Delivering Application-Layer Traffic Optimization Services based on Public Routing Data at IXPs

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Distributed Applications

File sharing applications, Content Delivery Networks (CDNs), real-time communication, among others, use a significant amount of network resource to connect nodes across the Internet and transfer a large amount of data.





Distributed Applications

- Topological information used only has a localized view provided by the ISPs.
- Without knowledge of the underlying network topology.
- Selection of resources are provided randomly.
- Impacting both applications and networking infrastructure.





MOTIVATION

Application-Layer Traffic Optimization (ALTO)

ISP => Focus of ALTO implementations

Internet eXchange Point (IXP)

Third-parties => ALTO Information <=ALTO Protocol

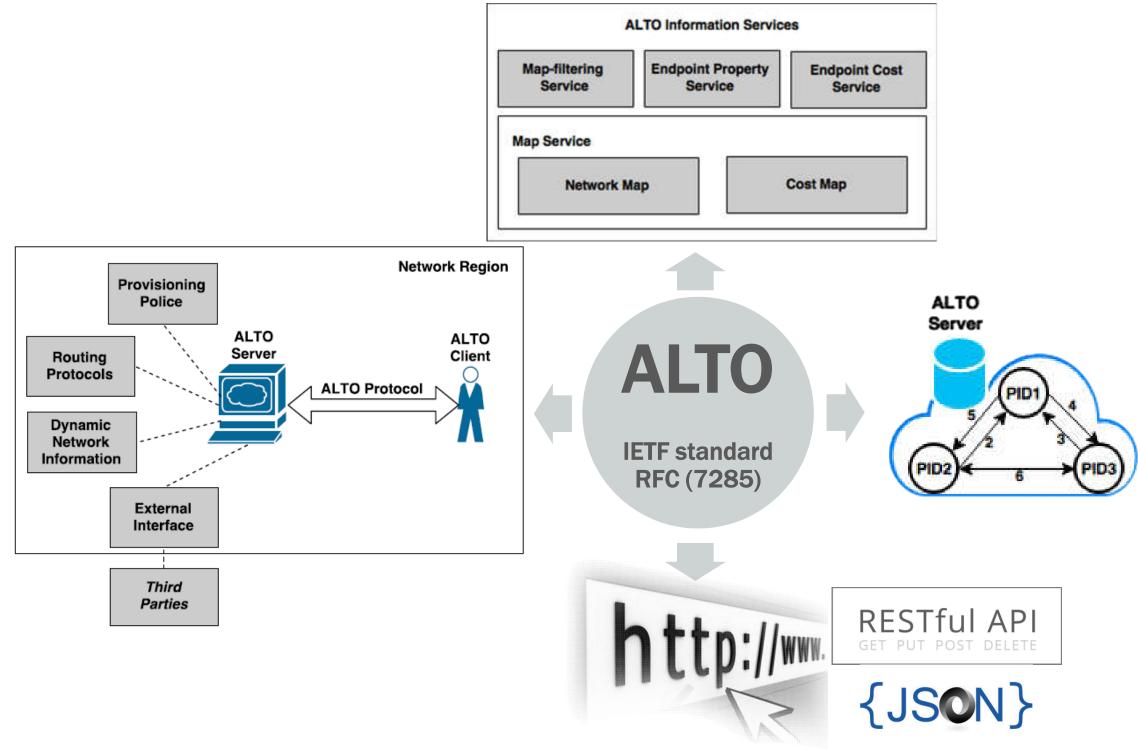


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Background : Application-Layer Traffic Optimization (ALTO)





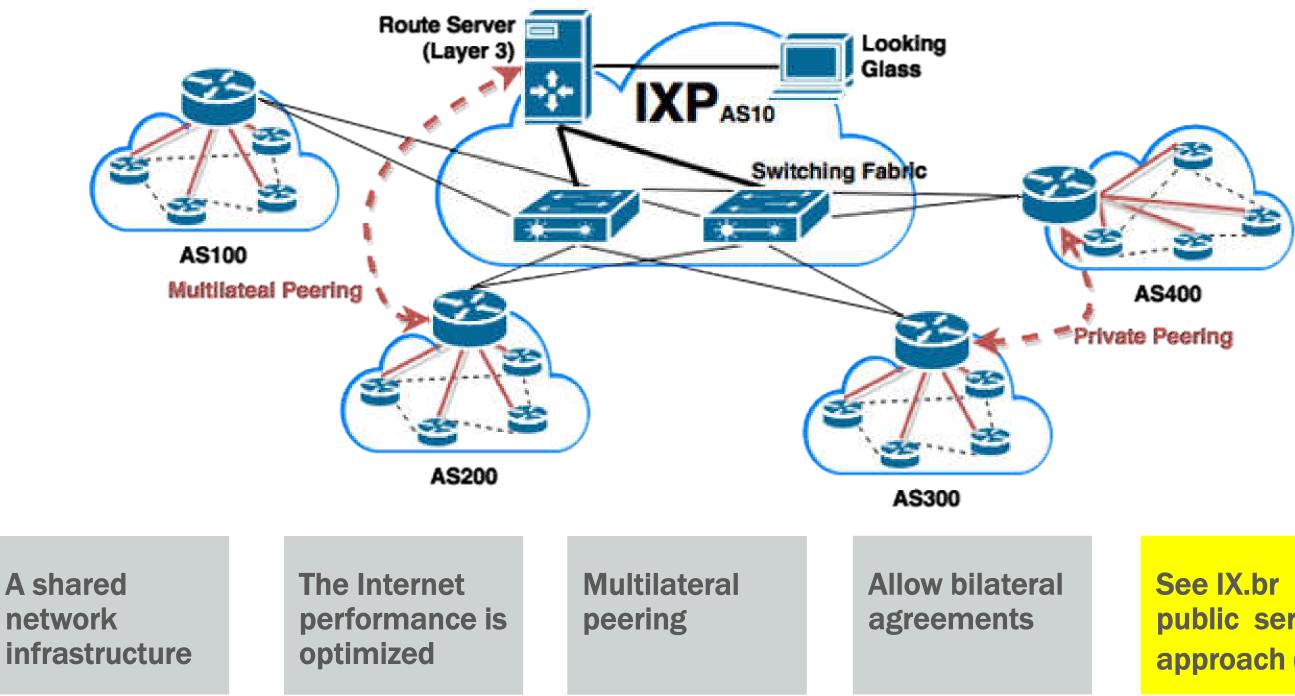
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PID2	203.0.113.0/24
PID3	2001:db8::/32

NETWORK MAP

Cost	PID1	PID2	PID3					
PID1	0	5	4					
PID2	2	0	6					
PID3	3	6	0					

COST MAP

Background : Internet eXchange Point (IXP)



public service approach (CGI)



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BGP Information from LG Servers

Brito et al. [1] collected BGP information from public IXPs operating in Brazil. It was one of the first (if not the first) efforts to comprehend the ecosystem operation of Brazilian IXPs. Some result: AS-level connectivity graphs, Peering density, Depth of AS-PATH, etc.

The authors in [2] collected raw data from 245 LG servers across 110 countries. They create and analyze the LG server-based AS topology against BGP (IRL [3]), traceroute (Ark [4] and iPlane [5]), and IRR [6] based AS topologies. Among other results, they observed 11 K new ASes links and 686 new ASes.



Provide Network Topology Information

Choffnes et al. [7], Bonaventure et al. [8] and Xie et al. [9] provide a P2P mechanism to find reliable information source to apply better-than-random peer selection, but not in the form of ALTO services (i.e. difficult to deploy globally without an open standard).



Create and/or Provide ALTO Information

The work in [10] creates network topology and cost maps for ALTO from public sources of information, specifically using the United States Federal Communications Commission (FCC) public database from the Measuring **Broadband America (MBA) program.**

Pinthong et al. [11] and Guanxiu et al. [12] explore the ALTO protocol by mapping IP addresses to an AS, to create a network map and BGP route announcements from ASes to create a cost map. Both maps were created by using simulation platforms (PeerSim and GPS, respectively).

SHIBUYA et al. [13] uses a SQL-based database for storing the Prefix List and the Priority Map.



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MAIN OBJECTIVE: Create and provide Application-Layer Traffic Optimization (ALTO) services based on public information, more specifically BGP routing information publicly available at Internet eXchange Points (IXPs).

