

# **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle**

strategies for minimizing garbage

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**When GC Matters**

**Performance doesn't  
matter**

**Until it does.**

**Measure it**

**Know your  
requirements**

**Find the bottleneck**

**Stack is faster than  
heap**



**Nothing is faster  
than stack**

**Reduce**

# Escape analysis

```
$ go build -gcflags="-m" ./cmd/citybike-trip-etl
...
cmd/citybike-trip-etl/main.go:91:17: leaking closure reference f
cmd/citybike-trip-etl/main.go:93:32: name escapes to heap
cmd/citybike-trip-etl/main.go:90:30: leaking param: name
cmd/citybike-trip-etl/main.go:97:30: rc escapes to heap
cmd/citybike-trip-etl/main.go:101:14: leaking closure reference loc
cmd/citybike-trip-etl/main.go:103:38: d escapes to heap
cmd/citybike-trip-etl/main.go:33:13: main ... argument does not escape
...
cmd/citybike-trip-etl/main.go:36:13: main ... argument does not escape
cmd/citybike-trip-etl/main.go:74:22: main []trip.Sink literal does not escape
...
```

# Values

```
// Using Pointers is likely to go heap
func (a *All) Save(t *trip.Trip) error {
    b, err := t.MarshalJSON()
    if err != nil {
        return err
    }
    b = append(b, '\n')
    _, err = a.Writer.Write(b)
    return err
}
```

```
// Using values likely to go to stack
func (a *All) Save(t trip.Trip) error {
    b, err := t.MarshalJSON()
    if err != nil {
        return err
    }
    b = append(b, '\n')
    a.Writer.Write(b)
    return nil
}
```

# Byte slices over strings

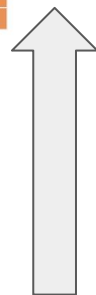
```
// Strings are just more garbage
func (a *All) Save(t trip.Trip) error {
    b, err := t.MarshalJSON()
    if err != nil {
        return err
    }
    s := string(b) + "\n"
    _, err = a.Writer.Write([]byte(s))
    return err
}
```



log.(*All).Save									
trip.Trip.MarshalJSON									
time.Time.AppendFormat	trip.UserType.MarshalJSON			trip.Station.MarshalJSON			time.Duration.String	runtime.m...	
	runtime.makeslice			runtime...	strconv.AppendQuote	strconv....	runtime.slicebytetostring	runtime...	
	runtime.mallocgc			runtime...	strconv.appendQuo...	strconv....	runtime.mallocgc	runti...	
	runtime.gcStart				strconv.appendE...		runtime.gcStart	runti...	
	runtime.systemstack						runtime.systemstack	runti...	
	runtime.gcStart.func2						runtime.gcStart.func2	runti...	
	runtime.startTheWorldWithSema						runtime.startTheWorldWith...	runti...	
	runtime.netpoll						runtime.netpoll	runti...	
	runtime.kevent						runtime.kevent		

Byte Slice

log.(*All).Save			
trip.Trip.MarshalJSON			
trip.Station.MarshalJSON			runtime...
runtime.makeslice		runtime.makeslice	runtime...
runtime.mallocgc	strc...	runtime.mallocgc	runtime...
runtime.gcStart	strc...	runtime.gcStart	runtime...
runtime.systemstack	strc...	runtime.systemstack	runtime...
runtime.gcStart.func2		runtime.gcStart.func2	runtime...
runtime.startTheWorldWithSema		runtime.startTheWorldWithSema	runtime...
runtime.netpoll		runtime.netpoll	runtime...
runtime.kevent		runtime.kevent	runtime...

