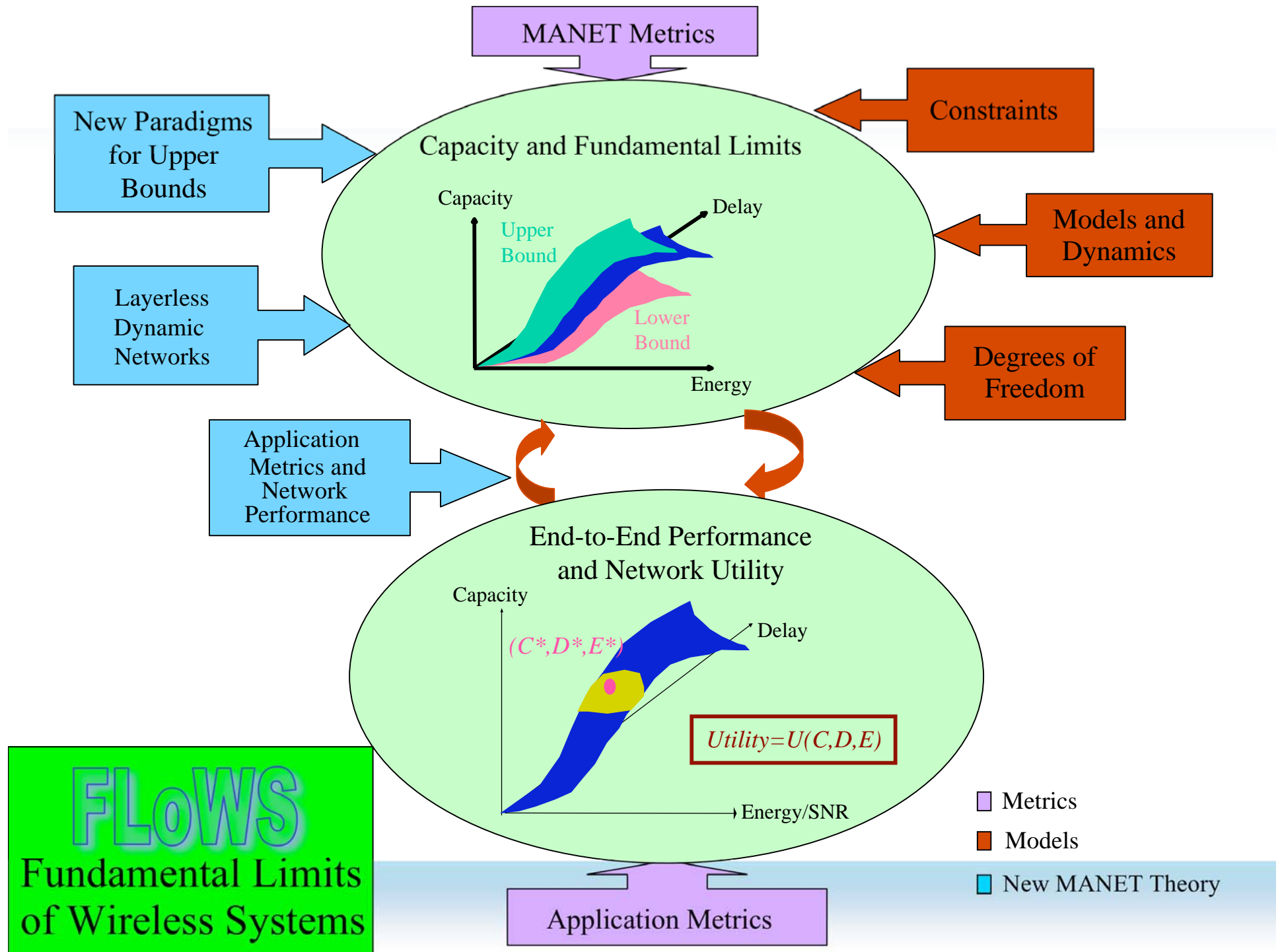


# Information Theory for Mobile Ad-Hoc Networks (ITMANET)

## Thrust I

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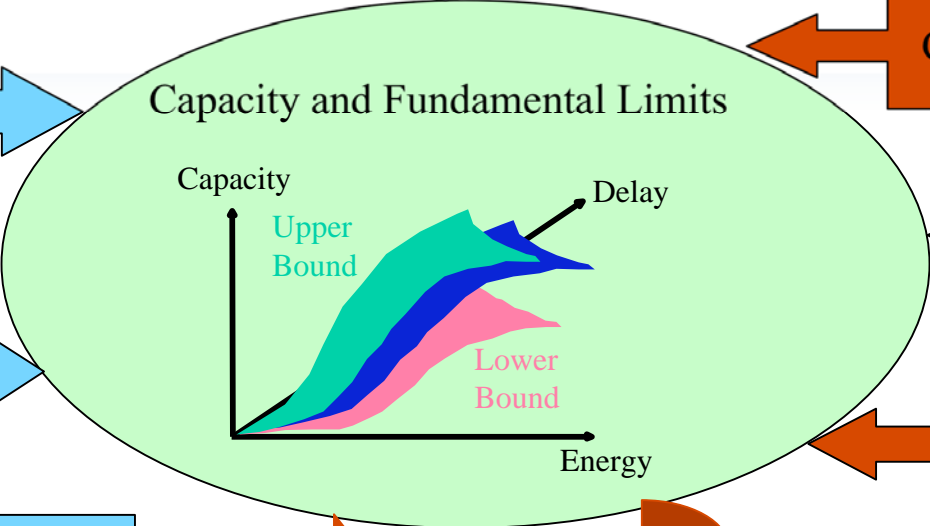


