

# Appendix A

## Simulation Infrastructure

This chapter presents the integrated tool flow, simulation environment, and fault injection setup that are developed in this work. The reliability analysis and evaluations of the individual techniques compared to state-of-the-art approaches are already discussed in the previous chapters, i.e., Chaps. 4, 5, and 6. The complete overview of the developed tool chain and infrastructure is shown in Fig. A.1.

Based on a processor description (e.g., of LEON3) in the form of VHDL files and a technology library containing different gates, the processor is synthesized using the *Synopsys Design Compiler* in order to obtain the netlist and a set of critical paths. This data is then used to estimate the area and fault probabilities of different processor components, and the aging of the critical paths. Additionally, logic simulations using *ModelSim* are performed executing different applications on the synthesized processor for extracting their respective activity and signal probabilities. The information about the area and fault probabilities of different processor components, which is obtained after the processor synthesis, is used to estimate the program reliability. In the *reliability-aware manycore simulator*, the run-time aging estimation results are finally used jointly with the design time process variations (that are input into the infrastructure as variation maps) to account for varying performance characteristics of different cores. The simulation environment is based on an Instruction Set Architecture (ISA)-simulator for LEON3 cores generated using the ArchC tool chain [119]. For reliability analysis and estimation, different applications are simulated and the required data for devising the models and for parameter estimation is obtained. Furthermore, the simulator is equipped with a configurable fault generator, fault injector, and error logging modules for characterizing the impacts of the reliability threats on different applications. Different benchmark applications from the MiBench benchmark suite [111] are used for evaluation, which form the input to the reliability-driven compilation setup that generates versions with different reliability and performance characteristics by employing different techniques. In the following, the individual parts and tools of the infrastructure are discussed.

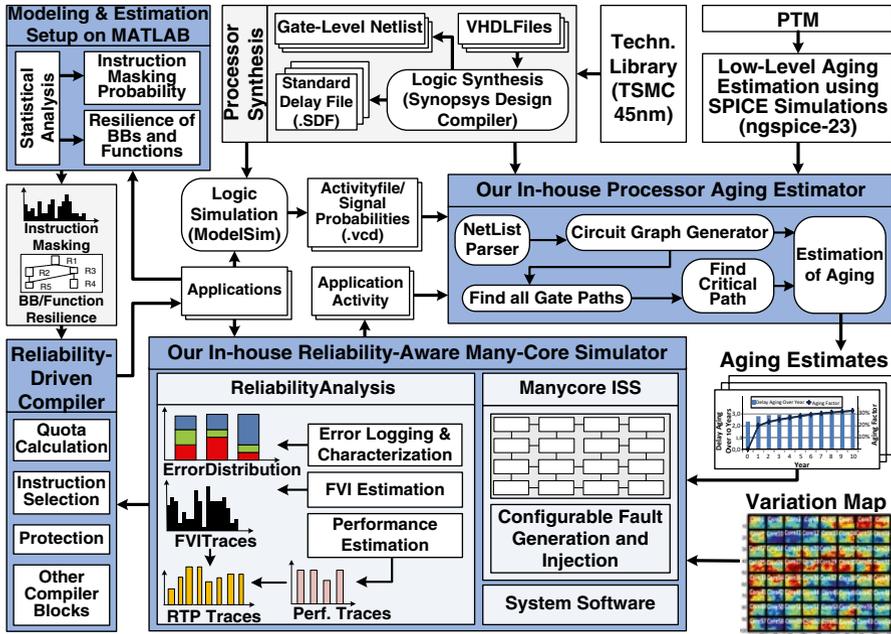


Fig. A.1 Tool flow for processor synthesis, processor aging estimation, and reliability simulation and evaluation for manycore processors

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## A.1: Reliability-Aware Manycore Instruction Set Simulator and Fault Injection

The reliability-aware Instruction Set Simulator (ISS) is based on the ArchC architecture description language and related tools [119] (described in Sect. A.2). It simulates a *SPARC* v8 pipelined architecture with 16 kB of ECC-protected instruction and data caches; see area details in Table 7.1 and processor layout in Fig. 3.3. The simulation environment is extended with a configurable fault generation and injection module that injects faults in different processor components during the application execution; see different input parameters in Table A.1.

The fault rate (in #faults/MCycles) is obtained using the neutron flux calculator [126] and city coordinates which determine the geographical location and altitude where the device will be used. Considering various locations, we obtained three different fault rates in our experiments (1, 5, 10 faults/MCycles) to cover a wide range of cases (terrestrial to aerial), which conforms to the test conditions opted by

**Table A.1** Different parameter for fault scenario generation

Parameter	Description	Properties/values
<i>Distribution</i>	Distribution models for fault generation	Random, uniform
<i>Bit flips</i>	Min/Max number of bits flipped	1/1, 1/2, 1/3, ...
<i>Fault probability</i>	Probability that strike becomes a fault	Output of Sect. 4.1.3
<i>Fault location</i>	List of target processor components	Register file, PC, IW, IM, DM, etc.
<i>Processor layout/area</i>	Size of the complete target device	in mm <sup>2</sup> (Output of Sect. 7.1.1)
<i>Component area</i>	Area of different processor components given as percentage of processor area	0–100 %
<i>Place and altitude</i>	City and altitude at which the device is used to determine the flux rate	Karlsruhe, Germany; 1–20 km
<i>Frequency</i>	Operating frequency of the processor	100–500 MHz

prominent related work [77, 80] and as such eases comparison. The errors are observed at the application software layer and are classified in different error categories. Numerous fault injection campaigns were performed with different configurations like flux rate, operating frequency, fault models (single or multiple bit flips), and distribution models; see fault injection parameters in Table A.1. The complete methodology of the reliability-aware simulation and analysis is done in two major steps: (1) fault generation and injection during simulation and (2) error analysis and estimation.

## A.2: ArchC Architecture Description Language

ArchC [119] is an Architecture Description Language (ADL) which is based on SystemC and is used to define processor architectures following the C++/SystemC syntax style. ArchC facilitates the designers to model new architectures and also to experiment with existing ones. Furthermore, the architecture can be described on various abstraction levels (e.g., functional or cycle-accurate description of an architecture) and afterwards the generation of software tools (e.g., simulators, assemblers, and linkers) can be performed automatically. For various architectures, the ArchC descriptions are available in [127], for instance, MIPS, Intel 8051, and *SPARC v8* (which is adopted for evaluation in this research and described in the following), that can be used to generate functional simulators. Furthermore, ArchC offers a co-verification mechanism that enables checking the consistency of a refined model against a reference model.

For the simulator generation two basic input descriptions are required:

- *Architecture Resources (AC\_ARCH)*: the information regarding the resources, e.g., pipeline structure and memory hierarchy needs to be defined (see *sparcv8.ac* for the *SPARC v8* architecture).

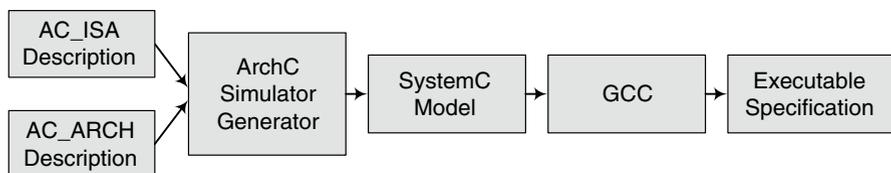
- *Instruction Set Architecture (AC\_ISA)*: details about every instruction such as the format, opcode, and behavior need to be described (see *sparcv8\_isa.ac* for the instruction declarations).

These descriptions serve as an input to the *ArchC Simulator Generator (acsim)*, which outputs the C++ classes and SystemC modules required to build the simulator. Additionally, the ArchC Simulator Generator uses a decoder generator and a preprocessor for lexical analysis and parsing of the language, which extracts information from the description files. The following files are created; only the important ones for a *SPARC v8* architecture are listed below.

- *main.cpp*: this file provides the facility to instantiate the model and several features can be set here. It can be extended for the usage of additional SystemC modules.
- *sparcv8.cpp*: the processor module is implemented in this file. Amongst others, it contains a loop in which the decoding and the appropriate instruction behavior are called.
- *sparcv8\_isa.cpp*: the behavior description for all instructions of the *SPARC v8* architecture is presented here. This file is created as a template and the behavior method for every instruction is placed inside by the designer. The description of an instruction behavior comprises of a general instruction behavior, which is common for all instructions, a format behavior, which is common for all instructions that have the same instruction format, and a specific instruction behavior for each individual instruction.

Figure A.2 shows the complete flow for the ArchC simulator generation. A GCC compiler is used to compile (i.e., by running “*make -f Makefile.archc*”) the created model or to extend the existing ones and produces an executable specification of the target architecture. The generated simulator executes instruction decoding (that can be speeded up using a cache for decoded instructions), scheduling and behavior dynamically. Moreover, it supports operating system (OS) call emulation so that it is possible to simulate applications which contain I/O operations.

This step outputs a file *sparcv8.x* which is used for an application simulation that has been compiled using the automatically generated tools. Further detailed descriptions of ArchC and the related tools can be found in [119] and [128].



**Fig. A.2** ArchC simulator generation [128]

### A.3: Reliability-Aware Simulation and Analysis Methodology

Figure A.3 shows an overview of the developed simulation and analysis methodology for evaluating different software program reliability techniques. It works in two main phases that operate in an automated flow.

