

Schedulers for Hybrid Data Center Network

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Hybrid DCN = Packet Switching + Circuit Switching

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Packet Networks

- + High reliability ✓
- + No setup time ✓
- High power consumption
- Not scalable

Circuit Networks

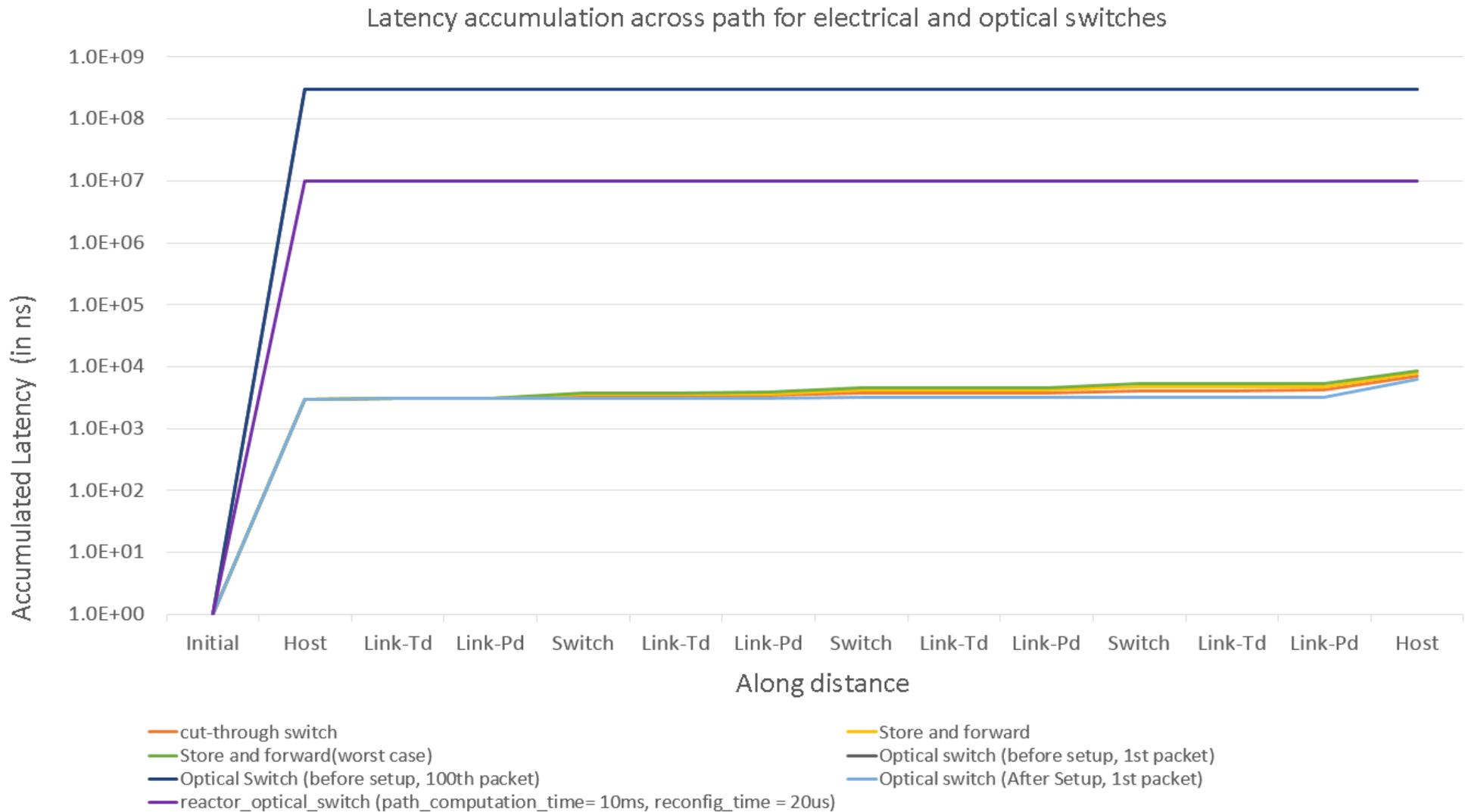
- + High Bandwidth ✓
- + Low Latency ✓
- + Low power, footprint ✓
- Initial setup delay
- Reconfiguration Delay



Hybrid Networks
[Best of both world's]

