



Middleware para IoT basado en Analítica de Datos

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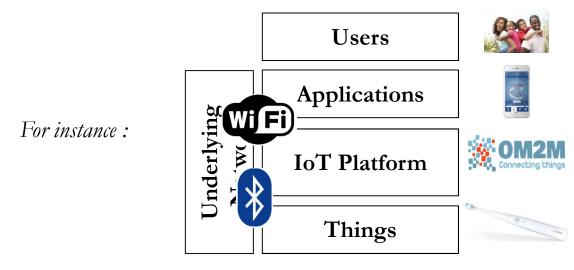
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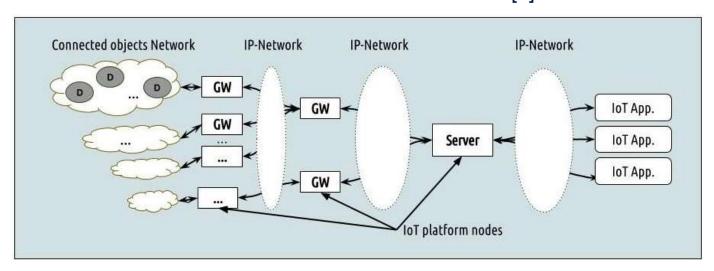
- Internet of Things (IoT): extension of the Internet to communicating "objects" other than computers (e.g.: sensors, actuators, ...)
- IoT High-Level Architecture entities:



- 3. The IoT applications: Smart Cities, Self-Driving Cars, Smart Factories, eHealth, etc.
- 4. Tens of billions of connected things within a few years [1].

[1] Leading the IoT Gartner Insights on How to Lead in a Connected World, 2017

The reference architecture for IoT [1]:



[1] ETSI TS 102 690 V1.1.1 "Machine-to-Machine communications (M2M); Functional architecture", october 2011, p15

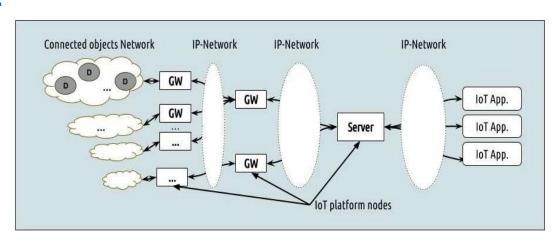
1. IoT applications and their QoS requirements (bounded response time, availability, etc.)

Example of an application's QoS requirements (Traffic Signal Violation Warning Requirements [3])

- Communication from infrastructure-to-vehicle
- > Transmission mode: periodic
- > Minimum frequency (update rate): ~ 10 Hz
- > Allowable latency ~ 100 msec

2. Two bottlenecks facing QoS:

- > at the level of IP networks
- > at the level of IoT Platform nodes.



[3] The CAMP Vehicle Safety Communications Consortium, DOT HS 809 859, "Vehicle Safety Communications Project Task 3 Final Report Identify Intelligent Vehicle Safety Applications Enabled by DSRC", May 2004.

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On the QoS management in IoT, 3 families of approaches can be found in the literature

 Approaches that ensure QoS at the MW (middleware) level for applications. These approaches consider MW as a bottleneck and use mechanisms to differentiate the services offered by MW.

[A] Q. Han, and N. Venkatasubramanian, "Autosec: An integrated middleware framework for dynamic service brokering," IEEE distributed systems online, 2(7), 2001, pp. 518-535.

[B] F. C. Delicato, et al., "Reflective middleware for wireless sensor networks," Proceedings of the 2005 ACM symposium on Applied computing, March 2005, pp. 1155-1159

[C] M. Sharifi, M. A. Taleghan, and A. Taherkordi, "A middleware layer mechanism for QoS support in wireless sensor networks," Networking, International Conference on Systems and International Conference on Mobile Communications and Learning Technologies, April 2006, pp. 118-118

[D] A. Agirre, et al. "QoS aware middleware support for dynamically reconfigurable component based IoT applications," International Journal of Distributed Sensor Networks, 12(4), 2016.

 Approaches that are using MW to provide application QoS through the reconfiguration of the underlying network. These approaches do not consider the MW as problematic but rather as a tool to overcome the problem of the network.

[E] W. Heinzelman, et al., "Middleware to Support Sensor Network Applications," Network, IEEE, vol. 18, issue 1, 2014, pp. 6-14

[F] S.-Y. Yu, Z. Huang, C.-S. Shih, K.-J. Lin, J. Hsu, "QoS Oriented Sensor Selection in IoT System," IEEE and Internet of Things (iThings/CPSCom), September 2014, pp. 201-206

[G] J. R. Silva, et al., "PRISMA: A publish-subscribe and resource-oriented middleware for wireless sensor networks," Proceedings of the Tenth Advanced International Conference on Telecommunications, July 2014, pp. 8797.

Hybrid Approaches

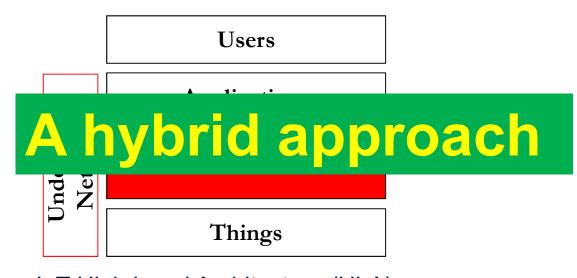
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[I] N. Hua, N. Yu, and Y. Guo, "Research on service oriented and middleware based active QoS infrastructure of wireless sensor networks," 10th International Symposium on Pervasive Systems, Algorithms, and Networks, December 2009, pp. 208-213

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Considering the QoS: 2 bottlenecks

- The IoT platform
- The underlying network



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Existing solutions

Several solutions have also been proposed that address the QoS issue for IoT contexts:

- > Based on **service differentiation**: processing the requests differently, depending on their priority.
- > The QoS mechanisms are provided at the **initialization** of the platform.
- > Inadequate when a **service is nonexistent** on a node/when the computing **resources are insufficient**.
- > Tactile Internet is a new concept where **this limitation is very important**.

