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SNMP: STATUS AND APPLICATION FOR LAN/MAN MANAGEMENT

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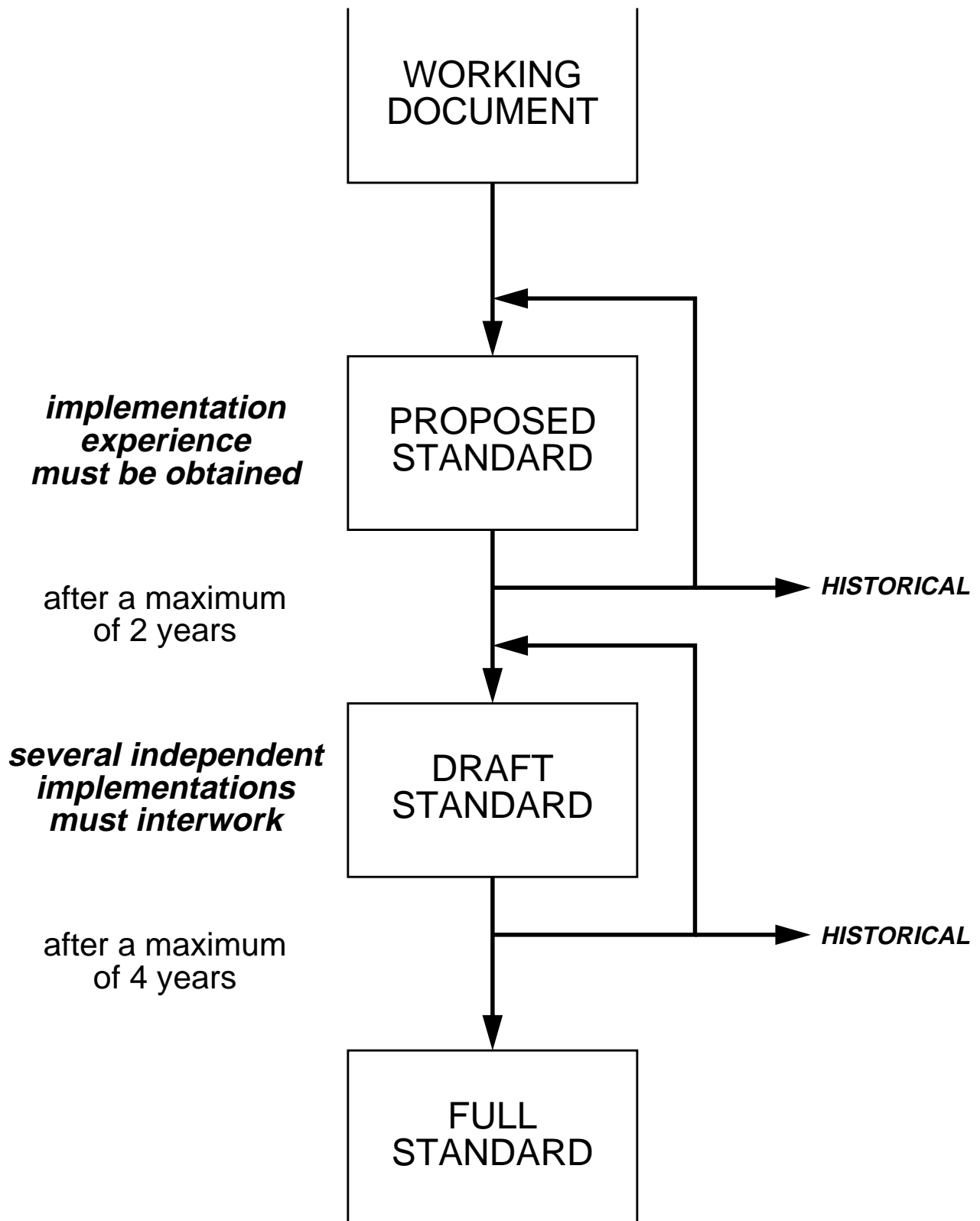
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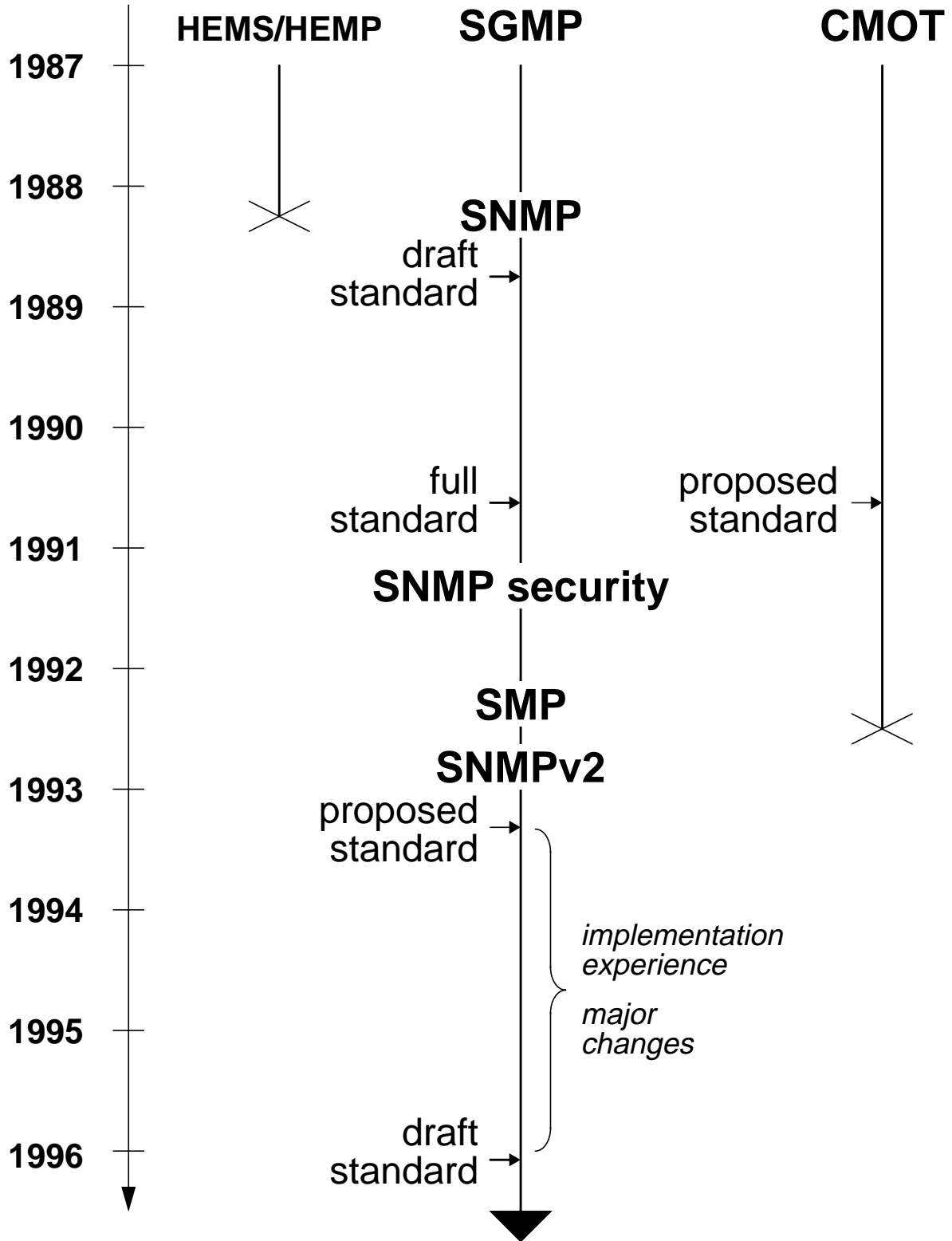
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IETF STANDARDIZATION



