rare.freertr.net BIER implementation

P4 BMv2, TOFINO & DPDK dataplane

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Agenda

- RARE/freeRtr in a nutshell
- BIER RFC's/draft implementation
- RARE (2021) /freeRtr (2017) BIER implementation experiment
- BIER interworking with Junos
- "Loop unrolling" BIER replication
- Conclusion

RARE project : Group focus

- GEANT project sub-task: RARE
  - Control plane software
  - Multiple data planes
  - Interface them and the result is …

- Fully functional router
  - Running at hardware line rate
  - DIY "hackable/extensible" router
  - Control plane independence

One familiar platform

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Multiple solutions

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Each solution addresses

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R&E
use case

RARE latest news (M27/48)

- RARE p4 targets

  bmv2 software switch

  Intel/barefoot Tofino on WEDGE-BF100-32X, APS-BF2556X-T1, others

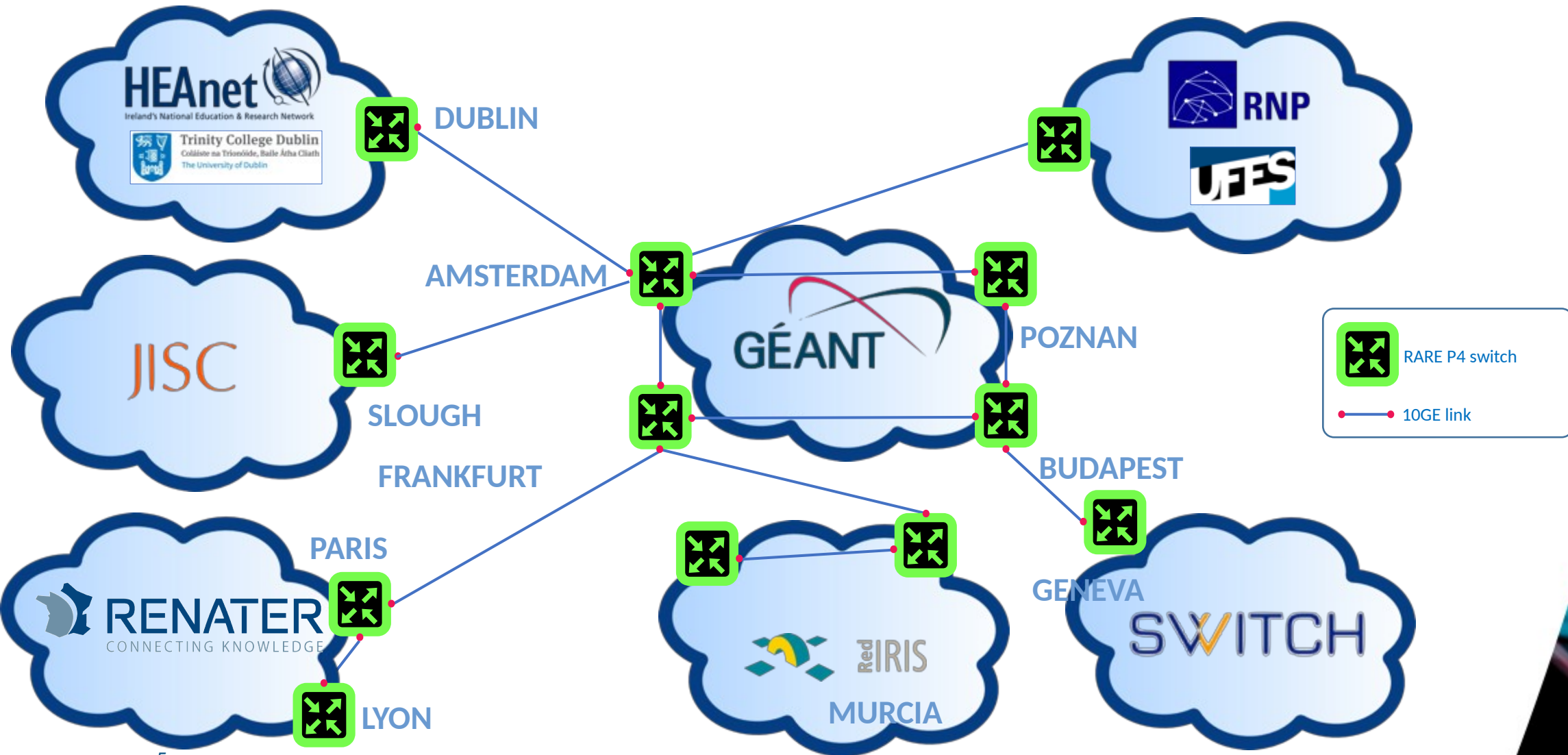 **under study**

- RARE "p4" emulation targets

- RARE Network Programmable targets

  Broadcom **under study**

RARE P4 european testbed

DUBLIN
AMSTERDAM
SLOUGH
FRANKFURT
PARIS
LYON
MURCIA
POZNAN
BUDAPEST
GENEVA

RARE P4 switch
10GE link

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What we have

- BIER in MPLS - RFC8296
  - All the BitString lengths in software
  - 256bit mode in all the dataplanes
- BIER ISIS – RFC8401
- BIER OSPF – RFC8444
- BIER IDR draft
- BIER PIM draft

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Experience

- wwwin.nop.hu/trackMap.tcl - a live network running dpdk dataplanes and sometimes a tofino node

- lg.nop.hu - an ISP like setup

- inf.nop.hu/mtrack.tcl - measured from multiple endpoints talking to each other 0-24

- Regular streaming to loudspeakers with vlc: demo

- All over BIER, initially in sw, nowadays in the dataplane

- We had a successful interop with Juniper! Someone else?

- Forwarding pitfall we're doing

demo.freertr.net - an online BIER trial with draft-idr for 2+ years

```
dn42#                                              dn42#
dn42#                                              dn42#
dn42#                                              dn42#
dn42#sho config-differ                             dn42#sho conf
dn42#sho config-differ                             dn42#sho conf
dn42#sho config-differ                             dn42#sho conf
router bgp4 1                                       router bgp4 1
