

How to use NS2

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Part I : NS2 Basics

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NS2 Overview

NS2

- Discrete event driven Object Oriented network simulator
 - Not a real time - serial sequence of events
- Focused on modeling network protocols
 - Wired, wireless, TCP, UDP, adhoc, web, ...
 - Packet based
- Academic Project for over 10 years
 - freely distributed, open source
 - *"de facto"* standard in networking research

Usage?

- To evaluate the performance of existing network protocols
- To evaluate new network protocols before use
- To run large scale experiments not possible in real experiments
- To simulate a variety of IP networks

Pros & Cons

- Pros
 - Free & Open source
 - There are many contribution codes
- Cons
 - Tough for beginner
 - User-Interface is not friendly
 - Poor documents

History

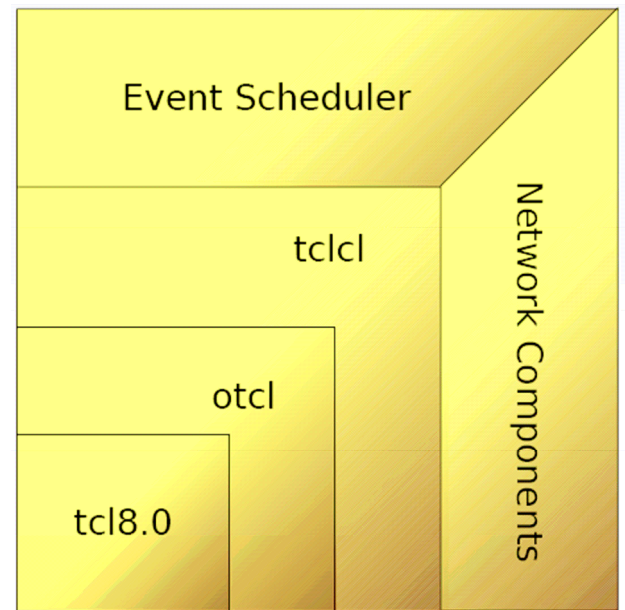
- 1989: REAL by Keshav
- 1995: ns by Floyd, McCanne at LBL
- 1997: ns-2 by the VINT project (Virtual InterNetwork Testbed) at LBL, Xerox PARC, UCB, USC/ISI
 - Multi state collaboration
- Now: ns-2.31 maintained at USC/ISI
 - <http://www.isi.edu/nsnam/ns/>
 - Open source based, now in progress

Installation

- <http://www.isi.edu/nsnam/ns/ns-build.html>
 - Getting the pieces
 - (tcl/tk8.0), otcl, tclcl, ns-2, (and nam-1)
 - or Getting all at once
- Work on most OS
 - Unix like system(Linux, BSD, Solaris...)
 - Windows 2000/XP/... via cygwin
 - <http://www.cygwin.com>
- Mailing list: ns-users@isi.edu
 - “subscribe ns-users” in body

NS2 – Software Architecture

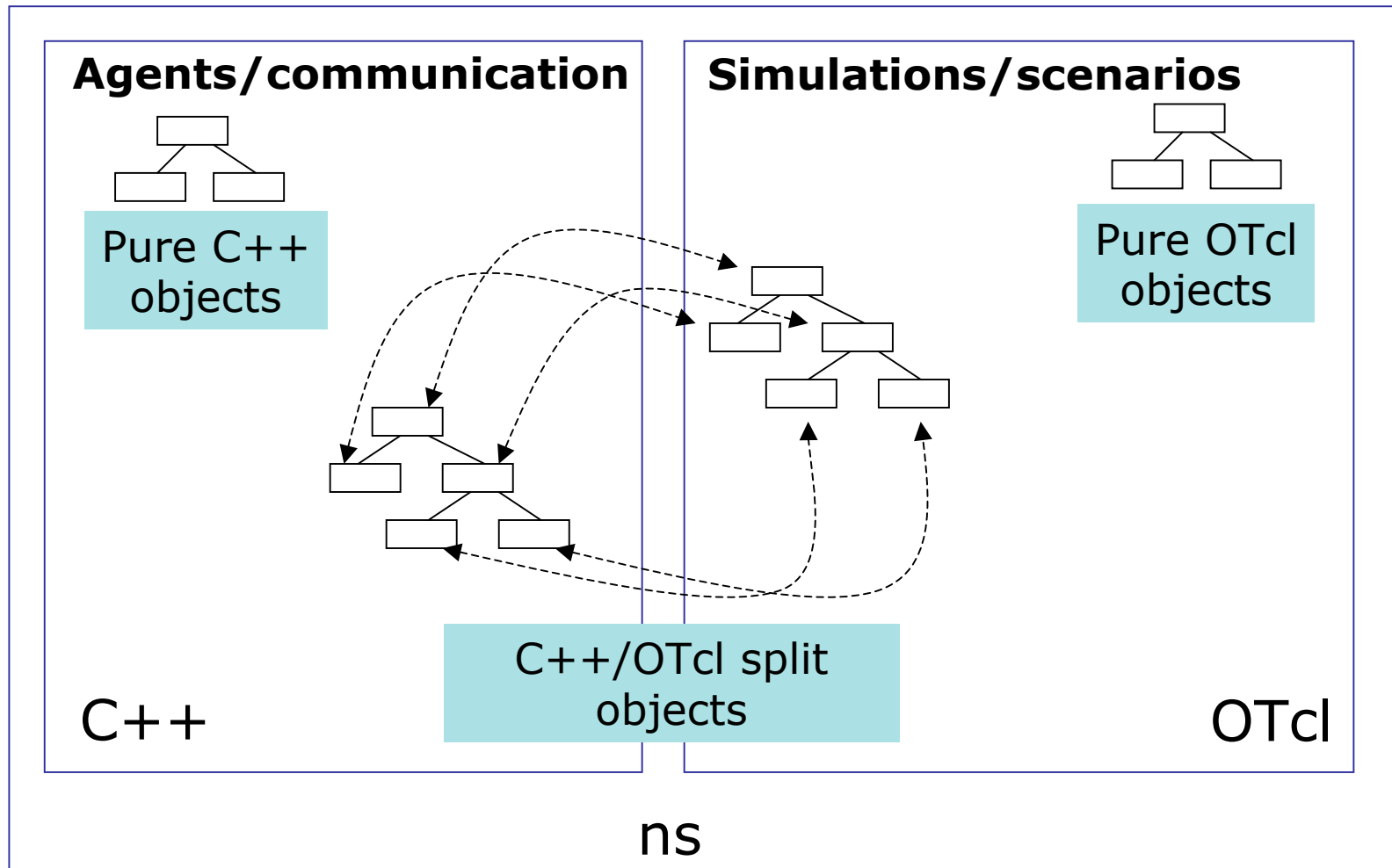
- NS2
 - OOP based discrete event driven network simulator written *in C++ & OTCL*
- Backend - C++
 - Protocols & Framework
- Frontend - Otcl
 - Configuration



Why two languages?

- C++ for performance
 - algorithm, packet processing...
 - Fast to run, slower to change
 - Once made, less modified
- OTcl for network configuration
 - scenario configuration
 - fast to change, slow to run
 - Frequently modified

NS2 duality : C++ vs OTcl

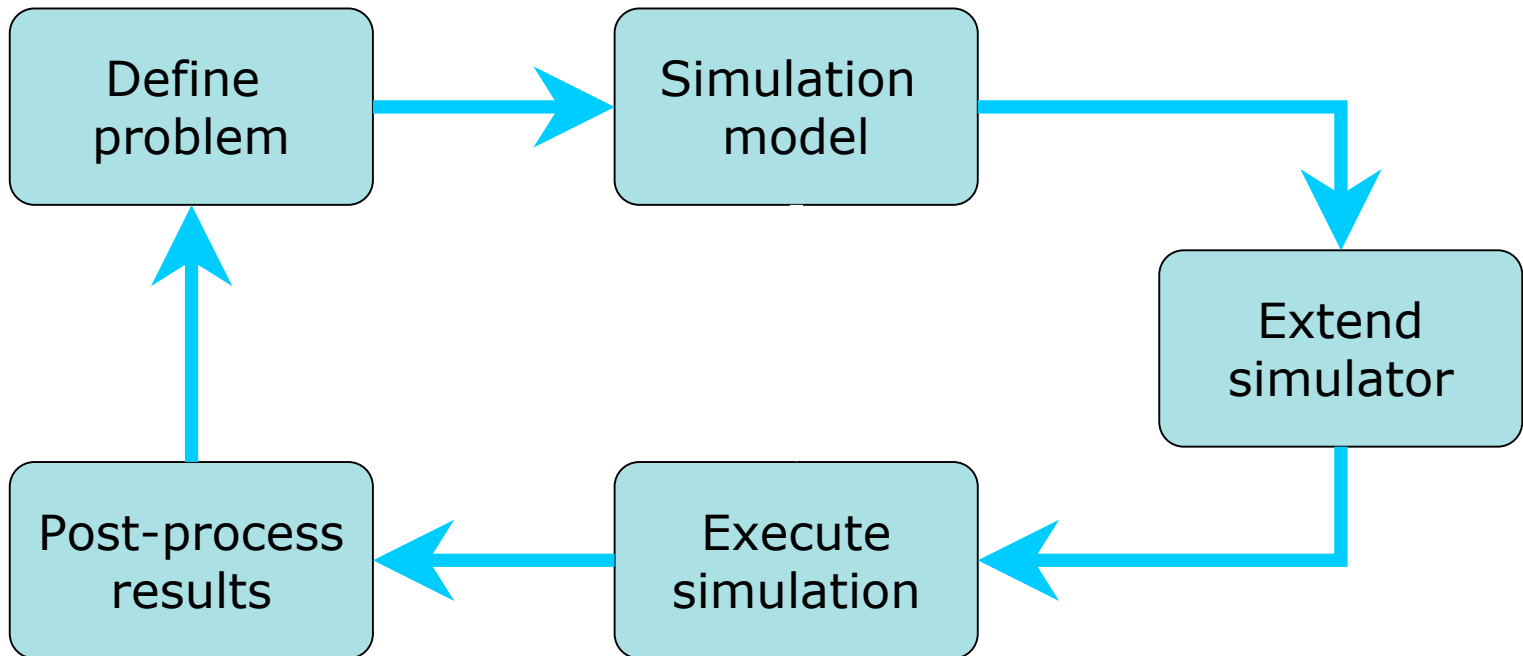


NS2 - applications

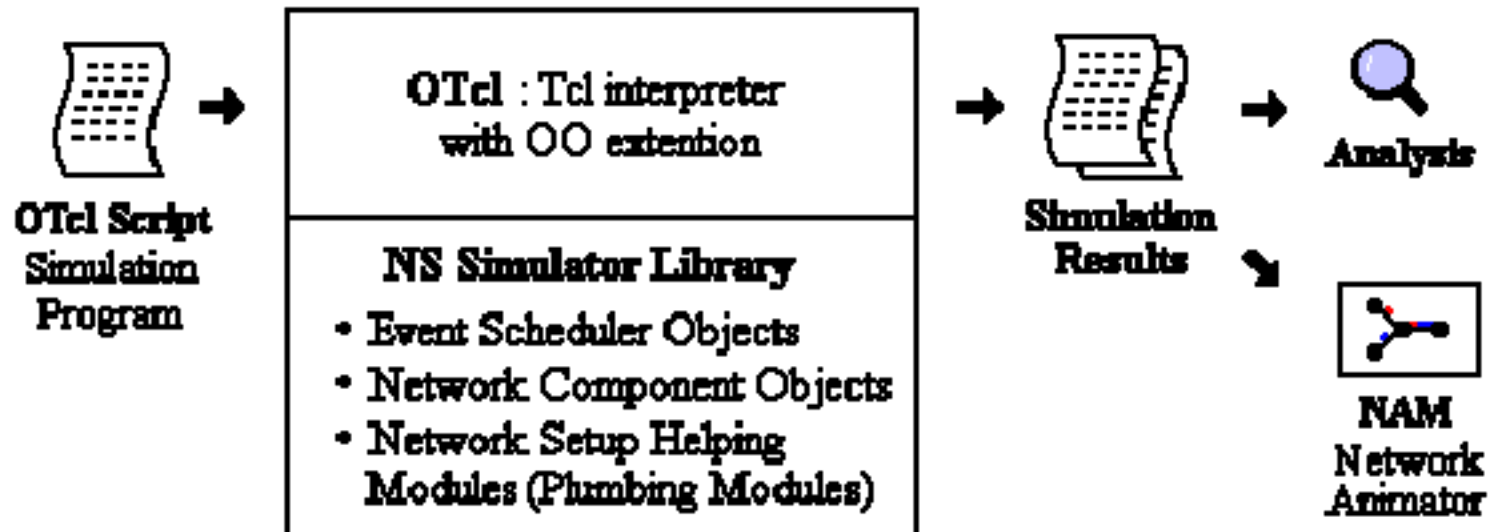
- Lots of TCP (and related) implementations
 - Mobility
 - Satellite nodes
 - Internet routing protocols
 - Various link loss models
 - Various traffic generators (e.g., web, telnet, ..)
 - Network emulation capability (real traffic traverses simulated net)
- Adding in progress
 - *Open source : contribution codes*

Steps when simulating

- Conception flow



Simplified User's View of NS



How to set up a simulation

- Write a OTcl code
 - Init a event scheduler
 - Set up network topology
 - Flow traffics from sender to receiver using scheduler by discrete time event
- Are you ready to 'OTcl'?
 - Do not need to understand deeply

Result of simulation ?

- NS-2 produces one or more text-based output files
 - Output files contain detailed simulation data
 - Trace full link information
- Post-processing
 - Results can be used in analysis
 - xgraph
 - Results also can be graphically displayed
 - Graphical simulation display tool called Network Animator (NAM)

TCL, OTCL Overview

Tcl Overview

- Tcl: Tool command language
 - in 1988 made by John K. Ousterhout
 - simple ‘*string based scripting language*’ for controlling and extending applications
 - generic programming facilities
 - variables, loops, and procedures
- Tk: Graphical Toolkit extension of Tcl
- *Tcl/TK are excellent tools for **Rapid prototyping***

Basic command format

- `# command arg1 arg2 arg3`
 - one command in a line
 - Multiple commands in a line -> `;`
 - Continue at the next line -> `\`

```
% set a 5; puts "a = $a"  
a = 5  
% set \  
a 5  
5
```

- very similar with `'csh'`

Comment

- ``#'` - at the start of line
- `;#'` – at the last of line

```
set a 22; set b 33      <- OK
# this is a comment    <- OK
set a 22 # same thing?  <- Wrong!
set a 22 ;# same thing  <- OK
```

Variable in Tcl

- No predefined type, default String
- Declaration - 'set' command
 - assign a value to a variable

```
% set a 2      ;# declaration int type var
2
% set a 1.2    ;# declaration float type var
1.2
% set a "This is string" ;# declaration string var
This is string

% set a      ;# check var value
This is string
      % unset a      ;# remove var
```

Data type in Tcl

- Basic data type – string
- Other data types
 - Array
 - Use string index ()
 - List
 - Strings separated by spaces

List

- Zero or more elements separated by white space
- Braces for grouping
- Frequently used in ns

```
set list { apple orange banana }  
=>apple orange banana
```

```
lappend list melon  
=>apple orange banana melon
```

```
lindex $list 2  
=>banana
```

```
lsort $list  
=>apple banana melon orange
```


List - commands

- List-related commands
 - concat lindex llength lsearch
 - foreach linsert lrange lsort
 - lappend list lreplace
- Examples:
 - lindex {a b {c d e} f} 2 c d e
 - lsort {red green blue} blue green red
 - *Specially useful with eval and foreach.*

Array

- Format
 - %set color(a) red
 - %set color(b) blue
- Operation
 - %parray [arr_name]
 - %array exists [arr_name]
 - %array get [arr_name]
 - % array size [arr_name]
- Multi-dimensional array
 - name(index1, index2)

Math expression

- 'expr' & 'incr'

set b 5	5
incr b -1	4
expr (\$b*4) - 3	17
expr \$b <= 2	0
expr \$a * cos(2*\$b)	-5.03443
expr {\$b * [fac 4]}	120
set a Bill	Bill
expr {\$a < "Anne"}	0

Math expression

- -, ~, !: Unary minus, bitwise NOT, logical NOT
- * / % + -
- <<, >> : Left or Right shift
- < > <= >=
- == !=
- &, ^, |, &&, ||
- x?y:z
- acos(x): Arc-cosine of x
- asin(x): Arc-sine of x
- atan(x): Arc-tangent of x
- atan2(y, x): Rectangular (x, y) to polar (r, th). atan 2 gives th.
- ceil(x): Ceiling of x
- cos(x): Cosine of x
- cosh(x): Hyperbolic cosine of x
- exp(x): Exponential
- floor(x): Floor of x
- fmod(x, y): Floating point remainder of x/y
- hypot(x, y): $\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$
- log(x): Natural log of x
- log10(x): Log base 10 of x
- pow(x, y): x to the y power
- sin(x): Sine of x
- sinh(x): Hyperbolic sine of x
- sqrt(x): Square root of x
- tan(x): Tangent of x
- tanh(x): Hyperbolic tangent of x
- abs(x): Absolute value of x
- double(x): x의 실수형 값
- int(x): x의 정수형 값
- round(x): x를 내림한 정수값

Substitutions and Quoting

- Substitutions

- Evaluate script, substitute result.

```
set a 47                                47
set b $a                                47
set b [expr $a+10]                      57
```

- Quoting

- Grouping elements

```
set b "a is $a"                        a is 47
set b {[expr $a+10]}                   [expr $a+10]
```

Procedure

- User can define procedure

```
proc decrement {x} {expr $x-1}
```

proc name list of argument names body

```
set foo 3
=>3
proc add {a b} {
  global foo
  return [expr $a + $b + $foo]
}
add 1 2
=>6
```

– declare first, use later

Display

```
% set variable 255

% puts "The number $variable"
The number 255

% puts [format "The number %d is equal to
0x%02X" \
    $variable $variable]
The number 255 is equal to 0xFF
```

- | | | |
|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| - d: decimal int | - u: unsigned int | - i: int |
| - o: unsigned octal | - x or X: unsigned hex | - c: ASCII |
| - s: string | - f: float | - e E: exponential |

Control statement-IF

- Format

```
if { $x == 0 } {  
    puts "Zero Value"  
} elseif { $x > 0 } {  
    puts "Plus Value"  
} else {  
    puts "Nonzero Value"  
}
```

- Operators

- Same with 'C' language
 - !, <, >, <=, >=, !=, ==, ||, &&

Control statement-FOR

- 'For' example with 'continue' & 'break'

```
for {set i 1} {$i <= 3} {incr i} {  
    puts $i  
}  
for {set i 1} {$i <= 5} {incr i} {  
    if {$i < 3} { continue }  
    puts $i  
}  
for {set i 1} {$i <= 5} {incr i} {  
    if {$i > 3} { break }  
    puts $i  
}
```

Control statement-WHILE

```
set i 3

while {$i != 0} {
    puts stdout $i
    incr i -1
}
```

- break and continue
- No 'goto' keyword

Control statement-FOREACH

- Iteration of list values
 - Effective for args processing in NS

```
foreach i {A B C} {  
    puts $i  
}  
=>A  
=>B  
=>C  
foreach {i j} {A B C D E F} {  
    puts "$i $j"  
}  
=> A B  
=> C D  
=> E F
```

Variable Arguments

- `args` – list of arguments separated by

```
proc sum {args} {  
    set s 0  
    foreach i $args {  
        set s [expr $s + $i]  
    }  
    return $s  
}  
sum 1 2  
=>3  
sum 1 2 3  
=> 6
```

String

- Commands
 - string compare str1 str2
 - string first str1 str2
 - string index str I
 - string last str1 str2
 - string length str
 - string match pattern str
 - string range str i j
 - string tolower str
 - string toupper str
 - string trim str ?chars?
 - string trimleft str ?chars?
 - string trimright str ?chars?
 - string wordend str ix
 - string wordstart str ix

File IO – OPEN

- Format
 - #set fd [open filename r]
 - - r: read
 - - r+: read & write.
 - - w: write(overwrite).
 - - w+: read & write
 - - a: write, append
 - - a+: read, write, append

File IO – WRITE

flush : instant writing

```
set fd [open MyFileName w]
puts $fd "This line will be printed in MyFileName"
flush $fd
close $fd
puts "This line will be printed in screen"
```

