

Deploying Ubiquitous Connectivity: Mechanisms for Resource Allocation and Authentication

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Wireless Routers Abound

- Cheap
- Widespread
- Programmable

- Presents a new opportunity...



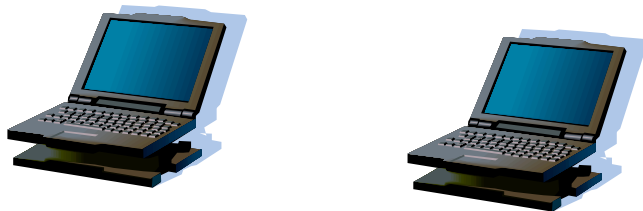
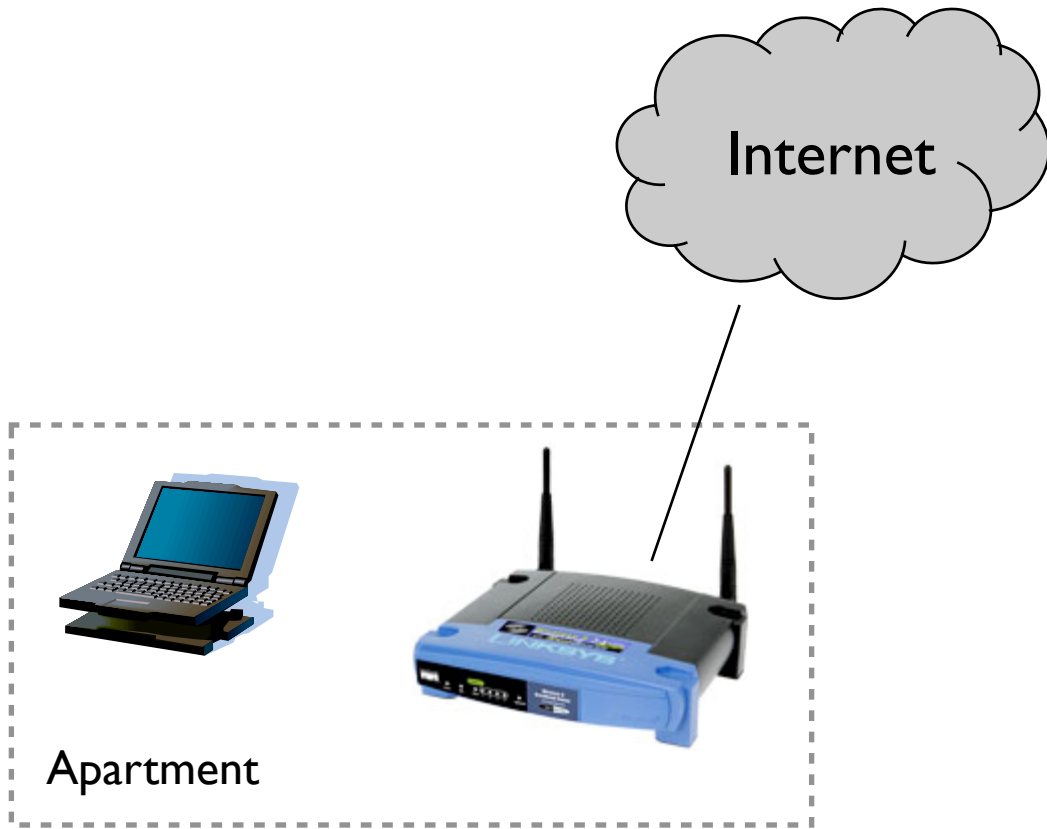
Ubiquitous Connectivity

- Widespread Internet access through existing APs
 - Cheap, high bandwidth
- Need incentives to share
- Need backwards compatibility

New Considerations

- Resource sharing
- Security concerns
- (Mobility between APs)
- (Cooperation between APs)

