Similarity of Binaries through re-Optimization

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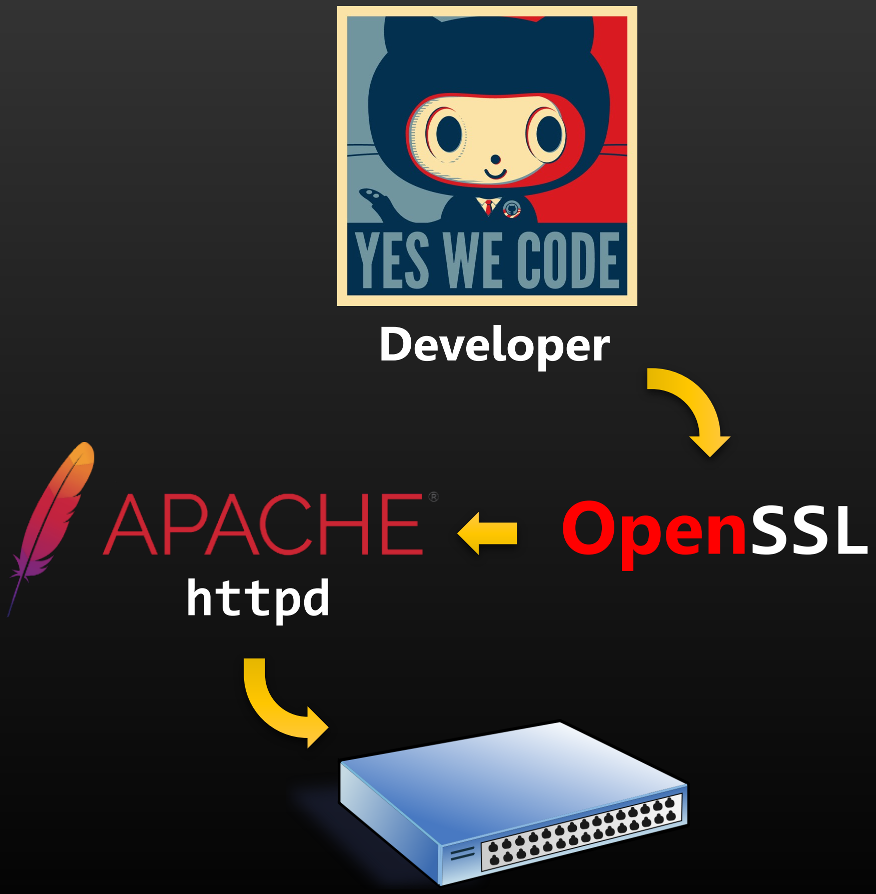
Motivation

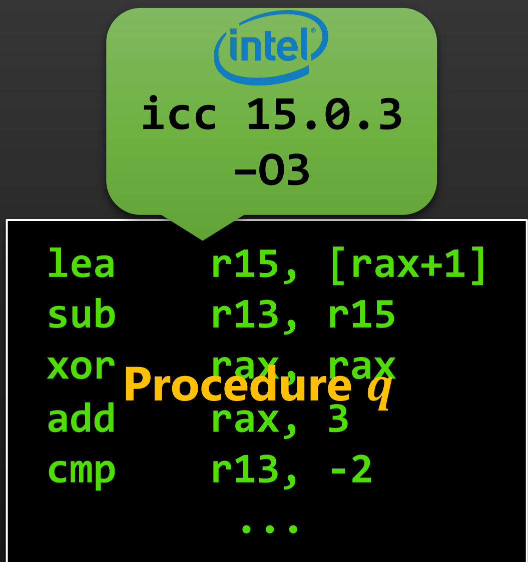


Motivation

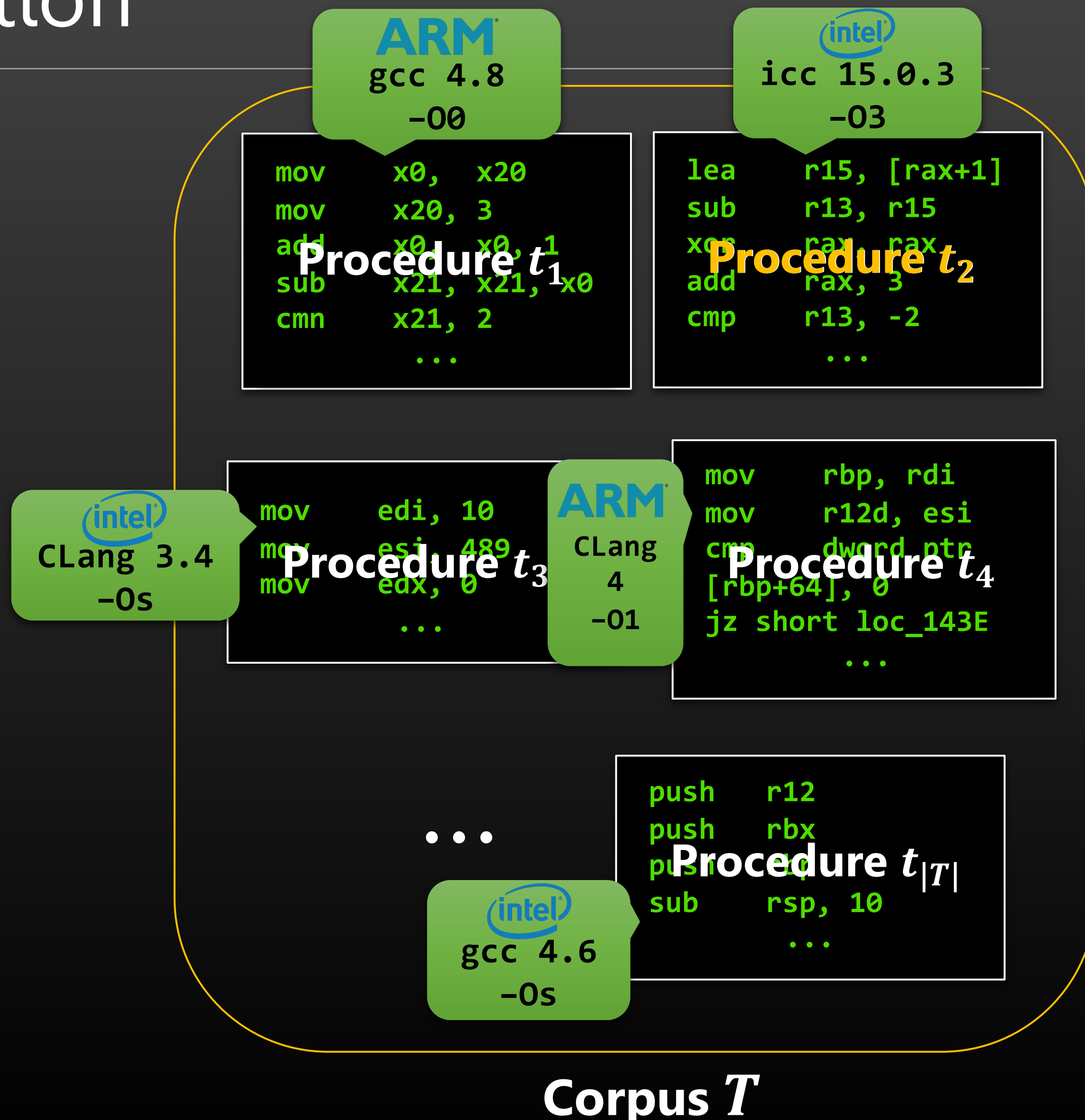
OpenSSL

Security Researcher

Problem Definition



$$|T| \geq 10^6$$



Challenge

OpenSSL's
`dtls1_buffer_message()`

```
mov     x0,  x20
mov     x20, 3
add     x0,  x0, 1
sub     x21, x21, x0
cmn     x21, 2
```

```
lea     r15, [rax+1]
sub     r13, r15
xor     rax, rax
add     rax, 3
cmp     r13, -2
```

