

SE 4367.001

Software Testing Verification Validation and Quality Assurance

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- **MobileSecurity** ([WHYPER](#), [Pluto](#), [AppContext\[1\]\[2\]\[3\]](#), [Telemade](#), [MRV](#), [CLAP\[1\]](#), [EnMobile](#), [MalScan](#))
- **Automated Testing** ([ORBIT](#), [WCTester\[1\]\[2\]](#), [NMTtest\[1\]](#), [REINAM](#))
- **SE/Security for Machine Learning** ([PerInv](#), [MRV](#), [Telemade](#), [NMTtest](#))
- **ML/NLP for SE/Security** ([WHYPER](#), [Pluto](#), [CLAP](#), [SemRegex\[1\]](#), [REINAM](#))
- **IoT Security** ([iRuler](#))

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[Applying to grad school? Read this first.](#)

Rank institutions in by publications from to

































All Areas [\[off\]](#) [\[on\]](#)

AI [\[off\]](#) [\[on\]](#)

- ▶ Artificial intelligence ☐
- ▶ Computer vision ☐
- ▶ Machine learning & data mining ☐
- ▶ Natural language processing ☐
- ▶ The Web & information retrieval ☐

Systems [\[off\]](#) [\[on\]](#)

- ▶ Computer architecture ☐
- ▶ Computer networks ☐
- ▶ Computer security ☐
- ▶ Databases ☐
- ▶ Design automation ☐
- ▶ Embedded & real-time systems ☐
- ▶ High-performance computing ☐
- ▶ Mobile computing ☐
- ▶ Measurement & perf. analysis ☐
- ▶ Operating systems ☐
- ▶ Programming languages ☐
- ▶ Software engineering ☒

#	Institution	Count	Faculty
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2	▶ North Carolina State University  	20.7	12
3	▶ Univ. of California - Irvine  	17.3	10
4	▶ Univ. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  	16.8	15
5	▶ Purdue University  	13.9	9
6	▶ Univ. of California - Davis  	13.2	6
7	▶ University of Southern California  	11.9	5
8	▶ University of Texas at Dallas  	11.6	7
9	▶ Univ. of California - Los Angeles  	10.6	7
10	▶ University of Washington  	10.3	6
11	▶ George Mason University  	9.9	8
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13	▶ Massachusetts Institute of Technology  	9.0	5
14	▶ University of Virginia  	8.6	5
15	▶ Univ. of California - Berkeley  	8.1	7
16	▶ College of William and Mary  	7.2	8

Electronic communication



- <https://elearning.utdallas.edu> : announcements
- MS Teams: questions, answers

A screenshot of the Blackboard course management interface. The top header shows the course ID "SE 4367.001 - Software Testing, Verification, Validation and Quality Assurance - S21" and a status message "(Course is unavailable to students until Tuesday, January 19, 2021)". Below this is a purple banner that says "Success: Announcement created." The main content area is titled "Announcements" and includes a sub-header "New announcements appear below this line" with a dashed line. Below the line, there is an announcement titled "Class Schedule on MS Teams" with a timestamp "Posted on: Monday, January 18, 2021 10:49:20 PM CST". The announcement text reads: "Hi! Class, I've sent a MS Team invitation for everyone in our SE4367 Team Channel. If you didn't receive it, please let me know. I also built a course homepage at [here](#). I will link it to the course slides and video later. See you tomorrow on the lecture." The announcement ends with "Cheers, Wei". On the left side, there is a sidebar with a "Course Management" section containing links to "Control Panel", "Content Collection", and "Course Tools".

- This course will mainly be a walk through for <https://www.fuzzingbook.org/>.
- Some (text)books recommended
- Reading linked from Schedule (Provided later)
- Course Website: <http://youngwei.com/page/CS4367-001-22S/index.html>

- Mid-term Exam (30%)
- Assignments (20%)
- Online Discussion & Class Participation (10%)
- Final Exam(40%)
- For fairness, we **REPORT** all cheating
 - Please **avoid copy-pasting** as much as possible. For any material (especially graphics and anything included by copy-pasting) not created by you but included in your deliverable, you **must acknowledge the source on the same page**.

- Overview
- **Course Content**
- Sample presentation by the instructor

- Only 32% of software projects are considered successful
 - (full featured, on time, on budget)
- Software failures cost the US economy \$59.5 billion dollars every year [[NIST 2002 Report](#)]
- On average, 1-5 bugs per KLOC (thousand lines of code) In mature software (more than 10 bugs in prototypes)



- ✱ 35MLOC
- ✱ 63K known bugs at the time of release
- ✱ 2 bugs per KLOC



- Caused due to numeric overflow error
 - Attempt to fit 64-bit format data in 16-bit space
- Cost
 - \$100M's for loss of mission
 - Multi-year setback to the Ariane program
- Read more at <http://www.around.com/ariane.html>

- Exploits of errors in programs
- Widespread problem
 - Moonlight Maze (1998)
 - Code Red (2001)
 - Titan Rain (2003)
 - Stuxnet Worm
- Getting worse ...

