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Graph community metrics as a reliable and time robust tool to detect cyber-attacks

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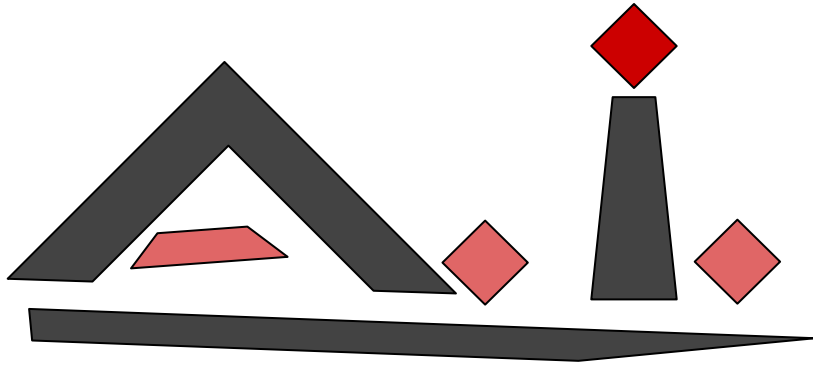
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- **State of the art**
- **Problems**
- **Datasets**
- **Graph community**
- **Results**
- **GPML**
- **Next steps**
- **Conclusion**

Context

BIG DATA :

How to manage an ever increasing amount of data ?



A.I. CHALLENGES :

- Scalability
- Explainability
- Time robustness

Context

Initial Access	Execution	Persistence	Privilege Escalation	Defense Evasion	Credential Access	Discovery	Lateral Movement	Collection	Command and Control
9 techniques	10 techniques	18 techniques	12 techniques	34 techniques	14 techniques	24 techniques	9 techniques	16 techniques	16 techniques
Drive-by Compromise	Command and Scripting Interpreter (7)	Account Manipulation (4)	Abuse Elevation Control Mechanism (4)	Abuse Elevation Control Mechanism (4)	Brute Force (4)	Account Discovery (4)	Exploitation of Remote Services	Archive Collected Data (3)	Application Layer Protocol (4)
Exploit Public-Facing Application	Exploitation for Client Execution	BITS Jobs	Access Token Manipulation (5)	Access Token Manipulation (5)	Credentials from Password Stores (3)	Application Window Discovery	Internal Spearphishing	Audio Capture	Communication Through Removable Media
		Boot or Logon				Browser Bookmark		Automated	

Reconnaissance	Resource Development	Initial Access	Execution	Persistence	Privilege Escalation	Defense Evasion	Credential Access
10 techniques	8 techniques	10 techniques	14 techniques	20 techniques	14 techniques	43 techniques	17 techniques
Active Scanning (3)	Acquire Access	Content Injection	Cloud Administration Command	Account Manipulation (6)	Abuse Elevation Control Mechanism (5)	Abuse Elevation Control Mechanism (5)	Adversary-in-the-Middle (3)
Gather Victim Host Information (4)	Acquire Infrastructure (8)	Drive-by Compromise	Command and Scripting Interpreter	BITS Jobs	Access Token Manipulation (5)	Access Token Manipulation (5)	Brute Force (4)
Gather Victim Identity Information	Compromise Accounts	Exploit Public		Boot or Logon		BITS Jobs	Credentials from

Discovery	Lateral Movement	Collection	Command and Control	Exfiltration	Impact
32 techniques	9 techniques	17 techniques	17 techniques	9 techniques	14 techniques
Account Discovery (4)	Exploitation of Remote Services	Adversary-in-the-Middle (3)	Application Layer Protocol (4)	Automated Exfiltration (1)	Account Access Removal
Application Window Discovery	Internal Spearphishing	Archive Collected Data (3)	Communication Through	Data Transfer Size Limits	Data Destruction
Browser Information					Data Encrypted

Network are changing environment
Attacks are very diverse evolving
targets

State of the art

RELATED WORKS FOR ANOMALY DETECTION SURVEY COMPARISON

Year →	Before 2020				2020 - 2021					From 2022	
Papers Category	Akoglu et al. [3]	Ranshous et al. [4]	Rosetti et al. [5]	Salehi et al. [6]	Magán-Carrión et al. [7]	Pourhabibi et al. [8]	Ma et al. [9]	Nassif et al. [10]	Cook et al. [11]	Chatterjee et al. [12]	Kim et al. [13]
Attack detection	✓	x	x	x	✓	x	✓	✓	x	✓	x
Graph based	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	x	✓	x	✓
Scalability	x	x	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	x	x
Dynamicity	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	x	x	x	✓
Time constraint	x	x	x	✓*	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Time Robustness	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	✓	x
Community	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	x	x	x	✓

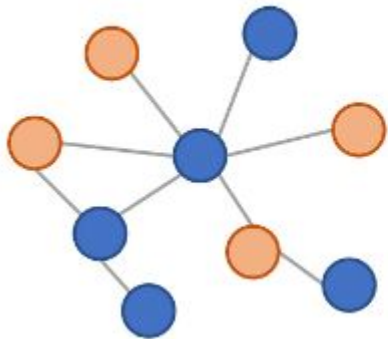
- Community based approach don't consider metrics except modularity used for community detection
- Most of the works don't consider scalability
- None considerer constraints of time such as the one in data stream analysis
- More recent works considered concept drift but have no substantial answer

State of the art : GNN

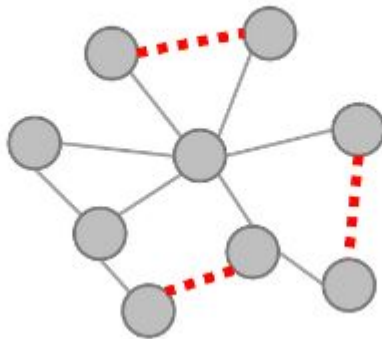
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- **Very popular**
- **Work with graph structure**
- **Can construct a graph structure from euclidean data -> Embedded prediction to a vector.**

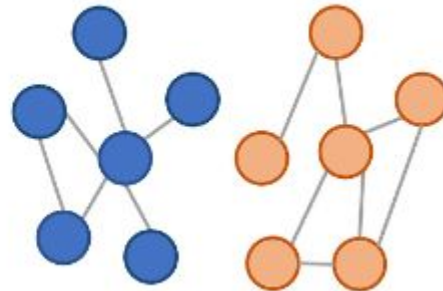
Node Classification



Link Prediction



Graph Classification



Problems

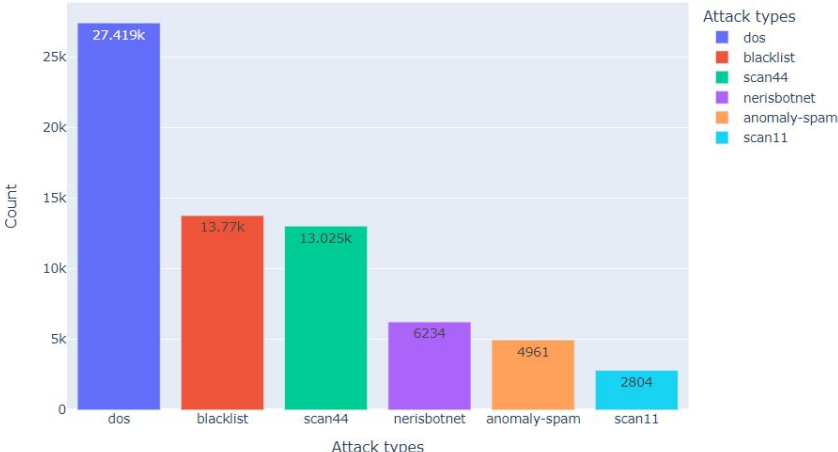
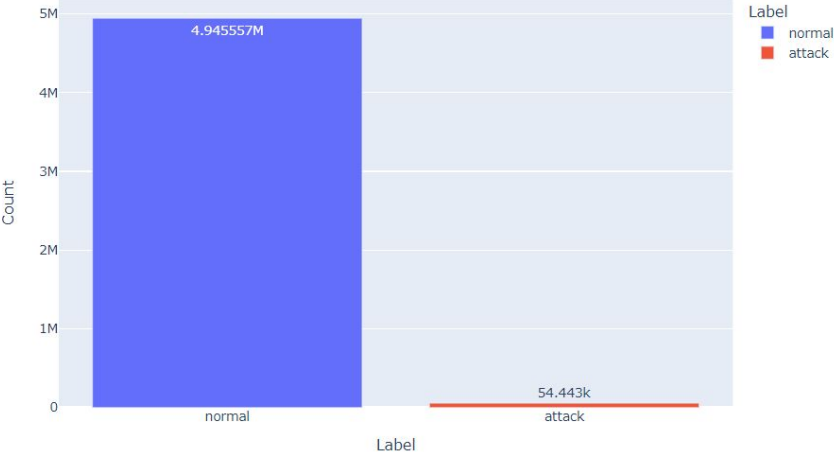
- **How to keep a scalable approach ?**
- **How to be robust to evolution of attacker model ?**
- **Can explainability be retained ?**
- **How could poisoning be avoided ?**
- **Concept drift robustness ?**