 bier 256 256 1                                      bier 256 256 2
 redistribute connected                             redistribute connected
 exit                                               exit
interface loopback1                                interface loopback1
 no description                                      no description
 vrf forwarding demo                                vrf forwarding demo
 ipv4 address 1.1.1.1 255.255.255.255              ipv4 address 1.1.1.2 255.255.255.255
 no shutdown                                         no shutdown
 no log-link-change                                 no log-link-change
 exit                                               exit

dn42#                                              dn42#
dn42#sho ipv4 bier demo                            dn42#sh ipv4 bier demo
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prefix           index   base     oldbase  size    prefix           index   base     oldbase  size
1.1.1.2/32       2       494811   0        3-256   1.1.1.1/32       1       620235   0        3-256
172.23.43.90/32  2       494811   0        3-256   172.23.43.91/32  1       620235   0        3-256

dn42#                                              dn42#
dn42#                                              dn42#
```

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Juniper's vMX parsed the BIER info from OSPF

```
        1
      Prefix Length (2), length 1:
        32
      AF (3), length 1:
        0
      Flags (4),  length 1:
        0x00
      Prefix (5), length 32:
        2.2.2.111
    BIER (9), length 16:
      Sub-domain ID (1), length 1:
        0
      MT ID (2), length 1:
        0
      BFR-id (3), length 2:
        111
      MPLS (10), length 12:
        Range size (1), length 1:
          4
        Label Range Base (2), length 3:
          0x31646
        BitString Length, length 4 bits:
          3

mc36@vmx> show lldp neighbors
Local Interface    Parent Interface    Chassis Id          Port info        System Name
ge-0/0/2           -                   00:34:64:47:48:68   pwether2         sid
ge-0/0/1           -                   00:6e:4e:5e:7a:2c   pwether1         sid

mc36@vmx>
```

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the vMX populated the forwarding tables correctly

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✔ local ☒    ✔ safe ☒    ✔ safe (1) ☒    ✔ safe (3) ☒    ✔ nas ☒

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mc36@vmx> show route table :bier-0.inet.9


