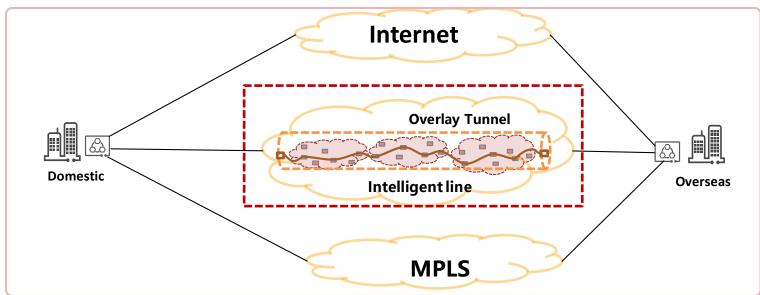
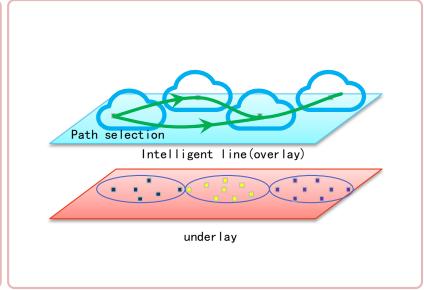
Overlayed Path Segment Forwarding Problem Statement

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Motivation: Leverage cloud router nodes for best path selection to provide performance closer to leased lines





- Default path does not always give the best latency and throughput
- Now practical: Build a better path via nodes in different geographic sites in the cloud (inexpensive, easy provisioning and scaling, instances with "enhanced network performance" available from cloud provider)
- Experiments: 71% chance of finding a better overlay path based on 37 cloud routers globally

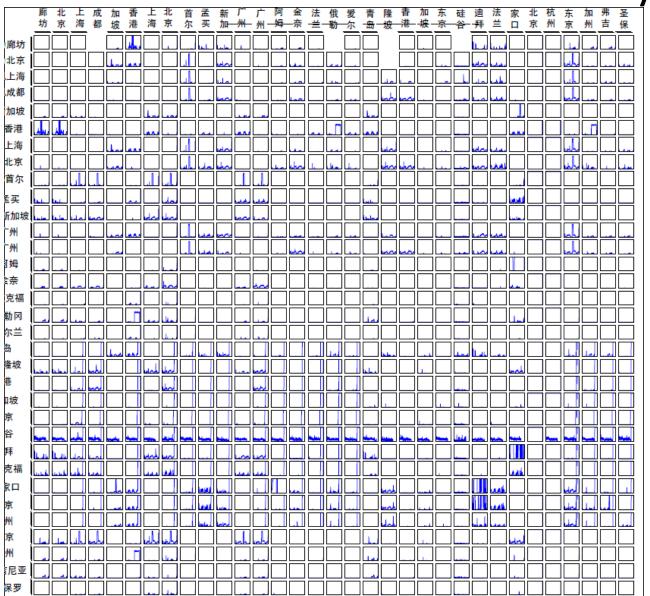
Delays over default path are not always promising



Physical location matters but not always the top factor

^{*} Around 120 virtual nodes.

Loss over default paths between node pairs has different characteristics and vary over time



Certain path has pretty high loss rate all the times

Collected over 3 days.

