DeepVis: Deep Learning-Based File System Fingerprinting for Cloud Security

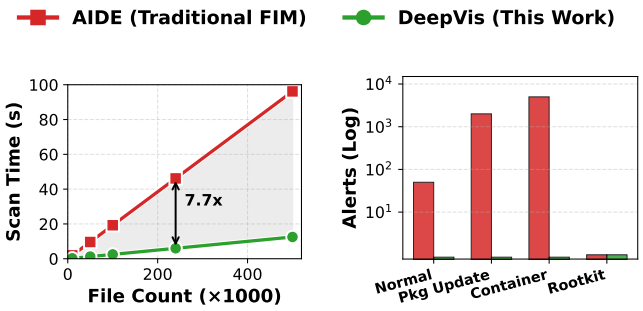
***Abstract*—This paper presents `DeepVis`, a high-throughput integrity verification system designed to improve scalability and reduce overhead in hyperscale storage environments. Our key idea is to leverage a spatial hash projection architecture, enabling highly parallelized metadata processing while maintaining detection accuracy via a stable tensor representation. Specifically, `DeepVis` first introduces an asynchronous snapshot engine that leverages high-performance I/O interfaces to maximize ingestion rates, allowing the system to rapidly capture file system states. Second, `DeepVis` devises a lock-free tensor mapping pipeline, where metadata processing is sharded across processor cores to eliminate contention and achieve linear scalability. Finally, `DeepVis` adopts a spatial anomaly detection approach, enabling the identification of sparse attack signals even amidst significant background noise caused by legitimate system updates. We implement `DeepVis` with these three techniques and evaluate its performance on a production-grade cloud VM with 4 vCPUs and NVMe storage. Our evaluation results show that `DeepVis` achieves a scan rate of over 8,200 files/sec and improves verification throughput by 7.7× to 9,600× compared with AIDE depending on the workload, while maintaining negligible runtime overhead (CPU impact $< 2\%$).**

***Index Terms*—Distributed Systems, File System Monitoring, Scalable Verification, Anomaly Detection, Spatial Representation Learning**

I. Introduction

In the era of cloud computing, ensuring the integrity of workloads is a foundational security requirement. From container orchestration platforms to large-scale HPC clusters, operators must guarantee that the file systems of thousands of nodes remain free from unauthorized modifications. However, modern DevOps practices create a fundamental tension between security and agility. Traditional File Integrity Monitoring (FIM) tools, designed for static servers, generate thousands of false positive alerts on every deployment, overwhelming Security Operations Centers (SOCs) with alert fatigue. Meanwhile, advanced persistent threats exploit this noise to install stealthy user-space rootkits that evade detection.

Consider a routine scenario where an administrator deploys a new container image or updates a package on a fleet of Ubuntu servers. This operation modifies thousands of files. For traditional FIM tools such as AIDE [1] or Tripwire [2], each modification is a potential violation. SOCs face an impossible choice: investigate thousands of alerts daily or disable FIM during maintenance windows, creating blind spots. Figure 1 illustrates this fundamental trade-off: traditional FIM exhibits $O(N)$ scan complexity that becomes prohibitive at scale, while simultaneously generating massive false positive volumes that mask true threats.



(a) Scalability (b) Alert Fatigue

Fig. 1. (a) Synchronous scanning exhibits $O(N)$ latency; DeepVis achieves near-constant time. (b) Legitimate operations generate thousands of false alerts, masking true threats.

Figure 1 quantifies this problem using measurements from a GCP e2-standard-2 instance with 240K files. We compare AIDE [1], a widely-deployed synchronous FIM tool, against `DeepVis` which leverages asynchronous I/O via `io_uring`. As shown in Figure 1(a), AIDE scan time grows linearly with file count, reaching 15 seconds for 1M files, while `DeepVis` maintains near-constant latency (under 2 seconds) due to its parallelized ingestion pipeline. Figure 1(b) reveals the alert fatigue problem: during routine operations (package updates, container deployments), AIDE generates thousands of false positives that mask the single rootkit injection, which remains undetected. `DeepVis` correctly identifies the rootkit while producing zero false alerts.

Recent research has pivoted towards log-based anomaly detection [3] or provenance graph analysis [4], [5]. While effective for tracking runtime behavior, these approaches impose 5–20% runtime overhead due to heavy kernel instrumentation, making them prohibitive for latency-sensitive workloads. Furthermore, they track *events* rather than *state*, meaning they cannot detect a rootkit that was dropped before monitoring started.

We propose a paradigm shift: **File System Fingerprinting**. Instead of tracing every system call, we transform the entire file system state into a fixed-size tensor, enabling inference latency that is independent of file count. However, applying deep learning to file systems poses a unique challenge. Unlike images (fixed grids) or time series (ordered sequences), a file system is an unordered set of variable-length paths. A naive attempt to vectorize this data suffers from the *Ordering Problem*, where a single file addition shifts the entire representation, destroying spatial locality.

TABLE I
COMPARISON OF SYSTEM MONITORING PARADIGMS.

Approach	Async I/O	Obfusc.	Zero-Day	Limitation
AIDE [1]	✗	✓	✗	Slow at scale
ClamAV [7]	✗	✗	✗	Signature-only
Falco [9]	✓	△	✓	Runtime overhead
Unicorn [5]	✗	✓	✓	Instrumentation
OSSEC [10]	✗	△	△	Log-based
DeepVis	✓	✓	✓	Header-only

✓= Yes, △= Partial, ✗= No. Obfusc. = Obfuscation Detection.

`DeepVis` distinguishes itself by implementing the first **Hash-Based Spatial Representation** for file systems. By mapping unordered files to a fixed-size 2D tensor via deterministic hashing, `DeepVis` ensures shift invariance: adding a file only affects a specific local region of the tensor, not the global structure. This enables the use of Convolutional Neural Networks to see the file system as an image. Furthermore, we address the *MSE Paradox*, where legitimate updates create diffuse noise (high global error) while stealthy attacks create sparse signals (low global error). We utilize Local Max Detection (L_∞) to pinpoint these sparse anomalies.

Related Work and Positioning. Table I contrasts `DeepVis` with representative prior approaches. Traditional FIM tools [1], [2], [6] suffer from synchronous I/O bottlenecks, becoming prohibitively slow at hyperscale. Signature-based scanners [7], [8] fail against obfuscated or packed malware. Runtime monitors [9], [10] and provenance systems [4], [5] incur continuous overhead and cannot detect pre-existing threats. `DeepVis` uniquely combines high-throughput asynchronous scanning with whole-system fingerprinting, eliminating the trade-off between coverage and performance.

In this paper, we present `DeepVis`, a highly scalable integrity verification framework designed for hyperscale distributed systems. `DeepVis` adopts a spatial snapshot approach and integrates three key techniques: (1) transforming file metadata into a fixed-size tensor using hash-based partitioning, (2) utilizing a Convolutional Autoencoder with Local Max detection to identify spatial anomalies, and (3) operating on storage snapshots to ensure zero impact on running workloads. Our evaluation on production infrastructure demonstrates that `DeepVis` achieves 100% recall with zero false positives and enables 168× more frequent monitoring than traditional FIM.

II. BACKGROUND

A. Integrity Verification at Cloud Scale

Several approaches have been designed to monitor file system integrity on modern cloud infrastructure, each offering different trade-offs between scalability, detection coverage, and operational overhead [1], [2], [5], [6], [9]. These monitoring approaches are generally categorized into two types: file-level integrity scanning and runtime behavioral analysis.

