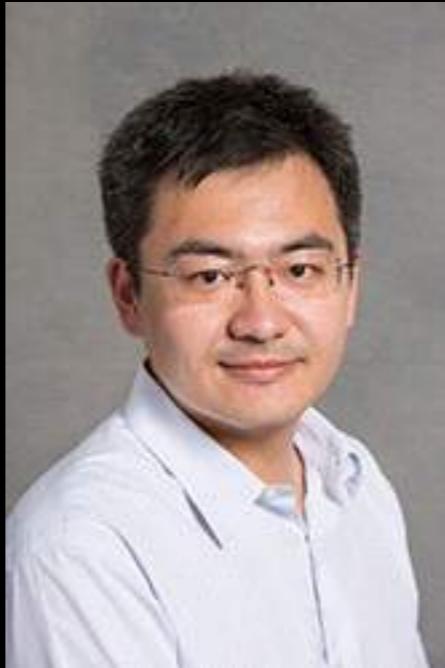


Genetic Improvement

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Thank you



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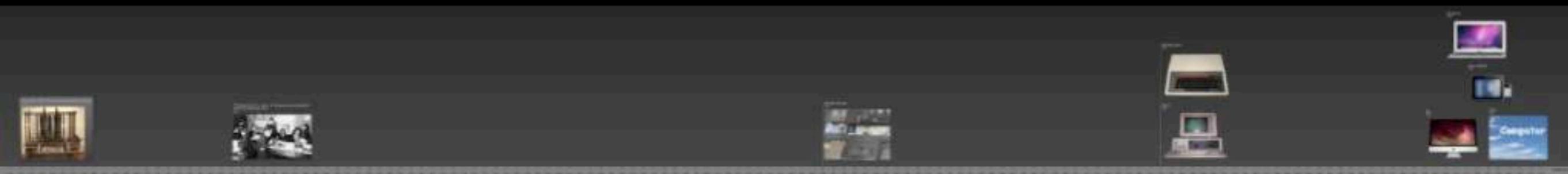
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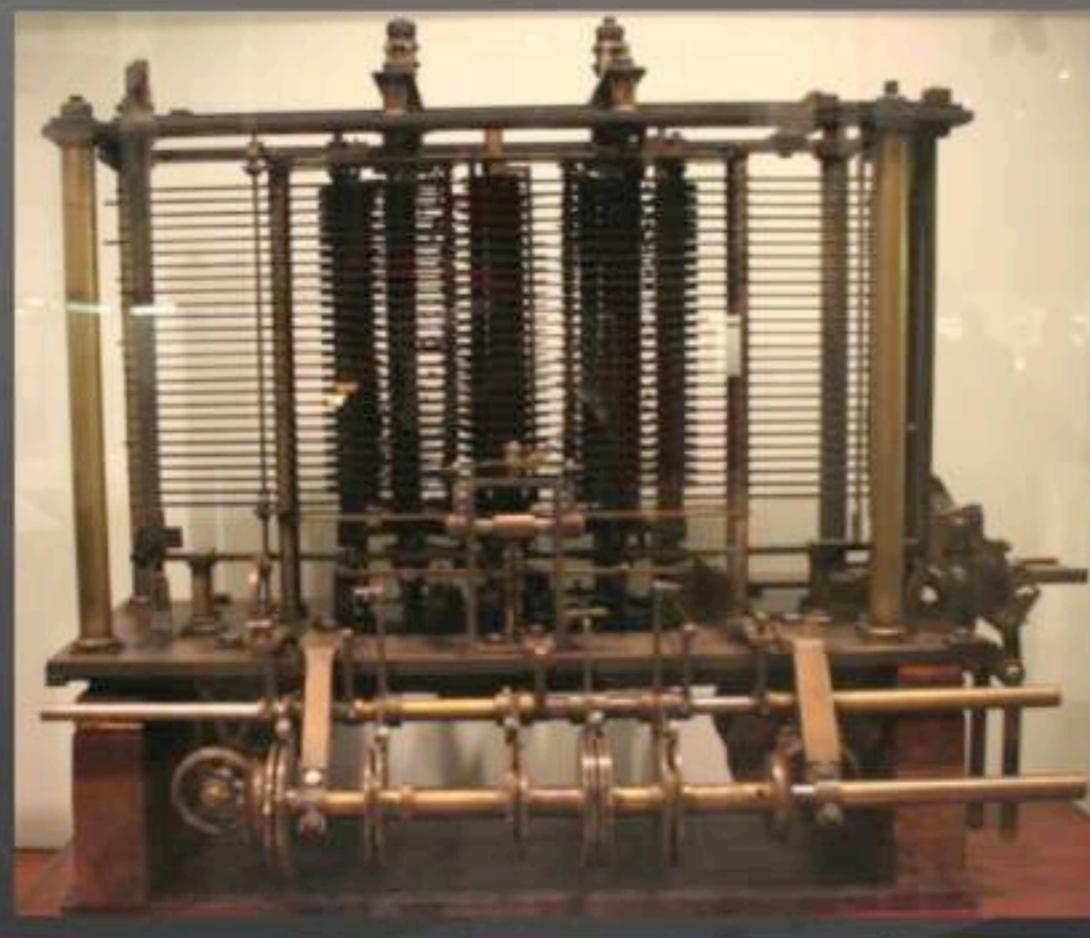


Different People have different opinions



Trial model of a part of the Analytical Engine, built by Babbage.

1873



1872 1873 1874 1875 1876 1877 1878 1879

"Pickering's Harem," so-called, for the group of women computers at the Harvard College Observatory

1893



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IBM 026 Card Punch

1949



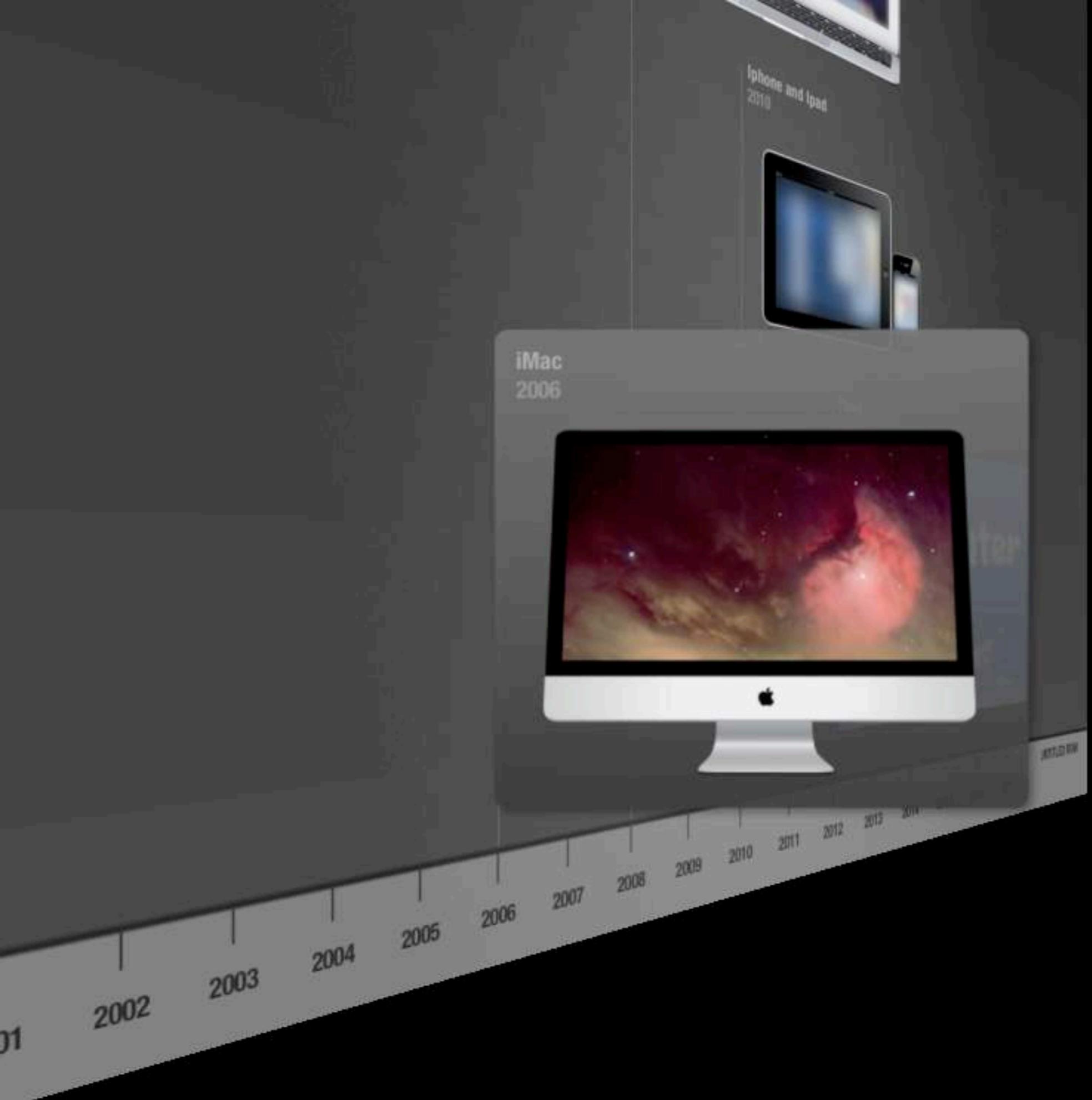
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Cloud
2012



iMac
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Iphone and Ipad
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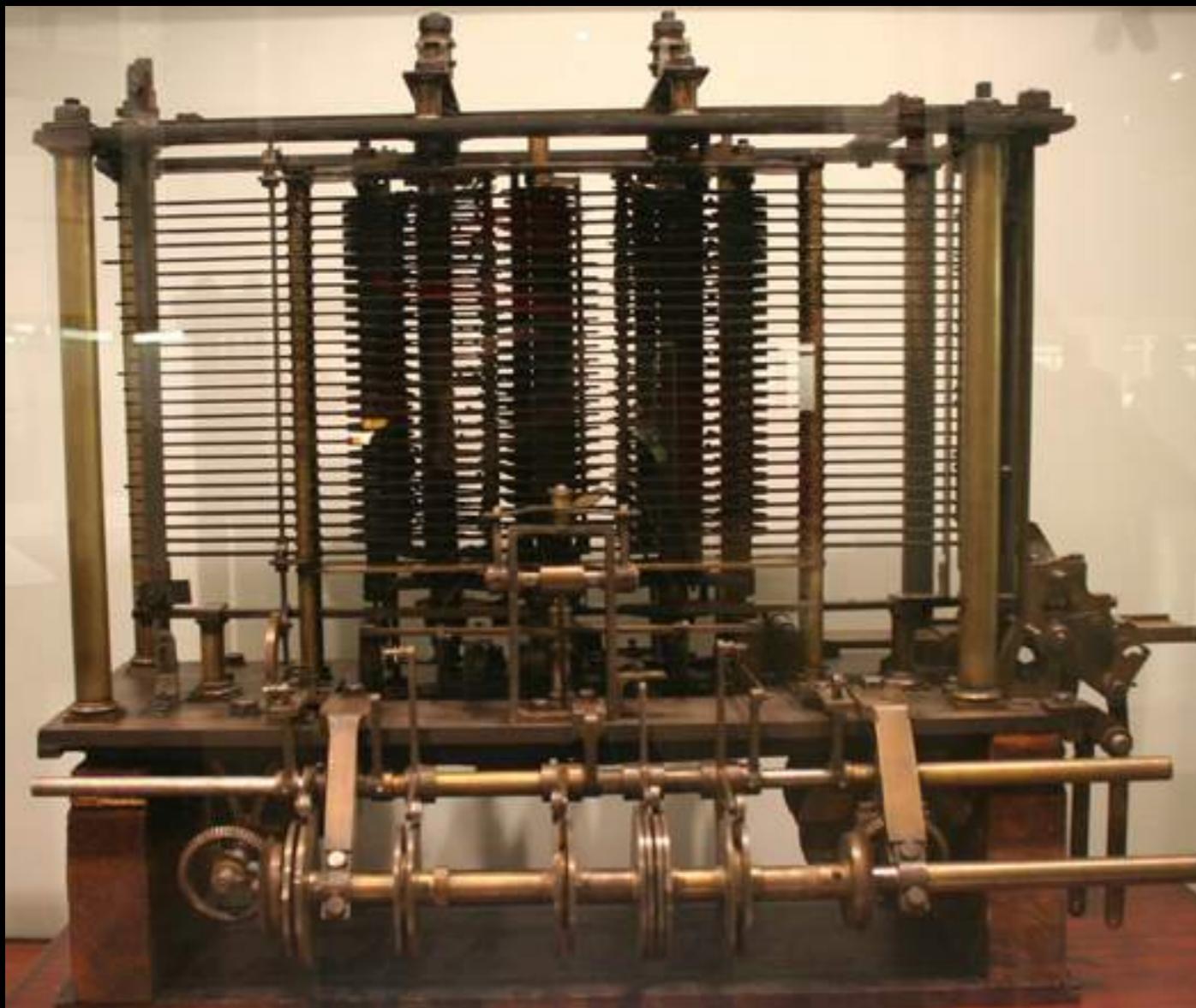
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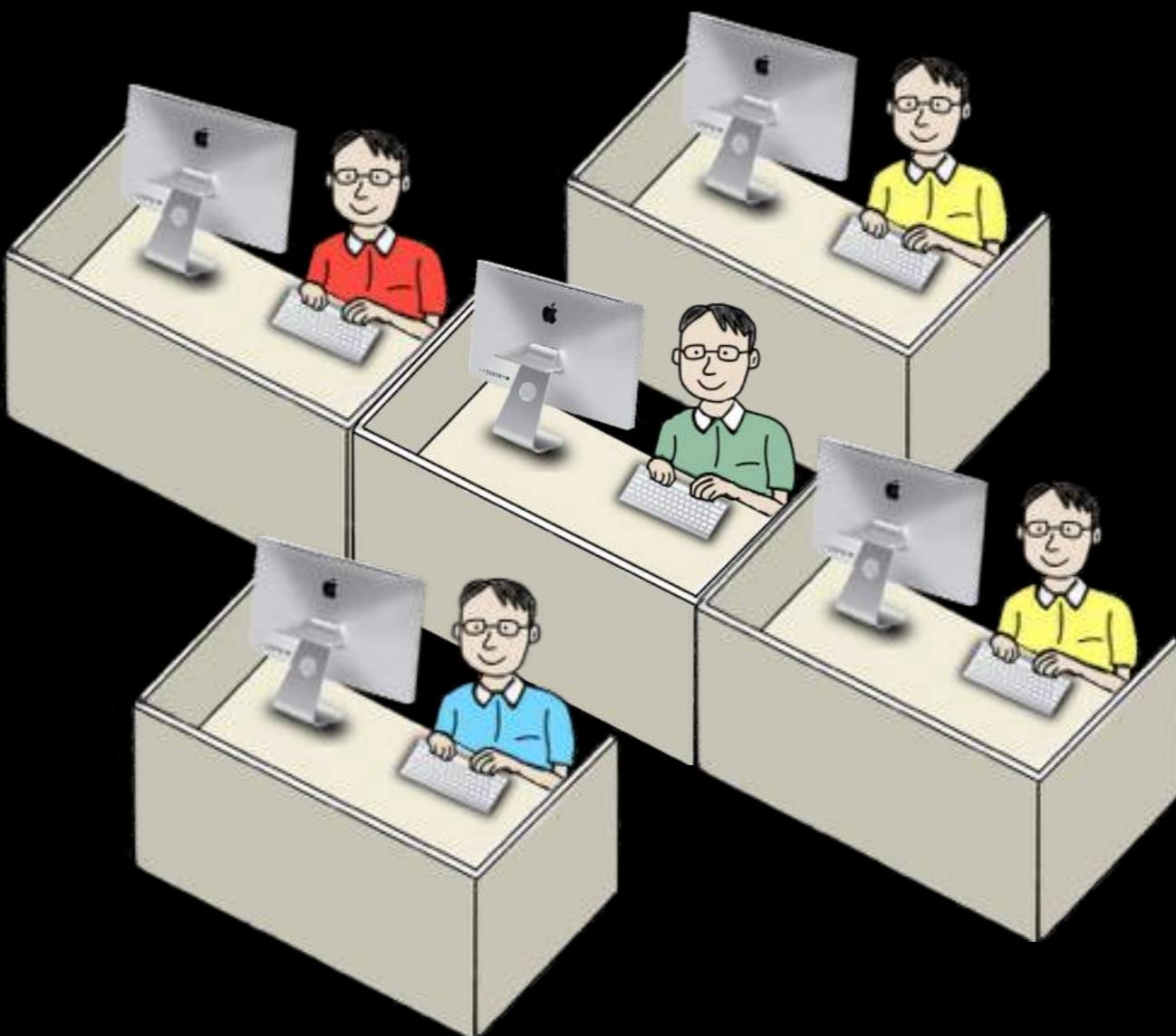


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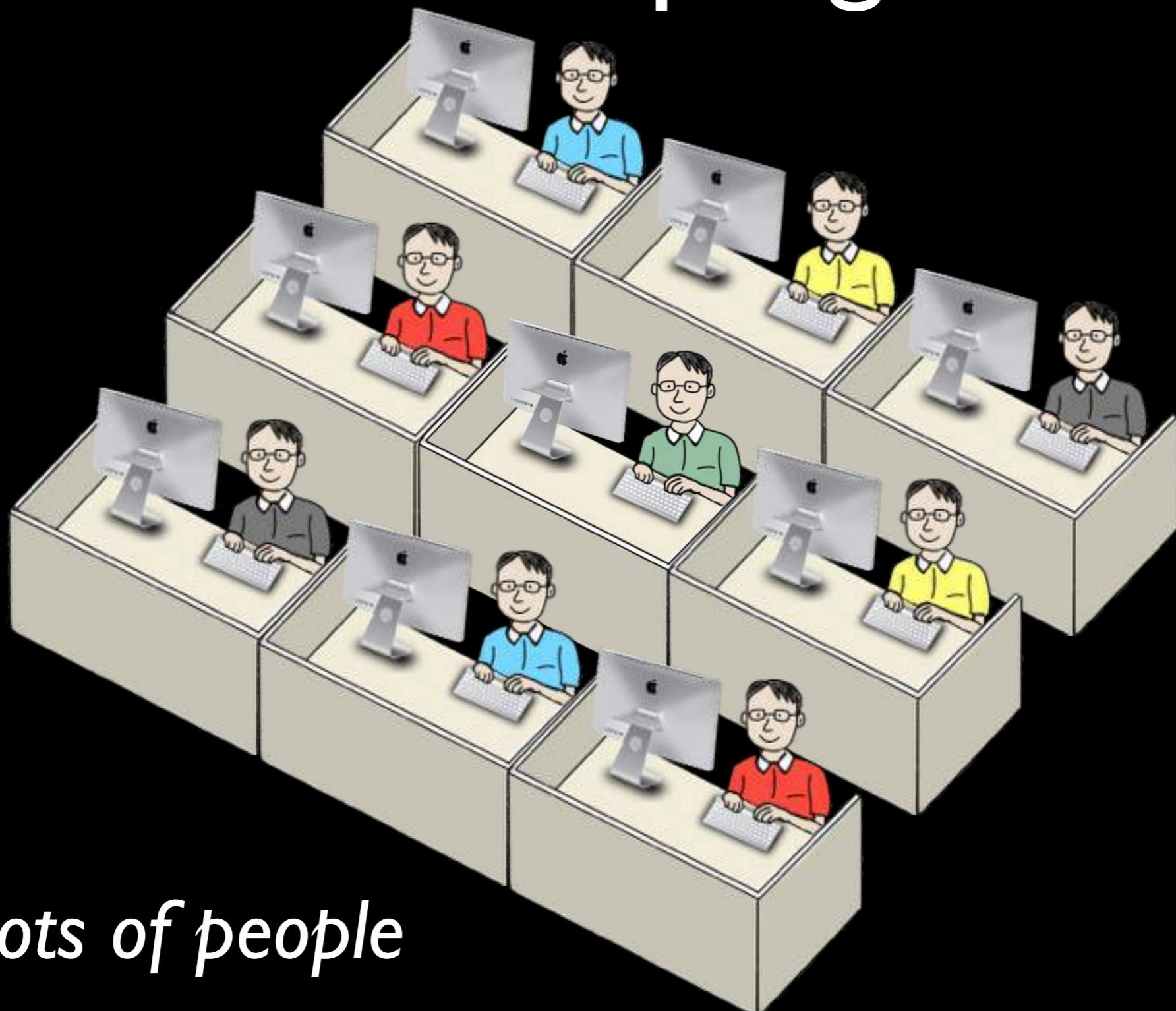
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Who are the programmers



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Who are the programmers



lots of people

why people?

human computers seem quaint today

will human programmers seem quaint tomorrow ?