Datasets : UGR16

Date time	Duration	Source IP	Destination IP	Source Port	Destination Port	Protocol	Flag	Forwarding status	ToS	Packets	Bytes	Label
2016-07-27 13:43:29	0.0	143.72.8.137	42.219.158.161	53	43192	UDP	.A...	0	0	1	214	background
2016-07-27 13:43:29	0.0	42.219.154.119	143.72.8.137	60185	53	UDP	.A...	0	0	1	72	background
2016-07-27 13:43:30	0.0	42.219.154.107	143.72.8.137	48598	53	UDP	.A...	0	0	1	77	background
2016-07-27 13:43:30	0.0	42.219.154.98	143.72.8.137	51465	53	UDP	.A...	0	0	1	63	background
2016-07-27 13:43:30	0.0	43.164.49.177	42.219.155.26	80	37934	TCP	.A...F	0	0	1	52	background

- Background data gathered from march to august 2016
- Simulated attacks from the last week of july and august in the background data (DoS and Port Scan)
- Re-inserted some attacks detected using anomaly detection (Spam and Botnet)
- Some unnoticed attacks may still be labelled as background

Datasets : UGR16



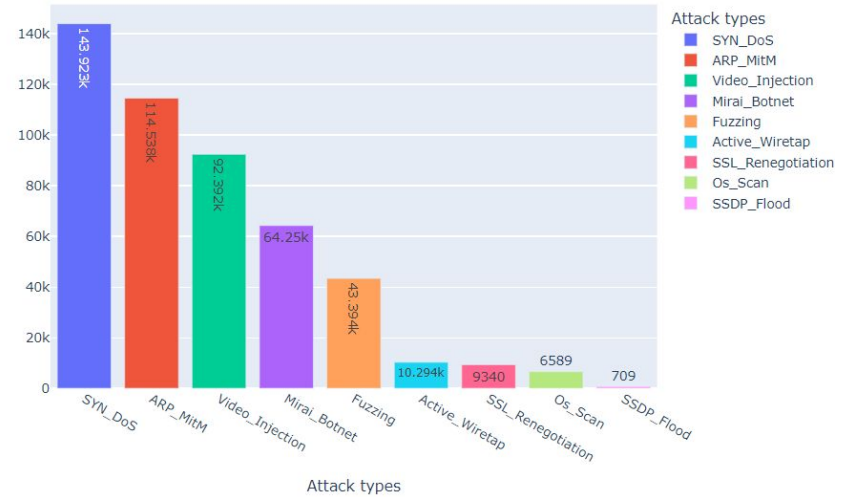
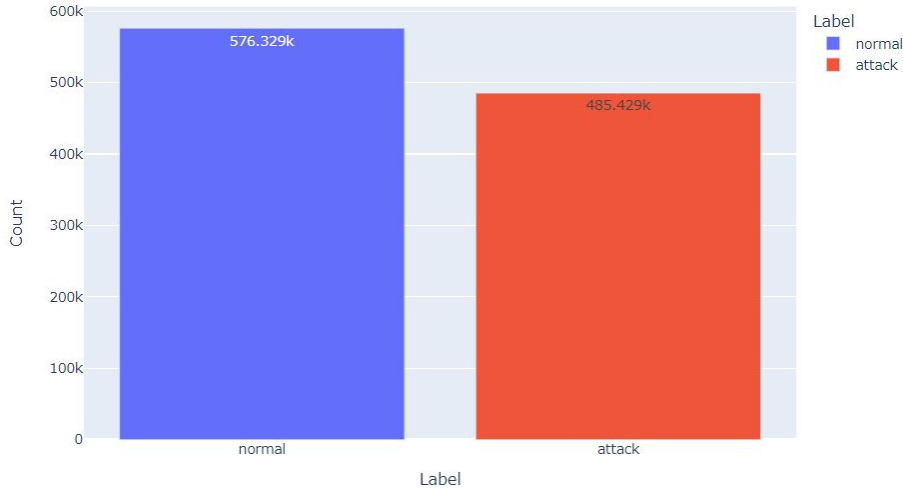
Datasets : Kitsune

Attack Type	Attack Name	Tool	Description: <i>The attacker...</i>	Violation	Vector	# Packets	Time [min.]
Recon.	OS Scan	Nmap	...scans the network for hosts, and their operating systems, to reveal possible vulnerabilities.	C	1	1,697,851	52.2
	Fuzzing	SFuzz	...searches for vulnerabilities in the camera's web servers by sending random commands to their cgis.	C	3	2,244,139	85.5
Man in the Middle	Video Injection	Video Jack	...injects a recorded video clip into a live video stream.	C, I	1	2,472,401	33.4
	ARP MitM	Ettercap	...intercepts all LAN traffic via an ARP poisoning attack.	C	1	2,504,267	28.2
	Active Wiretap	Raspberry PI 3B	...intercepts all LAN traffic via active wiretap (network bridge) covertly installed on an exposed cable.	C	2	4,554,925	95.6
Denial of Service	SSDP Flood	Saddam	...overloads the DVR by causing cameras to spam the server with UPnP advertisements.	A	1	4,077,266	40.8
	SYN DoS	Hping3	...disables a camera's video stream by overloading its web server.	A	1	2,771,276	52.8
	SSL Renegotiation	THC	...disables a camera's video stream by sending many SSL renegotiation packets to the camera.	A	1	6,084,492	65.6
Botnet Malware	Mirai	Telnet	...infects IoT with the Mirai malware by exploiting default credentials, and then scans for new vulnerable victims network.	C, I	X	764,137	118.9

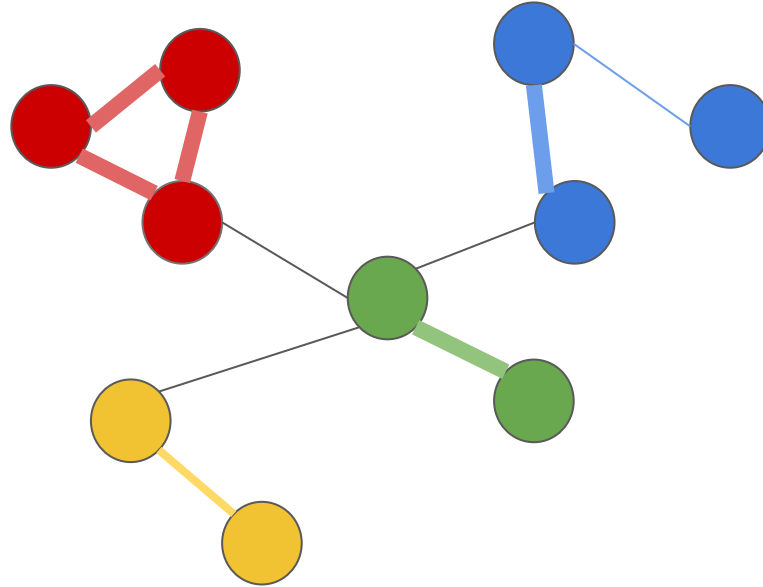
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Formatted for ML
 Lot of "efficient" features but

Datasets : Kitsune



Graph community



M_{in} : The number of edge with both vertex in same community

M_{all} : The number of edge in the graph

$$Cov = \frac{M_{in}}{M_{all}}$$

Groups of nodes more connected to each others than to the other nodes of the graph.

In general a graph partition is obtained by maximizing the modularity.

