

Gem5 Parsec Simulation Analysis

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Cache Associativity Testing on Parsec using Gem5

Base Parameters

- 2-core 3GHz Timing CPU
- 2-way associative L1
- 4-way associative L2 with 1 bank
- 3GB Dual channel DDR4-2400
- Sim datasize: simsmall

Modified parameters

- L1 Cache Associativity
 - 2, 4, 8
- L2 Cache Associativity
 - 4, 8, 16
- Cache type
 - Private L1, shared L2 (classic) (P-L1-S-L2)
 - MESI Two Level (Ruby) (M-2-L)

Performance Analysis

I have used the below parameter to analyze the timing-related performance of a simulation. The below parameters are used to understand how efficiently the simulation is running:

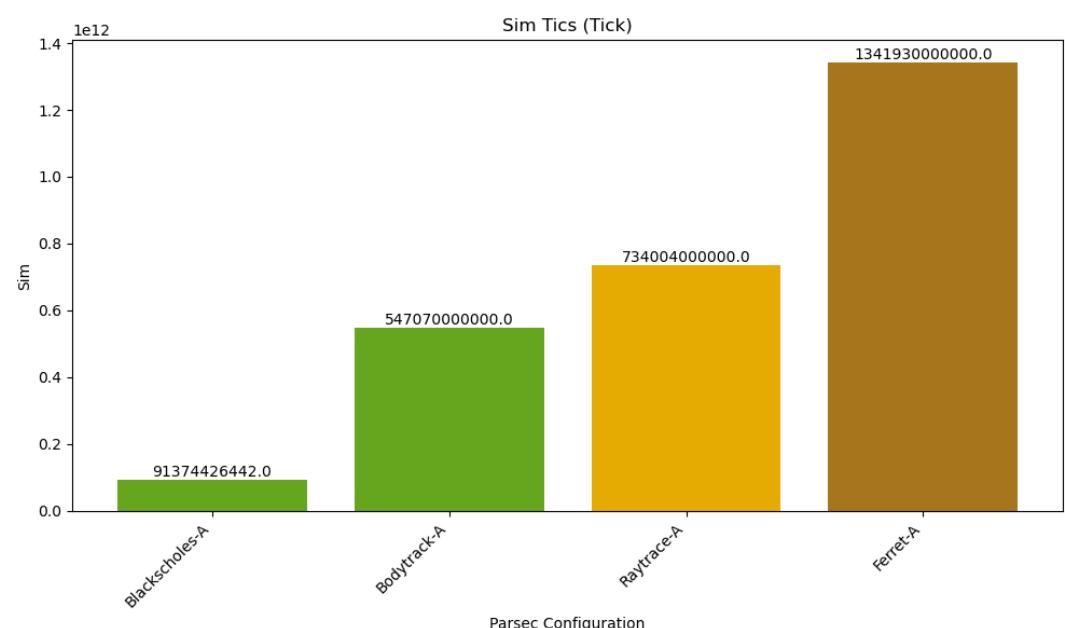
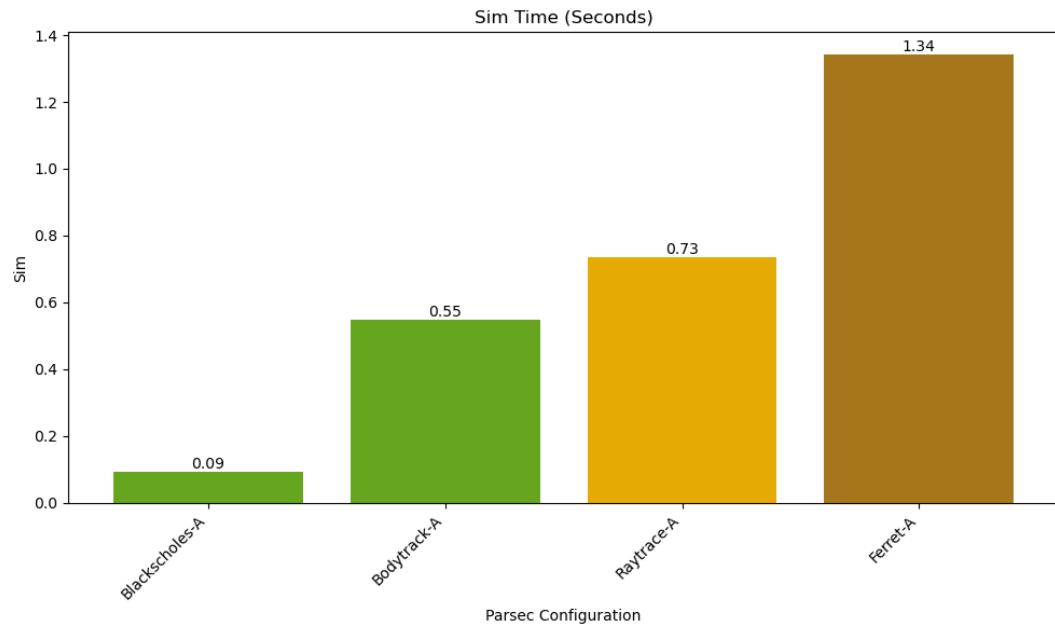
- **simSeconds (Simulation Seconds):** This indicates the total simulated time in seconds. It provides a better understanding of the overall duration of the simulation.
- **simTicks (Simulation Ticks):** This represents the total number of simulation ticks.
- **hostSeconds (Host Seconds):** This shows the real-time elapsed on the host machine. It is used for evaluating the efficiency of the simulation concerning real-world time.
- **Total Wallclock Time (min):** This represents the actual, real-world time your computer takes to run the simulation.
- **Note:** Cache Associativity is defined in the table and graph as A, B, C where A= [2,4], B=[4,8], and C=[8,16] associativity.



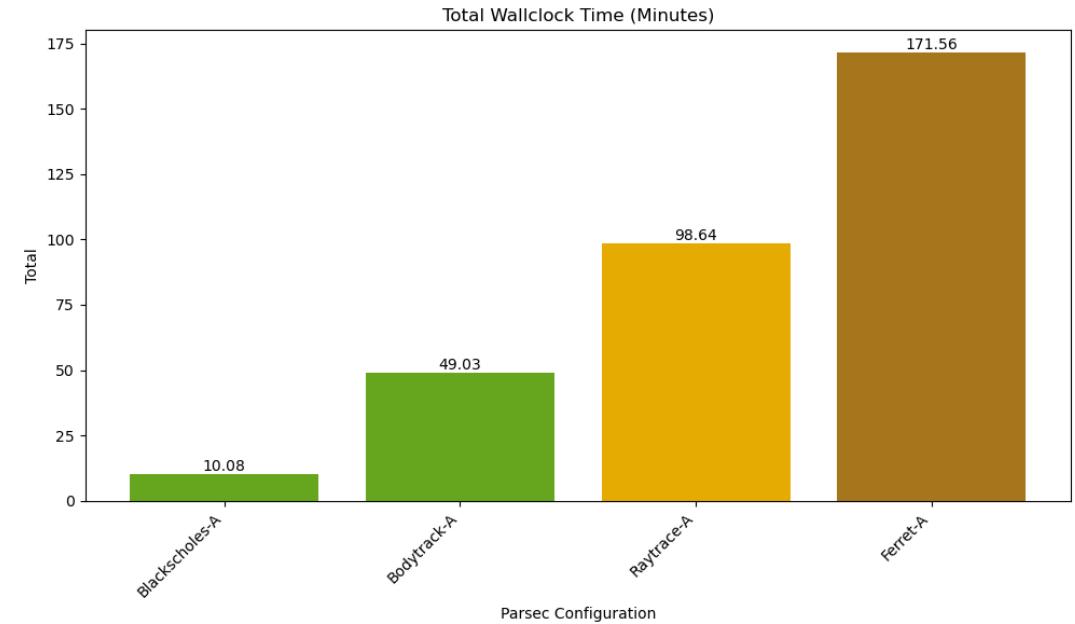
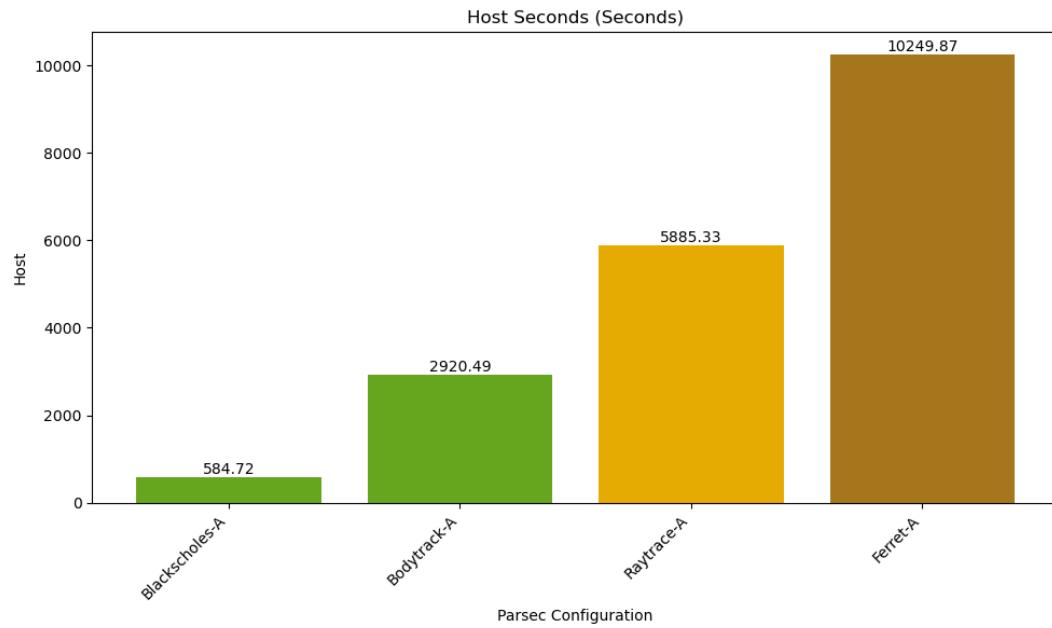
Performance Analysis Using P-L1-S-L2 Cache A

Performance Analysis	Blackscholes-A-PRIVATE_L1_SHARED_L2	Bodytrack-A-PRIVATE_L1_SHARED_L2	Raytrace-A-PRIVATE_L1_SHARED_L2	Ferret-A-PRIVATE_L1_SHARED_L2
Sim Time (seconds)	0.091374	0.54707	0.734004	1.341934
Sim Tics (Tick)	91374426442	5.4707E+11	7.34004E+11	1.34193E+12
Host Seconds (seconds)	584.72	2920.49	5885.33	10249.87
Total Wallclock Time (minutes)	10.08	49.03	98.64	171.56

Performance Analysis Using P-L1-S-L2 Cache A



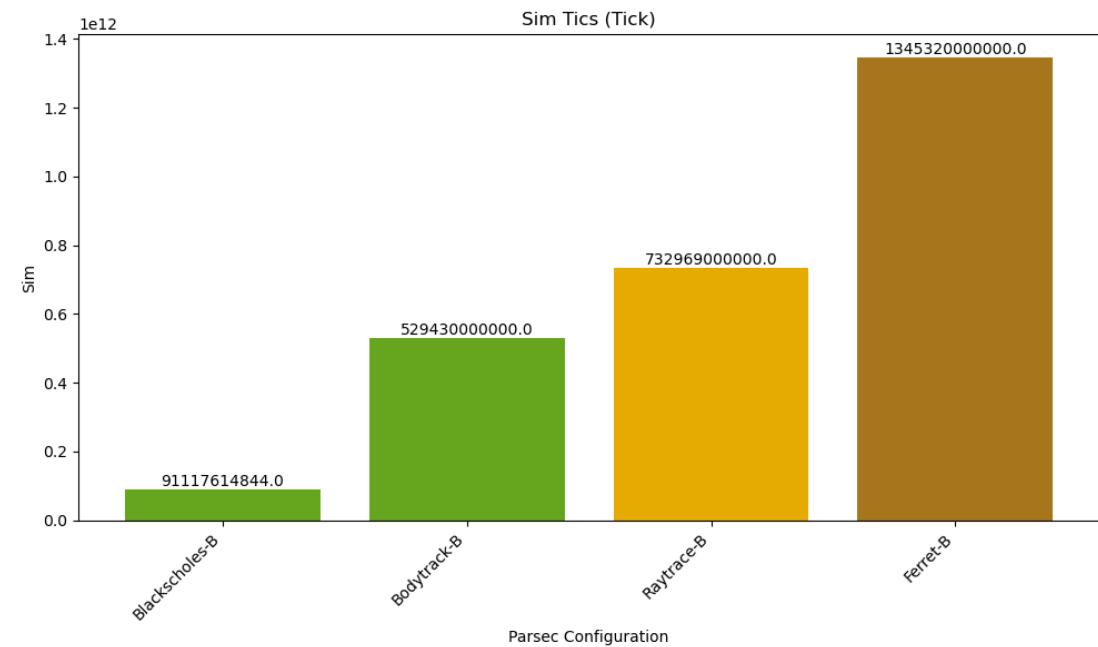
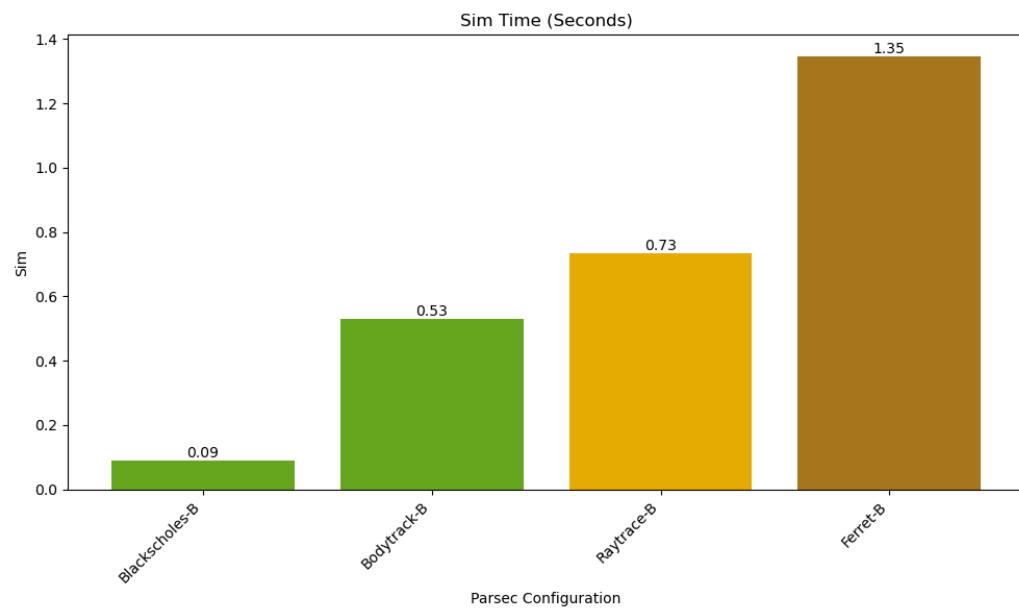
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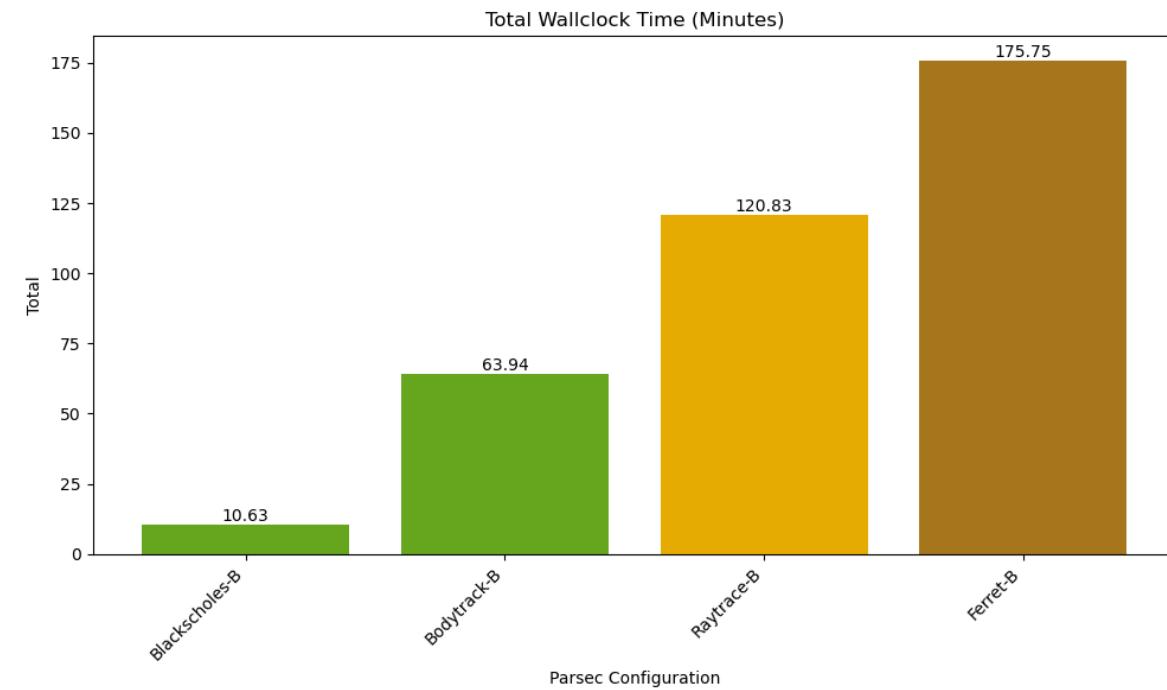
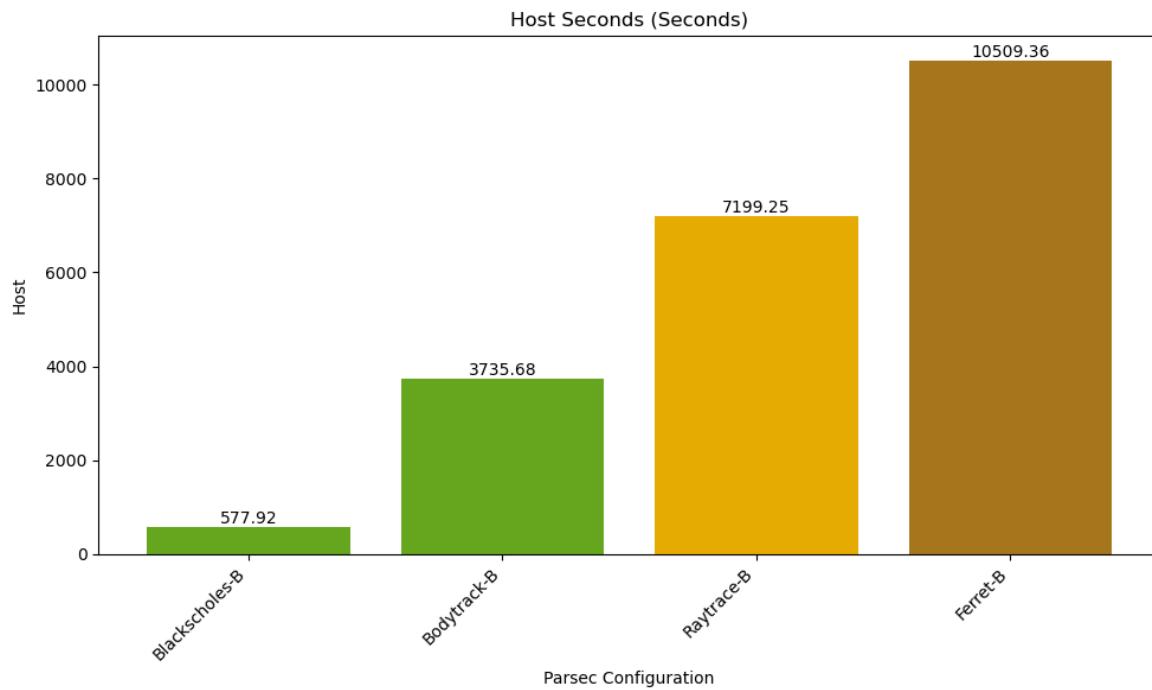
Performance Analysis Using P-L1-S-L2 Cache B