**Fault Injection and Simulation Phase:** The fault injection technique integrated in the instruction set simulator (ISS) is equipped with a configurable fault generation engine (described below in detail). The fault generator generates different fault scenarios considering different fault models (e.g., number of bit flips and distribution), fault rates, and faults in different architectural components (e.g., register file, Program Counter (PC), Instruction Word (IW)). Processor-specific details (chip footprint, component area, number of registers, etc.) and fault model configurations are passed as input (Table A.1).

The number of injected faults per component is determined by the component area (obtained after RTL synthesis) to incorporate spatial vulnerability. For example, fewer faults are injected in the PC compared to the ALU/Multiplier. The fault modeling procedure at the ISS level is illustrated in Fig. A.4. For example, a fault in the instruction decoder or in the IW is modeled as corrupting one/multiple fields of the IW in the ISS that results in a wrong opcode or wrong operand. The faults are injected during the application execution. If a fault is injected into the multiplier while an *add* instruction is being executed, it will have no effect on the application output. Note that the modeling procedure and fault injection are generic and independent of a particular architecture implementation. In case of a protected component, the correct state is resumed immediately after the fault injection. In the following, the fault generation and fault injection steps are explained in more detail.

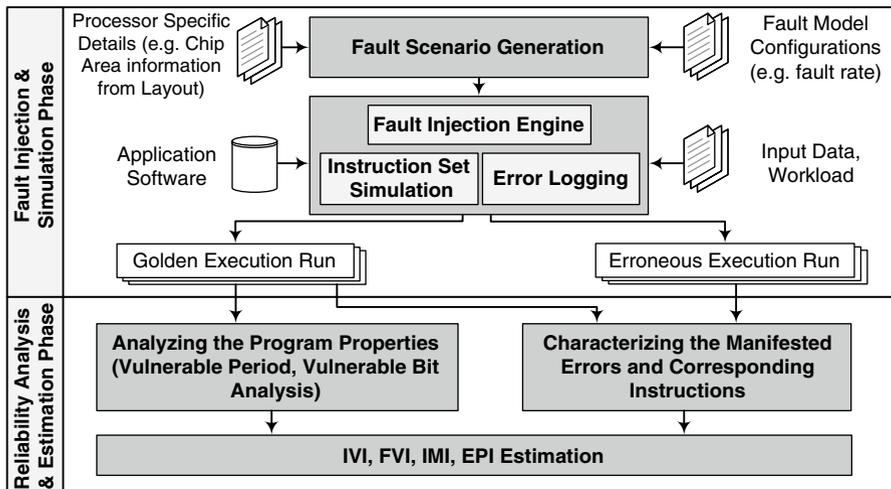


Fig. A.3 Flow of the reliability-aware simulation and analysis

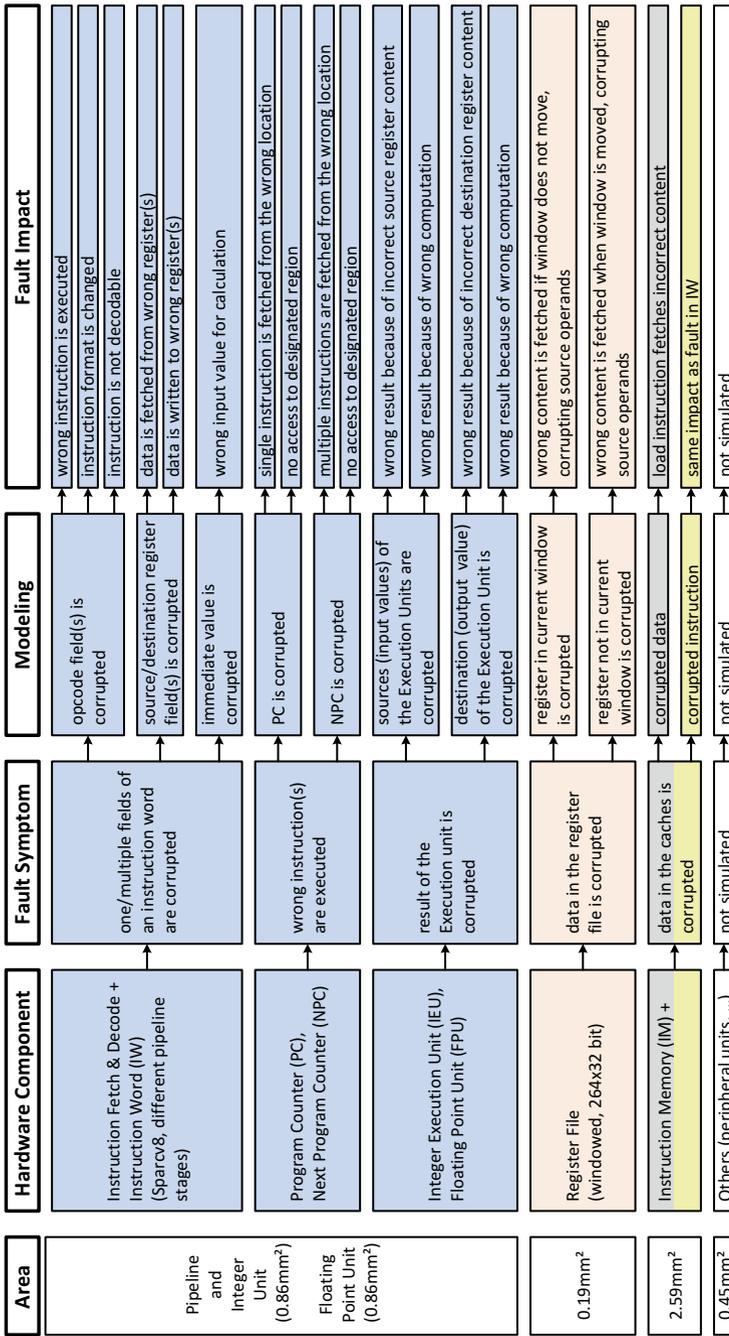


Fig. A.4 Modeling hardware-level faults in different processor components at the ISS-level (an example for the case of SPARC v8 architecture)

[Cycle]:	[Duration]:	[Type]:	[Location]:	[Vector]:	[Address]:
<b>Cycle:</b>	In which cycle the fault should be injected				
<b>Duration:</b>	How long the fault should stay				
<b>Type:</b>	Type of fault (e.g. transient fault, stuck-at fault, etc.)				
<b>Location:</b>	In which component the fault should be injected				
<b>Vector:</b>	# of bits and their positions for bit flips				
<b>Address:</b>	sub-address of fault location (e.g. register number in case of the register file)				

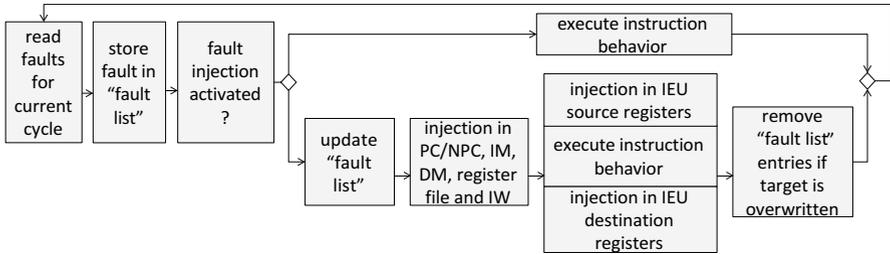
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Fig. A.5 Format and an excerpt of a fault file

**Configurable Fault Generation Engine:** This component generates a set of *fault files*, that contain the information about the faults to be injected later (see Fig. A.5 for an excerpt) providing details on *when* (i.e., in which cycle) and *where* (i.e., in which processor component) a fault is to be injected. The fault generation module works independent from the fault injection module. The reasons for this are: (1) to reuse the same fault scenarios for different applications for comparison and for reproducibility of the results and (2) to extend (if required) the fault generation module with additional parameters. Depending upon the input test conditions (e.g., number of bit flips and fault rates), the input parameters are configured.

Once the Fault Generation Engine finishes its execution, it outputs a *fault file* which comprises of two parts: (1) a header, which summarizes the information regarding the configuration settings for the fault file generation module and (2) the content, which shows the detailed information regarding the faults, where each line has the cycle information, i.e., the start cycle of a fault. The fault injection related entries are divided into blocks of five comma-separated fields. Each block represents one fault with its duration, type of fault, the fault location (i.e., the component in which the fault should be injected), a fault vector which specifies the number and the exact position of the bits where the faults are injected, and a specific address within a fault location (e.g., memory/register address) where the faults are injected. Figure A.5 shows the content section of the *fault file*. Numerous fault files are generated representing different scenarios and configuration settings using a script. For every script execution a separate directory is created which contains a set of fault files. These fault files are finally given as an input to the fault injection engine that injects faults during the program execution.

