



Java JIT Testing with Template Extraction



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- Current approaches of compiler testing
 - Manually written programs - LLVM test suites, OpenJDK test suites etc - **Manual**
 - Automatically generated programs - Csmith, Java* Fuzzer - **Inflexible**
 - Hybrid - JAttack[1]
 - Developers intuition with manually written templates + auto gen concrete programs
 - **Templates still have to be written manually!**

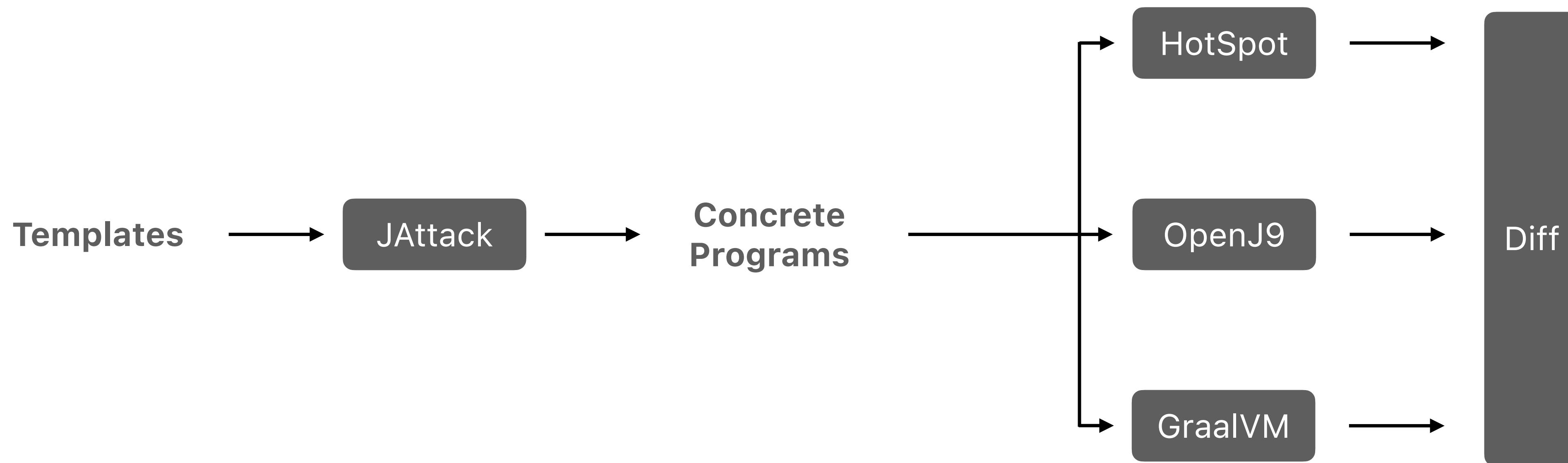


OpenJDK



JAttack : Overview

- Manually write template programs in Java using JAttack's DSL
- JAttack generates concrete programs from templates
- Differentially test generated programs on Java JIT compilers



JAttack : Templates

- A template contains holes for expressions which are later filled to generate multiple concrete programs

```
import static jattack.Boom.*;
public class T {
    static int s1;
    static int s2;
    @Entry
    public static int m() {
        int[] arr1 = {
            s1++, s2,
            intVal().eval(), 1
            intVal().eval(), 2
            intVal().eval() 3
        };
        for (int i = 0; i < arr1.length; ++i)
            if (logic(relation(intId(), intId(), LE), 4
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                    AND, OR).eval())
                arr1[i] &= arithmetic(intId(), intId(), ADD, MUL).eval(); 5
        return 0;
    }
}
```

The diagram illustrates the locations of various holes in the template code. Arrows point from labels to specific parts of the code:

- Entry method:** Points to the class definition and the start of the main method.
- Integer holes:** Points to the three integer values 1, 2, and 3, which are part of an array initialization.
- Logic hole:** Points to the logic expression within the if condition.
- Arithmetic hole:** Points to the arithmetic expression within the assignment statement.

JAttack : Program Generation

- JAttack generates several concrete programs from a template

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Template (manually written)



