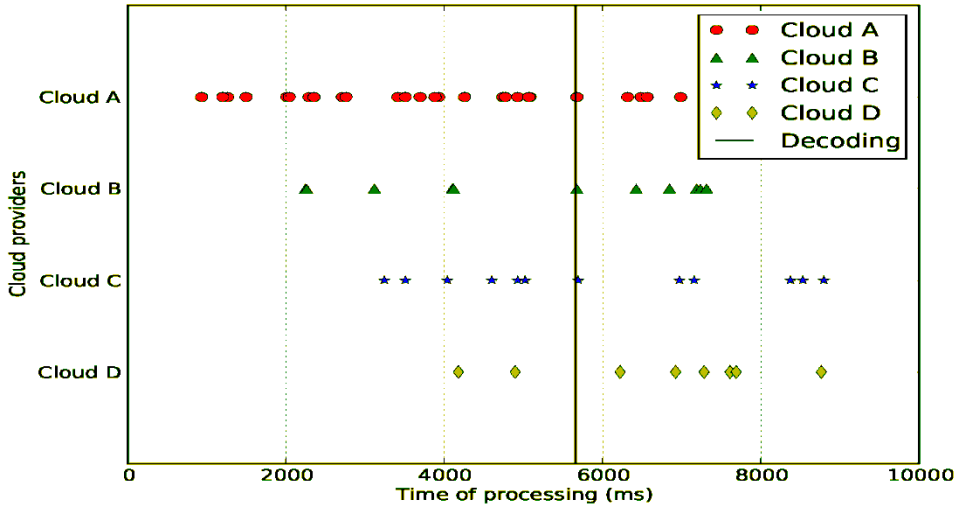
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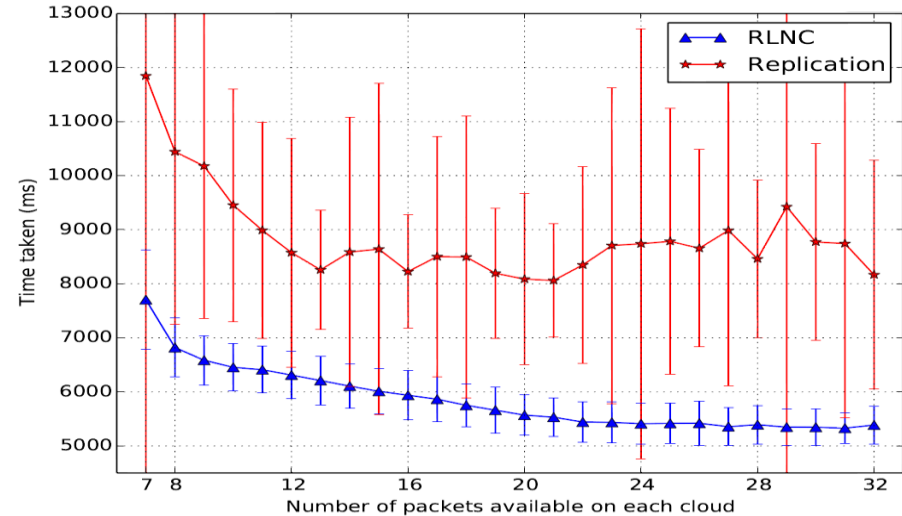


