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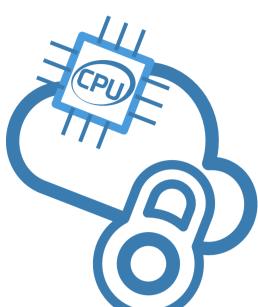
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Motivation and background

The analysis of network traffic is essential for many application, such as cyber-security and traffic engineering, but...



Privacy is a critical point

Traffic analyzers must respect Privacy Regulations

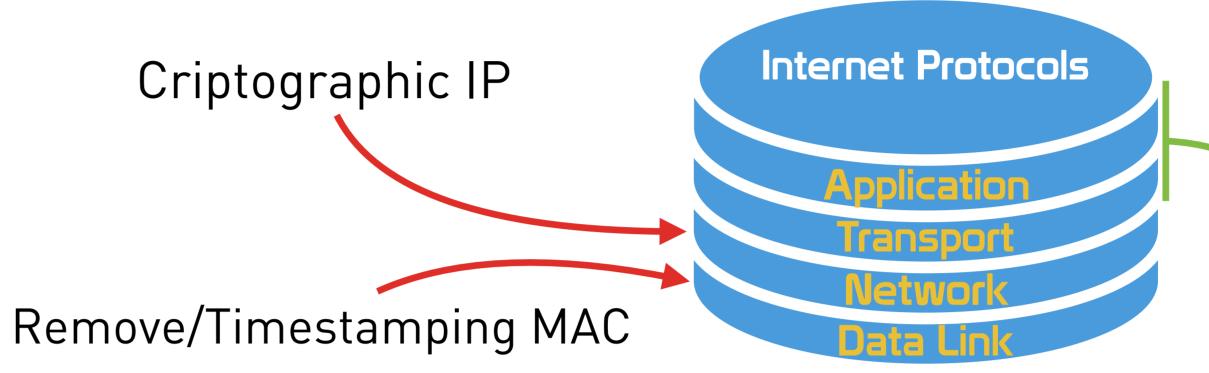
e.g., GDPR

The goal is to perform analysis without leaking sensitive information.

Requirements & Configuration

Our solution satisfies three requirements:

• It **automatically** searches for protocol fields that can be linked to **particular users**;