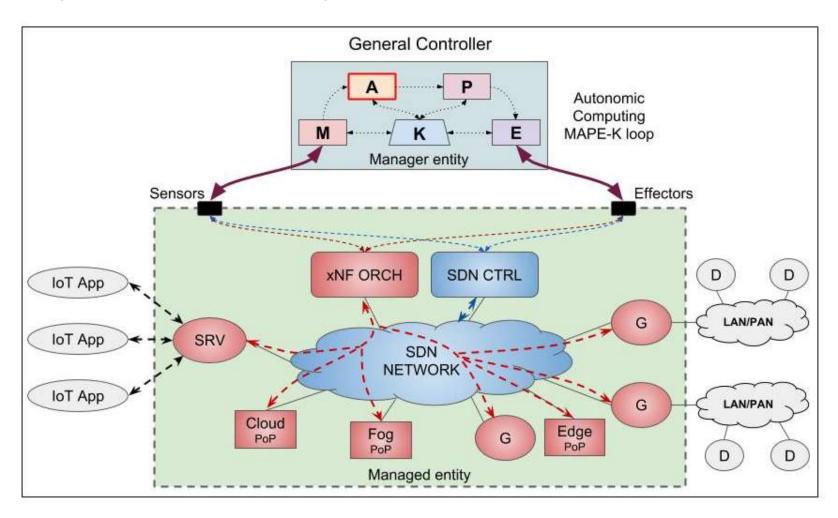
We need dynamic and autonomic solutions

QoS-oriented mechanisms

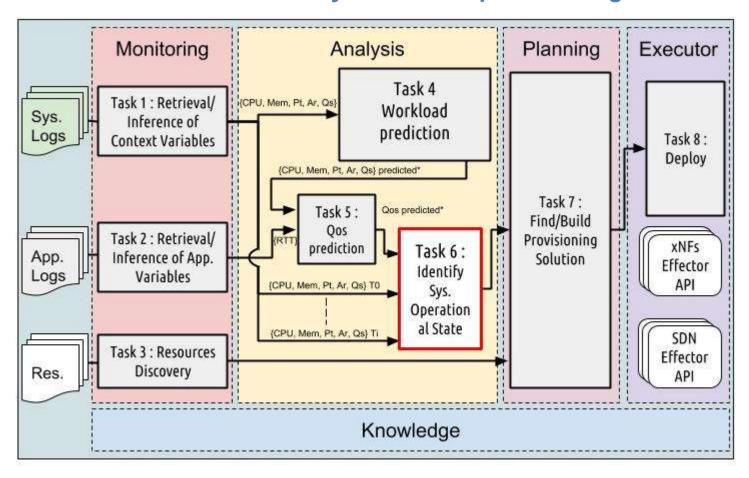
- > The approach we are exploring is to dynamically provide the middleware with mechanisms that allow it to maintain its performance closer to the application requirements. We call these mechanisms: QoS-oriented mechanisms.
- > 2 kinds of mechanisms can be considered:
 - Traffic-oriented (inspired from the network layer): Traffic Marker/shaper,
 Message or Task scheduler, etc.
 - Resource-oriented (inspired from cloud computing): scale in/out mechanism, load balancers, replication and so on, etc.

HLA Model for a Dynamic and Autonomic System

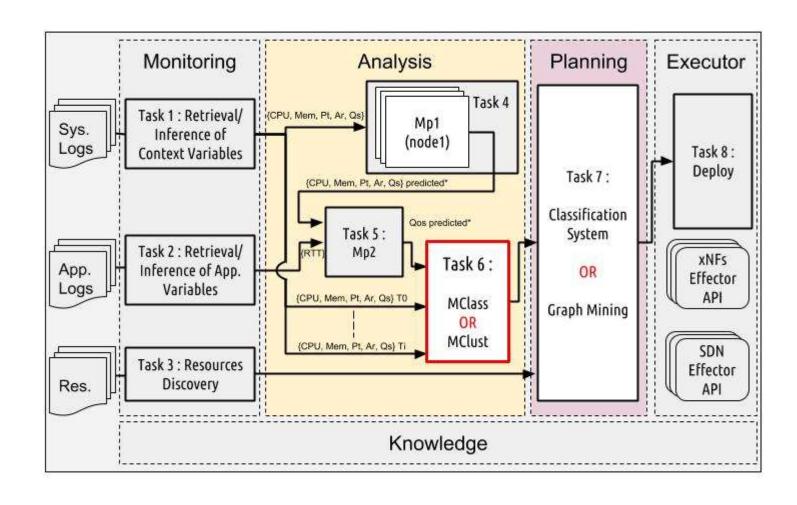
A **hybrid approach** in a heterogeneous environment:



An autonomic cycle for QoS provisioning



A distributed control system inspired by the MAPE-K loop



Context

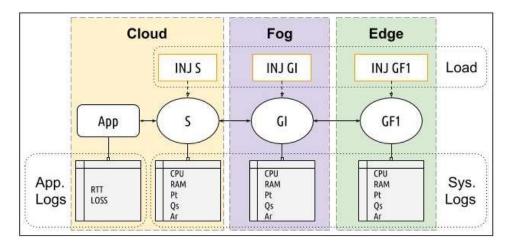
Classification

- Classifying data into predefined categories
- It requires expertise to identify these categories in advance.
- Model required in the planning phase: a classification system that associates identified categories with actions.

> Clustering

- Grouping data into a set of clusters according to a given similarity metric
- Model required in the planning phase: a model that discover in real-time the set actions to be executed for the current cluster

Scenario



Operational state of the IoT platform

N	Cloud	Fog	Edge	App0
1		Not loaded	Not loaded	
2	Not loaded	1 Vot 10aded	Loaded	
3	Not loaded	Loaded	Not loaded	
4		Loaded	Loaded	3 req/sec
5		Not loaded	Not loaded	J req/ sec
6	Loaded	1 Vot 10aded	Loaded	
7	Loaded	Loaded	Not loaded	
8		Loaded	Loaded	

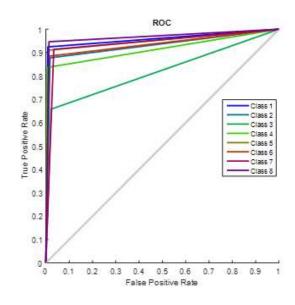
Experiments and Result Analysis: <u>Classification with LAMDA-HAD</u>

Performance metrics for the classifier

Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F-meas.	Sens.	Spec.	AUC
0,8740	0,8507	0,8678	0,8574	0,8678	0,9746	0,9212

Performance metrics for the classifier by eliminating descriptor 13

Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F-meas.	Sens.	Spec.	AUC
0,8436	0,7977	0,8429	0,8153	0,8429	0,9601	0,9015



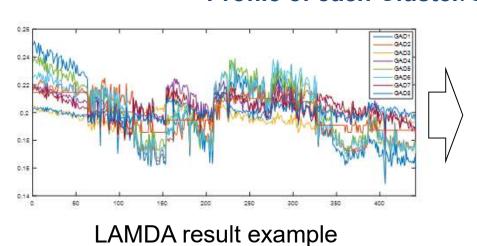
ROC metric of the classification model

Experiments and Result Analysis: Clustering with LAMDA-RD

Performance metrics of clustering algorithm

	SC	SSW	SSB	SSW/SSB	CHC	#
						CLUST.
REAL CLUSTERS	-0.1497	0,6120	0,4979	1,5128	387.1738	8
LAMDA RD	-0,0261	0,6848	0,3672	1,8649	293,7209	15

Profile of each Cluster/Class



GF1-MEM

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GF1-CPU

GI-AP

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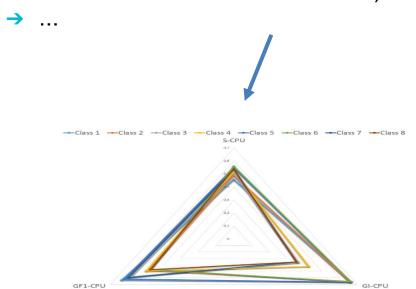
GF1-CPU

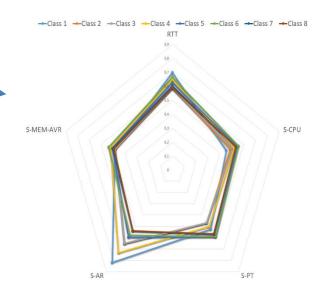
GI-AP

LAMDA = Learning Algorithm Multivariable and Data Analysis

General Profile of the IoT platform with 16 descriptors

- → General profile of the IoT Platform
- → Profile by entity
- Profile with specific descriptors (e.g. CPU and/or RAM fo the entities)





Profile of the server in the IoT platform

Profile of the CPU descriptor in the IoT platform

Knowledge models:

- The classification model is quite robust, because it is capable of determining the operations states in the system.
- For the clustering algorithms, they are affected by the characteristics of the descriptors, giving good results, but not better than those obtained with the classification.

The cycles:

- based on the classification model, the dependence of experts is greater, both to label the operational states (data) and to determine the tasks aimed at improving the platform.
- based on the clustering model, although the results are not so good, not depending on the expert, which gives more robustness to the process, but it requires the interpretation of the clusters.
- The clustering algorithms give more clusters than the number of operational states, which is important to analyze, because they can be substates within states, which the experts do not know. That could improve the QoS results

Instantiation of the autonomic cycle

Case Study of IoT context: In the case of IoT, the managed entity is an IoT (traditional) platform composed of several entities, namely a cloud Server(S), Intermediate Gateways(IG) and Final Gateways(FG).

App. Domain IoT Platform (S, IG, FG)

Things Domain

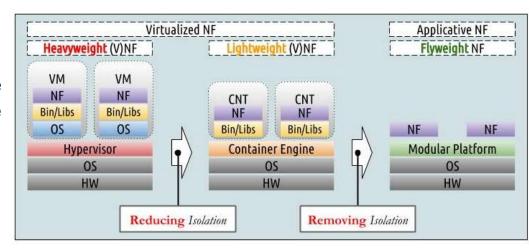
> Case Study of Tactile Internet: In this case study, the managed entity to consider is the "network domain" which is composed by several entities such as Cloud, serving gateway(SG) and Tactile Support Engine (TSE).

