

Multimedia delivery Using Artificial Intelligence over SDN

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Introduction - University

Polytechnic University of Valencia (UPV) is a public educational institution (3 campus sites with more than 36,000 students, almost 3,000 members of teaching and research staff, and about 2,400 administrative and services staff).

UPV combines training with research and encouraging investigation and projects, balancing theoretical and applied research.

It has 41 departments, 40 research centres and institutes, 4,055 people involved in research structures, 410 skills, 222 patents, 13 results, 41 software, and offering 56 Master's degrees and 28 Doctor's degrees.

UPV is composed of 11 schools, 2 faculties and 2 higher polytechnic schools.



Introduction - University

Quality Metrics:

UPV is in the top 310 best universities of the world, according to the QS World University Rankings, and it is in the position 155 in the international patents.

<http://www.upv.es/noticias-upv/noticia-10133-qs-world-unive-es.html>

UPV is the best technical university in Spain, according to Shangay University Rankings (it is in the best 400 universities of the world)

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Times Higher Education (THE) Young University Rankings recognizes UPV in the first 150 universities of the world.

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Introduction – Research Institute

The **Integrated Management Coastal Research Institute (IGIC)** belongs to the UPV.

<http://cienciagandia.webs.upv.es/2015/01/el-instituto-de-investigacion-igic-situa-al-campus-de-gandia-como-referente-internacional/>
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IGIC's general aim is to promote and conduct scientific research of excellence on various aspects of integrated coastal zone management.

The research of the institute is structured into three main areas:

- (1) Environmental study and conservation of biological resources in coastal zones;
- (2) Technological tools applied to marine and coastal environments;
- (3) Coastal zone planning and management.

It is a multidisciplinary Institute with 70 researchers from different areas.



Outline

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- Multimedia delivery Using Artificial Intelligence over SDN
- Performance Tests



State of the art



Current networks have much limitation due to their rigidity, which is given by static configurations mainly based on commands or static scripts.

The resource provisioning is less automatic and the efficiency decreases.

Moreover, virtualization and cloud are changing radically the traffic patterns of the data center.

This is mainly due to the communication between servers, because the applications are split in many virtual machines that must communicate.



Software Defined Networks (SDNs) are able to divide the control plane from the data plane, which allow higher programmable, automatic and flexible networks.

In SDNs, we do not need to program node by node, but by a centralized manner through software that can be implemented independently of the manufacturer or the model.

SDNs provide a more open network and allow accessing better to certain intelligent functions, which can contribute higher intelligence to the network operating.

These features make SDNs ideal to have a system that is able to adapt with the aim of having higher performance.



Information gathered from the network can be used to implement a series of procedures:

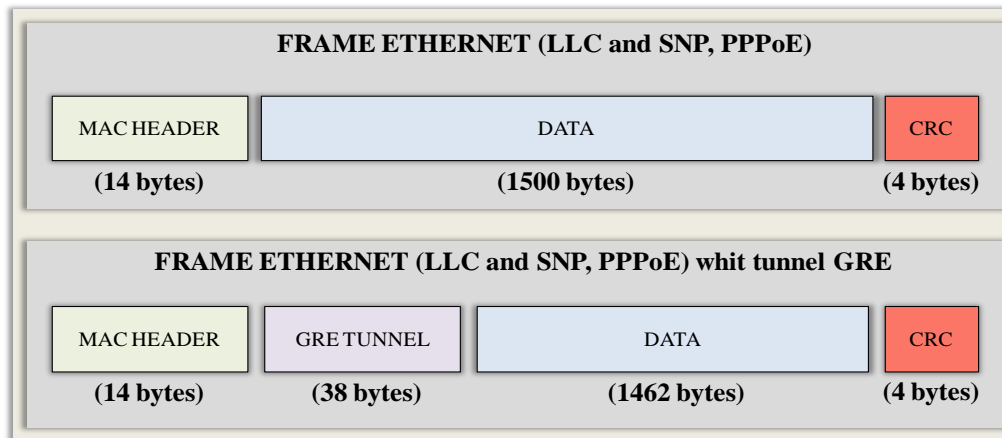
- Observing traffic patterns for different network devices or the used protocols
- The behavior of the users and servers
- The additional information that can be taken from the wireless networks (user movement, location, etc.).

Artificial intelligence and automatic learning can be used over the available information.

This will allow improving a specific objective and achieve higher system performance.



Previous tests on SDN:



Test bandwidth and jitter using three different MTUs:

1518 (Ethernet), 4370 (FDDI) and 7999 (WLAN 802.11).

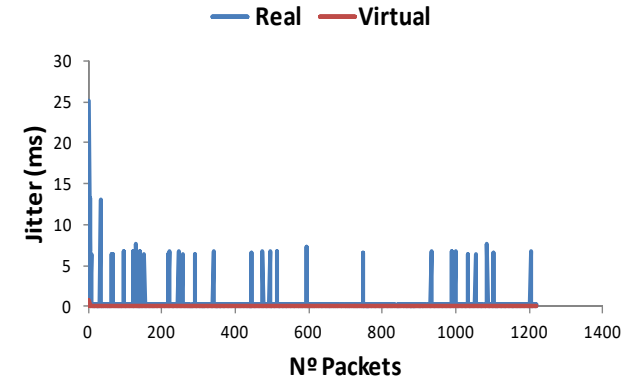
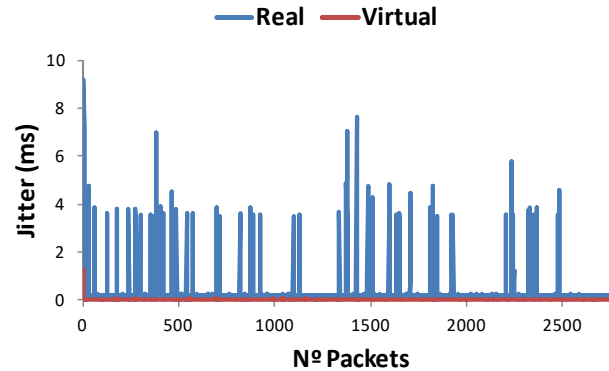
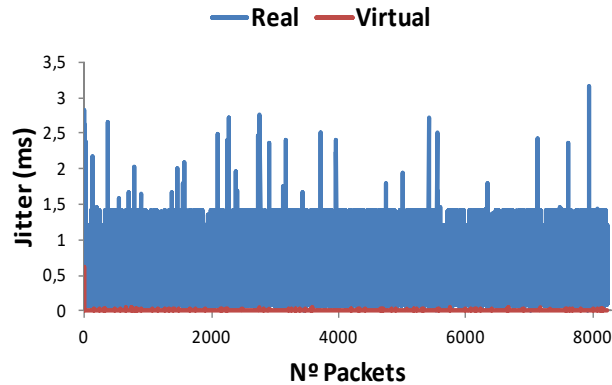
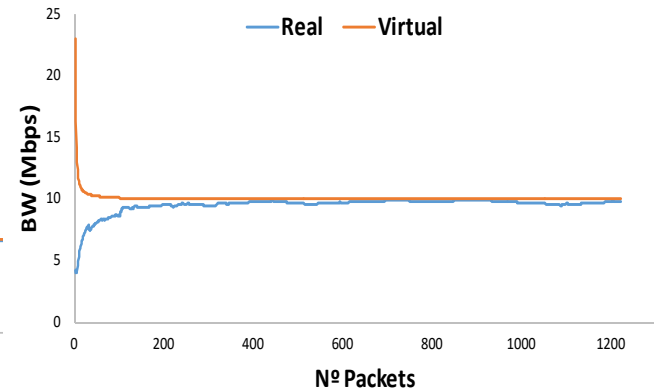
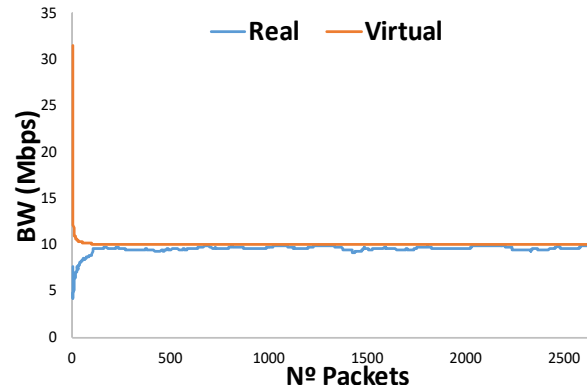
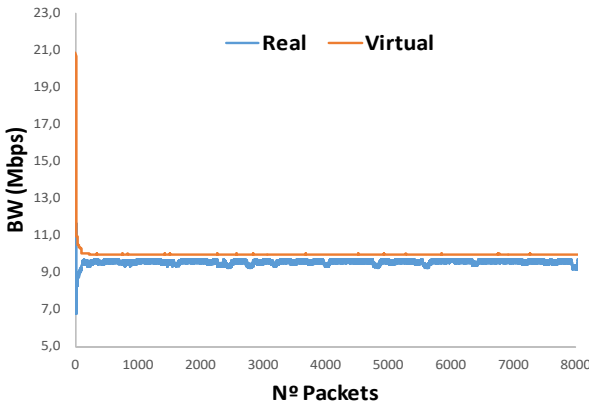


Previous tests on SDN (data):

MTU: 1518

MTU: 4370

MTU: 7999



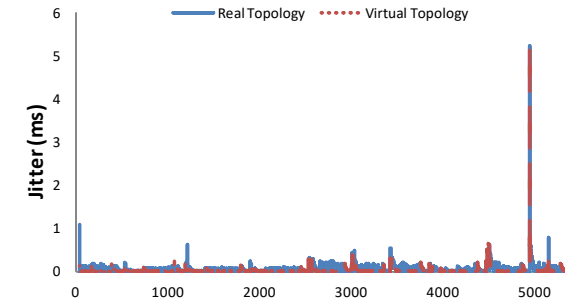
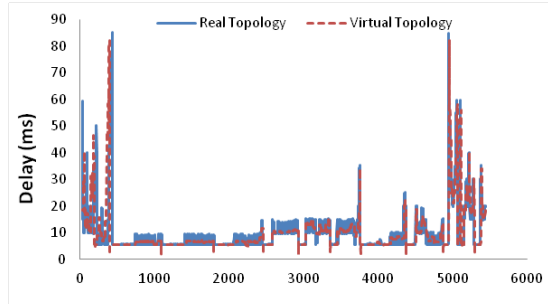
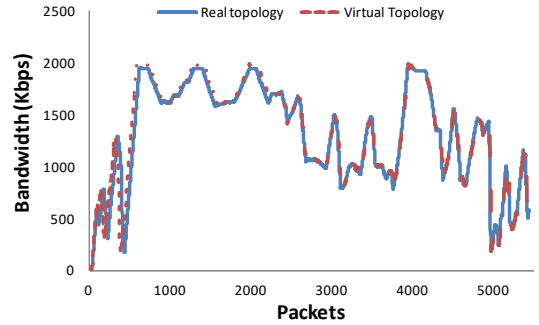
Traffic links bandwidth 10 Mbps



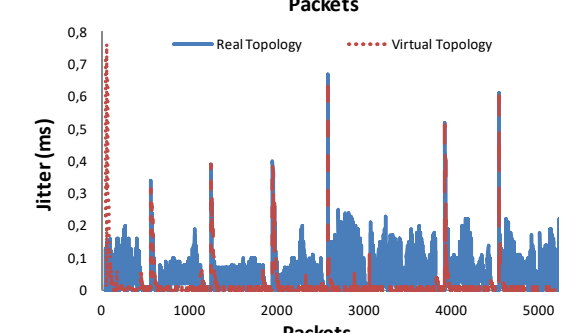
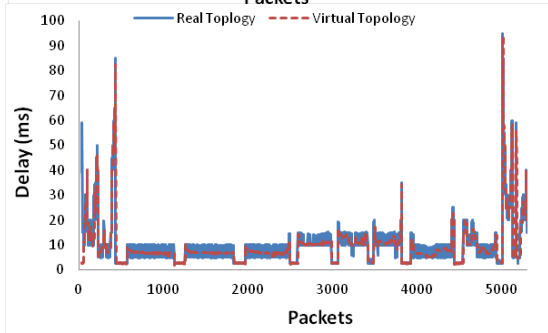
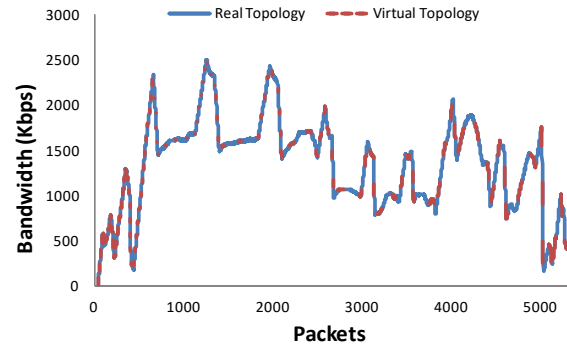
Previous tests on SDN (multimedia):



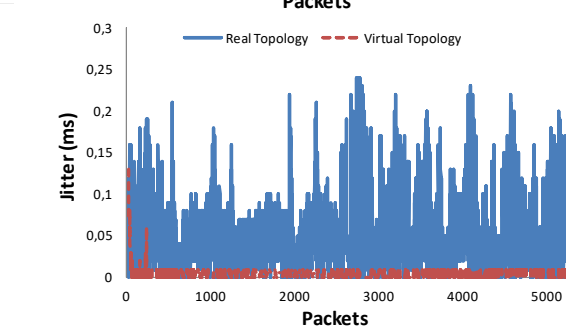
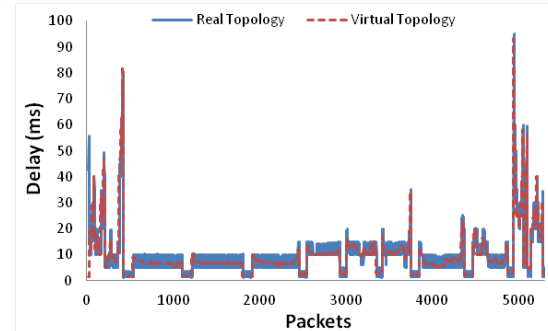
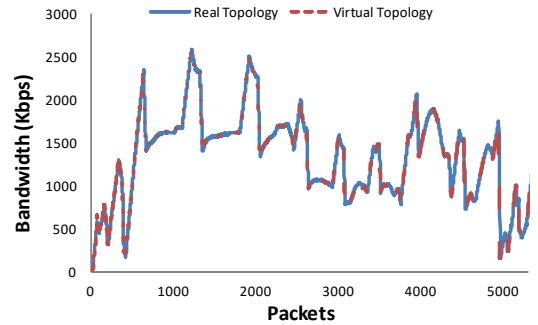
2Mbps



