

EnclaveFuzz: Finding Vulnerabilities in SGX Applications

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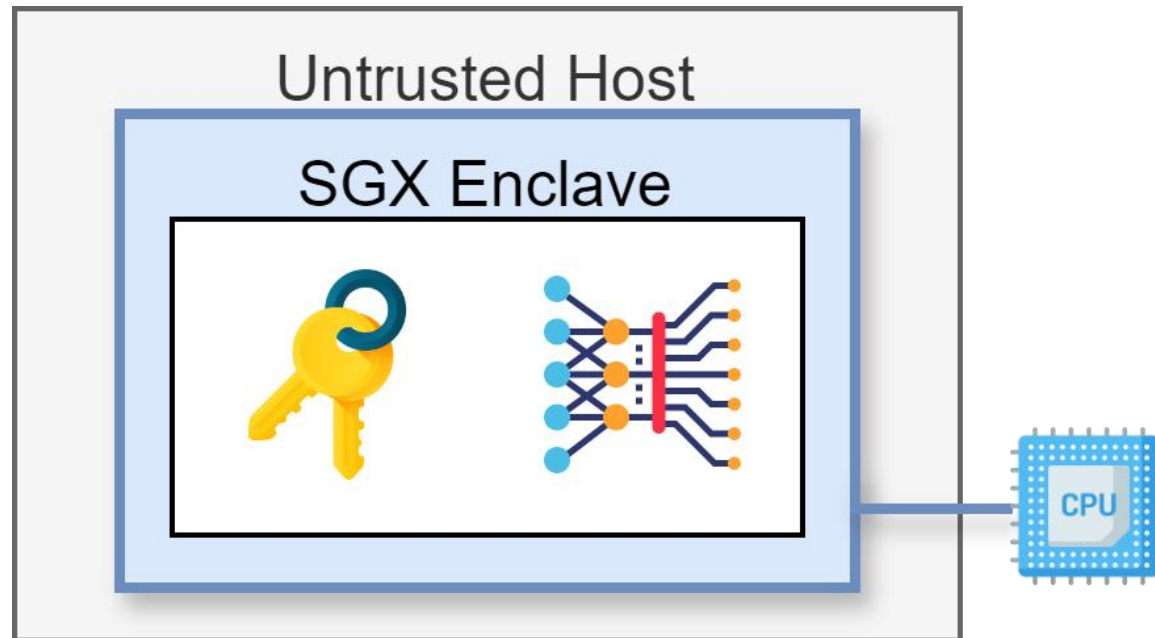
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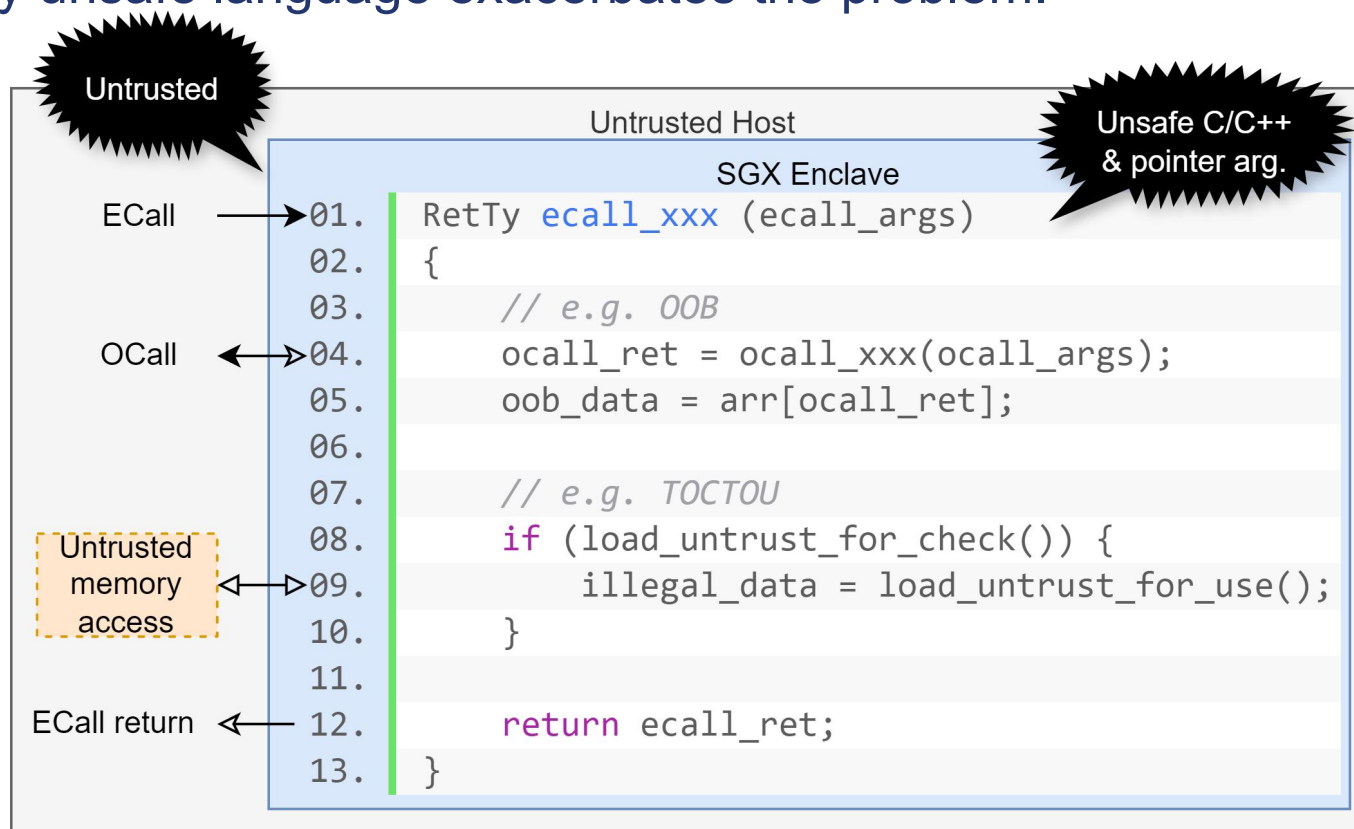
SGX Application

- Applications use hardware capabilities to defend against untrusted host.



