



# Machine Learning with Networking Data

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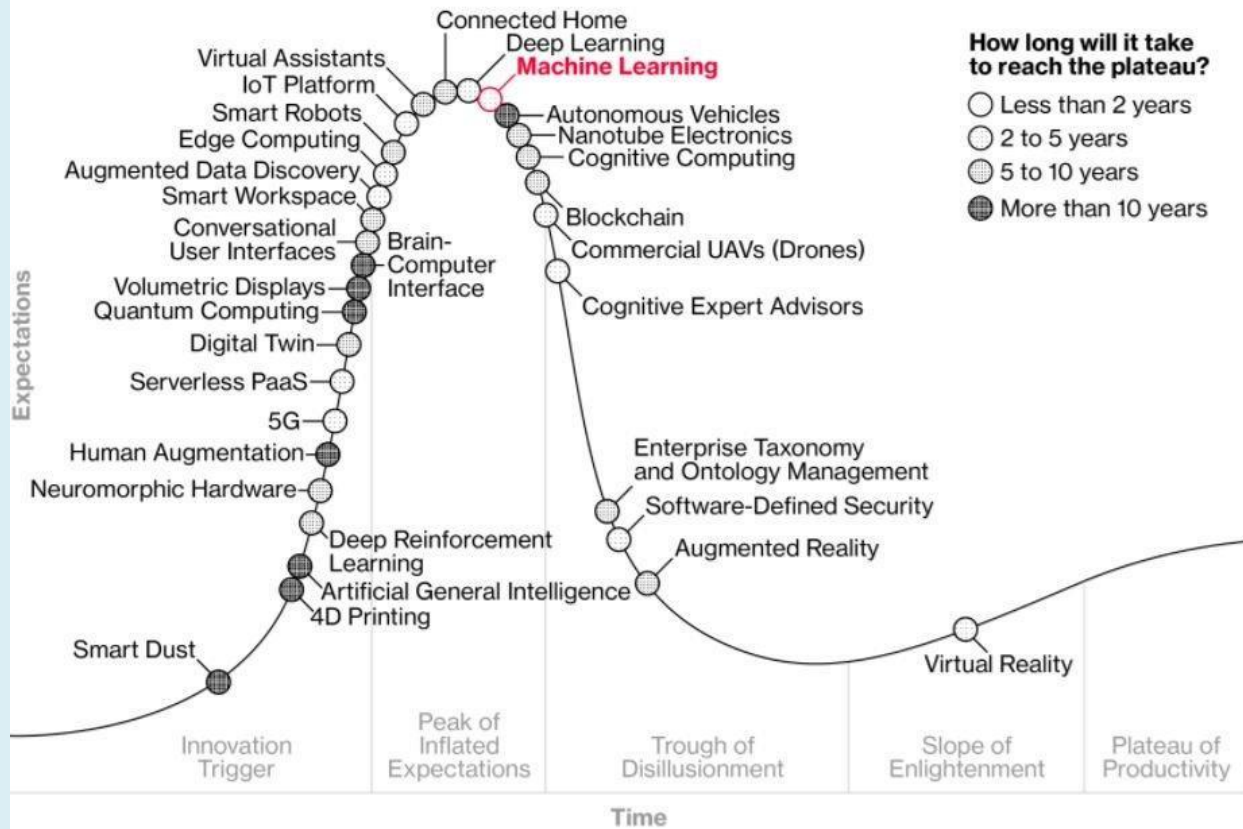
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## Don't Believe the Hype

Machine learning heading towards the "trough of disillusionment"

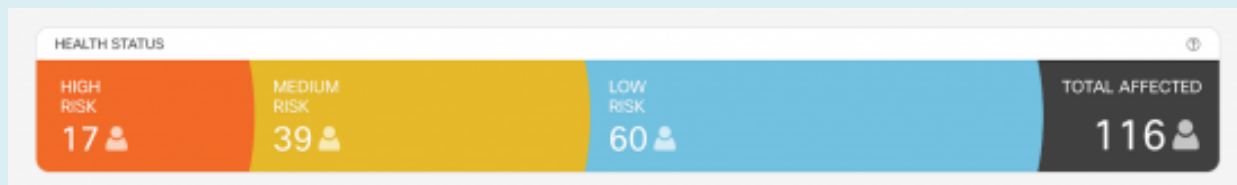


Source: Gartner Hype Cycle for Emerging Technologies, 2017

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# Why Use Machine Learning?

