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■ Real Time

- Encrypted malicious traffic involves multiple attack steps with *different flow interactions* among attackers and victims
 - The interaction patterns are distinct from benign flow interaction patterns
- A *graph* to capture various flow interaction patterns
 - The dependence explosion problem
- Reduce the density of the graph inspired by the *flow size distribution* study

Introduction

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- The comparison with the existing methods of malicious traffic detection

Data Source Categories	Data Sources	Typical Methods	Data for Detection		Design Goals			Detection Performance	
			Unlabeled Datasets	Multi-Flow Features	Generic Detection	Realtime Detection	Unknown Attacks	Low Latency	High Throughput
Encrypted Traffic	Protocol Headers	TLS Extensions [16]	×	×	×	×	×	×	✓
		HTTPS Headers [3]	×	×	×	×	×	×	×
	Related Flows	Time Series [76]	×	×	×	×	×	×	×
		TLS Handshakes [2]	×	×	×	×	×	×	×
		Flow Statistics [90]	✓	×	×	✓	×	×	✓
Plain-text and Encrypted Traffic	Network Logs	Intrusion Events [20]	✓	×	×	×	✓	×	×
		Sampled Connections [8]	✓	✓ ¹	×	✓	×	×	✓
	Traffic Features	Per-Packet Features [56]	✓	×	×	×	✓	✓	×
		Per-Flow Features [5]	×	×	×	✓	×	✓	×
		Flow Interaction Graph	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

¹ Existing multi-flow features can only represent the features of specific flows, which cannot be used to represent complicated interaction patterns among various flows.

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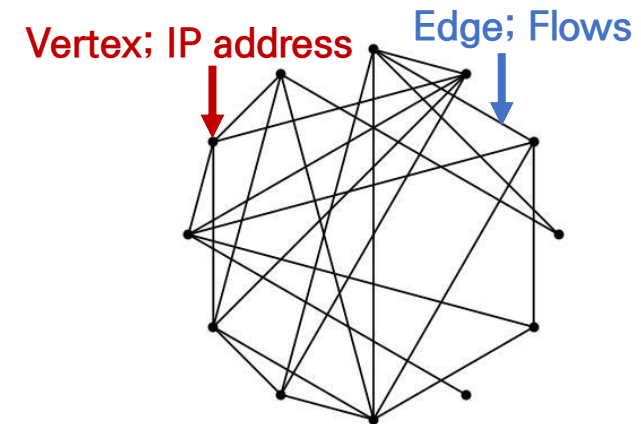
HyperVision

A **real time** detection system that aims to capture footprints of **encrypted malicious traffic** by analyzing **interaction patterns among flows**

