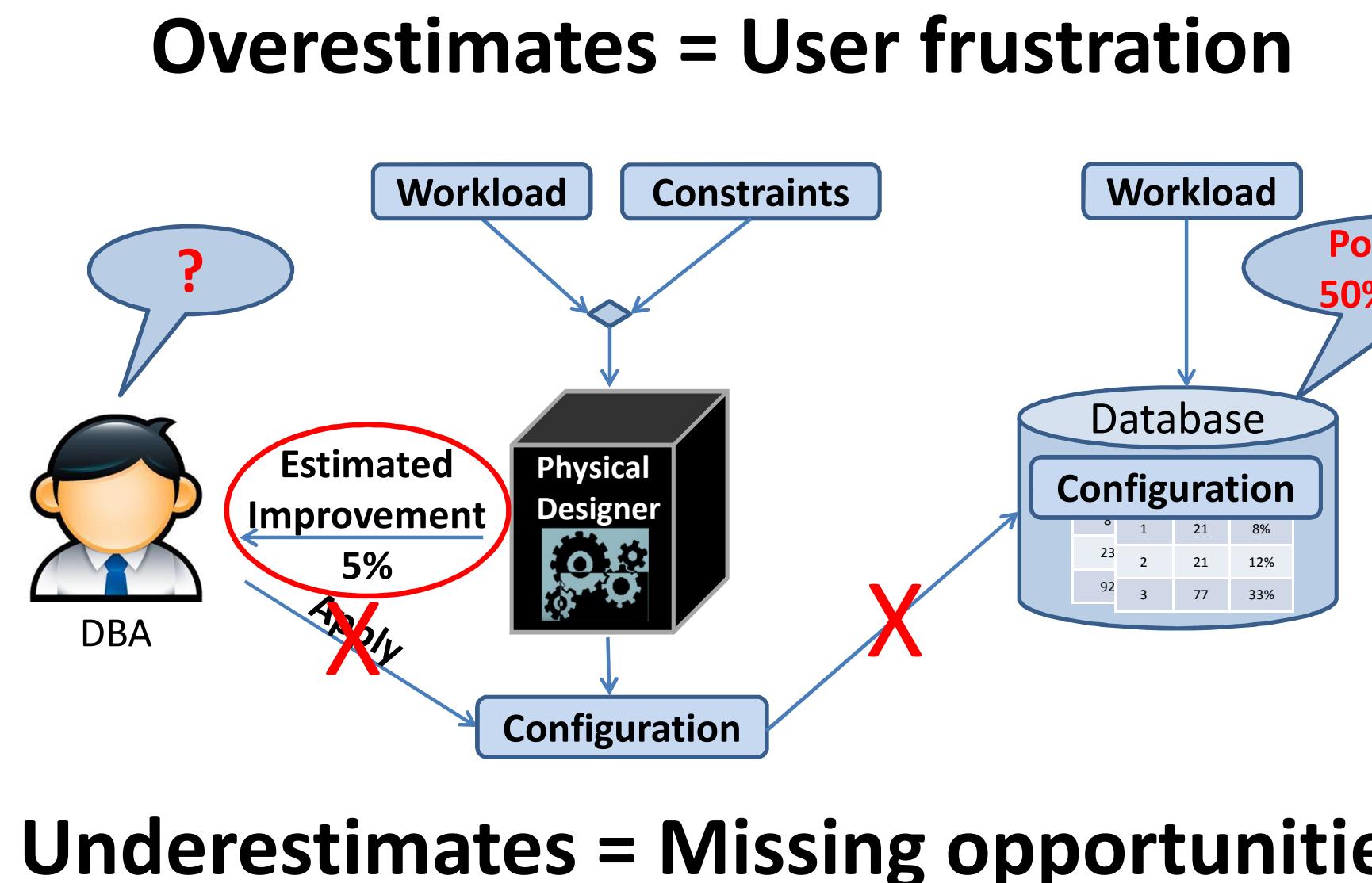
