

# Horn Clause-based Program Analysis and Verification with CiaoPP

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# Outline:

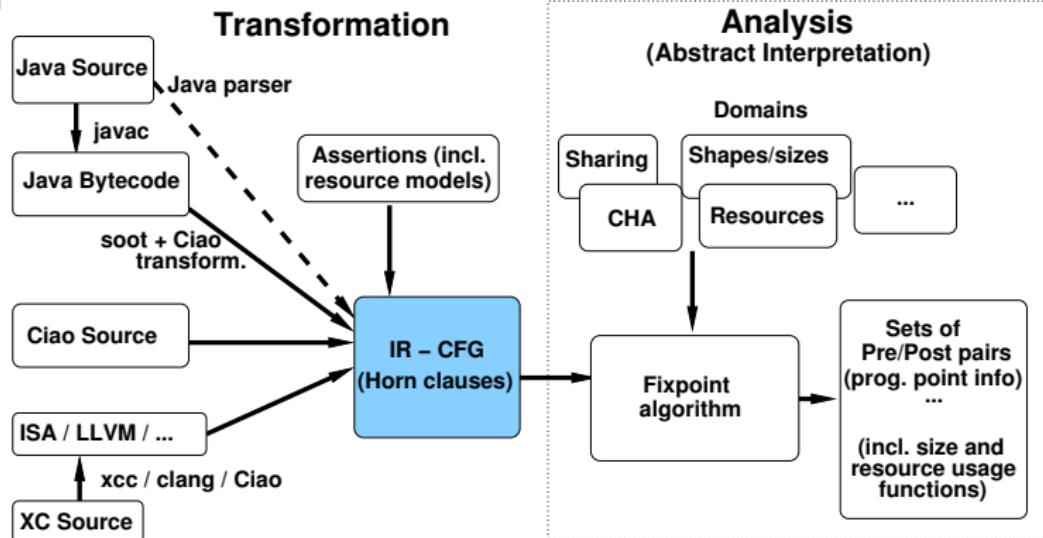
- The CiaoPP Horn clause analyzer.

Some recent results:

- Combining the incremental and the modular fixpoints.
- Energy analysis.
- Static guarantees on run-time checks.

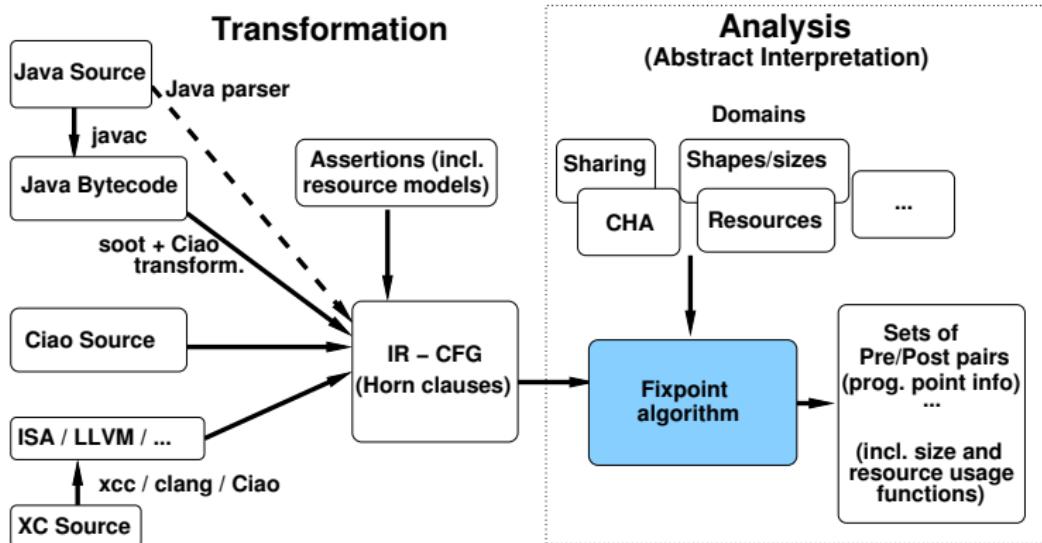
# Intermediate Repr.: (Constraint) Horn Clauses (CiaoPP)

[LOPSTR'07]



- Transformation:
  - ▶ **Source:** Program P in  $L_P$  + (possibly abstract) Semantics of  $L_P$
  - ▶ **Target:** A (C) Horn Clause program capturing  $\llbracket P \rrbracket$  (or, possibly,  $\llbracket P \rrbracket^\alpha$ )
- Block-based CFG. Each block represented as a *Horn clause*.
- Used for all analyses: aliasing, CHA/shape/types, data sizes, resources, etc.
- Allows supporting multiple languages.

# Analysis: CiaoPP Parametric AI Framework



- Analysis *parametric* w.r.t. abstractions, resources, ... (and languages).
- Efficient fixpoint algorithm for (C)HC IR.

[JLP'92, POPL'94, TOPLAS'99, SAS'96, TOPLAS'00, FTfJP'07, ICLP'18]

[NACLP'89, ICLP'91, ICLP'97, SAS'02, FLOPS'04, LOPSTR'04, PADL'06, PASTE'07]

[VMCAI'08, LCPC'08, PASTE'08, CC'08, ISMM'09, NGC'10, LCPC'08]

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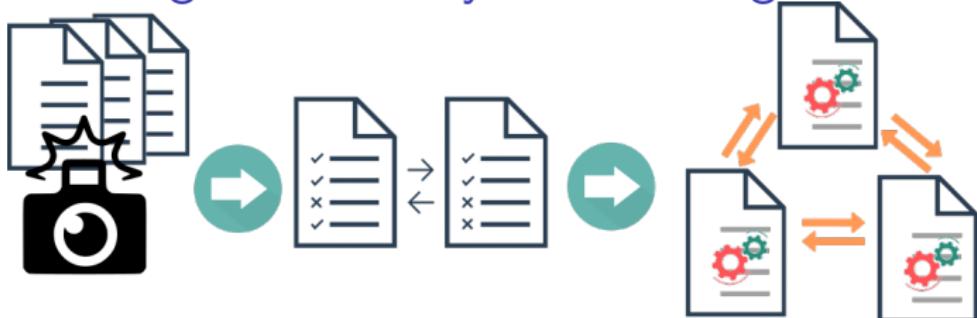
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# Combining the incremental and the modular fixpoints

# Analysis running continuously in the background



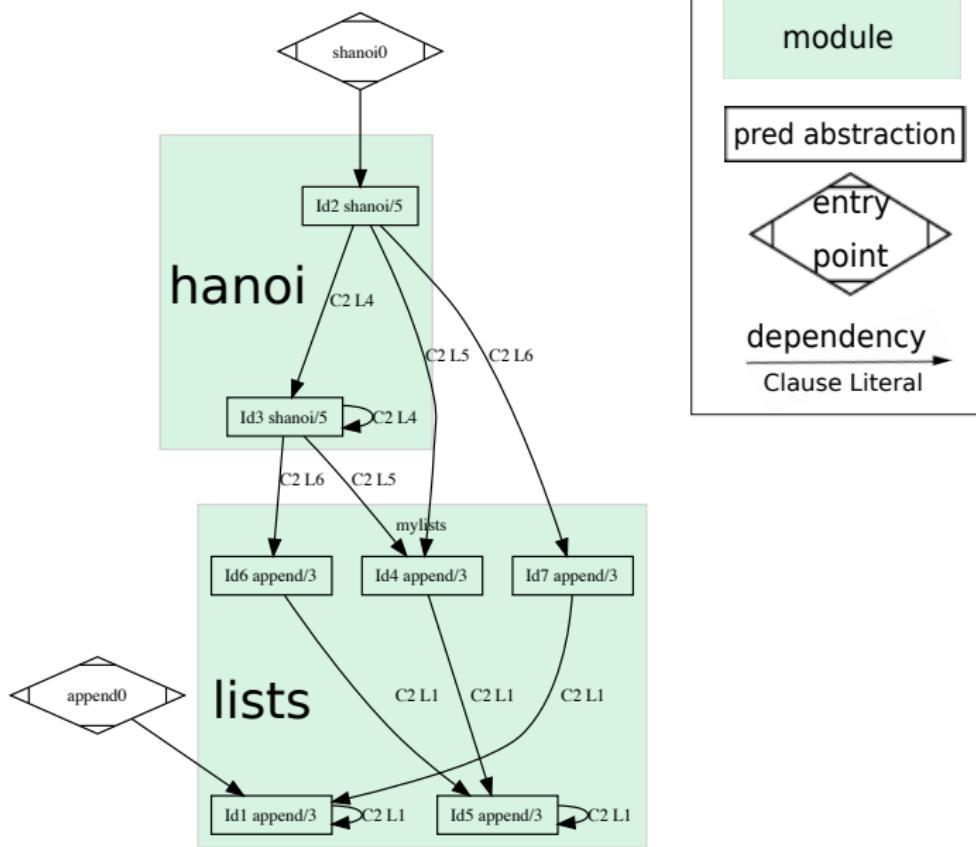
- ① We take “*snapshots*” of the program sources (e.g., at each editor save/pause/... while developing).
- ② We *detect the changes* w.r.t. the previous snapshot and *reanalyze*:
  - ▶ Annotate and remove potentially *outdated information*.
  - ▶ (Re-)Analyze *incrementally* (i.e., only parts needed) module by module until an intermodular fixpoint is reached again.

Our previous work:

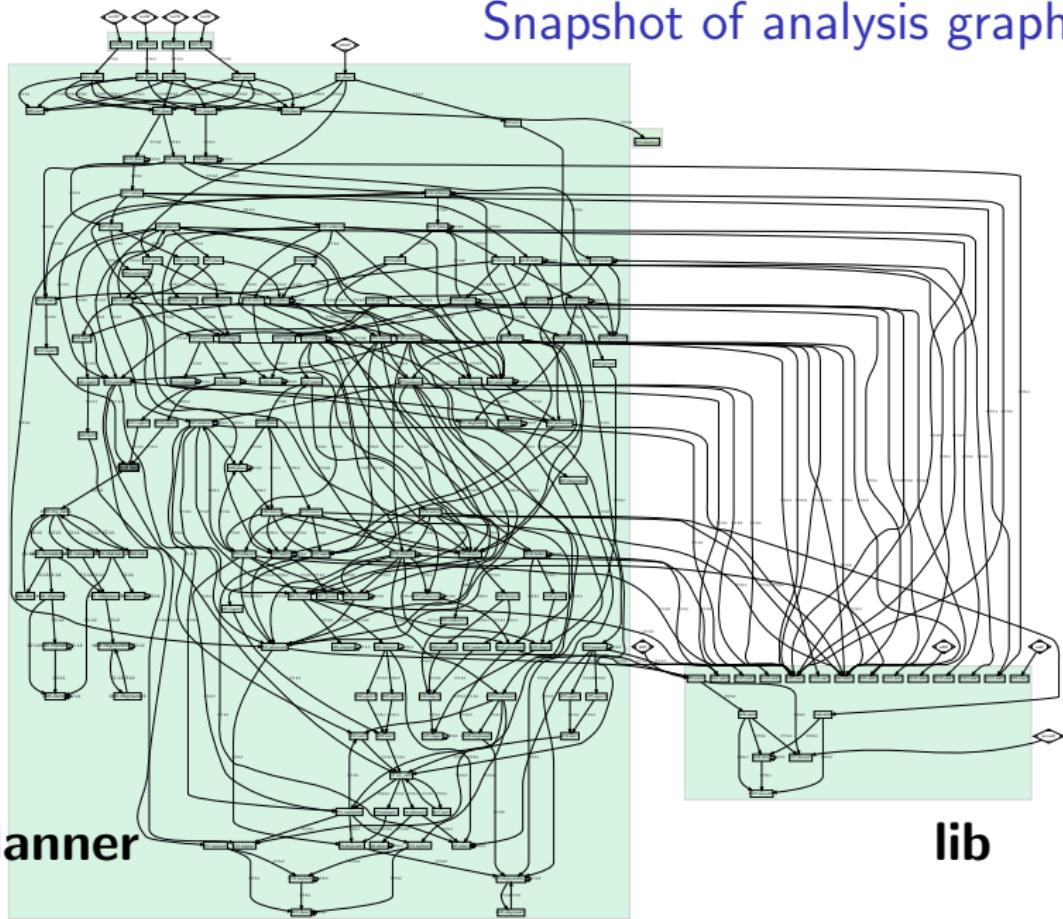
- *Fine-grain* (block-level) incremental analysis for *non-modular* programs [SAS'96, TOPLAS'00].
- *Coarse-grain* (module level) incremental analysis for *modular* programs [ENTCS'00, LOPSTR'01].