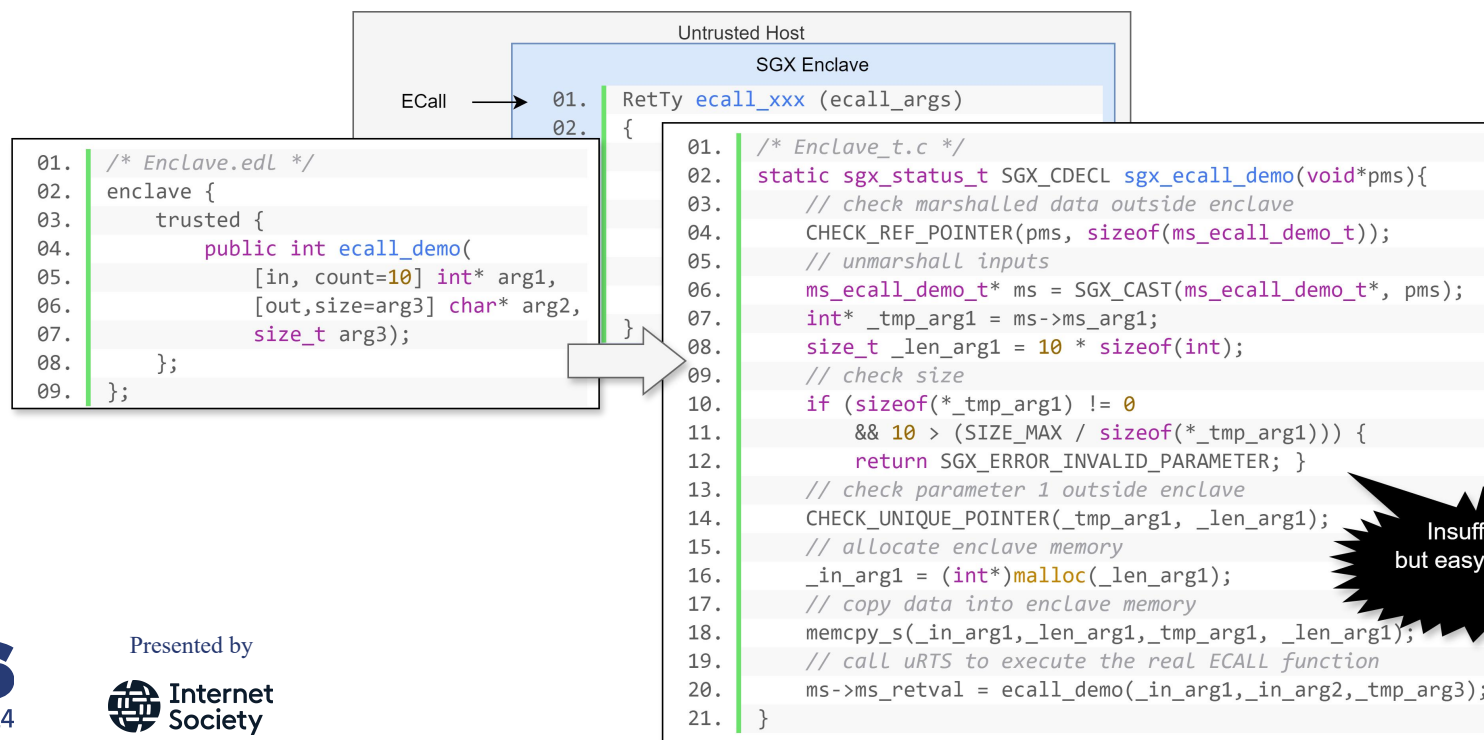
Problem

- Applications are unaware of specific threat model.
- Memory unsafe language exacerbates the problem.



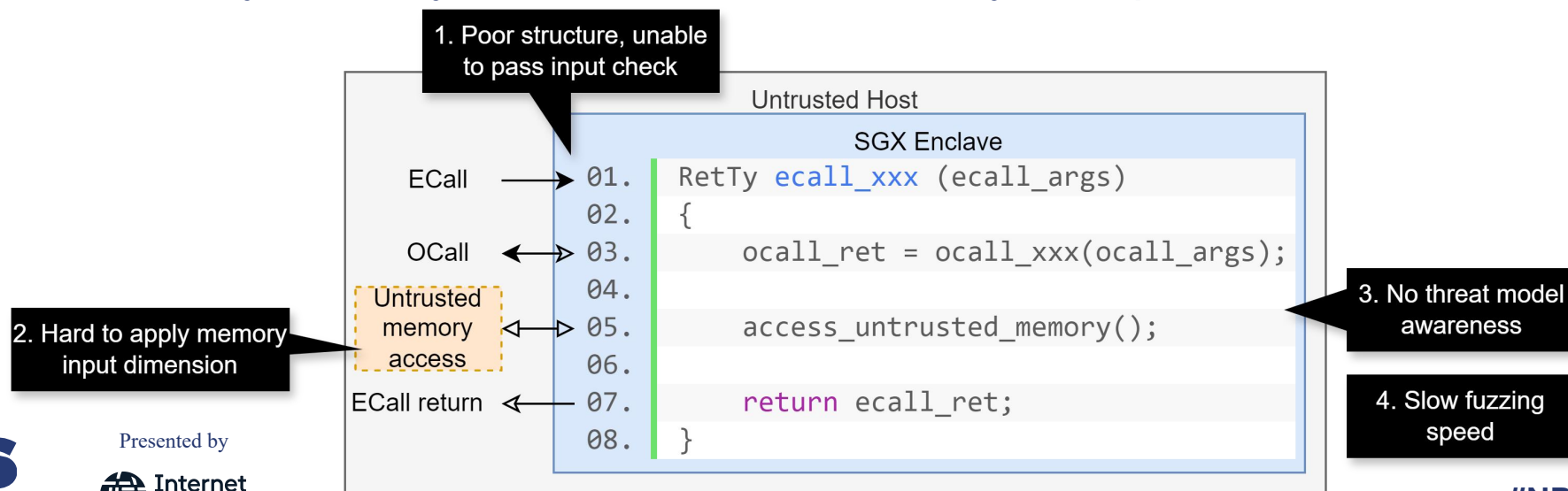
Problem: Insufficient Input Check

- SGX EDL only performs the basic checking rules, enclave itself needs a deeper check.
- *But it is easy to invalidate fuzzing input.*



