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(54) **SCALABLE NETWORK LATENCY MEASUREMENT DESIGN IN DISTRIBUTED STORAGE SYSTEMS**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

The disclosure provides a method for measuring network latency between hosts in a cluster. The method generally includes receiving, by a first host, a first ping list indicating the first host is to engage in a first ping round with a second host; executing the first ping round with the second host, wherein executing the first ping round comprises: transmitting first ping requests to the second host; calculating a network latency for each of the first ping requests; and determining a first average network latency between the first host and the second host based on each of the network latencies calculated; determining the first average network latency is above a threshold; determining a cause of the first average network latency being above the threshold; and selectively triggering or not triggering an alarm based on whether the cause is determined to be a hardware or software layer impact, or neither.