# Traffic Optimization for ExaScale Science Applications

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### LHC: Large Hadron Collider



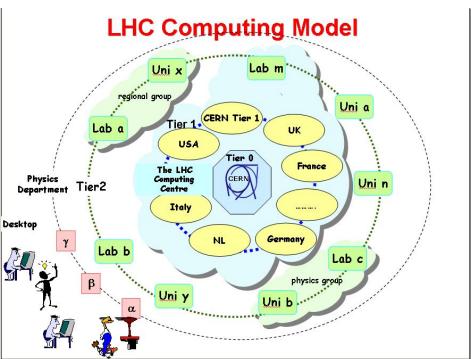
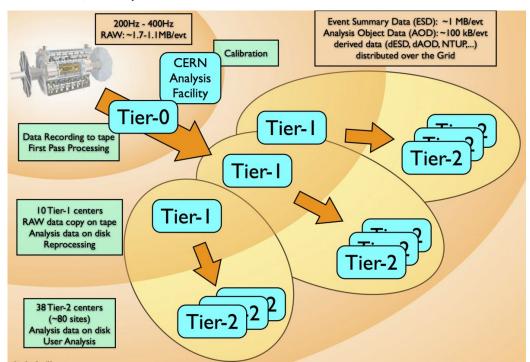


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### Problem Settings

- Exascale Data Transfer
- Requirement for CMS / ALTAS experiment in LHC project
- Features (Multiple Datasets, Domains, Software Infrastructures)



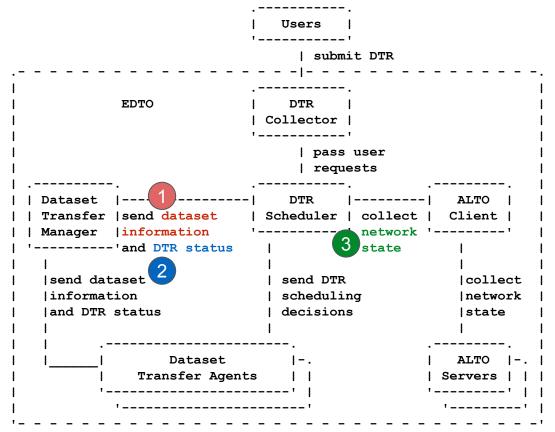
#### Tier2 Use Case

Identify specific hosts
(IP addresses) in a
subnet participating in
a dataset transfer;
direct (only) those
flows

#### Tier1 Use Case

Direct flows to and from specific subnets of data transfer nodes

### Exascale Dataset Transfer Orchestrator (EDTO)



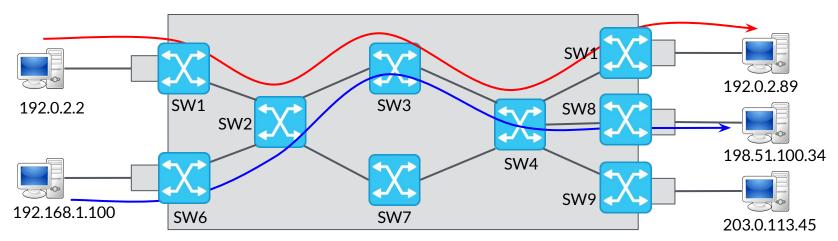
### **EDTO Architecture**

The DTR scheduler requires three classes of information as input:

- Dataset information
- DTR status information
- Network state information (provided by ALTO)

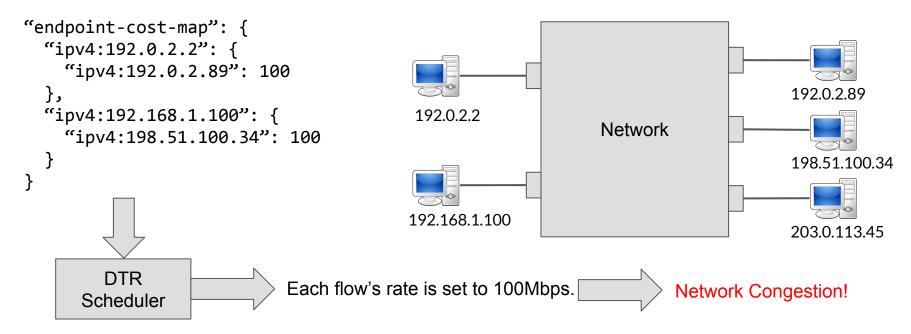
**Question**: what network information can DTR scheduler get from ALTO?

base ALTO protocol (RFC7285): Cost Map, Endpoint Cost Service, etc.