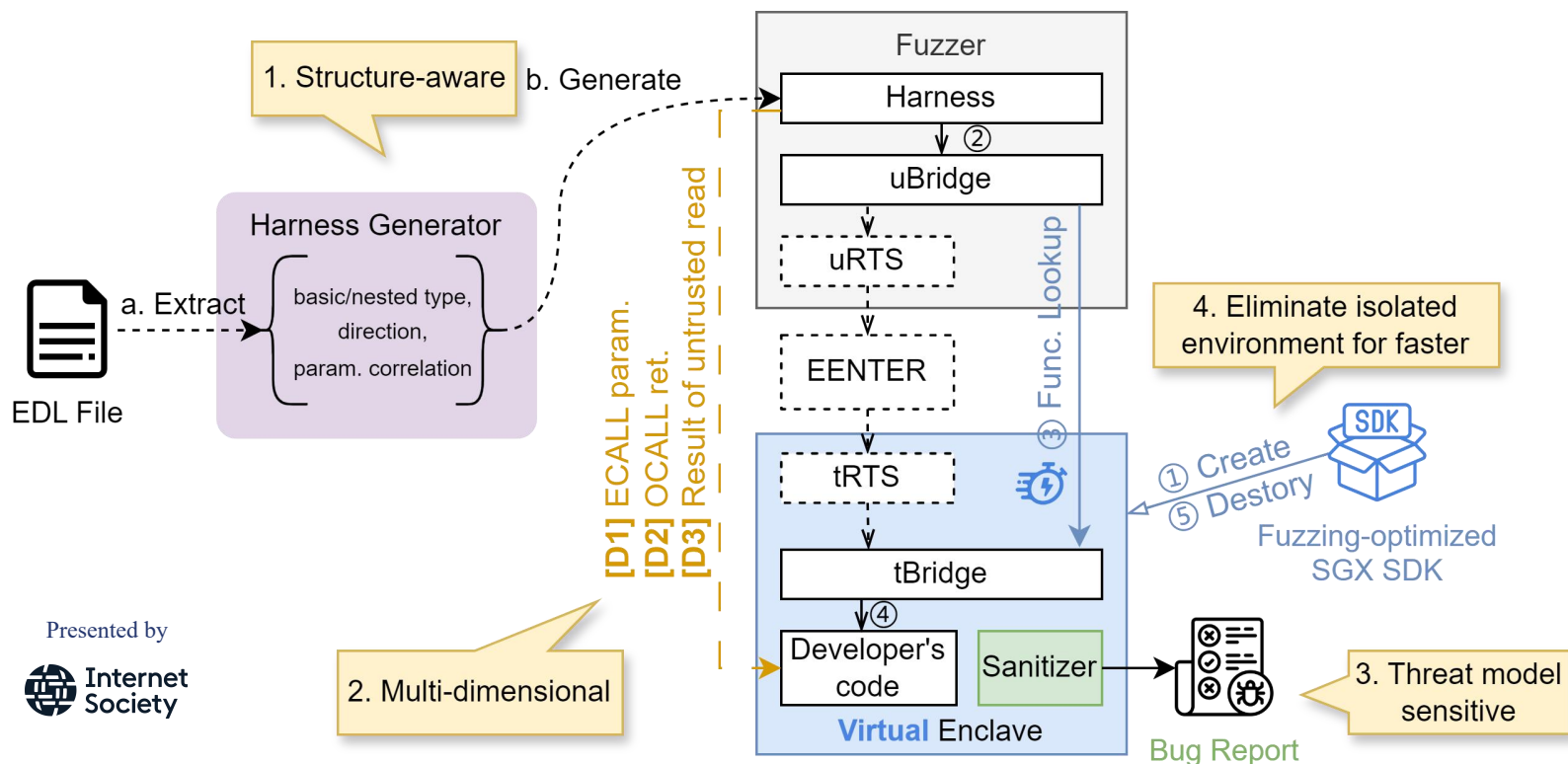
Related Works

1. **Static:** TeeRex [SEC'20] and COIN attacks [ASPLOS'20] exploit **symbolic execution** but face state explosion in large-scale applications.
2. **Dynamic:** SGXFuzz [SEC'22] identifies input structures via **page fault feedback**, while FuzzSGX [EuroS&P'23] relies on **host mutation**, and they can only detect crashes or memory corruption.



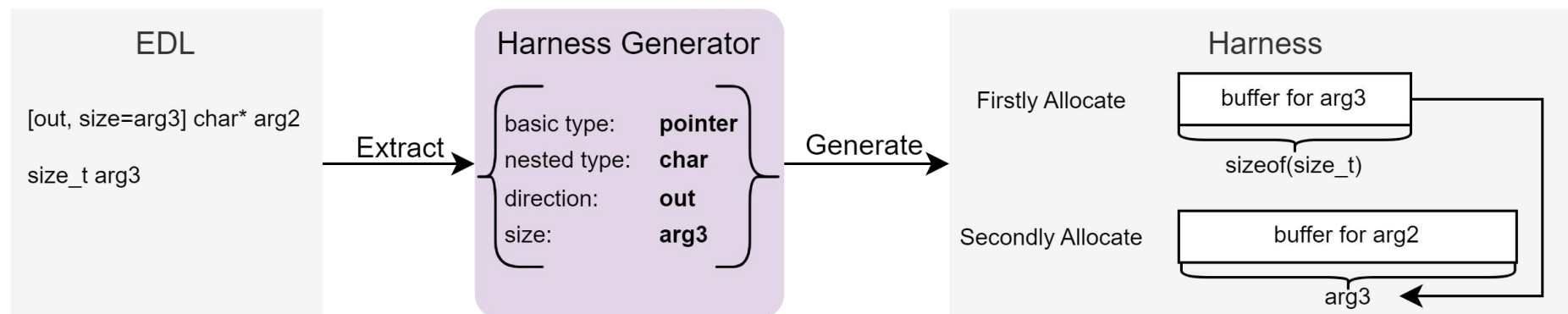
EnclaveFuzz Overview

1. & 2. A multi-dimensional structure-aware fuzzing harness.
3. A sanitizer sensitive to the SGX threat model.
4. Faster SDK optimized for fuzzing by eliminating isolated environment.



