



CMPT 886 course project presentation

P2VoD: analysis and improvements

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Project introduction

- CMPT 886 project (04-2)
- Based on ICC '04 paper:
 - P2VoD: Providing Fault Tolerant Video-on-Demand Streaming in Peer-to-Peer Environment by Do, Hua, and Tantaoui



Introduction

- Network I/O bandwidth is VoD's main operational constraint
- Queuing requests results in renegeing
- Broadcasting is not always possible
- One solution is to use pipelining, by using client outgoing bandwidth to distribute media
 - Sheu, Hua, and Tavanapong introduced a pipelining idea called Chaining in '97



Chaining

- Chaining:
 - a technique to pipeline the distribution of media in an unicast environment
 - a receiver acts as a server to other receivers down the chain



Chaining illustration

$$b_d = 4$$

$$d(a,b) = 1$$

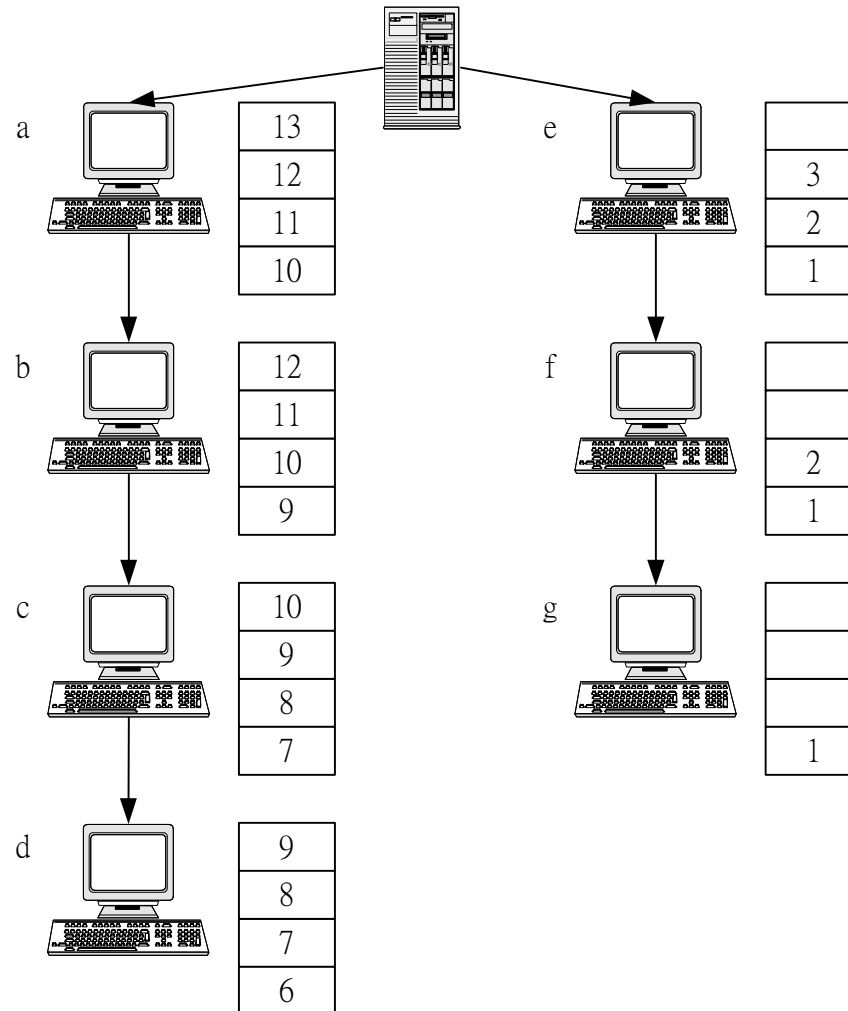
$$d(b,c) = 2$$

$$d(c,d) = 1$$

$$d(d,e) = 6$$

$$d(e,f) = 1$$

$$d(f,g) = 1$$





P2VoD

- P2VoD
 - extended the idea of chaining into the concept of generations
 - each generation's peer has the same oldest block cached
 - provides localized recovery
 - quick join: only youngest generation is contacted