Concrete Program #1

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public class TGen {
    static int s1;
    static int s2;
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    public static int m() {
        int[] arr1 = {
            s1++,
            s2,
            45350238, ①
            681339300, ②
            125652422 ③
        };
        for (int i = 0; i < arr1.length; ++i)
            if (arr1[3] <= s2 || s2 <= arr1[2]) ④
                arr1[i] &= arr1[1] * s1; ⑤
        return 0;
    }
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Concrete Program #2

```
import static jattack.Boom.*;
public class TGen {
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    @Entry
    public static int m() {
        int[] arr1 = {
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            3269054 ③
        };
        for (int i = 0; i < arr1.length; ++i)
            if (arr1[0] <= s1 || s1 <= arr1[1]) ④
                arr1[i] &= arr1[1] + s2; ⑤
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JAttack : Limitations

- Manually writing templates
- Only static methods supported
- Entry methods cannot have arguments

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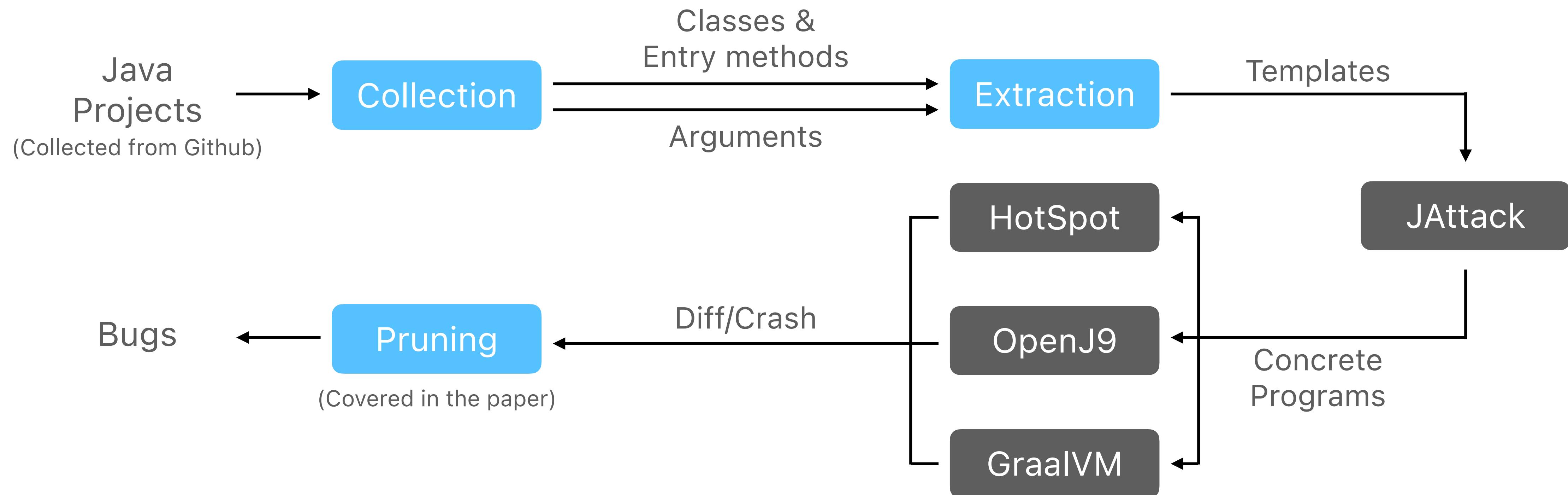
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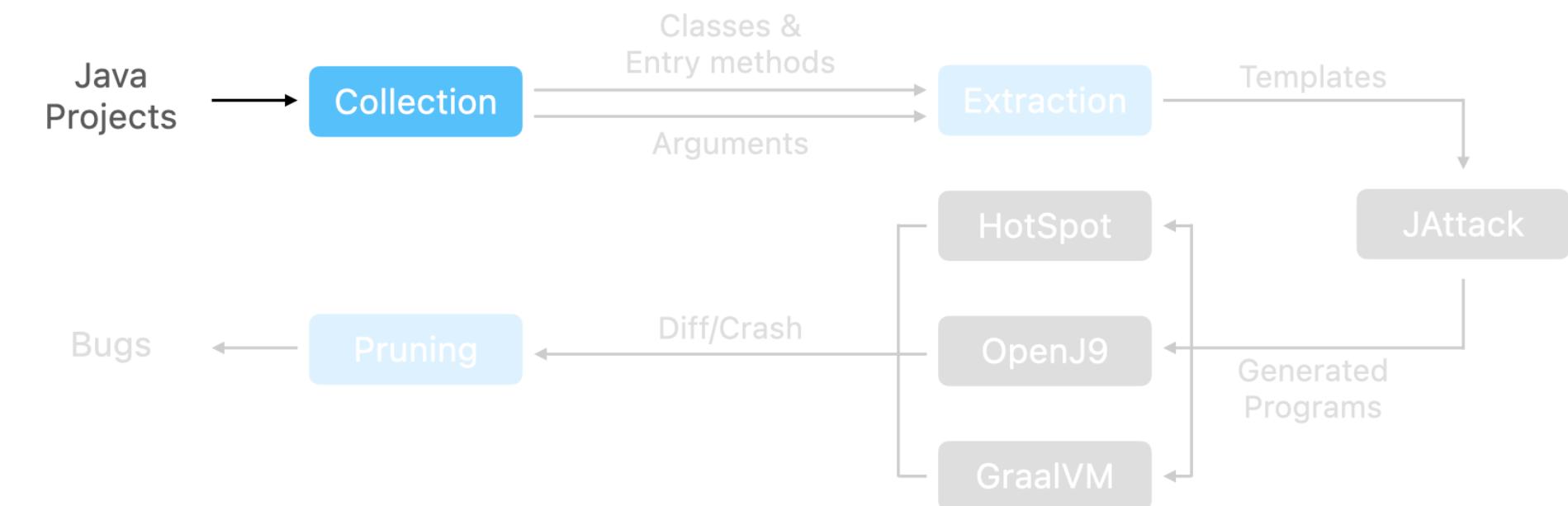
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- Results
 - Tested three compilers – Oracle HotSpot, IBM OpenJ9, and Oracle GraalVM
 - Comparison with JITfuzz and JavaTailor, SOTA for testing JVMs
 - Discovered 15 new bugs including two CVEs

LeJit : Framework Architecture



Collection : Setup



① Get a Java project
(Eg: Apache commons-text)



② Pick any class
(Eg: StrBuilder class)

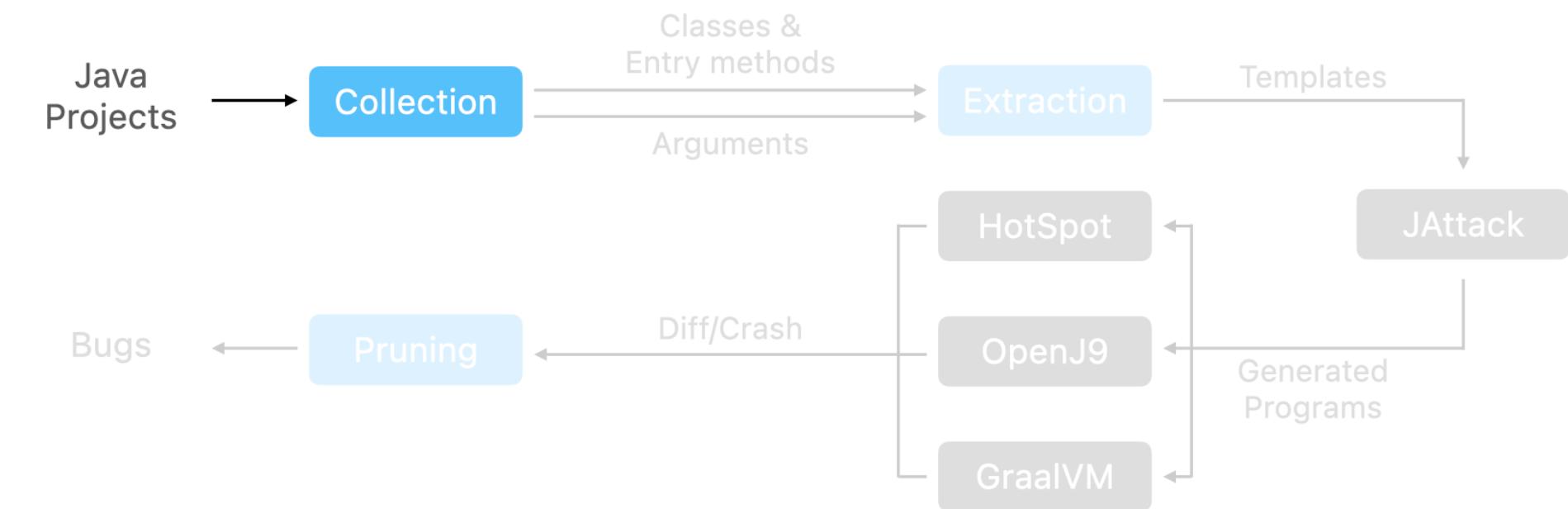
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public class StrBuilder implements ... {  
    ...  
    public StrBuilder trim() {  
        ...  
        int len = size;  
        final char[] buf = buffer;  
        int pos = 0;  
        while (pos < len && buf[pos] <= ' ') {  
            pos++;  
        }  
        ...  
        return this;  
    }  
}
```

