

# ndnSIM: a modular NDN simulator

**Overview and near future plan**

<http://ndnsim.net>

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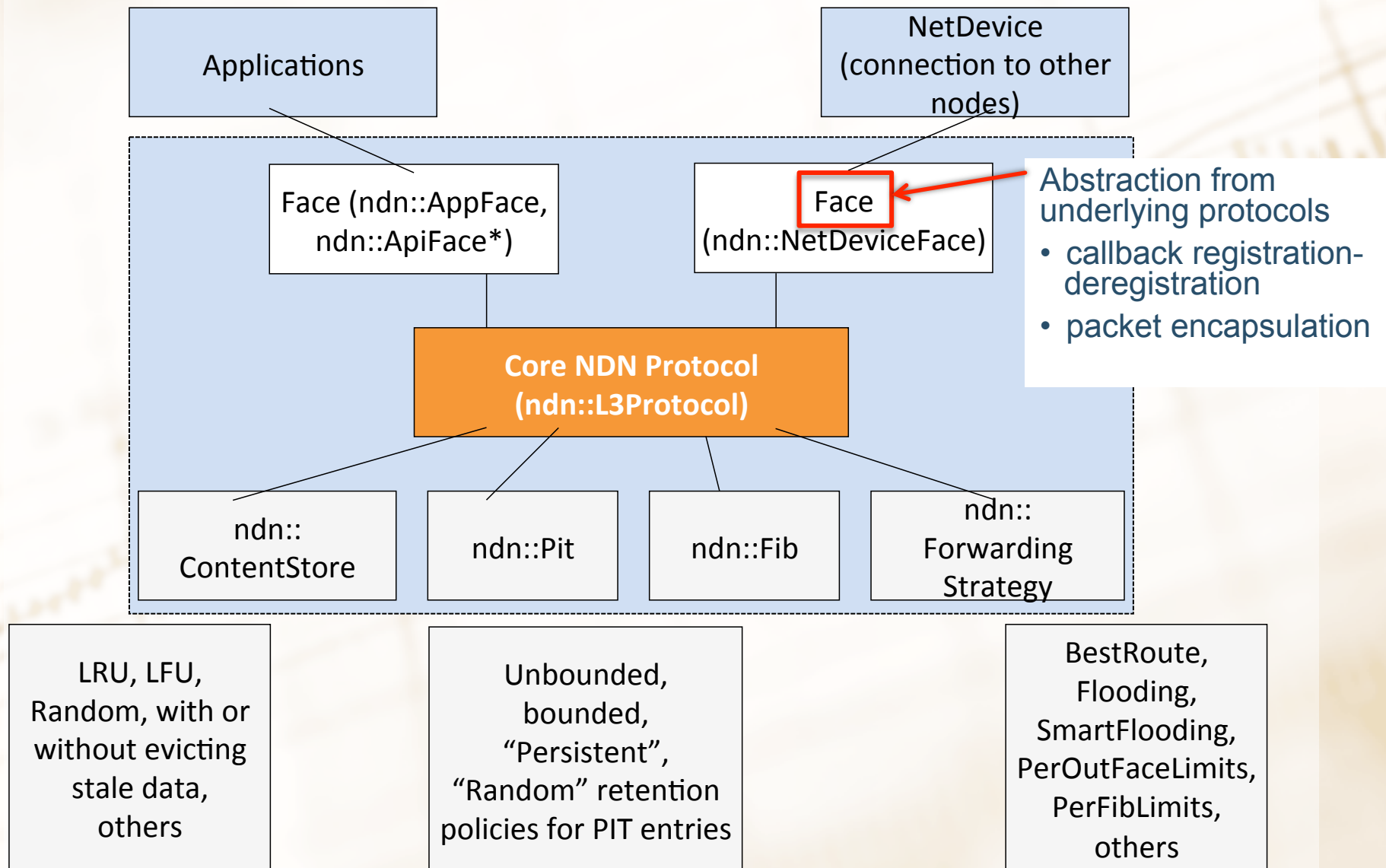
# Fundamental Goal

- Establishing a *common* platform shared by the community for all NDN simulation experimentation
  - Making it easy to replicate experiments and compare results

# Overview

- Based on NS-3 network simulator
- Implemented all basic NDN operations
- A modular architecture
  - C++ classes for every NDN component
    - Face, PIT, FIB, Content store, and Forwarding strategy
- Easy to combine different implementations of the components
  - Different management schemes for PIT
  - Different replacement policies for content store
  - Different forwarding strategies
- Easily extendable

