

# Look Ma, No SDCs!

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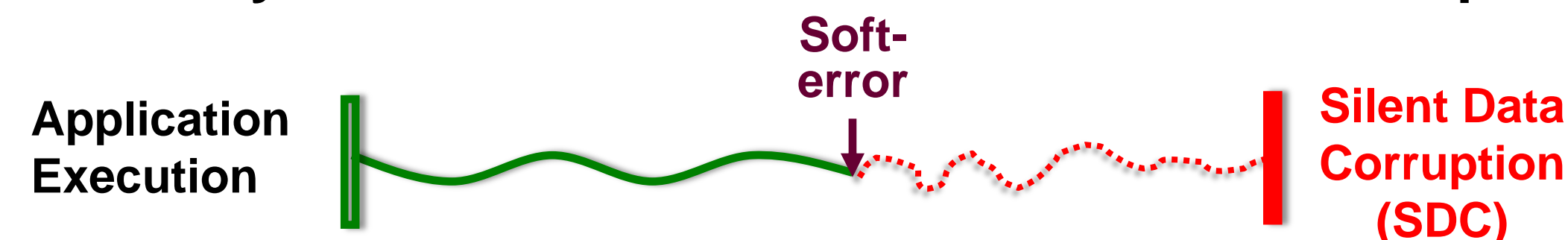
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## Motivation

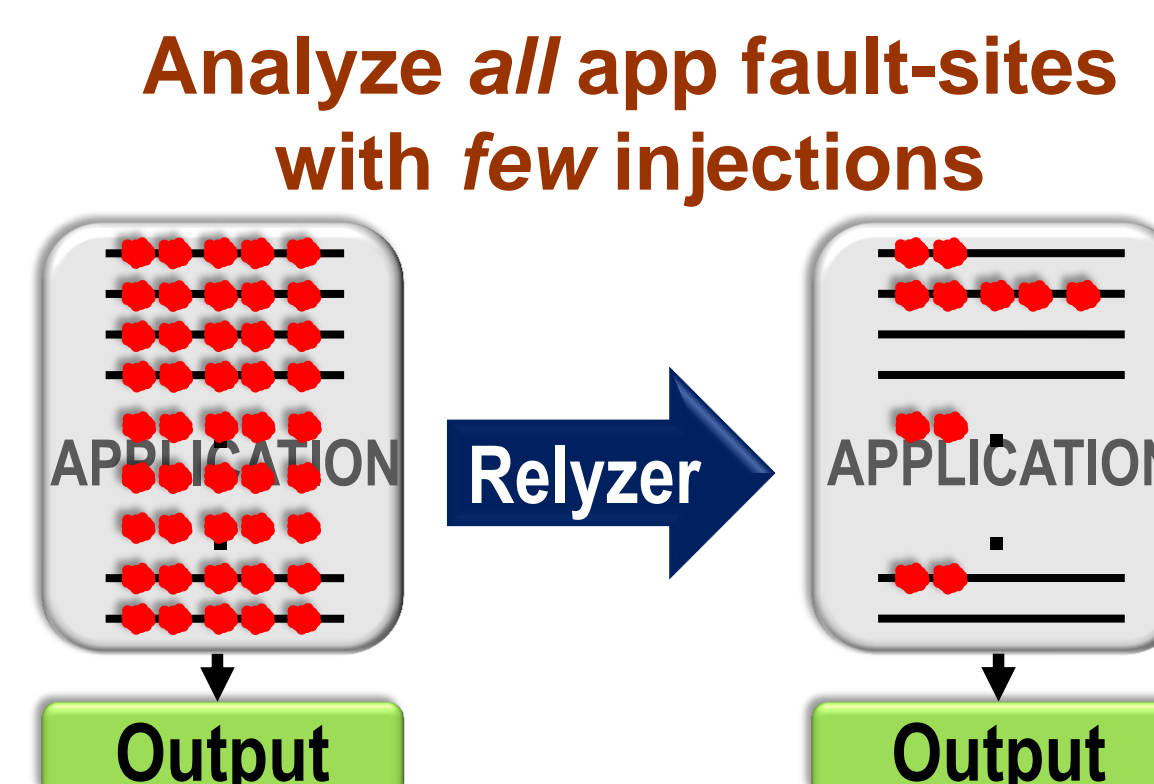
- Resiliency solution should handle Silent Data Corruptions



- Can we find **all** SDC-prone application locations?
- How to cost-effectively convert SDCs to detections?
- How to **tune** resiliency vs. performance?

