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ShieldFS: The Last Word in Ransomware Resilient Filesystems

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2016-17 the "years of extortion"

CRYPTOWALL RANSOMWARE COST USERS \$325 MILLION IN 2015

by [NewsEditor](#) on November 2nd, 2015 in [Industry and Security News](#).

Ransomware Hackers Blackmail U.S. Police Departments

Chris Francescani
Tuesday, 26 Apr 2016 | 10:30 AM ET



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I-062315-PSA

CRIMINALS CONTINUE TO DEFRAUD AND EXTORT FUNDS
FROM VICTIMS USING CRYPTOWALL RANSOMWARE
SCHEMES

WannaCry Ransomware Encrypted Hospital Medical Devices



Hollywood hospital pays \$17,000 in bitcoin to
hackers; FBI investigating

Do you WannaCry?



Wana Decrypt0r 2.0

Ooops, your files have been encrypted! English

What Happened to My Computer?
Your important files are encrypted. Many of your documents, photos, videos, databases and other files are no longer accessible because they have been encrypted. Maybe you are busy looking for a way to recover your files, but do not waste your time. Nobody can recover your files without our decryption service.

Can I Recover My Files?
Sure. We guarantee that you can recover all your files safely and easily. But you have not so enough time. You can decrypt some of your files for free. Try now by clicking <Decrypt>. But if you want to decrypt all your files, you need to pay. You only have 3 days to submit the payment. After that the price will be doubled. Also, if you don't pay in 7 days, you won't be able to recover your files forever. We will have free events for users who are so poor that they couldn't pay in 6 months.

How Do I Pay?
Payment is accepted in Bitcoin only. For more information, click <About bitcoin>. Please check the current price of Bitcoin and buy some bitcoins. For more information, click <How to buy bitcoins>. And send the correct amount to the address specified in this window. After your payment, click <Check Payment>. Best time to check: 9:00am - 11:00am GMT from Monday to Friday.

Payment will be raised on
5/15/2017 15:58:08
Time Left
02:23:58:59

Your files will be lost on
5/19/2017 15:58:08
Time Left
06:23:58:59

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Send \$300 worth of bitcoin to this address:
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Check Payment Decrypt

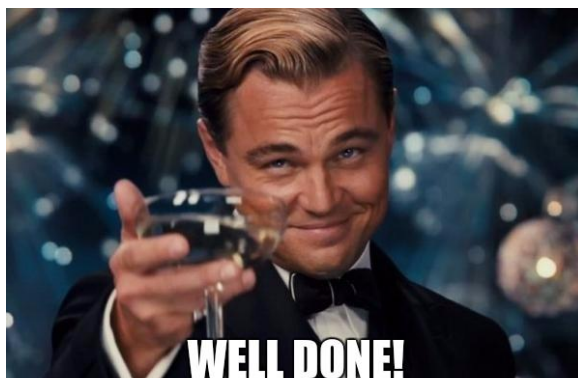
Do you WannaCry?



ShieldFS vs WannaCry

ShieldFS **detected** WannaCry
after it encrypted ≥ 200 files

Files lost: **zero**, all were **recovered automatically**



It's not just WannaCry...

- Locky
- TeslaCrypt
- CryptoLocker
- Critroni
- TorrentLocker
- CryptoWall
- TroldeSh
- CryptoDefense
- PayCrypt
- DirtyDecrypt
- ZeroLocker

- Detected: 1436/1483, **96.9%**
- Files lost: always **0%**

Why ShieldFS is different?

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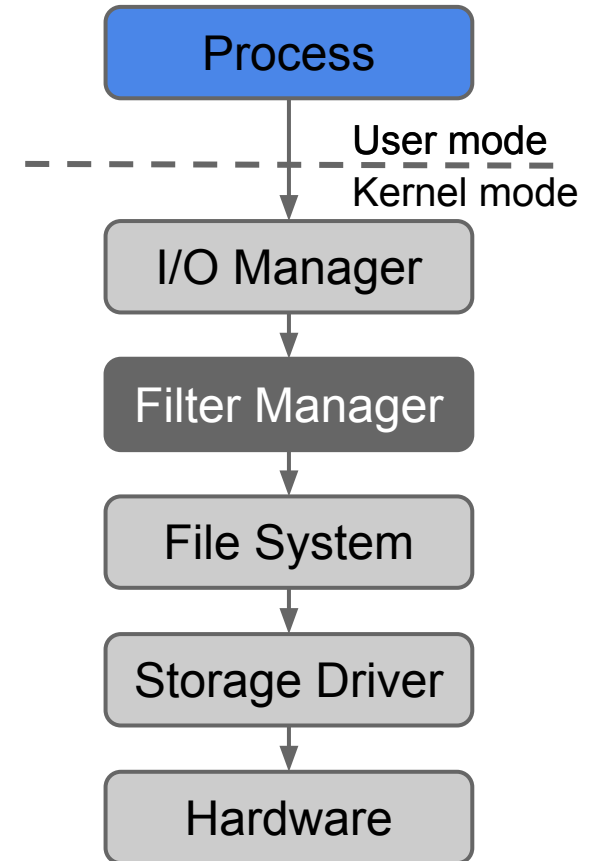
PROTECTION. Mere **detection** is **insufficient**

- Stopping a suspicious process may **be too late**
- We need to **protect users' data**, reverting the effects of ransomware attacks.

What does ShieldFS observe?

FS Activity Monitor

- Windows Kernel module to **monitor** and **log** the file system activity
 - Windows Minifilter Driver
 - Log IRPs (I/O Request Packets)



