

O projeto INSaNE: uma parceria entre Universidades, uma Startup e um ISP

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- Startup (incubada na COPPE/UFRJ): Anlix
- ISP: Gigalink



Motivation

- Measurement, modeling and analysis have been essential areas of research since the dawn of the Internet.
- UCLA was the ARPANET Network Measurement Center.



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H. James Harrington: former IBM, CEO Harrington Management Systems, author, etc

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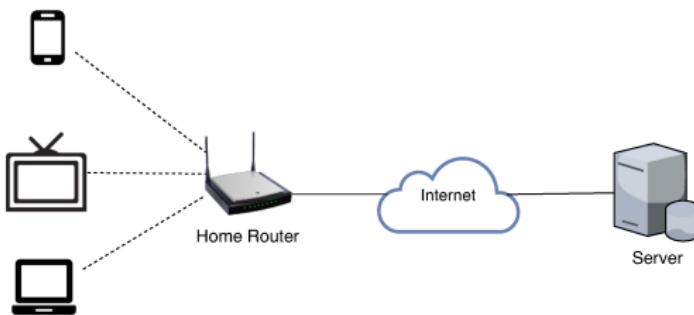


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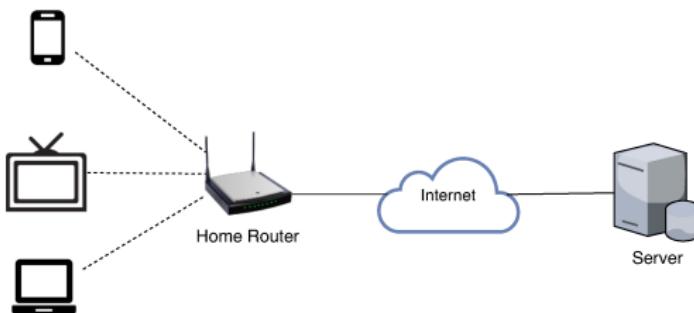
