

Detecting Mobile Malware with Apache Spark

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Summary

- The problem: Mobile-first malware detection
- The data and features
- The Machine Learning (ML) model
- Why Apache Spark?
- Making it production ready
- Data Science @ Wandera

The power of enterprise mobility



Happy hunting ground for attackers

435%

High severity threats
(CVSS) growth in 2016

80%

of organizations
experienced mobile
phishing attack

38%

of hackers bypass
endpoint defense using
social engineering

100%

Mobile malware
growth in 2016

Gartner.

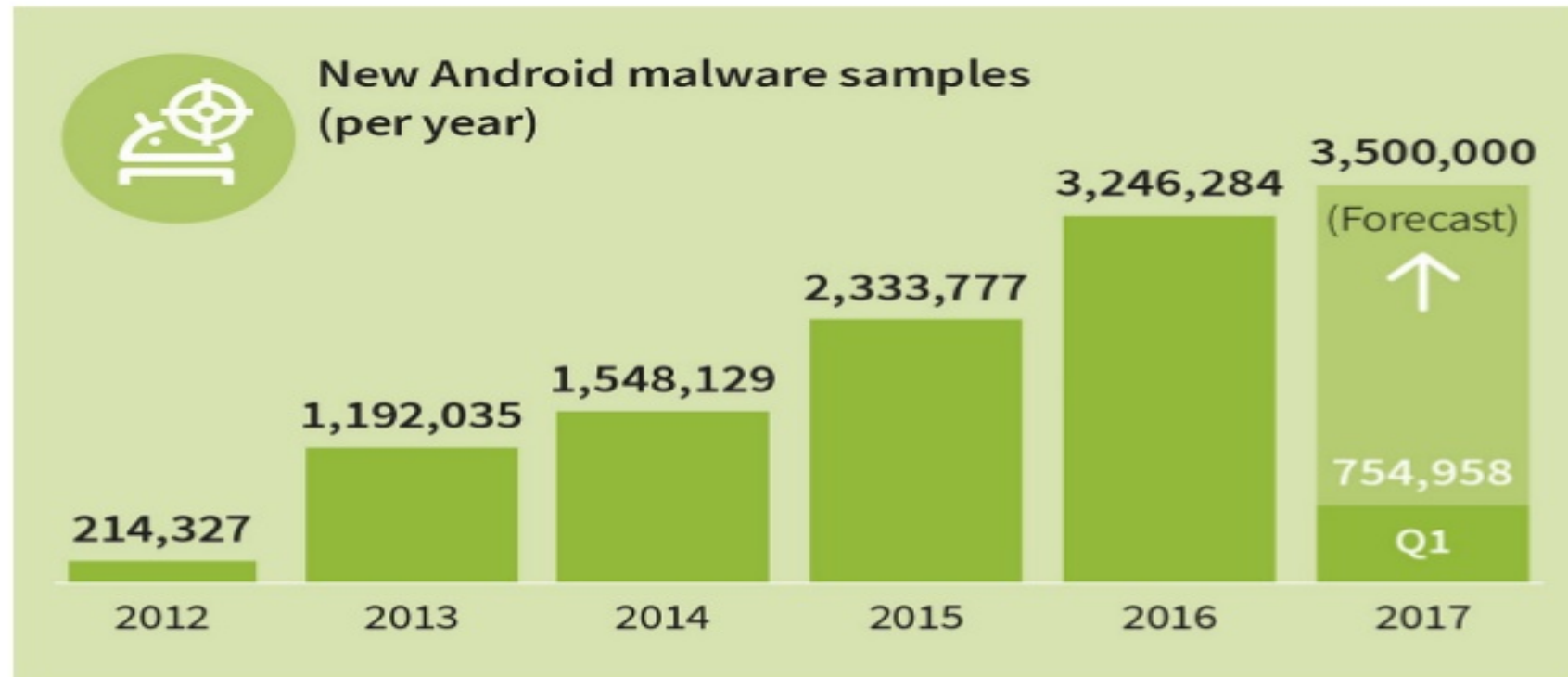
"Mobile threats can no longer be ignored"

