

NetSE Council

~~GSC Update~~

GENI Engineering Conference

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Challenge to the Community

Fundamental Question: Is there a **science** for understanding the complexity of our **networks** such that we can **engineer** them to have predictable behavior?



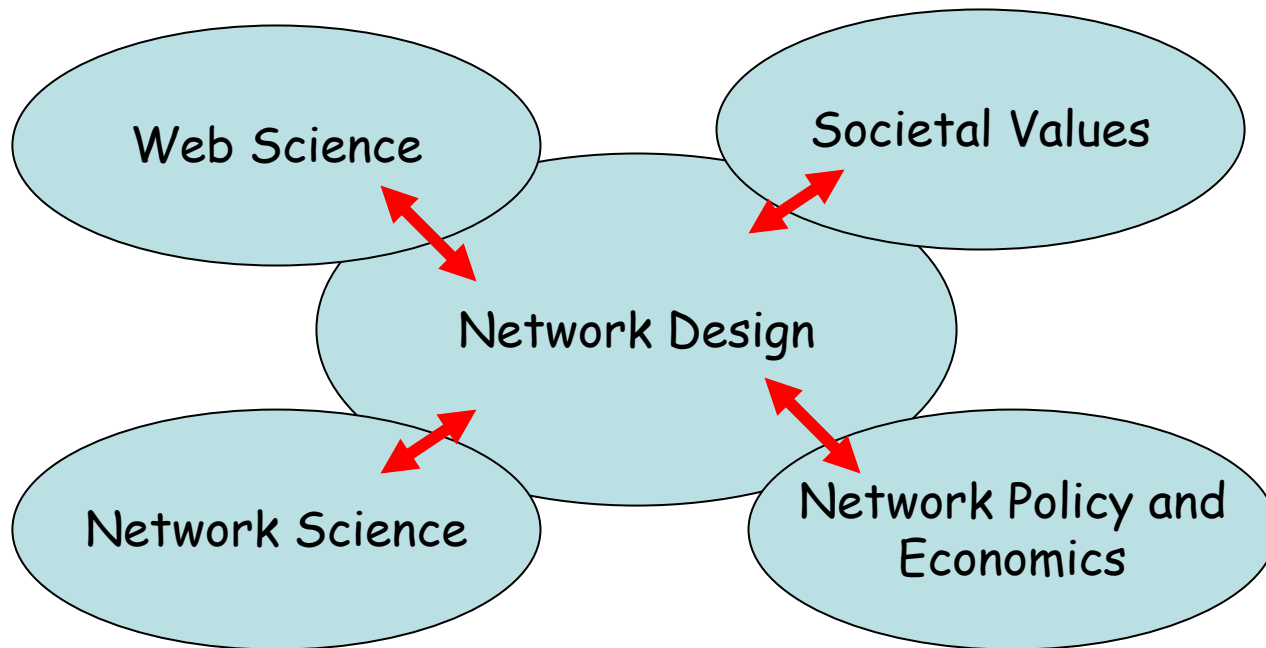
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Rising to the Challenge