File IO - READ

- Format
 - #gets \$fd line
 - read a single line, store to \$line
 - #read \$fd 5
 - Read 5 bytes and return

```
set input [open /etc/passwd r]
while { [gets $input line] >= 0 } {
    puts $line
}
close $input
```

```
set input [open /etc/passwd r]
puts [read $input]
close $input
```


Eval

- Concatenate arguments and evaluate them as a command

```
puts stdout "Hello, World!"
```

```
set cmd {puts stdout "Hello, World!"}  
=> puts stdout "Hello, World!"
```

```
# sometime later...  
eval $cmd  
=> Hello, World!
```

Special Commands

- `exec` – execute external command
 - `#exec grep -n hoge *.c | wc >& log.txt &`
- `exit` – exit Tcl environment

OTcl

- MIT Object TCL
 - Object oriented extension to Tcl
- Documents
 - <ftp://ftp.tns.lcs.mit.edu/pub/otcl/doc/tutorial.html>
- OTcl in ns
 - Pumpling network components
 - Front-end for manipulating C++ objects

Comparison with C++

C++	OTcl
Single class decl	Attaches method to object or class
Constructor/destructor	init{ }, destroy{ }
This pointer	\$self
Shadowed methods called explicitly with scope operator	Combiiled implicitly with '\$self next'

Creating a Class

- Creating a Class

```
Class mom
mom instproc greet {} {
    $self instvar age_
    puts "$age_ years old mom: How are
you doing?"
}
```

- ‘instproc’
 - declares instance procedure of the class
- ‘instvar’
 - declares instance variable of the class (only after object ‘\$self’)

Creating a Class

- Creating a child class
 - using '-super class'

```
Class kid -superclass mom
kid instproc greet {} {
    $self instvar age_
    puts "$age_ years old kid: What's up,
dude?"
}
```

Override
mom::greet{}

Getting an instance

```
# Create a mom and a kid object set each age
set a [new mom]
$a set age_ 45
set b [new kid]
$b set age_ 15

# Calling member function "greet" of each object

$a greet
45 age_ years old mom: How are you doing

$b greet
15 age_ years old kid: What's up, dude
```

Constructor

- `init {}` procedure

```
Class kid -superclass mom
kid instproc greet {} {
    $self instvar age_
    puts "$age_ years old kid: What's
up, dude?"
}

Kid instproc init {} {
    $self next
    $self set age_ 15
}
```

- `detroy {}` procedure

Starting up simple simulation

Interactive mode

```
# ns
% set ns [new Simulator]
_o3
% $ns at 1 "puts \"Hello World!\""
1
% $ns at 1.5 "exit"
2
% $ns run
Hello World!
#
```

Batch mode

```
simple.tcl
```

```
set ns [new Simulator]
```

```
$ns at 1 "puts \"Hello World!\""
```

```
$ns at 1.5 "exit"
```

```
$ns run
```

```
# ns simple.tcl
```

```
Hello World!
```

Generic Script Structure

1. Creating the event scheduler
2. Creating network (topology)
 - Creating node, link, connection
3. Creating agent & traffic
 - Creating agents, traffic source
 - Inserting errors
4. Tracing

Plumbing

- Modular Approach
 - Fine-grain object decomposition
 - Positives
 - Composable, re-usable
 - Negatives
 - Must 'Plumb' in OTcl
 - Developer must be comfortable with both environments, tools
 - Fairly steep learning curve

Creating Event Scheduler

- Create scheduler
 - set ns [new Simulator]
 - Schedule event
 - \$ns at <time> <event>
 - Start scheduler
 - \$ns run
-
- simulator has list of events ordered by time
 - process: first scheduled, first dispatched

Creating Network

- Nodes
 - “hardware entities” in a network
 - set n0 [\$ns node]
 - set n1 [\$ns node]
- Links & Queuing
 - Link : connects the nodes in the network
 - \$ns duplex-link \$n0 \$n1 <bw> <delay> <q_type>
 - <q_type>: DropTail, RED, CBQ, FQ, SFQ, DRR

Creating Connection/UDP

- Agent
 - “Software entities” which are on these nodes
 - End-point where network layer packets are constructed or consumed
 - UDP , TCP
- UDP
 - set udp [new Agent/UDP]
 - set null [new Agent/NULL]
 - \$ns attach-agent \$n0 \$udp
 - \$ns attach-agent \$n1 \$null
 - \$ns connect \$udp \$null

Creating Connection/TCP

- TCP
 - # originator of the packets
 - set tcp [new Agent/TCP]
 - # destination of the packets
 - set tcpsink [new Agent/TCPSink]
 - \$ns attach-agent \$n0 \$tcp
 - \$ns attach-agent \$n1 \$tcpsink
 - \$ns connect \$tcp \$tcpsink

Creating Traffic/TCP

- FTP
 - set ftp [new Application/FTP]
 - \$ftp attach-agent \$tcp
- Telnet
 - set telnet [new Application/Telnet]
 - \$telnet attach-agent \$tcp

Creating Traffic/UDP

- CBR
 - set src [new Application/Traffic/CBR]
- Exponential or Pareto on-off
 - set src [new Application/Traffic/Exponential]
 - set src [new Application/Traffic/Pareto]

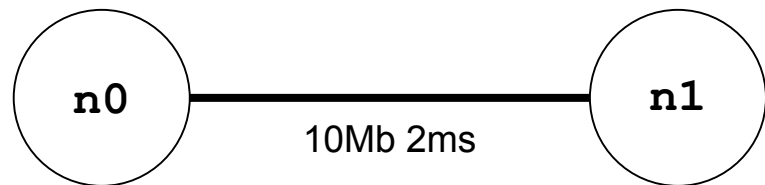
Create Scheduler

scheduler

```
set ns [new Simulator]
set n0 [$ns node]
set n1 [$ns node]
$ns duplex-link $n0 $n1 10Mb 2ms DropTail
set udp0 [new Agent/UDP]
$ns attach-agent $n0 $udp0
set cbr0 [new Application/Traffic/CBR]
$cbr0 attach-agent $udp0
set null0 [new Agent/Null]
$ns attach-agent $n1 $null0
$ns connect $udp0 $null0
$ns at 1.0 "$cbr0 start"
$ns run
```

Create network topology

scheduler



```
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set n1 [$ns node]
$ns duplex-link $n0 $n1 10Mb 2ms DropTail

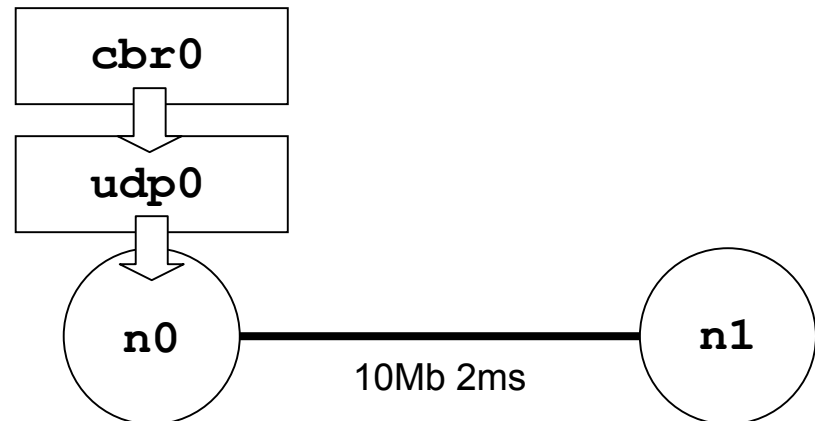
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set null0 [new Agent/Null]
$ns attach-agent $n1 $null0
$ns connect $udp0 $null0

$ns at 1.0 "$cbr0 start"
$ns run
```

Stack up Agent and App. for sender

scheduler



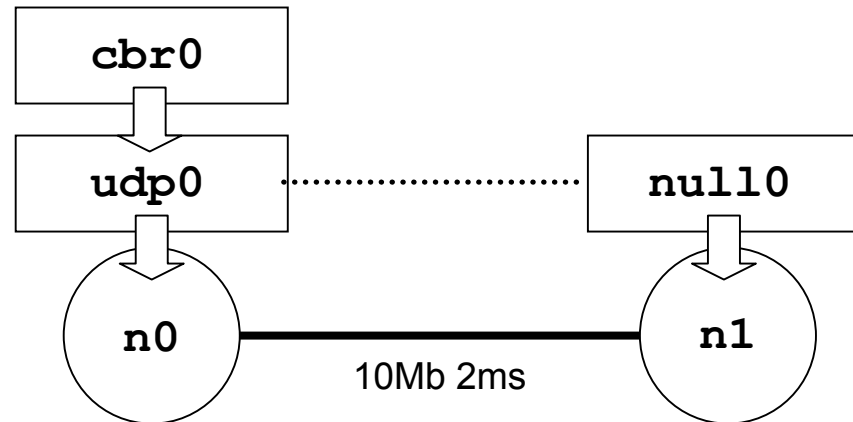
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$cbr0 attach-agent $udp0

set null0 [new Agent/Null]
$ns attach-agent $n1 $null0
$ns connect $udp0 $null0
$ns at 1.0 "$cbr0 start"
$ns run
```

Stack up Agent for receiver and make a connection

scheduler



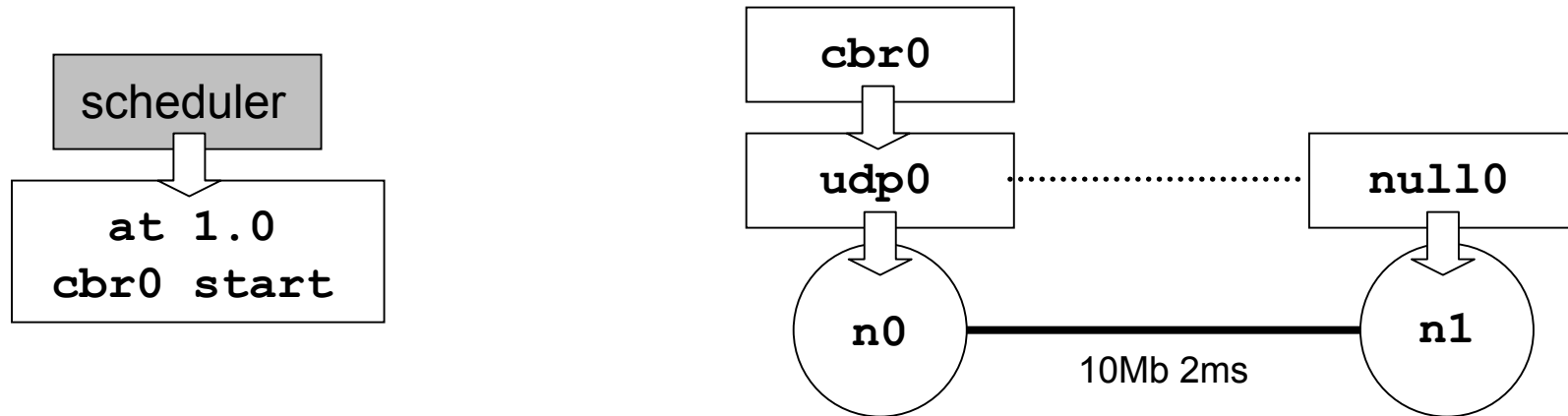
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set n1 [$ns node]
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set udp0 [new Agent/UDP]
$ns attach-agent $n0 $udp0
set cbr0 [new Application/Traffic/CBR]
$cbr0 attach-agent $udp0

set null0 [new Agent/Null]
$ns attach-agent $n1 $null0

$ns connect $udp0 $null0

$ns at 1.0 "$cbr0 start"
$ns run
```

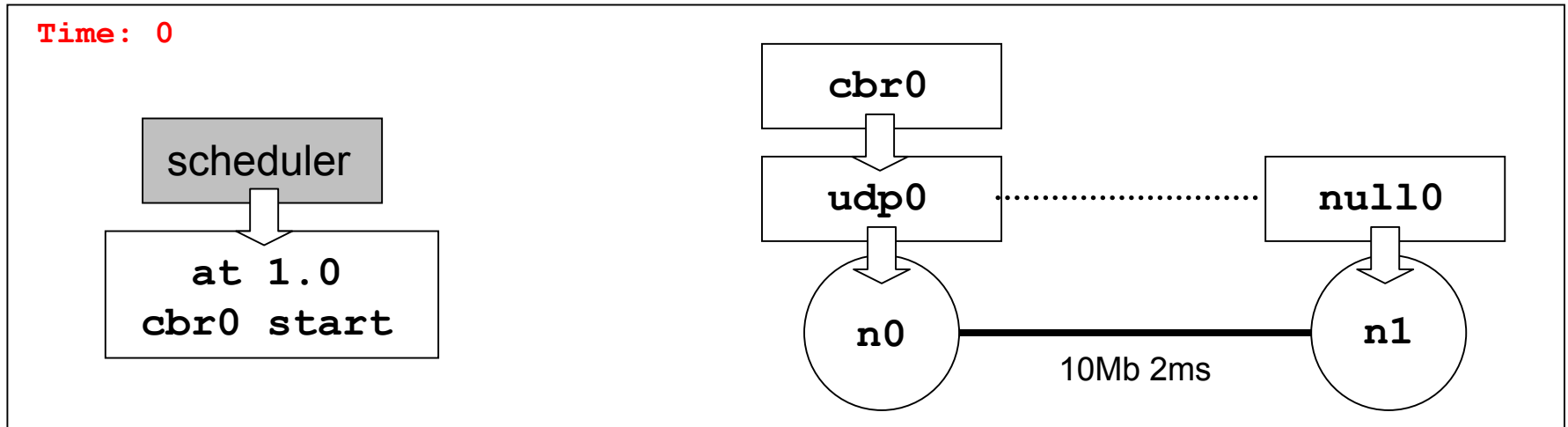
Schedule event and run



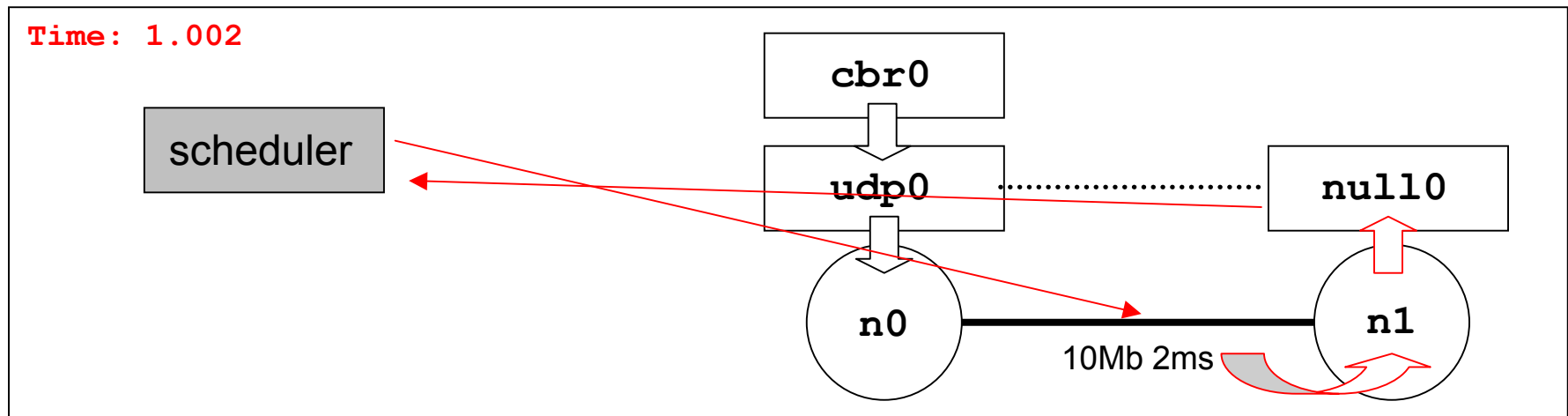
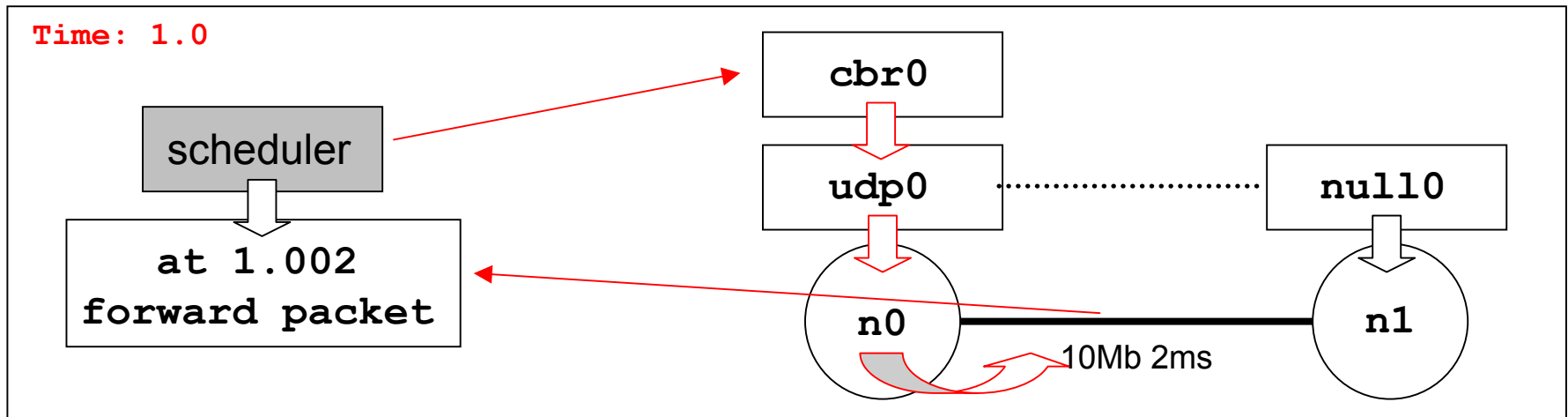
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$cbr0 attach-agent $udp0
set null0 [new Agent/Null]
$ns attach-agent $n1 $null0
$ns connect $udp0 $null0

$ns at 1.0 "$cbr0 start"
$ns run
```

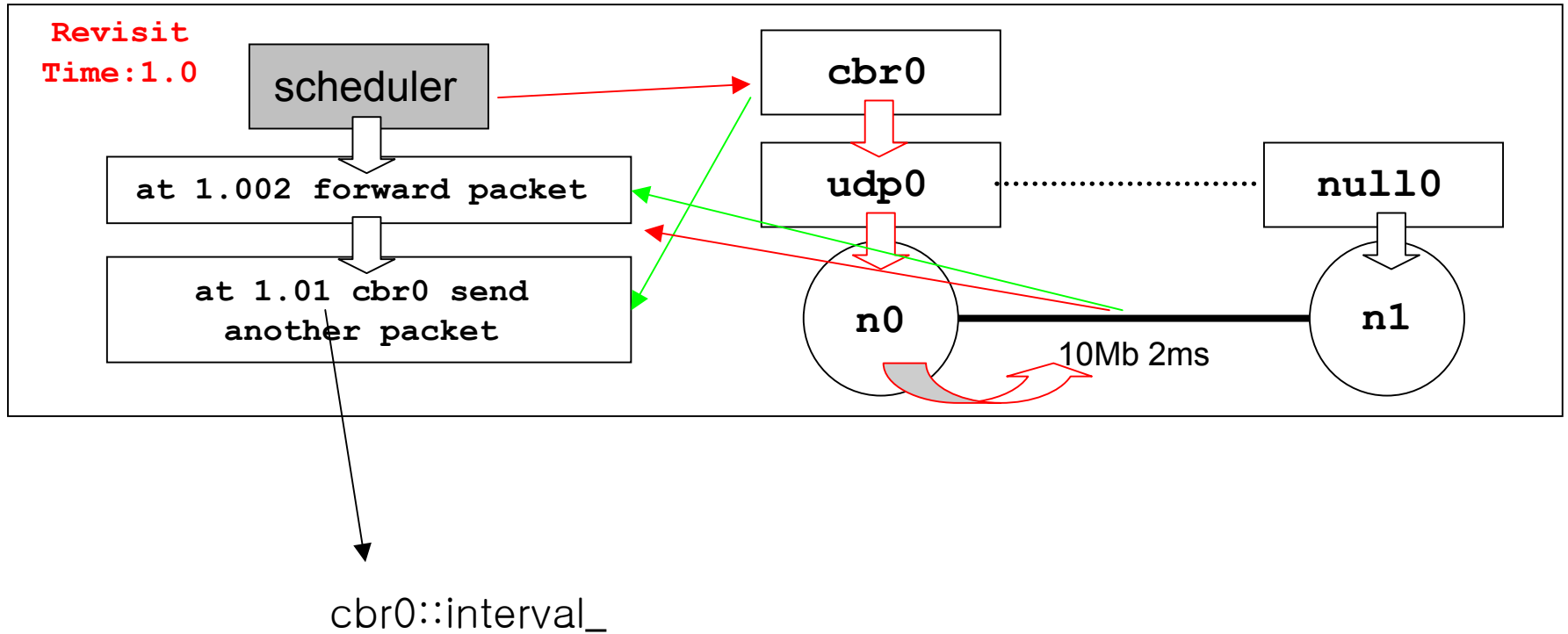

Time Event : Starting sim



Time Event : forwarding packet



Time Event



Summary : Generic Script Structure