Filter Manager API

```
CONST FLT_OPERATION_REGISTRATION Callbacks[] = {
    { IRP_MJ_CREATE,
      0,
      PreCreateOperationCallback, PostCreateOperationCallback },

    { IRP_MJ_CLOSE,
      0,
      PreCloseOperationCallback, PostCloseOperationCallback },

    { IRP_MJ_READ,
      0,
      PreReadOperationCallback, PostReadOperationCallback },

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}

FltRegisterFilter(DriverObject, &FilterRegistration, &Filter);
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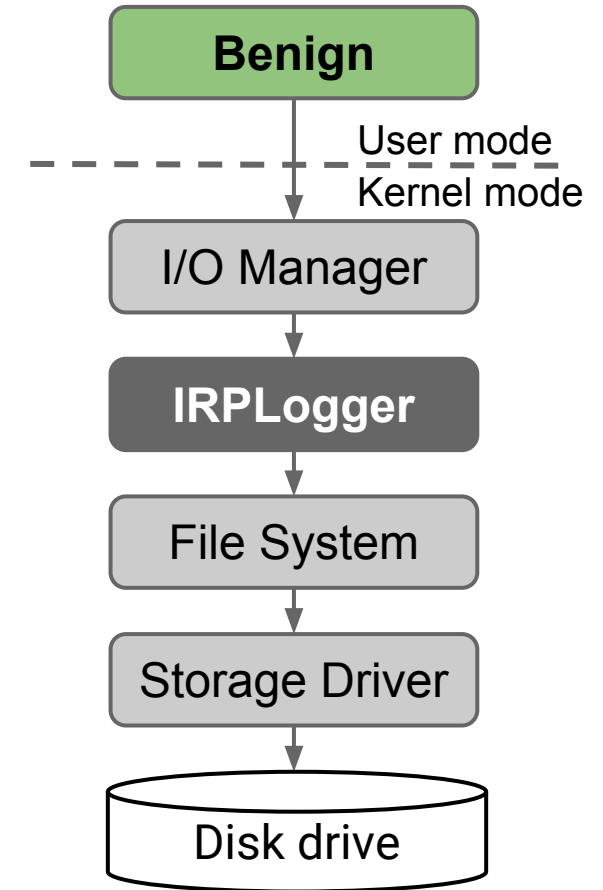
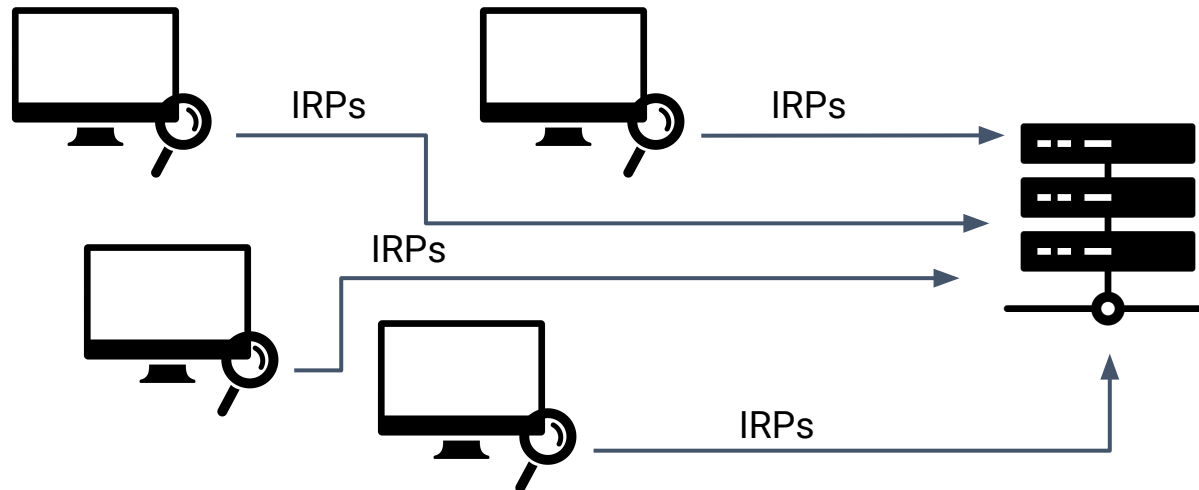
IRP Log Example

Timestamp	PID	Process	Operation	Name
13:09:47:452	3284	nokmhcu.exe	IRP_MJ_CLEANUP	Users\John\AppData\Roaming\Microsoft\Windows\Co
13:09:47:512	3284	nokmhcu.exe	IRP_MJ_CREATE	Users\John\AppData\Roaming\Microsoft\Windows\Co
13:09:47:522	3284	nokmhcu.exe	IRP_MJ_NETWORK_QUERY_OPEN	Users\John\AppData\Roaming\Microsoft\Windows\Co
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13:09:48:464	3284	nokmhcu.exe	IRP_MJ_CLEANUP	Users\John\Documents\decoys\decoy_doc_1.doc

Where
do we start from?

Background/Clean FS Activity

- IRP logger on 11 **clean** machines
- FS activity under "typical" usage
 - ~1 month worth of data



Collected FS Activity

Usage	Data [GB]	#IRPs Mln.	#Procs Mln.	Apps	Period [hrs]	Data Rate [MB/min]