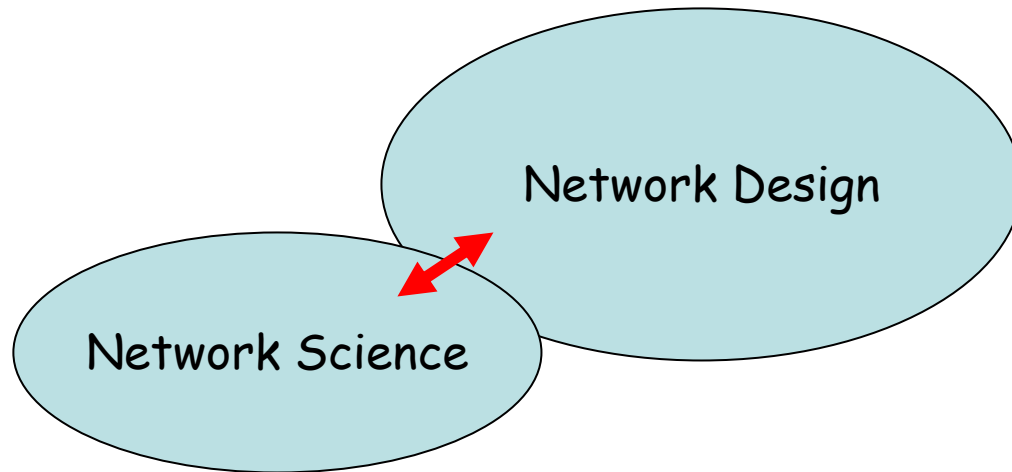
1. Understand and organize intellectual space (high level scope, structure)
 - strawman in a few slides
2. Bring together researchers to discuss and articulate parts of agenda
 - workshops late Spring, ...
3. Synthesize discussions into coherent vision with recommendations
4. [But what about GENI?]

NetSE Intellectual Space

Goal: Networks with predictable behavior
(better networks)



Articulating Agenda I

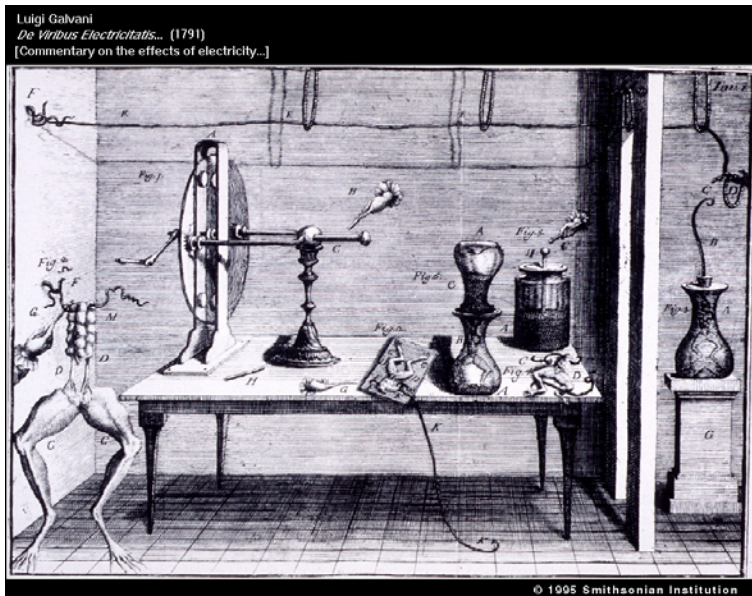


- Workshop on Science of Network Design
- Co-chairs:
 - John Doyle, CalTech
 - John Wroclawski, ISI

Food for Thought

(courtesy John Wroclawski)

Electricity: 1800...

