MP-DCCP progress

draft-ietf-tsvwg-multipath-dccp-04

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LIFE IS FOR SHARING.

Main changes since IETF112 (-02 → -04)

Handshaking procedure finalized

MP_PRIO introduced for fine granular path management (enable/disable, backup mode, path prioritization)

Maximum Packet Size (i.a. PMTU) strategy **added** for multi-path specified enhancing DCCP MPS detection mechanism

Closing procedure first defined with **proper** MP_CLOSE (lack of description) and **instant** MP_FAST_CLOSE option

Congestion Control considerations for bottleneck fairness with single-path transport added

Open Source code at GitHub updated with new handshaking procedure according to -02 and stability fixes to -03

More details at: https://github.com/markusa/ietf-multipath-dccp/releases

TSVWG Interim 01 (Feb 22) - Summary

NEW: Advanced MP_PRIO definition for fine-granular path management -03

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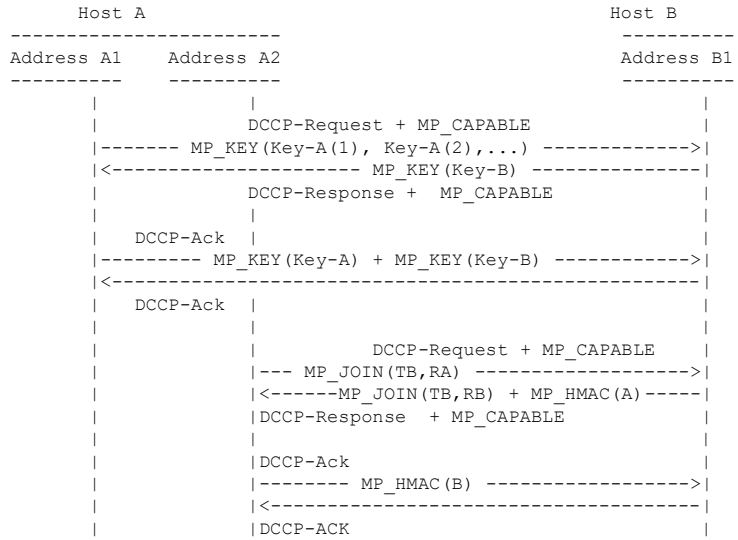
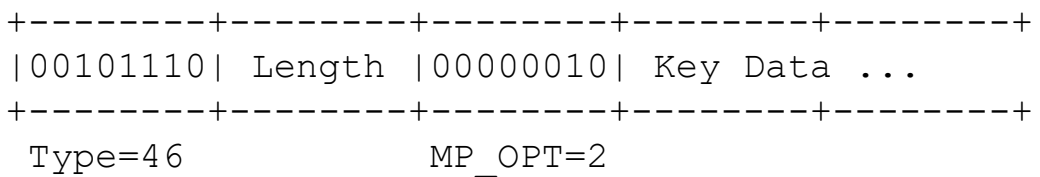
NEW: 4-way handshaking procedure resemble MPTCP logic -03



Early results of a partial P4 MP-DCCP implementation showing HW acceleration potential on SmartNICs

Authors presented relationship with 3GPP Rel. 18 roadmap

NEW: Closing procedure in -04



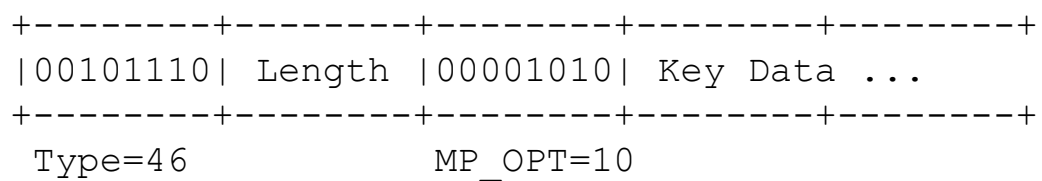
Carried on top of a *DCCP Reset* packet

MP_FASTCLOSE

Abrupt shutdown of a MP-DCCP connection, including all subflows, without awaiting confirmation from notified peer host

Key Data to protect misuse from non-eligible 3rd party.