③ Generate **unit tests** for picked class

```
@Test  
public void test1() {  
    StrBuilder sb1 = new StrBuilder("date");  
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    StrBuilder sb3 = sb1.appendSeparator("d");  
    Object[] arr = new Object[] {1.0};  
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Collection : Entry Methods

- How can we collect **entry methods** for templates?



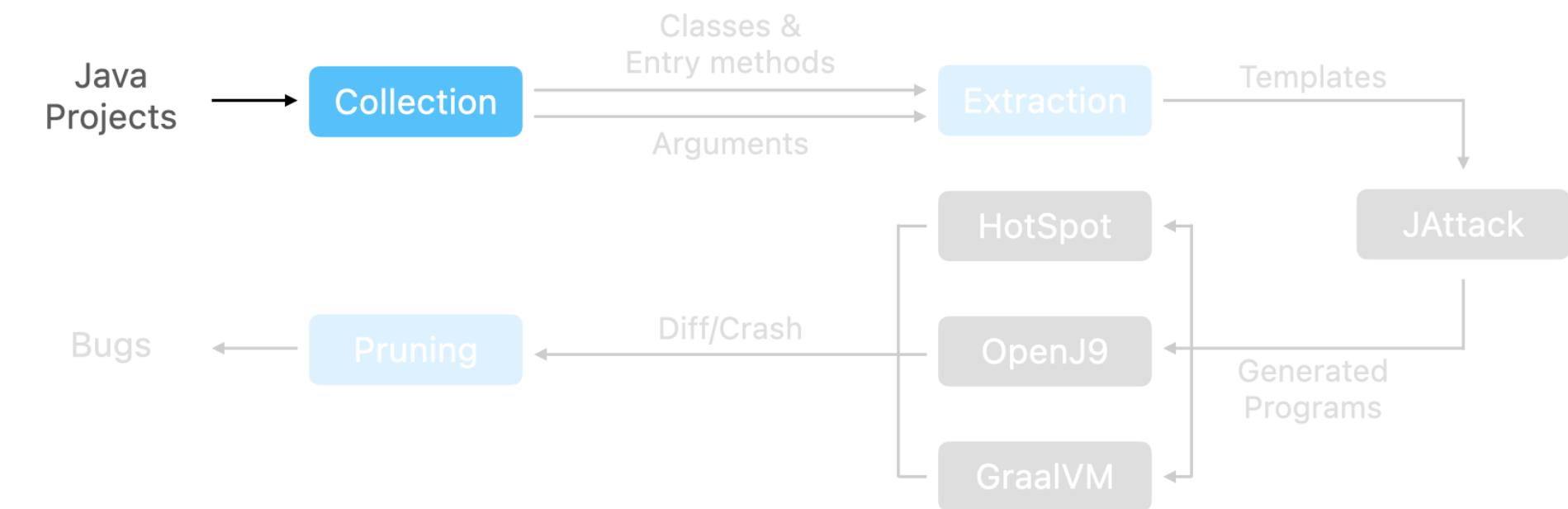
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④ Last method call in unit tests is selected as **entry method**

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Collection : Arguments

- How can we collect **arguments** for entry methods?