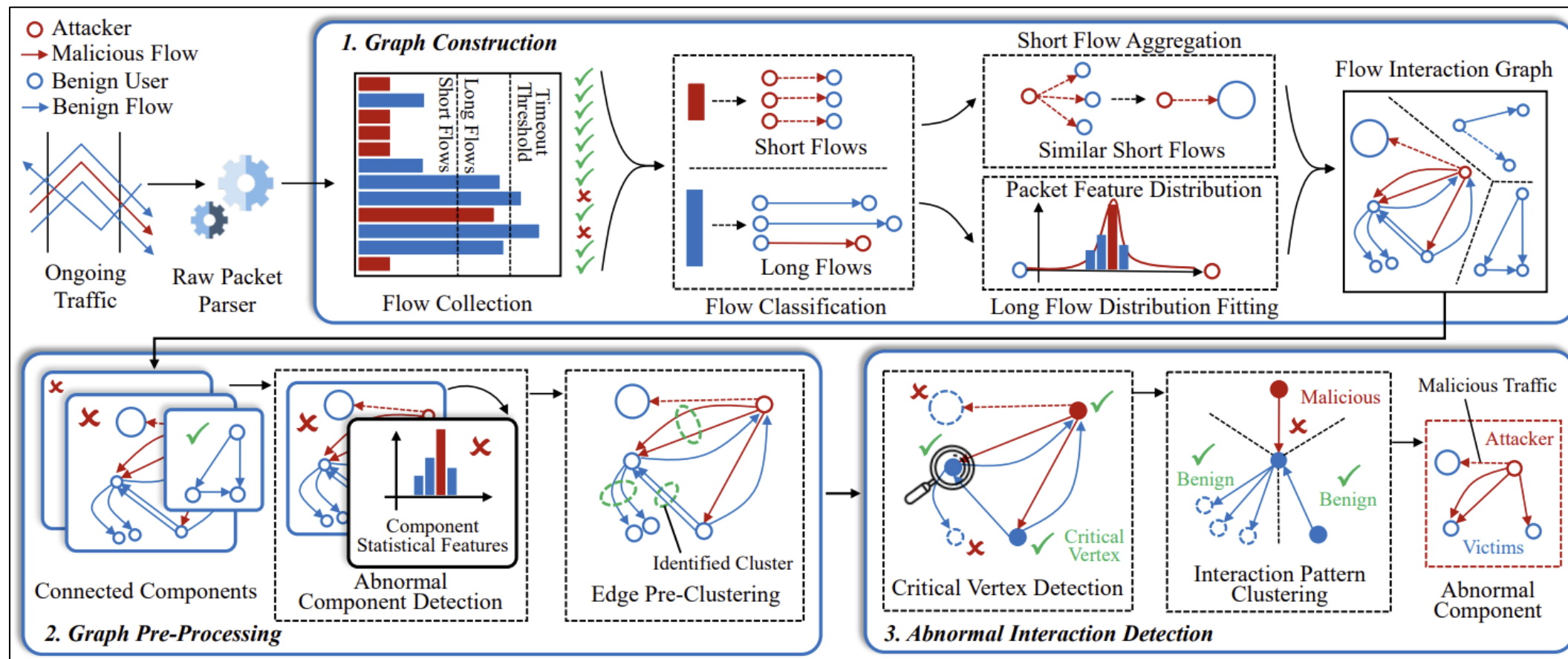
■ Design Goals of HyperVision

- Generic detection
- Real time high-speed traffic processing
- Unsupervised

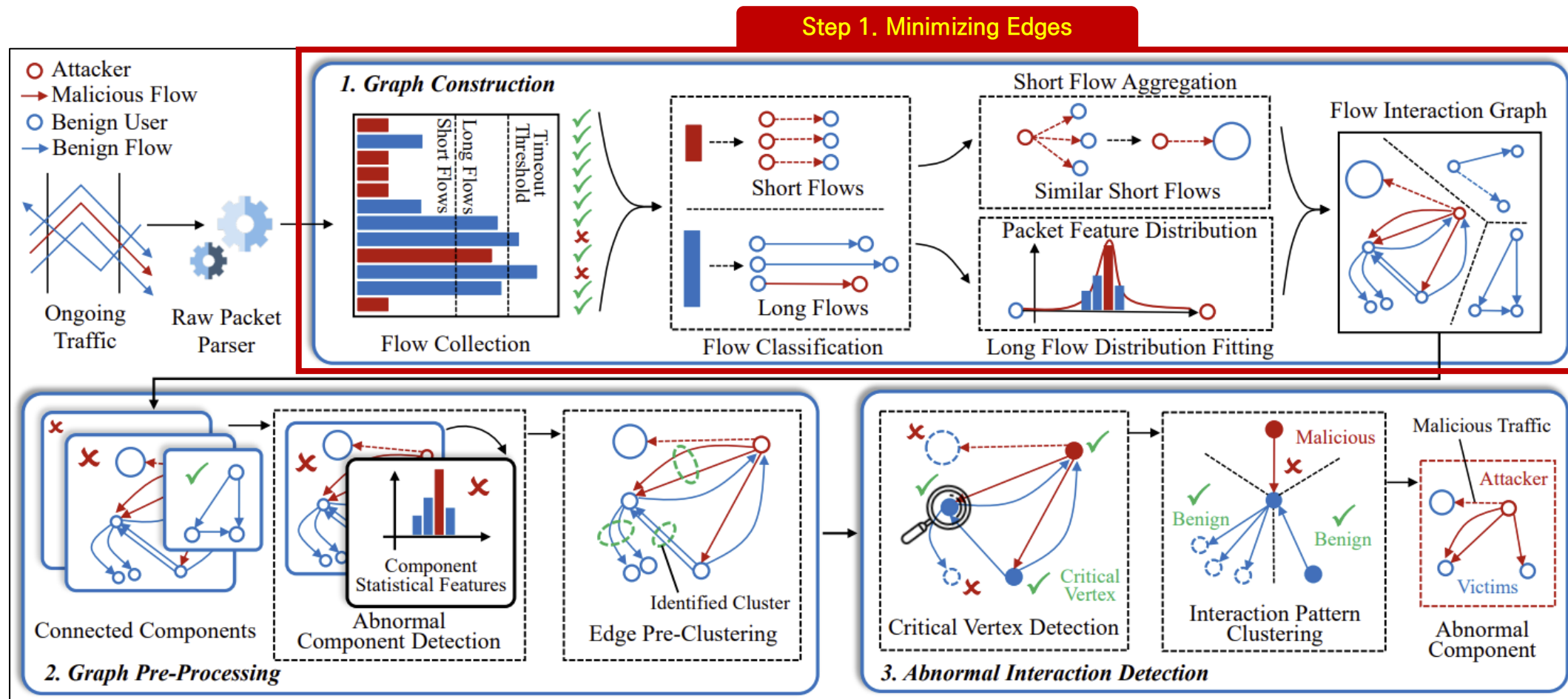
■ Graph in HyperVision



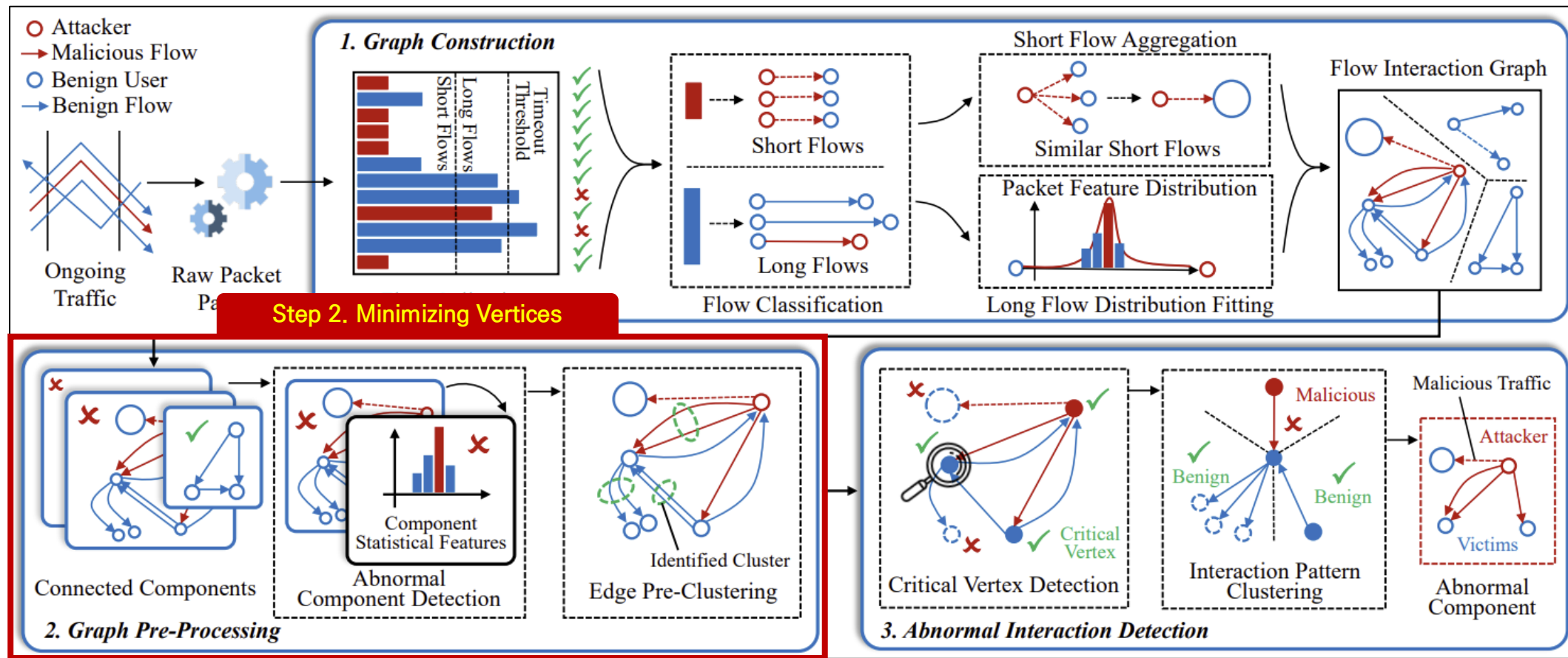
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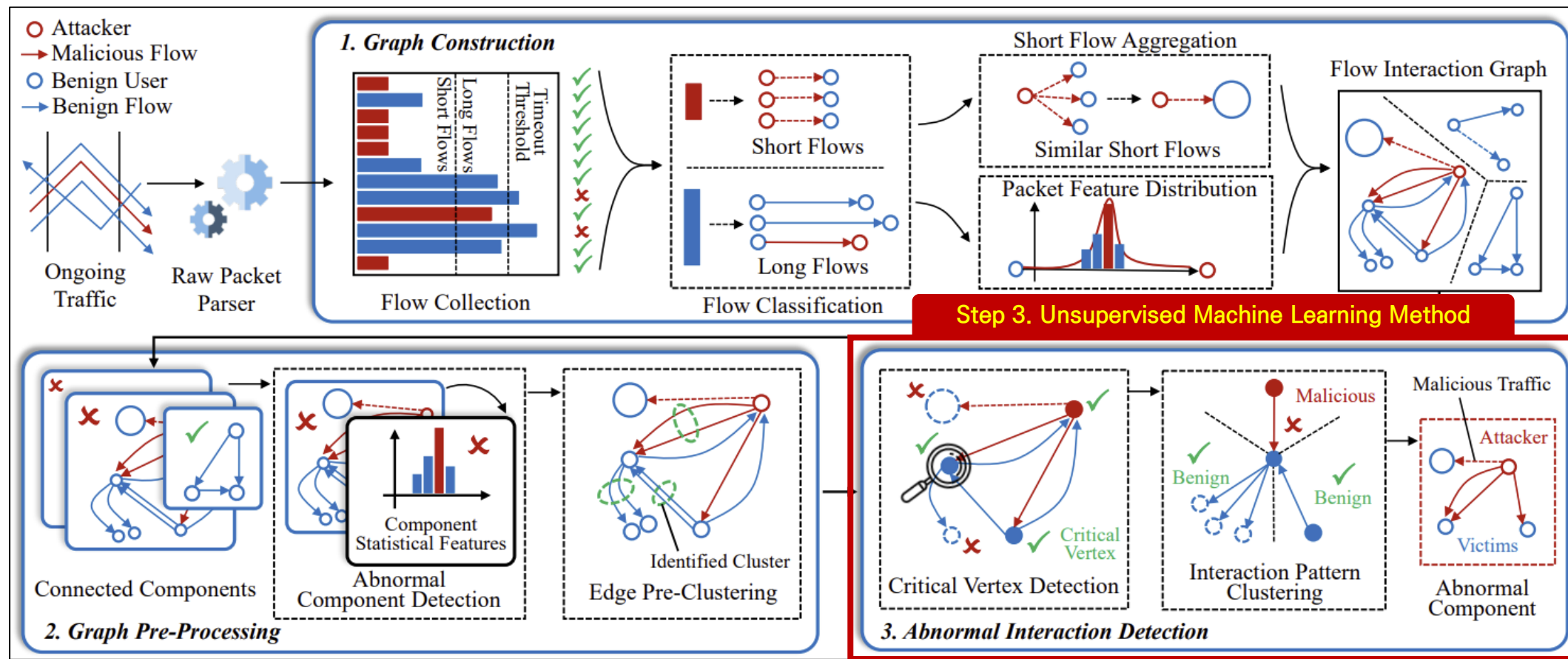
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Graph Construction

Objective of Graph Construction and Flow Classification

To efficiently analyze the flows on the internet,
need to avoid the dependency explosion among flows during the graph construction

