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# Exploring Agentic AI in Anti-Forensics

Simulation of Evasion Tactics in Digital Investigations

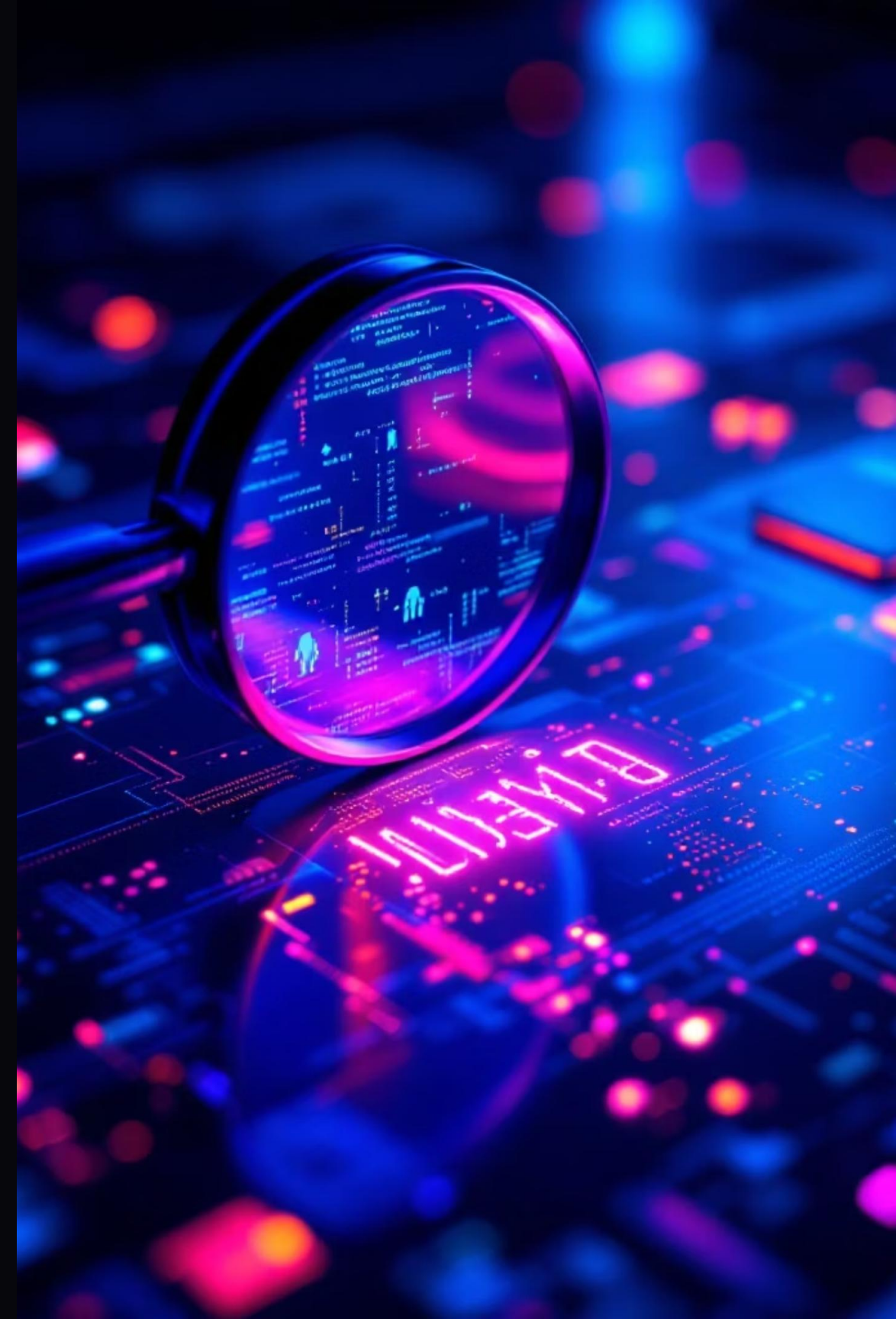
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Do attackers always leave traces?



# Enterprise Monitoring Limitation (Wazuh/Splunk)

- Relies on periodic scanning (Not continuous)
- Misses short-lived activity
- Creates detection blind spots



# Research Gap

- Known in theory (TOCTOU)
- Not tested with autonomous AI attackers
- Lacks empirical Validation



# Our Contribution

- Designed Anti-Gravity autonomous agent
- Executes full anti-forensic kill chain
- Empirically demonstrates complete evasion



