

# HyDiff: Hybrid Differential Software Analysis



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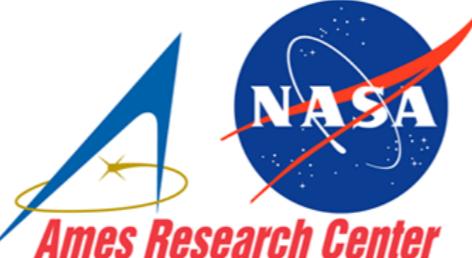
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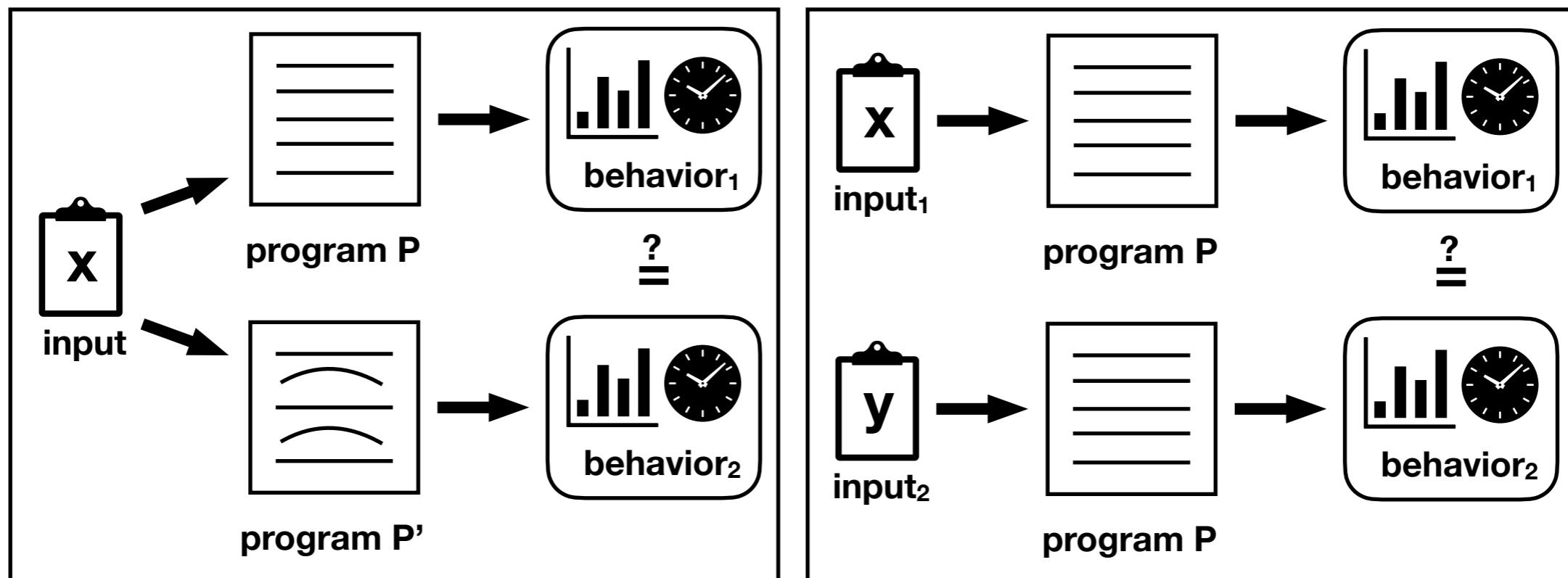
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# Differential Analysis