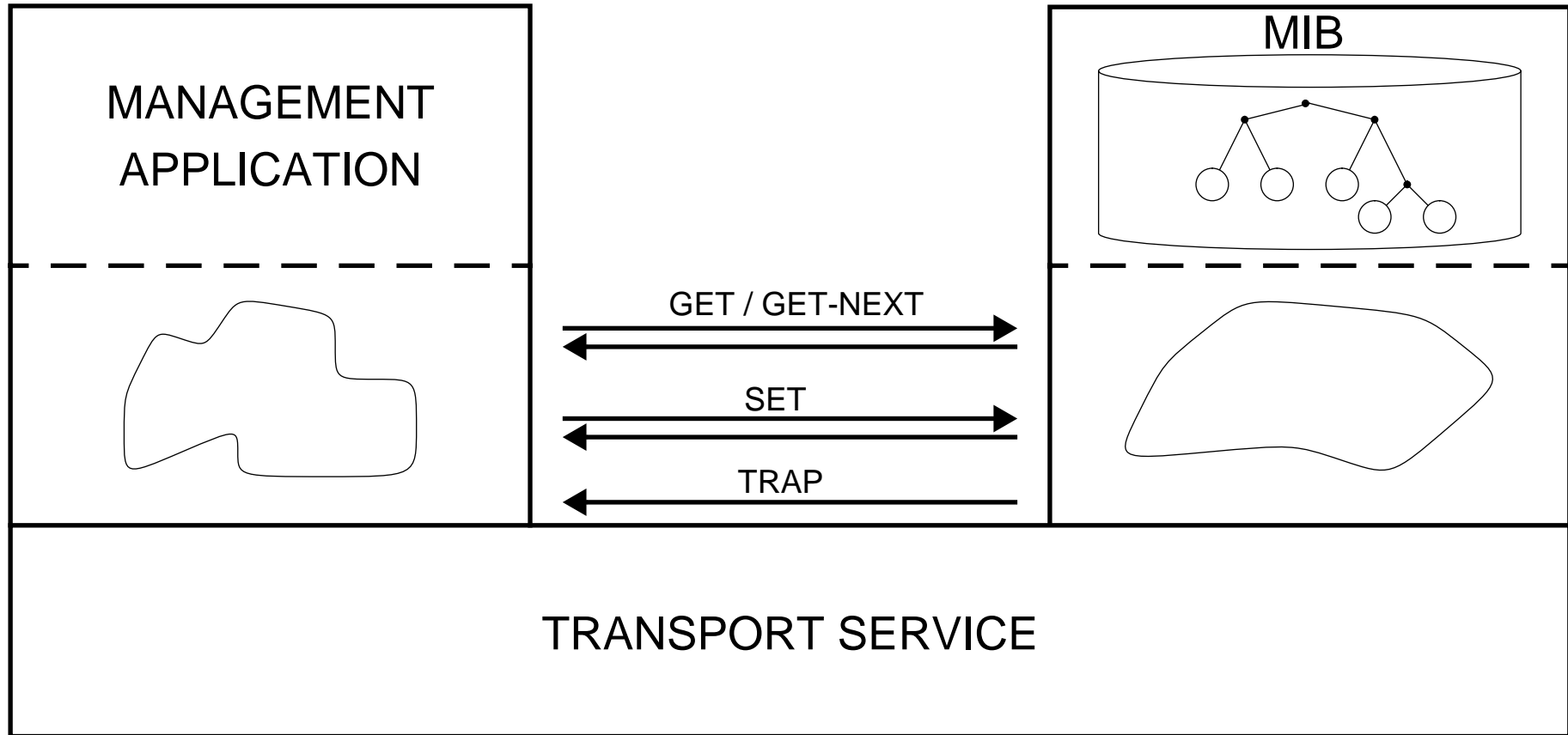
HISTORY IETF



SNMPv1 STRUCTURE

manager

agent



SNMPv1 MESSAGE & PDU STRUCTURE

variable bindings:

| | | | | | | | |
|--------|---------|--------|---------|-----|-----|---------------|----------------|
| NAME 1 | VALUE 1 | NAME 2 | VALUE 2 | ... | ... | NAME <i>n</i> | VALUE <i>n</i> |
|--------|---------|--------|---------|-----|-----|---------------|----------------|

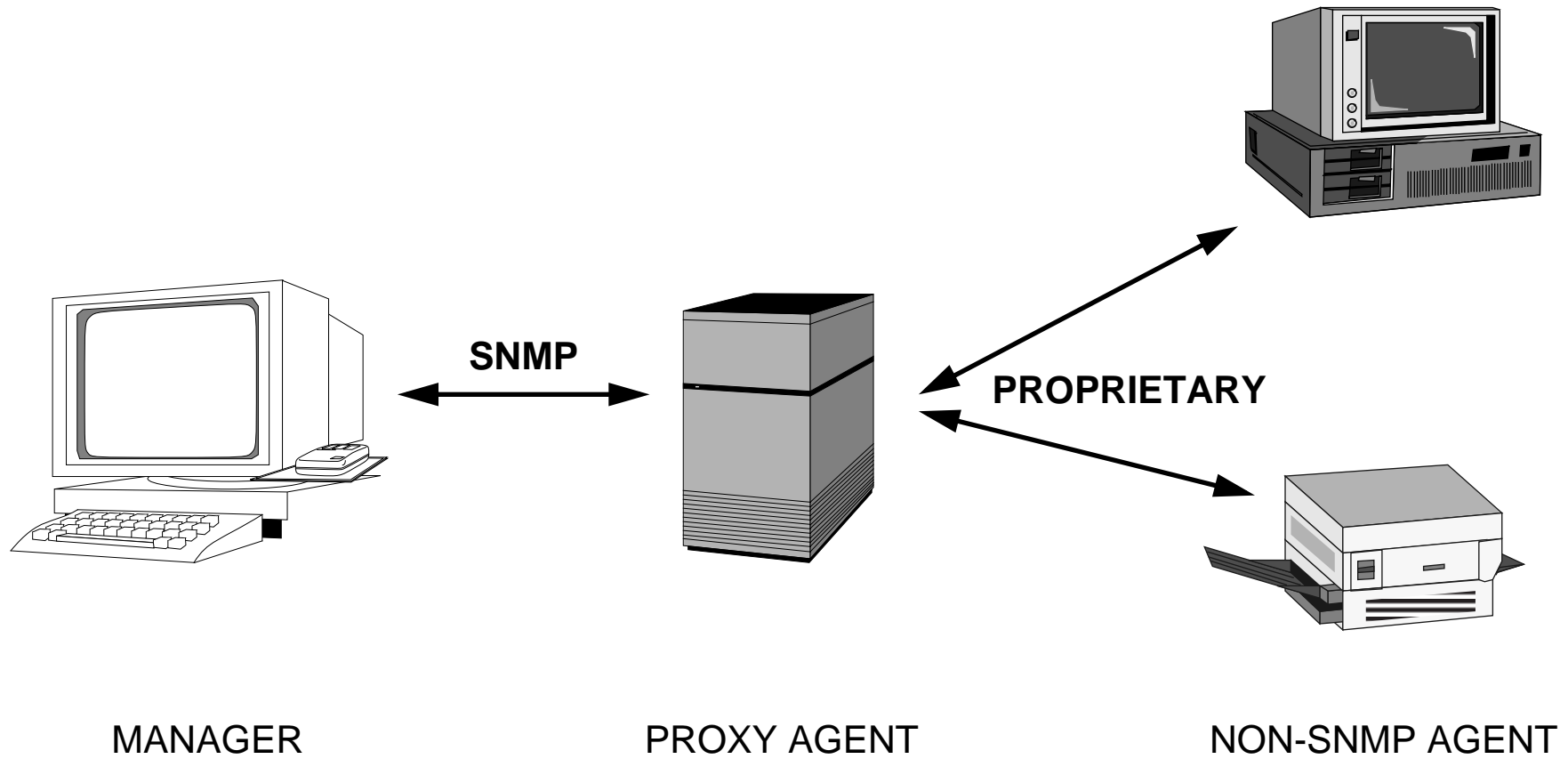
SNMP PDU:

