



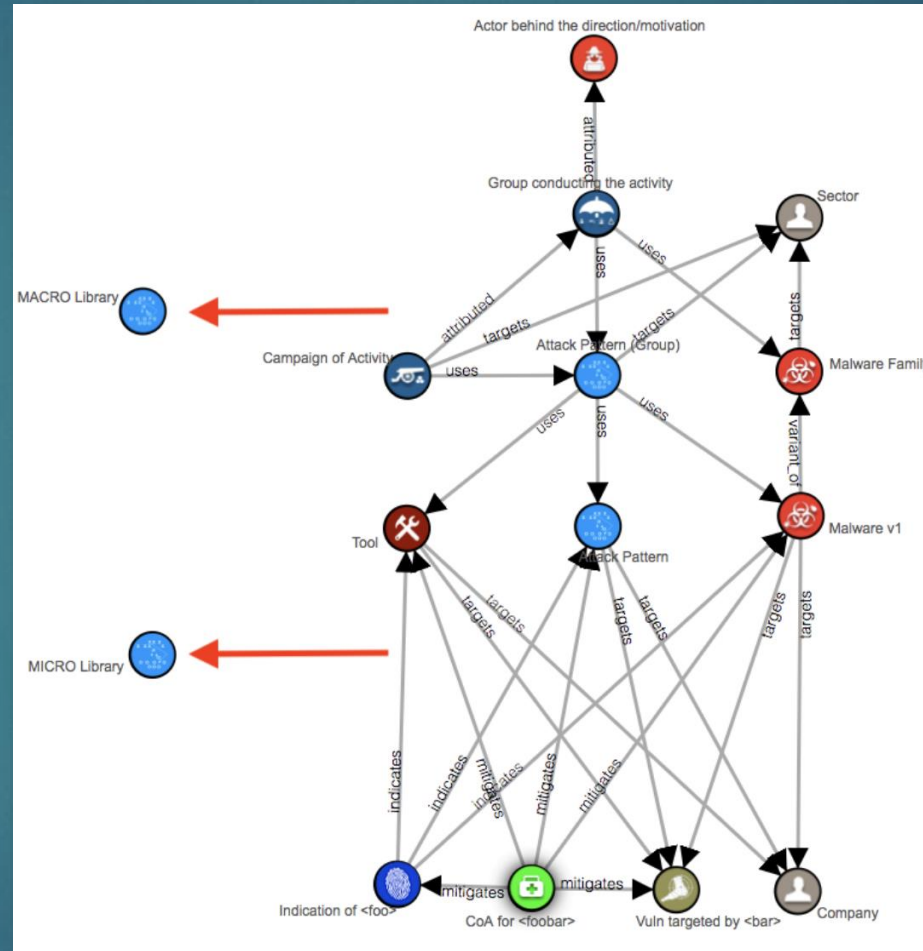
# CTI Collaboration

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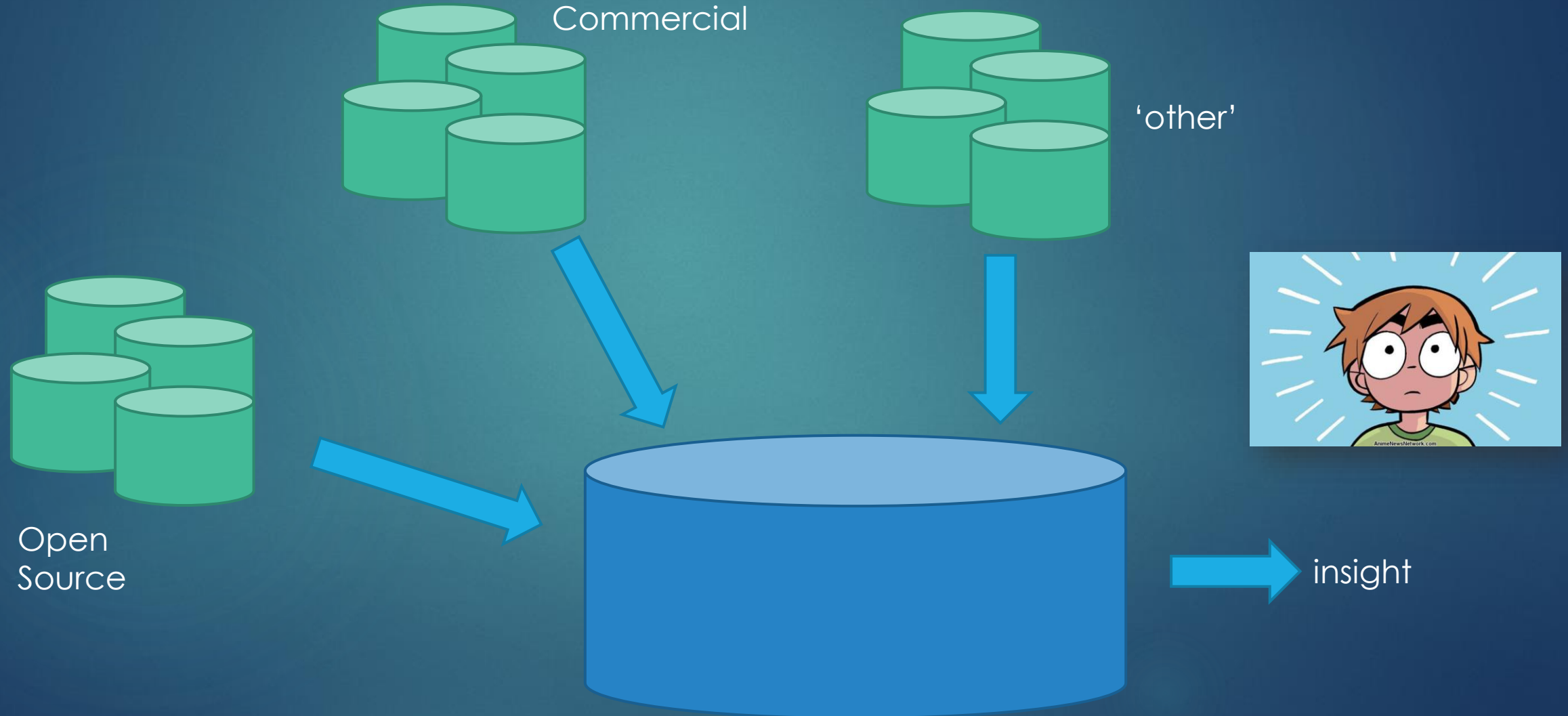
# TLDR;

- ▶ I love STIX. But...
- ▶ Data normalisation kills holistic intelligence analysis
  - ▶ DAG / git-ification of intelligence 'commits'
  - ▶ Need representation of objective and subjective views...
  - ▶ ...without global data normalisation
- ▶ Behavioural Security models require Behavioural Intelligence models
  - ▶ Mitre ATT&CK is 1, there should be more
  - ▶ Need a way to manage intelligence behavioral models (macro<>micro)
