

# V8: Hooking up the Ignition to the Turbofan

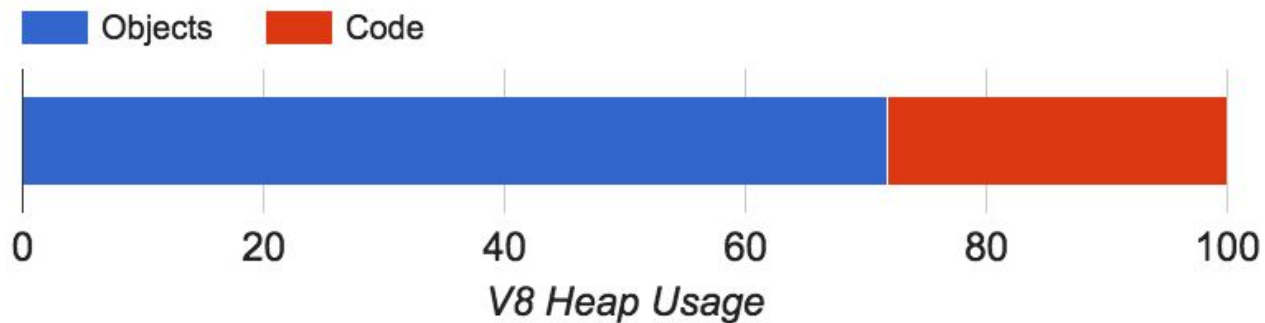
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# Ignition + Turbofan pipeline

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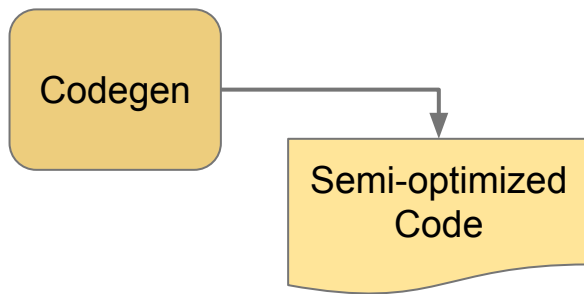


**33%** of time spent parsing + compiling

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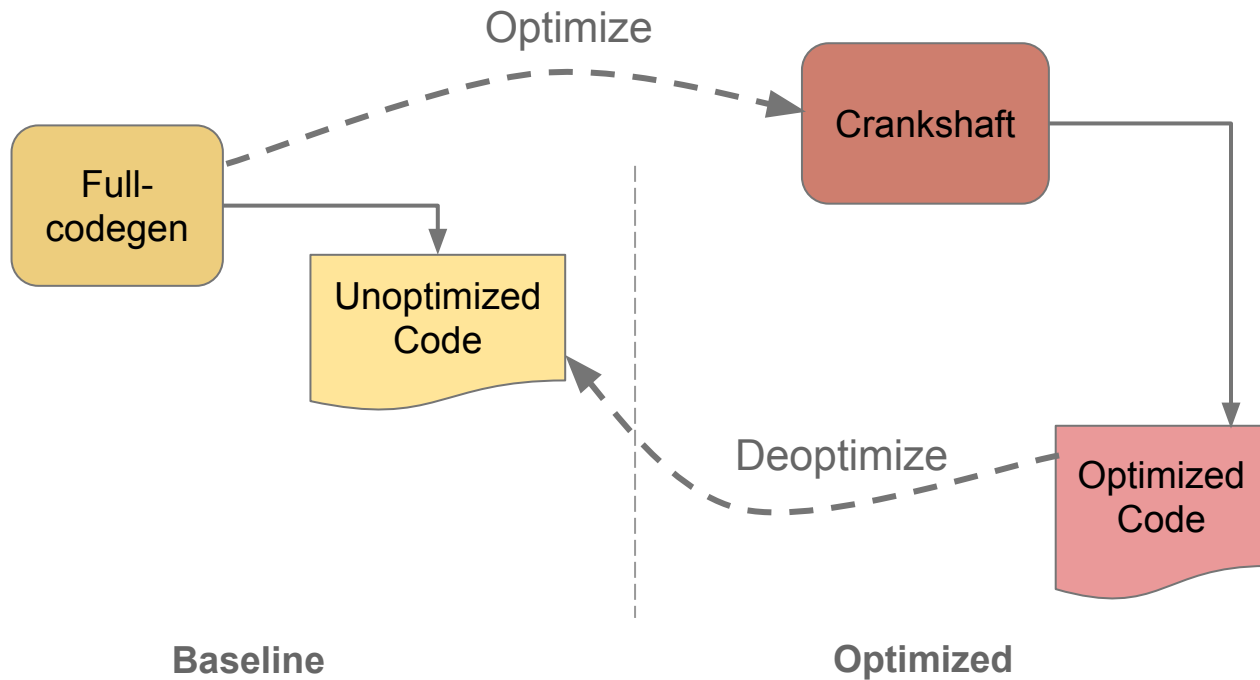
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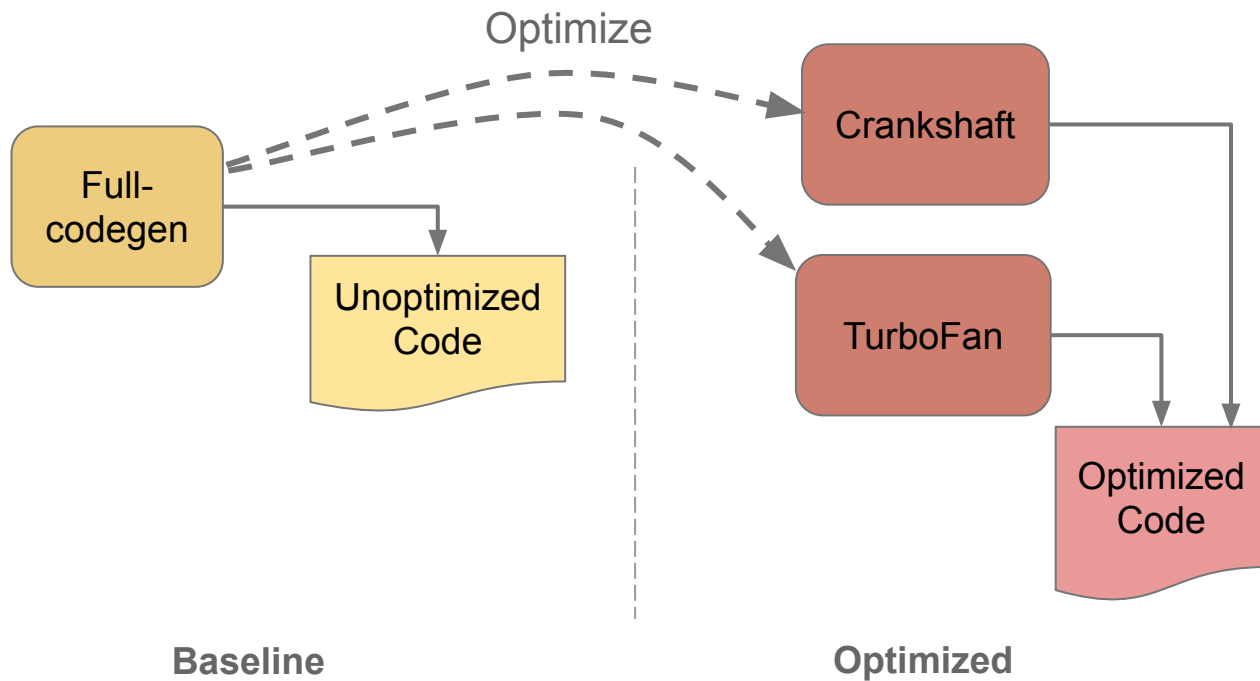


**Baseline**

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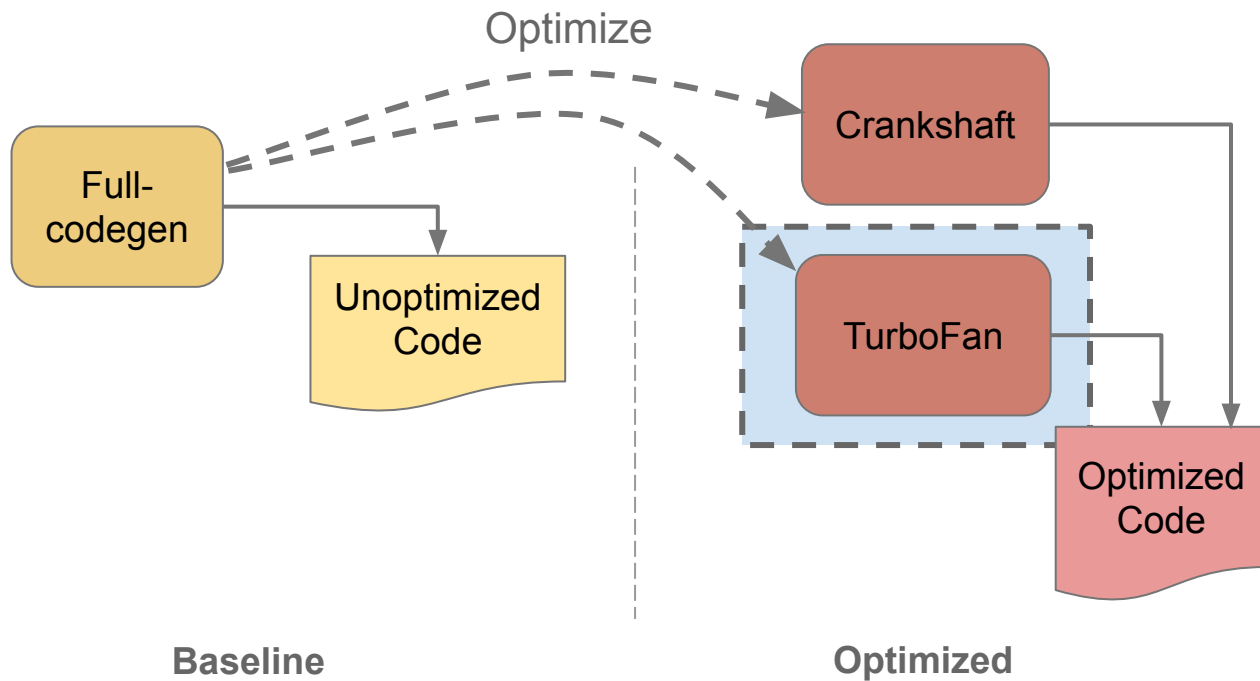


