# Paper Review - TFHM : A Traffic Feature Hiding Scheme Based on Generative Adversarial Networks



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### **Selected Paper**

# TFHM: A Traffic Feature Hiding Scheme Based on Generative Adversarial Networks

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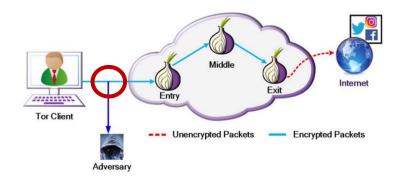




# TFHM: A Traffic Feature Hiding Scheme Based on Generative Adversarial Networks

#### **Problem**

- Privacy leakage (encrypted traffic)
- Difficult to implement traffic features hiding mechanisms





# **TFHM: A Traffic Feature Hiding Scheme Based on Generative Adversarial Networks**

#### **Motivation**

- Current defense schemes lack dynamics
- Most schemes lose defense ability

#### Contribution

• A dynamic traffic feature hiding technology for traffic analysis (TFHM)





# **TFHM: A Traffic Feature Hiding Scheme Based on Generative Adversarial Networks**

#### **Background**

- Adversarial Examples (AML)
- Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs)





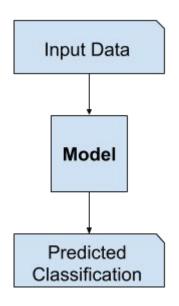
#### GAN

- Generative modeling
- Unsupervised learning
- Based on minimax game-theory
- Generate or output new examples

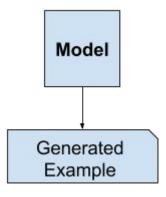




### **Generative Adversarial Network (GAN) - Explained**



Supervised (Discriminative)



Unsupervised (Generative)





Overview of GAN Structure



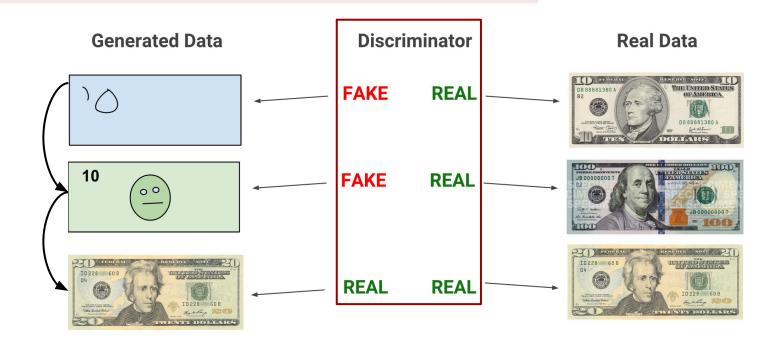


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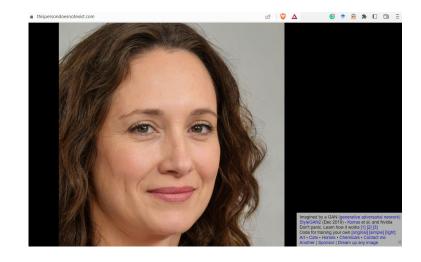


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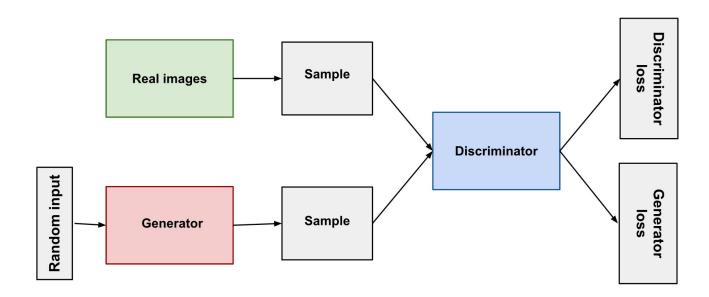






