

Open Networking

A Venture Capital View

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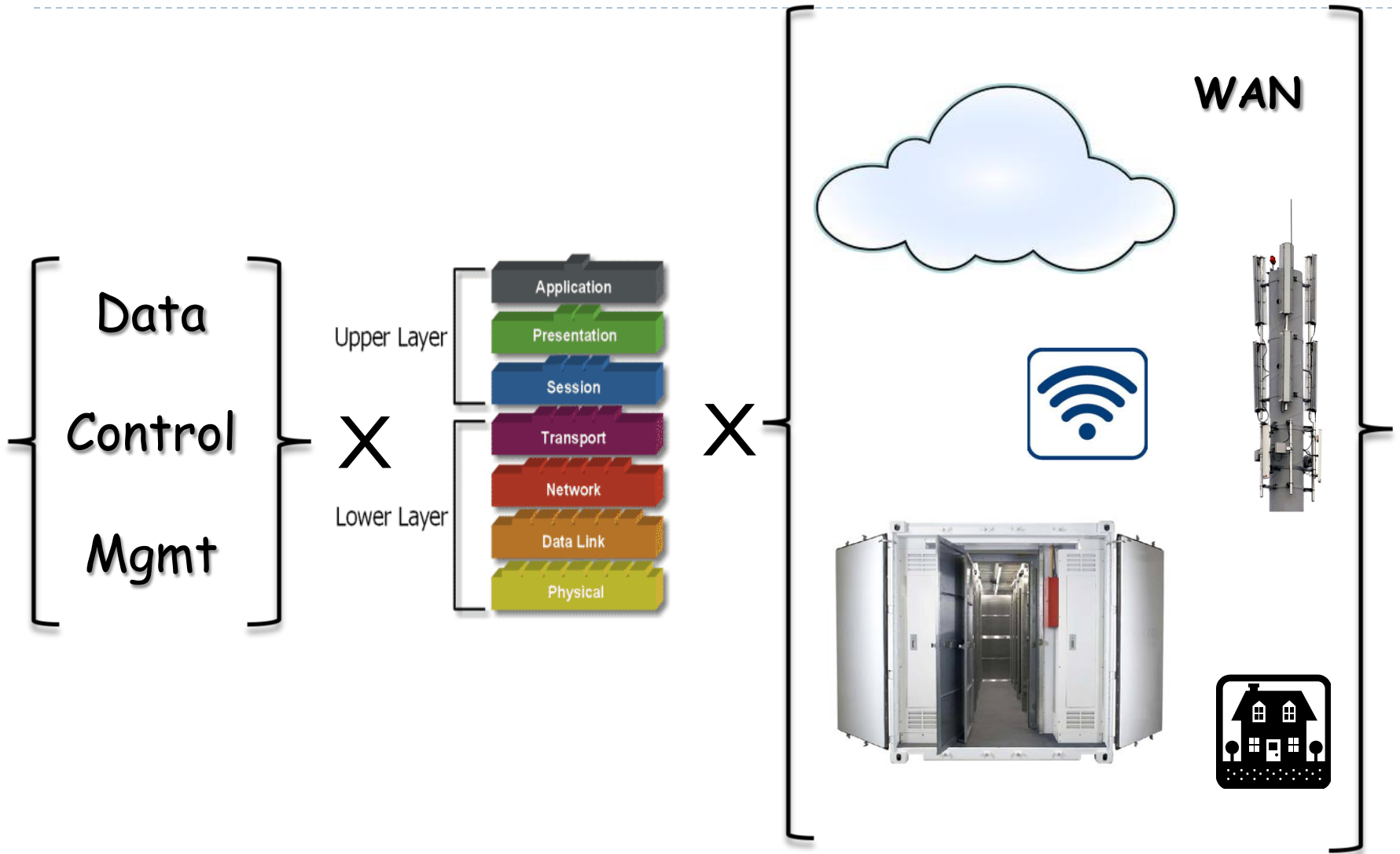


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- ▶ Emergence of hugely disruptive components and frameworks:
 - ▶ Merchant SW Chips
 - ▶ OpenFlow API
 - ▶ SDN Organizing Principles
 - ▶ Very cheap, general-purpose threads (i.e., multicore)
- ▶ Much innovation cast as software (read: capital efficient)



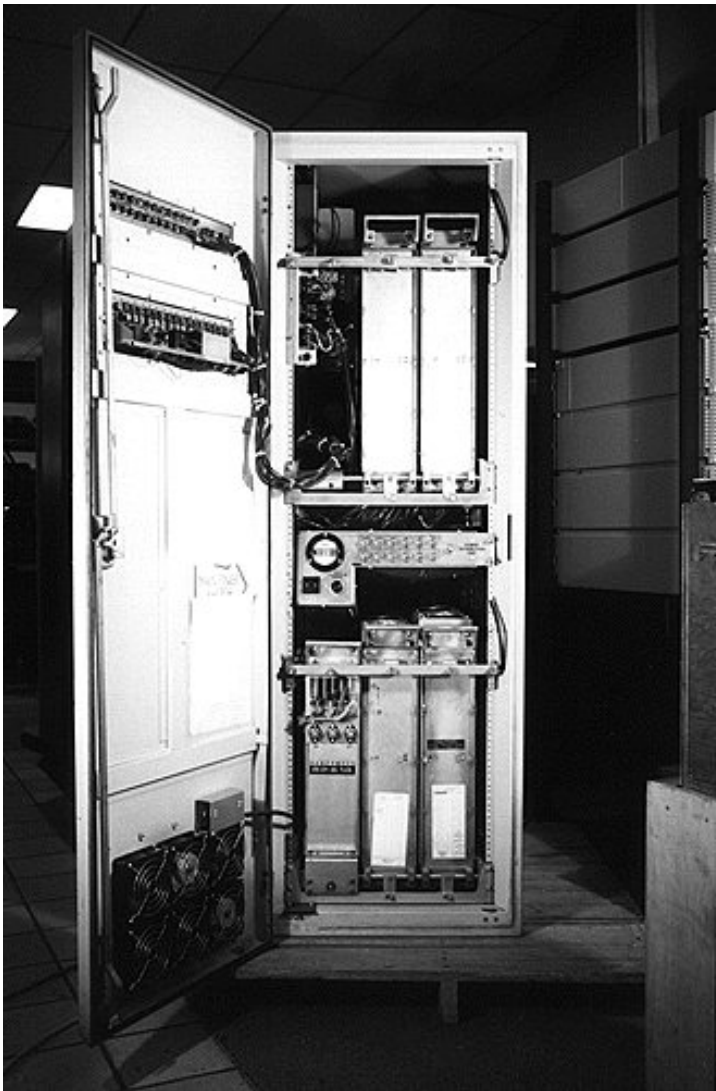
Investment Map



Long Term Factors

- ▶ Distillation of Network O/S's into a couple of significant distributions?
- ▶ Nurturing of Developer-centric communities and ecosystems
- ▶ Emergence and customer acceptance of network apps
- ▶ Relative value of control, management and data plane functions





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