Structure-aware Fuzzing

- Extracts information from EDL and generates a structure-aware fuzzing harness, to pass basic input check.



Structure Generation Policy

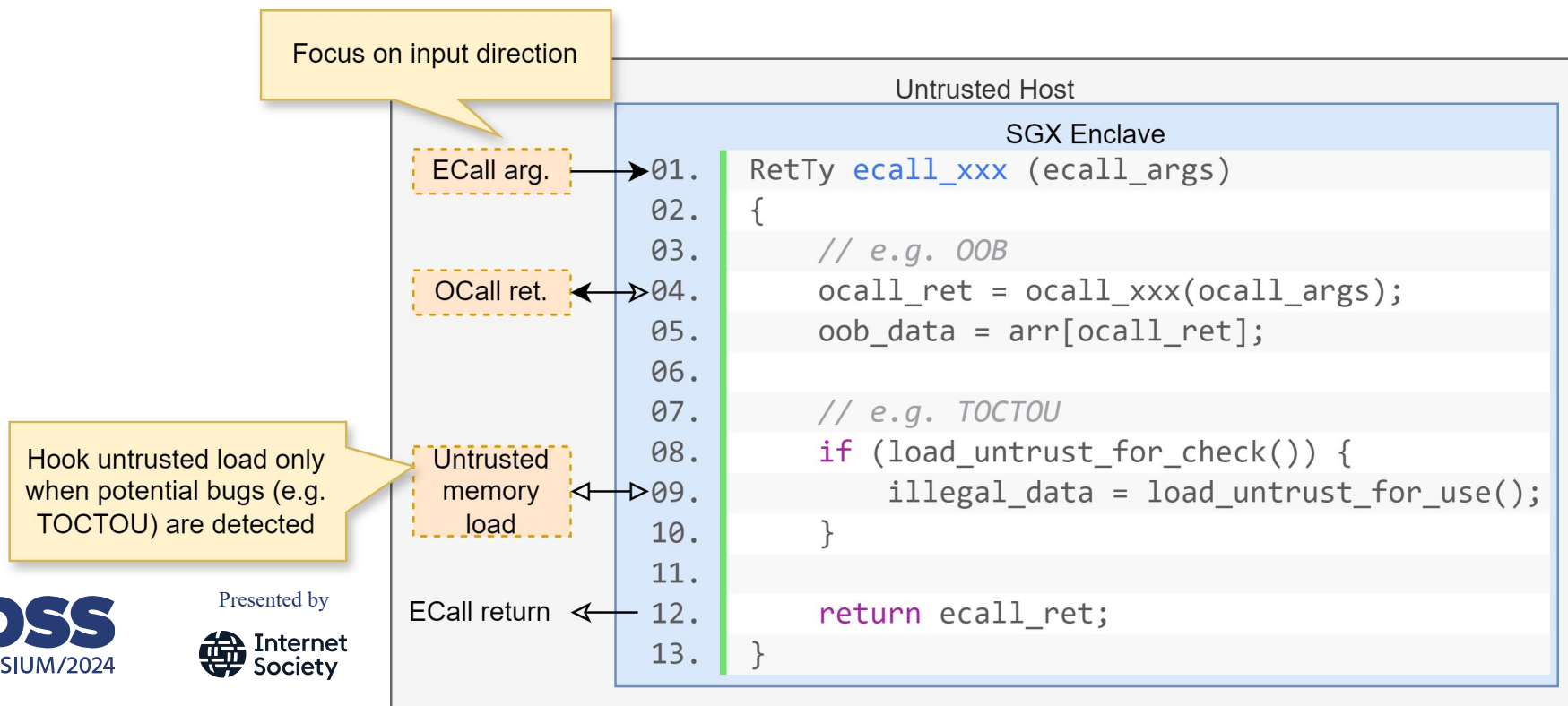
- Analyzes parameters and handles data directions based on EDL attributes.
- Dynamically provide a random size first and then the buffer when processing *user_check*.

See paper for more details.

Type	Dir. Attr.	Size Attr.	Direction	Bytes allocated
ECALL	IN	Fixed: size count = val.	enter enclave ✓	Fixed: value specified
	OUT		exit enclave ✗	
OCALL	IN	Dynamic: size = param. user_check	exit enclave ✗	Dynamic: runtime decided
	OUT		enter enclave ✓	