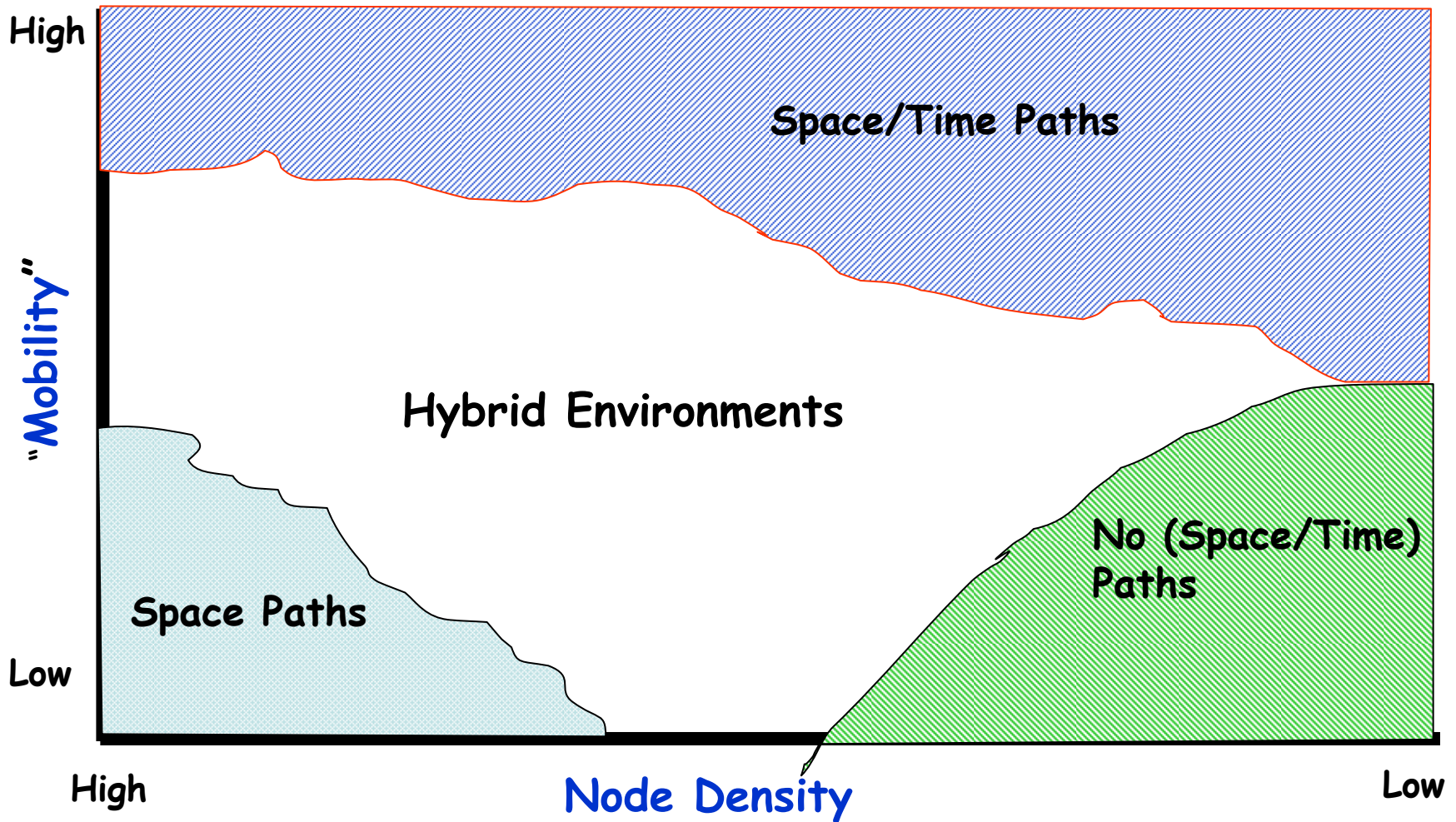


Electricity: Today...

