Next steps for NWCRG (for discussion)

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What has been done so far / milestones

• NWCRG restarted at IETF 99 – Prague – 2017-07, arrival of Marie-José

Milestones

Date + Milestone

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Milestones https://datatracker.ietf.org/group/nwcrg/about/

- "NC taxonomy" RFC 8406 published
- Existing NC solutions (code + basic protocol if applicable)
 - RLC sliding window FEC published (rfc 8680/8681/8682, TSVWG)
 - BATS: active I-D
 - RLNC: abandoned by the authors (code-on IPR status unclear although they officially claimed there's nothing)
 - Tetrys: active I-D
- Draft: NC and QUIC
 - two active I-Ds (see later)
- Draft: NC and satellite: an overview and associated research challenges
 - almost done (IESG review)
- Draft: Common coding API
 - SWIF codec on progress (hackathon)
 - common API I-D (could be reactivated)

Milestones (2) https://datatracker.ietf.org/group/nwcrg/about/

- Draft: NC adoption challenges
 - a good start: github nwcrg repository includes "eight simple ideas to start understanding FEC and Network Coding for newcomers"
 See: https://github.com/irtf-nwcrg/rg-materials
- Draft: NC and Congestion Control
 - RG item I-D on progress
- Draft: NC and ICN: an overview and associated research challenges
 - active RG item I-D (LC expected)
- Draft: NC and robust tunnelling
 - no, but could have been done in LOOPS

What's next? Chairs' proposal (TBD)

- Where is NC research going?
 - Focus on a global solution, coding being only a subset of it
 - o ... for efficient communications
 - ... for efficient storage
 - Congestion control / flow control are good examples
- We (chairs) suggest:
 - to adopt as RG-item most/all remaining I-Ds
 - to publish them (Informational RFCs)
 - o and close the group (in one year from now?)

Particular cases

- FEC for QUIC
 - QUIC WG already 1.5 year behind schedule!
 - cannot wait to transfer I-Ds to the WG
 - instead: publish I-Ds almost "as is", with the risk of requiring technical adjustments to reflect QUIC evolution