■ Flow Classification

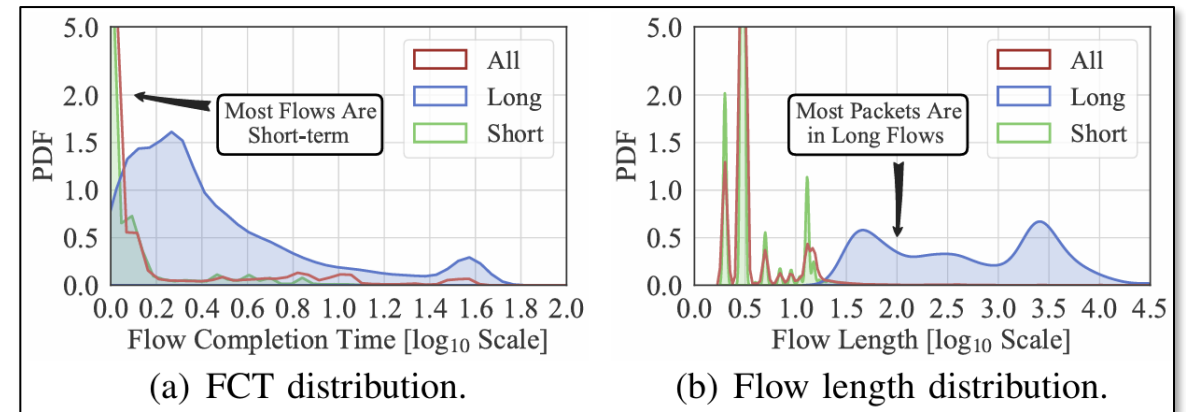
- Eliminate timeout threshold flows
- Classify the collected flows into **short** and **long**
 - **Short flows** < Flow line
 - **Long flows** > Flow line
- Obtain per-packet features
 - Protocols, lengths, arrival intervals

Hyper-Parameter	Description	Value
PKT_TIMEOUT	Flow completion time threshold.	10.0s
FLOW_LINE	Flow classification threshold.	15
AGG_LINE	Flow aggregation threshold.	20

Graph Construction

Flow Classification

- The real-world flow features distribution of short and long flows
 - 5.52% flows have Flow Completion Time (FCT) > 2.0 s
 - 93.7% packets in the dataset are long flows
 - 97.64% proportion of short flows
 - 2.36% proportion of long flows
- The proportion difference inspired that different flow collection strategies are needed



Graph Construction

Short Flow Aggregation

Short flow aggregation to represent similar flows using one edge after the classification

- Most short flows have almost the same per-packet feature sequence
 - e.g. Repetitive SSH cracking
- Requirements for short flow aggregation
 - The flows have the same source and/or destination addresses
 - The flows have the same protocol type
 - The number of the flows is large enough
 - The threshold AGG_LINE

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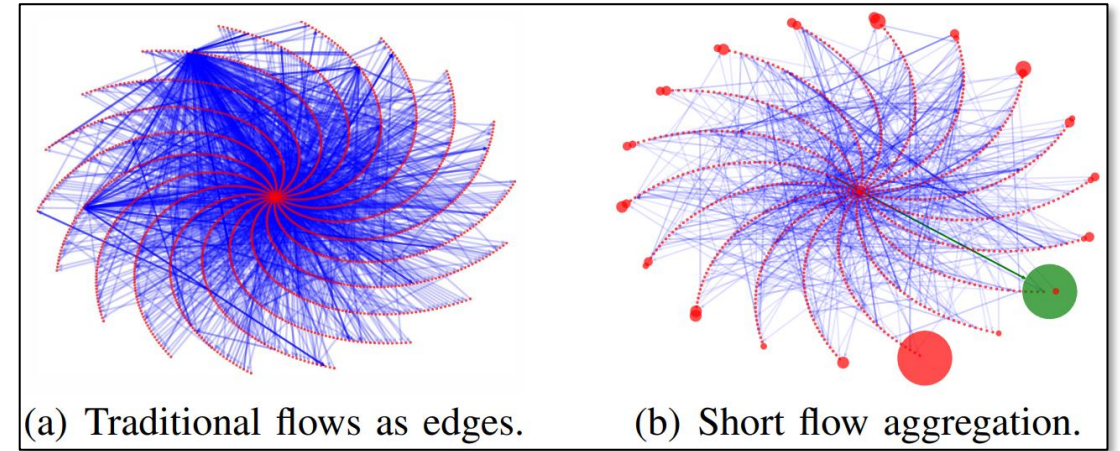
Short Flow Aggregation

- An edge for the short flow preserves one feature sequence and four tuples
 - Per-packet features
 - Protocols, lengths, arrival intervals
 - Four tuples
 - Source and destination addresses, port numbers
- Four types of edges associated with short flows exist on the graph
 - Source address aggregated
 - Destination address aggregated
 - Both address aggregated
 - Without aggregation

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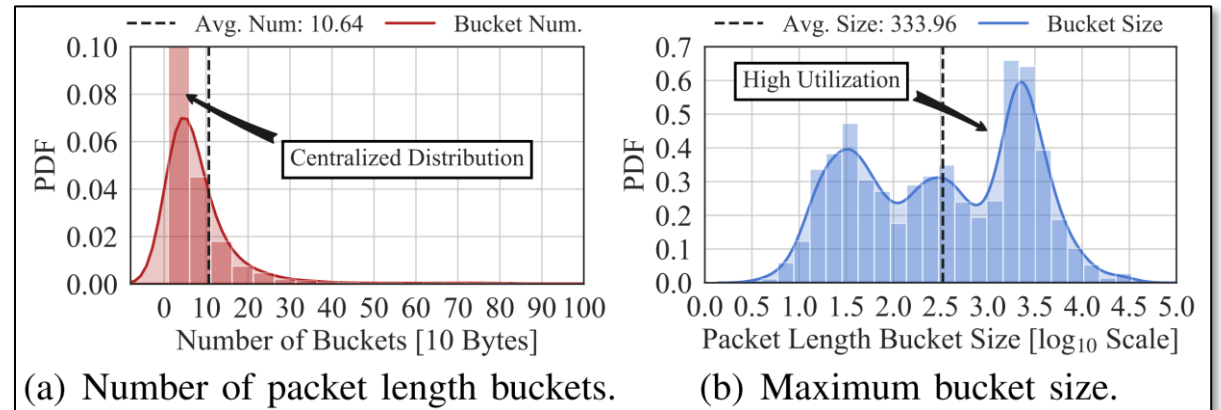
- Short flow aggregation to reduce the dense graph
 - The diameter of a vertex indicates the number of addresses denoted by the vertex
 - The color indicates the repeated edges
 - The algorithm reduces 93.94% vertices and 94.04% edges
 - The edge highlighted in green indicates short flows exploiting a vulnerability



Graph Construction

Feature Distribution Fitting For Long Flows

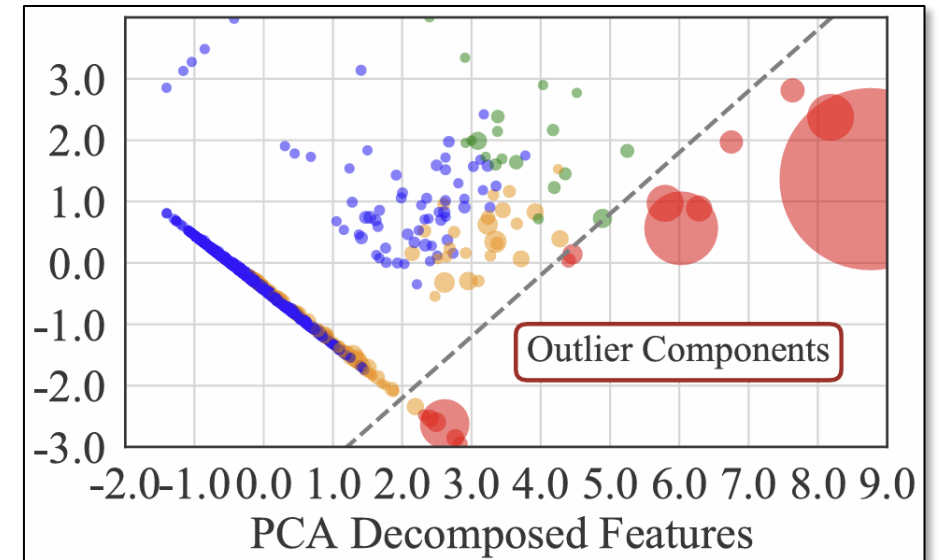
- Histogram is used to represent the per-packet feature distributions of a long flow
 - A histogram to avoid preserving long per-packet feature sequences
 - A hash table for each per-packet feature sequence in each long flow
- Most packets in the long flows have similar packet lengths and arrival intervals
 - On average, only 11 buckets were used to fit the distribution of packet length, most of the buckets collected more than 200 packets



