

WP3: Middlebox Cooperation

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measurement and architecture for a middleboxed internet

measurement

architecture

experimentation

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WP3 Tasks Overview

T3.1: Use Case Analysis and Requirement Definition (M1 - M6)

T3.2: Design of the MCP (M7 - M24)

T3.3: Design of a flexible cooperative transport layer (M7 - M36)

T3.4: Implementation and Testing (M9 - M36)

T3.5: Threat and Trust Analysis for Middlebox Cooperation (M1 - M36)

May include a GANTT chart snippet here



Overview - Who did what?

Partner	Task 3.1 Use Cases	Task 3.2 MCP Design	Task 3.3 FTL Design	Task 3.4 Implementation and Testing	Task 3.5 Threat and Trust Analysis
ETH	✓	✓	✓	✓	
TID	✓	✓			✓
UoA		✓	✓		
ZHAW	✓			✓	✓
ALU (Nokia)	✓		✓	✓	✓



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Deliverables Summary

D3.1	Use Case Analysis and Requirements
D3.2	Design of the MCP
D3.3	Design of a flexible cooperative transport layer



WP3 activities in the reporting period

- Endpoint and **Middlebox Cooperation Protocol (MCP)**
 - Implementation of protocols and protocol extensions
- A New **Transport API**
- **Flexible Transport Layer (FTL)**
 - Implementation of protocols and protocol extensions
- **Security Analysis and Manageability**



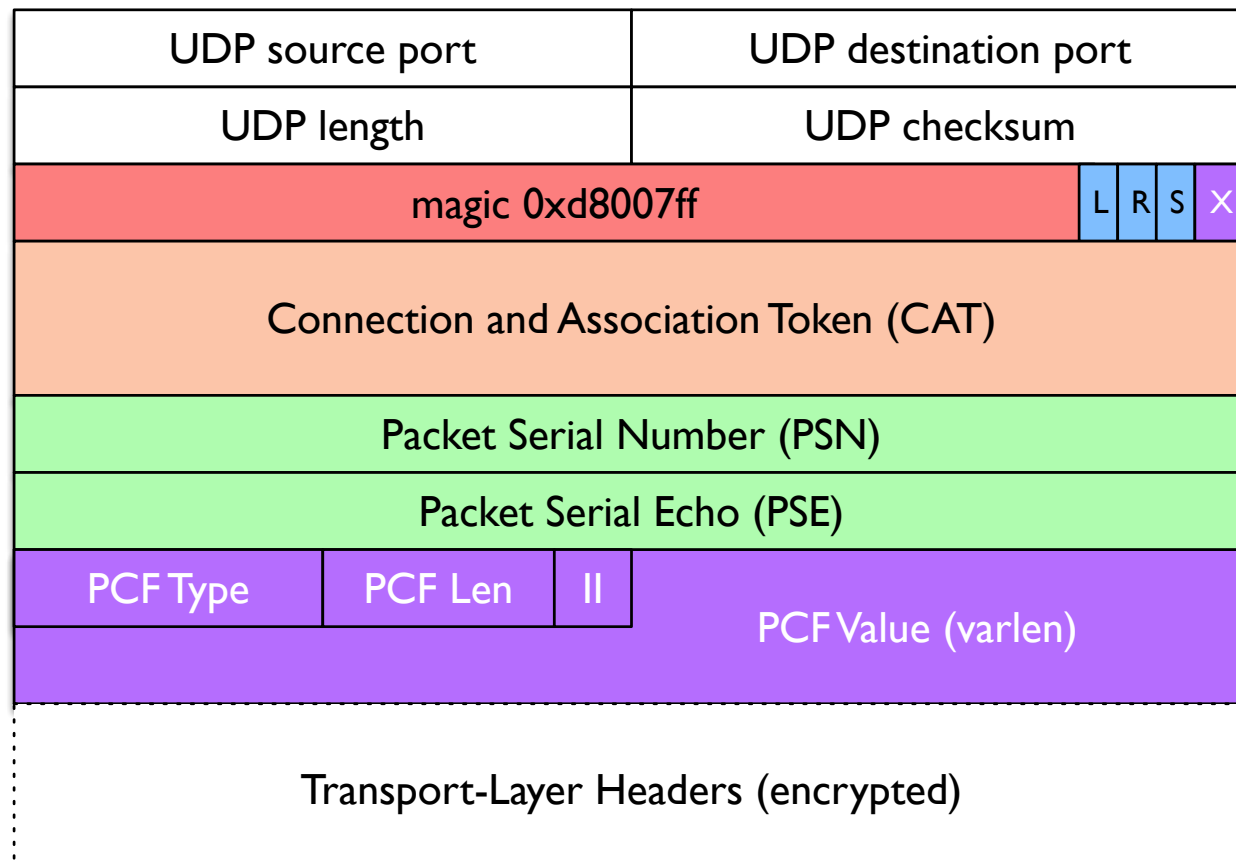
Middlebox Cooperation Concept

- An endpoint should be able to explicitly expose any signals used by on-path devices.
- An endpoint should be able to request signals from devices on the path.
- An on-path device should not be able to forge, change, or remove a signal sent by an endpoint.
- The endpoint should control signaling.
- It should be possible for an endpoint to request and receive signals from a previously unknown on-path device.
- There should be no significant surface for amplification attacks.



