

OS Dependability Benchmarking

(La sûreté de fonctionnement comme critère de choix d'un OS)

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Definition of a conceptual framework & experimental environment(s)
for benchmarking the dependability of COTS and COTS-based systems

Outcomes of DBench



Concepts, specifications
and guidelines for
dependability benchmarking



Dependability
benchmark
prototypes

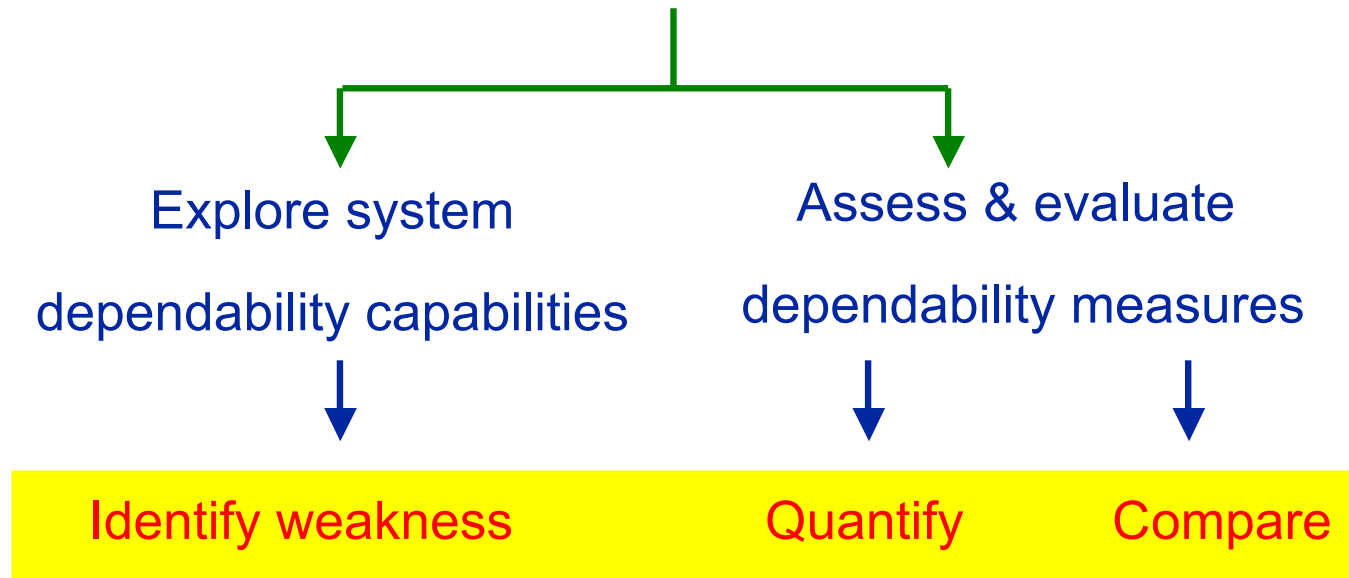
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Benchmarking Objectives



Benchmarking the dependability of a system consists in evaluating dependability or performance-related measures experimentally or based on experimentation and modeling
→ characterize objectively the system behavior in the presence of faults.
⇒ **non-ambiguous comparison of alternative solutions**

Benchmarks Developed

- General-purpose operating systems
 - Robustness and timing measures, faulty application, faulty drivers
- Real-Time kernels in onboard space systems
 - Predictability of the kernel response time, faulty application
- Engine control applications in automotive systems
 - Impact of application failures on system safety, transient hardware faults
- On-line transaction processing (OLTP) environments
 - TPC-C-based, operator, software & hardware faults
 - Web-servers, SPEC-based, operator, software & hardware faults

