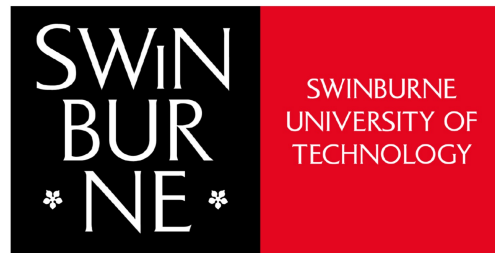


# SHAPFUZZ: Efficient Fuzzing via Shapley-Guided Byte Selection

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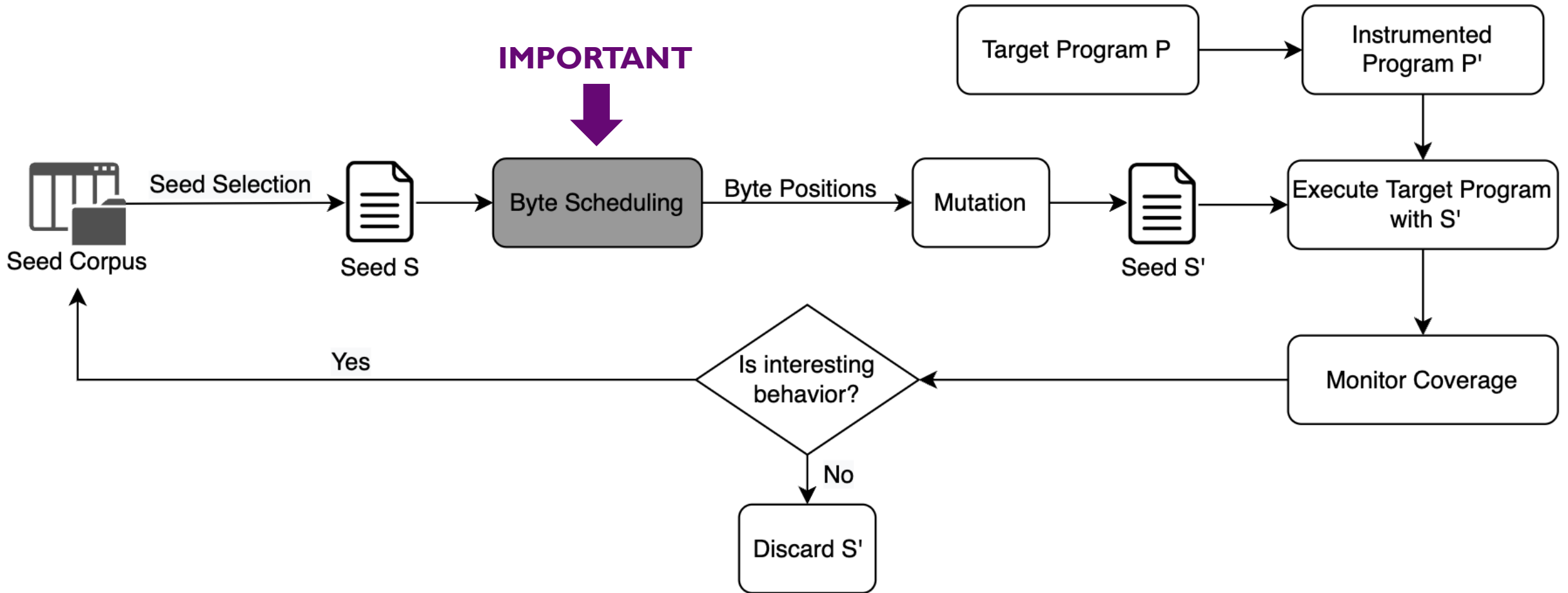


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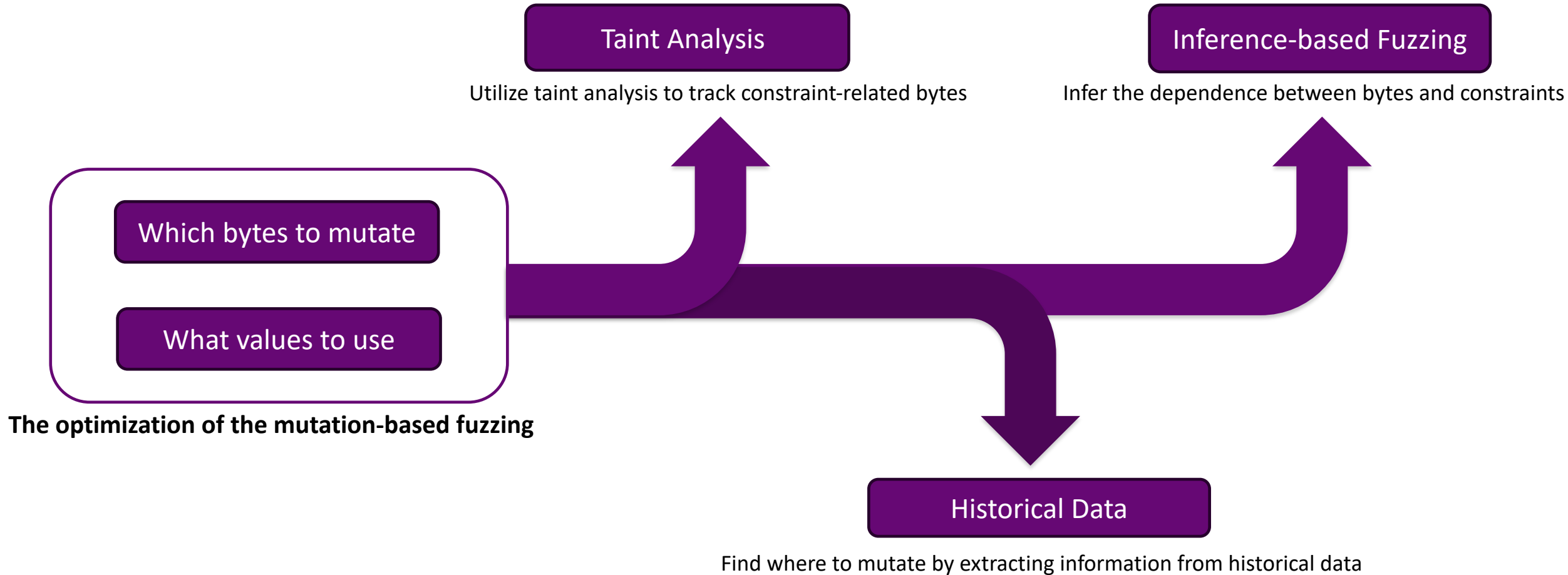
# MOTIVATION