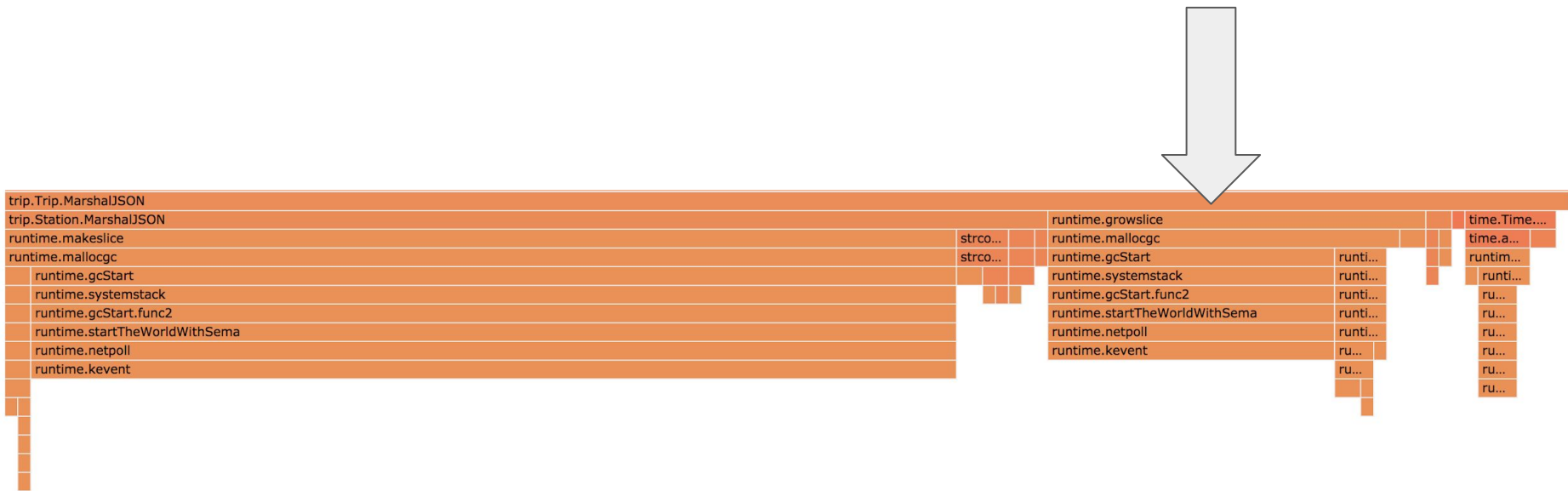


String

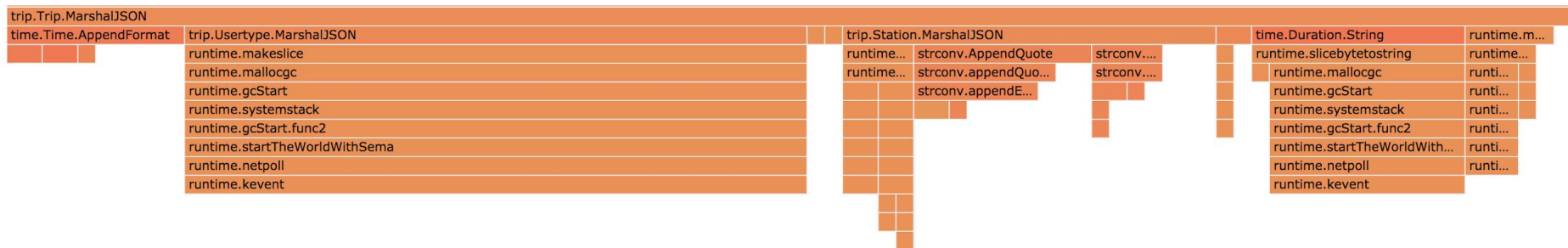
**Make with capacity**

```
func (t Trip) MarshalJSON() ([]byte, error) {  
    var b []byte  
    b = append(b, '{')  
    b = append(b, []byte(`"trip_duration":`)...)  
    b = append(b,  
[]byte(t.TripDuration.String())...)  
    b = append(b, '"')  
    ...  
    b = append(b, '}')  
    return b, nil  
}
```

```
func (t Trip) MarshalJSON() ([]byte, error) {  
    b := make([]byte, 0, 512)  
    b = append(b, '{')  
    b = append(b, []byte(`"trip_duration":`)...)  
    b = append(b,  
[]byte(t.TripDuration.String())...)  
    b = append(b, '"')  
    ...  
    b = append(b, '}')  
    return b, nil  
}
```



