

# Augmented Memory replay based Continual Learning Approaches for Network Intrusion Detection

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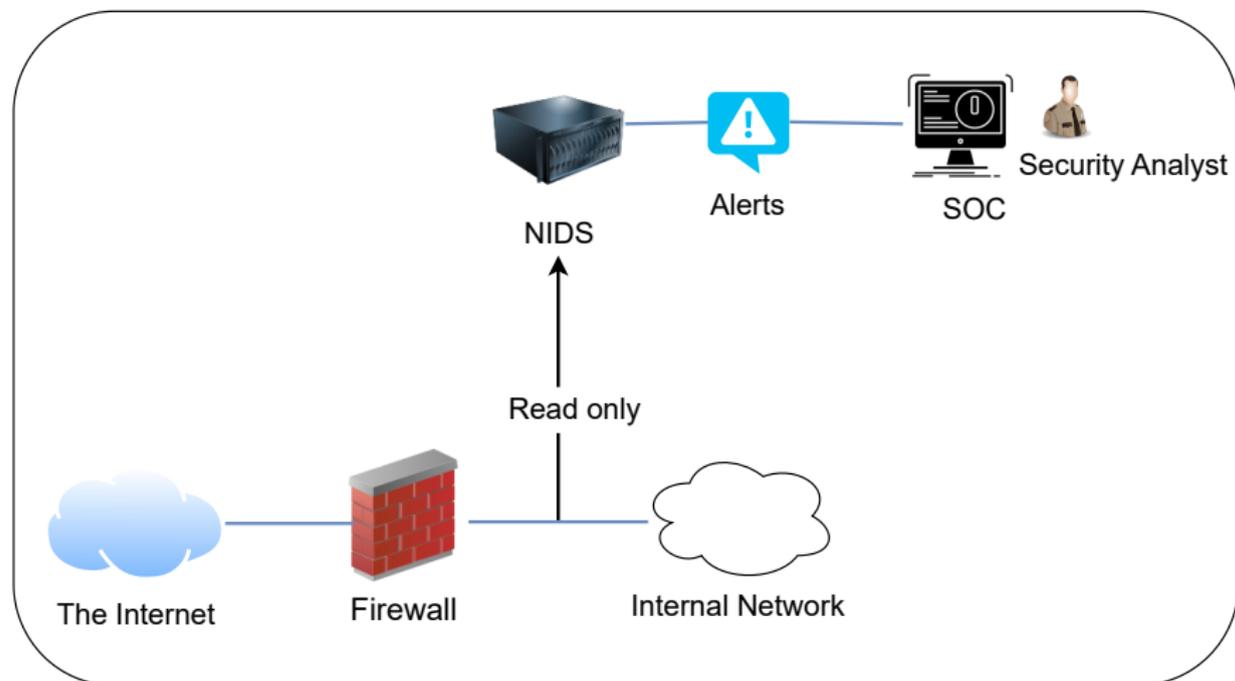


Figure 1: An operational position of NIDS

## CICIDS-2017

- Candian Institute for Cybersecurity
- No of samples: 2.1 million
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## ANOSHIFT subset

- No of samples: 11 million
- Heavy Class Imbalance (CI)- Attack traffic (90%)

## CICIDS-2018

- No of samples: 63 million
- Heavy Class Imbalance (CI)- Benign traffic (84%)

