OPENED Tool for Managing eBPF Heterogeneity

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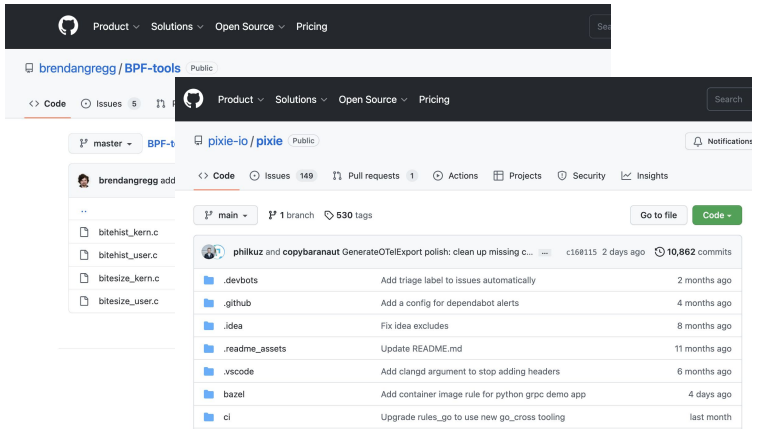
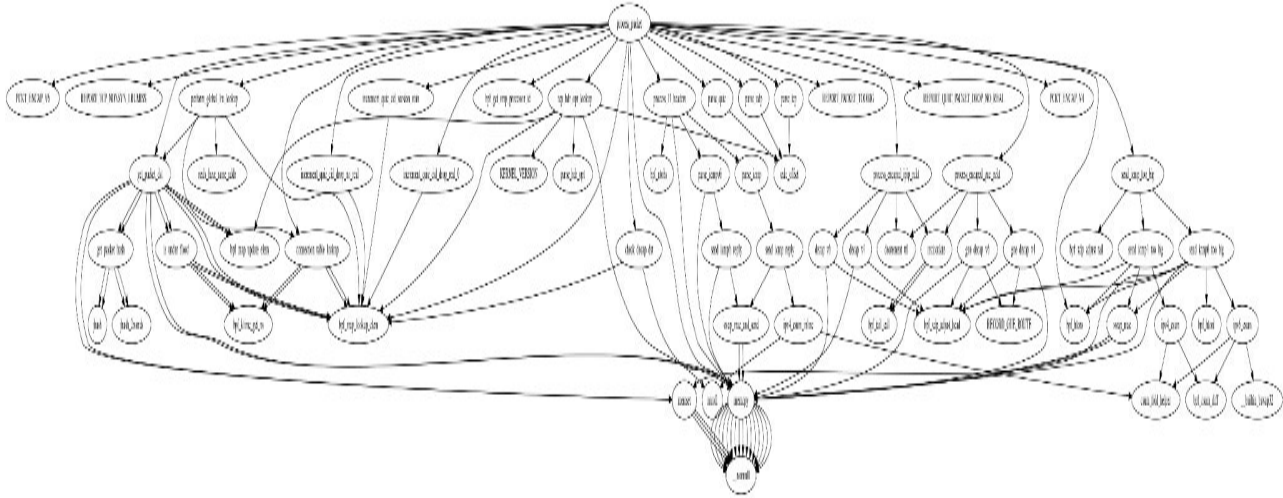
eBPF Programs are Monoliths

One Off Programs



Complex Codebase(s)



Observability

Network Functions

*Code from a Katran function

Implications of Monolith on Developer Productivity

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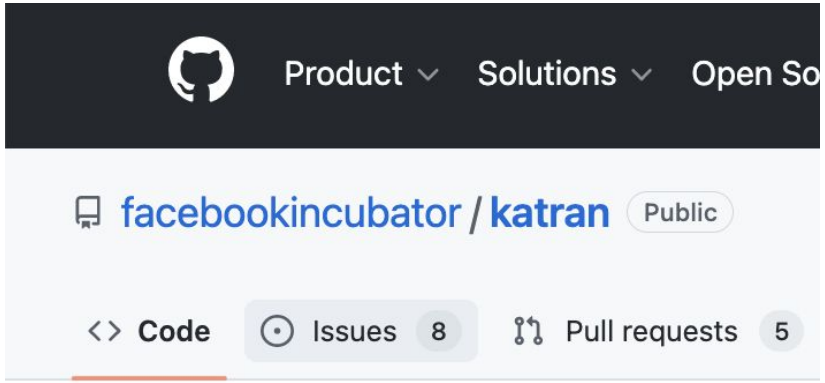