- ▶ In order to... provide a means for de-centralised intelligence collaboration

# RetCon...



# Problem 1: Global Data Normalisation



# Problem 2: Macro<>Micro

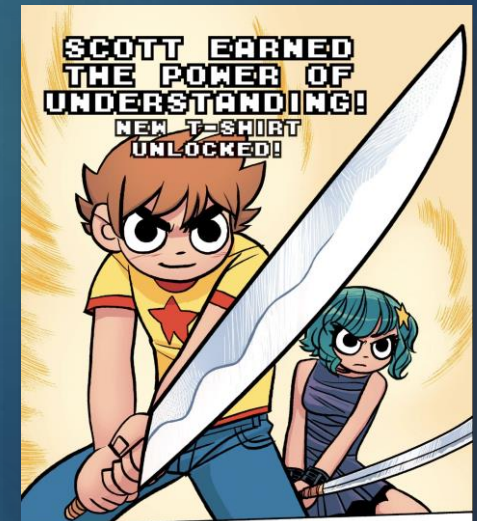


- ▶ Requires strong, **agreed**, consistent libraries
  - ▶ eg: Mitre ATT&CK
- ▶ Contributions are good, including opinions, but alternate viewpoints/realities are not maintained (implied as a meta-layer)
- ▶ Implementation often leads to “tagging” mindset – fine, but results in hyperconnectivity
- ▶ “Scope” of object is not universal, eg:
  - ▶ “Attack Patterns are used to help categorise attacks...”, but also...
  - ▶ “Attack Patterns can also be more specific...”