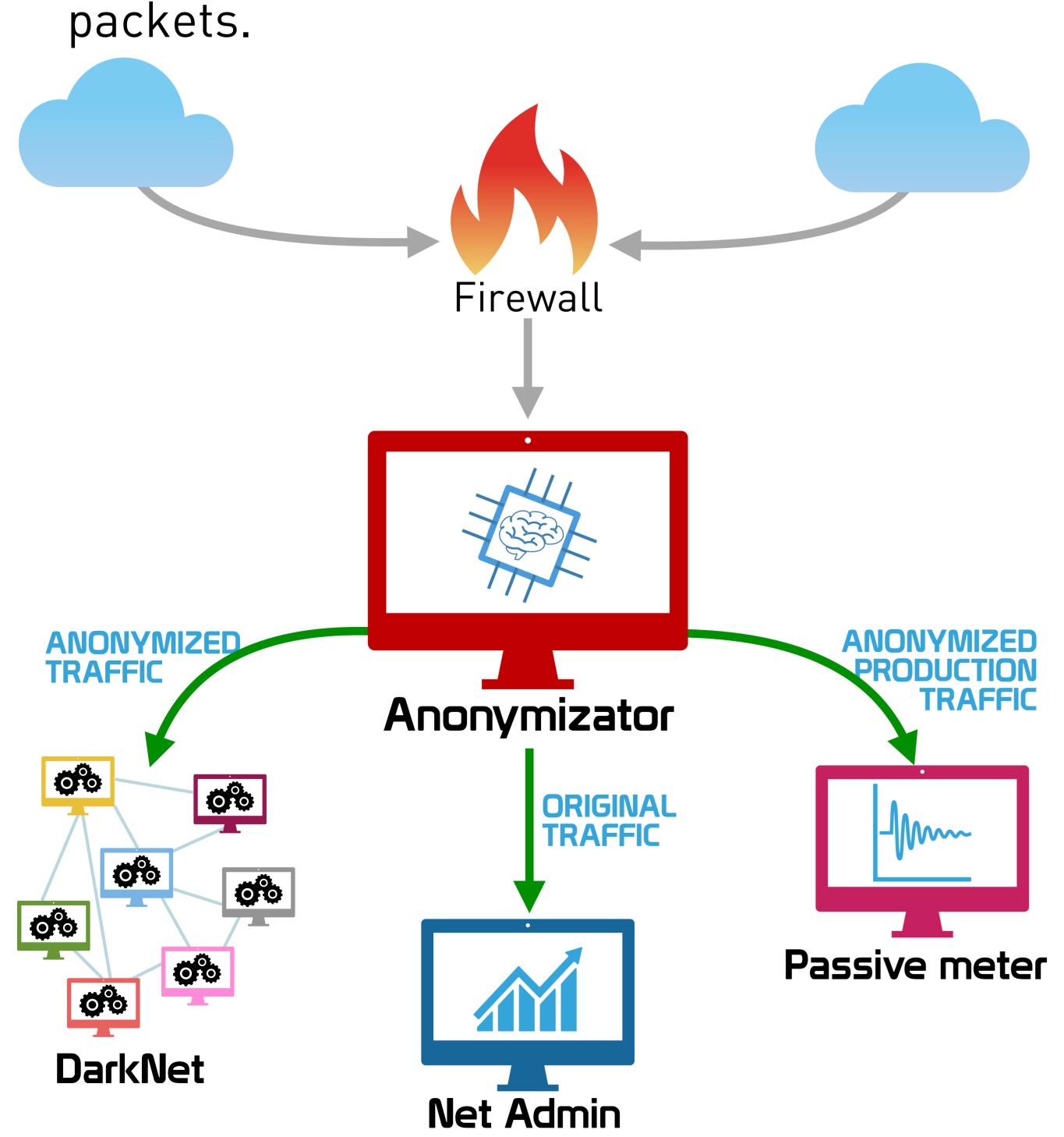


- It anonymizes at **different layers** (e.g. / employing **k-anonymization** algorithms)
 - Stateful approach is needed
- It is **light-weight** and **scales with the number of cores**.

Architecture

Our prototype is **deployed** in a **campus network**. It is able to:

- handle multiple 10~Gb/s links with zero packet loss;
 - Packet capture based on DPDK
- performing **several anonymization** steps on nackets



• Configurable input/output interfaces

Performance

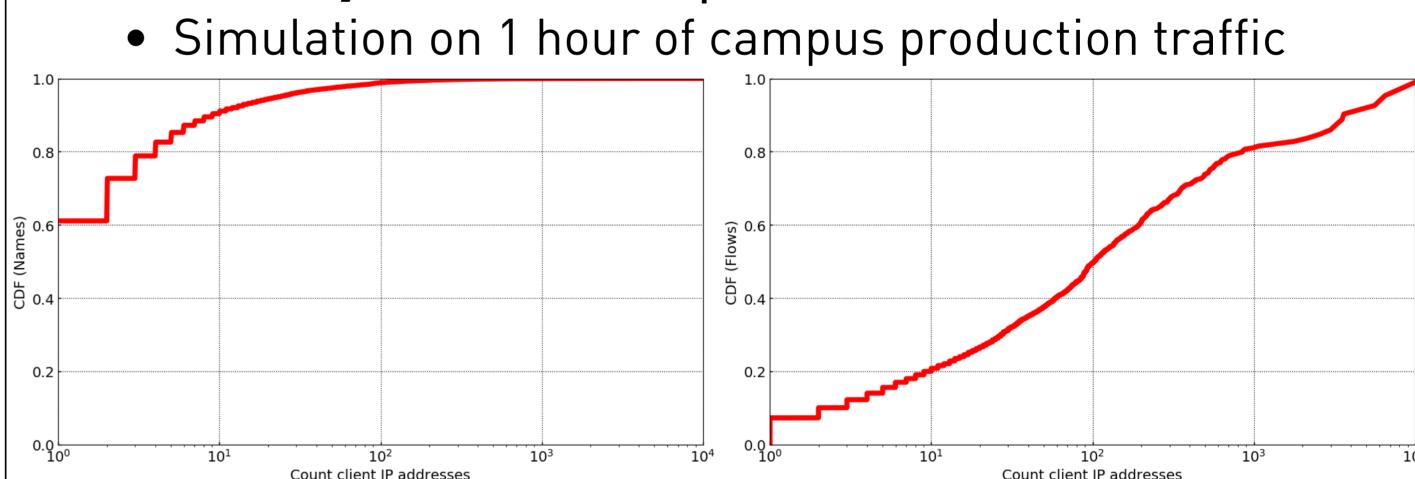
• Cores required for 20Gb/s and 40Gb/s output:

Production Traffic

Fan-in=1/Fan-out=4

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Conclusions and future work

- We are implementing k-anonymization approaches to perform selective anonymization of sensitive fields;
- **Obfuscate** only cases where the **information helps to uncover users** behind the traffic;

Open Source

- Increase scalability;
- **Distributed** architecture.