New Paradigms for Upper Bounds

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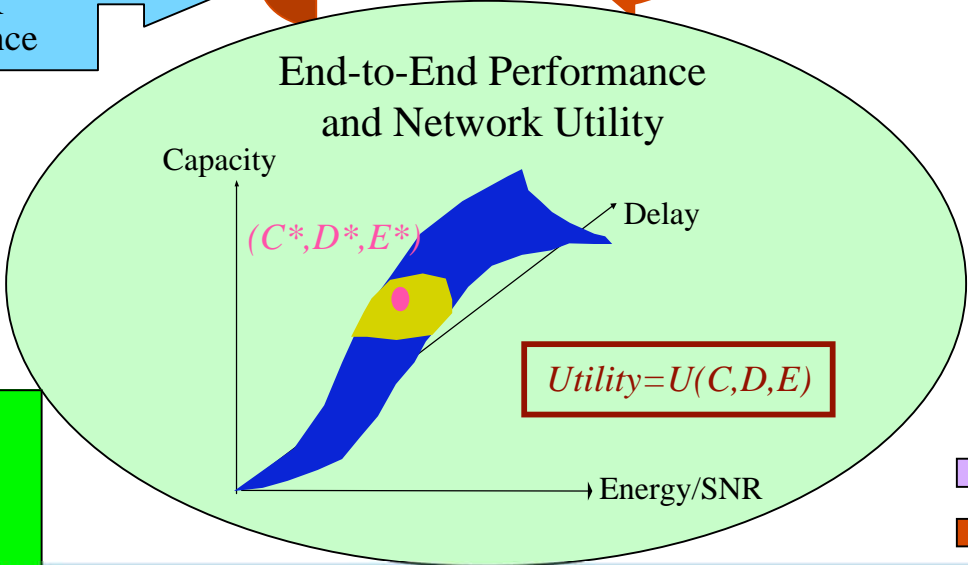
MANET Metrics



Constraints

Models and Dynamics

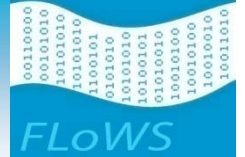
Degrees of Freedom



Application Metrics

- Metrics
- Models
- New MANET Theory

# Goals



- Characterize the performance potential of ITMANETs.
- Objectivity: Upper bounds provide an objective assessment of:
  - How well current schemes are doing
  - Where future efforts are best spent
- Utility: To be useful, upper bounds must be
  - Concrete
  - Computable
  - Helpful
  - Practical
- Generality: We seek general upper bounds to apply to
  - Arbitrary networks
  - Arbitrary demands
- Reality: Traditional assumptions are a poor match for ITMANETs.-  
to develop realistic upper bounds, we must master
  - Delay
  - Variability
  - Non-ergodicity

# Final goal

- Final objective: Network SPICE , “SPINE”  
(Simulation Program with Integrated Network Emphasis)

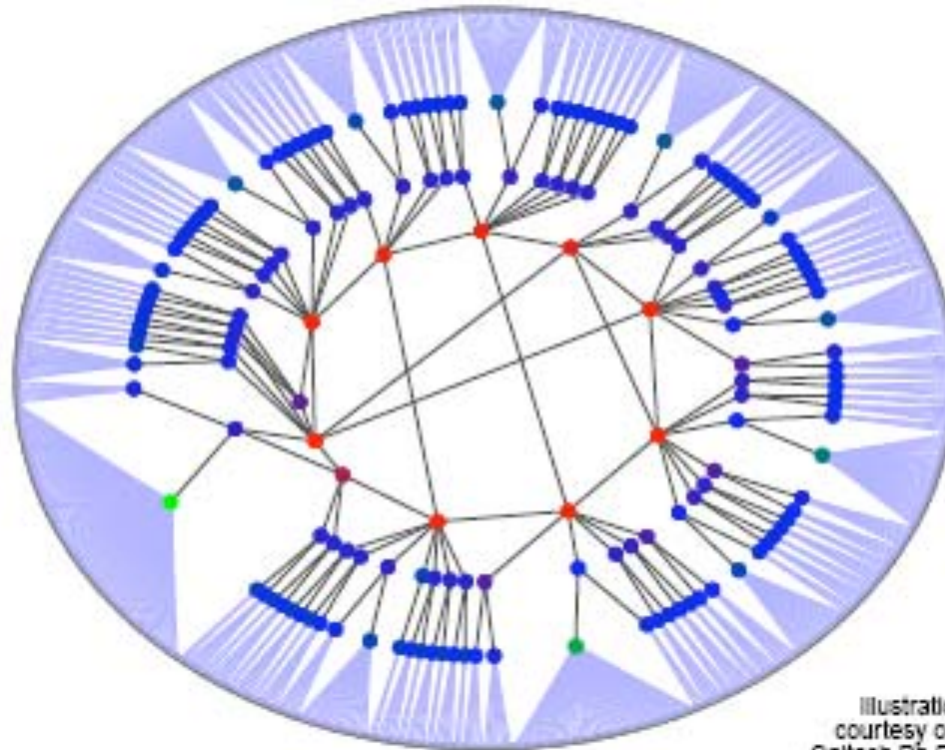
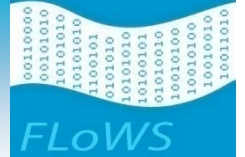