# Working theory...

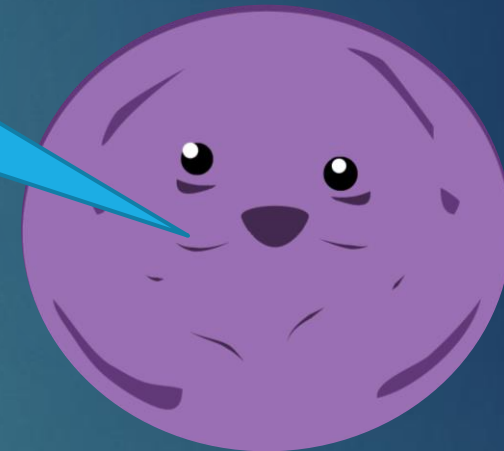
- ▶ 1 data model will not rule them all
- ▶ Find a way that producers can create what they like, using:
  - ▶ **Molecules**: to allow consumers to pivot at a behavioral level
  - ▶ **git4intel**: to allow consumers to view intel through their “lens”.



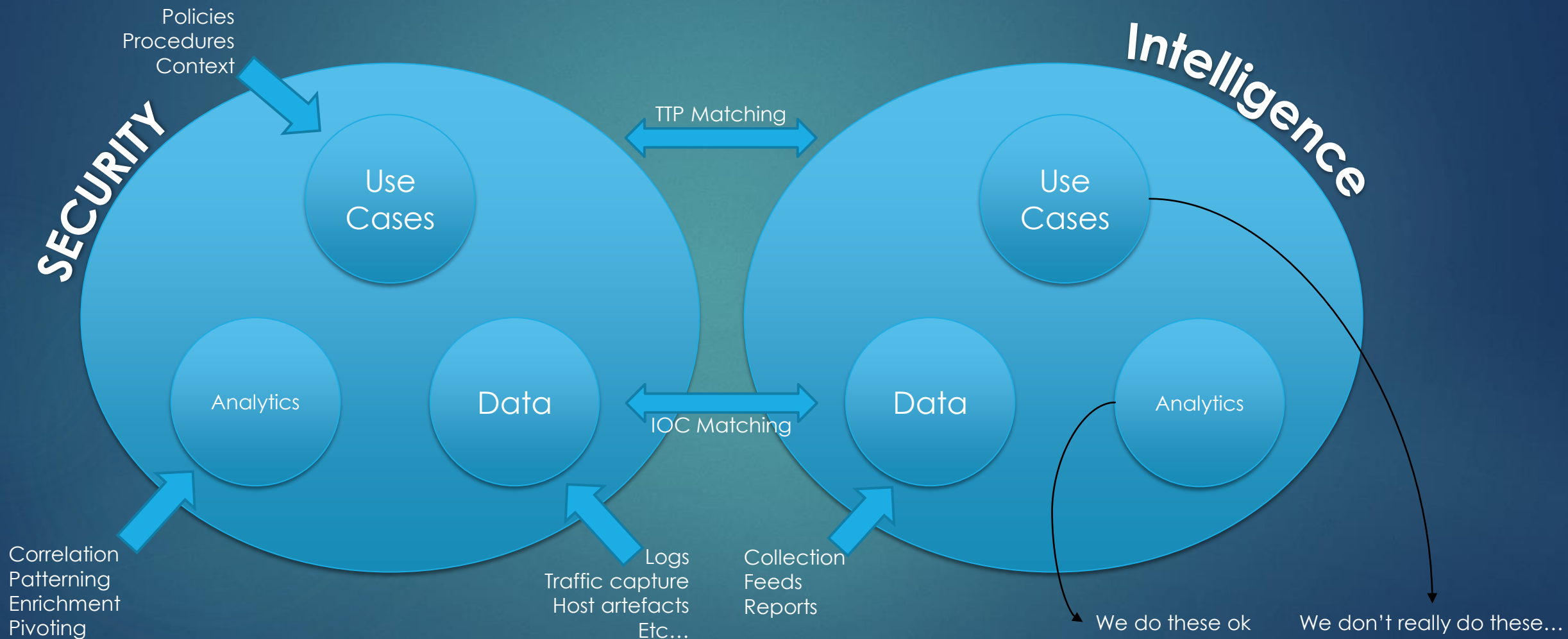
# Molecules

QUERY FOR BEHAVIOURAL LEVEL INTELLIGENCE

'member stix  
profiles?



# Behavioural Approach



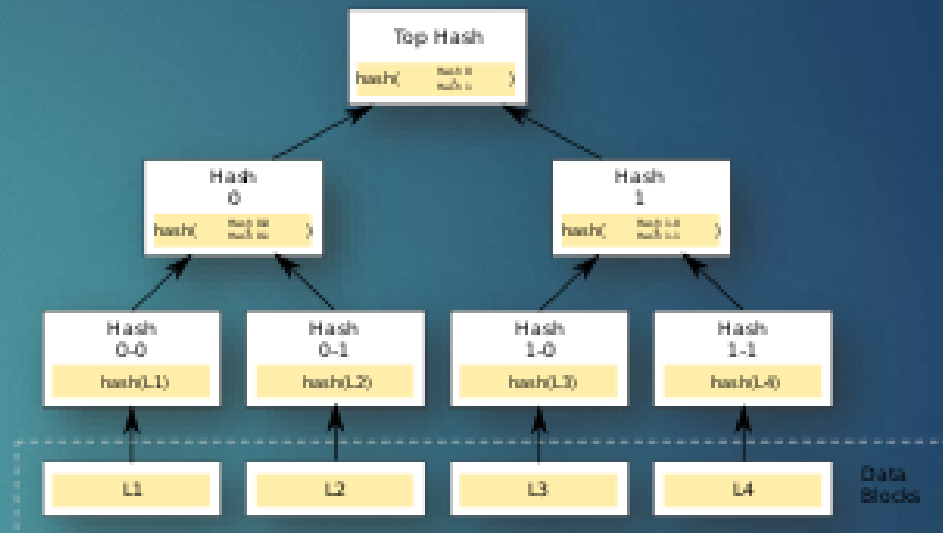


# Molecule Schemas (eg: elastic)

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15      ]}}
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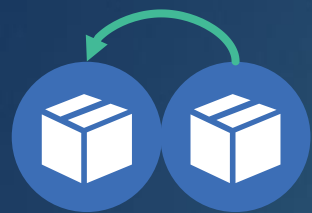
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51 }
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- ▶ ^^ basic inference (shout-out: OpenCTI)
- ▶ >> Complex library graph walk
- ▶ Ideally more “programmatic” (shout-out: Grapl)
- ▶ Query in a “1-shot” for behavioral concept
- ▶ Avoid macro<>micro explosions



# git4intel

TREAT INTELLIGENCE AS PROVENANCE-RICH COMMITS TO FORK,  
BRANCH AND OTHERWISE CREATE CUSTOM VIEWS ON THE SAME DATA.



Given:  
- None.