PLUS

D3.2 includes a consistent spec for middlebox cooperation





PLUS in IETF

Initial specification contributed to IETF PLUS design:

draft-trammell-spud-req (expired)

draft-trammell-plus-abstract-mech (expired)

draft-trammell-plus-statefulness (expired)

draft-trammell-plus-spec (expired)

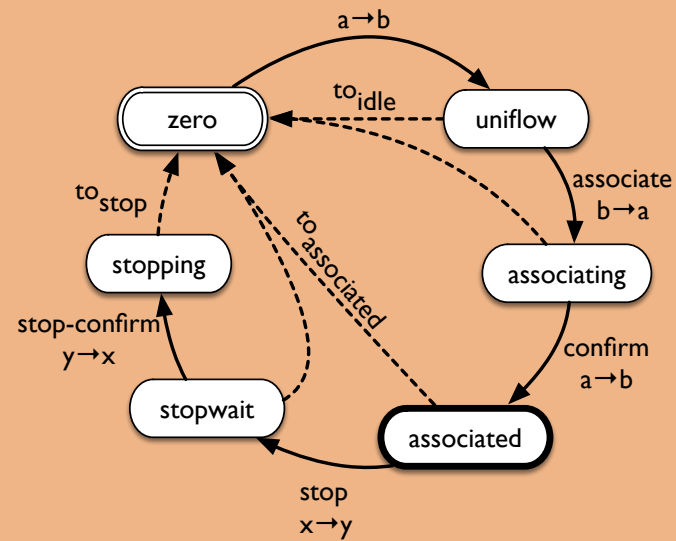
PLUS work stagnated in the IETF

Concerns that a generic metadata exposure protocol could be used to force metadata injection on endpoints

We do not expect deployment of PLUS as specified in D3.2



PLUS state machine



TEXT ON HOW THIS FINISHED



QUIC in IETF

Google proposed a new protocol web transport (**QUIC**)

Work adopted as an IETF activity in 2017

All energy in transport/web space going into QUIC, which will actually deploy at scale in the near term (2019)



PLUS and QUIC in MAMI

MAMI adopted a broader focus on middlebox cooperation

MAMI has shown concepts can be applied to other protocols

Mechanisms using UDP

Exploring mechanisms with QUIC

IETF applicability and manageability documents for QUIC

draft-ietf-quic-manageability (*expected to be published 2019*)

draft-ietf-quic-applicability (*expected to be published 2019*)

draft-trammell-quic-spin (Consensus to be incorporated in QUIC)

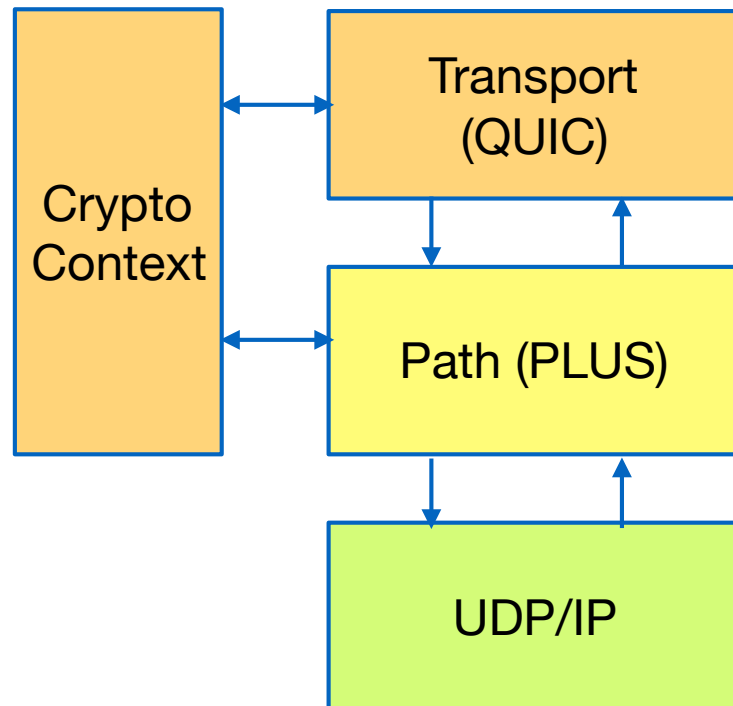
draft-trammell-wire-image (Progressing as draft-iab-wire-image)

draft-trammell-privsec-defeating-tcpip-meta (*expired*)



