CySER The Complexities of Hierarchical Software Quality Assurance Models

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Functional Suitability
• Functional Completeness
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• Functional Appropriateness
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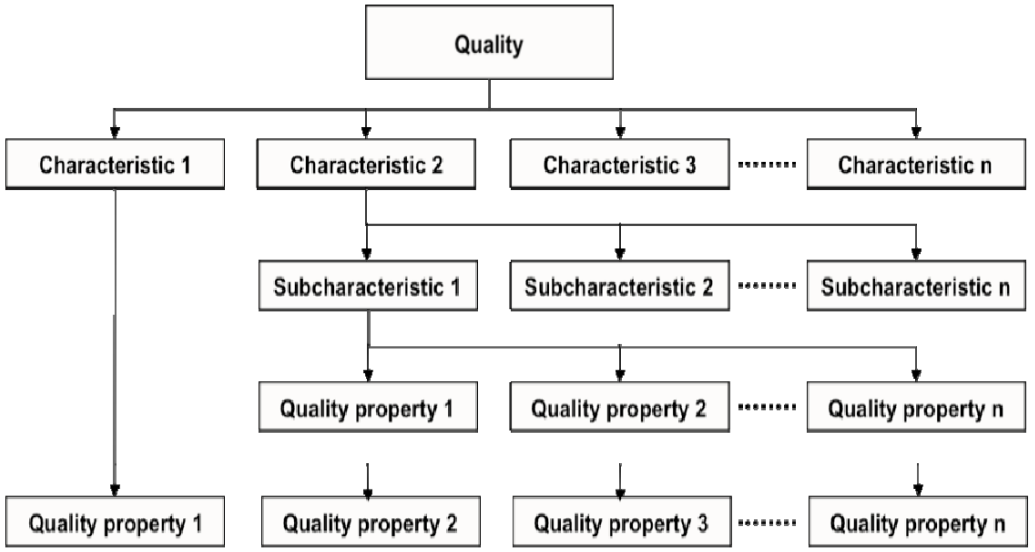
Hierarchical Software QA Modeling

Theoretical



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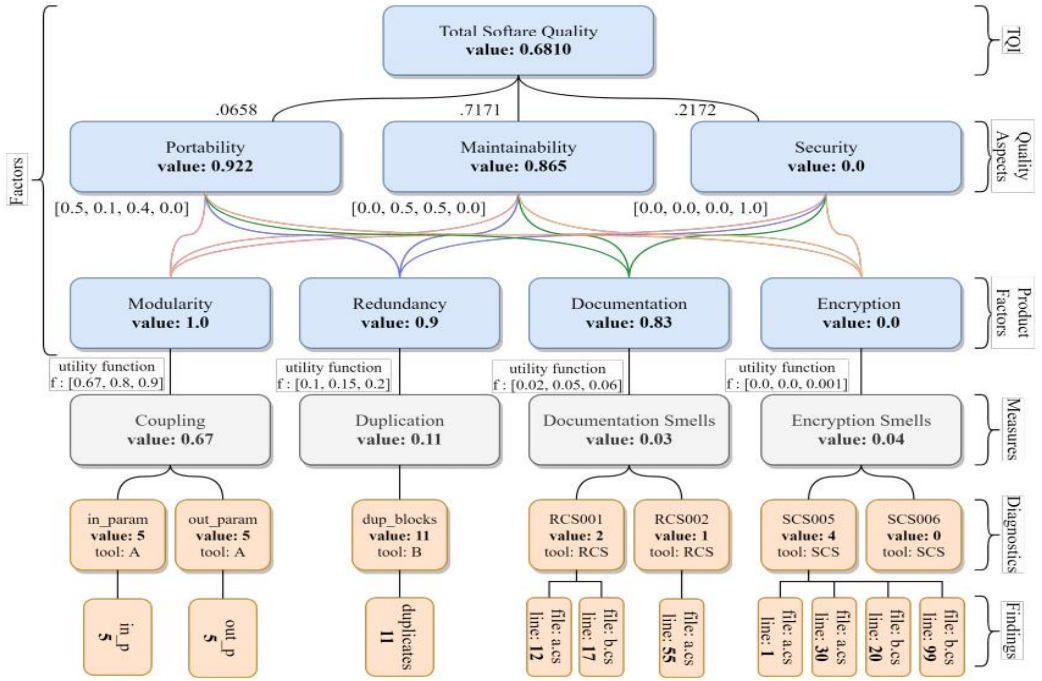


Standards
ISO/IEC 9126:2001
ISO/IEC 25010:2011
NIST 800-53/82
RMF (Risk Management Framework)

Quamoco (2012 Wagner et al.)
Qatch (2017 Miltiades et al.)
PIQUE (2020 SEL MSU)

