Limits and Algorithms for Covert Communications Highlight: Covert Communication on Renewal Packet Channels R. Soltani, D. Goeckel, A. Haminsadr, D. Towsley UMass – Amherst

Challenge:

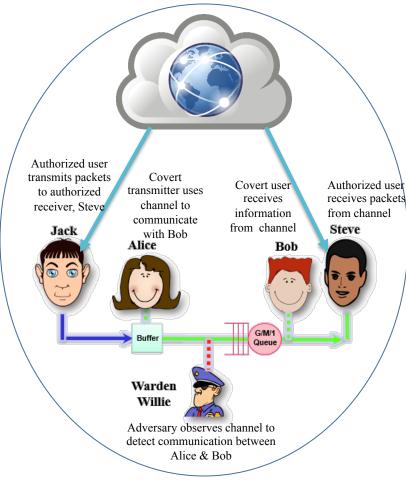
 Establishing covert communication on wired packet channels

Solution:

- Unauthenticated packets: packet insertion
- Authenticated packets: alter packet timings to send information

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Scientific Impact:

 Theoretical limits on covert comms on wired channels.

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 Proposes methods for covert com on packet channels useful in internet

Broader Impact:

Practical answer to needs of covert communication:

- military operations
- prohibited environments (organizing social unrest)
- personal privacy: removing ability of users to be tracked

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