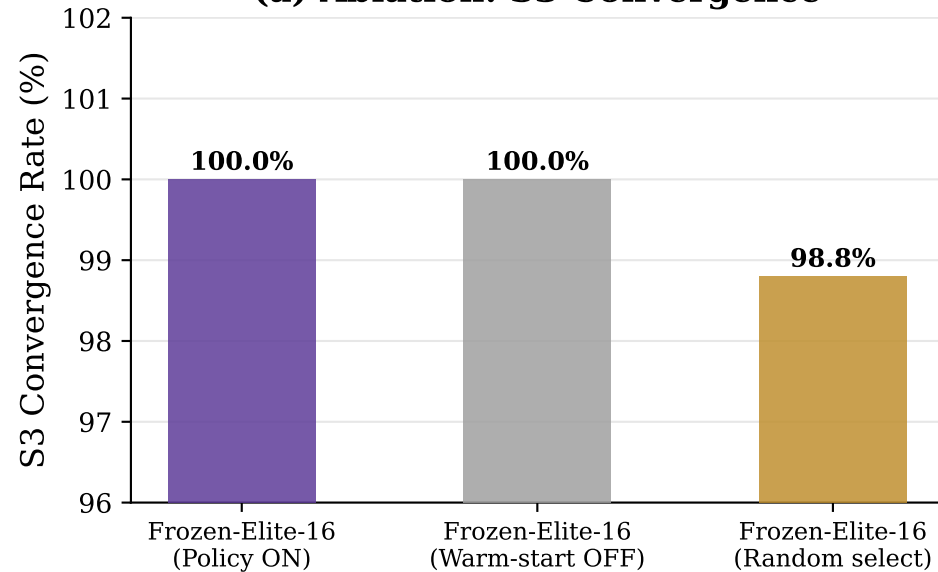


# Ablation Study: Policy Selection vs. Warm-start vs. Random Elite (5k steps, 8 seeds, severe\_plus + N-1)

**(a) Ablation: S3 Convergence**



**(b) Ablation: Iteration Cost**