**Fault Injection Engine:** The step-by-step operational flow of the fault injection engine is shown in Fig. A.6. The compiled application versions are executed on an Instruction-Set Simulator which is enhanced with the capability to trace the application execution. During the simulation of the application, the fault scenarios are applied using a fault injector and the errors triggered are logged. For fairness of comparison and reproducibility, the same fault scenarios are used for the evaluation of all applications and their versions. The results of the fault injection experiments are obtained later by analyzing the effects of hardware level faults on the application software program level for each individual simulation. Afterwards, the program output errors are categorized and the reliability for the different application versions is computed using different reliability metrics. The following steps are taken:



**Fig. A.6** Flow of the fault simulation process

1. The faults for the current cycle are read from the fault file and are stored in a *fault list* which contains all faults that are currently injected.
2. If the fault injection is activated (a functionality implemented to be able to inject faults only in specific functions/parts of a program), the *fault list* is updated and bit flips are injected in the respective components.
3. Afterwards the current instruction is executed.
4. Then, the *fault list* is inspected for entries whose target is overwritten. Those entries are removed from the *fault list*.
5. If the fault injection is deactivated, only the instruction is executed.

Note that the fault injection does not introduce any unwanted side effects like changing performance counters. The application program is additionally simulated without fault injection to obtain a “golden run” (i.e., correct execution). It is later used for comparison with the “erroneous run” to identify the potential errors in the program output.

**Error Analysis and Reliability Estimation:** An error analysis is performed for application reliability analysis while considering the application properties (e.g., histograms of the executed instructions). The error characterization and the properties of an application are used to obtain reliability metrics at different levels of granularity (i.e., the instruction and function/task level), which are used to quantify the susceptibility of an application program towards Application Failures.

Different scripts are used to automatically analyze the results of the application simulations that output a set of files, i.e., application output, a log file containing a trace of all executed instructions and summary file containing the execution time of the application and potential warning/error messages. Afterwards, the set of files obtained from the fault injection simulation of an application are compared to the set of files obtained after the fault-free simulation, i.e., the “golden run” output and the results are grouped into different categories. The category Correct Output is assigned in case the application terminates successfully and the output matches with that of the “golden run.” In case the faulty and fault-free application simulations produce different or no output, a more detailed error analysis is presented in Sect. 3.2. In case of an Application Failure, an abnormal termination has to be detected. Furthermore, an error or a warning message can be seen inside the summary file. However, the log file is required to be analyzed for some special subcategories of

Application Failures, e.g., in order to identify the reason for a Segmentation Fault, the last executed instruction is required to be identified that is responsible for this type of Application Failure. In case the application is not terminated in an abnormal way, the output files have to be inspected in detail. In case the comparison shows incorrect data in the output, the category Incorrect Output is labeled.

The same procedure is repeated to generate all the simulation results and their outcome, i.e., the error distribution categories, which are produced on the basis of the created fault files with the same configuration settings and are stored in a comma-separated list. This format makes it easier to use the data for plotting the results in a graphical representation. The error characterization distribution shows the impacts that are caused by the injected faults. However, the reason for a certain application behavior (i.e., erroneous/error-free category) cannot be explained with this; therefore, a thorough analysis of the application source code and the log file is required in order to explain the reasons for a certain error category. The log file produced after the golden run is inspected to obtain the application characteristics, i.e., instruction profile, which is computed by counting the number of times each instruction type is executed. For completeness, the instructions are categorized: *call/branch/jump*, *sethi/nop*, *load*, *store*, and *logic and arithmetic* instructions. Furthermore, an average instruction profile over all executions can also be generated for a certain function. This information can be used to decide if an application is more data dominant or more control-flow dominant, and also provides an insight about the usages of the hardware components (e.g., multiplier, ALU). Additionally the value of the susceptible time for each register is calculated, which is the sum of the times between a register write and the respective last read access.

#### **Performance Evaluation of the Developed Reliability Analysis Methodology:**

The reliability analysis methodology and fault injection experiments were performed using a 24-core (2.4 GHz) Opteron processor 8431 with 64 GB memory. The average performance of our fault injection and simulation is  $72 \times 10^3$  SIPS (simulated instructions per second) with extensive error logging (40 MB/MCycles). The performance of the SymPLFIED [98] program-level fault injection approach is 15.2 SIPS. It shows that the proposed reliability analysis methodology offers significant performance improvement (>4K times) compared to the state-of-the-art approach, i.e., SymPLFIED, which is primarily due to the extensive model computation in SymPLFIED.

Figure A.7 illustrates the comparison of the reliability estimation accuracy of the proposed methodology and tool flow with SymPLFIED [98]. This comparison illustrates the benefits of bridging the gap between the hardware and the software to obtain accurate reliability analysis. It can be observed that in case of SymPLFIED, the number of application software *crashes due to wrong access to Instruction Memory* increases significantly. This is because of an increased number of faults that were injected in the PC. The main reason is the ignorance of the processor layout with several architecture-specific features in SymPLFIED's machine model. Therefore, the percentage of fault in the PC increases from 0.1 to 7.1 %, which leads to an average 27 % overestimation of Application Failures. The comparison analysis in Fig. A.7 demonstrates that when using the SymPLFIED technique, the

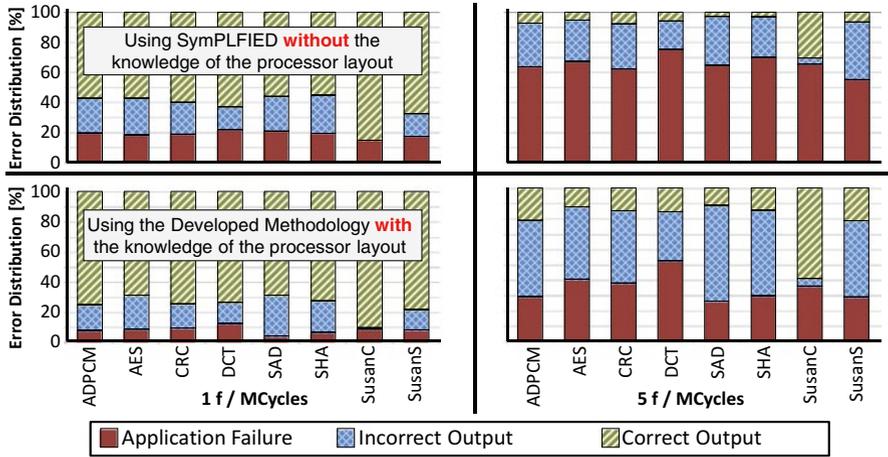


Fig. A.7 Detailed error characterization in different applications using our methodology and SymPLFIED [98]

probabilities for Application Failures and Incorrect Outputs are overestimated, which lead to an inaccurate FVI estimation. *It thereby demonstrates the improved accuracy of the proposed reliability analysis methodology and tool flow.*

**Reliability-Driven Compilation:** In order to compile the applications and their different versions, the GNU Compiler Collection (GCC) [129] is used. In this work, GCC is used due to its compatibility with the ArchC tool chain. In GCC several optimization options exist ranging from “O0,” which enables a fast compilation and expected debugging results, to “O3,” where many optimizations are activated that target performance improvement but lead to a longer compilation time. Besides that, the optimization option “Os” targets a reduction of the code size. Consequently, it is possible to create different application versions using the basic optimization options of GCC, whose impact on the software reliability can be analyzed using the presented analysis models and tools. The compiler-level reliability optimizing techniques are implemented at the source-code or assembly level or using the CDFG. The reliability analysis and estimation are done on CDFG or assembly code. In the following, potential ways for automatic application inside the integrated compiler flow are discussed.

Besides the standard optimization options for the *Reliability-Driven Software Transformations*, several additional, already existing compiler optimization passes can be used to analyze their impacts on the reliability of an application. Different application and function versions can be generated by activating/deactivating certain (optimization) options of the compiler. In GCC this can be done by either using “-f{optionName}” for activation or “-fno-{optionName}” for deactivation of an option. For example, the loop unrolling can be turned off using “-fno-unroll-loops.” Additionally, several compiler constants/parameters can be changed using “-param name=value,” e.g., by setting “max-unroll-times” to a certain value the

maximum amount of unrolling of a single loop can be defined [129]. Consequently, taking the example of the Reliability-Driven Loop Unrolling, the different versions that are used for the fault injection analysis can either be (1) generated automatically using GCC (using the above mentioned options and parameters) or can be (2) implemented in a high-level language at the source-code level.

To enable the *Selective Instruction Protection* and *Reliability-Driven Instruction Scheduling*, two alternatives can be selected: (1) After the compilation stage is finished or in case the high-level language source code is not available, the assembly code can be used as an input for, e.g., duplicating certain instructions, changing register allocations, and adding check instructions based on the instruction vulnerabilities. Afterwards, the modified assembly code can be assembled and linked. (2) The compiler can be enhanced by adding an additional optimization pass with additional input data, e.g., the instruction vulnerabilities. As an alternative, the vulnerability model at the required granularity can also be integrated in the compiler, e.g., using information on instruction dependencies and register allocation, as a static vulnerability estimation at compile time. Taking the example of the Reliability-Driven Instruction Scheduling, the basic block separations and the corresponding branch probabilities available in GCC can be taken advantage of.

# Appendix B

## Function-Level Resilience Modeling

In this appendix, a function-level resilience modeling technique is presented that was developed in the scope of this manuscript. The proposed resilience model quantifies the resilience of a given application function against the hardware-induced errors. This model can be used for characterizing the reliability importance of different functions and employing function-level reliability optimization techniques.