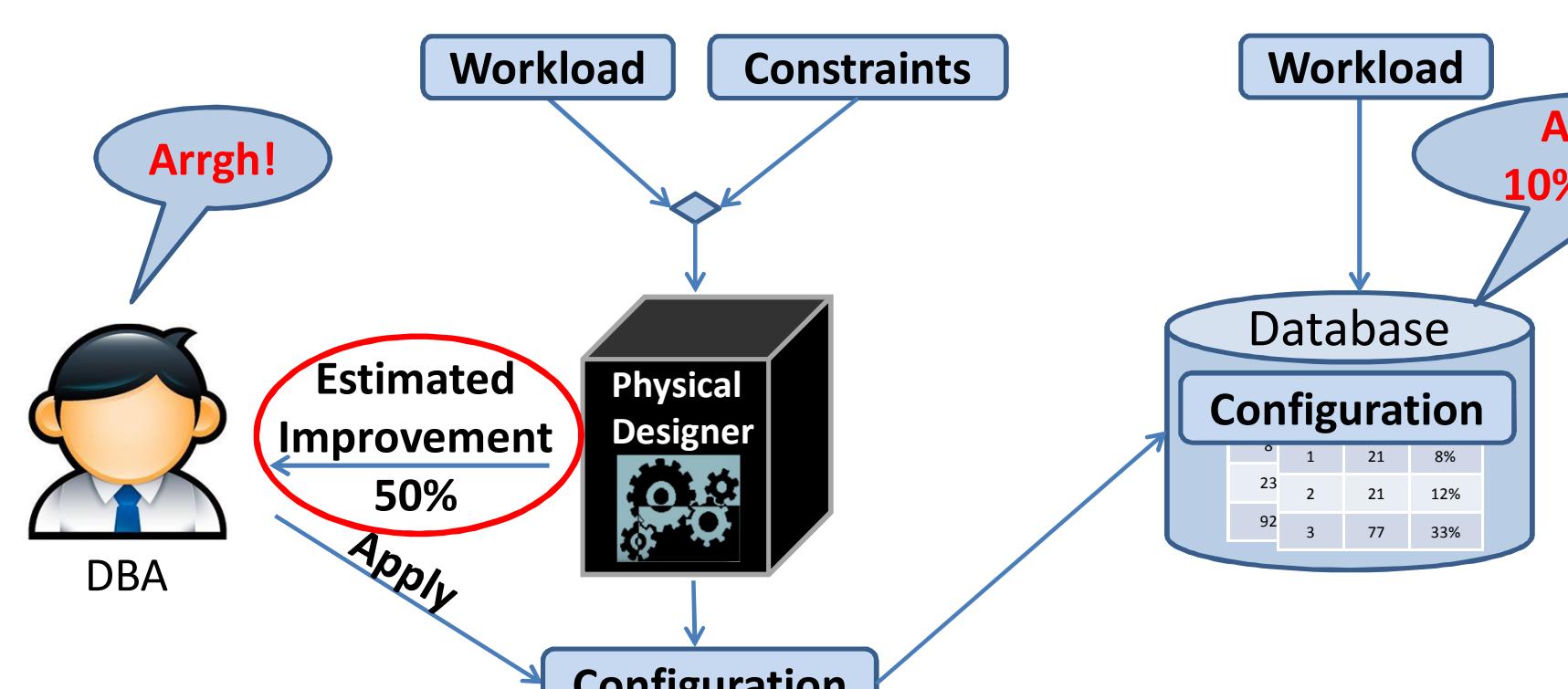


