

Continuous threat intelligence improvements

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TI quests to

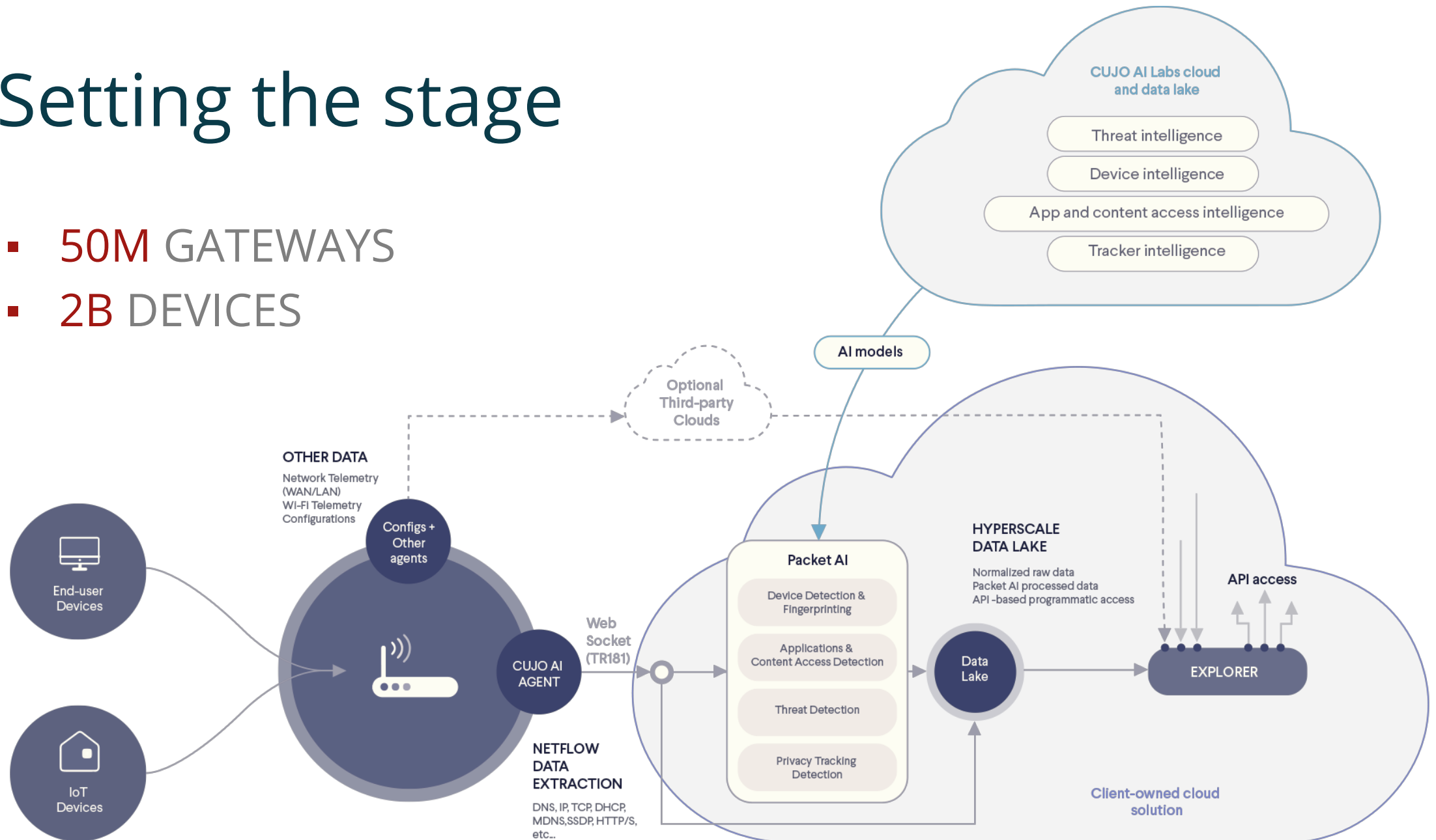
- Find the magical pill in threat intelligence
- Find intelligence
- Find the best sources of IOCs
- Find the best platforms for TI
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TI related misconceptions

- There is a magical pill in threat intelligence that can fit everyone's need
- You can buy the best threat intelligence
- You can find the best threat intelligence for free