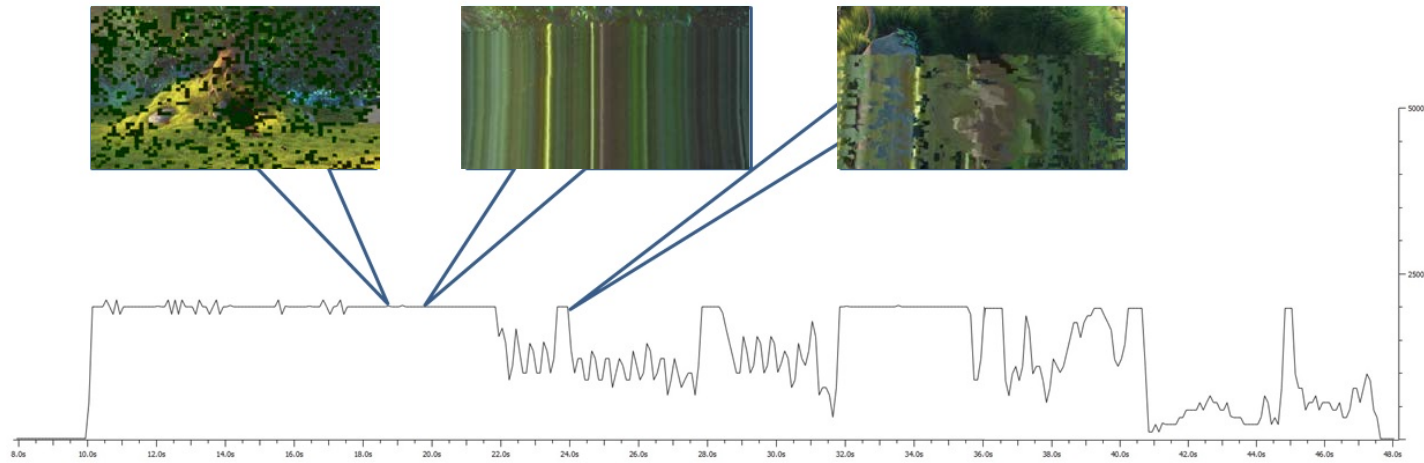
4Mbps



8Mbps

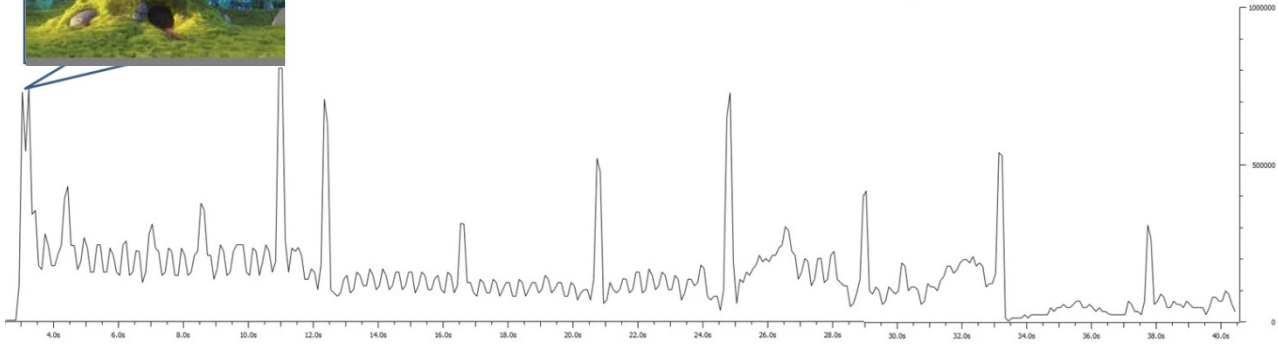


Previous tests on Multimedia Delivery:

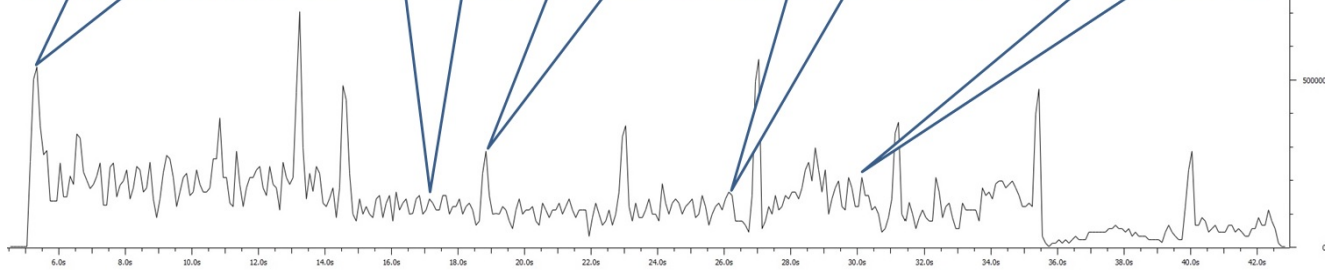


Real case when bandwidth is 2Mbps





AP 1 mW - 10 Mbps



AP 1 mW - 12 Mbps



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Features of Intelligent Systems for Multimedia Delivery:

They must have an efficient network architecture and communication protocol design

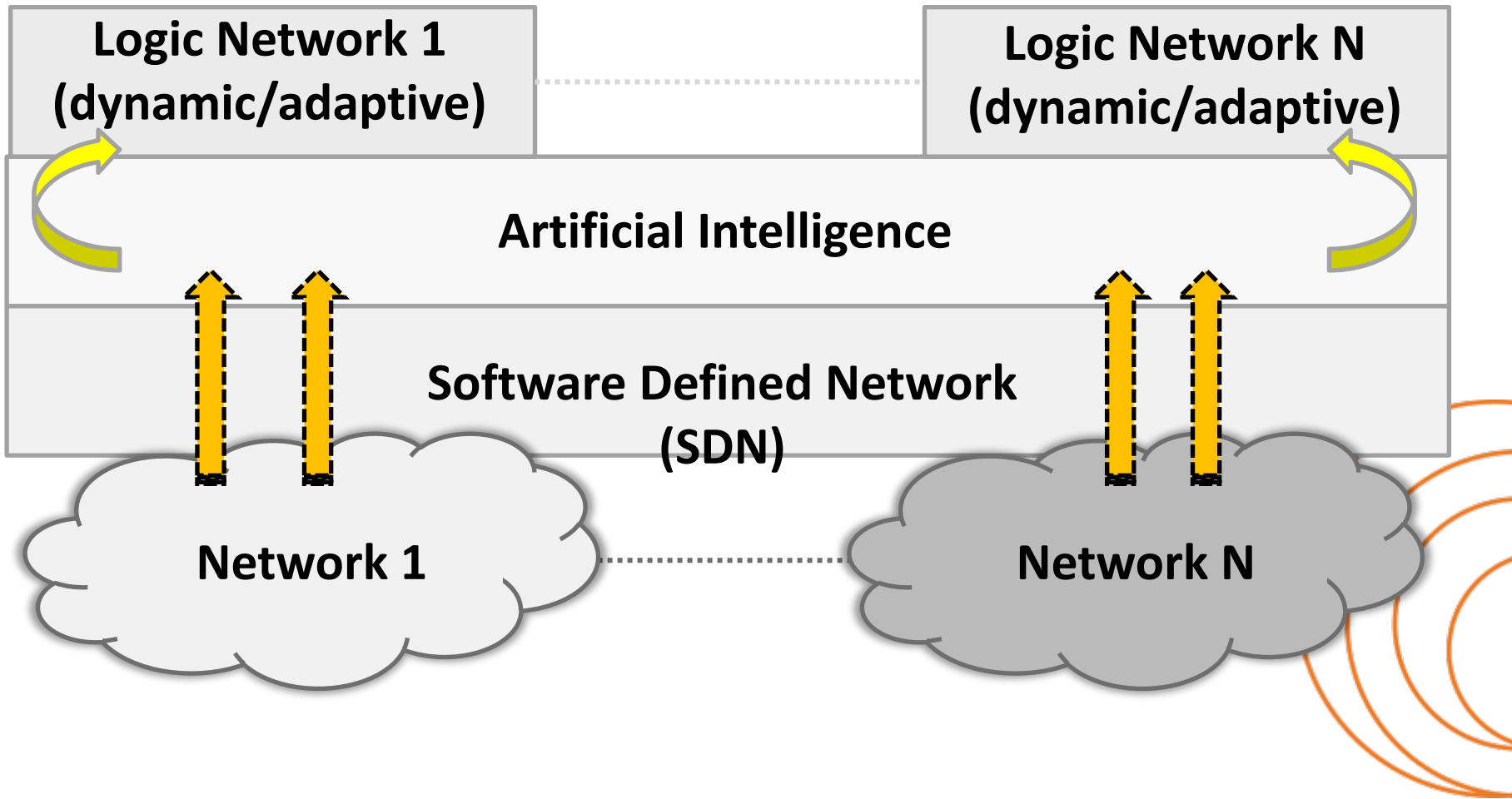
They use the information taken from the data frames, the users and servers behavior, and the traffic patterns (traffic changes, quality of service parameters, state of the frames, etc.) with the aim of improving the multimedia delivery performance, by self adapting in each case.



The network infrastructure has several network devices that gather information from the network.

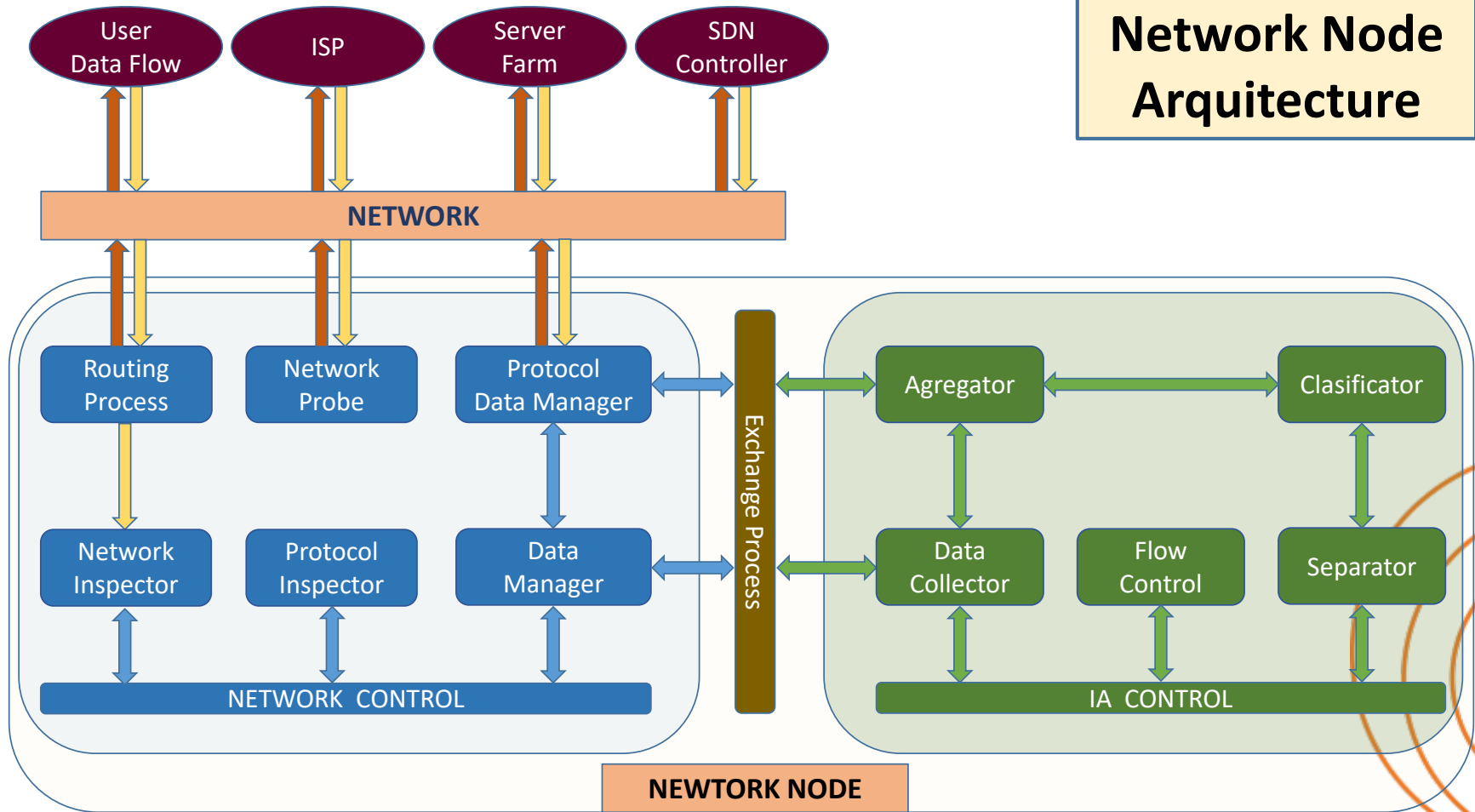
This information is used to estimate some network parameters and patterns that are used by a smart network algorithm to evolve behaviors based on this empirical data.