Issue: Random selection of available peers	Providing a mechanism for giving peers information choosing closest neighbors rather randomly.
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of the underlying network	underlying network would give applications a d
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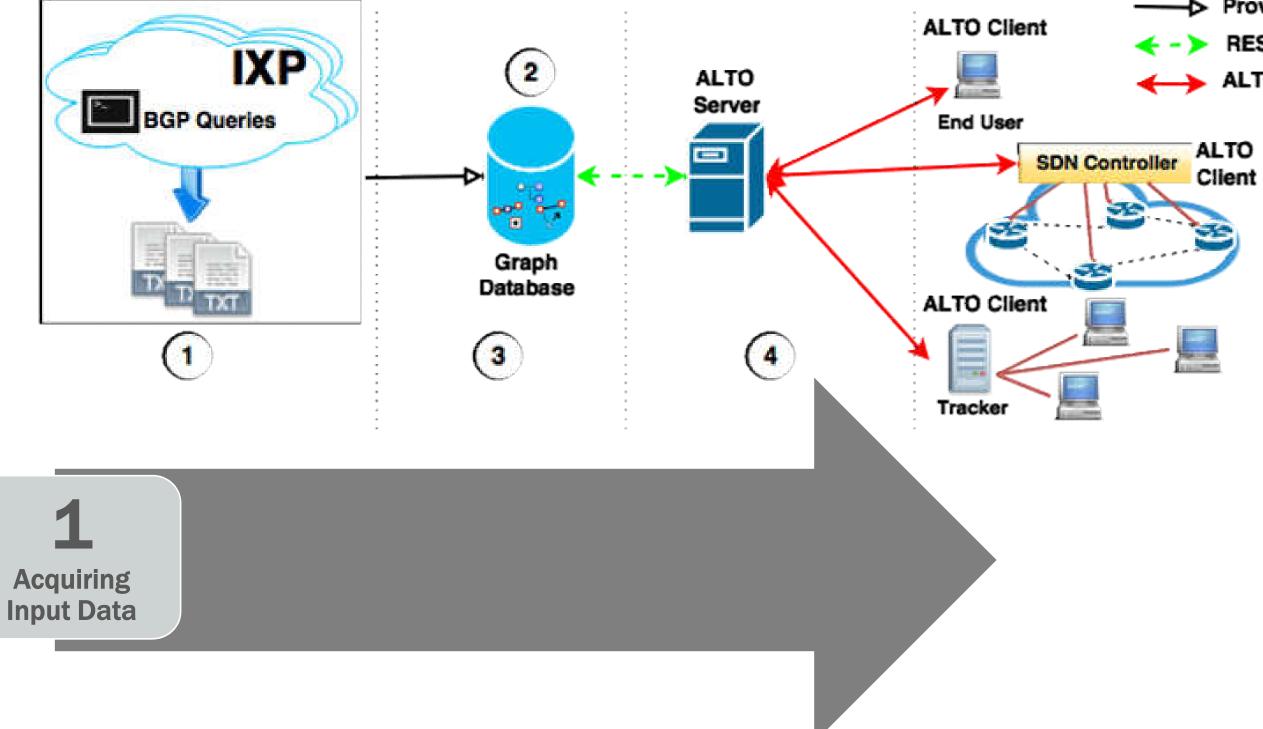


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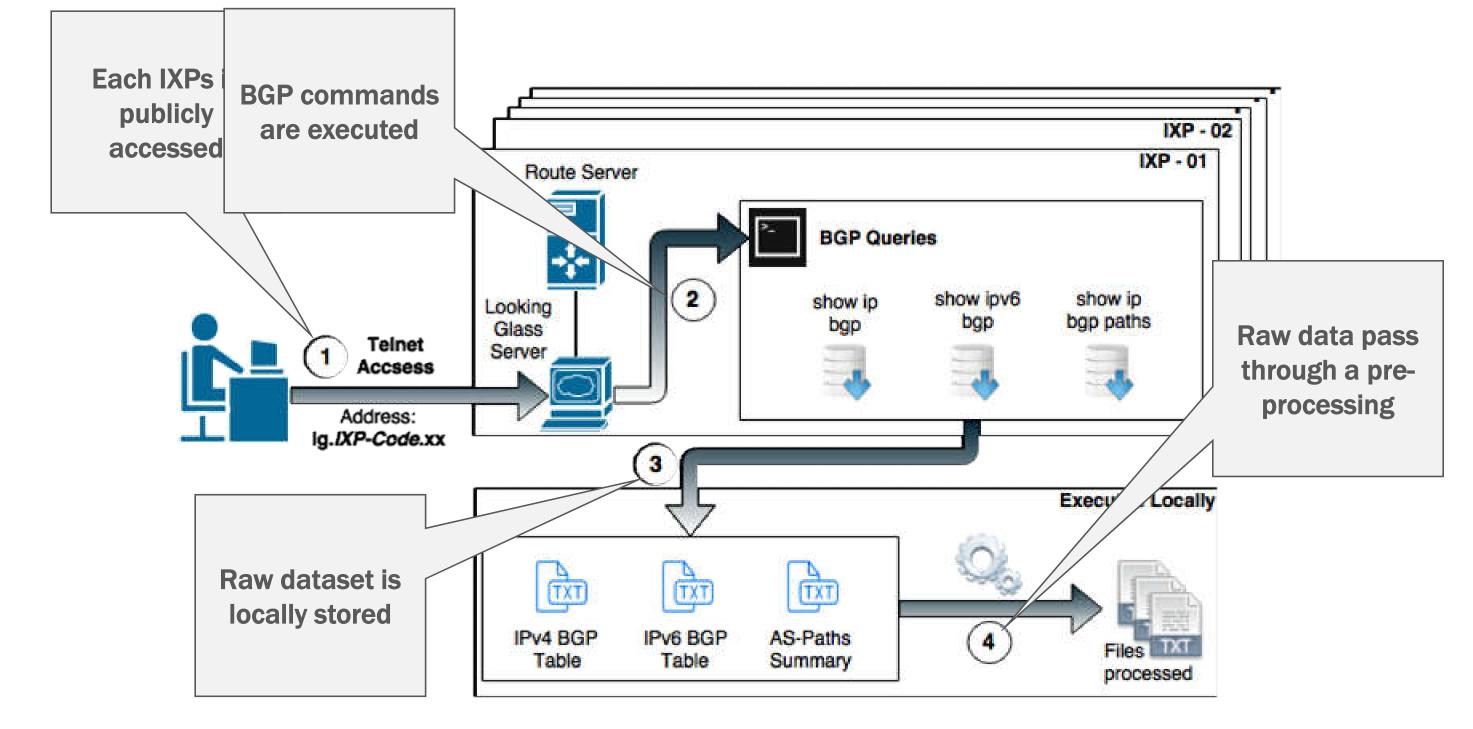




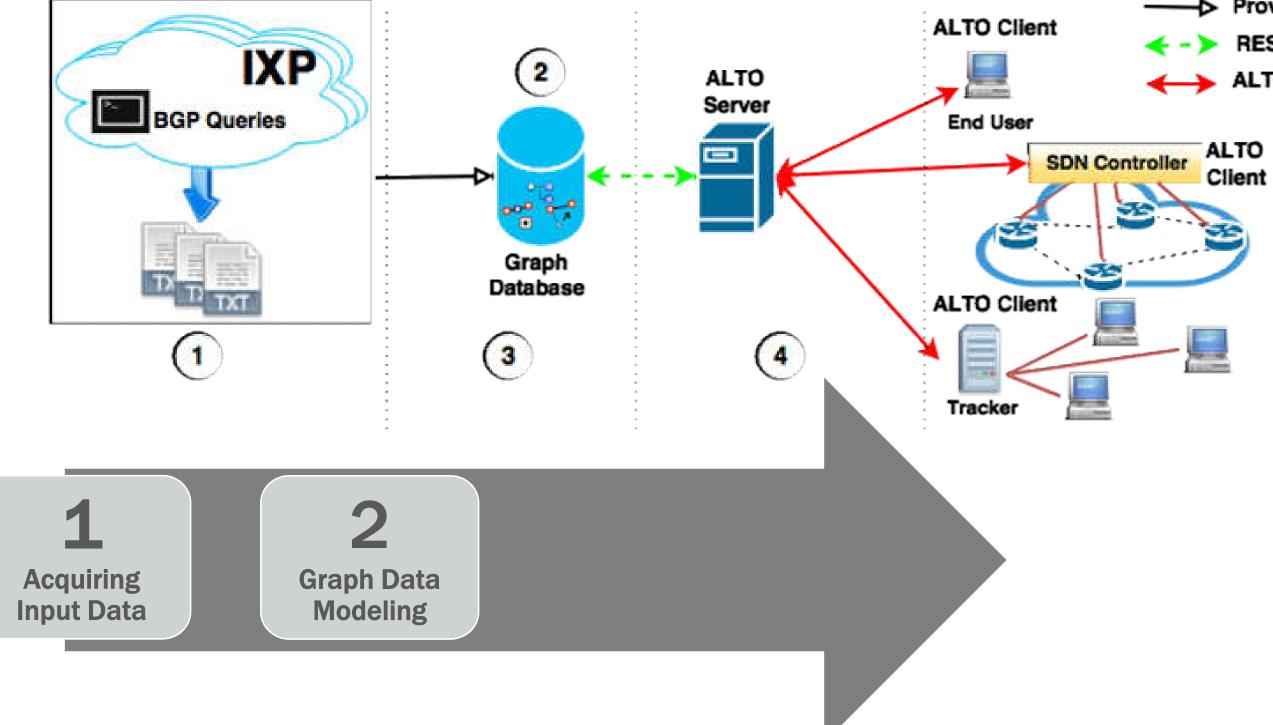
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ALTO Protocol