New DCCP Reset Code 12 "Abrupt MP termination" defined



Carried on top of the regular DCCP closing packets: *DCCP CloseReq* or *DCCP Reset*

MP_CLOSE

Regular DCCP shutdown of all subflows first before MP connection is closed.

Key Data to protect misuse from non-eligible 3rd party.

Draft status – Feature set

Ready

Function/Mechanism	Draft	Open Source
Handshaking	✓	✓
MP Capable Feature	✓	✓
MP_KEY	✓	—
MP_SEQ	✓	✓
MP_HMAC	✓	✓
MP_RTT	✓	—

MP_KEY is implemented, but only “plain text “ type is supported.

MP_RTT implemented, but Type and Age is missing.

✓ Finalized, ready for review/testing

— Work on, contribution is welcome

✕ Not implemented, contribution is welcome

Partially ready

Function/Mechanism	Draft	Open Source
MP_CONFIRM	✓	✕
MP_JOIN	✓	—
Fallback mechanism	—	—
MP_FAST_CLOSE	✓	✕
MP_CLOSE	—	✕
MP_ADDADDR	✓	✕
MP_REMOVEADDR	✓	✕
MP_PRIO	✓	✕

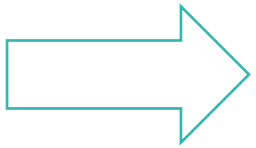
Address ID is missing

New in -04

Draft work almost completed; Focus more on implementation now

Linux reference implementation - Status

MP-DCCP published prototype features
MP-DCCP
Encapsulation framework
Scheduling - Traffic distribution logics.
Compensate paths latency difference
As input for scheduling decisions Congestion Control CCID 2, 3, 5
(Re-)Establish/destruct flows



3GPP ATSSS requirements	
Multi-path transport	✓
Non-TCP support	✓
Steering modes	✓
Re-ordering	✓
Path measurement	✓
Path management	✓

Available for integration into Android and Linux based devices and ready for testing e2e or for ATSSS

General updates

MP-DCCP **so far only solution for non-TCP splitting support which made it into the TR after SA2#149e meeting**

- SA2 Technical Report: https://www.3gpp.org/ftp/Specs/archive/23_series/23.700-53/23700-53-010.zip

Full ATSSS compatible MP-DCCP conglomerate now published

- MP-DCCP
- Path management
- New: Scheduling schemes for all three S'
- New: Active re-ordering schemes
- New: Encapsulation framework to enable multi-path for any traffic (1)
- New: iPerf3 test tool with (MP-)DCCP support

