



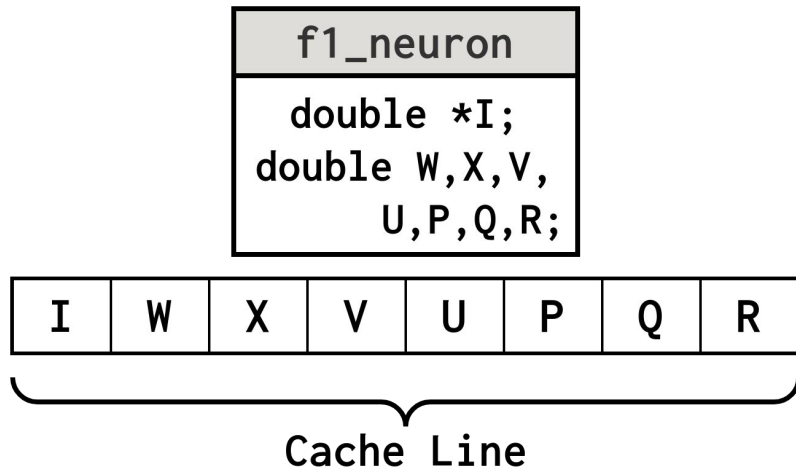
Region-Based Data Layout via Data Reuse Analysis

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Data Layout Transformations

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split2	split2	split2
double U,P,Q,R;	double U,P,Q,R;	double U,P,Q,R;

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Structure Splitting Heuristics

- Field affinity

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- Require **runtime knowledge**
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RebaseDL: Region-Based Data Layout



RebaseDL:

- Defines layout **statically**
 - No profiling



RebaseDL:

- Simplifies enforcing **legality**
 - Only within regions

RebaseDL:

- Uses **copying**
 - Additional overhead
 - Offset by **data reuse**



RebaseDL:

- Also considers **packing**
 - Not limited to aggregate types

The Transformation

Snippet from 179.art

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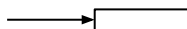
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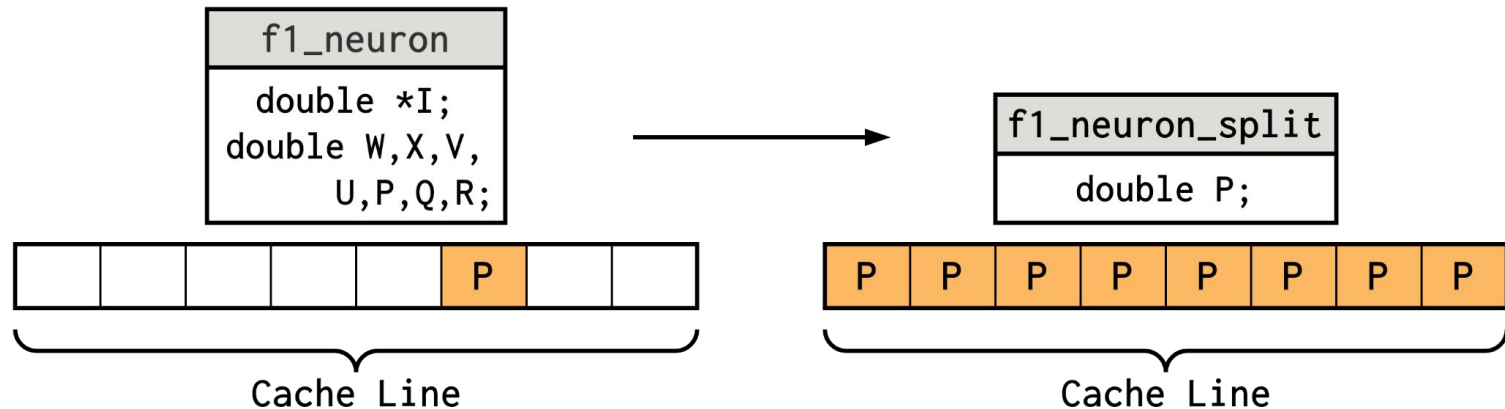
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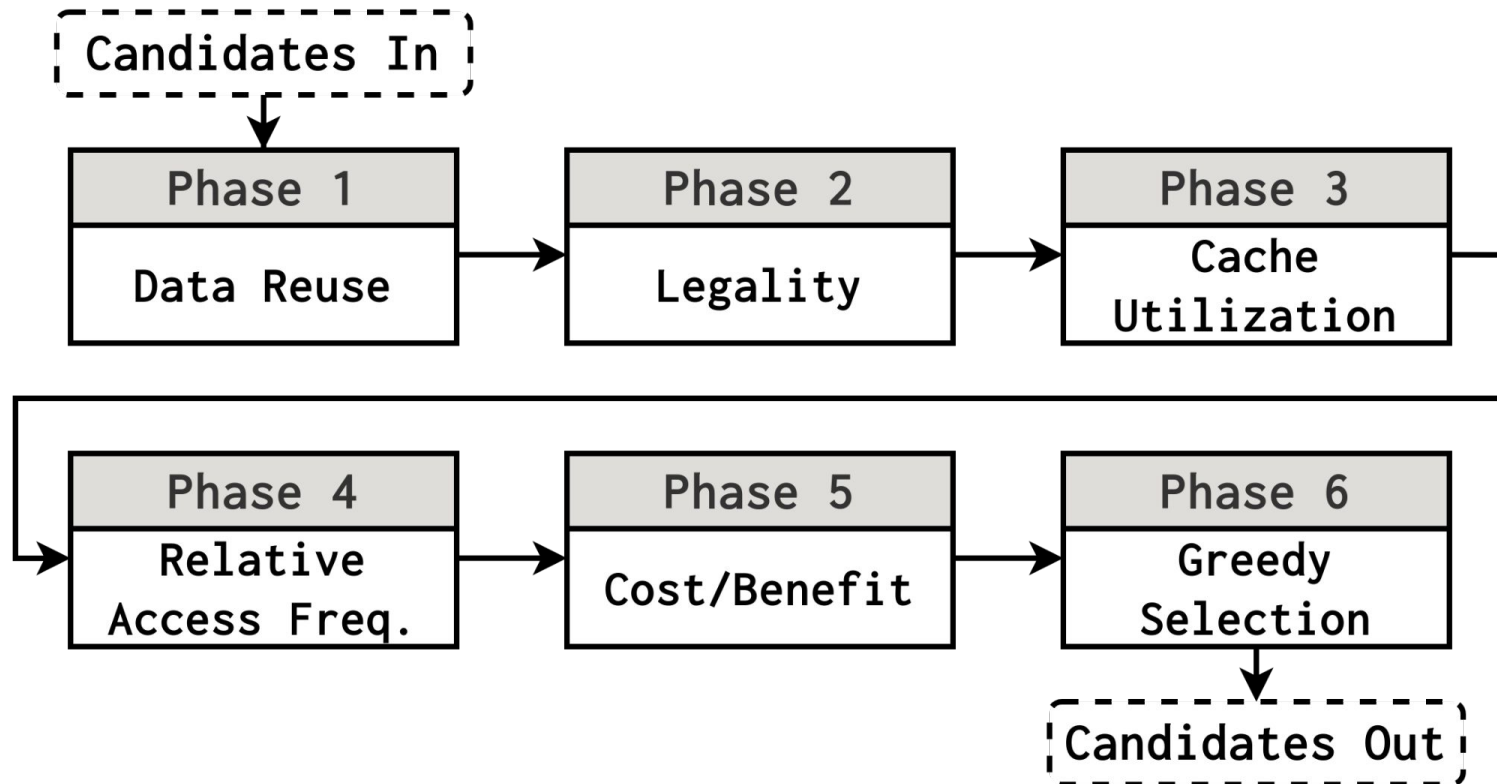
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As a result:



RebaseDL: The Analysis

Overview

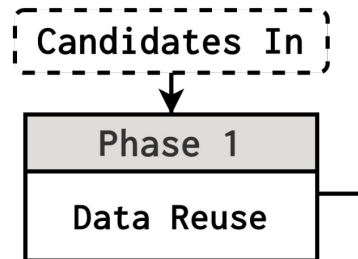


Candidates In

-  For a loop nest
 - All loop - memory range pairs

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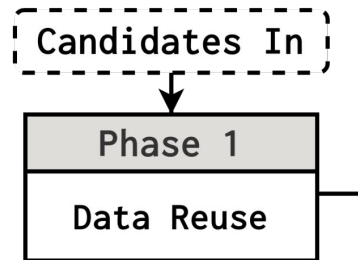
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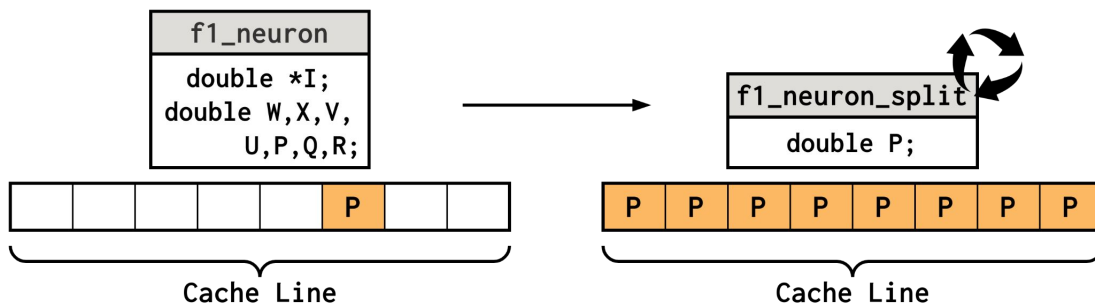
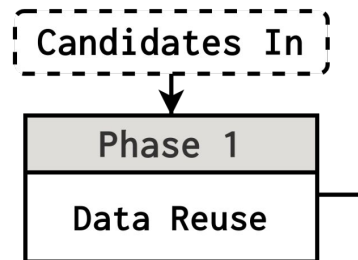
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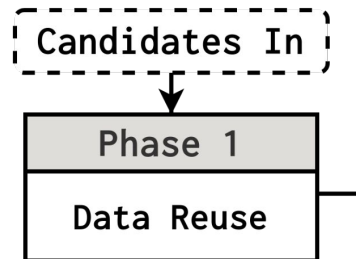
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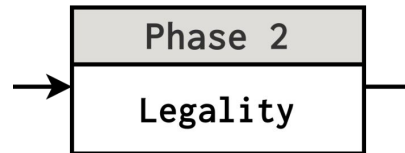
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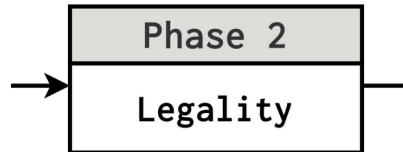
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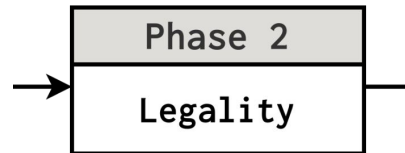
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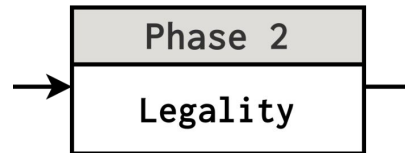
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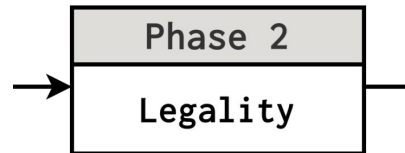
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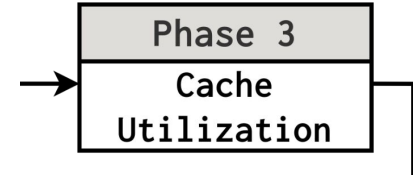


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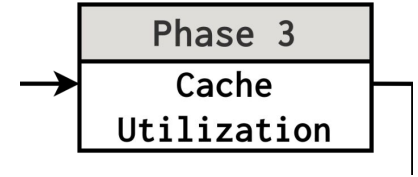
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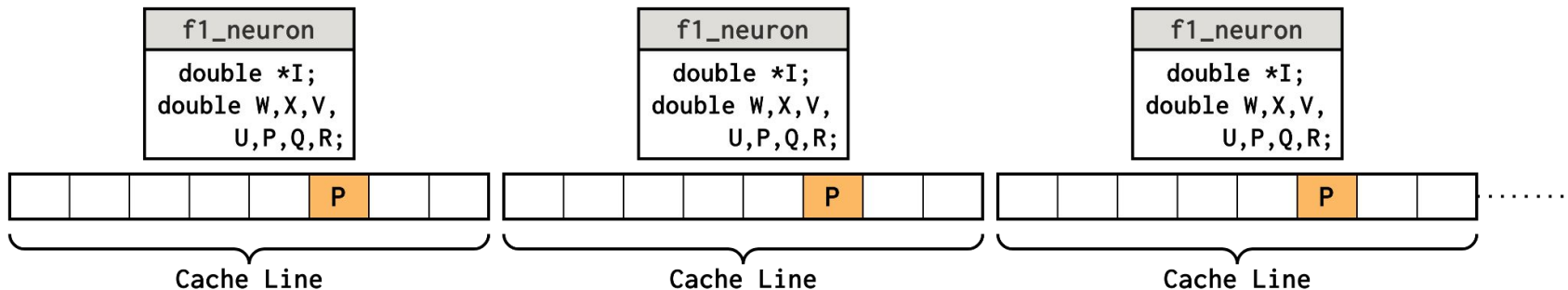
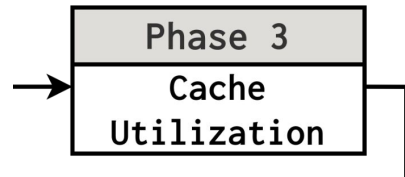


