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A Distributed Data Flow Model for Composing Software Services

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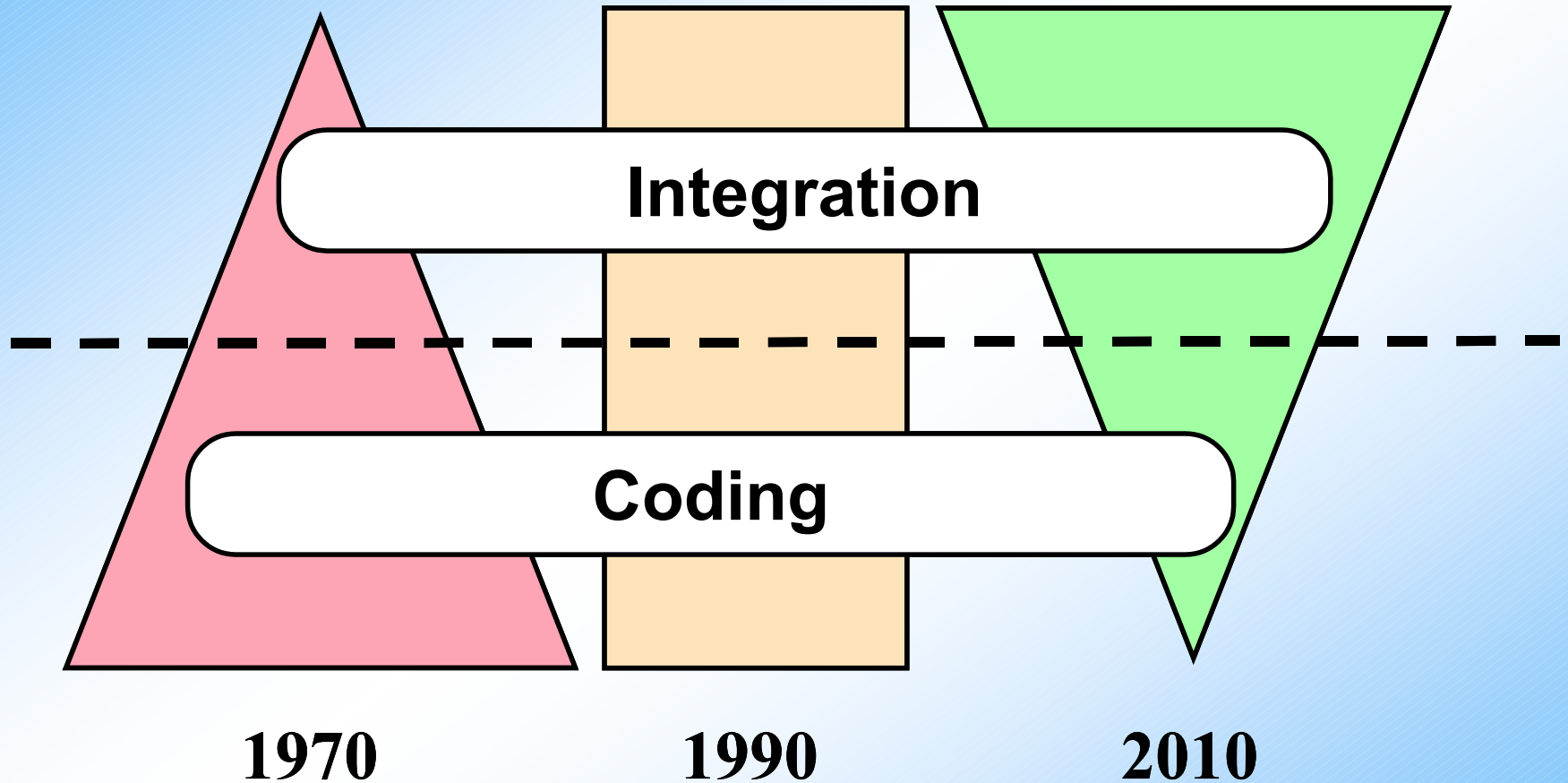
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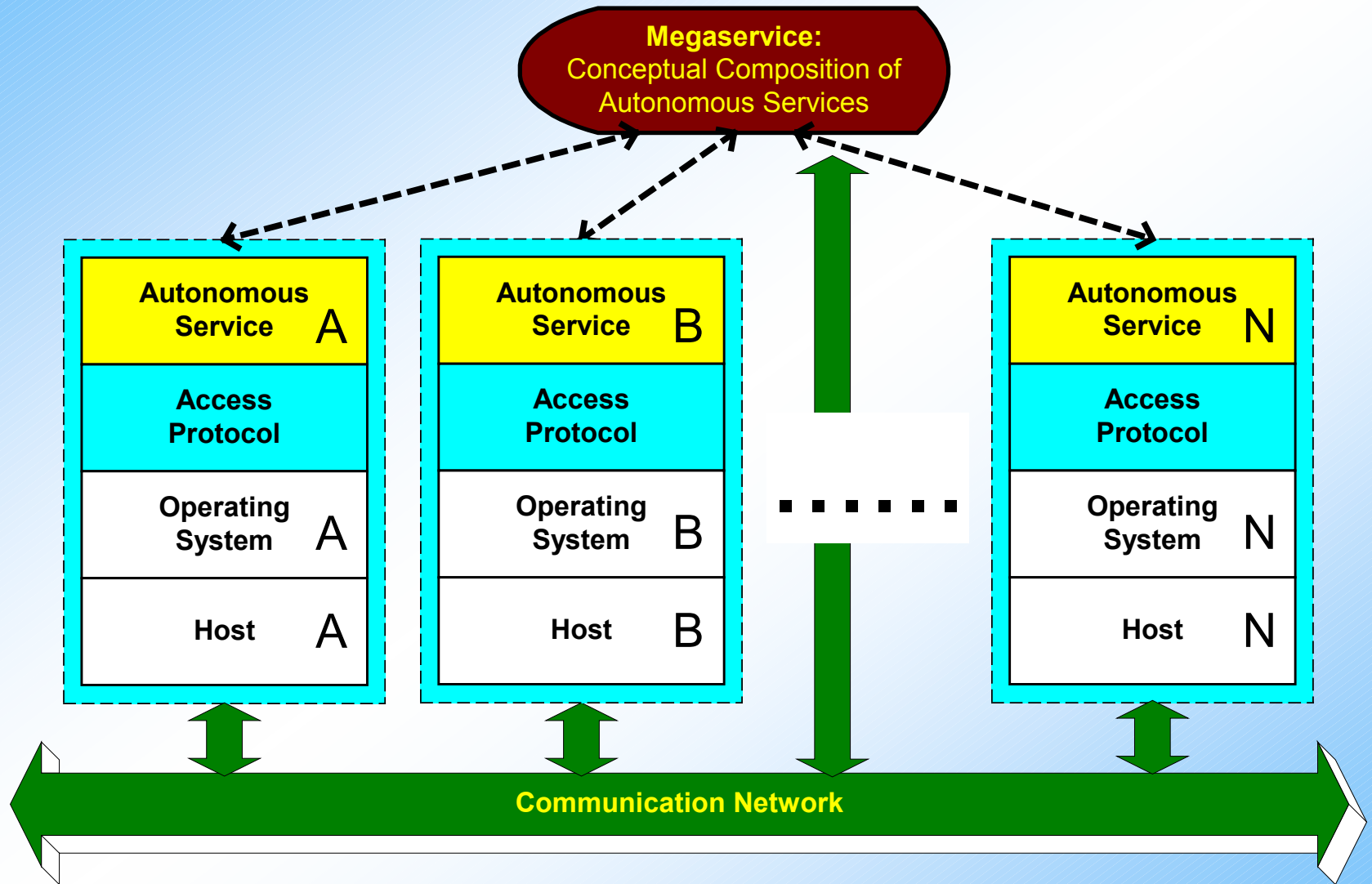
Motivation and Objectives

Paradigm Shift in Software Engineering



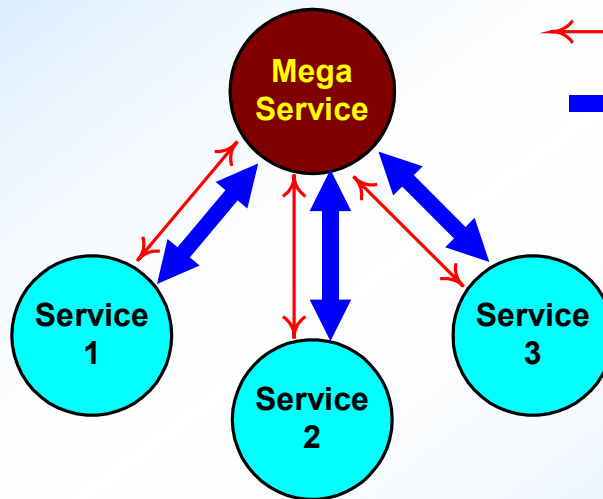
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Distributed Service Model

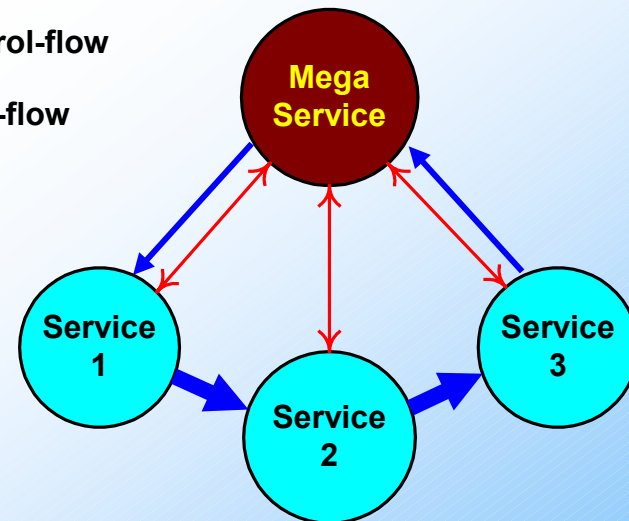


Research Objectives

- Demonstrate the efficiency of the distributed data-flow model
- Define a framework for constructing software services
- Provide tools for composing software services
- Investigate techniques for performance optimization



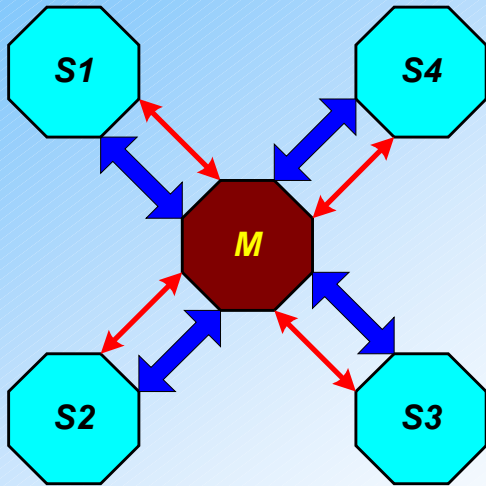
(a) Centralized Data-flow Model



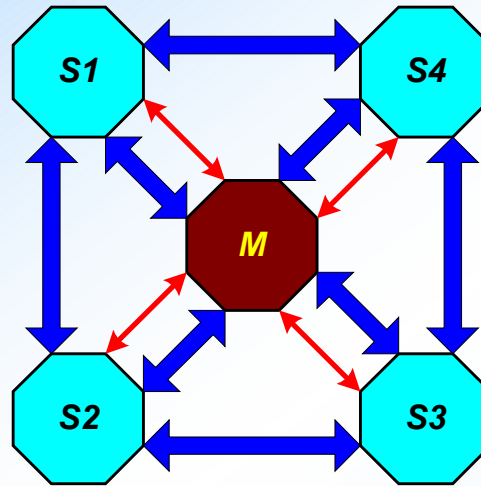
(b) Distributed Data-flow Model

Theoretical Analysis

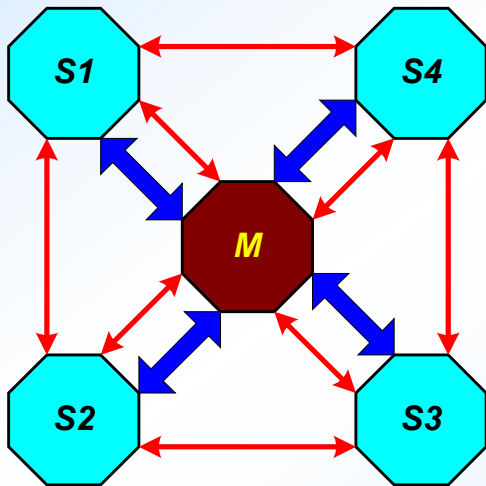
Service Integration Models



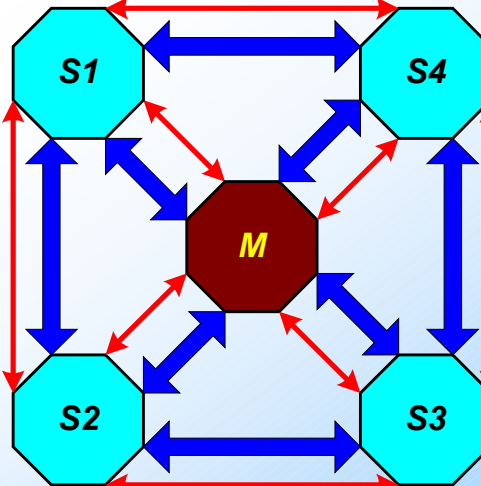
(a) Centralized Control-flow and Centralized Data-flow Model (1C1D)



(b) Centralized Control-flow and Distributed Data-flow Model (1CnD)



(c) Distributed Control-flow and Centralized Data-flow Model (nC1D)



(d) Distributed Control-flow and Distributed Data-flow Model (nCnD)

Control-flows

Data-flows

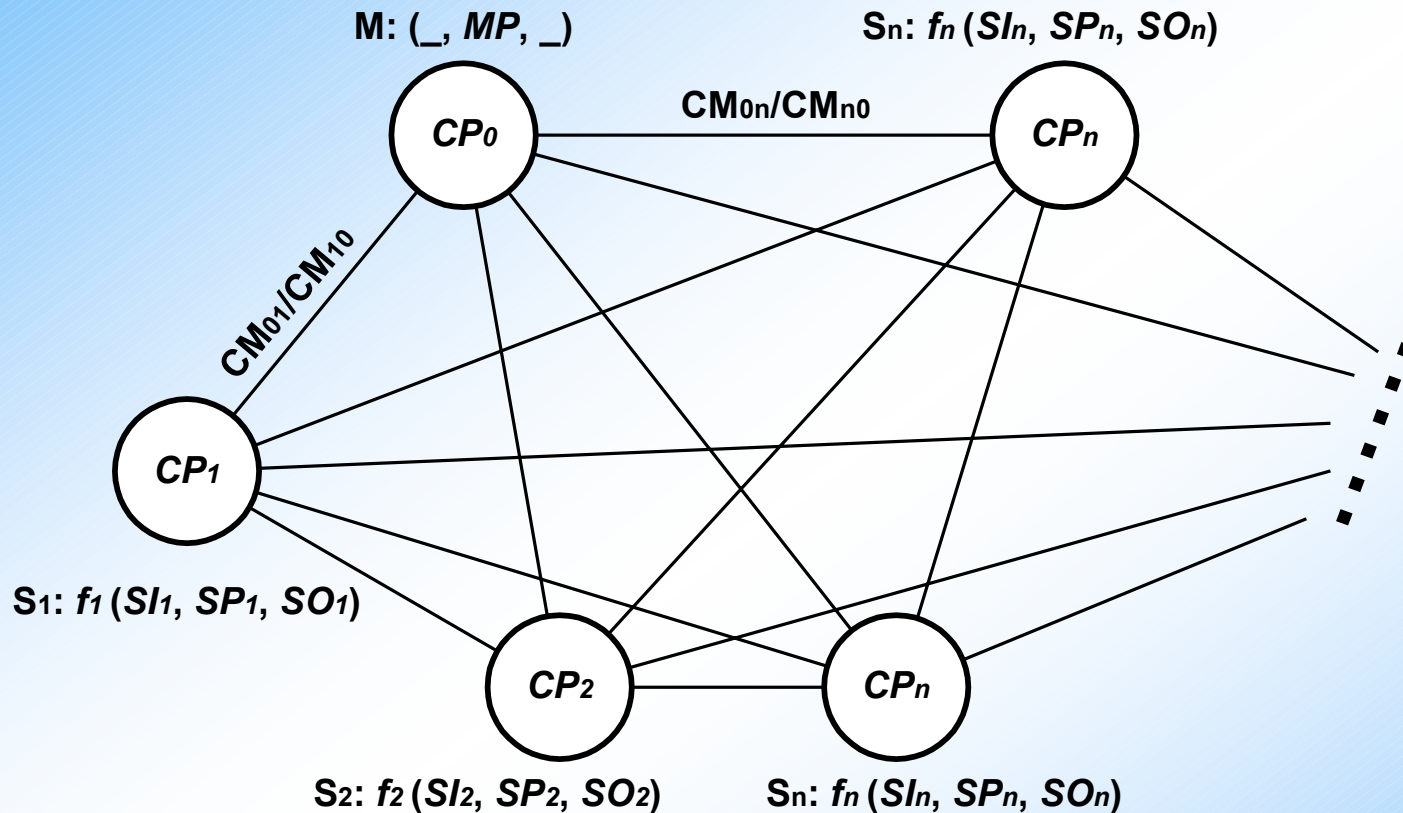
M

Megaservice

S

Autonomous Services

System Modeling



f : invocation frequency
 SI : input data size
 SP : processing load
 SO : output data size

