

A hand holding a pen pointing to a network diagram on a screen. The diagram consists of a grid of blue lines forming a hexagonal shape with internal connections. A large green arrow curves from the top left towards the center. The background is a light-colored wall with a shadow of the hand and pen.

An Energy Efficient Internet: Ongoing Work

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The project


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The Energy Efficient Internet Project

This project addresses the increasingly critical need to improve the energy efficiency of the Internet by focusing on the primary and often neglected energy consumer, edge devices. Unfortunately, due to limits of existing protocols and architectures, networked desktop computers typically remain powered-up during frequent and often lengthy periods of idleness. As network devices, they are prevented from operating in an energy-efficient manner due to their need to respond to network transactions of various types without warning. In *energy use*

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Funding from:

- The EPA [EPA Energy Star Program Requirements for Computers, Version 5.0, Draft 1](#) now states that "Computers must maintain full network connectivity while in Sleep mode according to a platform independent standard" (page 13). Our work has network connectivity for
- The [UPnP Forum](#) released standardized service descriptions for [Low Power V1.0](#) in August 2007. This includes a UPnP proxy to which we made contributions (see [here](#)). Jakob Klama (student) is specifically listed as a contributor on the UPnP Forum standard.
- The EPA [ENERGY STAR Program Requirements for Computers: Version 4.0, Draft](#) now states that "Computers shall reduce the speed of any active 1 Gb/s Ethernet network links when transitioning to Sleep or Standby." (page 11). This follows directly from our Ethernet Adaptive Link Rate (ALR) work described below.
- An IEEE 802.3 [Energy Efficient Ethernet Study Group](#) was established in November 2006 and is now the [IEEE 802.3az task](#)

Focus is on edge devices, not on Internet core or data centers (servers). The edge consumes more energy than data centers.

Key collaborator is Bruce Nordman from LBNL.

Where this talk is going

- Energy usage by IT equipment
- Reducing *direct* energy use
- Reducing *induced* energy use
- Some additional efforts

Direct energy use = energy used by network links and equipment (routers, switches), but not end devices.

Induced energy use = Increment for higher power state of devices needed to maintain network connectivity.

Electricity production and costs

- **Let's set the stage...**

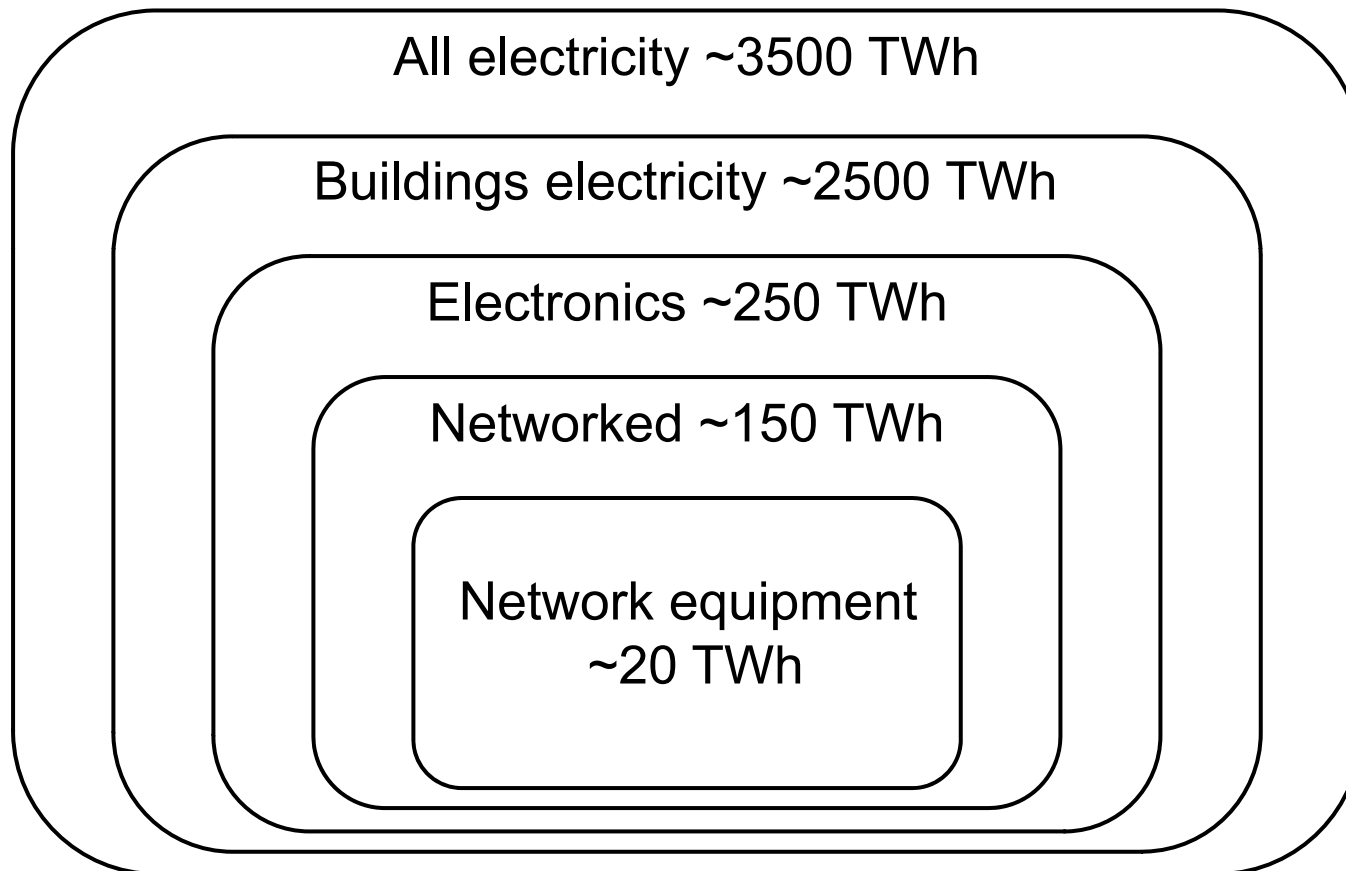
- 1 kWh = \$0.10 (average US residential cost for electricity)
- 1 Wyr = \$0.88
- 1 TWh = \$100 million
- 1 TWh = 0.75 million tons of CO₂

Crystal River nuke plant
(about 7 TWh/yr)



Electricity use in the USA

- **2006 US electricity usage*** (not to scale)



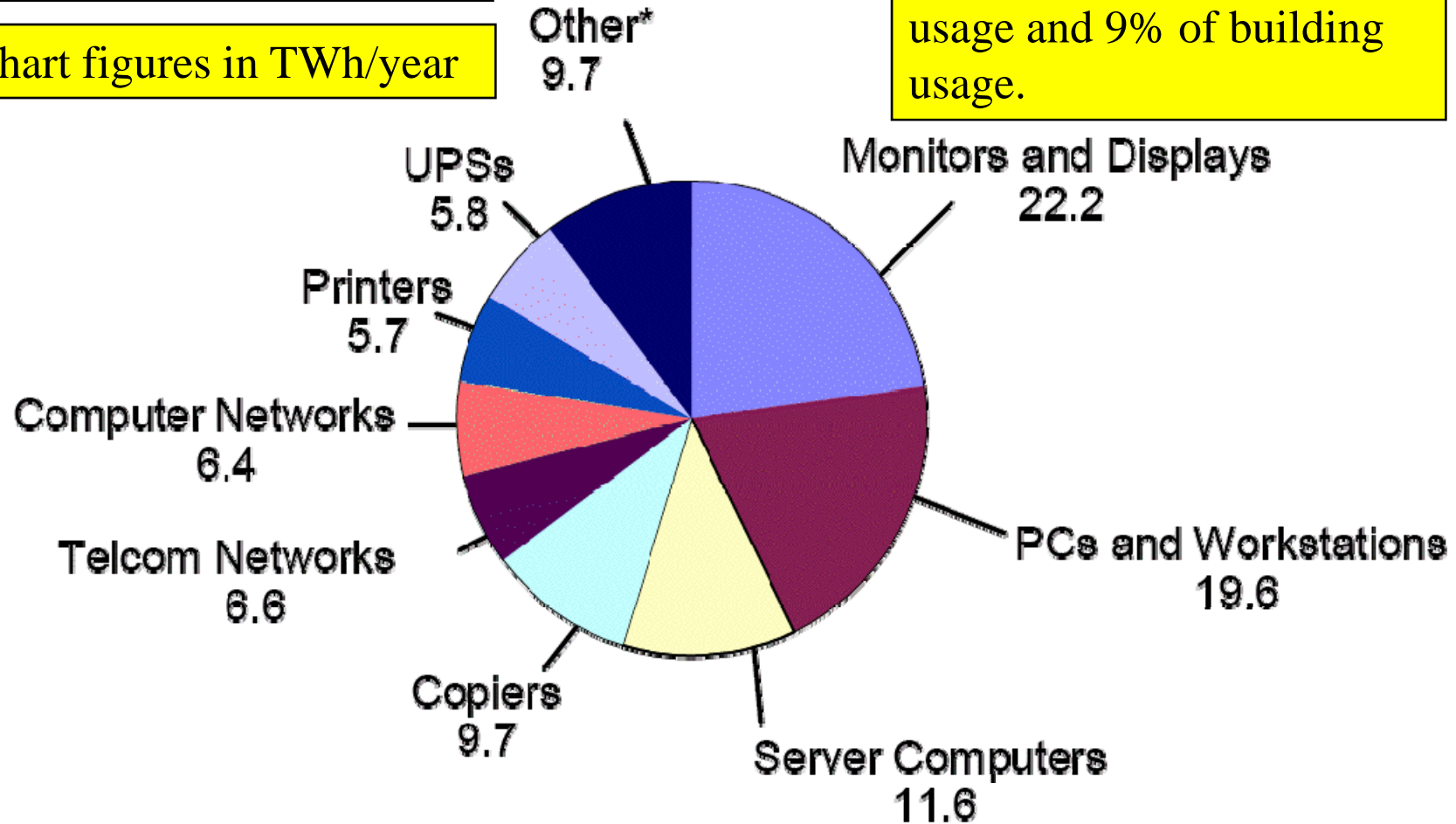
* B. Nordman, "Networks, Energy, and Energy Efficiency," presentation at *Cisco Green Research Symposium*, March 2008.