https://github.com/telekom/mp-dccp

https://github.com/telekom/tunprox

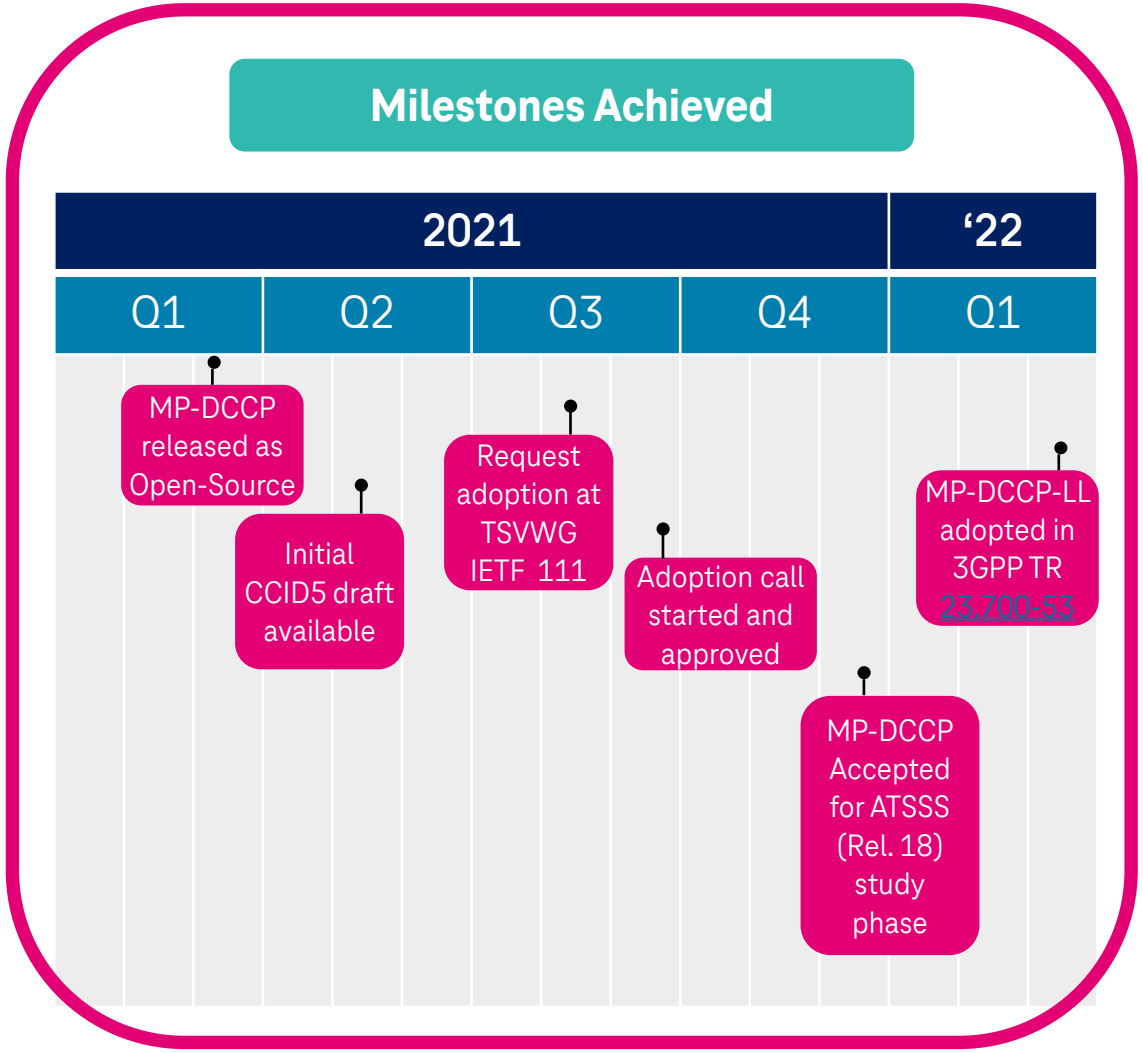
https://github.com/NathalieRM/iperf/tree/mpdccp