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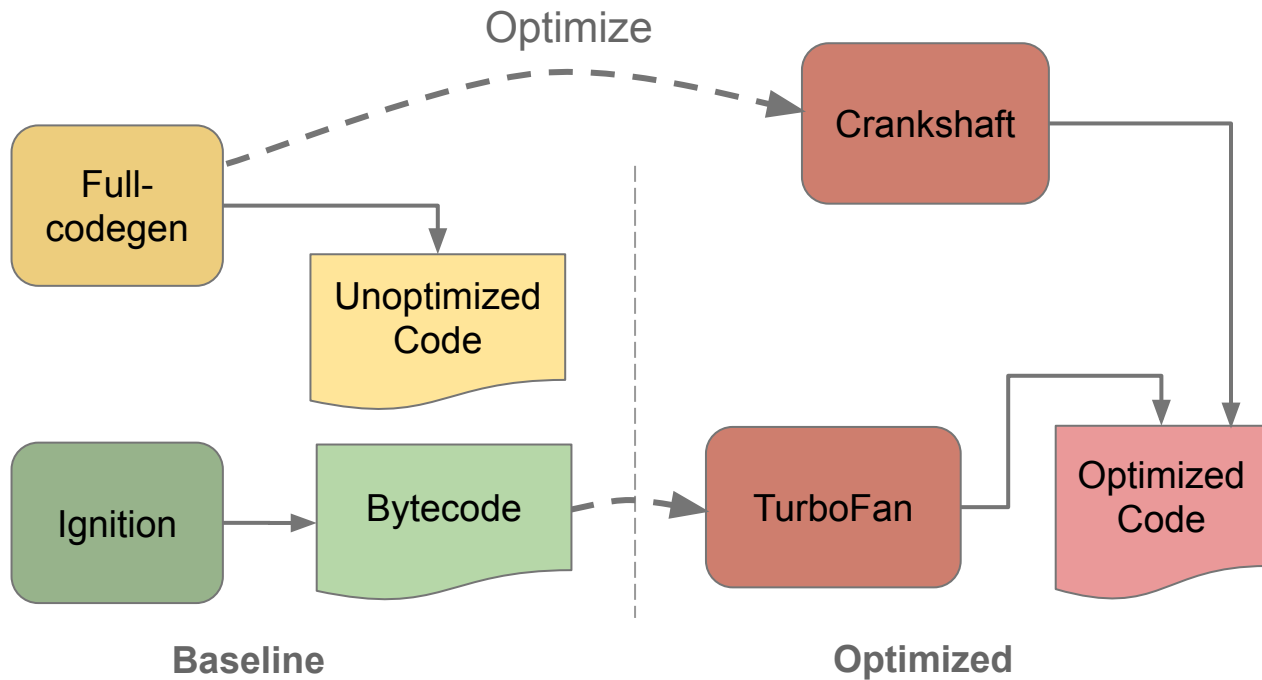




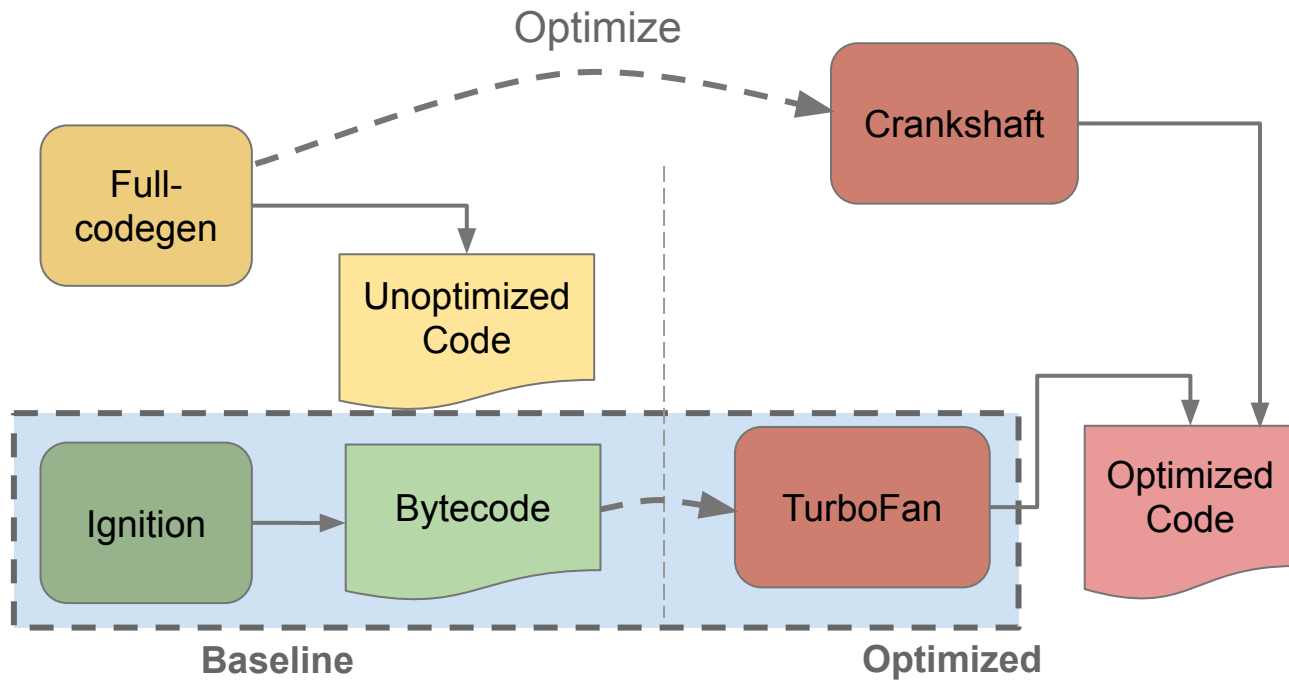
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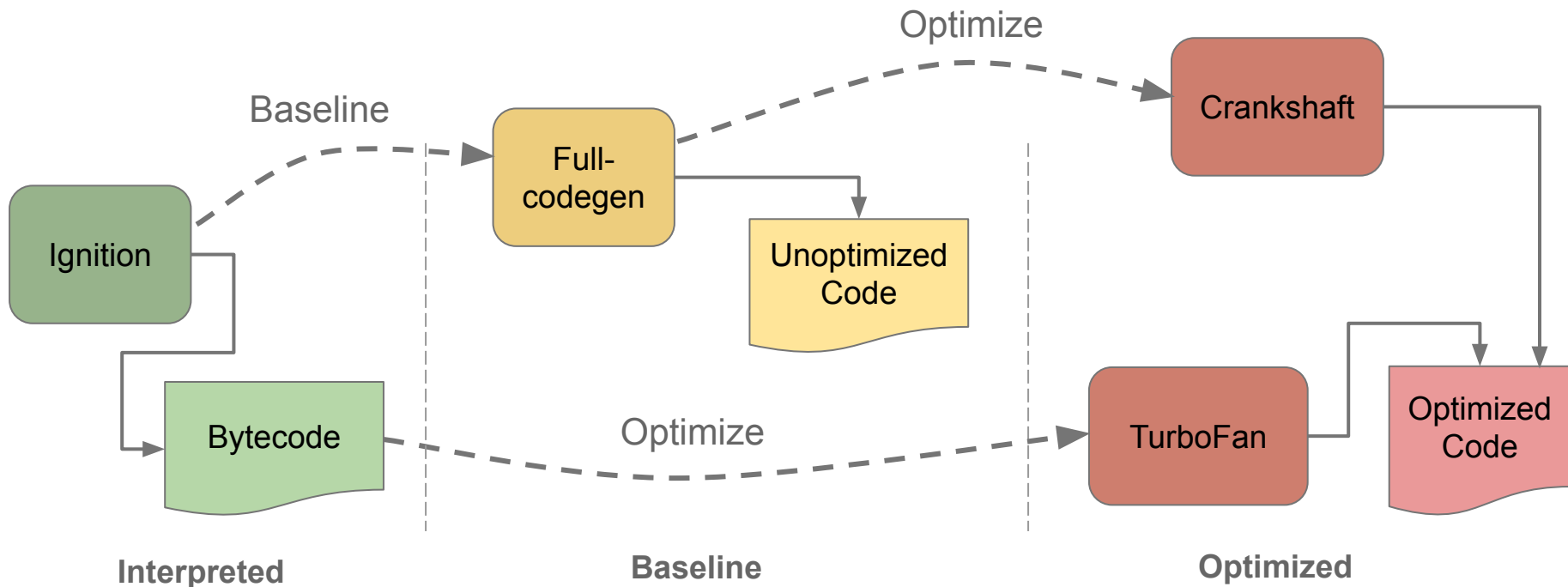
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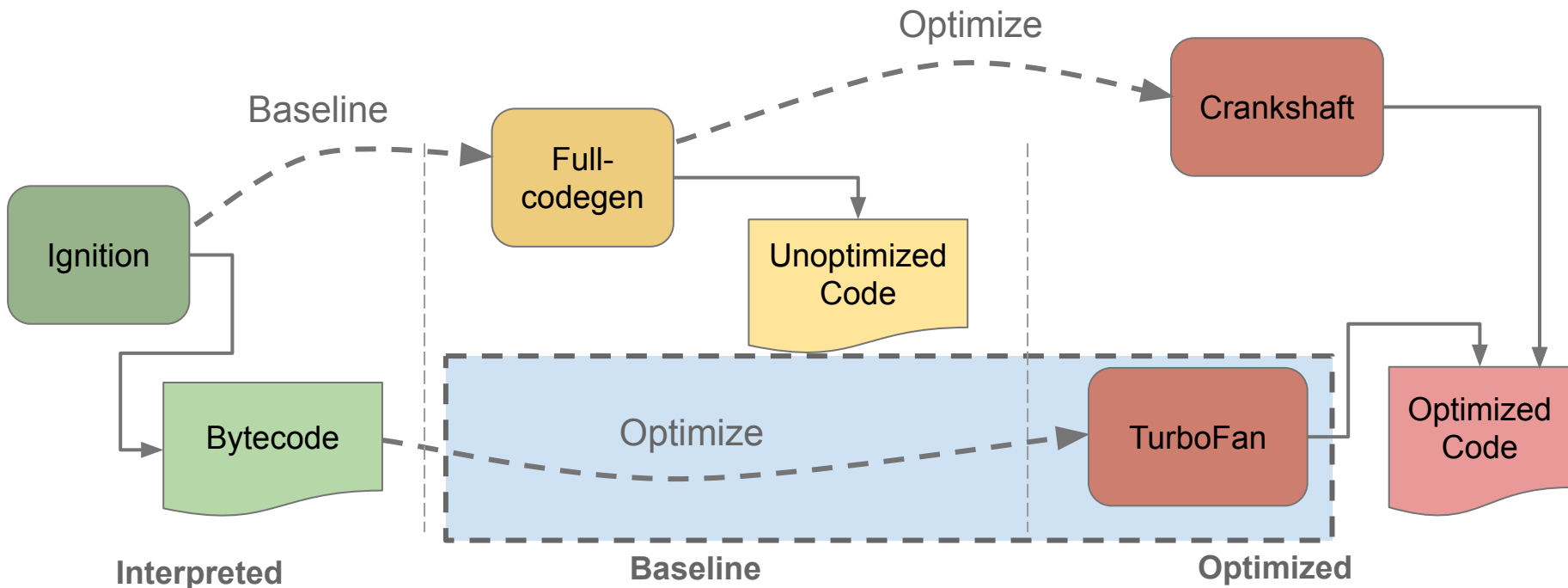
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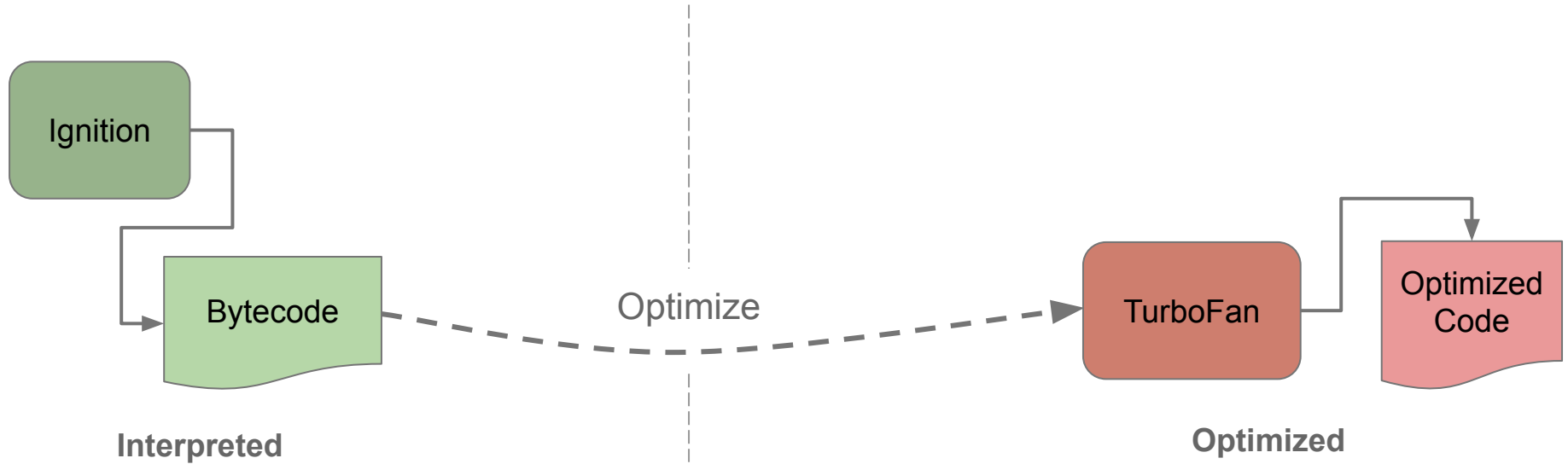
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# Bytecode to graph