Master Domain Network Domain (Cloud, SG,... TSE)

Slave Domain

Presentation of the fNF concept

Definition: Flyweight NF are deployable network functions in the form of software modules.



Formally, a fNF is defined as an instantiation of NF having the following properties:

- > is the instantiation of a NF in the form of a software module without virtualization overhead;
- > is an implementation of a NF without isolation in the User space, just like an application;
- > is dynamically deployable / deletable / editable/ configurable;
- is instantiable on a compatible platform for fNFs deployment, typically a modular framework.

What a fNF is not:

- a VNF, because it is not instantiated as a virtualization container (CNT/VM) but as a software module;
- > a PNF, because it is not instantiated on hardware built for this unique (dedicated) use.

Network slicing concept

ITU-T [7] definition: a network slice as a logical network that provides specific network capabilities and network characteristics. The (network) slicing consists in building slices on demand.

- Initially thought to share resources on a communication infrastructure.
- > Now more and more considered to **perform QoS provisioning**.
- Instantiation of network slices done with VNFs via VM/CNT.

Limits of the existing slicing implementations:

- Virtualization containers induces a virtualization overhead [8] potentially problematic for some IoT deployment targets (e.g. RPi used as IoT gateway) with very limited resources.
- Some NF, by their size, utility, to be instantiated in the form of VNF can be counterproductive.
- This instantiation method of NF does not cover heterogeneity of the future 5G networks.
- ⇒ The concept of network slicing (as it is conceived currently) is **based on cloud-type infrastructure** and will be hardly usable to achieve end-to-end slices, i.e. connecting data producers and consumers.

A highlighted feature in **current VNF platform deployments** (justifying the use of VMs/CNTs) is the isolation so that NFs running on the same (physical) hardware do **not interfere with each other** from two standpoints [9]: **security and performance**.

In IoT, when it comes to we claim that this feature can be discussed and ignored:

- Security: when the slice provider is the only actor capable of building slices, the burden of protecting the source code and the traffic of the NFs will be guaranteed upstream by integrity verification techniques and encryption of the traffic.
- Performance: the management of the overall performance of the slice will make it possible to balance the expected "characteristics" by taking into account the workload of NFs hosts.

Removing the isolation techniques between NF

- > we lose: level of security, performance guarantee;
- we win: removal of the overhead (resource, deployment time, etc.), reduction of the complexity of the host platform of NFs, increase of the possible number of hosts of NF.
- ⇒ Under certain conditions/domains, we propose the concept of fNF in order to allow network slicing for IoT.

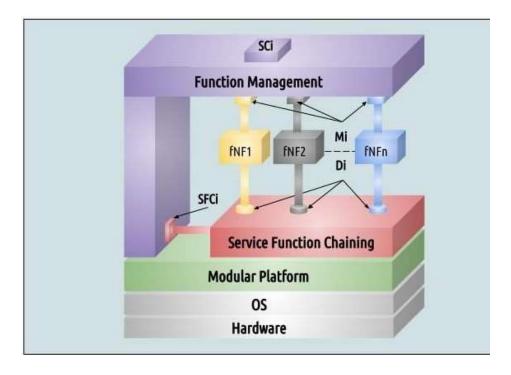
A Framework of Modular Flyweight Network Functions

Considering the 3GPP model of NF [10], we propose the following architecture for the implementation of fNFs

Function Management: functionalities needed to configure fNFs. Its role is to configure the fNFs and the Service Function Chaining component with the slicing policy it has received from the Slice Controller through the service controller interface (SCi)

Our Autonomic Cycle

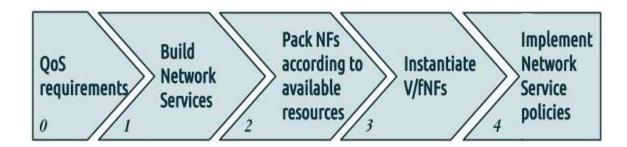
- Service Function Chaining (SFC) deals with the interconnection of fNFs between them. It performs this task based on the configuration received from the Function Management;
- Modular Platform is the fNFs execution platform; it implements a complete and dynamic component model.



Network Slices provisioning: Our Autonomic Cycle

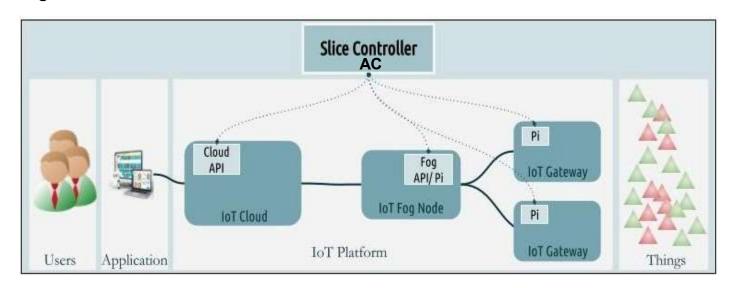
To provision a Slice:

- retrieves the QoS requirements of IoT applications;
- analyzes these needs and choose a network service consisting of V/fNFs with properly defined characteristics;
- packages NFs according to hosts that can meet the desired characteristics;
- instantiates these V/f NFs on the selected hosts;
- implements the policy associated with the network service, i.e.: (i) configures the deployed fNFs; and (ii) configures the policy associated with the slice on the SFC.



Example

A user, request a given platform level slice. Our AC, through a set of successive tasks, sets up this slice using VNFs, but also fNFs.



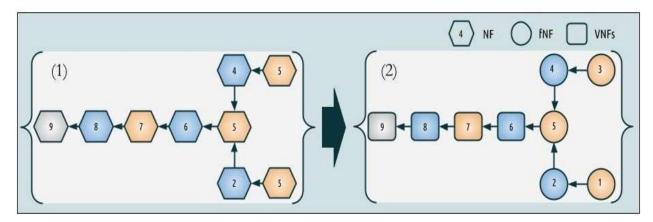
The requested slice has the following functional and non functional (i.e. QoS oriented) characteristics:

- allowable latency: 10ms
- > availability: 90%
- > services: Data Collection, Stream processing, Data Storage
- service life: 7h.

Slice construction

Step 0 & 1: Upon receipt of the user's request, the AC selects in a service catalog the network service (NS) to offer for such a request.

This NS is composed of nine NFs: four brokers, four stream processors, and a database.



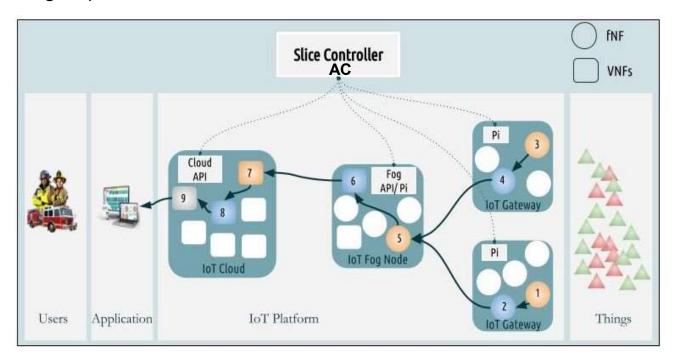
Step 2: The AC then packages the selected NFs into VMs or CNTs (for VNF) and Components (for fNF).

AC completes the NS with the associated packages information:

- each gateway: an fNF broker and an fNF Stream processor,
- the Fog node: an fNF broker and a VNF Stream processor,
- > the Cloud: a VNF broker, a VNF Stream processor and VNF Storage.

Slice construction

- **Step 3:** Once the NS is built, the V/fNFs are deployed on the selected hosts.
- **Step 4:** At the end of the deployment, the V/fNFs are configured with the slicing policy associated with the NS. The slice is then ready to be used, and a positive response is sent to the user having requested the slice.

