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## **Robust and Scalable Trust Management Model for Collaborative Intrusion Detection**



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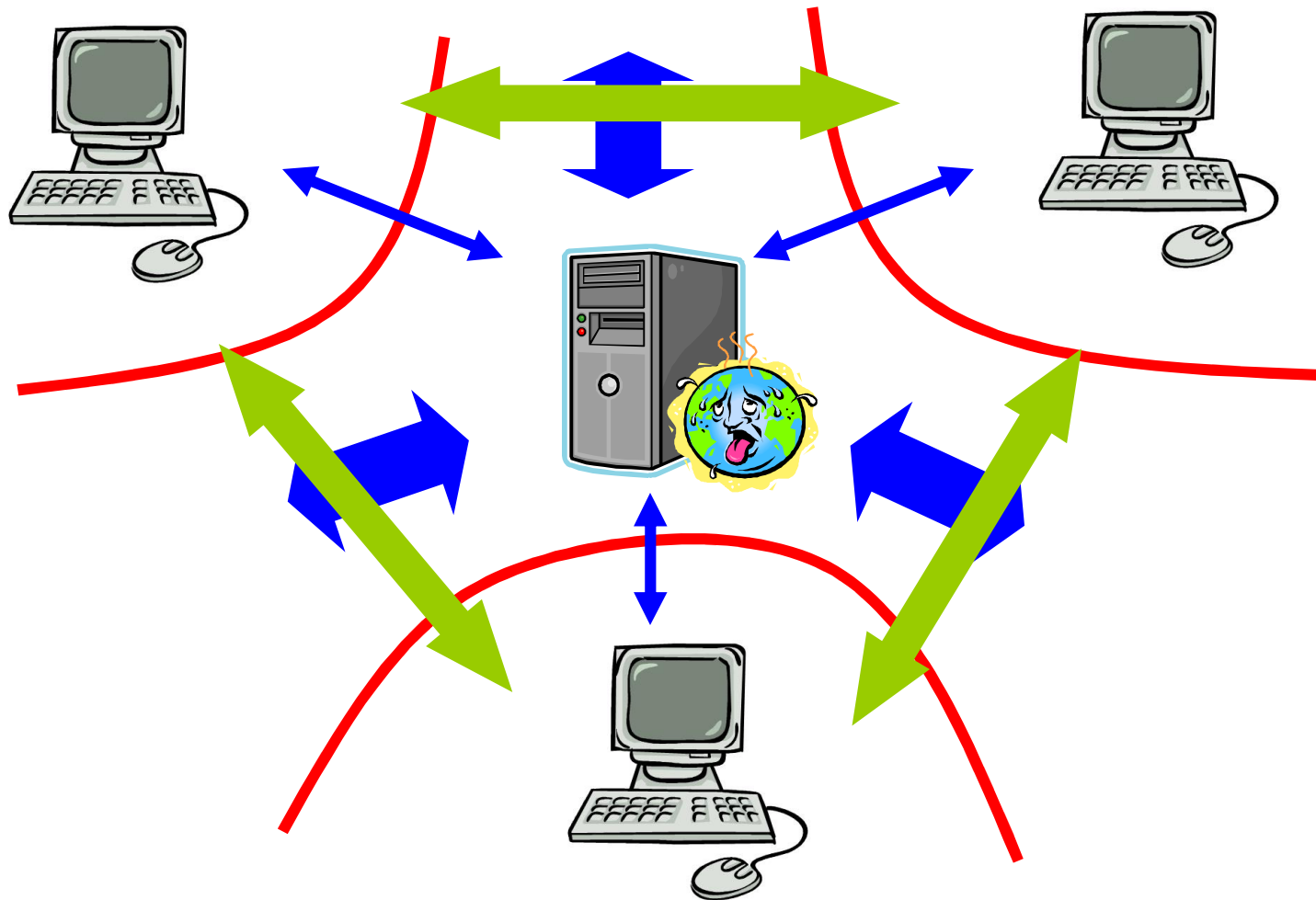


# Cyber Threats and Intrusion Detection Systems (IDS)

- Cyber Threats
  - Viruses, Worms, Malware, and Denial of Service attacks
- Intrusion Detection Systems
  - Firewalls, Antivirus Software, Signature-based Intrusion Detection Systems, and Anomaly-based Intrusion Detection Systems

