

Prioritizing Intrusion Analysis Using Dempster-Shafer Theory



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PROBLEM

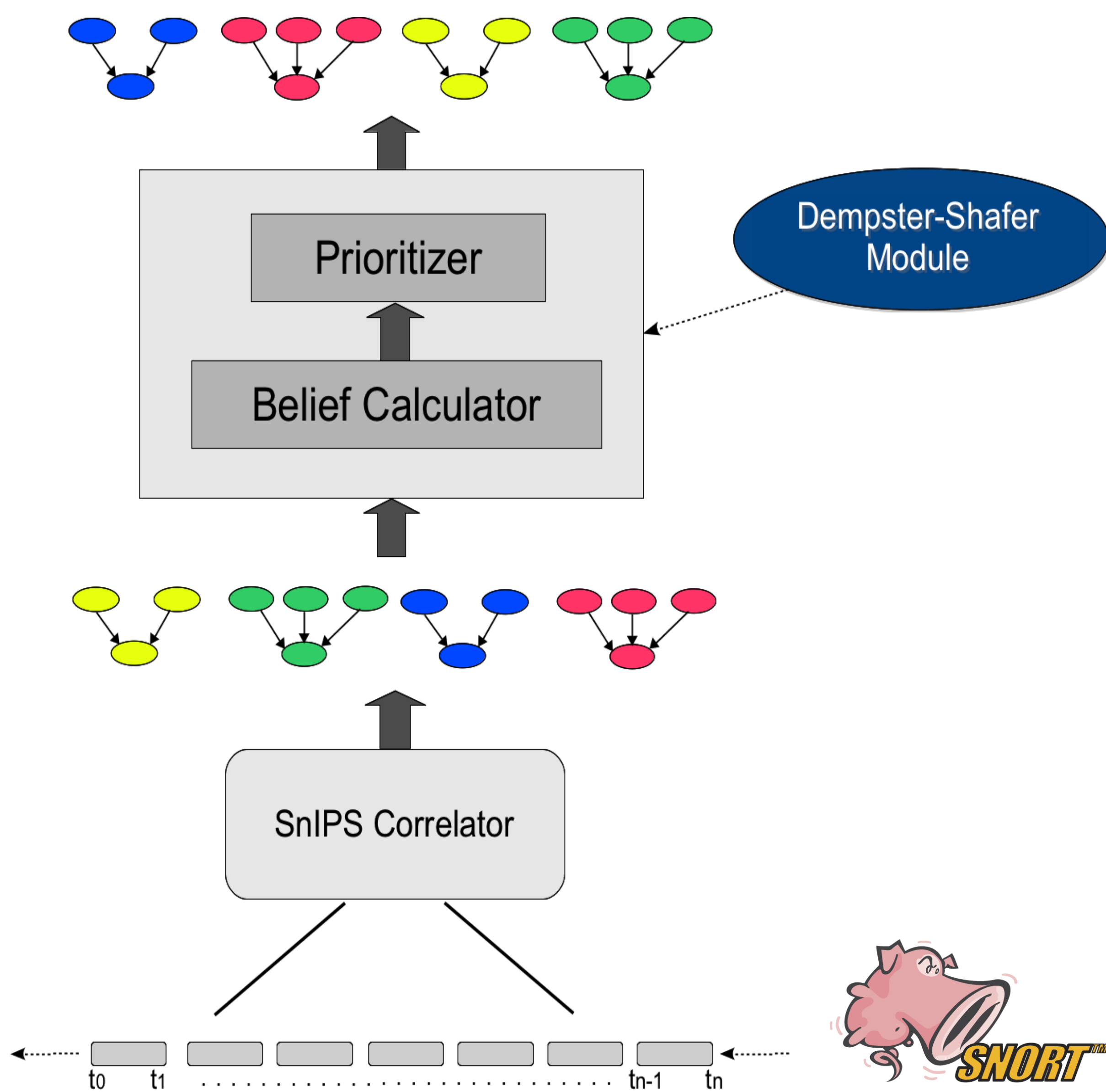
High False positive rate in IDS alerts