# Automated Physical Designers: What You See is (Not) What You Get

Renata Borovica, Ioannis Alagiannis, and Anastasia Ailamaki  
 École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne

## Predictability in Physical Design

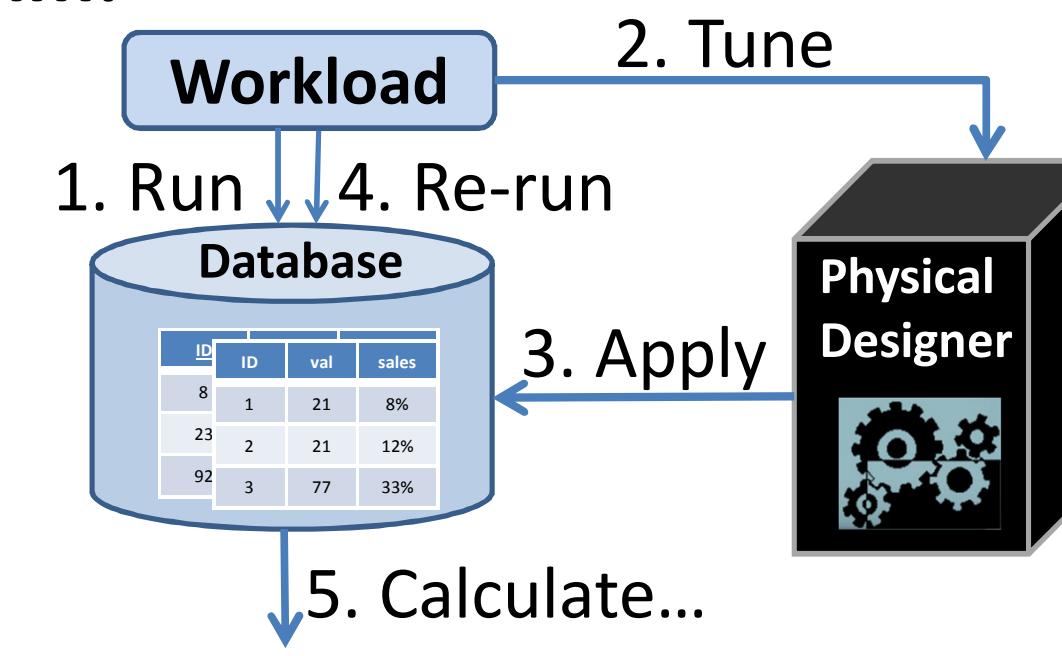


## Methodology

Compare different physical database designers in terms of their predictability.

**Predictability** = difference between estimated and actual improvement

**Algorithm:**



**Questions:**

- Does space budget matter?
- What about workload size?
- Introducing updates?
- What about database size?
- Do statistics matter?