Recent work [ICLP'18]: combine (non-trivial).

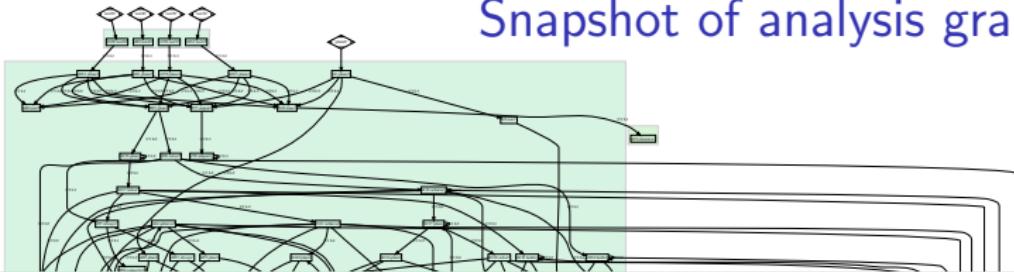
# Analysis result example



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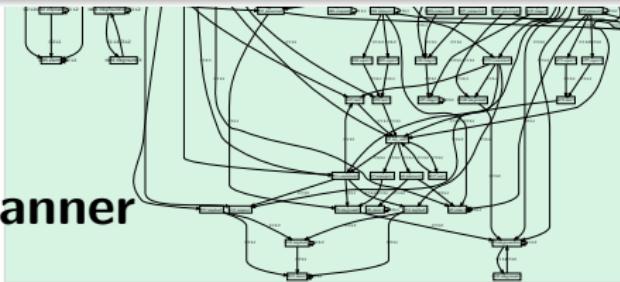
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```
100 %%  
101 - explore(P,Map, [P | Map]) :-  
102 -     safe(P).  
103 %%
```

lib.pl

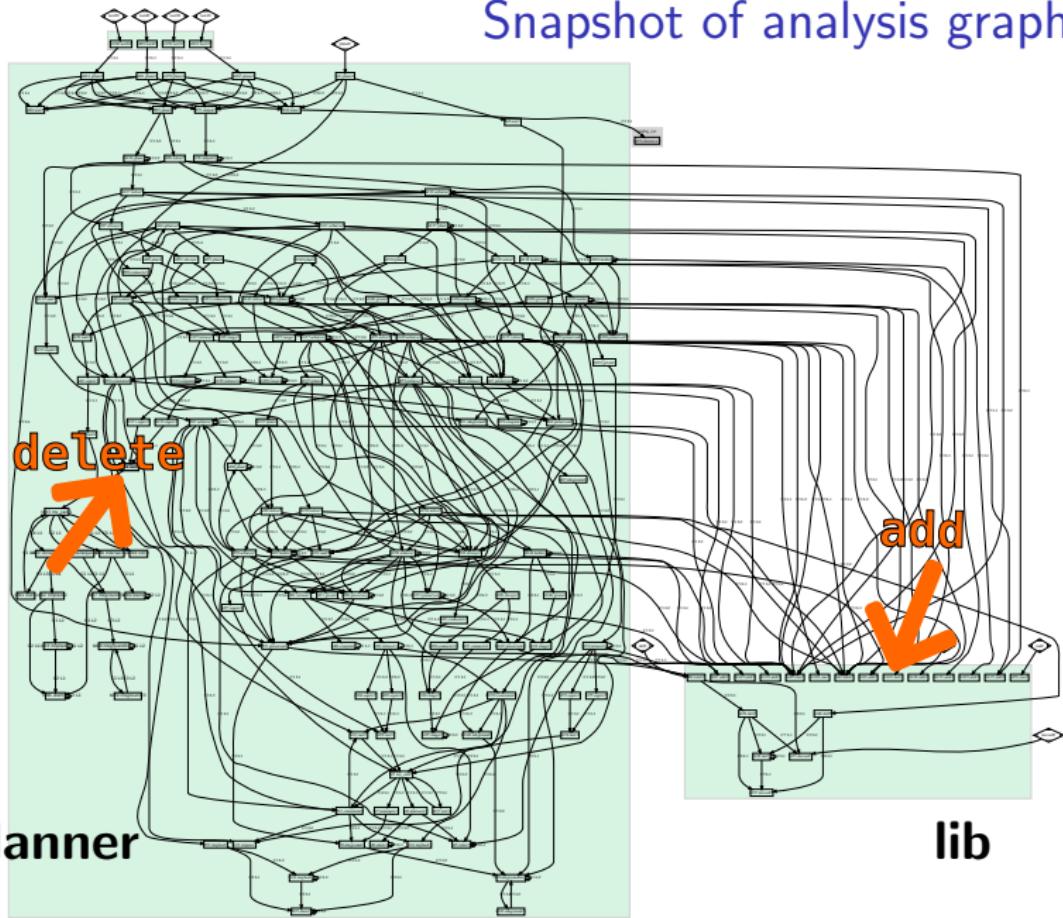
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41 %%  
42 + add(Node,Graph) :-  
43 +     %% implementation  
44 +     %% implementation  
45 %%
```

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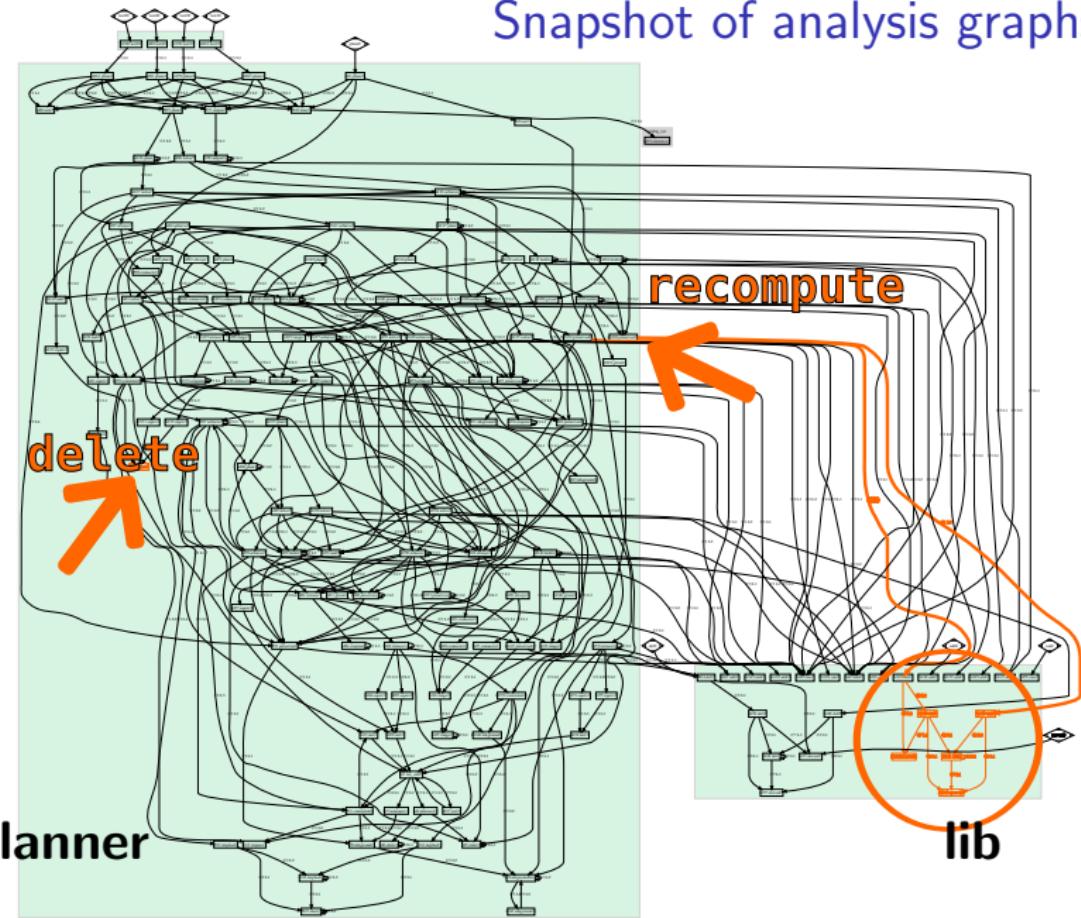


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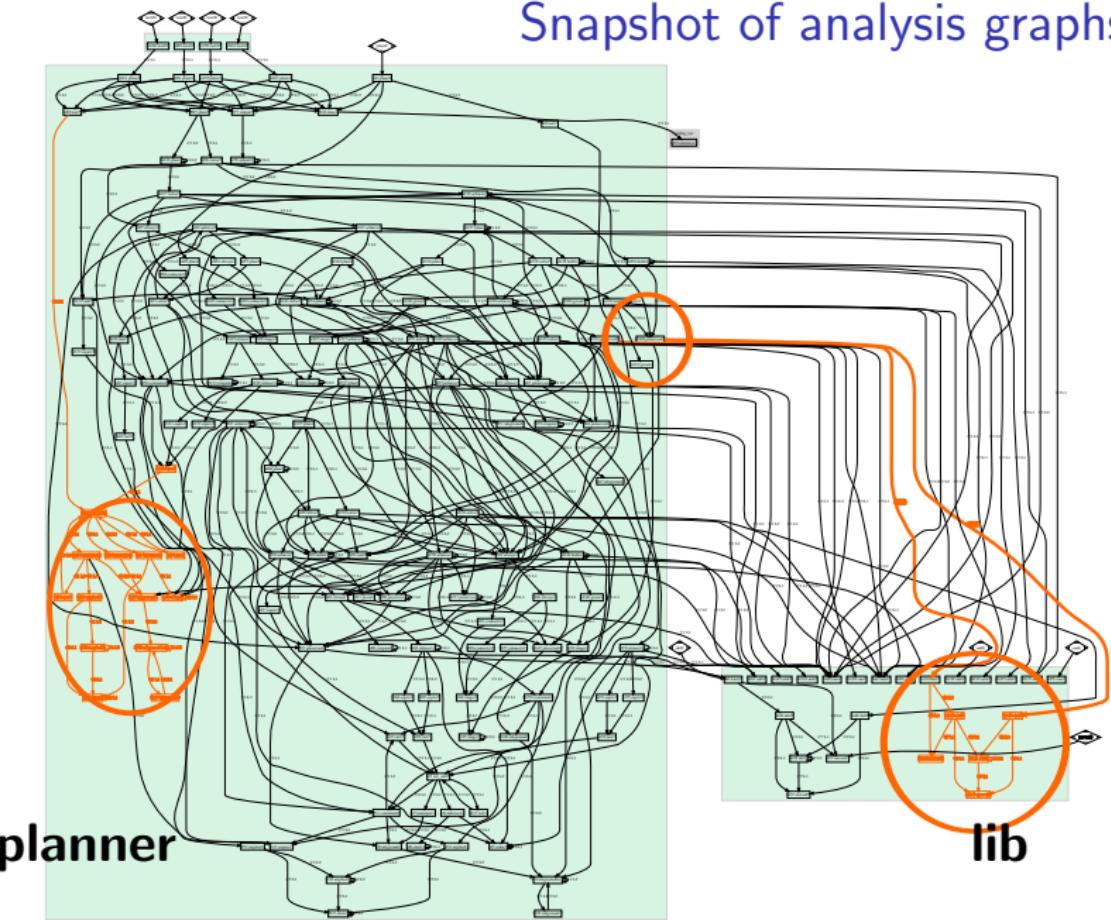
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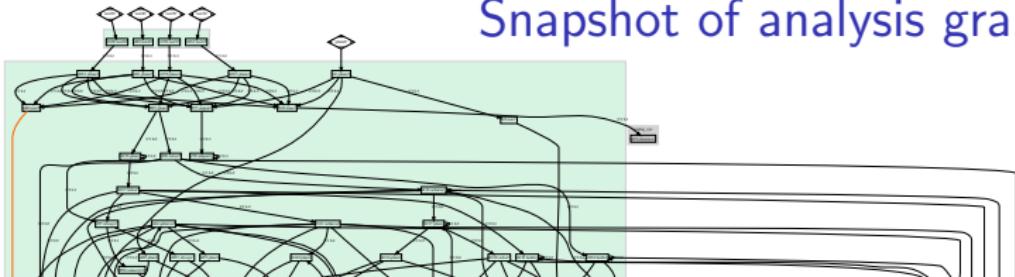
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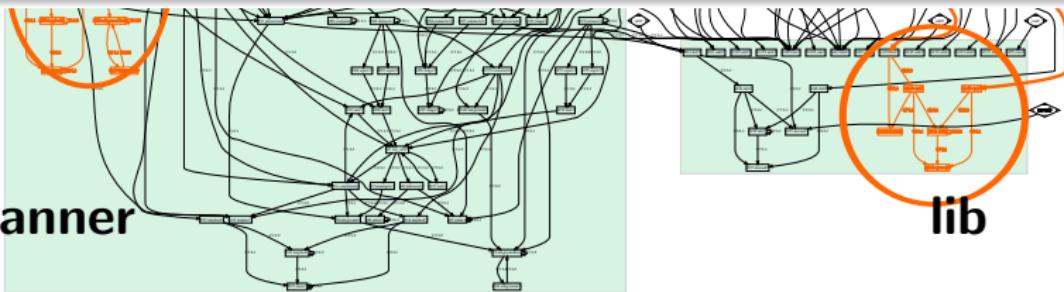


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### The algorithm:

- Maintains local and global tables of call/success pairs of the predicates *and their dependencies*.
- Deals incrementally with *additions, deletions*.
- Localizes as possible fixpoint (re)computation inside modules to minimize context swaps.