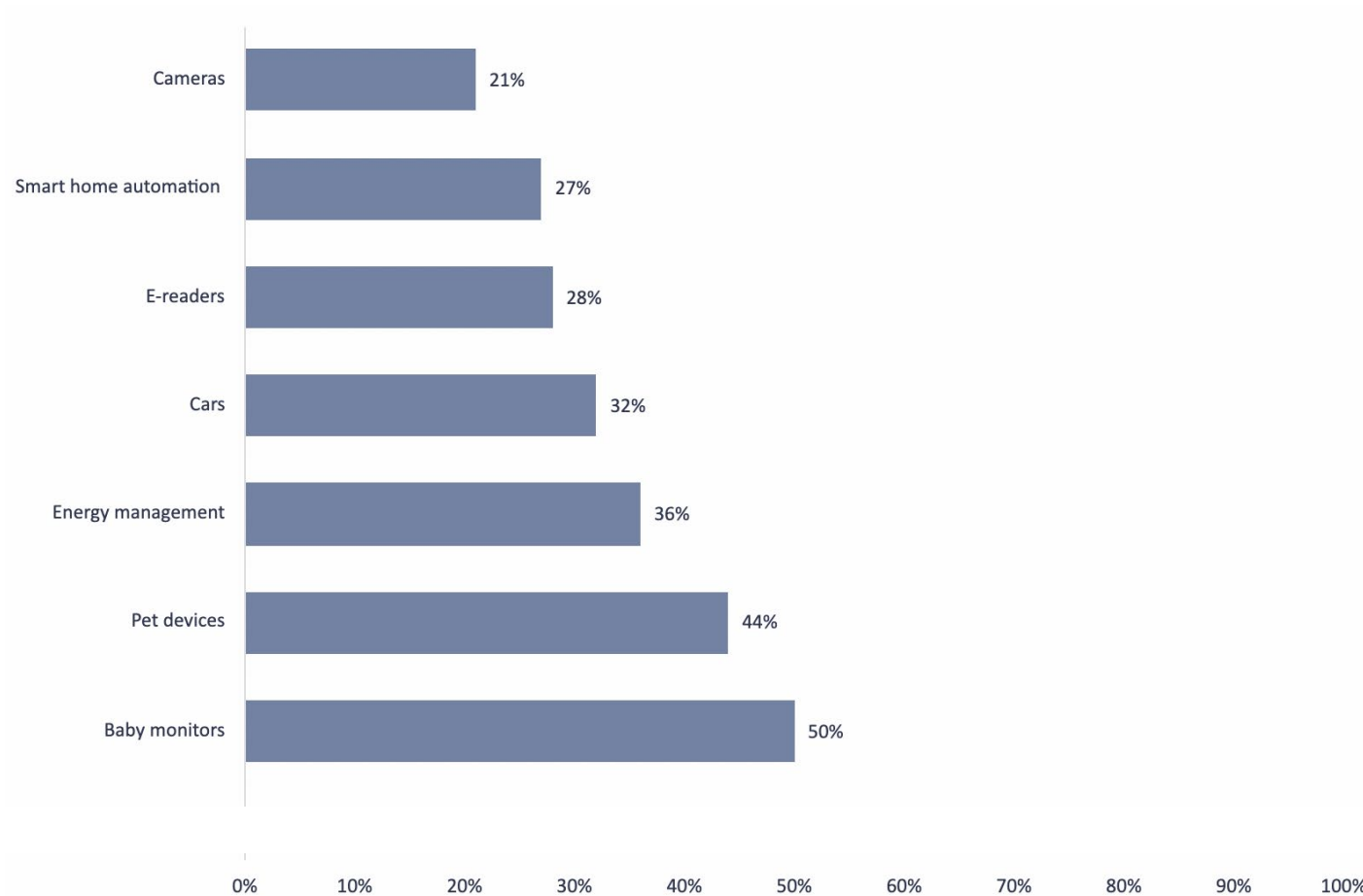
Setting the stage

- 50M GATEWAYS
- 2B DEVICES



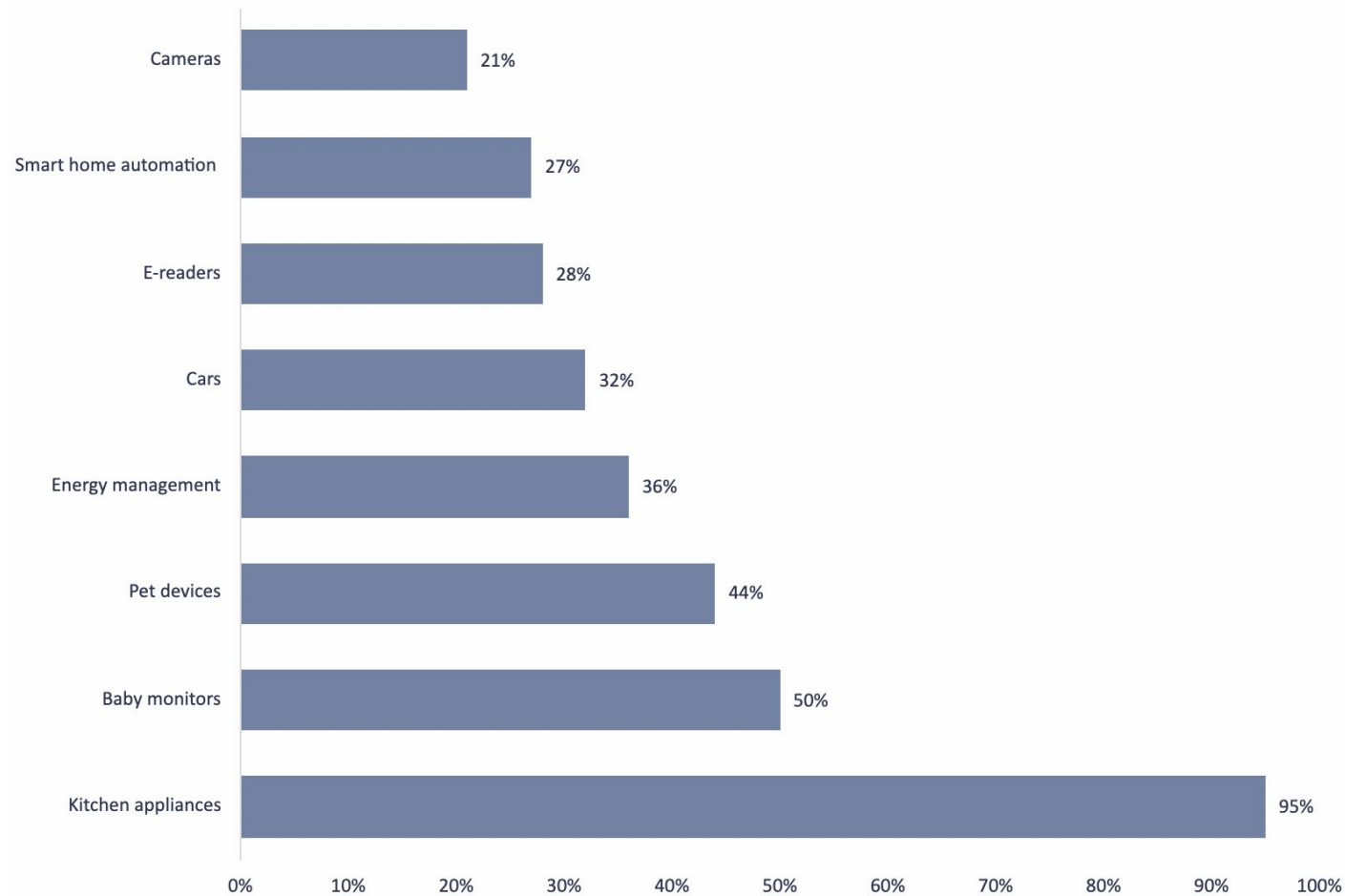
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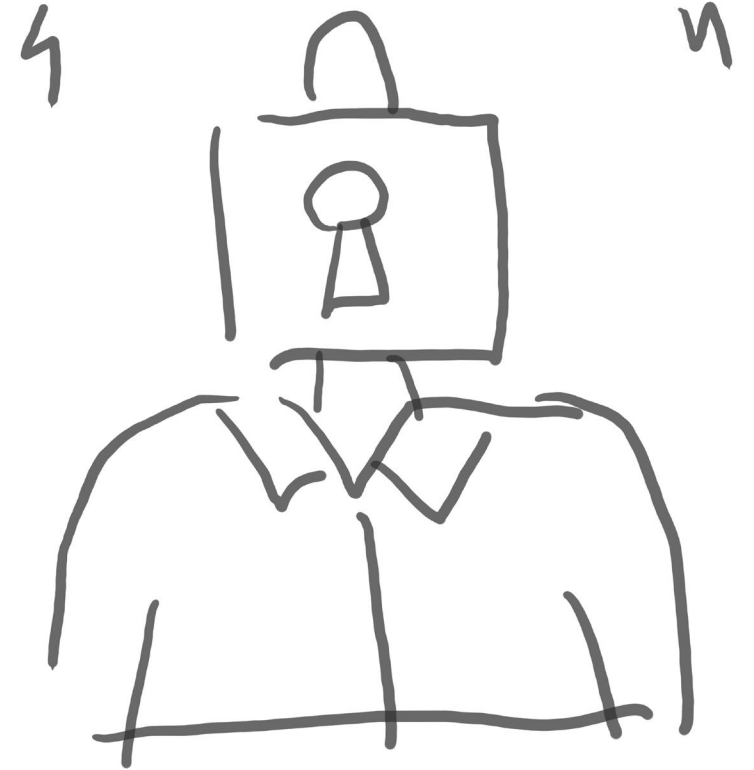
