

An Efficient Random Routing Transmission Mechanism with Raptor Coding and Adaptive Redundancy Control

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Abstract—Random-routing systems such as KRRD often suffer from long-tail latency and elevated packet-loss rates due to unpredictable routing paths. To address these challenges, we design an efficient random-routing transmission mechanism built upon rateless Raptor coding. By leveraging its strong end-to-end forward error-correction (FEC) capability, the proposed mechanism effectively mitigates performance degradation caused by long-tail effects (excessive session completion time). To further improve transmission efficiency, we introduce an adaptive redundancy regulation scheme driven by decoding-state feedback, referred to as ARRCT. The receiver dynamically reports redundancy requirements according to real-time decoding progress and the observed packet-loss rate, enabling the sender to inject additional coded packets on demand. This closed-loop adaptation strikes a balance between transmission reliability and bandwidth utilization. ns-3 simulation results show that, for packet-loss rates between 0.01% and 1.0%, ARRCT reduces session completion latency by approximately 10%–20% compared with baseline random-routing schemes. Under severe loss conditions, ARRCT maintains a high decoding probability and significantly enhances the robustness of random-routing covert communication systems.

Keyword—Adaptive redundancy, Forward error correction, KRRD, Raptor code, Random routing.



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