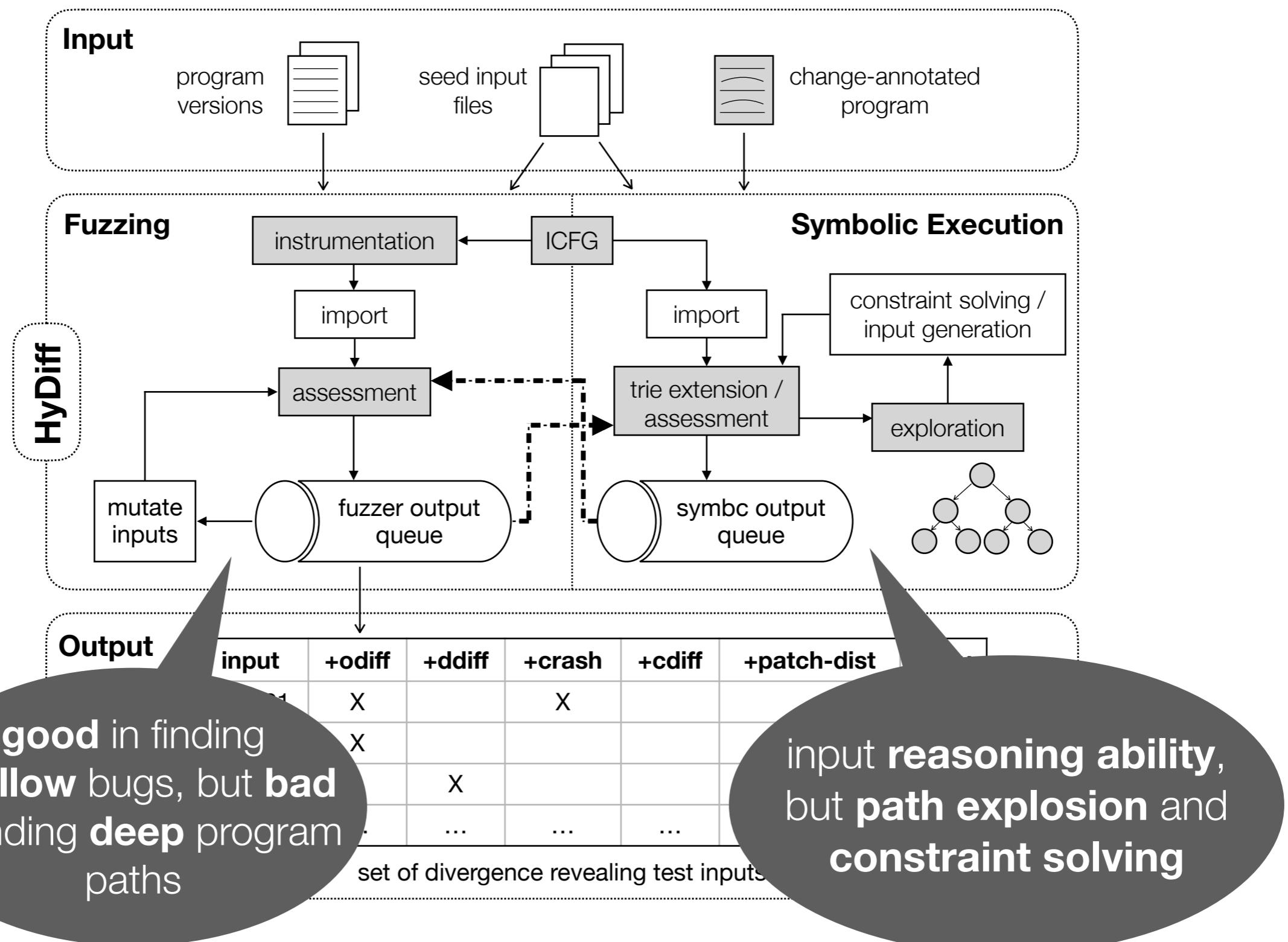
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