Performance Analysis	Blackscholes-B-PRIVATE_L1_SHARED_L2	Bodytrack-B-PRIVATE_L1_SHARED_L2	Raytrace-B-PRIVATE_L1_SHARED_L2	Ferret-B-PRIVATE_L1_SHARED_L2
Sim Time (seconds)	0.091118	0.52943	0.732969	1.345323
Sim Tics (Tick)	91117614844	5.2943E+11	7.32969E+11	1.34532E+12
Host Seconds (seconds)	577.92	3735.68	7199.25	10509.36
Total Wallclock Time (minutes)	10.63	63.94	120.83	175.75

Performance Analysis Using P-L1-S-L2 Cache B



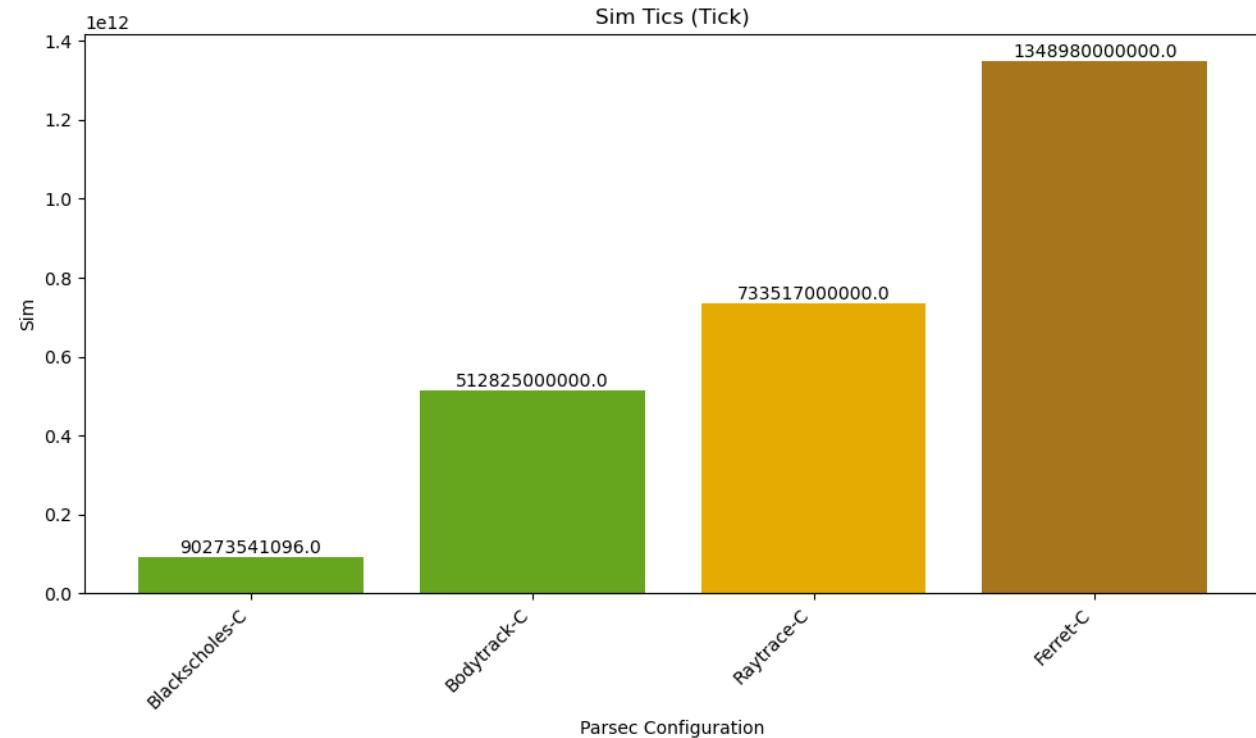
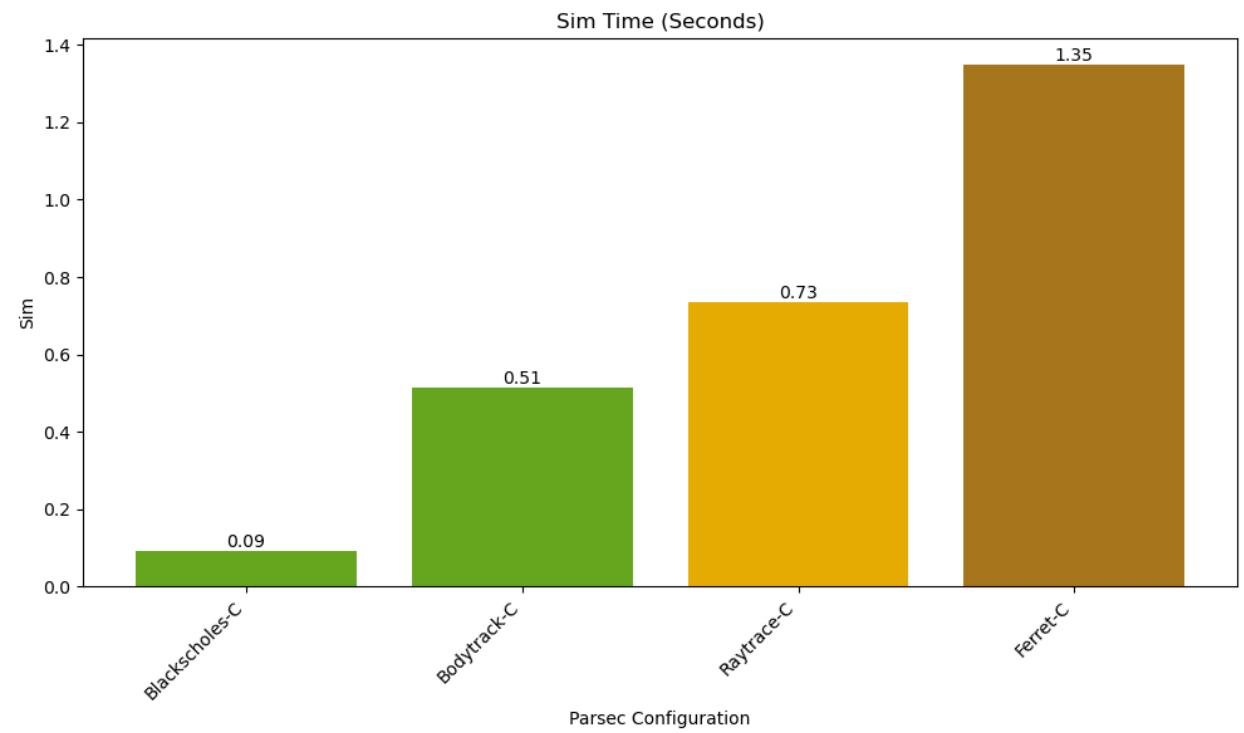
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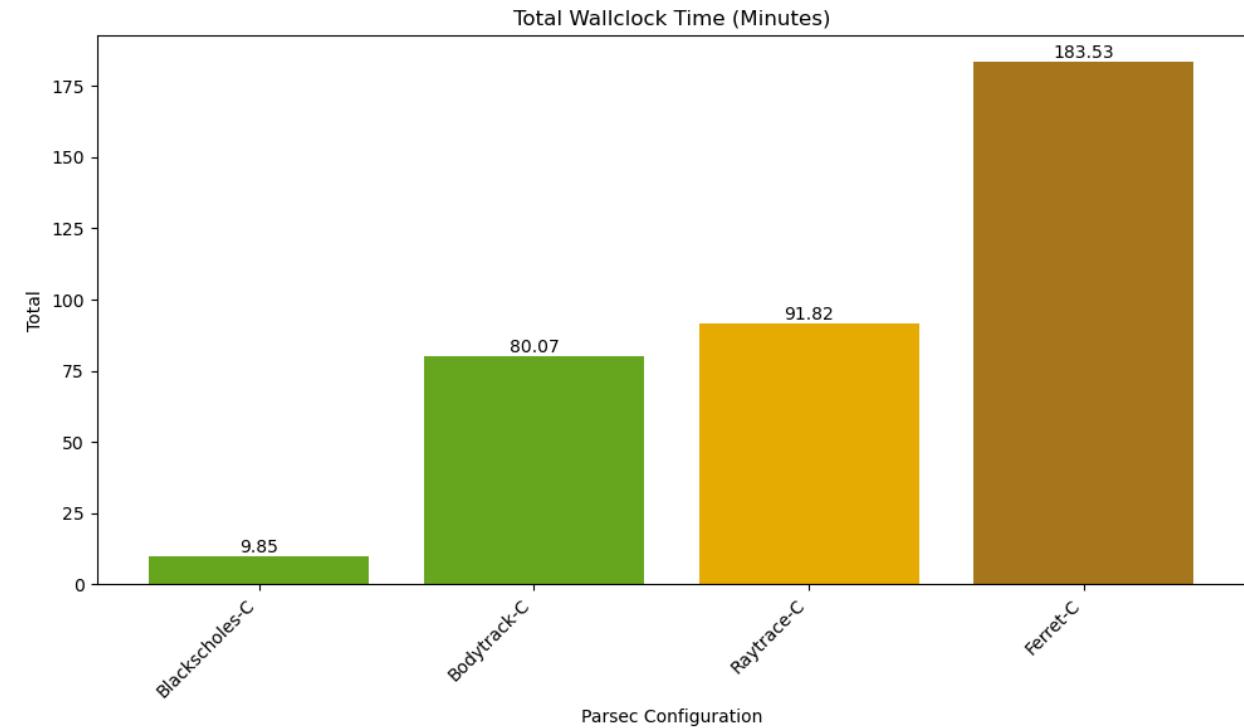
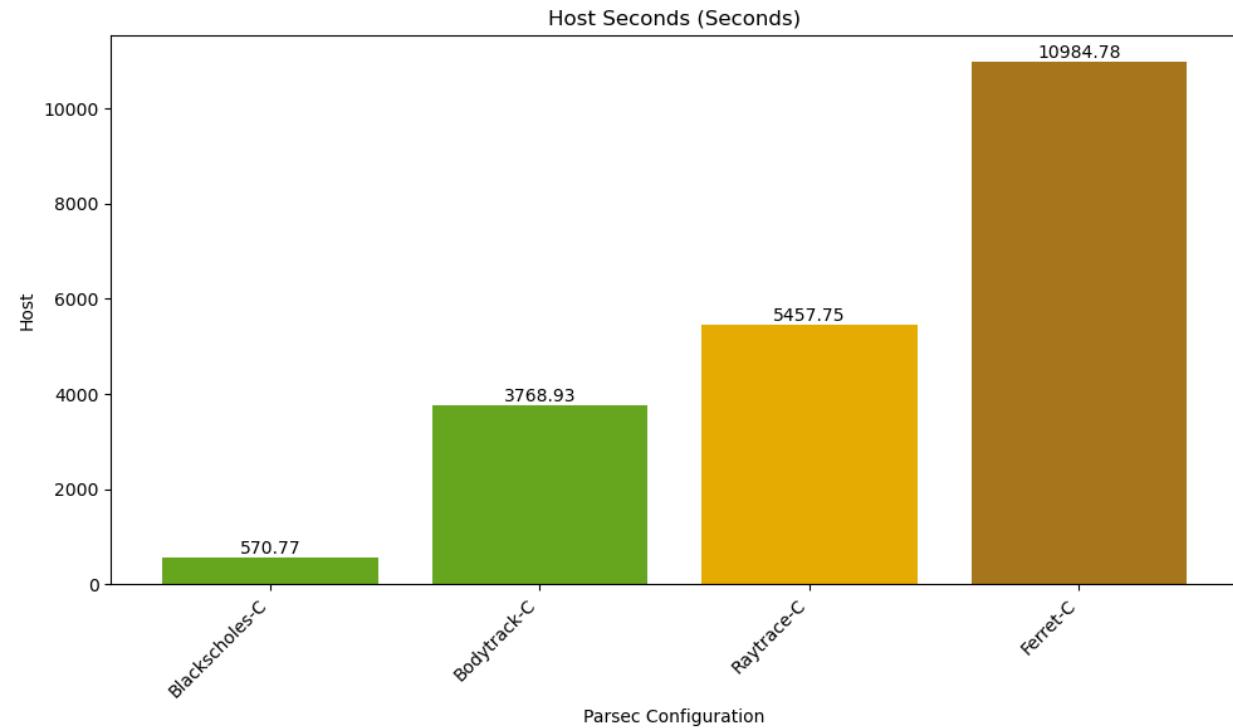
Performance Analysis Using P-L1-S-L2 Cache C

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Sim Time (seconds)	0.090274	0.512825	0.733517	1.348978
Sim Tics (Tick)	90273541096	5.12825E+11	7.33517E+11	1.34898E+12
Host Seconds (seconds)	570.77	3768.93	5457.75	10984.78
Total Wallclock Time (minutes)	9.85	80.07	91.82	183.53