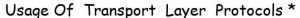


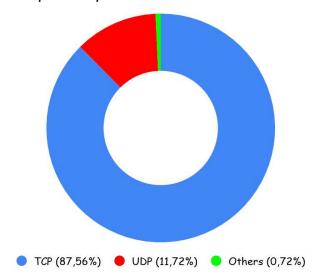
Considering the QoS: 2 bottlenecks

- ■The IoT platform ⇒ main problematic
- **■**The underlying network

Internet architecture is layered around two popular standards: OSI and TCP/IP.

OSI	TCP/IP	OSI
1. Physical	Network Access	1. Physical
2. Data Link	Network Access	2. Data Link
3. Network	Internet	3. Network
4. Transport	Transport	4. Transport
5. Session		5. Session
6. Presentation	Application	6. Presentation
7. Application		7. Application





TCP and UDP are the most used Transport protocols.

But, TCP and UDP are limited...

^{*} D. Murray et al, "An Analysis of Changing Enterprise Network Traffic Characteristics", 2017.

Two directions of research to overcome Transport issues:

Proposition of **single**

protocol:

- by extending TCP features (MPTCP, ...)
- by building a new one:
 - from scratch (SCTP, DCCP, ...)
 - on top of UDP (QUIC, ...)

Redesign the **entire Transport**layer:

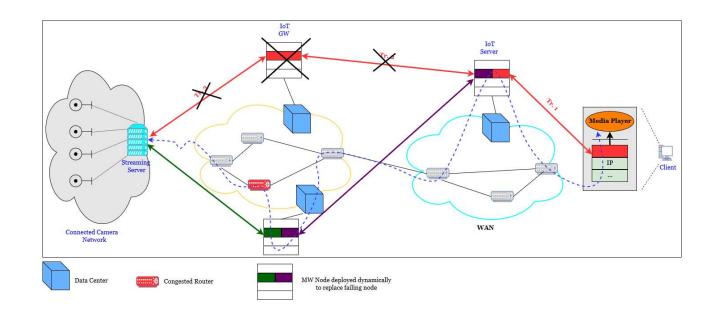
- TAPS, the IETF group,
- NEAT, H2020 project.

At the same time, emergence of new paradigms:

- Software Defined Networking (SDN)
- Network Function Virtualization (NFV)

Our goal...

Dynamic and timely
deployment of a
Transport component.



Two main techniques in our approach:

- Virtualization: following ETSI-NFV* standard principles.
- Modularization: around the idea of Transport Functions

^{*} European Telecommunications Standards Institute.

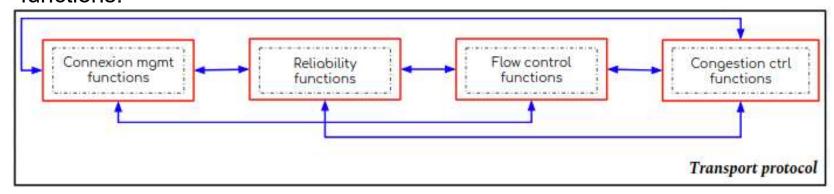
Every Transport *protocol* is implementation of a set of basic functions...



Packaging of each function within virtualization Container...



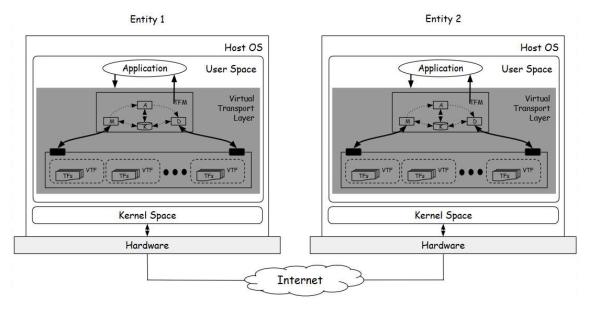
Dynamic *protocol* construction by connexion of container containing basic functions.



Our Autonomic Cycle

Architecture control: *Transport Function Manager* (TFM)

Specification and formalisation of Transport Services (TS) and Transport Protocol (TP) from TFs



Overview of TFM and its components

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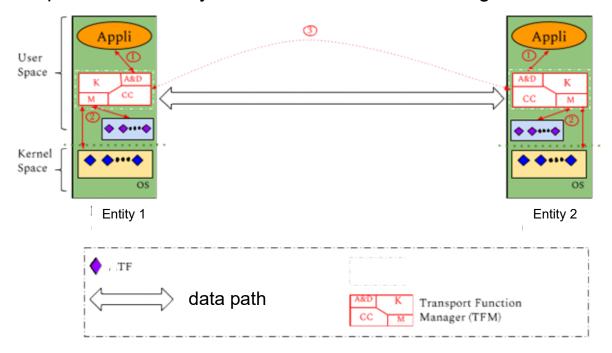


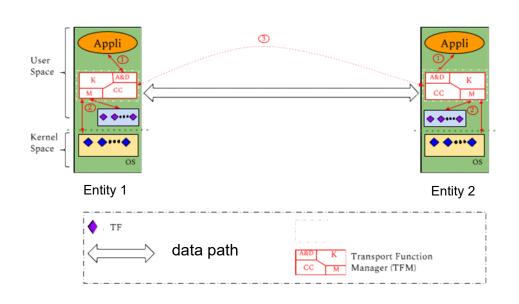
Transport Function
Manager (TFM): a

distributed control architecture that aims at dynamically build TS and deploy all necessary TFs to provide the required TS.

TFM is a distributed control system inspired by the MAPE-K loop (our Autonomic Cycle).

The TFM is deployed in a virtualization container (VM or CNT) local to the entity, or kernel space of the entity, involved in the data exchange.



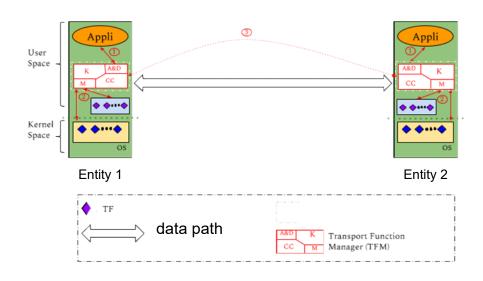


Monitoring (2): A component that collects the characteristics of the Transport and the host OS to determine:

- If ETP or equivalent exists
- If the kernel supports KTF deployments
- The TFs deployed on the entity

Knowledge: Knowledge base allowing the TFM to store the information collected by the Monitoring. TFs are managed using a graph to discover TS (Transport Service)

Virtualization of Transport-level Functions and Protocols



Analysis & Decision (1): Intercepts the service requests of the hosting entity's apps, and using the knowledge base (K), is able to:

- to browse the graph of TFs to build the TS,
- and when there are missing TFs, execute the deployment decision algorithm
 - UTF: user space support it
 - KTF: authorization of the OS
 - VTF otherwise

Virtualization of Transport-level Functions and Protocols

TF graph: a mixed graph G = (V, A, E) where:

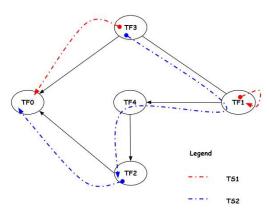
- $V = \{TF_1, TF_2, ..., TF_n\}$: set of TFs deployed on entity
- A, represents dependencies between TFs
- *E*, represents unordered relations between TFs

TF Graph:

- Used for the description of a protocol by a set of Transport Services (TS)
- A TS is dynamically built and validated through a TFs graph
- A TS is defined by two paths:
 - one way: the TFs execution order in Rx
 - 2nd way: the TFs execution order in Tx

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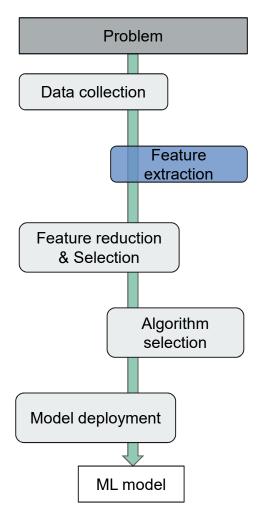
TF Graph illustration:



Example of Transport Function graph

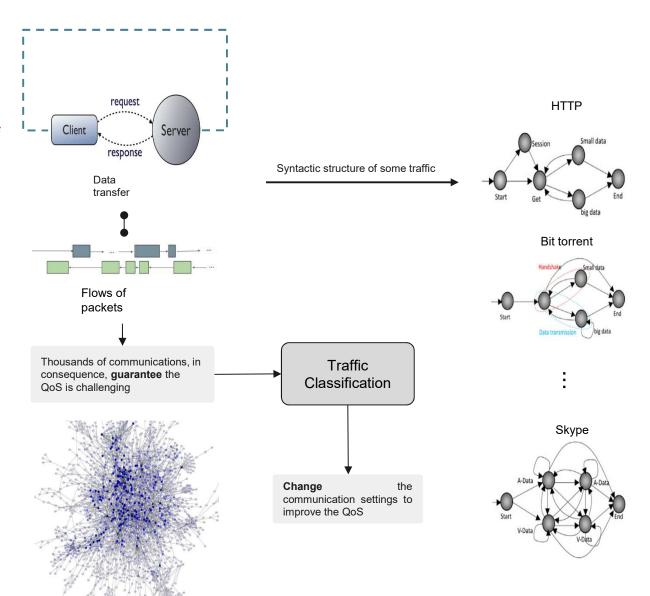
TS₁: **No-error service** where:

- in Rx, TF3 = *error detect* function and TF0 = *error report* function.
- in Tx, TF1 = *retransmission* function.



General Machine Learning(ML) procedure

Guarantee the Quality of Service (QoS) by identifying the name of the application given traffic measurements



Challenges

Data collection

- Real world measurements and tests on the network are difficult to achieve
- Labeling traffic traces can be a tedious task

Evolution and dynamism of the data

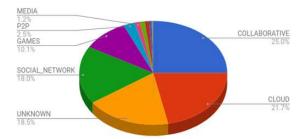
Feature extraction (FE)

- Encryption and encapsulation can <u>disable classical FE</u> <u>procedures</u>
- It is necessary to propose better <u>descriptors</u> that prevent misclassifications and class imbalance behaviors

Validation of the ML solutions

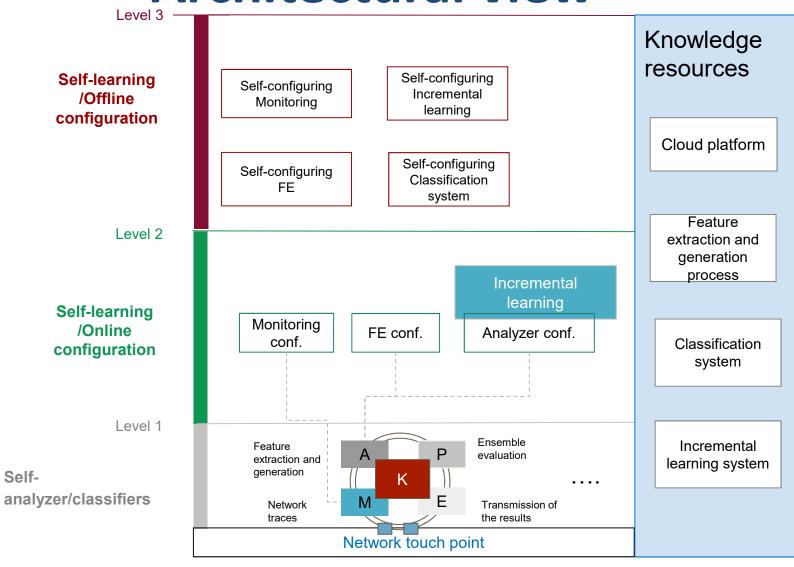
Classification

- Presence of class-imbalance in the data, which is the scenario where there are one or more classes with a considerable higher amount of samples than another class(es)
- Class-imbalance data can <u>bias</u>
 some ML models to learn more
 from a class than another

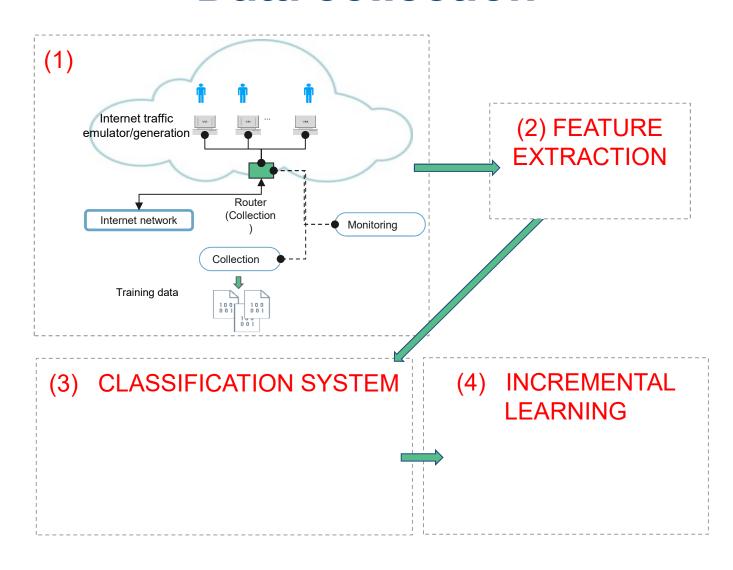


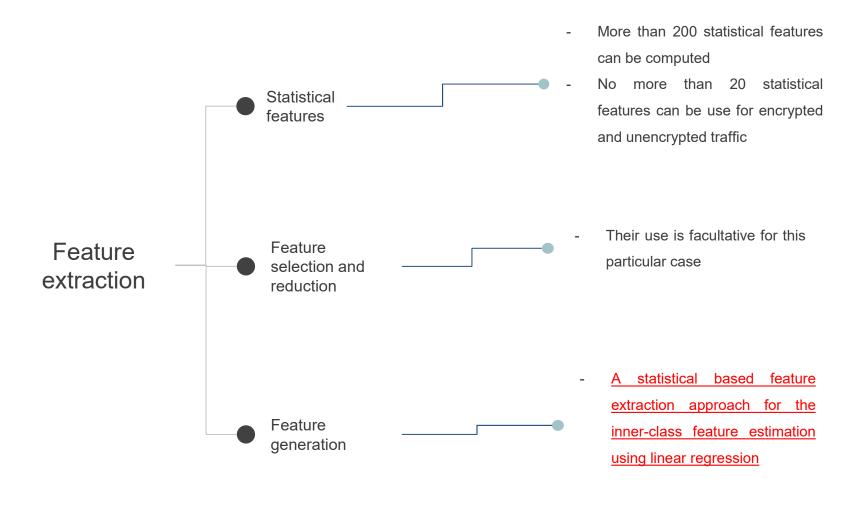
QoS class distribution a Internet traffic dataset

Architectural view



Data collection





Statistical based feature extraction approach for the inner-class feature estimation using linear regression

Statistical based features

It is the most popular approach

It does not intrude into the packet content

It has a lightweight computation

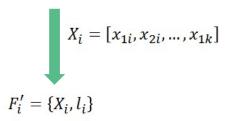
It shows a high performance for discriminating the applications

$F_i = \{H_i, P_i, l_i\}$	Flow of packets
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Feature	Description
Packet length	$B = len(p) \ \forall \ p \in P_i$
Inter-arrival time (IAT)	$IAT = t_i - t_{i-1}$

Statistical based features, such as:

Mean Std Maximum Minimum



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Classical approaches: mean

Moving average

$$\mu_n = \mu_{n-1} + \frac{1}{n}(x_n - \mu_{n-1})$$

Weighted mean

$$\mu_n = \mu_{n-1} + \frac{w_n}{W_n} (x_n - \mu_{n-1})$$

Exponential weighted mean

$$\mu_n = \mu_{n-1} + \alpha(x_n - \mu_{n-1})$$

Logarithmic moving averages

Some remarks

The observations belong to specific **data distributions**.