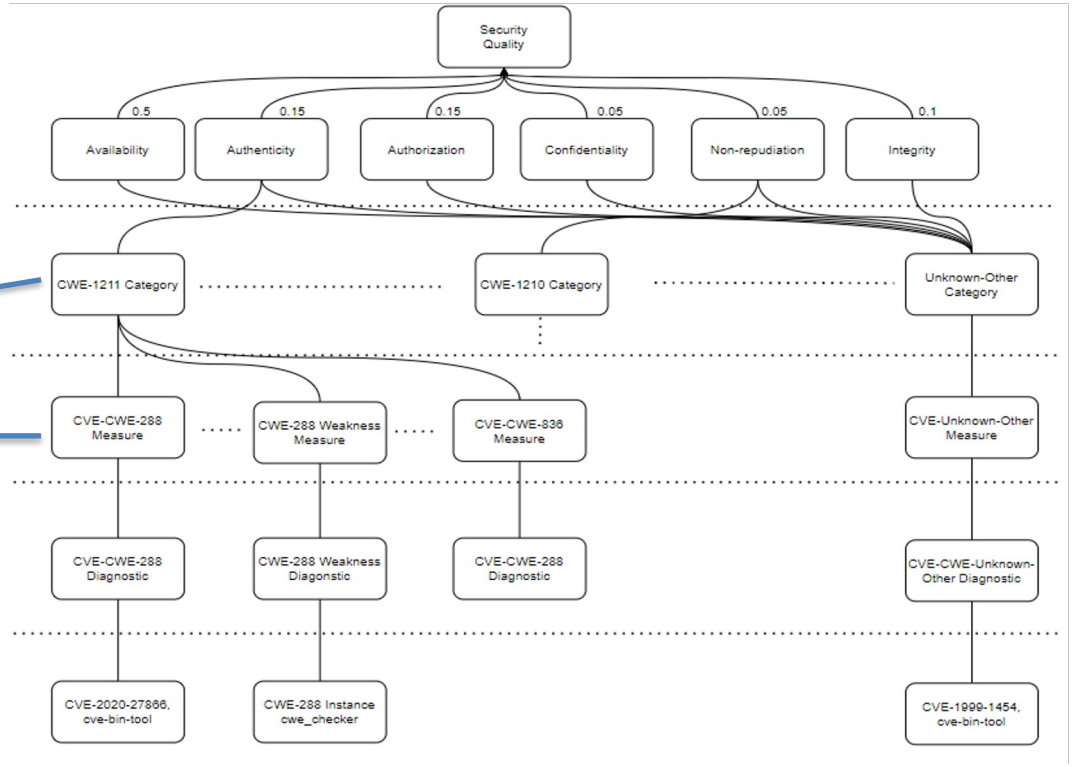
CWE-699 View Structure

699 - Software Development

- C API / Function Errors - *(1228)*
  - B Use of Inherently Dangerous Function - *(242)*
  - B Use of Function with Inconsistent Implementations - *(474)*
  - B Undefined Behavior for Input to API - *(475)*
  - B Use of Obsolete Function - *(477)*
  - B Use of Potentially Dangerous Function - *(676)*
  - B Use of Low-Level Functionality - *(695)*
  - B Exposed Dangerous Method or Function - *(749)*
- C Audit / Logging Errors - *(1210)*
  - B Improper Output Neutralization for Logs - *(117)*
  - B Truncation of Security-relevant Information - *(222)*
  - B Omission of Security-relevant Information - *(223)*
  - B Obscured Security-relevant Information by Alternate Name - *(224)*
  - B Insertion of Sensitive Information into Log File - *(532)*
  - B Insufficient Logging - *(778)*
  - B Logging of Excessive Data - *(779)*
- C Authentication Errors - *(1211)*
  - B Authentication Bypass Using an Alternate Path or Channel - *(288)*
  - B Authentication Bypass by Spoofing - *(290)*
  - B Authentication Bypass by Capture-replay - *(294)*
  - B Improper Certificate Validation - *(295)*
  - B Improper Following of a Certificate's Chain of Trust - *(296)*
  - B Improper Check for Certificate Revocation - *(299)*
  - B Incorrect Implementation of Authentication Algorithm - *(303)*
  - B Missing Critical Step in Authentication - *(304)*
  - B Authentication Bypass by Primary Weakness - *(305)*
  - B Missing Authentication for Critical Function - *(306)*
  - B Improper Restriction of Excessive Authentication Attempts - *(307)*
  - B Use of Single-factor Authentication - *(308)*
  - B Use of Password System for Primary Authentication - *(309)*
  - B Key Exchange without Entity Authentication - *(322)*
  - B Use of Client-Side Authentication - *(603)*
  - B Overly Restrictive Account Lockout Mechanism - *(645)*
  - B Guessable CAPTCHA - *(804)*
  - B Use of Password Hash Instead of Password for Authentication - *(836)*

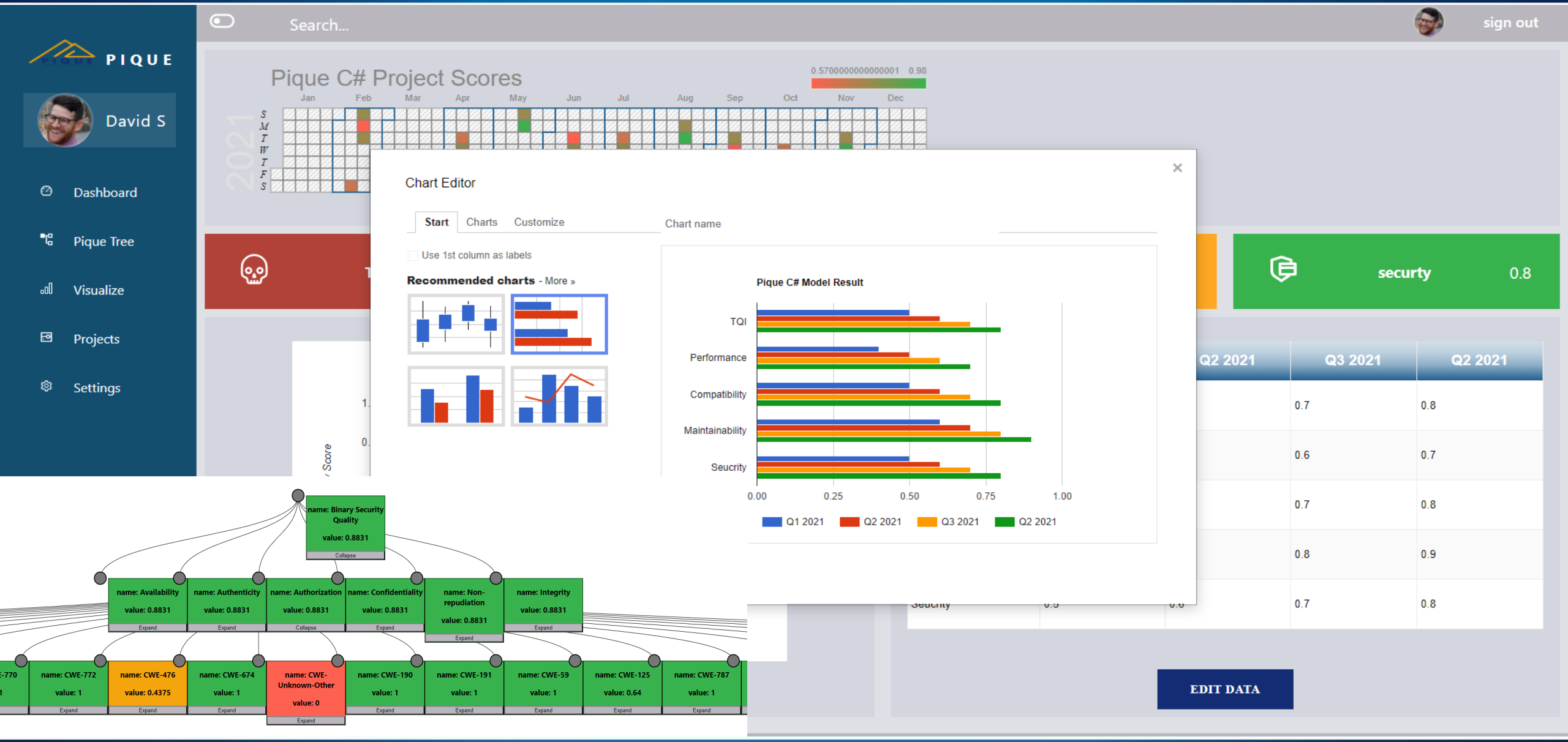
Microsoft STRIDE

	Threat	Property Violated	Threat Definition
S	Spoofing identify	Authentication	Pretending to be something or someone other than yourself
T	Tampering with data	Integrity	Modifying something on disk, network, memory, or elsewhere
R	Repudiation	Non-repudiation	Claiming that you didn't do something or were not responsible; can be honest or false
I	Information disclosure	Confidentiality	Providing information to someone not authorized to access it
D	Denial of service	Availability	Exhausting resources needed to provide service
E	Elevation of privilege	Authorization	Allowing someone to do something they are not authorized to do



PIQUE Models

- Pique-Bin (INL, DHS)
- Pique-C# (CERL Army, Air Force)
- Pique-C#-Sec (CERL Army, Air Force, DHS)
- Pique-Azure (DHS)
- Pique-C++ (DHS)
- ***Pique-Cloud (DHS)***
- ***Pique-ICS (DHS)***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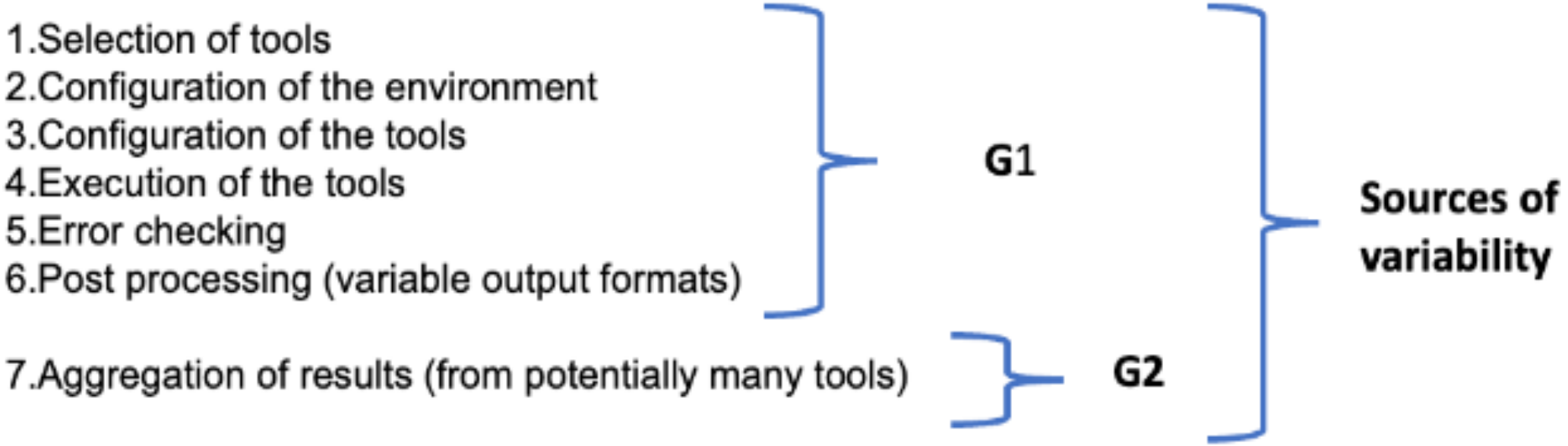
name: CWE-476 value: 0.4375 Expand
name: CWE-674 value: 1 Expand
name: CWE-Unknown-Other value: 0 Expand
name: CWE-190 value: 1 Expand
name: CWE-191 value: 1 Expand
name: CWE-59 value: 1 Expand
name: CWE-125 value: 0.64 Expand
name: CWE-787 value: 1 Expand

