

A Sketch-based Network Traffic Entropy Estimation using P4

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Entropy usage

- Massive data mining, Machine learning
- Traffic anomaly. DDoS, port scan[1]

Empirical entropy in real-time

- Limited memory and process time[2]

Estimation techniques to speed up

- Clifford and I. Cosma. Method[5], streaming

$$R(i_t) = \tan(W_1) \left[\frac{\pi}{2} - W_1 \right] + \log \left(W_2 \frac{\cos W_1}{\pi/2 - W_1} \right)$$

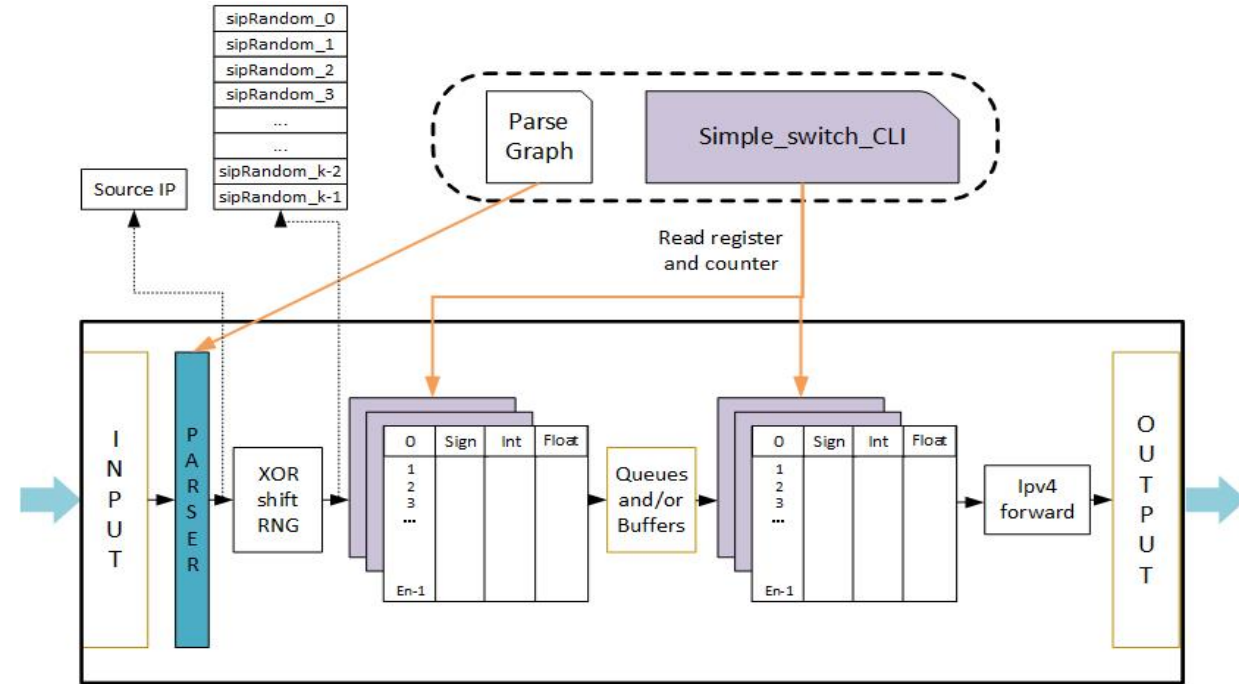
- Transform into table lookup / Wire speed

Total memory space

- Use $k = 20$ tables of 64K ($E_n = 2^{16}$) entries
- $20 * 456KB \cong 8.91MB$

Accuracy tradeoff

- Quality of random number generator[3], sketch and table size



Trace name	Small	Medium	Large
Relative error(%)	6.89%	0.37%	4.36%

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# of packets	6,948,502	16,531,395	17,486,529
# of distinct SIP	79,823	98,933	183,933

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