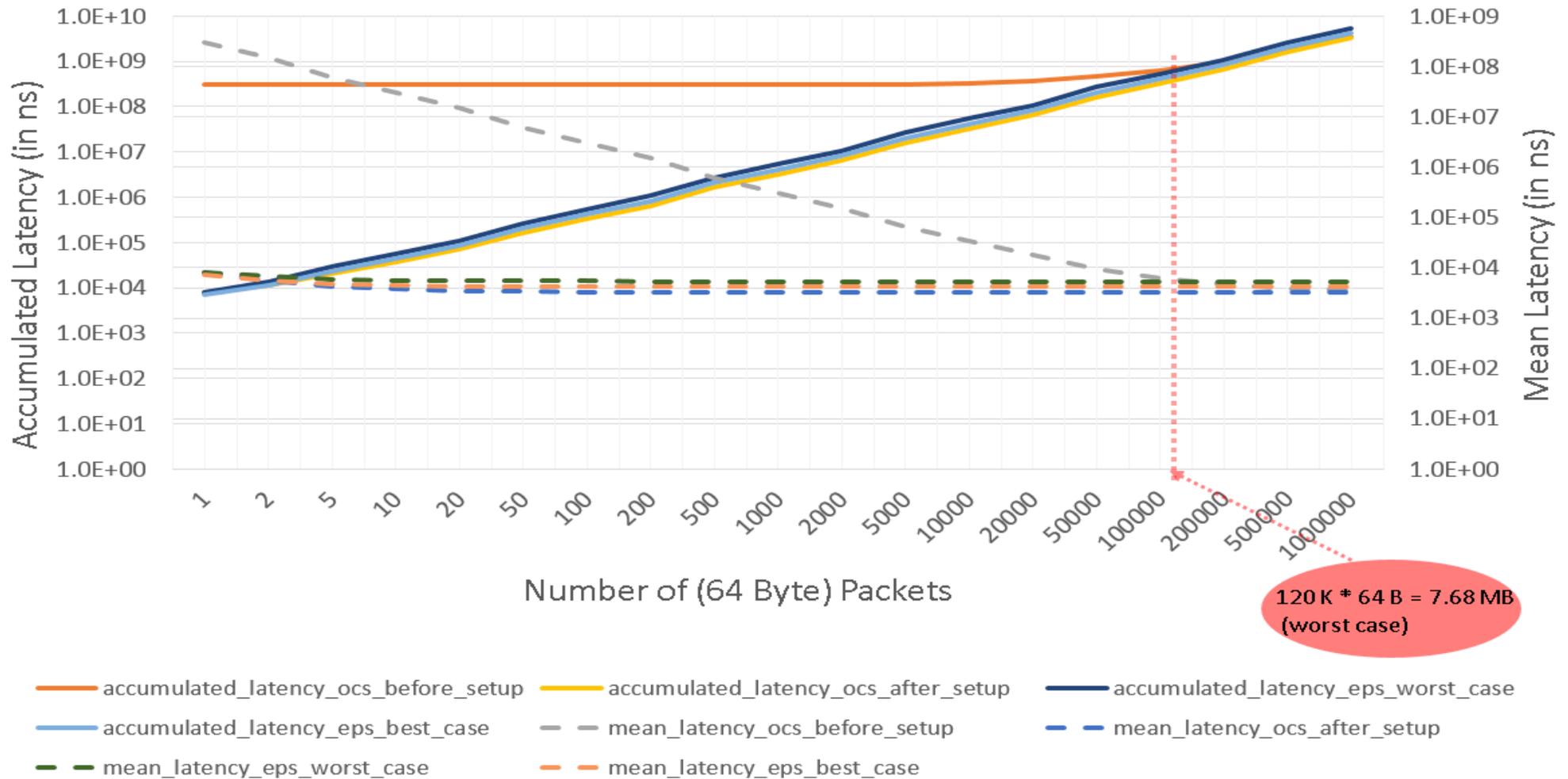
Need **Hybrid scheduler** to co-ordinate the packet and circuit switched network