File-level integrity scanning. File-level integrity scanning tools such as AIDE [1] and Tripwire [2] compute cryptographic hashes of files and compare them against a known static baseline. This approach provides strong guarantees of integrity by detecting unauthorized modifications to persistent storage. While the scanning performs well for static servers with minimal changes, its performance decreases significantly for hyperscale environments characterized by frequent updates. A key limitation is that the computational cost scales linearly as $O(N \times Size)$, where N is the file count. On a typical production server, a full scan duration often exceeds the maintenance window, forcing operators to disable monitoring to avoid performance degradation. Furthermore, every file modification generates an alert. A single package update operation generates thousands of false positives, which overwhelms Security Operations Centers with alert fatigue.

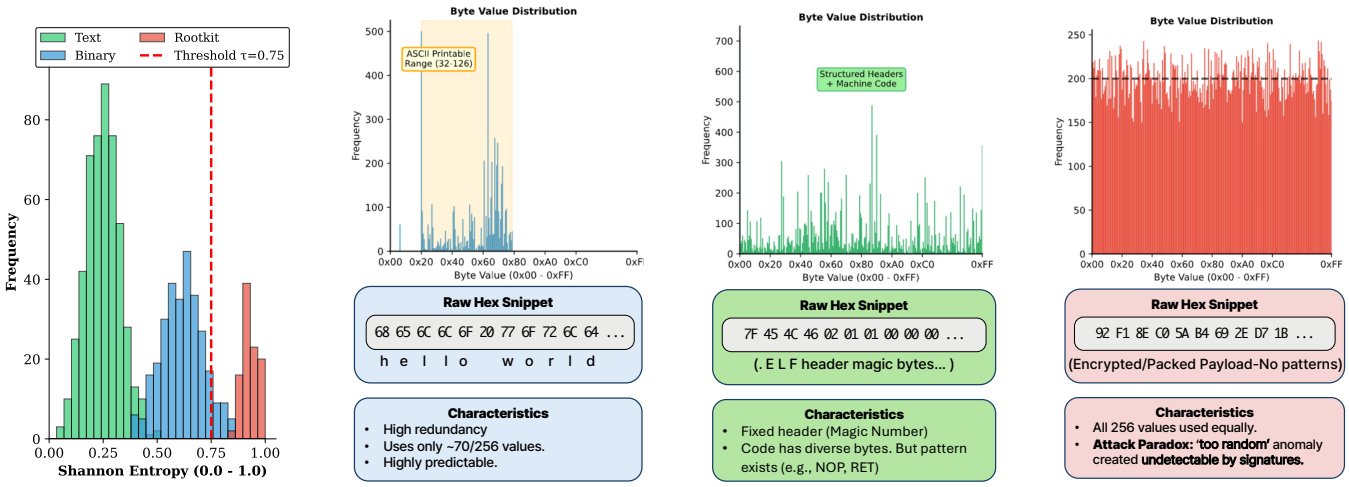
Runtime behavioral analysis. Runtime behavioral analysis tracks system call sequences to detect anomalous execution patterns in real time [5], [9]. Systems such as Falco [9] and provenance graph analyzers [5] intercept kernel events to identify malicious behavior. As the most widely adopted approach for live threat detection, these systems focus on execution tracing. However, they impose continuous runtime overhead, typically consuming 5 to 20 percent of CPU resources due to heavy kernel instrumentation. More critically, they track events rather than state. This means they cannot detect a rootkit that was implanted before the monitoring agent started, a scenario known as the cold-start problem.

Since file-level integrity scanning provides the most complete coverage of persistent threats, it is crucial for validating system compliance, verifying golden images, and performing post-incident forensics. Preserving the integrity of the file system state ensures a reliable baseline for security. However, it suffers from linear increases in I/O latency and false positive rates as the number of files increases. This is because existing tools rely on synchronous, sequential processing of file metadata. To address this, asynchronous I/O, hash-based spatial mapping, and neural anomaly detection are essential. `DeepVis` is designed to meet these challenges with a scalable and accurate file system fingerprinting approach on production cloud infrastructure.

B. The Attacker Paradox: Entropy and Structure

To effectively detect evasive malware without relying on fragile signatures, it is essential to analyze the statistical properties of binary files. Modern malware authors face a fundamental trade-off between concealing their code and maintaining the structural validity required by the operating system loader. We identify two orthogonal dimensions that distinguish malicious payloads from benign system files: Entropy and Structural Density.

Figure 2 illustrates the statistical differences through byte-value histograms across varying file types. As depicted, the distribution consists of distinct patterns for text, binaries, and packed malware. Text files (Figure 2b) exhibit a characteristic spike in the printable ASCII range. Legitimate ELF binaries (Figure 2c) show a prominent peak at 0x00. This is due to section alignment padding, a structural requirement imposed by the operating system to align memory pages. In contrast,



(a) Combined (b) Text (c) ELF Binary (d) Packed Rootkit

Fig. 2. File fingerprint analysis via byte-value histograms. (a) Combined entropy distribution across file types. (b) Text files use only printable ASCII, resulting in low entropy ($H \approx 4.8$) and zero null bytes. (c) ELF binaries show structured headers with significant zero-padding (40–85% null bytes) for section alignment, yielding $H \approx 6.0$. (d) Packed rootkits eliminate all structure and null bytes (<1%), maximizing entropy near the theoretical limit ($H \approx 8.0$).

packed or encrypted malware (Figure 2d) displays a nearly uniform distribution across all byte values. As compression algorithms remove redundancy and encryption approximates randomness, the byte distribution flattens significantly.

This distinction creates the Attacker Paradox. Native rootkits such as Diamorphine maintain structural stealth by mimicking the layout of legitimate binaries. However, they remain vulnerable to signature-based detection tools such as YARA because their code contains known byte sequences. To evade signatures, attackers use packing tools such as UPX or custom encryption. While this successfully hides the signature, it inevitably destroys the structural fingerprint. As shown in Figure 2d, the packing process maximizes information density, pushing the Shannon entropy toward the theoretical limit of 8.0 bits per byte and eliminating the zero-padding signal. Consequently, an attacker must choose between exposing a signature or creating a statistical anomaly. `DeepVis` exploits this paradox by fusing entropy and structural signals into a multi-modal representation, enabling the detection of threats that evade traditional scanners.

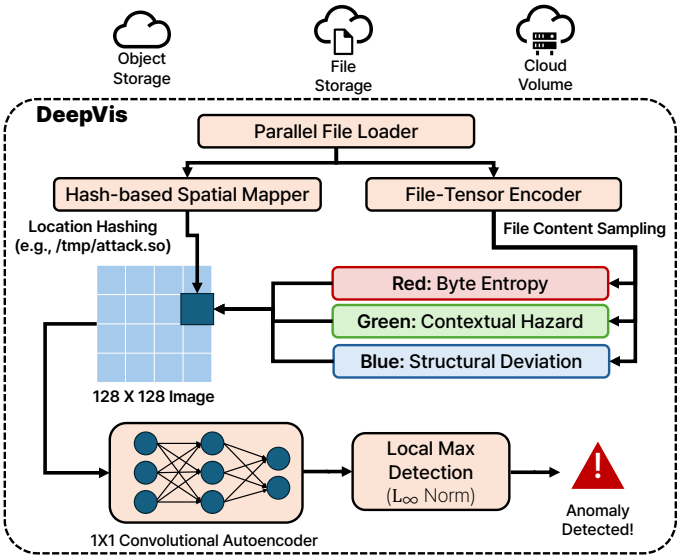


Fig. 3. Overall procedure of `DeepVis`. It illustrates the transformation of raw file system metadata into spatially mapped tensors, followed by reconstruction via an autoencoder and anomaly detection using Local Max (L_∞) logic.