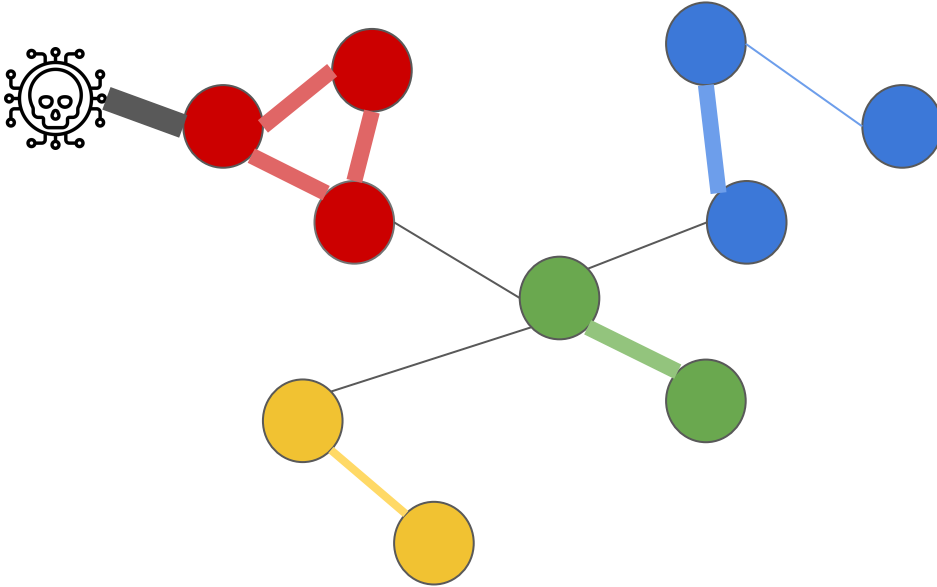
$Size_i$: Number of nodes in community i

V_{all} : The number of nodes in the graph

$$= Mod - Cov = \frac{\sum \frac{M_{in}^i}{V_{all}^2} \cdot Size_i^2}{M_{all}}$$

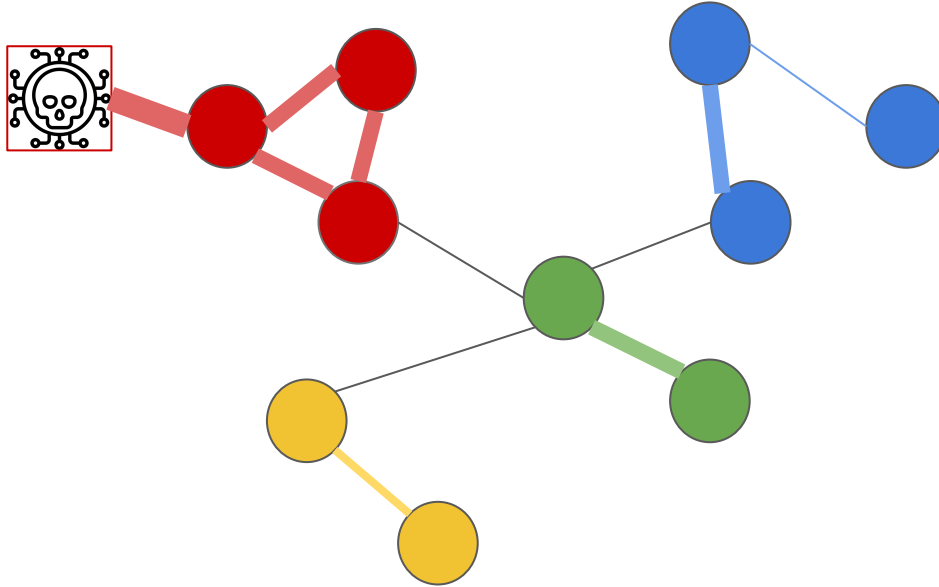
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Why Graph community ?



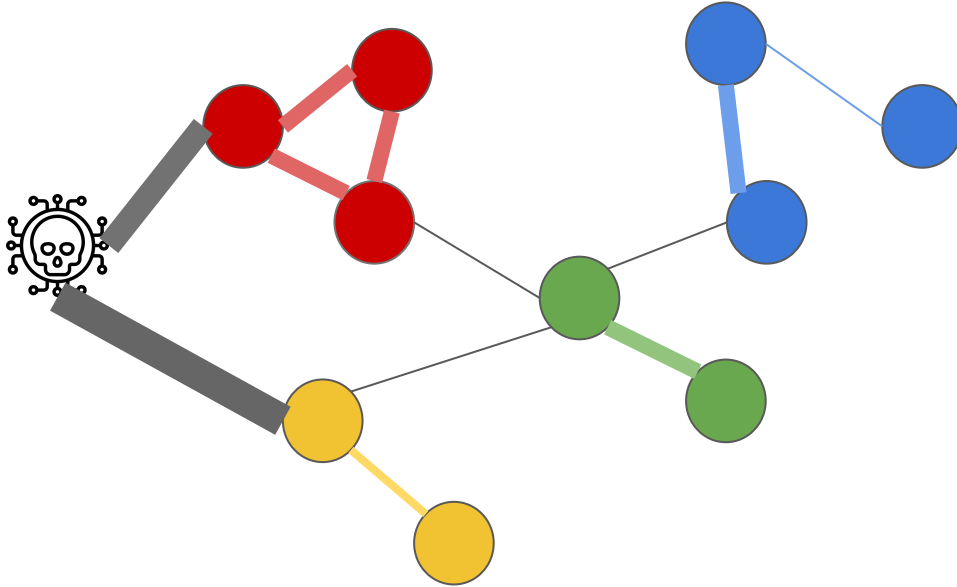
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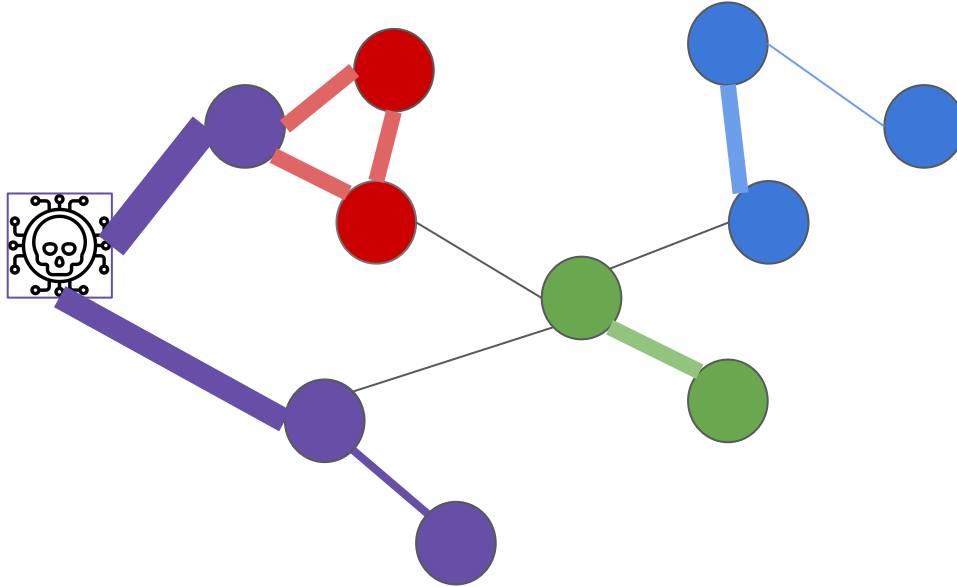
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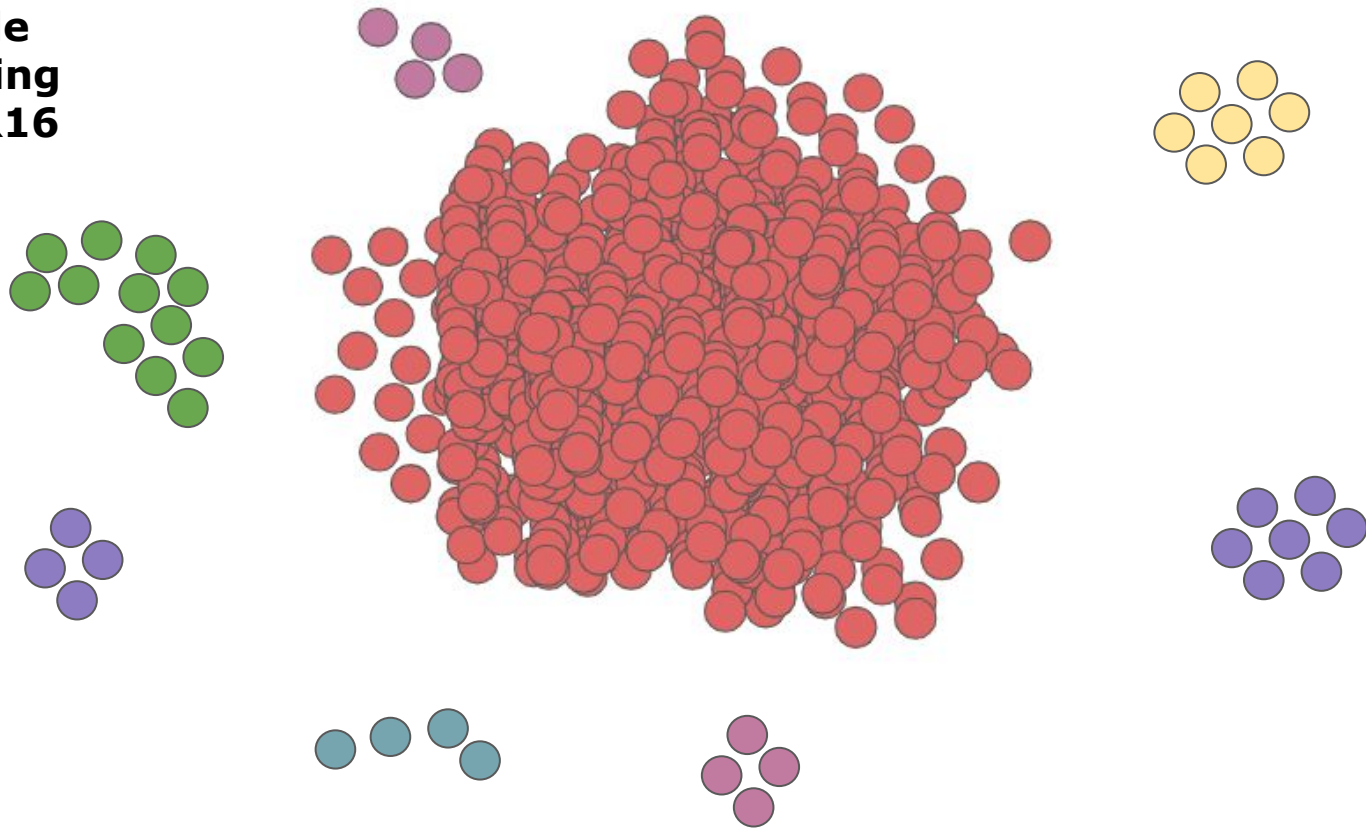
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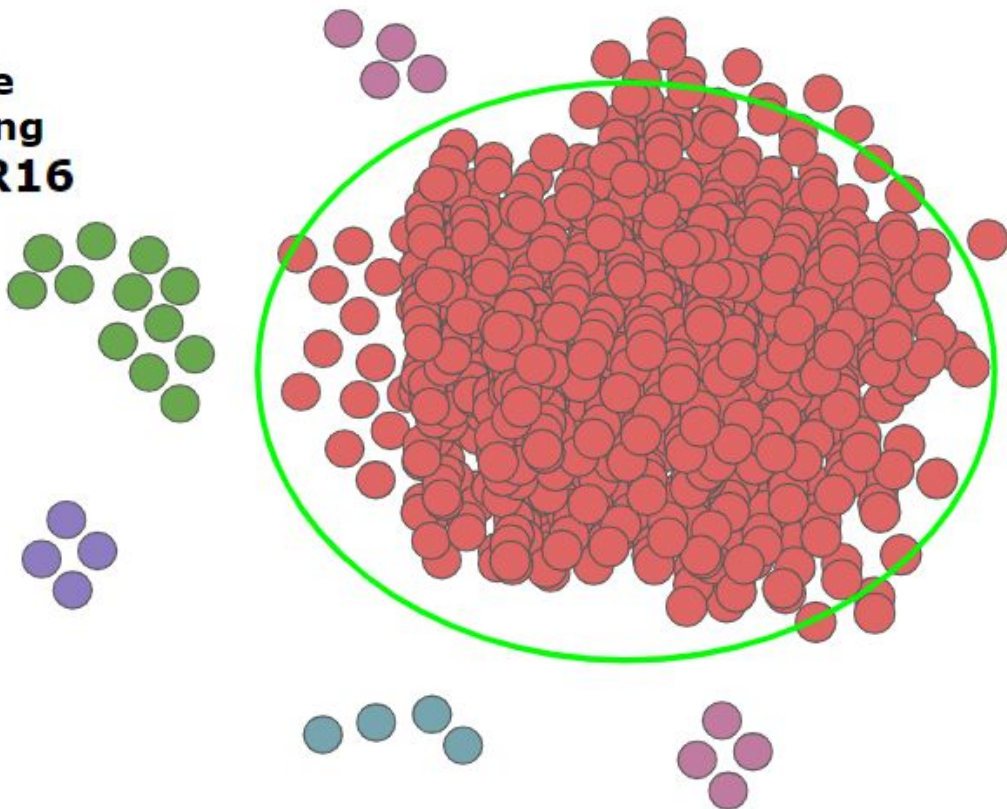
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A simple clustering on UGR16