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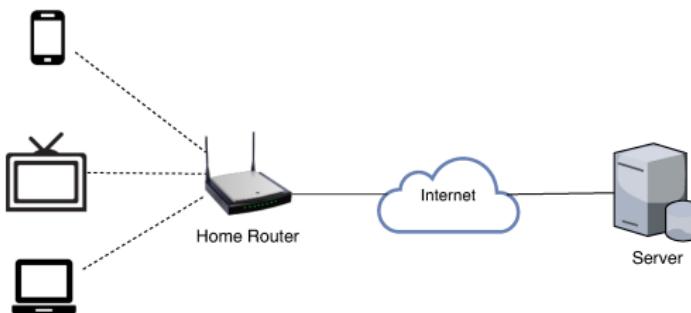
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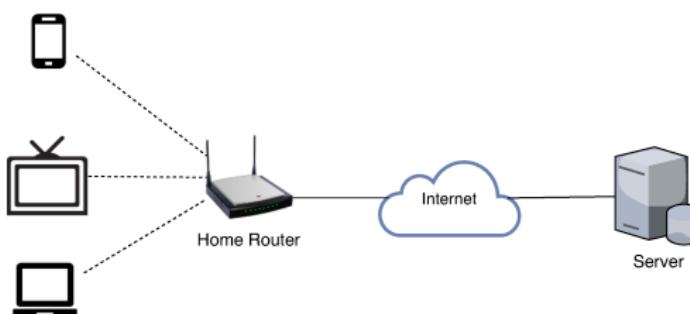
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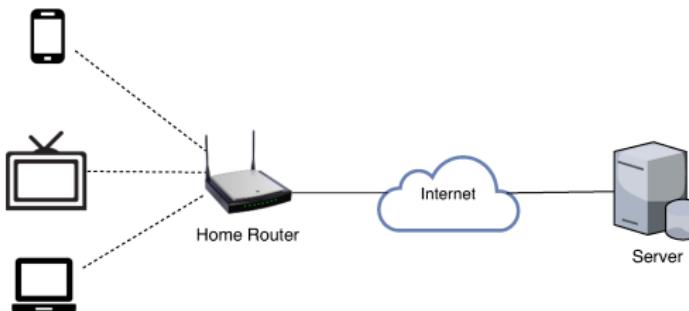
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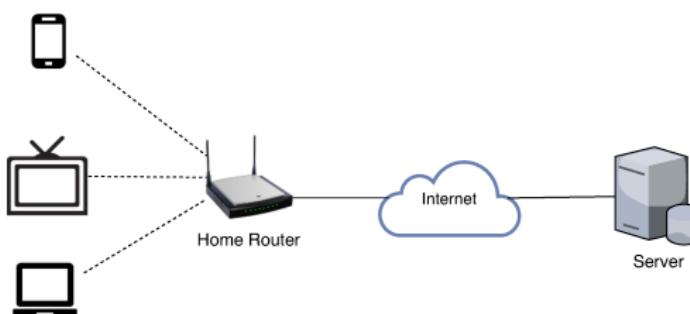
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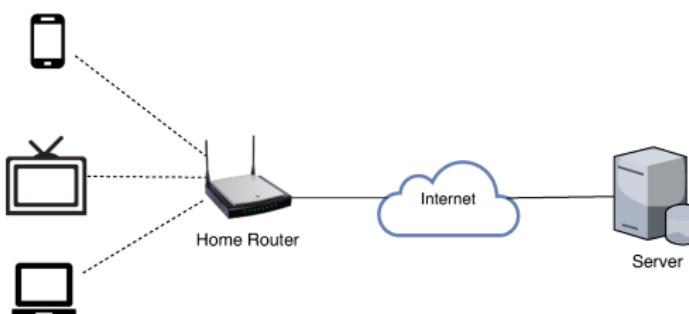
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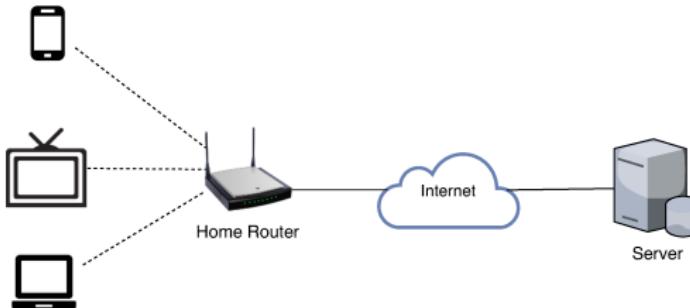
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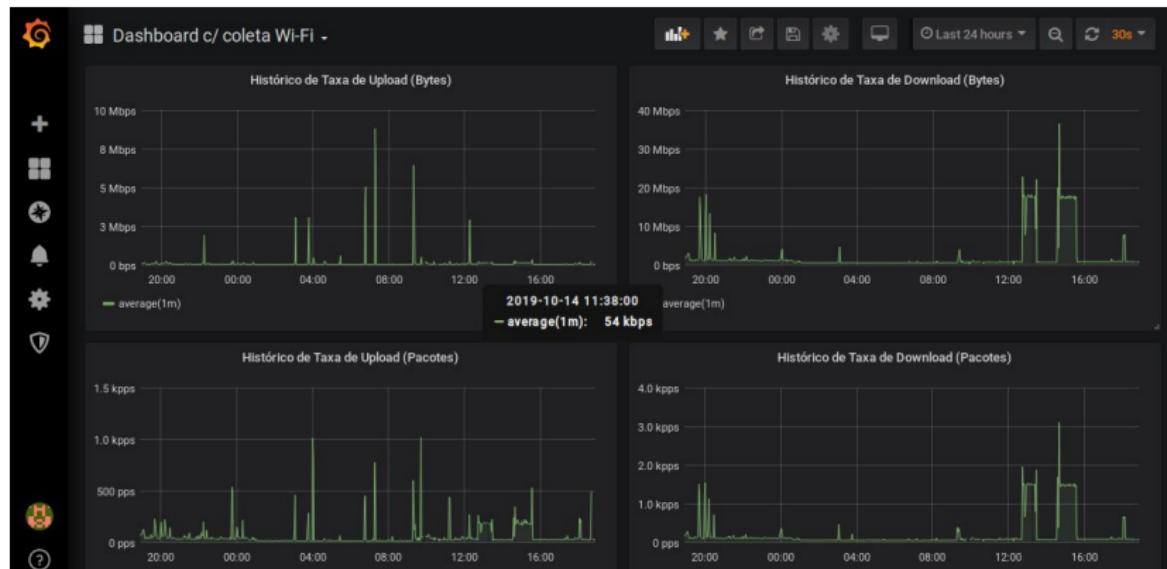
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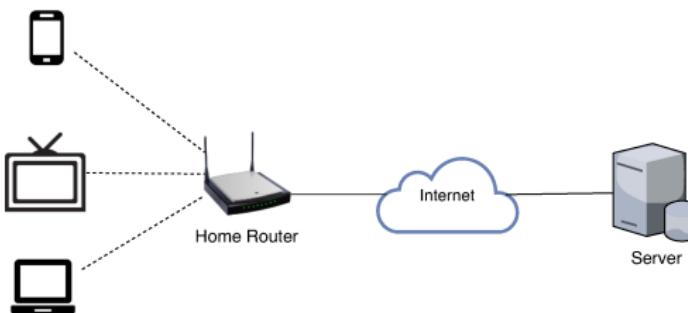


