

NETWORK MANAGEMENT ARCHITECTURES AND SYSTEMS

HISTORY, STATUS AND FUTURE

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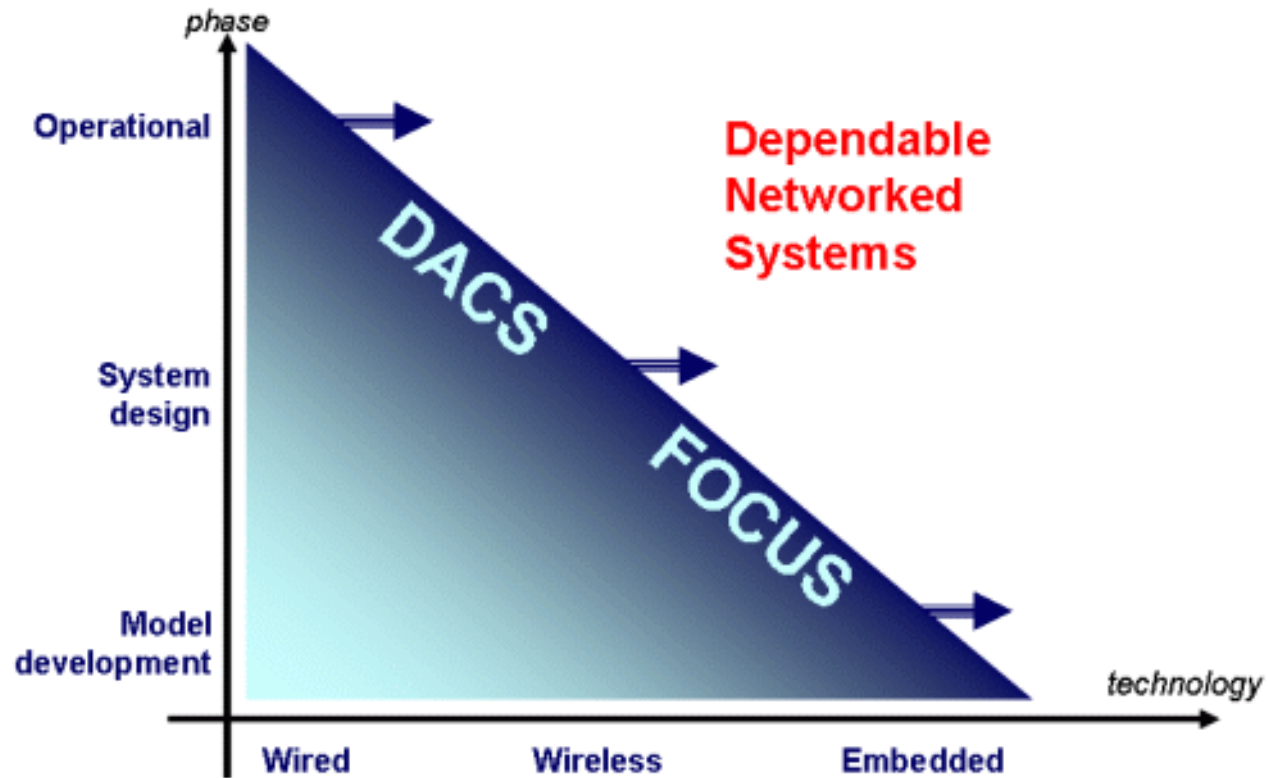
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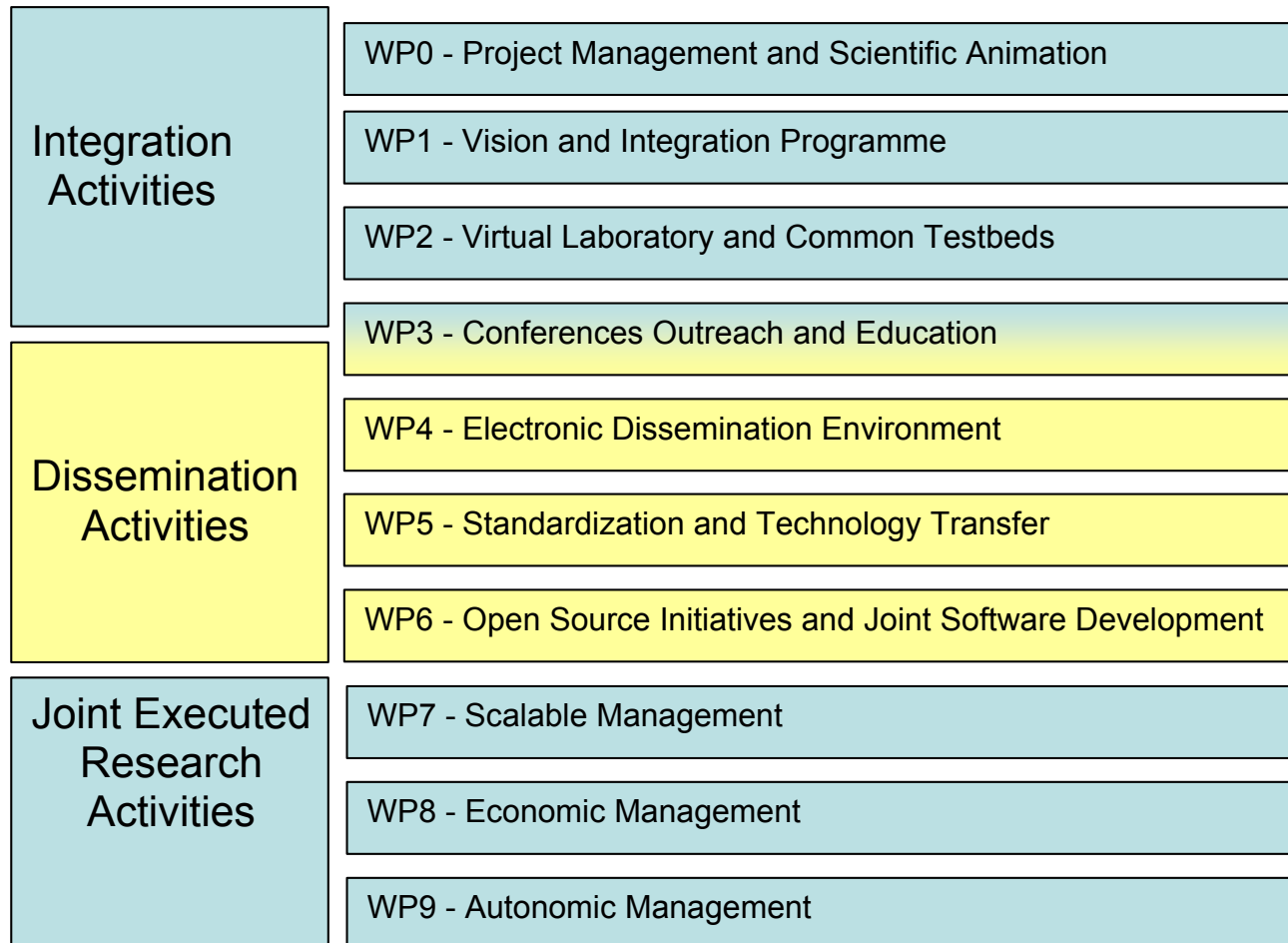
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EMANICS STRUCTURE



OVERVIEW OF TODAY

SNMP STATUS

30 MINUTES

HOW IS SNMP BEING USED IN PRACTICE

30 MINUTES

WHAT ARE THE PROBLEMS OF SNMP

15 MINUTES

OVERVIEW OF NETCONF

15 MINUTES

WEB SERVICES FOR MANAGEMENT

60 MINUTES

KEY CHALLENGES IN NETWORK MANAGEMENT RESEARCH

60 MINUTES

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BACKGROUND MATERIAL

- **PODCAST / REAL MEDIA PRESENTATIONS**
<http://www.simpleweb.org/tutorials/video/>

- **SLIDES**
<http://www.simpleweb.org/tutorials/slides.html>

- **EXERCISES**
<http://www.simpleweb.org/tutorials/exercises.html>

SNMP STATUS

OVERVIEW MANAGEMENT STANDARDS

- CMIP-CMIS

HISTORY

- GENERAL MANAGEMENT PROTOCOLS
 - SNMP - OVERALL
 - SNMP - RECENT HISTORY

RFCs AND STANDARDS

SNMP PROTOCOL OPERATIONS

OTHERS

- JMX
- TM FORUM
- OASIS
- IEEE
- ...

OVERVIEW MANAGEMENT STANDARDS

ISO

- CMIP-CMIS

IETF

- SNMP (V1-3), SMI (V1-2), MIB Modules
- SYSLOG
- NETCONF

ITU-T

- TMN

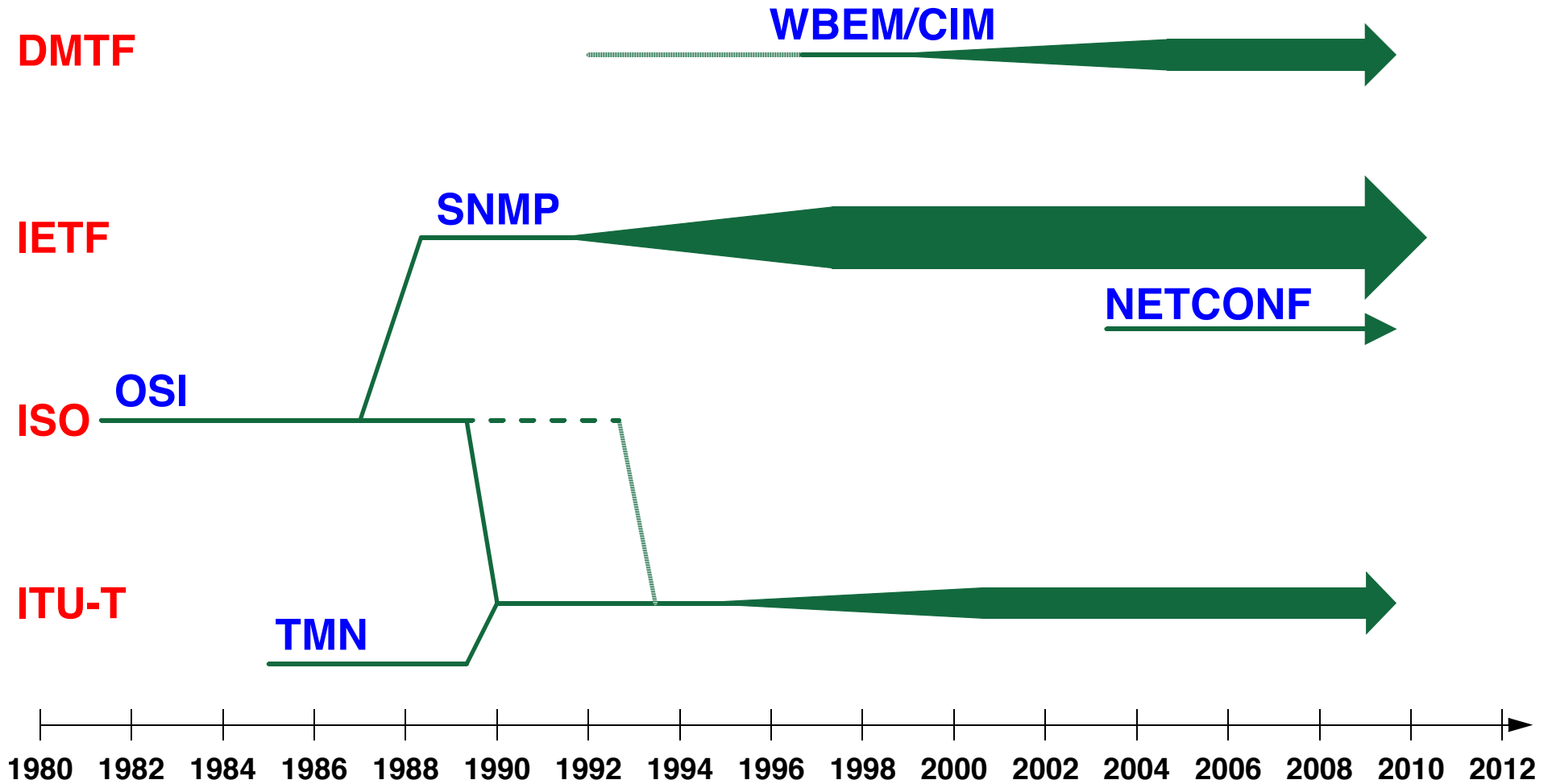
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- WBEM/CIM

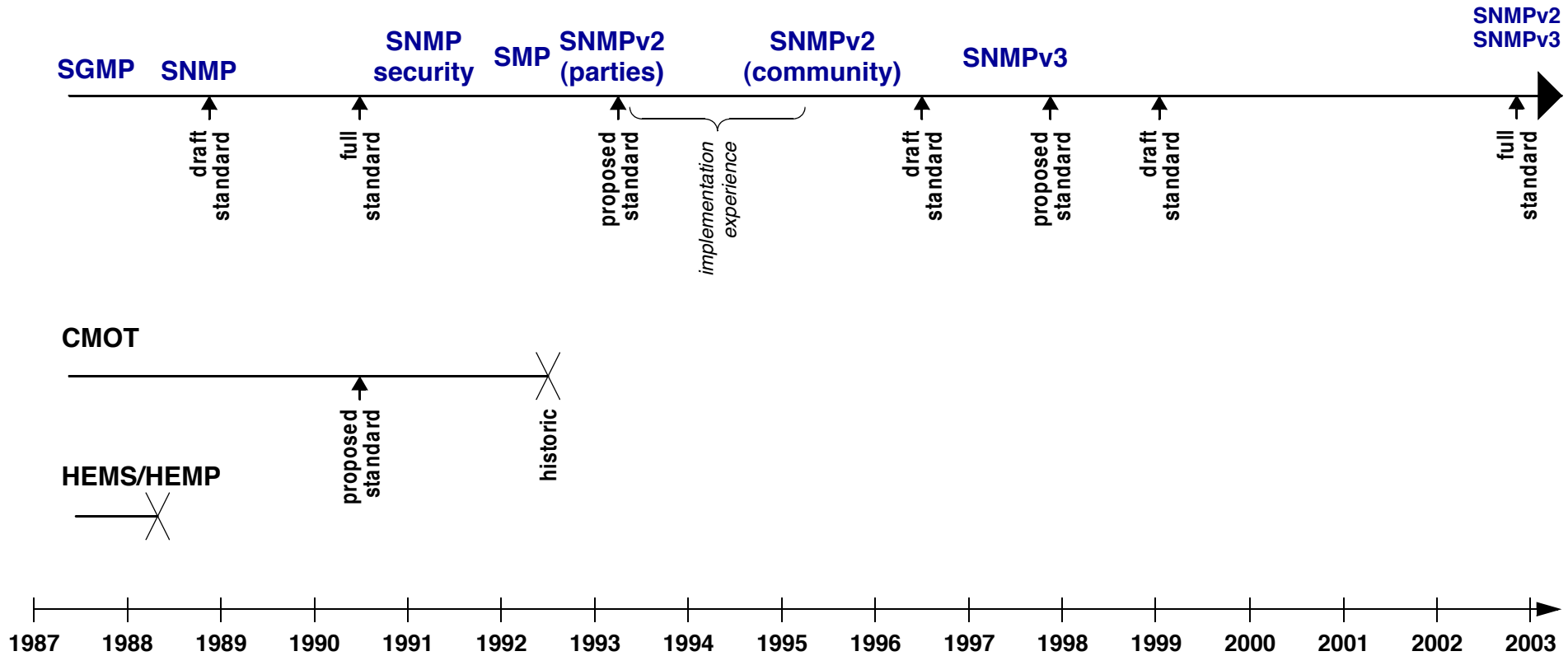
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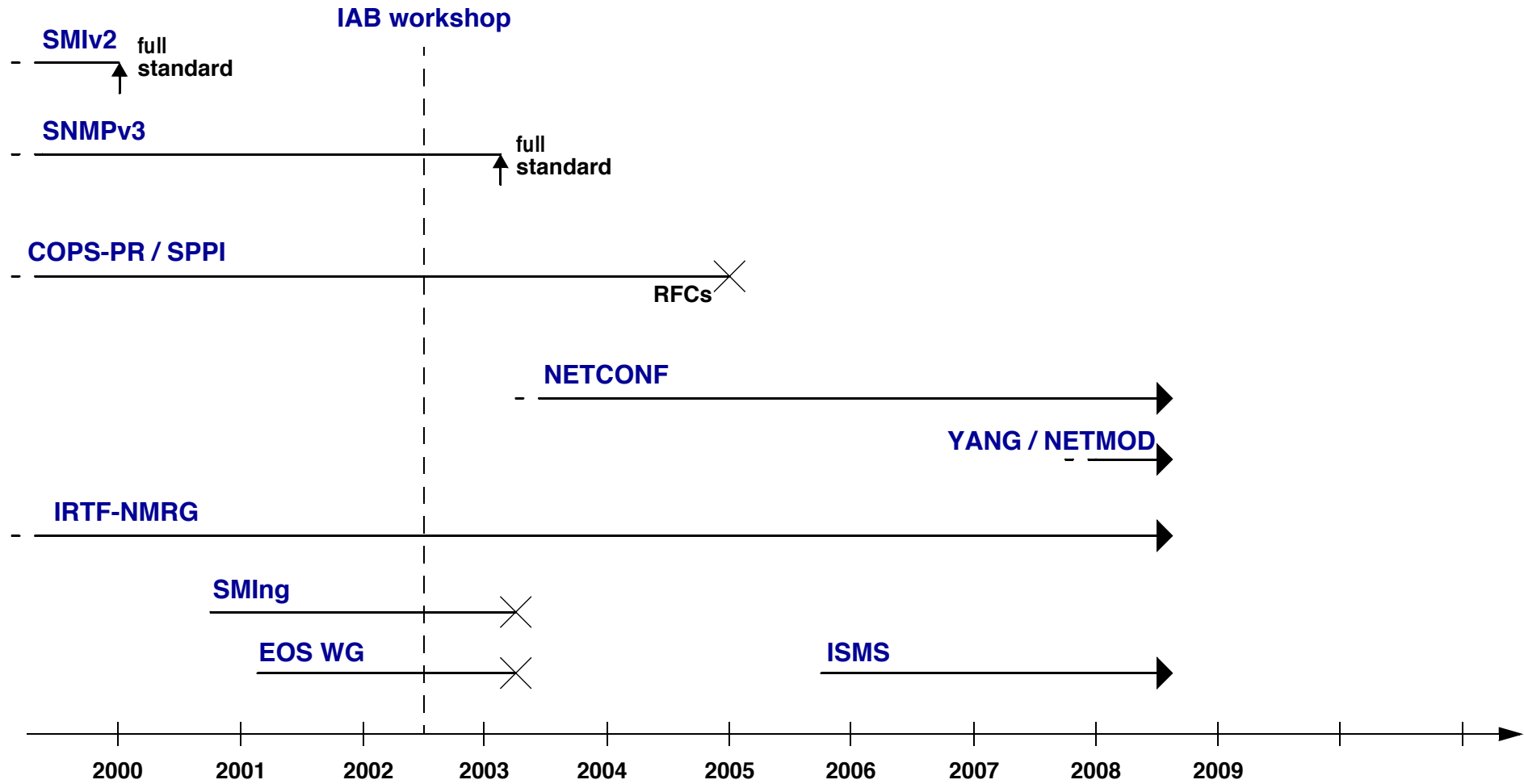
HISTORY MANAGEMENT STANDARDS