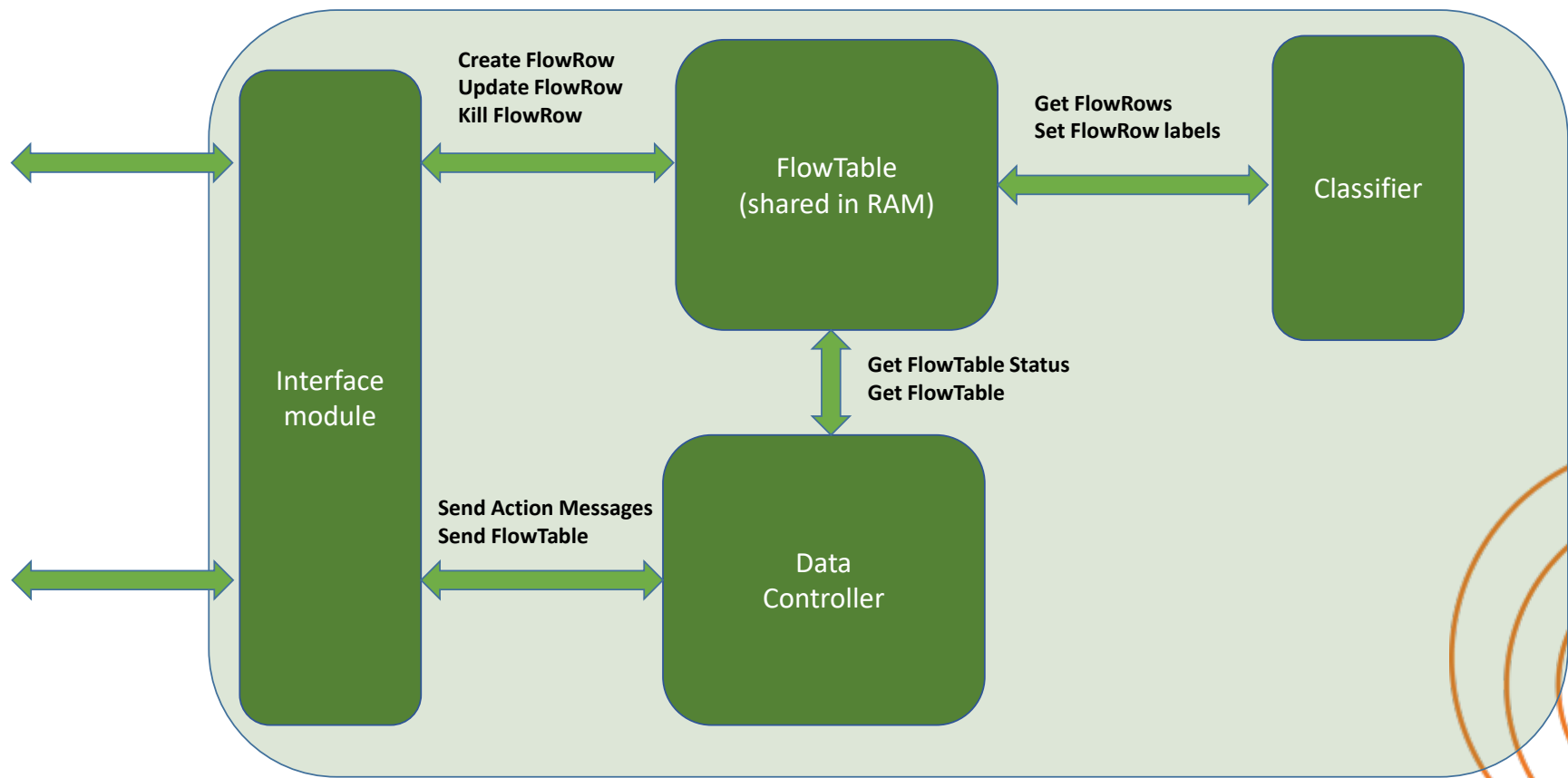


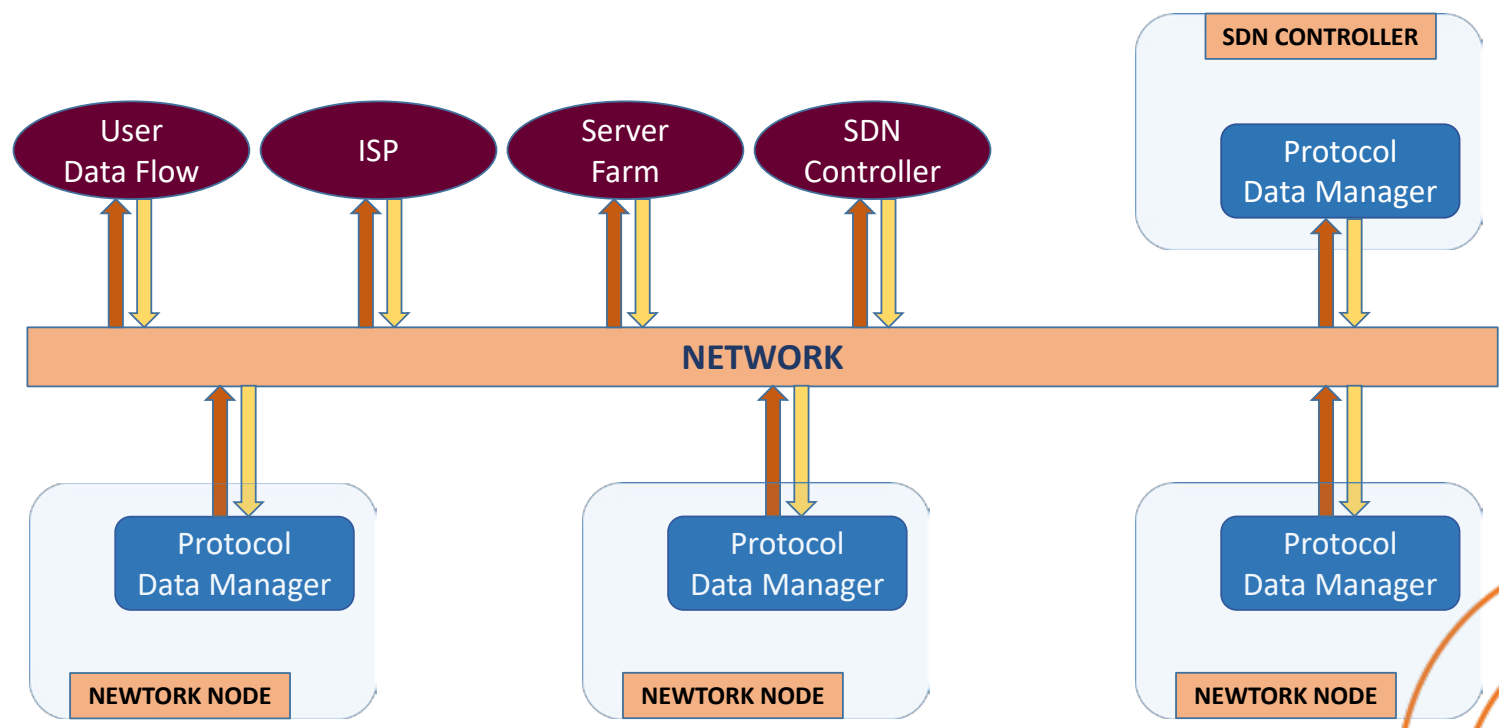


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Network Node Architecture







Network Architecture



ID	Status	Instance	Last Header
(srcIP, srcPORT, dstIP, dstPORT)	[class1, Npackets1]	Array1	H1
(srcIP, srcPORT, dstIP, dstPORT)	[class2, Npackets2]	Array2	H2

Name	Description
NPackets0	Number of packets in the direction 0
NPackets1	Number of packets in the direction 1
L0	Accumulative sum of data length in the direction 0
L1	Accumulative sum of data length in the direction 1
L02	Accumulative sum of squared data length in the direction 0
L12	Accumulative sum of squared data length in the direction 1
L0MAX	Maximum data length in the direction 0
L1MAX	Maximum data length in the direction 1
L0MIN	Minimum data length in the direction 0
L1MIN	Minimum data length in the direction 1
PROTO	The transport protocol used (TCP/UDP)

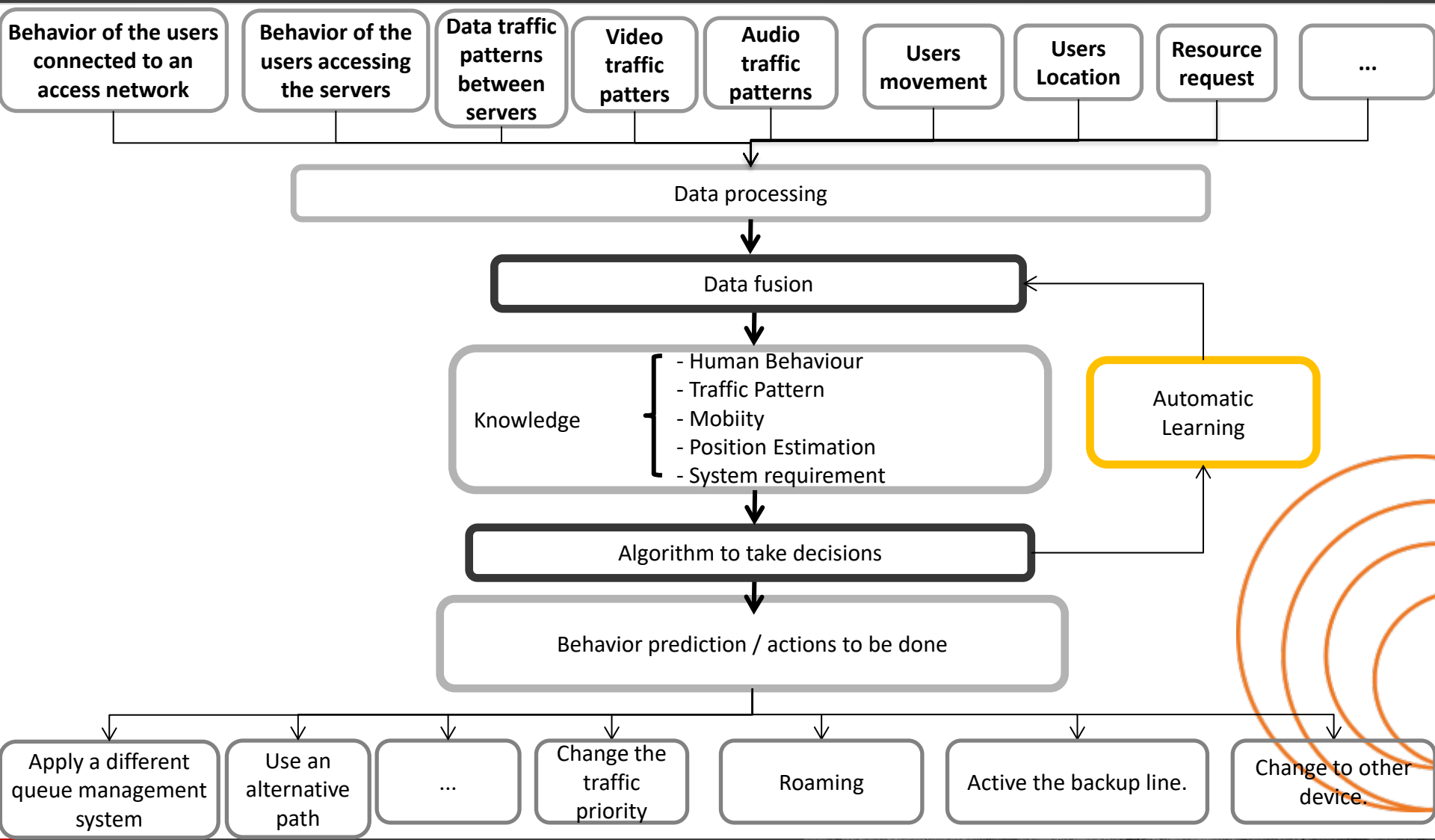
**FlowTable
&
FlowRow
Formats**



Algorithm learns using inductive inference based on observing gathered data, automatically recognize complex patterns and makes intelligent decisions.



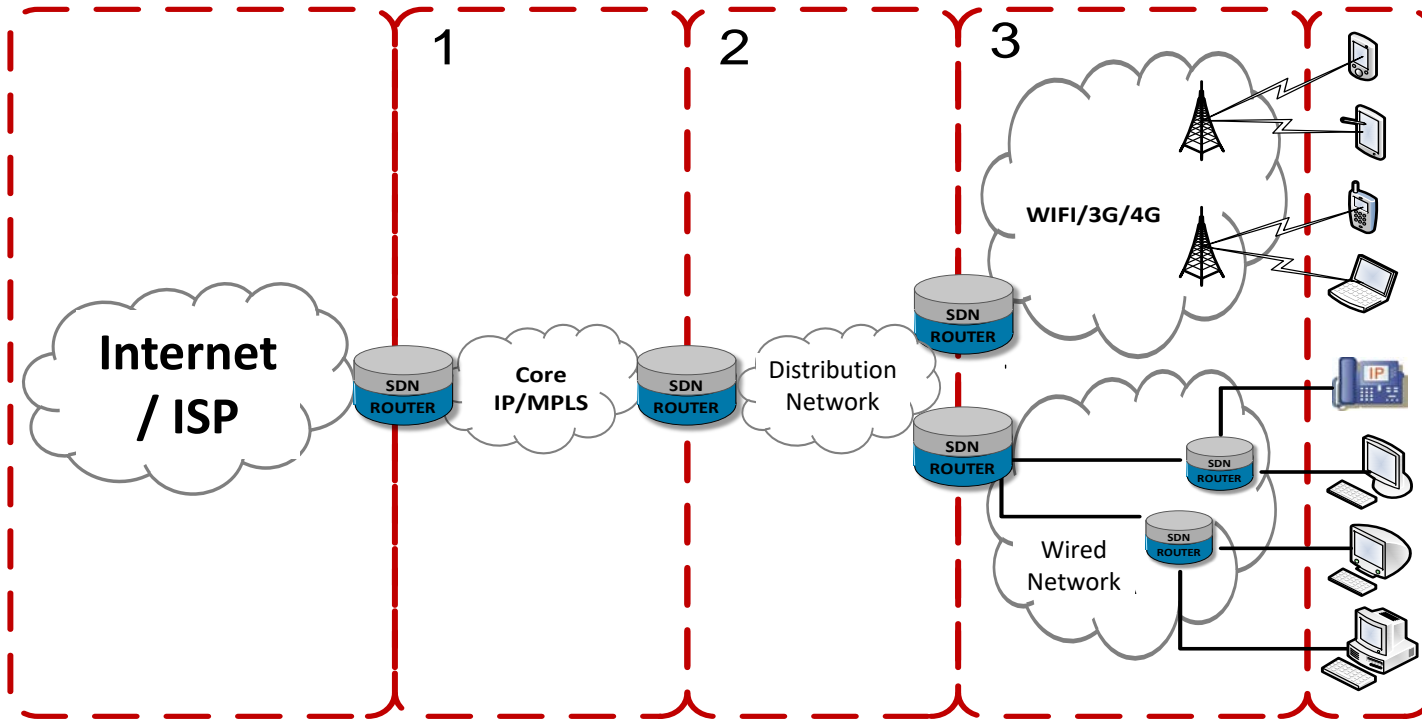
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Then, a reasoning engine is conscious of what is happening and will learn from the consequences of its actions to improve future decisions.



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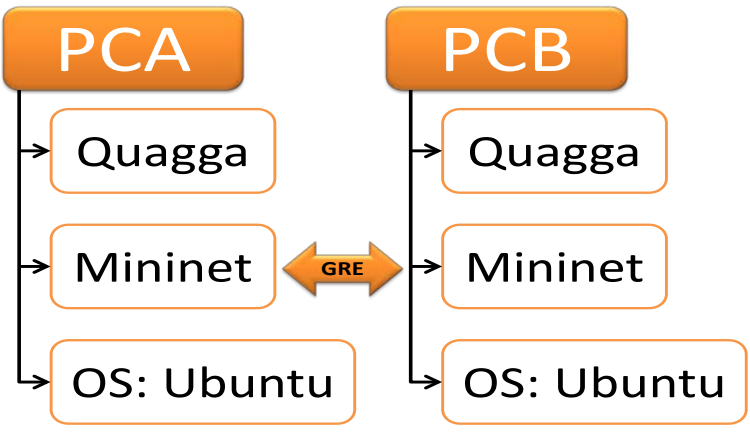
Zones where smart devices can be added

Intelligent Systems can be implemented in a wide range of multimedia applications.



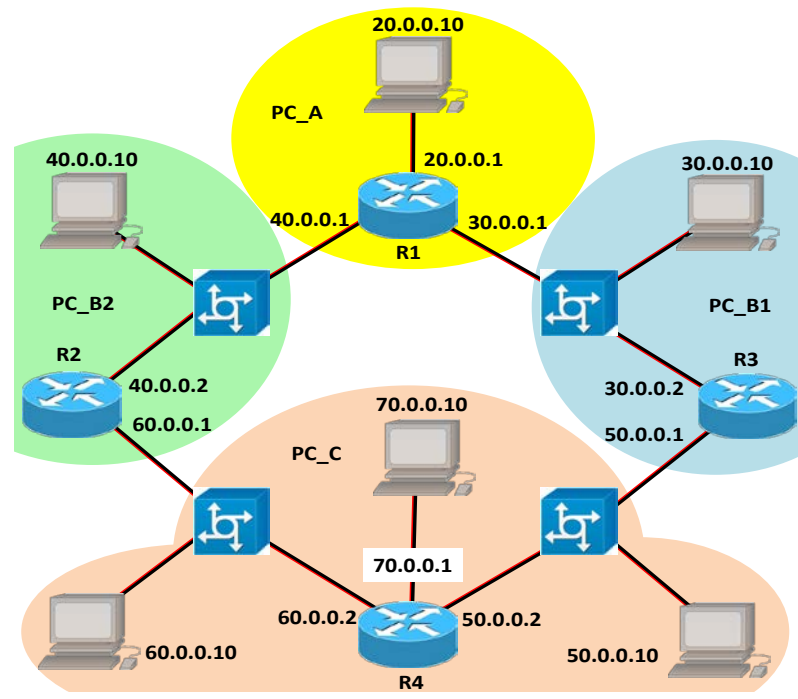
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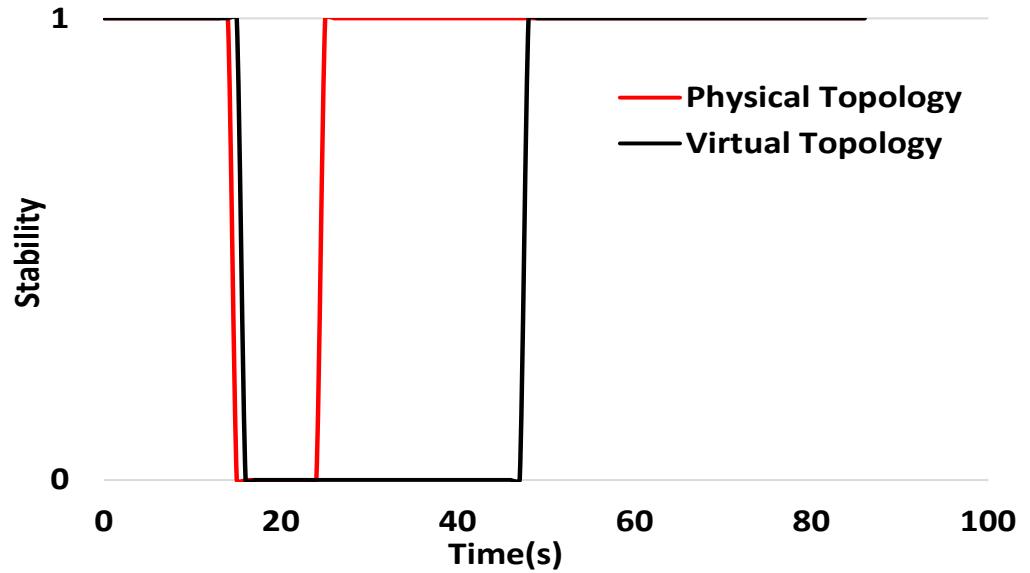
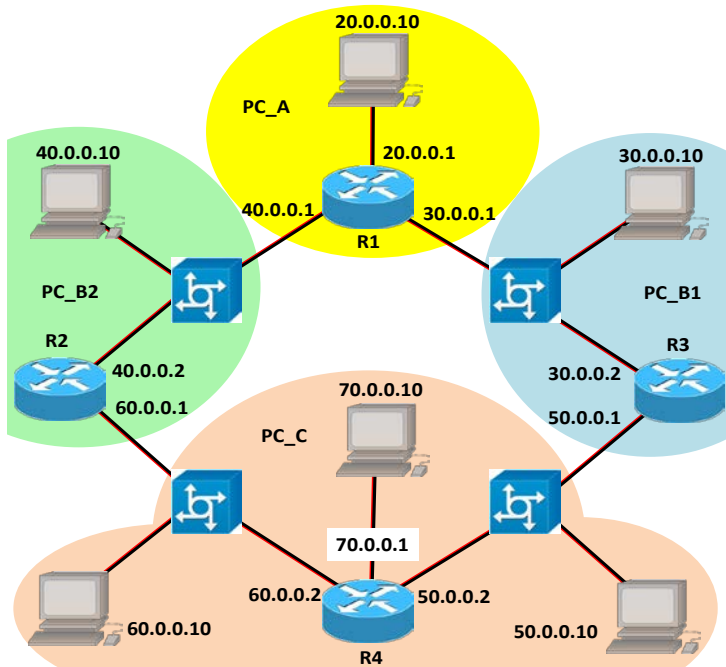