<i>Total</i>	28.2	1,763.0	107.00	2245	643	-

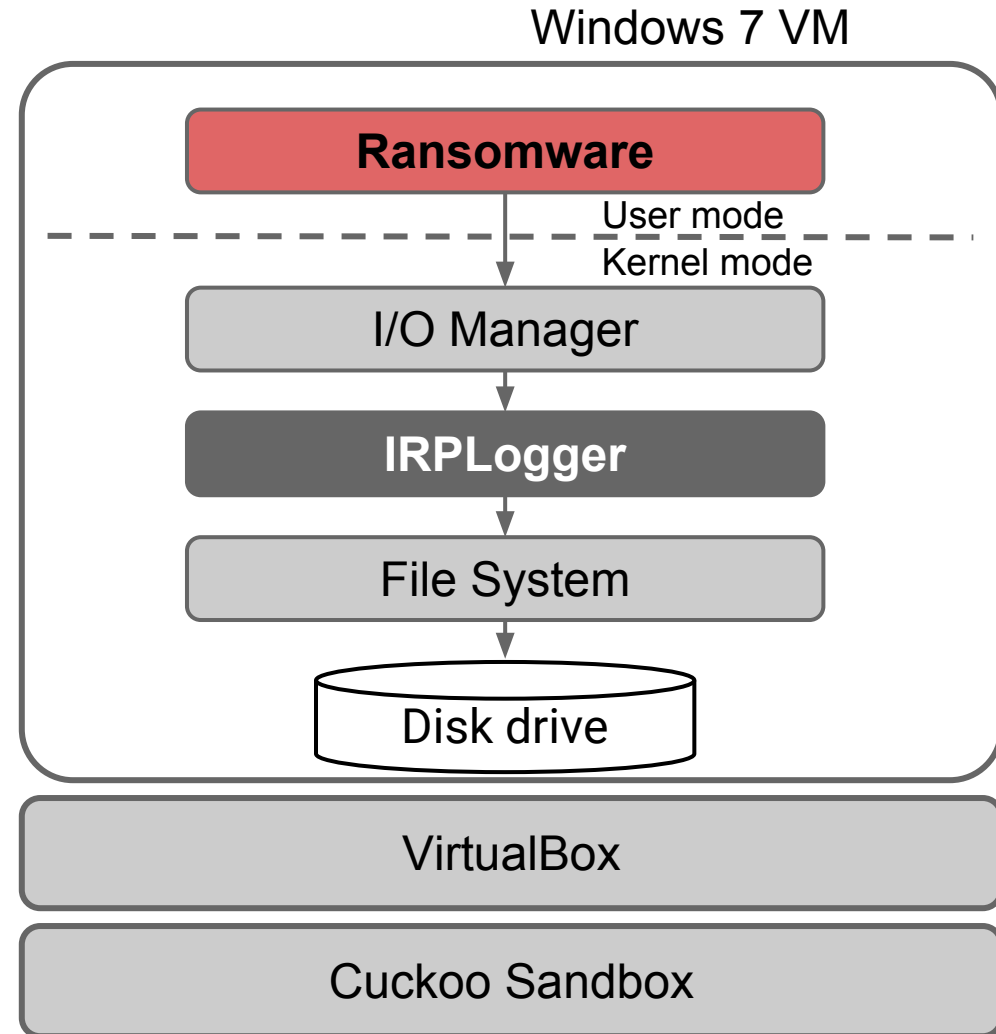
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dev	3.4	230.8	16.60	317	34	7.85
home	2.4	132.1	9.67	132	87	2.04
office	0.9	54.2	5.56	225	17	0.83
home	4.7	279.9	18.70	255	122	5.18
home	2.2	138.1	5.04	141	47	4.10
dev	1.8	100.4	10.30	225	35	2.42
dev	0.8	49.0	3.28	166	8	5.62
home	0.8	43.9	6.33	148	32	2.16
home	7.7	501.8	24.20	314	215	3.21
home	0.9	57.6	2.63	151	18	4.60
office	2.6	175.2	4.69	171	28	8.51
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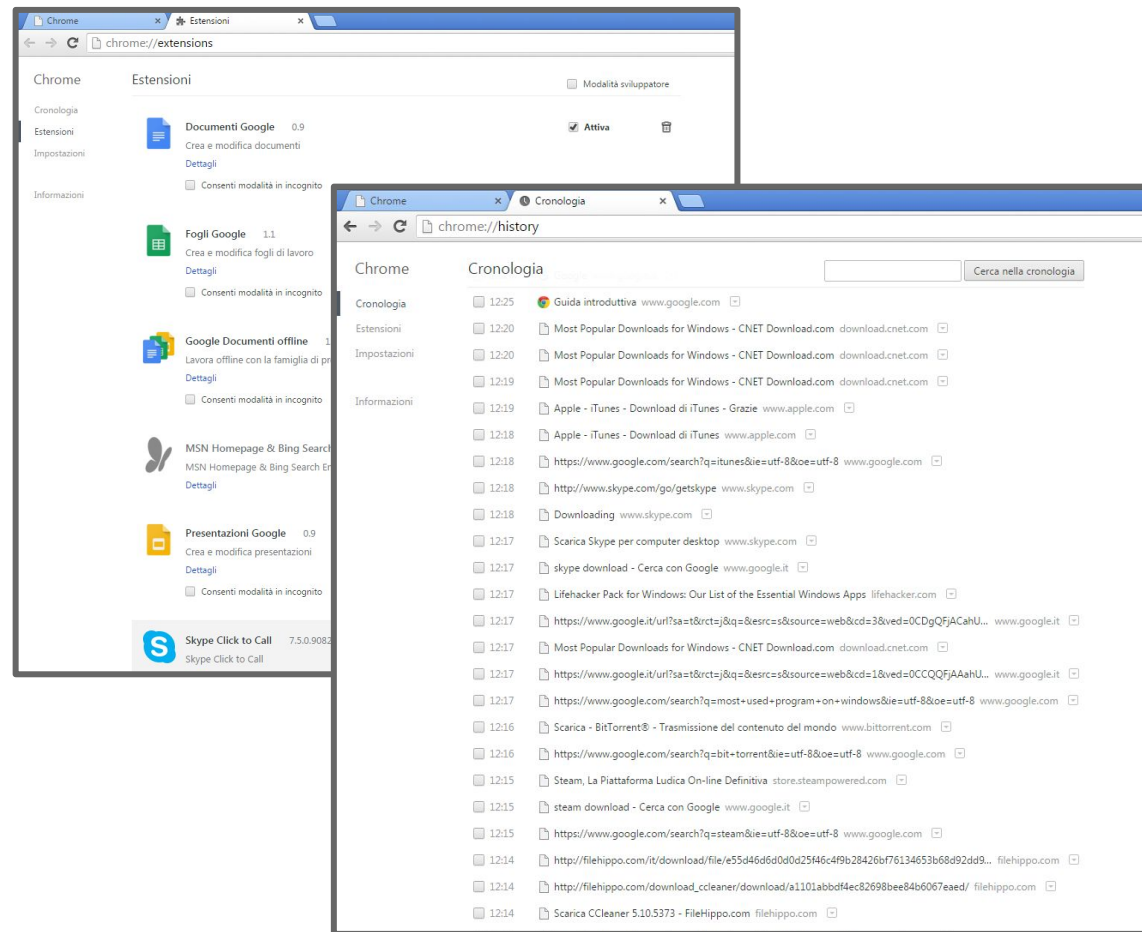
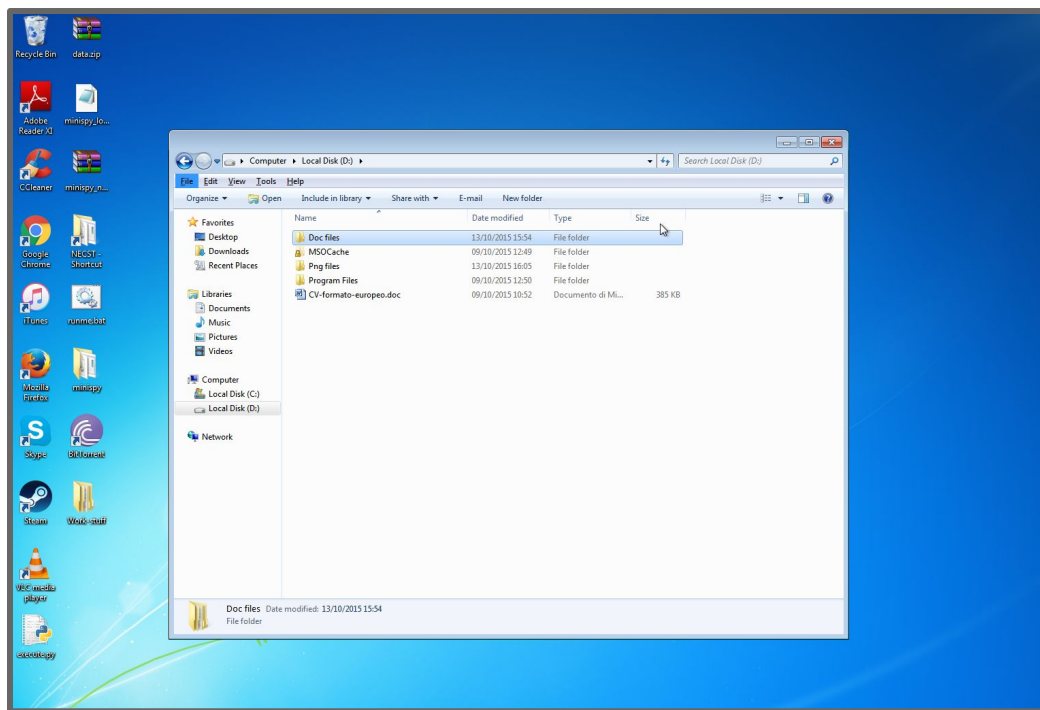
Analysis Environment

383 samples of 5 distinct families

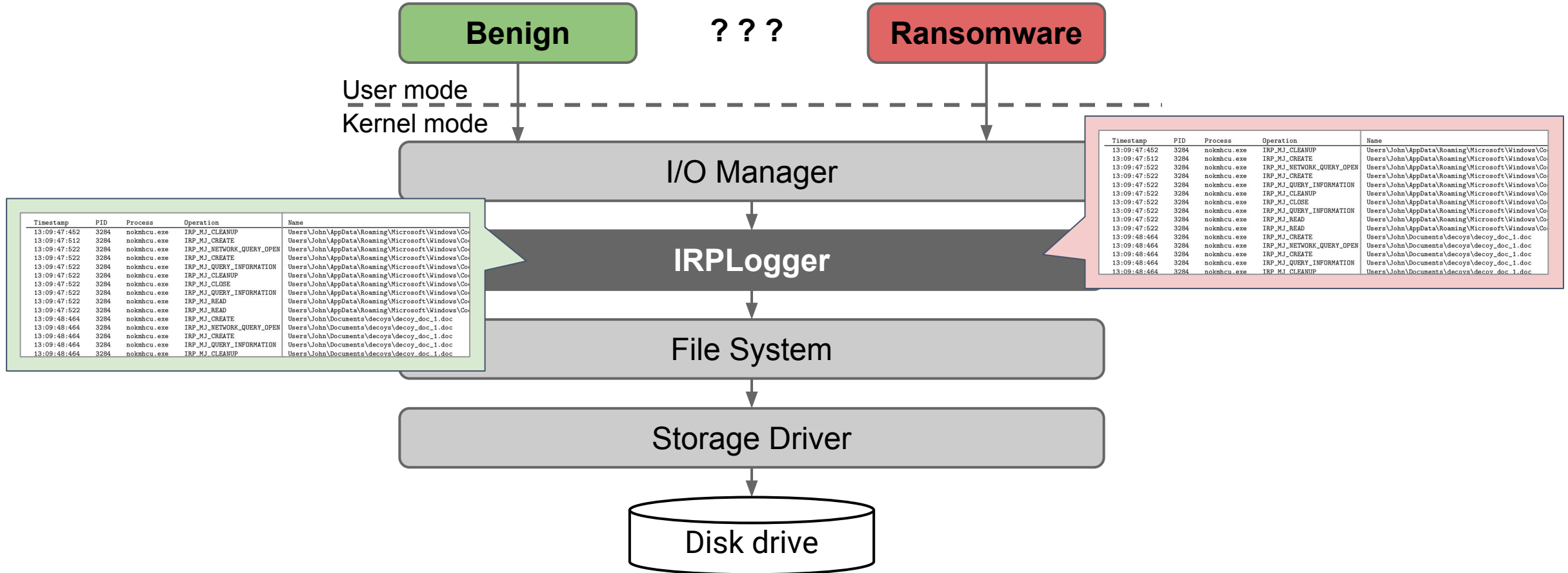
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- Crowti
- CryptoDefense
- Critroni
- TeslaCrypt



- Trigger ransomware activity
- Avoid anti-sandbox tricks

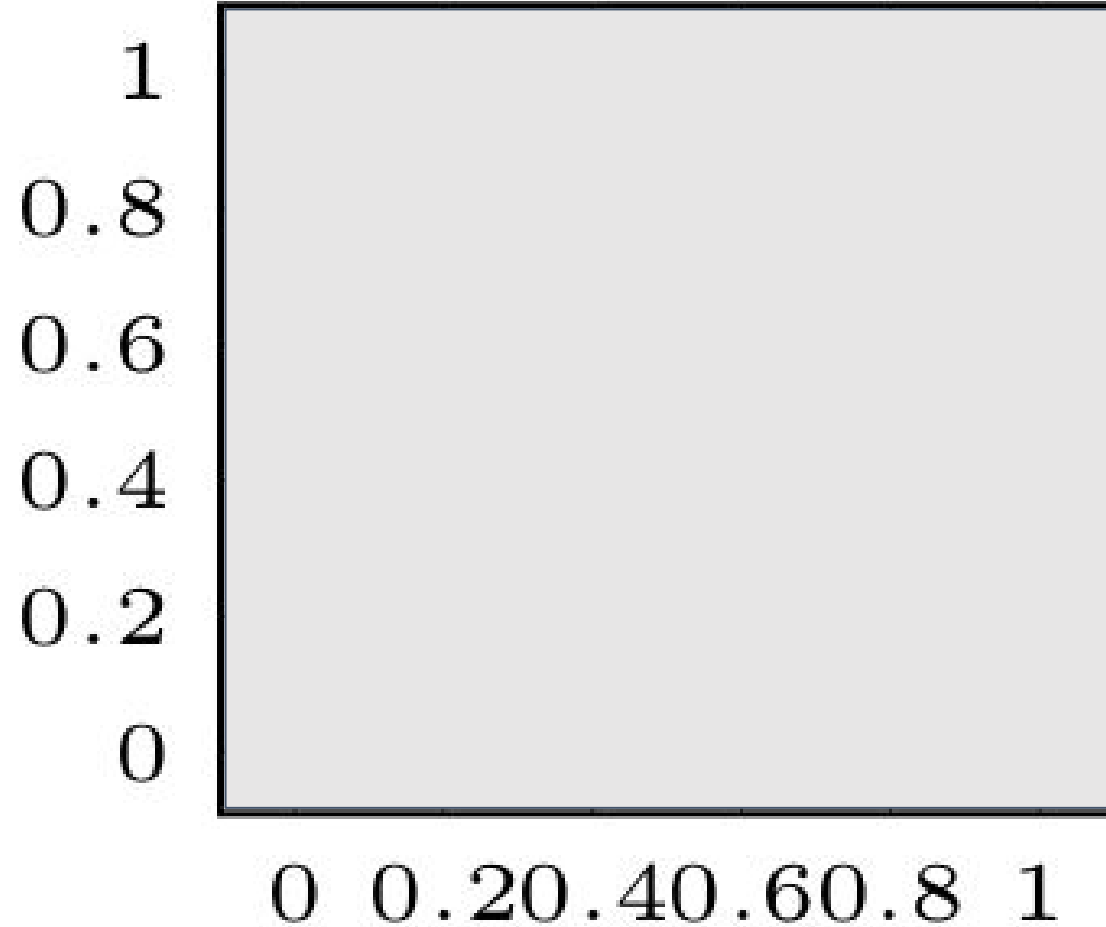


Ransomware vs Benign apps

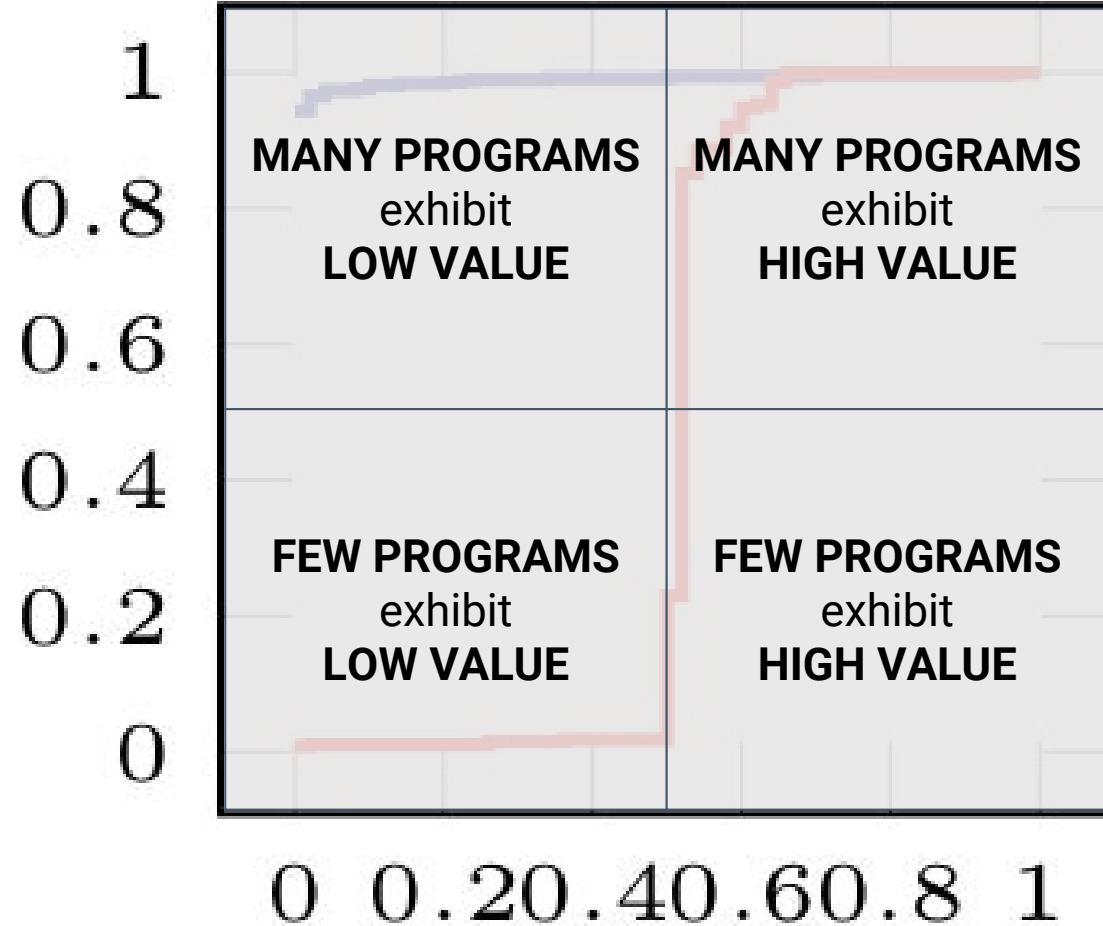


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→ Ransomware-aware
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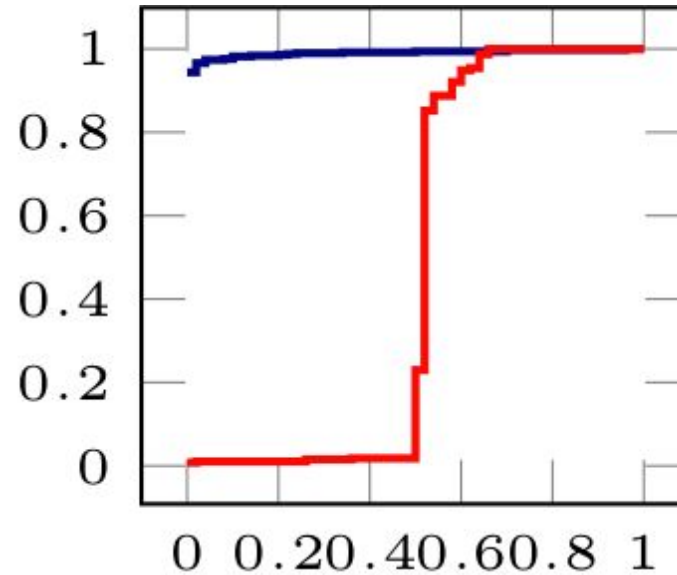
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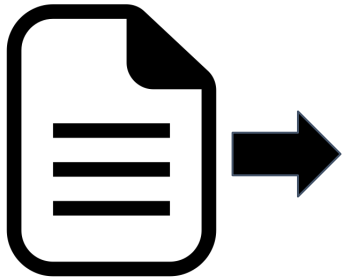