# Modular ndnSIM structure overview



# New additions in version 0.5 (soon to be released)

- Advanced application API

- now it is possible to write full featured applications

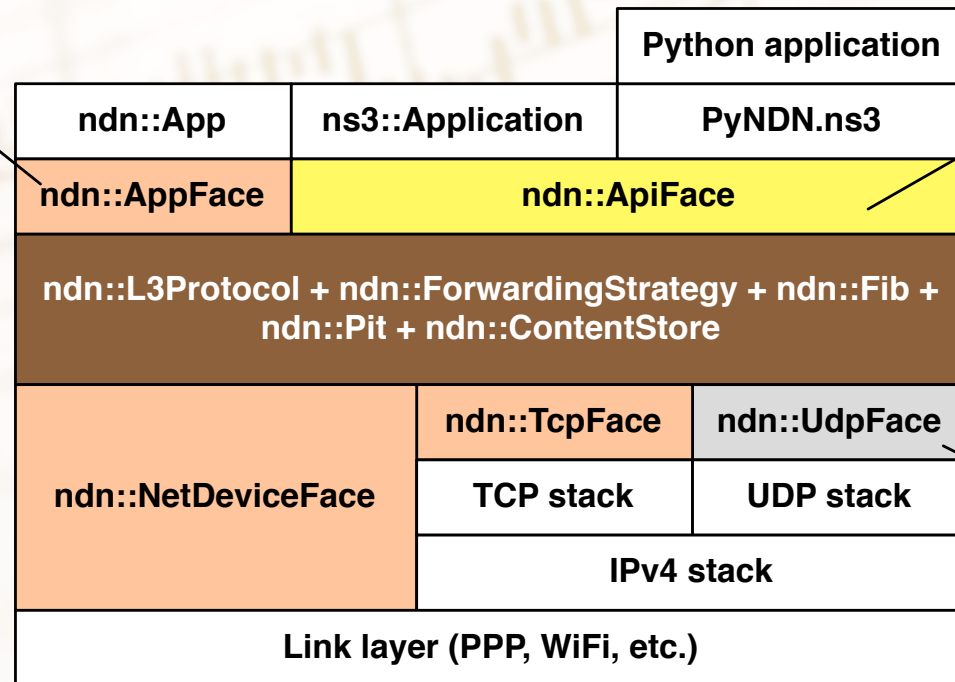
- compatible C++ API with NDN.cxx <https://github.com/named-data/ndn.cxx>

- compatible Python API with PyNDN <https://github.com/cawka/PyNDN>

- ultimately: compile (just run in case of Python) real applications in ndnSIM

Simple NDN API for network-layer (strategy, cache, etc.) evaluations

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ndn::Producer



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Rich (full) NDN API for application level evaluations

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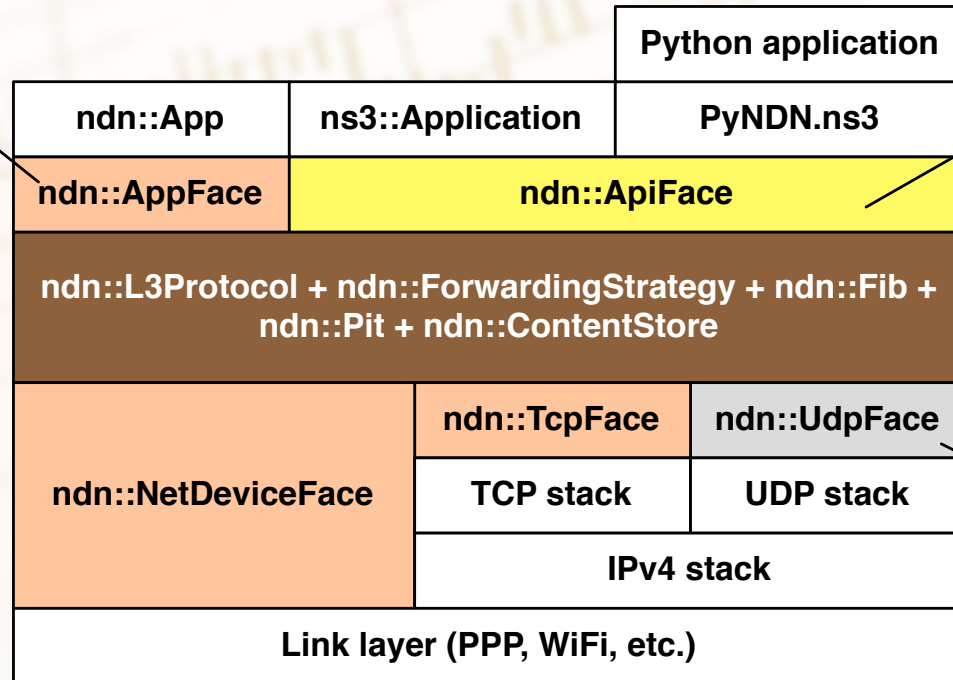
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# New additions in version 0.5 (II)