Software Systems Dependability Evaluation

Information on software behavior

- Field data
- Data from development
- Controlled experiments

Ad hoc

Standard

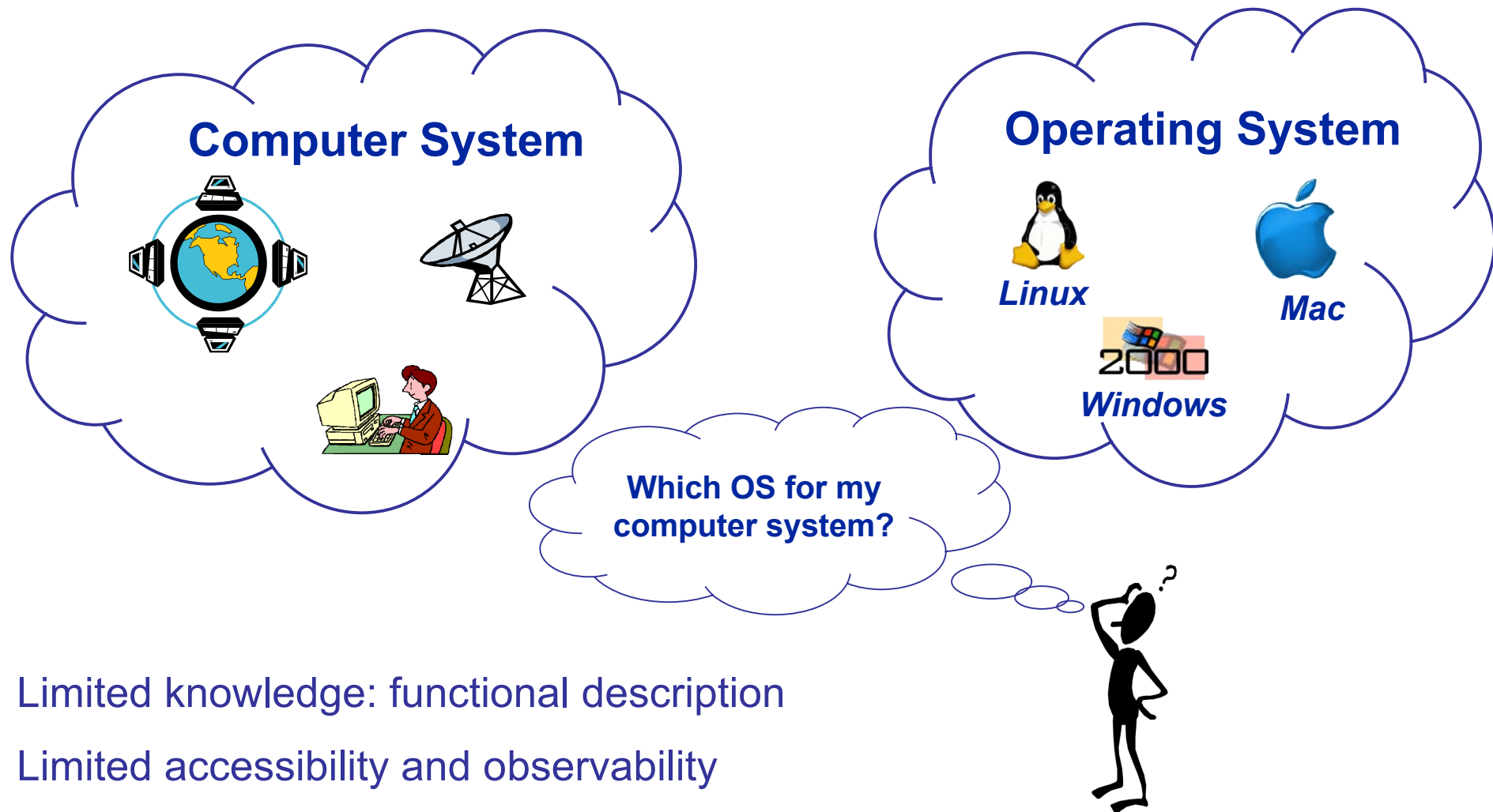
Dependability benchmarking

Evaluation of dependability measures / features
in a non-ambiguous way → comparison

Properties

Reproducibility, portability, representativeness, acceptable cost

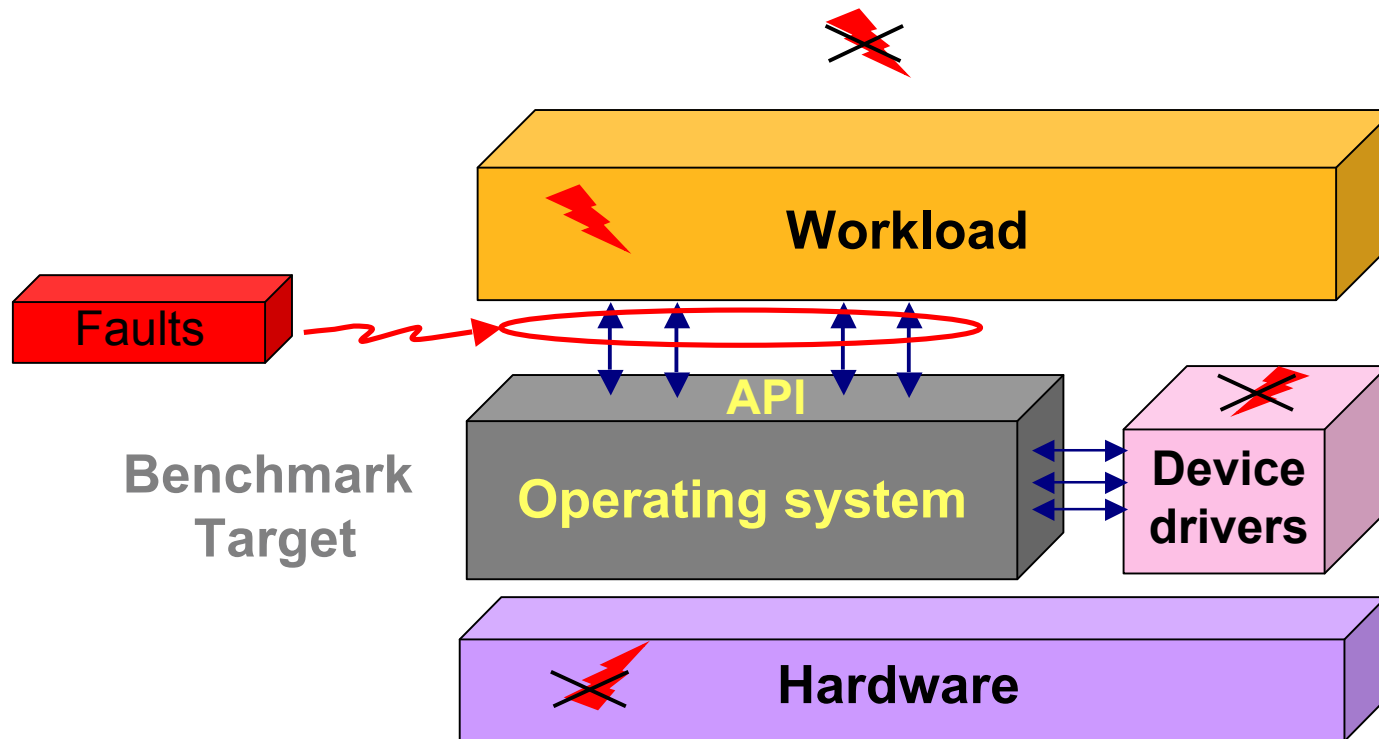
OS Benchmarking: User Point of View



- Limited knowledge: functional description
- Limited accessibility and observability
- Limited intrusiveness and interference