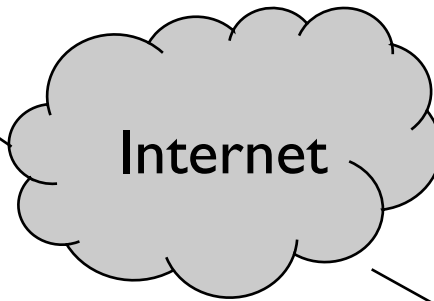
Local View



Global View



ISPs

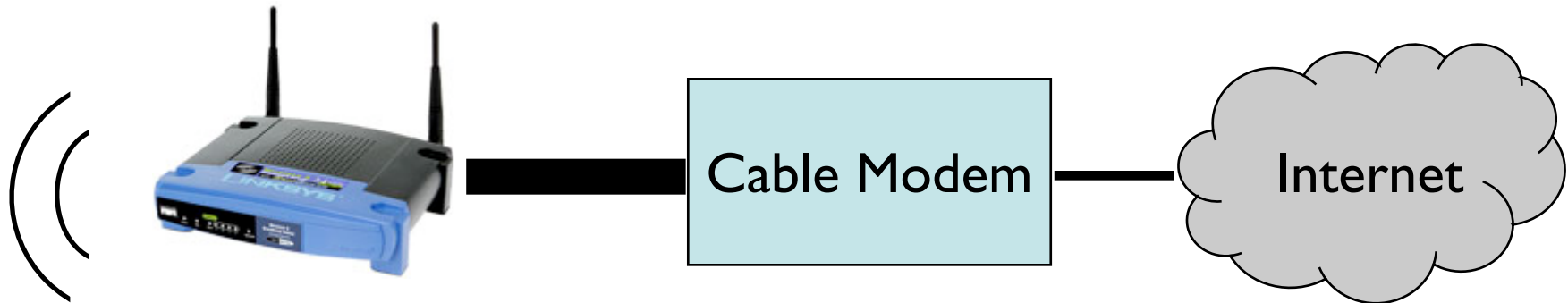


Authentication

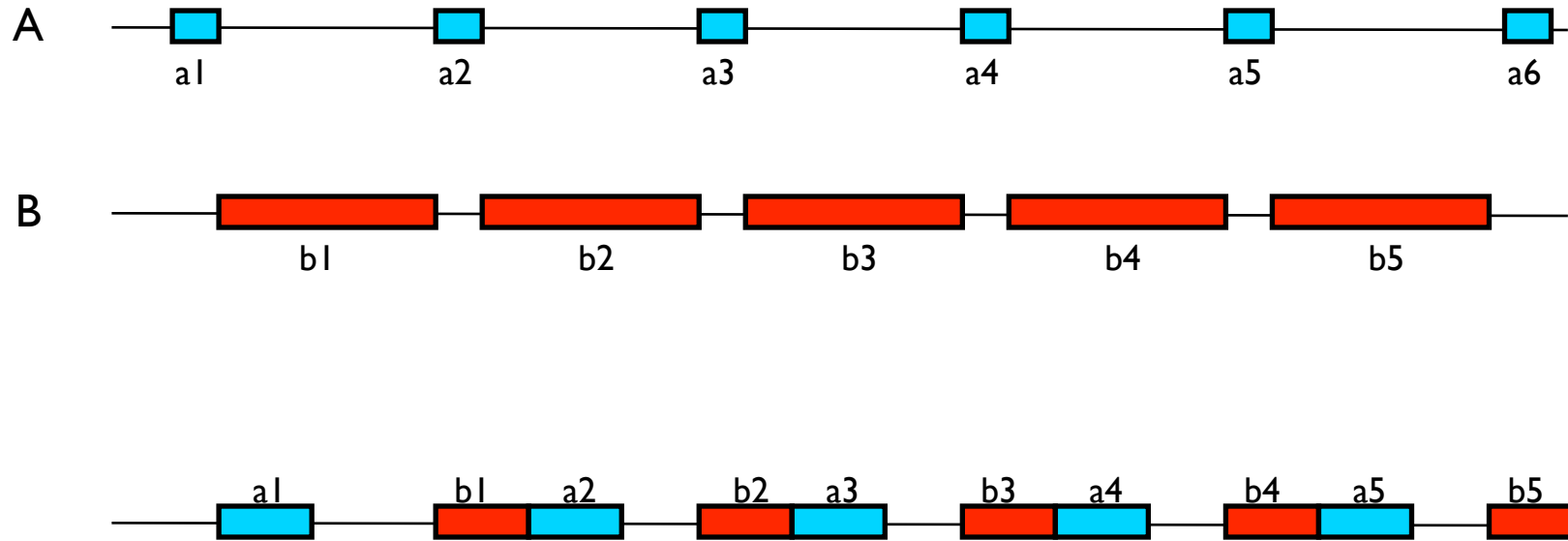
- WPA Enterprise
 - Per-user encryption keys
 - RADIUS authentication
 - Global: ISPs
 - Local: on the router (tinyPEAP)
 - Router associates flows with users