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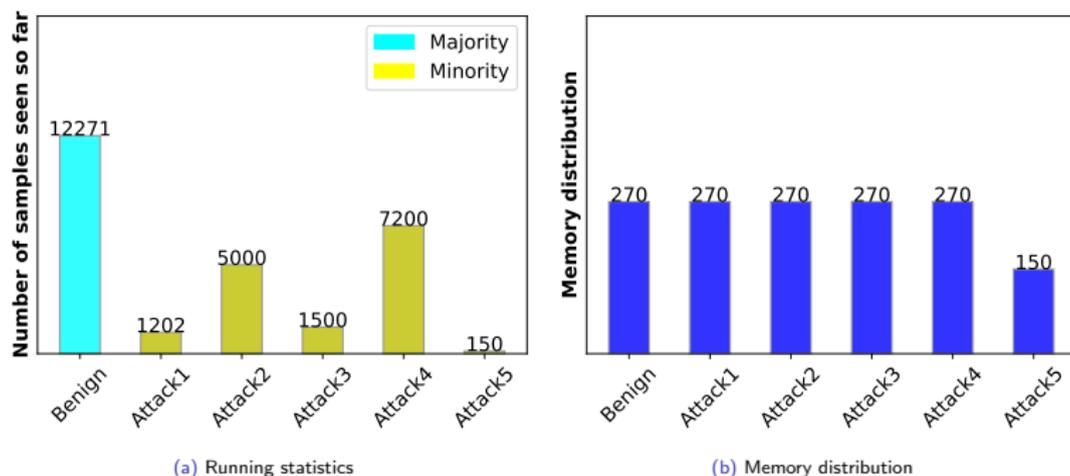
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- Due to reliance on local information
- Conflict of equal weights

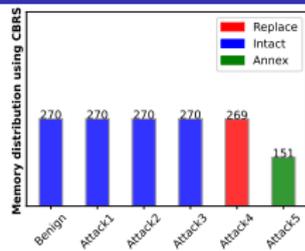
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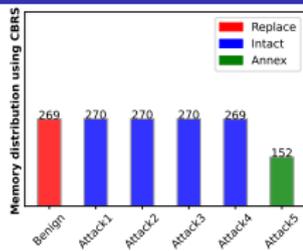


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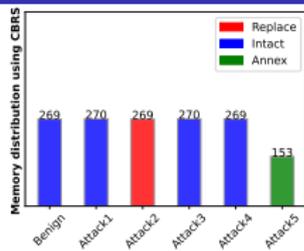
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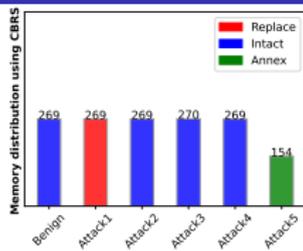
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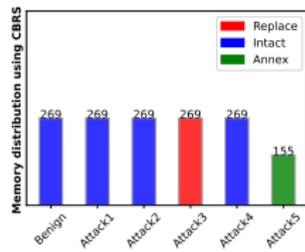
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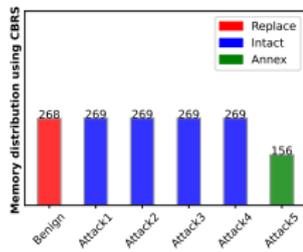
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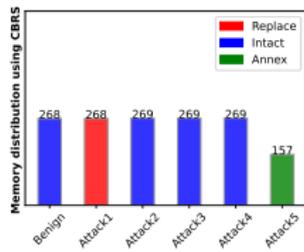
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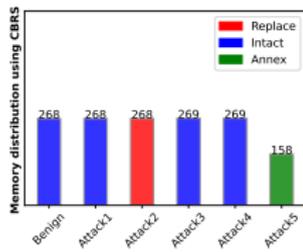
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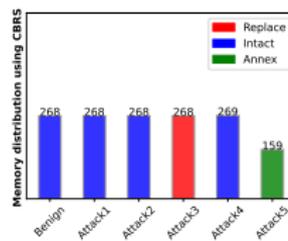
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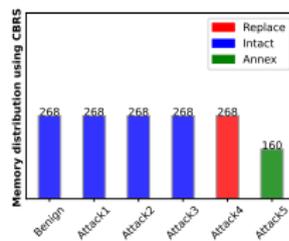
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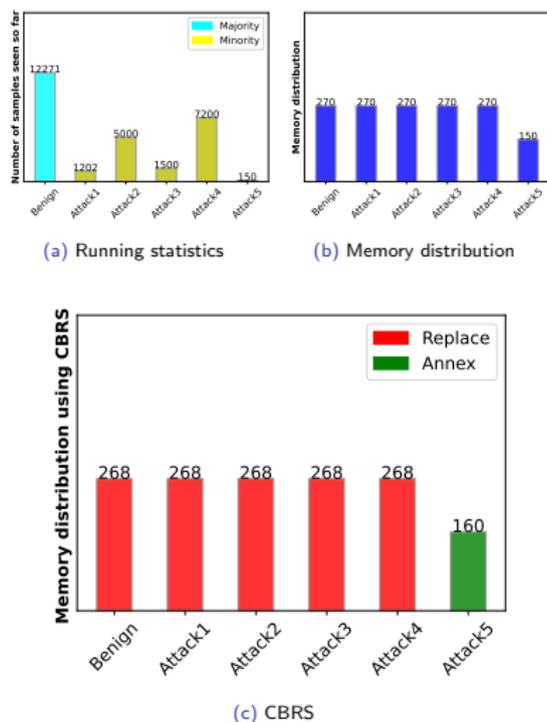
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**Input:** data stream:  $(x_i, y_i)_{i=1}^n$ , number of currently stored instances of class ( $c \equiv y_i$ ):  $m_c$ , number of stream instances of class  $c \equiv y_i$  encountered thus far:  $n_c$