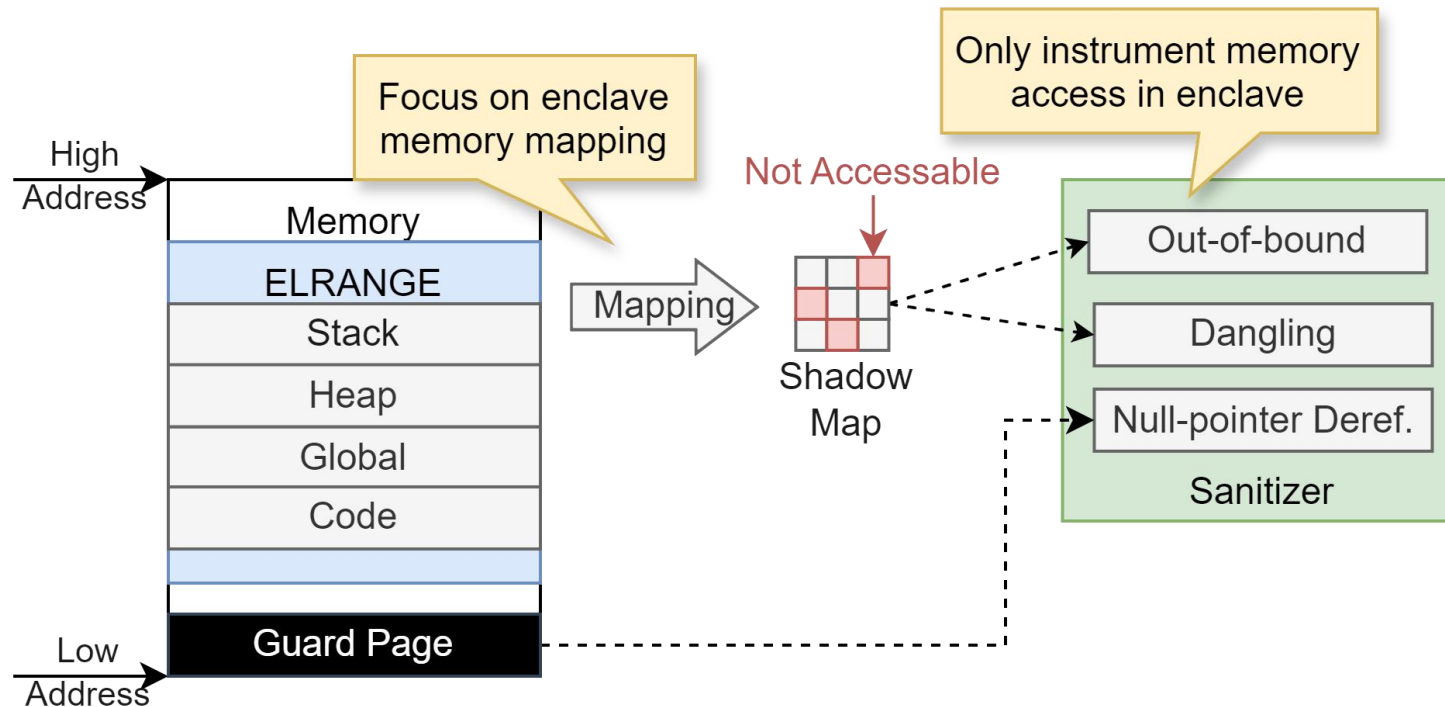
Multi-dimensional Fuzzing

- Only untrusted input is provided.
- Besides E/OCall, hooks untrusted memory load only when potential bugs are detected to **avoid huge overhead**.



Vulnerability Detection

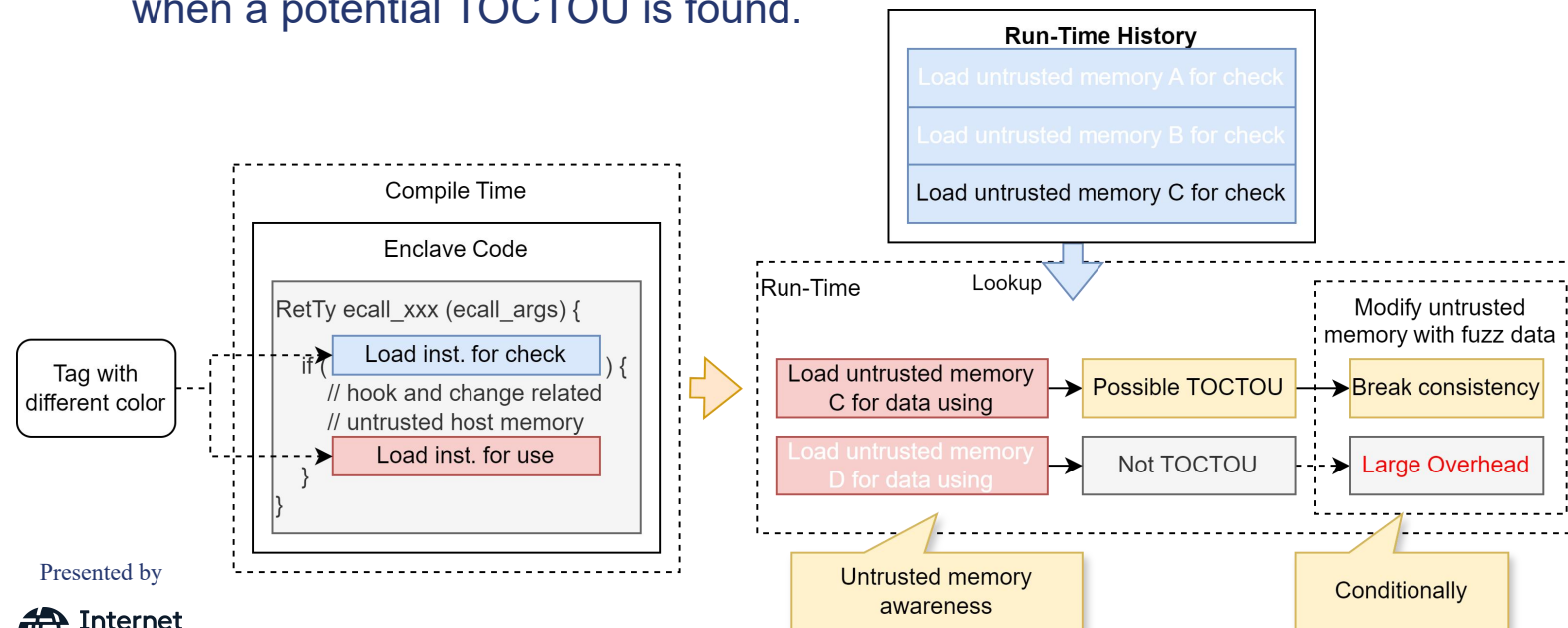
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Vulnerability Detection