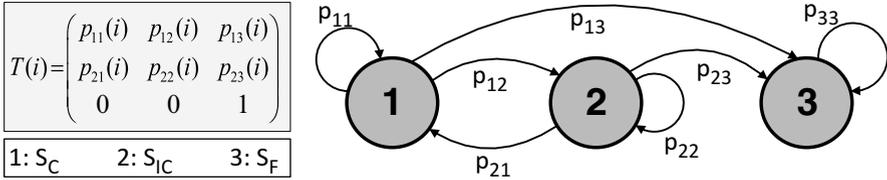
### B.1: Definition

The *resilience* of an application function is defined as the probabilistic measure of functional correctness (output quality) in the presence of faults.

### B.2: Modeling Function Resilience

Modeling resilience requires error probabilities for basic blocks outputs. There are two possible error types: Incorrect Output and Application Failure. Therefore, output of each instruction in a given basic block can be modeled as a Markov Chain with three states:  $S_C$ ,  $S_{IC}$ , and  $S_F$  denoting Correct Output, Incorrect Output, and Application Failure states, respectively (see Fig. B.1). Considering that the execution of a program is a stochastic process, we adopt the Markov Chain technique for output modeling as it provides a fair tradeoff between the model complexity and accuracy when compared to exhaustive Monte-Carlo Simulations, Fault-Tree Analysis, and Principal Component Analysis based reliability models.

Assuming that each state is dependent upon the previous instructions' output and the error state can only be observed at the end or at the time of Application Failure, the execution path can be modeled as a Hidden Markov Chain, with the above-discussed



**Fig. B.1** Markov Chain for instruction output with state transition probabilities

three states as hidden states and the observation state as “application failed” or “not-failed.” The parameters of this model are the state transition probabilities as given in the matrix  $T$  and shown in Fig. B.1. These probabilities depend upon the executed instructions. Note, the Markov Chain is non-homogeneous as the transition probabilities change depending upon an instruction  $I_{ijk}$ .

After these probabilities are estimated (see parameter estimation later in this section), we can then compute the final state probability for a given basic block  $B_{ij}$  using Eq. A.1, where  $\xi$  is the final state probability vector containing the probability of three states:  $p_C$ ,  $p_{IC}$ , and  $p_F$ .

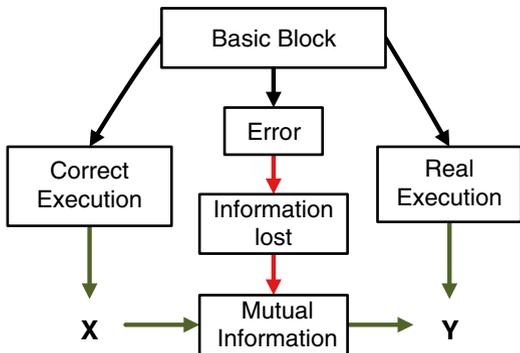
$$\xi(B_{ij}) = [p_C \quad p_{IC} \quad p_F]_{B_{ij}} = \xi(B_{ij-1}) \times \prod_{x \in I_{ij}} T(x) \quad (\text{A.1})$$

Following the information theory concepts, *the resilience of a function is modeled as the normalized mutual information between the required correct result (from a golden execution  $X$ ) and the result at the end of a function execution* (from a potentially faulty execution under a given fault rate), i.e., amount of useful function output. Mutual information is a measure of the amount of correct/useful information that can be inferred from the true result of the function/basic block (Fig. B.2 explains this concept). A large value of mutual information illustrates that more information about the correct output can be inferred, i.e., high resilience.

The mutual information between an always correct execution  $X$  and a real execution  $Y$  that may have some errors is represented as  $I(X;Y) = H(X) - H(X|Y)$ . The function  $H(X)$  is the information obtained from the correct execution, which is 1 since the correct execution contains all the information possible. The conditional entropy is the information lost  $H(X|Y)$  out of  $H(X)$  which is the correct information. These concepts are used to quantify the resilience of a basic block  $B_{ij}$  which can be computed as  $R(B_{ij}) = 1 - H(X|Y)/H(X)$ , where  $H(X)$  is the information about the correct execution, i.e.,  $H(X) = b_{\text{Live}}$ , where  $b_{\text{Live}}$  denotes the bits of live output registers of  $B_{ij}$ .

The conditional entropy  $H(X|Y)$  is now the information lost in  $B_{ij}$  and given as Eq. A.2, where  $p_C(x)$  represents the probability of correct value being  $x$ ; and  $p_{\{IC,F\}}(x, y)$  is the conditional probability of faulty output being Incorrect Output or Application Failure.

**Fig. B.2** Flow for estimating the mutual information for function resilience



$$\begin{aligned}
 R(B_{ij}) &= 1 - H(X|Y) / H(X); \quad H(X) = b_{\text{Live}} \\
 H(X|Y) &= \sum_{x \in X, y \in Y} p_{[\text{IC}, \text{F}]}(x, y) \times \log_2(p_C(x) / p_{[\text{IC}, \text{F}]}(x, y)) \quad (\text{A.2})
 \end{aligned}$$

Assuming, resilience of a basic block  $R(B_{ij})$  can be characterized as resilience to Incorrect Output and resilience to Application Failures, we can compute the conditional entropy separately for both cases.  $H(X|Y)_F$  is given as  $p_F(B_{ij})$  using Eq. A.1, while  $H(X|Y)_{\text{IC}}$  is given by Eq. A.3.

$$H(X|Y)_{\text{IC}} = - \left[ p_{\text{IC}} \times \log_2(p_{\text{IC}} / (2^n - 1)) + (1 - p_{\text{IC}}) \times \log_2(1 - p_{\text{IC}}) \right]_{B_{ij}} \quad (\text{A.3})$$

By replacing the terms of Eq. A.2 with Eq. A.3, we can compute the resilience of a basic block against Application Failures and Incorrect Outputs where the second term in Eq. A.4 denotes the combined information loss.

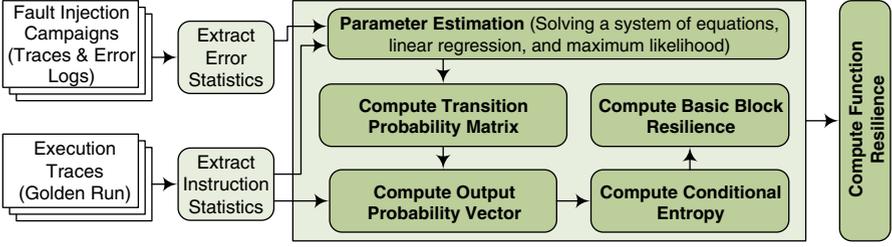
$$R(B_{ij}) = 1 - \left[ H(X|Y)_{\text{IC}} + H(X|Y)_F - (H(X|Y)_{\text{IC}} \times H(X|Y)_F) \right] / H(X) \quad (\text{A.4})$$

Given the resilience values of all basic blocks  $B_i$  of a function  $f_i$ , resilience  $R(f_i)$  can be computed using Eq. A.5.

$$R(f_i) = \sum_{\forall b \in B_i} (R(b) / eF_i(b)) \times \sum_{\forall b \in B_i, \forall f_i \in F} (eF_i(b)) \quad (\text{A.5})$$

*Parameter Estimation:* For estimating the model parameters, i.e., transition probabilities given in Eq. A.1, a few assumptions are made:

1. Observation of faulty output is made at the end of function
2. No recovery mechanism and no error protection is available, i.e., starting from a base case of unreliable hardware  $\implies p_{33} = 1; p_{21} = 0$ .
3. Initial state and input is error-free;  $[p_C \ p_{\text{IC}} \ p_F]_{(t=0)^\text{I}} = [1 \ 0 \ 0]$ .



**Fig. B.3** Flow of steps to compute basic block and function resilience

Moreover,  $p_{11} + p_{12} + p_{13} = 1$  and  $p_{21} + p_{23} = 1$ . To expedite the parameter estimation process, the instructions are grouped into  $N_T$  primitive instruction categories (like arithmetic, multiply, divide, logical, load/store, calls/jumps, and floating point) such that all instructions in a given category share the same transition probabilities. The parameters can be estimated through extensive fault injection campaigns. Consider there are  $N_S$  different fault-injection experiments at a given fault rate,  $N_C$  and  $N_{IC}$  are the number of cases with Correct Output and Incorrect Output, respectively. For a particular fault injection experiment  $s$ , for a certain instruction category  $t_k$ , the transition probability  $p_{11}$  can be estimated using the maximum likelihood, thus deriving Eq. A.6.  $\text{NI}(t, s)$  denotes the number of instructions of type  $t$  in simulation  $s$ .

$$\log(p_{11}(t_k)) = -\text{NI}(t_k, s) \times \left( \frac{\sum_{\forall s \in S} \log(N_s / N_C(s)) + \sum_{t=0, t \neq t_s}^{N_T} \text{NI}(t, s) \times \log(p_{11}(t))}{\left( \sum_{\forall s \in S} \text{NI}(t_k, s) \right)^2} \right) \quad (\text{A.6})$$

Assuming  $p_{23}(t) = p_{13}(t)$ , Eq. A.6 is utilized to obtain the probability  $p_{22}(t_k)$ . In this way all the remaining transition probabilities are computed, such that,  $p_{23}(t_k) = p_{13}(t_k) = 1 - p_{22}(t_k)$ ; and  $p_{12}(t_k) = p_{22}(t_k) - p_{11}(t_k)$ .