```
set ns [new Simulator]
# [Turn on tracing]
# Create topology
# Setup packet loss, link dynamics
# Create routing agents
# Create:
#   - multicast groups
#   - protocol agents
#   - application and/or setup
# traffic sources
# Post-processing procs
# Start simulation
```

Post Simulation

All packets trace

- Trace *packets on all links*
 - `$ns trace-all [open test.out w]`

```
<event> <time> <from> <to> <pkt> <size>--<flowid> <src> <dst> <seqno> <aseqno>
+ 1 0 2 cbr 210 ----- 0 0.0 3.1 0 0
- 1 0 2 cbr 210 ----- 0 0.0 3.1 0 0
r 1.00234 0 2 cbr 210 ----- 0 0.0 3.1 0 0
```

- Trace packets on all links in nam animator format
 - `$ns namtrace-all [open test.nam w]`

Var. trace-Periodic Probing

- Printing 'trace var' periodically
 - Self calling in OTcl procedure
 - must be OTcl reachable variable

```
proc probe {} {  
    global ns tcp0  
    set now [$ns now]  
    set cwnd [$tcp0 set cwnd_ ]  
    puts "congestion window = $cwnd (time = $now)"  
    $ns at [expr $now + 1] "probe"  
}  
  
n $ns at 1.001 "probe"
```

Var. trace-class Tracer

- Automatically record whenever the value of traced variable changes
 - must be OTcl reachable variables
 - Variable should be registered to trace class

```
set tf [open "cwnd.tr" w]
set tracer [new Trace/Var]
$tracer attach $tf
$tcp trace cwnd_ $tracer

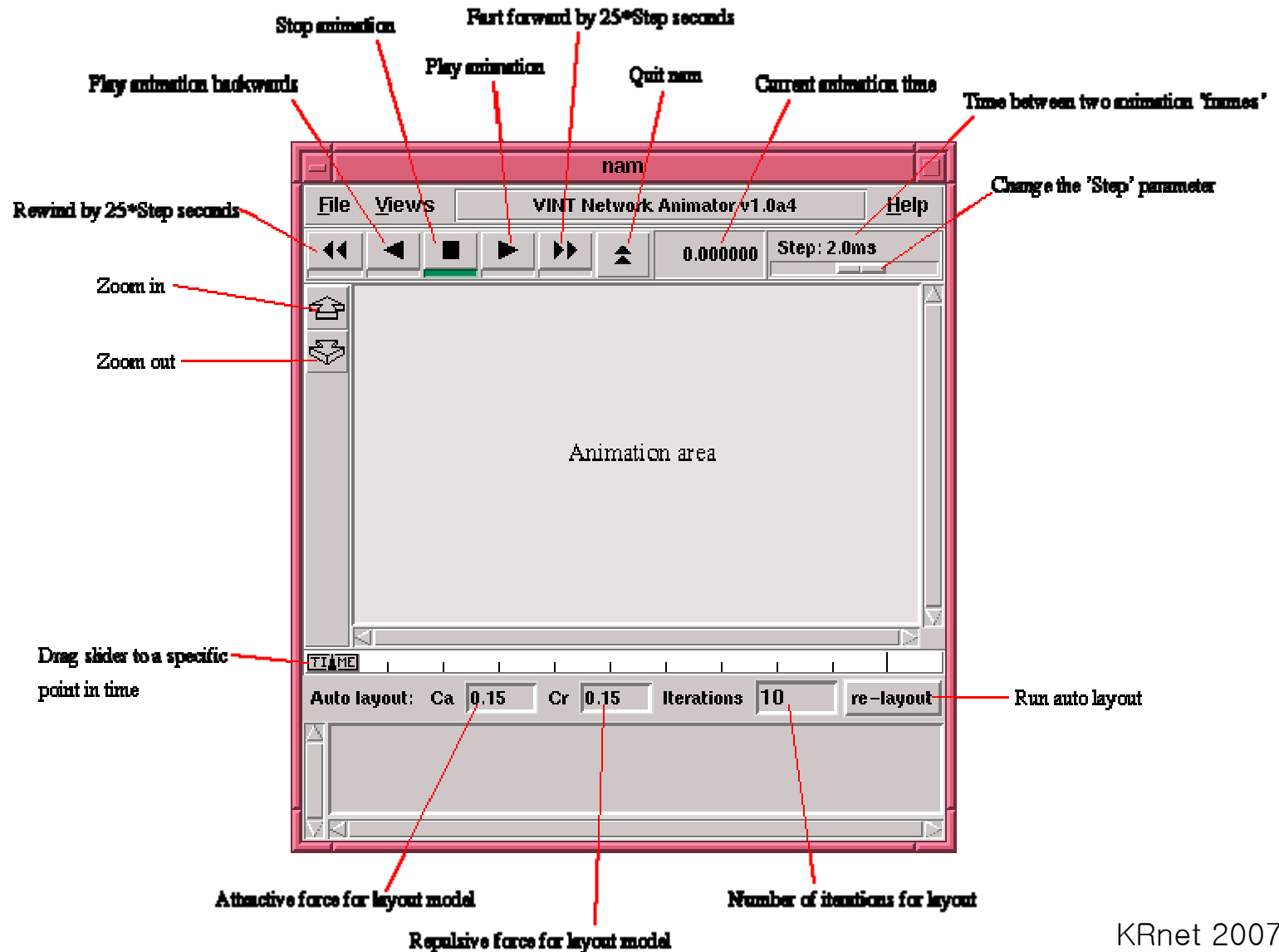
% tail cwnd.tr
... ..
f t4.9912 a_o28 ncwnd_ v9.78154
f t4.99952 a_o28 ncwnd_ v9.88378
```


Post Simulation-Trace Analyze

- Xgraph
 - Display simulation result
 - General purpose x-y data plotter
 - expects data in an x y format
- raw2xg
 - Convert ns trace to xgraph format
- NAM (Network Animator)
 - Display simulation on-going progress
 - Packet-level animation
 - Well supported by ns

Xgraph

NAM animator



OTcl Script for NAM

- Tcl scripts for NAM
 - Color
 - Node manipulation
 - Link manipulation
 - Topology layout
 - Protocol state
 - Misc
- Do not effect simulation result!

NAM Interface: Color

- Used for distinguishing each traffic
 - Color mapping
 - `$ns color 40 red`
 - `$ns color 41 blue`
 - `$ns color 42 chocolate`
 - Color \leftrightarrow flow id association
 - `$tcp0 set fid_ 40 ;# red packets`
 - `$tcp1 set fid_ 41 ;# blue packets`

NAM Interface: Nodes

- Color
 - `$node color red`
- Shape
 - `$node shape box ;# circle, box, hexagon`
- Marks (concentric “shapes”)
 - `$ns at 1.0 “$n0 add-mark m0 blue box”`
 - `$ns at 2.0 “$n0 delete-mark m0”`
- Label (single string)
 - `$ns at 1.1 “$n0 label \”web cache 0\””`

NAM Interfaces: Links

- Color
 - `$ns duplex-link-op $n0 $n1 color "green"`
- Label
 - `$ns duplex-link-op $n0 $n1 label "abced"`
- Dynamics (automatically handled)
 - `$ns rtmodel Deterministic {2.0 0.9 0.1} $n0 $n1`
- Asymmetric links not allowed

NAM Interface: Topo Layout

- “Manual” layout: specify everything
 - `$ns duplex-link-op $n(0) $n(1) orient right`
 - `$ns duplex-link-op $n(1) $n(2) orient right`
 - `$ns duplex-link-op $n(2) $n(3) orient right`
 - `$ns duplex-link-op $n(3) $n(4) orient 60deg`
- If anything missing → automatic layout

NAM Interface: Misc

- Annotation
 - Add textual explanation to your simulation
 - `$ns at 3.5 "$ns trace-annotate \"packet drop\""`
- Set animation rate
 - `$ns at 0.0 "$ns set-animation-rate 0.1ms"`

NS Demos

- Routing
- TCP
- RTP
- Multicast
- LAN
- Web

Part II : OTcl linkage

OTcl linkage

OTcl linkage

Split language architecture

- NS2 is OOP simulator
 - Written in C++ with Otcl interpreter as a frontend
- Dual Class Hierarchy closely related to each other
 - Compiled hierarchy(C++ space)
 - Interpreted hierarchy(OTcl space)
- The root of the hierarchy
 - TclObject class
- *ns* provides glue(via tclcl)
 - make objects and variables appear on both languages

Which language for what?

- Basic advice
 - OTcl
 - configuration, setup, and “one-time” stuff
 - Some works done by manipulating existing C++ objects
 - C++
 - packet processing
 - changing an existing C++ class

Creating pure OTcl class

- Add a new OTcl component
 - Script a <new_stuff.tcl> component
- Let the NS binary to understand the new OTcl class whenever it starts
 - Source <new_stuff.tcl> file in \$ns/tcl/lib/ns-lib.tcl
 - Add <new_stuff.tcl> in NS_TCL_LIB in \$ns/Makefile
 - recompile

Scripting a OTcl class

- %cat pure_otcl.tcl

```
Class PureOtcl

PureOtcl instproc init {} {
    puts "pure Otcl class is created"
}

PureOtcl instproc add { a b } {
    $self instvar result
    set result [expr $a+$b]
    puts "add $a + $b = $result"
}
```


Compile procedure

- Sourcing the script
 - Move pure_otcl.tcl to \$ns/tcl/lib
 - 'source pure_otcl.tcl' in \$ns/tcl/lib/ns-lib.tcl
- Compile
 - 'NS_TCL_LIB= \ tcl/lib/pure_otcl.tcl' in \$ns/Makefile
 - #cd \$ns; make

Running example

- `#set a [new PureOtcl]`
pure Otcl class is created
- `#$a add 1 6`
 $add\ 1 + 5 = 6$

Creating C++ class

- C++ for performance
 - Fast to run, slower to change
 - Once made, less modified
 - algorithm, packet processing
- Frontend is Otcl environment
 - Some connection methods are needed between C++ and OTcl
 - Otcl linkage

How to connect ?

- OTcl space

```
set cbr0 [new Application/Traffic/CBR]  
...  
$cbr0 set rate 1000000
```

- C++ space

```
class CBR_Traffic : public TrafficGenerator{  
public:  
    CBR_Traffic();  
protected:  
    double rate;  
    ...  
}
```

C++ component structure

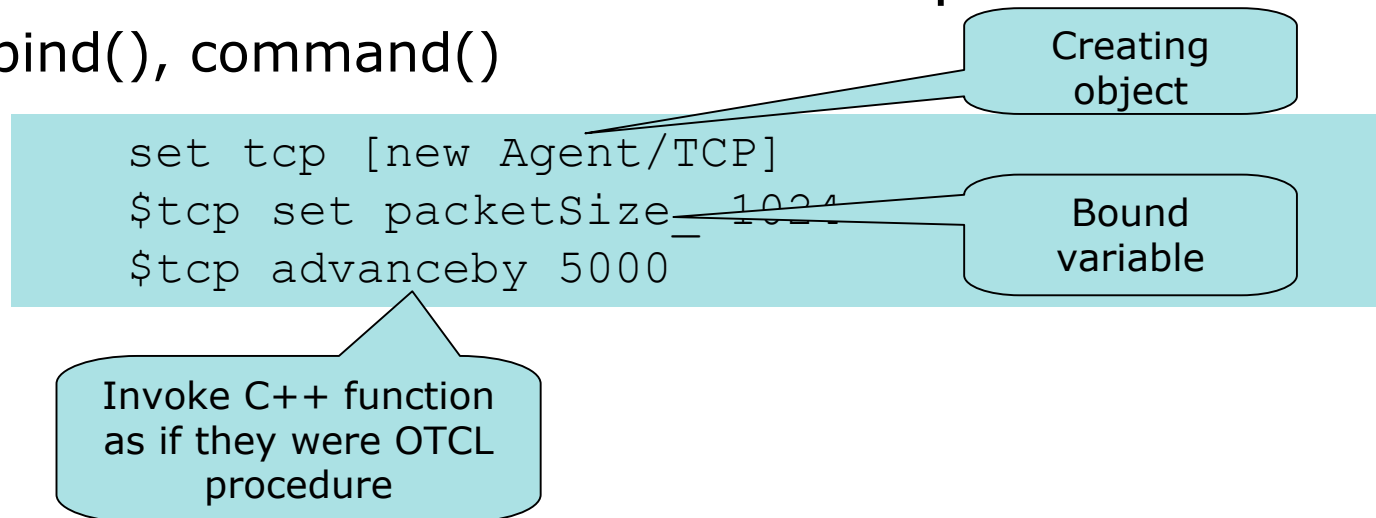
```
[Class definition] - TclObject
```

```
[Define TclClass] - TclClass  
    ; create 'class TclObject'!
```

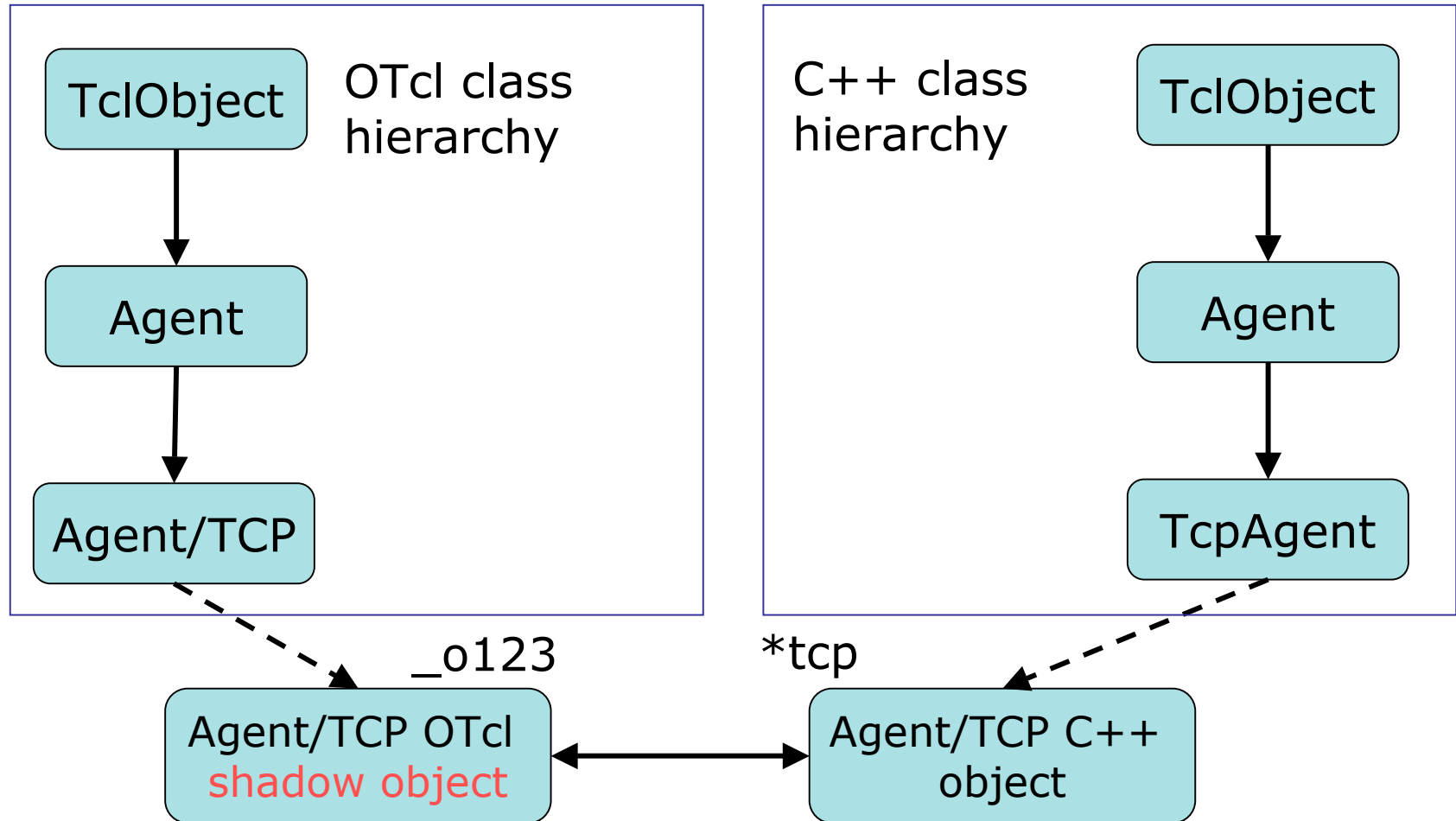
```
[Class body]  
    bind() ; link otcl-c++ variables  
    command() ; link otcl-C++ functions
```

Class TclObject

- Unified OTcl and C++ class hierarchies
 - base class in the interpreted & compiled hierarchies
- Mirrored in both C++ and Otcl
 - 'TclClass' contains the mechanisms that perform this shadowing.
- Seamless access between two space
 - bind(), command()

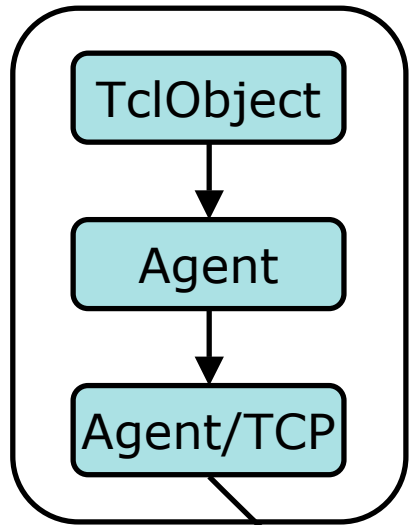


Class TclObject

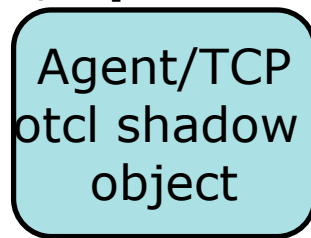


Object shadowing

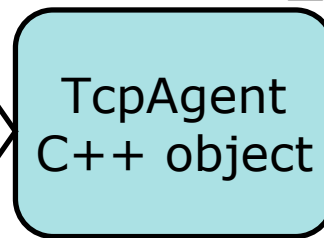
Otcl class hierarchy



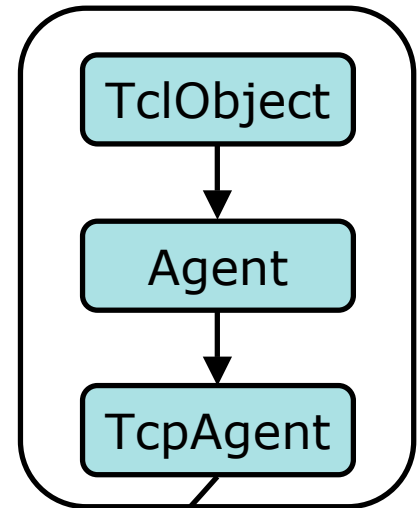
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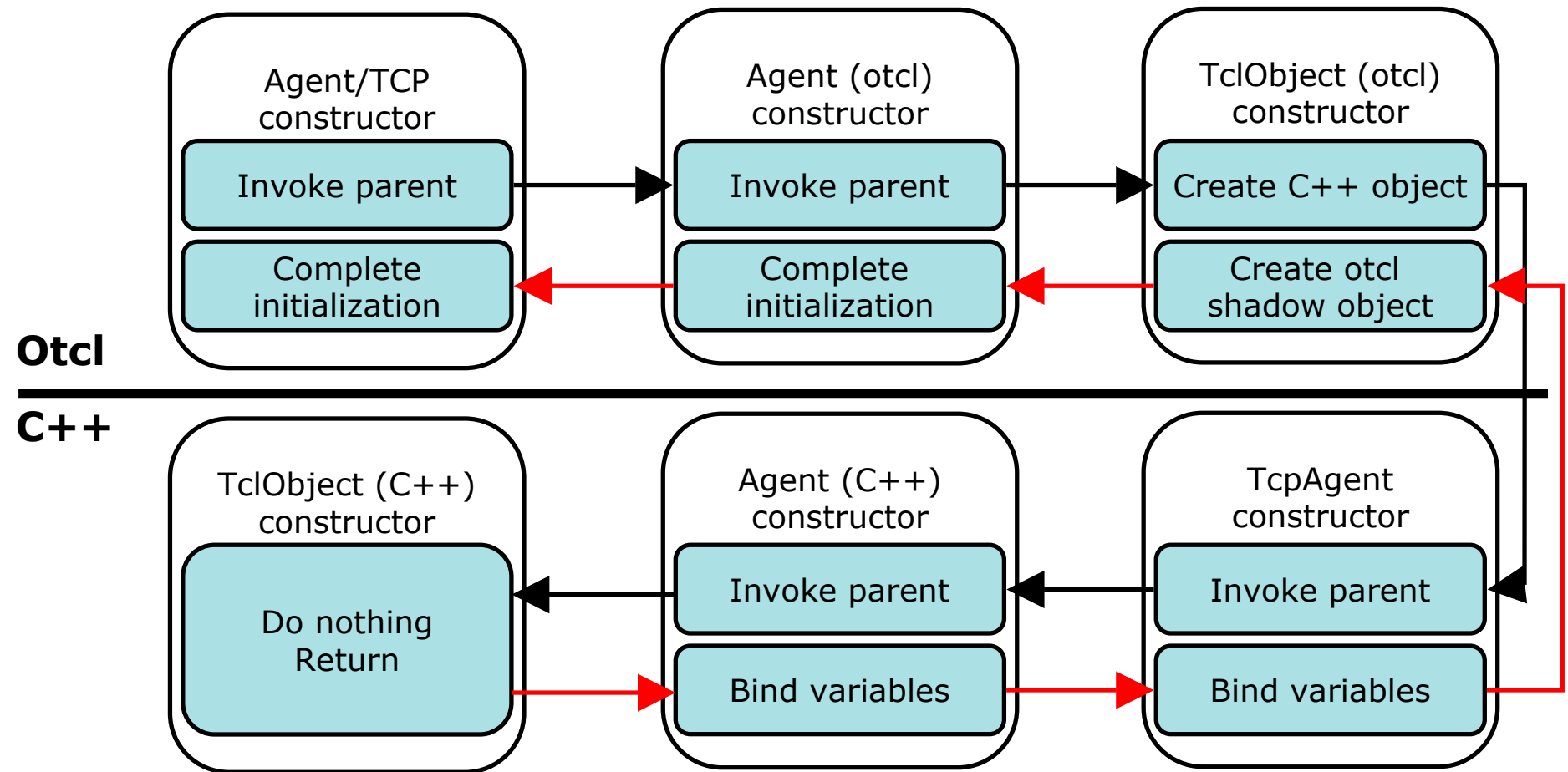
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C++ class hierarchy



Object shadowing



Class TclClass

- Pure virtual class
- Two main functions
 - construct the interpreted class hierarchy to mirror the compiled class hierarchy
 - provide methods to instantiate new TclObjects