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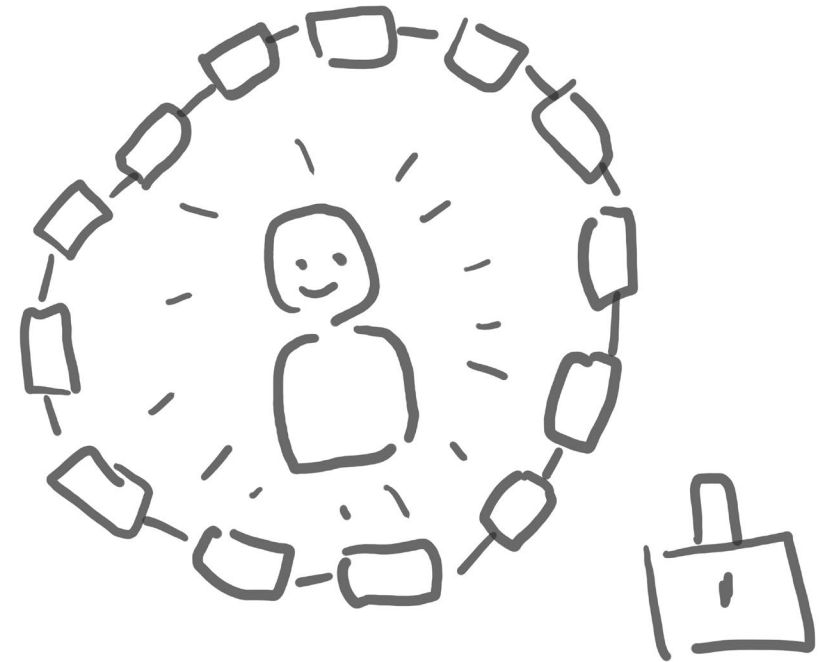
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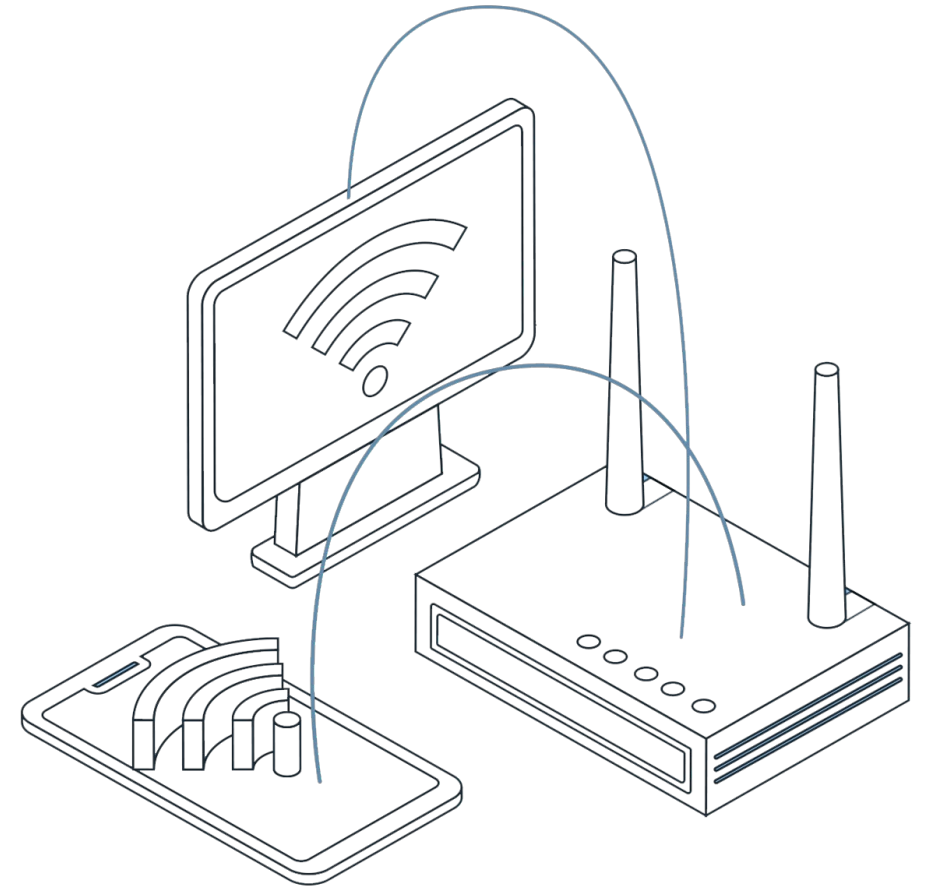
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5. There is too much data / There is too little data