# Fundamental results

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$\mathcal{L}^M$  will represent the least module analysis graph of  $M$  and  $E_s$ , assuming  $\mathcal{G}$ .

## Proposition 2 (Adding clauses to a module)

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## What it means

The results from our incremental, modular analysis are:

- *Correct over-approximations.*
- *The most accurate (lfp).*

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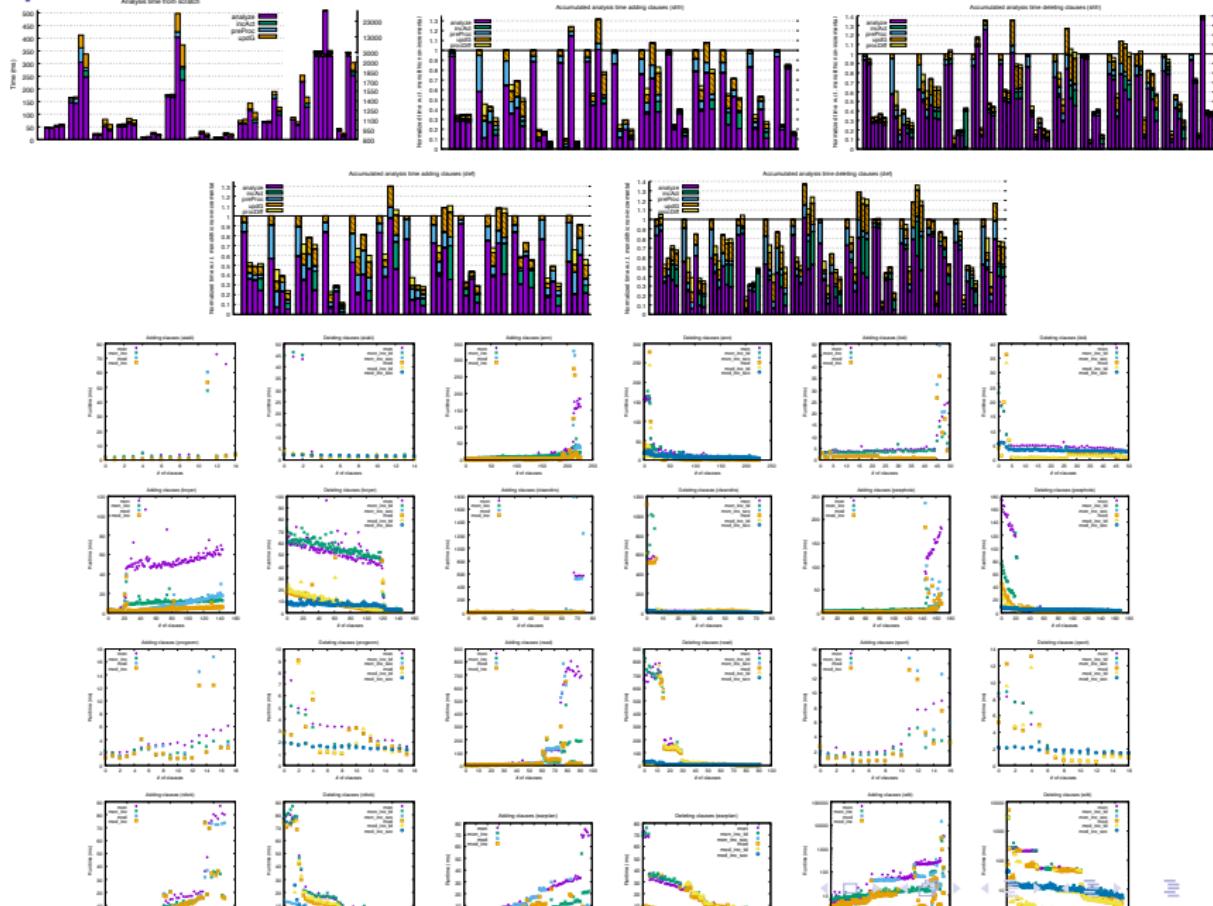
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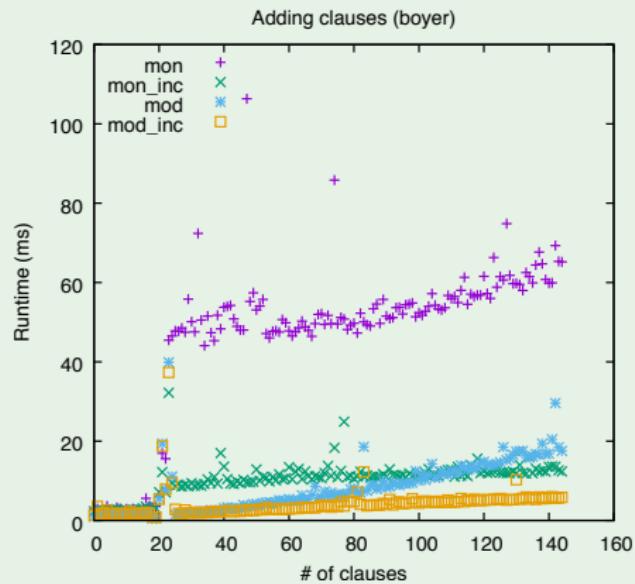
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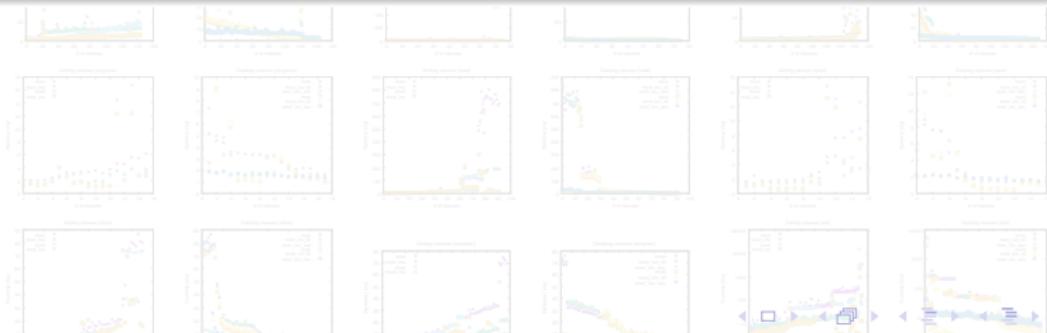


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## To take home:

- Modular Incremental analysis works! – Up to  $60\times$  speedup.
- Modular analysis from scratch is *improved* (up to  $9\times$ ).
- Keeping structures for incrementality produces *small overhead*.
- Using the analyzer *interactively* becomes quite feasible, even for complex abstract domains.



# Energy analysis

# Energy Consumption Analysis – Approach

Requires low-level modeling – approach: [NASA FM'08]

- Specialize our parametric resource analysis with instruction-level models:
  - ▶ Provide energy and data size assertions for each individual instruction.  
(Energy and data sizes can be constants or *functions*.)
- CiaoPP then generates statically safe upper- and lower-bound energy consumption functions.

⇒ Addressed recently: [LOPSTR'13, FOPARA'15, HIP3ES'16]

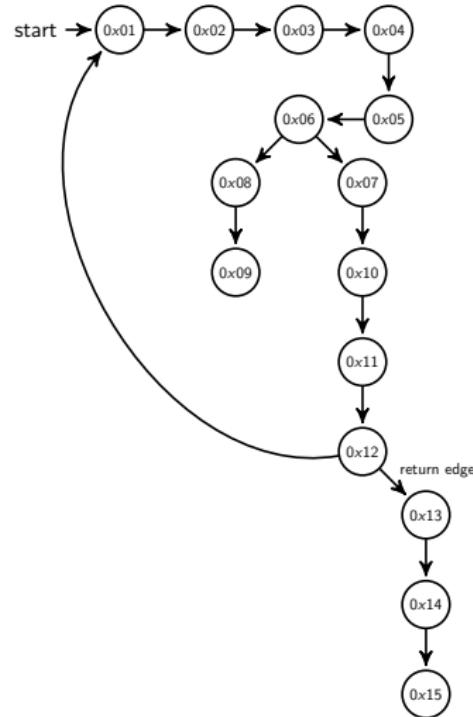
- ▶ Analysis of (embedded) programs written in XC, on XMOS processors.
- ▶ Using more sophisticated *ISA- and LLVM-level energy models* for XMOS XS1 (Bristol & XMOS).
- ▶ Comparing to measured energy consumption.