- AUGUST 2017 - GARTNER MARKET GUIDE TO MOBILE THREAT DEFENSE

Secure Mobile Gateway

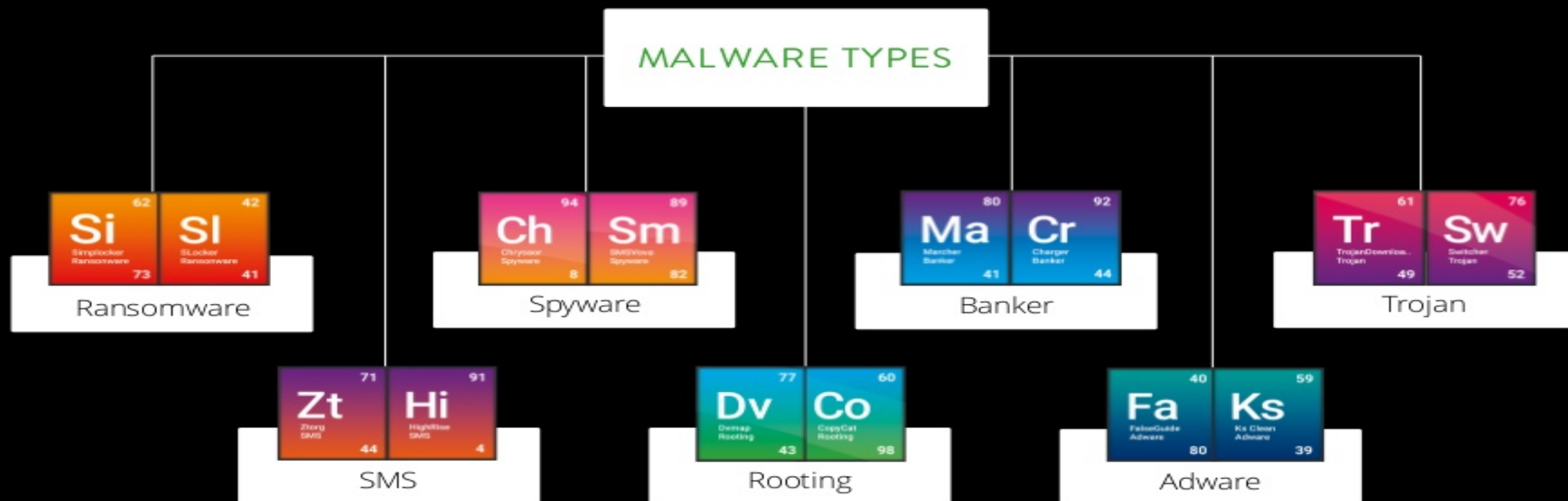


The Rise of Mobile Malware



Credit: GData 2017

Our objectives: Identify and Classify



Why is this a novel problem?

- Mobile malware is on the rise
- Signature based detection is no longer scalable or effective
- We needed a solution that could
 - work across both known and unknown threats;
 - effectively protect our customers; and
 - enable threat research to quickly identify new outbreaks
- First solution = signatures and lists
- Our solution = machine learning!

The data ...



Good and bad apps

- Source 1: official app stores
- Source 2: seen in our devices
- Source 3: seen by our gateway