- Effective and adaptive pattern mining
  - “Learn” as the Data or Patterns Change
  - Scale with Your Data
- Feature-extraction
  - Network Engineer Knowledge
  - Security Research
  - Statistical Variables
- Wide Variety of Algorithms and Architectures
  - Supervised, Semisupervised and Unsupervised
  - Ability to Adapt Your Target

# What Networking Problems Can ML Help?

- Network Security
  - Malicious Traffic Detection
  - Malware Identification
  - Data Loss Prevention
- Traffic Classification
  - Application Identification
  - QoS Policies
  - Traffic Engineering
- Optimization / Predictive Maintenance
- Log Analysis

- Decision on DCSO strategy
- Specification of DCSO services by cross-company working groups
- Trustworthy information exchange
- Max. 30 members



- Advisory Board members
- Enterprises and their supply chain partners
- Public sector



- Governance of security critical and highly sensitive information in the area of cyber security

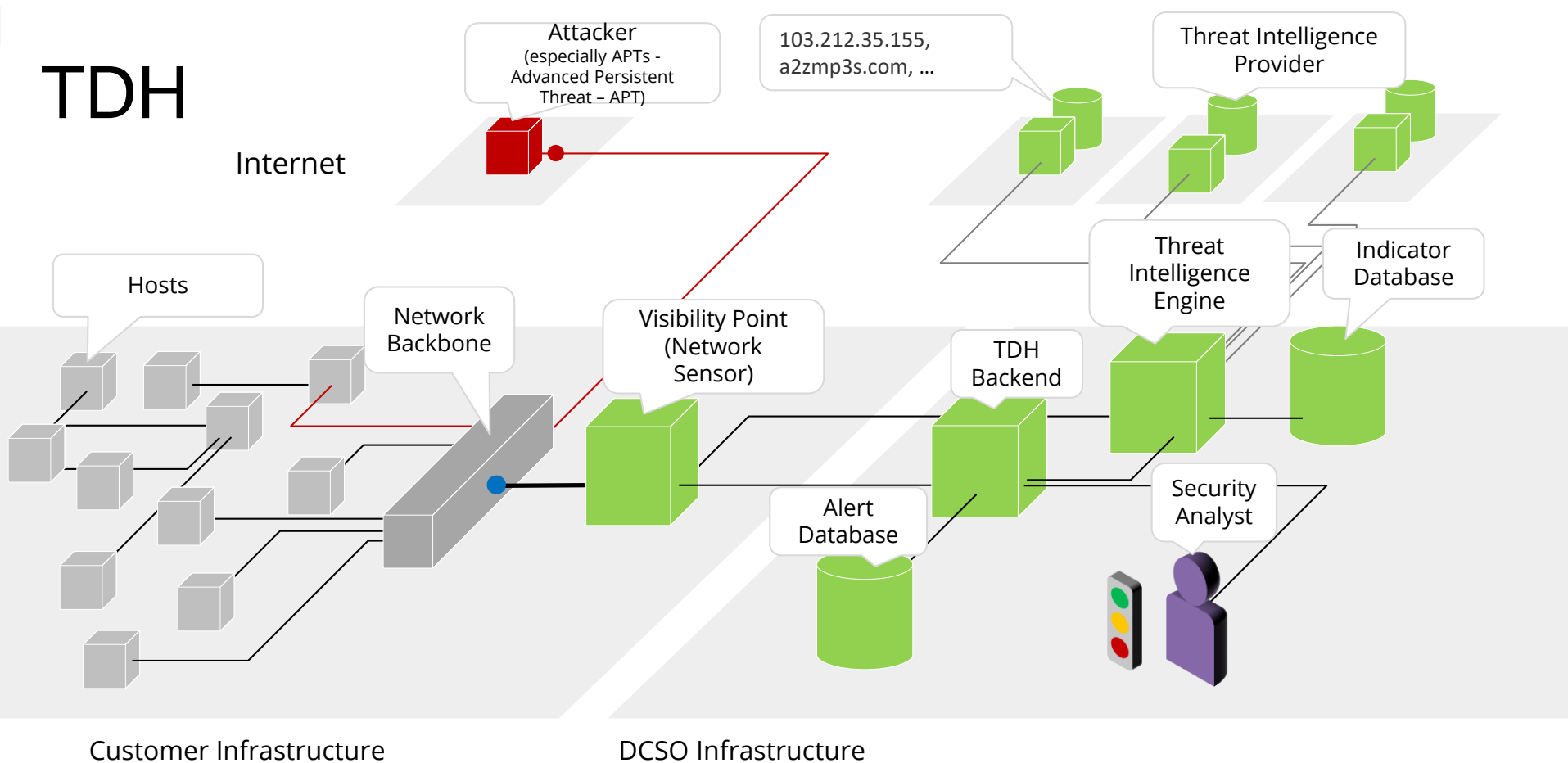


- Founded 11/2015 in Berlin by
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- Not aiming at profit maximization
- ~100 employees

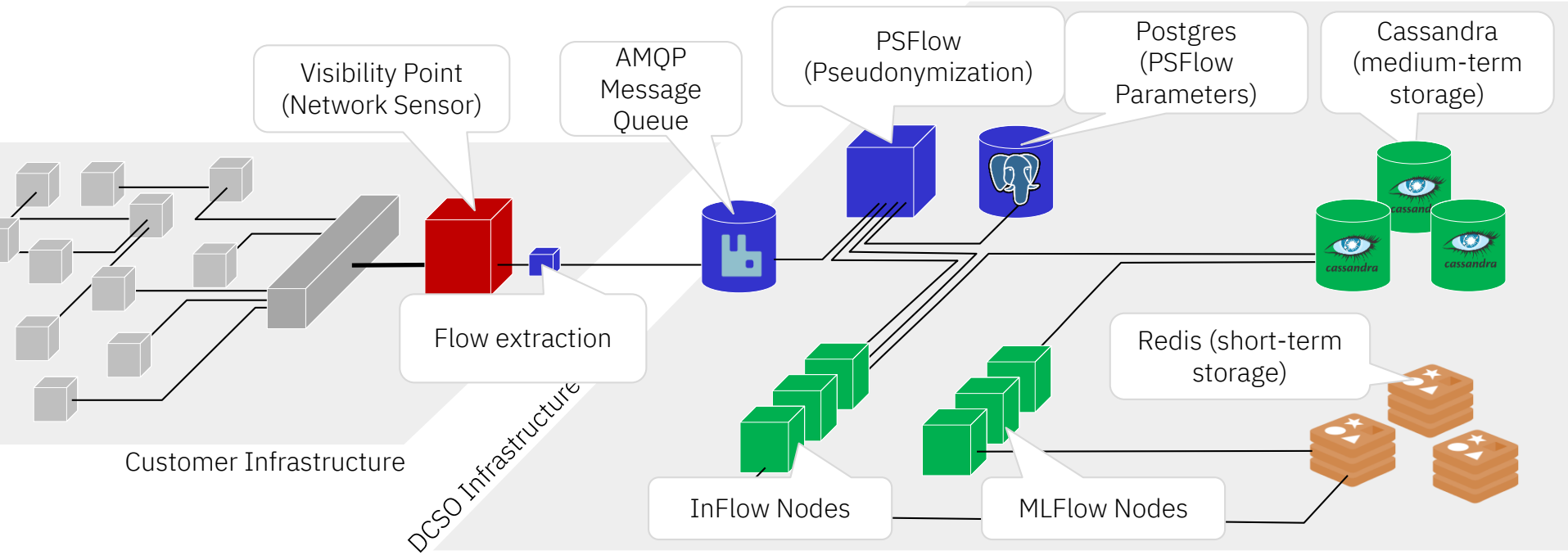


- Community
- (Research) partners
- Computer Emergency Response Teams (CERTs) groups
- NGOs