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Topology



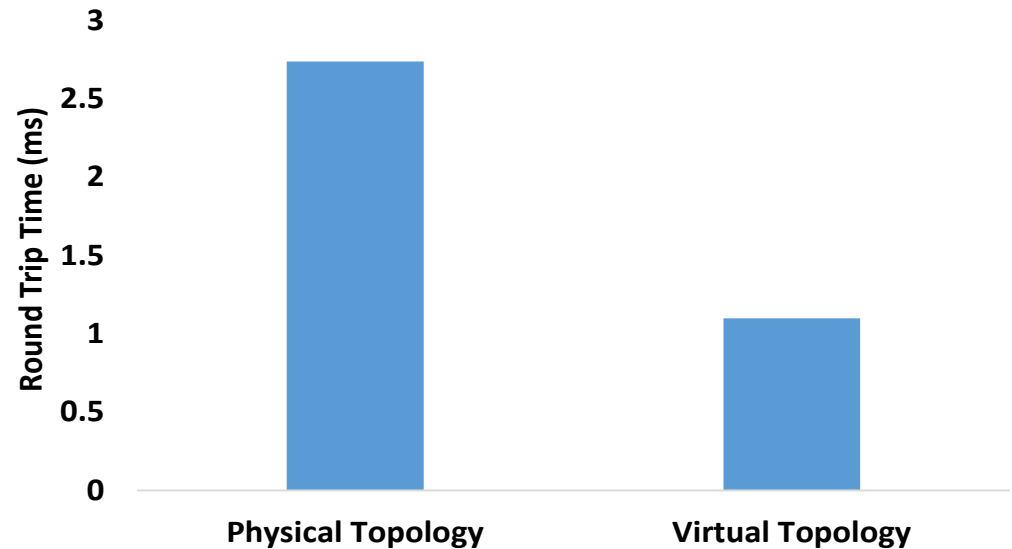
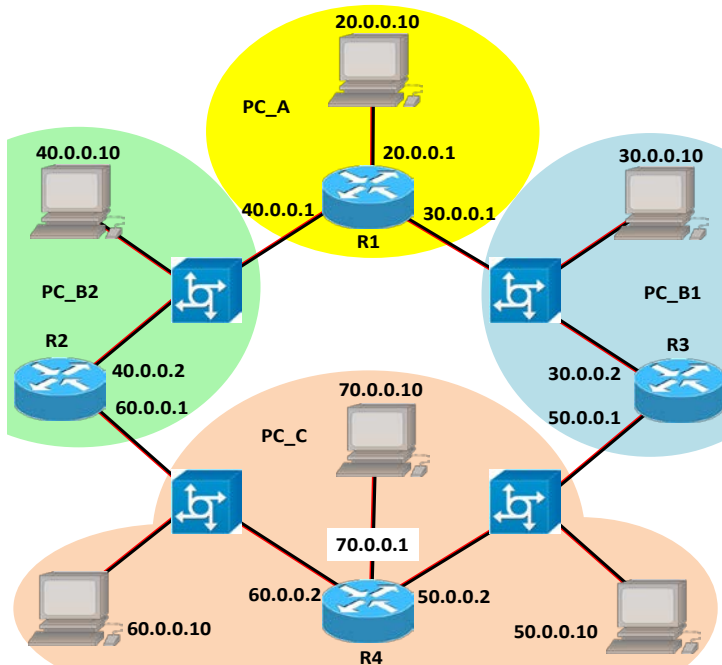
Convergence Time and RTT Tests



Stability measured in both topologies.



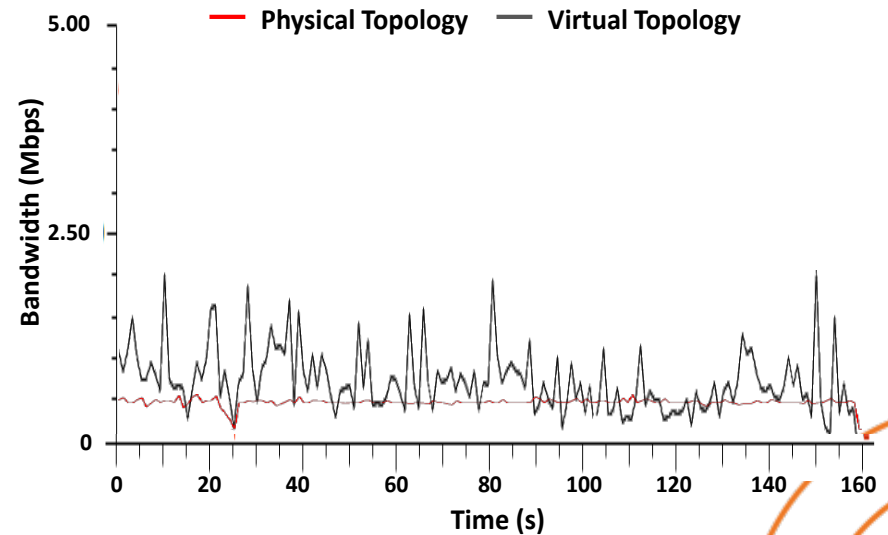
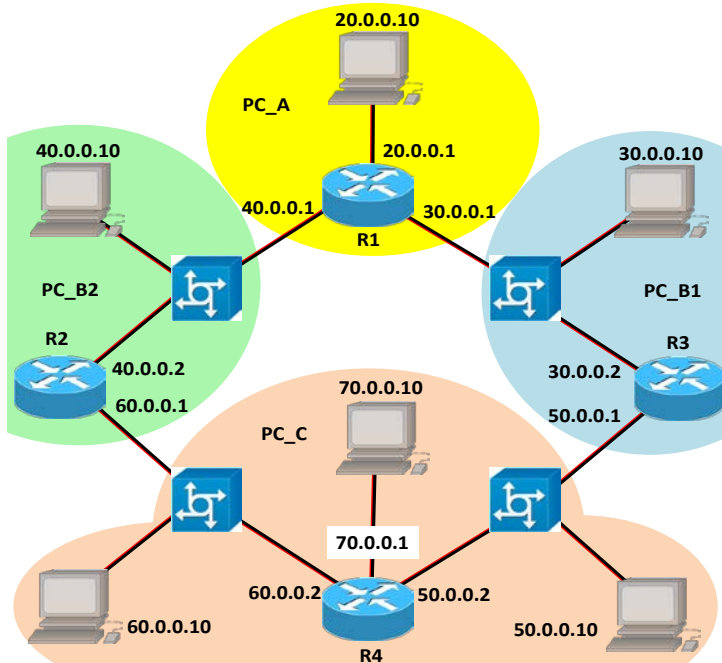
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Round-Trip time for both topologies



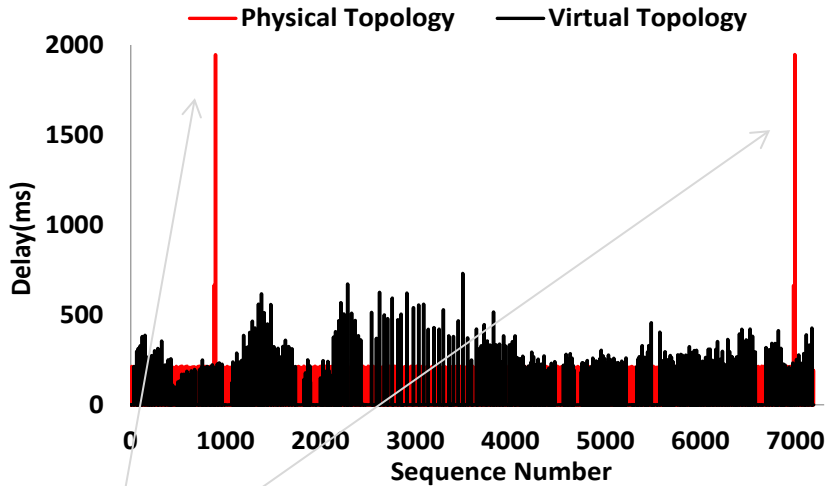
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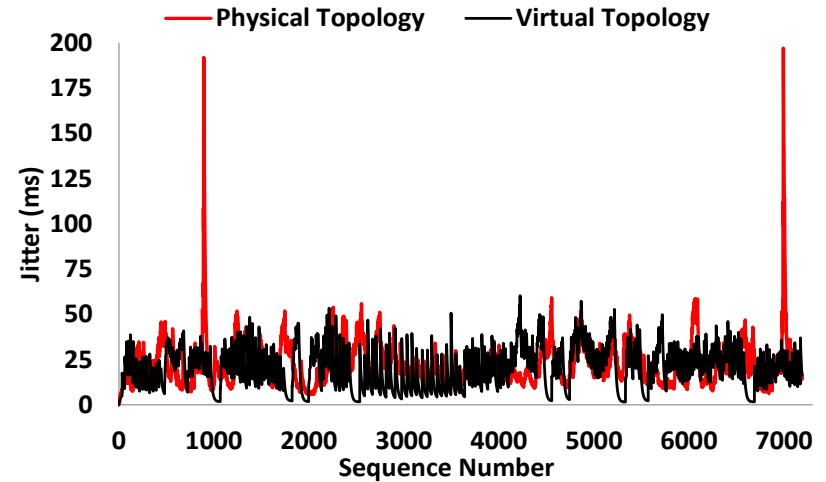
Consumed bandwidth during video streaming for both topologies



Multimedia QoS test

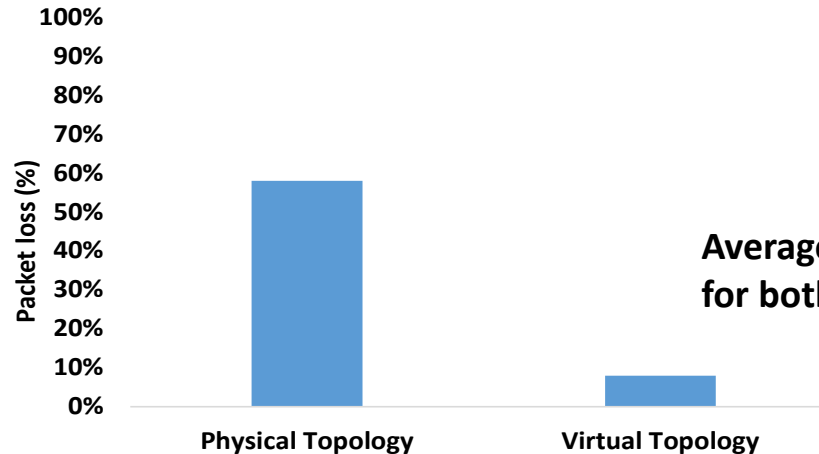


Delay in ms. during video streaming



Jitter in ms. during video streaming

Loss of data bursts

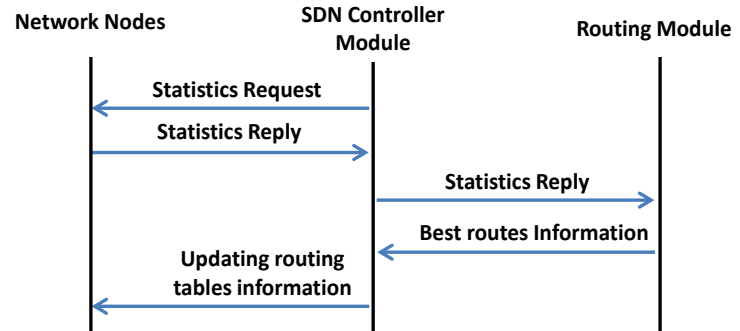
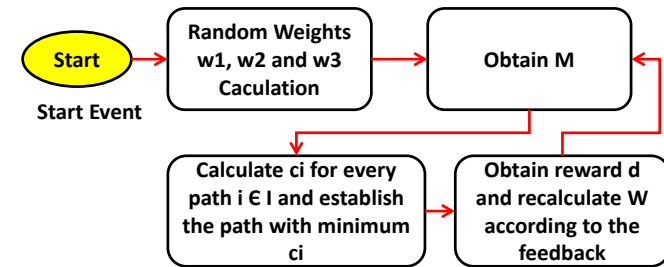
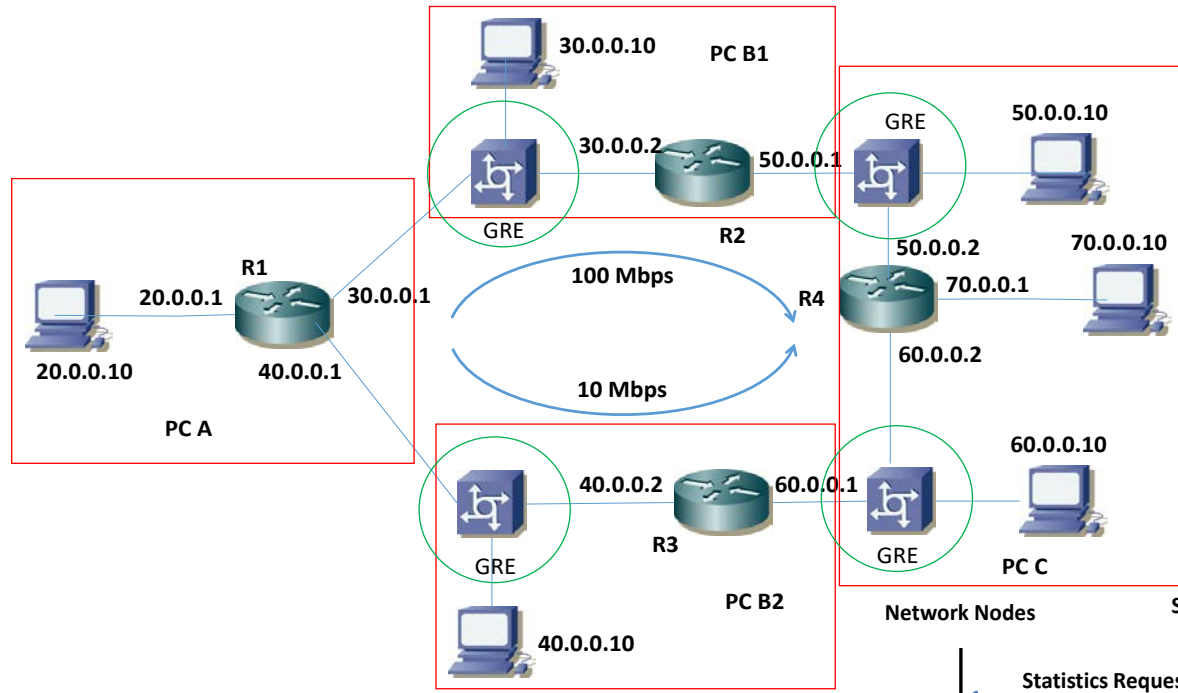


Average value of packet loss in % for both topologies.

