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"It Looks Like You're Writing a Parallel Loop"

AI-SEPS 2019 workshop

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Presentation Structure

- Problem statement
- How to use the assistant tool
- Assistant internals
- Parallelization of SNU NPB benchmarks

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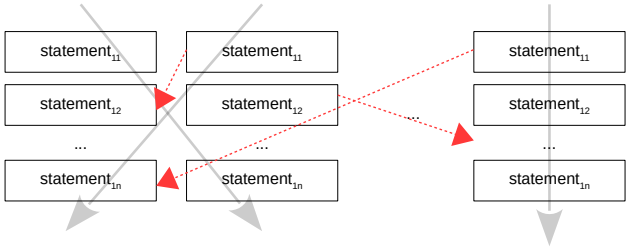

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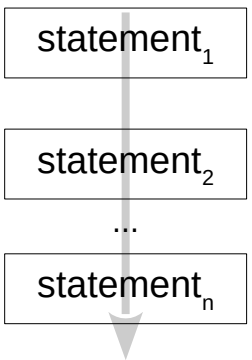

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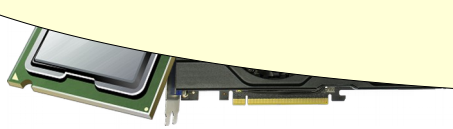
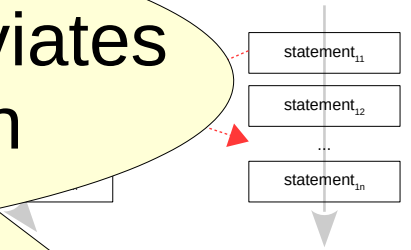
The **assistant solution** we propose alleviates the process of manual parallelization





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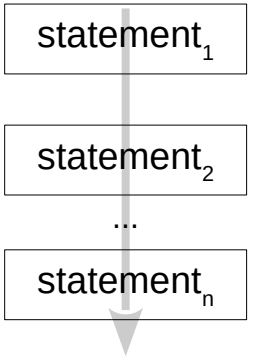

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NAS Parallel Benchmarks (NPB)

Parallelization Speedup (Gmean)

Manual: **1.73x**

Automatic: **0.79x** - **1.10x**

Programmer still plays the major role in the hard task of software parallelization

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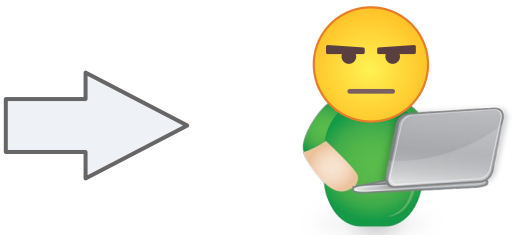

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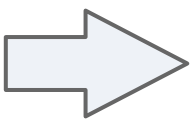

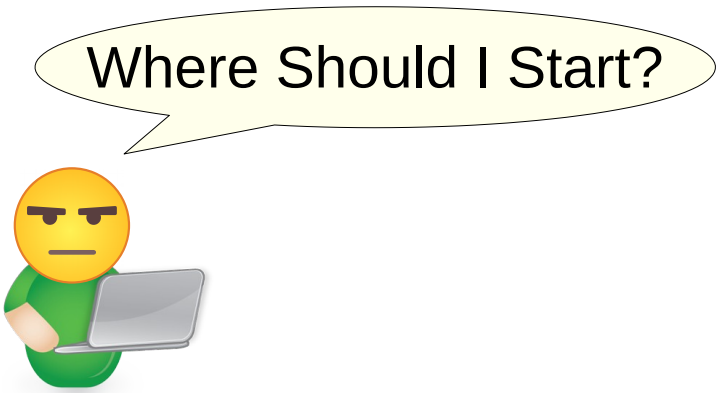

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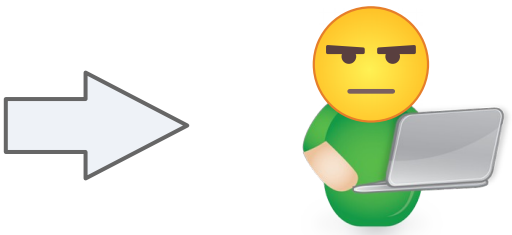

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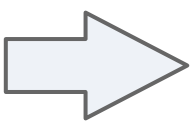

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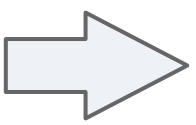

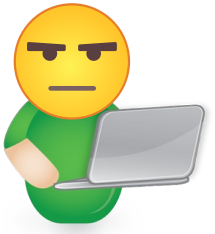

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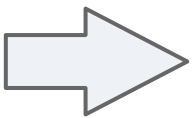

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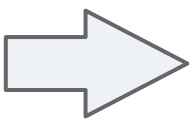

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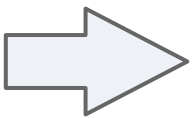

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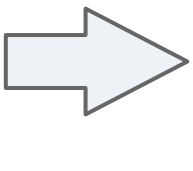

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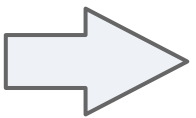

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Proposed Solution

(ML based software parallelization assistant)

Tool

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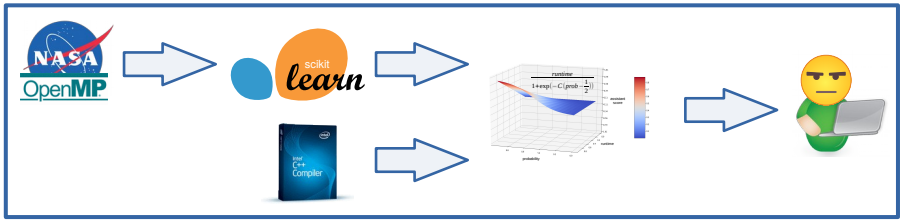

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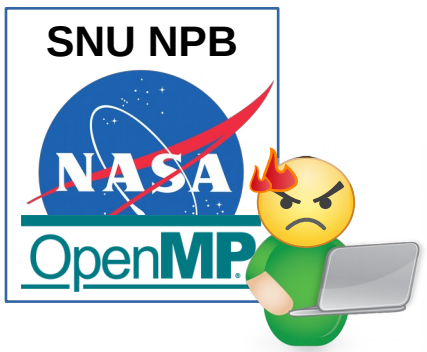

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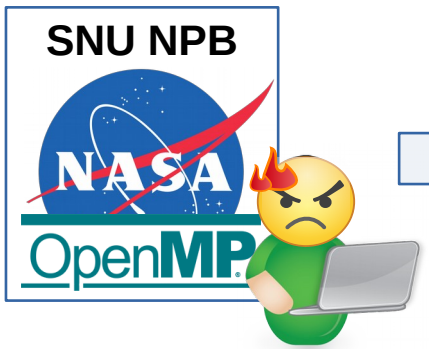

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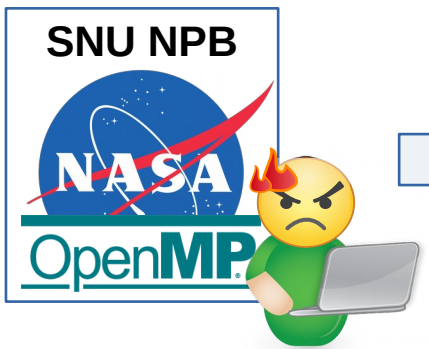