- Redesigned/simplified/unified API for Interest and Data packets, Forwarding strategy
  - not fully backward compatible, but easy to adapt
- Exclude filter support
  - other interest selectors may be coming, if requested

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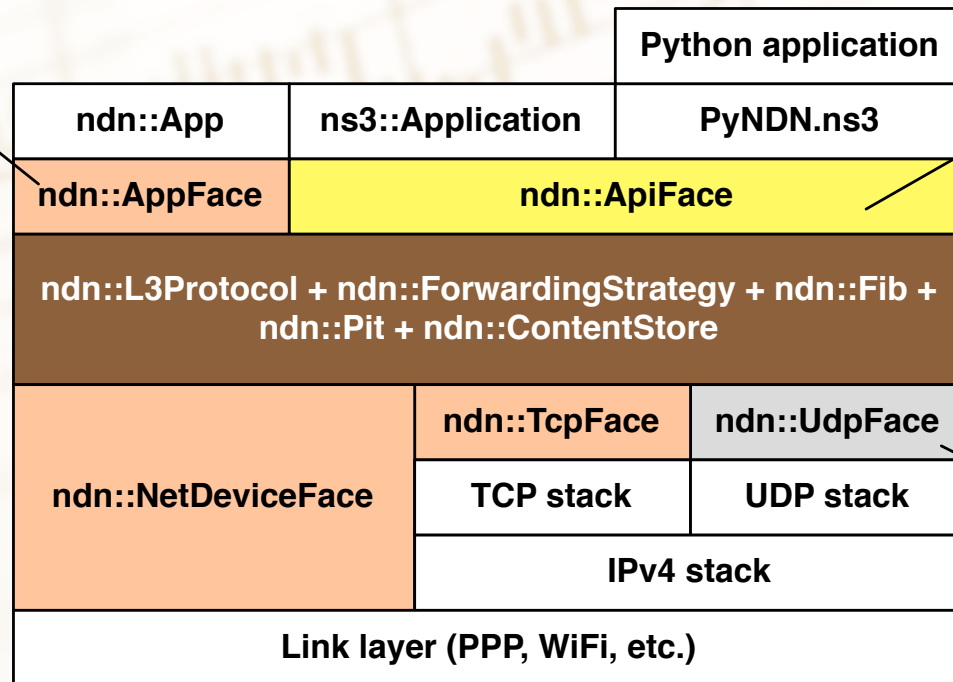
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# New additions in version 0.5 (III)

- Support for overlay-based simulations
  - using `ndn::TcpFace` and `ndn::UdpFace`
- Support for multiple wire format, selectable at runtime
  - simplified ndnSIM format <http://ndnsim.net/ndnsim-packet-formats.html>
  - full-featured (but not too optimal) CCNb format
  - other experimental formats

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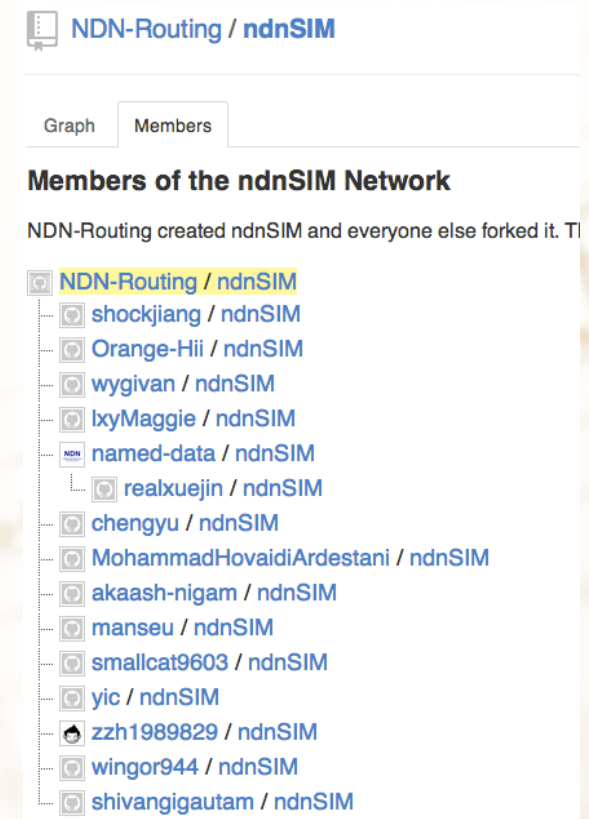
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# Current status

