# Technical Debt in Start-ups / Scale-Ups

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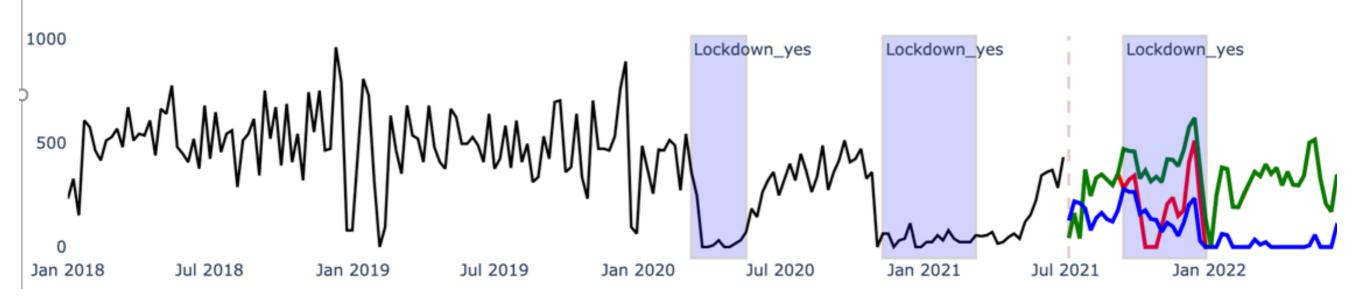
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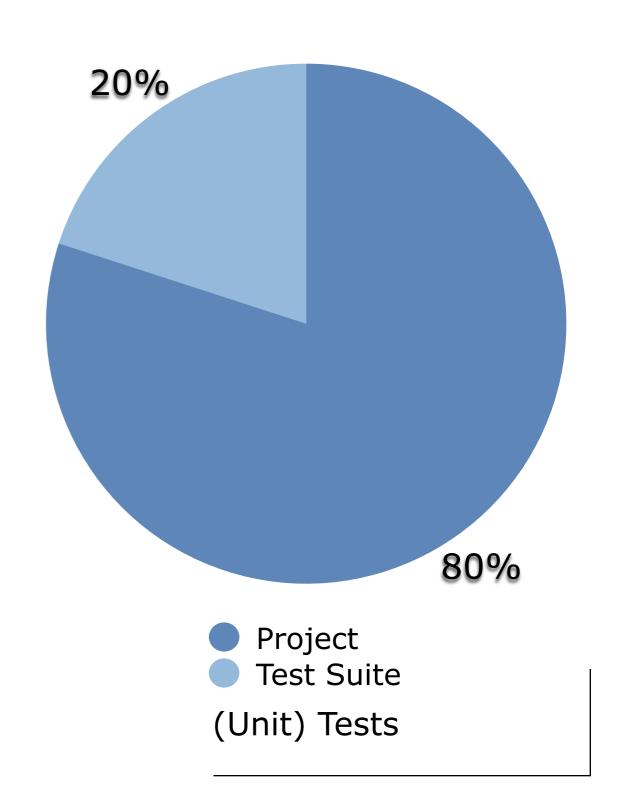




