

NETWORK INTRUSION DETECTION USING GAME THEORY

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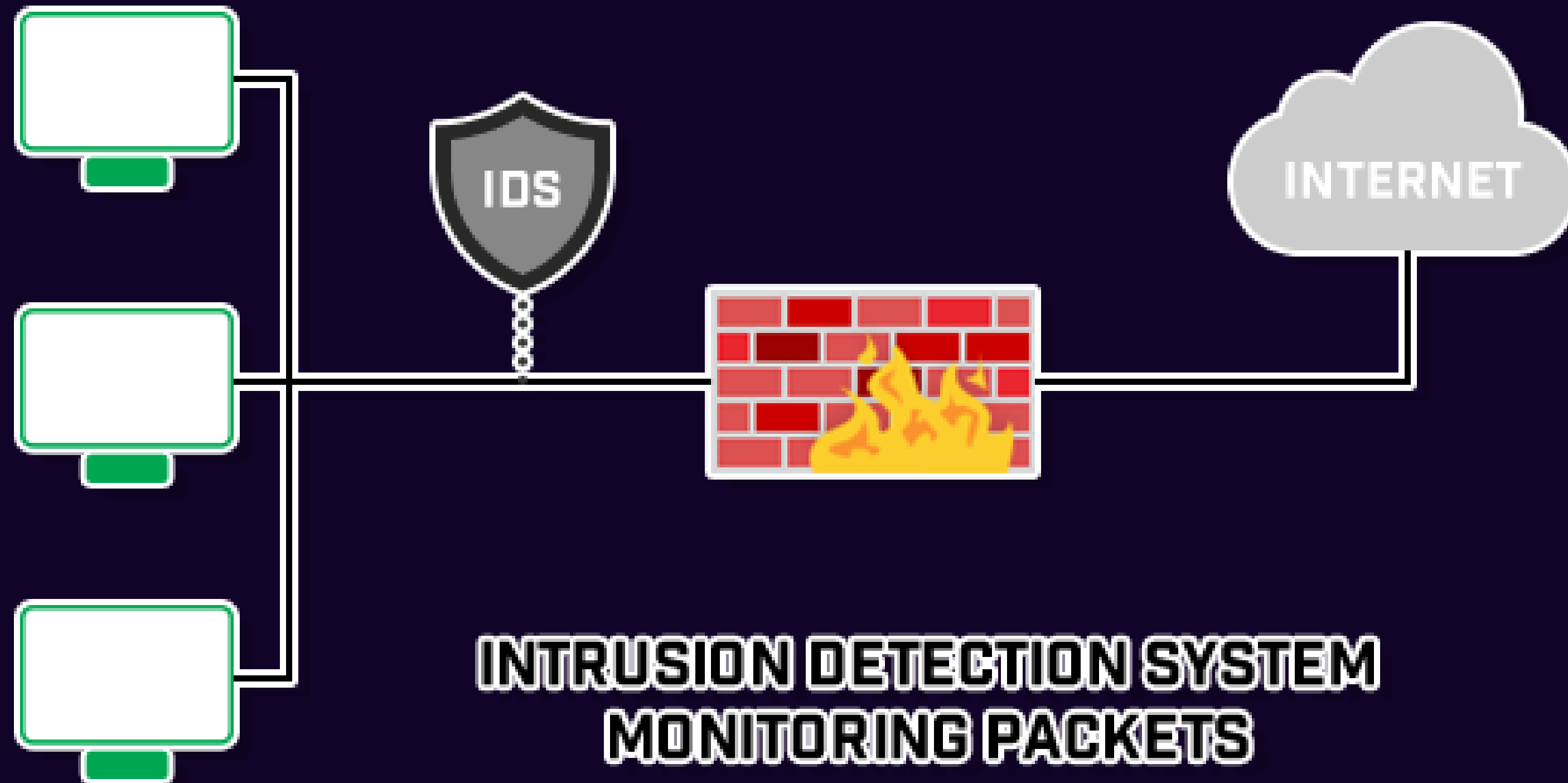
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What is IDS?