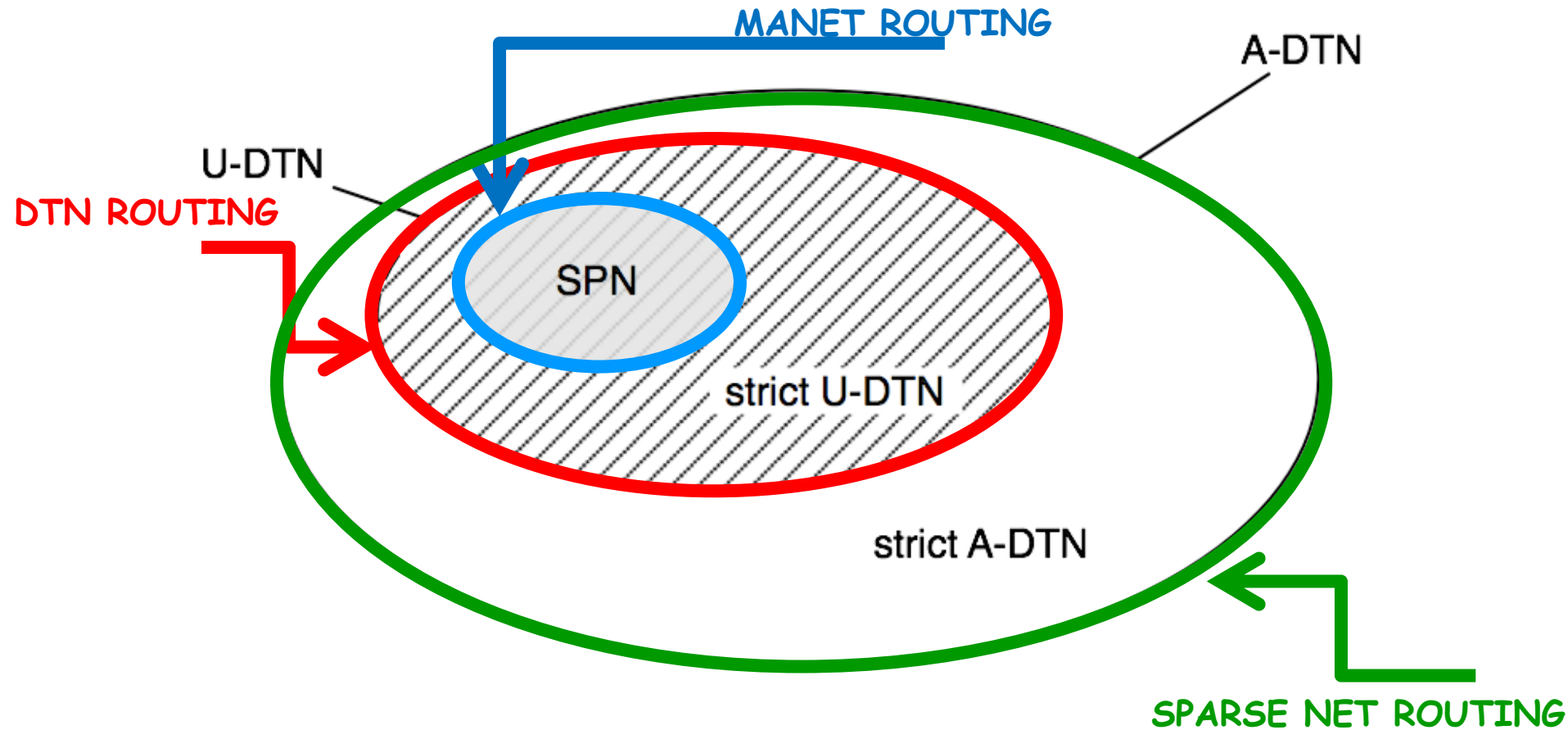
$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0}$$
$$\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{A} = 0$$
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$$\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} = \mu_0 i + \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A}$$

What are the analogies...
... for Network Architecture and Design?