## Finding SDC-Vulnerable App Sites [ASPLOS 2012]

Traditional Statistical Fault Injections	Ideal Approach
Injections in few app-sites	Injections in all app sites
Cannot find all SDC sites	Find all SDC sites



Relyzer can identify **all** SDC producing application locations

## Converting SDCs to Detections [DSN 2012]

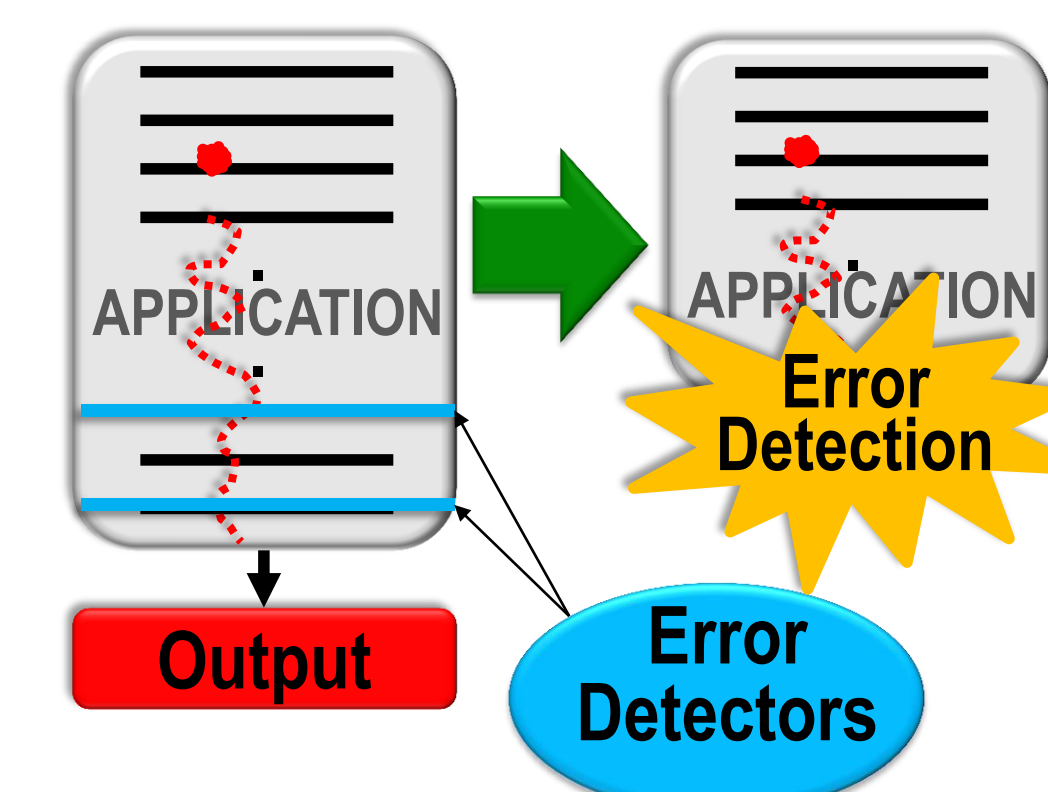
Traditional approach: Instruction duplication

Our approach:

Low cost error detectors

+ Selective duplication

Tunable resiliency at low cost



## Relyzer: Exploiting App-level Fault Equivalence

Fault model: Transient bit-flips in register operands of every executing instruction

