

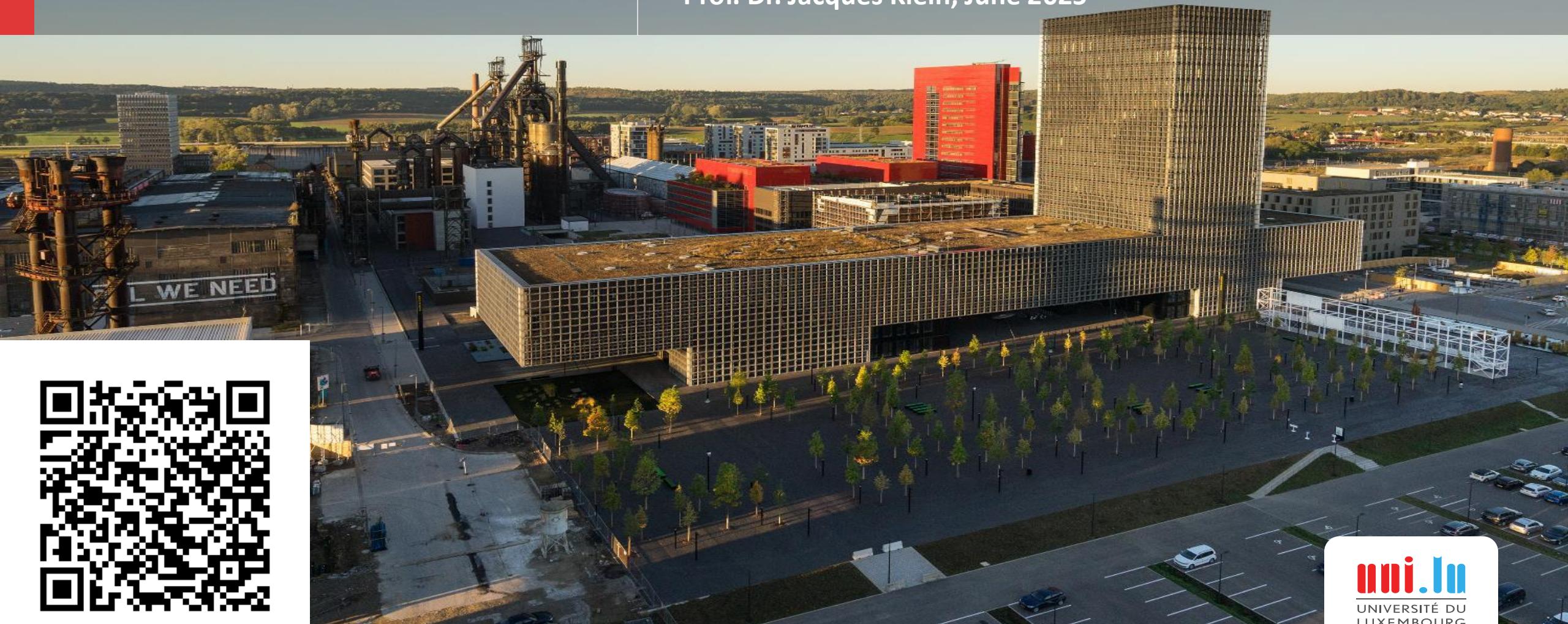
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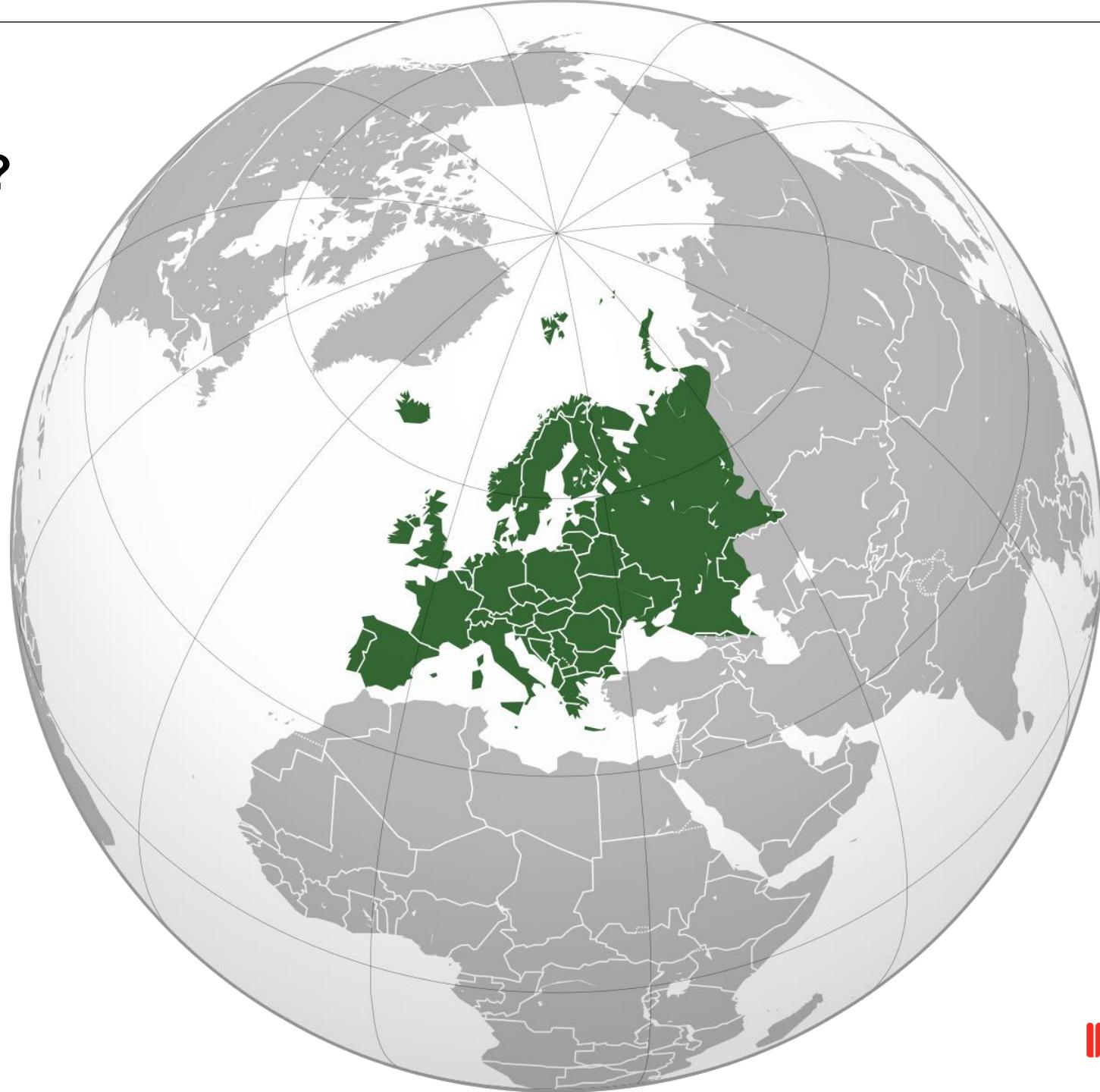
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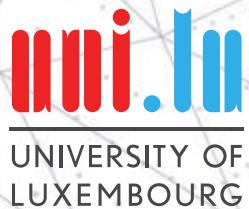
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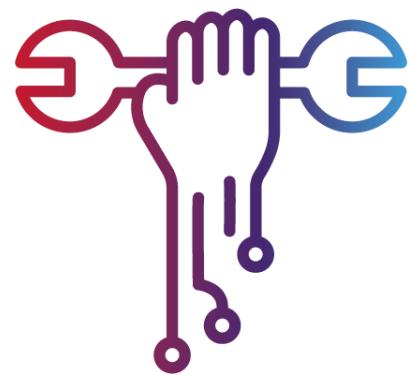
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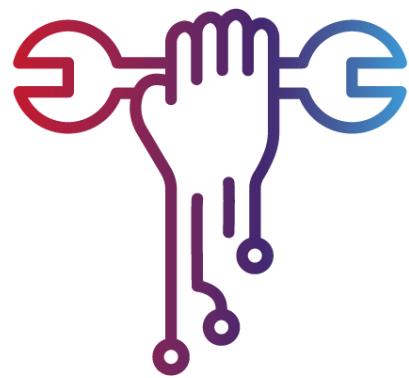
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# Mobile App Analysis



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# Android App Analysis



# Why Android App Analysis is important?



More than 6 billion **people** own  
a smartphone



Almost three-quarters are  
Android-based



We manipulate a lot of sensitive data



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Large Set of Mobile Apps

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Malware Detection

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# AndroZoo

## A repository of Android Apps



[MSR 2016] AndroZoo: Collecting Millions of Android Apps for the Research Community

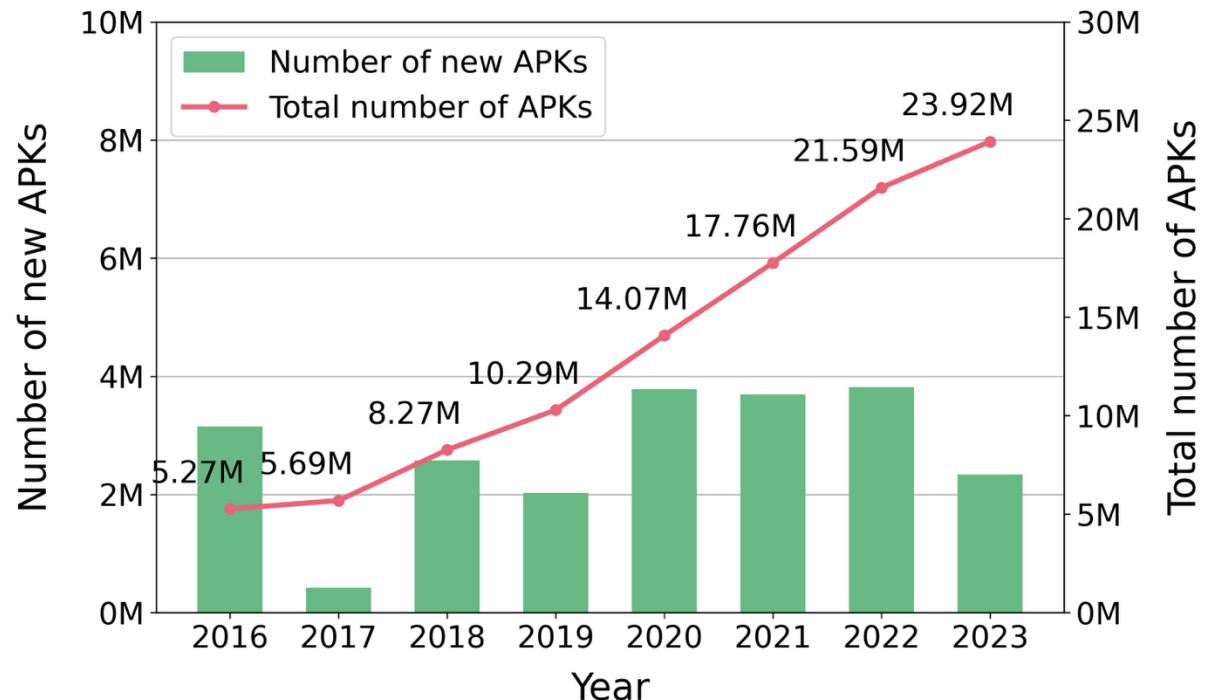
# AndroZoo: A Retrospective



AndroZoo is currently the biggest dataset of Android apps, with 24 million entries. It was created in 2016 at the University of Luxembourg.



Constantly growing



# AndroZoo: A Retrospective



App  $\neq$  Apk

24 million apks, but 8 708 304 apps (average of 2.7 apks for each app)

**Table 1: Top 10 apps by number of APKs**

Package Name	#APKs
com.chrome.canary	1986
org.mozilla.fenix	1811
wp.wpbeta	910
dating.app.chat.flirt.wgbcv	826
com.blackforestapppaid.blackforest	822
com.brave.browser_nightly	787
com.topwar.gp	728
com.opodo.reisen	688
com.edreams.travel	679
com.styleseat.promobile	675

**Table 2: Lifespan of apps in ANDROZOO**

#Years	#Apps	#Years	#Apps	#Years	#Apps
10	9347	6	37 099	2	315 206
9	20 072	5	84 931	1	432 536
8	20 171	4	108 962	0	2 732 016
7	37 378	3	186 800		

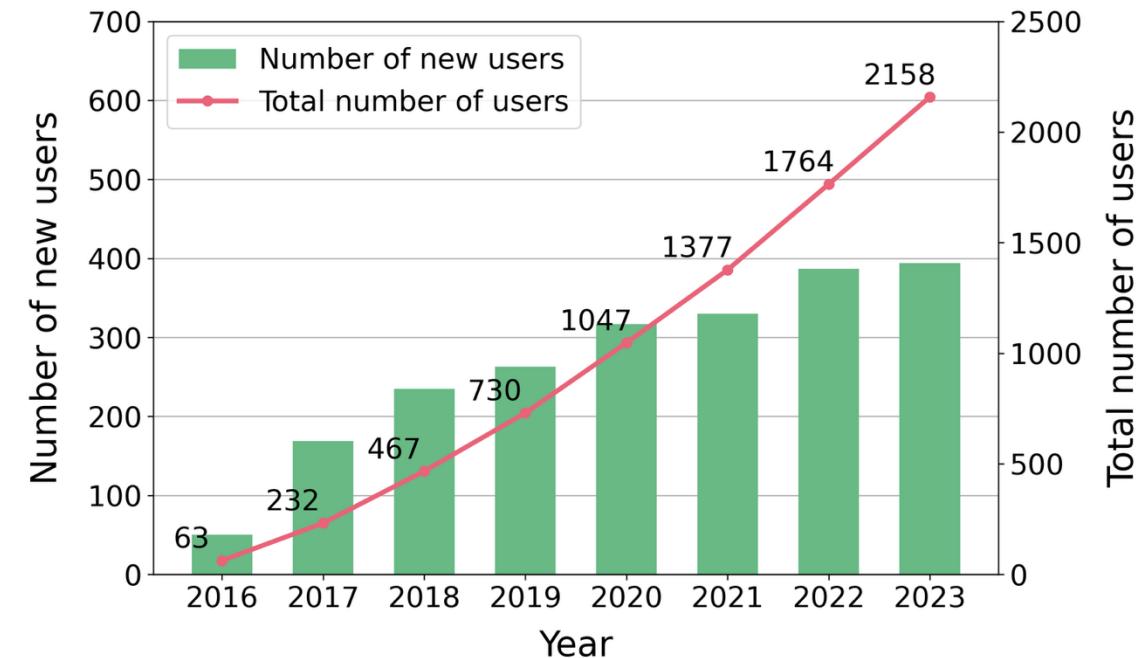
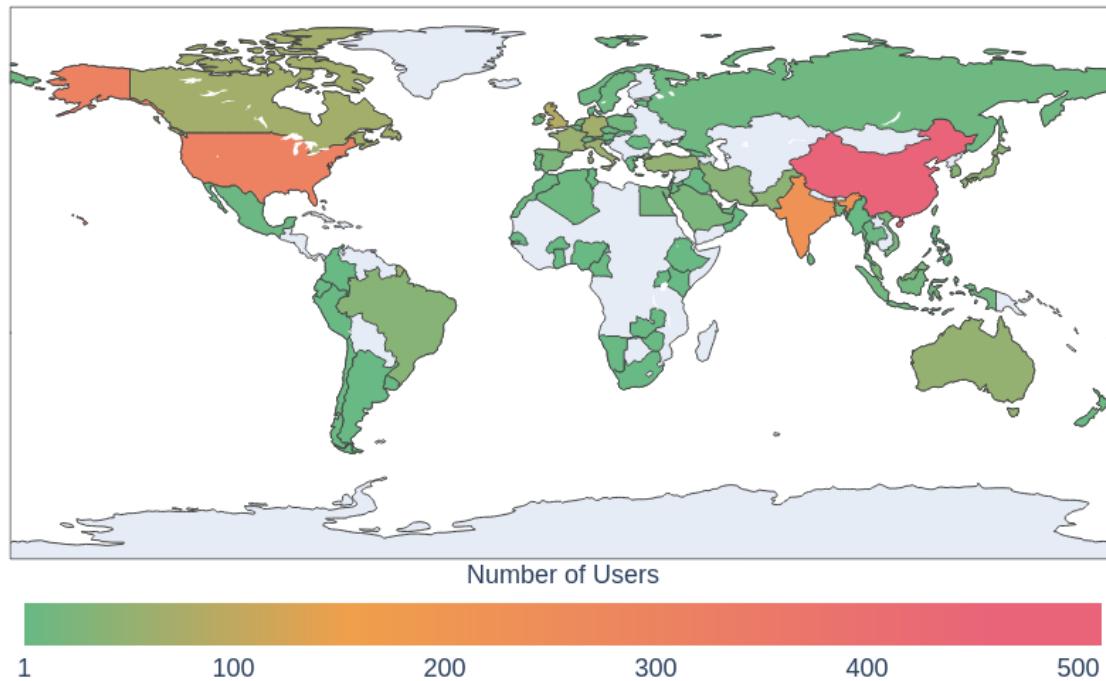
# AndroZoo: A Retrospective

From November 2021 to November 2023:  
365 604 948 download requests from 692 different users  
=> 4 PiB of data sent

# AndroZoo: A Retrospective



AndroZoo is currently used by more than 2000 users worldwide.