Resource Allocation

- What is the Shared Resource?
 - Bottleneck Bandwidth to the Internet?
 - Wireless air time?



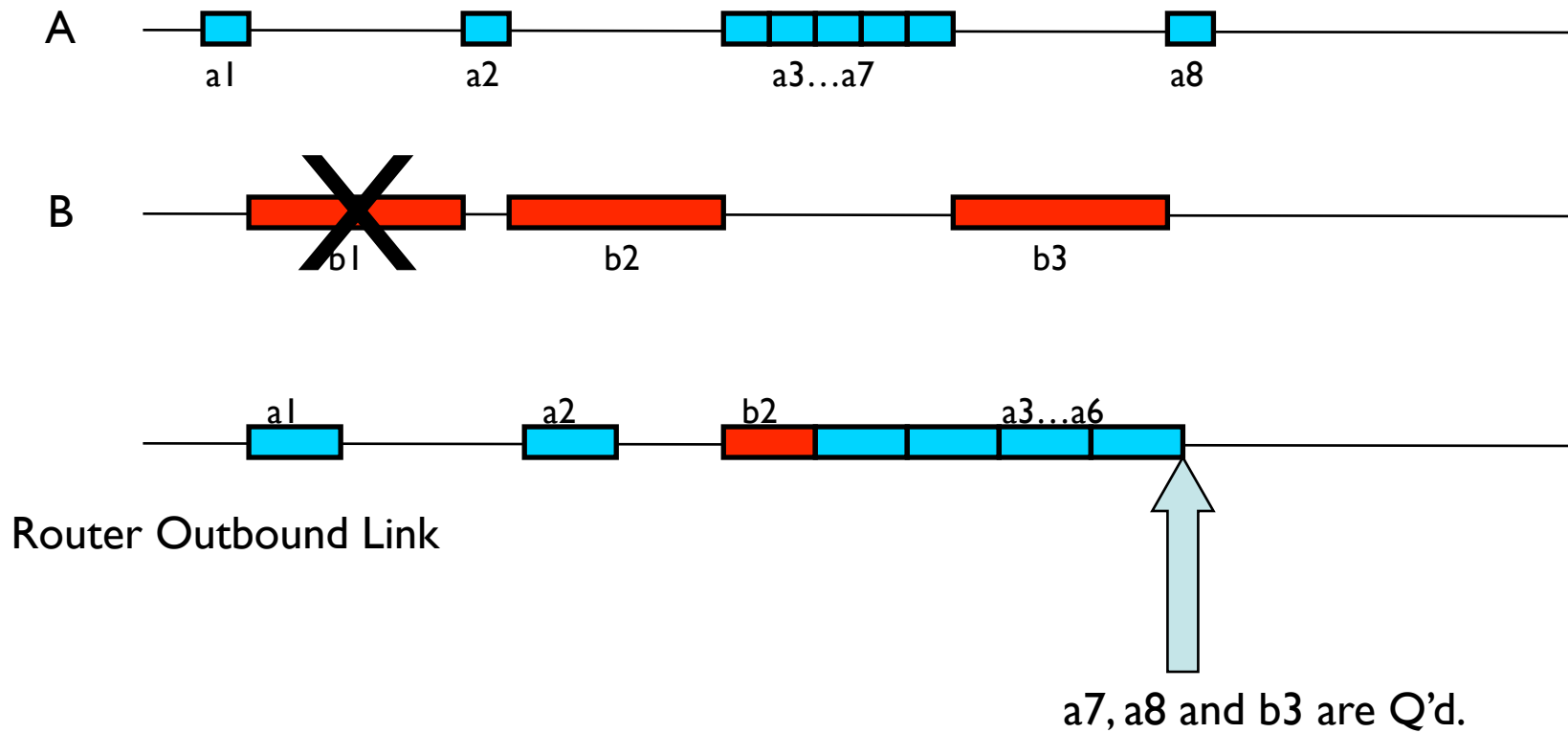
Sharing Air Time