Graph Pre-Processing

Connectivity Analysis

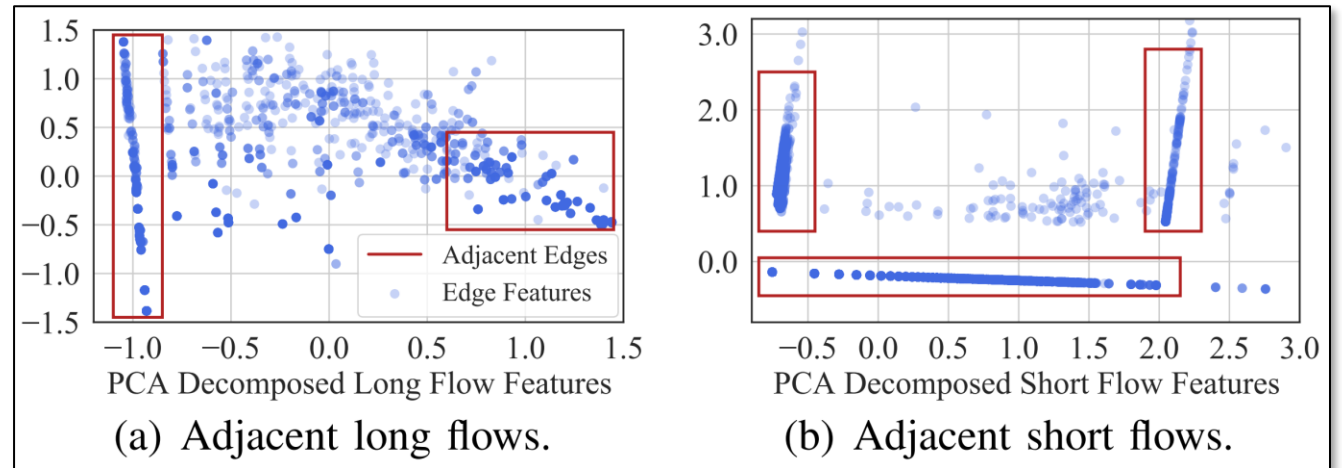
- Split the graph by the components
 - Most components contain few edges with similar interaction patterns
- Five features to profile the components
 - The number of long flows
 - The number of short flows
 - The number of edges denoting short flows
 - The number of bytes in long flows
 - The number of bytes in short flows
- DBSCAN for density based clustering



Graph Pre-Processing

Edge Pre-Clustering

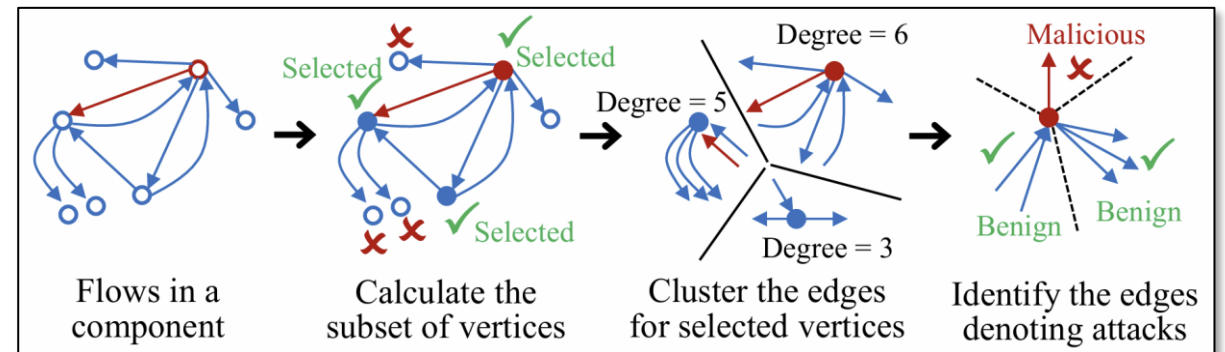
- The abnormal components in the graph have massive vertices and edges
 - Graph Neural Network (GNN) for real time is impossible
- Extract eight and four graph structural features for the edges associated with short and long flow
- Most edges are adjacent to massive similar edges in the feature space
- DBSCAN for a pre-clustering



Malicious Traffic Detection

Identifying Critical Vertices

- Cluster edges connected to the same critical vertex and detects outliers as malicious traffic
 - Clustering all edges directly is not efficient to learn the interaction patterns of the traffic
- Select a subset of all vertices in the connected component according to the following conditions
 - The source and/or destination vertices of each edge in the component are in the subset
 - The number of selected vertices in the subset is minimized



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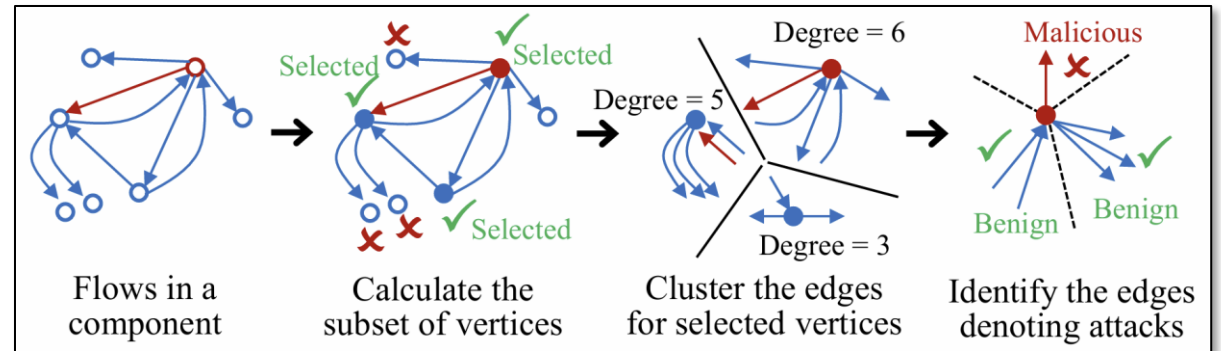
Identifying Critical Vertices

- Finding such a subset of vertices is an optimization problem and equivalent to the *vertex cover problem*, which was proved to be NP Complete (NPC)
 - All edges and vertices on each component were selected to solve the problem
 - Vertex cover problem was reformulated to Satisfiability Modulo Theories (SMT) problem
 - SMT can be effectively solved by using Z3 SMT solver
- NPC can be solved in real time due to massive edge pre-clustering

Malicious Traffic Detection

Edge Feature Clustering for Detection

- To identify abnormal interaction patterns cluster the edges connected to each critical vertex
 - Use the structural features and the flow features extracted from the per-packet feature sequences
 - Use the lightweight K-Means algorithm to cluster the edges
 - Calculate the clustering loss that indicates the degree of maliciousness for malicious flow detection



Theoretical Analysis

To analyze the information preserved
in the graph of HyperVision for graph learning based detection

■ Analysis

- Used metrics
 - The amount of information
 - The scale of data
 - The density of information
- Typical types of flow recording modes
 - Idealized mode that records and stores the whole per-packet feature sequence
 - Event based mode
 - Sampling based mode

■ Key Results

- HyperVision maintains more information using the graph than the existing methods
- HyperVision maintains near-optimal information using the graph
- HyperVision has higher information density than the existing methods

Experimental Evaluation

Datasets

■ Background traffic

- Real world backbone network traffic datasets from the vantage-G of WIDE MAWI project in AS2500, Tokyo, Japan, Jan. ~ Jun. 2020

■ Malicious traffic

- Traditional brute force attack
 - To verify its generic detection
- Encrypted flooding traffic
- Encrypted web malicious traffic
- Malware generated encrypted traffic

■ Metrics

- F1
 - F1 combines precision and recall into a single metric
- AUC
 - AUC measures the performance of a binary classification model by plotting the true positive rate against the false positive rate

Experimental Evaluation

Overview of Accuracy Evaluation

- HyperVision shows the highest accuracy
 - Average F1 ranging between 0.927 and 0.978
 - Average AUC ranging between 0.974 and 0.993
 - HyperVision shows **35%** and **13%** improvements over the best accuracy of the baselines

Method	Metric	Traditional Attacks	Flooding Enc. Traffic	Enc. Web Attacks	Malware Traffic	Overall
Jaquen	AUC	0.913▼7%	0.782▼19%	N/A ¹	N/A	0.867▼12%
	F1	0.819▼16%	0.495▼46%	N/A	N/A	0.705▼26%
FlowLens	AUC	0.939▼4%	0.757▼22%	0.685▼30%	0.768▼22%	0.752▼36%
	F1	0.799▼18%	0.651▼29%	0.384▼59%	0.411▼57%	0.451▼41%
Whisper	AUC	0.951▼3%	0.932▼4%	0.958▼2%	0.648▼34%	0.752▼23%
	F1	0.705▼27%	0.461▼50%	0.546▼42%	0.357▼62%	0.407▼57%
Kitsune	AUC	0.748▼24%	- ²	0.759▼22%	-	0.751▼23%
	F1	0.419▼57%	-	0.366▼61%	-	0.402▼58%
DeepLog	AUC	0.716▼27%	0.621▼26%	0.767▼22%	0.653▼34%	0.666▼32%
	F1	0.513▼47%	0.508▼45%	0.572▼40%	0.628▼34%	0.597▼37%
H.V.	AUC	0.988▲8%	0.974▲4%	0.985▲2%	0.993▲29%	0.988▲13%
	F1	0.978▲19%	0.927▲42%	0.957▲67%	0.970▲54%	0.960▲36%

¹ The results are N/A because Jaquen is designed for detection of volumetric attacks.
² - means that the average AUC is lower than 0.60, which is nearly the result of random guessing.