CP : processing power
 CM : communication bandwidth
 λ : message header size
 δ : data distribution coefficient

$$\delta_{ij} = dd_{ij} / SO_i$$

Aggregated Cost

Aggregated cost = Amount of system resource consumed by a megaservice

- Centralized data-flow model incurs more data traffic
- Distributed data-flow model incurs more message overheads

$$COST_c(M) - COST_d(M) = \beta \times \sum_{i=1}^n (D_{data}(i) + D_{message}(i))$$

where $D_{data}(i) = f_i \times SO_i \times (1 - \delta_{i0})$

$$D_{message}(i) = \lambda \times \left(f_i \times (1 - m(i,0)) - \sum_{j=1}^n f_j \times m(i,j) \right)$$

$$m(i,j) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \delta_{ij} = 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } \delta_{ij} \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

Weight of communication cost

Output data from service

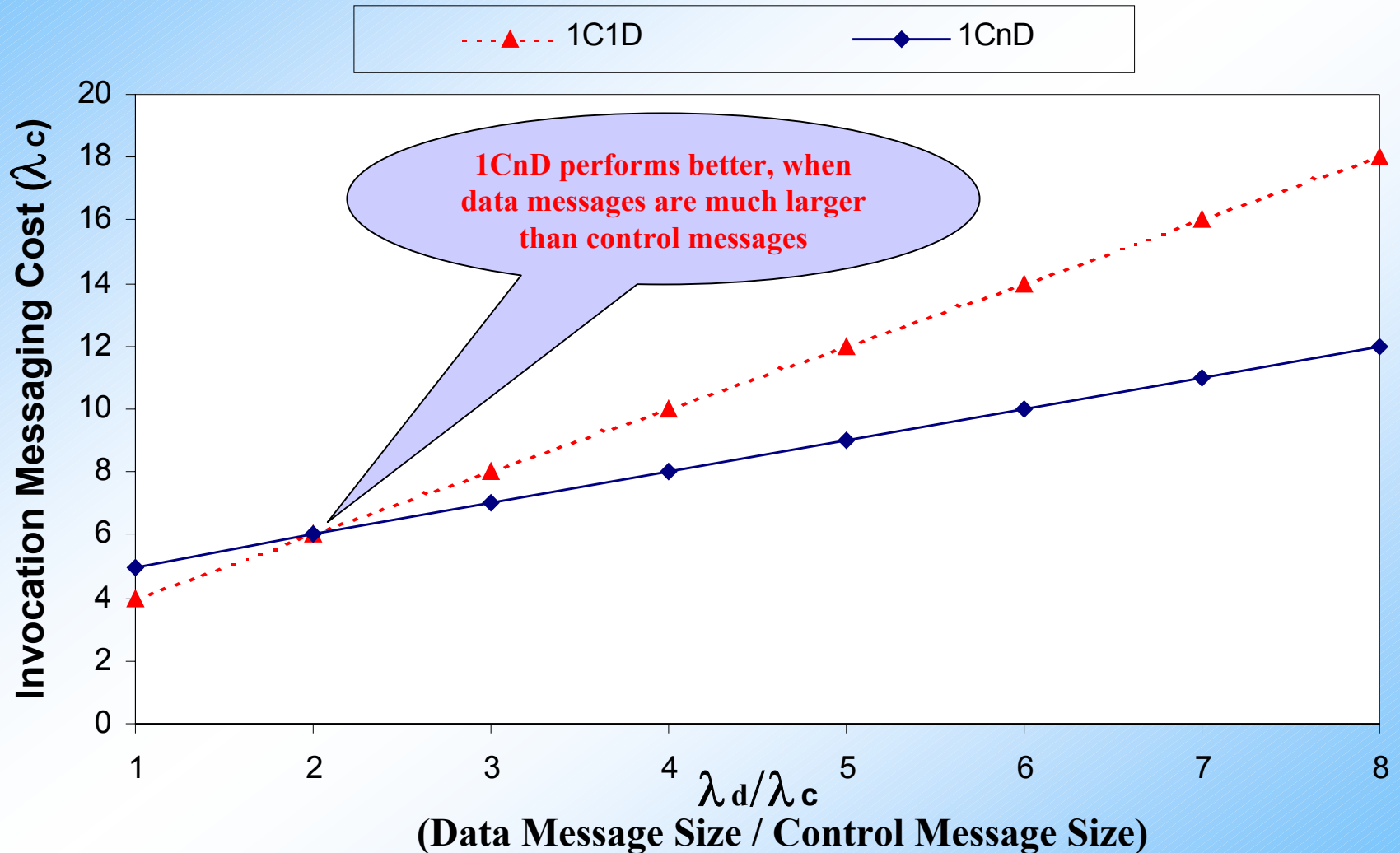
Portion returned to megaservice

Data message overhead

Data messages among services

Data messages returned to megaservice

Messaging Cost for a Service Invocation

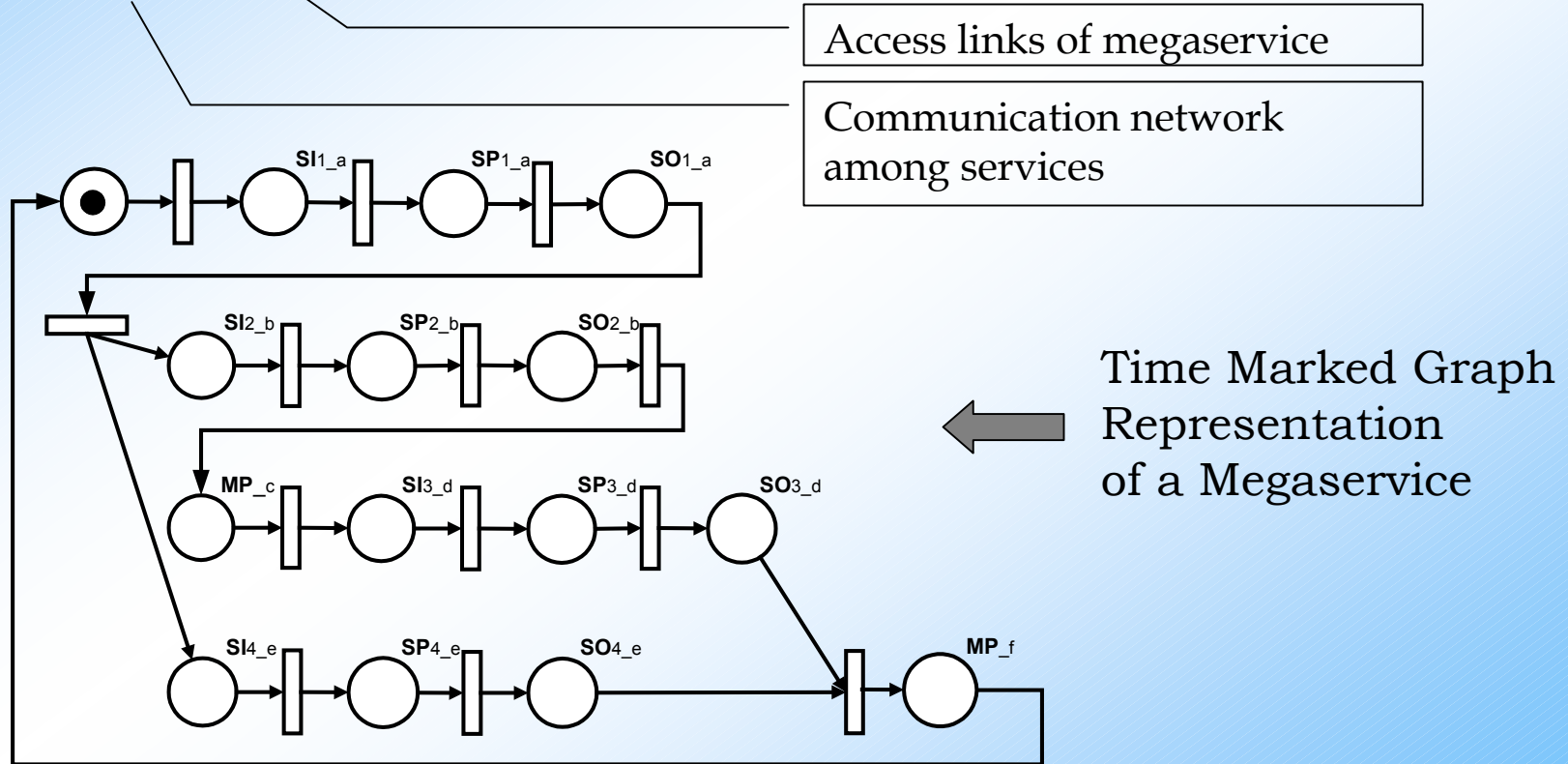


Response Time

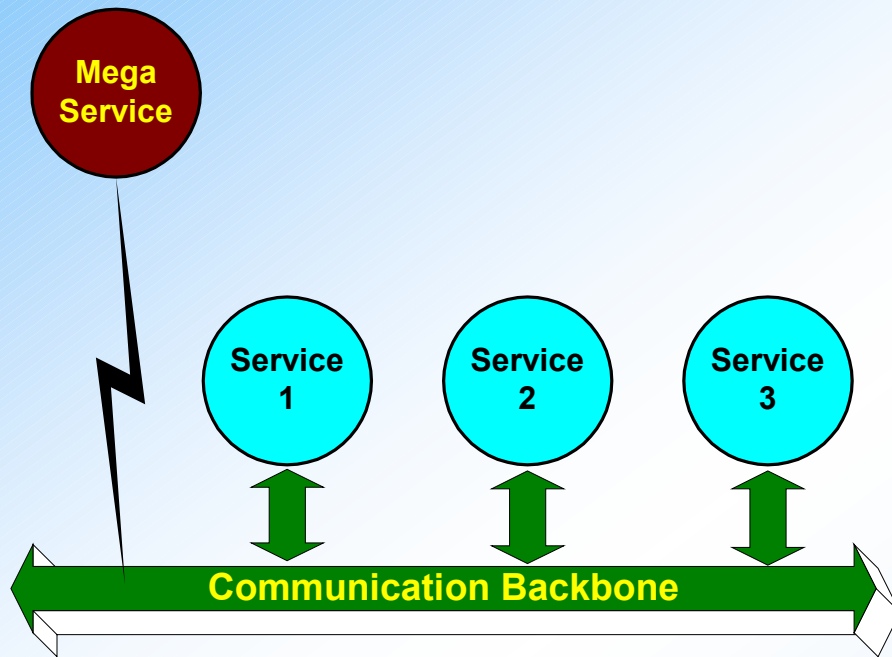
Response time = Time consumed to execute a megaservice

- Distributed data-flow model performs better if

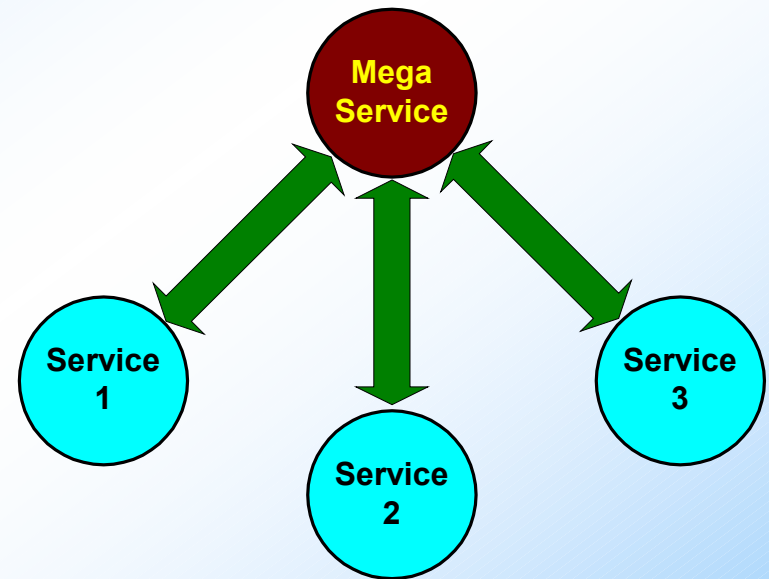
$$CM_{ki} \geq CM_{0i} \text{ for all } k \neq 0 \text{ and } i \neq 0$$



Computing Networks and Integration Models



(a) Internet and Corporate Intranet
(Fit for distributed data-flow model)



(b) Dedicated Service Environment
(Fit for centralized data-flow model)

Summary of Findings

Distributed data-flow model is suited for coarse grain service integration

Performance optimization for megaservice

- Establish direct data exchanges among services
- Distribute computations to where data is located

System architecture

- Improve the communication network among the services for distributed data-flow model
- Improve the access links of the megaservices for centralized data-flow model

FICAS

Flow-based Infrastructure for Composing Autonomous Services

- Autonomous Services
 - Wrap legacy software applications
 - Provide an access protocol
- Buildtime Environment
 - Specify composition logic
- Runtime Environment
 - Coordinate service execution
 - Conduct performance optimization

Autonomous Services

Autonomous Service Metamodel

Service Core

- Provide service functionalities
- Wrap software applications

Two Data Containers

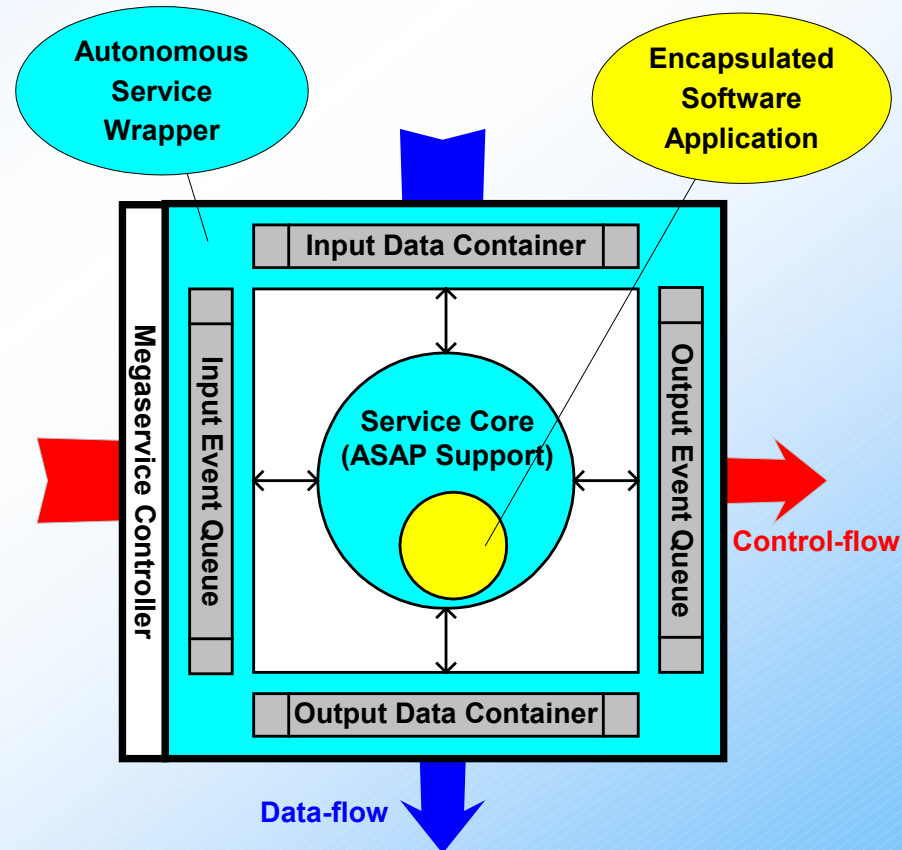
- Handle I/O data
- Enable distributed data-flows

Two Event Queues

- Handle inquiries and issue requests
- Support asynchronous invocations
- Form control-flows