Design of ALTO-as-a-Service (AaaS) : Acquiring Input Data









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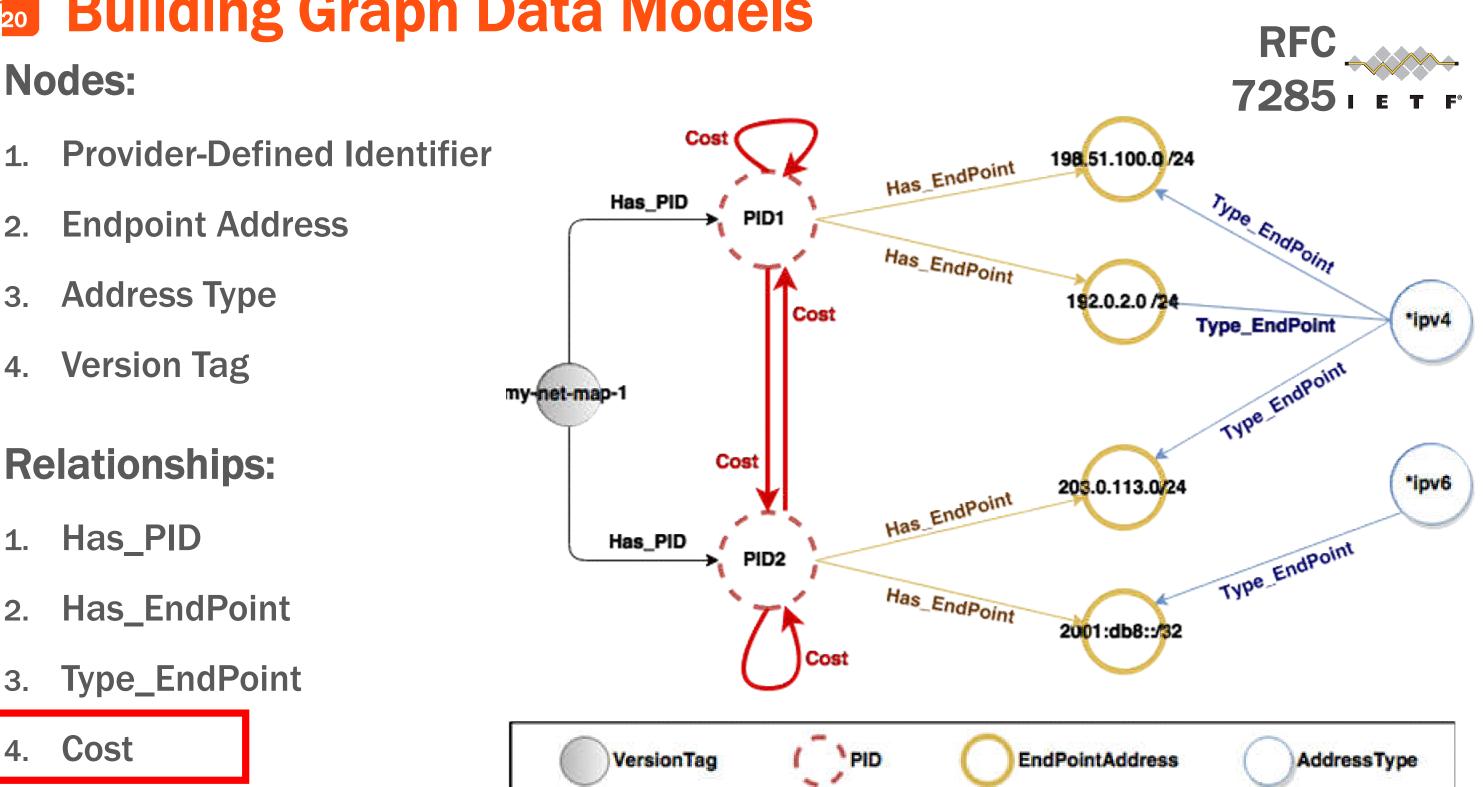
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Design of ALTO-as-a-Service (AaaS) : Building Graph Data Models

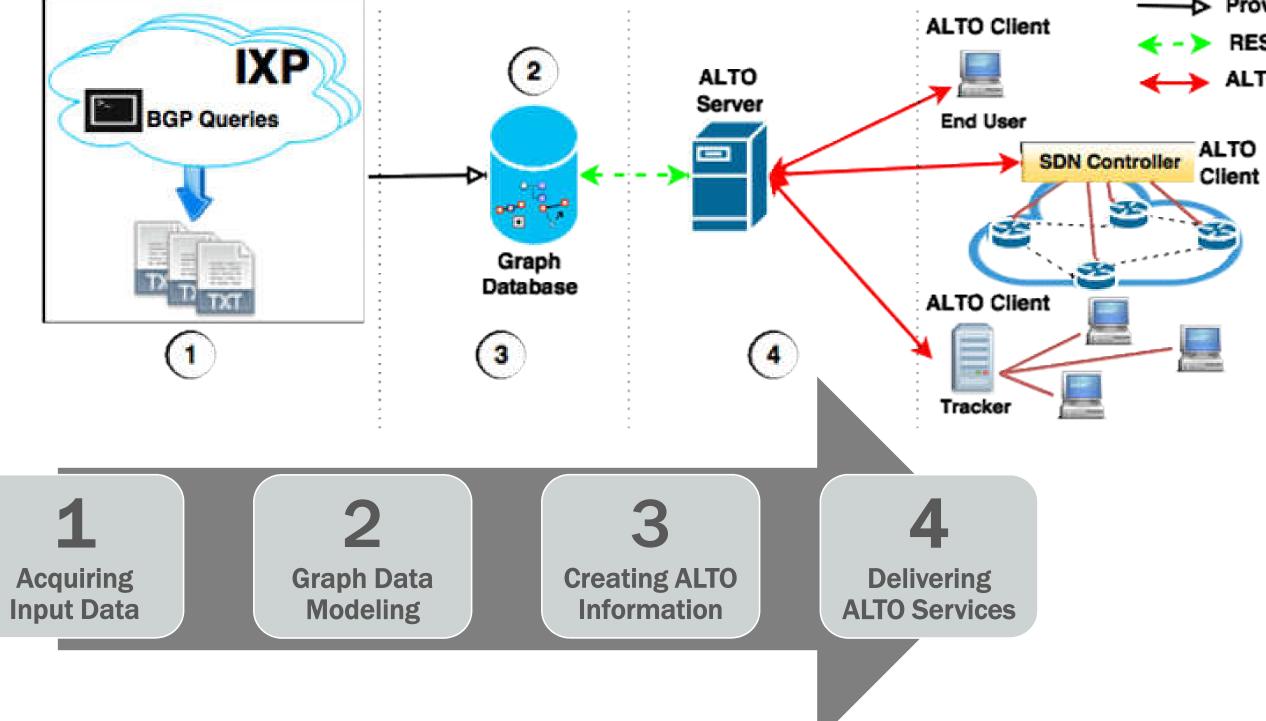
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Prototype Implementation: Input: IX.br BGP Data Set

Table 4.1: Public IXPs Operating in Brazil

#	City	State	Looking Glass	Gbps	Members	
01	Belem	PA	lg.bel.ptt.br	0.44	14	
02	Belo Horizonte	MG	lg.mg.ptt.br	2.07	33	
03	Brasilia	DF	lg.df.ptt.br	2.98	30	
04	Campina Grande	PB	lg.cpv.ptt.br	0.69	10	
05	Campinas	SP	lg.cas.ptt.br	3.57	35	(*)
06	Cuiaba	MT	lg.cgb.ptt.br	0.00	9	(*)
07	Caxias do Sul	RS	lg.cxj.ptt.br	0.08	5	(*)
08	Curitiba	\mathbf{PR}	lg.pr.ptt.br	16.10	68	(1)
19	Florianopolis	SC	lg.sc.ptt.br	1.28	34	(*)
10	Fortaleza	CE	lg.ce.ptt.br	2.72	29	
11	Goiania	GO	lg.gyn.ptt.br	1.06	24	
12	Lajeado	RS	lg.laj.ptt.br	0.01	8	(*)
13	Londrina	\mathbf{PR}	lg.lda.ptt.br	1.62	32	
14	Manaus	AM	lg.mao.ptt.br	0.02	8	(*)
15	Maringa	\mathbf{PR}	lg.mgf.ptt.br	0.28	21	(*)
16	Natal	RN	lg.nat.ptt.br	0.26	13	(*)
17	Porto Alegre	RS	lg.rs.ptt.br	20.85	117	
18	Recife	PE	lg.pe.ptt.br	0.69	16	
19	Rio de Janeiro	RJ	lg.rj.ptt.br	39.22	68	
20	Salvador	BA	lg.ba.ptt.br	1.47	47	(*)
21	Sao Carlos	SP	lg.sca.ptt.br	0.00	3	(*)
22	Sao Jose dos Campos	SP	lg.sjc.ptt.br	0.47	13	
23	Sao Jose do Rio Preto	SP	lg.sjp.ptt.br	0.62	11	(*)
24	Sao Paulo	SP	lg.sp.ptt.br	429.45	667	(1)
25	Vitoria	ES	lg.vix.ptt.br	0.80	22	. /
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There are filters in LG compromising the BGP table.

(*) Data provided by NIC.br, since publicly access was denied.

IXPs are part of PTTMetro project¹, created to promote the necessary infrastructure for direct interconnection between Brazilian networks of metropolitan regions.

The largest IXP ecosystem in Latin America and one of the world's top ten.

Members².

