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OpenFlow and IPv6

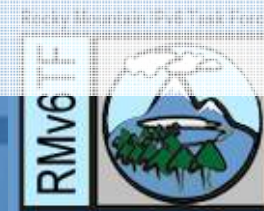
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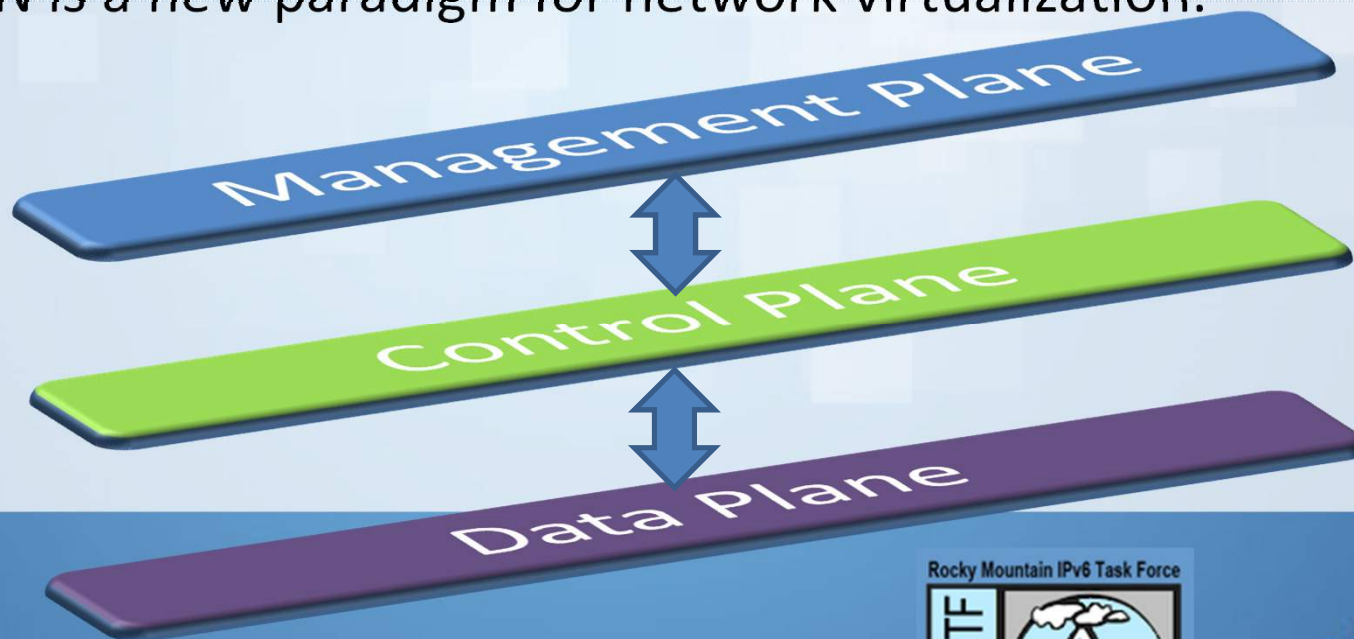
Today's Outline

- Software-Defined Networking Background
- Introduction to OpenFlow
- OpenFlow History and Lineage
- IPv6 Capabilities within OpenFlow
- OpenFlow v1.3 demonstration using OpenDaylight & Mininet/OVS
- Q&A