Megaservice Controller

- Coordinate megaservice execution



Autonomous Service Access Protocol

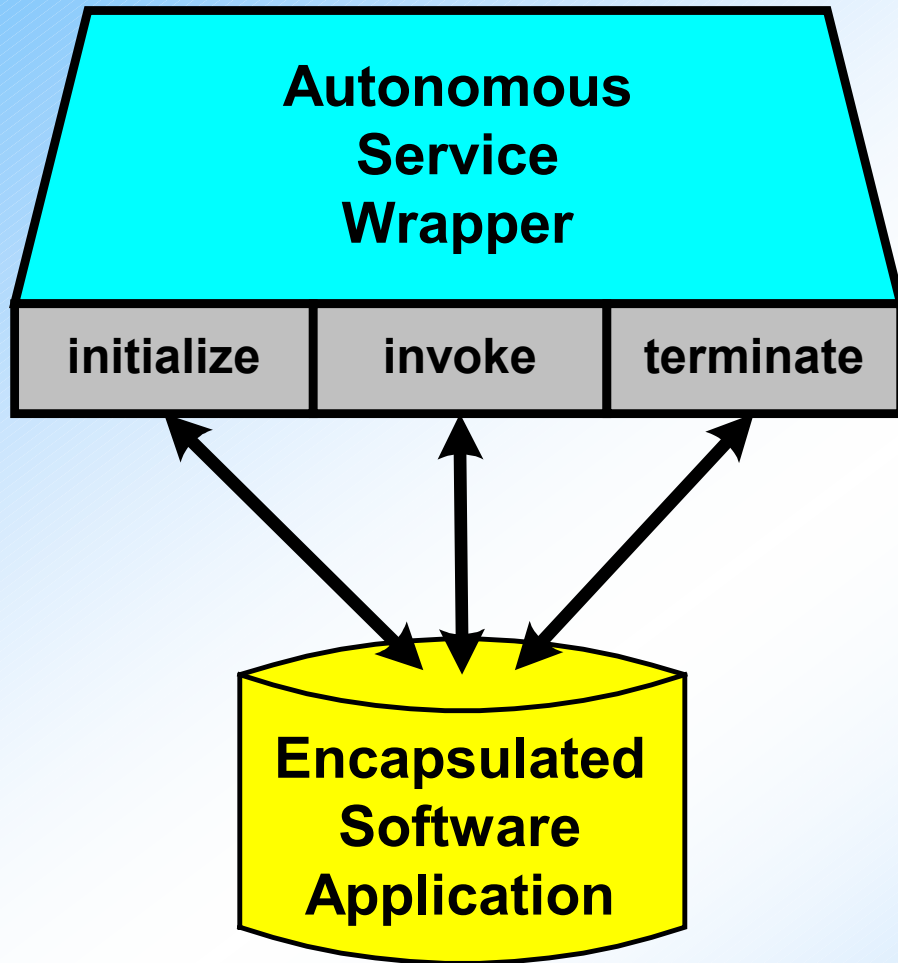
ASAP

- Light-weight, asynchronous and event-based
- Define how autonomous services respond to events
- Use XML as transport medium for both control and data

Events

- **SETUP:** Initialize a service
- **TERMINATE:** Terminate a service
- **INVOKE:** Start execution of a service
- **MAPDATA:** Establish a data-flow between two services
- **CONTROLFILE:** Execute a megaservice

Autonomous Service Wrapper



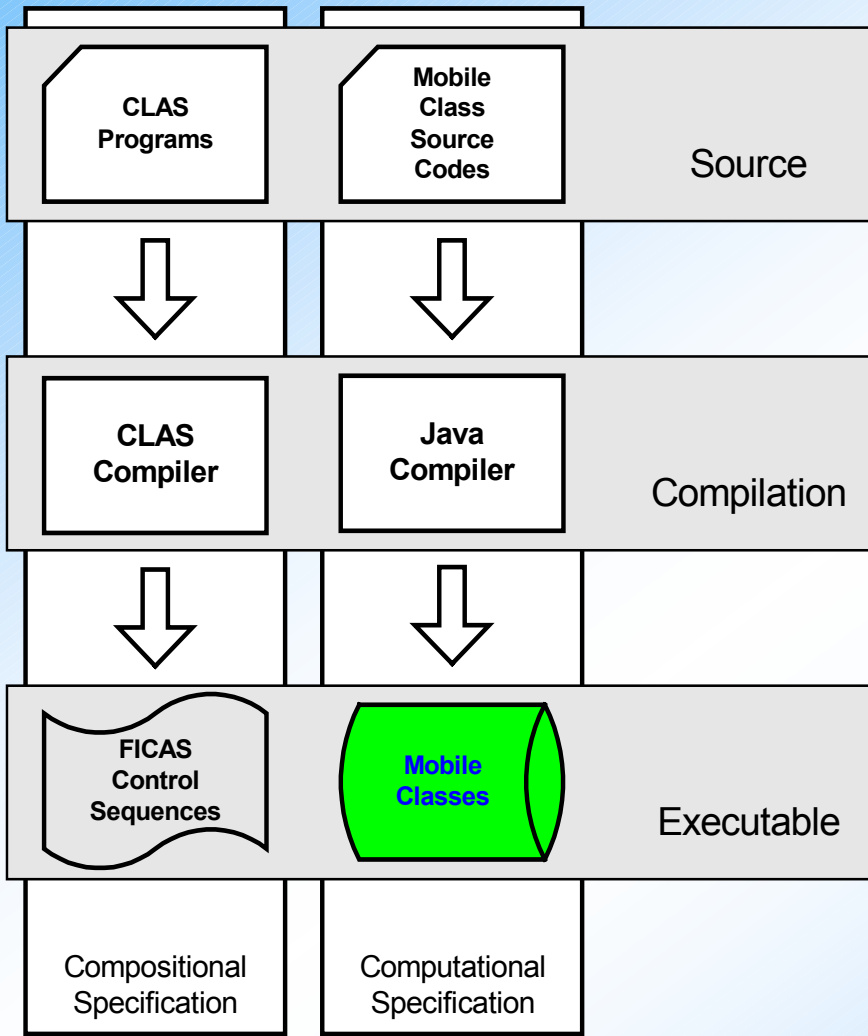
```
public interface ServiceCore
{
    public boolean setup (
        Container inc,
        Container outc,
        FlowId fid );

    public boolean execute (
        Container inc,
        Container outc,
        FlowId fid );

    public boolean terminate (
        Container inc,
        Container outc,
        FlowId fid );
}
```

Buildtime Environment

Architecture of Buildtime Environment



Composition

- Invocation of services
- Dependencies among services
- Process flow of services

Computation

- Processing of service data

Compositional Language for Autonomous Services

- High-level and declarative
- Based on CLAM developed in CHAIMS
- Simple (for domain experts, NOT technical experts)
- Separation between composition and computation

Features

- Decomposition of a CALL statement into 4 primitives
 - SETUP, INVOKE, EXTRACT, TERMINATE
- Control primitives
 - IF ... THEN ... ELSE
 - WHILE

Sample CLAS Program

SchedulingDemo <http://ficas.stanford.edu/Megaprogram>

```
{
    /* Setup Services */
    psl_svc = SETUP("SIPs1")
    p3_svc = SETUP("SIP3")
    notification_svc = SETUP("SINotification")

    /* Invoke services */
    psl = psl_svc.INVOKE("to-psl", "CEIL")
    ceil = psl.EXTRACT()
    p3 = p3_svc.INVOKE("reschedule", ceil)
    ceil2 = p3.EXTRACT()
    oracle = psl_svc.INVOKE("to-oracle", ceil2)
    status = oracle.EXTRACT()
    IF (status == "SUCCESS")
    THEN {
        notif = notification_svc.INVOKE("171.64.55.32", 8250, status)
    }
    ...
}
```


Mobile Class

Mobile Class

- Java-based and reusable
- Perform complex computations

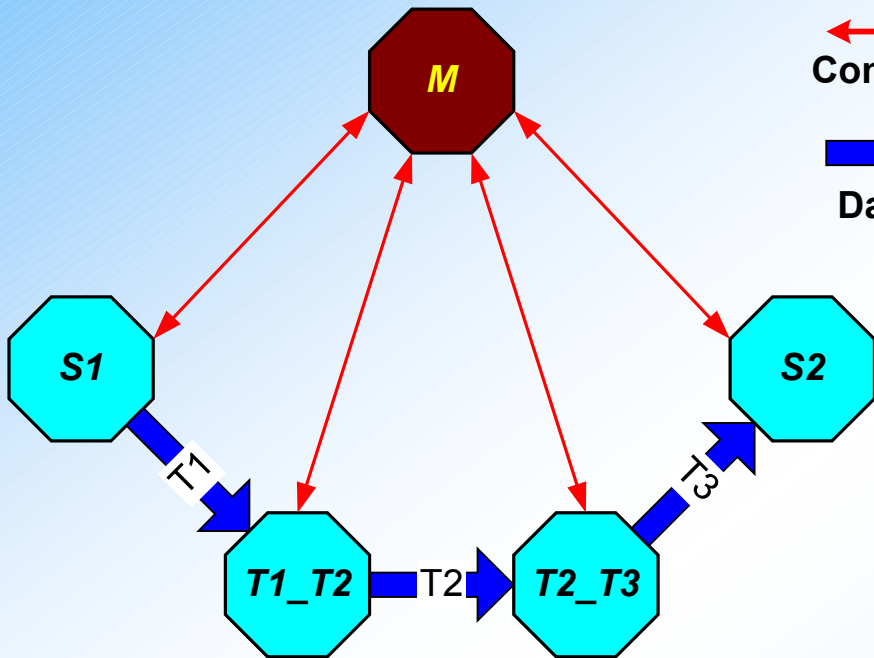
Usage of Mobile Class

- Arithmetic operation
- Relational operation
- Data aggregation and abstraction
- Type conversion

```
/* A mobile class for type conversion */
public class int2float implements MobileClass
{
    public DataElement execute(Vector params) {
        DataElement arg =
            (DataElement) params.firstElement();
        int val = arg.getIntValue();
        return new DataElement().setValue(
            new Double(val).doubleValue());
    }
}
```

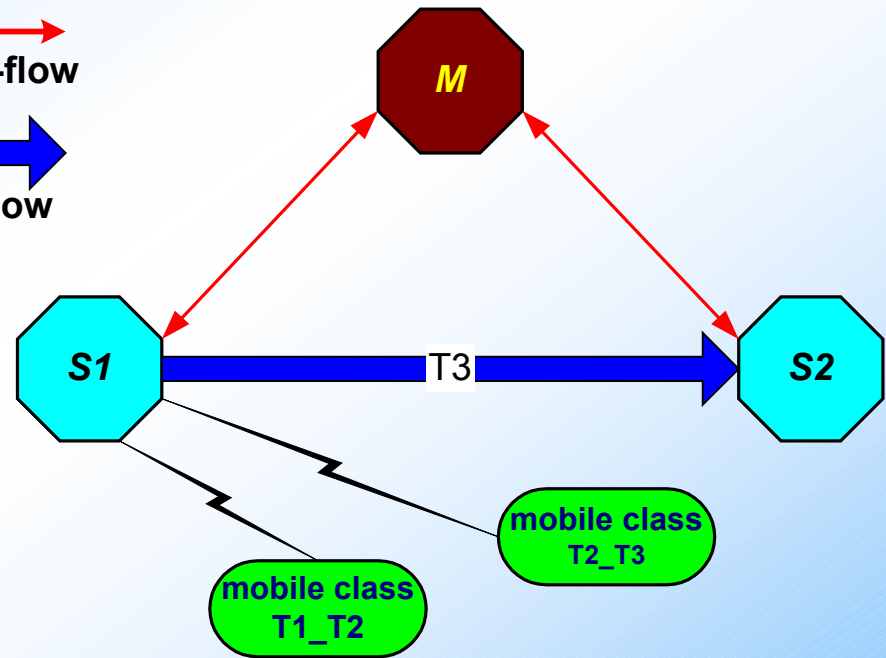
```
/* Using mobile class in a CLAS program */
floatnum = MCLASS("int2float", num)
```