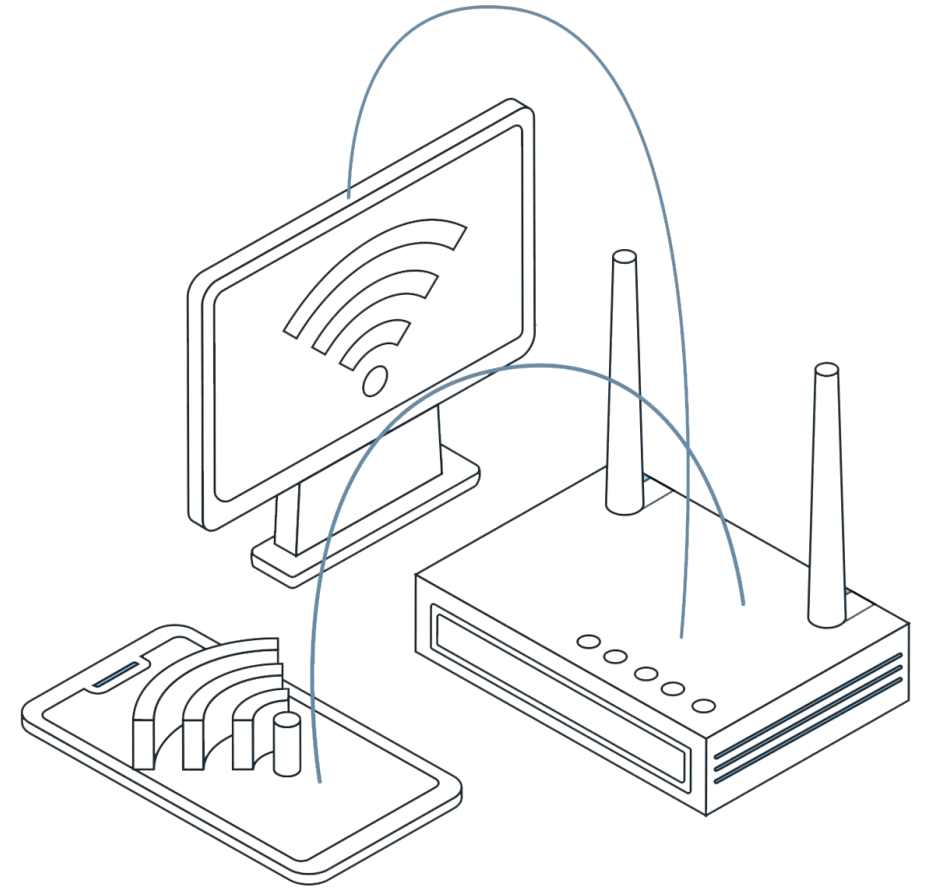
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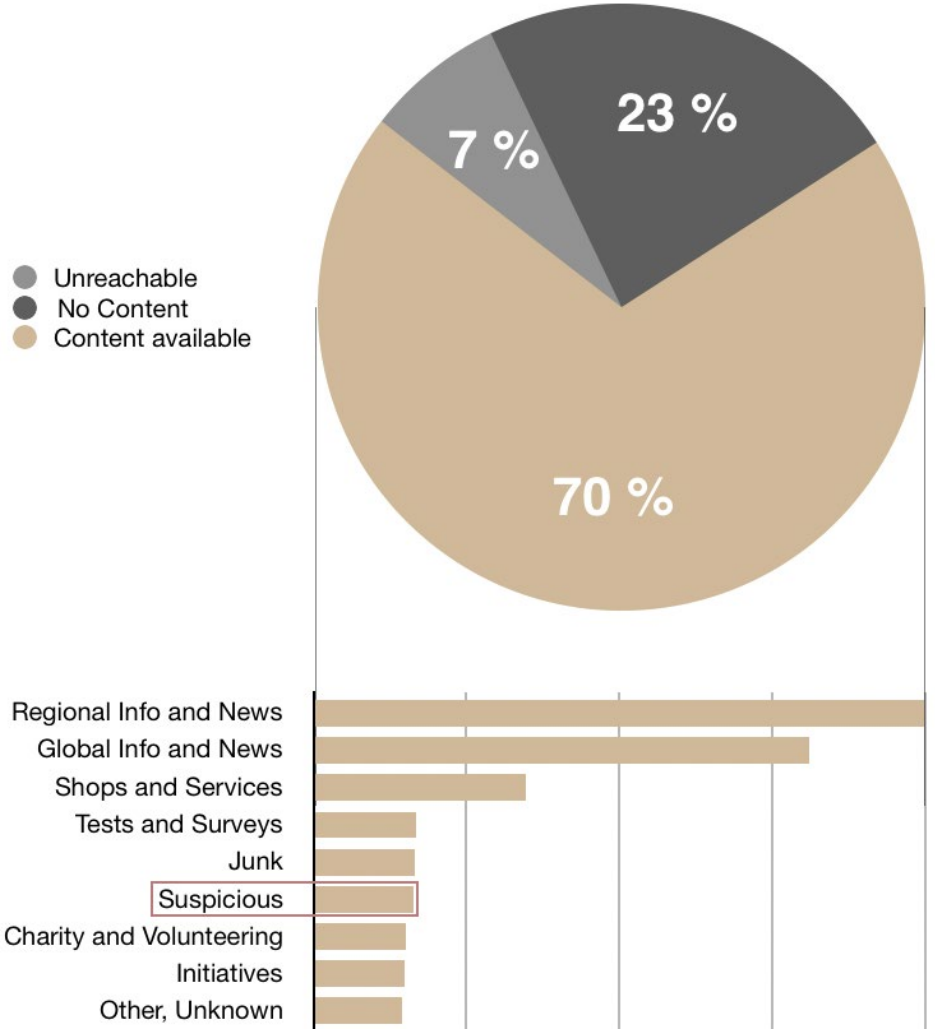