# Example: Distributed Cloud

- Heterogeneity (4 clouds)
- Clouds behave differently

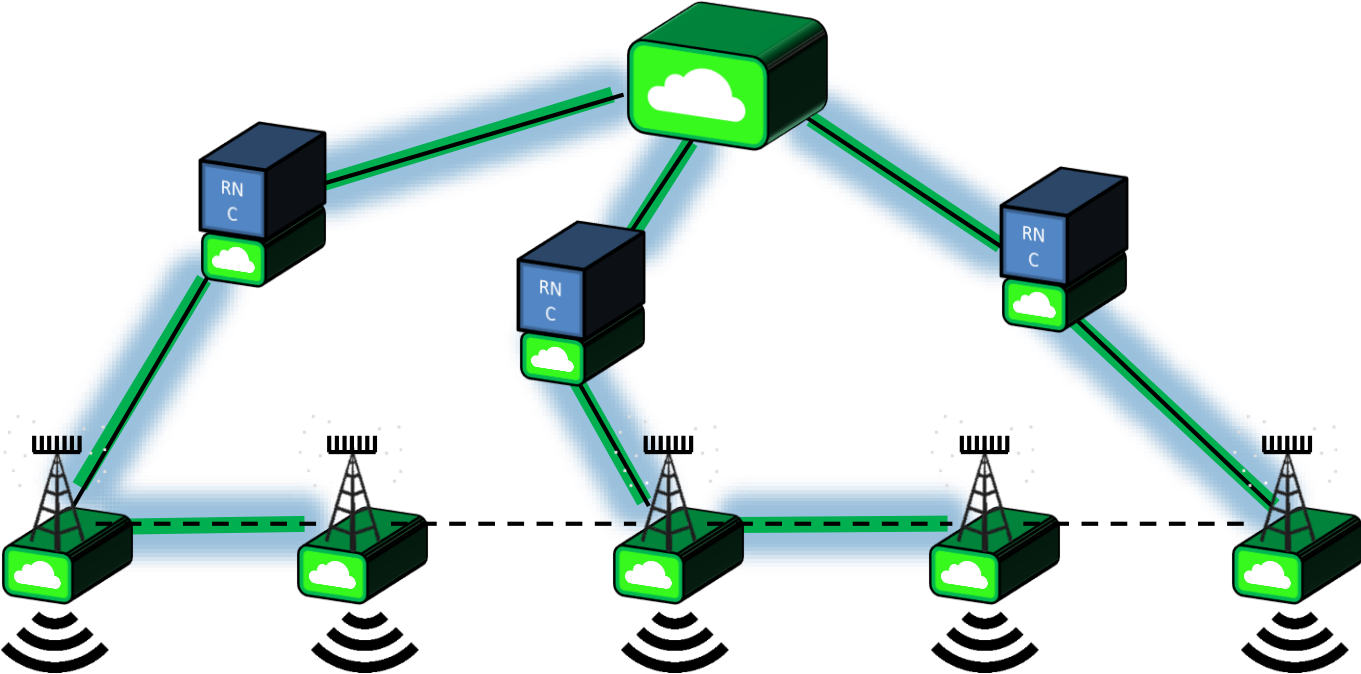


- Speed-Up (5 clouds)
- RLNC does not need full degree of freedom

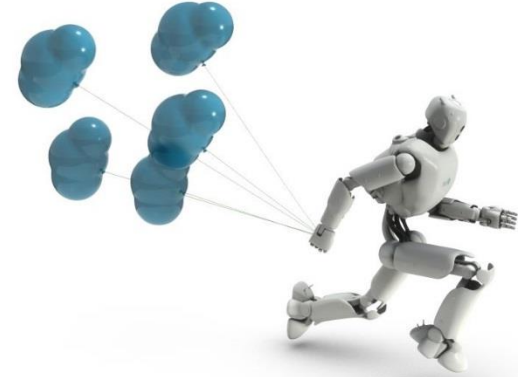
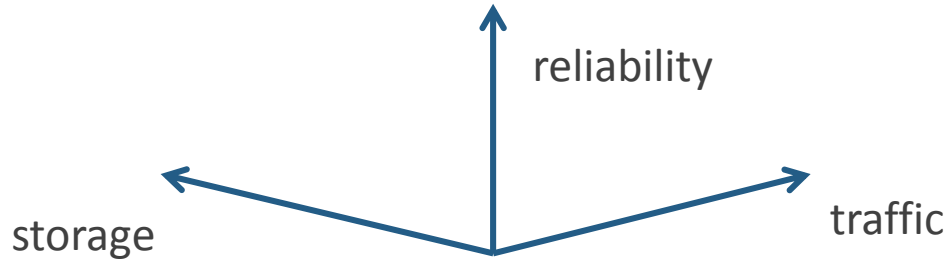
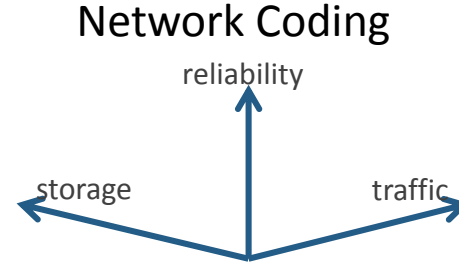
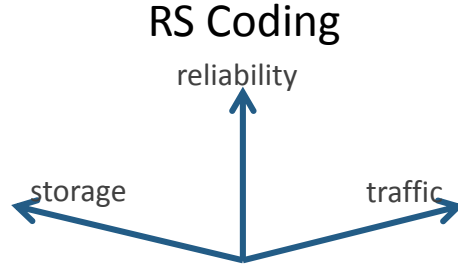
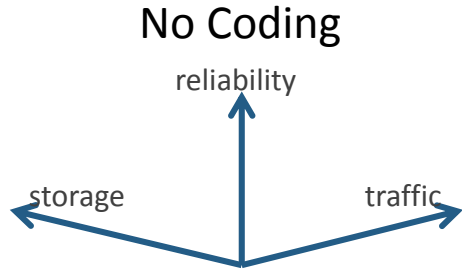


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# Mobile Edge Cloud / Micro Cloud / Cloud



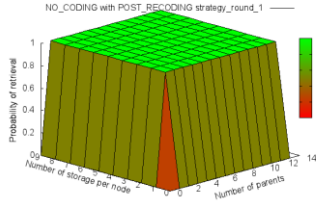
# Dynamic Distributed Cloud



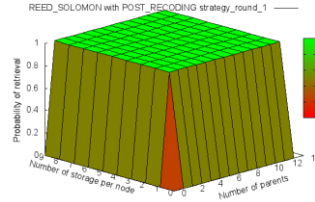
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# Data Survival over Time

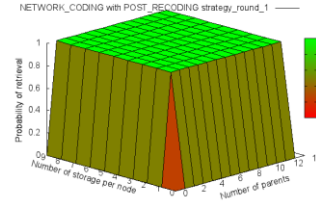
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## RS Coding