IT energy use in 2000: All IT equipment*

Commercial buildings only

Chart figures in TWh/year

97 TWh/yr in 2000. This is 3% of national electricity usage and 9% of building usage.



* Roth et al., 2001.

Electricity use by IT equipment today

- **How much electricity do PCs consume?**
 - EPA estimates about 2% of all electricity consumed*
- **How much electricity do data centers consume?**
 - About 1.2% of all electricity consumed**
- **How much electricity does the Internet consume?**
 - “The Internet accounts for 5% of all the power we consume – in a couple of years, that figure will be 10%.” ***

* “EPA Announces New Computer Efficiency Requirements,” Release date: 10/23/2006, Contact: Enesta Jones.

** Jon Koomey quoted in InformationWeek, February 15, 2007

** Institute for Energy Efficiency, UC Santa Barbara, 2008.

How much in greenhouse gas?

- **Figure it out at the EPA Greenhouse Gas Calculator**

<http://www.epa.gov/cleanenergy/energy-resources/calculator.html>

- **One 100W PC on 24/7 for one year is...**
 - 0.88 metric tons of CO₂
 - 0.12 passenger cars for one year
 - 77.3 gallons of gasoline consumed
 - 0.09 homes for one year

 **One PC = about 10% of a home!**

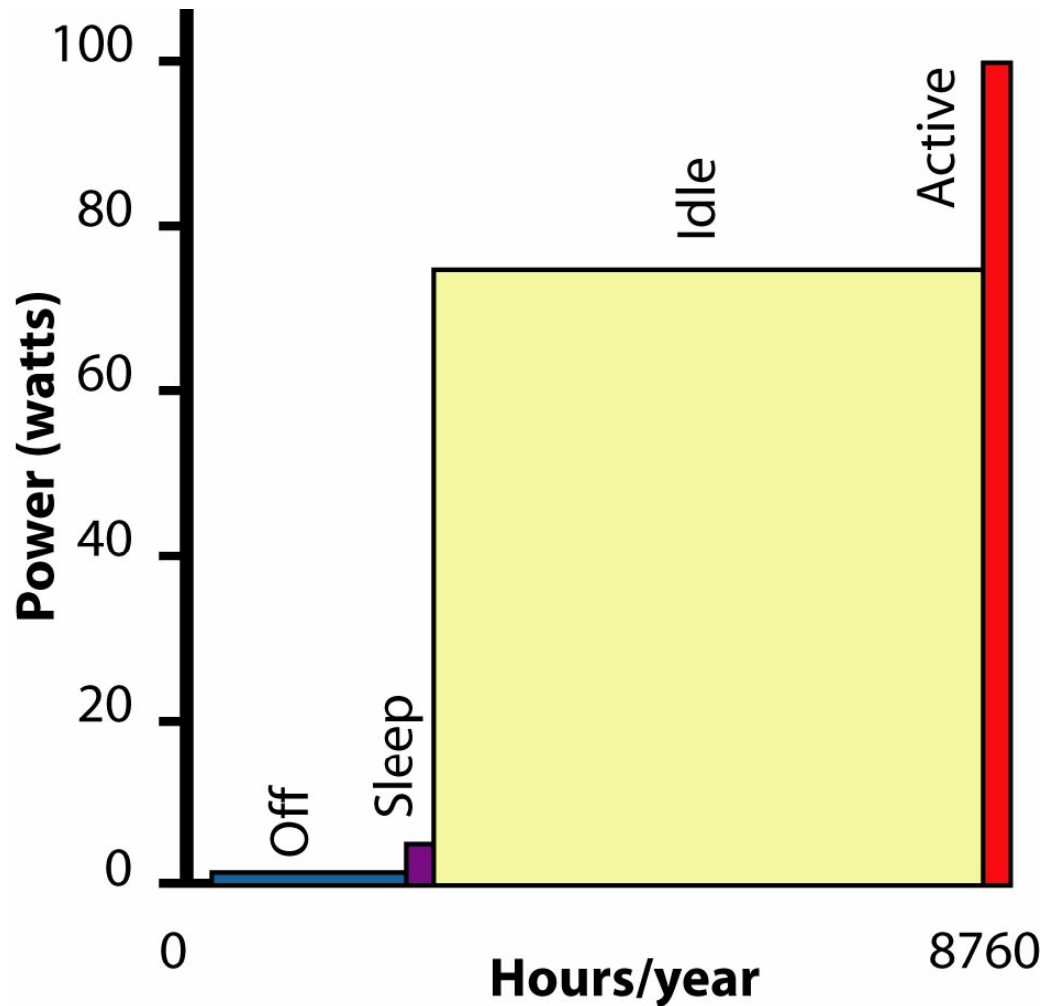
More on PC energy impact

- **The typical US home consumes 10,654 kWh/yr***
- **One 100W PC on 24/7 for one year is...**
 - 876 kWh/yr
 - This is 8.2% of entire home consumption

 Each PC adds about 8% to your power bill!

* Energy Information Administration, "U.S Household Electricity Report," July 2005.

Typical commercial PC energy use



$$P_{on} \gg P_{sleep}$$
$$P_{sleep} \approx P_{off}$$

Consumption is driven by on time, not by usage

PE energy use is “induced”

- **Why is the typical PC fully powered on when idle?**
 - For usability reasons?
 - For network connectivity reasons?

 This is induced energy use

Where this talk is going

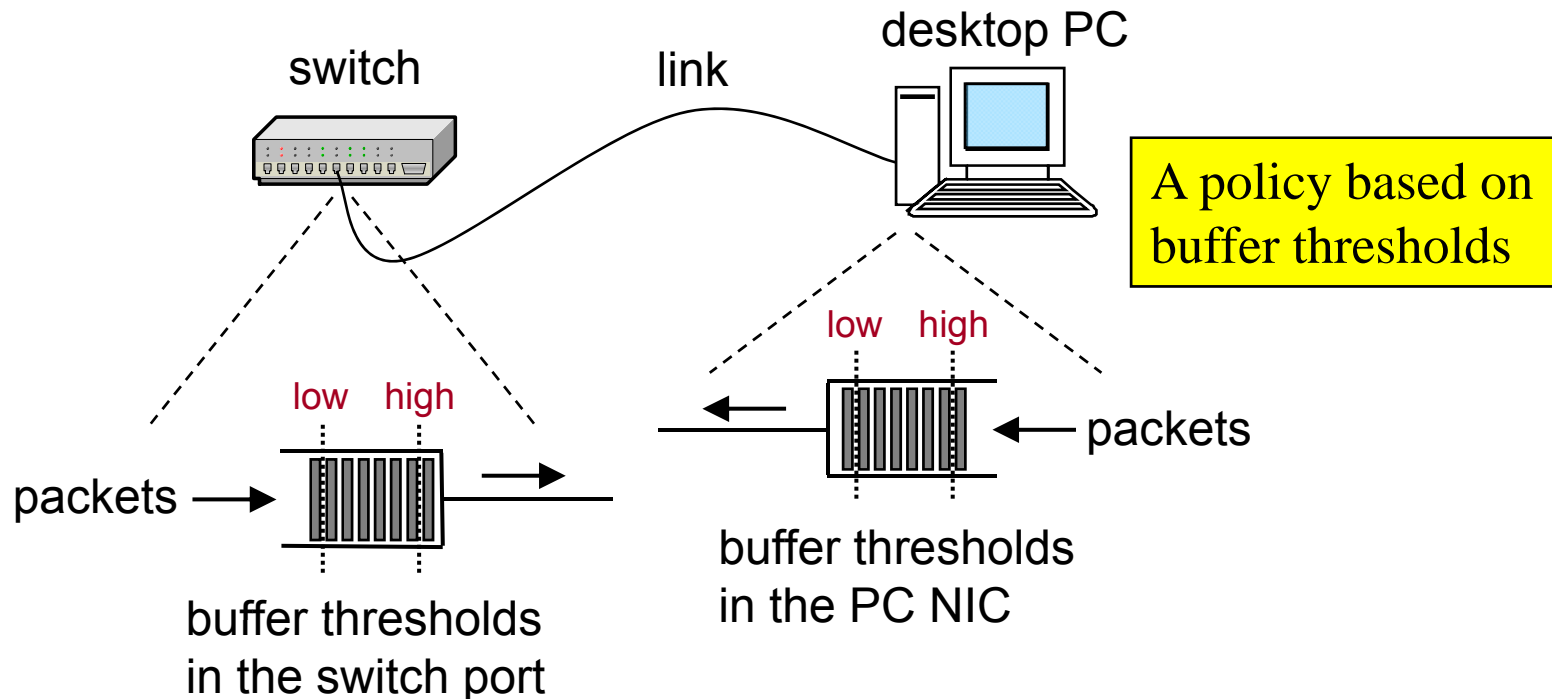
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Reducing energy use of links