Before Making Space



## After Making Space

# Reuse

# More Byte Slices



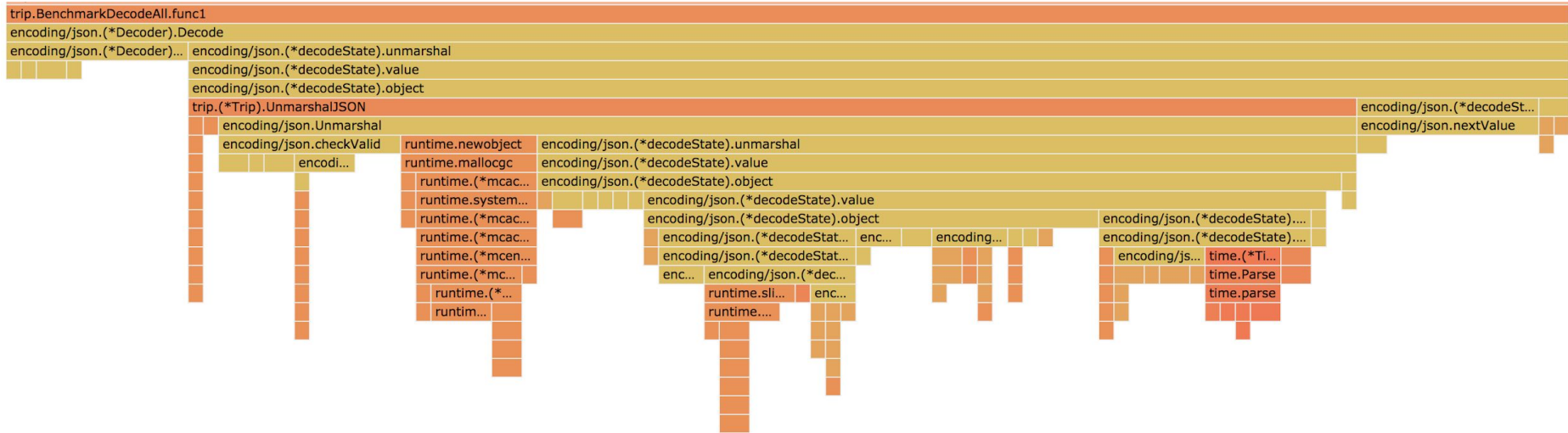
```
packet := make([]byte, 0, mtuSize)
chunk := make([]byte, maxChunkSize)
for i := 0; i < count; i++ {
    chunkSize, err := reader.Read(chunk)
    if err != nil && err != io.EOF {
        return 0, err
    }
    packet = append(packet, uint8(i), uint8(count)) // sequence
    packet = append(packet, chunk[:chunkSize]...)
    if _, err := gl.conn.WriteTo(packet, gl.addr); err != nil {
        return 0, err
    }
    packet, chunk = packet[:0], chunk[:maxChunkSize]
}
```

# Structs

```
dec := json.NewDecoder(bytes.NewReader(blob))
saver := nopSaver{}
for dec.More() {
    var trip Trip
    err := dec.Decode(&trip)
    if err != nil {
        return err
    }
    saver.Save(trip)
}
```

```
dec := json.NewDecoder(bytes.NewReader(blob))
saver := nopSaver{}
var trip Trip
for dec.More() {
    err := dec.Decode(&trip)
    if err != nil {
        b.Fatal(err)
    }
    saver.Save(trip)
    trip = Trip{}
}
```





Some Object Reuse

# **Caution with Concurrency**

```
packet := make([]byte, 0, mtuSize)
chunk := make([]byte, maxChunkSize)
for i := 0; i < count; i++ {
    chunkSize, err := reader.Read(chunk)
    if err != nil && err != io.EOF {
        return 0, err
    }
    packet = append(packet, uint8(i), uint8(count)) // sequence
    packet = append(packet, chunk[:chunkSize]...)
    if _, err := gl.conn.WriteTo(packet, gl.addr); err != nil {
        return 0, err
    }
    packet, chunk = packet[:0], chunk[:maxChunkSize]
}
```