# AndroZoo: A Glimpse into the Future

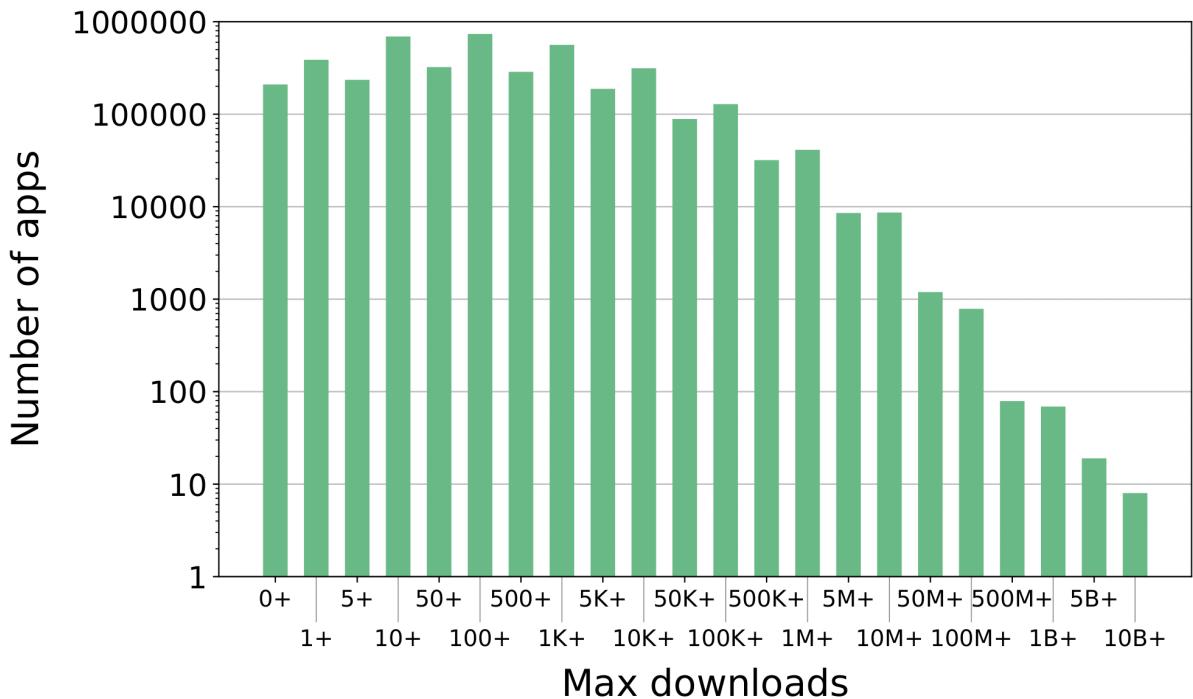


We started collecting metadata since 2020, and we are now releasing them in AndroZoo together with the apps.

EXAMPLE

## A few examples:

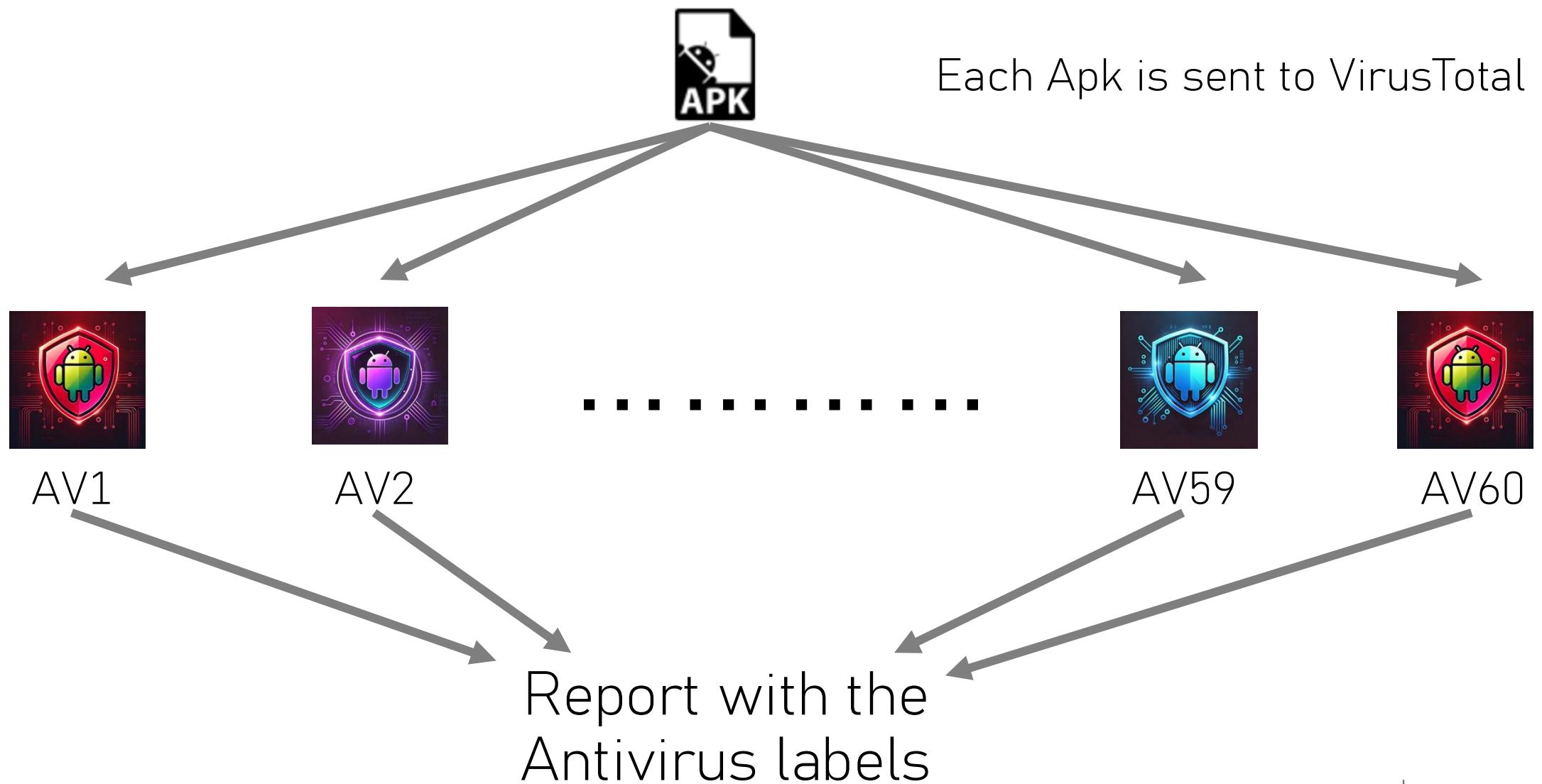
- Description
- Number of Downloads
- Ratings
- Permissions
- Upload Date
- Privacy Policy Link
- .... many others ....



What can you do with  
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# AndroZoo for Malware Investigation



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On 21,570,017 apks from Google Play  
sent to VirusTotal,  
85,782 have been tagged  
by at least 10 Antivirus products

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Another Example

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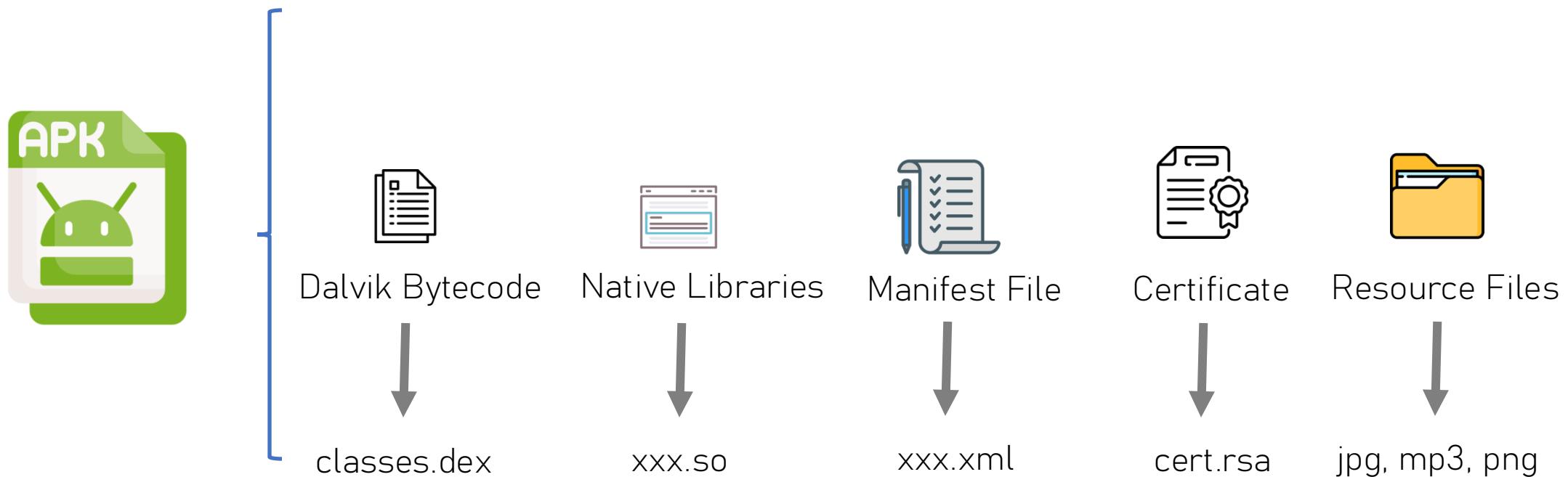
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# AndroZoo for Large Scale Empirical Studies

We dissected 410 125 apks

How many files?

270 million files  
661 files on average

How many file extensions (.dex,.jpg, .png)?

Over 15,000 file extensions

How many file types?

1000 file types

Other interesting facts

- Several apks embed another apk file
- 10% of apks contain compressed files

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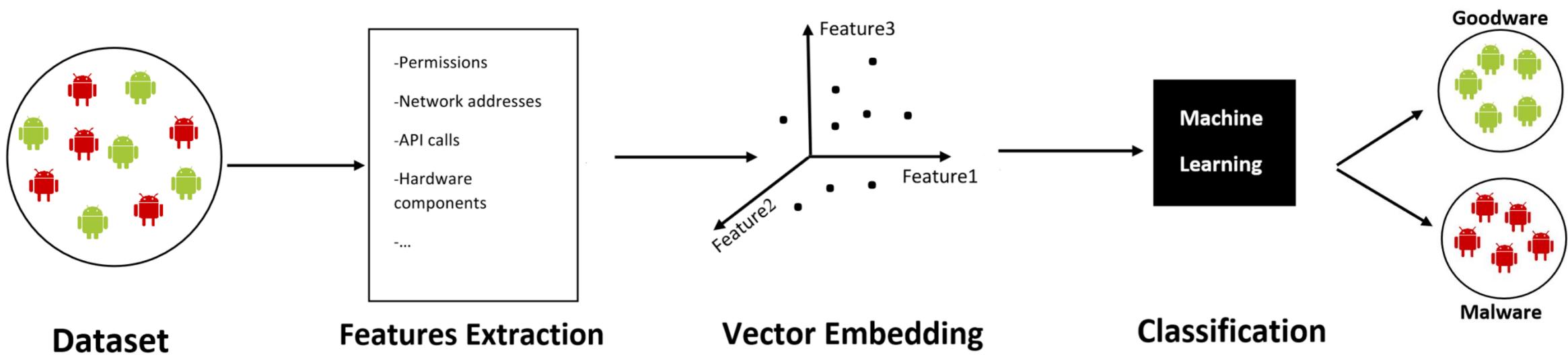
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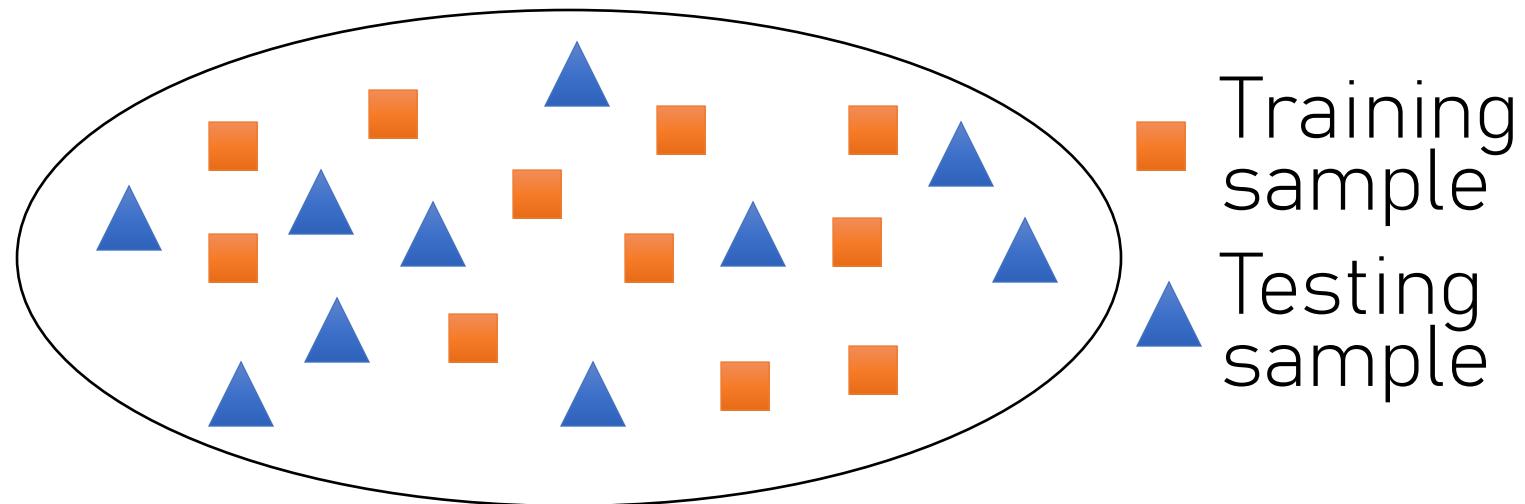
Building Blocks of Machine Learning-based Android malware detection