64 B packet latency across a Circuit & a packet switch

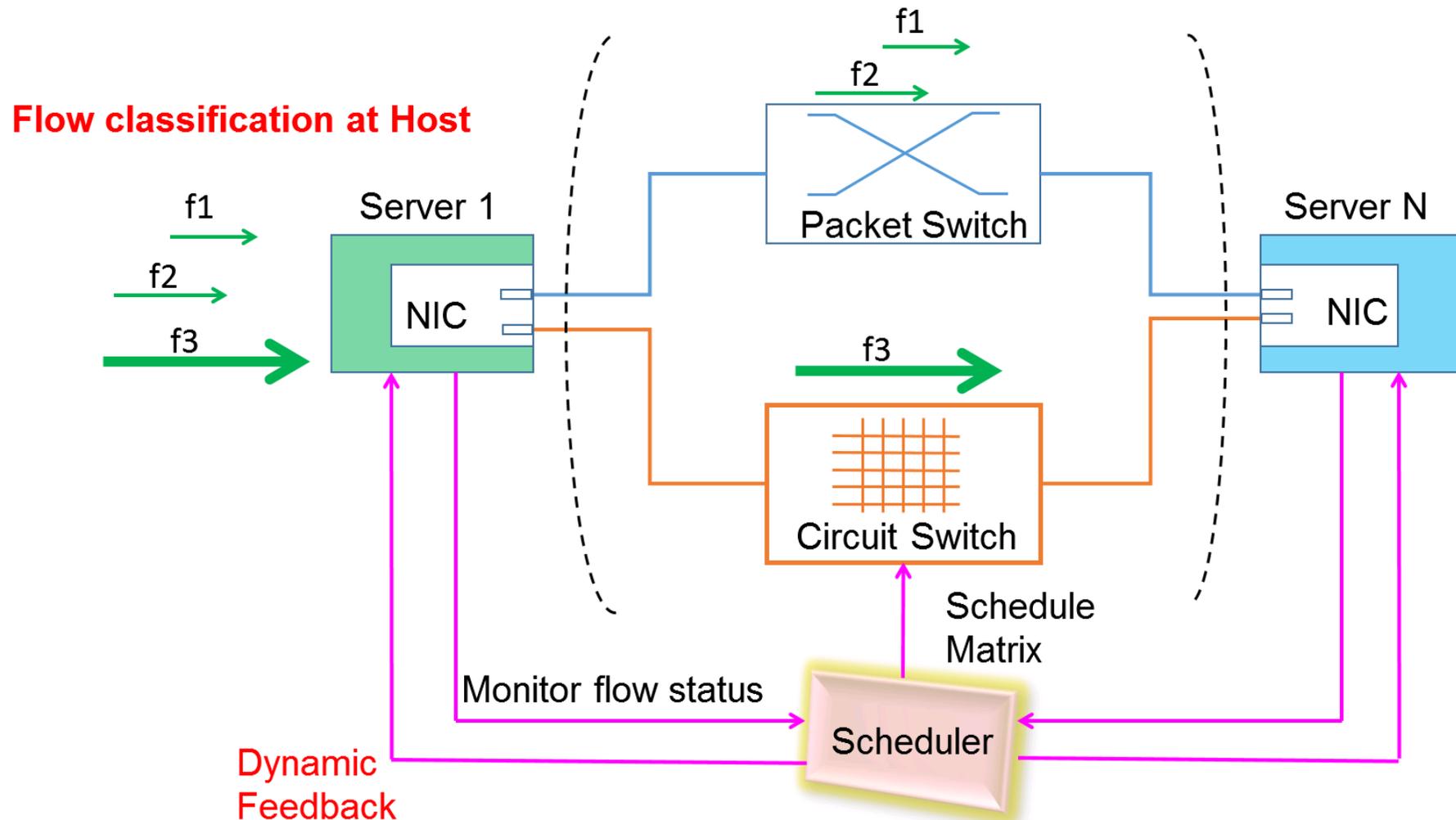


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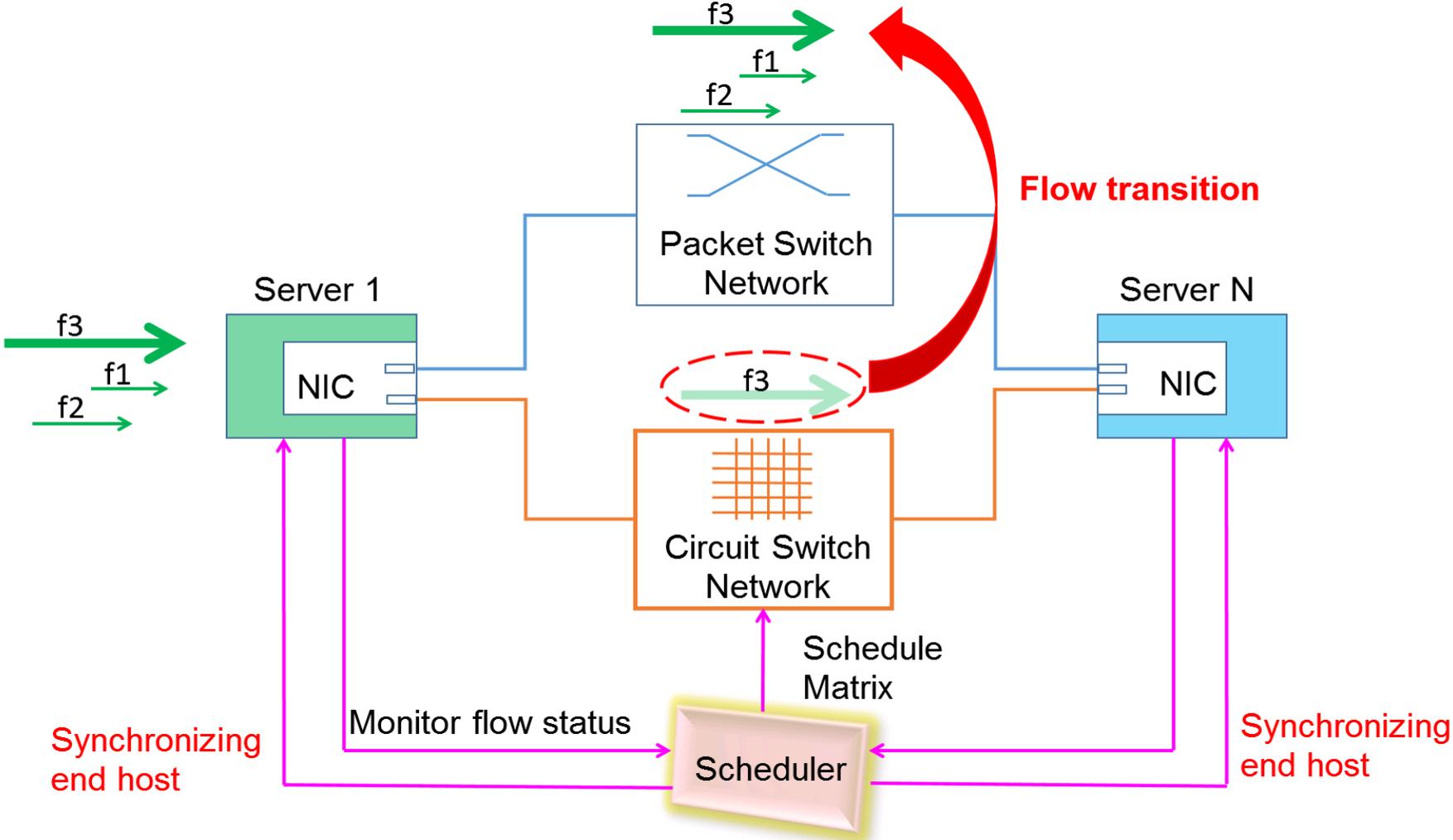
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Our Approach: Flow classification at Host