+1.0 Tbps average throughput ³

+2.5

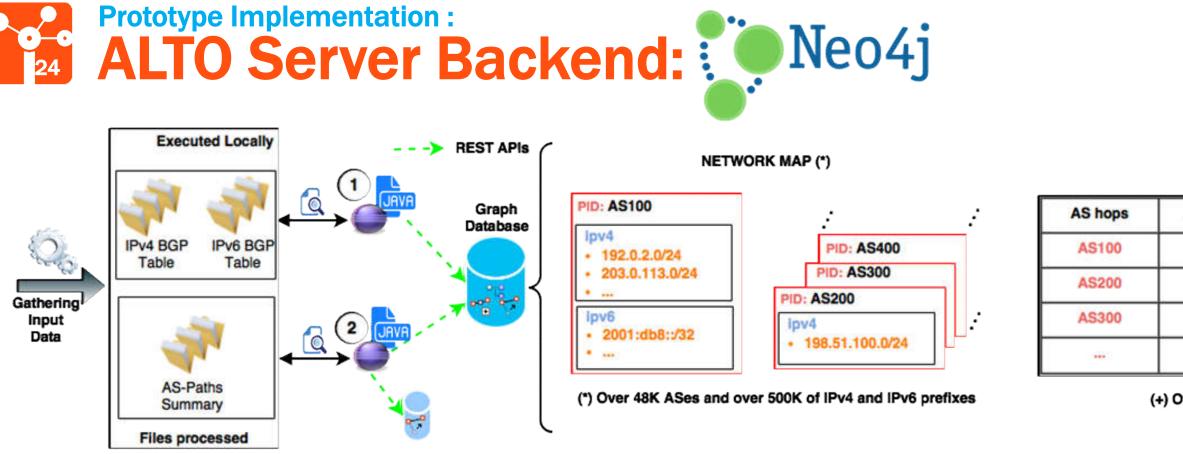
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GB of real BGP data.

¹http://ix.br

²http://ix.br/particip, Accessed: September, 2015 ³http://ix.br/trafego, Accessed: May, 2015



1. Network Map

- ✓ The ASNs serve as our grouping, with each ASN corr Hops between ASes present in the ✓ Each prefix (be it IPv4 and IPv6) will be associate w same IXPs are zeroed to favor intra-IXP traffic. 2. Cost Map \checkmark Path costs = The topological distance, expressed in the n/ of traversed AS.
 - \checkmark Two Cost Maps: Absolute distance and Relative distance.

COST MAP (+)

AS100	AS200	AS300	
0	5	4	
2	0	6	
3	3	0	
		3 3	

(+) Over 2.3 billions of pah costs



Prototype Implementation: ALTO Server Front-End: OpenDaylight



- ALTO in ODL is focused on implementing basic ALTO services as RESTful web services (Northbound APIs) for ALTO client/server communications.
- ALTO Northbound APIs generate ALTO services from data stored in the MD-SAL data store (an ODL core component)
 - It was necessary to modify the Northbound APIs to generate ALTO services from the data stored in the Neo4j GDB (instead of the MD-SAL topology).



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Experimental Evaluation : Functional Evaluation





Postman - REST Client

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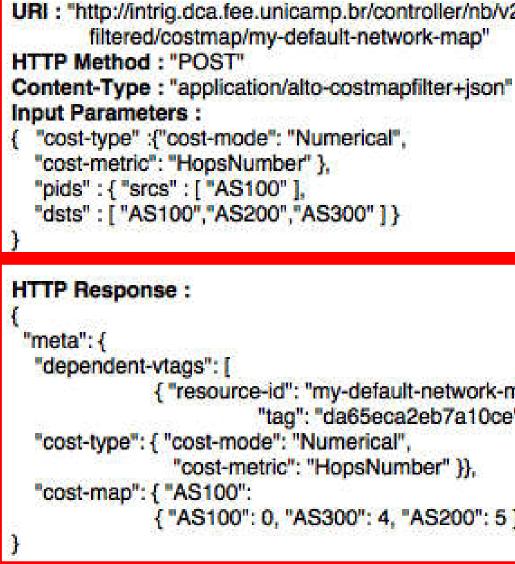
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URI : "http://intrig.dca.fee.unicamp.br/controller/nb/v2/alto/
      filtered/networkmap/my-default-network-map"
HTTP Method : "POST"
Content-Type : "application/alto-networkmapfilter+json"
Input Parameters :
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"pids" : ["AS100","AS200"]
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```
HTTP Response :
```