programming is changing

Functional
Requirements

Non-Functional
Requirements

Requirements

Functional Requirements



functionality of
the Program

Non-Functional Requirements



Execution Time

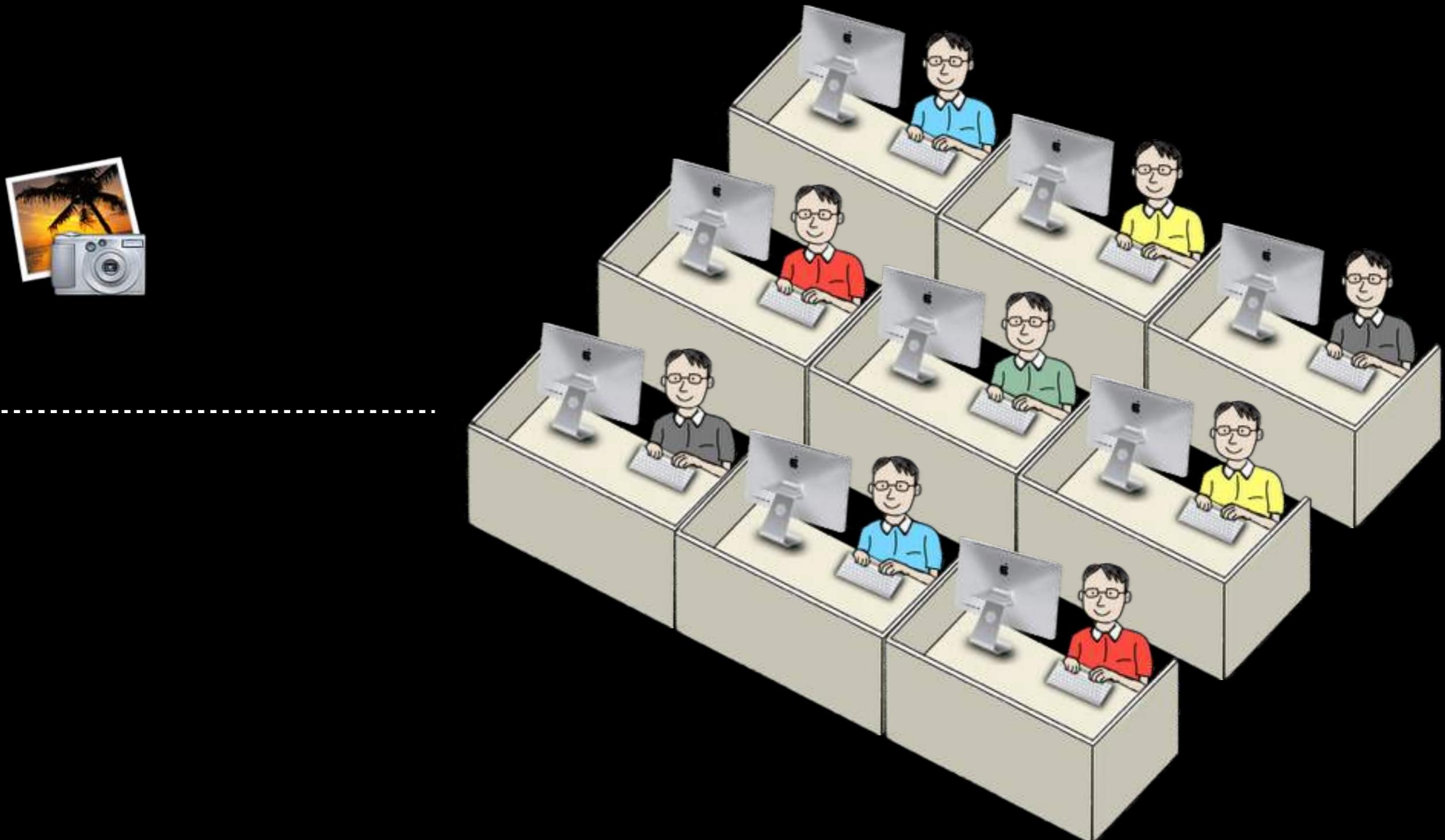
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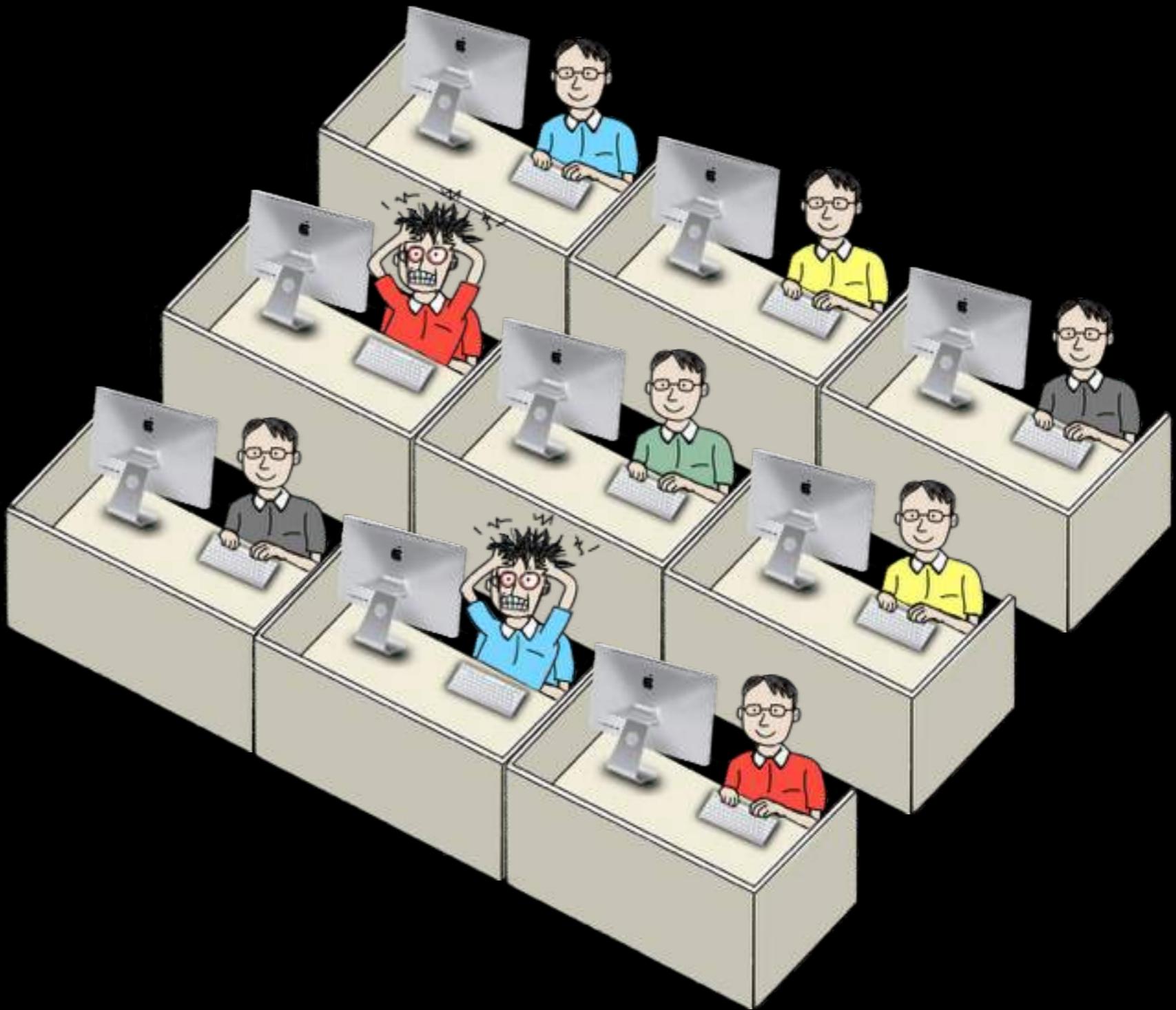
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Size

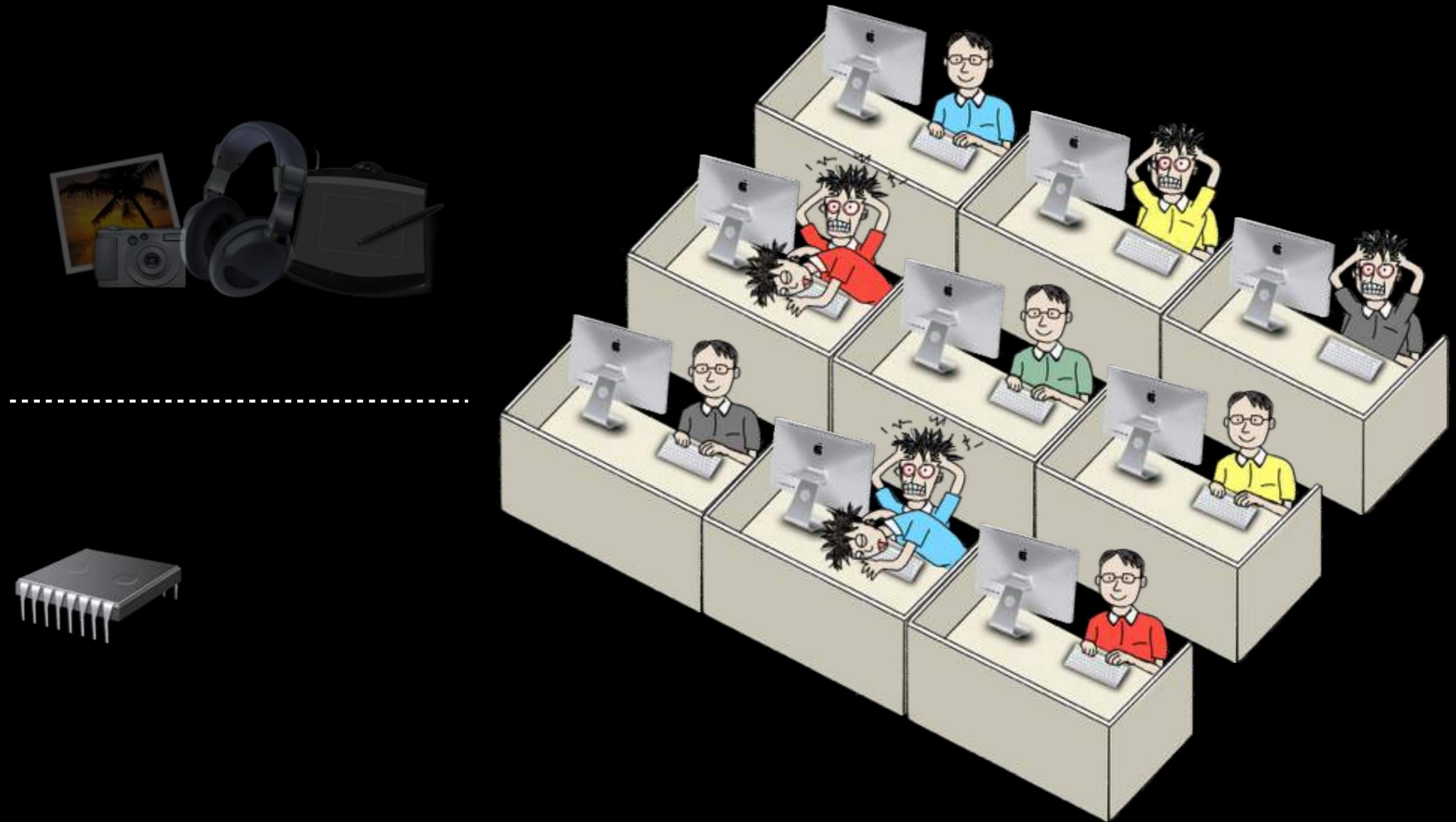
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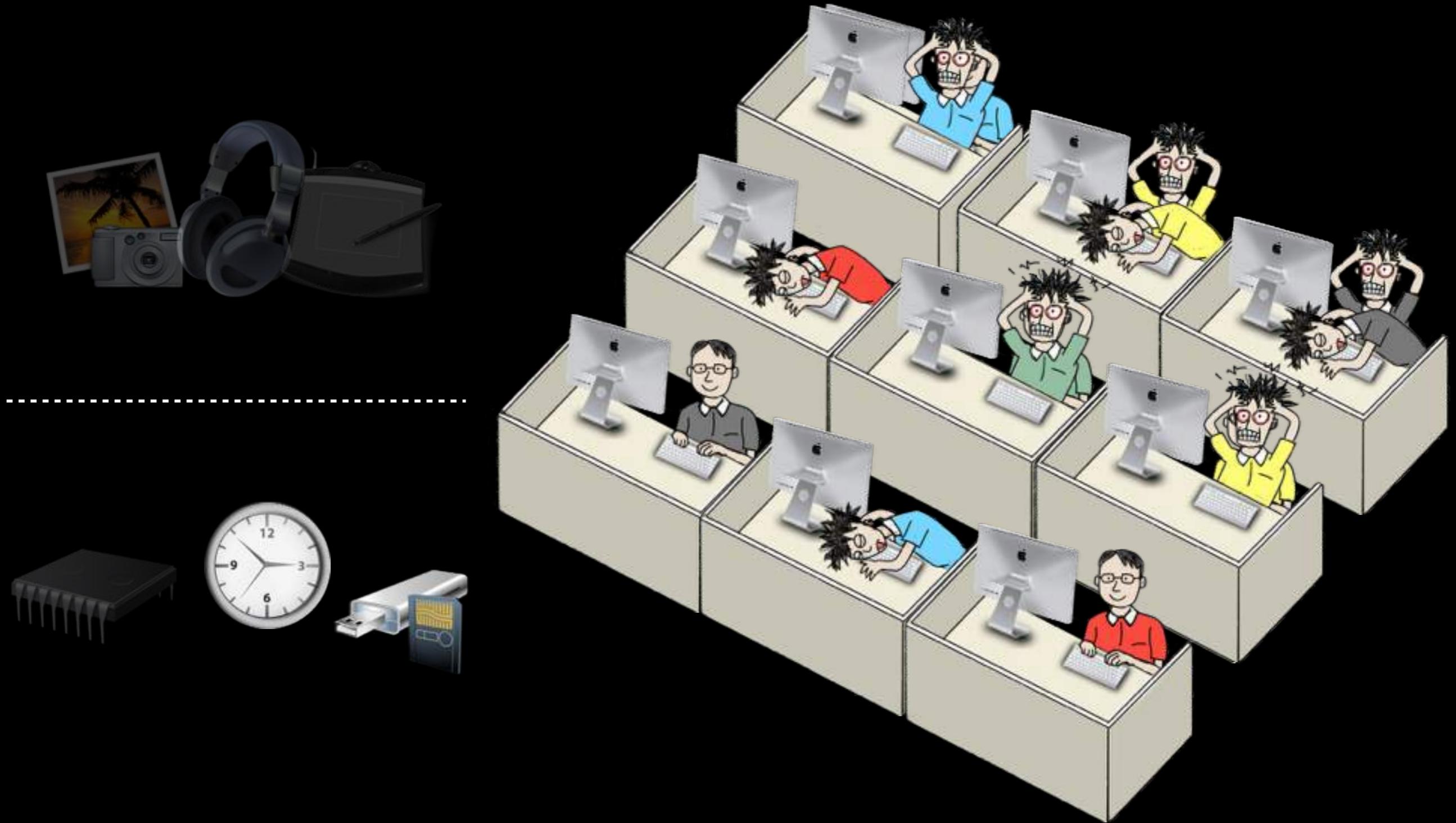
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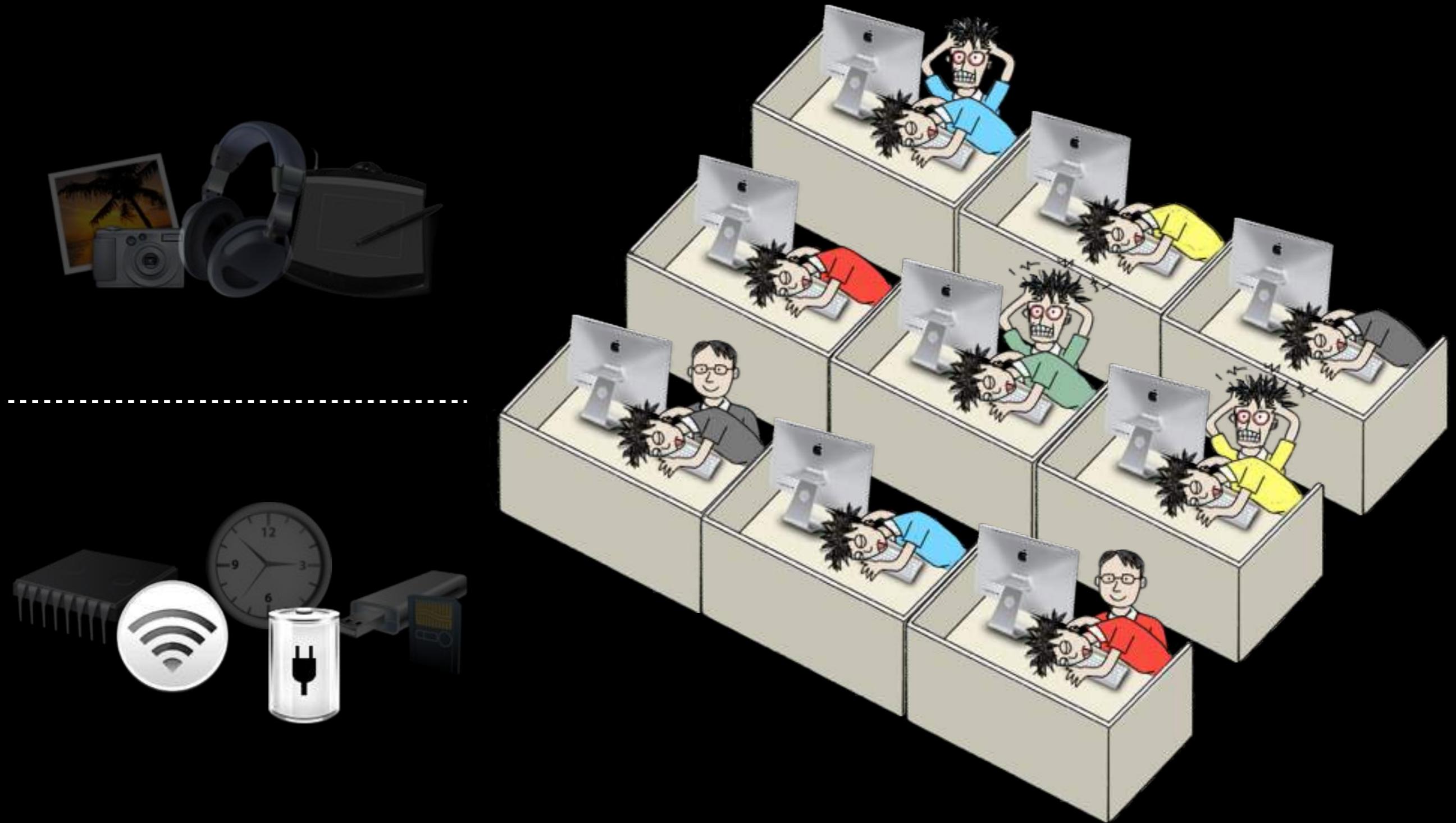
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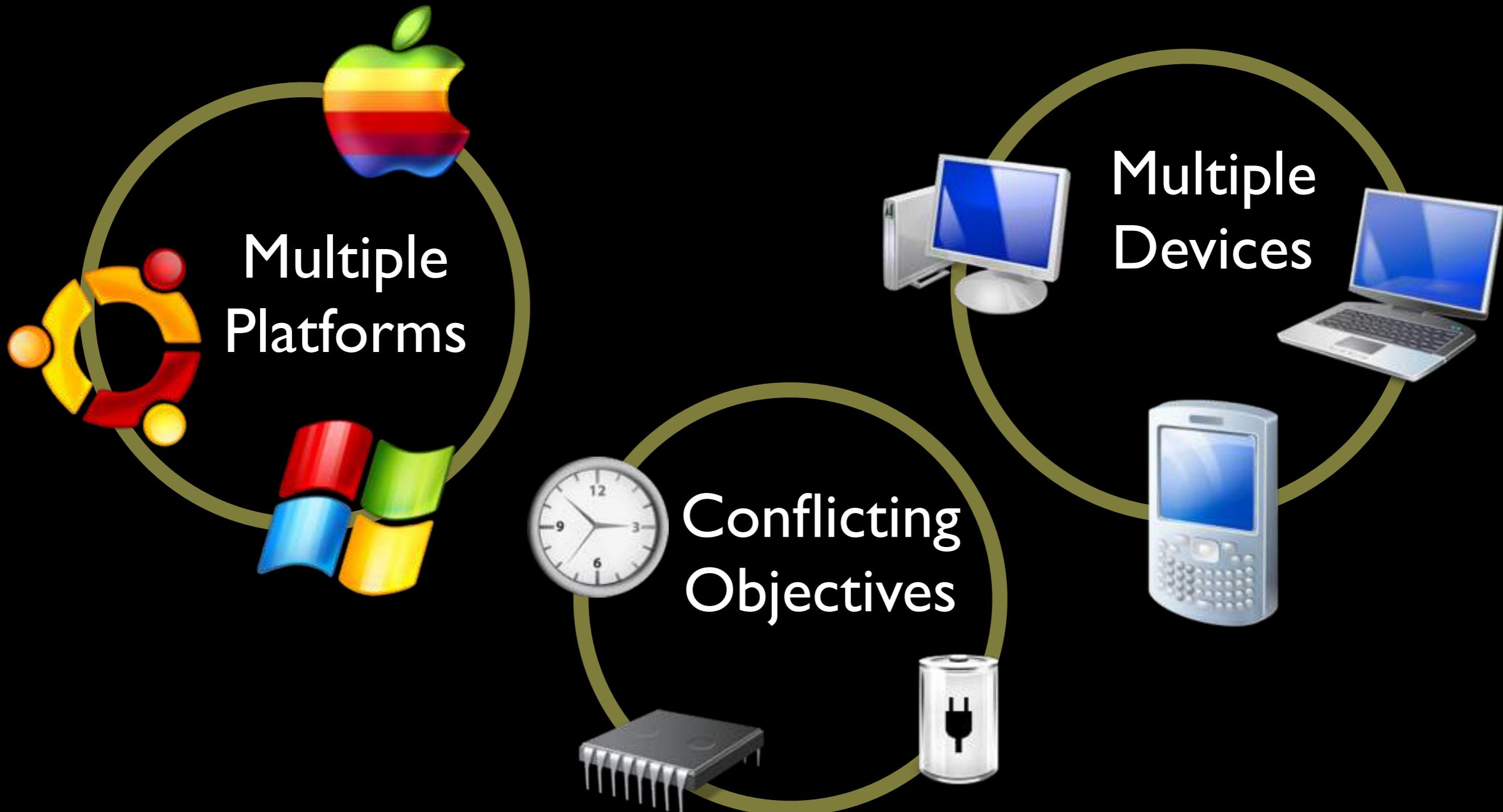
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Multiplicity



Which requirements must be human coded ?

Functional Requirements



Non-Functional Requirements



humans have to
define these

Which requirements are essential to human ?

Functional Requirements

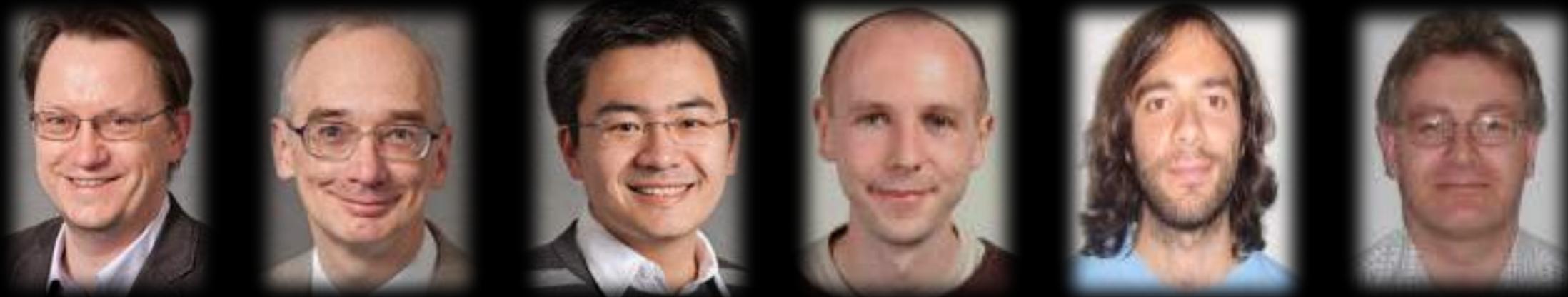


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Non-Functional Requirements



we can optimise
these



The GISMOE challenge: Constructing the Pareto Program Surface Using Genetic Programming to Find Better Programs.