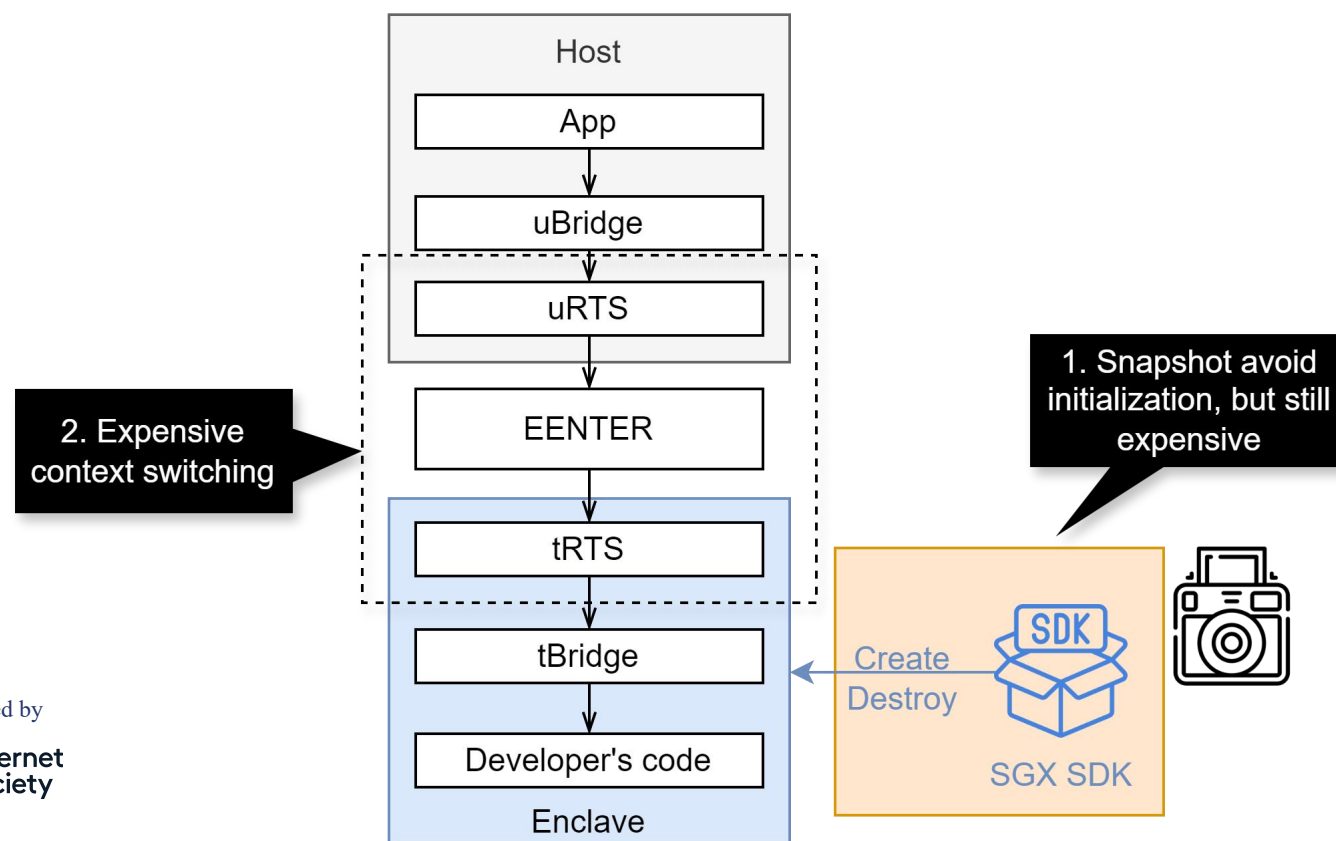
2. TOCTOU detection

- a) Different tags are given to *load* instructions during compilation.
- b) Hook *load* at runtime to detect possible TOCTOU with **untrusted memory awareness**.
- c) To **avoid huge overhead**, only modify untrusted memory to break consistency when a potential TOCTOU is found.



Slow fuzzing speed of related works

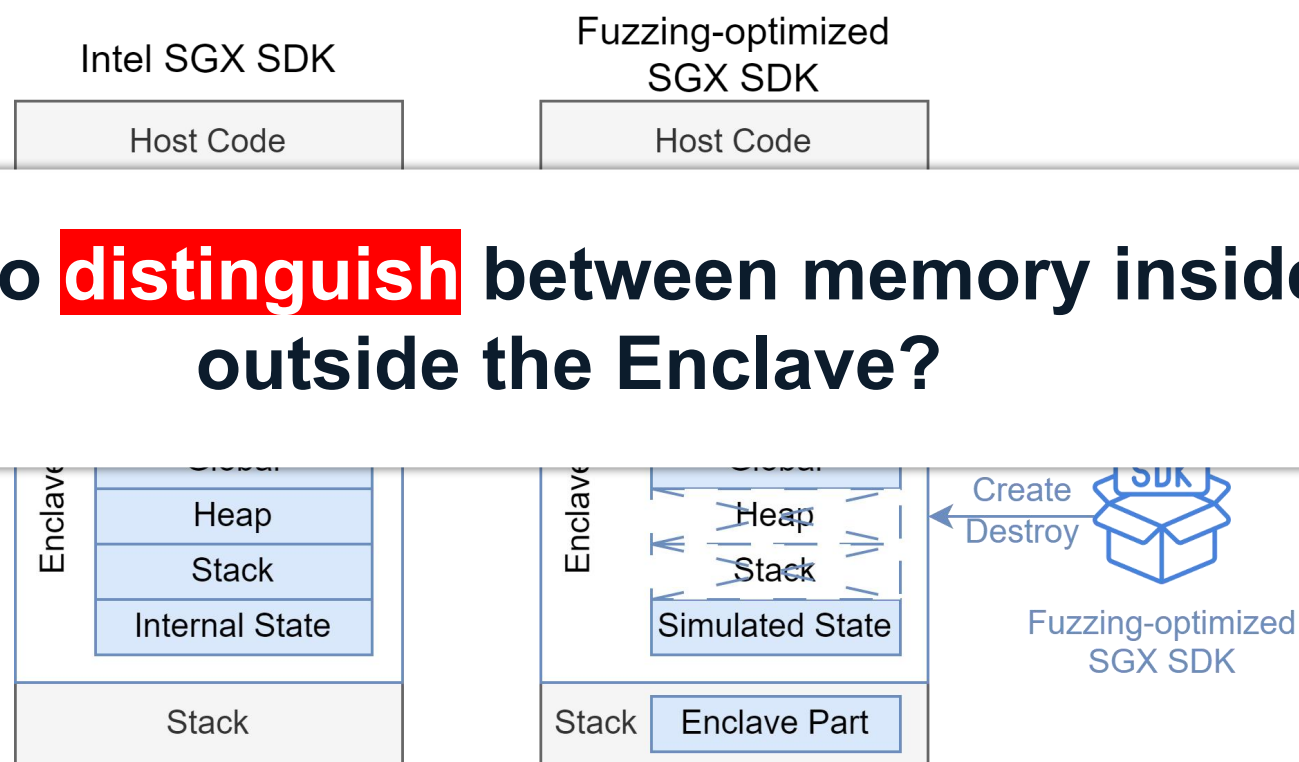
- Snapshot mode is still slow compared to persistent mode.
- Context switching is also expensive.