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# Background - Fuzzing



# Motivation



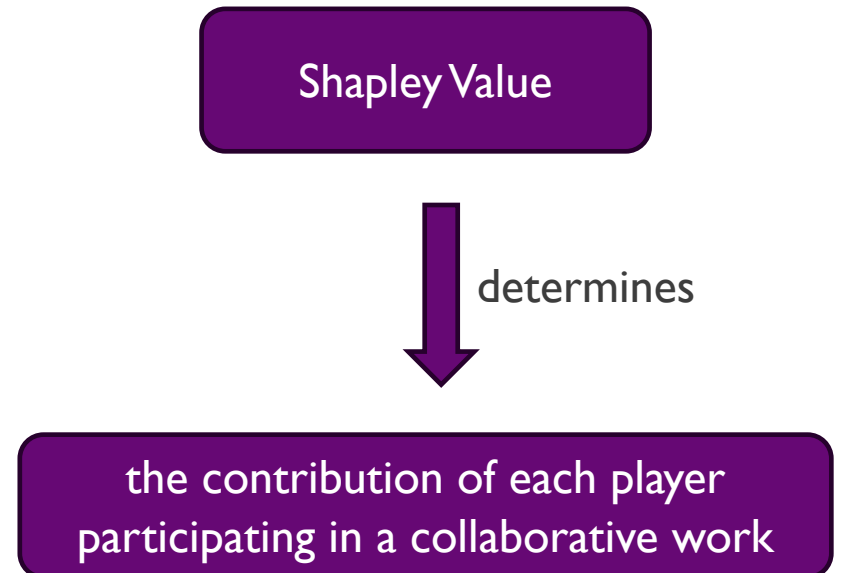
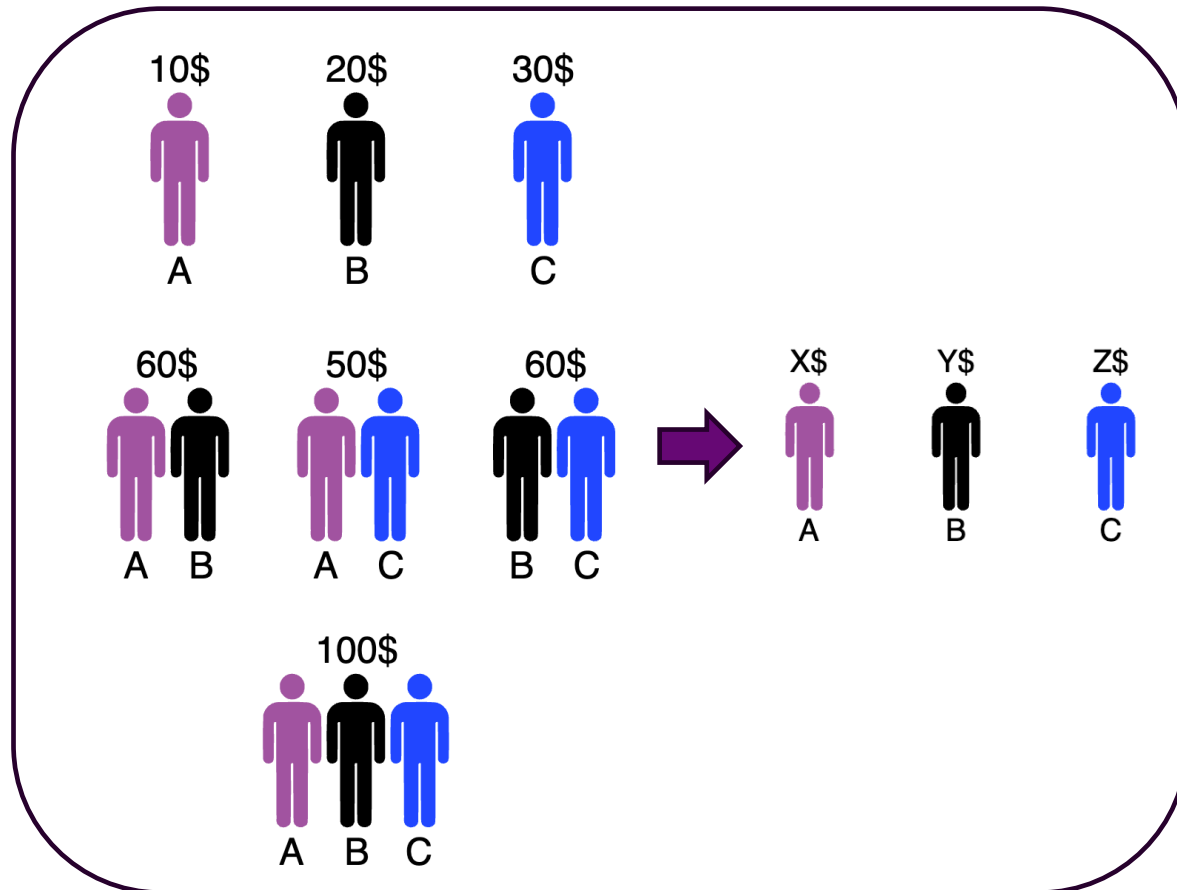


# Motivation

- Observation
  - While mutating constraint-related bytes indeed improves the efficiency of code discovery, not all constraint-related bytes are able to discover new code
  - However, existing solutions treat all constraint-related bytes equally, wasting time and energy on the ones that cannot discover new code
- Insight
  - Quantify the importance of constraint-related bytes, prioritizing the mutation of more important bytes to enhance fuzzing efficiency

# Motivation

- To achieve this insight, we first need to design experiments to validate our observations.



# Motivation

- Experiment Setup
  - To calculate Shapley values of bytes in a seed, we regard the number of new edges discovered by a combination as the gain
  - To obtain a relatively accurate Shapley value for a byte, we run fuzzing with random mutation for a single seed
  - Time: 48 hours (continuously mutate the initial seed)
  - Fuzzer: AFL++
- Programs
  - 18 programs: nm, tiff2bw, flvmeta, imginfo, infotocap, lame, .....
  - 9 different types of inputs: elf, tiff, pdf, text, mp4, flv, wav, jpg and mp3

# Motivation

- The results indicate that a small portion of bytes contribute the most to discovering new edges.

