

# Advanced Unidirectional Route Assessment

## draft-amf-ippm-route-00

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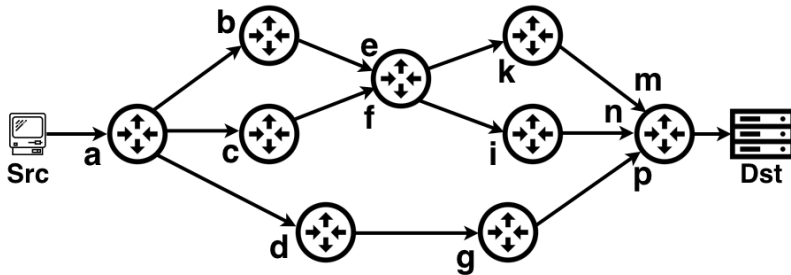
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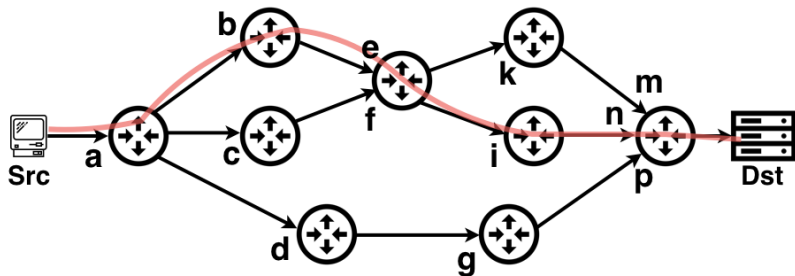
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- 1 new **route metric** (updates the section 5 of RFC2330)
- 2 **framework** for active and hybrid active-passive methods (Type I of RFC7799)
- 3 RTD measurements **statistics**

# Metric Definitions



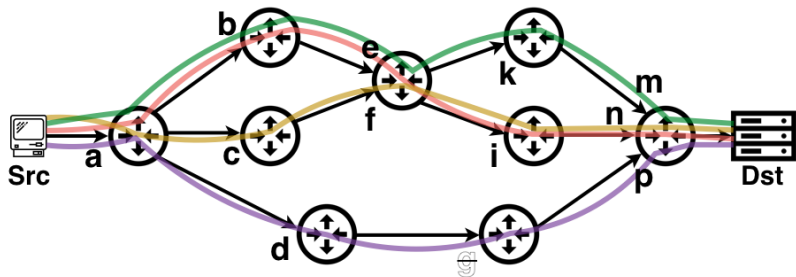
# Metric Definitions II



A particular flow from the **Src** to **Dst**:

`IP@Src, IP@Dst, port-Src, port-Dst, protocol {TCP,UDP,other}`

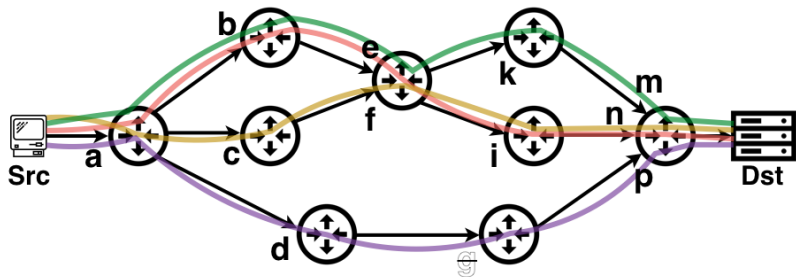
# Metric Definitions III



Basic concepts:

- Different flows from **Src** to **Dst**
- To measure **round trip delay** from **Src** to every intermediate hop  $i$ :  $T(i)$
- **Host identification**: IP (ingress interface for active measurements) or alternate identifier (ioam)
- **Discoverable**: host identifies himself according to RFC1122 ( $g$  does not decrement TTL, not discoverable)

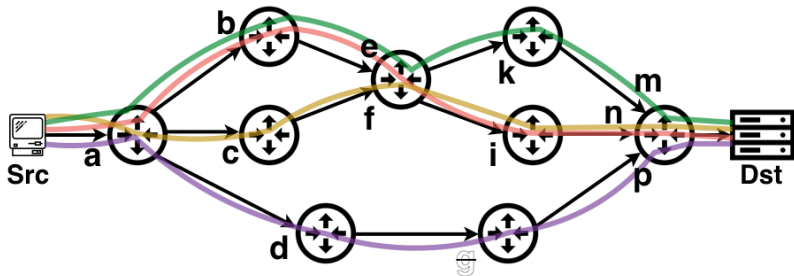
# Metric Definitions IV



*Route Member* =  $\{T(a), T(b), T(e), T(k), T(m), Dst\}$

*Route Ensemble* =  $\left\{ \begin{aligned} &\{T(a), T(b), T(e), T(i), T(n), Dst\}, \\ &\{T(a), T(b), T(e), T(k), T(m), Dst\}, \\ &\{T(a), T(c), *^1, T(i), T(n), Dst\}, \\ &\{T(a), T(d), T(p), Dst\} \end{aligned} \right\}$

# Metric Definitions V



*Route Member* =  $\{h(1, i), h(2, i), h(3, i), \dots, h(Ni, i) = Dst\}$

*Route Ensemble* =  $\left\{ \begin{aligned} &\{h(1, 1), h(2, 1), h(3, 1), \dots, h(N1, 1) = Dst\}, \\ &\{h(1, 2), h(2, 2), h(3, 2), \dots, h(N2, 2) = Dst\}, \\ &\vdots \\ &\{h(1, m), h(2, m), h(3, m), \dots, h(Nm, m) = Dst\} \end{aligned} \right\}$

- **Active** Methodologies (`traceroute`)
  - **Paris traceroute** (2006): flow-wise tool
  - **Scamper** (2010): CAIDA's traceroute tool<sup>2</sup>
  
- **Hybrid** Methodologies
  - `draft-brockners-inband-oam-data-05`: nodes can add timestamps and route information

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<sup>2</sup>Scamper also includes many other features.