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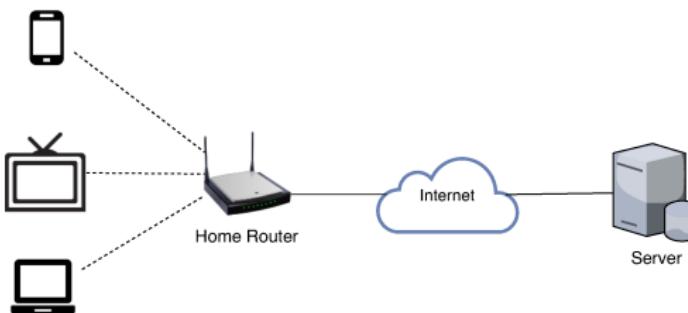
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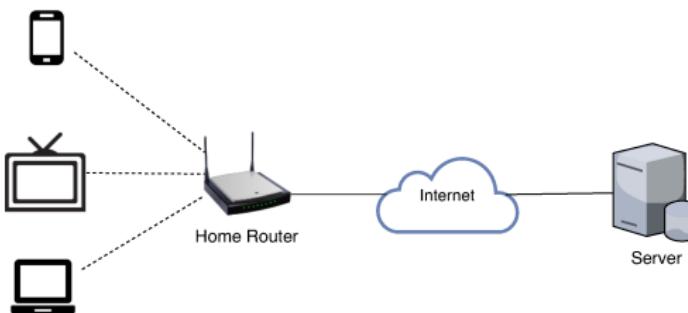
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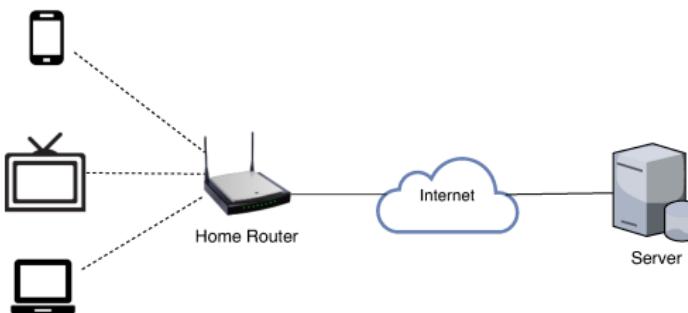
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A lightweight approach for DDoS detection at home gateways



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- DDoS attacks are prevalent!
more than 1/3 of class C active networks were targeted by this kind of attacks (2015 and 2017)
- Continuing report updates (2018/2019):
“... despite the law enforcement efforts, DDoS attacks remain a real threat to business”, DDoS report May 21, 2019.
- How to detect problems and react fast?



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Example: Classification Results

Botnet	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1 Score
Mirai/BASHLITE	0.999688	0.997151	0.992361	0.994751

- Different types of attacks (e.g. TCP ACK flood, etc.).
Real attack code.
- Considered different ML models
- Detecting DDoS attacks requires identification of subtle patterns in the baseline home-user traffic.
- Did not use packet headers



A change point detection problem

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Methodology

- Machine learning approaches for detecting and locating network problems.
- Construct models to detect statistical changes: Change Point Detection problem.
- Spatial-time correlations using ISP network topology.
- Locate root causes
- QoE