Paradox of working on a network level at homes

- Large quantities of data.
- Not enough contextual data.
- Protection cannot be too strict

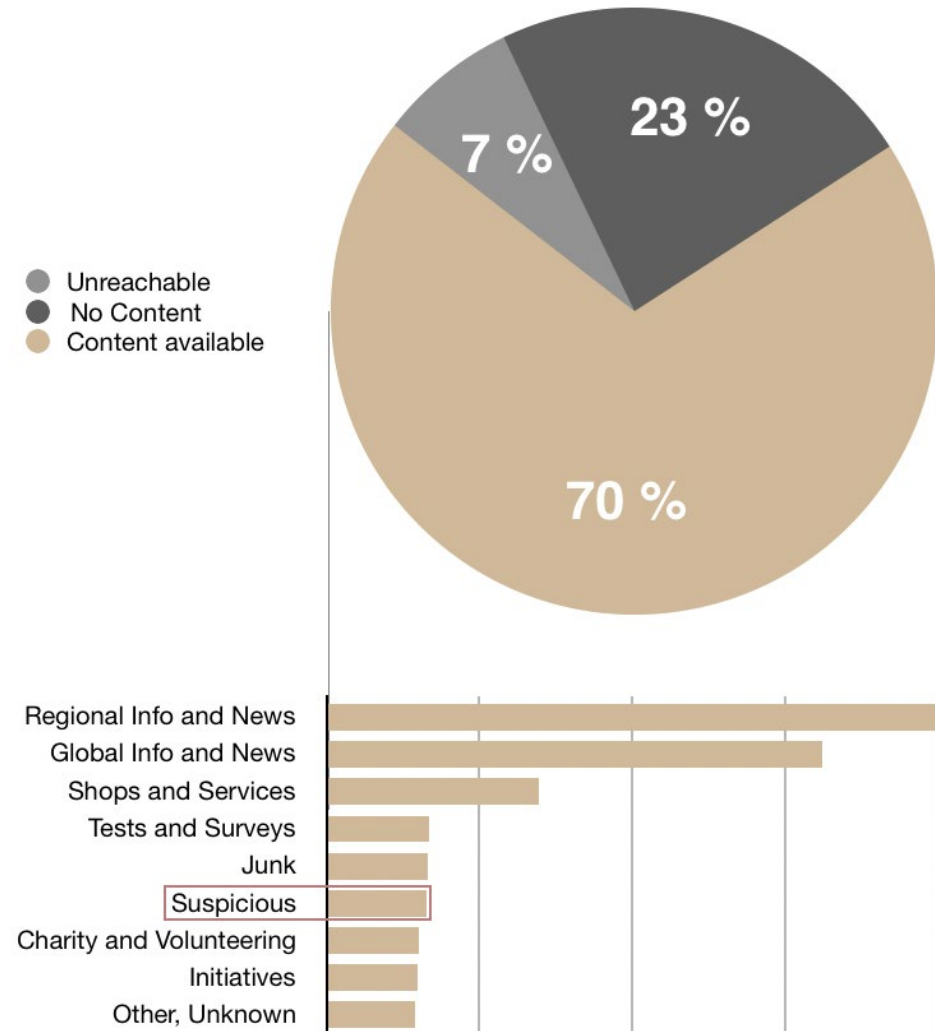


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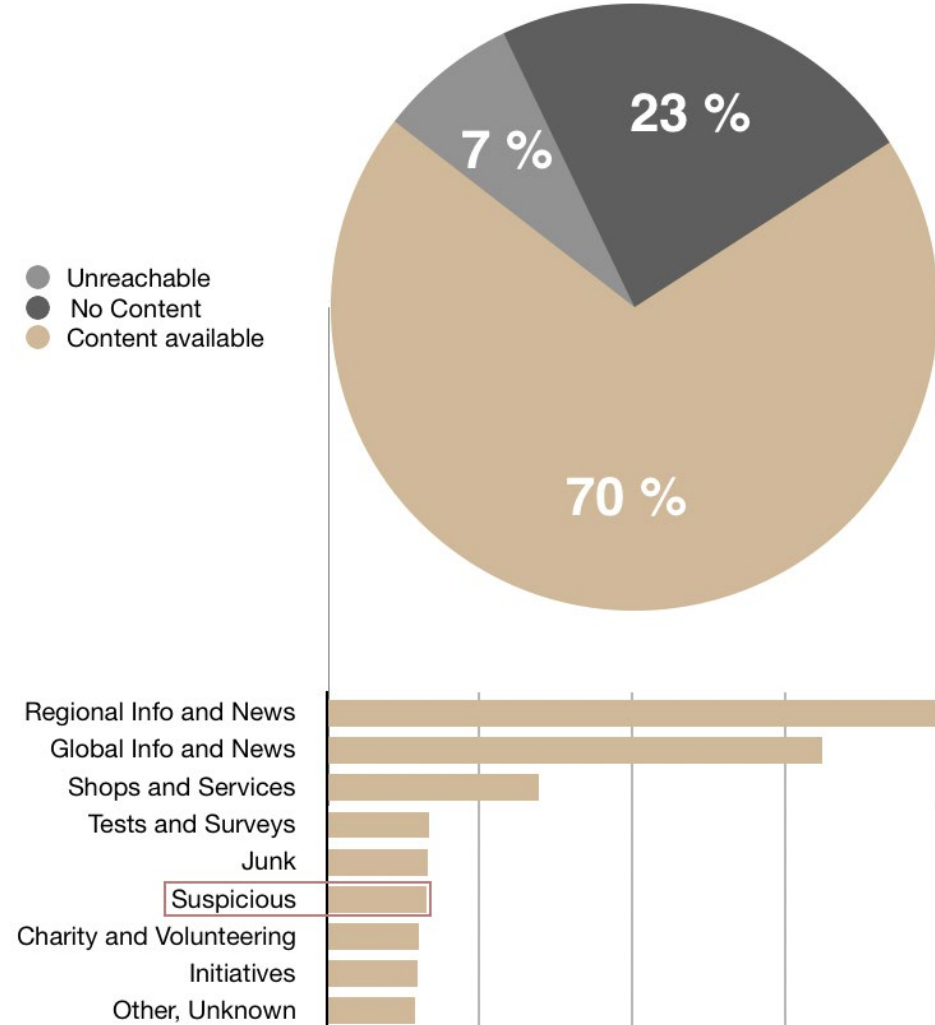