PLUS Reference Implementation

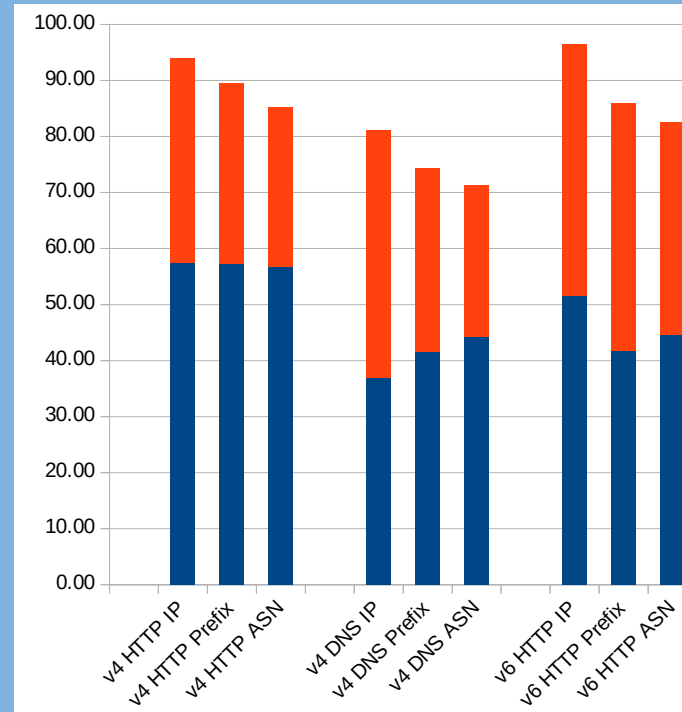
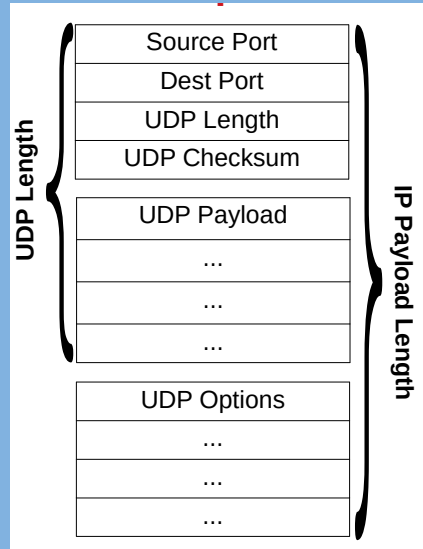
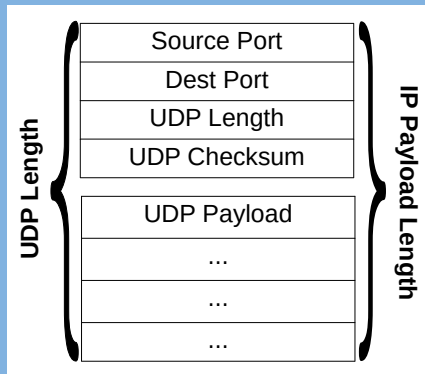
QUIC GUIC



- QUIC spec expected Nov 2019
- Google's QUIC (GUIC) is the best we had for experimentation
- MAMI completed a software implementation in fd.io
- fd.io testbed built
- Experimentation in WP2