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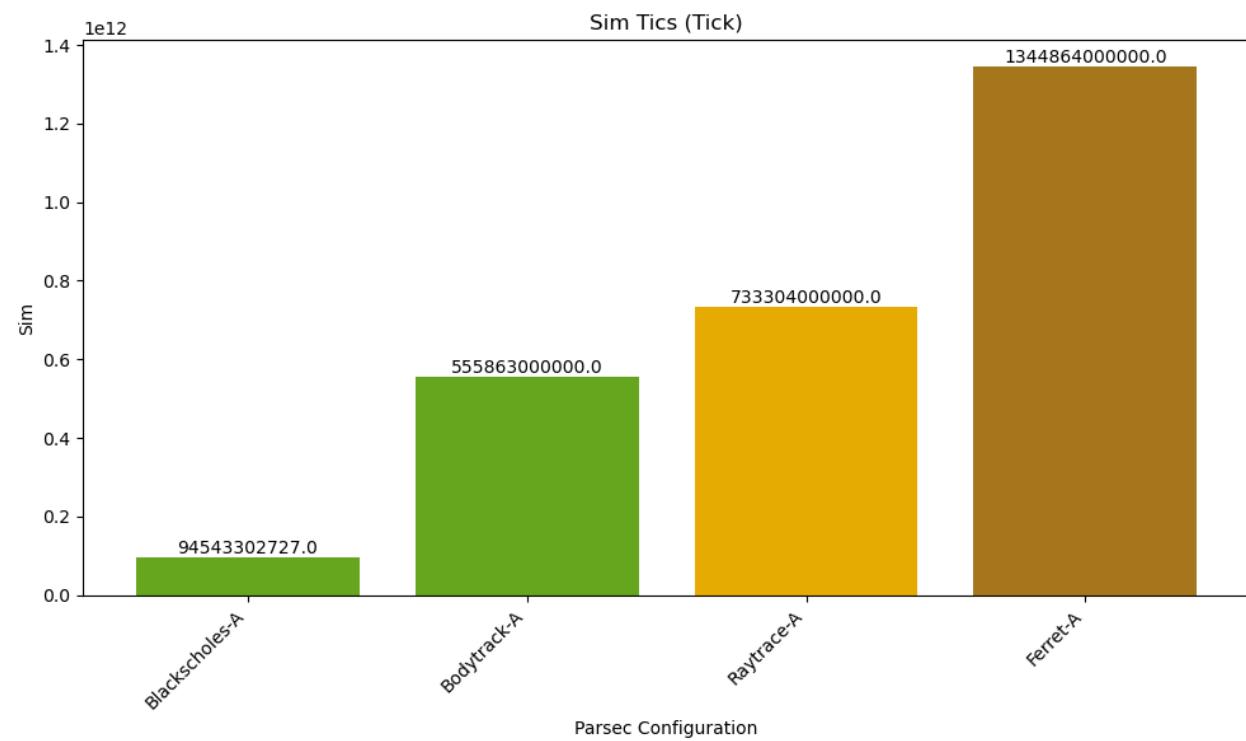
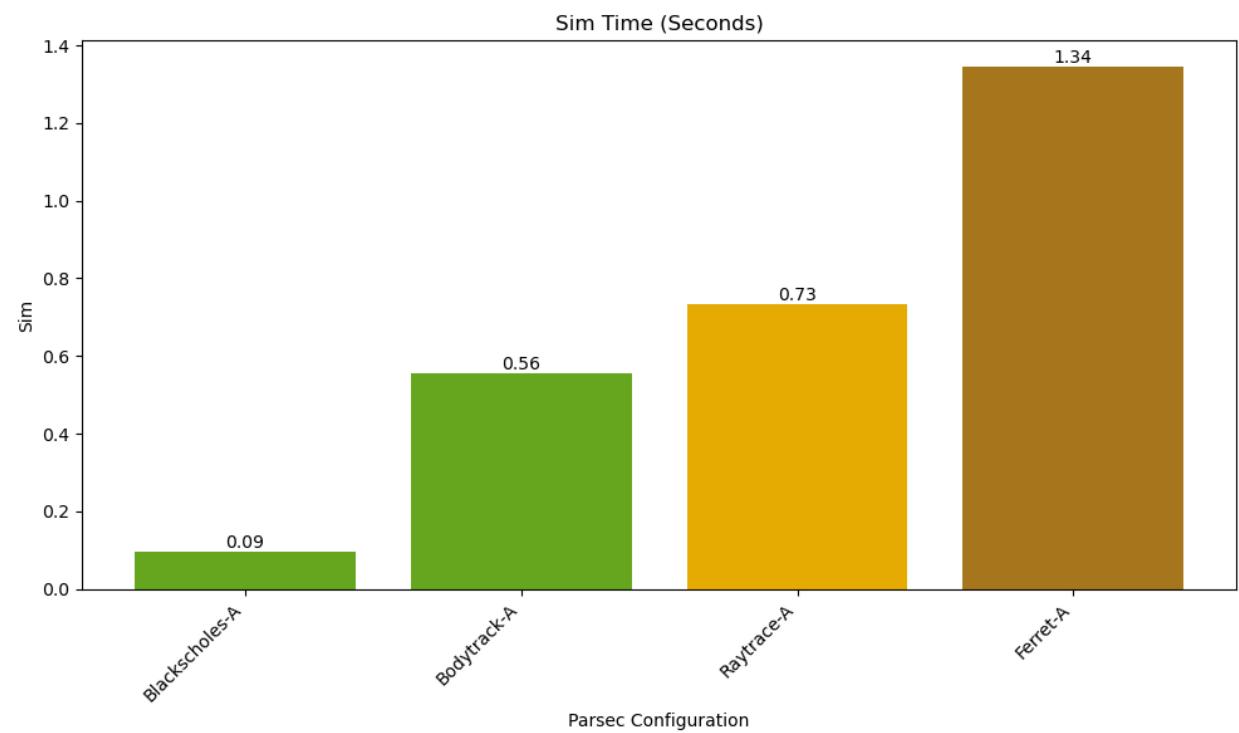
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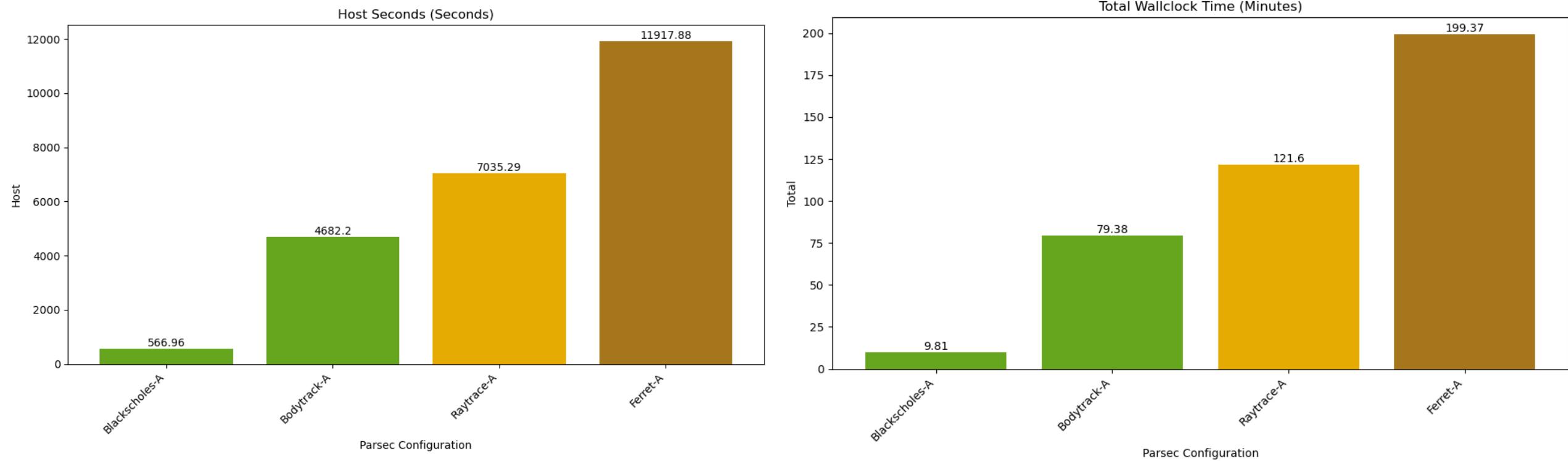
Performance Analysis Using M-2-L Cache A

Performance Analysis	Blackscholes-A-Mesi_Two_Level	Bodytrack-A-Mesi_Two_Level	Raytrace-A-Mesi_Two_Level	Ferret-A-Mesi_Two_Level
Sim Time (seconds)	0.094543	0.555863	0.733304	1.344864
Sim Tics (Tick)	94543302727	5.55863E+11	7.33304E+11	1.34486E+12
Host Seconds (seconds)	566.96	4682.2	7035.29	11917.88
Total Wallclock Time (minutes)	9.81	79.38	121.6	199.37

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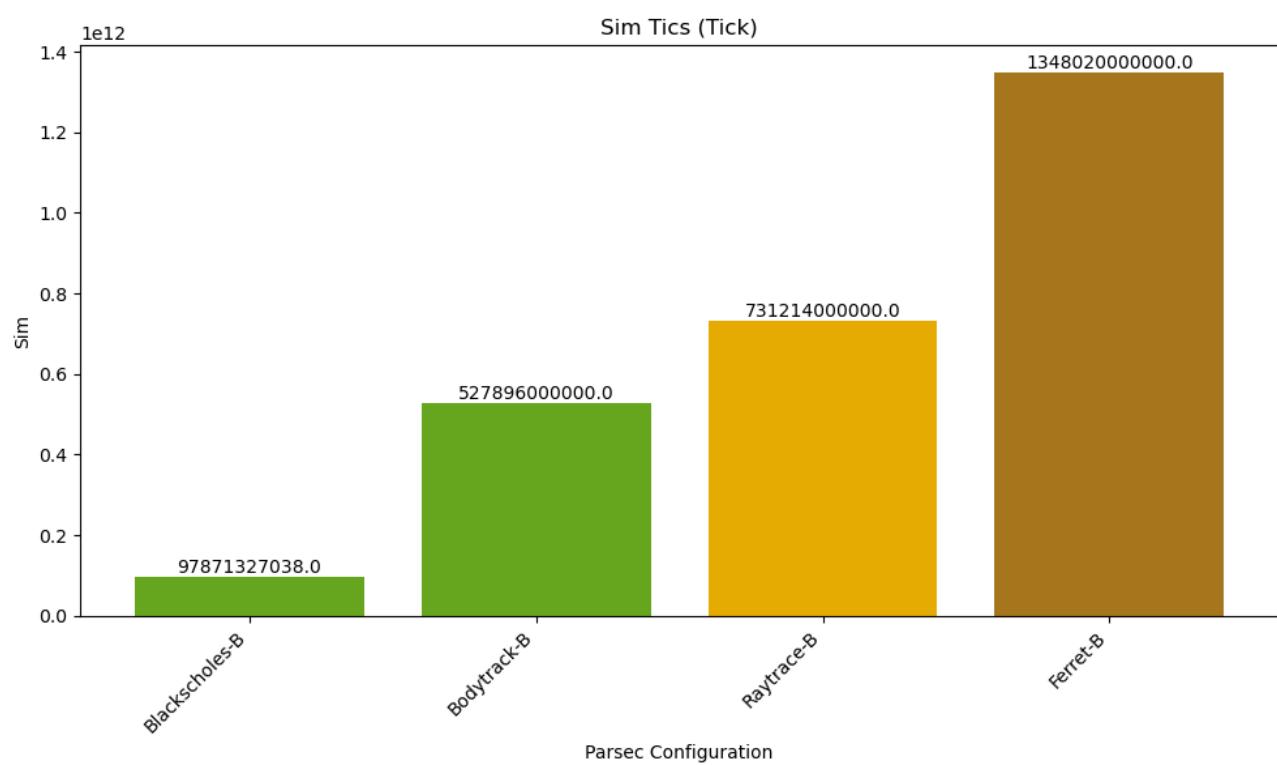
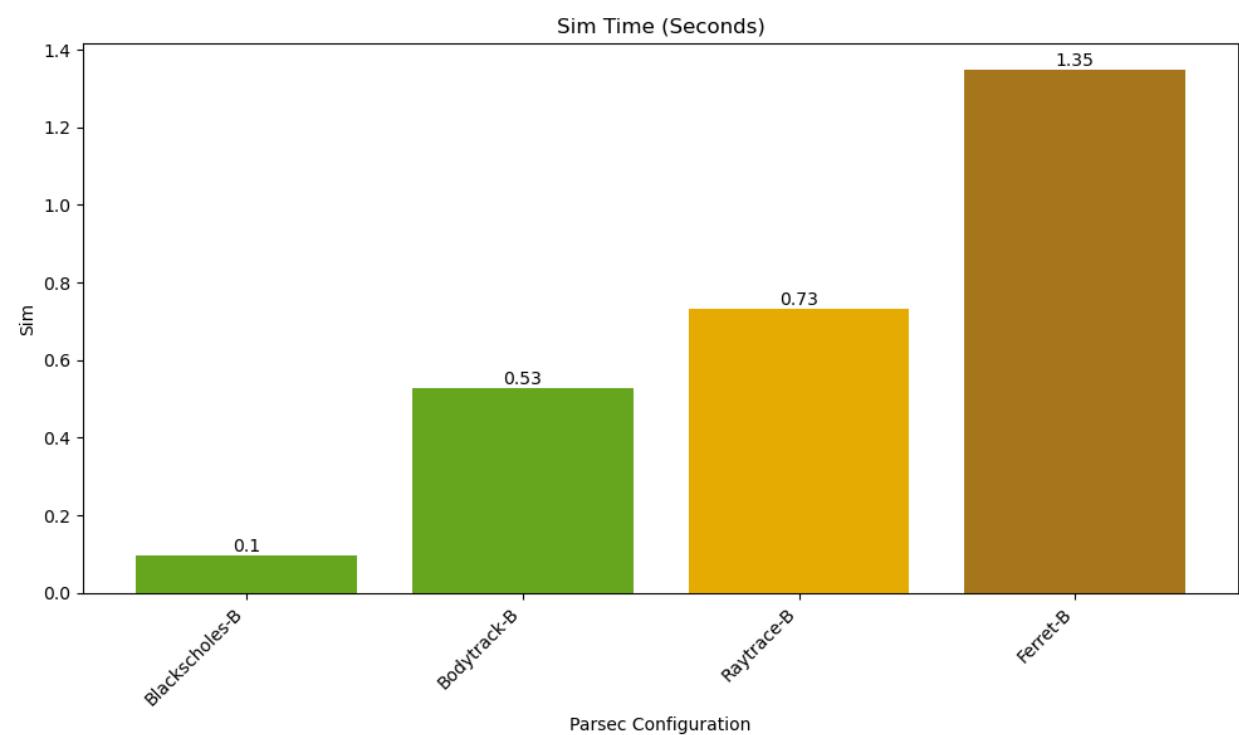
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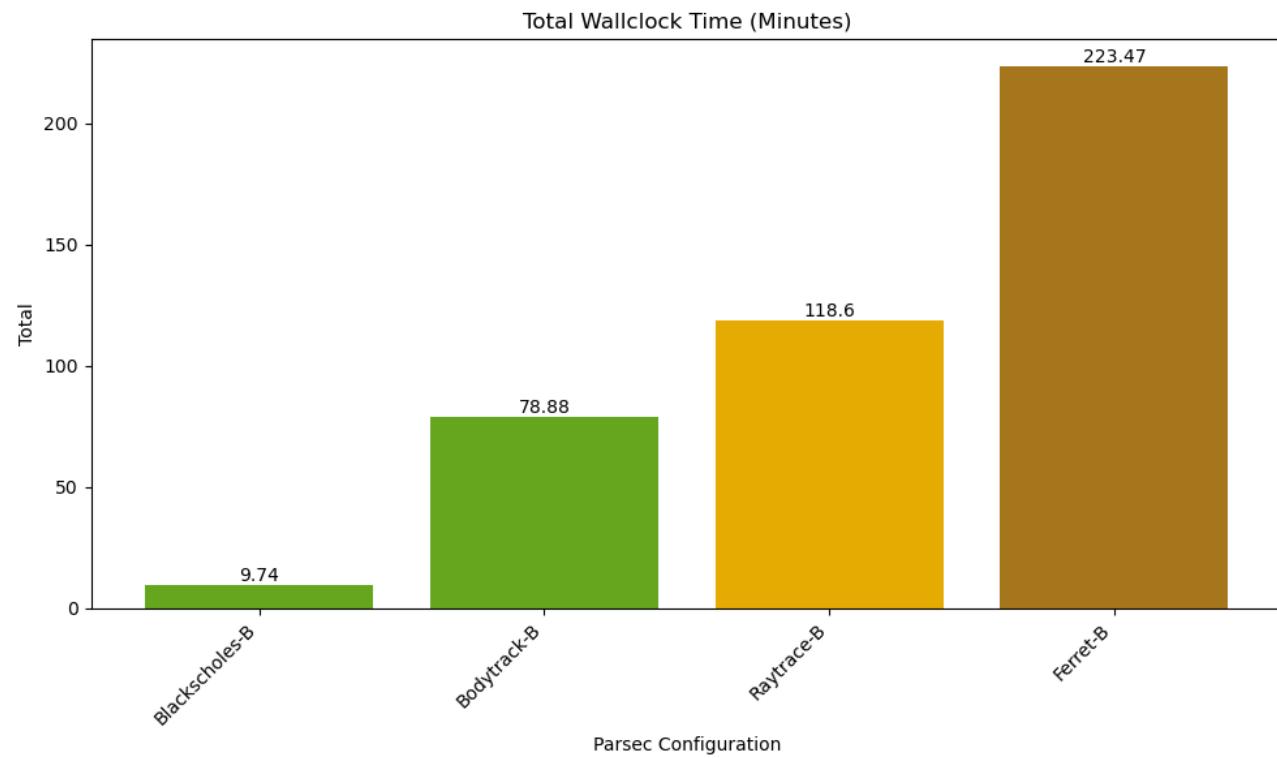
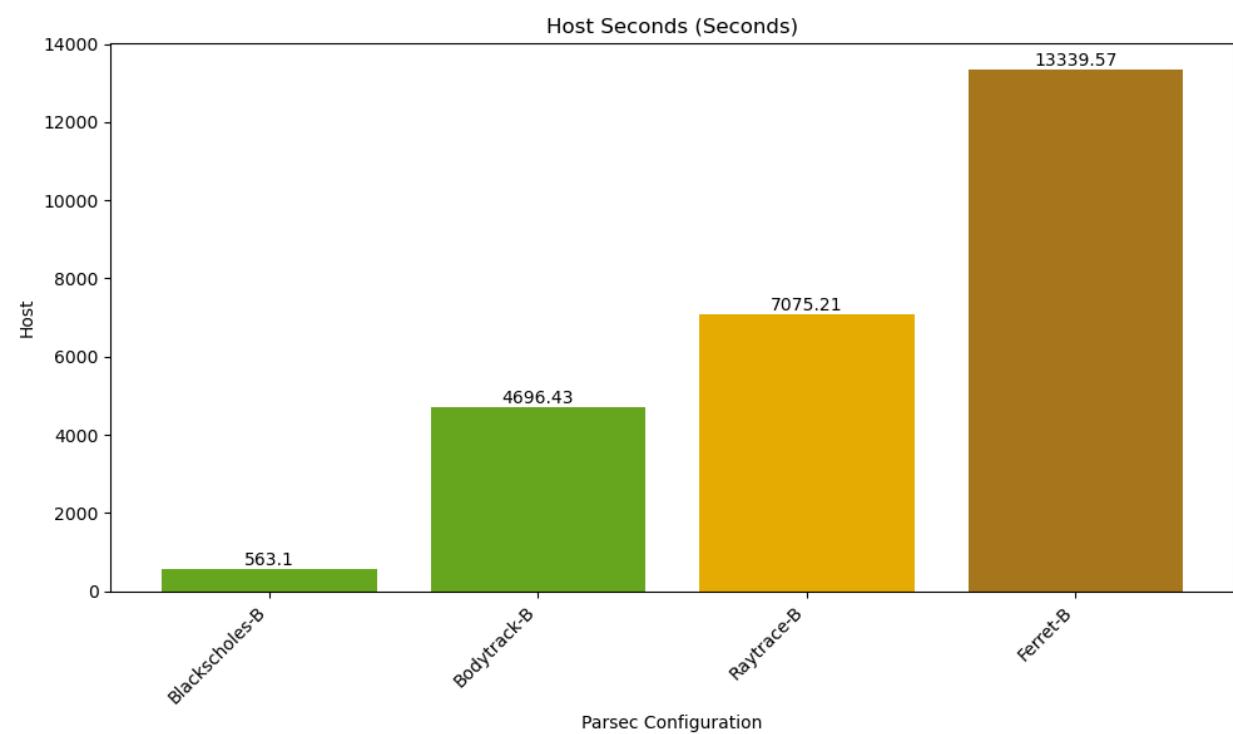
Performance Analysis Using M-2-L Cache B