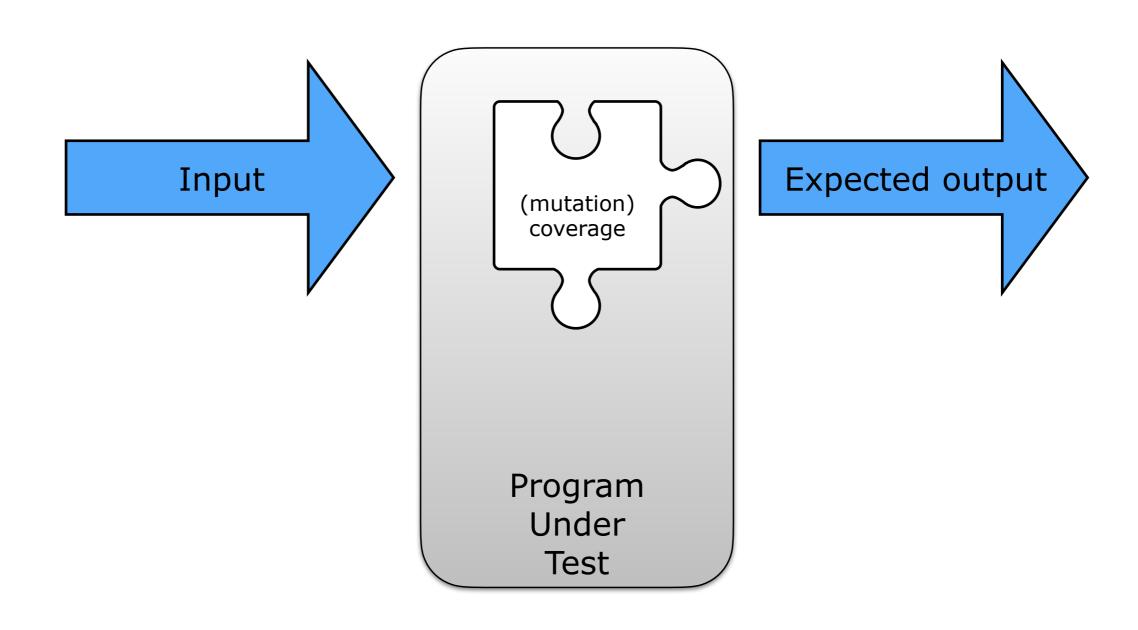


### **Python Project**

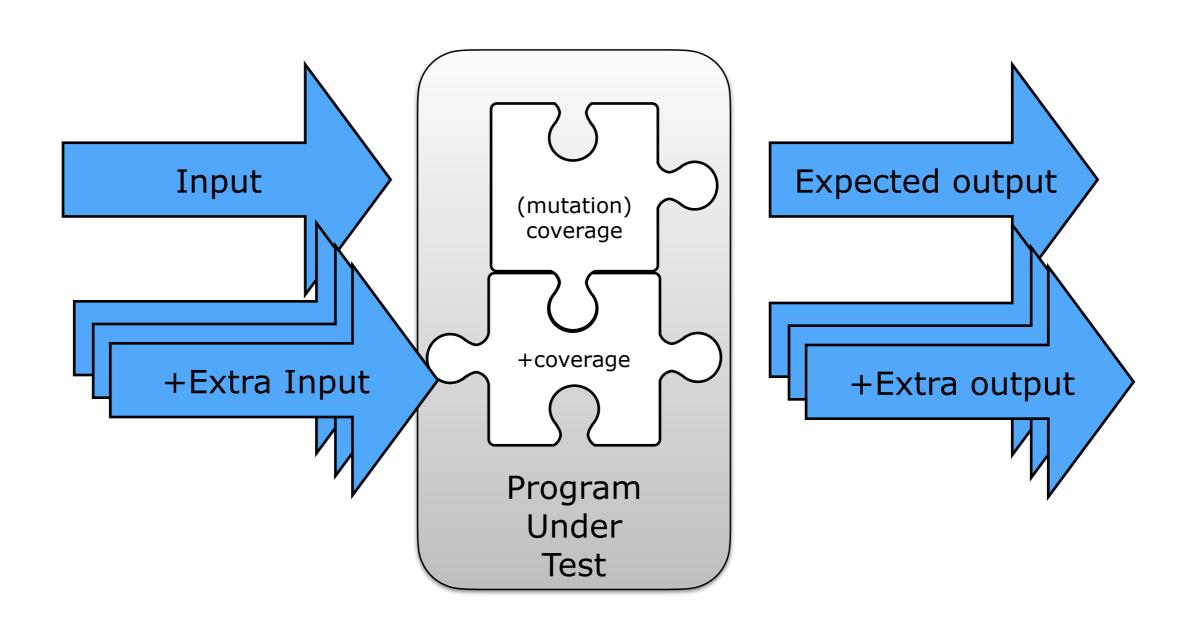
- Start-up established in 2020
- Fast-growing
  - more customers
  - more investors
  - Single variant
- AI engine is vital