- 15 public forks on github
- Active development
  - new features
  - extended API
  - usage examples and documentation
- A lot of activity on the mailing list



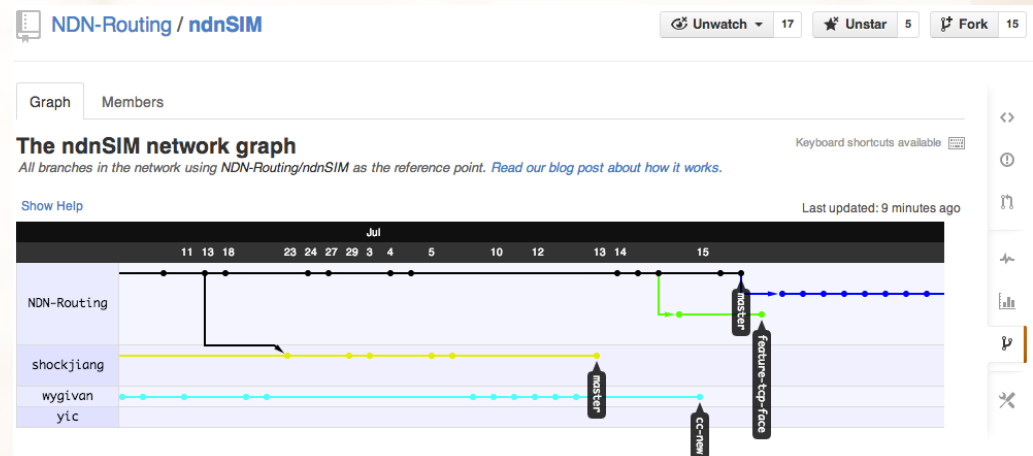
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Graph Members

### Members of the ndnSIM Network

NDN-Routing created ndnSIM and everyone else forked it. T

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Graph Members

### The ndnSIM network graph

All branches in the network using NDN-Routing/ndnSIM as the reference point. [Read our blog post about how it works.](#)

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Branch	Start Date	End Date	Notes
NDN-Routing	Jul 11	Jul 15	Master branch
shockjiang	Jul 18	Jul 29	Master branch
wygivan	Jul 11	Jul 15	Master branch
yic	Jul 11	Jul 15	Master branch
feature-icmp-face	Jul 13	Jul 15	Feature branch
ic-face	Jul 13	Jul 15	Feature branch



# ndnSIM usage scope trends

## (based on published papers and mailing list data)

- <http://ndnsim.net/ndnsim-research-papers.html#research-papers-that-use-ndnsim>
  - at least 5 published papers (by early adopters, excluding us) using ndnSIM
- Caching-related evaluation
  - various caching replacement policies, collaborative caching
- Congestion control related
  - TCP-like transfers (end-to-end, host-by-host)
  - queuing
- Mobile and vehicular environment evaluations
- DDoS-related evaluations
  - interest flooding (us)
  - content poisoning
- Forwarding strategy experimentation (us)
  - behavior in the presence of link failures, prefix black-holing
- Application-level evaluations (us)
  - exploration of ChronoSync protocol design



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branch: **master** ▾

## ndnSIM / AUTHORS



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# Getting started

- <http://ndnsim.net/getting-started.html>
- Works in OSX, Linux, FreeBSD
  - requires boost libraries  $\geq 1.46$
  - visualizer module need python and various python bindings
- Download
  - mkdir ndnSIM
  - cd ndnSIM
  - git clone git://github.com/cawka/ns-3-dev-ndnSIM.git ns-3
  - git clone git://github.com/cawka/pybindgen.git pybindgen
  - git clone git://github.com/NDN-Routing/ndnSIM.git ns-3/src/ndnSIM
- Build
  - ./waf configure --enable-examples
- Run examples
  - ./waf --run=ndn-grid
  - ./waf --run=ndn-grid --vis
  - other examples: <http://ndnsim.net/examples.html>

# ndnSIM Tutorial

- Organized by AsiaFI Summer School
- To be held online Friday August 9th
  - 13:30 Hong Kong
  - 7:30 Berlin
  - 22:30 Los Angeles (Aug 8th)
- Channel: TBD
  - Contact Prof. Jun Bi of Tsinghua



# Your feedback most appreciated!

- Try out ndnSIM and let us know your thought/comments/bug reports/new feature requests
- Join nsnSIM mailing list
  - <http://www.lists.cs.ucla.edu/mailman/listinfo/ndnsim>
- Contribute
  - issues on Github
    - <https://github.com/NDN-Routing/ndnSIM/issues?state=open>
  - fork and create pull requests on Github
  - issues in NDN redmine
    - <http://redmine.named-data.net/projects/ndnsim>

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