Mobile Class for Type Mediation



(a) Type Brokers

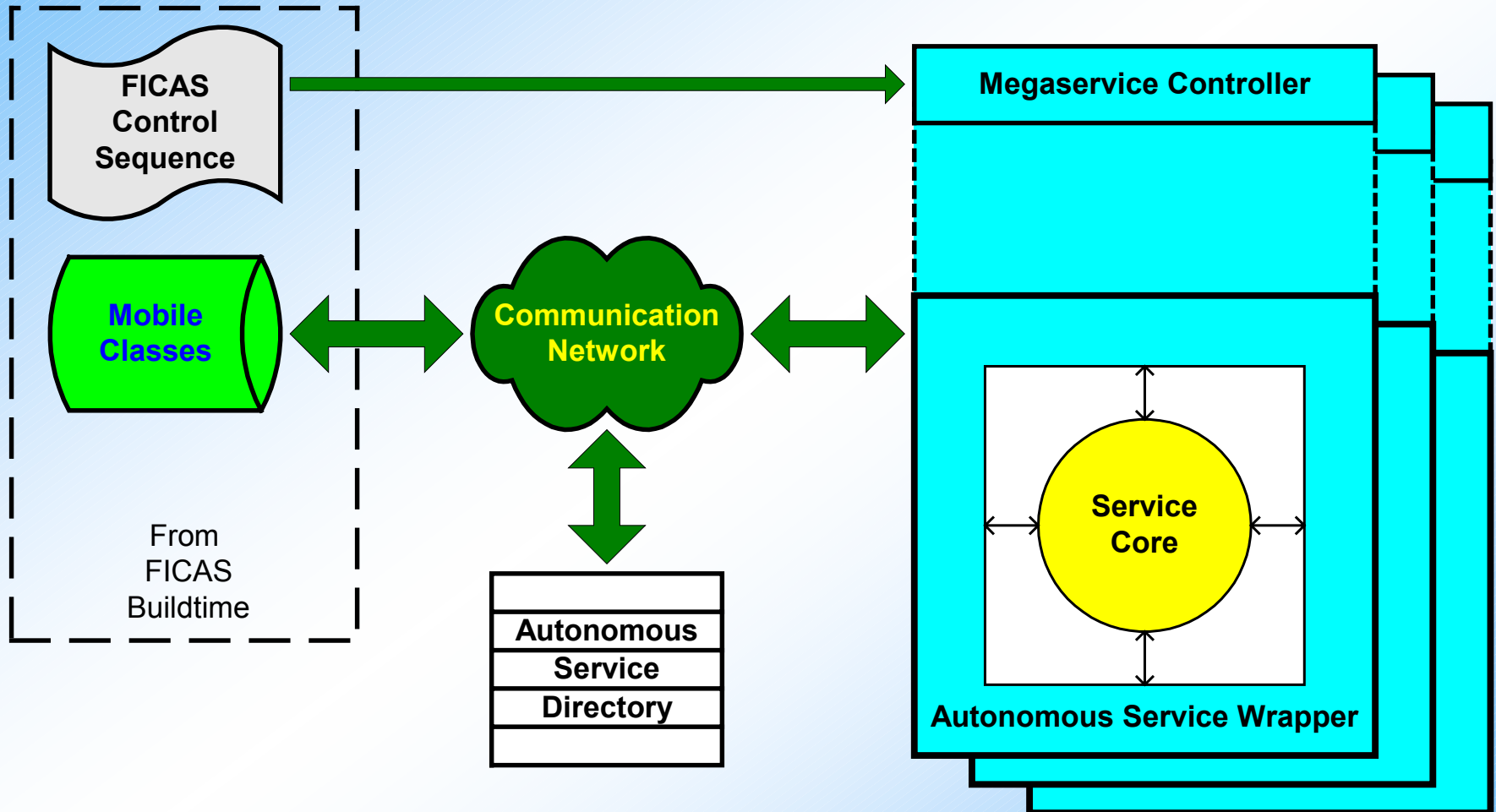
Control-flow
Data-flow



(b) Type Mediation Mobile Classes

Runtime Environment

Architecture of Runtime Environment



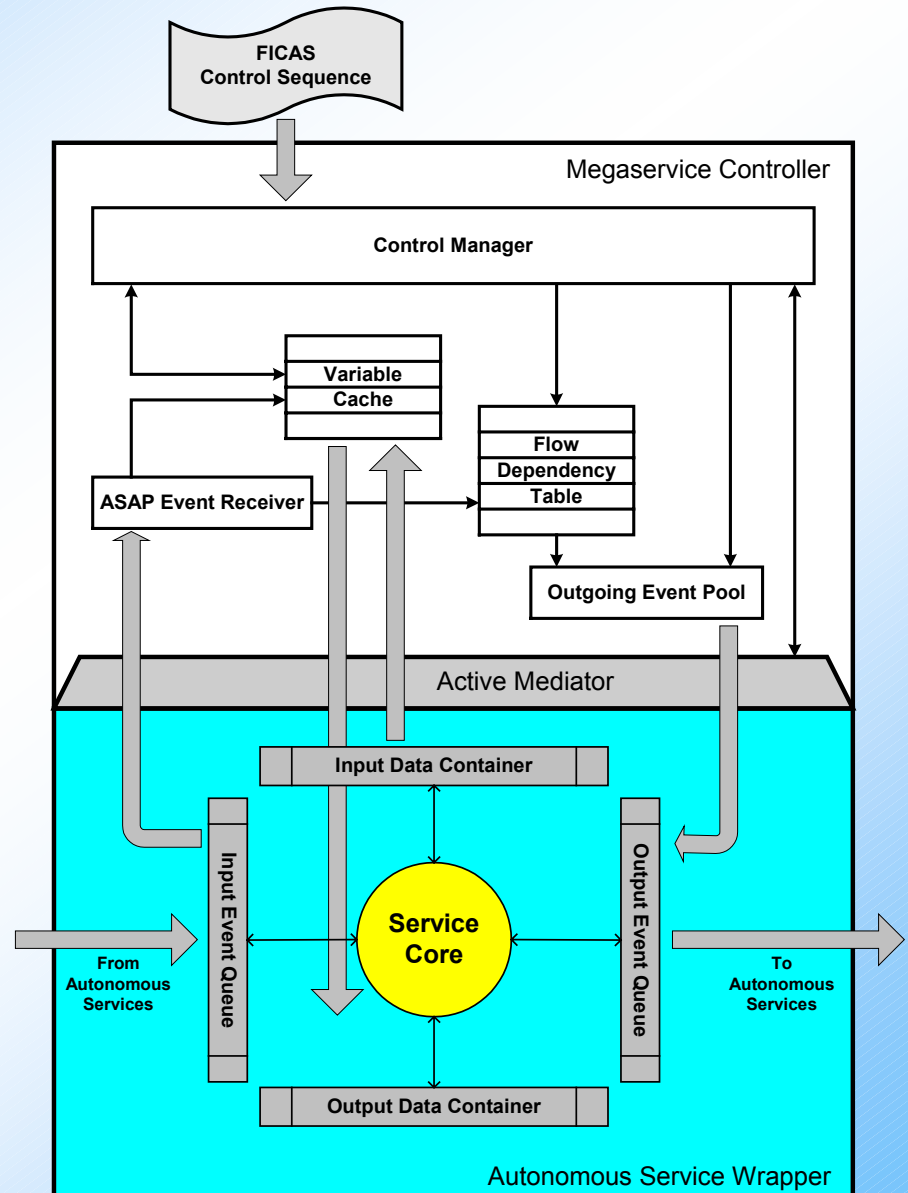
Megaservice Controller

FICAS Control Sequence

```

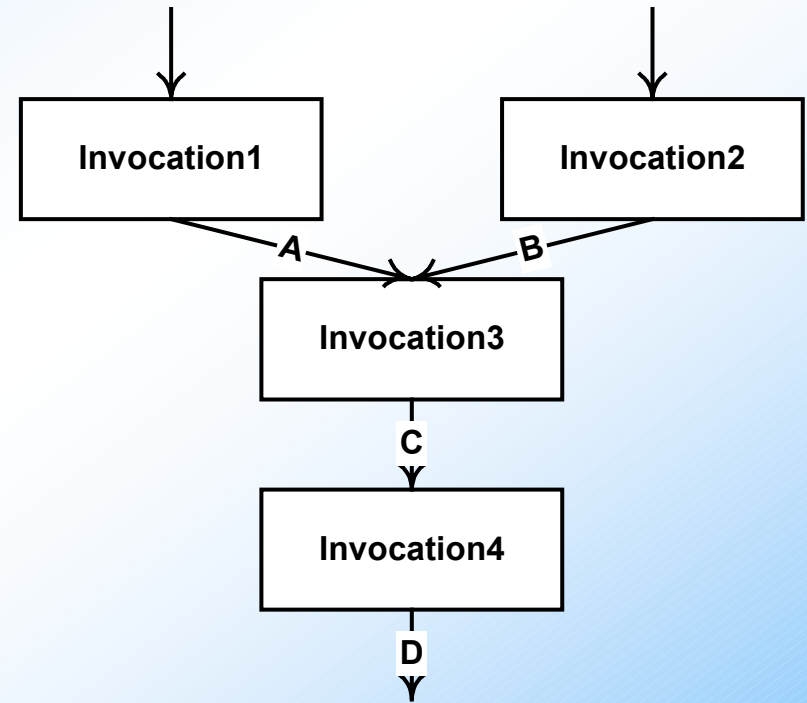
...
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  <SERVICEHANDLE>Service1</SERVICEHANDLE>
</INVOKE>
<INVOKE>
  <INVOCATIONHANDLE>Invocation2</INVOCATIONHANDLE>
  <SERVICEHANDLE>Service2</SERVICEHANDLE>
</INVOKE>
<EXTRACT>
  <VARIABLE>A</VARIABLE>
  <INVOCATIONHANDLE>Invocation1</INVOCATIONHANDLE>
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<EXTRACT>
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<INVOKE>
  <INVOCATIONHANDLE>Invocation3</INVOCATIONHANDLE>
  <SERVICEHANDLE>Service3</SERVICEHANDLE>
  <VALUELIST>
    <VARIABLE>A</VARIABLE>
    <VARIABLE>B</VARIABLE>
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</INVOKE>
...

```

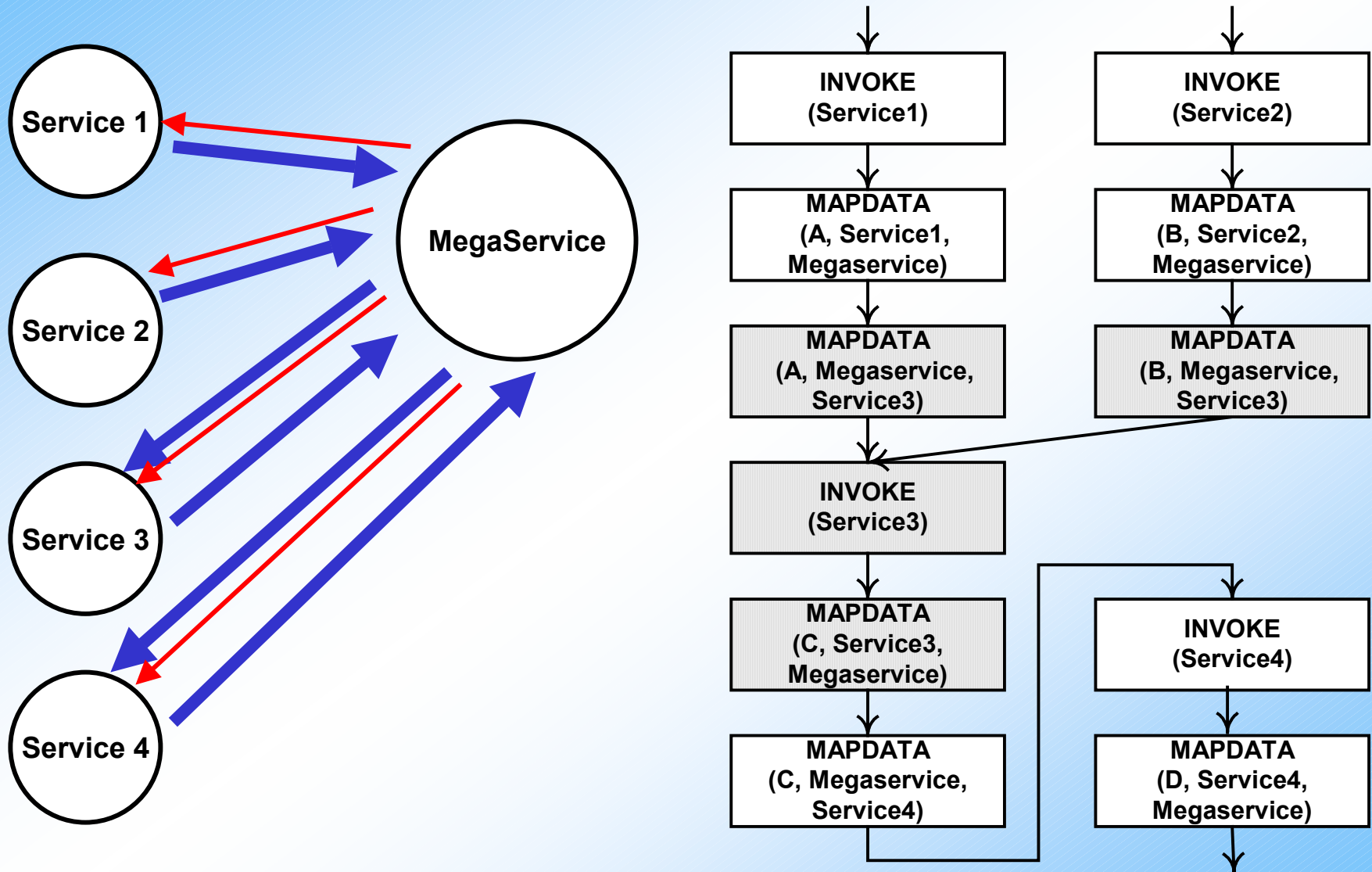


Extract Data Dependencies from Megaservice

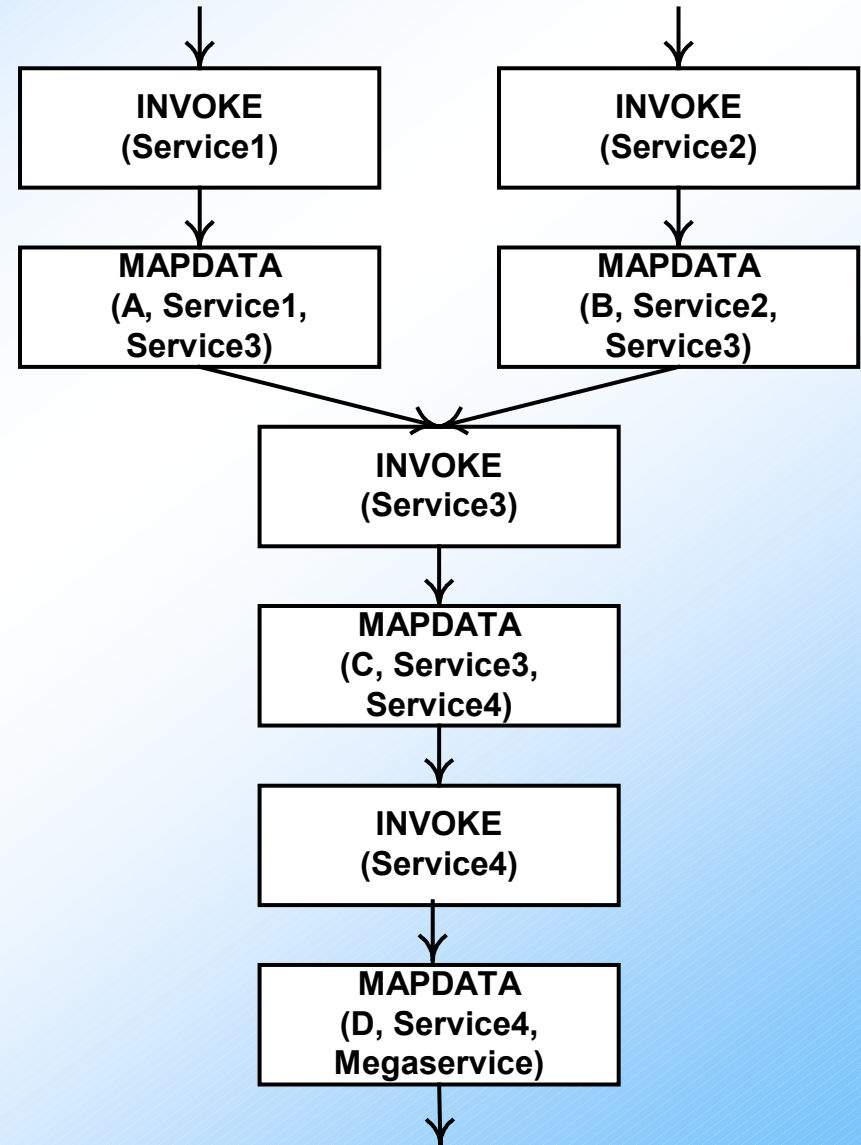
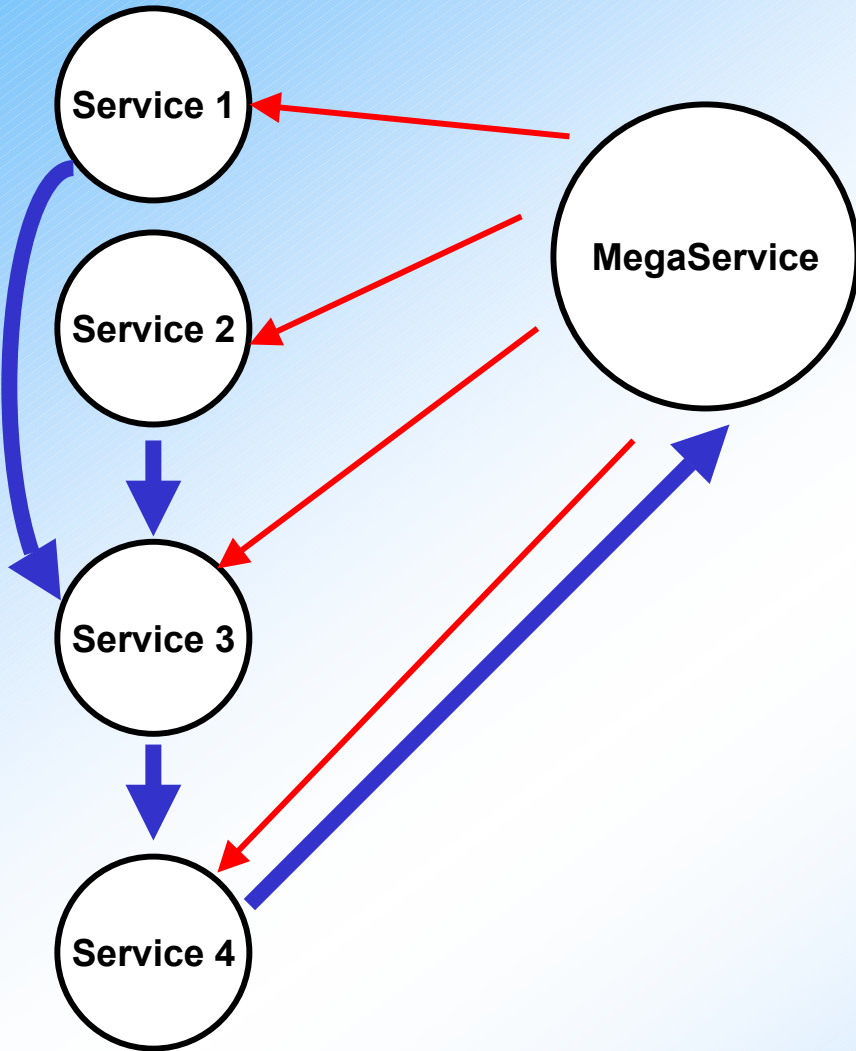
```
Invocation1 = Service1.INVOKE();  
Invocation2 = Service2.INVOKE();  
A = Invocation1.EXTRACT();  
B = Invocation2.EXTRACT();  
  
Invocation3 = Service3.INVOKE(A, B);  
C = Invocation3.EXTRACT();  
  
Invocation4 = Service4.INVOKE(C)  
D = Invocation4.EXTRACT();
```



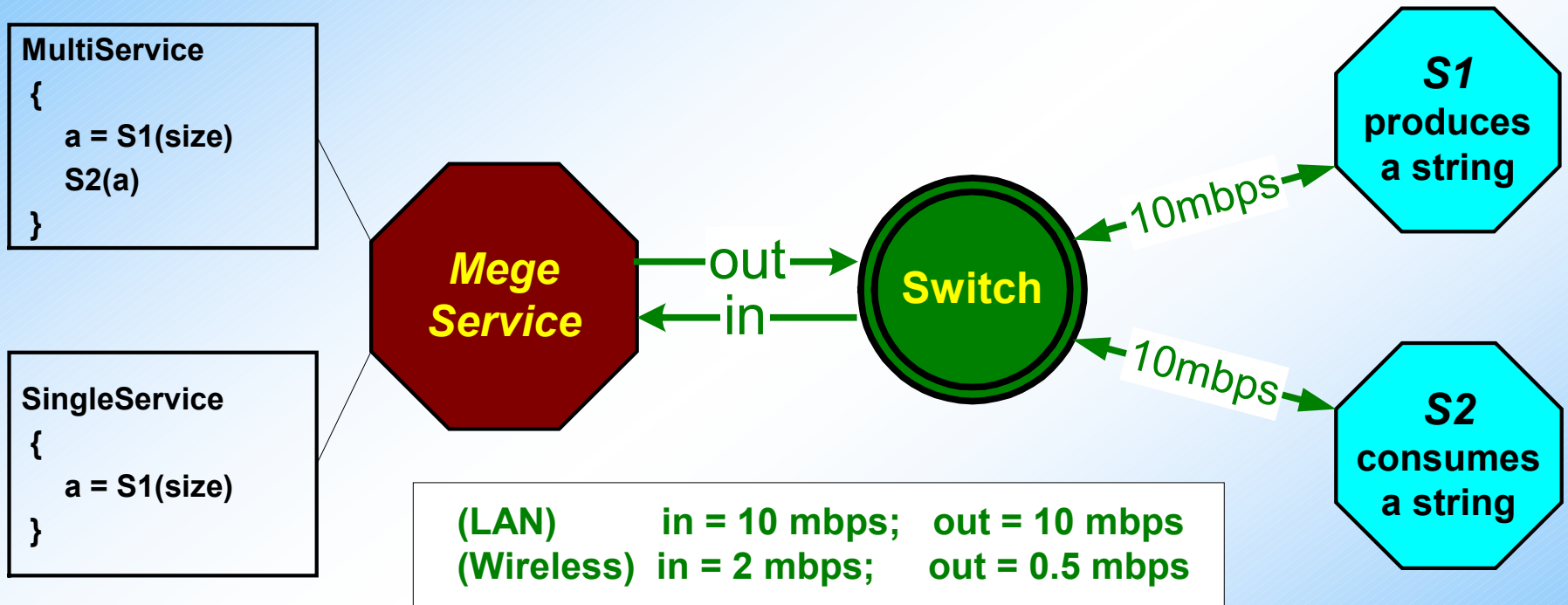
Event Dependency Graph (1C1D)