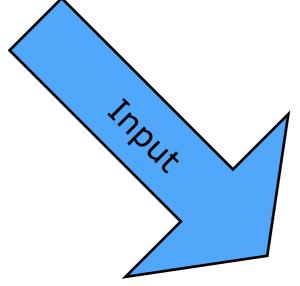
# Coverage



# **Test Amplification**



#### **Example - testDeposit**



```
def testDeposit ( self ) :
  self.b.set_owner('Iwena Kroka')
  self.b.deposit(10)
 self.assertEqual(self.b.get_balance(), 10)
  self.b.deposit(100)
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  self . assertEqual ( self .b. get_balance ()
```

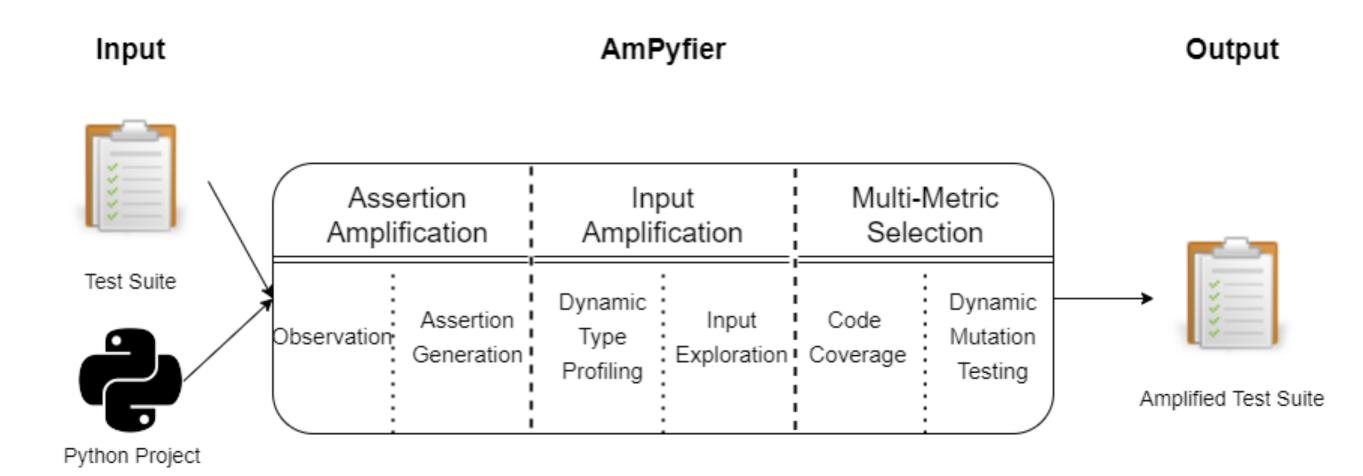
## Example - testDeposit\_amplified (1/2)

```
Assertion Amplification
  def testDeposit_amplified ( self ) :
     self.b.set owner('Iwena Kroka')
     self.b.deposit(10)
     self.assertEqual(self.b.
5
             get transactions(), [10])
     self.assertFalse (self .b. is empty () )
6
     self.assertEqual(self.b.owner, 'Iwena Kroka')
8
     self.assertEqual(self.b.get balance(), 10)
```

## Example - testDeposit\_amplified (2/2)

```
Input Amplification
   def testDeposit amplified ( self ) :
2
     self.b.set owner('Iwena Kroka')
3
     self.b.deposit(10)
     self.assertEqual(self.b.
4
5
             get transactions(), [10])
     self.assertFalse (self .b. is empty () )
6
     self.assertEqual(self.b.owner, 'Iwena Kroka')
7
     self.assertEqual(self.b.get balance(), 10)
8
     with self.assertRaises(Exception):
10
        self .b. deposit(-56313)
11
     self.b.deposit(100)
12
     self.b.set owner('Guido van Rossum')
     self.assertEqual(self.b.
13
              get transactions(), [10])
14
```