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# Setup For ML-Based Flow Analysis

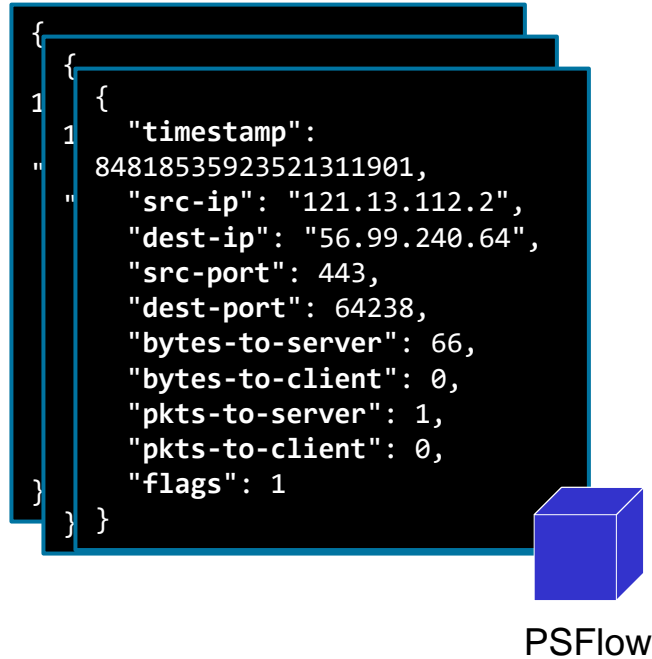




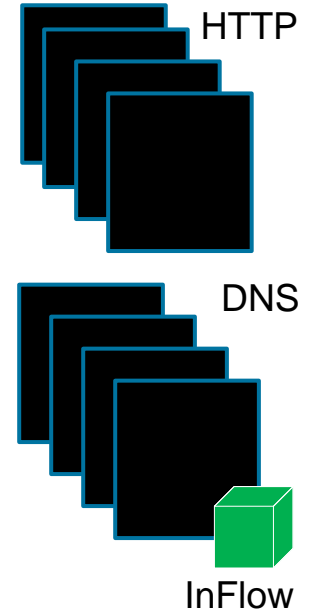
# Feature Engineering – Part 1



Collect flows from network sensors / endpoints

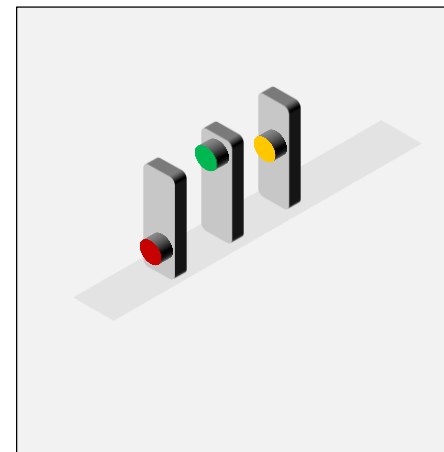
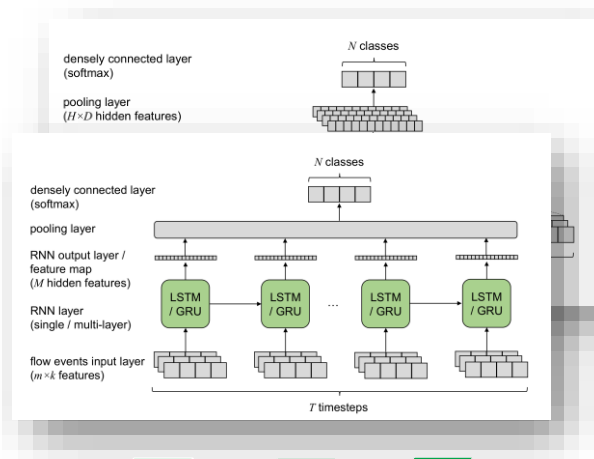
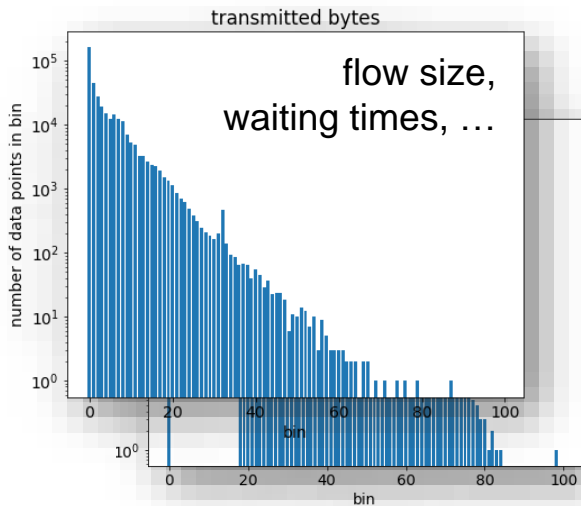