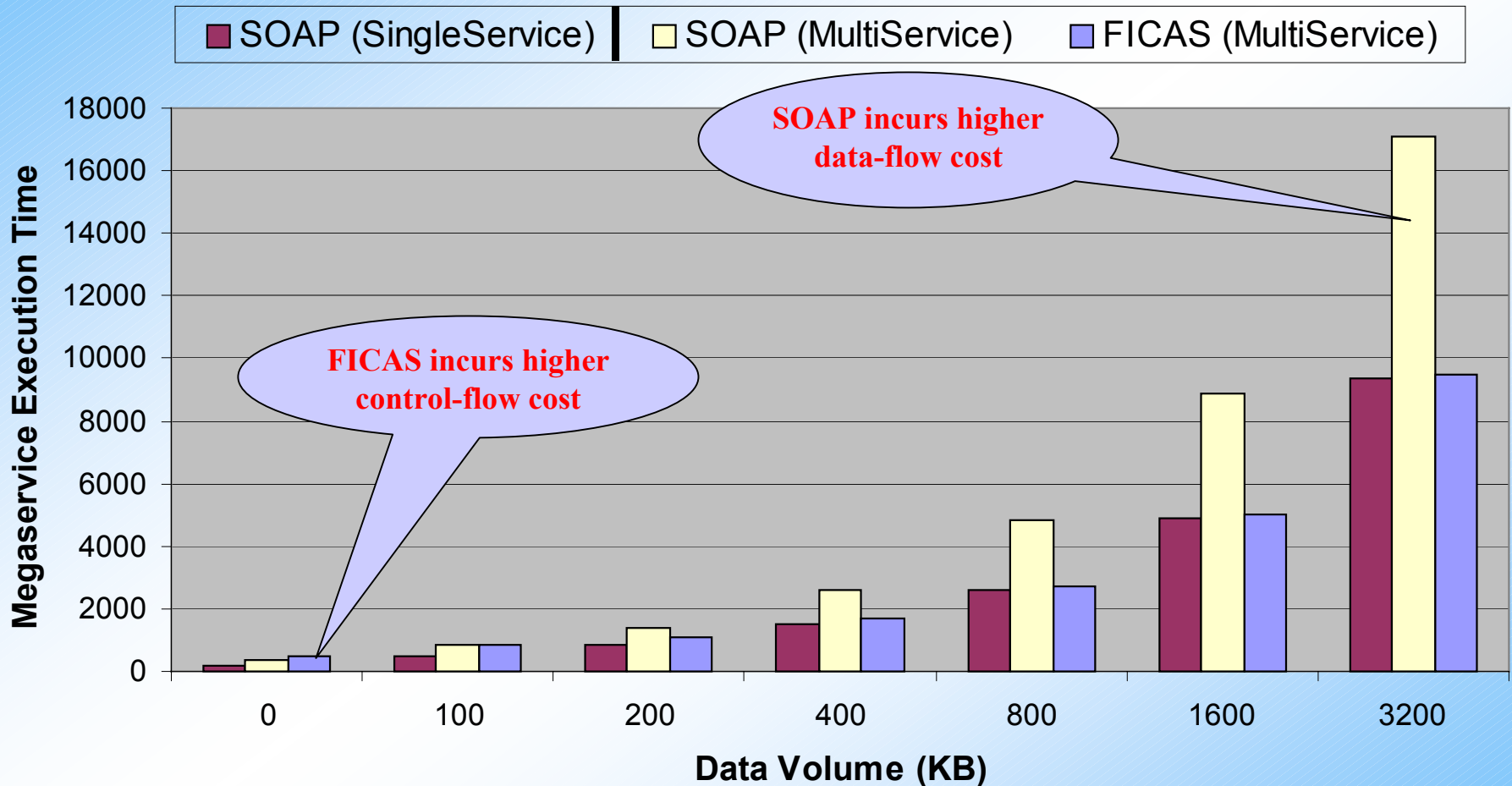
Event Dependency Graph (1CnD)



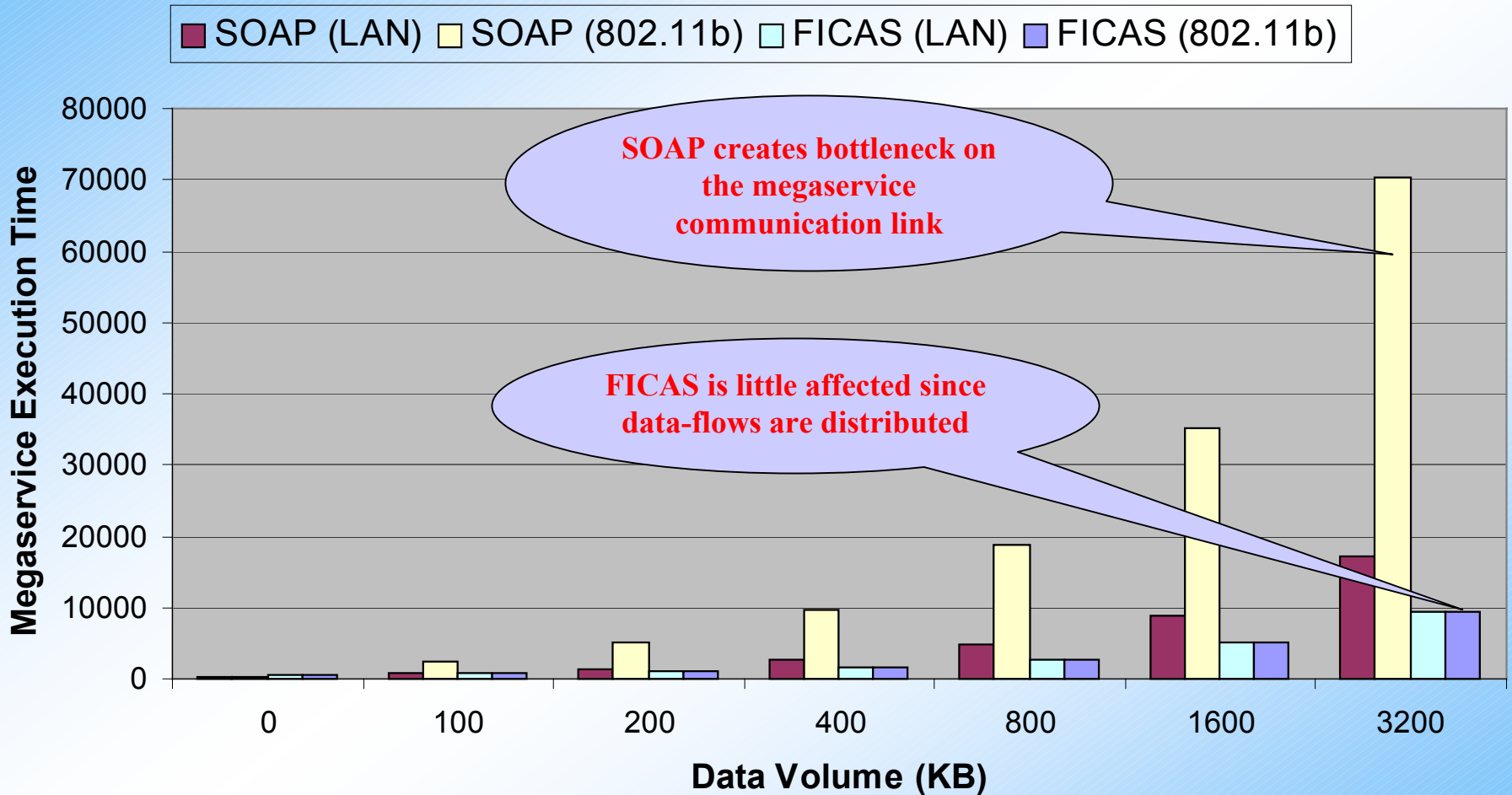
Performance Evaluation – SOAP vs. FICAS



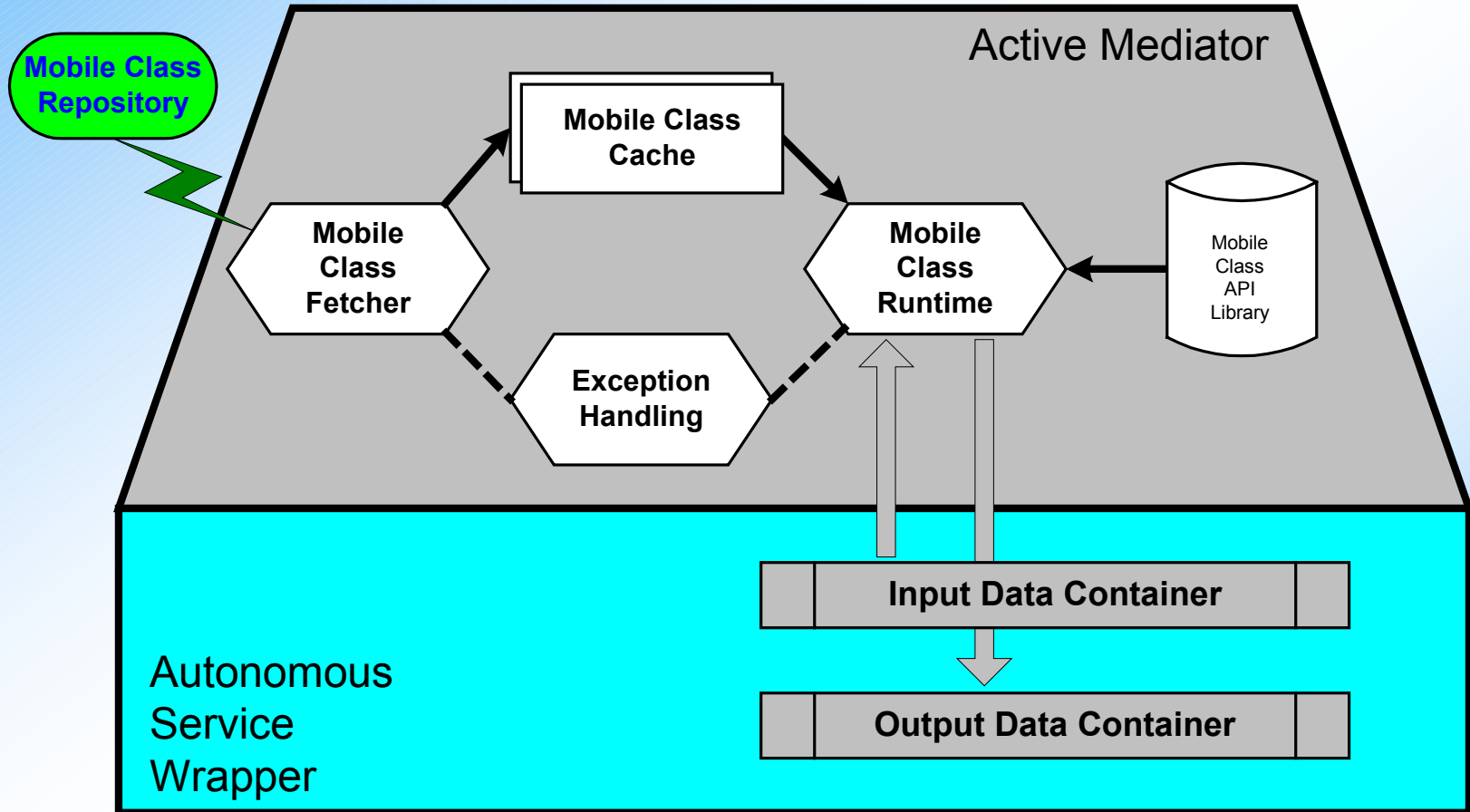
Performance in LAN Setting



Performance in Wireless Setting

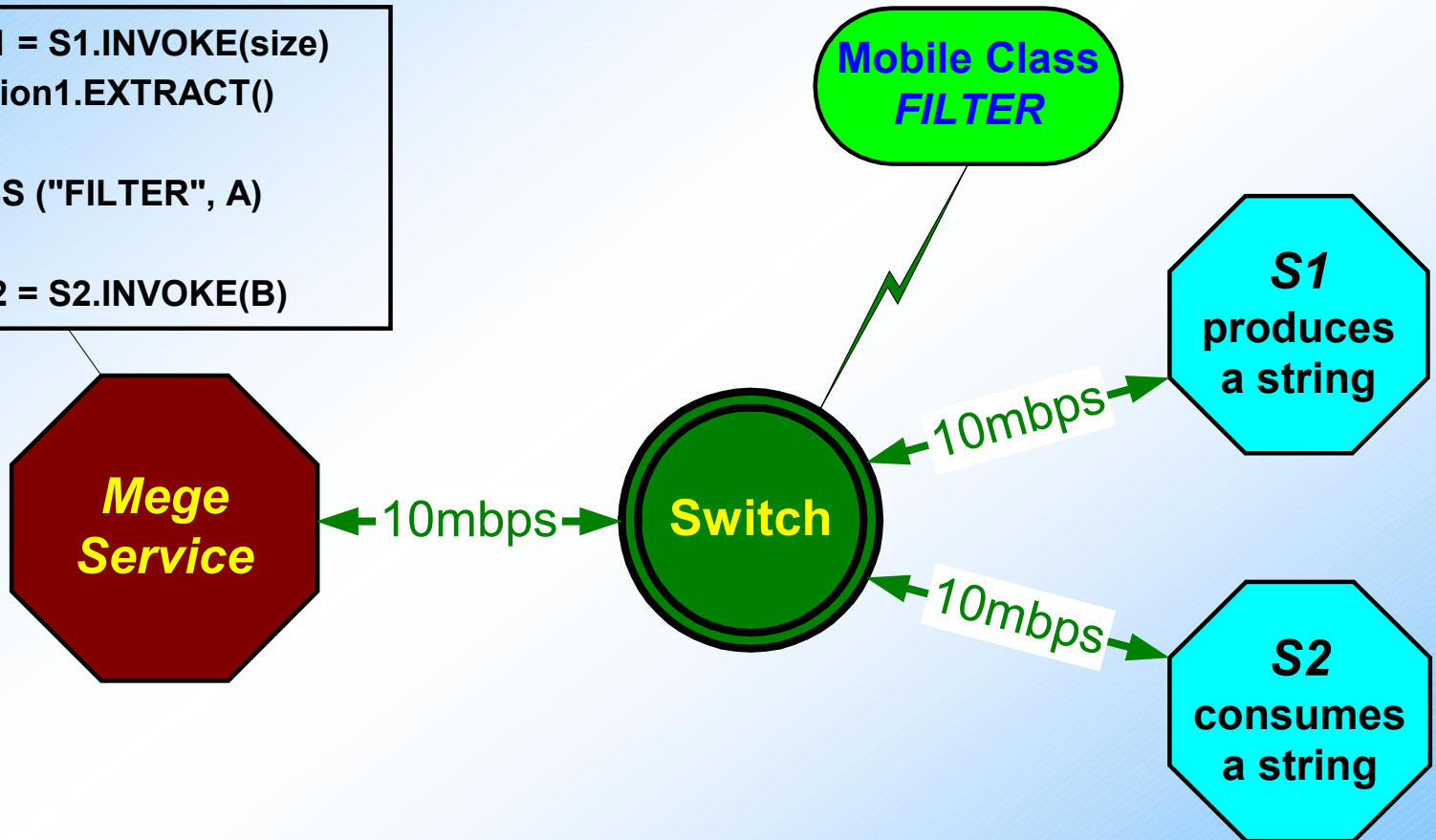


Active Mediator

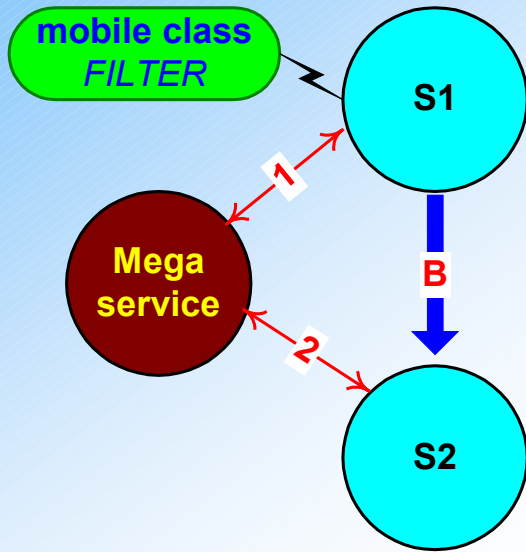


Example Megaservice Utilizing a Mobile Class

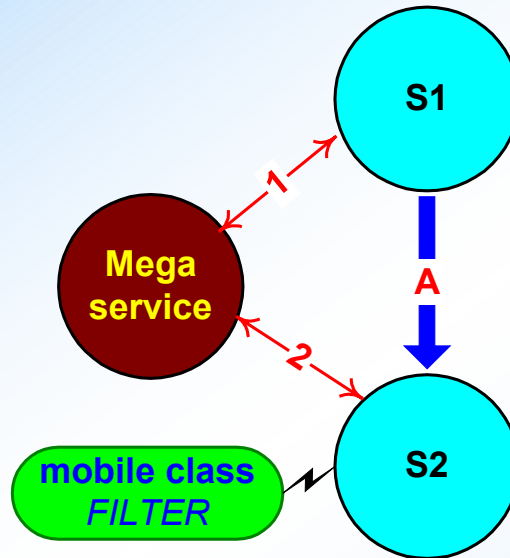
```
Invocation1 = S1.INVOKE(size)  
A = Invocation1.EXTRACT()  
  
B = MCLASS ("FILTER", A)  
  
Invocation2 = S2.INVOKE(B)
```