SNMP HISTORY - OVERVIEW



SNMP HISTORY - RECENT



STANDARDS

SMI

- STRUCTURE OF MANAGEMENT INFORMATION
 - SMIV1: RFC 1155 (STANDARD)
 - SMIV2: RFC 2578 (STANDARD)

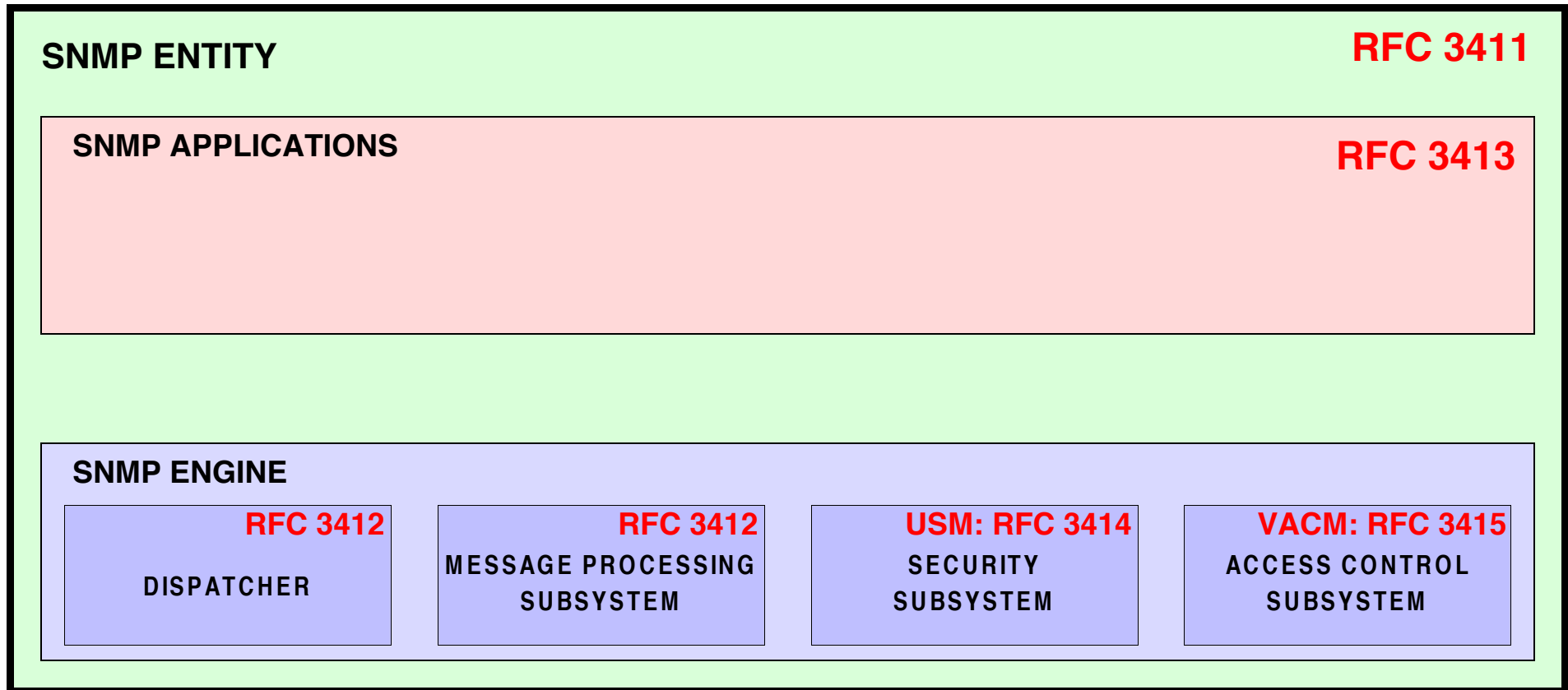
SNMP

- SNMPv1: RFC 1157 (HISTORIC)
- SNMPv2C: RFC 1901, 1909, 1910 (HISTORIC)
- SNMPv3: RFC 3411-3416 (STANDARD)

MIBs

- HUNDREDS OF MIB MODULE DEFINITIONS
 - MOST ARE PROPOSED STANDARD
 - SOME ARE DRAFT STANDARD
 - A FEW ARE STANDARD

SNMP STANDARDS



SNMP STANDARDS - CONTINUED

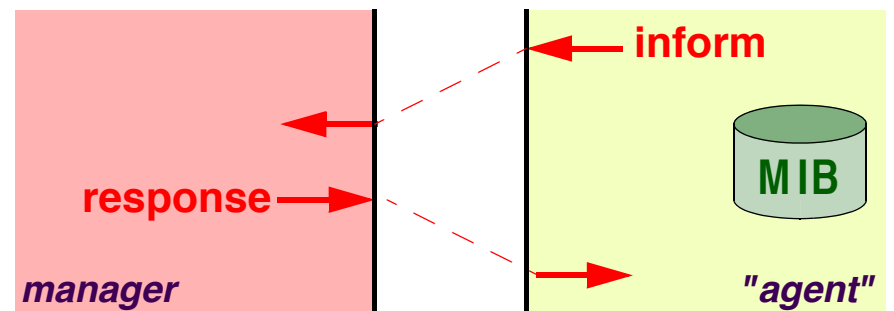
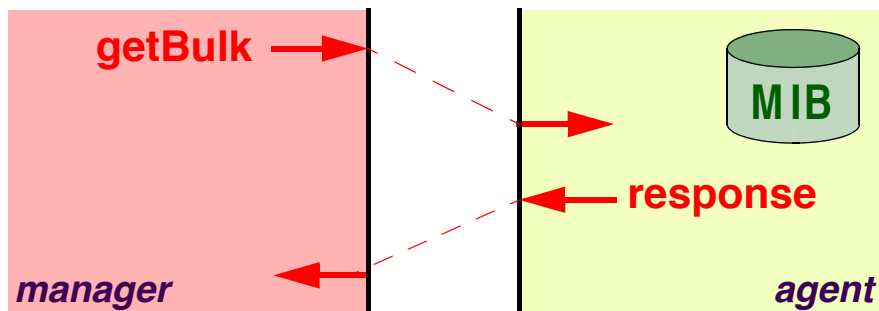
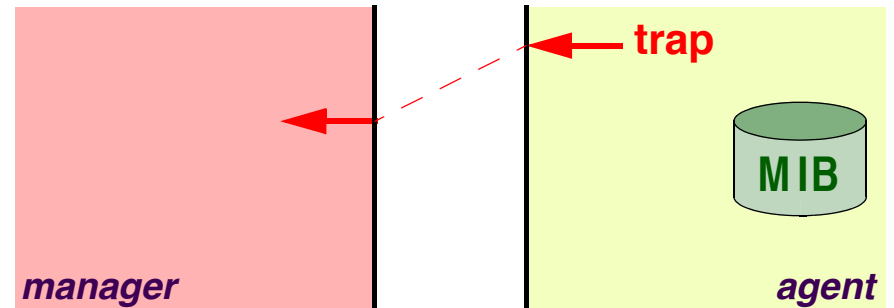
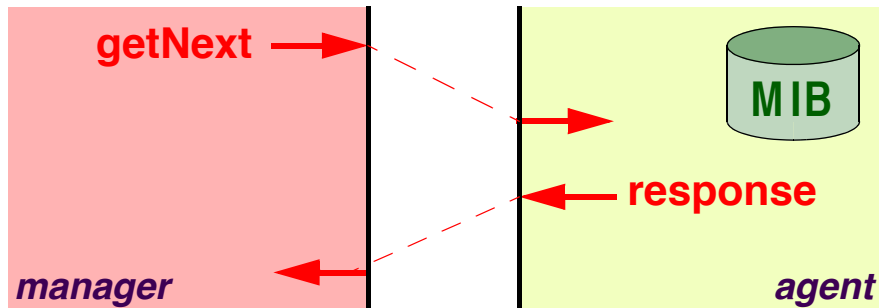
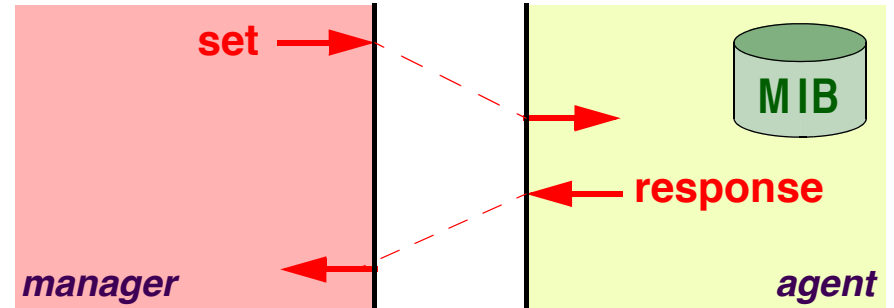
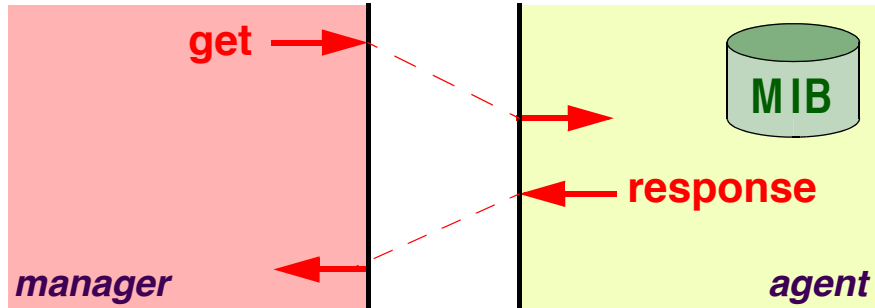
RFC 3416:

- **VERSION 2 OF THE SNMP PROTOCOL OPERATIONS**
- **FULL STANDARD**

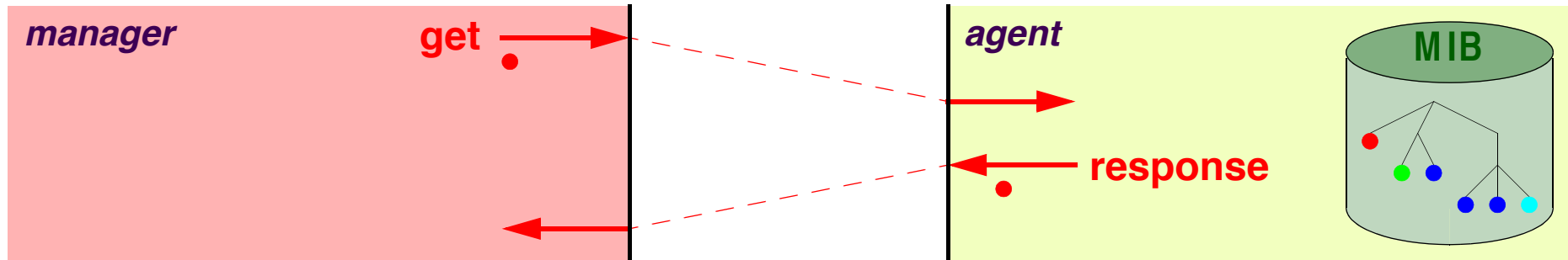
RFC 4789:

- **SNMP TRANSPORT MAPPINGS**
- **FULL STANDARD**

SNMP PROTOCOL OPERATIONS



GET



SIMILAR TO SNMPv1, EXCEPT FOR “EXCEPTIONS”

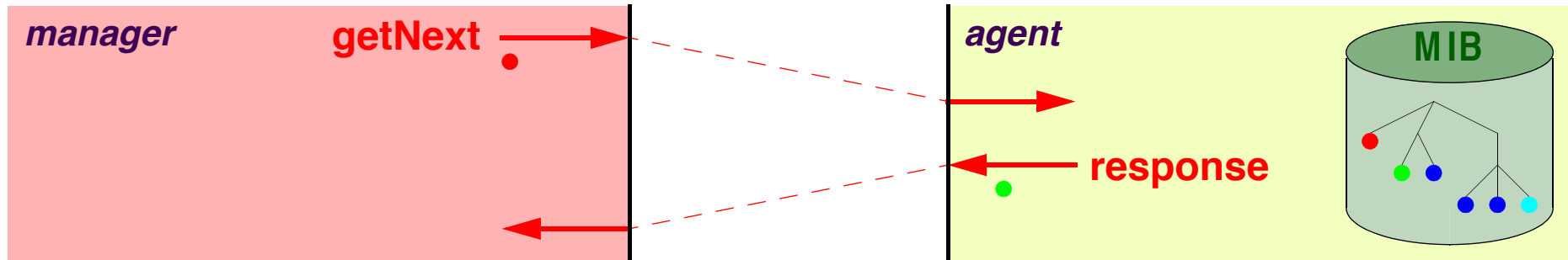
POSSIBLE EXCEPTIONS:

- **noSuchObject**
- **noSuchInstance**

EXCEPTIONS ARE CODED WITHIN THE VARBINDS

EXCEPTIONS DO NOT RAISE ERROR STATUS AND INDEX

GET-NEXT

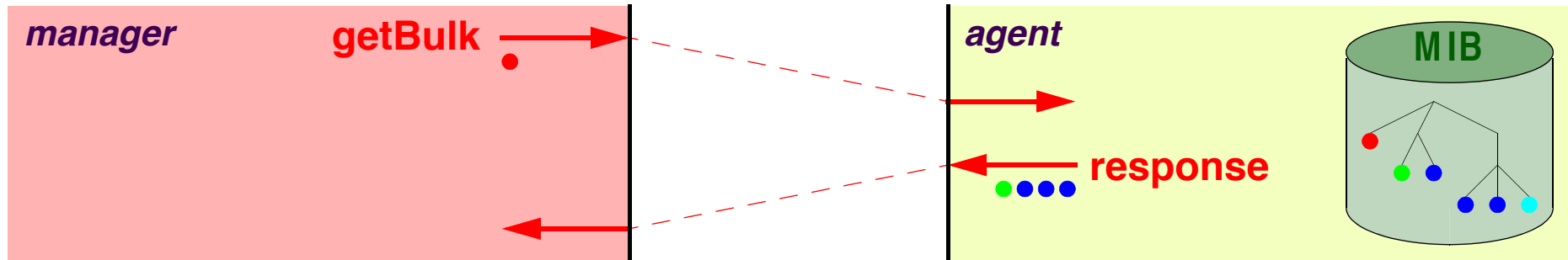


SIMILAR TO SNMPv1, EXCEPT FOR “EXCEPTIONS”

POSSIBLE EXCEPTIONS:

- `endOfMibView`

GET-BULK



NEW IN SNMPv2

TO RETRIEVE A LARGE NUMBER OF VARBINDS

IMPROVES PERFORMANCE!