Relyzer prunes app fault-sites that need detailed injections

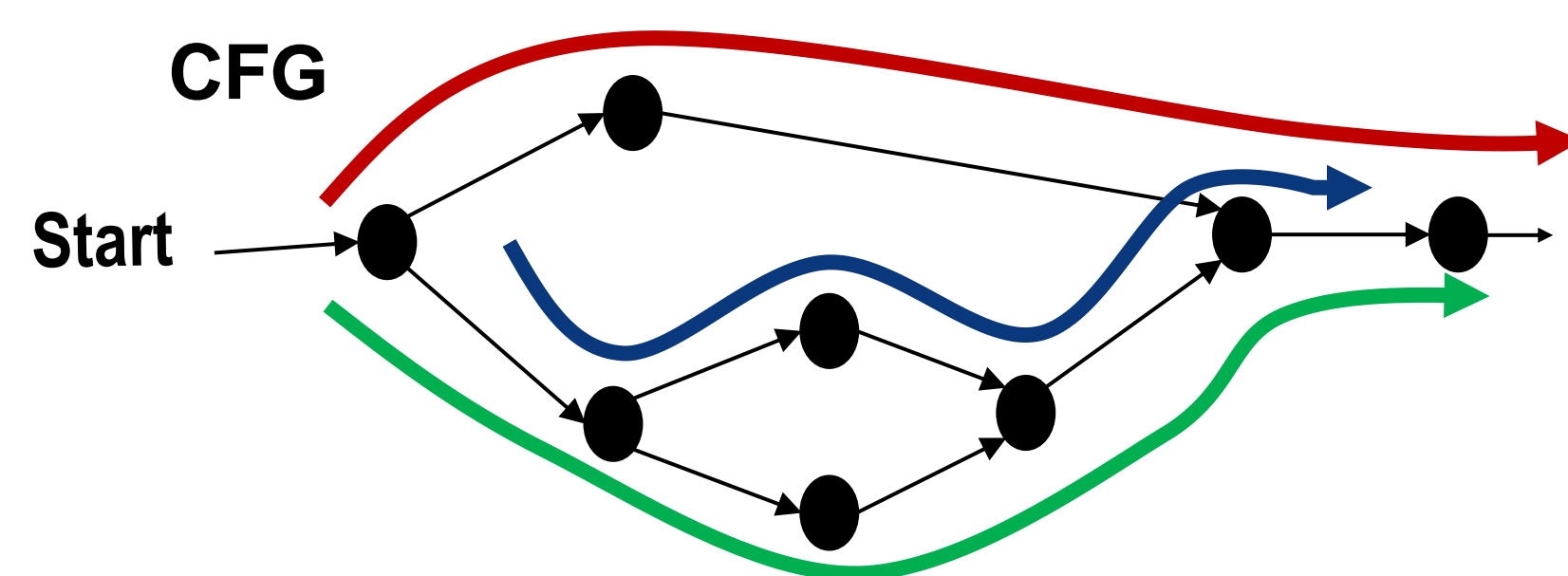
**Application level fault equivalence**

E.g., Precise Def-Use Analysis

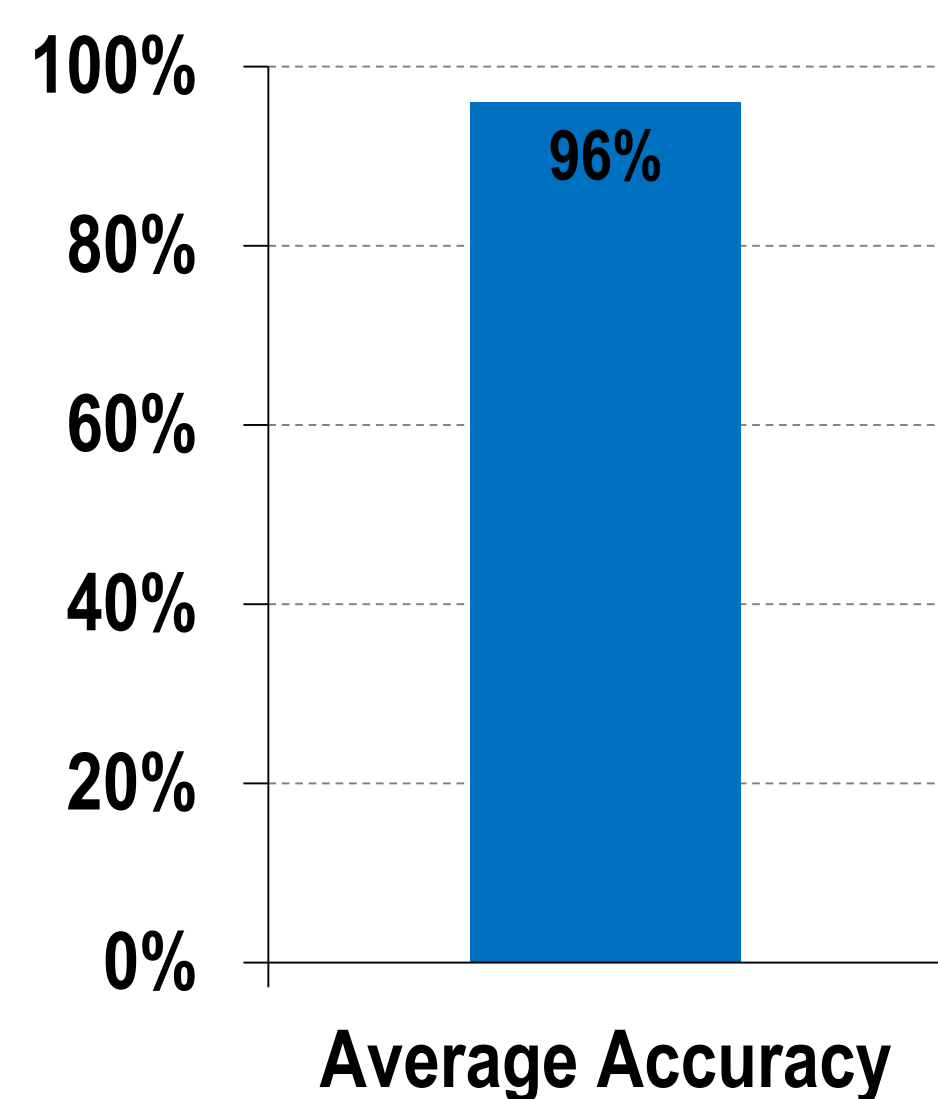
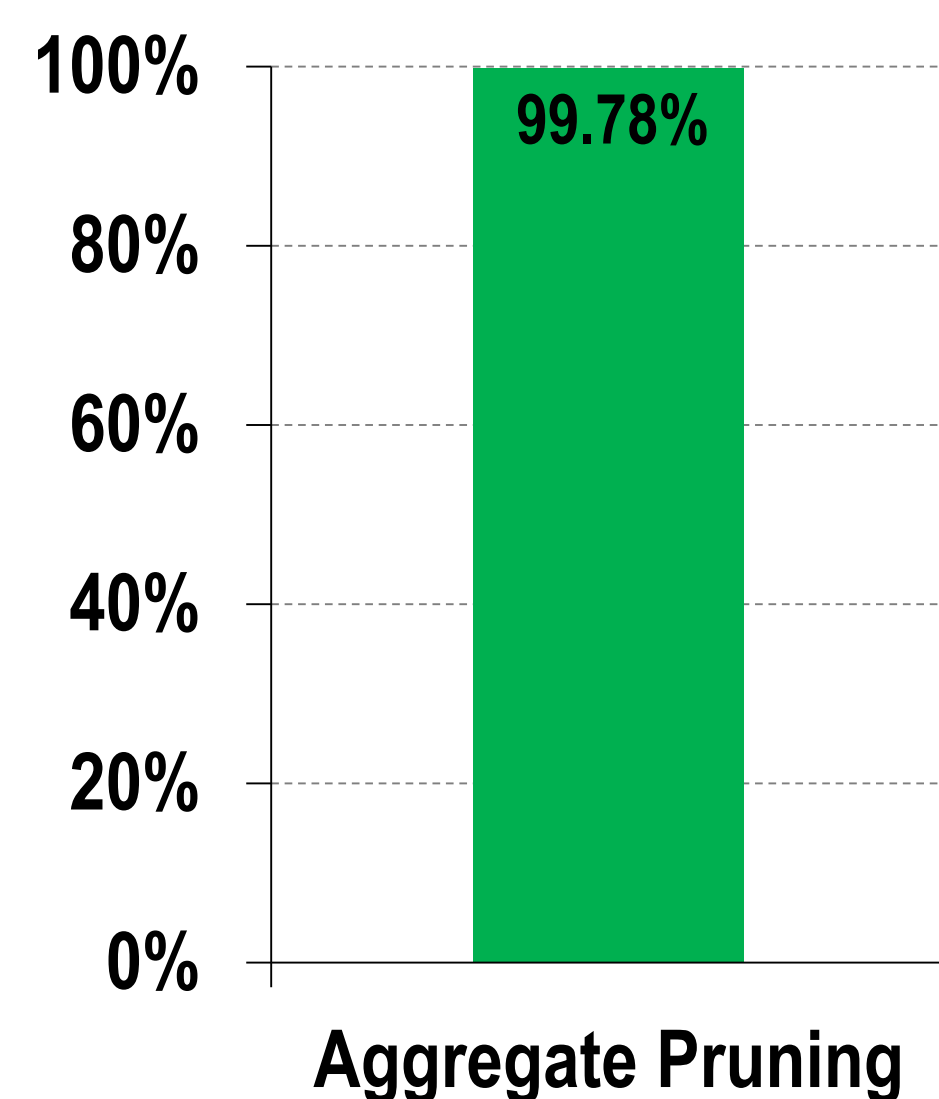
- Faults in definition are equivalent to faults in first use

E.g., Heuristics-based Control Analysis

- Idea: Faults flowing through same instrns. behave similarly



Results: **2 to 6 orders of magnitude** pruning at 96% accuracy



## Low cost Program-level Detectors

Challenges:

Where to place?