| | | | | |
|------------|------------|--------------|-------------|-------------------|
| PDU TYPE * | REQUEST ID | ERROR STATUS | ERROR INDEX | VARIABLE BINDINGS |
|------------|------------|--------------|-------------|-------------------|

SNMP message:

| | | |
|---------|-----------|----------|
| VERSION | COMMUNITY | SNMP PDU |
|---------|-----------|----------|

PROXY MANAGEMENT



SNMPv2

APRIL 1993:

- PROPOSED STANDARD
 - RFC 1441 - RFC1452
- PARTY BASED SECURITY MODEL

JUNE 1995:

- PARTY BASED MODEL REJECTED
 - NEW PROPOSALS APPEARED

JANUARY 1996:

- SNMPv2**C** BECAME DRAFT STANDARD
 - RFC 1901 - RFC 1908
- COMMUNITY BASED SECURITY MODEL

SECURITY:

- SNMPv2 USER SECURITY MODEL (USEC)
 - SNMPv2*

MANAGEMENT HIERARCHY:

- DISMAN WORKING GROUP

SNMPv2 GOALS

IMPROVED PERFORMANCE

- GET-BULK PDU

~~SECURITY~~

- AUTHENTICATION
 - ENCRYPTION
- ACCESS CONTROL

~~MANAGEMENT HIERARCHY~~

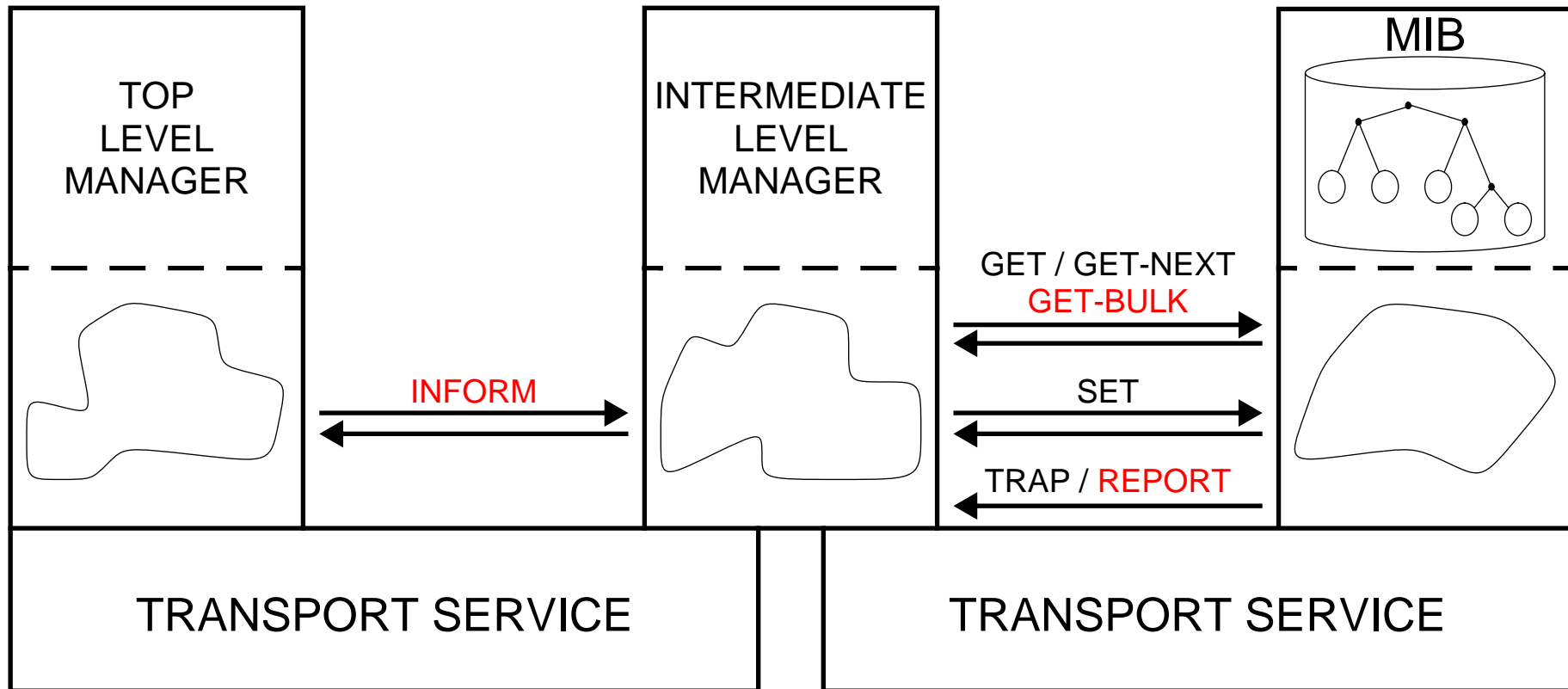
- ~~MANAGER TO MANAGER COMMUNICATION~~

OTHER IMPROVEMENTS

OTHER IMPROVEMENTS

- DEFINITION OF ADDITIONAL DATA TYPES AND FORMALISMS BASED ON IMPLEMENTATION EXPERIENCE
- TRANSPORT SERVICE INDEPENDENCE: MAPPINGS FOR SNMPV2 OVER SEVERAL TRANSPORTS ARE DEFINED
- RECORDING THE UNWRITTEN RULES OF SNMP
 - ROW STATUS PLUS OTHER TEXTUAL CONVENTIONS
 - REDEFINED TRAP PDU
 - HAS SAME PDU FORMAT AS OTHER PDUs
 - MAY BE SEND TO ZERO, ONE OR MORE MANAGERS

SNMPv2 PDUs



USEC:
SECURE TRANSFER OF MANAGEMENT PDUs (1)

GOALS

PROTECTION AGAINST:

- **MODIFICATION OF INFORMATION**
 - **MASQUERADE**
- **MESSAGE STREAM MODIFICATION**
(REORDERING, DELAY, REPLAY)
 - **DISCLOSURE**