2011 Mobile Threat Report (Lookout™ Mobile Security)

- 0.5-1 million Android users affected by malware in first half of 2011
- 3 out of 10 Android owners likely to face web-based threat each year
- Attackers using increasingly sophisticated ways to steal data and money



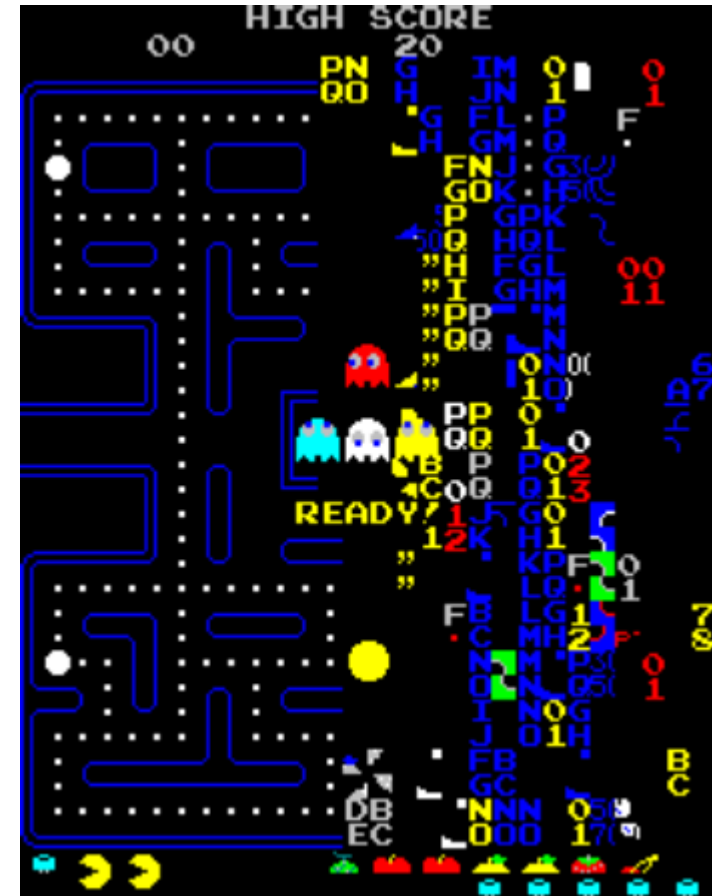
A few more examples

Pac-Man (1980)

- Should always have no ending
- Has “Split Screen” at level 256
- Cause: Integer overflow
- 8 bits: maximum representable value

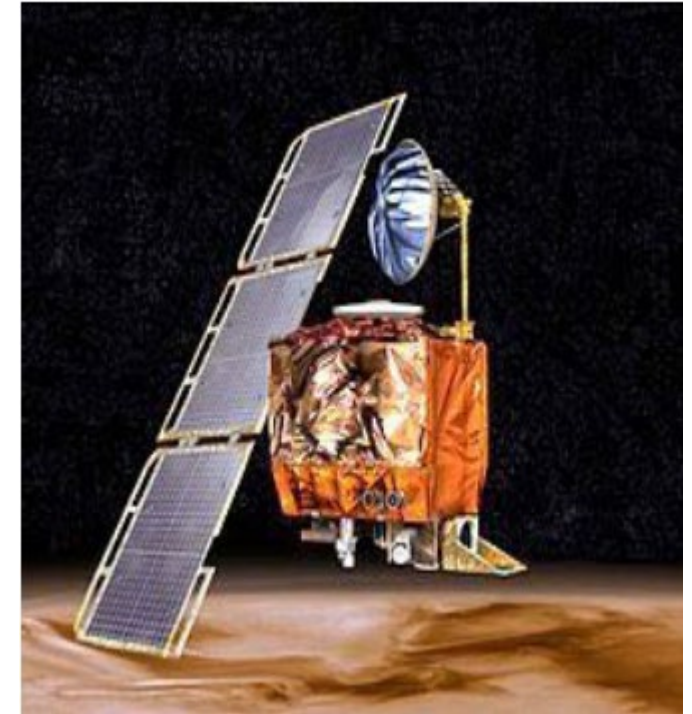
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A few more examples

- Mars Climate Orbiter (1998)
 - Sent to Mars to relay signal from Mars
- Lander
 - Smashed to the planet
- Cause: Failing to convert between different metric standards
 - Software that calculated the total impulse presented results in **pound-seconds**
 - The system using these results expected its inputs to be in **newton-seconds**



A few more examples

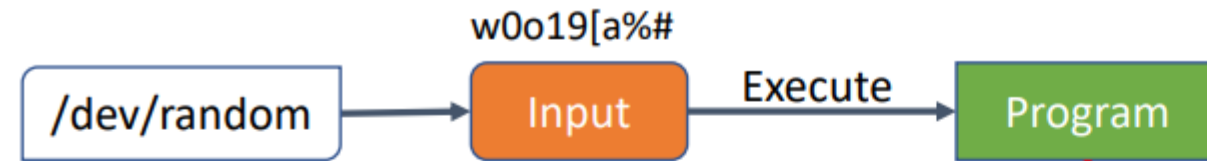
- USS Yorktown (1997)
 - Left dead in the water for 3 hours
- Cause: Divide by zero error

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A black bomb with a lit fuse, emitting a bright yellow and orange starburst explosion.