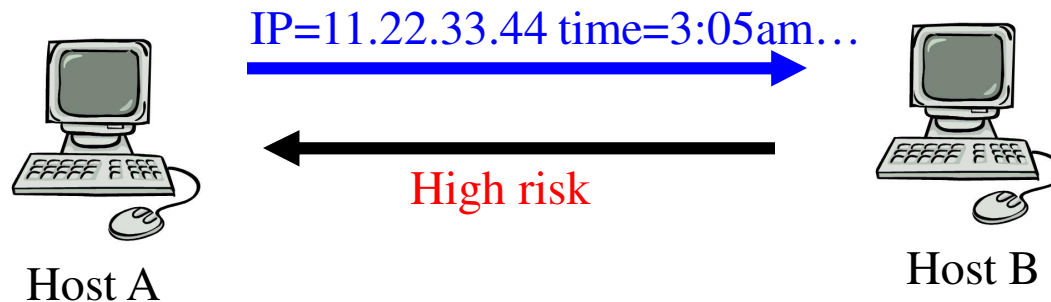


# Intrusion Detection Networks



# Distributed collaboration

- Who?
  - Host-based IDSes across administrative boundaries
- How?
  - Exchange alerts and request diagnosis
- Problem?
  - Trust management





# Related Work

- **Duma et al.** [DEXA 2006]
  - Use simple average of past experience for trust values
  - Aggregate feedback from all acquaintances
  - Suffer from various attacks
- **Fung et al.** [DSOM 2008]
  - Use forgetting factor to discount old experience
  - Aggregate feedback from trusted peers
  - Scalability problem



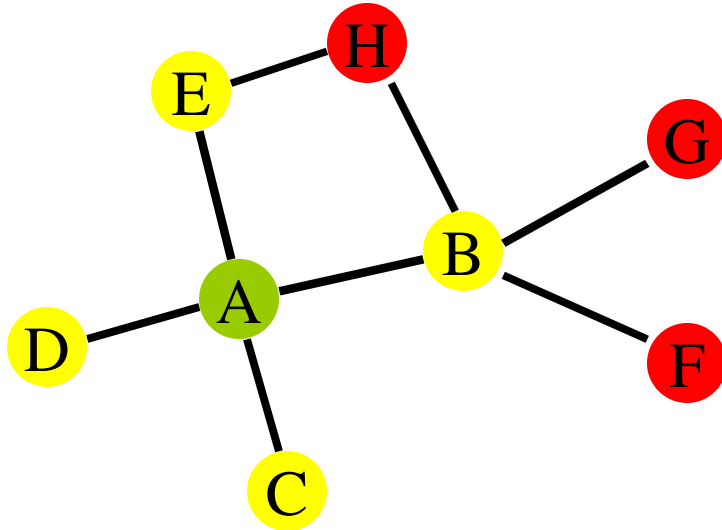


# Paper Contribution

- Dirichlet-based trust management model
  - Uses Bayesian approach
  - Improved detection accuracy
  - Better robustness and scalability