```
static class RenoTcpClass: public TclClass {  
public:  
    RenoTcpClass() : TclClass("Agent/TCP/Reno") {}  
    TclObject* create(int argc, const char*const*  
argv) {  
        return (new RenoTcpAgent());  
    }  
} class_reno;
```

Object name in
Otdl space

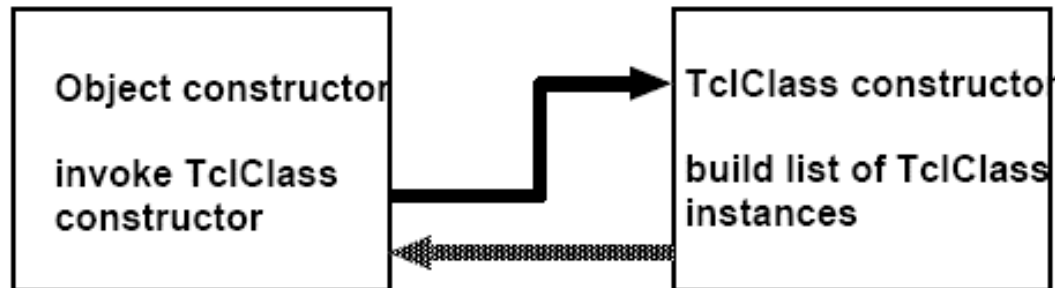
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'new Agent/TCP/Reno' in Otdl"

Initial TclObject

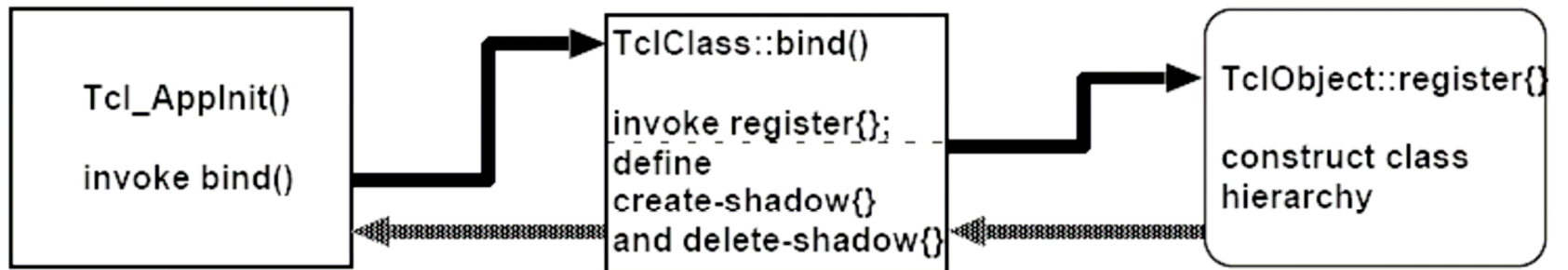
Invoke the
constructor

Class TclClass

- static initialization by compiler



- run time activation at startup



Creating C++ class

- Procedure
 - Create `<(new_stuff.h,) new_stuff.cc>`
 - Add `<new_stuff.cc>` to `OBJ_CC` in `$ns/Makefile`
 - Recompile
 - `#cd $ns ; make depend ; make`

Description of C++ Class

- Open the same interface to the other space with 'TclObject'

Provide same interface
to otcl space and C++

```
class NewCpp : public TclObject {  
public:  
    NewCpp();  
};  
  
NewCpp::NewCpp() {  
    printf("Hello, new C++ class is  
created.\n");  
}
```

Mirroring the both space

- 'TclClass' is used to create mirrored compiled instance

```
class NewCpp : public TclObject {
public:
    ...
};

static class NewCppClass : public TclClass
{
public:
    NewCppClass() : TclClass("NewCpp") {}
    TclObject* create(int, const
char*const*) {
        return(new NewCpp());
    }
} class_newcpp;
```

Invoked when 'new NewCpp' is called in
otcl interpreter

Compile Procedure

- Move new_cpp.cc to \$ns
- Modify the Makefile in \$ns
 - OBJ_CC = \ new_cpp.o
- Recompile

Running Example but...

- `% set a [new NewCpp]`
Hello, new C++ class is created
- Does not mean you can access to 'NewCpp member'
 - `% $a set var 1`
can't read "var" : no such a variables
 - `% $a add 1 5`
Error when calling class NewCpp : add

Export C++ to OTCL

- We know how to create component in both spaces
 - interpreted Object, Instance
 - Compiled Object, Instance
- But, we do not know how to communicate between both spaces
 - Set a variable from OTCL to C++ component
 - Get a variable from OTCL to C++ component
 - Execute a function from OTCL to C++ component

Exporting interface class

- **TclObject** provides two virtual functions
 - All the component which is accessible from OTCL should inherit 'TclObject'
 - bind()
 - Export(set, get) C++ variable to OTCL
 - command()
 - Export C++ function to OTCL

Binding Example

- Link C++ member variables to OTcl object variables
- Override 'bind()' of TclObject in its constructor

```
class NewCpp : public TclObject {  
public:  
    NewCpp();  
    int store_int_;  
};  
  
NewCpp::NewCpp() {  
    printf("Hello, new C++ class is  
created.\n");  
    bind("store_", &store_int_);  
}
```

Variable
in OTL

Variable
in C++

Function 'bind'

- For integer and real number:
 - `bind("varotcl",&var);`
- For time:
 - `bind_time("timeotcl",&time);`
 - in tcl script the default units is second.
- For bandwidth:
 - `bind_bw("bwotcl",&bw);`
 - `// can set bwotcl 1(m: megabits, mb: megabytes, k:kilobits, kb: kilobytes).`

Accessing C++ variable from OTCL

- Recompile NewCpp, then

```
%set a [new NewCpp]
```

```
Hello, new C++ class is created
```

```
Warning: no class variable NewCpp::store_
```

```
%%$a set store_ 10
```

```
10
```

```
%%$a set store_
```

```
10
```

Repairing warning

- Warning: no class variable
NewCpp::store_
- Define the default value in \$ns/tcl/lib/ns-default.tcl
 - NewCpp set store_ 1
- Recompile

Exporting C++ func. to OTcl

- Implement OTcl methods in C++
- TclObject::command()
 - Command Dispatcher
 - Link C++ functions to Otcl procedures
- Override 'command()' of TclObject

Command Dispatcher

```
class NewCpp : public TclObject {
public:
    NewCpp();
    int store_int_;
    int command(int argc, const char*const* argv);
};

NewCpp::NewCpp() {
    printf("Hello, new C++ class is created.\n");
    bind("store_", &store_int_);
}

NewCpp::command (int argc, const char*const* argv) {
    if(argc==3) {
        if(strcmp(argv[1], "store")==0{
            store_int_=atoi(argv[2]);
            return(TCL_OK);
        }
    }
    return(TclObject::command(argc, argv));
}
```


Running with bind, command

- Recompile, then

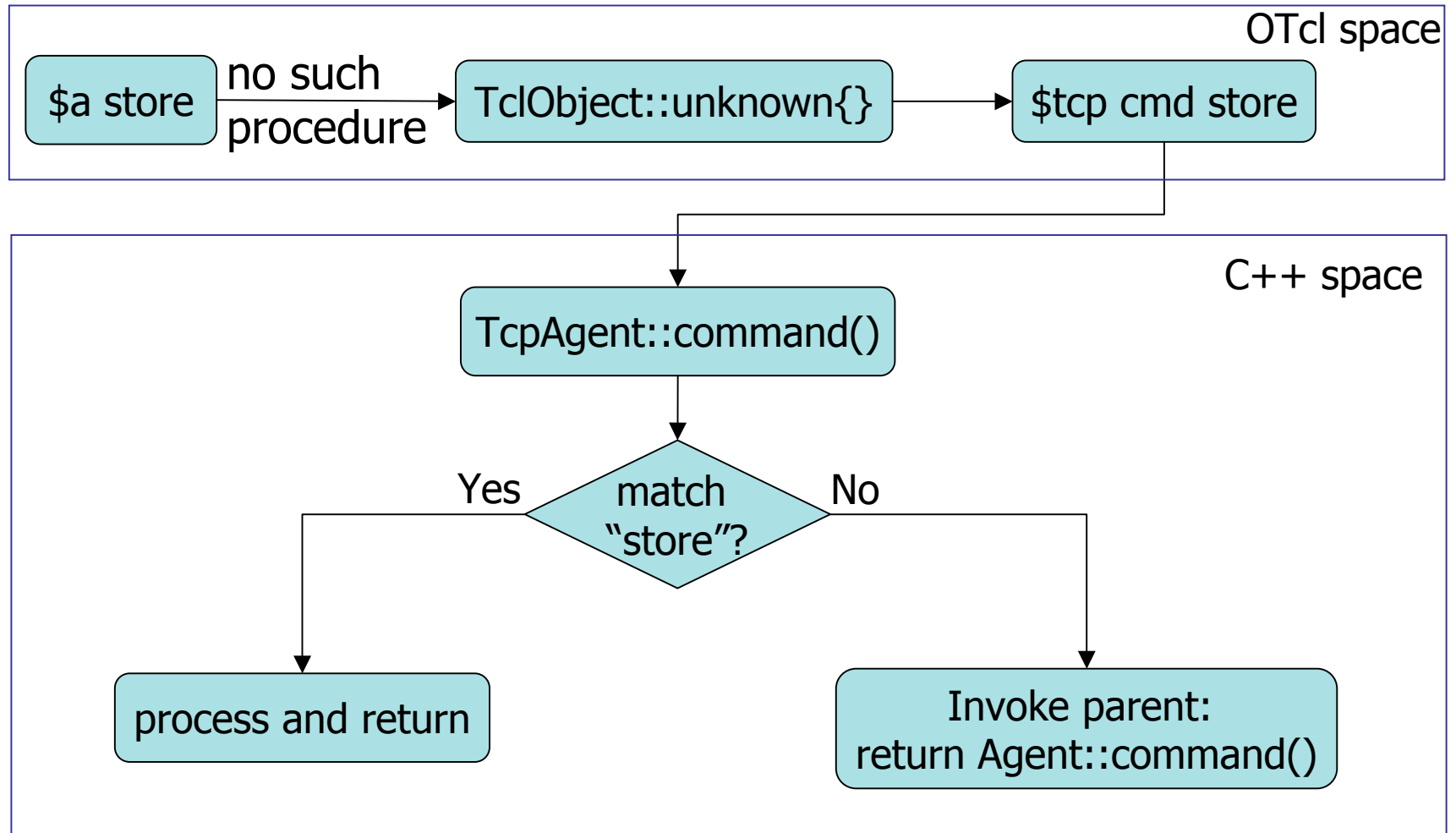
```
%set a [new NewCpp]
```

Hello, new C++ class is created

```
% $a store 10
```

```
% $a set store_  
10
```

'command' call tracing



Important linkage Classes

class TclObject	Root of basic object hierarchy in <i>ns</i> Support bind(), command()
class TclClass	C++ class to set up the TclObject hierarchy
class Tcl	C++ methods to access the OTcl interpreter
class TclCommand	Standalone global commands
class EmbeddedTcl	Ns script initialization Container for Tcl scripts that are pre-loaded at startup
class InstVar	internal class to bind C++ member variables to OTcl instance variables

Accessing OTcl from C++ - Tcl class

- Class with a handle to Tcl Interpreter
 - Invoke an OTcl command from C++
- Obtain a reference to the 'Tcl' instance
 - `Tcl& tcl = Tcl::instance();`
- invoke an OTcl command

```
tcl.eval("puts \"Print out from C++\");  
tcl.evalf("puts \"My_var1 = %d\"", var1);  
tcl.evalf("puts \"My_var1 = %f\"", var2);
```

Class Tcl

- Passing Results to the Interpreter
 - `tcl.result(const char* s)`
 - Pass the result string `s` back to the interpreter.
 - `tcl.resultf(const char* fmt, . . .)`
- Passing Results from the Interpreter
 - `tcl.result(void)`
 - used to retrieve the result.
 - result is a string!

```
tcl.evalc("Simulator set
NumberInterfaces_");
char* ni = tcl.result();
if (atoi(ni) != 1)
    tcl.evalc("Simulator set
NumberInterfaces_ 1");
```

Class TclCommand

- provide the mechanism to export simple commands (top level commands) to the interpreter
 - % hi this is ns [ns-version]
 - hello world, this is ns 2.0a12
- Defined in `$ns/common/misc.cc`

TclCommand example

```
class say_hello : public TclCommand {
public:
    say_hello():TclCommand("hi") {}
    int command(int argc, const char*const* argv)
    {
        printf("Hello World\n"); return TCL_OK;
    }
};