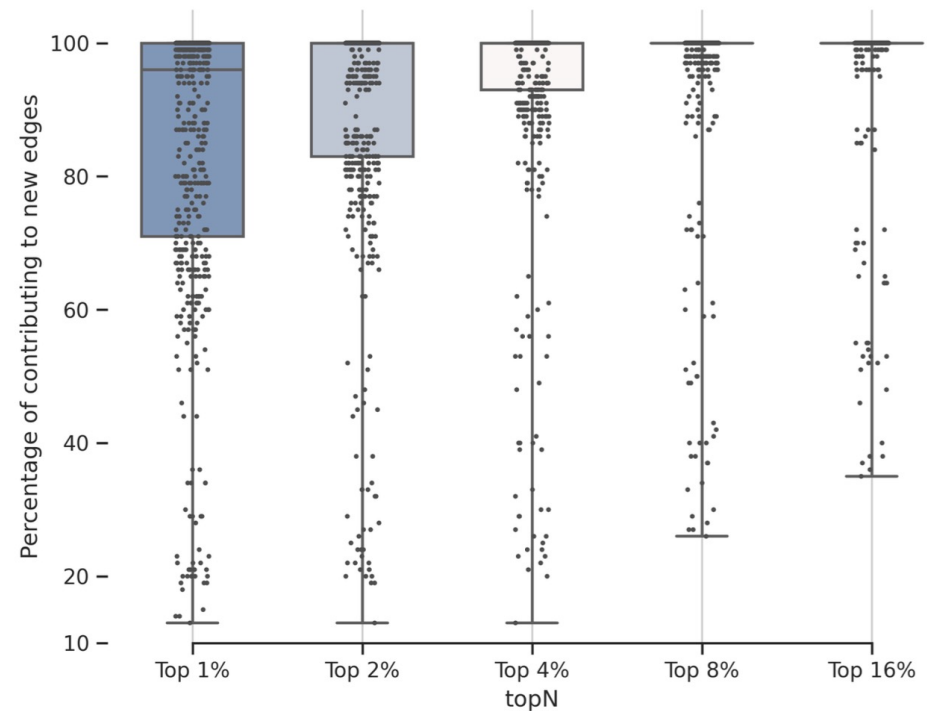
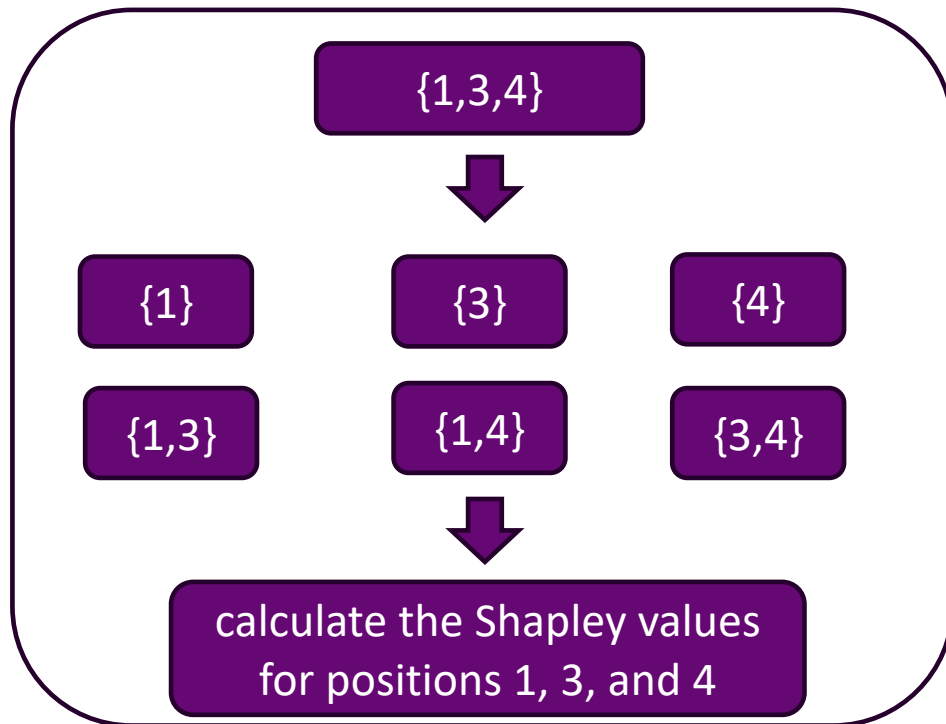
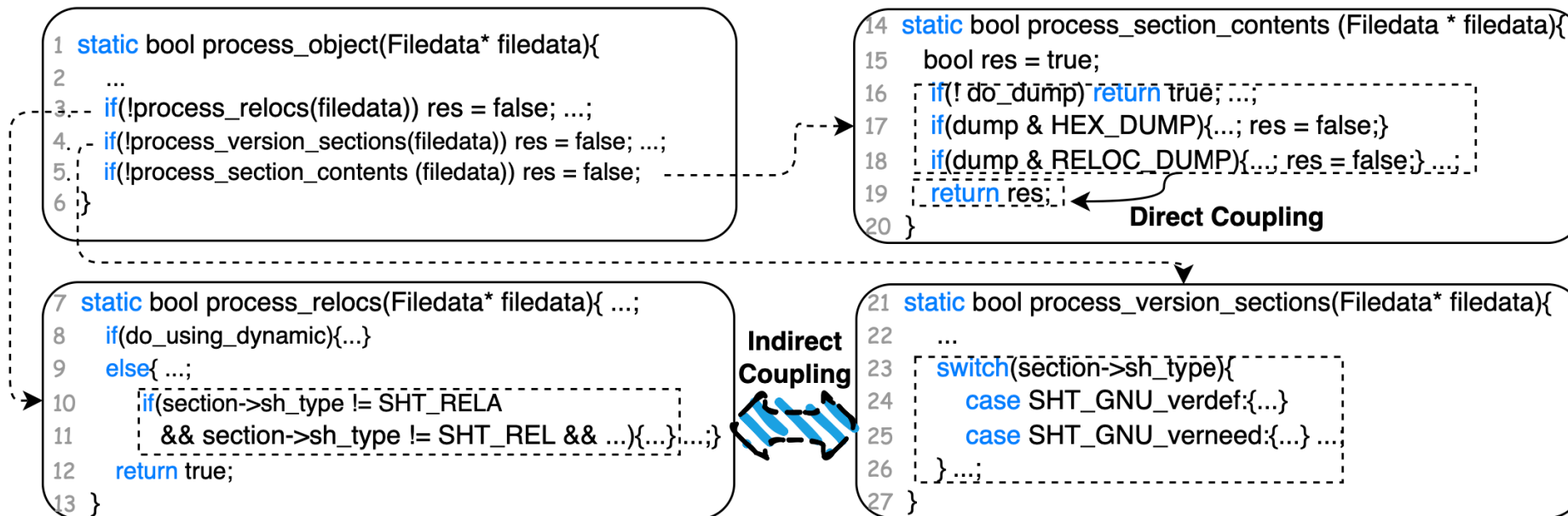


Fig. 1. The boxplot of contributions of bytes. Y% of new edges are contributed by the top X% of bytes. The top X% of bytes refers to the first X% bytes with the largest Shapley values. Each dot is a seed of a program.

