

Multipath bonding at Layer 3

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measurement and architecture for a middleboxed internet

measurement

architecture

experimentation



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Overview



- **Motivation**

Operator's demand for aggregation of DSL and mobile capacity

- **Layer 3 Bonding Solution**

Architecture and Scheduling Algorithm

- **Implementation**

Packet mangling, scheduling, and re-ordering

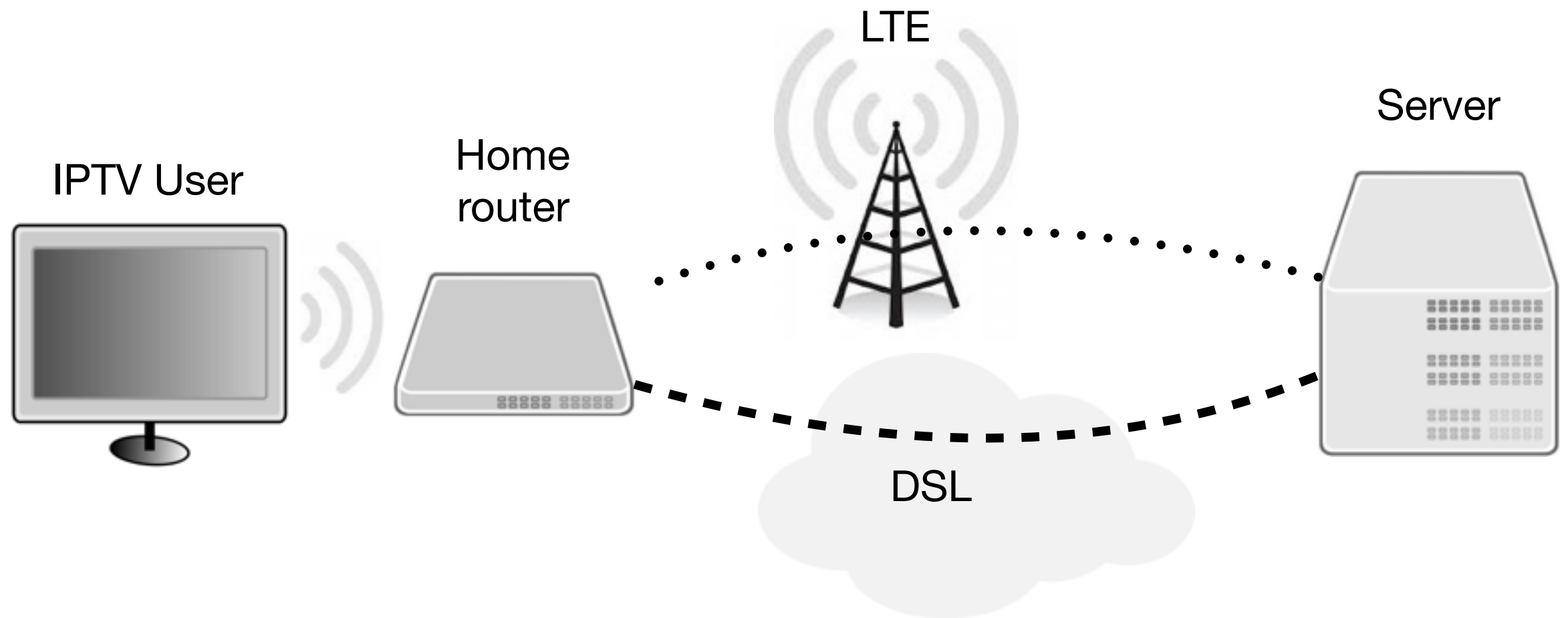
- **Evaluation**

Single Flow and TCP cross traffic

- **Conclusion**

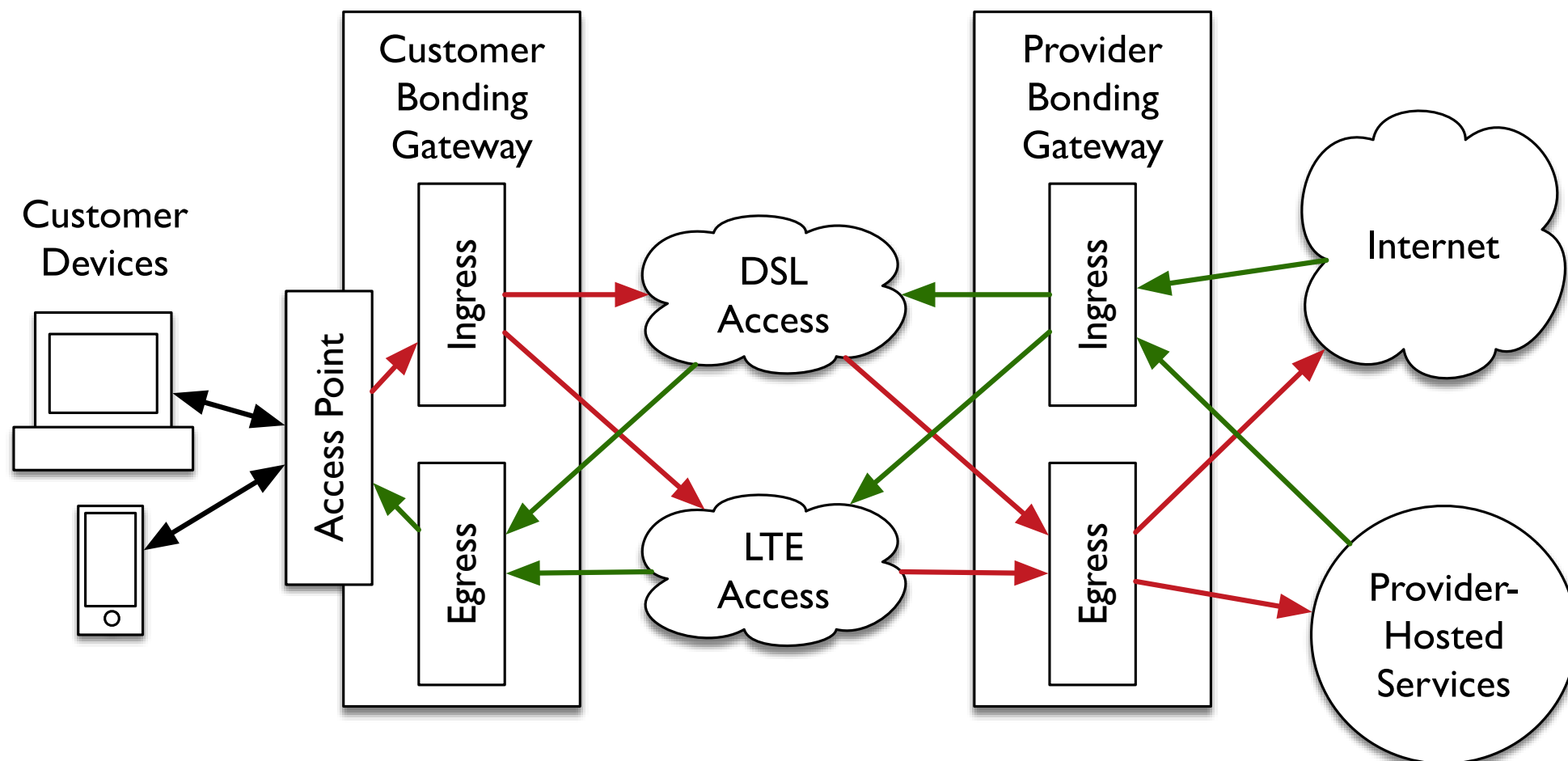
Works but further work needed....!

Motivation: Aggregation of DSL and mobile capacity



- DSL capacity is not sufficient to e.g. serve HD video service
- MPTCP proxy only suitable for TCP traffic

Bonding Architecture: Customer and Provider Bondings Gateways



- **Ingress:** accepts traffic, schedules transmission & adds SEQ#
- **Egress:** takes traffic from bonding interface, re-orders & strips SEQ#, sends loss report to ingress

Scheduling Algorithm: Adaptive Weight Increment (AWI)




Goal: fill fixed link first, use mobile link for excess traffic demand only

AWI using Weighted Round Robin (WRR)

- fixed weight for fixed line: $w_{fixed} = 50$
- dynamic calculation for mobile line (initially $w_{mobile} = 0$):

$$w_{mobile} += k * \frac{pkt_{lost}}{pkt_{sent}} * w_{fixed}$$

 control parameter

Scheduling Algorithm: Initial Weight Increment (IWI)