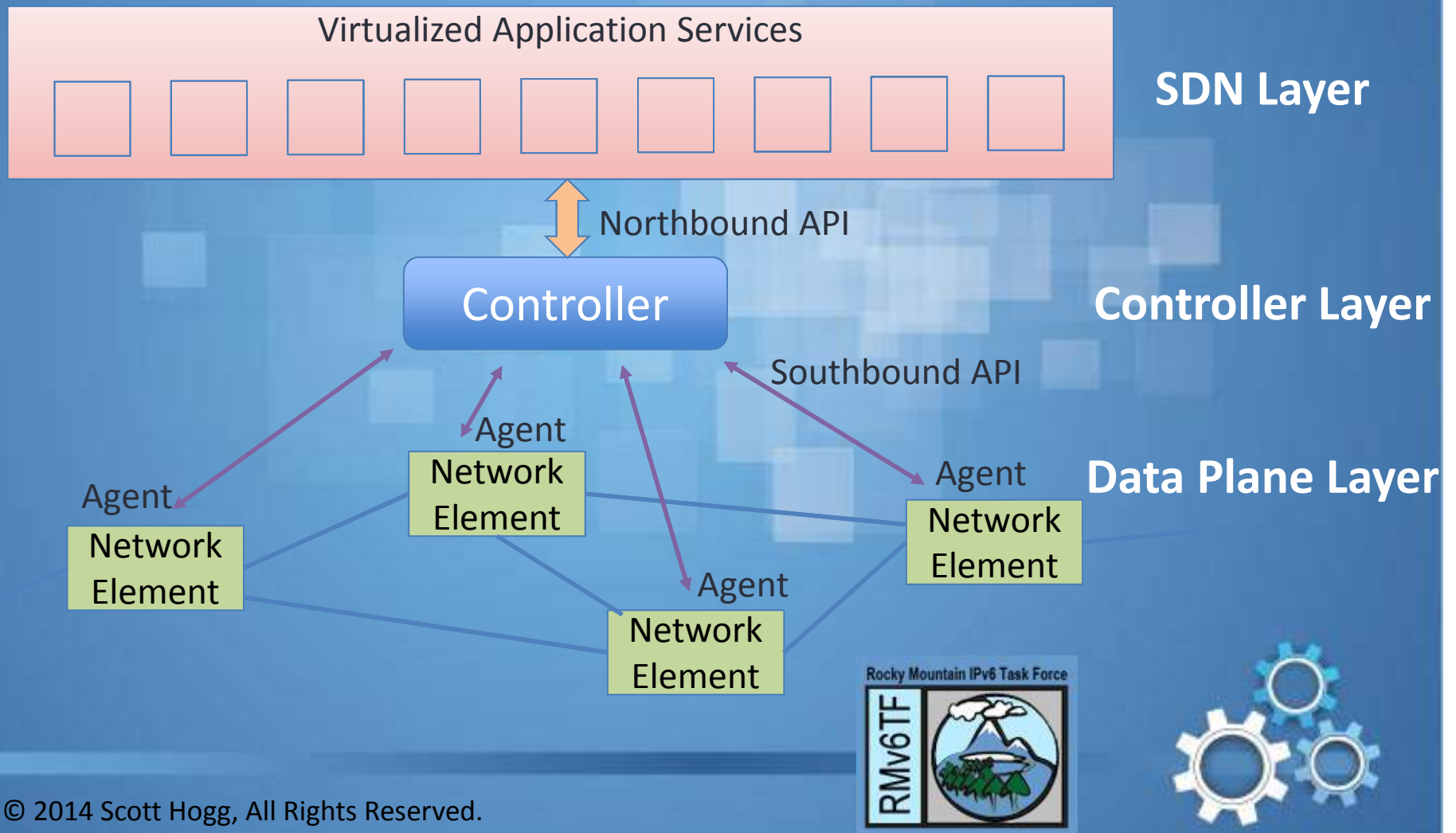


Software-Defined Networking Background

- Software-Defined Networking is an approach to networking that separates the control plane from the forwarding plane to support virtualization.
- SDN is a new paradigm for network virtualization.

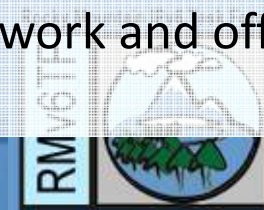


SDN High-Level Architecture



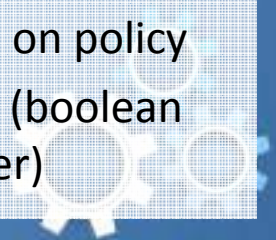
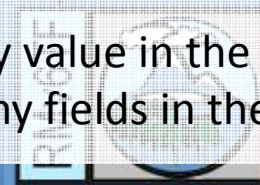
SDN Benefits

- SDN offers a new way to innovate use of a virtualized network (greater customization of networks).
- SDN provides for greater span of control and network analytics and response. A single controller can have global or network-wide view of the network.
- SDN provides better intelligence with a global view of the network rather than each network element looking at the network from its own viewpoint.
- SDN provides for improved application experience and empower the network owner/operator
- SDN offer simplified IT administration.
- SDN support rapid enhanced multi-tenant cloud services deployment.
- SDN offers an opportunity to open up the network and offer a diverse set of vendors.



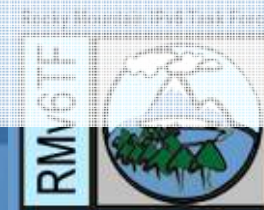
SDN Use Cases

- SDN automates and speeds up deployment of creating a network to support a specific application.
- SDN is well suited to network services that are complex or time consuming to implement manually.
- SDN can ease deployment of functions that are difficult to provision or require manual configuration that are not dynamic.
 - Network Segmentation/Separation
 - Multi-tenant cloud data centers
 - Network monitoring - TAP aggregation
 - WAN traffic engineering (L2/L3 MPLS automation), optimal traffic engineering, bandwidth on demand
 - QoS, Policy-based-Routing, RSVP/TE, firewalls
 - Network programmability with dynamic traffic flows or flow-based on policy
 - Special forwarding of packets, matching on any value in the packet (boolean logic, match on I2/I3 source/dest addresses, any fields in the header)



Introduction to OpenFlow

- OpenFlow (OF) is a Software-Defined Networking (SDN) protocol used for southbound communications from an SDN controller to and from a network device.
- OpenFlow is the protocol used to inform the topology of network switches on which flows should be added to their flow tables and advise switches how they should handle traffic flows that are not in the current flow tables.
- OpenFlow uses TCP port 6633 (legacy) or 6653 (IANA assigned, OF 1.4+) & TLS



OpenFlow History and Lineage

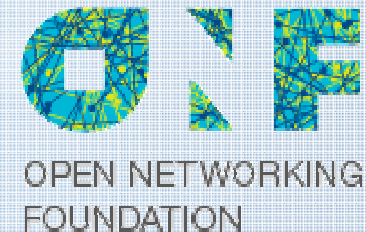
- OpenFlow evolved from the CleanSlate Program at Stanford University around 2007/2008, re-imagining networking, starting over