A Transport Stack with UDP Options

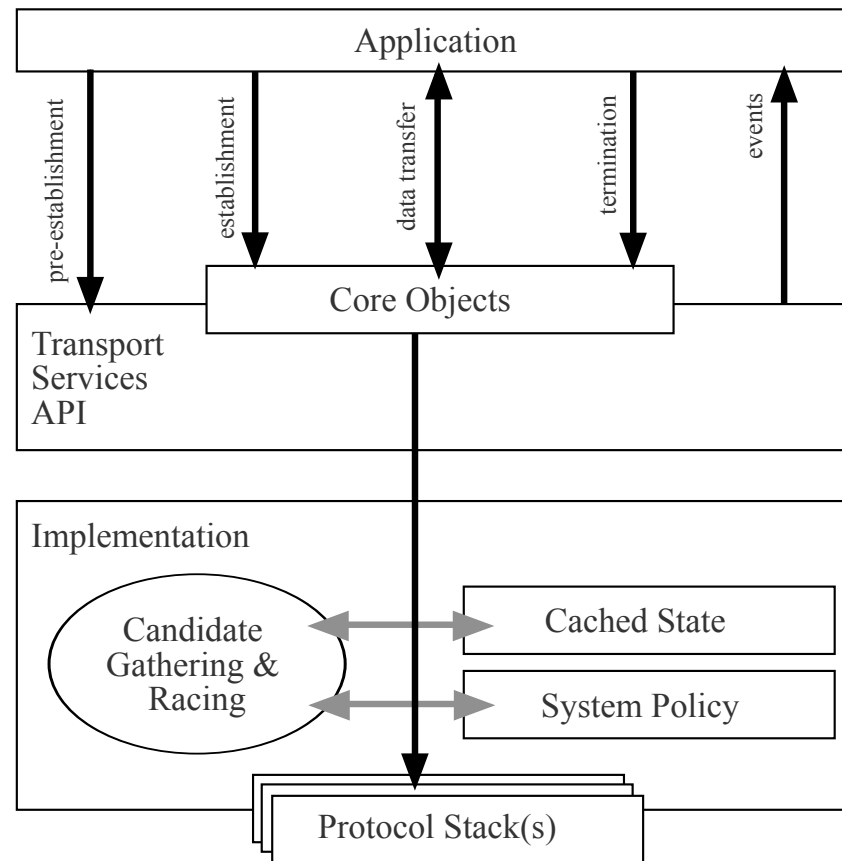


- UDP-O provides a way to add meta-information to UDP flows
- Open source reference implementation on the FreeBSD
- [draft-fairhurst-udp-options-cco](#)

CCO



Standards-based Abstract Interface for Transport Services (TAPS)



Definition of ***unified*** (abstract) API independent of protocol
Fallback and connection racing mechanisms



API Specifications: MAMI Documents

Inputs: Post Sockets (see D3.2; Other IETF Participants: EU NEAT Project; Apple; TU Berlin)

API/transport state-of-the-art

IETF Transport Services (*published as RFC 8095*)

draft-ietf-taps-transports-usage-udp (*published as RFC 8304*)

API/transport evolution contributions

draft-kuehlewind-taps-crypto-sep (*contribution to WG*)

draft-trammell-taps-post-sockets (*contribution to WG*)

API/transport evolution work items

draft-ietf-taps-arch (*expected to be published 2019*)

draft-ietf-taps-impl (*expected to be published 2019*)

draft-ietf-taps-interface (*expected to be published 2019*)



A Flexible Transport Layer (FTL)

Transport / Network Signaling Mechanisms

- Explicit Sender-to-Path Signaling
- Explicit Path-to-Sender Signaling



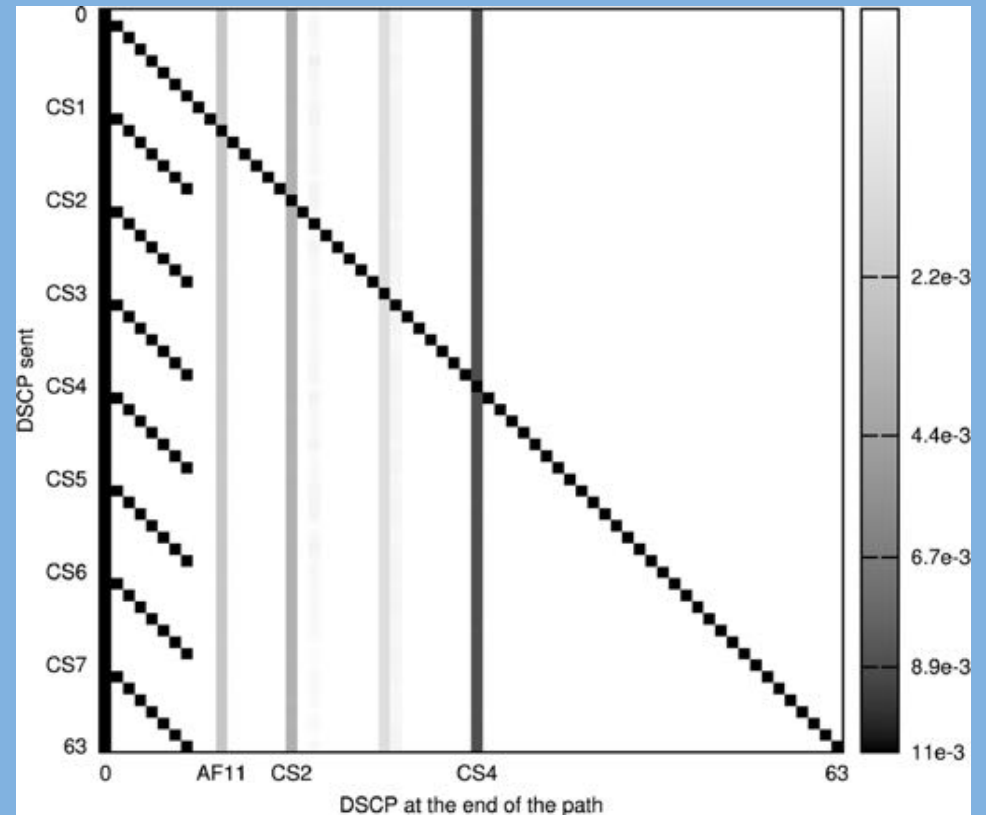
Transport / Network Signaling Mechanisms: Explicit Sender-to-Path Signaling