Pseudonymize/anonymize flows on the edge / gateway



Aggregate pseudonymized flows (e.g. by host, protocol, communication pairs, ...)

# Feature Engineering – Part 2



Model 1  ...  ...  Model N

Convert flow sequences to appropriate features, e.g. using one-hot encoding / discretization

Train / execute on a suitable deep-learning model (e.g. for a specific protocol, malware, ...)

Classify flows based on models and feed results back into IDS

# Preliminary Results: Protocol Classification

Training with labeled flow data of finite length (e.g. 128 time steps).

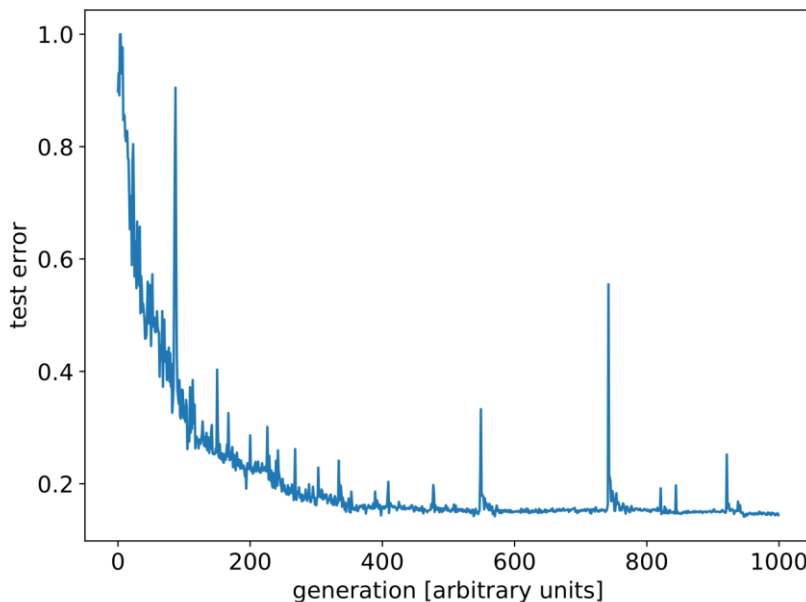
Architecture is able to learn characteristics of individual protocols. Error rate can be asymptotically reduced by averaging over time.

Comparable performance to statistics-based approaches, but more flexible.

## So what?

To build real-world models, large data sets of labeled flows are necessary.