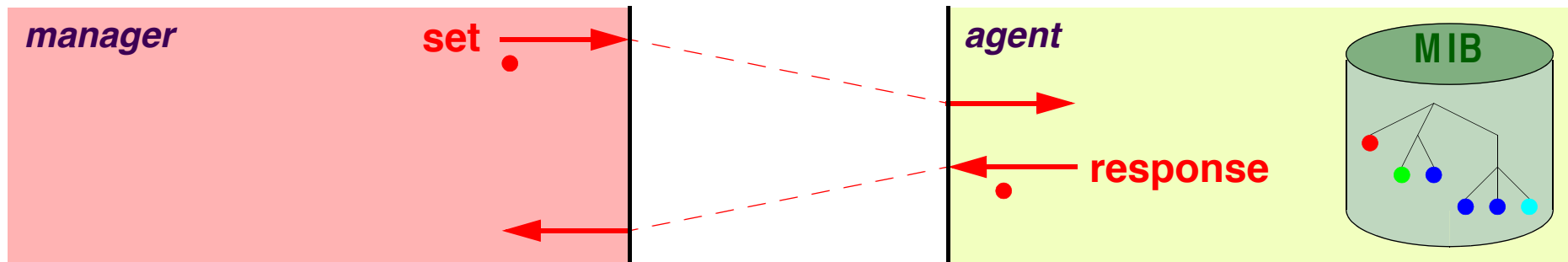
GET-BULK

getBulk REQUEST HAS TWO ADDITIONAL PARAMETERS:

- **non-repeaters**
- **max-repetitions**

- THE FIRST N ELEMENTS (**non-repeaters**) OF THE VARBIND LIST ARE TREATED AS IF THE OPERATION WAS A NORMAL **getnext** OPERATION
- THE NEXT ELEMENTS OF THE VARBIND LIST ARE TREATED AS IF THE OPERATION CONSISTED OF A NUMBER (**max-repetitions**) OF REPEATED **getnext** OPERATIONS

SET



SIMILAR TO SNMPv1

CONCEPTUAL TWO PHASE COMMIT:

- PHASE 1: PERFORM VARIOUS CHECKS
- PHASE 2: PERFORM THE ACTUAL SET

MANY NEW ERROR CODES ARE DEFINED

NEW ERROR CODES FOR SETS

SNMPv1

SNMPv2

PHASE 1:

badValue
badValue
badValue
badValue
badValue
noSuchName
noSuchName
noSuchName
noSuchName
genErr
genErr

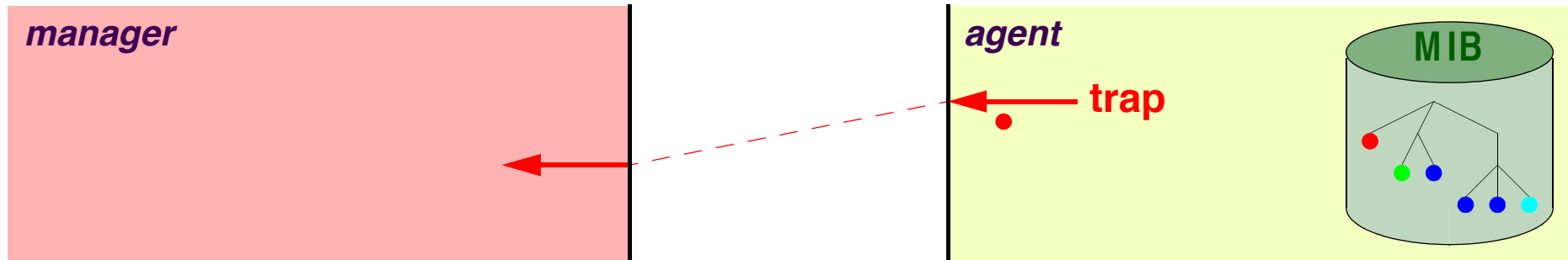
wrongValue
wrongEncoding
wrongType
wrongLength
inconsistentValue
noAccess
notWritable
noCreation
inconsistentName
resourceUnavailable
genErr

PHASE 2:

genErr
genErr

CommitFailed
undoFailed

TRAP



SNMPv1:

- COLD START
- WARM START
- LINK DOWN
- LINK UP
- AUTHETICATION FAILURE
- EGP NEIGHBOR LOSS

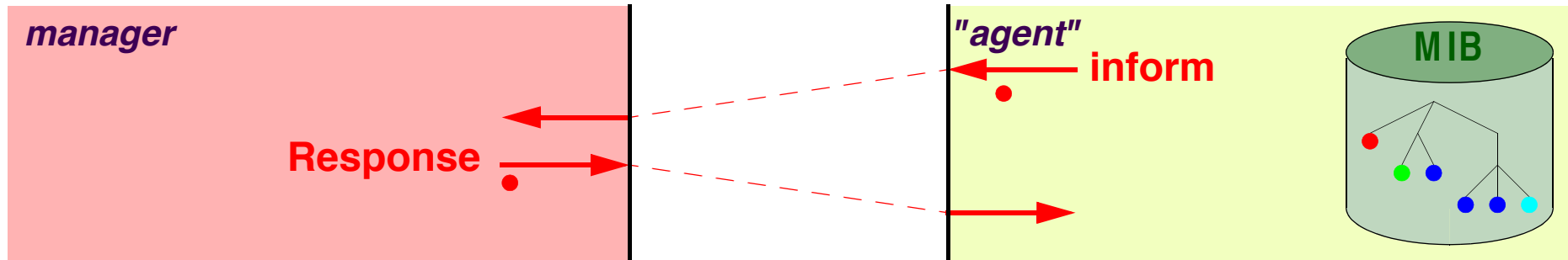
SNMPv2:

- MIBs MAY NOW INCLUDE NOTIFICATION TYPE MACROS
- FIRST TWO VARBINDS: **sysUptime** AND **snmpTrapOID**
- USES SAME FORMAT AS OTHER PDUs

EXAMPLE OF NOTIFICATION TYPE MACRO

```
linkUp      NOTIFICATION-TYPE
OBJECTS     {ifIndex}
STATUS      current
DESCRIPTION "A linkUp trap signifies that the entity
             has detected that the ifOperStatus
             object has changed to Up"
::= {snmpTraps 4}
```

INFORM



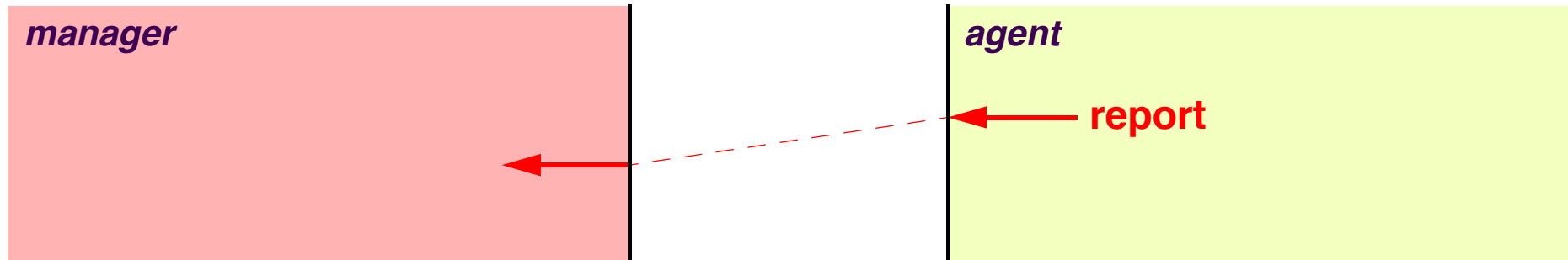
CONFIRMED TRAP

ORIGINALLY TO INFORM A HIGHER LEVEL MANAGER

SAME FORMAT AS TRAP PDU

POSSIBLE ERROR: **tooBig**

REPORT



NEW PDU TO SIGNAL PROTOCOL EXCEPTIONS / ERRORS

NO SEMANTICS DEFINED IN SNMPv2

SNMP - SUMMARY

COMPARED TO SNMPv1, IMPROVED COMMUNICATION MODEL

- GET-BULK PDU
- ADDITIONAL ERROR CODES FOR SETS
- INFORMS (CONFIRMED TRAPS)

SECURITY

- SNMPv1 & v2: COMMUNITY BASED (HISTORIC)
 - SNMPv3: USER BASED
- NONE, AUTHENTICATION, PRIVACY

MANAGER-AGENT MODEL

- MANAGEMENT HIERARCHIES ARE POSSIBLE (DISMAN)

SNMP PROBLEMS

OVERVIEW:

20 PROBLEMS IDENTIFIED AT THE IAB WORKSHOP

THREE FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEMS

EXAMPLE

- CREATING A NEW TABLE ROW

CAN PROBLEMS BE FIXED?

- COPS-PR

20 PROBLEMS IDENTIFIED AT IAB WORKSHOP - 1

RFC 3535

IMPOSSIBLE TO RETRIEVE COMPLETE CONFIGURATIONS

- IMPOSSIBLE TO COMPARE TO PREVIOUS CONFIGURATIONS
 - IMPOSSIBLE TO CHECK FOR CONSISTENCY
 - USUALLY INCOMPLETE COVERAGE VIA SNMP
- NO DIFFERENTIATION BETWEEN CONFIGURATION AND STATE DATA

QUALITY OF SNMP IMPLEMENTATIONS SOMETIMES POOR

- DATA NOT ALWAYS CORRECT
 - SOMETIMES CRASHES

MIB IMPLEMENTATIONS APPEAR TOO LATE

- OPERATORS HAVE TO RELY ON CLI

OPERATORS VIEW SNMP INTERFACES TOO LOW LEVEL

- TIME CONSUMING AND INCONVENIENT

20 PROBLEMS IDENTIFIED AT IAB WORKSHOP - 2

LEXICOGRAPHIC ORDERING SOMETIMES ARTIFICIAL

- RUNTIME OVERHEAD
- IMPLEMENTATION COSTS

POOR PERFORMANCE OF BULK TRANSFERS

- EXAMPLE: ROUTING TABLES

POOR PERFORMANCE OF CERTAIN QUERIES

- IN CASES DESIGNERS DID NOT ANTICIPATE SUCH QUERIES
- EXAMPLE: WHICH OUTGOING INTERFACE IS USED FOR DESTINATION X?

SNMP CREDENTIALS AND KEY MANAGEMENT COMPLEX

- NOT INTEGRATED WITH EXISTING APPROACHES

SMI

- HARD TO DEAL / NOT VERY PRACTICAL

MIB MODULES OVER-ENGINEERED

- TOO MANY VARIABLES

20 PROBLEMS IDENTIFIED AT IAB WORKSHOP - 3

TRAPS NOT VERY USEFUL

- SUBSEQUENT GETS STILL NEEDED
- SYSLOG MORE USEFUL

SNMP INSTRUMENTATION HARD TO IMPLEMENT

- ESPECIALLY WITH TABLE INDEXING / INTERRELATIONSHIPS

MIB MODULES LACK DESCRIPTION OF POSSIBLE USAGE

- LIST OF INGREDIENTS, WITHOUT RECIPE

NO STRUCTURED TYPES / OBJECT METHODS

- COMPLEX MIB MODULE DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION

LACK OF QUERY AND AGGREGATION CAPABILITIES

- NO DATA REDUCTION
- EFFICIENCY AND SCALABILITY PROBLEMS

SNMP PROTOCOL AND AGENT SIMPLICITY

- COMPLEXITY IS LEFT TO THE MANAGER

20 PROBLEMS IDENTIFIED AT IAB WORKSHOP - 4

SEMANTIC MISMATCH

- MIB IS LOW-LEVEL, DATA ORIENTED
- MANAGERS THINK TASK ORIENTED
- BRIDGING THE GAP IS POSSIBLE, BUT HARD

NOT WELL SUITED FOR COMPLEX DEVICES

- SNMP WORKS WELL FOR SMALL DEVICES

NO INCENTIVE FOR VENDORS TO IMPLEMENT SNMP MIBS

- CLI GETS PRECEDENCE
- NOT ALL CLI COMMANDS ARE AVAILABLE VIA MIB MODULES
- UNDERMINES THIRD PARTY STANDARD SOLUTIONS

STANDARDS FREEZE DEVELOPMENT

- RAPID FEATURE DEVELOPMENT NOT POSSIBLE

FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEM - 1

IF EVERYTHING FAILS, MANAGEMENT SHOULD STILL FUNCTION

NO USE OF EXISTING SECURITY MECHANISMS

- CREDENTIAL AND KEY MAINTENANCE IS HARD

FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEM - 2

USE OF UDP

MESSAGES ARE LIMITED IN SIZE

- **OBJECTS ARE THEREFORE SMALL (SCALARS)**
- **GRANULARITY LEVEL TOO LOW FOR CONFIGURATION MANAGEMENT**
 - **NO COMPLEX DATA STRUCTURES**

UNRELIABLE COMMUNICATION

- **RETRANSMISSION BY APPLICATION**

FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEM - 3

MULTIPLE MANAGERS MAY OPERATE CONCURRENTLY

SYNCHRONIZATION IS HARD

- RowStatus
- snmpSerialNo

EXAMPLE

1) SELECT / CREATE INDEX

2) SET RowStatus OBJECT TO *createAndWait*

INDEX	COLUMN 1	COLUMN ...	COLUMN N	RowStatus

3) SET COLUMN FIELDS
POSSIBLY INCLUDE IN EVERY SET PDU *snmpSerialNo*

4) SET RowStatus OBJECT TO *active*

IN CASE OF ERRORS
RESTORING A PREVIOUS STATE MAY BE DIFFICULT

HOW TO FIX THE PROBLEMS

EVOLUTIONARY

IRTF

- NETWORK MANAGEMENT RESEARCH GROUP (NMRG)
 - SNMP OVER TCP
 - EFFICIENT RETRIEVAL OF BULK DATA
 - IMPROVED SMI

IETF

- EVOLUTION OF SNMP (EOS) WG
- SMI NEXT GENERATION (SMIng) WG
- COMMON OPEN POLICY SERVICES PROTOCOL - POLICY PROVISIONING WG