- Differentiated Services Code Point (DSCP)
- ACME STAR
- The LoLa Signaling Mechanism
- Explicit Support for Passive Latency Measurement in QUIC



Explicit Sender-to-Path Signaling: Differentiated Services Code Point (DSCP)

Problem; contribution; inputs





Explicit Sender-to-Path Signaling: ACME STAR

Small words only?

draft-mavrogiannopoulos-tls-cid

draft-ietf-acme-star *(adopted)*

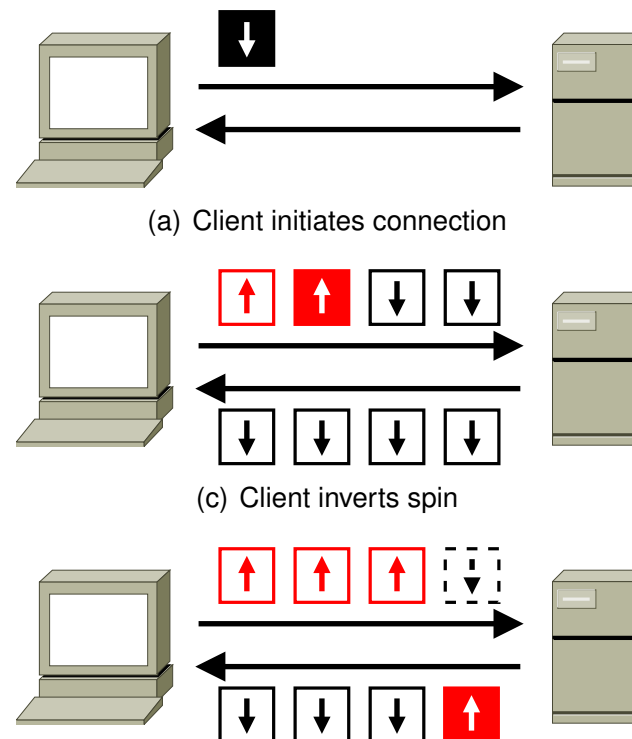


Explicit Sender-to-Path Signaling: The LoLa Signaling Mechanism

- Low Latency Low Loss Tradeoff
- draft-you-tsvwg-latency-loss-tradeoff (expired)
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Explicit Sender-to-Path Signaling: Passive Latency Measurement in QUIC