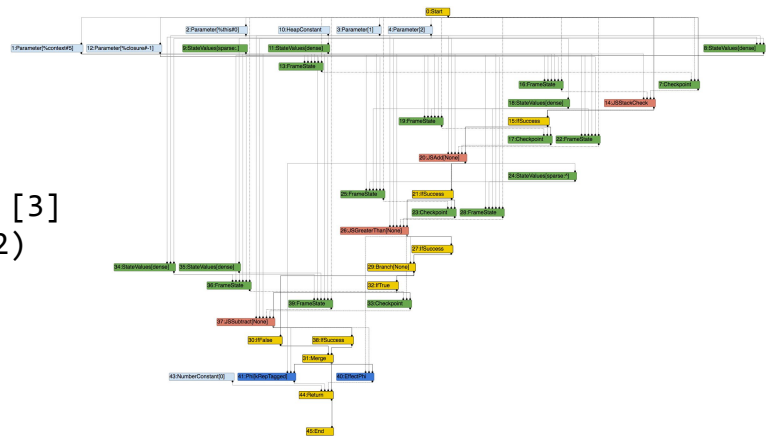
# Ignition to Turbofan

```
function f(a, b) {  
  var result = a + b;  
  if (a > b) {  
    result = a - b;  
  }  
  return result;  
}
```

Text

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Bytecode  
(Ignition)



Sea-of-nodes graph  
(Turbofan)



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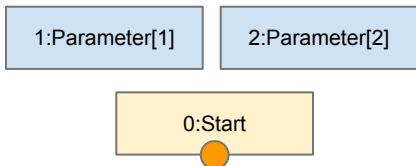
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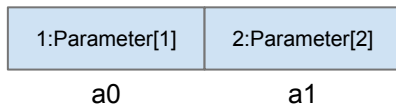
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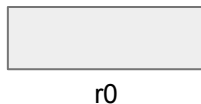


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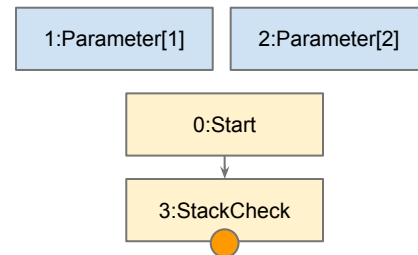
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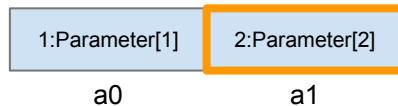
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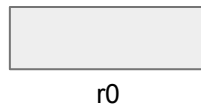
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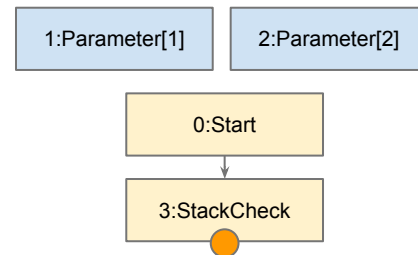
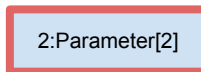
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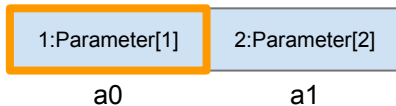
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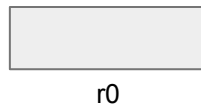
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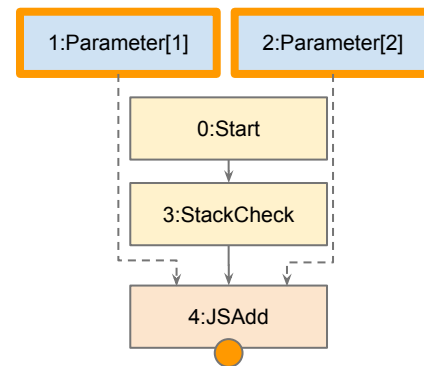
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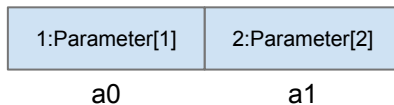
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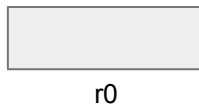
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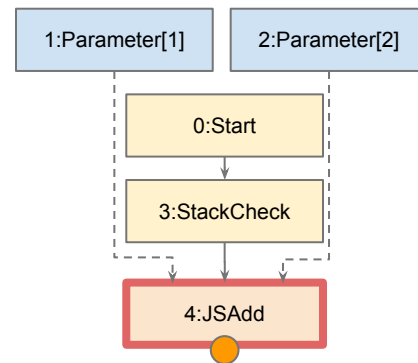
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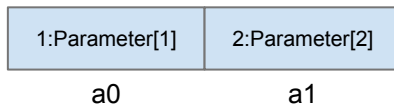




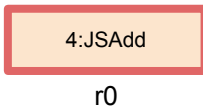
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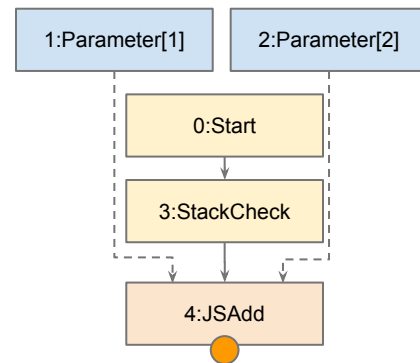
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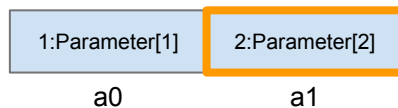
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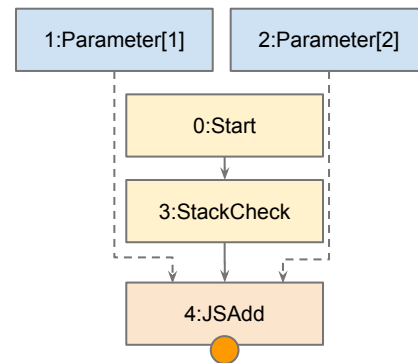
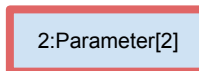
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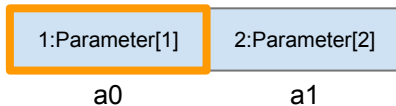
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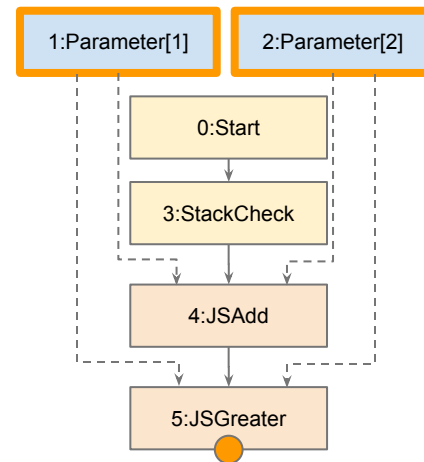
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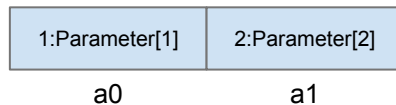
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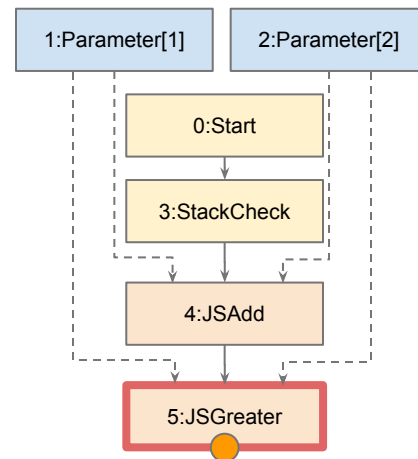
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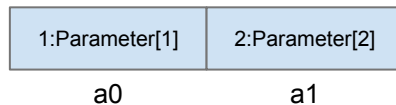
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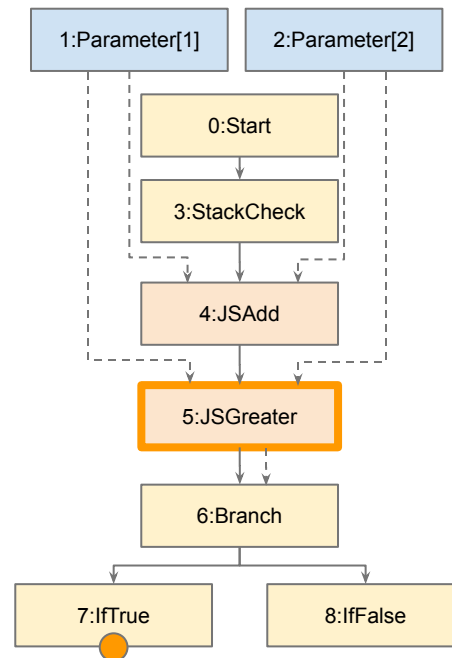
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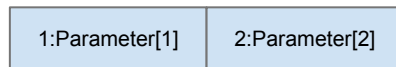
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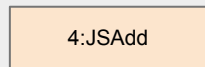
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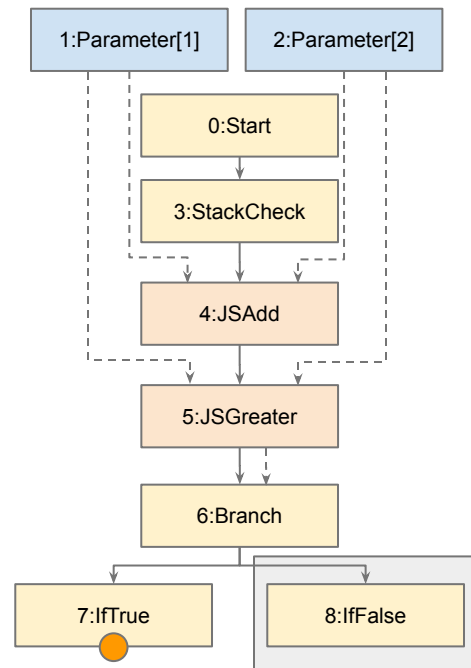
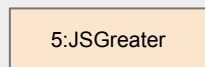
a1