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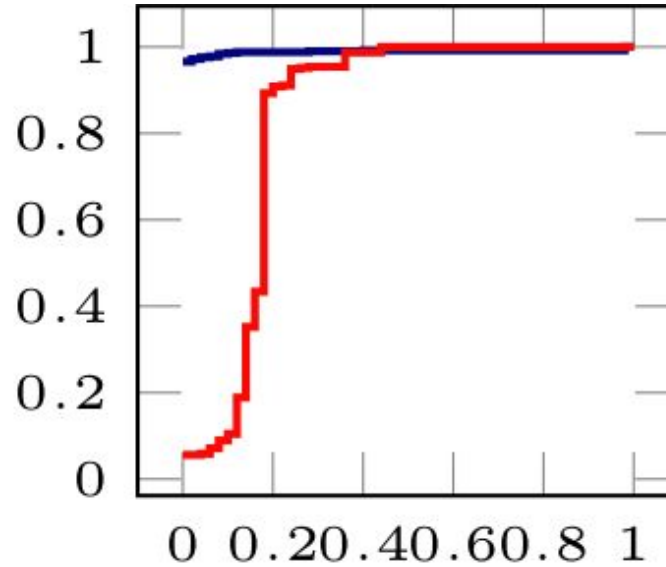


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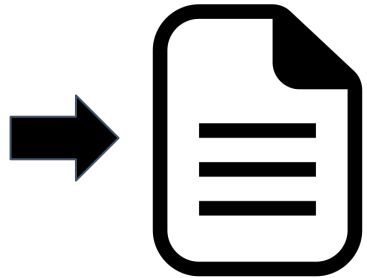


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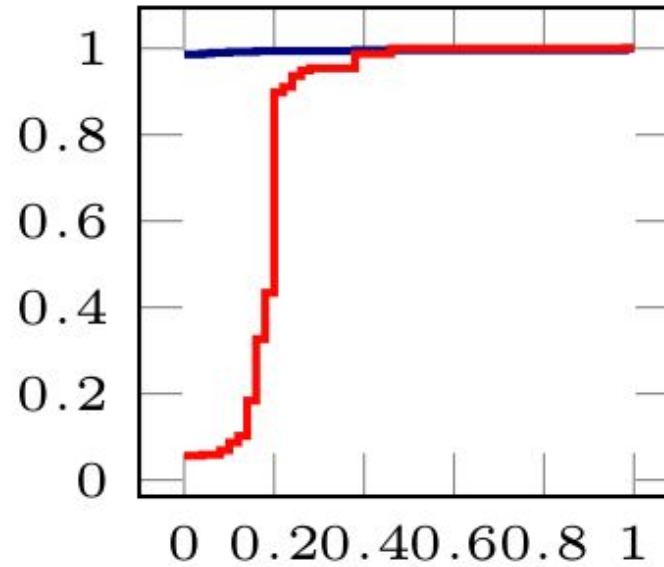


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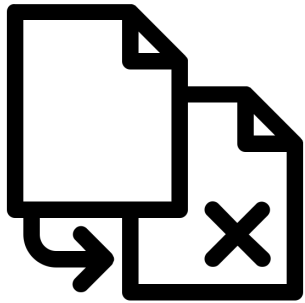


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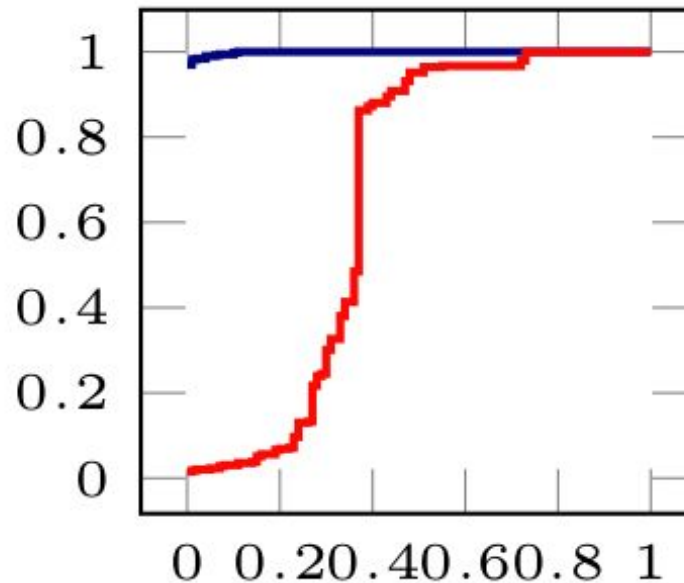
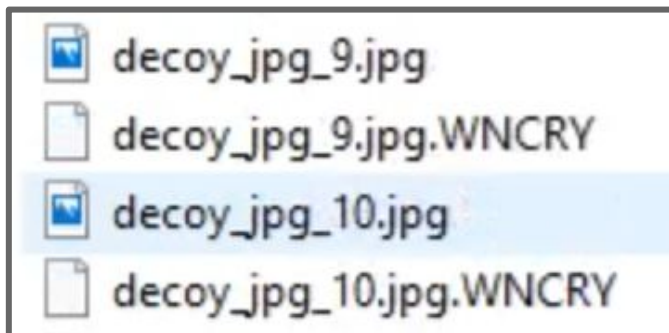


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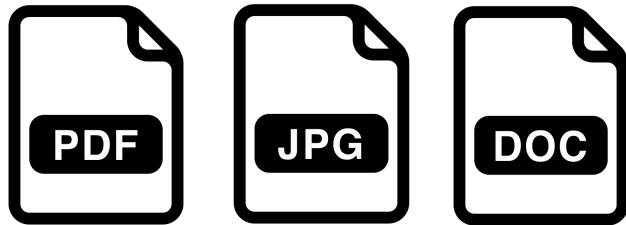


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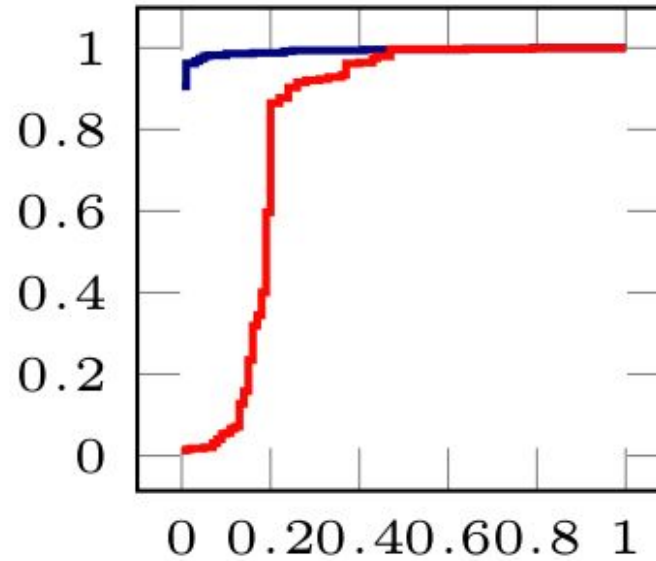


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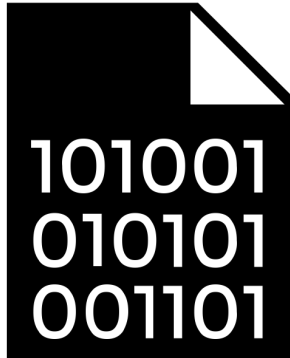


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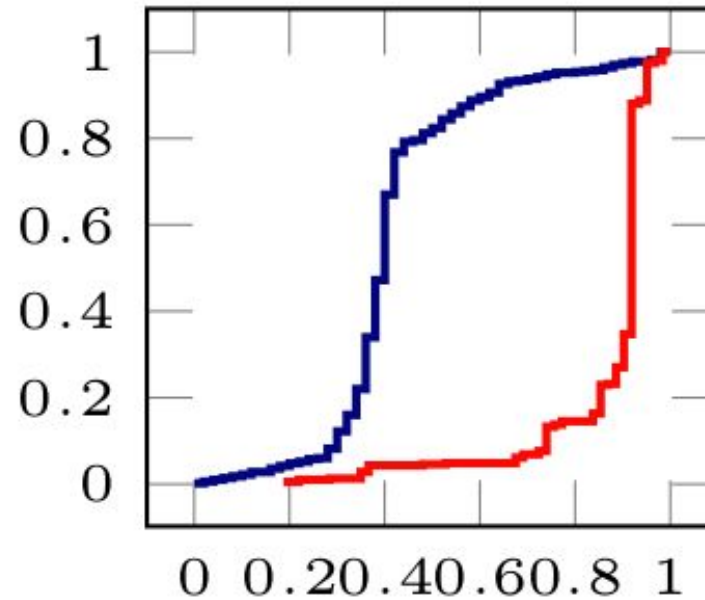


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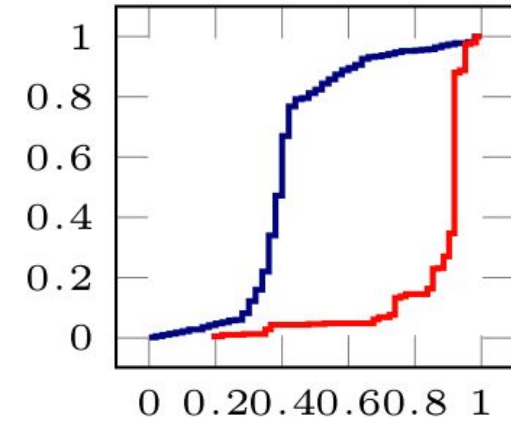
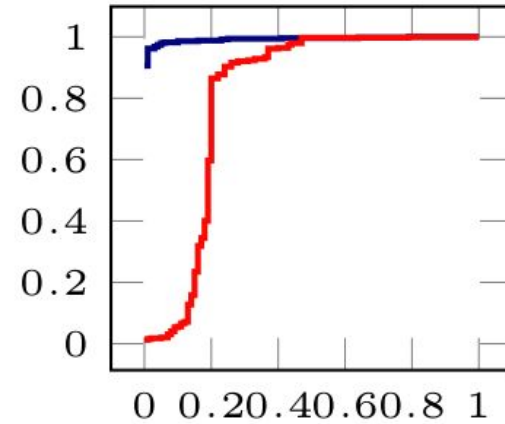
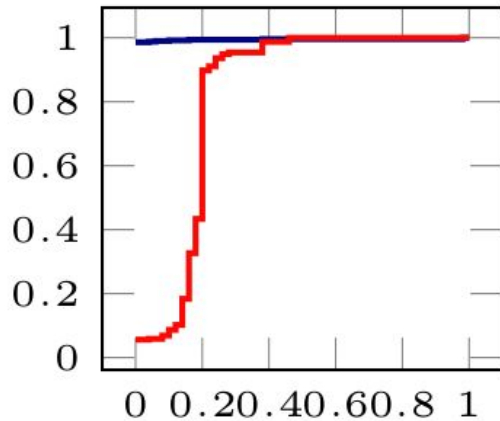
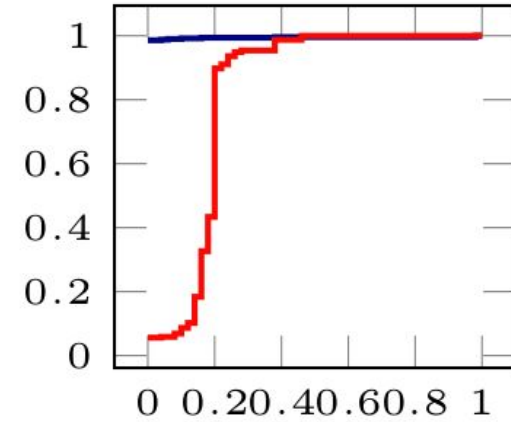
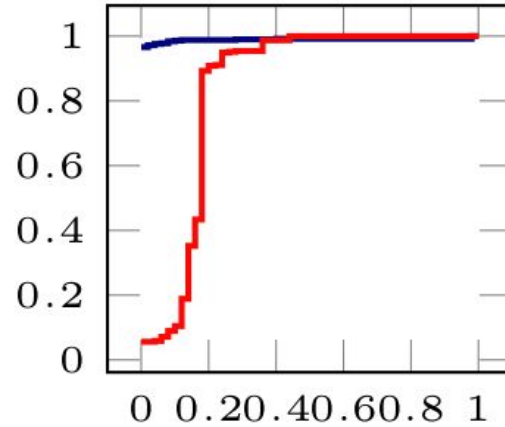
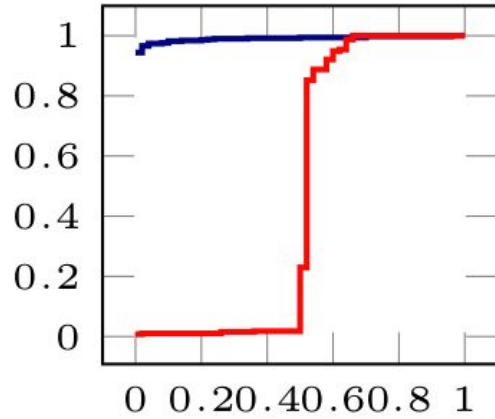


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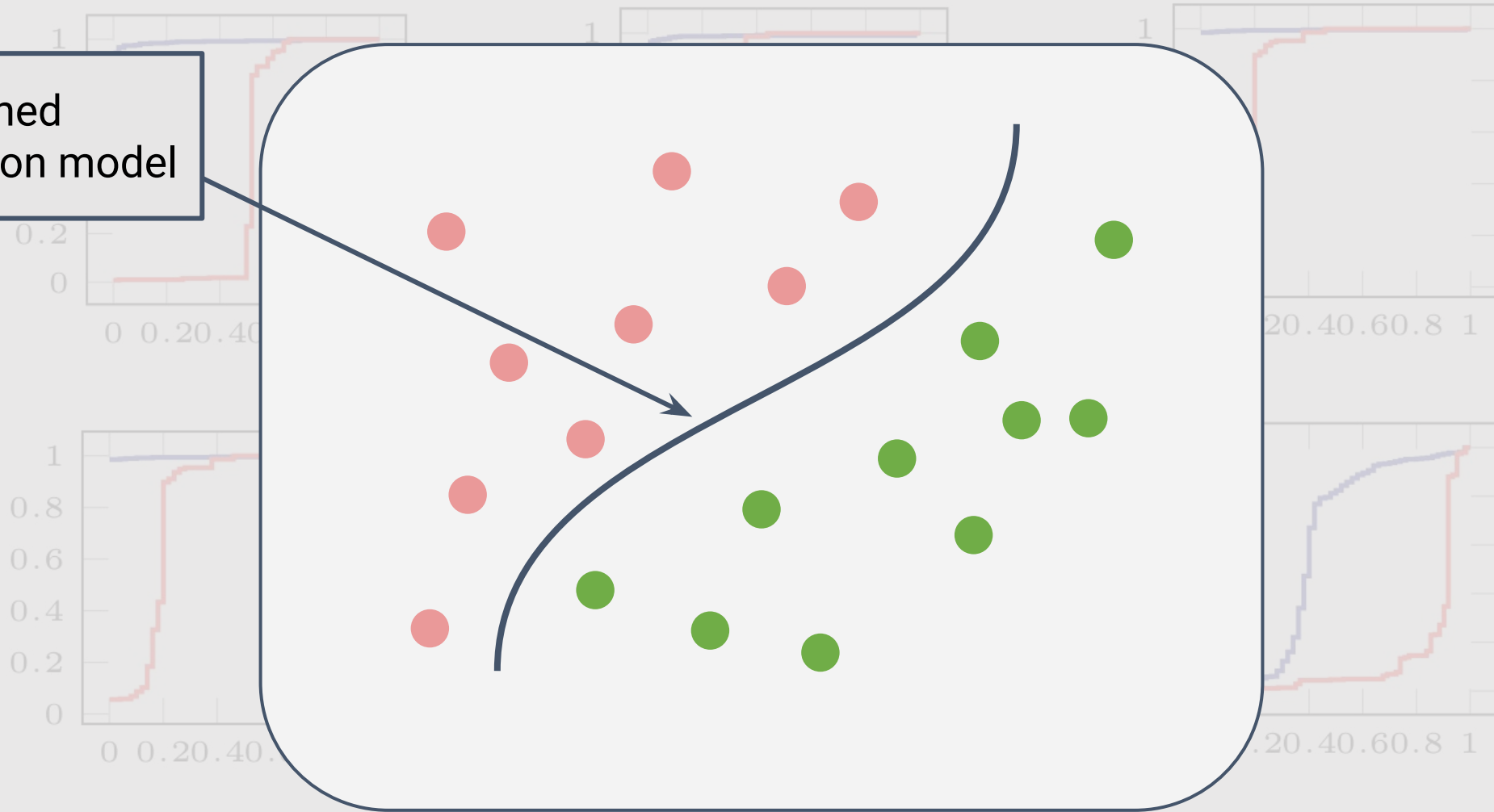
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Machine Learning