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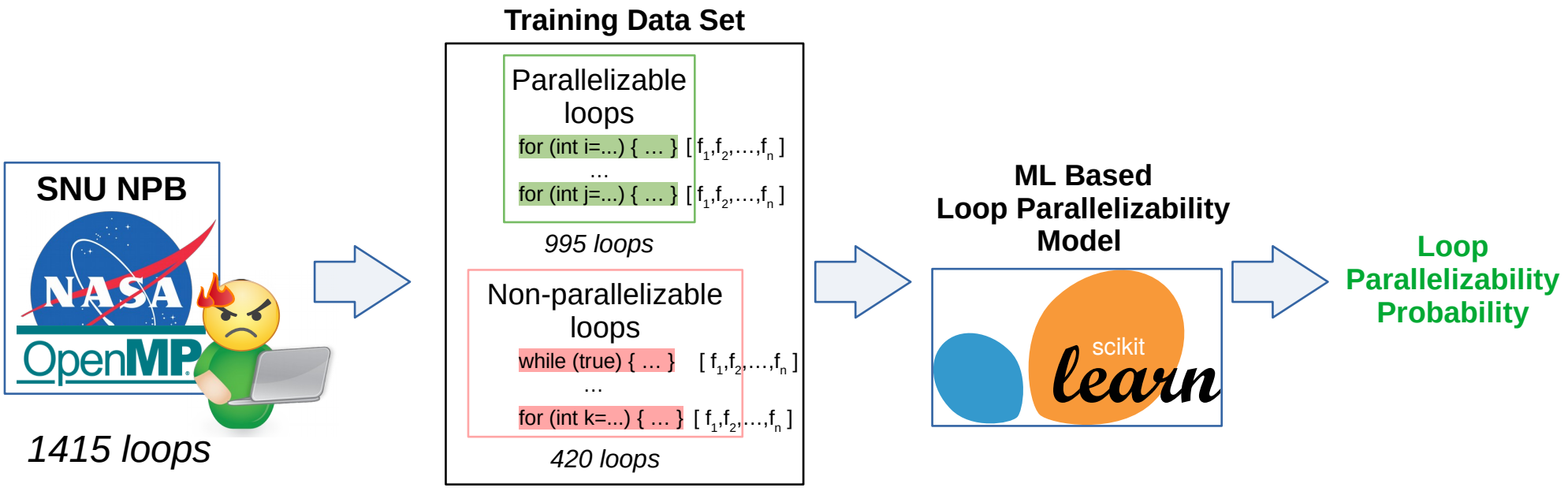
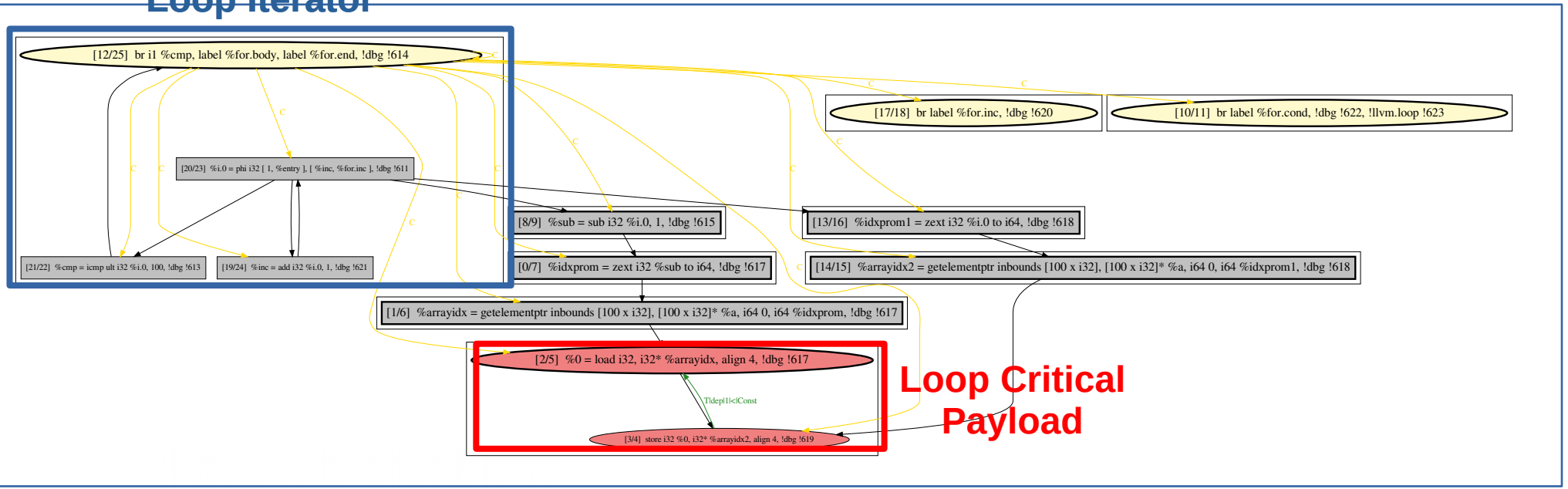


Loop Features [74]

Loop Iterator



Loop features are based on static structural properties of loop program depencence graphs (PDGs):

- Absolute size
- Loop Iterator/Payload cohesion
- Number of dependence edges
- Instruction types (calls, loads/stores, etc.)
- etc.

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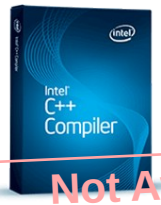

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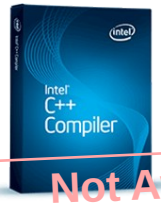

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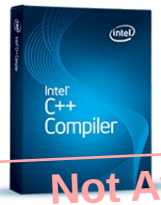

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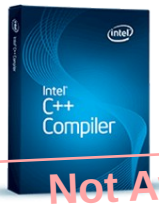

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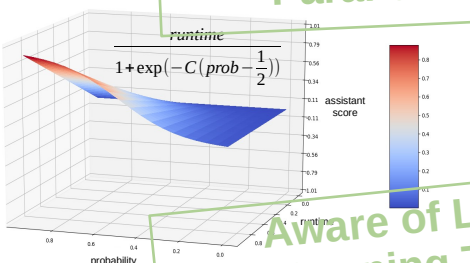

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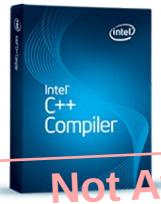

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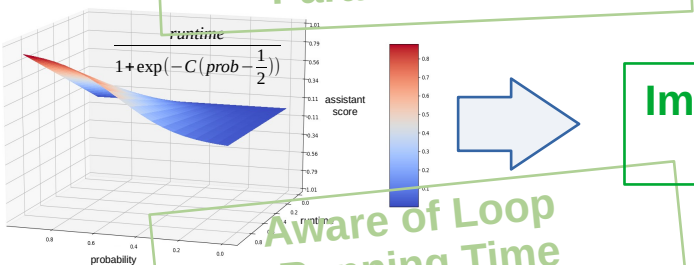

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Predictive performance of our ML based loop parallelizability model

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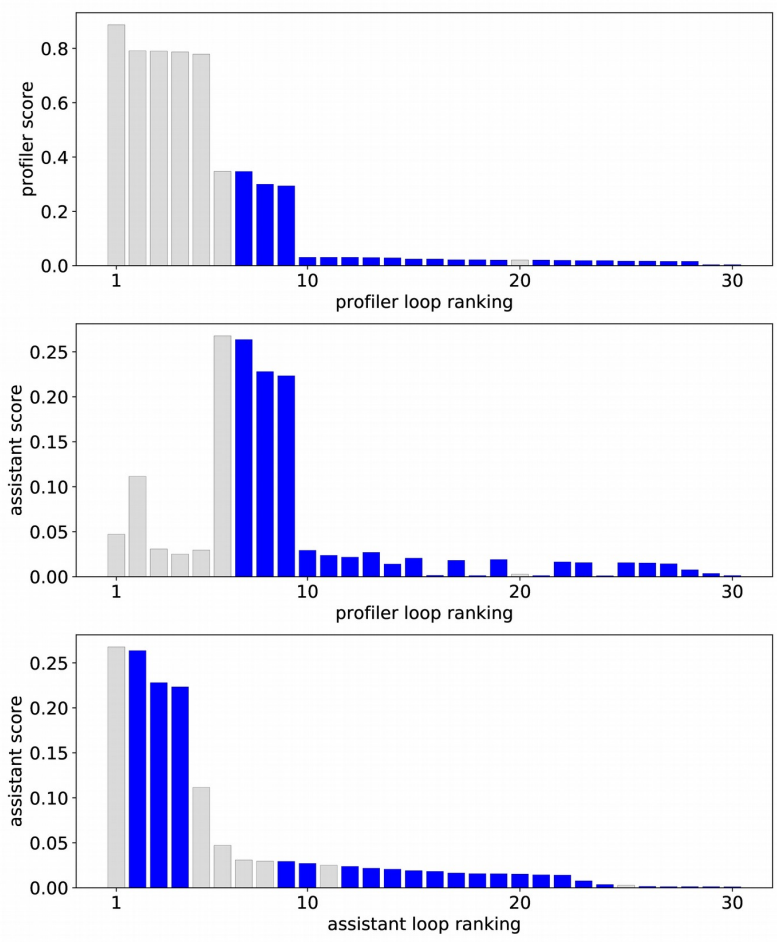

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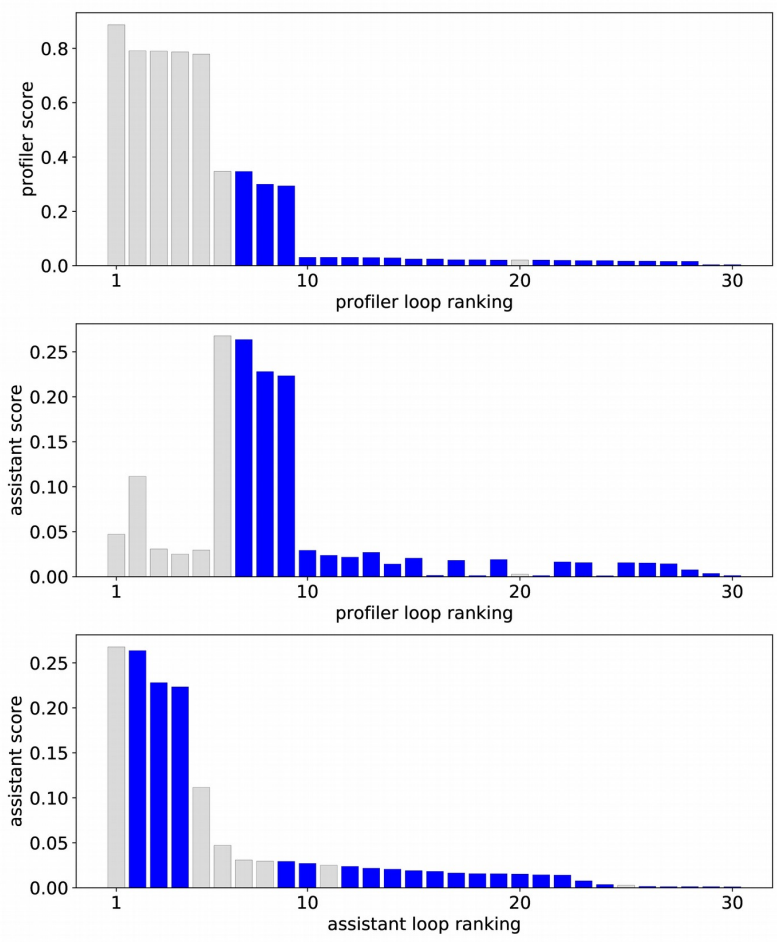