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ABSTRACT

Optimising programs for non-functional properties such as speed, size, throughput, power consumption and bandwidth can be demanding; pity the poor programmer who is asked to cater for them all at once! We set out an alternate vision for a new kind of software development environment inspired by recent results from Search Based Software Engineering (SBSE). Given an input program that satisfies the functional requirements, the proposed programming environment will automatically generate a set of candidate program implementations, all of which share functionality, but each of which differ in their non-functional trade offs. The software designer navigates this diverse Pareto surface of candidate implementations, gaining insight into the trade offs and selecting solutions for different platforms and environments, thereby stretching beyond the reach of current compiler technologies. Rather than the virtual focus on the

Keywords

SBSE, Search Based Optimization, Compilation, Non-functional Properties, Genetic Programming, Pareto Surface.

1. INTRODUCTION

Humans find it hard to develop systems that balance many competing and conflicting non-functional objectives. Even meeting a single objective, such as execution time, requires automated support in the form of compiler optimisation. However, though most compilers can optimise compiled code for both speed and size, the programmer may find themselves making arbitrary choices when such objective are in conflict with one another.

Furthermore, speed and size are but two of many objectives that the next generation of software systems will have to meet. There are many other factors such as bandwidth, memory usage, power consumption, and execution time.

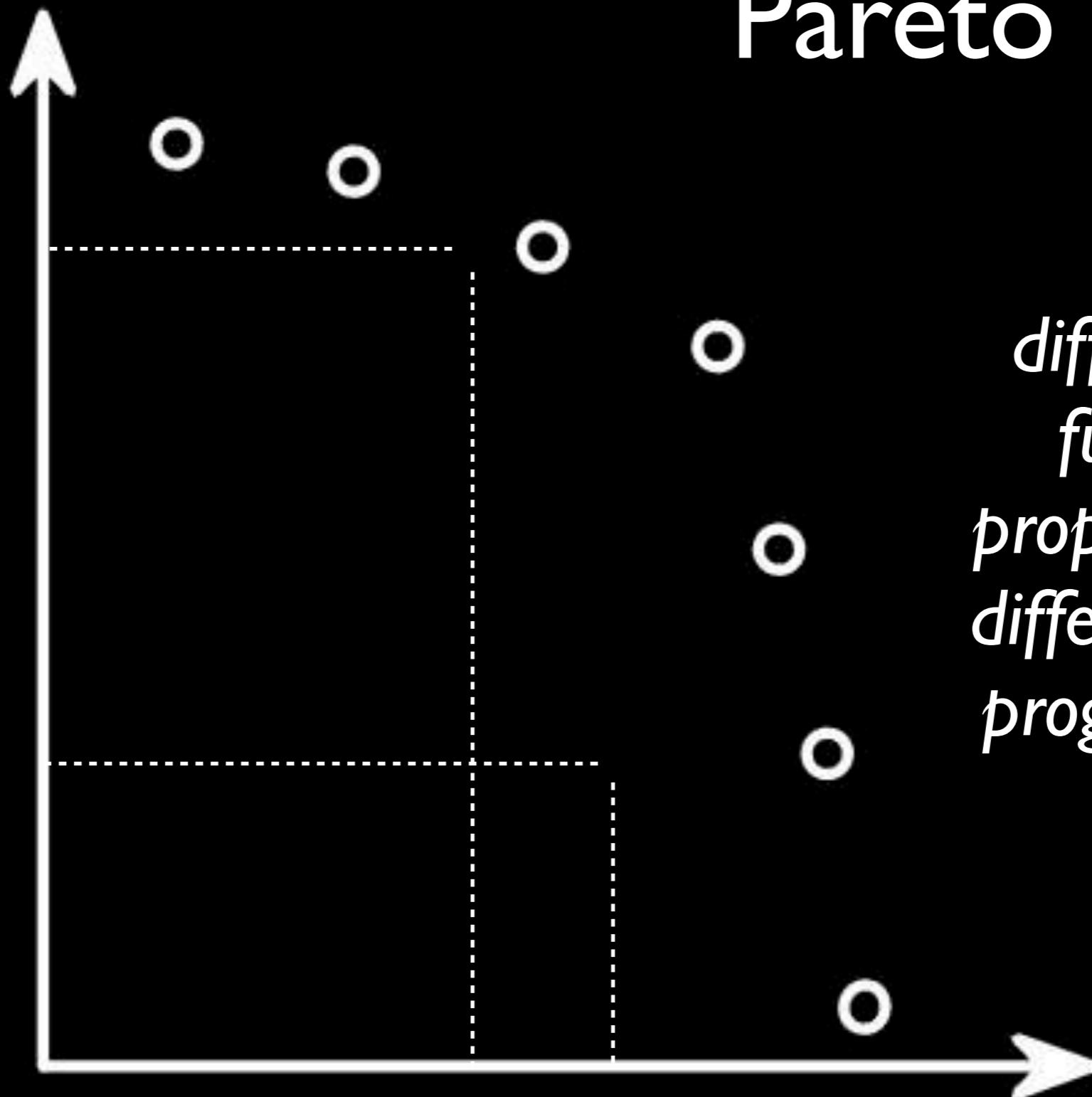
Pareto Front





Pareto Front

*each circle is a
program found
by a machine*



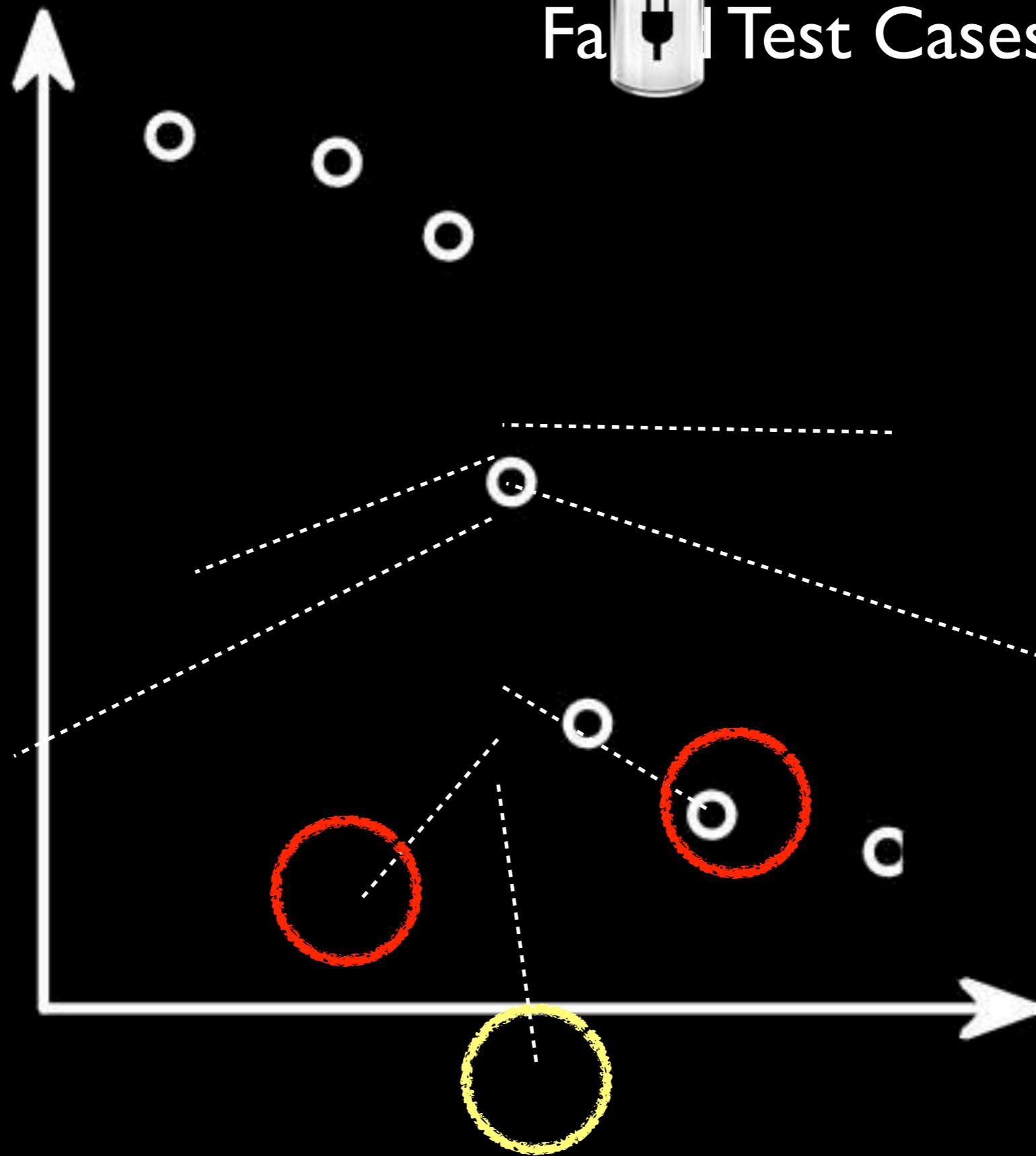
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*different non
functional
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different pareto
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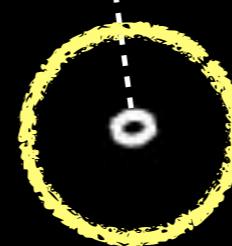
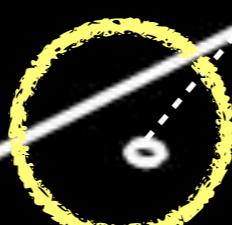


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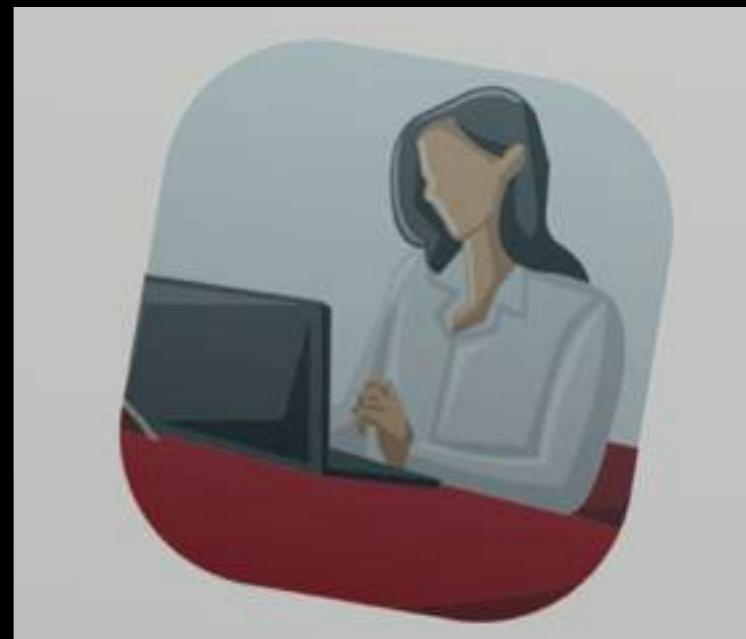


Why can't functional properties be optimisation objectives ?

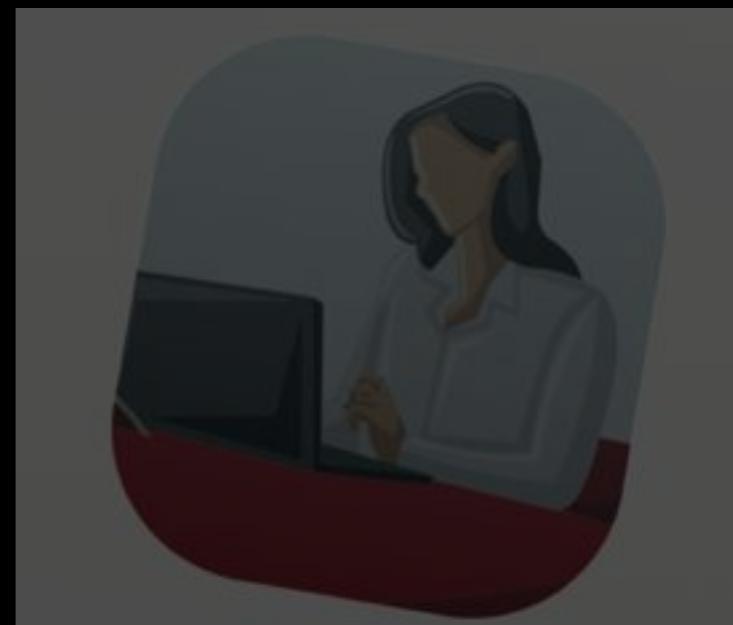




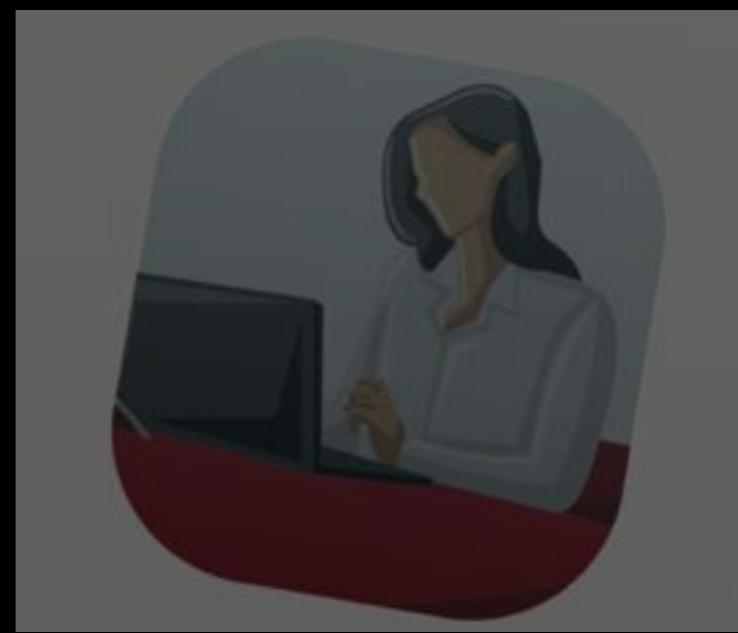
Optimisation



Optimisation



2.5 times faster but
failed 1 test case?



Optimisation



double the battery life
but failed 2 test cases?

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can it work ?

Software Uniqueness

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one has to write approximately 6 statements
before one is writing unique code

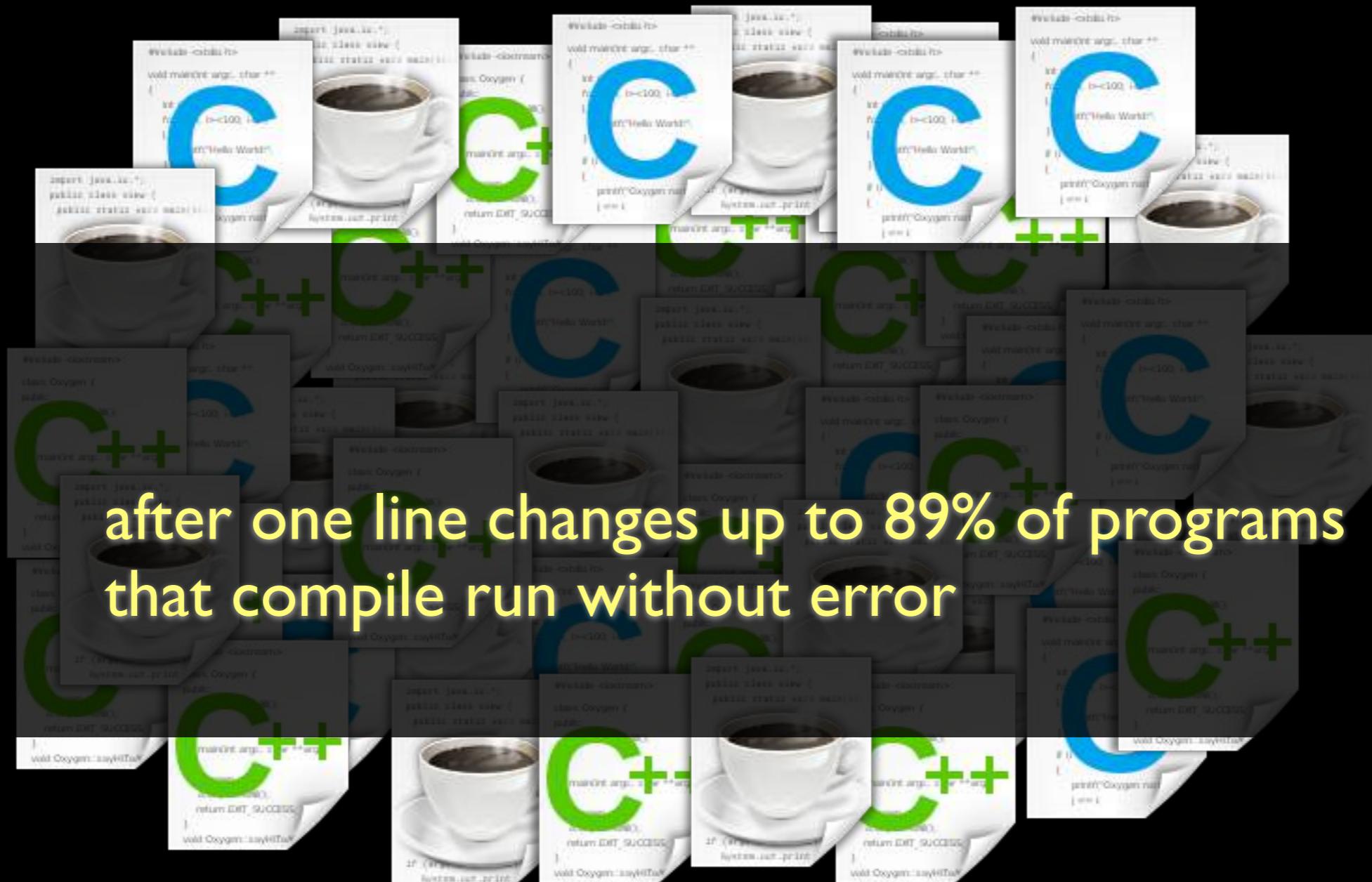
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Software Robustness



Software Robustness

W. B .Langdon and J. Petke
Software is Not Fragile. (C++)

after one line change
programs that con-

“ Software engineering
artefacts are more robust
than is often assumed. ”

Genetic Improvement for Software Specialisation

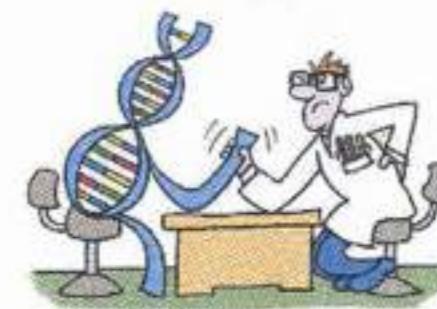
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*Using Genetic Improvement and
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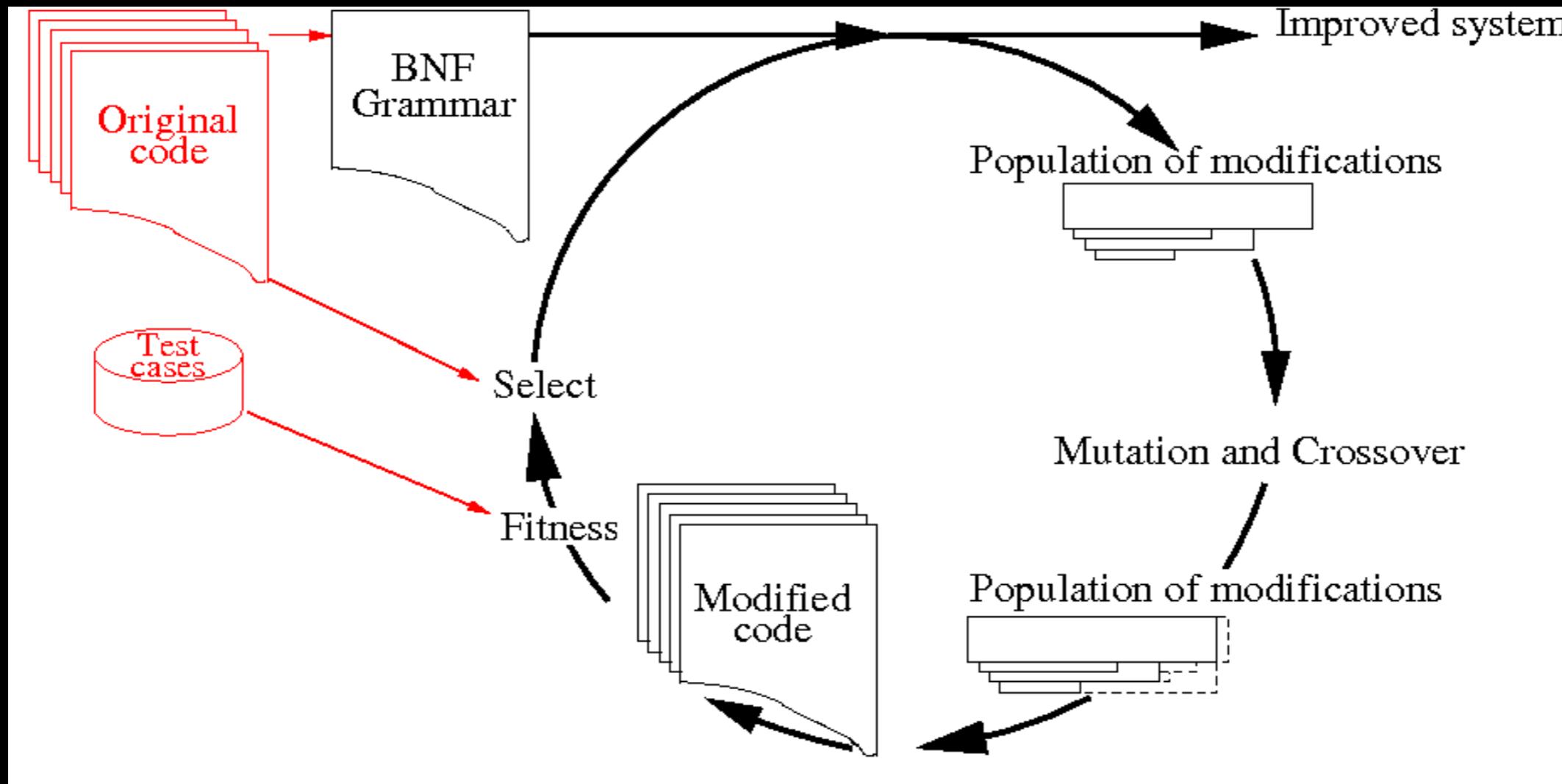
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Contributions