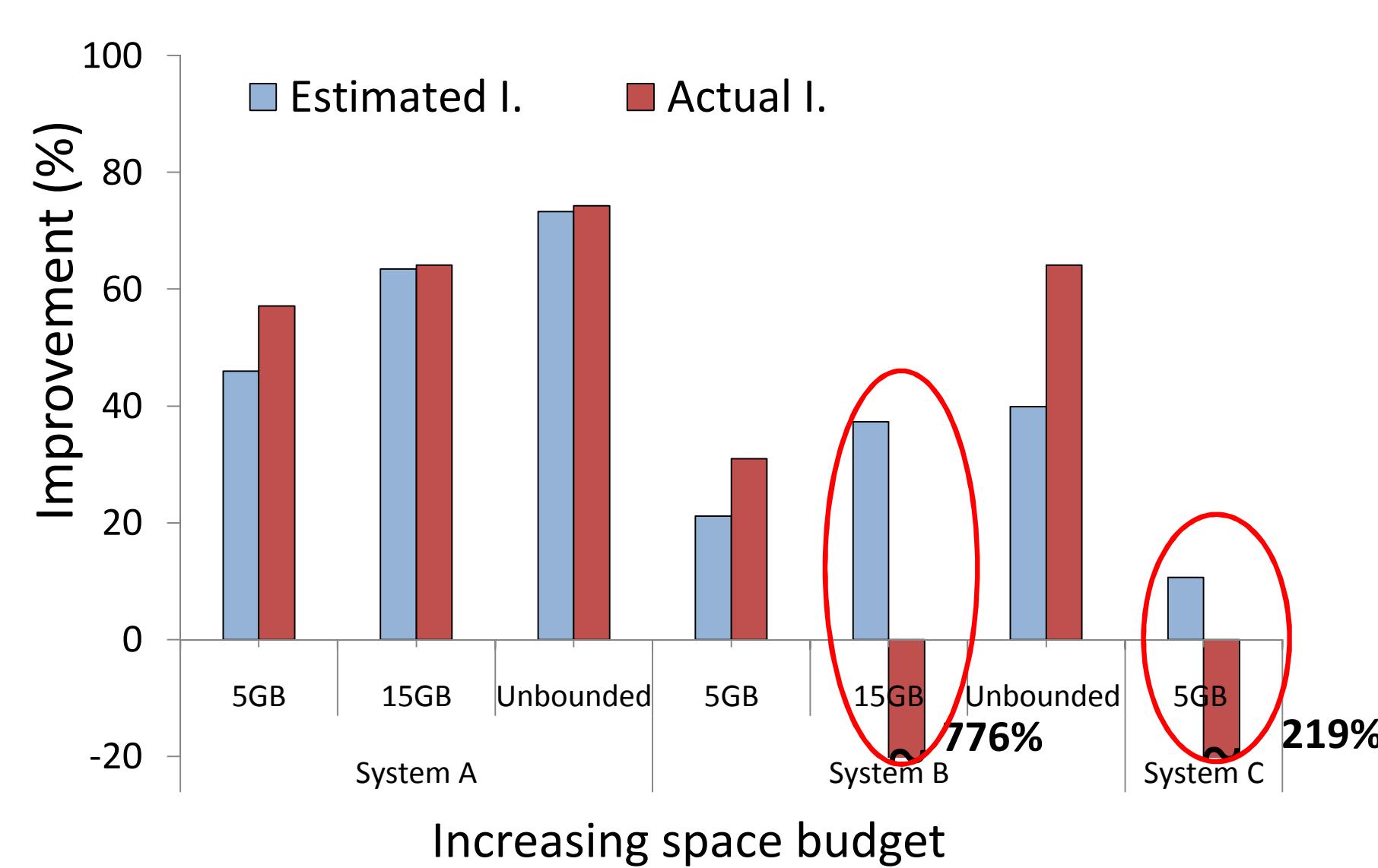
**Metrics:**

Metric	Label	Formula
Actual improvement (%)	$I_A$	$I_A = \left(1 - \frac{\text{Tuned\_time}}{\text{Original\_time}}\right) \times 100$
Estimated tuned time (sec)	$E_{TT}$	$E_{TT} = \text{Original\_time} - \frac{I_E \times \text{Original\_time}}{100}$
Relative estimation error (%)	$R_{EE}$	$R_{EE} = \frac{E_{TT} - \text{Tuned\_time}}{\text{Tuned\_time}} \times 100$