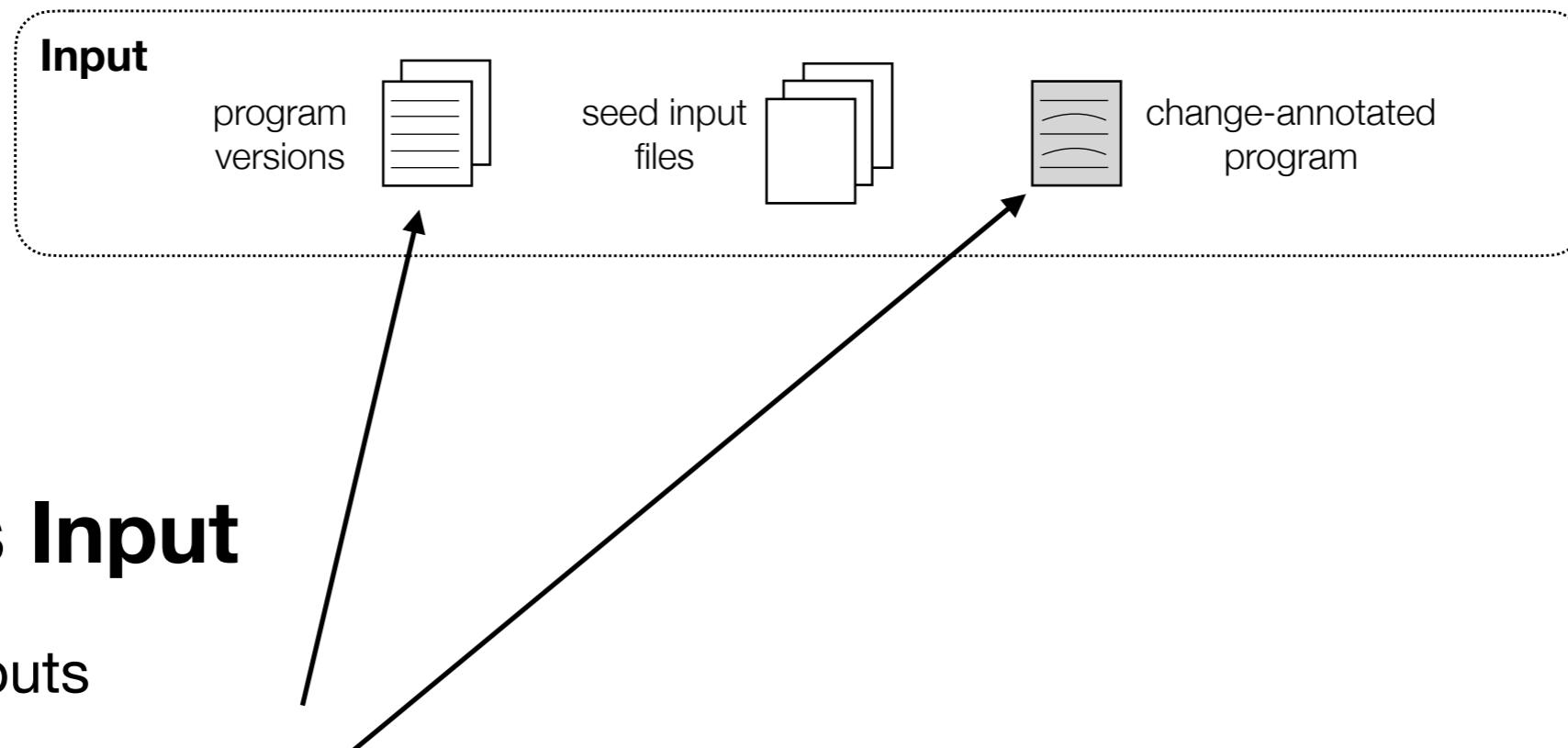
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