Introduction of multi-donor software transplantation

Use of genetic improvement as means to specialise software

Genetic Improvement



Program Representation

Changes at the level of lines of source code

Each individual is composed of a list of changes

Specialised grammar used to preserve syntax

Example

```
<Solver_135>    ::=    " if" <IF_Solver_135> "  return false;\n"
<IF_Solver_135> ::=  "(!ok)"
<Solver_138>    ::=    "" <_Solver_138> "{Log_count64++;/*138*/}\n"
<_Solver_138>   ::=  "sort(ps);"
<Solver_139>    ::=  "Lit p; int i, j;\n"
<Solver_140>    ::=  "for(" <for1_Solver_140> ";" <for2_Solver_140> ";" <for3_Solver_140> ") {\n"
<for1_Solver_140> ::=  "i = j = , p = lit_Undef"
<for2_Solver_140> ::=  "i < ps.size()"
<for3_Solver_140> ::=  "i++"
```

Code Transplants

GP has access to both:

- the *host* program to be evolved
- the *donor* program(s)

Mutation

Addition of one of the following operations:

delete

copy

replace

Example

<_Solver_135>

<_Solver_138>+<_Solver_140>

<for3_Solver_140><for3_Solver_836>

Crossover

Concatenation of two individuals

by appending two lists of mutations

<_Solver_135>

<_Solver_138>+<_Solver_140>

<_Solver_135> <_Solver_138>+<_Solver_140>

Fitness

Based on solution quality and

Efficiency in terms of lines of source code

Avoids environmental bias

Fitness

Test cases are sorted into groups

One test case is sampled uniformly from each group

Avoids overfitting

Selection

Fixed number of generations

Fixed population size

Initial population contains single-mutation individuals

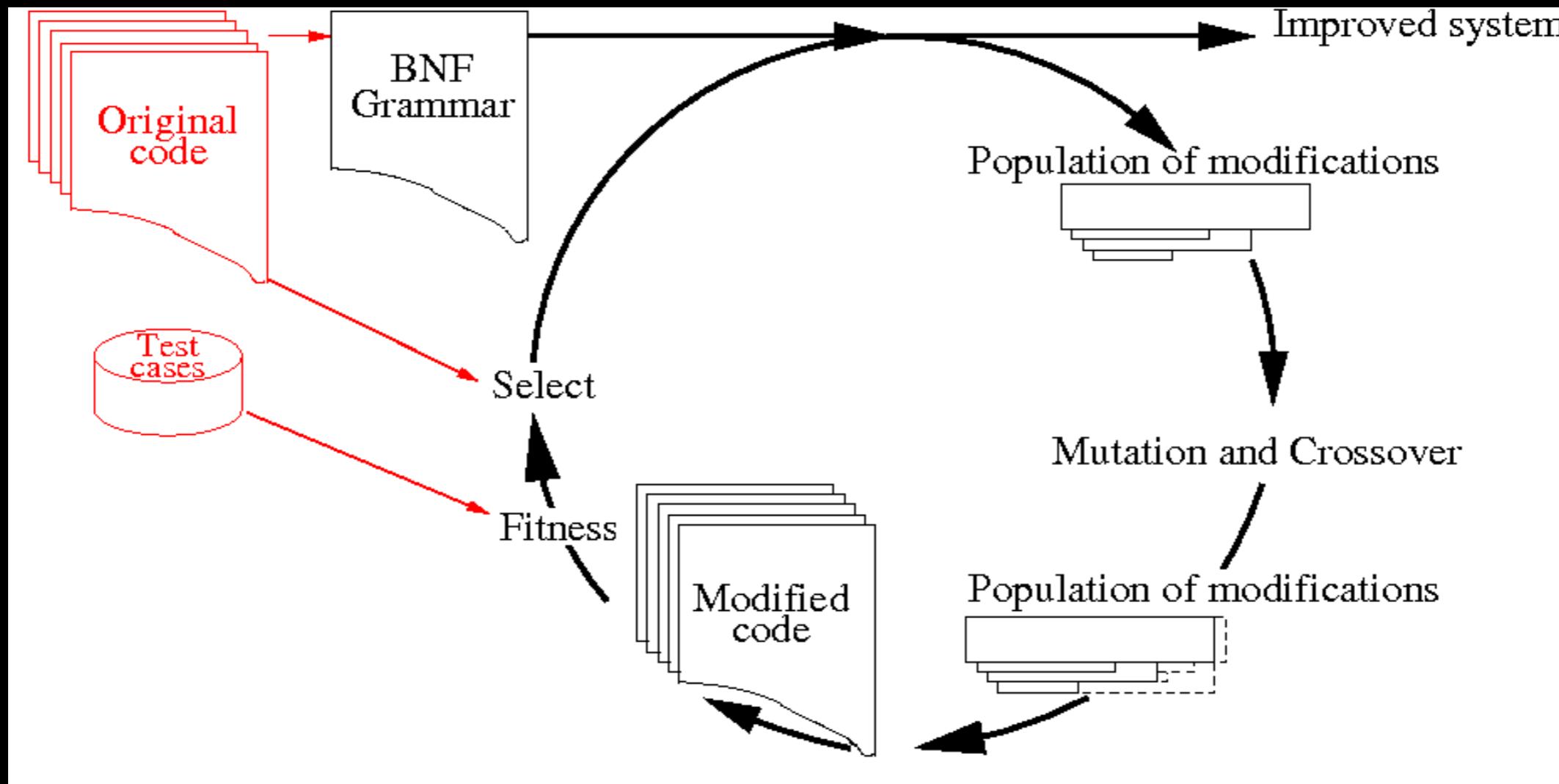
Selection

Top-half of population selected

Based on a threshold fitness value

Mutation and Crossover applied

Genetic Improvement



Filtering

Mutations in best individuals are often independent

Greedy approach used to combine best individuals

Question

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Motivation for choosing a SAT solver

Boolean satisfiability (SAT) example:

$$x_1 \vee x_2 \vee \neg x_4$$

$$\neg x_2 \vee \neg x_3$$

- x_i : a Boolean variable
- $x_i, \neg x_i$: a literal
- $\neg x_2 \vee \neg x_3$: a clause

Motivation for choosing a SAT solver

Bounded Model Checking

Planning

Software Verification

Automatic Test Pattern Generation

Combinational Equivalence Checking

Combinatorial Interaction Testing

and many other applications..

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Experiments: Setup

Solvers used:

MiniSAT2-070721

Test cases used:

~ 2.5% improvement for general benchmarks (SSBSE'13)

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- good source for software transplants



Genetic Improvement

Justyna Petke

Question

Can we evolve a version of the MiniSAT solver that is faster than any
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problem class?

Experiments: Setup

Solvers used:

MiniSAT2-070721

Test cases used:

from Combinatorial Interaction Testing field

Combinatorial Interaction Testing

Use of SAT-solvers limited due to poor scalability

SAT benchmarks containing millions of clauses

It takes hours to days to generate a CIT test suite using SAT

Experiments: Setup

Host program:

MiniSAT2-070721 (478 lines in main algorithm)

Donor programs:

MiniSAT-best09 (winner of '09 MiniSAT-hack competition)

MiniSAT-bestCIT (best for CIT from '09 competition)

- total of 104 new lines

Results

Solver	Donor	Lines	Seconds
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MiniSAT-best09	—	1.46	1.76
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Question

How much runtime improvement can we achieve?

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MiniSAT-gp	best09	0.93	0.95

Results

Donor: best09

13 delete, 9 replace, 1 copy

Among changes:

3 assertions removed

1 deletion on variable used for statistics

Results

Mainly if and for statements switched off

Decreased iteration count in for loops

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Results

Donor: bestCIT

I delete, I replace

Among changes:

I assertion deletion

I replace operation triggers 95% of donor code

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Results

Donor: best09+bestCIT

50 delete, 20 replace, 5 copy

Among changes:

5 assertions removed

4 semantically equivalent replacements

3 operations used for statistics removed

~ half of the mutations remove dead code

Results

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MiniSAT-gp-combined	best09+bestCIT	0.54	0.83

Results

Combining results:

37 delete, 15 replace, 4 copy

56 out of 100 mutations used

Among changes:

8 assertion removed

95% of the bestCIT donor code executed

Conclusions

Introduced multi-donor software transplantation

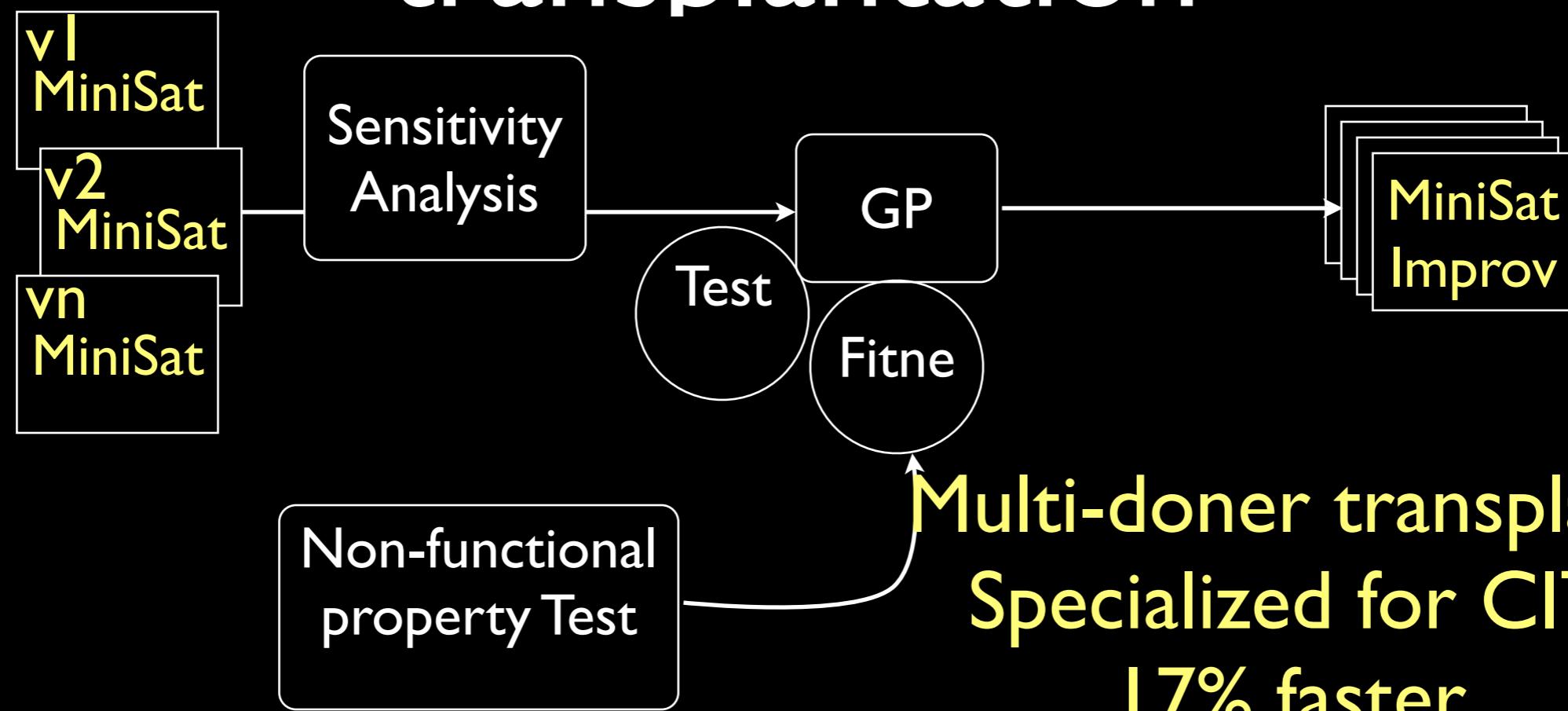
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Achieved 17% runtime improvement on MiniSAT

for the Combinatorial Interaction Testing domain

by combining best individuals

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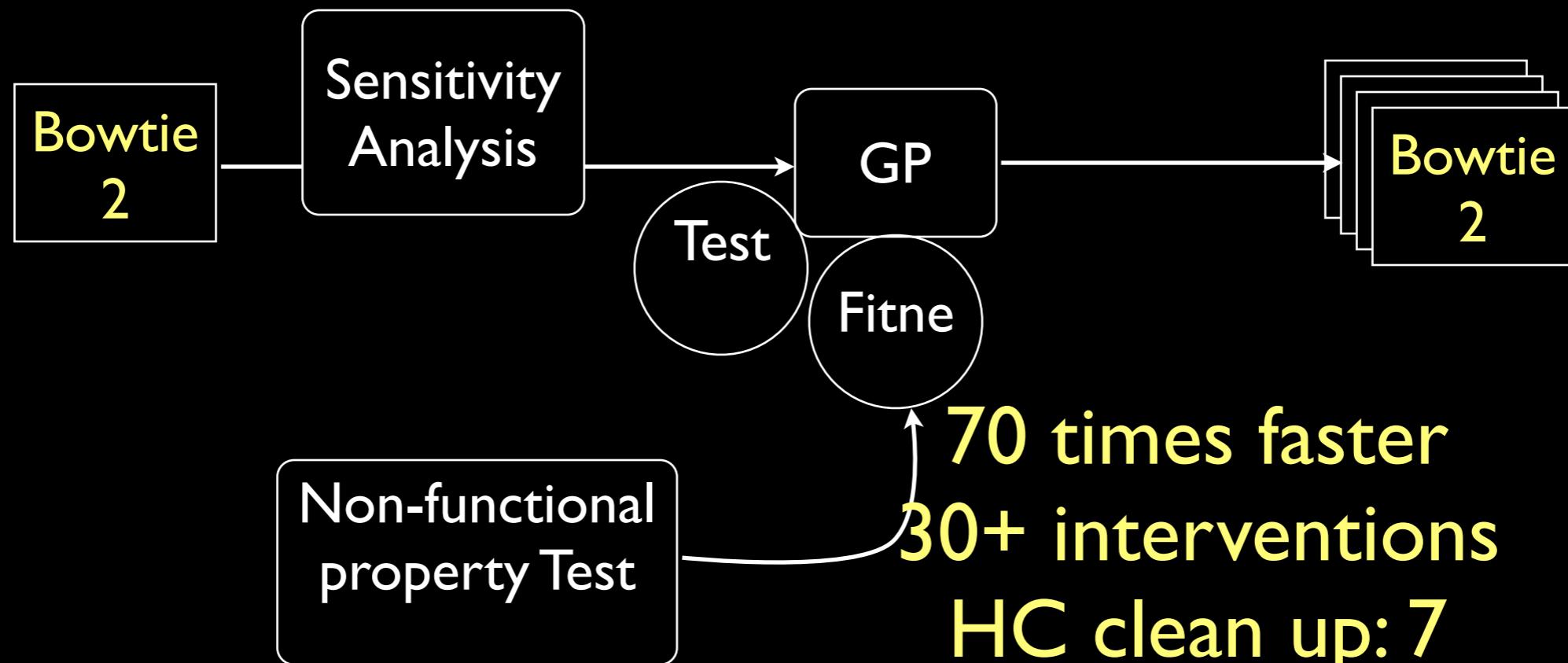


Multi-donor transplant
Specialized for CIT
17% faster

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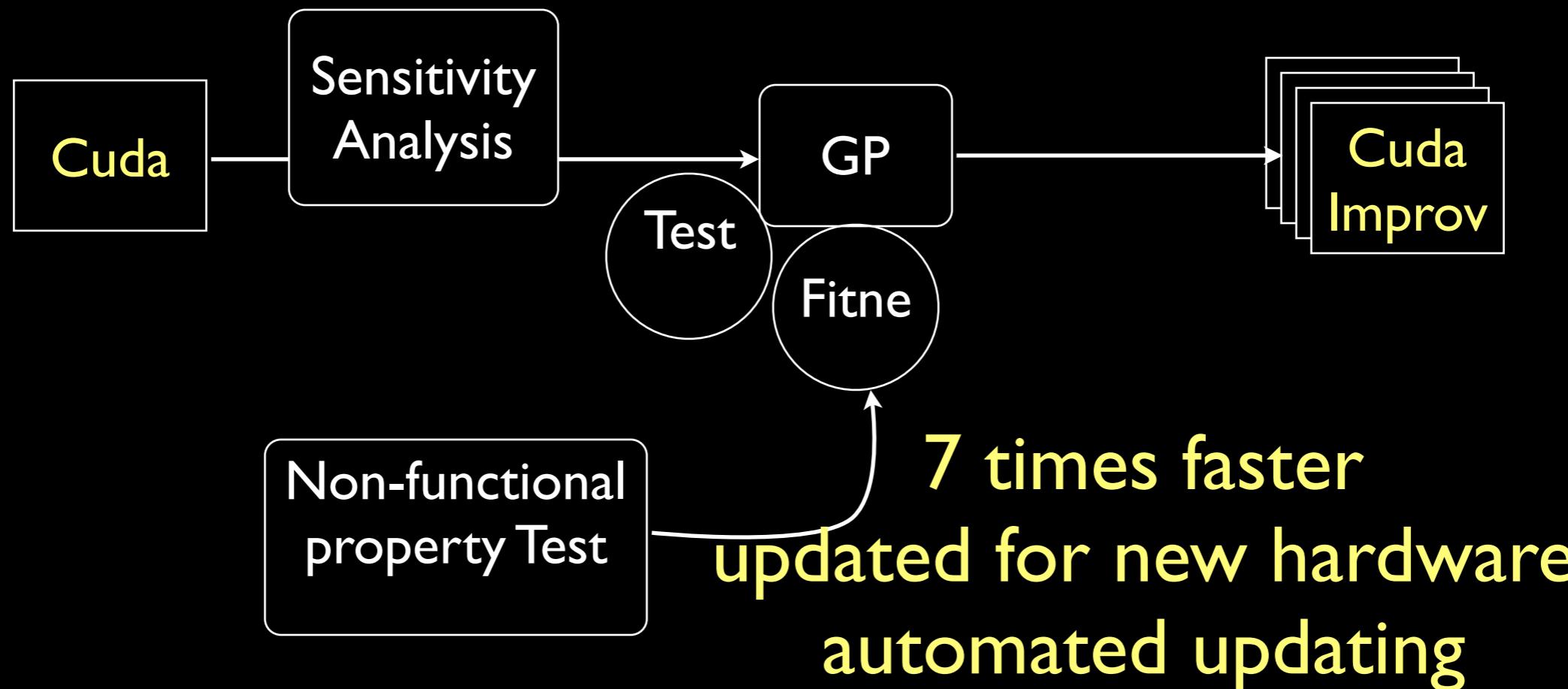
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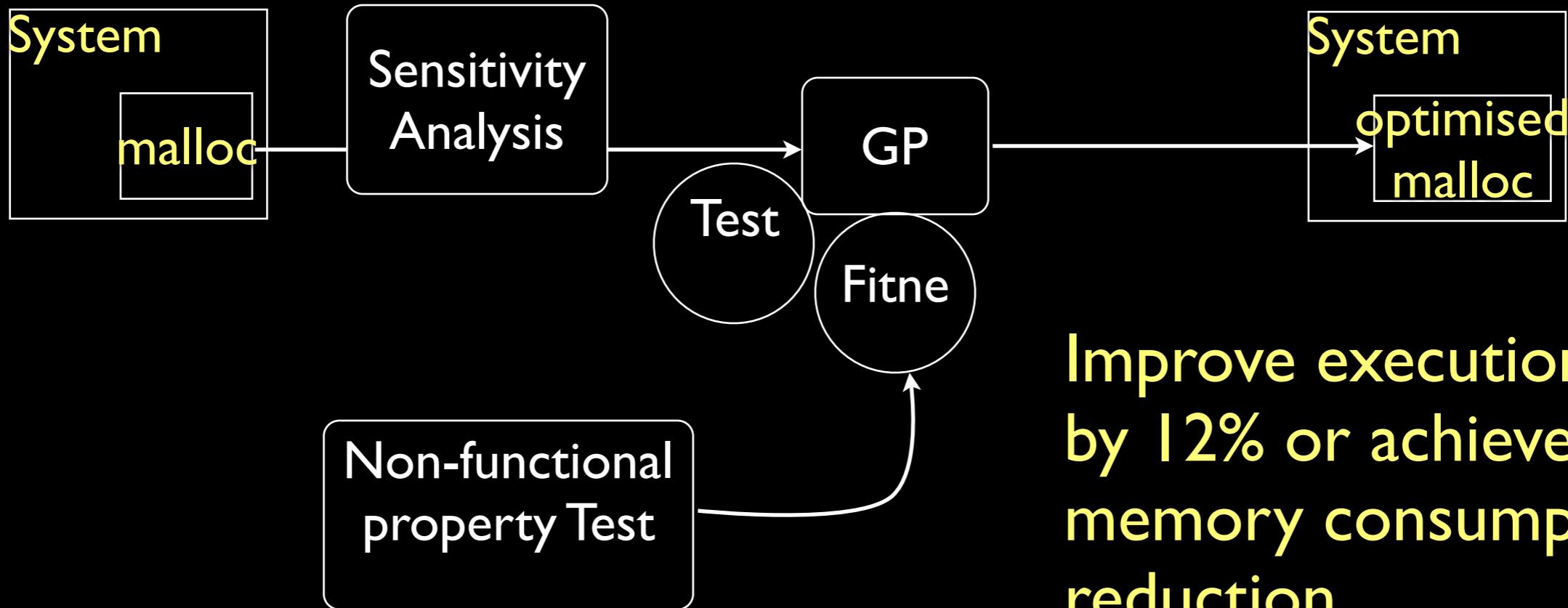
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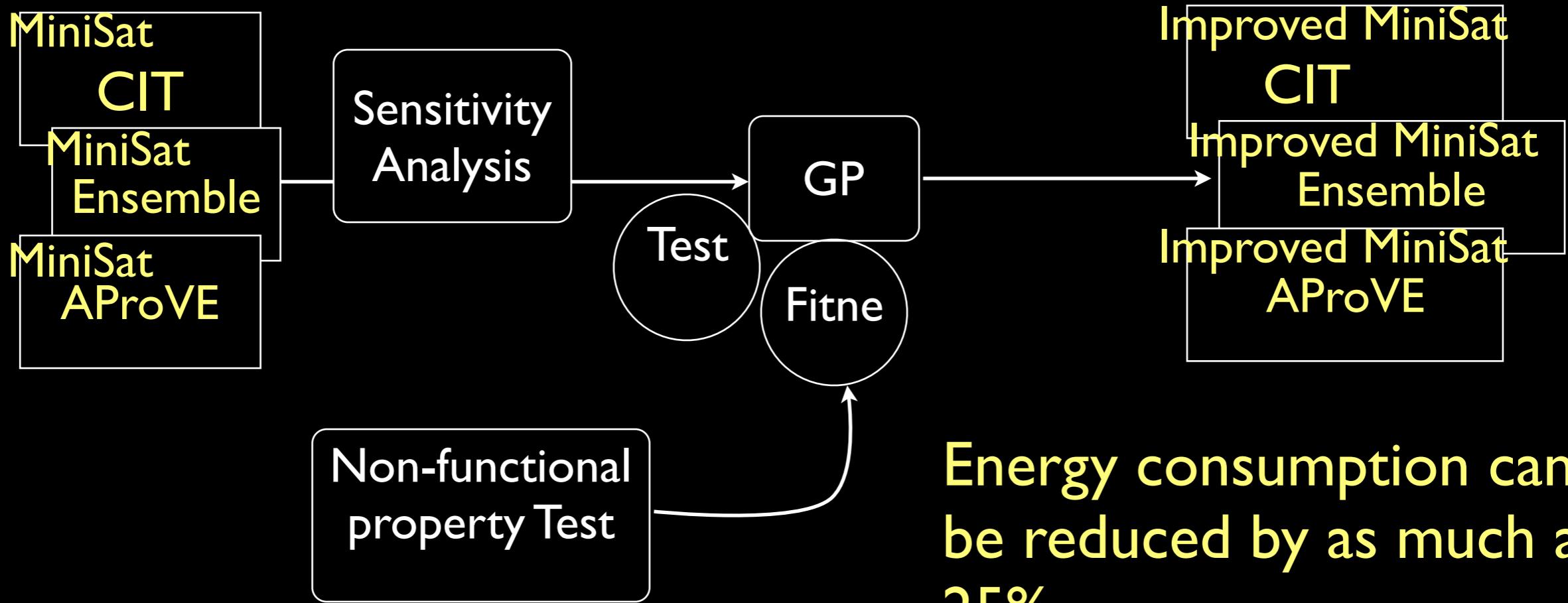
Memory speed trade offs