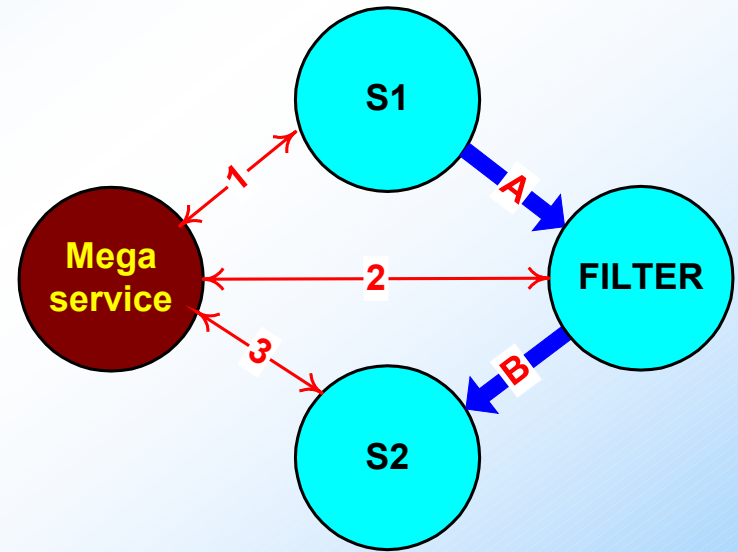
Placement of Mobile Class



(a) Placing FILTER at S1



(b) Placing FILTER at S2

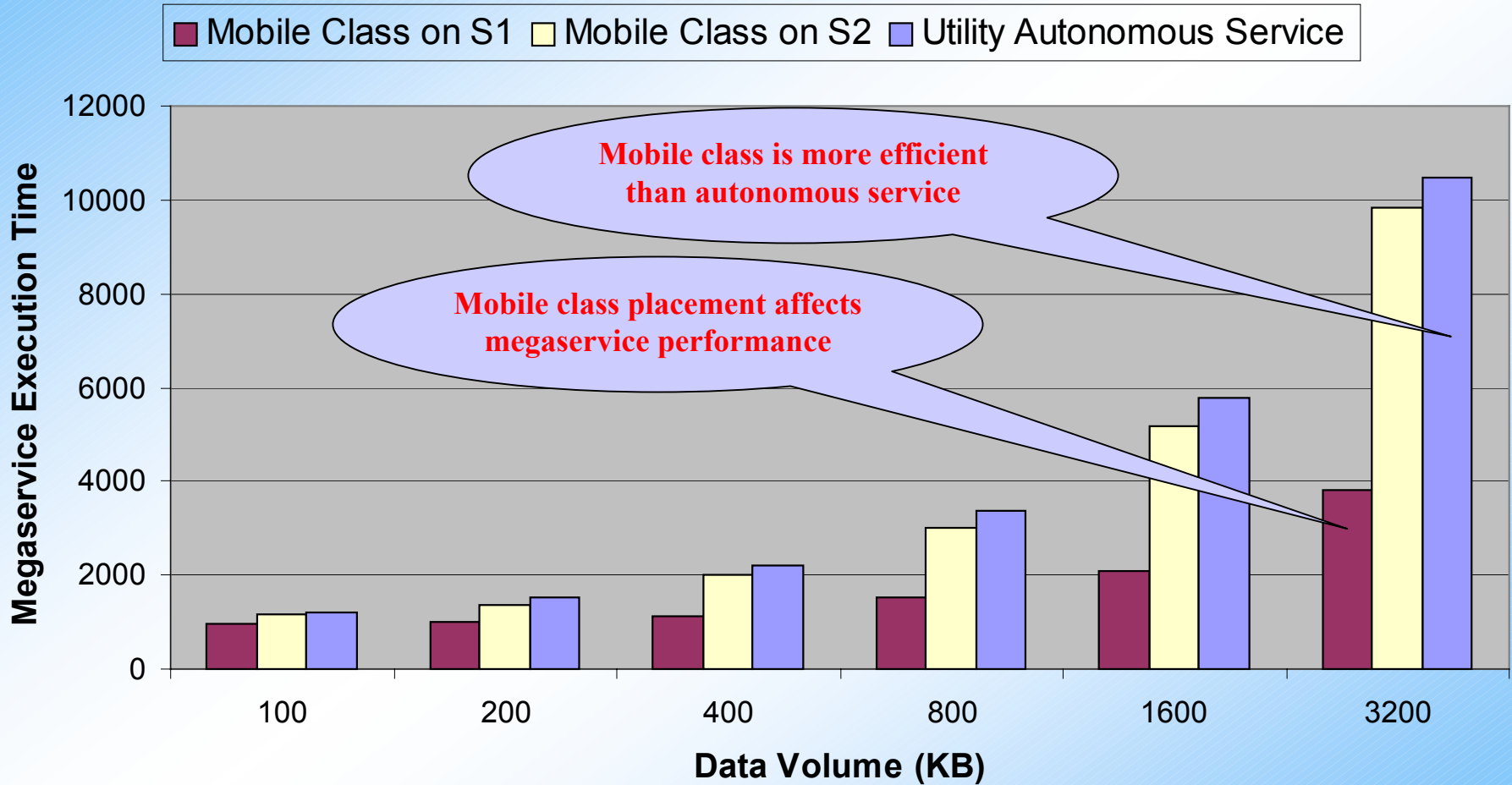


(c) Using an autonomous service

 Service Invocation

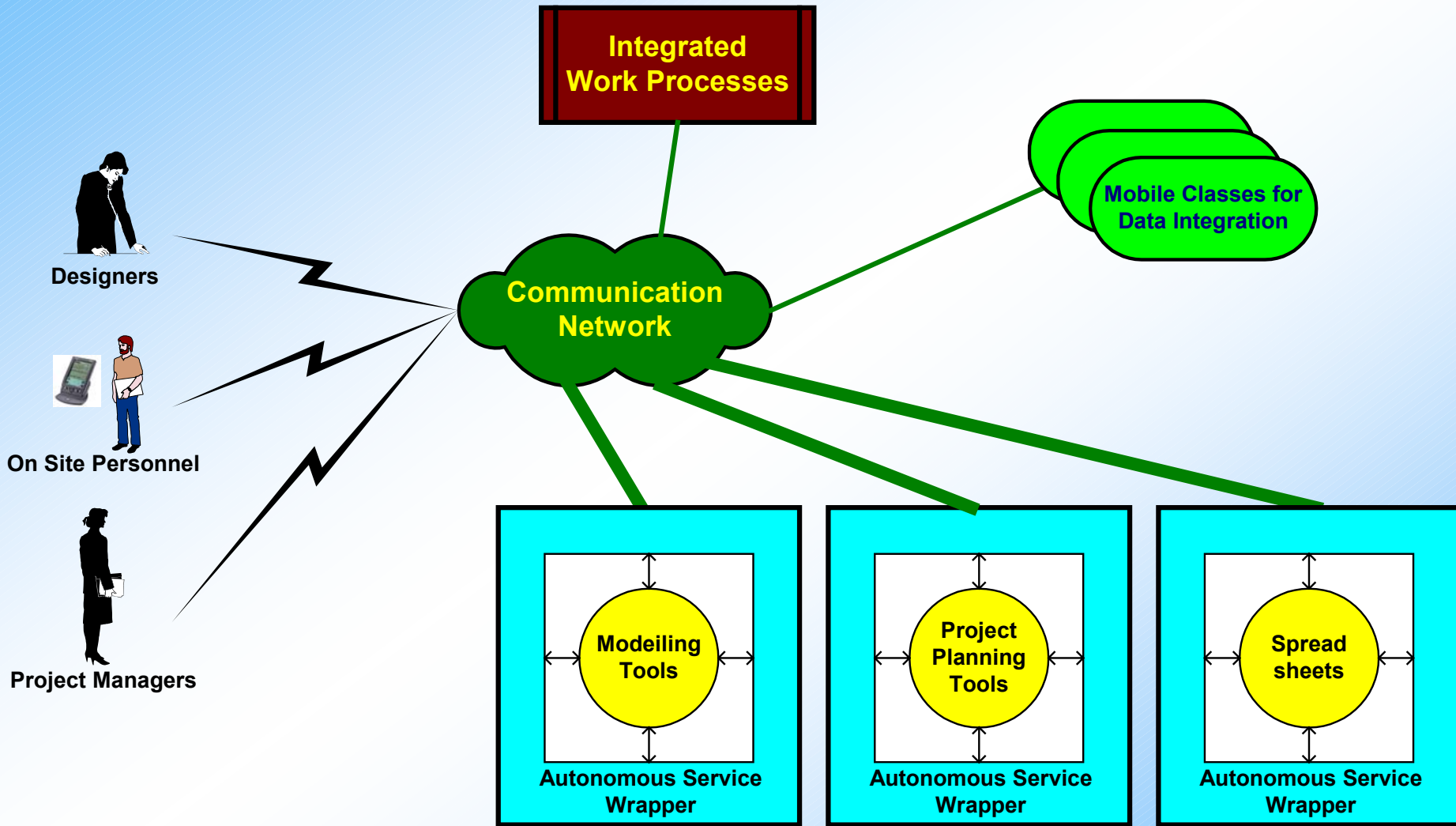
 Data-flow

Performance Comparison for Mobile Class

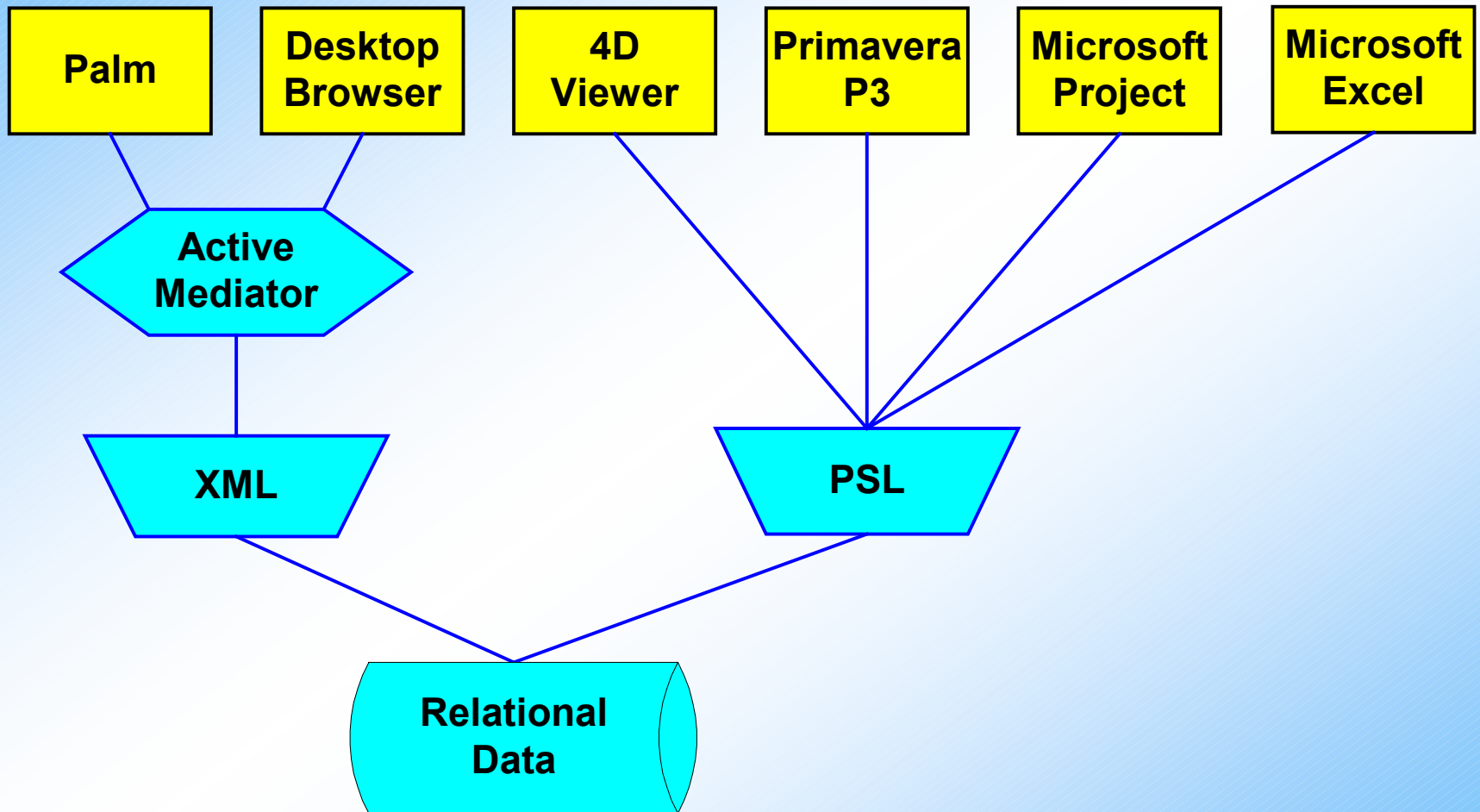


Infrastructure for Engineering Services

An Integrated Service Environment



Data Mediation Among the Tools



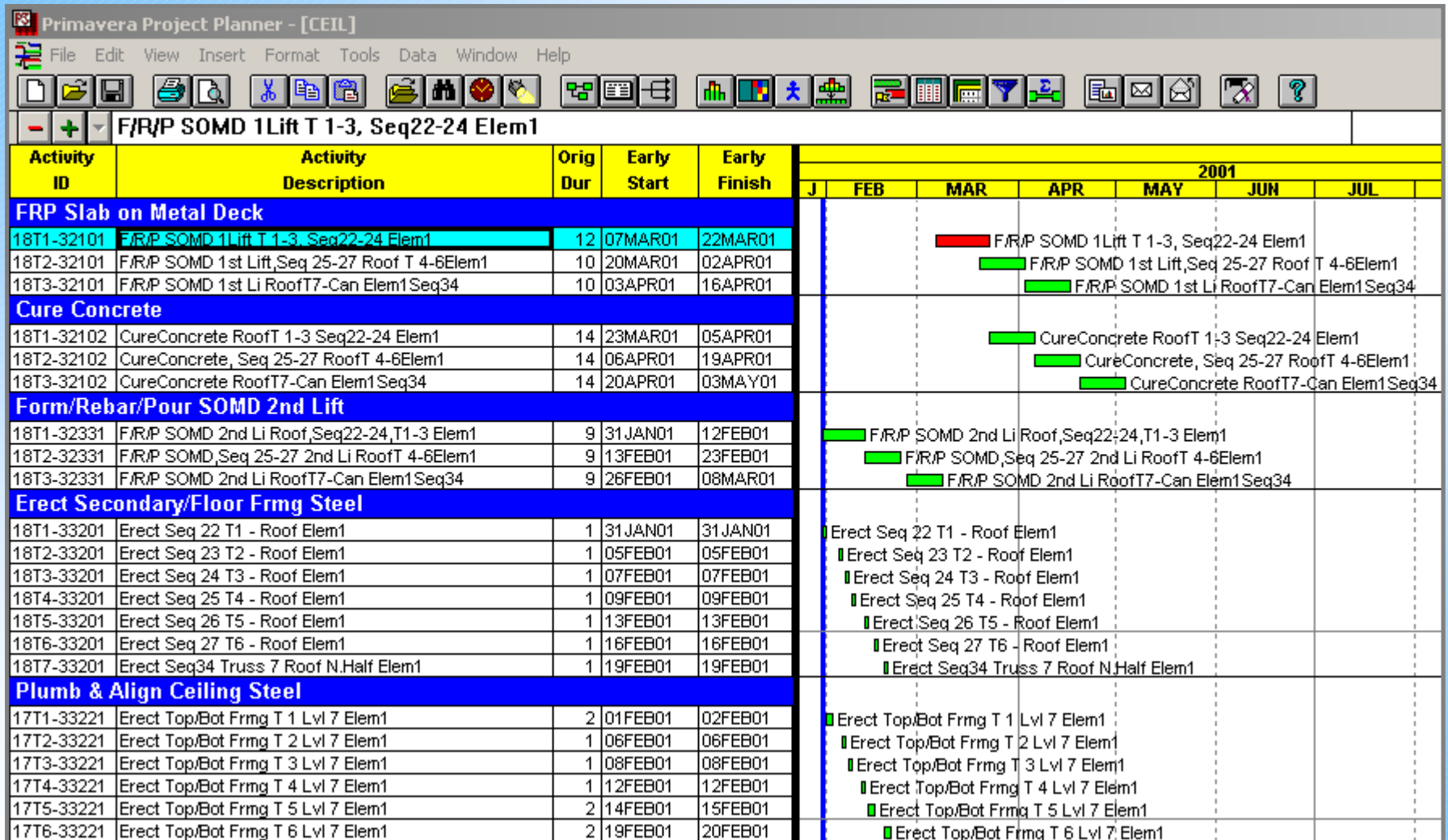
Related work by Jim Cheng at Engineering Informatics Group, Stanford University