Problem 1: Slow loss recovery over long haul

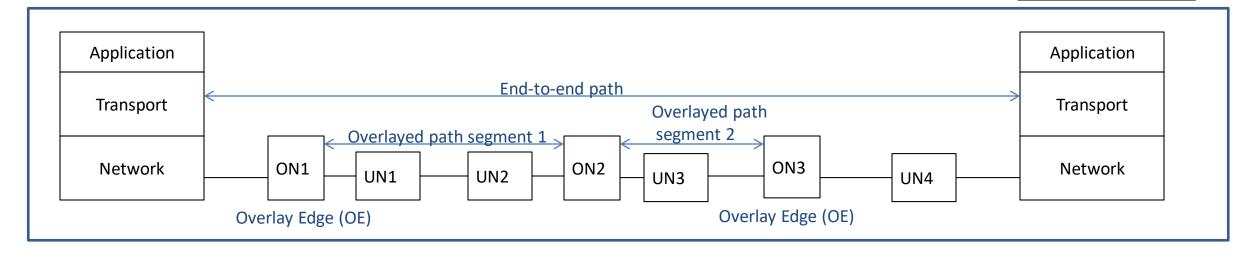
- Intercontinental RTT may take >100 ms. Regional RTT may take tens of ms.
- Interactive app like VoIP, delays perceived at 100ms. Better quality over best-effort Internet is wanted. Some companies exists in the market.
- End-to-end packet recovery is not good enough to meet the req.
- Potential methods:
 - local retransmission over virtual hop
 - FEC over single/multiple path segments
- Why bring it up now?
 - Cloud internet allows better path to be created/selected based on Virtual Nodes (VN).
 - VNs naturally break path to multiple path segments. VN existed or can be easily created and manipulated.
 - Easy to add functions to VN and emerging technologies like virtual IO are making forwarding more efficient

Problem 2: Inaccuracy in sending rate decrease at sender

- Sender decreases its sending rate by a fixed ratio whenever a packet loss is perceived.
- Sender has no much information available to determine how much to decrease otherwise.
- Overlay nodes could provide congestion information to the sender and sender could decide if decreasing sending rate is necessary and how much to decrease.
- Potential methods:
 - Overlay nodes provide richer congestion information to the sender
- Why bring it up now?
 - Good VN features pointed out in last page

Take this opportunity to do Localized Optimizations On Path Segment (LOOPS) for better reliability and throughput

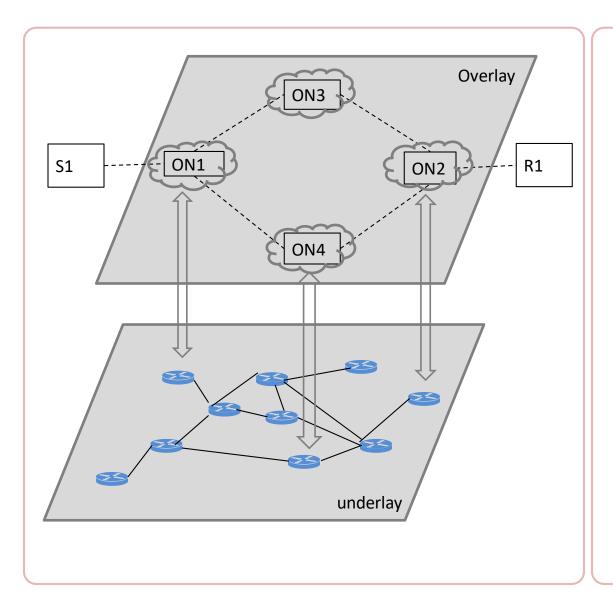
ON - Overlay node UN - Underlay node



Problems/opportunities:

- Slow recovery over long haul
- Inaccuracy in sending rate decrease at sender
- Impairment/Temporary outage of virtual hop
- Limited capacity of virtual nodes

Elements of a solution



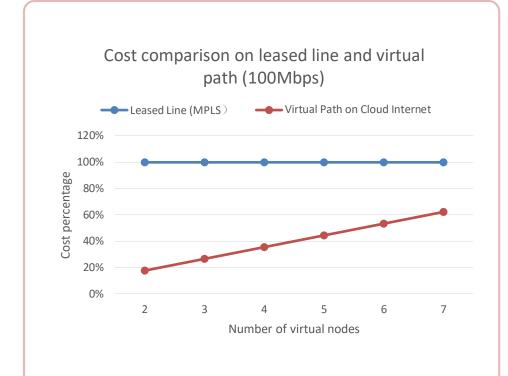
- 1. Local recovery
 - For entire tunnel (rather than individual flow)
 - Loss detection/indication
 - Measure segment RTT
 - Limited retransmission attempts
 - Control FEC/replication intensity
- 2. Congestion control interaction
 - Export appropriate CC signaling from LOOPS to e2e transport
 - Support ECN
- 3. Traffic splitting/recombining
 - For capacity
 - FEC over multiple path segments