**for**  $i = 1$  **to**  $n$  **do**

**if** memory is **not** filled **then**

        store  $(x_i, y_i)$

**else**

**if**  $y_i$  is **not** a full class **then**

            select the largest class with higher running statistics value and non-zero samples with  $m_c \geq \gamma(c)$  in the buffer. Otherwise, select class with the next higher statistic value

            overwrite the selected class sample with  $(x_i, y_i)$

**else**

            sample  $u \sim \text{Uniform}(0,1)$

**if**  $u \leq m_c/n_c$  **then**

                pick a stored instance of class  $c \equiv y_i$  at random and replace it with  $(x_i, y_i)$

**else**

                Ignore  $(x_i, y_i)$

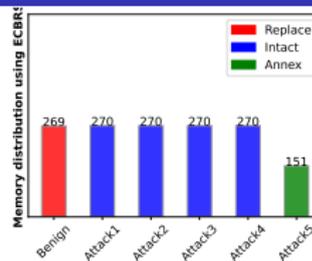
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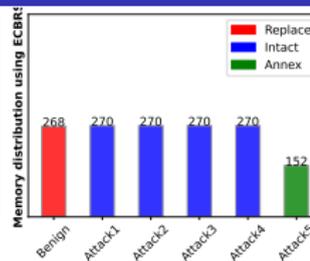
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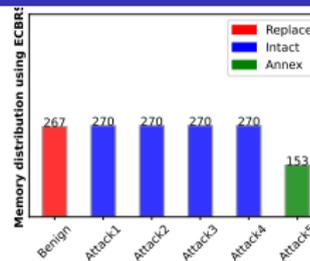
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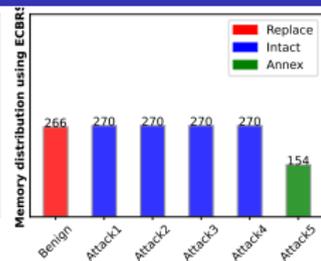