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Accuracy Evaluation

Traditional Brute Force Attack

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	F1	0.9710	0.9356	0.9835	0.9924	0.9965	0.9884	0.9299	0.9457	0.8816	0.7986	0.7054	0.6549	0.8500	0.7931	0.9614	0.9236	0.5603	0.9861
FlowLens	AUC	0.9906	0.9021	0.9961	0.9993	0.9985	0.9874	0.9226	0.9784	0.8001	0.9998	0.9907	0.9833	0.9786	0.9993	0.9912	0.9918	0.9999	0.6351
	F1	0.9181	0.6528	0.8899	0.9996	0.9992	0.9936	0.9572	0.9794	0.7127	0.9991	0.8918	0.9889	0.9691	0.9986	0.8638	0.8173	0.9990	0.2632
Whisper	AUC	0.9499	0.9796	0.9562	0.9811	0.9832	0.9658	0.9827	0.9125	0.9645	0.8489	0.9662	0.9761	0.8954	0.9402	0.9563	0.9658	0.8956	0.9489
	F1	0.7004	0.7585	0.8869	0.7022	0.6748	0.7182	0.7489	0.8248	0.8435	0.4686	0.6195	0.6396	0.6956	0.8620	0.7587	0.8778	0.4857	0.4192
Kitsune	AUC	0.4522	0.7252	- ²	0.7439	0.7228	0.7380	0.9614	0.7340	0.9994	0.9998	0.9989	0.4343	0.3993	0.7592	0.6210	0.4086	0.8534	0.7913
	F1	- ¹	0.3459	-	0.5033	0.4923	0.4798	0.4878	0.4461	0.5031	0.4609	0.4360	-	-	0.3838	0.3361	-	0.4539	0.4153
DeepLog	AUC	0.6717	0.8232	0.8377	0.6518	0.8261	0.6617	0.5545	0.7475	0.7428	0.7462	0.7458	0.7487	0.7480	0.7483	0.7564	0.2470	0.7012	0.7521
	F1	0.3566	0.4178	0.5266	0.2695	0.4050	0.2668	0.3653	0.5108	0.7201	0.5705	0.4313	0.3368	0.3321	0.3424	0.6074	-	0.4370	0.3428
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	F1	0.9939	0.9928	0.9960	0.9932	0.9831	0.9808	0.9892	0.9998	0.9998	0.9992	0.9956	0.9984	0.9983	0.9996	0.9993	0.9571	0.9981	0.9295

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Kitsune	AUC	0.4522	0.7252	- ²	0.7439	0.7228	0.7380	0.9614	0.7340	0.9994	0.9998	0.9989	0.4343	0.3993	0.7592	0.6210	0.4086	0.8534	0.7913
	F1	- ¹	0.3459	-	0.5033	0.4923	0.4798	0.4878	0.4461	0.5031	0.4609	0.4360	-	-	0.3838	0.3361	-	0.4539	0.4153
DeepLog	AUC	0.6717	0.8232	0.8377	0.6518	0.8261	0.6617	0.5545	0.7475	0.7428	0.7462	0.7458	0.7487	0.7480	0.7483	0.7564	0.2470	0.7012	0.7521
	F1	0.3566	0.4178	0.5266	0.2695	0.4050	0.2668	0.3653	0.5108	0.7201	0.5705	0.4313	0.3368	0.3321	0.3424	0.6074	-	0.4370	0.3428
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	F1	0.9710	0.9356	0.9835	0.9924	0.9989	0.9774	0.9988	0.9822	0.9590	0.9860	0.9907	0.9011	0.9586	0.9537	0.9976	0.9985	0.9682	0.9995
FlowLens	AUC	0.9906	0.9021	0.9961	0.9993	0.9985	0.9874	0.9226	0.9784	0.8001	0.9998	0.9907	0.9833	0.9786	0.9993	0.9912	0.9918	0.9999	0.6351
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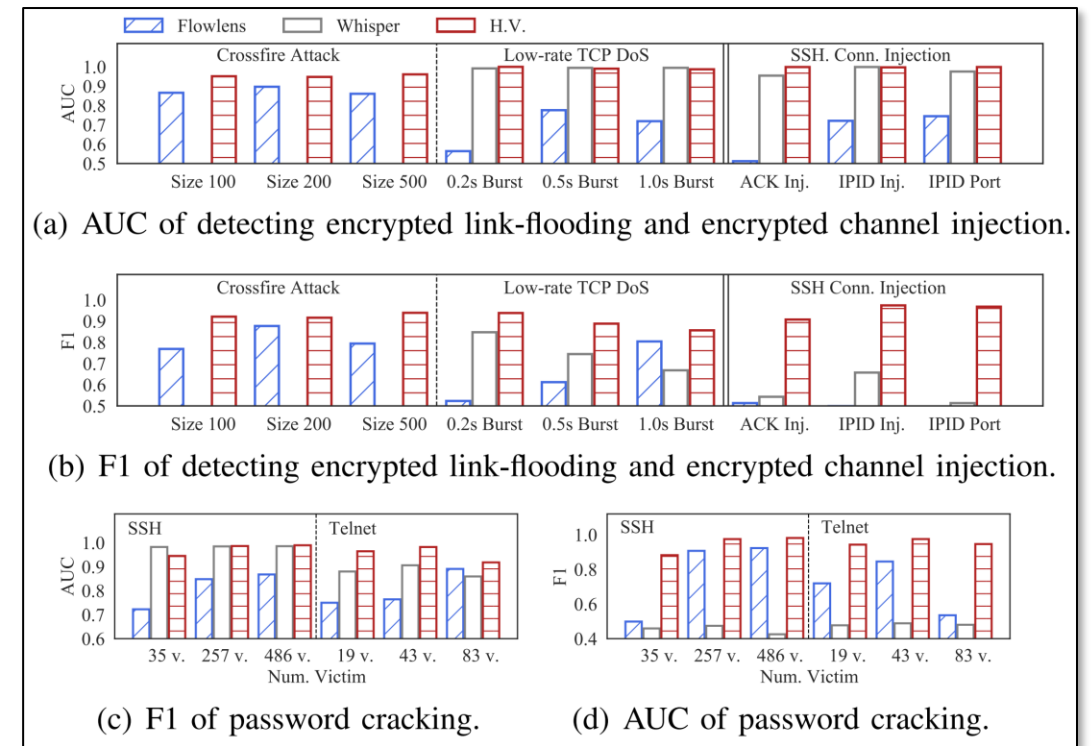
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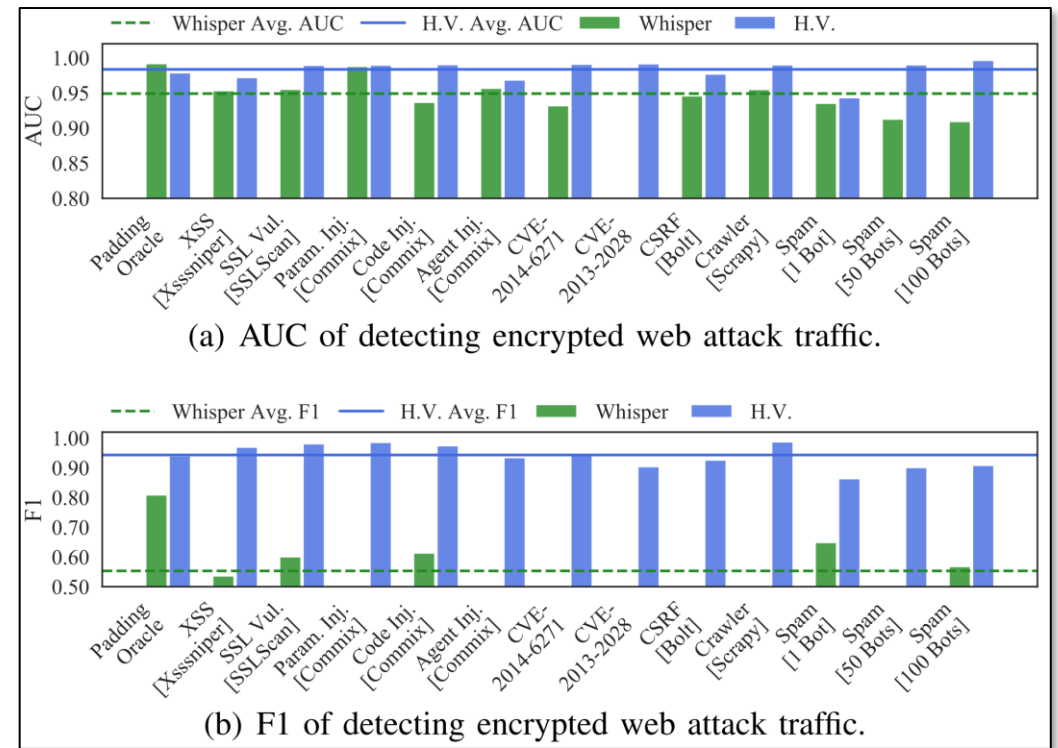
- HyperVision achieves 0.856 ~ 0.981 F1 and 0.917 ~ 0.998 AUC
 - 58.7% F1 and 25.3% AUC accuracy improvement over the baselines
- HyperVision can accurately detect the link flooding traffic
- HyperVision can identify slow and persisted password attempts for the channels
 - HyperVision maintains the interaction patterns of attackers using the graph



