

Rate Measurement Test Protocol Problem Statement

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draft-ietf-ippm-rate-problem-03

Scope

- Access Rate Measurement on Production Networks
 - Rates at edge \ll core, likely bottleneck
 - Asymmetrical ingress and egress rates
 - Largest scale at edge: low complexity needed in device at user end
 - Tester has control of sender/receiver

Scope (contd.)

- Access Rate Measurement on Production Networks
 - Active measurements (IPPM charter)
 - Both In-Service and Out-of-Service
 - Includes service commissioning activity
- Non-Goals
 - No protocol solution in this draft
 - No Exact methods of meas (but categories discussed)

Revisions (03)

- Comments: Kostas, Sumita
- History: had proposals, needed Prob Statement, so there was some assumed context
- Clarified Intro and Scope statements, focusing on protocol
- Scope now in terms of LMAP reference path and measurement points
- Clarified req: Directional packet size control, both Symmetric and Asymm.

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LMAP Reference Path

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Subsc. -- Private -- Private -- Access -- Intra IP -- GRA -- Transit
device   Net #1   Net #2   Demarc.   Access   GW   GRA GW
mp000                mp100    mp150    mp190    mp200
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... Transit -- GRA -- Service -- Private -- Private -- Destination
GRA GW      GW      Demarc.   Net #n   Net #n+1   Host
mpX90      mp890   mp800                mp900
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GRA = Globally Routable Address, GW = Gateway

TCP testing (open issue)

- Capability to Control an Open-Loop TCP test Capability

Note: For measurement systems employing TCP Transport protocol, the ability to generate specific stream characteristics requires a sender with the ability to establish and prime the connection such that the desired stream characteristics are allowed. See Mathis' work in progress for more background [I-D.mathis-ippm-model-based-metrics]. The general requirement statements needed to describe an "open-loop" TCP sender require some additional discussion.

- Capability to Control a "normal" BTC measurement
 - Examined in **draft-morton-ippm-twamp-tcp-00**
 - Two Modes: Initiator and Listener
 - Mixed Security Mode is compatible (na in OWAMP)
 - New Request-TW-Session Command
 - Select Congestion Control from a list? (e.g., AIMD⁶)

Conclusion + Next Steps

- This measurement problem is a hot-topic in the Industry
 - Working LMAP before it was named...
- Additional Comments?
 - Need to close on problem statement to get to the real work (TCP control)
- draft-morton-ippm-twamp-rate-03
 - similar scope section updates
- draft-morton-ippm-twamp-tcp-00

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Summary of Specs

- Minimize test traffic when necessary
- Possible assessment of background
- Architecture MAY be either 1 or 2 way
- SHALL support packet ensemble tests
 - 4 categories, others are OPTIONAL
- Variable (asymmetrical) payload and ensemble lengths among streams MUST be communicated

Motivation

- Many possible Rate Measurement Scenarios – Narrow the scope
- Access-Rate Measurement
 - Has Continued Industry Attention
 - Many different approaches
 - Need to avoid mistakes: No comparison of Apples & Oranges
 - Topic of this draft and discussion

Open Questions for Discussion

- The actual path used may differ between user traffic and test traffic.
 - Where will this happen, on *access networks*?
- May influence the rate measurement results for some forms of access
- This issue requires further study to list the likely causes for this behavior.
 - The possibilities include IP address assignment, and transport protocol used (where TCP packets may be routed differently from UDP).