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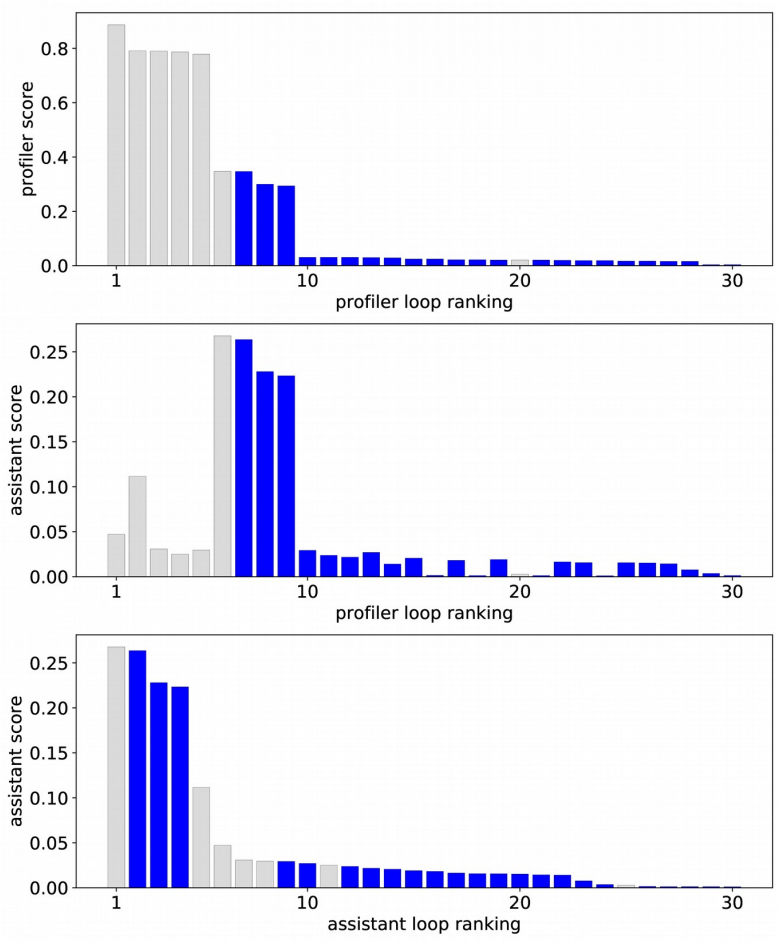

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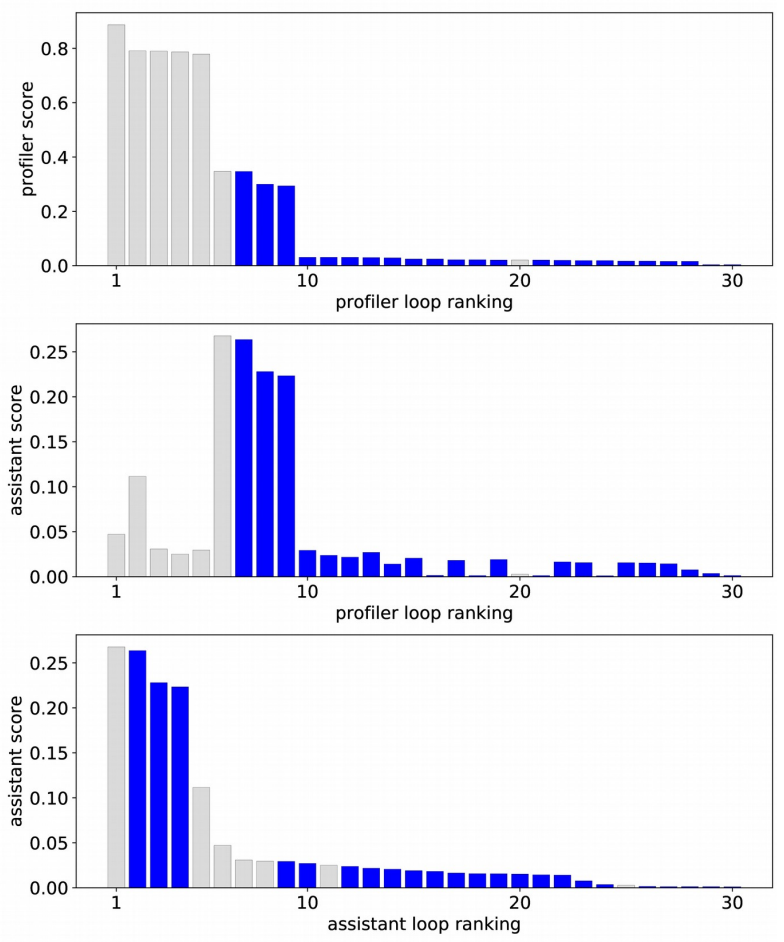

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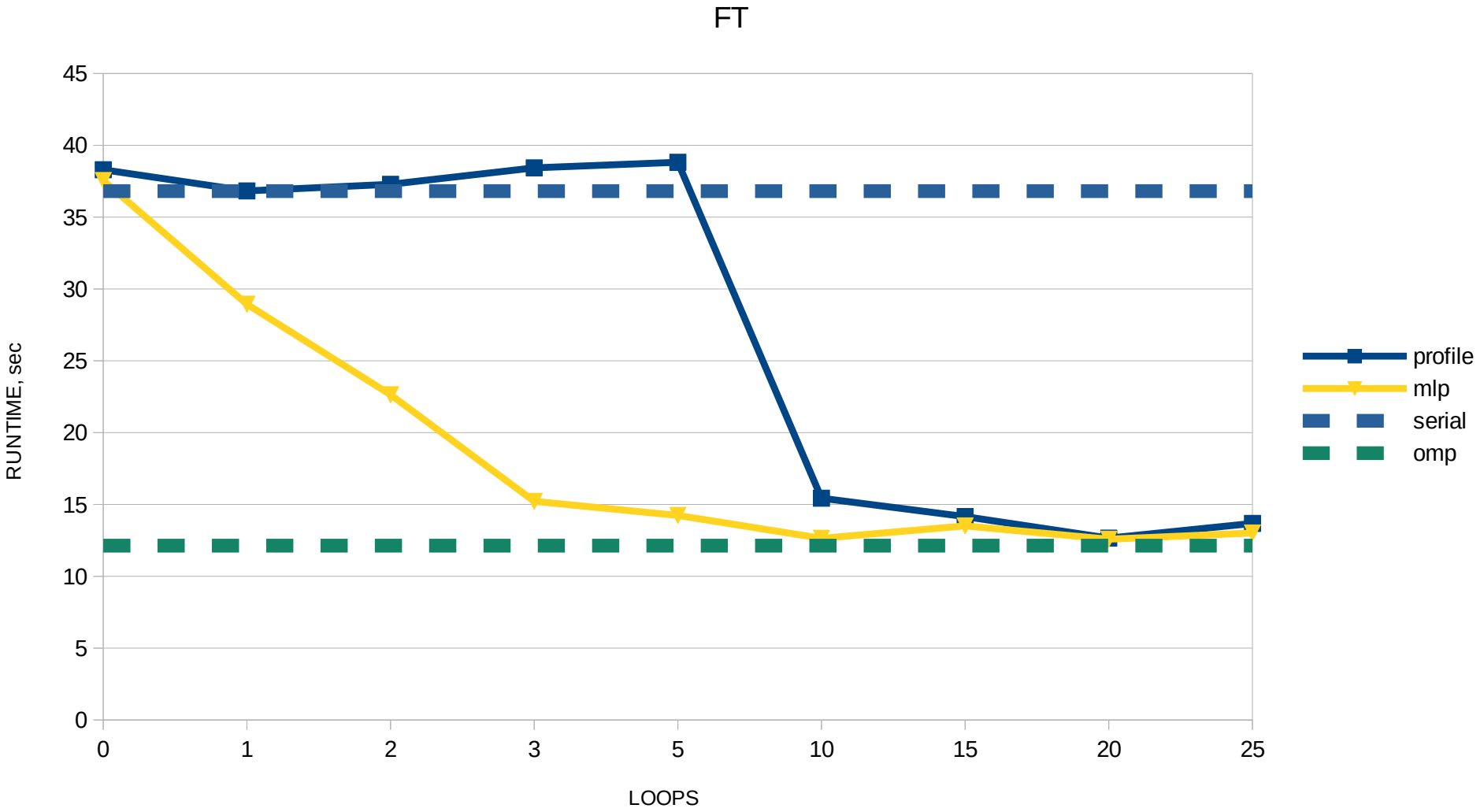