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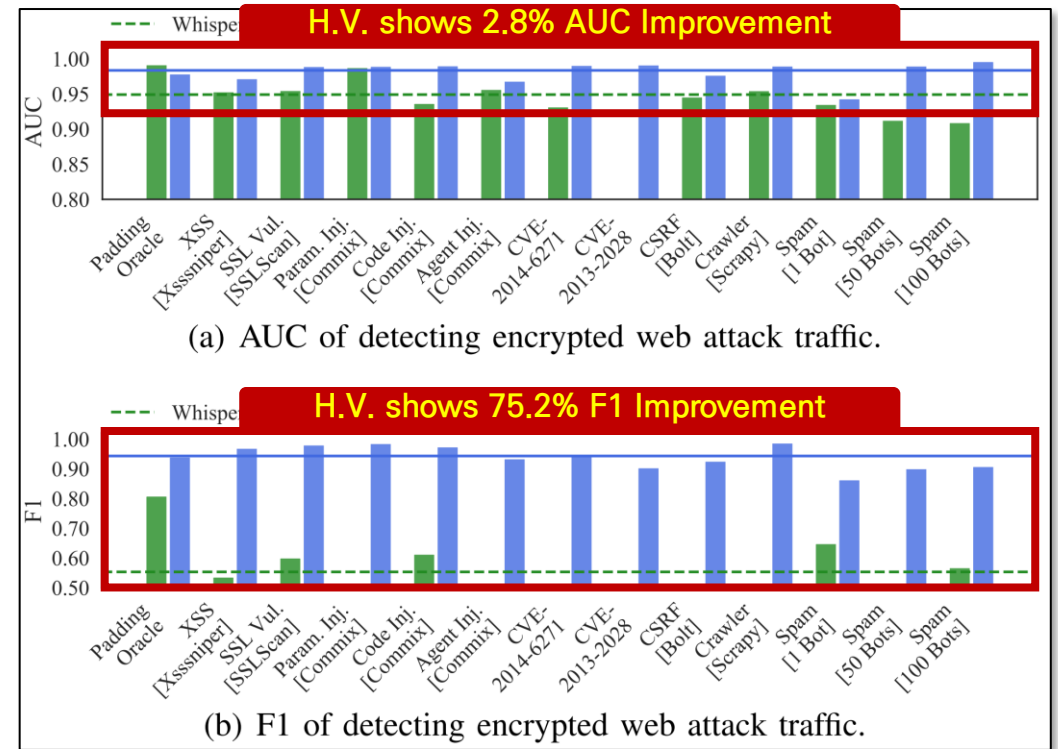
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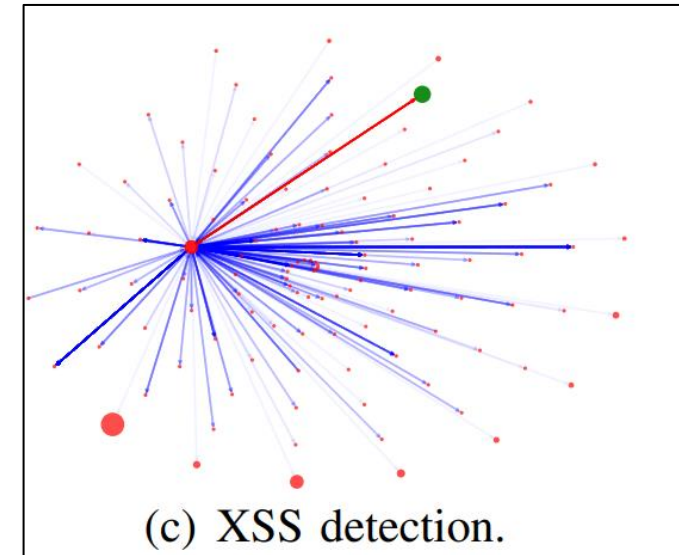
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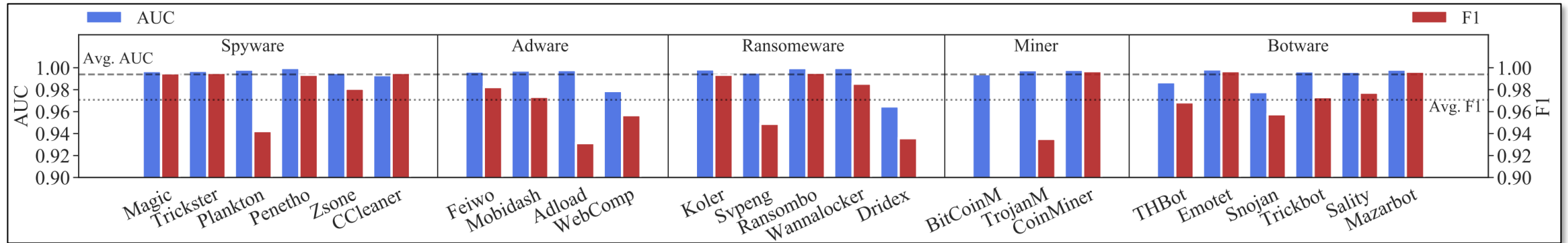
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 - The flow based ML detection cannot detect web encrypted malicious traffic
 - Single flow patterns are almost same to benign web access flows
 - HyperVision can accurately detect the encrypted web malicious traffic, because it captures the traffic from the frequent interactions



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■ Encrypted Malware Traffic



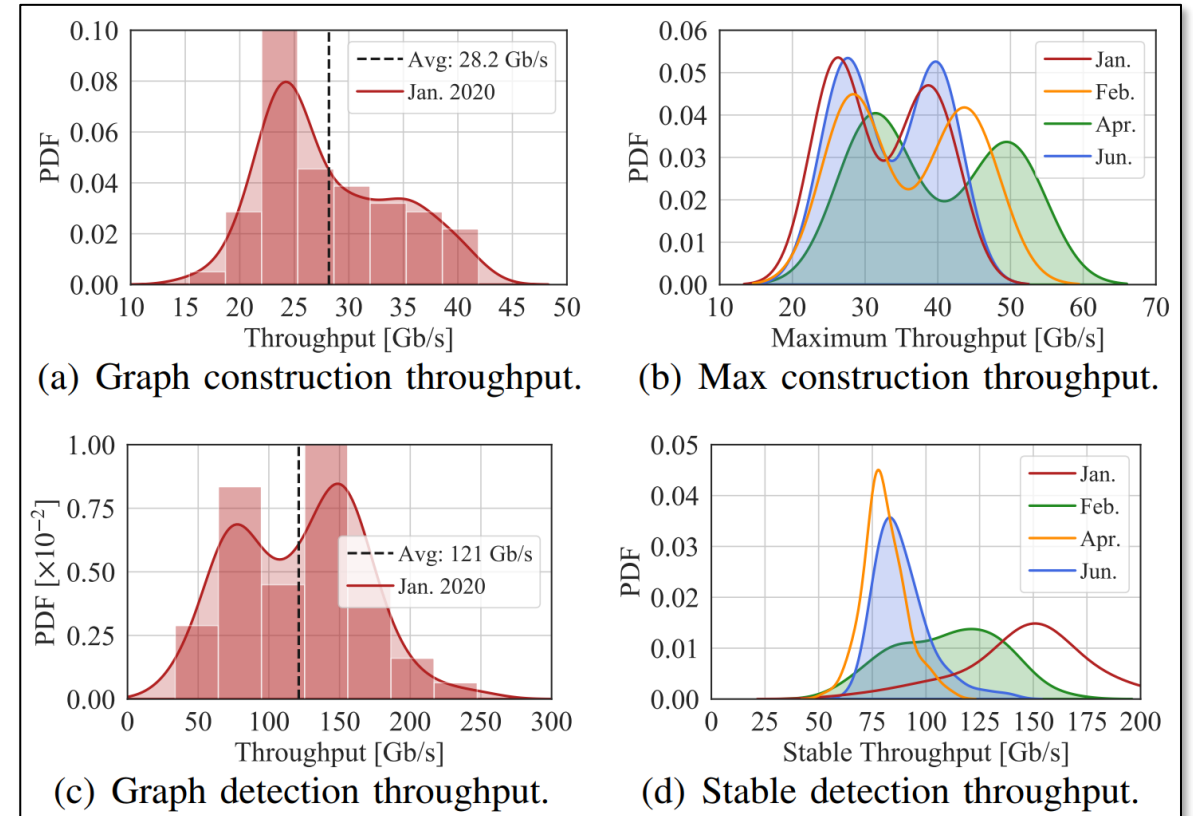
- Encrypted malware traffic is hard to detect for the baselines, because it is slow and persistent
- HyperVision accurately detects the malware campaigns at least 0.964 AUC and 0.891 F1