SOLUTION

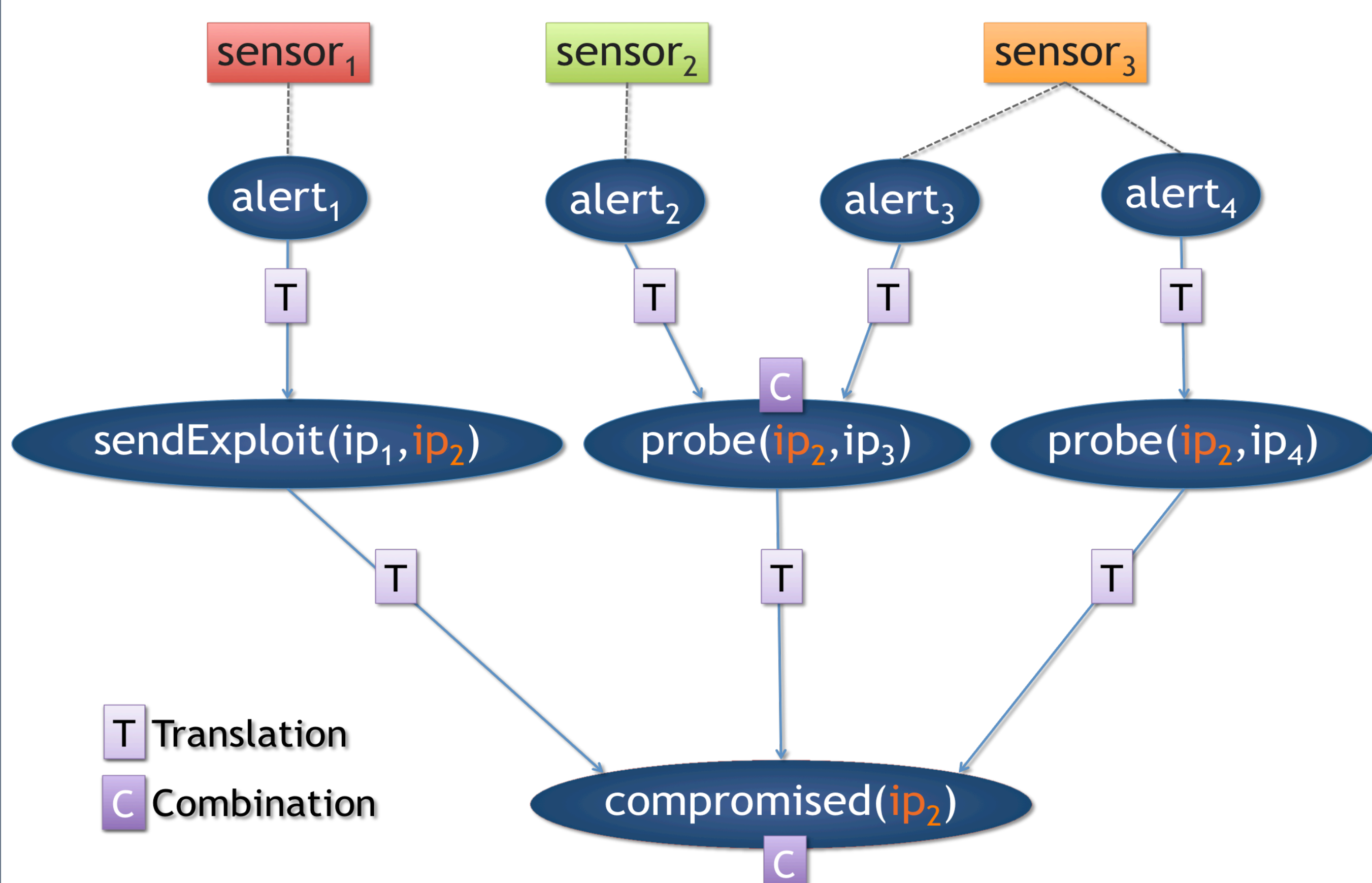
Using DS to prioritize IDS alerts

- Using **unknown** to capture uncertainty
- Accounting for lack of **independence** among alerts
- Efficient** algorithm

SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE



BELIEF CALCULATION OVERVIEW



BELIEF CALCULATION METHODS

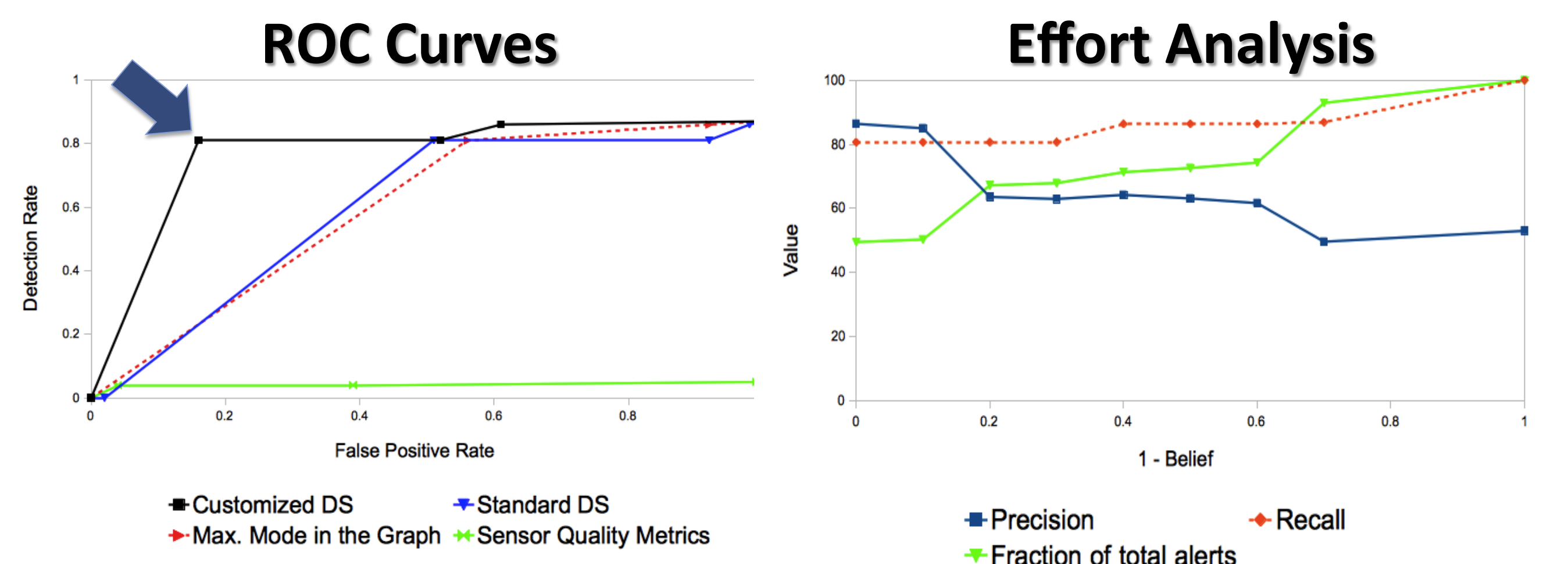
DS Translation Process

alert ₂		maps to	probe(ip ₂ , ip ₃)	
element	bpa		element	bpa
{trustworthy}	0.33	→	{true}	0.33
{non-trustworthy}	0.67	→	{true, false}	0.67

