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# Security in Dynamically Changing Systems

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# My talk today

About our group

Dynamically changing systems

- Ad hoc networks
- IoT

Security issues in dynamic systems

Transfer learning approach for security

- generating suitable intrusion algorithms for new devices
- detecting new types of attacks



## Wireless Networks and Intelligent Secure Systems



### **Cyber Security**

Malware analysis  
Intrusion detection  
Trust management



### **Intelligent Systems**

ML  
Evolutionary computation  
Applications on security



### **Wireless Networks/ IoT**

Routing  
Load balancing  
Security

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# dynamically changing systems

Systems that are dynamic by their very nature due to mobility

- Ad hoc networks

- Vehicular ad hoc networks (VANETs)

- Flying ad hoc networks (FANETs)

- Internet of Things

Systems evolving every day

- Emergence of new attacks

Heterogeneous Systems

- Nodes with different computation and communication capabilities

# security issues in dynamic systems

## **Mobility**

- Hard to differentiate normal behaviour of the system from anomaly/malicious behaviour.
- Cannot rely on physical protection.
- Security architecture might change as well.

## **Heterogeneity / Resource-Constraints**

- A solution developed for a particular type of device might not be suitable for other types of devices.
- Developing a solution for each device is a costly approach.

## **New types of attacks**

- With the increasing popularity of distributed systems, we expect new attacks to emerge.

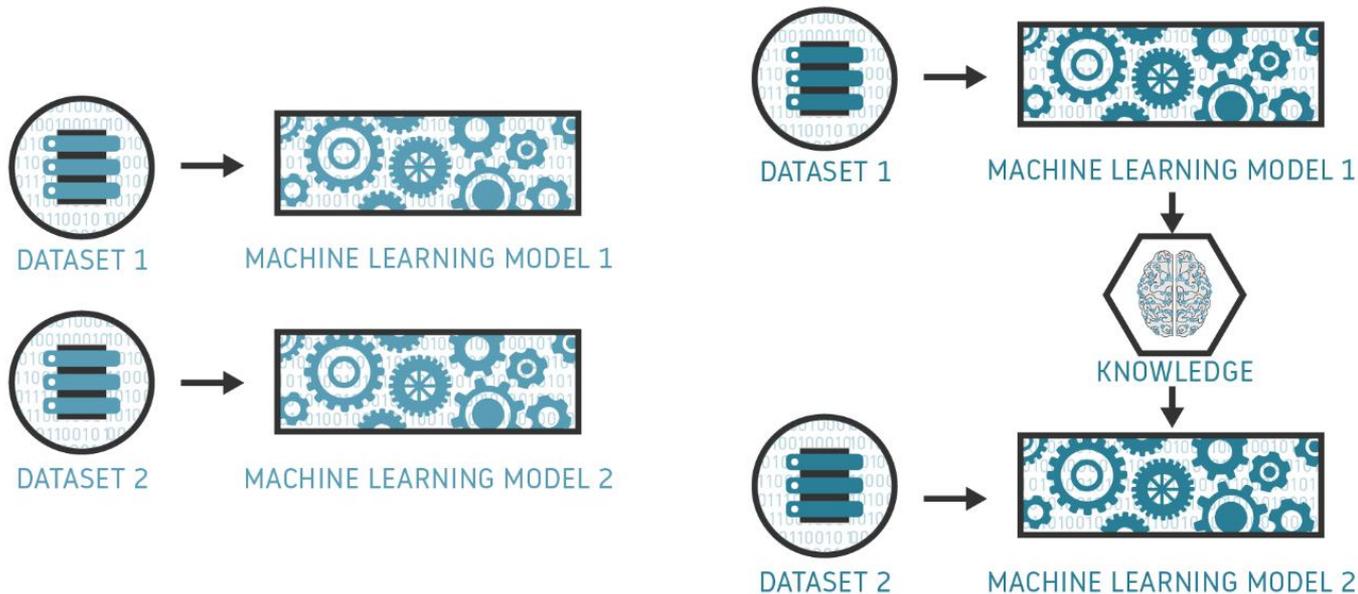
# ml-based solutions

- In order to explore the complex characteristics of systems, machine learning methods, which rely on long training time, are usually proposed in the literature.
- However these systems need to learn a new model when the environment changes.
- Adapting to changes & developing effective security solutions in a timely-manner is crucial for some systems.