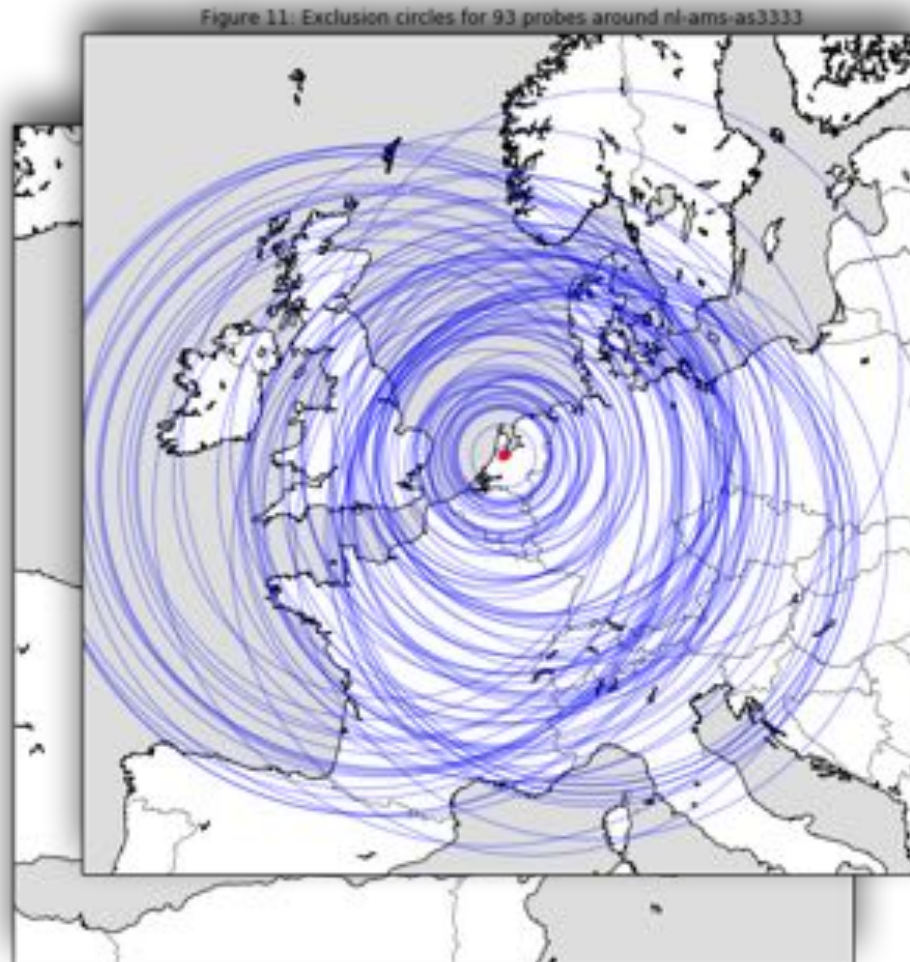


- Extensions to QUIC wire image to support measurability
- In-network support for supporting network operations
- In-network support for managing low latency



Is RTT exposure to the path a threat to geoprivacy?

No.



- $\min(\text{rtt})$ from Atlas anchoring measurements, fiber lightspeed assumption



SPIN in QUIC

IETF Contributions

draft-trammell-privsec-defeating-tcpip-meta (*expired*)

RTT exposure privacy analysis to QUIC RTT design team:

github.com/britram/trilateration

draft-trammell-quic-spin-03 (see below)

draft-trammell-ippm-spin (*active*)

Simple extension to QUIC adopted for QUIC v 1



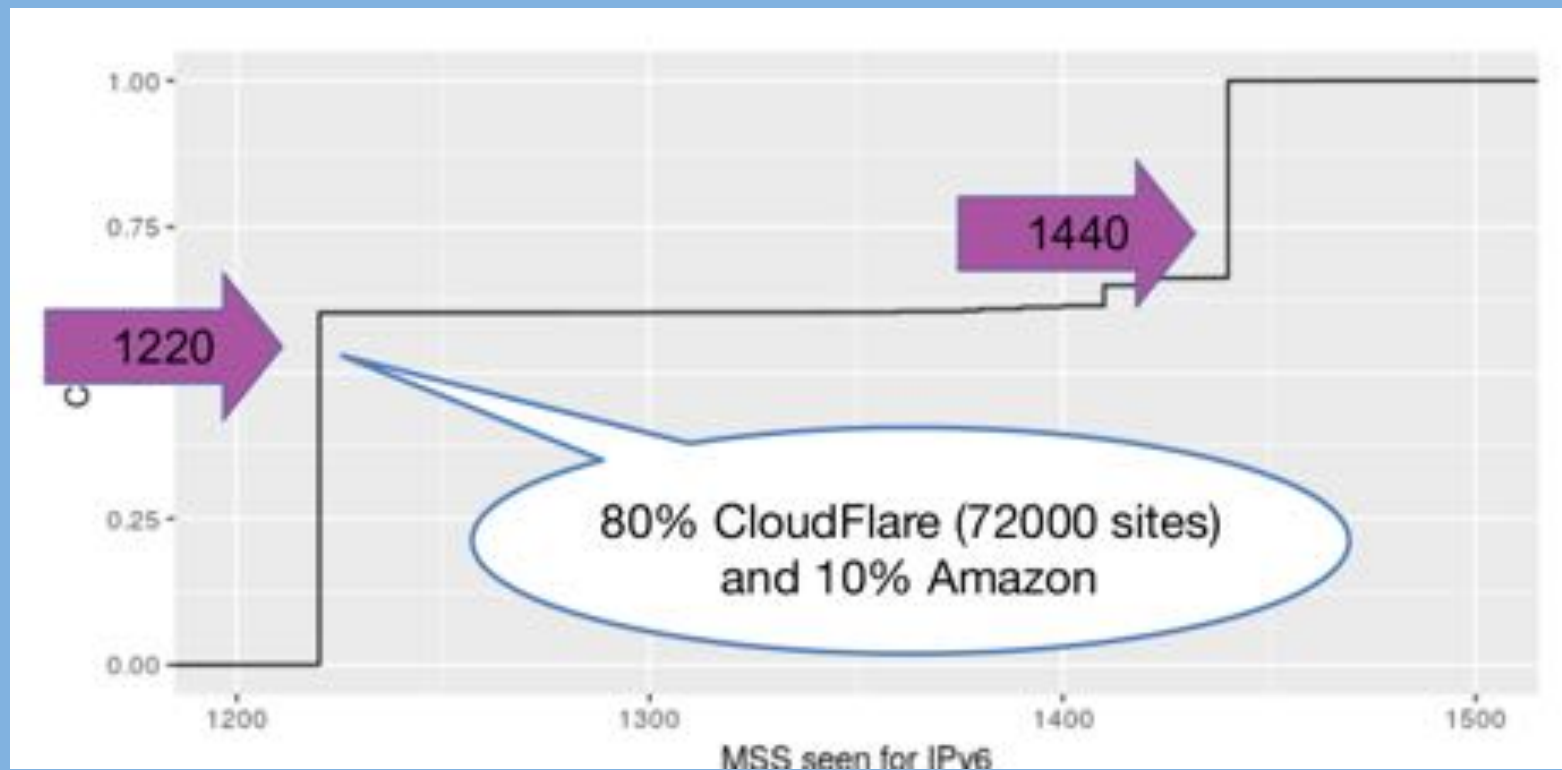
Transport / Network Signaling Mechanisms: Explicit Path-to-Sender Signaling