Outstanding malware detection score of existing approaches

F1 score = 0.99

# Machine Learning to detect Android Malware: main Outcomes

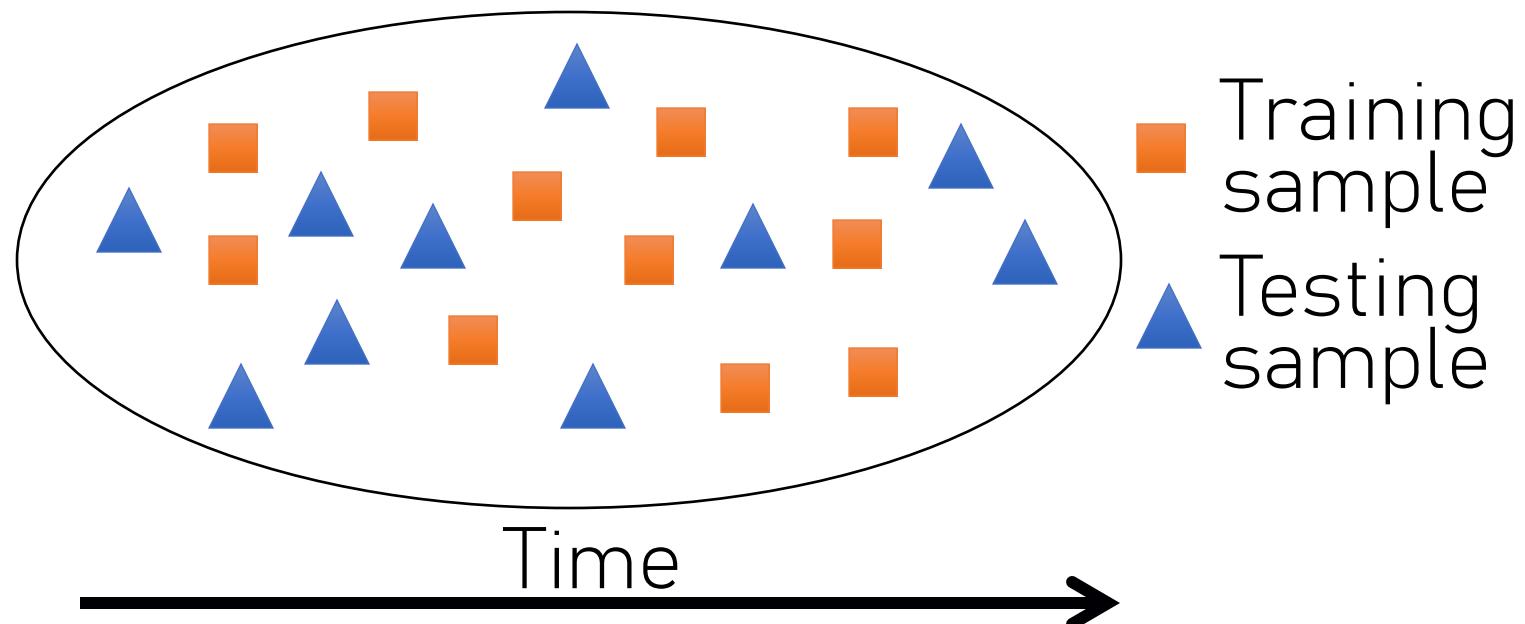
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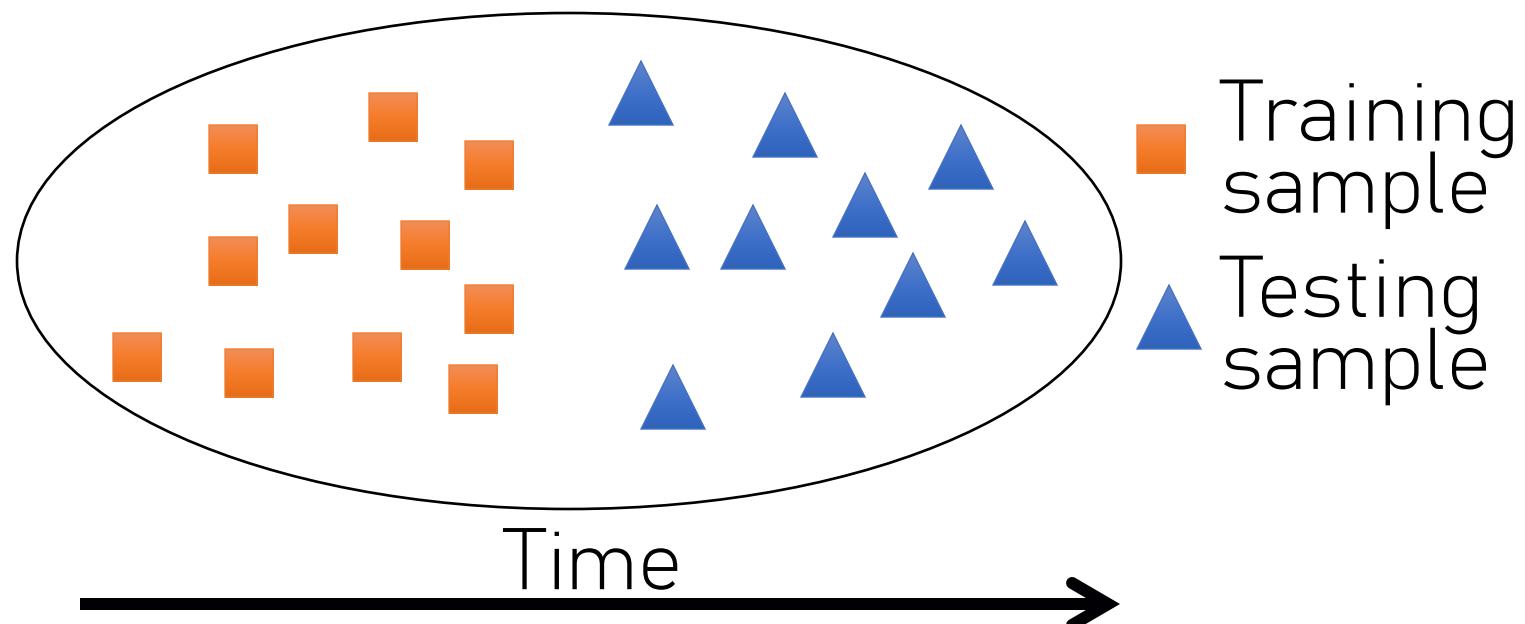
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Ten-fold cross validation is not appropriated to assess machine learning-based malware detectors (paper at EMSE [2])

- Very good results “in the lab”
- Very poor results “in the wild”

[EMSE2014] Empirical Assessment of Machine Learning-Based Malware Detectors for Android:  
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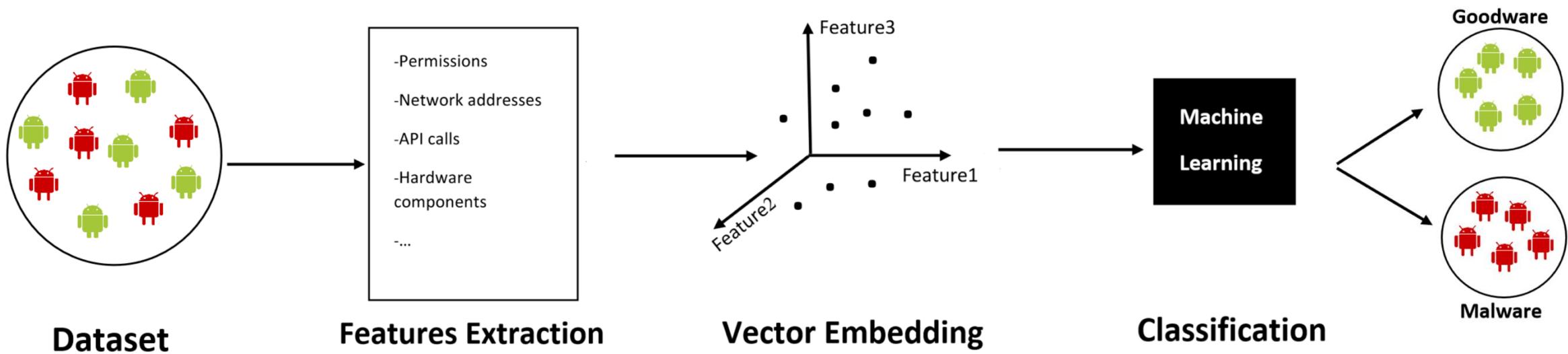
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# App Code Representation



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# Classical ML-based Android malware detection



Building Blocks of Machine Learning-based Android malware detection

# Issues with Robustness: The discriminatory power of DREBIN's features set

# of features	F1-score
1 230 854	0.98
<b>1</b>	<b>0.80</b>

Flagged by 8 AV engines

DREBIN

Changing the name of  
one activity in the app

DREBIN

## Findings:

- A single feature can offer a surprisingly high detection rate.
- DREBIN's most relevant features contain id-features.

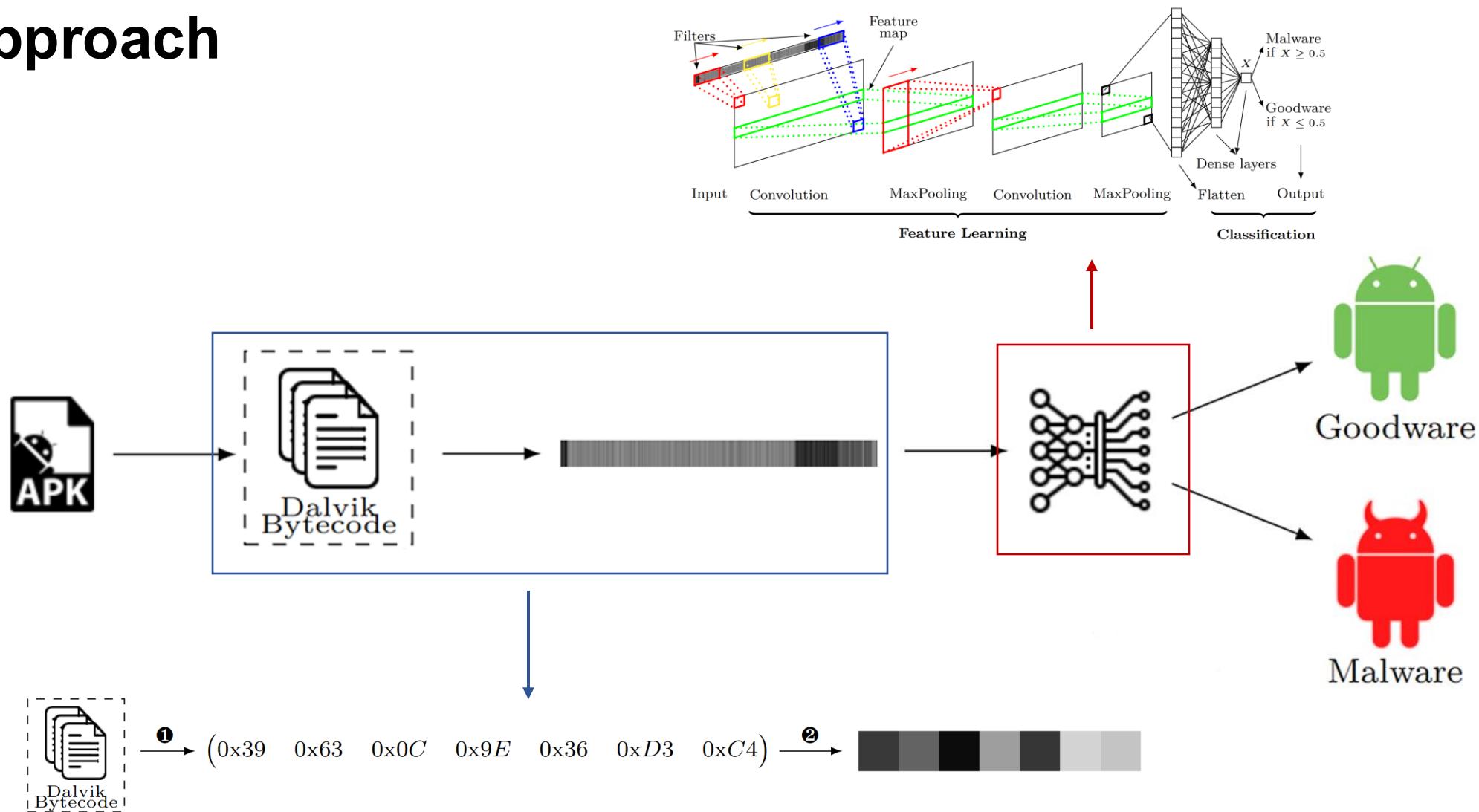


**Let's start simple**  
**DexRay: An app as an Image**



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# Approach



Process of image generation from dalvik bytecode. ①: bytecode bytes' vectorisation; ②: Mapping bytes to pixels

# Effectiveness of DexRay

## Dataset and experimental setup

- 96 994 benign + 61 809 malware = 158 803 apps
- Apps with compilation dates from 2019 and 2020
- Dataset split: 80% training, 10% validation, and 10% test
- Experiments are repeated 10 times

## Performance of DexRay against SotA malware detection approaches

	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1-score
<b>DexRay</b>	0.97	0.97	0.95	0.96
<b>Drebin</b>	0.97	0.97	0.94	0.96
<b>R2-D2</b>	0.97	0.96	0.97	0.97
<b>Ding et al.-Model 1</b>	0.94	-	0.93	-
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<b>DexRay (Temporally Consistent)</b>	0.97	0.97	0.98	0.98

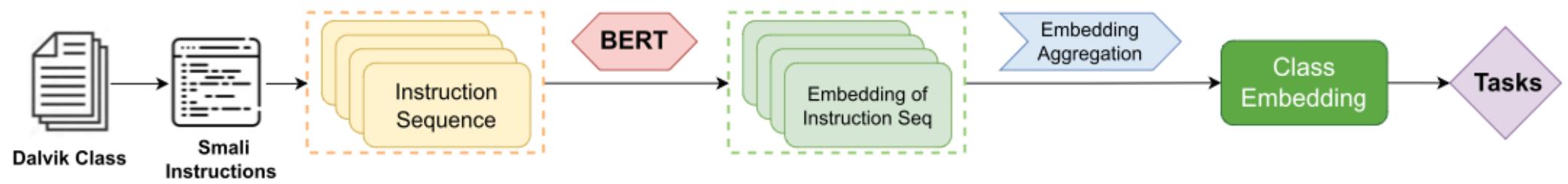
## Findings:

- DexRay yields performance metrics that are comparable to the state of the art.
- Its simplicity has not hindered its performance when compared to similar works presenting sophisticated configurations.



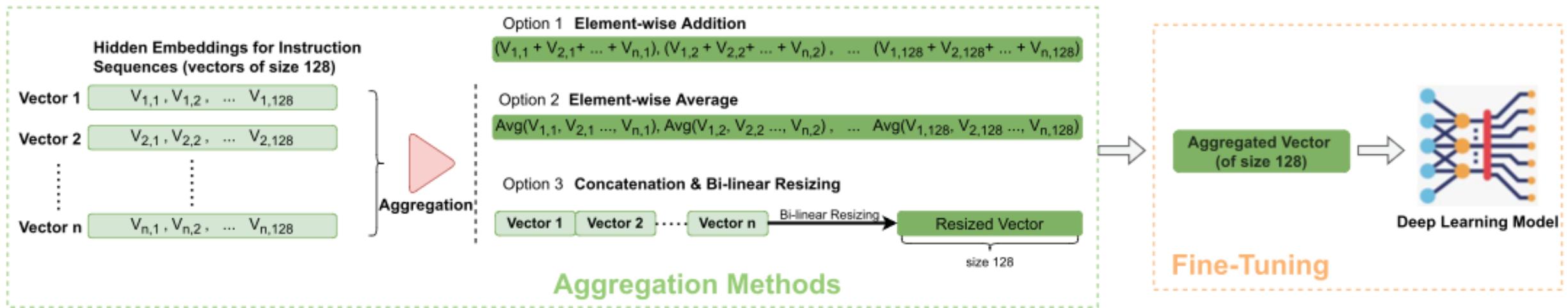
# A little bit better... DexBERT: Class level Representation

# DexBERT: Effective, Task-Agnostic and Fine-Grained Representation Learning of Android Bytecode



DexBERT class embedding

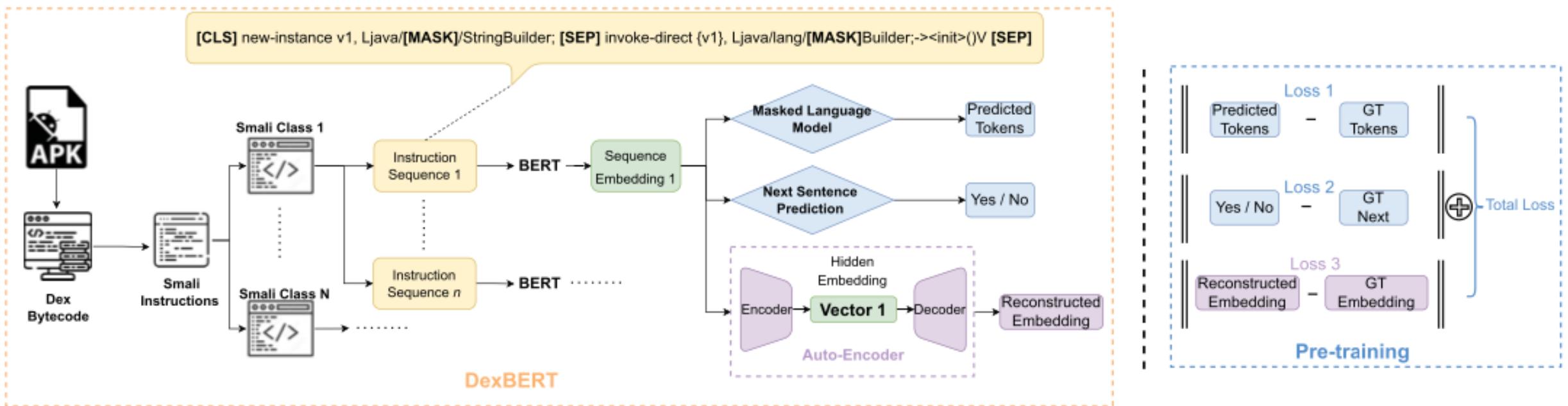
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Three embedding aggregation methods and fine-tuning of downstream tasks.  
(Addition is working the best)