## Registers



r0

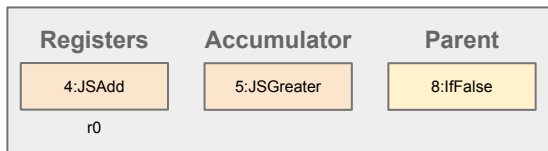
## Accumulator



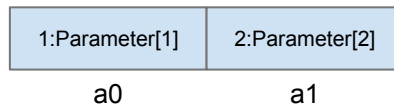
# Building a graph

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1 : 1c 02    Ldar a1
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20 : 1d fa    Star r0
22 : 1c fa    Ldar r0
24 : 81      Return
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22:



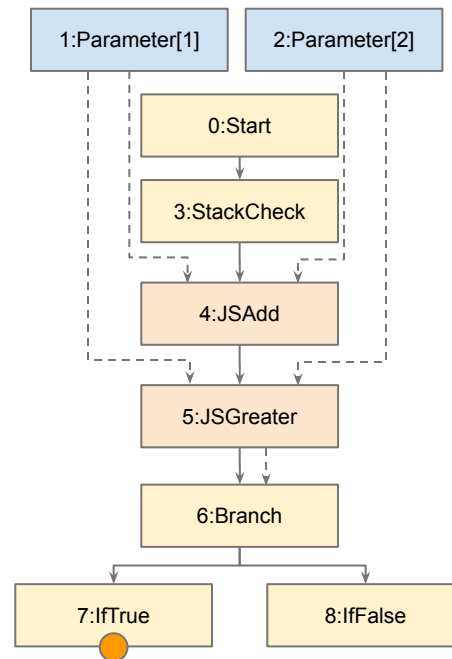
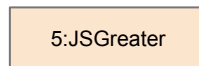
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## Registers



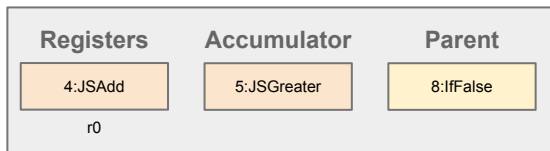
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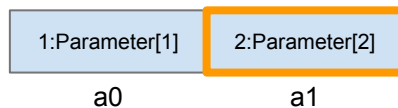
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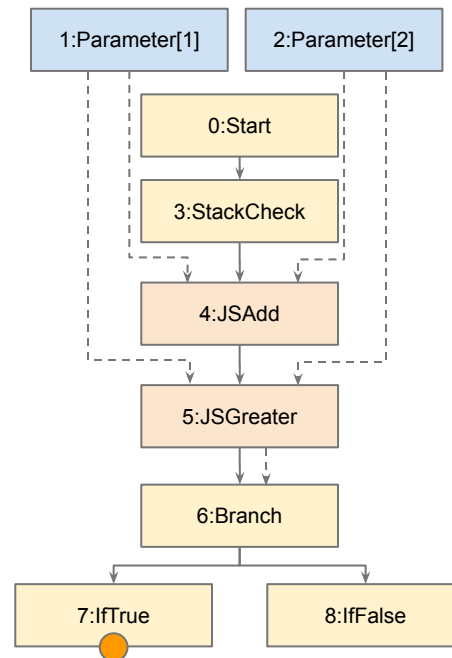
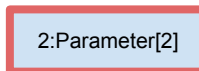
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## Registers



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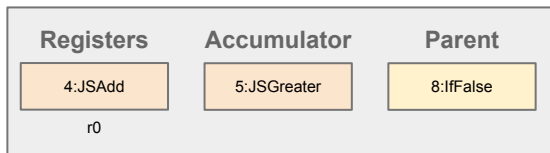




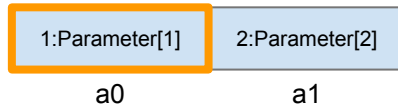
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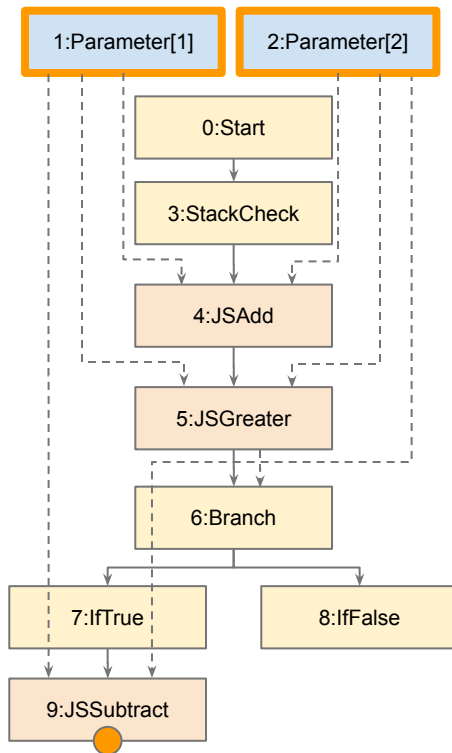
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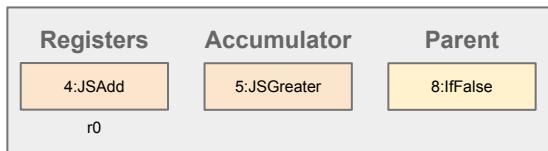
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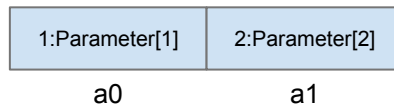
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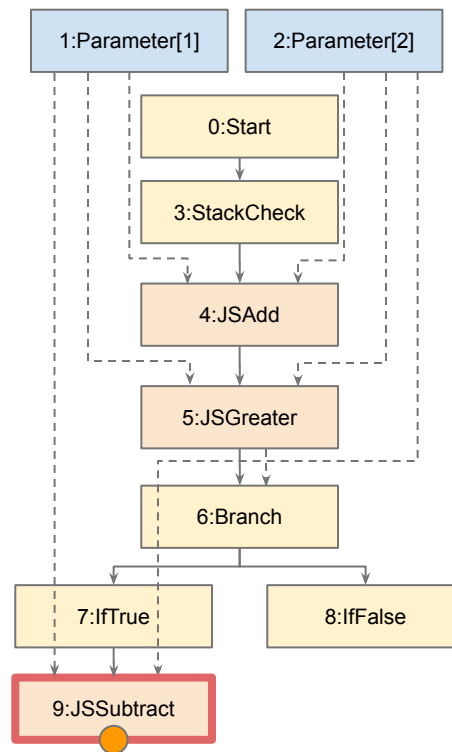
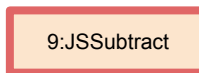
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## Registers