REVOLUTIONARY

IETF

- NETWORK CONFIGURATION (NETCONF) WG
 - XML BASED

RESEARCH COMMUNITY

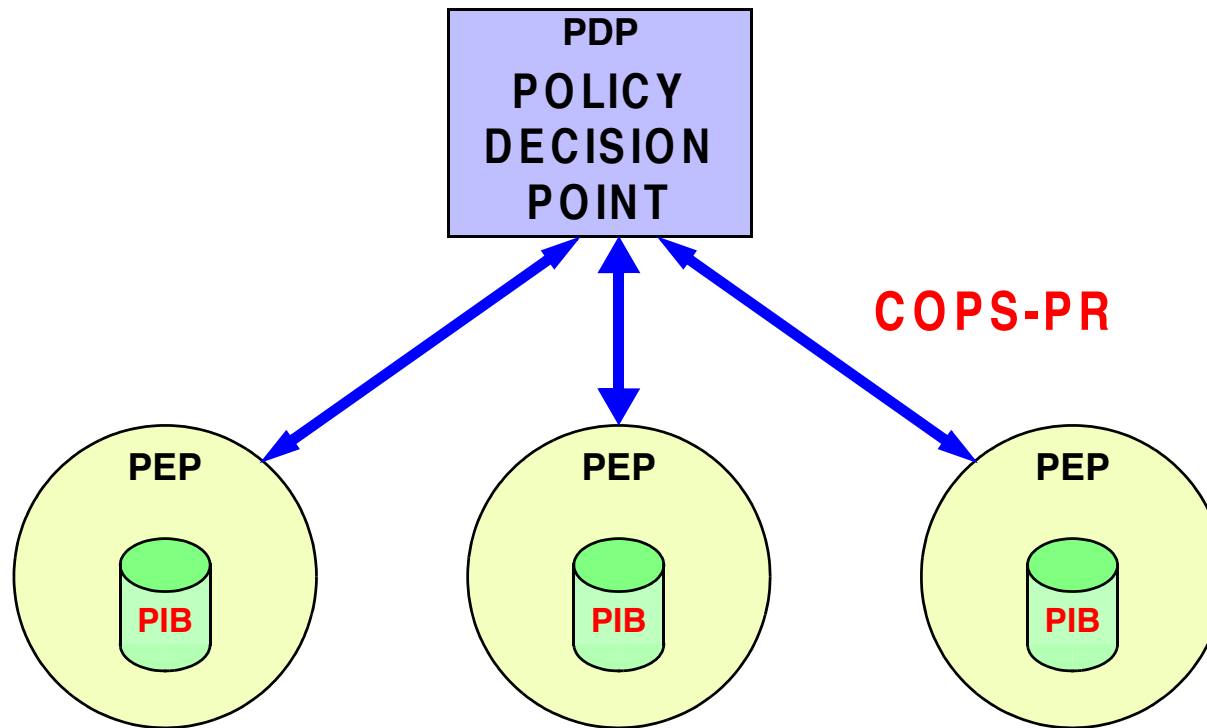
- WEB-SERVICES BASED

COPS-PR

COMMON OPEN POLICY SERVICES PROTOCOL - POLICY PROVISIONING

POLICY INFORMATION BASE

STRUCTURE OF POLICY PROVISIONING INFORMATION SPPI



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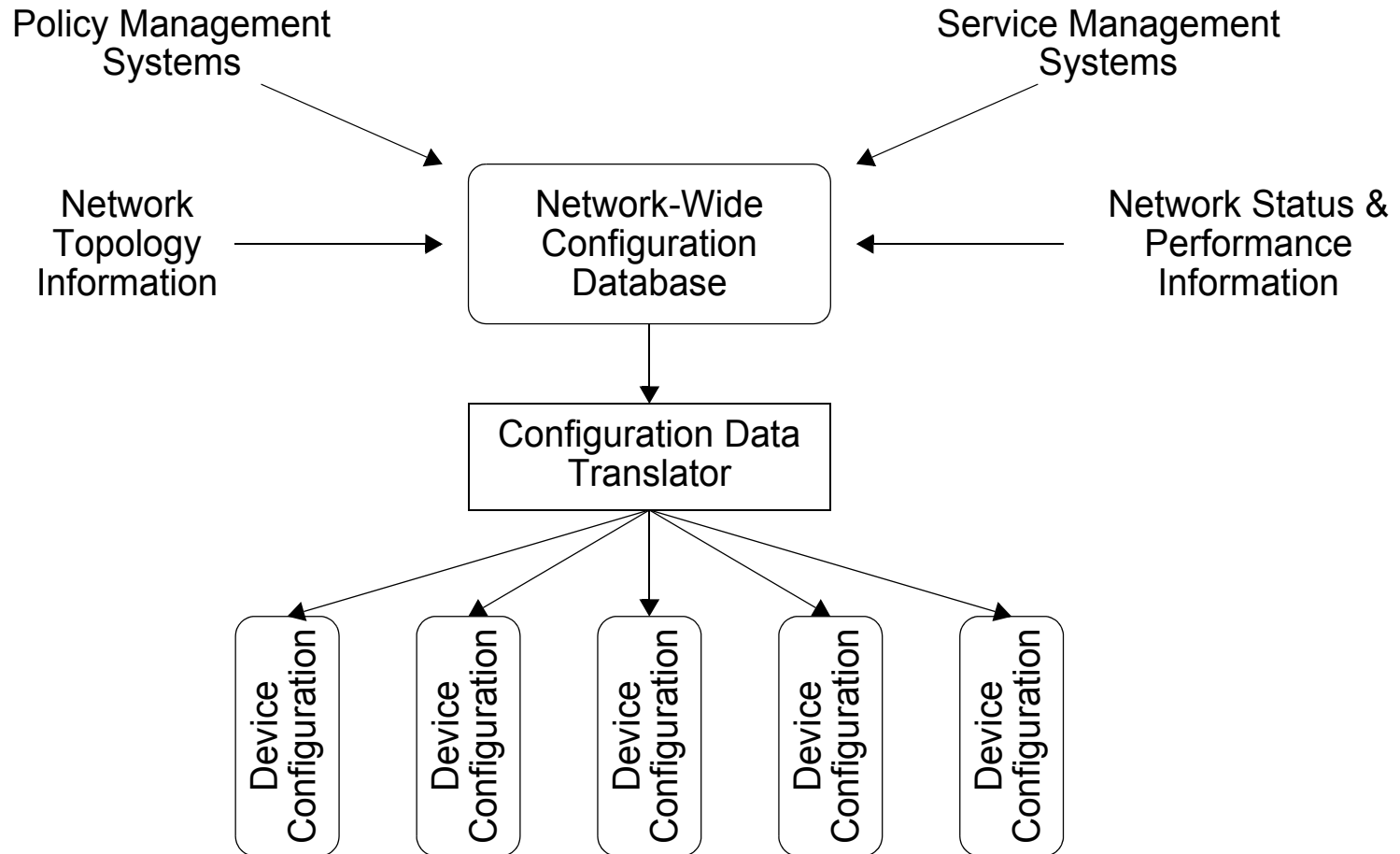
- INTENDED FOR CONFIGURATION MANAGEMENT
 - TECHNOLOGY COMPARIBLE TO SNMP
- OBJECTS HAVE HIGHER GRANULARITY (TABLE ROWS)
- SINGLE OPERATION TO ADD OR DELETE TABLE ROWS
- RELIABLE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN PDP AND PEP (BECAUSE OF TCP)
 - EACH PEP IS CONNECTED TO SINGLE PDP

NETCONF BACKGROUND

IAB NETWORK MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP (JUNE 2002):

- **SNMP IS USED FOR MONITORING**
- **SNMP IS HARDLY USED FOR CONFIGURATION MANAGEMENT**
- **OPERATORS DO NOT WANT TO CONFIGURE SMALL OBJECTS**
- **OPERATORS WANT TO OPERATE ON COMPLETE “CONFIGURATIONS”**
- **FOR CONFIGURATION MANAGEMENT, OPERATORS STILL RELY ON CLI**
 - **CLI SCRIPTS ARE HARD TO WRITE / MAINTAIN, HOWEVER**
 - **APPROACHES LIKE JUNOSCRIPIT ARE MORE ATTRACTIVE**

OPERATOR'S CONFIGURATION MANAGEMENT MODEL



JUNOSCRIFT API

INTRODUCED 2001

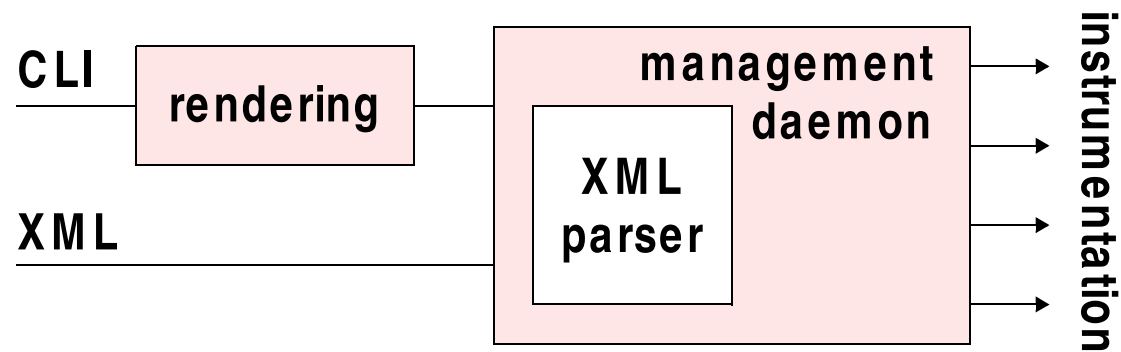
XML ENCODED RPC CALLS

RUNS OVER SSH OR TELNET

RESPONSES CAN BE FILTERED USING COMMON TOOLS LIKE XPATH

RESPONSES CAN BE DISPLAYED USING COMMON TOOLS LIKE XSLT / CCS

JUNIPER “INTEGRATED” CLI & XML INTERFACE



JUNOScript RPC CALL - EXAMPLE

```
<rpc>  
  <get-interface-information>  
    <statistics/>  
  </get-interface-information>  
</rpc>
```

```
<rpc-reply>  
  <interface-information>  
    <InOctets>123456</InOctets>  
    <InErrors>789</InErrors>  
    <OutOctets>654321</OutOctets>  
    <OutErrors>0</OutErrors>  
  </interface-information>  
</rpc-reply>
```

NETCONF CHARTER

- SOLUTIONS FOR CONFIGURATION MANAGEMENT
 - PROGRAMMATIC INTERFACE
 - TEXTUAL DATA REPRESENTATION
 - BASED ON XML TECHNOLOGY
- INTEGRATES WITH EXISTING USER AUTHENTICATION METHODS
- INTEGRATES WITH EXISTING CONFIGURATION DATABASE SYSTEMS
- SUPPORTS NETWORK WIDE CONFIGURATION TRANSACTIONS
 - LOCKING IS MANDATORY
 - ROLL-BACK IS OPTIONAL
- INDEPENDENT OF A DATA DEFINITION LANGUAGE
 - AGREEMENT ON SUCH LANGUAGE MAY NOT HAVE BEEN EASY
 - 2007: YANG / 2008 NETMOD

FEATURES

- OPERATES ON DOCUMENTS, INSTEAD OF OBJECTS
GRANULARITY LEVEL IS THEREFORE HIGH
- OPERATIONS TO RETRIEVE AND PATCH CONFIGURATIONS
 - MULTIPLE CONFIGURATIONS MAY EXIST
 - SECURITY IS PROVIDED AT LOWER LAYERS
USE OF TCP / SSH
USE OF EXISTING SECURITY MECHANISMS

NETCONF LAYERED MODEL

LAYERS

CONTENT
OPERATIONS
RPC
TRANSPORT

EXAMPLE

XML CONFIGURATION DATA
<get-config>, <edit-config>
<rpc>, <rpc-reply>
SSH*, HTTPS, BEEP

CONFIGURATION DATA:

<RUNNING> CONFIGURATION

- **IS MANDATORY**

<STARTUP> CONFIGURATION

<CANDIDATE> CONFIGURATION

NETCONF OPERATIONS

- **GET-CONFIG (SOURCE, FILTER)**
- **EDIT-CONFIG(TARGET, OPTIONS, CONFIG)**
- **COPY-CONFIG(SOURCE, TARGET)**
- **DELETE-CONFIG(TARGET)**
 - **GET(FILTER)**
 - **VALIDATE(SOURCE)**
 - **LOCK(SOURCE)**
 - **UNLOCK(SOURCE)**
- **COMMIT(CONFIRMED, CONFIRMED-TIMEOUT)**

WEB SERVICES FOR MANAGEMENT

WHY WEB SERVICES?

WHAT ARE WEB SERVICES?

EXAMPLE & PERFORMANCE

TOOLS

CONCLUSIONS

WHY WEB SERVICES?

EVOLUTION OF SNMP FAILED

NEW TECHNOLOGIES ARE NEEDED

**WEB SERVICES MAY BECOME THE MOST IMPORTANT
MIDDLEWARE TECHNOLOGY**

WILL BECOME AVAILABLE ON ALL FUTURE PLATFORMS

WILL BE APPLIED FOR MANY KINDS OF APPLICATIONS

IMPLEMENTATION OF WS APPLICATIONS IS RELATIVELY SIMPLE

MANY SKILLED DEVELOPERS

MANY TOOLS

**FUTURE MANAGEMENT EXPERTS
CAN CONCENTRATE ON MANAGEMENT APPLICATIONS
INSTEAD OF MANAGEMENT TECHNOLOGY**

WHY WEB SERVICES?

SOME FACTS

MANY PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES HAVE WS LIBRARIES

PART OF DEVELOPMENT PLATFORMS: .NET, SUN-ONE, JBUILDER

WS SUPPORT INCLUDED IN WINDOWS / OFFICE

CALLING A WS FROM EXCEL TAKES 4 LINES OF CODE

COMPARE THIS TO SNMP!

THE KEY TO SUCCESS WILL BE EASE OF USE!

WHY WEB SERVICES?

