

# FlowBundle

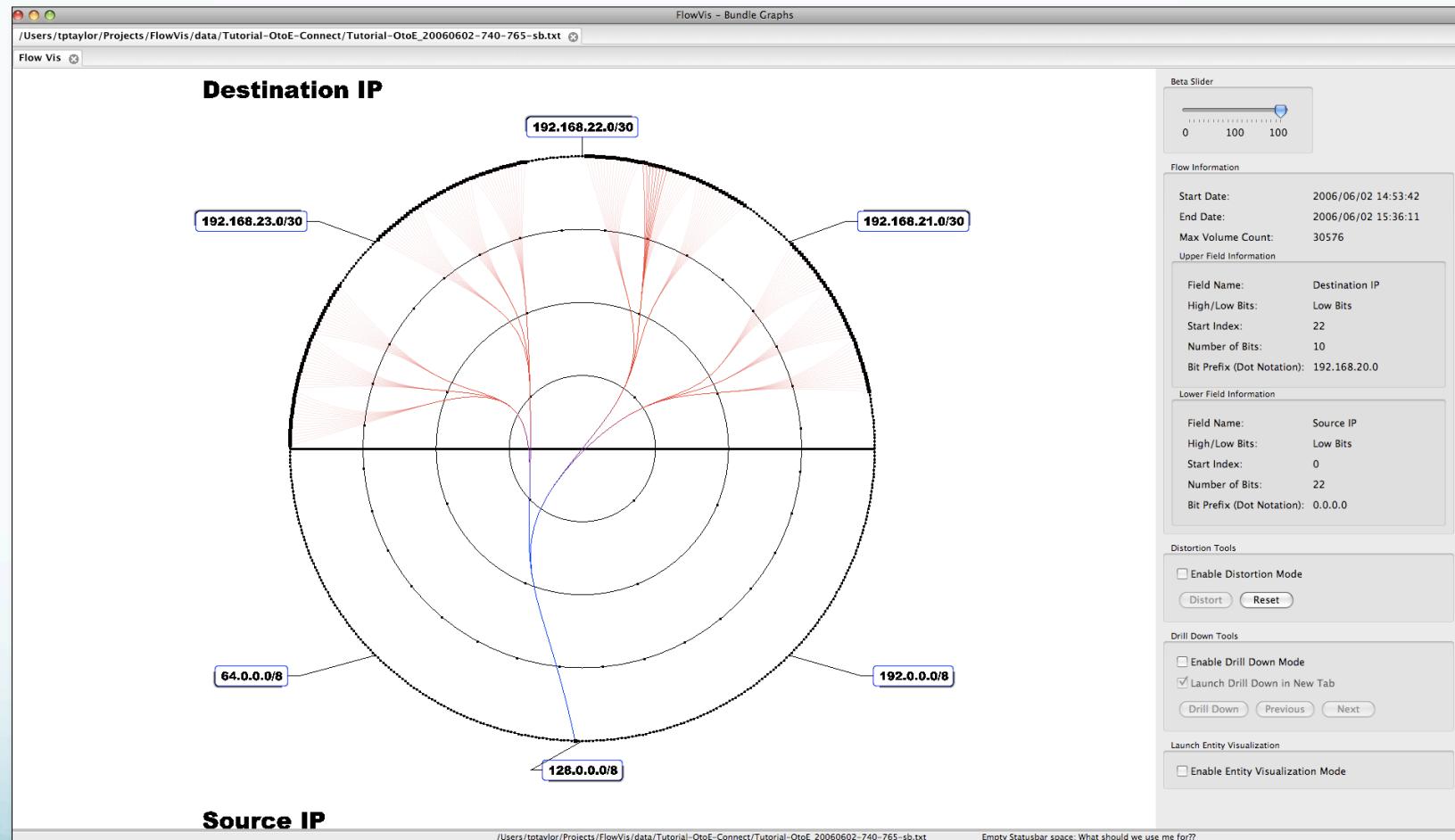
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# Purpose

- Visualize pair-wise data attributes from a Netflow record (e.g. source host/network vs destination host/network).
- Deal with some key issues facing current connection-based visualizations: occlusion, drill down, labeling, etc
- Incorporate other interactive features and visualizations