Review Design in 4D Viewer

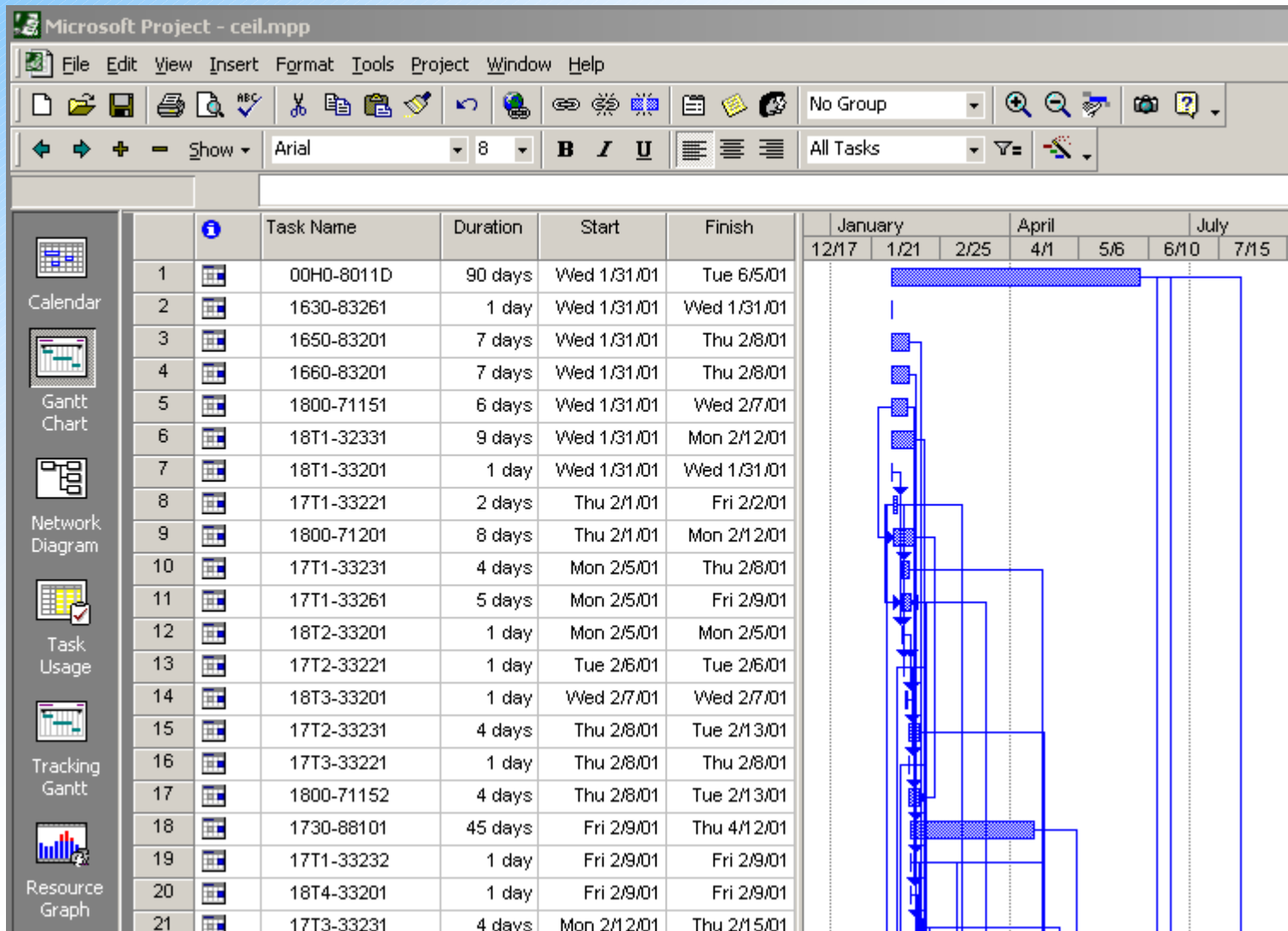
The screenshot displays the InvizOne software interface for reviewing design in 4D. The main window shows a 3D wireframe model of a building structure against a blue background. The interface includes a menu bar (File, Edit, View, Project, Tools, Window, Help), a toolbar with various icons, and a timeline at the top showing dates from 3/25/2001 to 11/19/02. On the left, the '4D Workspace' panel lists '4D Components' such as Root, Accoutscial Panels, Animation Points, Ceiling Panels N1/3, Ceiling Panels S1/3, CE11 Catwalk Floor At Spot Room, Doors, Drop Tubes, Drop Bracing, Drops_T1 through Drops_T7, Ductwork, Glazing, I-beam, and Manlift. On the right, the '4D View' panel shows a tree view with 'Root' and 'CAD Components'. At the bottom, a 'Schedule' table is visible, listing activities with their start (ES) and end (EF) dates, types, and codes.

ACTIVITY	ES	EF	TYPE	CODE
<input type="checkbox"/> Design Element 1 Ceiling Attachements	01/03/00	02/27/01	MILESTONE	00H0-8011D
<input type="checkbox"/> Fab & Del Element 1 Ceiling Panels	07/27/01	09/28/01	MILESTONE	00H0-8011F
<input type="checkbox"/> Prep&Submit Element 1 Ceiling Panels	01/31/01	04/24/01	MILESTONE	00H0-8011S
<input type="checkbox"/> Design Element 1 Ceiling Panels	07/12/00	03/13/01	MILESTONE	00H0-8012D
<input type="checkbox"/> Erect Interior Scaffold S 1/3 - Lvl 1 Elem1	09/19/01	10/18/01	MILESTONE	1110-80101
<input type="checkbox"/> Erect Interior Scaffold M 1/3 - Lvl 1 Elem1	11/02/01	12/04/01	MILESTONE	1120-80101
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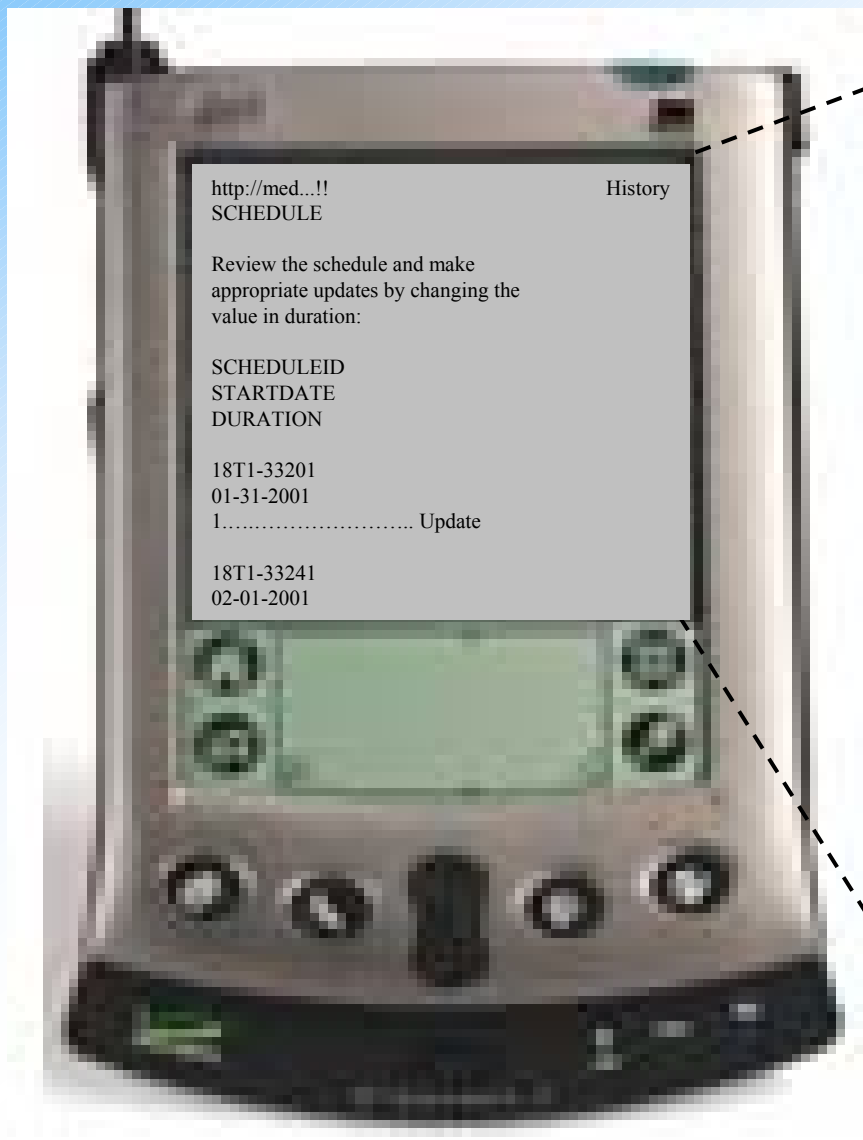
Review Schedule in Primavera



Review Schedule in Microsoft Project



View Schedule on Site



http://med...!!
SCHEDULE

History

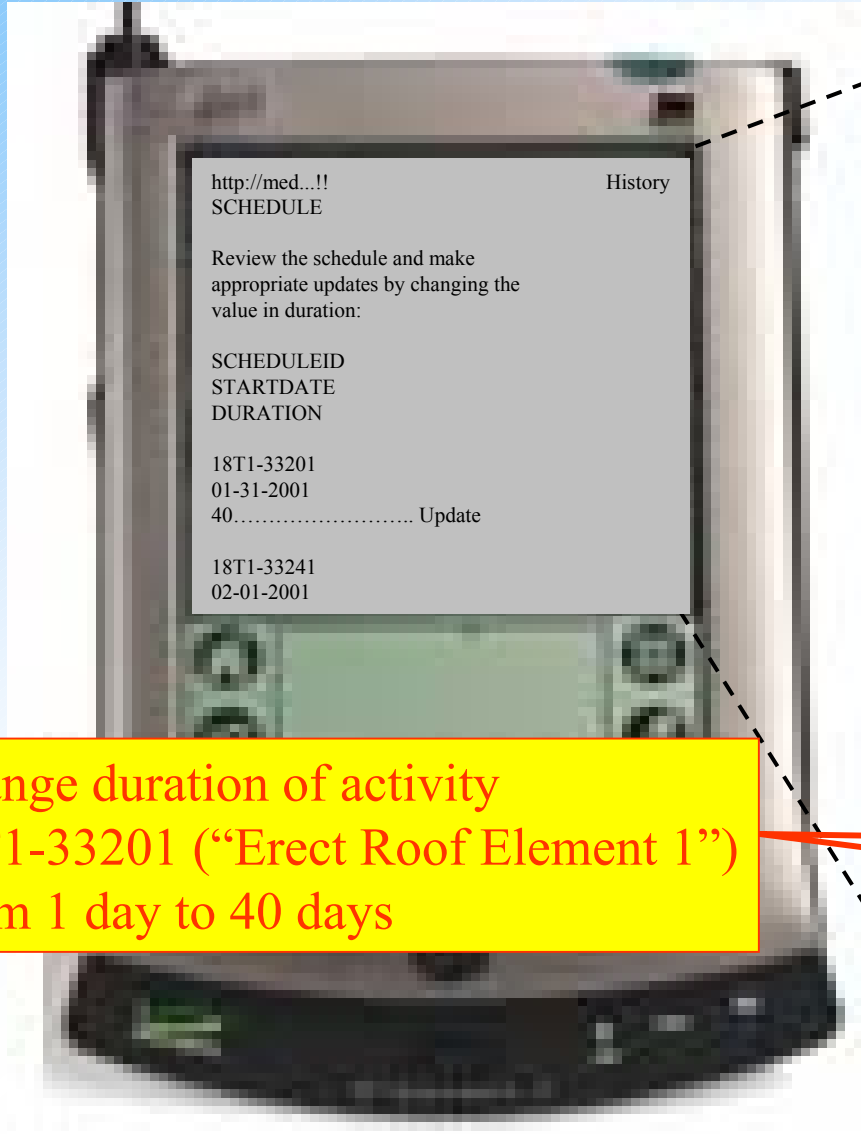
Review the schedule and make appropriate updates by changing the value in duration:

SCHEDULEID
STARTDATE
DURATION

18T1-33201
01-31-2001
1..... Update

18T1-33241
02-01-2001

Modifying Schedule On-site



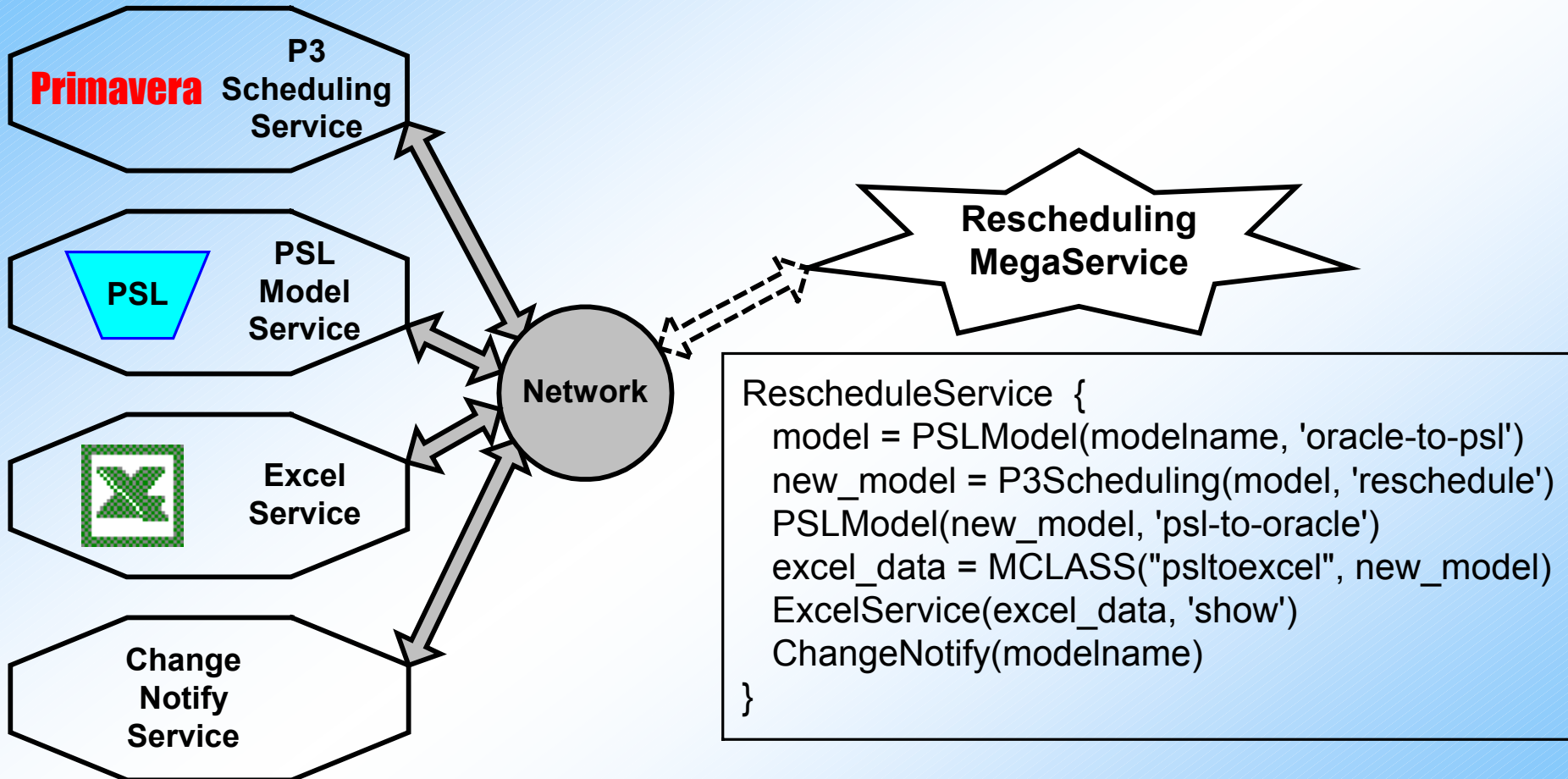
Change duration of activity
18T1-33201 (“Erect Roof Element 1”)
From 1 day to 40 days

