Use of AI for Log Analysis in CI/CD Pipelines

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- Logs may expose customer IDs, therefore they must remain on-premises (no cloud export).

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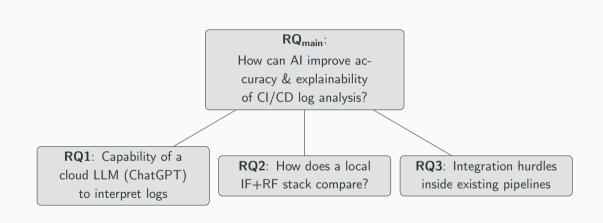
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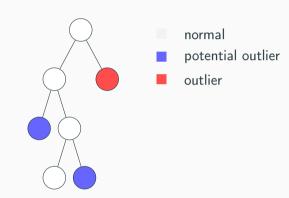


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 - $> 10^5$ lines / s on one core.



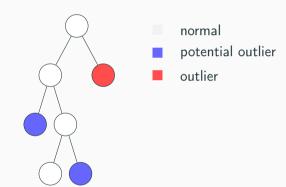
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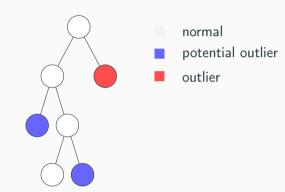
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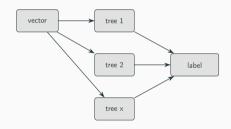
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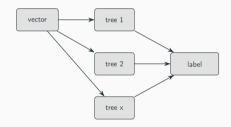
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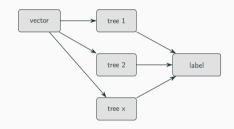
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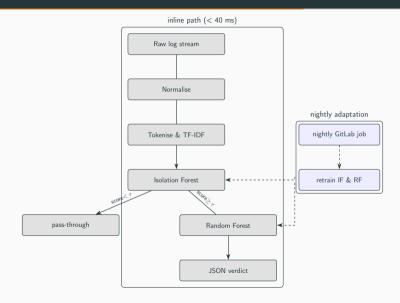
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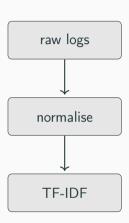
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End-to-end pipeline (< 40 ms inline)

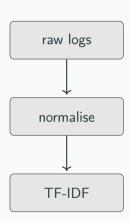


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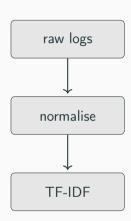
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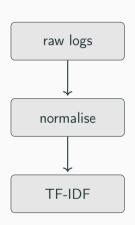
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- Metrics: Macro-F₁, AUPRC,
 99.9th-percentile latency



Results

Headline numbers

	Precision	Recall	F_1
Detection (Isolation Forest)	0.91	0.88	0.89
Classification (Random Forest)	0.99	0.99	0.99

Throughput: 45 000 lines/s | 99.9th-percentile latency: 37 ms

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- Latency: minutes \rightarrow milliseconds (inline verdict).
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- GDPR compliant: logs never leave the VPN.

Wrap-up

Take-away

Light-weight on-prem ML matches AlOps SaaS

without latency, cost or privacy pain.

Questions welcome - thank you!