:bier-0.inet.9: 2 destinations, 2 routes (2 active, 0 holddown, 0 hidden)
+ = Active Route, - = Last Active, * = Both

2.2.2.111/32         *[OSPF/10] 00:02:51, metric 2
                       > to 1.1.1.11 via ge-0/0/1.0, Push 202310
2.2.2.222/32         *[OSPF/10] 00:02:46, metric 2
                       > to 1.1.2.11 via ge-0/0/2.0, Push 385064


mc36@vmx> show route table :bier-0-0.bier.0


:bier-0-0.bier.0: 3 destinations, 3 routes (3 active, 0 holddown, 0 hidden)
+ = Active Route, - = Last Active, * = Both


111/16

                     *[OSPF/10] 00:02:57, metric 2
                       > to 1.1.1.11 via ge-0/0/1.0, Push 202310
123/16

                     *[BIER/70] 00:07:20
                         Local

222/16

                     *[OSPF/10] 00:02:52, metric 2
                       > to 1.1.2.11 via ge-0/0/2.0, Push 385064


mc36@vmx> ▮
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some more forwarding info


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                      > to 1.1.2.11 via ge-0/0/2.0, Push 385064

mc36@vmx> show route table :bier-0-0.bier.0

:bier-0-0.bier.0: 3 destinations, 3 routes (3 active, 0 holddown, 0 hidden)
+ = Active Route, - = Last Active, * = Both

111/16
                   *[OSPF/10] 00:04:40, metric 2
                    > to 1.1.1.11 via ge-0/0/1.0, Push 202310
123/16
                   *[BIER/70] 00:09:03
                      Local
222/16
                   *[OSPF/10] 00:04:35, metric 2
                    > to 1.1.2.11 via ge-0/0/2.0, Push 385064

mc36@vmx> show route table :bier-0.inet.9 detail | match "BCN|via"
                   BCNH FBM 00000000:00000000:00000000:00000000:00004000:00000000:00000000:00000000: ELNH IDd
                      Next hop: 1.1.1.11 via ge-0/0/1.0
                   BCNH FBM 00000000:20000000:00000000:00000000:00000000:00000000:00000000:00000000: ELNH IDd
                      Next hop: 1.1.2.11 via ge-0/0/2.0

mc36@vmx> show route table :bier-0-0.bier.0 detail | match "BCN|via"
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                      Next hop: 1.1.2.11 via ge-0/0/2.0

mc36@vmx>
```

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BFid set on the loopback on rare/freertr

the static BIER encap tunnels with the setdel filter :)


```
✔ local ⊠   ✔ safe ⊠   ✔ safe (1) ⊠   ✔ safe (3) ⊠   ✔ nas ⊠

delete interface pwether2 log-link-change
set interface pwether2 exit
set interface tunnel2
delete interface tunnel2 description
set interface tunnel2 tunnel key 111
set interface tunnel2 tunnel vrf left
set interface tunnel2 tunnel source loopback2
set interface tunnel2 tunnel destination 9.9.9.9
set interface tunnel2 tunnel domain-name 2.2.2.222
set interface tunnel2 tunnel mode bier
set interface tunnel2 vrf forwarding left
set interface tunnel2 ipv4 address 3.3.3.1 255.255.255.252
delete interface tunnel2 shutdown
delete interface tunnel2 log-link-change
set interface tunnel2 exit
set interface tunnel3
delete interface tunnel3 description
set interface tunnel3 tunnel key 222
set interface tunnel3 tunnel vrf right
set interface tunnel3 tunnel source loopback3
set interface tunnel3 tunnel destination 9.9.9.9
set interface tunnel3 tunnel domain-name 2.2.2.111
set interface tunnel3 tunnel mode bier
set interface tunnel3 vrf forwarding right
set interface tunnel3 ipv4 address 3.3.3.2 255.255.255.252
delete interface tunnel3 shutdown
delete interface tunnel3 log-link-change
set interface tunnel3 exit


sid#show config-differences | setdel
```

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BIER info from the vMX's left and right sides

✔ local ⊠ ✔ safe ⊠ ✔ safe (1) ⊠ ✔ safe (3) ⊠ ✔ nas ⊠

Session Manager

Command Manager