DS Combination Process

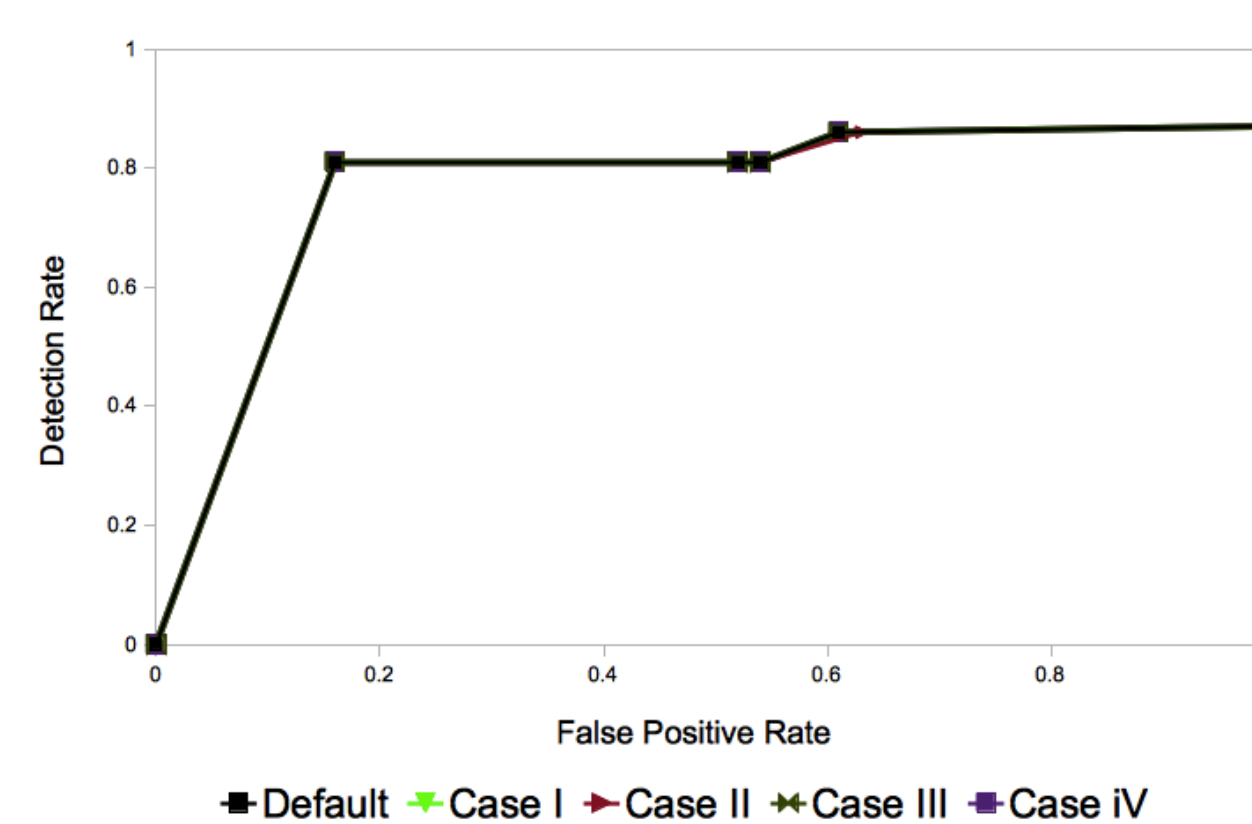
Standard	Customized
$m_{1,2}(h) = \frac{1}{1-K} \cdot \sum_{h_1 \cap h_2 = h} m_1(h_1) \cdot m_2(h_2)$	$K = \sum_{h_1 \cap h_2 = \emptyset} m_1(h_1) \cdot m_2(h_2)$
$m_{1,2}(h) = \sum_{h_1 \cap h_2 = h} \psi[h_1, h_2]$	$\psi[t, t] = r_1 \cdot m_1(t) + (1-r_1) \cdot m_1(t) \cdot m_2(t)$ $\psi[t, \theta] = (1-r_1) \cdot m_1(t) \cdot m_2(\theta)$ $\psi[\theta, t] = (1-r_2) \cdot m_1(\theta) \cdot m_2(t)$ $\psi[\theta, \theta] = r_1 \cdot m_2(\theta) + (1-r_1) \cdot m_1(\theta) \cdot m_2(\theta)$
	<p>r_i: estimated overlapping factor</p>

EVALUATION



Figures are for MIT LL99 training dataset

Sensitivity Analysis



Tags	Metrics
unlikely	0.01 ↑10%
possible	0.33 ↑10%
likely	0.66 ↑10%
probable	0.99 ↑10%

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