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## Governing Decentralized Complex Queries Through a DAO

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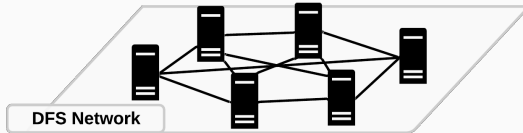
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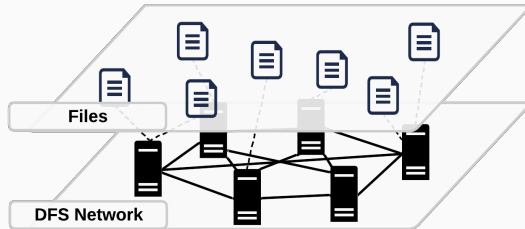


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DFS **P2P** network → IPFS is using **Content Based Addressing**, i.e. items are directly queried through the network rather than establishing a connection with a server

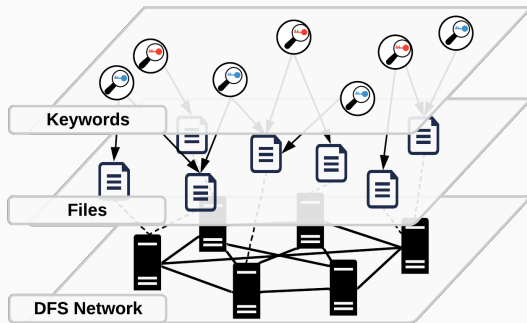


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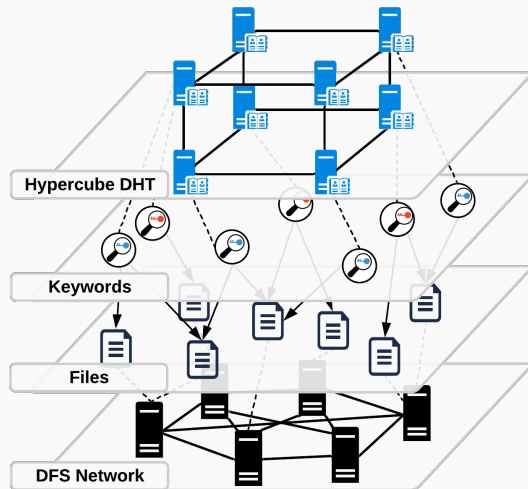
The P2P network that runs the IPFS protocol, stores and shares files in the form of **IPFS objects** that are identified by a **Content Identifier (CID)**, obtained through an hash function.

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We can **map keywords** to any IPFS Object  $o \in O$  using a keywords set  $K_o \subseteq W$  (keyword space  $W$ ).

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A DHT can be exploited to perform **multiple keyword based queries**. In particular one that takes the form of a  $r$ -dimensional hypercube  $H_r(V, E)$ .

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- E.g.:  $o = QmbW...MnR$ ,  $K = \{\text{"Wikipedia, Rome"}\}$   
 $h(\text{Wikipedia}) = 3$ ,  $h(\text{Rome}) = 5$   
 $K$  is represented by  $u = 000101 \Rightarrow$  **DHT stores (000101, QmbW...MnR)**

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- **Superset Search** -  $\{o \in O \mid K_o \supseteq K\}$

also gets objects that can be described by keywords sets that include  $K$

e.g. *superSetSearch*({*Wikipedia*, *Rome*}) = (000**101**,QmbW...MnR),  
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with a limit  $l$  of objects.

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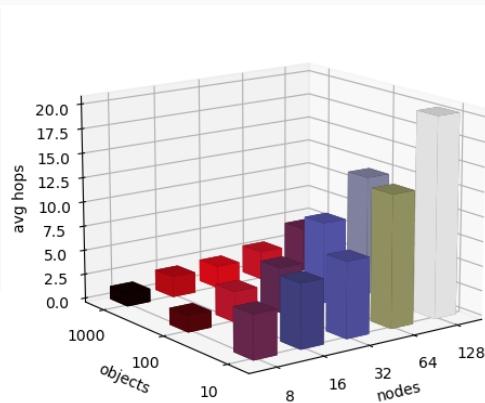
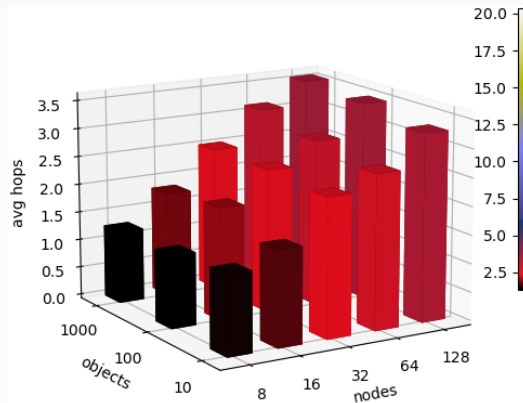
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- For each type of test → 50 repetitions

## Pin Search

## Superset Search



- order of the **logarithm** of the hypercube  
logical nodes number  $\rightarrow \frac{\log(n)}{2} = \frac{r}{2}$

- plus the average hops to get from the **re-  
sponsible node** to all the nodes that that  
include  $K$ , until the **limit**  $l$  is reached

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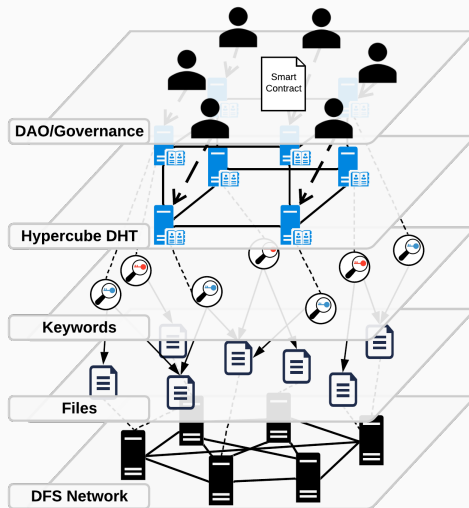
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- **General Voting** - This contract allows any member to make a **proposal** and gives everyone the opportunity to submit a suggestion to **vote** regarding that proposal. A member **vote weight** is proportional to the amount of tokens locked.  
For instance, DAO members can vote to transfer some staked tokens to a specific account in the case of issuing a bounty.

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- **Decentralized IPFS-search** - By monitoring the file addition logs, these nodes can download these newly added files and extract the metadata in order to obtain keywords that are then stored in the hypercube DHT with the associated CID.

## Gas cost

Smart Contract	Operation	Cost (gas)
ERC20	transfer()	51167
TokenTimelockProxy	lockTokens()	232024
TokenTimelock	release()	25626
Voting	submitProposal()	133501
Voting	submitSuggestion()	114523
Voting	vote()	142848
Voting	executeProposal()	56991

**Table 1:** DAO smart contracts operations cost in terms of gas.

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- **Future works** → “pay-per-query” model and load balancing with a more realistic content distribution.