void init_misc(void) {
    new say_hello;
}
```

- Compile, then
%hi
Hello, World

Class InstVar

- One object per bound variable
- Created by `TclObject::bind()` call
- Constructor activity
 - Point to C++ member variable
 - Create instance variable for interpreted object
 - Enable trap read/writes to instance variable using **`Tcl_TraceVar()`**

Otcl linker summary

- Class TclObject
 - root object for mirrored hierarchies
 - Unifies interpreted and compiled hierarchy
 - Seamless access to *ns* objects in two spaces
- Class TclClass
 - class that sets up the interpreted hierarchy
 - establish interpreted hierarchy
 - shadowing methods
- Class Tcl
 - primitives to access the interpreter

Part III : Extending NS2

1. Extending ns2 with OTcl
2. Extending ns2 with C++

Extending NS2

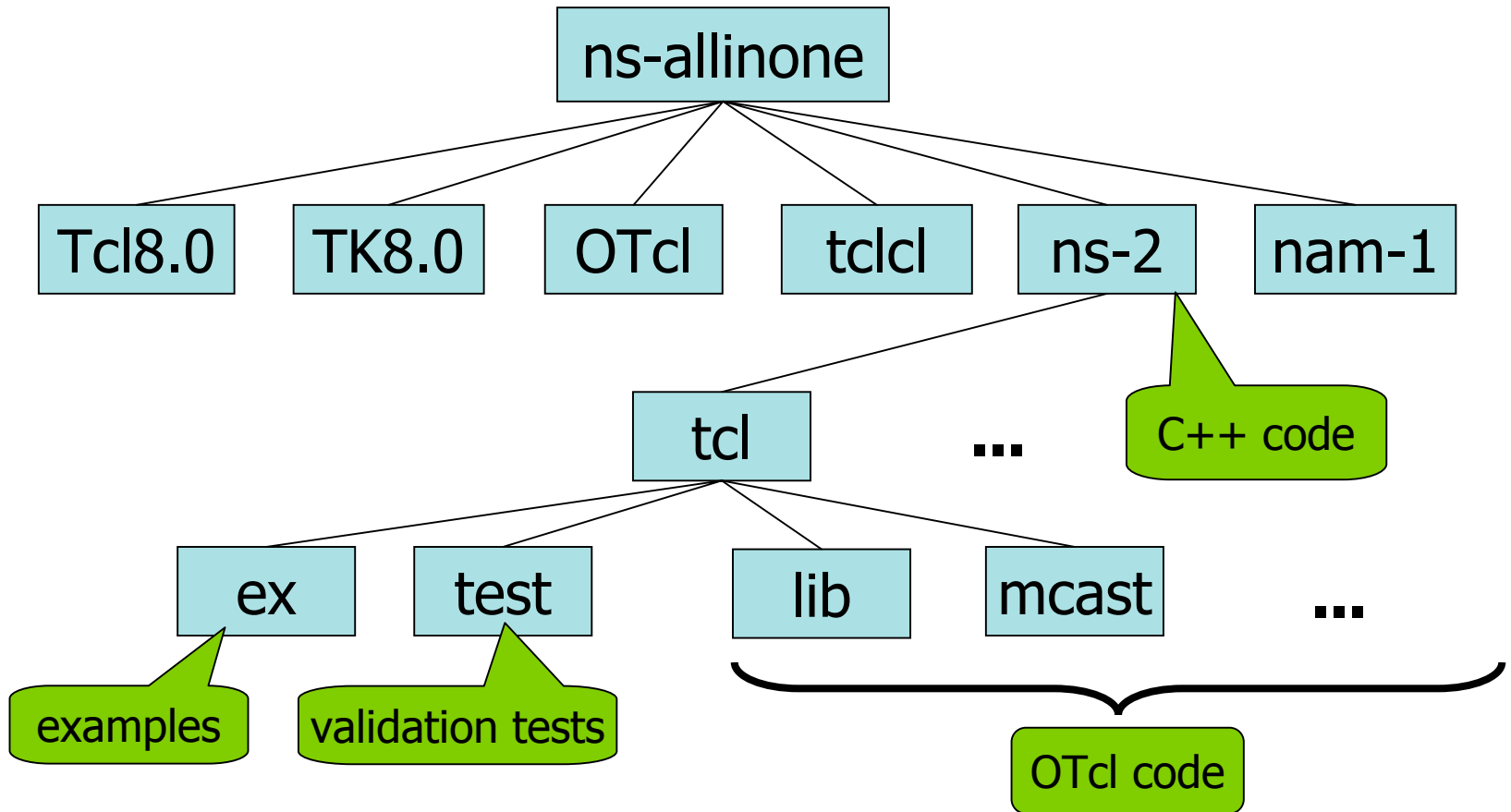
Why extend ns?

- Not all the components exist in NS
 - Contribution codes
 - http://nsnam.isi.edu/nsnam/index.php/Contributed_Code
- If not exist.
 - You should make your own codes
 - In OTcl
 - In C++

Requirement

- C++ language
- OTcl language
- C++ - Otcl linkage
- +Packet processing

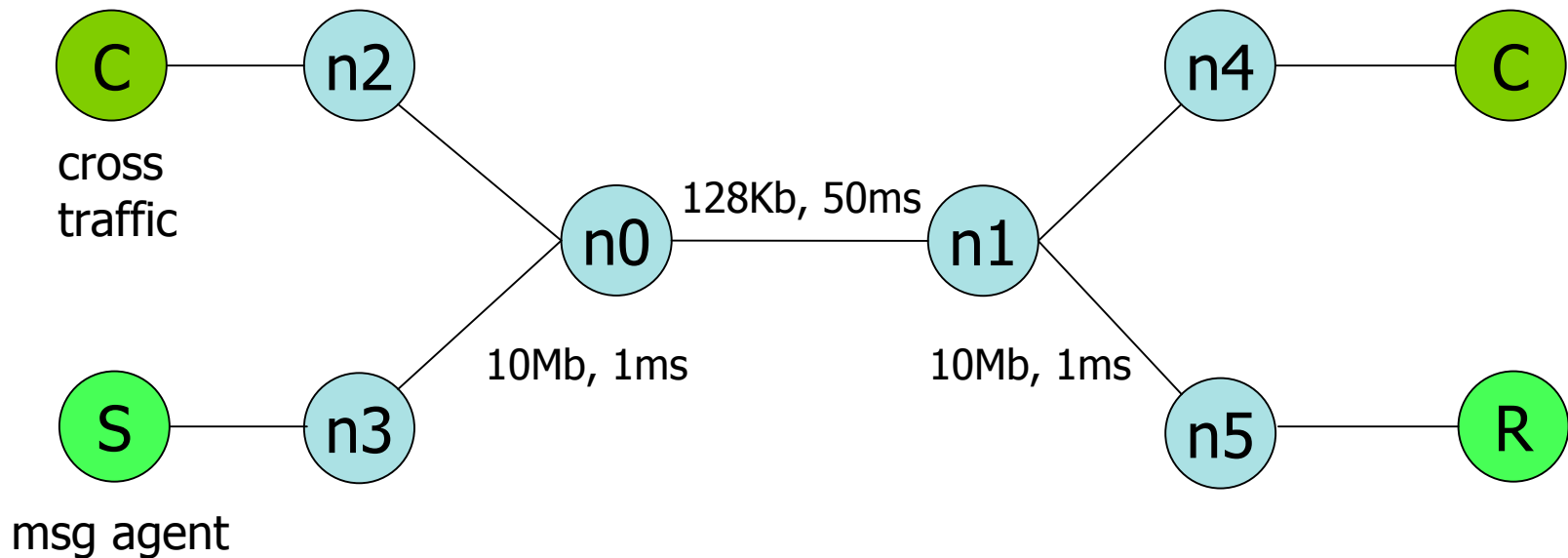
NS directory structure



Extending ns2 with OTcl

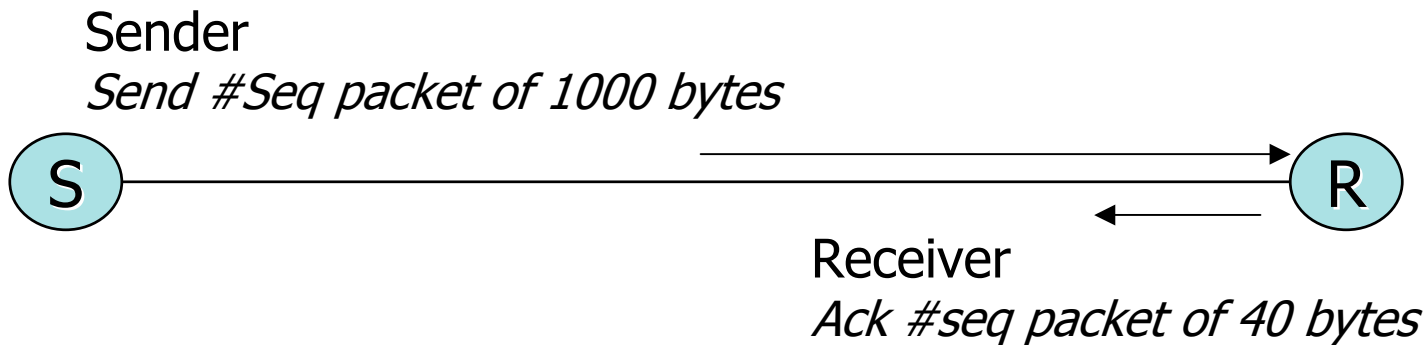
- Reuse?
 - Modify existing code
 - Recompile
 - Adding code
 - Change `$ns/Makefile(NS_TCL_LIB)`
 - Update `tcl/lib/ns-lib.tcl` (`ns-default.tcl`)
 - Recompile
- No reuse
 - Source
 - Sourcing your changes in your simulation scripts
 - do not need compiling

Example: Agent/Message



Example scenario from Haobo Yu & Nader Salehi, USC/ISI

Example: Agent/Message



- Scenario
 - Send/receive seq packets between two message agent
- Good for fast prototyping a simple idea
- Extending ns functionality with pure OTcl

Define Sender

```
Class Sender -superclass Agent/Message

# Message format: "Addr Op SeqNo"
Sender instproc send-next {} {
    $self instvar seq_
    $self instvar agent_addr_
    $self send "$agent_addr_ send $seq_"
    incr seq_
    global ns
    $ns at [expr [$ns now]+0.1] "$self send-next"
}

Sender instproc recv {msg} {
    $self instvar agent_addr_
    set sdr [lindex $msg 0]
    set seq [lindex $msg 2]
    puts "Sender gets ack $seq from $sdr"
}
```

Define Receiver

```
Class Receiver -superclass Agent/Message
# Message format: "Addr Op SeqNo"
Receiver instproc recv {msg} {
    $self instvar agent_addr_
    set sdr [lindex $msg 0]
    set seq [lindex $msg 2]
    puts "Receiver gets seq $seq from $sdr"
    $self send "$agent_addr_ ack $seq"
}
```

Scheduler and tracing

```
# Create scheduler
set ns [new Simulator]

set fd [open message.nam w]
$ns namtrace-all $fd

proc finish {} {
    global ns fd
    $ns flush-trace
    close $fd
    exec nam message.nam &
    exit 0
}
```

Setting up a topology

```
for {set i 0} {$i < 6} {incr i} {  
    set n($i) [$ns node]  
}  
$ns duplex-link $n(0) $n(1) 128kb 50ms DropTail  
$ns duplex-link $n(1) $n(4) 10Mb 1ms DropTail  
$ns duplex-link $n(1) $n(5) 10Mb 1ms DropTail  
$ns duplex-link $n(0) $n(2) 10Mb 1ms DropTail  
$ns duplex-link $n(0) $n(3) 10Mb 1ms DropTail  
$ns queue-limit $n(0) $n(1) 5  
$ns queue-limit $n(1) $n(0) 5  
  
$ns rtproto DV
```

Cross Traffic

```
set udp0 [new Agent/UDP]
$ns attach-agent $n(2) $udp0
set null0 [new Agent/Null]
$ns attach-agent $n(4) $null0
$ns connect $udp0 $null0
```

```
set exp0 [new Application/Traffic/Exponential]
$exp0 set rate_ 128k
$exp0 attach-agent $udp0
$ns at 1.0 "$exp0 start"
$ns at 2.0 "$exp0 stop"
```

Message Traffic

```
set sdr [new Sender]
$sdr set packetSize_ 1000
$sdr set seq_ 0

set rcvr [new Receiver]
$rcvr set packetSize_ 40

$ns attach-agent $n(3) $sdr
$ns attach-agent $n(5) $rcvr
$ns connect $sdr $rcvr
$ns connect $rcvr $sdr
$ns at 1.1 "$sdr send-next"

$ns at 2.0 finish

$ns run
```

Example output

```
$ ns message.tcl
```

```
Receiver gets seq 0 from 3
```

```
Sender gets ack 0 from 5
```

```
Receiver gets seq 1 from 3
```

```
Sender gets ack 1 from 5
```

```
Receiver gets seq 2 from 3
```

```
Sender gets ack 2 from 5
```

```
Receiver gets seq 4 from 3
```

```
Sender gets ack 4 from 5
```

```
Receiver gets seq 7 from 3
```

```
% nam message.nam &
```


Extending ns2 with C++

- Existing code
 - recompile
- Add new code
 - change Makefile and recompile

Creating a new component

- Basic task
 - Inheritance point
 - Class & API virtual functions def.
 - Otcl linkage functions def.
 - Write the necessary OTcl code to access your component

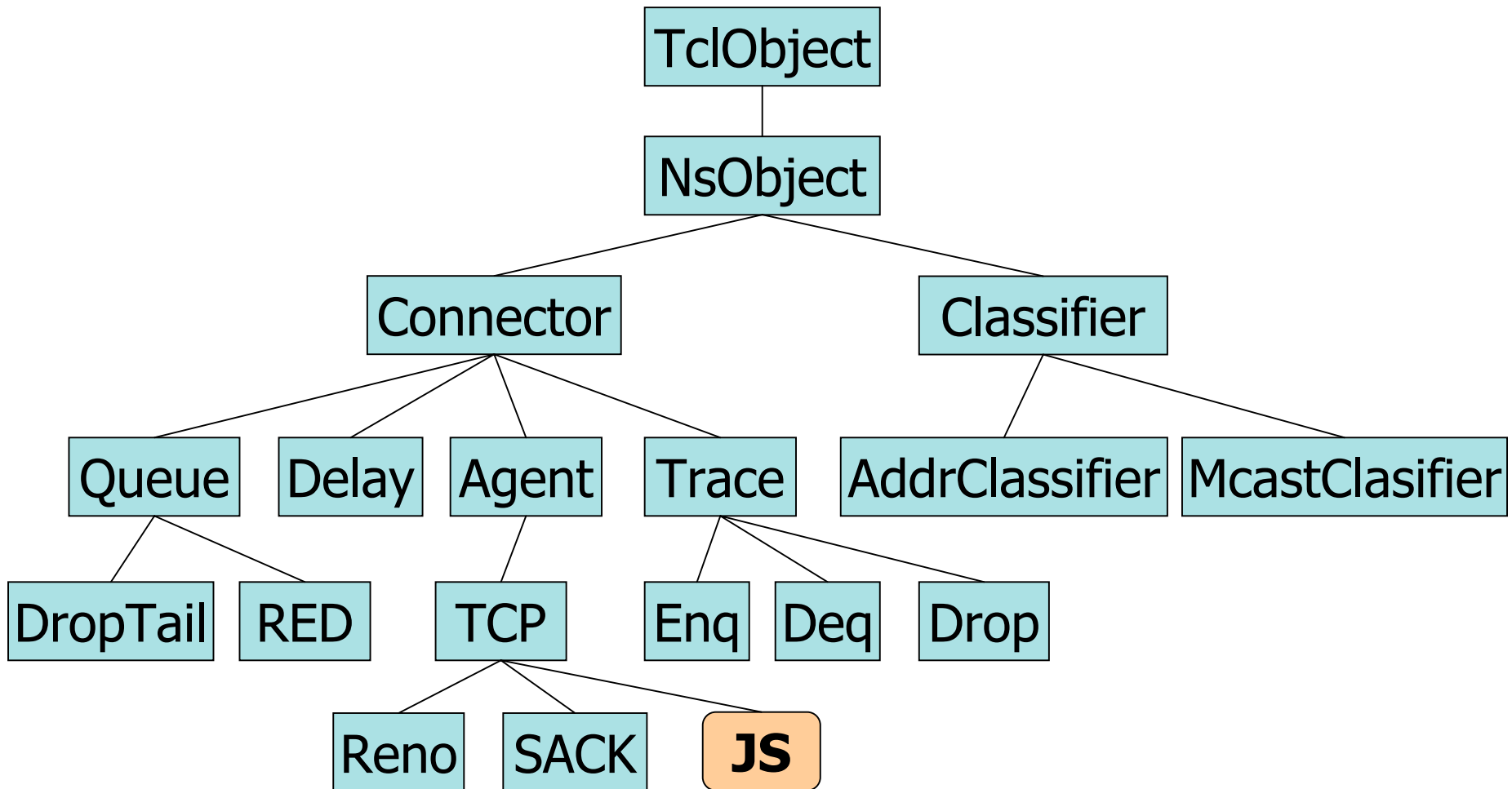
Creating a new component

- New Agent/Old Header
 - TCP Jump Start Example
 - Wide-open transmission window at the beginning
 - From `cwnd_ += 1` To `cwnd_ = MAXWIN_`
 - example from Padma Halдар's presentation
- New Agent/New Header
 - Ping Agent Example
 - Ping request & Ping response
 - Example from ns2 tutorial

Creating a new c++ component

New agent / old header

TCP Jump Start - Inheritance



TCP Jump Start – Class def.

- Class & API virtual functions def.
 - ~ns/tcp/tcp-js.cc

```
#include "tcp.h"
/* Declaration */
class JSTcpAgent : public TcpAgent {
public:
    JSTcpAgent();
    virtual void set_initial_window();
private:
    int maxwin_;
};
```

Must override function
TcpAgent::set_initial_window()

TCP Jump Start – Otcl linkage

- Otcl linkage functions def.

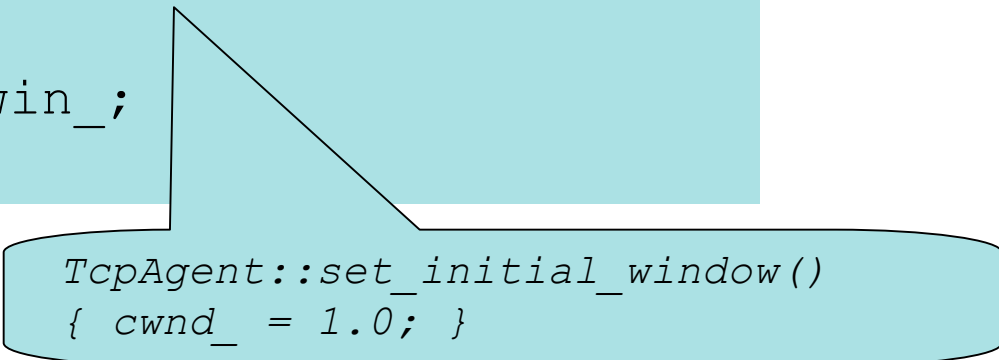
```
/* Class TclClass */
static class JSTcpClass : public
TclClass {
public:
    JSTcpClass() :
TclClass("Agent/TCP/JS") {}
    TclObject* create(int, const char*
const*) {
        return(new JSTcpAgent());
    }
} class_tcpjs;
```

TCP Jump Start – Class body

- Implement JSTcpAgent body

```
/* variable binding - constructor */
JSTcpAgent::JSTcpAgent() {
    bind("MAXWIN_", &maxwin_);
}

/* override "set_initial_window" */
void JSTcpAgent::set_initial_window()
{
    cwnd_ = maxwin_;
}
```



```
TcpAgent::set_initial_window()
{ cwnd_ = 1.0; }
```


TCP Jump Start – default value

```
% cat $ns/tcl/lib/ns-default.tcl  
# To remove warns  
# Agent/TCP/JS  
Agent/TCP/JS set MAXWIN_ 1
```

TCP Jump Start - Compiling

- % cat \$ns/Makefile
 - ...
 - tcp/tcp.o **tcp/tcp-js.o** tcp/tcp-sink.o
- % cd \$ns ;make

TCP Jump Start-OTcl Scenario

```
set ns [new Simulator]

set init_win [lindex $argv [expr [lsearch $argv "-win"] + 1]]
if {$argc != 2} {
    puts "usage: ns basic_tcpjs_trace.tcl -win #"
}

set tracefile [open out.tr w]
$ns trace-all $tracefile

set n0 [$ns node]
set n1 [$ns node]
$ns duplex-link $n0 $n1 1Mb 2ms DropTail
```

TCP Jump Start-OTcl Scenario

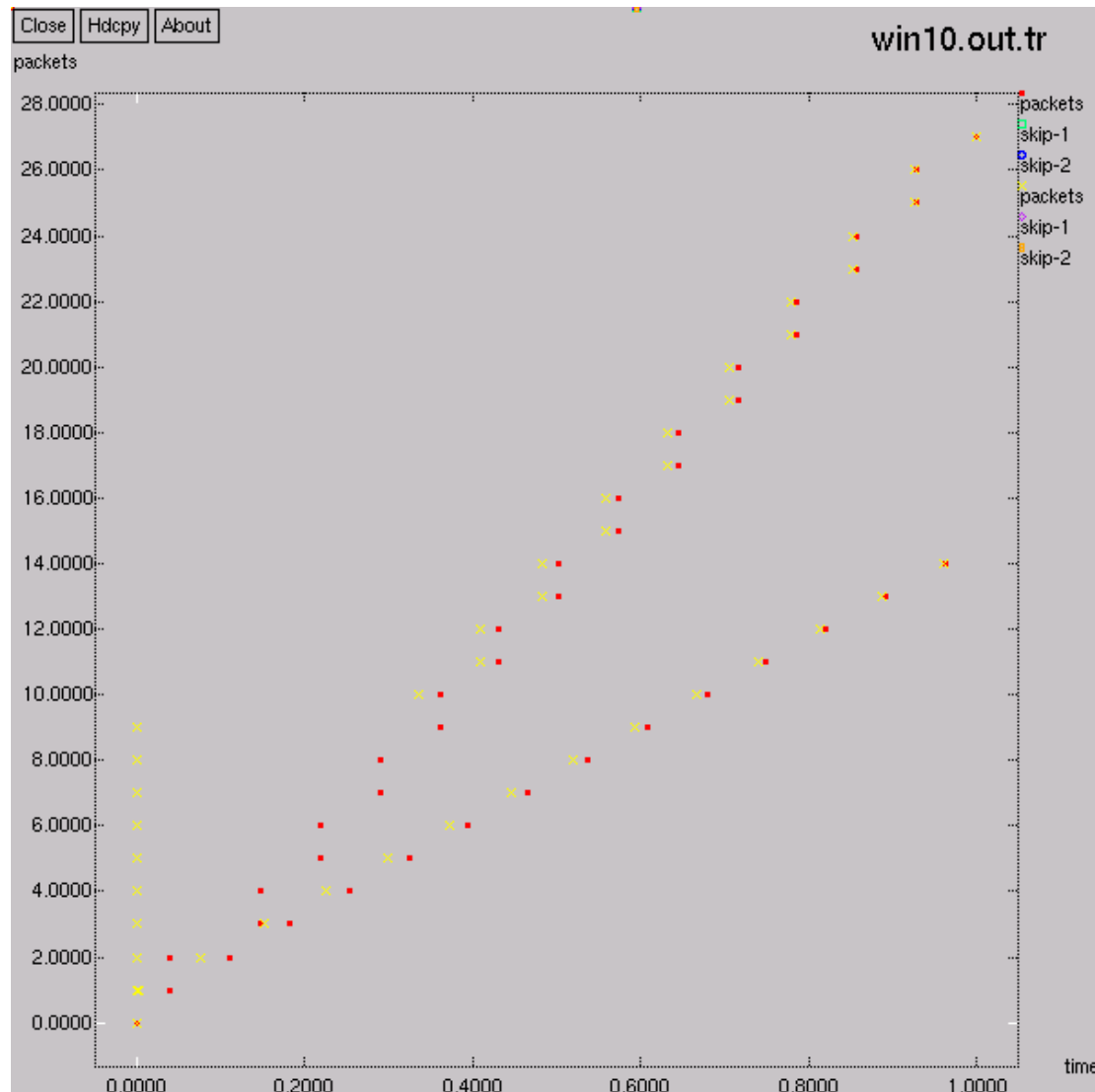
```
set tcp0 [new Agent/TCP/JS]
$tcp0 set MAXWIN_ $init_win
$ns attach-agent $n0 $tcp0
set ftp0 [new Source/FTP]
$ftp0 set agent_ $tcp0

set sink0 [new Agent/TCPSink]
$ns attach-agent $n1 $sink0
$ns connect $tcp0 $sink0

