

# PCE Path Profiles

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# Problem Statement

- PCC initiated paths cannot benefit from centralized path definition / management when relying on PCE centralized path computation
- PCE has limited ability to influence how a path that it initiates will be used

# Path Parameter Types

- Fully operational paths have two parameter types

Path computation parameters

Path usage parameters

- Path computation parameters

Determine path computation and/or path signaling (if using RSVP-TE)

Standard based

- Path usage parameters

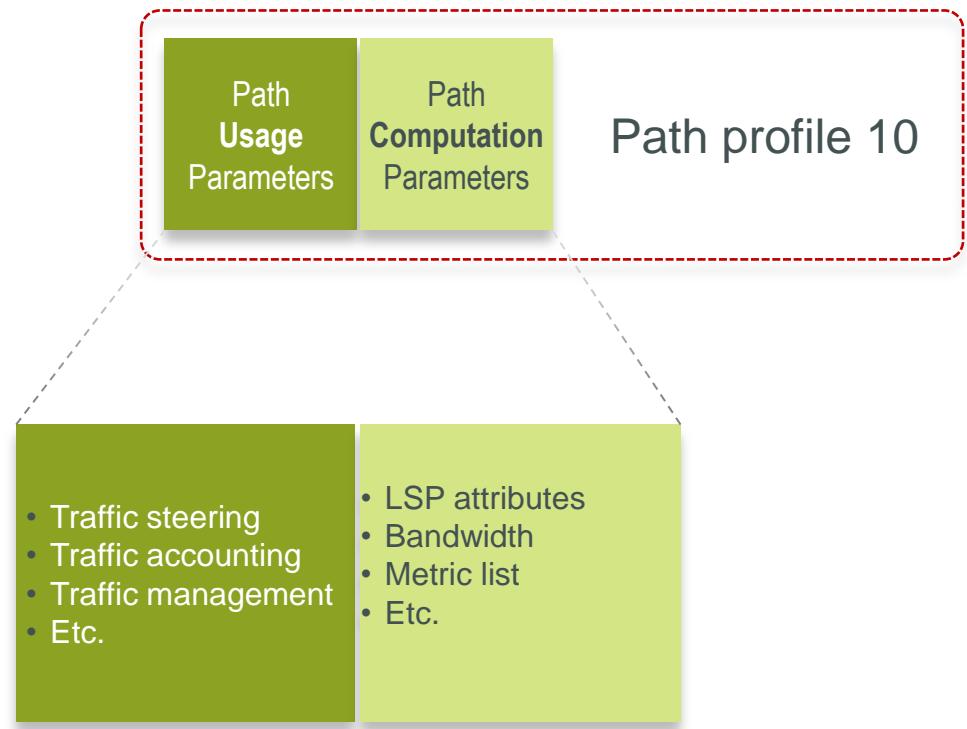
Determine local behaviors on path head end

Not necessarily standardized (locally significant)

- Path usage and path computation parameters may interact

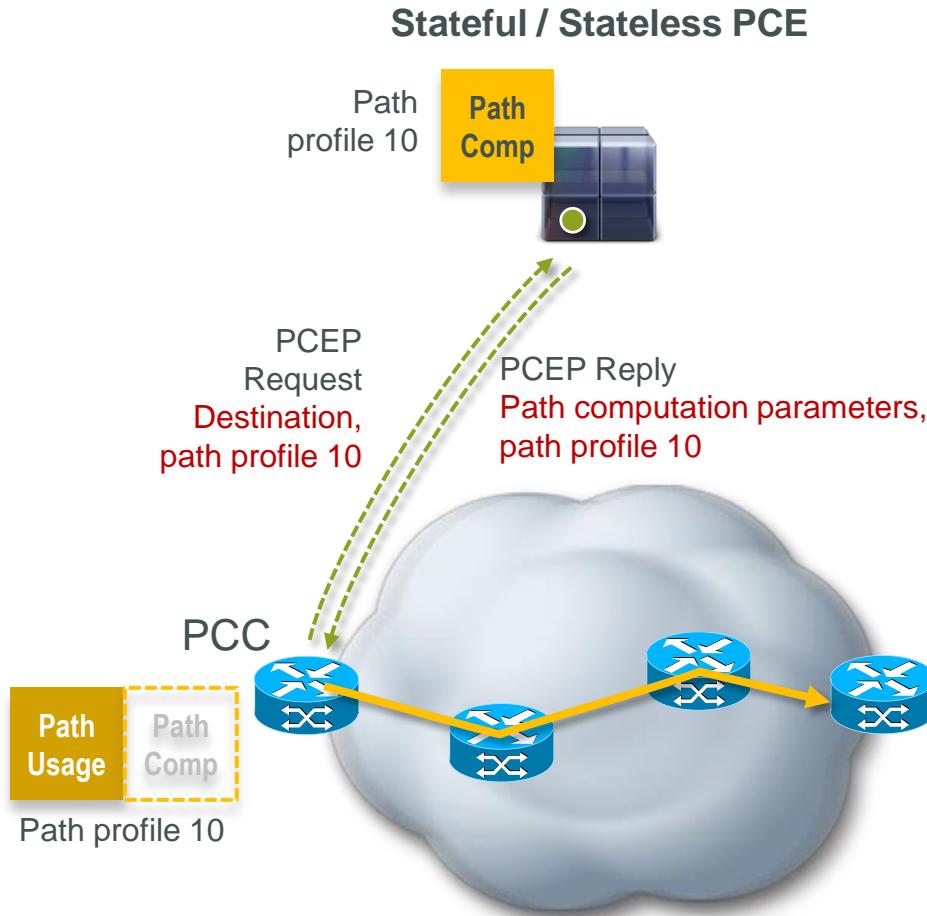
- Both parameters types apply to RSVP-TE signaled and Segment Routing TE paths