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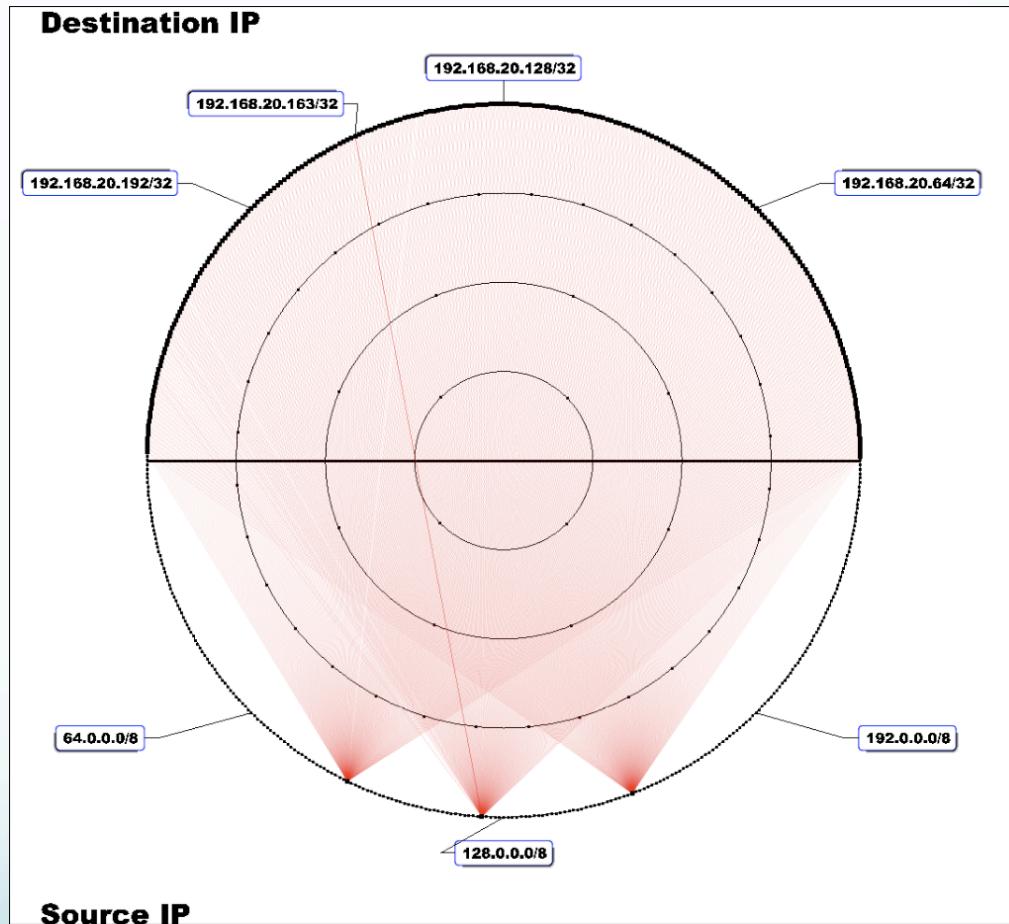