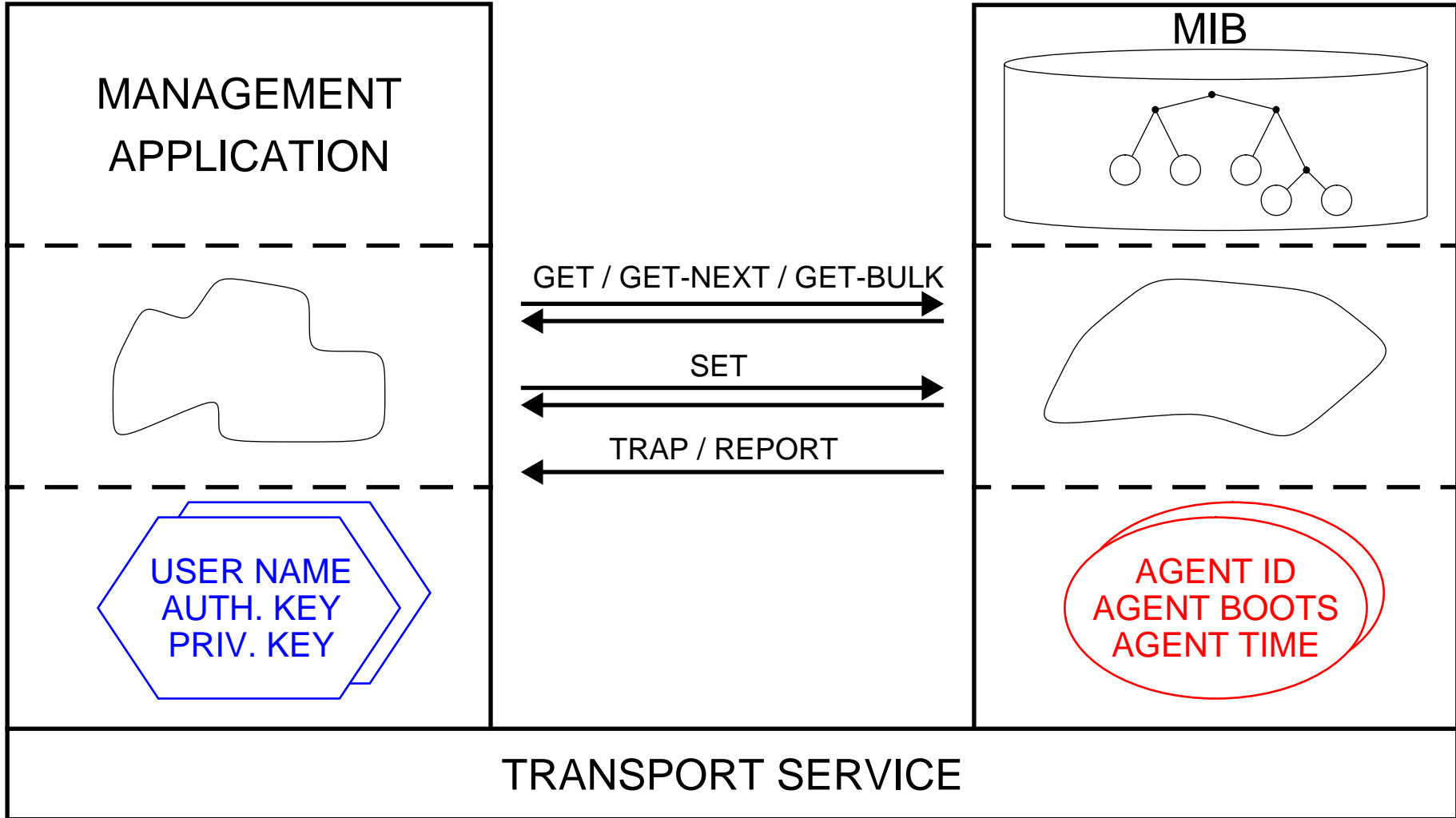
NO PROTECTION AGAINST:

- **DENIAL OF SERVICE ATTACKS**
- **TRAFFIC ANALYSIS ATTACKS**

USEC: SECURE TRANSFER OF MANAGEMENT PDUs (2)