```
"meta": {
  "vtag": { "resource-id": "my-default-network-map",
   "tag": "da65eca2eb7a10ce" }
"network-map": {
```

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"AS100": { "ipv4": [ "192.0.2.0/24", "203.0.113.0/24" ],
              "ipv6": [ "2001:db8::/32" ],
"AS200": { "ipv4": [ "198.51.100.0/24" ] }
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(a) Filtered Network Map

(b) Filtered Cost Map (abs. distance)

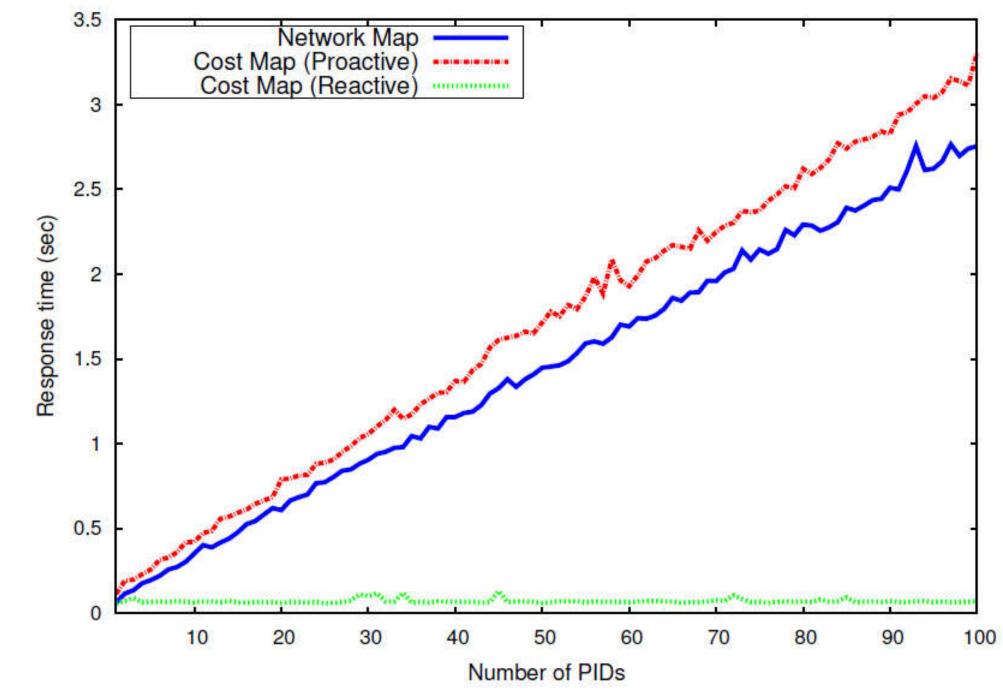
{ "AS100": 0, "AS300": 4, "AS200": 5 } }

"cost-metric": "HopsNumber" }},

{ "resource-id": "my-default-network-map", "tag": "da65eca2eb7a10ce" }].

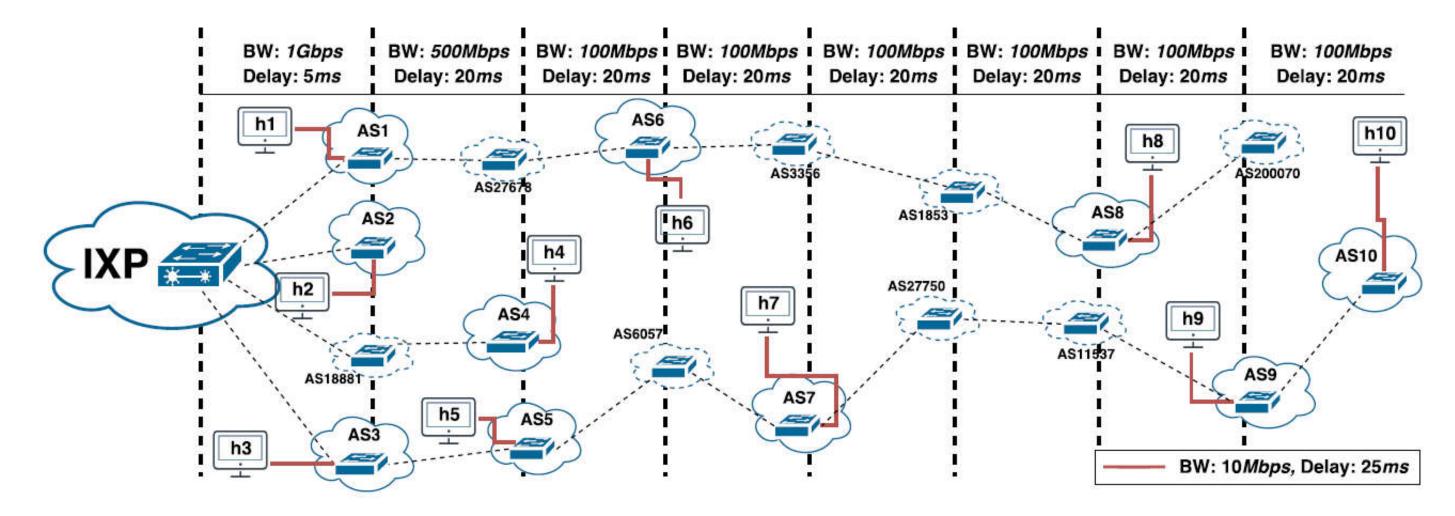
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Experimental Evaluation : System Performance Profiling



Response processing time for the Network and Cost Map (Absolute Distance) services

Experimental Evaluation : 1) IP Endpoint Selection with AaaS (strawman)



- ✓ 19 ASes, each represented by a switch abstraction in the Mininet emulator.
- ✓ The large AS switch represents the IXP.
- Links between ASes were set with larger bandwidth and lower delay when closer to the IXP.
- ✓ 10 communicating peers are represented as Mininet hosts attached to the switches.



Experimental Evaluation : 1) IP Endpoint Selection with AaaS (strawman)

ALTO information

Absolute distance (HopsNumber)

	AS1	AS2	AS3	AS4	AS5	AS6	AS7	AS8	AS9	AS10
AS1	0	2	2	3	3	2	5	5	8	9
AS2	2	0	2	3	3	4	5	7	8	9
AS3	2	2	0	3	1	4	3	7	6	7

Relative distance (HopsNumberPTT)

AS	AS1	AS2	AS3	AS4	AS5	AS6	AS7	AS8	AS9	AS10
AS1	0	0	0	1	1	2	3	5	6	7
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AS3	0	0	0	1	1	2	3	5	6	7

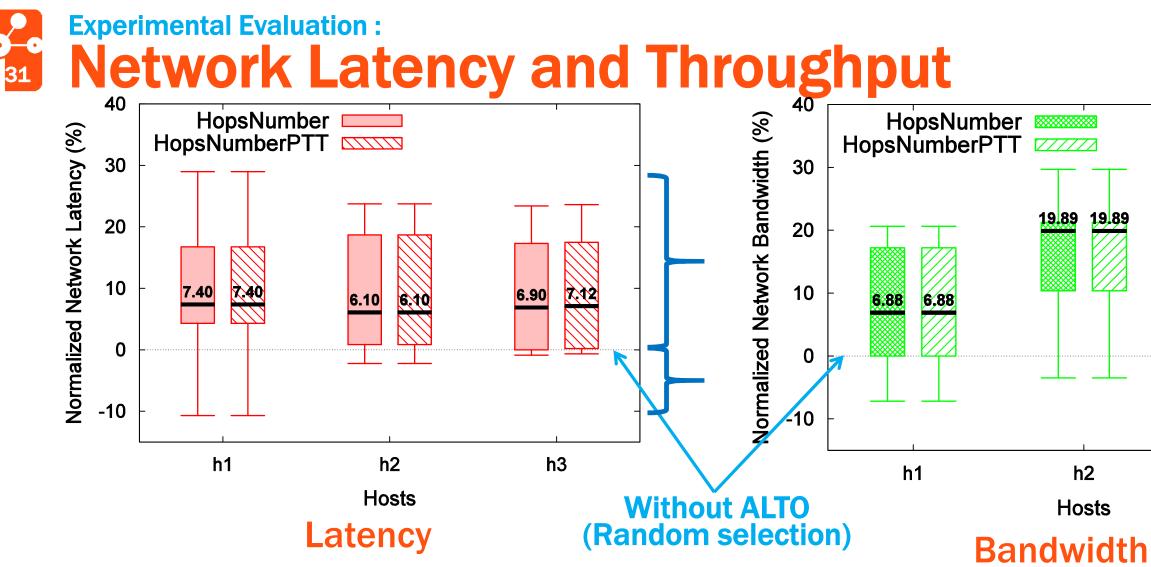
ALTO Clients

 \checkmark Hosts whose ASes are directly connected at IXP (ie., h1, h2, h3).

Workload and Metrics

- ✓ With a background traffic using the D-ITG traffic sending TCP traffic (512 byte packet size, 1,000 pps rate).
- ✓ We run end-to-end round-trip time measurements and available bandwidth with the remaining nine hosts using ping and iperf tools, respectively.





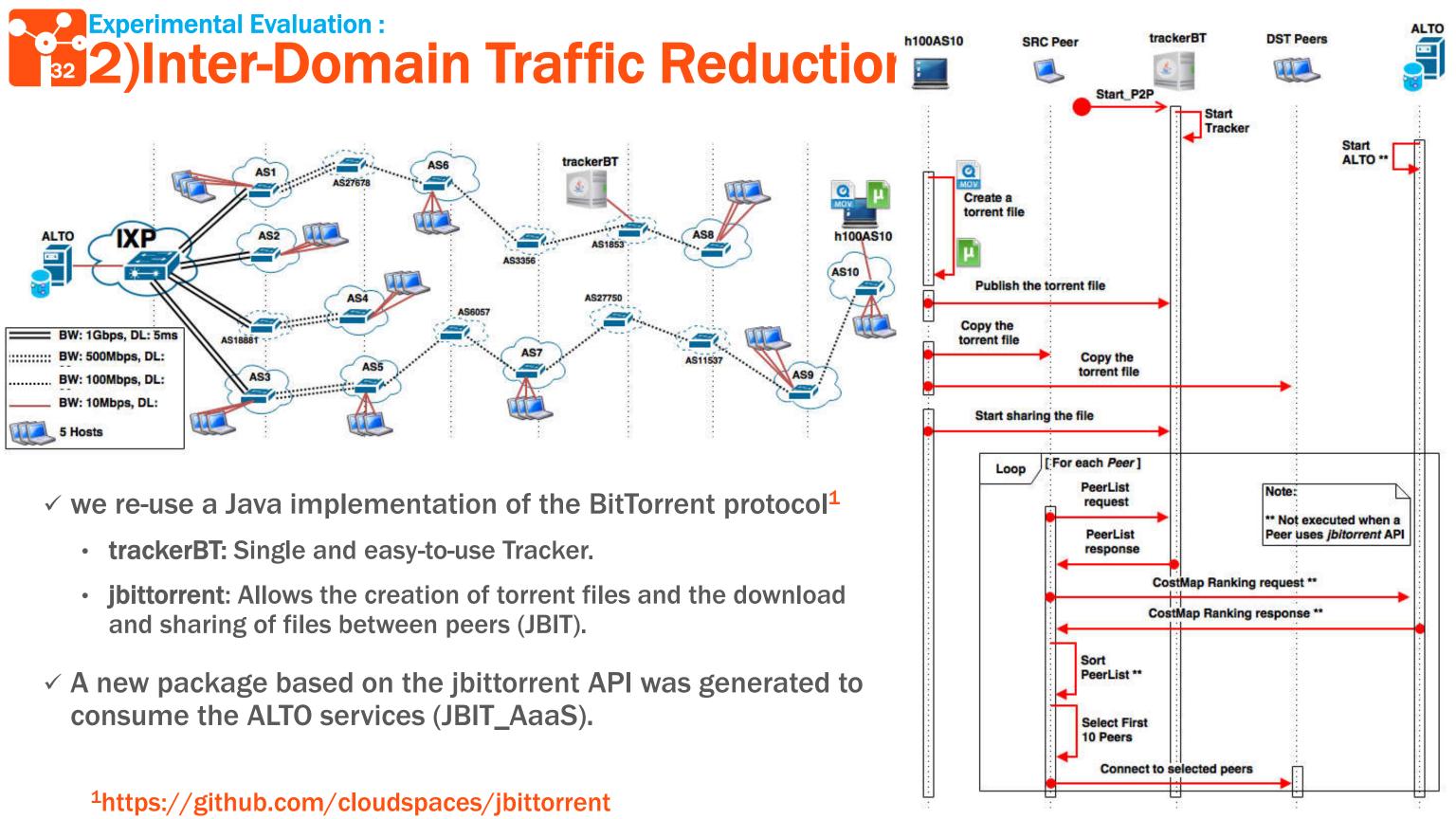
Results Analysis

 \checkmark Improvements in latency and throughput of up to 29%.

- ✓ In a few cases, peers selected through AaaS ended with less bandwidth or higher latency (between 1% and 11%): Shortest paths not necessary the best performing ones.
- ✓ When h3 uses the IXP infrastructure to select a peer (h1), as HopsNumberPTT suggests, further throughput improvements (up to 26%).

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ALTO information

Absolute distance (HopsNumber)

	AS1	AS2	AS3	AS4	AS5	AS6	AS7	AS8	AS9	AS10
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AS2	2	0	2	3	3	4	5	7	8	9
AS3	2	2	0	3	1	4	3	7	6	7

ALTO Clients

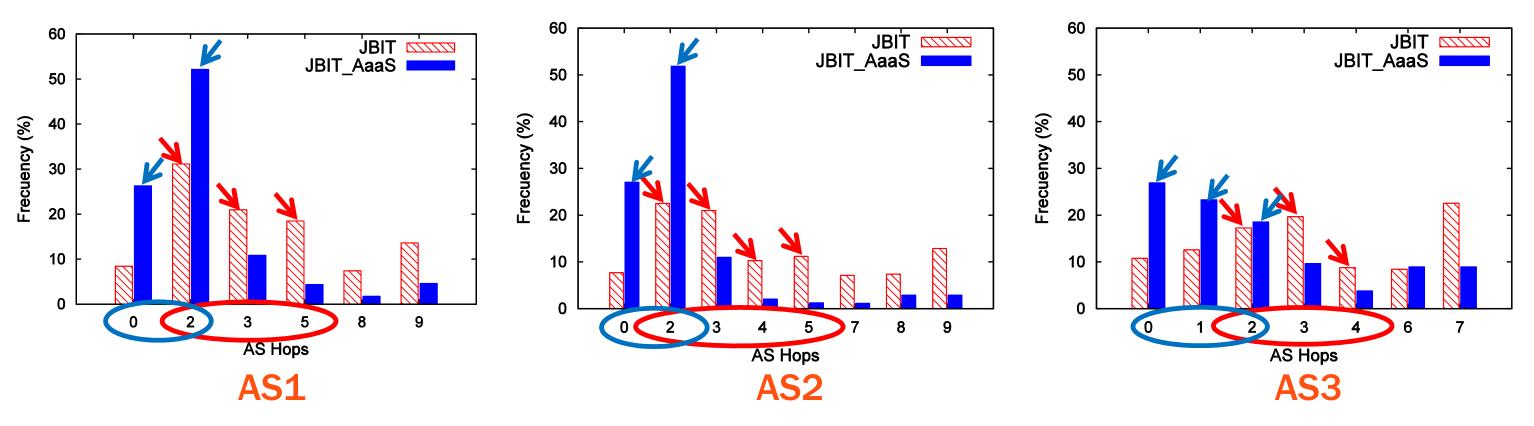
✓ Hosts whose ASes are directly connected at IXP (AS1, AS2 and AS3).

Workload and Metrics

- ✓ Two scenarios:
 - 1. Better-than-random peer selection using an ALTO server (JBIT_AaaS).
 - 2. Peer selection following the standard workflow of the BitTorrent protocol (JBIT).
