

# Internet Background Radiation

Seminar in Distributed Computing

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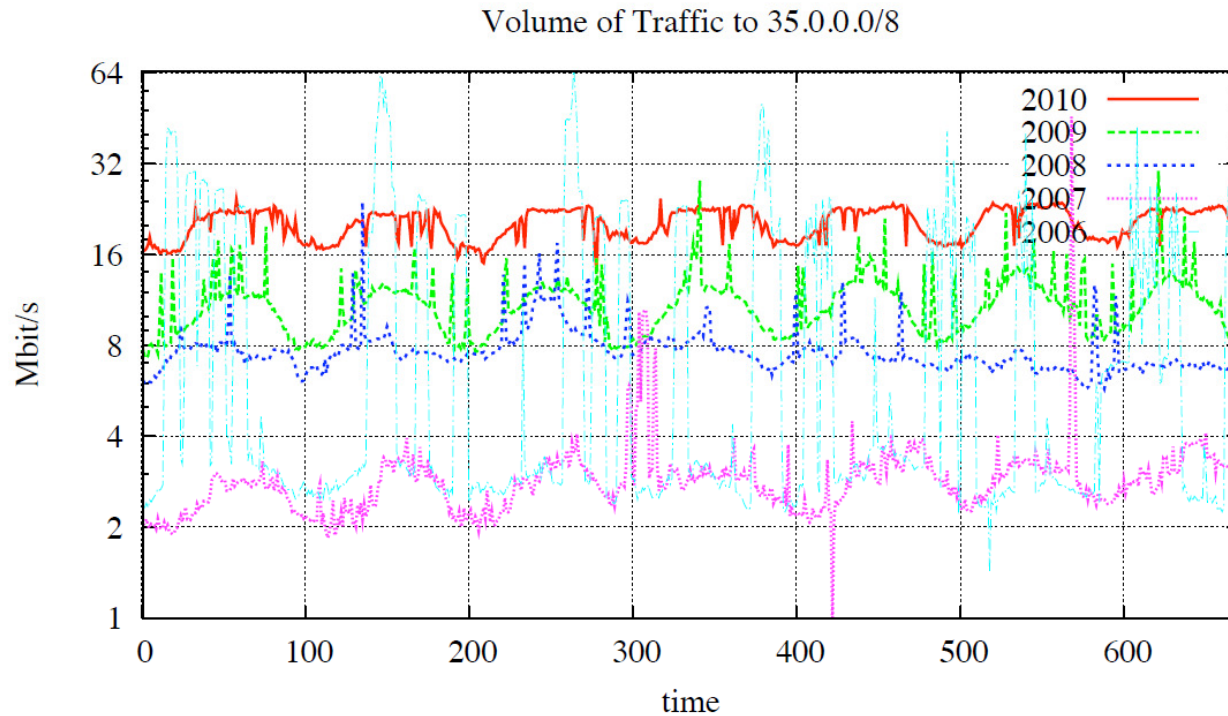
# Internet Background Radiation?



Network packets to  
unassigned addresses.

