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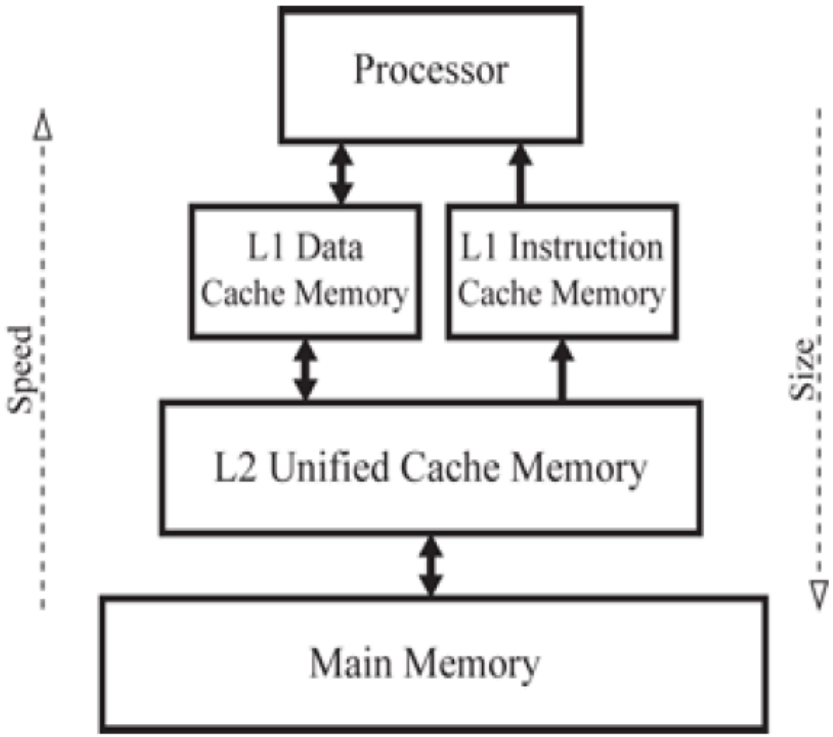
Cache