A network security technology originally built for detecting vulnerability exploits against a target application or computer.





Network Model & Assumptions

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The network is modeled as a graph $G = (N, E)$

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attack is divided into multiple fragments

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reach the target without being detected

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IDS uses sampling to detect attack fragments





Scenario I Single intruder

- 1 The attacker splits the attack into multiple fragments
- 2 Each fragment is sent through a different path to avoid detection
- 3 at least m out of n fragments are needed to detect an intrusion



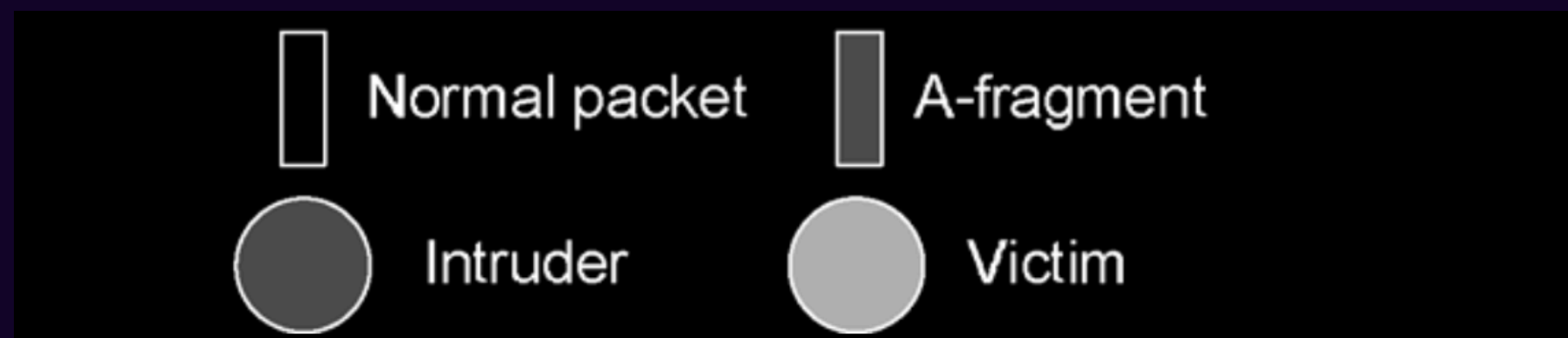
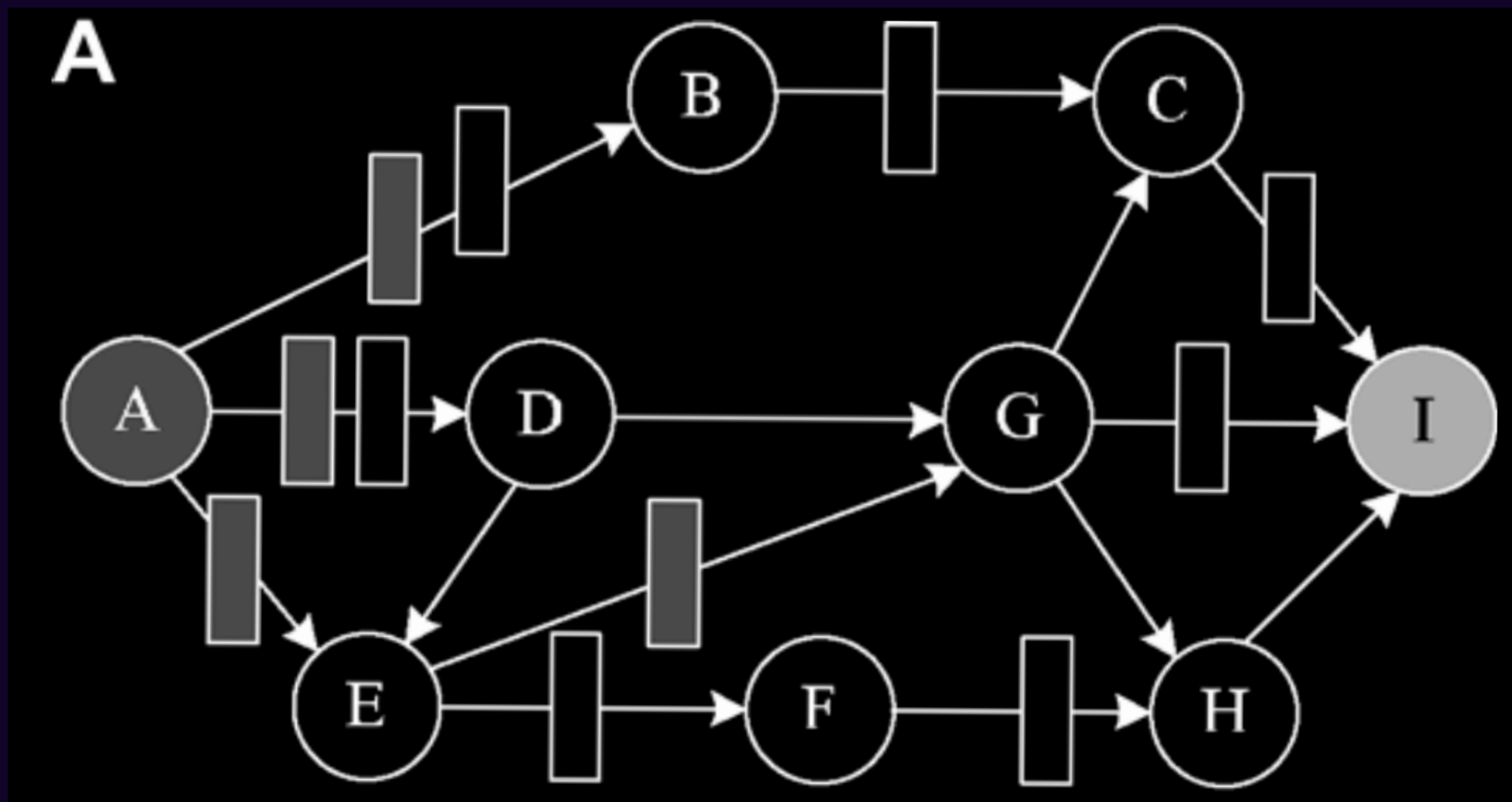
Scenario I Single intruder