### ALTO: One-Node Topology Abstraction

ECS/Cost Map services provide one-node abstraction

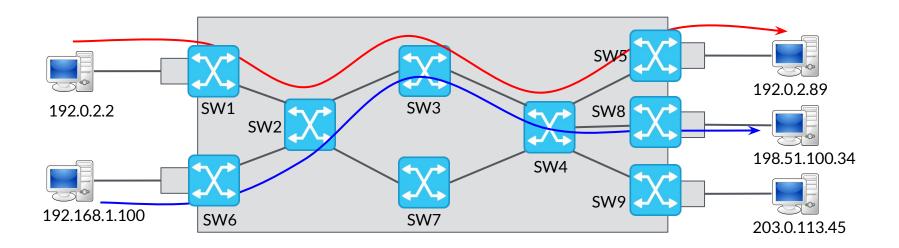


### **ALTO: One-Node Topology Abstraction**

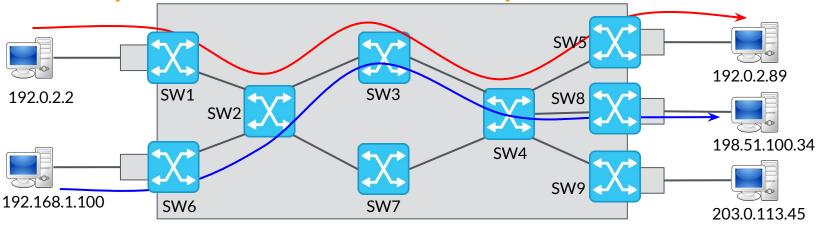
- The efficiency of DTR scheduler depends on the abstraction level of topology
- Returning the raw, complete network state?
  - High overhead
  - Violation of network providers' privacy
- Question: how can DTR scheduler get sufficient topology information from ALTO server?

### Solution 1: Path Vector Extension Service

- ALTO Server exposes topology information of the computed path
- Client retrieves path vector based on endpoint cost map
- Client converts endpoint cost map to graph based format



Example: Path Vector Response



```
"cost-map" : {
    "ipv4:192.0.2.2": {
        "ipv4:192.0.2.89": ["ne12", "ne23", "ne34", "ne45"],
    },
    "ipv4:192.168.1.100": {
        "ipv4:198.51.100.34": ["ne62", "ne23", "ne34", "ne48"]
    }

    DTR
    Scheduler

Set rate of 50Mbps for each flow for fairness.
```

### Solution 1: Path Vector Extension Service

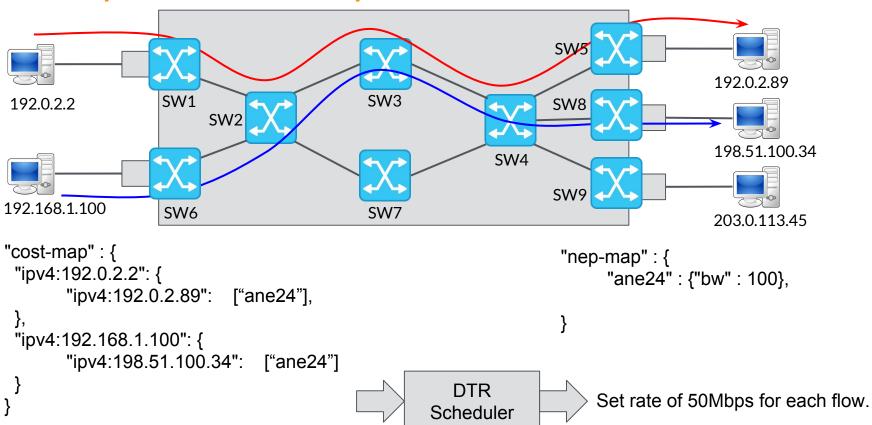
- Advantage
  - DTR scheduler receives sufficient topology information
- Limitations
  - Redundant topology information
  - Amplify the problem scale for DTR scheduler -> slow schedule computation
  - Expose privacy of network provider

 Question: how can DTR scheduler get sufficient yet minimal topology information from ALTO server?