Flow transition



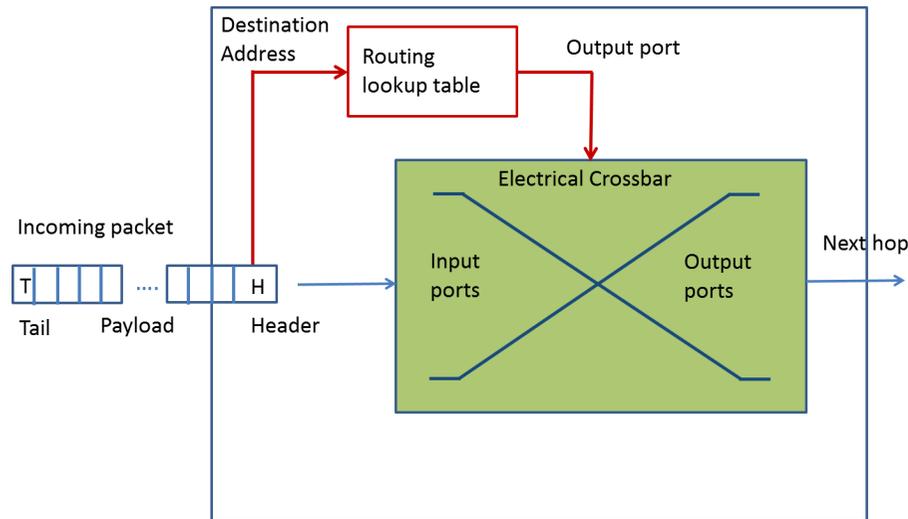
Summary

- Hybrid networks are essential to meet emerging DCN requirements.
- Need dynamic schedulers for hybrid networks.
- Ideas for the dynamic hybrid scheduler:
 - Flow classification at host
 - Flow transition
- Evaluation through simulation and implementation (NetFPGA).

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Backup slides

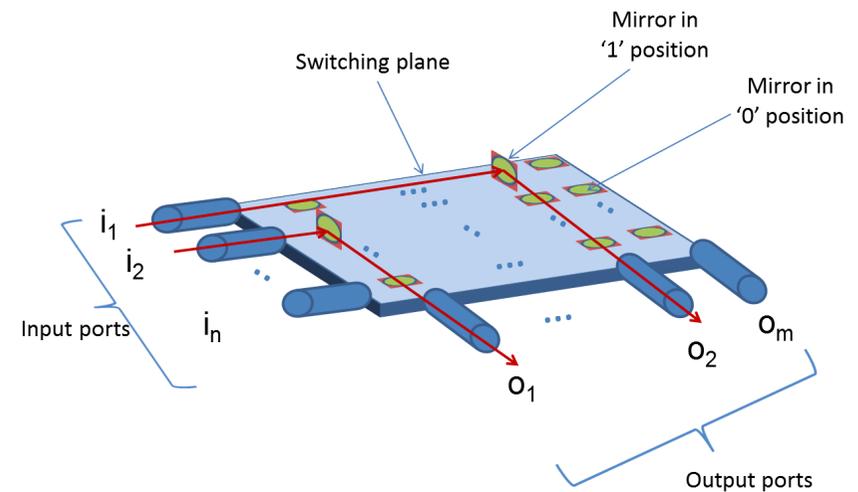
EPS Vs OCS



Has buffers, TCAM

Arista ToR switch (48x10G and 4x40G) has a power consumption of 400 W.