$ns at 1.0 "$ftp0 start"
$ns at 5.0 "exit"
$ns run
```

```
% ns basic_tcpjs_trace.tcl -win 10
% ns basic_tcpjs_trace.tcl -win 1
```

TCP Jump Start-Result



Creating a new c++ component

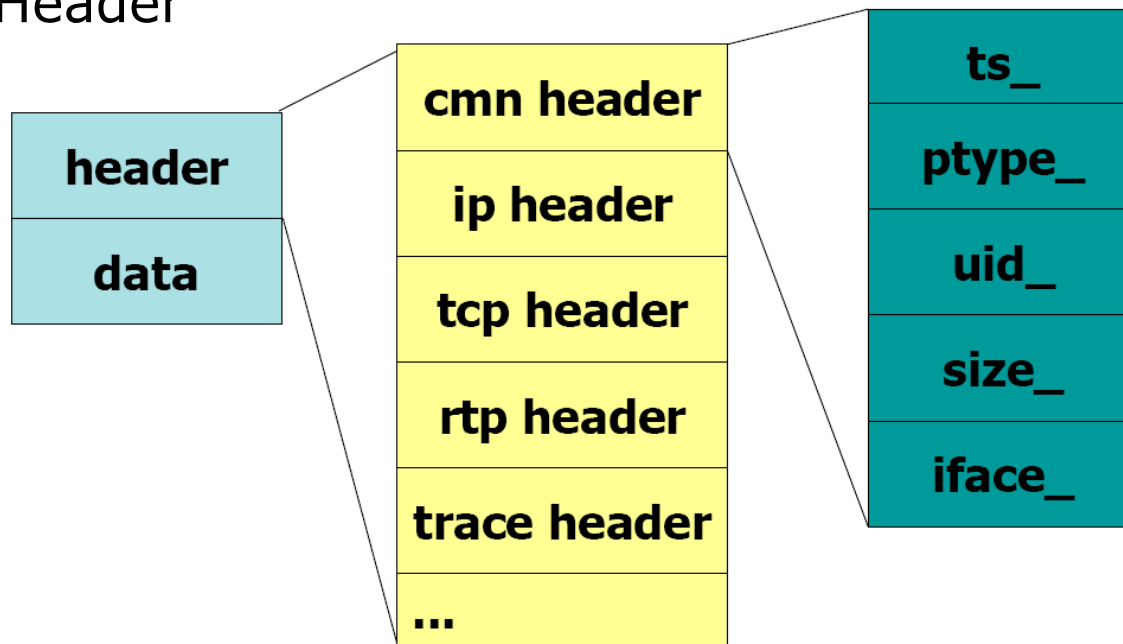
New agent / New header

Packet

- Basic object for data exchange
 - Allocated by an agent
 - Use `'send()'`, `receiver()'`
- Packets are implemented in C++ space
 - Performance
 - Compiled packet are enabled in OTcl before start of simulation via the class "PacketHeaderManager"
- Each packet contains all enabled packet headers
 - Accessing any header in the stack of a packet can be done by using `'offset'` value

Packet Header

- Composed of a stack of headers
 - +*optional* data space
 - Meaningless to non-real-time simulation Packet Header



Packet

- Packet header
 - Per-protocol information
 - New protocols may define their own header or may extend existing headers
 - Should create or modify agent handling new header
- Packet header linkage
 - `'class PacketHeaderManager'`
 - Subclass of `'class TclClass'`

New Packet Header

- Create new header structure
- Enable tracing support of new header
- Create static class for Otcl-linkage (packet.h)
- Enable new header in OTcl(tcl/lib/ns-packet.tcl)

Ping Agent Example

- Scenario
 - Ping request/ Ping response between two nodes
- New Agent-SPing/Agent
 - To evade collision with pre-exist Ping/Agent
- New Header
 - PacketHeader/Sping
- Example from 'ns tutorial' of Macr Greis
 - Slightly modified for presentation

SPing.h

```
struct hdr_sping {
    char ret; // '0' for ping request, '1' for ping reply
    double send_time;

    // Header access methods
    static int offset_; // required by PacketHeaderManager
    inline static hdr_sping* access(const Packet* p) {
        return (hdr_sping*) p->access(offset_);
    }
};

class SPingAgent : public Agent {
public:
    SPingAgent();
    virtual int command(int argc, const char*const* argv);
    virtual void recv(Packet*, Handler*);
};
```

SPing.cc-OTcl linkage

```
int hdr_sping::offset_;
static class PingHeaderClass : public PacketHeaderClass {
public:
    PingHeaderClass() : PacketHeaderClass("PacketHeader/SPing",
                                           sizeof(hdr_sping)) {
        bind_offset(&hdr_sping::offset_);
    }
} class_spinghdr;

static class SPingClass : public TclClass {
public:
    SPingClass() : TclClass("Agent/SPing") {}
    TclObject* create(int, const char*const*) {
        return (new SPingAgent());
    }
} class_sping;

SPingAgent::SPingAgent() : Agent(PT_SPING)
{
    bind("packetSize_", &size_);
}
```

PT_SPING
Otbl linkage

Agent/Sping
Otbl linkage

SPing.cc-Ping request

```
int SPingAgent::command(int argc, const char*const* argv)
{
    if (argc == 2) {
        if (strcmp(argv[1], "send") == 0) {
            // Create a new packet
            Packet* pkt = allocpkt();
            // Access the Ping header for the new packet:
            hdr_sping* hdr = hdr_sping::access(pkt);
            hdr->ret = 0; // ping request
            hdr->send_time = Scheduler::instance().clock();
            send(pkt, 0);
            return (TCL_OK);
        }
    }
    return (Agent::command(argc, argv));
}
```

SPing.cc-Handling ping request

```
void SPingAgent::recv(Packet* pkt, Handler*)
{
    // Access the IP header for the received packet:
    hdr_ip* hdr_ip = hdr_ip::access(pkt);
    // Access the SPing header for the received packet:
    hdr_sping* hdr = hdr_sping::access(pkt);
    if (hdr->ret == 0) { // case 'ping request'
        // Handling 'ping request'
        double stime = hdr->send_time;
        Packet::free(pkt);
        // Preparing 'ping reply'
        Packet* pktret = allocpkt();
        hdr_sping* hdrret = hdr_sping::access(pktret);
        hdrret->ret = 1;
        hdrret->send_time = stime;
        send(pktret, 0);
    }
}
```

SPing.cc-Handling ping reply

```
} else {  
    // case 'ping reply'  
    // In the Tcl code, a procedure 'Agent/Ping recv {from  
    // rtt}' has to be defined which allows the user to  
    react // to the ping result.  
  
    char out[100];  
    sprintf(out, "%s recv %d %3.1f", name(),  
        hdrip->src_.addr_ >>Address::instance().NodeShift_[1],  
        (Scheduler::instance().clock()-hdr->send_time)*1000);  
    Tcl& tcl = Tcl::instance();  
    tcl.eval(out);  
    Packet::free(pkt);  
}  
}
```


sping.tcl-simulation scenario

```
#Define a 'recv' function for the class 'Agent/Ping'
Agent/SPing instproc recv {from rtt} {
    $self instvar node_
    puts "node [$node_ id] received ping answer from \
        $from with round-trip-time $rtt ms."
}
set ns [new Simulator]
set nf [open out.nam w]
$ns namtrace-all $nf
proc finish {} {
    global ns nf
    $ns flush-trace
    close $nf
    exec nam out.nam &
    exit 0
}
set n0 [$ns node]
set n1 [$ns node]
```

sping.tcl-simulation scenario

```
$ns duplex-link $n0 $n1 1Mb 10ms DropTail

set p0 [new Agent/SPing]
$ns attach-agent $n0 $p0
set p1 [new Agent/SPing]
$ns attach-agent $n1 $p1

$ns connect $p0 $p1

$ns at 0.2 "$p0 send"
$ns at 0.4 "$p1 send"
$ns at 0.6 "$p0 send"
$ns at 0.6 "$p1 send"
$ns at 1.0 "finish"

$ns run
```

Necessary Changes

- Enable Tracking
 - \$ns/common/packet.h
 - Used as a “glue” to bind numeric packet type values with their symbolic names

```
enum packet_t {
    PT_TCP,
    .....
    PT_SPING, //numeric code for sping
              //packet protocol ID for sping-agent
};
class p_info {
public:
    p_info() {
        name_[PT_TCP]= "tcp";
        .....
        name_[PT_SPING]="SPing"; //symbolic code for sping-agent
    }
    .....
}
```

Necessary Changes

- `$ns/tcl/lib/ns-default.tcl`
Agent/SPing set `packetSize_ 64`
- Register New Header
 - `$ns/tcl/lib/ns-packet.tcl`

//The packet header format initialization implementation

```
foreach prot {  
    AODV  
    ARP  
    aSRM  
  
    .....  
    SPing  
} {  
    add-packet-header $prot  
}
```

Compiling and running

- Makefile
srm-topo.o \
ping.o \
\$(LIB_DIR)dmalloc_support.o \
- Recompile and run
make depend; make
ns ping.tcl

Timer

- Steps : Add timer to the NewAgent
 - In newTimerClass
 - define the timer object inherit 'class TimerHandler'
 - add expire() implementation of 'TimerHandler'
 - Invoked by TimerHandler::sched() in newagent
 - In NewAgent class
 - add timer instance to new agent
 - schedule with 'time' value

Class TimerHandler

- Base class 'TimerHandler'
 - void sched(time) :
 - Schedule a timer to expire after 'time' seconds
 - void resched(time)
 - Reschedule a timer
 - similar to sched(), but timer may be pending
 - void cancel()
 - Cancel a pending timer


Class TimerHandler

```
#include "timer-handler.h"

class NewAgent;

class RtxTimer : public TimerHandler {
public:
    RtxTimer(NewAgent *a) : TimerHandler() { a_ = a; }
protected:
    NewAgent *a_;
    virtual void expire(Event *e);
};

void RtxTimer::expire {
    // do an action through the pointer a_
    a_>timeout();
}
```



invoked by TimerHandler::sched(timevalue)

Class NewAgent with timer