Our approach:

**Many errors** propagate to **few program values**

- End of loops and function calls

What to use?

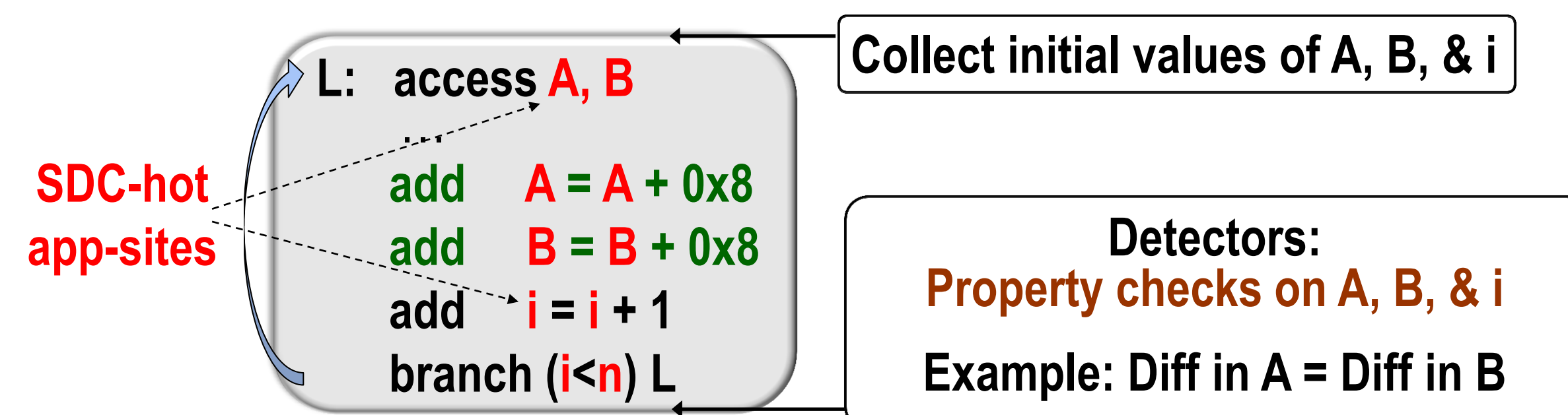