# Network Architecture

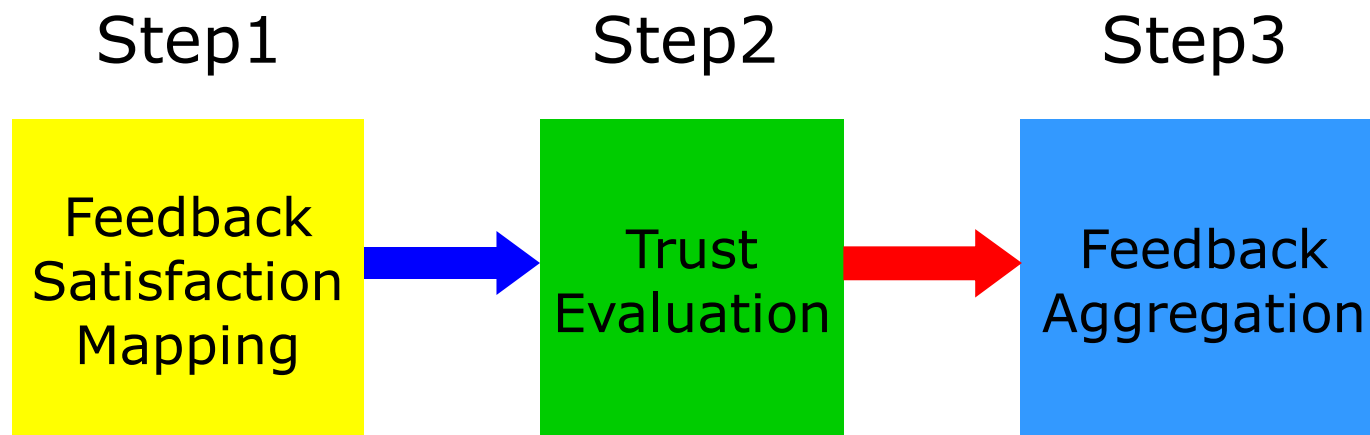


- Acquaintance (List)
- Test Message
- Real Request
- Feedback

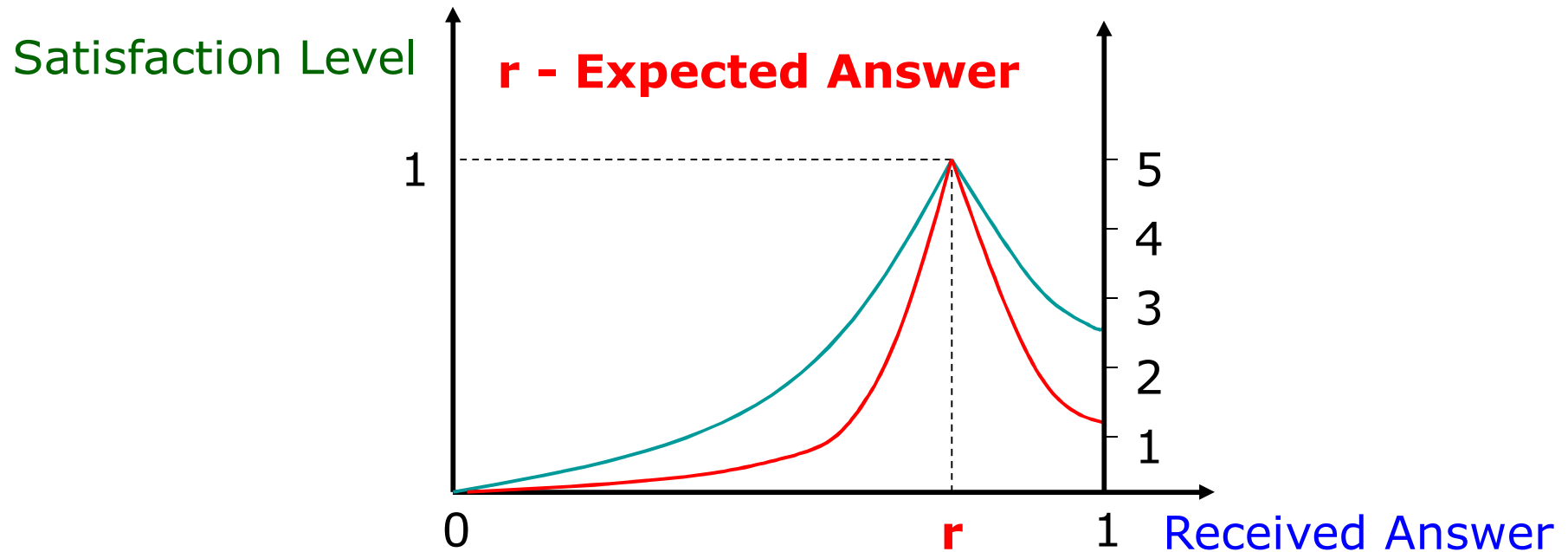




# Trust Evaluation Framework



# Feedback Satisfaction Mapping



# Trust Model

1.  $s_1, s_2, \dots, s_k$  are the  $k$  possible satisfactions levels
2.  $S$  is the satisfaction probability vector  $(p(s_1), p(s_2), \dots, p(s_k))$

$$f(p(s_1), \dots, p(s_k) | \xi) = Dir(\vec{p} | \vec{\gamma}) = \frac{\Gamma(\sum_{i=1}^k \gamma_i)}{\prod_{i=1}^k \Gamma(\gamma_i)} \prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{\gamma_i - 1}$$

Dirichlet model gives the density function of  $S$

$\vec{\gamma}$  = accumulated experiences in each satisfaction level (forgetting factor)





# Trust Evaluation

**Trust value** is the expectation of the trust variable

$$T = E[Y] = \frac{1}{\gamma_0} \sum_{i=1}^k w_i \gamma_i$$

$$\sigma^2[Y] = \frac{1}{\gamma_0^2 + \gamma_0^3} \sum_{i=1}^k w_i \gamma_i \left( w_i (\gamma_0 - \gamma_i) - 2 \sum_{j=i+1}^k w_j \gamma_j \right)$$

**Confidence** of trust estimation can be approximated as:

$$C = 1 - 4\sigma[Y]$$



# Observations about Trust

- More recent experiences have higher influence on trust values than old ones
- Good experiences lead to higher trust
- Frequent experiences lead to higher confidence levels of trust estimation





# Feedback Aggregation

- Now we have trust values to all acquaintances
- We use weighted average to aggregate their feedback
  - Only aggregate feedback from trusted acquaintances
  - Use trust value as weight



# Scalability of the System

- We use an adaptive approach to reduce test message rate
  - Reduce test messages rate to highly trusted nodes and highly untrusted nodes





# Simulation Setup

- Discrete event simulation
- $n$  random IDSes with various expertise levels in a grid zone
- IDS model for expertise level and detection ability
- Honest and dishonest nodes