Learned
classification model





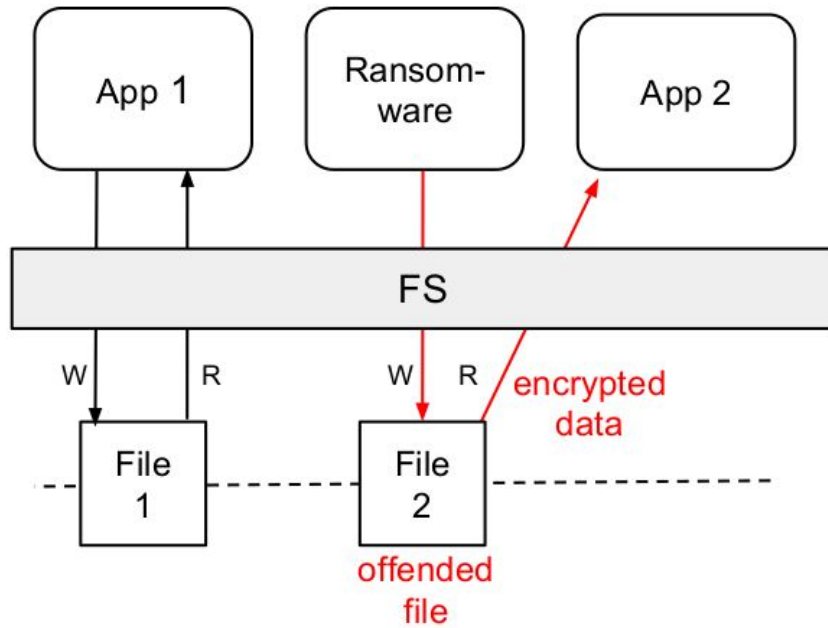
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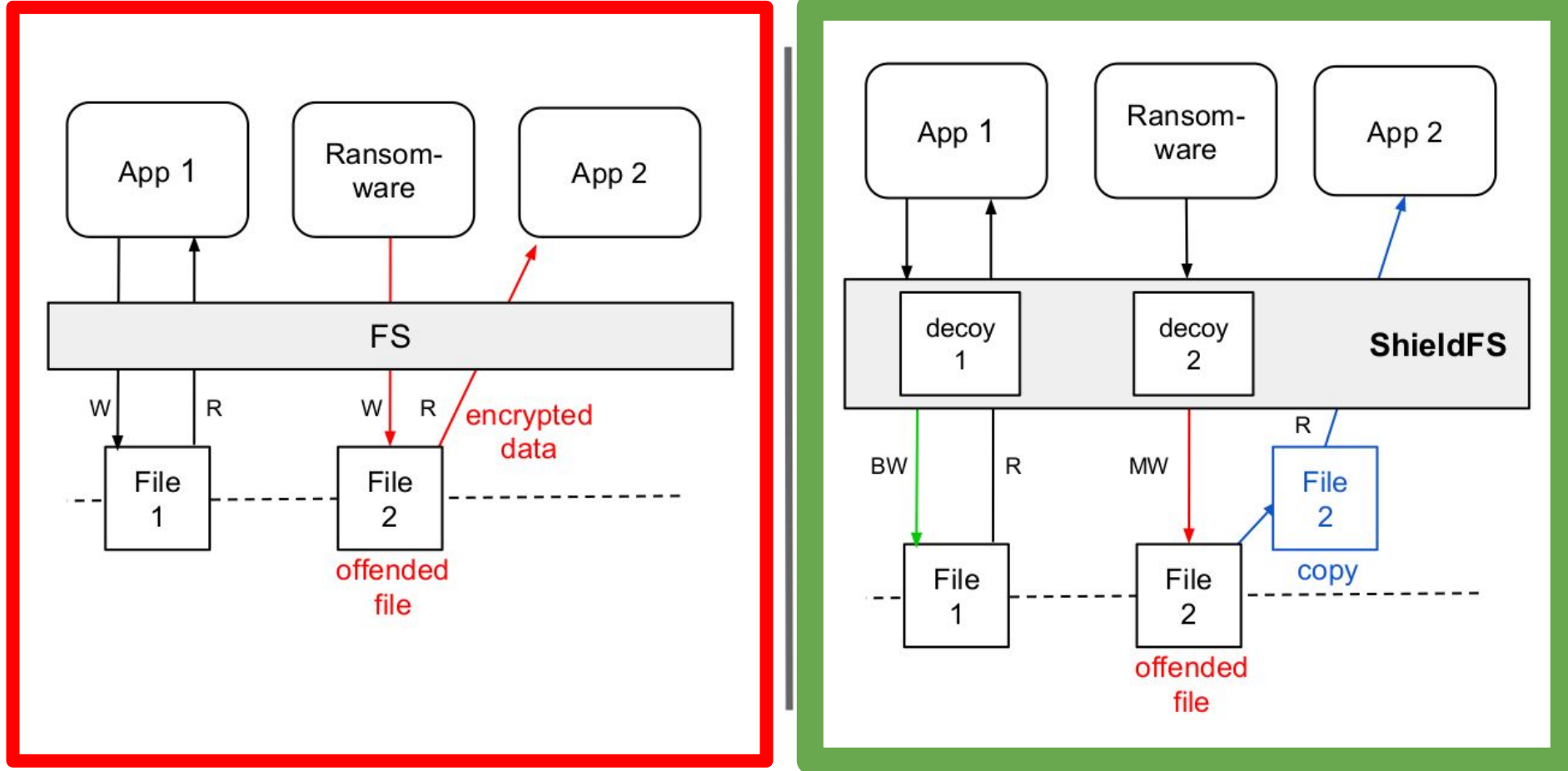
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ShieldFS: Healing Approach



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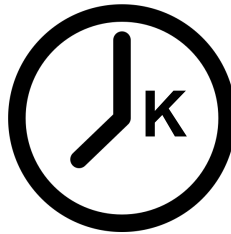
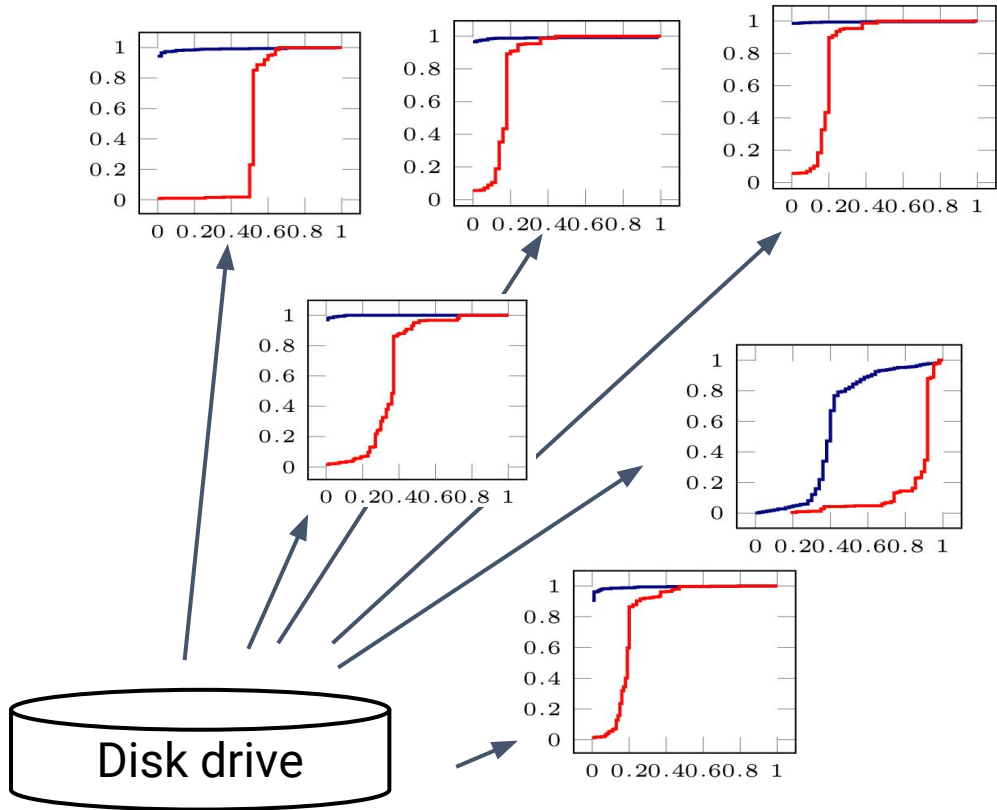
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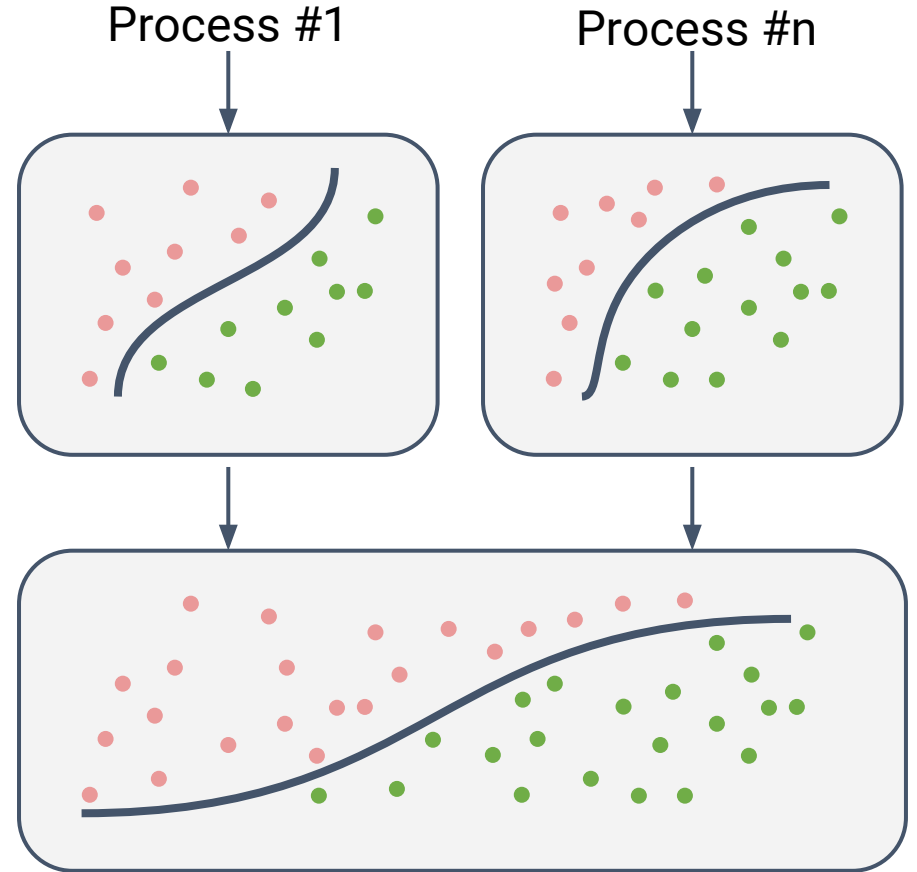
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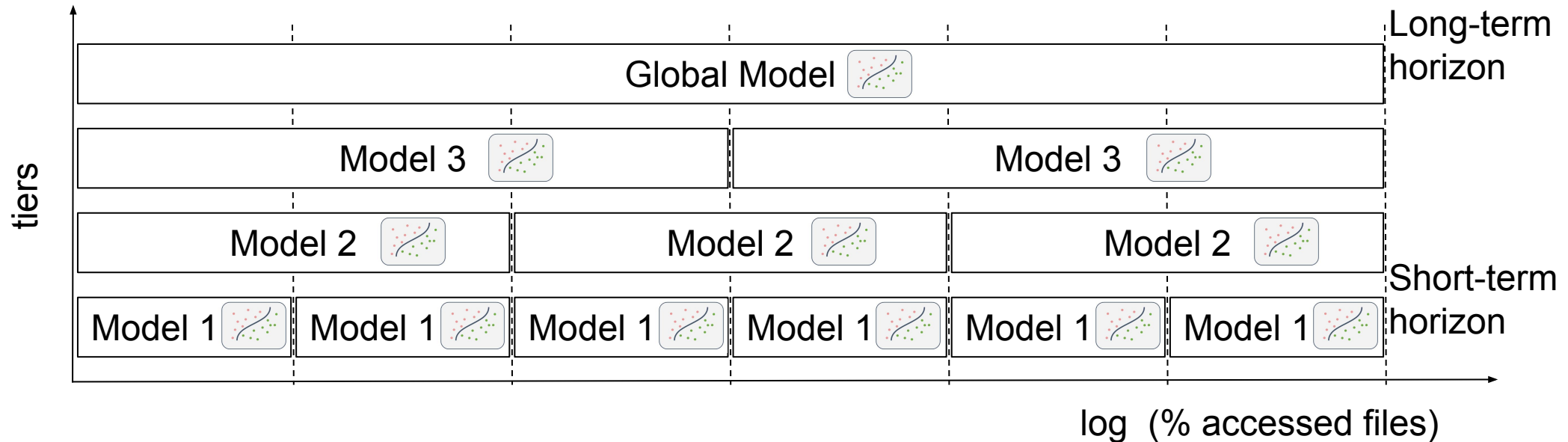
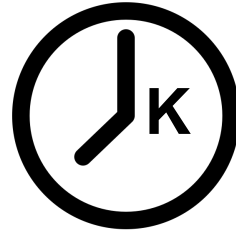
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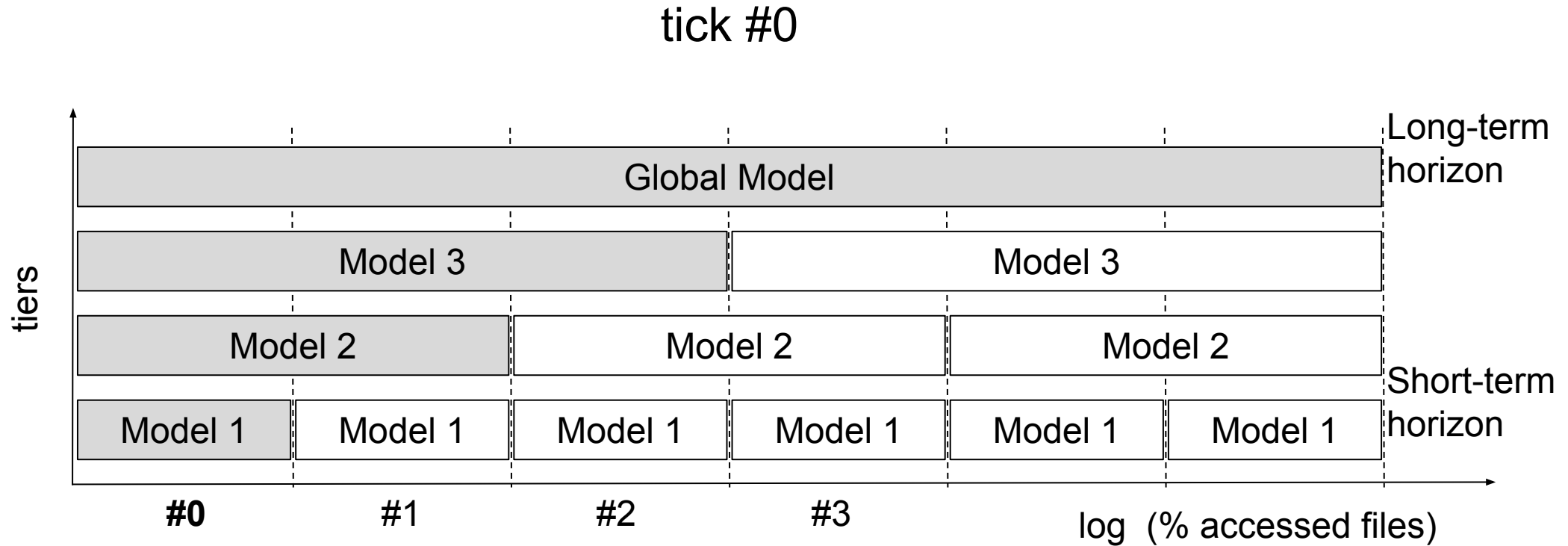
Process-centric Models
System-centric Model



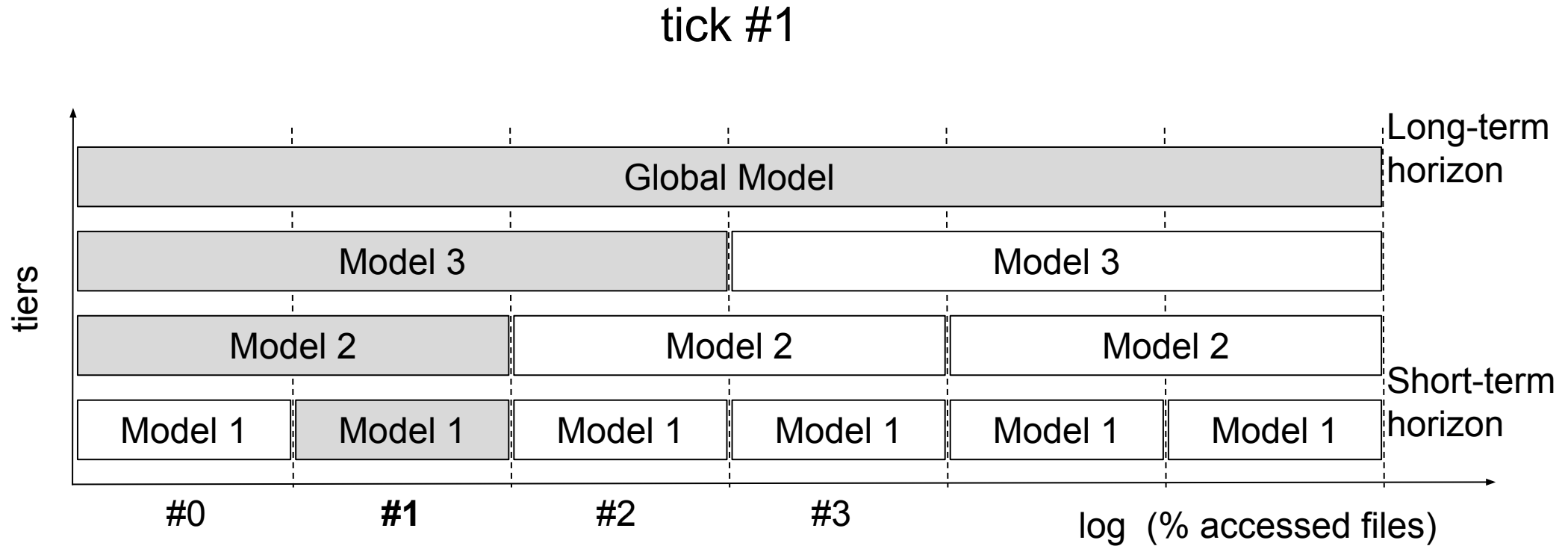
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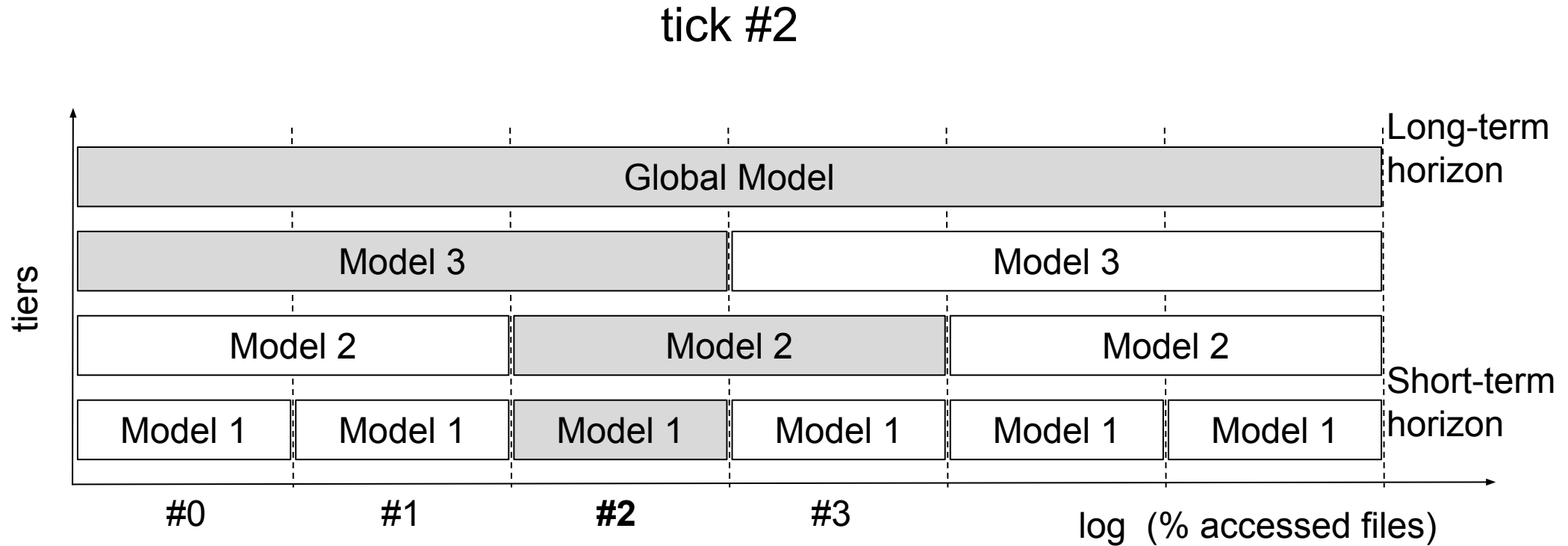
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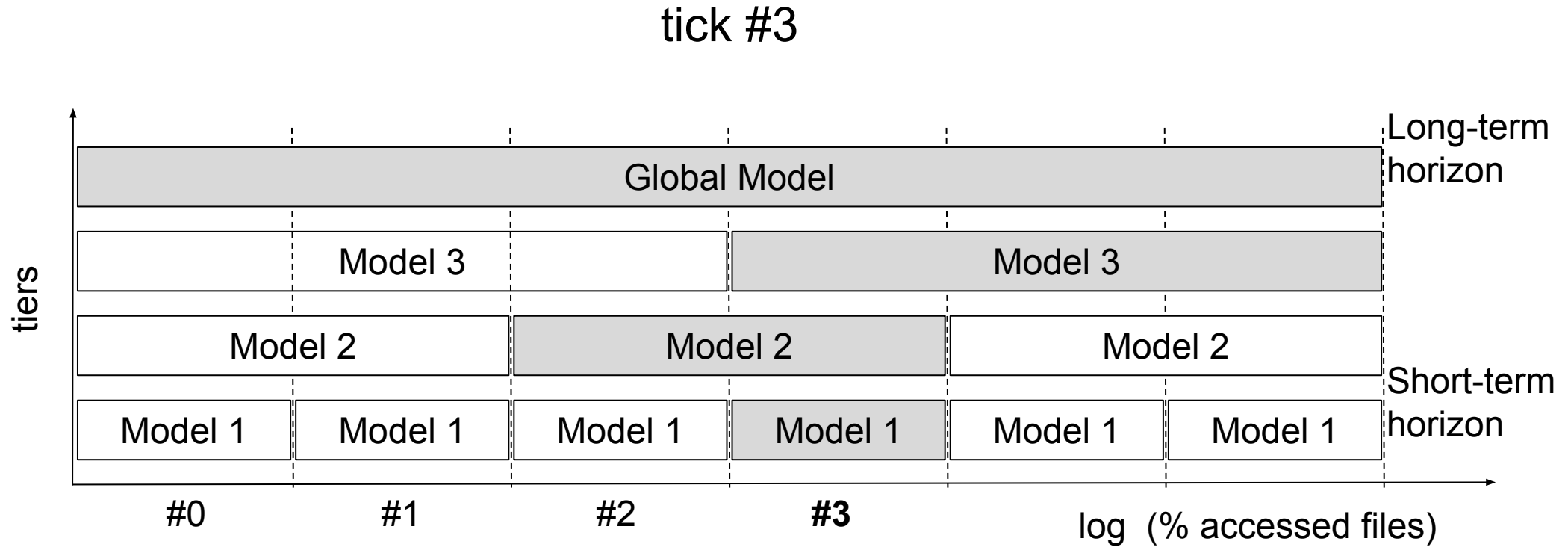
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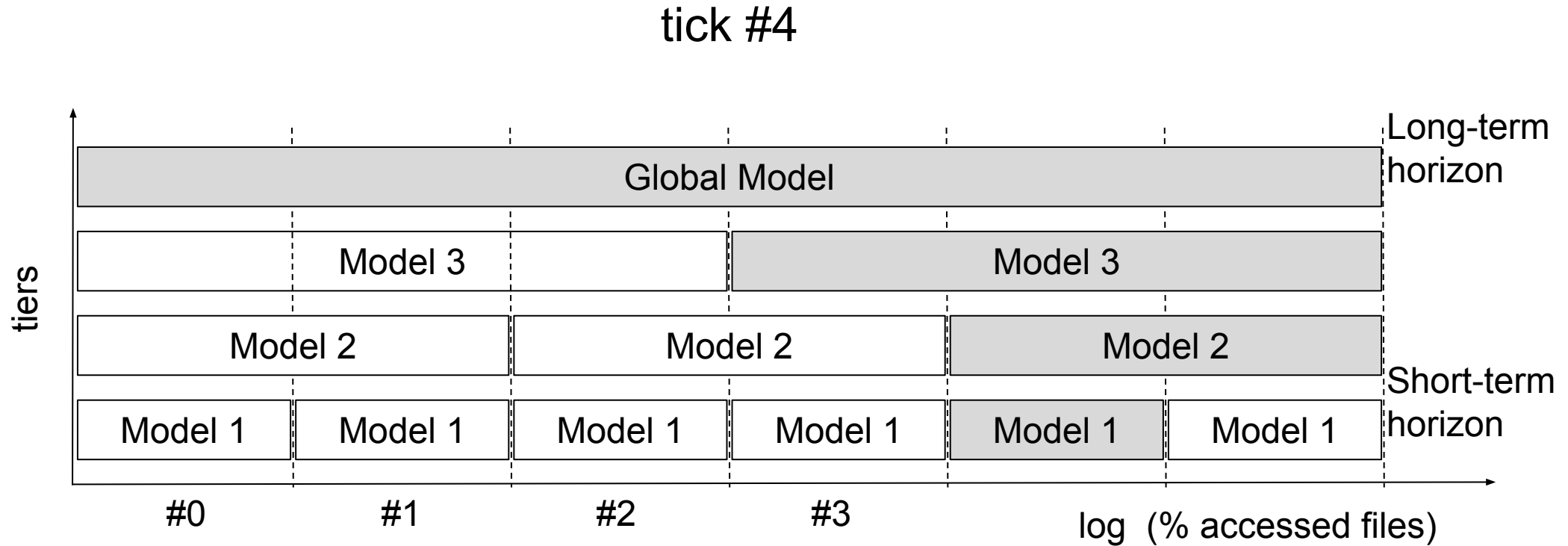
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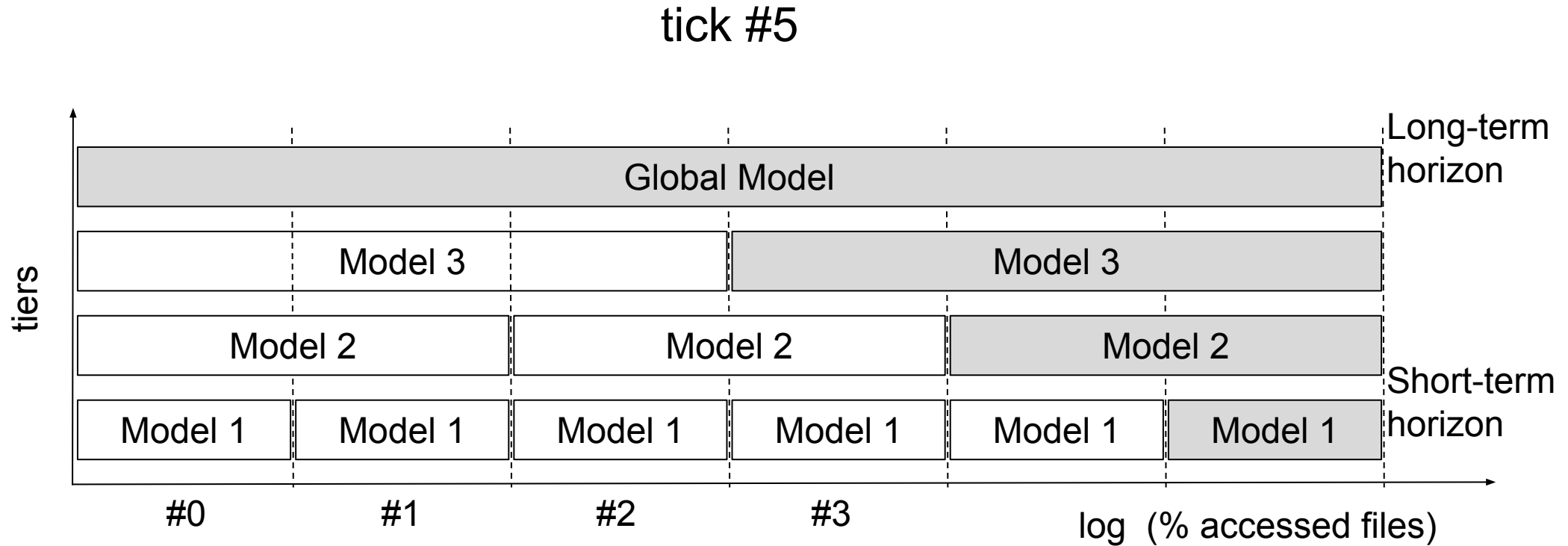
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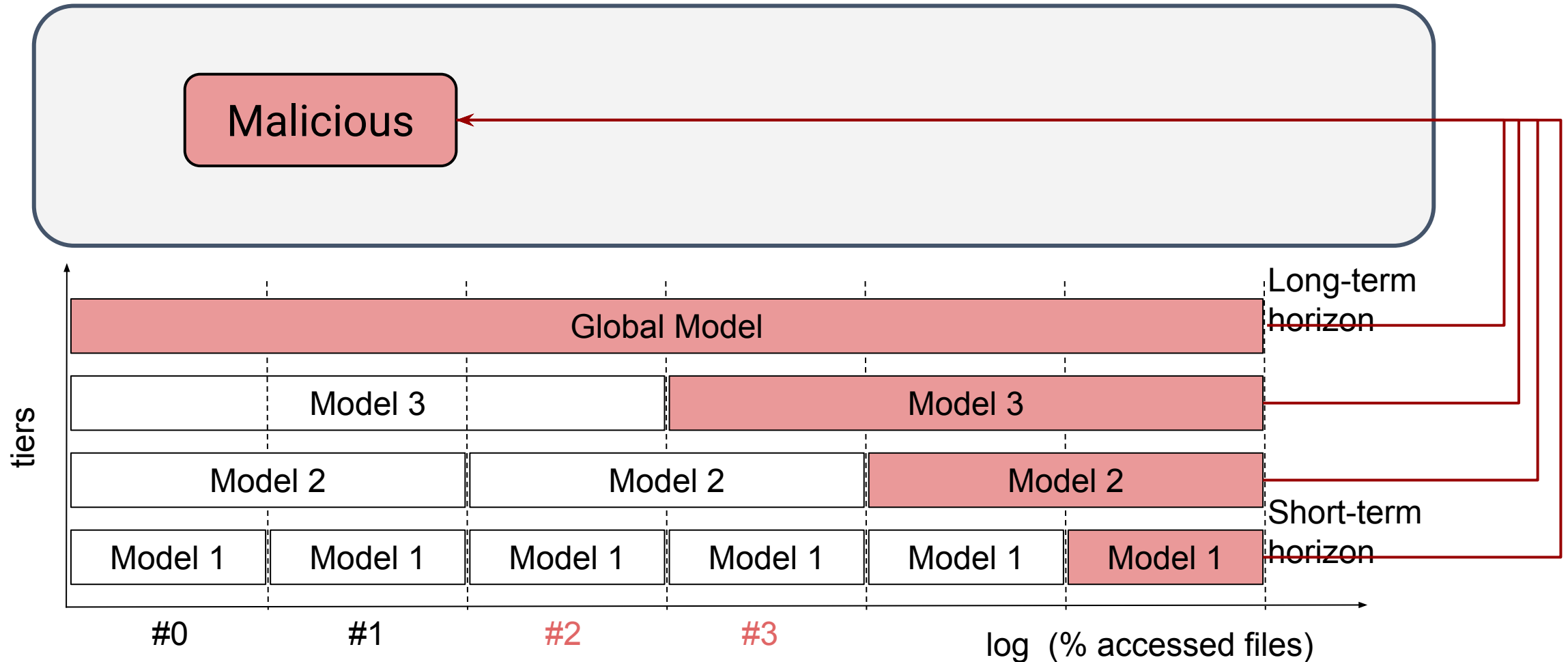