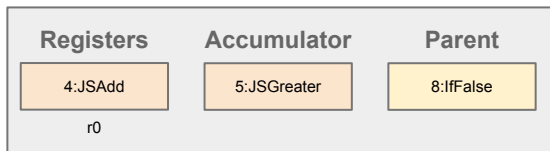
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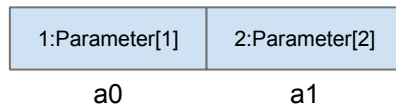
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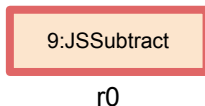
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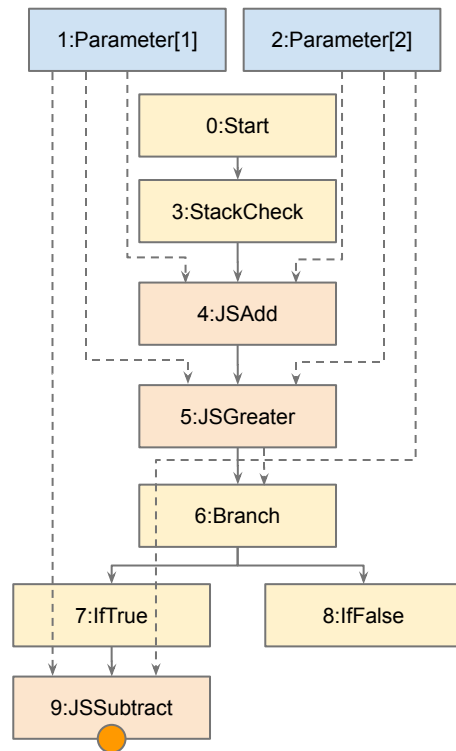
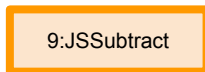
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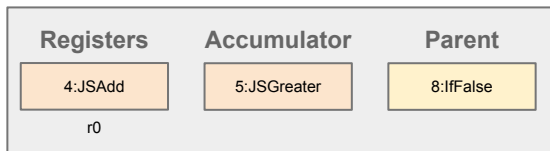
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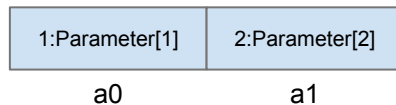
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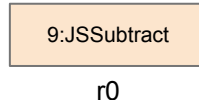
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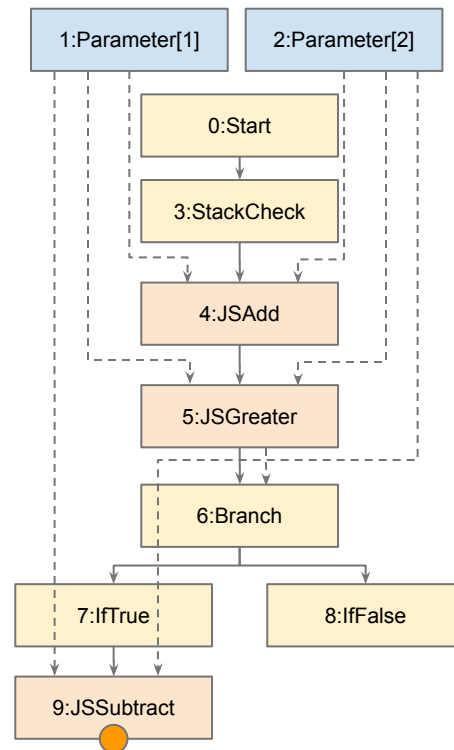
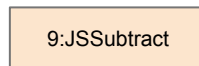
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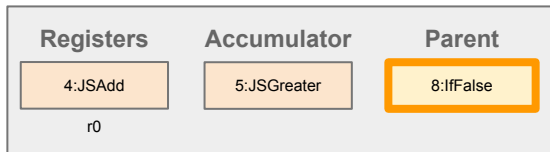
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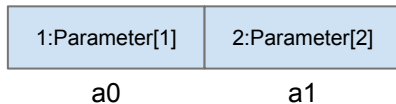
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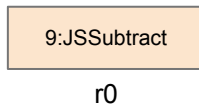
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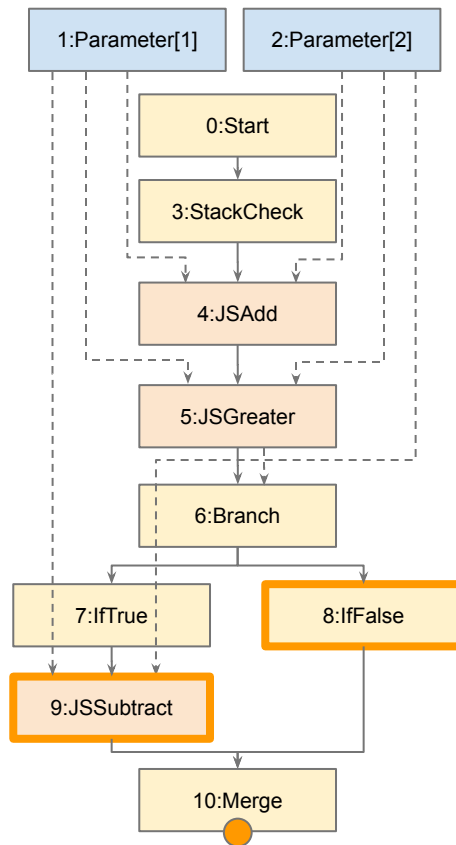
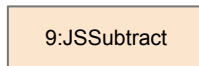
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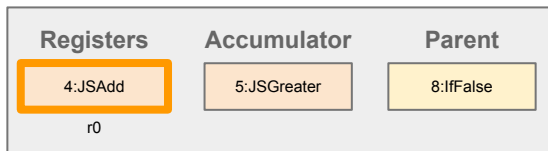
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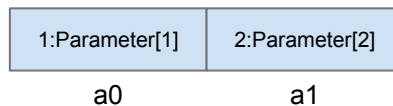
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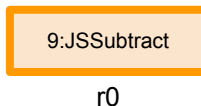
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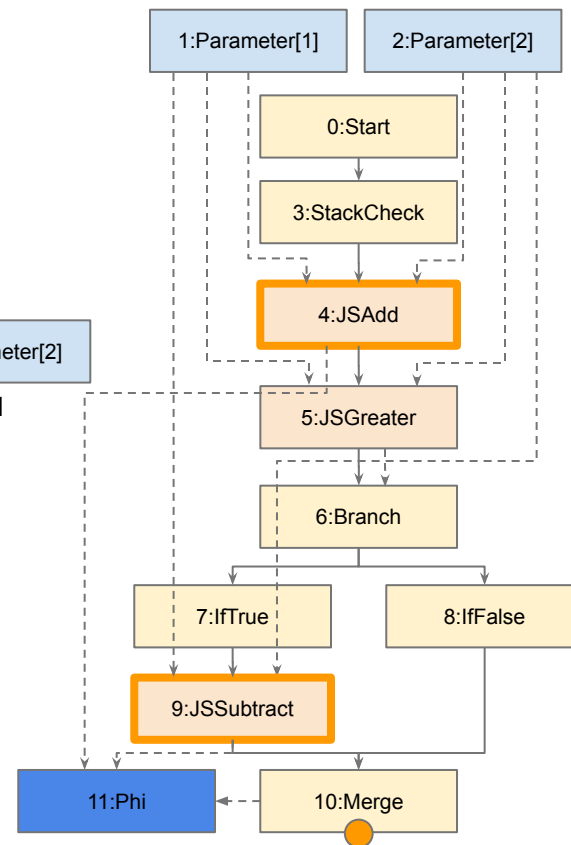
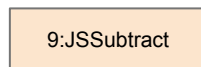
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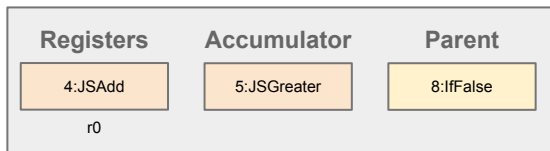
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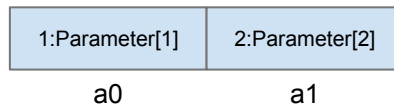
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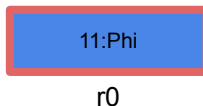
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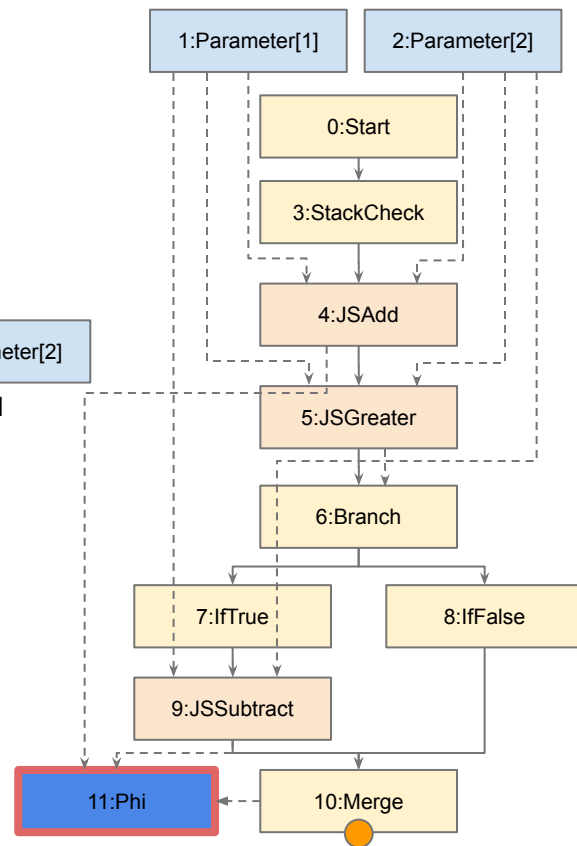
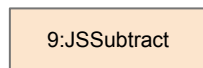
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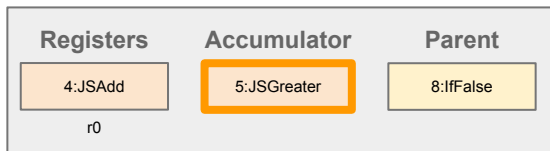
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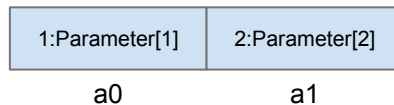
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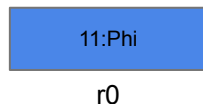
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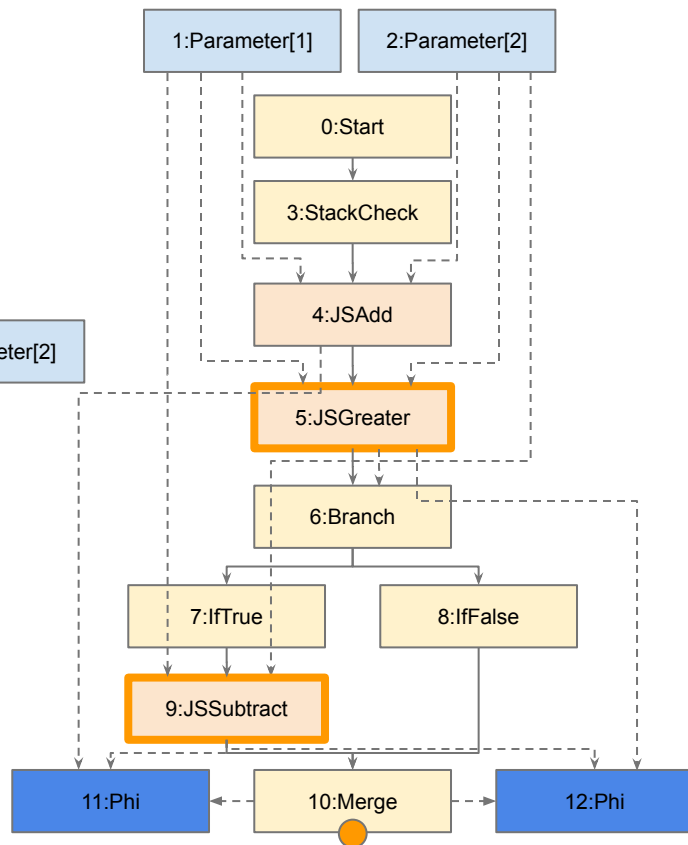
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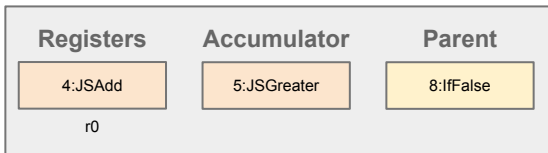