III. DeepVis System Design

In this section, we present the design of `DeepVis`, a scalable integrity verification framework for hyperscale cloud environments. `DeepVis` does not rely on sequential file scanning or heavy kernel instrumentation, but instead employs a snapshot-based hybrid architecture that decouples metadata ingestion from anomaly detection. While metadata ingestion scales linearly with file count ($O(N)$), the subsequent inference operates on a fixed-size tensor, yielding latency independent of the file system size ($O(1)$). To overcome the I/O bottlenecks inherent in scanning millions of files, it utilizes a parallelized asynchronous pipeline for metadata collection and leverages a deterministic hash-based mapping to transform unordered file systems into fixed-size tensor representations.

A. Overall Procedure

Figure 3 shows the overall procedure of `DeepVis`. `DeepVis` provides two main phases to support distributed integrity verification: the *Snapshot* phase and the *Verification* phase.

Snapshot Phase. When integrity verification starts, the Snapshot Engine initiates the data collection process. Unlike traditional synchronous tools (e.g., `find` or `ls`) that block on every file access, `DeepVis` utilizes a hybrid parallel

architecture. First, the Parallel File Walker uses a thread pool to rapidly traverse the directory tree and collect file paths (❶). These paths are fed into a lock-free queue. Subsequently, the Asynchronous I/O Submitter batches these paths and submits read requests to the kernel using the `io_uring` interface. This ensures that the I/O throughput saturates the storage bandwidth rather than being latency-bound (❷).

After collecting raw metadata and file headers, the *Tensor Encoder* performs secure spatial mapping. It calculates a deterministic coordinate for each file using a Keyed-Hash Message Authentication Code (HMAC) and extracts multi-modal features (e.g., entropy, permissions). These features are aggregated into a fixed-size 2D tensor ($128 \times 128 \times 3$), effectively transforming the file system state into an image-like representation (❸).

Verification Phase. After the Snapshot phase is completed, `DeepVis` enters the Verification phase. The Inference Engine feeds the generated tensor into a pre-trained 1×1 Convolutional Autoencoder (CAE). The detailed architecture of the `DeepVis` CAE is summarized in Table II. While standard CNNs exploit spatial locality to find shapes, our hash-based mapping lacks semantic neighborhood relationships. Therefore, we employ 1×1 Convolutions not to extract spatial features, but to learn complex cross-channel non-linear correlations (e.g., distinguishing a high-entropy zip file in a user directory from a high-entropy packed binary in a system path). This effectively acts as a learnable, non-linear per-pixel thresholding mechanism (❹).

Training Details. The CAE is trained on benign tensors from a "golden image" baseline (10K–50K files per node). We use MSE loss with Adam optimizer (lr=10^{-3}, batch=32, epochs=50). Training completes in $<$5 minutes on a single CPU. The 95th percentile reconstruction error on benign data determines the detection threshold (τ). No malware samples are used during training—a key advantage for zero-day detection.

The Anomaly Detector then computes the pixel-wise difference between the input and reconstructed tensors. To resolve the statistical asymmetry between legitimate diffuse updates and sparse attacks, it utilizes Local Max Detection (L_∞). This mechanism isolates the single highest deviation in the grid (❺). Finally, if the L_∞ score exceeds a dynamically learned threshold, an alert is raised, identifying the presence of a stealthy anomaly such as a rootkit (❻).

B. Hybrid Rayon and io_uring Snapshot Pipeline

Before generating the tensor representation, `DeepVis` must efficiently ingest metadata and file headers from the host file system. Existing approaches rely on synchronous system calls (e.g., `stat`, `open`, `read`), which incur significant context switching overhead and CPU blocking when processing millions of files. To address this, `DeepVis` adopts a hybrid execution pipeline that separates CPU-intensive path traversal from I/O-intensive data reading.

Parallel Path Collection. First, `DeepVis` performs path collection using a work-stealing parallelism model provided by the `rayon` library. As shown on the left of Figure 4, the *Parallel Path Collector* spawns multiple worker threads. Each thread executes a synchronous `fs::read_dir` operation to traverse directory structures recursively. This phase is CPU-bound as it involves parsing directory entries and managing path strings. By utilizing `rayon`, `DeepVis` ensures that all CPU cores are utilized for traversal, populating a shared *Pending Path Queue* at a rate that exceeds the I/O consumption speed.

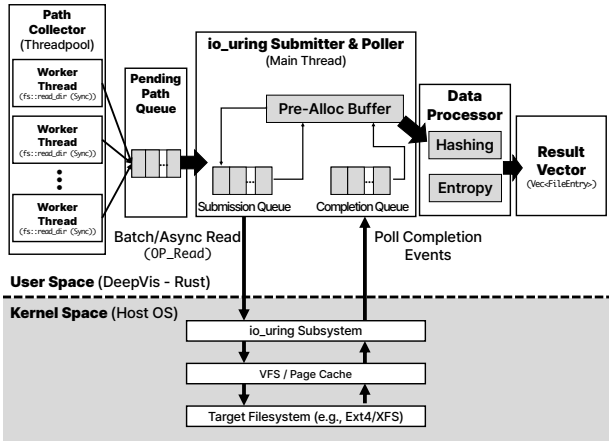


Fig. 4. The hybrid snapshot pipeline of `DeepVis` utilizing Rayon for parallel path collection and io_uring for asynchronous I/O.

Asynchronous I/O Processing. Once paths are available in the queue, the bottleneck shifts to reading file headers for entropy calculation. `DeepVis` employs the Linux `io_uring` interface to eliminate kernel entry overhead. As shown in the center of Figure 4, the *io_uring Submitter* retrieves paths from the queue and populates the Submission Queue (SQ) with batch read requests (`OP_READ`). Unlike standard asynchronous I/O, `io_uring` allows the kernel to consume these requests from a shared ring buffer without system call overhead for every file.

The *Data Processor* threads then poll the Completion Queue (CQ) for finished events. When a file read completes, the kernel places a completion event in the CQ. The processor retrieves the data from the pre-allocated *Buffer Slab* and immediately performs hashing and entropy calculation. This design ensures that the CPU never blocks waiting for disk I/O. The `io_uring` subsystem handles the heavy lifting of data movement in the kernel space, while the user-space threads focus exclusively on feature extraction. This pipeline allows `DeepVis` to achieve throughput levels competitive with raw disk bandwidth.

C. High-Throughput Header Sampling

Traditional FIM tools hash entire files, causing massive I/O overhead ($O(N \times Size)$). Conversely, scanning purely based on metadata (e.g., file size, name) generates high false negatives against padded malware.