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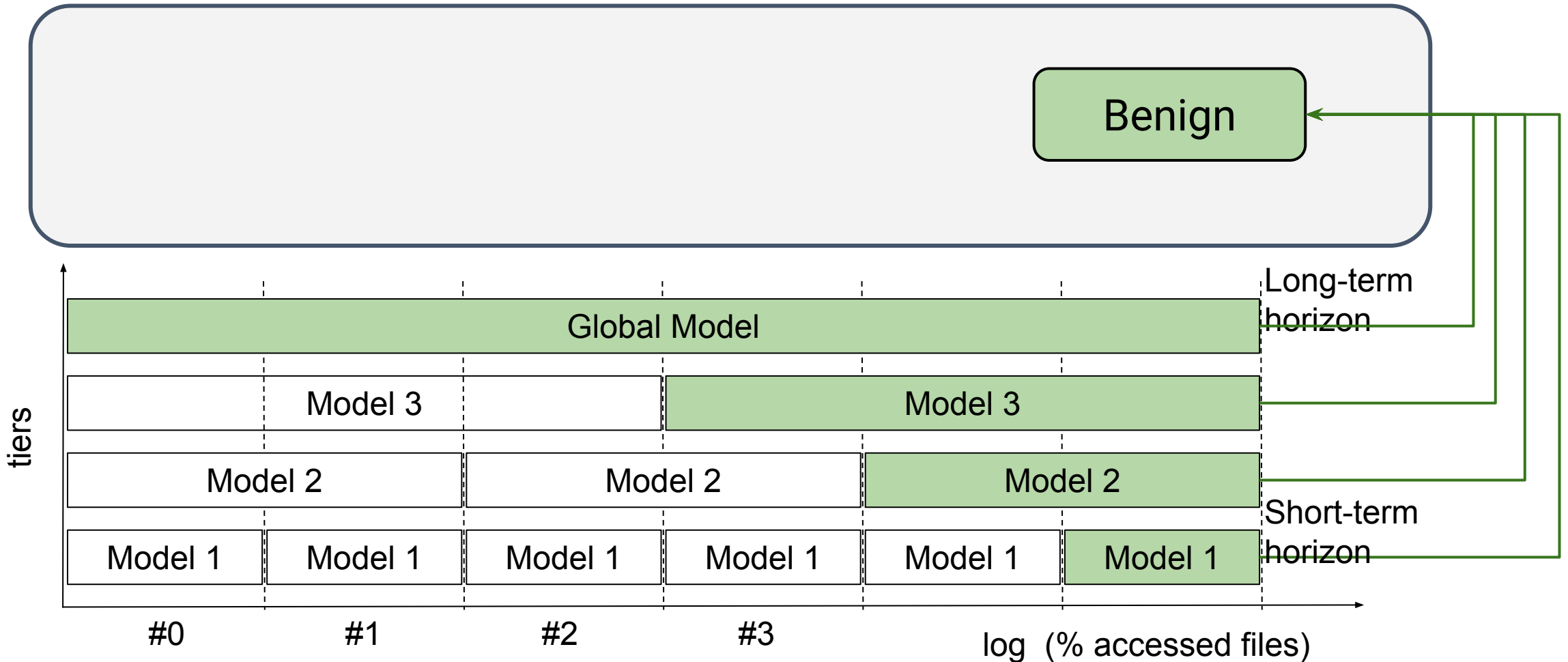
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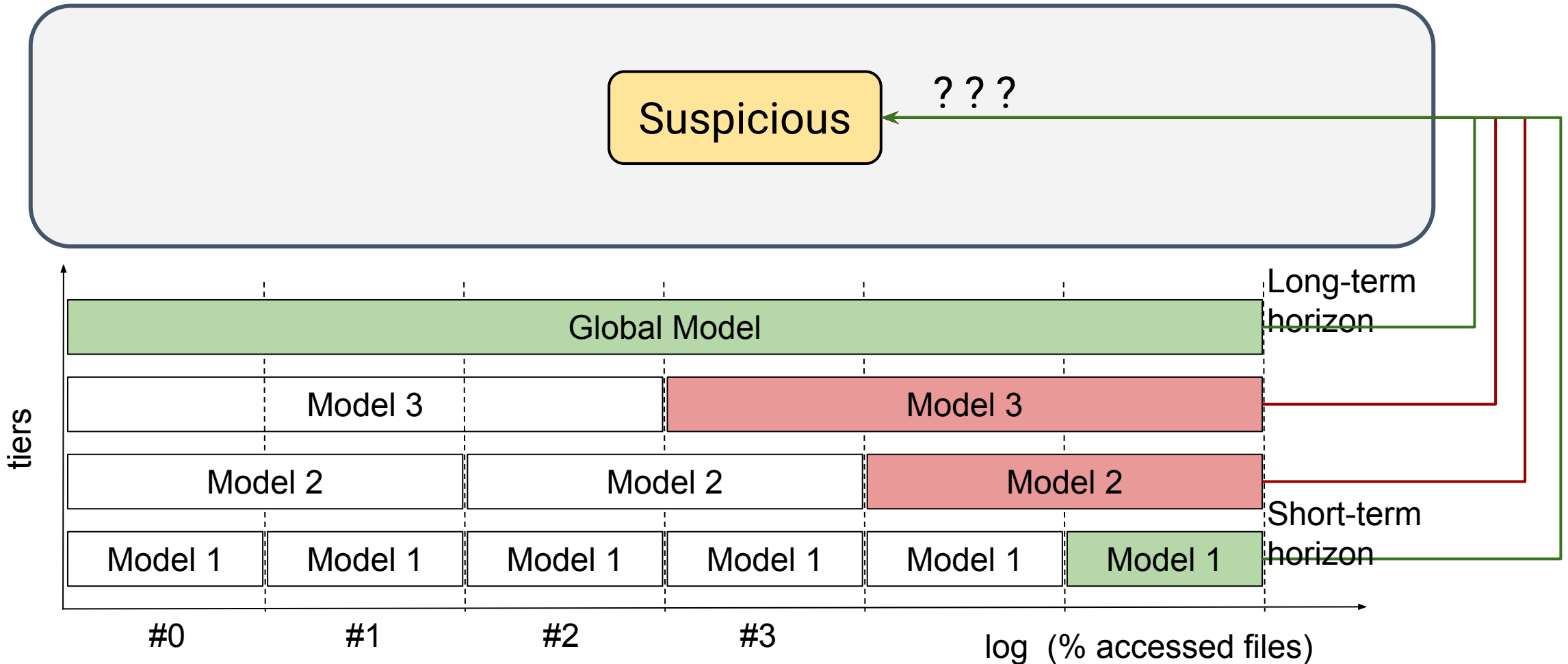
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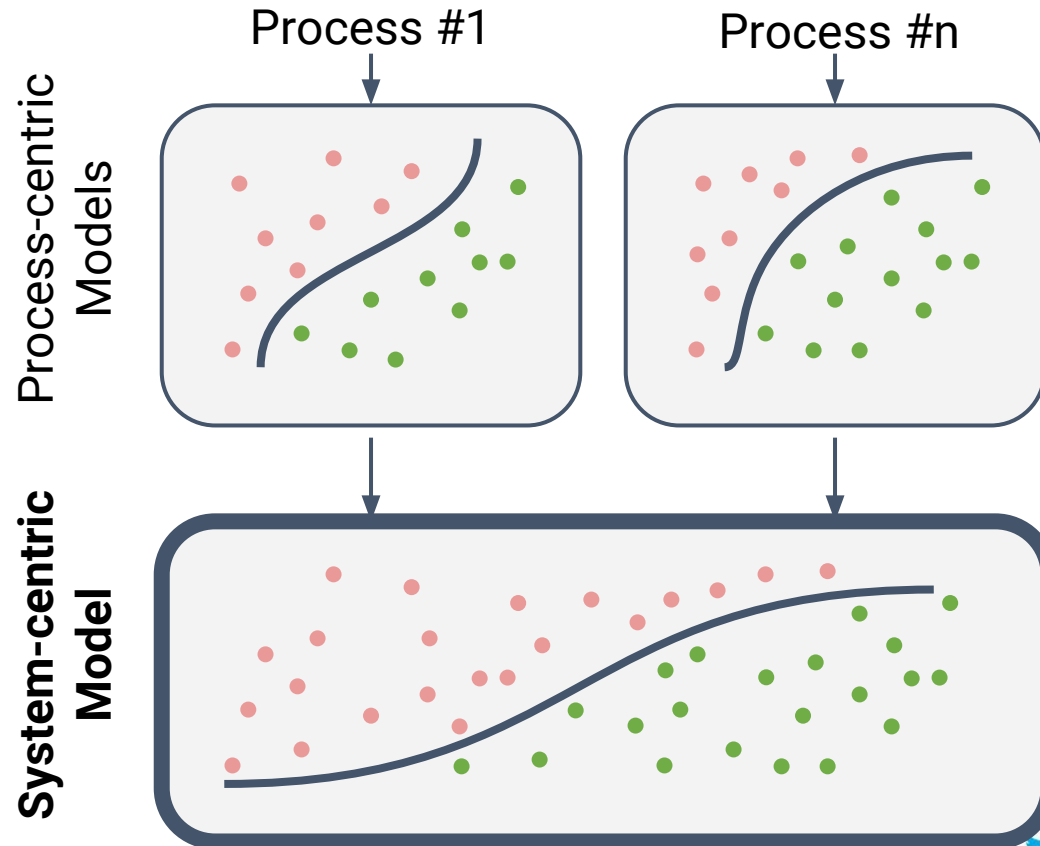


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I'm Confused..

Suspicious



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Process #1

Process #n

Process-centric

System-centric

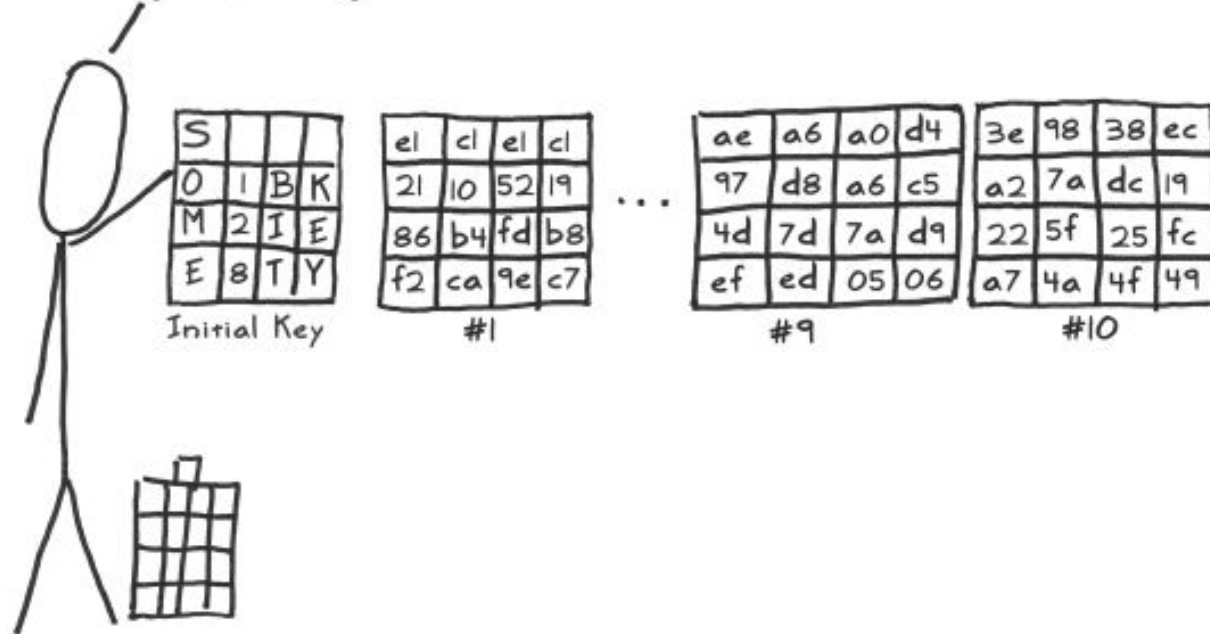
Model

LOOK FOR TRACES OF CRYPTO FUNCTIONS

Block Ciphers: Key Schedule

Key Expansion: Part 1

I need lots of keys for use in later rounds. I derive all of them from the initial key using a simple mixing technique that's really fast. Despite its critics,* it's good enough.



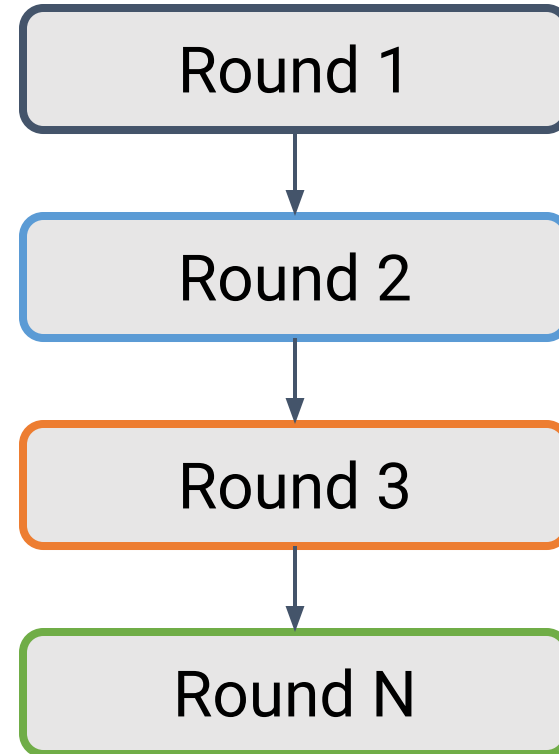
* By far, most complaints against AES's design focus on this simplicity.

Traces of Crypto Primitives

Key schedules

77	3f	9d	50	2a	91	d5	86
a0	89	42	b2	f3	de	b8	d3
32	f2	16	b0	88	e3	7e	b4
1d	2d	f4	b2	fa	6f	51	64
bd	ce	c7	e5	16	1b	e1	dc
8f	db	81	e5	50	8b	c0	1a
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Encryption Rounds

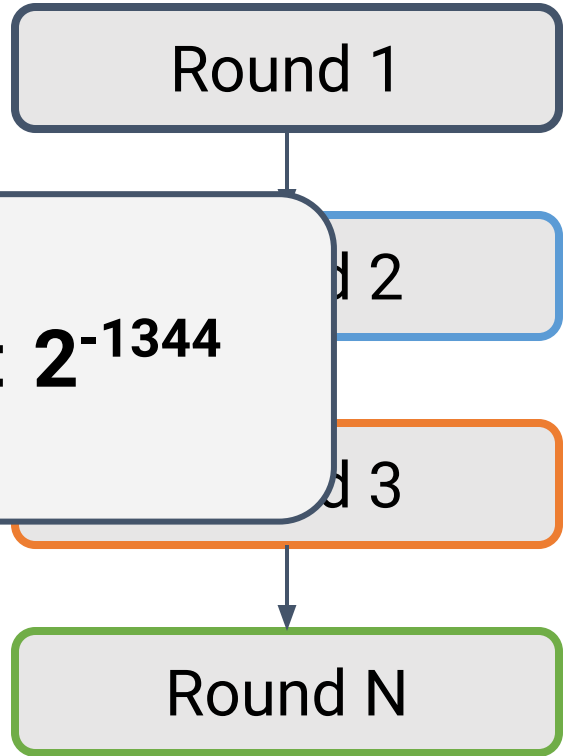


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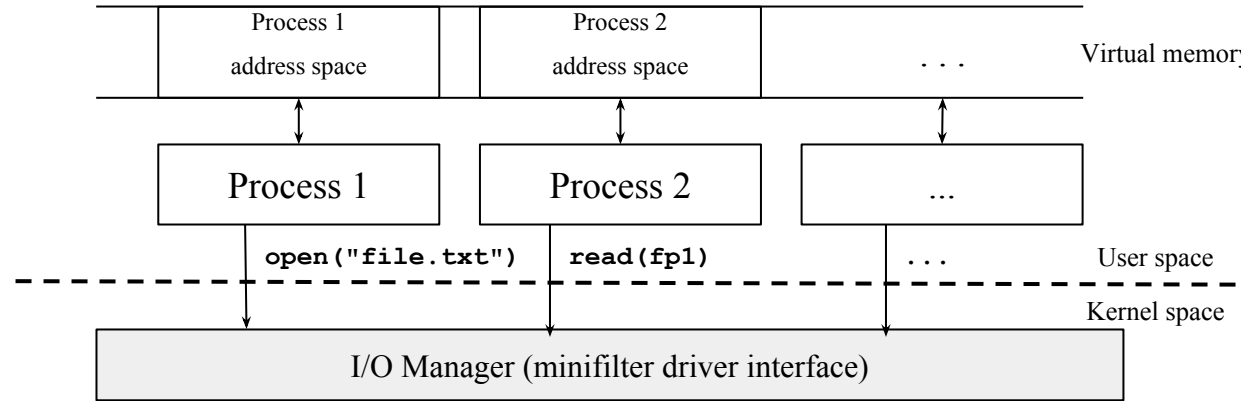
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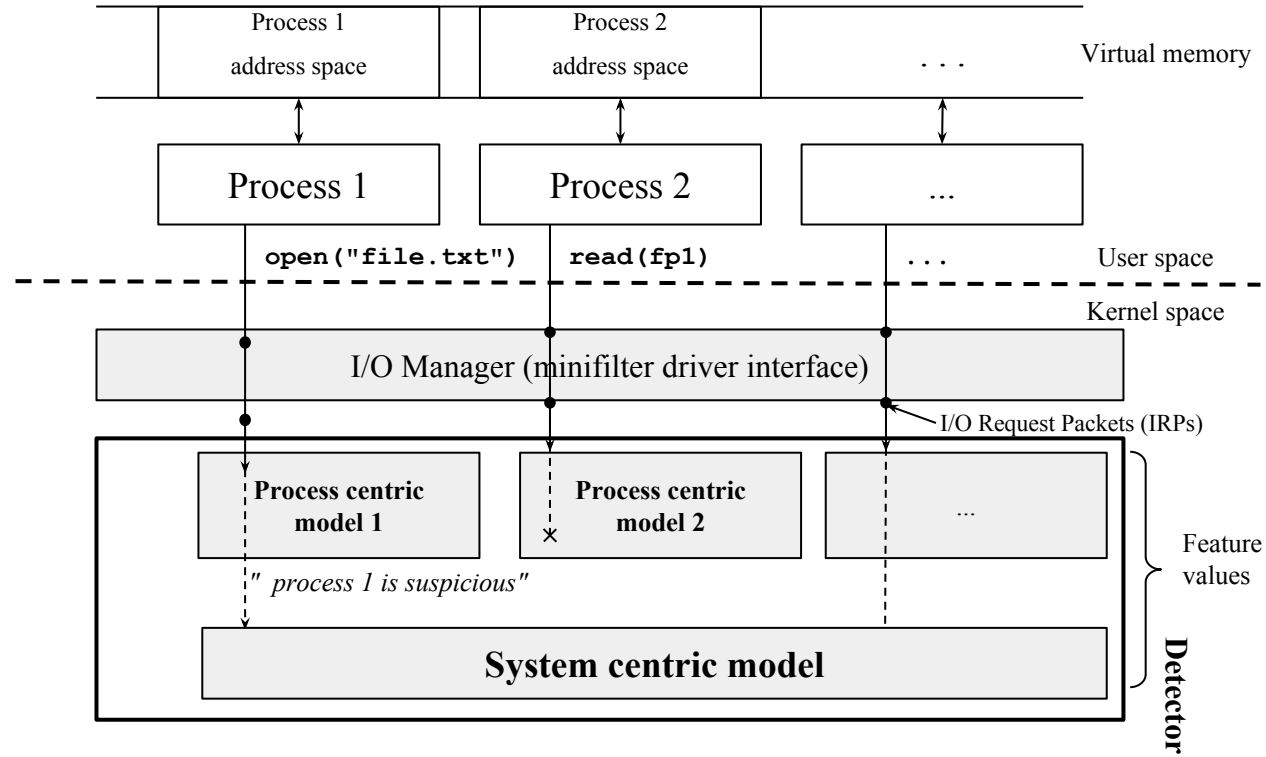