Eliminate Isolated Environment

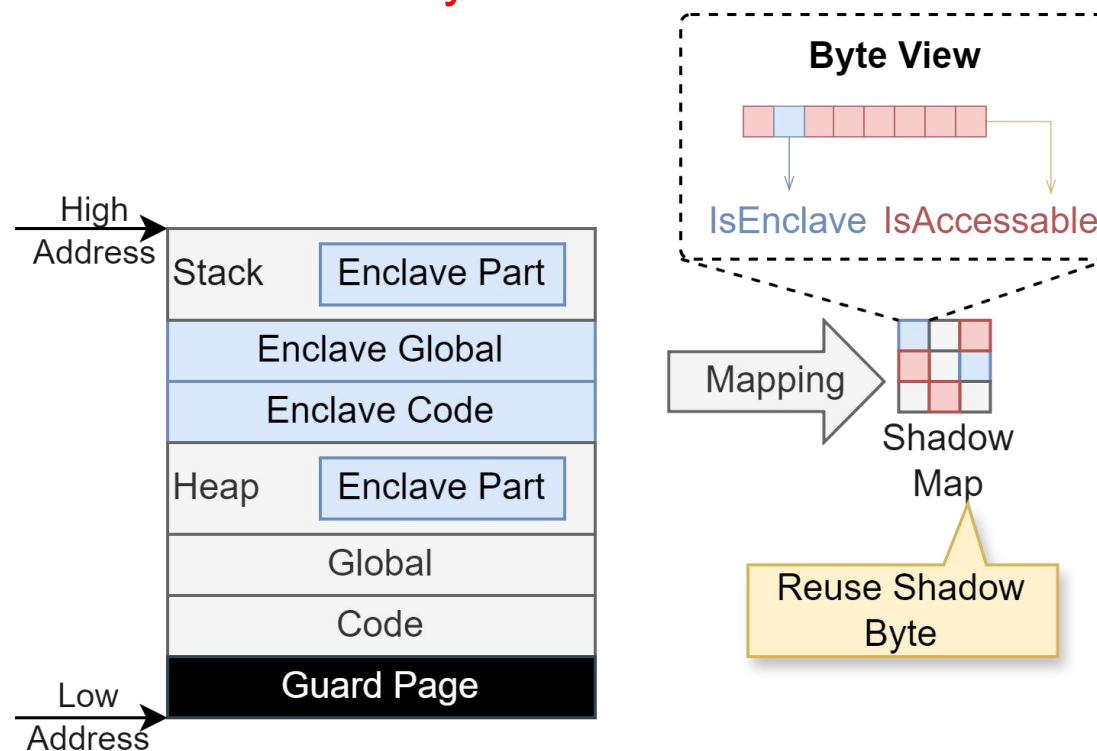
1. Remove independent memory to reduce creation/destruction overhead.

But how to **distinguish** between memory inside and outside the Enclave?



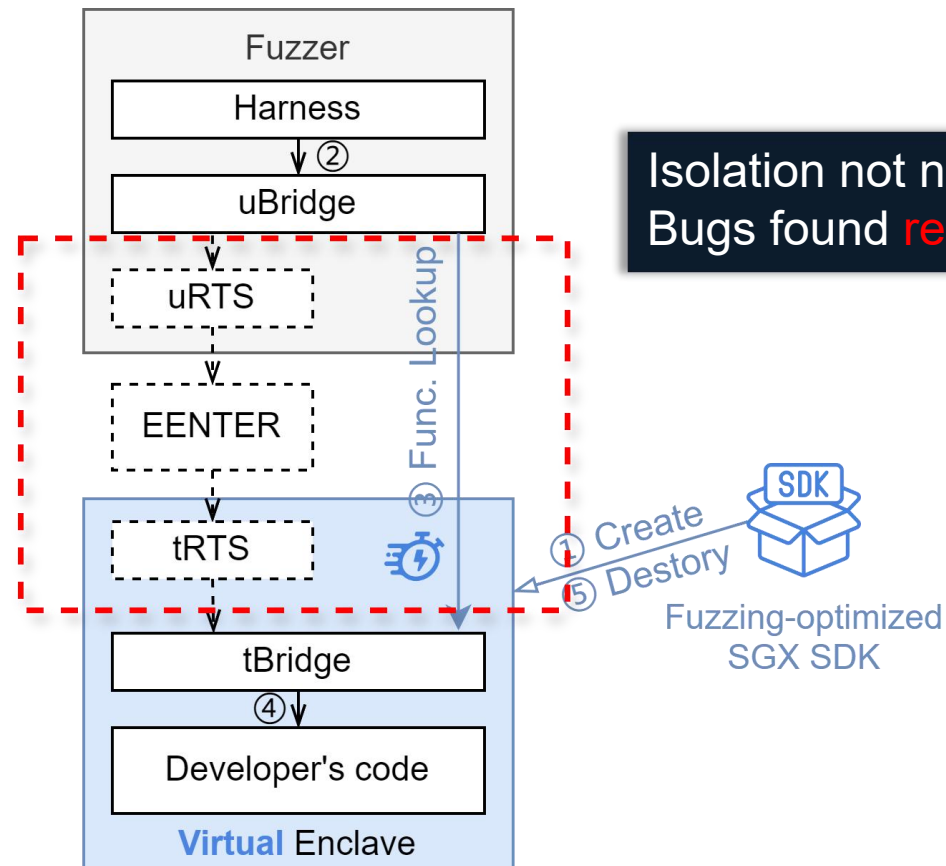
Eliminate Isolated Environment

1. Remove independent memory to reduce creation/destruction overhead.
2. Reuse shadow byte to distinguish memory inside and outside the Enclave, i.e. **enclave memory awareness**.