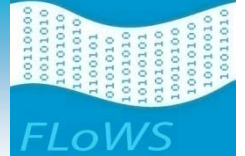
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# Traditional approaches – tools and results

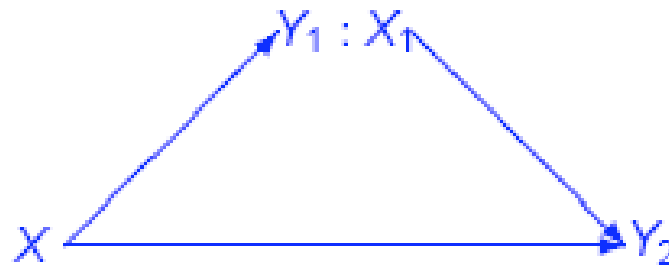


- Tools:
  - Fano's Inequality
    - The information that we want to estimate must be determined by our evidence.
  - Min-cut Max-flow Theorem
    - Information flow through a network is limited by the tightest bottleneck on the best routes.
- Results:
  - Small systems (e.g., relay channel)
  - Asymptotic results under assumptions re: structure and size (e.g., scaling laws)

# Traditional approaches - results

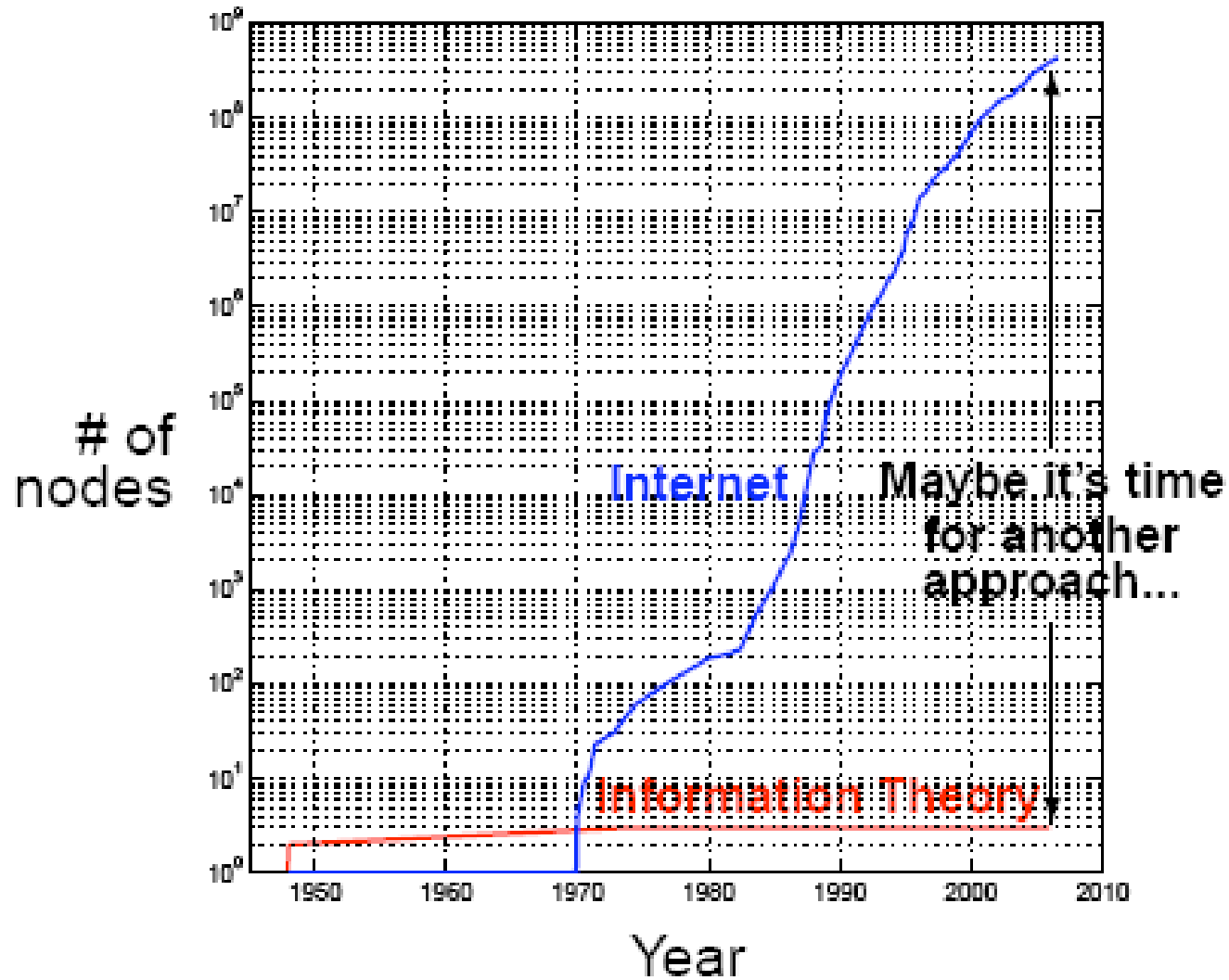