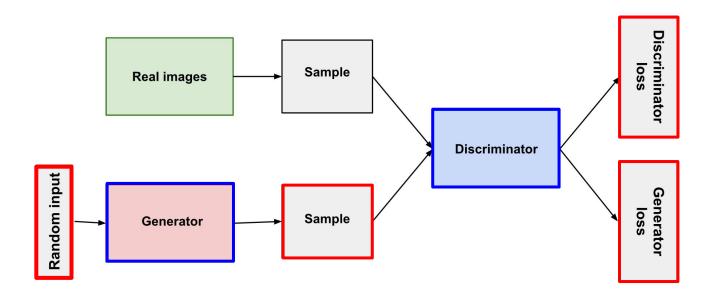






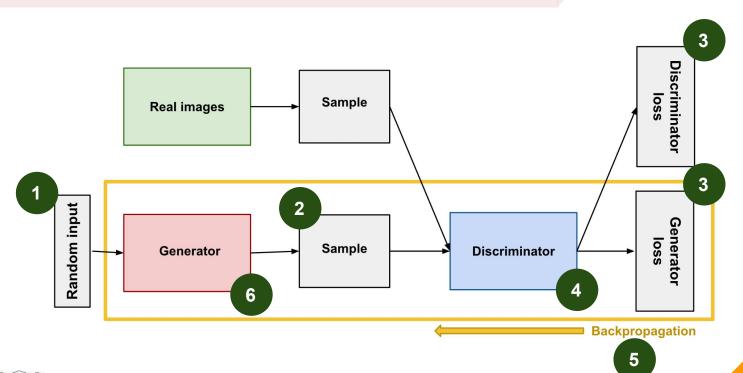




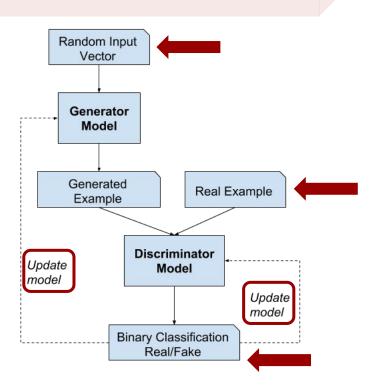






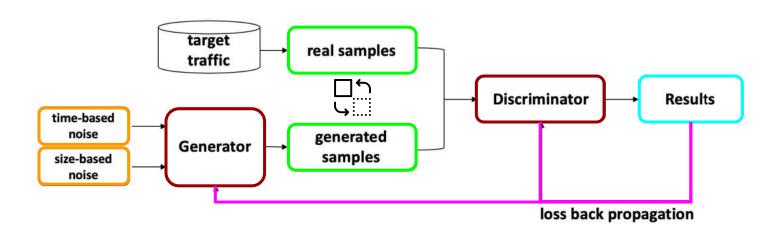




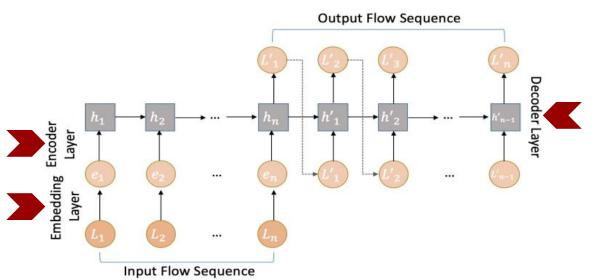












#### **Generator model structure**

Seq2Seq model

3 layer (Embedding, encoder, decoder)



#### **Discriminator model structure**

Multilayer fully connected network

SIGMOD classification





#### **Model solution**

Minimax game-theory

#### Algorithm 1 Traffic feature hiding based on GAN

**Input:** Traffic features from the training set, where is one flow feature including packet sizes sequence and IPDs sequence.

Output: A trained traffic feature generator.