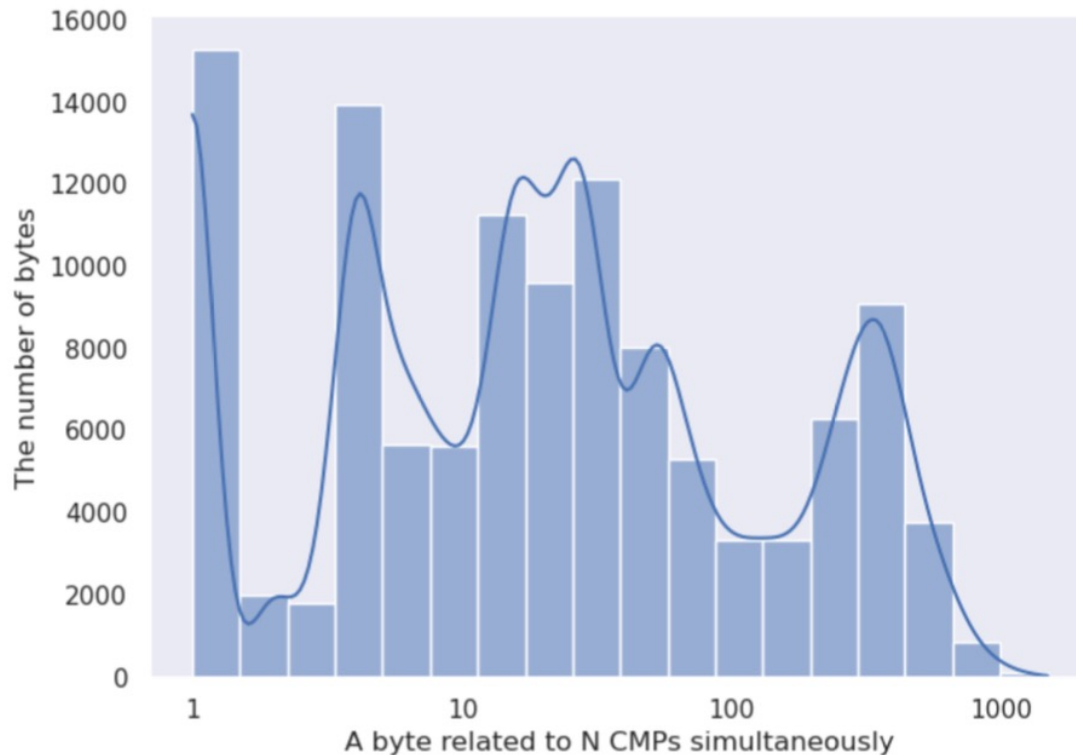


# Motivation



The reason for the results of the Shapley analysis. The code is extracted from readelf.

# Motivation



- Insight: Since only a small portion of bytes contribute the most to the discovery of new code, the Shapley analysis can be utilized to obtain those high-importance bytes, and more energy is assigned to them during fuzzing.

Statistics of the relationship between bytes and CMPs across 16 programs

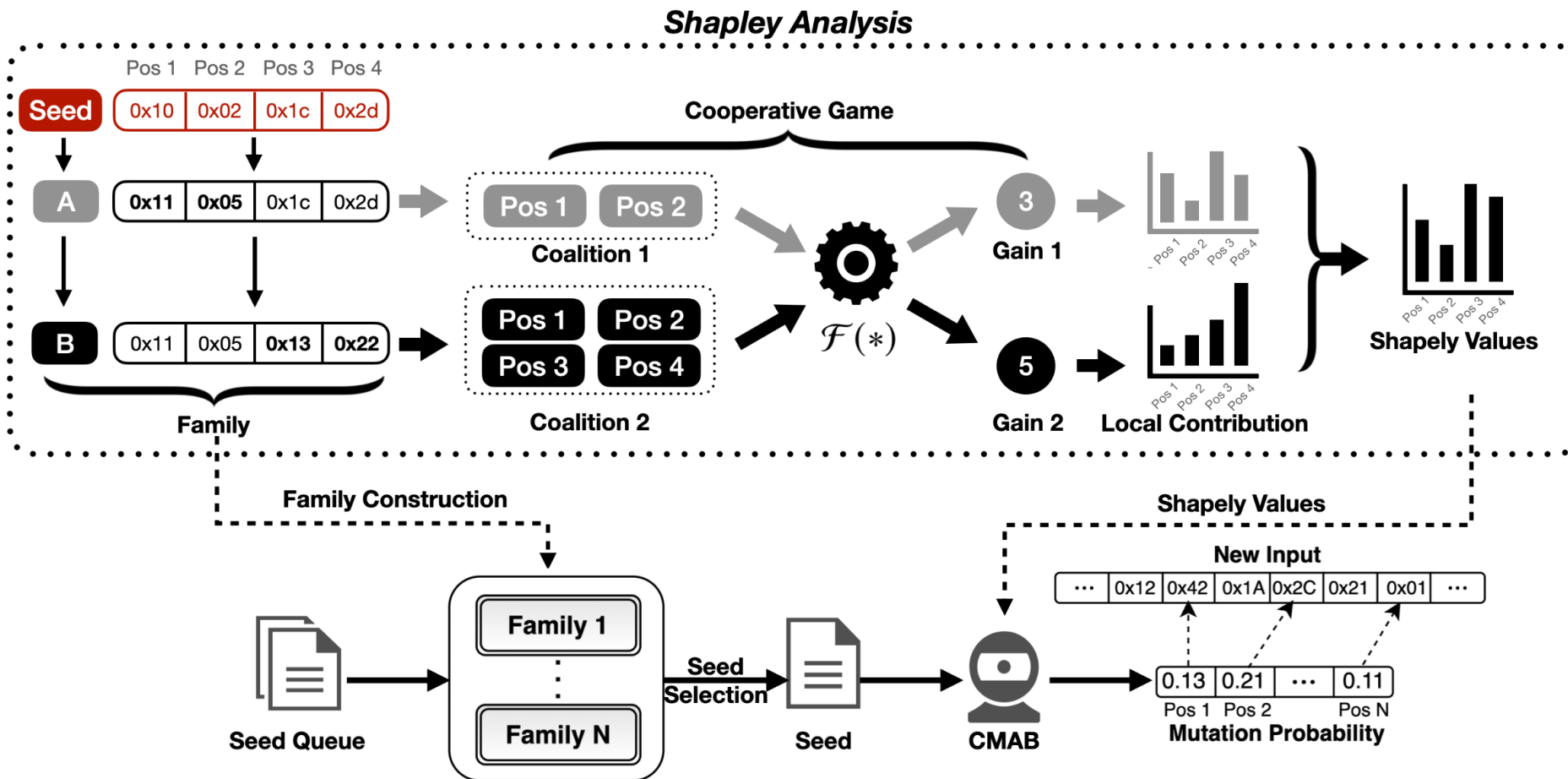


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METHOD

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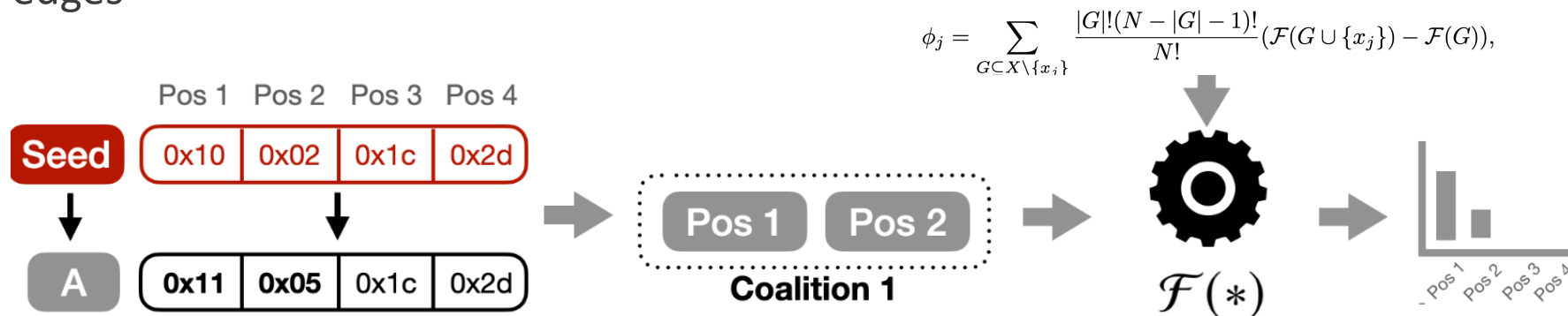
# Framework