# Data Considerations

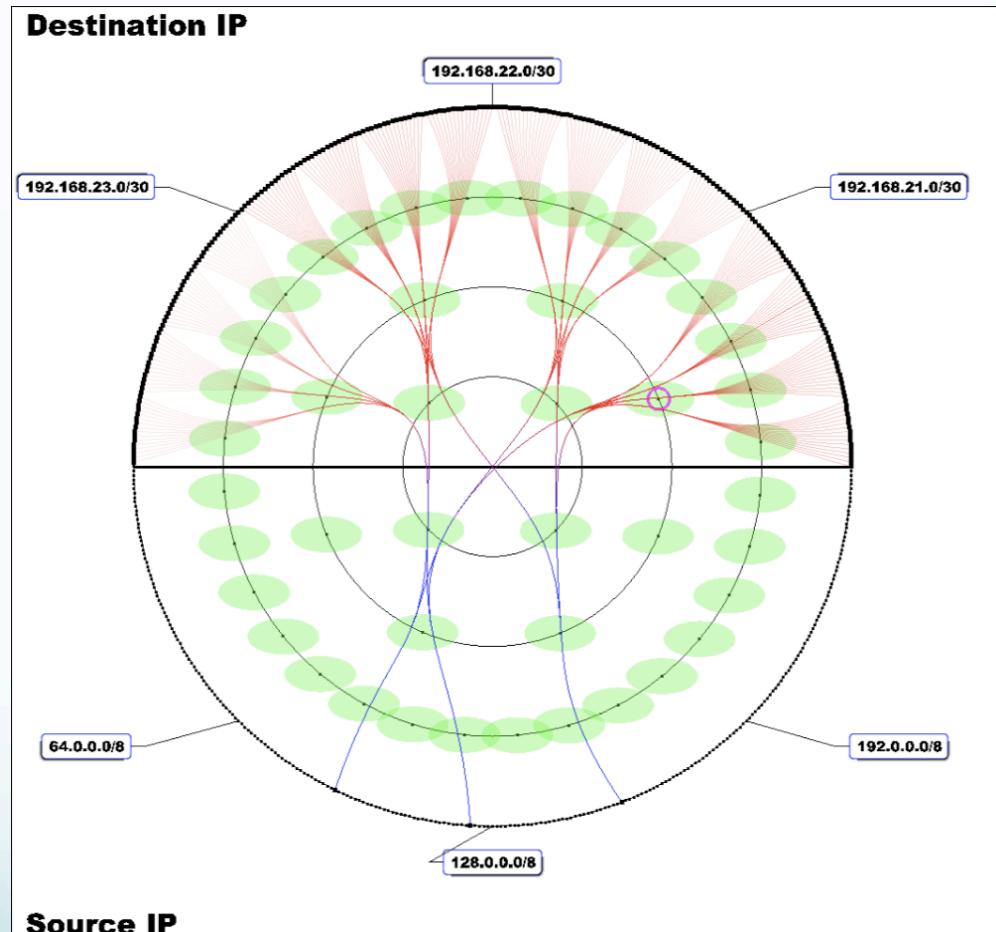
- Takes a SiLK bag indexed by portions of any two scalar fields from NetFlow
- Total length of scalars must add to 32 bits
  - e.g. Top 16 bits of source address/Lower 16 bits of destination address
- Working towards creating full 64 bit indexes for full connections
- Bag counts the number of flows/bytes/packets for the index over a specified time period (hours or days)



# Bundle Loosening



# Drill Down



# Drill Down Cont'd

Scalar Field (e.g.  
source address)

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 0 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 0 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |



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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 0 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |



Shift window over by one bit  
with a mask prefix of 1

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 0 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
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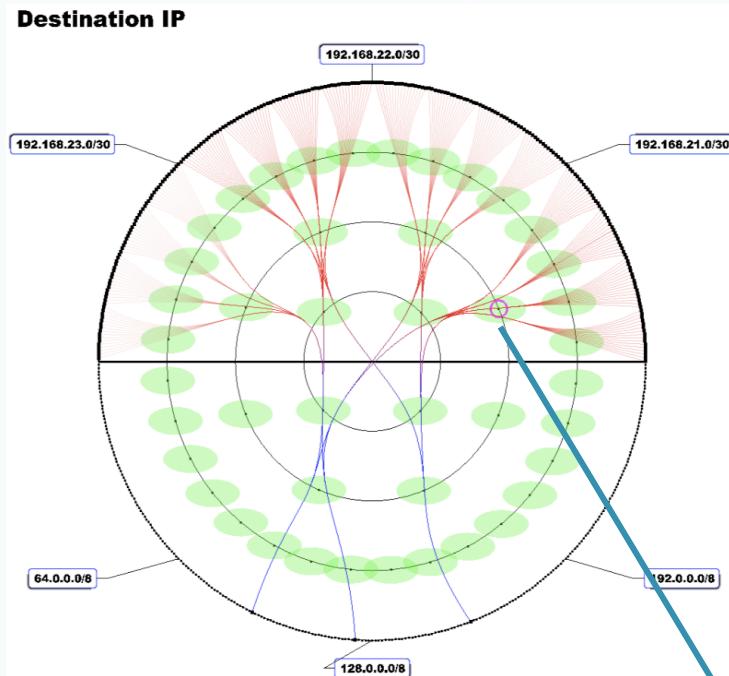