Diversity of Sources

- Variability associated with diverse sources of information is problematic:
  - data from multiple sources leads to the propagation of inconsistencies and errors
  - Accuracy and trustworthiness is hampered
  - We acknowledge that the variability inherent in vendors, tool versions, third party software, and host environments significantly influences the outcomes of security assessments
  - How do we normalize data?
  - How do we aggregate data?

Diversity of Sources



G1: Report on the high variability of SATs.
G2: Report on techniques used to aggregate results from multiple sources

Variability Source	*Binaries*	*Source Code*	*Docker Containers*	*SBOMs*
Version	Published [11]	Expected	WiP	WiP
Vendor	Unexplored	Published [4], [7], [12]	WiP	Published [15]
Configuration	Expected	Published [4], [12]	Expected	Expected
Failures	WiP	Expected	WiP	WiP
Outputs	Expected	Expected	WiP	WiP
Dependencies	Published [9]	Expected	WiP	WiP
Environment	Suspect	Expected	Suspect	Suspect

Diversity of Sources

G1 focuses on delineating the problem of reliance on one version of a SAT (e.g., the most recent version of the tool).

G2 offers an unbiased, tool-agnostic solution that we have developed to facilitate aggregating tool findings from multiple sources.

Experimental Methods

G1: We focus on experimentation done on:

i) binary analysis tools CVE Binary Tool and CWE Checker

We evaluated 660 publicly accessible binaries sourced from a Kali Linux distribution with multiple versions of CWE Checker and CVE Binary Tool

ii) Docker Images analysis tools Grype and Trivy.

We evaluated a single version of each of 163 Docker Official Images (i.e., containers) using the SATs Grype and Trivy. We collected these Official Images from Docker Hub

Experimental Methods

G2: We report on a procedure we have developed to aggregate results from diverse SATs.

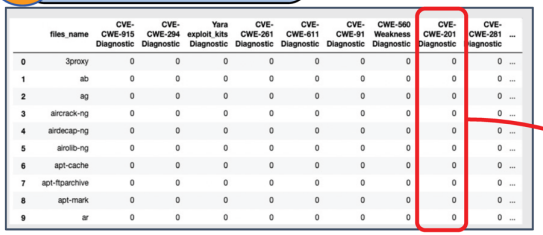
1 Software Artifacts

E.g., assemble collection of binaries

2 SATs

E.g., evaluate all binaries using cwe-checker and cve-bin-tool

3 Aggregation File



	files_name	CVE-CWE-915 Diagnostic	CVE-CWE-294 Diagnostic	Yara exploit_kits Diagnostic	CVE-CWE-261 Diagnostic	CVE-CWE-611 Diagnostic	CVE-CWE-91 Diagnostic	CWE-560 Weakness Diagnostic	CVE-CWE-201 Diagnostic	CVE-CWE-281 ...
0	3proxy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 ...
1	ab	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 ...
2	ag	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 ...
3	aircrack-ng	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 ...
4	airdecap-ng	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 ...
5	airolib-ng	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 ...
6	apt-cache	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 ...
7	apt-ftparchive	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 ...
8	apt-mark	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 ...
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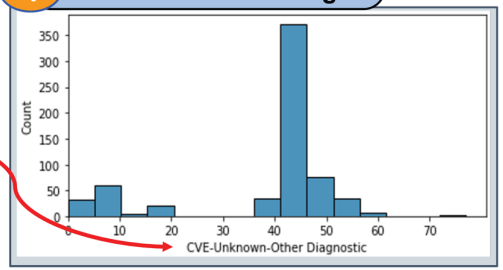
E.g., create file with counts of all CVEs and CWEs in each binary in collection

4 Distribution of Findings



E.g., evaluate distribution of counts of each CVE in all binaries in collection (histogram for one CVE plotted above)

5 Evaluate New Artifact

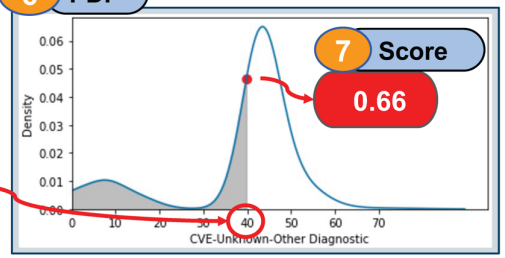
Software Artifact Name	Finding Name	Count
New Artifact of Interest	CVE-Unknown-Other Diagnostic	40