## Network Coding

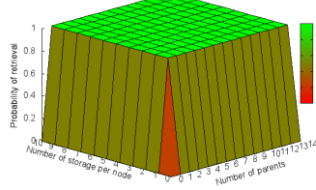


**Distributed Policy**

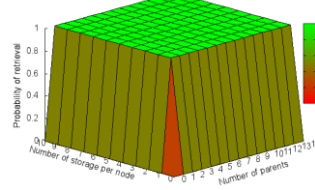
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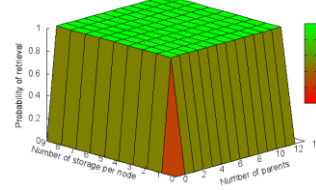
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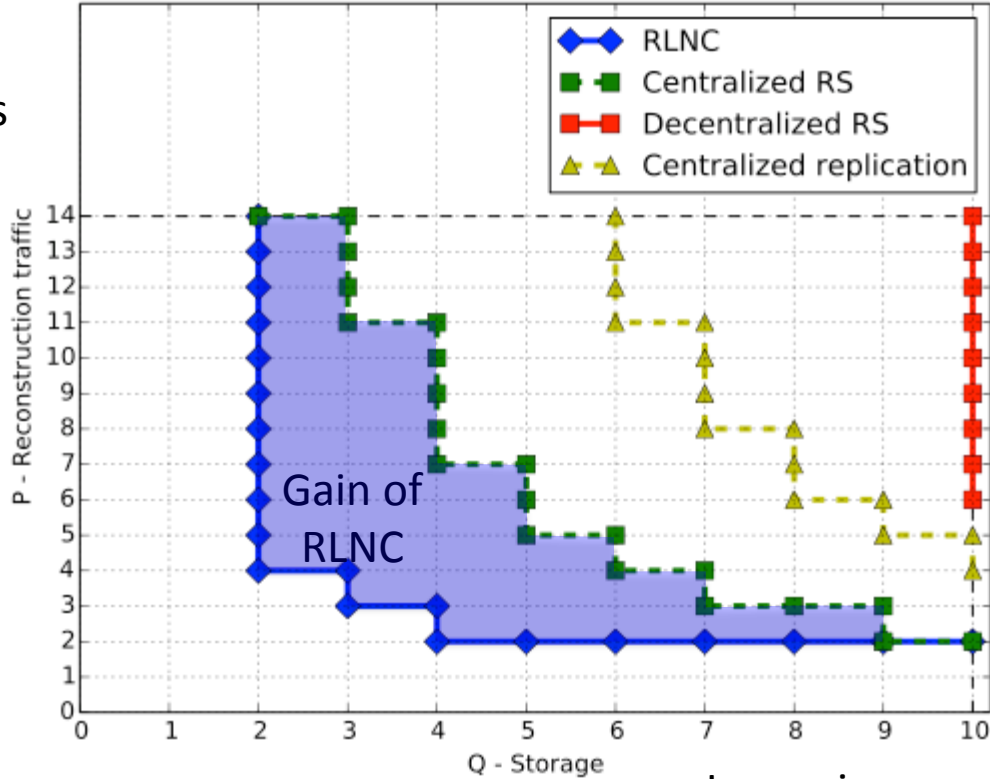
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**„Genie“ Policy**

# Data Survival (large # of runs)

Lower is  
better



Top view of  
3D plots

Lower is  
better



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# KODO Coding Speeds

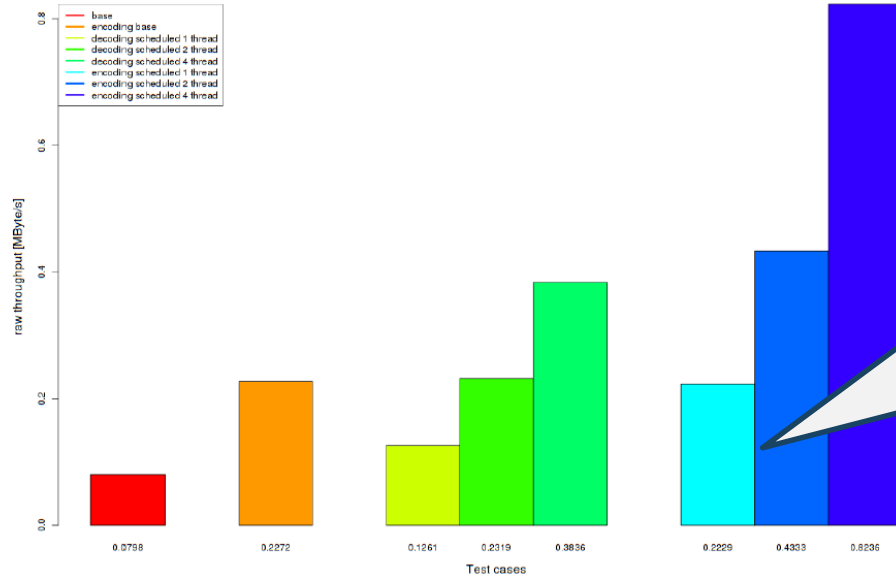
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G=10 (15)	2136/2227	2025/2126	1724/1796	997/1072	285/245
G=16 (24)	1807/1496	1264/1239	1075/1180	628/644	179/160
G=30 (45)	950/647	672/513	266/271	349/361	96/90
G=60 (90)	594/329	359/256	123/122	184/184	48/46
G=100 (150)	383/209	226/159	74/73	111/111	29/28
G=150 (225)	266/141	153/107	47/46	74/74	19/19