- The TCP MTU
- The Datagram PLPMTUD Mechanism
- Explicit Congestion Signaling
- Explicit Capacity Signals



Explicit Path-to-Sender Signaling: The TCP MTU

- Problem
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Explicit Path-to-Sender Signaling: Datagram PLPMTUD

- draft-ietf-tsvwg-datagram-plpmtud (expected to be standardised in 2019)
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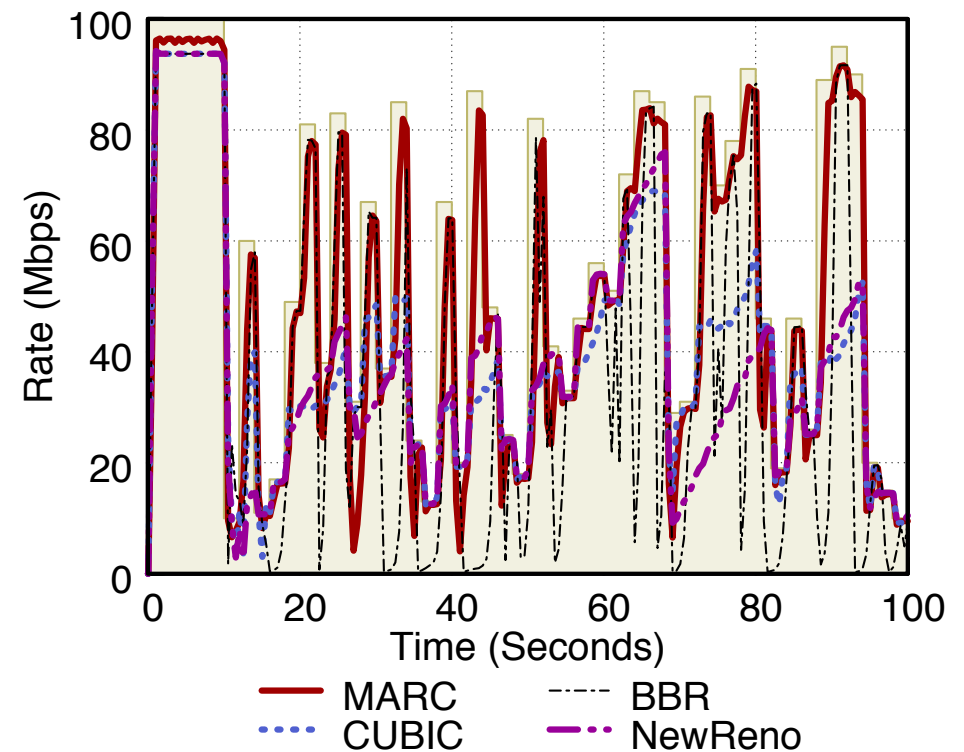
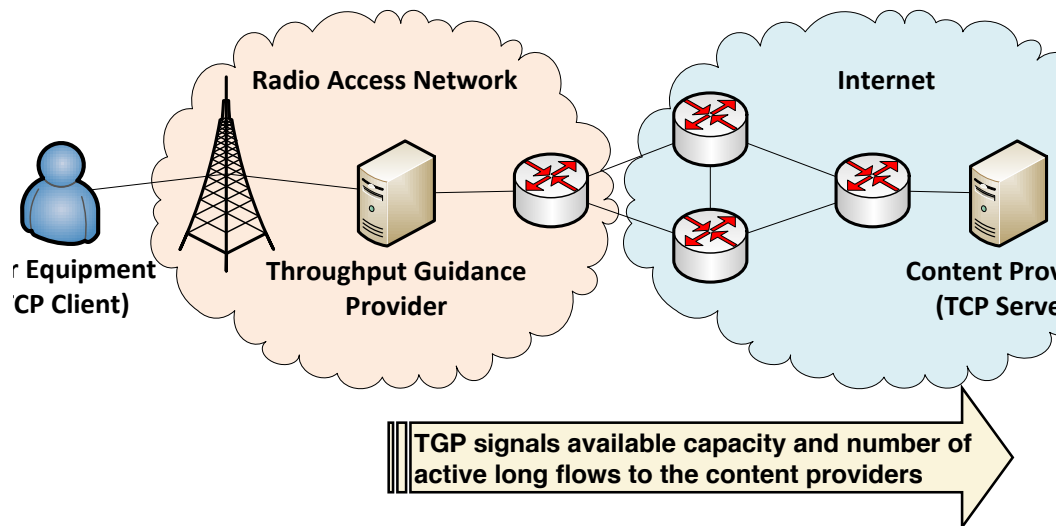
Explicit Path-to-Sender Signaling: Explicit Congestion Signaling