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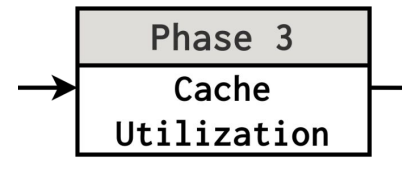
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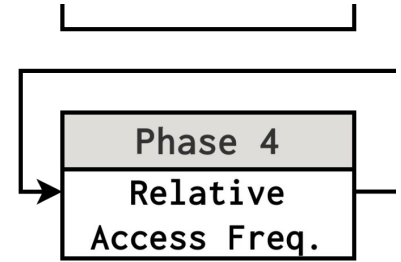
- Candidates must have a low cache utilization



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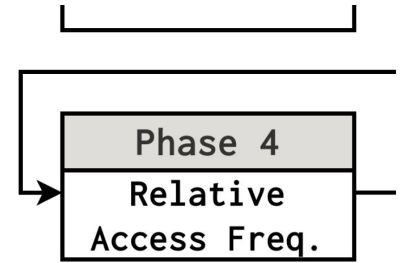
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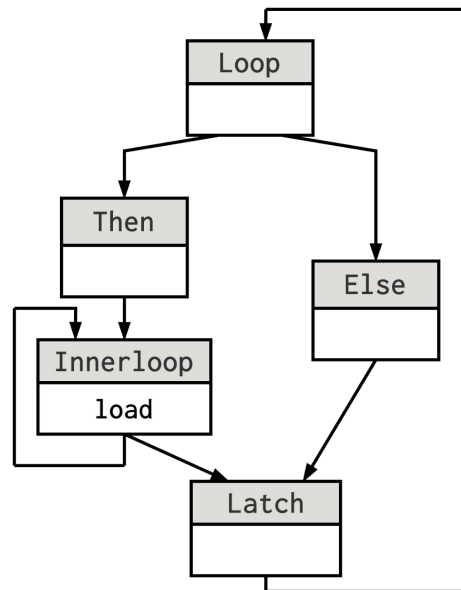
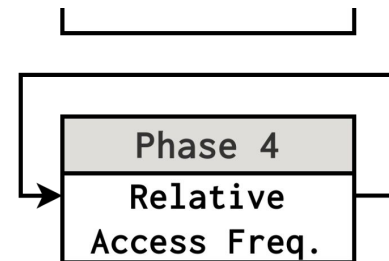
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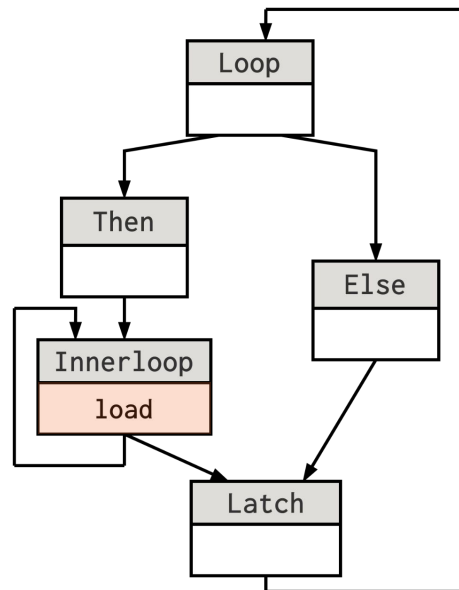
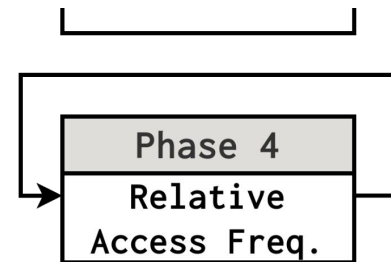
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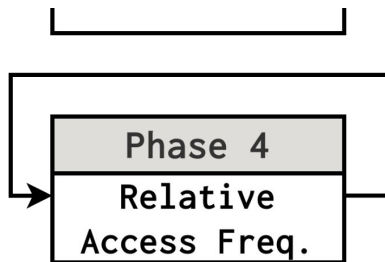
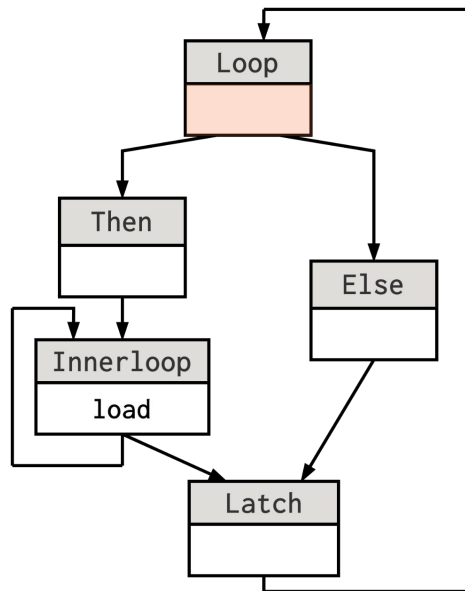
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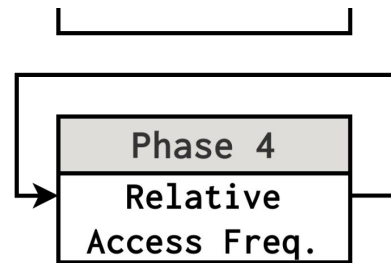
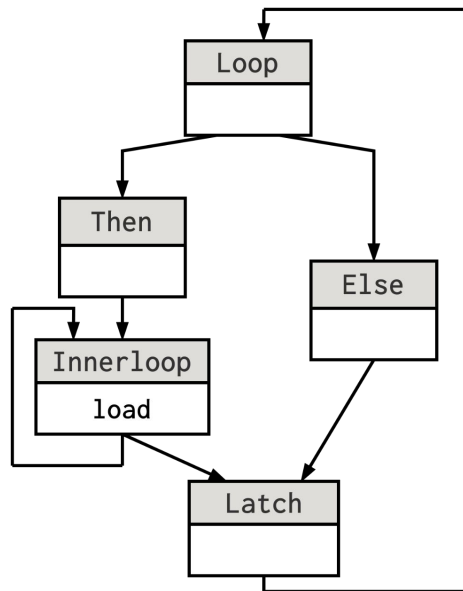


Relative Access Frequency

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- Candidate must not have a low access frequency

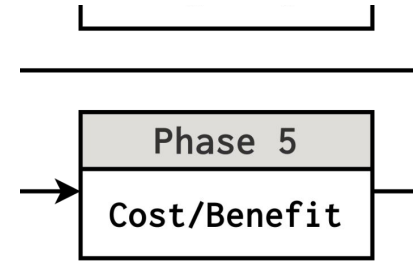


Cost/Benefit

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A score for candidates.