- **Observation #1**: Most edge links are lightly utilized
 - 1% to 5% on average
- **Observation #2**: Higher rates consume more power
 - About 2 to 4 W for 1 Gb/s versus 100 Mb/s
 - Much more for 10 Gb/s versus 1 Gb/s
- **Idea**: Match link data rate with utilization
- **Key issue**: Time to change between data rates
 - Can buffer overflow occur during transition?
 - What impact might this packet loss have?

Ethernet Adaptive Link Rate (ALR)

- **Two parts to the problem**
 - 1) *Mechanism* for how to switch link rate
 - 2) *Policy* for when to change link rate



Ethernet ALR

- We published the idea and some results
 - From a 2005 paper and a 2006 whitepaper

2005

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Managing energy consumption costs in desktop PCs and LAN switches with proxying, split TCP connections, and scaling of link speed

By Chamara Gunaratne, Ken Christensen** and Bruce Nordman

The IT equipment comprising the Internet in the USA uses about \$6 billion of electricity every year. Much of this electricity use is wasted on idle, but fully powered-up, desktop PCs and network links. We show here to recover a large portion of the wasted electricity with improved power management methods that are focused on network issues. Copyright © 2005 John Wiley & Sons, Ltd.

1. Introduction

A growing expense and impact of the Internet is its energy use. Current estimates are that 2% of electricity consumption in the USA goes to powering the Internet.¹ In Germany it is estimated that energy consumption by IT equipment will be between 2% and 5% in 2010.² The 2% estimate for the USA totals more than 74 TWh/year or \$6 billion per year. It is predicted that energy use of IT equipment is growing faster than energy use of any other type within buildings.³ Much of this energy use is wasted. Energy use by IT equipment is not proportional to utilization of the equipment. A recent study by Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL) showed that 60% of all desktop PCs in commercial buildings remain fully powered-on during nights and weekends⁴ with existing power management almost always disabled. Beyond the PC are the Ethernet link and workgroup switch. At present, these energy consumers have almost no

means of power management. Existing Internet protocols including discovery and routing are also 'energy unaware'; future protocols need to be made energy aware. For existing protocols that cannot be changed, methods of accommodating current operation must be developed. In previous work we have shown that there exists the potential for savings of billions of dollars per year in the USA alone.⁵⁻⁷ These savings are summarized in Section 6 of this paper. Energy costs are a part of the total cost of ownership of an IT operation. Savings in these costs are of interest to IT managers and companies are beginning to respond with network management products (such as Verdium with its centralized power management controller⁸) to address this need.


An efficient device consumes energy proportional to its output or utility. Thus, an idle or lightly utilized PC or Ethernet link should not consume the same energy as one that is highly utilized. In this paper, we develop several new methods to reduce energy consumption of PCs,

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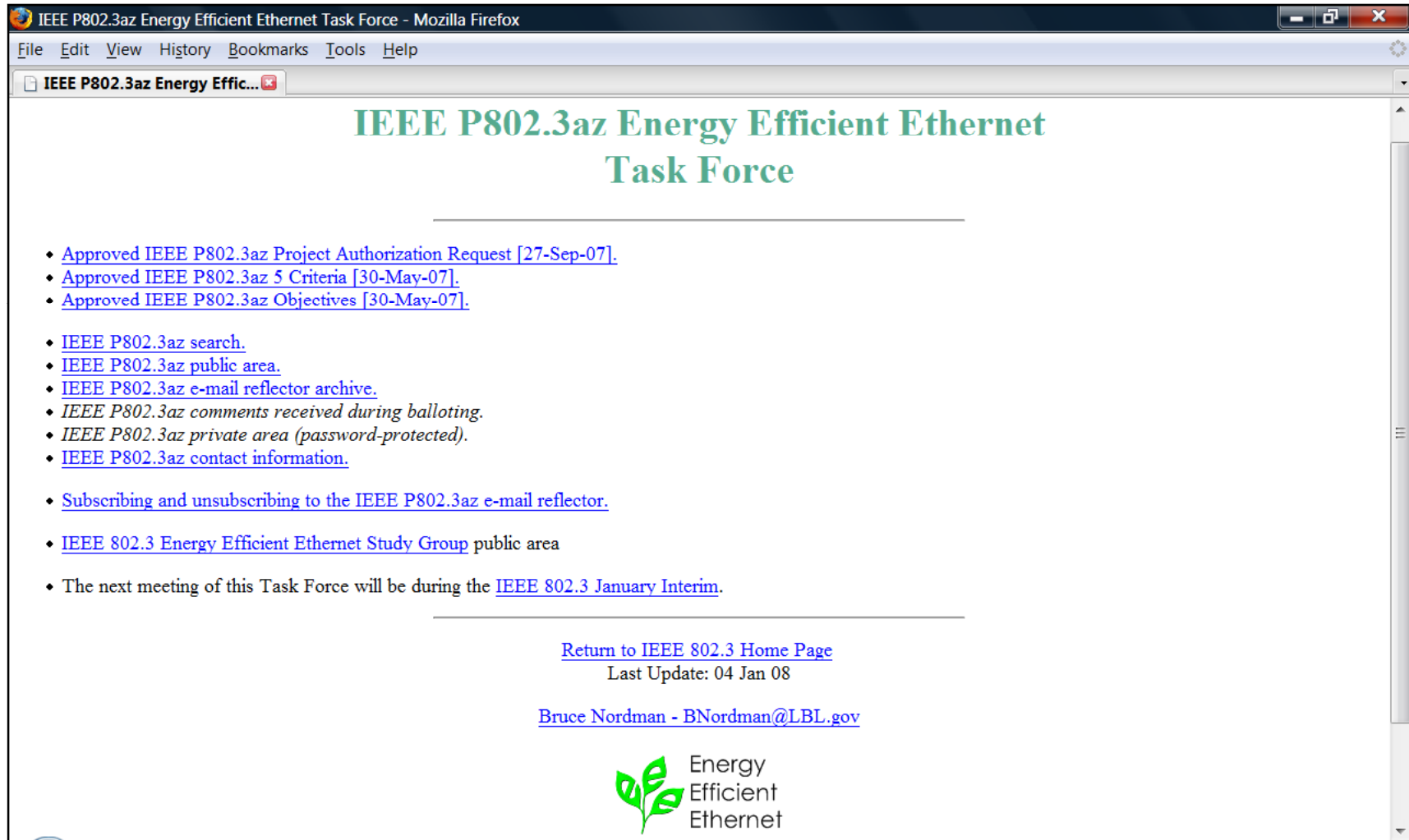
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Work done by other people...

- **ALR found its way into an IEEE 802.3 study group**
 - Mike Bennett from LBNL as chair
- **Got named “Energy Efficient Ethernet”**
- **Became Rapid PHY Selection (RPS)**
- **Much discussion on switching times**
- **Much work on mechanisms**
- **Some work on policies**
 - My students and I did work here

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<http://www.ieee802.org/3/az/index.html>




IEEE P802.3az Energy Efficient Ethernet Task Force

- [Approved IEEE P802.3az Project Authorization Request \[27-Sep-07\].](#)
- [Approved IEEE P802.3az 5 Criteria \[30-May-07\].](#)
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Some press and a logo...