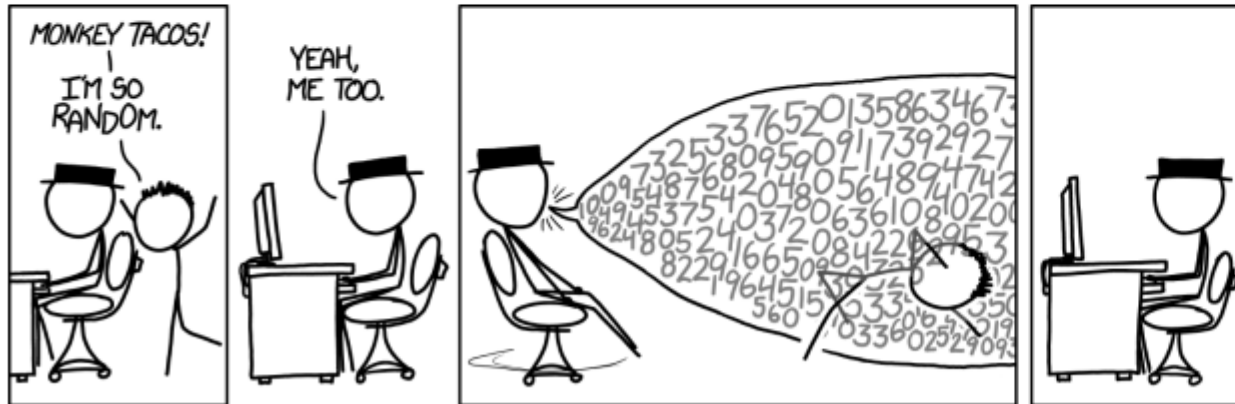


Fuzzing

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Bugs = Crashes (segfaults, aborts, etc.)

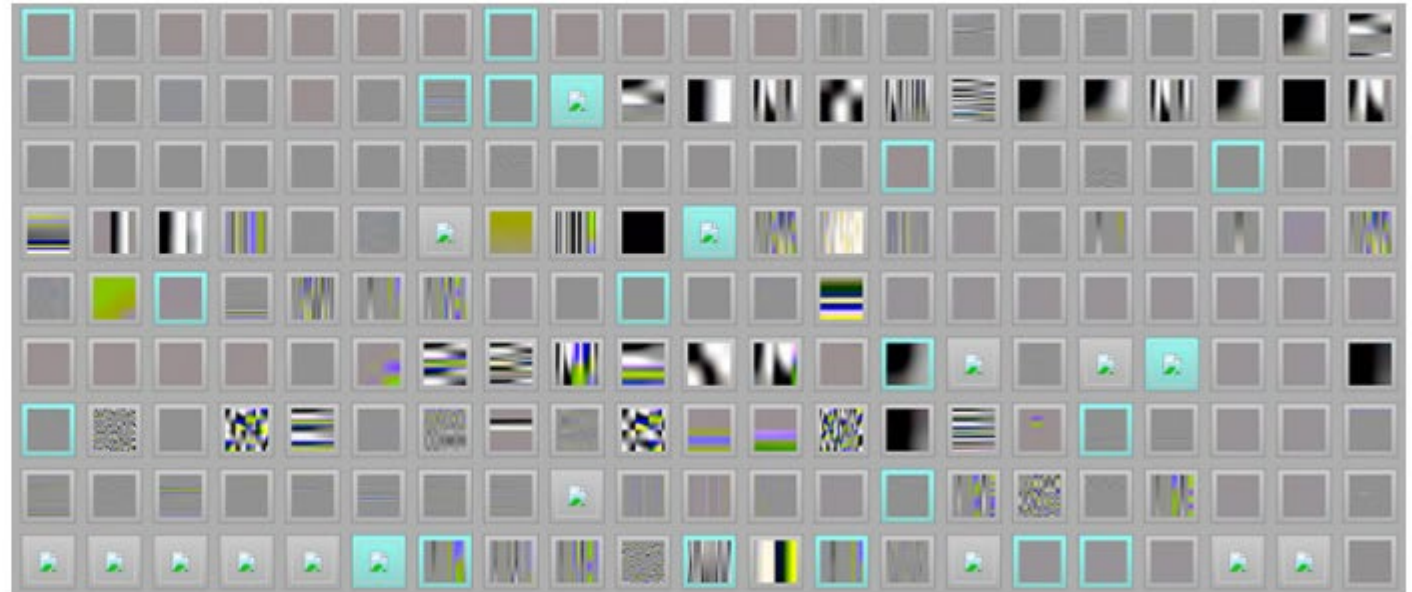


November 07, 2014

Pulling JPEGs out of thin air

This is an interesting demonstration of the capabilities of [afl](#); I was actually pretty surprised that it worked!

```
$ mkdir in_dir  
$ echo 'hello' >in_dir/hello  
$ ./afl-fuzz -i in_dir -o out_dir ./jpeg-9a/djpeg
```



- AFLFast [CCS 2016]
- Driller [NDSS 2016]
- AFLGo [CCS 2017]
- Vuzzer [NDSS 2017]
- Steelix [FSE 2017]
- SlowFuzz [CCS 2017]
- PerfFuzz [ISSTA 2018]
- FairFuzz [ASE 2018]
- Angora [IEEE S&P 2018]
- T-Fuzz [IEEE S&P 2018]
- NEUZZ [IEEE S&P 2019]
- Nautilus [NDSS 2019]
- Redqueen [NDSS 2019]
- Superion [ICSE 2019]
- MOPT [Usenix Sec 2019]
- GRIMOIRE [Usenix Sec 2019]
- MemFuzz [ICST 2019]
- Zest [ISSTA 2019]
- DifFuzz [ICSE 2019]
- AFLSmart [IEEE TSE 2019]
- FuzzChick [OOPSLA 2019]
- ...