- ✓ Each SRC peer generates a sample with the number of pieces extracted from the DST peers.
 - Since each peer is associated with an ASN, we compute the amount of AS-hops to reach DST peers.
 - Finally, we calculate the number of pieces retrieved in a given number of AS-hops from a SRC peer.

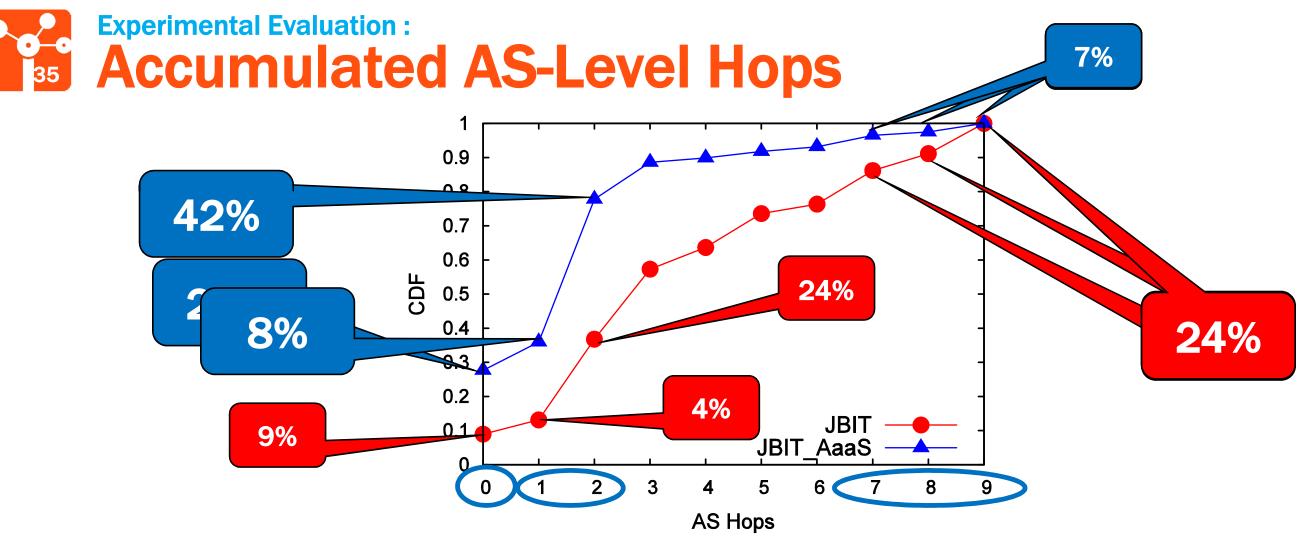
DST peers. DST peers. a SRC peer.

Experimental Evaluation : AS-Hops Distribution



Results Analysis

- \checkmark The higher concentration of pieces downloaded is at a depth between 2 to 5 AS-hops.
 - The average number of AS-level hops varies between 3.5 and 4.3 hops.
- Selecting DST peers using JBIT_AaaS has a better performance. The higher concentration of pieces downloaded is at a depth between 0 and 2 AS-hops.
 - The average number of AS-hops is between 1.9 and 2.1 AS-hops.



Results Analysis

- ✓ Over 28% of the times, peers selected by JBIT_AaaS do not leave the source AS, this is more than three times the performance achievable through JBIT (9%) at random.
- ✓ 50% of the total pieces are retrieved at a depth of 1 and 2 AS-hops, while JBIT-recommended peers in the same depth can only download 28% of the blocks for a file.
- ✓ The sum of pieces retrieved from AS8, AS9 and AS10 through SRC peers running the JBIT_AaaS API
 (7%) is less than three times the sum of pieces retrieved at random by JBIT (24%).

Experimental Evaluation : 3) Performance Improvement of a Real P2P App.

Table 10 – Torrent Files description (April 19th, 2016)

Name	# Seeder	# Leecher	Piece	File Name	
Name	# Seeder	# Leecher	Length	rne manie	
Torrent1.torrent	1446	42	512 KB	ubuntu-15.10-desktop-i386.iso	
Torrent2.torrent	183	6	512 KB	debian-8.4.0-amd64-CD-1.iso	
Torrent3.torrent	558	22	256 KB	LibreOffice_5.1.2_Win_x86.msi	
Torrent4.torrent	304	35	512 KB	ubuntu-14.10-desktop-i386.iso	
Torrent5.torrent	3576	68	512 KB	ubuntu-15.10-desktop-amd64.iso	

✓ We use a single SRC peer located on University of Campinas (ASN: 53187).

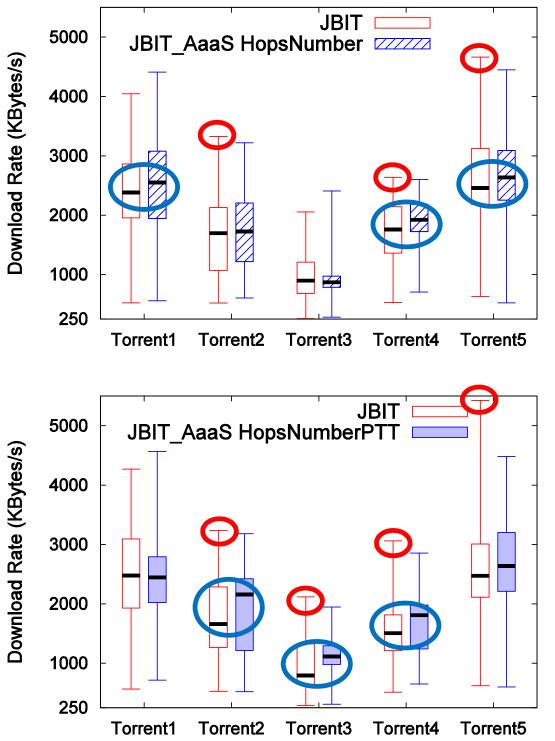
- Our Java implementation supports only HTTP GET requests to the TCP-based Trackers.
- ✓ Max number of DST peer list to receive from a Tracker is 100 (only IPv4 addresses) and half of peers are selected for the final DST peer list.
- ✓ JBIT_AaaS: A new input parameter is added in order to obtain the absolute o relative distance between SRC peer and DST peers.



File Size

1.14 GB 630 MB 211.36 MB 1.11 GB 1.10 GB

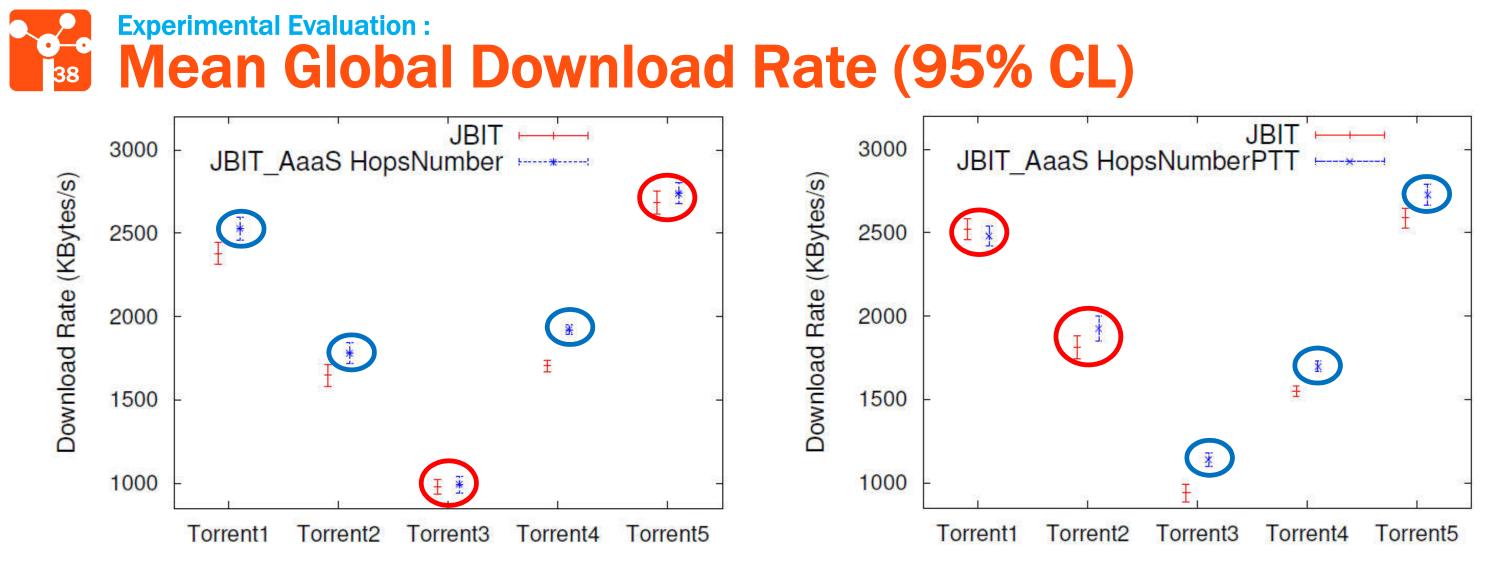
Experimental Evaluation : Global Download Rate



Results Analysis

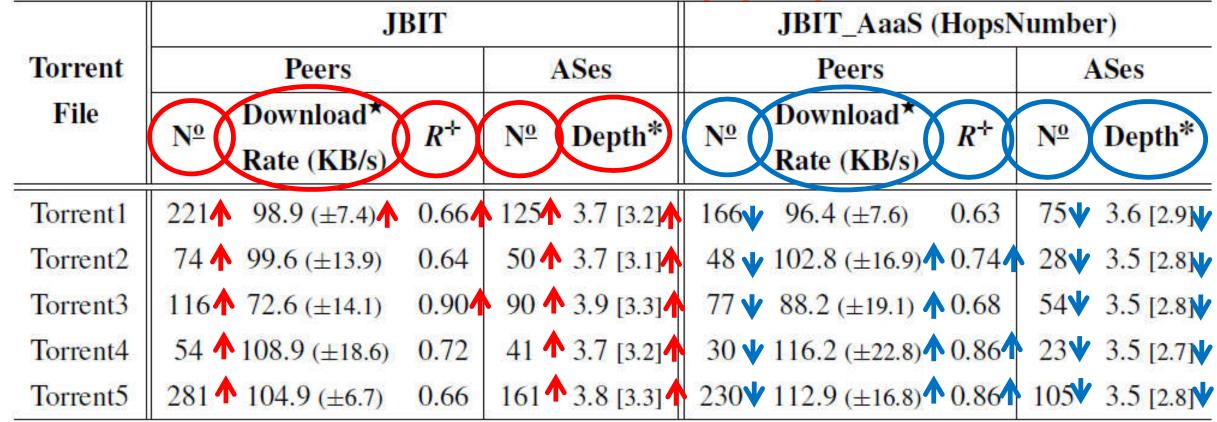
- ✓ The difference of median download rates for JBIT_AaaS and JBIT is between 166 and 178 KBytes/s. Exceptions: torrent2 (30 KBytes/s) and torrent3 (-26 KBytes/s).
- \checkmark JBIT provides the highest peaks of download rate (torrent2, torrent4 and torrent5).

- ✓ The difference in median download rate is above 300 KBytes/s (torrent3 and torrent4), reaching around 500 KBytes/s in the case of torrent2. Exceptions: torrent5 (163 Kbytes/s) and torrent1 (-29 KBytes/s).
- \checkmark JBIT achieves the higher peak download rate of all our experiments (5426 KBytes/s).