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for i := 0; i < count; i++ {
    chunkSize, err := reader.Read(chunk)
    if err != nil && err != io.EOF {
        return 0, err
    }
    packet = append(packet, uint8(i), uint8(count)) // sequence
    packet = append(packet, chunk[:chunkSize]...)
    if _, err := gl.conn.WriteTo(packet, gl.addr); err != nil {
        return 0, err
    }
    packet, chunk = packet[:0], chunk[:maxChunkSize]
}
```

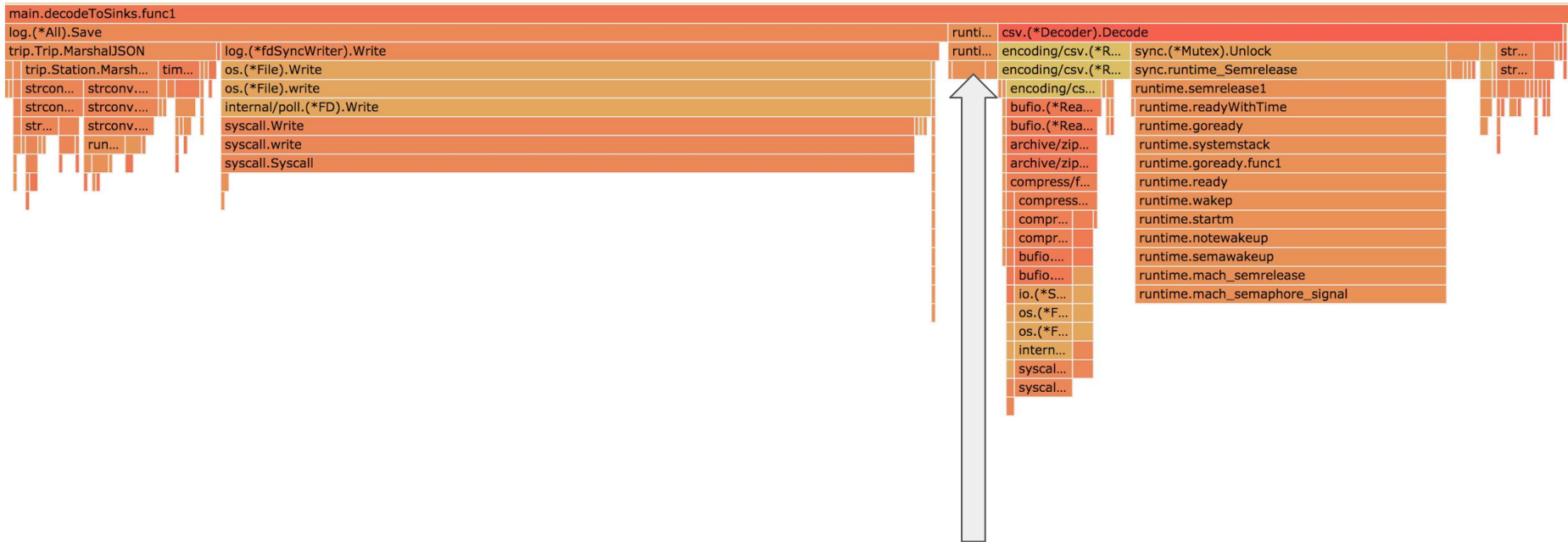


```
func (w *Writer) Write(b []byte) (int, error) {  
    c := make([]byte, len(b))  
    n := copy(c, b)  
    go w.NextThing(c)  
    return n, nil  
}
```

**Recycle**

# Free Lists

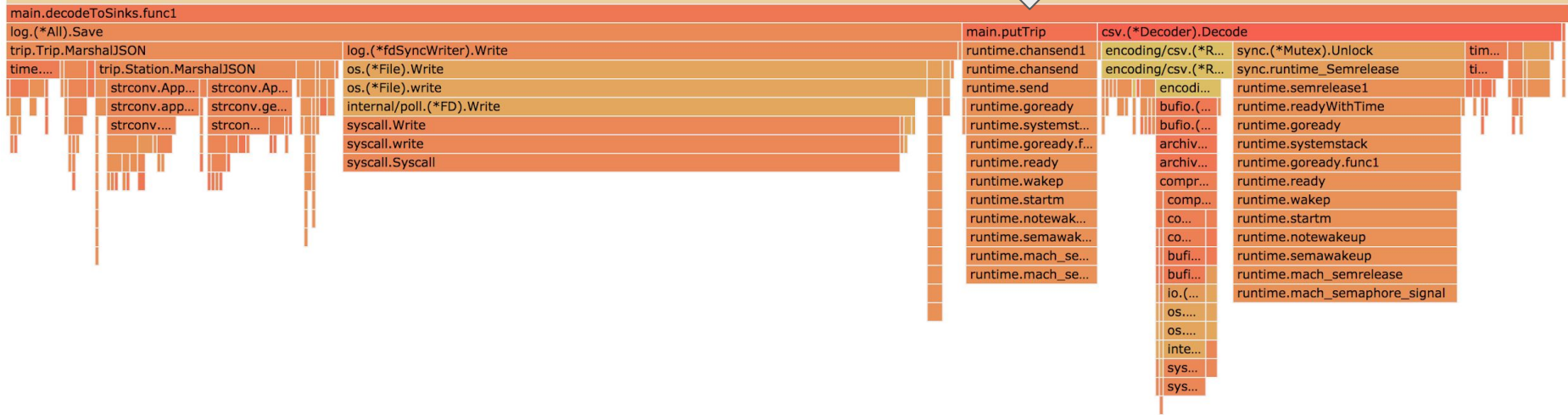
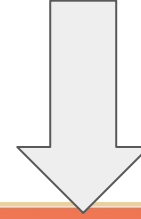
```
sem := make(chan struct{}, 64)
for dec.More() {
    sem <- struct{}{}
    go func() {
        defer func() { <-sem }()
        var t trip.Trip
        d.Decode(&t)
        s.Save(t)
    }()
}
```



No Recycling