Case study

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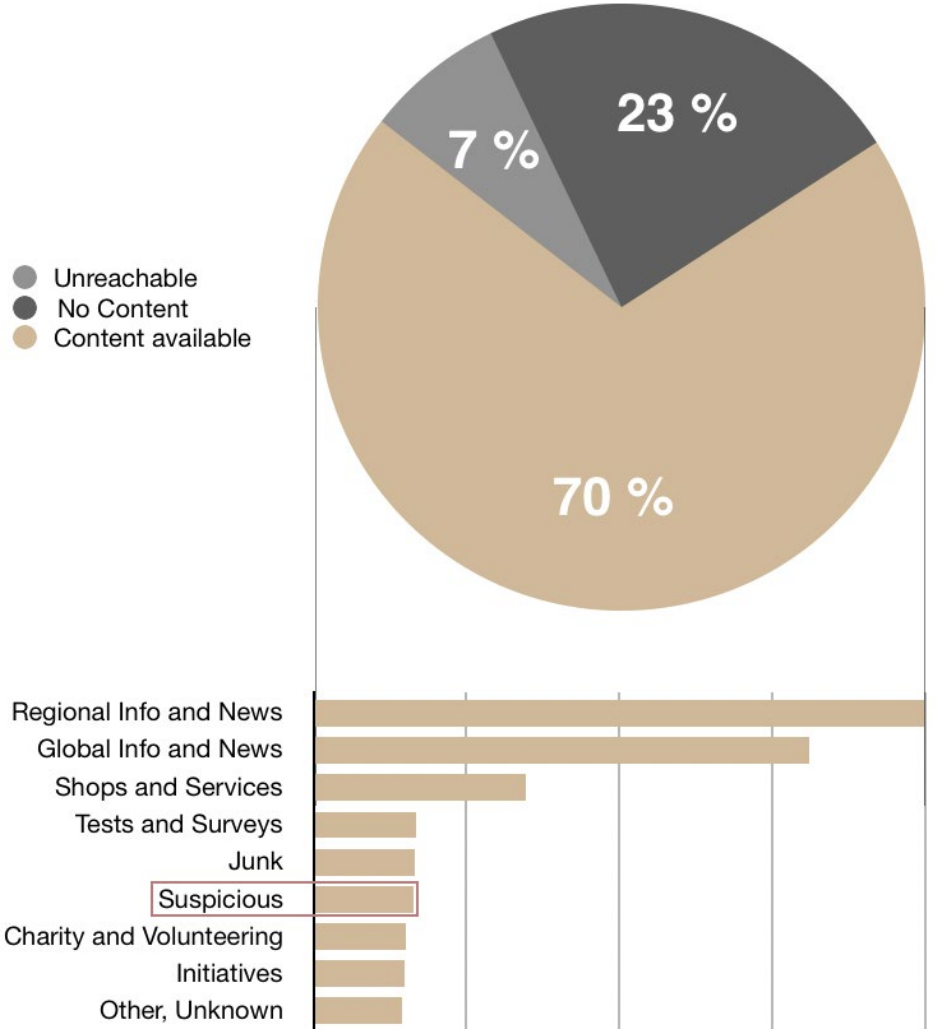


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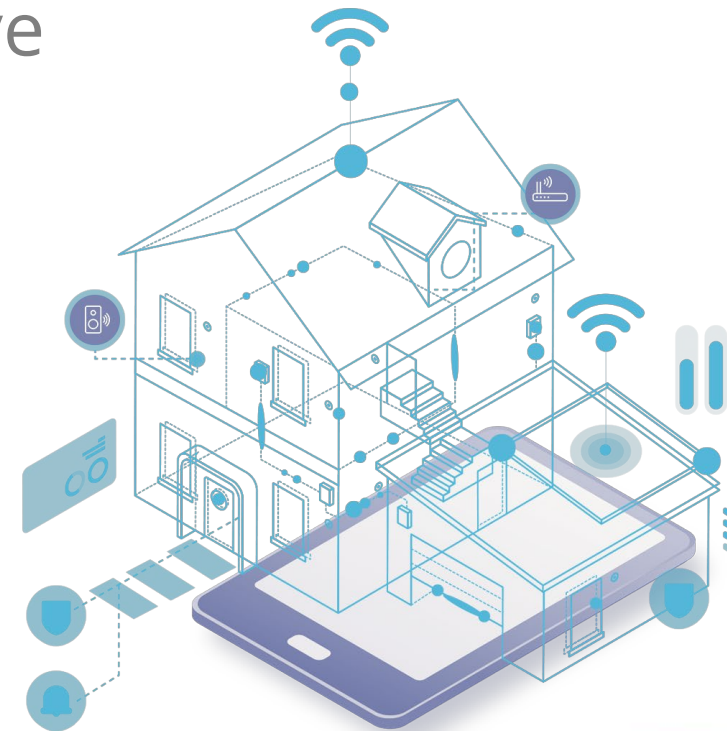
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So, what are the challenges?