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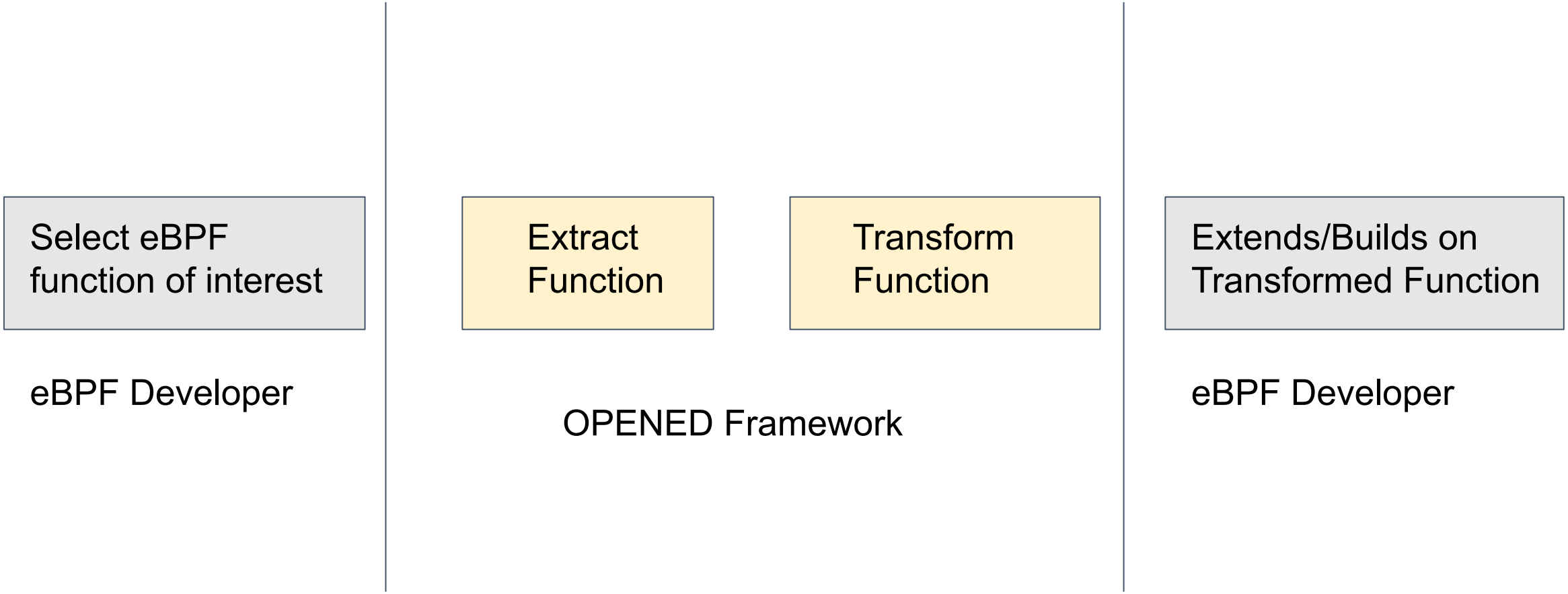
The OPENED Vision



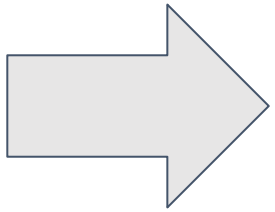
OPENED Vision: Reduce time to new functionality development

- Automated extraction of relevant code

- Automated transformation of code
  - Enable moving code between hook-points
  - Enable moving code between programs

- Developer-first automation
  - Extraction + Transformation guided by developer choices

