How Dynamic is the ISPs Address Space? Towards Internet-Wide DHCP Churn Estimation

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Paper in a nutshell

- Problem: bot counts based on IPs counts are flawed
 - ▶ Why? DHCP churn
 - Torpig paper showed that DE bots 4x more IPs than US
- Fix: need to compensate for DHCP churn
- OK, so how to measure churn?
 - It's been done (passively), small scale (not ISP wide)
 - Need to scale-up ; ISP-independent



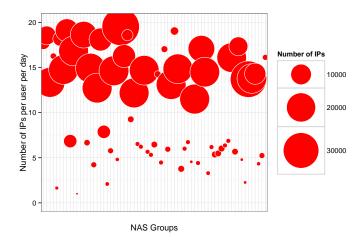
Internet-wide DHCP churn measurement

Our Method

- ▶ **Probe:** continuous ICMP probes on entire ASes, every 10min
 - Based on Internet Census paper
- DHCP session estimation: Interpolate consecutively ack'ed packets
 - Missing ack: session expired
 - More complex: see paper
- 3. Validation: mid-size ISP (1 M IP addresses)
 - Radius Logs vs measured DHCP sessions
 - 2 weeks period

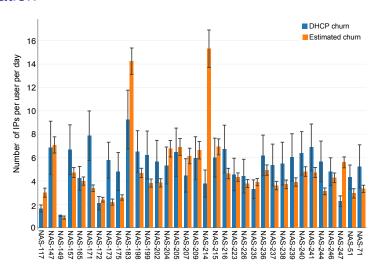


Ground truth: what we try to measure





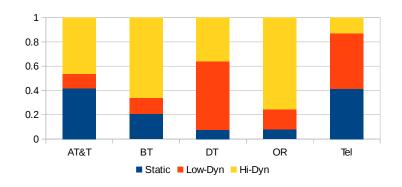
Validation



- 72.3% average precision in our model
- Simple method that works on a highly dynamic network



Now, measure other ASes



- Employed k-means to 5 ASes of large ISPs
 - Fastrack Elsevier ComCom Paper (under review)
- 2nd validation: RIPE Atlas (works better)
- Next: normalize bot counts