- A simple 3-node network (Kramer et al.)

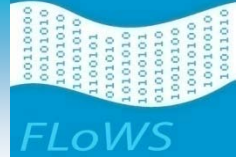


$$\begin{aligned} R_0 &\leq \min\{I(T; Y_1|X_1), I(T, X_1; Y_2)\} \\ R_0 + R_1 &\leq I(X; Y_1|X_1) \\ R_0 + R_2 &\leq \min\{I(T, U, X_1; Y_2), I(X, X_1; Y_2)\} \\ R_0 + R_1 + R_2 &\leq I(T; Y_1|X_1) + I(X; Y_1|T, U, X_1) + I(U; Y_2|T, X_1) \\ R_0 + R_1 + R_2 &\leq I(T; Y_1|T, U, X_1) + I(T, U, X_1; Y_2) \\ R_0 + R_1 + R_2 &\leq I(T; Y_1, Y_2|X_1) \end{aligned}$$

# Traditional approaches - results



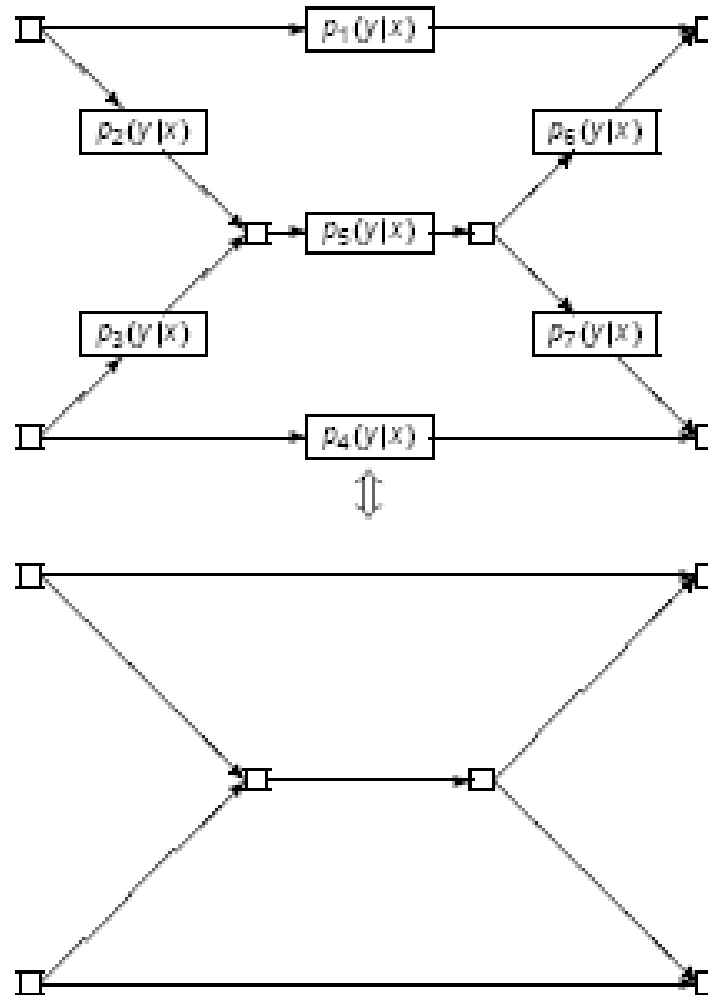
# New approaches – overview and progress