- **If accessed data is present in upper level**

Hit: access satisfied by upper level

Hit ratio: hits/accesses

- **If accessed data is absent**

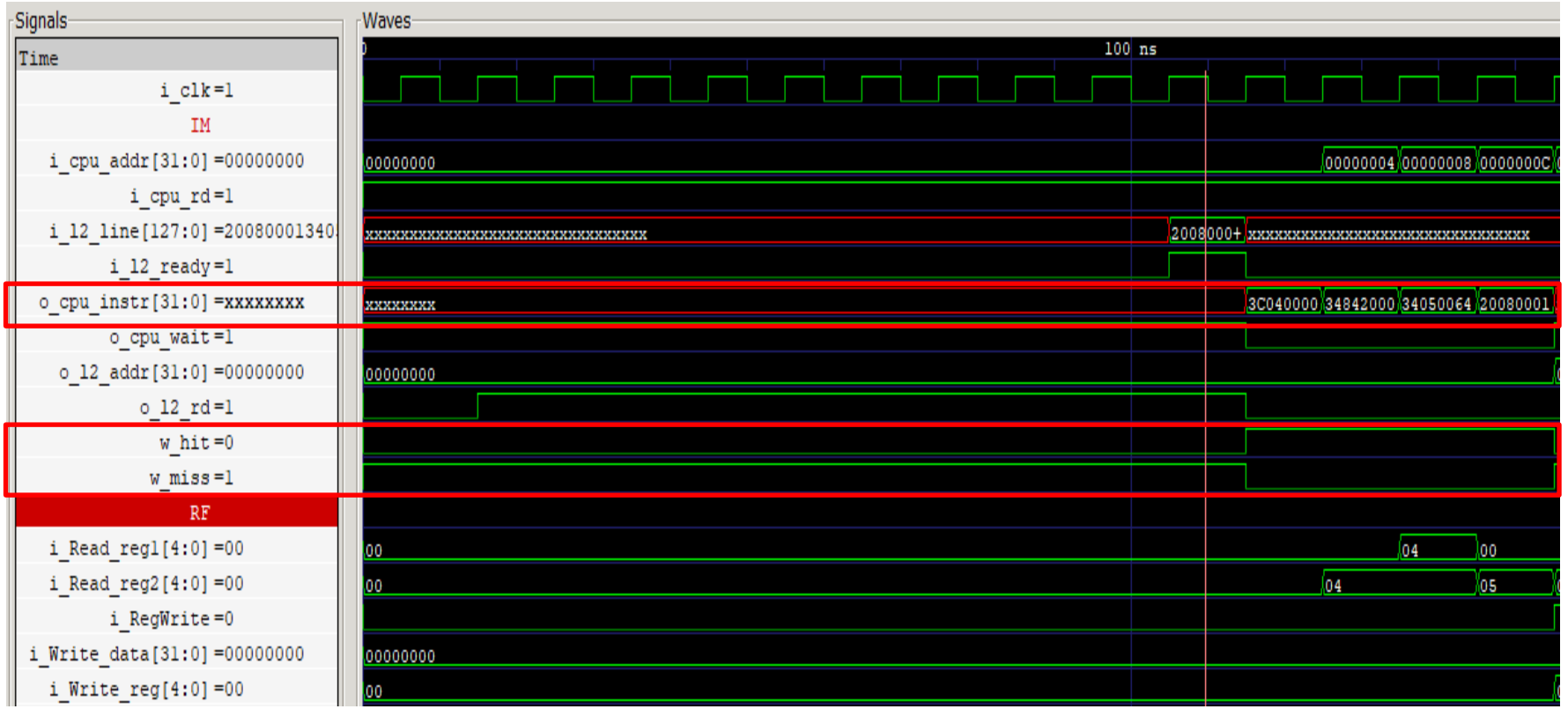
Miss: block copied from lower level

Time taken: miss penalty

Miss ratio: 1 – hit ratio

Insertion sort, random access

- How I/D L1 hit operates, how I/D L1 miss operates



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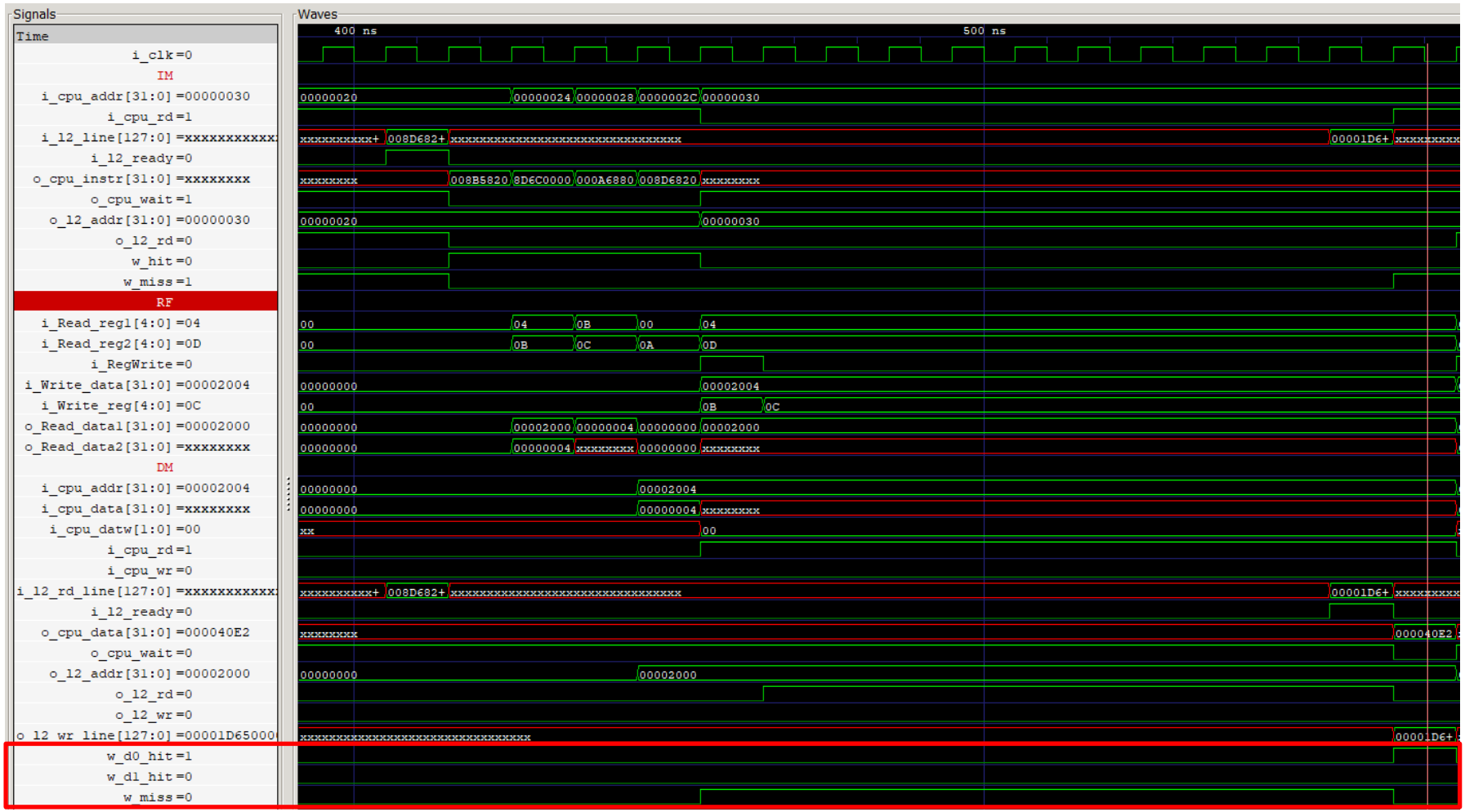