# transfer learning in security

**Transfer learning** helps move the knowledge learned in a task/domain to a new task/domain.

- reduce the learning time needed in in the new task/domain.
- produce higher initial and final performance for the learned model in the new task/domain compared to learning without transfer.



# transfer learning approach for IoT Security

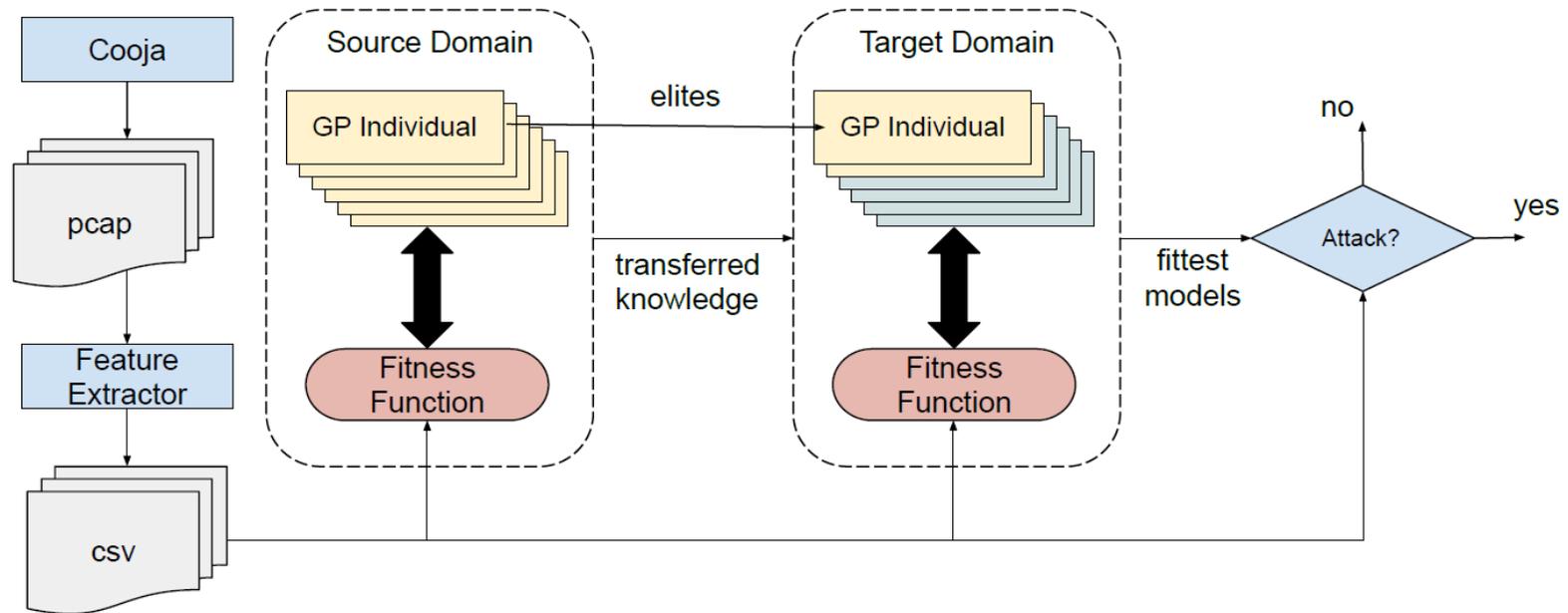
IoT security has attracted significant interest by researchers due to new characteristics:

- heterogeneity of devices
- resource constraints
- new attacks

Transfer learning is employed in the following two settings:

1. Transferring knowledge for generating suitable intrusion algorithms for new devices.
2. Transferring knowledge for detecting new types of attacks.

# transfer learning approach for IoT Security



## The proposed approach

- Produces more effective solutions than the traditional approach.
- Significantly reduces learning time, which is an important factor for putting devices/networks in operation in a timely manner.

the work I am presenting..

The talk I am giving today appeared at  
IEEE Transactions on Information Forensics and Security, 2021.

In case you'd like to read the full paper:

Yilmaz, S., Aydogan, E., & Sen, S. (2021). A Transfer Learning Approach for Securing Resource-Constrained IoT Devices. *IEEE Transactions on Information Forensics and Security*, 16, 4405-4418.

# conclusion

Many systems are dynamically changing in time by their very nature.

Dynamicity introduces complexity to such systems.

ML-based solutions are promising for discovering such complex properties of systems.

**Transfer learning-based solutions** could help these systems adapt to changes in a timely manner.