Improve execution time
by 12% or achieve a 21%
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reduction

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Reducing energy consumption



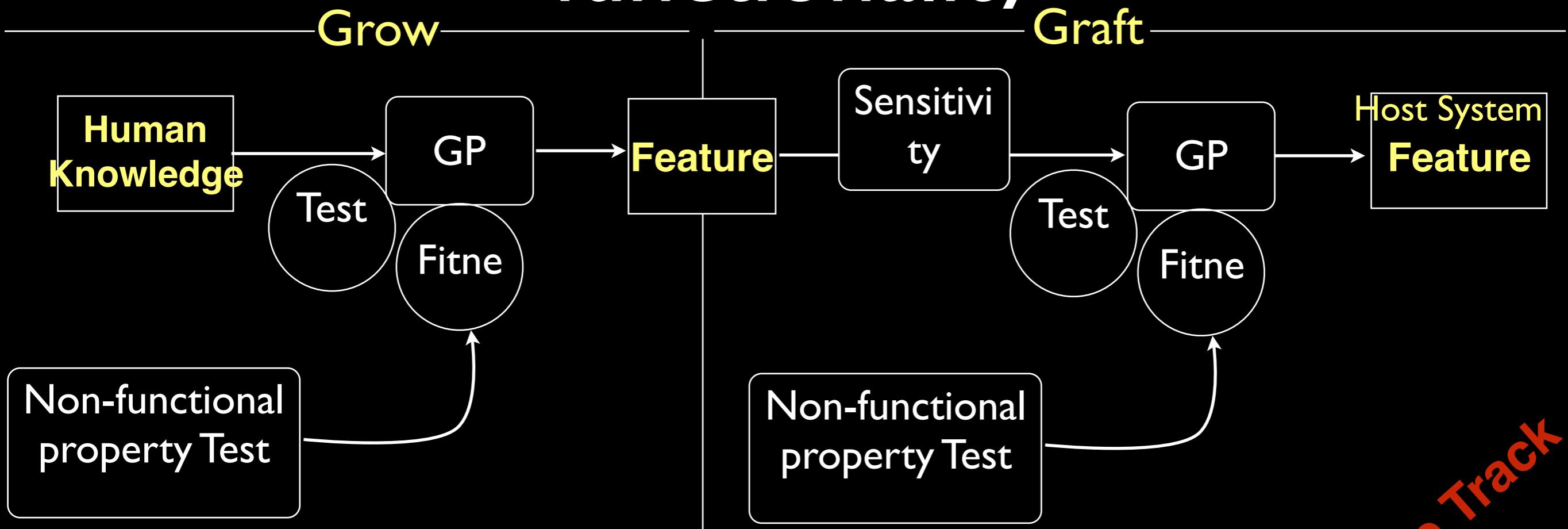
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Energy consumption can
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25%

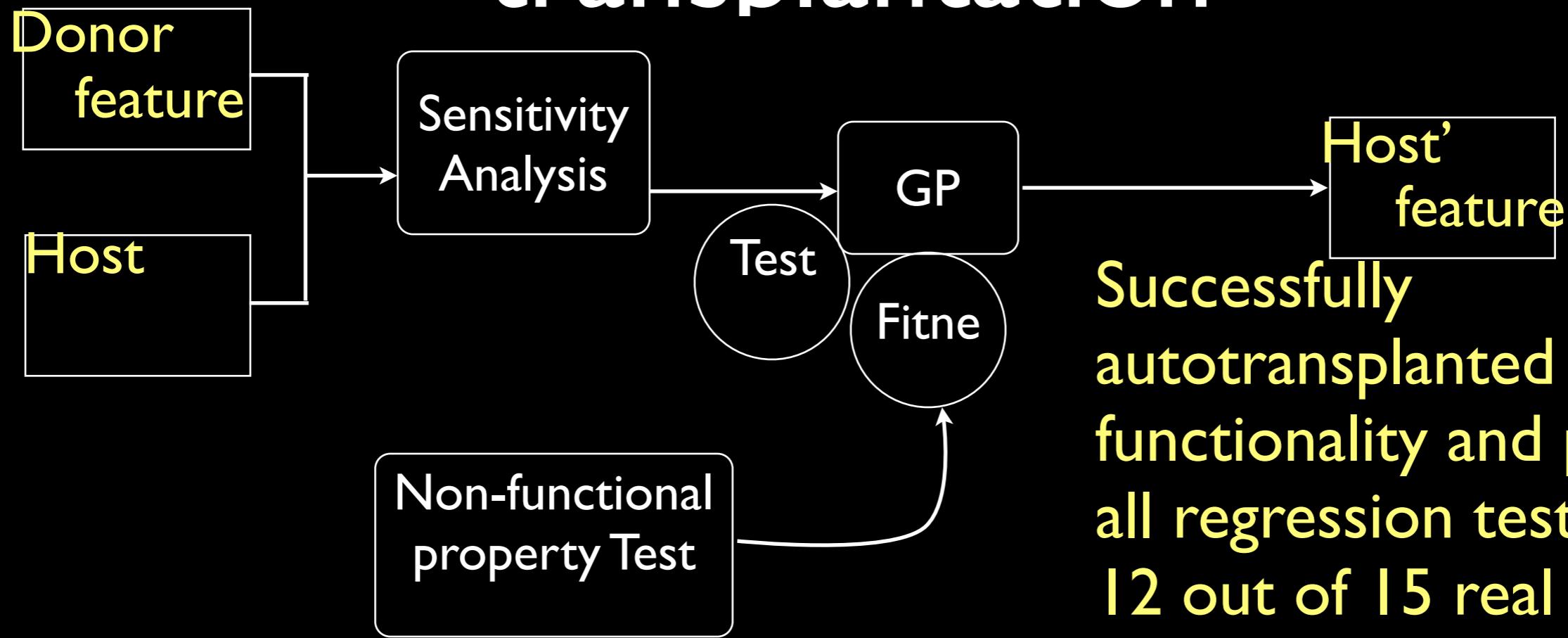
Grow and graft new functionality



Mark Harman, Yue Jia and Bill Langdon,
Babel Pidgin: SBSE can grow and graft entirely new functionality into a real world system
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Challenge Track
Award

Real world cross system transplantation



Successfully autotransplanted new functionality and passed all regression tests for 12 out of 15 real world systems

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Automated Software Transplantation (ISSTA 2015)

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ACM Distinguished Paper Award at ISSTA 2015



Code 'transplant' could revolutionise programming

PROGRAMMING / 30 JULY 13 / BY JAMES TEMPERTON

Code has been automatically "transplanted" from one piece of software to another for the first time, with researchers claiming the breakthrough could radically change how computer programs are created.

The process, demonstrated by researchers at University College London, has been likened to organ transplantation in humans. Known as MuScalpel, it works by isolating the code of a useful feature in a 'donor' program and transplanting this "organ" to the right "vein" in software lacking the feature. Almost all of the transplant is automated, with minimal human involvement.

```
17
18 void loop()
19 {
20
21 //MCU Task
22 for(NUM_FN_TASK_CNT = 0; (NUM_FN_TASK_CNT <
23 {
24     if ((millis() - fn[0].FN_TASK_O
25     {
26         fn[0].FN_TASK_CNT.time_out =
27         if(fn[0].FN_TASK_CNT.time_out >
28             fn[0].FN_TASK_CNT.time_out
29         }
30     }
31 }
```

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Wi-Fi Aware Connects Smartphones

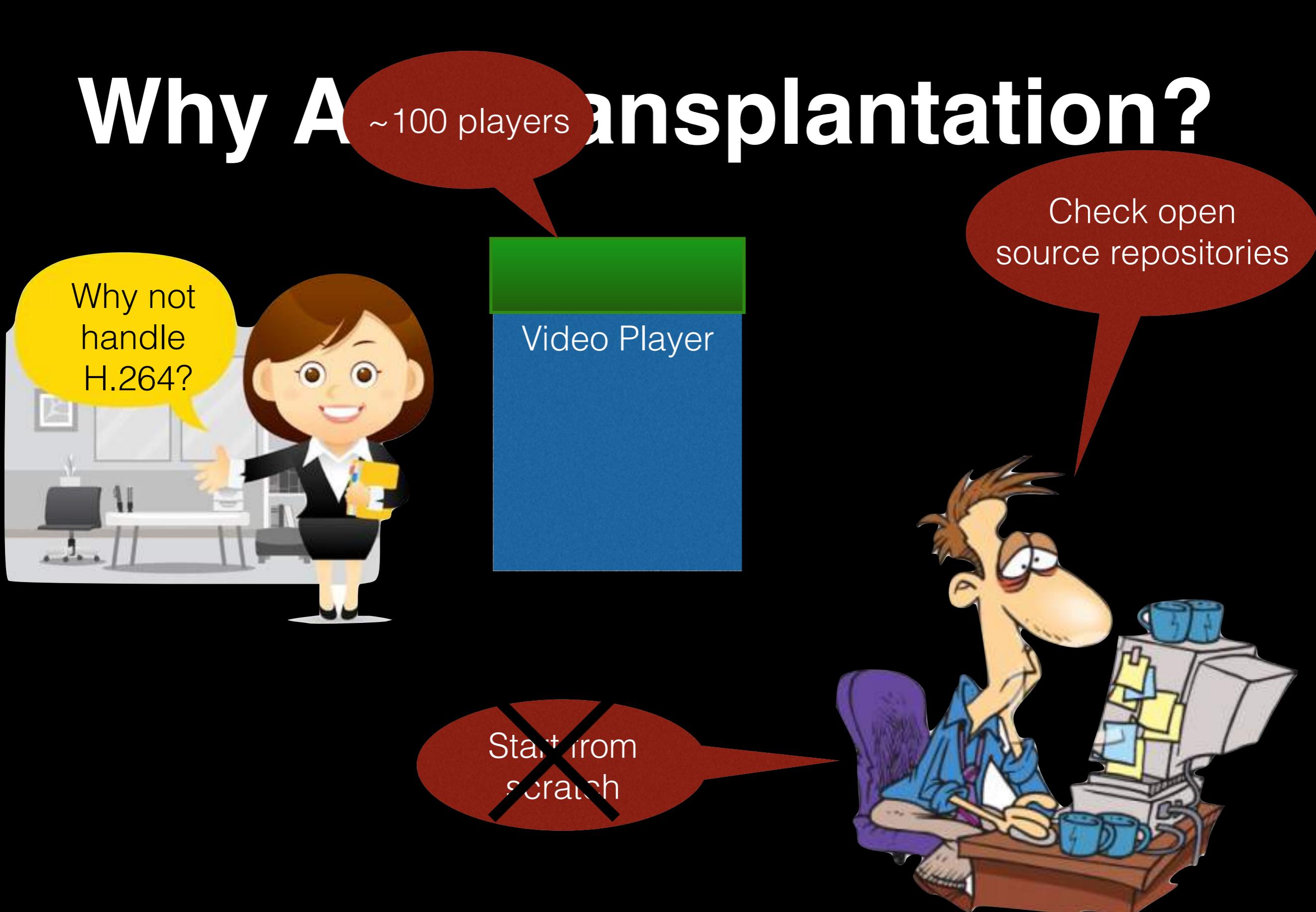


Click talks to Kelly Davis-Felner of the Wi-Fi Alliance about the latest developments of Wi-Fi Aware which will make smartphones more aware of their surroundings by detecting one another and sharing...

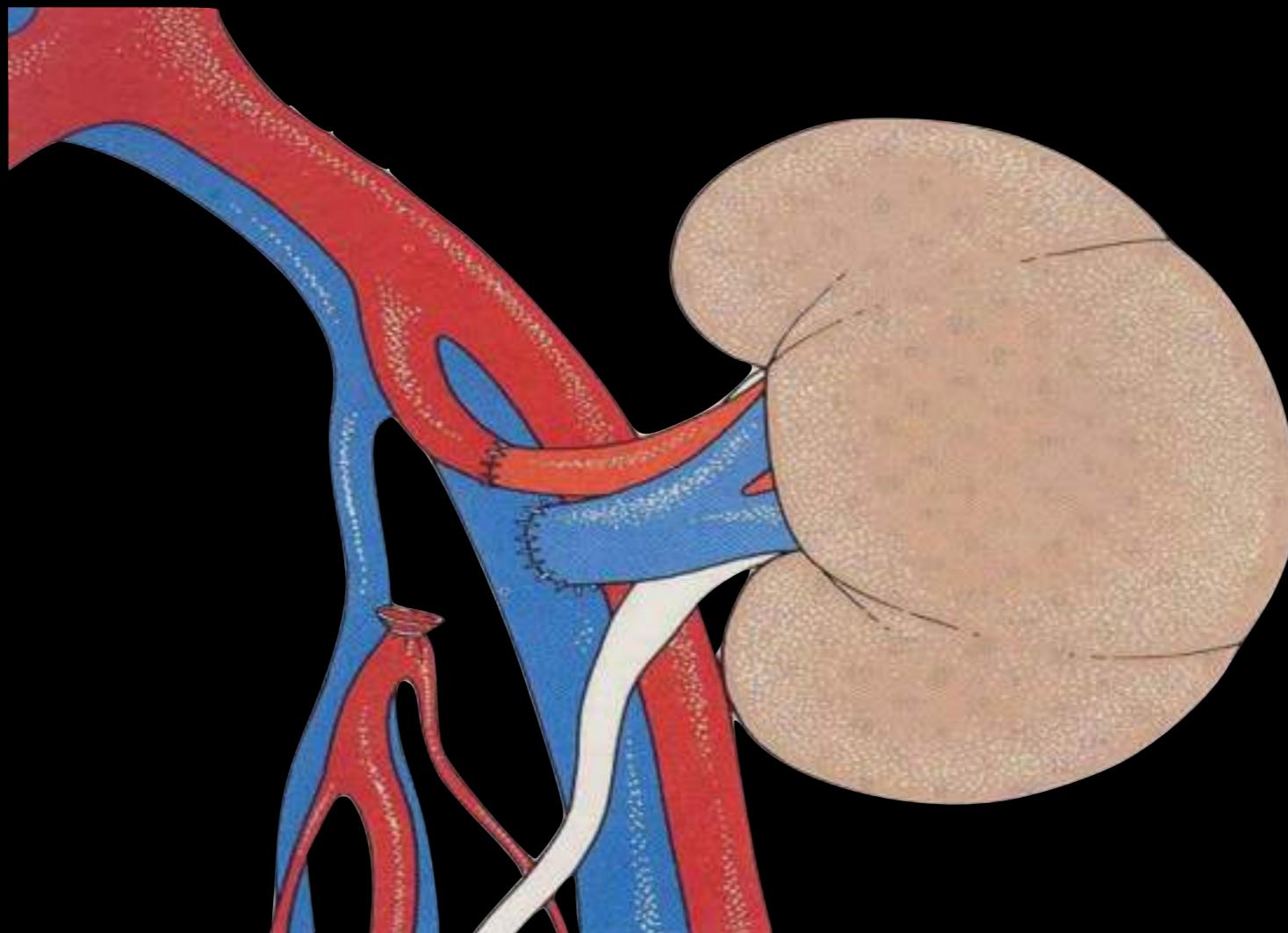
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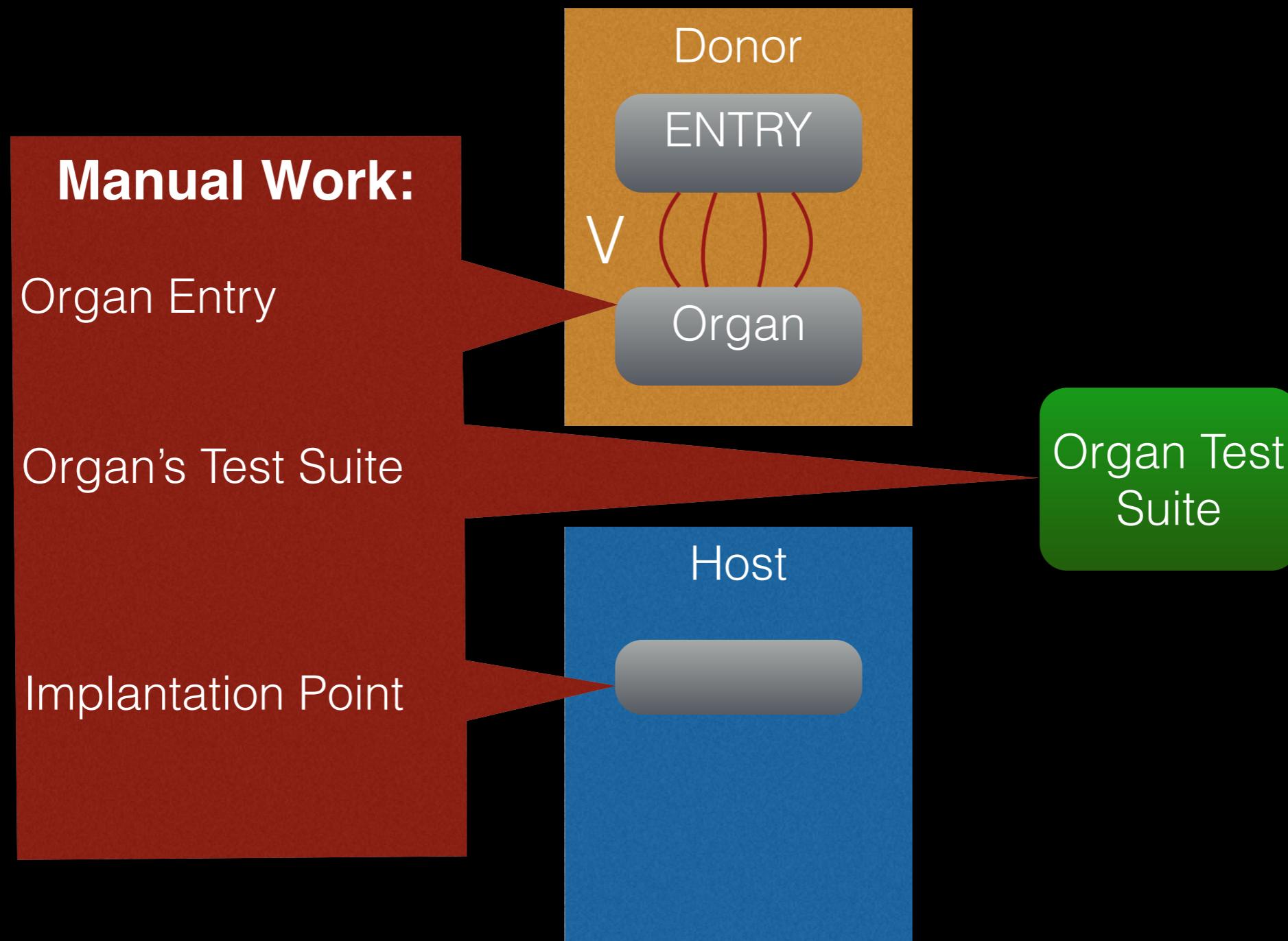
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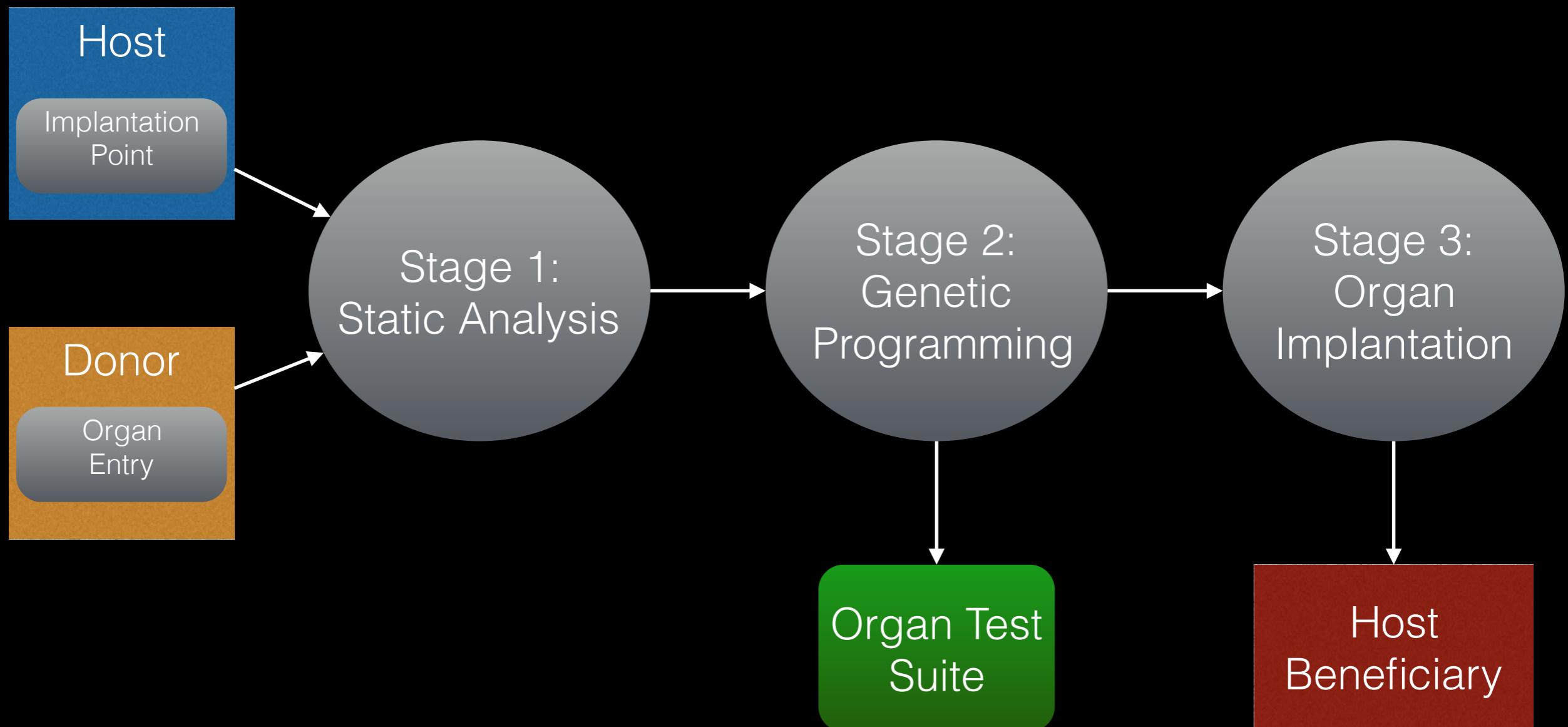
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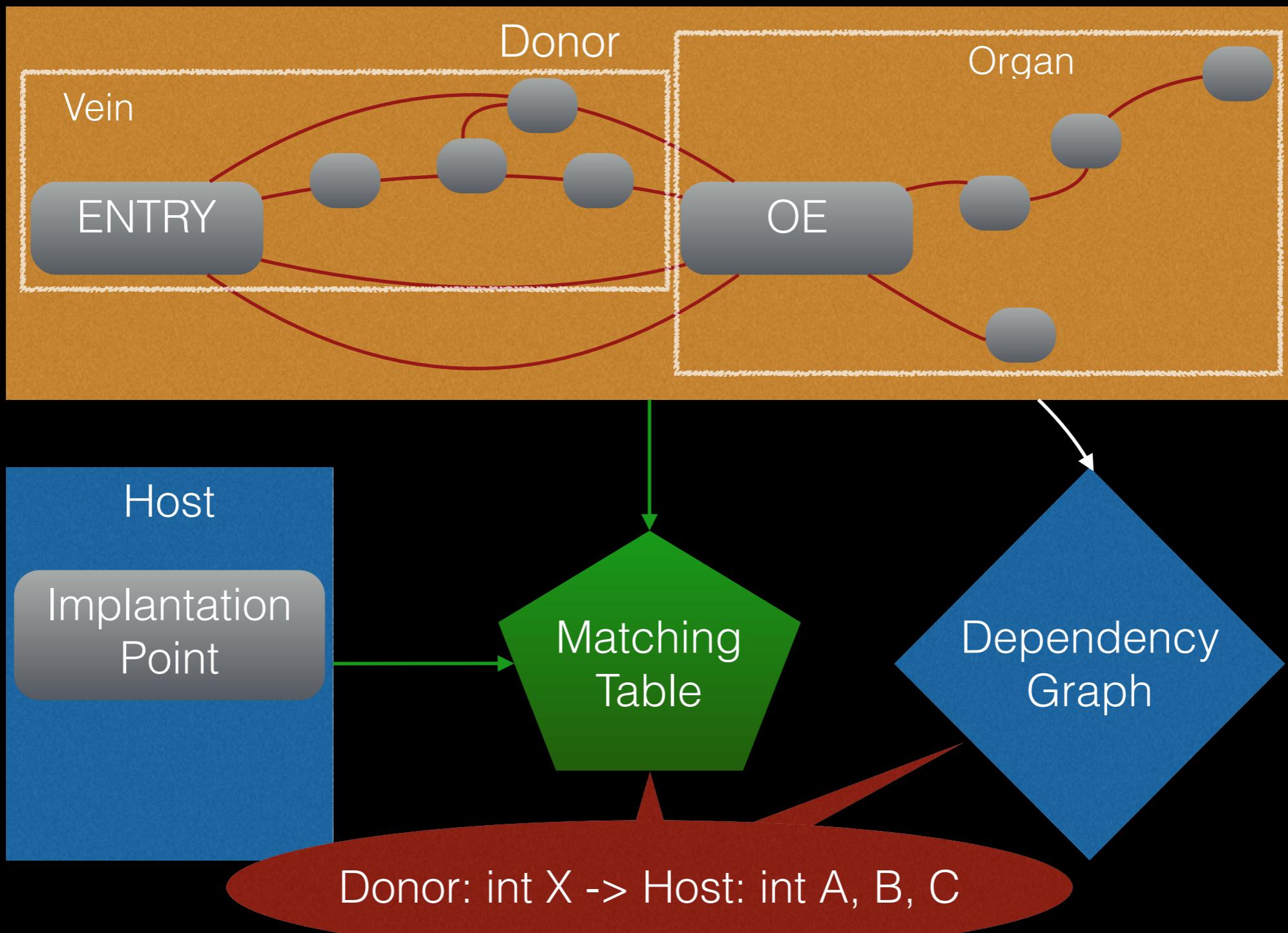
Automated Software Transplantation