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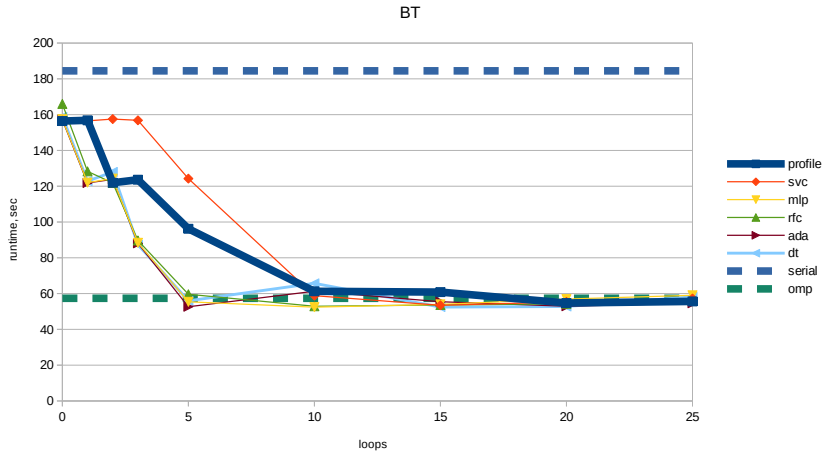

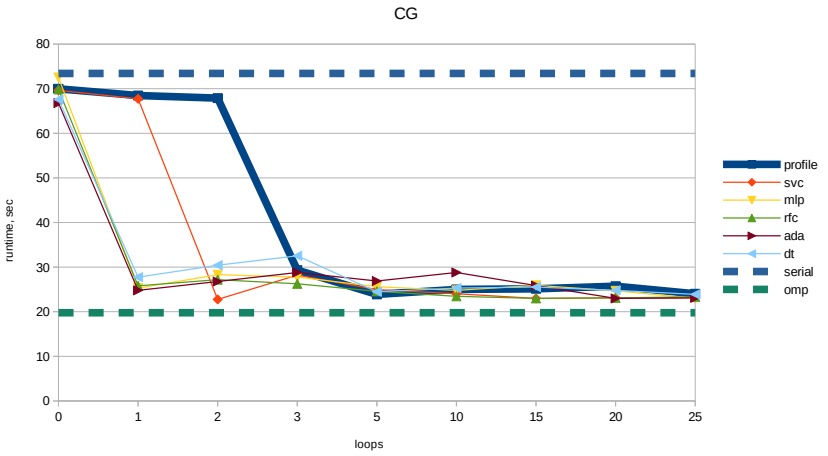

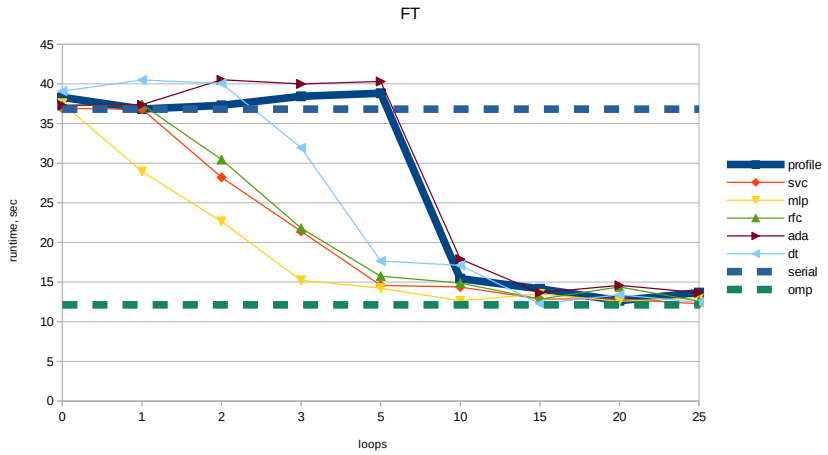

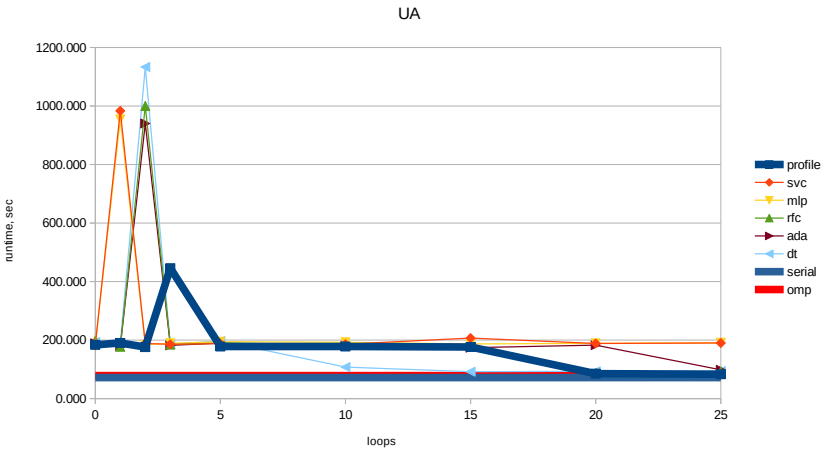

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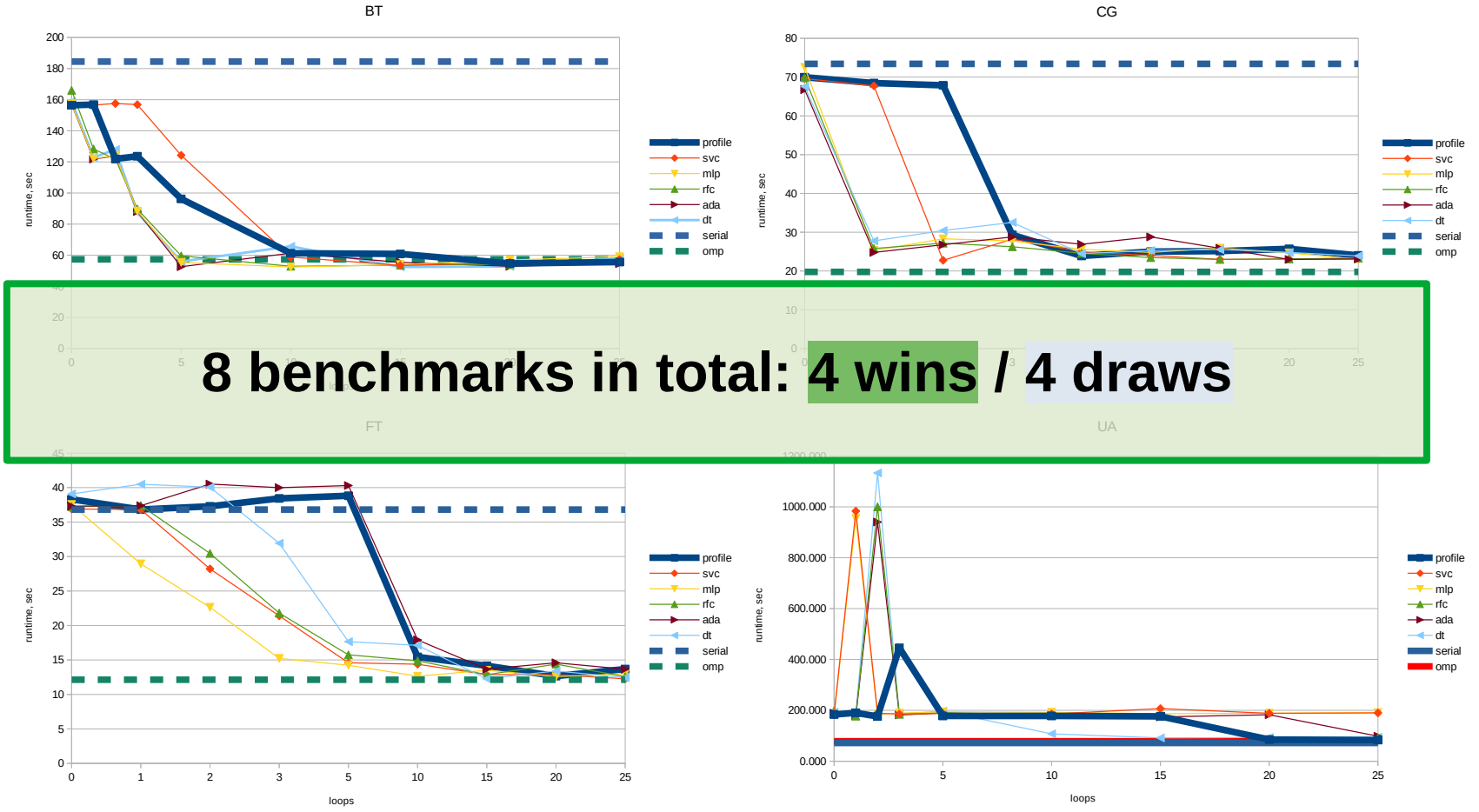