THE HYPE

IRTF-NMRG

Network Management Research Group

OASIS

Web Services Distributed Management

OGSI

Open Grid Services Infrastructure Working Group

PARLAY GROUP

Parley-X

MANY RESEARCH GROUPS

OVERVIEW

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WEB SERVICES COMPONENTS

PROTOCOL STACK

MAIN W3C SPECIFICATIONS

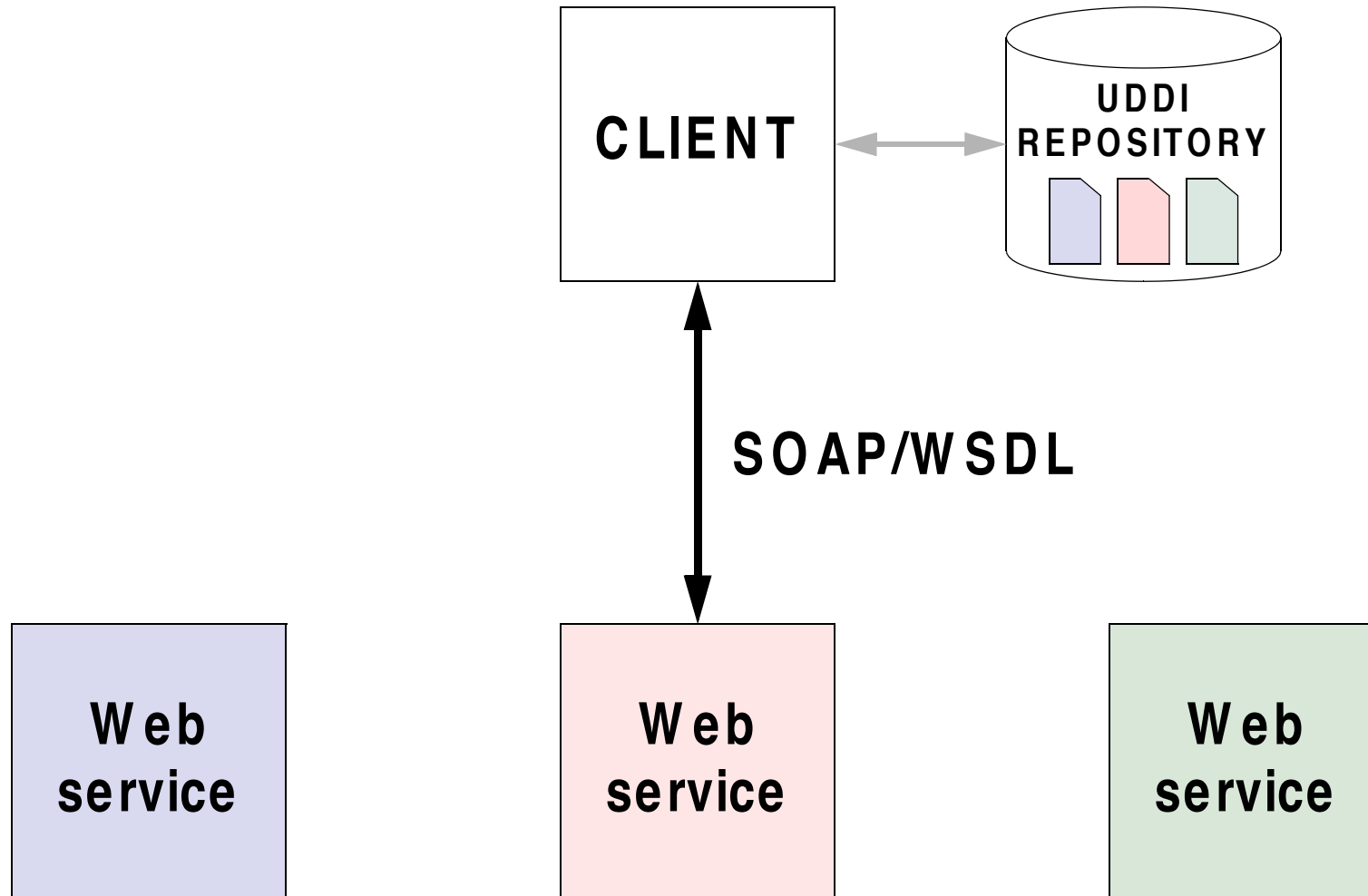
STRUCTURE WSDL DEFINITION

OPERATION STRUCTURE

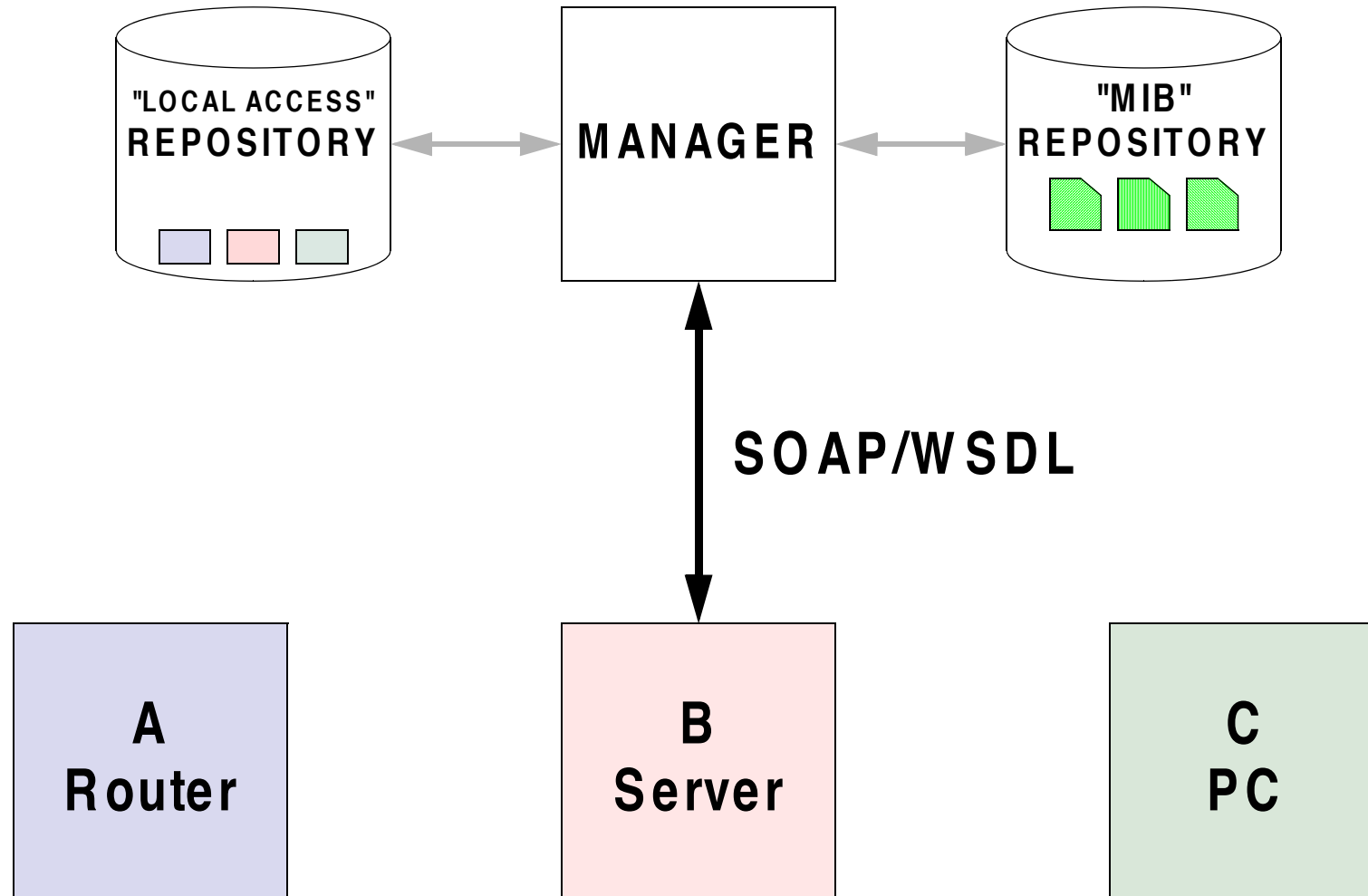
DATA TYPES

ADVANCED FEATURES

WEB SERVICES COMPONENTS



WEB SERVICES COMPONENTS FOR MANAGEMENT



STACK DIAGRAM



MAIN W3C DOCUMENTS

Web Services Description Language (WSDL)

W3C Recommendation - Version 2.0 - 2007

- **Part 0: Primer**
- **Part 1: Core Language**
- **Part 2: Adjuncts**

SOAP

Version 1.2 - W3C Recommendation - 2007

- **Part 0: Primer**
- **Part 1: Messaging Framework**
- **Part 2: Adjuncts**

XML Schema

W3C Recommendation - 2004

- **Part 0: Primer**
- **Part 1: Structures**
- **Part 2: Datatypes**

STRUCTURE WSDL DEFINITION

ABSTRACT INTERFACE TO THE WEB SERVICE

**Independent of a specific
transport protocol
and Web address**

BINDING

**To associate the abstract interface
with a transport protocol**

SERVICE

**To associate the abstract interface
with a Web address**

STRUCTURE WSDL DEFINITION

ABSTRACT INTERFACE - EXAMPLE

```
<message name="getflnOctetsRequest">
  <part name="community" type="xsd:string"/>
  <part name="index" type="xsd:unsignedInt"/>
</message>

<message name="getflnOctetsResponse">
  <part name="iflnOctets" type="xsd:unsignedInt"/>
</message>

<interface name="IfDataServiceInterface">
  <operation name="getflnOctets">
    <input message="mysns:getflnOctetsRequest"/>
    <output message="mysns:getflnOctetsResponse"/>
  </operation>
</interface>
```

STRUCTURE WSDL DEFINITION

BINDING TO A PROTOCOL - EXAMPLE

```
<binding name="ifDataServiceBinding"  
  interface="mysns:IfDataServiceInterface">  
  <soap:binding style="rpc" transport="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/http"/>  
  <operation name="getflnOctets">  
    <soap:operation soapAction=""/>  
    <input>  
      <soap:body use="encoded" namespace="urn:..."  
        encodingStyle="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/encoding"/>  
    </input>  
    <output>  
      <soap:body use="encoded" namespace="urn:..."  
        encodingStyle="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/encoding"/>  
    </output>  
  </operation>  
</binding>
```


STRUCTURE WSDL DEFINITION

SERVICE AT A WEB ADDRESS - EXAMPLE

```
<service name="ifDataService" interface="myns:IfDataServiceInterface">  
  <endpoint name="ifDataServiceEndpoint"  
    binding="myns:ifDataServiceBinding"  
    <soap:address location="http://my.webservice.com/ifData/">  
  </endpoint>  
</service>
```

MODULAR WSDL STRUCTURE

ABSTRACT
INTERFACES

IF MODULE

```
<message ...  
<operation ...  
  getIfTable
```

IP MODULE

```
<message ...  
<operation ...  
  getRouteTable
```

IF BINDING

```
<import IF MODULE  
<binding ...  
  SOAP
```

IP BINDING

```
<import IP MODULE  
<binding ...  
  SOAP
```

STANDARDIZED

SITE SPECIFIC

MY MGT. SERVICE

```
<import IF BINDING  
<import IP BINDING  
<service  
  http://...
```

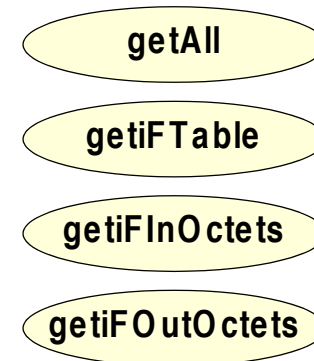
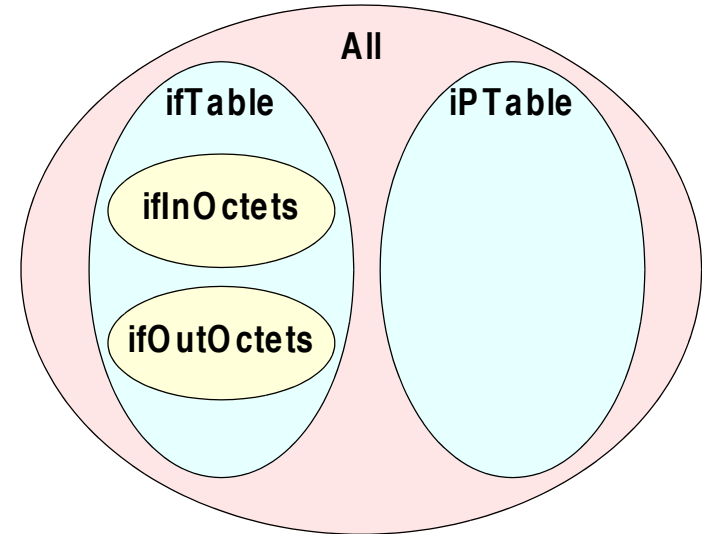
POSSIBLE MESSAGE STRUCTURE

COARSE

- get(oid, instance, ...)
- set (oid, instance, ...)
- ...

FINE

- getAll(...)
- getIfTable(...)
- getIfInOctets(index, ...)
- getIfOutOctets(index, ...)
- ...



POSSIBLE MESSAGE PARAMETERS

NON-TRANSPARENT

getflnOctets(index, amount)

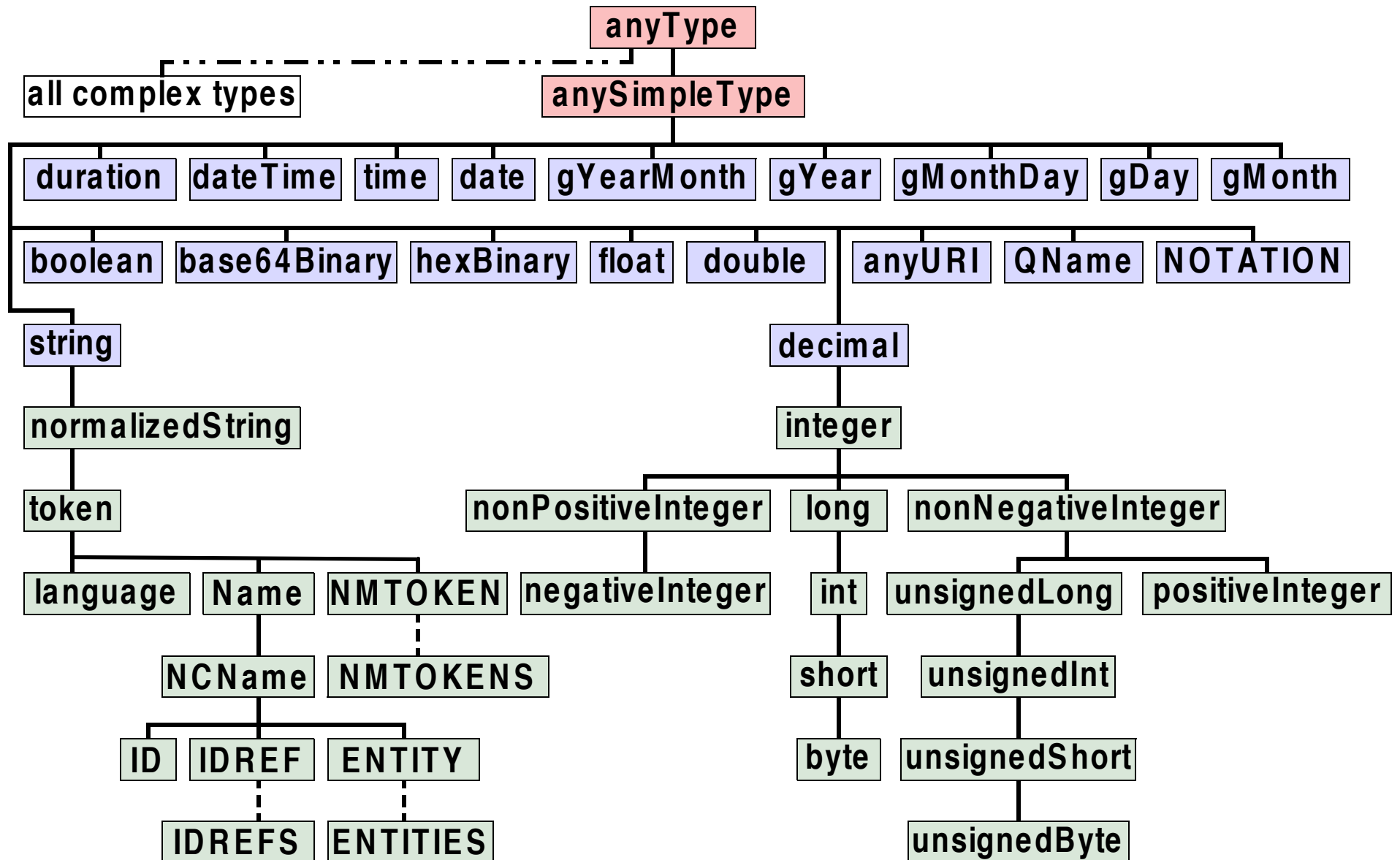
- Data parsed at WSDL level
- One level of standards: WSDL
 - Less flexible
- Easy integration with standard applications
 - Simple users (home environments)

TRANSPARENT

getflnOctets(string)

- Data parsed by higher level application
 - Data could be XML encoded
- Two levels of standards: WSDL operation & XML data
 - Powerful (e.g. XPATH / XQUERY)
 - Harder to use (professional operators)

DATA TYPES



ADVANCED FEATURES

TRANSACTIONS

- **Business Transaction Protocol (OASIS)**
- **WS-Coordination + WS-Transaction (BEA, IBM, MS)**
- **WS-Composite Application Framework (Arjuna, Fujitsu, IONA, Oracle, Sun)**

SECURITY

- **WS-Security (IBM, OASIS)**

CHOREOGRAPHY / ORCHESTRATION

- **XLANG (MS), WSFL (IBM)**
- **BPEL4WS (IBM, MS, BEA)**
 - **WSCI (SUN, ...)**
 - **W3C**

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PROTOTYPE

- ifTable
 - GetIfCell
 - GetIfColumn
 - GetIfRow
 - GetIfTable
- gSOAP (2.3.8)
- Net-SNMP (V5.0.x) Data retrieval functions
- Debian Linux, kernel v2.4.22, 800 Mhz Pentium

EXAMPLE

```
<complexType name="GetIfTableResponse">  
  <sequence>  
    <element name="ifEntry" type="utMon:ifEntry" minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>  
  </sequence>  
</complexType>
```

```
<message name="GetIfTableRequest">  
  <part name="community" type="xsd:string"/>  
</message>
```

```
<message name="GetIfTableResponse">  
  <part name="sizeTable" type="xsd:int"/>  
  <part name="ifEntry" type="utMon:ifEntry"/>  
</message>
```

```
<portType name="GetIfTableServicePortType">  
  <operation name="GetIfTable">  
    <documentation>Service definition of function utMon__GetIfTable</documentation>  
    <input message="tns:GetIfTableRequest"/>  
    <output message="tns:GetIfTableResponse"/>  
  </operation>  
</portType>
```

EXAMPLE

```
<complexType name="ifEntry">
  <sequence>
    <element name="ifIndex" type="xsd:unsignedInt" minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="1"/>
    <element name="ifDescr" type="xsd:string" minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="1" nillable="true"/>
    <element name="ifType" type="xsd:unsignedInt" minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="1"/>
    <element name="ifMtu" type="xsd:unsignedInt" minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="1"/>
    <element name="ifSpeed" type="xsd:unsignedInt" minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="1"/>
    <element name="ifPhysAddress" type="xsd:string" minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="1" nillable="true"/>
    <element name="ifAdminStatus" type="xsd:unsignedInt" minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="1"/>
    <element name="ifOperStatus" type="xsd:unsignedInt" minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="1"/>
    <element name="ifLastChange" type="xsd:unsignedInt" minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="1"/>
    <element name="ifInOctets" type="xsd:unsignedInt" minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="1"/>
    <element name="ifInUcastPkts" type="xsd:unsignedInt" minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="1"/>
    <element name="ifInDiscards" type="xsd:unsignedInt" minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="1"/>
    <element name="ifInErrors" type="xsd:unsignedInt" minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="1"/>
    <element name="ifInUnknownProtos" type="xsd:unsignedInt" minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="1"/>
    <element name="ifOutOctets" type="xsd:unsignedInt" minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="1"/>
    <element name="ifOutUcastPkts" type="xsd:unsignedInt" minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="1"/>
    <element name="ifOutErrors" type="xsd:unsignedInt" minOccurs="1" maxOccurs="1"/>
  </sequence>
</complexType>
```