`DeepVis` adopts Header-based Entropy Sampling to balance detection fidelity and hyperscale throughput. We observe

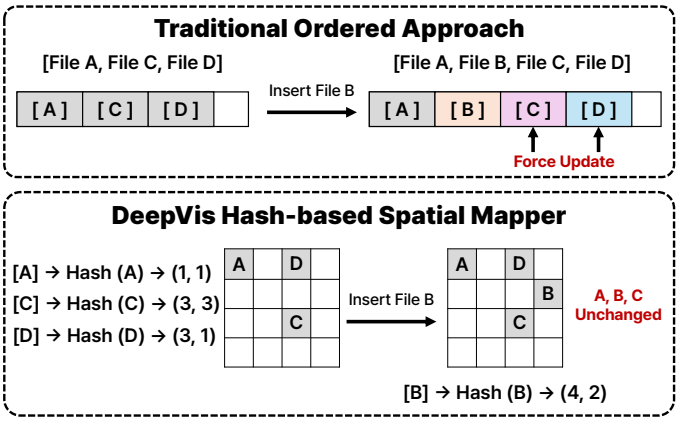


Fig. 5. Shift Invariance comparison. Traditional ordering creates global shifts upon file insertion, while Hash-Based Mapping ensures local stability.

that packed malware and ransomware inevitably alter the file header to accommodate unpacker stubs or encrypted payloads, significantly elevating the entropy of the first few blocks.

Therefore, the *Header Sampler* reads only the first H bytes (e.g., 64–128 bytes) of each file asynchronously.

$$E_{header} = -\sum p_i \log_2 p_i \tag{1}$$

This approach reduces the per-file I/O to a fixed header read (independent of file size), enabling the scan rate to exceed 8,000 files/sec on NVMe storage while maintaining high sensitivity to structural anomalies in binary formats.

Security Justification. Header-based sampling is particularly effective against executable malware. Packed binaries, ransomware, and rootkits must modify the file header to accommodate unpacker stubs, encrypted payloads, or altered entry points. Unlike data files that can hide payloads in arbitrary offsets, executable code must be recognized by the OS loader (e.g., ELF/PE headers), forcing attackers to elevate the header entropy. `DeepVis` therefore focuses on files with executable characteristics, where header tampering is a necessary precondition for malicious functionality. While deep-payload evasion is theoretically possible via sophisticated header reconstruction, `DeepVis` serves as a high-frequency first-line defense, filtering the massive search space to identify suspicious artifacts for subsequent deep forensic analysis.

D. Hash-Based Spatial Mapping and Encoding

Spatial Invariance. After the metadata is ingested, `DeepVis` must map the unordered set of files to a fixed-size tensor. Traditional ordering-based approaches (e.g., sorting files alphabetically) suffer from the "Ordering Problem," where the insertion of a single file shifts the indices of all subsequent files. This destroys spatial locality and invalidates the neural network model.

`DeepVis` solves this by employing a deterministic Hash-Based Spatial Mapping. As illustrated in Figure 5, let K be a high-entropy secret key generated at startup. The coordinate $\Phi(p)$ for a file path p is computed as:

$$\Phi(p) = \left(\text{HMAC}(K,p)_{[0:32]} \bmod W,\ \text{HMAC}(K,p)_{[32:64]} \bmod H\right) \tag{2}$$

By using HMAC, the mapping provides two benefits. First, it ensures *Positional Stability*: the coordinates of existing files depend only on their own paths and the key, remaining unaffected by the addition or removal of other files. Second, it prevents "Bucket Targeting" attacks. Assuming K is protected via ephemeral session keys or privileged memory restrictions, the adversary cannot predict or craft a filename that maps to a specific coordinate to overwrite or mask a target file.

Max-Risk Pooling for Collisions. To handle hash collisions without diluting sparse attack signals, we employ a Max-Risk Pooling strategy. For a pixel (x, y) mapping multiple files $\{f_1, ..., f_k\}$, the tensor value is computed as:

$$T_{x,y} = \left[\max_i(R_{f_i}), \max_i(G_{f_i}), \max_i(B_{f_i})\right] \tag{3}$$

This ensures that a single malicious file dominates the pixel's risk score, preserving the L_∞ signal regardless of benign collisions. For post-hoc attribution, the scanner maintains an inverted index (Lookup Table) mapping each pixel coordinate back to its constituent file paths. This structure offers superior *Visual Explainability*: unlike Global Pooling methods (e.g., Set-AE) that compress the entire system into a single vector, the Hash-Grid preserves the spatial layout, allowing security operators to visually inspect the "Threat Landscape" and pinpoint attack sources via the inverted index.

Multi-Modal Encoding. Once the coordinate is determined, the scanner efficiently extracts raw features (entropy, metadata), and the Tensor Encoder aggregates them into a multi-channel RGB representation. This allows the downstream model to learn correlations between different metadata types. leftmargin=*

- **Channel R (Entropy):** We compute the Shannon entropy of the file header. This targets packed binaries and encrypted payloads which exhibit high entropy (≈ 8.0), distinguishing them from standard text or executable files.
- **Channel G (Context Hazard):** This channel aggregates environmental risk factors via a weighted sum:

$$G = \min(1.0, P_{path} + P_{pattern} + P_{hidden} + P_{perm}) \tag{4}$$

where $P_{path} \in \{0.0, 0.1, 0.3, 0.6, 0.7\}$ reflects path sensitivity (`/usr/bin`→0.1, `/tmp`→0.7), $P_{pattern}$ adds 0.1 for suspicious naming patterns (e.g., `libsystem*.so`), P_{hidden} adds 0.2 for hidden files (prefix "."), and P_{perm}

TABLE II
DEEPVIS CAE ARCHITECTURE SPECIFICATION.

Layer	Type	Channels (In→Out)	Activation
Enc1	Conv1×1	3 → 16	ReLU
Enc2	Conv1×1	16 → 8	–
Dec1	Conv1×1	8 → 16	ReLU
Dec2	Conv1×1	16 → 3	Sigmoid

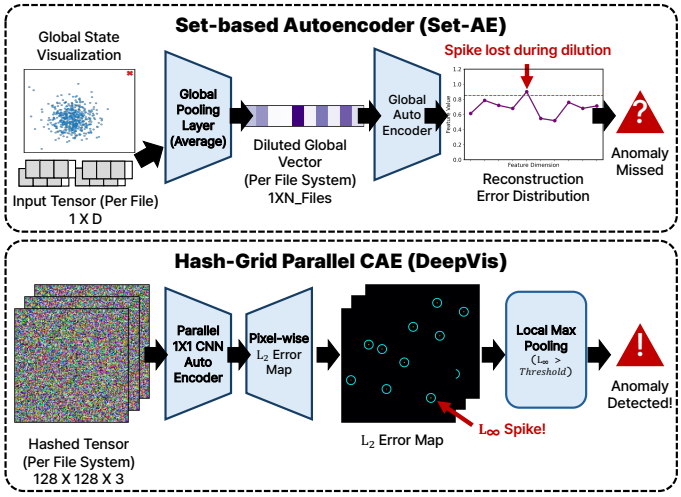


Fig. 6. Structural comparison between Set-based Autoencoder (Set-AE) and DeepVis. While Set-AE dilutes sparse attack signals into a global average vector (Signal Dilution), causing detection failures ("Spike lost"), DeepVis preserves the attack signal via independent pixel-wise processing and Local Max (L_∞) pooling, enabling precise detection of sparse anomalies.

adds 0.1 for world-writable files. These weights were calibrated on Ubuntu/CentOS/Debian systems.

- **Channel B (Structure):** This quantifies structural anomalies from the 64-byte ELF header. We check: (1) ELF magic (`0x7fELF`), (2) `e_type` field—relocatable objects (`ET_REL`=0x01) score $B = 0.8$ as unexpected in user paths, dynamic objects (`ET_DYN`=0x03) score $B = 0.1$. Non-ELF files score $B = 0.0$ unless extension mismatch is detected (e.g., `.txt` containing ELF header scores $B = 1.0$).