# Simulation Results (1)

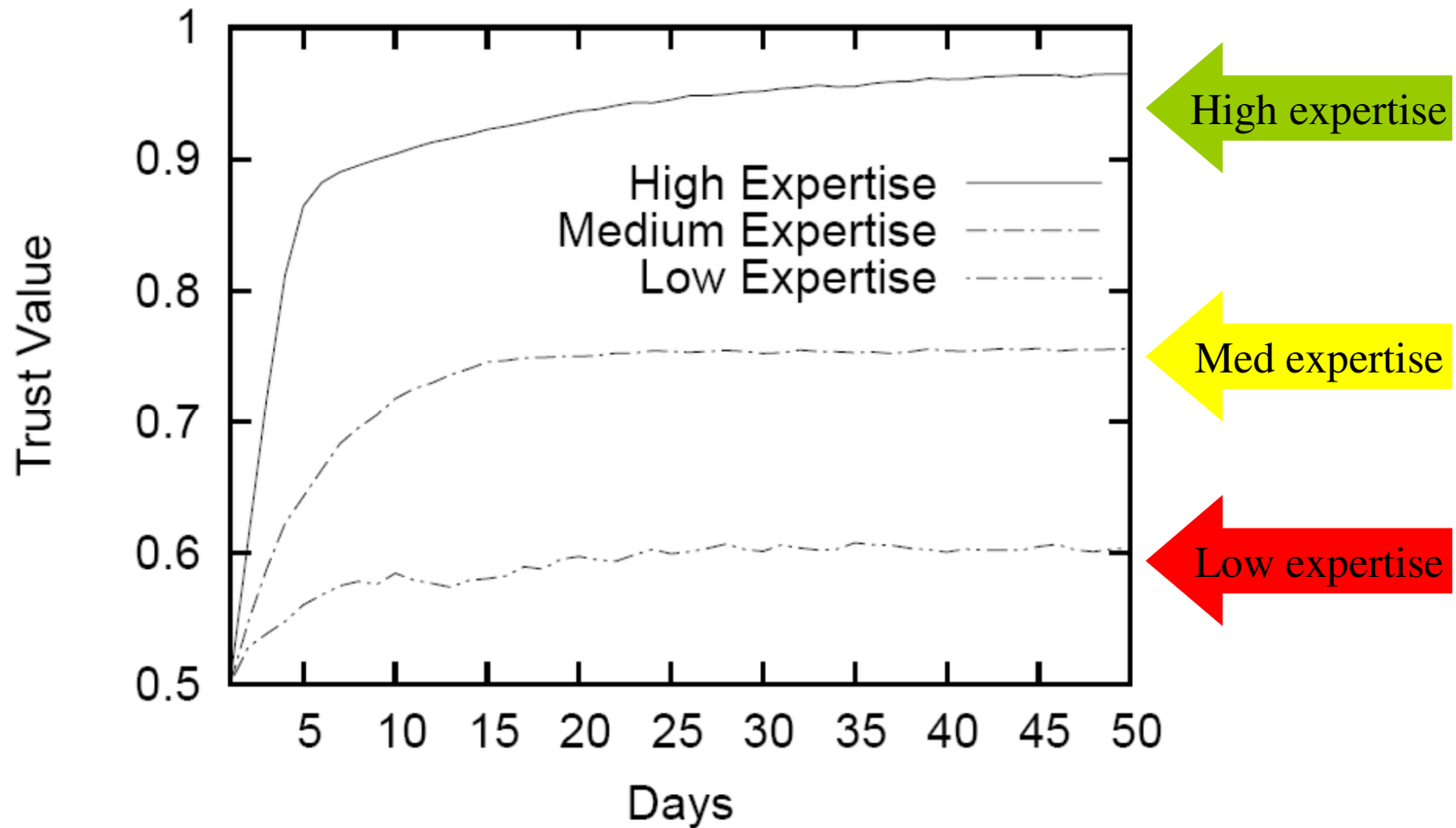


Fig 1. Trust values and expertise levels



# Simulation Results (2)

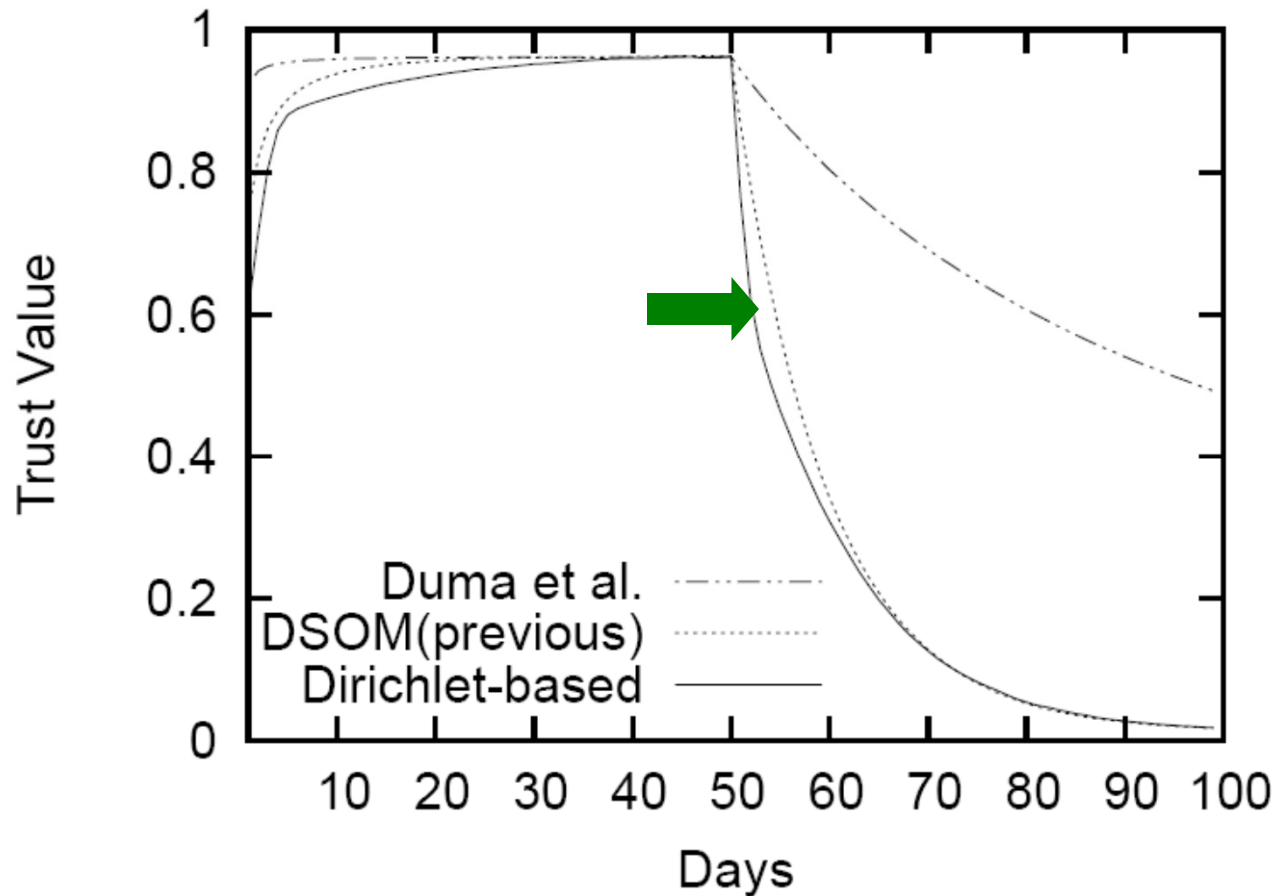


Fig 3. Trust value of malicious node under betrayal attack



# Simulation Results (3)

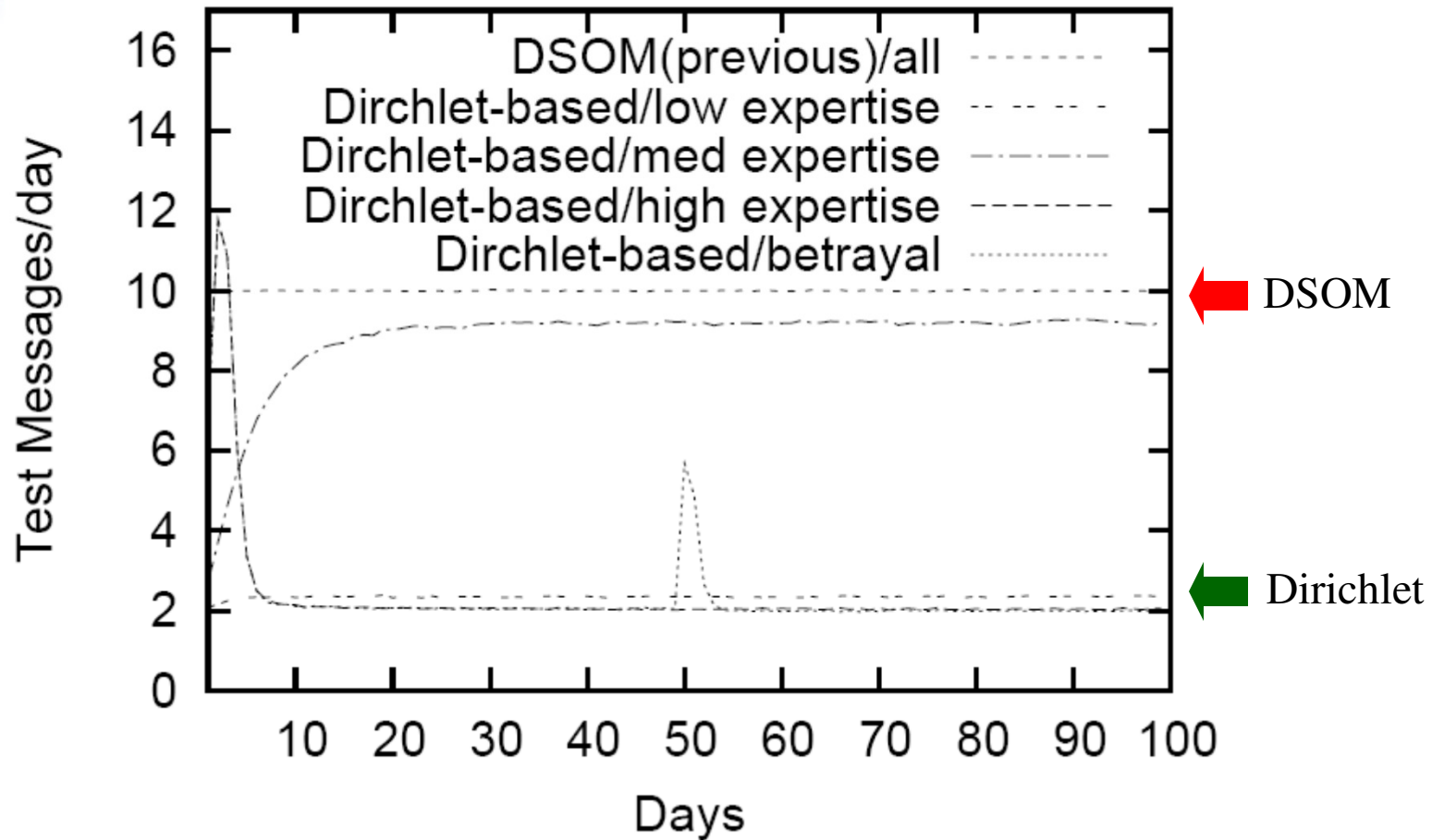


Fig 4. Test message rate under different models





# Conclusion

- Proposed a trust-based IDS collaboration system
- Used the Dirichlet model to evaluate the trust values of each IDS
  - Model the confidence level of trust estimation
  - Proposed an adaptive test messages rate to reduce the communication overhead
- Improved performance, scalability, and robustness





Thank You!