Performance Analysis	Blackscholes-B-Mesi_Two_Level	Bodytrack-B-Mesi_Two_Level	Raytrace-B-Mesi_Two_Level	Ferret-B-Mesi_Two_Level
Sim Time (seconds)	0.097871	0.527896	0.731214	1.348016
Sim Tics (Tick)	97871327038	5.27896E+11	7.31214E+11	1.34802E+12
Host Seconds (seconds)	563.1	4696.43	7075.21	13339.57
Total Wallclock Time (minutes)	9.74	78.88	118.6	223.47

Performance Analysis Using M-2-L Cache B



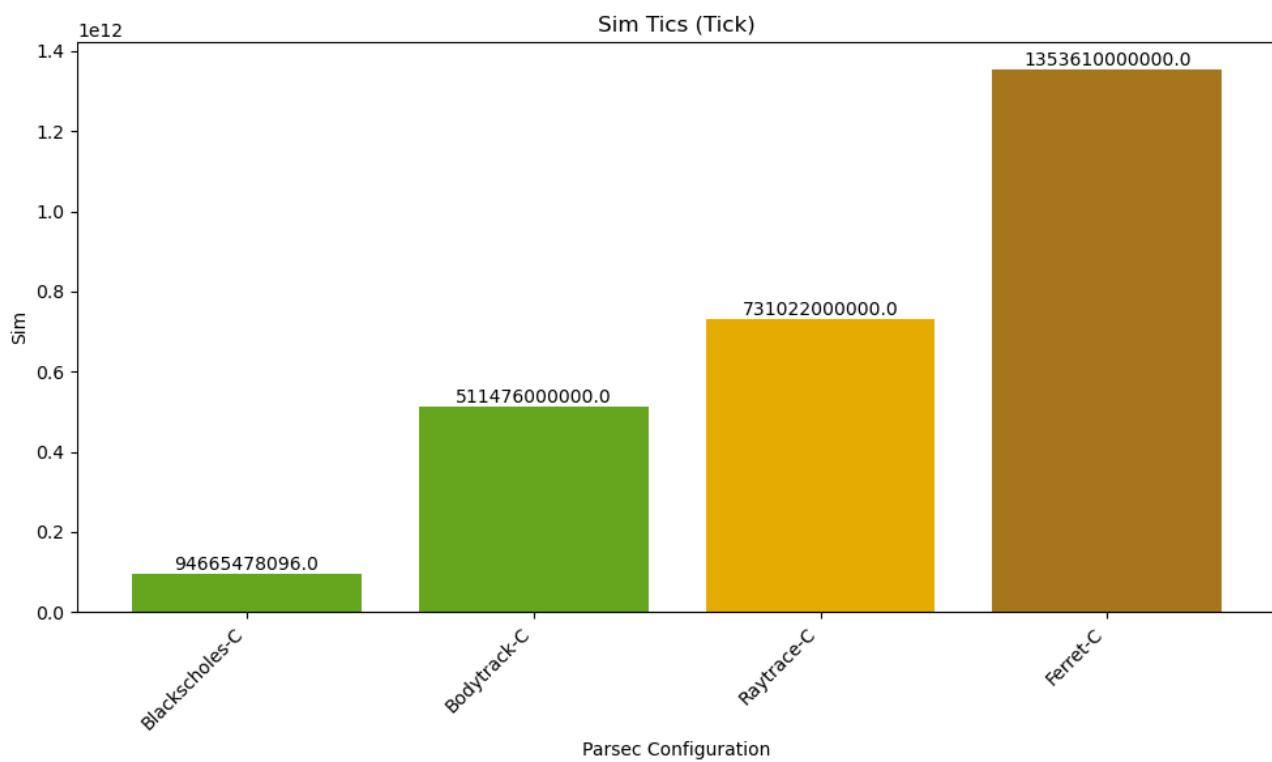
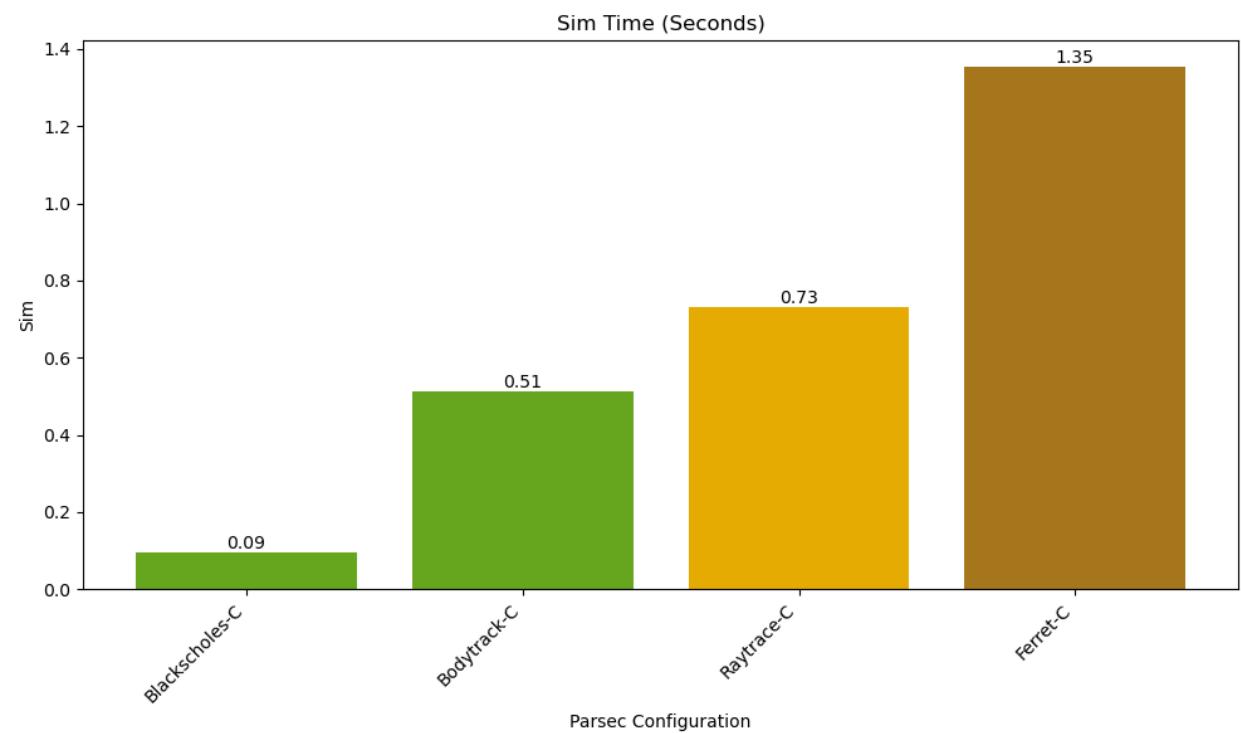
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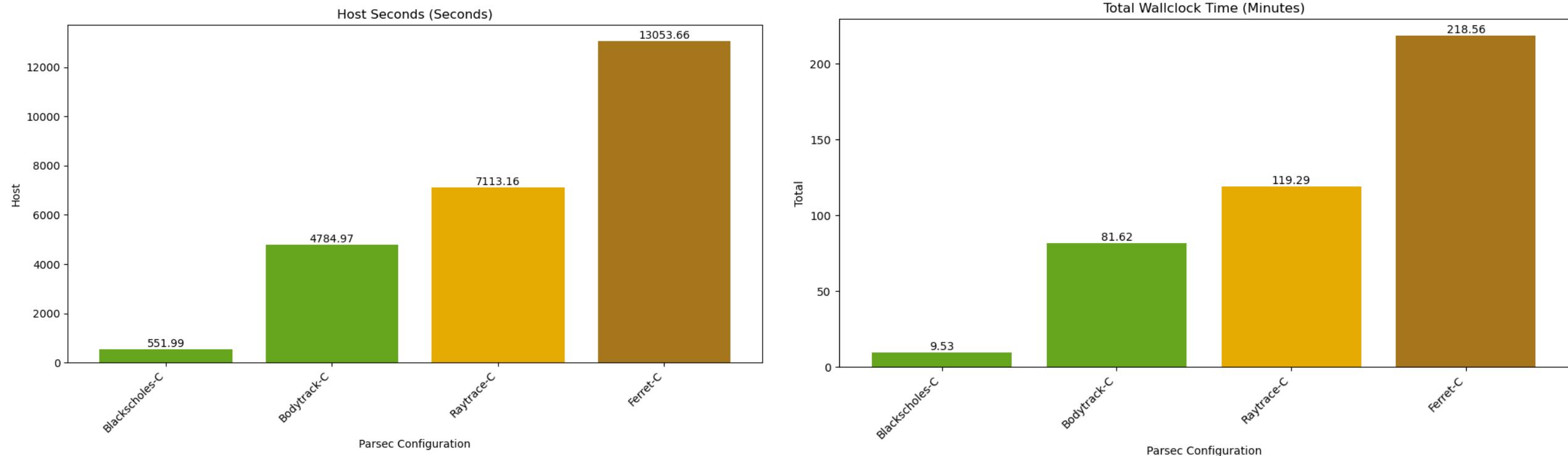
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Performance Analysis	Blackscholes-C-Mesi_Two_Level	Bodytrack-C-Mesi_Two_Level	Raytrace-C-Mesi_Two_Level	Ferret-C-Mesi_Two_Level
Sim Time (seconds)	0.094665	0.511476	0.731022	1.353612
Sim Tics (Tick)	94665478096	5.11476E+11	7.31022E+11	1.35361E+12
Host Seconds (seconds)	551.99	4784.97	7113.16	13053.66
Total Wallclock Time (minutes)	9.53	81.62	119.29	218.56

Performance Analysis Using M-2-L Cache C



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Workload Analysis

I have used the parameter below to analyze the computational intensity of a simulation. The below parameters are used to analyze the workload.

- **simInsts (Simulated Instructions):** The total number of instructions simulated. This is crucial for understanding the computational workload of the simulation.
- **simOps (Simulated Operations):** The number of operations, including micro-operations, gives insight into the complexity and intensity of the simulation workload.
- **hostInstRate:** The rate at which the simulator processes instructions per second of host time, indicating the efficiency of the simulation.
- **Note:** Cache Associativity is defined in the table and graph as A, B, C where A= [2,4], B=[4,8], and C=[8,16] associativity.