There is packet processing



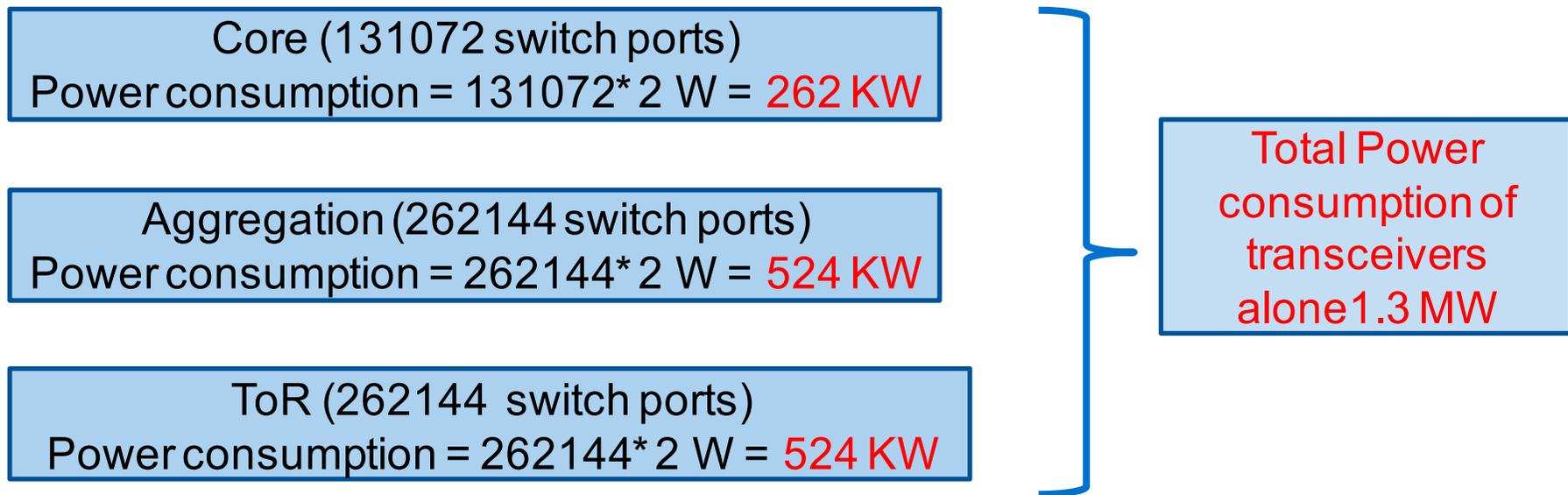
No buffers

Glimmerglass OCS with 192x192 optical cross-connect has a power consumption of 85 W.

No packet processing

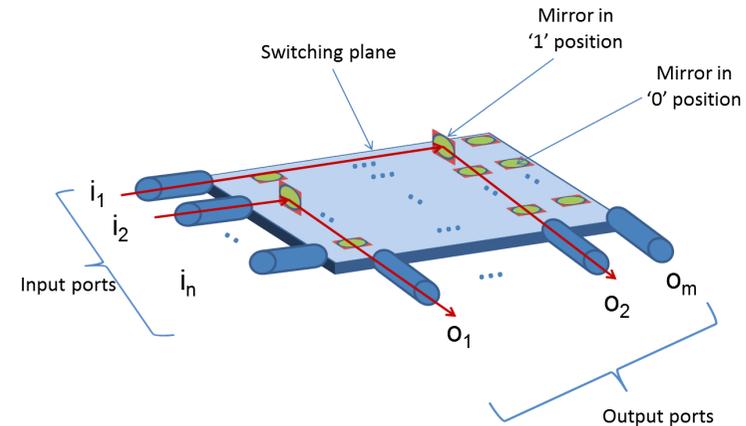
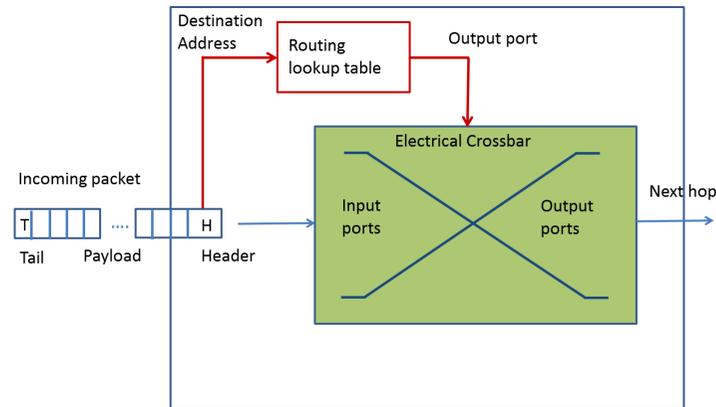
Case for hybrid switching

- Consider 130,000 node data center using EPS with folded Clos topology.