*Measured on Intel(R) Core(TM) i7-4770 CPU @ 3.40GHz*

Industry trend



# Many-Core Implementation of Network Coding



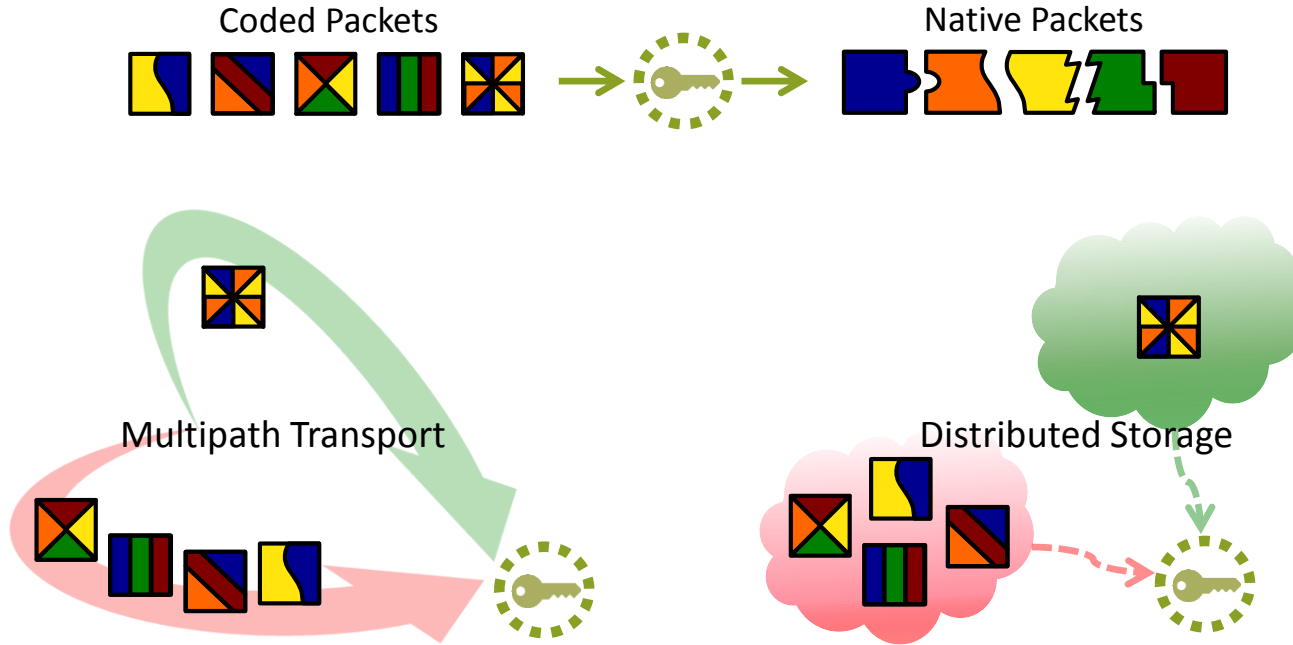
Herb Sutter: „Free lunch is over!“

Lots of research in computer science and engineering focus on achieving low computational complexity (the big O). But perhaps in the future we need to consider algorithms with worse computational complexity but which are easy to parallelize.

On Raspberry Pi 2: 10x speed up over standard SIMD encoding by using 4 cores and cache optimization (generation size 1024)



# Coding as an Additional Security Measure



Data on a given path/cloud acts as a cypher



ONE CODE

TO RULE THEM ALL!