False Positives for AES: 2^{-1344}

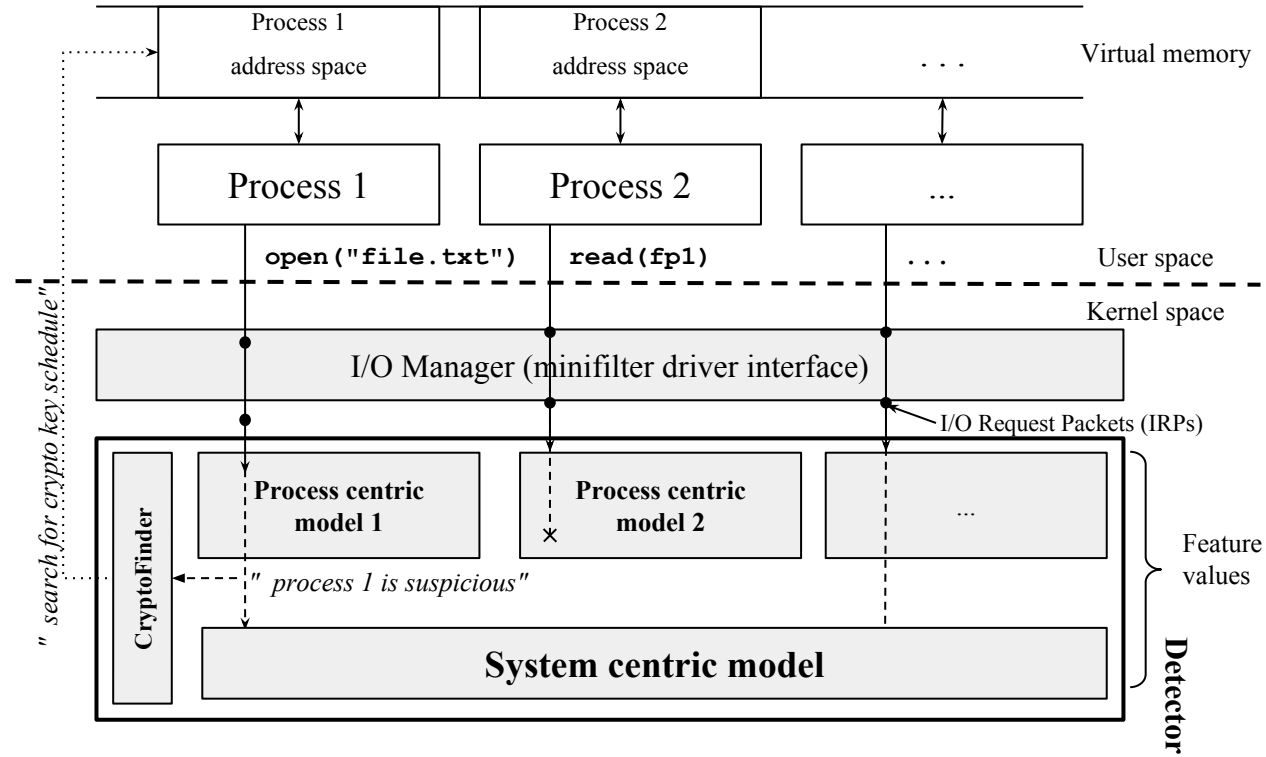
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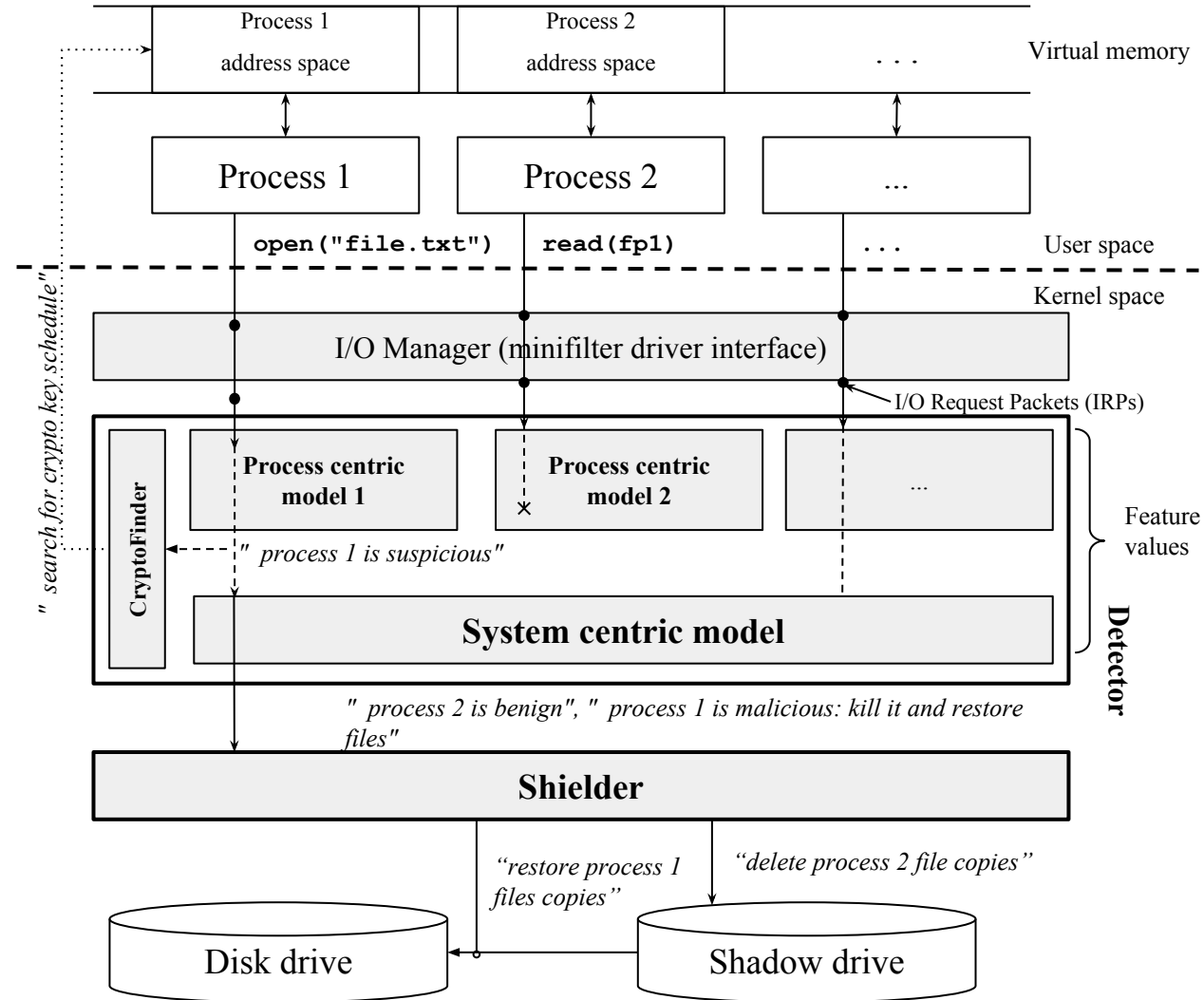
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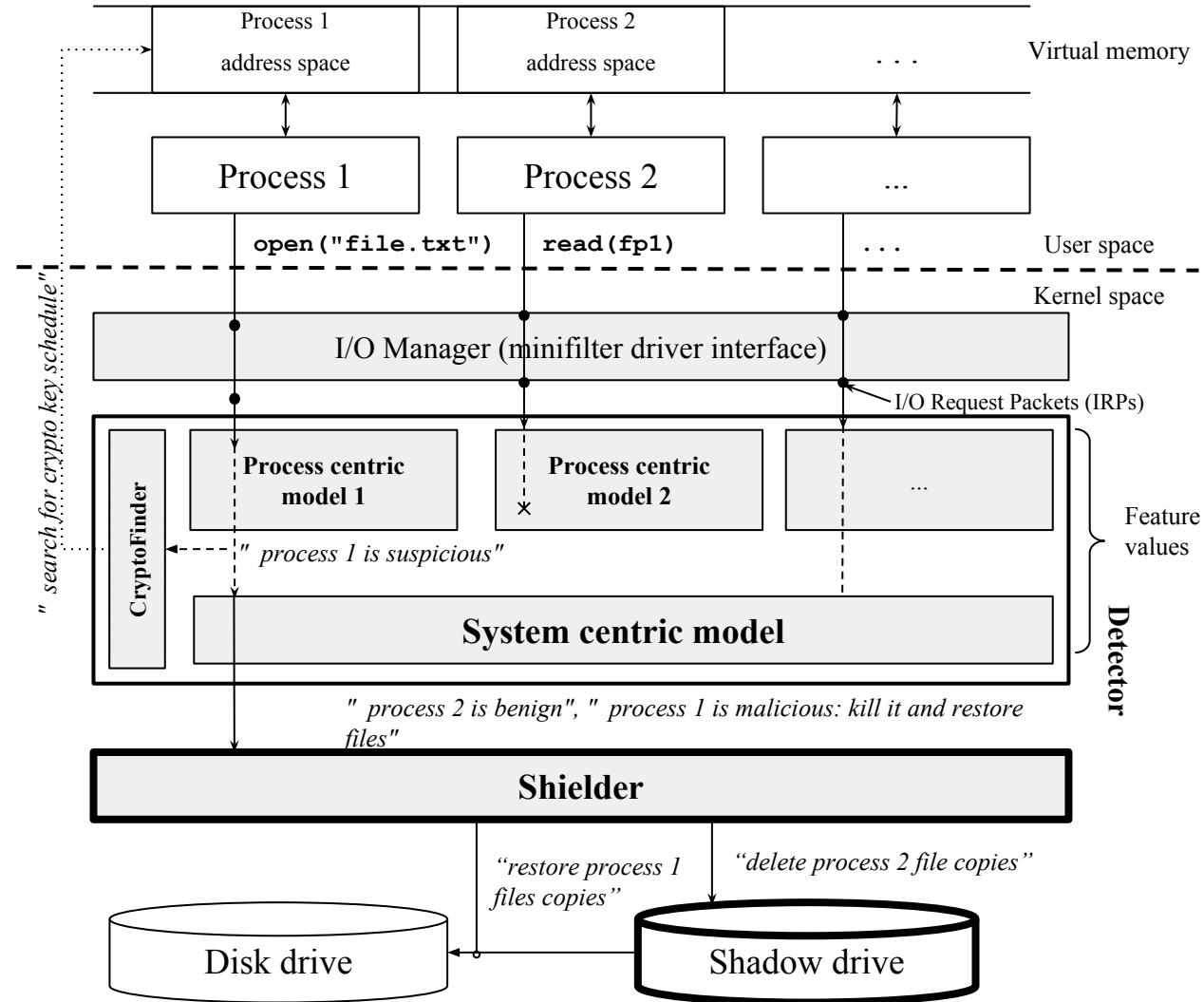
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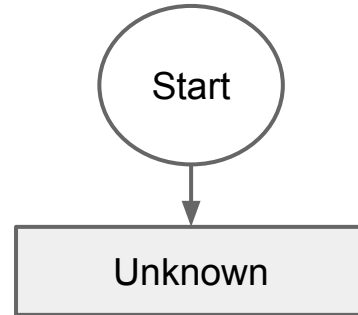
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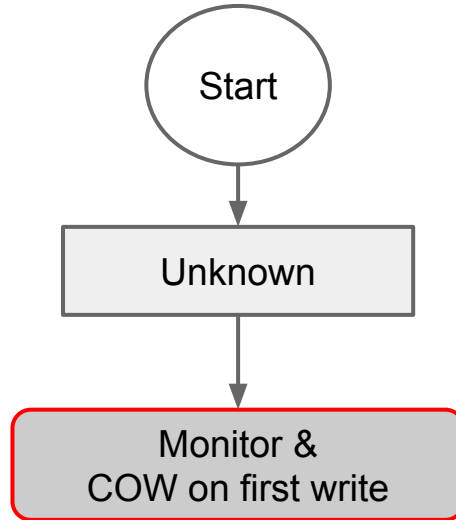
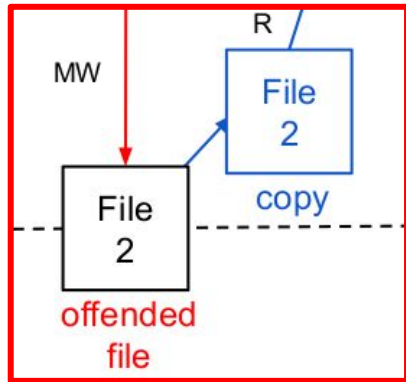
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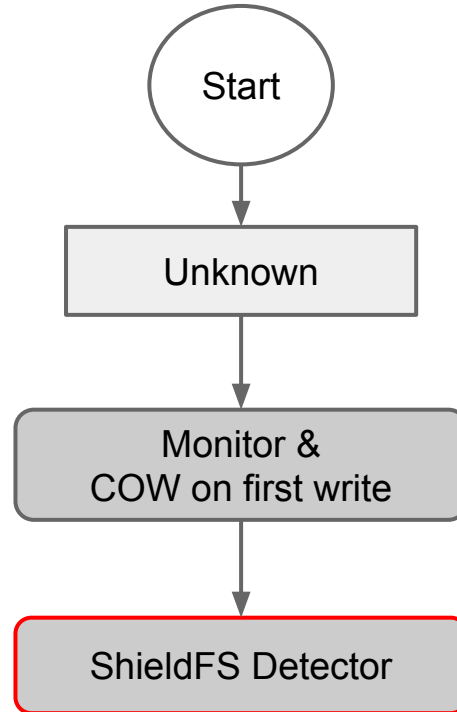
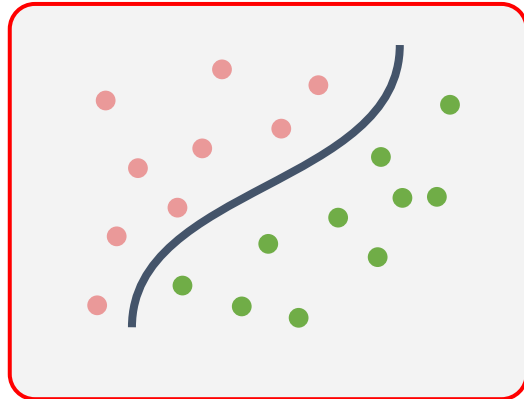
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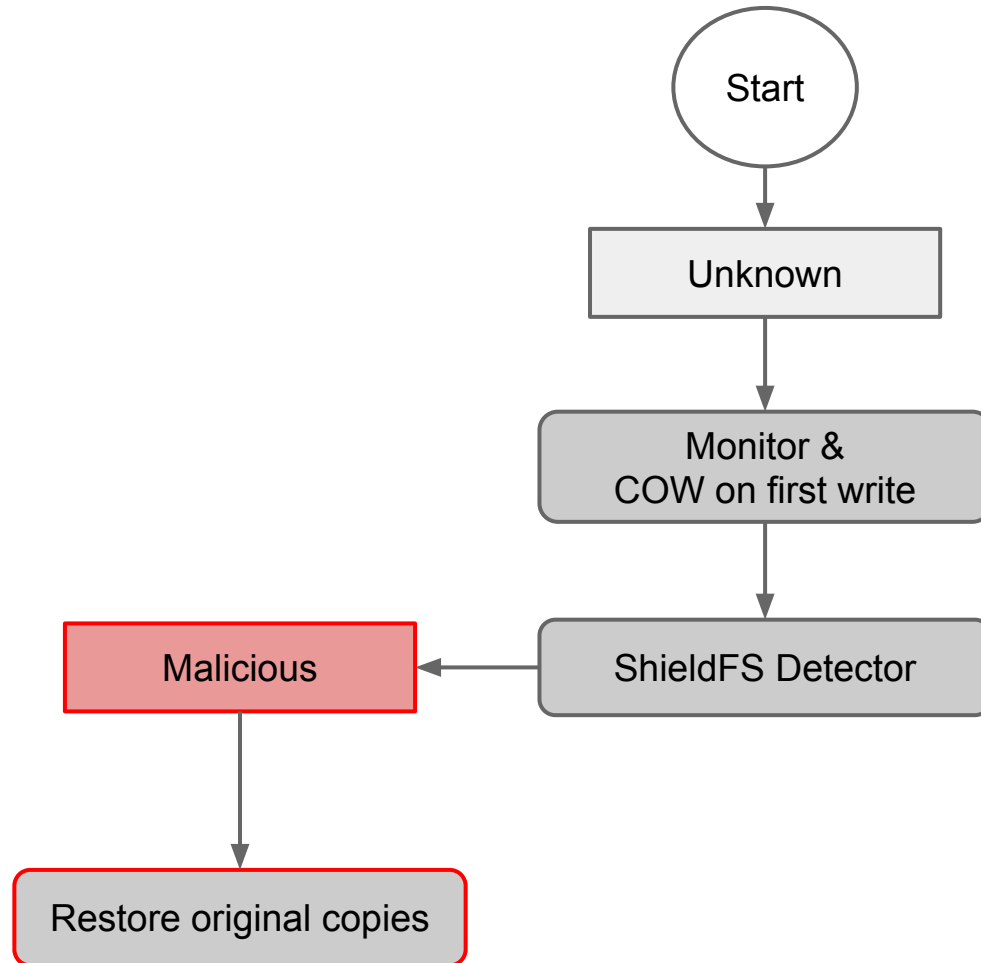
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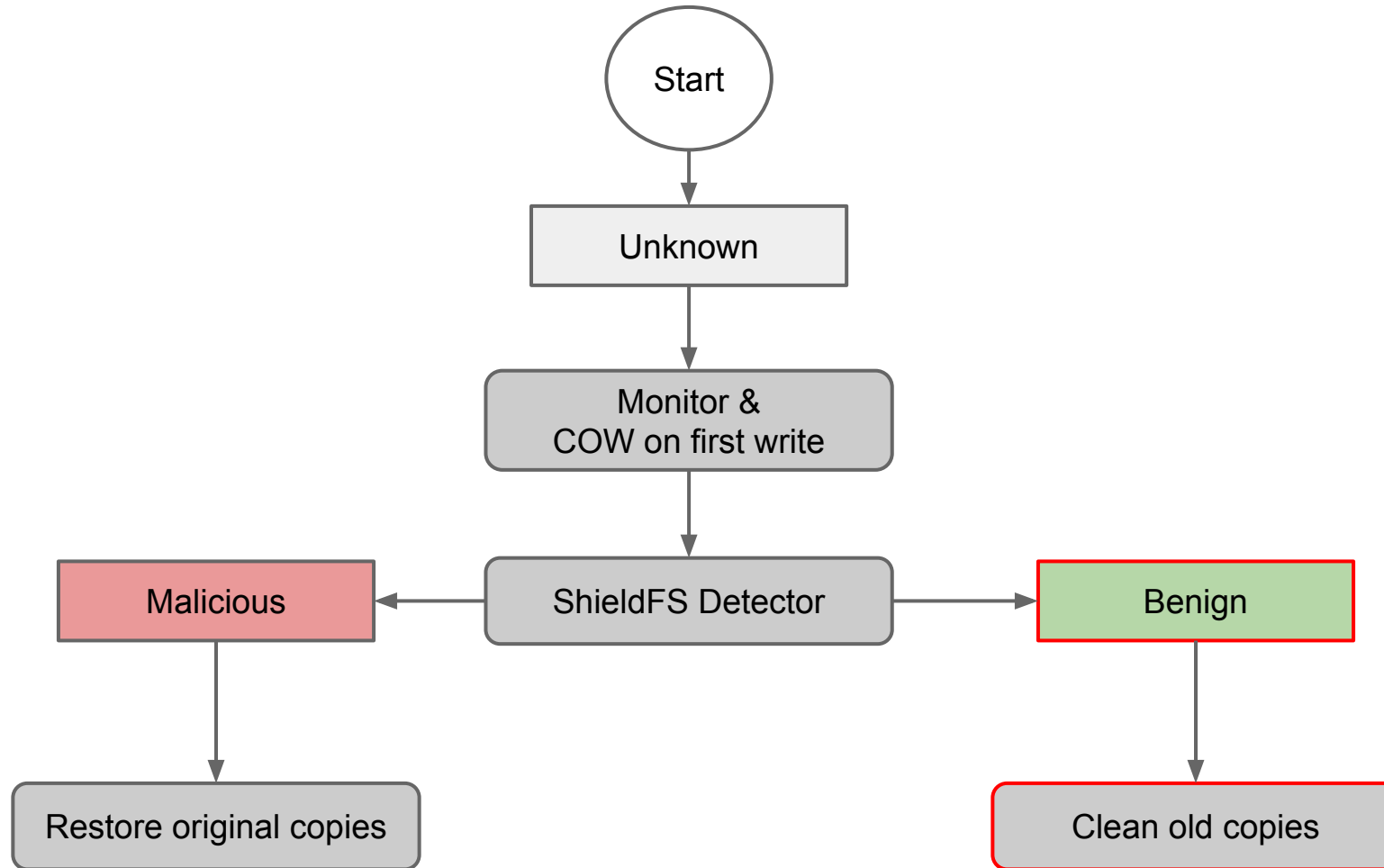
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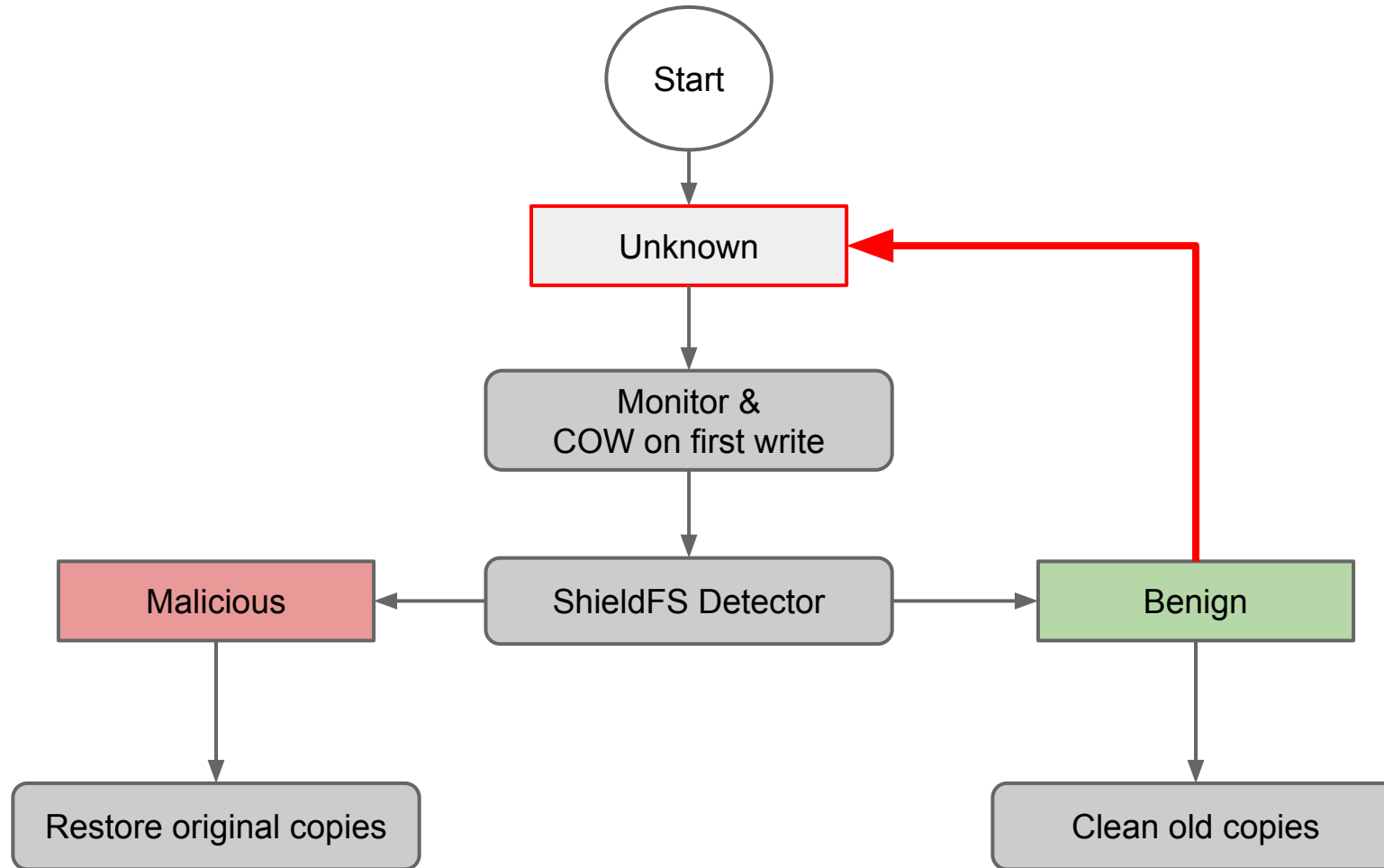
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44.2¢
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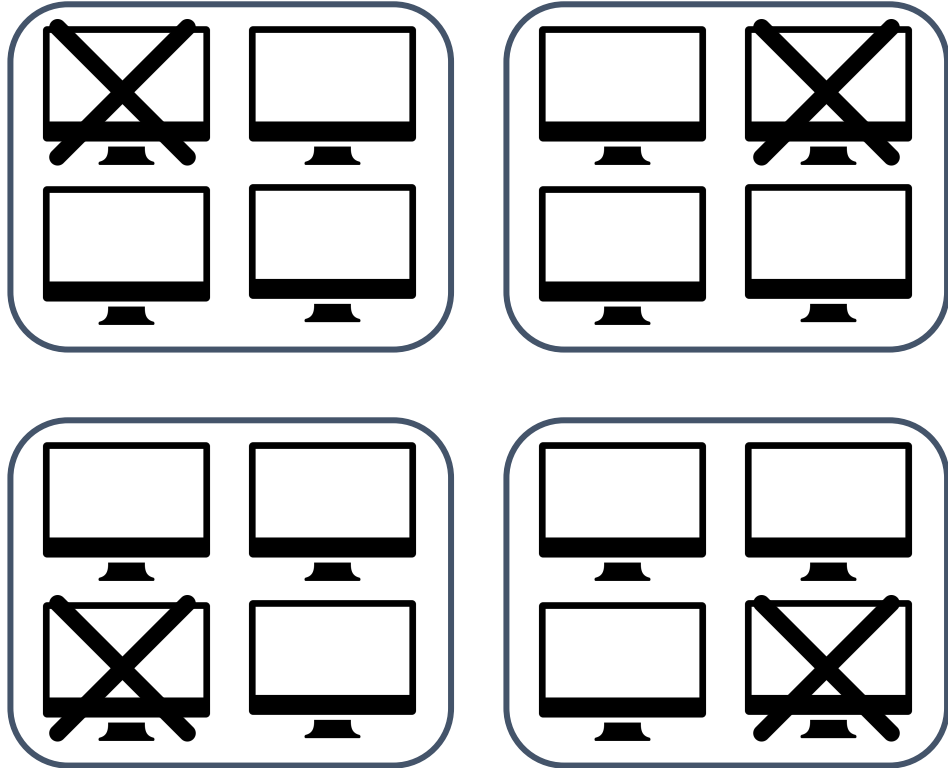
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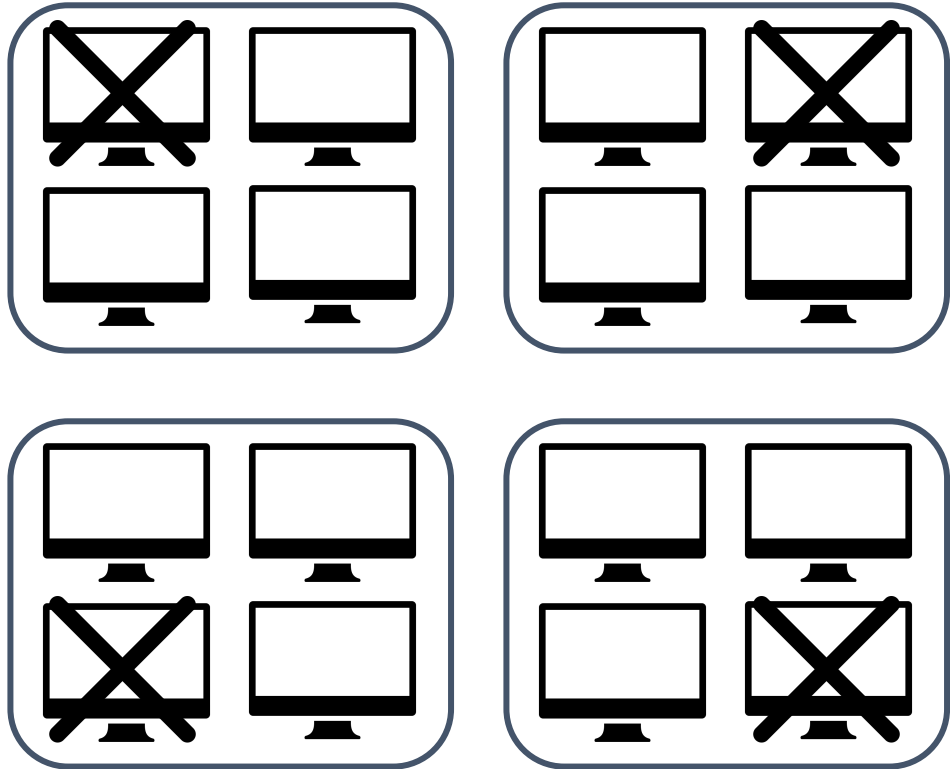
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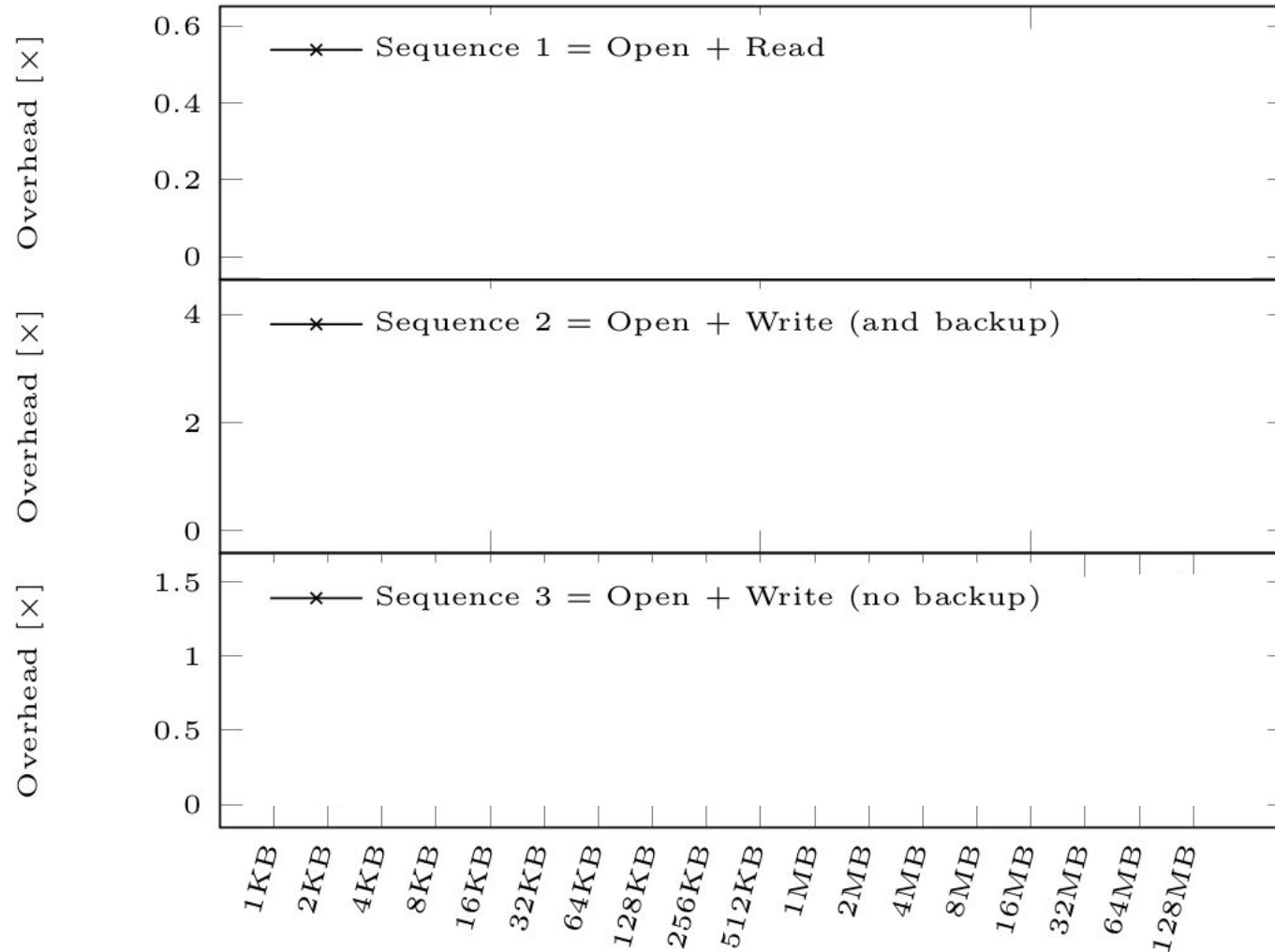