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zero-sum two-player
game with

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complete
information about
the players



Game constraints



IDS has a sampling budget

$$\sum_{e \in E} S_e \leq B_s$$

Strategies for the two players

Intruder

$$q_x = (q(P_{1_x}), \dots, q(P_{z_x}))$$

$$\sum_{P \in p_a^t} q(P) = 1$$

IDS

choose the sampling rate

$$\sum_{e \in E} S_e \leq B_s$$

Game formulation

$$\begin{aligned}\theta &= \max_{p \in U} \min_{n \in \mathbb{N}, q \in V} \sum_{i=m}^n \alpha^i \times (1 - \alpha)^{n-i} \\ &= \min_{n \in \mathbb{N}, q \in V} \max_{p \in U} \sum_{i=m}^n \alpha^i \times (1 - \alpha)^{n-i},\end{aligned}$$

equilibrium

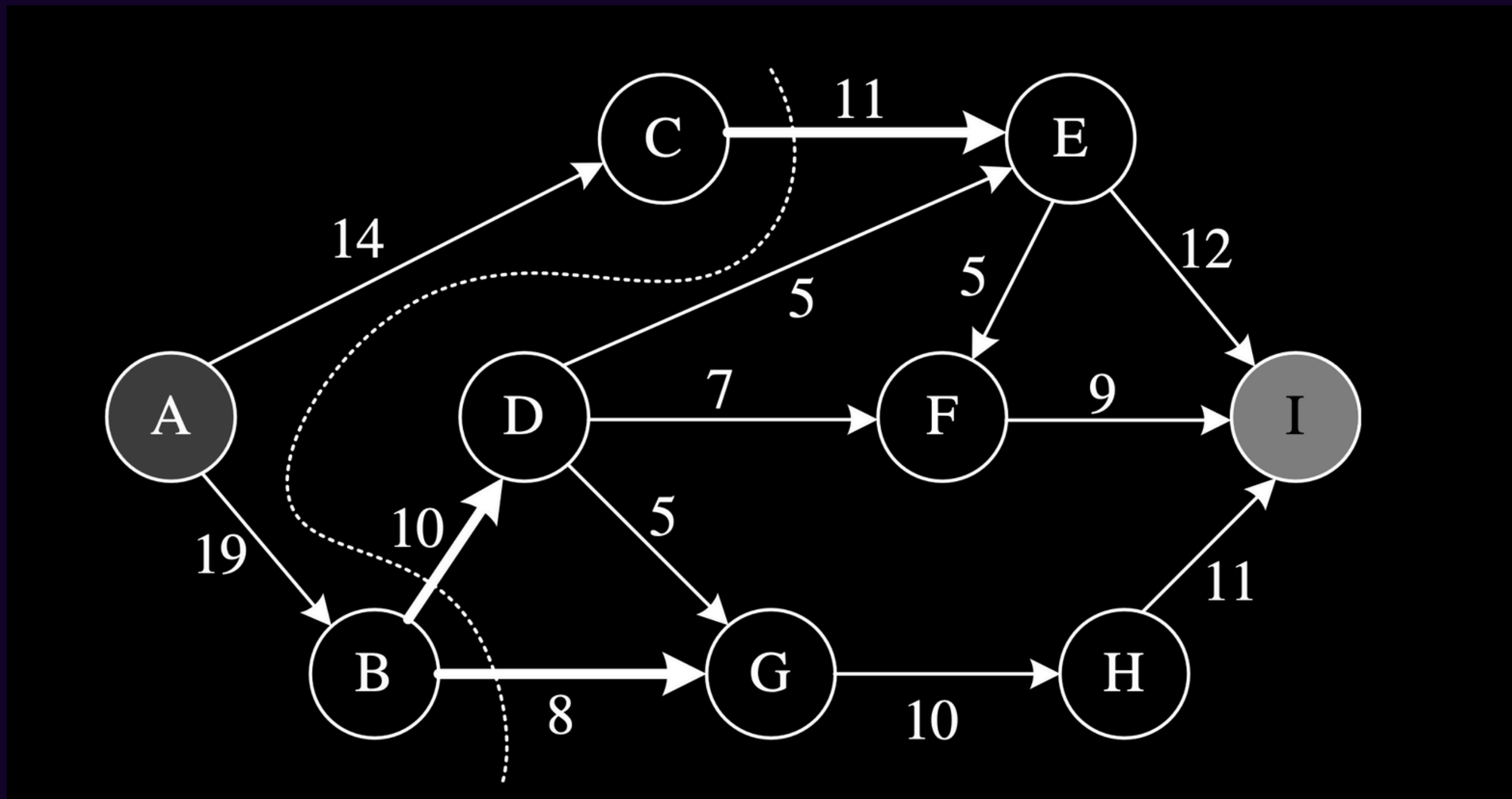
- Flow decomposition for the intruder for each path:

$$m_i M F_a^t(f)^{-1}$$

- Minimum cut and sampling rate allocation for the IDS

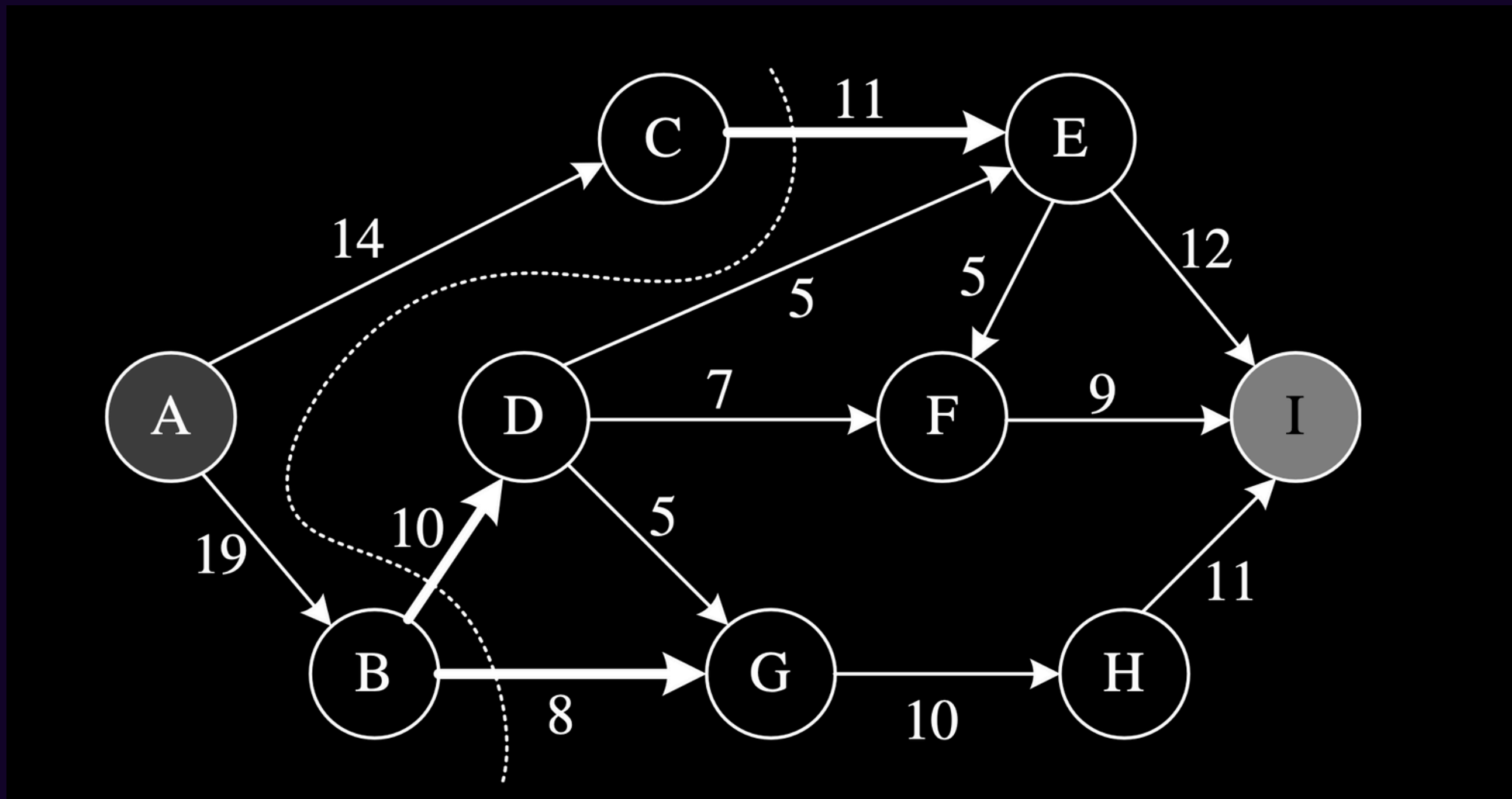
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Intruder :