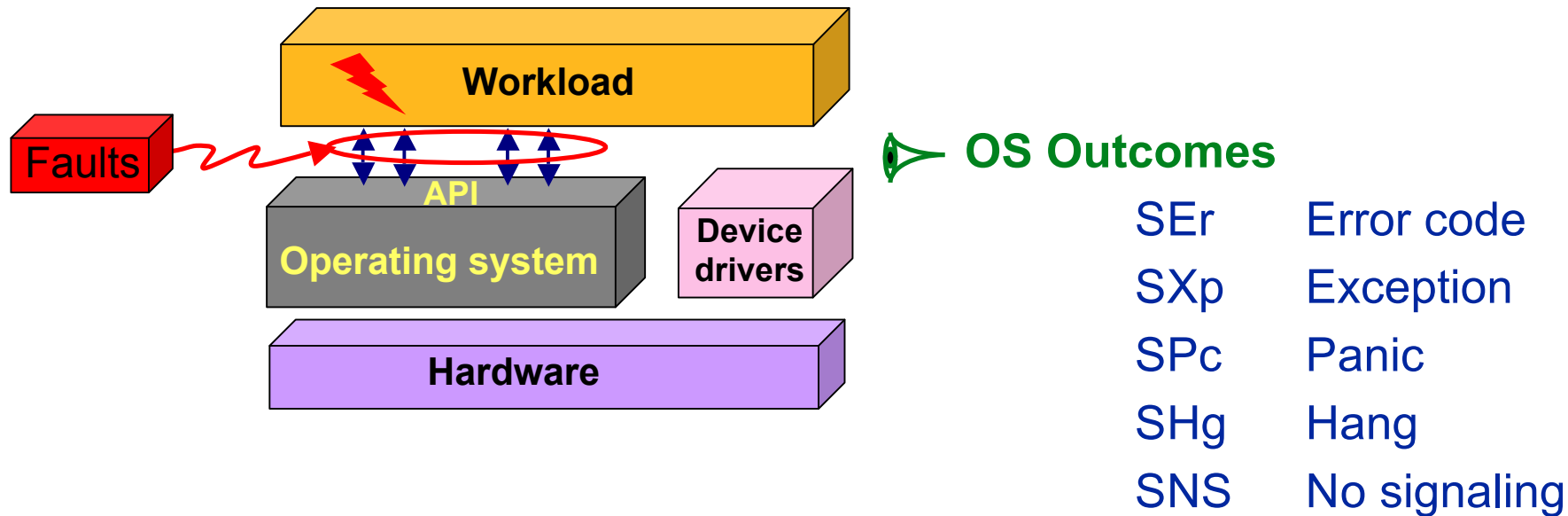
⇒ **Black-box approach** ⇒ **robustness benchmark**

Benchmarking wrt class of faults?



Wrt application erroneous behavior

OS Benchmark & Measures

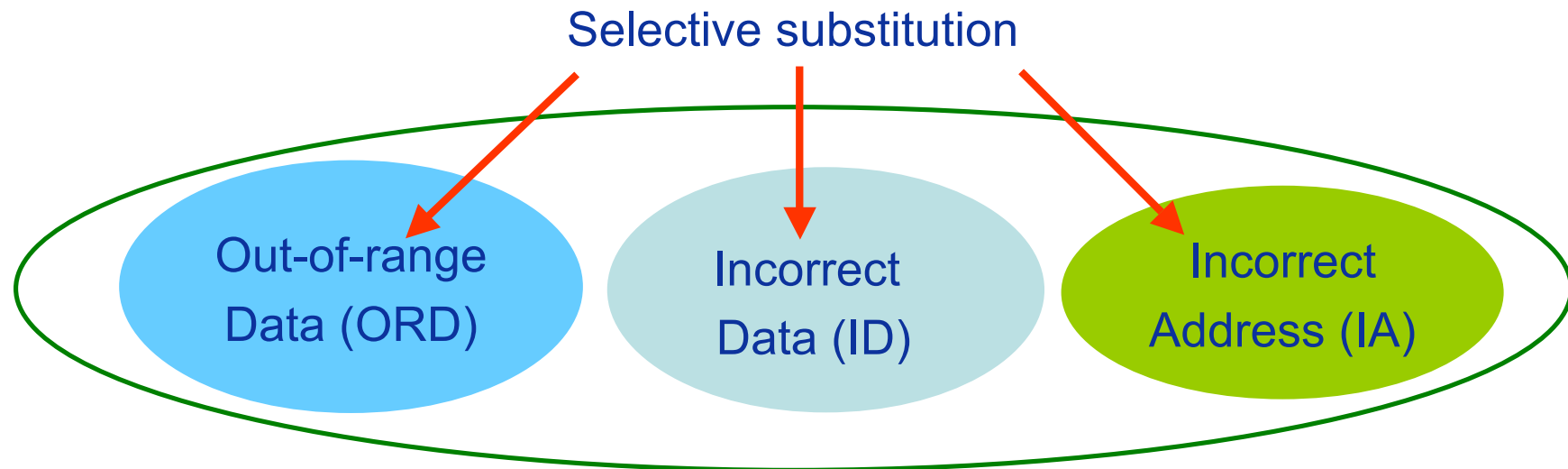


Measures

- POS: OS Robustness [%SEr %SXP %SPc %SHg %SNS])
- Texec: OS reaction time in the presence of faults
- Tres: OS Restart time after fault insertion

Execution Profile

- Workload
 - TPC-C Client, Java Virtual Machine, PostMark
- Faultload
 - Corruption of parameters of all system calls