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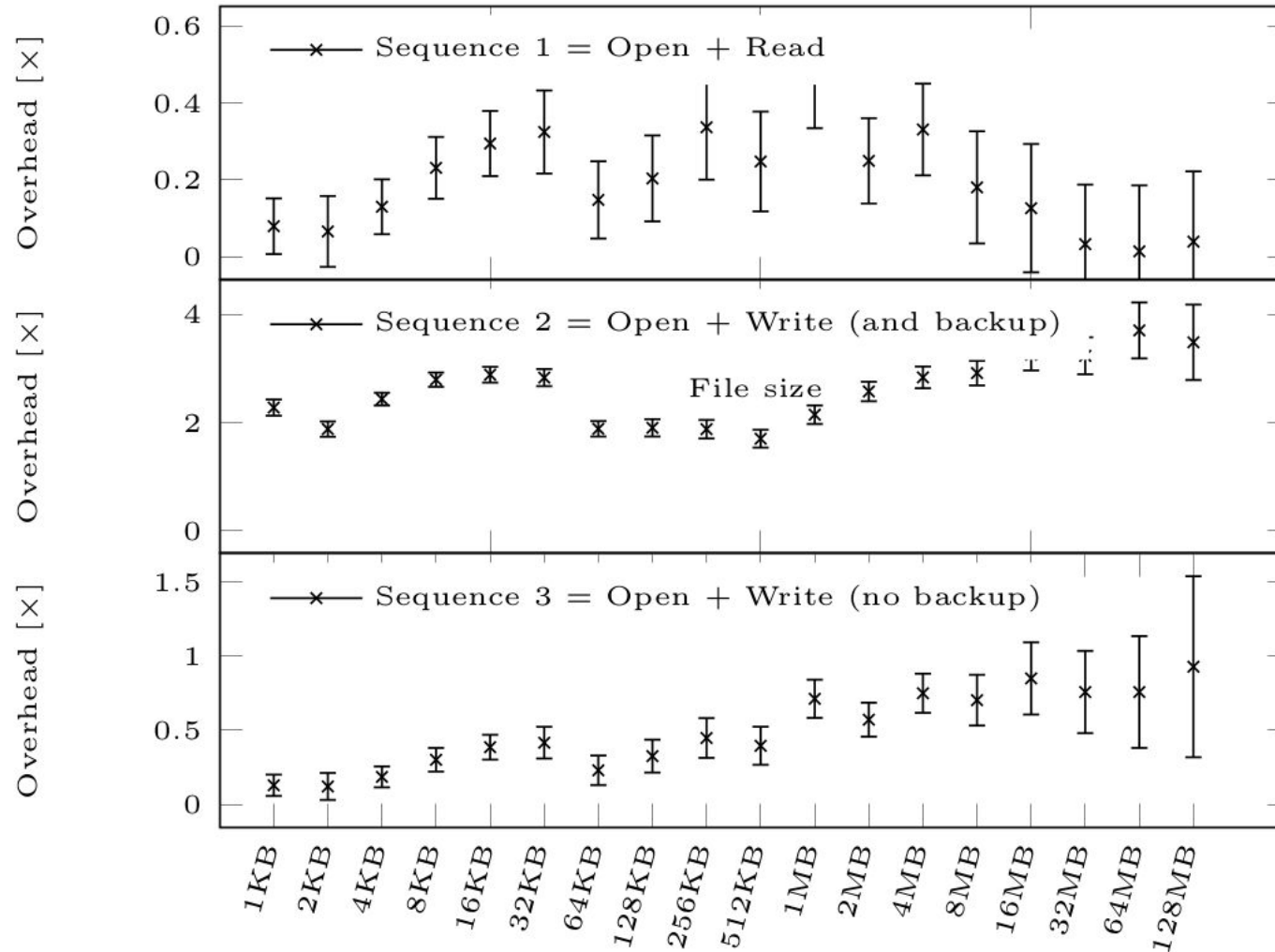
User Machine	False positive rate [%]		
	Process	System	Outcome
1	0.53	23.26	0.27
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4	0.00	1.20	0.00
5	0.22	45.45	0.15
6	0.00	4.76	0.00
7	0.00	88.89	0.00
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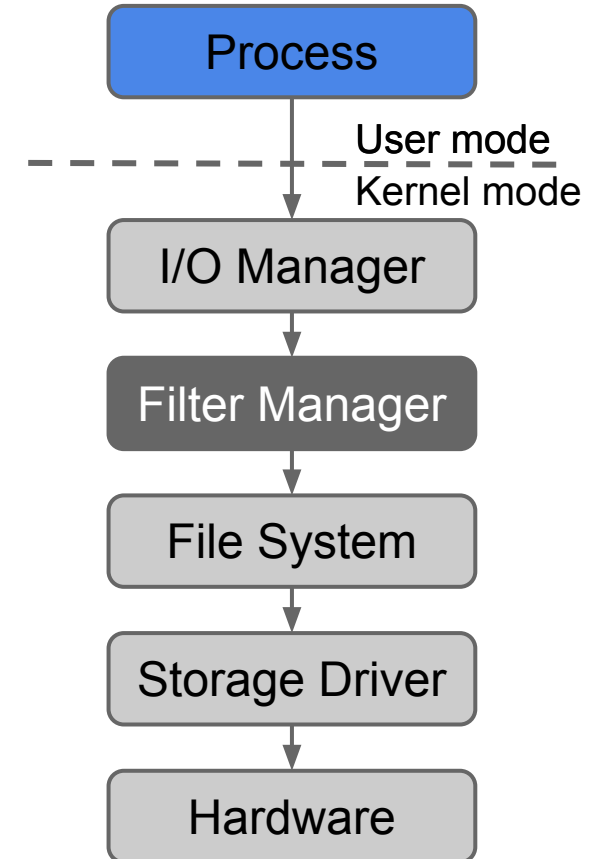
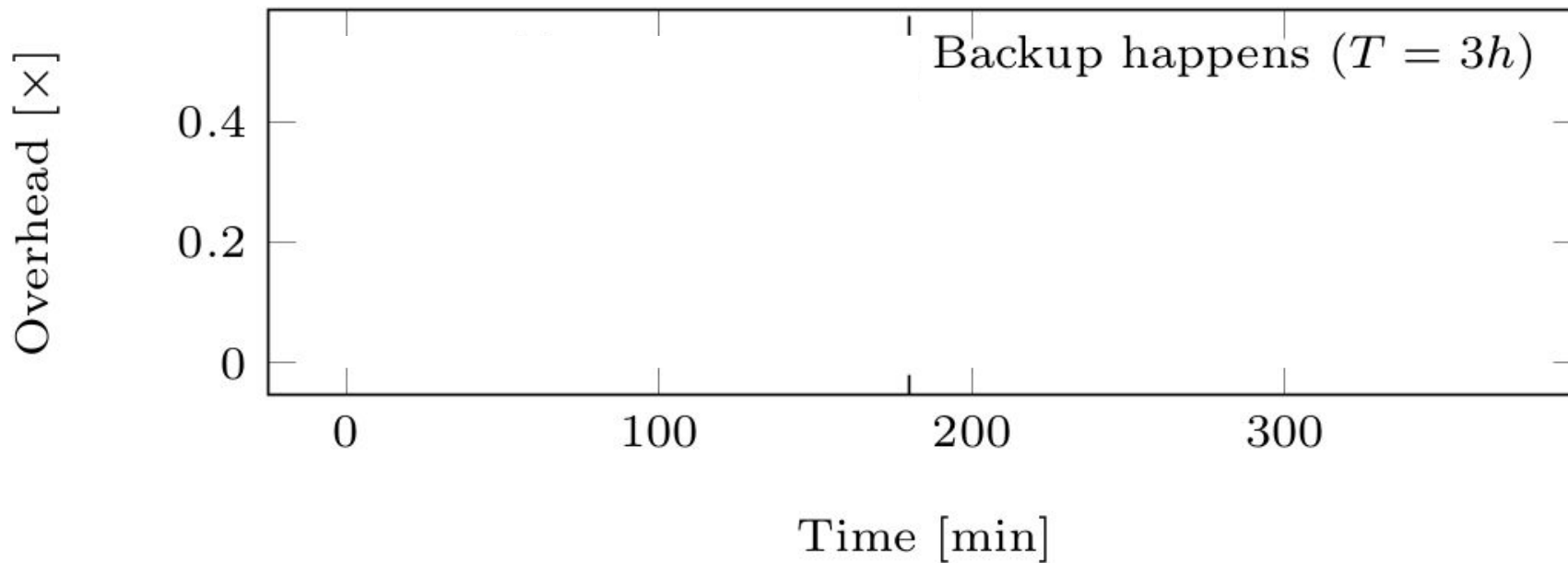


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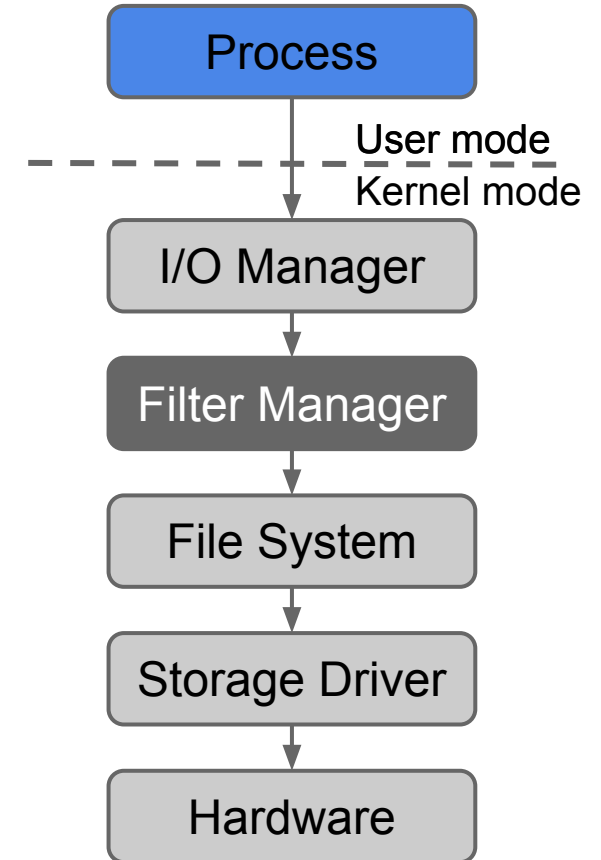
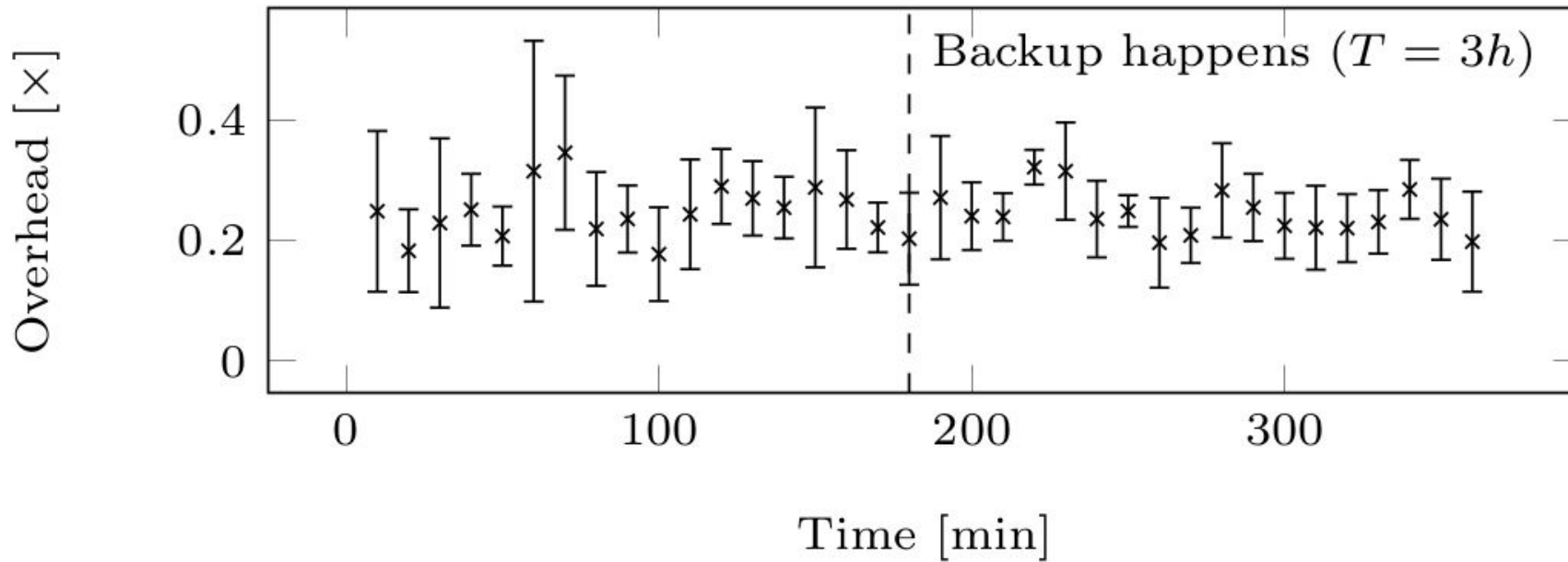
...however...

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Average estimated overhead = 0.26x

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Demo Time!



WannaCry Sample: ed01ebfbc9eb5bbea545af4d01bf5f1071661840480439c6e5babe8e080e41aa

Ransomware **significantly differs** from benign software from the filesystem's viewpoint

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 - Filesystem activity
 - Use of symmetric crypto primitives
- 🛡️ **PROTECTION.** Pure **detection** is **not enough**
 - Self-healing virtual FS
 - **Transparently revert the effects** of ransomware

Questions?

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ABSTRACT

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1 INTRODUCTION

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