Road Map



Extraction

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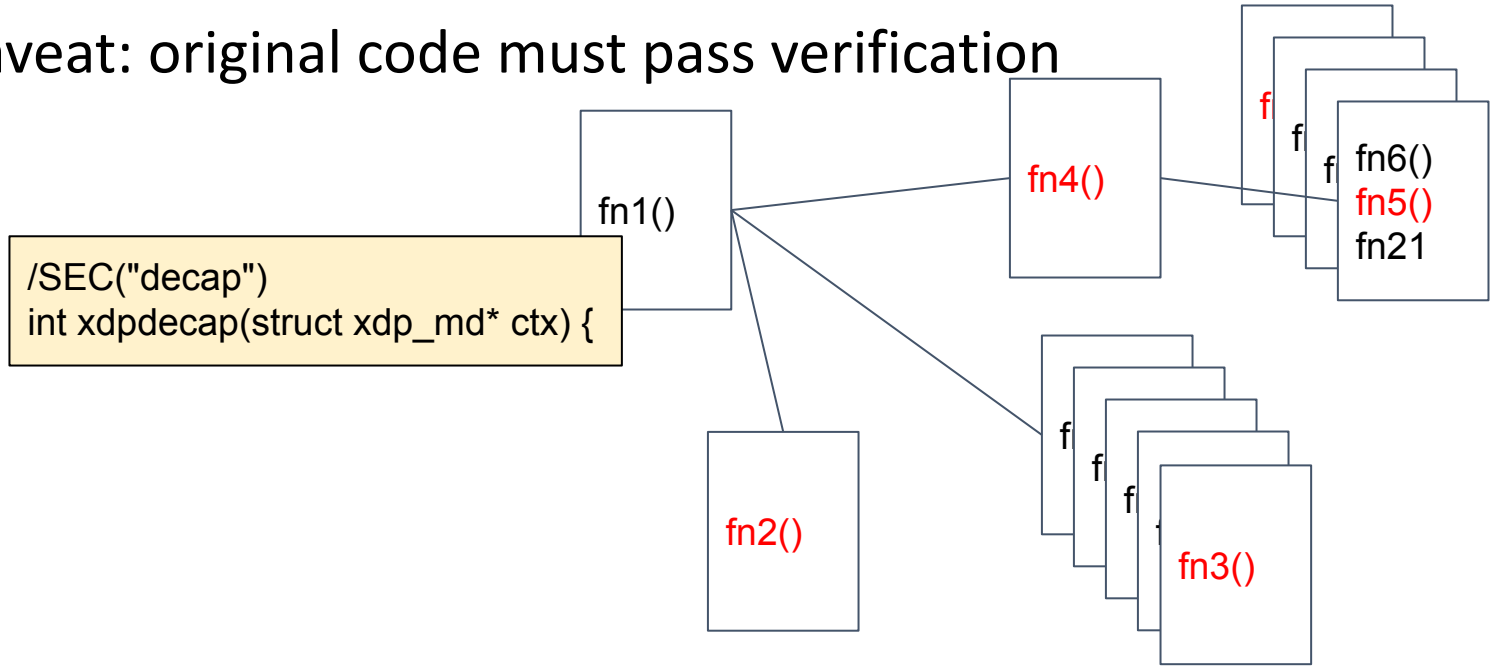
Extraction

Extract eBPF func as an independently loadable module

- Identify all dependencies of the eBPF function
  - Dependencies: function call graph, Maps & associated structures, header files
  - Extract relevant dependencies while
    - Ensuring correctness and minimizing technical debt
- Caveat: original code must pass verification