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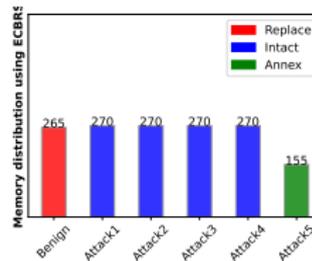
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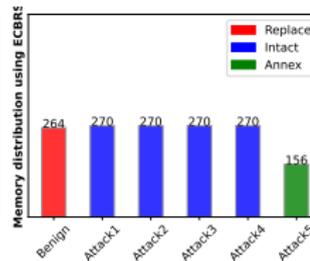
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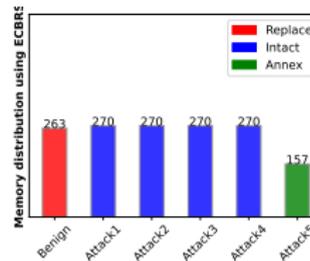
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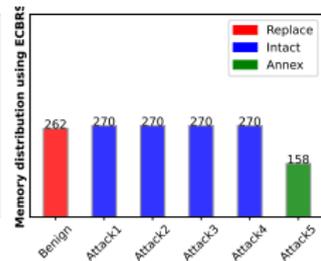
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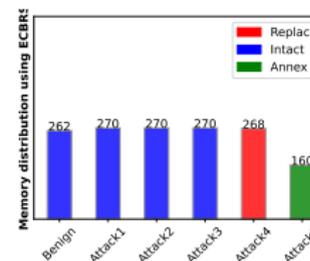
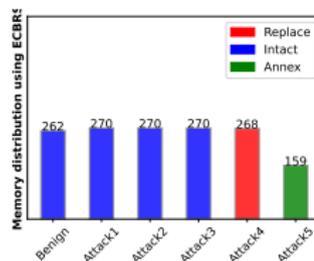
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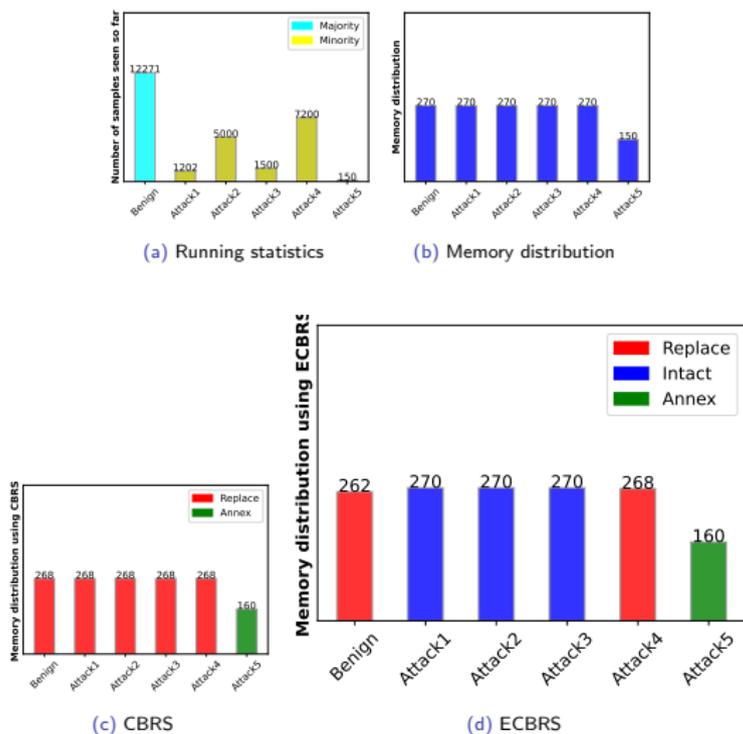


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**Table 1:** Performance results comparison of the proposed ECBRS method with the baselines with each experiment repeated five times independently. The performance result of the MIR using ECBRS as a memory population method is highlighted in light grey color. We observe the improved performance over the MIR with the random memory population method.