# Simulation Result(3)

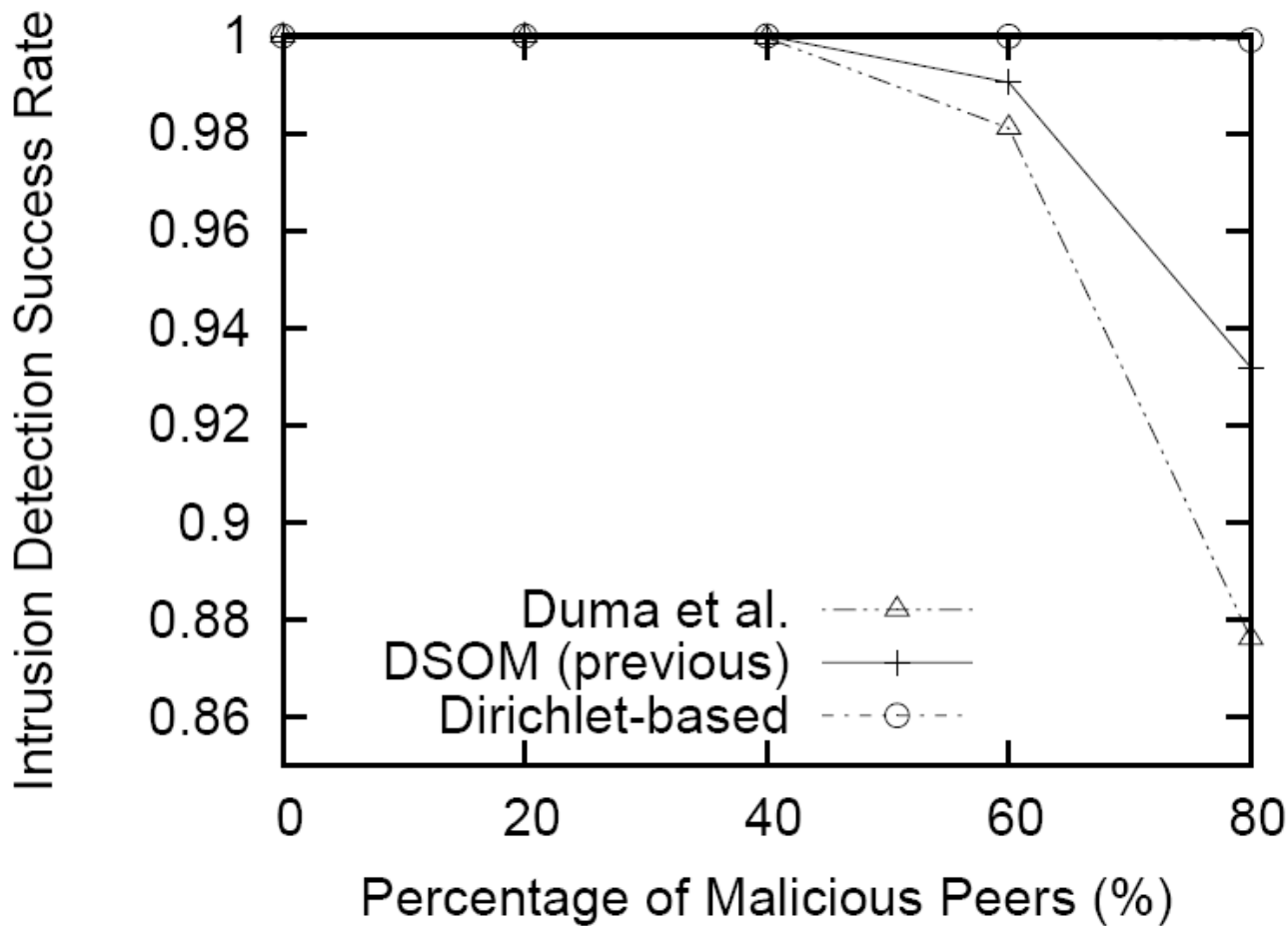


Fig 5. Detection rate under inconsistency models



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