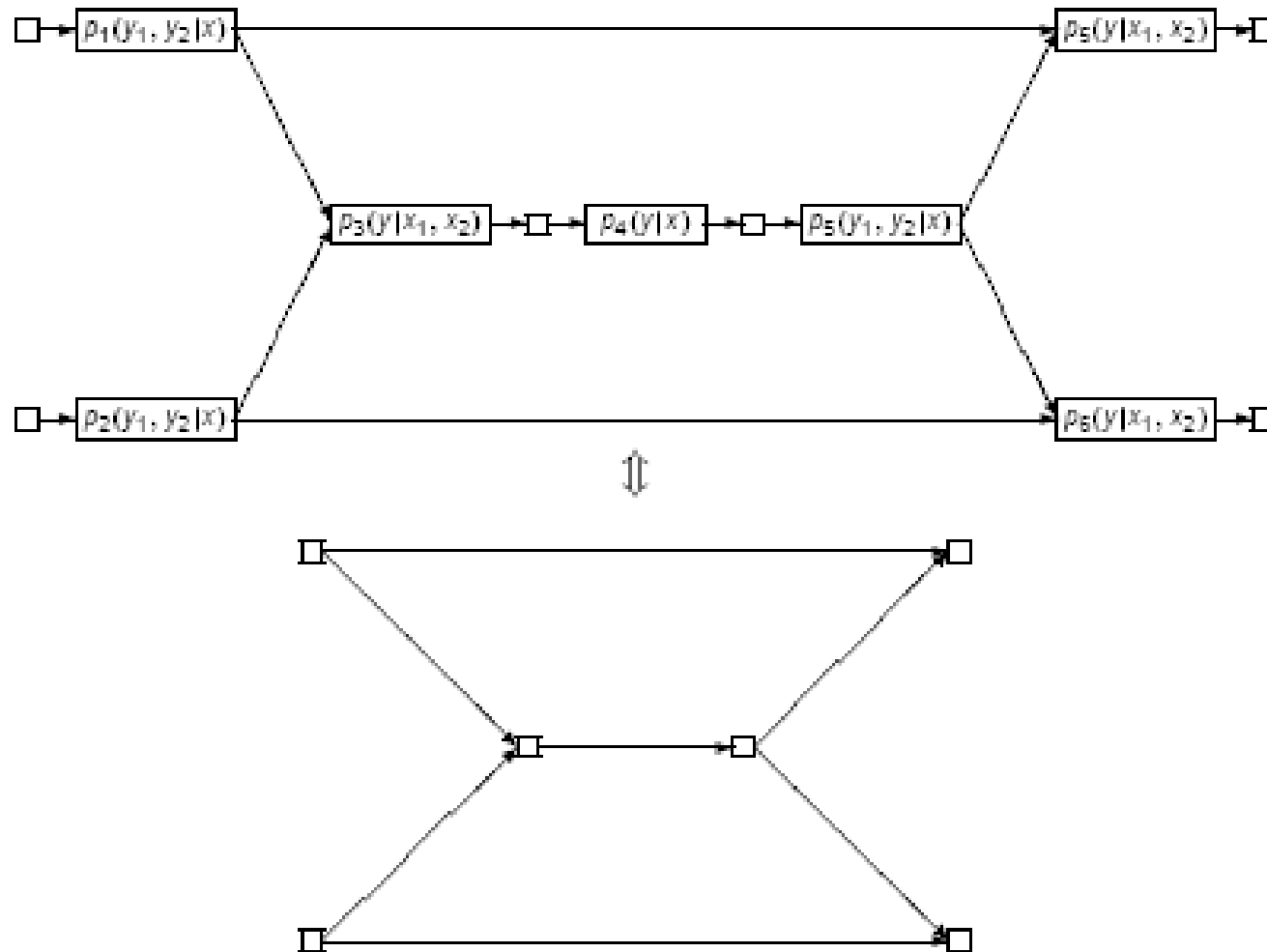
- Network equivalences
- Code type equivalences
- Conflict graph presentation
- Hierarchical analyses



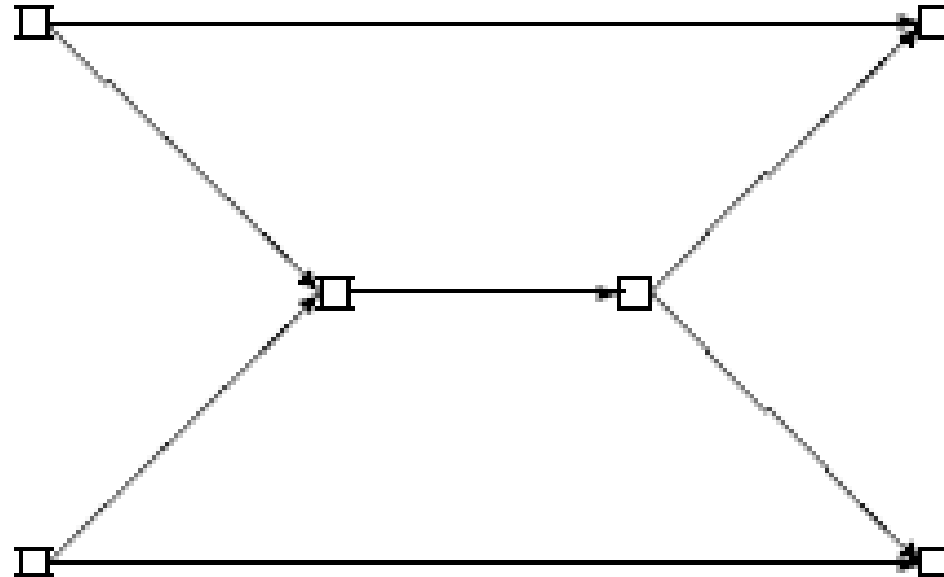
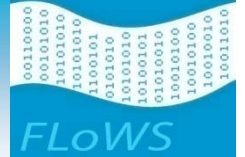
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# Network equivalences - progress