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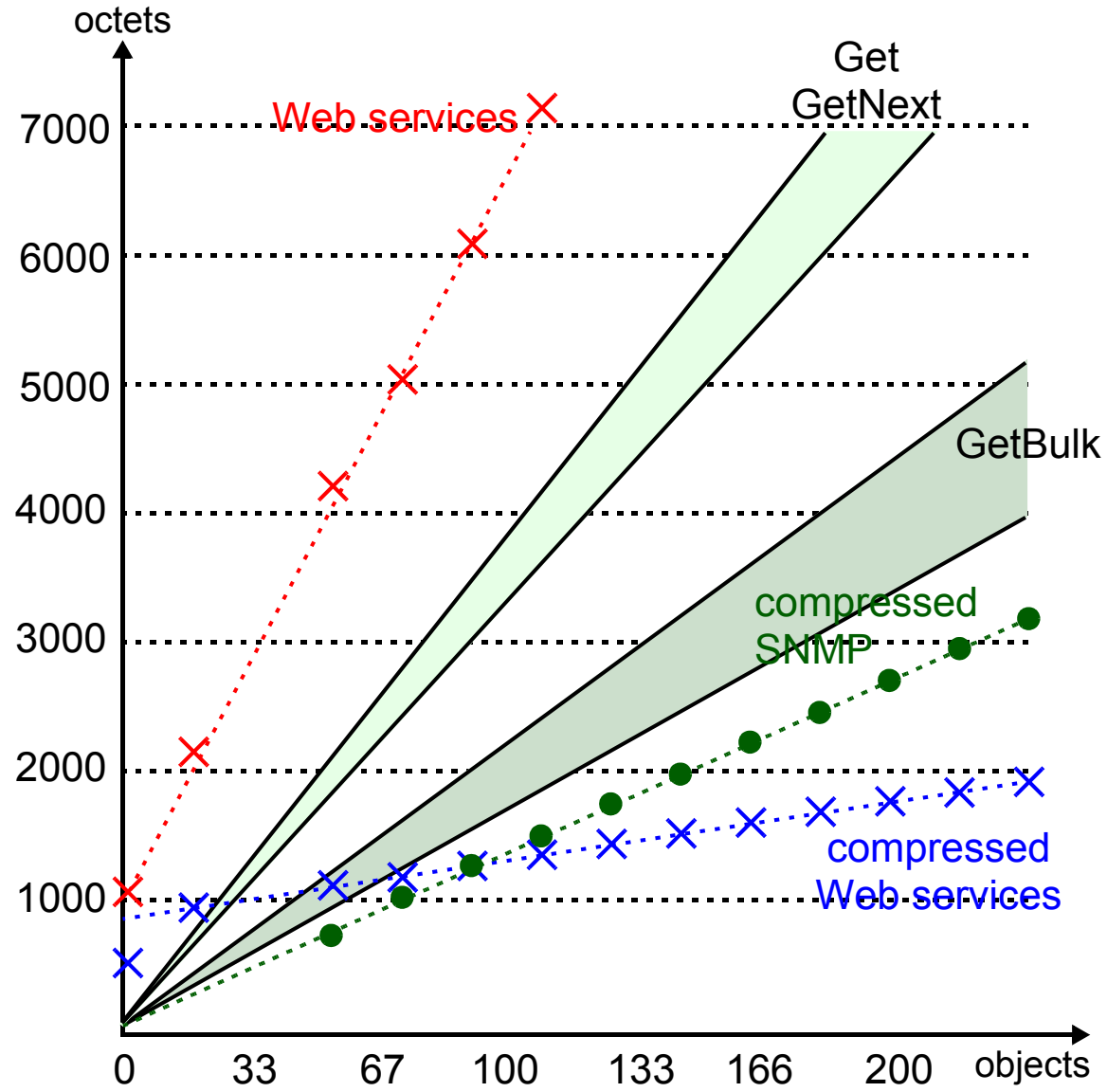
EXAMPLE

PERFORMANCE

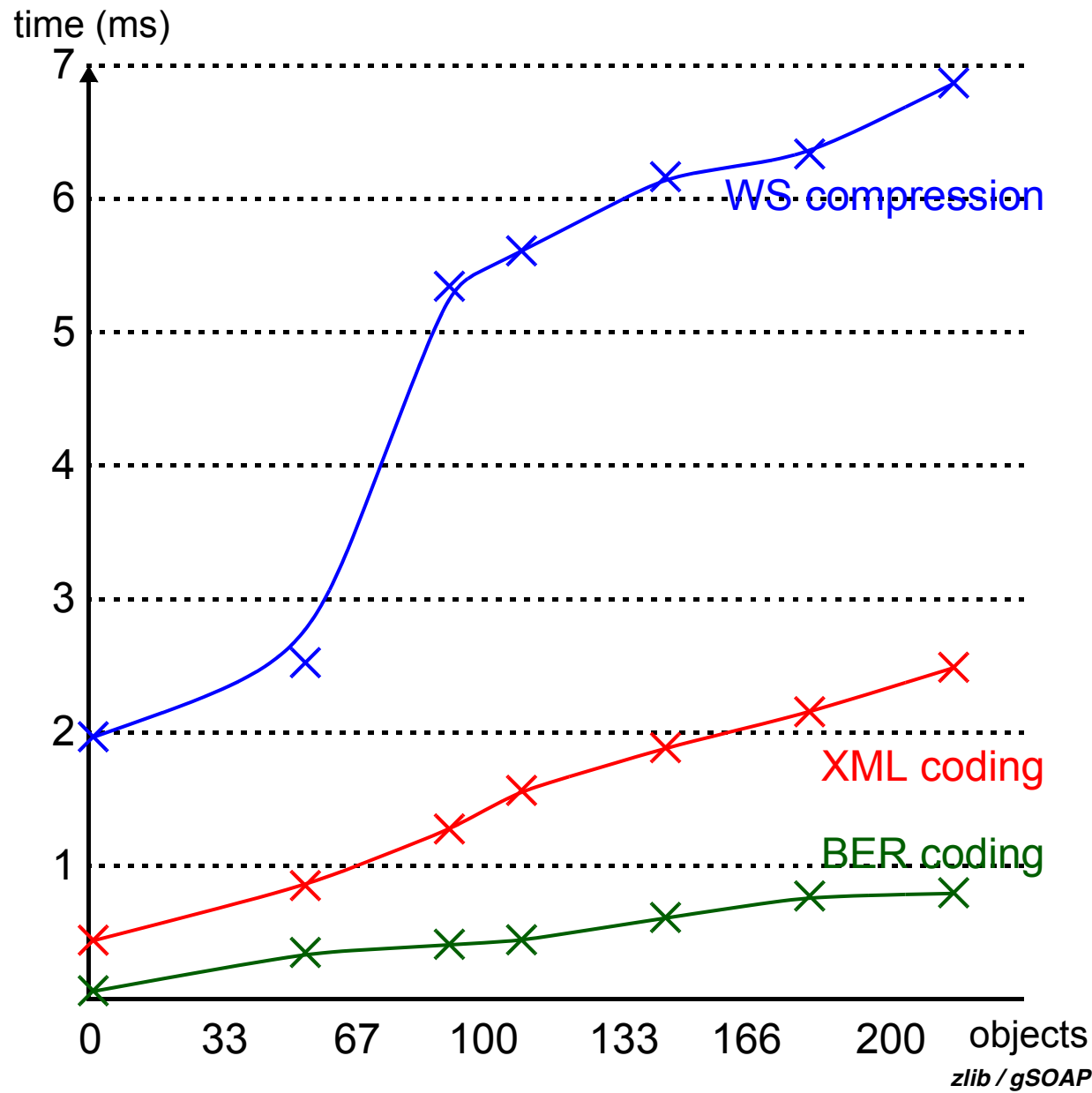
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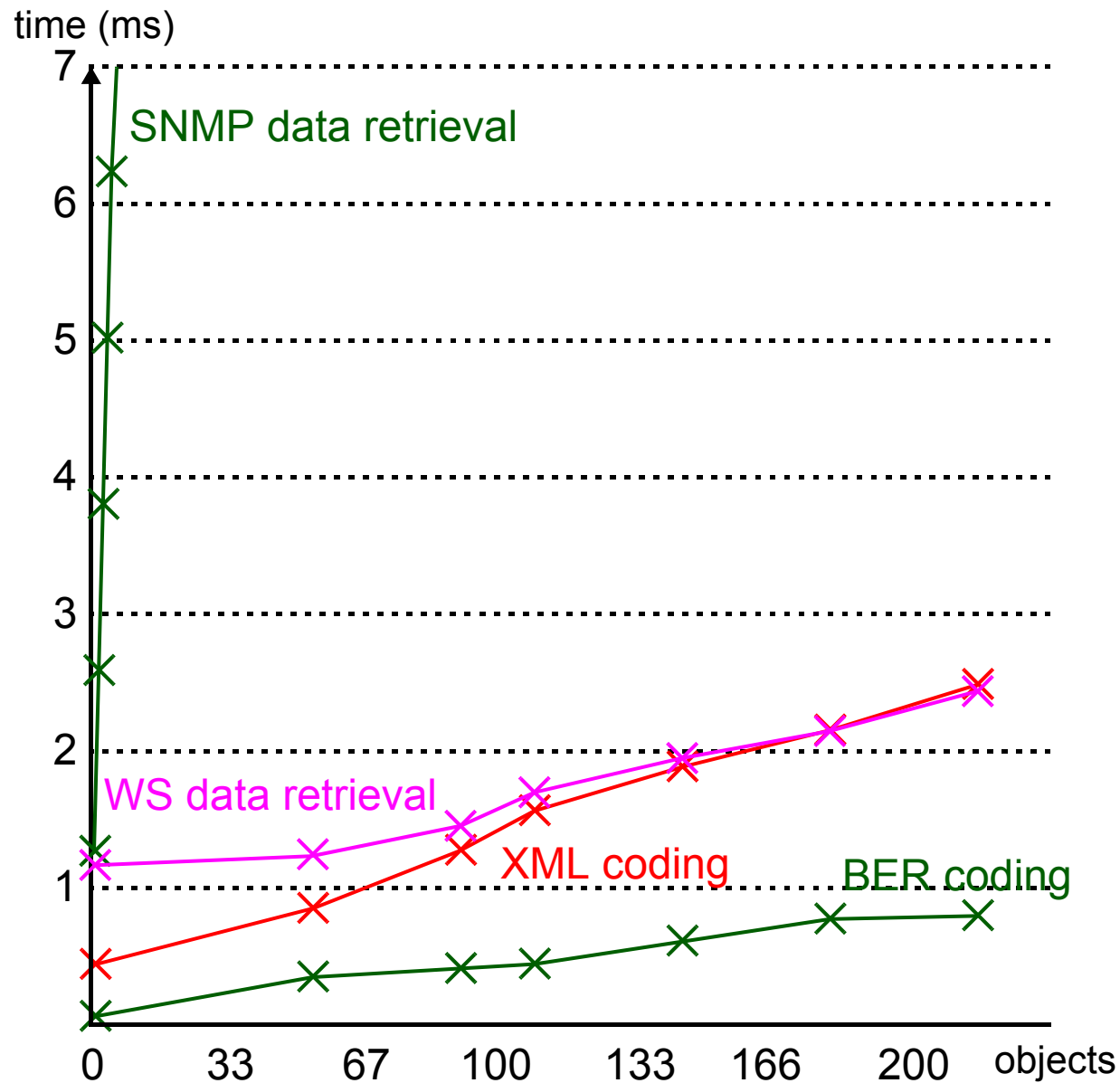
PERFORMANCE - BANDWIDTH



PERFORMANCE - CPU TIME - CODING & COMPRESSION



PERFORMANCE - CPU TIME - CODING & DATA RETRIEVAL



PERFORMANCE - MEMORY USAGE

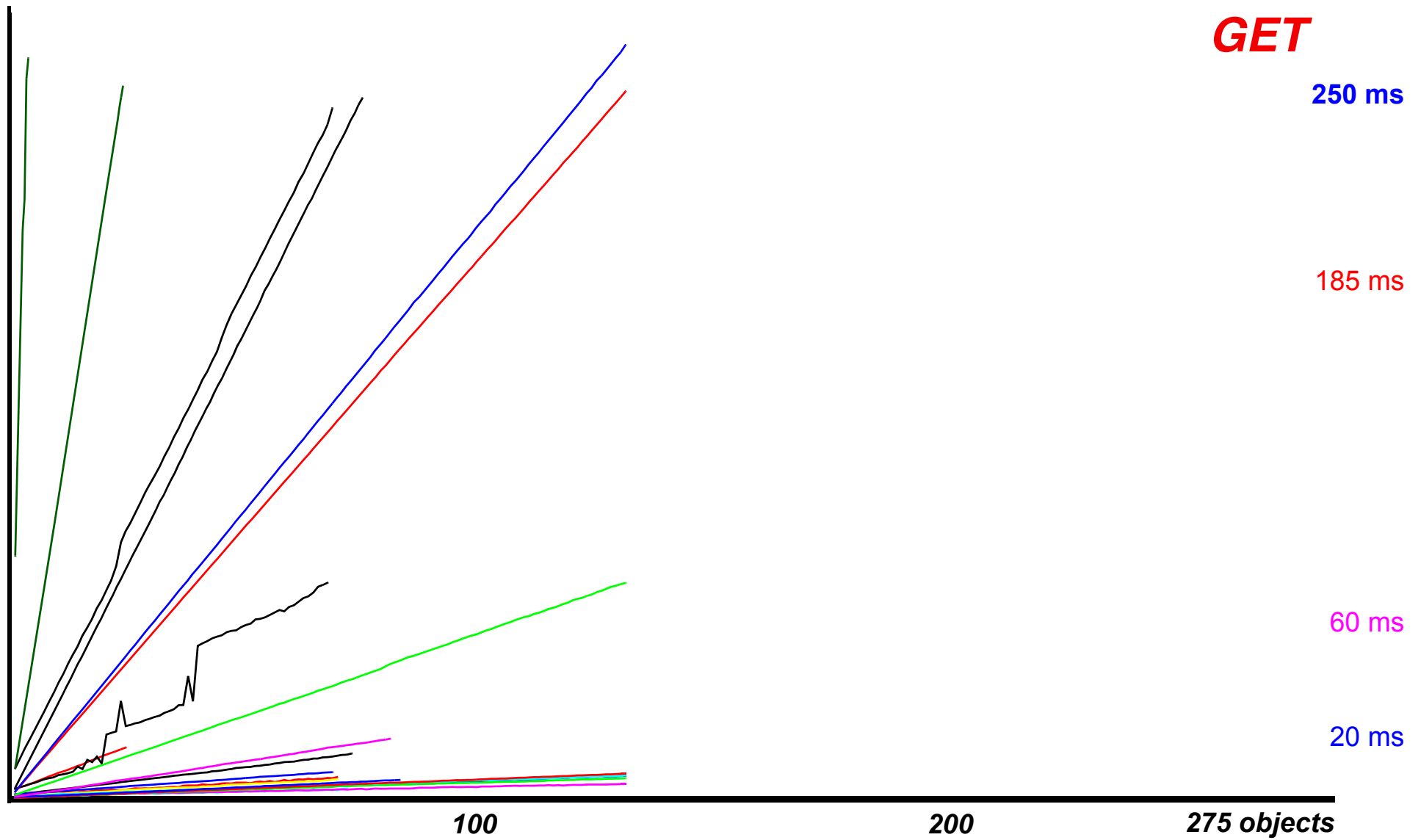
	instructions	data	
		static	dynamic
SNMP	1972 KB	128 KB	70 - 160 KB
Web services	580 KB	470 B	4 KB

Note: zlib / gSOAP (V2.3.8) / Net-SNMP (5.0.9)