- <http://cleanslate.stanford.edu/>

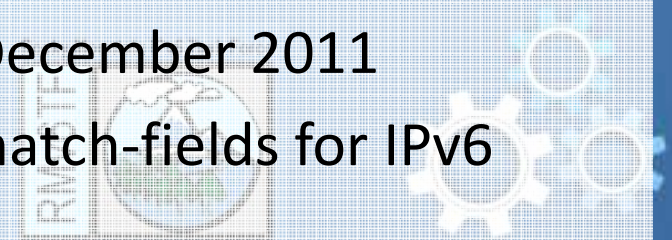


- Open Networking Foundation (ONF) formed in 2011 to standardize OpenFlow and speed innovation and collaboration between member companies

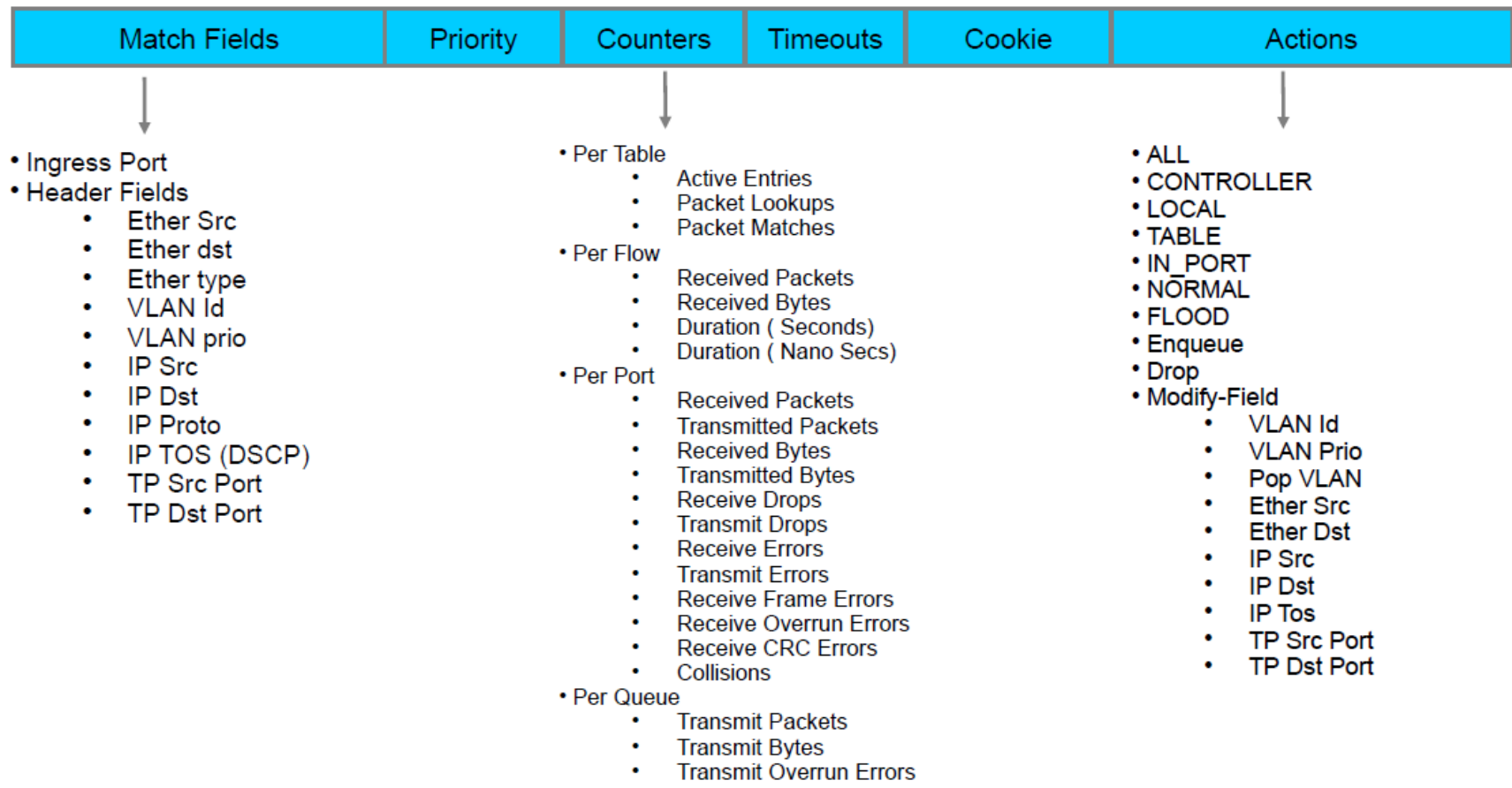
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- OpenFlow Switch Specification 1.1.0 – February 2011
- Then research began on adding IPv6
- OpenFlow Switch Specification 1.2 – December 2011
- OpenFlow v1.2 Included definitions/match-fields for IPv6