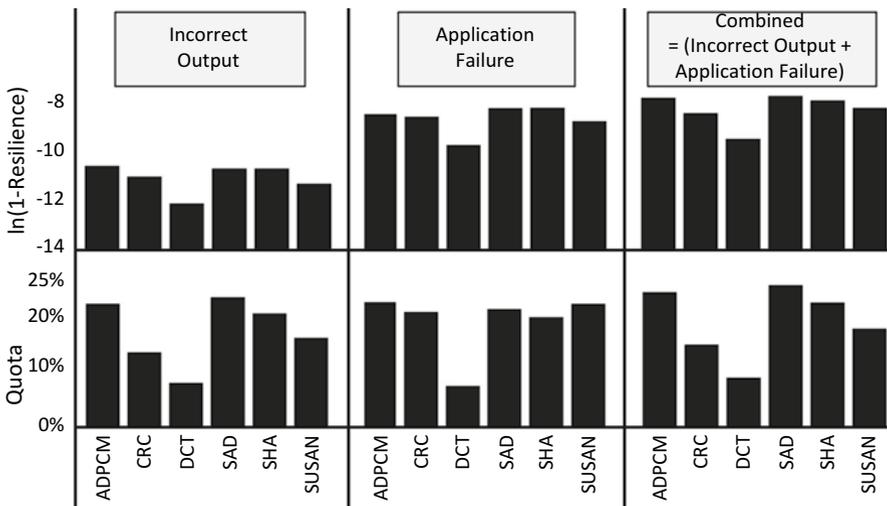
Figure B.3 shows a simplified flow of different steps of our scheme towards modeling and estimation of function resilience along with parameter estimation and computation of conditional entropy.

*Complexity:* The complexity of resilience estimation is  $O(|B_i| \times N_T \times \log(|I_{ij}|))$ , which is much smaller than the complexity of fault tree based methods (i.e.,  $O(|B_i| \times |I_{ij}|^3)$ ) and Monte-Carlo simulations (i.e.,  $O(|B_i| \times |I_{ij}|^2)$ ) for each basic block.

### B.3: Results

The resilience model quantifies the reliability properties at a coarse-grained level, i.e., function and basic block that can be used to facilitate in prioritizing different functions and basic blocks for selective protection/constrained reliability optimization. For example, allocating the performance quotas to different functions/basic blocks depending upon their higher/lower resilience values.

In this work the resilience is used as a metric to quantify the coarse grained reliability, i.e., at function/basic block level and then using the resilience values for distributing the tolerable performance overhead quota among different functions and different basic blocks inside the application program. A more resilient function would get a less quota for protection compared to a less-resilient function that may not tolerate more errors. Figure B.4 shows the resilience (in log scale) and the performance overhead quota for different application functions. The resilience and quota are provided separately for the Incorrect Output and Application Failure cases along with the combined case. Note, here Incorrect Output and Application Failure are both treated as information loss. Due to the high resilience, *DCT* gets lesser quota in comparison to the *ADPCM*, *SHA*, and *SAD*. The resilience of *DCT* is high because it is an unrolled version, with a relatively lesser number of branches, i.e., critical instructions, compared to other applications that lead to fewer control flow errors in *DCT*.



**Fig. B.4** Resilience of various application functions (inverse values in log scale): resilience is shown separately for Incorrect Output and Application Failure, and *Combined*

# Appendix C

## Algorithms

### C.1: Algorithm for Computing the Error Masking Probability $PDP(I, p)$

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Error Masking Probability Computation

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Input:  $G (V, E)$ ,  $L_G$ ,  $(P, S)$ 
Output: Masking probabilities due to data flow for each instruction  $I$  for path  $p$ ,  $P_{DP} (I, p)$ 
1.   FOR all  $I \in G$  DO
2.        $P_D (I) \leftarrow \text{compute}P_D (I)$ ; // Eq. 4.7
3.   END FOR
4.   FOR all  $I \in L_G$  DO
5.        $P_{DP} (I, p) \leftarrow P_D (I)$  // for all leaf nodes
6.   END FOR
7.   List  $L()$ ;
8.   FOR all  $x \in L_G.P$  DO
9.        $L.add(x)$ ; // list of ready nodes
10.  END FOR
11.  WHILE (! $L.isEmpty()$ ) DO
12.      FOR all  $I \in L$  DO
13.           $I.Paths \leftarrow \text{generatePaths}(I)$ ; // generate
              all instruction paths
14.          FOR all  $p \in I.Paths$  DO
15.               $N_B \leftarrow 0$ ;  $p' \leftarrow p$ ;
16.              FOR all  $x \in p'$  DO // compute
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number of consecutive instructions of Type B
17.             IF (x == typeB) THEN
18.                  $N_B \leftarrow N_B + 1$ ;      p'.remove(x);
19.             ELSE
20.                  $NB \leftarrow 0$ ;          p'.remove(x);
21.             END IF
22.         END FOR
23.     IF ( $N_B < 1$ ) THEN          // compute mask-
ing probabilities
24.          $P_{DP}(I, p) \leftarrow P_D(I) + (1 - P_D(I)) \times$ 
 $P_D(I.s)$ ;
25.     ELSE
26.          $P_D'(I) \leftarrow \sum_{x=I}^{I+N_B} P_D(x)$ ;
27.          $P_{DP}(I, p) \leftarrow \sum_{x=I}^{I+N_B} P_D'(I) + (1 - P_D'(I))$ 
 $\times P_D(I.s)$ ;
28.     END IF
29. END FOR
30. L.remove(I);
31. FOR all ip  $\in$  I.P DO
32.     L.add(ip);
33. END FOR
34. END FOR
35. END WHILE

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## C.2: Algorithm for Computing the Instruction Error Propagation Index

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### Instruction Error Propagation Index Computation

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Input: Instruction flow graph  $G(V, E)$ , set of leaf nodes  $L_G$ , masking probabilities due to dataflow  $P_{DP}(I, p)$ , control flow probabilities  $P_{CF}(p | I)$ .

Output: set of error propagation indices for each instruction  $I$ ,  $EPI(I)$ .

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1.   FOR all  $I \in L_G(G)$  DO
2.        $EPI(I) \leftarrow 1$ ; // initialization to consider error
propagation of leaf nodes
3.   END FOR
4.   List  $C(L_G)$ ;           Queue  $Q()$ ; // list of traversed

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instructions and queue of evaluated instructions
5.   FOR all I ∈ LG(G) DO
6.       FOR all i ∈ I.P DO
7.           Q.Enqueue(i);
8.       END FOR
9.   END FOR
10.  WHILE (!Q.isEmpty()) DO
11.      I ← Q.Dequeue(I);
12.      IF (∀ s ∈ I.S, s ∈ C) THEN // compute
EPI for all instructions with successors in C
13.          EPI ← 0;
14.          FOR all s ∈ I.S DO
15.              IF (IMI(s) == 0) THEN // if successor
is a non-masking instruction
16.                  EPI ← EPI + (EPI(s) × PExecution(s |
I));
17.              ELSE
18.                  EPI ← EPI +

$$\sum_{\forall p \in s.Paths} ((1 - P_{DP}(s,p)) \times P_{CF}(p|I) \times EPI(L_G(p)))$$

;
19.              END IF
20.          END FOR
21.          EPI(I) ← EPI × (PIO(I) / (PIO(I) +
PCr(I))); C.add(I);
22.          FOR all I ∈ I.P DO
23.              Q.Enqueue(I);
24.          END FOR
25.      ELSE
26.          Q.Enqueue(I);
27.      END IF
28.  END WHILE

```

### C.3: Algorithm for FVI-Driven Data Type Optimization

Algorithm C.3 presents the pseudo-code targeting load merging (for store instructions, the procedure is similar).

*Input:* Graph  $G(V, E)$  of the function  $F$ ,  $P_\tau$  as the tolerable performance overhead, Data Type,  $FVI$  and performance of the original code ( $FVI_{Orig}, P_{Orig}$ ).

*Output:* Transformed function  $fd$  with merged loads and extraction code as a result of the data type optimization.

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FVI-Driven Data Type Optimization

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Input:  $G (V, E)$ ,  $P_t$ ,  $FVI_{orig}$ ,  $P_{orig}$ ,  $DataType$ 
Output: Transformed function  $fd$ 
1.    $A \leftarrow getAllArrays(G)$ ;
2.   FOR all  $a \in A$  DO
3.       List  $\langle V \rangle L \leftarrow getLoads(a, G)$ ;
4.       IF ( $DataType == INT$ ) THEN
5.           continue;
6.       END IF
7.        $FVI_{best} \leftarrow FVI_{orig}$ ;
8.       WHILE  $L \neq \emptyset$  DO
9.            $G' \leftarrow G$ ;
10.           $(l_1, l_2) \leftarrow getCurrent\&nextLoads(L)$ ;
11.           $l \leftarrow Merge(l_1, l_2)$ ;
12.           $G'.remove(l_1, l_2)$ ;    $G'.insert(l)$ ;    $G$ 
' $.insertExtractionCode()$ ;
13.           $(FVI, P, Spill) \leftarrow Evaluate(G')$ ; // compile
and execute, estimate FVI, performance, and
                                                    check
for spilling
14.          IF  $((P/P_{orig} - 1) > P_t)$  THEN
15.              break;
16.          END IF
17.          IF  $((FVI < FVI_{best}) \ \&\& \ (!Spill))$  THEN
18.               $FVI_{best} \leftarrow FVI$ ;    $L.remove(l_1, l_2)$ ;
19.               $G.remove(l_1, l_2)$ ;    $G.insert(l)$ ;
20.               $G.insertExtractionCode()$ ;
21.          END IF
22.      END WHILE
23.  END FOR
24.   $fd \leftarrow G$ ;
25.  return  $fd$ ;

```

### C.4: Algorithm for FVI-Driven Loop Unrolling

*Input:* a set of maximum unrolling factors for all loops, the FVI, performance, and code size of the original function  $F$ .