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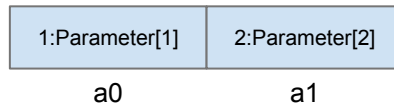
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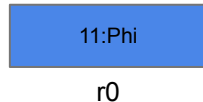
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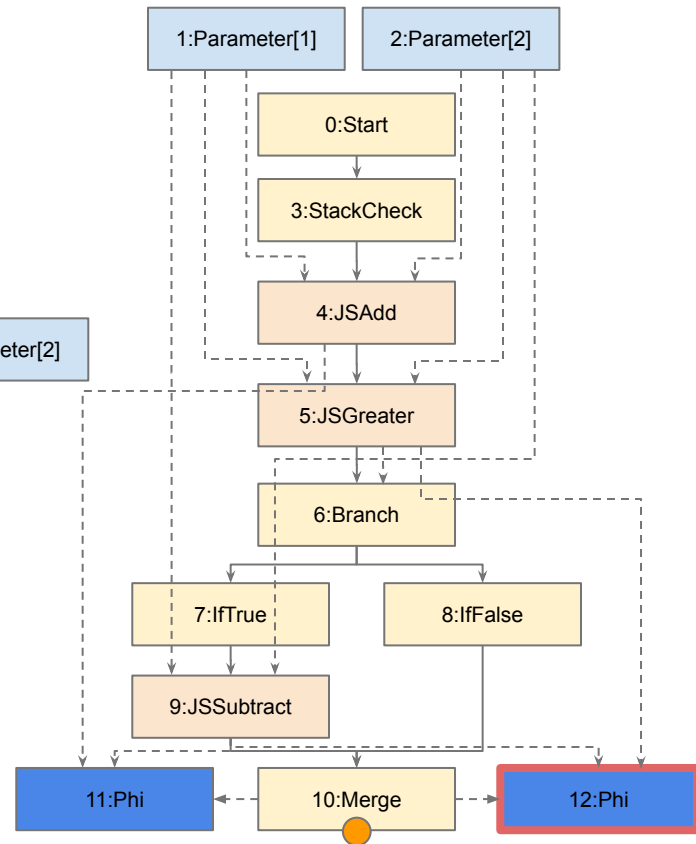
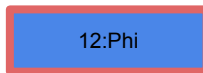
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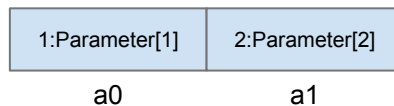
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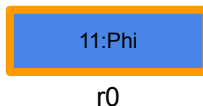
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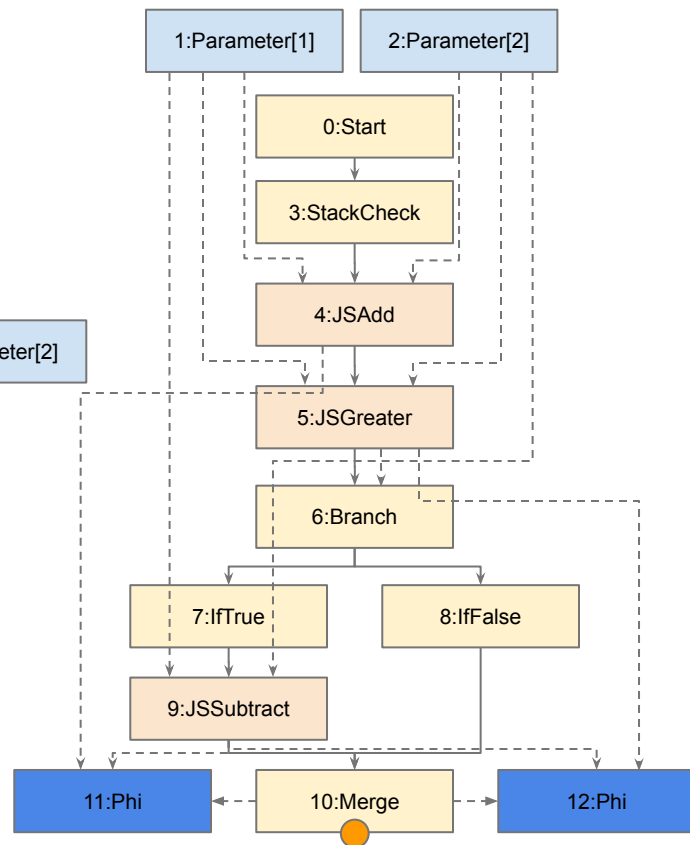
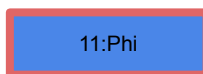
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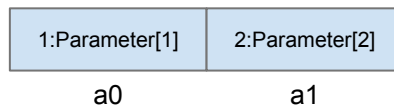
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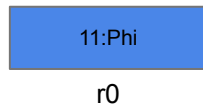
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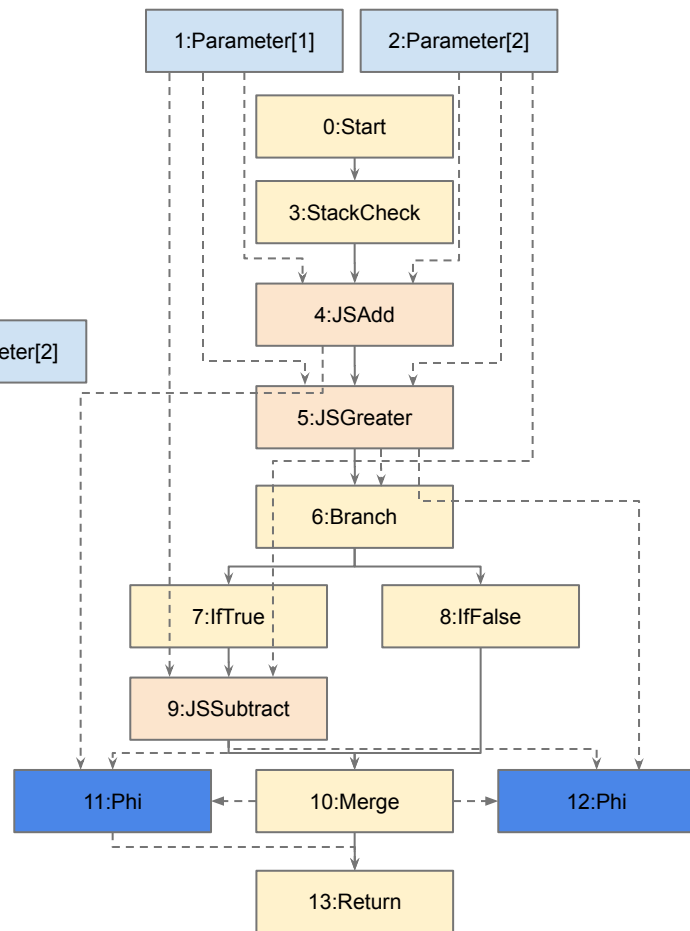
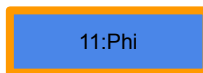
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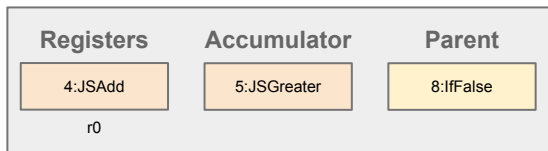
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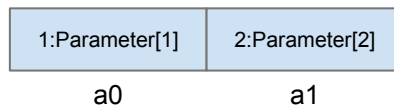
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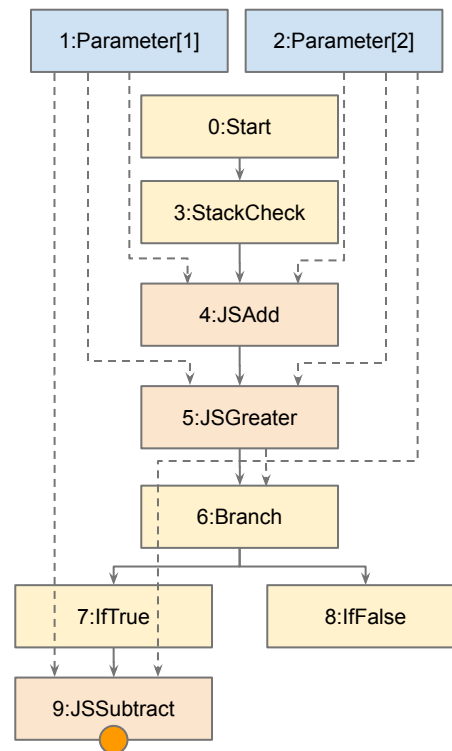
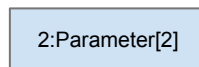
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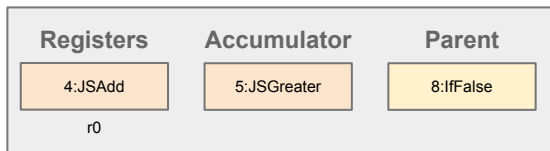
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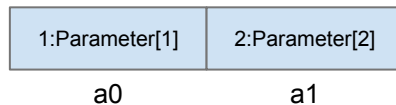
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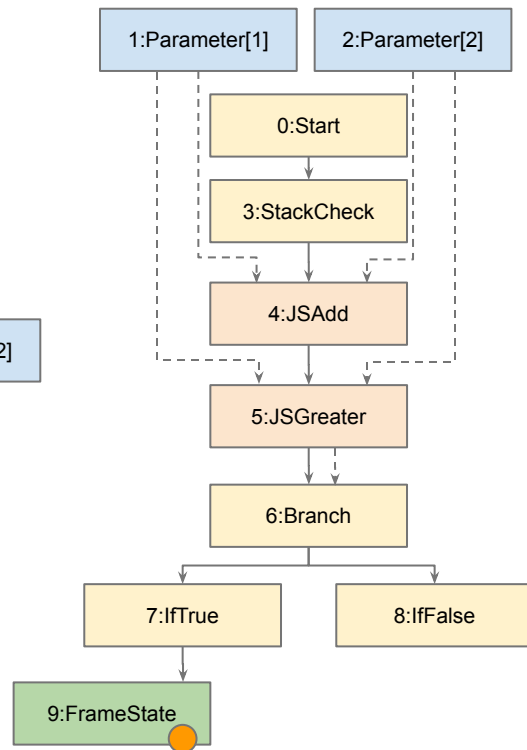
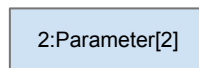
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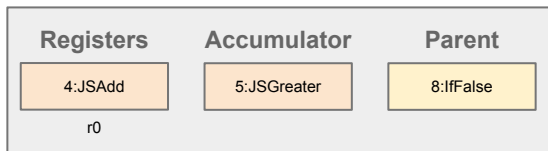
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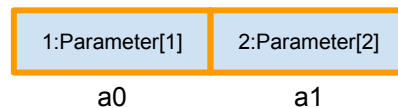
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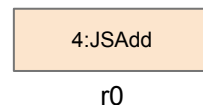
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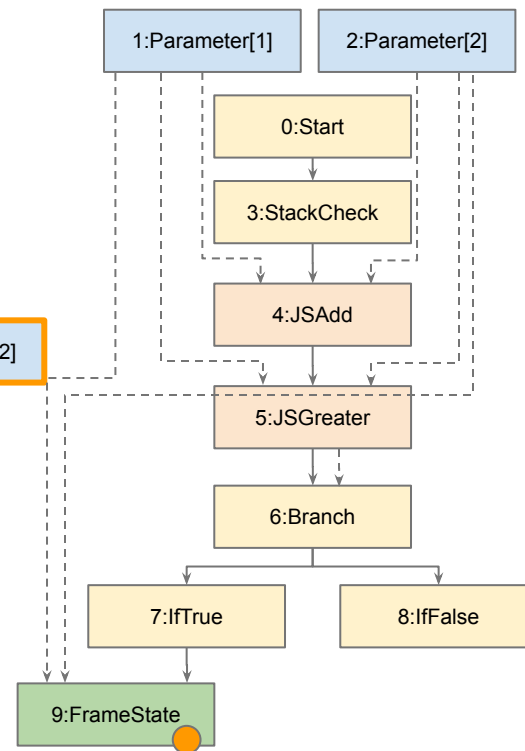
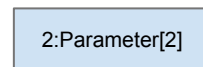
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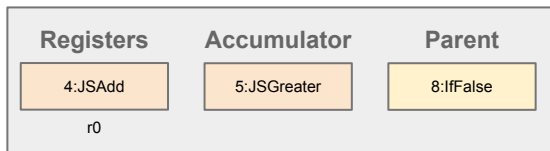
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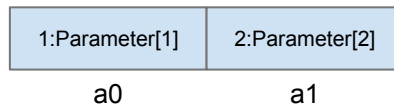
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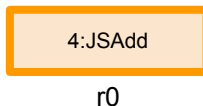
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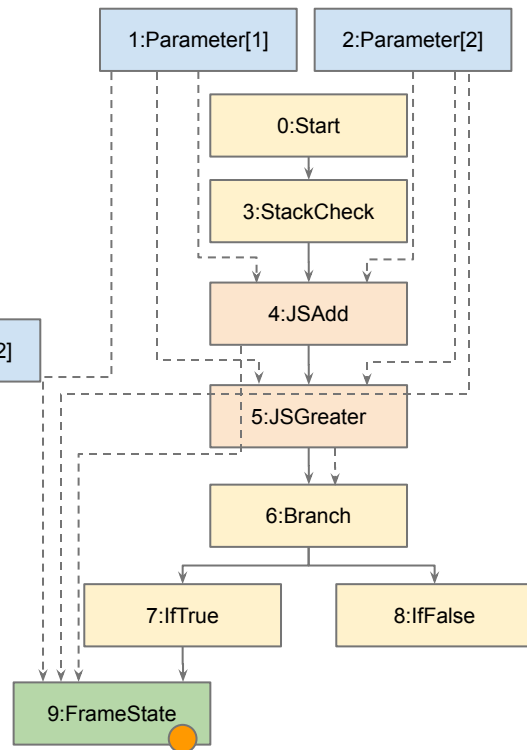
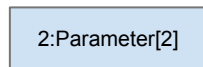
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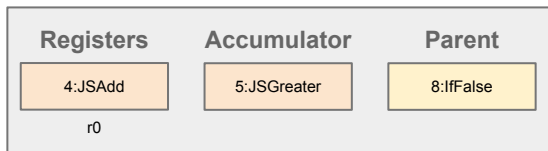
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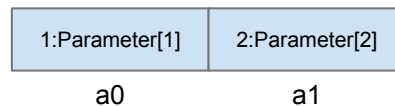
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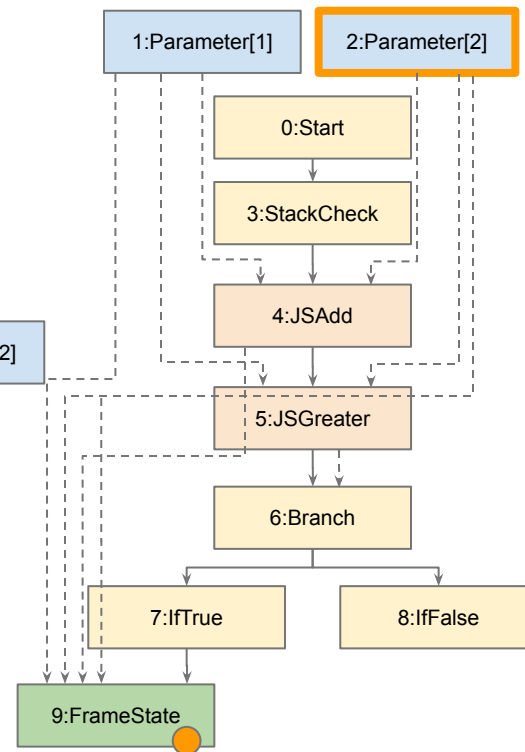
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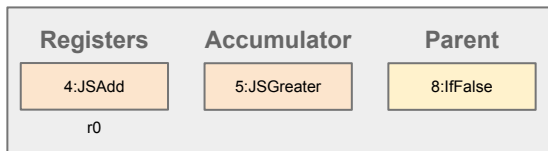