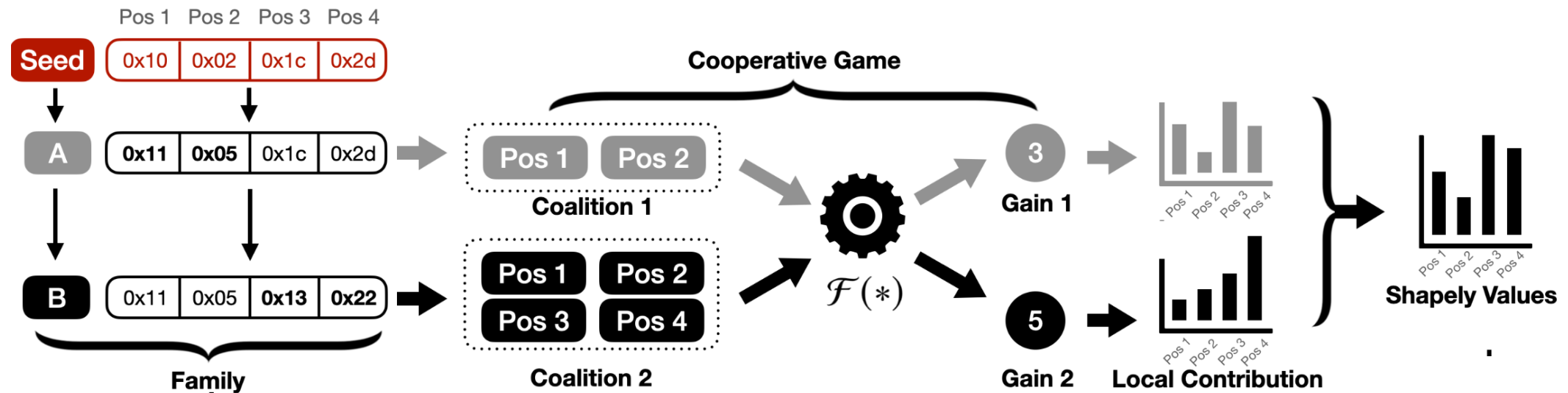
The Framework of SHAPFUZZ

# Shapley Analysis in One Seed

- Cooperative game: The schedule of bytes on the seed
- Player: A byte in the seed
- Coalition: Some certain bytes are mutated together
- Gain: The number of *self-new edges* discovered by an input  $i$  generated by mutating the seed
  - *Self-new edges* are defined as the new edges when comparing the edges discovered by the input  $i$  and the initial seed
- Characteristic function: the mapping between the collaborative mutation and the number of self-new edges

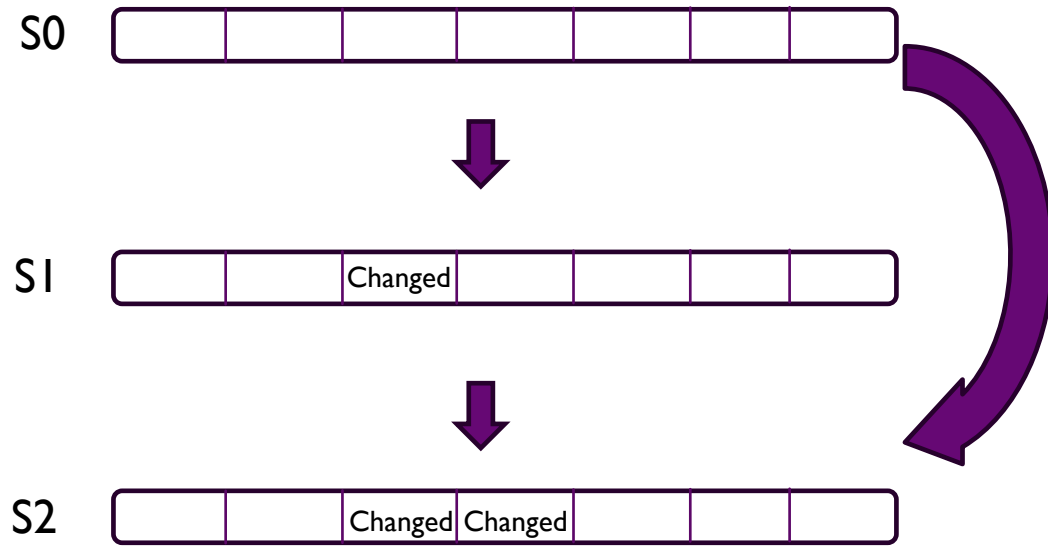


# Shapley Analysis Across Seeds

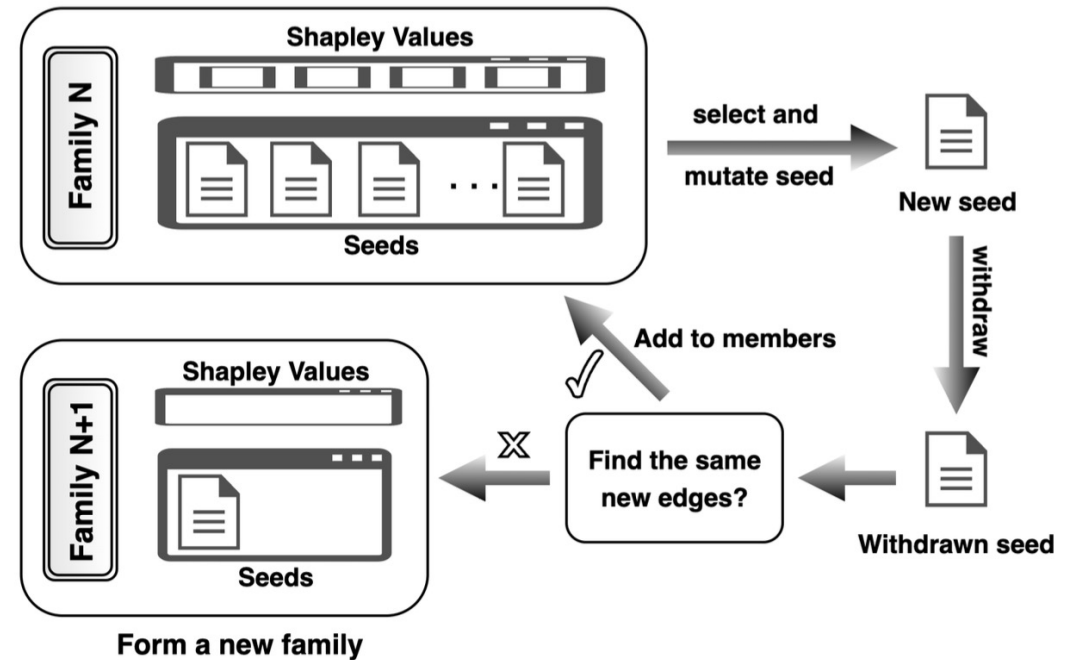


The seeds, which are retained from the same original seed and do not change the length, are part of the combinations for the original seed