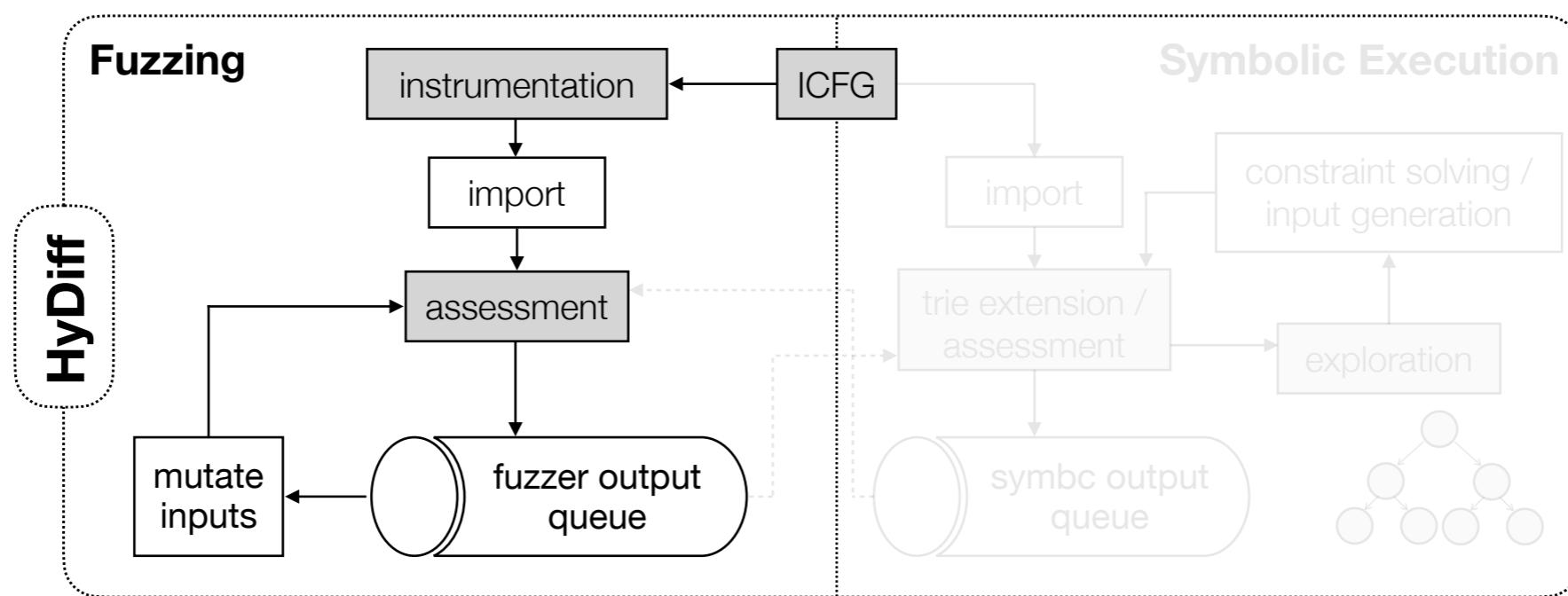
## HyDiff's Input