E.g., the count of one finding in an end user's binary of interest

6 PDF

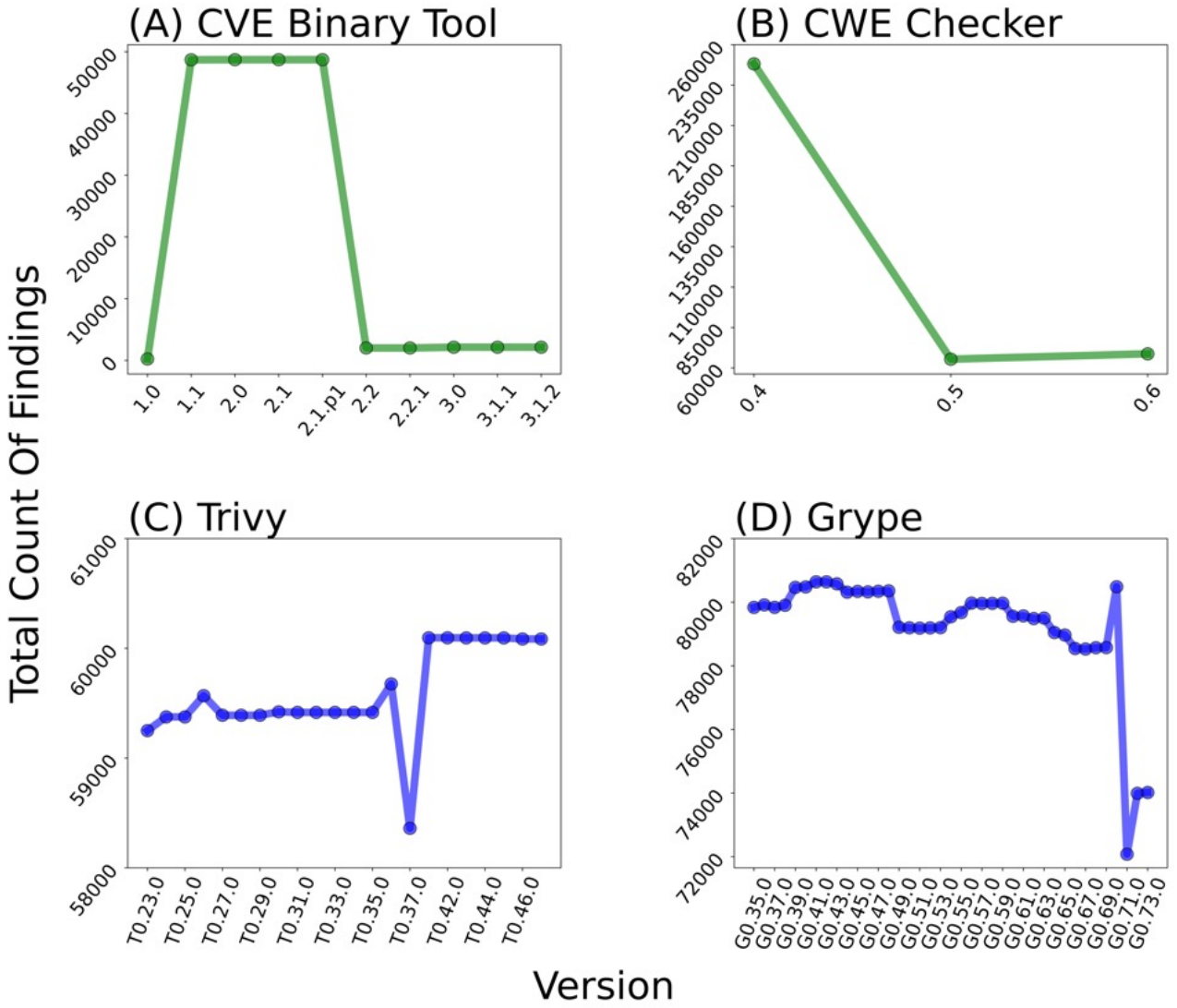
7 Score

0.66

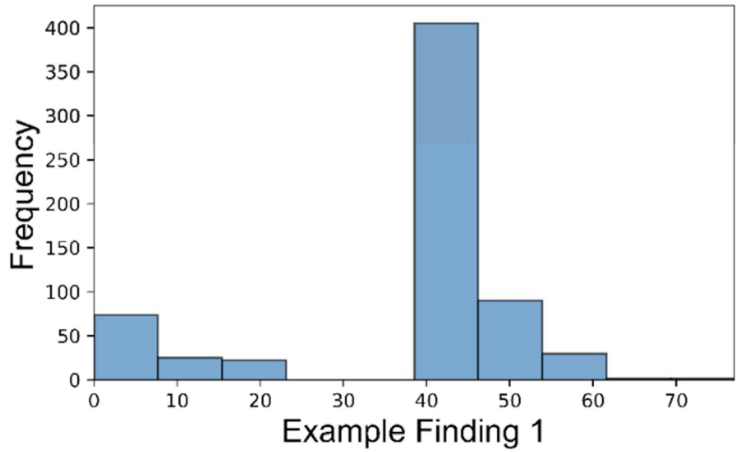


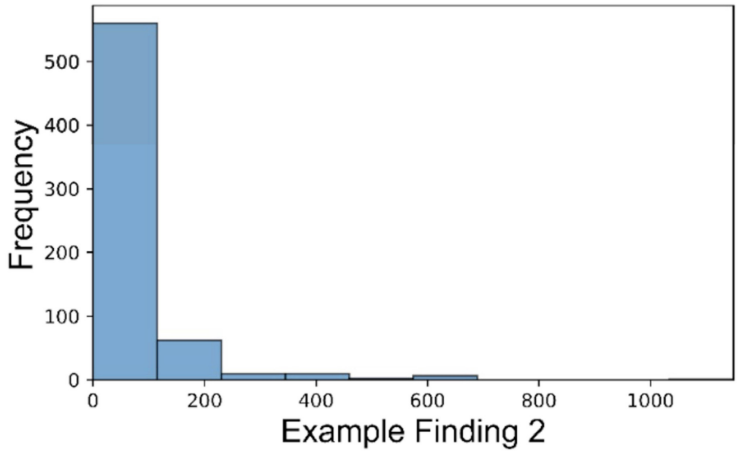
E.g., create a PDF from the counts of the CVE in all binaries in benchmark repository and score the count of a finding in an end user's binary of interest relative to all files in the collection

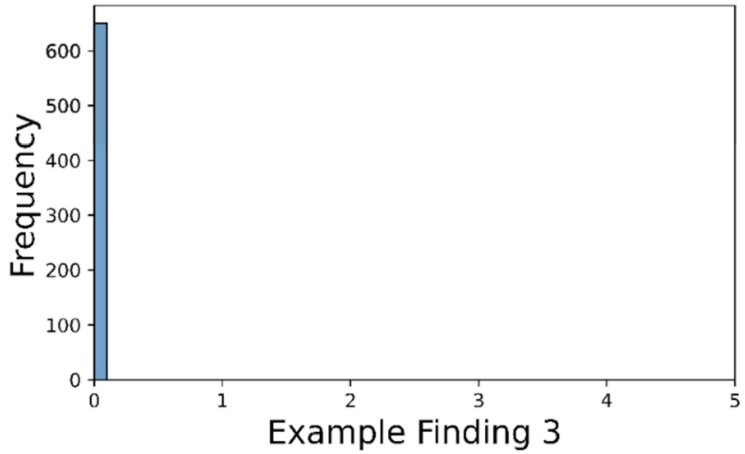
G1 Results

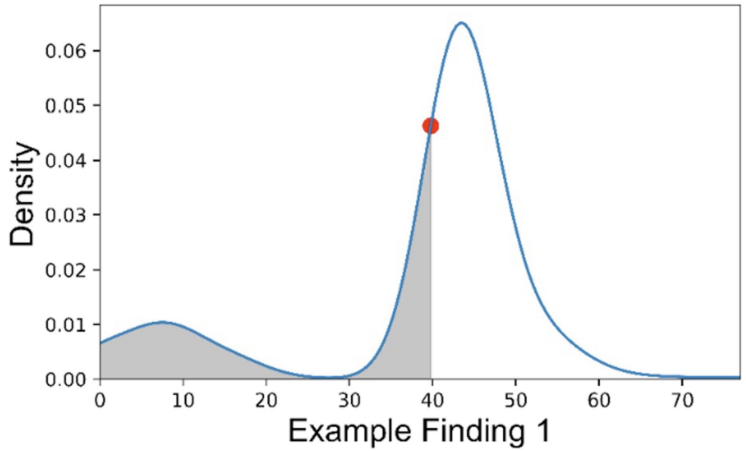

(A) CVE Binary Tool
(B) CWE Checker
(C) Trivy
(D) Grype
Total Count Of Findings
Version

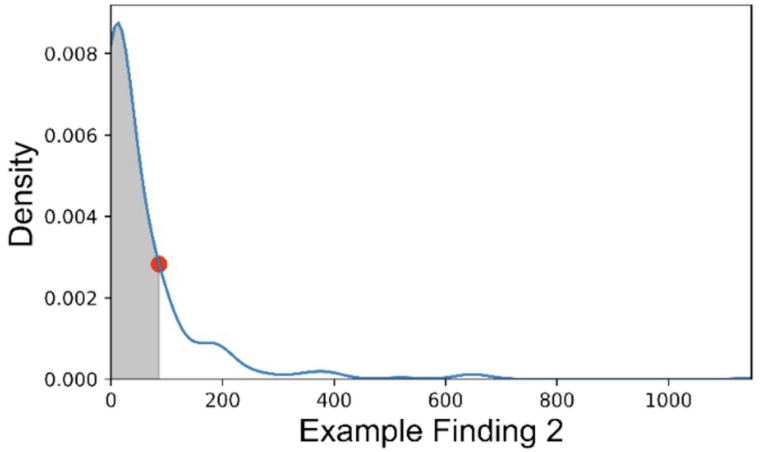
G2 Results

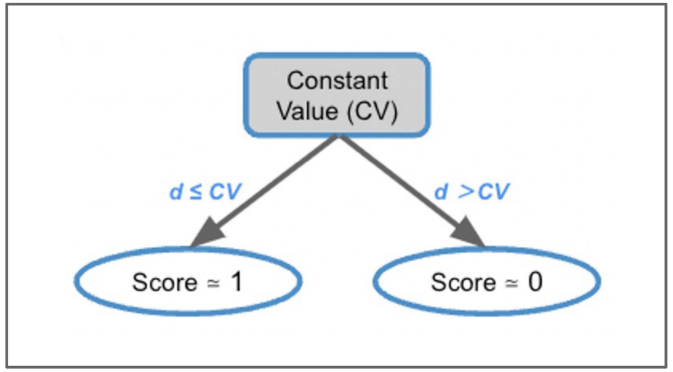












Example Finding 3

Lessons Learned and Futures

- Assessing these sources of variability simultaneously is too complex. Breaking each component down into more atomic components will facilitate understanding the nuances of each source of variability
- We offer a primary classification for sources of variability as a first step towards developing a taxonomy for classifying variability sources (e.g., vendor, version, environment)
- The solution that we present for aggregation has the benefit of being applicable for information across a range of sources where no oracles exist
- Sources of variability compound uncertainty. The compounding of uncertainty are inevitable side-effects of aggregation

