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# The Future Internet: Challenges and Solutions

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# Outline

- **Vision and Challenges**
- Adding the global time (UTC) dimension
- Consequences of networking with time
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# An Internet Vision

- Two primary Internet (telecom) transitions:
  - 1. From **business** to **home/mobile (wireless) users**
    - The capacity per home will equal campus capacity
      - 20 Mb/s campus pays 1000 Euro/month vs. home 30 Euro/month
  - 2. From (scheduled) **broadcast** to (all-IP) **on-demand**:
    - Triple-any:
      - **Anyone (any skills)** [2 billion users or more in the future]
      - **Anything (any-service)**
      - **Anytime (no rigid schedule)**
    - Global scale: **from anywhere to anywhere**



# An Internet Vision (Cont.)

- **Continuous exponential traffic growth**
  - 50-100 (perhaps more) folds in 5-15 years
    - Faster than “Moore’s Law” (in switching)
  - It’s envisioned
    - >90% of traffic will be to home/mobile users

**Mostly for entertainment - non-business!**



# Why (IP) Packet Switching?

- It is the most flexible method to match:
  - **User's diverse desires and capabilities** (dynamic range up to 1000):
    - Display quality
    - Processing speed
    - Encoding
    - Access capacity
    - ...
  - For combined **wired (optical) and wireless** networks
- While liberating users from the rigid TV broadcasting **schedules** and **quality!**



# The Cost/Revenue Challenges

- **Who will pay?** [for **50-100** (or more) larger Internet]
  - **Given that service providers will NOT lose money again ...**
- **What is roughly required**
  - **Factor of 20 lower cost (better scalability index)**  
**PLUS:**
  - **Revenue from **selected premium** services,**  
**which are guaranteed**  
**so people will be willing to pay extra**
    - **STREAMING HIGH QUALITY **LIVE** EVENTS**



# The Switch/Router Scalability Challenge

- Cisco CRS-1 [carrier routing system]:  
 $92/(2 \times 72) \approx 0.64$  Tb/s per chassis (72 Chassis)
  - Factor of 2 improvement in 5 years/\$500 millions
- Internet traffic is doubling, say, every 18 mo.
  - 50-100 folds in 5-15 years!
- Switching scalability to multi-terabit per second (10-100 Tb/s) per chassis is required



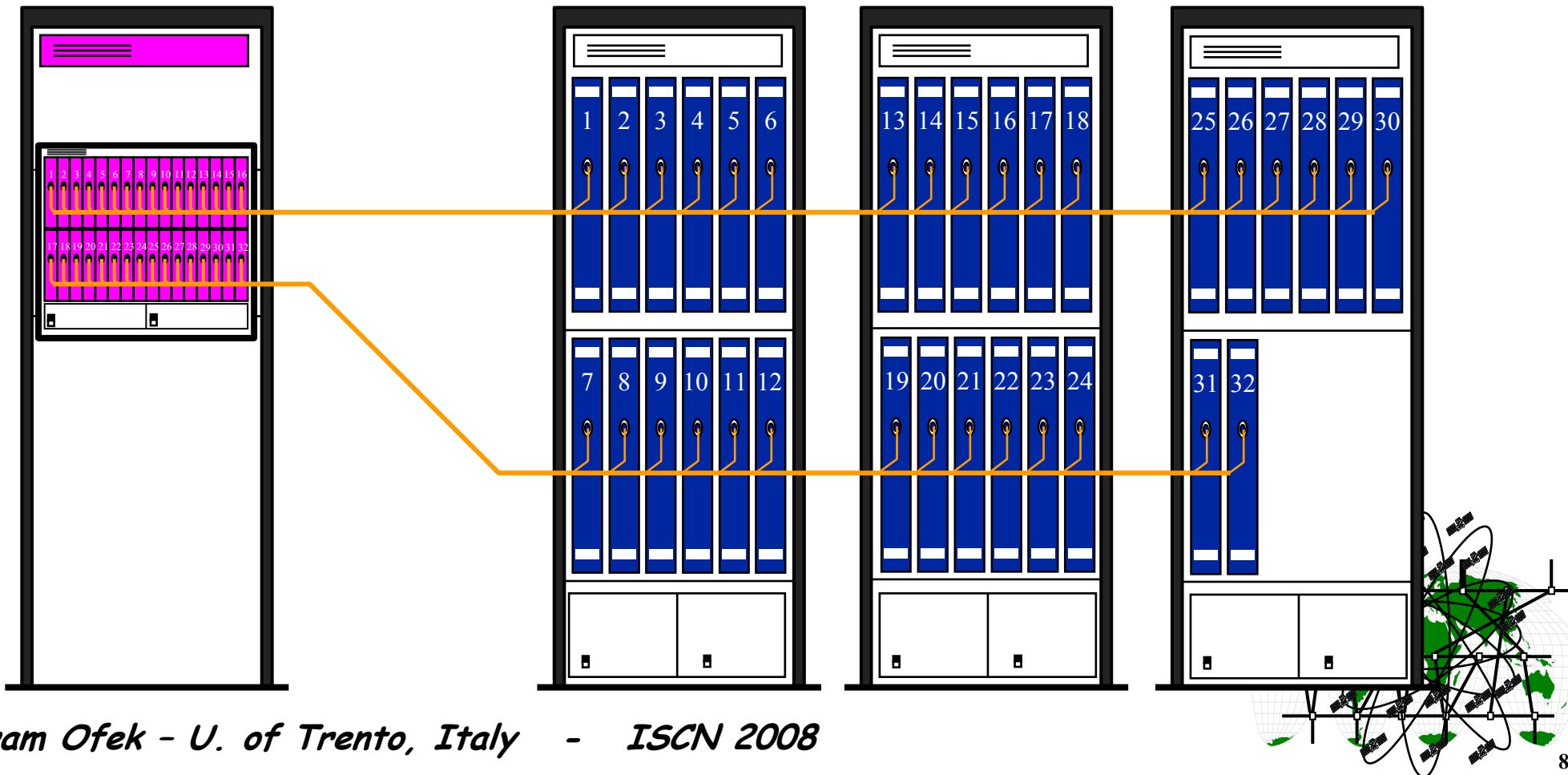
# The Switch/Router Scalability Challenge

## Fourth-Generation Switches/Routers

*Clustering and Multistage – 46 Tb/s*

**Cisco CRS-1 --- 72 Chassis**

*(0.64 Tb/s per chassis)*





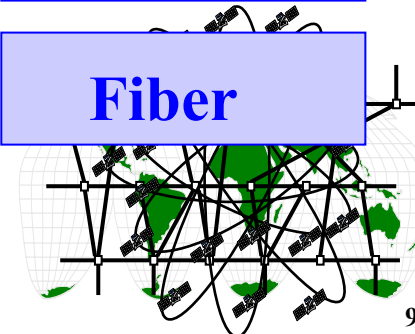
# Protocol Challenge:

Confusing, Costly and No Single Network ...

Away from ATM

*"Zoo" of Protocols - WHY?*

2000	Alternative 1	Alternative 2	Alternative 3	Alternative 4
IP	IP	IP	IP	IP
ATM			RPR	RPR
Sonet	NG Sonet		NG Sonet	
Lambda	Lambda	G.709 DWDM	Lambda	G.709 DWDM
Fiber	Fiber	Fiber	Fiber	Fiber



# Protocol Challenge:

## Confusing, Costly and No Single Network ... ..

Alternative 5

Alternative 6

Alternative 7

Alternative 8

**IP**

***"Zoo" of Protocols - WHY?***

**And more ...**

**GMPLS**

**IP**

**Ethernet**

**GMPLS**

**IP**

**IP**

**NG Sonet**

**Ethernet**

**GMPLS**

**GMPLS**

**Lambda**

**G.709 DWDM**

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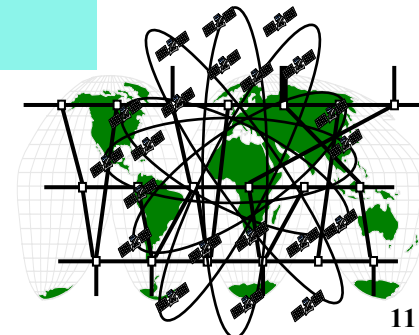


# Live Streaming & Download Challenges

## Video, Video, ...

### Streaming / Content Playing

- **On-demand:** TV programs, live sport events (e.g., foot-ball!), movies, HD, 3D, ...
  - Guaranteed capacity low delay & loss
  - Easy access via the WWW
    - “TV guide-like” on-line
    - Movie guide on-line
    - ...