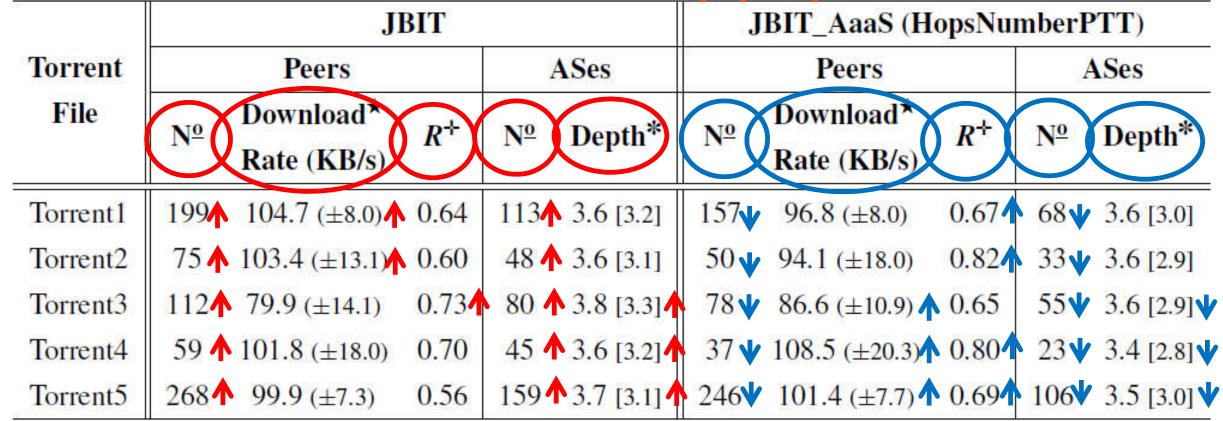
- ✓ torrent1, torrent2 and torrent4: We can state at 95% of confidence that JBIT_AaaS have a higher download rate than JBIT at random.
- ✓ torrent3, torrent4 and torrent5: our approach (JBIT_AaaS) shows statistically significantly better download rate than a standard Bit-Torrent protocol.
- ✓ Others torrents: it is not possible to state that JBIT_AaaS has a better performance than JBIT or vice versa.

Experimental Evaluation : Destination Peer Statistics (1/2)



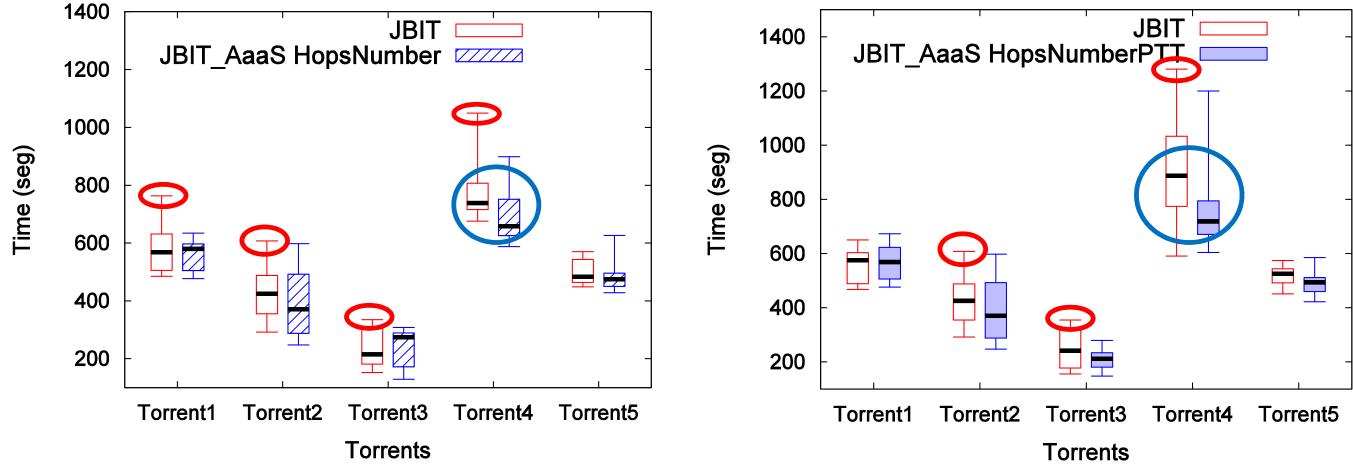
- ✓ JBIT splits each download rate into a large and random number of peers. JBIT_AaaS connects to the same set of peers continuously.
- ✓ JBIT: each connection obtains a relatively low individual transfer rate.
- ✓ JBIT_AaaS obtains a CC value greater than peers randomly selected by JBIT.
- ✓ # ASes reached by JBIT_AaaS proves to be lower than the number of ASes selected by a JBIT.
- ✓ Depth varies between 3.7 and 3.9 (JBIT) and Depth values lie between 3.5 and 3.6 (JBIT_AaaS).

Experimental Evaluation : Destination Peer Statistics (2/2)



- ✓ JBIT splits each download rate into a large and random number of peers. JBIT_AaaS connects to the same set of peers continuously.
- \checkmark JBIT: each connection obtains a relatively low individual transfer rate.
- ✓ JBIT_AaaS obtains a CC value greater than peers randomly selected by JBIT.
- ✓ # ASes reached by JBIT_AaaS proves to be lower than the number of ASes selected by a JBIT.
- ✓ Depth varies between 3.6 and 3.8 (JBIT) and Depth values lie between 3.4 and 3.6 (JBIT_AaaS).

Experimental Evaluation : Total Download Time



Results Analysis

- ✓ The maximum values were obtained by JBIT.
- ✓ The difference of median values are generally in favour of JBIT_AaaS.
 - HopsNumber: The greatest median difference is calculated in torrent4 (-80 seg.)
 - HopsNumberPTT: Torrent4 achieves the best difference (-169 seg.).



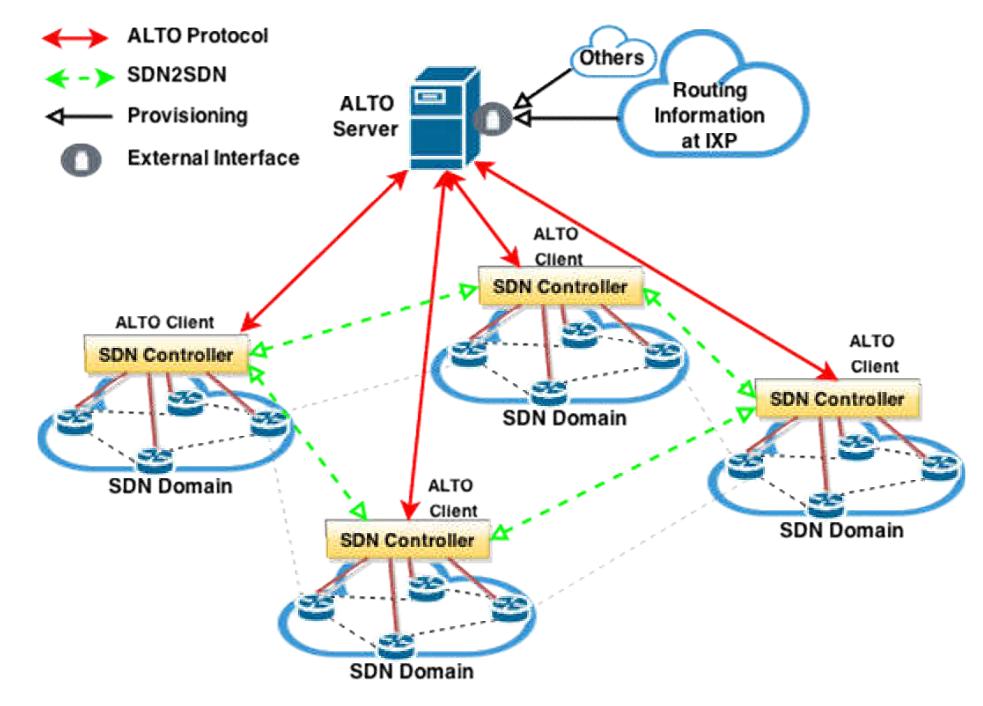
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- The Cost Map rankings are based on relatively static AS-Path distance and do not consider more dynamic information such as actual bandwidth, latency, packet loss rate, etc.
 - Thus, dynamic updates of cost maps based on public Internet quality measurements (e.g., SIMET, RIPE TTM) are in our research agenda.
- The AaaS workflow does not handle periodic updates (e.g. when a new dataset) is retrieved) and a single snapshot was used in order to built the ALTO information.
 - Therefore, the creation of a procedural flow where the AaaS can support scenarios with multiple datasets is at the top in our future research activities.
- ✓ Implement the remaining ALTO services (e.g., full Map-Service, EPS and ECS).
- Yerototype performance optimization (e.g., Neo4j query tuning techniques, Linux) fs configuration, security).





ALTO – SDN Use Cases



- This is the first work that explores the use of Inter-domain routing data publicly available at IXPs to create abstract topology and cost maps following the recently standardized IETF ALTO protocol.