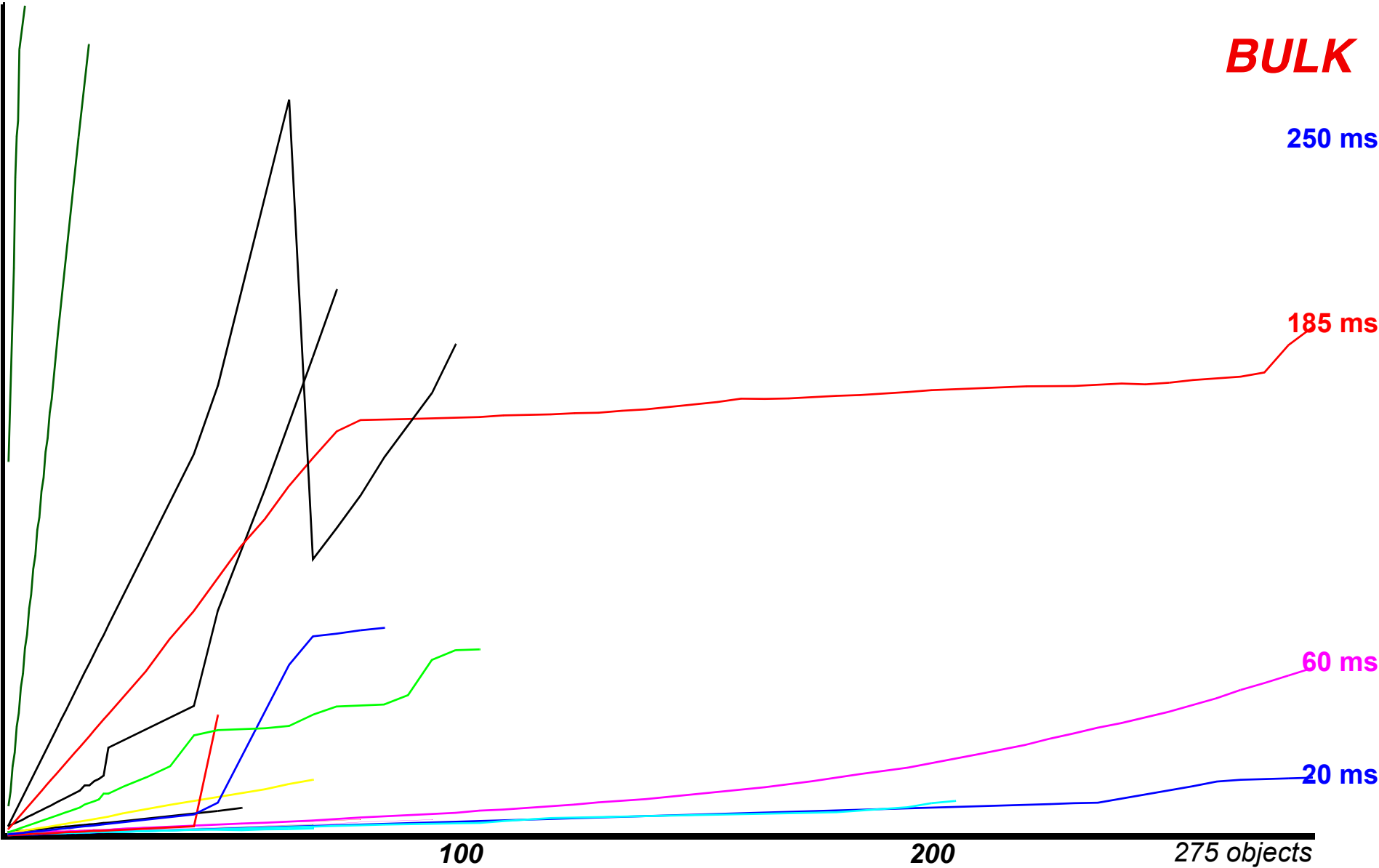
PERFORMANCE - ROUND-TRIP DELAY - 1

	1	22	66	270
WS	1,7	2,6	10,3	36,5
WS-Comp	3,3	4,3	5,6	11,8
SNMP-1	0,4	1,6	3,9	21,1
SNMP-2	0,4	1,9	5,0	
SNMP-3	0,5	1,6	4,2	
SNMP-4	0,5	1,7	4,4	
SNMP-5	0,5	1,8	4,8	
SNMP-6	0,7	2,2	5,7	
SNMP-7	0,8	1,8	2,9	
SNMP-8	0,9	1,6	3,9	
SNMP-9	0,9	6,6	18,5	
SNMP-10	1,1	1,8	3,4	58,5
SNMP-11	1,2	2,9	6,7	
SNMP-12	1,3	2,7	5,4	
SNMP-13	1,5	14,0	40,1	
SNMP-14	1,6	5,0	15,1	
SNMP-15	1,7	4,2	9,6	
SNMP-16	2,7	44,5	127,6	178,7
SNMP-17	2,7	47	140,4	251,7
SNMP-18	3,5	17,2		
SNMP-19	3,7	24,3	77,9	
SNMP-20	4,1	76,7	100,8	
SNMP-21	11,1	83,7	243,0	
SNMP-22	11,3	238,7	727,6	
SNMP-23	87,7	1822,2		

PERFORMANCE - ROUND-TRIP DELAY - SNMP GET



PERFORMANCE - ROUND-TRIP DELAY - SNMP GETBULK



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gSOAP

WASP

easySOAP++

.NET

JBuilder

SunOne

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EVOLUTION OF SNMP FAILED

WE NEED REVOLUTION

WEB SERVICE IS AN INTERESTING TECHNOLOGY

MANY ISSUES STILL UNCLEAR

TOPIC FOR FUTURE RESEARCH

**PERFORMANCE OF WEB SERVICES
MAY NOT BE A PROBLEM**

RESULTS OF THE **IRTF-NMRG Workshop**

Challenges for Future Research on Network and Service Management

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Information Society
Technologies



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Goal

Define a taxonomy to organize the network and systems management research in order to:

- Classify/characterize the research in our area using a common, stable list of topics (keywords)
- Help authors to select meaningful keywords
- Identify appropriate reviewers for conference papers and journal articles review
- Track the interest of authors and reviewers in regards to the several topics of the area



Approach

Define a stable, two-level hierarchy of topics:

- First-level topics cover different dimensions of management
 - What should be managed (e.g., networks, services)
 - Which aspects should be managed (e.g., security, accounting)
 - How it should be managed (e.g., distributed, centralized)
 - How to implement it (e.g., which protocols?)
 - Which techniques should be used (e.g., simulation)
- Second-level topics specialize the first-level topics



First-Level Topics

- Network Management
- Service Management
- Business Management
- Functional Areas
- Management Approaches
- Technologies
- Methods



Second-Level Topics

- Network Management
- Service Management
- Business Management
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Second-Level Topics

- Network Management

- Service M
 - Business
 - Functiona
 - Managem
 - Technolog
 - Methods
- 1.1. Ad hoc networks
 - 1.2. Wireless & mobile networks
 - 1.3. IP networks
 - 1.4. LANs
 - 1.5. Optical Networks
 - 1.6. Sensor Networks
 - 1.7. Overlay Networks



Second-Level Topics

- Network Management
- **Service Management**
- Business Management
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Second-Level Topics

- Network Management
 - **Service Management**
 - Business
 - Functional
 - Management
 - Technology
 - Methodology
- 2.1. Multimedia service management (e.g., voice, video)
 - 2.2. Data service management (e.g., email, web)
 - 2.3. Hosting (virtual machines)
 - 2.4. Grids



Second-Level Topics

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- Service Management
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Second-Level Topics

- Network Management
- Service Management
- **Business Management**
 - 3.1. Legal & ethical issues
 - 3.2. Process management
- Functional Management Approaches
- Technologies
- Methods



Second-Level Topics

- Network Management
- Service Management
- Business Management
- **Functional Areas**
- Management Approaches
- Technologies
- Methods

Second-Level Topics

- Network Management
- Service Management
- Business Management
- **Functional Areas**
 - 4.1. Fault management
 - 4.2. Configuration management
 - 4.3. Accounting management
 - 4.4. Performance management
 - 4.5. Security management
 - 4.6. SLA management
 - 4.7. Event management
- Manag
- Techno
- Method



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- **Management Approaches**
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Second-Level Topics

- Network Management
- Service Management
- Business Management
- Functional Areas
- **Management Approaches**
 - 5.1. Centralized management
 - 5.2. Distributed management
 - 5.3. Autonomic and self management
 - 5.4. Policy-based management
- Techno
- Method



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- **Technologies**
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Second-Level Topics

- N
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 - F
 - Management Approaches
 - Technologies
 - Methods
- 6.1. Protocols
 - 6.2. Middleware
 - 6.3. Mobile agents
 - 6.4. P2P
 - 6.5. Grid
 - 6.6. Data, information, and semantic modeling



Second-Level Topics

- Network Management
- Service Management
- Business Management
- Functional Areas
- Management Approaches
- Technologies
- **Methods**

- New
 - Services
 - Business
 - Future
 - Markets
 - Technologies
 - **Methods**
- 7.1. Control theories
 - 7.2. Optimization theories
 - 7.3. Economic theories
 - 7.4. Machine learning and genetic algorithms
 - 7.5. Logics
 - 7.6. Probabilistic, stochastic processes, queuing theory
 - 7.7. Simulation
 - 7.8. Experimental approach
 - 7.9. Design



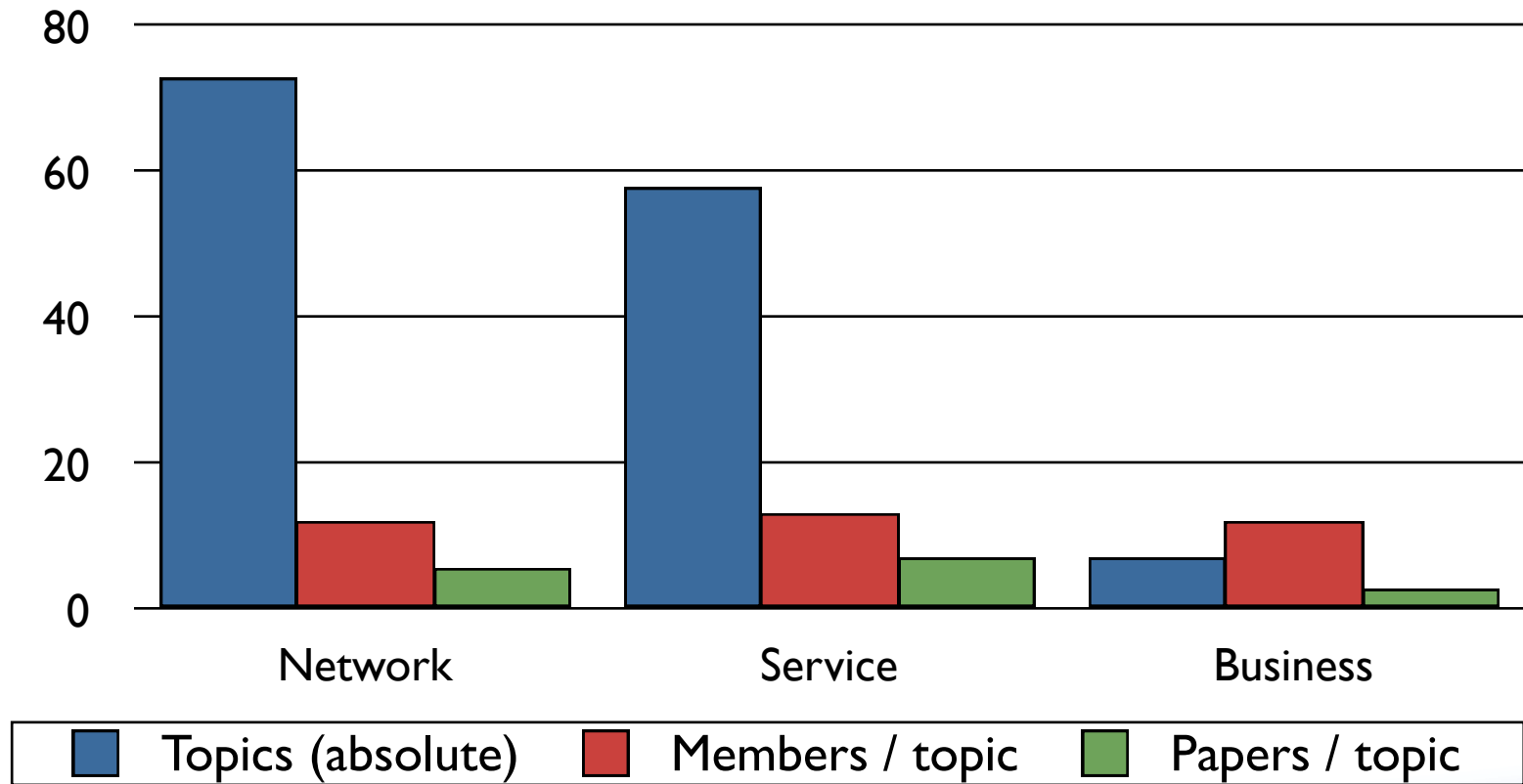
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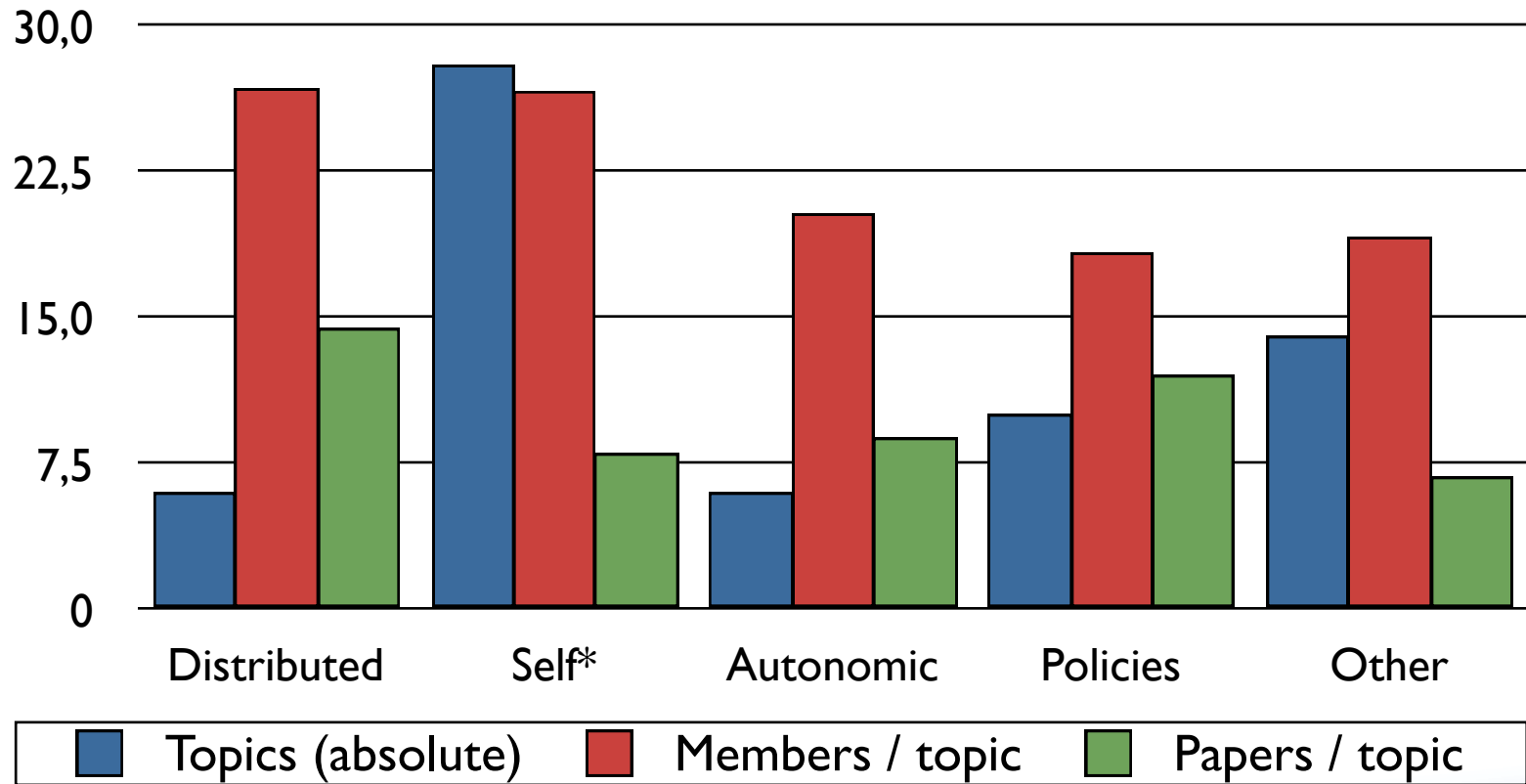
First level interest