Next Steps

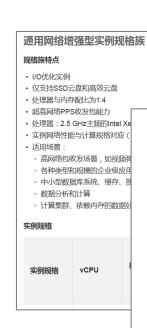
- Common elements required for local recovery and traffic splitting.
- Feasible ways to interact with upper layer for CC.
- Overlay protocol extension
 - Individual overlay protocol based; or
 - Generic header
- Comments welcome.

backups

Cost and performance benefit from new tech make multi-segment virtual path feasible



Normally the virtual path takes 2-5 virtual nodes. Cost is fraction of the leased line.



Announcing improved networking performance for Amazon EC2 instances

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Enhanced Networking

Enhanced Networking enables you to get significantly higher packet per second (PPS) performance, lower network jitter and lower latencies. This feature uses a new network virtualization stack that provides higher I/O performance and lower CPU utilization compared to traditional implementations. In order to take advantage of Enhanced Networking, you should launch an HVM AMI in VPC, and install the appropriate driver. For instructions on how to enable Enhanced Networking on EC2 instances, see the Enhanced Networking on Linux and Enhanced Networking on Windows tutorials. For availability of this feature by instance, or to learn more, visit the Enhanced Networking FAQ section.

Instances with enhanced networking feature to provide better network forwarding performance becoming available from cloud providers.

Measurement based overlay path selection

VN creation on Cloud Internet

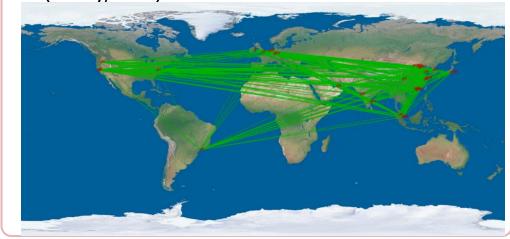
Virtual nodes located with geographic location diversity (100-200 sites)



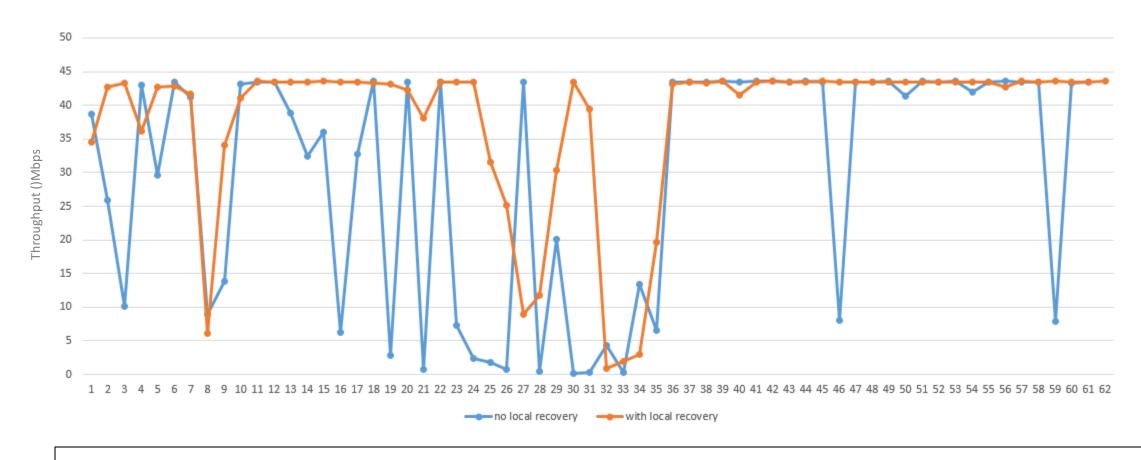


Measurement based Node Selection

- Static measurement: measure between node pairs as the base
- Real time measurement (in-band and outof-band): select the VNs as intermediate nodes to form the candidate best paths (delay, loss).