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The collage features several news articles related to energy-efficient Ethernet. Key headlines include: "The Net's Going Green: Multipronged Approach Might Save Costs, Energy — and the Climate" (NetworkWorld), "Researchers seek energy efficient nets, devices" (EE Times), "Inefficient Ethernet wastes over \$1bn a year" (The Register), "IEEE Seeks For Ethernet To 'Go Green'" (Slashdot), "Not using all of that GigE pipe? Save some energy" (NetworkWorld), "LANs & WANs" (NetworkWorld), "IEEE's Energy Efficient Ethernet looks at ways to throttle down connection speeds to save power" (NetworkWorld), and "The IEEE wants to make idle or underutilized Ethernet connections more energy efficient, which could mean huge electrical cost savings for large" (NetworkWorld).

* Logo by Glen Kramer of Teknovus, Inc. (full IEEE permission for use granted via email dated January 27, 2007)

Where is EEE now...

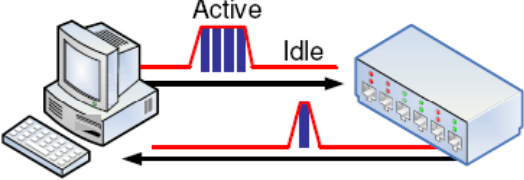
- **EEE is moving forward to becoming a standard**
 - PAR was approved in fall 2007
 - 2009 timeline for completion
 - Is in EPA Energy Star Version 5.0 Draft 1 for computers
- **Current proposal is for “Active-Idle” approach**
- **Active-Idle idea is from Intel**
 - Use a low-power idle between packets
 - Switch to high data rate when a packet is queued
 - Can stay in high data rate if desired
 - About *10 microseconds* to transition out of low-power idle

Active-Idle...

- Slide from November 2007 802.3az meeting...


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Active/Idle Toggling with OBASE-x Concept



- Principle: Transmit data at fastest rate then return to idle
 - Energy savings come from power cycling between active/idle states
- Active/Idle toggling could be used *instead* of PHY rate shifting
 - Offers the best energy efficiency on links with lower utilization
 - Integrates well with existing PC power management schemes (e.g. ACPI)
 - Clock & power gating (on/off) is easier than rate shifting
- Asymmetrical operation would provide even better energy efficiency
 - Each direction could enter active & idle states independently
 - Most end-node traffic is heavily weighted toward either send or receive
 - Tx & Rx data paths already operate independently above the PHY

Energy Efficient Ethernet



EEE could enable deeper savings

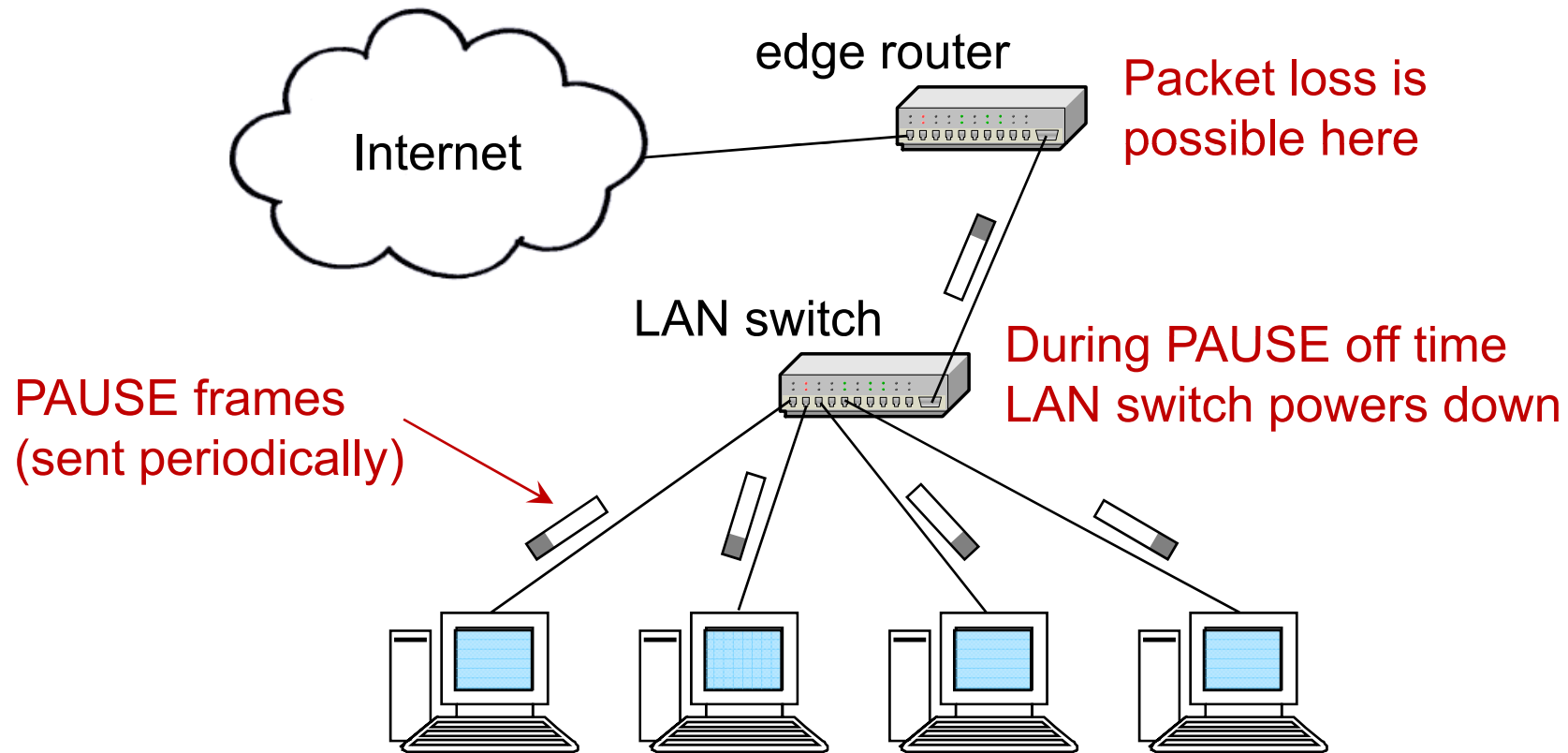
- **Greater savings than from link and PHY/MAC**
 - Savings *within* switches, routers, and servers
- **Can a reduced link data rate allow for...**
 - Powering-down of components?
 - Clocking-down of components?
- **Is some sort of signaling needed to control transition time of link data rate?**

What is next?

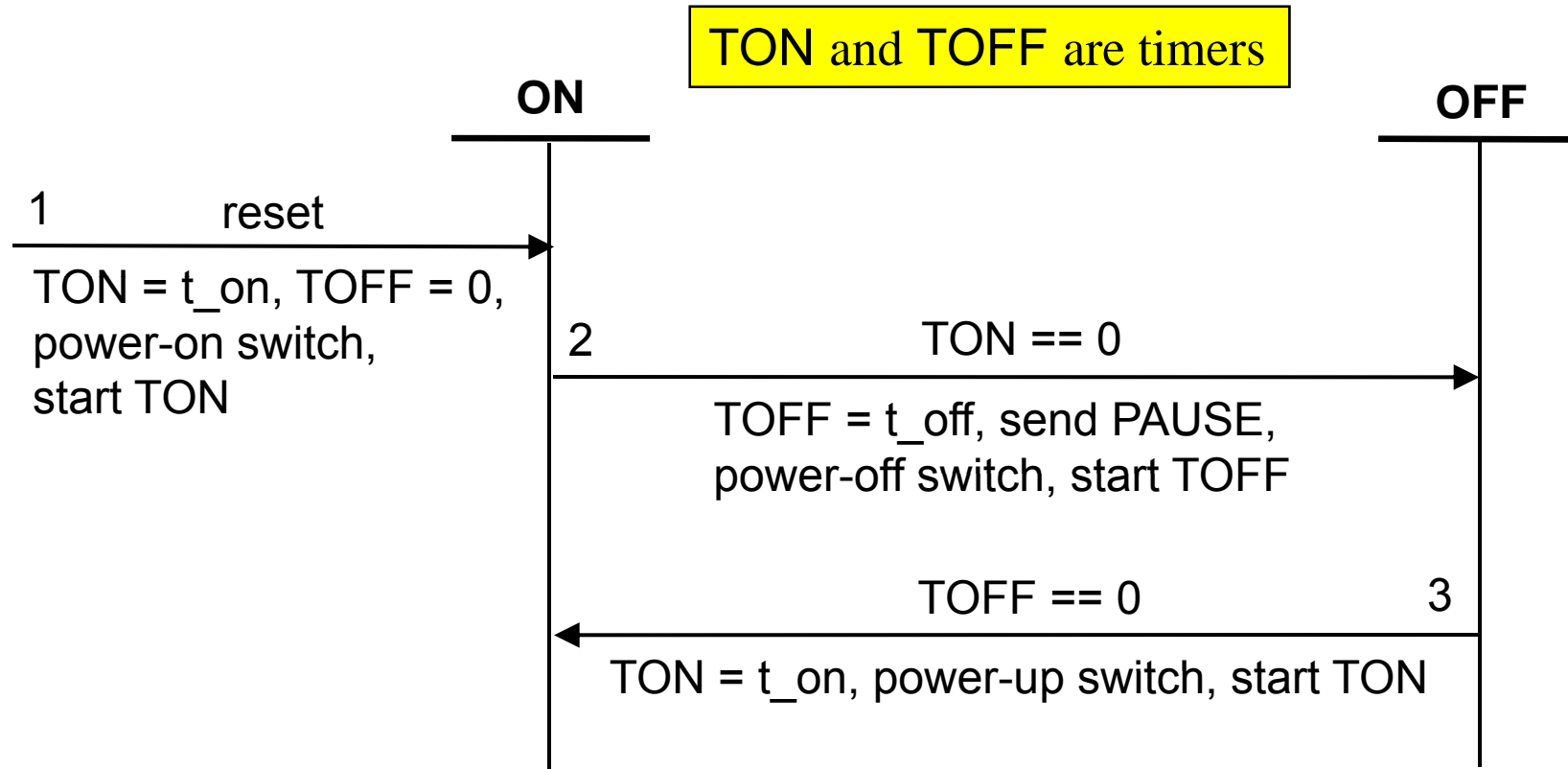
- **EEE requires both ends to participate**
 - Full EEE deployment is still many years off
- **Can we do something simpler?**
 - Something backwards compatible?
- **Idea: PAUSE Power Cycle (PPC)**
 - Use PAUSE to proactively cycle links on and off
 - During link off time power-down LAN switch