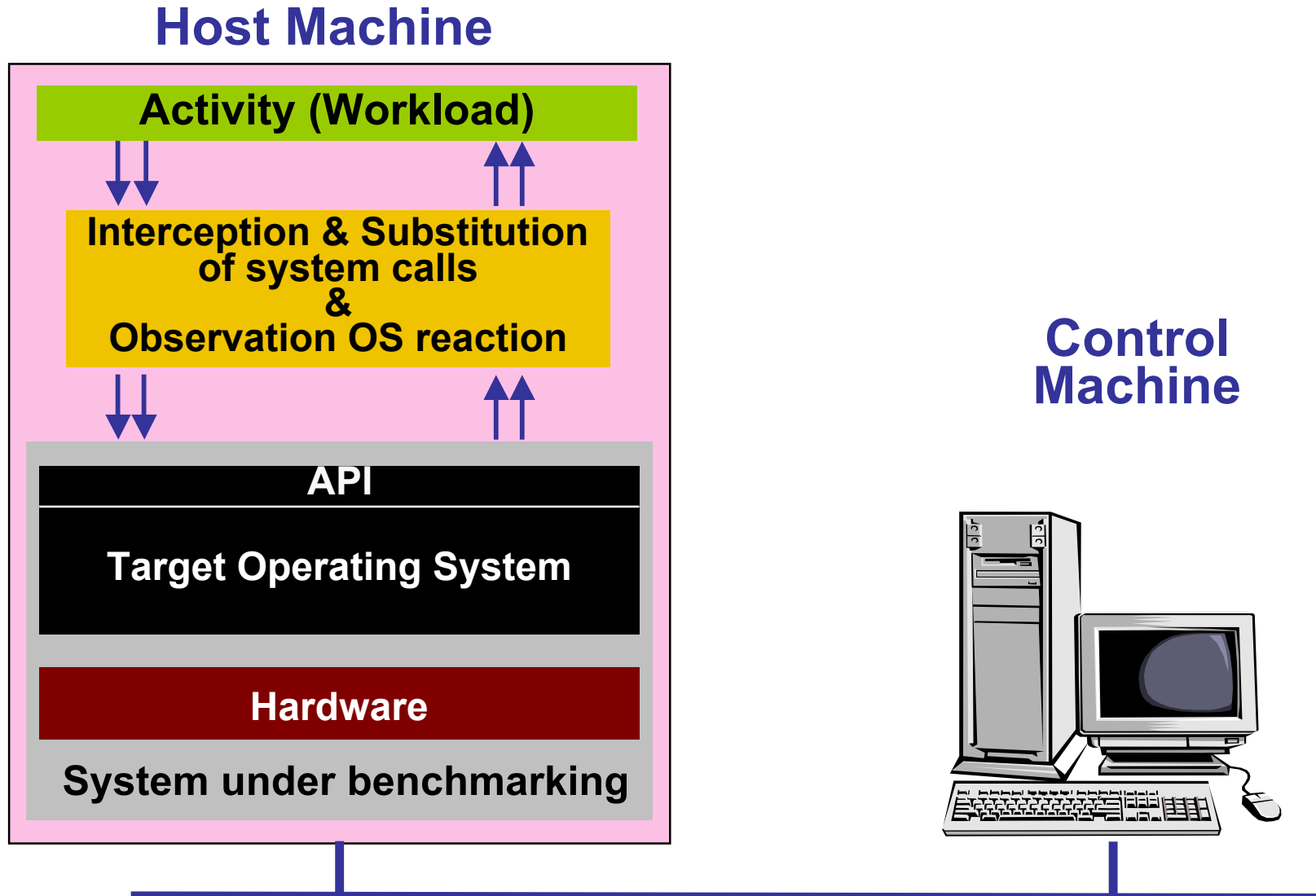


Dependability Benchmarks with PostMark WL

	# system calls	# experiments
Windows NT 4	25	418
Windows 2000	25 + 1 + 1	433
Windows XP	25 + 1	424
Windows NT 4 Server	25	418
Windows 2000 Server	25 + 1 + 1	433
Windows 2003 Server	25 + 1 + 1	433

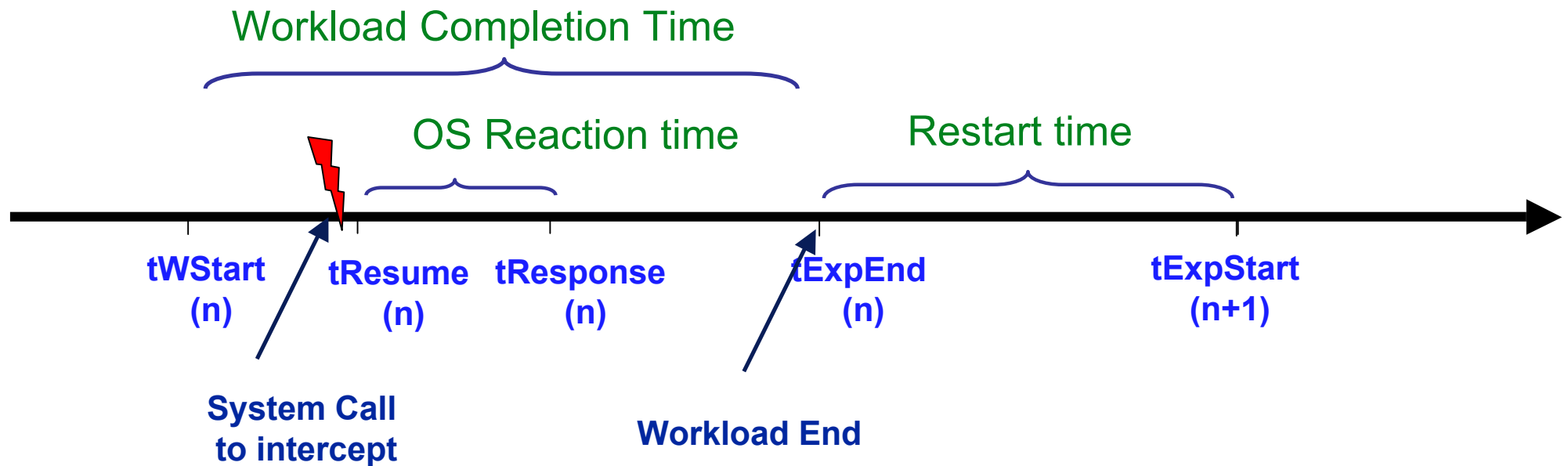
Linux 2.2.26	15 + 1	206
Linux 2.4.5	15 + 1	206
Linux 2.4.26	15 + 1	206
Linux 2.6.6	15 + 2	228