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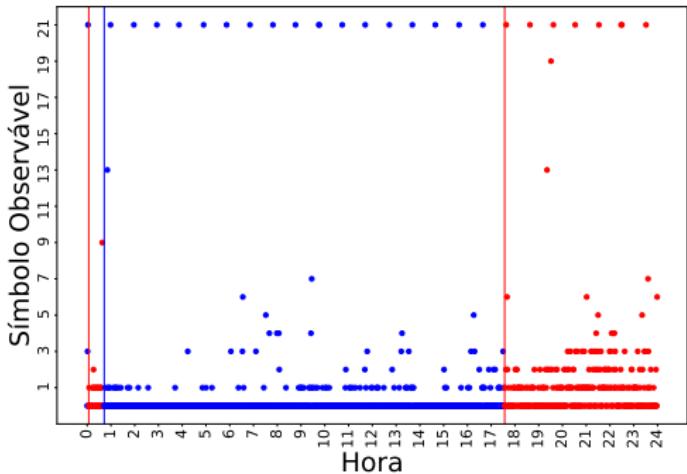
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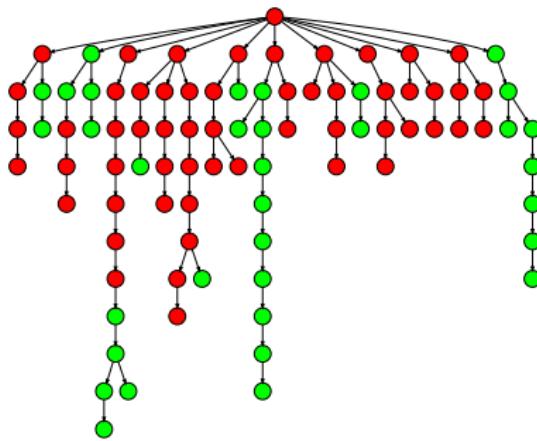


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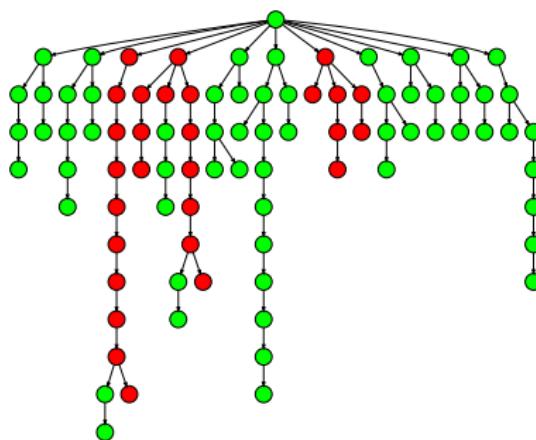
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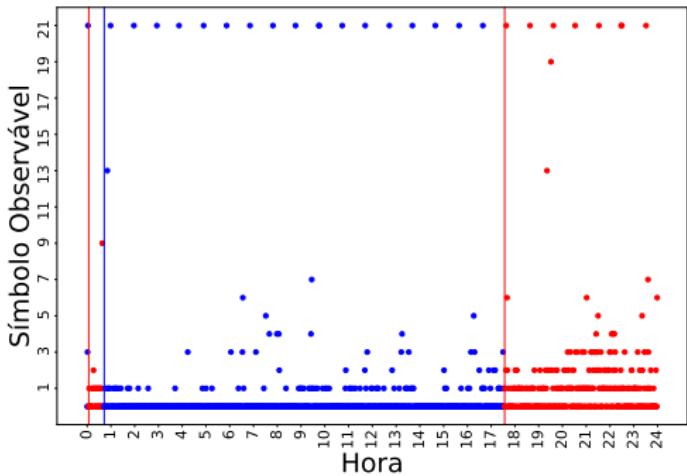
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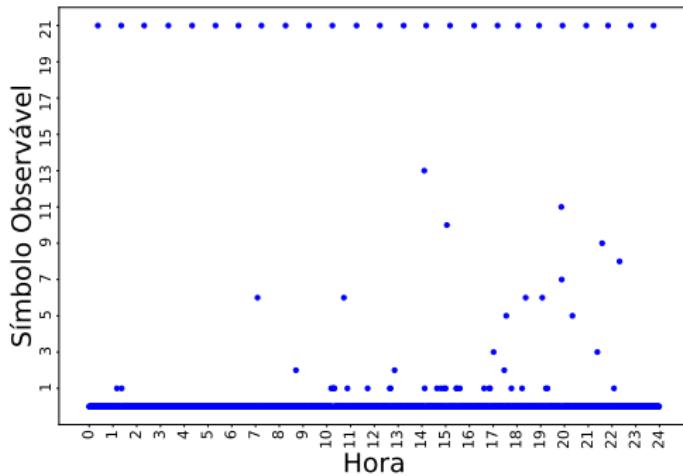
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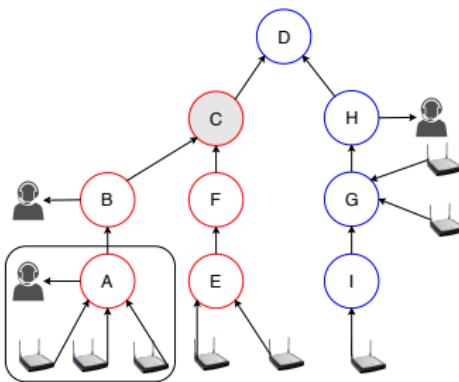