## Impact of Space Budget

### Analyzing predictability

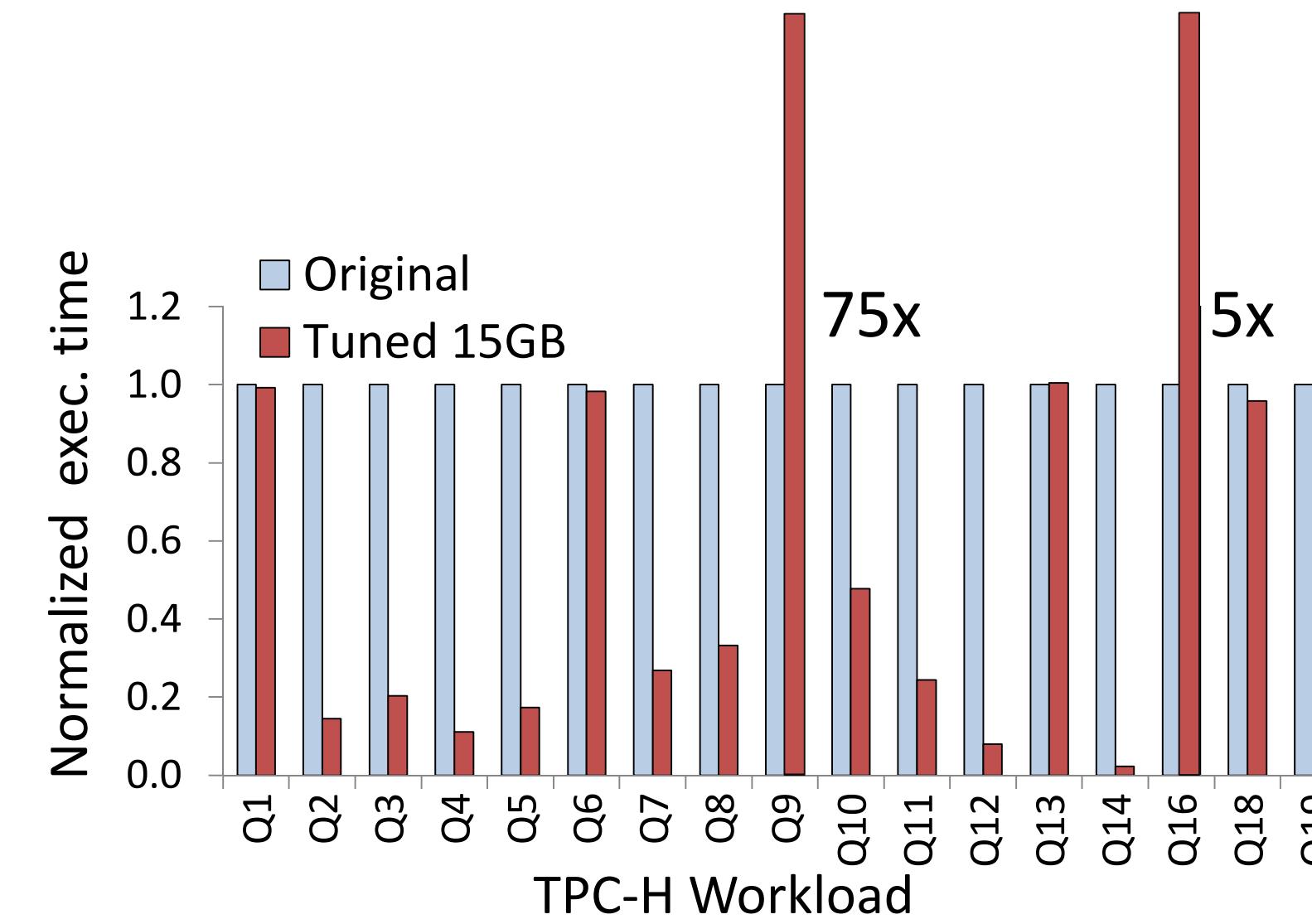
Setting: TPC-H (SF10), Time unlimited



- Improvement typically higher than estimated
- Applied designs degrade performance

### Analyzing performance degradation

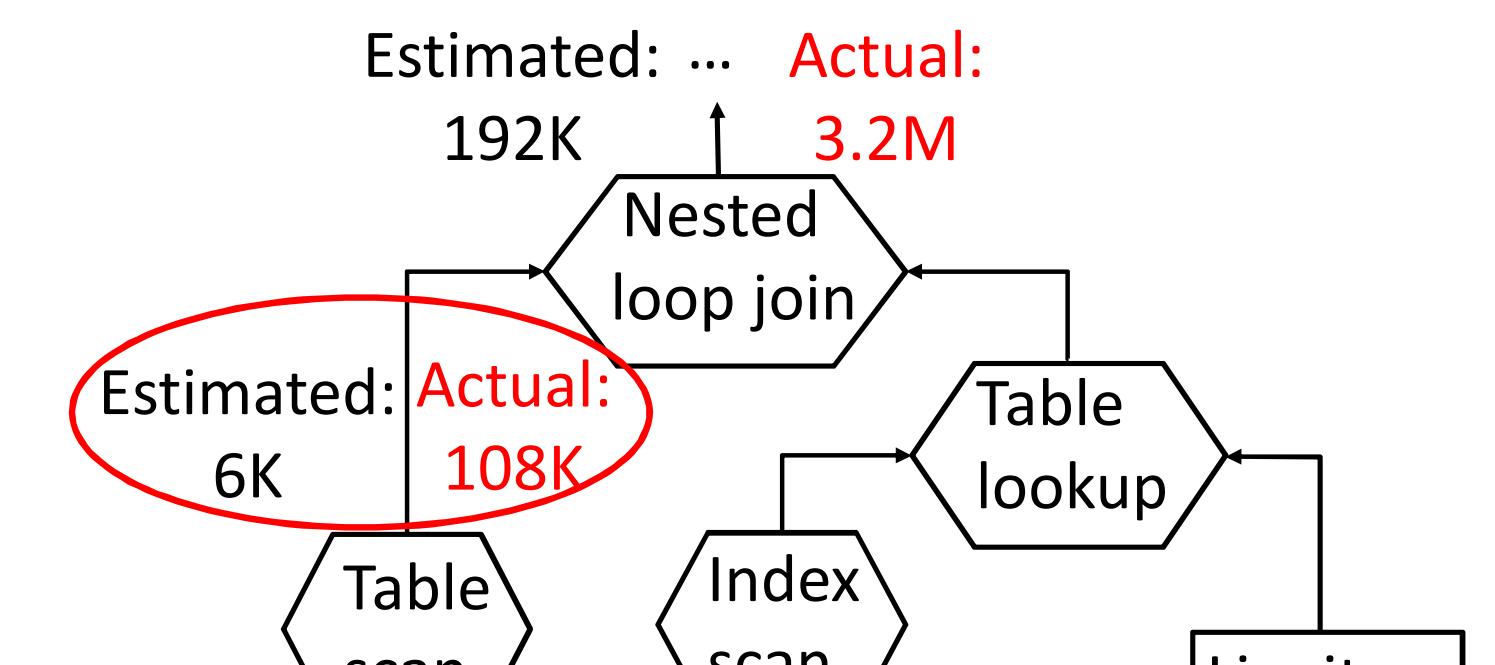
Setting: TPC-H (SF10), System B, Space budget 15GB