# Transformation example - binaries

Xcore ISA Example: Control Flow Graph (CFG)

```
<fact>:  
0x01: entsp (u6)    0x2  
0x02: stw    (ru6)   r0, sp[0x1]  
0x03: ldw    (ru6)   r1, sp[0x1]  
0x04: ldc    (ru6)   r0, 0x0  
0x05: lss    (3r)    r0, r0, r1  
0x06: bf     (ru6)   r0, 0x1 <0x08>  
0x07: bu     (u6)    0x2 <0x10>  
0x08: mkmksk (rus)  r0, 0x1  
0x09: retsp  (u6)    0x2  
0x10: ldw    (ru6)   r0, sp[0x1]  
0x11: sub    (2rus)  r0, r0, 0x1  
0x12: bl     (u10)   -0xc <fact>  
0x13: ldw    (ru6)   r1, sp[0x1]  
0x14: mul    (13r)   r0, r1, r0  
0x15: retsp  (u6)    0x2
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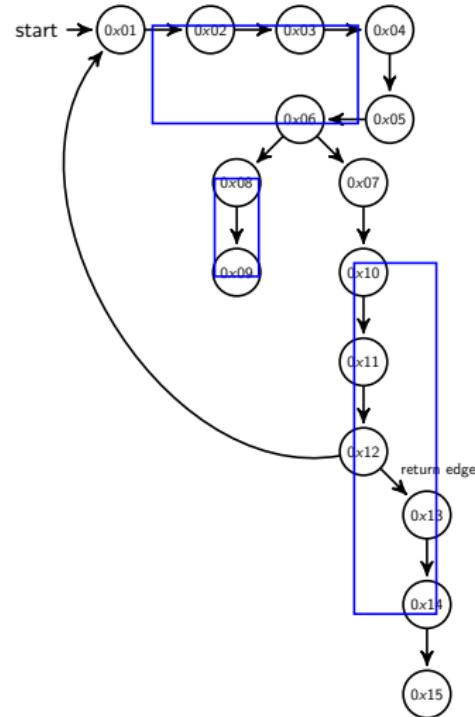
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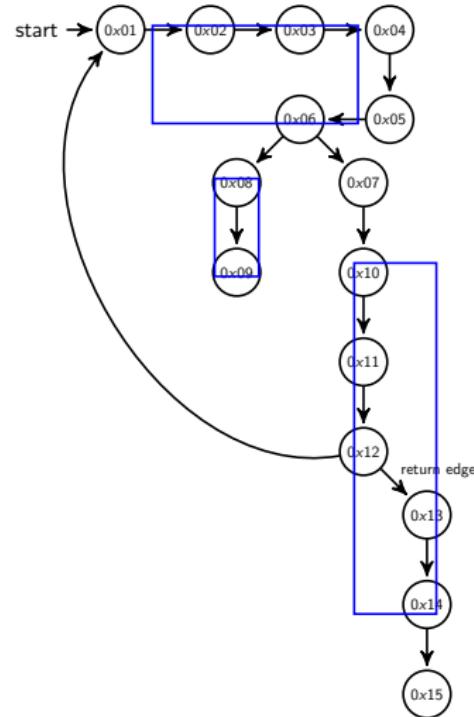
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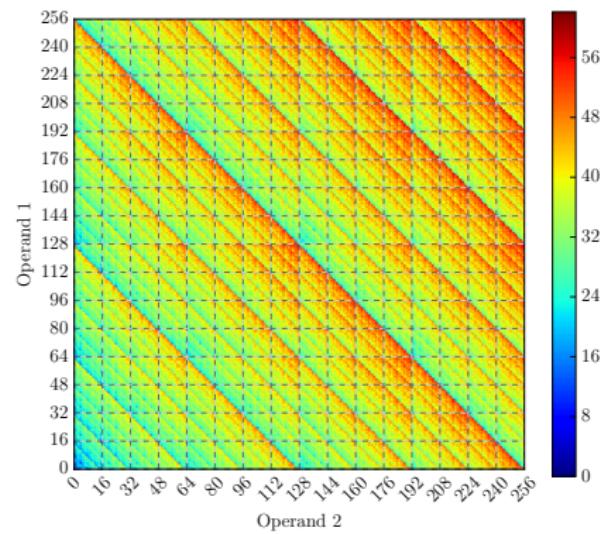
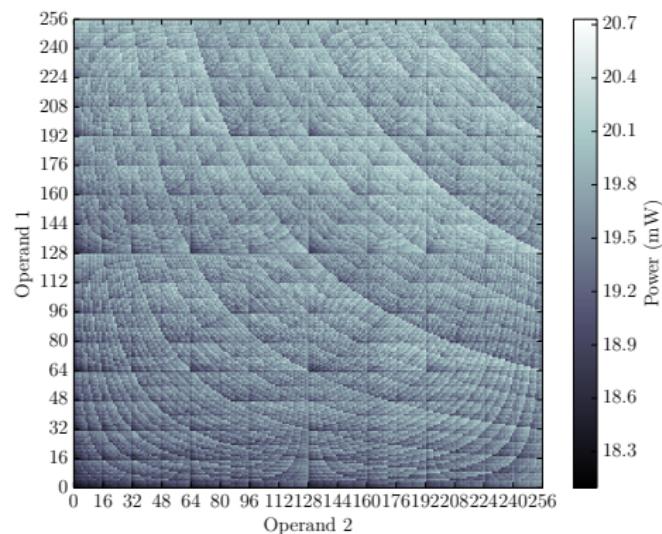
Xcore ISA Example: Constrained Horn Clauses IR

```
:- entry fact/2.  
fact(R0,R0_3) :-  
    entsp(_),  
    stw(R0,Sp0x1),  
    ldw(R1,Sp0x1),  
    ldc(R0_1,0x0),  
    lss(R0_2,R0_1,R1),  
    bf(R0_2,_),  
    bf01(R0_2,Sp0x1,R0_3,R1_1).  
  
bf01(1,Sp0x1,R0_4,R1) :-  
    bu(_),  
    ldw(R0_1,Sp0x1),  
    sub(R0_2,R0_1,0x1),  
    bl(_),  
    fact(R0_2,R0_3),  
    ldw(R1,Sp0x1),  
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# Low-level ISA characterization – operand size

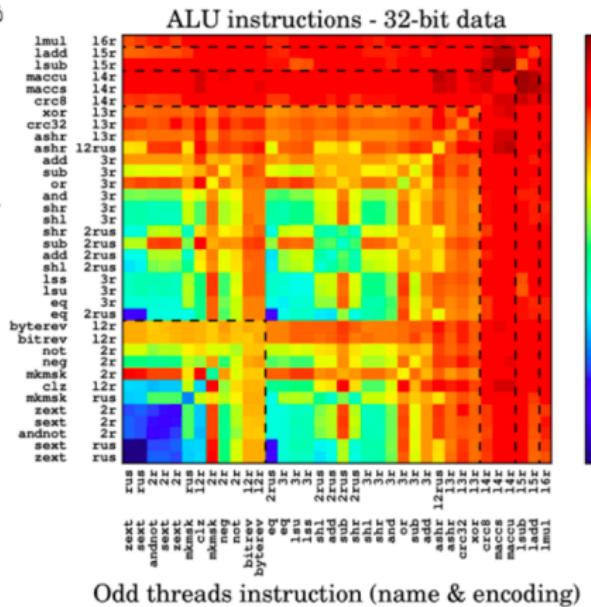
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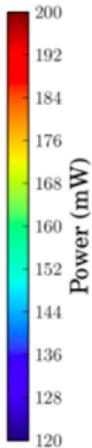
Eder, Kerrison – Bristol U / XMOS.

## Low-level ISA characterization – interference

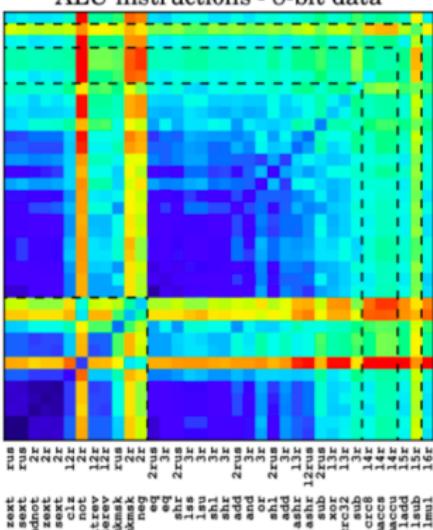
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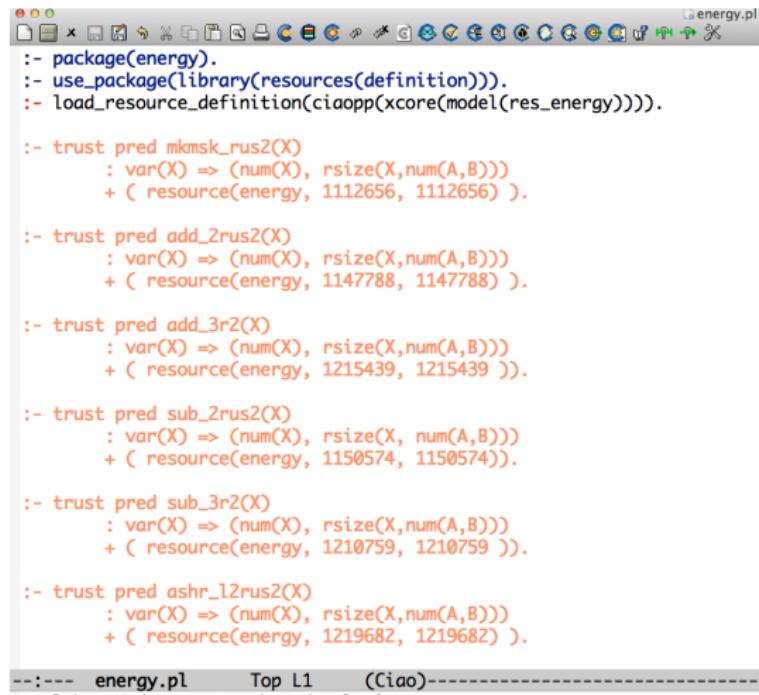
## ALU instructions - 8-bit data



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# Energy model, expressed in the Ciao assertion language



```
:- package(energy).
:- use_package(library(resources(definition))).
:- load_resource_definition(ciaopp(xcore(model(res_energy)))).
```

```
:- trust pred mkmk_rus2(X)
   : var(X) => (num(X), rsize(X,num(A,B)))
   + ( resource(energy, 1112656, 1112656) ).
```

```
:- trust pred add_2rus2(X)
   : var(X) => (num(X), rsize(X,num(A,B)))
   + ( resource(energy, 1147788, 1147788) ).
```

```
:- trust pred add_3r2(X)
   : var(X) => (num(X), rsize(X,num(A,B)))
   + ( resource(energy, 1215439, 1215439) ).
```

```
:- trust pred sub_2rus2(X)
   : var(X) => (num(X), rsize(X, num(A,B)))
   + ( resource(energy, 1150574, 1150574) ).
```

```
:- trust pred sub_3r2(X)
   : var(X) => (num(X), rsize(X, num(A,B)))
   + ( resource(energy, 1210759, 1210759) ).
```

```
:- trust pred ashr_l2rus2(X)
   : var(X) => (num(X), rsize(X, num(A,B)))
   + ( resource(energy, 1219682, 1219682) ).
```

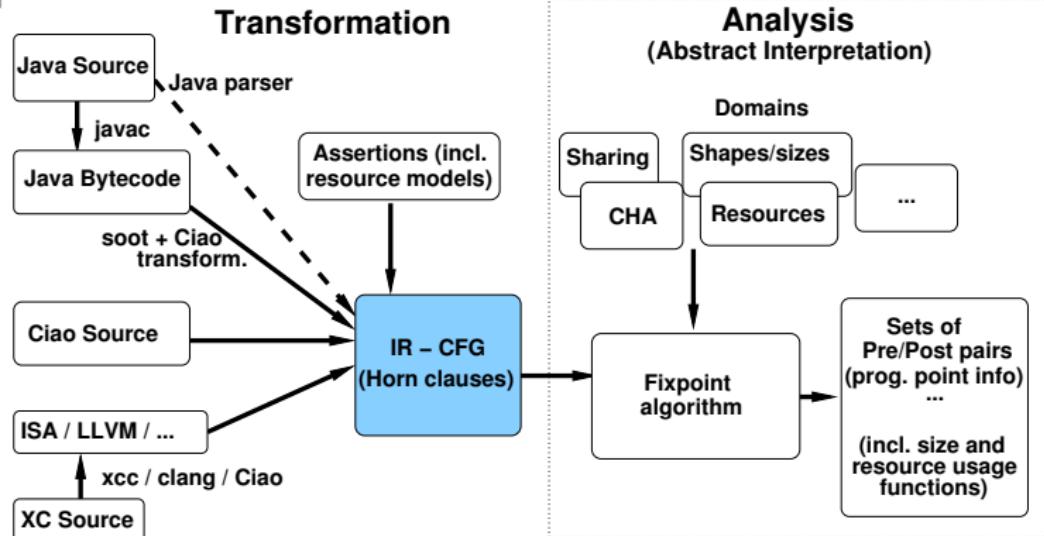
```
--:-- energy.pl Top L1 (Ciao)--
```

Very simple model depicted (constant cost) but real models can include:

- Data properties: operand sizes or other (e.g., number of 1's, bits changing, ...).
- External parameters (voltage, clock, ...).
- List of previous instructions, pipeline state, cache state, etc.

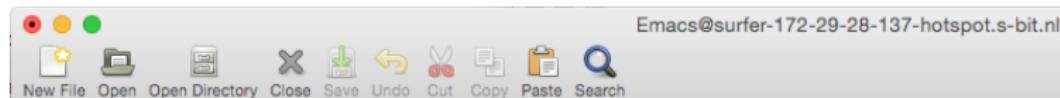
# Intermediate Repr.: (Constraint) Horn Clauses (CiaoPP)

[LOPSTR'07]



- Transformation:
  - ▶ **Source:** Program P in  $L_P$  + (possibly abstract) Semantics of  $L_P$
  - ▶ **Target:** A (C) Horn Clause program capturing  $\llbracket P \rrbracket$  (or, possibly,  $\llbracket P \rrbracket^\alpha$ )
- Block-based CFG. Each block represented as a *Horn clause*.
- Used for all analyses: aliasing, CHA/shape/types, data sizes, resources, etc.
- Allows supporting multiple languages.