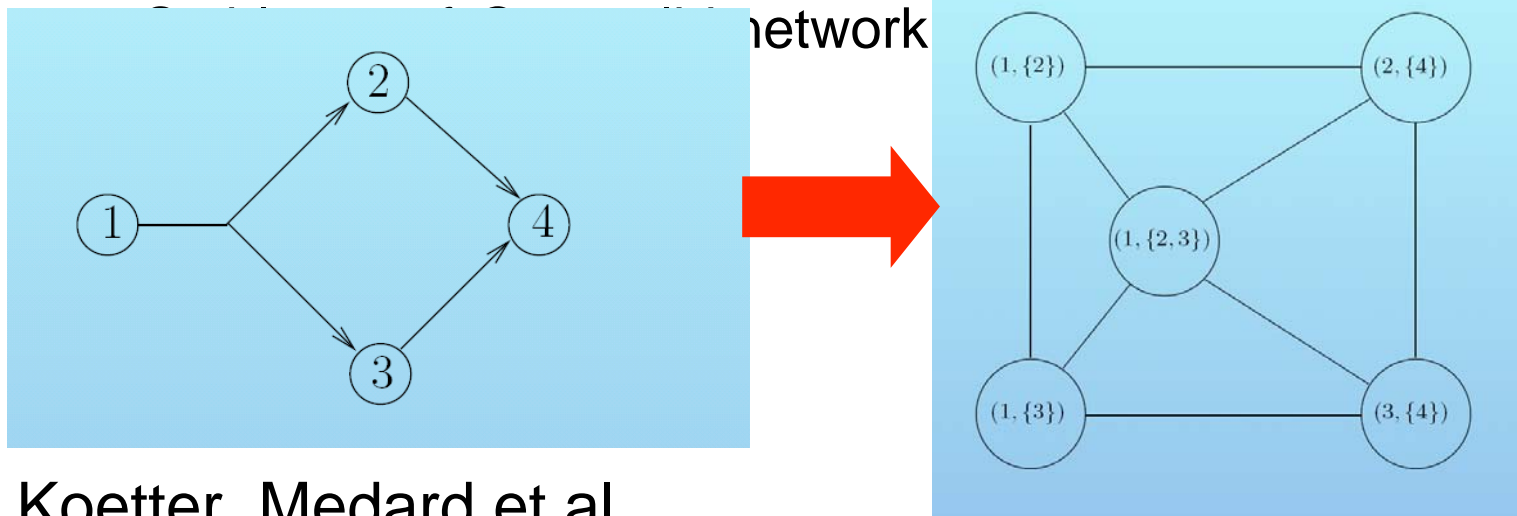
# Code type equivalencies - conjecture



- Goal: Show that **restricting the code type** at all nodes of the network does not reduce the space of achievable results.

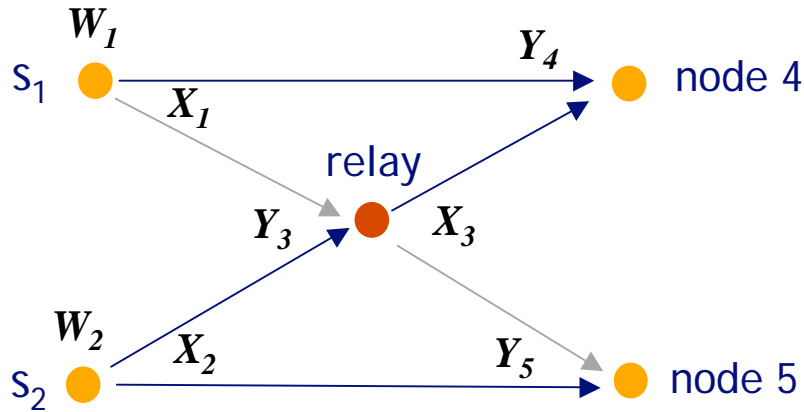
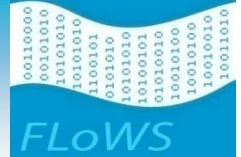
# Conflict graph representation – connecting elements through codes

- A vertex represents a configuration of the network in terms of codes among components of the network
  - An edge between two vertices if the two configuration cause conflict (i.e. They cannot be served simultaneously).
- Stable Set: no edge connecting any pair of vertices in the set



Koetter, Medard et al.