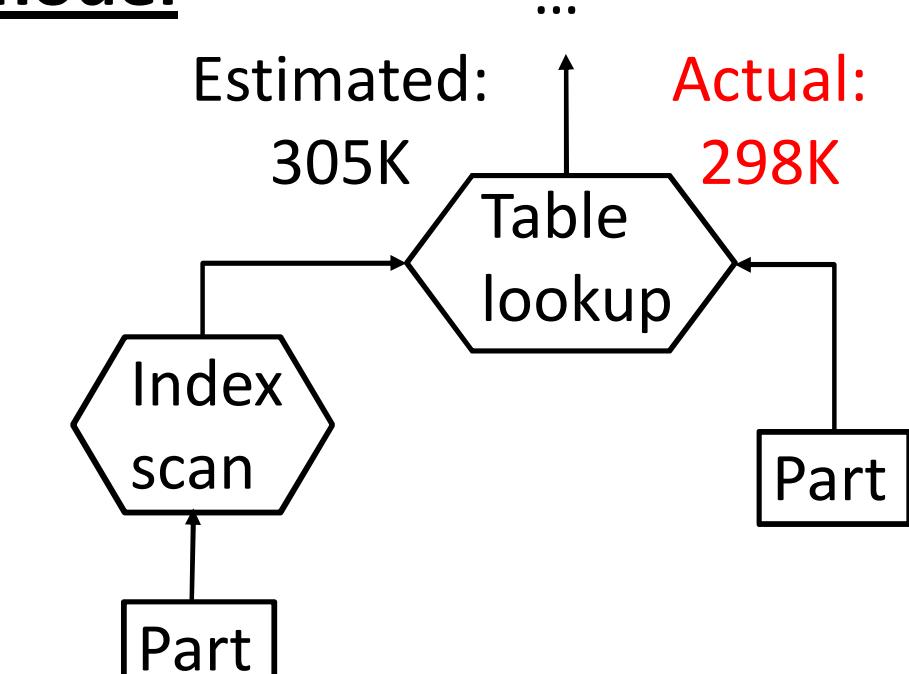
- 2 Queries prolonged overall execution by 8x