Quality Assurance Pipeline

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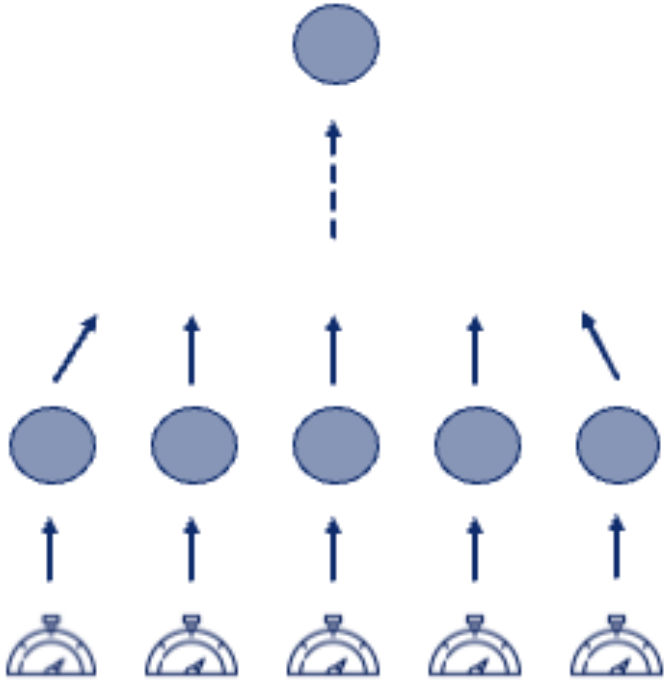
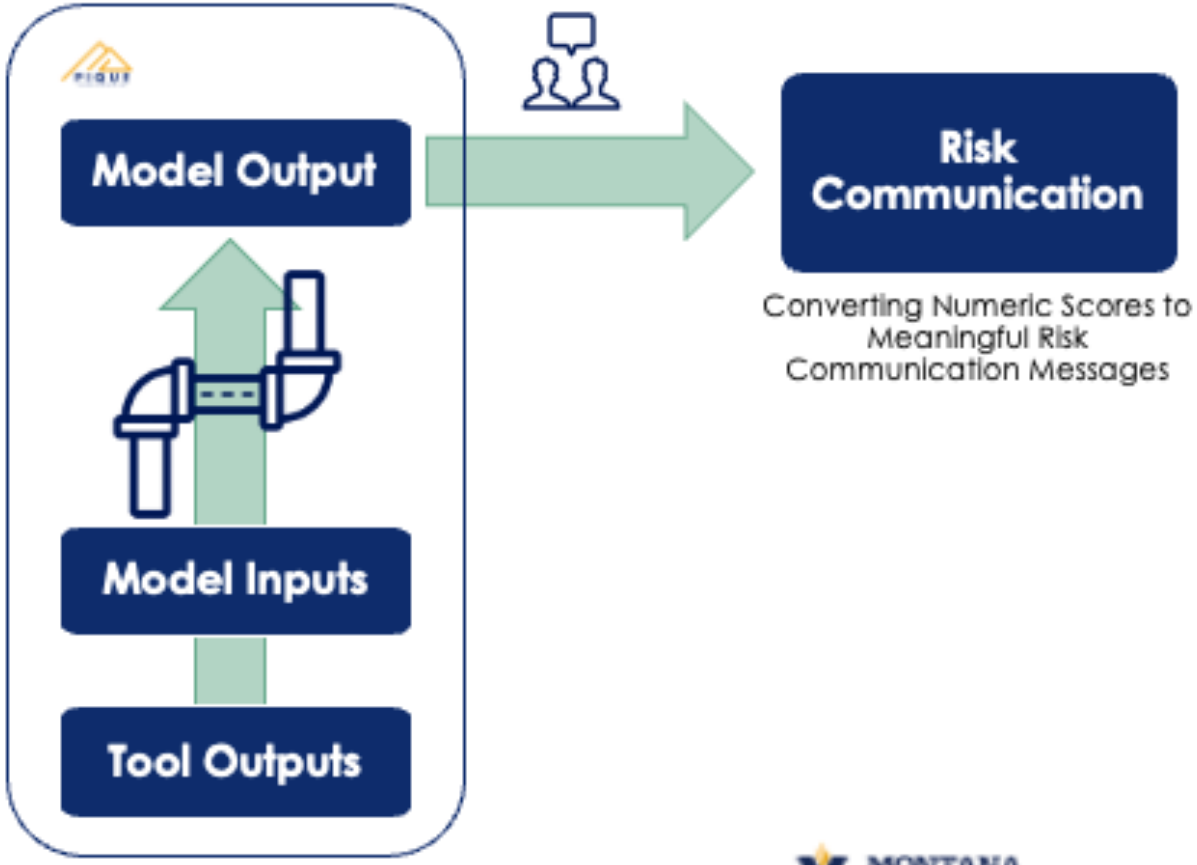
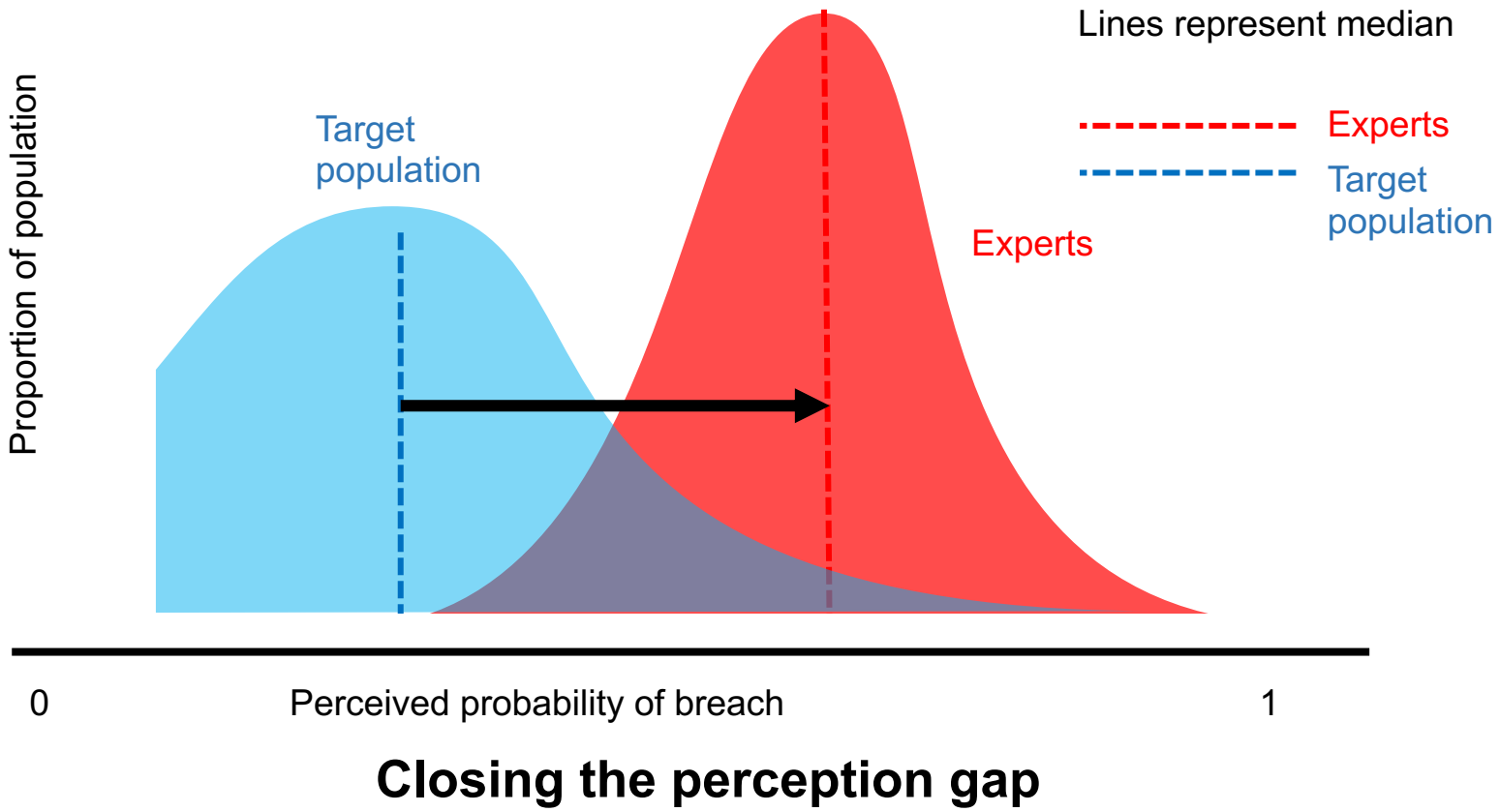




