

High-Speed Inter-Domain Fault Localization

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Fault localization problem statement

- Localize entities that drop, delay, or modify traffic
- Practical for inter-domain settings



Who localizes faults?

Acceptable localization duration?

Acceptable communication overhead?

Storage overhead at nodes?

ODSBR – Awerbuch et al., ACM Trans. on Information and System Security (2008) TrueNet – Zhang et al., ICNP (2011) ShortMAC – Zhang et al., NDSS (2012) Secure sketch protocols – Goldberg et al., IEEE/ACM Trans. on Netw. (2014)

Previous approaches



Per-packet monitoring: packet fingerprint Per-flow or per-source storage

Traffic: 10 Gbps	Fast path storage
Secure sketch	~149 GB + per-source
ShortMAC	~4.6 GB + per-source
Faultprints	~46 MB

How to bound fast-path storage?



*Lightweight source authentication and path validation – Kim et al., SIGCOMM 2014

Fault localization

• Localization performed when **fault is detected**



packet observed

- packet not observed
- P Incorrect reply
- S computes link corruption scores for correct probe replies



• S computes node misbehavior probabilities for incorrect probe replies (see paper)

IS FAULTPRINTS SECURE?

Storage exhaustion defense

- Epochs
- Worst case scenario: ~46 MB per 10 Gbps traffic

• Framing attacks

- Cannot guess packets sampled by target
- Probe reply indistinguishability
- Best strategy is to attack at random \Rightarrow reduce the attack surface





No Free Lunch

Pros & Cons

- Low storage, but a higher communication overhead
- Paths symmetric or significantly overlapping
- Delay localization requires time synchronization between nodes
- Secure against sophisticated attackers

ACCURACY AND THROUGHPUT

Localization accuracy

- One malicious node, at random locations on path
- Path length 5 ASes, link natural packet loss 0.1%



Throughput and Goodput

• Commodity server as Faultprints router receiving traffic at 120 Gbps



- Sampling rate 10%
- Bloom filter false positive rate 0.02
- Path length 5 ASes

Conclusion

- Faultprints localizes Internet-wide packet drop, delay, and modification
- Low storage requirements: ~46 MB for 10 Gbps traffic rate
- Secure against storage exhaustion attacks and framing attacks
- Real-world traffic forwarded on commodity server at ~117 / 120 Gbps