Experimental set-up



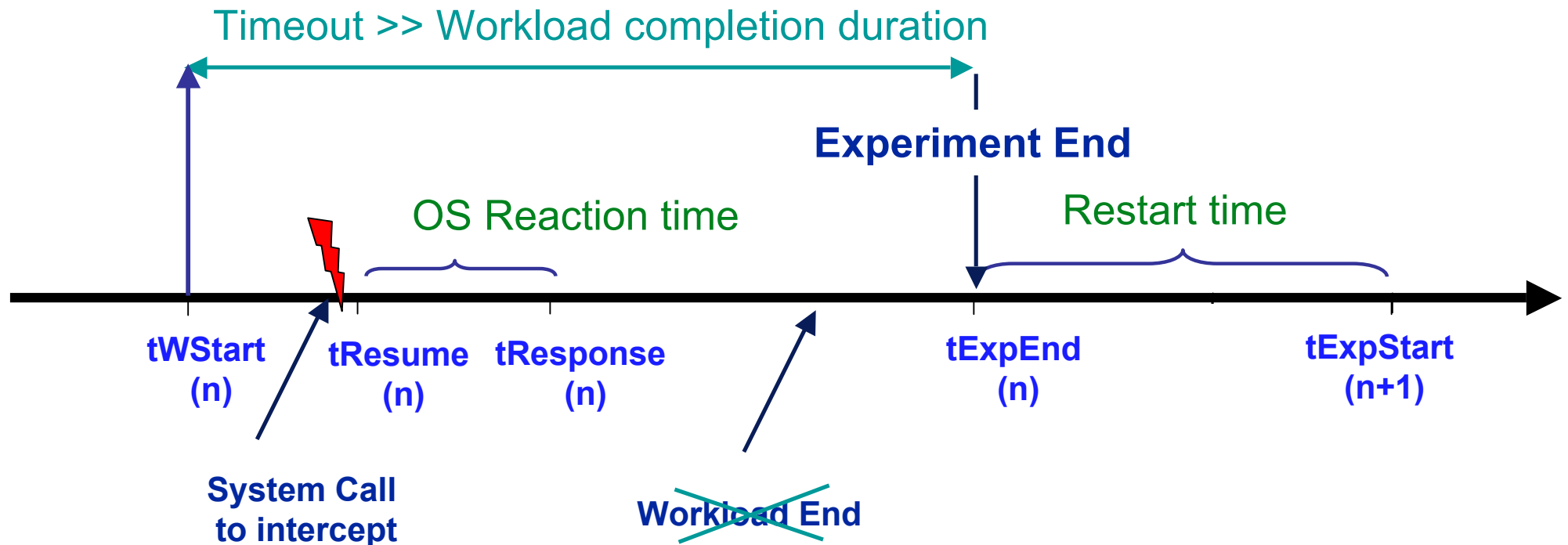
Measurements

Experiments with Workload completion



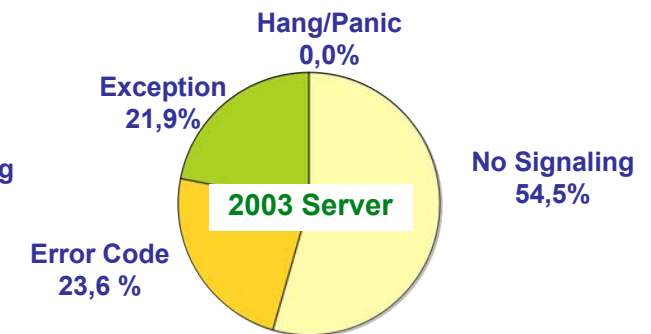
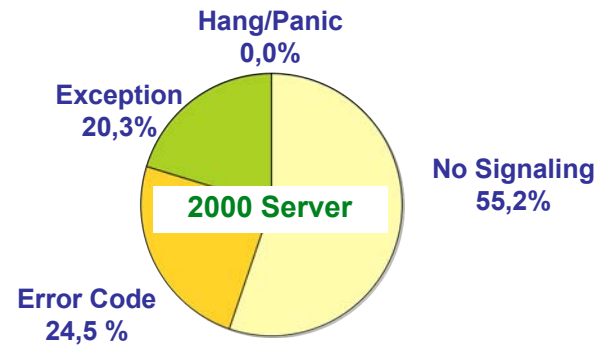
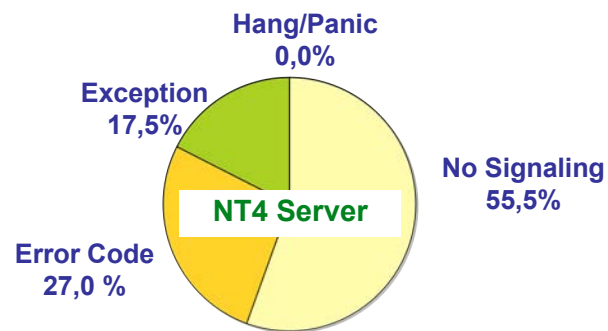
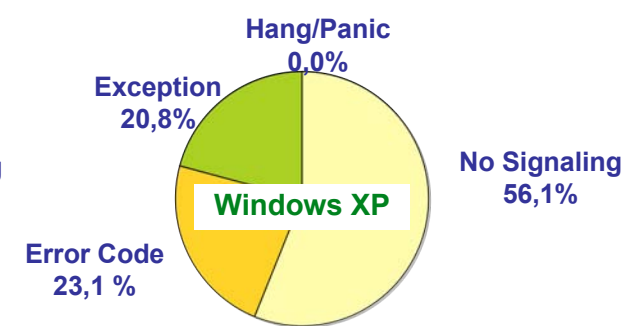
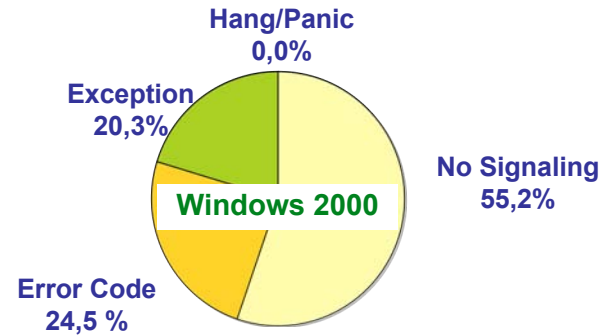
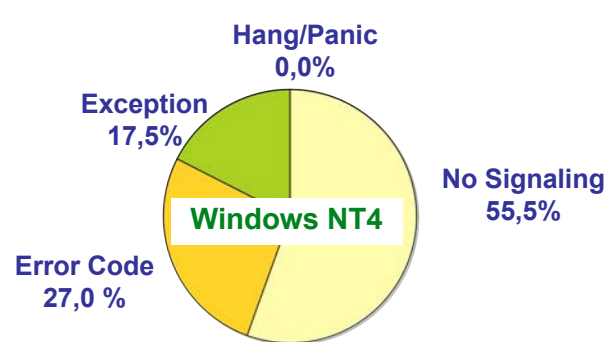
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Experiments with **out** Workload completion