- \checkmark Our proposed architecture (AaaS) encompasses the whole process of ALTO service delivery.
- \checkmark Our AaaS prototype is based on the popular Neo4j graph database and the **OpenDaylight controller and validated the potential of applications to leverage** the network awareness provided by ALTO servers.
- ✓ Our approach can reduce the amount of traffic that crosses network boundaries, resulting in ISPs' cost reductions and ALTO service providers (in our case IX.br operators) can benefit from increased IXP traffic exchange.



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Design of ALTO-as-a-Service (AaaS) : Creating and Delivering ALTO Information

Create the ALTO information and populate the graph DB

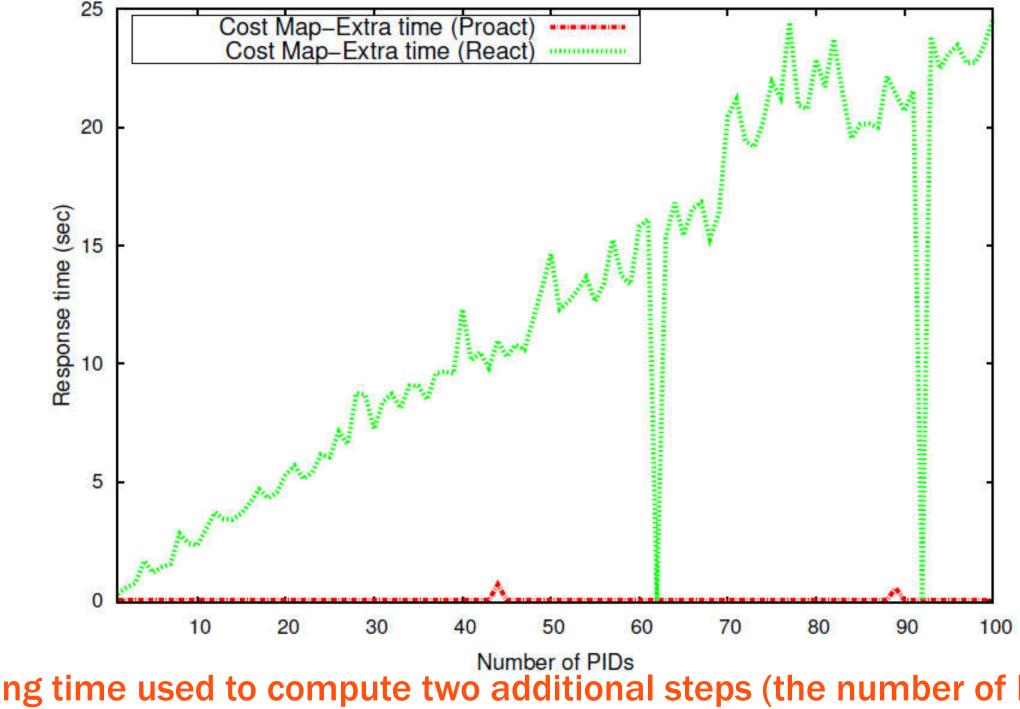
- Grouping of prefixes into PID (Network Map) by ASes, IXPs, BGP communities, points of presence, 1. just to cite a few examples.
- Defining the preferences / costs between the groups PID (Cost Map) expressed on a path cost such 2. as physical distance between IXPs, topological distances between ASes, etc.

Delivering ALTO Services

The last step is deploying an ALTO web server implementing the client-server protocol delivering the **REST/JSON APIs to ALTO clients as defined by RFC7285.**



Experimental Evaluation : System Performance Profiling (2/2)



Processing time used to compute two additional steps (the number of hops and insert it into database).



	h1	h2	h3	h4	h5	h6	h7	h8
h1		120.5	120.6	160.6	160.6	180.5	240.8	300.7
	3	(±0.4)	(±0.3)	(±0.5)	(±0.5)	(±0.7)	(±0.5)	(±0.8)
h2	120.5	<u> 17 18</u>	120.4	160.6	160.6	200.7	240.9	320.9
	(±0.3)		(±0.2)	(±0.4)	(±0.4)	(±0.3)	(±0.6)	(±0.7)
h3	120.5	120.5		160.5	140.5	200.6	220.6	320.8
	(±0.4)	(±0.5)		(±0.6)	(±0.4)	(±0.5)	(±0.4)	(±0.5)

Processing Network Latency (ms) in a scenario with no traffic expressed as RTT AVG and RTT MDEV.

h10 h9 360.9 401.0 (± 0.8) (± 1.0) 401.1 360.9 (± 0.6) (± 0.8) 340.8 380.8 (± 0.4) (± 0.8))



- The Cost Map rankings are based on relatively static AS-Path distance and do not consider more dynamic information such as actual bandwidth, latency, packet loss rate, etc.
 - Thus, dynamic updates of cost maps based on public Internet quality measurements (e.g., SIMET, RIPE TTM) are in our research agenda.
- \checkmark Implement the remaining ALTO services (e.g., full Map-Service, EPS and ECS).

Yerototype performance optimization (e.g., Neo4j query tuning techniques, Linux) fs configuration, security).



- This is the first work that explores the use of Inter-domain routing data publicly available at IXPs to create abstract topology and cost maps following the recently standardized IETF ALTO protocol.
- \checkmark Our proposed architecture (AaaS) encompasses the whole process of ALTO service delivery.
- \checkmark Our proof-of-concept implementation is based on the popular Neo4j graph database and the OpenDaylight controller and validated the potential of applications to leverage the network awareness provided by ALTO servers.
- \checkmark At the same time, ISPs and ALTO service providers (in our case IX.br operators) can benefit from increased and localized IXP traffic exchange.