- 1: function TRAINALGORITHM
- Intialize a generator G with parameters and a discriminator D with parameters, maximum number of iterations MAXEPOCH.
- 3: Current iteration number,  $epoch \leftarrow 1$ .
- 4: while epoch < MAXEPOCH do
- 5: **for**  $i = 0 \rightarrow step$ **do**
- $x \leftarrow$  a batch of m training samples from.
- :  $z \leftarrow a$  batch of m generated samples from random noise
- 8:  $z^{'} \leftarrow$  sample data generated by the generation model based on seq-2-seq
- 9: Update the generator with Adam algorithm by descending the generator's loss:
- 10:  $J_G = -E_m[D_\omega G_\theta(z))]$
- 11: Use the discriminator network to distinguish the generated samples and real samples.
- 12: Update the discriminator with Adam algorithm by descending the discriminator's loss:

13: 
$$J_D = E_m[D_\omega G_\theta(z)) - D_\omega(x) + \lambda(||)]$$

- 14: end for
- 5: end while
- 16: return
- 17: end function





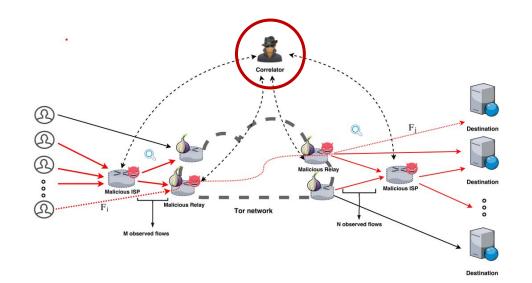
### Threat model and dataset

DeepCorr
 Inter-packet delay
 Packet size

https://github.com/SPIN-UMass/DeepCorr

#### Requirements

tensorflow tqdm pickle numpy







#### ACCURACY OF ATTACKS WITH WITHOUT TFHM

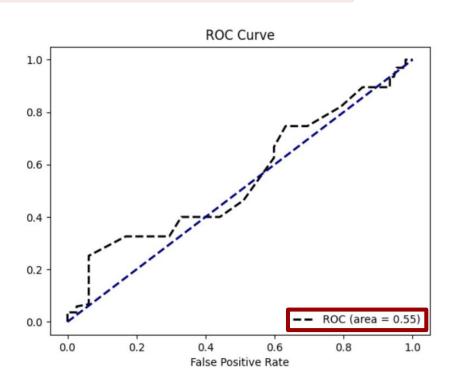
ATTACKS	Acc with TFHM	Acc without TFHM	
Naive Bayes	0.593	0.911	
Decision Tree	0.612	0.936	
SVM	0.569	0.895	
DeepCorr	0.749	0.951	

#### DEFENSE MODEL COMPARISON

Model Name	DeepCorr	Full-Connection Networks	TFHM
Accuracy	0.951	0.843	0.749











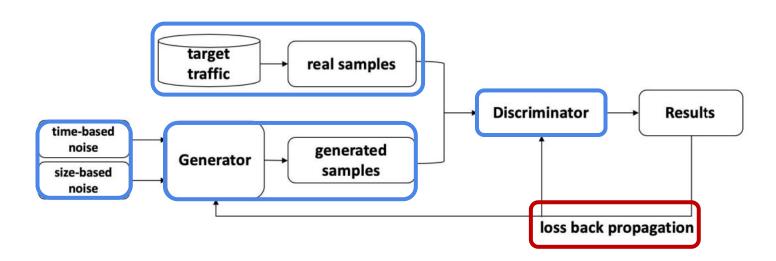
#### Limitations

- Limited features contribute to attackers
- Discriminator optimization
- Hybrid models





#### **Generative Adversarial Networks Framework**





# Generative Adversarial Networks (GAN) Possibilities

- Deep-learning-based unsupervised framework
- Generated data similar to real data
  - Full datasets
  - Balance existing datasets





- Difficult to train
- Unfeasible for real-time or near-real-time applications
- New threats probably require new models
- Does not tackle the threats identification problem





# **Problems regarding the Project**







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