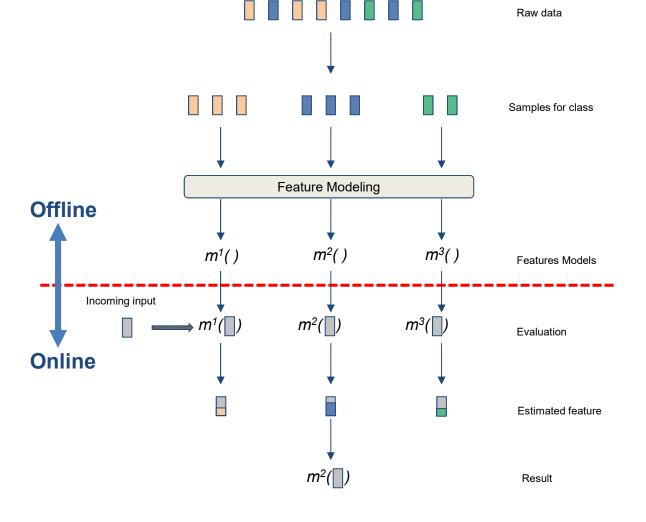
Online computation can be pruned to errors (incorrect sampling or noisy-outlier observations)

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Proposal

Assumptions

- Raw inputs are differentiable from one another
- The statistical behavior of a variable is different from class to class
- Statistical features can be modeled for each class separately



 $m^3(\square)$

Proposal

 $a^1=m^1(\square)$

Estimated features

 Compute the estimated feature with all the LR models

feature against the previous estimation

Compute the distance of each estimated

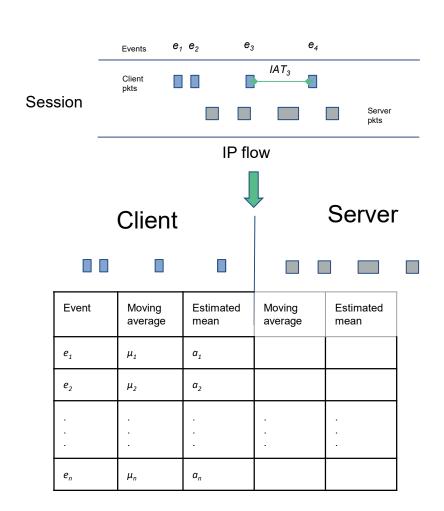
 The best approximation is given by the LR model that obtains the lowest distance value

$$d_i^c = [(a_i^c + w) - x_j]^2$$

 $m^2(\square)$

 $a_j = \{a^i_j \in P \mid argmin(d^i_j)\}$

Experimental evaluation



Dataset selected for the experiments

Name	# sessions	# classes
PAM	173429	17

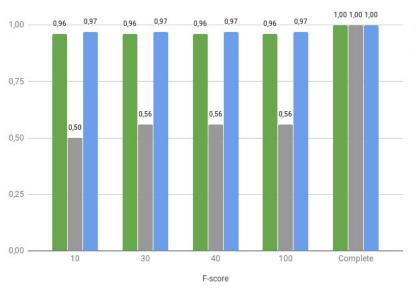
Flow sequence property

Flow sequence property	Features
Packet length IAT	mean std min max

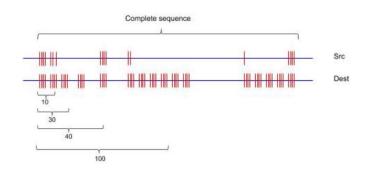
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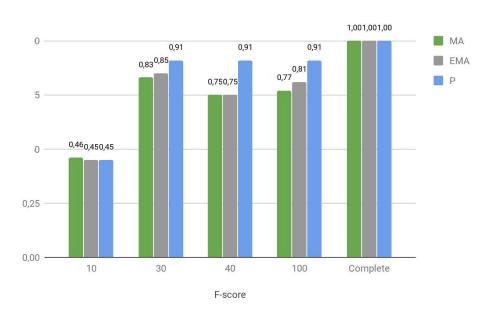
■ EMA

Results: PAM dataset



F-score of the class Streaming

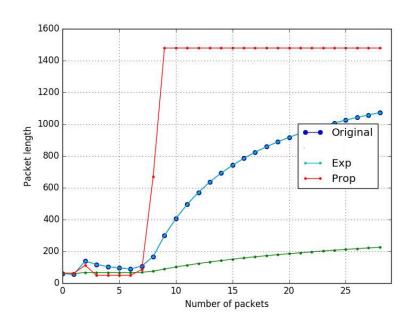




F-score of the class Web applications

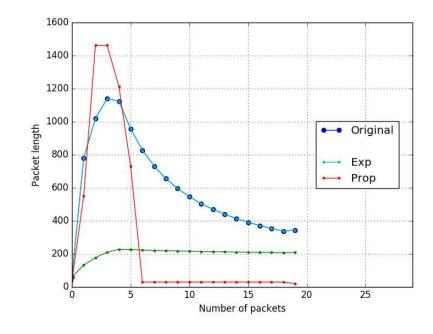
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Analysis: PAM dataset

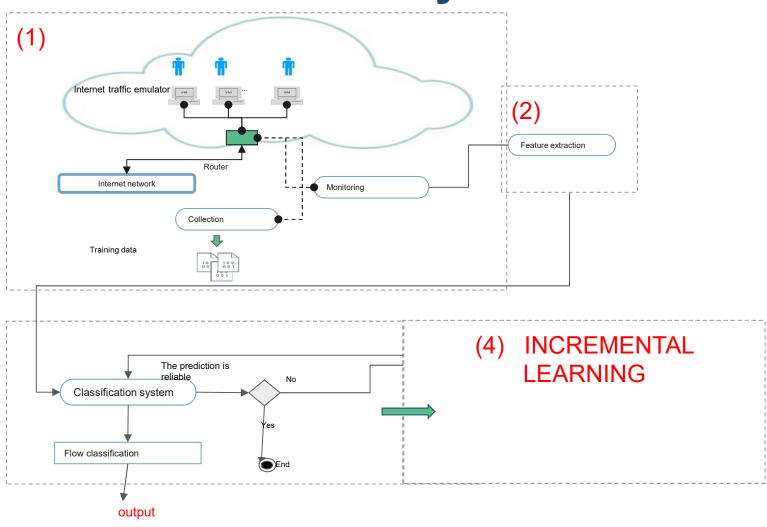


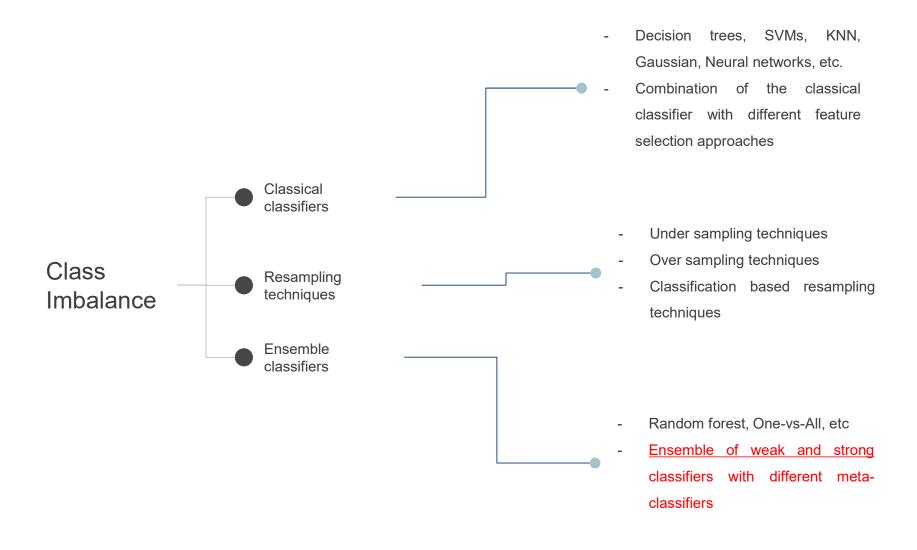
Statistical features for a packet sequence in the **client** with the **VoIP** class