Baseline Methods	CICIDS-2017			CICIDS-2018			UNSW-NB15			CTU-13		
	PR-AUC (A)	PR-AUC (B)	ROC-AUC	PR-AUC (A)	PR-AUC (B)	ROC-AUC	PR-AUC (A)	PR-AUC (B)	ROC-AUC	PR-AUC (A)	PR-AUC (B)	ROC-AUC
EWC	0.617	0.766	0.608	0.740	0.762	0.505	0.925	0.823	0.913	1.00	1.00	0.999
SI	0.812	0.878	0.868	0.804	0.826	0.744	0.985	0.989	0.990	1.00	1.00	0.999
GEM	0.993	0.988	0.991	0.739	0.762	0.502	0.998	0.995	0.994	1.00	1.00	0.999
A-GEM	0.84	0.852	0.696	0.738	0.762	0.5	0.750	0.750	0.500	0.750	0.750	0.500
GSS-greedy	0.807	0.827	0.742	0.8215	0.762	0.664	0.949	0.848	0.959	1.00	1.00	0.999
MIR	0.785	0.840	0.798	0.737	0.762	0.5	0.886	0.807	0.855	0.950	0.950	0.899
CBRS	0.999	0.999	0.999	0.999	0.999	0.998	<b>0.999</b>	<b>0.999</b>	<b>0.999</b>	1.00	0.999	0.999
<b>ECBRS (ours)</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>0.999</b>	<b>0.999</b>	<b>0.999</b>	<b>0.999</b>	<b>0.998</b>	<b>0.999</b>	<b>0.999</b>	<b>0.999</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>0.999</b>
<b>MIR + ECBRS</b>	1.00	1.00	0.999	0.994	0.994	0.992	0.999	0.999	0.999	1.00	1.00	0.999

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GEM	0.880	0.900	0.902	0.653	0.626	0.643	0.858	0.852	0.848	0.818	0.800	0.813
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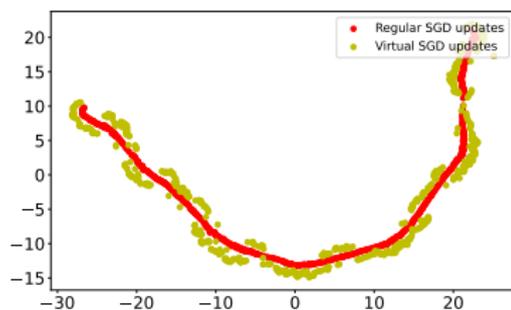
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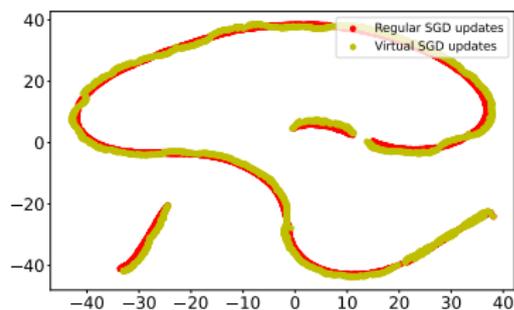
Table 2: Timing comparison between the virtual SGD operations and the total training of the MIR algorithm.

Dataset	$\Theta_v$ time	Train time	Proportion time
CICIDS-2017	102.9	254.3	59.5%
UNSW-NB15	132.4	428.2	30.9%
CTU-13	142.4	398.1	35.7%
KDDCUP'99	191.0	420.8	45.3%
ANOSHIFT	499.4	1210.4	41.2%
CICIDS-2018	33315.0	7620	43.5%
SVHN	112.0	217.0	51.6%
CIFAR-10	58.6	118.6	49.4%
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CLEAR-10	128.2	265.9	51.7%
CLEAR-100	703.6	1490	47.2%

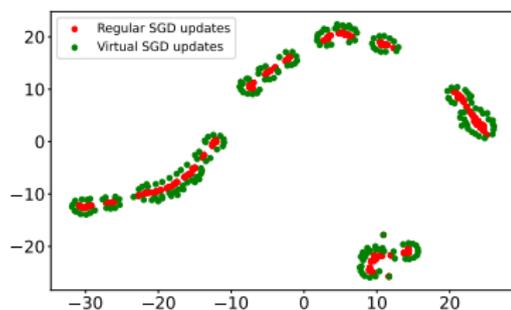
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**Figure 7:** t-SNE visualization of regular SGD updates and virtual SGD updates. An MLP is trained on the CICIDS-2017 and CICIDS-2018 datasets. A ResNet-18 (pretrain) model is trained on the CIFAR-10 and CLEAR-10 datasets.