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| 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
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Filtered out because  
first bit is 0 instead of 1



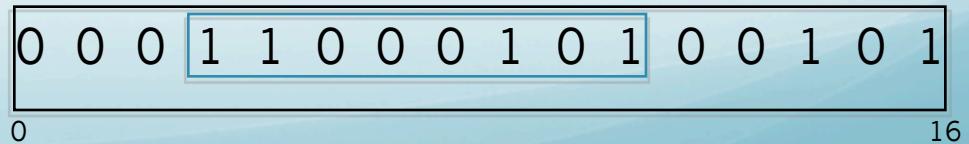
# Drill Down cont'd



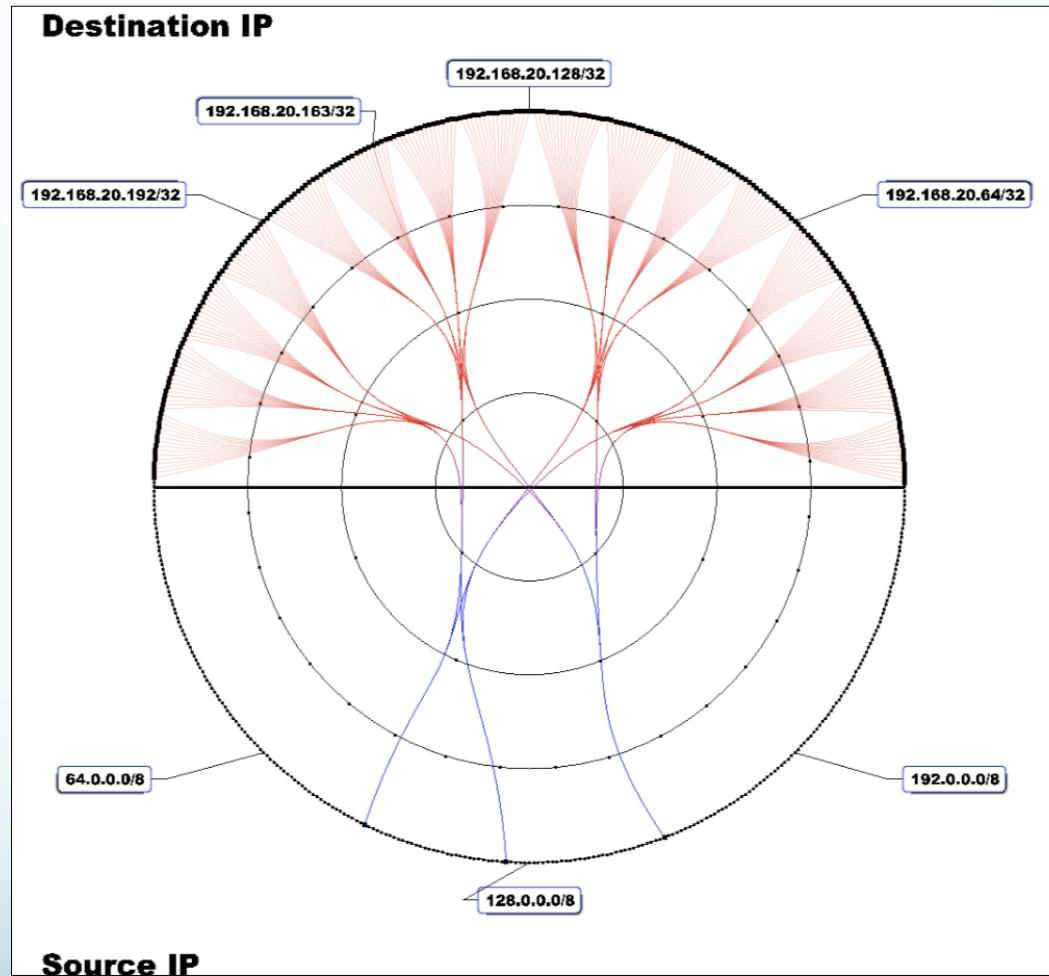
Clicking on this node is equivalent to  
Bit mask: 000 ~ Bit Window Length: 3