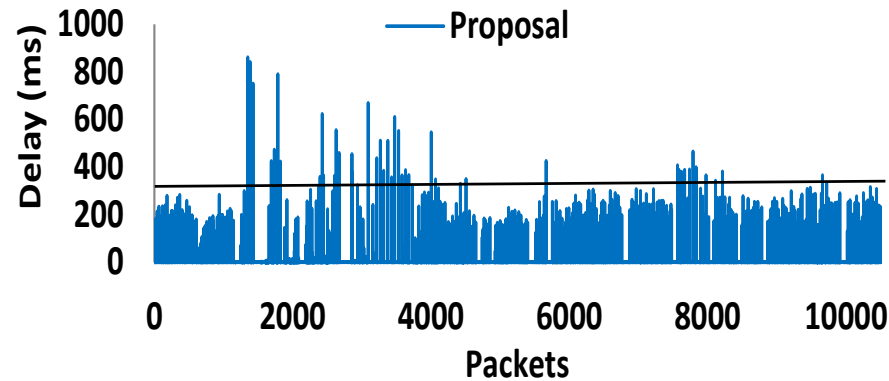
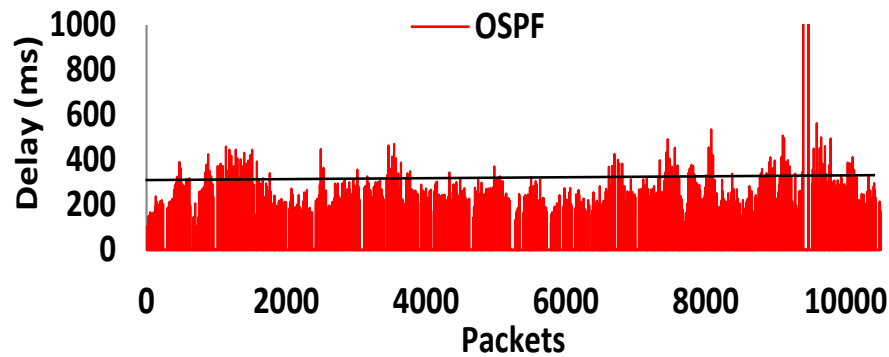


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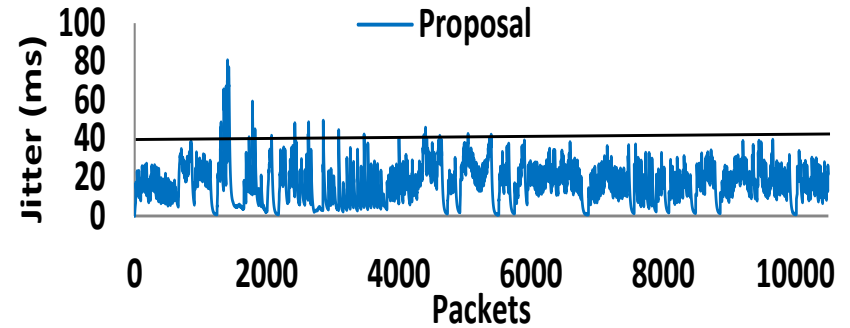
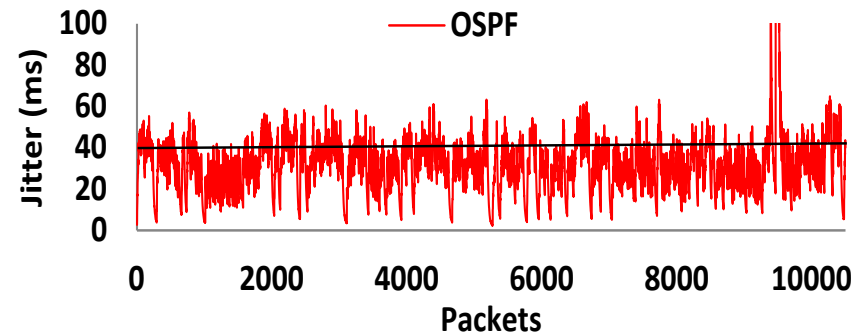
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Including Artificial Intelligence in a Routing Protocol Using Software Defined Networks



Delay comparison

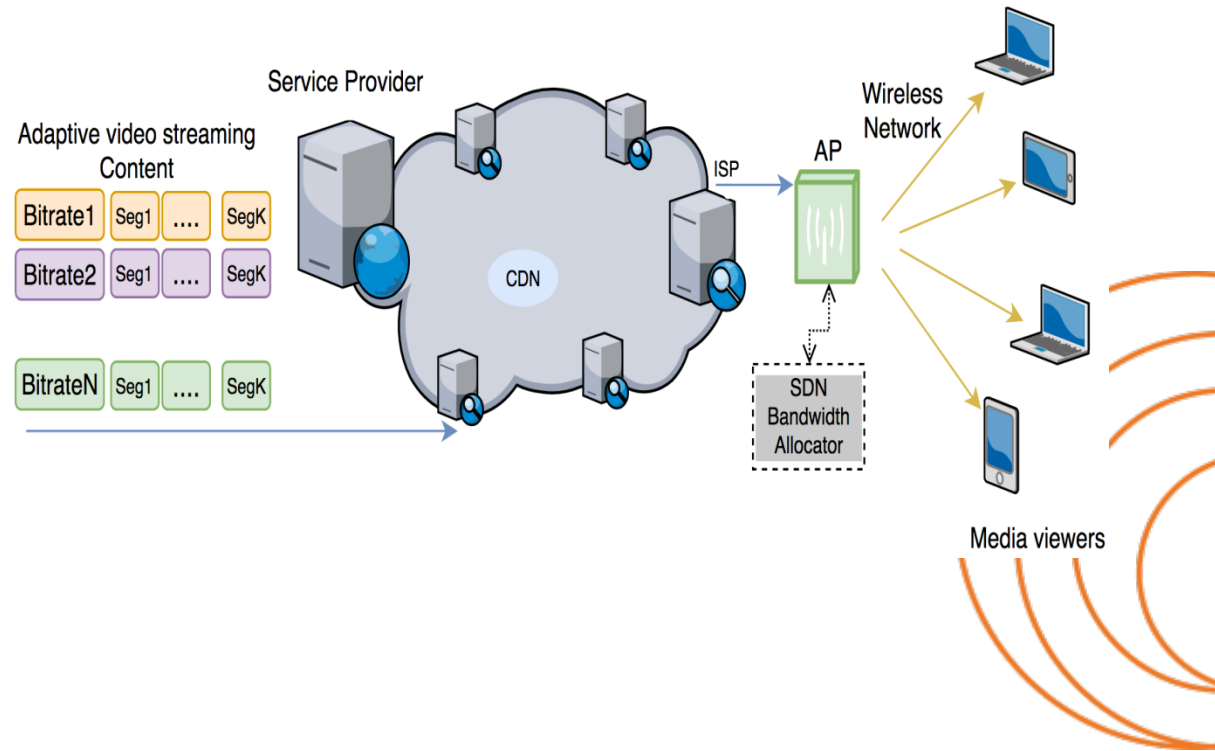
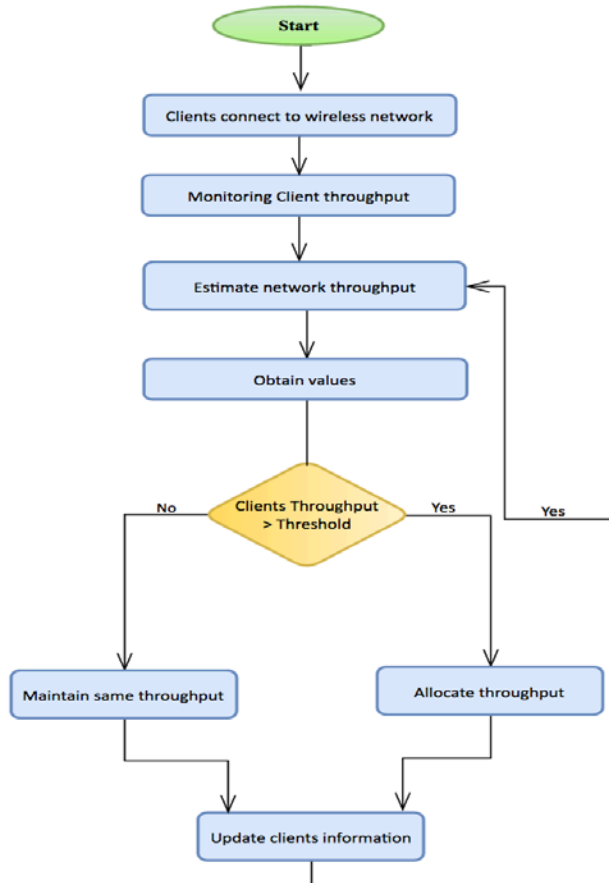


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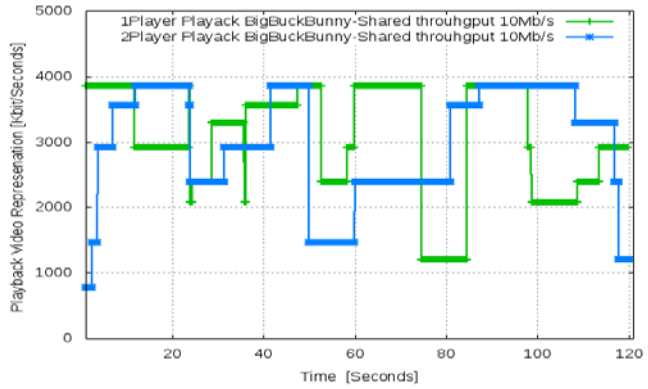


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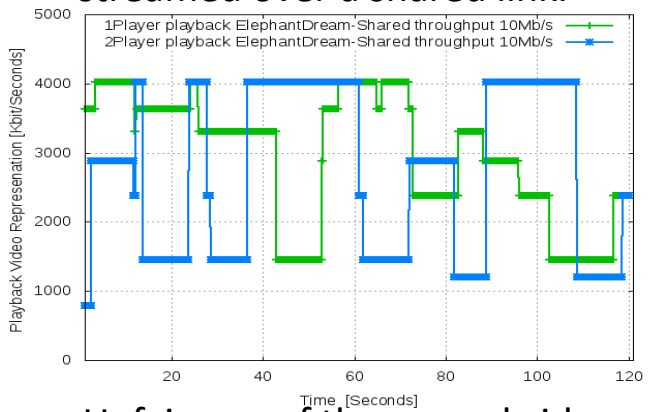
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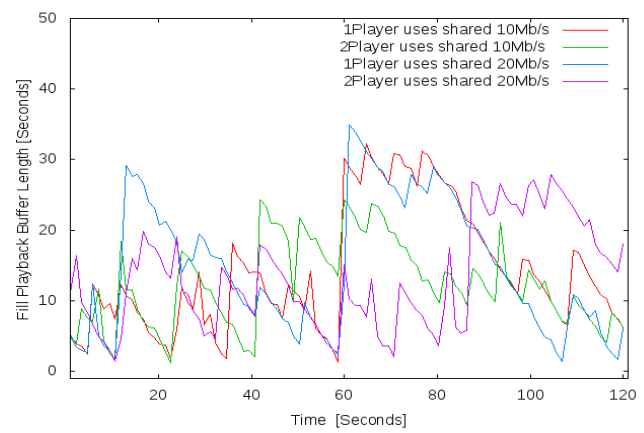
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Unfairness of the first video streamed over a shared link.



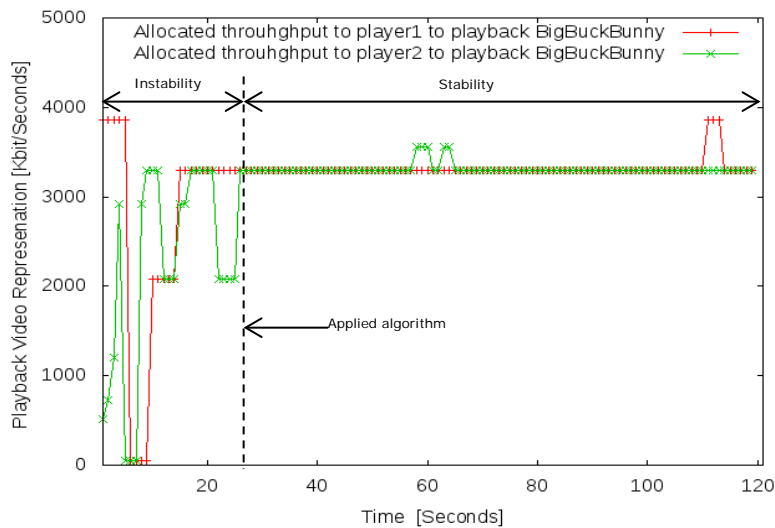
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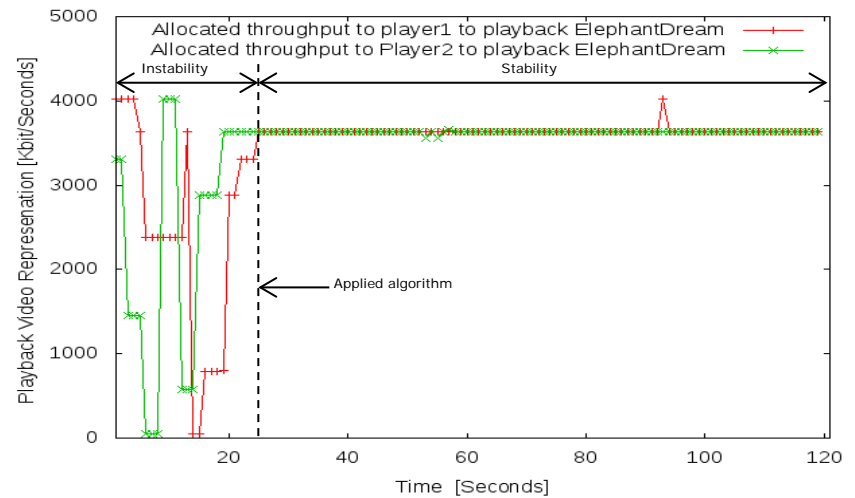
High variation of buffer length.



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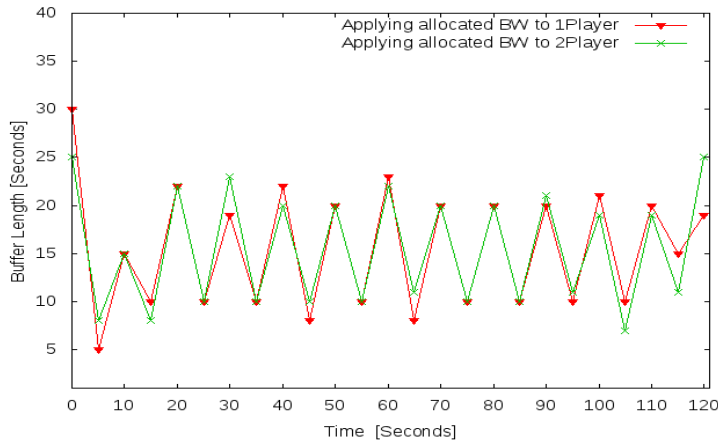
Bandwidth allocation among players to playback first video.