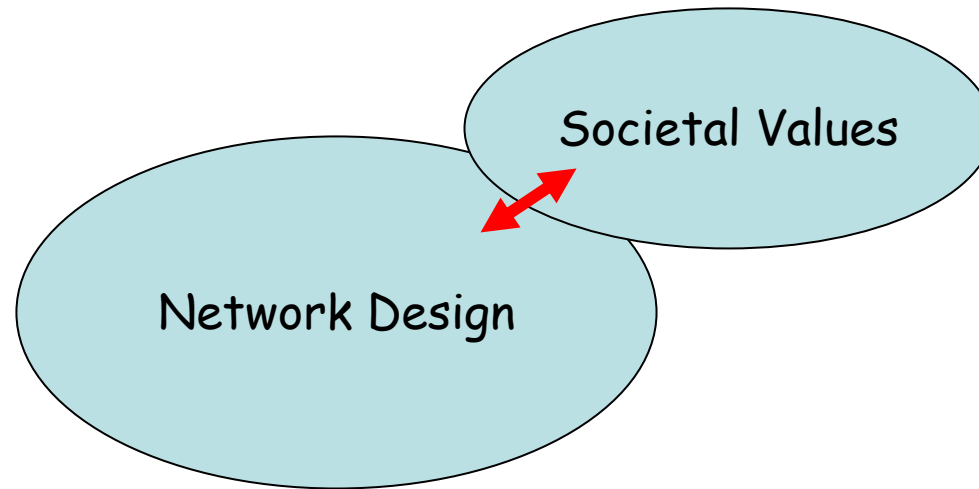
Example: Understanding



Implications for Routing



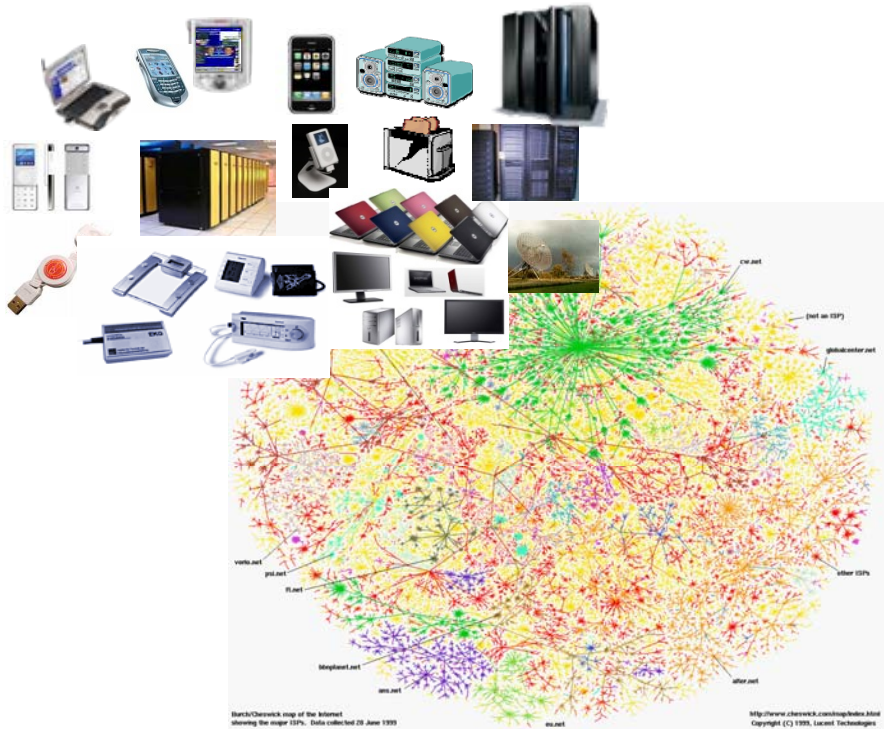
Articulating Agenda II



- Workshop on Network Design and Societal Values
- Co-chairs:
 - Helen Nissenbaum, NYU
 - David Clark, MIT