http://med...!! History
SCHEDULE

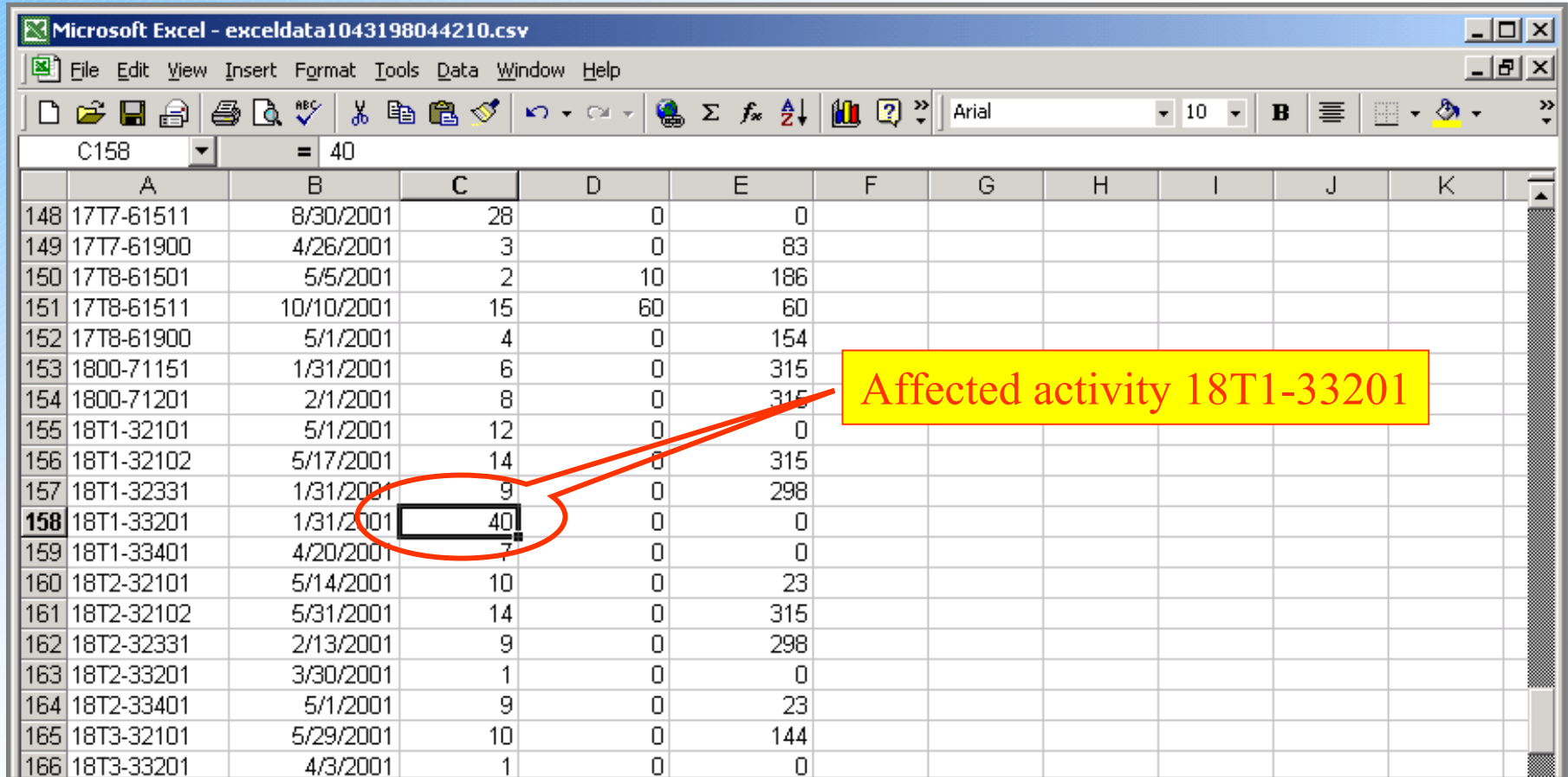
Review the schedule and make appropriate updates by changing the value in duration:

SCHEDULEID	STARTDATE	DURATION
18T1-33201	01-31-2001	40..... Update
18T1-33241	02-01-2001	

Invoke Rescheduling Megaservice



Review Modified Schedule in Excel



The screenshot shows a Microsoft Excel window with the following data table:

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
148	17T7-61511	8/30/2001	28	0	0						
149	17T7-61900	4/26/2001	3	0	83						
150	17T8-61501	5/5/2001	2	10	186						
151	17T8-61511	10/10/2001	15	60	60						
152	17T8-61900	5/1/2001	4	0	154						
153	1800-71151	1/31/2001	6	0	315						
154	1800-71201	2/1/2001	8	0	315						
155	18T1-32101	5/1/2001	12	0	0						
156	18T1-32102	5/17/2001	14	0	315						
157	18T1-32331	1/31/2001	9	0	298						
158	18T1-33201	1/31/2001	40	0	0						
159	18T1-33401	4/20/2001	7	0	0						
160	18T2-32101	5/14/2001	10	0	23						
161	18T2-32102	5/31/2001	14	0	315						
162	18T2-32331	2/13/2001	9	0	298						
163	18T2-33201	3/30/2001	1	0	0						
164	18T2-33401	5/1/2001	9	0	23						
165	18T3-32101	5/29/2001	10	0	144						
166	18T3-33201	4/3/2001	1	0	0						

The cell containing the value '40' in row 158, column C is highlighted with a red circle. A yellow callout box with the text 'Affected activity 18T1-33201' is connected to this cell by a red arrow.

Review Changed Activities in Browser

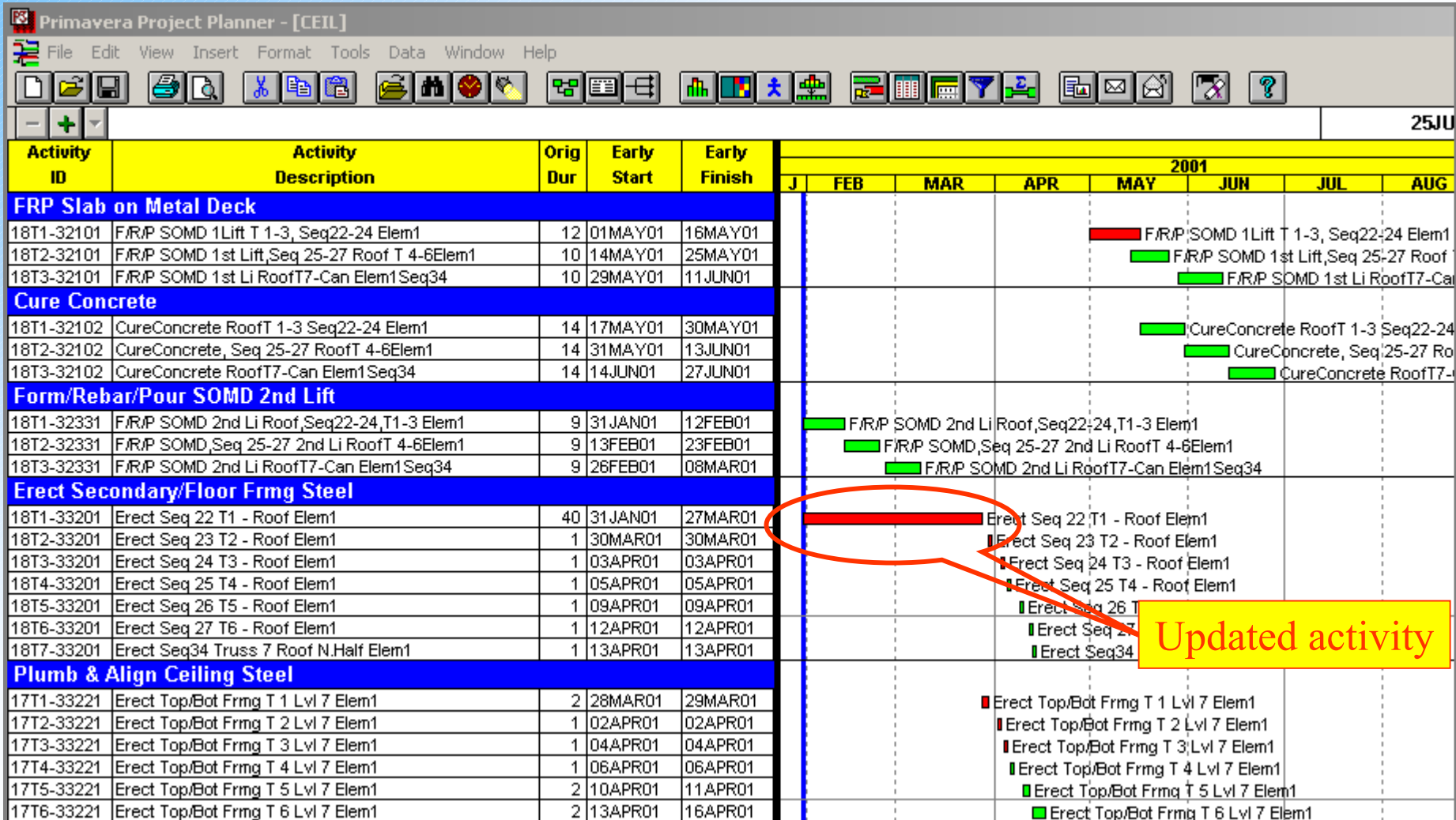
The screenshot shows a Microsoft Internet Explorer window displaying a table of activities. The table has columns for activity ID, name, date, and numerical values. Two callout boxes highlight specific rows: 'Actual change' points to the row with ID 18T1-33201 and value 40, and 'Affected Activities' points to rows with IDs 16T1-33241, 17T1-33221, and 17T1-33231.

Activity ID	Activity Name	Date	Value	Update	Other Value 1	Other Value 2
CEIL	18T1-32331	01-31-2001 00:00:00	9	Update	0	259
CEIL	18T1-33201	01-31-2001 00:00:00	40	Update	0	1
CEIL	1800-71201	02-01-2001 00:00:00	8	Update	0	276
CEIL	00H0-8011F	02-07-2001 00:00:00	45	Update	25	62
CEIL	1800-71152	02-08-2001 00:00:00	4	Update	276	276
CEIL	1710-88101	02-09-2001 00:00:00	15	Update	0	254
CEIL	1730-88101	02-09-2001 00:00:00	45	Update	0	224
CEIL	18T2-32331	02-13-2001 00:00:00	9	Update	0	259
CEIL	1710-91501	02-23-2001 00:00:00	15	Update	254	254
CEIL	18T3-32331	02-26-2001 00:00:00	9	Update	259	259
CEIL	16T1-33241	03-28-2001 00:00:00	2	Update	1	15
CEIL	17T1-33221	03-28-2001 00:00:00	2	Update	0	8
CEIL	1730-91501	03-30-2001 00:00:00	20	Update	224	224
CEIL	17T1-33231	03-30-2001 00:00:00	4	Update	0	2
CEIL	17T1-33241	03-30-2001 00:00:00	5	Update	2	10

Actual change

Affected Activities

Review Modified Schedule in Primavera



Review Modified Design in 4D Viewer

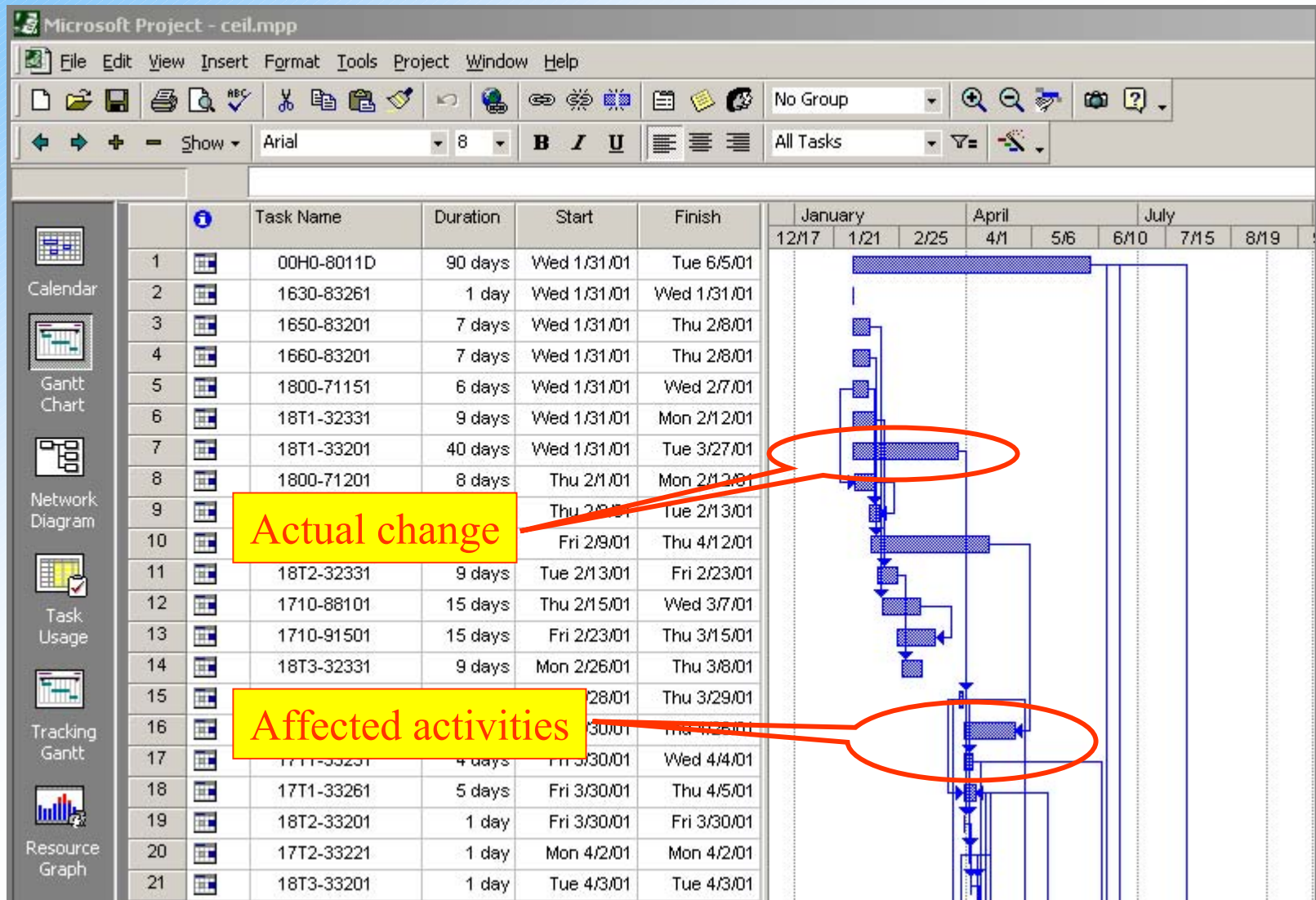
The screenshot displays the InvizOne software interface for reviewing a modified design. The main 4D View window shows a 3D wireframe model of a building structure. A red oval highlights a specific part of the model, and a yellow callout box points to it with the text "Roof construction is delayed".

The interface includes a menu bar (File, Edit, View, Project, Tools, Window, Help), a toolbar with various icons, and a 4D Workspace panel on the left. The 4D Components tree lists various elements such as Root, Accountical Panels, Animation Points, Ceiling Panels N1/3, Ceiling Panels S1/3, CE11 Catwalk/Floor/AtSpotRoom, Doors, Drop Tubes, DropBracing, Drops_T1 through Drops_T7, Ductwork, Glazing, I-beam, and Manlift.

The Schedule table at the bottom provides a detailed view of the project activities:

ACTIVITY	ES	EF	TYPE	CODE	TF
<input type="checkbox"/> Design Element 1 Ceiling Attachements	01/03/00	02/27/01	MILESTONE	00H0-8011D	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fab & Del Element 1 Ceiling Panels	07/27/01	09/28/01	MILESTONE	00H0-8011F	
<input type="checkbox"/> Prep&Submit Element 1 Ceiling Panels	01/31/01	04/24/01	MILESTONE	00H0-8011S	
<input type="checkbox"/> Design Element 1 Ceiling Panels	07/12/00	03/13/01	MILESTONE	00H0-8012D	
<input type="checkbox"/> Erect Interior Scaffold S 1/3 - Lvl 1 Elem1	05/30/01	06/22/01	MILESTONE	1110-80101	35
<input type="checkbox"/> Erect Interior Scaffold M 1/3 - Lvl 1 Elem1	08/02/01	08/24/01	MILESTONE	1120-80101	20
<input type="checkbox"/> Erect Interior Scaffold N 1/3 - Lvl 1 Elem1	10/10/01	11/01/01	MILESTONE	1130-80101	0
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Erect Interior Scaffold S 1/3 - Lvl 1 Elem1	06/12/01	07/12/01	MILESTONE	1110-80101	25

Review Modified Schedule in Project



Summary

Contributions

- Data-flow distribution improves megaservice performance
- Distributed data-flow model is supported in service composition
 - Separate data from controls in services
 - Separate computation from composition
 - Establish direct data communications among services
- Distribution of computations facilitates service composition
 - Mobile class allows performance optimization
 - Active mediation enhances the flexibility of services
- FICAS provides comprehensive support for service composition

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