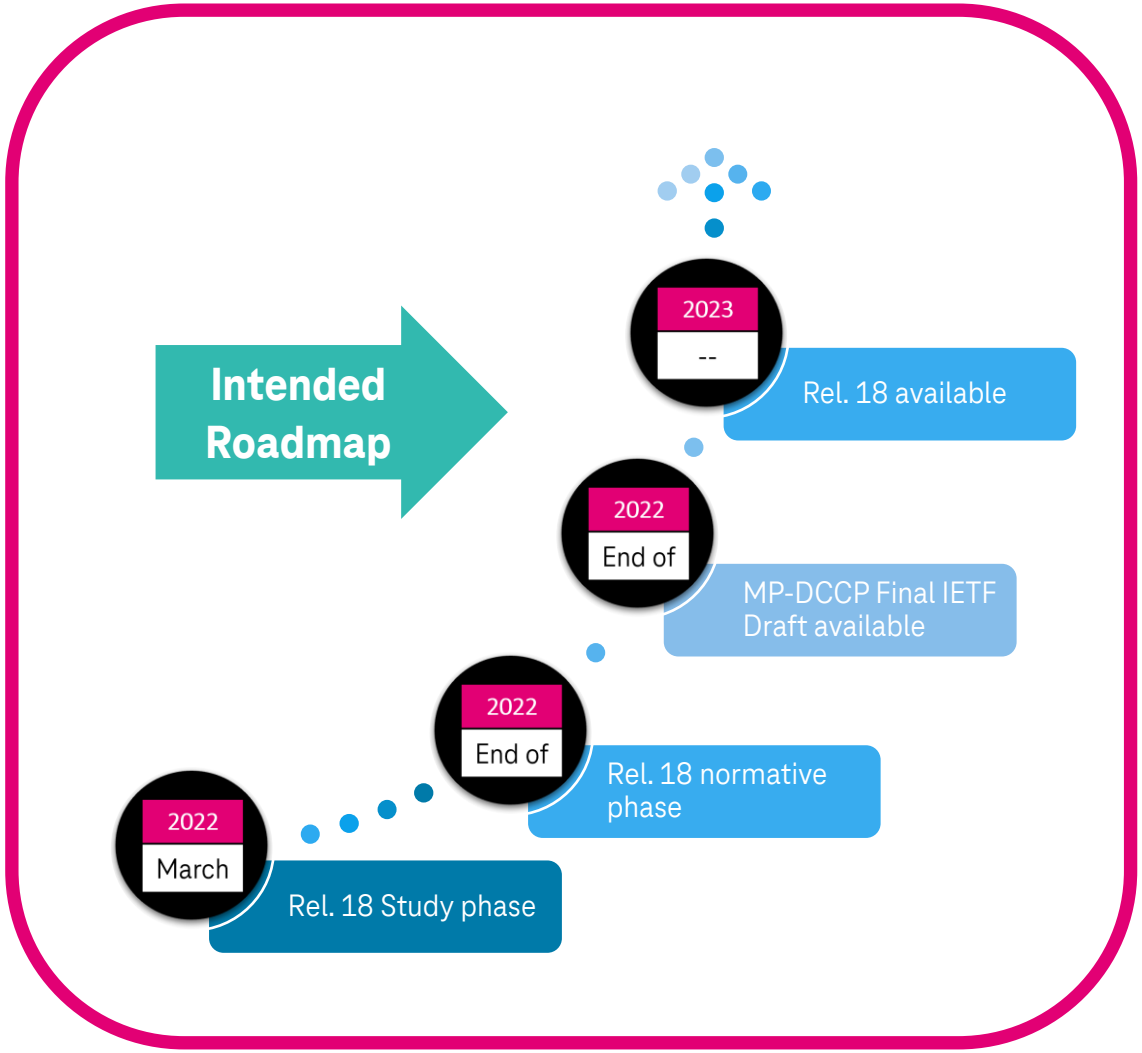
PoC with a big terminal vendor agreed using MP-DCCP public code conglomerate

Exploration started of **Random Linear Network Coding** in MP-DCCP for reducing impact of packet loss scenarios

Active draft development at GitHub with currently 9 contributors.

MP-DCCP relationship with 3GPP ATSSS work





Review/testing is needed as the draft moves forward

Authors believe -04 is feature complete

All encompassing MP-DCCP Linux Kernel prototype is steadily evolving covering already most functionalities

Linux reference prototype is the base for ramping up PoCs with industry and **test interoperability**

Result generation and publication is continued with academia and in future with industry

Goal is to keep pace with 3GPP Rel. 18 timelines

→Informal sidemeeting to understand 3GPP ATSSS implications set up

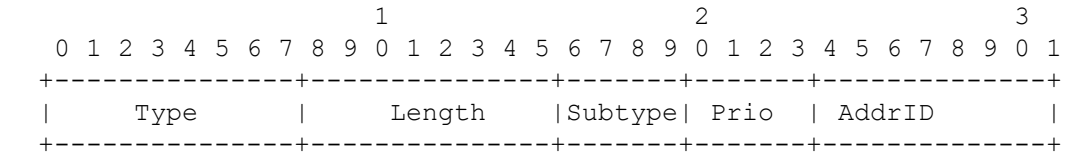
→Meet at IETF Registration Desk (at end of the break, 12:30 CET)

Interested people for reviewing and contribution are very welcome, contact markus.amend@telekom.de

Copied slides from TSVWG interim Feb’22

Informational backup

MP_PRIO: Fine granular path management



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Active exchange of prioritization and cost information as indicator for user plane scheduling decisions.