manager

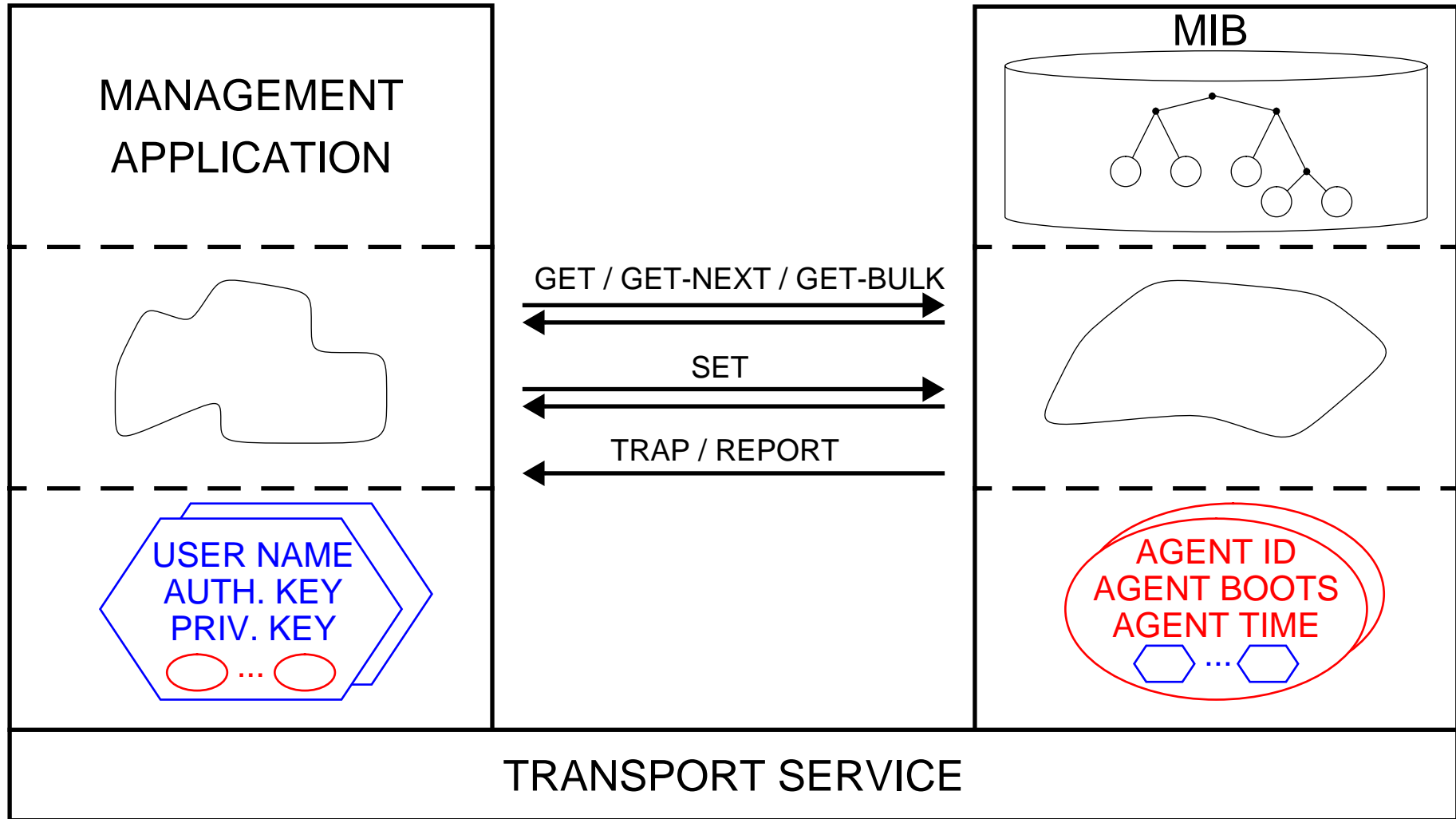
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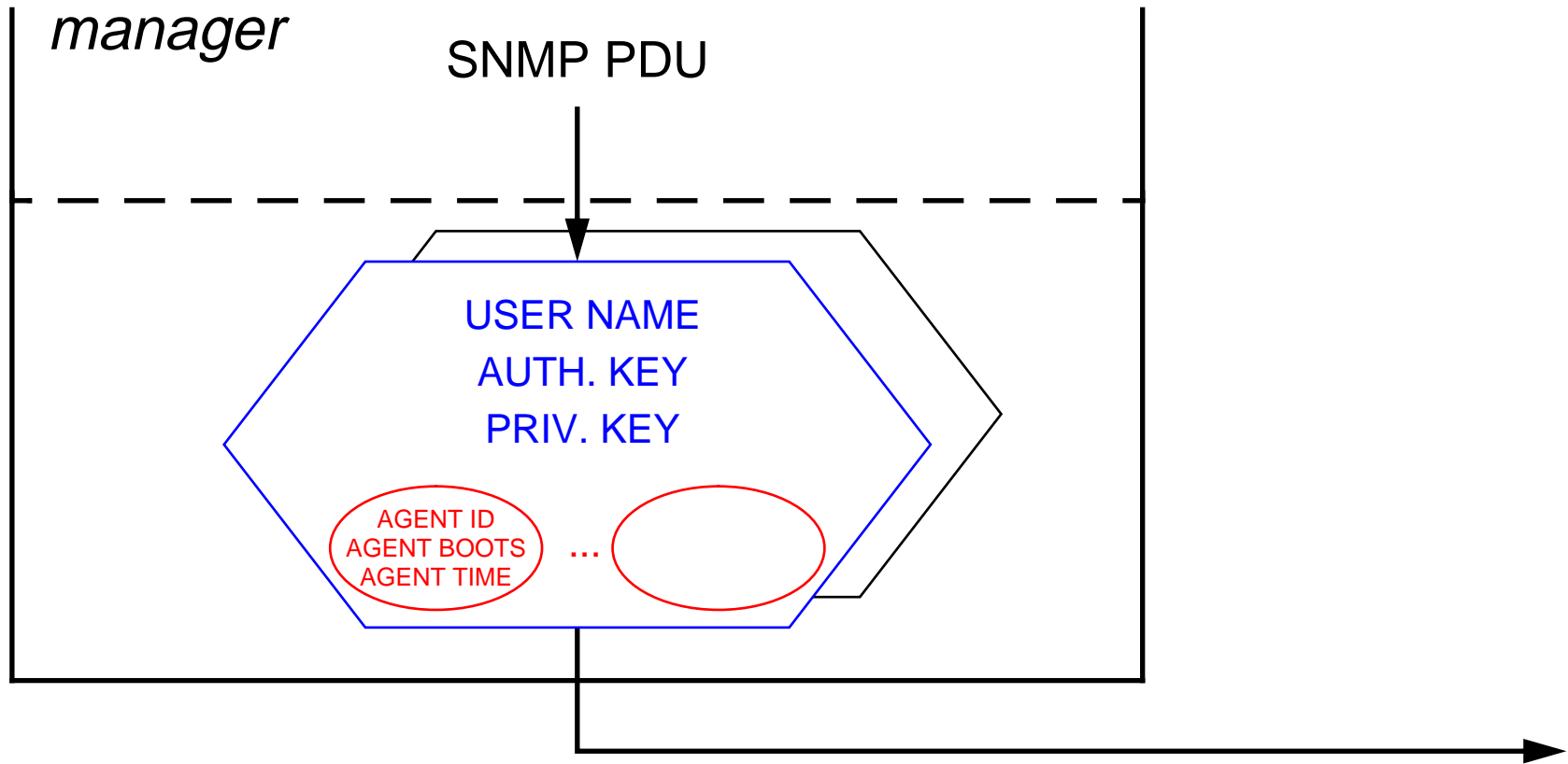
USEC: SECURE TRANSFER OF MANAGEMENT PDUs (3)

manager

agent



USEC: SECURE TRANSFER OF MANAGEMENT PDUs (4)



USEC:
SECURE TRANSFER OF MANAGEMENT PDUs (5)

MECHANISMS

MODIFICATION OF INFORMATION

- DIGEST
- MD5

MASQUERADE

- USER NAME
(DIGEST)

MESSAGE STREAM MODIFICATION

- AGENT BOOTS, AGENT TIME
(DIGEST)