**We need more & better data!**

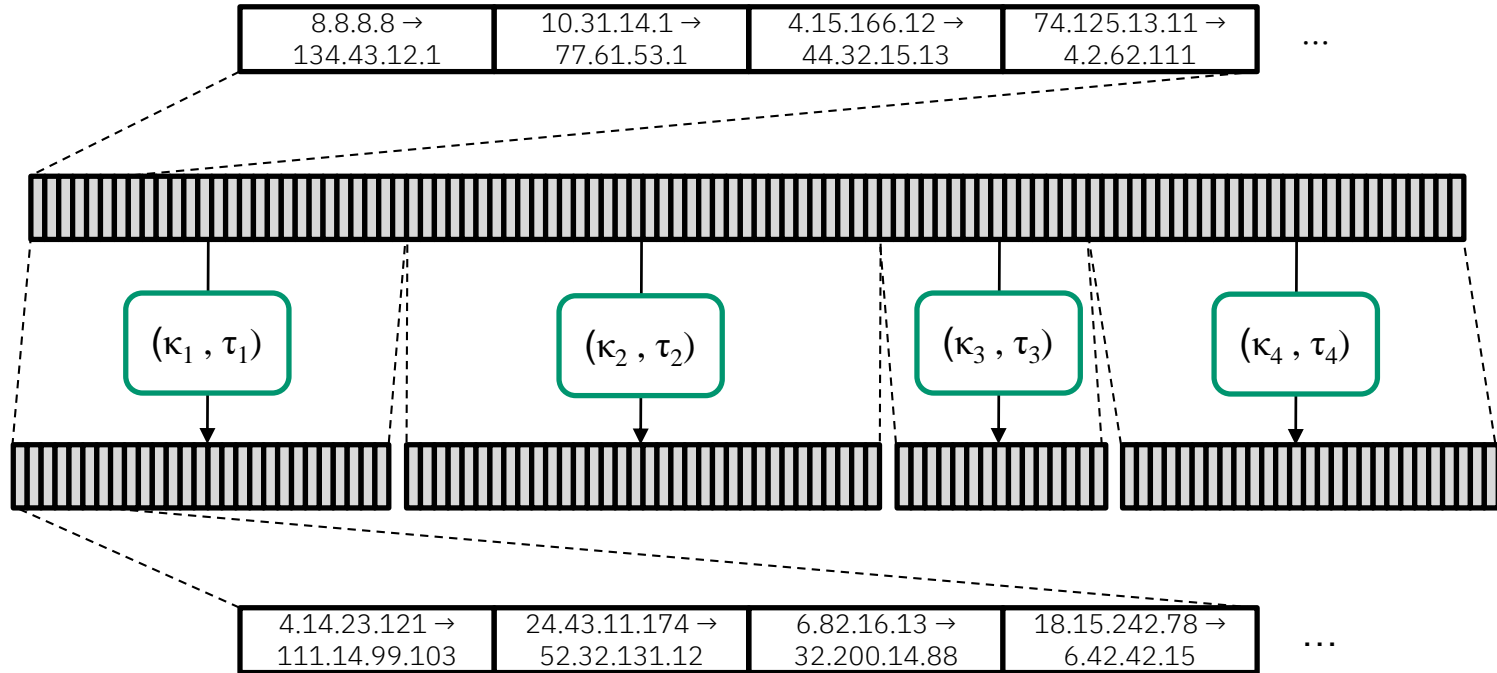


(detailed analysis & paper coming 2019)