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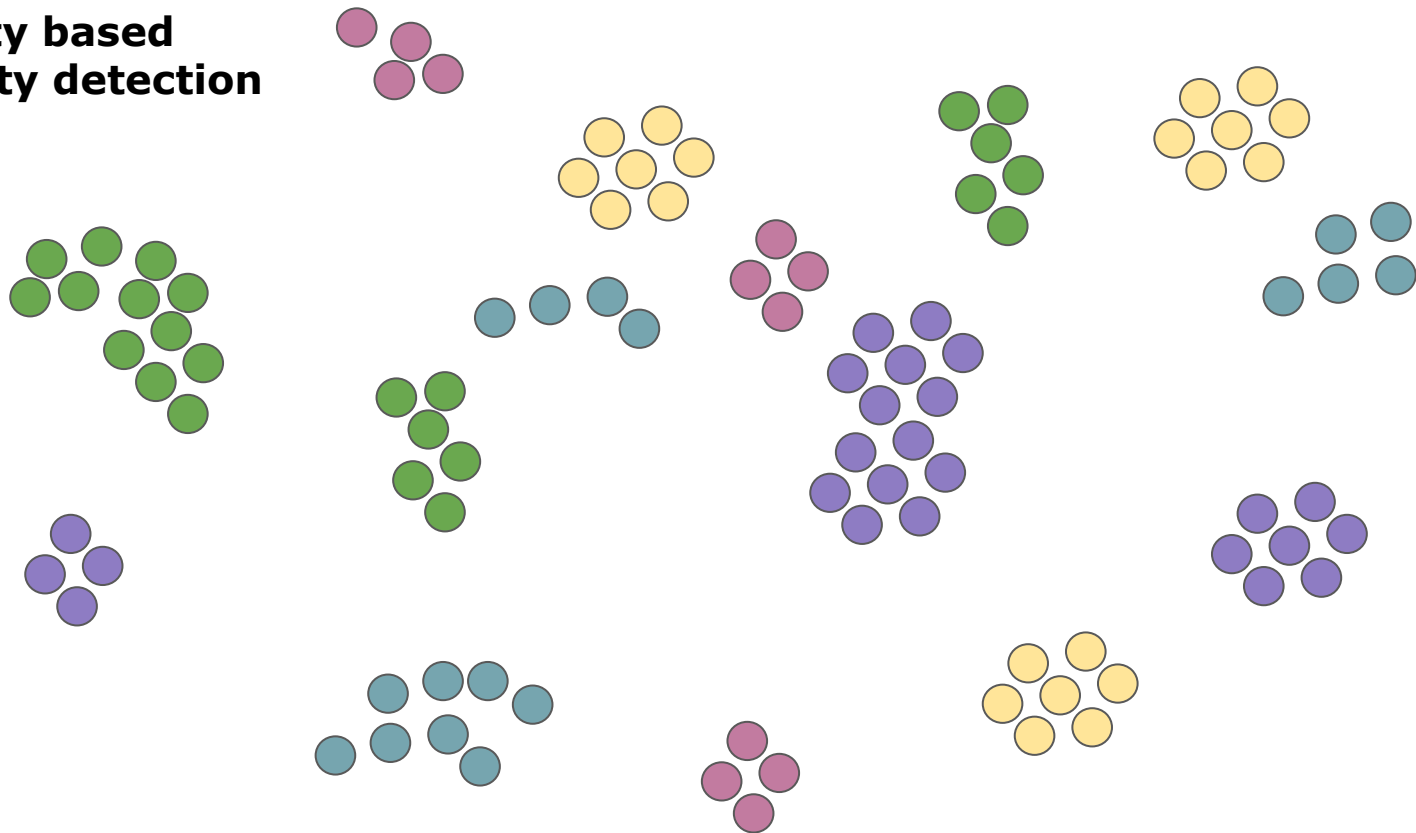
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Most of the attacks are in there !!!

