

Complexity of ICANN : Structure, functions, and resources



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Problem

ICANN is recognized as the central institution involved in the governance of the global Internet.

This in-depth study contributes to the understanding of who participates in ICANN's decision-making process and how, examining in detail the internal structure of the organization.

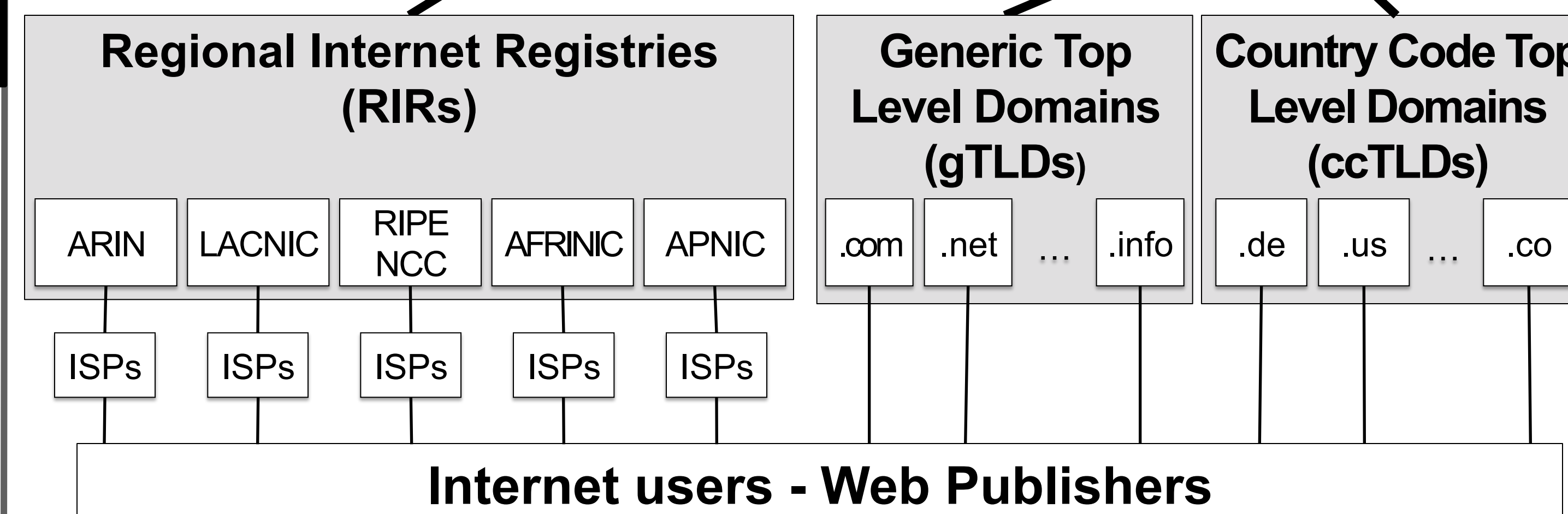
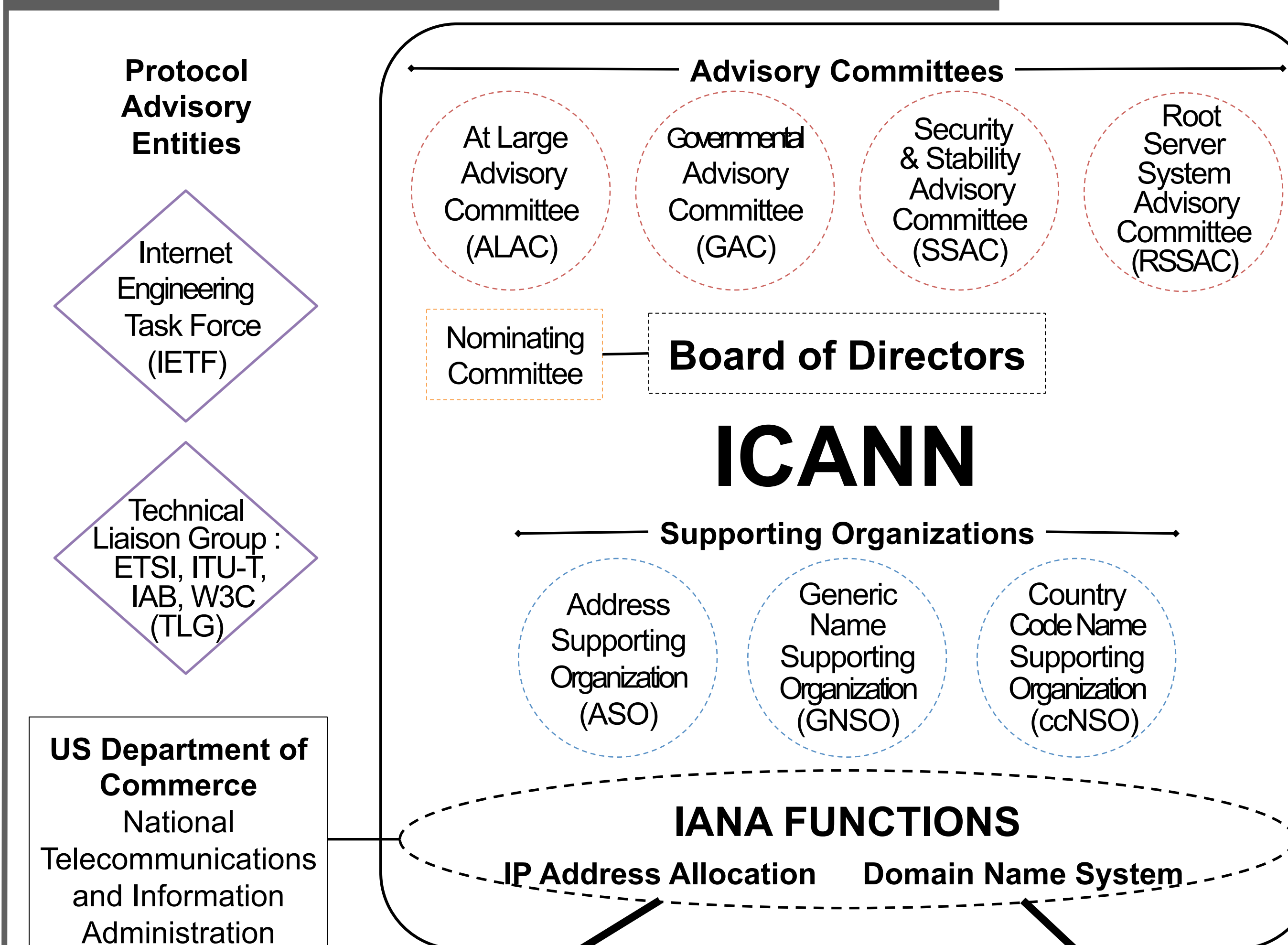
- How are the different constituencies represented and organized in ICANN internal structure, what is their role and how do they participate and influence ICANN decision-making process?
- What are ICANN's connections with the international system?
- What are the current contentions regarding ICANN and why?