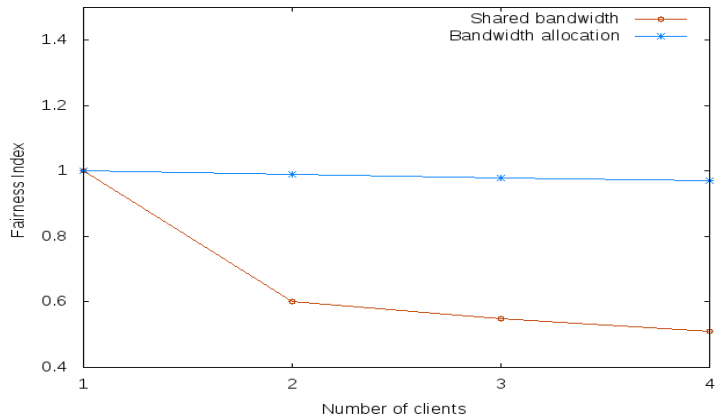
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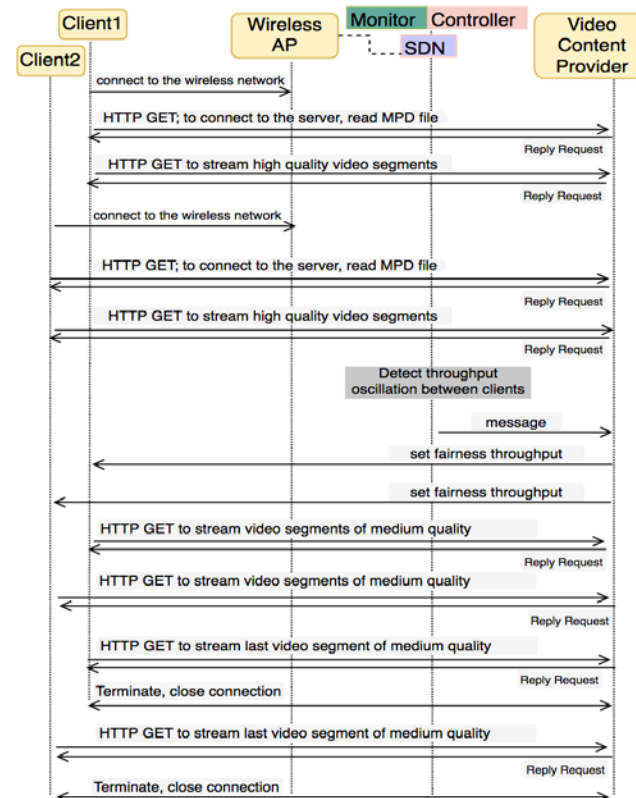
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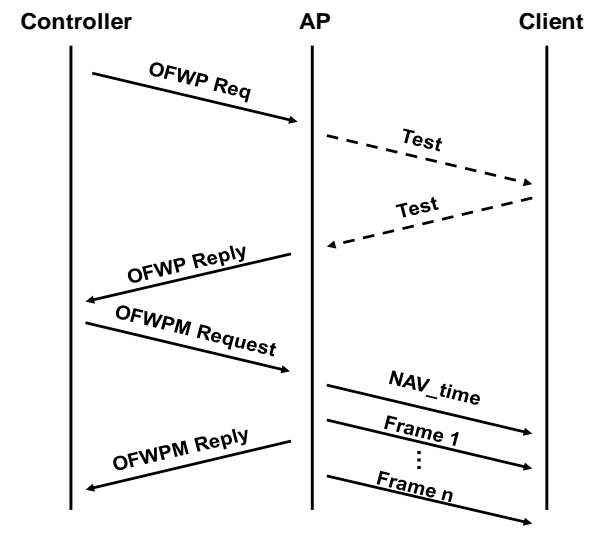
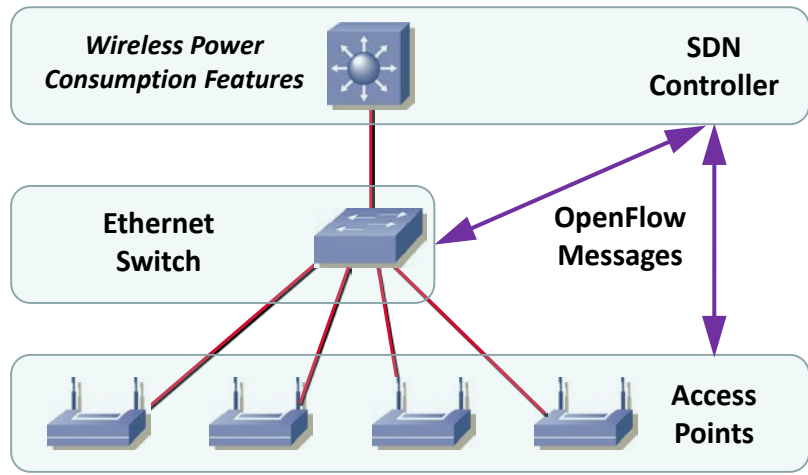
Fairness index with and without bandwidth allocation.



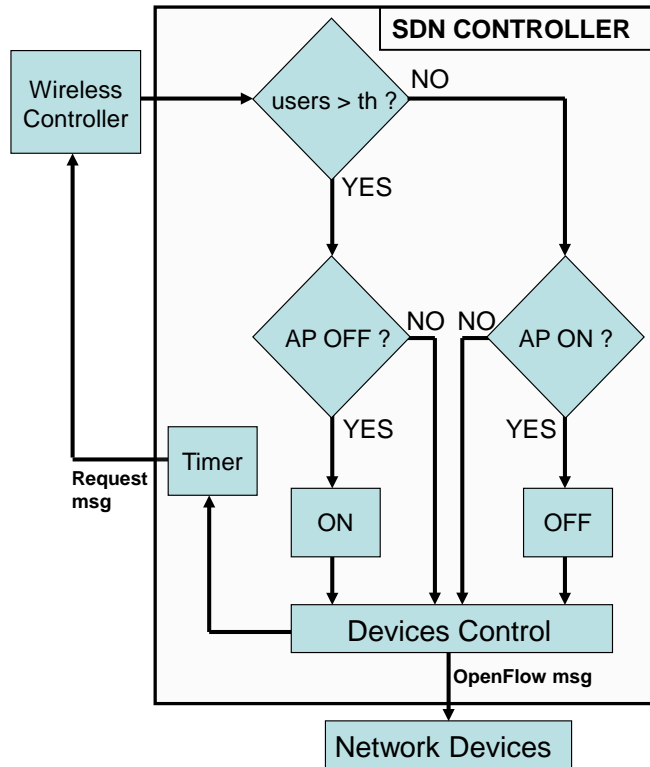
Messages flow in the network topology



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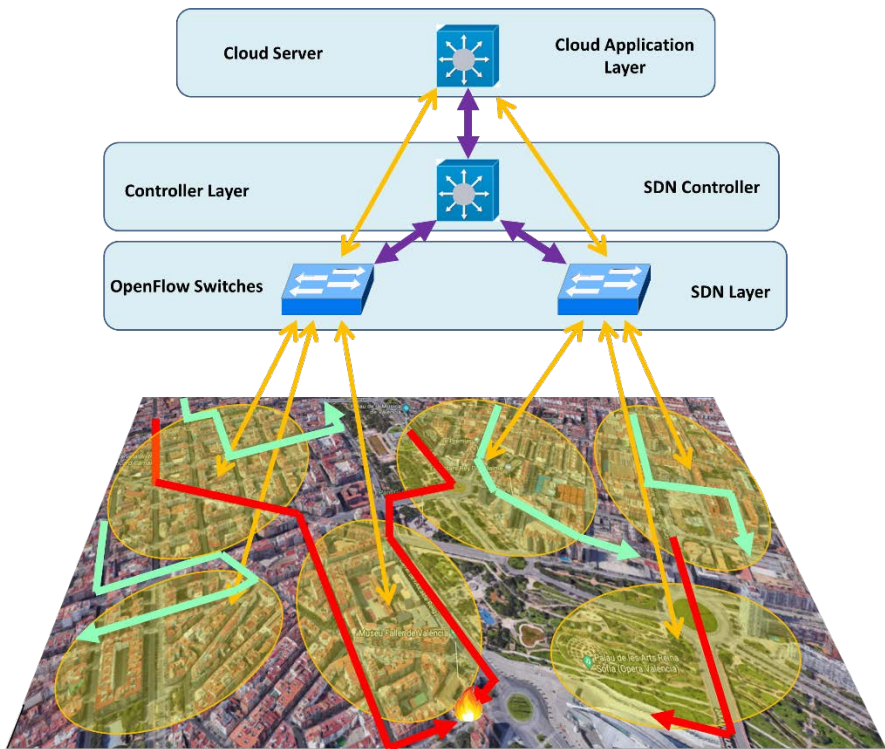
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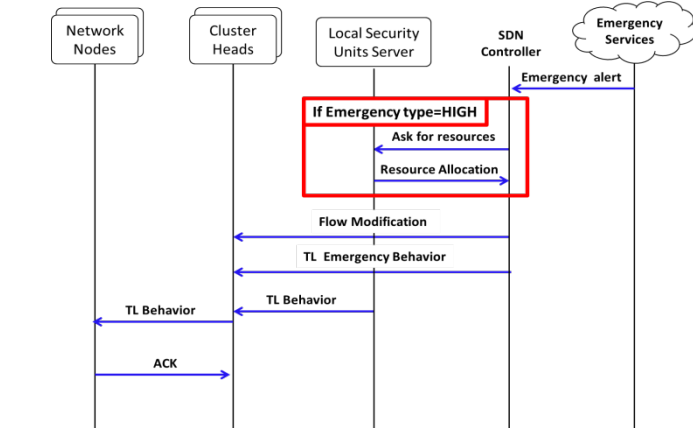
AP Model	General Power Consumption (KW/h)	Saving Power (KW/h)
Aruba IAP 103	164,2	76,8
Aruba RAP-100	216,0	101,0
Cisco Air LAP 1240AG	266,1	124,4
Cisco Aironet 1130AG	210,8	98,6
Cisco Aironet 1230G	224,6	105,0
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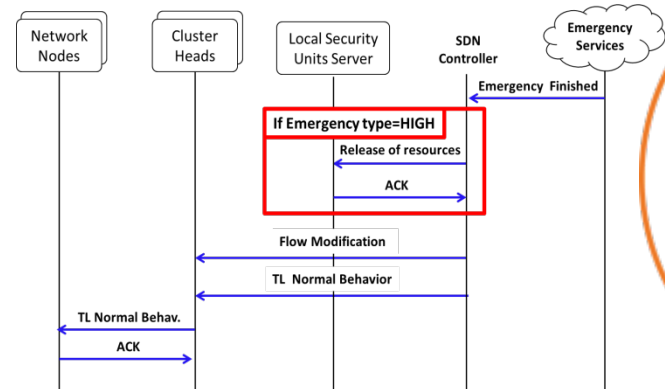
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Architecture



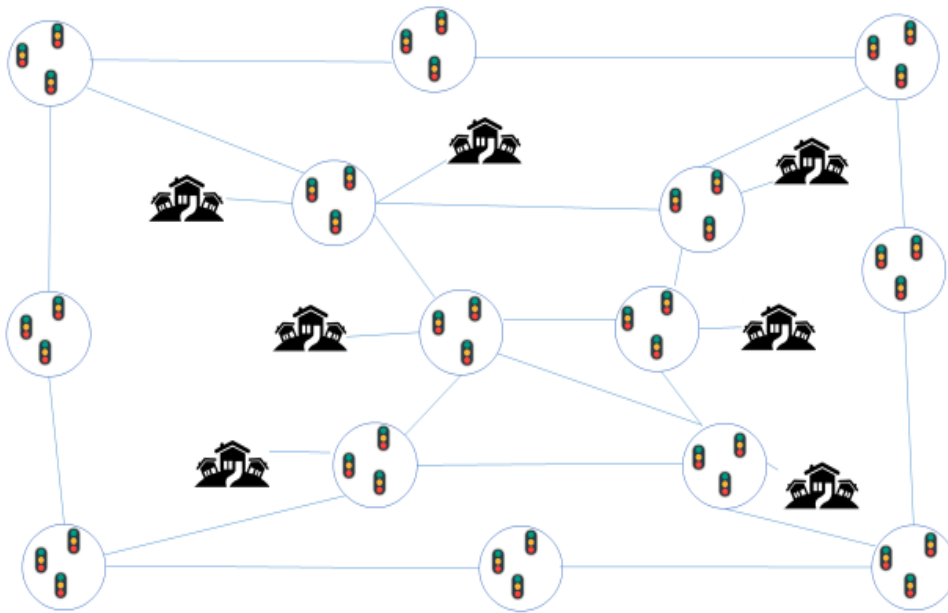
Message exchange when alarm is detected



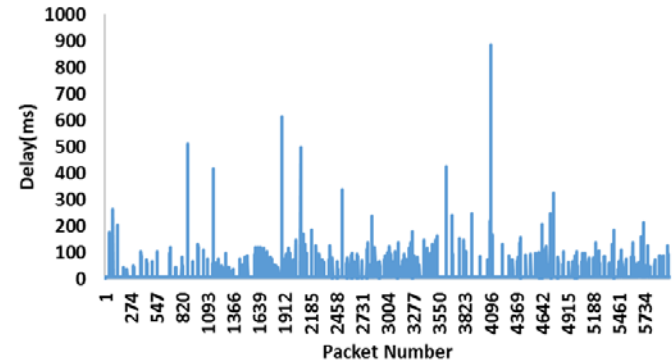
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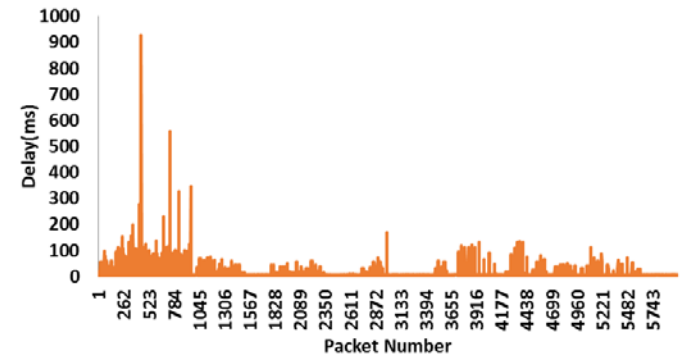
Software Defined Network-based Control System for an Efficient Traffic Management for Emergency Situations in Smart Cities



The smart city is treated as a SDN. There are sets of traffic lights and other traffic elements that interconnect the neighborhood



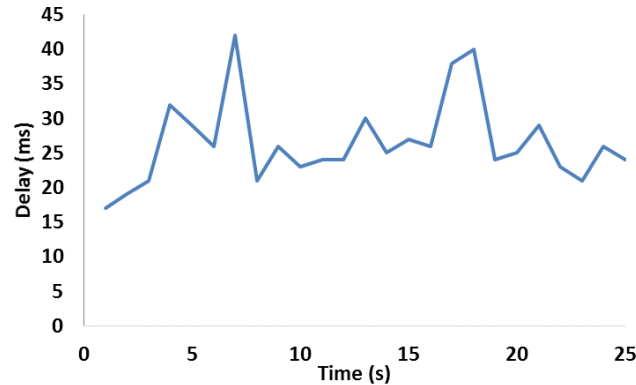
Delay in normal traffic without system application



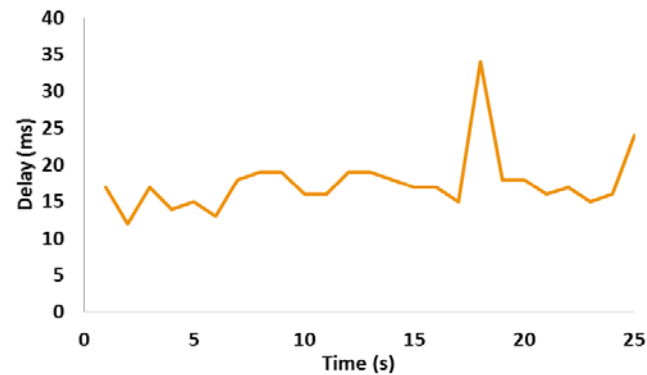
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Delay in emergency traffic without system application