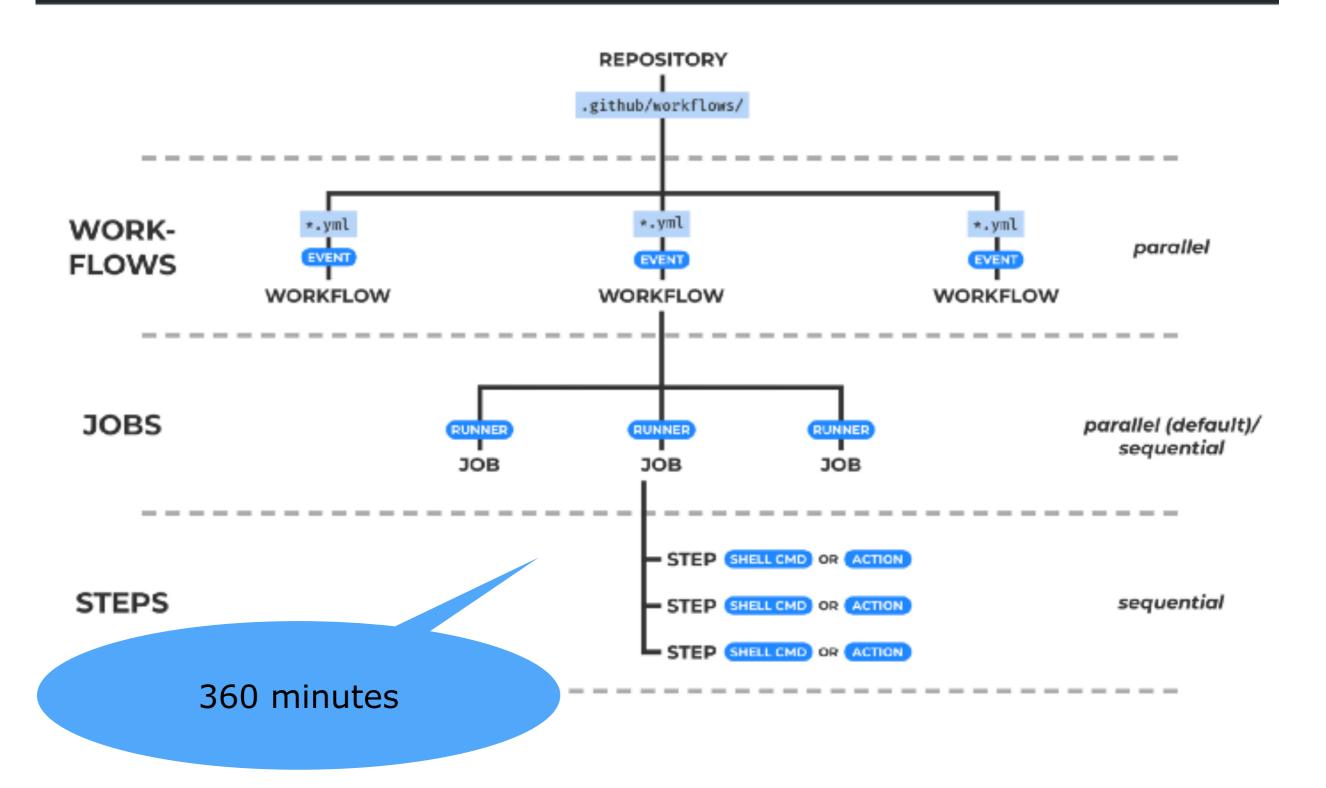
## **AmPyfier: Main Idea**



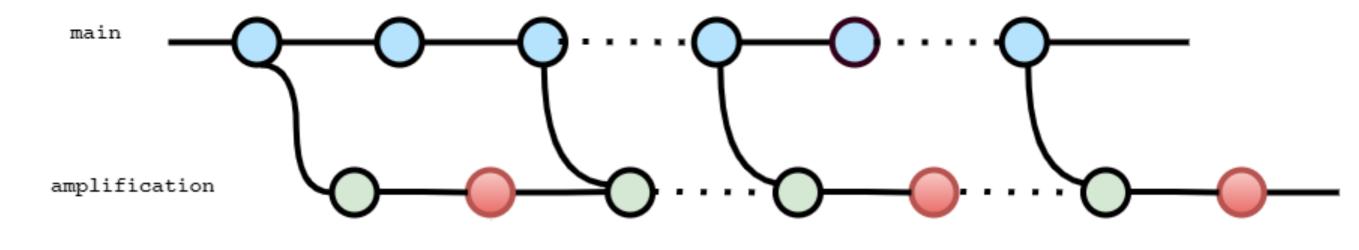
AmPyfier: Test amplification in Python

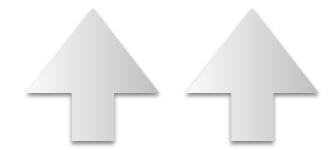
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# **Experimental Set-Up**