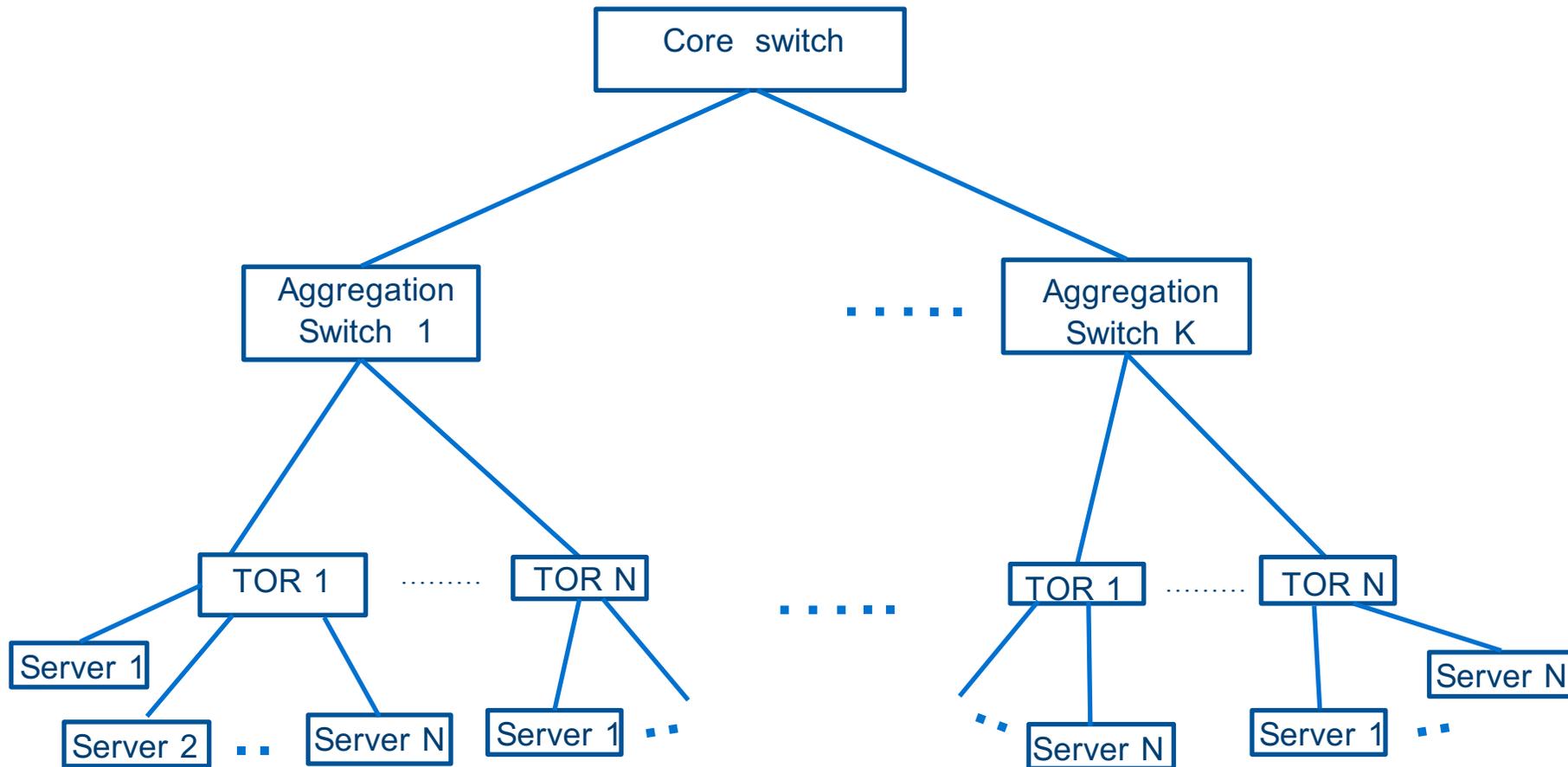
- Increase maintenance and

Packet Switching & Circuit Switching

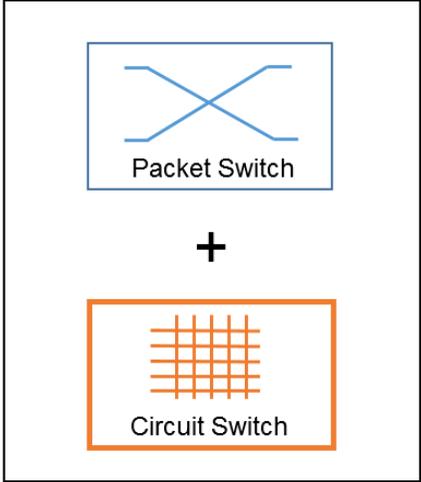