Goal: react quickly when congestion is arising

If $w_{mobile} = 0$ & loss is reported:

increases w_{mobile} by the number of lost packets

Note: w_{mobile} is clamped to a maximum value $w_{mobilemax} = 50$

Scheduling Algorithm: Delayed Weight Decrement (DWD)



Goal: shift load back to the fixed line without inducing loss by shifting the load too quickly

If no loss reported for T_{dwd} :

decrement w_{mobile} by one for each interval $T_{report} = 50ms$

Note: We investigate different values for T_{dwd} but it must be a multiple of T_{report} (as loss reports are only received every T_{report} milliseconds)

Implementation: Bonding Ingress



intercepts packets using Netfilter queues (in `OUTPUT` chain) and forward to userspace

- **Packet Mangling**
 - Control packets from the egress (loss reports) will be discarded
 - Data packets: sequence number added & forwarded for scheduling
 - Generic Routing Encapsulation (GRE) Sequence Number and Key fields could be used
- **Scheduling**
 - Decides about netfilter mark (`fwmark`) to map data packet to the right output queue using `iptables`
 - Counts the number of packets sent on each interface (*pkt_{sent}*)

Implementation: Bonding Egress



intercepts all incoming UDP packets using Netfilter queues (in PREROUTING chain)

- **Re-ordering**

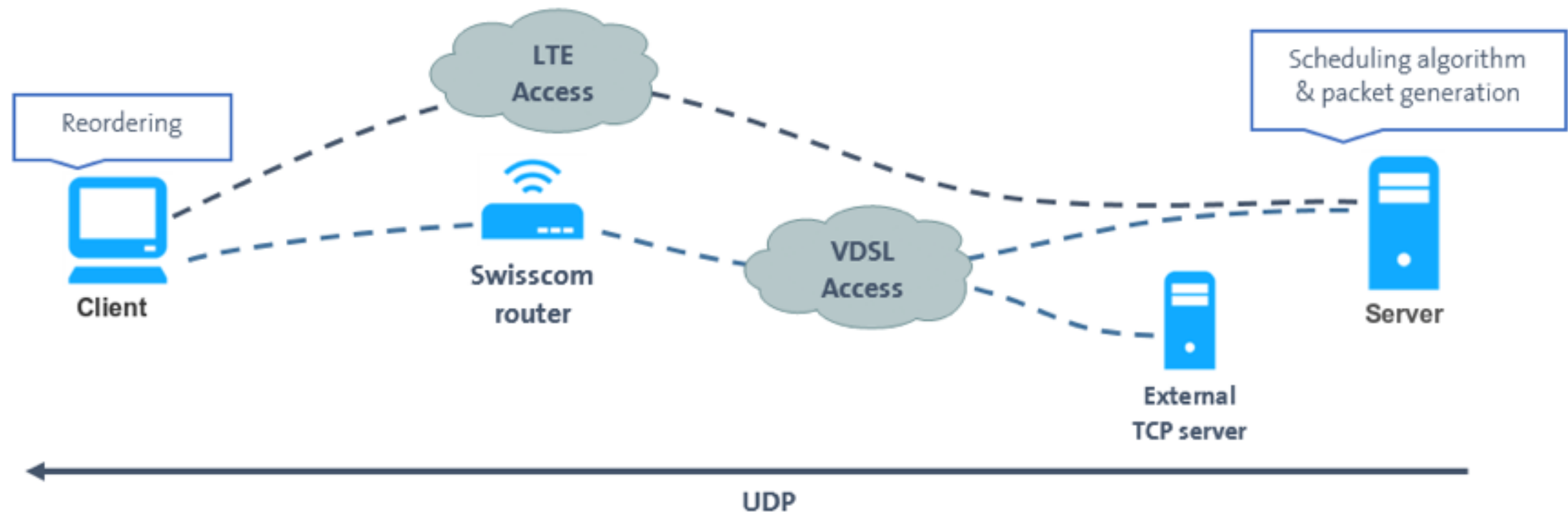
1. New packet received:

- **forward** packet directly *if* $SEQ\# = last_accepted + 1$ (or the first of a new flow) and update `last_accepted`
- **enqueue** packet *if* $SEQ\# > last_accepted + 1$ (and remember timestamp)
- **discard** packet *if* $SEQ\# < last_accepted + 1$ (as it has been assumed to be lost)

2. Further check other packets in queue (and update `last_accepted`):

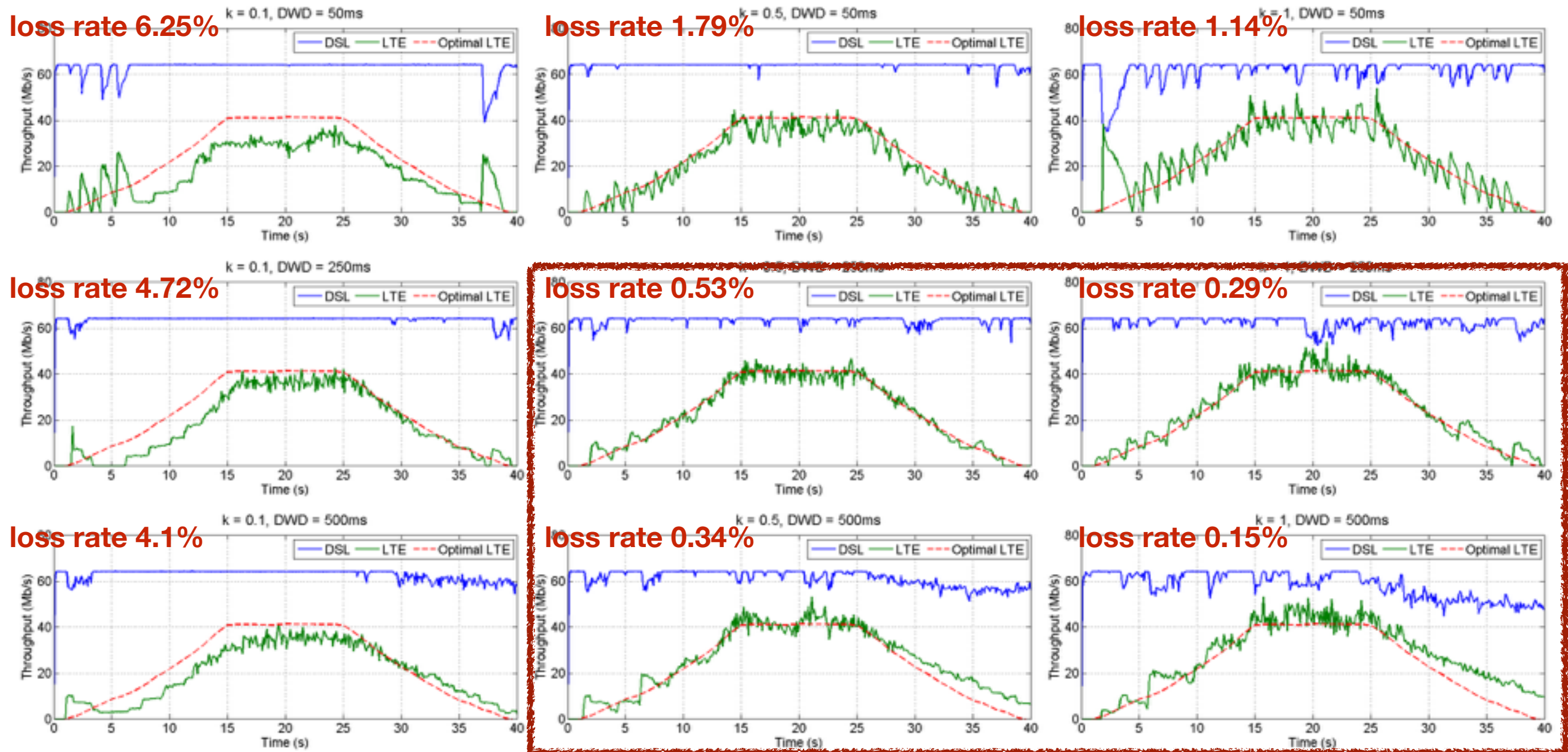
- **forward** first packet in queue *if now* $last_accepted + 1 = SEQ\#$ of queued one
- **forward** also *if now* $- Tdwd > timestamp$ (missing packet is assumed to be lost)