```
sem := make(chan struct{}, 64)
for dec.More() {
    sem <- struct{}{}
    go func() {
        defer func() { <-sem }()
        t := getTrip()
        defer putTrip(t)
        d.Decode(t)
        s.Save(*t)
    }()
}
```

```
var tripList = make(chan *trip.Trip, 16)
func init() {
    for {
        select {
        case tripList <- new(trip.Trip):
        default:
            return
        }
    }
}
func getTrip() *trip.Trip { return <-tripList }
func putTrip(t *trip.Trip) {
    *t = trip.Trip{}
    tripList <- t
}
```



Fixed Pool

```
sem := make(chan struct{}, 64)
for dec.More() {
    sem <- struct{}{}
    go func() {
        defer func() { <-sem }()
        t := getTrip()
        defer putTrip(t)
        d.Decode(t)
        s.Save(*t)
    }()
}
```

```
var tripList = make(chan *trip.Trip, 16)
func getTrip() *trip.Trip {
    select {
    case t := <-tripList:
        return t
    default:
        return new(trip.Trip)
    }
}
func putTrip(t *trip.Trip) {
    *t = trip.Trip{}
    select {
    case tripList <- t:
    default:
    }
}
```

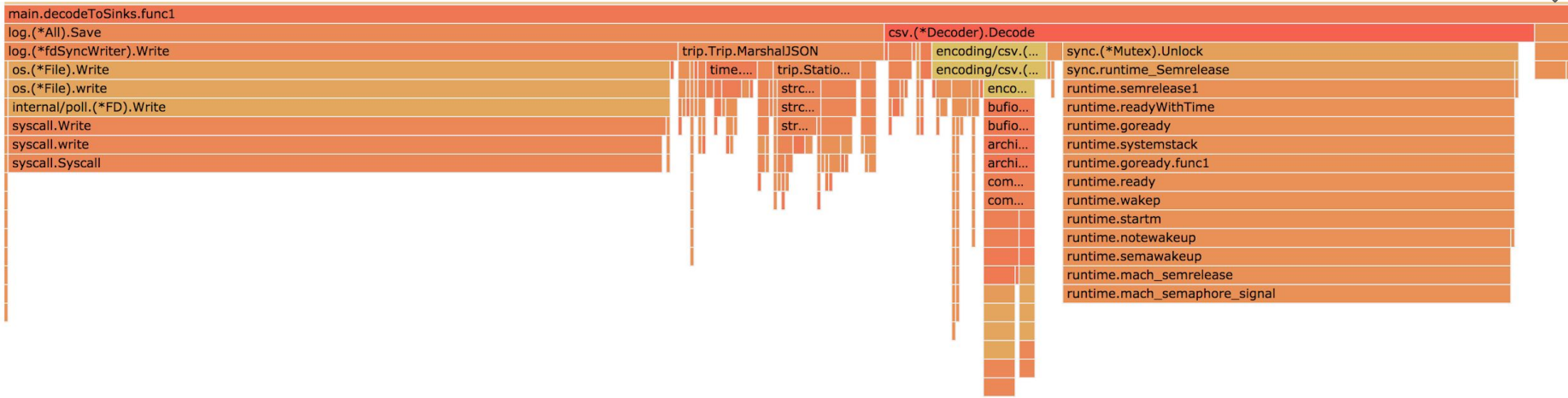
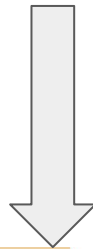




# Pools

```
sem := make(chan struct{}, 64)
for dec.More() {
    sem <- struct{}{}
    go func() {
        defer func() { <-sem }()
        t := getTrip()
        defer putTrip(t)
        d.Decode(t)
        s.Save(*t)
    }()
}
```

```
var tripPool = sync.Pool{
    New: func() interface{} {
        return new(trip.Trip)
    },
}
func getTrip() *trip.Trip {
    return tripPool.Get().(*trip.Trip)
}
func putTrip(t *trip.Trip) {
    *t = trip.Trip{}
    tripPool.Put(t)
}
```



sync.Pool

**Thank You**