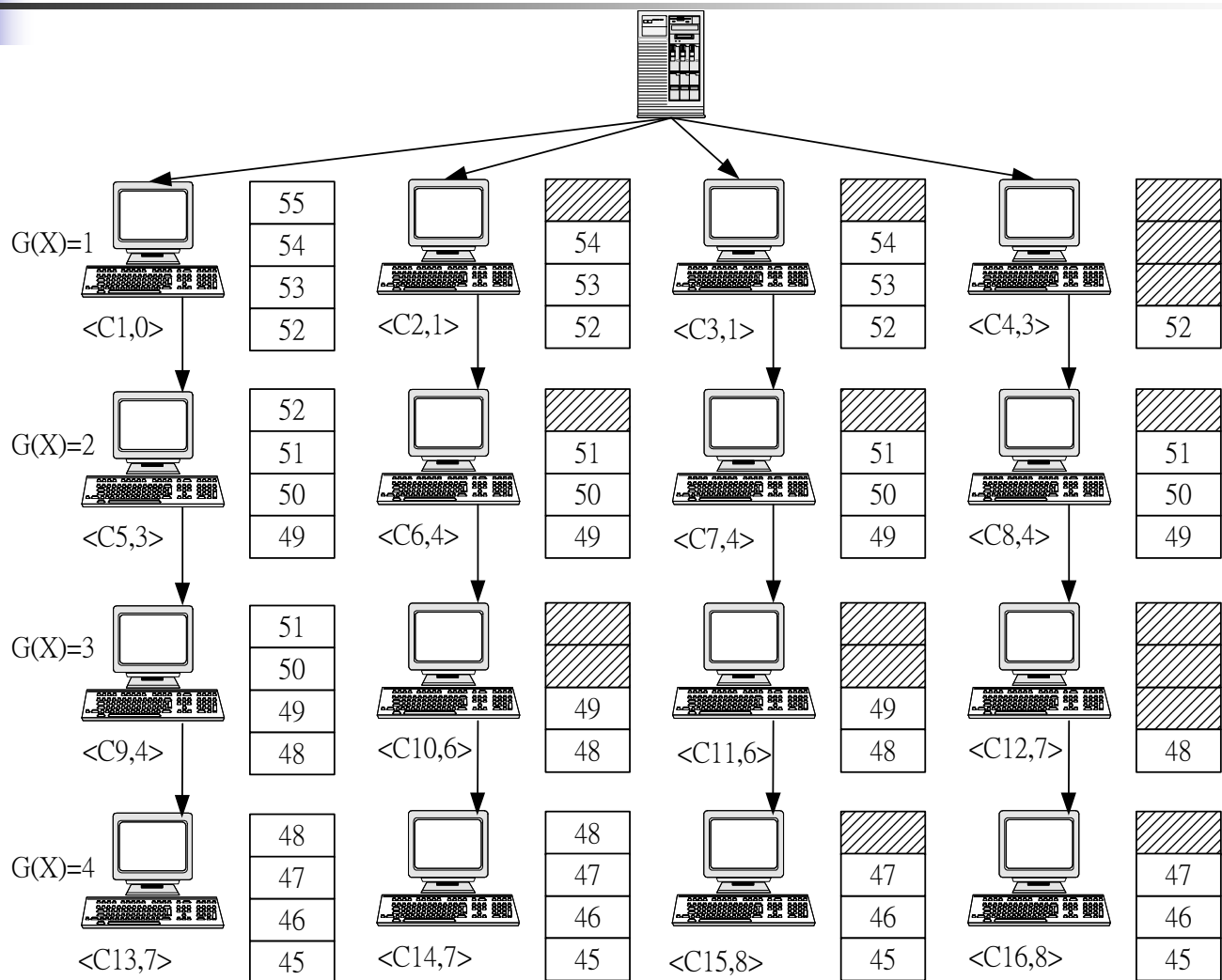


P2VoD generations

- Clients in generation $G(X)=g$ will have the same oldest R-block in their cache
- Not all clients use the full size of the cache
 - client cache usage is determined by the time difference between the arrival time of client Y and the arrival time of client X which is the oldest member in a generation
 - $ab_X - ab_Y = t_{jY} - t_{jX}$
- First generation $G(X)=1$ has at most K members