- Cost/Benefit must be low

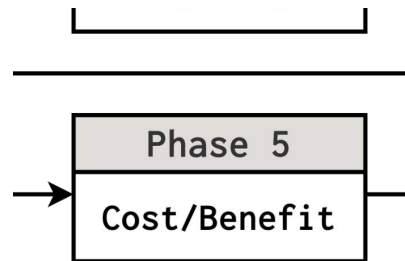


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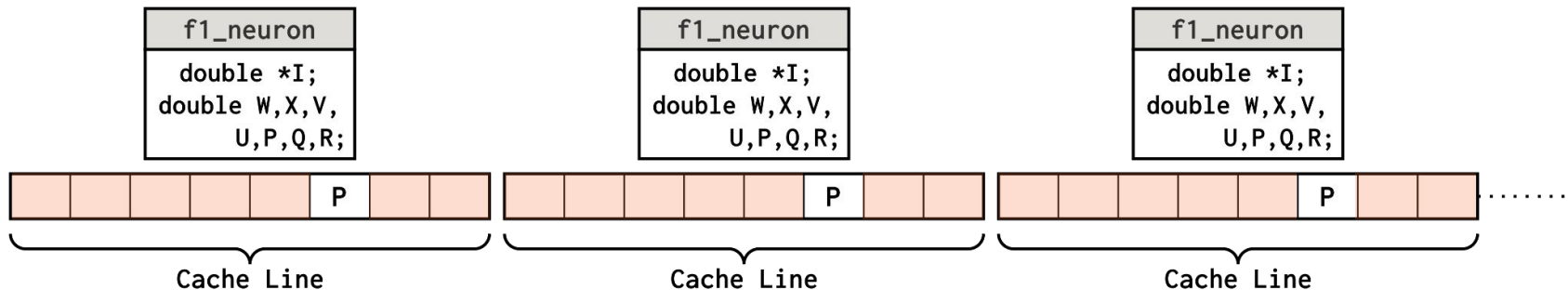
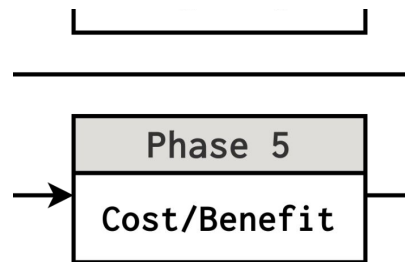


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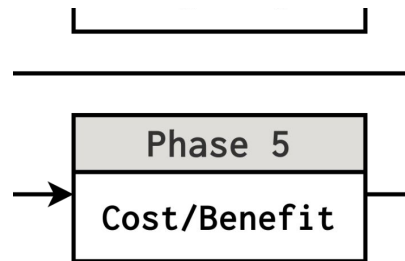
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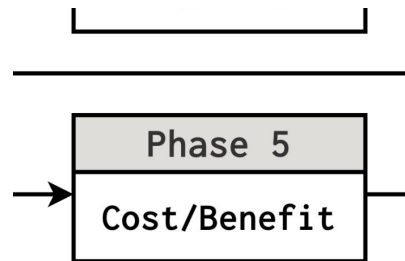


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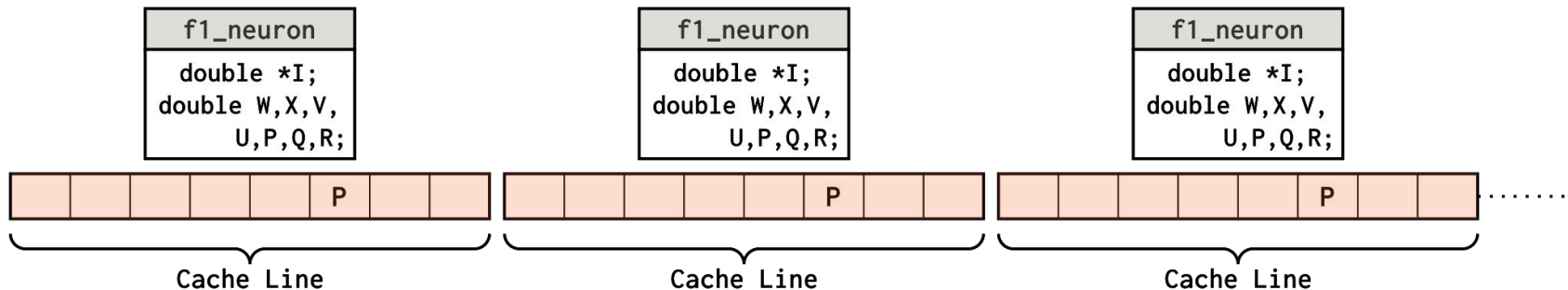
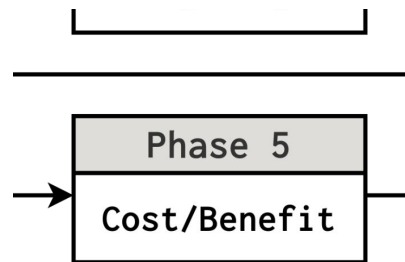


