Deploying Software Defined Networking



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What do we want out of "SDN"

- Performance (guaranteed?)
- Smarter decision making
- Single network control point
- Visibility

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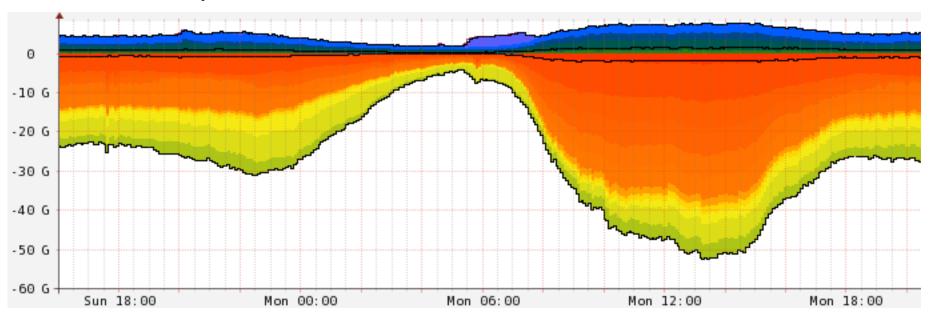
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Profit



What do we want out of "SDN"

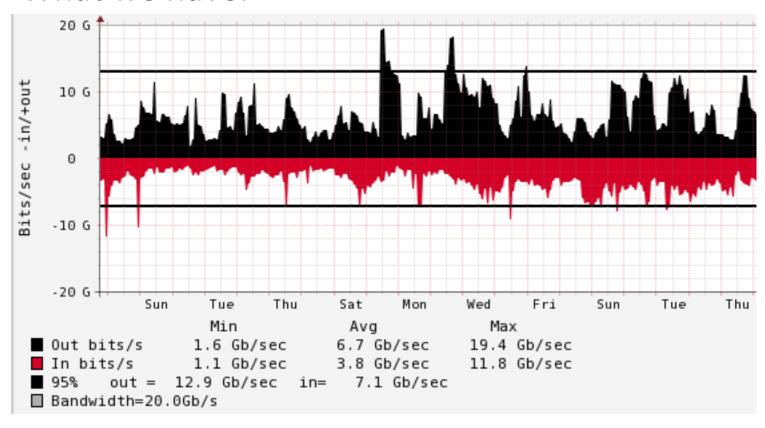
What we expect:





What do we want out of "SDN"

What we have:





What have we learned?

IPv6

- incremental deployment failure
- touching deep into applications is a disaster

DNSSEC

- Cool, but not cool enough to care

Interdomain routing (BGP)

- Network policy per Autonomous System



What have we learned?

Interdomain QoS

- I do not actually trust you
- Doing it right (shapers) way too expensive

MPLS

- Smart edge, dumb middle
- Divide & Conquer

Multicast

- Holding state
- Protocol Soup



The State of SDN

OSCARS / DYNES

- OK idea, poor implementation
- Can perform worse than doing nothing
 - Out of order packet delivery
 - Policers can destroy TCP goodput
 - Extremely fragile

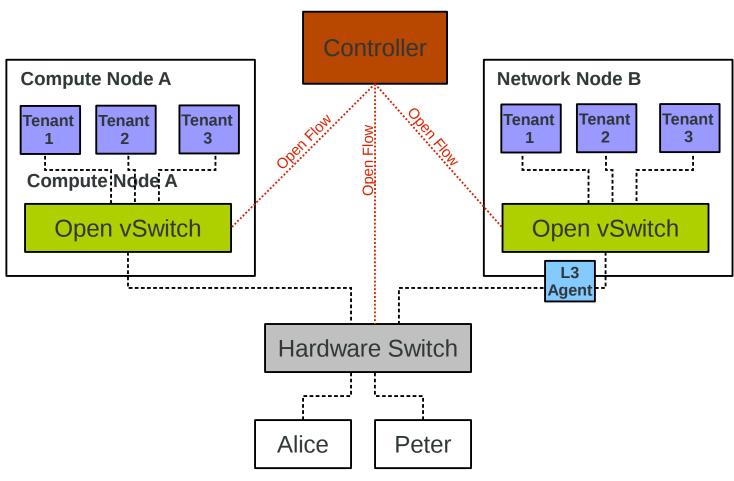
Z. Yan, M. Veeraraghavan, C. Tracy, C. Guok, "On how to provision Quality of Service (QoS) for large dataset transfers," accepted in CTRQ 2013

The State of SDN

- Existing hardware implementations
 - OpenFlow 1.0 + extensions, 1.3
 - Understand optional & other implementation details
- SDN Controllers
 - OpenDaylight
 - Cisco ONE
 - FloodLight
 - NOX, POX, and friends



Open vSwitch





SDN Deployment Models

- Proactive vs Reactive
- "Northbound API" REST
- Ships in the Night
- Vlan stitching
- Overlay tunnels
- Hybrid (OFPP_NORMAL)



Start playing now

- Try out Open vSwitch
 Included in RHEL 7, (tech preview in rhel 6)
- Grab a controller
- Pester your vendors