```
class NewAgent : {  
    ...  
    void timeout();  
    RtxTimer timer_;  
    NewAgent::NewAgent : timer_(this) {  
        printf("Hello, new C++ class is created.\n");  
        timer_.sched(2.0);  
    }  
    Invoke RtxTimer::expire()  
    invoked by RtxTimer::expire()  
    a_->timeout();  
    void timeout() {  
        double now = Scheduler::instance().clock();  
        printf("Timeout occurs at %f.\n", now)  
    }  
}
```

Running Example

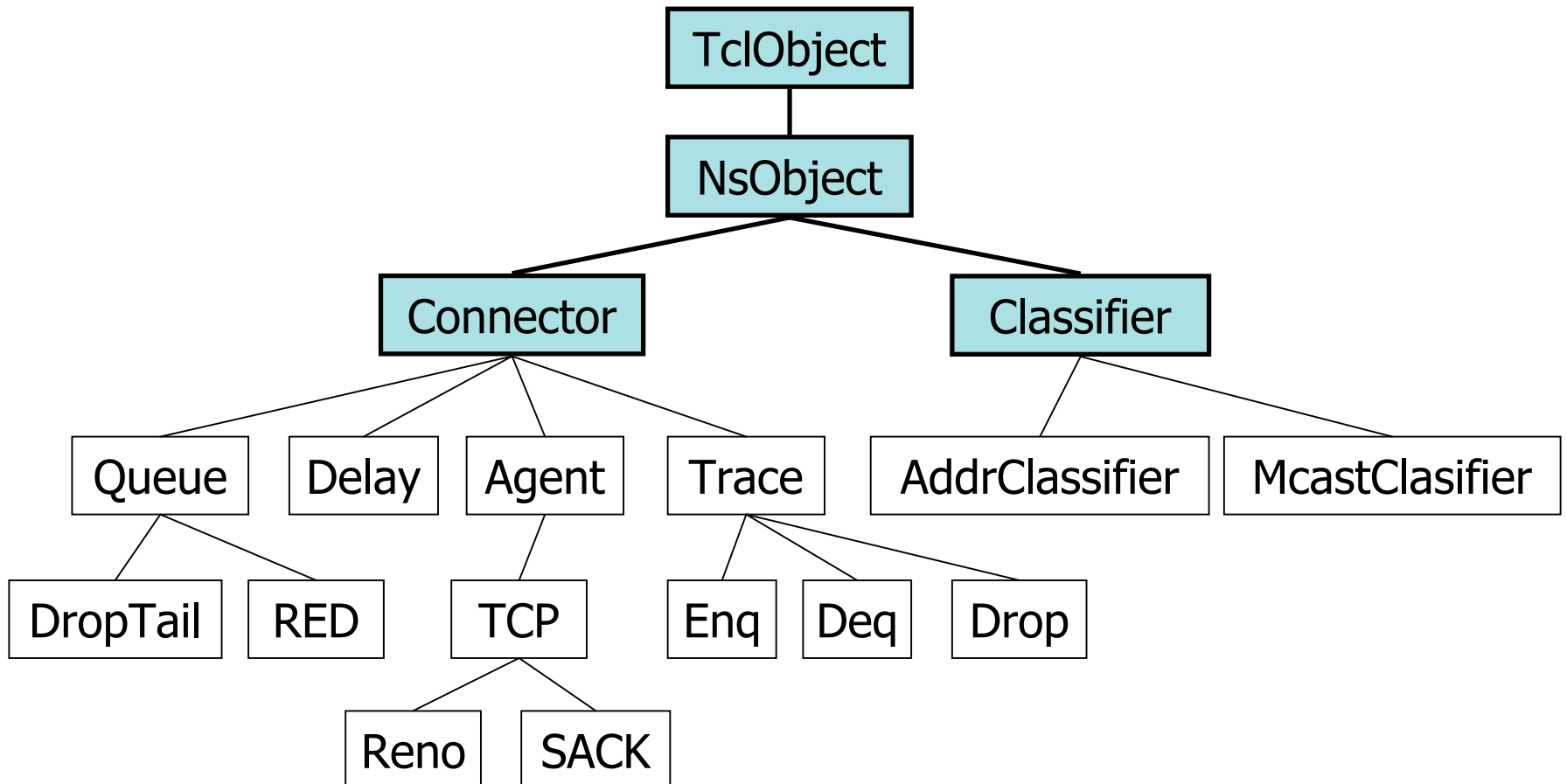
- After Recompiling
 - % set ns [new Simulator]
 - % set a [new NewAgent]
 - Hello, a new C++ class is created.
 - % \$ns run
 - Timeout occurs at 2.000000

NS2 component

1. NS2 component
2. Tracing

NS component

- Basic Component



TclObject / NsObject

- TclObject
 - Root class of all the compiled object and interpreted object
 - *command, trace, bind*
- NsObject
 - Subclass to TclObejct but
 - Super class of all the compiled obejct
 - Common function to simulator
 - *recv, handle, reset*

Connector

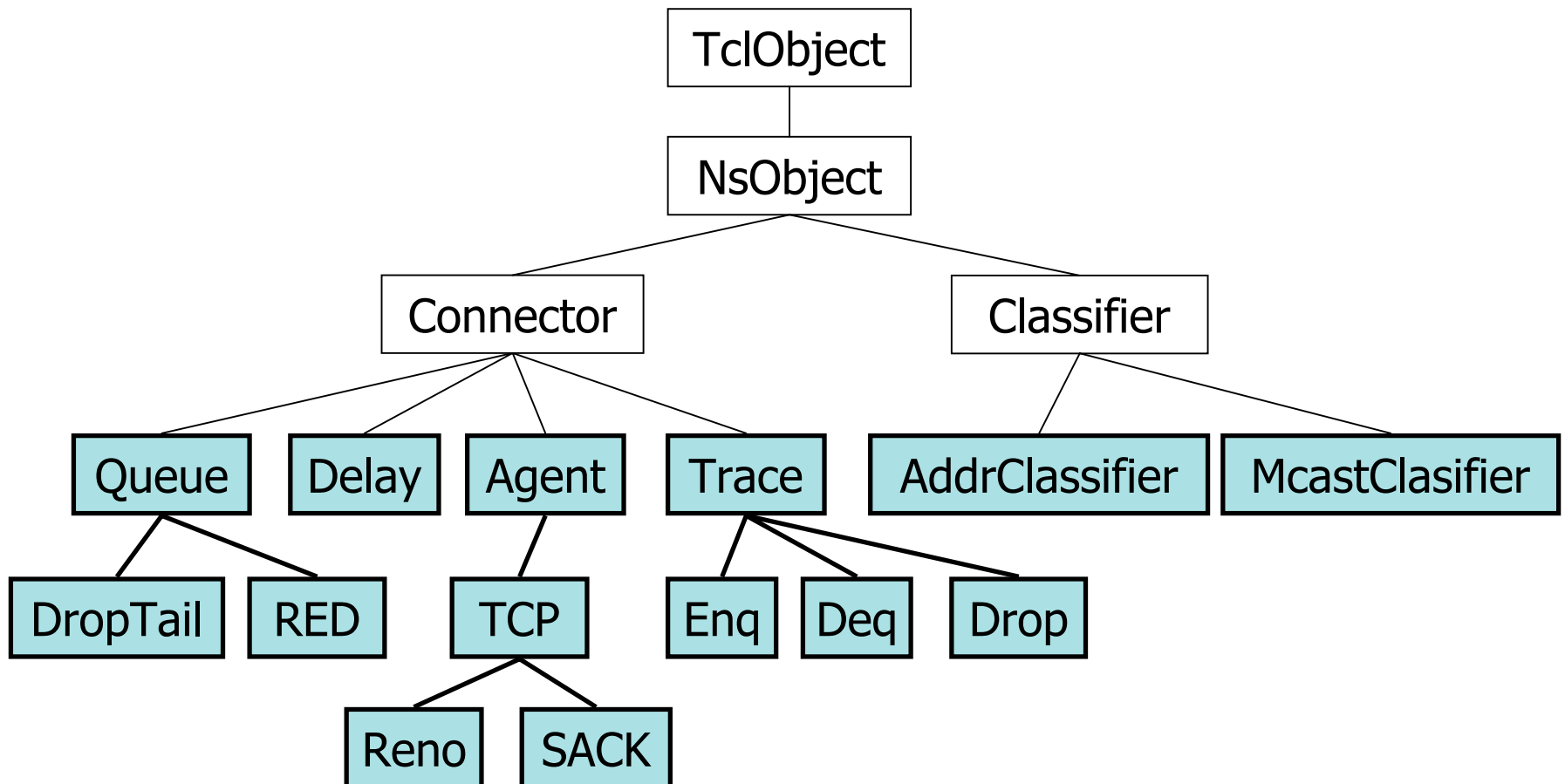
- One output data path
 - Receive incoming packets, and transmit them to their 'target_'
 - Queue, Agent..
 - Defined in `$ns/common/connector.{h,cc}`
- Variables
 - `NSObject* target_;`
- Functions
 - `send(Packet* p, Handler* h) { target_->recv(p,h); }`
 - `recv(Packet* p, Handler* h) { send(p,h); }`
 - `drop(Packet* p) { Packet::free(p); }`

Classifier

- Multiple output data path
 - Used for routing
 - Defined in `$ns/classifier/classifier.{h,cc}`
- Variables
 - `NsObject** slot_;`
 - `NsObject* default_target_;`
- Functions
 - `install(int slot, NsObject* p) { slot_[slot] = p; }`
 - `find(Packet* p) { return slot_[classify(p)]; }`
 - `recv(Packet* p, Handler* h) {`
 - `NsObject* node = find(p);`
 - `node->recv(p,h);`
 - `}`

NS component

- Network Component



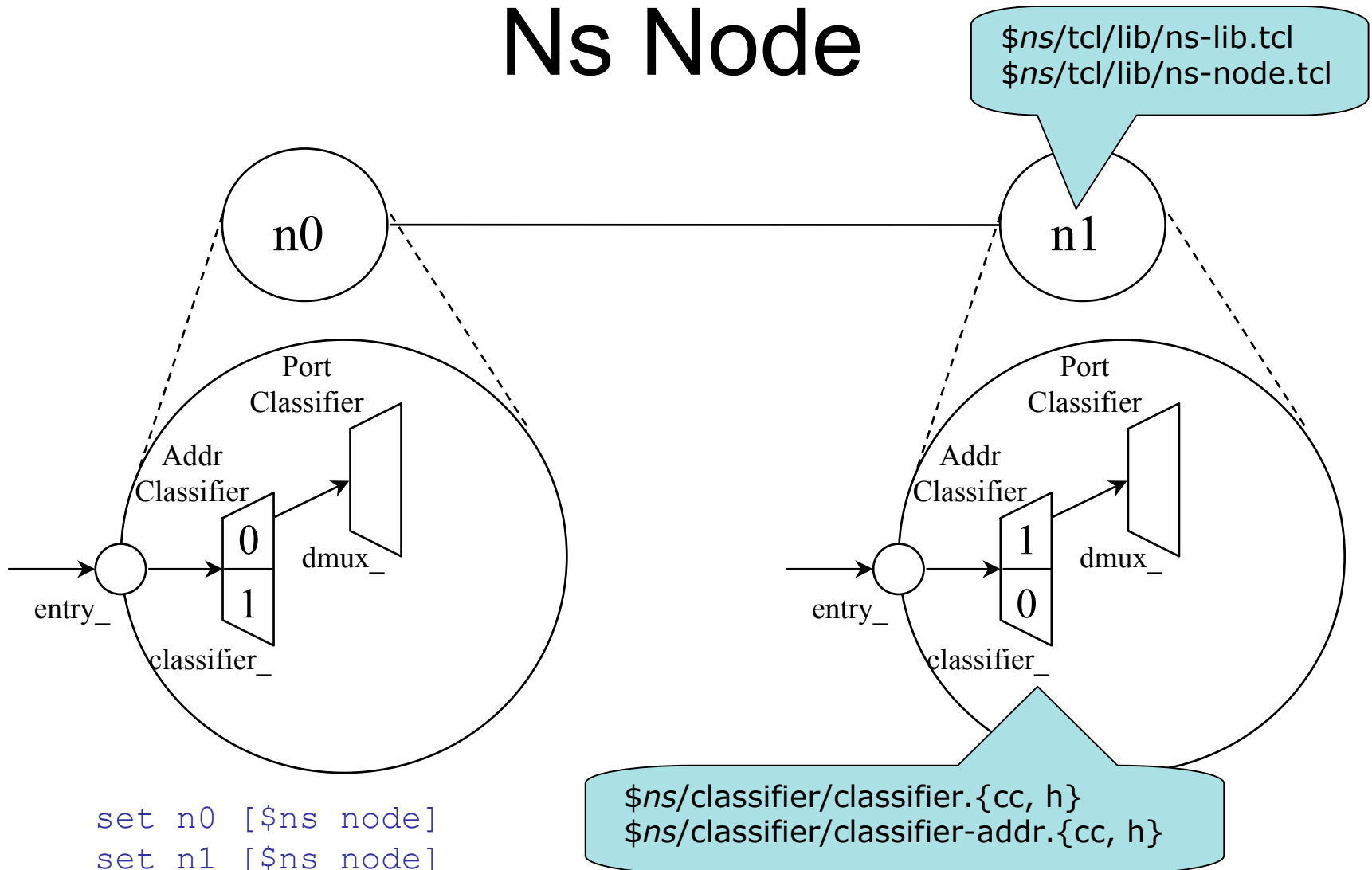
Four major types

- Node
 - Addressable entity
 - Classifier + RtModule
- Link
 - Set of queues
 - Queue + LinkDelay
- Agent
 - Packet generator/consumer
- Application
 - Communication instigator

Node

- Class Node
 - Defined in *`$ns/common/node.{h,cc}`*,
`$ns/tcl/lib/nsnode.tcl`
 - Standalone class in OTCL
 - Most components are TclObjects

Ns Node

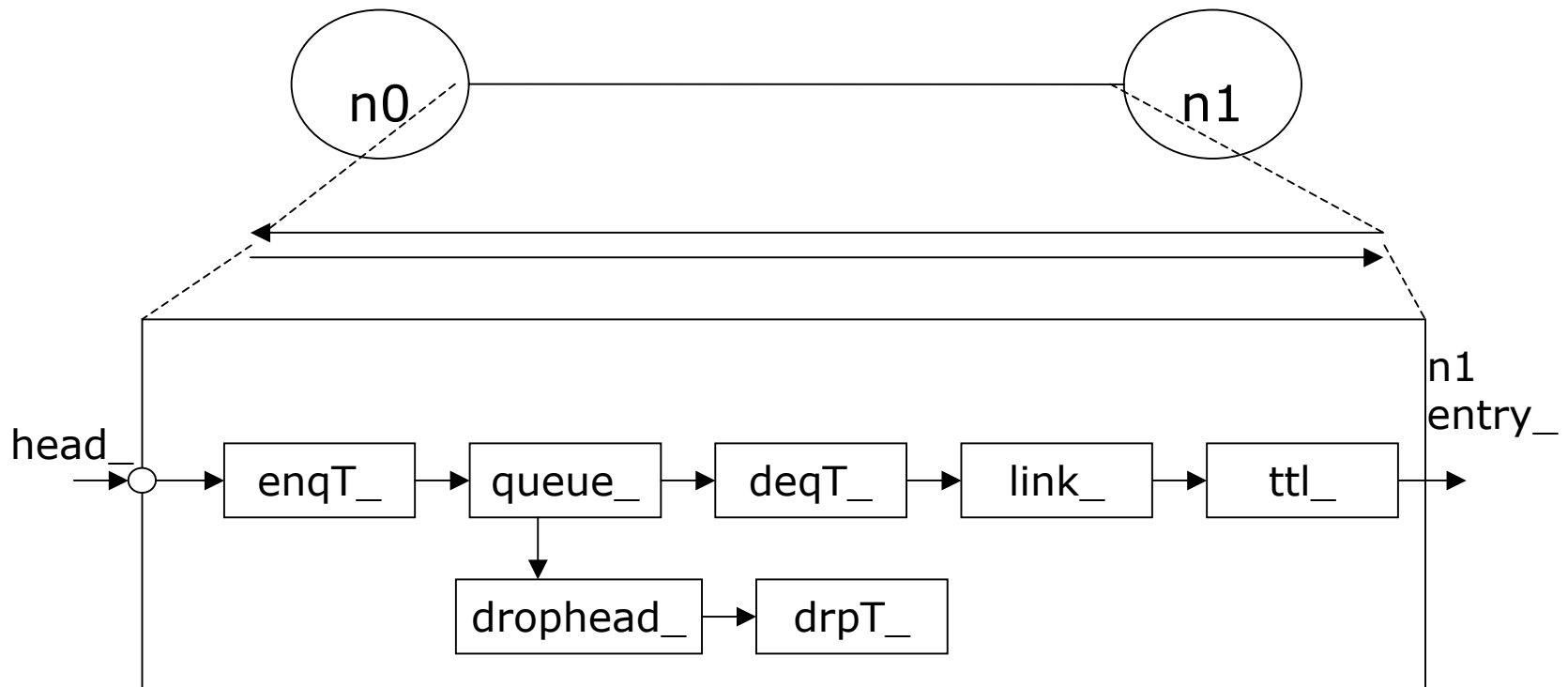


Link

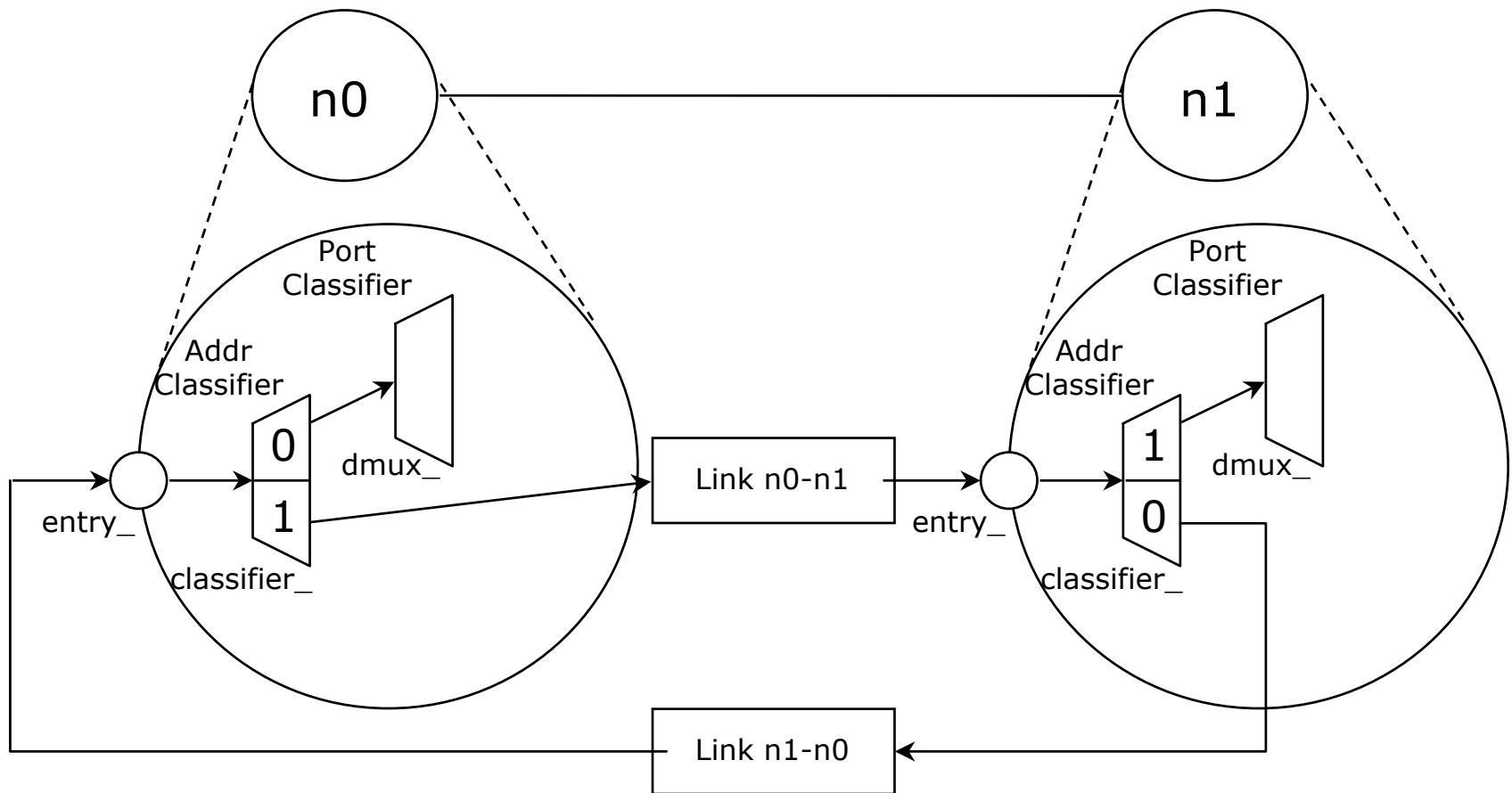
- Class link
 - *\$ns/tcl/lib/ns-link.tcl*
 - Standalone class in OTCL
 - Most components are TclObjects

Network Topology - Link

```
SimpleLink instproc init { src dst bw delay q {lltype "DelayLink"}} {  
    set drophead_ [new Connector]  
    set head_ [new Connector]  
    set queue_ $q  
    set link_ [new $lltype]  
    set ttl_ [new TTLChecker]
```



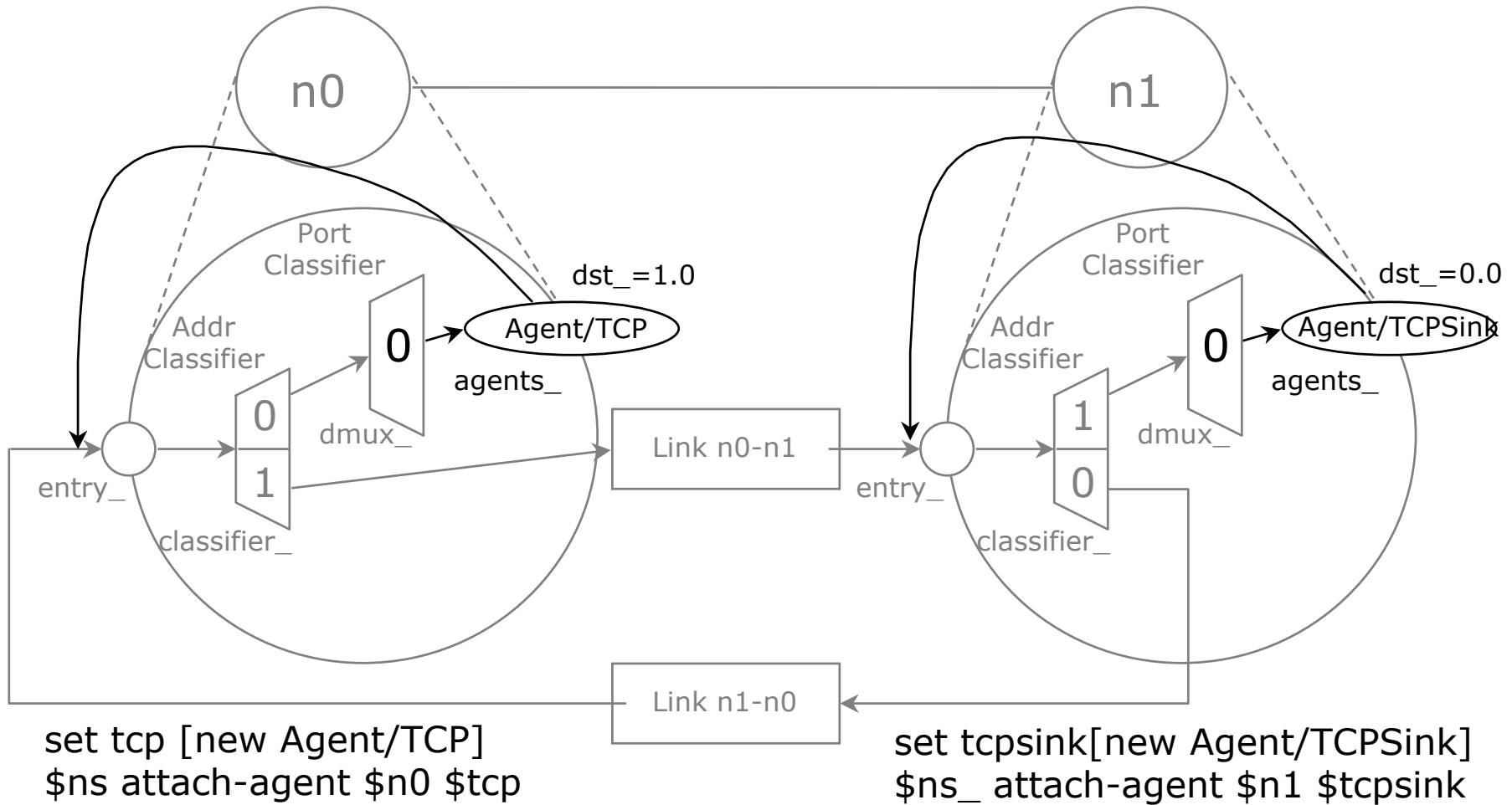
Network Topology - Link



Queue

- Location where packets may be held or dropped
 - Packet scheduling –CBQ, FQ, SFQ, DRR
 - Buffer Management –drop-tail(FIFO), RED
 - Defined in `$ns/queue/queue.{h, cc}`
- Inherit class Connector
- Virtual functions of enqueue and deque
 - `recv` calls `enqueue`
 - `resumecalls` deque and `target_ -> rec`

Transport



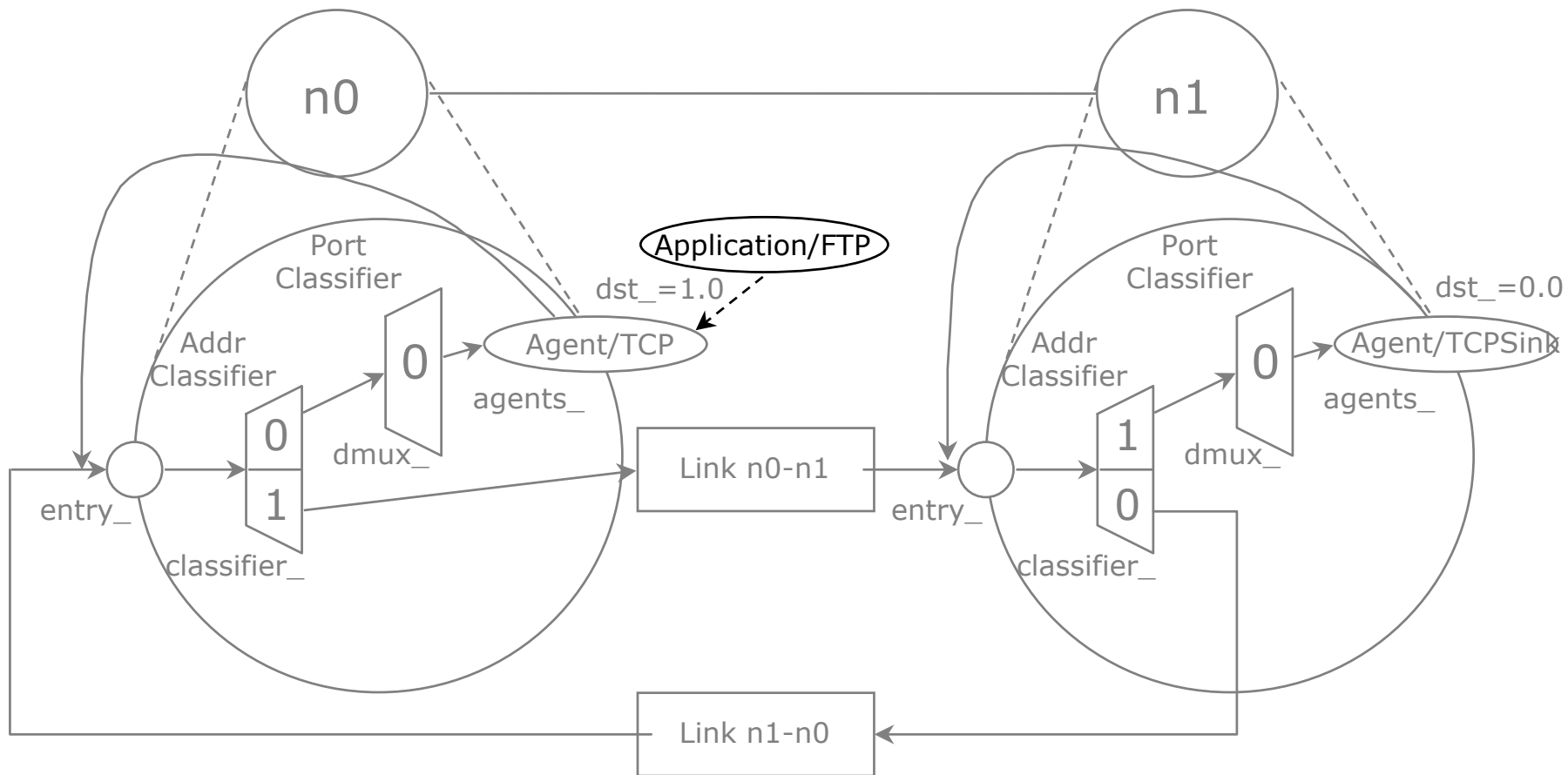
Agent

- Defined in
 - `$ns/common/agent.{h,cc}` & `$ns/tcl/lib/ns-agent.tcl`
- Internal states
 - Node address
 - Destination address
 - Fixed packet size
 - Type in packet header (protocol type)
 - IP flow ID, priority, Flags

Agent

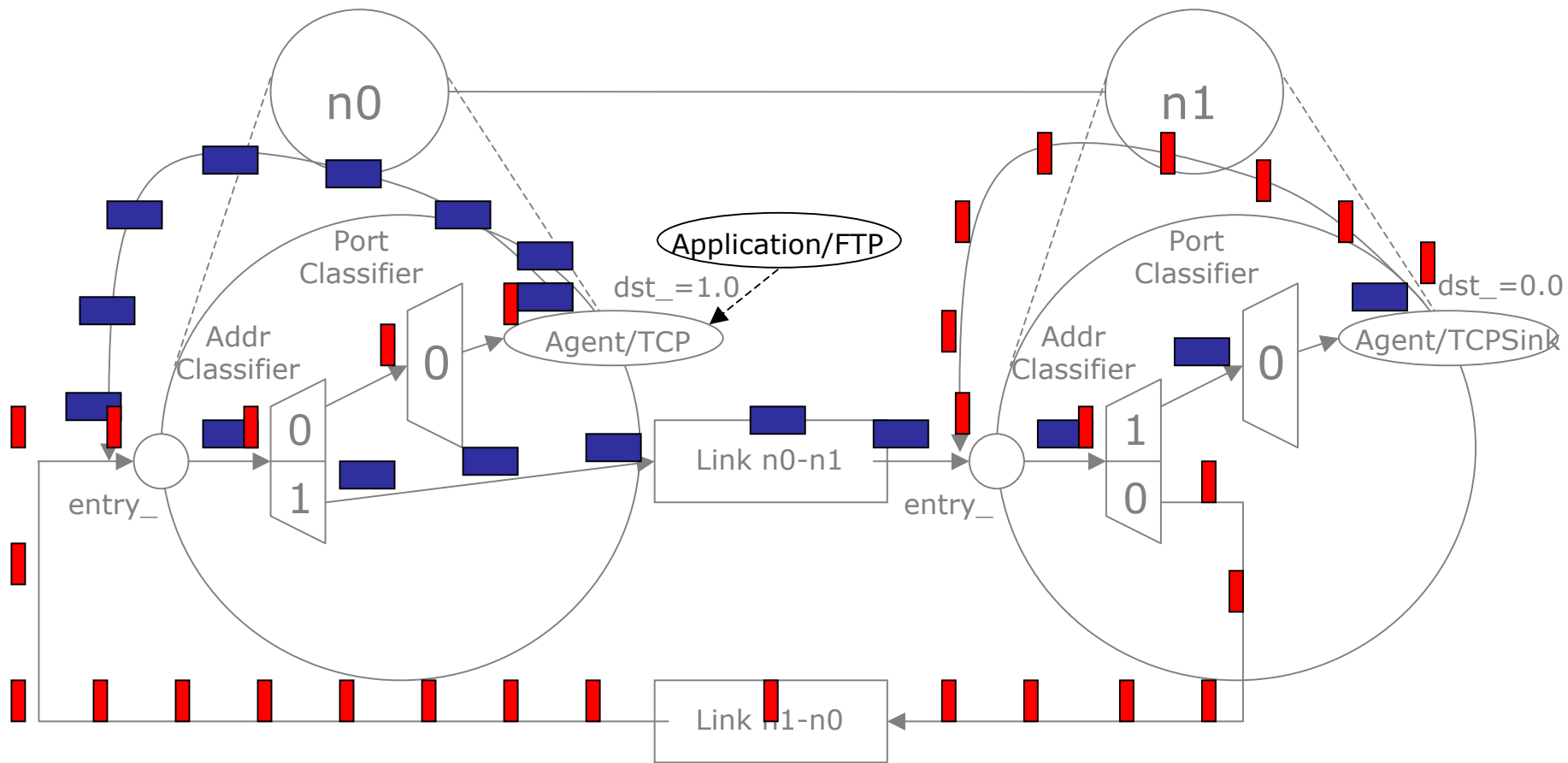
- Packet allocation
 - allocpkt()
- Main entry point
 - recv(Packet*, Handler*)
 - For incoming and/or outgoing packets
 - TcpAgentfor incoming ACK, PingAgentfor both
 - send(Packet* p, Handler* h) { target_->recv(p, h); }
 - Packet forwarding

Application : Traffic Generator