Fuzzing for Security



Releasing jsfunfuzz and DOMFuzz

Tuesday, July 28th, 2015

Today I'm releasing two fuzzers: [jsfunfuzz](#), which tests JavaScript engines, and [DOMFuzz](#), which tests layout and DOM APIs.

Over the last 11 years, these fuzzers have found 6450 Firefox bugs, including [790 bugs that were rated as security-critical](#).

What is Microsoft Security Risk Detection?

Security Risk Detection is Microsoft's unique fuzz testing service for finding security critical bugs in software. Security Risk Detection helps customers quickly adopt practices and technology battle-tested over the last 15 years at Microsoft.

Google Testing Blog

[Announcing OSS-Fuzz: Continuous Fuzzing for Open Source Software](#)

Thursday, December 01, 2016

Linux 4.14-rc5

From: Linus Torvalds

Date: Sun Oct 15 2017 - 21:48:40 EST

The other thing perhaps worth mentioning is how much [random fuzzing](#) people are doing, and it's finding things. We've always done fuzzing (who remembers the old "crashme" program that just generated random code and jumped to it? We used to do that quite actively very early on), but people have been doing some nice targeted fuzzing of driver subsystems etc, and [there's been various fixes](#) (not just this last week either) coming out of those efforts. Very nice to see.

CVE-2014-6277: "ShellShock" bug in Bash

CVE-2014-0160: "Heartbleed" bug in OpenSSL

[CVE-2015-1606](#)

[CVE-2015-1607](#)

[CVE-2014-9087](#)

[CVE-2014-6355](#)

[CVE-2015-0061](#)

[CVE-2015-7855](#)

[CVE-2016-7434](#)

[CVE-2015-7941](#)

[CVE-2015-8035](#)

[CVE-2015-8241](#)

[CVE-2015-8242](#)

[CVE-2015-8317](#)

[CVE-2016-4658](#)

[CVE-2016-5131](#)

[CVE-2015-5309](#)

[CVE-2015-5311](#)

[CVE-2015-0232](#)

[CVE-2017-5340](#)

[CVE-2015-2158](#)

[CVE-2015-0860](#)

[CVE-2015-8380](#)

[CVE-2016-1925](#)

Responses from Computing Researchers to HUD's Implementation of the Fair Housing Act's Disparate Impact Standard

January 8th, 2020 / in [Announcements](#), [CCC](#), [policy](#), [research horizons](#), [Research News](#) / by [Helen Wright](#)

The following blog post is from Computing Community Consortium (CCC) Vice Chair Elizabeth Bradley (University of Colorado Boulder) and CCC Executive Council member Suresh Venkatasubramanian (University of Utah).

Algorithmic bias can be insidious, making it all but impossible to pinpoint factors that contribute to discrimination. This is particularly concerning in the context of high-stakes decisions. The new Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) guidelines around the use of algorithms to aid in housing decisions are an example of this. This [HUD proposal](#) acknowledges the existence of **algorithmic bias** but would shift much of the burden of proof to demonstrate discriminatory behavior back onto the plaintiffs, using standards for algorithmic transparency and explainability that seem unmoored from extant science about what we can hope to extract from algorithmic decision pipelines. Among other things, this would allow landlords and lenders to deflect lawsuits with an overly naive statistical approach, looking at individual factors rather than taking them in combination and thereby ignoring the potential collective effect of many lenders using the same third-party algorithm. Writing in [Forbes](#), Elizabeth Fernandez suggests that this could undermine the [Fair Housing Act](#).


Computing researchers who study these issues have submitted formal responses [to the public call for comments](#) regarding these new guidelines. These included a coordinated response by members of the GRAIL network, a new initiative led by the Center for Democracy and Technology (CDT) and the R Street Initiative. GRAIL's goal is to connect technical and policy experts to inform discussions around technology policy in Washington and provide deep, rapid responses to questions of tech policy. Their response, which was led by Natasha Duarte at CDT and involved CCC Council member Suresh Venkatasubramanian, details how the different components of the

- <https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=HUD-2019-0067-0001>



FR-6111-P-02 HUD's Implementation of the Fair Housing Act's Di

This Proposed Rule document was issued by the **Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)**