Useless Traffic

# Why would I care?



Internet Growth: 50% / annum

IBR Growth: 100% / annum

# Radiation Sources



Computer Virus + Botnets

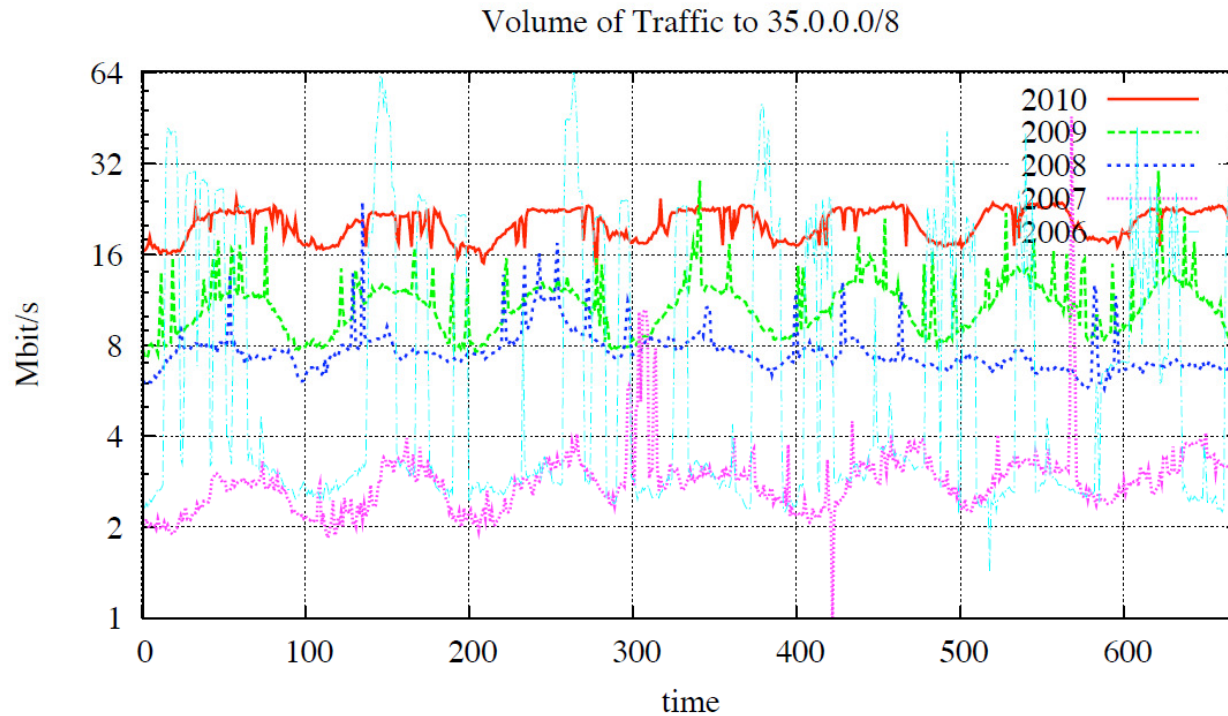


Hacking / DDoS



Software Bugs + Misconfiguration

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# Analysis Techniques

- Packet Analysis
- Temporal Analysis
- Spatial Analysis



# Analysis Techniques

## Packet Analysis

- Headers Analysis
- Payload Analysis

*allows*

- Application Identification
- Application Popularity
- Source OS

## Temporal Analysis

- Analysis of (src,dst) pairs
- Cross-port analysis

*allows*

- Reveal Hidden Intention

## Spatial Analysis

- Source Synchronization
- Network Avoidance

*allows*

- Software Maturity

# Packet Analysis

## Approach

- Header Analysis
- Payload Analysis

## Results

- Application Identification
- Application Popularity
- Originating OS



# Temporal Analysis

## Approach

- Analyse (src, dst) pairs
- Cross-port analysis

## Results

- Identify Source Intention

# Spatial Analysis

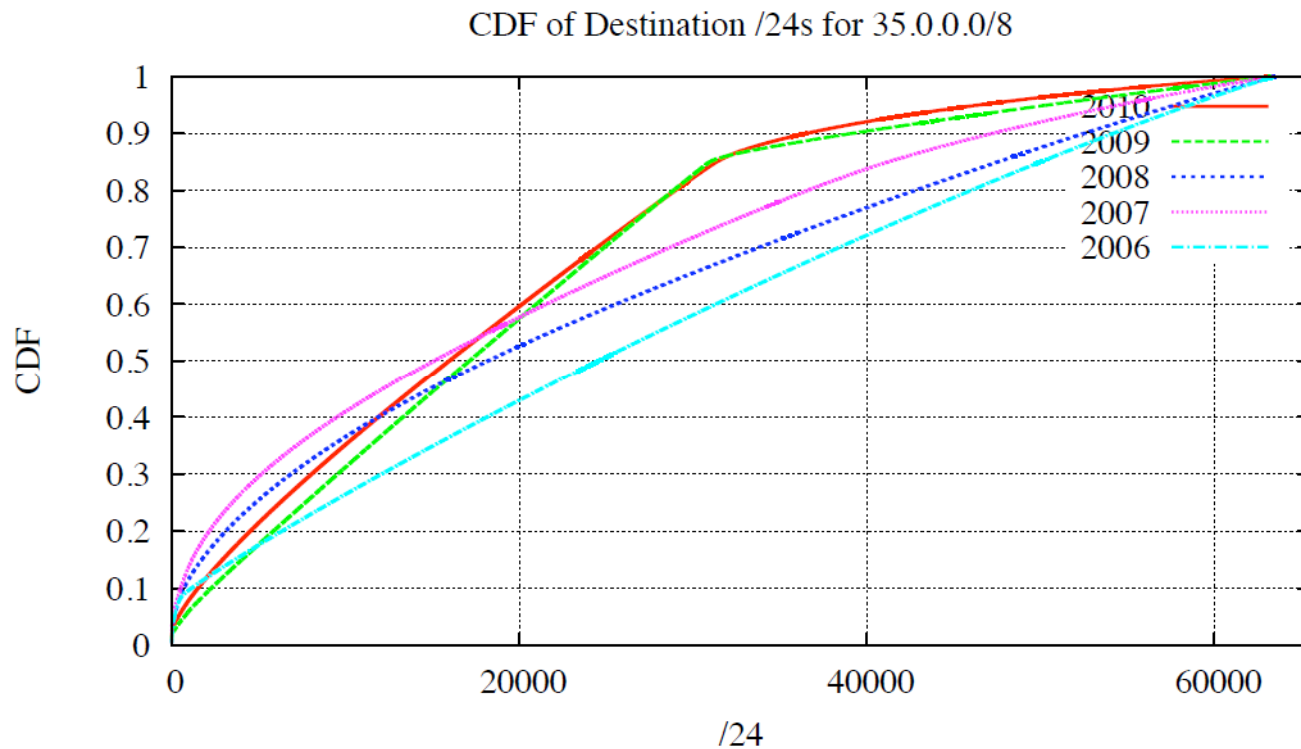
## Approach

- Source Synchronization
- Network Avoidance

## Results

- Software Maturity

# Spatial Analysis



**Focus due to Software Bug**

# Software Misconfiguration



Vendor bug in DSL Modem



Traffic to 1.x.168.192



Traffic to 35.206.63.212

Focused  
Automated  
No Control

Address Space Pollution

# Summary

- Existence & Importance
- Packet, Temporal and Spatial Analysis
  - Classification & Filtering
  - Study of Malware
- Address Space Pollution