*Output:* the transformed function  $fd$  with loop unrolling applied by an *FVI-minimizing unrolling factor*.

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FVI-Driven Loop Unrolling

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Input: Function  $F$ , Set of  $\text{maxUnrollFactors}$ ,  $\text{FVI}_{\text{Orig}}$ ,  $\text{P}_{\text{Orig}}$ ,  $\text{C}_{\text{Orig}}$ ,
 $\mu$ .
Output: Transformed function  $fd$ 
1.      list< Loop >  $L \leftarrow \text{getLoops}(F)$ ;
2.      FOR all  $l \in L$  DO // determine unrolling factor for
each loop
3.           $\text{maxUF} = \text{getFactor}(l, \text{maxUnrollFactors})$ ;
4.           $\text{unrollProfit}_{\text{Best}} \leftarrow \text{minINT}$ ;       $\text{uF}_{\text{Best}} \leftarrow 1$ ;
5.          FOR  $\text{uF}_i = 1$  to  $\text{maxUF}$  DO
6.               $l_{\text{temp}} \leftarrow l$ ;      // create a temporary copy of
the loop
7.               $\text{F}_{\text{uFi}} \leftarrow \text{Unroll}(F, l_{\text{temp}}, \text{uF}_i)$ ;      // Unroll
by a factor  $\text{uF}_i$ 
8.               $(\text{FVI}, P, C, \text{Spill}) \leftarrow \text{Evaluate}(\text{F}_{\text{uFi}})$ ; //
compile. execute, estimate FVI and
performance, and check for
spilling.
9.               $\text{FVI}_{\text{Benefit}} \leftarrow (\text{FVI}_{\text{Orig}} - \text{FVI}) / \text{FVI}_{\text{Orig}}$ ;
10.              $\text{P}_{\text{Loss}} \leftarrow (P - \text{P}_{\text{Orig}}) / \text{P}_{\text{Orig}}$ ; // Performance loss
11.              $\text{C}_{\text{Loss}} \leftarrow (C - \text{C}_{\text{Orig}}) / \text{C}_{\text{Orig}}$ ; // Code size
increase
12.              $\text{unrollProfit} = \text{computeProfit}(\text{FVI}_{\text{Benefit}}, \text{P}_{\text{Loss}},$ 
 $\text{C}_{\text{Loss}}, \mu)$ ;
13.             IF  $((\text{unrollProfit} > \text{unrollProfit}_{\text{Best}}) \ \&\&$ 
 $(!\text{Spill}))$  THEN
14.                  $\text{unrollProfit}_{\text{Best}} \leftarrow \text{unrollProfit}$ ;       $\text{uF}_{\text{Best}}$ 
 $\leftarrow \text{uF}_i$ ;
15.             END IF
16.         END FOR
17.          $\text{setBestUnrollFactor}(l, \text{uF}_{\text{Best}})$ ;
18.     END FOR
19.     FOR all  $l \in L$  DO // generate the transformed func-
tion using the best unroll factors
20.          $\text{UF}_{\text{Best}} = \text{getBestUnrollFactor}(l)$ ;
21.          $fd \leftarrow \text{Unroll}(fd, l, \text{UF}_{\text{Best}})$ ;
22.     END FOR
23.     return  $fd$ ;

```

## C.5: Algorithm for Applying Common Expression Elimination

Algorithm C.5 shows the pseudo-code of the algorithm to evaluate the reliability benefit of replacing common expressions.

*Input:* Graph  $G (V, E)$  of the function  $F$ ,  $P_\tau$  as the tolerable performance overhead, FVI and performance of the original code ( $FVI_{Orig}$ ,  $P_{Orig}$ ).

*Output:* Transformed function  $fd$  where the common expressions are (partially) replaced.

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### Common Expression Elimination

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Input:  $G (V, E)$ ,  $P_\tau$ ,  $FVI_{Orig}$ ,  $P_{Orig}$ 
Output: Transformed function  $fd$ 
1.   $CG \leftarrow getCEs(G)$ ; // get all common sub-graphs/expressions
    in  $G$ 
2.  FOR all  $c \in CG$  DO // Evaluation Phase
3.       $O \leftarrow getOccurrences(c, G)$ ;
4.      FOR all  $o \in O$  DO
5.           $f_1 \leftarrow computeFVI(replace\ CE\ at\ o\ in\ G)$ ;
6.           $f_2 \leftarrow computeFVI(keep\ CE\ at\ o\ in\ G)$ ;
7.           $\Delta \leftarrow f_2 - f_1$ ;
8.          IF ( $\Delta \geq 0$ ) THEN
9.               $o.mode \leftarrow set(replace\_CE)$ ;
10.         ELSE
11.              $o.mode \leftarrow set(keep\_CE)$ ;
12.         END IF
13.     END FOR
14.      $G' \leftarrow updateGraph(G)$ ; // replace occurrences
    based on  $o.mode$ 
15.      $FVI_c \leftarrow computeFVI(G')$ ; // FVI
16.      $P_c \leftarrow computePerformance(G')$ ; //
    performance
17.      $\varepsilon_c \leftarrow (FVI_{Orig} - FVI_c) / (P_c - P_{Best})$ ; //
    efficiency
18. END FOR
19.   $sort(L_{CE})$ ; // sort common sub-graphs/expression by
    their efficiency
20.  FOR all  $l \in L_{CE}$  DO // Elimination Phase
21.      IF ( $(l.P_c - P_{Best} \leq P_\tau)$ ) THEN
22.           $O \leftarrow getOccurrences(l.c, G)$ ;
23.          FOR all  $o \in O$  DO
24.              IF ( $(o.mode == replace\_CE) \ \&\& \ (!Spill)$ )

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THEN
25.             G.remove(o);   G.insert(CE_variable);
26.              $P_\tau \leftarrow P_\tau - o.latency()$ ;
27.             END IF
28.         END FOR
29.     END IF
30. END FOR
31. fd  $\leftarrow$  G
32.     return fd; //   return the code with expression
elimination

```

## C.6: Algorithm for Soft-Error-Driven Instruction Scheduler

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### Soft Error Driven Instruction Scheduler

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Lookahead (): Input: Instruction Graph  $G = (V, E)$ , Tolerable performance overhead  $P_\tau$ .

Output: Instruction Schedule  $G_s$ .

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33.   $G_s \leftarrow \emptyset$ ;  $G_{SC} \leftarrow \emptyset$ ; //   set of scheduled and candidate
instructions
34.  FOR all  $n \in V$  DO
35.       $S[n] \leftarrow n.getSucc()$ ;    $P[n] \leftarrow n.getPred()$ ;
36.      IF (ready(n)) THEN
37.           $G_{SC} \leftarrow G_{SC} \cup n$ ; //   add to the ready list
38.      END IF
39.  END FOR
40.  FOR all  $n \in G_{SC}$  DO
41.       $eT[n] \leftarrow 0$ ; //   initialization of the earliest time
42.  END FOR
43.   $T_{curr} \leftarrow 0$ ;    $i_{Psel} \leftarrow \emptyset$ ;    $i_{Rsel} \leftarrow \emptyset$ ; //   Performance
and reliability maximizing instruction
44.   $\Psi_{max} \leftarrow -\infty$ ;    $\delta_{max} \leftarrow -\infty$ 
45.  WHILE ( $G_{SC} \neq \emptyset$ ) DO
46.      FOR all  $i \in G_{SC}$  DO
47.           $\Psi[i] \leftarrow estimateReliabilityWeight(i)$ ; //
Eqs. 5.2-5.5;
48.          IF ( $(\delta[i] > \delta_{max}) \ \&\& \ eT[i] \leq T_{curr}$ ) THEN //
obtain instruction considering performance
49.               $\delta_{max} \leftarrow \delta[i]$ ;    $i_{Psel} \leftarrow i$ ;
50.          END IF