# Live Streaming & Download Challenges

**From**  
**1-Click = 50 Packets (50 KB)**

**To**  
**1-Click = 1,000,000-10,000,000**  
**Packets (1-10 GB)**

*Few "clicks" and the network is "flooded"*



# Live Streaming & Download Challenges

## the “Good News”

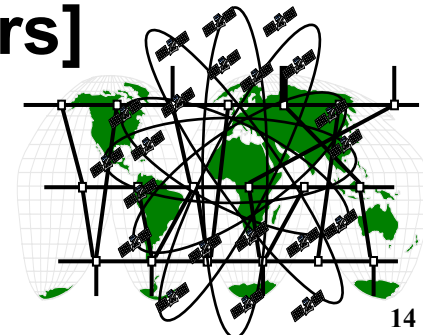
- **Traffic characterization is predictable**
- **Not all (media content) bits should arrive correctly**
  - **Reliable transmission is not a requirement (in most cases)**
- **In 5-10 year advanced allocation will be applicable to >90% of the IP traffic**



# Live Streaming & Download Challenges

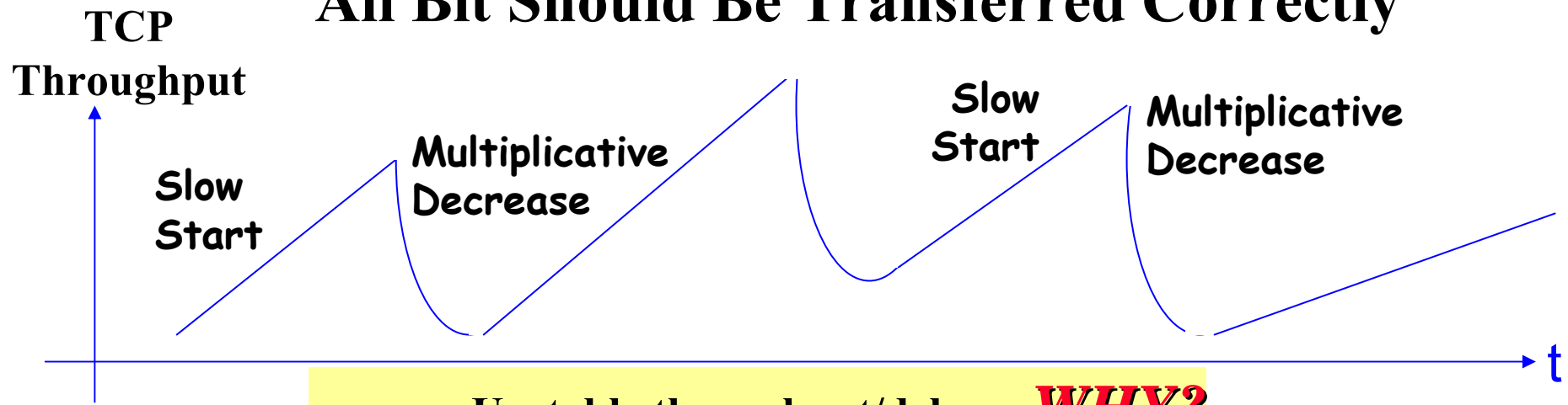
## the “Unfortunate News”

- Today, 70%-80% of the Internet traffic is peer-to-peer downloads Over TCP!?
  - TCP provides reliable transmission [all bits will arrive correctly]
    - But without predictable throughput and delay
  - Streaming media, download, interactive, VoIP may tolerate defined packet loss but require **predictable throughput and delay** [rather than adaptive – sub-optimal for users]



# TCP the “Unfortunate News”

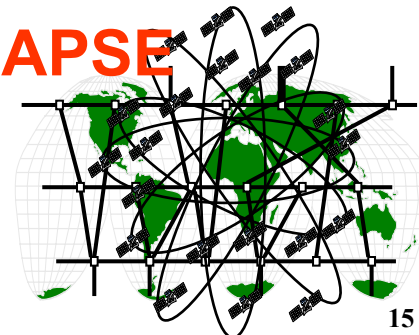
Reliable Transmission:  
All Bit Should Be Transferred Correctly



Unstable throughput/delay – **WHY?**

## ■ The issues:

- “Neurotic” mechanism (with “ups” and “downs”)
  - Unpredictable throughput – low utilization  
BUT as a result the INTERNET doesn't COLLAPSE
- Assuming that all users are FAIR?



# Interactive Video-based App. Challenges

## TCP cannot be used

- Interactive apps are even more challenging
- Users expect:
  - Minimal delay
  - Continuous play
  - Constant video quality
  - Lips synchronization





# The Wireless and Mobility Challenges

- Shared medium
- Collisions/contentions/interference/SINR
  - Random back-off
    - Unpredictability for streaming (premium service)
      - Much like TCP
    - The random back-off is critical to avoid collapse



# Green Internet: Power Usage

- World population: 6,676,120,288
  - Number of Internet users 1,407,724,920
  - Penetration 21.1 %
    - Source: [www.internetworldstats.com](http://www.internetworldstats.com)
- Switching and Routing 34%
- Regeneration 27%
- Processing 22%
- Storage 10%
- Transport 7%

- “Data Centers Network Power Density Challenges”  
By Alex Vukovic, ASHRAE Journal, (Vol. 47, No. 4, April 2005).



# Green Internet: Power Usage

**Today Internet  
uses ~1% of total world electricity usage  
(excluding PCs, customers equipment, mobile etc.)**

**If 2 Billion people have broadband access  
(1Mb/s) then ~5%?**

**If 2 Billion people have broadband access  
(10 Mb/s) then ~50%?**

**Source: R.S Tucker, “A Green Internet” - May 2007, CUBIN Seminar,  
The University of Melbourne**



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# Adding Global Time (UTC) Dimension

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MU0UEPdcGE8&feature=related>

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ezv8U\\_Flukk&feature=related](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ezv8U_Flukk&feature=related)

- **An optional feature – since IP remains as is**
  - **Used to solve the various challenges when needed:**
    - **Cost & revenue**
      - Lower complexity=cost of IP infrastructure – switch scalability
      - Increase revenue from premium services
    - **Live streaming and interactive applications – without TCP**
    - **“Zoo” of protocols**
    - **Wireless**
    - **Green Internet**



# Global Time Distribution (Free) Solutions

## ■ In space 4 satellite constellations:

- GPS – US – 31 satellites,
- Glonass – Russia – 24 satellites,
- Galileo – EU – 1 experimental satellite
- Compass/Beidou – China – 1 experimental satellite.

## ■ In-band time distribution:

- With/without standard protocols: IEEE 1558, IETF NTPv2...

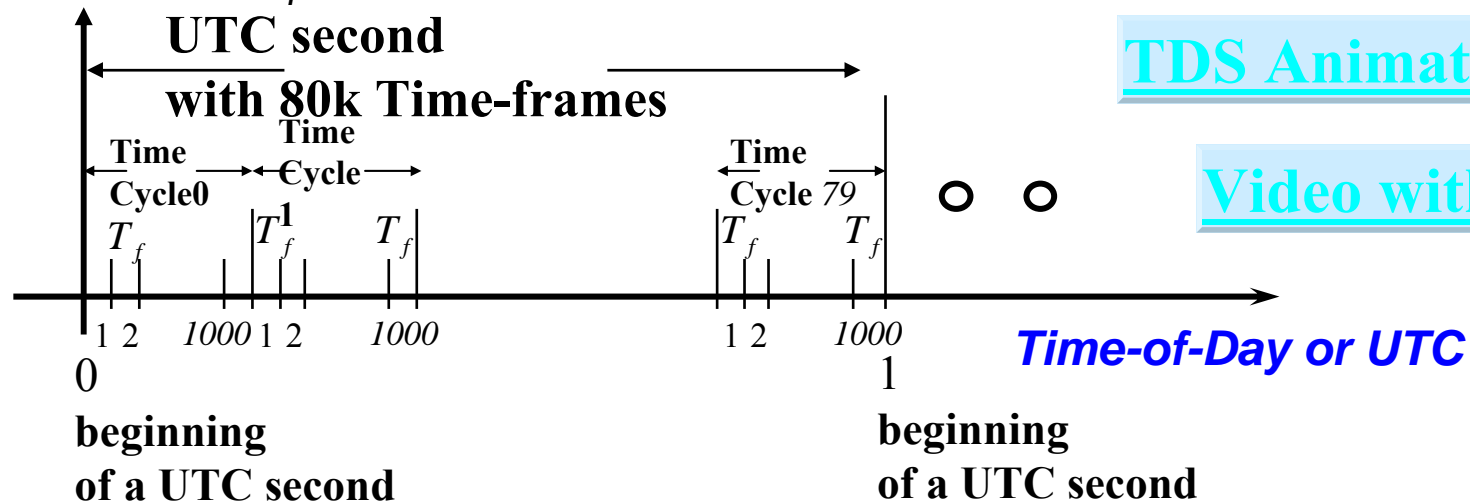
## ■ On earth:

- E-LORAN - Enhanced Loran (LONg RANGE Navigation) is a terrestrial radio navigation system using low frequency radio transmitters
- other time distribution, such as: WAAS, EGNOS, MSAS, DGPS (differential GPS), CDMA, ...

