# Cebinae: Scalable In-network Fairness Augmentation

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## Public networks care about fairness



## Fairness enforcement at the end hosts?





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#### **Cebinae router architecture for binary taxation**

- Zero modifications and coordinations to/with legacy host CCAs
- Requirement of only two queues/priorities
- Compatibility with CCAs operating on both loss and delay signals

## Outline

#### 1. Conceptual foundation for binary classification

2. Cebinae's taxation mechanism

3. Evaluation

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#### **Implication:** distributed *verification* of max-min fairness

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#### **Observation:**

- 1. Each conditional can be determined using *only local information*
- Binary classification: bottlenecked (T), not bottlenecked (⊥)

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Drawbacks:

1. Can not push an alreadyunfair allocation fair

2. CCAs may not be responsive to loss signals

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Penalize is with their taxed rate

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#### Note:

- 1. Penalty box includes **non-loss signals** such as delay
- 2. Taxed rate to **collectively redistribute** the bandwidth to non-bottlenecked flows

# Tax bottlenecked-flows exceeding taxation



## Instantiation: Cebinae router architecture

1. Egress-pipeline cache: port saturation and T flow status tracking

2. Ingress-pipeline leaky-bucket filter: T flow taxation

3. Local CPU dynamic shuffling agent: egress state polling and reconfiguration of T flow membership, redistributed rates, and queues









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*Virtual pacing :* guarantee *no reordering* and avoid violation of draining deadline in the worst case

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Atomic transactions: LBF states and egress caches

## Implementation and evaluation

Hardware prototype on a Wedge100BF Tofino switch testbed and NS-3 module

- Is Cebinae agnostic to CCAs?
- Can Cebinae mitigates unfairness (RTT, inter-CCA)?
- Can Cebinae move towards max-min fairness?
- Is Cebinae easy to configure?
- Does Cebinae resource usage scale?







Mitigates the **skewed and persistent unfairness** with little efficiency impact: **JFI from 0.093 to 0.984** 



Preventing aggressiveness

Mitigating starvation



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100 Mbps	{20.8, 28}	250	{NewReno:2, NewReno:8}	98.95	95.62	95.92	95.35	92.16	92.44	0.740	0.982	0.999
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100 Mbps	{20.4, 60}	500	{Vegas:2, Vegas:8}	98.88	98.83	98.88	95.29	95.24	95.29	0.873	1.000	0.993
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100 Mbps	<b>{60}</b>	500	{Vegas:8, NewReno:8, Cubic: 2}	98.87	98.02	96.52	95.27	94.45	93.00	0.510	0.991	0.973
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## Summary



- No modifications nor coordinations to/with legacy host CCAs
  - Real-time switch architecture serializing in-network compute modules
- COTS hardware and **minimal resource requirements** 
  - Two queues/priorities are sufficient
- Compatible with CCAs using both loss and non-loss signals
  - Generic support of a wide range of Internet CCAs and environments

https://github.com/eniac/Cebinae

Thank you for your attention!