8 benchmarks in total: 4 wins / 4 draws

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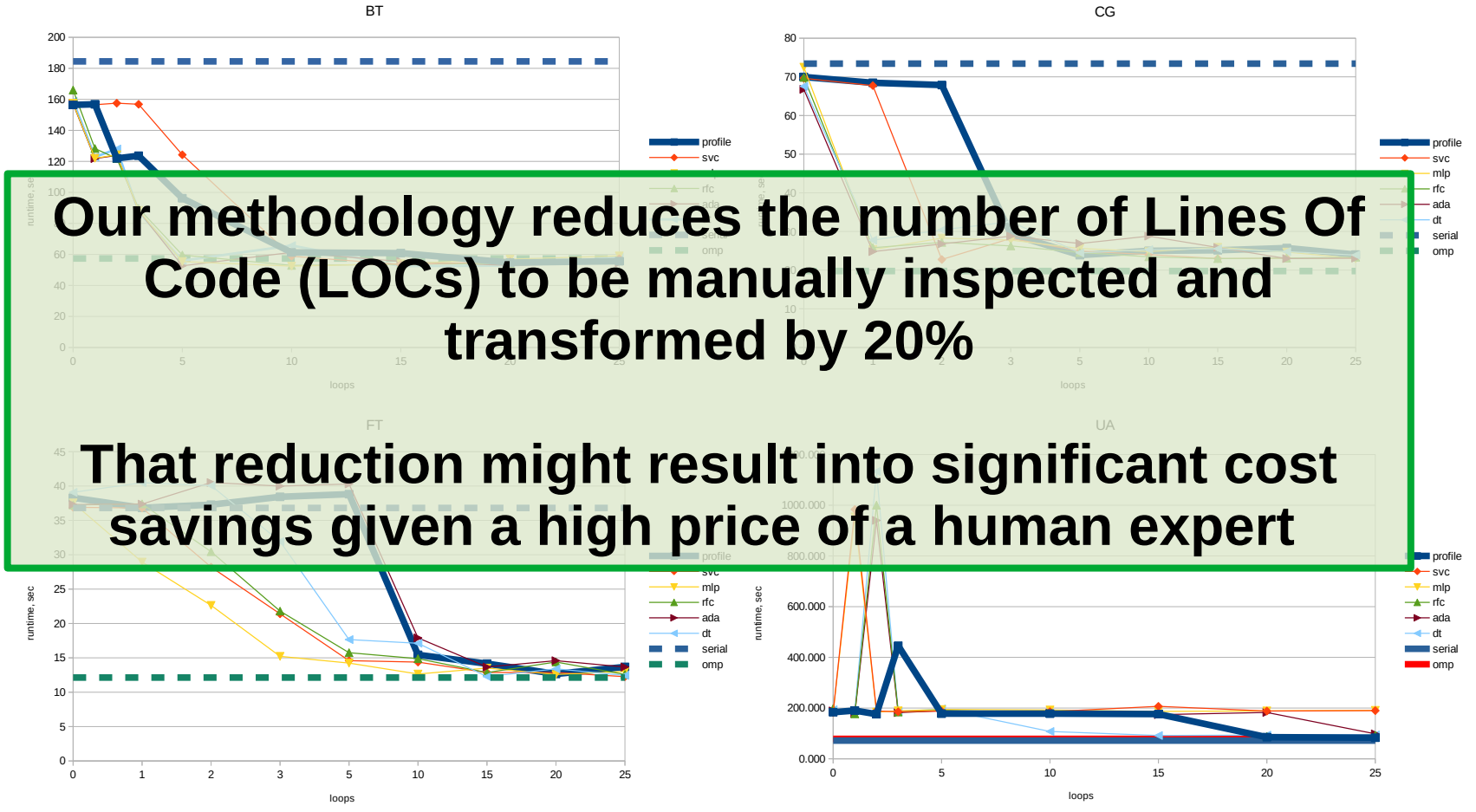


Our methodology reduces the number of Lines Of Code (LOCs) to be manually inspected and transformed by 20%

That reduction might result into significant cost savings given a high price of a human expert

ML Model Predictive Performance

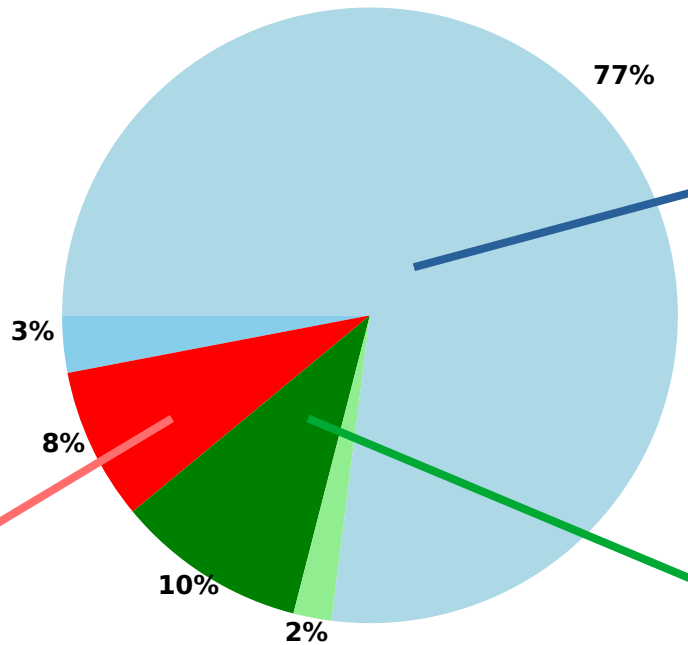
Reference

ML model	accuracy	recall	precision
constant	70.32	100	70.32
uniform	46.27	41.50	69.79
SVC	90.04	95.24	91.06
AdaBoost	86.96	92.92	89.06
DT	84.36	89.57	87.90
RFC	86.65	93.22	88.47
MLP	89.40	93.77	91.39

Around 90% predictive accuracy

ML Model Predictive Performance

ML Based Loop Parallelizability Model



Agreement rate of 80%

False positive rate of 8% is not critical

Discovery rate of 10%

Summary & Conclusions

AI-inspired tool and methodology for manual software parallelization have been designed and implemented as a prototype:

- Loop parallelizability is learnable property
- Designed ML model of loop parallelizability achieves the accuracy of 90%
- The model has been integrated into parallelization assistant
- Deployed against SNU NPB benchmarks our assistant showed a faster parallelization process over traditional profile-guided method: a programmer is required to inspect and transform 20% less Lines Of Code (LOC)

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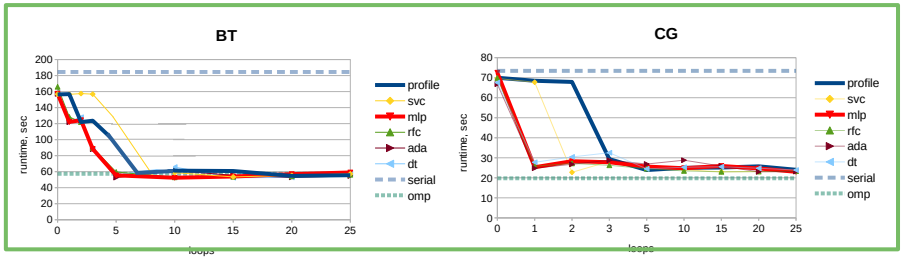
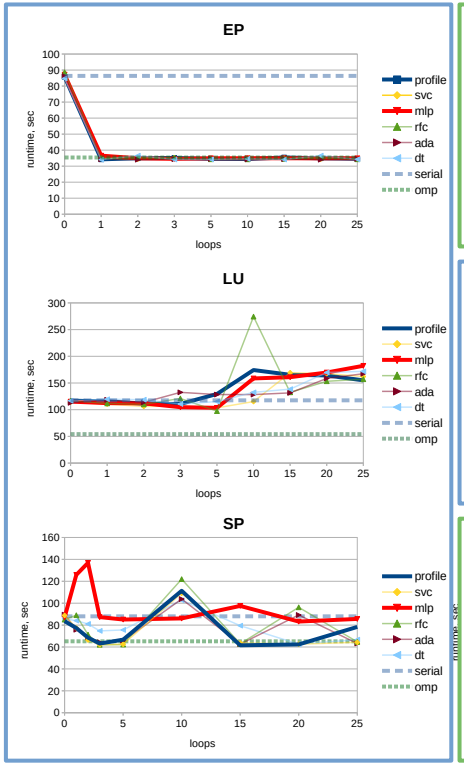
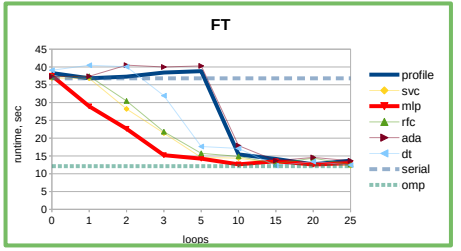
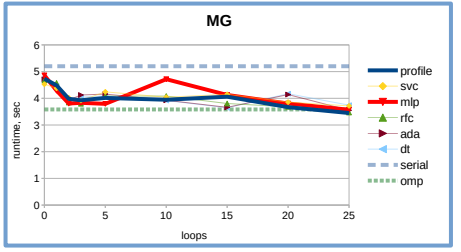
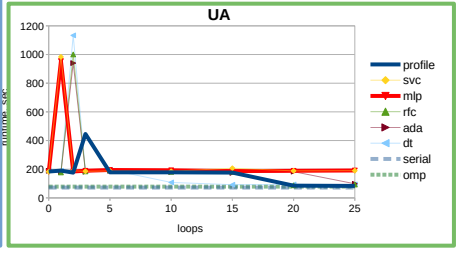