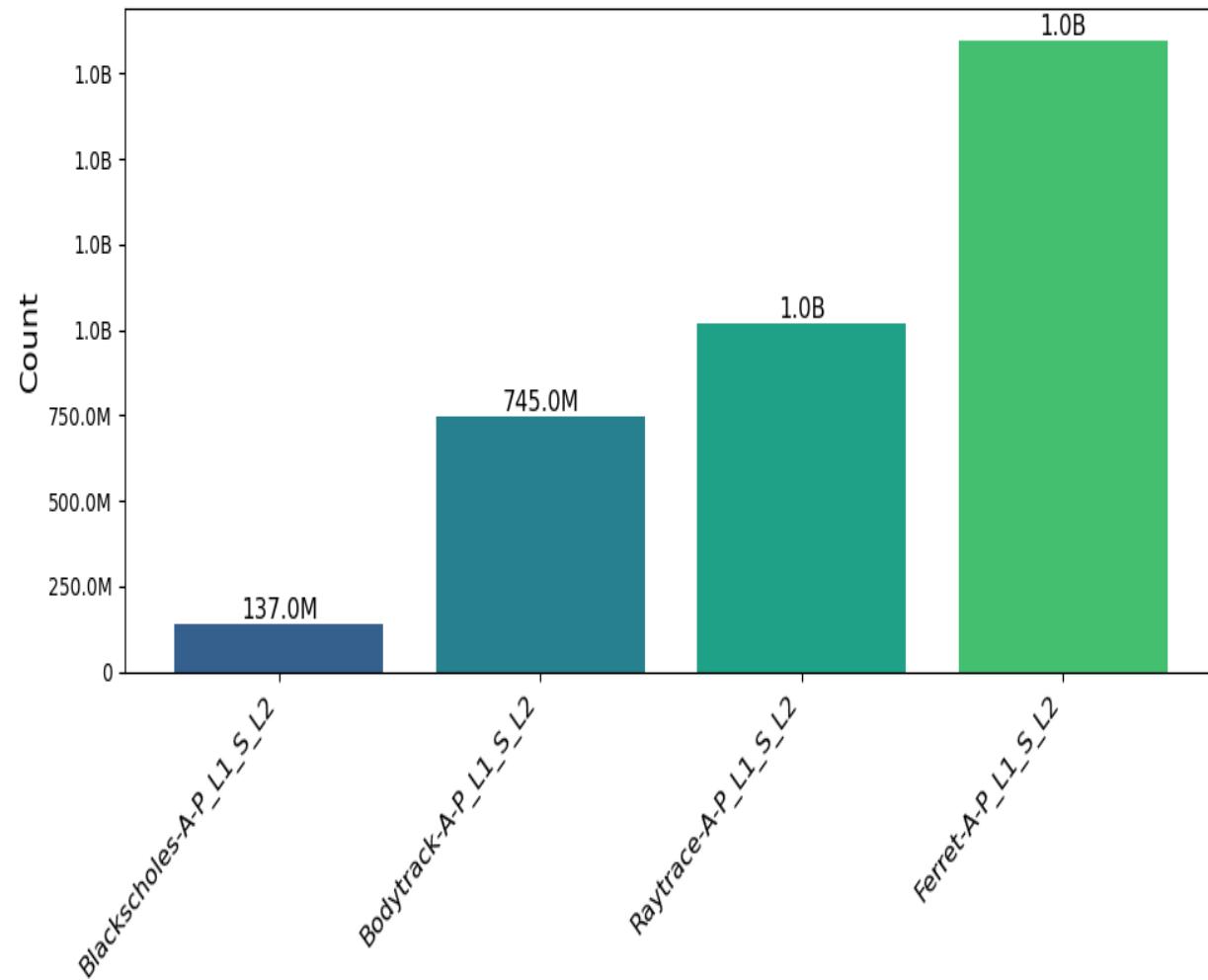


Workload Analysis Using P-L1-S-L2 Cache A

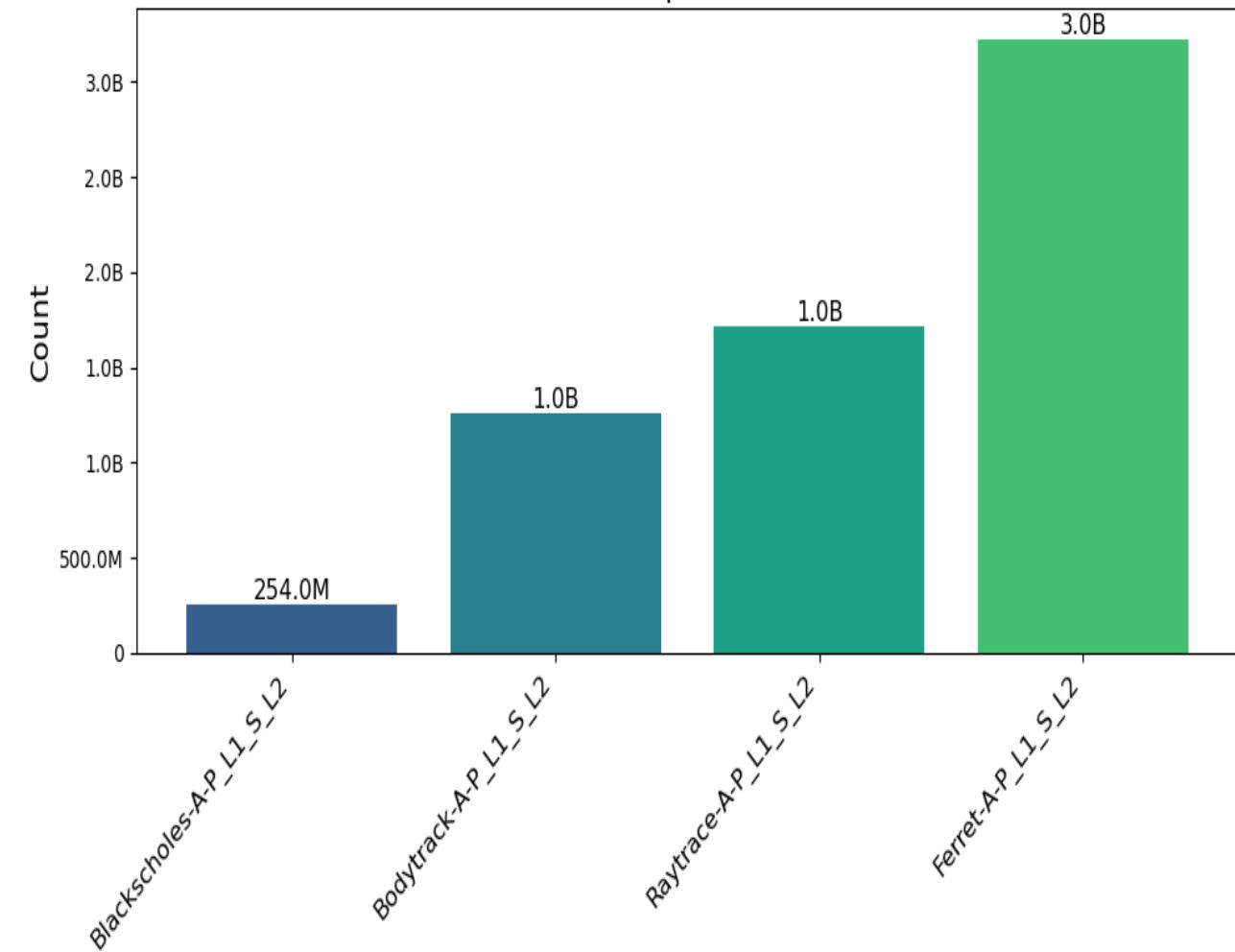
Workload Charachterization	Blackscholes-A-PRIVATE_L1_SHARED_L2	Bodytrack-A-PRIVATE_L1_SHARED_L2	Raytrace-A-PRIVATE_L1_SHARED_L2	Ferret-A-PRIVATE_L1_SHARED_L2
Sim Instruction (Count)	137361628	745716965	1018866223	1845500428
Sim Ops (Count)	254010039	1262304430	1712951700	3222886689
Host Instrsuction Rate (Count/Second)	234919	255339	291054	180051

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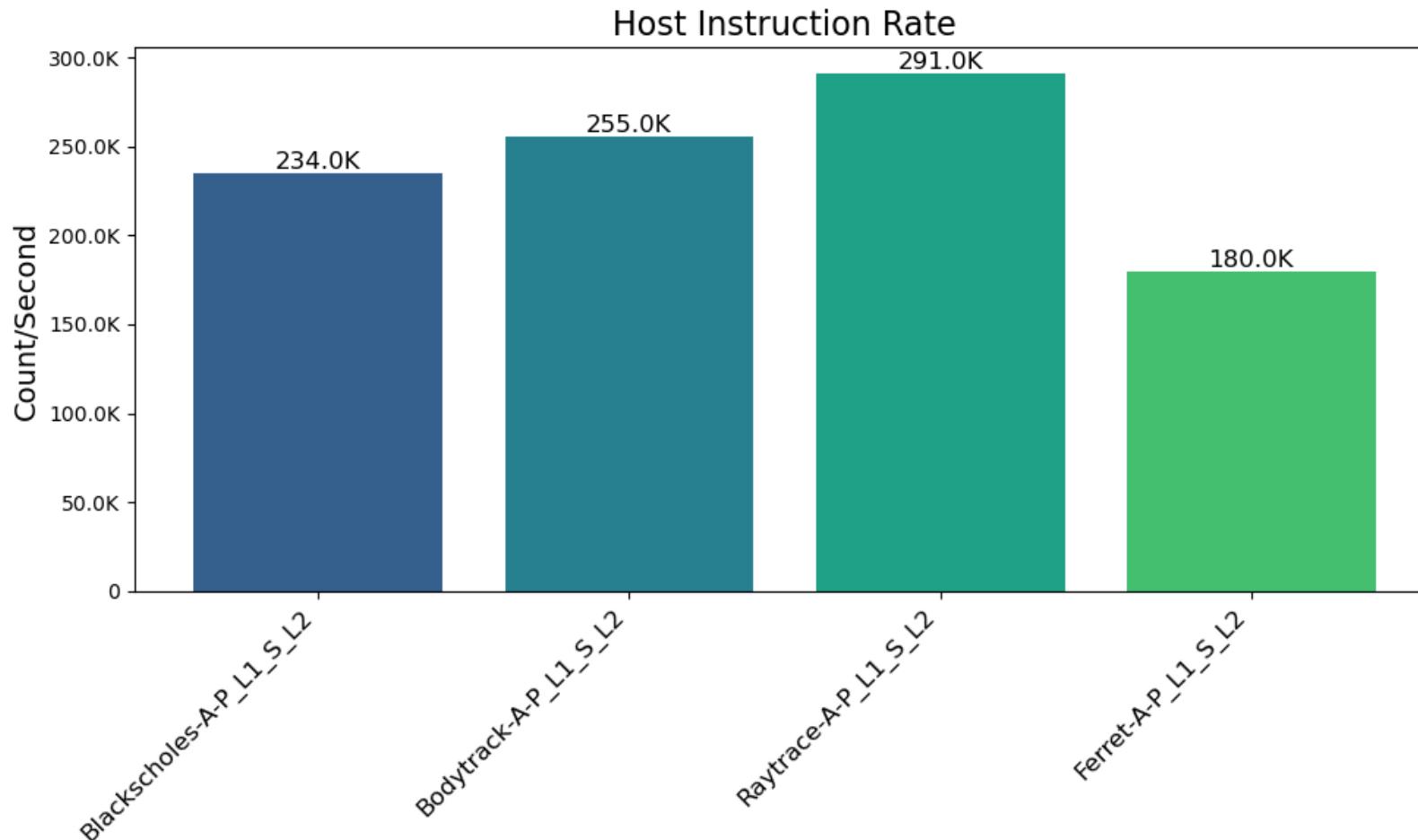
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Simulation Operations Count



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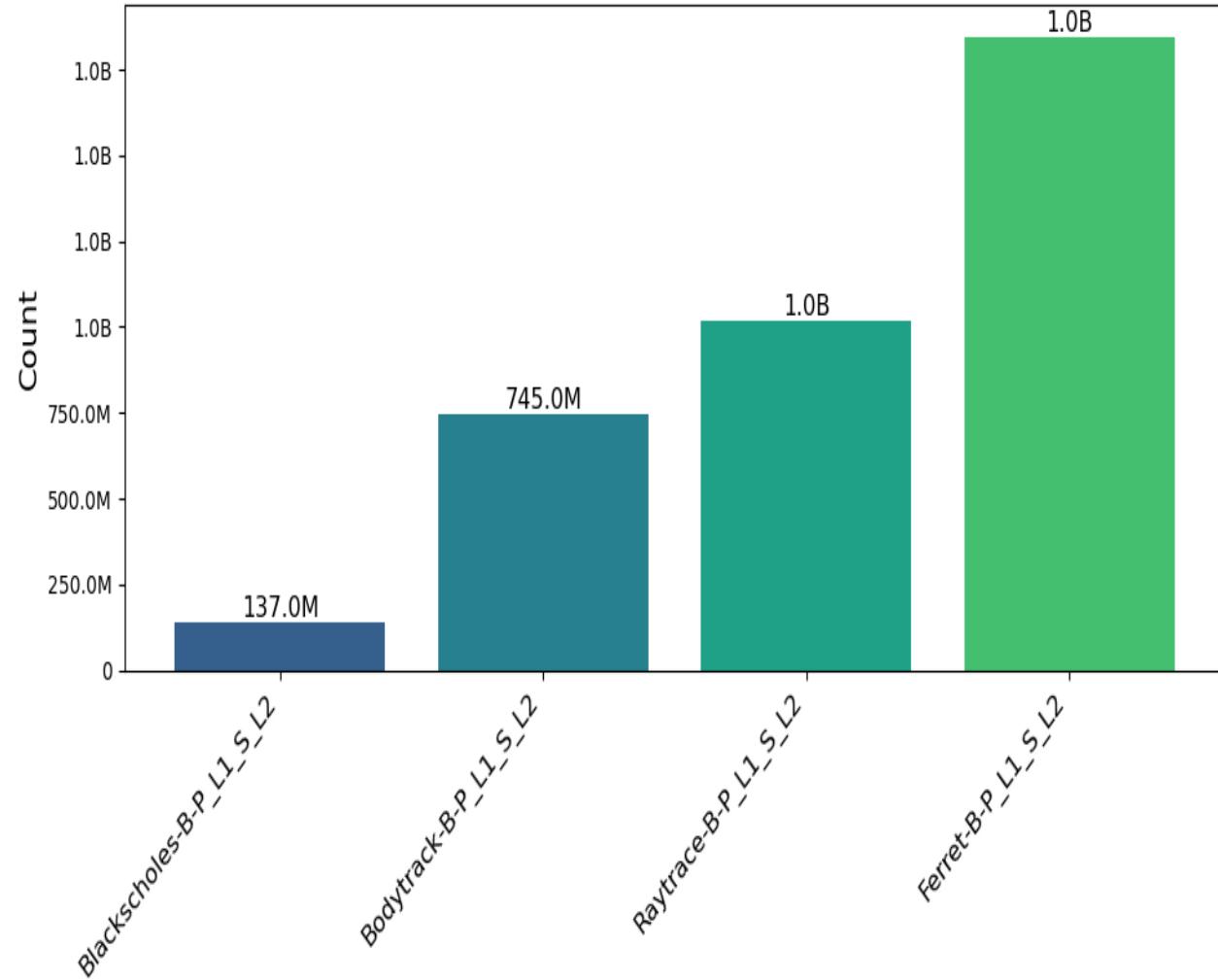


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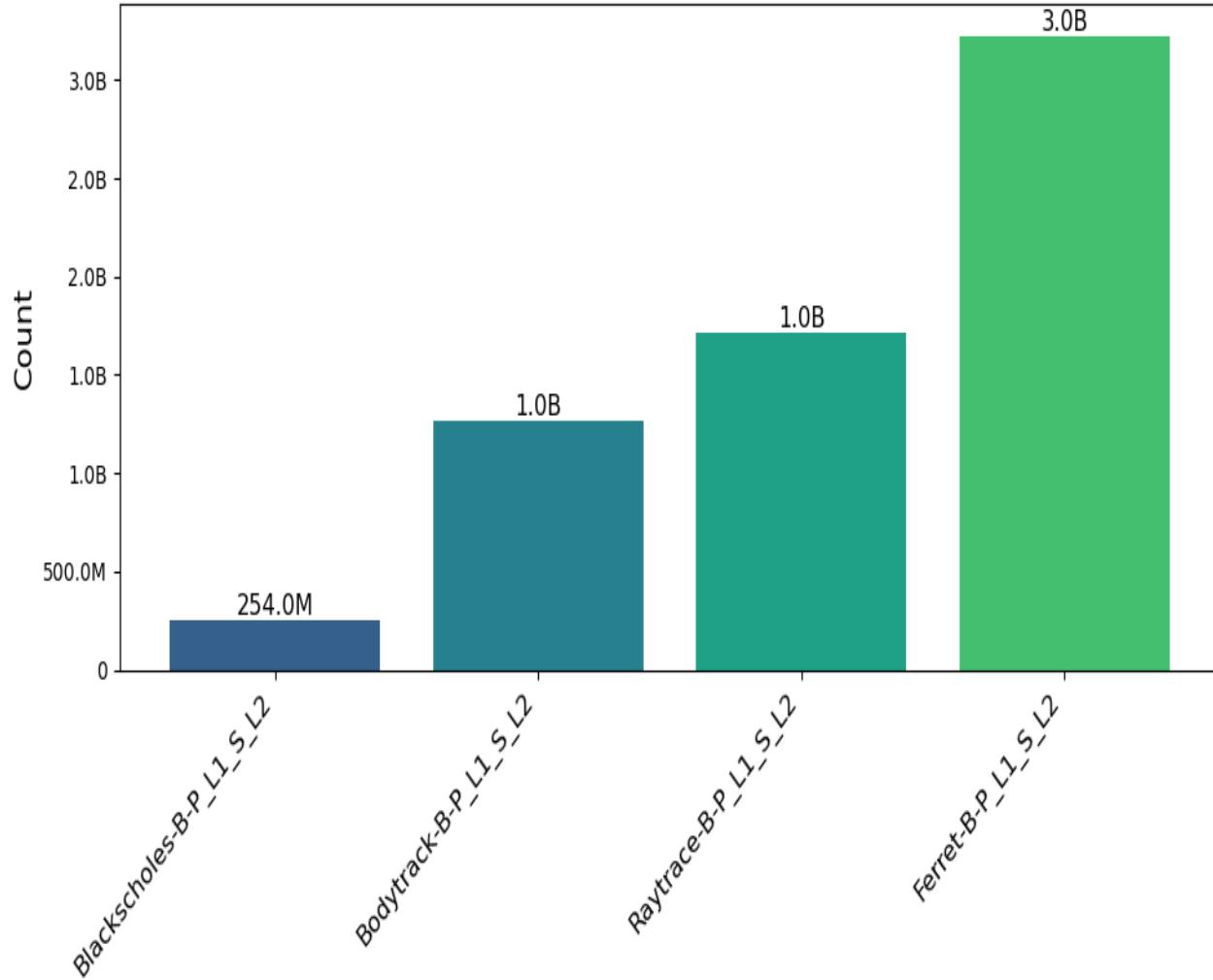
Workload	Blackscholes-B-	Bodytrack-B-		
Charachterization	PRIVATE_L1_SHARED_L2	PRIVATE_L1_SHARED_L2	Raytrace-B-PRIVATE_L1_SHARED_L2	Ferret-B-PRIVATE_L1_SHARED_L2
Sim Instruction (Count)	137448613	745580154	1020283584	1845370554
Sim Ops (Count)	254154842	1261991252	1715777206	3222798984
Host Instrsuction Rate (Count/Second)	237835	199583	141721	175593