Type-P-Route-Ensemble-Method-Variant packets should verify:

- TCP : (DSCP, Src, Dst, port-Src, port-Dst) constant  $\Rightarrow$  same flow
- UDP : (DSCP, Src, Dst, port-Src, port-Dst) constant  $\Rightarrow$  same flow  
*backward path*: (UDP checksum) constant  $\Rightarrow$  ICMP  
time-exceeded
- ICMP : (data field) compensates TTL and IP checksum


# Route Round-Trip Delay Measurement Goals

- **Intercontinental** submarine links<sup>3</sup>
- **Satellite** communications<sup>2</sup>
- **Congestion**<sup>4</sup>
- **Interdomain** paths<sup>5</sup>

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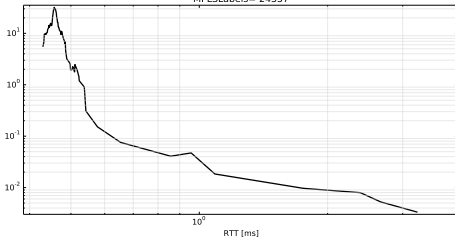
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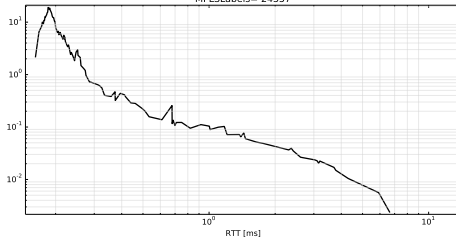
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# RTD Measurements Statistics

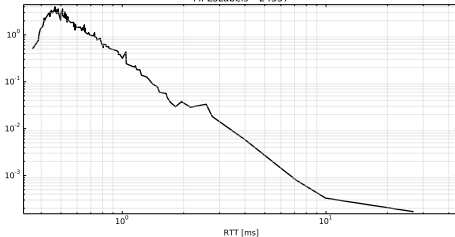
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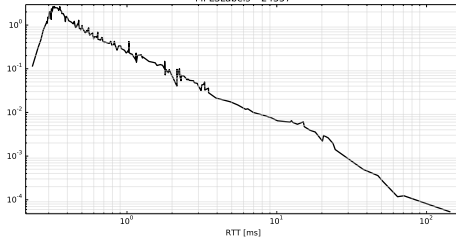
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Heavy tailed queues!



- `traceroute`: a Paris-traceroute<sup>6</sup>-like tool
- **quantiles** for each hop (min, Q1, Q2, Q3, max)
- The P2<sup>7</sup> algorithm computes quantiles **online**

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<sup>6</sup> Augustin, Brice, et al. "Avoiding traceroute anomalies with Paris traceroute." Proceedings of the 6th ACM SIGCOMM conference on Internet measurement. ACM, 2006.

<sup>7</sup> Jain, Raj, and Imrich Chlamtac. "The P 2 algorithm for dynamic calculation of quantiles and histograms without storing observations." Communications of the ACM 28.10 (1985): 1076-1085. 

# RTD Measurements Statistics III

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1  input:   W (window time of the measurement)
2             i_t (time between two measurements)
3             E (True: exhaustive , False: a single path)
4             Dst (destination IP address)
5  output: Qs (quantiles for every hop and alt in the
                path(s) to Dst)
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6  T <? start_timer(W)
7  while T is not finished do:
8  |      start_timer(i_t)
9  |      RTD(hop, alt) = advanced-traceroute(Dst, E)
10 |      for each hop and alt in RTD do:
11 |          |      Qs[Dst, hop, alt] <? ComputeQs(RTD(hop, alt))
12 |          done
13 |          wait until i_t timer is expired
14 done
15 return (Qs)
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Feedback on ippm mailing list (Rüdiger Geib - thank you)!

- 1 **Incorporate** Standards terms from **RFC 2119**
- 2 **Define** the term **Discoverable Host** (RFC 1122 to start)
- 3 **Methodologies**: make clear what **parallelism** can be detected (e.g., parallel hosts at same hop) and what parallelism cannot (e.g., parallel links).
- 4 **Distinguish** methods by their **coverage** (single/multi-domain)
- 5 More on **how** different **methods** can be **combined**
- 6 **Security** considerations of **changing fields to keep checksum constant**<sup>8</sup>, and in-situ OAM.
- 7 Several areas to **discuss** between the **route metric** and **in-situ OAM** teams: primarily impact on checksum after in-situ headers have been removed.
- 8 More feedback welcome.

<sup>8</sup>not seen as an issue for active measurements

<http://tools.ietf.org/html/draft-amf-ippm-route-00>

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