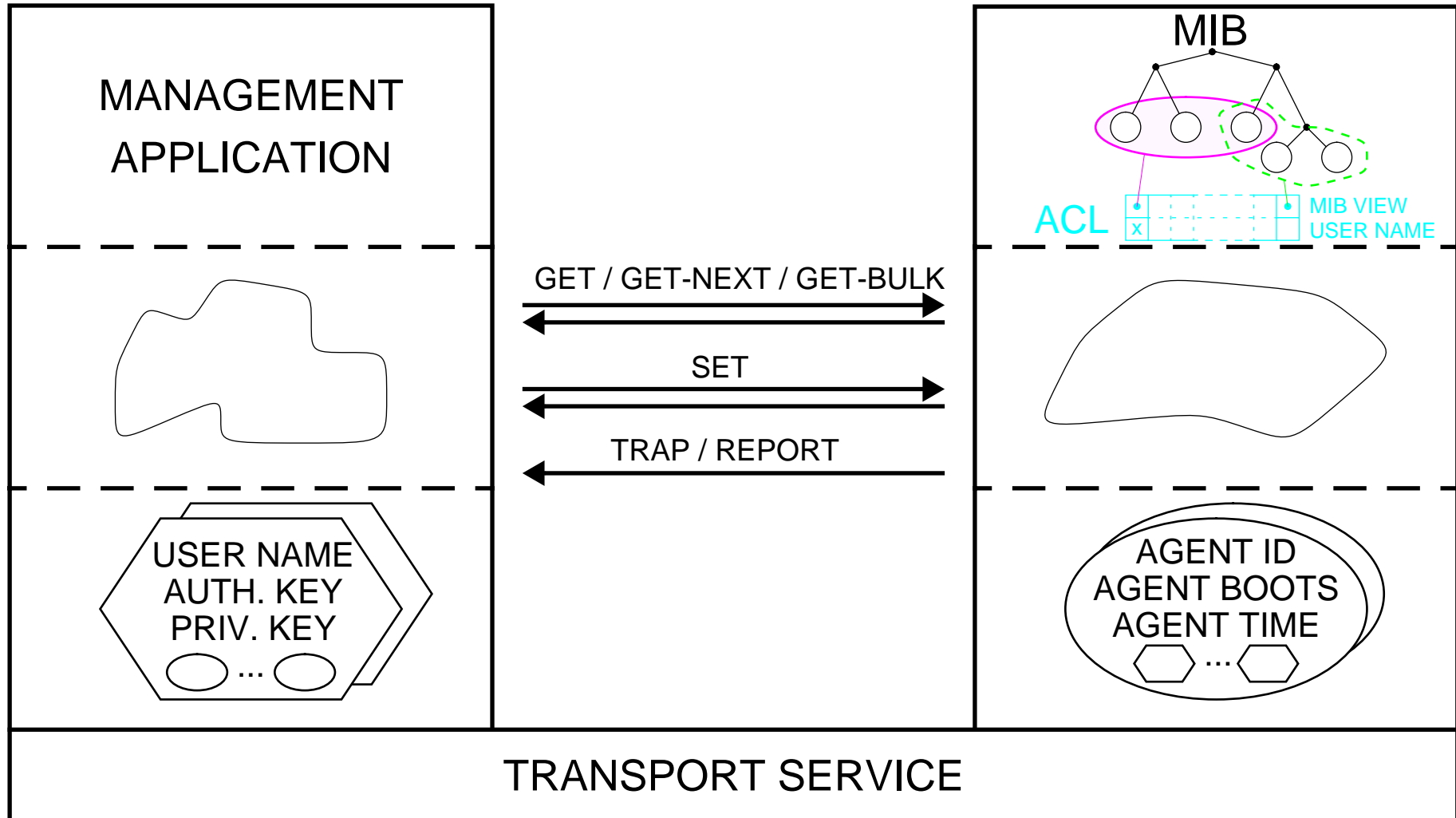
DISCLOSURE

- SNMP PDU ENCRYPTION
- DES

USEC: ACCESS CONTROL

manager

agent



CMIP versus SNMP - 1

| | CMIP | SNMP |
|----------------------|------------------|---|
| model | event based | polling based |
| information approach | object oriented | variable oriented |
| complexity | agent is complex | agent is simple |
| state information | kept by agent | kept by manager |
| underlying service | CO - reliable | CL - unreliable |
| efficiency | good | acceptable |
| implementation | difficult | simple <i>(V2 is more difficult)</i> |

CMIP versus SNMP - 2

| | CMIP | SNMP |
|------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| retrieves | objects | scalars |
| many items | multiple replies | error: tooBIG |
| object selection | scoping & filtering | - |
| synchronization | atomic & best effort | atomic |
| events / traps | confirmed & unconfirmed | unconfirmed |
| actions | possible | via 'trick' |

CMIP versus SNMP - 3

| | CMIP | SNMP |
|----------------------|-------------------------|---|
| security | via underlying services | - <i>authentication / encryption / ACL-lists</i> |
| management functions | many | none |
| approach | object oriented | variable oriented |
| ASN.1 | full support | subset |
| naming structure | flexible | simple |