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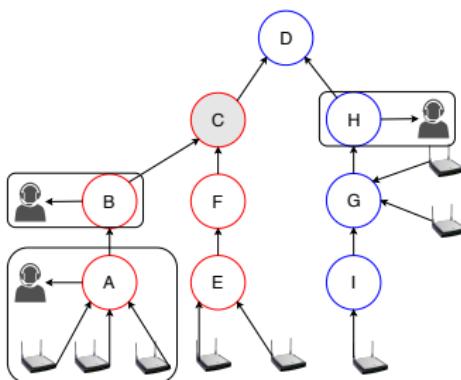
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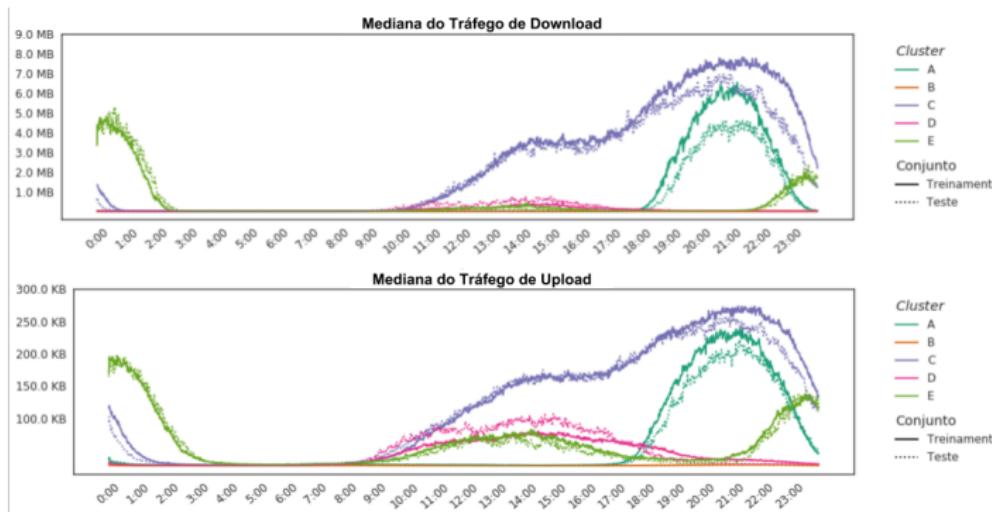
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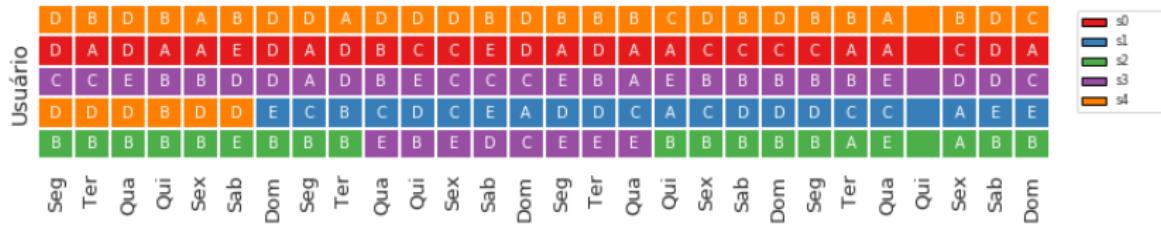
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- Median download and upload traffic per minute for all *user-day* of each cluster.



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- User profile **for a month**.
(A, B, C, D, E are clusters - *user-day* pattern).



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