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AmLight-ExP: Performance Measurement @ AmLight

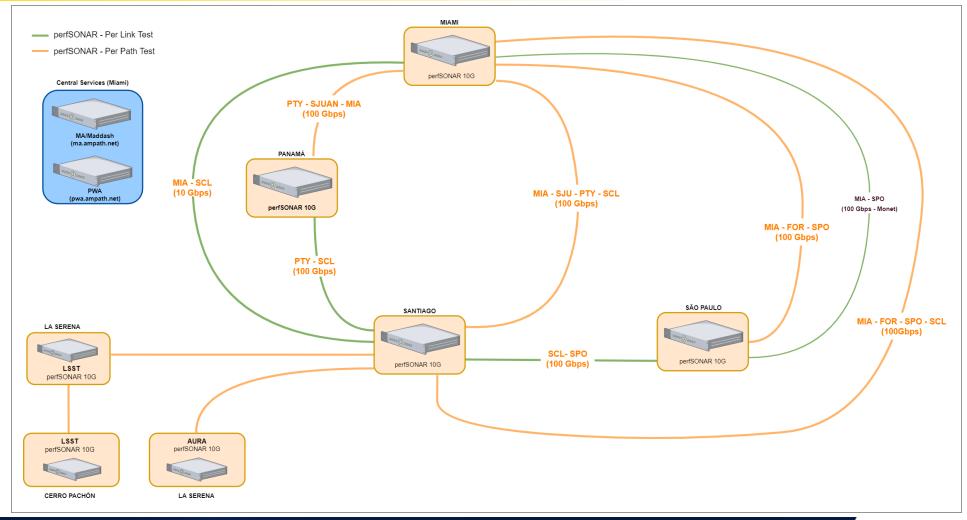
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Measurement Tool: perfSONAR

- Why use a network performance tool?
 - Save historical data
 - Availability of a large number of tests
 - Help to identify potential improvement points
- Why perfSONAR?
 - Well-known toolkit commonly used in the academic community
 - It is being developed to address the R&E network's needs
 - It is an open source tool
 - Customizable tests supported
 - More than 2000 measurement points deployed
 - Web interfaces could be used for management and data visualization
- What is AmLight testing?
 - Network throughput Type of traffic: TCP. Interval: 4 hours. Parallel streams: 8
 - Network packet loss Type of traffic: OWAMP. Interval: Run continuously
 - Network delay Type of traffic: OWAMP. Runs continuously.

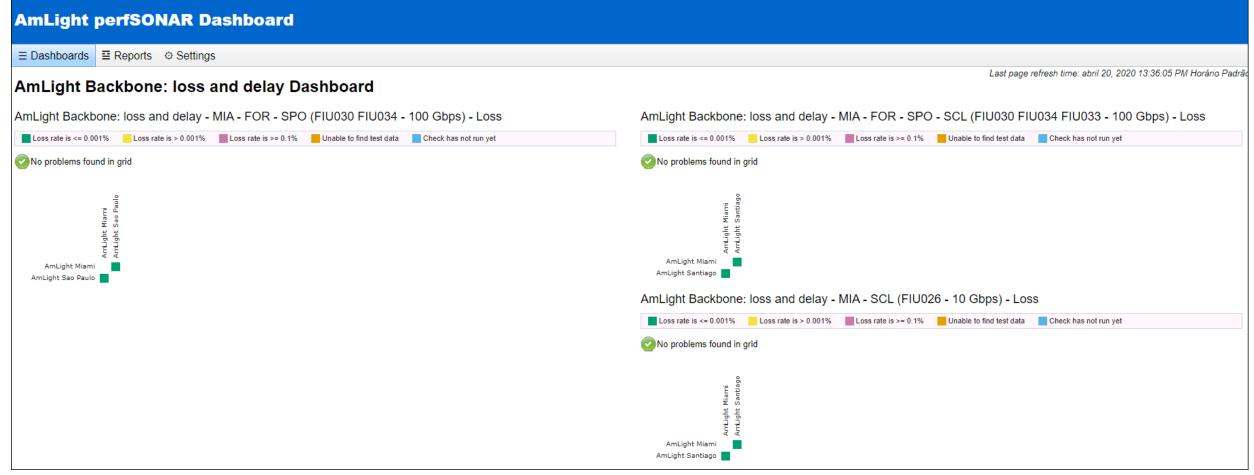


AmLight – perfSONAR Measurement Topology (April 2020)



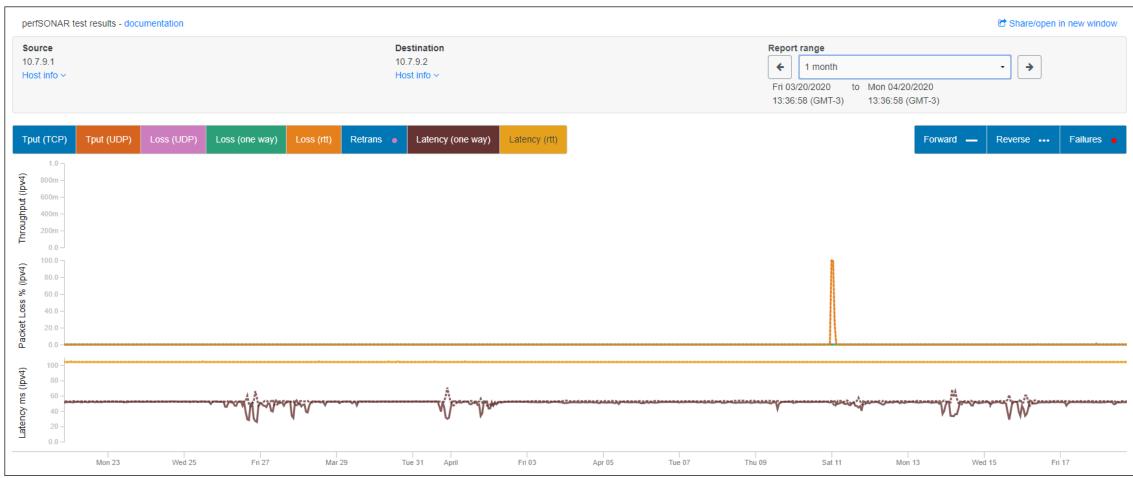
Maddash – The perfSONAR Dashboard (1)