# Analog network coding



## Channel outputs

relay  $Y_3 = h_{13}X_1 + h_{23}X_2 + Z_3$

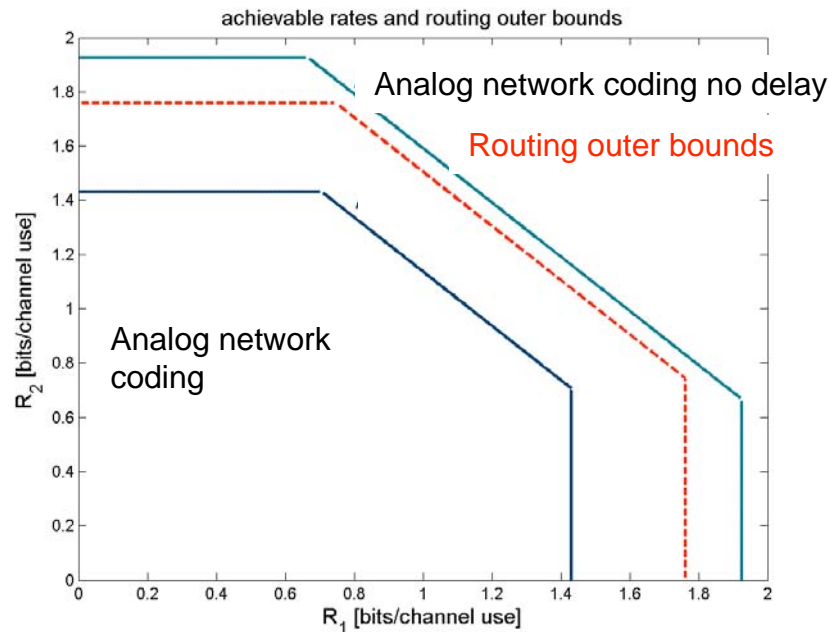
node 4  $Y_4 = h_{14}X_1 + h_{24}X_2 + h_{34}X_3 + Z_4$

node 5  $Y_5 = h_{15}X_1 + h_{25}X_2 + h_{35}X_3 + Z_5$

## Channel input at the relay

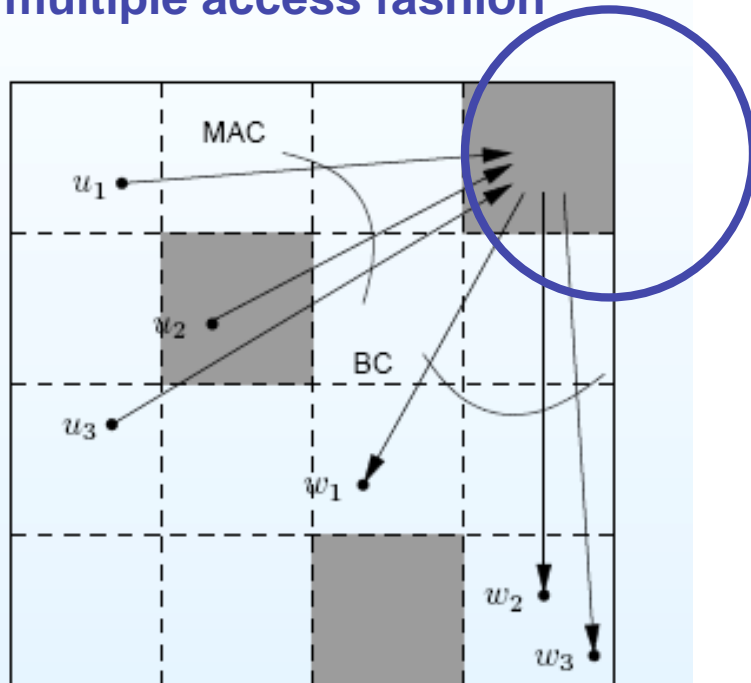
$$X_{3,n} = f_n(Y_{3,n-1}, \dots, Y_{3,1})$$

Goldsmith, Medard, et al.



# Scaling laws using multiple access

Squarelet acts as a component and interconnections occur among components, albeit in a multiple access fashion