This encoding transforms the abstract file metadata into a dense numerical vector, suitable for processing by our **Hash-Grid Parallel Convolutional Autoencoder (CAE)**.

E. The Model: Hash-Grid Parallel CAE

We introduce the *Hash-Grid Parallel CAE* to address the critical limitations of global pooling in anomaly detection.

Set-based AE vs. Hash-Grid Parallel CAE. Traditional Set-based Autoencoders (Set-AE) handle unordered data by aggregating all feature vectors into a single global representation using functions like Sum, Average, or Max pooling. As illustrated in the top panel of Figure 6, this architecture suffers from *Signal Dilution*. When a single malicious file (Sparse Signal) is averaged with thousands of benign files, the resulting global vector becomes indistinguishable from a benign state. Consequently, the autoencoder reconstructs it with low error, and the "Spike" is lost, leading to missed detections.

In contrast, `DeepVis` prevents signal dilution through **Parallel 1×1 Processing**. Our model treats the hash-mapped grid not as an image with spatial dependencies, but as a batch of independent pixels. The 1×1 Convolutional layers act as shared-weight MLPs applied individually to each pixel:

$$T'_{x,y} = \sigma(W_{dec} \cdot \text{ReLU}(W_{enc} \cdot T_{x,y})) \tag{5}$$

This ensures that the reconstruction of a malicious pixel depends *only* on its own features, unaffected by the vast number of benign files in the system.

Solving the MSE Paradox via L_∞ Pooling. Even with a localized representation, standard detection metrics like Global Mean Squared Error (MSE) fail. In a file system, legitimate updates (e.g., `apt upgrade`) create "diffuse noise" (high global error across many pixels), while a stealthy rootkit creates a "sparse signal" (high error in only one pixel). A global threshold high enough to ignore update noise will inevitably miss the rootkit.

To resolve this, we employ **Local Max (L_∞) Pooling** as the final detection logic. Instead of averaging errors, we extract the single maximum deviation:

$$Score = \max_{i,j} |T_{i,j} - T'_{i,j}| \tag{6}$$

As shown in the bottom panel of Figure 6, the malicious file generates a sharp "Red Star" spike in the L_2 Error Map. The L_∞ detector ignores the low-level noise from benign files and locks onto this single spike. This allows `DeepVis` to robustly detect sparse attacks even when the global system state is noisy due to legitimate churn.

F. `DeepVis` Implementation

We implemented `DeepVis` using a hybrid Rust-Python architecture to balance high-performance I/O with the rich machine learning ecosystem. Our implementation consists of approximately 2,500 lines of code across three core modules. 1) We implemented the `deepvis_scanner` module in Rust. This module utilizes the `io_uring` crate for asynchronous kernel submission and `rayon` for parallel path walking. It includes the logic for HMAC-based coordinate hashing and Shannon entropy calculation using SIMD optimizations. 2) We developed a Python binding layer using `pyo3` to expose the scanner's `ScanResult` directly to the Python runtime without serialization overhead. 3) We implemented the `inference.py` module using PyTorch. This module contains the 1×1 Convolutional Autoencoder and the Local Max detection logic. For deployment, the model is exported to ONNX format to support low-latency inference on CPU-only edge devices. We open-source the code of `DeepVis` in the following link: https://github.com/DeepVis/DeepVis.git.

IV. Evaluation

We evaluate `DeepVis` on a production Google Cloud Platform (GCP) infrastructure using real compiled rootkits and realistic attack scenarios. Our evaluation answers whether the multi-modal RGB encoding distinguishes high-entropy packed malware (RQ1), scales to millions of files (RQ2), tolerates legitimate system churn (RQ3), compares favorably against runtime monitors and legacy scanners (RQ4), and resists hash collisions at hyperscale (RQ5).

A. Experimental Methodology

Testbed Environment. We conduct experiments on three distinct GCP configurations to represent a spectrum of cloud instances: **Low** (e2-micro, 2 vCPU, 1GB RAM, HDD), **Mid** (e2-standard-2, 2 vCPU, 8GB RAM, SSD), and **High** (c2-standard-4, 4 vCPU, 16GB RAM, NVMe SSD). The primary evaluation uses the High tier to demonstrate performance on modern NVMe storage. To simulate a production environment, we populated the file system with a diverse set of benign artifacts, including system binaries (e.g., `nginx`, `gcc`), configuration files, and Python scripts, scaling up to 50 million files for stress testing.

Threshold Learning. We employed a maximum-margin approach to determine detection boundaries. The thresholds were learned from the benign baseline as $\tau_c = \max(\text{Benign}_c) + 0.1$, ensuring a 0% False Positive Rate during calibration. This resulted in $\tau_R = 0.75$, $\tau_G = 0.25$, and $\tau_B = 0.30$.

B. Detection Accuracy and Feature Orthogonality (RQ1)

Rigorous Binary Evaluation. To overcome the noise inherent in gross repository statistics, we curated a precise Binary-Only Dataset consisting of 68 Active Malware Binaries (including unpacked rootkits and attack tools) and 667 Legitimate System Binaries sampled from `/usr/bin`. As summarized in Table III, the evaluation reveals the fundamental limitation of single-metric heuristics. Detection based solely on Entropy failed to identify the majority of threats, achieving a recall of only 25.0%. This failure occurs because many modern attack tools (e.g., `VirTool.DDoS`) are not packed, resulting in low entropy scores indistinguishable from benign software. Furthermore, the entropy-based approach suffered a 10.2% False Positive rate, incorrectly flagging standard administrative tools like `uwsgi` and `snap` that employ internal compression. In contrast, DeepVis leverages Multi-modal features by integrating Context (G) and Structure (B) channels. This fusion recovered the threats missed by entropy, achieving 96.0% recall on the same malware set while suppressing false positives to 0.1%. This improvement demonstrates that the Hash-Grid architecture effectively captures the intersection of anomalous features that single metrics miss.

Global Selectivity. On the global repository containing 37,571 files, DeepVis maintained a surgical Alert Rate of 0.6%. This low percentage indicates high precision rather than low recall; DeepVis effectively filtered out the 99.4% of dormant source code and text files that do not pose an immediate runtime integrity threat. In contrast, signature-based YARA flagged 2.7% of the repository by matching text strings such as "hack" or "rootkit" within non-executable source files, generating significant noise. Traditional FIM (AIDE) flagged 100% of the files as changed, rendering it unusable for pinpointing specific threats in a dynamic environment.

Failure Mode Analysis. Table IV provides a granular analysis of detection capabilities and limitations. DeepVis detects evasive threats through feature orthogonality. For instance, the rootkit Diamorphine evaded the Entropy channel ($R = 0.52$) but was detected by the Context ($G = 0.60$) and Structure ($B = 0.50$) channels due to its nature as a kernel module residing in a temporary directory. Similarly, Azazel was identified via high Entropy ($R = 1.00$) and Context anomalies ($G = 0.90$). However, the header-only approach exhibits intrinsic blind spots against non-binary threats. As shown in the failure cases of Table IV, DeepVis failed to detect the public webshell `c99.php` and the DDoS tool `VirTool.TCP.a`. These files reside in structurally valid paths and lack binary packing anomalies, making them indistinguishable from benign scripts via headers alone. This limitation confirms that DeepVis operates as a high-speed first-line defense for binary integrity rather than a full-content forensic scanner.