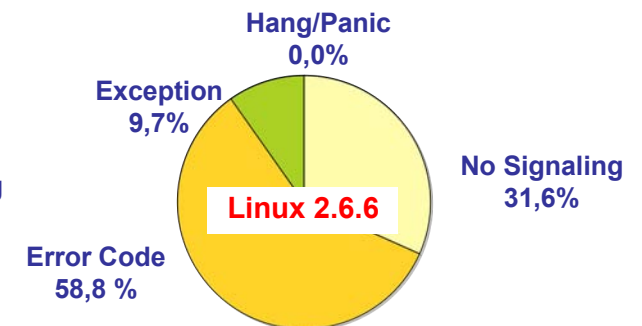
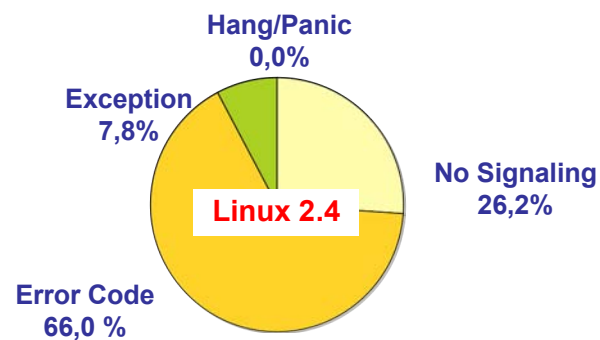
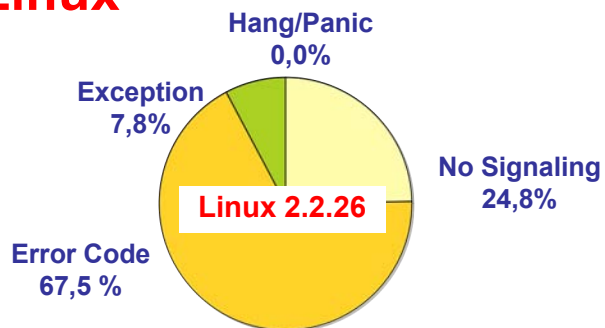


Robustness (WL = PostMark)

Windows

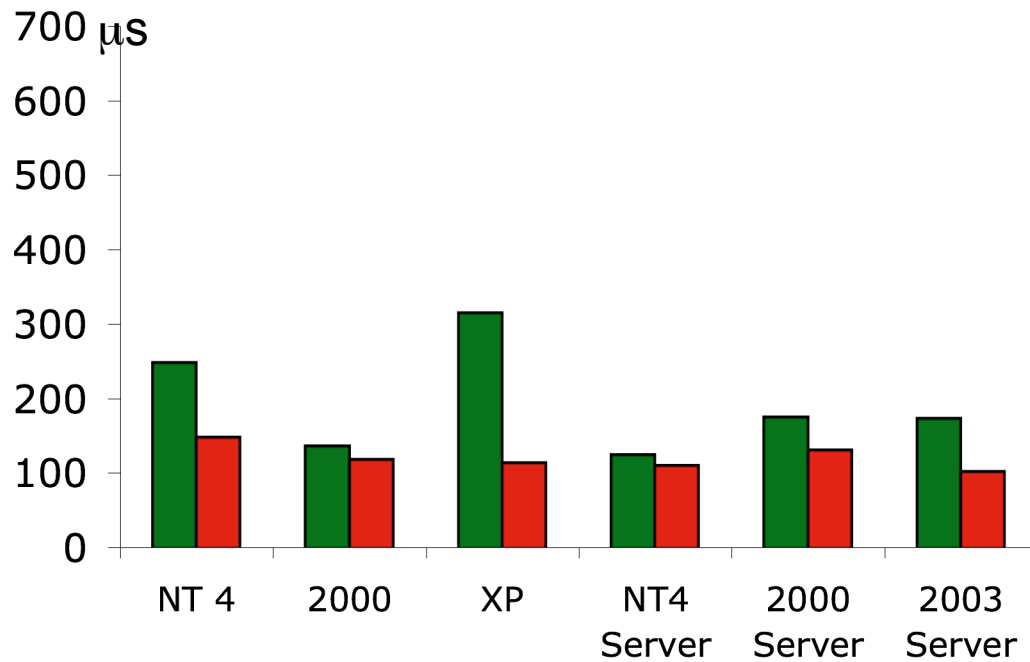


Linux

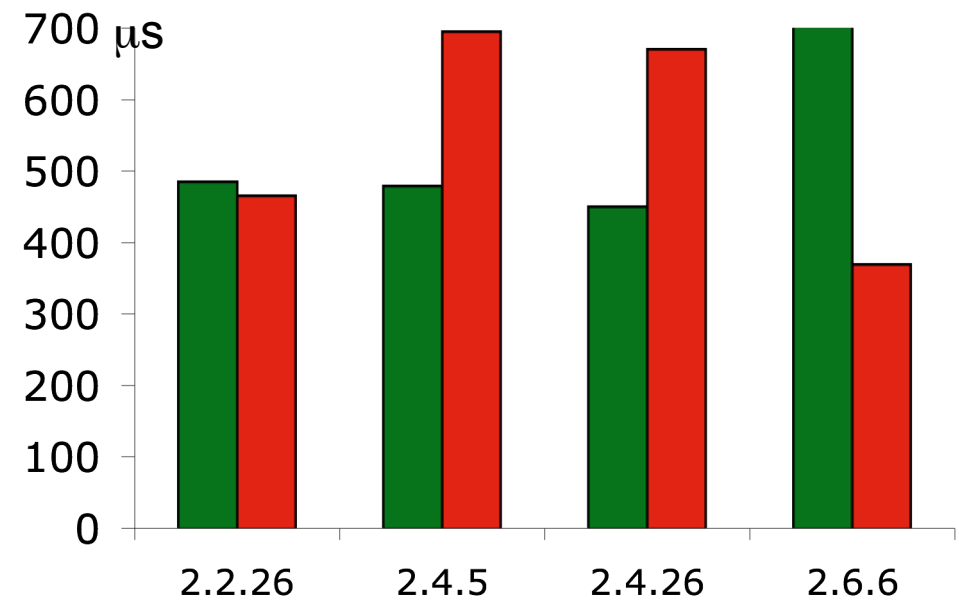


OS Reaction Time (WL = PostMark)