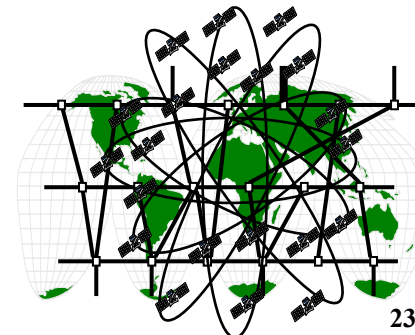


## Factor of 20 Lower Cost / Premium Services

- $T_f$  accuracy of  $1\mu\text{s}$  is sufficient



## Video with TDS



# Switch Scalability with Global Time

[Optimal Complexity → Lower Cost/Power → Green Internet]

Scheduling Controller (per time frame 10-100μs)

Computation complexity:  $O(N \lg N)$

Input port

BW(link) →

$q_{in} = 1$  (optimal)  
 $s = 1$  (optimal)

0  
Switching  
Fabric

$N$  Ports

Complexity:  
 $N \lg N$   
(optimal)

$s = 1$

(optimal)

BW(link) →

$s$  - speedup

$q_{in}$  - buffer  
size

BW(link) →

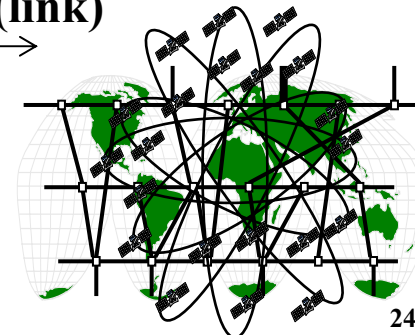
$q_{in} = 1$  (optimal)  
 $s = 1$  (optimal)

$N-1$   $N-1$

BW(link) →

Input port

Pipeline





# Networking with Global Time (UTC)

[Lower Cost/Power → Green Internet]

- No “stopping” of the serial bit stream
  - No header processing /  
no segmentation / no reassembly
- Delay per hop: constant
  - Jitter per hop: zero
- Loss: none due to congestion
- “Bonus”: QoS for streaming media / interactive
  - [Sort of a “negative option”]



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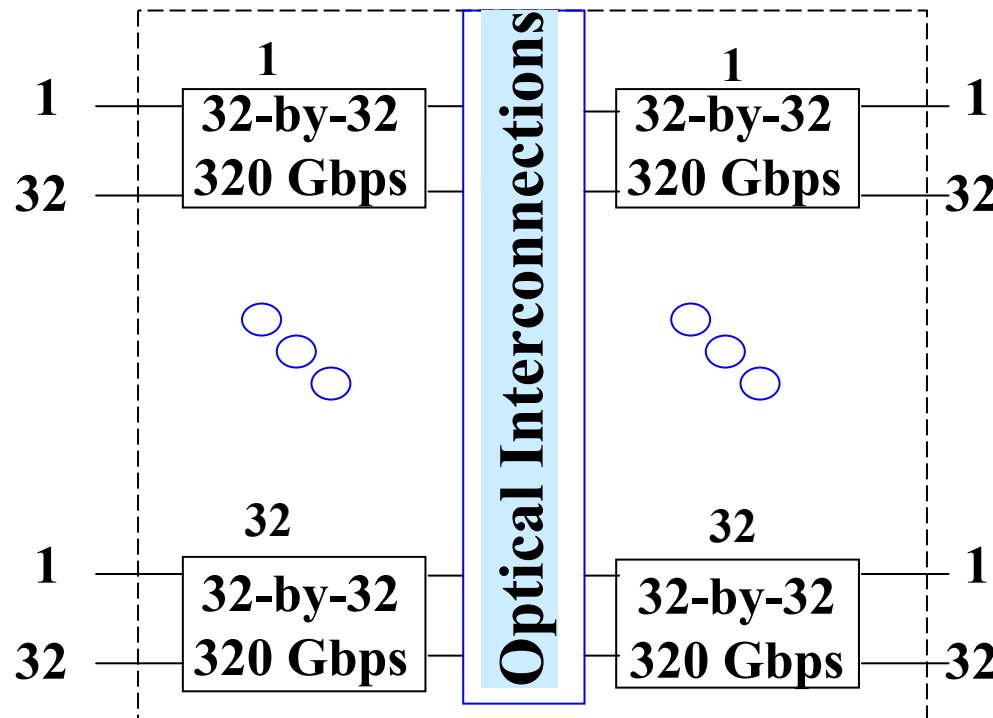
# Consequences: Networking with Global Time

- Easy to implement
- Simple to analyze – time blocking



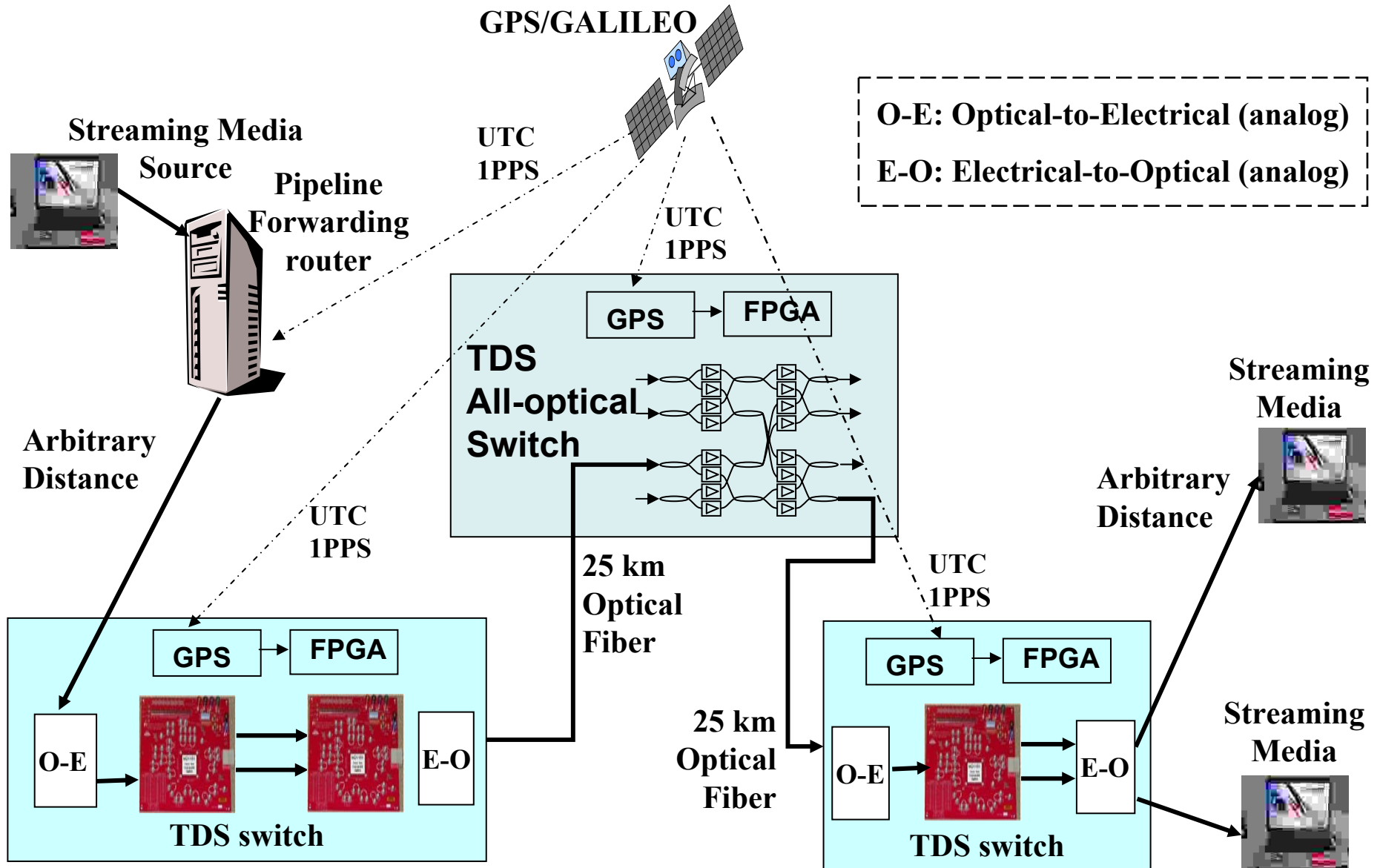
# Current testbed: 10 Terabit/s per Chassis (Banyan-based)