Quality Assurance Pipeline

Risk Communication

Converting Numeric Scores to Meaningful Risk Communication Messages



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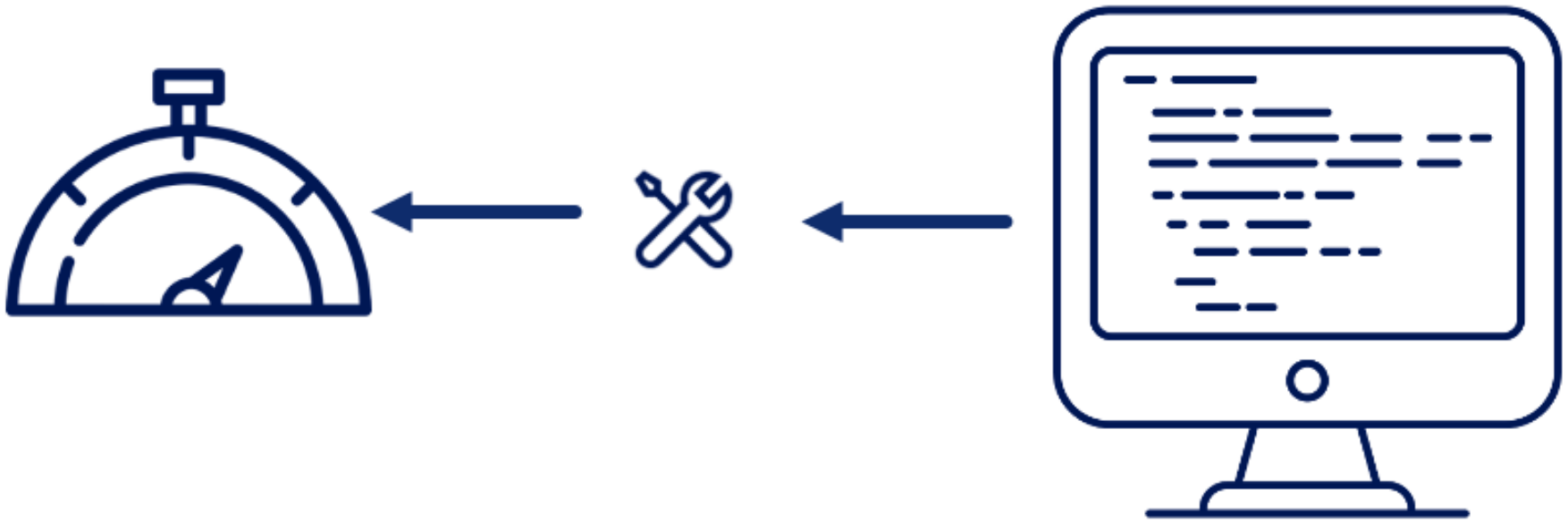

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A list of ingredients that make up software systems

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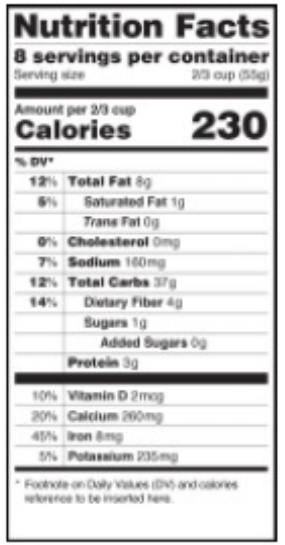

- CycloneDX
- SWID
- SPDX

- Structural Quality of SBOM
- Security Assessment of the Contents

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The Use of AI and ML to Improve Models

Dr. Bradley Whitaker

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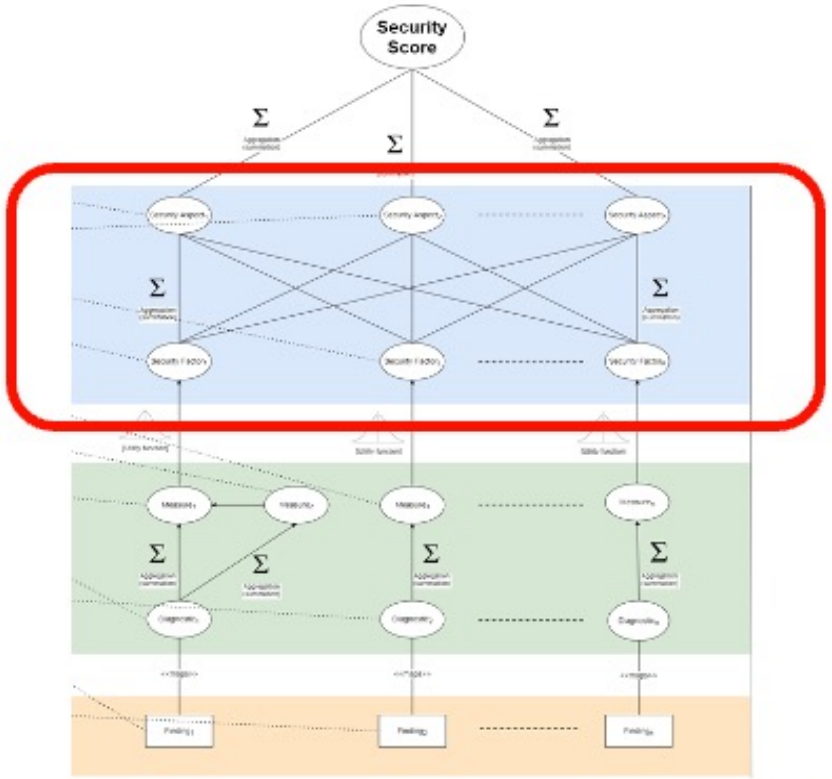