P2VoD illustration



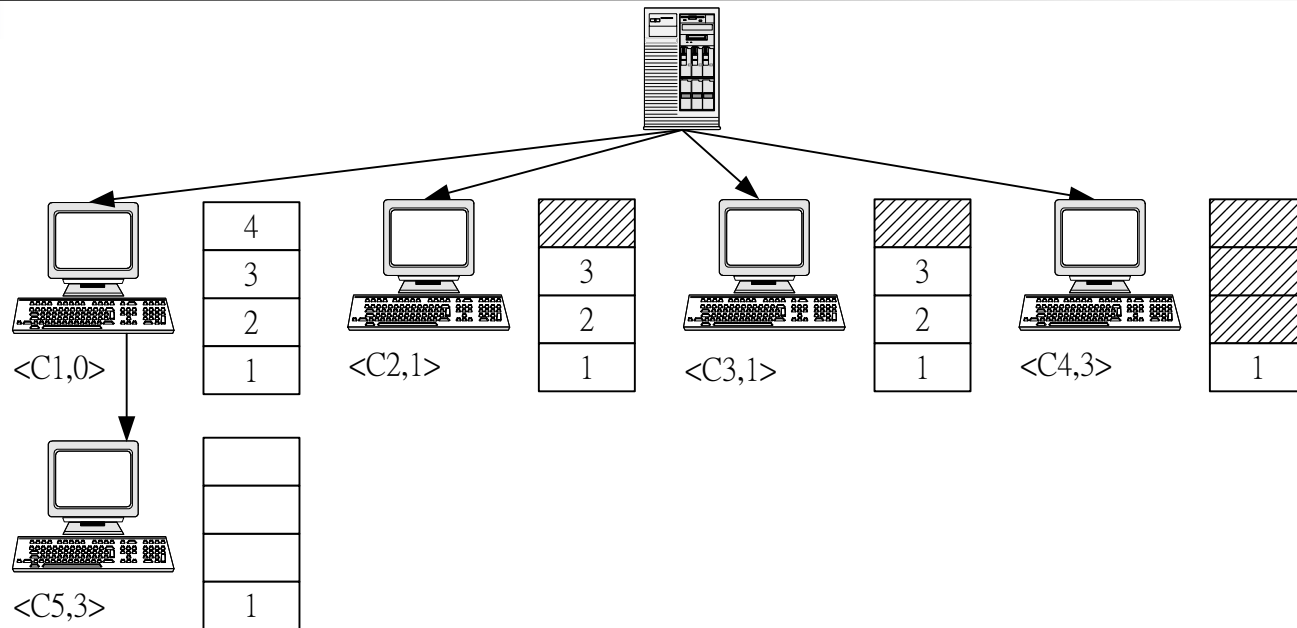


P2VoD joining

- Parent selection:
 - round robin
 - smallest delay selection
 - smallest distance selection