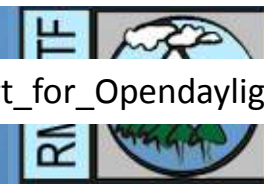


OpenFlow Version 1.0.0 Flow Entry



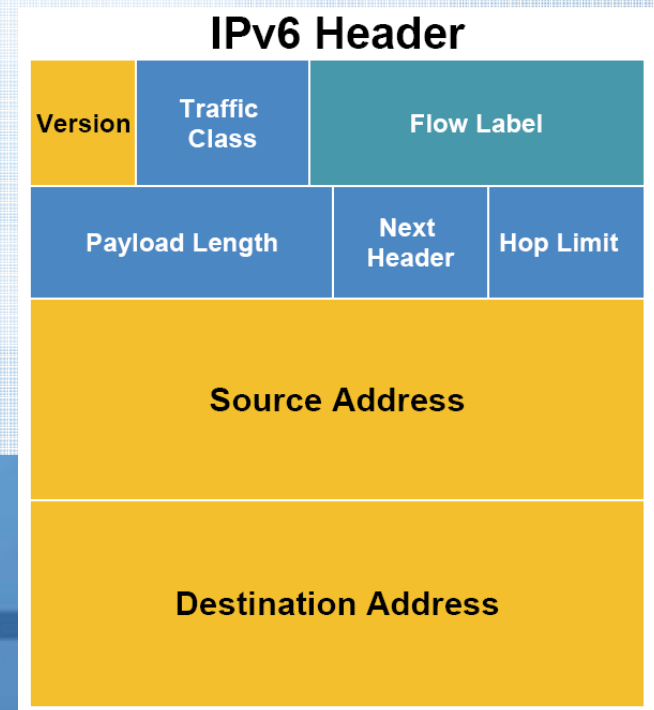
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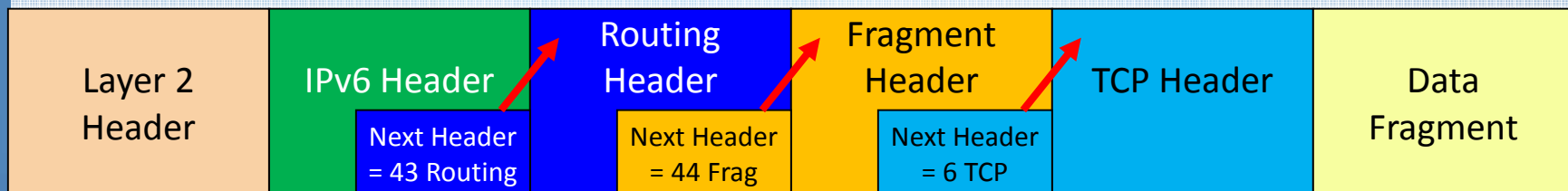
IPv6 Capabilities in OpenFlow v1.2

- Starting with OpenFlow version 1.2, IPv6 flow capabilities added
- IP protocol number (Ethernet type 0x86DD = IPv6)
- IPv6 source/destination address
- IPv6 traffic class
- IPv6 flow label
- ICMPv6 types/codes
- IPv6 unicast and multicast