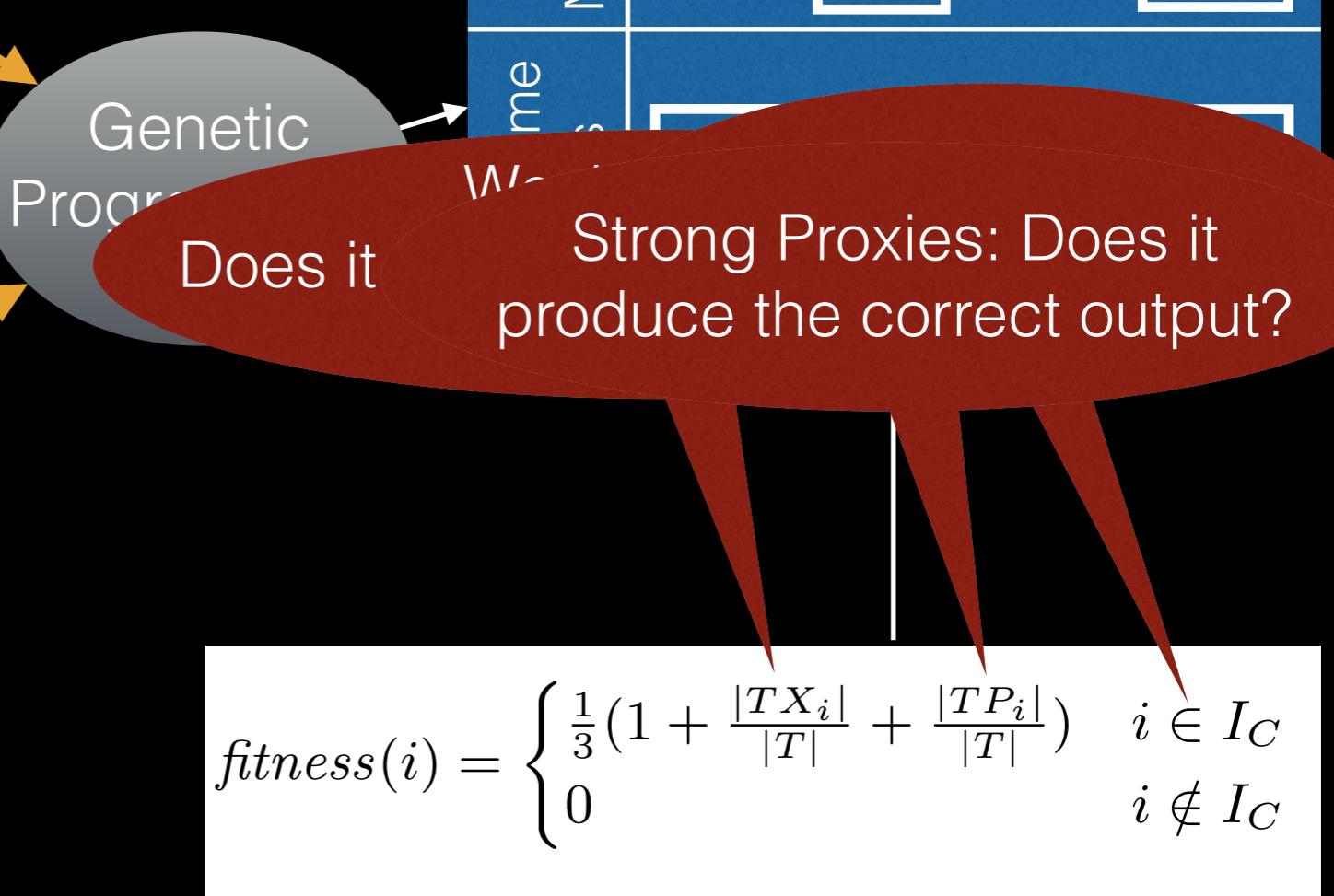
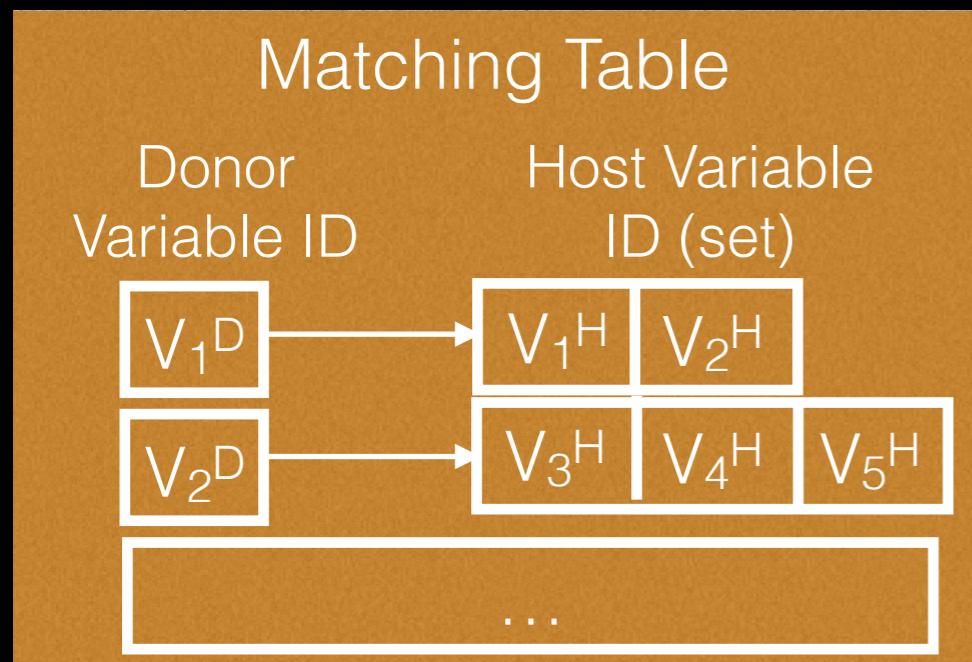
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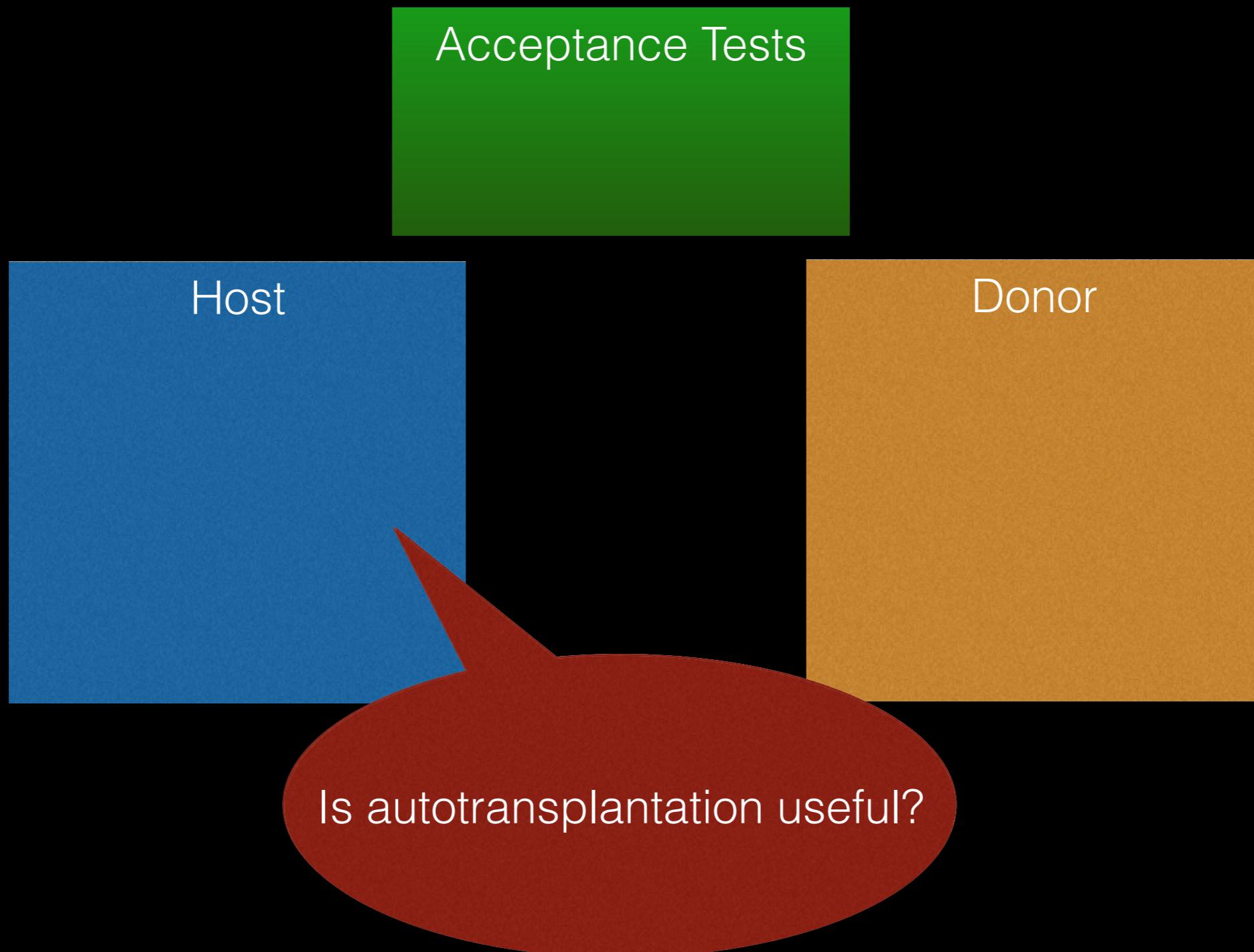
Stage 1 – Static Analysis



Stage 2 – GP



Research Questions



Research Questions

Do we break the initial functionality?

Have we really added new functionality?

Empirical Study

15 Transplantations
300 Runs
5 Donors
3 Hosts

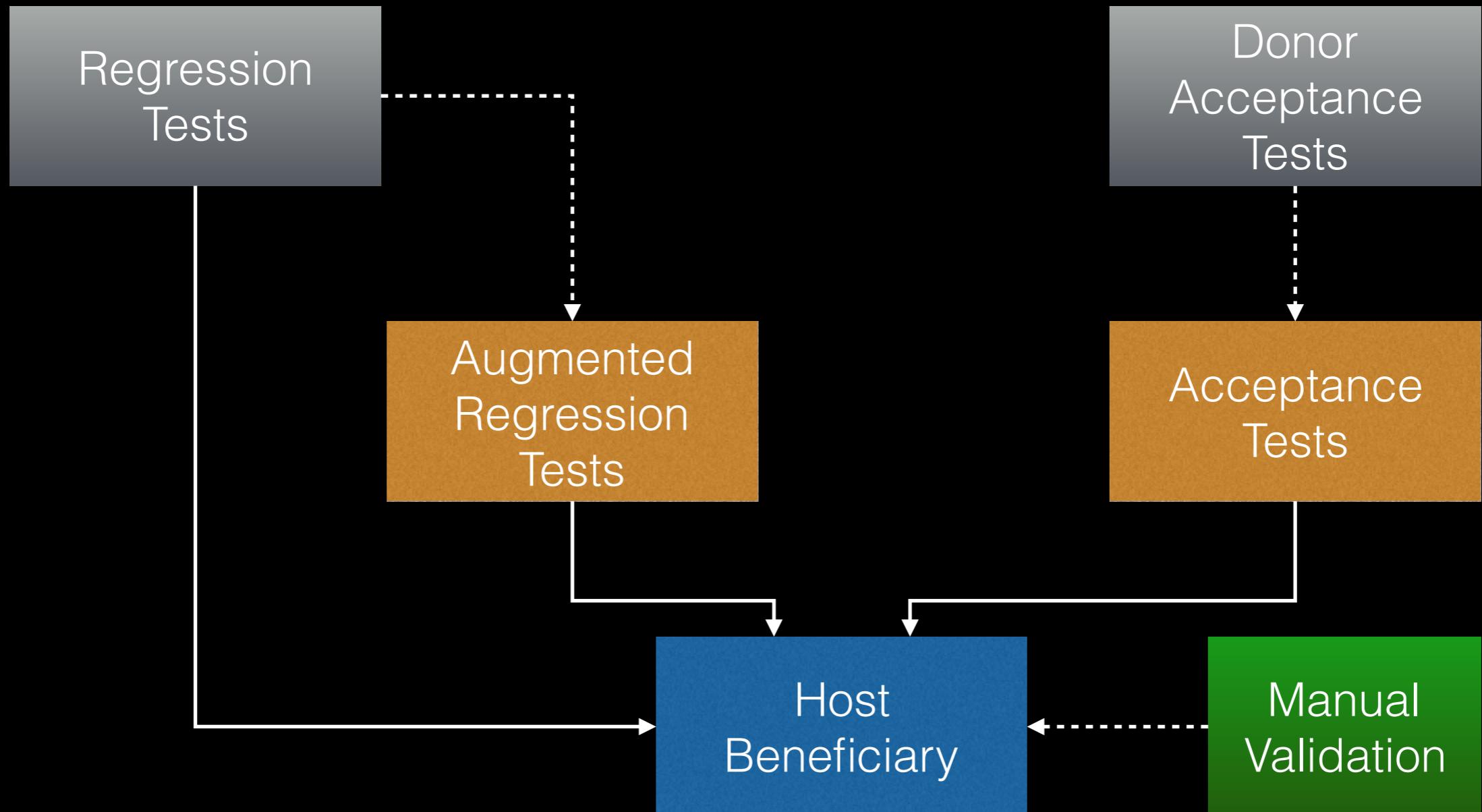
Case Study:

H.264 Encoding
Transplantation

How about the computational effort?

Is autotransplantation useful?