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## Pre-Training



Pre-training on 158 000 apps (556 millions tokens)

# DexBERT: Evaluation

Performance of Malicious Code  
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Approach	F1 Score	Precision	Recall
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Performance of App Defect Detection

Project # of classes	AnkiDroid	BankDroid	BoardGame	Chess	ConnectBot	Andlytics	FBreader	K9Mail	Wikipedia	Yaaic	Average Score	Weighted Average AUC Score
smali2vec	0.7914	0.7967	<b>0.8887</b>	0.8481	<b>0.9516</b>	0.834	0.8932	0.7655	<b>0.8922</b>	<b>0.9371</b>	0.8598	0.8399
DexBERT	<b>0.9572</b>	<b>0.9363</b>	0.7691	<b>0.9125</b>	0.8517	<b>0.9248</b>	<b>0.9378</b>	<b>0.8674</b>	0.8587	0.8764	<b>0.8892</b>	<b>0.9032</b>

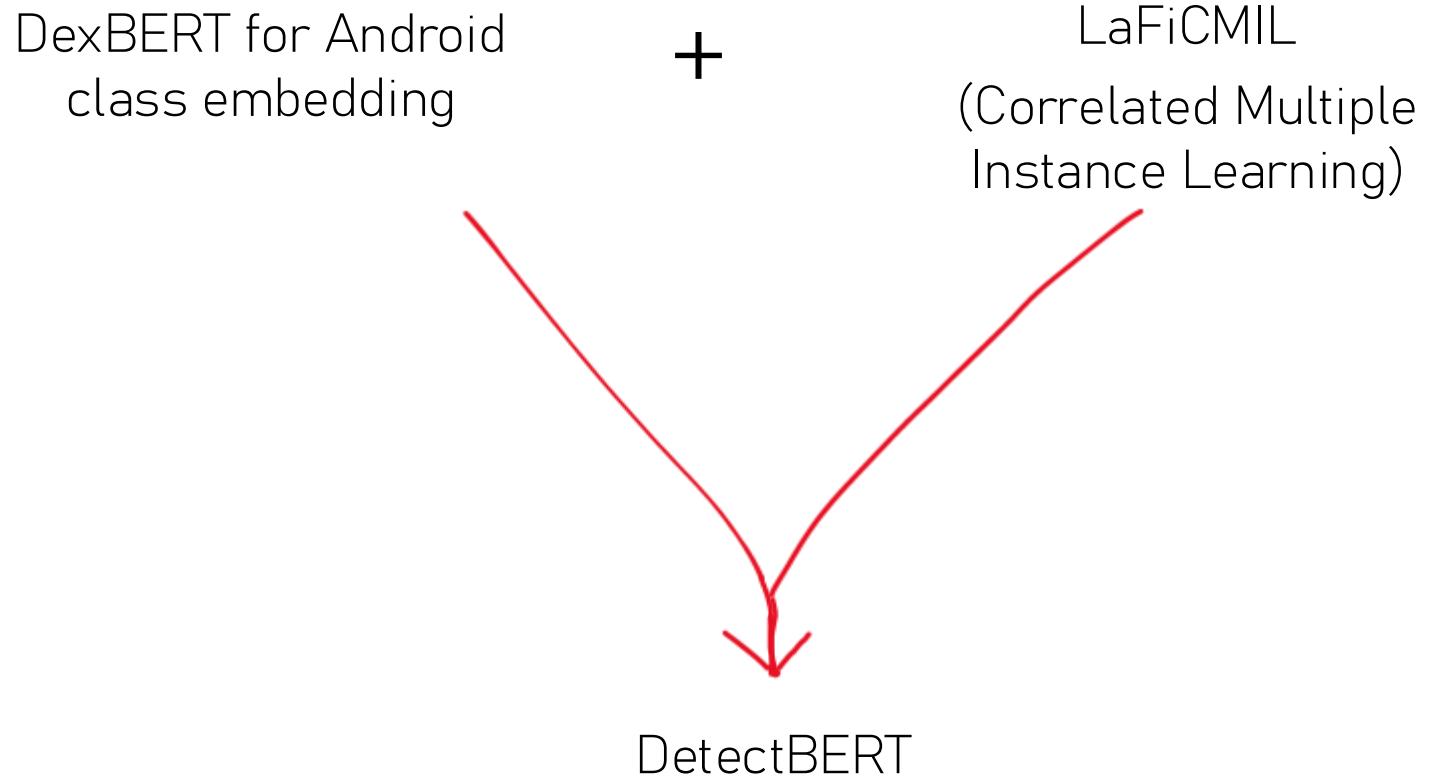
92K smali classes labeled with Checkmarkx

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**Full App-level  
Representation**

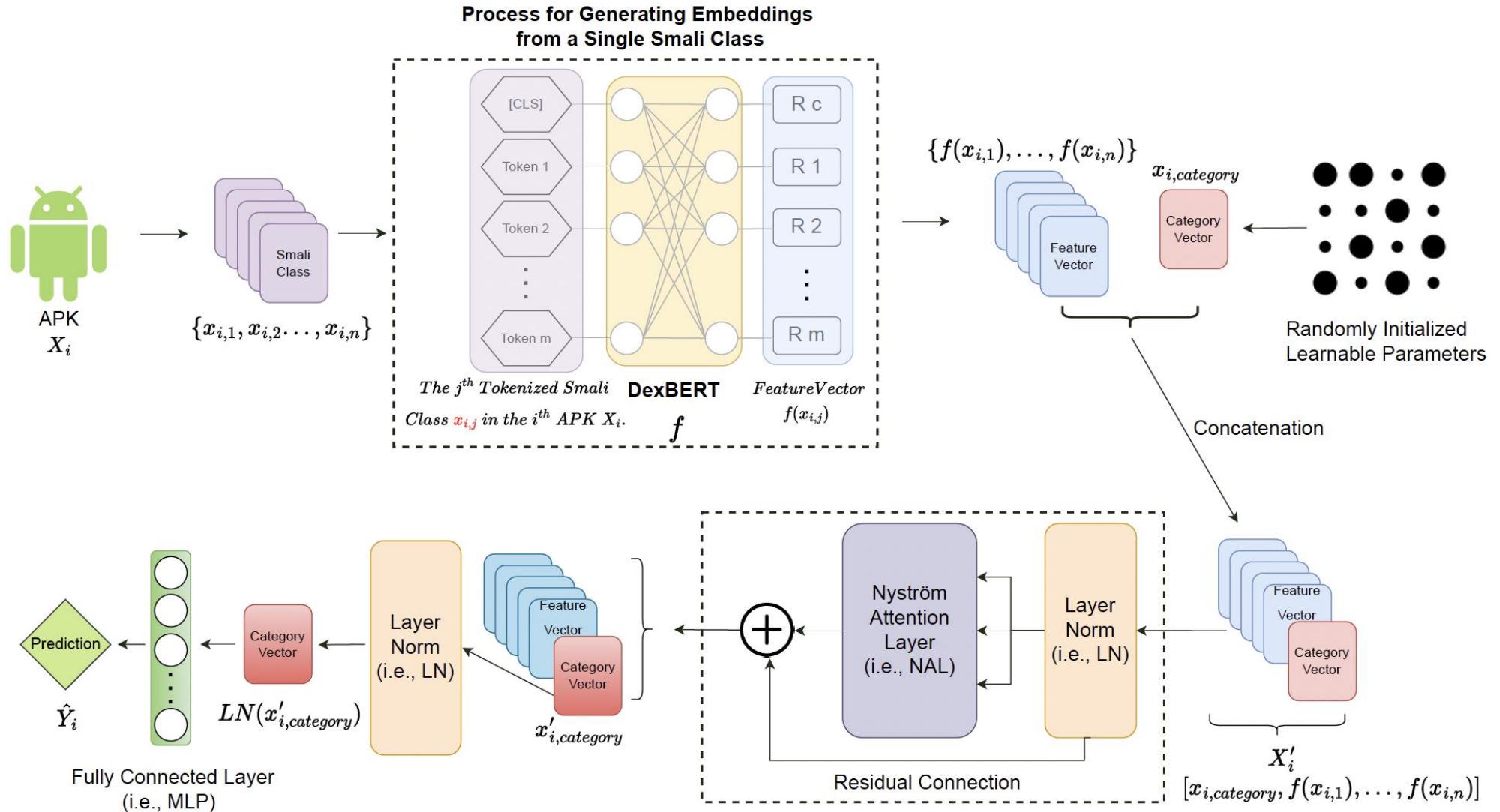


# DetectBERT: Towards Full App-Level Representation Learning to Detect Android Malware



[NLDB2024]: LaFiCMIL: Rethinking Large File Classification from the Perspective of Correlated Multiple Instance Learning

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**Table 3: Temporal consistency performance comparison with state-of-the-art approaches.**

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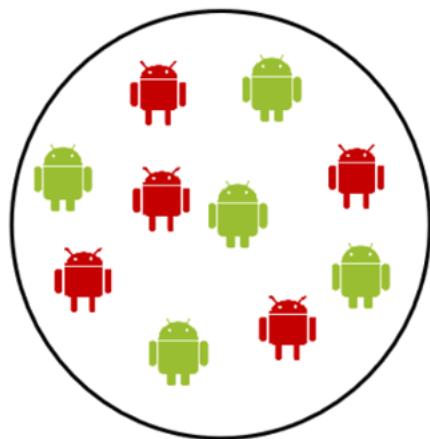


## Temporal-incremental Learning for Android Malware Detection

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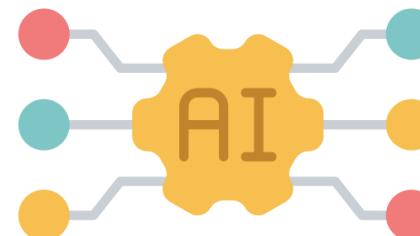
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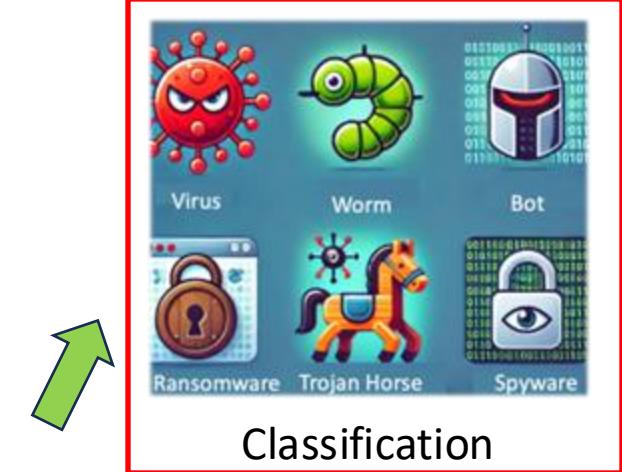


Dataset

Data-driven and  
automatically learned features



Deep learning model



Classification



Detection



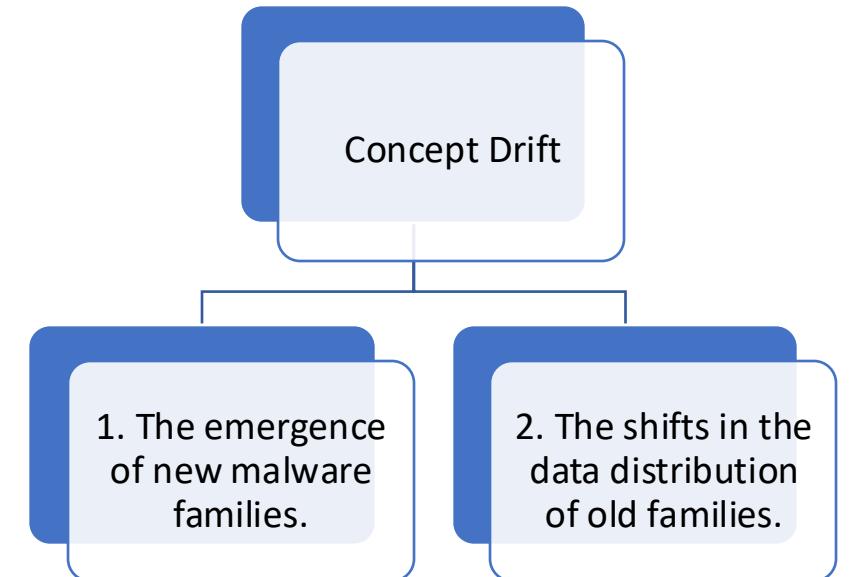
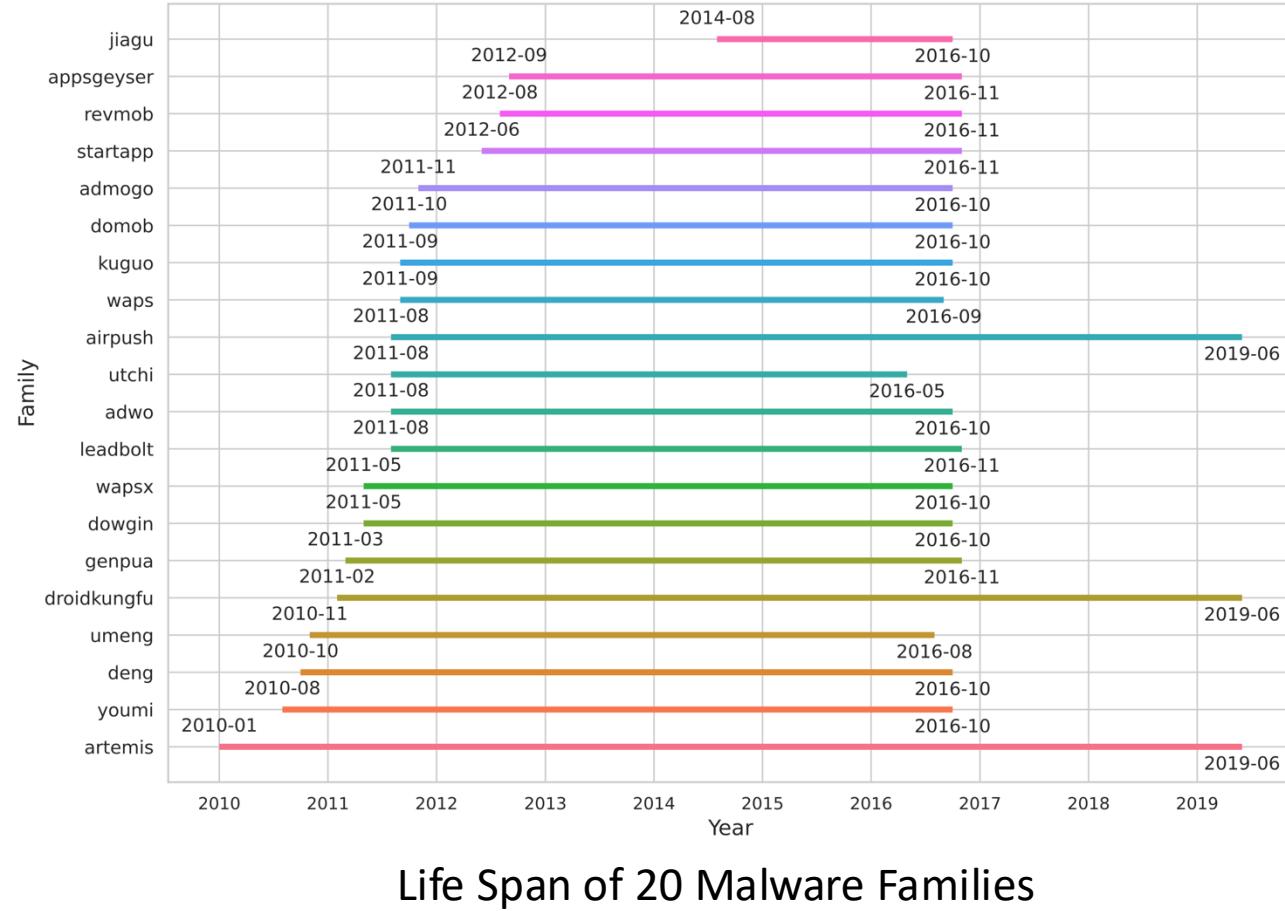
Localization