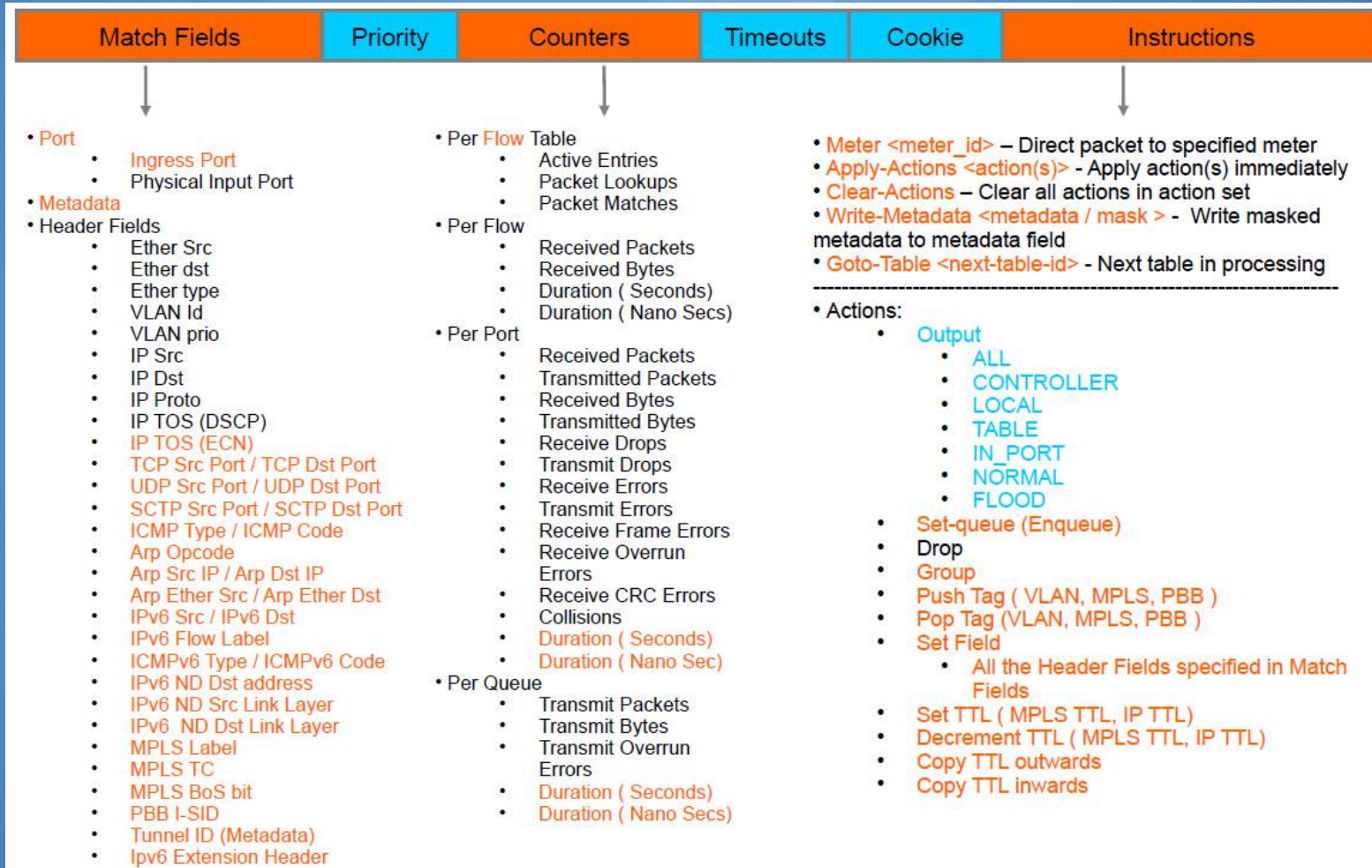


IPv6 Capabilities in OpenFlow v1.3

- OpenFlow version 1.3 added some new IPv6 features
- Ability to rewrite packet headers via Flexible Match Support
- Match on IPv6 header fields the same as OpenFlow v1.2
- Match on Next Header/Extension Header



OpenFlow Version 1.3.1 Flow Entry



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OpenFlow Switch Specification v1.4.0 (Oct 14, 2013)

```
/* OXM Flow match field types for OpenFlow basic class. */
enum oxm_ofb_match_fields {
  OFPXMT_OFB_IN_PORT = 0, /* Switch input port. */
  OFPXMT_OFB_ETH_TYPE      - 5, /* Ethernet frame type. */
  ...
  OFPXMT_OFB_IP_PROTO      - 10, /* IP protocol. */
  ...
  OFPXMT_OFB_IPV6_SRC      - 26, /* IPv6 source address. */
  OFPXMT_OFB_IPV6_DST      - 27, /* IPv6 destination address. */
  OFPXMT_OFB_IPV6_FLABEL   - 28, /* IPv6 Flow Label */
  OFPXMT_OFB_ICMPV6_TYPE   - 29, /* ICMPv6 type. */
  OFPXMT_OFB_ICMPV6_CODE   - 30, /* ICMPv6 code. */
  OFPXMT_OFB_IPV6_ND_TARGET - 31, /* Target address for ND. */
  OFPXMT_OFB_IPV6_ND_SLL   - 32, /* Source link-layer for ND. */
  OFPXMT_OFB_IPV6_ND_TLL   - 33, /* Target link-layer for ND. */
  ...
  OFPXMT_OFB_IPV6_EXTHDR   - 39, /* IPv6 Extension Header pseudo-field */
  OFPXMT_OFB_ICMPV6_CODE = 30, /* ICMPv6 code. */
  OFPXMT_OFB_IPV6_ND_TARGET = 31, /* Target address for ND. */
  OFPXMT_OFB_IPV6_ND_SLL = 32, /* Source link-layer for ND. */
  OFPXMT_OFB_IPV6_ND_TLL = 33, /* Target link-layer for ND. */
  OFPXMT_OFB_MPLS_LABEL = 34, /* MPLS label. */
  OFPXMT_OFB_MPLS_TC = 35, /* MPLS TC. */
  OFPXMT_OFB_MPLS_BOS = 36, /* MPLS BoS bit. */
  OFPXMT_OFB_PBB_ISID = 37, /* PBB I-SID. */
  OFPXMT_OFB_TUNNEL_ID = 38, /* Logical Port Metadata. */
  OFPXMT_OFB_IPV6_EXTHDR = 39, /* IPv6 Extension Header pseudo-field */
  OFPXMT_OFB_PBB_UCA = 41, /* PBB UCA header field. */
}
```

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OpenFlow Switch Specification v1.4.0 (Oct 14, 2013)

OXM_OF_IPV6_EXTHDR

```
/* Bit definitions for IPv6 Extension Header pseudo-field. */
enum ofp_ipv6exthdr_flags {
OFPIEH_NONEXT = 1 << 0,    /* "No next header" encountered. */
OFPIEH_ESP = 1 << 1,       /* Encrypted Sec Payload header present. */
OFPIEH_AUTH = 1 << 2,      /* Authentication header present. */
OFPIEH_DEST = 1 << 3,      /* 1 or 2 dest headers present. */
OFPIEH_FRAG = 1 << 4,      /* Fragment header present. */
OFPIEH_ROUTER = 1 << 5,    /* Router header present. */
OFPIEH_HOP = 1 << 6,       /* Hop-by-hop header present. */
OFPIEH_UNREP = 1 << 7,     /* Unexpected repeats encountered. */
OFPIEH_UNSEQ = 1 << 8,     /* Unexpected sequencing encountered. */
};
```