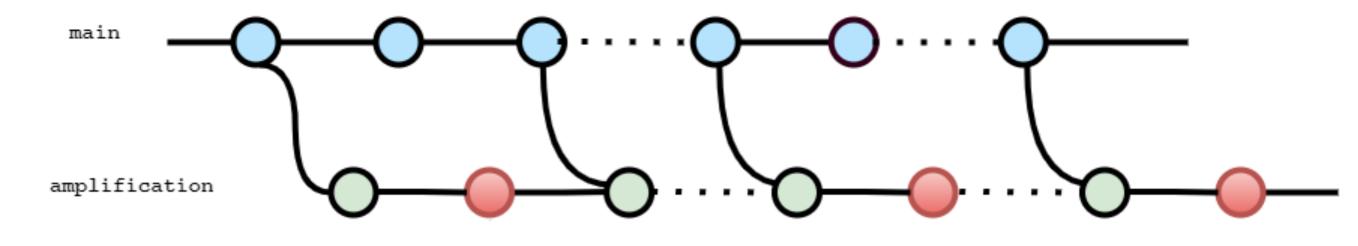
#### Weekly

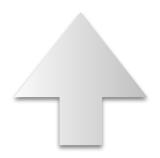
Ampyfier generates new tests

#### **Daily**

Ampyfier executes tests on main branch

# **Initial Amplification**



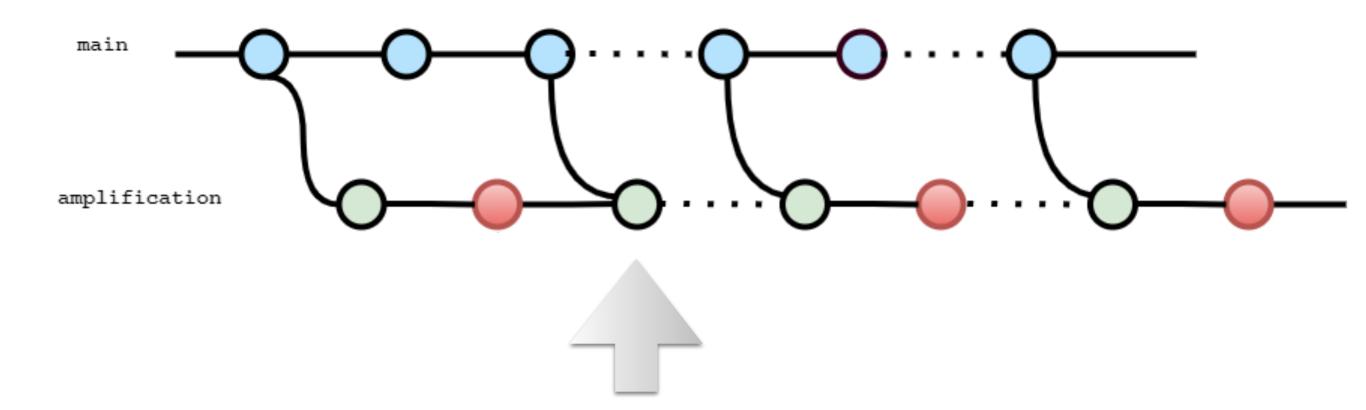


Improvement for 13/25 files

• Mutation Score: 20.29%

• Code Coverage: 41.39%

## **Continuous Amplification**



Improvement for all

• Mutation score:  $7/8 \approx 87\%$ 

• Code coverage:  $5/8 \approx 63\%$ 

• Both:  $4/8 \approx 50\%$ 