PAUSE Power Cycle (PPC)

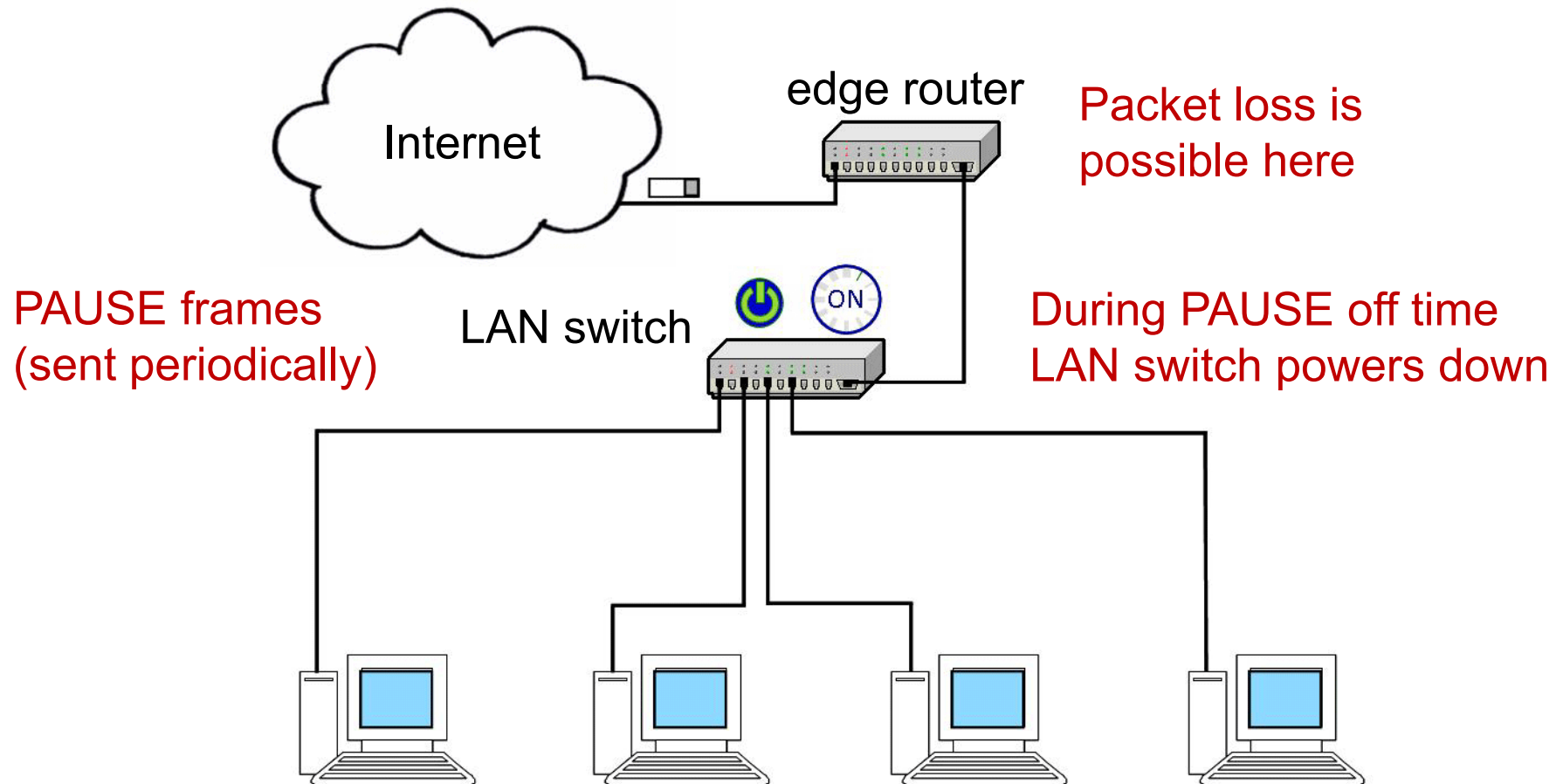
- **Basic idea is to periodically send PAUSE frames**
 - Power “stuff” down during PAUSE interval



PPC Finite State Machine



PPC animation



PPC parameters

- **Key parameters**

- t_{off} = time off (the PAUSE quanta time)
- t_{on} = time on
- D = duty cycle

$$D = \frac{t_{on}}{t_{on} + t_{off}}$$

$$t_{on} = \frac{D \cdot t_{off}}{1 - D}$$

- **Time between PAUSE frames is $t_{on} + t_{off}$**

Does PPC work?

- **We have *emulated* PPC in a test bed**
 - Test bed looks sort of like the previous figure
 - Use a PC to send PAUSE packets through a repeater
 - All links were 100 Mb/s
- **Used human subjects to assess effects**
 - For file transfer, web surfing, and real-time video
 - Subjective evaluation (MOS score approach)
 - Rating from 5 (excellent) to 1 (unacceptable)
- **Real time video was 10 frames/sec (about 1 Mbps)**
 - Axis 2100 camera

PPC evaluation

- **Experimented with 50% duty cycle**
 - $t_{off} = 50, 100, \text{ and } 300$ milliseconds
 - $t_{on} = t_{off}$
- **Seven human subjects (all students)**
- **For web browsing**

$t_{off} = 50$ ms \rightarrow MOS score of 4.2

$t_{off} = 100$ ms \rightarrow MOS score of 3.9

$t_{off} = 200$ ms \rightarrow MOS score of 3.1

Not really sure what
this means 😞

PPC evaluation continued

- **For real time video**

- $t_{off} = 50$ and 100 ms had no problems!
- $t_{off} = 300$ ms had some problems ($t_{off} >$ interframe time)