# Up Next

- Measurement of IBR
- Real-world Applications

# Measuring IBR

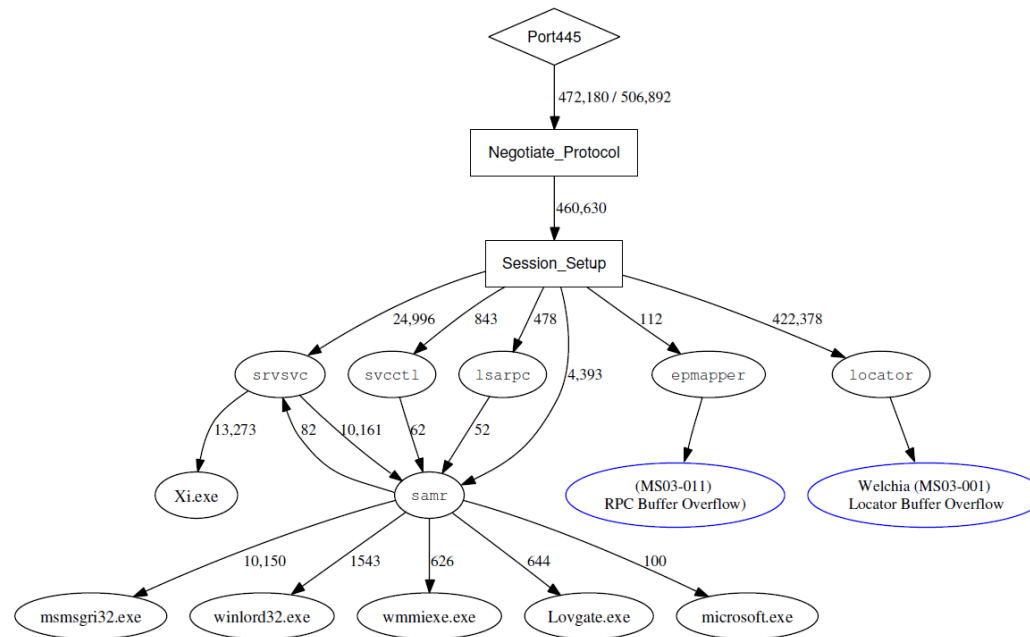
# Measuring IBR

Darknets

Black Holes



# Active Responder Complexity



```

-> SMB Negotiate Protocol Request
<- SMB Negotiate Protocol Response
-> SMB Session Setup AndX Request
<- SMB Session Setup AndX Response
-> SMB Tree Connect AndX Request,
  Path: \\XX.128.18.16\IPC$
<- SMB Tree Connect AndX Response
-> SMB NT Create AndX Request, Path: \samr
<- SMB NT Create AndX Response
-> DCERPC Bind: call_id: 1 UUID: SAMR
<- DCERPC Bind_ack:
-> SAMR Connect4 request
<- SAMR Connect4 reply