Validation





Subjects

Subjects	Type	Size KLOC
ldct	Donor	2.3
Mytar	Donor	0.4
Cflow	Donor	25
Webserver	Donor	1.7
TuxCrypt	Donor	2.7
Pidgin	Host	363
Cflow	Host	25
SoX	Host	43
Case Study		
x264	Donor	63
VLC	Host	422

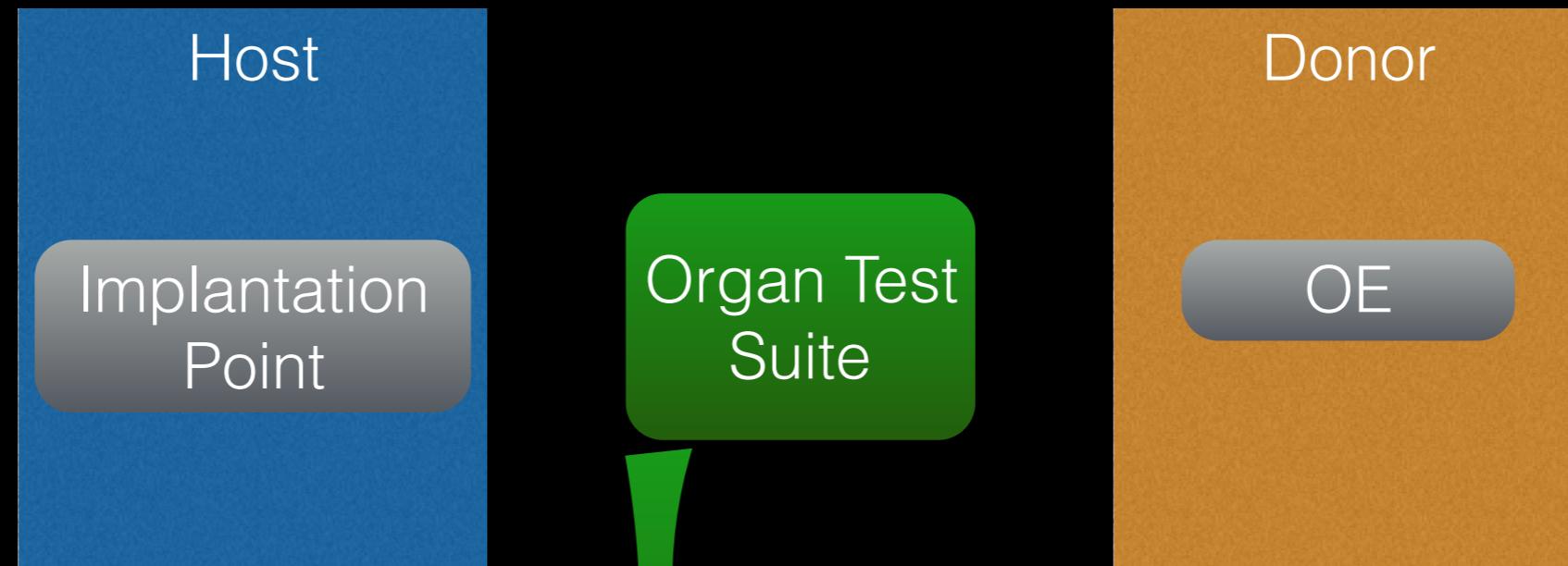
Minimal size: 0.4k

Max size: 422k

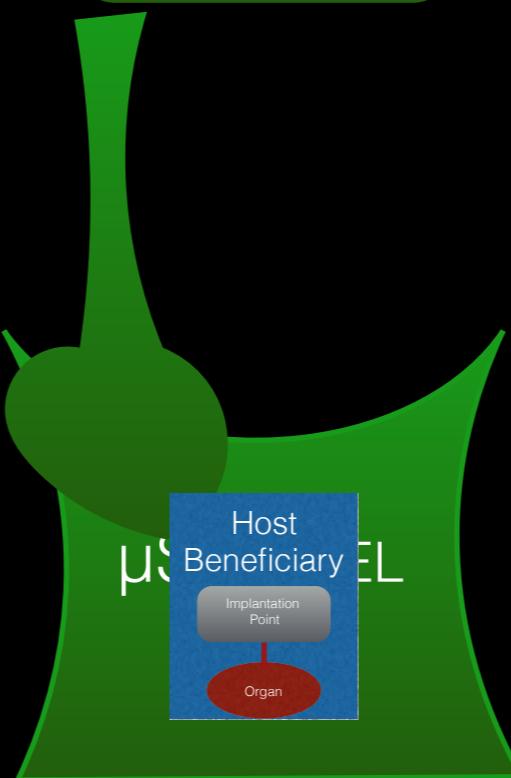
Average Donor: 16k

Average Host: 213k

Experimental Methodology and Setup



64 bit Ubuntu 14.10
16 GB RAM
8 threads





Empirical Study

Donor	Host	All Passed	Regression	Regression++	Acceptance
Idct	Pidgin	16	20	17	16
Mytar	Pidgin	16	20	18	20
Web	Pidgin			0	18
Cflow	Pidgin			5	16
Tux	Pidgin			7	16
Idct	Cflow			6	16
Mytar	Cflow			7	20
Web	Cflow			0	17
Cflow	Cflow			0	20
Tux	Cflow			4	16
Idct	SoX			17	16
Mytar	SoX	17	17	17	20
Web	SoX	0	0	0	17
Cflow	SoX	14	16	15	14
Tux	SoX	13	13	13	14
TOTAL		188/300	233/300	196/300	256/300

in 12 out of 15 experiments
we successfully autotransplanted
new functionality

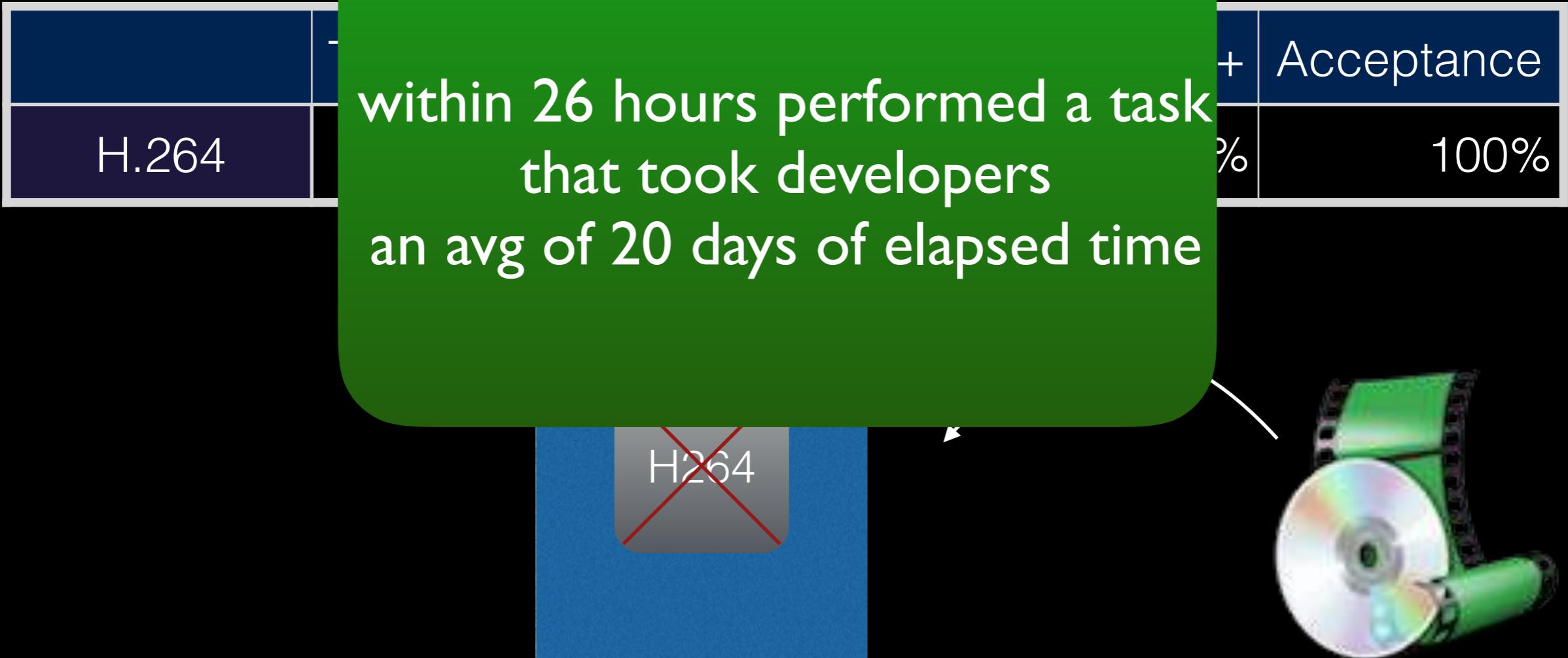


Empirical Study

Donor	Host	Execution Time (minutes)		
		Average	Std. Dev.	Total
Idct	Pidgin	5	7	97
Mytar	Pidgin	3	1	65
Web	Pidgin	8	5	160
Cflow	Pidgin	58	16	1151
Tux	Pidgin	29	10	574
Idct	Cflow	3	5	59
Mytar	Cflow	3	1	53
Web	Cflow	5	2	102
Cflow	Cflow	44	9	872
Tux	Cflow	31	11	623
Idct	SoX	12	17	233
Mytar	SoX	3	1	60
Web	SoX	7	3	132
Cflow	SoX	89	53	74
Tux	SoX	34	13	94
Total		334 (min)	10 (Average)	72 (hours)

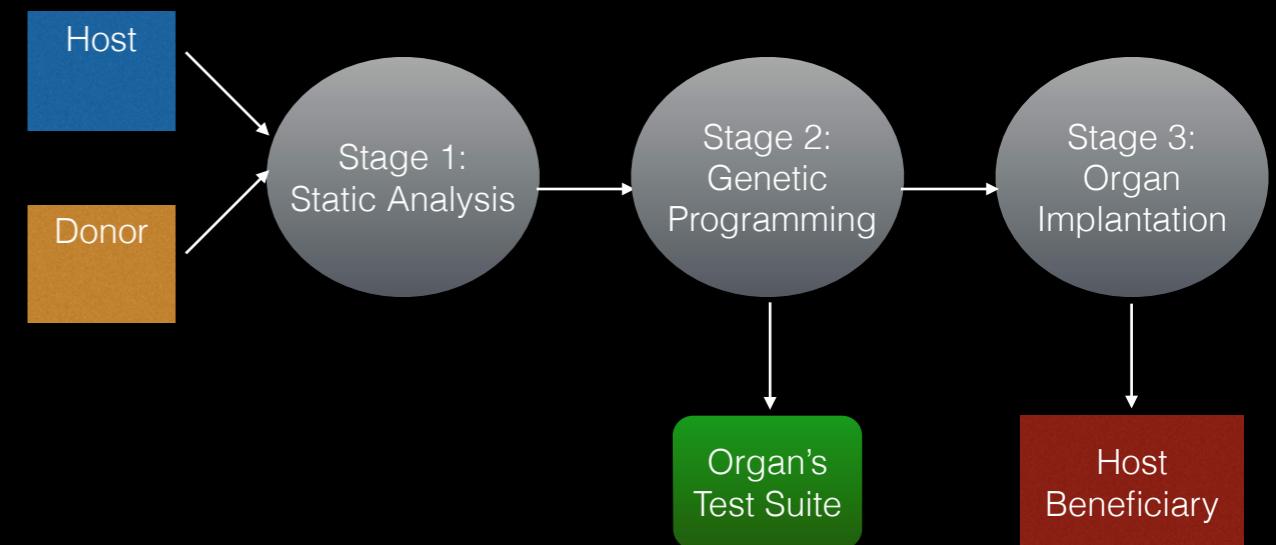
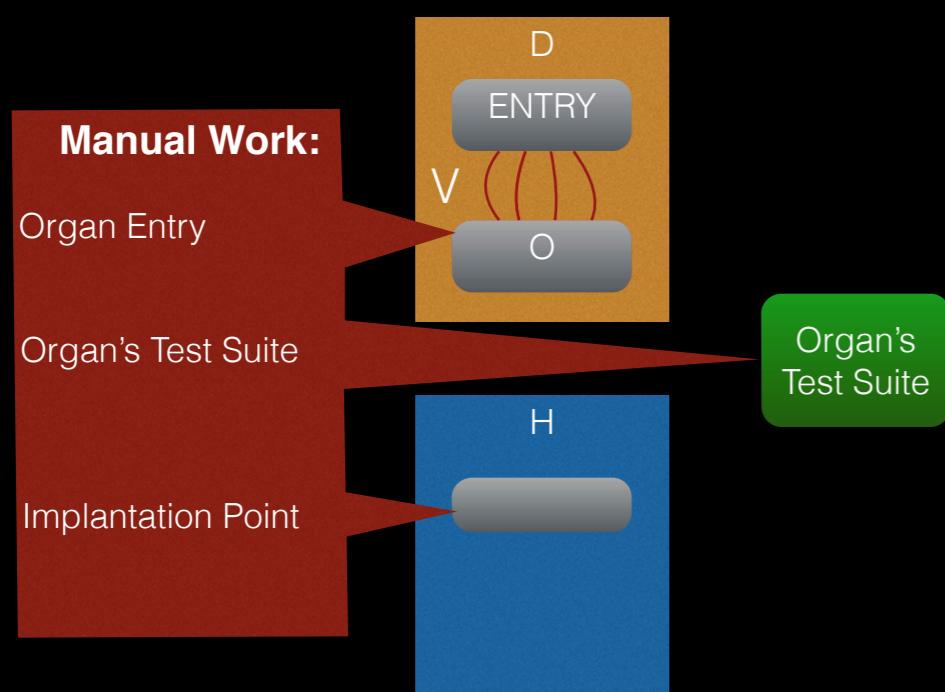


Case Study

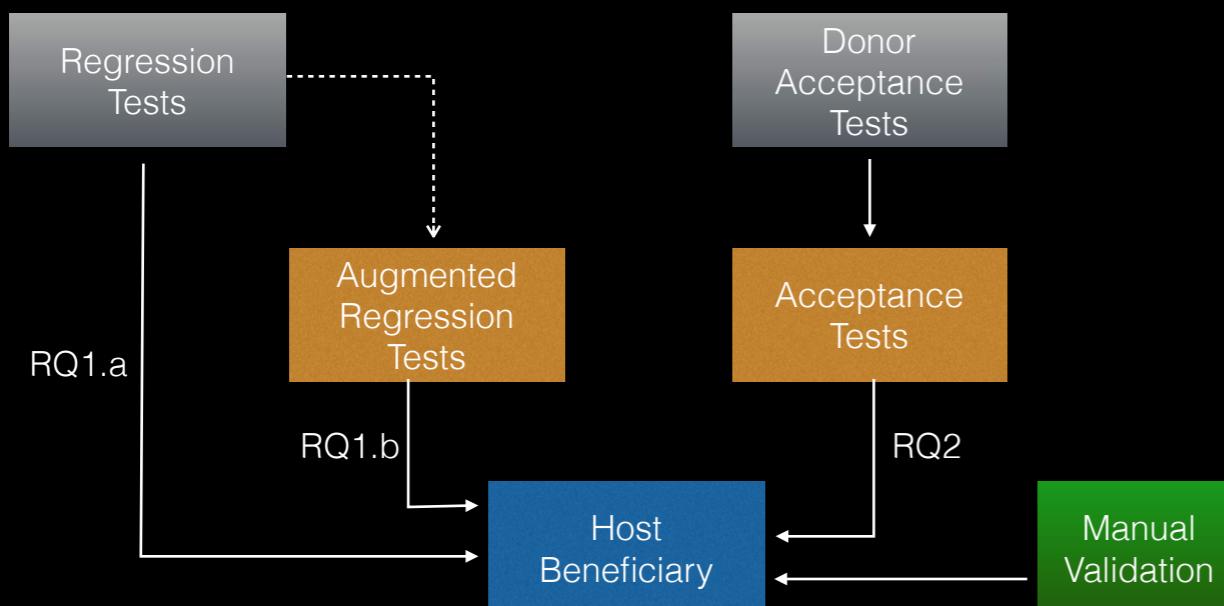


Automated Software Transplantation

μTrans



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Appeared at ISSTA 2015

Overview

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SSBSE 2015

muScalpel

Implemented in TXL and C, muScalpel realizes μ Trans and comprises 28k SLoCs, of which 16k is TXL, and 12K is C. muScalpel implements a custom version of GP. Unlike conventional GP, which creates an initial population from individuals that contain multiple statements, muScalpel generates an initial population of individuals with just 1 statement, uniformly selected. muScalpel's underlying assumption is that our organs need very few of the statements in their donor. Starting from one LOC gives muScalpel the possibility to find small solutions quickly. muScalpel focuses on evolving the organ's vein. muScalpel also inherits the limitations of TXL, such as its stack limit which precludes parsing large programs and its default C grammar's inability to properly handle preprocessor directives.

As we all know, software is often difficult to build and run, due to dependencies on its development environment and target platform. muScalpel is no exception. Please keep in mind that we built and ran muScalpel only on 64-bit Ubuntu 14.04 LTS machine, with 16 GB RAM, SSD and 8 physical cores, with its TXL v10.6a-64 (14.7.13), gcc-4.8, cflow (GNU cflow) 1.4 installed. Any other configurations may have affect on the results of the replication of our experiments.

This website contains the [source](#) for muScalpel, muScalpel in [binary form](#), and the [data sets](#), including [test suites](#), that underlie our experiments. To facilitate replicating our results, we have written a sequence of [scripts](#) that run a *single* run of each of our experiments. The name of the script identifies the experiment. We have worked hard to make each script bullet-proof and have it thoroughly check your environment for its dependencies and tell you what, if anything, is missing. Despite our best efforts, you may still encounter problems. If that happens, please [contact us](#) so we can work with you to resolve them.

Experiment Scripts

- Link to a script that runs all our experiments, as submitted to ISSTA 2015 artifact evaluation track. Here we also provide a dockerized version of our experiments.

- All experiments: : [Download](#)

* <http://crest.cs.ucl.ac.uk/autotransplantation/MuScalpel.html>

GI Applications

Bug fixing



Claire Le Goues, Stephanie Forrest, Westley Weimer:
Current challenges in automatic software repair.
Software Quality Journal 21(3): 421-443 (2013)

	http://people.csail.mit.edu/tamif/	8,471	44
php	355	11	
python	63	7	
wireshark			
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			105



The Problem

* <http://dijkstra.cs.virginia.edu/genprog/>

Software engineering is expensive, summing to over one half of one percent of the US GDP annually. Software maintenance accounts for over two-thirds of that life cycle cost, and a key aspect of maintenance is fixing bugs in existing programs. Unfortunately, the number of reported bugs far outstrips available development resources. It is common for a popular project to have hundreds of new bug reports filed every day.

GI Applications

Bug fixing

Improving energy consumption

Porting old code to new hardware

Grafting new functionality into an existing system

Specialising software for a particular problem class

Other

What if fitness is expensive to compute ?

GI4GI: Improving Genetic Improvement Fitness Functions
Mark Harman & Justyna Petke
(Genetic Improvement Workshop 2015)

GI4GI: Energy Optimisation Example

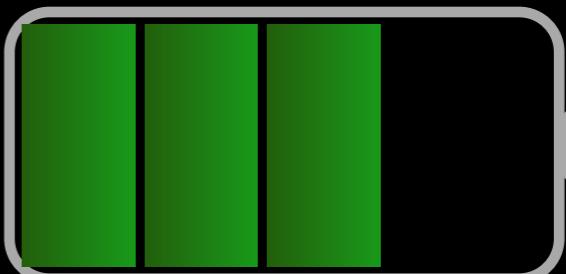
many factors affecting energy consumption, including:

screen behaviour

memory access

device communications

CPU utilisation



GI4GI: Energy Optimisation Example

a hardware-dependent linear energy model for GI:

$$\begin{aligned} power &= C_{const} + C_{ins} \frac{ins}{cycle} + C_{flops} \frac{flops}{cycle} \\ &\quad + C_{tca} \frac{tca}{cycle} + C_{mem} \frac{mem}{cycle} \\ energy &= seconds \times power \end{aligned}$$

Coefficient	Description	Intel (4-core)	AMD (48-core)
C_{const}	constant power draw	31.530	394.74
C_{ins}	instructions	20.490	-83.68
C_{flops}	floating point ops.	9.838	60.23
C_{tca}	cache accesses	-4.102	-16.38
C_{mem}	cache misses	2962.678	-4209.09

Table 2. Power model coefficients.

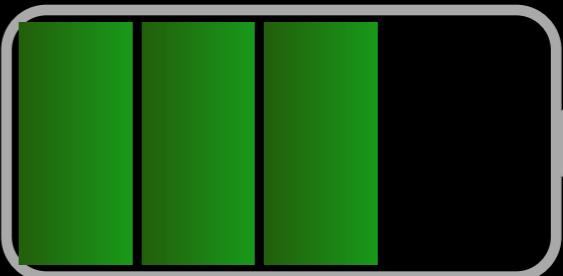
Post-compiler software optimization
for reducing energy (ASPLOS'14)
Schulte et al.

GI4GI: Energy Optimisation Example

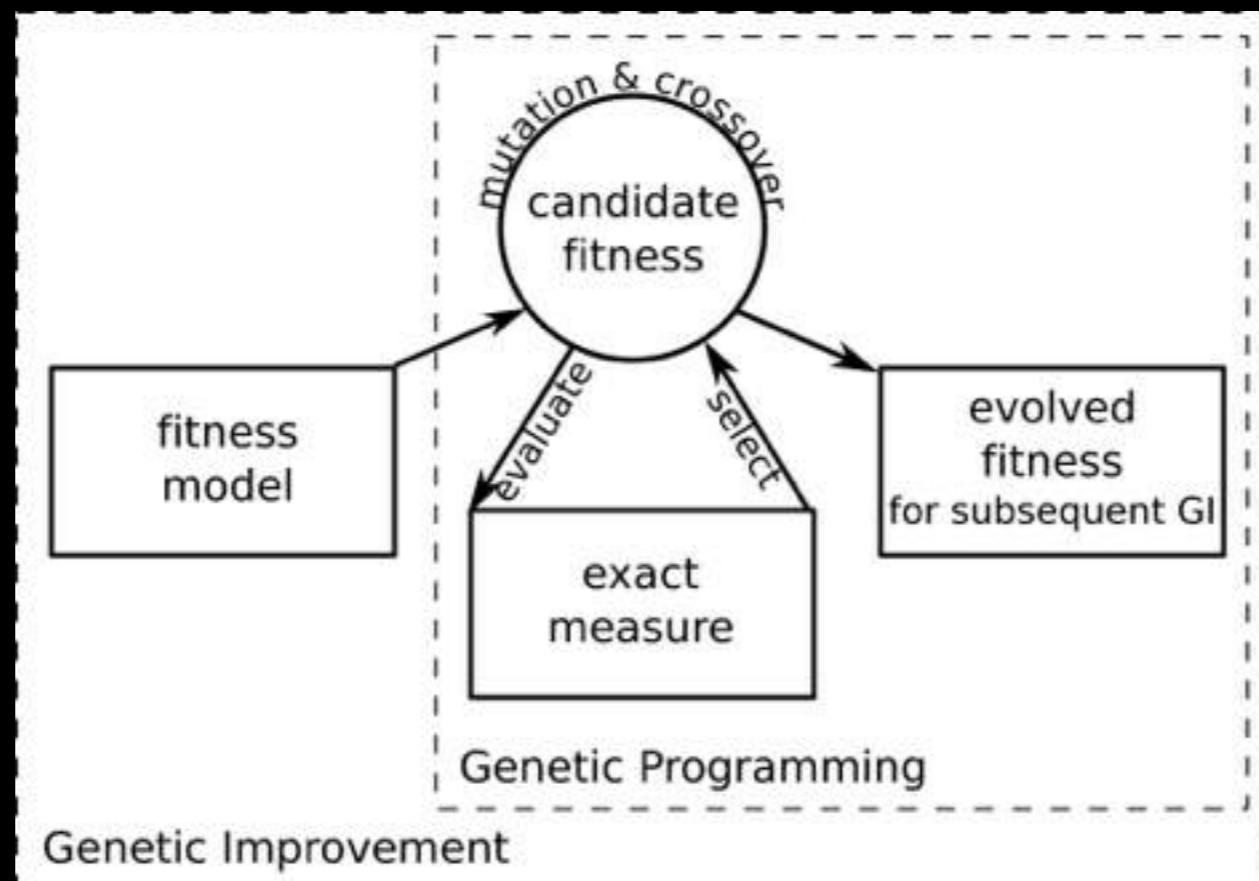
Idea:

Use GI to evolve a fitness function f for energy consumption.