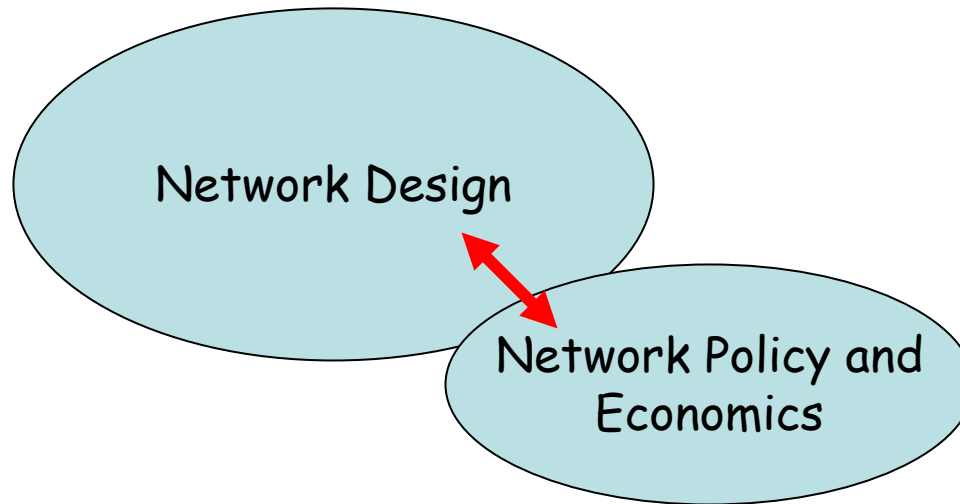
Food for Thought

- (Where) does the current Internet embed assumptions of plenty?



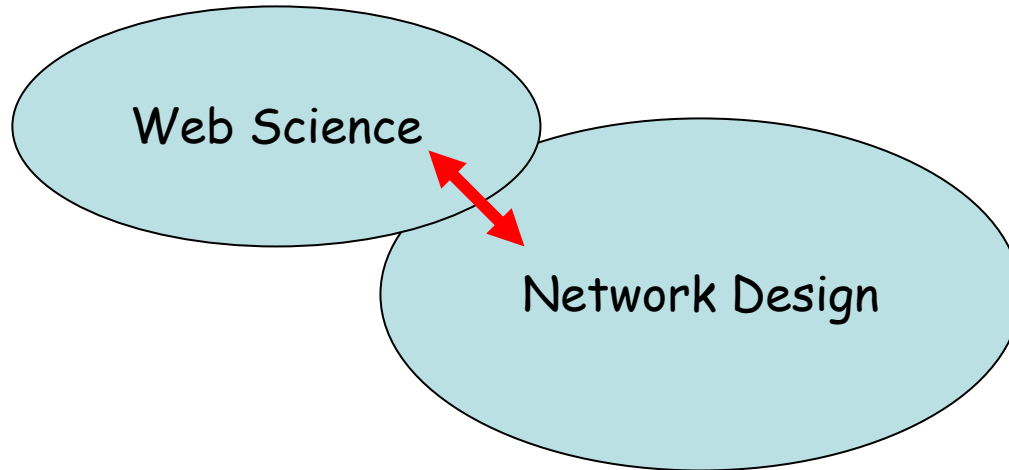
Does TCP work here? (Hint: no!)

Articulating Agenda III



- Workshop in network economics,...
- Discussions with Mike Kearns, UPenn,...
- Food for thought: See Shane Greenstein talk yesterday!

Articulating Agenda IV



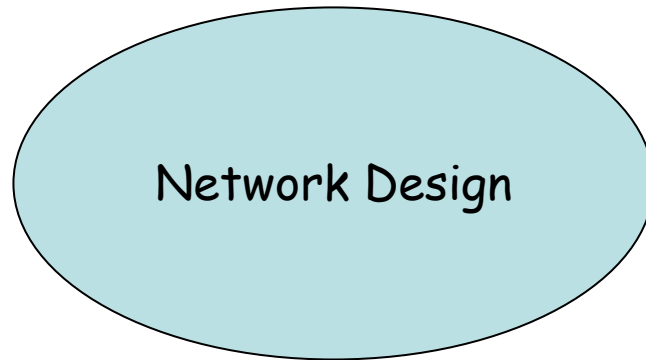
- Workshop in web science,...
- Co-chairs:
 - Jim Hendler, RPI
 - TBD

Food for Thought

(courtesy of Jim Hendler)

- Network adaptivity is not just to what is happening in network
 - But what is happening in the **real world**
 - political, economic, social
 - Example: slashdot effect
 - These can change any level of network dynamics

Back to the Beginning



- Good progress under GENI auspices, with emphasis on architecture
- See Dave Clark Research Plan
- What more? You tell me...