-> SAMR EnumDomains request
<- SAMR EnumDomains reply
-> SAMR LookupDomain request
<- SAMR LookupDomain reply
-> SAMR OpenDomain request
<- SAMR OpenDomain reply
-> SAMR EnumDomainUsers request

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**Now start another session, connect to the SRVSVC pipe and issue NetRemoteTOD (get remote Time of Day) request**

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-> DCERPC Bind: call_id: 1 UUID: SRVSVC
<- DCERPC Bind_ack: call_id: 1
-> SRVSVC NetRemoteTOD request
<- SRVSVC NetRemoteTOD reply
-> SMB Close request
<- SMB Close Response

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**Now connect to the ADMIN share and write the file**

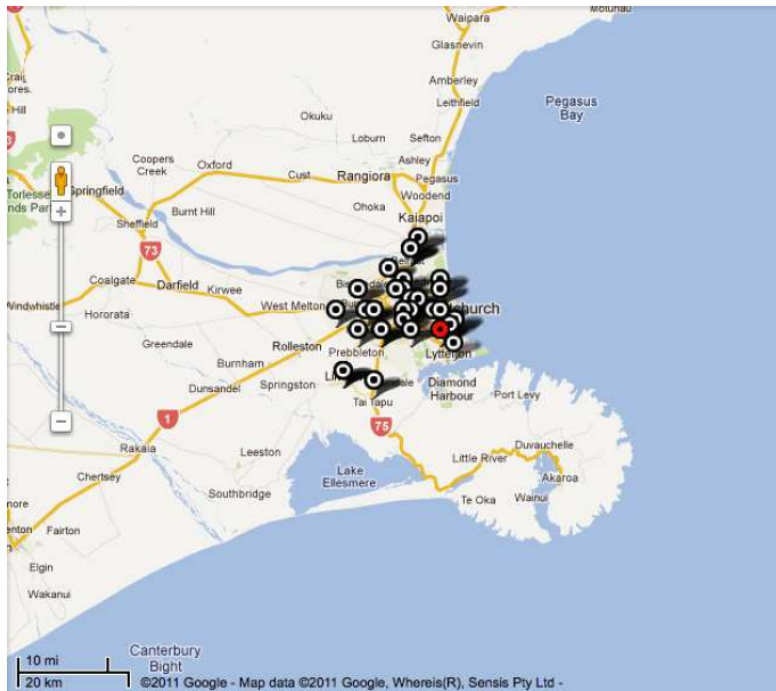
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-> SMB Tree Connect AndX Request, Path: \\XX.128.18.16\ADMIN$
<- SMB Tree Connect AndX Response
-> SMB NT Create AndX Request,
  Path: \system32\mmsgri32.exe <<====
<- SMB NT Create AndX Response, FID: 0x74ca
-> SMB Transaction2 Request SET_FILE_INFORMATION
<- SMB Transaction2 Response SET_FILE_INFORMATION
-> SMB Transaction2 Request QUERY_FS_INFORMATION
<- SMB Transaction2 Response QUERY_FS_INFORMATION