- Enable/disable paths (Prio=0)
- Keep paths as backup in case primary path is broken (Prio=1)
- Primary/Secondary (Prio=2-15) give 14 levels of granularity for path aggregation

Can be used to select

Steering (permanent path selection)

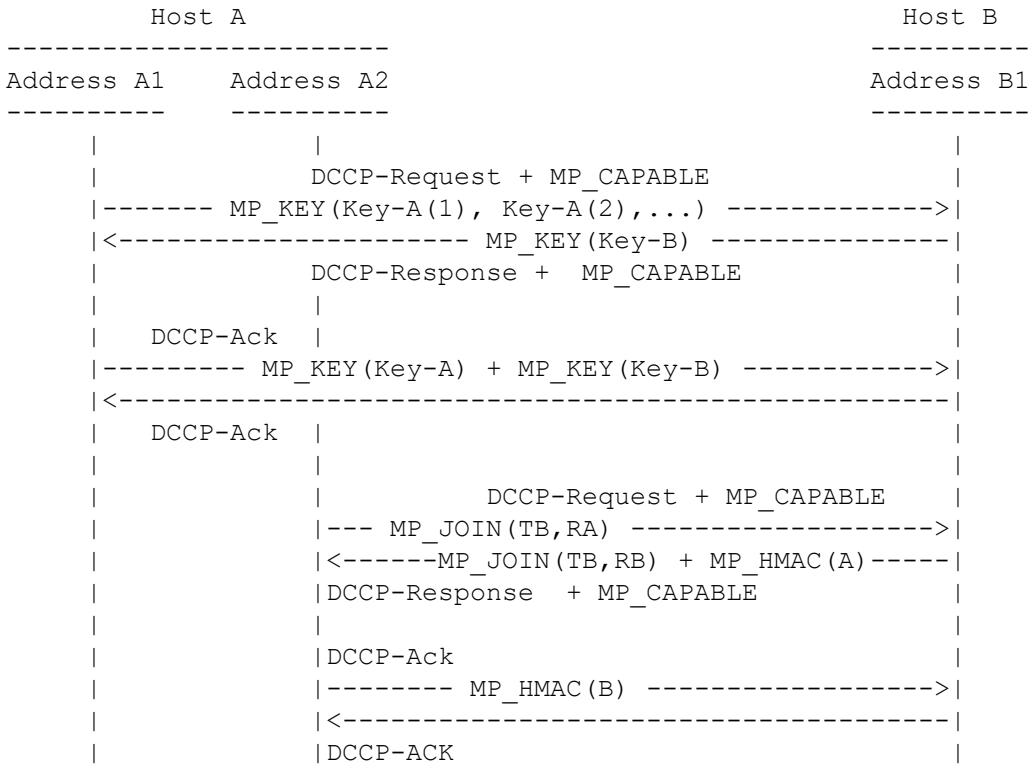
Switching (seamless handover)

Splitting (aggregation)

→ Advanced over MPTCP binary Prio parameter

→Excluded at the moment from MP-QUIC development

Handshaking procedure



Resembles MPTCP well proved handshaking mechanism including security aspects

4-way initial handshake

- **to negotiate MP support and**
- **exchange key material for setup of subsequent flows**

`MP_CAPABLE` **feature and** `MP_KEY` **option are used**

Unlimited subsequent subflow setup using `MP_JOIN` **after successful initial handshake**

Part of 3GPP Rel. 18 Study Phase for ATSSS 1/2

MP-DCCP is a selected solution to study the Key Issue (KI) on **non-TCP multi-path support for ATSSS, see S2-2200757**