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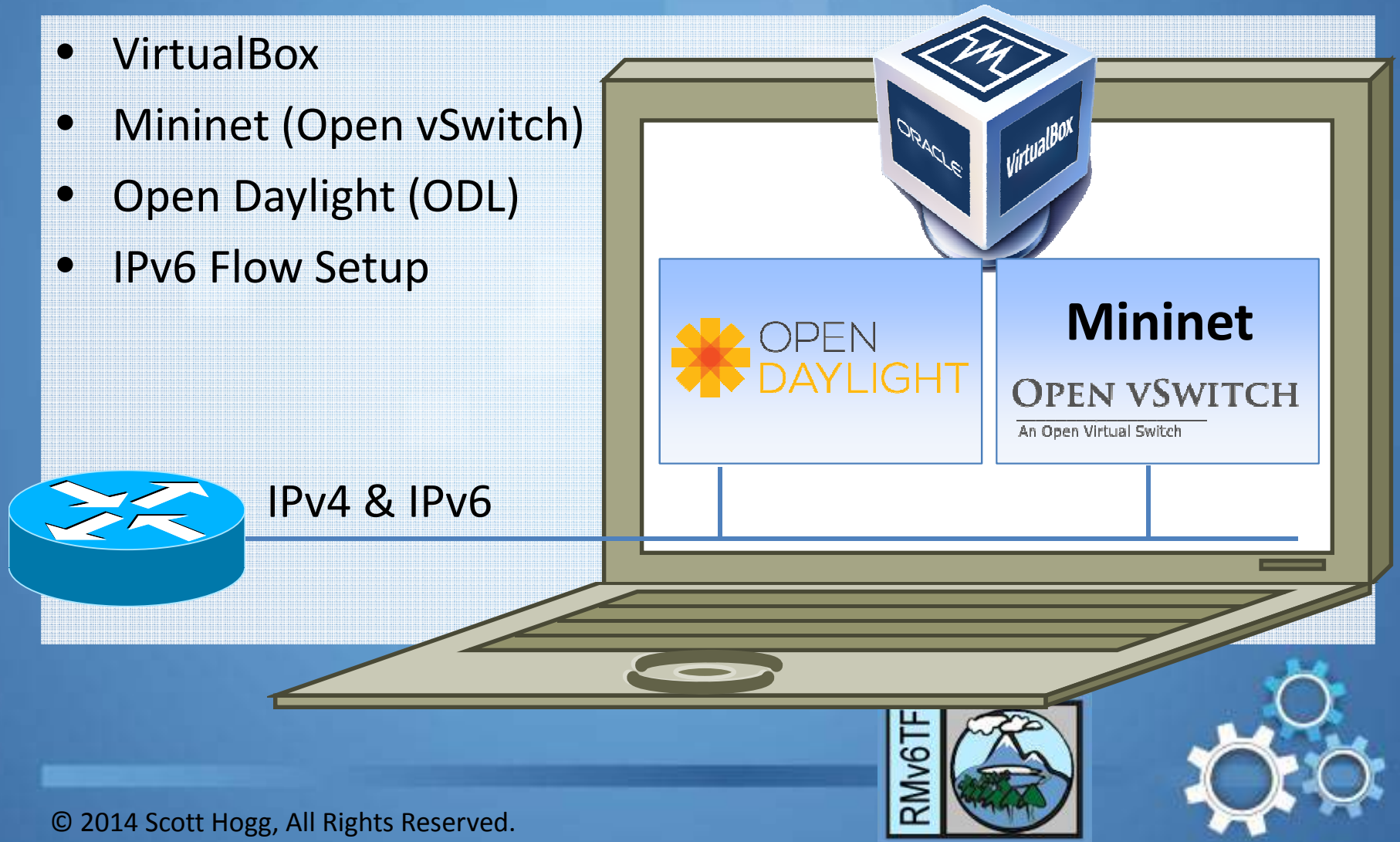
OpenFlow 1.3 Switches & Controllers

- Arista 7280SE, 7280SE-64
- Big Switch Switch Light, Floodlight-plus, Indigo Agent, Indigo Virtual Switch (IVS), LoxiGen
- Brocade MLXe, CER/CES, ICX, VDX, and VCS, NetIron XMR Series
- Centec V330 switch
- CPqD OpenFlow Switch
- HP Virtual Application Networks (VAN) SDN Controller, 50+ HP ProCurve switch models
- Infoblox FlowForwarding Erlang-Solutions LINC implementation
- NEC ProgrammableFlow PF6800 Controller, PF5240, PF5248, PF5820 switches
- NoviFlow switches (NoviSwitch)
- NOX & POX open source SDN controller
- OpenDaylight Hydrogen v1.0
- Pica8 SDN switches, P-3290, P-3295, P-3780, P3920 (OpenFlow v1.4 in PicOS 2.3+)
- Ryu (OpenFlow 1.0, 1.2, 1.3, & 1.4)
- Vello Systems VX1048 & VX3048