-> SMB Write Request
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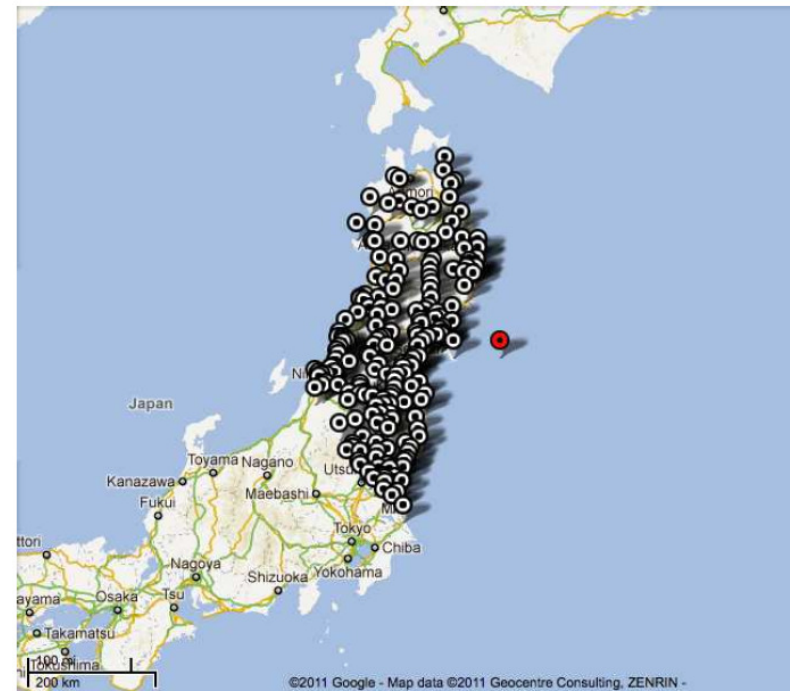
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# Real-world Applications



Christchurch, NZ. 22.Feb. 2011  
Magnitude: 6.1



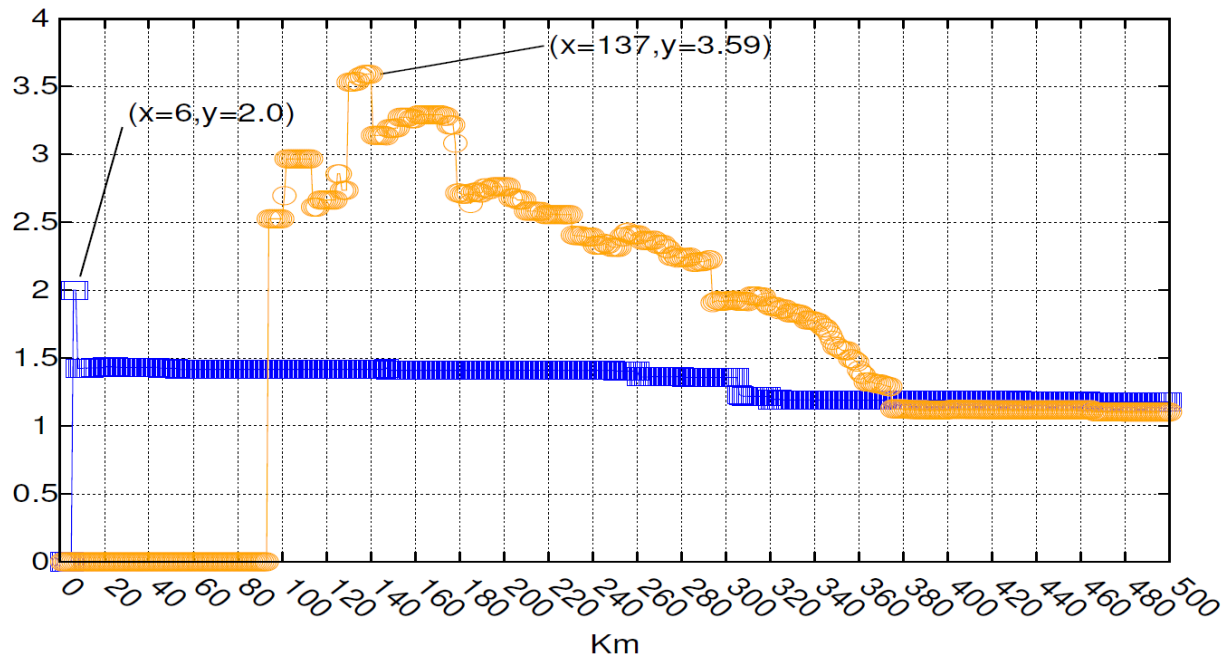
Tohoku, JP. 11. Mar. 2011  
Magnitude: 9.0

# Infrastructure Impact

- $\Delta t_i$  hour  $i$  from event
- $I_{\Delta t_i}$  distinct IPs observed

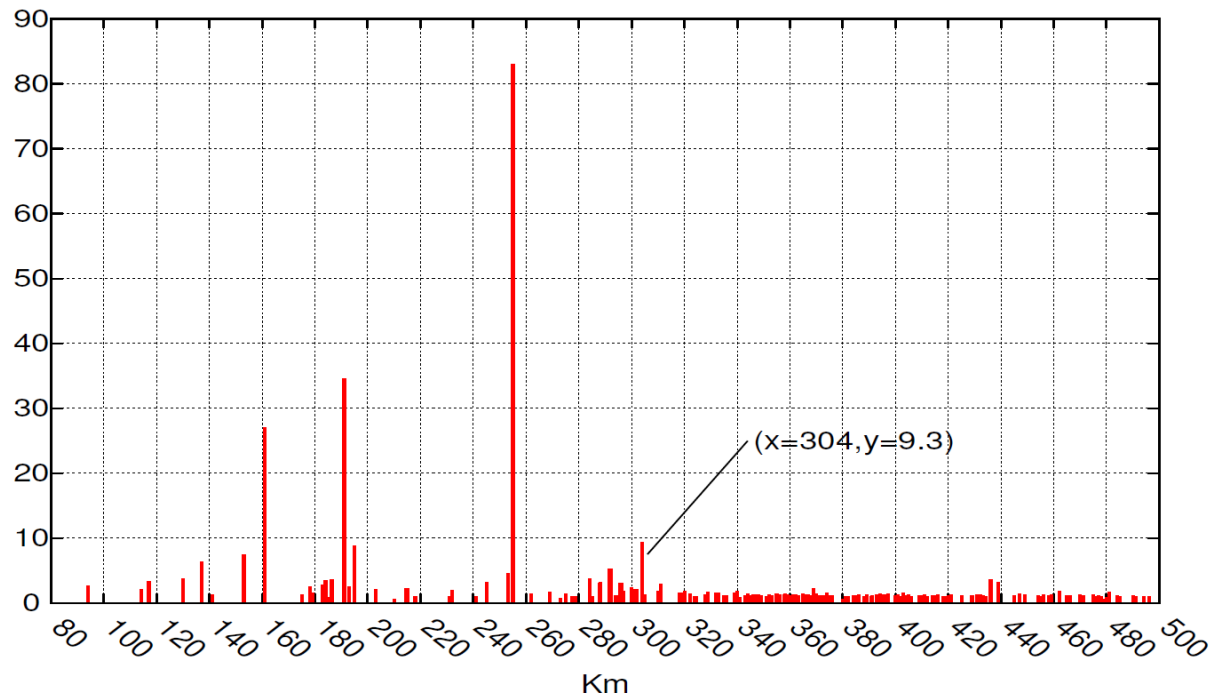


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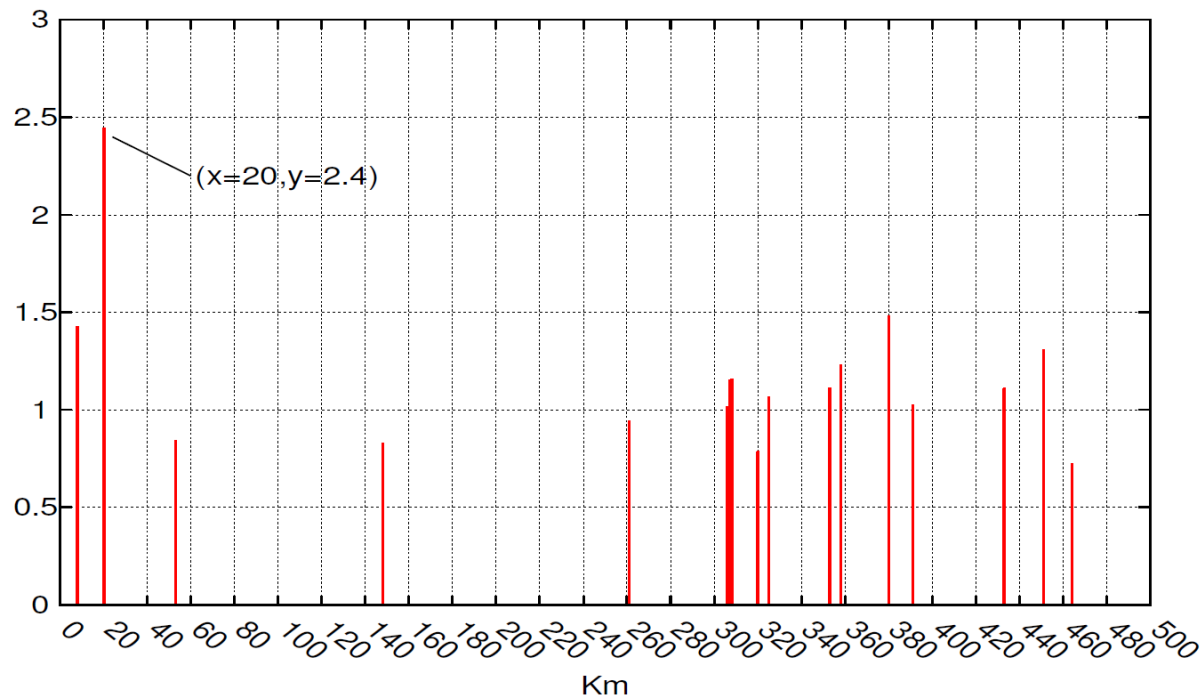