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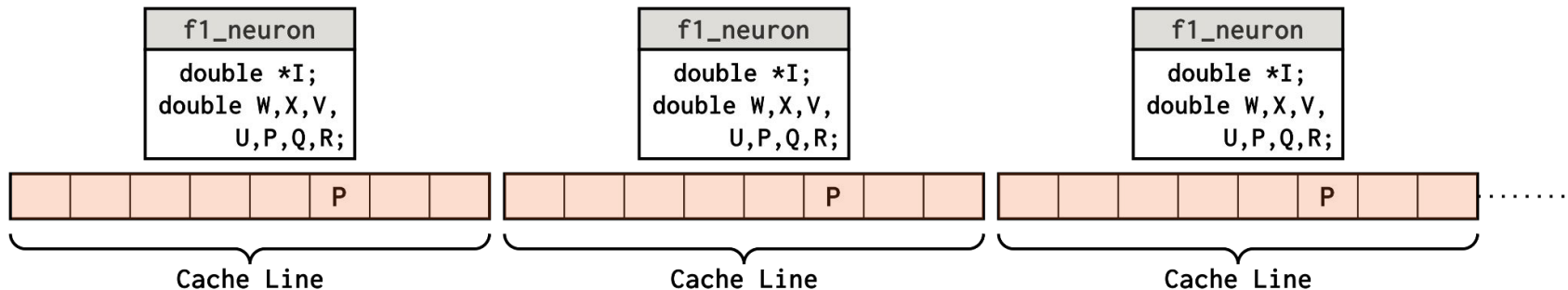
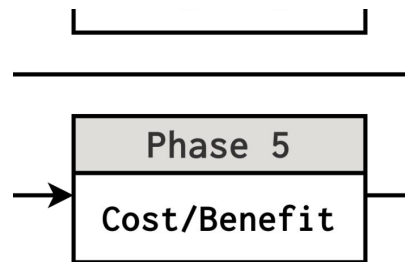


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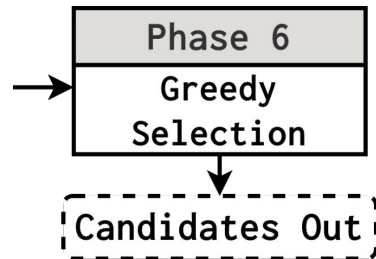
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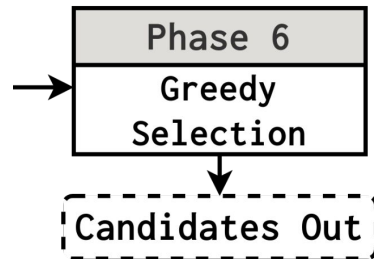
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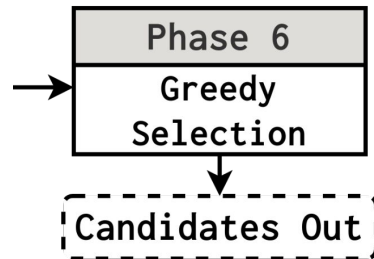
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                Y[tj].y += f1_layer[ti].P * bus[ti][tj];  
    }  
}
```

RebaseDL in LLVM