# Android Malware Family Classification

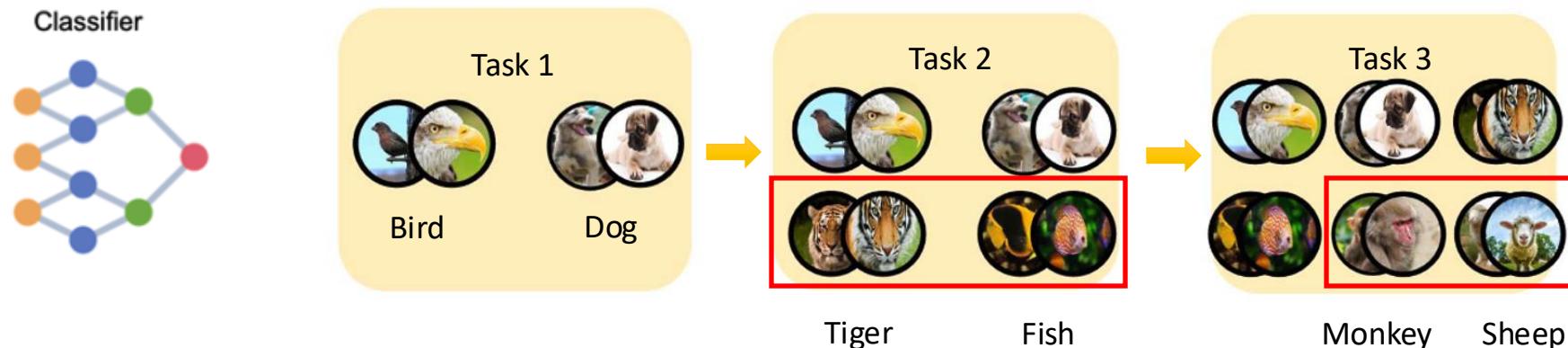
Malicious Behaviors of Different Malware Families [1]

Family Name	Privacy Stealing	SMS/CALL	Remote Control	Bank Stealing	Ransom	Abusing Accessibility	Privilege Escalation	Stealthy Download	Ads	Miner	Tricky Behavior	Premium Service
RuMMS	✓	✓	✓	✓		○	○				✓	
Xavier	✓		✓					✓	✓			
LIBSKIN	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓			
HiddenAd	✓								✓		✓	
GhostClicker	✓		✓				✓		✓			
MilkyDoor	✓		✓									
EventBot	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓						
GhostCtrl	✓	✓	✓		○				✓			
Lucy			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	
FAKEBANK	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓				✓	
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Joker	✓	✓	✓				○	○			✓	
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# Motivation



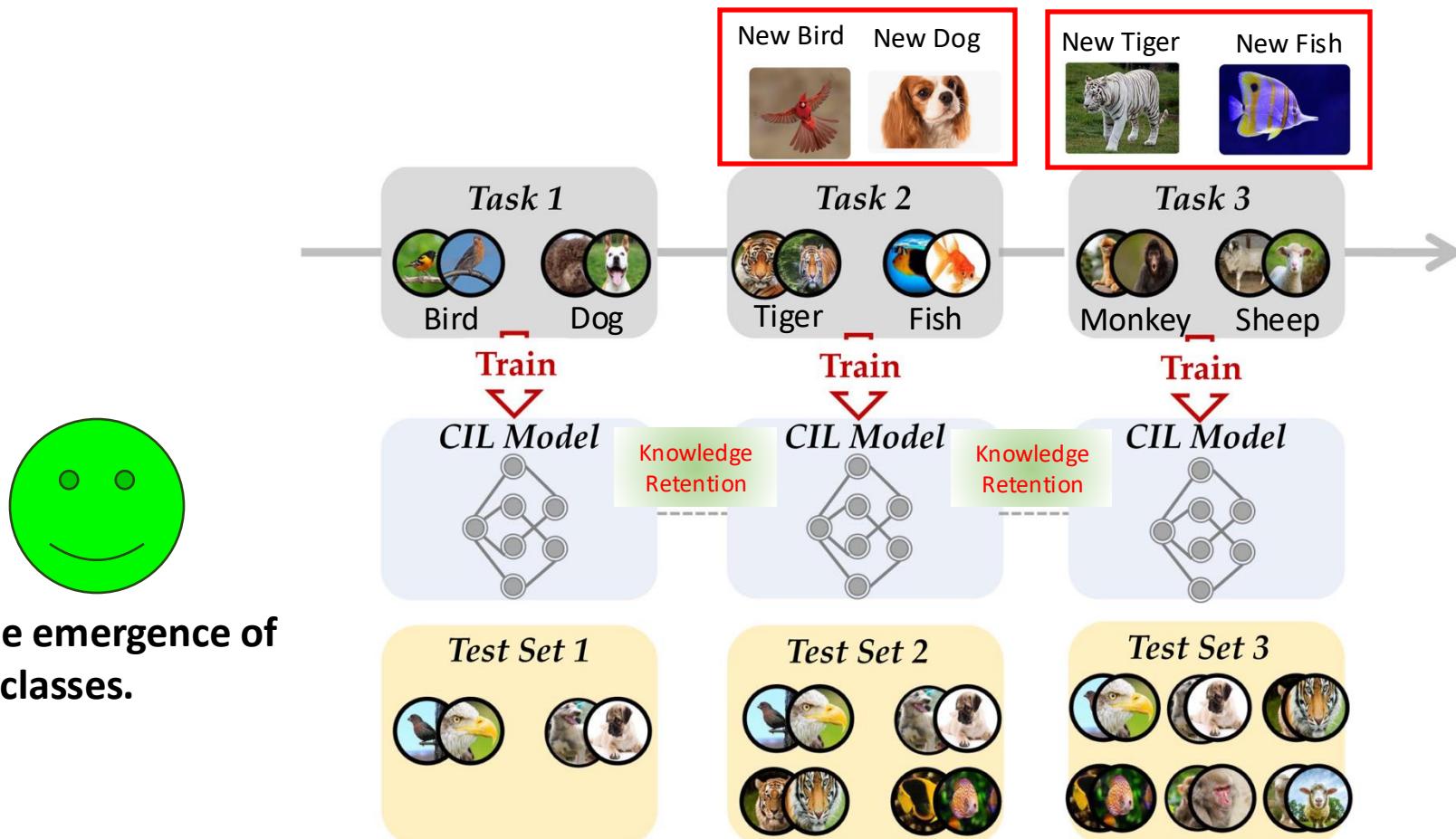
# Traditional Solution: Full Retraining



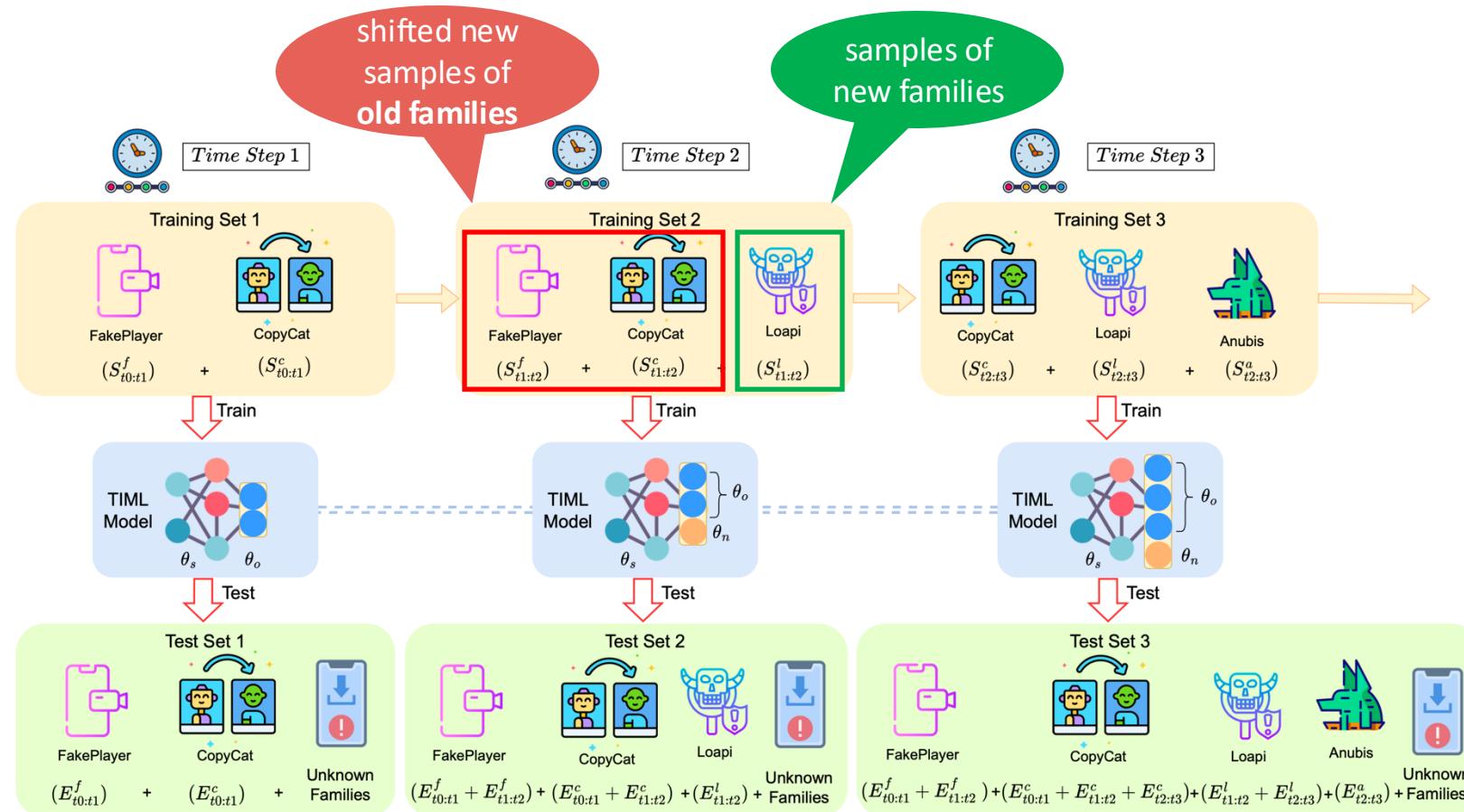
## Drawbacks:

- Increasing resource demands for training time and data storage.
- Historical data might be unavailable due to privacy protection policies or security concerns.

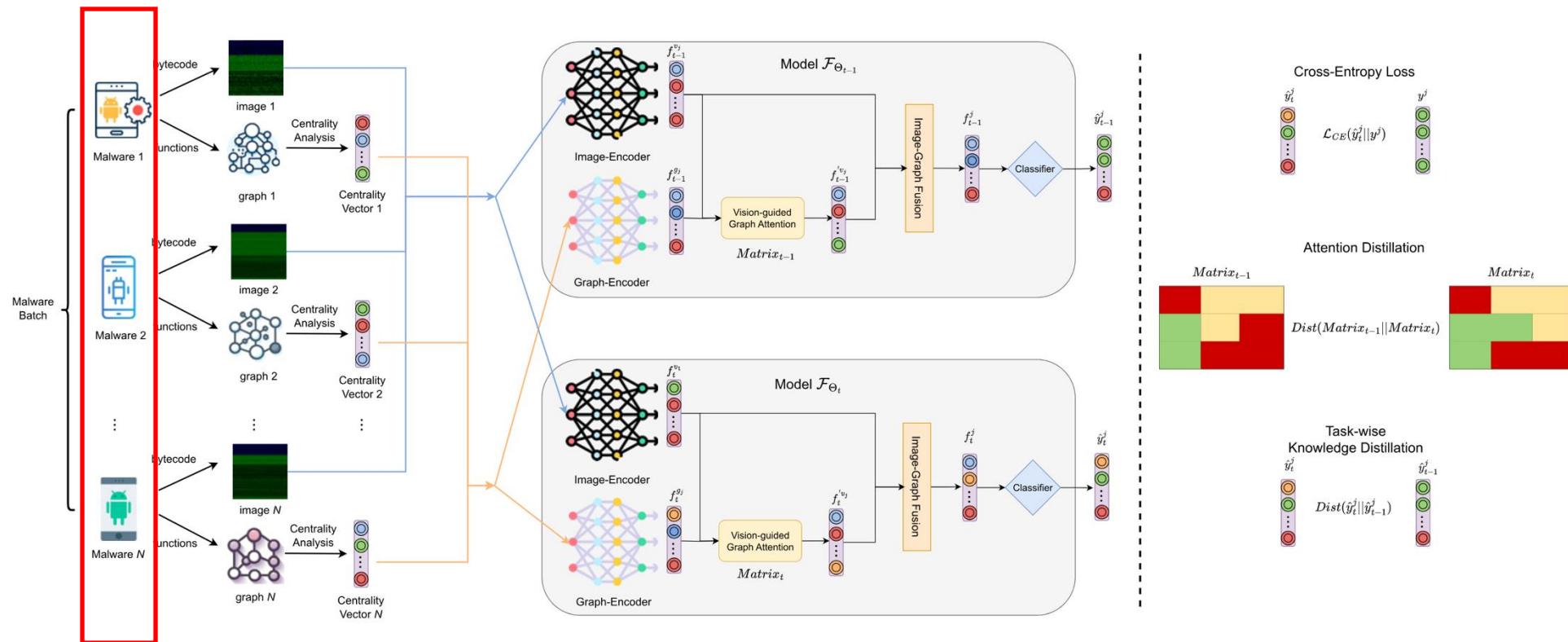
# CIL: Class-Incremental Learning



# TIML: Temporal-Incremental Malware Learning



# Multimodal TIML



# Dataset

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- **Size:** 1.2 million malware samples, categorized into 696 malware families, sourced from MalNet [1].
- **Time Span:** Covers a decade of malware evolution, with the “first-seen” timestamp obtained from AndroZoo [2].
- **Organization:** Samples are carefully organized in chronological order based on their emergence.

[1] S., Freitas, "MalNet: A Large-Scale Image Database of Malicious Software," CIKM 2022.

[2] K., Allix, "Androzoo: Collecting millions of android apps for the research community", MSR 2016.

# Preliminary Study: CIL vs TIML

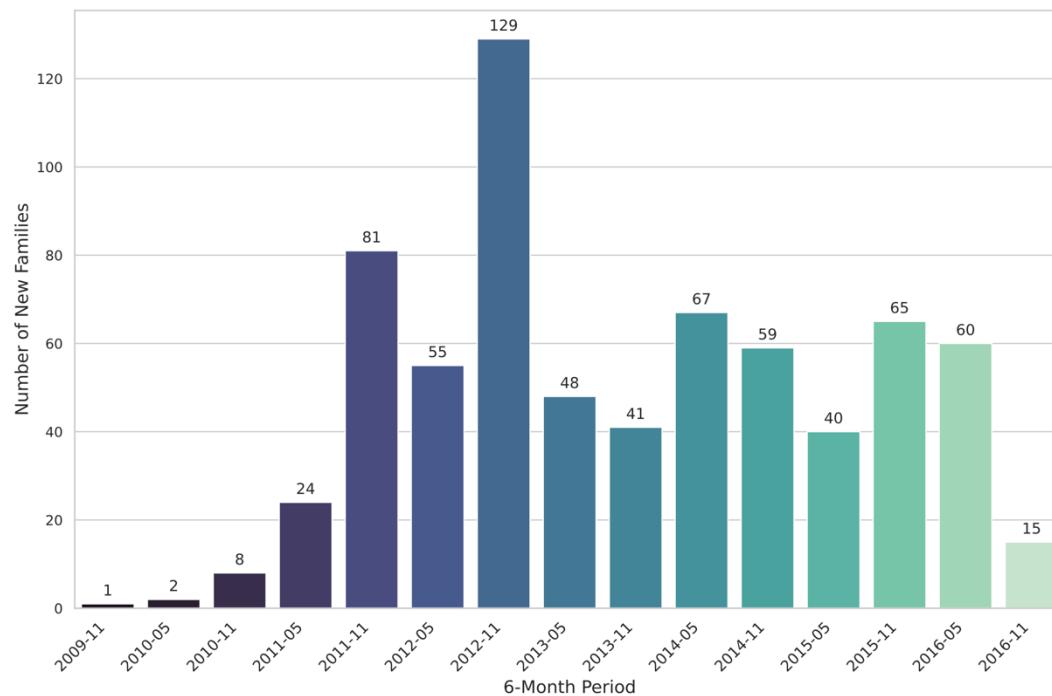
Table 4.1 Accuracy comparison between adapted TIML approaches and their original CIL counterparts.