Statistical features for a packet sequence in the **server** with the **VoIP** class

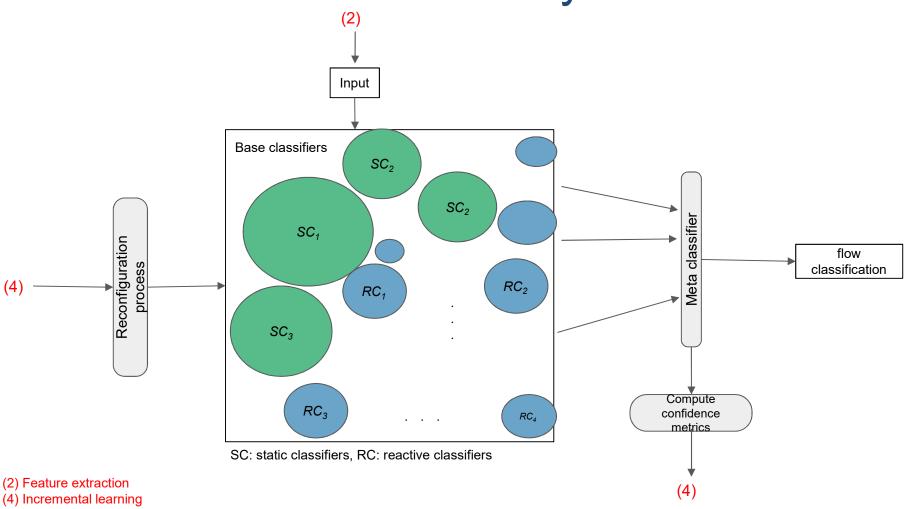


Classification system





Classification system



Base classifiers

$$C_i = (name, m_i, t, w_i, F_i, Q_i, s)$$

name = identifier of the classifier

m = model

t = type of classifier, either static or reactive

W =is a vector classification weight that will

be used to penalize the classifier by class

F = f-score of the classifier for each class

Q = is a vector that stores the cumulative

value of the classifier's quality on predicting

an input sample for the class

s = is the class where the classifier is specialized on

Meta classifier

$$y' = G(p_1 \times w_1' \times f_1', p_2 \times w_2' \times f_2', ..., p_k \times w_k' \times f_3')$$

y' = final prediction

G = is the combination function

selected

p = probability of membership to

the class

w' = weight of each classifier

$$Q' = P' \frac{(W' + F')}{2}$$
 each model for the

class predicted by the classifier y'

$$q' = \frac{1}{k} \sum \{Q'\}$$

Reconfiguration process

Adding a reactive classifier

- It will be expert in one class
- The generalization of the ensemble can be lost.
- In order to tackle this problem, the f-score of the classes where the learner is not an expert will be set to zero
- It can be seen that this will implement a <u>mask in the</u> voting system

Penalizing a base classifier

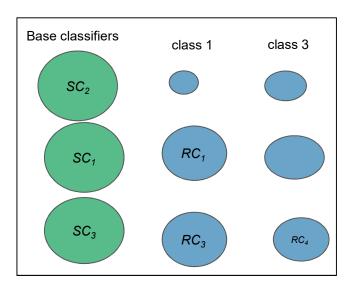
- The class' weights of the base classifiers are updated
- This value is updated when a new RC or SC is added as follows,

$$w_t = w_{t-1} \times \left(1 - \frac{1}{k+c}\right) \mathbf{Q_t}$$

k is the number of classes and c the number of classifiers

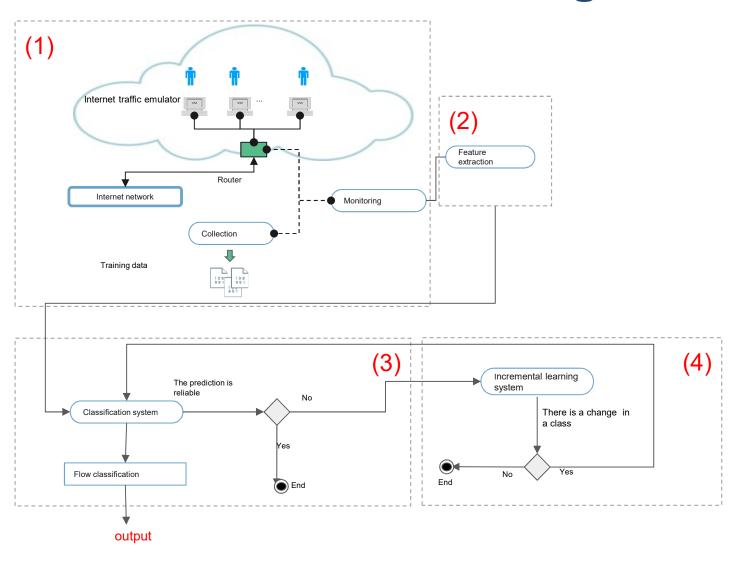
Pruning the ensemble

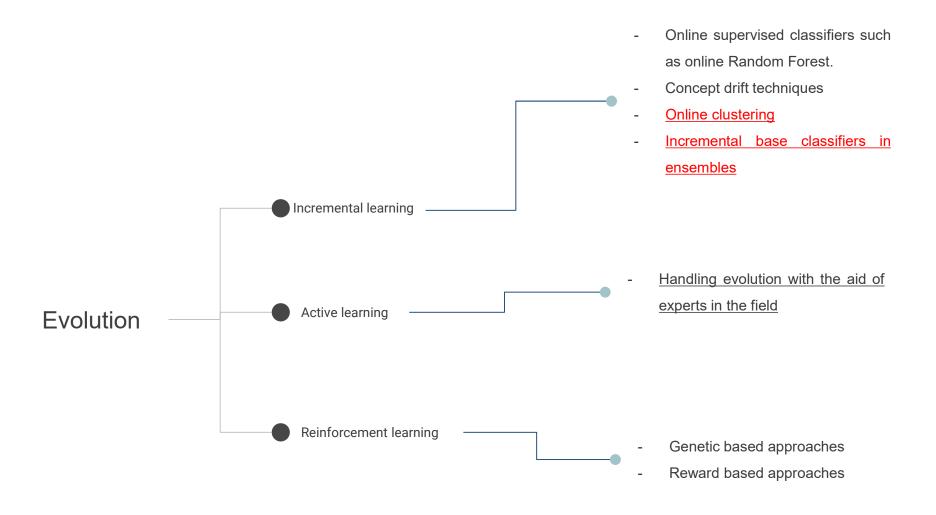
- The amount of RC for class won't be higher than the amount of SC
- Everytime that a new RC is added, if the amount of RC is lower than the SC the ensemble does not change
- However, if this number is equal or higher, the weakest RC is deleted from the ensemble