- A combination of path computation and path usage parameter values define a path profile

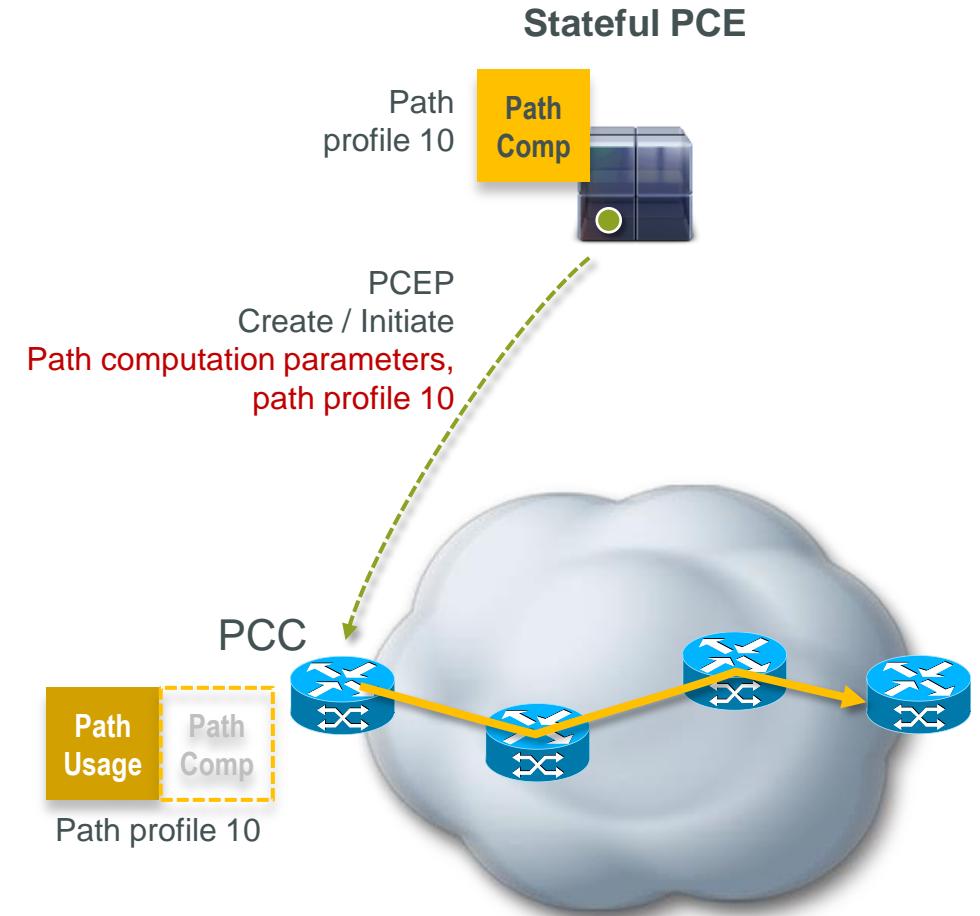


# Path Profiles in Use

## PCC-Initiated Paths



## PCE-Initiated Paths



# Next Steps

- Revise profile id space (32 bit?)
- Define optional TLVs to allow a PCE to influence some path usage parameters when initiating a path
- Add point-to-multipoint details and security considerations
- Comments?

# Thank you!