Experimental Evaluation

Performance Results

■ Throughput

- Graph construction throughput
 - 28.21 Gb/s
- Max construction throughput
 - 32.43 ~ 39.71 Gb/s
- Graph detection throughput
 - 121.64 Gb/s
- Stable detection throughput
 - 80.6 ~ 148.9 Gb/s

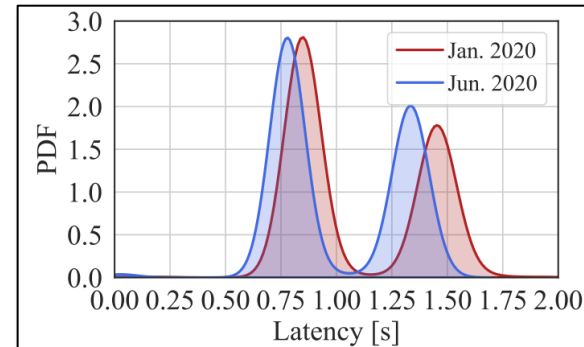


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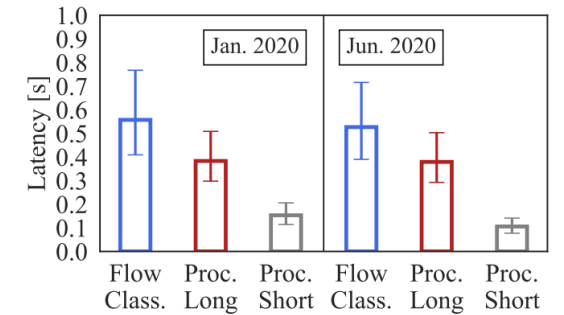
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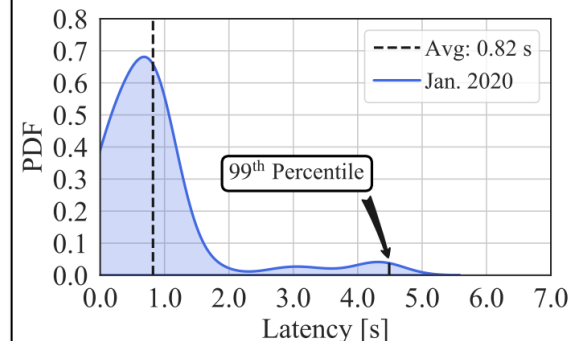
- HyperVision has 1.09 ~ 1.04s average construction latency with an upper bound of 1.93s
 - The Receive Side Scaling (RSS) on the Intel NIC is unbalanced on the threads
- Construct latency composition
 - Flow classification 50.95%
 - Short flow aggregation 35.03%
 - Long flow distribution fitting 14.0%



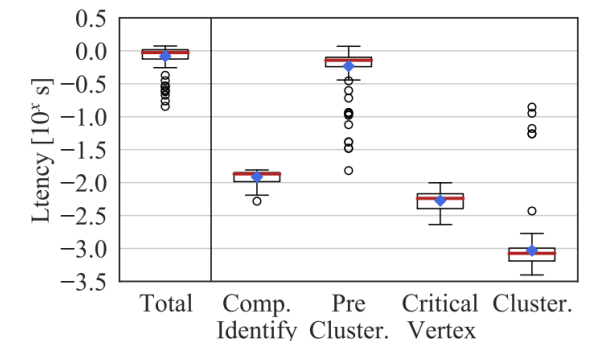
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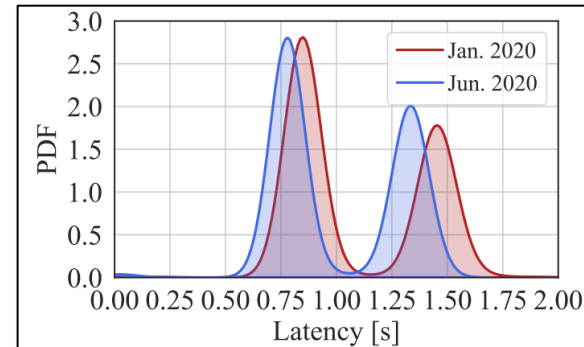
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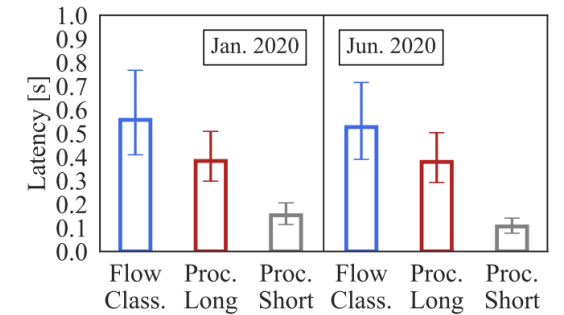
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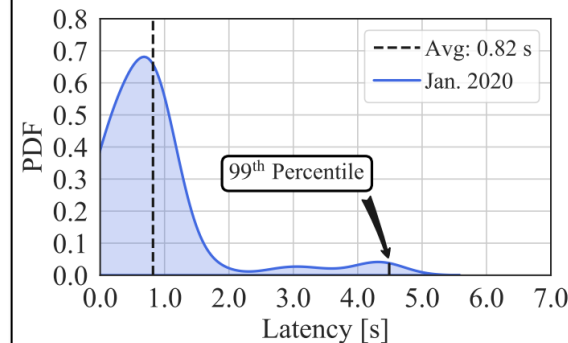
- Graph detection latency
 - 0.83s latency on average with a 99th percentile of 4.48s
- Detection latency composition
 - 75.8% of the latency comes from pre-clustering
 - Pre-clustering step reduces the processing overhead of the subsequent processing



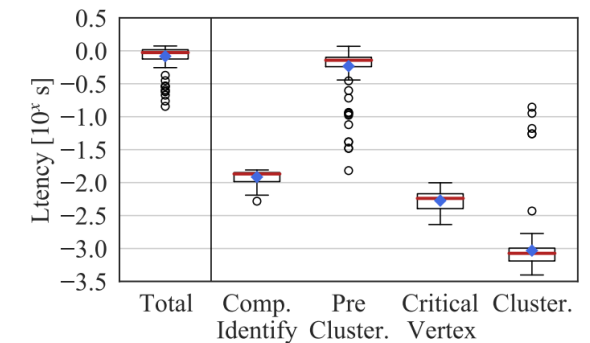
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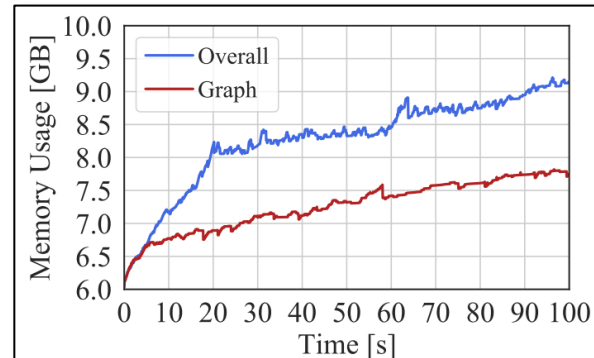
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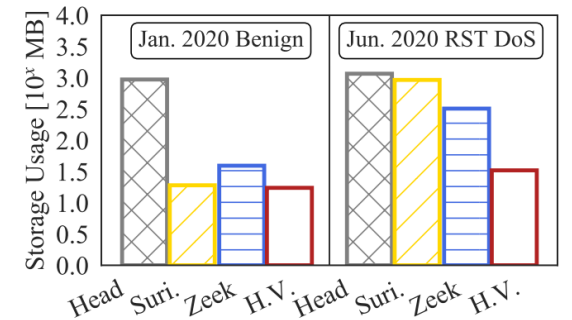
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■ Resource Consumption

- The increasing rate of memory for maintaining the graph is only 13.1 MB/s
- HyperVision utilizes 1.78 GB memory to maintain the flow interaction patterns extracted from 2.82 TB ongoing traffic
- Graph storage usages
 - HyperVision achieves 8.99%, 55.7%, 98.1% storage reduction over the baselines



(a) Runtime memory usages.