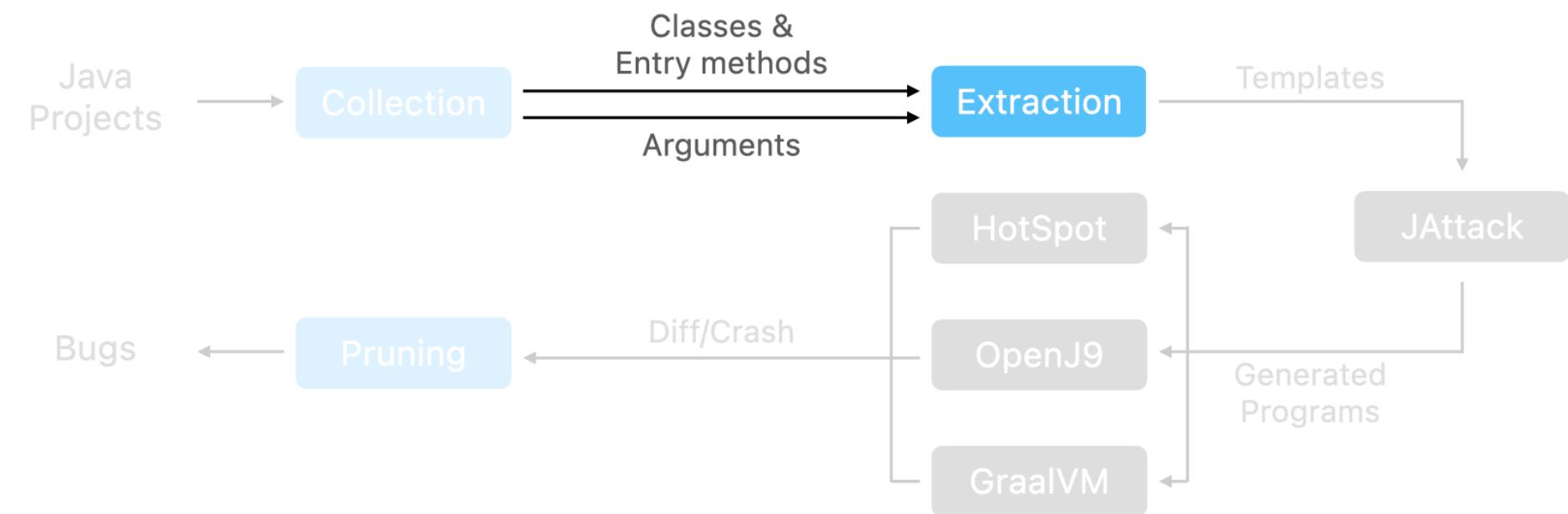


③ Generate **unit tests** for picked class →

⑤ Collect code sequence preceding last method call as **argument generating code block**

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}
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Extraction

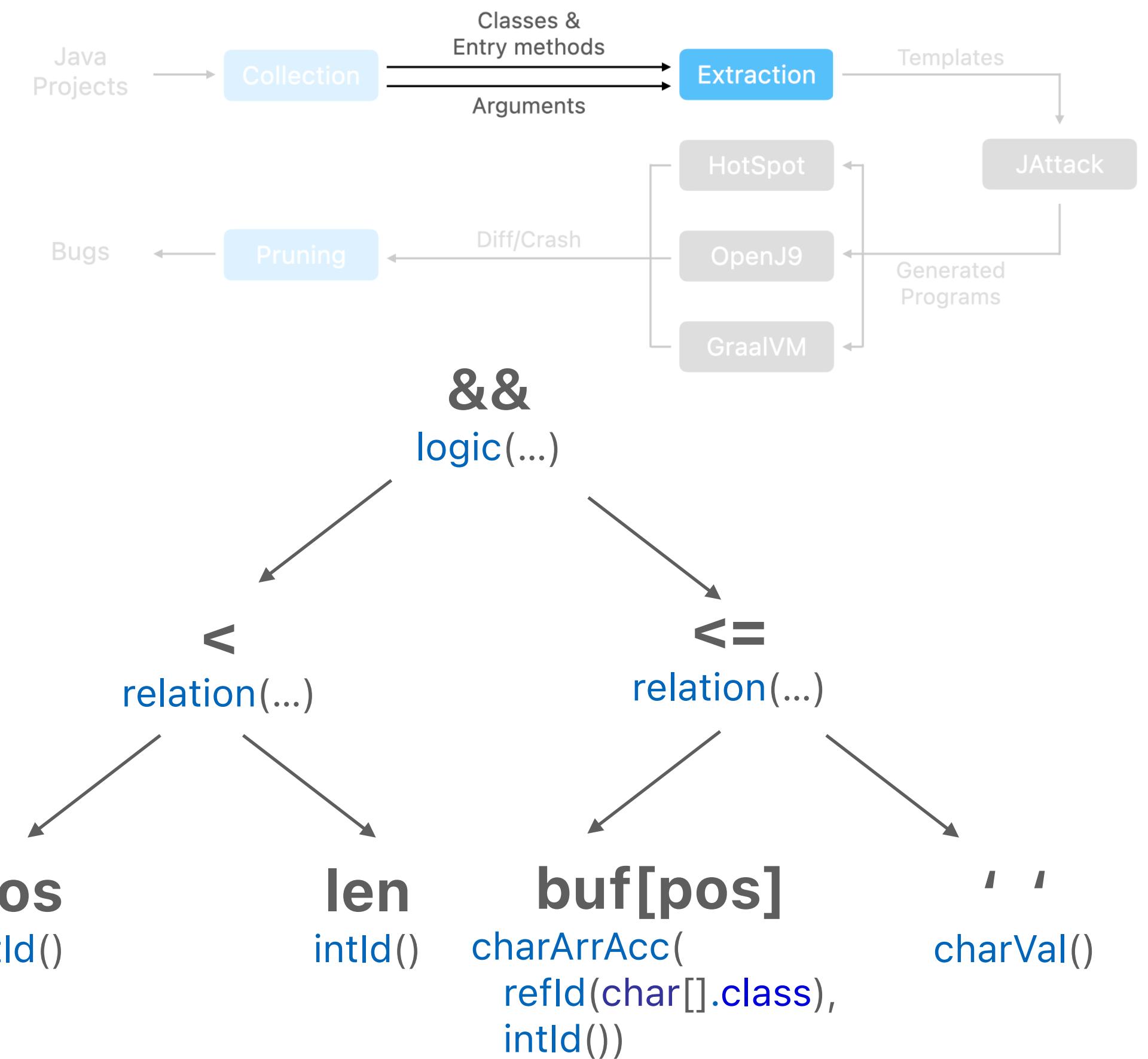


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    ...  
    public StringBuilder trim() {  
        int len = size; ①  
        final char[] buf = buffer; ②  
        int pos = 0; ③  
        while (pos < len && buf[pos] <= ' ') { ④  
            pos++;  
        }  
        ...  
        return this;  
    }  
}
```