- ▶ seed inputs
- ▶ program under test
- ▶ two different change types
  - (1) inside the program code
  - (2) in the input

`input := change(input1, input2)`

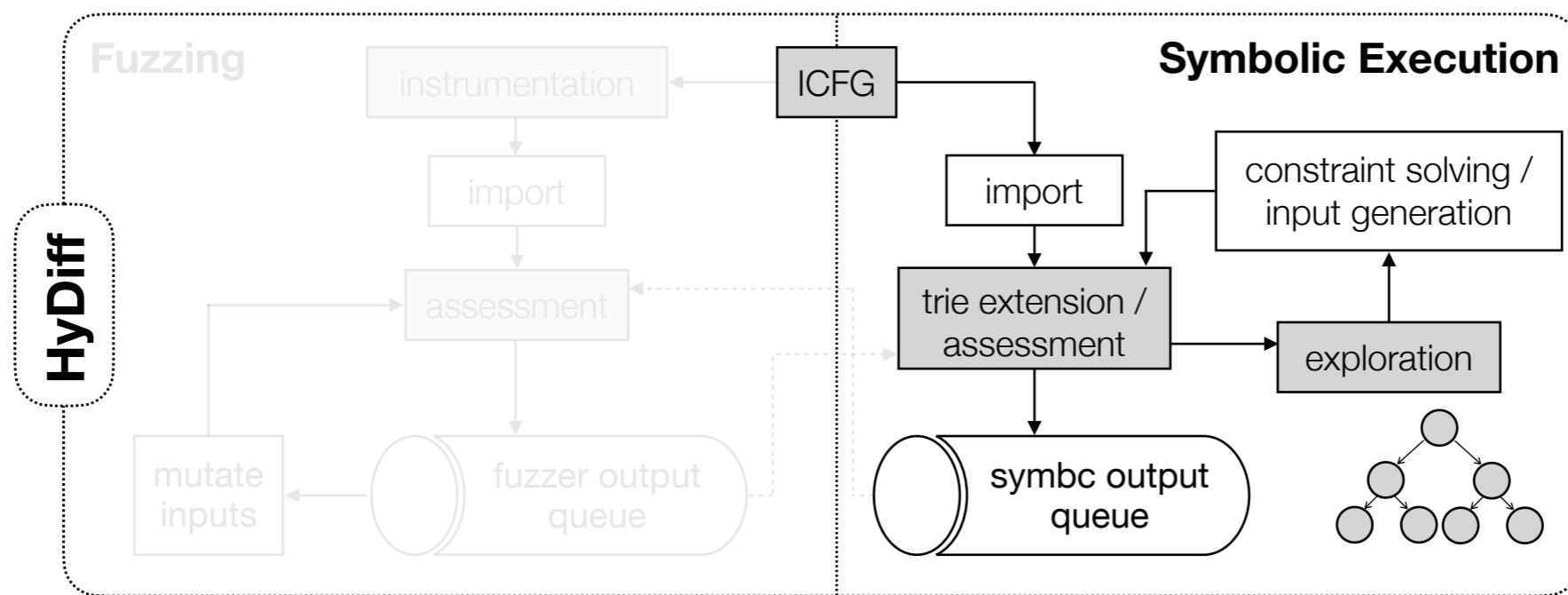
### change-annotations by Palikareva et al. [2]

Change Type	Example
Update assignment	<code>x = x + change(E1, E2);</code>
Update condition	<code>if(change(E1, E2)) ...</code>
Add extra assignment	<code>x = change(x, E);</code>
Remove assignment	<code>x = change(E, x);</code>
Add conditional	<code>if(change(false, C)) ...</code>
Remove conditional	<code>if(change(C, false)) ...</code>
Remove code	<code>if(change(true, false)) ...</code>
Add code	<code>if(change(false, true)) ...</code>



## Differential Greybox Fuzzing (DF)

- ▶ built upon AFL [1] (genetic algorithm)
- ▶ mutant selection driven by differential heuristics:
  - ▶ output difference
  - ▶ decision history difference
  - ▶ cost difference
  - ▶ patch distance
- ▶ additionally guided by branch coverage



## Differential Symbolic Execution (DSE)

- ▶ built upon Symbolic PathFinder (SPF) [3]
- ▶ central data structure: trie
- ▶ node selection driven by differential heuristics:
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**Output**

input	+odiff	+ddiff	+crash	+cdiff	+patch-dist	+cov
id:0001	X		X			X
id:0002	X					X
id:0003		X			X	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...

set of divergence revealing test inputs

## HyDiff's Output

- ▶ set of generated inputs
- ▶ classified by divergence
  - ▶ output difference (+odiff)
  - ▶ control-flow (+ddiff)
  - ▶ crashing behavior (+crash)
  - ▶ execution cost (+cdiff)
- ▶ additionally
  - ▶ patch distance (+patch-dist)
  - ▶ branch coverage (+cov)

# Experiments

## Regression Analysis

- ▶ HyDiff classifies all subjects correctly
- ▶ significantly more output and decision differences

## Side-Channel Analysis

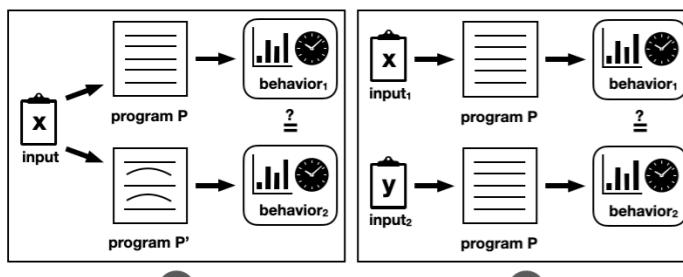
- ▶ HyDiff shows good trade-off between DSE and DF
- ▶ no significant amplification of the exploration