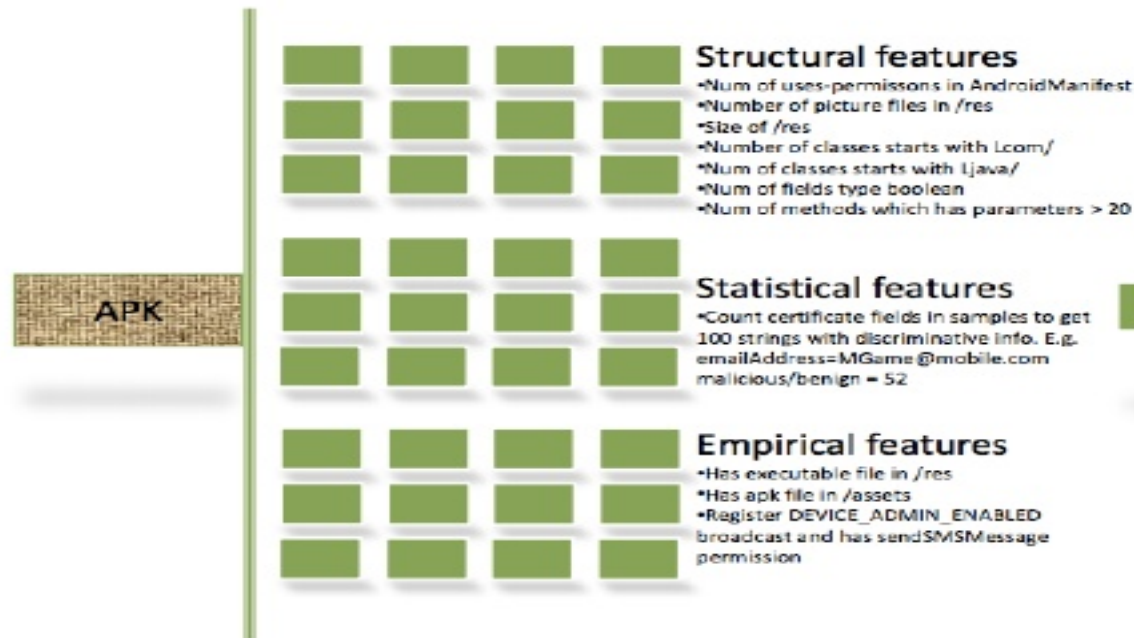
3rd-party threat intelligence

External input verified for labels
(supervised learning)

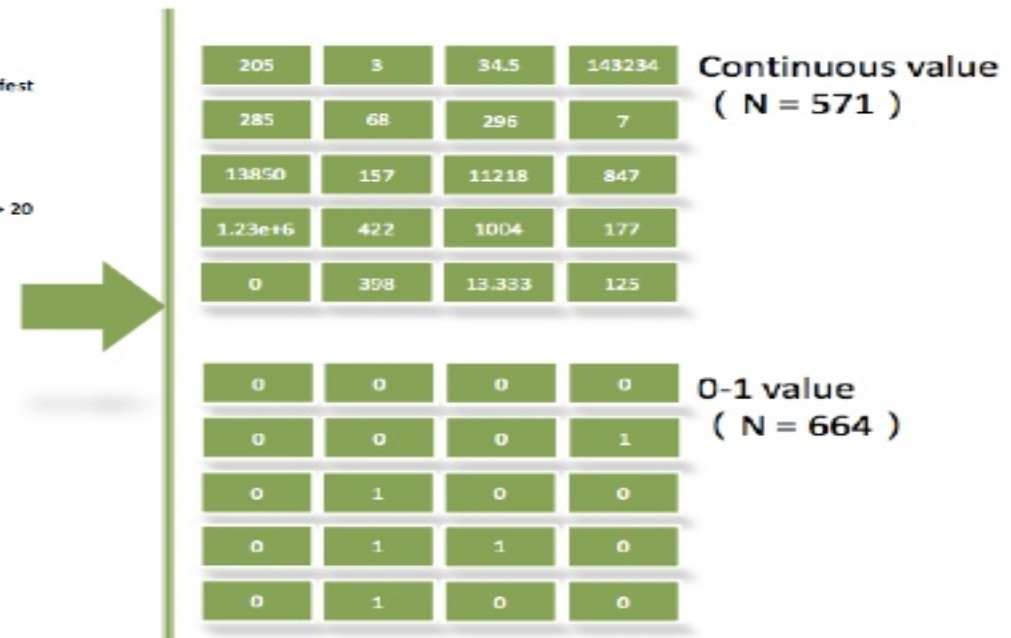
Currently storing: ~2 million labelled apps

... the features ...