- **Simple implementation (9-month)  
with all off-the-shelf components**
  - Using existing (7 years old technology)  
Mindspeed M21151 cross-point switches



# Current Networking Test-bed Setup

<http://dit.unitn.it/ip-flow/>

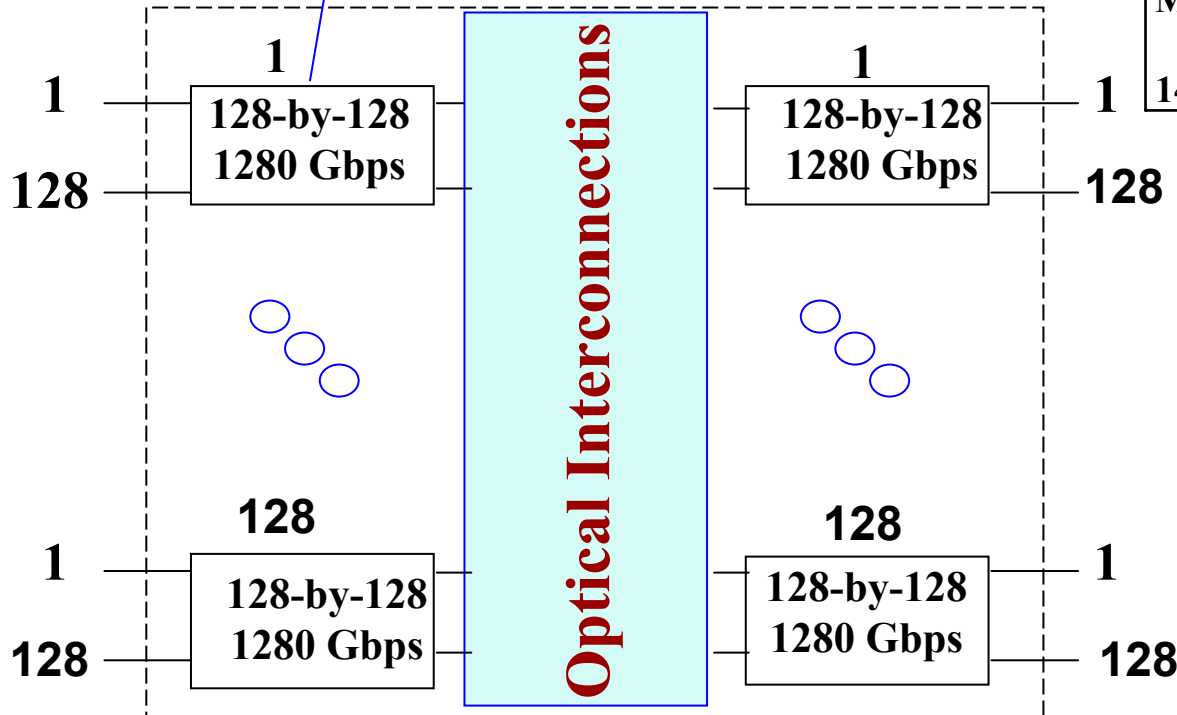


# Example: 160 Terabit/s Fabric (Banyan-based)

**[Lower Cost/Power → Green Internet]**

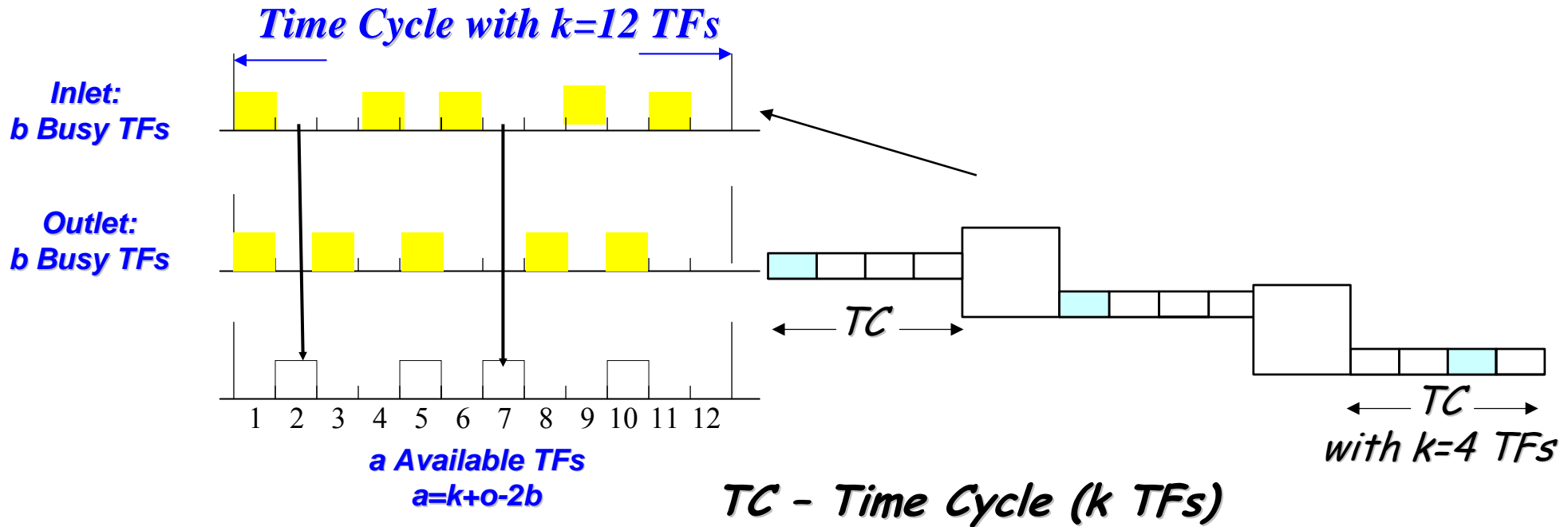
**Crosspoint Switches:**  
Vitesse – VSC3040  
[144-by-144: 11 Gb/s]

Switching Element	Maximum Bit Rate	Power per Input-Output	Power per 1 Gb/s
Vitesse VSC3040 144 channel	11 Gb/s	0.11 W	0.01 W
Mindspeed M21151 144 channels	3.2 Gb/s	0.15 W	0.05 W



# Time Blocking Problem

Finding available TF (time frame): inlet and outlet



No time domain blocking up to 50% utilization



# Time Domain Blocking Analysis for Immediate Forwarding (IF)

- Probability of at least one available *TF*

- $P_{available} = C_{available-immediate} / C_{total} = \sum_{o=2b-k+1}^{o=b} \binom{b}{o} \binom{k-b}{b-o} / \binom{k}{b}$