Methods

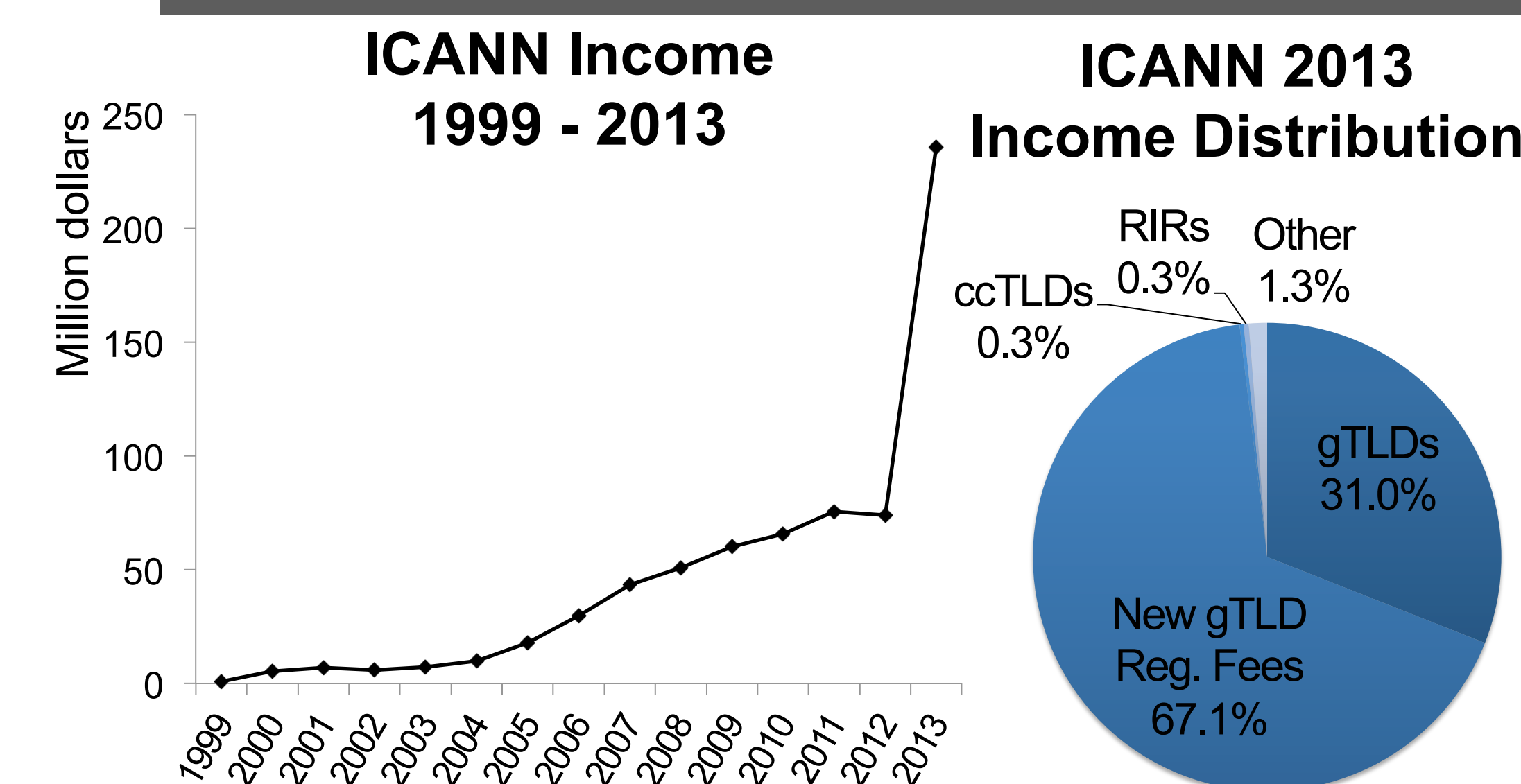
- Study based on the legal documents of ICANN: Bylaws, MoU, contracts and financial statements.
- For each internal body, the constitutional documents were compared to the declare structure published on the body's webpage.

The Research

ICANN governance structure



ICANN Income evolution



Results

The complexity comes from:

- Stakeholders do not have the same power.
- Resources are growing.
- Not all internal bodies were created at the same time.
- US DoC is the final source of authority for the IANA functions.
- Bylaws amended more than once a year.
- The Technical Liaison Group describe in the Bylaws since 2002, has not yet been formed to date.

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