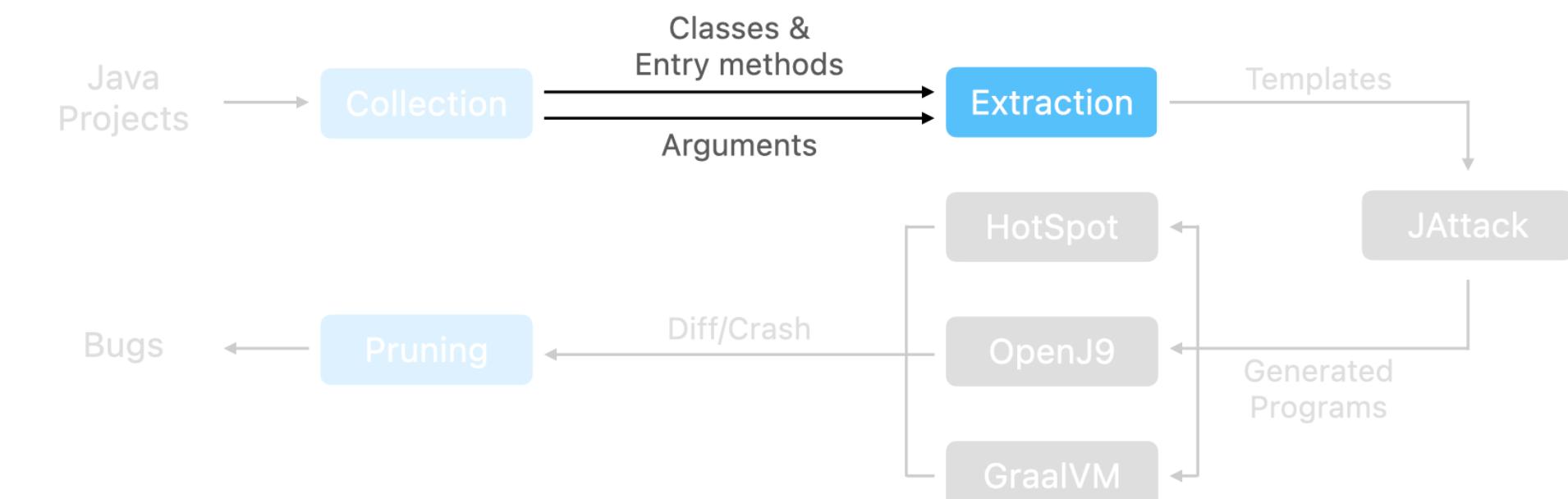
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    }  
}
```

Templatize →



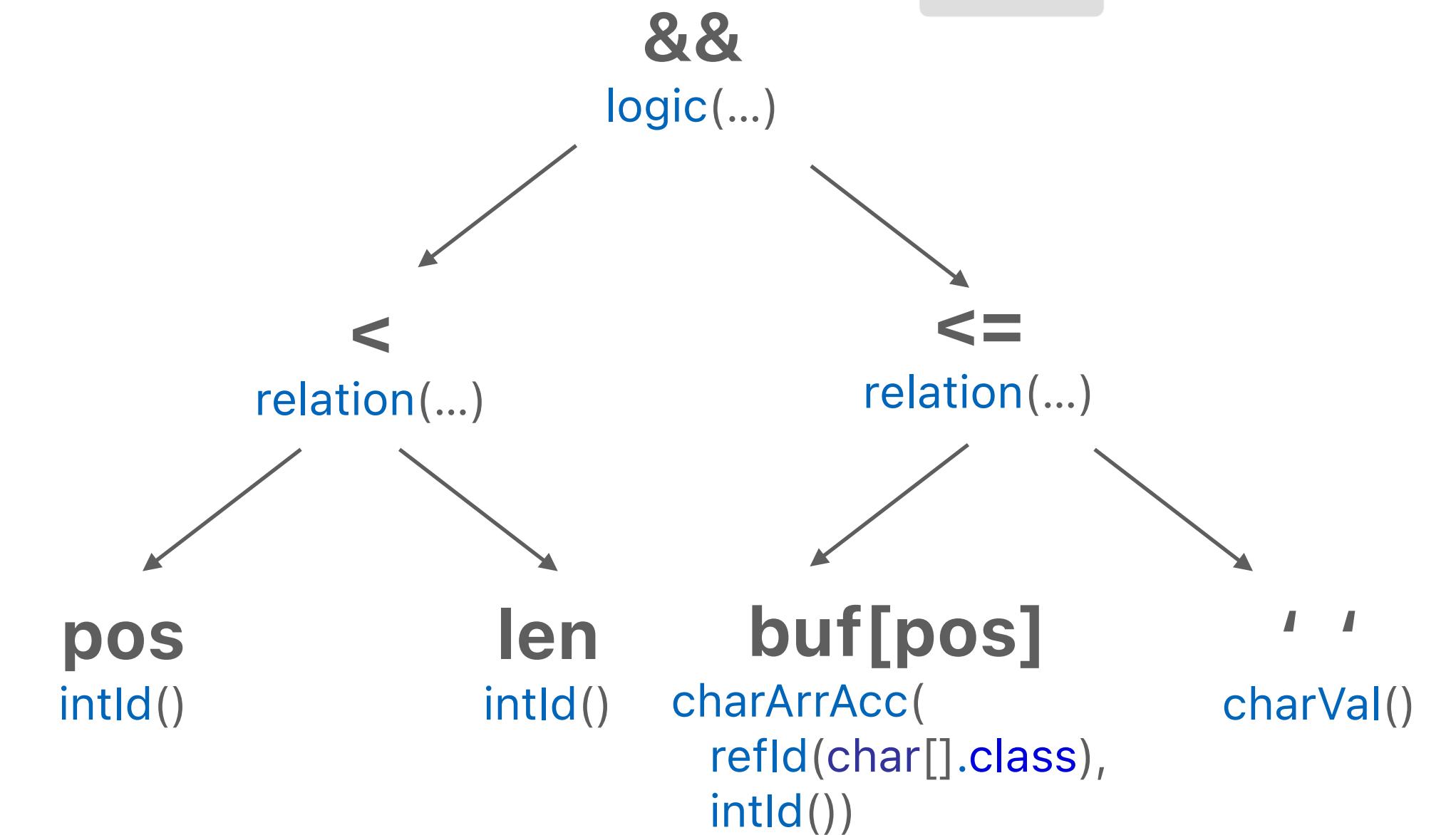
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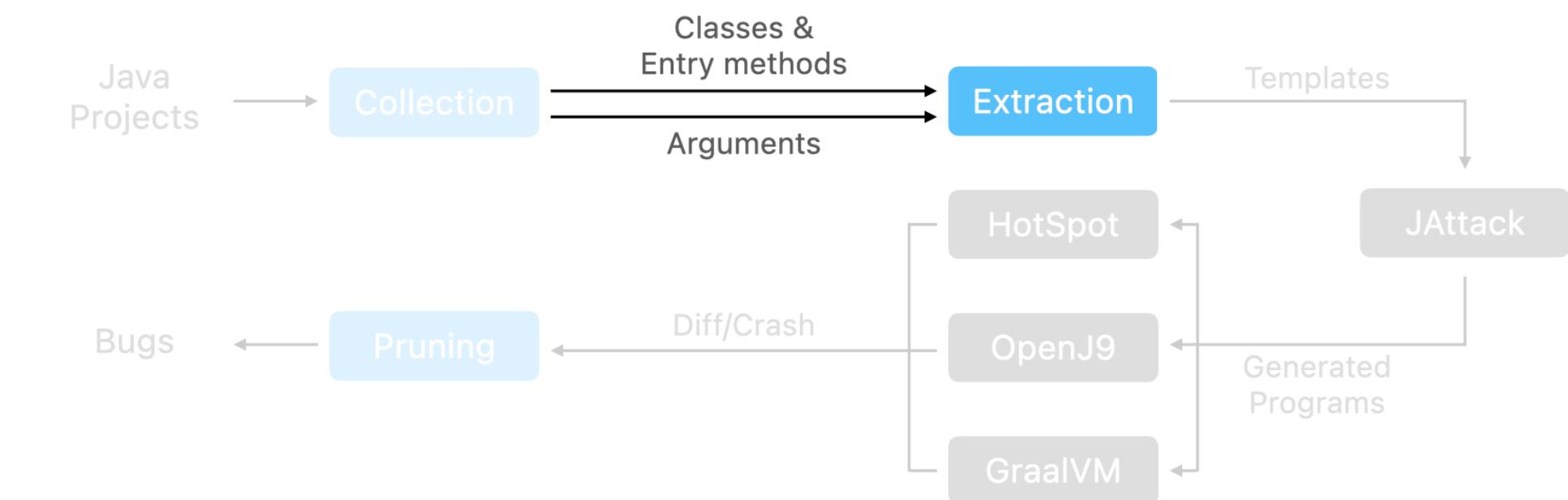
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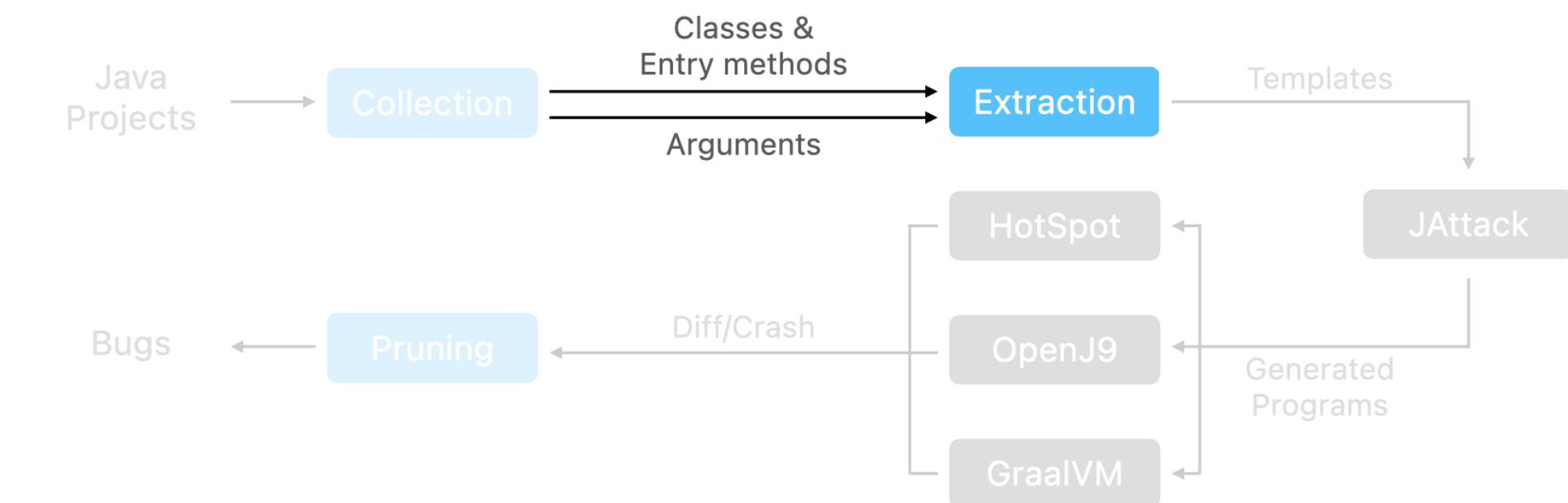


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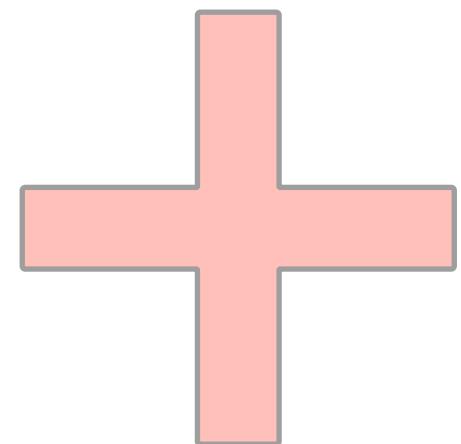
Templatize →

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    @Entry  
    public StrBuilder trim() {  
        int len = intId().eval(); ①  
        final char[] buf = refId(char[].class).eval(); ②  
        int pos = intValue().eval(); ③  
        int _limiter1 = 0;  
        while (logic(  
            relation(intId(), intId()),  
            relation(charArrAcc(refId(char[].class),  
                intId()), charVal())  
        ).eval() && _limiter1++ < 1000) {  
            pos++;  
        }  
        return this;  
    }  
}
```