Eliminate Isolated Environment

3. Replace expensive context switches with function table lookups



Isolation not necessary for fuzzing.
Bugs found **reproduced in HW mode.**

Bugs Found

- EnclaveFuzz found 162 bugs in 14/20 real-world open source enclaves.

Mostly **Null-Pointer Dereference** & **TOCTOU**.
SGX threat model was overlooked, especially cross-boundary pointers.

Type	Enclave	#Bugs	Total
Null-Pointer Dereference	sgx-wallet	7	68
	intel-sgx-ssl	1	
	mbdttls-SGX	2	
	TaLoS	44	
	sgx-dnet	1	
	plinius	1	
	sgxwallet	2	
	sgx-reencrypt	4	
	trusted-function-framework	1	
	wasm-micro-runtim	4	
Use After Free	BiORAM-SGX	1	6
	intel-sgx-ssl	2	
	SGX_SQLite	2	
TOCTOU	mbdttls-SGX	2	38
	TaLoS	37	
Stack Overflow	wasm-micro-runtim	1	5
	SGX_SQLite	1	
	ehsm	1	
	BiORAM-SGX	1	
	SGXCryptoFile	2	
Heap Overflow	sgx-wallet	3	18
	TaLoS	2	
	sgxwallet	1	
	ehsm	11	
	wasm-micro-runtim	1	
Int Overflow	TaLoS	13	15
	sgx-dnet	1	
	plinius	1	
Arbitrarily Read/Write/Execute	trusted-function-framework	1	11
	wasm-micro-runtim	10	
Unchecked Size	trusted-function-framework	1	1
Total	14 Apps		162

Compare with SOTA

1. **Effectiveness** of structured test cases is nearly **3 times** that of SOTA, and the **coverage** is nearly **4 times**.

Enclave Name	Code Coverage ¹						Input Validity		Bug Findings	
	Enclave Cov.		Interesting Cov.		Effectiveness		SGXFuzz	EnclaveFuzz	SGXFuzz	EnclaveFuzz
	SGXFuzz	EnclaveFuzz	SGXFuzz	EnclaveFuzz	SGXFuzz	EnclaveFuzz				
intel-sgx-ssl	0.75%	18.04%	0.02%	18.39%	1.66%	99.66%	0%	100%	0	3
AE LE	3.85%	11.67%	14.29%	32.08%	1.98%	15.25%	26.89%	100%	0	0
AE PCE	4.10%	13.94%	22.53%	45.34%	3.49%	15.30%	17.48%	100%	0	0
AE PVE	2.36%	8.63%	10.05%	16.95%	6.32%	22.62%	33.15%	100%	0	0
AE QE	2.64%	3.20%	13.23%	6.68%	3.60%	16.13%	5.52%	100%	0	0
SGX_SQLite	2.39%	6.78%	1.45%	7.20%	26.64%	99.96%	30.39%	100%	0	3
TaLoS	5.86%	9.78%	4.66%	10.00%	36.56%	99.58%	53.50%	100%	90	96
mbedtls-SGX	6.54%	30.64%	8.16%	32.64%	53.68%	99.66%	21.23%	100%	1	4
wolfssl	3.64%	42.44%	0.38%	45.00%	7.72%	99.78%	38.27%	99.99%	0	0
sgx-wallet	8.52%	33.10%	12.68%	79.39%	1.42%	39.72%	30.06%	99.99%	1	10
sgx-dnet	5.64%	0.97%	1.13%	0.51%	7.00%	34.92%	69.15%	100%	2	2
plinius	3.07%	2.24%	1.10%	2.19%	7.41%	73.47%	68.41%	100%	2	2
sgxwallet	6.33%	51.81%	7.21%	43.50%	7.74%	25.44%	20.74%	100%	2	3
BiORAM-SGX	4.30%	17.95%	0.55%	1.08%	5.45%	1.66%	48.43%	82.95%	0	2
bolos-enclave	6.71%	7.85%	1.17%	0.48%	4.86%	4.01%	40.10%	84.09%	0	0
ehsm	3.69%	16.91%	3.81%	15.00%	76.97%	81.60%	0%	91.79%	0	12
sgx-reencrypt	8.60%	33.31%	14.92%	31.26%	20.26%	28.26%	84.38%	100.00%	2	4
SGXCryptoFile	5.85%	17.62%	15.04%	80.56%	4.15%	5.88%	0%	100.00%	0	2
trusted-function-frame	2.53%	1.97%	2.13%	1.53%	75.64%	75.22%	0%	100.00%	0	3
wasm-micro-runtime	3.95%	1.67%	2.08%	0.94%	32.64%	46.04%	78.04%	100.00%	5	15
average	4.57%	16.53%	6.83%	23.54%	19.26%	49.21%	33.29%	97.94%	5.25	8.05

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Compare with SOTA

2. Improve the test speed of real-world applications by nearly **7 times**.

Enclave Name	EnclaveFuzz-SIM	EnclaveFuzz-HW	EnclaveFuzz (Opt.SDK)
	ECALLs executed in 24 hours		
intel-sgx-ssl	18K	217	19K
AE LE	155M	63M	454M
AE PCE	153M	58M	483M
AE PVE	123M	44M	11M
AE QE	42M	27M	50M
SGX_SQLite	40M	15M	160M
TaLoS	448K	194K	120K
mbedtls-SGX	1M	122K	1M
wolfssl	370K	17K	23K
sgx-wallet	86M	21M	137M
sgx-dnet	354k	94k	504k
plinius	71k	54k	501k
sgxwallet	430k	218k	1.9M
BiORAM-SGX	1M	26K	9M
bolos-enclave	96M	30M	505M
ehsm	227K	163K	212K
sgx-reencrypt	14M	10M	15M
SGXCryptoFile	2M	467K	18M
trusted-function-frame	13M	3M	3M
wasm-micro-runtime	4M	1M	40M
Speedup rate	2.67×	1×	6.91×

See paper for
more ablation
studies.

Takeaway

- EnclaveFuzz is a **multi-dimensional, structure-aware** fuzzer for SGX applications, featuring a **threat-model-aware** sanitizer and an SDK that **eliminates the isolated environment**.



<https://github.com/vul337/EnclaveFuzz>



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