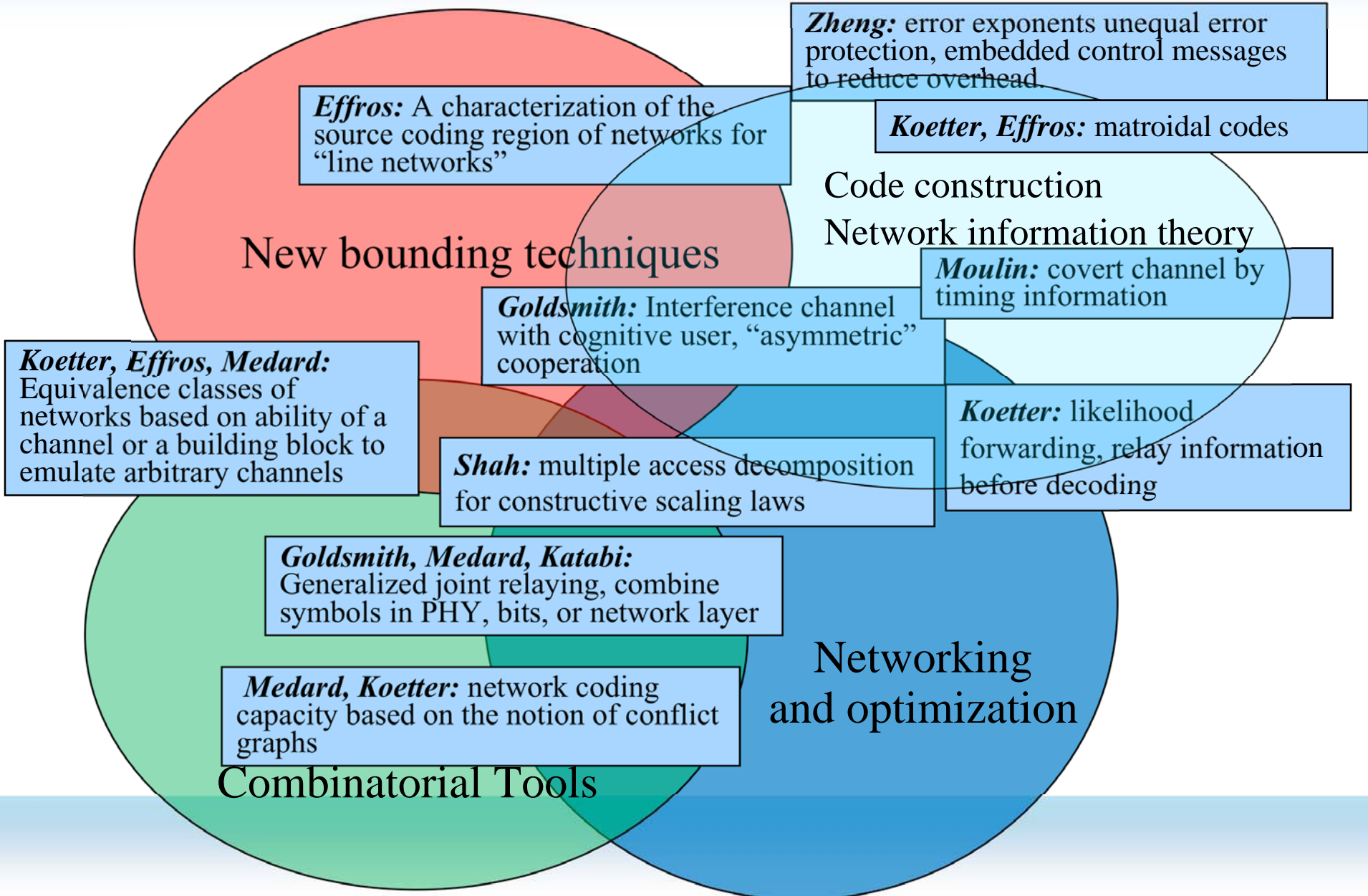
- Source-destination pairs relay traffic over dense squarelets
- Induces virtual multiple antenna multiple access and broadcast channels
- For the best communication scheme

$$\rho^*(n) = O\left(n^{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}+\epsilon}\right)$$

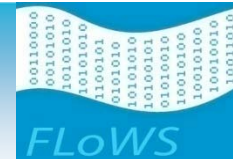
for  $\epsilon > 0$  arbitrarily small and for any  $2 < \alpha < 3$

- Thus scheme is order optimal for  $2 < \alpha < 3$ , so that decomposition is not detrimental in an order sense

# Achievements Overview



# Thrust Synergies: An Example



**Koetter, Effros, Medard:** Equivalence classes of networks based on ability of a channel or a building block to emulate arbitrary channels

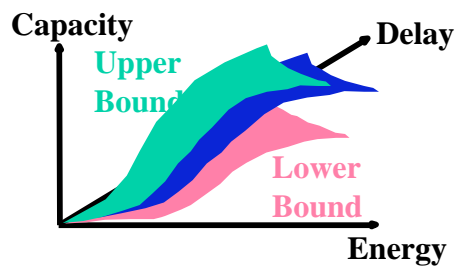
**Goldsmith, Medard, Katabi:** Generalized joint relaying, combine symbols in PHY, bits, or network layer

**Koetter:** likelihood forwarding, relay information before decoding

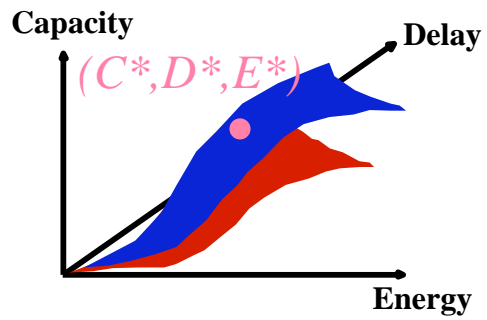
**Shah:** multiple access decomposition for constructive scaling laws

**Medard, Koetter:** network coding capacity based on the notion of conflict graphs

**Thrust 1**  
Upper Bounds



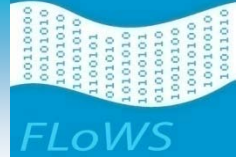
**Thrust 3**  
Application Metrics and Network Performance



**Thrust 2**  
Layerless Dynamic Networks

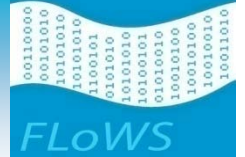


# Roadmap



- Generalized equivalence results beyond point –to-point multiple access and broadcast components
- Derive bounds in cases where equivalence fails
- Conflict graphs for soft constraints such as multiple access constraints
- Schedule creation from conflict graph (thrust 3 interaction)
- Explore code-type equivalence conjecture
- Investigate code design implications of restricted code types

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