(b) Graph storage usages.

Raw packet header
Suricata

Conclusion

- *HyperVision* is an ML based real time detection system for encrypted malicious traffic with unknown patterns
- *HyperVision* uses two different strategies to represent the interaction patterns generated by short and long flows and aggregates the information of these flows
- *HyperVision* is unsupervised graph learning method to detect the traffic by utilizing the connectivity, sparsity, and statistical features in the graph

Thank you

Appendix

Features of Edges Used in HyperVision

Edge	Group	Data	Description
Edge Denoting Short Flows	structural	bool	Denoting short flows with the same source address.
		bool	Denoting short flows with the same source port.
		bool	Denoting short flows with the same destination address.
		bool	Denoting show flows with the same destination port.
		int	The in-degree of the connected source vertex.
		int	The out-degree of the connected source vertex.
		int	The in-degree of the connected destination vertex.
		int	The out-degree of the connected destination vertex.
	statistical	int	The number of flows denoted by the edge.
		int	The length of the feature sequence associated with the edge.
int		The sum of packet lengths in the feature sequence.	
int		The mask of protocols in the feature sequence.	
float		The mean of arrival intervals in the feature sequence.	
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		int	The out-degree of the connected source vertex.
		int	The in-degree of the connected destination vertex.
		int	The out-degree of the connected destination vertex.
	statistical	float	The flow completion time of the denoted long flow.
		float	The packet rate of the denoted long flow.
		int	The number of packets in the denoted long flow.
		int	The maximum bin size for fitting packet length distribution.
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Hyper-Paramter Configuration

Group	Hyper-Parameter	Description	Value
Graph Construction	PKT_TIMEOUT	Flow completion time threshold.	10.0s
	FLOW_LINE	Flow classification threshold.	15
	AGG_LINE	Flow aggregation threshold.	20
Graph Pre-Processing	ϵ minPoint	DBSCAN hyper-parameters for clustering components and edges.	4×10^{-3} 40
Traffic Detection	K	K-means hyper-parameter.	10
	T	Loss threshold for malicious traffic.	10.0
	α	Balancing the terms in the loss function.	0.1
	β		0.5
	γ		1.7

Details of Malicious Traffic Datasets

Class	Dataset Label	Description	Att. ¹	Vic.	B.W. ²	Enc. Ratio
Malware Related Encrypted Traffic	Spyware	Magic.	2	479	0.34	0.13%
		Trickster	2	793	0.63	10.0%
		Plankton	3	579	59.2	23.8%
		Penetho	1	516	3.57	100%
		Zsone	1	479	5.98	93.0%
		CCleaner	4	466	28.1	4.09%
	Adware	Feiwo	3	1.00K	19.8	100%
		Mobidash	3	624	6.08	100%
		WebComp.	3	281	8.38	55.2%
	Ransom-ware	Adload	1	280	1.04	1.09%
		Svpeng	2	403	1.21	1.26%
		Koler	3	333	2.22	100%
		Ransombo	5	369	58.6	42.7%
		WannaL.	2	275	7.49	30.3%
	Miner	Dridex	1	429	4.10	100%
		BitCoinM.	1	1.54K	0.79	100%
		TrojanM.	3	1.37K	2.39	89.4%
	Botware	CoinM.	1	1.40K	0.21	100%
		THBot	4	103	1.72	2.71%
		Emotet	6	1.17K	1.43	68.6%
		Snojan	3	326	8.94	100%
		Trickbot	4	347	0.57	100%
		Mazarbot	3	409	6.13	30.9%
Encrypted Flooding Traffic	Link Flooding	Salinity	20	247	2.19	100%
		CrossfireS.	100	313	197	100%
		CrossfireM.	200	313	278	100%
	SSH Inject	CrossfireL.	500	313	503	100%
		LrDoS 0.2	1	1	5.57	100%
		LrDoS 0.5	1	1	3.25	100%
	Password Cracking	LrDoS 1.0	1	1	1.90	100%
		ACK Inj.	1	2	1.78	-
		IPID Inj.	1	2	0.28	-
		IPID Port	1	1	1.83	-
		Telnet S.	1	19	0.63	100%
		Telnet M.	1	43	1.70	100%
		Telnet L.	1	83	2.76	100%
		SSH S.	1	35	1.39	100%
		SSH M.	1	257	2.49	100%
		SSH L.	1	486	5.53	100%

Encrypted Web Traffic	Web Attacks	Oracle XSS	TLS padding Oracle.	1	1	3.99	100%
		SSLScan	Xsssniper XSS detection.	1	1	31.8	100%
		Param.Inj.	SSL vulnerabilities detection.	1	1	15.0	100%
		Cookie.Inj.	Commix parameter injection.	1	1	17.1	100%
		Agent.Inj.	Commix cookie injection.	1	1	39.6	100%
	SMTP SSL	WebCVE	Commix agent-based injection.	1	1	19.7	100%
		WebShell	Exploiting CVE-2013-2028.	1	1	2.30	100%
		CSRF	Exploiting CVE-2014-6271.	1	1	11.2	100%
		Crawl	Bolt CSRF detection.	1	1	7.73	100%
		Spam1	A crawler using scrapy.	1	1	29.7	100%
Traditional Brute Force Attack	Brute Scanning	Spam50	Spam using SMTP-over-SSL.	1	1	36.2	100%
		Spam100	Encrypted spam with 50 bots.	50	1	61.7	100%
			Brute spam using 100 bots.	100	1	88.9	100%
		ICMP	We use the brute force scanning rates identified by darknet in [22]. We reproduce the scan using Zmap which targets the peers and customers of AS 2500.	1	211K	5.61	-
		NTP		1	99.3K	3.87	-
		SSH		1	205K	5.79	-
		SQL		1	112K	3.04	-
		DNS		1	198K	6.61	-
	Source Spoof	HTTP	We use the protocol types and the packet rates in [40].	1	93.7K	2.68	-
		HTTPS		1	209K	4.89	-
		SYN		6.50K	1	11.41	-
	Amplification Attack	RST	We use the packet rates and the vulnerable protocols observed in [40].	32.5K	1	5.79	-
		UDP		6.50K	1	54.3	-
		ICMP		3.20K	1	0.13	-
	Probing Vulnerable Application	NTP	We use the packet rates and the vulnerable protocols observed in [40]. And we use the number of the reflectors in [43].	650	1	95.8	-
		DNS		200	1	82.7	-
		CharGen		200	1	175	-
		SSDP	We use the sending rates of vulnerable application discovery disclosed by a darknet [22]. We estimate the number of scanners by the number of visible active addresses from the vantage (i.e., realword measurements) and the size of the darknet.	1.30K	1	7.23	-
		RIPv1		500	1	7.04	-
		Memcache		1.60K	1	63.5	-
		LDAP		1.30K	1	36.8	-
		Lr. SMTP		11	158K	7.97	-
		Lr.NetBios		28	444K	17.3	-
		Lr.Telnet		156	1.23M	49.0	-
		Lr.VLC		22	352K	20.5	-
		Lr.SNMP		6	110K	6.51	-
		Lr.RDP		172	1.30M	53.0	-
		Lr.HTTP		94	640K	38.0	-
		Lr.DNS		28	428K	25.0	-
		Lr.ICMP		268	1.82M	63.3	-
		Lr.SSH		72	994K	5.63	-

¹ Att. and Vic. indicate the number of attackers and victims.

² B.W. is short for total bandwidth in the unit of Mb/s.

Five Generic Malicious Traffic Detection Methods

- **Jagen**
 - Sampling based recording and signature based detection
- **FlowLens**
 - Sampling based recording and ML based detection
 - Supervised learning
- **Whisper**
 - Flow-level features and ML based detection
- **Kitsune**
 - Packet-level features and DL based detection
 - Unsupervised learning
- **Deeplog**
 - Event based recording and DL based detection