Motivating example

SNU NPB Conjugate Gradient (CG) benchmark

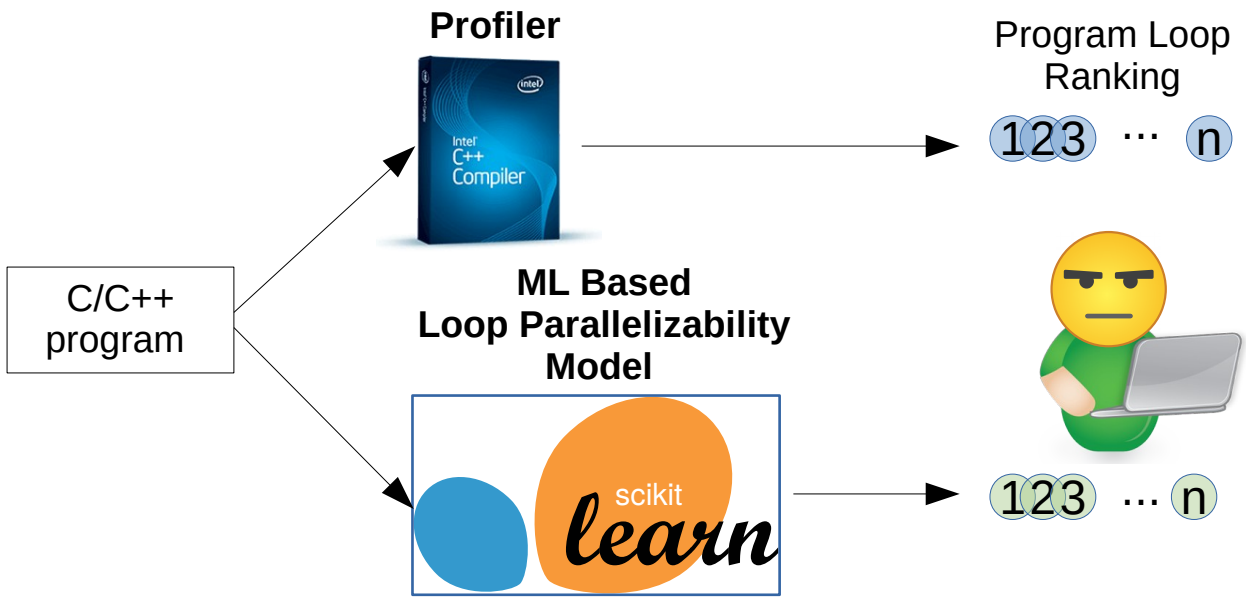
Profiler's Loop Ranking		Assistant's Loop Ranking	Assistant's Parallel Loop Probability
1 cg.c:326	*vs.*	1 **cg.c:509**	**[85%]**
2 cg.c:484		2 cg.c:326	[29%]
3 **cg.c:509**		3 cg.c:484	[8%]

```
for (j = 0; j < lastrow-firstrow+1; j++) {
  suml = 0.0;
  for (k = rowstr[j]; k < rowstr[j+1]; k++)
    suml = suml + a[k]*p[colidx[k]];
  q[j] = suml;
}
```

cg.c:509

```
for (it = 1; it <= NITER; it++) {
  ...
  if (timeron) timer_start(T_conj_grad);
  conj_grad(colidx,rowstr,x,z,a,p,q,r,&rnorm);
  if (timeron) timer_stop(T_conj_grad);
  ...
  printf("    %5d       %20.14E%20.13f\n", it,
    rnorm, zeta);
  ...
}
```

cg.c:326



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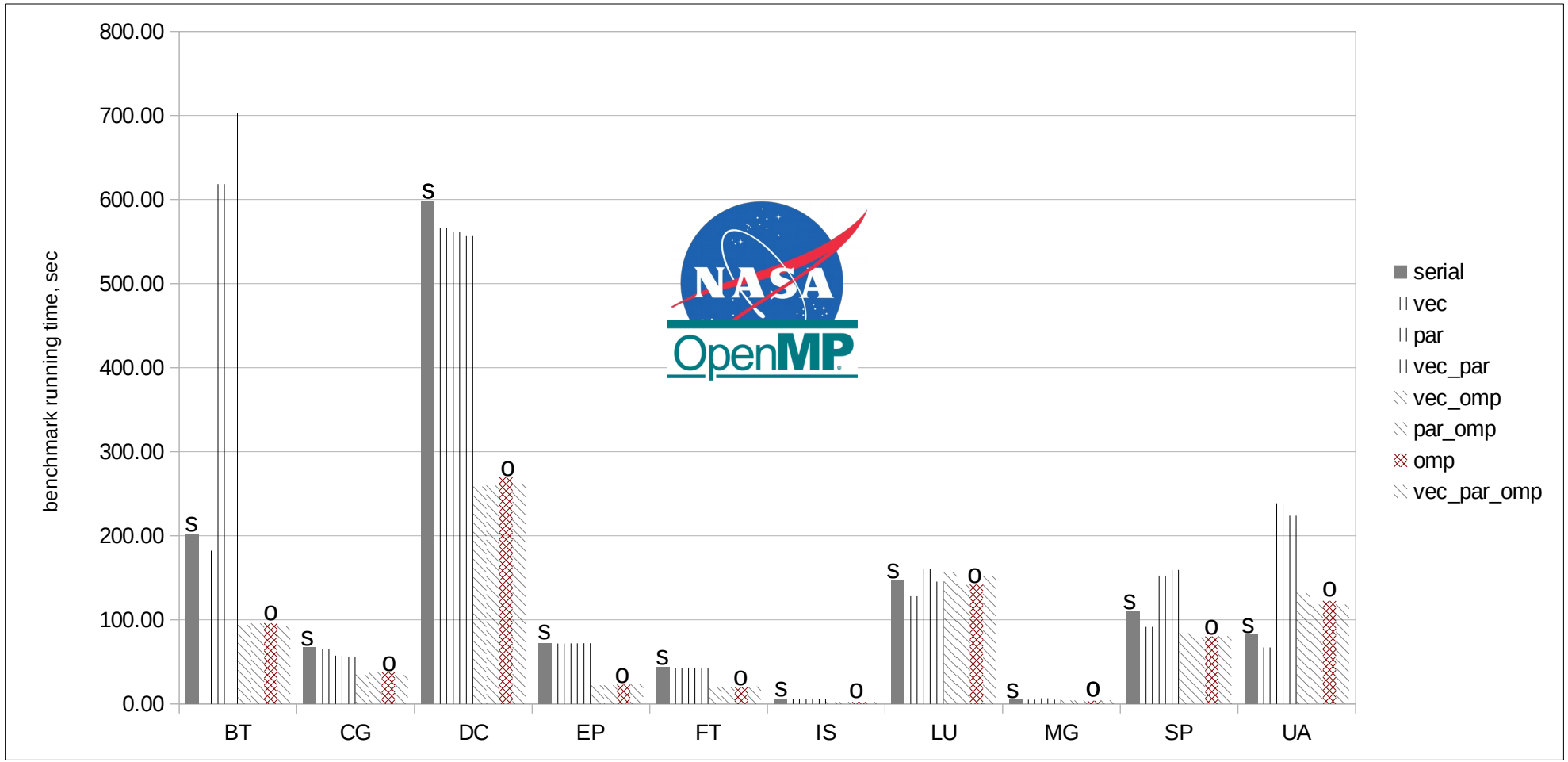