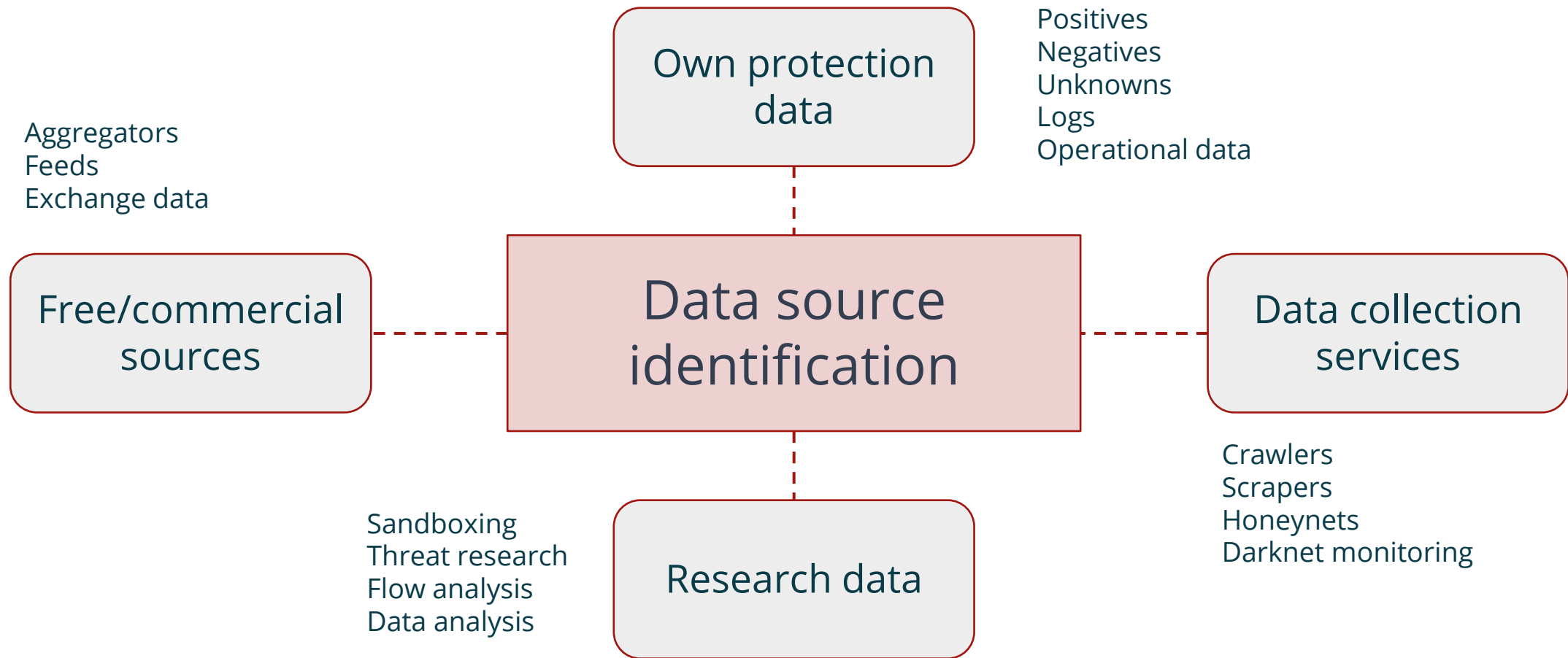
- Analysis of unbalanced dataset of everyday activity
- Even the fastest 3rd party engine is still reactive
- ML is not suitable to solve everything