MP-DCCP solution description contributed as S2-2200983 introduced as

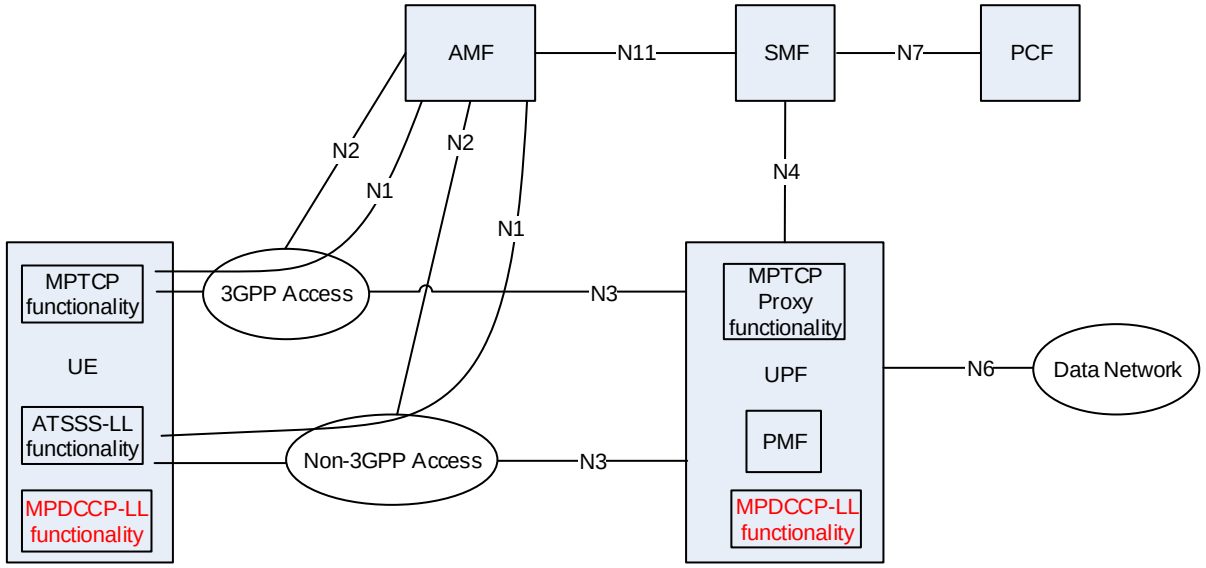
23.700-53: New Solution: MP-DCCP-LL based ATSSS steering functionality for Non-TCP traffic.

Early Supporters: Xiaomi Vodafone BT DT

Placed as Lower-Layer (-LL) solution for enabling multi-path for any traffic, at least UDP and QUIC.

Only solution which has a comprehensive set of required functionalities available as public code:

Multi-path Protocol, ATSSS defined and discussed steering modes, **re-ordering mechanisms**, Encapsulation



Part of 3GPP Rel. 18 Study Phase for ATSSS 2/2

MP-DCCP fulfils already today the requirements of **non-TCP multi-path** support for **Hybrid Access**, **end-to-end**

and in particular for

ATSSS →

3GPP ATSSS KI requirements	MP-DCCP standard/prototype capabilities	
Non-TCP support	MP-DCCP encapsulation[1]	✓
Steering modes	Scheduling[1] - Traffic distribution logics.	✓
Re-ordering	Compensate paths latency difference[1]	✓
Path measurement	As input for scheduling decisions Congestion Control CCID 2, 3, 4, 5	✓
Path management	(Re-)Establish/destruct flows	✓

[1] Prototype publication expected soon

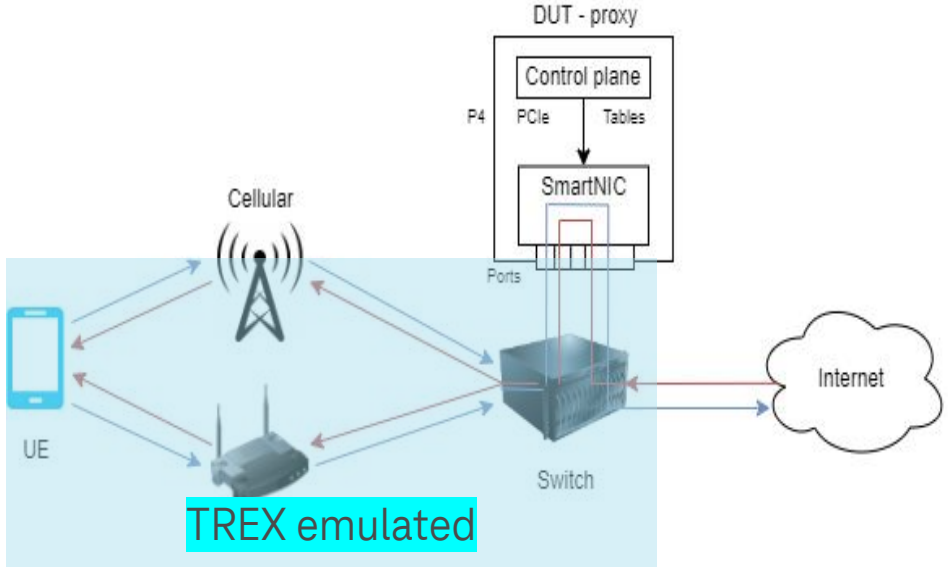
P4 based Hardware Acceleration of MP-DCCP Proxy