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51.         IF ( $P_\tau > 0$ ) THEN
52.             FOR all  $j \in (G_{SC} - \{i\} + j.getSchedulableSN())$ 
DO// evaluate candidates with lookahead
53.                  $\Psi_{ij} \leftarrow \Psi[i] + \Psi[j];$             $\delta_{Loss} \leftarrow$ 
 $\delta_{max} - \delta[i];$ 
54.                     IF ( $(\Psi_{ij} > \Psi_{max}) \ \&\& \ (\delta_{Loss} < P_\tau)$ ) THEN
55.                          $\Psi_{max} \leftarrow \Psi_{ij};$             $i_{RSe1} \leftarrow i;$ 
56.                     ELSE IF ( $(\Psi_{ij} == \Psi_{max}) \ \&\& \ (\delta_{Loss} < P_\tau) \ \&\&$ 
 $(\delta[i] > \delta[i_{RSe1}]) \ \&\& \ (eT[i] \leq T_{curr})$ ) THEN
57.                          $\Psi_{max} \leftarrow \Psi_{ij};$             $i_{RSe1} \leftarrow i;$ 
58.                     END IF
59.             END FOR
60.             IF ( $i_{RSe1} \neq \emptyset$ ) THEN
61.                  $i_{Se1} \leftarrow i_{RSe1};$             $P_\tau \leftarrow P_\tau - (\delta_{max} - \delta[i_{Se1}]);$ 
// select reliability-wise best solution
62.             ELSE
63.                  $i_{Se1} \leftarrow i_{PSe1};$  // select performance-wise
best solution
64.             END IF
65.         ELSE
66.              $i_{Se1} \leftarrow i_{PSe1};$ 
67.         END IF
68.     END FOR
69.      $T_{curr} \leftarrow T_{curr} + T[i_{Se1}];$             $G_{SC} \leftarrow G_{SC} - i_{Se1};$             $G_S \leftarrow$ 
 $G_S \cup i_{Se1};$ 
70.     FOR all  $s \in S[i_{Se1}]$  DO// update the set of schedul-
ing candidates
71.         IF ( $\forall m \in P[s] \exists t \mid V_{GS}[t] = m$ ) THEN
72.              $G_{SC} \leftarrow G_{SC} \cup s;$             $eT[s] \leftarrow T_{curr} + eT[i_{Se1}];$ 
73.         END IF
74.     END FOR
75. END WHILE
76. return  $G_S;$ 

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## C.7: Algorithm for Selective Instruction Protection Technique

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### Selective Instruction Protection

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Input: Unprotected function  $F$  from the software program as  $G = (V, E)$ , user provided tolerable performance overhead in cycles  $P_\tau$ , set of instruction vulnerabilities  $IVI$ , set of error

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propagation indices for all instructions EPI, user provided
program reliability method R (for instance, SWIFT-R 0)
Output: Function with selective instruction protection F'.
1.   List L;
2.   FOR all i ∈ G DO//  compute the reliability profit for
    all instructions
3.       RPF(i) ← (EPI(i) ∈ IVI(i))/ω(i);
4.   END FOR
5.   Sort(L, RPF, Descending order);
6.   WHILE (!L.empty() && (Pr > 0)) DO
7.       I ← L.pull();
8.       IF (ω(I) ≤ Pr) THEN
9.           Protect(I);           Pr ← Pr - ω(I);
10.          FOR all i ∈ (I.S ∈ I.P) DO
11.              GI ← generateGroups(I, i); // groups
of consecutive instructions
12.          FOR all g ∈ GI DO //  compute overhead of
instruction groups
13.              g' ← g;
14.              FOR all i ∈ g DO
15.                  IF ((i.S > I) && (∃s ∈ i..s
inGroup(s,g') == False)) THEN
16.                      setCheckInstructionPt(i, g');
17.                  END IF
18.                  setCheckInstructionPt(Leaf(g),
g');
19.              END FOR
20.              ω(i, g') ← getOverload(g', R);
21.          END FOR
22.          RPF(i) ← (EPI(i) × IVI(i))/ω(i, g');
23.      END FOR
24.      Sort(L, RPF, DescendingOrder);
25.  END IF
26.  END WHILE //  end while loop if budget is over or all
instructions are protected

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## C.8: Algorithm for Offline Table Construction

Algorithm C.8 describes the procedure of offline table construction by adopting the approximations explained in Sect. 6.1, and by using  $\delta$  as the timing unit and  $\alpha$  as the reliability penalty unit.

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Offline Table Construction

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Input:  $n$  functions, CDF and PDF of the functions, units  $\delta$  and  $\sigma$ , weighted parameter  $\alpha$ , and the default versions  $\theta$  () after observing the deadline misses;

1. FOR  $r \leftarrow \frac{R_{\min}(n)}{\sigma}\sigma, \dots, \frac{R_{\max}(n)}{\sigma}\sigma$ , stepped by  $\sigma$  DO
2. FOR  $t \leftarrow 0, \dots, \frac{D}{\delta}\delta$ , stepped by  $\delta$  DO
3. Calculate  $j^*(n, r, t)$  and  $G(n, r, t)$  by using Eq. 6.2
4. END FOR
5. END FOR
6. FOR  $i \leftarrow n-1, n-2, \dots, 2$  DO
7. FOR  $r \leftarrow \frac{R_{\min}(i)}{\sigma}\sigma, \dots, \frac{R_{\max}(i)}{\sigma}\sigma$ , stepped by  $\sigma$  DO
8. FOR  $t \leftarrow 0, \dots, \frac{D}{\delta}\delta$ , stepped by  $\delta$  DO
9. IF ( $t == 0$ ) THEN
10.  $j^*(i, r, t) \leftarrow \theta_i$ ;  $G(i, r, t) \leftarrow \alpha(r + \rho(i)) + (1 - \alpha)$
11. ELSE
12. FOR each  $j = 1, 2, \dots, K_i$ ,
13. Calculate  $H_j \leftarrow \int_{x=0}^t P_{i,j}(x) \cdot G\left(i+1, \frac{r+R_{i,j}}{\sigma}\sigma, \frac{t-x}{\delta}\delta\right) dx + (1 - C_{i,j}(t)) \cdot (\alpha(r + R_{i,j} + \rho(i+1)) + (1 - \alpha));$
14.  $j^*(i, r, t) \leftarrow \operatorname{argmin}_{j=1,2,\dots,K_i} H_j$ ;
15.  $G(i, r, t) \leftarrow H_{j^*(i,r,t)}$
16. END IF
17. END FOR
18. END FOR
19. END FOR
20. Calculate  $j^*(1, 0, D)$  and  $G(1, 0, D)$  using the same procedure as in Steps 14 and 15.
21. Return the table  $j^*$ .

## C.9: Algorithm for Hybrid RMT Tuning

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### Hybrid RMT Tuning

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Input: set  $T$  of tasks; a list of available/free cores  $List_c$ ; list of different compiled versions  $\{t_i = \{t_{(i,1)}, \dots, t_{(i,RM)}\}, \dots, t_M = \{t_{(M,1)}, \dots, t_{(M,RM)}\}$ ; history  $H$  of last  $S_H$  RMT comparison results; list  $TR_{\{RMT, NR\}}$  of running tasks (sorted by RMT level and RTP).

Output: performance-wise sorted version lists  $V_{t_1}, \dots, V_{t_M}$  containing different reliability performance tradeoffs per task, list  $L$  of tasks with a protection type  $pt$  and number of allocated cores  $rc$  used for RMT.

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1.  FOR all  $t \in T$  DO // estimate performance and RTP for all
    task versions
2.      FOR all  $cv \in t$  DO // loop over all task versions
3.           $cv.L = estimatePerformance(cv)$ ;
4.           $cv.RTP = calculateRTpenalty(cv)$ ;
5.           $V_t.insert(cv)$ ;
6.      END FOR
7.       $V_t.sort(cv.L)$ ;
8.  END FOR
9.  List  $TL$ ;
10. FOR all  $t \in T$  DO
11.      $t.v = V_t.head(1)$ ;  $TL.insert(t)$ ;
12. END FOR
13.  $TL.sort(t.RTP)$ ; // sort task list by RTP
14.  $N_{FC} = List_c.size()$ ; // number of free cores
15. IF ( $TR_{RMT}.size() == 0$  &&  $N_{FC} > 1$ ) THEN // at least one
    task with RMT
16.      $t = TL.pop\_front()$ ;  $t.pt = RMT$ ;  $TR_{RMT}.push\_back(t)$ ;
17.      $rc = \min(coreDemandRMT, N_{FC})$ ;  $N_{FC} = N_{FC} - rc$ ;
     $t.rc = rc$ ;
18. END IF
19. WHILE ( $N_{FC} > 0$  &&  $TL.size() > 0$ ) DO // allocate a core
    to each task
20.      $t = TL.pop\_front()$ ;  $t.pt = NR$ ;
     $TR_{NR}.push\_back(t)$ ;
21.      $N_{FC} --$ ;  $t.rc = 1$ ;

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22.     END WHILE
23.     WHILE (TL.size() > 0) DO // preemption for tasks run-
      ning with RMT
24.         IF (TRRMT.size() > 1) THEN
25.             tr = TRRMT.back();
26.         ELSE
27.             break;
28.         END IF
29.         IF (tr.rc == 2) THEN // 2 is the required
      number of cores for RMT
30.             tr.pt = NR; TNR.push_front(tr);
      TRRMT.pop_back();
31.         END IF
32.         tr.rc = tr.rc - 1;
33.         t = TL.pop_front(); t.pt = NR; TRNR.push_back(t);
      t.rc = 1;
34.     END WHILE
35.     h =  $\sum_{i=1}^5 H[i] * i$ ; // evaluate RMT comparison history
36.     IF (h > SH) THEN // activate RMT mode based on comparison
      history
37.         WHILE (NFC ≥ coreDemandRMT - 1) DO
38.             t = TNR.pop_front(); t.pt = RMT; t = TRRMT.insert();
39.             NFC = NFC - coreDemandRMT - 1; t.rc =
      coreDemandRMT;
40.         END WHILE
41.     END IF

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## C.10: Algorithm for Reliable Code Version Tuning

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### Version Tuning

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Input: lists  $T_{pt}$  of tasks with protection levels  $pt \in \{NR, RMT\}$ ; performance-wise sorted version lists  $V_{t1}, \dots, V_{tM}$ ; list of available/free cores  $List_c$ .