**Source IP**

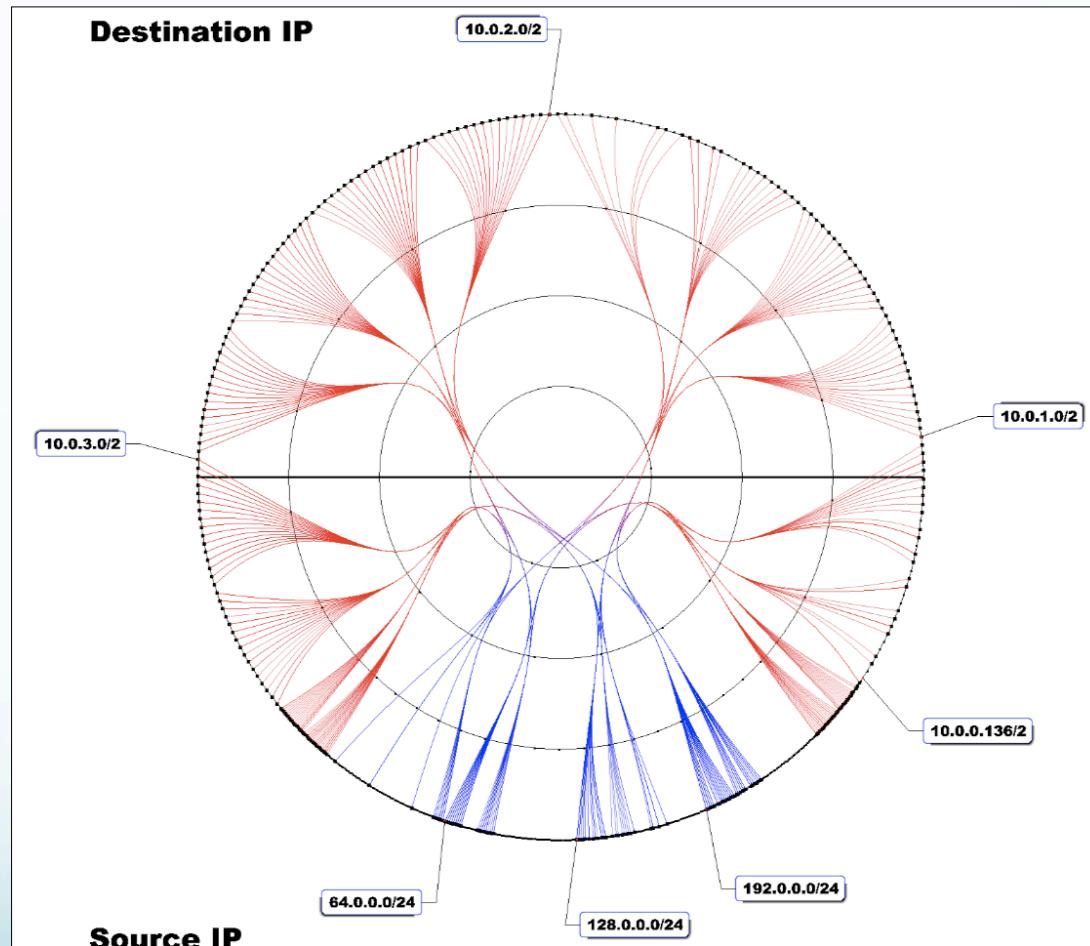
Scalar Field (e.g.  
source address)



# Drill Down Result



# Linear Distortion



# Conclusions

- FlowBundle visualizes interactions between entities on a network
  - Any 32-bit representation (e.g., source ports to dest ports, /16 subnets to dest ports, etc.)
- Utilizes node aggregation, drill down and bundling to minimize occlusion



# Future Work

- Bi-directional flows
- Bundle selection, magnification and filtering