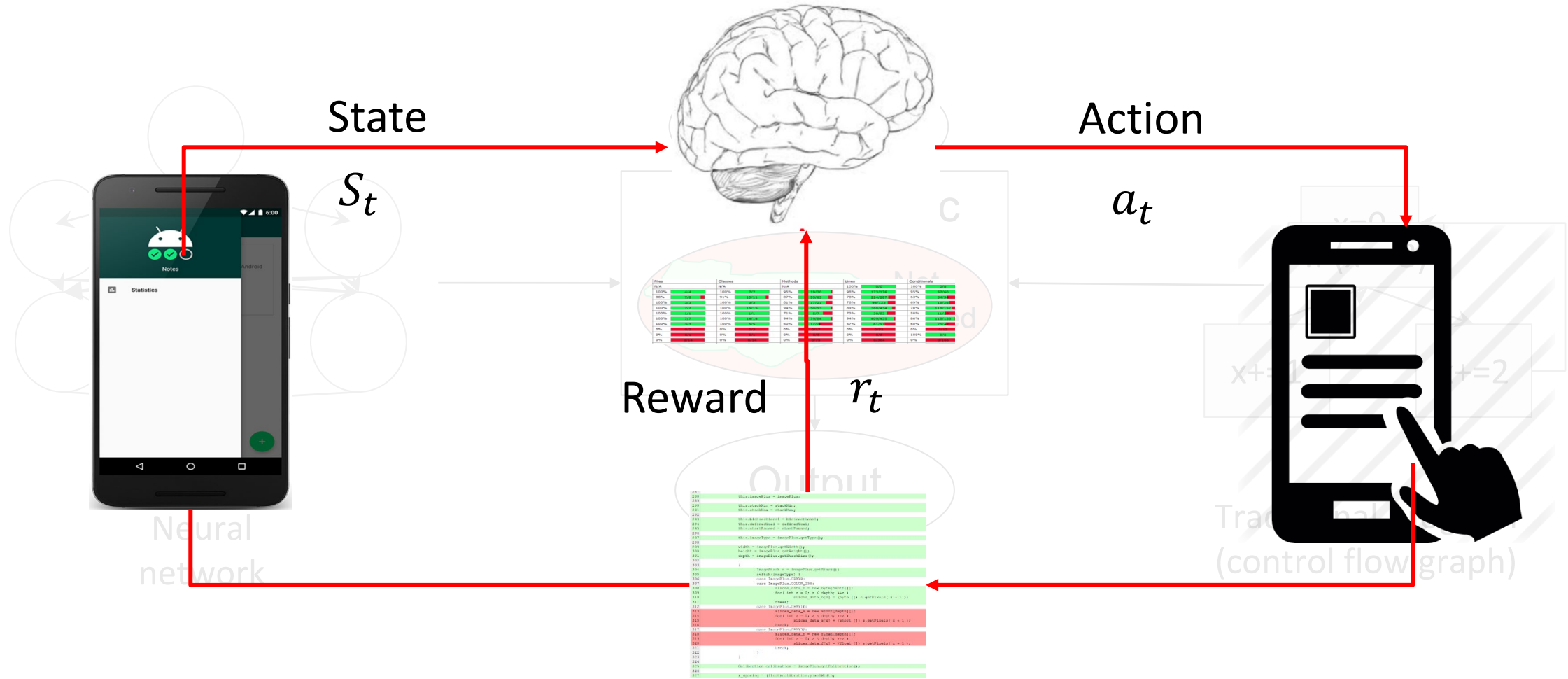
For related information, [Open Docket Folder](#) 

Action

Proposed rule.

Summary

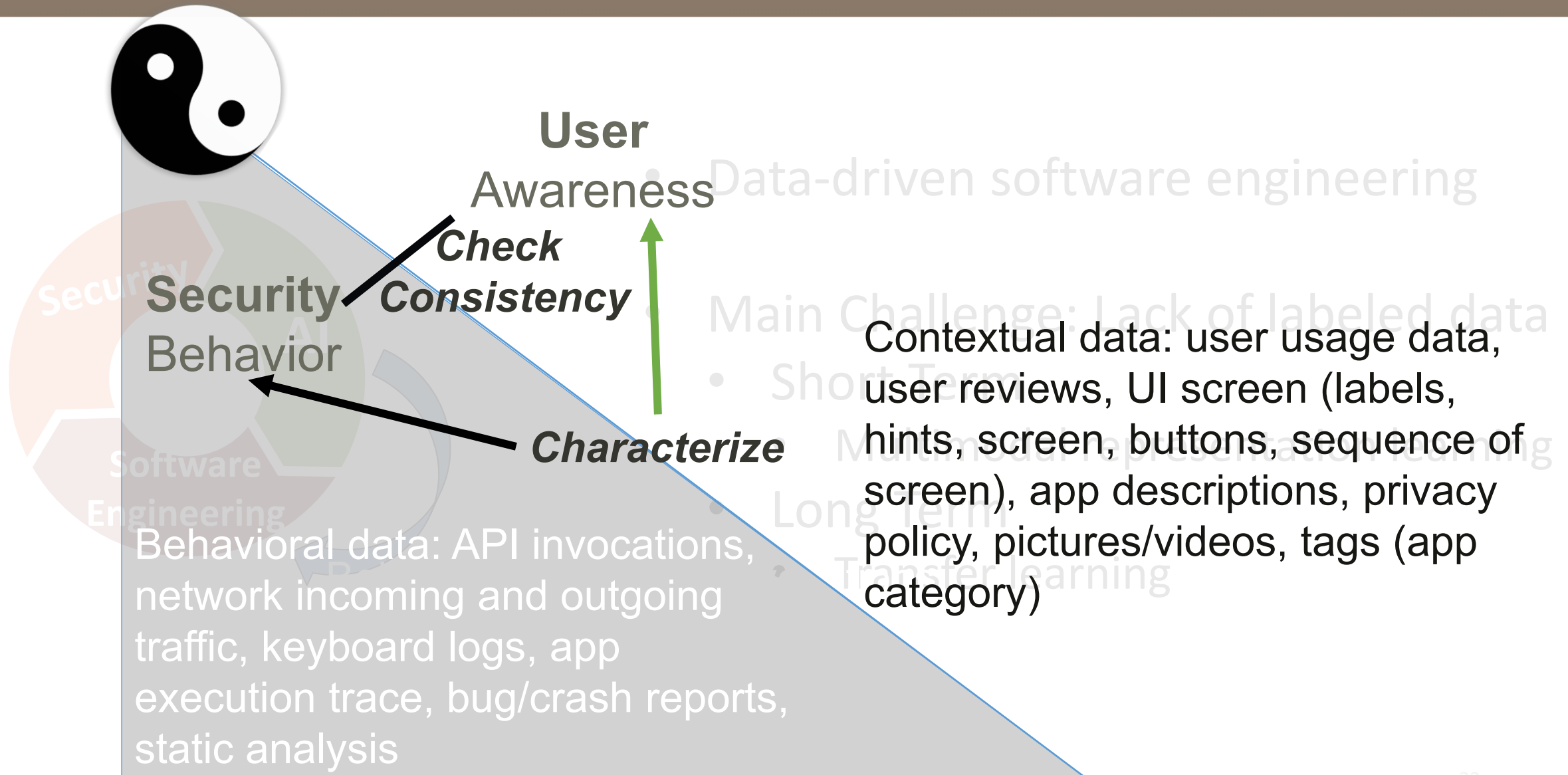
Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended (Fair Housing Act or Act), prohibits discrimination in the sale, rental, or financing of dwellings and in other housing-related activities on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or national origin. HUD has long interpreted the Act to create liability for practices with an unjustified discriminatory effect, even if those practices were not motivated by discriminatory intent. This rule proposes to amend HUD's interpretation of the Fair Housing Act's disparate impact standard to better reflect the Supreme Court's 2015 ruling in *Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs v. Inclusive Communities Project, Inc.*, and to provide clarification regarding the application of the standard to State laws governing the business of insurance. This rule follows a June 20, 2018, advance notice of proposed rulemaking, in which HUD solicited comments on the disparate impact standard set forth in HUD's 2013 final rule, including the disparate impact rule's burden-shifting approach, definitions, and causation standard, and whether it required amendment to align with the decision of the Supreme Court in *Inclusive Communities Project, Inc.*