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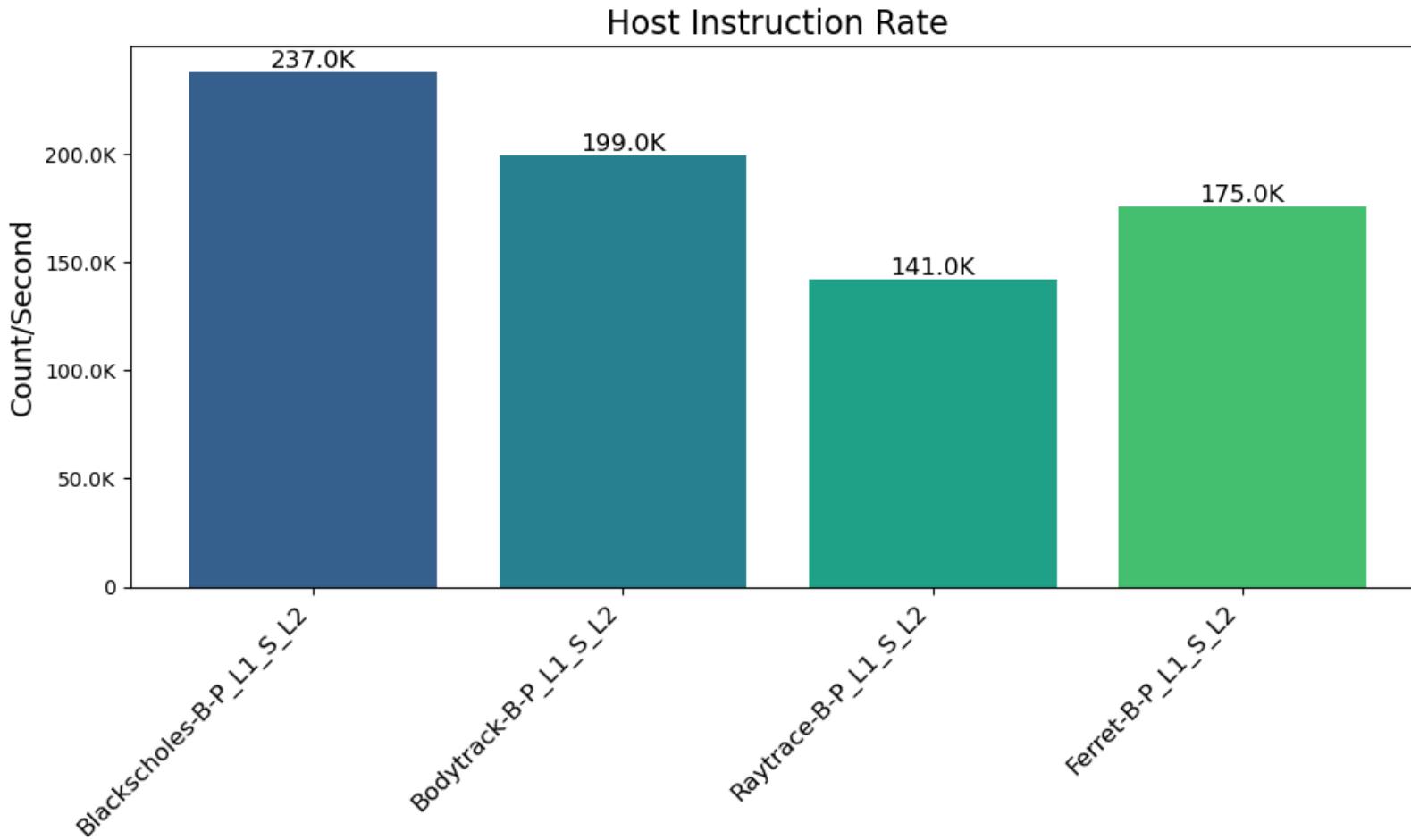
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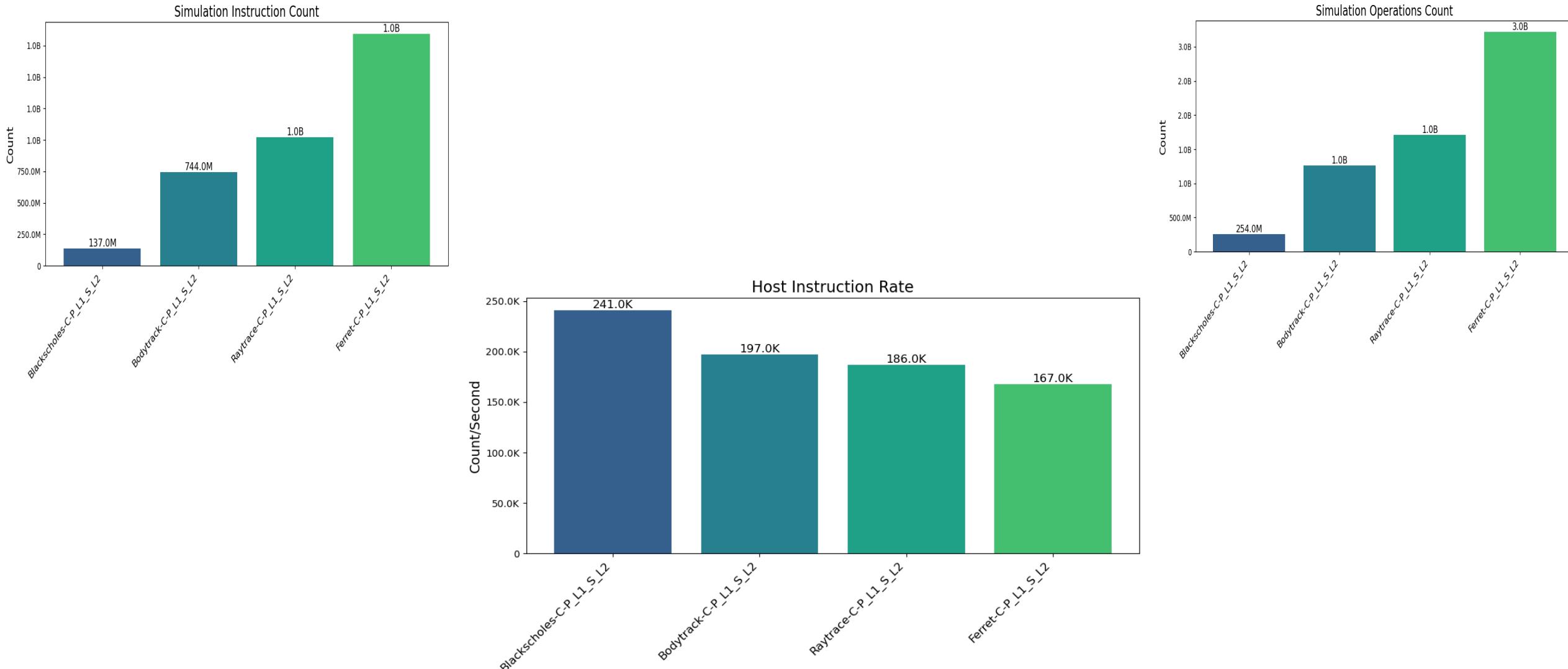
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Workload Analysis Using P-L1-S-L2 Cache C

Workload Charachterization	Blackscholes-C- PRIVATE_L1_SHARED_L2	Bodytrack-C- PRIVATE_L1_SHARED_L2	Raytrace-C- PRIVATE_L1_SHARED_L2	Ferret-C- PRIVATE_L1_SHARED_L2
Sim Instruction (Count)	137613838	744436275	1018684400	1843556135
Sim Ops (Count)	254528120	1259434104	1712549853	3219848551
Host Instrsuction Rate (Count/Second)	241104	197519	186649	167828

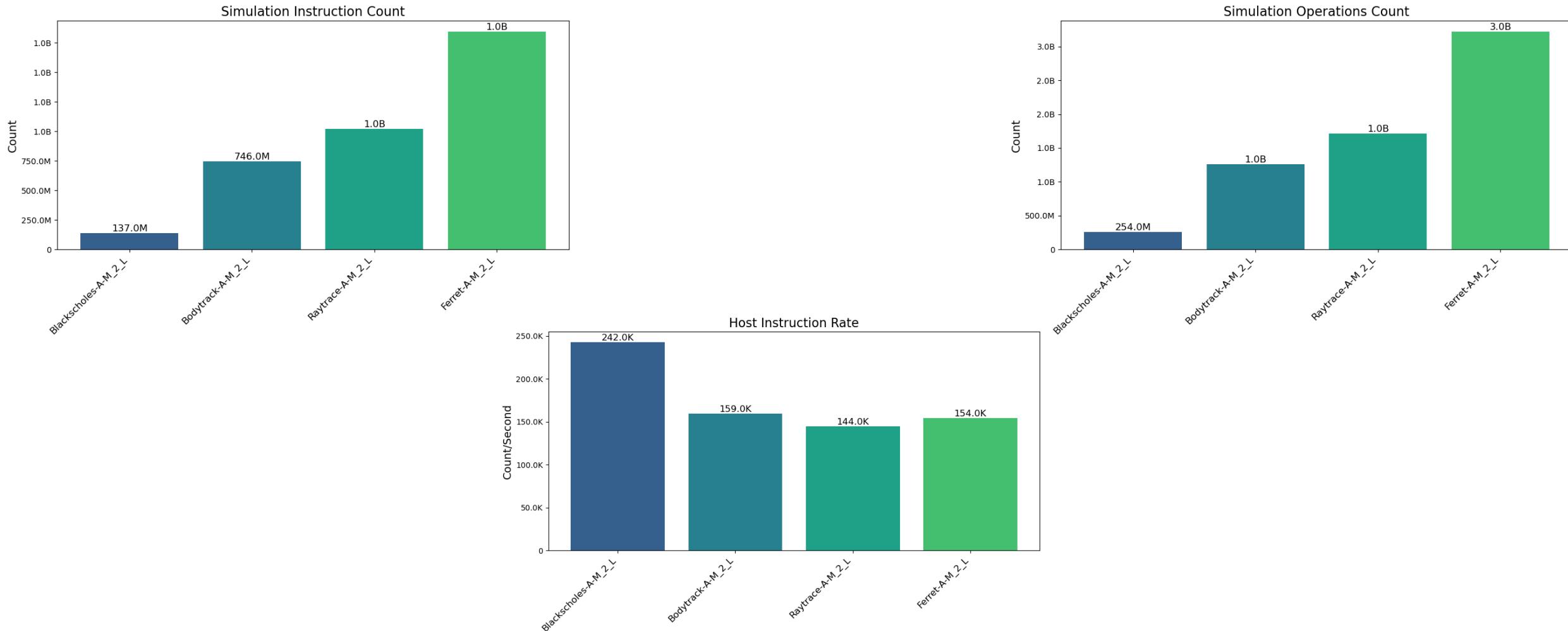
Workload Analysis Using P-L1-S-L2 Cache C



Workload Analysis Using M-2-L Cache A

Workload Characterization	Blackscholes-A-M-2-L	Bodytrack-A-M-2-L	Raytrace-A-M-2-L	Ferret-A-M-2-L
Sim Instruction (Count)	137609035	746854929	1019148207	1843516103
Sim Ops (Count)	254523771	1264292337	1713617509	3219243548
Host Instrsuction Rate (Count/Second)	242714	159509	144862	154685

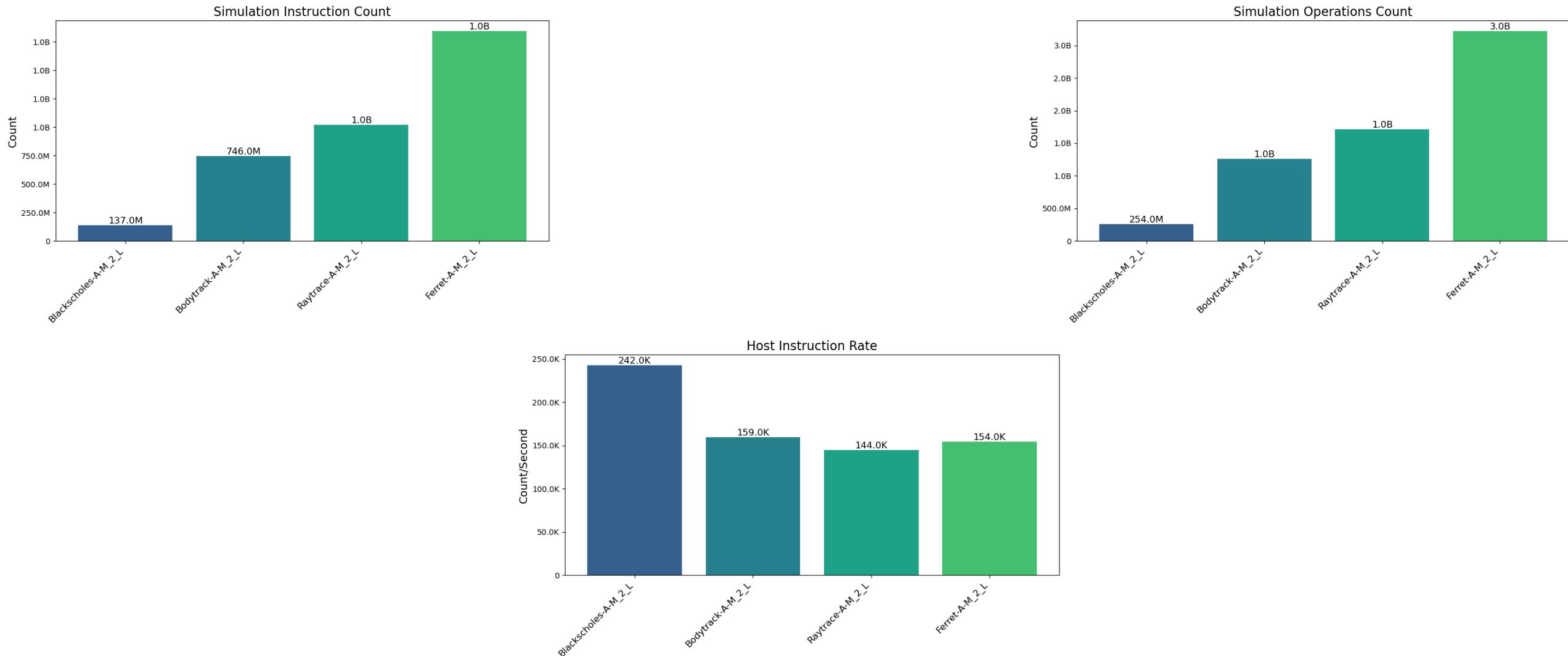
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Workload Analysis Using M-2-L Cache B

Workload Characterization	Blackscholes-B-M-2-L	Bodytrack-B-M-2-L	Raytrace-B-M-2-L	Ferret-B-M-2-L
Sim Instruction (Count)	137332418	745131221	1018840471	1843642172
Sim Ops (Count)	253884917	1261031094	1712856055	3219458463
Host Instrsuction Rate (Count/Second)	243885	158659	144001	138209

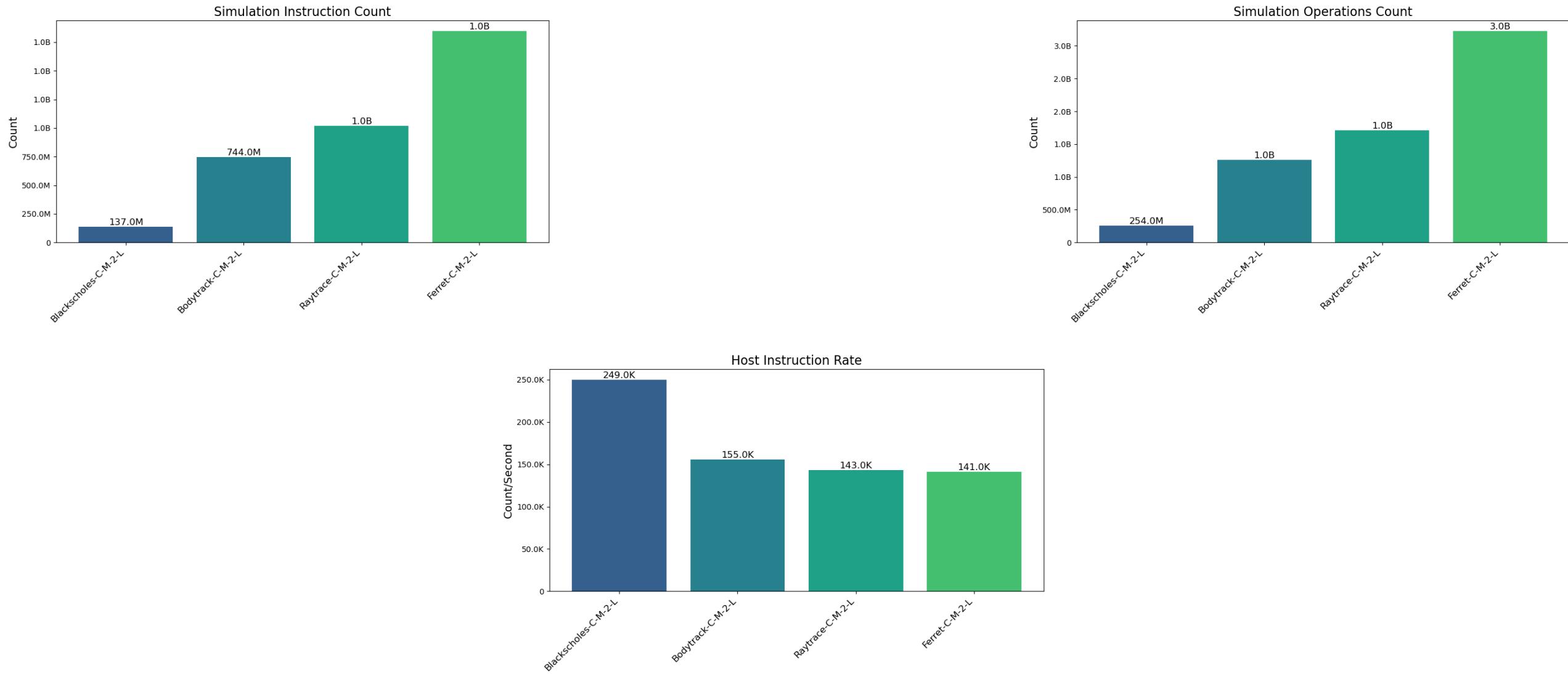
Workload Analysis Using M-2-L Cache B



Workload Analysis Using M-2-L Cache C

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Sim Instruction (Count)	137332418	745131221	1018840471	1843642172
Sim Ops (Count)	253884917	1261031094	1712856055	3219458463
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Workload Analysis Using M-2-L Cache C