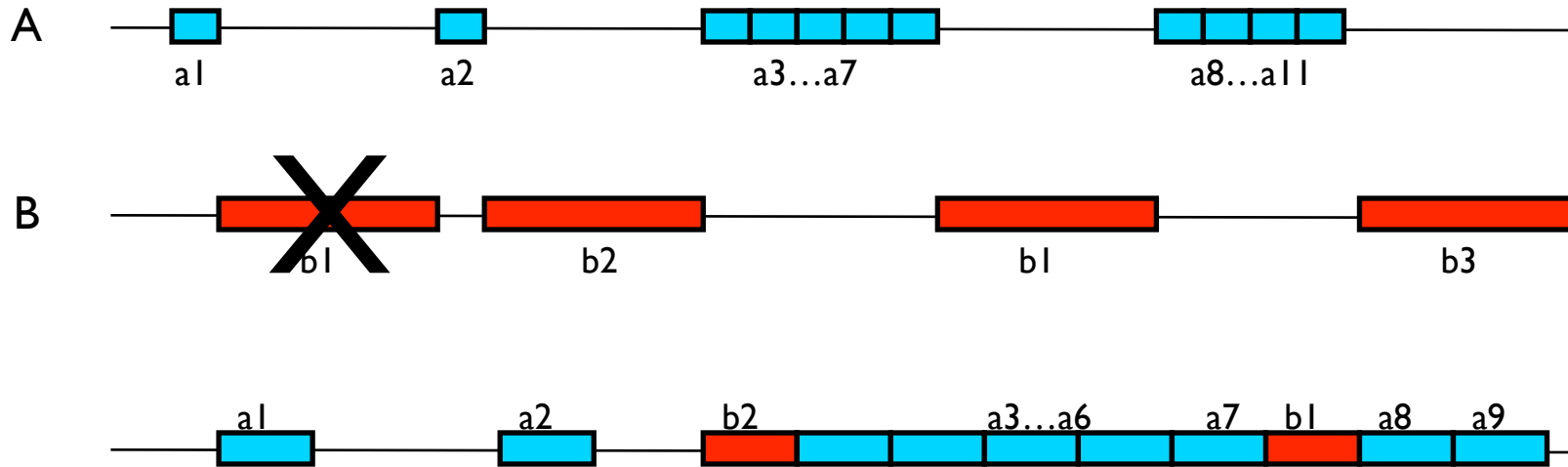
Router Outbound Link

Problem: nothing queues up!

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Much Better Utilization

Wireless Weighted Fair Queuing (WWFQ)