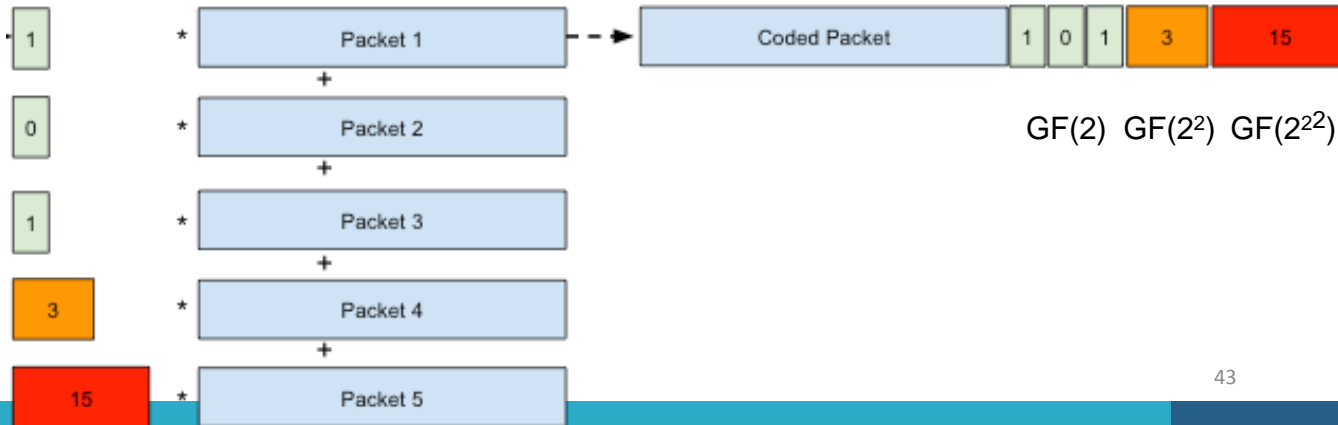
# Telescopic Codes

## Design:

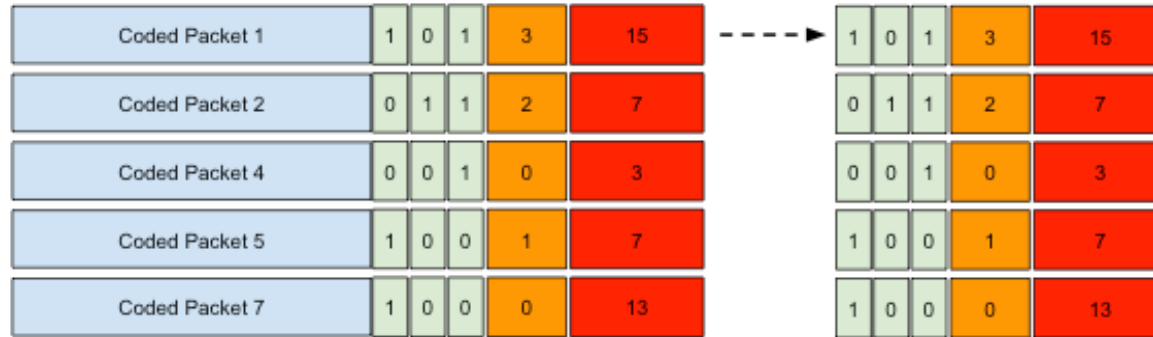
Multiple composite extension fields

Goal: reduce overhead, maintaining high performance, faster encoding/decoding

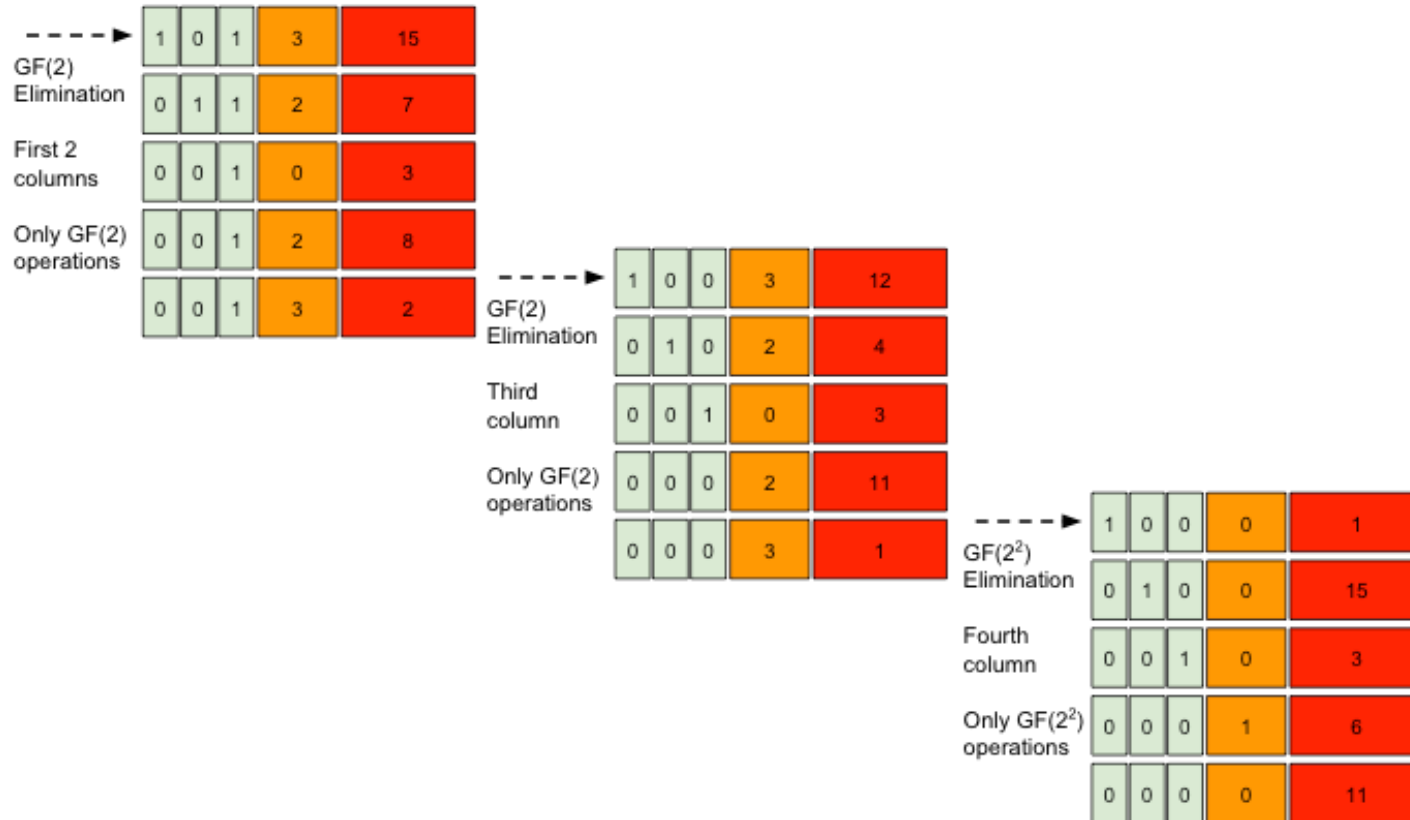
Different packets are encoded using different field sizes



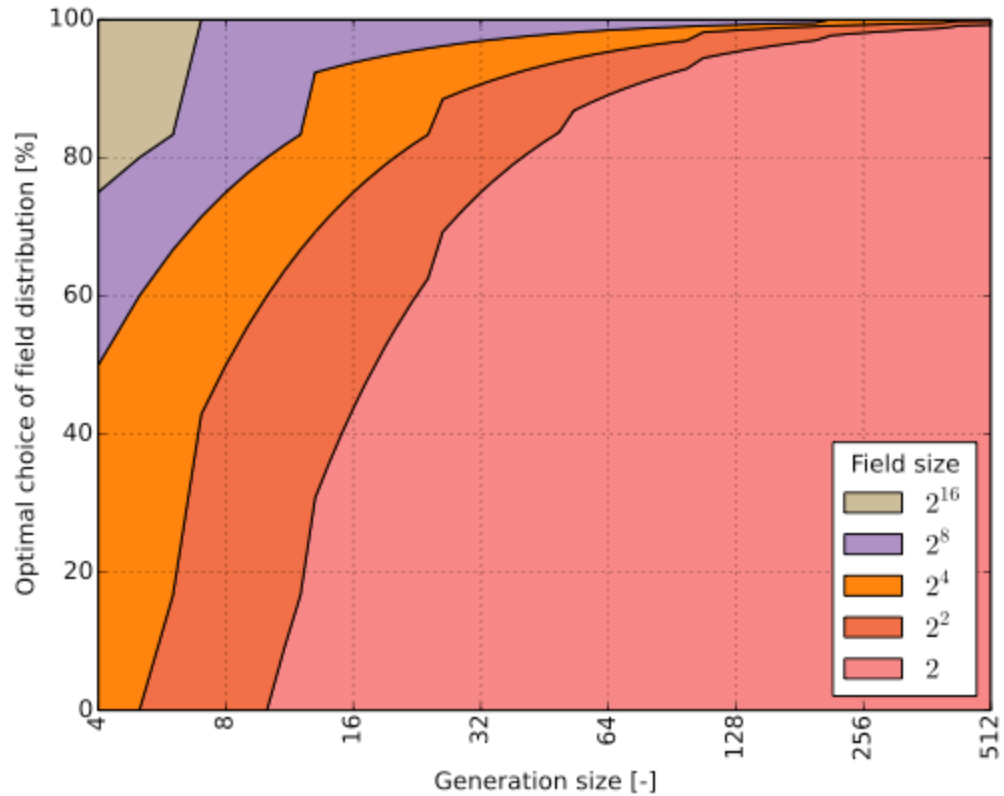
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# Results