Extraction : Add Arguments

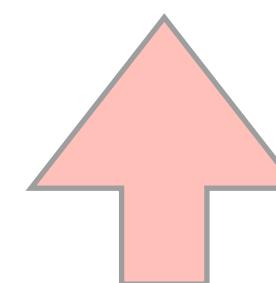


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        }  
        return this;  
    }  
}
```



Add arguments to make templates executable

```
@Argument(0)  
public static StrBuilder _arg0() {  
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    StrBuilder sb2 = sb1.append((Object) 10.0);  
    StrBuilder sb3 = sb1.appendSeparator("d");  
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    };  
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    return sb4;  
}
```



From Collection Phase

Evaluation

RQ1: What **critical bugs** does LeJit detect in Java JIT compilers?

RQ2: How **efficient** is JAttack at generating programs from templates?

RQ3: What is the **impact of holes** in various Java language features on LeJit's bug detection?

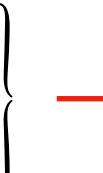
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RQ5: What are contributions of major components of LeJit?

RQ6: How **effective** is LeJit compared with the state-of-the-art techniques?

RQ1 : What **critical bugs** does LeJit detect in Java JIT compilers?

- 15 previously unknown bugs including 2 CVEs
- Popular JVMs: Hotspot, OpenJ9, GraalVM

JVM	Bug ID
GraalVM	GR-45498
HotSpot	JDK-8239244/CVE-2020-14792
	JDK-8258981
	JDK-8271130/CVE-2022-21305
	JDK-8271276
	JDK-8271459
	JDK-8271926
	JDK-8297730
	JDK-8301663
	JDK-8303946
	JDK-8304336/CVE-2023-22044
OpenJ9	JDK-8305946/CVE-2023-22045
	17066
	17129
	17139
	17171
	17212
 → 2 New CVEs	

RQ4 : What is the impact of different **kinds of templates** on LeJit's bug detection?

We generate templates with only one kind of hole allowed to study the impact of different language features

	xxxId	xxxVal	arithmetic & shift	logic & relation	All
#Templates	13,090	12,139	13,606	13,682	12,061
#Programs	105,759	87,230	59,917	64,906	102,670
#Failures	106	29	39	70	131
#Bugs*	1	1	3	1	4

*This is part of our experiments, which does not contain all the bugs we discovered through the entire evaluation

Conclusion

Power of combining developers' insights via templates with automated testing

- LeJit: End-to-end testing framework around **JAttack** for Java JIT testing
 - Collects classes, entry methods and arguments from Java projects with tests
 - **Templatizes** existing Java programs by converting expressions into holes and adding arguments
- Large-scale evaluation for LeJit
 - Extracted **~140K templates** from **77 Java projects**
 - Generated **~900K concrete programs**
- Results
 - Language features and template kinds have impact on bug detection