# Shapley Analysis Across Seeds

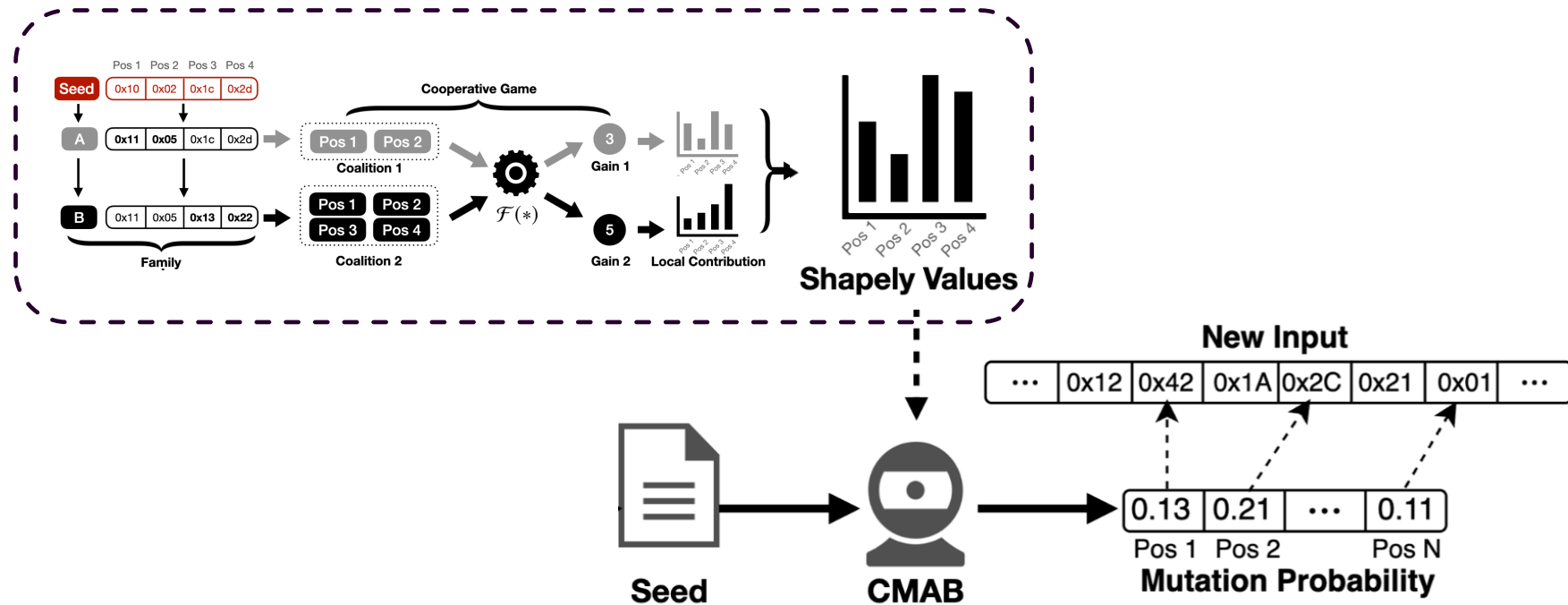


Track the mutated positions



The update of family and family members

# Shapley-guided Byte Selection







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# EVALUATION

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# SHAPFUZZ vs. Byte-Scheduling Fuzzers

- Compared Fuzzers
  - Inference-based fuzzer: Greyone and ProFuzzer
  - Neural network-based fuzzer: PreFuzz and NEUZZ
  - Taint-based fuzzer:Angora
- Experiment Setup
  - Platform
    - UNIFUZZ
  - Experiments
    - ALL SEEDS
    - SEEDS<10000 (seeds that have less than 10,000 bytes)
    - SEEDS<1000 (seeds that have less than 1,000 bytes)

# SHAPFUZZ vs. Byte-Scheduling Fuzzers

TABLE II. EDGE COVERAGE AND ANALYSIS TIME COMPARISON BETWEEN DIFFERENT FUZZERS (ON ALL SEEDS).

Programs		SHAPFUZZ			GreyOne			ProFuzzer			Angora			PreFuzz			NEUZZ		
Name	Len	Cov.	Time	#Bug	Cov.	Time	#Bug	Cov.	Time	#Bug	Cov.	Time	#Bug	Cov.	Time	#Bug	Cov.	Time	#Bug
tiff2pdf	448	4401	85s	0	4486	35207s	0	4578	12694s	1	2314	235s	0	3475	G	1	2832	G <sup>1</sup>	1
lame	13818	3656	3985s	5	3645	80225s	4	3649	70003s	4	2265	5813s	4	-	-	0	- <sup>2</sup>	-	0
readelf	272030	5611	1048s	4	5058	78788s	3	5168	74878s	6	5786	3758s	6	-	-	0	-	-	0
exiv2	25633	3790	135s	15	3626	35401s	5	3698	32311s	12	4291	615s	11	2866	G	0	-	-	0
flvmeta	16454	230	0s	2	230	32782s	2	230	11625s	2	230	201s	2	-	-	0	-	-	0
nm	272030	3136	248s	17	2628	83058s	9	2750	81747s	10	2657	2351s	51	-	-	0	-	-	0
tiffsplit	10032	1709	5s	7	1699	13398s	5	1719	6220s	6	890	291s	1	1189	G	2	1113	G	1
tiff2bw	10032	1839	87s	6	1870	12709s	6	1848	8702s	5	1180	310s	1	1651	G	0	1441	G	0
objdump	272030	4958	742s	14	3864	79211s	4	4106	83913s	5	3192	3672s	3	-	-	0	-	-	0
pdftotext	12465	6613	3508s	23	5794	80548s	2	5777	80591s	3	4250	14801s	2	4902	G	5	4394	G	0
mp4aac	31988	1266	19s	2	1144	75949s	0	1166	66141s	0	1120	540s	0	1017	G	0	950	G	0
tcpdump	6983	12764	328s	1	11558	50599s	1	11879	29383s	0	7615	2510s	3	4672	G	0	6019	G	0
mujs	6983	4136	0s	0	4020	18157s	0	3979	7181s	0	2364	8829s	0	2432	G	0	2393	G	0
size	272030	1860	188s	0	1667	77562s	0	1690	78671s	0	1988	2032s	0	-	-	0	-	-	0
infotocap	2519	1817	276s	7	1670	39193s	6	1530	44335s	5	940	1104s	0	1266	G	1	1071	G	0
imginfo	2519	1895	30s	0	1818	36298s	0	1744	43274s	0	1384	184s	0	-	-	0	-	-	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>59681</b>		<b>103</b>	54777		47	55511		59	42466		84	23470		9	20213		2

<sup>1</sup> G: A GPU is required to train the model.