ARM
gcc 4.8
-O0

intel
icc 15.0.3
-O3

Our Approach

For finding Similarity of Binaries

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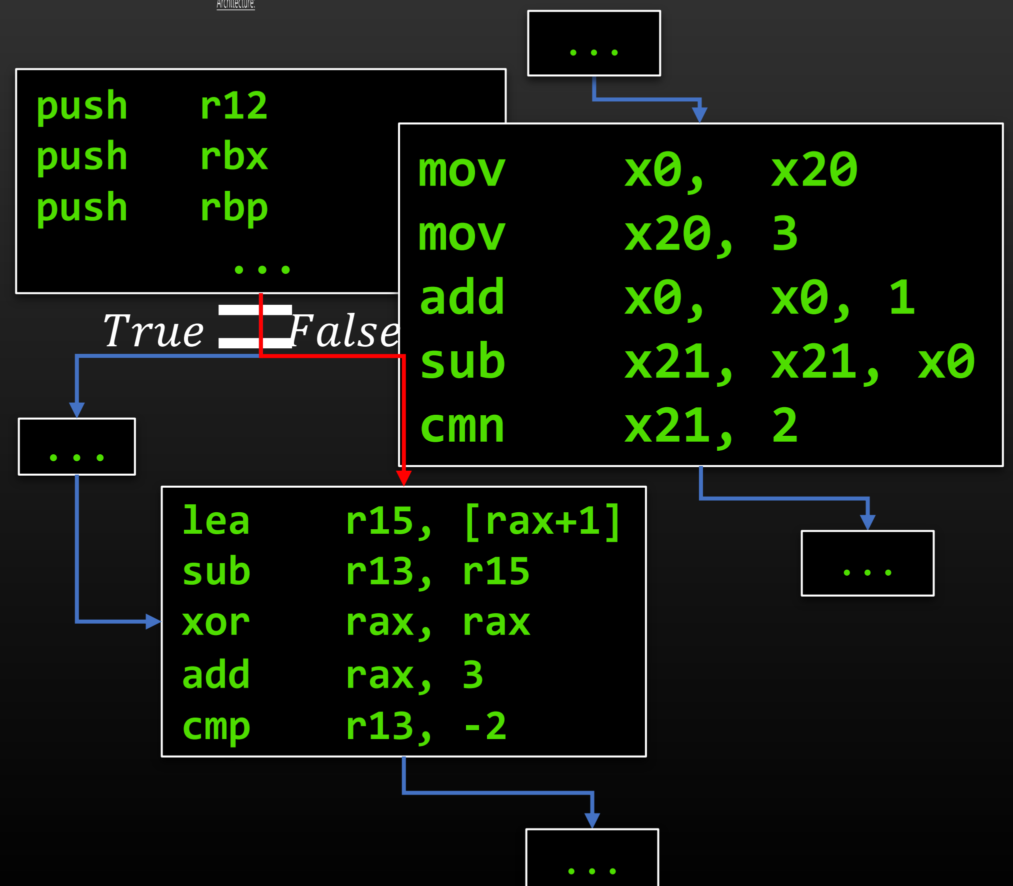

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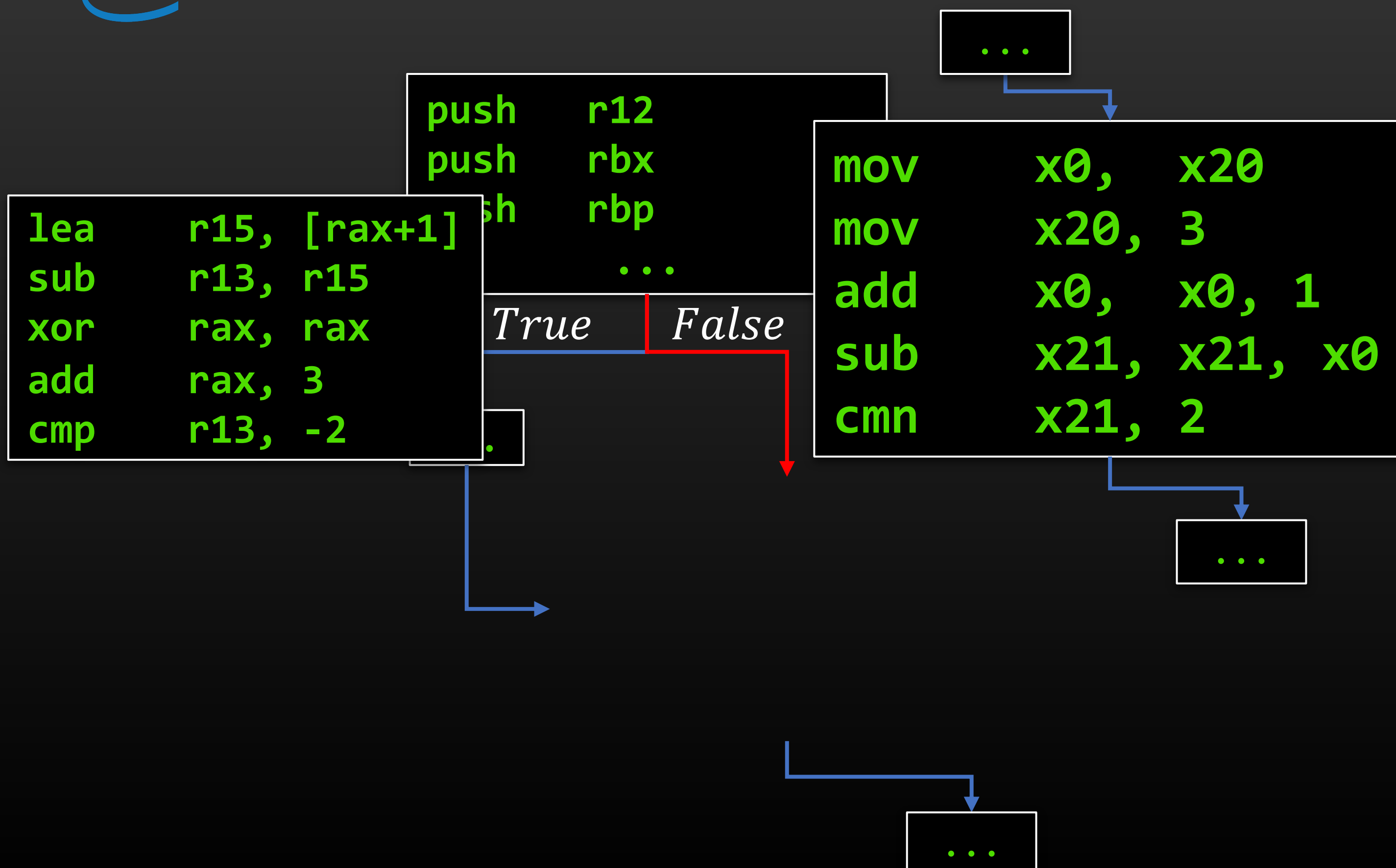