SC: static classifiers, RC: reactive classifiers

Incremental learning

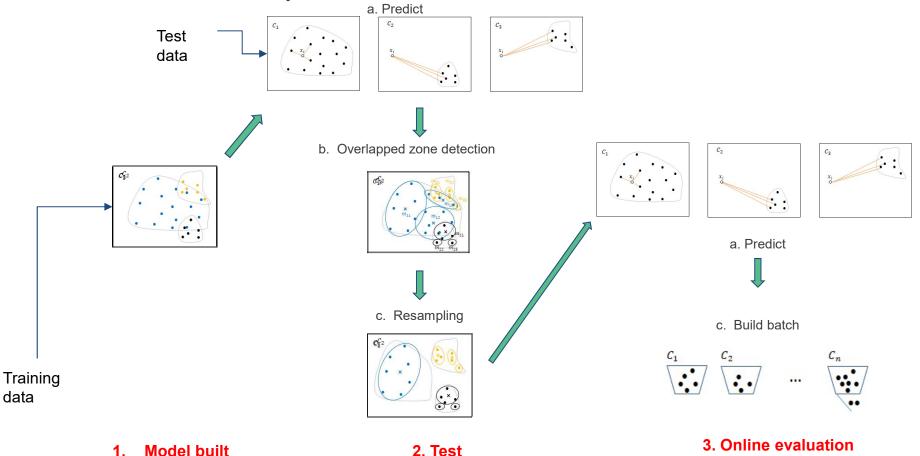




Incremental learning approach

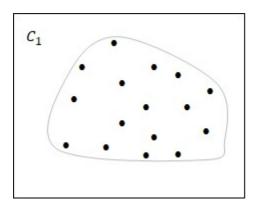
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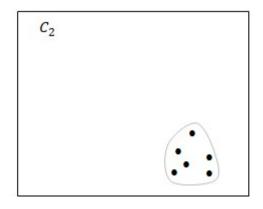
- It is an approach based on the principles of one-class classifiers
- One classifier is build by class

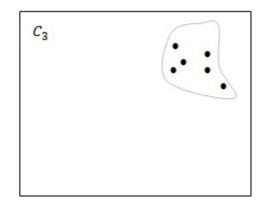


Proposal: Incremental learning approach

One-class classifiers





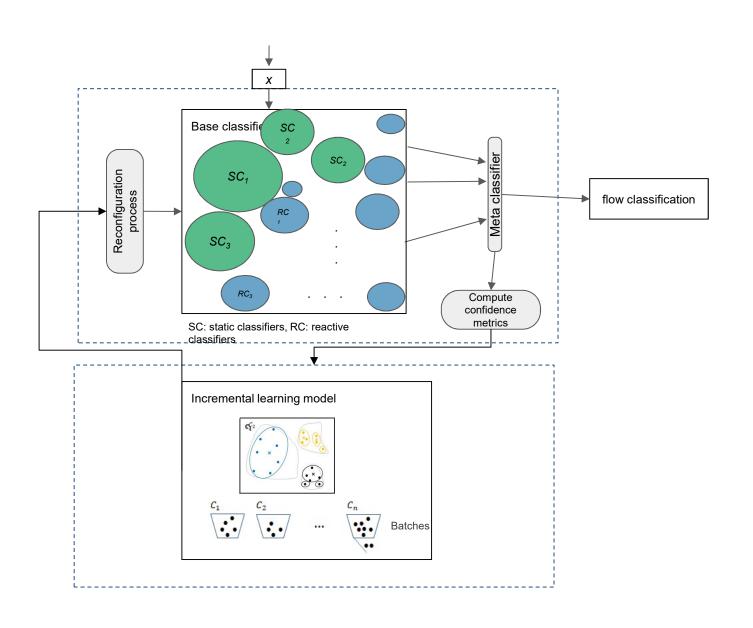


Principles

- The samples of each class are separated
- The classifier is described by a boundary function

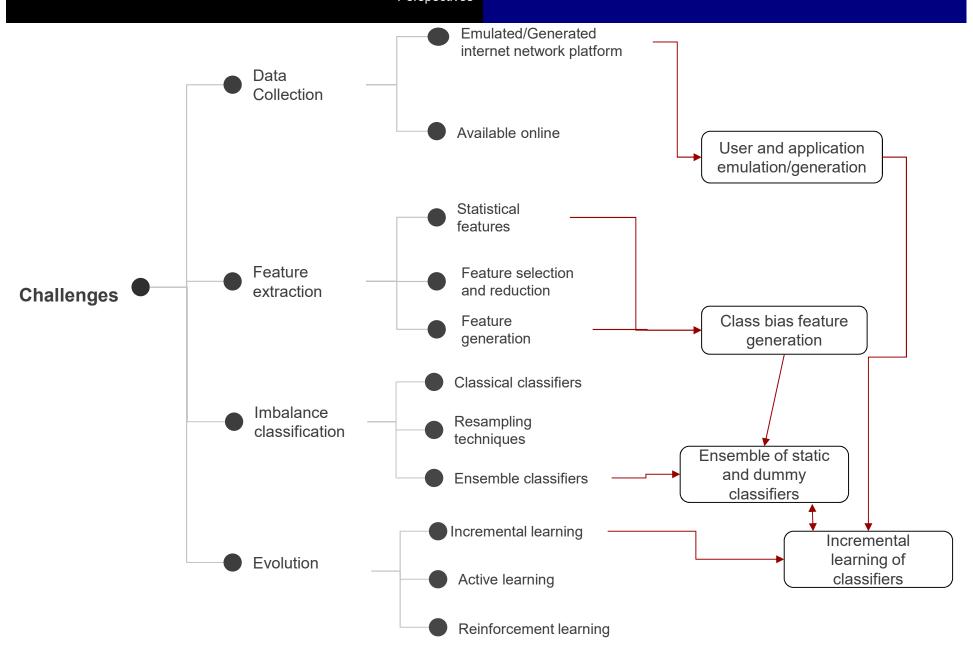
Examples of one class classifiers boundaries functions:

- Density based: Parzen Density estimation and Mixture of Gaussians
- Reconstruction based: Clustering based techniques and auto-encoder neural networks
- Boundary based: One-class Support vector machines, support vector data description, etc.
- <u>Ensemble-based</u>: One-class Clustering-based Ensemble



Context
Problem
An autonomic cycle for QoS provisioning
Our Contributions
Perspectives

Internet traffic classification



Quality of Service management in IoT remains a challenge

Summary and Key points to remember:

- > A generalization of the vision of network function instantiation (f/V NF);
- Our approach to meet the QoS requirements of IoT applications by, for example, dynamically provisioning Slice at the IoT platform-level;
- IoT platform services / QoS management mechanisms can be packaged in various formats (f/VNF) and deployed dynamically;
- Dynamically deployment allows flexible management needed in environments which vary in time such as IoT, Tactile Internet.
- > Traffic classification is a complex problem necessary to consider in the network context

An autonomic network slice provisioning / maintenance cycle

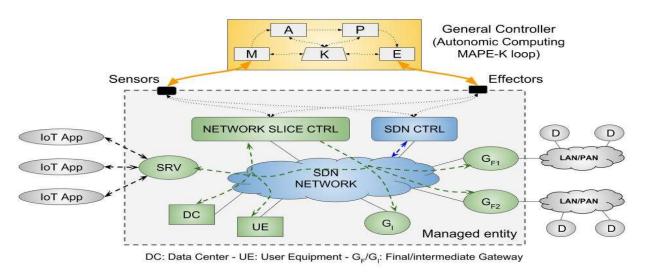
- Add an abstraction layer to the considered resources / NOKIA work on NCUs [5]
- Add tasks to the current autonomic cycle to consider the QoE

[5] S. Sharma, R. Miller and A. Francini, "A Cloud-Native Approach to 5G Network Slicing," in IEEE Communications Magazine, vol. 55, no. 8, pp. 120-127, 2017.

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Future works

- Experimental work :
 - A Prototype of the proposed Slice provisioning AC and TFM framework (on going)



- Theoretical work for the autonomic cycle implementation :
 - Design structural models of our architecture (including the deployment environment of QoS-oriented mechanisms) based on the TF graph
 - Continuation with the design of behavioral models (descriptive and predictive) of our self-adaptive management system.
 - Development of noise data processing techniques
 - Complete the meta-learning approach

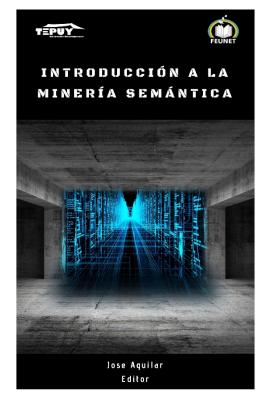
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- A novel approach to extract statistical based features is presented
- Procedures to create an ensemble of LR models for each class are defined under defined assumptions
- The workflow reached good performance when the windows of the raw sample is small.
- Inner-class discrimination was improved by our approach