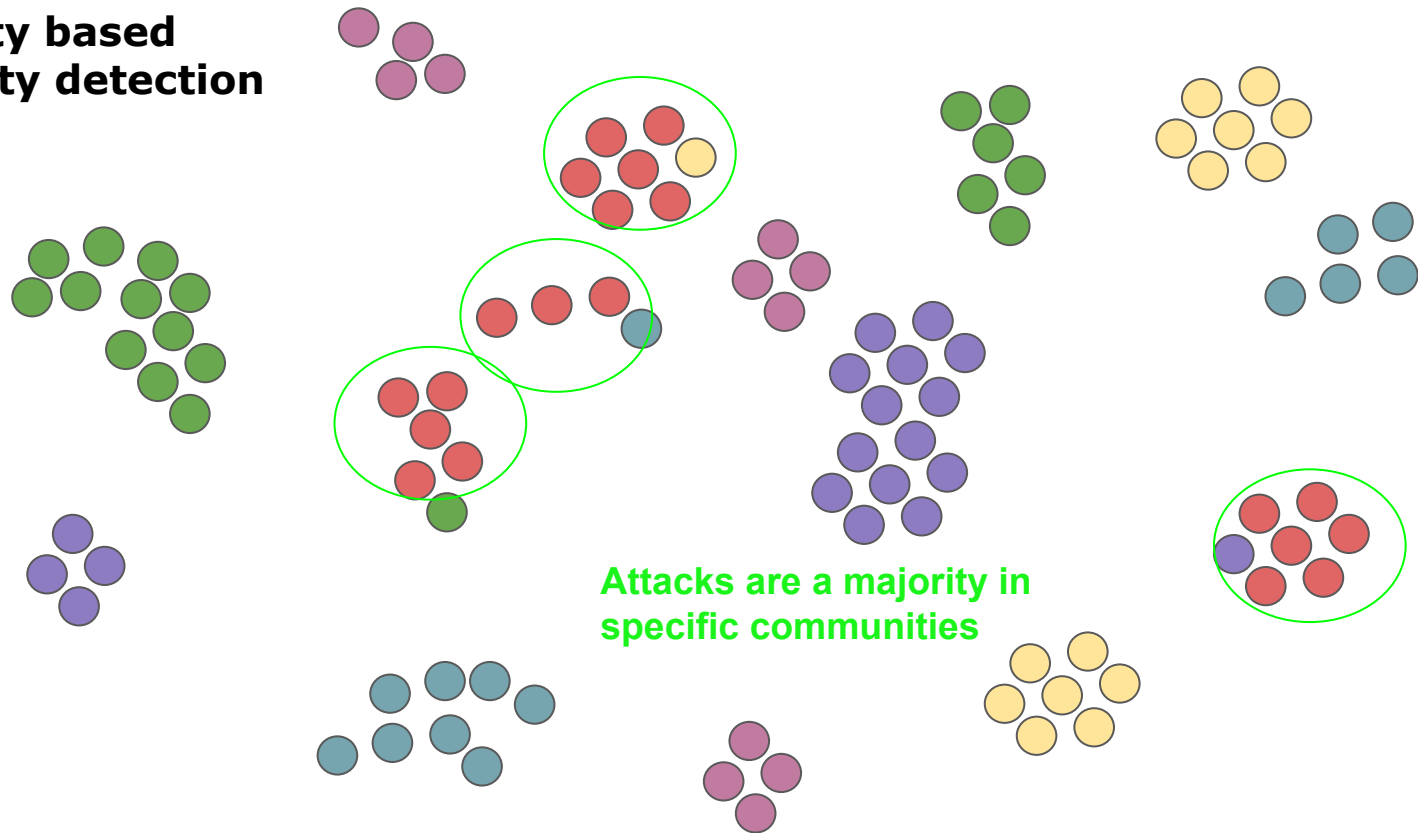
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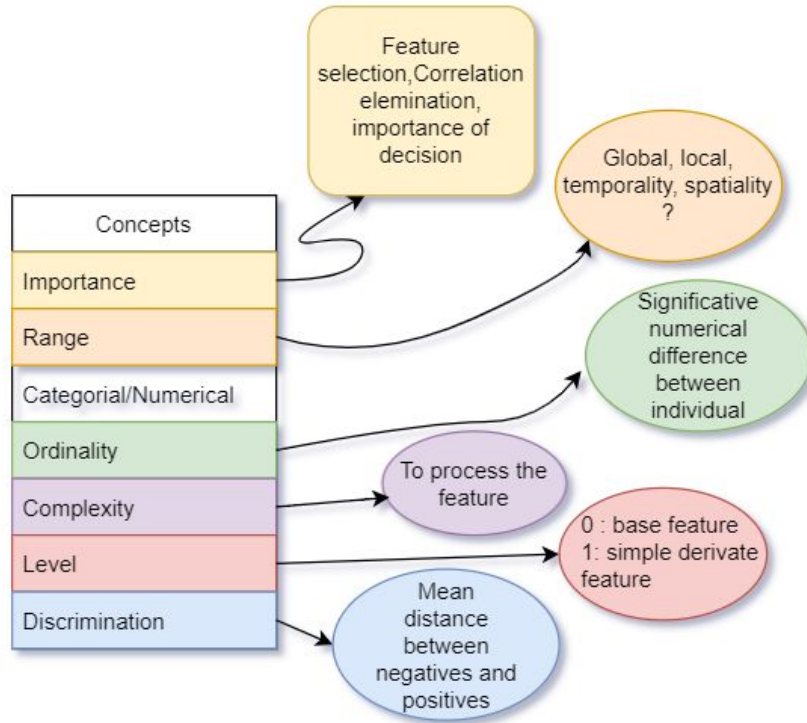


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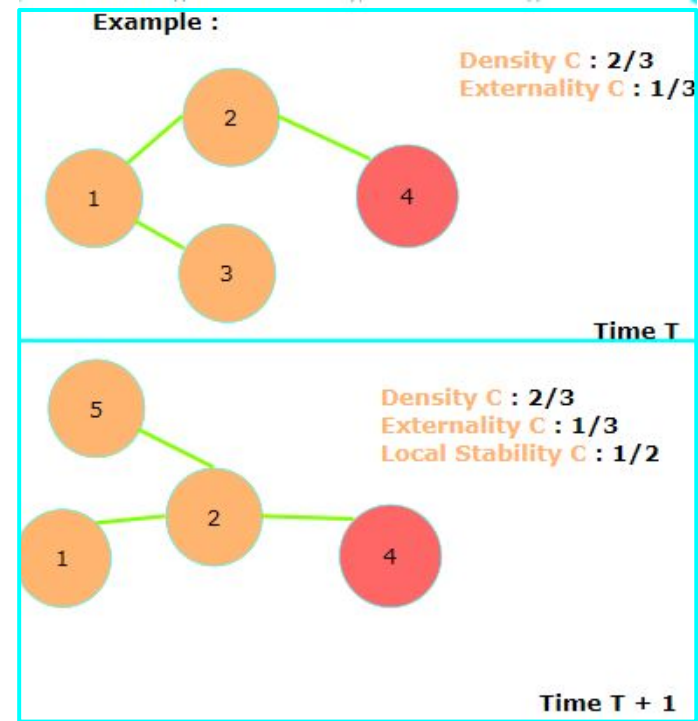


- Features are an important aspect if not the most important in anomalies detection.
- You need to keep only relevant features
- They need to discriminate positive and negative
- They need to be computable in your study case

Why dynamic community metrics ?

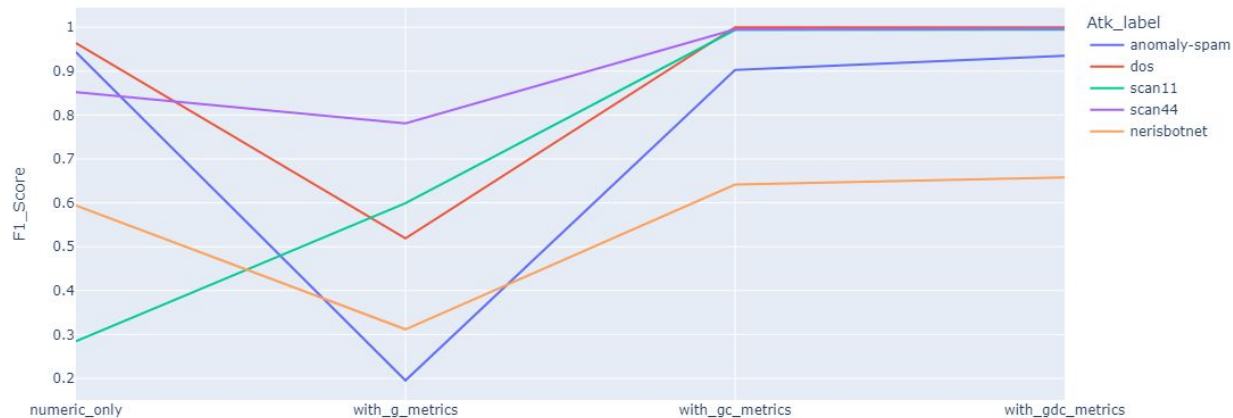
- Few nodes
or
- Few edges
can have high impact on
community values

We define Stability as a value of distance between 2 state of the same community.