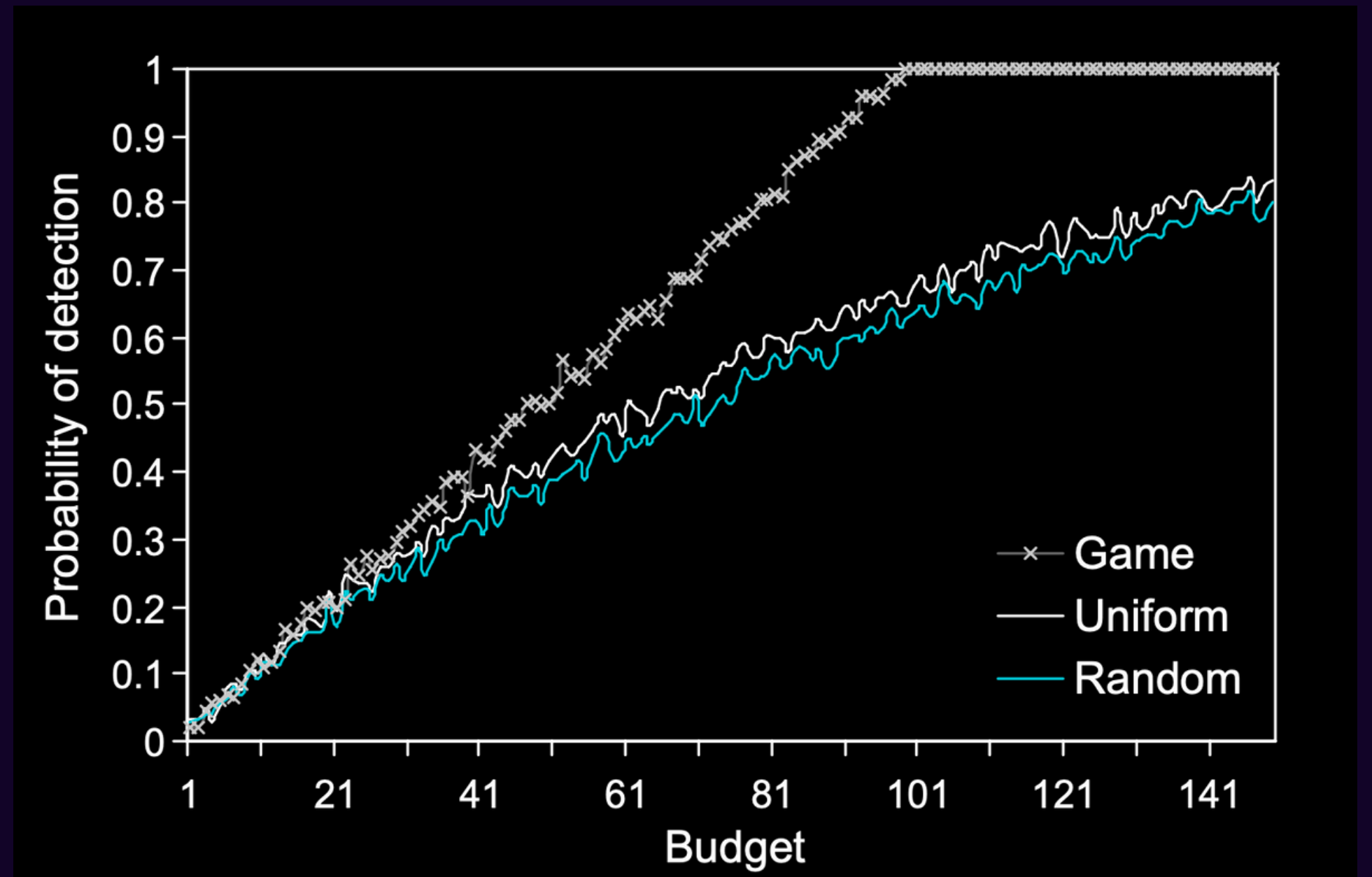
- Transmit the malicious fragment along the path A–C– E–I with probability $11/29$
- Transmit the malicious fragment along the path A–B– G– H–I with probability $8/29$