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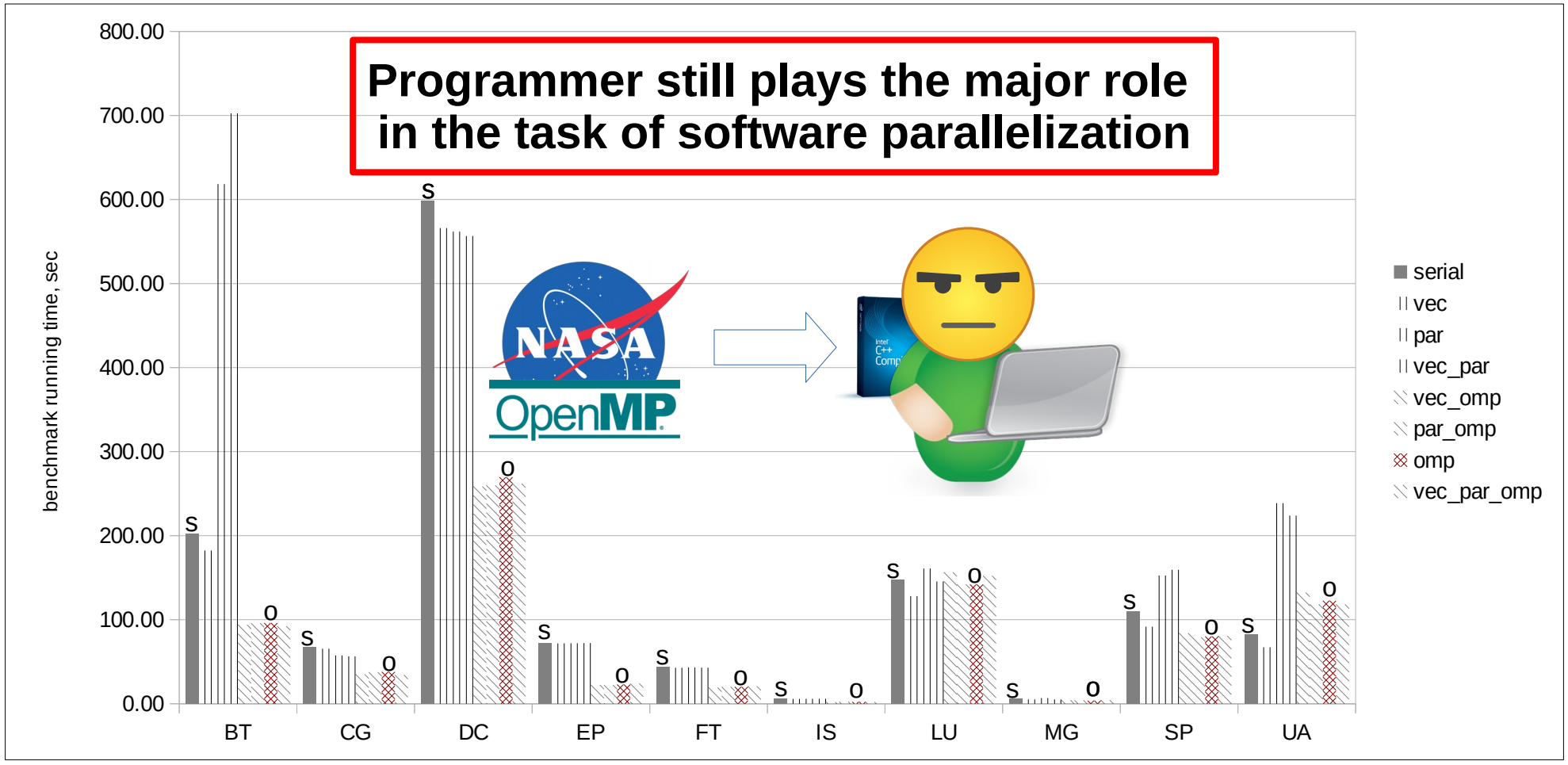
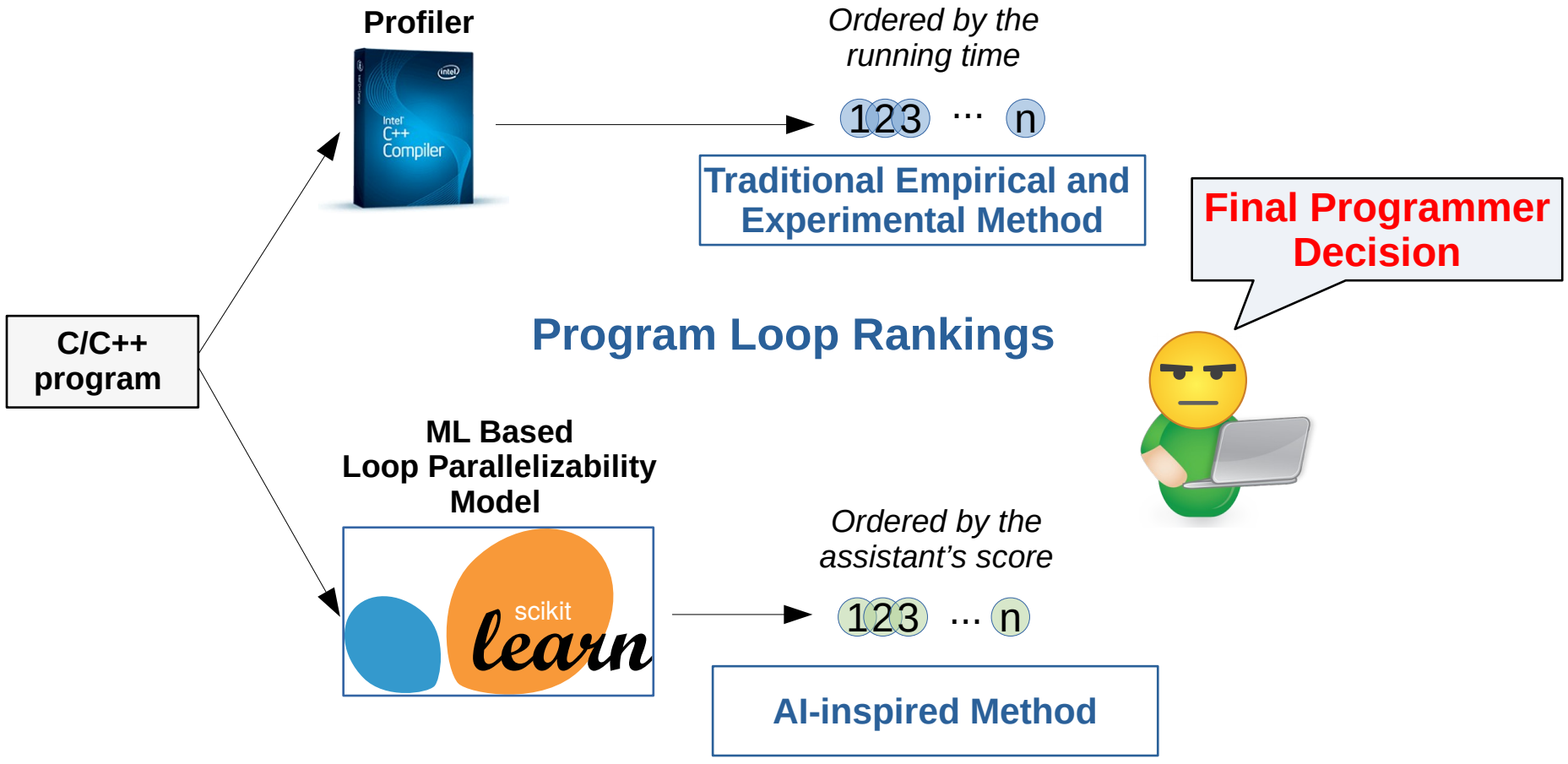


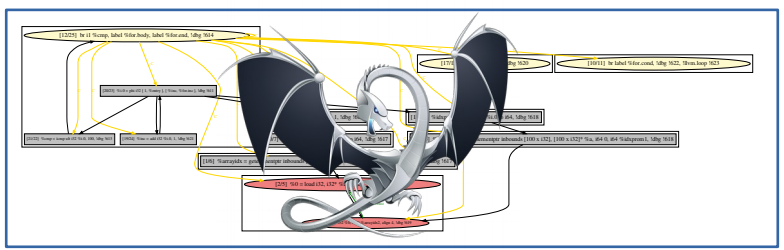
How to use the assistant

(from the programmers perspective)



Solution Scheme [1/2]

1415 loops



Loop Labels

Loop Features

Training Data Set

Parallelizable loops

for (int i=...) { … } [$f_1,f_2,\ldots,f_n$]

…

for (int j=...) { … } [$f_1,f_2,\ldots,f_n$]

995 loops *

Non-parallelizable loops

while (true) { … } [$f_1,f_2,\ldots,f_n$]

…

for (int k=...) { … } [$f_1,f_2,\ldots,f_n$]

420 loops

ML Based Loop Parallelizability Model

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* *Intel Compiler succeeds in parallelizing 812 loops*

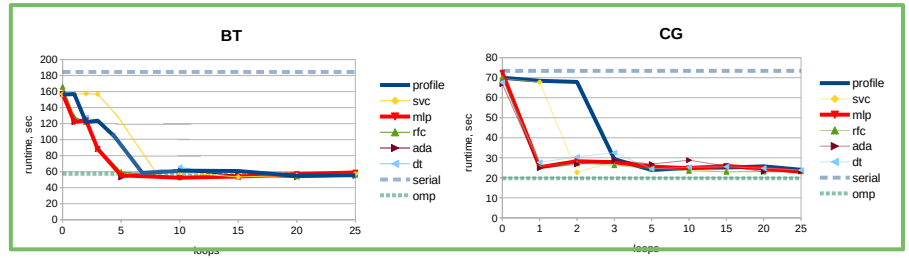
Loop features are based on static structural properties of loop program depencence graphs (PDGs):

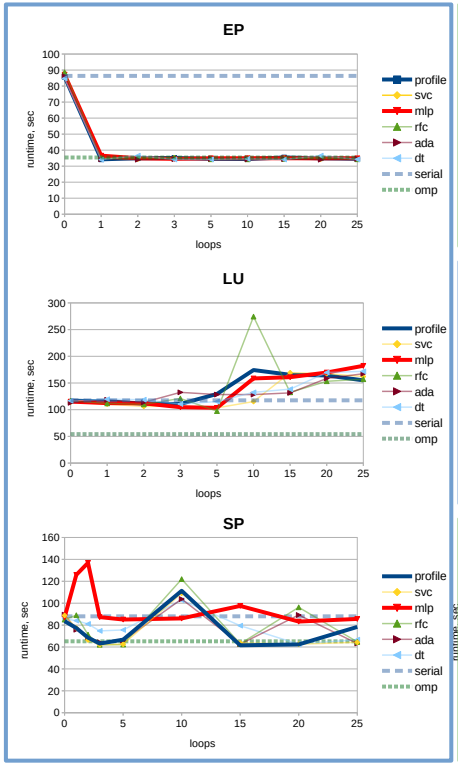
- Absolute size
- Loop Iterator/Payload cohesion
- Number of dependence edges
- Instruction types (calls, loads/stores, etc.)