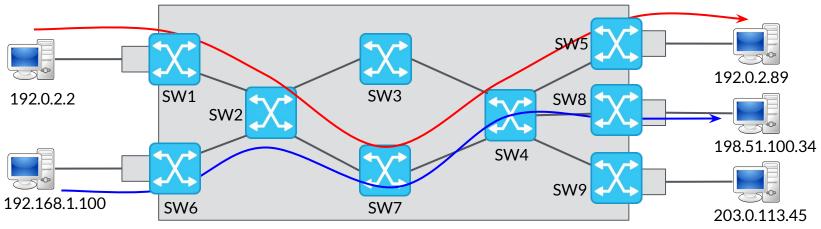
## Solution 2: Routing State Abstraction Extension Service

- Path vector: provide topology information of every routing path
- RSA: provide lossless compression of topology information of routing paths by using equivalence conditions
  - Equivalent: applications can make the same decision based on RSA response and PV response
  - Minimal: only expose topology information that is absolutely necessary to applications

### Example: RSA Response



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```
"cost-map" : {
    "ipv4:192.0.2.2": {
        "ipv4:192.0.2.89": ["ane24"],
    },
    "ipv4:192.168.1.100": {
        "ipv4:198.51.100.34": ["ane24"]
    }
} DTR scheduler is oblivious of actual underlying topology
```

Scheduler

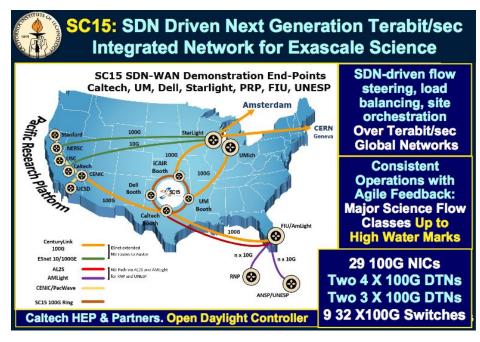
### **Progress and Next Steps**

#### **Current Status:**

- An SDN (OpenDaylight) based implementation on a single-domain testbed
- Prototype of RSA to be deployed soon

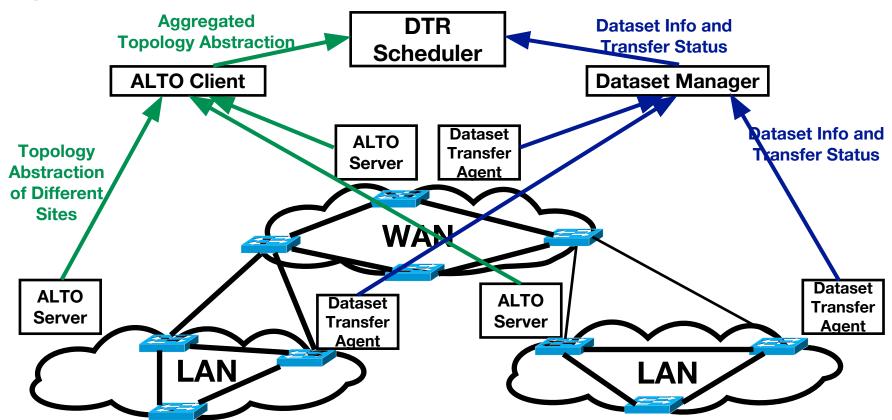
#### **Future Work:**

- Multi-domain deployment on LHC networks
- Topology information aggregation from multiple ALTO servers

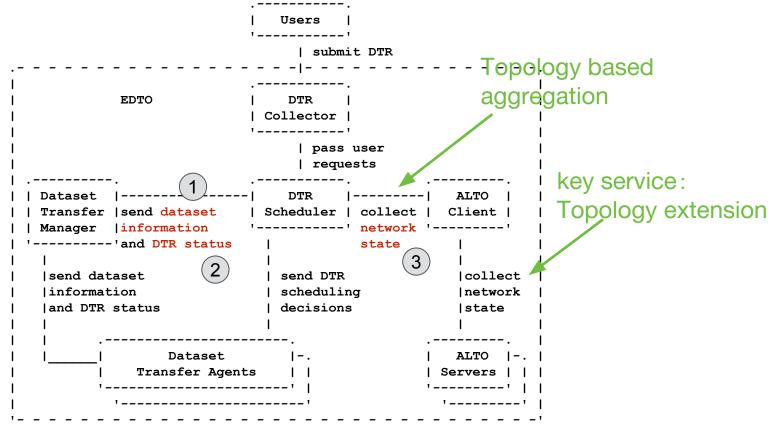


## Backup Slides

### System Overview

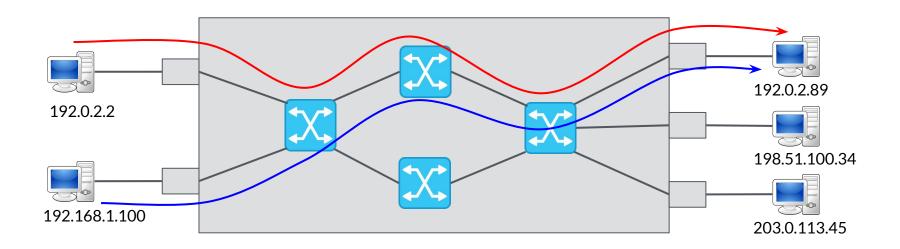


### Solution (Proposal)



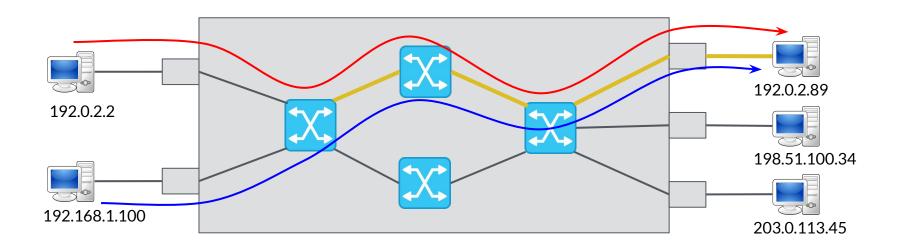
### Path Vector based Solution

- Client retrieves path vector based endpoint cost map
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### **RSA** based Solution

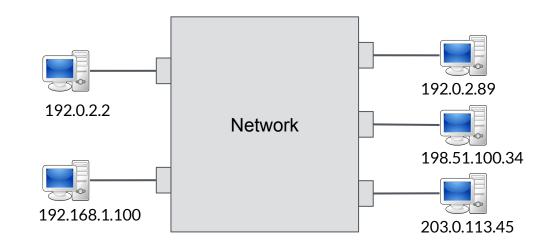
- Path Vector may provide redundant information
- RSA can provide lossless compression of topology information by using equivalence conditions



### Limitation of ALTO One-Node Abstraction

- ECS/Cost Map services provide one-node abstraction