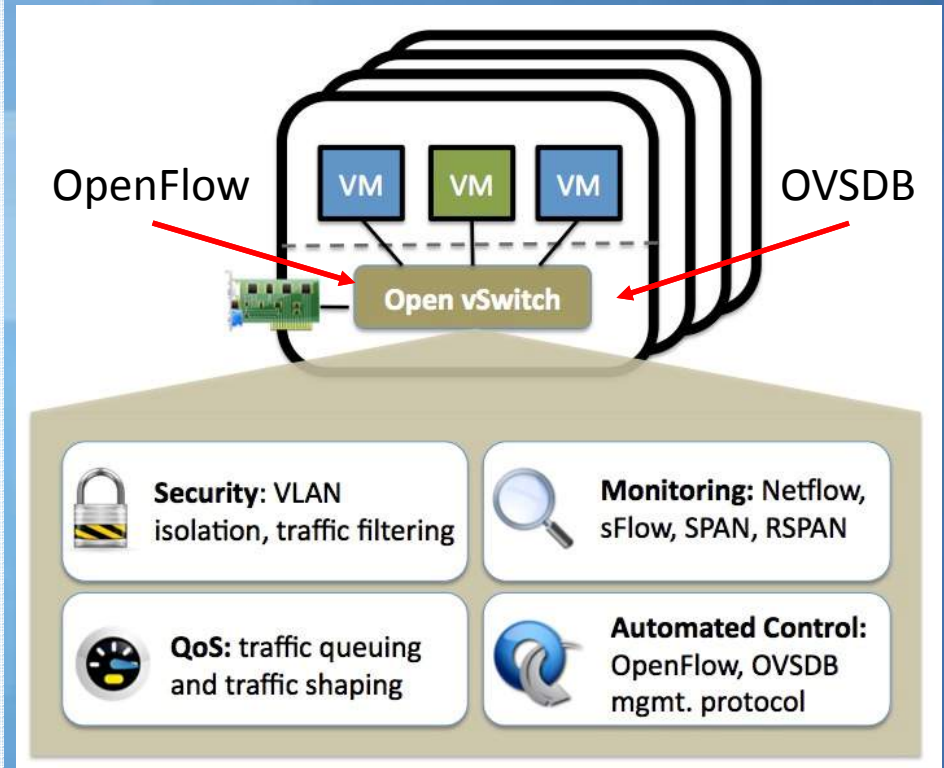
OpenFlow and IPv6 Demonstration

- VirtualBox
- Mininet (Open vSwitch)
- Open Daylight (ODL)
- IPv6 Flow Setup



OpenFlow and IPv6 Demonstration – Open vSwitch

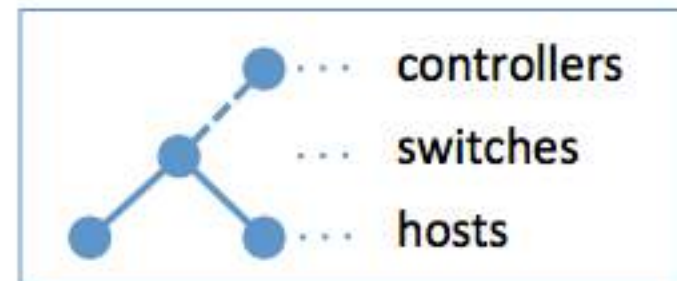
- Open vSwitch (OVS) is a multilayer virtual switch implemented at the hypervisor layer that allows for programmatic extensions (e.g. OpenFlow and Open vSwitch Database (OVSDB with JSON) (RFC 7047)
- IPv6 support in Sept 2011
- <http://openvswitch.org/>