Cache Analysis

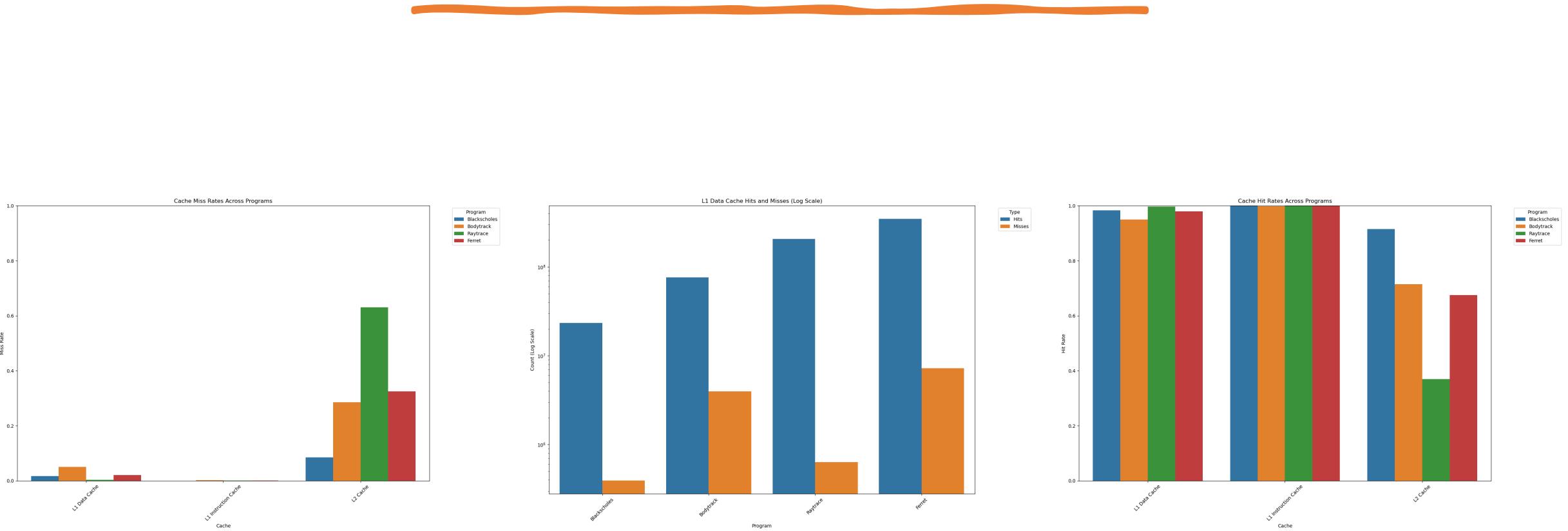
In order to evaluate the cache performance of the Parsec benchmark simulated by Gem5, I utilized statistics such as cache hits, misses, and accesses to determine the Hit Rate and Miss Rate. The following parameters were taken into consideration:

- **Hits ('m_demand_hits')**: A cache hit occurs when the requested data is found in the cache memory.
- **Misses ('m_demand_misses')**: A cache miss occurs when the requested data is not found in the cache.
- **Accesses ('m_demand_accesses')**: A cache access refers to the total number of attempts made by the CPU to retrieve data from the cache. This includes both hits and misses.
- **Hit Rate**: The hit rate is the ratio of hits to total accesses. It indicates how often the processor is able to find the requested data. A higher hit rate implies better cache performance.
- **Miss Rate**: The miss rate is the ratio of misses to total accesses. It indicates how often the processor is unable to find the requested data in the L1 data cache. A lower miss rate is better as it implies fewer instances where the processor needs to fetch data from slower memory hierarchies.
- **Note: Cache Associativity is defined in the table and graph as A, B, C where A= [2,4], B=[4,8], and C=[8,16] associativity.**

Cache Analysis Using P-L1-S-L2 Cache A

Cache Performance	Blackscholes-A-PRIVATE L1 SHARED L2	Bodytrack-A-PRIVATE L1 SHARED L2	Raytrace-A-PRIVATE L1 SHARED L2	Ferret-A-PRIVATE L1 SHARED L2
L1 Data Cache Analysis				
Hits ('m_demand_hits')	23328608	76054857	205869677	347467941
Misses ('m_demand_misses')	393333	3981567	633174	7254196
Accesses ('m_demand_accesses')	23721941	80036424	206502851	354722137
Hit Rate (Hits/Accesses)	0.983419021	0.950253062	0.996933824	0.979549638
Miss Rate (Misses/Accesses)	0.016580979	0.049746938	0.003066176	0.020450362
L1 Instruction Cache Analysis				
Hits ('m_demand_hits')	104301193	443919929	731265176	1417376028
Misses ('m_demand_misses')	13806	881483	187153	478823
Accesses ('m_demand_accesses')	104314999	444801412	731452329	1417854851
Hit Rate (Hits/Accesses)	0.999867651	0.998018255	0.999744135	0.999662291
Miss Rate (Misses/Accesses)	0.000132349	0.001981745	0.000255865	0.000337709
L2 Cache Analysis				
Hits ('m_demand_hits')	592448	7457387	616494	10130569
Misses ('m_demand_misses')	54946	2975733	1052479	4882118
Accesses ('m_demand_accesses')	647394	10433120	1668973	15012687
Hit Rate (Hits/Accesses)	0.915127419	0.714780142	0.369385245	0.67480052
Miss Rate (Misses/Accesses)	0.084872581	0.285219858	0.630614755	0.32519948

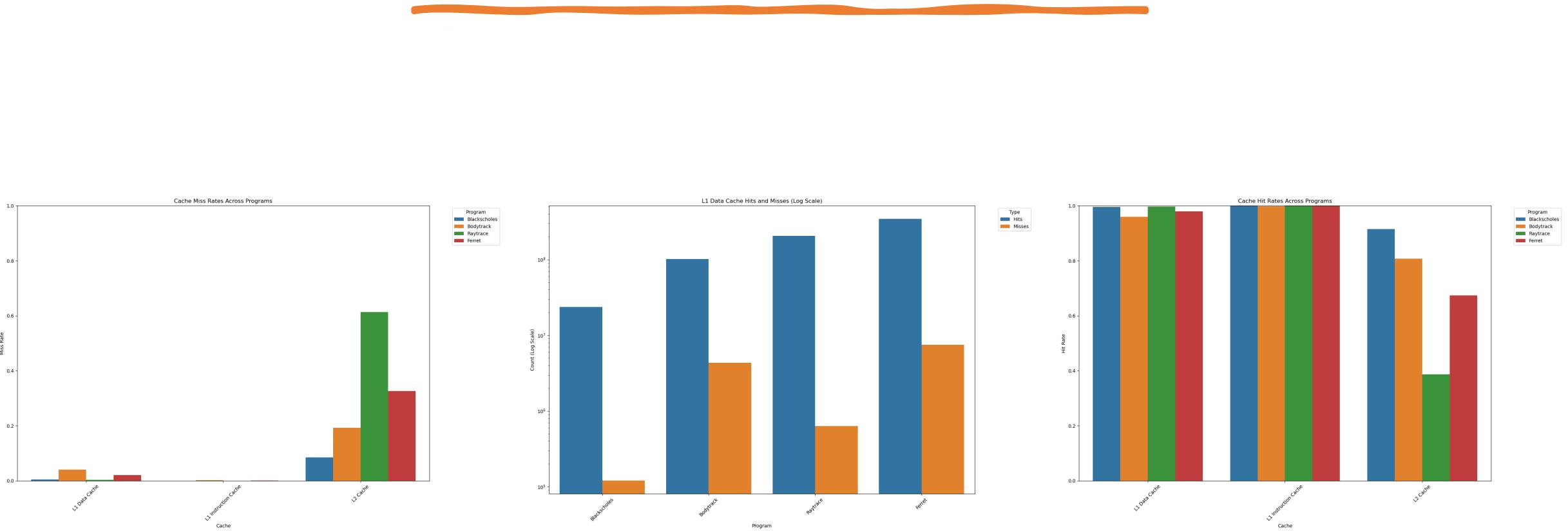
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Cache Analysis Using P-L1-S-L2 Cache B

Cache Performance	Blackscholes-B-PRIVATE L1 SHARED L2	Bodytrack-B-PRIVATE L1 SHARED L2	Raytrace-B-PRIVATE L1 SHARED L2	Ferret-B-PRIVATE L1 SHARED L2
L1 Data Cache Analysis				
Hits ('m_demand_hits')	23619581	101626401	206150686	345413355
Misses ('m_demand_misses')	120565	4344974	630979	7471206
Accesses ('m_demand_accesses')	23740146	105971375	206781665	352884561
Hit Rate (Hits/Accesses)	0.994921472	0.958998607	0.996948574	0.978828187
Miss Rate (Misses/Accesses)	0.005078528	0.041001393	0.003051426	0.021171813
L1 Instruction Cache Analysis				
Hits ('m_demand_hits')	104400728	566534708	734515833	1398278583
Misses ('m_demand_misses')	8545	1069825	158547	481755
Accesses ('m_demand_accesses')	104409273	567604533	734674380	1398760338
Hit Rate (Hits/Accesses)	0.999918159	0.998115193	0.999784194	0.999655584
Miss Rate (Misses/Accesses)	8.18414E-05	0.001884807	0.000215806	0.000344416
L2 Cache Analysis				
Hits ('m_demand_hits')	228757	8228805	622715	9870900
Misses ('m_demand_misses')	21376	1958802	986326	4769344
Accesses ('m_demand_accesses')	250133	10187607	1609041	14640244
Hit Rate (Hits/Accesses)	0.914541464	0.807726977	0.387010026	0.674230566
Miss Rate (Misses/Accesses)	0.085458536	0.192273023	0.612989974	0.325769434

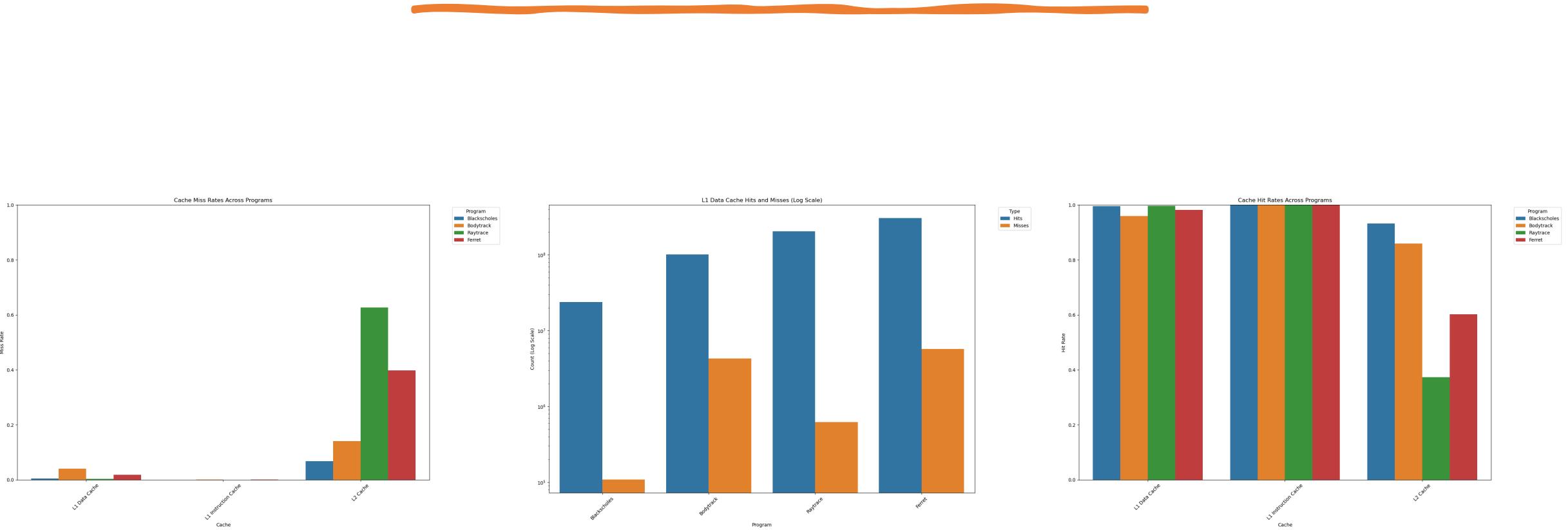
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Cache Analysis Using P-L1-S-L2 Cache C

Cache Performance	Blackscholes-C-PRIVATE L1_SHARED L2	Bodytrack-C-PRIVATE L1_SHARED L2	Ravtrace-C-PRIVATE L1_SHARED L2	Ferret-C-PRIVATE L1_SHARED L2
L1 Data Cache Analysis				
Hits ('m_demand_hits')	23787270	101541961	205057381	306620444
Misses ('m_demand_misses')	108244	4303508	619742	5723445
Accesses ('m_demand_accesses')	23895514	105845469	205677123	312343889
Hit Rate (Hits/Accesses)	0.995470112	0.959341594	0.996986821	0.981675822
Miss Rate (Misses/Accesses)	0.004529888	0.040658406	0.003013179	0.018324178
L1 Instruction Cache Analysis				
Hits ('m_demand_hits')	104913742	566673129	730456300	1232843962
Misses ('m_demand_misses')	9556	634541	148370	527378
Accesses ('m_demand_accesses')	104923298	567307670	730604670	1233371340
Hit Rate (Hits/Accesses)	0.999908924	0.998881487	0.999796922	0.999572409
Miss Rate (Misses/Accesses)	9.10761E-05	0.001118513	0.000203078	0.000427591
L2 Cache Analysis				
Hits ('m_demand_hits')	215993	7956230	580226	8138844
Misses ('m_demand_misses')	15578	1300362	973218	5367715
Accesses ('m_demand_accesses')	231571	9256592	1553444	13506559
Hit Rate (Hits/Accesses)	0.932729055	0.859520437	0.373509441	0.602584567
Miss Rate (Misses/Accesses)	0.067270945	0.140479563	0.626490559	0.397415433

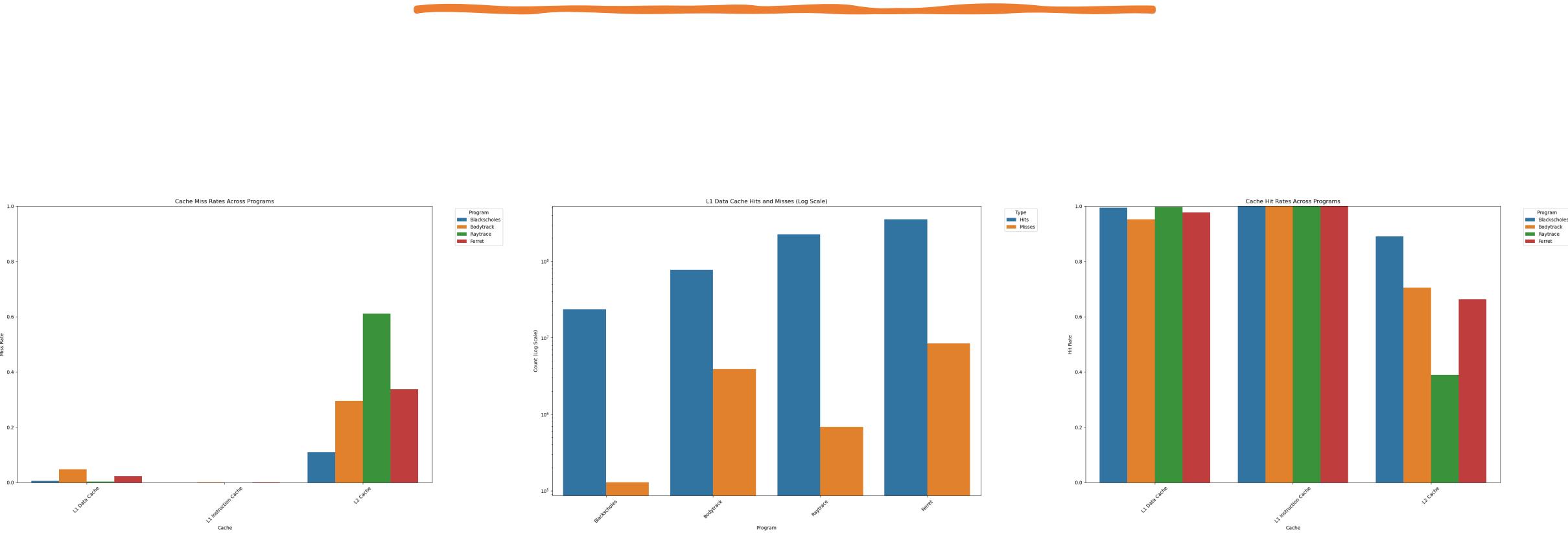
Cache Analysis Using P-L1-S-L2 Cache C



Cache Analysis Using M-2-L Cache A

Cache Performance	Blackscholes-A-Mesi Two Level	Bodytrack-A-Mesi Two Level	Raytrace-A-Mesi Two Level	Ferret-A-Mesi Two Level
L1 Data Cache Analysis				
Hits ('m_demand_hits')	23600244	77060600	224259941	354042535
Misses ('m_demand_misses')	128565	3889043	685823	8394120
Accesses ('m_demand_accesses')	23728809	80949643	224945764	362436655
Hit Rate (Hits/Accesses)	0.994581903	0.951957256	0.996951163	0.97683976
Miss Rate (Misses/Accesses)	0.005418097	0.048042744	0.003048837	0.02316024
L1 Instruction Cache Analysis				
Hits ('m_demand_hits')	104356877	449087019	801118947	1386347161
Misses ('m_demand_misses')	13768	547683	173547	634712
Accesses ('m_demand_accesses')	104370645	449634702	801292494	1386981873
Hit Rate (Hits/Accesses)	0.999868086	0.998781938	0.999783416	0.999542379
Miss Rate (Misses/Accesses)	0.000131914	0.001218062	0.000216584	0.000457621
L2 Cache Analysis				
Hits ('m_demand_hits')	251420	6736909	686112	10440158
Misses ('m_demand_misses')	30896	2816863	1074928	5323457
Accesses ('m_demand_accesses')	282316	9553772	1761040	15763615
Hit Rate (Hits/Accesses)	0.890562349	0.705156979	0.389606142	0.662294658
Miss Rate (Misses/Accesses)	0.109437651	0.294843021	0.610393858	0.337705342