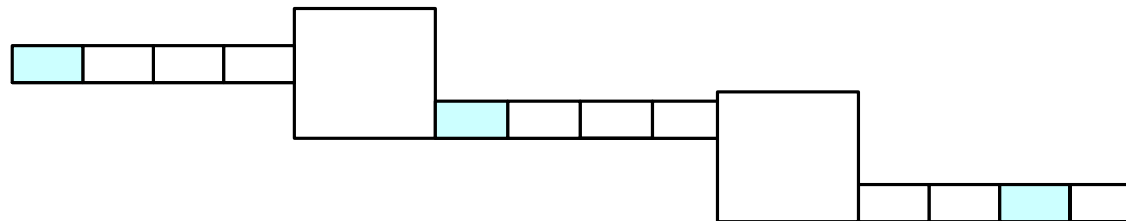
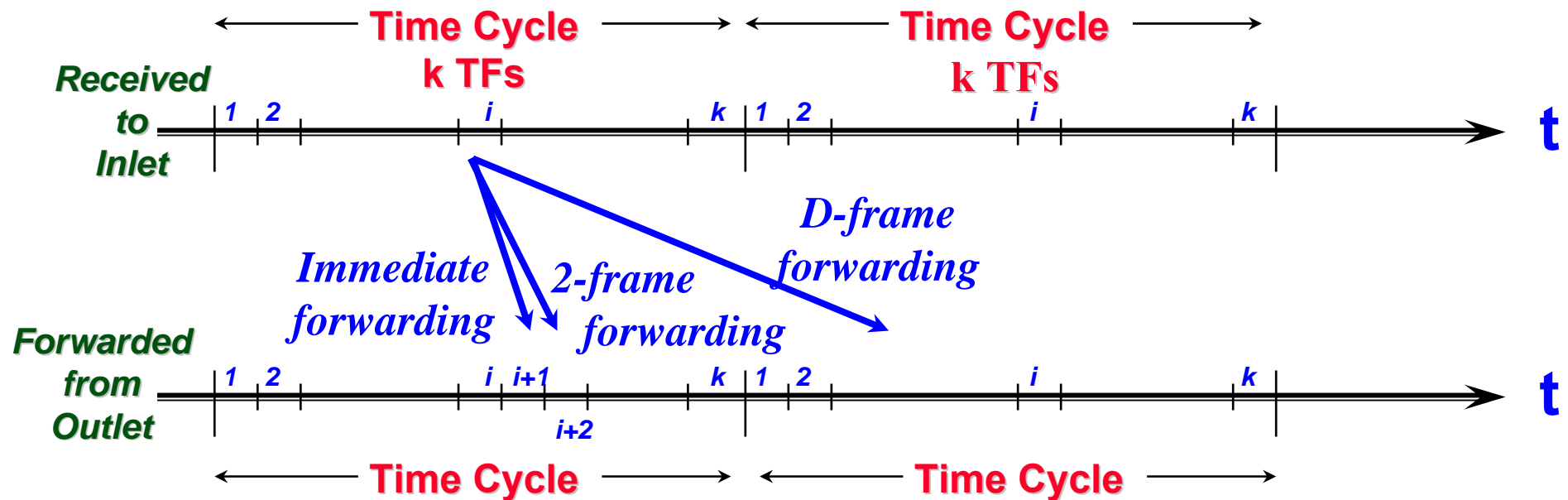
- And, thus, the blocking probability for a given  $k, b$  is:

- $P_{blocking} = 1 - P_{available} = 1 - \sum_{o=2b-k+1}^{o=b} \binom{b}{o} \binom{k-b}{b-o} / \binom{k}{b}$