Feature extraction



Numeralization(N = 1235)



Baidu 2016

... how we extract them

Direct metadata extraction

- Total unique fields for all apps ~ 500,000
- A typical app ~ 10+ fields
- SPARSE VECTOR

Solution:

- Hashing function (vector to indices)
- Allows for fast retrieval
- With big enough map (2^{20}) to avoid clashes
- DENSE VECTOR

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"activities": [
  "com.gleboskay.mobilecarriers.CallLogActivity",
  "com.gleboskay.mobilecarriers.LocalDevice",
  "com.gleboskay.mobilecarriers.AboutPro",
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  "com.gleboskay.mobilecarriers.MainSearchActivity",
  "com.gleboskay.mobilecarriers.Preferences",
  "com.gleboskay.mobilecarriers.FromContactActivity",
  "com.gleboskay.mobilecarriers.CheckNumbersActivity",
  "com.gleboskay.mobilecarriers.MainActivity",
  "com.ov111453.android.OptionsActivity",
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]
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$$\begin{pmatrix} feature_1 \\ \dots \\ \dots \\ \dots \\ feature_n \end{pmatrix}$$

... and how the Machine Learns

- Selected model = Logistic Regression
 - Models tried = (LogReg, SVM, Decision Tree)
- K-fold cross validation to select best parameters
- Accuracy: 0.96



Why Apache Spark?

Truly big data

Millions of data points,
millions of fields

Ease of use

Fast, easy and iterative.
From EDA to app in
days. Scala and python
API.

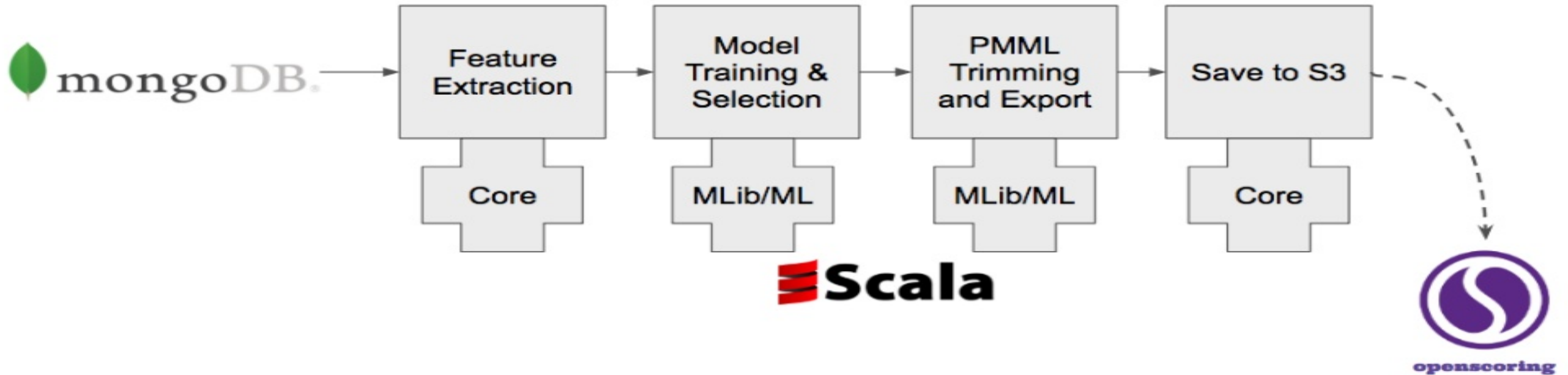
Deployment and Scale

From local to cluster is
easy!

Model persistence

PMML paradigm already
integrated

Production Ready?



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P.M.M.L

- Predictive Model Markup Language
- Industry standard
- Pro: Language agnostic, REST API, good algo coverage
- Con: large file size

Production Ready?