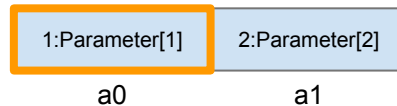
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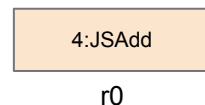
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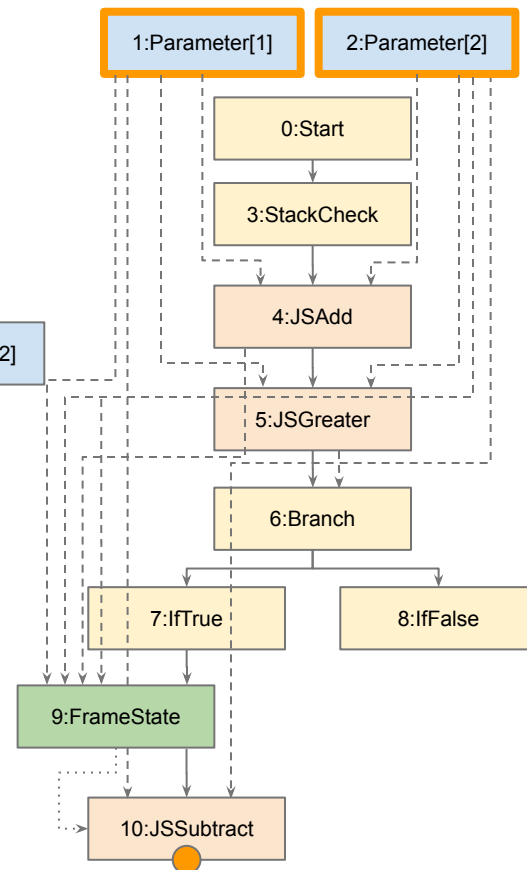
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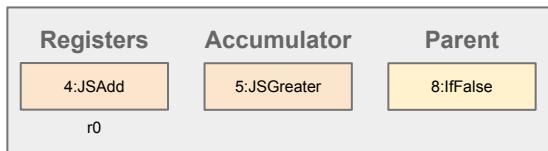
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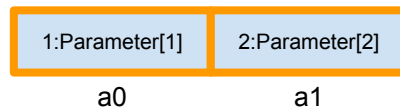
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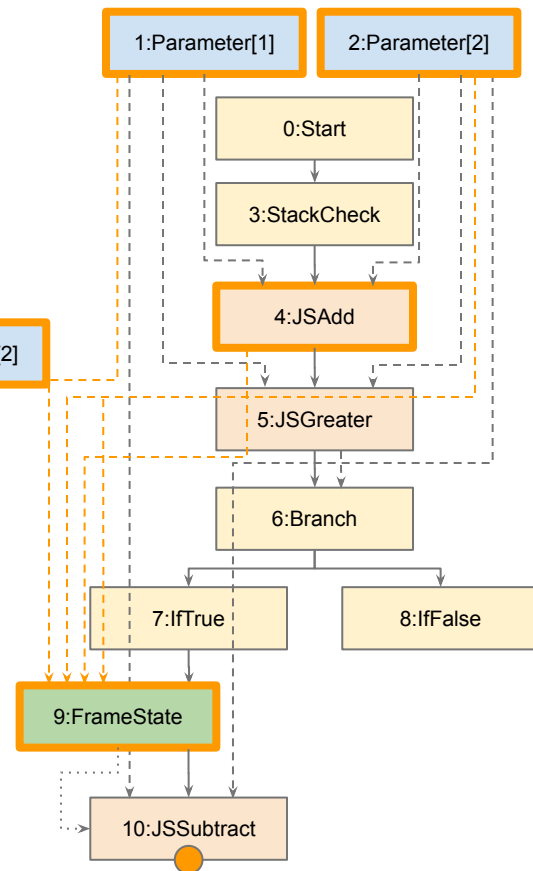
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## Registers

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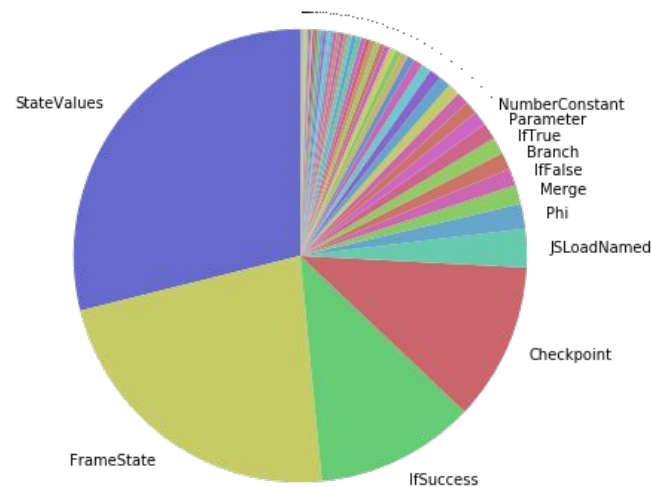
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# Bytecode Restrictions to Simplifying Graph Creation

- Always deopt to a bytecode
- Well-scoped basic blocks
  - Exception handlers cover a single linear range of bytecode
- No irreducible control flow
- Single backwards-branch to loop header
- Registers in loop-closed form

# Static analysis of bytecode

- Pre-analyze bytecode before building graph
  - Liveness analysis (for deoptimisation frame states)
  - Loop assignment analysis (for loopphis)
- Don't generate unnecessary nodes
  - Avoid memory overhead (40+ bytes per node)
  - Avoid graph traversals

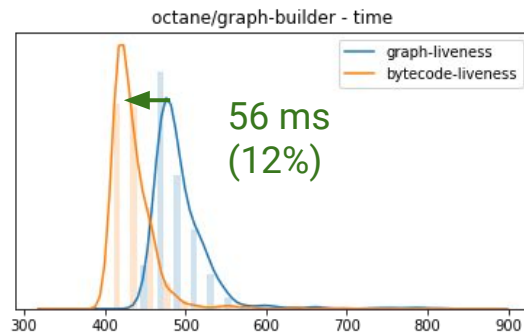
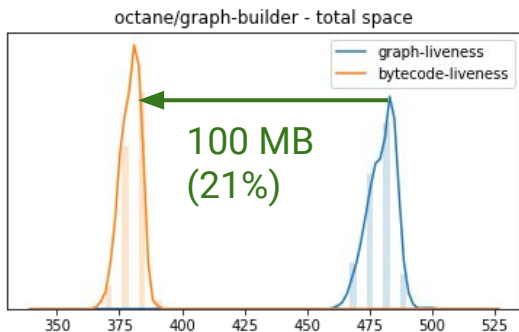


# Liveness analysis

- Previously iterated traversal over basic blocks
  - Create liveness maps and state value nodes during graph building
  - Re-create state value nodes based on liveness afterward
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  - State value nodes created only once