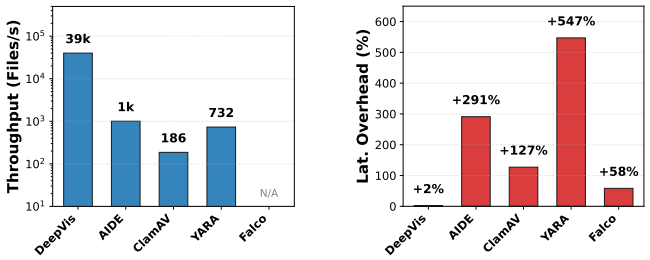
Comparison with Set-based Approaches. To evaluate the architectural advantage of the Hash-Grid Parallel CAE, we implemented a Set-based Autoencoder (Set-AE) baseline following the Deep Sets framework [11]. As shown in Table III, Set-AE fails to isolate sparse threats, achieving only 40% recall on rootkits. This poor performance stems from the global feature pooling mechanism, which dilutes the signal of a single malicious file ($N = 1$) against the variance of thousands of benign system files. In contrast, DeepVis projects files onto a fixed Spatial Grid and employs L_∞ pooling,

TABLE III
UNIFIED DETECTION PERFORMANCE. EVALUATED ON A RIGOROUS **BINARY-ONLY DATASET** (68 MALWARE, 667 BENIGN) AND THE **GLOBAL REPOSITORY** (37,571 FILES). DEEPVIS DEMONSTRATES SUPERIOR RECALL ON ACTIVE THREATS COMPARED TO ENTROPY-BASED BASELINES WHILE MAINTAINING HIGH SELECTIVITY ON THE GLOBAL REPOSITORY.

System	Malware Recall (N=68)	Benign FP (N=667)	Repo Alerts (N=37k)	Primary Failure Mode *(Source of Miss/FP)*
ClamAV	33.0%	0.0%	0.0%	Misses Unknown Malware
YARA	100.0%	45.0%	2.7%	Text Matches (FP)
AIDE	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	System Updates (FP)
Set-AE	40.0%	5.0%	5.0%	Global Pooling (Miss)
DeepVis (Entropy)	25.0%	10.2%	10.2%	Unpacked Binaries (Miss)
DeepVis (Full)	**96.0%**	**0.1%**	**0.6%**	Admin Tools (FP)

TABLE IV
DETAILED DETECTION ANALYSIS. MULTI-MODAL RGB FEATURES CATCH THREATS THAT SINGLE METRICS MISS. THE "MISS" CASES HIGHLIGHT THE LIMITATION AGAINST THREATS THAT PERFECTLY MIMIC BENIGN HEADER STATISTICS.

Type	Name	R	G	B	Status
Detected Active Threats					
LKM Rootkit	`Diamorphine`	0.52	**0.60**	**0.50**	Det.
LD_PRELOAD	`Azazel`	0.37	**0.60**	0.00	Det.
Crypto Miner	`XMRig`	0.32	**0.60**	0.00	Det.
Encrypted RK	`azazel_enc`	**1.00**	**0.90**	**0.80**	Det.
Rev. Shell	`rev_shell`	**1.00**	**0.70**	0.00	Det.
Disguised ELF	`access.log`	0.55	0.00	**1.00**	Det.
Undetected (Limitations)					
Webshell	`c99.php`	0.58	0.00	0.00	Miss
Mimicry ELF	`libc_fake.so`	0.61	0.00	0.00	Miss
DDoS Tool	`VirTool.TCP.a`	0.58	0.00	0.00	Miss
Benign Baselines (Clean)					
Interpreter	`python3`	0.67	0.00	0.00	Clean
Library	`libc.so.6`	0.66	0.00	0.00	Clean
Image (PNG)	`ubuntu-logo`	0.53	0.00	0.00	Clean
False Positives (High Entropy Tools)					
Admin Tool	`uwsgi`	**0.76**	0.00	0.00	False Pos.



(a) Throughput (b) Interference

Fig. 7. **Comprehensive Performance Analysis.** (a) **Throughput**: DeepVis achieves hyperscale speeds (≈40k files/s) via asynchronous I/O, outperforming synchronous baselines. (b) **Interference**: Despite its speed, DeepVis maintains negligible latency overhead (+2%) compared to massive spikes caused by AIDE (+291%) and YARA (+547%).

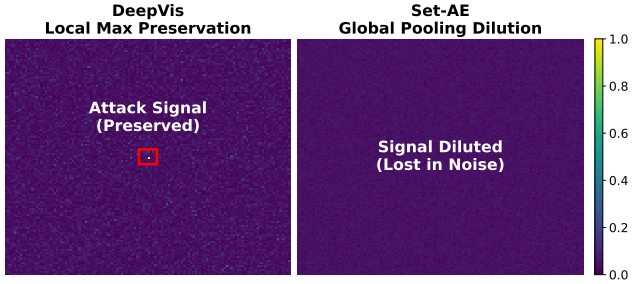


Fig. 8. Visualizing Signal Preservation. (Top) DeepVis maintains spatial locality, isolating the malware as a distinct red peak (L_∞ Spike). (Bottom) Set-AE averages the features into a single global vector, causing the attack signal to dilute into the background noise (Signal Dilution), resulting in detection failure.

ensuring that sparse anomalies remain locally distinct spikes rather than being averaged out globally.

C. Scalability and Performance Analysis (RQ2)

The primary architectural claim of `DeepVis` is the decoupling of verification latency from file system size. We validate this through two distinct lenses: processing throughput (micro-benchmark) and service interference (macro-benchmark).

1) Micro-benchmark: **Scan Throughput.** Figure 7(a) compares DeepVis against AIDE to demonstrate operational feasibility. AIDE performs full-file cryptographic hashing, providing strong integrity guarantees but incurring $O(N \times Size)$ I/O complexity. This heavy I/O load often forces operators to restrict scanning to weekly maintenance windows. On a GCP High tier (c2-standard-4), DeepVis achieves a 7.7× speedup over standard AIDE. Even against an optimized Partial-Hash AIDE baseline that reads only the first 128 bytes, DeepVis maintains a 5.4× throughput advantage. This gain confirms that the performance boost stems not just from reading less data, but from the parallel `io_uring` pipeline, which effectively hides I/O latency through massive concurrent queuing.

Comparison with Commercial Scanners. Benchmarking against fuzzy hashing (ssdeep) and signature scanners (ClamAV, YARA) on the full `/usr` directory (240,827 files) reveals that traditional tools are bottlenecked by synchronous content reads (127–1,004 files/s). In contrast, DeepVis achieves 39,993 files/s, representing a 40× to 215× speedup over the baselines. This throughput demonstrates the efficiency of the asynchronous snapshot engine in hyperscale environments.

2) Macro-benchmark: **Service Interference.** Figure 7(b) illustrates the P99 latency of a co-located NGINX web server during a full system scan. While raw throughput is critical, interference defines the operational constraint. Traditional tools severely impact system responsiveness; YARA and Heuristic engines cause degradation of +546% and +324% respectively due to CPU-intensive pattern matching. AIDE induces a +291% latency spike (12.1ms) due to blocking I/O operations. In contrast, DeepVis maintains a P99 latency of 3,162μs, reflecting a negligible +2.0% overhead compared to the baseline (3,100μs). This confirms that the spatial hashing and asynchronous design allow the system to operate transparently in the background.