<sup>2</sup> -: The fuzzer fails to run on this program due to large input size.

# SHAPFUZZ vs. Byte-Scheduling Fuzzers

TABLE III. EDGE COVERAGE AND ANALYSIS TIME COMPARISON BETWEEN DIFFERENT FUZZERS (ON SEEDS<10000).

Programs		SHAPFUZZ			GreyOne			ProFuzzer			Angora			PreFuzz			NEUZZ		
Name	Len	Cov.	Time	#Bug	Cov.	Time	#Bug	Cov.	Time	#Bug	Cov.	Time	#Bug	Cov.	Time	#Bug	Cov.	Time	#Bug
tiff2pdf	448	4461	30s	1	4450	39189s	0	4552	15278s	0	2306	50s	0	3466	G	0	2543	G <sup>1</sup>	0
readelf	4230	5359	77s	5	5346	39952s	6	5272	38537s	3	5554	1628s	7	4540	G	6	4208	G	4
exiv2	8437	3882	196s	7	3385	50513s	4	3691	31915s	3	3903	2365s	9	3881	G	0	3151	G	0
nm	4230	2822	17s	30	2818	29069s	20	2884	13905s	22	2409	2056s	35	2260	G	14	1749	G	0
tiffsplit	7222	1718	4s	6	1725	13541s	6	1715	4519s	7	919	219s	3	1203	G	2	1128	G	0
tiff2bw	7222	1882	42s	7	1876	12031s	6	1808	6040s	6	1186	200s	1	1594	G	0	1489	G	0
objdump	4230	4654	104s	16	4145	75874s	10	4414	50760s	13	3085	4182s	13	3560	G	4	3136	G	0
tcpdump	2305	12963	227s	1	12164	40025s	1	12497	13022s	0	7826	2119s	1	7963	G	1	6251	G	0
mujs	2305	4145	0s	0	4000	19877s	0	4015	7078s	0	2383	8677s	0	2589	G	1	2388	G	0
size	4230	1795	22s	0	1785	12623s	0	1812	9547s	0	1794	1259s	1	1458	G	0	1224	G	0
infotocap	2519	1807	457s	8	1767	38278s	5	1399	45154s	2	840	1647s	0	1159	G	1	1074	G	0
imginfo	2519	2486	9s	0	1744	26514s	0	1680	24268s	0	1413	244s	0	1464	G	0	1176	G	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>47974</b>		<b>81</b>	45205		58	45739		56	33618		70	35137		29	29517		4

<sup>1</sup> G: A GPU is required to train the model.

# SHAPFUZZ vs. Byte-Scheduling Fuzzers

TABLE IV. EDGE COVERAGE AND ANALYSIS TIME COMPARISON BETWEEN DIFFERENT FUZZERS (ON SEEDS<1000).

Programs		SHAPFUZZ			GreyOne			ProFuzzer			Angora			PreFuzz			NEUZZ		
Name	Len	Cov.	Time	#Bug	Cov.	Time	#Bug	Cov.	Time	#Bug	Cov.	Time	#Bug	Cov.	Time	#Bug	Cov.	Time	#Bug
tiff2pdf	448	4383	99s	1	4493	39407s	0	4449	12856s	1	2459	58s	0	3398	G	1	2709	G <sup>1</sup>	1
readelf	324	4983	34s	4	4875	13088s	3	4763	5978s	0	5131	299s	5	4144	G	0	3760	G	0
nm	324	1876	2s	0	1872	9869s	0	1891	4521s	0	1838	65s	0	1424	G	0	1103	G	0
tiffsplit	858	1721	4s	6	1712	17187s	4	1697	8743s	6	935	19s	4	1155	G	2	1134	G	0
tiff2bw	858	1882	6s	8	1829	13096s	4	1861	7278s	8	1263	13s	1	1533	G	0	1435	G	0
objdump	324	3629	25s	0	3667	19014s	0	3731	9879s	0	2422	1143s	0	2624	G	1	2275	G	0
tcpdump	451	11594	59s	0	10465	19800s	0	10827	7126s	0	7355	2077s	1	5948	G	0	4499	G	0
mujs	451	4153	0s	0	3973	15638s	0	4027	6055s	0	2421	8605s	0	2590	G	1	2418	G	0
size	324	1752	4s	0	1733	7343s	0	1747	3455s	0	1672	128s	0	1331	G	0	1225	G	0
infotocap	432	1824	131s	7	1782	33321s	6	1679	34827s	5	895	160s	0	1164	G	0	1308	G	0
imginfo	432	1625	2s	0	1494	26077s	0	1611	24070s	0	1307	43s	0	1413	G	0	1105	G	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>39422</b>		<b>26</b>	37895		17	38283		20	27698		11	26724		5	22971		1

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# SHAPFUZZ vs. Commonly Used Fuzzers

- Compared Fuzzers
  - AFL
  - AFL++: enable Redqueen mutator and MOPT mutator
  - AFLFast
  - FairFuzz
  - MOPT: set `-L = 5`
- Experiment Setup
  - Platform
    - UNIFUZZ
    - MAGMA