# CiaoPP Menu



## CiaoPP X莫斯® Preprocessor Option Browser

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# Analysis Results

The screenshot shows a CiaoPP IDE window with the file `fact_results.pl` open. The code defines a module with a fact predicate and a corresponding fact predicate with annotations. The annotations include resource usage (energy) and stack traces.

```
fact_results.pl
:- module(_, [fact/2], [ciaopp(xcore(model(instructions))), ciaopp(xcore(model(energy))), assertions]).

:- true pred fact(X,Y)
    : ( num(X), var(Y) )
    => ( num(X), num(Y), rsize(X,num(A,B)), rsize(Y,num('Factorial'(A),'Factorial'(B))) )
        + ( resource(energy, 6439360, 21469718 * B + 16420396) ).

fact(X,Y) :-
    entsp_u62(_3459),
    _3467 is X,
    stw_ru62(_3476),
    _3484 is X,
    stw_ru62(_3493),
    _3501 is _3467,
    ldw_ru62(_3510),
    _3518 is 0,
    ldc_ru62(_3527),
    _3518 < _3501,
    lss_3r2(_3544),
    bt_ru62(_3552),
    1\=0,
    _3569 is _3467,
    ldw_ru62(_3578),
    _3586 is _3569-1,
    sub_2rus2(_3598),
    _3606 is _3569,
    stw_ru62(_3615),
    _3623 is _3586+0,
```

--:--- fact\_results.pl Top L11 (Ciao)-----

# Analysis Output

The screenshot shows an Emacs window titled "Emacs@surfer-172-29-28-137-hotspot.s-bit.nl". The window contains the following code:

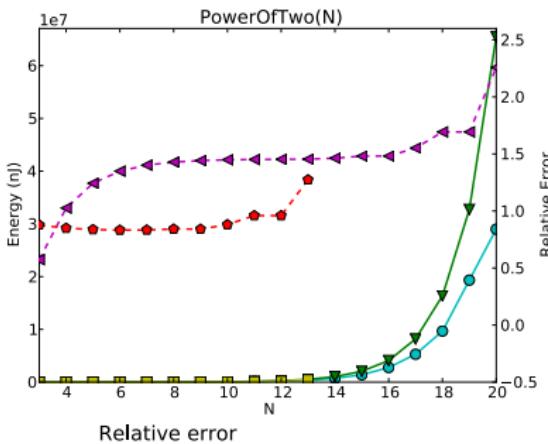
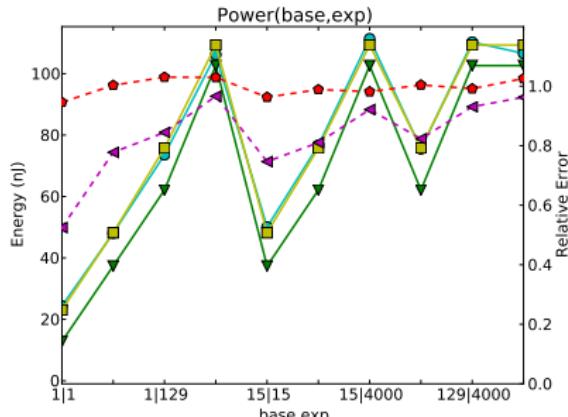
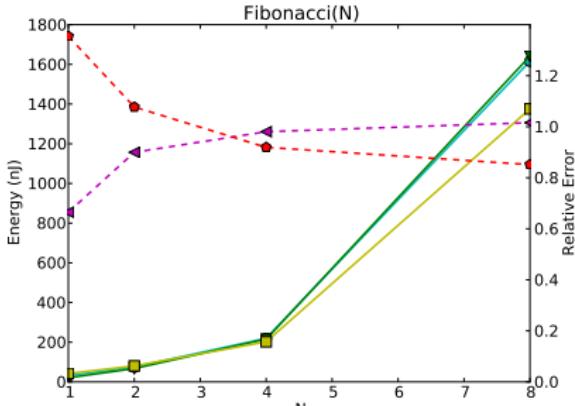
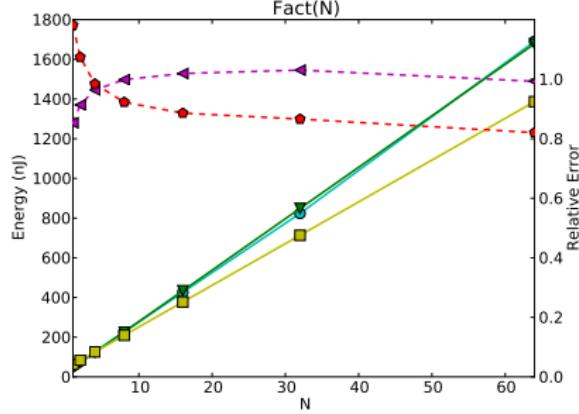
```
#include "fact.h"

#pragma true fact(A) ==> (energy <= 2845229*A+1940746)

int fact(int i) {
  if(i<=0)  return 1;
  return i*fact(i-1);
}
```

The code is a C function named fact that calculates the factorial of an integer i. It includes a preprocessor directive #pragma true fact(A) ==> (energy <= 2845229\*A+1940746), which specifies a constraint on the energy of the fact(A) call. The function uses recursion to calculate the factorial.

# Some Results [LOPSTR'13]



# XC Analysis Results (FIR Filter, LLVM IR level)

```
int fir(int xn, int coeffs[], int state[], int ELEMENTS)
{
    unsigned int ynl; int ynh;
    ynl = (1<<23); ynh = 0;
    for(int j=ELEMENTS-1; j!=0; j--) {
        state[j] = state[j-1];
        {ynh, ynl} = macs(coeffs[j], state[j], ynh, ynl);
    }
    state[0] = xn;
    {ynh, ynl} = macs(coeffs[0], xn, ynh, ynl);
    if (sext(ynh,24) == ynh) {
        ynh = (ynh << 8) | (((unsigned) ynl) >> 24); }
    else if (ynh < 0) { ynh = 0x80000000; }
    else { ynh = 0x7fffffff; }
    return ynh;
}
```

# XC Analysis Results (FIR Filter, LLVM IR level)

```
#pragma true fir(xn, coeffs, state, N) :
    (3347178*N + 13967829 <= energy &&
     energy <= 3347178*N + 14417829)

int fir(int xn, int coeffs[], int state[], int ELEMENTS)
{
    unsigned int ynl; int ynh;
    ynl = (1<<23); ynh = 0;
    for(int j=ELEMENTS-1; j!=0; j--) {
        state[j] = state[j-1];
        {ynh, ynl} = macs(coeffs[j], state[j], ynh, ynl);
    }
    state[0] = xn;
    {ynh, ynl} = macs(coeffs[0], xn, ynh, ynl);
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    else { ynh = 0x7fffffff; }
    return ynh;
}
```

# Measuring Power Consumption on the Hardware

- XMOS XTAG3 measurement circuit.
- Plugs into XMOS XS1 board.



We compare these HW measurements with:

- Static Resource Analysis (SRA).
- Instruction Set Simulation (ISS).

# Accuracy vs. HW measurements (ISA and LLVMIR)

[FOPARA'15]

Program	Error vs. HW		ISA/LLVMIR
	isa	llvmir	
fact (N)	2.86%	4.50%	0.94
fibonacci (N)	5.41%	11.94%	0.92
sqr (N)	1.49%	9.31%	0.91
power_of_two (N)	4.26%	11.15%	0.93
<b>Average</b>	<b>3.50%</b>	<b>9.20%</b>	<b>0.92</b>
reverse (N, M)	N/A	2.18%	N/A
concat (N, M)	N/A	8.71%	N/A
mat_mult (N, M)	N/A	1.47%	N/A
sum_facts (N, M)	N/A	2.42%	N/A
fir (N)	N/A	0.63%	N/A
biquad (N)	N/A	2.34%	N/A
<b>Average</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>3.0%</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Gobal Avg.</b>	<b>3.50%</b>	<b>5.48%</b>	<b>0.92</b>

# Accuracy vs. HW measurements (ISA and LLVMIR)

[FOPARA'15]

- ISA analysis estimations are reasonably accurate.
- ISA estimations are more accurate than LLVM estimations.
- LLVM estimations are close to ISA estimations.
- Some programs cannot be analysed at the ISA level but can be analyzed at the LLVM level.

# XC Program (FIR Filter) w/Energy Specification [HIP3ES'15]

```
#pragma check fir(xn, coeffs, state, N) :  
    (1 <= N) ==> (energy <= 416079189)
```

```
int fir(int xn, int coeffs[], int state[], int ELEMENTS)  
{  
    unsigned int ynl; int ynh;  
    ynl = (1<<23); ynh = 0;  
    for(int j=ELEMENTS-1; j!=0; j--) {  
        state[j] = state[j-1];  
        {ynh, ynl} = macs(coeffs[j], state[j], ynh, ynl);  
    }  
    state[0] = xn;  
    {ynh, ynl} = macs(coeffs[0], xn, ynh, ynl);  
    if (sext(ynh,24) == ynh) {  
        ynh = (ynh << 8) | (((unsigned) ynl) >> 24);}  
    else if (ynh < 0) { ynh = 0x80000000; }  
    else { ynh = 0x7fffffff; }  
    return ynh;  
}
```

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#pragma true fir(xn, coeffs, state, N) :
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     energy <= 3347178*N + 14417829)

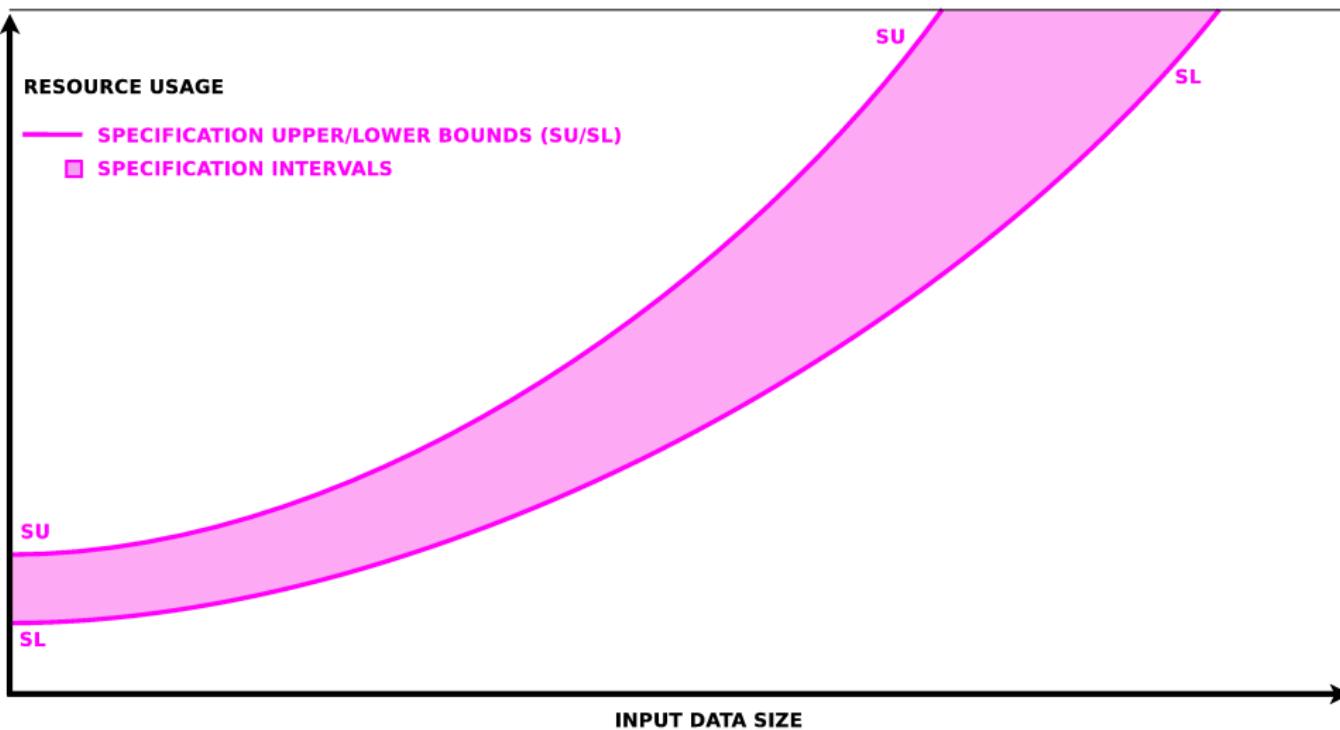
#pragma checked fir(xn, coeffs, state, N) :
    (1 <= N && N <= 120) ==> (energy <= 416079189)