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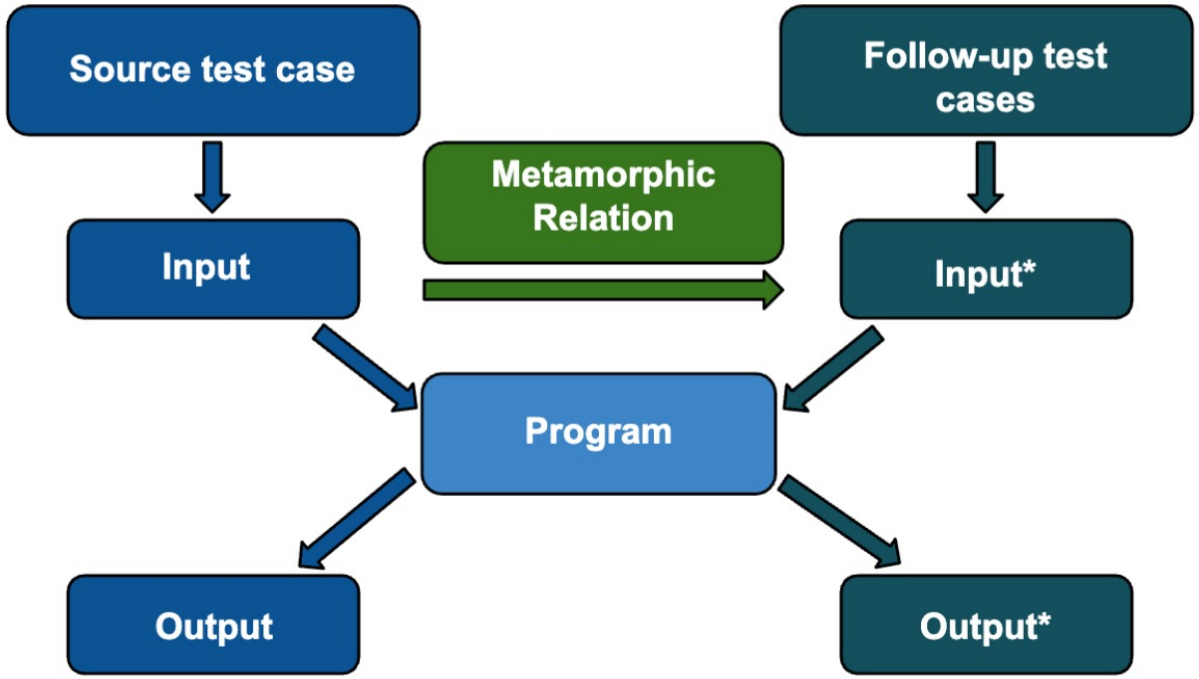
Improving the confidence of machine learning models through improved software testing approaches



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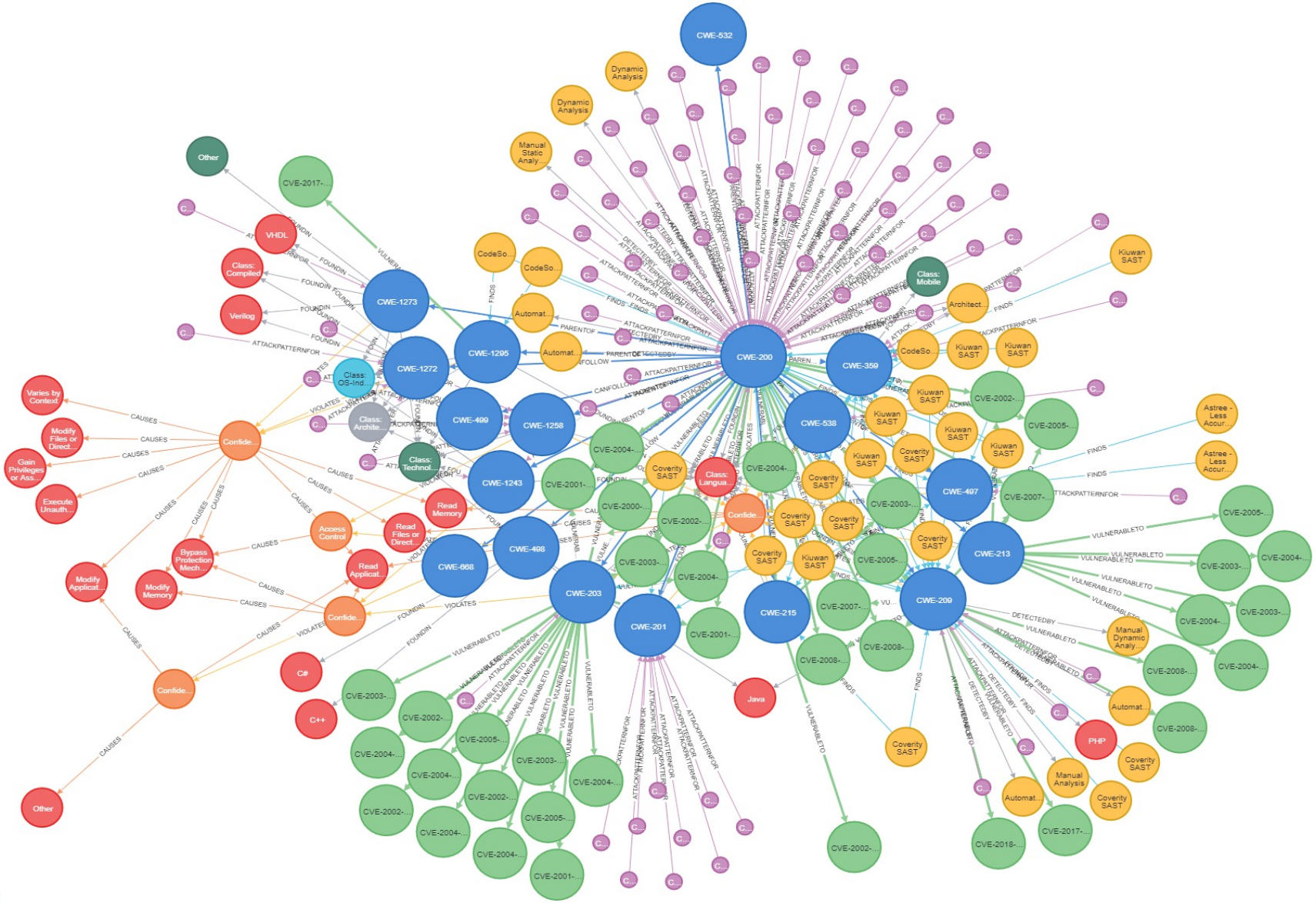
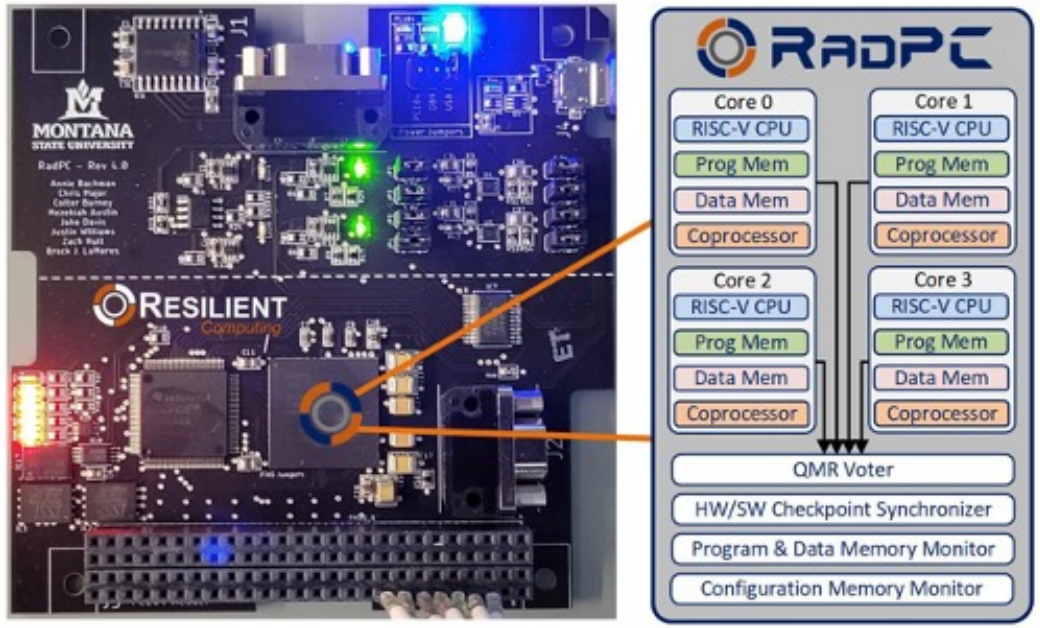
Decomposition of CWE-200