### Cause for sub-optimal plans

#### Cardinality errors

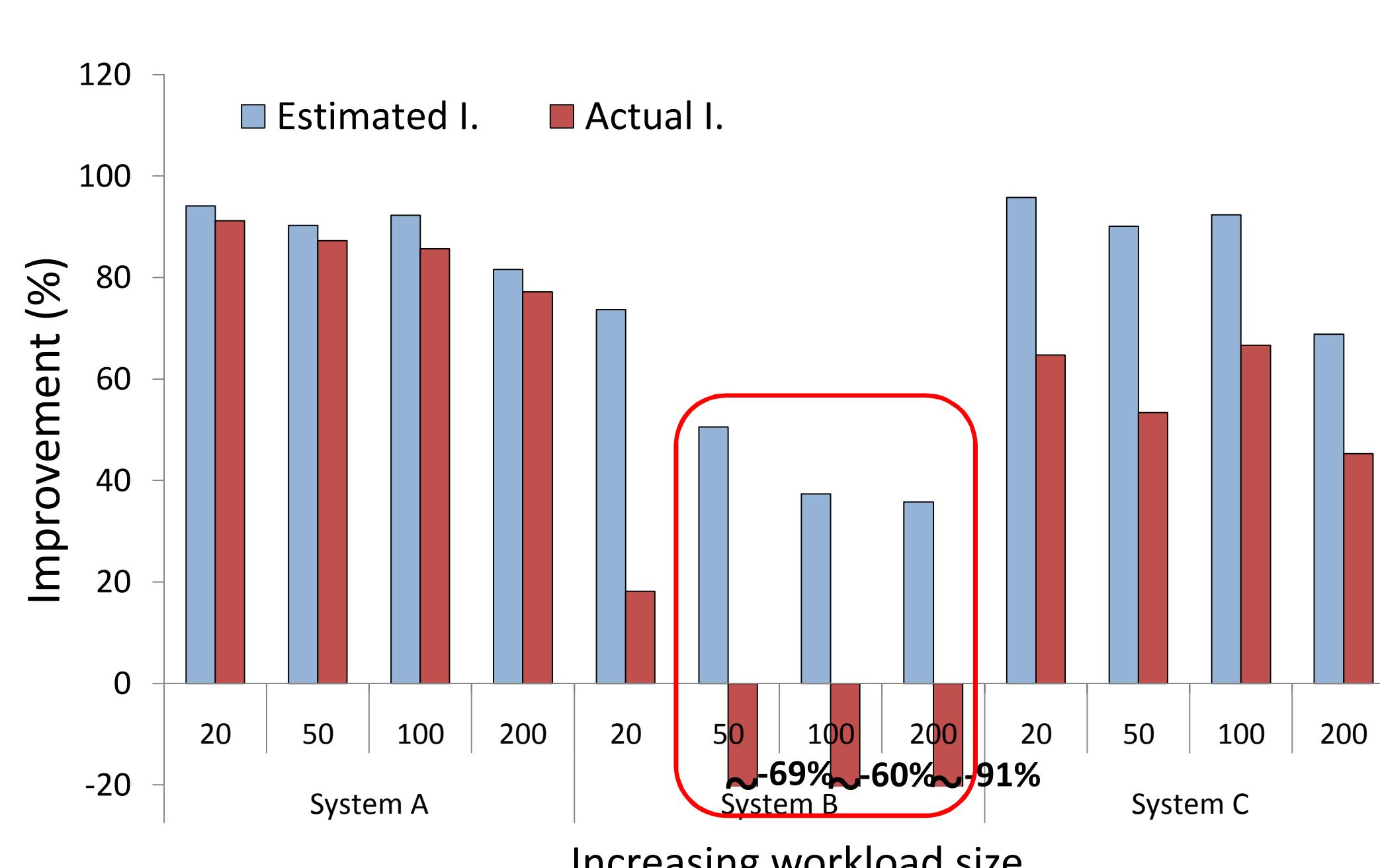


#### Cost model



## Impact of Workload Size

Setting: NREF, Space budget 20GB, Time budget 30min



- Improvement lower than estimated
- Wrong cardinality estimates hurt performance

## What About Updates?

Setting: NREF, Space budget 20GB, Time budget 30min, 400 statements

Metric	System A	System B	System C
$I_E$ (%)	58.62	-	2.23
$I_A$ (%)	-18.3	-	-8.13
$R_{EE}$ (%)	65.02	-	9.58

- Cannot balance improvement and maintenance

## Summary

Proposed designs can be unpredictable

### System A:

- $R_{EE}$  below 46%, performance hurt for 18% only with updates

### System B:

- $R_{EE}$  up to 92%, performance hurt up to 776%

### System C:

- $R_{EE}$  up to 87%, performance hurt up to 219%