Applying IETF IP Performance Metrics to Broadband Mapping

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Who am I?

- Senior Researcher, ETH Zürich, Switzerland
 - focus on passive/active Internet measurement

- Co-Chair, IETF IP Performance Metrics (IPPM)
 Working Group (WG)
 - not speaking for the working group

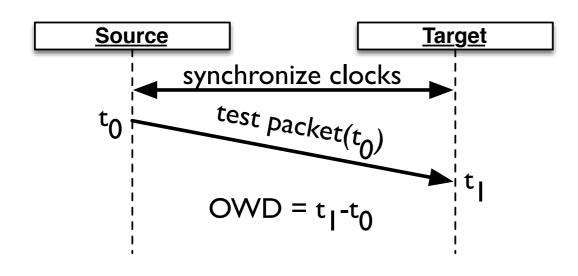
Overview what can IPPM do for you?

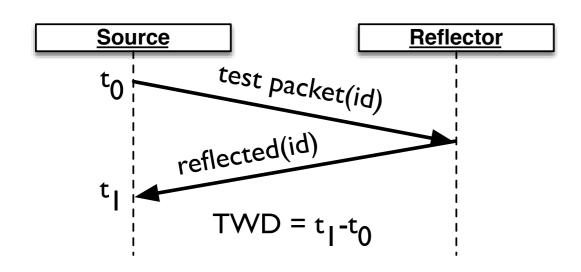
- Applicable metrics and methodologies
- Active measurement protocol
- Registry of tests for broadband performance
- Experiments in better bandwidth measurement

Applicable Metrics

- One-way packet loss (7680)
 - Measurement simple, interpretation harder
 - Cannot separate line condition from congestion
 - TCP induces loss to measure capacity
- One-way (7679) and two-way (2681) delay
 - Two-way doesn't require clock sync
- Delay variance (3393) ("jitter")

Active delay measurement





- OWD: synchronize clocks, send timestamp, compare
- TWD: send packet, reflect, compare
- Loss: "infinite" OWD
- Jitter: derived from delay
- Any protocol with IDs usable for TWD

Test Protocol

- One-way Active Measurement Protocol (OWAMP) & Two-Way Active Measurement Protocol (TWAMP)
- Arbitrary UDP packets as measurement traffic
- Control protocol between initiator and reflector
- Can be used for loss and timing on CPE to operator segment, or CPE to Internet.

Test Registry

- Bridge gap between RFCs and recommended tests for access network measurement.
- Methodology for a few common tests, focus on comparable implementability
 - UDP two-way delay (2681)
 - UDP delay variation (3393)
 - DNS response latency (like 2681, but with DNS)
 - UDP one-way delay (7679)
- Work in progress, complete in 2016?

What about bandwidth?

- IPPM founded in part to define bulk transfer capacity metrics, and we still haven't managed it.
 - Network links are reactive (see RFC 7312)
 - Congestion-controlled traffic is reactive
 - "send a big file with TCP" measures a mix of capacity, latency, TCP implementation of the sender.
- draft-ietf-ippm-model-based-metrics
 - pass/fail tests: "does link L support of XX Mb/s?"
 - use model of TCP to "open-loop" congestion control
 - work in progress, end 2016?

Getting Involved

- The IETF is a non-membership, volunteer-driven, voluntary standards organization.
- Open participation on the mailing lists
 - ippm@ietf.org (IPPM WG: metrics and methods)
 - Imap@ietf.org (LMAP WG: control and reporting)
- IETF 96 in Berlin, 17-22 July