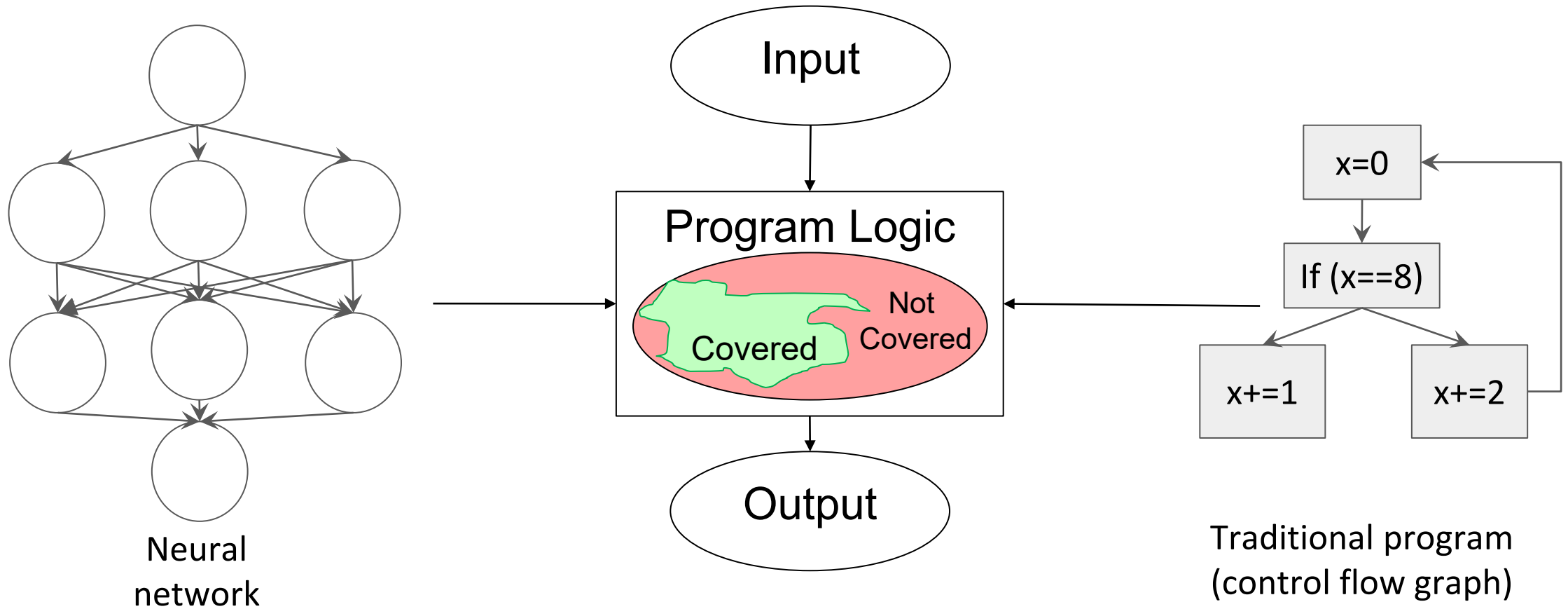
An Empirical Study of Android Test Generation Tools in Industrial Cases