```
sid#show ipv4 bier left
2021-02-20 10:04:27
prefix          index   base     oldbase   size
2.2.2.123/32    123     800000   800000    3-256
2.2.2.222/32    222     800000   385064    3-256

sid#show ipv4 bier right
2021-02-20 10:04:28
prefix          index   base     oldbase   size
2.2.2.111/32    111     800000   202310    3-256
2.2.2.123/32    123     800000   800000    3-256

sid#show mpls forwarding | include bier|targ
2021-02-20 10:04:41
label     vrf       iface    hop          label         targets   bytes
202310    left:4    null     null         unlabelled    bier      0
202311    left:4    null     null         unlabelled    bier      0
202312    left:4    null     null         unlabelled    bier      0
202313    left:4    null     null         unlabelled    bier      0
385064    right:4   null     null         unlabelled    bier      0
385065    right:4   null     null         unlabelled    bier      0
385066    right:4   null     null         unlabelled    bier      0
385067    right:4   null     null         unlabelled    bier      0
656330    v1:4      null     null         unlabelled    bier      0
656331    v1:4      null     null         unlabelled    bier      0
982822    v1:6      null     null         unlabelled    bier      0
982823    v1:6      null     null         unlabelled    bier      0

sid#
```

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rare/freertr's forwarding info from the vMX's left side

first packets to the tunnel, the counters seems ok, so the vMX forwards perfectly!


```
✔ local ☒   ✔ safe ☒   ✔ safe (1) ☒   ✔ safe (3) ☒   ✔ nas ☒
2021-02-20 10:05:59
pinging 3.3.3.2, src=null, vrf=left, cnt=111, len=111, tim=1000, gap=0, ttl=255, tos=0, fill=0, sweep=fals
e, multi=false, detail=false
!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
!!!!!
result=100%, recv/sent/lost/err=111/111/0/0, rtt min/avg/max/total=0/0/2/105
sid#show interfaces summary
2021-02-20 10:06:01
interface      state   tx      rx      drop
loopback0      up      648     0       0
loopback2      up      66      0       0
loopback3      up      66      0       0
loopback42     up      0       0       0
loopback65535  up      0       0       0
template1      admin   0       0       368
bundle9        up      50532   53922   0
bundle9.11     up      2526    836     0
bundle9.12     up      46810   51858   0
bvi1           up      0       0       0
bvi2           up      0       0       0
bvi3           up      0       0       0
bvi4           up      0       0       0
ethernet1      up      48512   4341    0
ethernet2      up      2020    49441   0
ethernet8      up      0       0       0
ethernet9      up      0       0       0
pwether1       up      17497   17427   0
pwether2       up      17497   17427   0
tunnel2        up      12543   0       0
tunnel3        up      12543   0       0
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Forwarding pitfall without inter-replica knowledge: loop unrolling

r2   r4

r1

r3   r5

- r4 and r5 got the IGMP report from the connected VLCs
- both looked up the group's source in mrib, both decided to send PIM in BIER to r1
- both looked up r1 loopback's bfid from the rib and sent the PIM in BIER join
- first I tried the plain old PIM behavior: r1 sent the BIER encapped mcast on the same interface where it got the PIM in BIER join from, but r4 and r5 was able to hash to different incoming interfaces
- then I tried to do a rib lookup on r1 for r4 and r5's loopbacks, but r1 was able to hash to different outgoing interfaces
- so for now, I use only the first path on r1 from the rib lookup and for now, duplication happens on the last possible hop
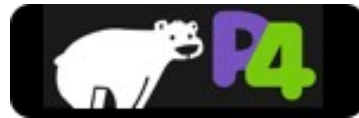- RFC 6754 does not apply as r2 and r3 are unaware of the s,g. better idea?

Key take-away – We are ready to roll into production

- Automated testing: www.freertr.net/tests.html

- 3rd party testing via Spirent usage
  - (thanks PSNC@WB team)

- P4 profile calibration

- DPDK is in operation

- Production instance

- Someone else? :)

Special thanks …

And others …
Who makes this possible !

Thank you

Any questions?

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