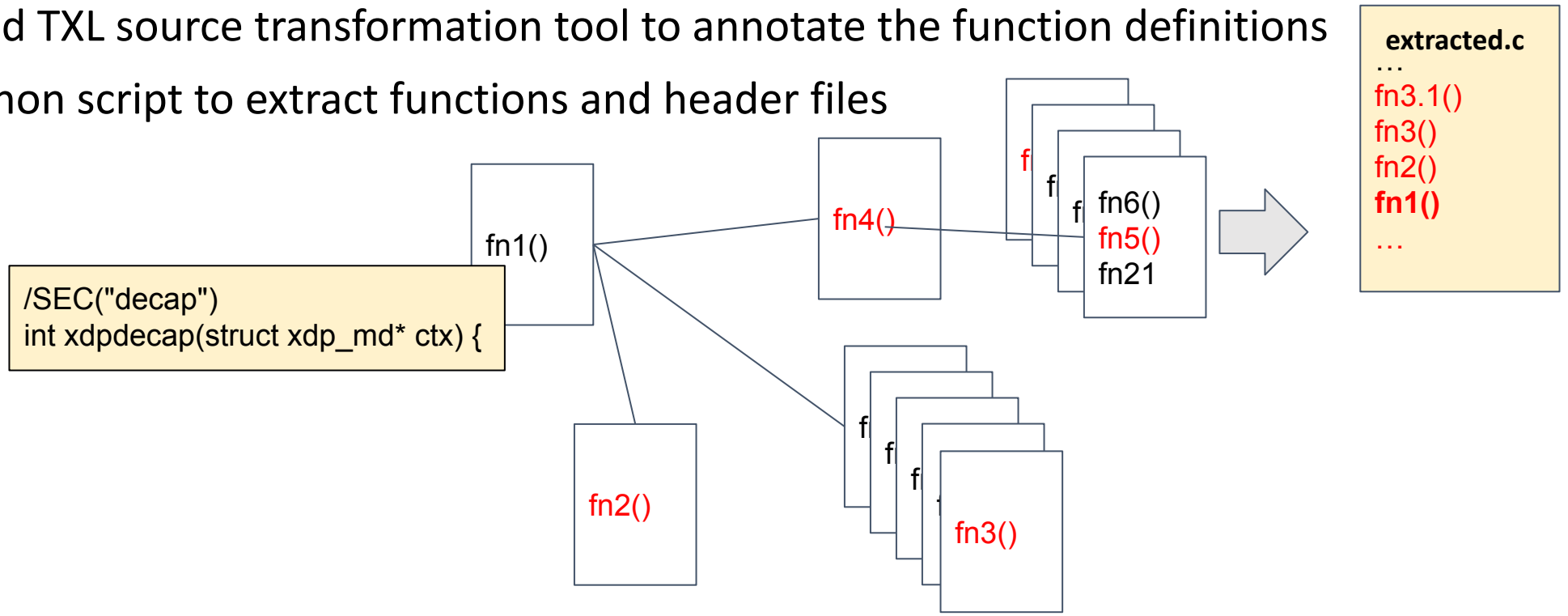


Challenge: Dependency Extraction

Function Dependencies

- Extended codequery tool[1],
  - Recursively identify function call graph
  - Uses cscope and ctags and sqlite internally
- Used TXL source transformation tool to annotate the function definitions
- Python script to extract functions and header files

```
/* Extracted from
 /root/github/demo_lpc/
codequery/katran/decap_kern.c  startLine: 223
endLine: 247 */
SEC("decap")
int xdpdecap(struct xdp_md* ctx) {
```



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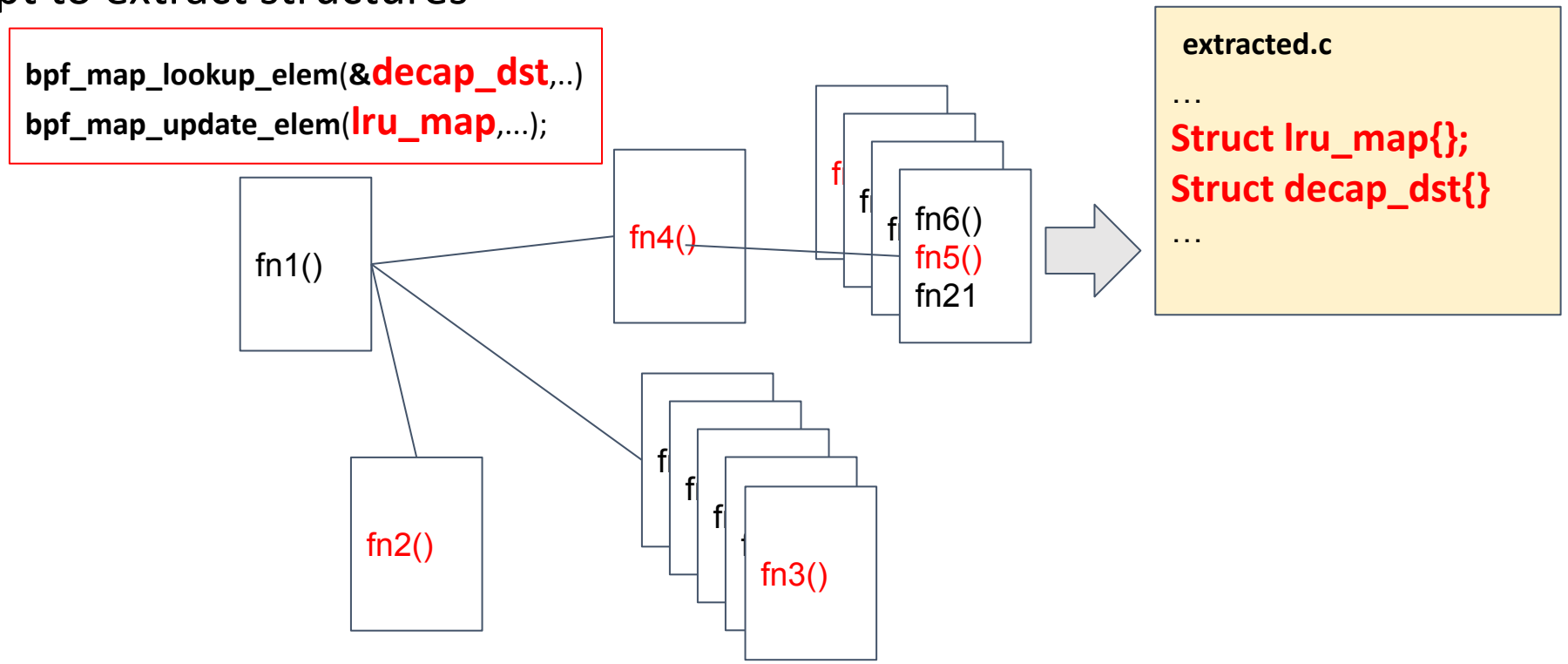
Map Definitions