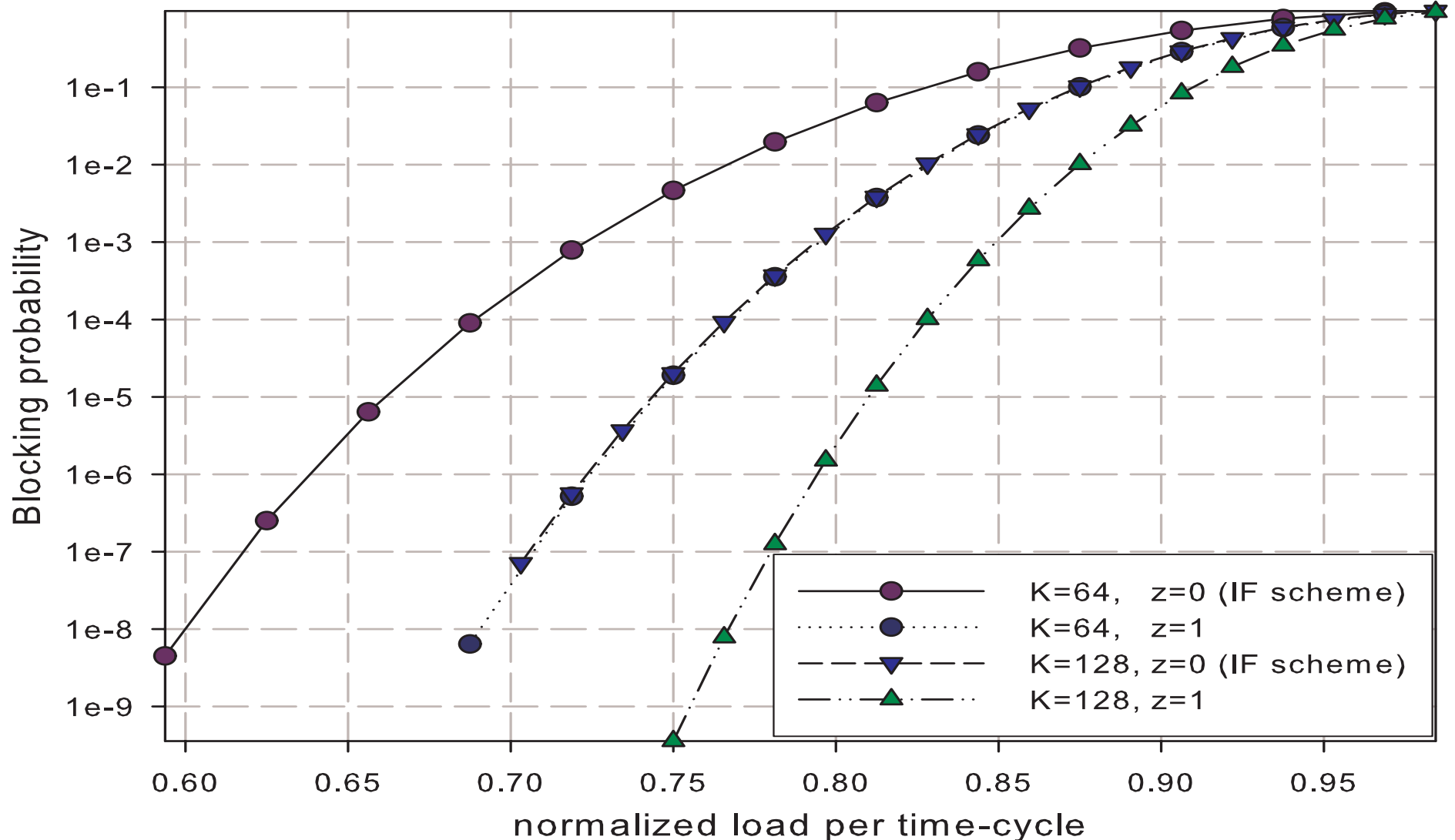


# Reducing Blocking with Non-immediate Pipeline Forwarding – Additional Delay Buffers



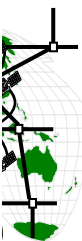
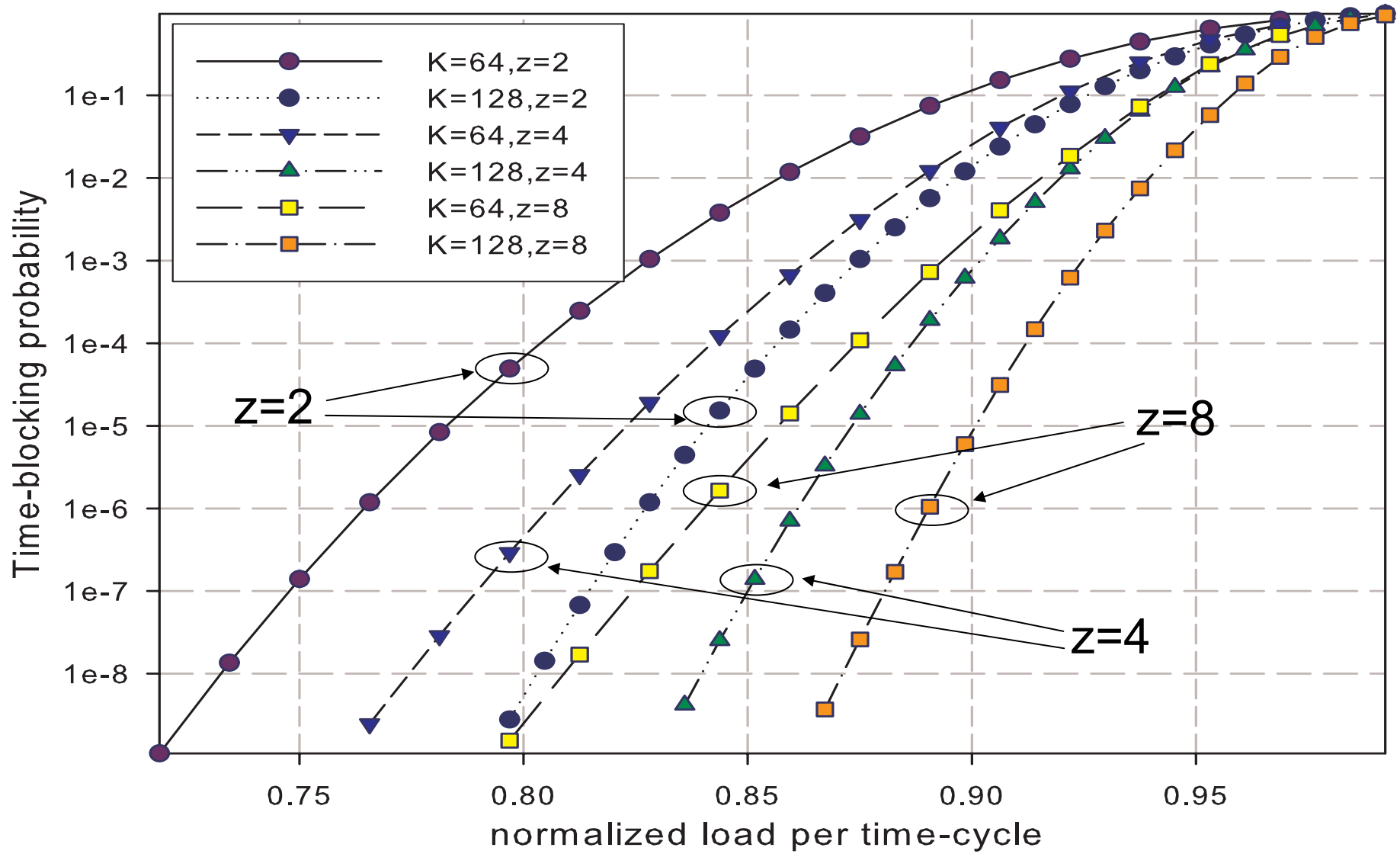
# Results for $z=0,1$

## Non-immediate with 1 buffer delay



# Results for $z > 1$

## Non-immediate with 1 buffer delay



# Closed-form Time Blocking Probability Analysis Using Combinatorial (Counting) Approach:

Throughput and delay are known deterministically

- (1) Immediate forwarding (IF) analysis –  
IEEE T. on Communications 2008
- (2) Non-immediate forwarding (NIF) & multi-hop  
IEEE INFOCOM 2008

- (1) More TFs in each time cycle lower time blocking
- (2) More optical channels lower time blocking



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# Deployment Solution Strategy

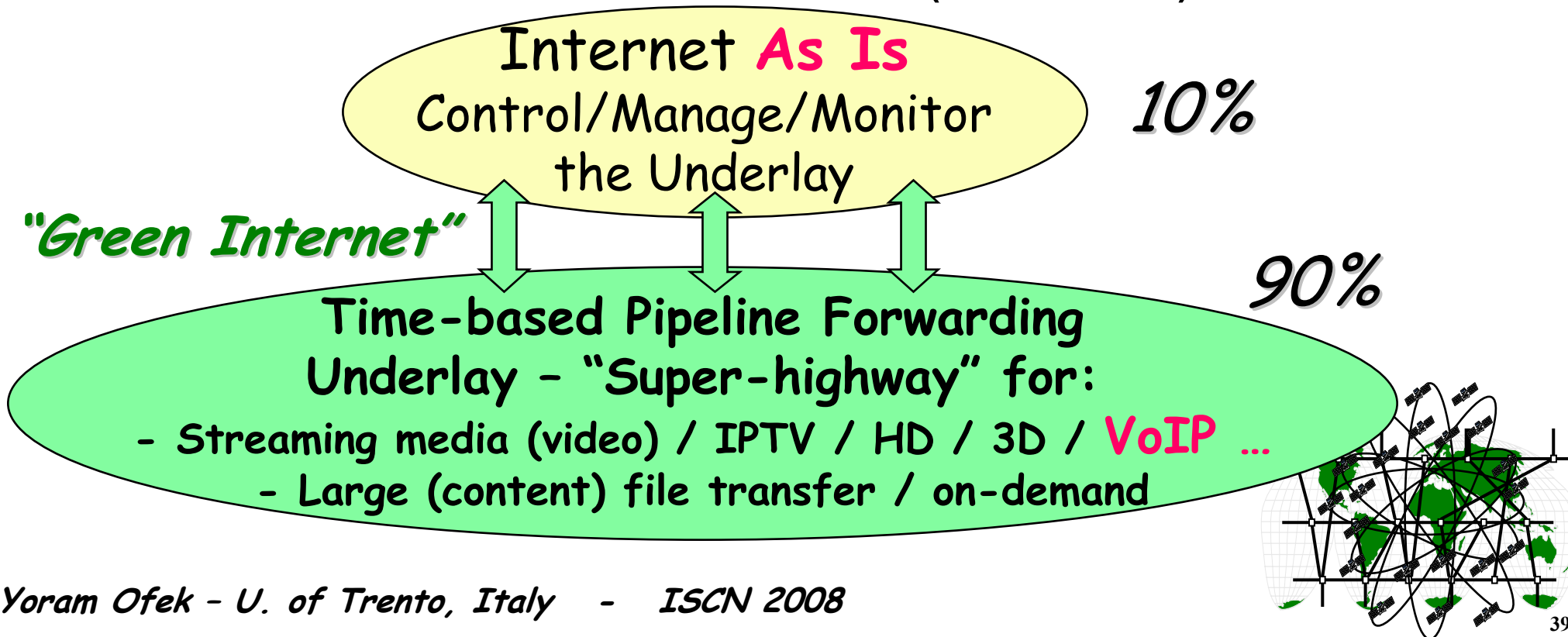
- **KEEP THE INTERNET AS IS!**
  - It is operating beautifully for many applications
  - Scaling 50-100 folds much too expensive, and therefore, not realistic
- **So how to proceed?**