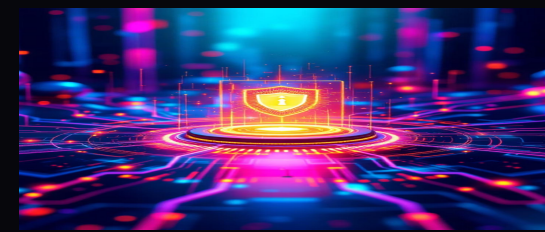
# Methodology Overview

- Phase 1: Rule-based baseline

- limited

## Phase 2: Autonomous Agent

- evaluation



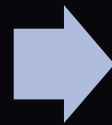
# Experimental Setup

- Linux + Windows systems
- SIEM (Wazuh, Splunk)
- Kernel monitoring (auditd)

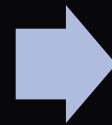


# Agent Capabilities

Timestomping



Secure Wiping



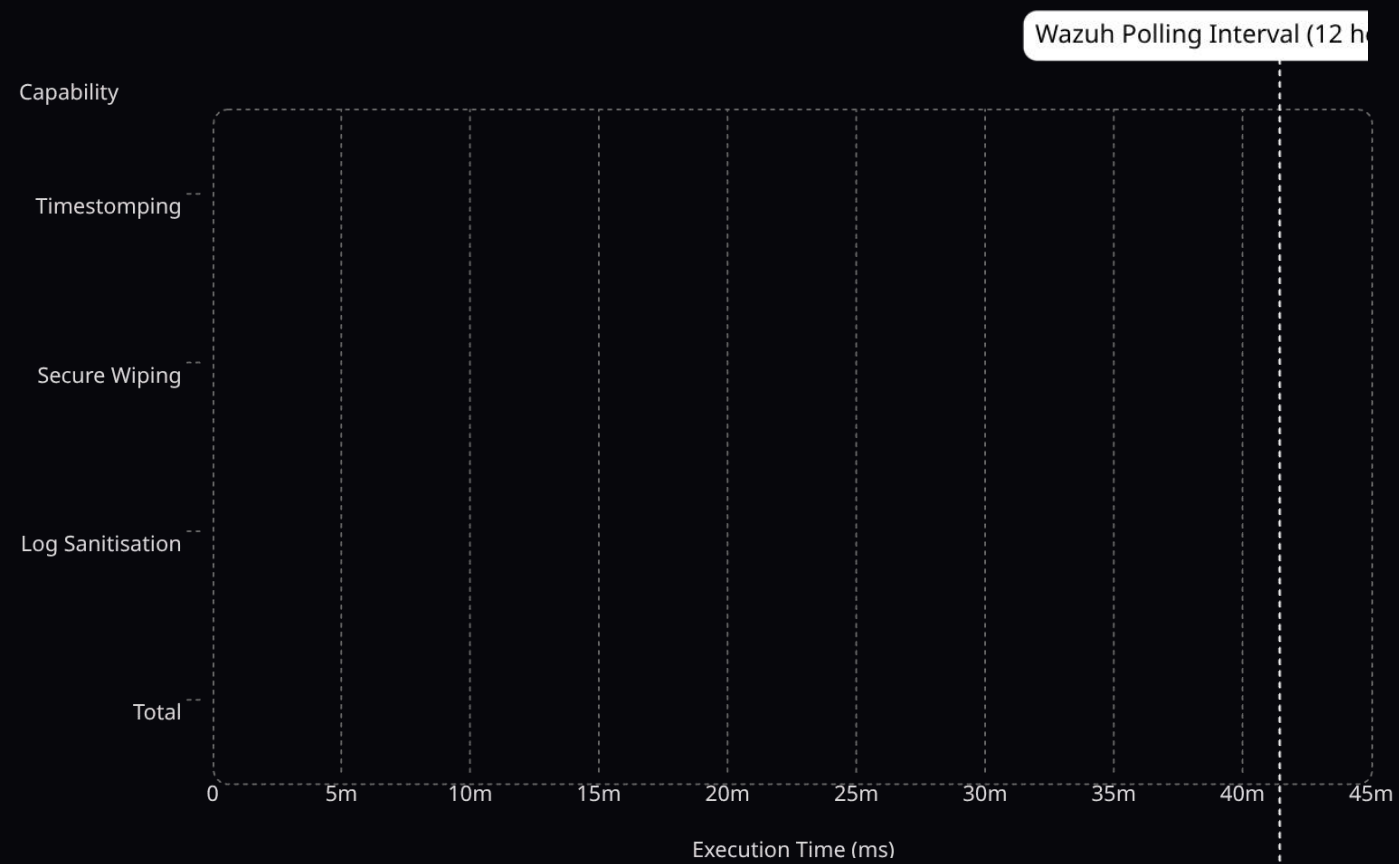
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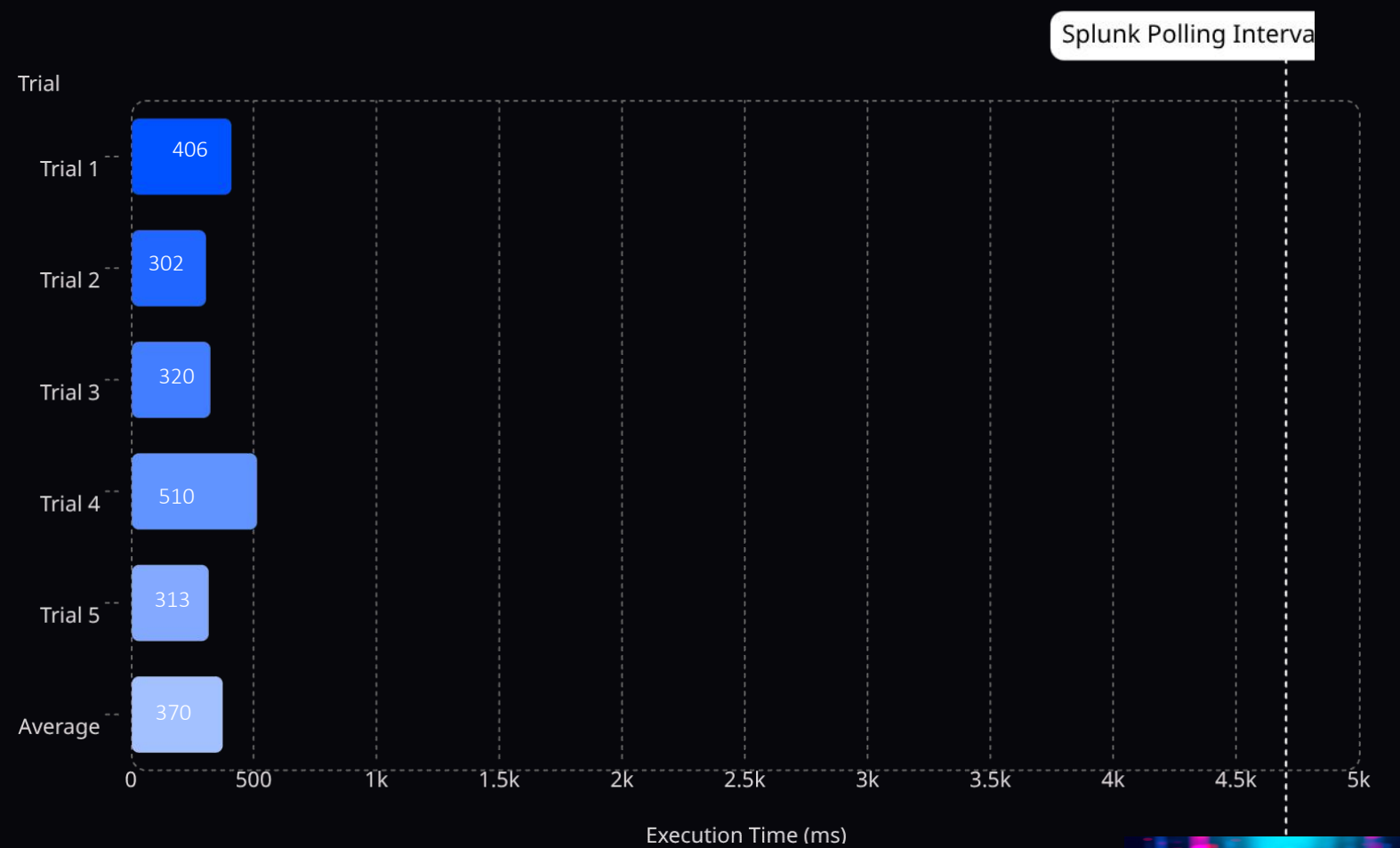
# Execution Time

< 300 milliseconds (Sub-second execution)

## Main Linux Experiment: Wazuh FIM



## Splunk Replication Experiment: Windows



# Detection Outcome

SIEM (FIM)

No detection

Kernel (auditd)

Detected



# The Time Gap Problem

- Monitoring systems sample activity at fixed intervals
- Some attacks occur between scans



# Why Detection Fails?

- Events occurring between scans may be missed
- Short-lived events often go unrecorded
- Results in gaps in monitoring and incomplete detection



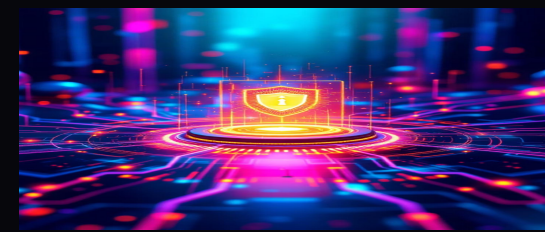
# Implications

- Enterprise systems are vulnerable
- Periodic monitoring insufficient
- Need deeper detection



# Limitations

- Limited SIEM platforms
- Limited trials
- No human baseline



# Conclusion

Agentic AI changes detection dynamics – not just attack speed



Thank You

Questions?