- eBPF specific method of tracking bpf_map_update/lookup_elem while parsing call flow graph
- TXL code transformation tool toannotate maps and other data structures needed
- Python script to extract structures



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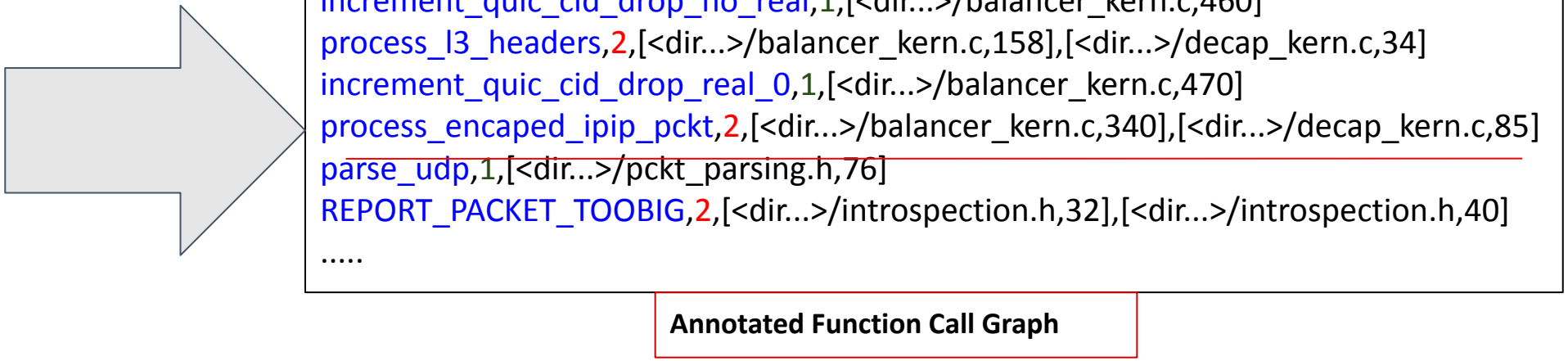
Multiple declaration of dependencies (both maps & functions)



Preserve MACRO Definitions during Extraction

Identify and propagate preprocessor guards into extracted code

balancer_kern.c

```
#ifdef GLOBAL_LRU_LOOKUP

__attribute__((__always_inline__)) static inline bool
reals_have_same_addr(
   struct real_definition* a,
          struct real_definition* b) {
  ...
  ...
}

__attribute__((__always_inline__)) static inline int
perform_global_lru_lookup(
   struct real_definition** dst,
   struct packet_description* pckt,..){
   ...
   ...
}

#endif // GLOBAL_LRU_LOOKUP
```

extracted.c

```
#ifdef  GLOBAL_LRU_LOOKUP
/* Extracted from balancer_kern.c  startLine: 261 endLine: 277 */
__attribute__((__always_inline__)) static inline bool
reals_have_same_addr(
   struct real_definition* a,
   struct real_definition* b) {
  ...
  ...
}
#endif
#ifdef  GLOBAL_LRU_LOOKUP
/* Extracted from balancer_kern.c  startLine: 279 endLine: 337 */
__attribute__((__always_inline__)) static inline int
perform_global_lru_lookup(
   struct real_definition** dst,
   struct packet_description* pckt,..){
   ...
}


#endif // GLOBAL_LRU_LOOKUP
```