Synthesizing Discussion: NetSE Council

Mission (work in progress): The primary mission of the Network Science and Engineering (NetSE) Council is to articulate a compelling research agenda for Network Science and Engineering, including inter-related theoretical, experimental and societal aspects.

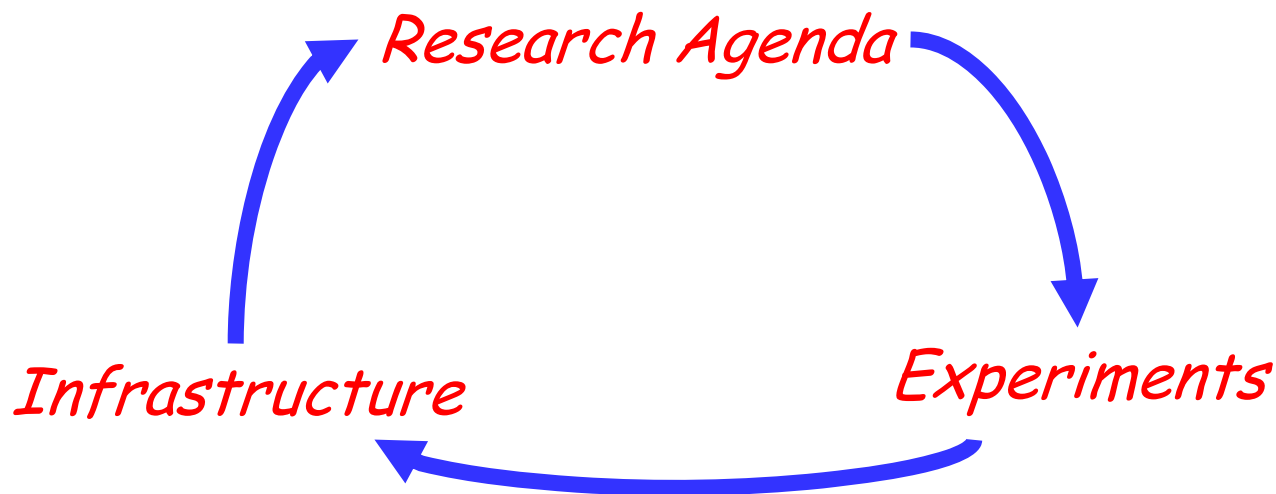
- Ellen Zegura, chair
- Tom Anderson, Washington
- Hari Balakrishnan, MIT
- Joe Berthold, Ciena
- Charlie Catlett, Argonne
- Mike Dahlin, UT Austin
- Chip Elliot - GPO (ex-officio)
- Joan Feigenbaum, Yale
- Stephanie Forrest, UNM
- Roscoe Giles, Boston Univ
- Jim Hendler, RPI
- Michael Kearns, UPenn
- Ed Lazowska, Washington
- Peter Lee, CMU
- Helen Nissenbaum, NYU
- Larry Peterson, Princeton
- Jennifer Rexford, Princeton
- Stefan Savage, UCSD
- Scott Shenker, ICSI/Berkeley
- Alfred Spector, IBM (ret.)

Draft Timeline

- Late Spring 2008 - workshops
- Early Summer 2008 - meeting of writing group
 - initial reports from each workshop
 - discussion of pieces missing or in need of attention
 - discussion of cross-over issues between reports
 - integration discussion
- Summer 2008 - integration
- August 2008
 - post draft for public comment

What about GENI?

Virtuous cycle of agenda setting, demands for experimentation, identification of infrastructure needs, building, learning, building, learning, ...



Sometimes one part gets a little ahead...that's ok
Research enterprise is incredibly robust

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NSF (and the world) is **listening**.
Let's work together to **speak with
vision and clarity**.