# A flexible DDoS detection System using IPFIX 

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## Outline

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- Denial of Service - The Internet Bottleneck problem
- The Architecture
- System Architecture
- OpenIMP platform
- DDos Detection Metrics
- Detection using Latent Semantic Indexing and Clustering
- Conclusion:
- How does IPFIX support the integration of new metrics


## The DDoS Problem

- DDoS Flooding attacks saturate the final link(s)
- Filters are only effective before the bandwidth becomes scarce
- Hence, the end user can hardly take effective measures



## Mitigating DDoS at ISP level

- Mitigation can be effective when implemented on ISP and/or core routers
- This requires
- high-speed traffic analysis
- Information aggregation from various sources



## System Overview



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## OpenIMP



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## DDoS Detection Metrics

- Some examples
- Packet Count (above)
- Byte Count
- Packet count per flow / flag / message type
- Transformations
- CUSUM (below)
- Wavelet
- Entropy
- A multitude of proposals in different papers!
- Which ones to implement?


## Latent Semantic Indexing

- allows to reduce a multi-dimensional feature vector
- into a lower-dimensional feature vector (easier to process)
- information preserving (principle components)
- maps all metrics into one uniformly sized feature vector


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## Cluster Detection



## Cluster Detection

- Unknown Clusters are a possible threat
- Reactions include
- Filtering, if bandwidth is scarce anyway
- Detailed analysis of identified anomalies



## What it looks like...



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## The advantage of using IPFIX

- Established standard for network metrics
- New probes/metrics can be added into the system
- They immediately speak the language of the system
- Standard components (routers) may provide the data
- A training phase is needed for new information sources
- Latent Semantic Indexing reduces any number of metrics
- Cluster Detection operates on the same feature space size
- Detection seamlessly integrates new IPFIX information sources


## Thank You!



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## Questions?



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