Challenge: Minimize Code Debt

- Maintain ordering between definitions and invocations
- Propagate license into newly created c file (with extracted code).
- Identify and copy relevant current directory includes into extraction site.
  - Introduce preprocessor guards in new header files
- Rewrite Makefiles (currently Manual).

```
#include balancer_const.h”
```

```
#IFDEF  BALANCER_CONST_ OPF
#include balancer_const.h”
#ENDIF
```

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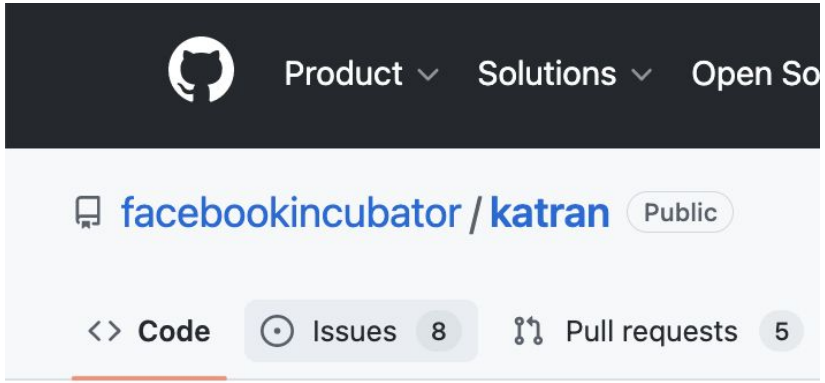

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Nuances of Hookpoint Transformation

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- Some capabilities are hookpoint specific , e.g., bpf_redirect_maps
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Our Solution for Hookpoint Transformation

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- However, some capabilities are overlapping, e.g., access to 5-tuple
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- Database of domain specific functionality mapping between hookpoints
  - Currently working only for XDP ⇒ TC
  - Transformation rules written in using Coccinelle and TXL
- Report error, if transformation is unknown

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Transformation*

- Porting Header files is trivial
  - Include/Exclude headers e.g., #include <linux/pkt_cls.h> for XDP⇒TC

- Porting Actions is straightforward, E.g.,
  - DROP and PASS are transformable
    - XDP_DROP ⇒ TC_ACT_SHOT
    - XDP_PASS ⇒ TC_ACT_OK
  - XDP_TX is hookpoint specific, and does not port, report Error

```
rule replaceXDP_DROP
        replace [token]
          XDP_DROP
        by
          TC_ACT_SHOT
end rule

rule replaceXDP_PASS
        replace [token]
          XDP_PASS
        by
          TC_ACT_OK
end rule
```

TXL Rule snippet

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Transformation*

Porting information source is straightforward,

- (If available) Replace with information source
  - [XDP]eth- >h_proto ⇒ ctx->protocol [TC]
  - [XDP] vlan_hdr->h_vlan_TCI ⇒ ctx->vlan_tci [TC]

```
@replaceethproto@
identifier p,c,fn;
type t;
struct ethhdr *e;
@@
t fn(struct __sk_buff *ctx){
...
-  e->h_proto
+ ctx->protocol
...
}
```

Coccinelle Rule snippet

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Transformation*

Porting helper functions is non-trivial

- Simple: static transformation rules, E.g.,
  - bpf_redirect() ports from XDP to TC with FLAG set to ingress
- Complex: developer must introduce new rules based on intended use
  - bpf_xdp_adjust_head(E1,E2) ⇒ bpf_skb_adjust_room(E1,E2, BPF_ADJ_ROOM_MAC, BPF_F_ADJ_ROOM_ENCAP_L3_IPV4/IPV6)

```
@replacexdpadjust@
expression E1,E2;
@@
- bpf_xdp_adjust_head(E1,E2)
+bpf_skb_adjust_room(E1,E2,BPF_
ADJ_ROOM_MAC,BPF_F_ADJ_ROO
M_ENCAP_L3_IPV4)
```

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Current Prototype

- Extraction: 1448-LoC
  - 251 LoC TXL[1] (Grammar specification)
  - 547 Extended Codequery[3]
- Transformation: 200-LoC
  - 74 LoC in Coccinelle[2]
  - 68 LoC in TXL
- Extracted and transformed functions within Meta's Katran, Mizar, Suricata, Cloudflare's XDP_drop