Artifact

PPC next steps

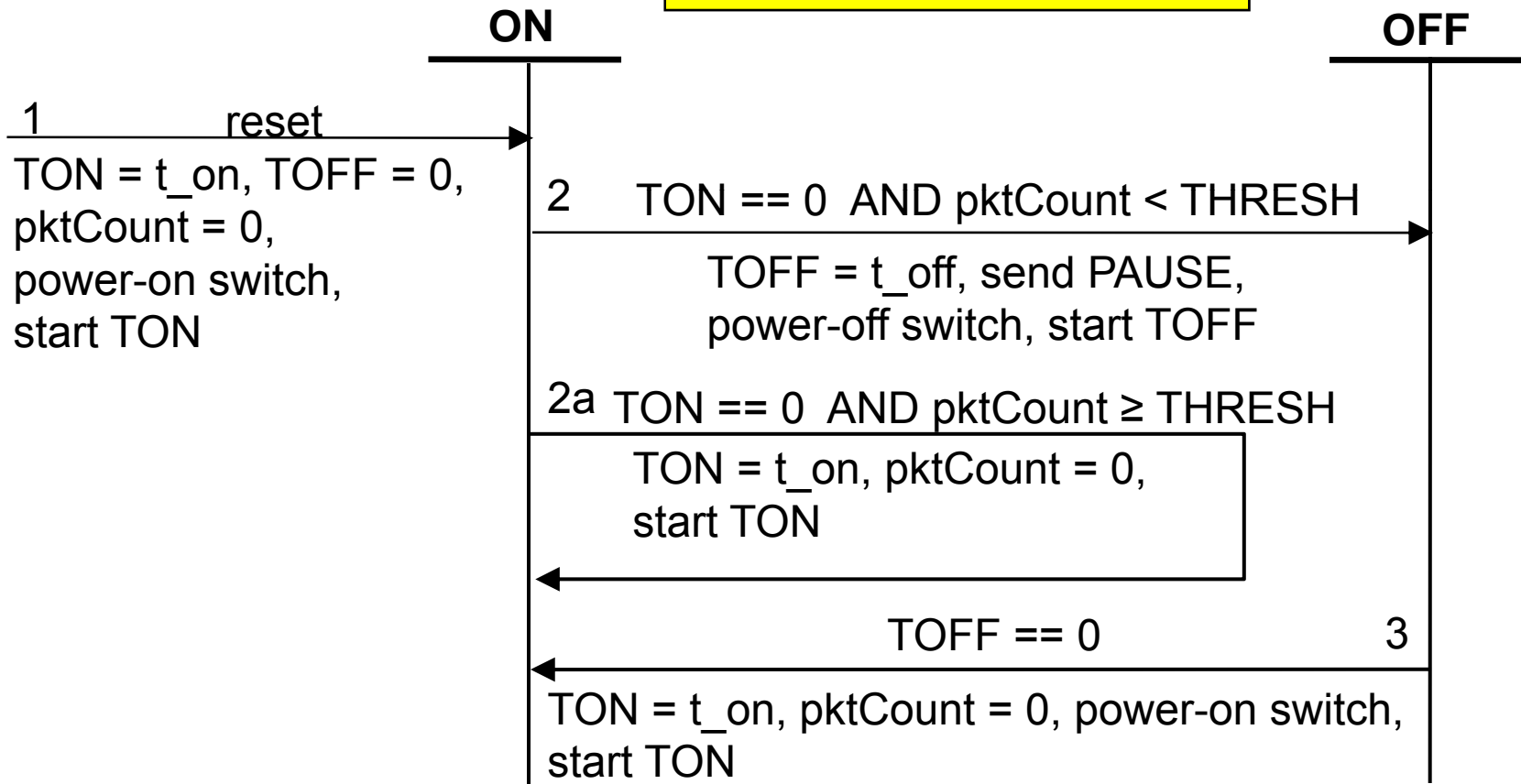
- **Better evaluation – Experiment**
 - Better user study (look for just noticeable thresholds)
 - Measure packet loss at edge router in test bed
- **Better evaluation – Simulation**
 - ns2 simulation for larger and more realistic networks
 - Assess impact of PPC on higher layer protocols/apps
- **Explore an adaptive policy**
 - Change when to sleep based on utilization?
 - Change t_{off} and/or t_{on} based on utilization?

Simple adaptive PPC policy

- **Basic adaptive policy description**
 - If utilization is high, do not sleep and stay powered on
 - t_{on} and t_{off} timer values are fixed
- **Policy characteristics**
 - Handles high utilization well
 - Does not handle low utilization well
 - Could sleep more

Simple adaptive PPC policy FSM

TON and TOFF are timers
 pktCount is utilization
 THRESH is a set threshold

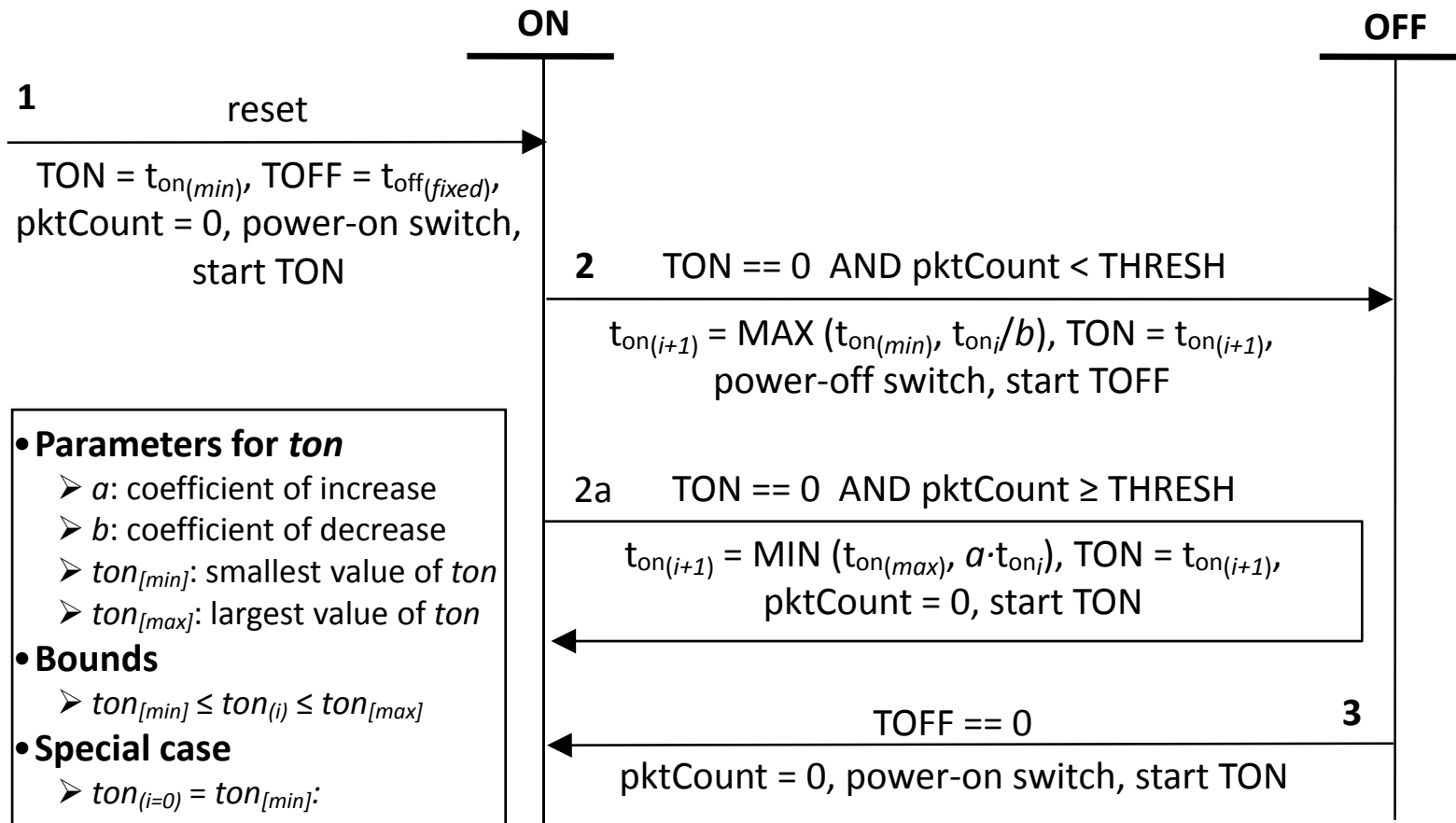


Complex adaptive PPC policy

- **Policy for changing t_{on}**
 - Change t_{on} based on utilization
 - If utilization is high, increase t_{on}
 - If utilization is low, reduce t_{on}
- **Policy characteristics**
 - t_{on} trails and adapts to utilization
 - Based on additive increase multiplicative decrease

Complex adaptive PPC policy FSM

Still under work...