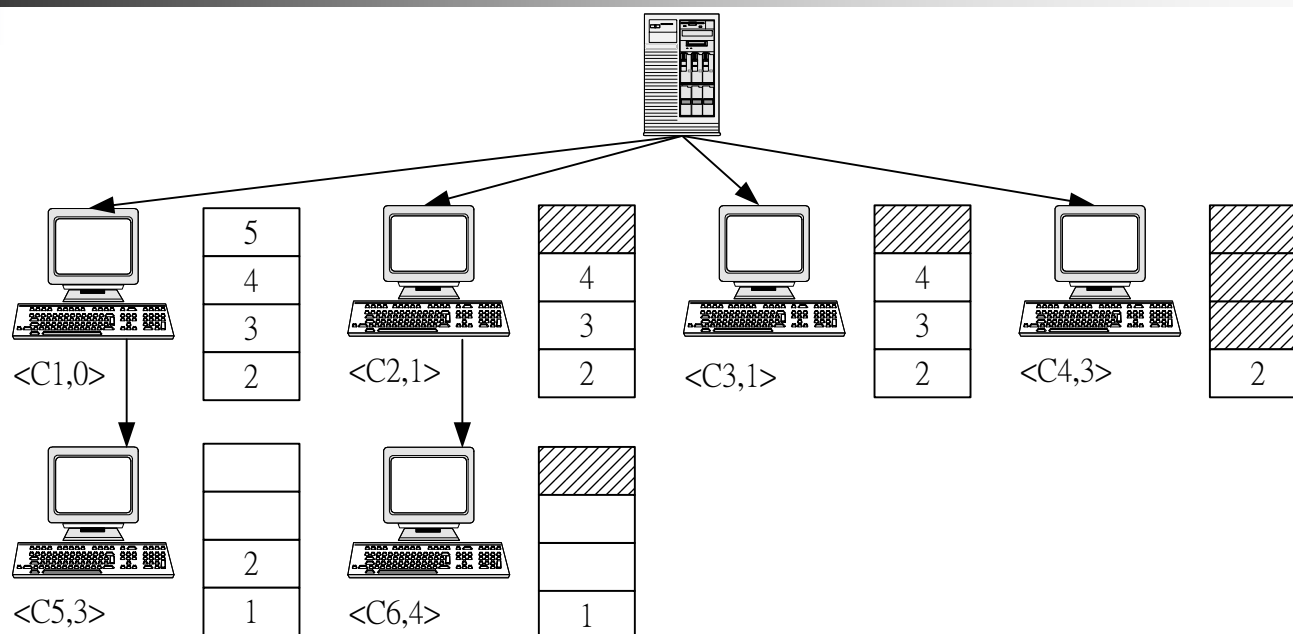


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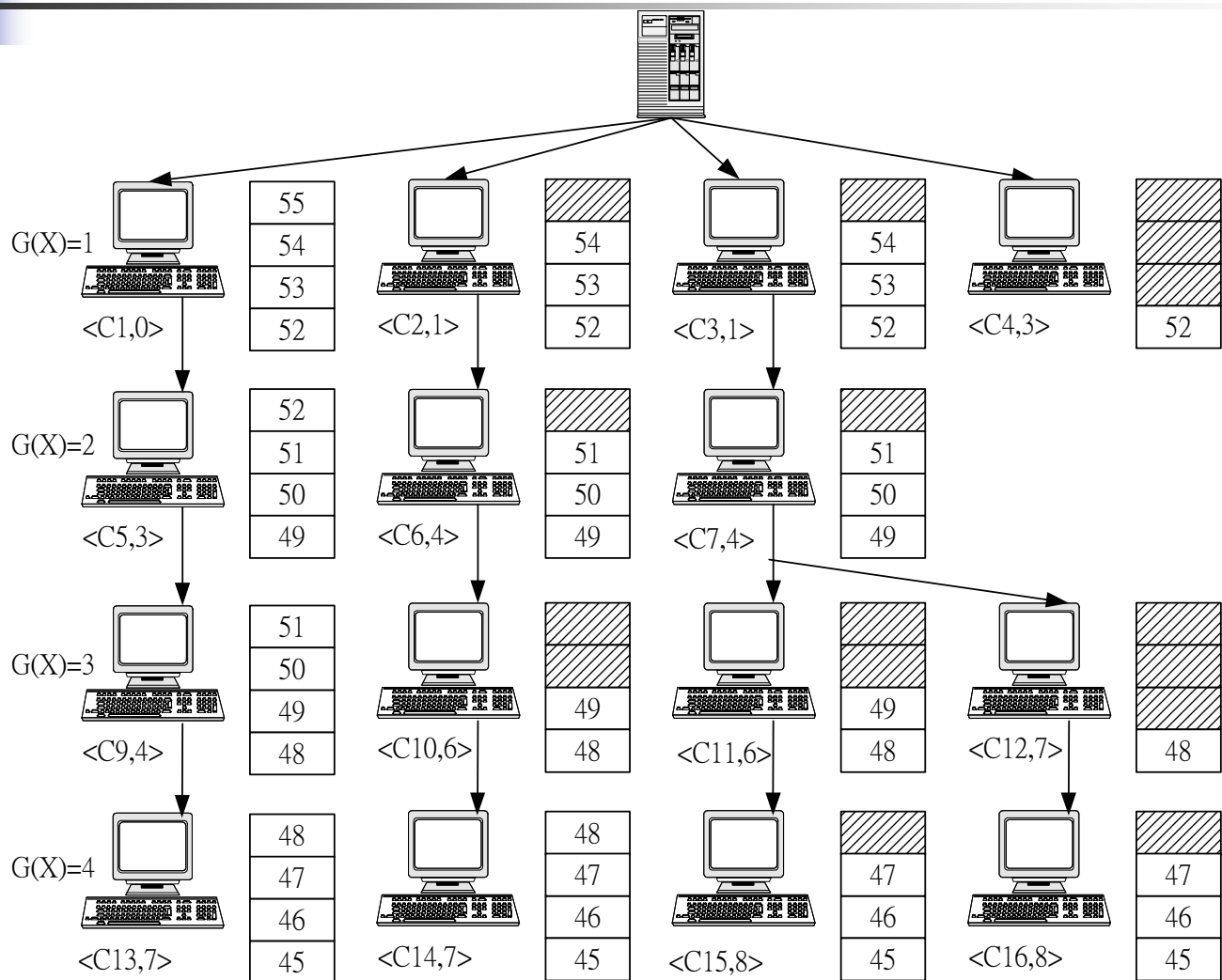


P2VoD failure recovery

- Detect failure through heartbeat
- Recovery starts oldest orphaned client:
 - 1. Orphan client contacts sibling of parents and if one has bandwidth available switchover to that parent. Failed->2
 - 2. Orphan client contacts server and connect directly to server if bandwidth exists. Otherwise session terminated.
 - repeat for each orphaned client



P2VoD failure recovery





Motivations

- mathematical results are often not achievable in distributed systems like P2VoD
- Simulations provides insights into the performance of a system
- Simulation can quickly illustrate performance of a protocol in different scenarios

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Project goals

- Examine relationship between MB, arrival rate and chain continuity
 - approximating the relationship in the presence of client failures
 - minimum chain continuity is achieved when an arrival exists before the first page is removed from cache
 - find minimum arrival rate for 90, 95 and 99% confidence for given MB



Project goals

- Examine parent selection algorithms
 - Smallest distance, random, round robin:
 - number of possible concurrent clients
 - number of peers contacted with each join algorithm
 - Smallest distance should be best for concurrent clients but most join connects
 - Random and round robin are similar but round robin handles failures better



Project goals

- If best-delay joining is used:
 - High arrival rate implies wide generations - results in large number of join requests
 - Limit each generation to L peers, where $L \geq K$



Project goals

- Only generation $G(X)=1$ has limit of K peers
 - High arrival rate implies full bandwidth usage during growth – no recovery bandwidth
 - Reserve bandwidth for failure recovery
 - reserve bandwidth equal to the failure probability
 - Expects deterministic failure cost upper bound

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Implementation and design: GT-ITM

- Paper author used GT-ITM topology generator to generate random topology
- GT-ITM is one of the hierarchical network generators used with simulators
 - transit-stub graphs
 - one transit domains (4 nodes), 12 stub domains (96 nodes)
 - ts2ns tool is used to import the GT-ITM topology into ns-2 format



Implementation and design: ns-2

- ns-2 is a open source network simulator used widely in academia
- Programming is done in both C/C++ and Otcl
 - C/C++ are faster than Otcl
 - Otcl does not require recompiling on changes
- For the project, ns-2 release 2.27 is used