Wang et al. ASE 2018

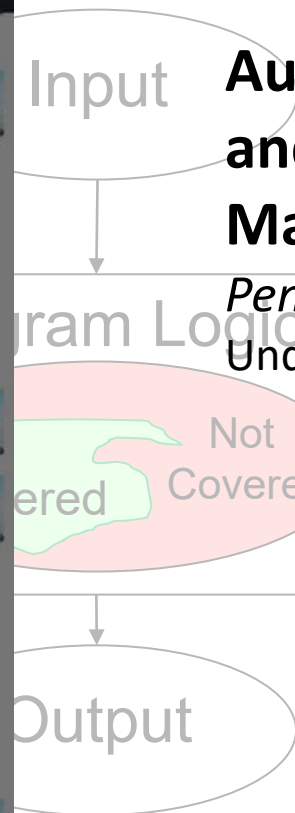
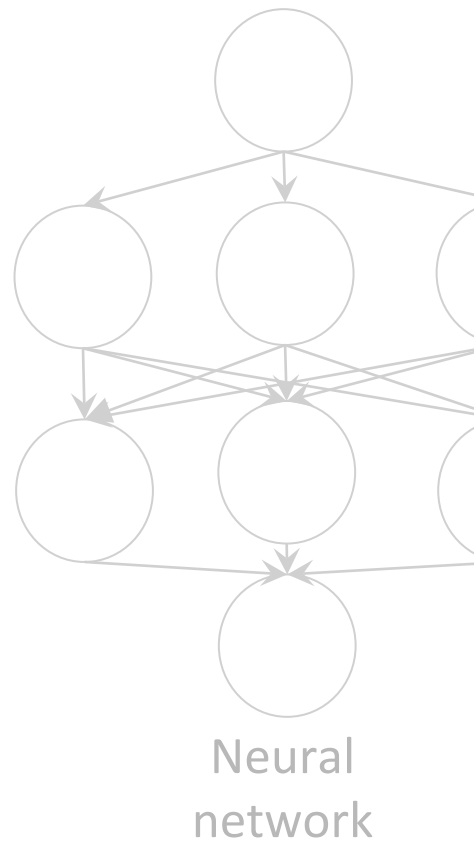
Yin-Yang view of data-driven app testing



Testing criterion for machine learning

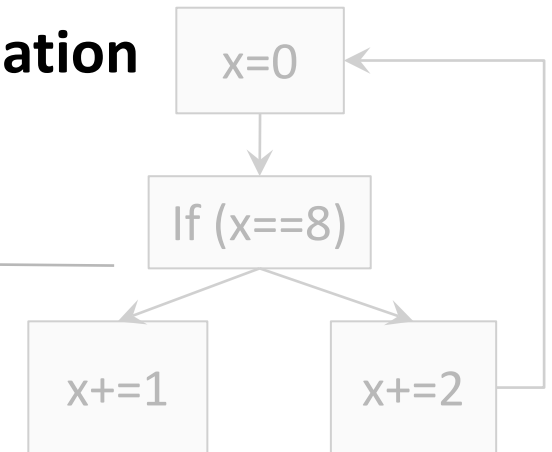


Testing criterion for NLP



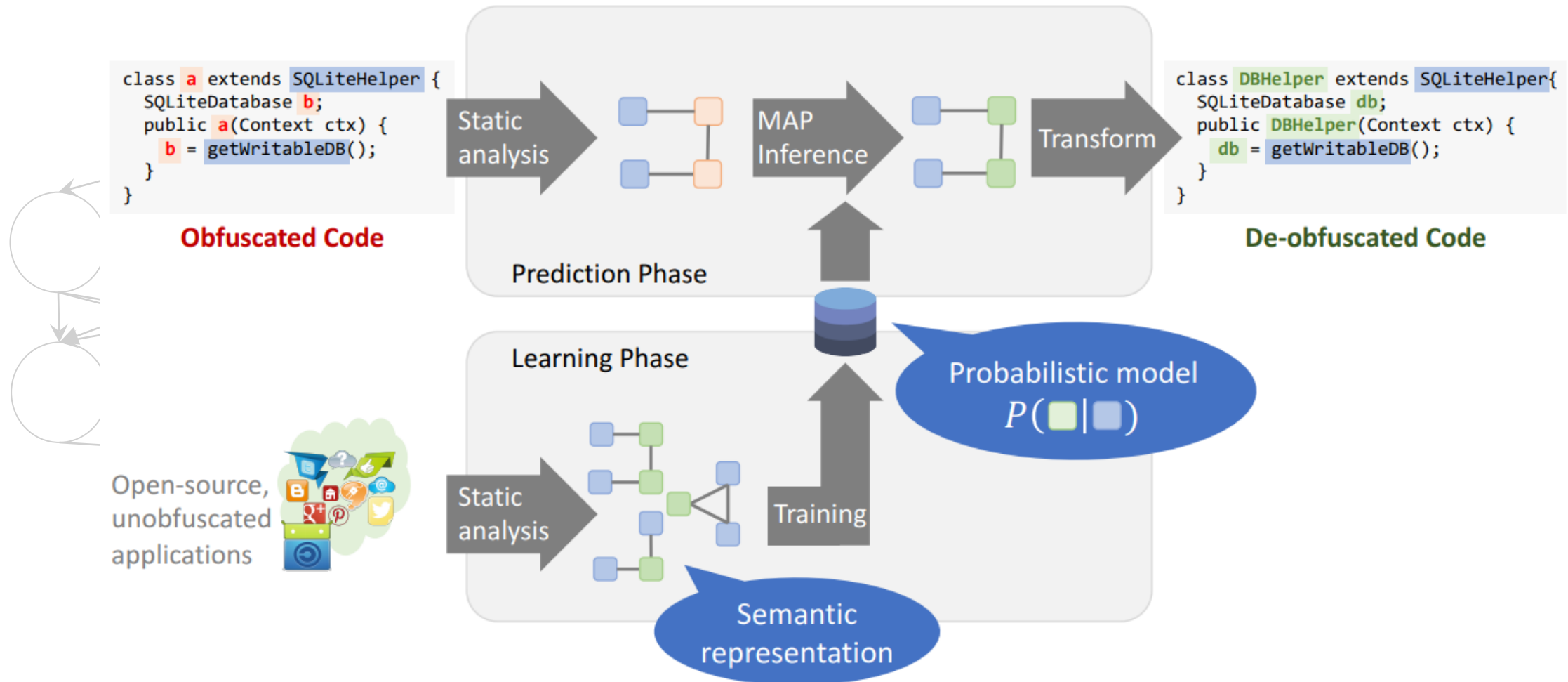
Automatic Detection of Under- and Over-Translation in Neural Machine Translation