Method	Adapted TIML Accuracy	CIL Accuracy
LwF	49.68%	27.99%
iCaRL	58.15%	23.13%
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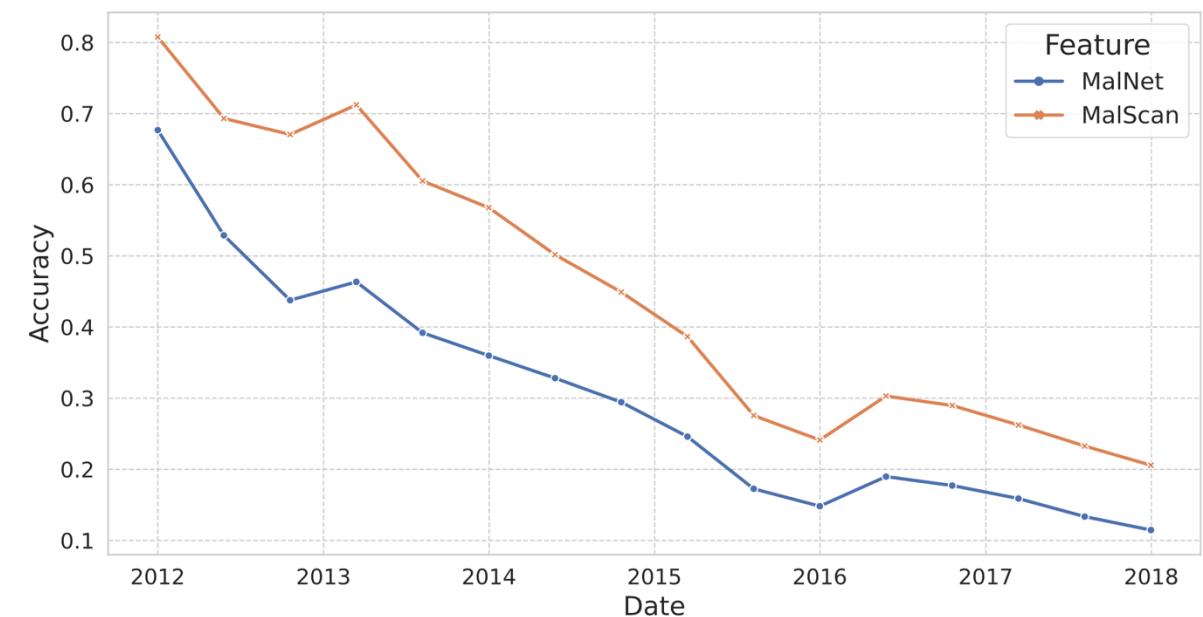
**Findings:**

TIML methods demonstrate significant accuracy improvements.

## RQ1: Is concept drift a significant factor affecting malware classification?



Distribution of new malware families – per 6-months time steps.



Performance drop curve of models trained on pre-2012 malware families and evaluated on post-2012 samples from the same families.

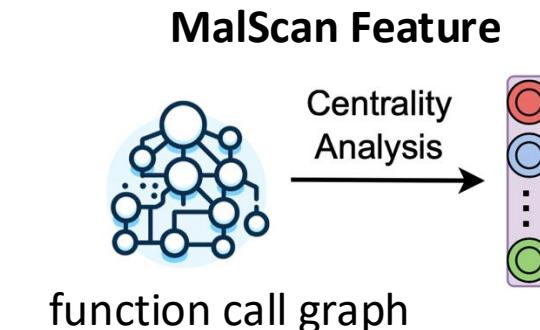
### Findings:

- The two types of concept drift do exist.
- Concept drift degrade the performance of malware classifiers.

## RQ2: How well do TIML approaches perform in malware classification?

Table 4.2 Performance comparison of different approaches based on two input features: MalNet and MalScan.

MalNet Feature	Approach	Mean Accuracy (%)		Average Forgetting	
		MalNet	MalScan	MalNet	MalScan
	Random Prediction	1.72	1.72	-	-
bytecode	Fine-tuning *	51.63	64.66	13.25	18.59
	LwF	52.82	65.69	12.48	18.09
	SS-IL	51.73	67.14	8.24	8.73
	iCaRL	53.57	68.57	8.79	8.57
	LwF with Exemplars	56.28	69.74	8.07	8.13
	Full Retraining *	63.23	75.08	-	-
	MM-TIML	70.53		7.66	



### Findings:

- TIML approaches achieve competitive performance compared to full retraining.
- The slight gap is due to TIML's limited access to historical data.

## RQ3: How resilient are TIML approaches to catastrophic forgetting?

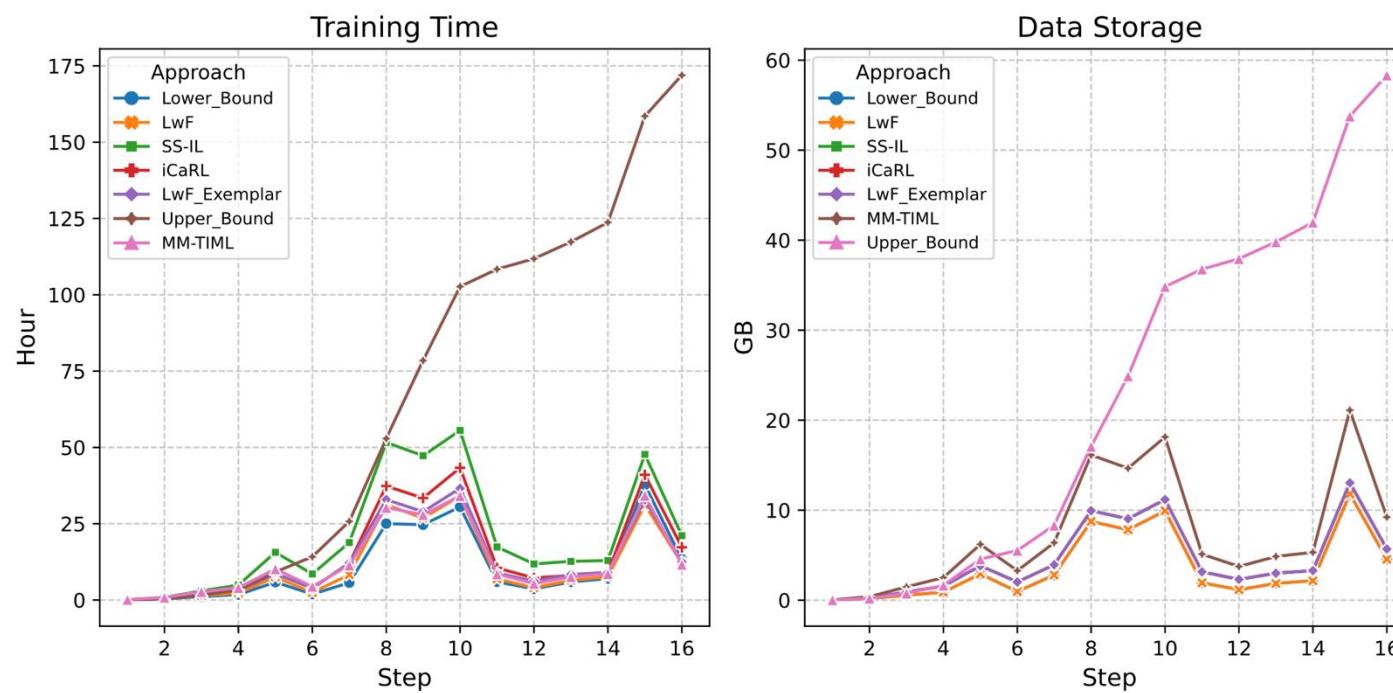
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### Findings:

- TIML approaches exhibit signs of forgetting.
- MM-TIML demonstrates the strongest retention of previous knowledge.

## RQ4: How effectively do TIML approaches optimize resource utilization?



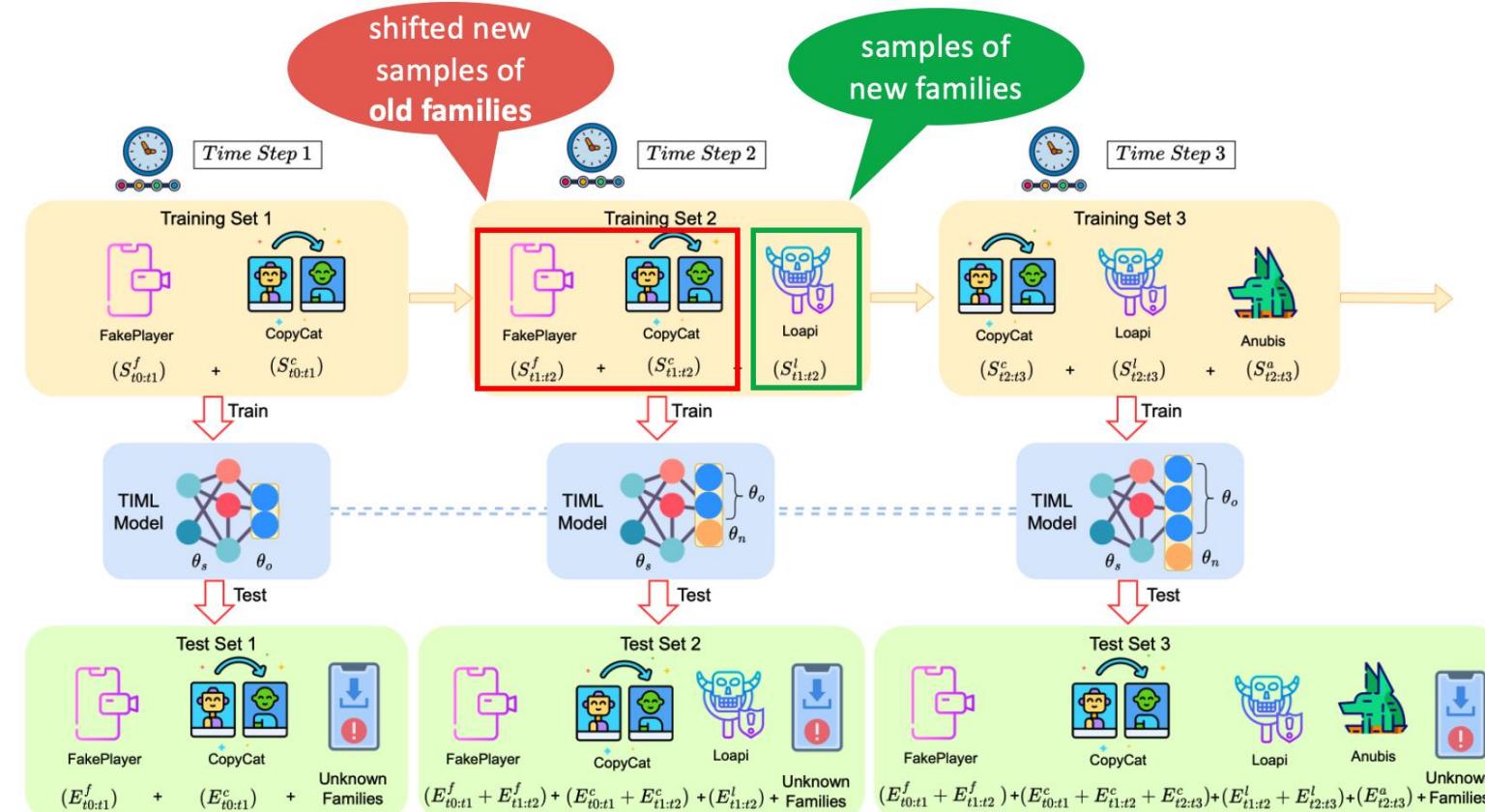
Training time and data storage comparison of different approaches, based on MalNet.

### Findings:

- TIML approaches significantly reduce training time and data storage requirements.
- The advantage of TIML becomes more pronounced with increasing model updates.

## Summary

# TIML: Temporal-Incremental Malware Learning



# Today: Android Malware & Dynamic Analysis

LLMs?

Malicious code localization

LLMs?

Malware Family Characterization

Code Obfuscation

App Instrumentation

Code Coverage – Logic Bombs

Ground Truth Creation  
LLMs?

ACV Tool  
AndroLog

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Large Set of Mobile Apps

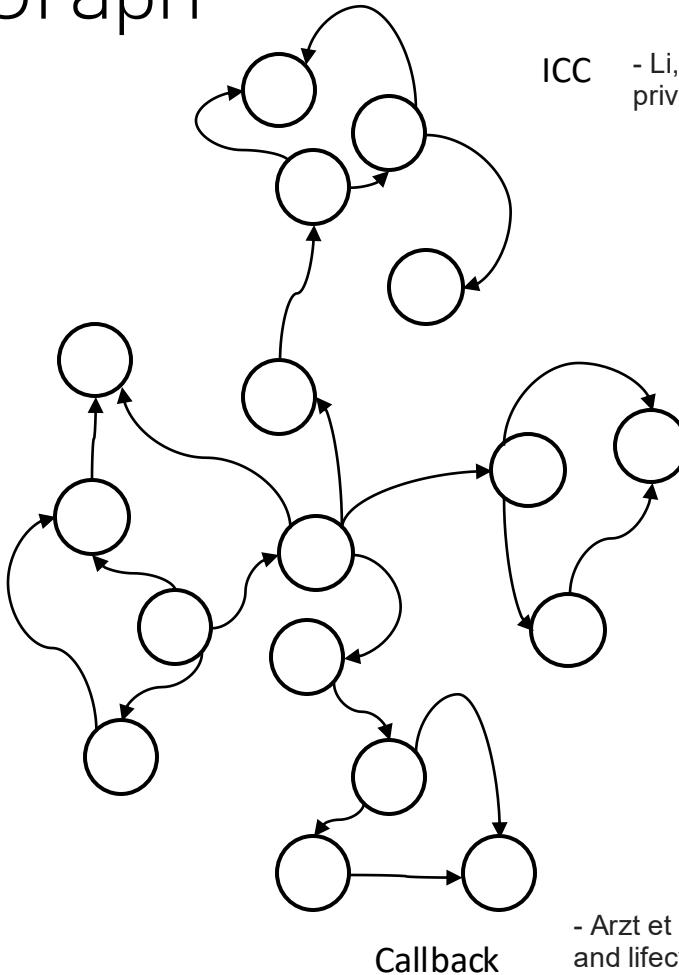
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Malware Detection