- The efficiency of DTR scheduler depends on the abstraction level of topology
- Resort to ALTO topology extension services

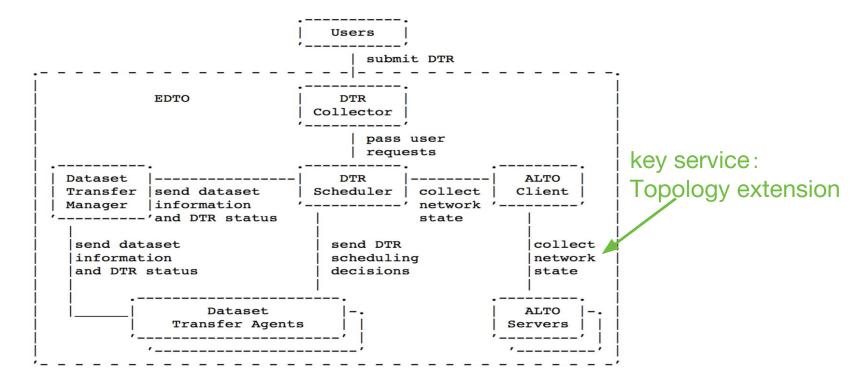
```
"endpoint-cost-map": {
    "ipv4:192.0.2.2": {
        "ipv4:192.0.2.89": 1,
        "ipv4:198.51.100.34": 2,
        "ipv4:203.0.113.45": 3
    },
    "ipv4:192.168.1.100": {
        "ipv4:192.0.2.89": 2,
        "ipv4:198.51.100.34": 3,
        "ipv4:203.0.113.45": 1
    }
}
```



#### Outline:

- 1-2 slides: background on LHC and CMS
- 1-2 slides: EDTO framework
- 1 slide: what does EDTO need from ALTO (Introduce Problem)
- 1 slide: ECS/Cost Map based example (limitation of base ALO service)
- 1 slide: PV based solution
- 1 slide: RSA based solution
- 1 slide: current status (ODL implementation on a single-domain testbed, prototype of RSA to be deployed soon, etc.)
- 1 slide: future challenges: multi-domain, server discovery, topology info aggregation from multiple ALTO servers, etc.

### System Architecture



### Solution (Proposal)

- Topology extension
- Server discovery
- Topology based aggregation

#### Implementing EDTO faces some challenges:

- Limitation of ALTO
  - Lack of sufficient network information for topology properties
- Cross domain issues
  - Consistency of services support
  - Information aggregation

```
"endpoint-cost-map": {
    "ipv4:192.0.2.2": {
        "ipv4:192.0.2.89": 100,
        "ipv4:198.51.100.34": 2,
        "ipv4:203.0.113.45": 3
    },
    "ipv4:192.168.1.100": {
        "ipv4:192.0.2.89": 2,
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    }
}
```

### Discussion

- Deployment Issue
- Benefiting From ALTO Extension Topology Services

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 The efficiency of DTE Scheduler depends on the abstraction level of topology