#pragma false fir(xn, coeffs, state, N) :
    (121 <= N) ==> (energy <= 416079189)

int fir(int xn, int coeffs[], int state[], int ELEMENTS)
{
    unsigned int ynl; int ynh;
    ynl = (1<<23); ynh = 0;
    for(int j=ELEMENTS-1; j!=0; j--) {
        state[j] = state[j-1];
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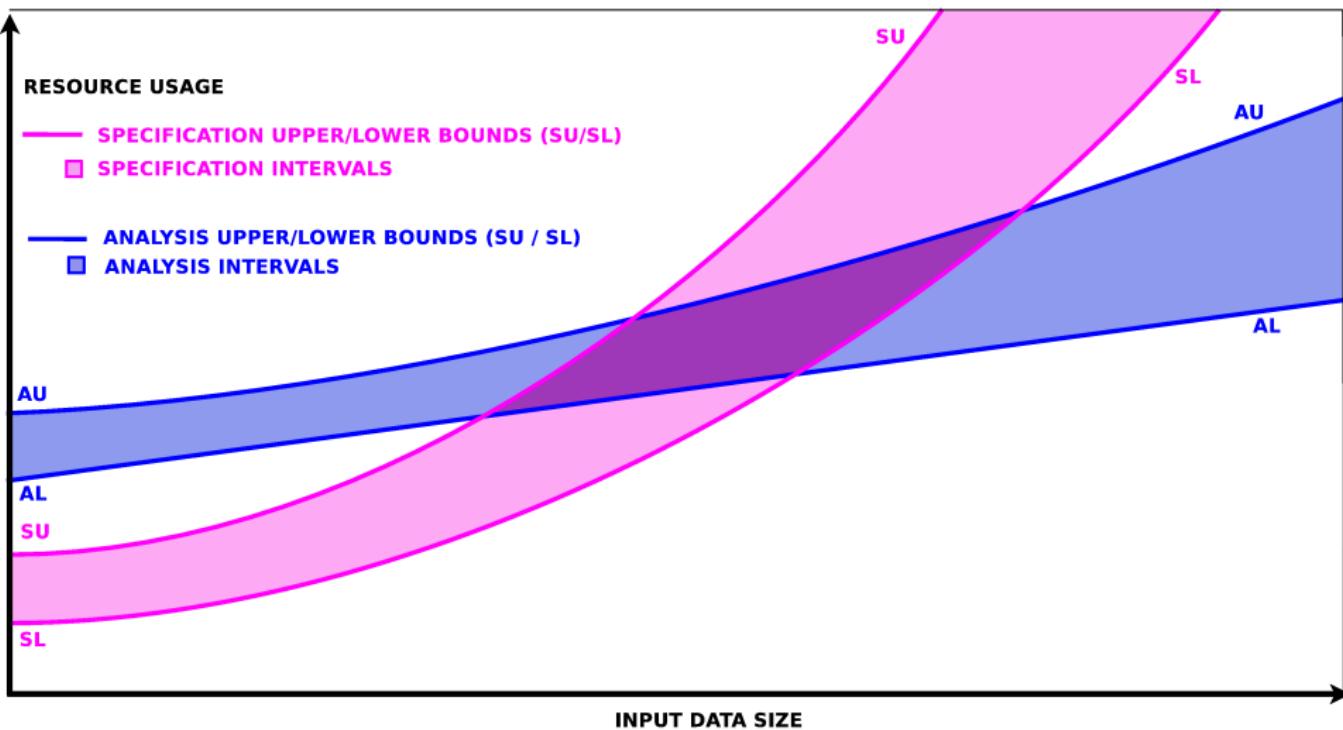
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[ICLP'10, FOPARA'12]



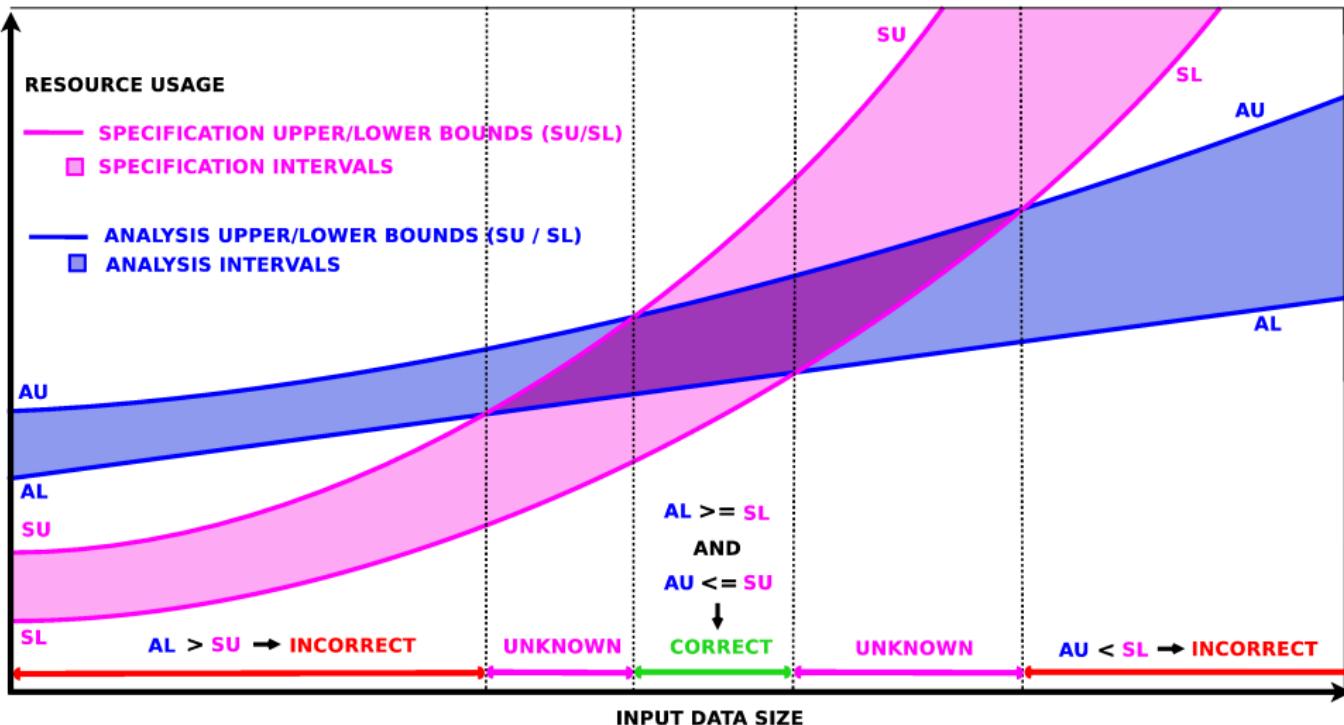
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# Static performance guarantees for programs with run-time checks

# Our Static Cost Analysis (SCA)

[PLDI'90, SAS'94, ILPS'97, ICLP'07, TPLP'14, TPLP'16]

## Example

Consider the following predicate (`rev/2`) for reversing a list of terms.

```
:– pred rev/2:list★var.  
rev([], []).  
rev([X|Xs], Y) :-  
    rev(Xs, Ys),  
    app1(Ys, X, Y).  
  
app1([], X, [X]).  
app1([E|Y], X, [E|T]) :-  
    app1(Y, X, T).
```

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app1([E|Y], X, [E|T]) :-  
    app1(Y, X, T).
```

Result of SCA:

```
:– true pred rev(X, Y)  
  : (list(X), var(Y), length(X, L))  
=> (list(Y), length(Y, L))  
+ cost(exact(½L² + ¾L + 1)).
```

```
:– true pred app1(X, Y, Z)  
  : (list(X), var(Z), length(X, L))  
=> (list(Z), length(Z, L + 1))  
+ cost(exact(L)).
```

# Our Static Cost Analysis (SCA)

[PLDI'90, SAS'94, ILPS'97, ICLP'07, TPLP'14, TPLP'16]

## Example

$$\text{cost}(\text{exact}(\frac{1}{2}L^2 + \frac{3}{2}L + 1))$$

```
rev([X|Xs], Y) :-  
    rev(Xs, Ys),  
    appl(Ys, X, Y).
```

$$\text{cost}(\text{exact}(L))$$

Result of SCA:

```
:= true pred rev(X, Y)  
  : (list(X), var(Y), length(X, L))  
=> (list(Y), length(Y, L))  
+ cost(exact(1/2L^2 + 3/2L + 1))
```

```
:= true pred appl(X, Y, Z)  
  : (list(X), var(Z), length(X, L))  
=> (list(Z), length(Z, L + 1))  
+ cost(exact(L))
```

# Our Static Cost Analysis (SCA)

[PLDI'90, SAS'94, ILPS'97, ICLP'07, TPLP'14, TPLP'16]

## Example

Consider  $\text{length}(X, L) \rightarrow v/2$  for reversing a list of terms.

```
length(X, L) :-  
    pred rev(Z, list var).  
    rev([], []).  
    rev([X|Xs], Y) :-  
        rev(Xs, Ys),  
        appl([].X.[X]).  
        rev(Xs, Ys),  
        appl(Ys, X, Y).
```

```
length(X, L) :-  
    [E|T] :-  
    T).
```

## Result of SCA:

```
:- true pred rev(X, Y)  
  : (list(X), var(Y), length(X, L))  
=> (list(Y), length(Y, L))  
+ cost(exact(1/2L2 + 3/2L + 1)).
```

```
:- true pred appl(X, Y, Z)  
  : (list(X), var(Z), length(X, L))  
=> (list(Z), length(Z, L + 1))  
+ cost(exact(L)).
```

# Run-time Checks - Assertions and Admissible Overhead

`check` assertions specify pre- and post-conditions for calls to a given predicate.

## Example (contd.)

```
:– check pred rev/2
  : list★var => list★list.
:– check pred appl/3
  : list★term★var => list★term★list.

rev([], []).
rev([X|Xs], Y) :- 
  rev(Xs, Ys), appl(Ys, X, Y).
appl([], X, [X]).
appl([E|Y], X, [E|T]) :- appl(Y, X, T).
```

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## Example (contd.)

```
:– check pred rev/2
  : list★var => list★list.
:– check pred app1/3
  : list★term★var => list★term★list.

rev([], []).
rev([X|Xs], Y) :-  
    rev(Xs, Ys), app1(Ys, X, Y).
app1([], X, [X]).
app1([E|Y], X, [E|T]) :- app1(Y, X, T).
```

Program  
code



# Run-time Checks - Assertions and Admissible Overhead

`check` assertions specify pre- and post-conditions for calls to a given predicate.

## Example (contd.)

Assertions

```
:-- check pred rev/2
    : list*var => list*list.
:- check pred app1/3
    : list*term*var => list*term*list.
```

Program code

```
rev([], []).
rev([X|Xs], Y) :-  
    rev(Xs, Ys), appl(Ys, X, Y).
appl([], X, [X]).
appl([E|Y], X, [E|T]) :- appl(Y, X, T).
```

# Run-time Checks - Instrumentation

Program instrumented with run-time checking code  
(assuming no analysis, i.e., full RT checks).