# Privacy Concerns

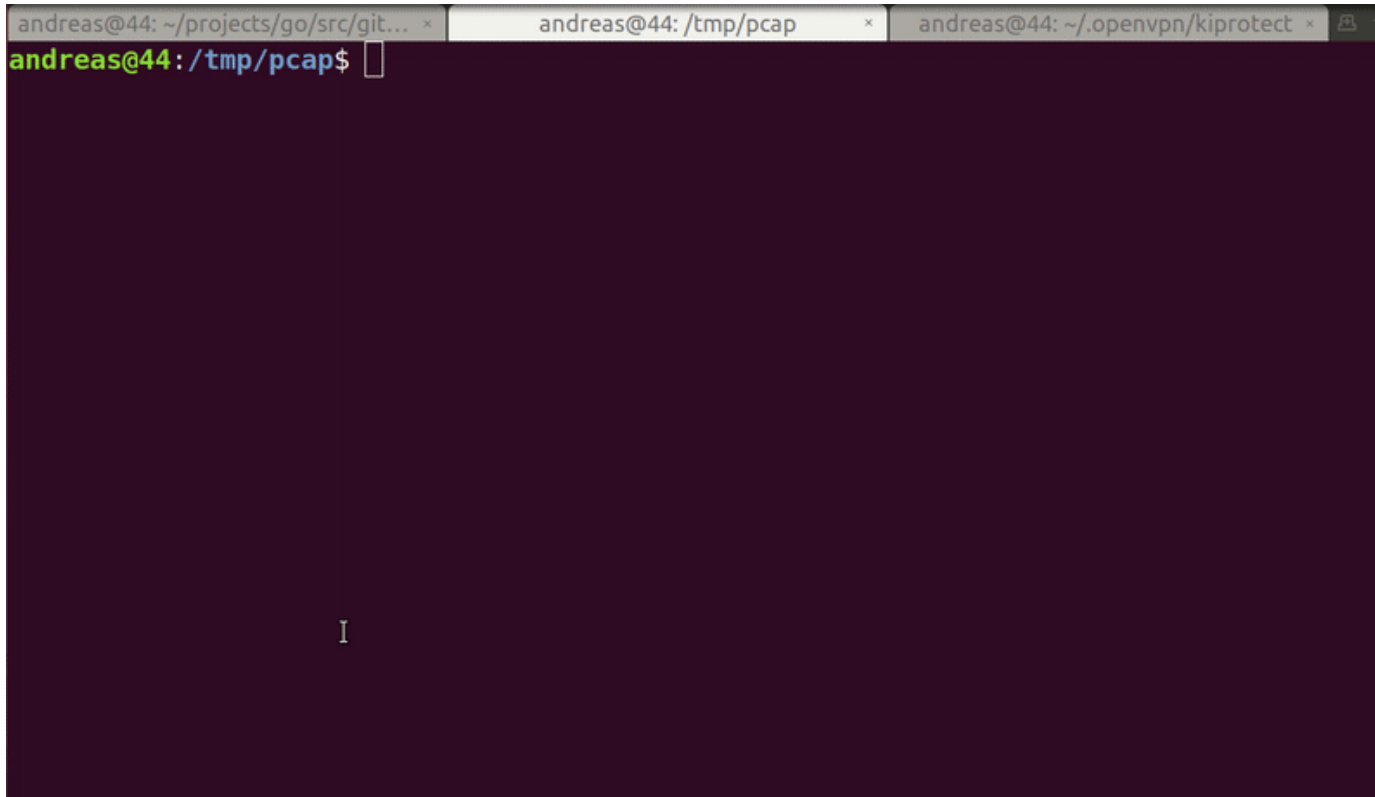
- Ability to Recover Secrets from Machine Learning Models
- Sharing with Other Networks / Providers
- Utilizing Cloud Data Analysis tools and vendors
- GDPR

# Cryptographic Flow Pseudonymization



$(\kappa, \tau)$  – anonymized flow data

# Secure PCAP Sharing

A terminal window with a dark purple background. The title bar shows three tabs: 'andreas@44: ~/projects/go/src/git...', 'andreas@44: /tmp/pcap', and 'andreas@44: ~/.openvpn/kiprotect'. The main content area shows the prompt 'andreas@44: /tmp/pcap\$' followed by a cursor. A small white cursor is visible in the lower-left quadrant of the terminal area.

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<https://kiprotect.com/product/ipprotect.html>

# ML for Networks: Yes, We Can!

- Despite the hype, Machine Learning can help with real networking problems
- Defining your problem, determining what algorithms to use and gathering data (and, if needed, labeling the data) are required
- Pseudonymization is an effective privacy-preserving method for IP addresses, and using a structure-preserving pseudonymization allows for data utility

# Thank you!

Questions? We'd Love to hear them!

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