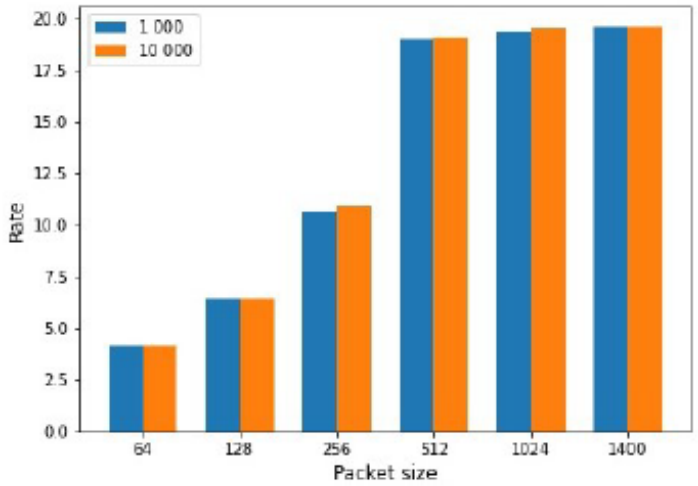
P4: Domain-specific language, specifying how data plane devices process packets - P4.org

P4 code compiles to different targets (smartNIC, Switching ASIC Tofino, ...) → hardware acceleration

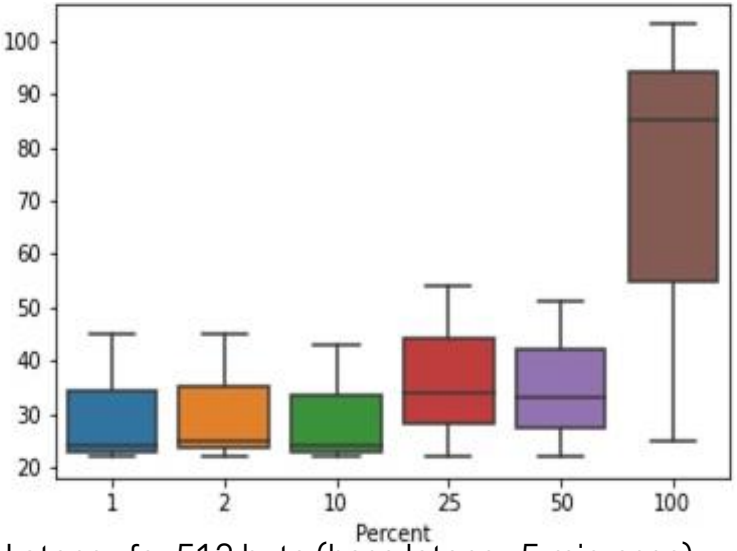
Implemented (parts of) MP-DCCP Proxy functionality in P4: DCCP header parsing and processing, MP_SEQ parsing and processing, ACK generation, keeping track of per tunnel sequence and CWND numbers per paths, Encap/Decap, RR path scheduler

Compiled to Netronome Agilo CX, TREX (v2.93 using DPDK version 21.02.0-rc1) on Intel X710 (2x10G)





Throughput over packet size for simulated 1k or 10k UEs



Latency for 512 byte (base latency 5 microsec)