One approach to solve these challenges



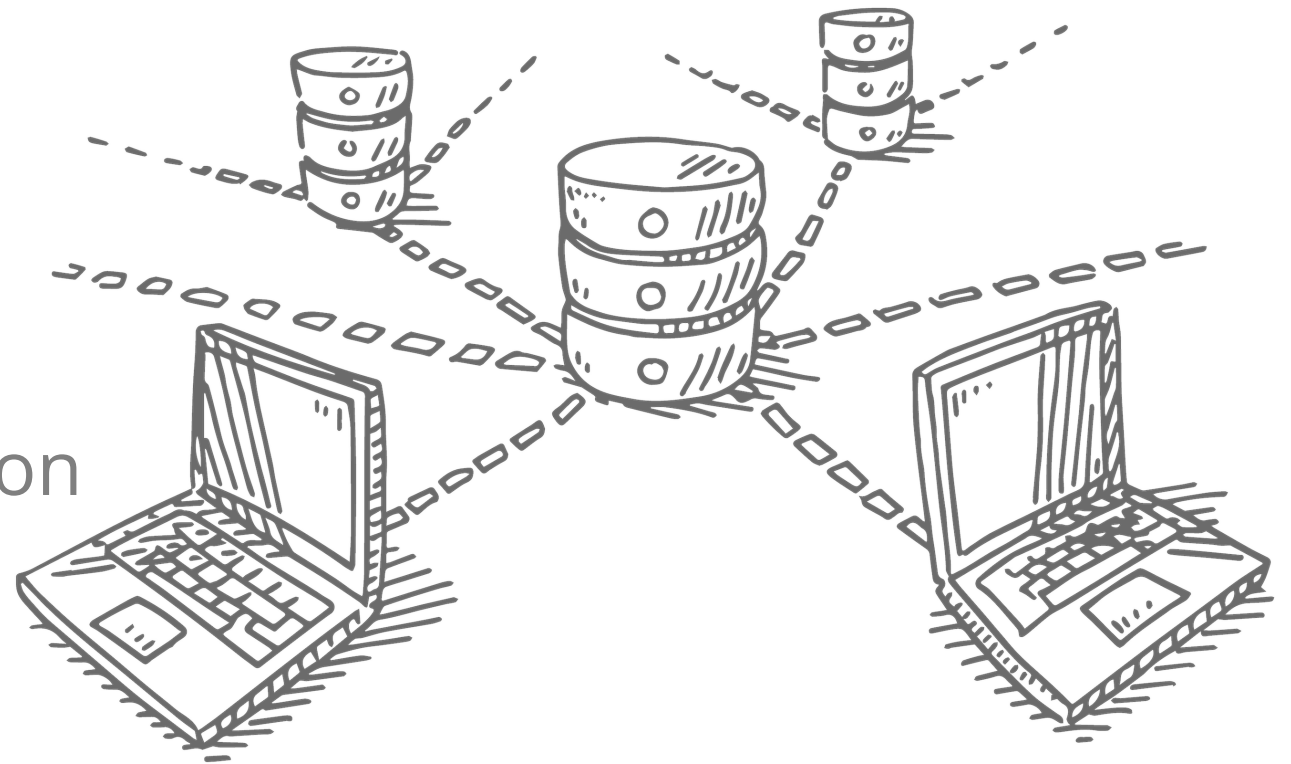
Data source identification



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What are the data source *qualities* that our usecases need?

Before choosing between vendor A, B, C, *extensive* benchmark on *your* production data is a *must!*



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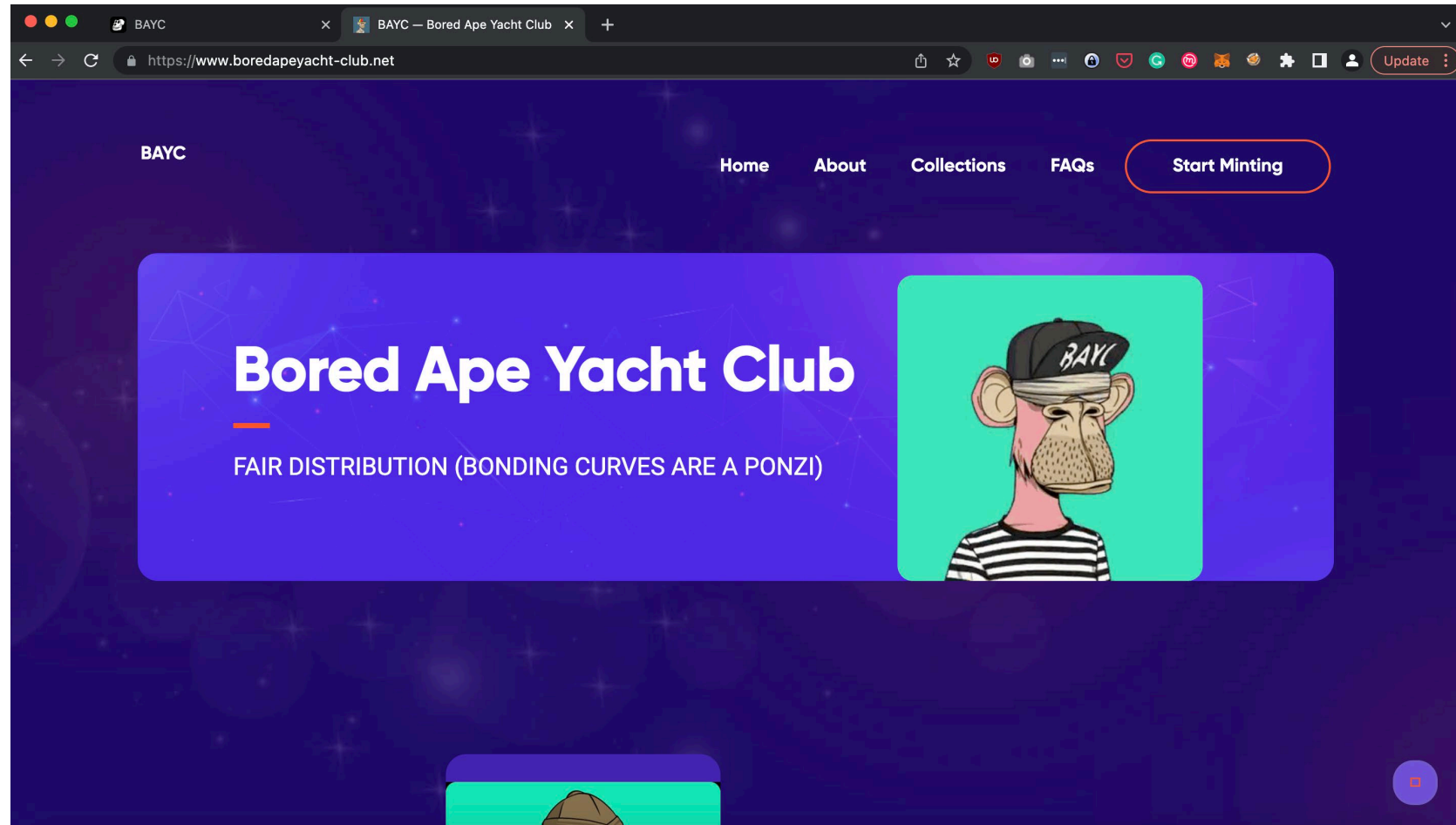
- Tolerance for false positives
- Tolerance for false negatives
- Tolerance for unknowns
- How quality gates affect other parts of threat intel flow

So where does ML/AI come in?

ML/AI is good when we can add context to data



Web3 scam case study



Two final notes

- Continuous threat intelligence improvements are mainly driven by:
 - Contextualized data challenges
 - Balancing inhouse/3rd party/other solutions



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Thank you!

Q&A

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