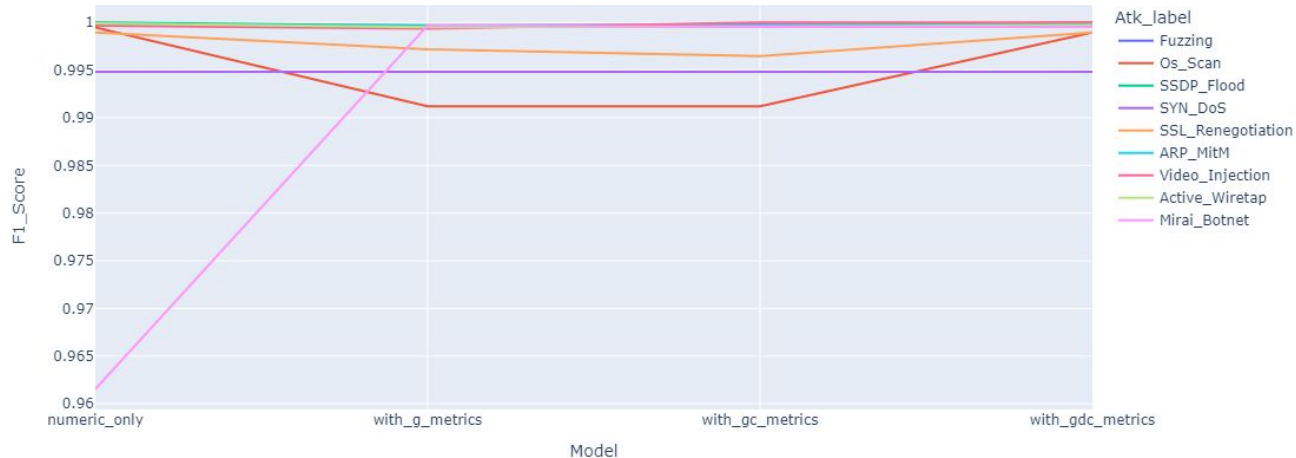


Results : XGBoost F1-score comparison

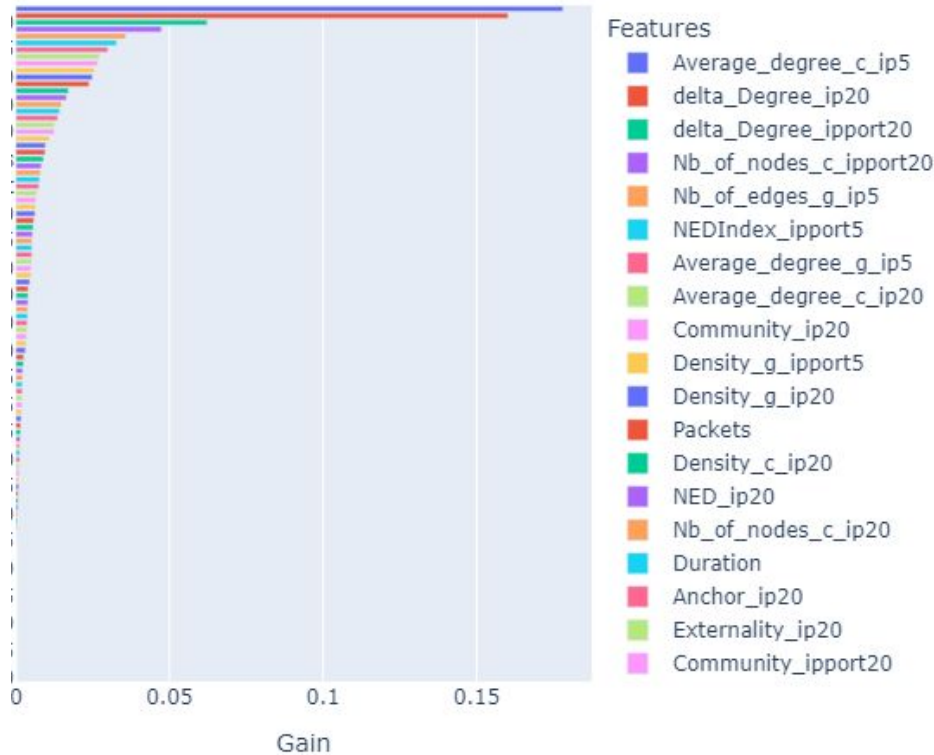
UGR16



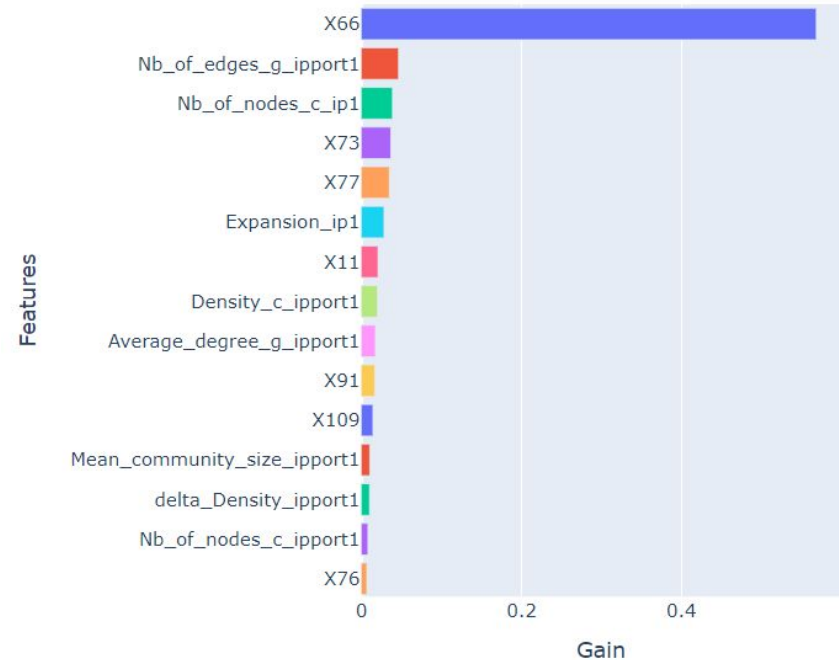
Kitsune



Results: Importance gain

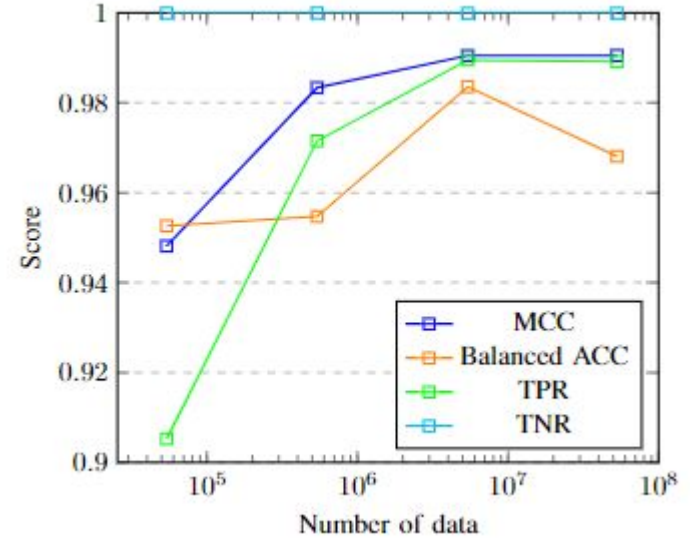
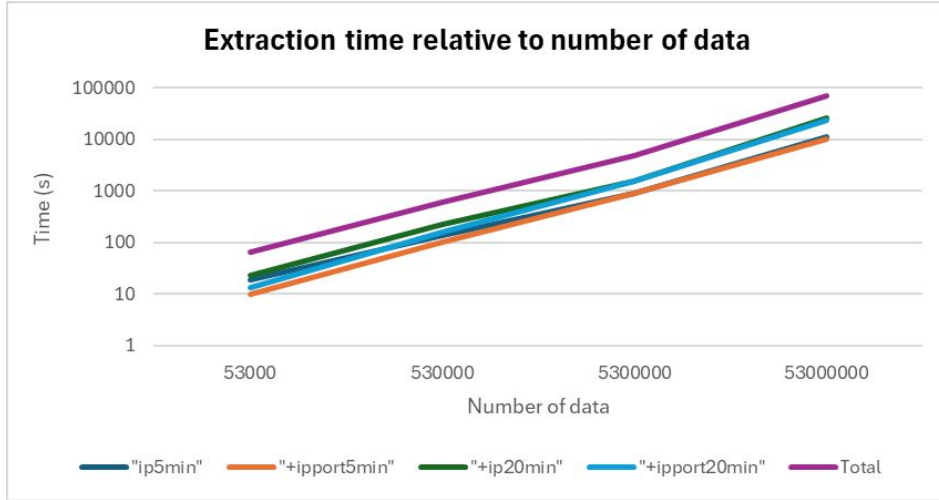