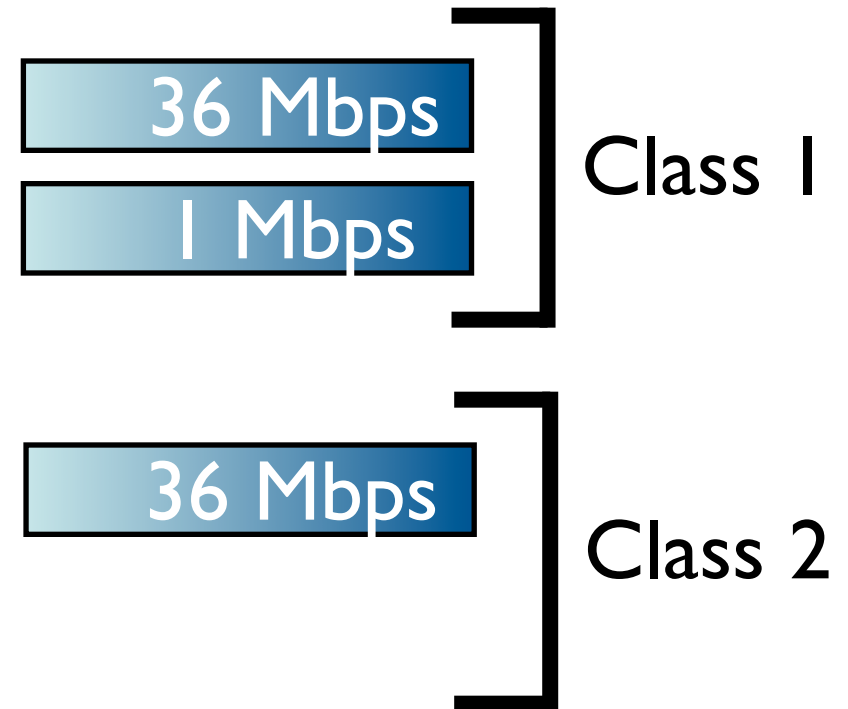
- Core idea: Sharing two resources
 - Wireless air time
 - Uplink bandwidth
- Enforce this idea on flows:
 - Ingress mechanism
 - Egress mechanism

WWFQ Ingress

- Establish fair sharing of air time
 - Drop packets if clients exceed their share
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 - $\frac{D_i}{r_i} > W_i (T - T_{ref})$
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- Share based on *rate* and *class*

WWFQ Egress

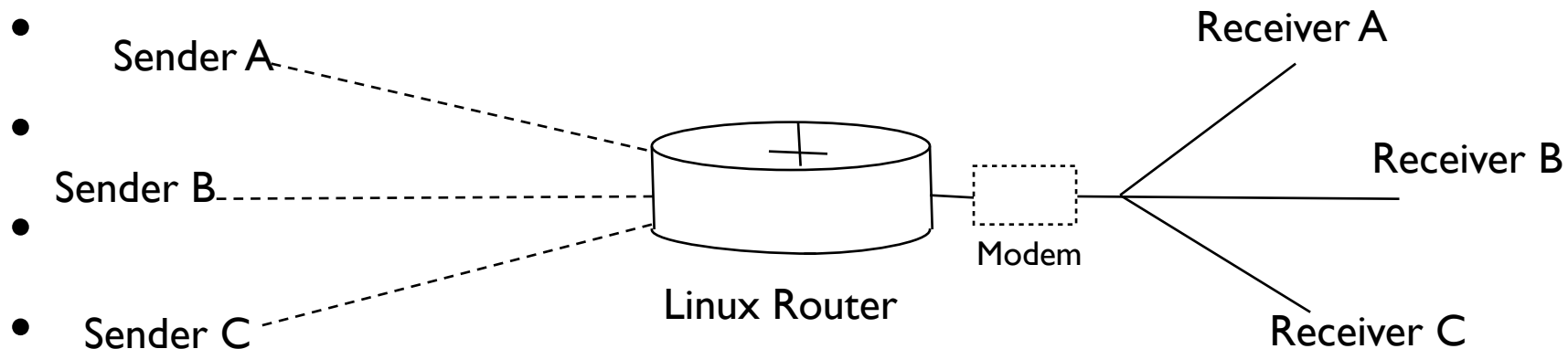
- Partition uplink bandwidth
- Two-level WFQ scheme:
 - Within a class:
 - Choose candidate packet among flows based on rate
 - Among classes:
 - Choose from candidates based on rate and class weight