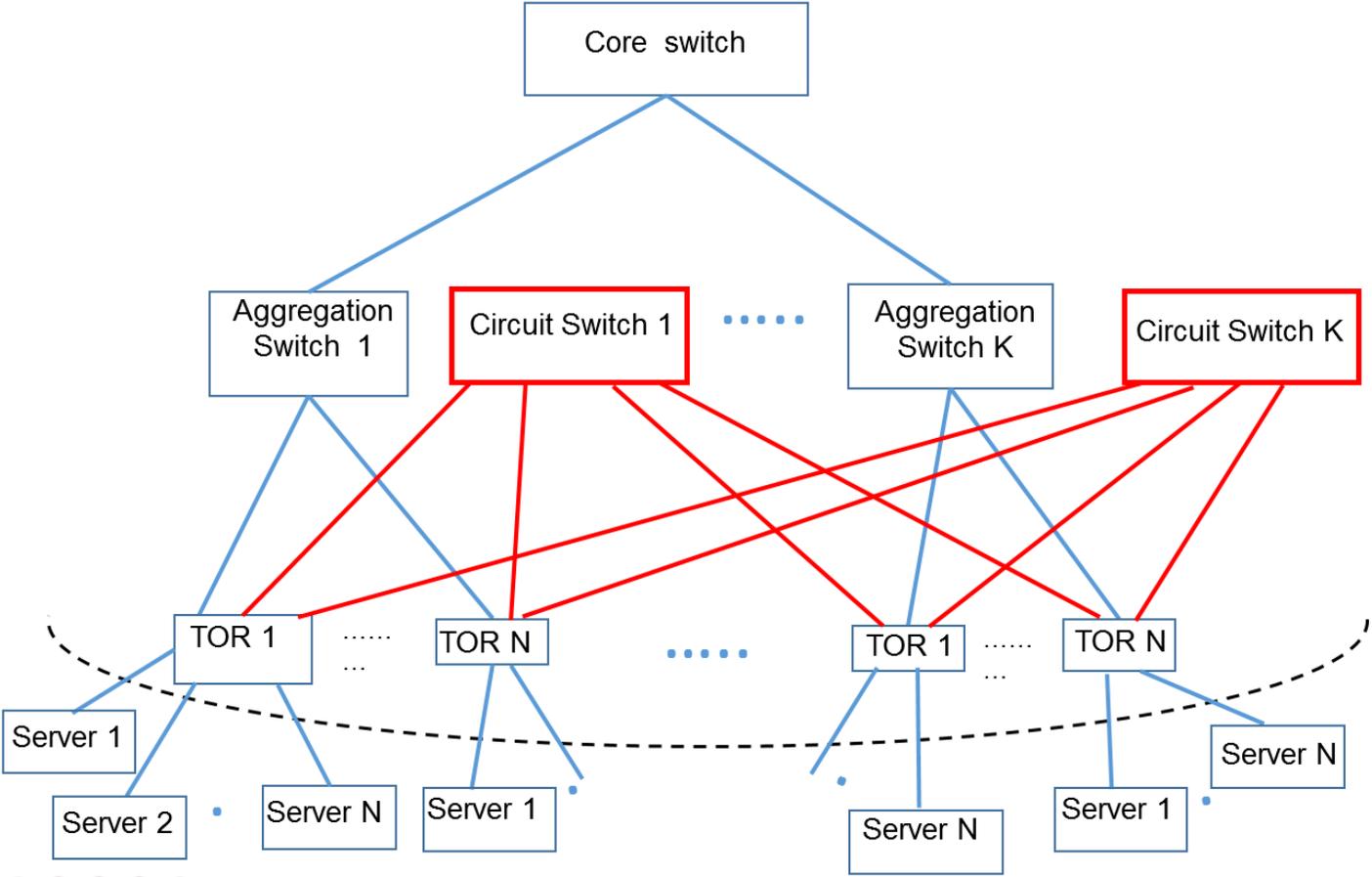


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Traditional Fat Tree topology



Hybrid Network



hybrid switching network (A Big Switch)