**Program level properties tests**

- E.g., value equality, bounds

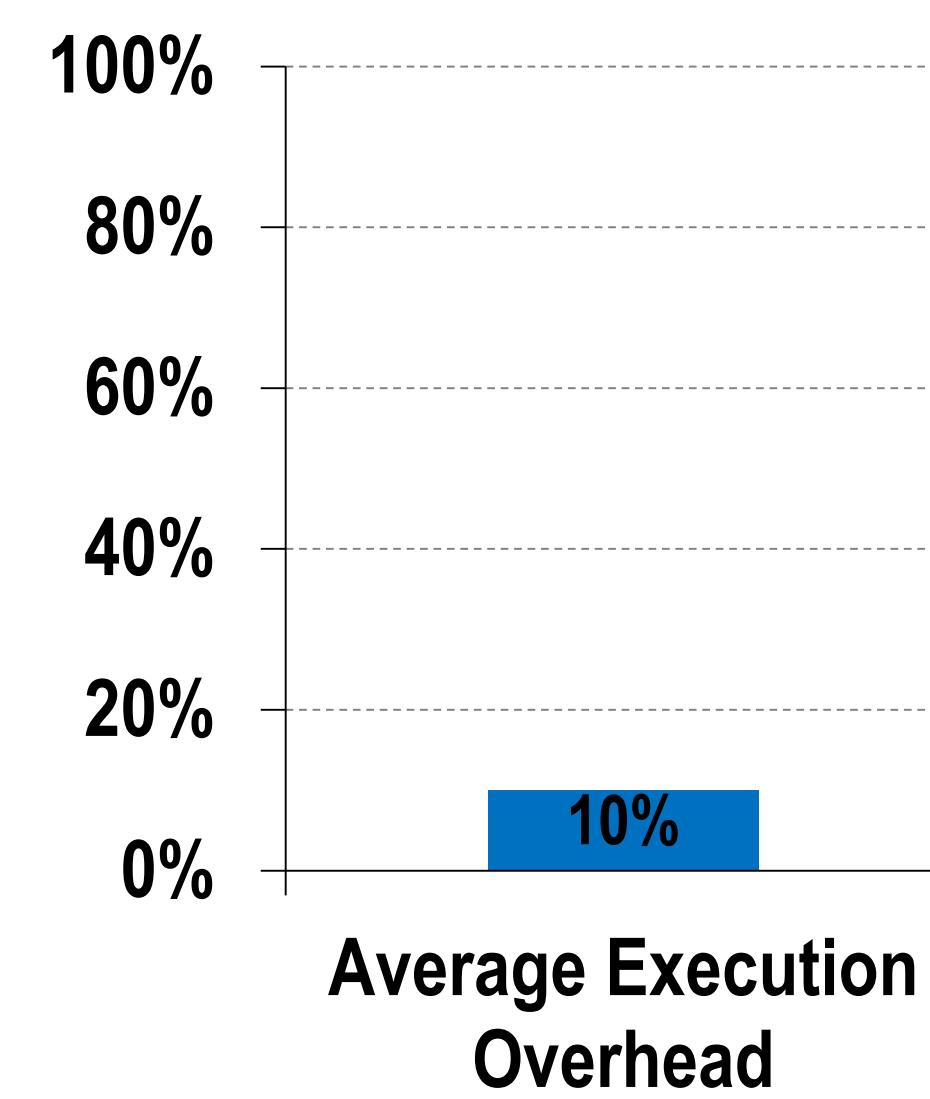
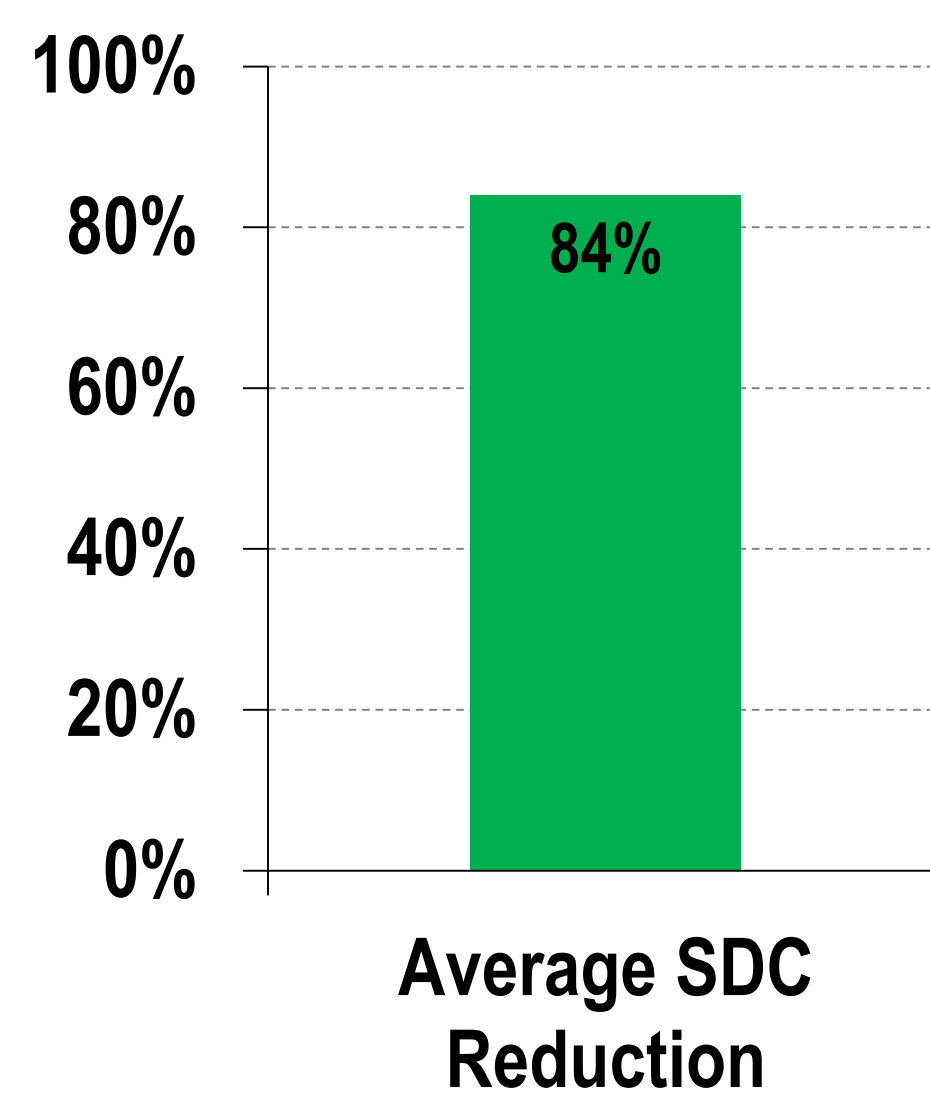
Uncovered fault-sites?