```
→ opt -load-pass-plugin libRebaseDLPass.so -passes=rebasedl input.ll
```



Artifact Available

<https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.10457086>

Evaluation

Analysis Results

Total of 71 candidates in SPEC CPU benchmark suites

Benchmark	Candidates	Benchmark	Candidates
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447.dealII	18	526.blender_r	1
464.h264ref	1	538.imagick_r	1

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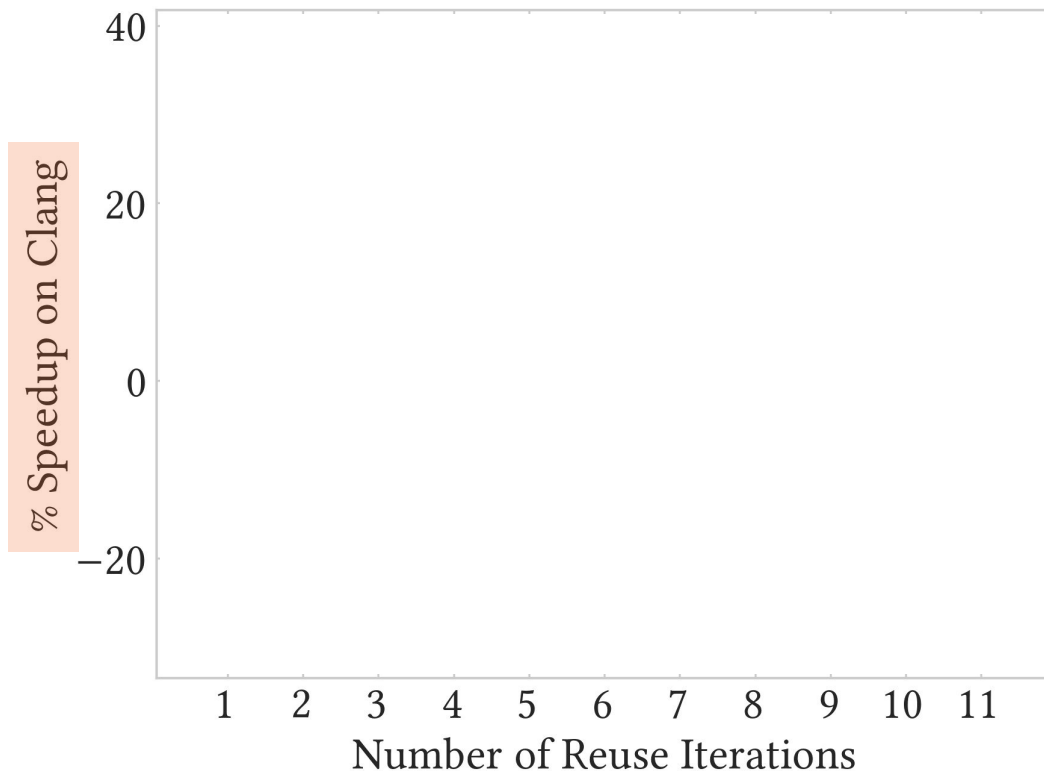
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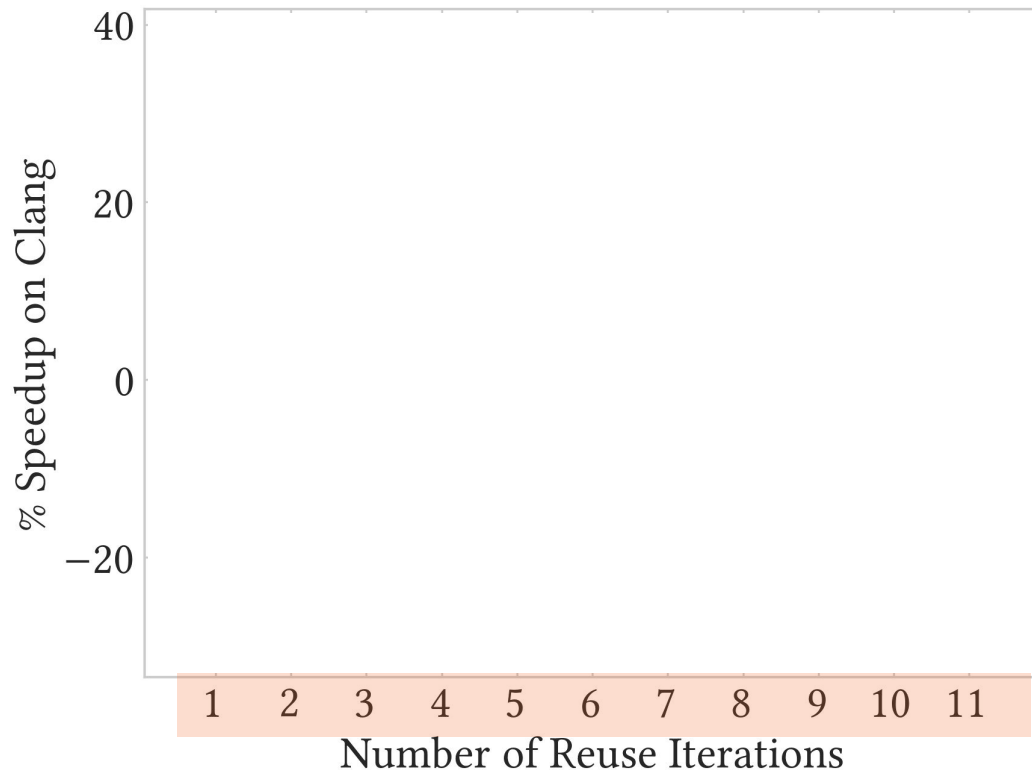
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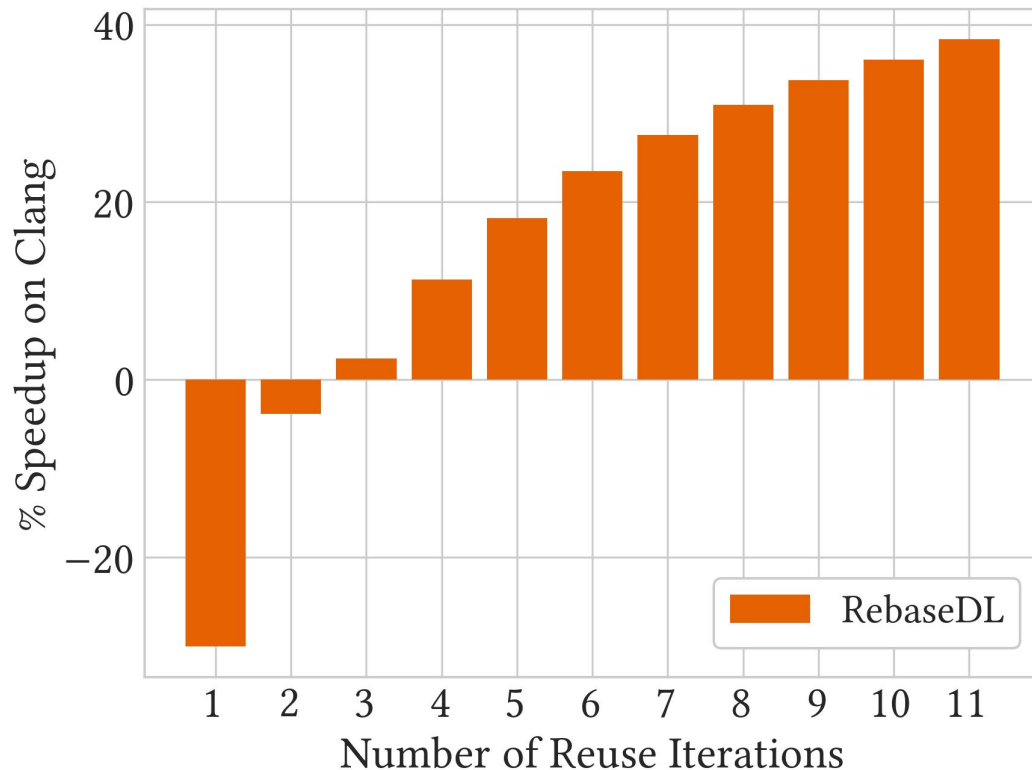