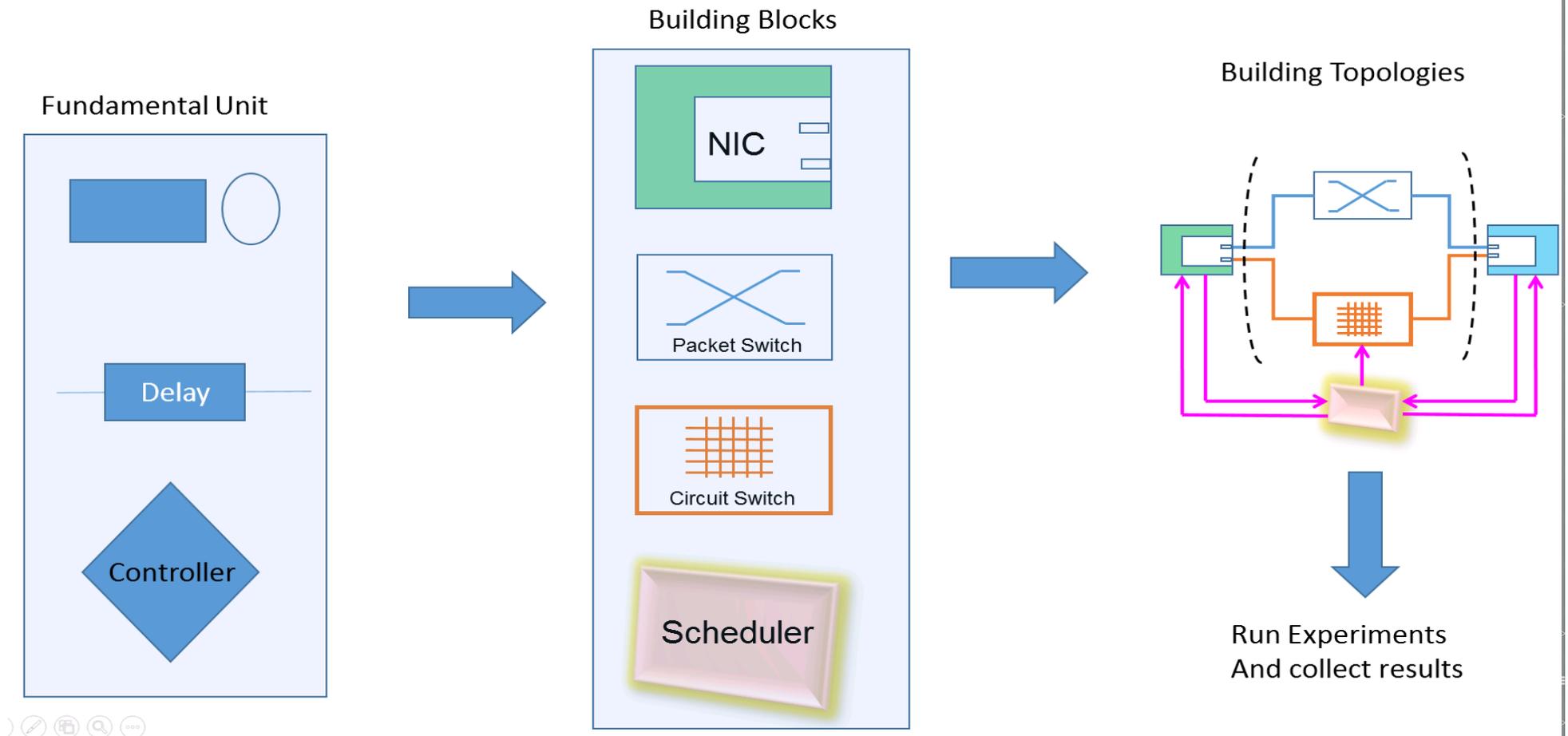
HyNS: Hybrid Network Simulator

- Event-driven, accurate network topology simulator (not a protocol simulator)
- Scaling upto millions of hosts
- Reflects property close to real hardware devices.
- Simulator is not limited to just hybrid networks.

Platform	Sim/Emu	Accuracy	Code Integration complexity	Scalability	Traffic Models
NS 2 (C-through)	Sim	ms	Medium	High	Trace
ReacToR	Sim	us	Low	Low	Fixed packets
OCSEMU	Emu	us	High	Low	Real application traffic
HyNS	Sim	us	Low	High	Fixed packets (WIP*)

* we are working towards developing other traffic stimulus (CDF based, trace driven ..)

HyNS – A brief Overview



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Problem:

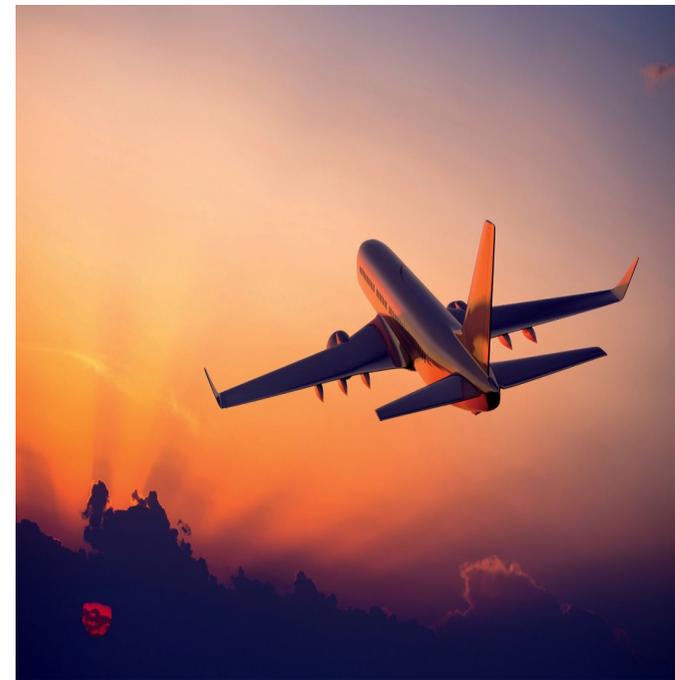
- Designing scalable and cost effective Data Center Networks (DCN) for future.

Motivation:

- DCN require more Bandwidth, better energy efficiency.
- Hybrid DCNs (with dynamic Hybrid schedulers) are needed.

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