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Model
Training &
Selection

PMML
Trimming
and Export

- Saving to PMML (ML vs MLlib / DF vs RDD)
- DataFrame API - doesn't have PMML functionality (yet)
- Hacked PMML to get probabilities for predictions
- Size of model ~ 20Mb (compressed)
- Overall time to train: less than 2 hours on a big enough cluster

Live Scoring



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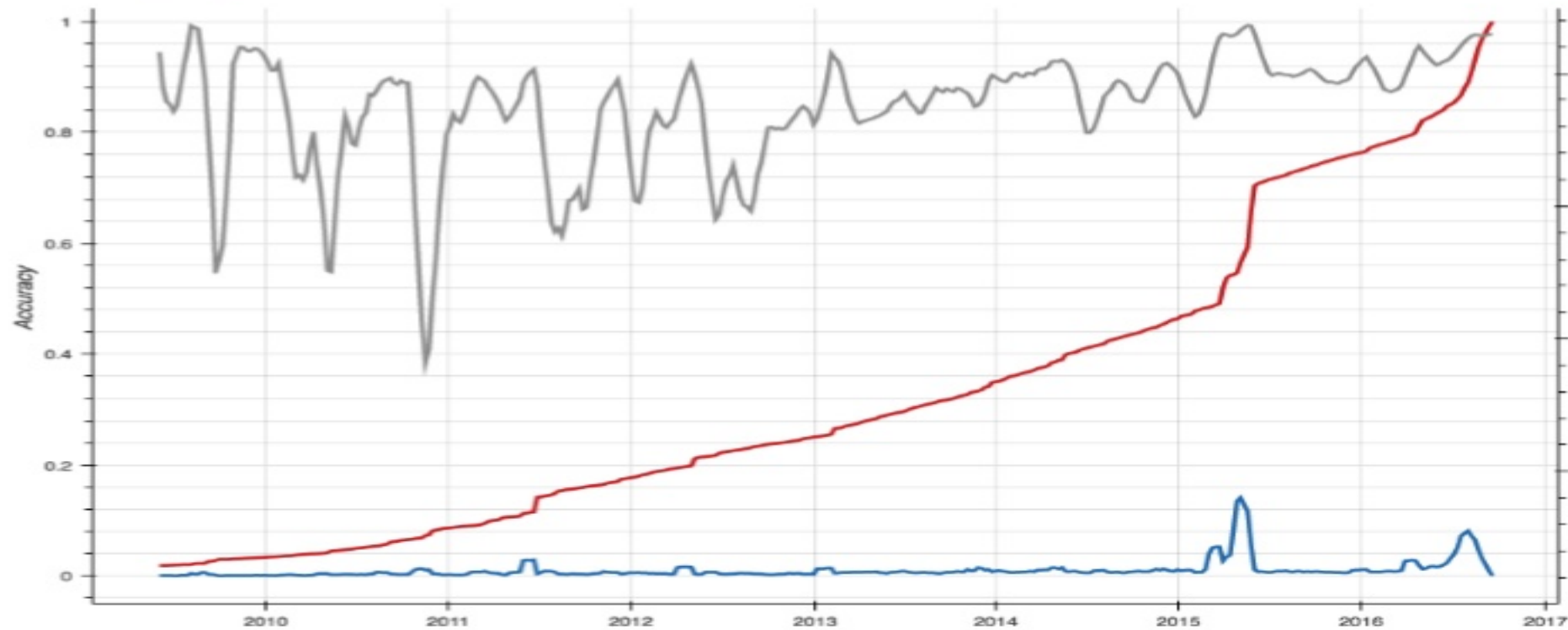
= Innovative Research + Scalable Architecture + Efficient Feature Delivery



- Cross-disciplinary team of scientists, analysts & developers
- Focus on solving real-world problems in a real-time, distributed network
- Global team with presence in USA, London, UK and Czech Republic

Thanks for listening

Appendix 1: model testing results



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