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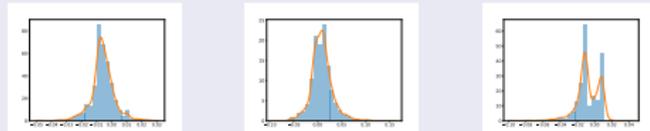


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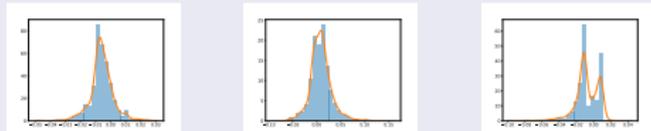


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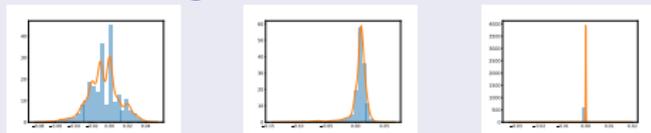


Figure 9: CICIDS-2018

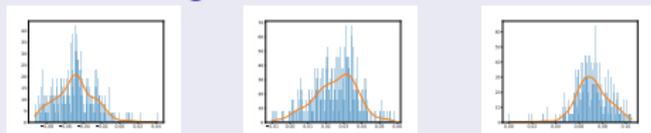


Figure 10: CIFAR-10

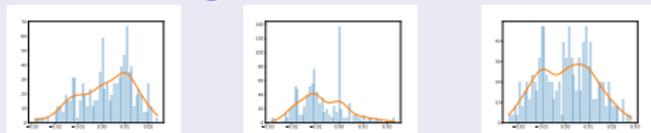


Figure 11: CLEAR-10

## Modeling

- Gaussian mixture model
- $z \sim \text{GMM}$
- $\Theta_v = z + \Theta_r$

## Train GMM ?

- Train first task with MIR
- Compute  $\Theta_v$  and  $\Theta_r$
- Compute  $\mathbf{E}$
- Train GMM using  $\mathbf{E}$

## PAPA's way to compute interfering samples

- Computes virtual SGD updates
- Let current model ( $\Theta_r$ )
  - 1  $\mathbf{Z} \sim \text{GMM}$
  - 2 Compute  $\Theta_v = \mathbf{Z} + \Theta_r$
  - 3 Use  $\Theta_v$  to find interfering samples from ( $\mathbf{M}$ )
  - 4  $l_r = \ell(\mathbf{M}, \Theta_r)$  and  $l_v = \ell(\mathbf{M}, \Theta_v)$
  - 5 Interfered samples ( $l_v > l_r$ )
  - 6 Train  $\Theta_r$  using  $\mathbf{B}$  and  $\mathbf{M}_i$
  - 7 Ignore  $\Theta_v$
- $\Theta_v$  has a performance hit on LSD