```
rev(A,B) :-  
    revC(A,B,C),  
    rev_(A,B),  
    revS(A,B,C).
```

```
revC(A,B,E) :-  
    reify_check(list(A),C),  
    reify_check(var(B),D),  
    E is C/\D,  
    warn_if_false(E,calls).
```

```
revS(A,B,E) :-  
    reify_check(list(A),C),  
    reify_check(list(B),D),  
    F is C/\D,G is (E#1)\/F,  
    warn_if_false(G,success).
```

```
rev_([],[]).  
rev_([X|Xs],Y) :-  
    rev(Xs,Ys),  
    app1(Ys,X,Y).
```

```
app1(A,B,C) :-  
    app1C(A,B,C,D),  
    app1_(A,B,C),  
    app1S(A,B,C,D).
```

```
app1C(A,B,C,G) :-  
    reify_check(list(A),D),  
    reify_check(term(B),E),  
    reify_check(var(C),F),  
    G is D/\(E/\F),  
    warn_if_false(G,calls).
```

```
app1S(A,B,C,G) :-  
    reify_check(list(A),D),  
    reify_check(term(B),E),  
    reify_check(list(C),F),  
    H is D/\E/\F,K is (G#1)\/H,  
    warn_if_false(K,success).
```

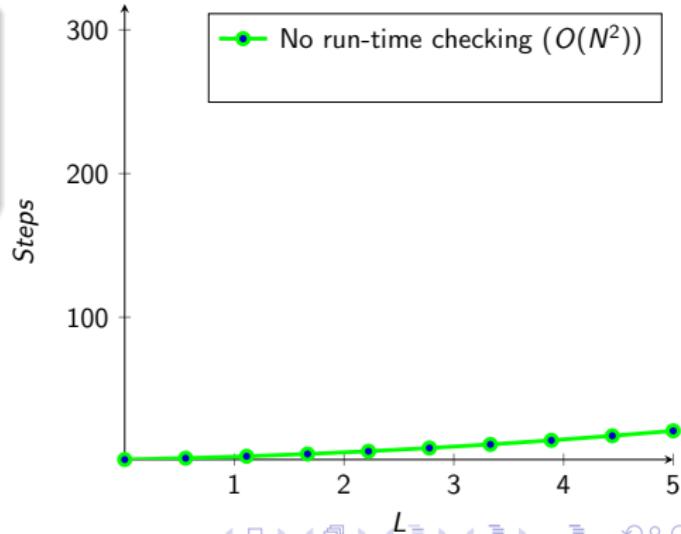
```
app1_([],X,[X]).  
app1_([E|Y],X,[E|T]) :-  
    app1(Y,X,T).
```

# Run-time Checks - Analysis Results (1)

Our **Static Cost Analysis** analyzes both the original and the instrumented version .

[PLDI'90, SAS'94, ILPS'97, ICLP'07, TPLP'14, TPLP'16]

```
:= true pred rev(X,Y)
: (list(X),var(Y),length(X,L))
=> (list(Y), length(Y,L))
+ cost(exact(1/2L2 + 3/2L + 1)).
```



# Run-time Checks - Analysis Results (1)

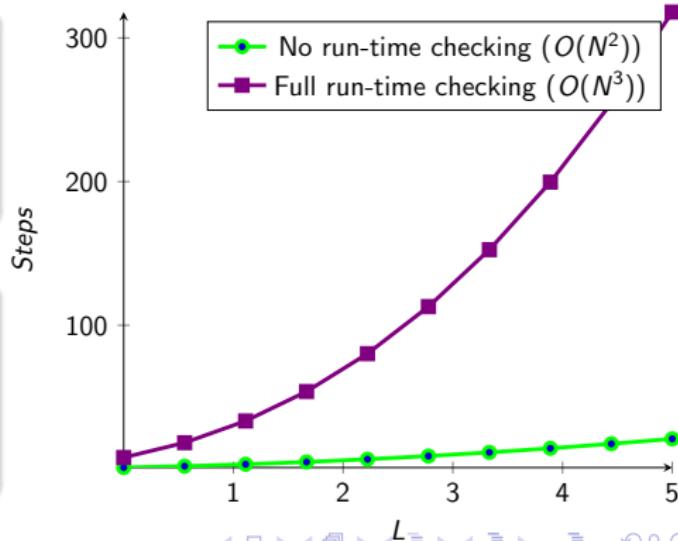
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[PPDP'18]

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: (list(X),var(Y),length(X,L))
=> (list(Y), length(Y,L))
+ cost(exact(1/2L^2 + 3/2L + 1)).
```

```
:- true pred rev(X,Y)
: (list(X),var(Y),length(X,L))
=> (list(Y), length(Y,L))
+ cost(exact(1/2L^3 + 7L^2 + 29/2L + 8)).
```



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```
rev(A,B) :-  
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    E is C/\D,  
    warn_if_false(E,calls).
```

```
revS(A,B,E) :-  
    reify_check(list(A),C),  
    reify_check(list(B),D),  
    F is C/\D,G is (E#1)\/F,  
    warn_if_false(G,success).
```

```
rev_([],[]).  
rev_([X|Xs],Y) :-  
    rev(Xs,Ys),  
    app1(Ys,X,Y).
```

```
app1(A,B,C) :-  
    app1C(A,B,C,D),  
    app1_(A,B,C),  
    app1S(A,B,C,D).
```

```
app1C(A,B,C,G) :-  
    reify_check(list(A),D),  
    reify_check(term(B),E),  
    reify_check(var(C),F),  
    G is D/\(E/\F),  
    warn_if_false(G,calls).
```

```
app1S(A,B,C,G) :-  
    reify_check(list(A),D),  
    reify_check(term(B),E),  
    reify_check(list(C),F),  
    H is D/\E/\F,K is (G#1)\/H,  
    warn_if_false(K,success).
```

```
app1_([],X,[X]).  
app1_([E|Y],X,[E|T]) :-  
    app1(Y,X,T).
```

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```
rev(A,B) :-  
    revC(A,B,C),  
    rev_(A,B),  
    revS(A,B,C).
```

list/1

```
:- true pred list(X)  
  : length(X,L)  
  + cost(exact(L+1)).
```

```
:- regtype list/1.
```

```
list([]).  
list([_|T]) :-  
    list(T).
```

```
revC(A,B,E) :-  
    reify_check(list(A),C),  
    reify_check(var(B), D),  
    E is C/\D,  
    warn_if_false(E,calls).
```

```
revS(A,B,E) :-  
    reify_check(list(A),C),  
    reify_check(list(B),D),  
    F is C/\D,G is (E#1)\/F,  
    warn_if_false(G,success).
```

```
rev_([],[]).  
rev_([X|Xs],Y) :-  
    rev(Xs,Ys),  
    app1(Ys,X,Y).
```

```
app1(A,B,C) :-  
    app1C(A,B,C,D),  
    ,  
    D).
```

```
list(A,D),  
term(B,E),  
var(C,F),  
F,  
e(G,calls).
```

```
list(A,D),  
term(B,E),  
list(C,F),  
H is D/\E/\F,K is (G#1)\/H,  
warn_if_false(K,success).
```

```
app1_([],X,[X]).  
app1_([E|Y],X,[E|T]) :-  
    app1(Y,X,T).
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    revC(A,B,C),  
    rev_(A,B),  
    revS(A,B,C).
```

```
revC(A,B,E) :-  
    reify_check(list(A),C),  
    reify_check(var(B),D),  
    E is C/\D,  
    warn_if_false(E,calls).
```

```
revS(A,B,E) :-  
    reify_check(list(A),C),  
    reify_check(list(B),D),  
    F is C/\D,G is (E#1)\/F,  
    warn_if_false(G,success).
```

```
rev_([],[]).  
rev_([X|Xs],Y) :-  
    rev(Xs,Ys),  
    app1(Ys,X,Y).
```

```
app1(A,B,C) :-  
    app1C(A,B,C,D),  
    app1_(A,B,C),  
    app1S(A,B,C,D).
```

```
app1C(A,B,C,G) :-  
    reify_check(list(A),D),  
    reify_check(term(B),E),  
    reify_check(var(C),F),  
    G is D/\(E/\F),  
    warn_if_false(G,calls).
```

```
app1S(A,B,C,G) :-  
    reify_check(list(A),D),  
    reify_check(term(B),E),  
    reify_check(list(C),F),  
    H is D/\E/\F,K is (G#1)\/H,  
    warn_if_false(K,success).
```

```
app1_([],X,[X]).  
app1_([E|Y],X,[E|T]) :-  
    app1(Y,X,T).
```

# Run-time Checks - Assertions and Admissible Overhead

We can also specify the **admissible run-time overhead** for a set of predicates.

## Example (contd.)

```
:- check pred * % Applies to all preds
  + cost (so_ub(constant), [steps, rtc_ratio]).
```

```
:- check pred rev/2
  : list*var => list*list.
```

```
:- check pred appl/3
  : list*term*var => list*term*list.
```

```
rev([], []).
```

```
rev([X|Xs], Y) :-  
    rev(Xs, Ys), appl(Ys, X, Y).
```

```
appl([], X, [X]).
```

```
appl([E|Y], X, [E|T]) :- appl(Y, X, T).
```

Assertions

Program code

# Run-time Checks - Assertions and Admissible Overhead

We can also specify the **admissible run-time overhead** for a set of predicates.

## Example (contd.)

Admissible  
RT  
Overhead

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```

```
+ cost(so_ub(constant), [steps, rtc_ratio]).
```

```
:- check pred rev/2
```

```
: list*var => list*list.
```

```
:- check pred appl/3
```

```
: list*term*var => list*term*list.
```

```
rev([], []).
```

```
rev([X|Xs], Y) :-
```

```
    rev(Xs, Ys), appl(Ys, X, Y).
```

```
appl([], X, [X]).
```

```
appl([E|Y], X, [E|T]) :- appl(Y, X, T).
```

Assertions

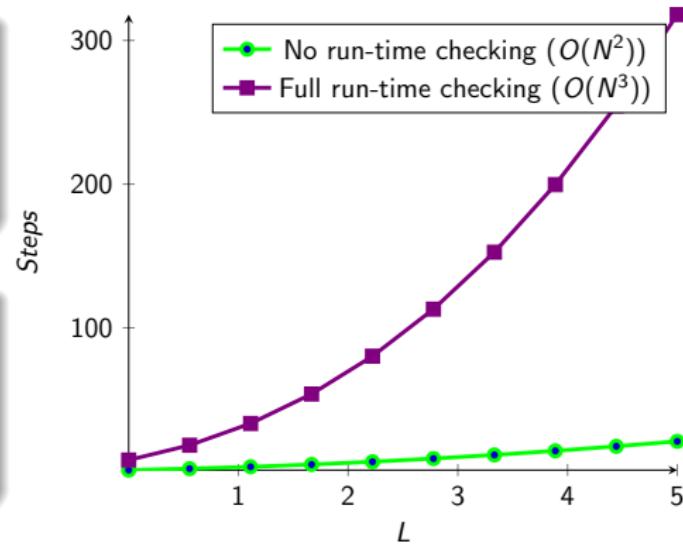
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# Run-time Checks - Analysis Results (1 contd.)

Given an **admissible run-time checking overhead specification**, our system automatically verifies whether it is met or not.

```
:= true pred rev(X,Y)
: (list(X), var(Y), length(X,L))
=> (list(Y), length(Y,L))
+ cost(exact(1/2L2 + 3/2L + 1)).
```

```
:= true pred rev(X,Y)
: (list(X), var(Y), length(X,L))
=> (list(Y), length(Y,L))
+ cost(exact(1/2L3 + 7L2 + 29/2L + 8)).
```



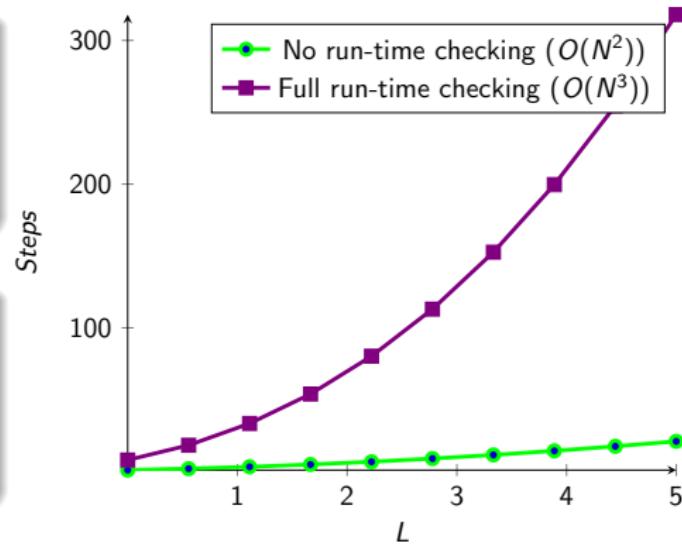
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Given an **admissible run-time checking overhead specification**, our system automatically verifies whether it is met or not.

```
:= true pred rev(X,Y)
: (list(X), var(Y), length(X,L))
=> (list(Y), length(Y,L))
+ cost(exact(1/2L2 + 3/2L + 1)).
```

```
:= true pred rev/
: (list(V),
  :- !,
  !, L > 1,
  L3 / L2 =:= L + 8)).
```