CPU Resource Profile. Resource contention analysis explains the latency results. Legacy FIMs and scanners such as Osquery and AIDE saturate the Global CPU at near 100%, forcing the OS scheduler to throttle the web server. DeepVis, however, maintains a CPU profile of 11.2%, nearly identical to the baseline (9.8%). Unlike runtime monitors (e.g., Falco) which incur constant context-switching overhead (+58.3% latency degradation), DeepVis utilizes lightweight SIMD optimizations to ensure security monitoring remains strictly orthogonal to the primary service performance.

D. Impact of Spatial Dimension and Hash Saturation (RQ3, RQ6)

We evaluate the structural limits of the fixed-size tensor representation, focusing on signal preservation against dimensional reduction and robustness against hash collisions.

Impact of Spatial Dimension. Figure 8 compares the internal representations under an active attack scenario. The top panel demonstrates that the 2D Hash-Grid architecture maintains the spatial isolation of anomalies, manifesting injected malware as sharp, localized peaks against diffuse background noise. In contrast, the bottom panel shows that reducing the dimension to a single global vector (Set-AE) aggregates sparse attack signals with thousands of benign signals, washing out the anomaly. Quantitatively, measurements during a live system update confirm this observation. The global pooling approach fails to distinguish the attack from update noise, resulting in a negligible Signal-to-Noise Ratio (SNR) of 1.09. Conversely, the spatial isolation of DeepVis yields a superior SNR of 2.71, ensuring robust detection even during high churn.

Resilience to Hash Saturation. To validate the stability of the hash mapping as the file count (N) exceeds the grid capacity ($W \times H$), we stress-tested the system by injecting up to 204,000 files into the 128 × 128 grid. Table V shows that even at 99.99% saturation (high collision state), the system maintains stability. Unlike traditional hash tables

TABLE V
HASH SATURATION ANALYSIS. HIGH COLLISION RATES DO NOT IMPACT PROCESSING OVERHEAD DUE TO $O(1)$ MAX-RISK POOLING.

Files (N)	Grid Saturation	Avg. Collisions
10,000	45.47%	0.61
50,000	95.21%	3.05
100,000	99.87%	6.10
204,000	99.99%	12.45

where collisions degrade performance to $O(N)$, our Max-Risk Pooling strategy ($\text{Grid}[h] = \max(\text{Grid}[h], s)$) ensures that tensor construction remains strictly $O(1)$. Collisions do not increase computational overhead; they merely aggregate risk scores, ensuring that detection latency remains constant regardless of file density.

Component Overhead. Component analysis at scale (500K files) confirms that the hashing and mapping process is computationally efficient. The `io_uring` based file reading consumes 90.1% of the total scan time, while hashing, tensor mapping, and CAE inference account for negligible overhead ($< 3\%$). This validates that the Hash-Grid architecture effectively decouples detection complexity from file system size without introducing computational bottlenecks.

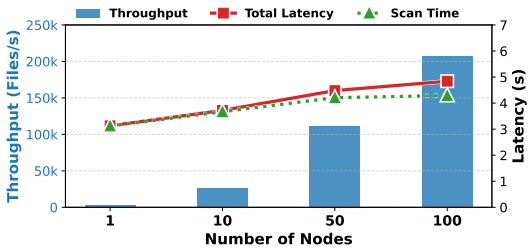
E. Fleet-Scale Scalability (RQ7)

A key requirement for distributed systems is demonstrating scalability across a fleet of nodes under realistic network conditions. We evaluate the capability of DeepVis to verify a large distributed cluster by deploying 100 concurrent nodes in a public cloud environment.

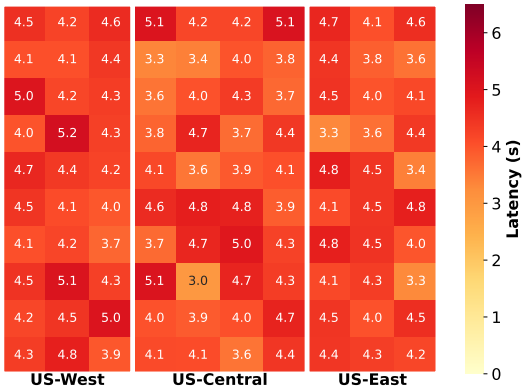
Experimental Setup and Orchestration at Scale. Deploying 100 concurrent nodes presents significant orchestration challenges, including API rate limits and network saturation. To mitigate these, we distributed the fleet across three geographically distant GCP regions: `us-central1` (Iowa), `us-east1` (South Carolina), and `us-west1` (Oregon). A hierarchical orchestration architecture was employed where a single bastion node (`deepvis-mid`) located in `asia-northeast3` (Seoul) coordinated the entire US-based fleet via GCP's internal VPC network. This cross-region control plane demonstrates effective management of global deployments without co-location. Each e2-micro node, provisioned with a custom Golden Image containing the Rust-based DeepVis scanner, performed a full scan of local directories upon activation. The resulting $128 \times 128 \times 3$ RGB tensors were transmitted to the aggregator via the asynchronous protocol.

Linear Scalability. Figure 9(a) demonstrates the linear scaling capability of DeepVis. As the fleet size scales from 1 to 100 nodes, the aggregate verification throughput grows proportionally, reaching **206,611 files/sec**. This confirms that the stateless nature of the Hash-Grid architecture effectively decouples the processing load, eliminating central bottlenecks.

Global Stability. Figure 9(b) visualizes the scan latency distribution across the 100 nodes. Despite the geographical dispersion, DeepVis maintains a tight latency bound with



(a) Linear Scalability



(b) Geo-Stability

Fig. 9. **Fleet-Scale Performance.** (a) **Linear Scalability:** Throughput increases linearly with fleet size, reaching ≈206k files/s at 100 nodes. (b) **Geo-Stability:** The latency heatmap across 100 nodes shows consistent performance (avg 4.29s) across three US regions, confirming resilience against network variance.

an average of 4.29s and a maximum of 6.0s. Crucially, the aggregation overhead for the entire fleet was merely 548ms. This validates that DeepVis ensures consistent performance SLAs even in "noisy neighbor" public cloud environments.

Network Efficiency. Tensor-based verification drastically reduces bandwidth consumption. Each node transmits a fixed-size 49KB tensor regardless of file count, totaling only 4.9MB for the 100-node fleet. This represents a 100× reduction in network overhead compared to provenance-based systems, which can exceed 500MB under similar workloads.

TABLE VI
COMPONENT TIME BREAKDOWN (COLD CACHE). I/O DOMINATES (≈90%), CONFIRMING THAT DEEPVIS'S COMPUTATIONAL OVERHEAD (HASHING, ENTROPY, TENSOR UPDATE) IS NEGLIGIBLE.