Insertion sort, random access

- When and how main memory(L2) operates

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CINT95 Benchmarks

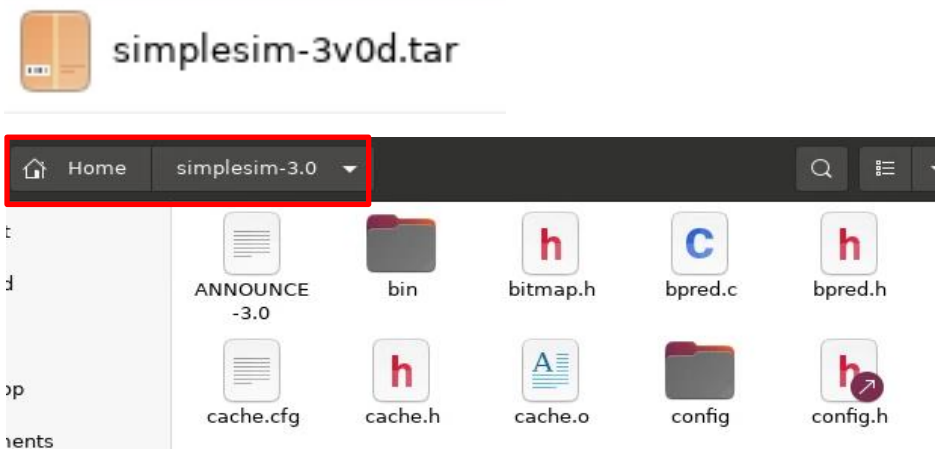
Table 1 – CINT95 Benchmarks

Benchmark	Application Area	Specific Task
li	Language interpreter	Lisp interpreter
vortex	Database	Builds and manipulates three interrelated databases
tomcatv	Geometric Translation	Generation of a two-dimensional vectorized mesh