UGR16



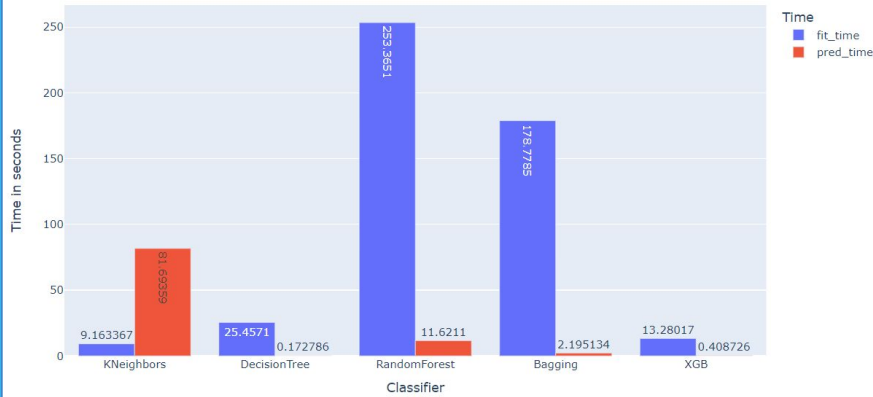
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Results : Scalability

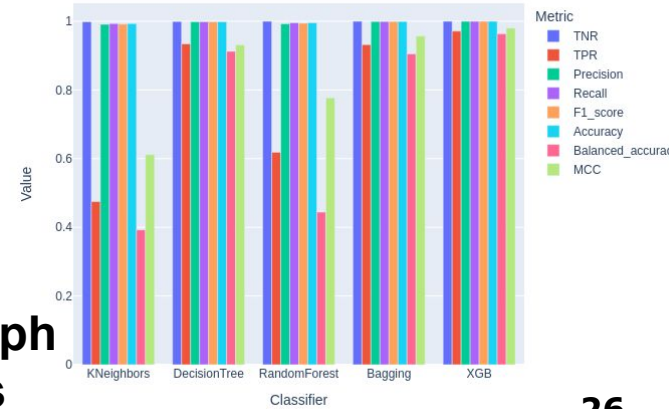
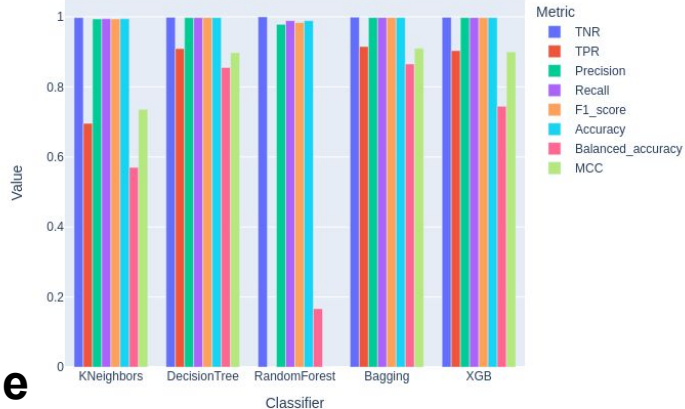
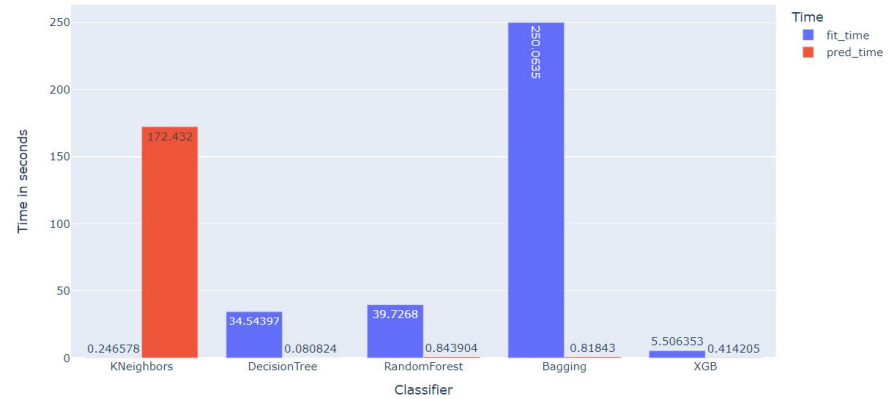


Results : Scalability - UGR16

Training and prediction time by Classifier



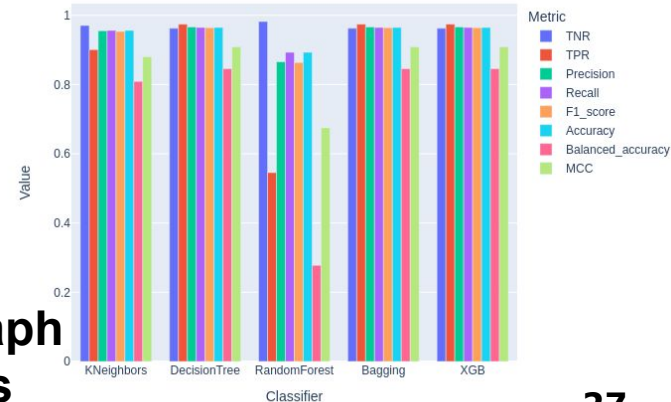
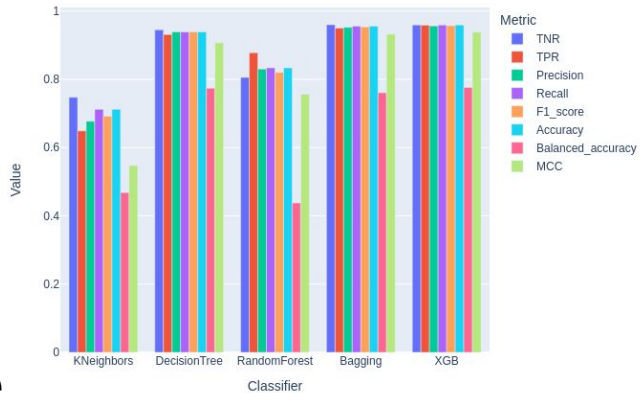
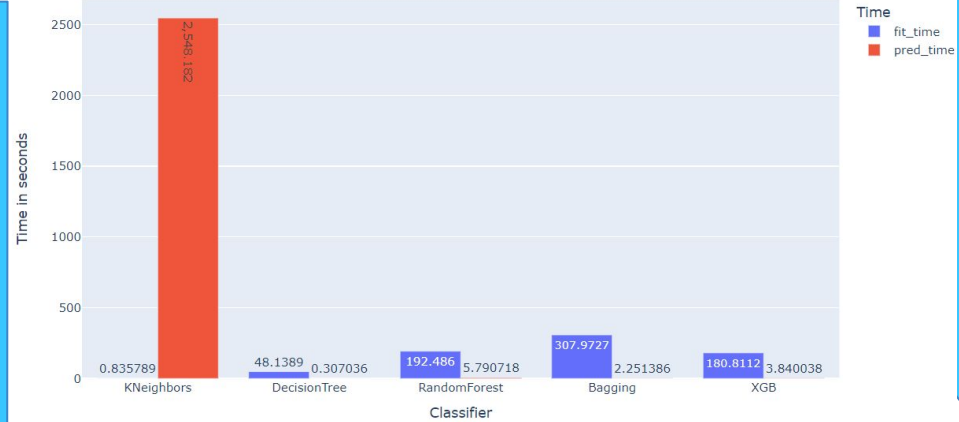
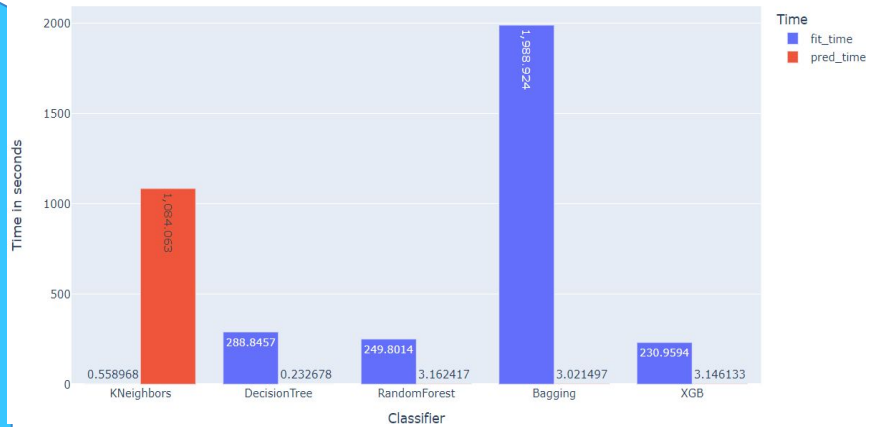
Training and prediction time by Classifier



