Some Internet Measurement Thoughts

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RIPE MAT WG

- RIPE is the RIR for Europe; RIPE NCC is their secretariat
- RIPE has working groups on particular topics
- MAT == Measurement, Analysis, and Tools

About MAT

- Network measurement issues of interest to the operational community
  - Intersection of operations and research
- Community input for NCC-operated measurement systems
  - TTM, RIS, ATLAS, …

Example topics

- High-speed traffic classification techniques
- Visualization of geolocation-based measurements
- RIPE ATLAS system architecture
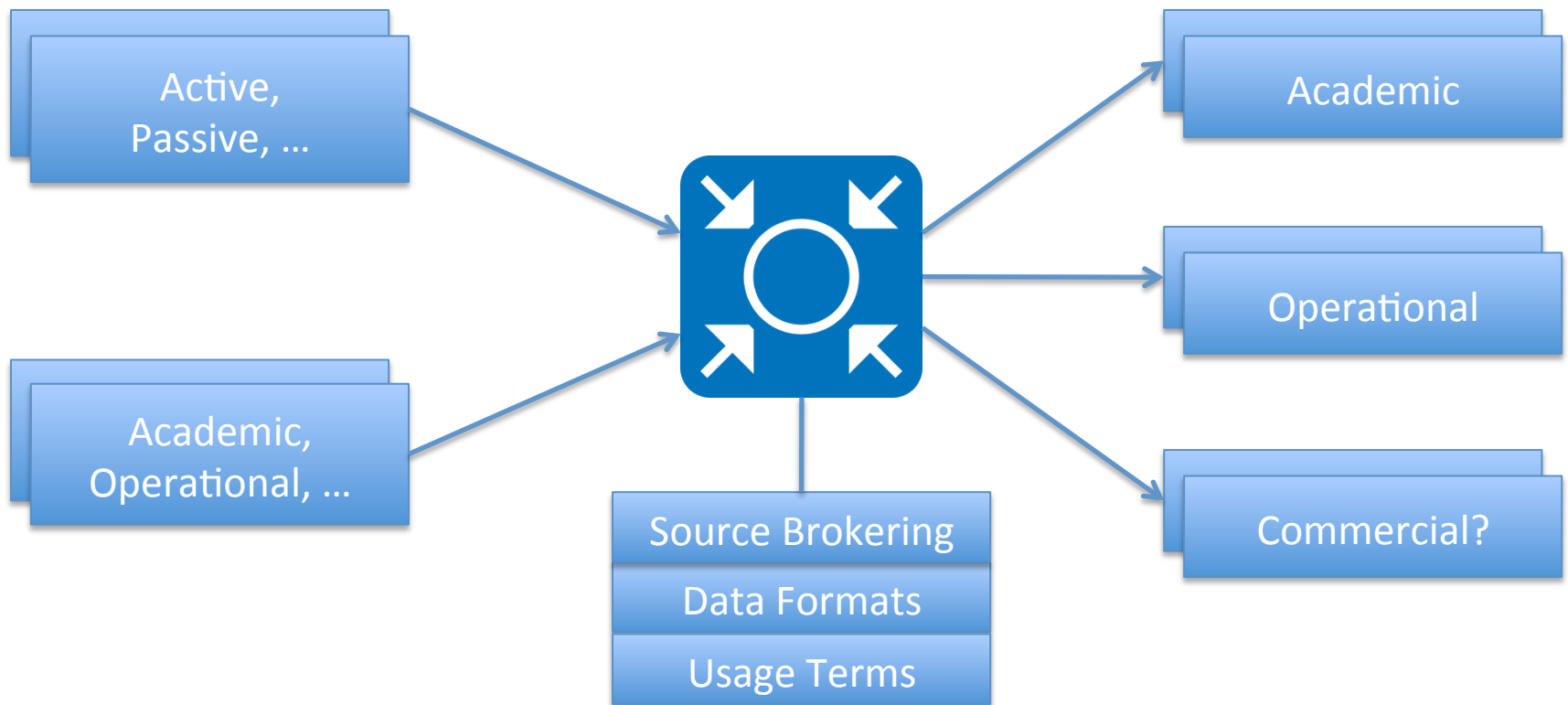- <your topic here>

Something we've been discussing

- As discussed at AIMS 2010, there are persistent data-sharing problems in the research community
  - Collect > analyze > publish > delete
- Harder to get data to work with
- Limited comparability of results
- Limited coverage of the Internet
  - Limited generalizability

Can we make this better?

- Overcome some barriers…
  - Incentive: Why will people participate?
  - Technical: How to move data?
  - Trust: Neutral platform; how to manage privacy?
- … and maybe make some improvements
  - More numerous and more diverse sources
  - Better characterization of data sources
  - Easier access to data sources

What about a meeting point?

Active, Passive, …

Academic, Operational, …

Academic

Operational

Commercial?

Source Brokering

Data Formats

Usage Terms

Where we are now

- Initial "RIPE Data Repository"
  - http://labs.ripe.net/datarepository
  - Basically an FTP server with some data sets
    - 7 sources: RIPE NCC, U. Washington, Waikato, et al.
  - Sign up with RIPE labs to get access
- Initial discussions in the MAT WG
  - General interest across the community
- Initial discussions with some data providers

Questions

- Is this an interesting idea?
- Would you contribute data?
  - How should data get in? FTP? Real-time?
- What would you want to get out of this?
  - Academic, commercial data sets?
  - Active, passive measurements?
- What sort of tools would be useful here?

One more thing...

BBN NetTest

- Effort to make a more useful, more open network measurement tool
  - More interesting tests (HTTP proxy detection)
  - More open data access (your own; groups)
- Currently very early in development
  - Ideas for where to take this?
- Main clients: Java Web Start, J2ME
  - http://main.nettest.bbn.com/
- Very preliminary Android client
  - https://main.nettest.bbn.com/android.html

Thanks!

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