

# Preferred Path Routing (PPR) Updates

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# IGP Core drafts & Recap

- What is this ≡ A new path routing (control plane) mechanism builds on respective IGP SPT
- Concept First presented at IETF101
- After renaming, taking significant feedback, IGP drafts presented at IETF102
- Details:
  - IS-IS Extensions ≡ [draft-chunduri-lsr-isis-preferred-path-routing-01](#)
  - OSPF Extensions ≡ [draft-chunduri-lsr-ospf-preferred-path-routing-01](#)
  - Covers core protocol extensions with PPR-ID, Preferred PDE Sub-TLVs and attributes
  - Includes both I/O, SPF changes needed and Forwarding entry installation (for various data planes)
  - Includes transparent OAM/Path traffic accounting attributes
- LSR/ Combined Yang model draft
  - [draft-qct-lsr-ppr-yang-00](#)

# Why do we need these (recap)

- To reduce path overhead in the data plane or on the packet, thus
  - Liberating from underlying hardware capabilities on how many SR SIDs/Labels can be on the packet
    - MSD fix only helps to mitigate, if there is an alternate path, which meets the operator requirements
  - For achieving Line Rate capabilities regardless of the SID depth needed
  - To avoid MTU/Fragmentation issues with large SID stacks
  - To reduce Header Tax  $\propto$  as NW/Path overhead relative to actual application data, especially for small payload packets (mIOT and uRLLC in 5G or in various fixed scenarios).
- For simplified path traffic accounting/transparent OAM
- For extensible data planes
- For other path attributes and improved fast-reroute alternatives

# Backward Compatibility

- It's a complimentary control plane work to SR
- Fully backward compatible with SR data planes (SR-MPLS, SRH/SRv6)
- PPR capability for SR data planes is optional;  
can be used to reduce the packet overheads & for simplified traffic accounting

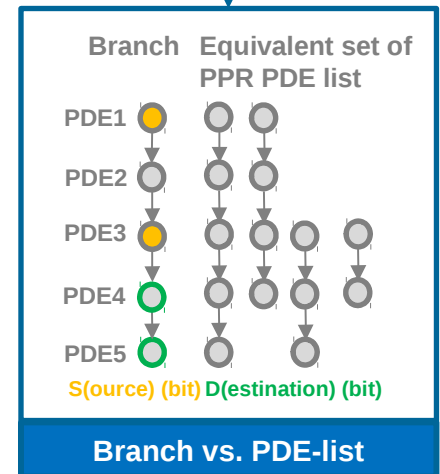
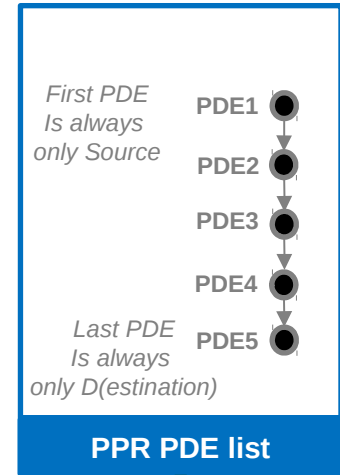


# Scalability

- **There would millions of flows in the network**  $\neq$  **not millions of paths!**  
[for  $O(N^2)$  question,  $N$  being number of 'nodes+links']
- PPR scale is simply a function of number of routes a network can support
- An optional TREE structure can be helpful in some environments, which brings some optimizations  $\underline{\text{xx}}$  details are in [draft-ce-ppr-graph-00](#)
- Each PPR Tree uses one label/SID and defines paths from any set of nodes to one destination, thus reduces the number of entries needed from SRGB at each node (more details in the draft).

# PPR Graphs

- A (non-enhanced) PDE list indicates a path from exactly one source PDE (first PDE in list) to exactly one destination PDE (last PDE in list).
- We introduce for each PDE two additional bits: the S(ource) and D(estination) bits.
- Each PDE can have the source and/or the destination bit or neither. If it has neither, it is called a “transit PDE”.
- We call PDE lists enhanced in this way “Branches” because these can be used further to construct PDE Graphs from them.
- So the source/receiver bits allow the compression of multiple PDE-lists into one Branch (as shown aside)
- A PPR Graph is a Graph consisting (like any Graph) of edges/nodes and vertices. Each node is a PDE, vertices are by default unidirectional an example of a Graph is a Tree.
- More details in the draft [draft-ce-ppr-graph-00](#)



# ETSI WGs & Use Cases

ETSI NGP WG's various use cases and how it fits in there is covered in

- ETSI WI#14 <http://docbox.etsi.org/ISG/NGP/70-Draft/0014/NGP-0014v001.docx>
- Work item is sponsored by Vodafone, BT, BSI and Huawei

# 5G Use Case & DMM WG Relation

## #1 xx 5G Backhaul and PPR

[draft-clt-dmm-tn-aware-mobility-02](#)

[draft-cls-ppr-te-attributes-00](#)

- Proposes how transport network aware mobility can be achieved for various 5G scenarios, including signaling.
- This proposal doesn't remove GTP layer and works with any chosen option for new 5G N9 interface
- Please note: The above is orthogonal to SRv6, which also supports GTP layer removal for 5G

## #2 xx GTP Replacement including new user plane for N9 Interface

- DMM WG is responding to 3GPP Study item for optimized 5G user plane
  - 3GPP Study Item [http://www.3gpp.org/ftp/tsg\\_ct/WG4\\_protocollars\\_ex-CN4/TSGCT4\\_82\\_Gothenburg/Docs/C4-181380.zip](http://www.3gpp.org/ftp/tsg_ct/WG4_protocollars_ex-CN4/TSGCT4_82_Gothenburg/Docs/C4-181380.zip)
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  - 3GPP Scenarios, Requirements, Solution Comparison <https://www.ietf.org/id/draft-bogineni-dmm-optimized-mobile-user-plane-01.txt> (SRv6, LISP, ILA and many more potential alternatives)
  - PPR helps most of the proposals to reduce the transport overhead on 5G N3/N9 interfaces





## Status & Next Steps

- Seek more comments/suggestions/feedback
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Thank you!