Implementation and design: ns-2

- P2VoD is implemented using 3 classes
 - P2VoD agent:
 - extension of UDP agent responsible for transmitting and receiving messages
 - P2VoD client application:
 - simulating client behavior in joining, failure recovery and updates
 - P2VoD server application
 - maintains list of youngest generation

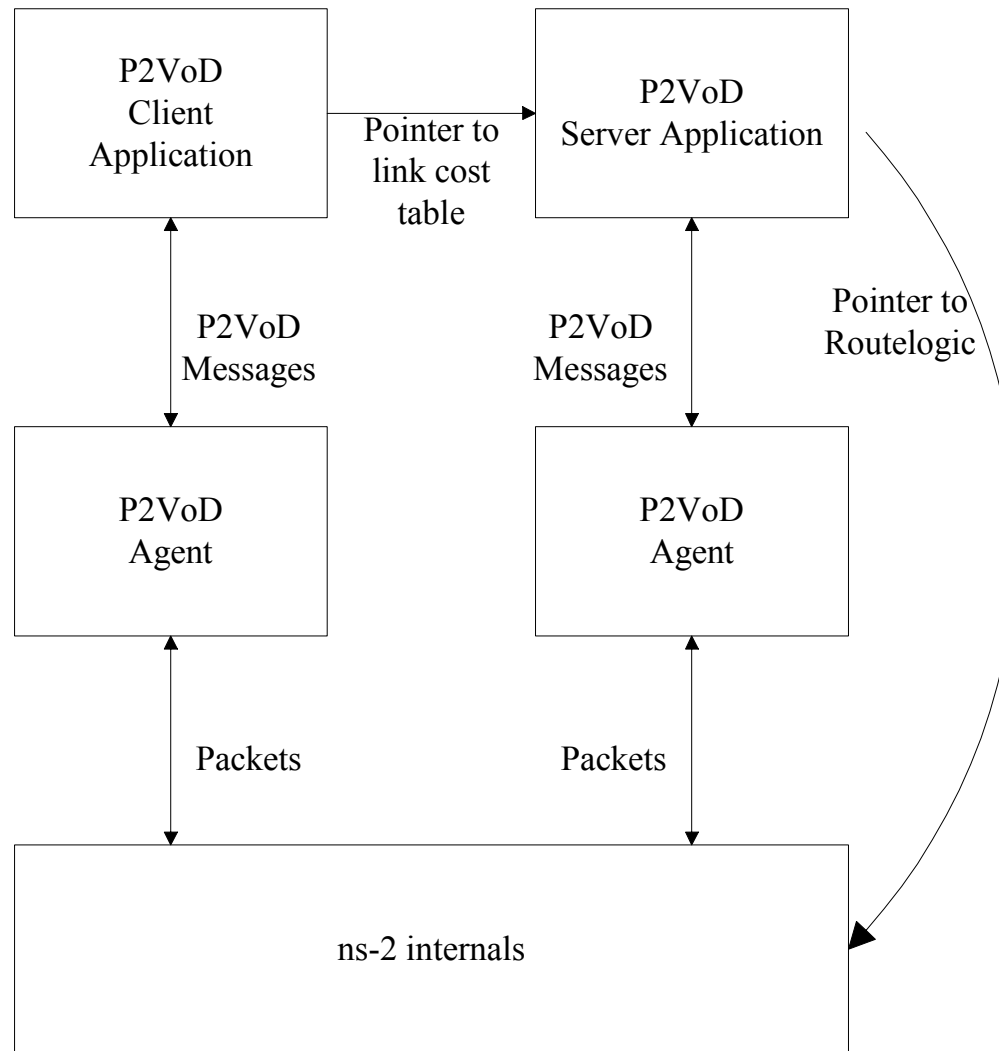


Implementation and design: ns-2

- Each node is connected to the P2VoD agent
- One of client or server application is connected to the P2VoD agent
- Static routing is used in the topology
- Server applications maintains a link cost table used by clients
- Interarrival times are generated using an external software