**NOT ADMISSIBLE**



# Run-time Checks - Optimizing using Static Analysis

Static analysis can be applied to prove some run-time assertions, reducing the generated run-time code. [AADEBUG'97, LOPSTR'99, LPAR'06, SAS'03, PPD'16]

```
rev(A, B) :-  
    revC(A, B, C),  
    rev_(A, B).
```

```
revC(A, B, E) :-  
    reify_check(list(A), C),  
    reify_check(var(B), D),  
    E is C/\D,  
    warn_if_false(E, calls).
```

```
rev_(A, B) :- rev_i(A, B).
```

```
rev_i([], []).  
rev_i([X|Xs], Y) :-  
    rev_i(Xs, Ys), appl(Ys, X, Y).
```

```
appl([], X, [X]).  
appl([E|Y], X, [E|T]) :-  
    appl(Y, X, T).
```

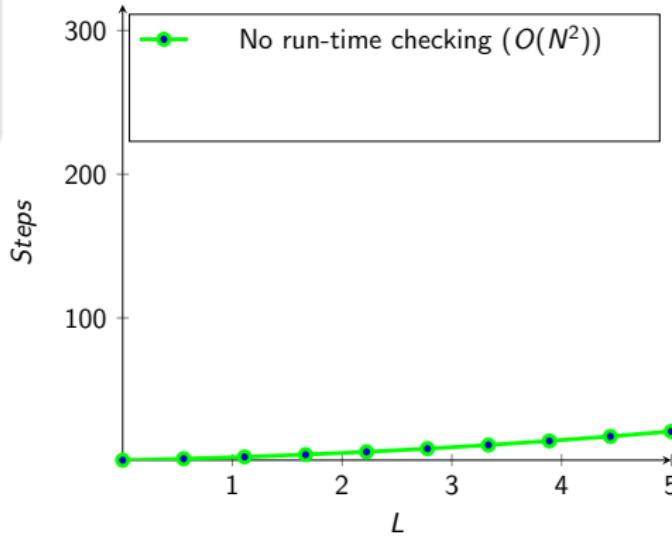
Static Analysis reduces the necessity for instrumentation (**overhead**), after proving the correctness of some assertions statically.

Here: **postcondition check eliminated by SA**.

However, some run-time checking may still remain.  
Here: **precondition check left**.

## Run-time Checks - Analysis Results (2)

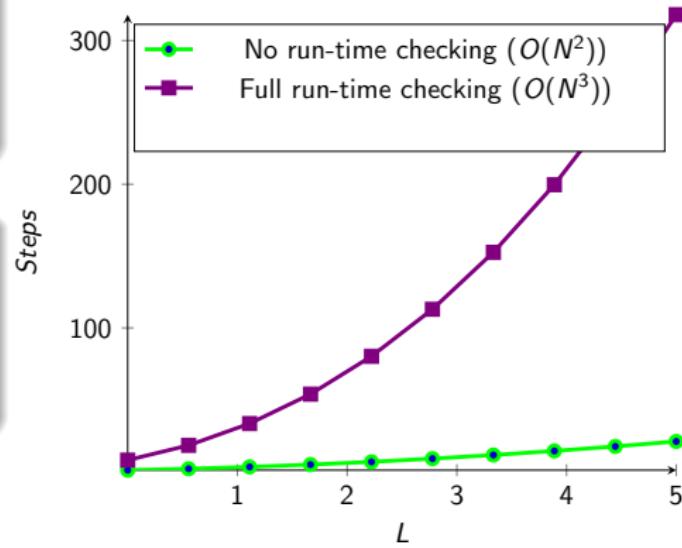
```
:– true pred rev(X,Y)
: (list(X), var(Y), length(X,L))
=> (list(Y), length(Y,L))
+ cost(exact(½L2 + ¾L + 1)).
```



## Run-time Checks - Analysis Results (2)

```
:- true pred rev(X,Y)
: (list(X),var(Y),length(X,L))
=> (list(Y), length(Y,L))
+ cost(exact(1/2L2 + 3/2L + 1)).
```

```
:- true pred rev(X,Y)
: (list(X),var(Y),length(X,L))
=> (list(Y), length(Y,L))
+ cost(exact(1/2L3 + 7L2 + 29/2L + 8)).
```

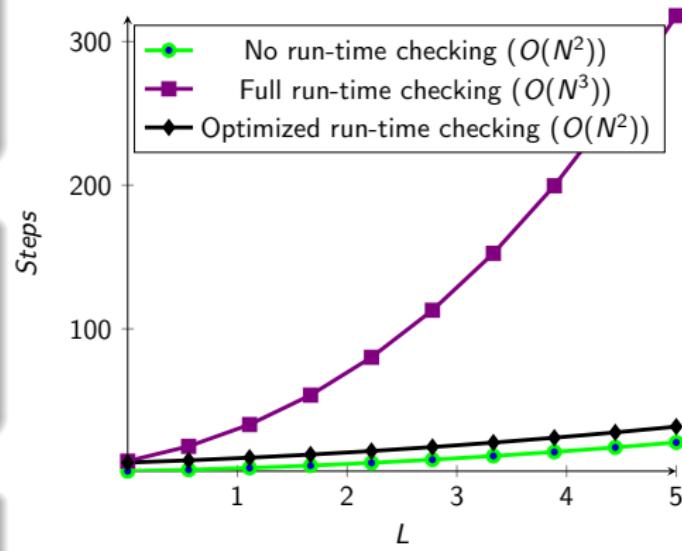


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```
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: (list(X), var(Y), length(X,L))
=> (list(Y), length(Y,L))
+ cost(exact(½L2 + ¾L + 1)).
```

```
:— true pred rev(X,Y)
: (list(X), var(Y), length(X,L))
=> (list(Y), length(Y,L))
+ cost(exact(½L3 + 7L2 + 29/2L + 8)).
```

```
:— true pred rev(X,Y)
: (list(X), var(Y), length(X,L))
=> (list(Y), length(Y,L))
+ cost(exact(½L2 + 5/2L + 7)).
```



## Run-time Checks - Analysis Results (2)

```
:- true pred rev(X,Y)
: (list(X),var(Y),length(X,L))
=> (list(Y), length(Y,L))
+ cost(exact(1/2L2 + 3/2L + 1)).
```

NOT ADMISSIBLE

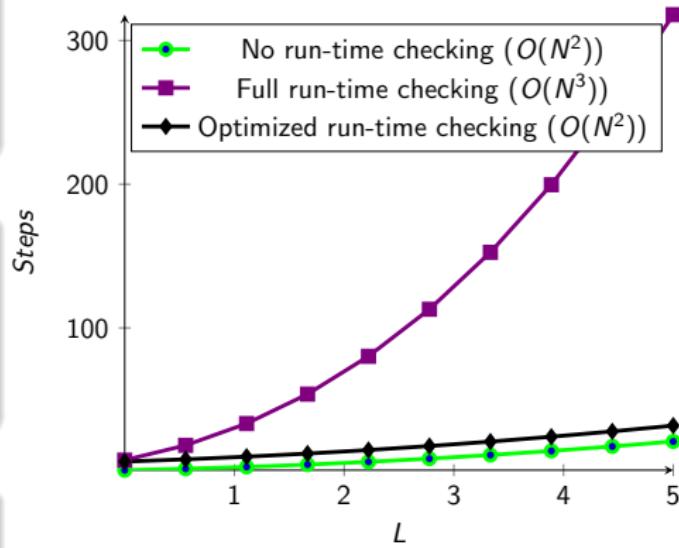
$$\frac{L^3}{L^2} = L > 1$$

```
:- true pred ...
: (list(X),var(Y),length(X,L))
=> (list(Y), length(Y,L))
+ cost(exact(L2 + 29/2L + 8)).
```

OK

$$\frac{L^2}{L^2} = 1$$

```
:- true pred ...
: (list(X),var(Y),length(X,L))
=> (list(Y), length(Y,L))
+ cost(exact(2L + 7)).
```



# Experimental Results - Verifying Admissible Overhead

The experimental evaluation suggests that our method is feasible and promising.

Bench	RTC	Bound Inferred	%D	T <sub>A</sub> (ms)	Ovhd	Verif.
appl(A, B, -)	off	$I_A + 1$	0.0	98.13		
	full	$I_A^2 + 6 \cdot I_A \cdot I_B + 17 \cdot I_A + 6 \cdot I_B + 8$	0.0	521.18	$I_A + I_B$	false
	opt	$3 \cdot I_A + 2 \cdot I_B + 8$	0.0	311.98	$\frac{I_B}{I_A} + 1$	false
nrev(L, -)	off	$\frac{1}{2} \cdot I_L^2 + \frac{3}{2} \cdot I_L + 1$	0.0	218.15		
	full	$\frac{1}{2} \cdot I_L^3 + 7 \cdot I_L^2 + \frac{29}{2} \cdot I_L + 8$	0.0	885.08	$I_L$	false
	opt	$\frac{1}{2} \cdot I_L^2 + \frac{5}{2} \cdot I_L + 7$	0.0	756.82	1	checked
sift(A, -)	off	$\frac{1}{2} \cdot I_A^2 + \frac{3}{2} \cdot I_A + 1$	0.0	255.55		
	full	$\frac{2}{3} \cdot I_A^3 + \frac{15}{2} \cdot I_A^2 + \frac{95}{6} \cdot I_A + 7$	0.0	980.63	$I_A$	false
	opt	$\frac{1}{2} \cdot I_A^2 + \frac{7}{2} \cdot I_A + 7$	0.0	521.65	1	checked
pfxsum(A, -)	off	$I_A + 2$	0.0	146.98		
	full	$2 \cdot I_A^2 + 12 \cdot I_A + 14$	0.0	749.94	$I_A$	false
	opt	$3 \cdot I_A + 10$	0.0	469.71	1	checked

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Bench	RTC	Bound Inferred	%D	T <sub>A</sub> (ms)	Ovhd	Verif.
coins (E, L, -)	off	$I_L + 2$	0.09	142.55		
	full	$\frac{1}{3} \cdot I_L^3 + \frac{9}{2} \cdot I_L^2 - \frac{5}{2} \cdot I_L + \frac{11}{3}$	99.93	917.39	$I_L^2$	false
	opt*	$\frac{3}{2} \cdot I_L + 6$	50.14	340.15	1	checked
mmtx (A, B, -)	off	$r_A \cdot c_A \cdot c_B + 3 \cdot r_A \cdot c_B + 2 \cdot r_A - 2 \cdot c_B$	7.58	460.21		
	full	$4 \cdot r_A^2 c_A \cdot c_B + 4 \cdot r_A^2 \cdot c_A + 4 \cdot r_A^2 \cdot c_B + 4 \cdot r_A^2 + r_A \cdot c_A^2 \cdot c_B + 4 \cdot r_A \cdot c_A^2 + 2 \cdot r_A \cdot c_A \cdot c_B^2 + 11 \cdot r_A \cdot c_A \cdot c_B + 20 \cdot r_A \cdot c_A + 15 \cdot r_A + 7$	0.0	1682.54	$N^\dagger$	false
	opt	$r_A \cdot c_A \cdot c_B + 2 \cdot c_A \cdot c_B + 2 \cdot r_A \cdot c_A + 4 \cdot r_A \cdot c_A + 6 \cdot r_A + 2 \cdot c_A + 11$	0.0	1120.23	1	checked
ldiff (A, B, -)	off	$I_A \cdot I_B + 2 \cdot I_A + 1$	2.06	786.22		
	full	$I_A^2 + 3 \cdot I_A \cdot I_B + 10 \cdot I_A + 2 \cdot I_B + 7$	0.27	1769.22	$\frac{I_A}{I_B} + 1$	false
	opt	$I_A \cdot I_B + 5 \cdot I_A + 2 \cdot I_B + 8$	0.0	1226.15	1	checked
bsts (N, T)	off	$d_T + 3$	0.1	714.83		
	full	$3 \cdot 2^{(dT+2)} + 3 \cdot 2^{(dT+1)} + 3 \cdot 2^{(dT-1)} + 3 \cdot 2^{dT} + \frac{3}{2} \cdot (dT-1)^2 + \frac{47}{2} \cdot (dT+2) - \frac{27}{2}$	1.19	438.72	$\frac{2^{dT}}{dT}$	false
	opt*	$3 \cdot 2^{(dT+1)} + 4 \cdot d_T + 14$	4.01	245.09	$\frac{2^{dT}}{dT}$	false

$$\dagger N = \max(r_A, c_A, c_B)$$

# Demo!

Please see examples in the CiaoPP playground.

(<http://play.ciao-lang.org>)

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