Evaluation: Experimental setup



- Two Linux Debian Wheezy machines (client & server)
- 1492 bytes UDP packets (28 bytes UDP/IPv4 header, 4 bytes for SEQ#, and 1460 bytes of dummy payload)
- TCP cross traffic: file transfer from a public server (cdimage.debian.org) with 50ms to client
- DSL link is shaped to a maximum rate of 64 Mb/s and stable 13ms delay (measured)
- Swisscom's Huawei E3276s LTE stick with about 60Mb/s (and variable delay of 25 - 45ms)

Evaluation: Results for a single flow



➔ k and T_{dwd} provide trade-off between aggressiveness and responsibility

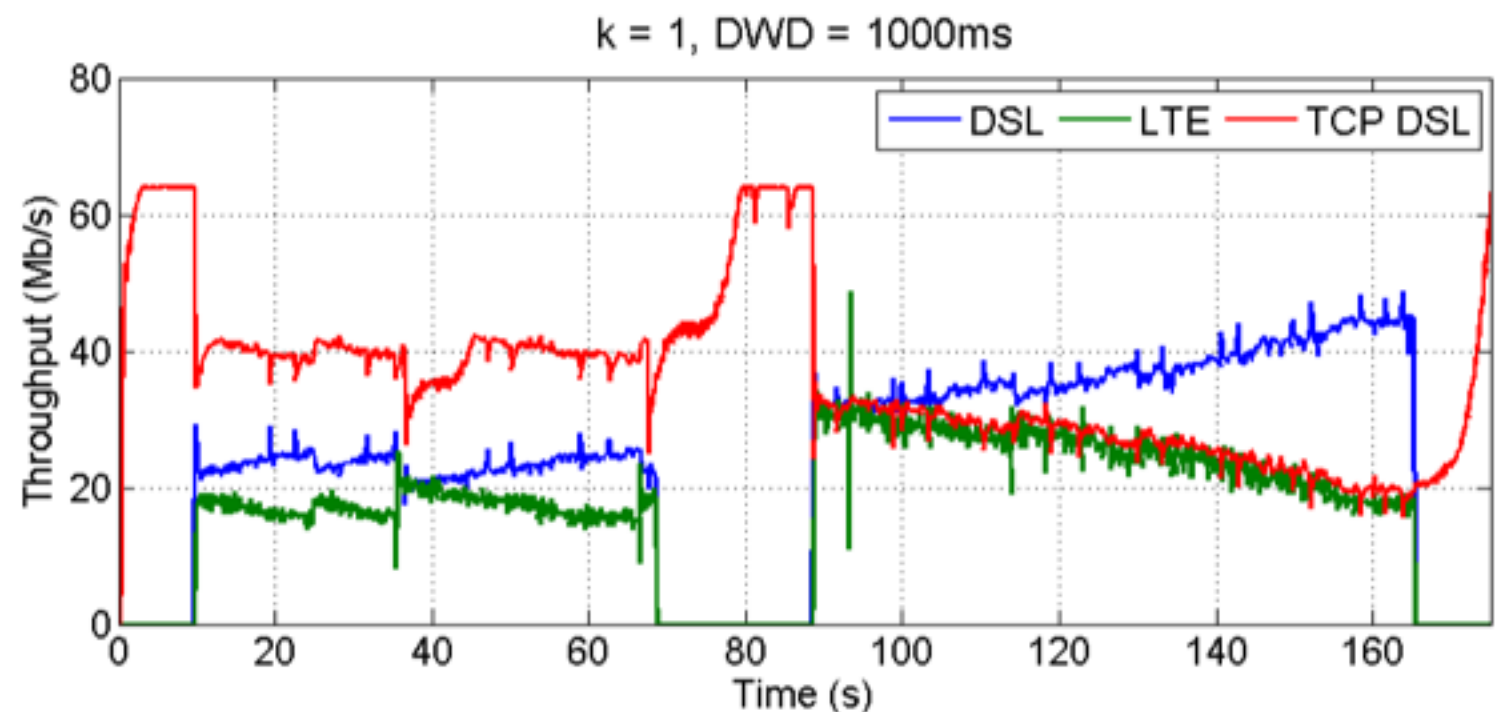
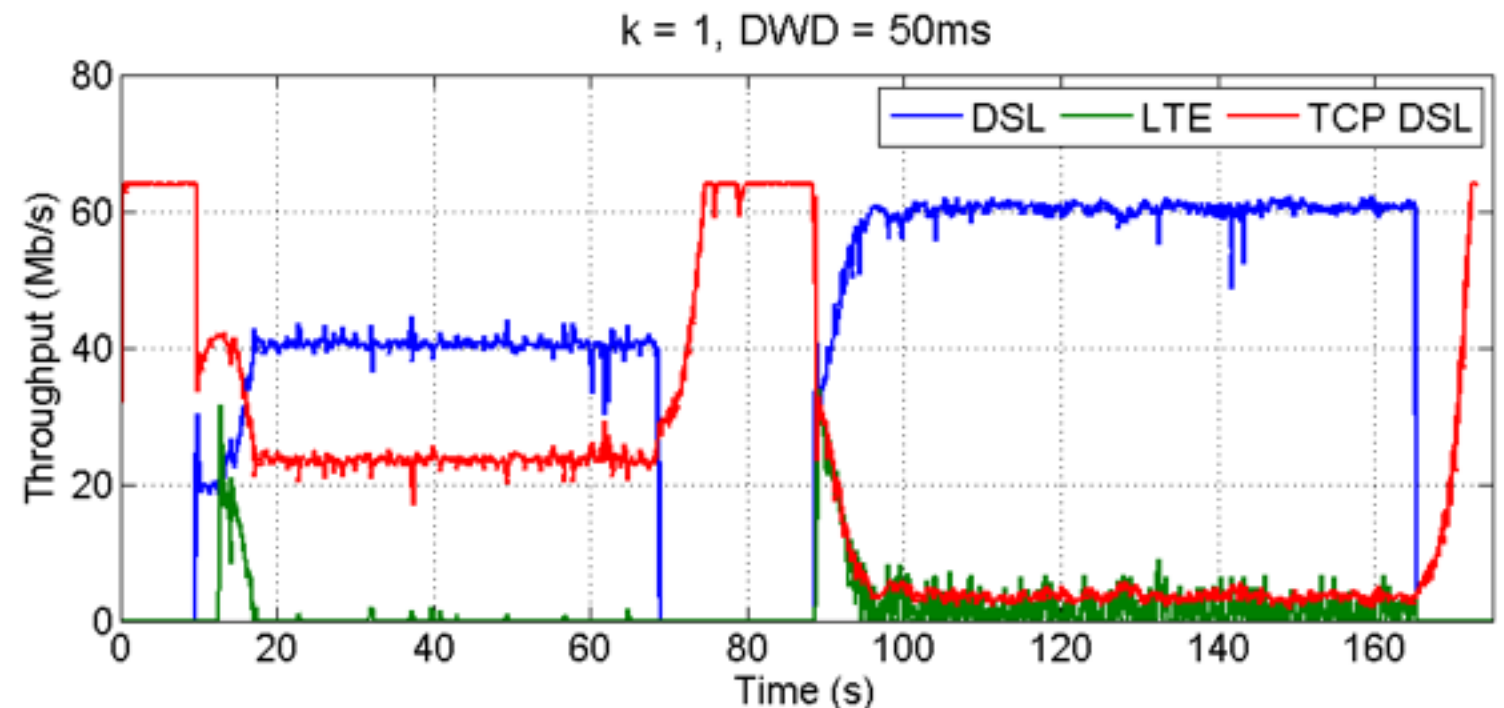
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Results with TCP cross traffic



- $T_{dwd} = 50ms$: TCP flow only gets spare capacity
- $T_{dwd} = 1000ms$: UDP traffic permanently shifted to mobile link

➔ Operator can decide how TCP-friendly the algorithm should be



Conclusion



- **Goal:** Aggregation of DSL and mobile capacity
- Layer 3 bonding solution
 - Ingress: Packet mangling (SEQ#) and scheduling that adapts w_{mobile} dynamically
 - Egress: Re-ordering buffer
- Evaluation of parameters k and T_{dwd}
 - Trade-off between aggressiveness and responsibility
- **Future Work**
 - Interoperation with presently deployed MPTCP proxies
 - Middelbox cooperation to indicate if re-ordering sensitivity

Evaluation

Results for a multiple UPD flows