Assert:

Commit:  
aaaaaa  
- ISET exists  
- Malware used  
- Implied:  
Campaign observed



U/K



 Intel equivalent (eg: alias)

 Clerical duplicate

aaaaaa



aaaaaa

bbbbbb

Given:

Commit: aaaaaa

Assert:

Commit:  
bbbbbb  
- Indicator of  
malware  
exists  
- Malware is  
the same



U/K



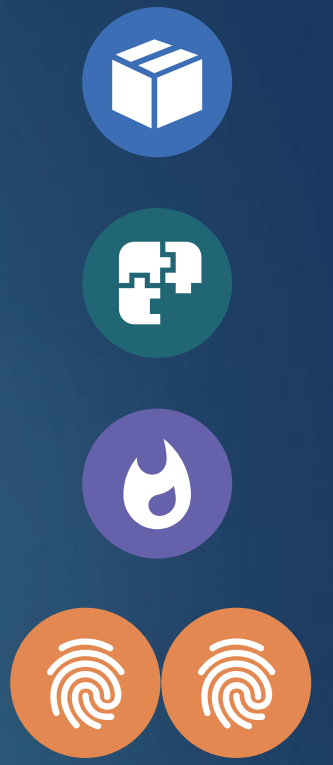


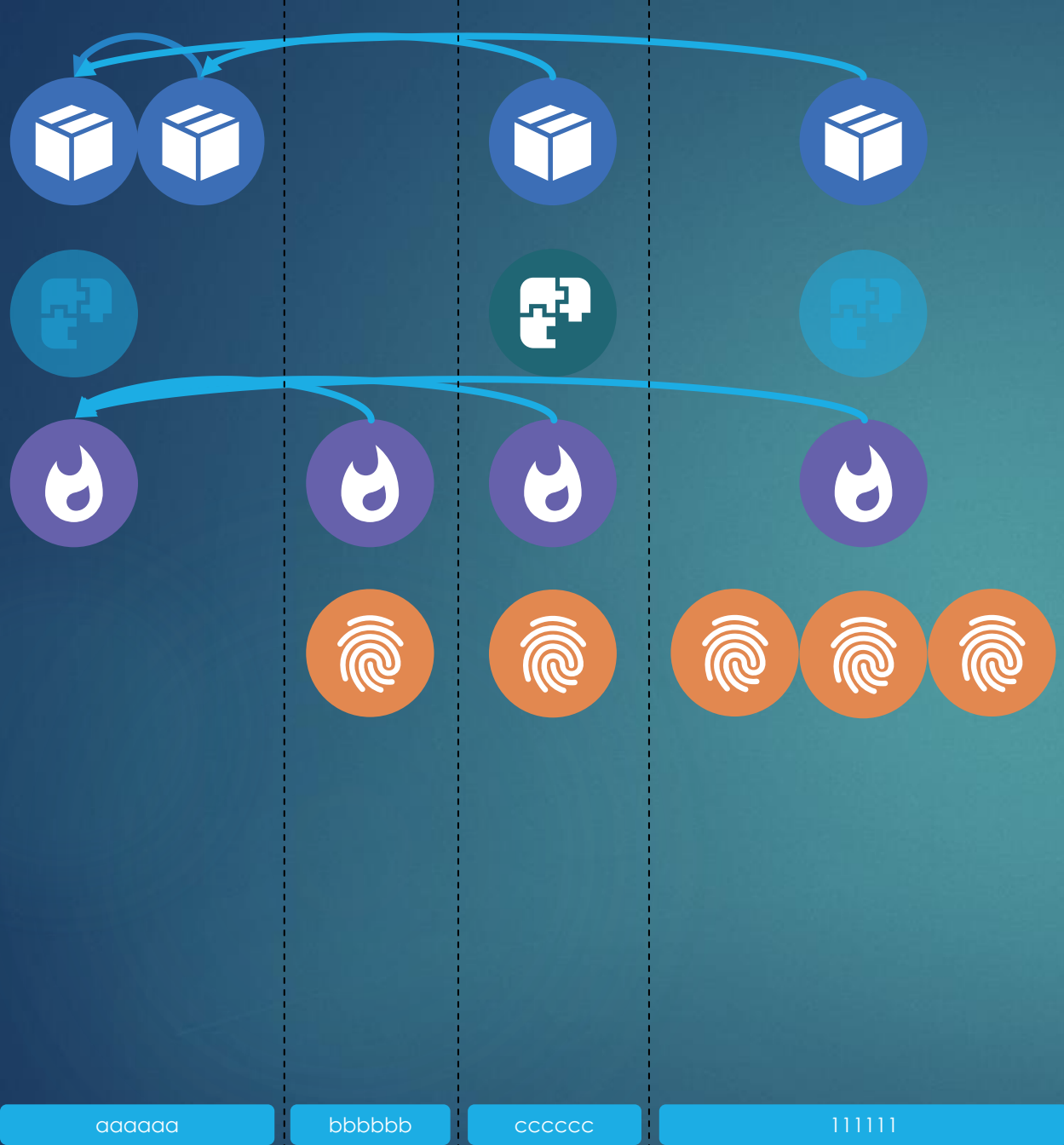
Given:

- Commit: aaaaaa
- Commit: bbbbbb

Assert:

- Commit: cccccc
- Indicator of malware exists
- Malware is the same
- Iset is the same (as an alias)
- Campaign identified (timestamp?)





Given:

Commit: aaaaaa

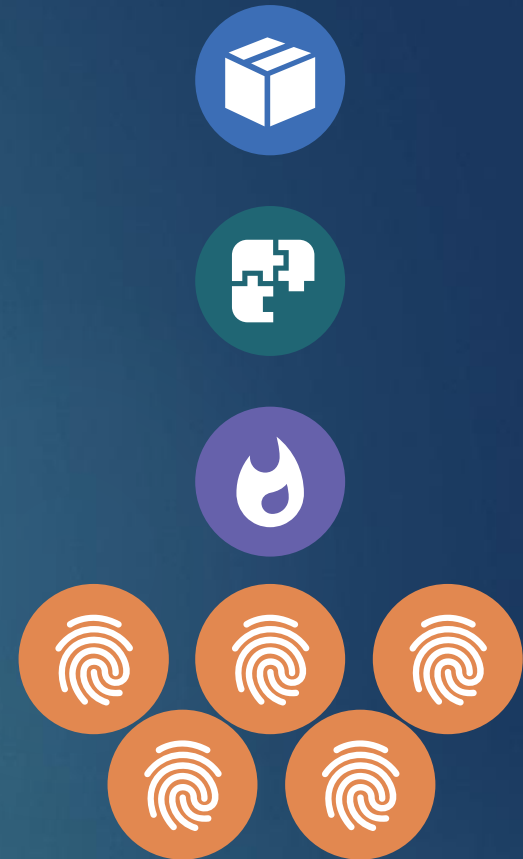
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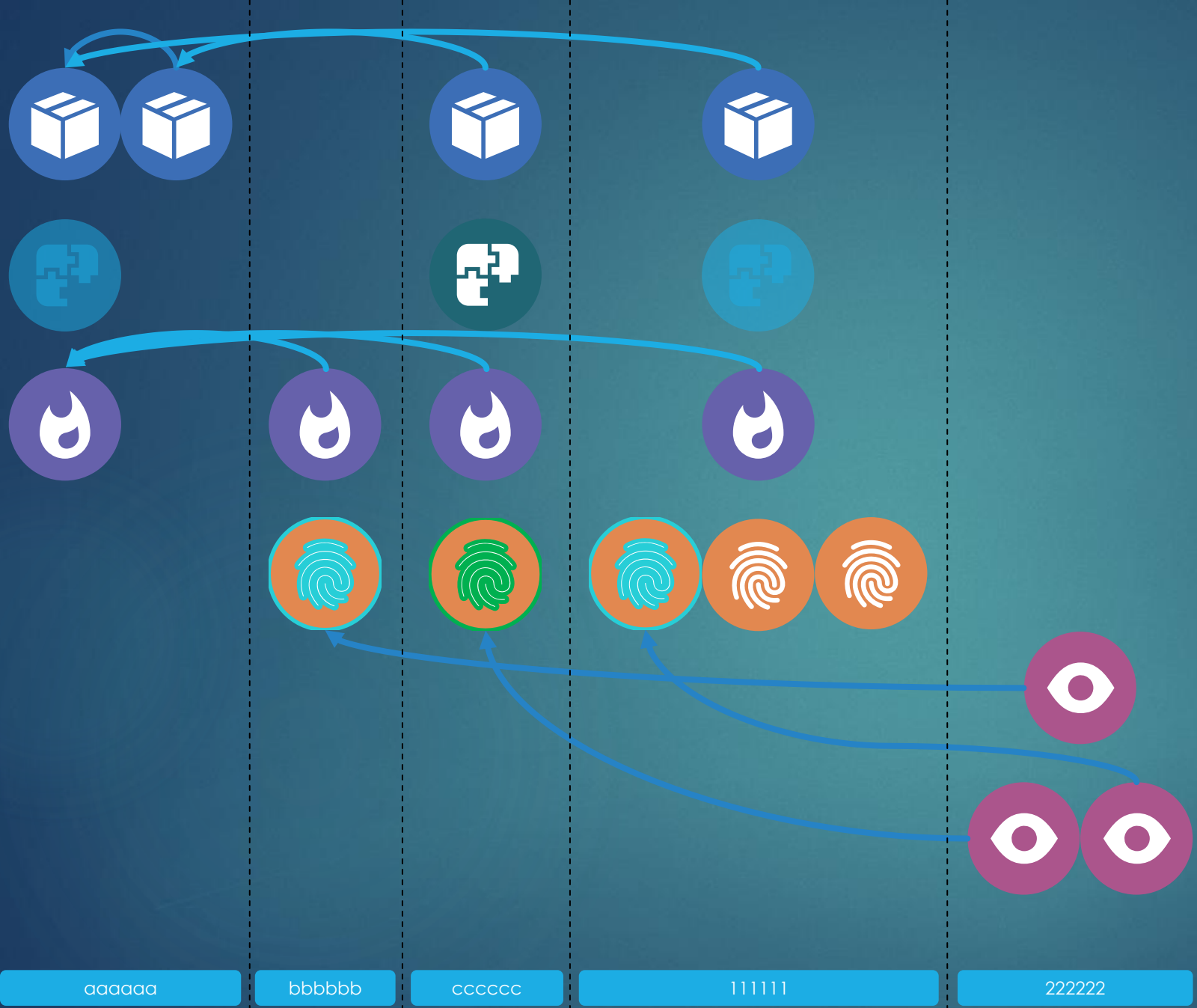
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Assert:

Commit: 111111

- Indicator of malware exists
- Malware is the same
- Iset is the same (as an alias)
- Campaign identified (timestamp?)



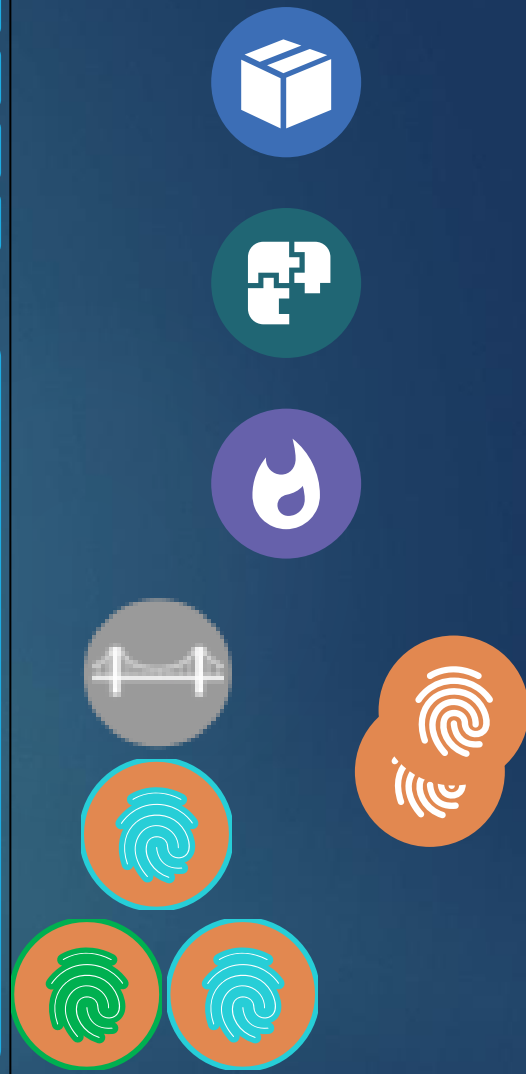


Given:

- Commit: aaaaaa
- Commit: bbbbbb
- Commit: cccccc
- Commit: 111111

Assert:

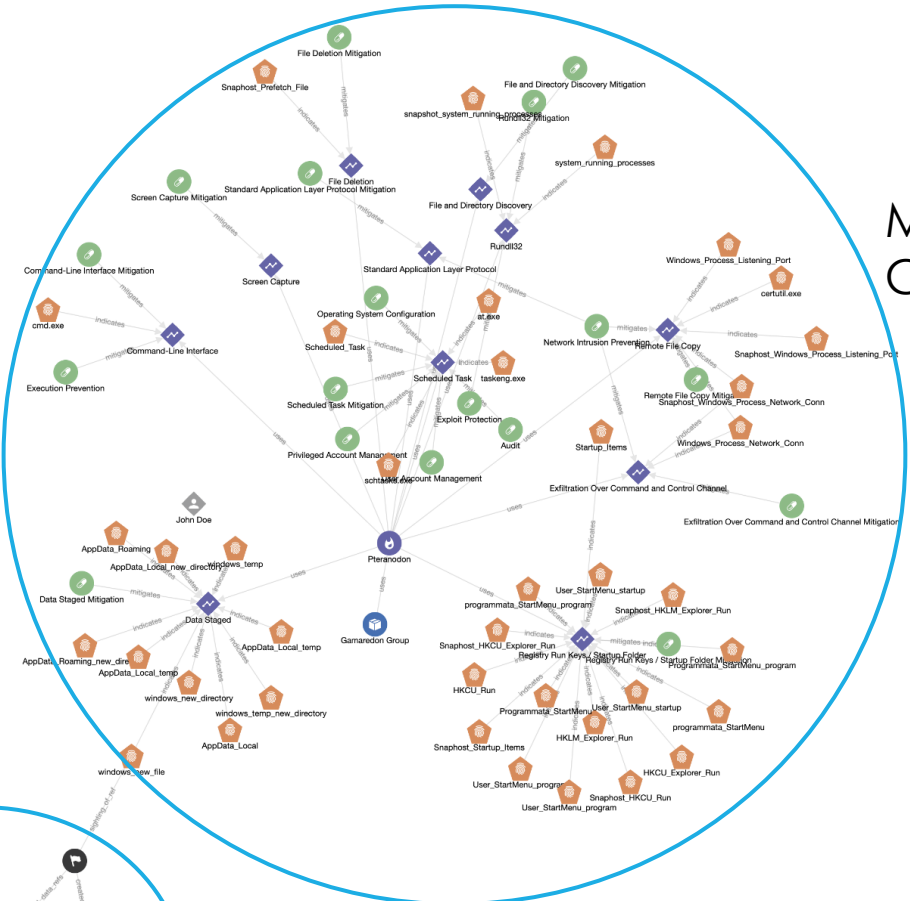
- Commit: 222222
- IP address likely infrastructure (control of resolution)
- Legit vs Malicious
- Remainder continue malware indicator only







# Multi-commit CTI space



# Incident Response





# Conclusion

- ▶ Still <3 stix
- ▶ Data models are never perfect => will never be universal
- ▶ Behavioral Intelligence templates (like inference, molecules, etc) can provide an alternative – let consumers search by use case rather than by data
- ▶ Leveraging provenance to support git-like data management can provide a means for users to choose their own adventure – removing the need for universal data normalisation.