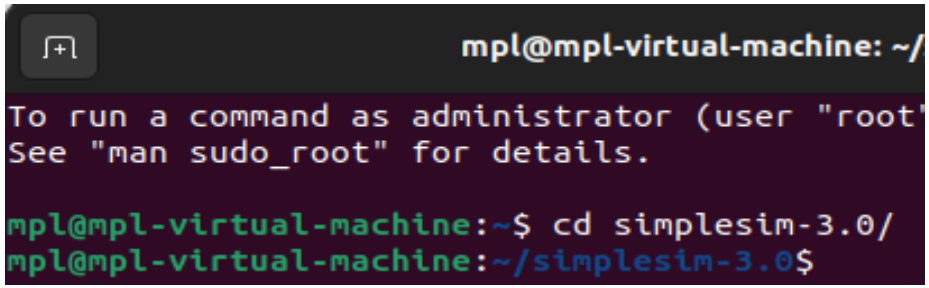
- Change cache configuration
  - ✓ Unified cache / Separate cache
  - ✓ L1 cache size / L2 cache size
  - ✓ Large block size / Small block size
  - ✓ Direct-mapped / Set-associative

Setting SimpleScalar

1. Unzip simplesim-3v0e.tgz file at Home directory



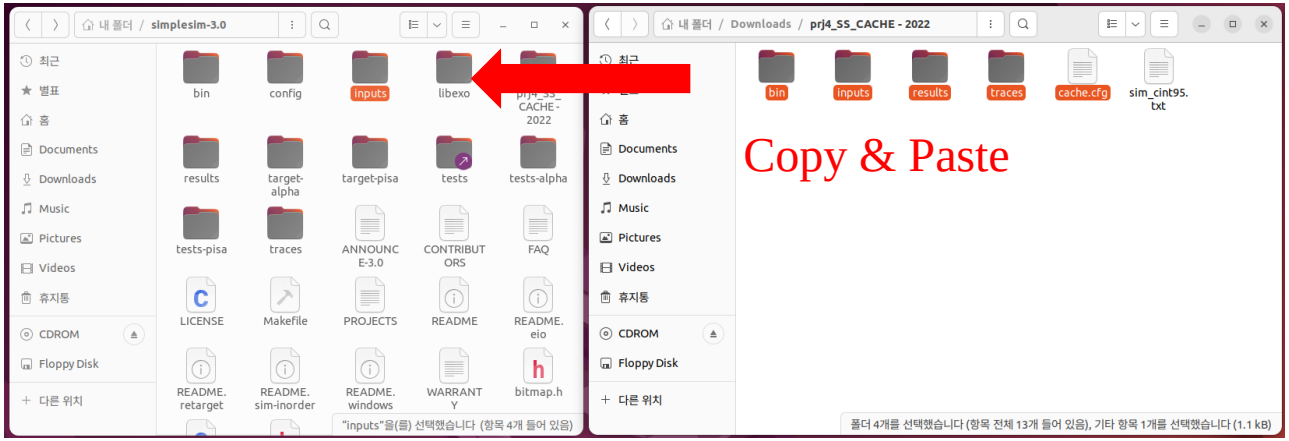
2. (Terminal) cd simplesim-3.0



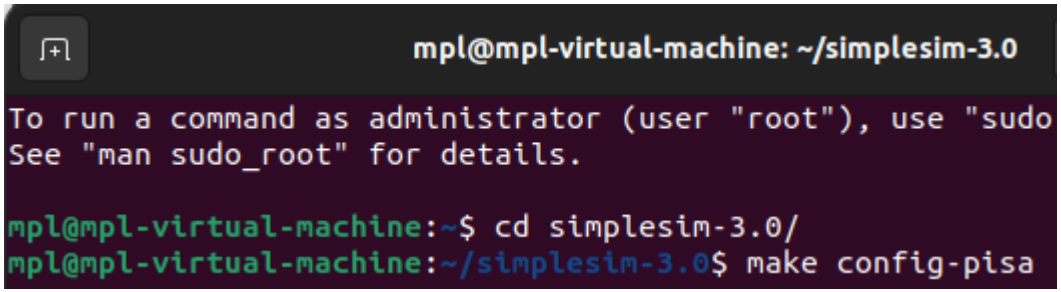
Setting SimpleScalar

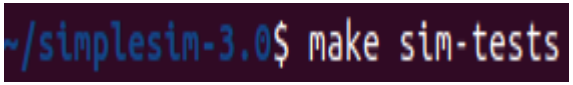
3. Download the Benchmark file in klas

4. Unzip the prj4_SS_CACHE - 2023.zip, Copy and paste in the simplesim-3.0 directory



5. make config-pisa-> make-> make sim-tests





Write configuration file

- To seek help, type the following command
  - ✓ ./sim-cache -h

The cache config parameter <config> has the following format:

<name>:<nsets>:<bsize>:<assoc>:<repl>

<name> - name of the cache being defined
<nsets> - number of sets in the cache
<bsize> - block size of the cache
<assoc> - associativity of the cache
<repl> - block replacement strategy, 'l'-LRU, 'f'-FIFO, 'r'-random

Examples: -cache:dl1 dl1:4096:32:1:l
-dtlb dtlb:128:4096:32:r

Write configuration file

- Cache setting : gedit ./config/mycache.cfg

[bytes]	Cache Level 1	Cache Level 2
# of sets	32	256
Block size	16	64
Associativity	1	1
Total Cache size	512	16,384

```
-cache:il1 il1:32:16:1:l

-cache:dl1 none                 #Data L1 cache
-cache:il2 il2:256:64:1:l       #Instruction L2 cache
-cache:dl2 none                 #Data L2 cache
-tlb:itlb none                  #Instruction TLB
-tlb:dtlb none                  #Data TLB
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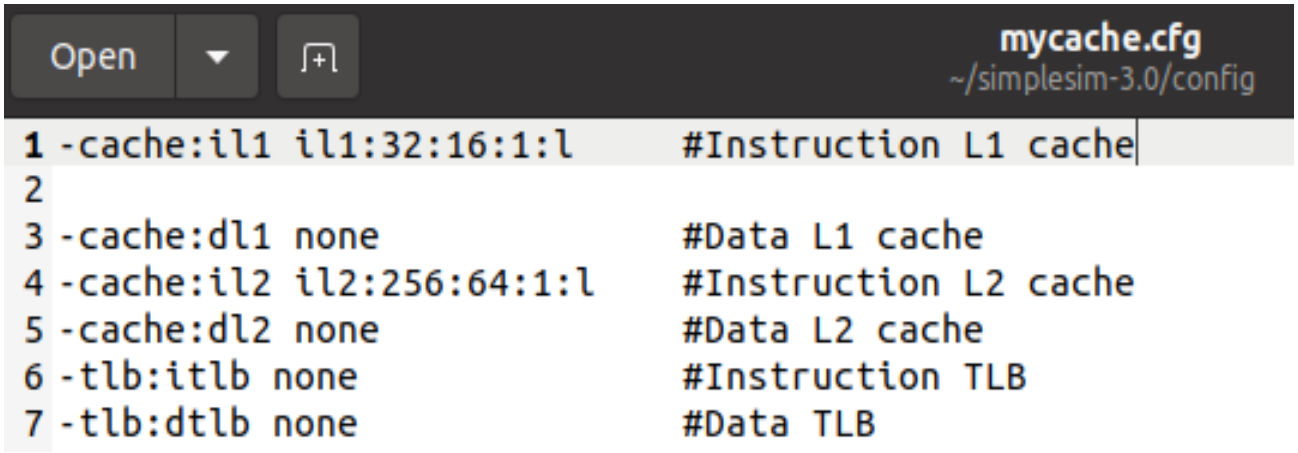
Typing these

Write configuration file (example)

- Cache setting : gedit ./config/mycache.cfg



How to simulate?

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mpl@mpl-virtual-machine:~/simplesim-3.0$ ~/simplesim-3.0/sim-cache -config ~/sim
plesim-3.0/config/mycache.cfg bin/cc1.little.ss -O inputs/1stmt.i -o results/cc1
.out 2> traces/cc1.trace
```

- ./sim-cache –config <configfile path> <application path>

- cc1
  - ✓ ~/simplesim-3.0/sim-cache -config ~/simplesim-3.0/config/mycache.cfg bin/cc1.little.ss -O inputs/1stmt.i -o results/cc1.out 2> traces/cc1.trace

- ijpeg
  - ✓ ~/simplesim-3.0/sim-cache -config ~/simplesim-3.0/config/mycache.cfg bin/ijpeg.little.ss -image_file inputs/vigo.ppm -verbose 1 2> traces/ijpeg.trace > results/ijpeg.out