Evaluation

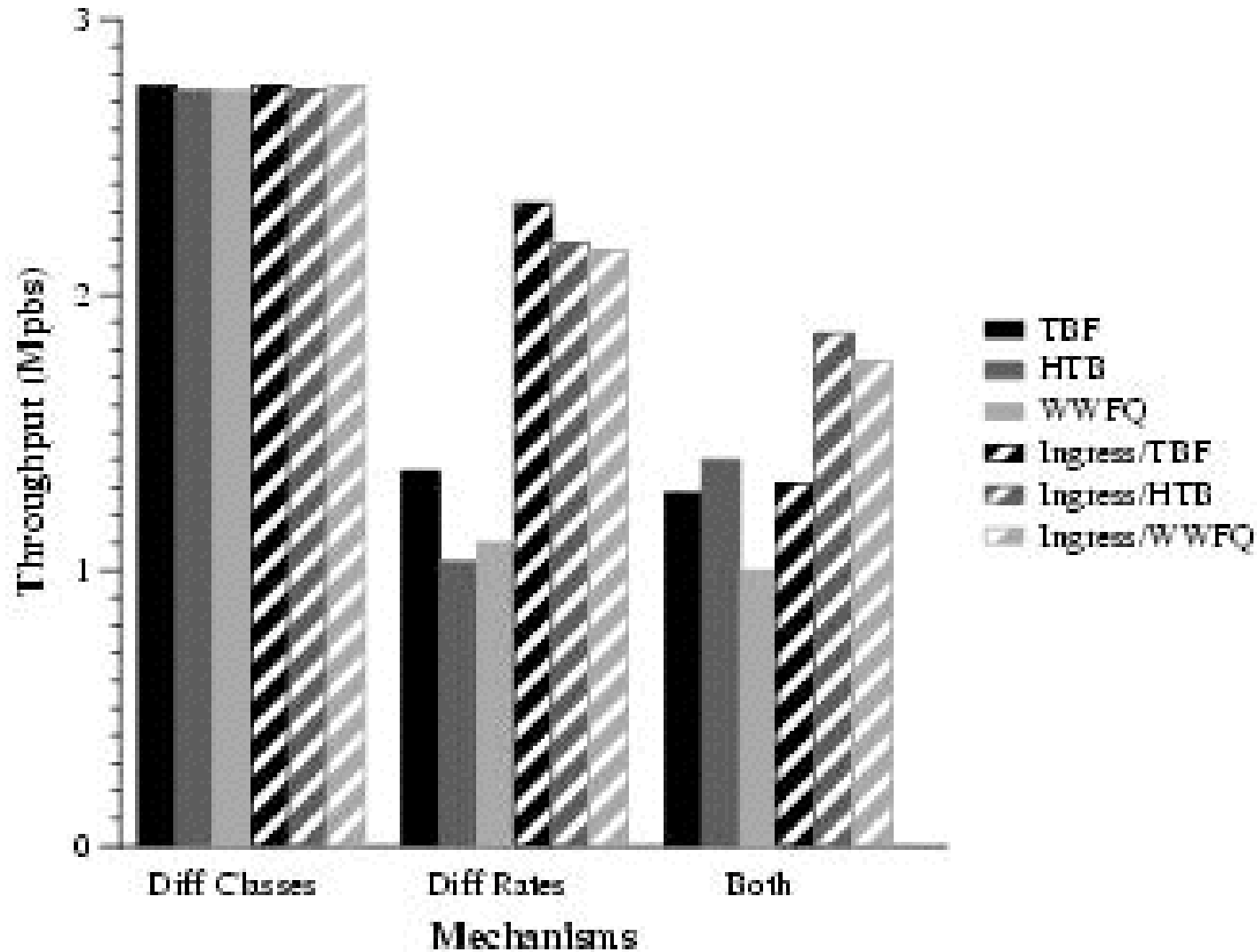
- Modified Linux kernel
 - Implemented egress scheme (wwfq qdisc)
 - Approximated ingress scheme (TBF filter)

- TOPOLOGY:



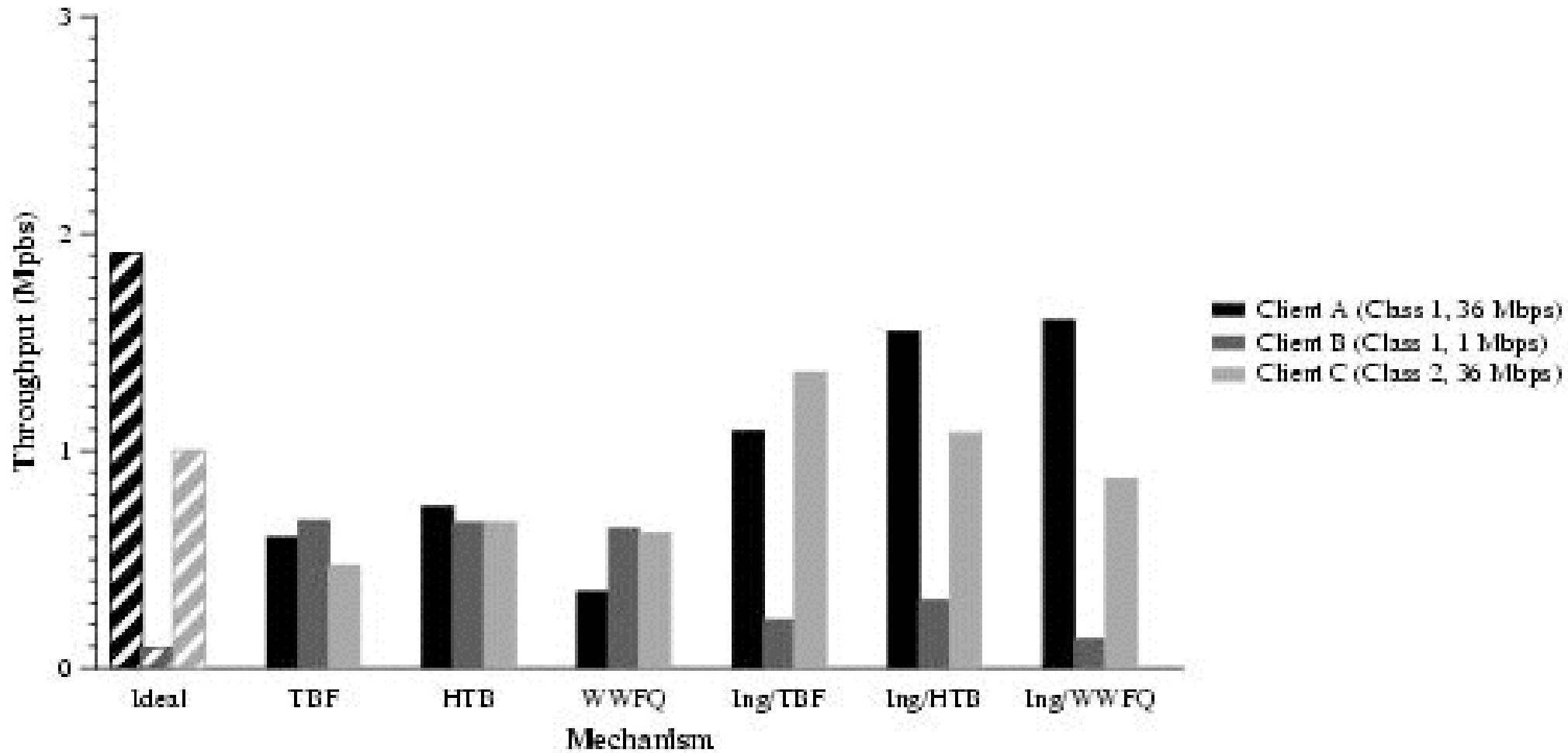
- Focused on upstream traffic

Higher Utilization



Throughput for Queuing Mechanisms (Different Clients and Rates)

Fair Sharing



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Future Work

- Automate Ingress filter
- Deal with mixed (up/down) flows
 - Still sharing air time
 - Kernel tricks for policy across queues
- Port to router!



Summary

- Share connectivity with commodity routers
- Security:
 - Authentication with WPA / RADIUS
- Resource Allocation:
 - Share air time and uplink bandwidth
 - Improve fairness and utilization

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