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Procedure t_2: `unrelated()`
Compiler: **`icc 15.0.3 -O3`**
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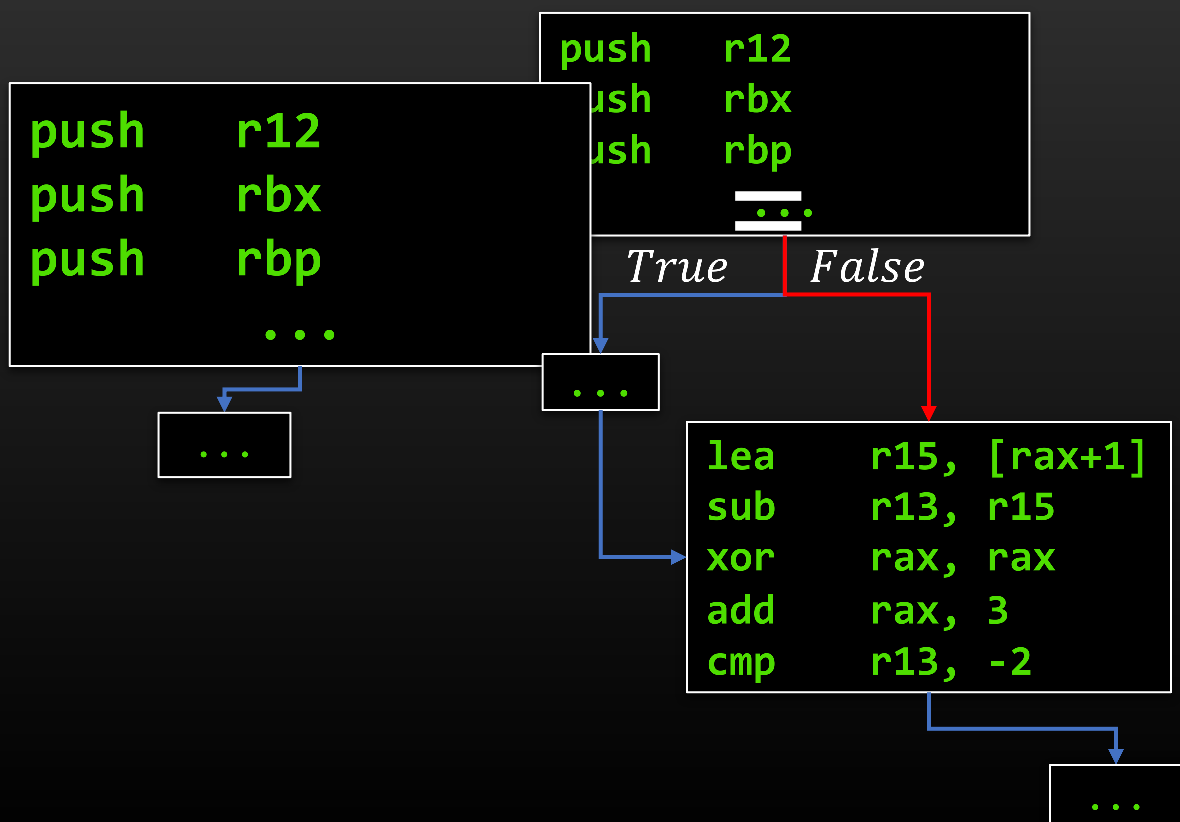

Our Approach: **How**

- **Decompose** procedure to fragments
- **Transform** fragments to canonical form

```
mov     x0,   x20
add     x0,   x0, 1
sub     x21, x21, x0
cmn     x21, 2
```

```
lea     r15, [rax+1]
sub     r13, r15
cmp     r13, -2
```

```
tmp0 = register0 + 1
register1 = tmp0
tmp1 = register2 - tmp0
register2 = tmp1
tmp2 = tmp1 - 2
```

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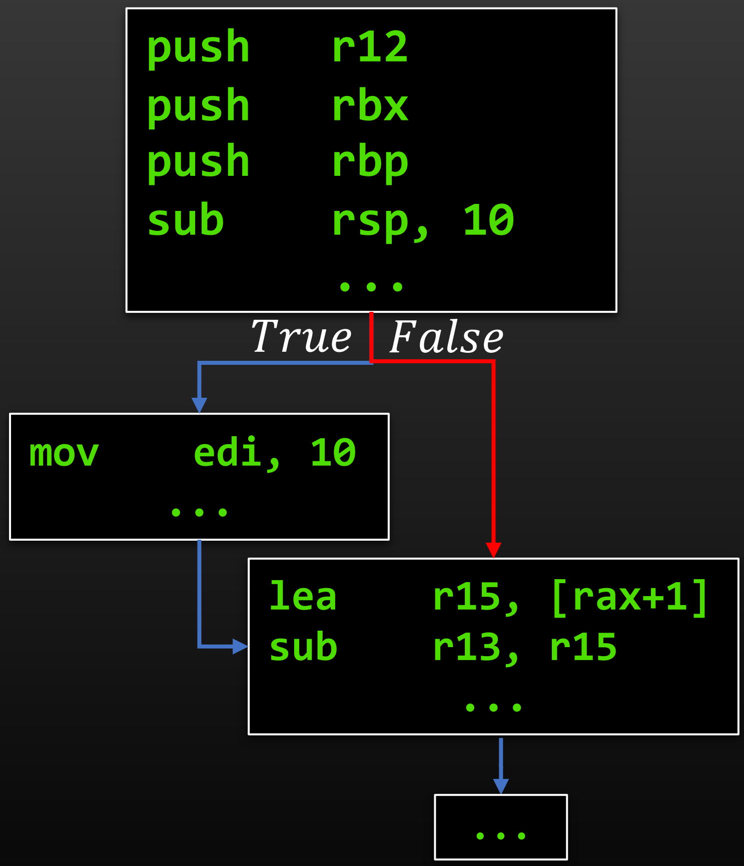
```

- Count shared fragments while weighing in their **statistical significance**

Decomposing Assembly Procedures

- The procedure is broken at **basic block** level
  - Block ordering is ignored



Slicing Basic Blocks

- We use slicing to break basic blocks into separate data-independent computations:

```
mov     x0,  x20
mov     x20, 3
add     x0,  x0, 1
sub     x21, x21, x0
cmn     x21, 2
```

Slice

```
mov     x0,  x20
add     x0,  x0, 1
sub     x21, x21, x0
cmn     x21, 2
```

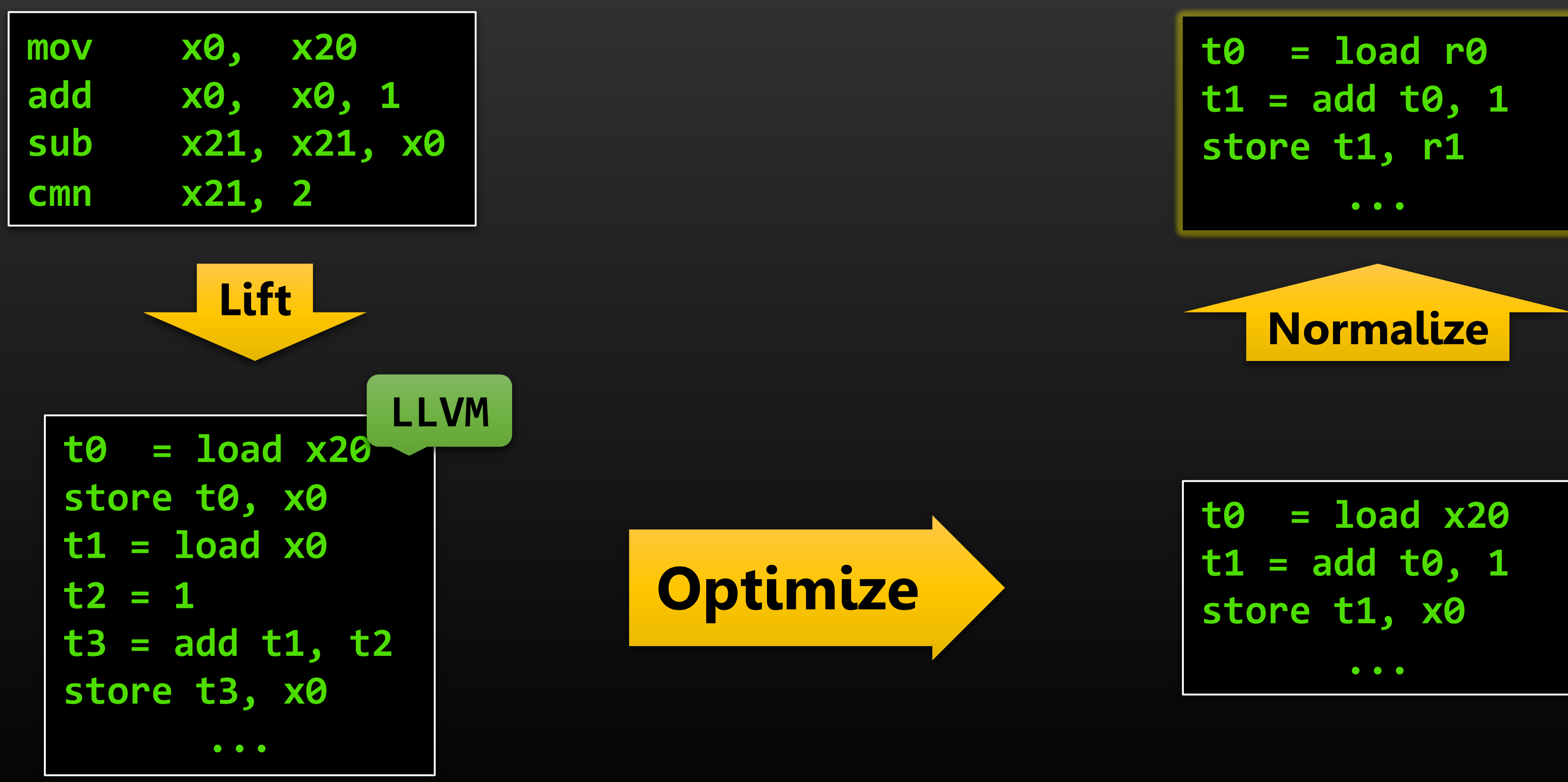
slice 1