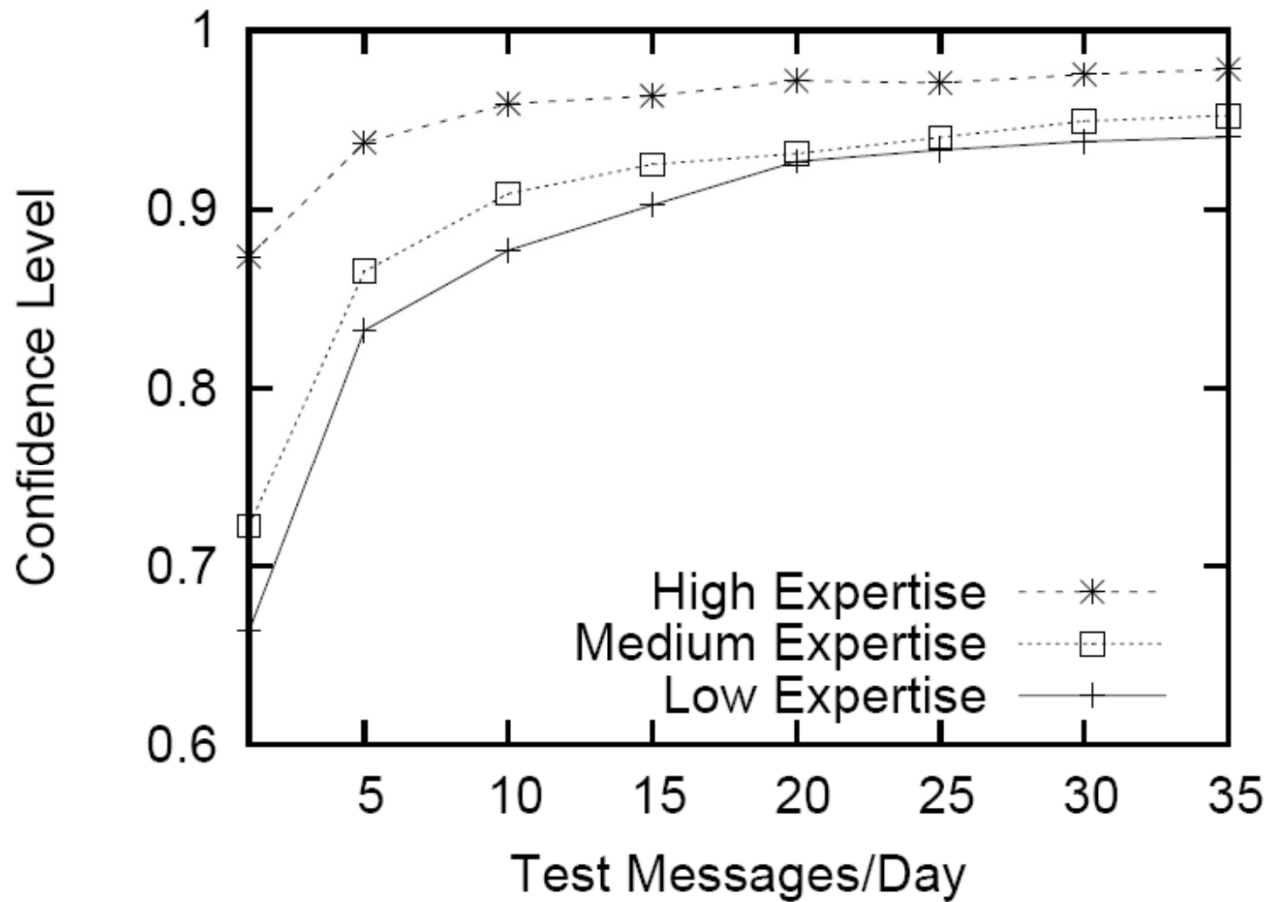
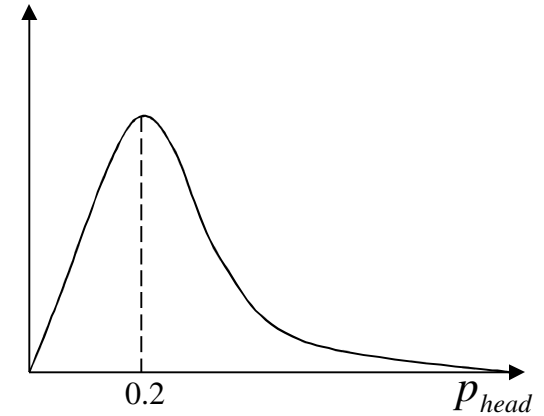
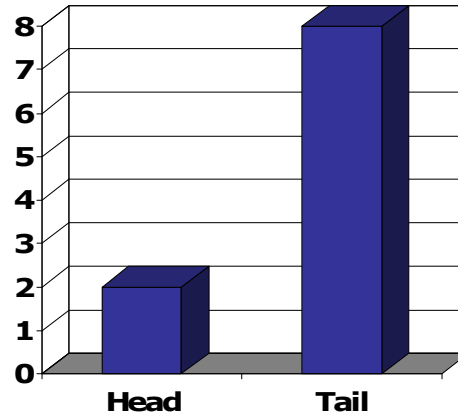