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Mobile App Analysis

# Let's come back to Call Graph



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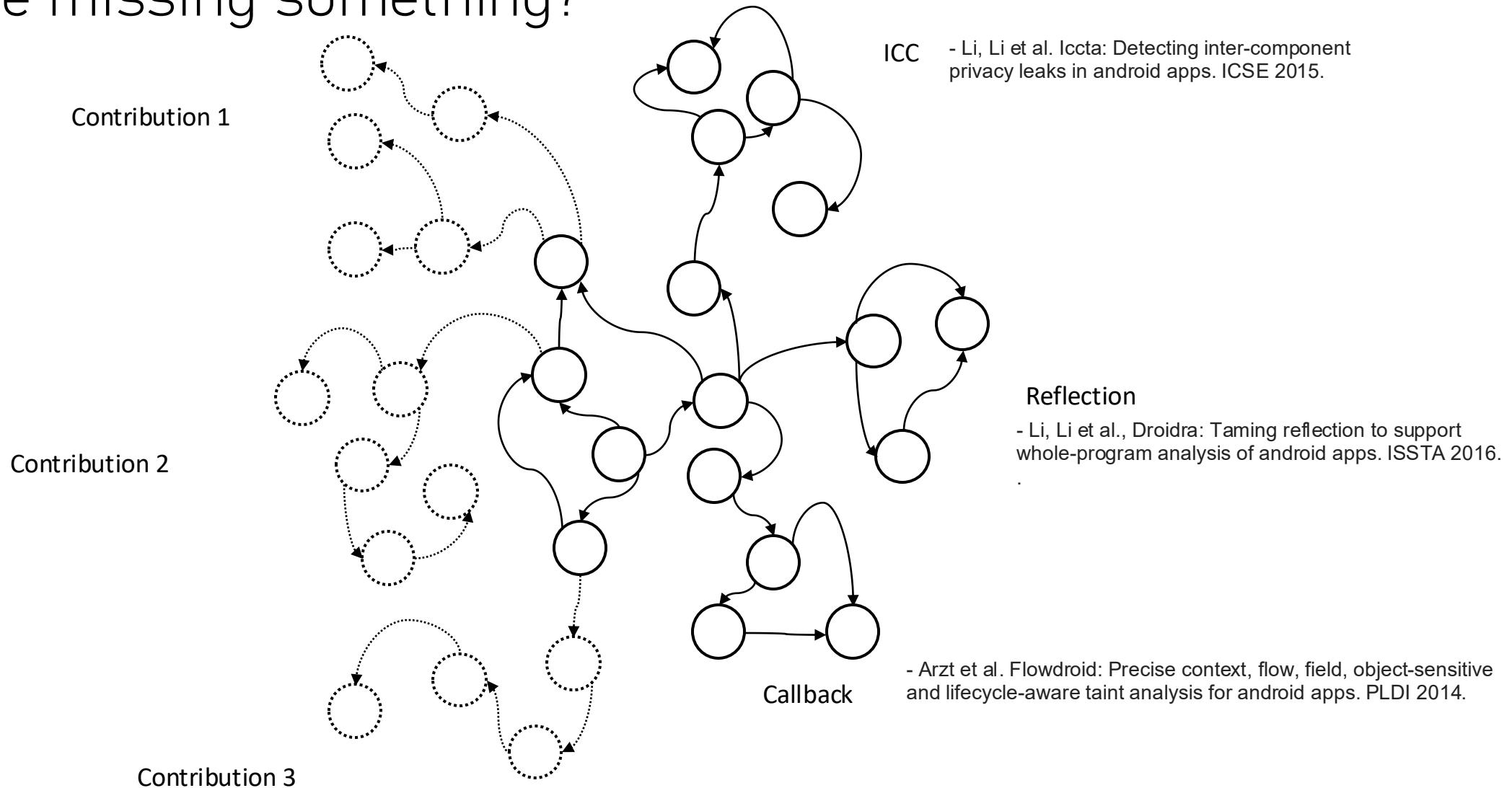
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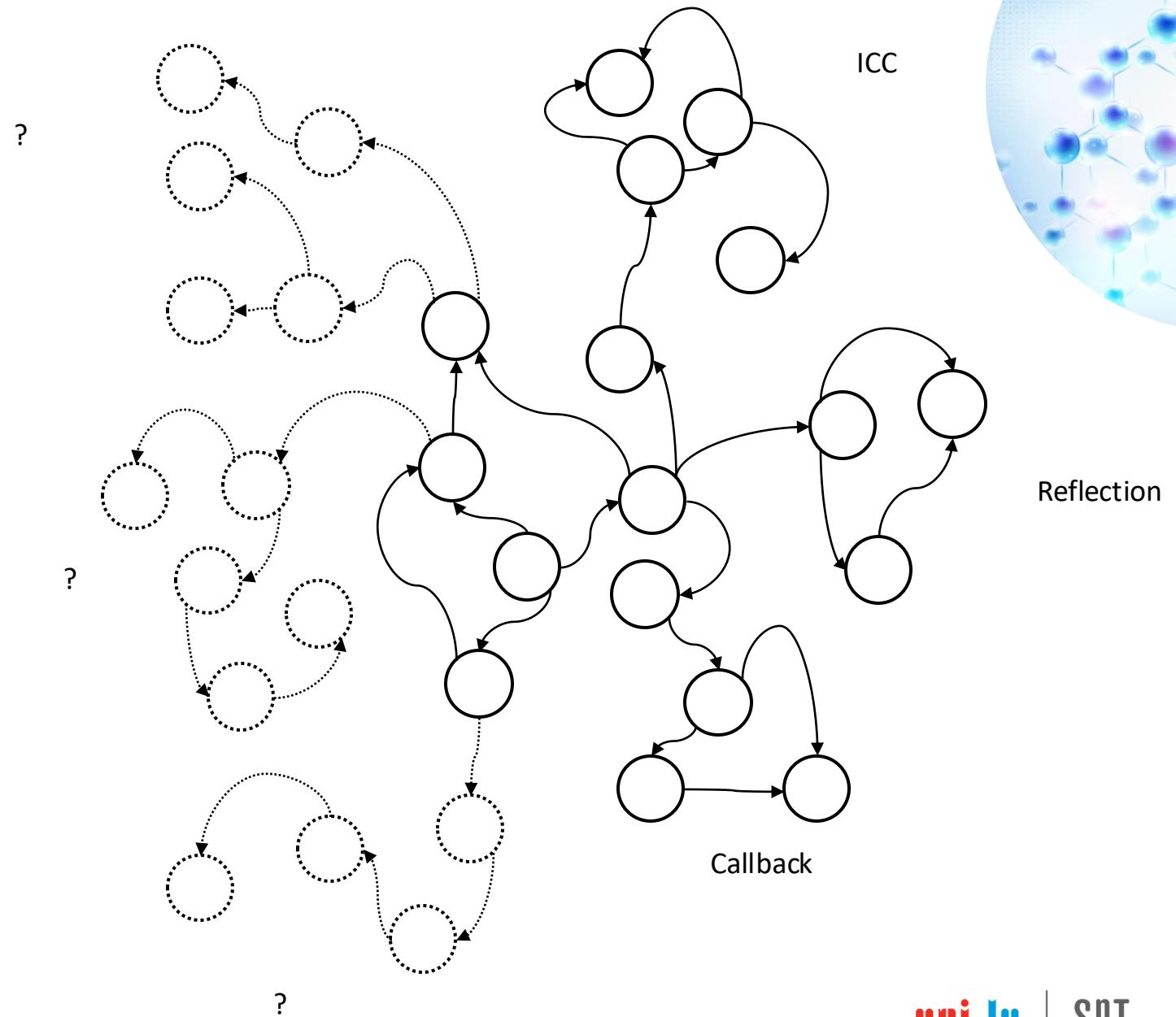
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# Are we missing something?



“Opportunistic”  
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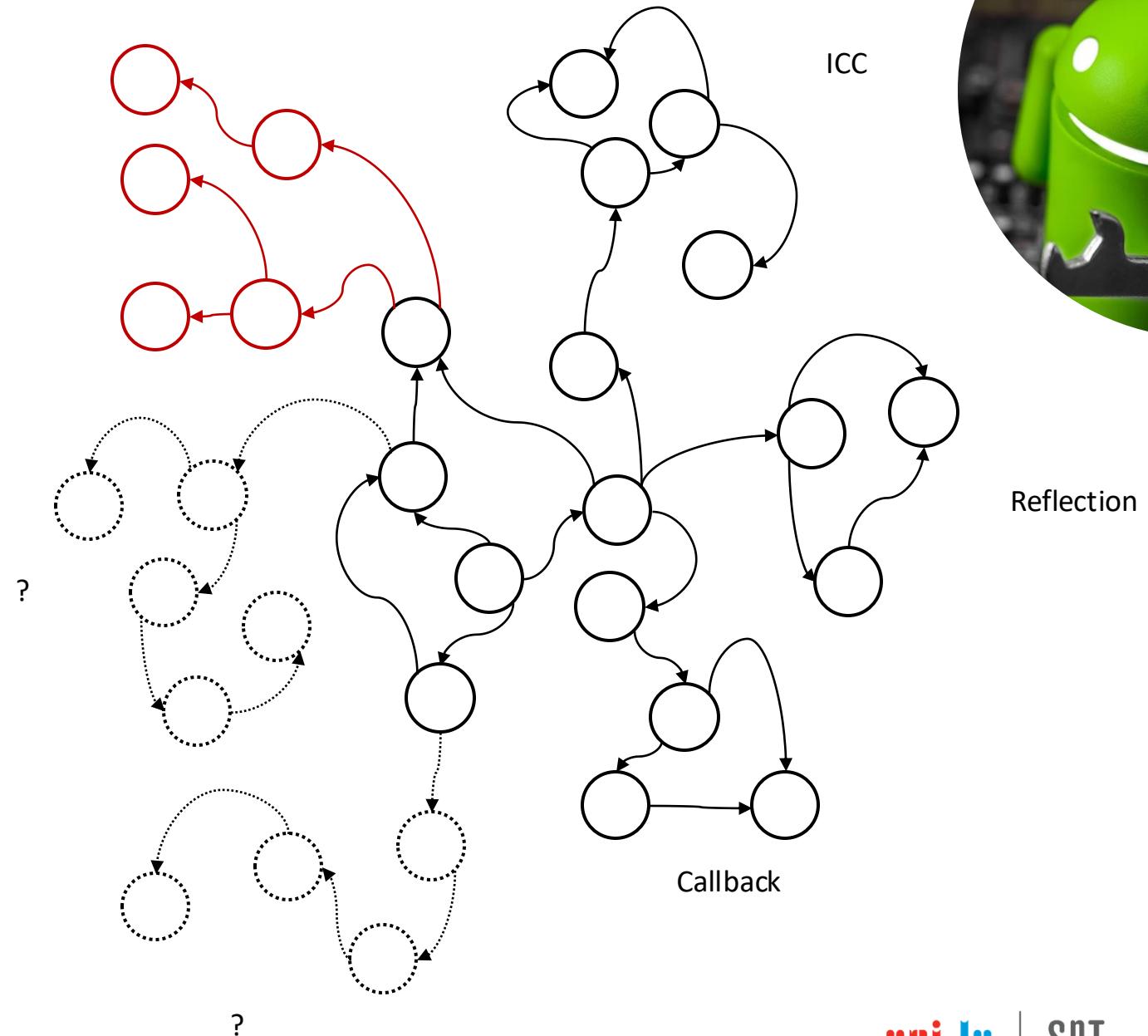


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- RAICC improves ICC modeling
- It is already used by collaborators
- It is maintained
- Improvable on-demand
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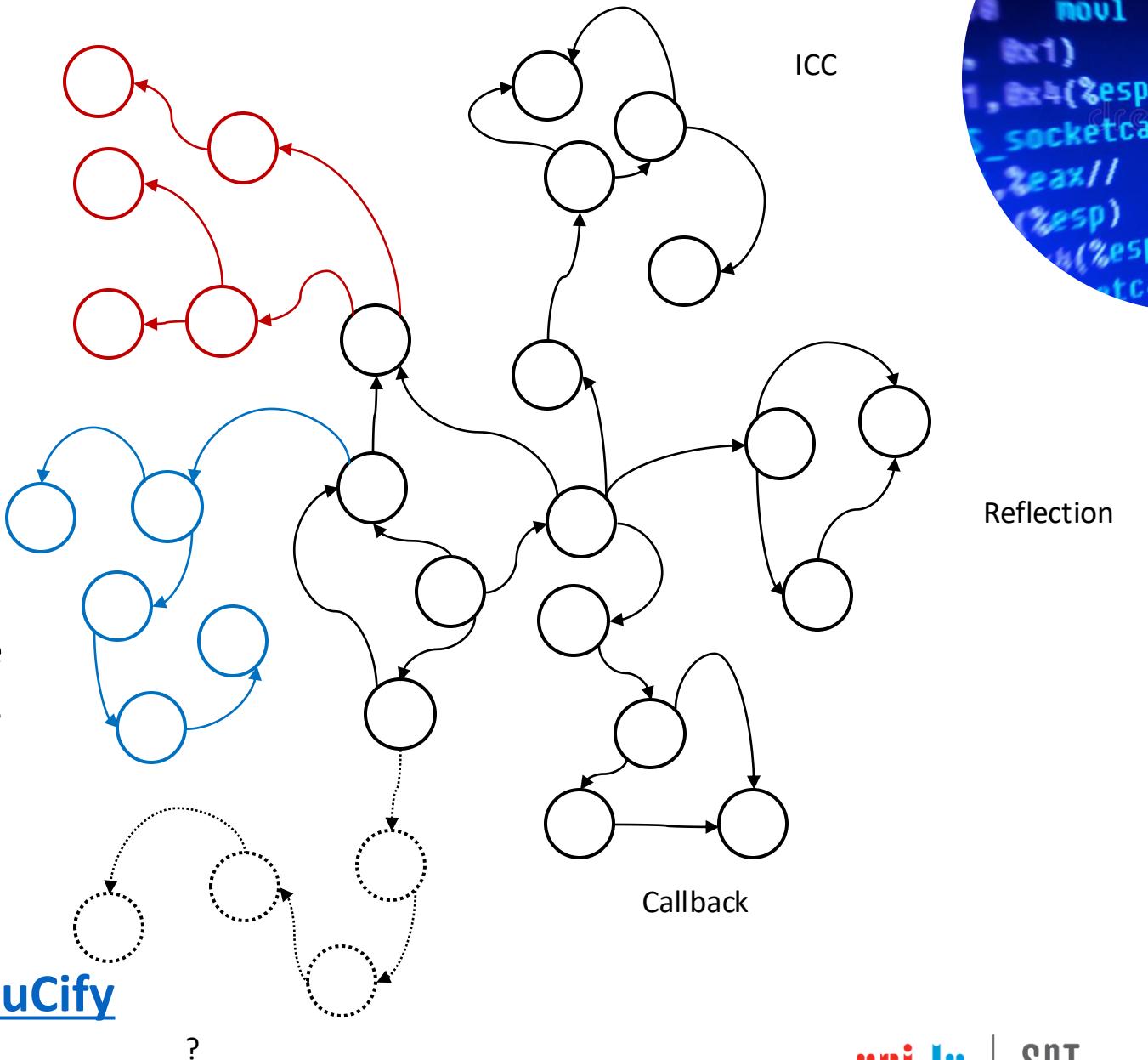
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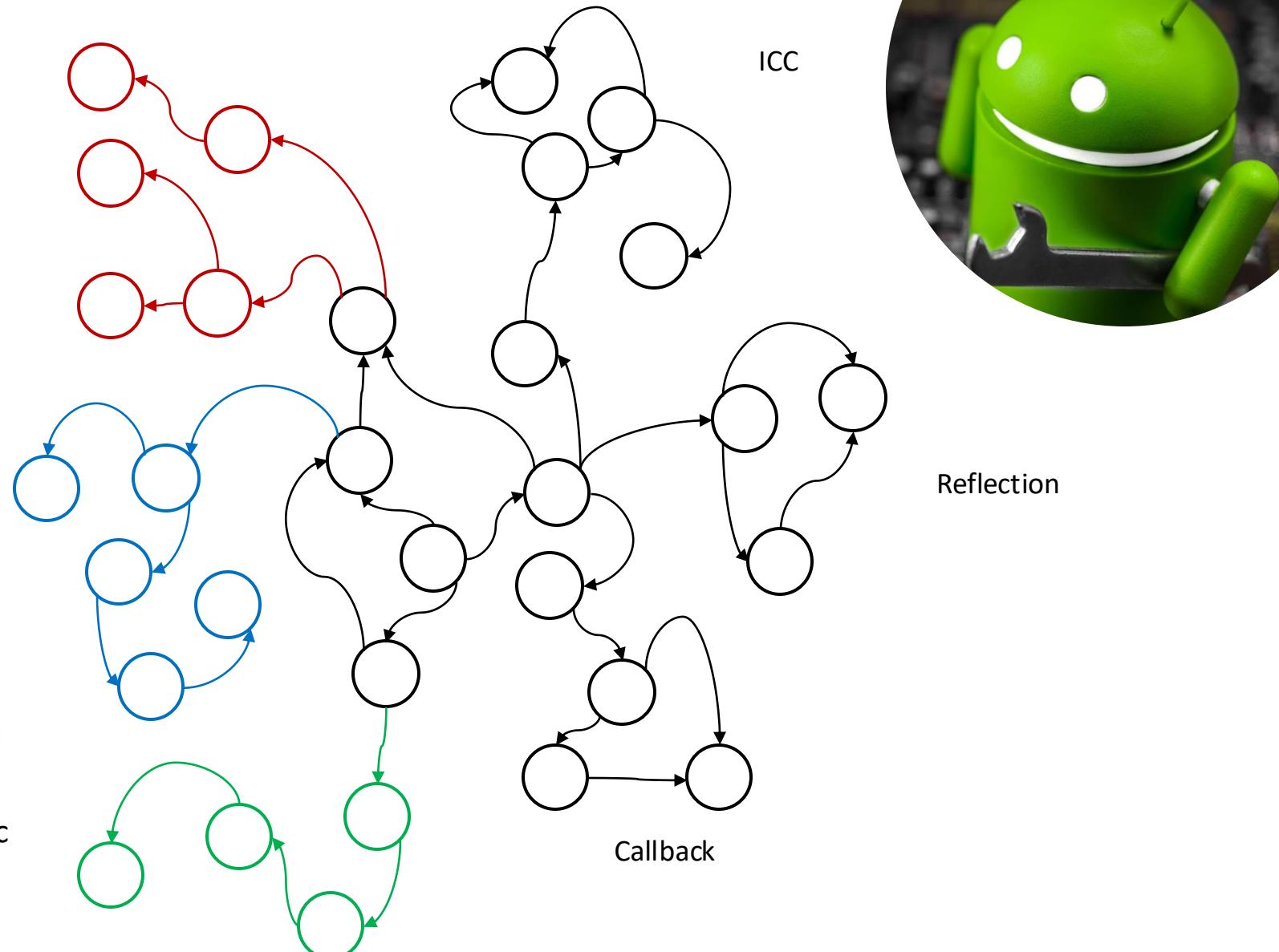
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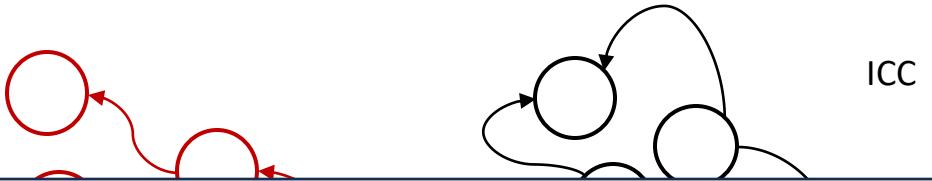
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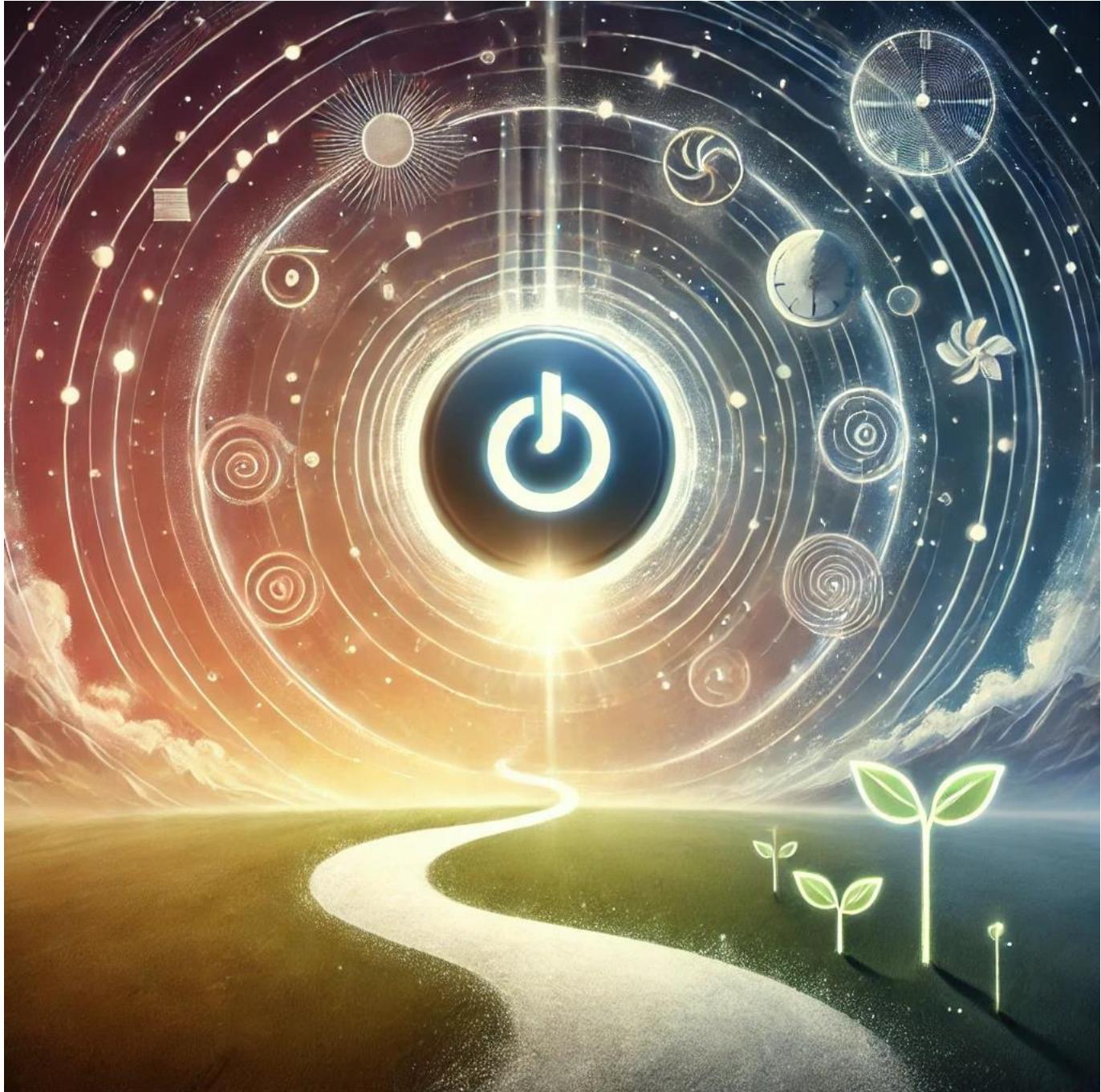
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Let's restart from the  
beginning