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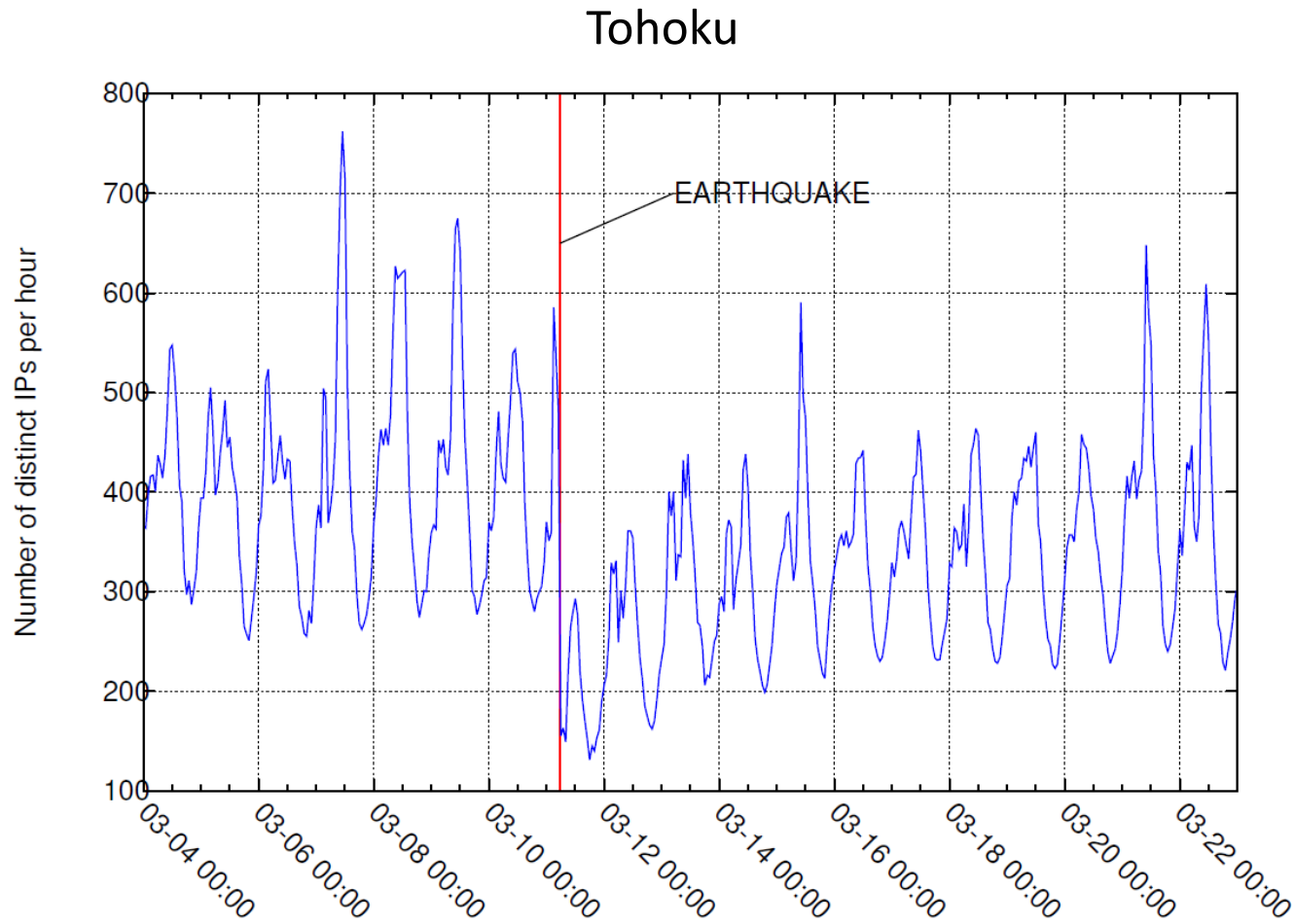


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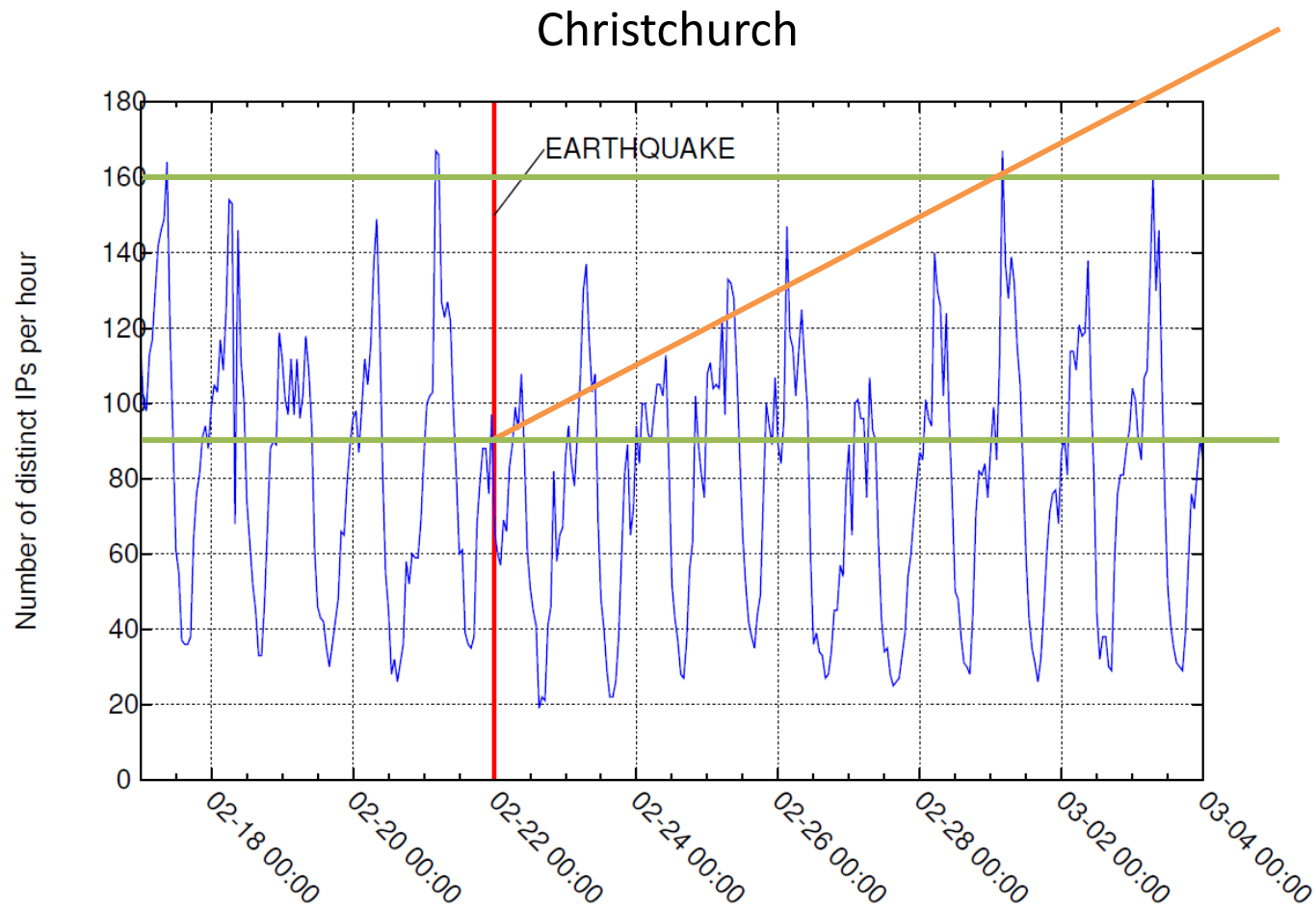
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Property	Christchurch, NZ	Tohoku, JP
Magnitude	6.1	9.0
Impact Radius $\rho_{\max}$	20km	304km
Impact Magnitude $\theta_{\max}$	2 (6km)	3.59 (137km)

# Long-term Impact

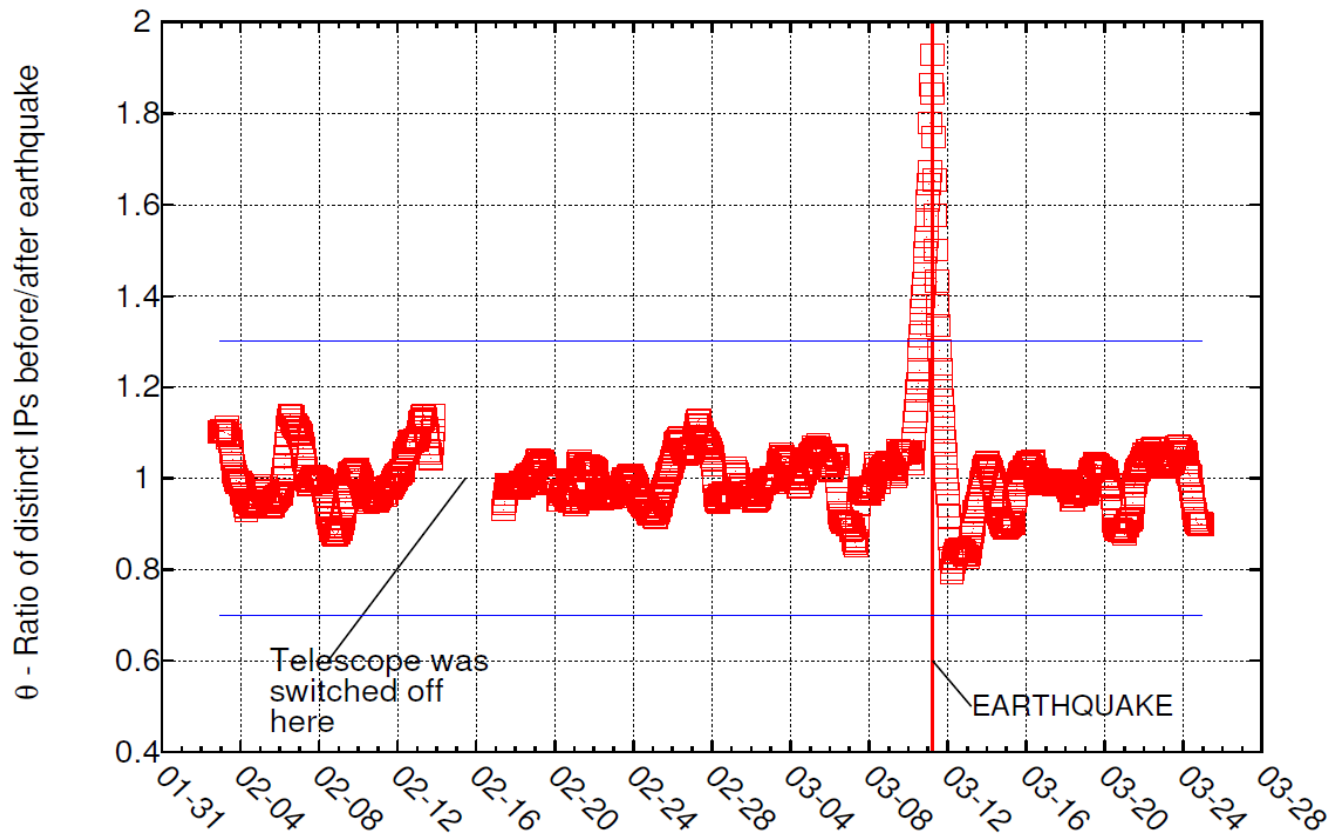


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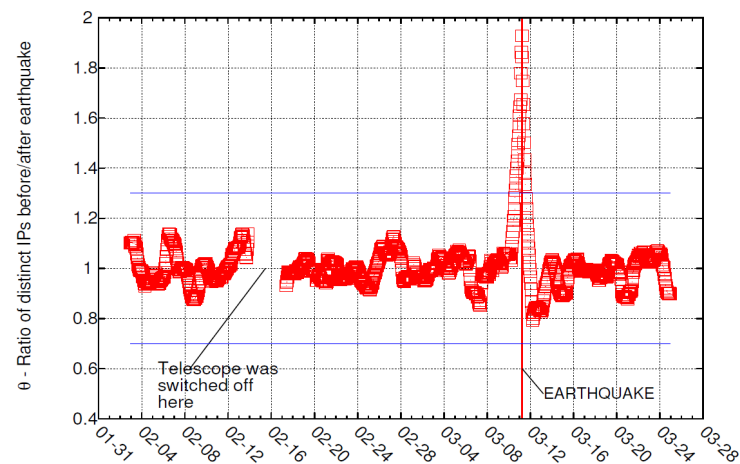
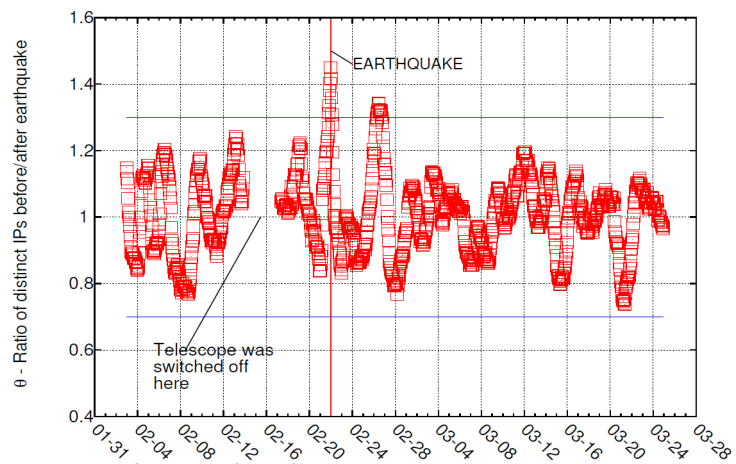
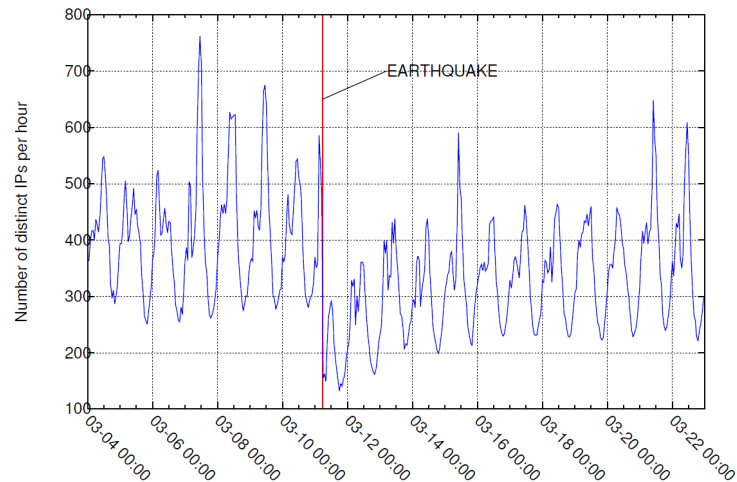