CMOL versus SNMP

CMOL IS COMPARIBLE TO CMIP

CMOL OPERATES OVER LLC

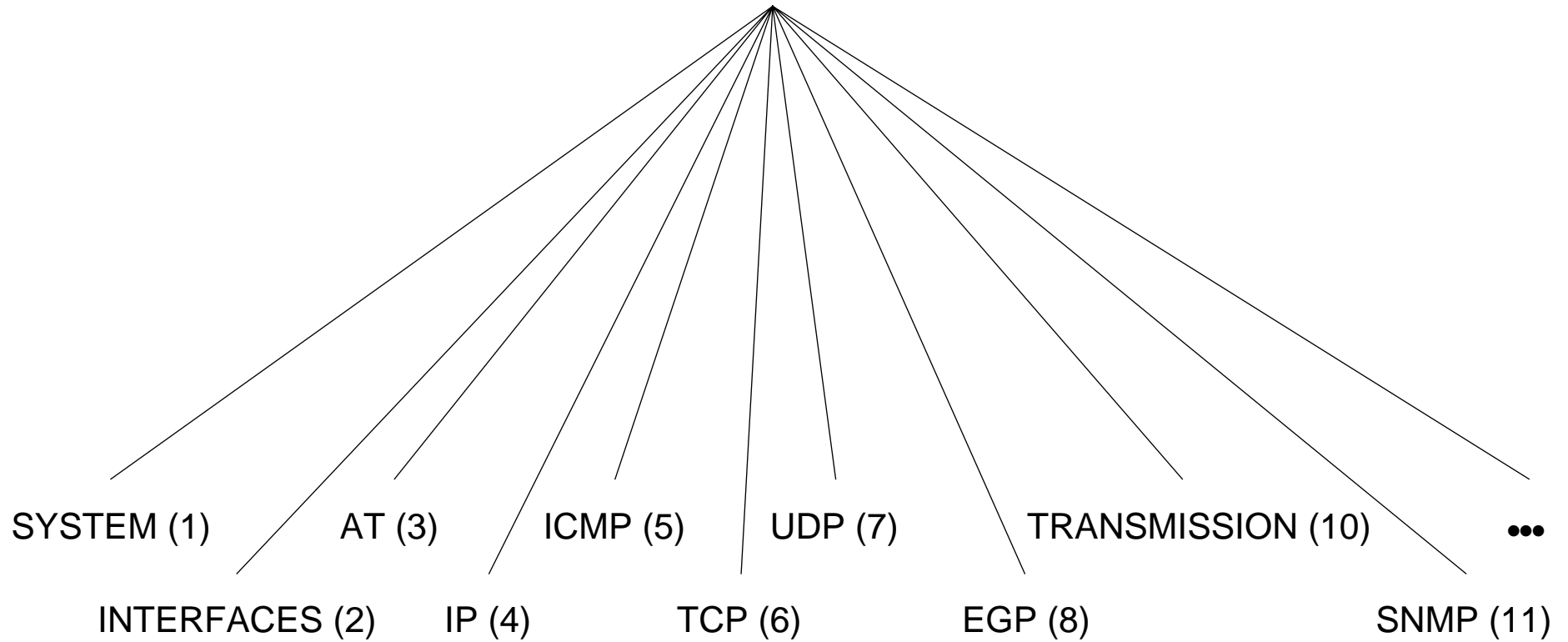
CMOL CAN NOT OPERATE OVER ROUTERS

CMOL: FEW IMPLEMENTATIONS

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MIBs

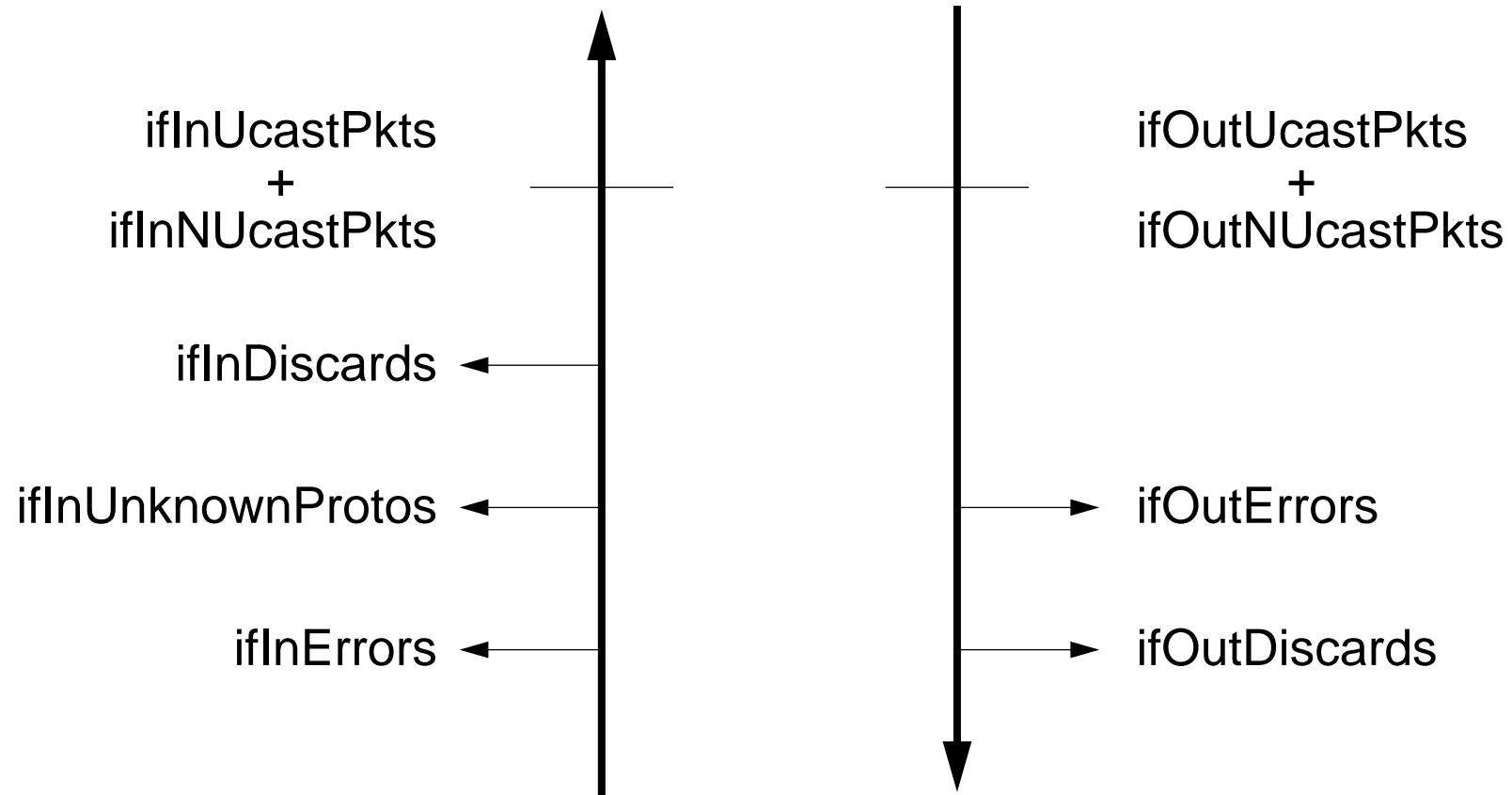
MIB-II



| ↳ | | ↳ | → | ifIndex |
|---|--|---|---|----------------------|
| | | | | ifDescr |
| | | | | ifType |
| | | | | ifMtu |
| | | | | ifSpeed |
| | | | | ifPhysAddress |
| | | | | ifAdminStatus |
| | | | | ifOperstatus |
| | | | | ifLastChange |
| | | | | ifInOctets |
| | | | | ifInUcastPkts |
| | | | | ifInNUcastPkts |
| | | | | ifInDiscards |
| | | | | ifInErrors |
| | | | | ifInUnknownProtos |
| | | | | ifOutOctets |
| | | | | ifOutUcastPkts |
| | | | | ifOutNUcastPkts |
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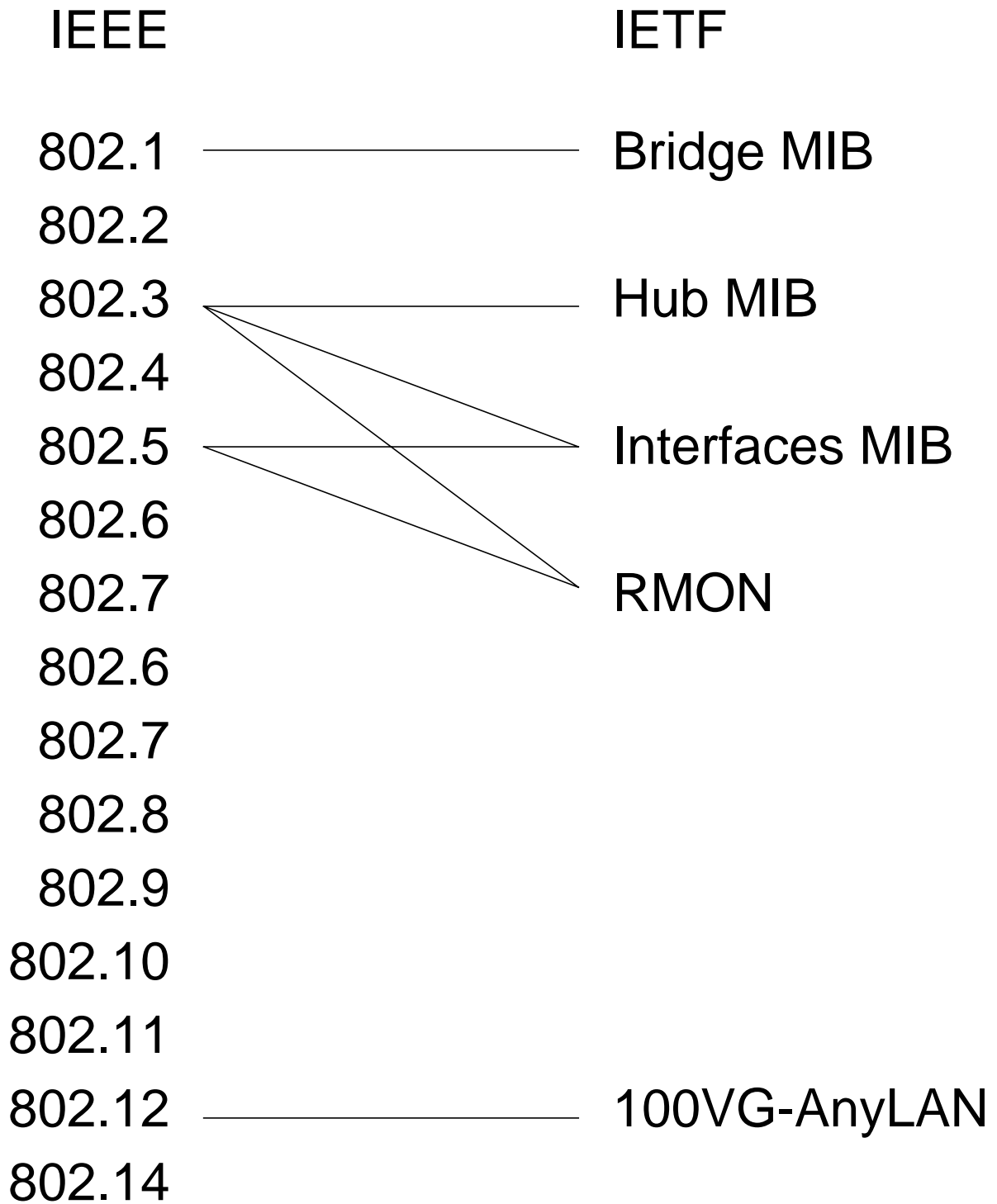
MIB-II IF PACKET COUNT



OVERVIEW LAN SPECIFIC MIBs

| NAME | SMI | RFC | STATUS | WORKING GROUP |
|----------------------------------|----------|--------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| ETHERNET-LIKE INTERFACES | v1 v2 | 1643 1650 | STANDARD PROPOSED | INTERFACE |
| 802.3 MAU | v1 | 1515 | PROPOSED | HUB |
| 802.3 REPEATER DEVICES | v1 | 1516 | DRAFT | HUB |
| 802.4 TOKEN BUS | v1 | 1230 | HISTORIC | - |
| 802.5 | v2 | 1748 | DRAFT | INTERFACE |
| 802.5 STATION SOURCE ROUTING | v2 | 1749 | PROPOSED | INTERFACE |
| 802.12 | v2 | - | WORKING DOC. | 100VG-AnyLAN |
| 802.12 REATER DEVICES | v2 | - | WORKING DOC. | 100VG-AnyLAN |
| REMOTE NETWORK MONITORING (RMON) | v1 v2 | 1757 - | DRAFT WORKING DOC. | RMON |
| TOKEN RING EXTENSIONS TO RMON | v1 | 1513 | PROPOSED | RMON |
| BRIDGES | v1 v2 | 1493 - | DRAFT WORKING DOC. | BRIDGE |
| SOURCE ROUTING BRIDGES | v1 v2 | 1525 - | PROPOSED WORKING DOC. | BRIDGE |