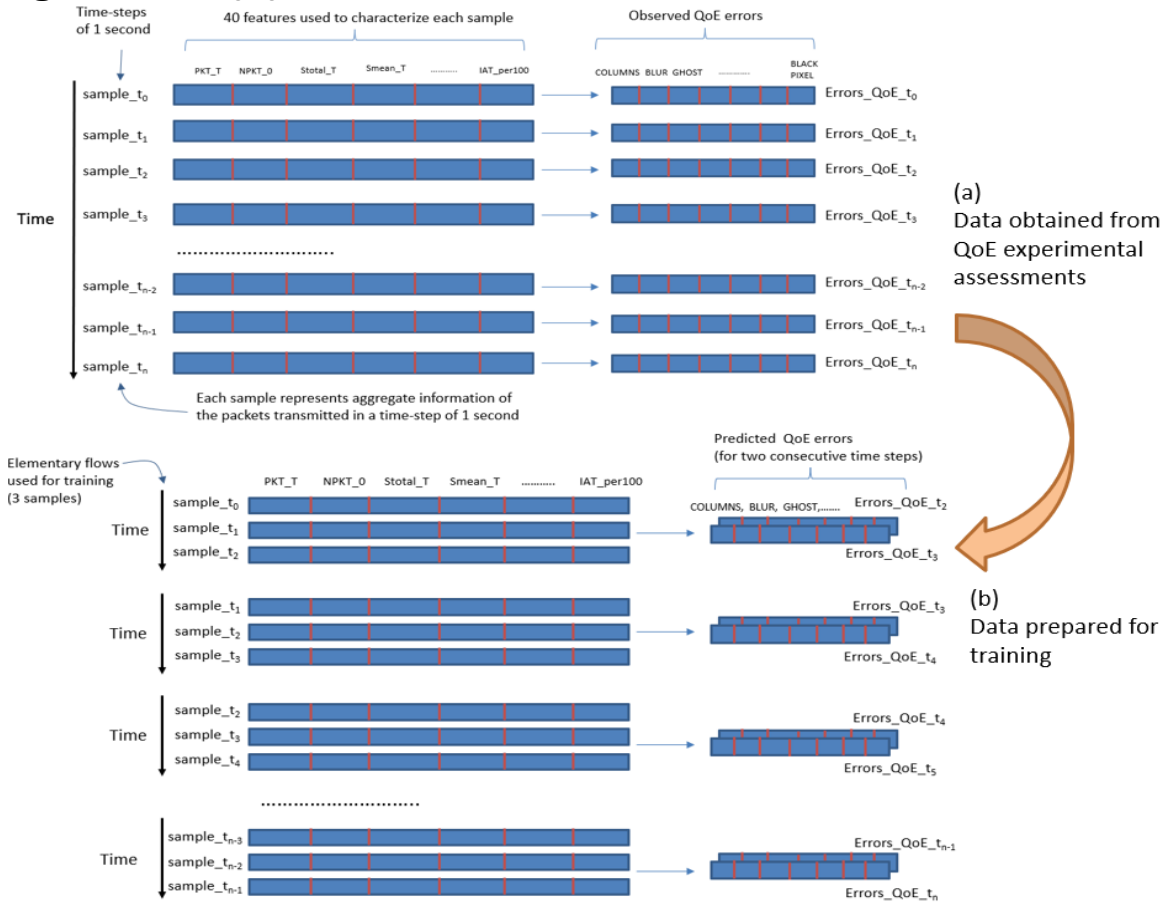


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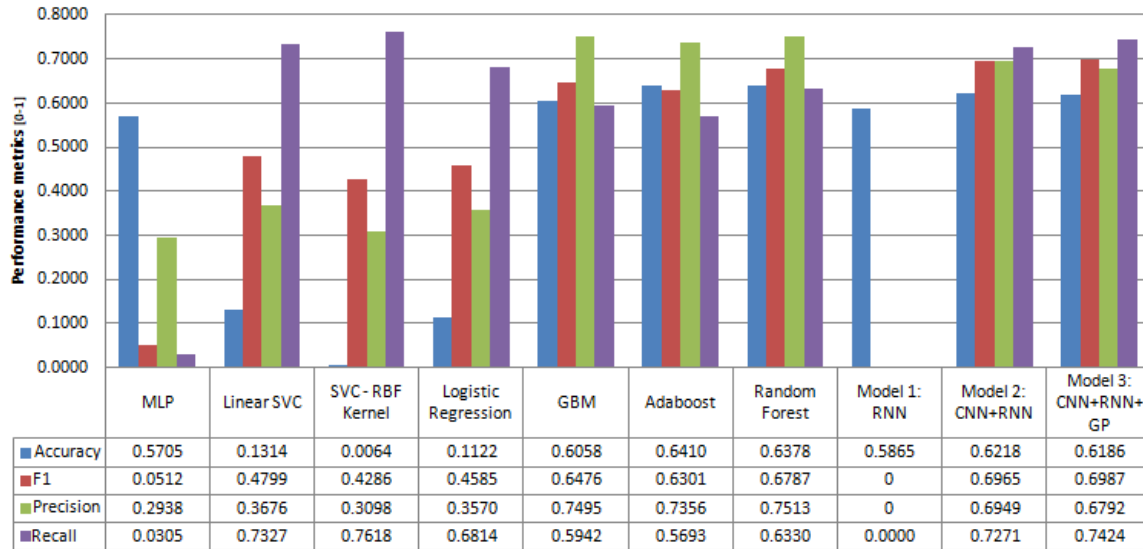
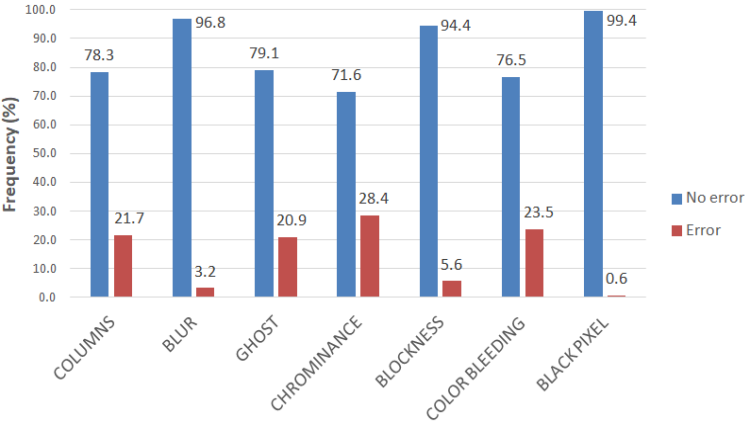
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Training data formed by aggregate data samples (a) and final configuration of the training data (b)



Deep learning model for multimedia Quality of Experience prediction based on network flow packets

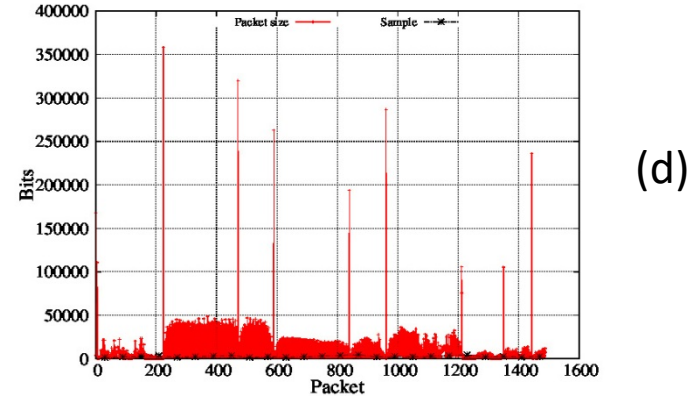
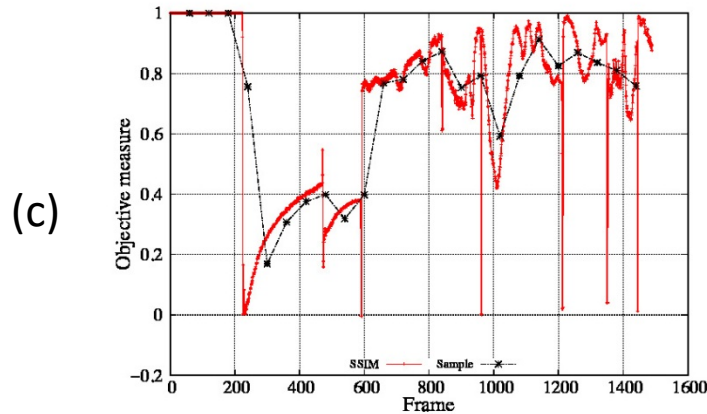
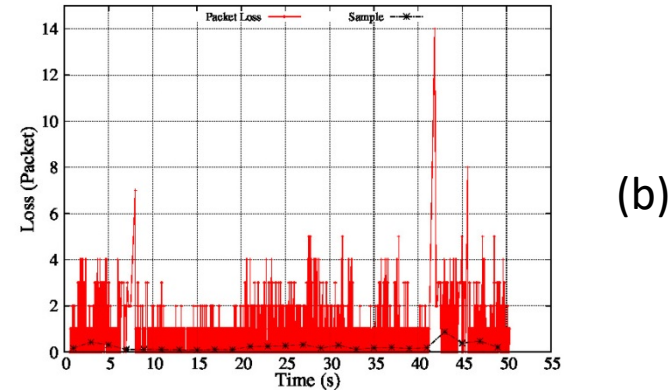
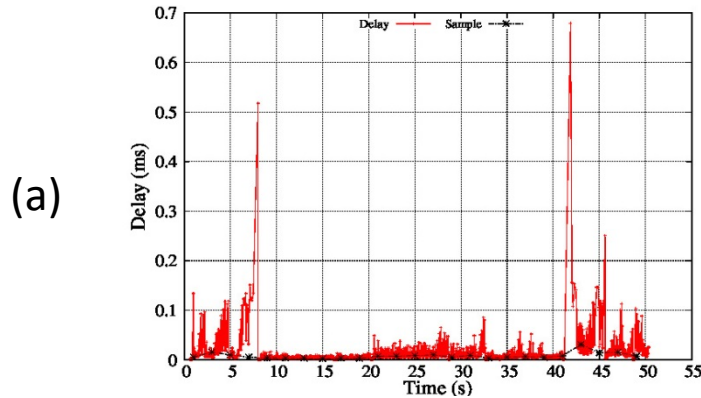


Frequency distribution for QoE label values.

Performance metrics (aggregated) for QoE classification for all models



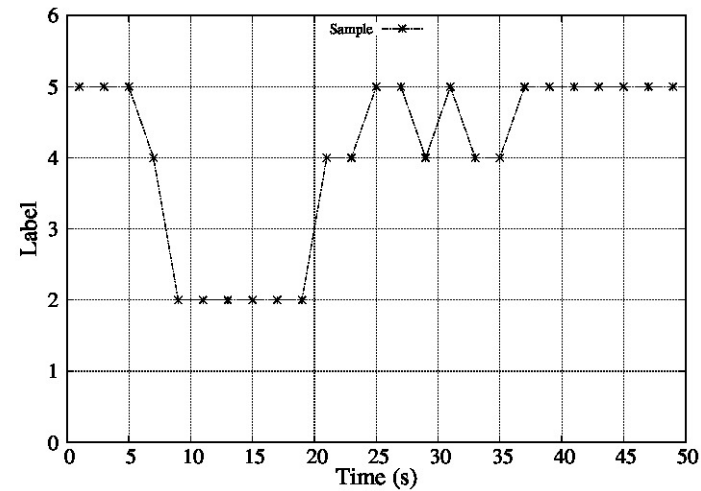
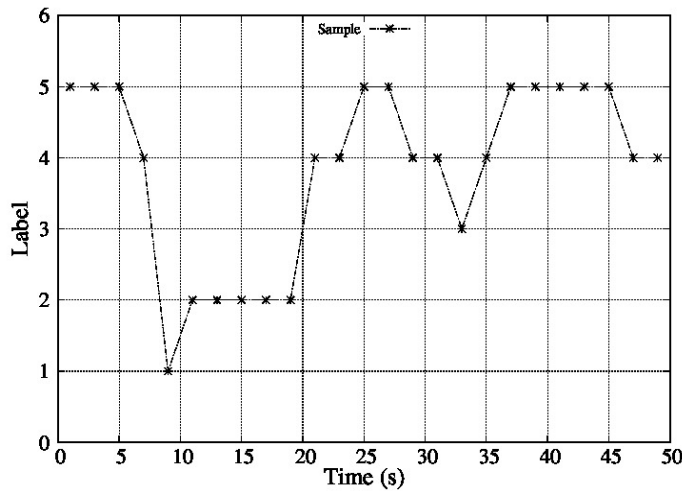
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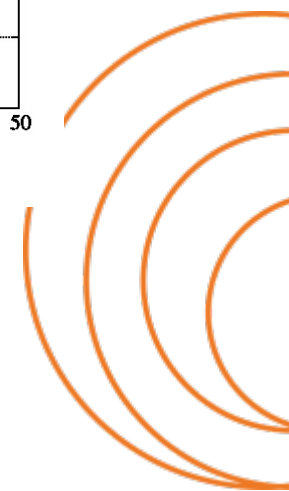
Samples extraction from network parameters, video quality received and video streaming during transmission. From left to right, and from top to bottom: (a) delay sampling, (b) packet loss sampling, (c) received quality sampling based on SSIM, and (d) size of received video flow.



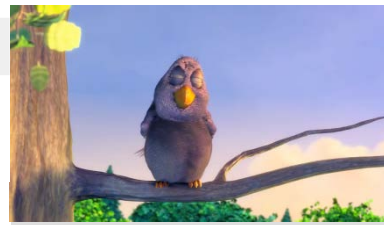
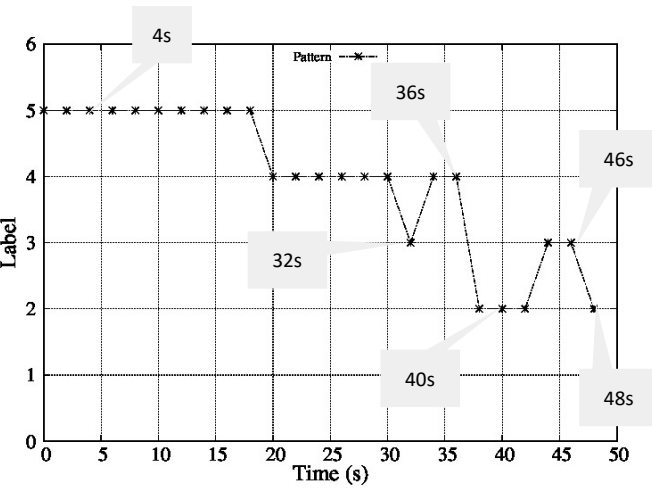
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Multimedia traffic quality patterns extraction. Left (a), pattern based on ISSM. Right (b), pattern based on PSNR, ISSM, VQM and NQI combination.



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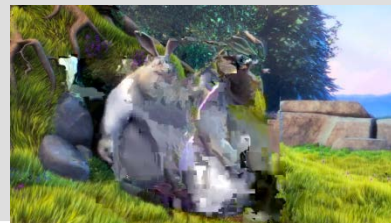
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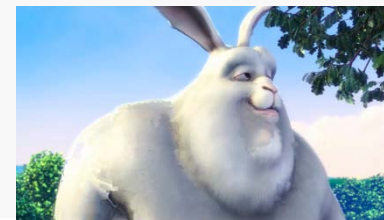
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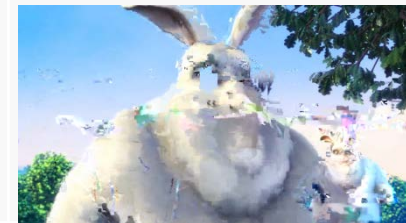
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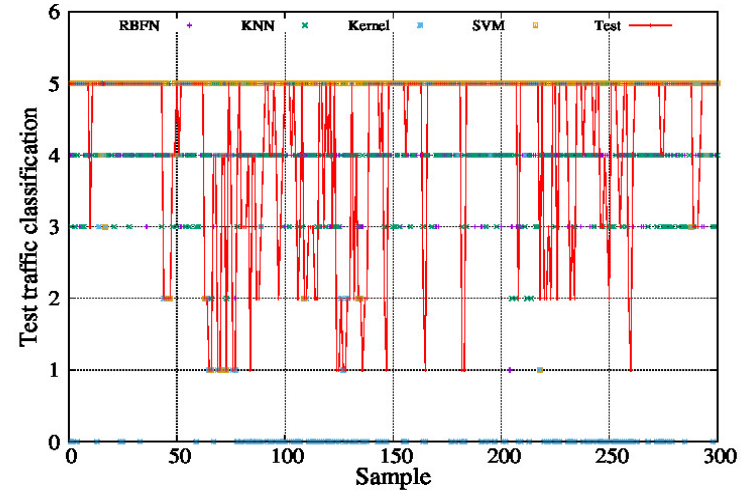
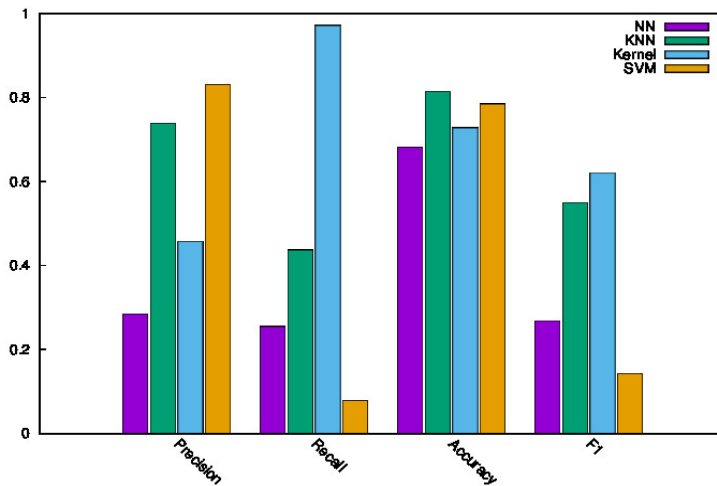
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There are 5 labels that represent the type of traffic during the video transmission:

- Non critical
- Low critical
- Some critical
- Critical
- Very critical

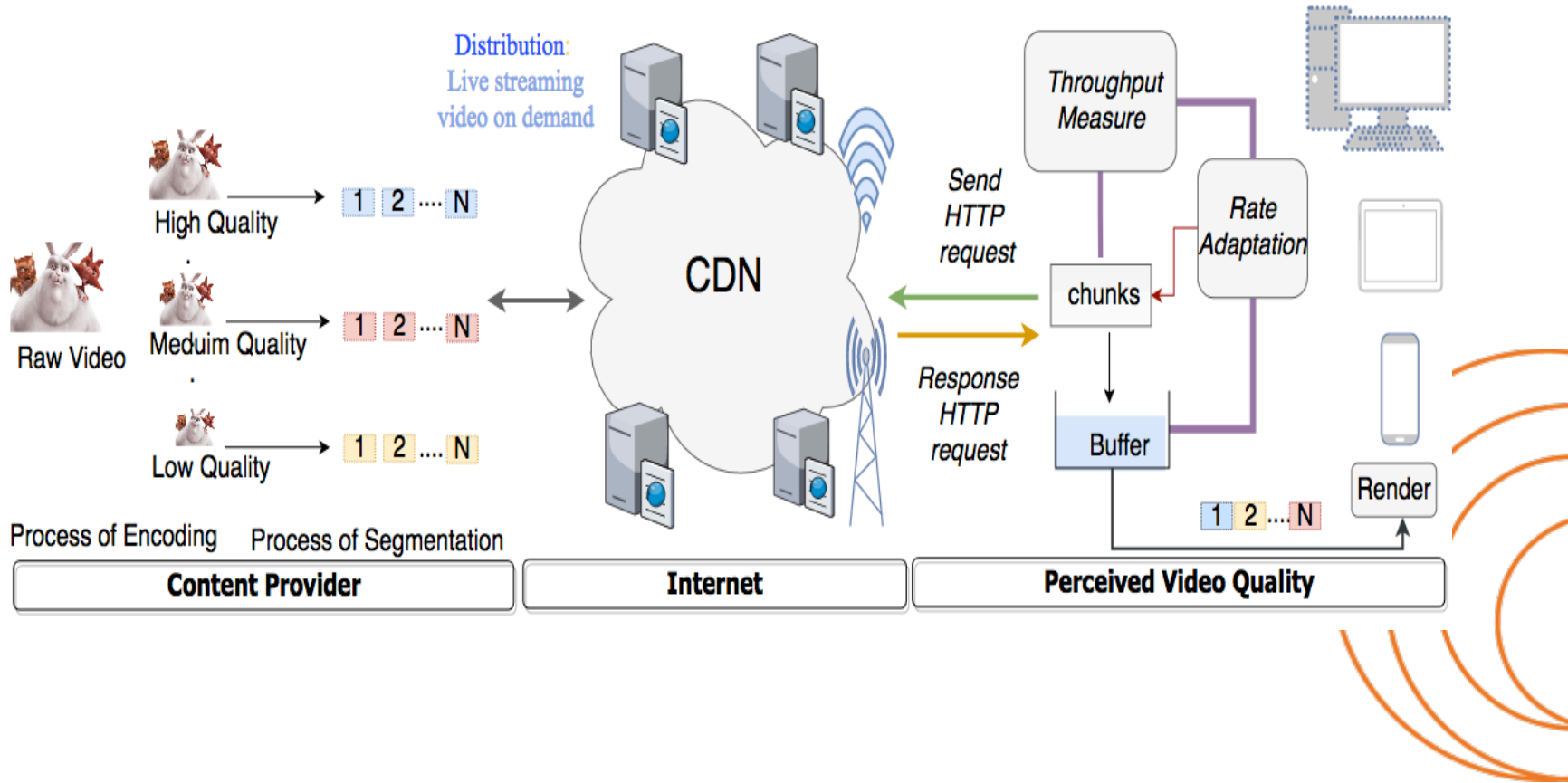


Results of classification based on the different methods. Top, (a), Accuracy level. Bottom, (b), Traffic Classification.



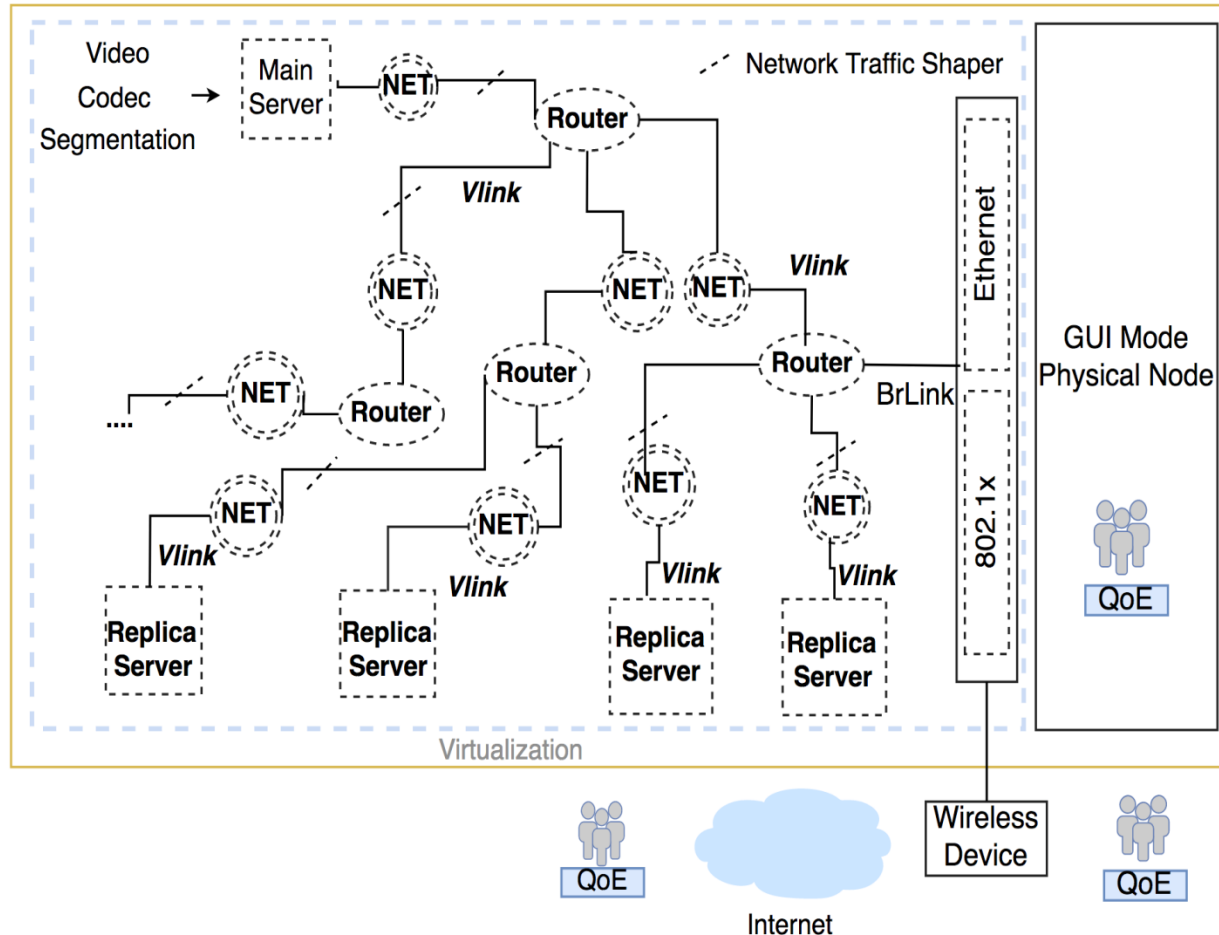
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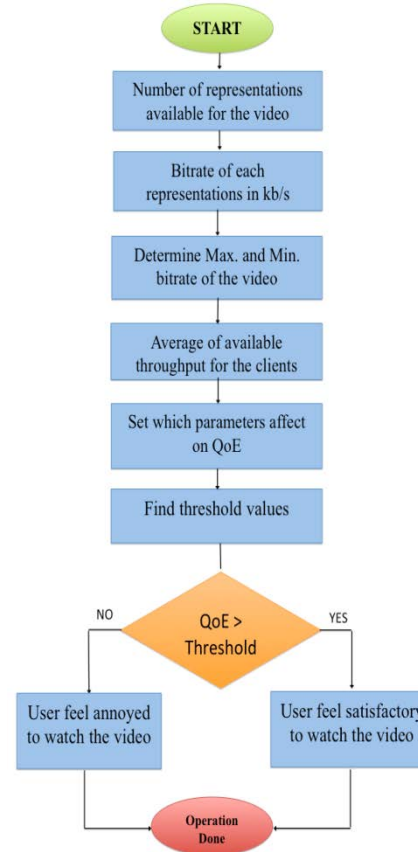
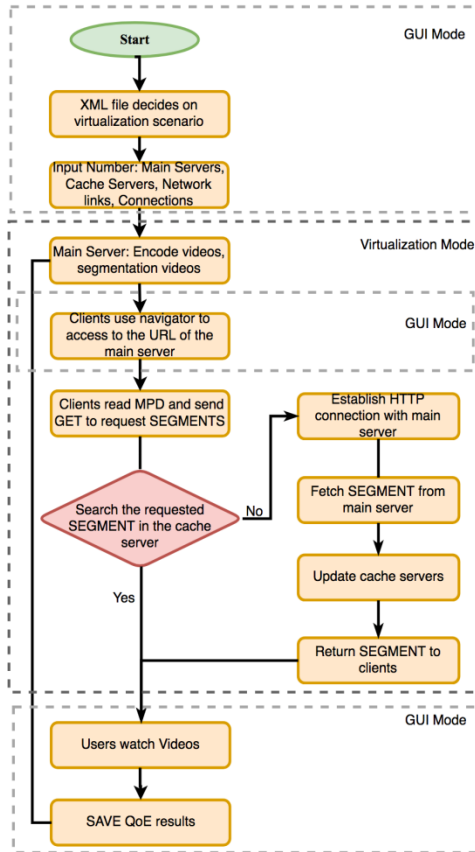


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Topology of the proposed system



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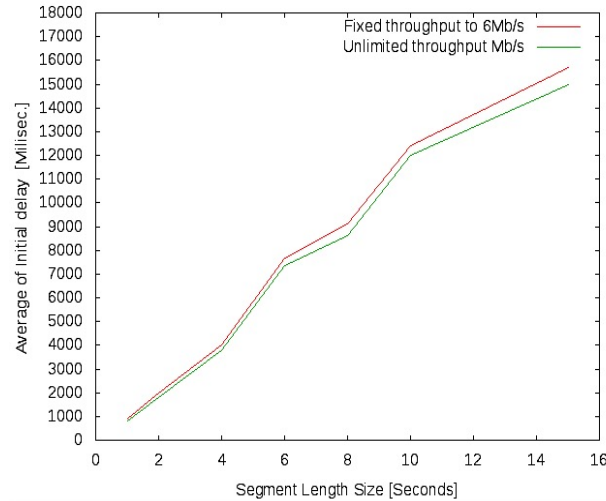


System algorithm: (a) Operation functional view, (b) QoE evaluation

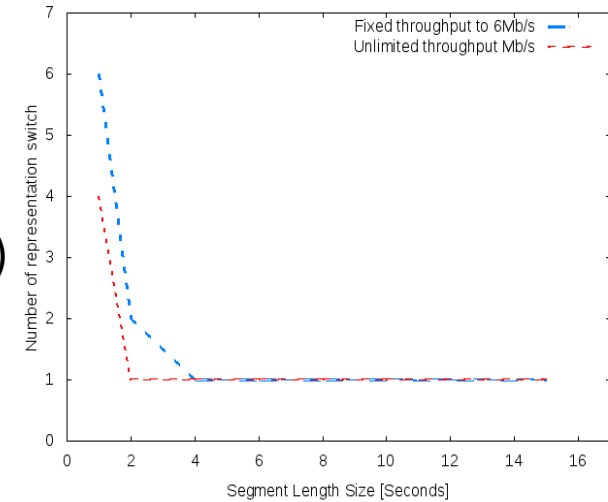


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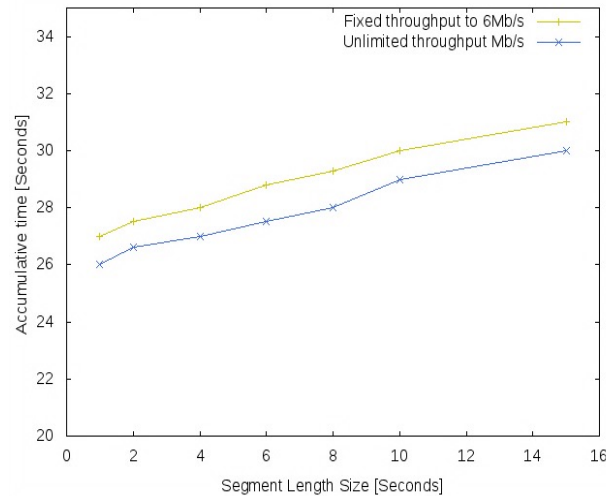
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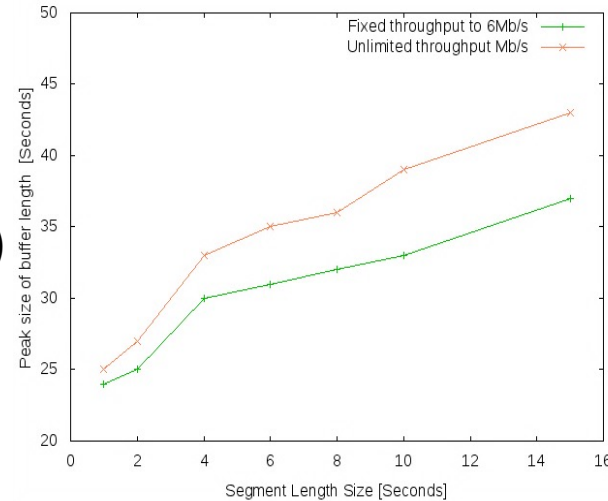
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(c)



(d)



QoE metrics:

- a) Initial delay,
- b) Quality oscillation,
- c) Accumulative time,
- d) Maximum buffer size.



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Testbed name	Simulate testbed Ref. [29]	Real testbed Ref. [30]	Simulate testbed Ref. [31]	Simulate testbed Ref. [35]	Flamingo Ref. [43]	Our Proposed testbed
Tested physical	1 Node	5 Nodes	1 Node	1 Node	1 Node	1 Node
Mobility	Easy	Low	Easy	Easy	Easy	Easy
Scalability	High	Low	Medium	High	High	High
Cost efficiency and dollar-cost per device	Medium	High	Low	Medium	Medium	Medium
QoE Method based on	-	-	-	-	-	Decision algorithm.
QoE Metrics	Only video quality oscillation	Initial delay, video stalls, switch frequency	CPU, TCP.	Video stalls, buffer size, switch frequency, MOS	QoE based only on (MOS)	Initial delay, buffer length, video stalls, switch frequency, DMOS, CPU and energy
Realism	Combine of Simulation and emulation	%100 Real	Simulation (Math. Models)	Simulation (Math. Models)	Combine of Simulation and emulation	Emulation (Live network)
Topology of the core network (routers and switches) based on	Simulation	Real	Simulation	Simulation	Simulation	Emulation
Cache service	-	-	-	-	Support	Support
Machine Learning-based Virtual Network	-	-	-	-	Support	No defined yet
Preferable segment length	Not defined	Small segments	Not defined	Not defined	Not defined	6-8 seconds duration
Language used for describing the simulation	Python	-	-	-	Python	XML
VMs Operating system based	Linux	-	-	-	Linux	Linux
VMs Chain distribution	-	-	-	-	-	Support
Network topology presented for experiments	Simple	Simple	Simple	Simple	Complex	Complex
Description	Virtualized network testbed to perform experiments by Mininet	Real nodes to design real testbed to experiment the QoE	Simulate Platform for mobile video streaming using OPNET.	Simulate Platform for LTE-mobile video streaming using ns-3	Virtualized network testbed to perform experiments by Mininet	Virtualized network testbed to perform experiments and run several virtual nodes on a single physical machine



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