```
mov     x20, 3
```

slice 2

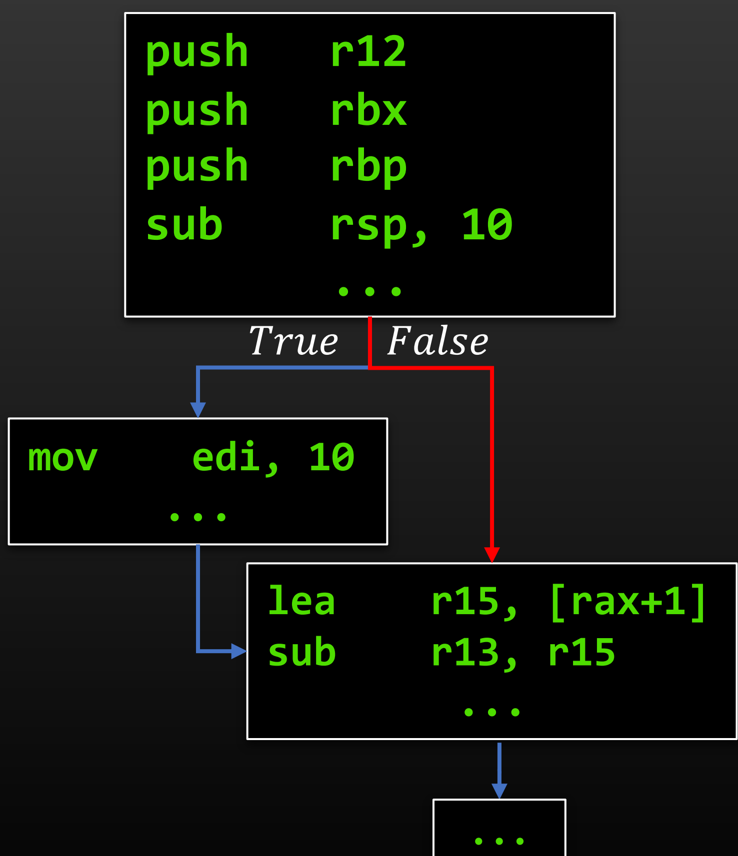
Moving to Canonical Form (re-Optimizing)

- “Out-of-context” re-optimization



Procedure Representation

dtls1_buffer_message()



R(dtls1_buffer_message)=

{

```
t0  = load r0
t1 = add t0,  1
store t1, r1
t2 = load r2
t3 = sub t2, t1
store t3, r2
```

,

```
t0  = load r0
t1 = sub t0,  10
t2 = load r1
t3 = add t2, 3
t3 = mul t3, t1
store t3, r2
```

, … }

Computing Similarity

$$Similarity(q,t) = |R(q) \cap R(t)|$$ ✗

- Reminder:

unrelated()

intel, icc 15.0.3, -O3

dtls1_buffer_message()

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```
push    r12
push    rbx
push    rbp
sub     rsp, 10
```

=

```
push    r12
push    rbx
push    rbp
sub     rsp, 10
```

Statistical Significance

- Given a canonical fragment s, we need to determine its significance.

$$\Pr_{\boxed{P}}(s) = \frac{|\{\, p \in \boxed{P} \mid s \in R(p) \,\}|}{|\boxed{P}|}$$

Set of all procedures, in existence

- We estimate W with a bound, random sample of procedures P – a "**Global Context**"

Computing Similarity

$$Similarity(q,t) = \sum_{\substack{s \in \\ R(q) \cap R(t)}} \frac{1}{Pr_P(s)}$$

A distinctive fragment with $\Pr_P(f) = 0.001$ will contribute 1000

A sum ranging over the ***shared canonical fragments***

A common fragment with $\Pr_P(f) = \frac{1}{5}$ will contribute 5

Evaluation

Prototype Implementation: **`GitZ`**

`GitZ` Output

Procedure q: **OpenSSL**'s `dtls1_buffer_message()`

Security Researcher

1. **Procedure** t_{42}
Similarity: 170.34

2. **Procedure** t_{13}
Similarity: 168.91

3. **Procedure** t_{900}
Similarity: 130.41

4. **Procedure** $t_{218,777}$
Similarity: 101.11

5. **Procedure** $t_{43,081}$
Similarity: 13.19

…

Evaluation Corpus

- Real-world code packages
  - OpenSSL, BASH, , git, , QEMU, wget, ffmpeg, Coreutils
  - Containing ~11,000 procedures

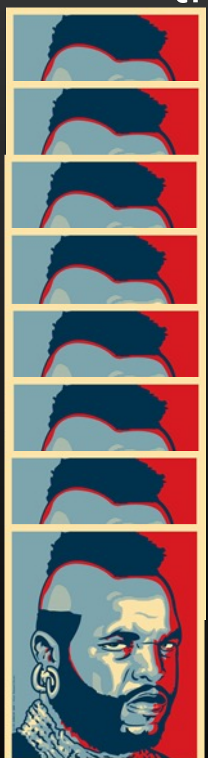
- Compiled to:
  - x86_64 with `CLang 3.{4,5}`, `gcc 4.{6,8,9}` and `icc {14,15}` x 9
  - ARM-64 with `aarch64-gcc 4.8` and `aarch64-Clang 4`
- Optimization levels `-O{0,1,2,3,s}` x 5

- Corpus size: $|T| = 45 * \sim 11{,}000 = \sim 500{,}000$

- Queries: 9 procedures from notable CVEs

`GitZ` Accuracy

- Here, we report accuracy as the number of FPs ranked above the lowest TP



1. **Procedure t_{42}** — **Positive**
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5. **Procedure $t_{43,081}$** — **Negative**
   Similarity: 13.19

… — **Negative** **Negative** **Negative**

500,000. Procedure t_{81} — **Negative**
Similarity: 0.0

$$\#FP = 1$$

$$FPr = \frac{1}{500,000}$$

GitZ Scalability

GitZ Usefulness

- How well does **GitZ** scale?
- How useful is **GitZ** in the vulnerability search scenario

0.12s for query-target pair, single core

#	Alias	CVE	#FPs	FP Rate	Time
1	Heartbleed	2014-0160	52	0.000104	15m
2	Shellshock	2014-6271	0	0	17m
3	Venom	2015-3456	0	0	16m
4	Clobberin'	2014-9295	0	0	16m
5	Shellshock #2	2014-7169	0	0	12m
6	WS-snmp	2011-0444	0	0	14m
7	wget	2014-4877	0	0	10m
8	ffmpeg	2015-6826	0	0	17m
9	WS-statx	2014-8710	0	0	18m

