

# Privacy-preserving network monitoring at high-speed

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**Internet Protocols** 

## Motivation and background

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



## **Requirements & Configuration**

Our solution satisfies **three requirements**:

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

Criptographic IP



Traffic analyzers must respect Privacy Regulations e.g., GDPR

The goal is to perform analysis **without leaking sensitive information**.



Remove/Timestamping MAC

- 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** 

### Performance

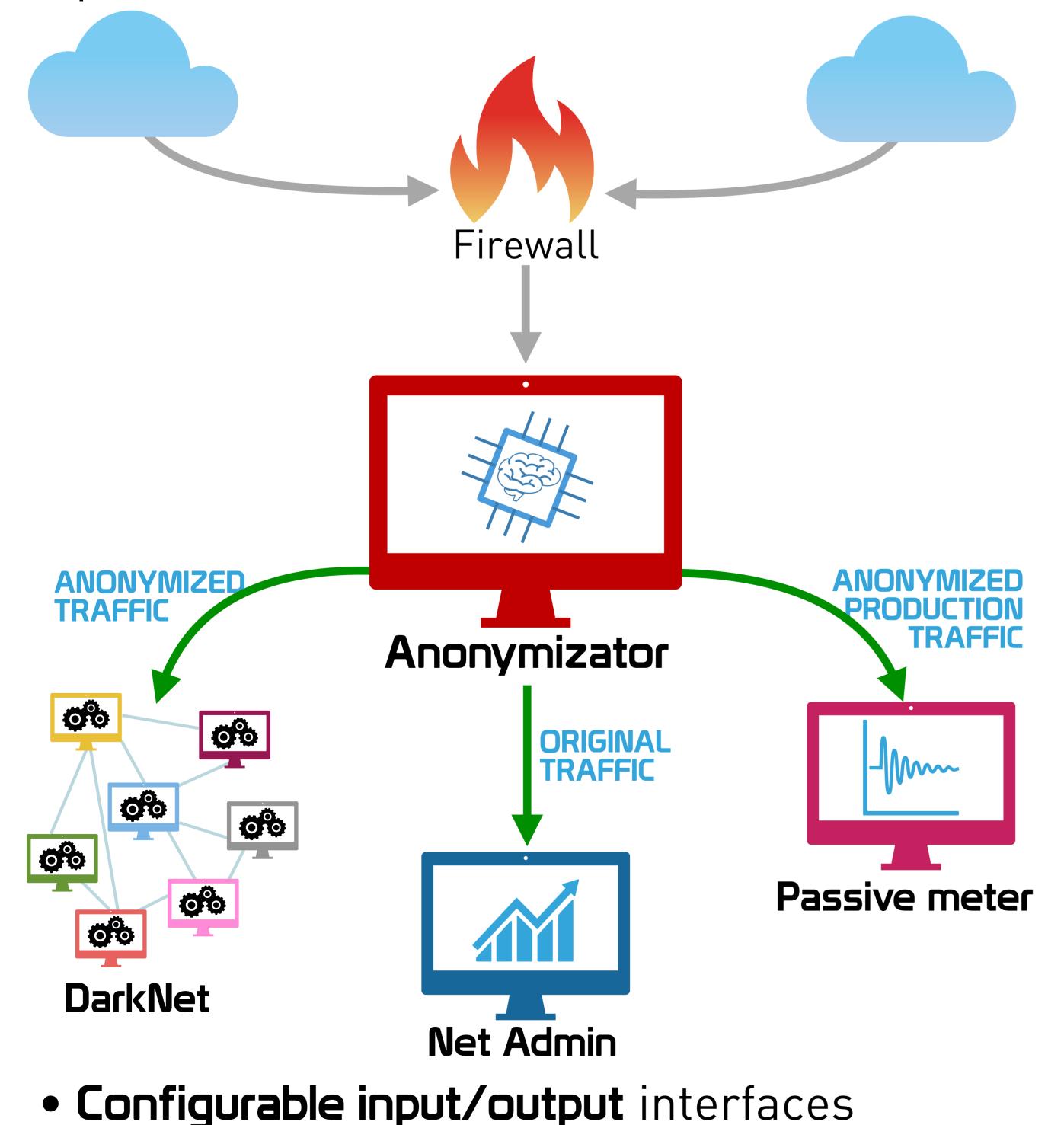
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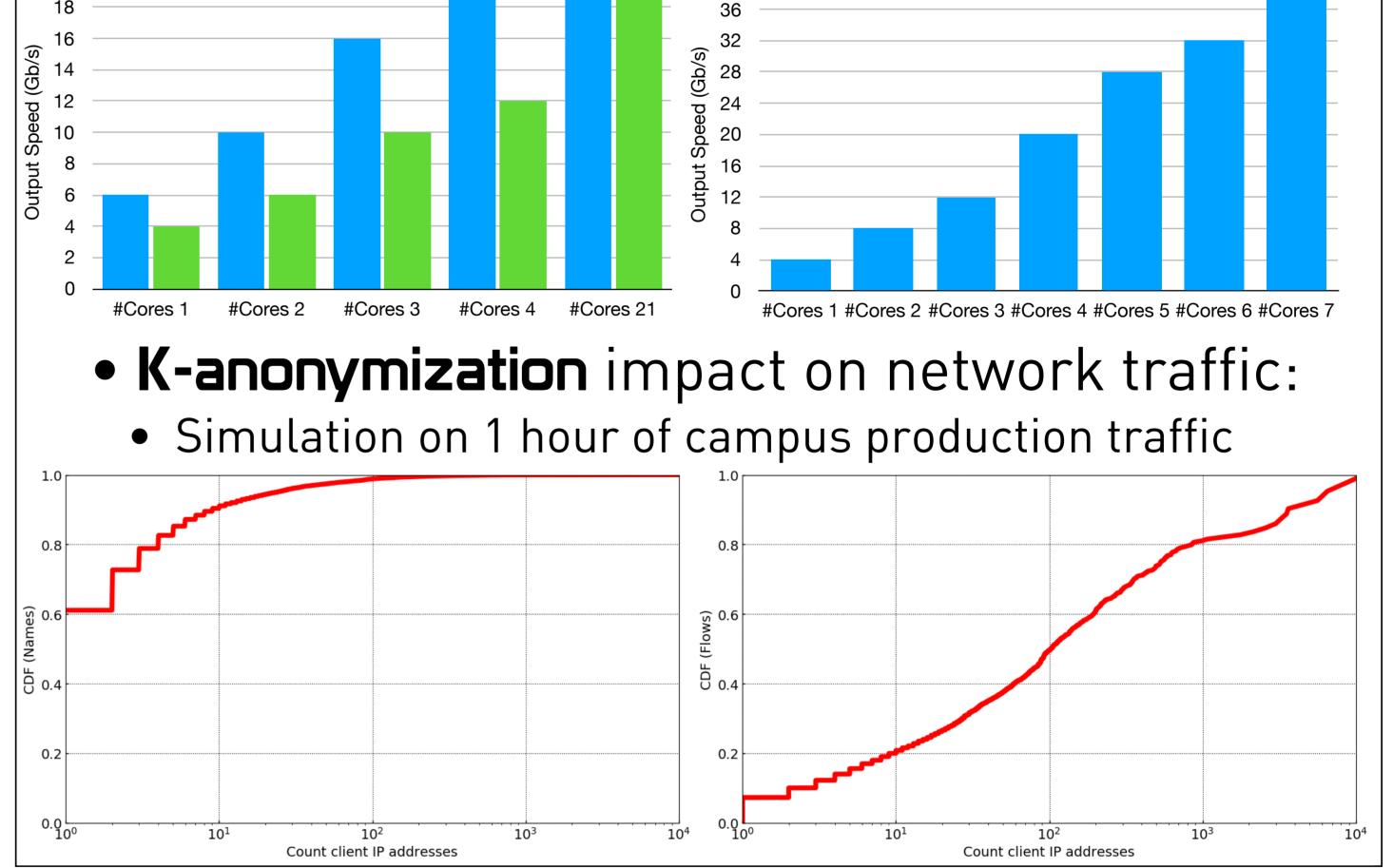
Cores required for 20Gb/s and 40Gb/s
 output: Production Traffic
 Worst Case Traffic

Fan-in=1/Fan-out=2		Fan-in=1/Fan-out=4
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#### packet loss;

- Packet capture based on DPDK
- performing several anonymization steps on packets.





#### 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;
Increase scalability;

• **Distributed** architecture.