# The Underlay Deployment Solution

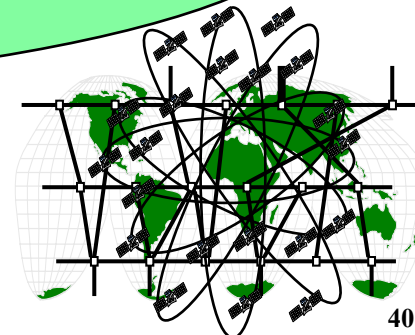
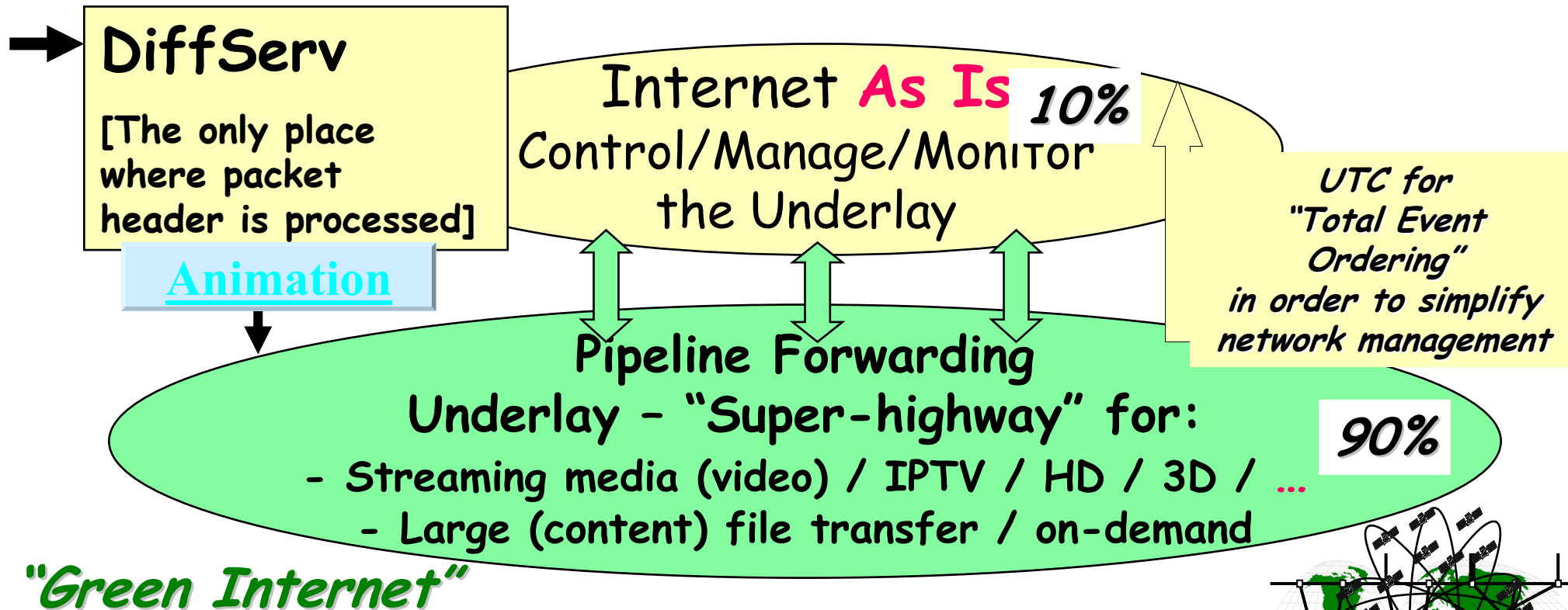
## ■ Future Internet:

- Current Internet evolving slowly
- Underlay – ultra scalable **>90% of the traffic**
  - **Video-based** and interactive (**VoIP**) applications
  - Over the same fiber infrastructure (with WDM)



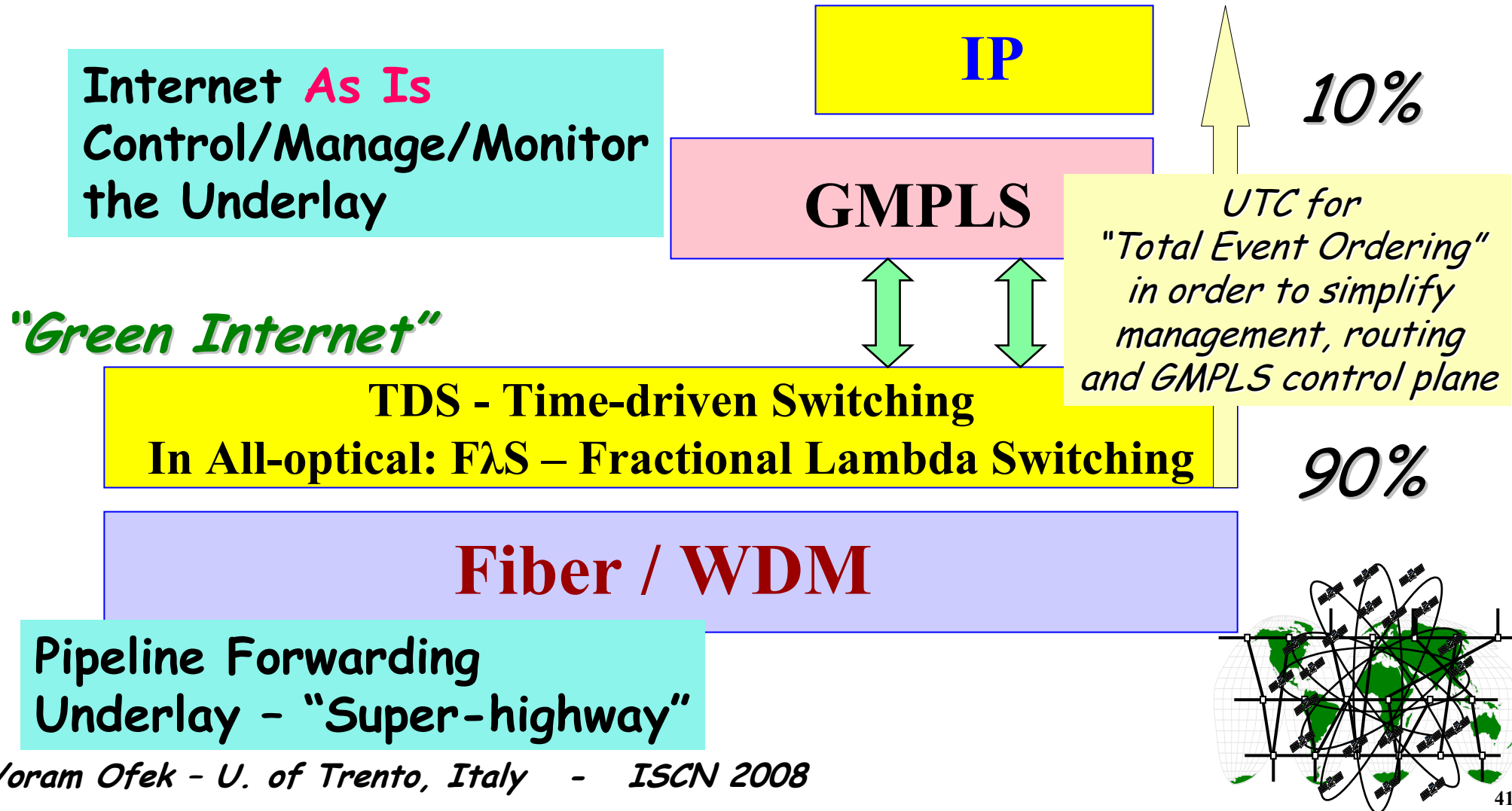
# Underlay over the Same Infrastructure

- Using WDM (wavelength division multiplexing)
- Existing protocols: DiffServ, GMPLS, ...



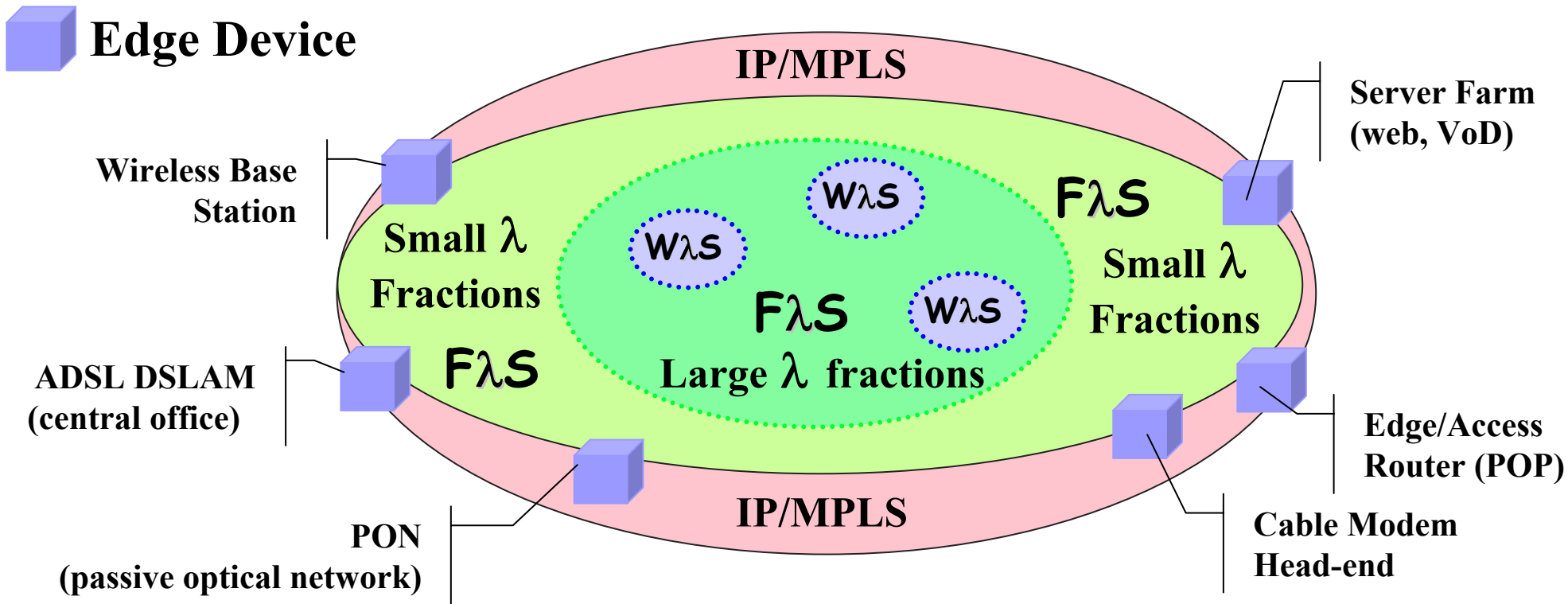


# The Internet Underlay Simplified Protocol Structure



# The Underlay Deployment Solution

## Header Processing & Buffering Only at the Edges



**W $\lambda$ S** - Whole  $\lambda$  Switching or  $\lambda$  Routing

**F $\lambda$ S** - Fractional  $\lambda$  Switching



# The Underlay Deployment Solution

## ■ First stage:

- World wide live streaming & download to distribution centers in metro area
- Where every major metro area will have it's own “super-highway” **underlay**