Selective duplication on few locations

**Example: Loop incrementalization based detector**



Results: **84% SDCs** detected at **10% cost**



## Tuning Resiliency vs. Performance

Need to find **lowest-cost** detectors for a target SDC reduction

For the first time, made possible by Relyzer

Our approach:

- Set attributes of detectors

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- Formulate optimization problem

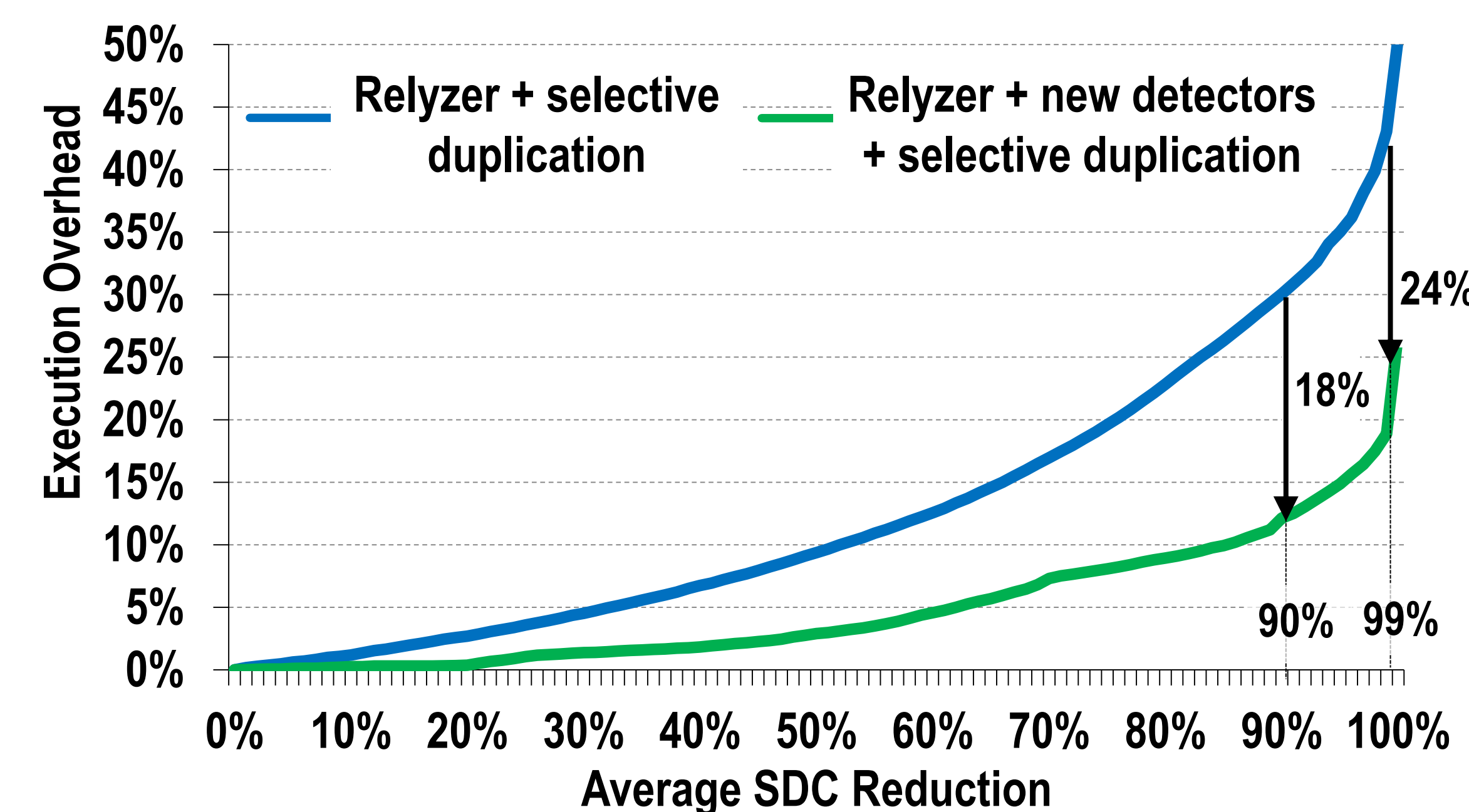
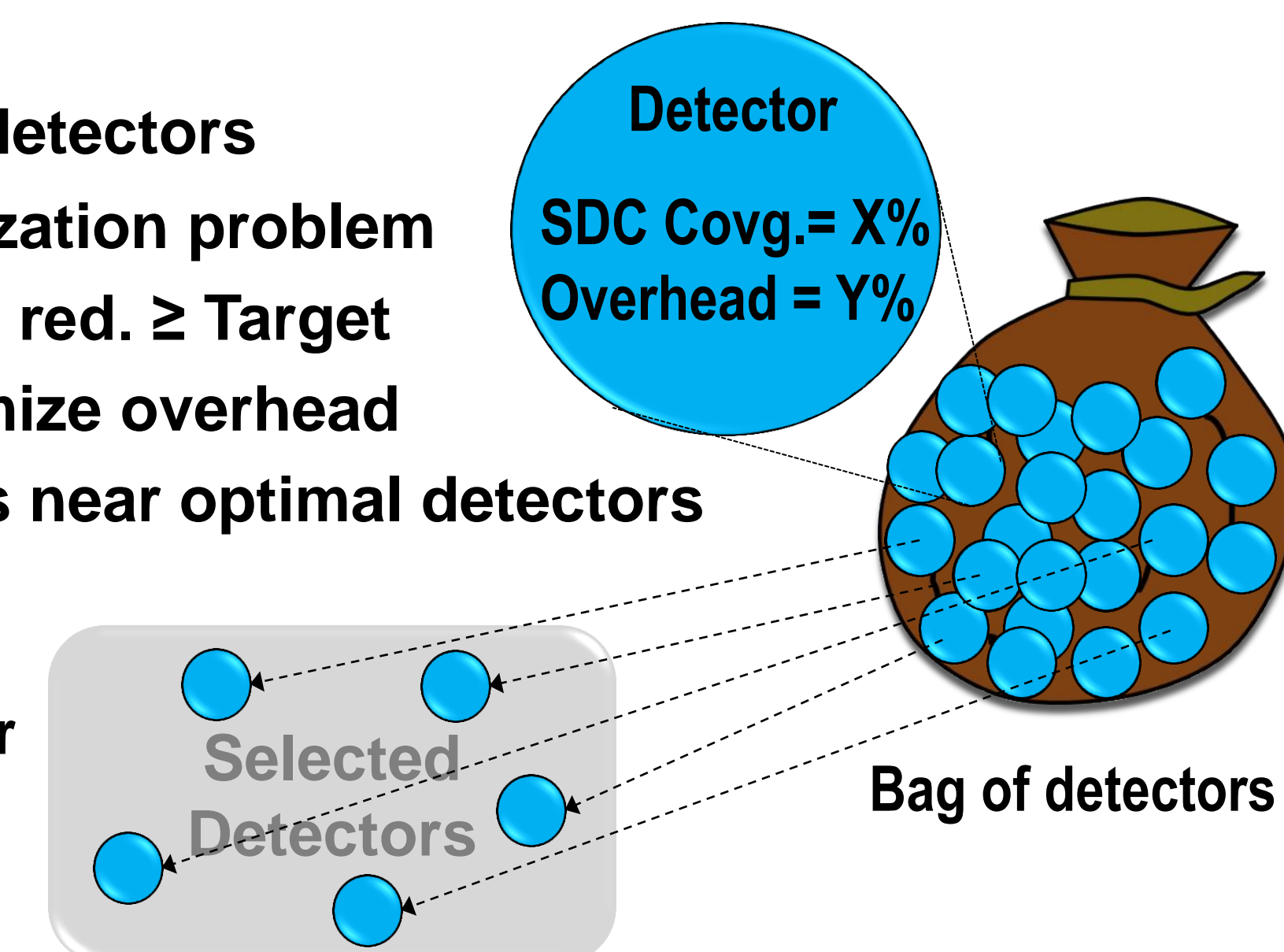
Constraint: SDC red.  $\geq$  Target

Objective: Minimize overhead

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- Solution provides near optimal detectors

E.g., 9% overhead for 60% SDC reduction



## Conclusions

Relyzer finds a **comprehensive list** of SDC-producing application fault-sites

New program-level detectors **cost effectively** convert SDCs to detections

Relyzer + new detectors + selective duplication = **Tunable resiliency at low cost**

## Ongoing Work

Developing fast fault simulation framework to speedup Relyzer even further

Modularized resiliency analysis to automatically find and protect SDC-vulnerable app sections

Program-level metrics to identify SDC producing app-sites without *any* injections