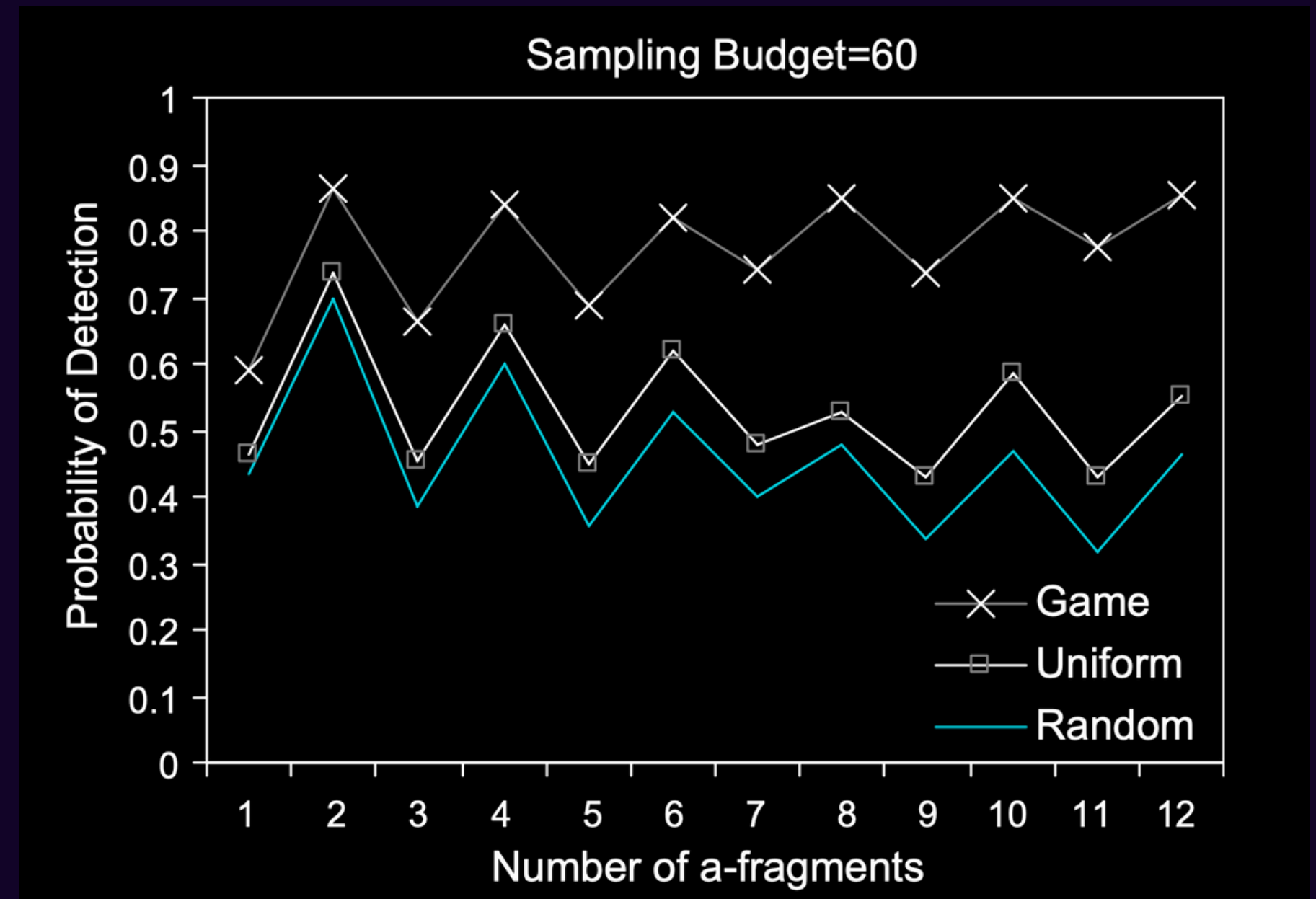
IDS :

- Sample link (C,E) with sampling rate = $(12 \times 11) / 29$
- Sample link (B,G) with sampling rate = $(12 \times 8) / 29$
- Sample link (B,D) with sampling rate = $(12 \times 10) / 29$

Numerical results



NUMERICAL RESULTS



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ANY QUESTIONS?