Windows



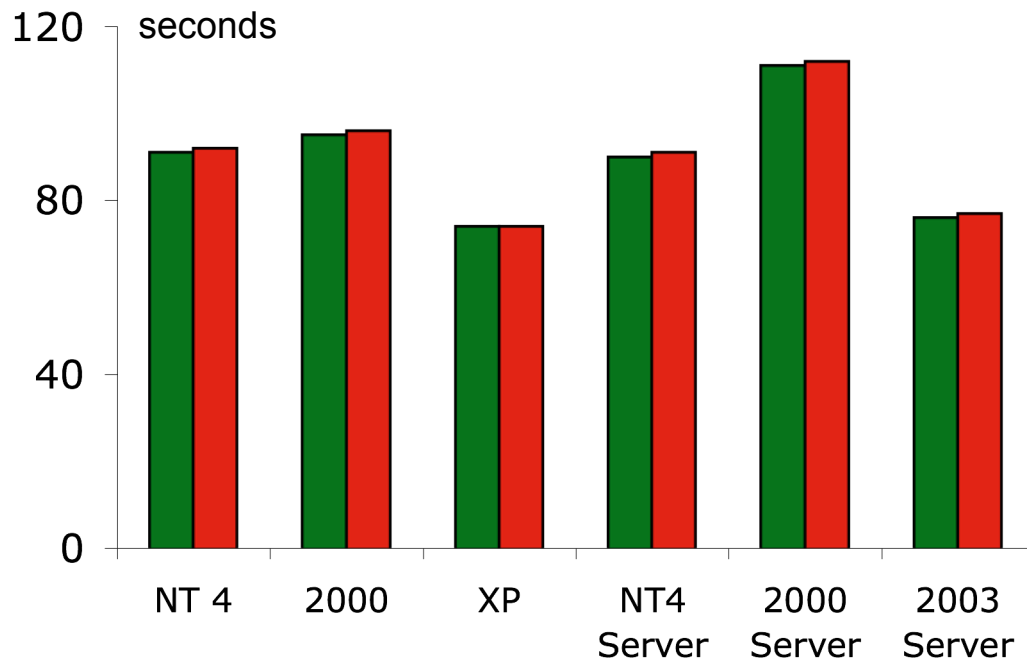
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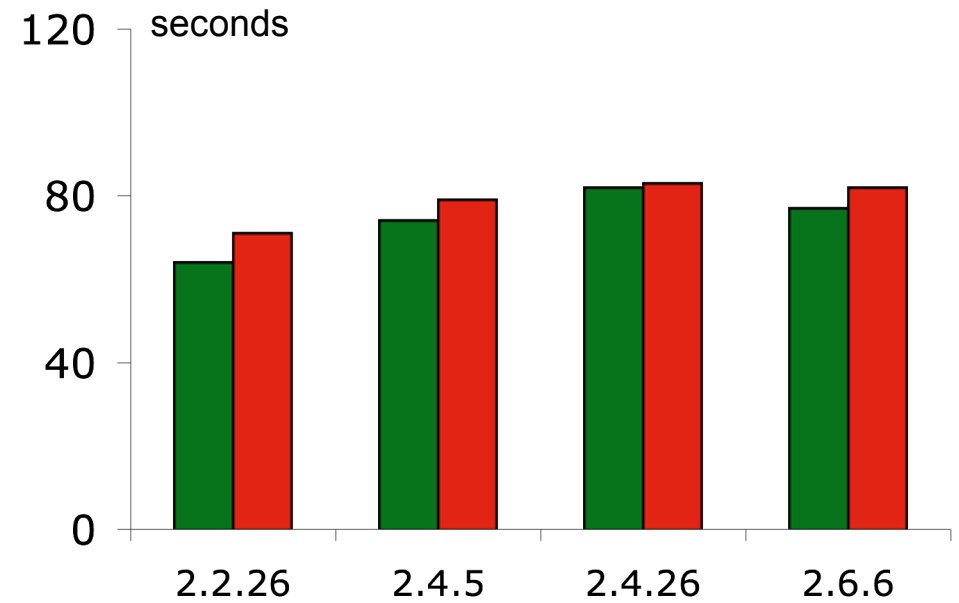
- In the presence of faults
- Without parameter corruption

Restart Time (WL = PostMark)

Windows



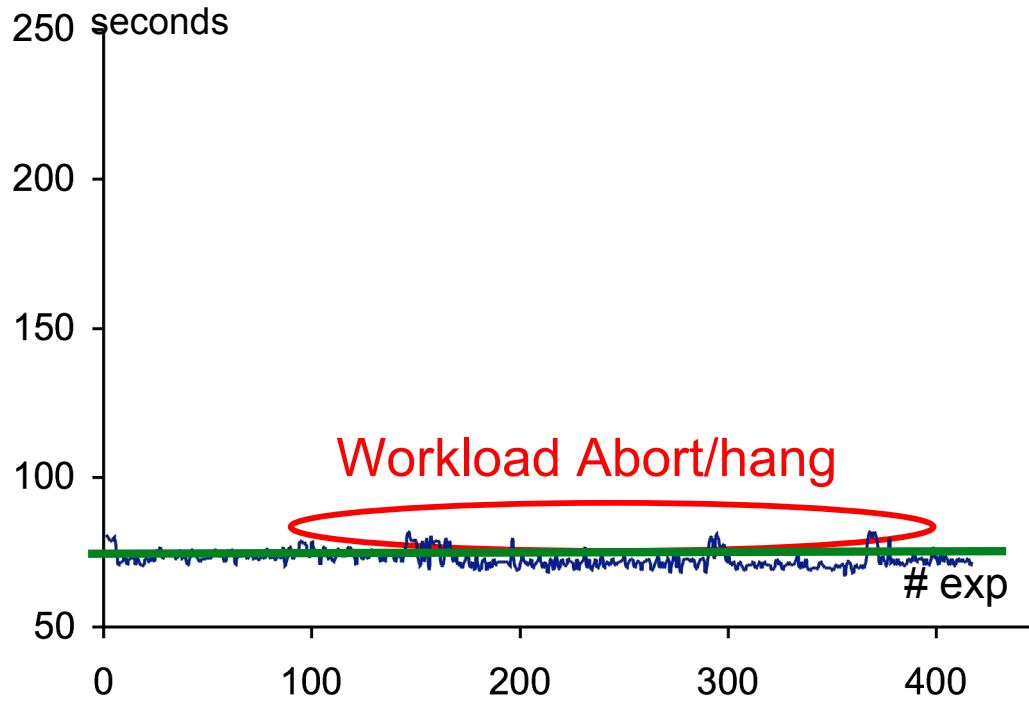
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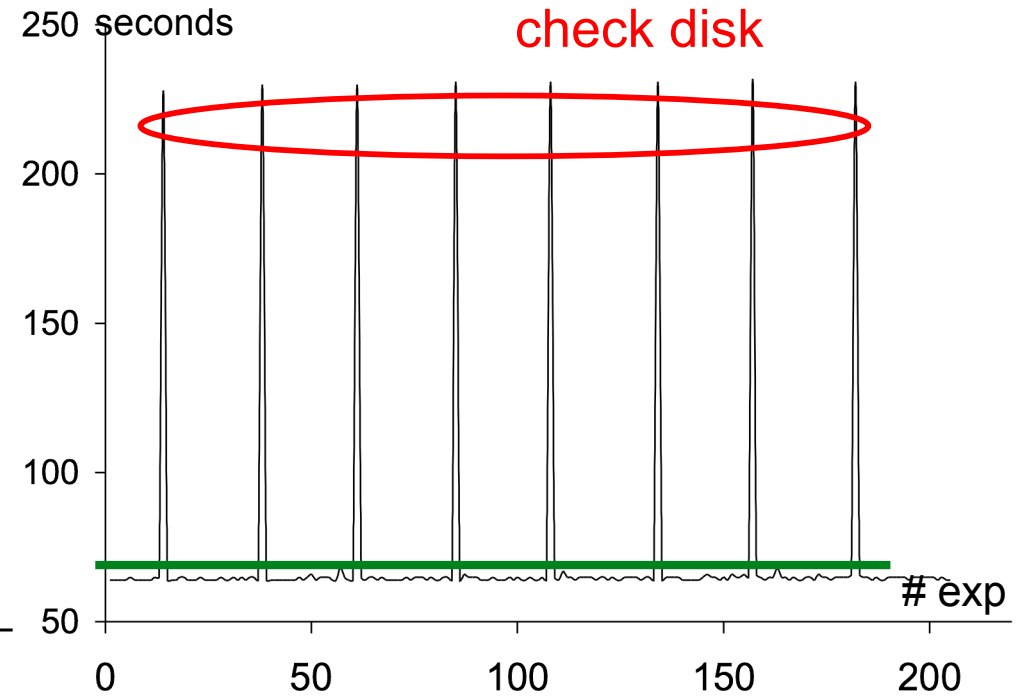
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Restart Time (WL = PostMark)