# General Ideas

Fluid allocation of complexity

End devices agree on desired performance:

Independent from network

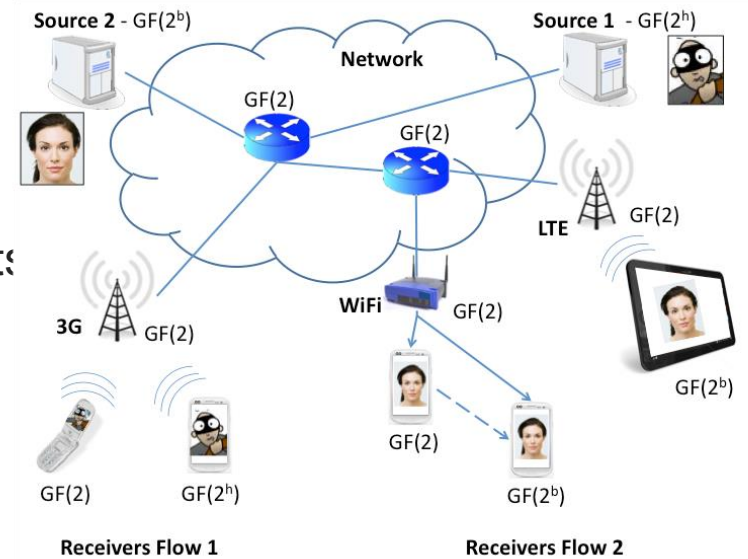
Chosen according to application requirements