Implementation and design: ns-2





Implementation and design: external C program



- Interarrival times coordination is achieved by generating times external to simulator
 - exponential interarrival times for Poisson distribution are generated and formatted in ns-2 tcl script format
- Based on a given probability, some nodes are failed and failure time is chosen from a uniform distribution



Implementation and design: external C program



- 3 input parameters input:
 - client arrival rate (arrivals per hour)
 - simulation length (seconds)
 - client application failure probability (percentage)
 - “3 14400 5” would indicate 3 arrivals per hours, 4 simulation hours and client application failure probability of 0.05

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Chain continuity analysis

- An active P2VoD session needs at least 1 client per generation:

$$P(X > 0) = 1 - \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^0}{0!} = 1 - e^{-\lambda}$$

- Given a certain confidence interval C , and a generation time of $MB * movie_length$, we arrive at the arrive rate per hour λ' :

$$\lambda' = \frac{\lambda}{MB * movie_length} = \frac{-\ln(1 - C)}{MB * movie_length}$$



Chain continuity analysis

- The addition of failure probability makes true minimal arrive rate determination difficult.
- An approximation is used where the arrival rate is increased by the factor of the survival rate reciprocal:

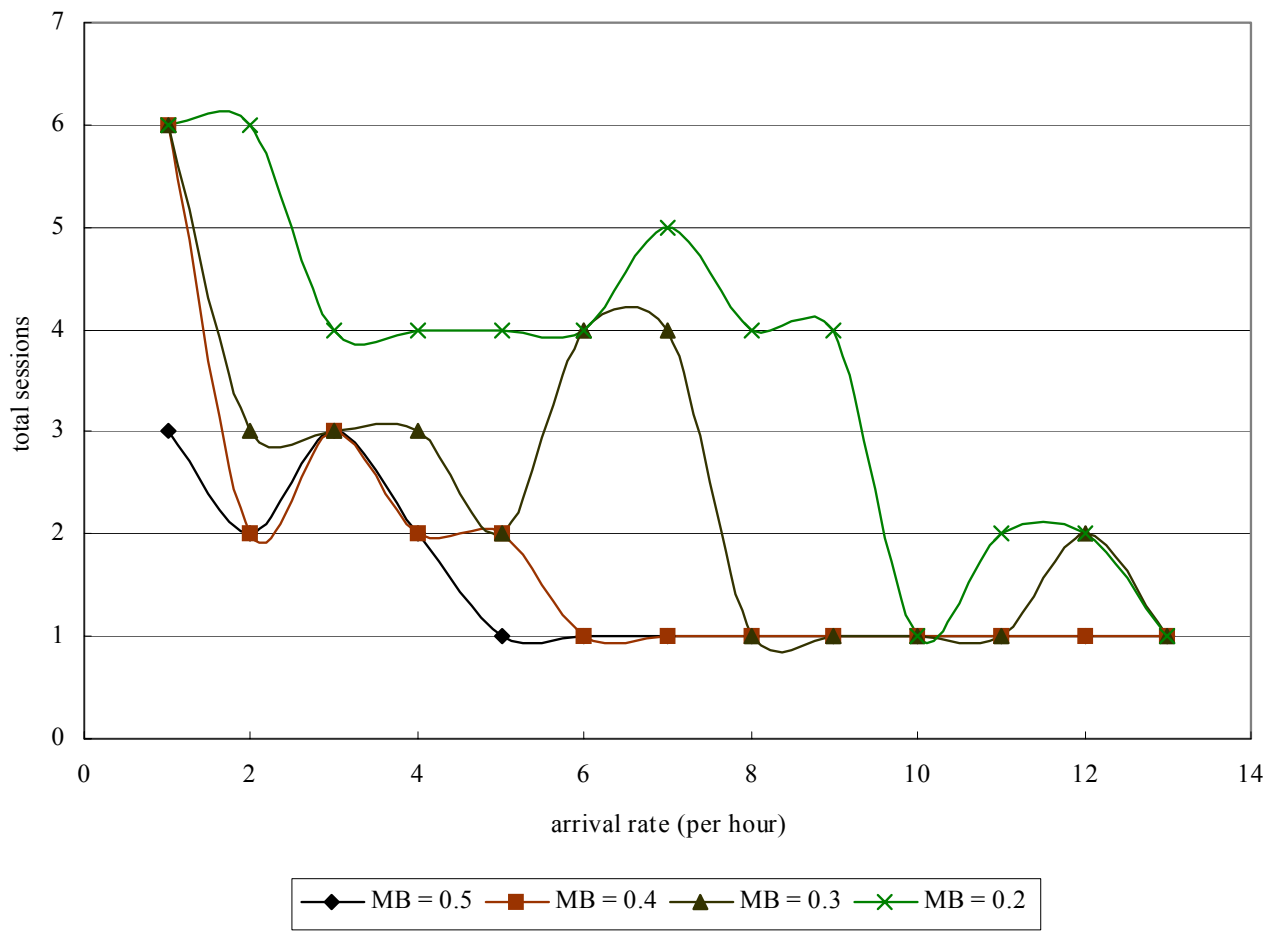
$$\lambda'' = \frac{\lambda}{MB * movie_length} \left(\frac{1}{1 - FP} \right) = \frac{-\ln(1 - C)}{MB * movie_length} \left(\frac{1}{1 - FP} \right)$$