```
set ftp [new Application/FTP]
$tcp attach-agent $ftp
```

Packet Flow



Wireless Simulation

Ad hoc network

Wireless Simulation in NS

- Contributed from CMU's Monarch project (Wireless extension to ns-2)
- Various modules were added to ns-2 to simulate node mobility and wireless networking
 - Mobile Node
 - Ad-hoc Routing(DSR, DSDV, TORA, AODV)
 - MAC802.11
 - Radio Propagation Model
 - Channel

Mobile Node in Wireless

- Mobile Node inherits from Node object.
 - MobileNode = Node + ability to move +
 - Link layer, Interface queue, MAC, PHY
 - Radio propagation model
 - Type of ad-hoc routing
 - Type of antenna
- Receive/transmit signals from a wireless channel.
 - No link object is used

Ad Hoc Routing – An Example

- Scenario
 - 2 mobile nodes
 - moving within 500mX500m flat topology
 - One moving from left to right, the other vice versa with TCP traffic
 - using DSDV ad hoc routing protocol
- Examples:
 - ns-2/ns-tutorial/examples/simple-wireless.tcl
 - ns-2/tcl/ex/wireless-demo-csci694.tcl

Additional setup for wireless simulation

- node configuration
 - layer 3-2, layer 1
 - Tracing
 - energy
- node coordinates
- node movements

Create simulator

```
# create simulator
```

```
set ns_ [new Simulator]
```

```
# create a topology in a 500m x 500m area
```

```
set topo [new Topography]
```

```
$topo load_flatgrid 500 500
```

Set up trace

ns trace

set tracefd [open demo.tr w]

\$ns_ trace-all \$tracefd

nam trace

set namtrace [open demo.nam w]

\$ns_ namtrace-all-wireless \$namtrace 500 500

God

```
# Create God(General Operation Director)  
set god [create-god 2]
```

- God: Stores all-pairs Dijkstra shortest path lengths
- Allows comparison of path length with optimal
- Automatically generated by scenario file

Mobile nodes configuration

Define how a mobile node should be created

L2, L3 configuration

```
$ns_ node-config \
    -adhocRouting DSDV \ ;# L3
    -llType LL \ ;# L2
    -macType Mac/802_11 \ ;# L2
    -ifqLen 50 \ ;# L2
    -ifqType Queue/DropTail/PriQueue \ ;# L2
```

Mobile nodes configuration

Define how a mobile node should be created

L1 configuration

```
$ns_ node-config \
  -antType Antenna/OmniAntenna \
  -propType Propagation/TwoRayGround \
  -phyType Phy/WirelessPhy \
  -channelType Channel/WirelessChannel \
  -topoInstance $topo \
  -agentTrace ON \
  -routerTrace OFF \
  -macTrace OFF
```

Set up nodes

```
# Set of Nodes
# Use "for" loop to create 2 or more nodes:
  for {set i < 0} {$i < 2} {incr i} {
    set node_($i) [$ns_ node]
    $node_($i) random-motion 0
  }
```


Node movement

#start position

```
$node_(0) set X_ 5.0; $node_(0) set Y_ 2.0; $node_(0) set Z_ 0.0  
$node_(1) set X_ 390.0;$node_(1) set Y_ 385.0;$node_(1) set Z_ 0.0
```

#node(1) move towards node(0)

```
$ns_ at 50.0 "$node_(1) setdest 25.0 20.0 15.0"
```

```
$ns_ at 10.0 "$node_(0) setdest 20.0 18.0 1.0"
```

#node(1) move away from node(0)

```
$ns_ at 100.0 "$node_(1) setdest 490.0 480.0 15.0"
```

Format of mobility commands

\$ns_ at 50 "\$node_(1) setdest 500.0 250.0 1"
--

↓
At 50
seconds

↓
node1

↓
goes to

↓
X

↓
Y

↓
Speed

Node movement

- Disable random movement
 - \$mnode random-motion 0
- Random movement
 - \$ns at 1.0 “\$mnode start”
- Specified movement
 - \$ns at 1.0 “\$mnode setdest <x> <y>
<speed>”

Traffic Scenario

- TCP connection from node 0 to node 1
 - set tcp [new Agent/TCP]
 - set sink [new Agent/TCPSink]
 - \$ns_ attach-agent \$node_(0) \$tcp
 - \$ns_ attach-agent \$node_(1) \$sink
 - \$ns_ connect \$tcp \$sink
- Create data source
 - set ftp [new Application/FTP]
 - \$ftp attach-agent \$tcp
 - \$ns_ at 10.0 "\$ftp start"

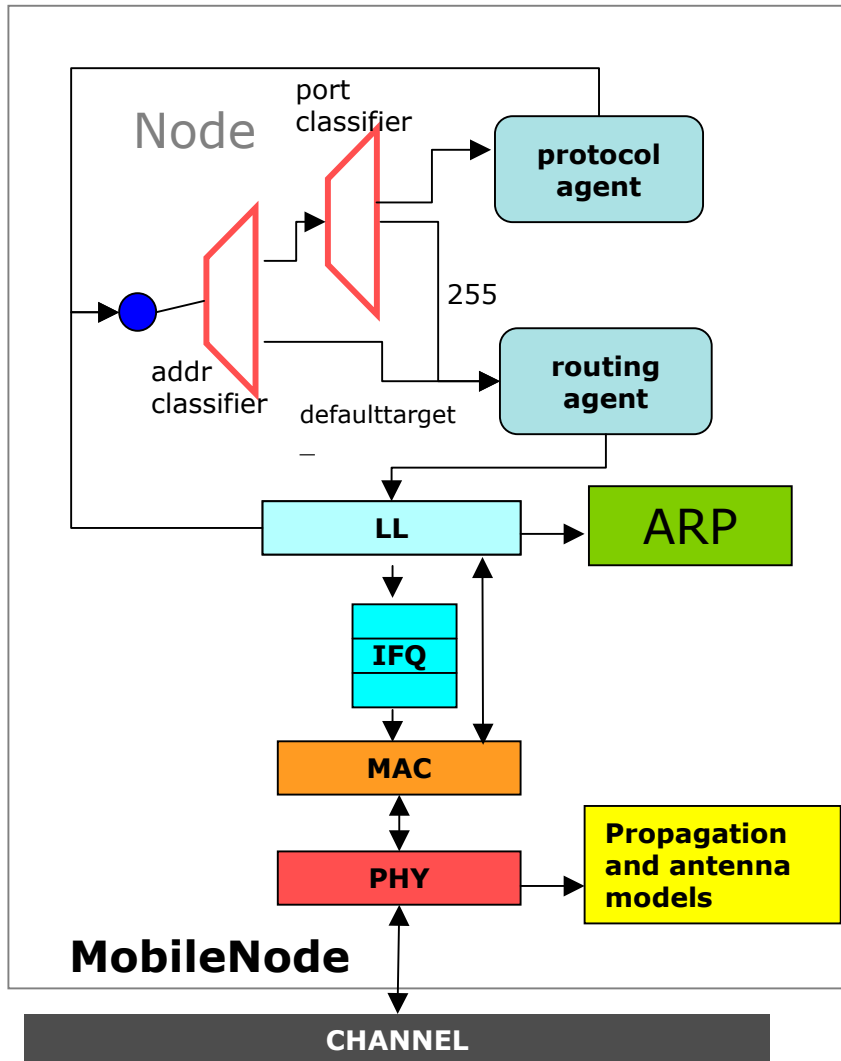
Running simulation

```
# Define node initial position in nam
for {set i 0} {$i < 2} {incr i} {
    $ns_ initial_node_position $node($i) 20
}
set val_(stop) 50.0
# Tell ns/nam the simulation stop time
for {set i 0} {$i < 2} {incr I} {
    $ns_ at $val_(stop).0 "$node_($I) reset";
}
$ns_ at $val_(stop).0001 "stop"
$ns_ at $val_(stop).0002 "$ns_ halt"

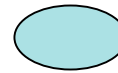
proc stop { } {
    global ns_ tracefd
    close $tracefd
}

# Start your simulation
$ns_ run
```

Mobile Node



Classifier: Forwarding



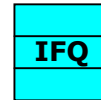
Agent: Protocol Entity



Node Entry



LL: Link layer object



IFQ: Interface queue



MAC: Mac object

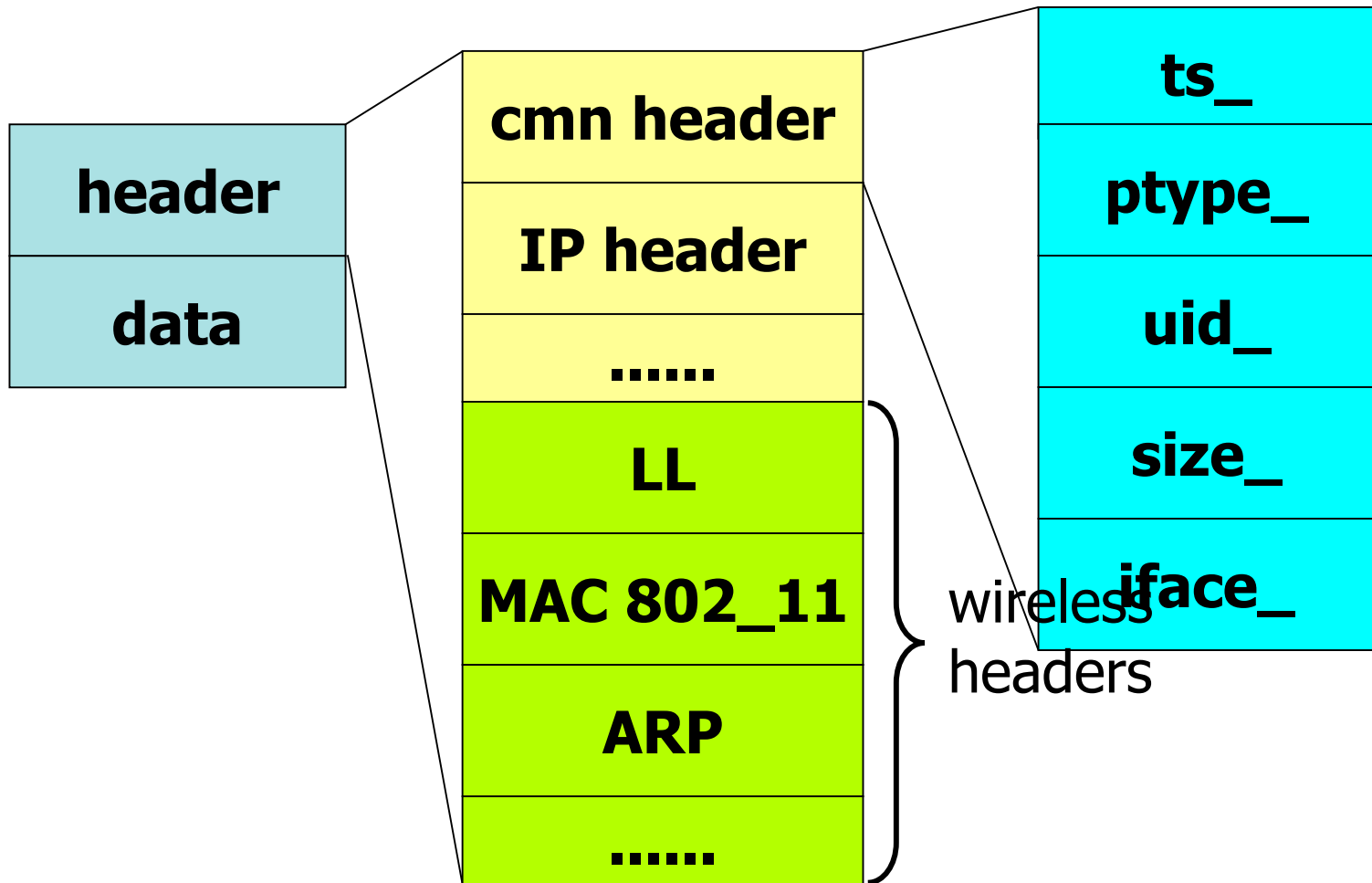


PHY: Net interface



Radio propagation/
antenna models

Wireless packet header

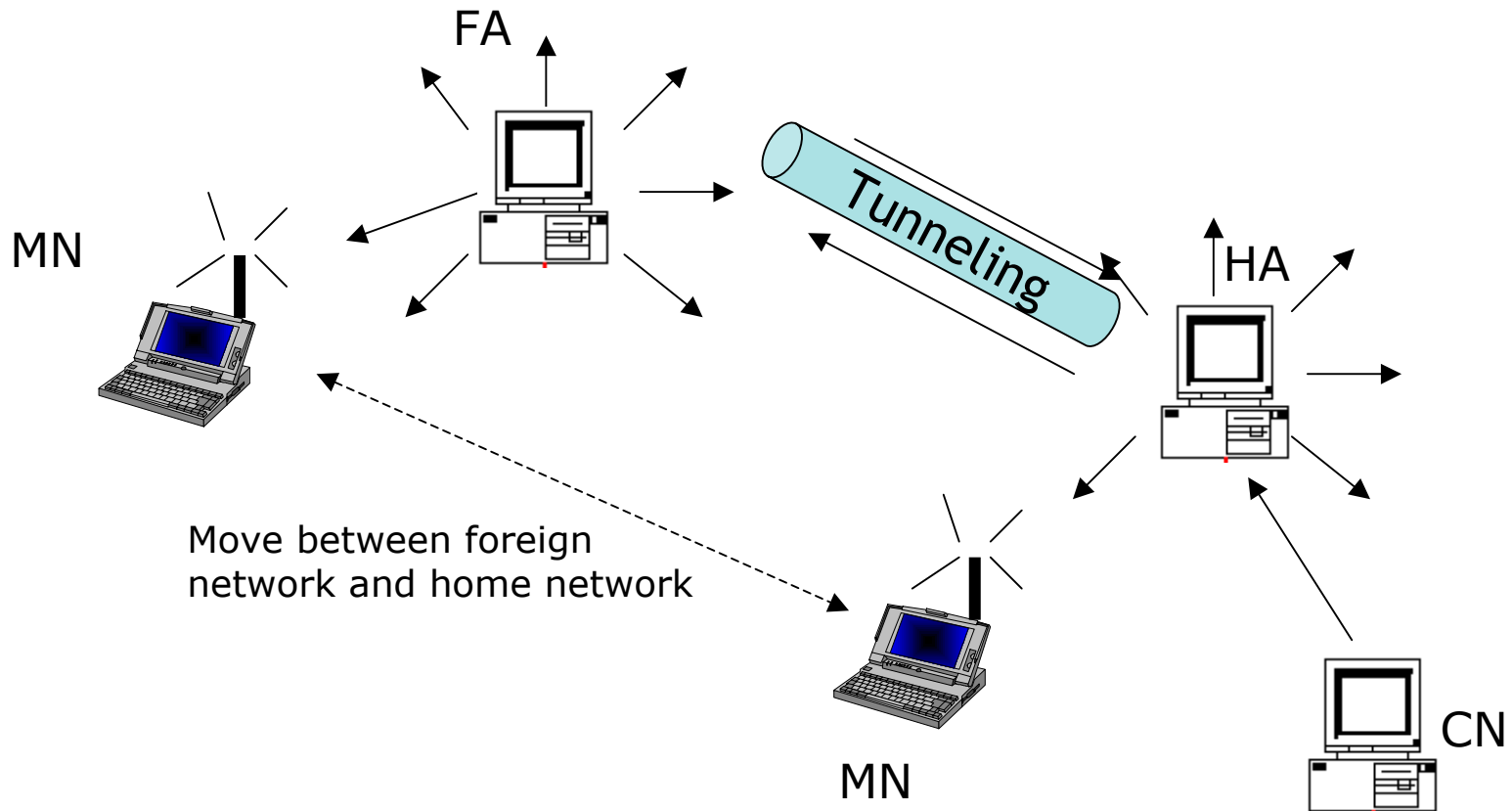


Mobile IP Simulation

Mobile IP Support

- Developed by Sun
 - Require a different Node structure than the MobileNode
 - Co-exists with wired world in ns
- Standard Mobile IP
 - Home Agent, Foreign Agent, MobileHosts...

Mobile IP – Demo Scenario



Reference

- Official ns Manual
 - Padma Haldar's tutorial
 - marc greis's Ns tutorial
 - Ns by example
 - Changhee joo's Ns tutorial
- Examples , figures in this presentation are largely borrowed above materials

Q & A

Thanks for your attentions