Baseline

Dynamic graph communities

Results : Scalability - Kitsune



Baseline

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Results : Performance comparison

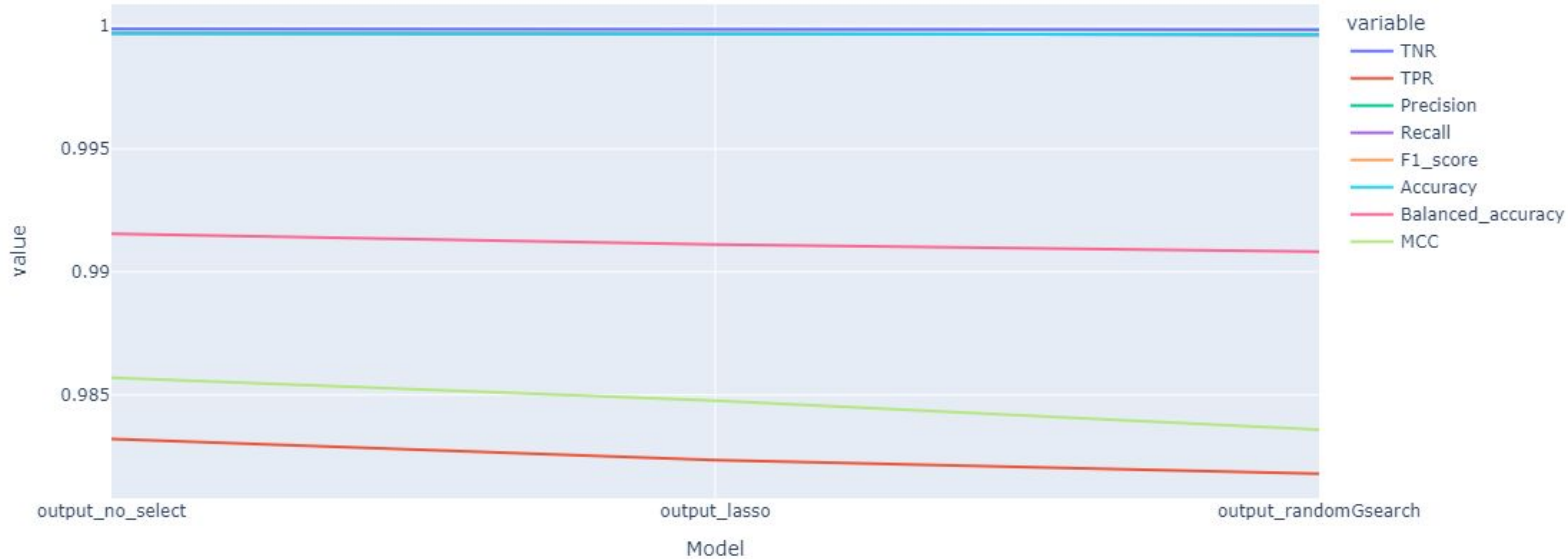
Datasets	Attacks	Precision		Recall		Balance Accuracy		F1-Score		Best Baseline
		Baseline	DGC	Baseline	DGC	Baseline	DGC	Baseline	DGC	
UGR16	Nerisbotnet	0,6875	0,8457	0,6409	0,5381	0,6442	0,6919	0,6634	0,6577	Bagging
	Scan11	0,8133	0,9988	0,7426	0,9905	0,7779	0,9947	0,7763	0,9947	
	Scan44	0,9239	0,9992	0,9332	0,9956	0,9286	0,9974	0,9286	0,9974	
	Spam	0,9608	0,9814	0,927	0,8924	0,9439	0,9369	0,9436	0,9348	
	DoS	0,9359	0,9998	0,9943	1	0,9651	0,9999	0,9642	0,9999	
Kitsune	DoS	0,9882	0,7849	0,9995	0,587	0,9943	0,6859	0,9943	0,6716	Xgboost
	SSL_Renegotiation	0,3571	0,6984	0,3694	0,8371	0,3632	0,7678	0,3631	0,7615	CART
	Mirai_botnet	0,9994	0,9973	0,9986	0,9765	0,999	0,9869	0,999	0,9868	Bagging
	Active_Wiretap	0,7286	0,9435	0,6178	0,8971	0,6732	0,9203	0,6686	0,9197	Xgboost
	Video_injection	0,946	0	0,999	0	0,9725	0	0,9718	0	
	ARP_MiTM	0,9516	0,9167	0,9982	0,9758	0,9748	0,9463	0,9743	0,9454	
	SSDP_Flood	0,7554	0,8064	0,6261	1	0,6907	0,9031	0,6847	0,8928	Xgboost
	Os_Scan	0,4964	1	0,4931	0,0026	0,4948	0,0052	0,4948	0,5013	CART
Fuzzing	0,9085	0,6037	0,9004	0,9095	0,9045	0,7566	0,9045	0,7257	Xgboost	

- For UGR16, DGC use both base features and dgc features
- For Kitsune, DGC use only graph features

Grinsztajn, Léo, Edouard Oyallon, and Gaël Varoquaux. "Why do tree-based models still outperform deep learning on typical tabular data?." Advances in neural information processing systems 35 (2022): 507-520.

Results : Optimisation ?

Performance evolution depending on the model used



- **Simple lasso for features selection**
- **RandomSearch for hyperparameter tuning**

Graph Processing for Machine Learning

Algorithm 1 Community propagation algorithm

Require: $G1, G2$ {Two graphs}

Require: C_{G1}, C_{G2} {List of centers in $G1$ and $G2$ }

Require: $Index_N \in G1 = Index_N \in G2$

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1:  $Center\_Where \leftarrow []$  {Void list for center position}
2:  $Not\_in \leftarrow |C_{G1}|$ 
3: for  $i \in C_{G2}$  do
4:   if  $i \in G1$  then
5:      $Center\_Where \cup i.community \in G1$ 
6:   else
7:      $Center\_Where \cup Not\_in$ 
8:      $Not\_in \leftarrow Not\_in + 1$ 
9:   end if
10: end for
11: for  $N \in G2$  do
12:    $N.old\_community \leftarrow N.community$ 
13:    $N.community \leftarrow N.community \in Center\_Where$ 
14: end for
Ensure:  $G2$  { $G2$  is updated with propagated communities}
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- Better accessibility for graph data for about any dataset
- Dynamic community specific algorithm
- General tool for visualisation of network data for machine learning

<https://github.com/lre-security-systems-team/gpml>

Next steps

Concept drift :

The **characteristics of the target** you are trying to detect **are changing with passing time** and this target is itself in **an environment that is evolving with passing time**

Feature 1 = x
Feature 2 = y
Feature 3 = z



Is attack
Can bite


Feature 1 = w
Feature 2 = y
Feature 3 = nz

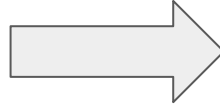


Isn't attack
Don't bite

Next steps

We can decide to make rules :

Feature 1 = x Feature 2 = y Feature 3 = z	 Is attack Can bite
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Feature 3 = z then is attack


Next steps


The problem is that at any point in time :

~~Feature 3 = z then is attack~~


Feature 1 = x Feature 2 = y Feature 3 = z	 Is attack Can bite
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Feature 1 = x Feature 2 = y Feature 3 = nz	 Is attack Can bite
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Feature 1 = w Feature 2 = y Feature 3 = nz	 Isn't attack Don't bite
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Feature 1 = w Feature 2 = y Feature 3 = z	 Isn't attack Don't bite
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Next steps

Then what we are looking for :

Feature 1 = x Feature 2 = y Feature 3 = z	 Is attack Can bite
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Feature 1 = w Feature 2 = y Feature 3 = nz	 Isn't attack Don't bite
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are features that may not be visible on data at first glance but are property of attack models

Conclusion

Getting good features is very important to detection !

Graph community metrics seems relevant to the detection of cyber attacks

Dynamic graph community metrics have shown to be highly important features to detection

In particular some metrics have shown to be relevant for different datasets and type of attacks

An approach which fulfill the constraint of scalability has been set up

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Thank you !



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