[1] http://txl.ca/

[2] https://coccinelle.gitlabpages.inria.fr/

[3]https://github.com/ruben2020/codequery

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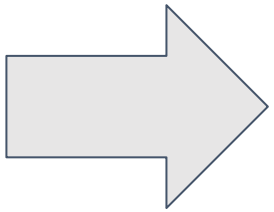

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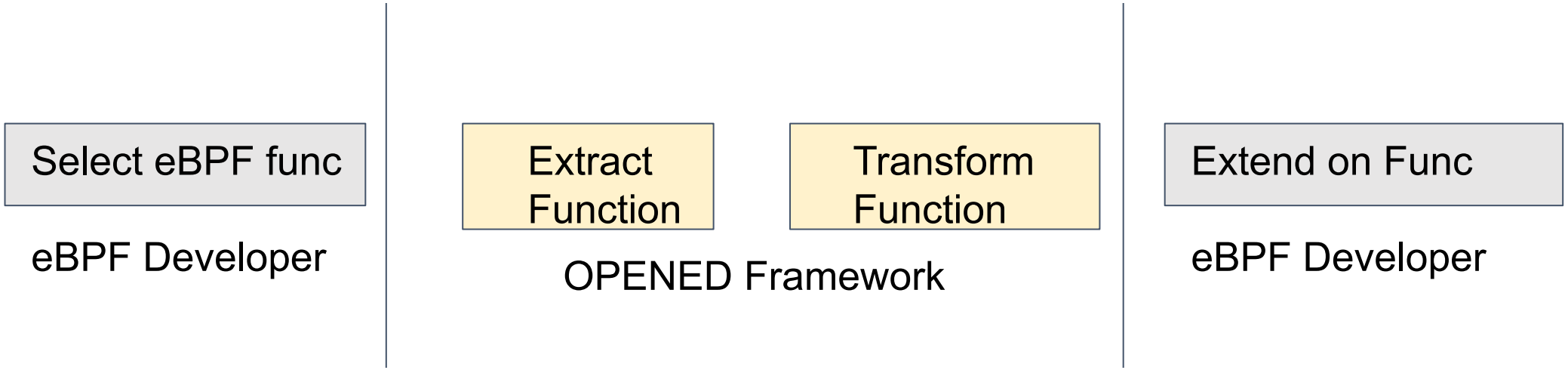
Future Plans



- Decompose convert open source programs into L3AF/Polycube/BPFD modules
- Expand the set of supported transformation rules
- Improve usability of our framework

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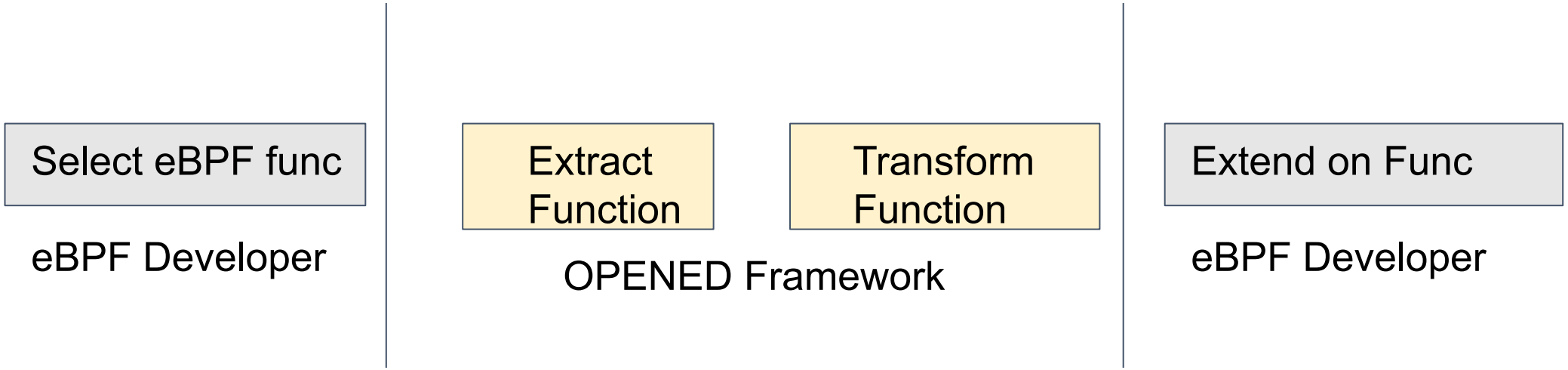

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