Identify security zones and sensitive sections of source code



Malware Detection Using Obfuscation of Opcodes in FPGAs

Dr. Brock LaMeres



- We control the entire hardware description of the processor, thus we control the CPU implementation.
- This means we can assign random instruction codes for each core, which prevents malware from ever infecting more than one of the redundant computers

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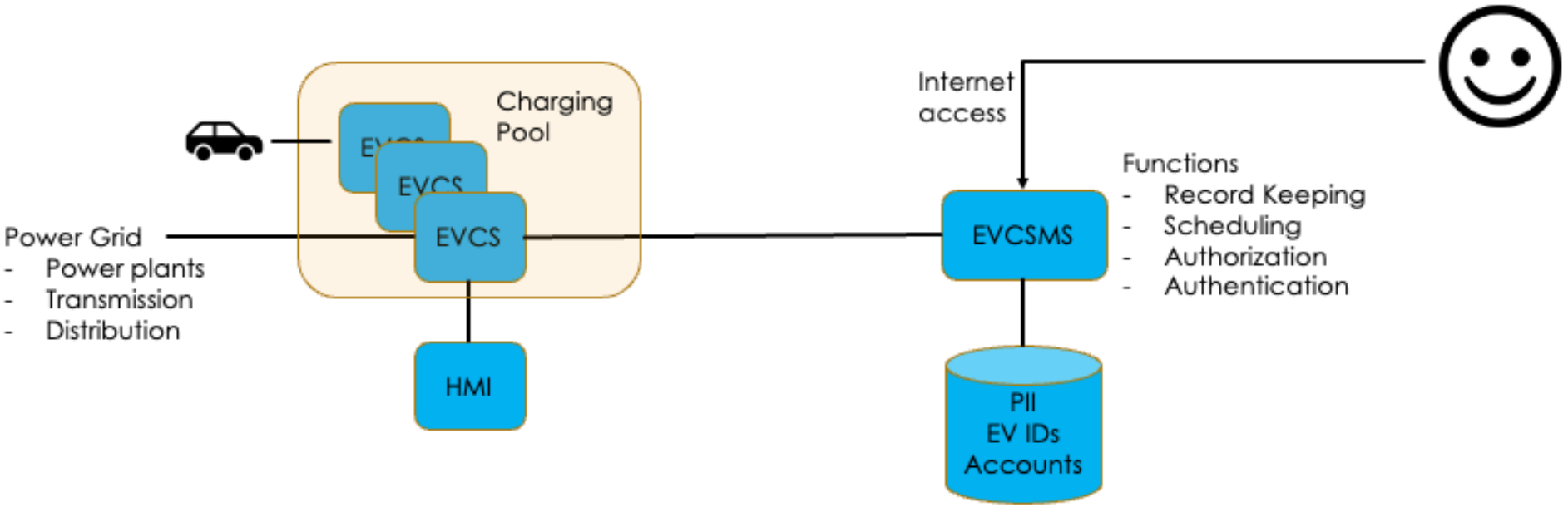
Near Future

- Goals: Detection, mitigation, guidance of Electrical Vehicle (EV) Infrastructure
  - Measurement of quality in EV infrastructure components
  - Develop repeatable and quantifiable processes for testing components
  - Identify test bed for solutions
  - Use hardware obfuscation techniques

Electrical Vehicle Threat Models



EVCS: Electric Vehicle Charging Station
EVCSMS: EVCS Management Station (Back Office)
OCPP: Open Charge Point Protocol
HMI: Human Machine Interface

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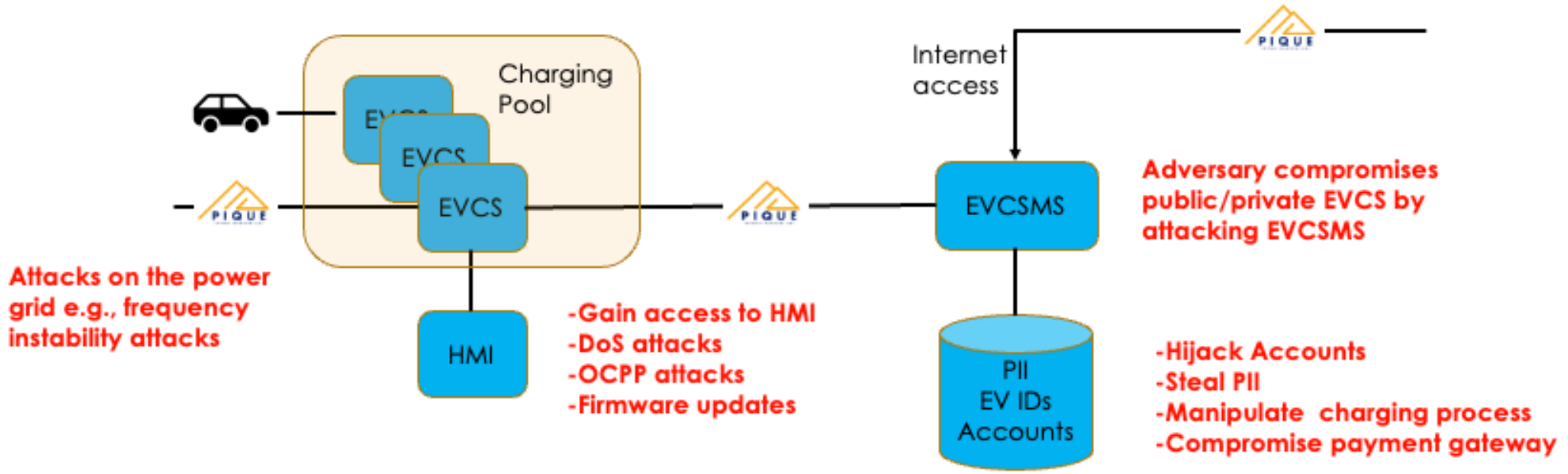

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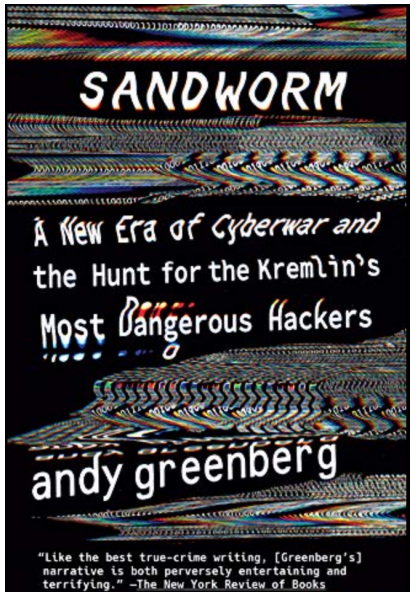
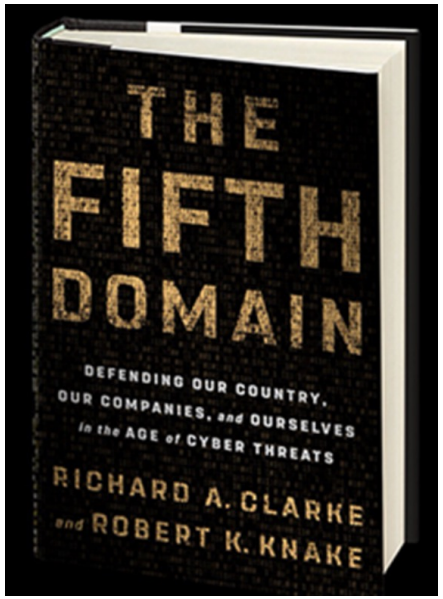
- *Book Club*
- *Independent study credit*
- *HackerCats club*





Research Collaborations

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Software Engineering Institute

Education

- Associates degree in Cybersecurity (Gallatin College)
- MS in Cybersecurity
  - Board of Regents approved
  - Seeking CAE certification
- NSF REU program –Cybersecurity algorithms
- Griffiss/DoD program to train 4 ROTC cadets on a yearly basis before commissioning

Power of Collaboration