OpenFlow and IPv6 Demonstration - Mininet

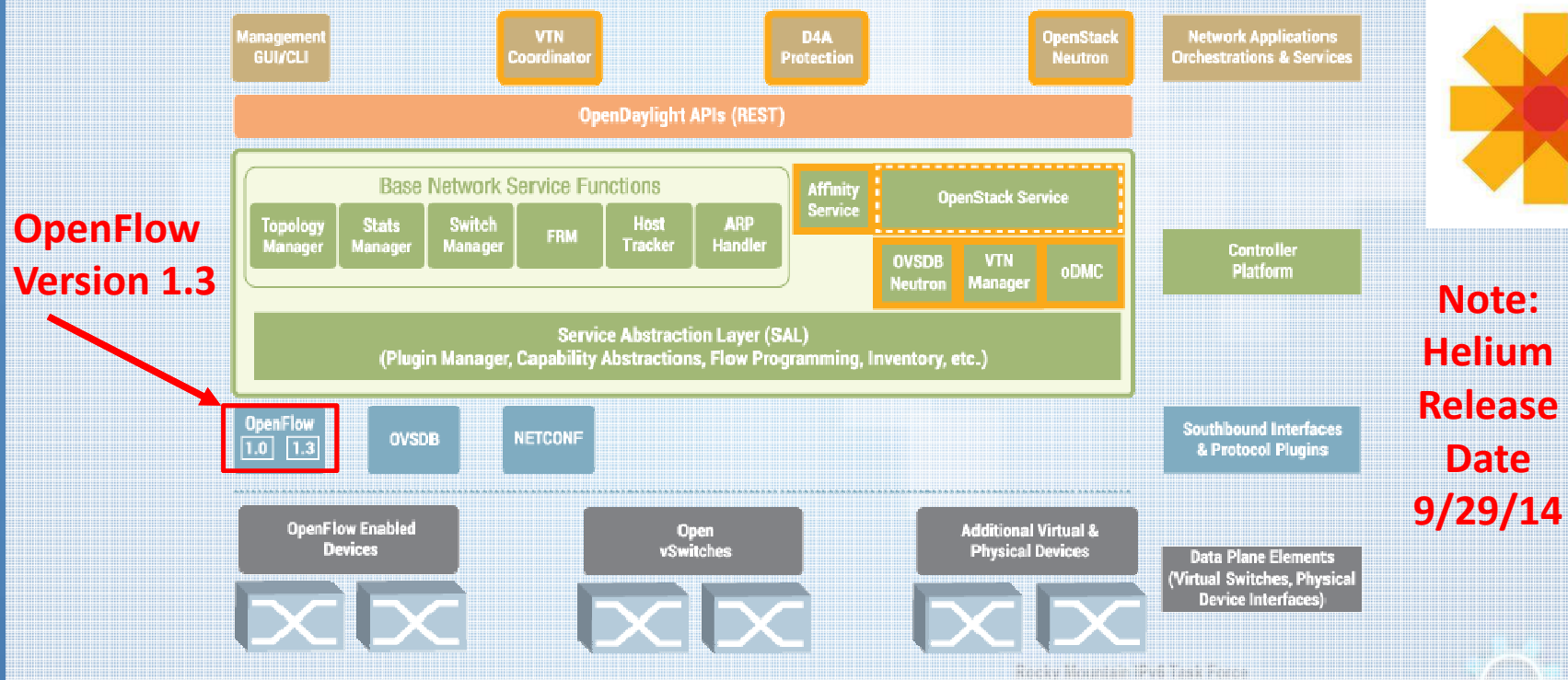
- Mininet creates a realistic virtual network, running real kernel, switch and application code, on a single machine (VM, cloud or native), in seconds, with a single command
- Mininet version 2.1.0 uses OSV version 2.0.1 which supports OpenFlow 1.3 & OVSD (RFC 7158/7159)
- <http://mininet.org/>

```
> sudo mn
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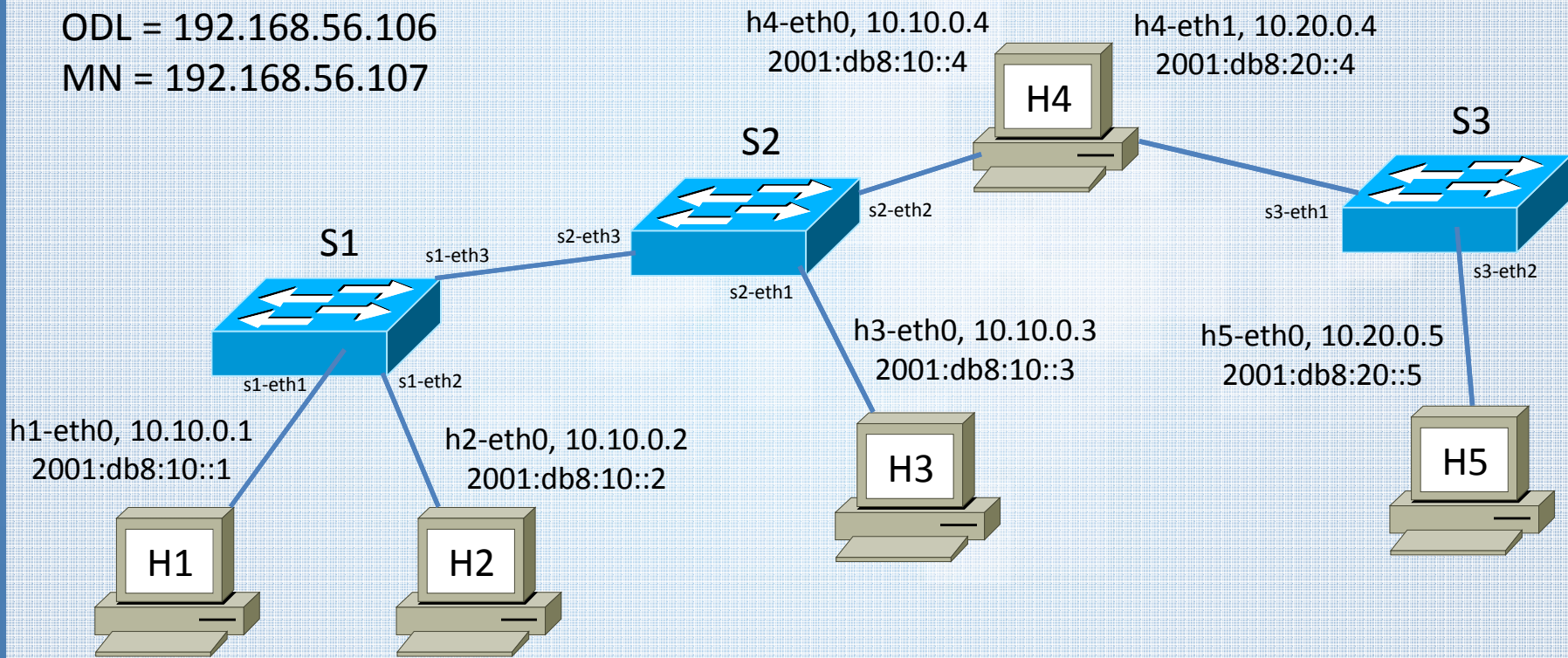
OpenFlow and IPv6 Demonstration - ODL

- Open Daylight Hydrogen Release, <http://opendaylight.org>



OpenFlow and IPv6 Demonstration – Mininet Topology

ODL = 192.168.56.106
MN = 192.168.56.107



OpenFlow and IPv6 Demonstration

- Start up Mininet VM
- Start up OpenDaylight VM
- Start OpenDaylight Controller
- Start Wireshark
- Start Mininet topology
- IPv6 Flow Setup
- Test IPv6 connectivity
- Observe OpenFlow packets and flows in table



Thank you for your time!

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