Use f to improve energy consumption of software.



GI4GI



GI Growth

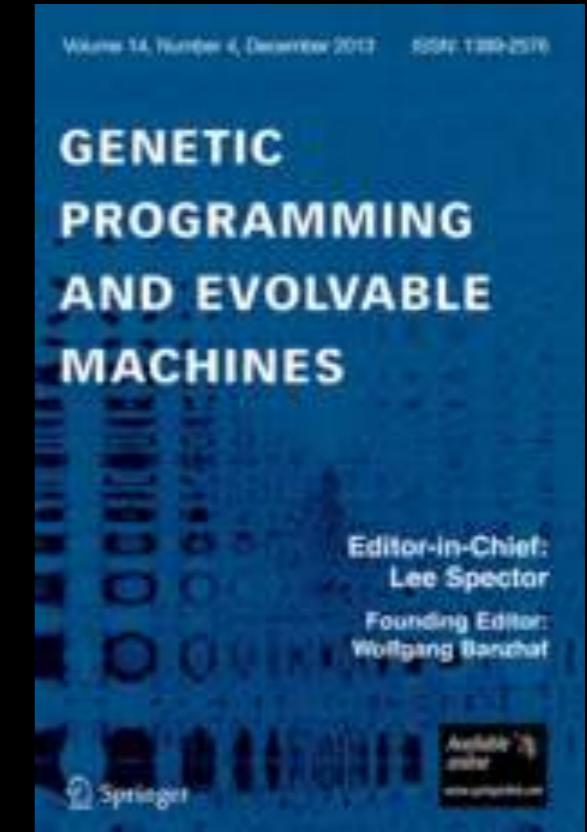
1st International Genetic Improvement Workshop

at GECCO 2015, Madrid, Spain

www.geneticimprovementofsoftware.com



GI Growth



Special Issue
on GI

Special Session on GI *<http://www.wcci2016.org/>

Conclusions

Functional Requirements



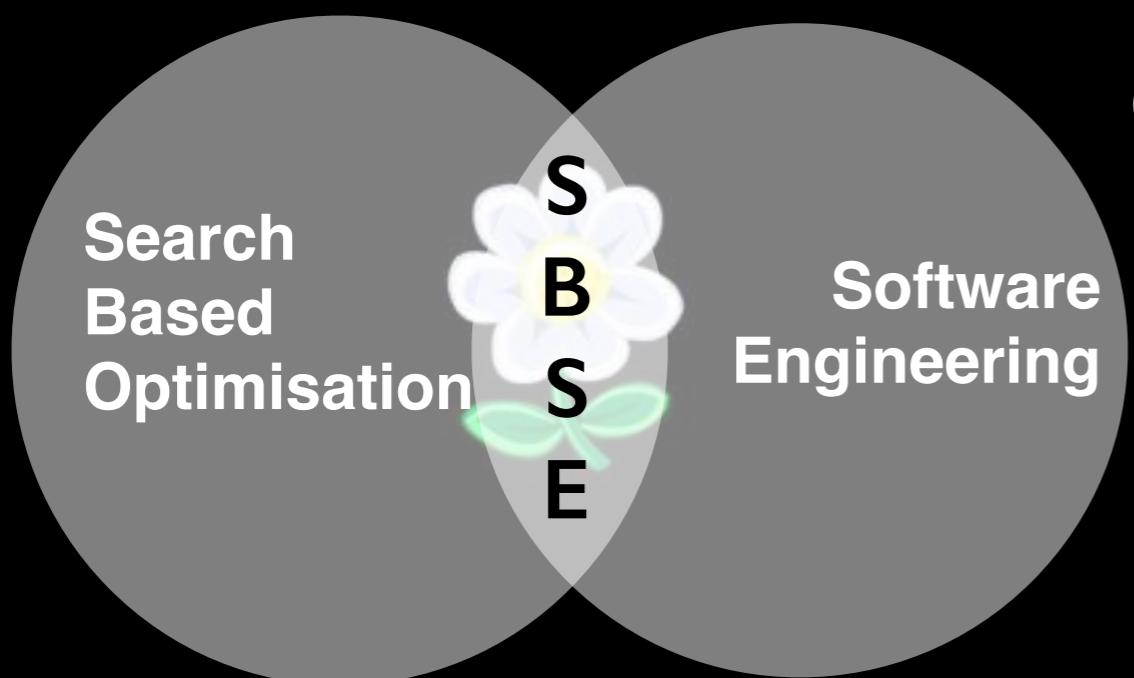
Non-Functional Requirements



humans have to
define these

we can optimise
these

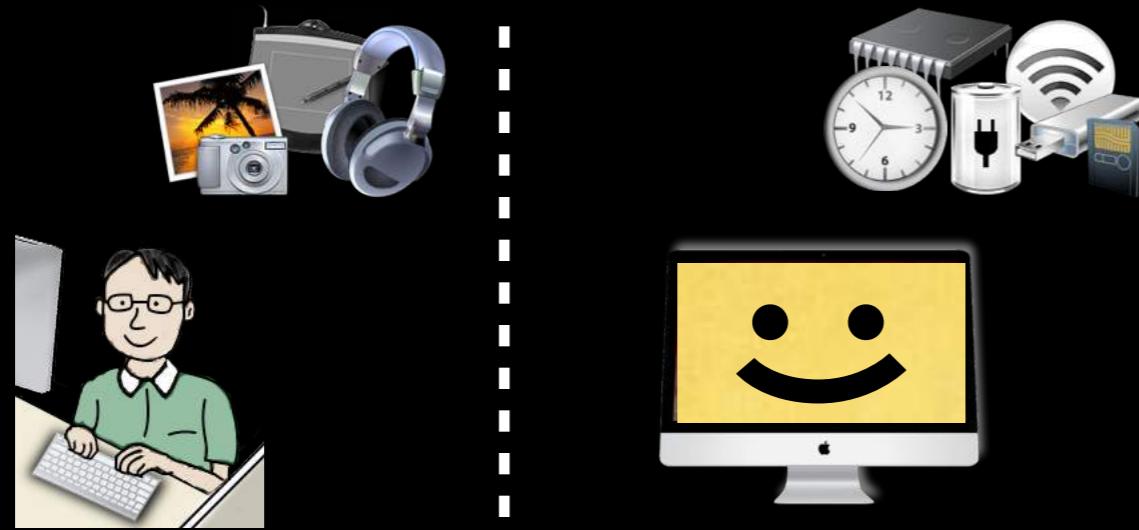
Summary



Combinatorial Interaction Testing



Genetic Improvement



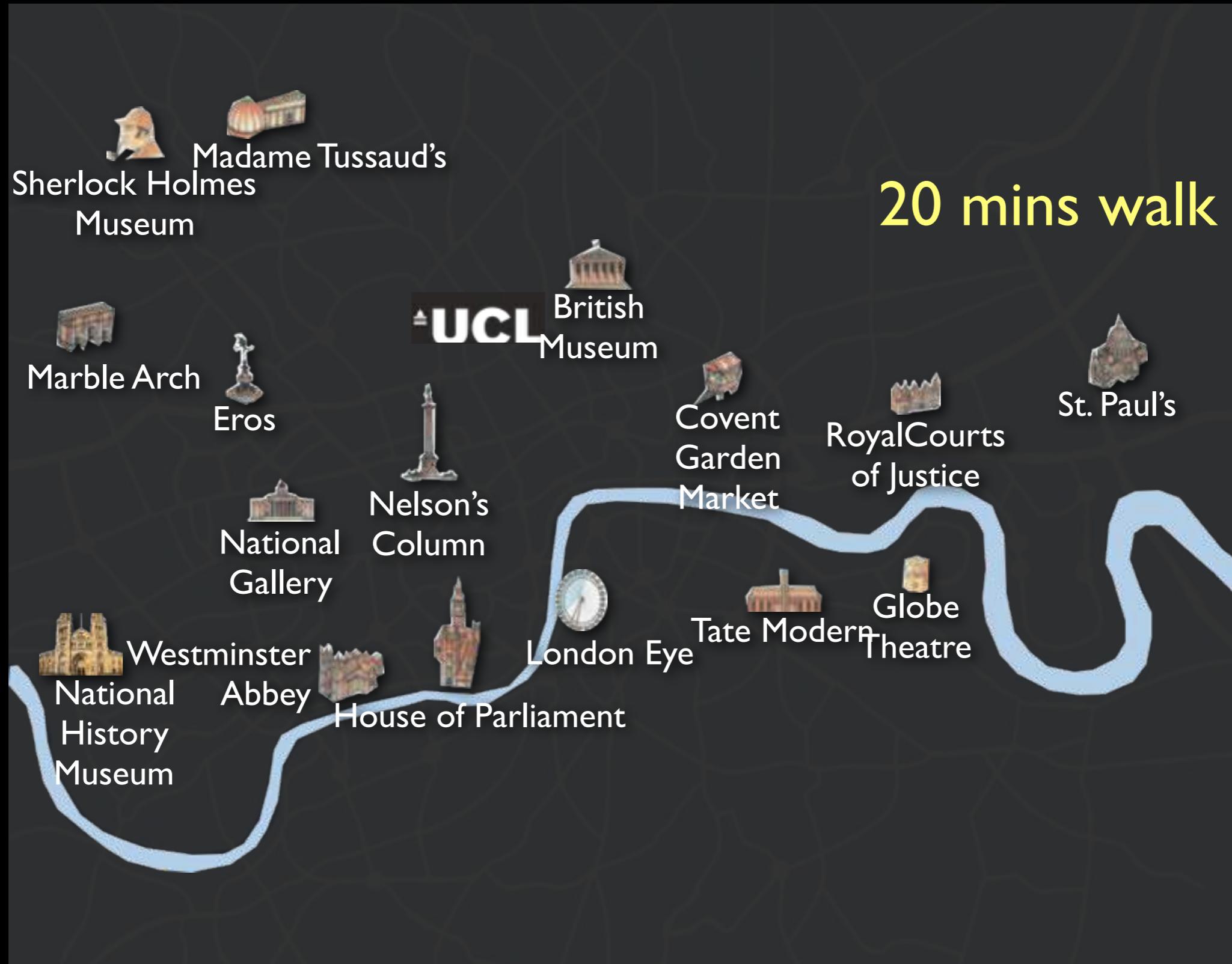
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COWs

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Roughly one per month

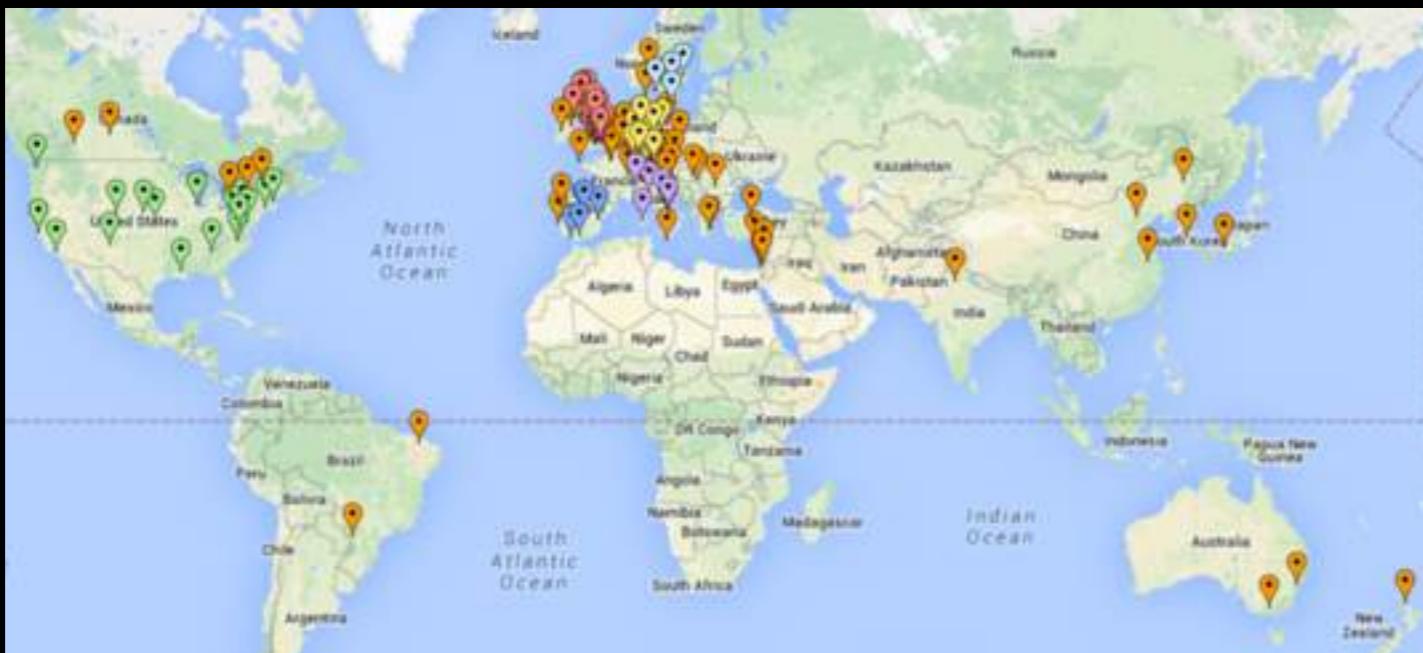
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Working Tutorial on Statistical Methods in Experimental Software Engineering

Date: 26 - 27 January 2015

Venue: Engineering Front Executive Suite, Roberts Building, UCL

The 37th CREST Open Workshop

Working Tutorial on Empirical Software Engineering Methods

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The 36th CREST Open Workshop

App Store Analysis

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45th COW

Genetic Improvement

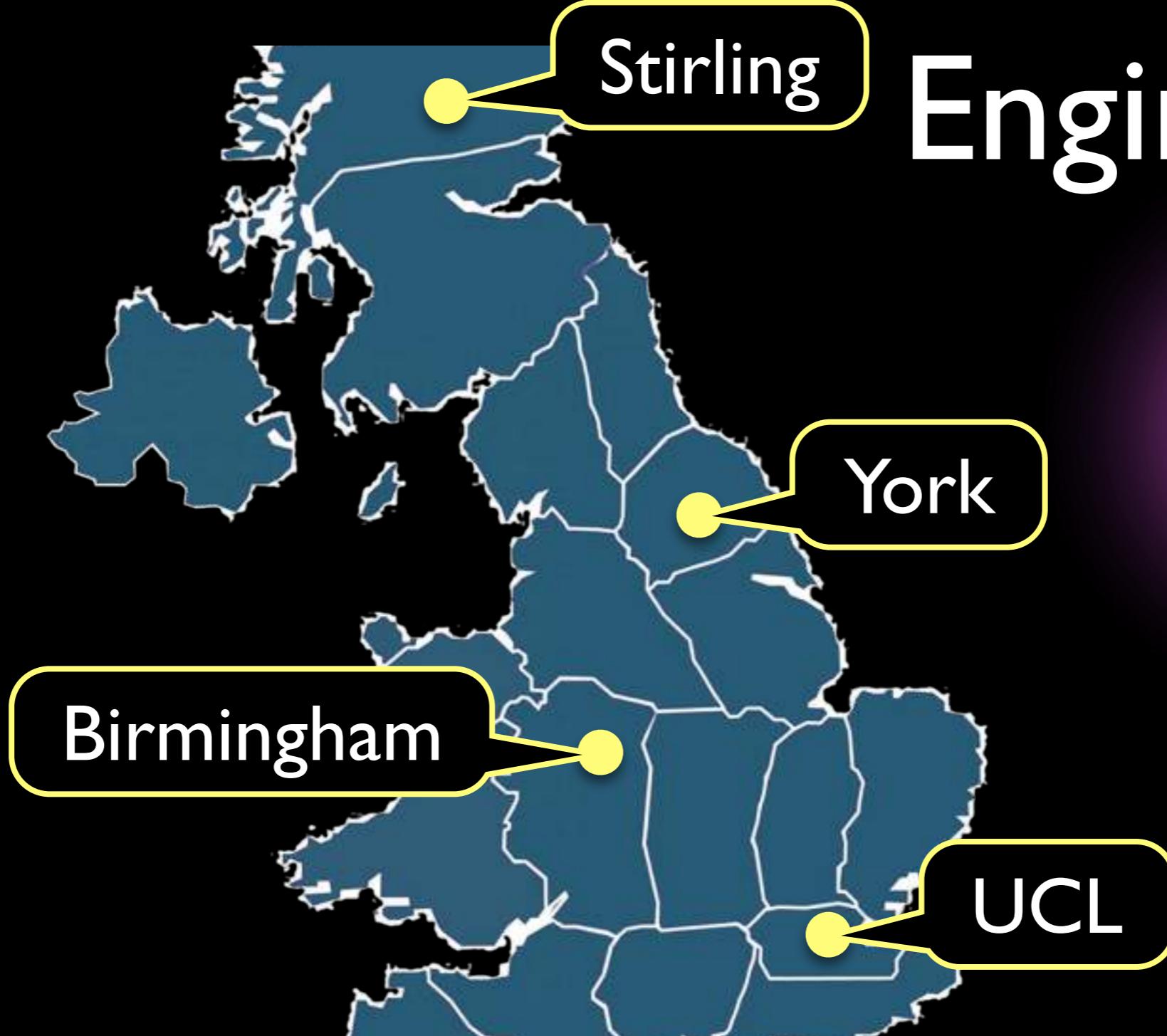
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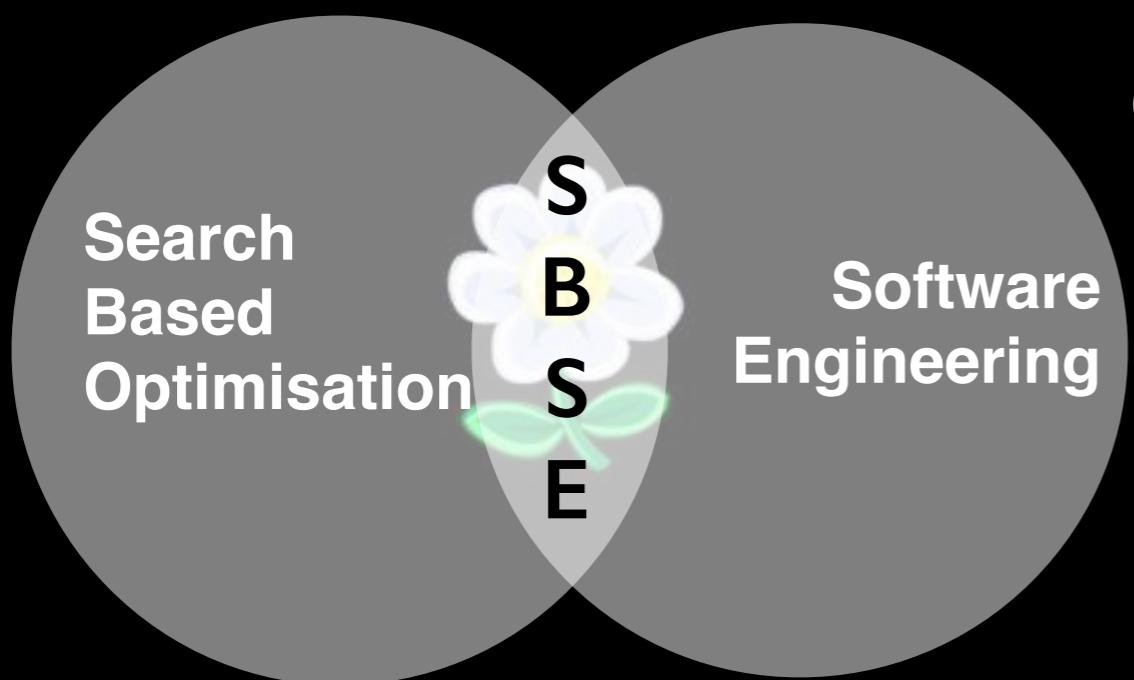
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Dynamic Adaptive Search Based Software Engineering



DAASE

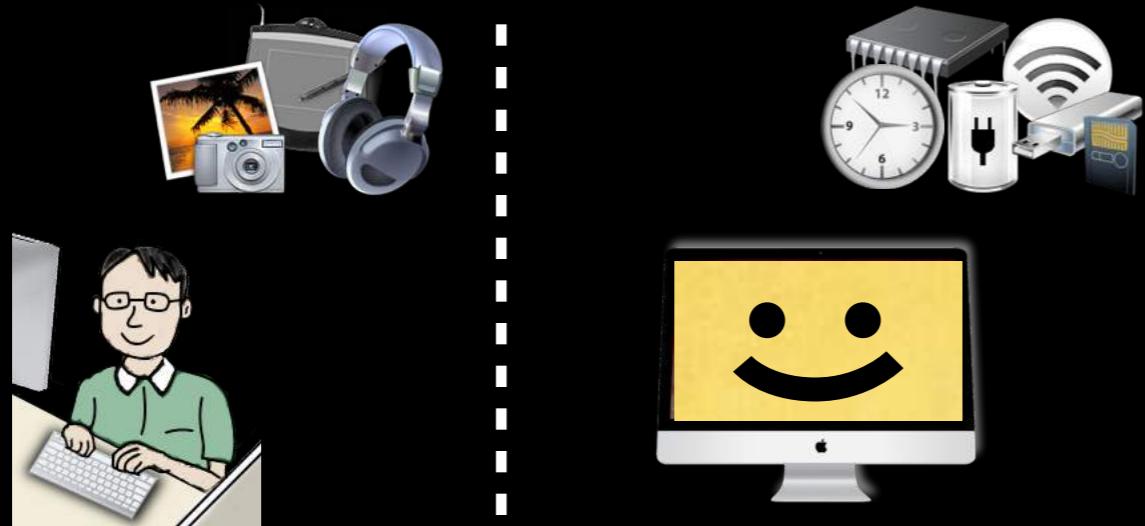
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