- **Parameters for *ton***
 - *a*: coefficient of increase
 - *b*: coefficient of decrease
 - $ton_{[min]}$: smallest value of *ton*
 - $ton_{[max]}$: largest value of *ton*
- **Bounds**
 - $ton_{[min]} \leq ton_{(i)} \leq ton_{[max]}$
- **Special case**
 - $ton_{(i=0)} = ton_{[min]}$

Where this talk is going

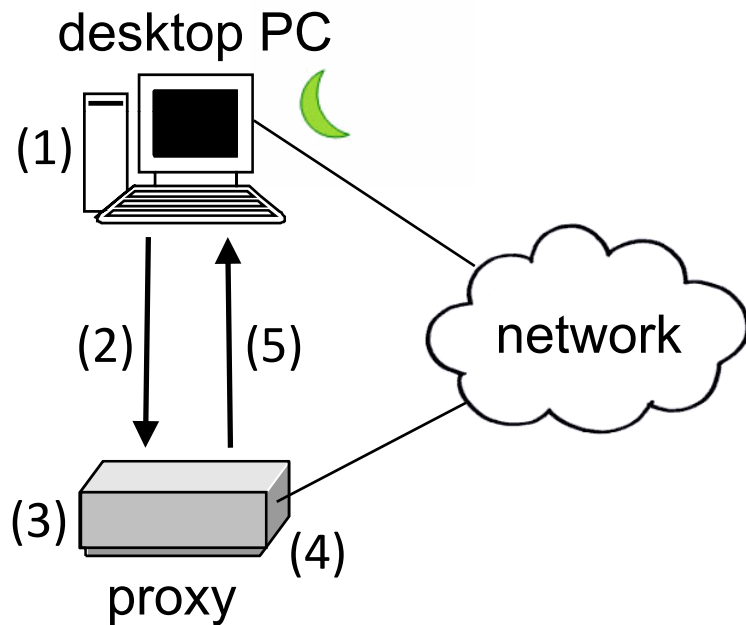
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Reducing energy use of edge devices

- **Observation**: Devices are often left fully powered-on to maintain network connectivity or presence
 - Usually devices are not in active use
- **Idea**: A low-power network connectivity proxy
 - Maintains *full network connectivity* for a sleeping device
 - Enable devices to sleep more often
 - Not related to existing Wake-on-LAN
- **Key issues**: Lots of issues...
 - Definition of “connectivity”
 - Wake-ups (not too many, not too few)
 - Packet loss (during wake-up)

Network connectivity proxy

- **Proxy covers for sleeping device**
 - Proxy could be in local NIC or in the network



Steps:

- 1) PC determines it is time to sleep
- 2) PC state transferred to proxy
- 3) PC sleeps, proxy maintains presence
- 4) Proxy determines need to wake-up PC
- 5) PC awakes and proxy state transferred

Key protocols that proxying might cover

- **Layers 1 and 2**
 - Already covered by PHY/MAC
- **Layer 3**
 - ARP, ND, ICMP, IGMP, IPSec, etc.
- **Layer 4**
 - TCP connection request (SYN)
 - TCP connections (keep-alives)
- **Higher layers**
 - NetBIOS, SMB, DHCP, SNMP, SSDP, VPN, SSH, etc.
 - Application semantics

Proxying at higher layers

- **Need to support network applications**
- **Two examples:**
 - 1) Proxying standard for low power UPnP
 - UPnP uses distributed discovery (SSDP)
 - SSDP is lightweight
 - 2) Current work in proxying for P2P
 - P2P has lots of query traffic, but downloads are rare
 - Query traffic is lightweight

Network connectivity from the EPA

- **Future EPA Energy Star Program Requirements**
 - Version 5.0, Draft 1* (for computers)

“Computers must maintain full network connectivity while in Sleep mode, according to a platform-independent industry standard.”

* From http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=revisions.computer_spec

Proxying for UPnP – standard

- **UPnP Low Power Architecture (from UPnP Forum)**
 - Version 1.0, August 28, 2007

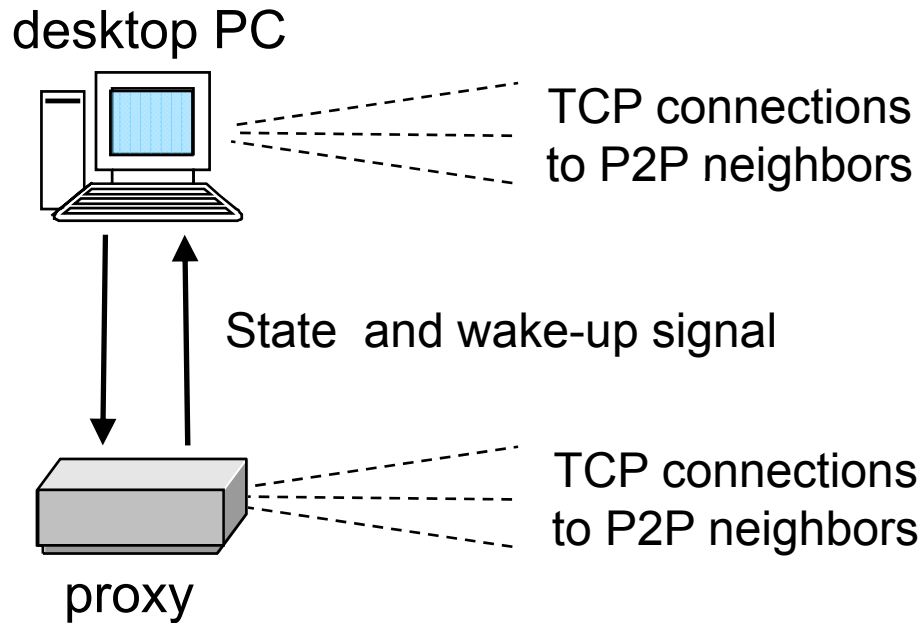
“UPnP Basic Power Management Proxy:

This node will act on behalf of sleeping devices and make sure that the devices are discoverable if they are in low power state. This node will store methods for waking the UPnP Low Power devices.”

* From <http://www.upnp.org/specs/lp/UPnP-lp-Architecture-v1-SDCP-20070828.pdf>

Proxying for P2P – in the lab

- **Approach #1 for Gnutella**
 - Move query handling to microcontroller when PC sleeps
 - Wake-up PC when a GET comes in