# Two main techniques to analyse a program

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Dynamic Analysis

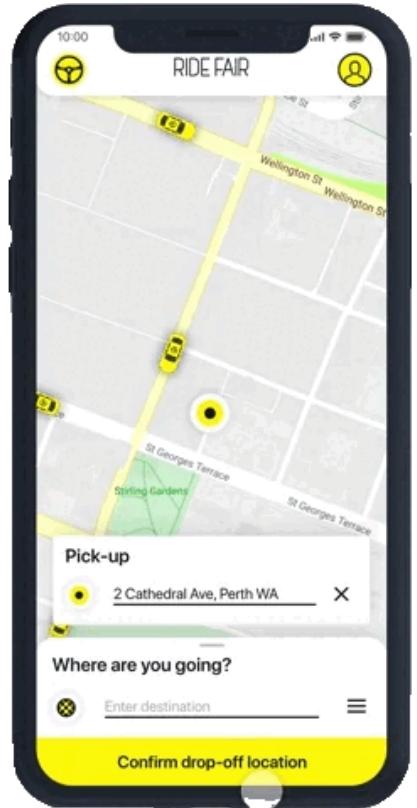
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Static Analysis

# Objective

Measure and understand the level of  
**unsoundness** in Android static  
analysis tools

# How?

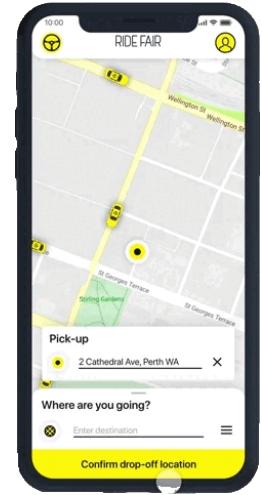
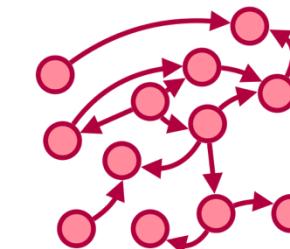
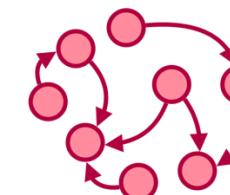
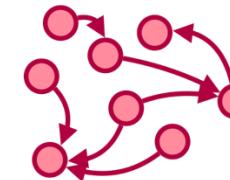
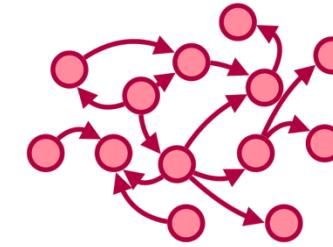


## Dynamic Analysis



## Static Analysis

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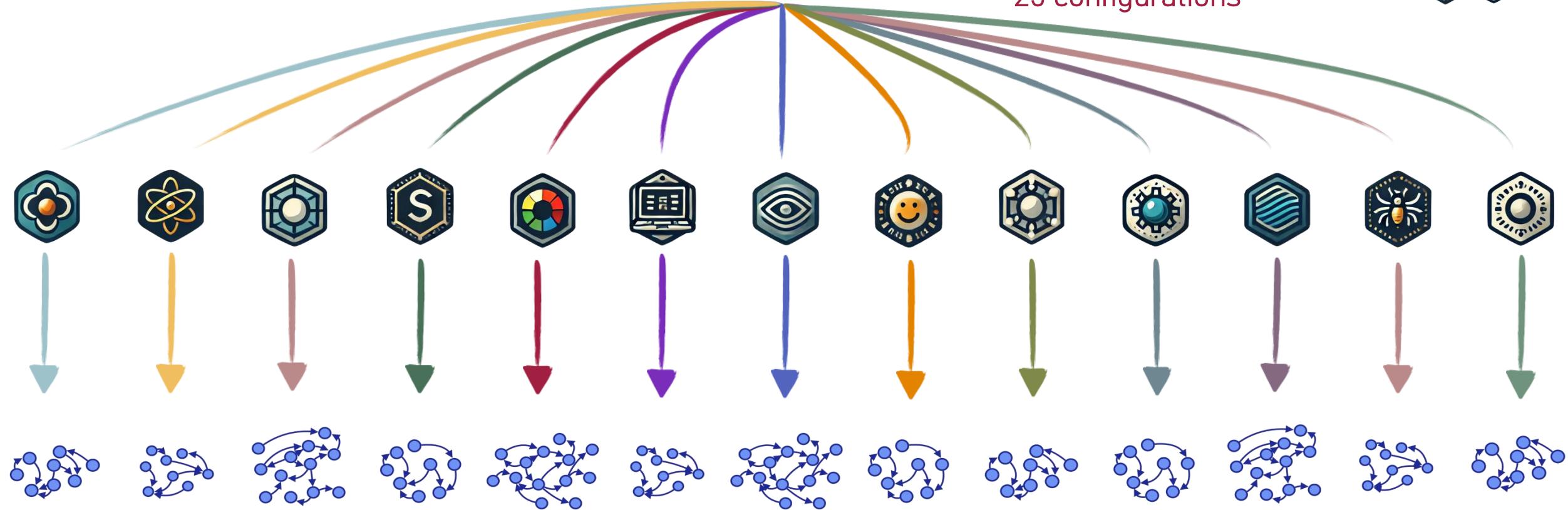


# Static Analysis

Each app has been processed by a static analyzer:



When possible, we parametrized the call graph construction algorithm :  
**25 configurations**

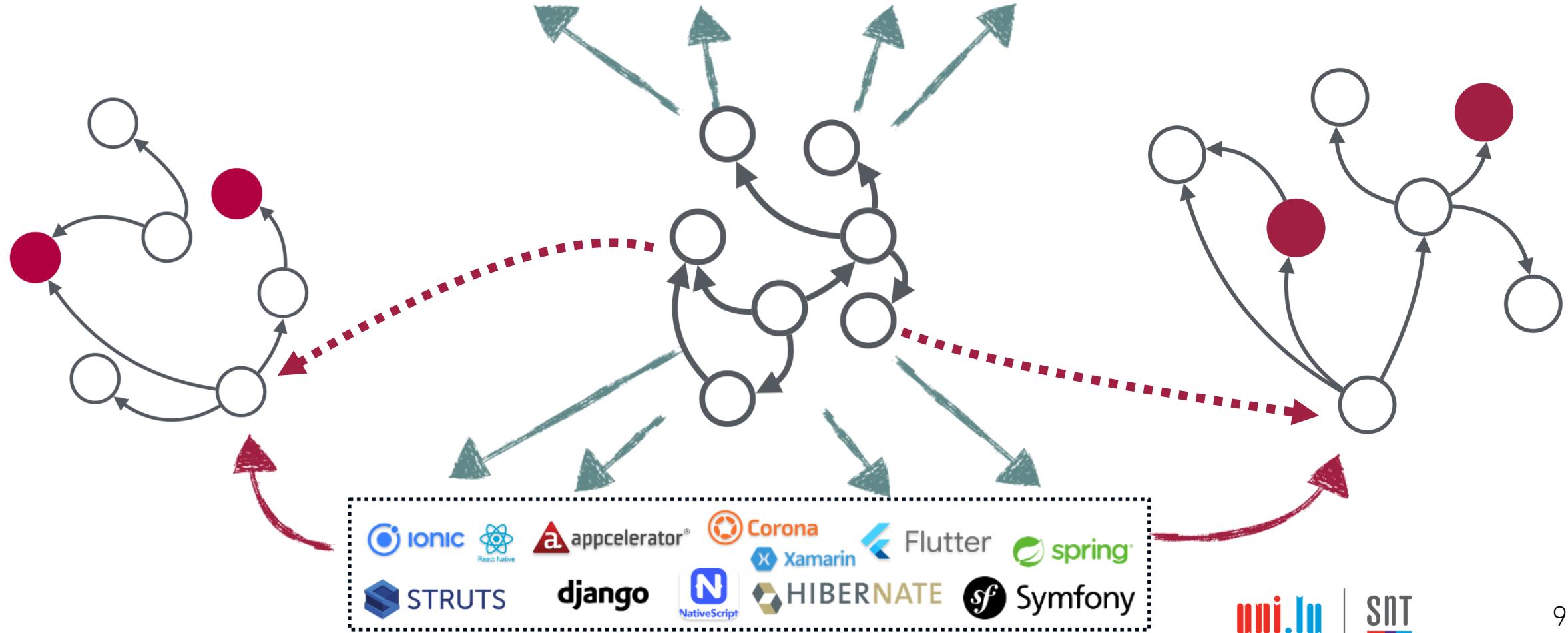


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What is the cause of this **unsoundness**?

# Frameworks



# Using dynamic analysis to improve static analysis

Straightforward idea:

- Collect the entry point methods via dynamic analysis
- Feed these entry point methods to the static analyzer

Preliminary results:

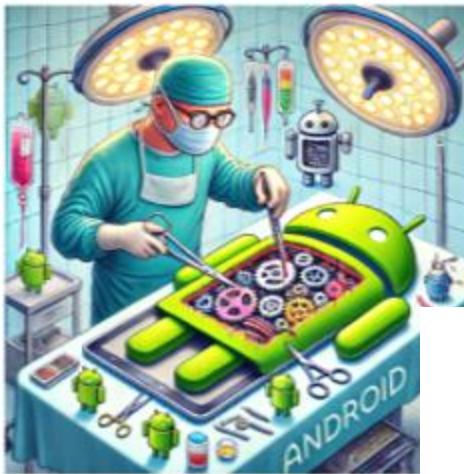
- On 100 apps
- By dynamically analyzing the apps for 5 min each

	Average # of nodes	Median # of nodes
Without RD	50 626	25 899
With RD	65 534 +29%	46 307 +79%

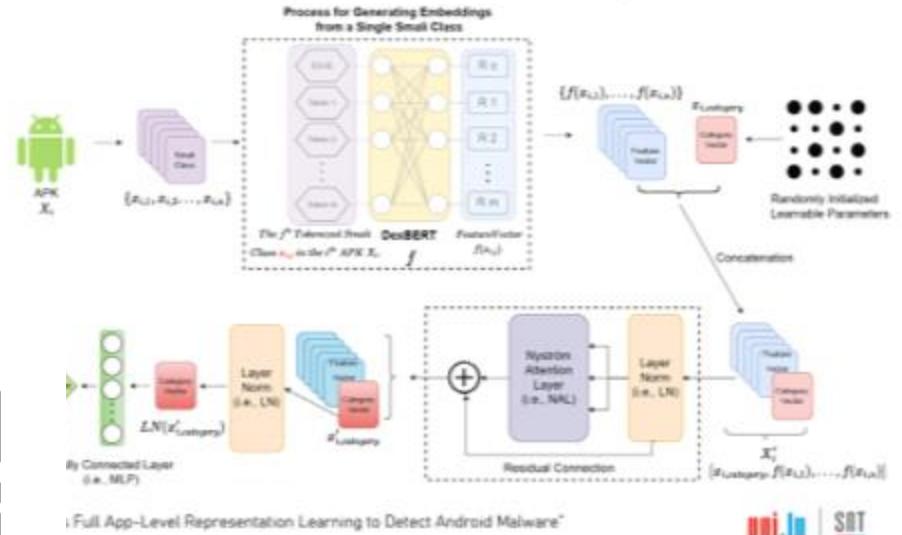
## AndroZoo for Large Scale Empirical Studies

Let's start with a simple question

Do you know what is inside an Android App?



## DetectBERT: Towards Full App-Level Representation Learning to Detect Android Malware



Full App-Level Representation Learning to Detect Android Malware\*

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