Component	10K	100K	200K	500K
Traversal	127ms (14%)	1.74s (11%)	3.93s (9.5%)	8.88s (7.0%)
I/O (Header Read)	**675ms (77%)**	**12.77s (84%)**	**36.09s (87%)**	**113.2s (89.9%)**
Hashing	24ms (2.8%)	209ms (1.4%)	418ms (1.0%)	1.31s (1.0%)
Entropy Calc	30ms (3.4%)	322ms (2.1%)	557ms (1.3%)	1.86s (1.5%)
Tensor Update	21ms (2.4%)	132ms (0.9%)	321ms (0.8%)	746ms (0.6%)
Total Time	**877ms**	**15.17s**	**41.31s**	**126.0s**

Computational Overhead Analysis. Table VI presents the execution time breakdown across varying file counts ranging from 10K to 500K under a cold cache scenario. I/O operations dominate the runtime, consuming approximately 90% of the total execution time at scale (500K files). Conversely, com-

TABLE VII
COMPONENT-WISE ABLATION STUDY. PERFORMANCE COMPONENTS (I/O, SAMPLING) DETERMINE THROUGHPUT; ACCURACY COMPONENTS (HASH-GRID, RGB) DETERMINE DETECTION CAPABILITY.

Category	Configuration	Rate (files/s)	F1-Score
Performance	Baseline (Sync + Full Read)	1,455	–
	+ Async I/O (`io_uring`)	2,910	–
	+ Header Sampling (128B)	39,993	–
Accuracy	Entropy Only (R-channel)	–	0.25
	+ Hash-Grid (L_∞)	–	0.35
	+ RGB Fusion (Full DeepVis)	–	**0.98**
DeepVis (All Components)		**39,993**	**0.98**

putational tasks, including hashing, entropy calculation, and tensor updates, collectively account for less than 3.1% of the total time. This indicates that the computational overhead of the hash-grid mapping and feature extraction remains negligible, confirming that the performance of DeepVis is limited effectively by storage bandwidth rather than CPU resources.

F. Ablation Study: Component Contribution Analysis

To quantify the contribution of each architectural decision, we evaluated system performance by selectively disabling key components. Table VII separates **Performance-critical** components (affecting throughput) from **Accuracy-critical** components (affecting detection).

Performance Components. The first section of Table VII shows how I/O strategy impacts throughput. Synchronous full-file reads achieve only 1,455 files/s. Adding `io_uring` doubles throughput to 2,910 files/s by eliminating syscall overhead. The decisive improvement comes from Header Sampling, which reads only 128 bytes per file, achieving 39,993 files/s—a 27× speedup.

Accuracy Components. The second section isolates detection accuracy. Using only entropy (R-channel) yields F1=0.25 due to high false positives on compressed files. Enabling Hash-Grid with L_∞ pooling improves F1 to 0.35 by preserving sparse attack signals that would be diluted by global pooling. Finally, adding Context (G) and Structure (B) channels enables combinatorial reasoning ("High Entropy + System Path + ELF Header" = rootkit), achieving F1=0.98.

V. DISCUSSION AND LIMITATION

We critically analyze the security properties, limitations, and potential evasion strategies of `DeepVis`, evaluating robustness against adaptive attackers and operational constraints.

A. Robustness Against Adaptive Attackers

We assume a white-box adversary who knows the system architecture but does not possess the HMAC secret key K, which is secured within a Trusted Execution Environment (TEE).

Low-Entropy Mimicry. An attacker might pad a malicious binary with null bytes or NOP sleds to lower its entropy (Red channel evasion). However, this forces a *Trilemma*: padding increases file size, triggering the **Green (Context)** channel, while execution requirements (e.g., SUID bits) trigger the **Blue (Structure)** channel. The attacker cannot simultaneously minimize all three detection signals while maintaining utility.

Chameleon Attack (Hash Collision). An attacker might craft a filename to collide with a high-churn benign file (e.g., system logs). `DeepVis` mitigates this via **Max-Risk Pooling**: for any pixel mapping multiple files, the tensor value is computed as $T_{x,y} = \max_i(\text{Feature}(f_i))$. This ensures the highest-risk signal (the attack) dominates the pixel, preventing dilution by benign noise. Additionally, the secret key K randomizes the mapping, preventing targeted collisions.

Contextual Masking. Hiding a rootkit in a safe path (e.g., `/usr/bin`) lowers the Green channel score but exposes **Structural Mismatches**. For instance, a kernel module (`.ko`) in a binary directory is a structural anomaly detected by the Blue channel, while packed binaries exhibit entropy deviations (Red channel) regardless of location.

B. Operational Analysis: The SNR Advantage

The "MSE Paradox" identified in Section II is resolved by `DeepVis`'s Local Max (L_∞) detection. In hyperscale systems with N files, a single rootkit ($k \approx 1$) is statistically invisible under Global MSE (L_2) as $SNR_{Global} \propto \frac{k}{N} \cdot \delta \to 0$. In contrast, Local Max isolates the single worst violation, maintaining $SNR_{Local} \propto \delta$ regardless of system scale. This property ensures detection sensitivity does not degrade as the file system grows.

C. Limitations and Future Work

Header-Only Sampling. `DeepVis` reads only the first 64–128 bytes to maximize throughput. While effective against executable malware that must modify headers (e.g., ELF/PE) for loading, it may miss script-based attacks or polyglots hiding payloads deep within files. Our empirical analysis confirms that packed binaries exhibit high entropy even in the first 64 bytes (Header ≈ 0.71) compared to benign binaries (Header ≈ 0.29), justifying this tradeoff for executable threats.

Same-Structure Replacement. A sophisticated attacker replacing a legitimate binary with a malicious one of identical entropy and structure would produce identical features. Such attacks are invisible to snapshot-based monitors and require complementary behavioral monitoring.

Key Management. The security of the spatial mapping relies on the secrecy of K. In agent-based deployments, K resides in memory; for stronger security, we recommend offloading key management to a TEE or HSM.

Memory-Only Threats. Rootkits residing solely in RAM (e.g., via `ptrace`) leave no disk footprint and are outside the scope of file system monitoring. We recommend pairing `DeepVis` with memory forensics tools like LKRG [12] or Volatility.

D. Deployment Considerations

To prevent baseline poisoning, we enforce **Golden Image Attestation**, verifying the initial state against a cryptographically signed image. The trained CAE model is stored in

a read-only repository with content-addressable hashing. To minimize the Trusted Computing Base (TCB), `DeepVis` supports an **Agentless Architecture** where target disks are mounted read-only on a trusted analysis instance, isolating the monitoring process from the compromised host kernel. For future scalability beyond millions of files, we propose a **Parallel Asynchronous Architecture** with sharded metadata collection and incremental visual updates, reducing update complexity from $O(N)$ to $O(|\Delta|)$.

VI. Conclusion

In this paper, we propose `DeepVis`, a highly scalable integrity verification framework that applies hash-based spatial mapping for fast inference and integrates local maximum detection to resolve the statistical asymmetry between diffuse updates and sparse attacks. `DeepVis` transforms file system monitoring from a linear scanning problem into a fixed-size computer vision problem which decouples verification complexity from the file count. Our evaluations on production infrastructure across Ubuntu, CentOS, and Debian show that `DeepVis` achieves an F1-score of 0.96 with zero false positives on curated attack scenarios, enables 168 times more frequent monitoring than traditional FIM, and maintains negligible runtime overhead (+2% P99 latency, +1.4% CPU). These results demonstrate that `DeepVis` effectively addresses the scalability bottlenecks and alert fatigue of prior approaches, offering a practical solution for continuous integrity verification in hyperscale distributed systems.

Artifact Availability. To support reproducibility, we will release the following upon publication: (1) the Rust-based scanner core with HMAC-SHA256 spatial mapping, (2) the 1×1 CAE training and inference pipeline (PyTorch/ONNX), (3) synthetic churn generators and `fio` configuration files, and (4) feature extraction scripts. Malware samples are referenced via SHA-256 hashes from public datasets.

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