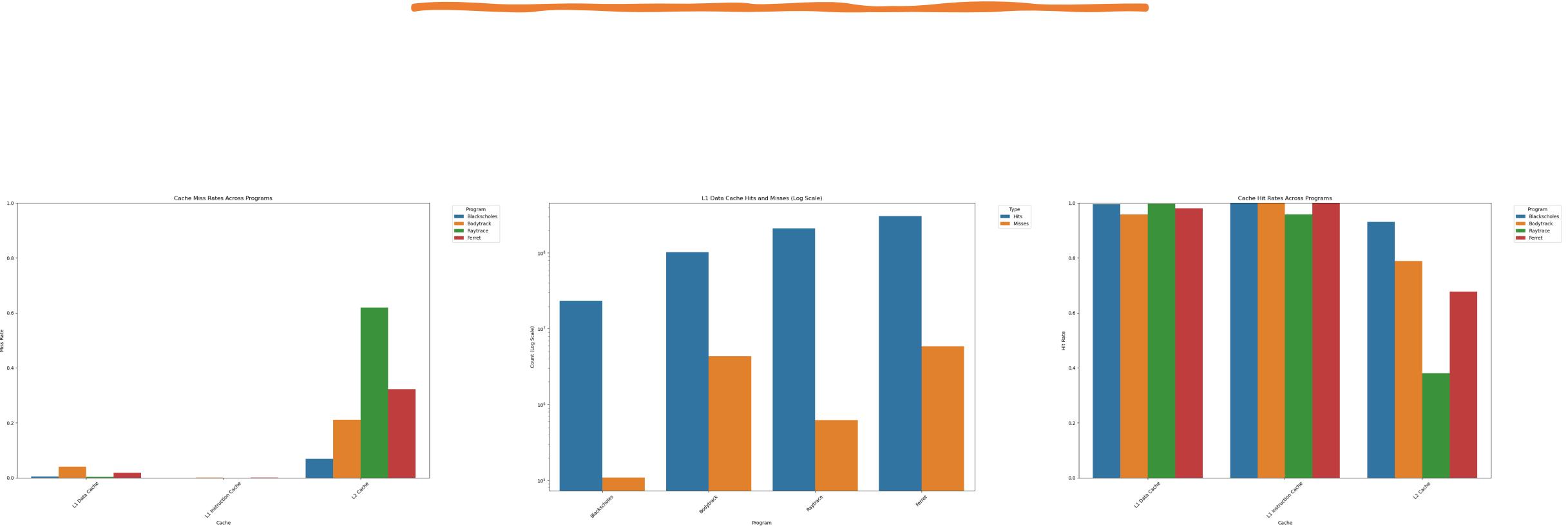
Cache Analysis Using M-2-L Cache A



Cache Analysis Using M-2-L Cache B

Cache Performance	Blackscholes-B-Mesi Two Level	Bodytrack-B-Mesi Two Level	Ravtrace-B-Mesi Two Level	Ferret-B-Mesi Two Level
L1 Data Cache Analysis				
Hits ('m_demand_hits')	23384468	101799626	210956024	305587145
Misses ('m_demand_misses')	109207	4355995	623589	5844637
Accesses ('m_demand_accesses')	23493675	106155621	211579613	311431782
Hit Rate (Hits/Accesses)	0.995351643	0.958965951	0.997052698	0.98123301
Miss Rate (Misses/Accesses)	0.004648357	0.041034049	0.002947302	0.01876699
L1 Instruction Cache Analysis				
Hits ('m_demand_hits')	104542353	567835663	751176283	1225752191
Misses ('m_demand_misses')	9192	724940	161173	419513
Accesses ('m_demand_accesses')	104551545	568560603	783811352	1226171704
Hit Rate (Hits/Accesses)	0.999912082	0.998724956	0.958363618	0.999657868
Miss Rate (Misses/Accesses)	8.79184E-05	0.001275044	0.000205627	0.000342132
L2 Cache Analysis				
Hits ('m_demand_hits')	220796	7494428	593034	9424362
Misses ('m_demand_misses')	16271	2003955	965211	4475233
Accesses ('m_demand_accesses')	237067	9498383	1558245	13899595
Hit Rate (Hits/Accesses)	0.931365395	0.789021458	0.38057815	0.67803141
Miss Rate (Misses/Accesses)	0.068634605	0.210978542	0.61942185	0.32196859

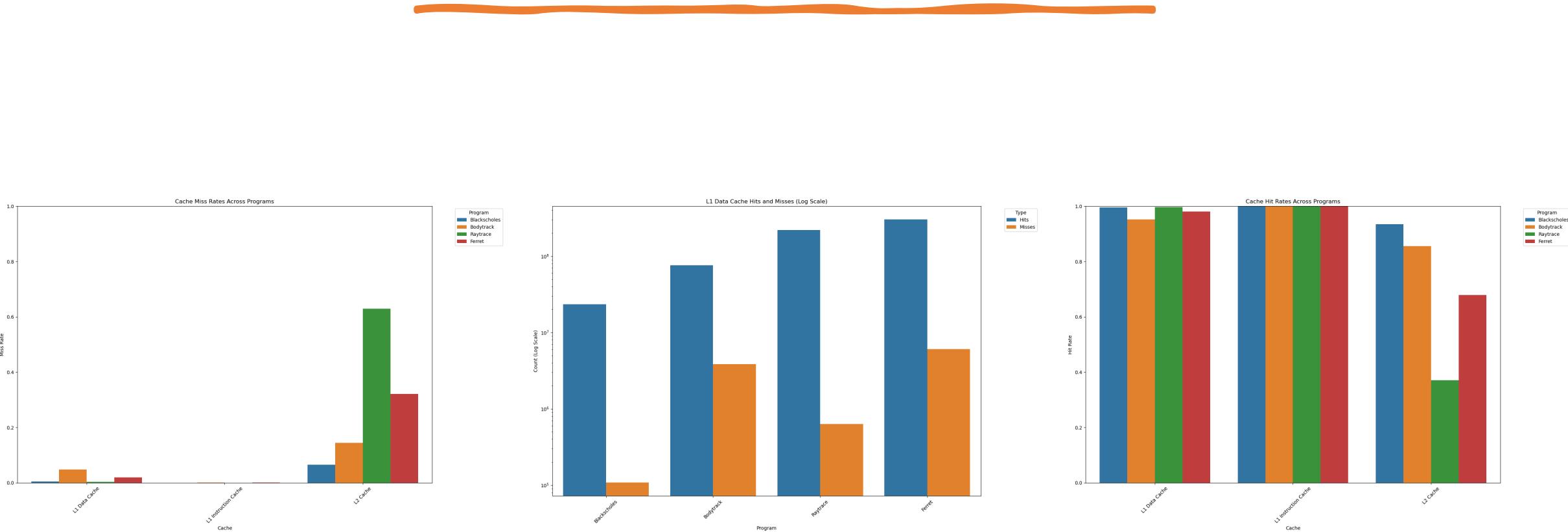
Cache Analysis Using M-2-L Cache B



Cache Analysis Using M-2-L Cache C

Cache Performance	Blackscholes-C-Mesi Two Level	Bodytrack-C-Mesi Two Level	Ravtrace-C-Mesi Two Level	Ferret-C-Mesi Two Level
L1 Data Cache Analysis				
Hits ('m_demand_hits')	23540193	75793695	220114226	304016839
Misses ('m_demand_misses')	108065	3851346	631027	6039118
Accesses ('m_demand_accesses')	23648258	79645041	220745253	310055957
Hit Rate (Hits/Accesses)	0.995430319	0.951643618	0.997141379	0.98052249
Miss Rate (Misses/Accesses)	0.004569681	0.048356382	0.002858621	0.01947751
L1 Instruction Cache Analysis				
Hits ('m_demand_hits')	104202306	442837526	783800879	1190796805
Misses ('m_demand_misses')	10996	529330	125101	418540
Accesses ('m_demand_accesses')	104213302	443366856	783925980	1191215345
Hit Rate (Hits/Accesses)	0.999894486	0.998806113	0.999840417	0.999648645
Miss Rate (Misses/Accesses)	0.000105514	0.001193887	0.000159583	0.000351355
L2 Cache Analysis				
Hits ('m_demand_hits')	219829	7958350	566627	9131299
Misses ('m_demand_misses')	15209	1342617	963054	4328065
Accesses ('m_demand_accesses')	235038	9300967	1529681	13459364
Hit Rate (Hits/Accesses)	0.935291315	0.85564759	0.370421676	0.678434657
Miss Rate (Misses/Accesses)	0.064708685	0.14435241	0.629578324	0.321565343

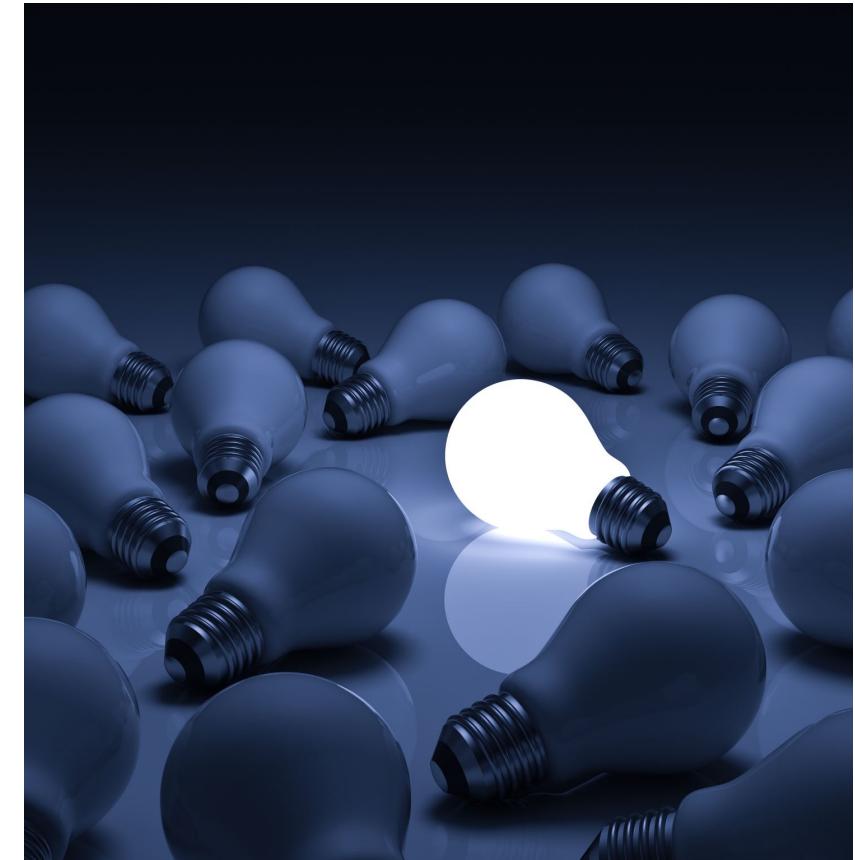
Cache Analysis Using M-2-L Cache C



Dram Power Draw Analysis

I utilized statistics such as average power to evaluate the Dram Power Draw of the Parsec benchmark simulated by Gem5. The following parameters were taken into consideration:

- **Average Power:** In gem5, this is defined as a core power per rank.
- **Note: Cache Associativity is defined in the table and graph as A, B, C where A= [2,4], B=[4,8], and C=[8,16] cache associativity.**



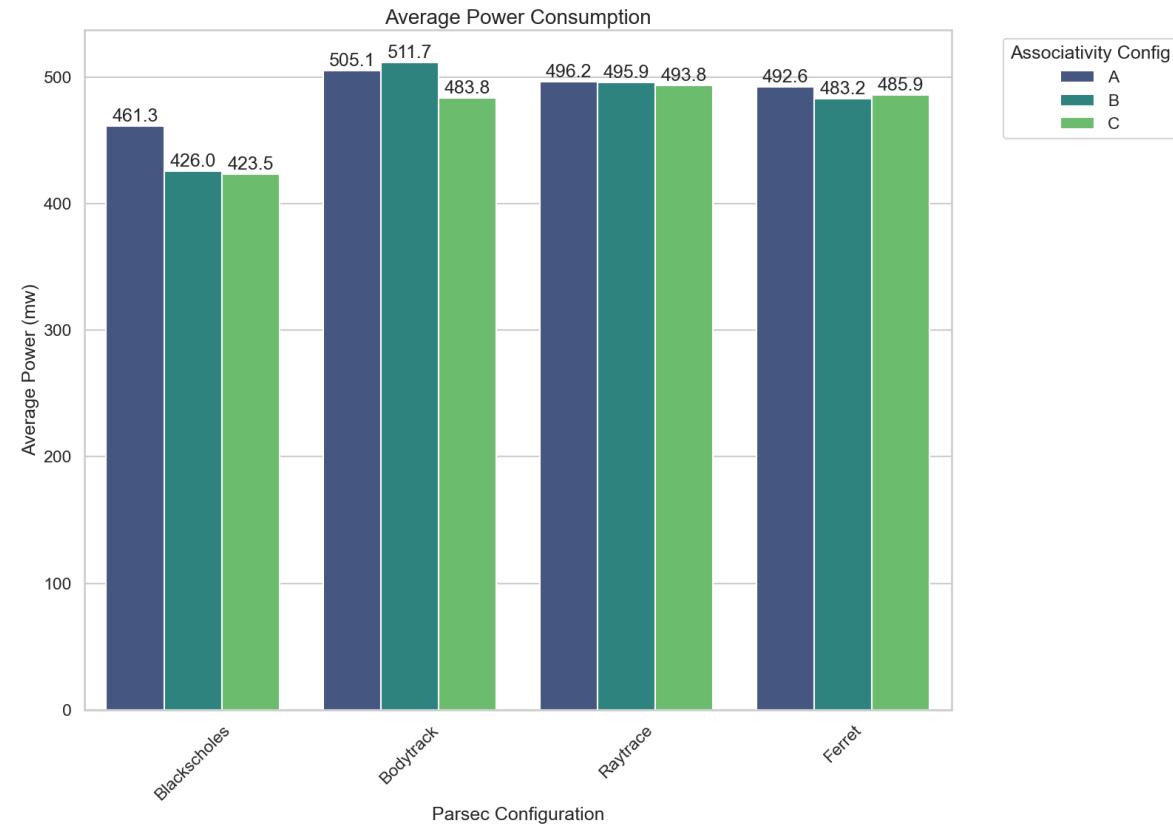
Power Analysis Using P-L1-S-L2 Cache

Power Analysis	Blackscholes-A-PRIVATE L1 SHARED L2	Bodytrack-A-PRIVATE L1 SHARED L2	Ravtrace-A-PRIVATE L1 SHARED L2	Ferret-A-PRIVATE L1 SHARED L2
Average Power (mw)	461.329111	505.101617	496.227008	492.604799

Power Analysis	Blackscholes-B-PRIVATE L1 SHARED L2	Bodytrack-B-PRIVATE L1 SHARED L2	Ravtrace-B-PRIVATE L1 SHARED L2	Ferret-B-PRIVATE L1 SHARED L2
Average Power (mw)	426.021113	511.702805	495.917521	483.171388

Power Analysis	Blackscholes-C-PRIVATE L1 SHARED L2	Bodytrack-C-PRIVATE L1 SHARED L2	Ravtrace-C-PRIVATE L1 SHARED L2	Ferret-C-PRIVATE L1 SHARED L2
Average Power (mw)	423.479573	483.815412	493.839784	485.875951

Power Analysis Using P-L1-S-L2 Cache



Power Analysis Using M-2-L Cache

Power Analysis	Blackscholes-A-Mesi Two Level	Bodytrack-A-Mesi Two Level	Raytrace-A-Mesi Two Level	Ferret-A-Mesi Two Level
Average Power (mw)	438.38001	518.737079	495.247416	497.575251

Power Analysis	Blackscholes-B-Mesi Two Level	Bodytrack-B-Mesi Two Level	Raytrace-B-Mesi Two Level	Ferret-B-Mesi Two Level
Average Power (mw)	420.618532	502.199569	493.614774	484.187783

Power Analysis	Blackscholes-C-Mesi Two Level	Bodytrack-C-Mesi Two Level	Raytrace-C-Mesi Two Level	Ferret-C-Mesi Two Level
Average Power (mw)	418.022906	492.11442	495.173898	477.473307

Power Analysis Using P-L1-S-L2 Cache