Peng et al.
Under submission

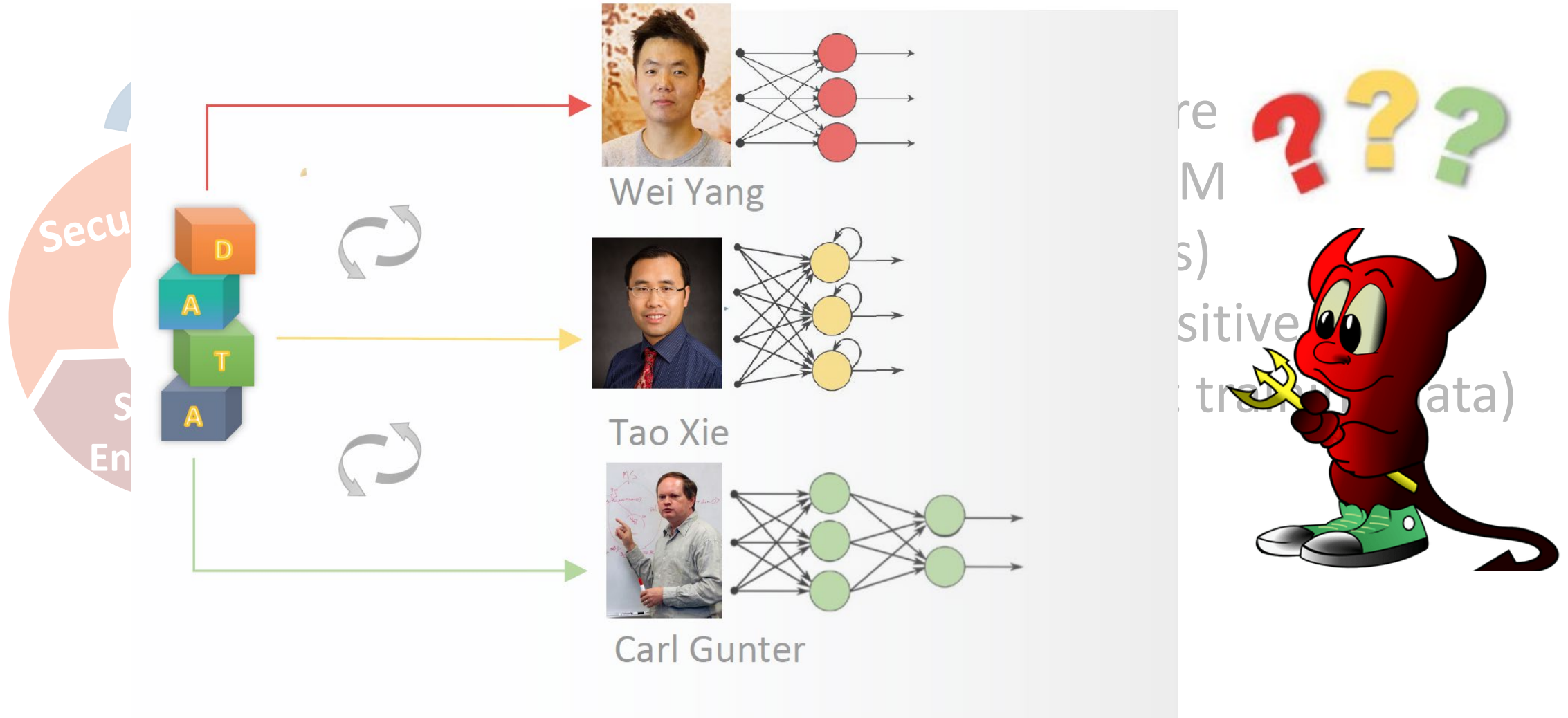


Traditional program
(control flow graph)

Code Obfuscation/De-obfuscation/Transformation



Learning-based testing



Physical testing to smart cities systems




plate: YHE2993	confidence: 93.350578
plate: YHE29S3	confidence: 85.806786
plate: YHE29B3	confidence: 85.300774
plate: YHE2S93	confidence: 85.101204
plate: YHEZ993	confidence: 84.646439
plate: YHE293	confidence: 84.447746
plate: YHE2B93	confidence: 83.772606
plate: YME2993	confidence: 83.194237
plate: YHE2SS3	confidence: 77.557419
plate: YHEZ9S3	confidence: 77.102646



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plate: HE2983	confidence: 78.051224
plate: YHE283	confidence: 77.432457
plate: YHE29S3	confidence: 77.217339
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plate: YHE29G3	confidence: 75.869522
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- <https://securify.chainsecurity.com/>
- <https://www.probfuzz.com/>