

Closer to the Edge: Testing Compilers More Thoroughly by Being Less Conservative About Undefined Behaviour

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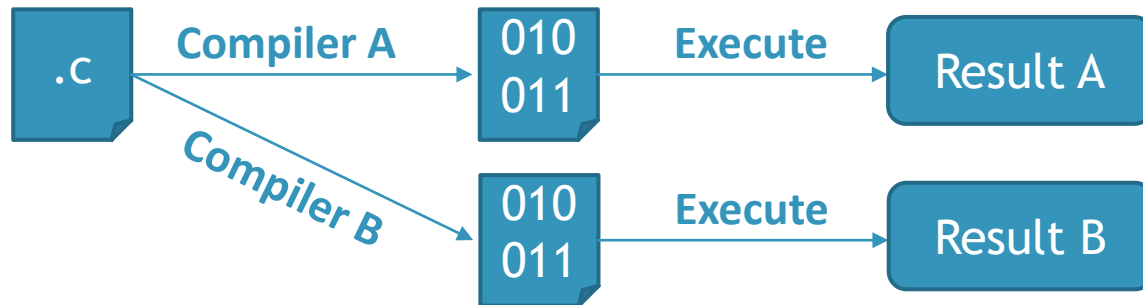
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- ▶ **Compiler testing:** to expose mis-compilation, which can have a broad impact
 - ▶ Compiler fuzzers: efficient and successful method for bug hunting
 - ▶ Testcase = a program



- ▶ Result A != Result B → mis-compilation

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- ▶ **Main challenge:** generating UB-free-programs (to consider a valid bug)
- ▶ **Undefined Behaviours (UB)**
 - ▶ E.g., UB in C: (i) `int x=5÷0;` or (ii) `int x=INT_MAX + 7;`
 - ▶ Non-UB-free-program: unpredictable program's result + describe a problem that is not a bug

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- ▶ **Observation + Hypothesis** → found new bugs in GCC

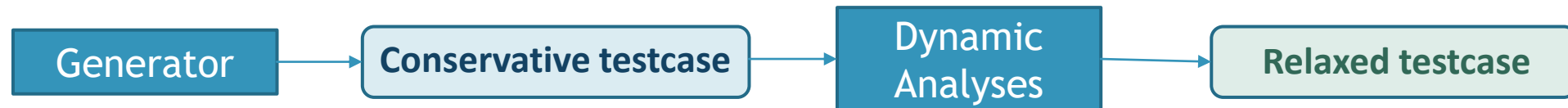
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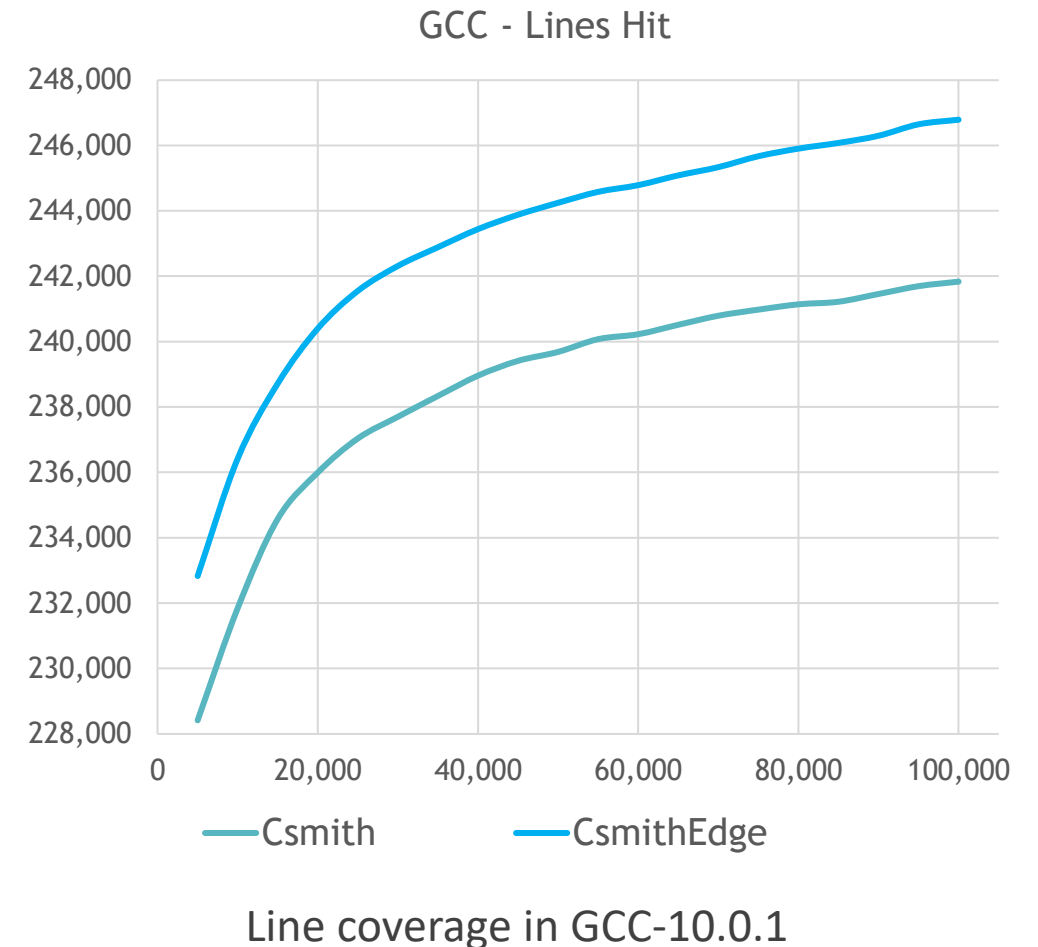


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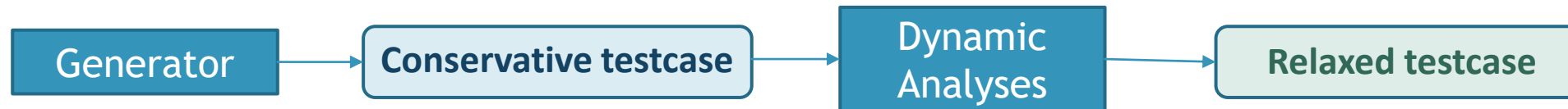
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Future Work

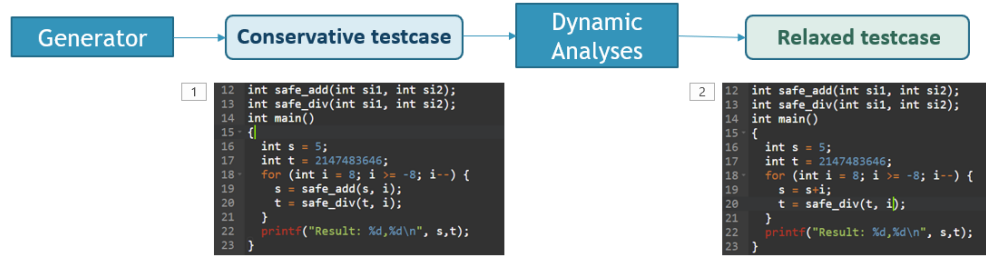
- ▶ **Bug-hunting:** trying different compilers (e.g., LLVM or Microsoft Visual Studio)
- ▶ **Post-generation/during testing:** extends the possible modification we allow in post-generation
- ▶ **During generation:** relax restrictions + (after) detect and discard those with UBs
 - ▶ E.g., can skip variables initialization when declared, or allow null pointers



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