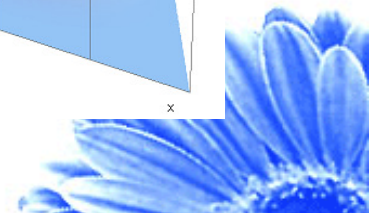
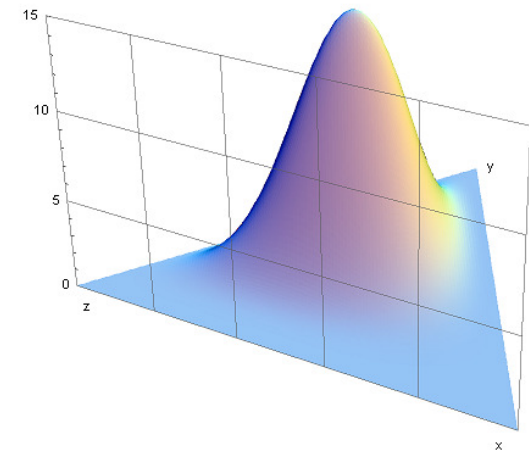
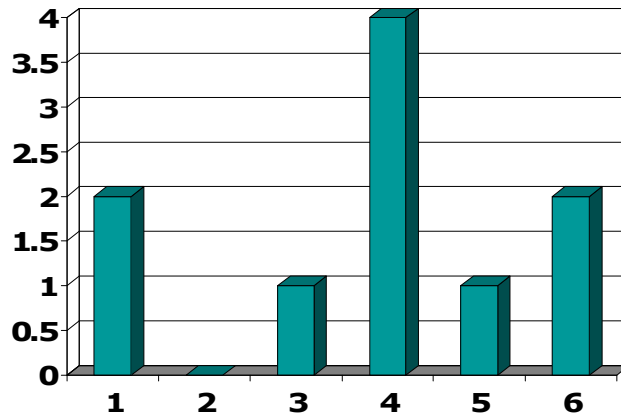
Fig 2. Confidence level and test message rate



# Dirichlet Distribution



$$f(p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, p_5)$$





# Dirichlet Distribution(con.)

A discrete random variable  $X$  has  $k$  possible outcomes. We denote the probability of each outcome to be  $\{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k\}$ .

We observed outcome  $i$  has appeared  $\gamma_i - 1$  times. Then the probability of each outcome satisfies Dirichlet probability function :

$$f(p_1, \dots, p_k \mid \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_k) = \frac{1}{B(\gamma)} \prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{\alpha_i - 1}; \quad B(\gamma) = \frac{\prod_{i=1}^k \Gamma(\gamma_i)}{\Gamma(\sum_{i=1}^k \gamma_i)}$$

Example : Toss a dice 10 times, observations on each side of the dice is  $\{2,0,1,4,1,2\}$

Then the probability density function is,

$$f(p_1, \dots, p_6 \mid \{3,1,2,5,2,3\}) = \frac{\Gamma(3)\Gamma(1)\Gamma(2)\Gamma(5)\Gamma(2)\Gamma(3)}{\Gamma(16)} p_1^2 p_2^0 p_3^1 p_4^5 p_5^1 p_6^2$$



# Robustness of the System

- Sybil attack
- Newcomer attack
- **Betrayal attack**
- Collusion attack
- Inconsistency attack