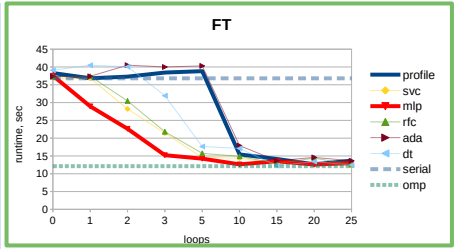
Loop labels are derived out of OpenMP pragmas present in parallelized SNU NPB versions as well as from the Intel Compiler's parallelization/vectorization reports.

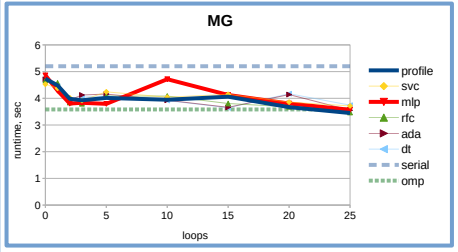
How well do we do?

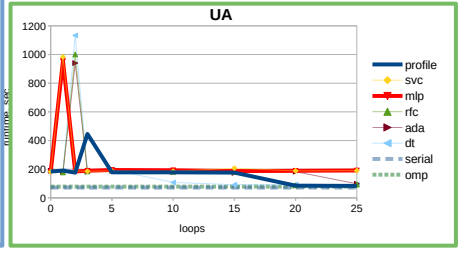
Improvement in 4 benchmarks











No change in 4 other benchmarks

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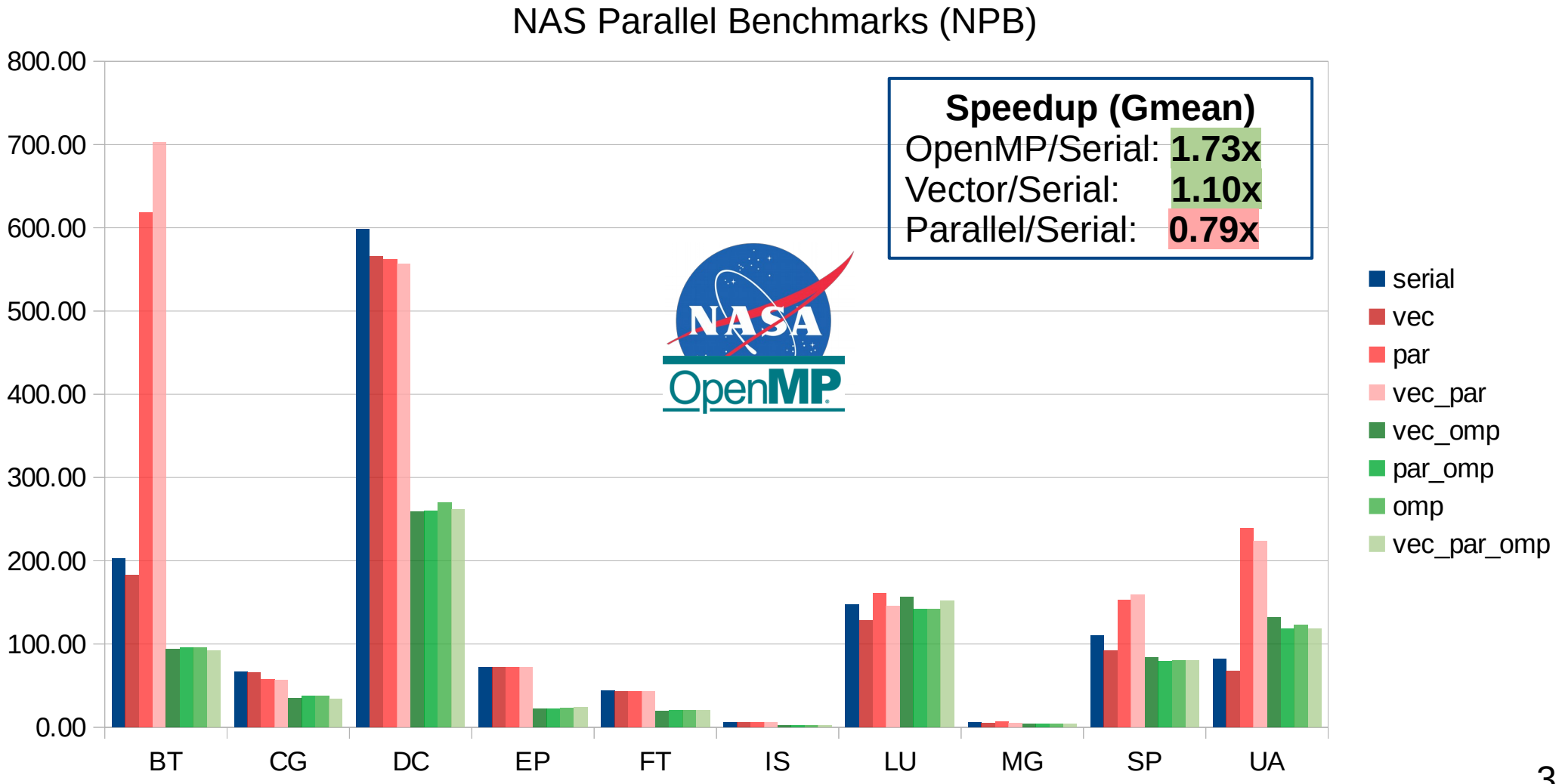
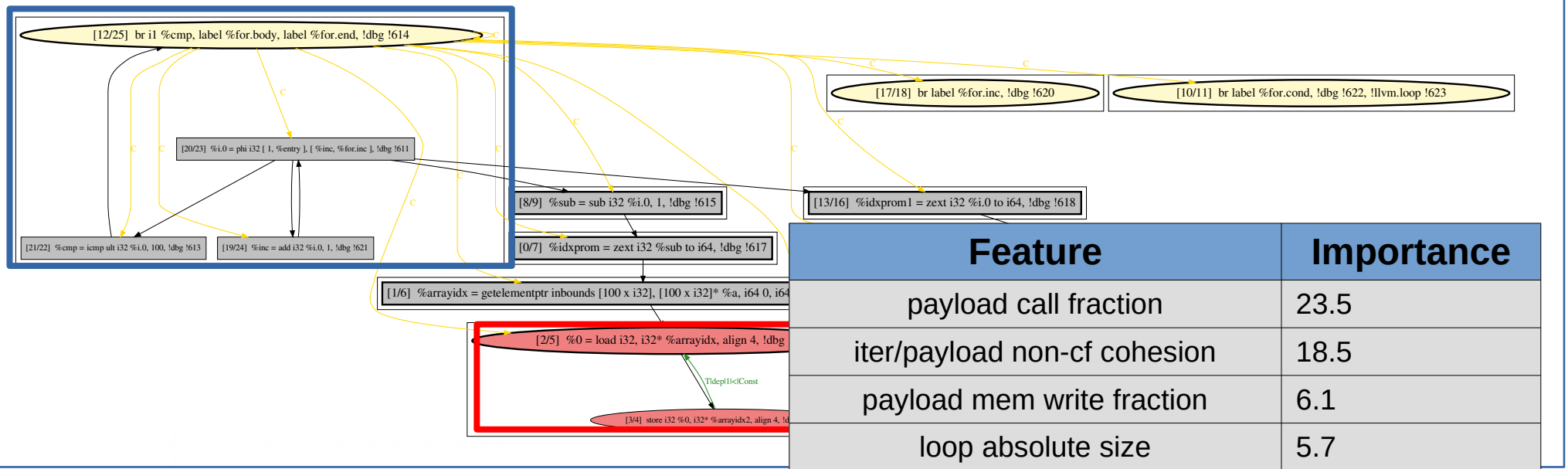


Loop Features [74]

Loop Iterator



Feature	Importance
payload call fraction	23.5
iter/payload non-cf cohesion	18.5
payload mem write fraction	6.1
loop absolute size	5.7
critical payload ptr access count	5.3
payload memory dependence count	4.0
critical payload non-cf cohesion	2.9
payload ptr access fraction	2.7

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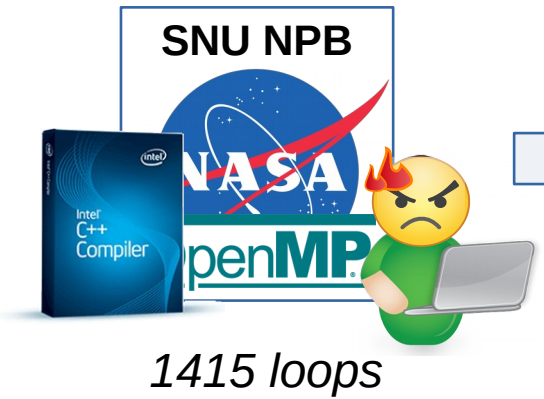
Assistant Training



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