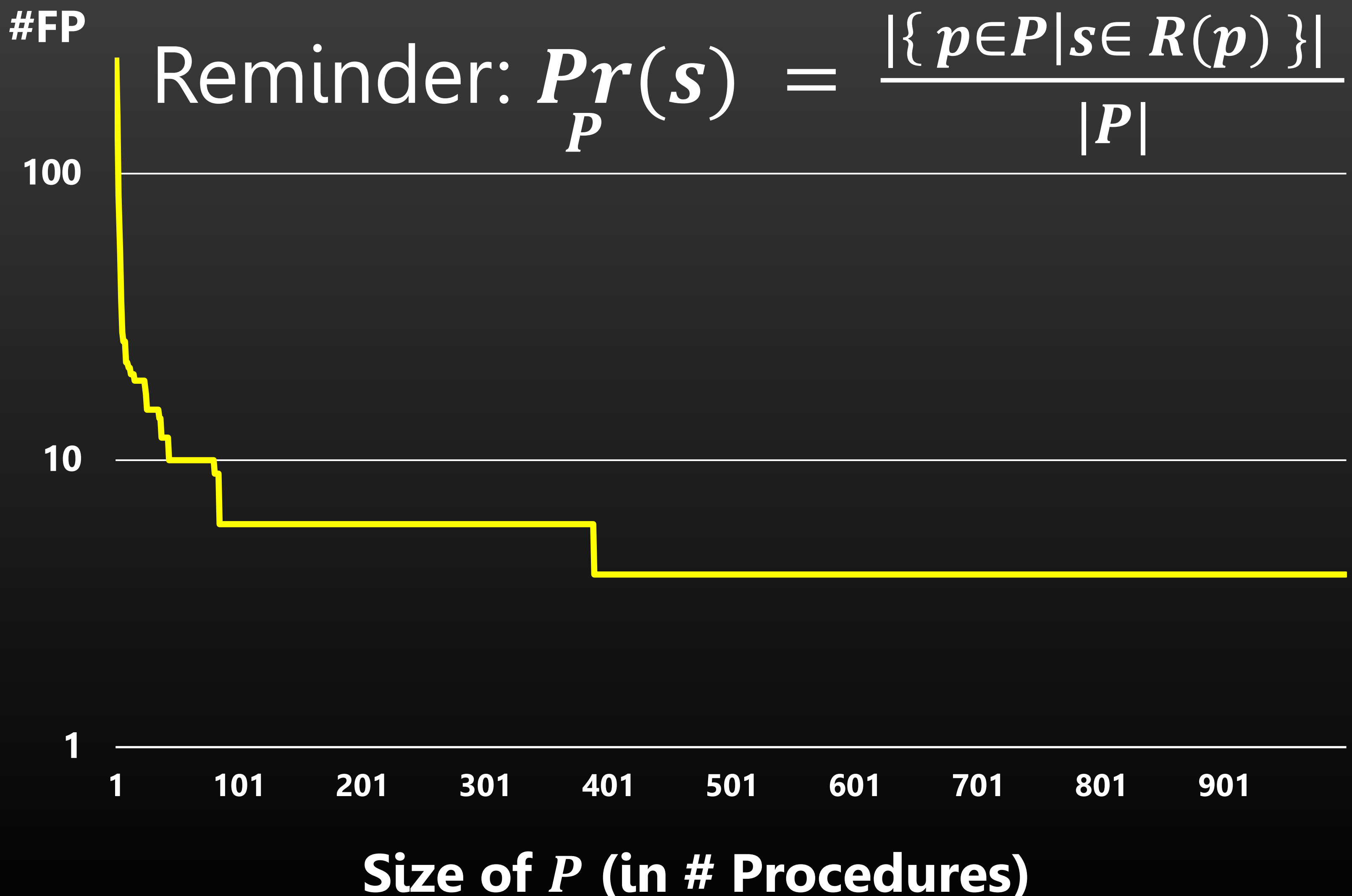
Evaluating Solution Components

- How does each component of our solution affect the accuracy of **`GitZ`**?

Query	**Corpus Size $\|T\|$**	**#Positives**
Heartbleed	10000	45

Evaluating the Global Context

Reminder: $\Pr_{P}(s) = \frac{|\{\, p \in P \mid s \in R(p) \,\}|}{|P|}$



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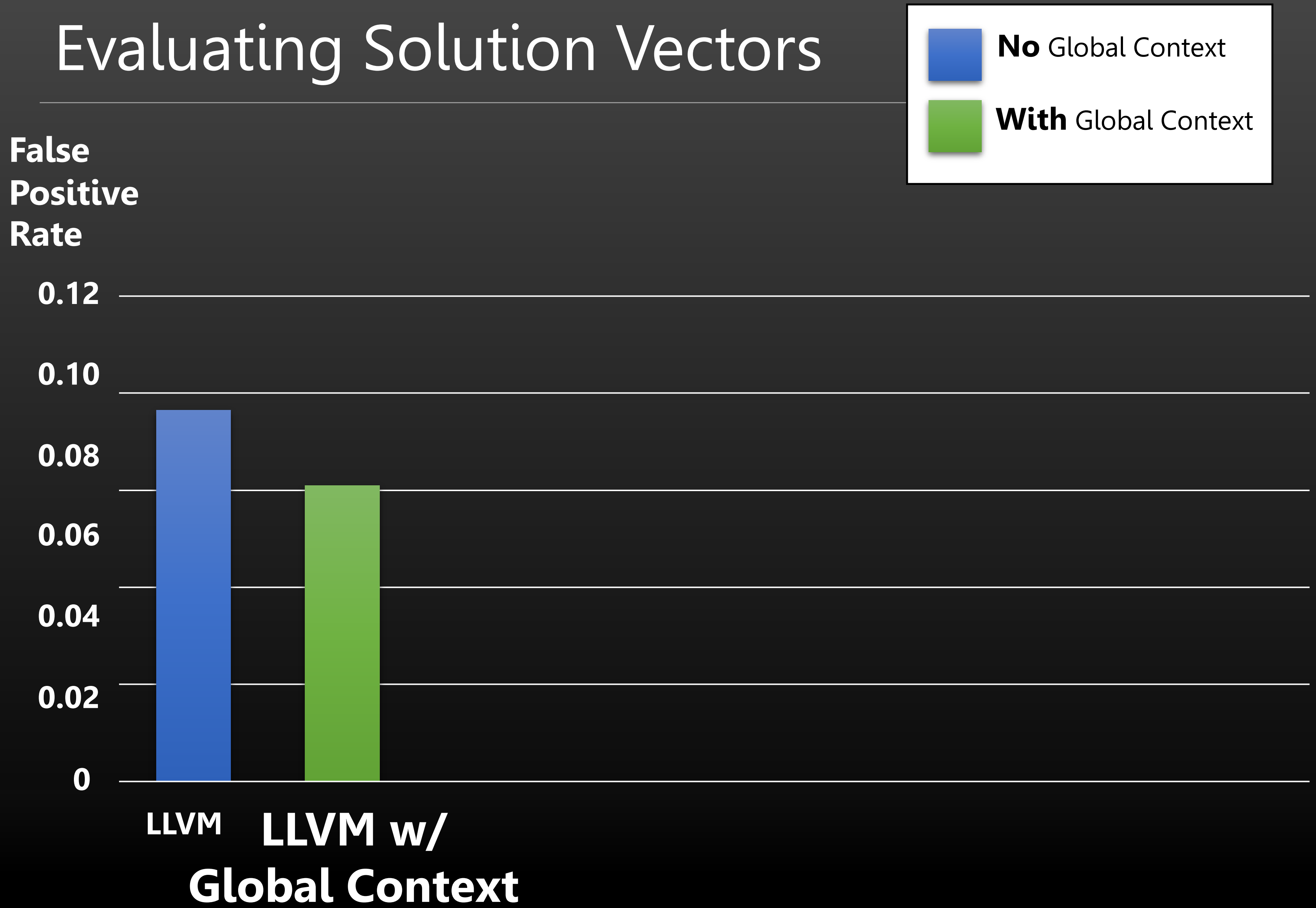