Network devices need only support a simple

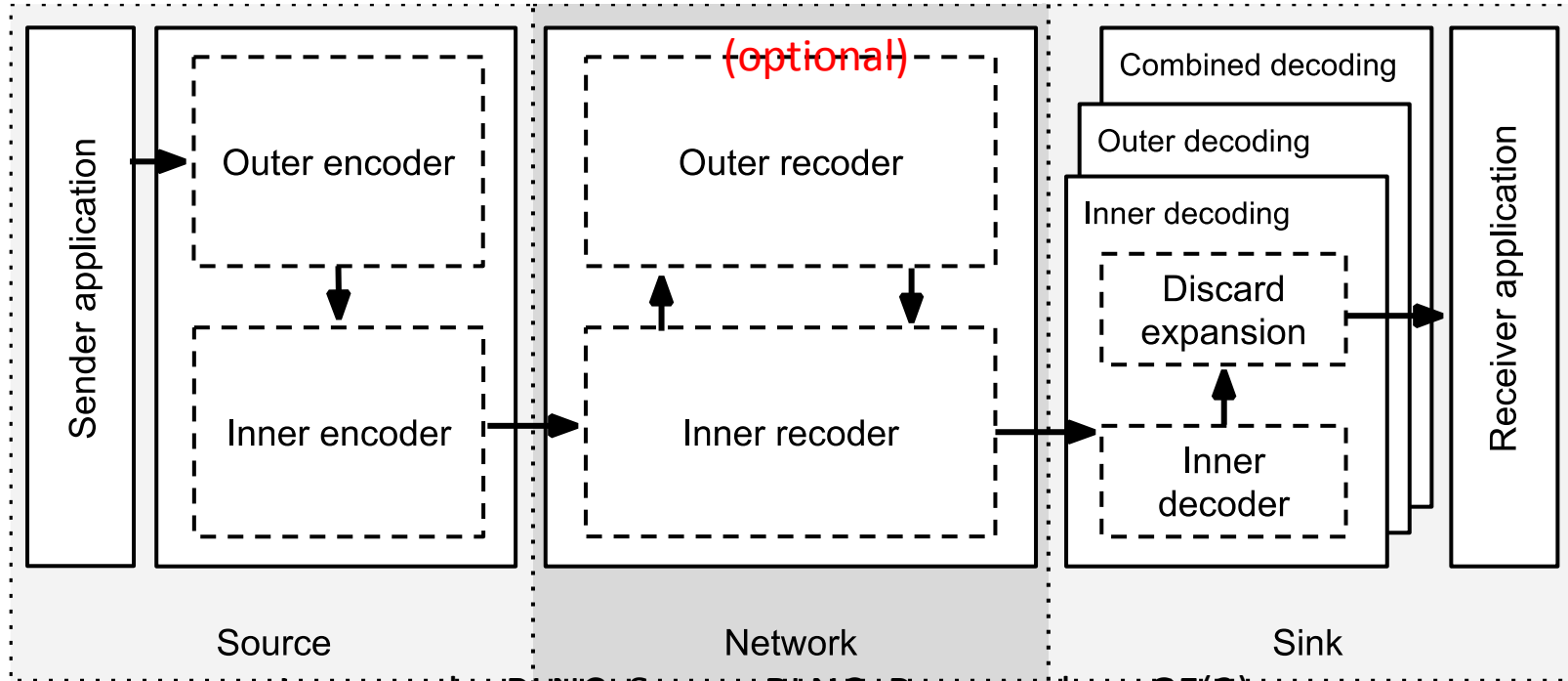
Reduces overhead

Roughly 1 bit per coding coefficient

Key: code concatenation with different field sizes



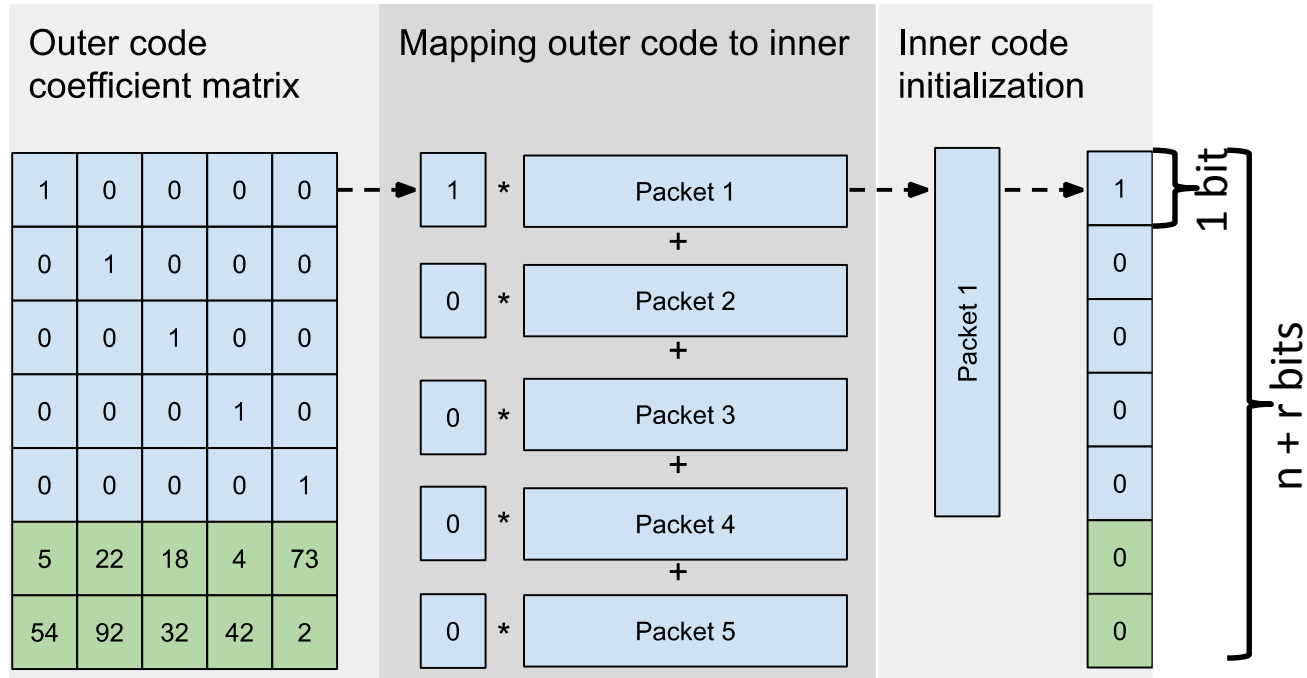
# General Structure



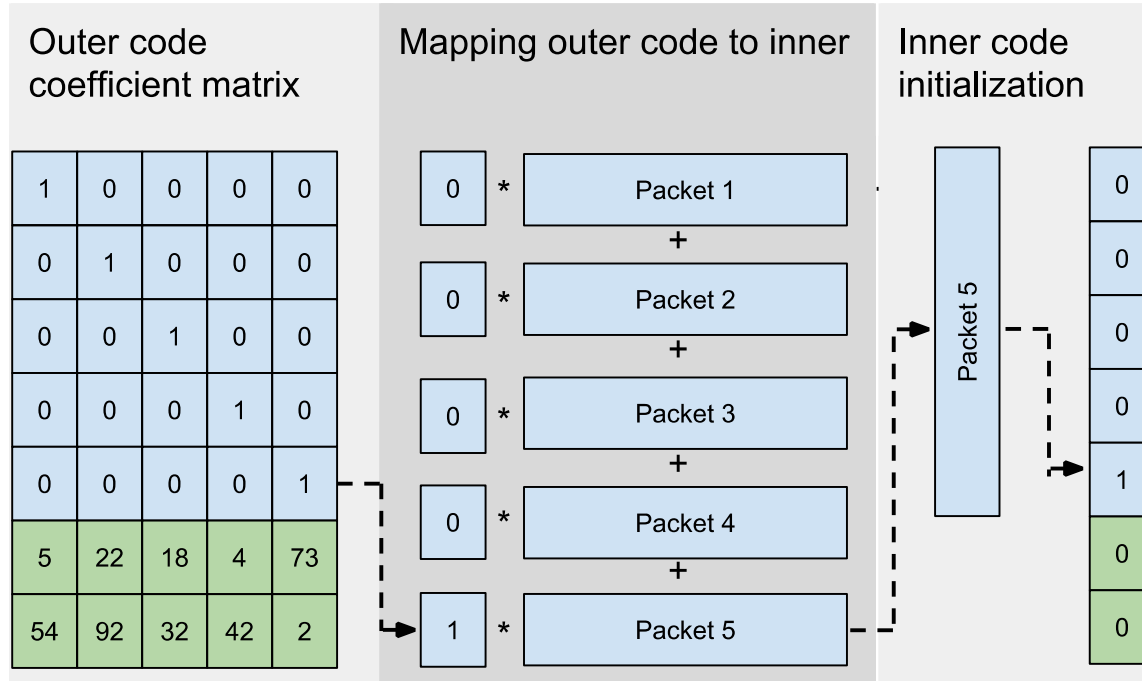
- Inner code: RLNC, Sparse RLNC, Perpetual, ...  $GF(2)$
- Outer code: (systematic) RLNC, Reed-Solomon, ...  $GF(2^h)$