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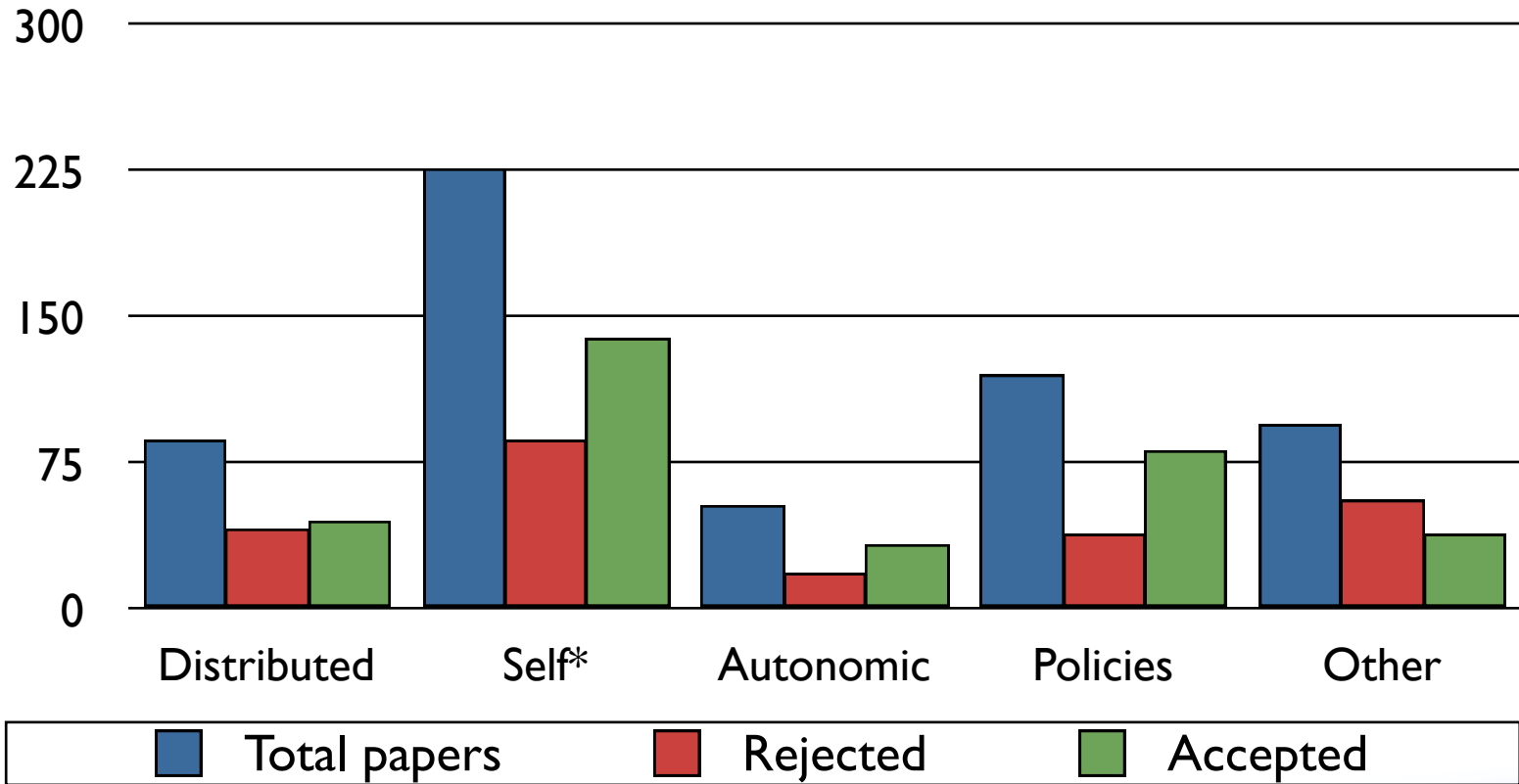
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Joint IRTF/NMRG and EMANICS workshop

- 19-20 October 2006, Utrecht
- Article in IEEE communications magazine, October 2007

IRTF/NMRG:

- Chartered in 1999 (chair: Jürgen Schönwälder)
- ***Foster discussion between IETF, operators and researchers***



Workshop Goals

Goals:

- Bring together researchers, operators, vendors and technology developers
- Identify promising future directions of network management research.
- Outcome should be a description of research directions that is felt worthwhile to explore in the next 5 years.

Non-goal:

- Define what management standards are needed now



Workshop Organization

- Invitation via NMRG list to submit position statements
- 20 participants:
 - Alcatel/Lucent, Avaya, Cisco, Ericsson, HP, Huawei, NEC
 - Orange France Telecom, Korea Telecom, Switch, Tiscali
 - Researchers from EMANICS, as well as from elsewhere
 - 60% from Europe
- Day 1: presentation / discussion of position statements
- Day 2: parallel vendor / operator / researcher sessions
- Day 2: plenary discussion of session results



Research challenges

- Management models
- Distributed monitoring
- Data analysis and visualization
- Economic aspects of management
- Uncertainty and probabilistic approaches
- Ontologies
- Behavior of managed systems



Management models

- We understand:
 - Manager-Agent approach (client-server)
 - Hierarchical management (DisMan, TMN)
- We do *not* understand
 - Fully distributed management (P2P, ad-hoc)
 - Autonomic and Self-* technologies
(auto-configuration, stability of control loops)



Distributed monitoring

- Examples of what is needed:
 - track number/quality of VoIP calls
 - find best proxies / peers (P2P)
- Goal: a lightweight, distributed monitoring layer offering aggregates of local info to applications
 - Sum, average, extreme, percentile, histogram, ...
 - Difficulty: bandwidth and CPU usage -> lightweight!
 - Find trade-offs
 - Tree-based versus gossip-based protocols



Data Analysis and Visualization

- We can create:
 - Topology maps for small networks
 - Static time series plots
- We have problems with:
 - Maps for large, multi-layer networks
 - Online analysis at Tbps
 - Visualization of anomalies
 - Real-time, interactive visualization techniques (zooming, filtering, correlating)



Economic Aspects

- Most researchers focus on technical solutions
- Limited research into the operational costs of such technologies:
 - IntServ/DiffServ versus overprovisioning
- Research needed on models to estimate costs
- Network management is risk management



Uncertainty and Probability

- Many researchers focus on deterministic approaches
- Scalability problems force us to rethink in terms of uncertainties and probabilistic approaches:
 - Probabilistic SLAs / statistical guarantees
 - Manager may not have a complete overview
- How to decide between probabilistic and deterministic approaches?



Ontologies

- Data modelling is believed to be understood
- Research is needed:
 - If / how ontologies can be effectively used to automate the implementation of management interfaces
 - If / how ontologies can help to check / enforce policies and behaviour



Behavior of Managed Systems

- Management models usually represent state:
 - MIBs, CIM
- Research is needed to model and manage behavior:
 - Normal versus abnormal behavior
 - Detect resource failure, intrusions, ...
 - Design self-stabilizing systems



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Key research challenges

Some private thoughts

- Focus too much on design of technologies
- We do not understand the basics (anymore)
- Researchers hardly measure
- There is little interaction with operators



Focus too much on design of technologies

- Too many papers on these already
- Yet another approach
- Problem definition generally weak
- Comparison with alternatives generally missing
- **Community needs common metrics**
- Basic assumptions not well defined
 - 90% of the papers on self* do not define the term
 - 10% of the papers on self* give obvious definitions



We do not understand the basics (anymore)

Example: Autonomic management

- Some claim this is the core of the future Internet
- Others claim there is nothing new
- 2007 Dagstuhl workshop
 - Day 1: what is autonomic (compared to self*, autonomous)
 - Day 2: what is management?

Community need books / teaching material

What is management?

- Network management is the act (art) of initializing monitoring and modifying the operation of the primary network functions [Pras]
- Network management includes all the activities needed to keep the network running and evolving in such a way that it both satisfies the user needs and the provider constraints [Festor]
- Network management determines the supervision of networked systems to ensure that they behave according to some pre-defined goals [Stiller]
- A management system is a distributed system that monitors and controls another distributed system [Stadler]



What is management? - Discussion



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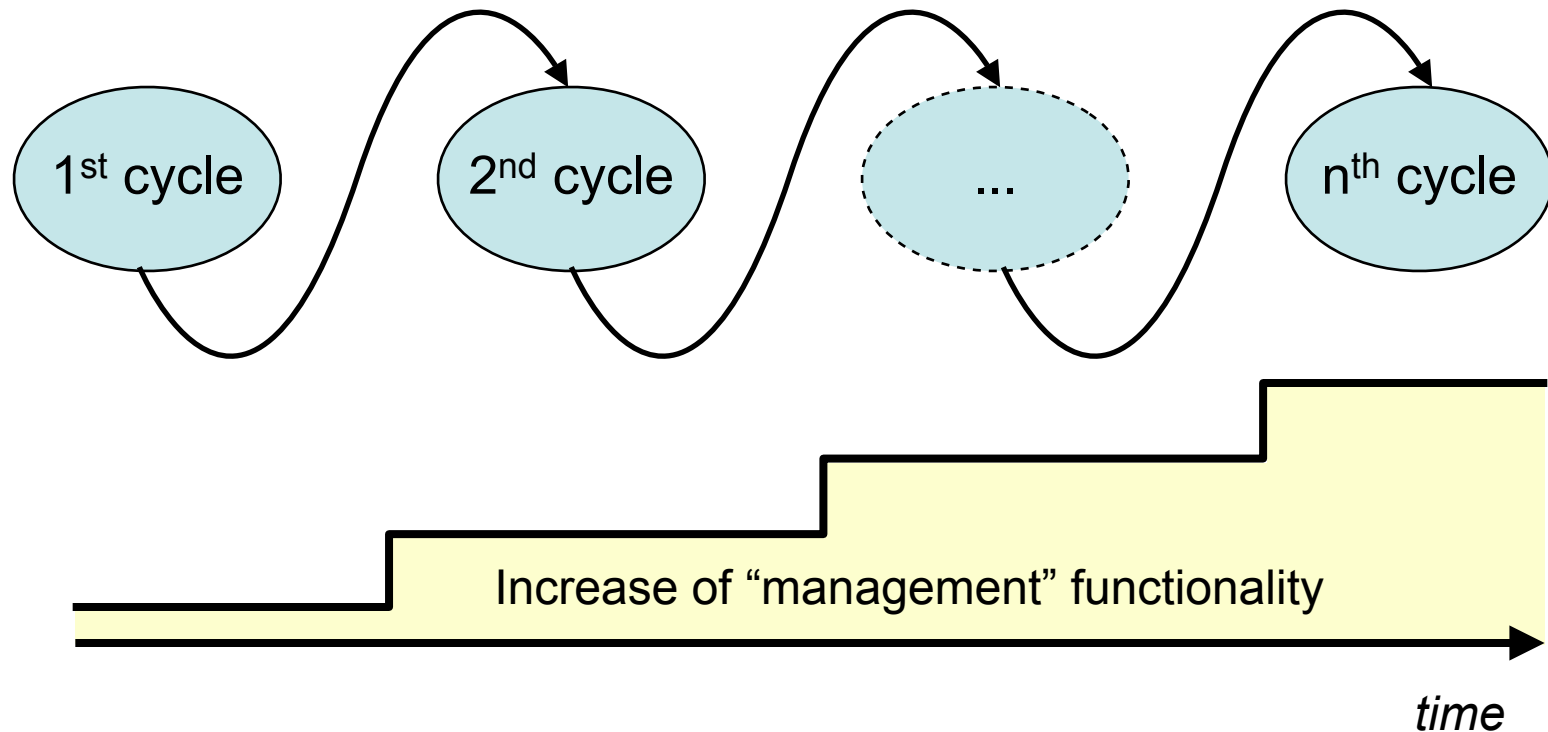


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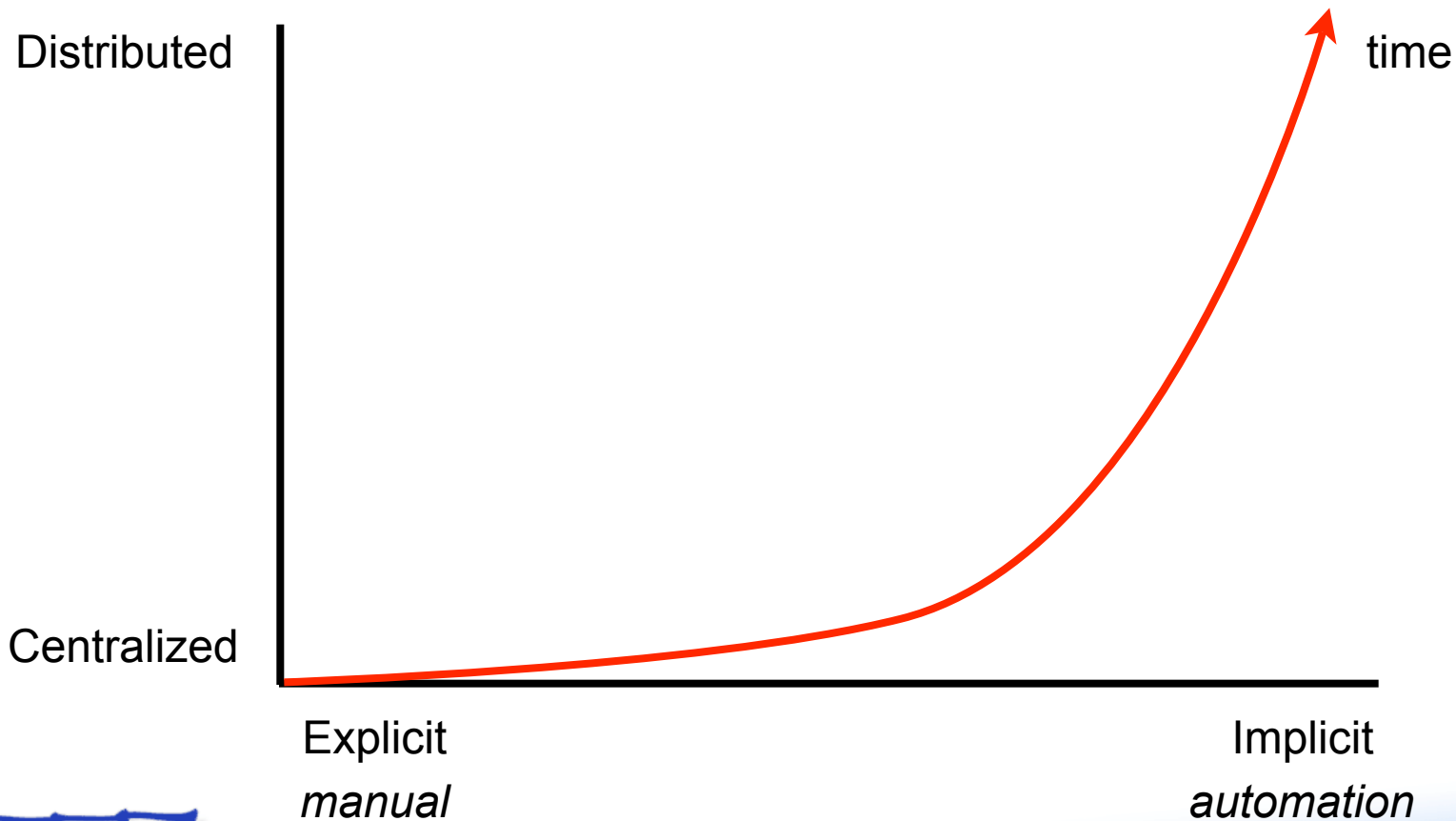
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- What is the difference with control?
 - management operates on large time-scales?
- Can management functions be included into the design?
 - or should management be added in the operational phase?



Management and cyclic design



From explicit to implicit management



Researchers hardly measure

- How can you manage, without knowing?
- Network traces are essential
- Capturing data is hard
 - Gbps
 - From packet to (sampled) flows
- Example: security management
 - Many researchers still use DARPA'99 data
- *Lot of work needs to be done!*



Interaction with operators

- Only operators know the problems
- Getting data requires a trust relationship
- Invest in such relationships!
- Join projects!