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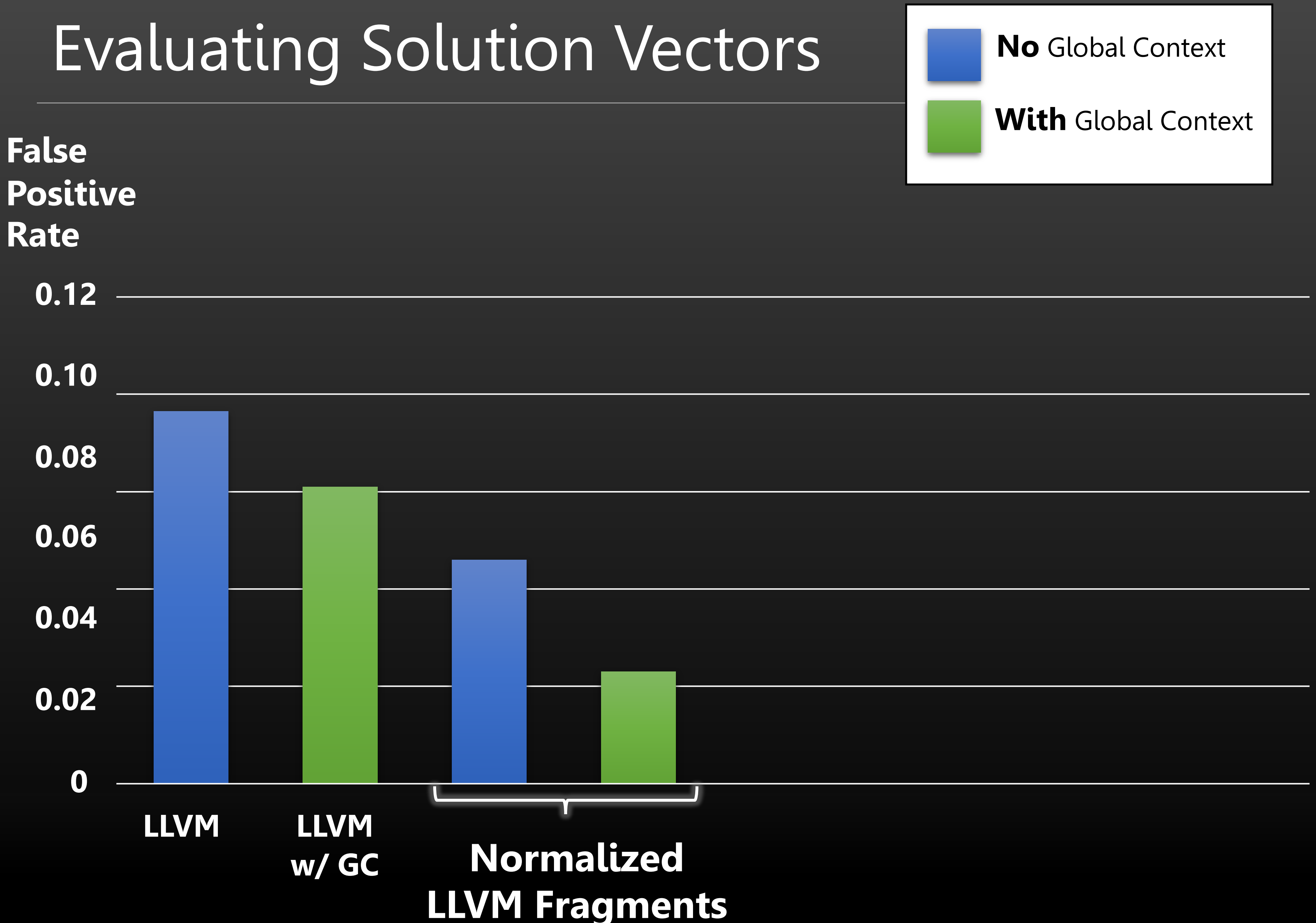

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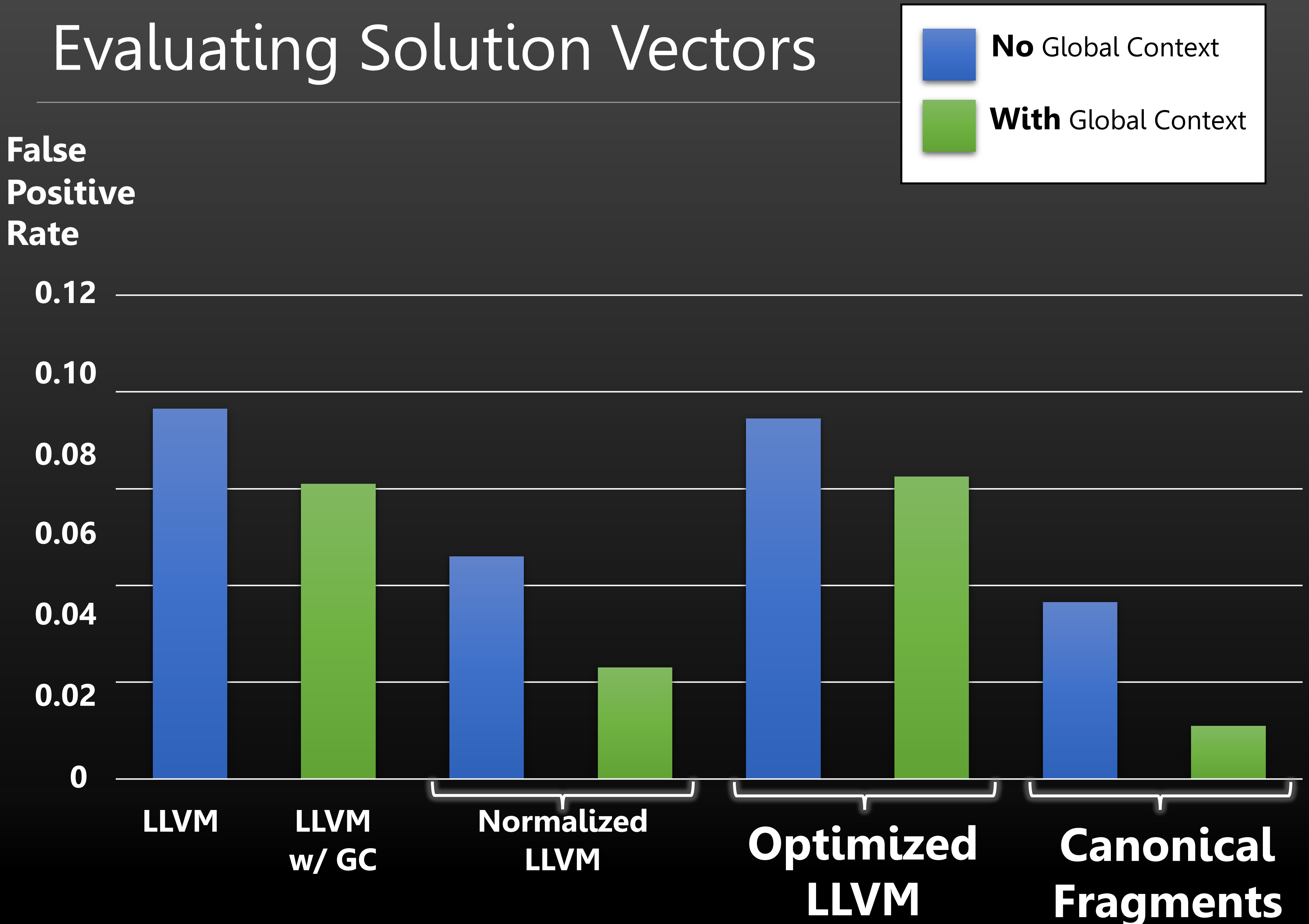

Take Aways

- A procedure can be **identified** using a set of **statistically significant fragments**
  - The statistical data can be collected over a **relatively small set**

- Applying an optimizer "**out-of-context**" is useful at transforming fragments to canonical form
  - A form that allows finding similarity

Questions

- Canonical Form: The Good
- Canonical Form: The Bad
- Previous Work
- BinDiff
- More Experiments!
- You're over-thinking this
- Out-of-Context?
- Limitations
- Evaluating Binary Classifiers
- All v. All
- Is Pr (s) a probability even?
- The Global Context

Canonical Form: The Good

```
mov     rax,  -2
sub     rbx,  rax
```

Canonical

```
t0 = load r0
t1 = add 2, t0
store t1, r0
```

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```
add     r12,  2
```

Canonical

```
t0 = load r0
t1 = add 2, t0
store t1, r0
```

The Bad:

```
add     rax,  1
add     rbx,  2
add     rbx,  rax
```

Canonical

```
t0 = load r0
t1 = load r1
t2 = add t0, t1
t3 = add t1, 3
store t3, r1
```

=

```
add     rbx,  2
add     rax,  1
add     rax,  rbx
```

Canonical

```
t0 = load r0
t1 = add 2, t0
store t1, r0
```

Canonical Form: The Bad

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add    rbx,  2
add    rbx,  rax
```

Canonical →

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t3 = add t1, 3
store t3, r1
```

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add    rbx,  2
add    rax,  rbx
```

Canonical →

```
t0 = load r0
t1 = load r1
t2 = add t0, t1
t3 = add t1, 3
store t3, r0
```

Previous Work

	GitZ-1500: Cross-{Comp, Arch, Opt}			Esh-1500: Cross-Comp		
	#FPs	CROC	⏱	#FPs	CROC	⏱
Heartbleed	0	1	1s	0	1	19h
Shellshock	0	1	3s	3	.996	15h
Venom	0	1	1s	0	1	16h
Clobberin' Time	0	1	2s	19	.956	16h
Shellshock #2	0	1	2s	0	1	11h
WS-snmp	0	1	1s	1	.997	10h
wget	0	1	2s	0	1	15h
ffmpeg	0	1	1s	0	1	20h
WS-statx	0	1	2s	-	-	-

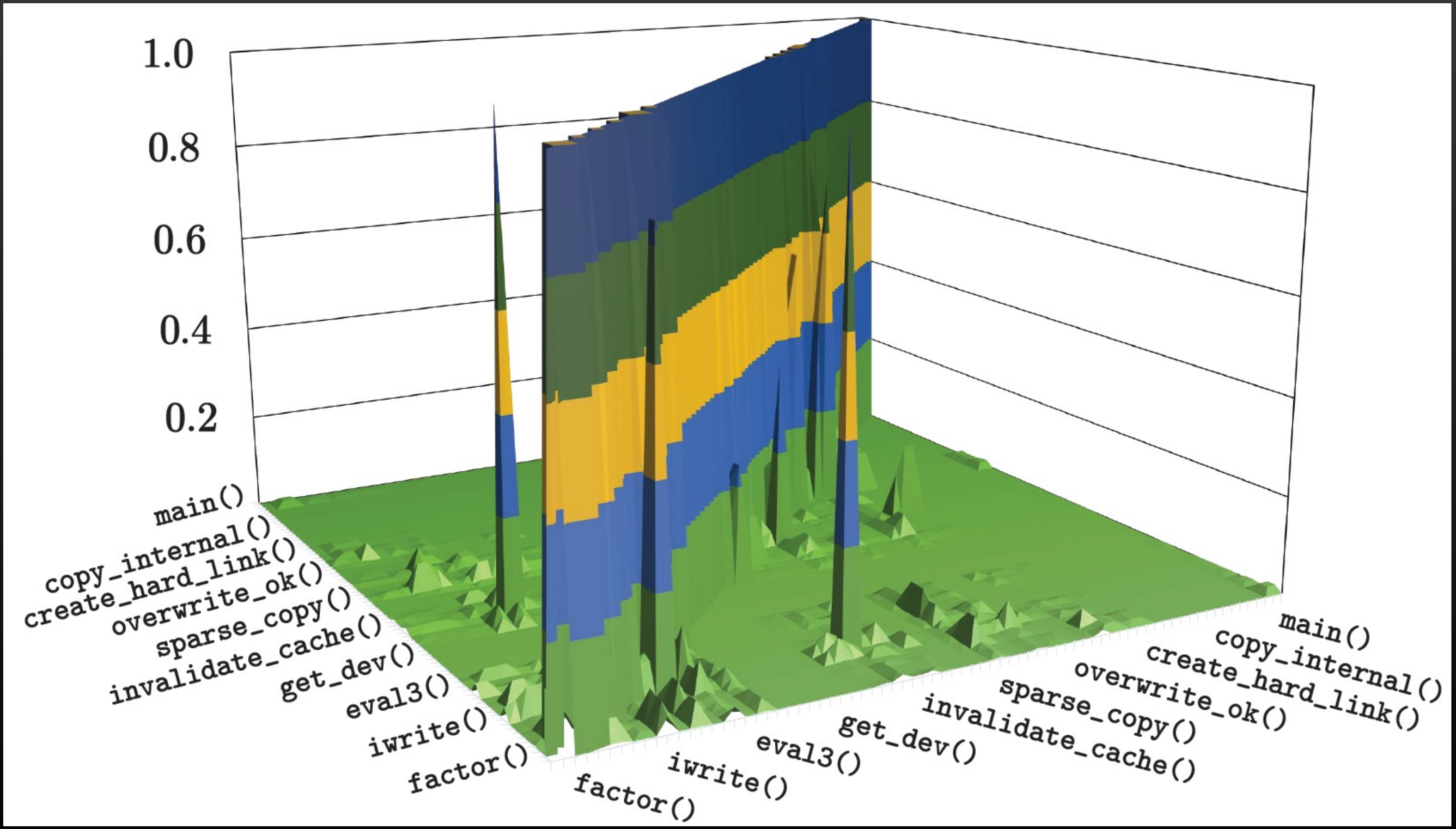
BinDiff

Alias	Matched?	Similarity	Confidence
Heartbleed	✗	-	-
Shellshock	✗	-	-
Venom	✗	-	-
Clobberin’ Time	✗	-	-
Shellshock #2	✗	-	-
ws-snmp	✓	0.89	0.91
wget	✗	-	-
ffmpeg	✓	0.72	0.79

The Global Context

- Sampled over **canonical fragments**, from procedures of all archs\compilers\optimizations
- A new arch\compiler\optimization?
  - We are somewhat future proof due to optimization
    - Even if a compiler decides to do things a bit different, it should arrive at the same canonical form
  - Entirely new behaviors will require a (partial) resampling
    - For instance: using the stack in offsets of 13 O_0