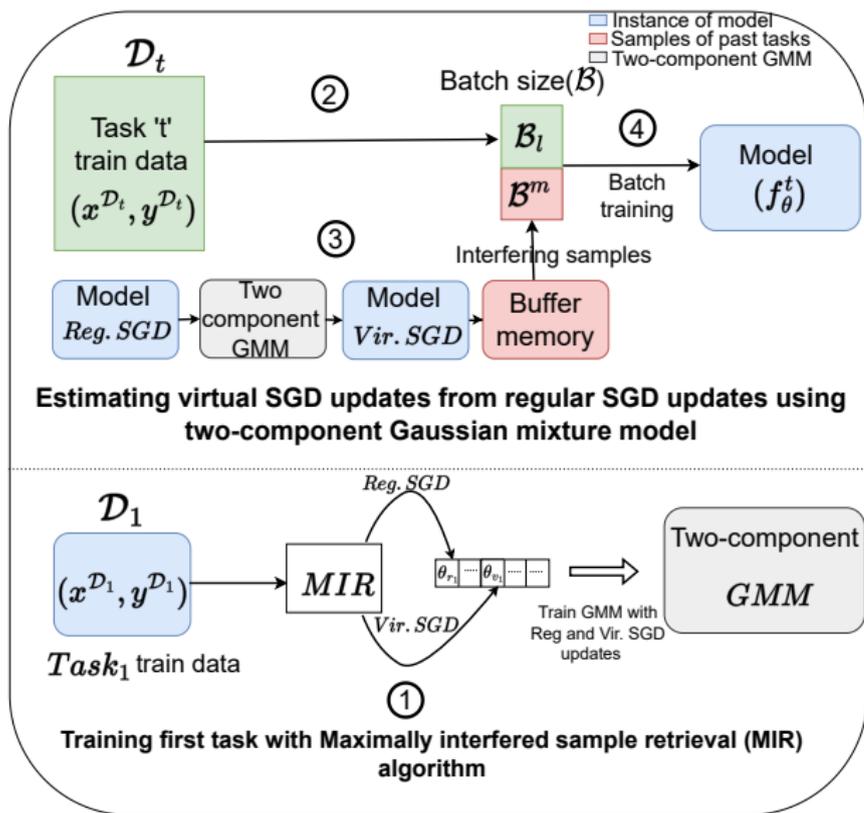


Figure 12: End-to-End training of PAPA algorithm

**Table 3:** Performance comparison of the proposed PAPA method with other baselines on intrusion detection and computer vision benchmarks. We report the arithmetic mean of each evaluation metric with each experiment repeated five times independently.

Datasets	MIR			PAPA			Training time (in sec.)		
	PR-AUC (A)	PR-AUC(B)	ROC-AUC	PR-AUC (A)	PR-AUC(B)	ROC-AUC	MIR	PAPA	Scalable efficiency
CTU-13	1.000	1.000	0.999	0.999	0.999	0.999	375.5	330.8	11.9%
KDDCUP'99	1.000	0.929	0.999	1.000	0.920	0.999	457.0	395.0	13.5%
NSL-KDD	0.964	0.971	0.970	0.961	0.968	0.969	25.4	21.4	15.7%
CIFAR-10	0.949	0.936	0.944	0.948	0.936	0.944	133.0	108.0	18.7%
CLEAR-100	0.839	0.793	0.817	0.845	0.793	0.823	1706.0	1209.0	29.1%
SVHN	0.979	0.972	0.976	0.981	0.974	0.978	296.0	208.0	29.7%
UNSW-NB15	0.999	0.999	0.999	0.999	0.999	0.999	499.4	350.6	29.7 %
ANOSHIFT	0.944	0.926	0.934	0.947	0.927	0.934	1300.0	900.6	30.7%
CIFAR-100	0.663	0.659	0.663	0.673	0.647	0.672	115.2	76.7	33.4%
CLEAR-10	0.953	0.933	0.942	0.943	0.927	0.932	262.9	175.4	33.2%
CICIDS-2018	0.994	0.994	0.992	0.998	0.999	0.998	9040.0	5948.0	34.2%
CICIDS-2017	0.999	0.999	0.999	0.999	0.999	0.999	316.0	188.8	40.2%

**Table 4:** Performance comparison of the number of regular and virtual SGD operations required for the MIR and proposed PAPA approach on benchmark datasets. Each experiment is repeated five times independently.