Preliminary test of local retransmission with overlay path



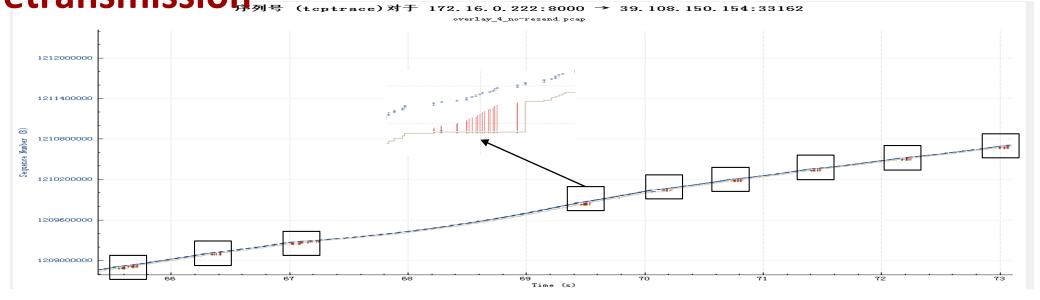
Local Retransmission generally gives better throughput

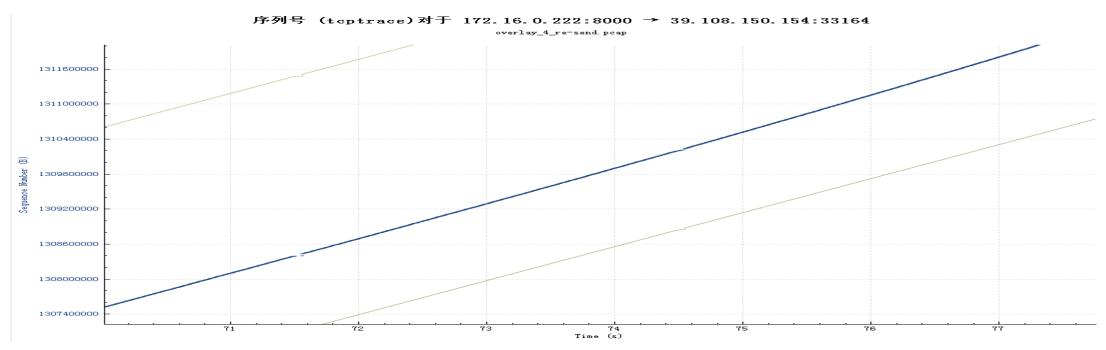
Path: Jakarta to Shenzhen, 4 ONs

X-Axis: test cycles FTP file downloading

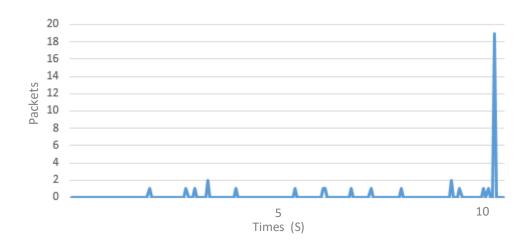
Back-to-back for 120 seconds each testing, then wait for 5 minutes

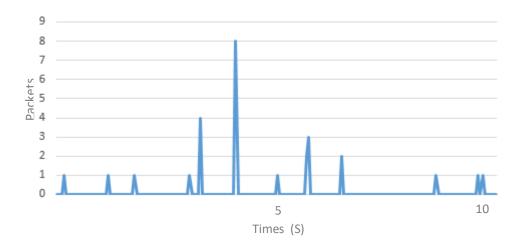
Loss detected by sender is much higher in case of no local retransmission, ** (teptrace) 对于 172.16.0.222:8000 → 39.108.150.154:33162

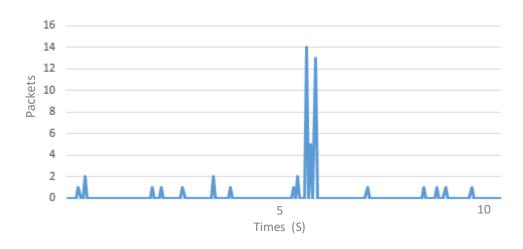




Loss observed on virtual nodes lasts for very short time







Non-persistent loss is common.

*50ms sampling