Output: tasks  $T$  with set of selected versions  $\{t_{(i,j)}, \forall i \in T, j \in K_i\}$

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1.     FOR all t ∈ TRMT ∪ TNR DO
2.         t.c = Listc.tail(1);
3.     END FOR

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4.   FOR all  $t \in T_{RMT} \cup T_{NR}$  DO // loop over all tasks
5.        $v = V_t.head(1)$ ;
6.       FOR all  $j \in \{1, \dots, t.rc\}$  DO // initialize with
performance-wise best version
7.            $t.v_j = v$ ;
8.       END FOR
9.       IF ( $t.rc \leq 2$ ) THEN // tasks running with no
redundancy
10.          FOR all  $v \in V_t$  DO
11.              IF ( $v.RT > t.v_1.RT \ \&\& \ v.L < t.D$ ) THEN //
select the version with best reliability within the deadline
constraint
12.                  FOR all  $j \in \{1, \dots, t.rc\}$  DO
13.                       $t.v_j = v$ ;
14.                  END FOR
15.              END IF
16.          END FOR
17.      END IF
18.  END;
19.  FOR all  $t \in T_{RMT} \cup T_{NR}$  DO
20.       $t.c = \emptyset$ ;
21.  END FOR

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## C.11: Algorithm for Core Tuning and Version Update

### Algorithm C.11: Pseudo-Code for the Core Tuning and Version Update

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Core Tuning and Final Version Tuning

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Input: task graph  $G$ , lists  $T_{pt}$  of tasks with protection levels  $pt \in \{NR, RMT\}$ ; performance-wise sorted version lists  $V_{t_1}, \dots, V_{t_M}$ ; performance-wise sorted list of available/free cores  $List_c$ .

Output: tasks  $T$  with set of selected versions  $\{t_{(i,j)}, \forall i \in T, j \in K_i\}$  and set of assigned cores  $\{t.c_1, \dots, t.c_{t.rc}\}$

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1.   List  $L = T_{RMT} \cup T_{NR}$ ;    $L.sort(t.RTP)$ ;
2.   FOR all  $t \in L$  DO // loop over all tasks
3.       List  $L_{dc} = t.getDependentTasks(G)$ ; // list of
dependent cores

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4.         List  $L_{exec}$ ;
5.         FOR all  $c \in List_c.head(3)$  DO // analyze 3 per-
performance-wise best cores
6.             comm = 0;
7.             FOR all  $t_{dep} \in L_{dc}$  DO // analyze com-
munication overhead
8.                 dist = computeDistance( $c, t_{dep}.c$ );
9.                 comm += estimateCommOverhead(dist,
 $t_{dep}.data$ );
10.                perf = estimatePerformance( $c, t.v$ );
11.            END FOR
12.            t.exec = comm + perf;
13.             $L_{exec}.insert(pair< c, t.exec >)$ ;
14.        END FOR
15.        t.c1 = getCore(min( $\forall t.exec \in L_{exec}$ )); //
select core with lowest combination of execution time and
communication
16.         $List_c.remove(t.c_1)$ ;
17.        i = 2;
18.        WHILE (i ≤ t.rc) DO // find close cores for
redundant executions
19.            t.ci = min ( $\in c \in List_c \{calcDistance(t.$ 
 $c_i, c)\}$ );
20.             $List_c.remove(t.c_i)$ ; i ++;
21.        END WHILE
22.    END FOR
23.    FOR all t ∈ L DO
24.        tuneVersion(t);
25.    END FOR

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# Appendix D

## Notations and Symbols

This appendix presents the table of notations/symbols/terms and their descriptions used in this manuscript. The parameters/symbols are listed in the alphabetic order in the following table.

Parameter/symbol	Description
$A_c$	Area of the processor component $c$
BB	Basic Block
$CAB(I)$	Number of critical address bits of the instruction $I$ that lead to “memory segmentation” errors
ci	Checking instructions
CI	Critical Instruction
$COB(I)$	Number of critical operand bits of the instruction $I$ that lead to “non-decodable instruction” errors
$C_{ij}(D)$	Probability for which the execution time of $j$ th version of function $i$ is less than or equal to the deadline $D$
$C_{Orig}$	Code size of the of the Original Code without reliability-driven transformations
csi	Consecutive instructions
$D$	Application Deadline
DB	Dependent Basic Blocks
$E$	Set of edges in an application graph $G$
ep	Execution Path
EPI	Instruction Error Propagation Index
$ER_{raw}$	Raw error rate
$f$	Fault rate
FVI	Function Vulnerability Index
$FVI_{Failures}$	Function’s vulnerability to Application Failures
$FVI_{IncorrectOP}$	Function’s vulnerability to Incorrect Outputs

(continued)

Parameter/symbol	Description
$FVI_{Orig}$	FVI of the of the Original Code without reliability-driven transformations
$G$	Application graph with a set of vertices $V$ (or $T$ as a set of Tasks) and edges $E$
$G^*(i, r, t)$	A single function version entry in the table of function schedules corresponding to the instruction $i$ , with reliability level $r$ and time $t$
$I.Paths$	A set of paths $p$ for an instruction $I$
$I_D$	Dependent instruction
IMI	Instruction Error Masking Index
$IMI(I)$	Instruction Masking Index of instruction $I$
$i_{PSet}$	Performance-maximizing selected instruction during instruction scheduling
$i_{RSet}$	Reliability-maximizing (i.e., vulnerability minimizing) selected instruction during instruction scheduling
IVI	Instruction Vulnerability Index
$IVI_i$	Instruction Vulnerability Index of instruction $i$
$IVI_{ic}$	Instruction Vulnerability Index of instruction $i$ in processor component $c$
$j^*(i, r, t)$	Index of the function version entry in the table of function schedules corresponding to the instruction $i$ , with reliability level $r$ and time $t$
$maxUnrollFactor$	Maximum value of the unrolling factor for a given function
$miss\ rate$	Percentage of deadline misses for a given application
nCI	Non-critical Instruction
$P$	A set of predecessor instructions for a given instruction
$p$	An instruction path, such that each instruction in the path has exactly one successor and one predecessor instruction
PC	Set of different pipeline stages $PC = \{F, D, E, M, W\}$ , where F=Instruction Fetch, D=Instruction Decoder, E=Execute, M=Memory, W=Writeback stage in a 5-stage pipeline processor like LEON2
Proc	Set of processor components, i.e., $c \in Proc$
$P_{AF}(I)$	Probability of Application Failures in case a fault occurs during the execution of the instruction $I$
$P_{CF}(ep/I)$	Execution Path Probability for an instruction $I$ given an execution path $ep$
$P_D(I)$	Error Masking Probability during the execution of an instruction $I$ with $O$ as a set of operands
$P_D(x, I)$	Error Masking Probability for the operand bit $x$ during the execution of instruction $I$
$P_{DF}(I, p)$	Error Masking Probability, due to data flow properties, for an instruction $I$ along the path $p$ until the final visible program output at the end of the path
$P_e(x)$	Error Probability in an operand bit $x$
$P_{eAd}(b, I)$	Error Probability in the address bits $b$ of the instruction $I$
$P_{EM}(c)$	Error Masking Probability of a processor component $c$

(continued)

Parameter/symbol	Description
$P_{EM}(i, PC)$	Error Masking Probability for an instruction $i$ in the pipeline stage $PC$
$P_{eOP}(b, I)$	Error Probability in the opcode bits $b$ of the instruction $I$
$P_{Execution}(s I)$	Execution probability of a successor instruction $s$ corresponding to an instruction $I$
$P_{Failures}$	Probability of Application Failures
$P_{fault}(c)$	Probability of Fault in a processor component $c$
$P_{IncorrectOP-CI}$	Probability of Incorrect Outputs due to critical instructions
$P_{IncorrectOP-nCI}$	Probability of Incorrect Outputs due to non-critical instructions
$P_{IO}(I)$	Probability of Incorrect Outputs in case a fault occurs during the execution of the instruction $I$
$P_{Orig}$	Performance (in terms of execution time given as <i>cycles</i> ) of the Original Code without reliability-driven transformations
$P_{sig}$	Signal probability
$P\tau$	Tolerable performance overhead
$Q$	Queue
$R$	Reliability function for quantifying the functional correctness. It can either be FVI or function resilience or any other function reliability metric
$R_{max}$	Maximum range of the RTP value for a given function
$R_{min}$	Minimum range of the RTP value for a given function
RTP	Reliability-Timing Penalty
$S$	A set of successor instructions for a given instruction
$TotalBits_c$	Total Bits representing the architecturally defined size of the processor component $c$
$\omega$	Protection overhead
$vulBits_{ic}$	Vulnerable Bits of the processor component $c$ executing instruction $i$
$vulP_{ic}$	Vulnerable Period of instruction $i$ in processor component $c$
$V$	Set of vertices in an application graph $G$
$\psi$	Instruction Reliability Weight as a joint function of IVI, criticality and dependent instructions
$\psi F$	Function Reliability Weight of a function $F$
$\Pi_{i,j}$	Probability of deadline misses for a given function version $j$ of a function $i$

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