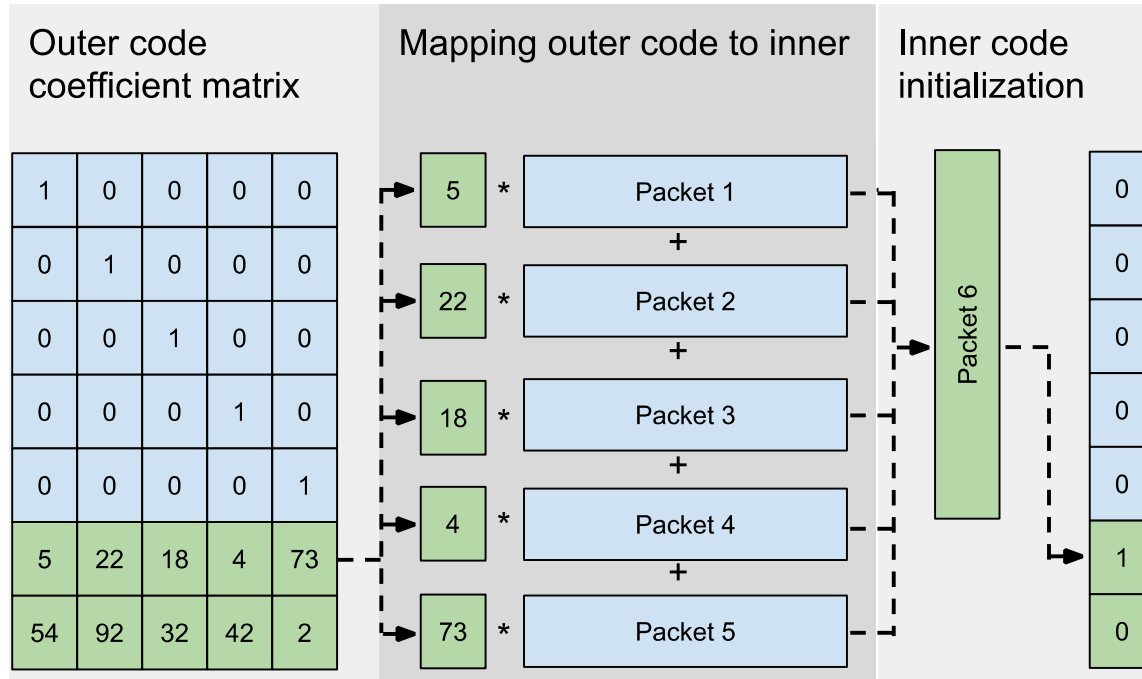
# Encoder



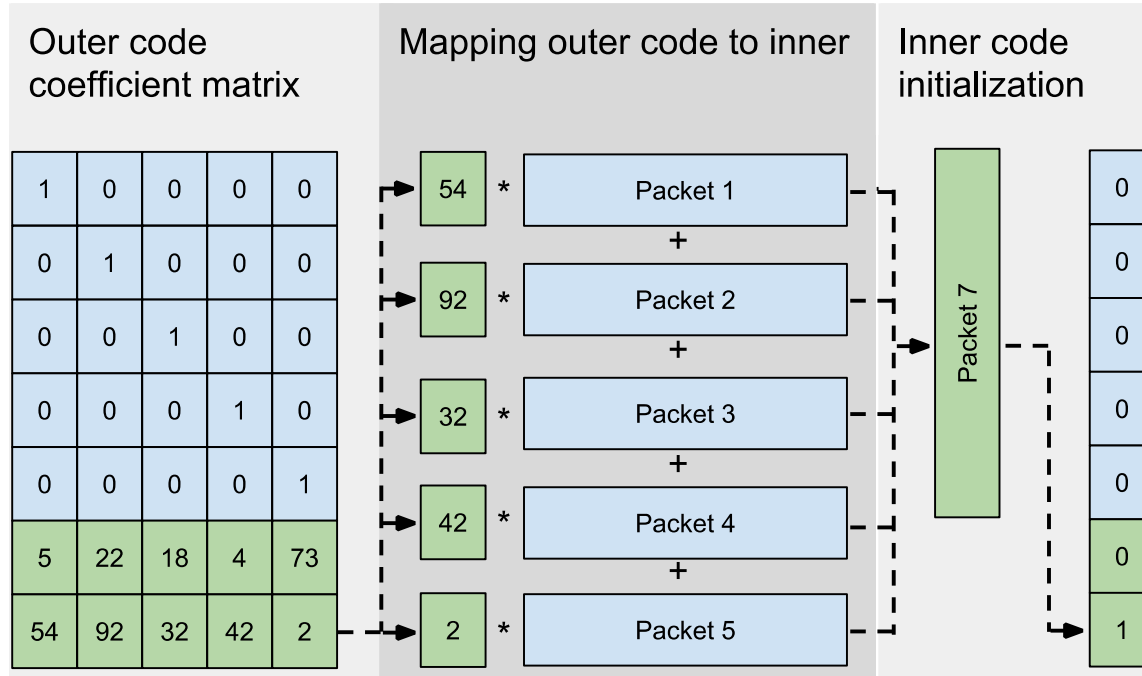
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# # Received Packets before Decoding

Decoding after receiving (coded packets)					
Code		n	n + 1	n + 2	n + 3
Fulcrum	r = 4	93.87%	99.75%	99.99%	99.9997%
	r = 7	99.22%	99.996%	99.99998%	99.99999992%
	r = 10	99.90%	99.9999%	99.99999996%	99.9999999998%
RaptorQ*		99%	99.99%	99.9999%	

\* Qualcomm. (2013, Dec.) Raptorq - the superior fec technology  
Available:

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