 - **15 new bugs (2 CVEs)** in popular JVMs (HotSpot, OpenJ9, and GraalVM)

JAttack : <https://github.com/EngineeringSoftware/jattack> (Our recent work)

LeJit : <https://github.com/EngineeringSoftware/lejit> (This work)

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Appendix

RQ3 Language Features

What is the impact of holes in various Java language features on LeJit's bug detection?

	Total	Arrays	Conditional	Loops	Ref Arguments
# Failures due to Bugs	174	70	144	127	142
# Bugs (unique)	10	7	8	8	9

RQ2 Efficiency

- 23 hand-written templates
- 1K generated programs per template
- 21m 20s for generating all 23K programs
- Over 2 days without our generation optimizations, 99.50% reduction

RQ5 Components

What are contributions of major components of LeJit?

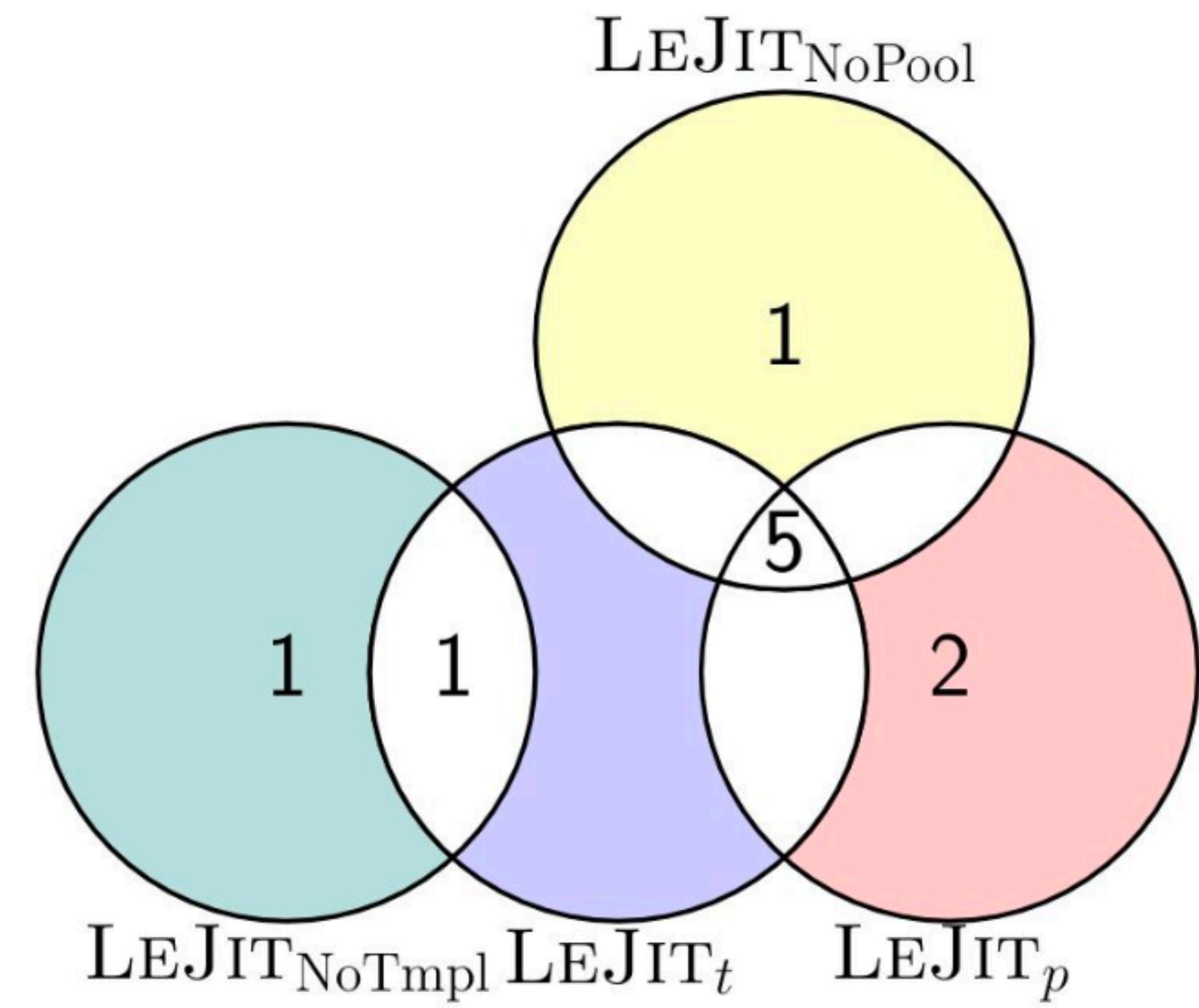
- Holes? LeJit_t (test-based) vs. LeJit_NoTmpl (~= no extraction phase)
- Arguments? LeJit_p (pool-based) vs. LeJit_NoPool (~= no collection phase)

	#Tmpl.	#Gen.	#Fail.*	#Bugs	Coverage(%)	
					C1**	C2**
LeJit_t	10,714	90,916	66	3.3	83.8	79.0
LeJit_NoTmpl	14,854	14,854	24	0.7	83.6	78.4
LeJit_p	11,921	99,644	129	5.3	84.4	79.6
LeJit_NoPool	10,185	89,977	56	4.0	84.0	78.7

Tmpl. = Templates, Gen. = Generated programs, Fail. = Failures, all numbers are average of 3 runs

*: Failures include false positives, and even multiple true positives could point to a same bug

**: C1 and C2 are the two JIT compilers in HotSpot



RQ6 SOTA

How effective is LeJit compared with the state-of-the-art techniques?

- Java* Fuzzer[1], grammar-based
- JavaTailor[2], mutation-based from historical bug reports
- JITfuzz[3], mutation-based with designed mutators for JIT

	#Generated Programs	#Failures	#Bugs	Coverage(%)	
				C1	C2
Java* Fuzzer	15,931	0	0	80.6	67.5
JavaTailor	/	102	1*	74.4	68.5
JITfuzz	45,352	2,115	1*	69.7	64.3

[1] Azul Systems, Inc. Azulsystems/JavaFuzzer: Java* Fuzzer for Android*, 2018. <https://github.com/AzulSystems/JavaFuzzer>.

[2] Yingquan Zhao, et al. 2022. History-Driven Test Program Synthesis for JVM Testing. In International Conference on Software Engineering.

[3] Mingyuan Wu, et al. 2023. JITfuzz: Coverage-Guided Fuzzing for JVM Just-in-Time Compilers. In International Conference on Software Engineering. *: Both bugs were previously reported. JavaTailor: OpenJ9 [13242](#) (not related to JIT); JITfuzz: [JDK-8280126](#)

Pruning

- Non-deterministic features
 - Timestamp, randomness, hashCode, etc
- Discrepancies of JVM implementations
 - HotSpot and OpenJ9 disagree on maximum array size