- λ'' is the arrival rate given certain failure probability FP



Chain continuity results

MB's effect on session continuity





Chain continuity results

- Effects of failure are not as expected
- Even without additional arrivals, chain continuity is the same for failure probability between 5-20%
- Reason: session can only be broken if
 - a single or more arrival during a generation AND
 - all arrivals fails before video ends



Parent selection results

- Scenarios generated:
 - ~169 arrivals during 4 hour period
 - no application failures
 - each transit link supports 25 concurrent connections
 - each stub link supports 7 concurrent connections



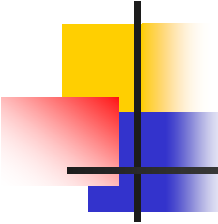
Parent selection results

	Smallest Delay	Round Robin	Random	Smallest Distance
# of failed client joins	34	34	12	0
# of failed connection acks	27	24	0	27



Parent selection results

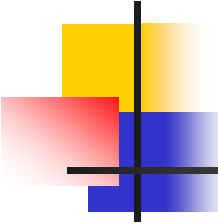
- Smallest distance has least number of failed joins at the expense of contacting a large number of clients
- Random selection has least number of failed acknowledgments if the network capacity is not full
- Round robin parent selection does not provide large benefits over smallest delay selection



Bandwidth reservation and generation size limit results



- Given generation size limit $L=10$ and $MB=0.5$:
 - smallest distance parent selection needs to contact maximum 10 supergeneration peers at steady state
 - without generation size limit the average number of supergeneration contacts was 42
 - generation size limit has no benefits to smallest delay, round robin nor random parent selection methods



Bandwidth reservation and generation size limit results



- Bandwidth reservation:
 - identical scenario as previous cases with smallest distance parent selection
 - stub node's current connection capacity is reduced from 7 to 3



Bandwidth reservation and generation size limit results



- Bandwidth reservation:
 - No noticeable effect until failure probability is greater than 30%
 - Number of orphaned clients during growth phase is reduced by 70% compared to scenario without reservation bandwidth

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Future work

- Quantify benefits of smallest distance parent selection method in terms of ratio between transit and stub domain size using transit-stub graphs
- Evaluate performance of improved P2VoD in other network topologies

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Conclusion

- Implemented P2VoD in ns-2
- Analyzed the minimal requirements for chain continuity
- Evaluated P2VoD given different parent selection methods
- Improved upon the original P2VoD protocol for the growth phase



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