# SHAPFUZZ vs. Commonly Used Fuzzers

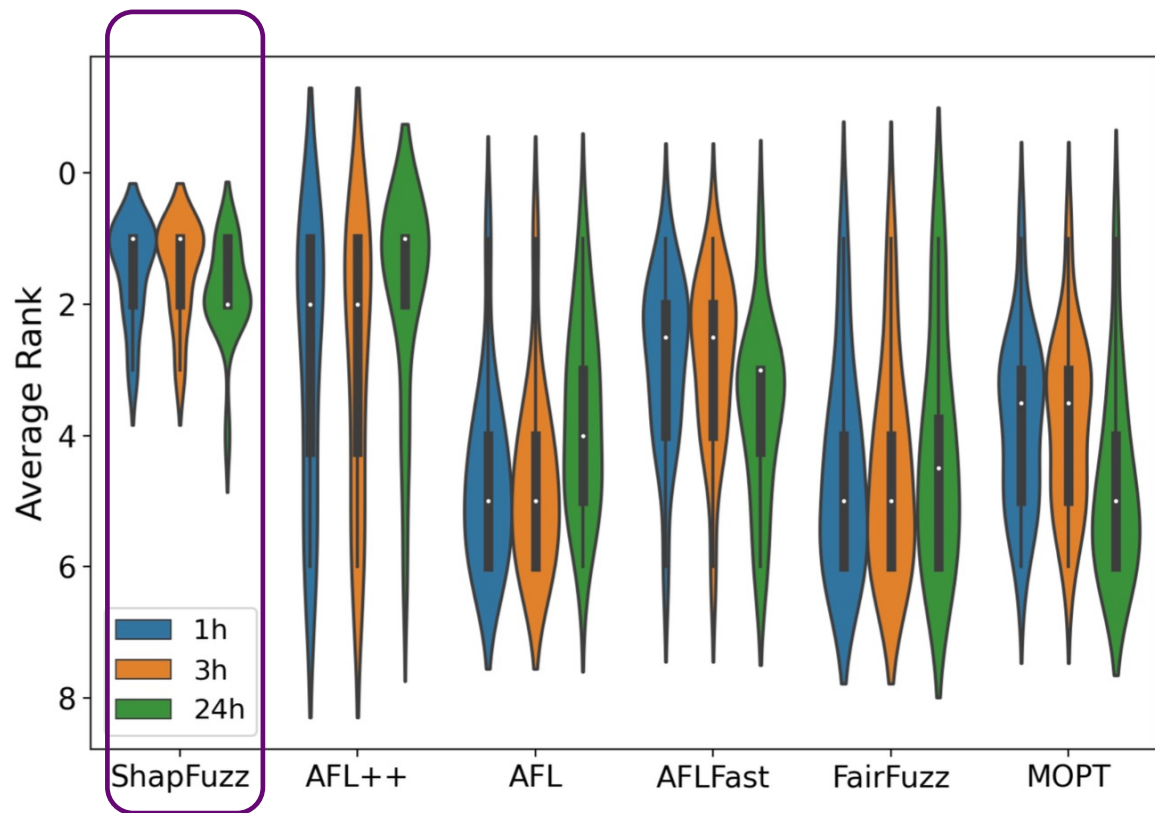


TABLE VI. THE NUMBER OF UNIQUE BUGS DISCOVERED BY DIFFERENT FUZZERS (ON UNIFUZZ).

Programs	SHAPFUZZ	AFL++	MOPT	AFL	AFLFast	FairFuzz
tiff2pdf	1	2	1	0	0	0
lame	4	4	4	5	4	4
readelf	6	4	4	3	5	5
exiv2	18	23	3	15	15	14
flvmeta	2	2	2	2	2	2
nm	35	31	21	22	22	30
tiffsplit	7	9	7	5	7	5
tiff2bw	10	6	5	5	5	7
objdump	29	11	8	12	10	8
pdftotext	27	24	20	25	24	23
mp42aac	0	5	0	0	0	0
tcpdump	2	1	0	2	1	2
infocap	11	9	9	5	9	9
imginfo	0	1	0	2	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>152</b>	132	84	103	104	109

Fig. 6. The violin plot of average edge ranks across 10 trials of different fuzzers after running for 1/3/24 hours.

# SHAPFUZZ vs. Commonly Used Fuzzers

TABLE X. THE TIME TO BUG (TTB) OF FUZZERS (ON MAGMA).  
SHAPFUZZ PERFORMS THE BEST IN DISCOVERING BUGS.

Vulnerabilities	SHAPFUZZ	AFL++	MOPT	FairFuzz	AFL	AFLFast
CVE-2015-8472	17s	23s	15s	15s	15s	15s
CVE-2016-1762	47s	1m	15s	20s	16s	18s
CVE-2018-13988	1m	1m	52s	2m	1m	1m
CVE-2016-2109	3m	4m	1m	2m	1m	2m
CVE-2016-6309	4m	5m	1m	2m	1m	1m
CVE-2016-10270	23s	48s	19m	3m	23m	11m
CVE-2016-3658	4m	17m	1h	25m	1h	1h
CVE-2018-14883	18m	1h	3m	2h	2m	3m
CVE-2017-6892	13m	32m	33m	3h	13m	1h
SND017	4m	5m	25m	21h	38m	5m
CVE-2017-11613	9m	1h	1h	15h	6h	4h
CVE-2019-11034	6h	15h	1m	8m	2m	1m
PDF010	3h	1h	7h	16h	10h	2m
CVE-2019-7663	3h	8h	4h	9h	16h	6h
CVE-2019-20218	49m	2h	16h	11h	9h	9h
CVE-2019-9638	41m	17h	7h	17h	4h	44m
CVE-2015-8317	22m	1h	3h	-	-	12h
CVE-2019-7310	7h	17h	9h	15h	7h	8h
CVE-2020-15945	5h	4h	14h	15h	13h	16h
SND020	16m	19m	7h	21h	-	-
CVE-2015-3414	1h	4h	17h	16h	23h	15h
CVE-2016-10269	2h	1h	15h	22h	15h	-
CVE-2011-2696	18m	22m	17h	-	22h	23h
CVE-2017-8363	13m	28m	18h	22h	-	-

CVE-2015-3414	1h	4h	17h	16h	23h	15h
CVE-2016-10269	2h	1h	15h	22h	15h	-
CVE-2011-2696	18m	22m	17h	-	22h	23h
CVE-2017-8363	13m	28m	18h	22h	-	-
CVE-2017-8363	27m	32m	18h	22h	-	-
CVE-2017-9047	33m	6h	12h	-	-	-
CVE-2017-8361	14m	3h	18h	22h	-	-
CVE-2016-6302	9h	23h	16h	-	3h	6h
CVE-2017-7375	6h	1h	-	-	-	-
CVE-2018-10768	5h	5h	23h	-	-	23h
CVE-2016-5314	19h	19h	11h	16h	4h	-
CVE-2013-6954	13h	19h	16h	12h	11h	-
CVE-2019-19926	5h	19h	17h	-	21h	20h
PNG006	-	6m	-	-	-	-
CVE-2016-2108	3h	16h	22h	-	-	-
CVE-2016-10269	23h	2h	22h	-	-	-
CVE-2017-9865	8h	12h	-	-	-	-
CVE-2015-8784	22h	21h	20h	18h	-	20h
CVE-2016-1836	22h	23h	-	-	-	-
CVE-2017-14617	-	21h	-	-	-	-
CVE-2017-3735	20h	-	5h	15h	22h	10h
CVE-2017-9776	19h	-	-	-	-	-
CVE-2013-7443	17h	-	-	-	-	-
CVE-2019-19880	18h	-	-	-	-	-
PDF008	20h	-	-	-	-	-
CVE-2019-19646	22h	-	-	-	-	-
CVE-2017-2518	22h	-	-	-	-	-
CVE-2019-19317	22h	-	-	-	-	-
#The Fastest <sup>1</sup>	29	7	7	2	9	4

<sup>1</sup>#The Fastest: The number of vulnerabilities that are discovered the fastest by the fuzzer.





# THANK YOU

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