Windows XP



Linux 2.2.26



Validation of properties

➤ Reproducibility

- ✓ By construction
- ✓ Set of faults
 - System Calls to be corrupted
 - Substitution values

➤ Repeatability

- ✓ Each benchmark has been executed three times
 - Same robustness
 - Variation of the reaction time (< 4% for TPC-C client)
 - Variation of the restart time (< 3% for TPC-C client)

Validation - Sensitivity Analyses wrt Faultload

	Parameter corruption type			# experiments	
	Incorrect Data	Incorrect Address	Out-of-range Data	Windows NT4	Linux
Faultload 0	x	x	x	418	206
Faultload 1		x	x	331	135
Faultload 2			x	77	55

- Equivalence of versions of the same family
- Same comparison results between the two families

Additional analysis: incorrect data = out-of-range data in the context

Validation - Cost/effort

➤ Benchmark implementation duration

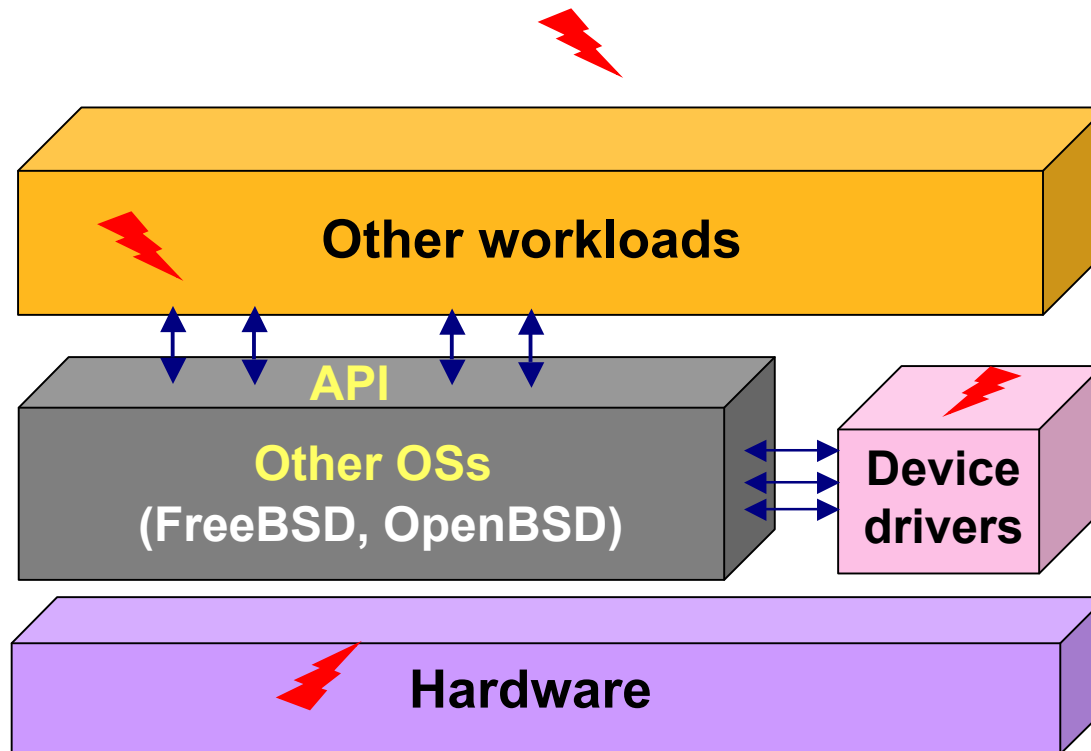
For each OS family

- ✓ Implementation of the workload: 1 - 3 days
- ✓ Controller, parameter corruption and observation: 2 weeks
- ✓ Definition and implementation of fault set: 1 week

➤ Experiment duration

	Windows	Linux
TPC-C client	2 days	1 day
Postmark	2 days	1 day
JVM	4 days	2 days

Other Benchmarks



Dependability Benchmarking FOR Computer Systems

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