## Robustness Analysis of Neural Networks

- ▶ stress test for HyDiff
- ▶ HyDiff significantly more output differences

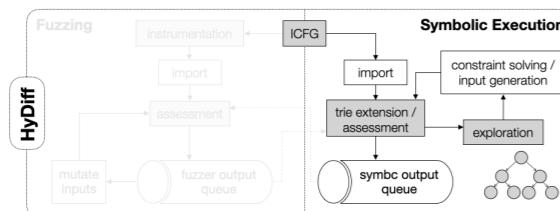
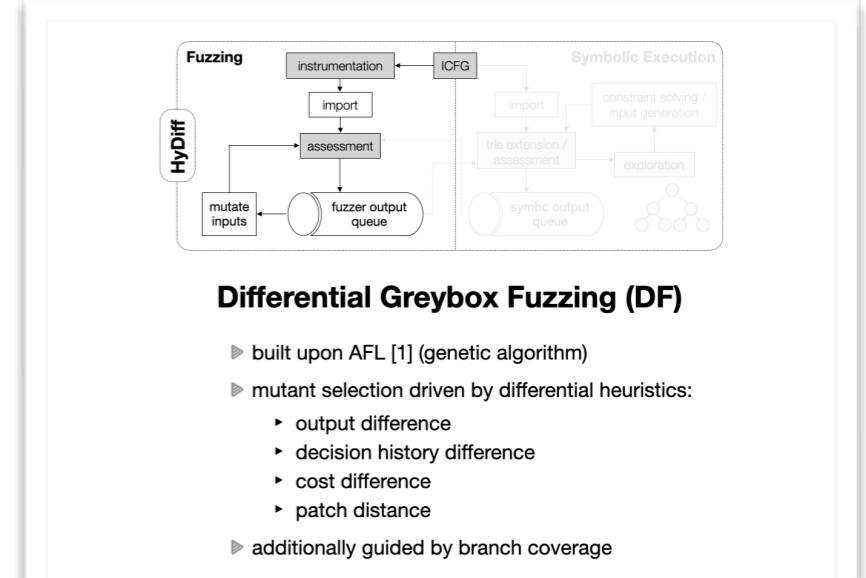
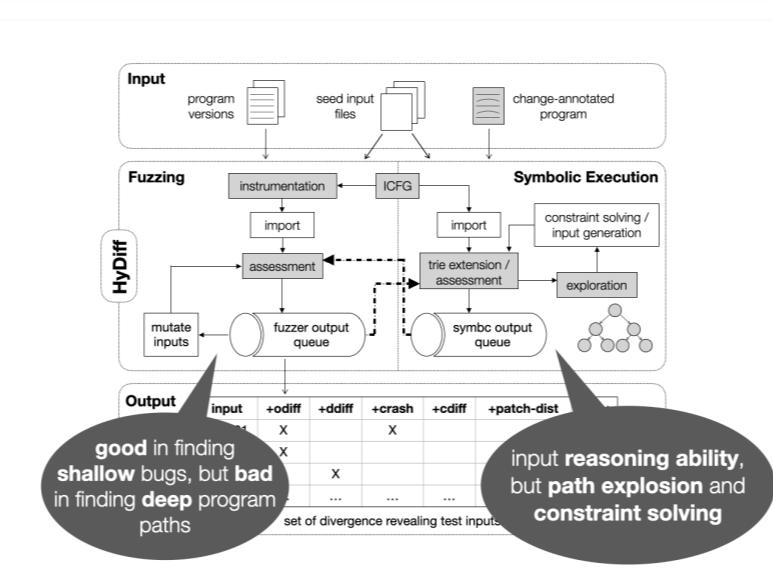
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## Differential Analysis



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