All v. All



1.0
0.8
0.6
0.4
0.2
main()
copy_internal()
create_hard_link()
overwrite_ok()
sparse_copy()
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get_dev()
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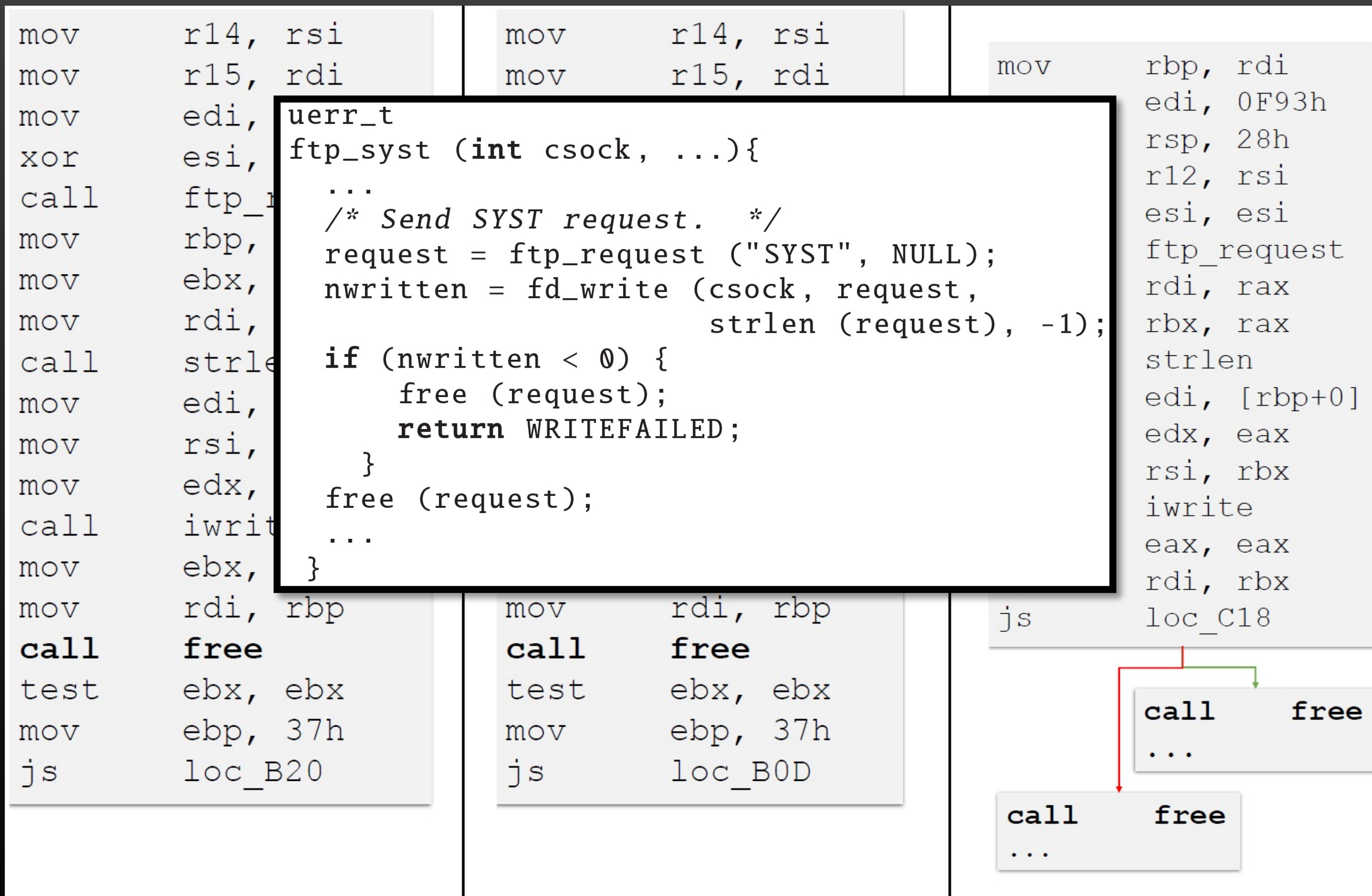
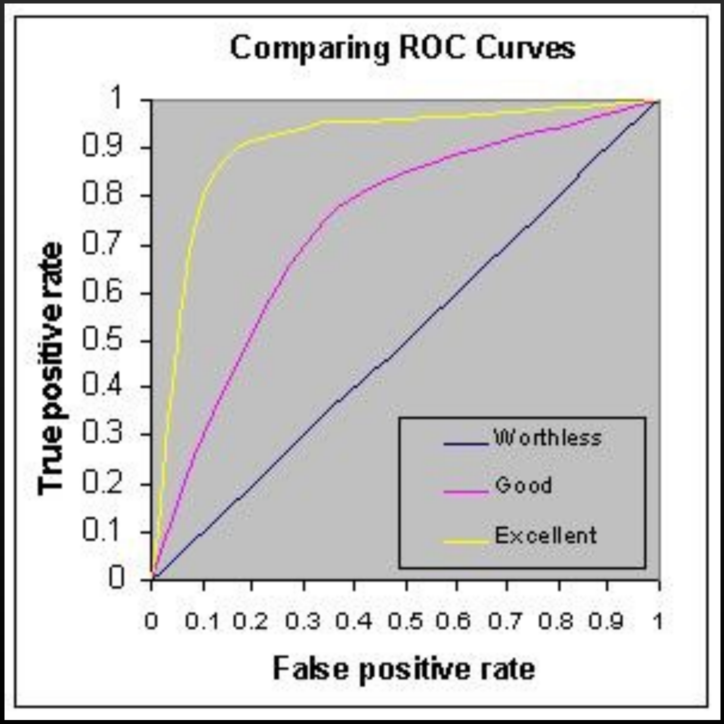


(b) CLang 3.5 -O2 (c) CLang 3.4 -O2 (d) gcc 4.6 -O2

Evaluating Binary Classifiers

- The Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC) is a widespread method for evaluating a binary classifier, by plotting the ratio of TPs to FPs, for all the different thresholds
- The Area Under Curve is then summed and value between 0-1 is produced. Our results were > .96.
- ROC means "how well did we cover all true positives, before we encounter false positives"
- We used Concentrated ROC, an adaptation for huge corpora, which further "punishes" highly ranked FPs



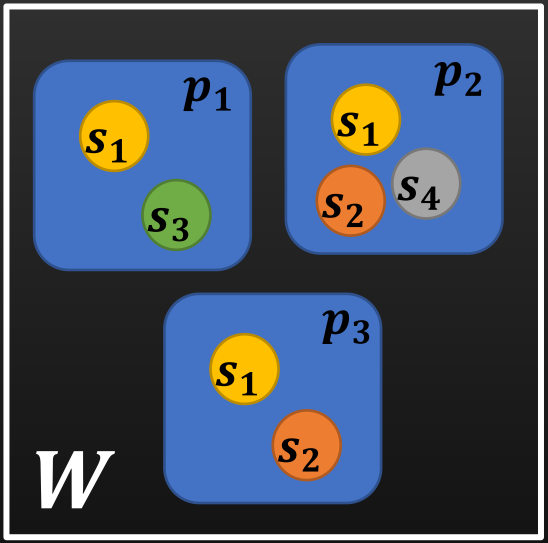
Jaccard Index?

- Major difference: does not take statistical significance into account, at all.

$$J(A, B) = \frac{|A \cap B|}{|A \cup B|}$$

Is $\Pr(s)$ a probability even?

$$\Pr_W(s) = \frac{|\{\, p \in W \mid s \in R(p) \,\}|}{|W|}$$



- $\Pr_W(s)$ is a probability over the sample space of W
  - W is a “multiset” of all canonical fragments in existence
  - $|\{\, p \in W \mid s \in R(p) \,\}|$ counts the occurrences of s in W
  - $\Pr(s_1) + \Pr(s_2) + \Pr(s_3) + \Pr(s_4) = \frac{3}{7} + \frac{2}{7} + \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{7} = 1$

- $\Pr_P(s)$ is an estimation of W, which betters as P grows
  - As we evaluated

You’re over-thinking this

- Why not just run the binary and get a version string??
  - Sometimes a lib is embedded
  - You can’t always easily run (different arch, dependencies, etc.)
  - Running can put you in unnecessary risk
  - Purely static
  - We’ve seen cases where the version string is not maintained correctly!

Out-of-Context?

- In context: The slice is surrounded with:
  - Other instructions from the block
  - Other blocks
  - Other procedures

The optimizer here must account for the surroundings, and cannot easily "cut-through" unrelated operations

- Out-of-context: Just the slice. The optimizer can easily extract a concise canonical fragment, that can be matched with semantically equivalent fragments from other procedures.

More Experiments!

Scenario	Queries	Targets	FP Rate
Cross-Optimization **ARM-64**	`aarch64-gcc 4.8 -O*`	`aarch64-gcc 4.8 -O*`	**0**

Scenario	Queries	Targets	FP Rate
Cross-(Optimization ∨ Version) **x86_64**	`gcc 4.{6,8,9} -O*`	`gcc 4.{6,8,9} -O*`	**0.001**

Scenario	Queries	Targets	FP Rate
Cross-Compiler **x86_64**	$Compilers_{x86}$ -O1	$Compilers_{x86}$ -O1	**0.002**

`GitZ` Accuracy: Cross-Compiler/Optimization/Architecture

Scenario	Queries	Targets	FP Rate
Cross-Architecture Low Optimization	$(Compilers_{x86} \vee Compilers_{ARM})$ **–O1**	$(Compilers_{x86} \vee Compilers_{ARM})$ **–O1**	**0.006**

Scenario	Queries	Targets	FP Rate
Cross-Architecture Standard Optimization	$(Compilers_{x86} \vee Compilers_{ARM})$ **–O2**	$(Compilers_{x86} \vee Compilers_{ARM})$ **–O2**	**0.005**

Scenario	Queries	Targets	FP Rate
Cross-Architecture Heavy Optimization	$(Compilers_{x86} \vee Compilers_{ARM})$ **–O3**	$(Compilers_{x86} \vee Compilers_{ARM})$ **–O3**	**0.004**