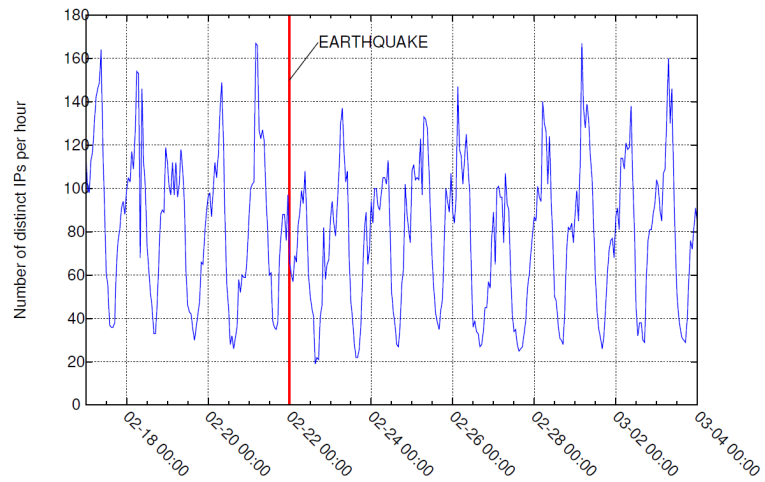
# Reliability

## Tohoku





# Big Scope & Recovery



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# Reliability

- Law enforcement
- ISP filtering
- Software Patches
  
- System Damage
- Accuracy of Geolocation
  - Mobile Devices

# Summary

- Existance & Analysis
  - Packets, Temporal, Spatial
- Measurement
  - Darknets, Active Responders
- Tech Applications
  - Classification, Malware, Address Space Pollution
- Geographic Colocation
  - Communication Infrastructure Metric

# Thank You

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