Contribution to QUIC RTT design team



Explicit Path-to-Sender Signaling: Explicit Capacity Signals (MARC)

- Signal from mobile to endpoint





Threat and Trust Analysis & Manageability

Security and Privacy Analysis for MCP (in D3.2)

Workshops and dissemination

MAMI Management and Measurement Summit (M3S)



Invitation-only Industry workshop

Concrete examples of what is done today

Friday, March 16, 2018 in London

[\(https://mami-project.eu/index.php/events/mami-management-and-measurement-summit-m3s/\)](https://mami-project.eu/index.php/events/mami-management-and-measurement-summit-m3s/)



MAMI Outputs

- 3 White papers (public access):
 - Challenges in Network Management with Encrypted Traffic Transport Encryption) (based on M3S)
 - Analysis and Consideration on Management of Encrypted Traffic
 - Security and Privacy Implications of Middlebox Cooperation Protocols
- IETF Informational Document
 - The Impact of Transport Header Confidentiality on Network Operation and Evolution of the Internet (draft-ietf-tsvwg-transport-expected to be published 2019)
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Summary of WP3 Achievements

- Dissemination to Industry and Academe
- WP3 has directly impacted standardization organizations
 - XX Contributions
 - Efforts to continue beyond end of project
- - Brief Summary counts for Standards



Related WP3 scientific publications during the reporting period

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- R. Secchi, A. Venne, and A. Custura. Measurements concerning the DSCP for a LE PHB, Aug. 2017. IETF 99.
- P. D. Vaere, T. Bühler, M. Khlewind, and B. Trammell. Three bits suffice: Explicit support for passive measurement of internet latency in quic and tcp. In Internet Measurement Conference (IMC) 2018, 2018.



Q&A



measurement and architecture for a middleboxed internet



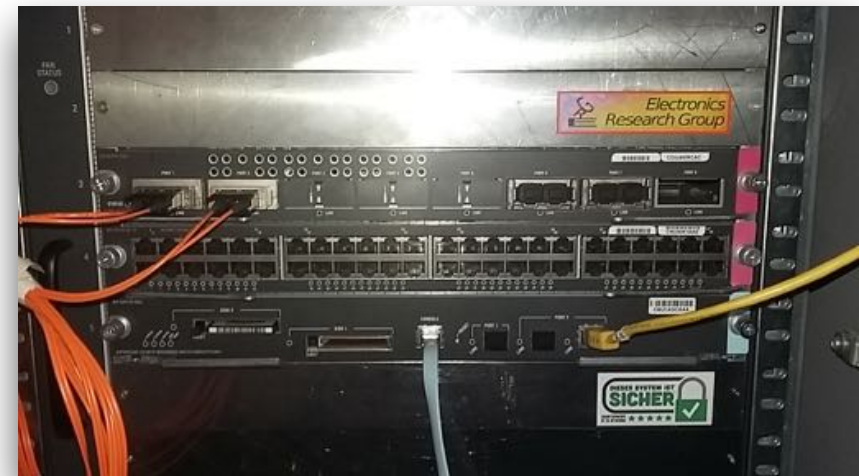
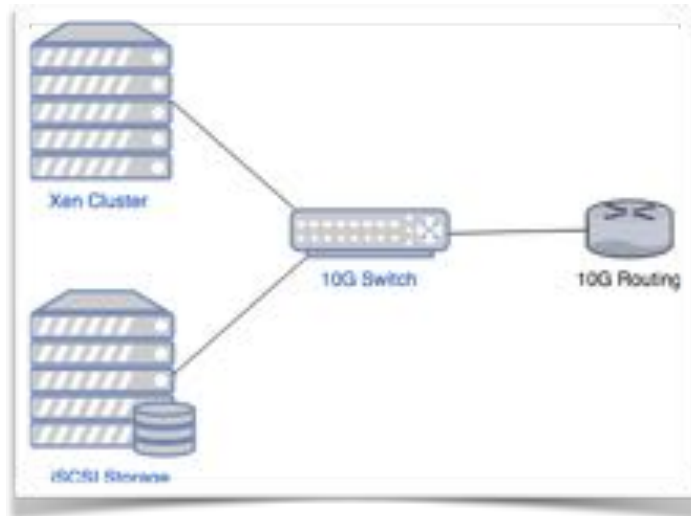
Spare Slides

May be used in this or other talks





UoA MAMI Testbed Hardware





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