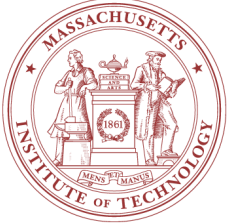


Real-Time Infrastructure

in support of “Internet of Things”

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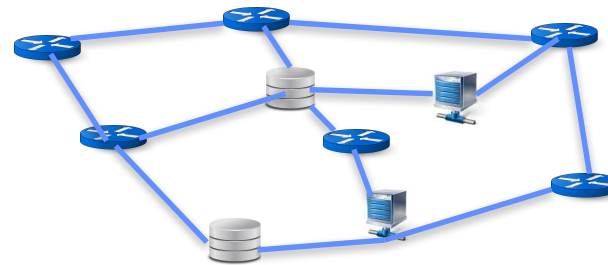




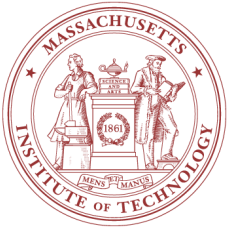
“The Network”



- No longer just switches and routers
 - Communication, Computation, Storage



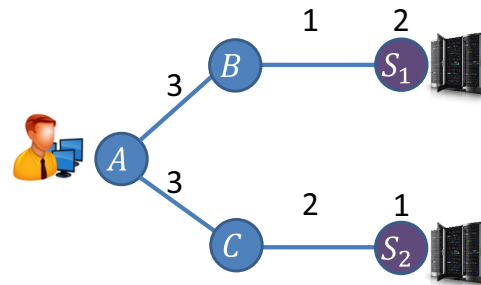
- Network services are no longer just moving packets from sources to destination
 - Both computation and storage are viewed as part of the network. E.g., internet search
 - What other **things** should be viewed as part of network?



Smart Network Control

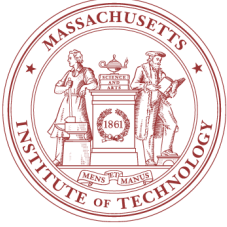


- **Not just packet routing, scheduling...**
- **Need new mechanisms for allocating network resources:**
 - **E.g., joint routing and server allocation in cloud computing**
Traffic streams have both communication and computation requirements



- **Many of these emerging IoT applications are real-time**
- **Need new architectures and mechanisms for supporting ultra-low latency requirements**
 - **New network control algorithms for latency sensitive traffic**
 - **New network architectures in support of real-time applications**

How is this different from the old “telephone” network

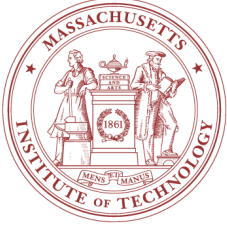


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What's New?



- **Ultra-low-latency**
 - On order of propagation delays
- **Highly heterogeneous: wireless is integral part**
- **Interaction between communication, computation, sensing**
 - New Age-of-Information framework
- **Heterogeneous mix of traffic**
 - Combination of real-time and non-real-time traffic



Real-Time Infrastructure Technical Challenges



- **Architecture**
 - Packets vs circuits vs virtual circuits
 - Control plane issues
 - Traffic Separation: RT vs non-RT?
 - Physical network architecture: Placement of routers, servers, etc.
- **Learning based protocols and algorithms**
- **Resource allocation schemes**
 - New kinds of network resources
 - Wireless resources
- **Protocols**
 - Legacy vs clean slate protocol design?