Datasets	MIR		PAPA		savings	
	Vir.SGD ops	Reg. SGD ops	Vir. SGD ops	Reg. SGD ops	Vir. SGD ops	Total SGD ops
NSL-KDD	1140	1578	210	1740	81.5%	28.2%
CICIDS-2017	9160	15784	550	10881	89.5%	54.17%
UNSW-NB15	11915	14638	600	12587	94.9%	50.3%
CTU-13	13235	18007	120	24658	99.0%	20.6%
KDDCUP'99	19555	17525	480	24450	97.5%	32.7%
ANOSHIFT	48825	53187	1200	58421	97.5%	41.5%
CICIDS-2018	30590	41234	1200	36605	96.1%	47.3%
SVHN	3850	7143	360	6267	90.6%	39.7%
CIFAR-10	1935	2526	180	3028	90.6%	28.0%
CIFAR-100	1700	2436	135	2253	92.0%	42.2%
CLEAR-10	500	602	40	607	92.0%	41.2%
CLEAR-100	3250	3250	320	3848	90.1%	35.8%

## Formulating two dissimilar tasks learning

- Subsequent learning from MNIST, CIFAR-10 datasets

Table 5: Performance results of the MNIST+CIFAR-10 experiments

Algorithm	PR-AUC (A)	PR-AUC (B)	ROC-AUC
MIR	$0.675 \pm 0.053$	$0.700 \pm 0.030$	$0.657 \pm 0.040$
PAPA	$0.645 \pm 0.047$	$0.661 \pm 0.099$	$0.628 \pm 0.080$

## How they are dissimilar ?

Table 6: Characteristics of the MNIST and CIFAR-10 datasets

Dataset	Size	No of channels	Image type
MNIST	28 X 28	1	Grayscale
CIFAR-10	32 X 32	3	RGB

## Do CV tasks have any correlation to NIDS tasks ?

- **Indeed**, the intuition holds (how ?)
- Most NIDS datasets are curated using two **sub-network** architecture
  - 1 Victim network
  - 2 Attack network

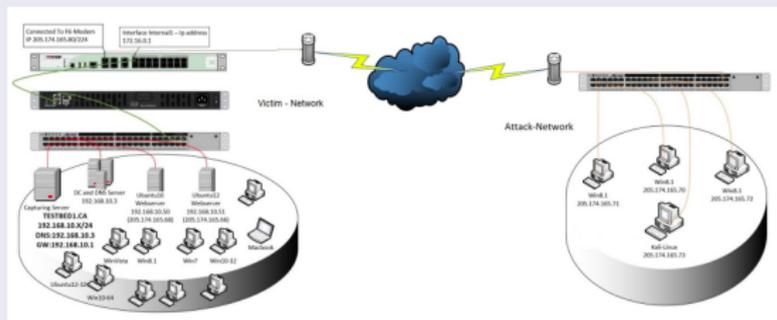


Figure 13: Testbed architecture

- ANOSHIFT curated from **5 subnets**, 348 honeypots, across Kyoto university.
- Multi-diverse, spread over longer time-span

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## ECBRS

- Memory size
- Batch size
- Amount of benign sample to maintain

## PAPA

- Batch size
- Memory size
- Impact of different first tasks on performance
- Different task order permutations

## Anomaly detection datasets

- Both ECBRS and PAPA
- SMAP- Soil Moisture Active Passive
- MSL-Mars Science Laboratory Rover
- SMD-Server Machine Dataset

## Conclusions

- Two novel contributions aimed at improving
  - 1 Performance of NIDS under **severe** class imbalance
    - Extended class balanced reservoir sampling (CBRS), dubbed ECBRS
  - 2 Scalability- reduce the **total train time**
    - Perturbation assistance for parameter approximation (PAPA)
- ECBRS handles **severe class imbalance** better compared to CBRS
- PAPA achieves 12 to 40% **training time** saving compared to the MIR algorithm

## Future directions

- Open world NIDS with *explainability*
- Semi-supervised/Unsupervised CL methods for NIDS
- Multi-class classification!!

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