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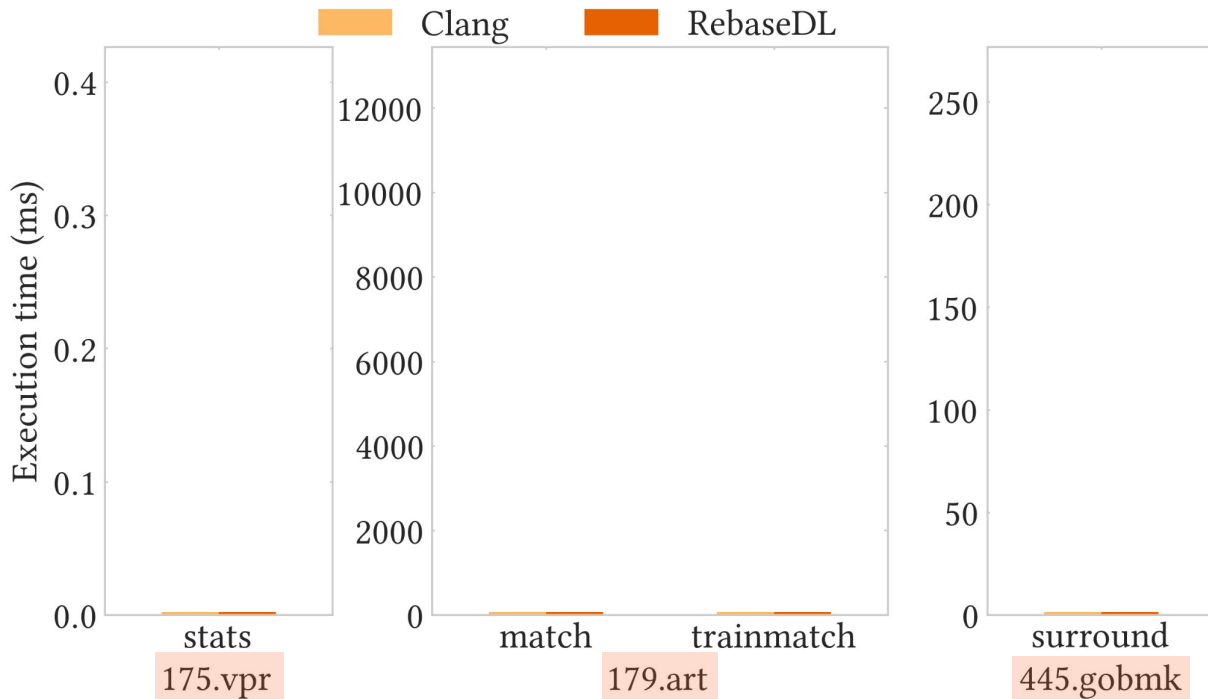


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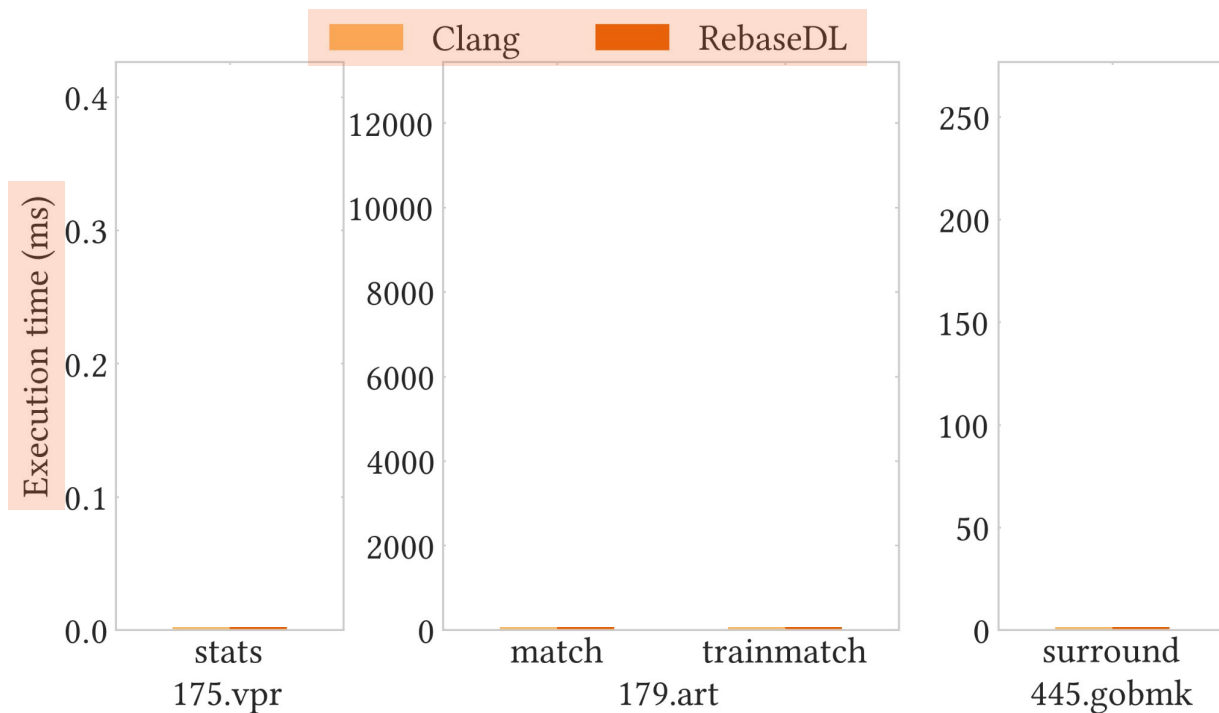
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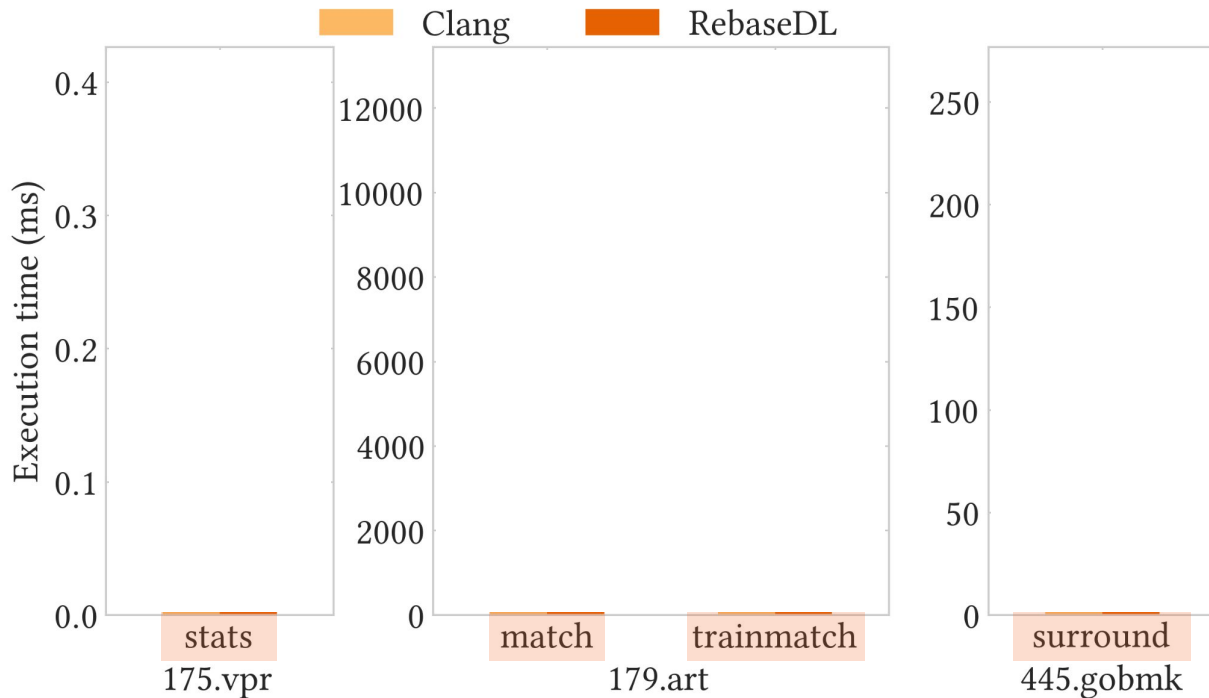
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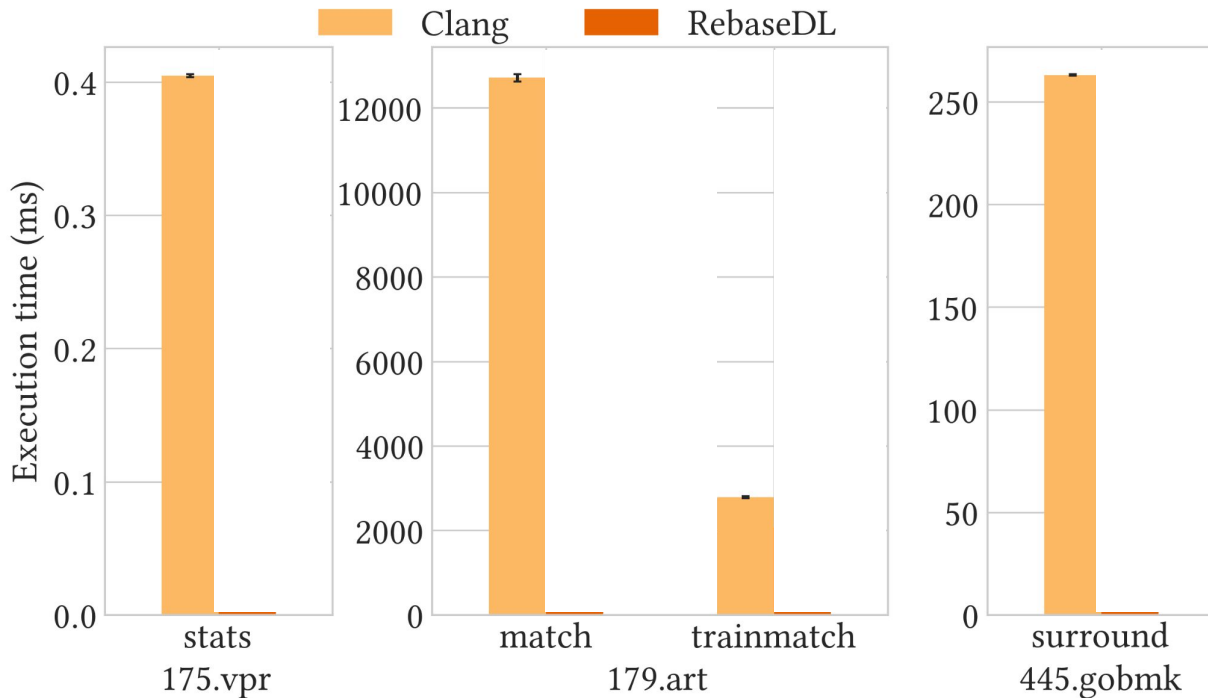
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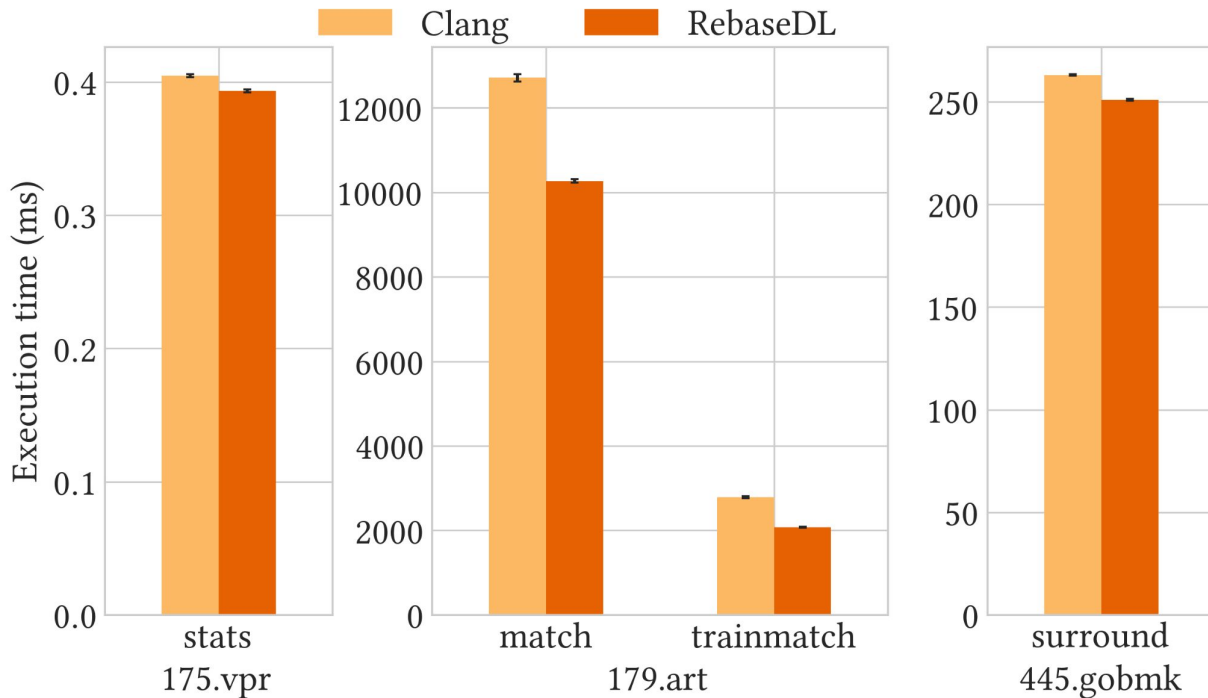
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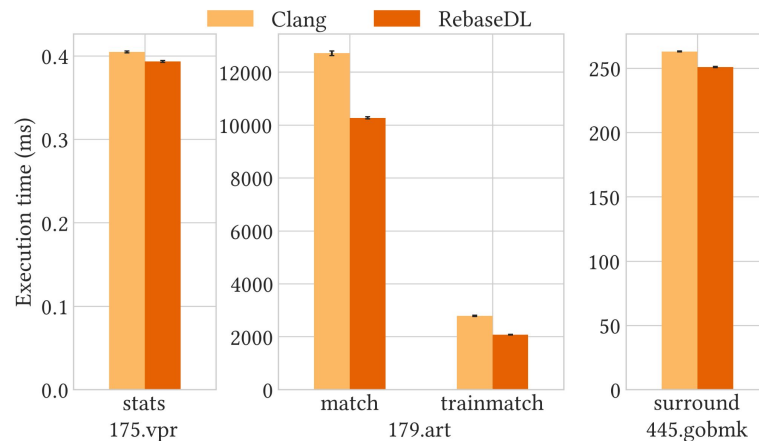
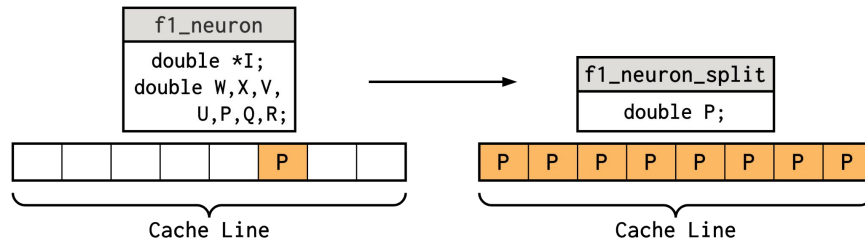
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Region-Based Data Layout via Data Reuse Analysis

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Extra Slides

Transformation Example - Packing

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Previous example:

- Region-based
 - structure splitting
 - field reordering

Transformation Example - Packing

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    double *I; double W; double X; double V;  
    double U; double P; double Q; double R;  
} f1_neuron;  
  
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Transform **f1_layer** in
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- ~~2. Reorder fields~~
3. Allocate and copy
4. Replace uses
5. Copy back and deallocate

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