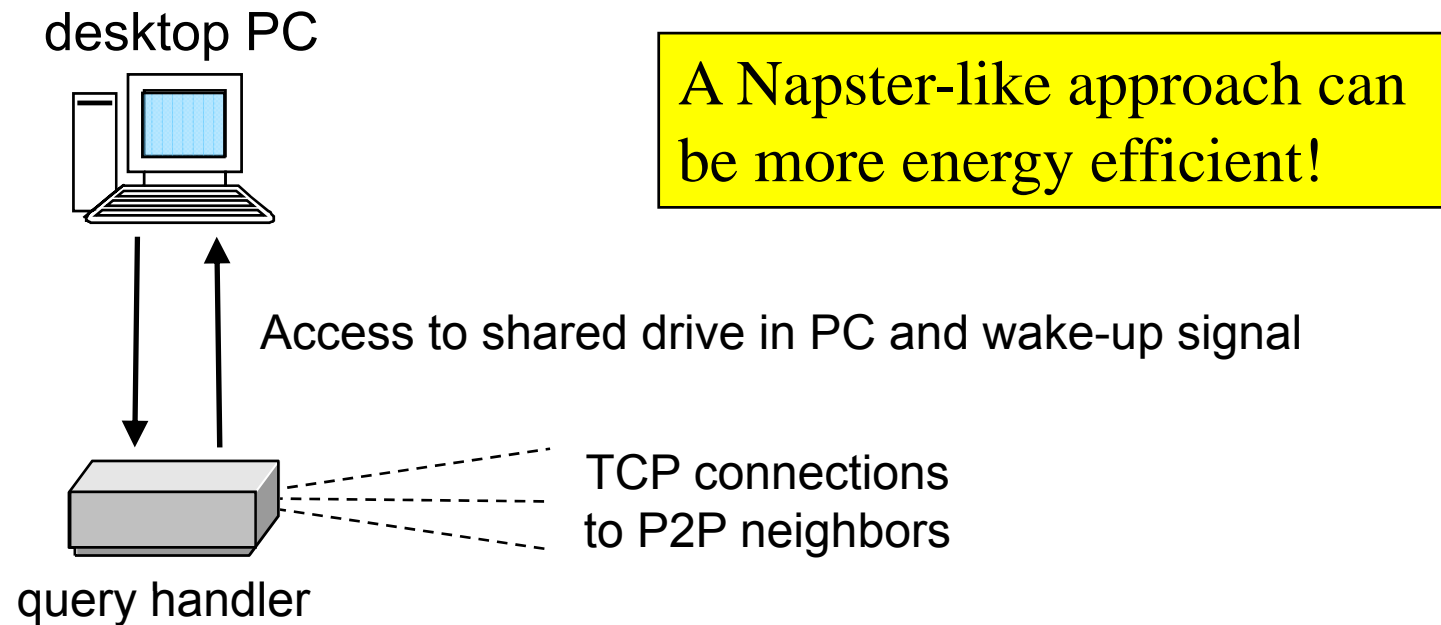


NetBurner microcontroller



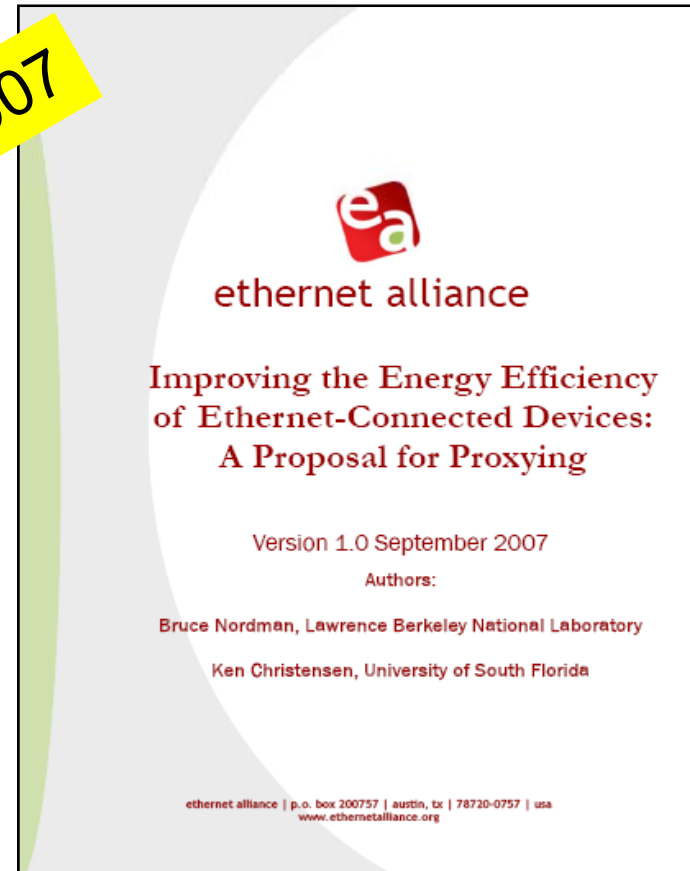
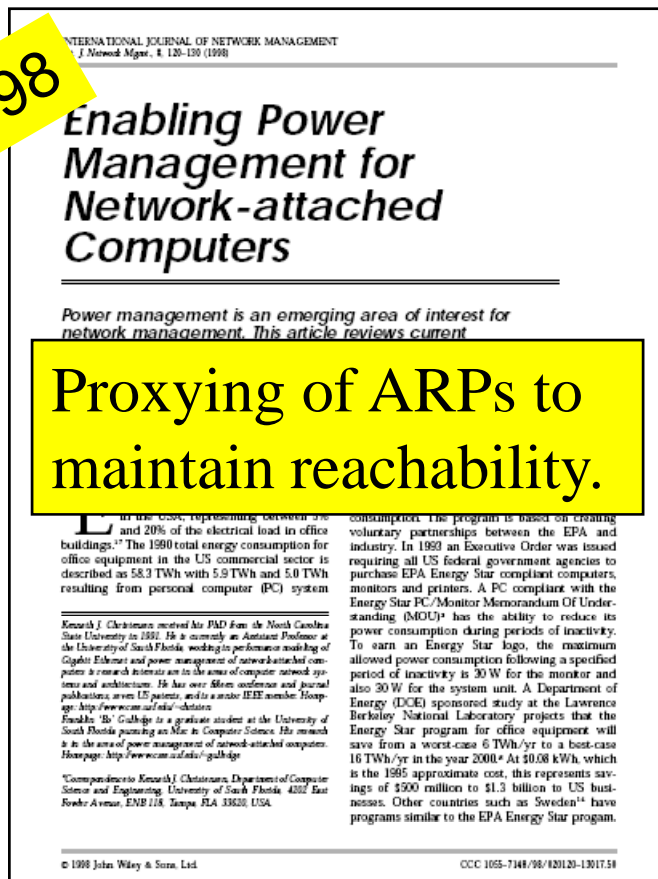
Proxying for P2P – in the lab continued

- **Approach #2 for Gnutella**
 - Permanently split query handling and file storage
 - Query handling always running in a smaller device
 - Use a shared drive in PC and wake-up when needed



Proxying for reducing energy use

- **Started to think about proxying 10 years ago**
 - Now hoping to define a direction towards a standard

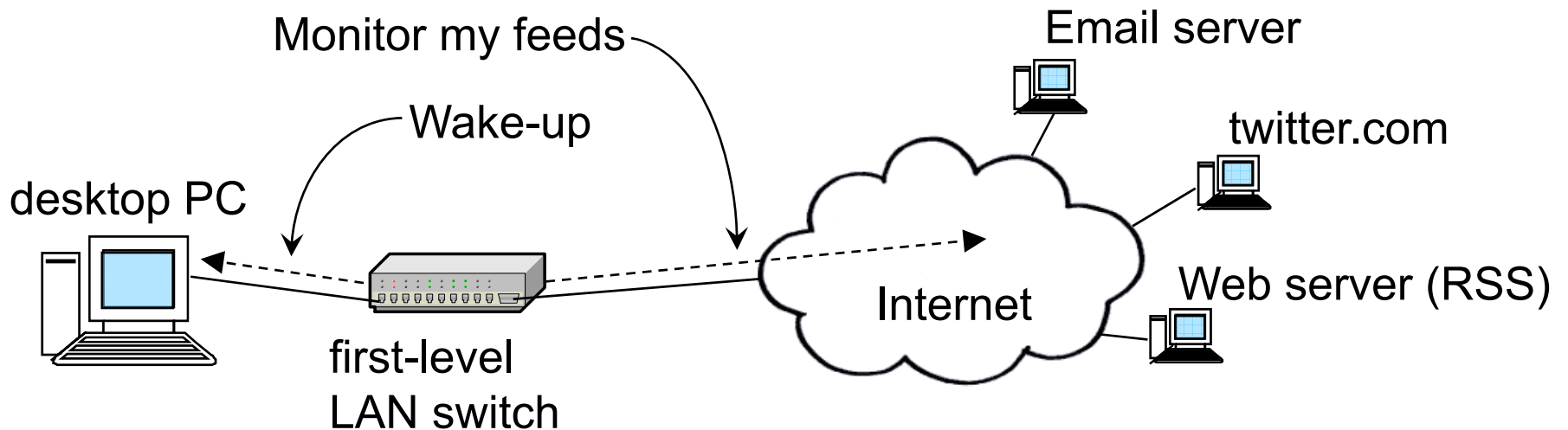


What is next?

- **Can “intelligence” in the network help the edge?**
- **Explore making power state of edge devices known**
- **Idea: Support in first-level LAN switch**
 - Not age-out entries in ARP cache for sleeping PCs
 - Filter packets to eliminate spurious wake-ups
 - Reply to simple protocols
 - Generate packets for simple protocols
 - Wake-up PC when appropriate
 - Maybe even assist applications to sleep

Proxying in a switch

- **Can a switch filter packets for a sleeping PC?**
 - Use existing packet inspection capabilities
- **Can a switch assist applications in a sleeping PC?**
 - Monitor email, twitter, IM, RSS feeds, etc.
 - Wake-up PC when something interesting happens



Next steps for switch proxying

- **First...**
- **What applications should be target for this?**
 - A protocol and application classification is necessary
- **Classification Criteria:**
 - Is the protocol/application widely used?
 - Is it chatty?
 - Can we divide the functionality of the application? This is useful to put certain functionalities in the proxy

Next steps continued

- **Second...**
- **Existing capabilities that could be useful?**
 - Deep Packet Inspection (DPI) used in many routers
 - Existing protocol agents running on routers
- **DPI**
 - We plan to use it to detect traffic from applications previously classified
- **Existing Protocol Agents**
 - Structure can be used for proxiabile applications

Next steps continued

- **Third...**
- **Prototype the proxy-in-a-switch**
- **Use open source router implementations**
 - Vyatta
 - XORP
- **Develop protocol agents to run on above routers**

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SNMP Power MIB

- **We want to expose and control power state**
- **Can we use SNMP to do this?**
- **Developing a Power MIB for desktop PC**
 - Power management capabilities
 - Power management settings
 - Total time for idle, busy, and sleep
 - Current elapsed time for idle, busy, or sleep
 - Statistics on wake-up events (network, user, etc.)
 - Statistics on sleep events
 - Actual power and energy use if a meter is installed?!

Green telnet

- **Telnet (SSH, etc.) ties state to TCP connection**
 - This effectively prevents client from going to sleep
- **Can we disconnect and buffer data in the server?**
- **Developing a gtelnetd and client for Linux**
 - Server buffers data when clients goes to sleep
 - Client reconnects when it wakes-up
 - Server delivers buffered data when client reconnects
- **Working on an article for Dr. Dobbs Journal**

Adaptive power management for PCs

- **PC operating systems use inactivity time-out**
 - For example, to put system to sleep
 - Use a fixed value for time-out
- **Can we do better with an adaptive time-out?**
- **Have experimented with using past activity history**
 - Adaptively set the time-out value based on prediction
 - No conclusive results yet
 - Need to do more characterization of PC users

Summary

- **Energy savings can be enabled by the network**

- **Direct energy savings**

- Matching link data rate to link utilization

 How can we exploit this for deeper savings?

- **Induced energy savings**

- Letting devices sleep without losing network presence

 How can we enable this for all end devices?

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Key links

- **Project website**
 - <http://www.csee.usf.edu/~christen/energy/main.html>
- **Project publications and invited talks**
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