## ■ Second stage:

- Integration with **rural areas**
- Integration with **wireless: 3G, 4G, ...**



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# Extra Revenue from Live Streaming

- Live events: sport (foot-ball, ...), news, ...
  - ON DEMAND and EVERYWHERE
- An example: assume that there are:
  - 1000 prime events per year in which
  - 10 million users **really would like to watch**
    - but unable do it during the rigid TV broadcasting **schedules** and **capacity** (IP may provide any capacity) and perhaps are:
  - (1) willing to pay 10 Euro/event (or targeted advertising) – provided they receive it with (2) SLA guarantee/assurance
- Consequently, the potential to provide the telecom business with **additional 100 Billion Euro in revenue** ( $1,000 * 10,000,000 * 10$ ) through **new Internet services**
- Of course, all current Internet services are unchanged



# Wireless Solutions with Time

- Major capacity increase for predictable traffic utilizing **TIME** to optimize:
  - Spectrum: OFDMA (orthogonal frequency division multiple access), ...
    - Together with:
  - Space: SDMA (space division multiple access), smart antennas, ...
- Optimize multi-hop wireless networks:
  - Mesh
  - Ad-hoc



# Wireless Already Relies on Time (Phase Sync.)

Synchronization service	Application	Expected quality
<b>Global time</b> <b>(Time-of-Day)</b> <b>(Phase sync.)</b>	WiMAX	TDD – Time-division duplex - 1 $\mu$ s – MOBILE WL
	Femto-Cell	Solution for Fixed Mobile Convergence – home cellular base station via DSL - 1 $\mu$ s UTC to the home
	3GPP MBMS/LTE	MBMS Content synchronization - TBD
	IP SLA One-way delay	Target precision in few orders of magnitude below average delay (i.e. $\sim 10$ -100 $\mu$ s)
<b>System specific time</b> <b>(Phase sync.)</b>	802.16(D/E)	Depends on: mode, modulation, application, implementation Strongest needs for optimized radio frequency utilization, mobility and HO/Fast BS switching and MBS options
	3GPP2 CDMA Base Stations	Frequency assignment <i>shall</i> be less than $\pm 5 \times 10^{-8}$ (like 3GPP) Time alignment error <i>should</i> be less than 3 $\mu$ s
	3GPP MBMS/LTE	Cell synchronization accuracy better than to 3 $\mu$ s for SFN support Different options under study; one is to get precise time in-band



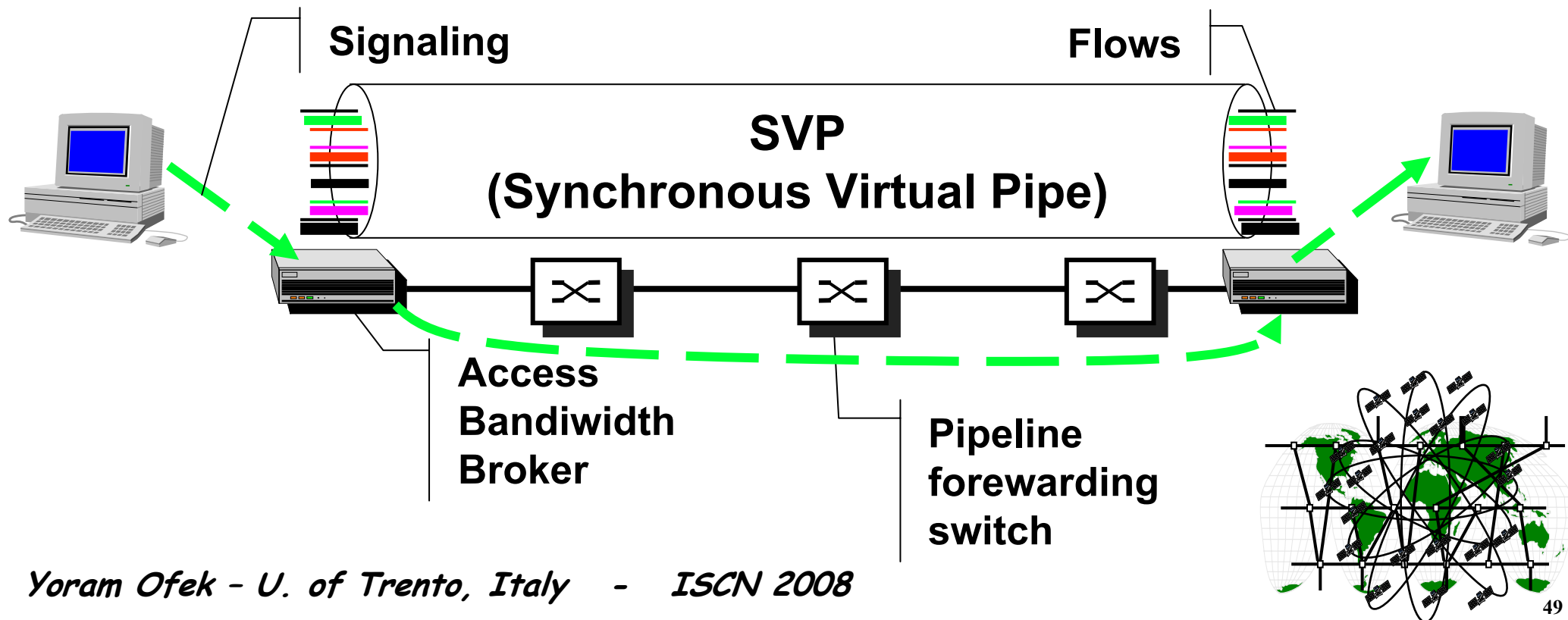
# Protocol Simplifications Solutions over a Single IP Network

- Global time enables TEO - total event ordering for management, routing and control plane
- Reduction in the number of protocols as a result the “super-highway” underlay
  - Reduced need for:
    - ATM, SONET/SDH – all variants
    - VPN (virtual private network)
      - simply use synchronous virtual pipe (SVP) see next
  - Simplified SLAs and security (e.g., firewall)
    - Using secure/authenticated global time stamps
  - Well-defined network interface





# **SVP** (Synchronous Virtual Pipes) for Plurality of Flows over the “Super Highway” Underlay Like FEC (forwarding equivalent class) in MPLS Setup with GMPLS (+ global time semantic) [or Like VP (virtual pipe) in ATM]



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- **Adding the time dimension (UTC) solves:**
  - **Revenue from premium events on-demand**
    - Live streaming with deterministic performance guarantees
    - Interactive applications and services
  - **Switching scalability and cost problem**
    - Namely, much larger network for much lower cost
    - All-optical networking solution
- **Green Internet**
  - **Single integrated IP network**
  - **Reduction in protocol complexity while using existing protocols: GMPLS, DiffServ**
  - **Wireless/mobile with live streaming (on-demand / multicast)**
- **Underlay as a realistic deployment strategy for >100 larger Internet**



# Thank you!

*"Every great scientific truth goes through three stages.  
First, people say it conflicts with the Bible.  
Next, they say it had been discovered before.  
Lastly, they say they always believed it."*

Louis Agassiz, 1807-1873  
(Swiss-born, Harvard professor,  
discovered the Ice age)