- perl
  - ✓ ~/simplesim-3.0/sim-cache -config ~/simplesim-3.0/config/mycache.cfg bin/perl.little.ss inputs/scrabbl.pl inputs/scrabbl.in 2> traces/perl.trace > results/perl.out

Example of result analysis

- Miss rate
  - ✓ check at .trace file

```
sim: ** simulation statistics **
sim_num_insn                362765 # total number of instructions executed
sim_num_refs                104761 # total number of loads and stores executed
sim_elapsed_time                 1 # total simulation time in seconds
sim_inst_rate           362765.0000 # simulation speed (in insts/sec)
il1.accesses                362765 # total number of accesses
il1.hits                    247961 # total number of hits
il1.misses                  114804 # total number of misses
il1.replacements            114772 # total number of replacements
il1.writebacks                   0 # total number of writebacks
il1.invalidations                0 # total number of invalidations
il1.miss_rate               0.3165 # miss rate (i.e., misses/ref)
il1.repl_rate               0.3164 # replacement rate (i.e., repls/ref)
il1.wb_rate                 0.0000 # writeback rate (i.e., wrbks/ref)
il1.inv_rate                0.0000 # invalidation rate (i.e., invs/ref)
il2.accesses                114804 # total number of accesses
il2.hits                    105675 # total number of hits
il2.misses                    9129 # total number of misses
il2.replacements              8887 # total number of replacements
il2.writebacks                   0 # total number of writebacks
il2.invalidations                0 # total number of invalidations
il2.miss_rate               0.0795 # miss rate (i.e., misses/ref)
il2.repl_rate               0.0774 # replacement rate (i.e., repls/ref)
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$$miss\ rate_{L1} = \frac{114804}{362765} = 0.316$$

$$miss\ rate_{L2} = \frac{9129}{114804} = 0.079$$

Example of result analysis

- Access lower memory level

```
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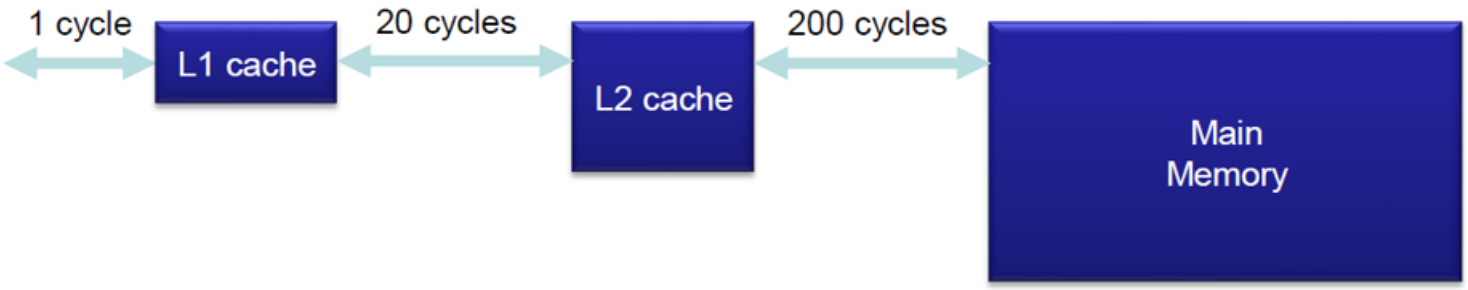
If L1 miss, L2 access

If L2 miss, Main memory access

Assumption for AMAT

- L1 cache access time is 1 cycle
- L2 cache access time is 20 cycles
- Main memory access time is 200 cycles



- Average memory-access time(AMAT) = (Hit time) + (Average miss time)
  - ✓ (Average miss time) = (Miss rate) x (Miss penalty)
  - ✓ AMAT of L2 cache
    - AMAT = $L1_{Hit\_time} + L1_{Miss\_rate} \times L1_{miss\_penalty}$
      $= L1_{Hit\_time} + L1_{Miss\_rate} \times (L2_{Hit_{time}} + L2_{miss\_rate} \times L2_{miss\_penalty})$

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