Presents the data as a 2D grid enabling to visualize quickly a test with poor performance. Accessible using: https://dashboard.ampath.net



Maddash – The perfSONAR Dashboard (2)

Presents the detailed data for a chosen test.



Live Demonstration



Use Cases:

- Replacement of a Brocade for a Dell switch in Santiago:
 - With the perfSonar tests we were able to verify the behavior of the international links before and after the replacement.
- Integrations made by AmLight:
 - AmLight has integrated the perfSONAR environment with AmLight NMS (Zabbix).
 - Zabbix can raise alarms as soon as a perfSONAR test reports a poor performance.
 - These alarms provide a way to quickly be advised when the network performance deteriorated.

Last 50 issues						
Host	Issue	Last change	Age	Info	Ack	Actions
ps-ma-maddash	Problem: RubinObs-LS: Santiago to La Serena - Latency: Santiago - La Serena - Loss (10.7.27.2->10.7.27.1)	22 Apr 2020 06:09:03	6h 6m 36s		<u>No</u>	
ps-ma-maddash	Problem: AURA: Santiago to La Serena - Latency: Santiago - La Serena - Loss (10.7.23.2->10.7.23.1)	22 Apr 2020 06:01:21	6h 14m 18s		<u>No</u>	
ps-ma-maddash	Problem: RubinObs-LS: Santiago to La Serena - RTT: Santiago - La Serena - Ping Loss (10.7.27.1->10.7.27.2)	22 Apr 2020 05:39:06	6h 36m 33s		<u>No</u>	
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ps-ma-maddash	Problem: RubinObs-LS: Santiago to La Serena - RTT: Santiago - La Serena - Ping Loss (10.7.27.2->10.7.27.1)	22 Apr 2020 05:09:06	7h 6m 33s		<u>No</u>	
ps-ma-maddash	Problem: AURA: Santiago to La Serena - RTT: Santiago - La Serena - Ping Loss (10.7.23.1->10.7.23.2)	22 Apr 2020 05:01:25	7h 14m 15s		<u>No</u>	
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Expanding the Performance Measurement: Rubin Observatory Use Case

- Ideal end-to-end South-North BW: 40+Gbps
- 5 seconds data transfer window every 27 seconds/every night
- 10,703 miles/17,125km from La Serena to Champaign, IL
 - AmLight is responsible for 9,551 miles/15,281km of it
- There are 22+ paths between Santiago and Atlanta
- 15+ data centers in the path; 20+ cross-connects in the shortest path
- Vera Rubin LHN's SLA:
 - Acceptable packet loss: 0.0001%
 - Mean Time Between Failures: 180 days
 - Mean Time To Repair: 48h

→ We need better troubleshooting tools!



Expanding AmLight-ExP: AmLight-INT

- In-band Network Telemetry is a framework designed to allow for the collection and reporting of network state, by the data plane
- Network Telemetry overcomes limitations imposed by legacy technology:
 - More metrics and granularity beyond what traditional networking monitoring solutions can provide
 - Sub-second data gathering
 - Useful for microburst detection and queue utilization at a sub-second interval
 - Complete view of network state in the flow's path



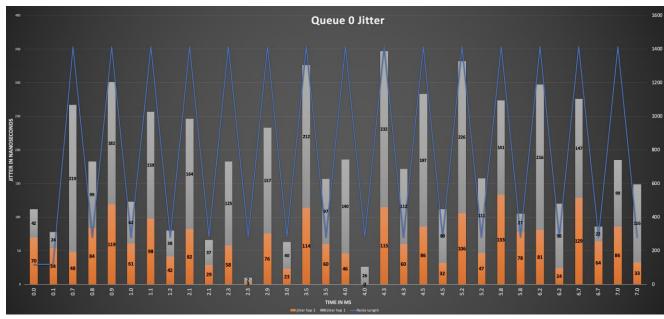
How does AmLight plan to use INT to support Rubin Obs.?

- How did this packet get here?
 - The sequence of network devices a packet visited along its path.
- Why is this packet here?
 - The set of rules a packet matched upon at every switch along the way.
- How long was this packet delayed?
 - The time a packet spent buffered in every switch, to the nanosecond, from end-to-end.
- Why was this packet delayed?
 - The flows and applications that a packet shared each queue with.



AmLight-INT: Framework and Tools

- INT Controller:
 - Collects all telemetry reports
 - Saves telemetry reports after a threshold
- QueueTop
 - Monitors all network devices' queues
 - Pinpoint where the bottlenecks are
- Proof Of Transit
 - Records the path taken per packet
- Tools will be released as open source on Github soon





Final Considerations

Future thoughts:

- Add perfSONAR nodes to the San Juan and Fortaleza AmLight sites.
- Add TENET's perfSONAR to AmLight Maddash dashboard.
- Create more end-to-end tests to amplify our connectors' perspective.
- Study if other types of tests available with the perfSONAR toolkit could improve our daily work.







Thank You! / Questions? / Comments?

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