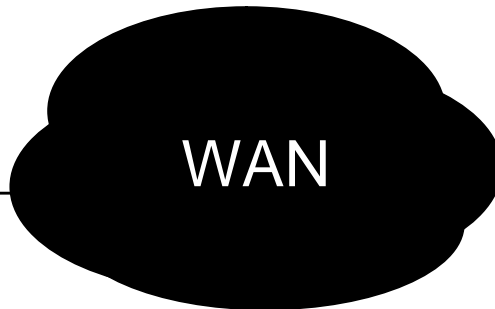
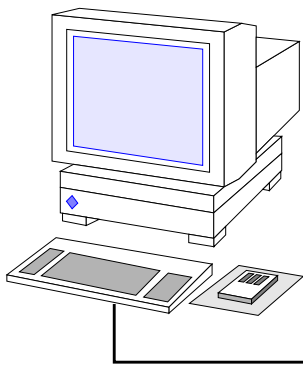
IEEE - IETF WORKING GROUPS



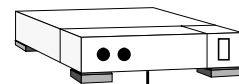
REMOTE NETWORK MONITORING

RMON

MANAGER



RMON



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RFC 1757

RMON GROUPS

NINE GROUPS:

- STATISTICS
- HISTORY
- HOST TABLE
- HOST TOP N
- TRAFFIC MATRIX
 - ALARMS
 - FILTERS
- PACKET CAPTURE
 - EVENTS

STATISTICS GROUP

KEEPS STATISTICS PER ETHERNET SEGMENT

SHOWS:

- PACKETS
- OCTETS
- BROADCASTS
- MULTICASTS
- COLLISIONS
- ERRORS

| | < 64 Bytes | 64 to 1518 | >1518 bytes |
|------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| WELL-FORMED PACKETS | undersize | GOOD! | oversize |
| BAD FCS ERRORS | fragments | CRC or alignment errors | jabber |

KEEPS TRACK OF PACKET SIZE DISTRIBUTION:

- 65 - 127 OCTETS
- 128 - 255 OCTETS
- 256 - 511 OCTETS
- 512 - 1023 OCTETS
- 1024 - 1518 OCTETS

HISTORY GROUP

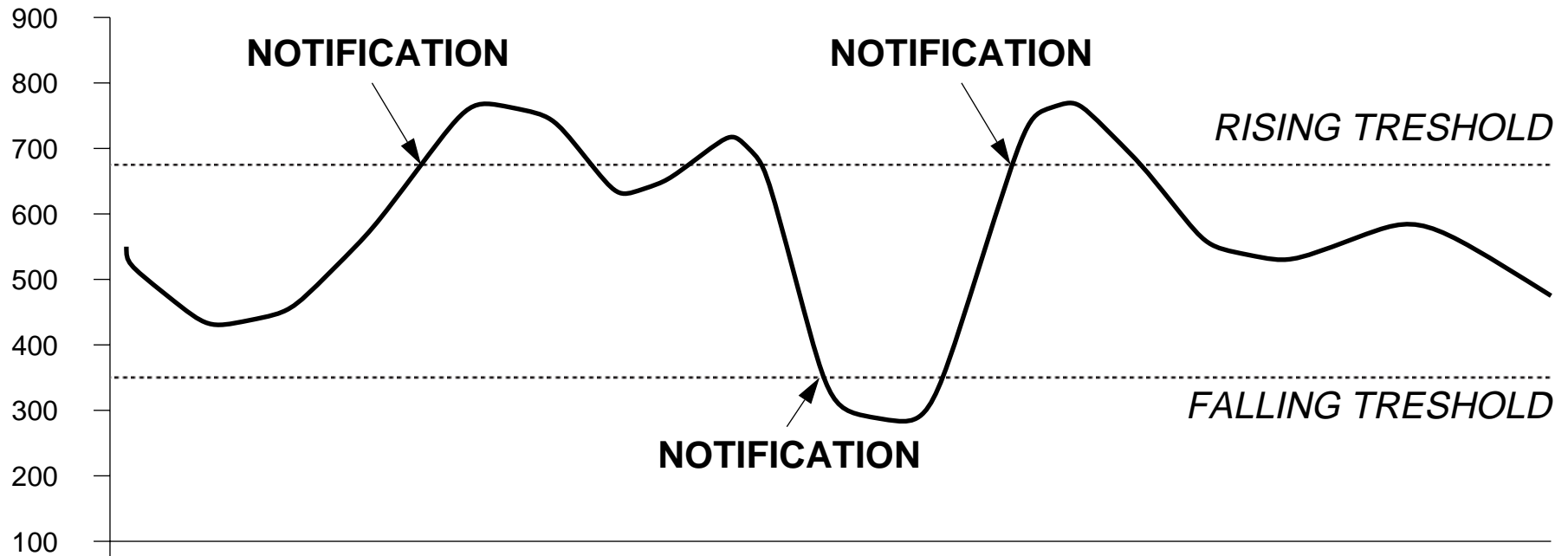
STORES INFORMATION OF STATISTICS GROUP
EXCEPT PACKET SIZE DISTRIBUTION

USES A CIRCULAR BUFFER

- BUCKETS
- SIZE MAY BE SET BY MANAGER

SAMPLING INTERVAL
MAY BE SET BY MANAGER

ALARM GROUP



ABSOLUTE OR DELTA VALUES

HOST INFORMATION

- HOST GROUP
- HOST TOP N

IN / OUT:
PACKETS / OCTETS

OUT:
BROADCASTS
MULTICASTS
ERRORS

INFORMATION INDEXED BY:

- INTERFACE AND MAC ADDRESS
hostTable
- CREATION TIME
hostTimetable
- SORTED ON SOME VARIABLE VALUE
hostTopN

OTHER GROUPS

- **TRAFFIC MATRIX**
FOR EACH SOURCE & DESTINATION
 - PACKETS
 - OCTETS
 - ERRORS

- **FILTER GROUP**
TO COUNT PACKETS
THAT CARRY A SPECIFIC BIT-PATTERN

- **PACKET CAPTURE GROUP**
TO STORE SPECIFIC PACKETS

- **EVENT GROUP**
TO DEFINE THE VARIOUS EVENTS
DETERMINE TRANSMISSION OF TRAPS

NEW DEVELOPMENTS

WEB BASED MANAGEMENT!

EMBEDDED MANAGEMENT APPLICATIONS:

- **MANAGER IS A STANDARD WWW BROWSER**
 - **DEVICE VENDORS CAN SELL MANAGEMENT CAPABILITIES**
- **AGENT BECOMES MORE COMPLEX**
 - **USE OF JAVA**

HTTP AS MANAGEMENT PROTOCOL:

- **CONNECTION ORIENTED TRANSPORT**
 - **USE OF HTTP SECURITY**

APPLICATIONS:

- **DEVICE MANAGEMENT**
- **CUSTOMER NETWORK MANAGEMENT**

FURTHER INFORMATION

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