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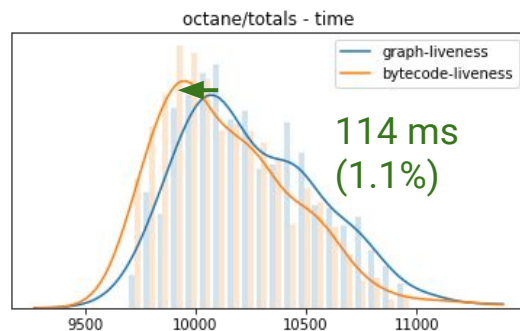
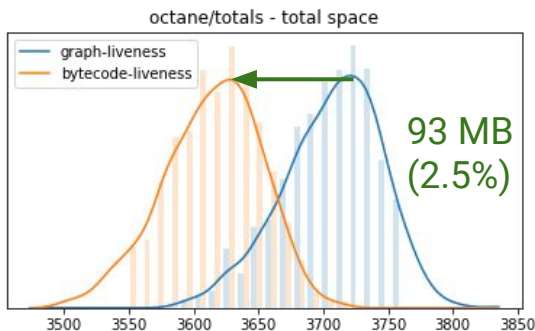
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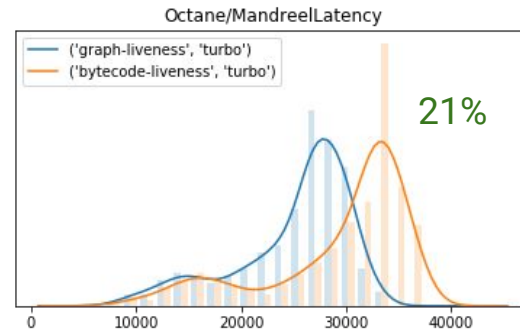
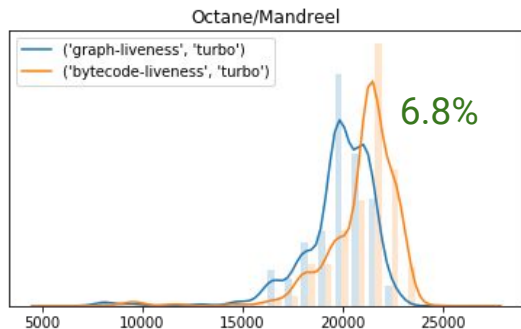
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# Burning away complex control (Generators)

- Javascript Generators can `yield` expressions at arbitrary points
  - Can introduce irreducible control flow
  - Solution: transform into switch statements on hidden token in prologue and loop headers
  - Result: Turbofan doesn't need to know anything about generator control flow

# Burning away complex control (Generators)

```
function* f() {  
  var i = 0;  
  while (true) {  
    yield i++;  
  }  
}
```



```
function f(hidden_token) {  
  switch(hidden_token)  
    case %normal%: break;  
    case %resume%: goto loop;  
  var i = 0;  
loop:  
  switch(hidden_token)  
    case %normal%: break;  
    case %resume%: goto resume;  
  hidden_token = %resume%;  
  return i++;  
resume:  
  hidden_token = %normal%;  
  goto loop;  
}
```

# Burning away complex control (try-finally)

- try-finally exception handlers
  - Exit differently depending on what triggered the finally block (fall-through, return or throw)
  - Solution: switch statement at end of finally block
  - Result: Turbofan doesn't need to know anything about try-finally control flow

# Burning away complex control (try-finally)

```
try {  
    if a() return;  
} finally {  
    b();  
}
```



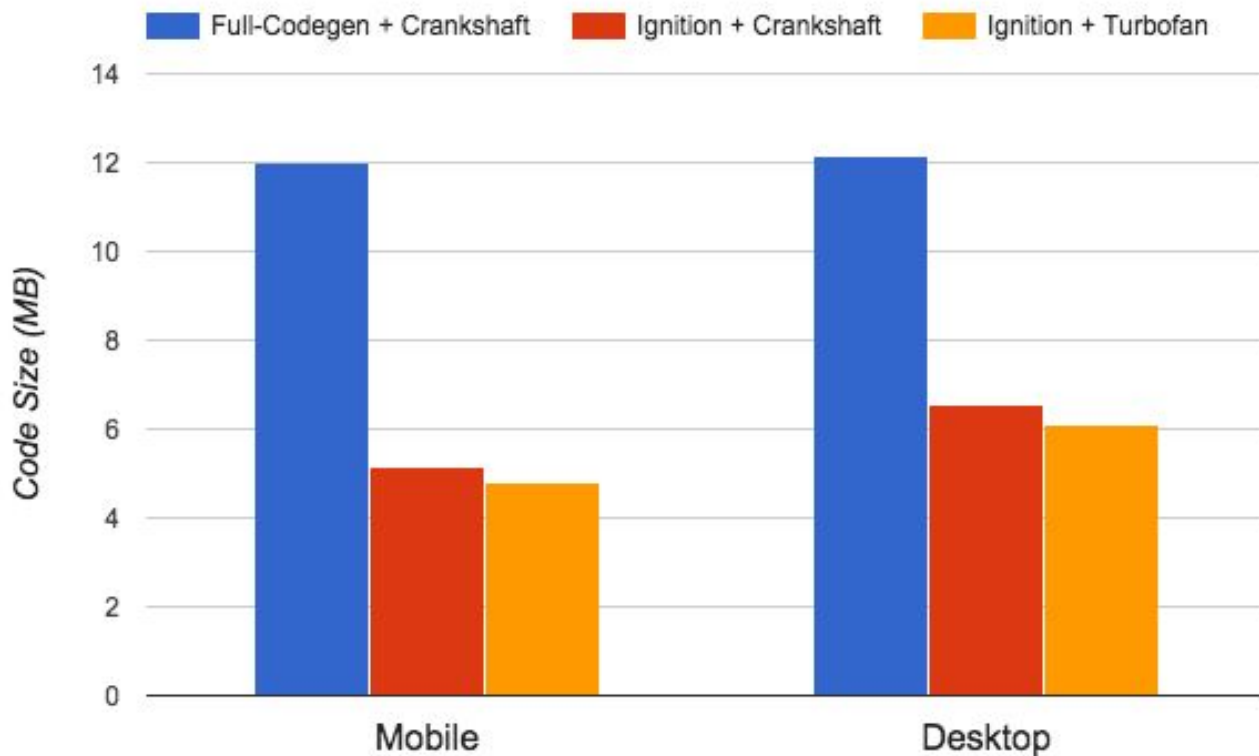
```
try:  
    if a() {  
        finally_token = %return%;  
        goto finally;  
    }  
    finally_token = %fallthrough%;  
    goto finally;
```

```
throw_handler:  
    finally_token = %throw%;
```

```
finally:  
    b();  
    switch(finally_token)  
        case %return%: return;  
        case %throw%: rethrow();  
        case %fallthrough%: break;
```

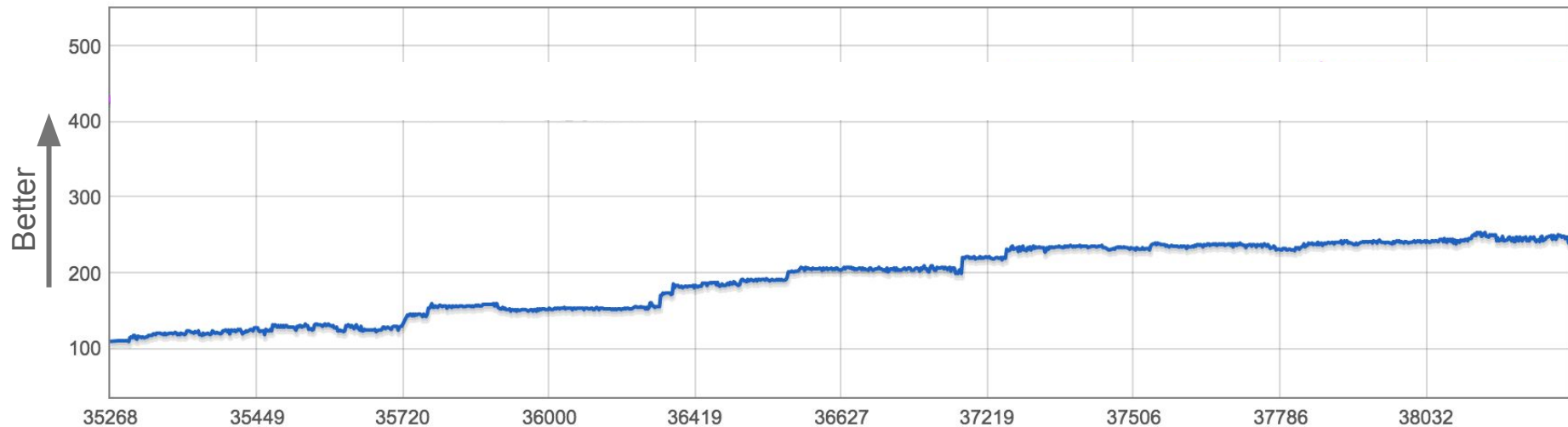
# Performance Results

# Code Memory Usage (Real Websites)



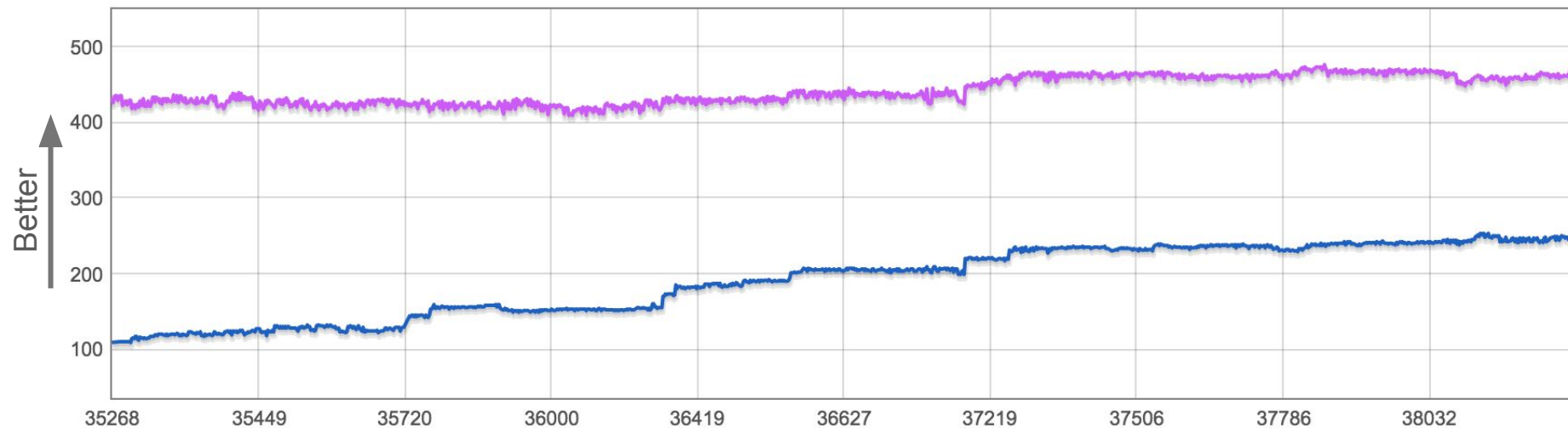


# Ignition vs Full-Codegen



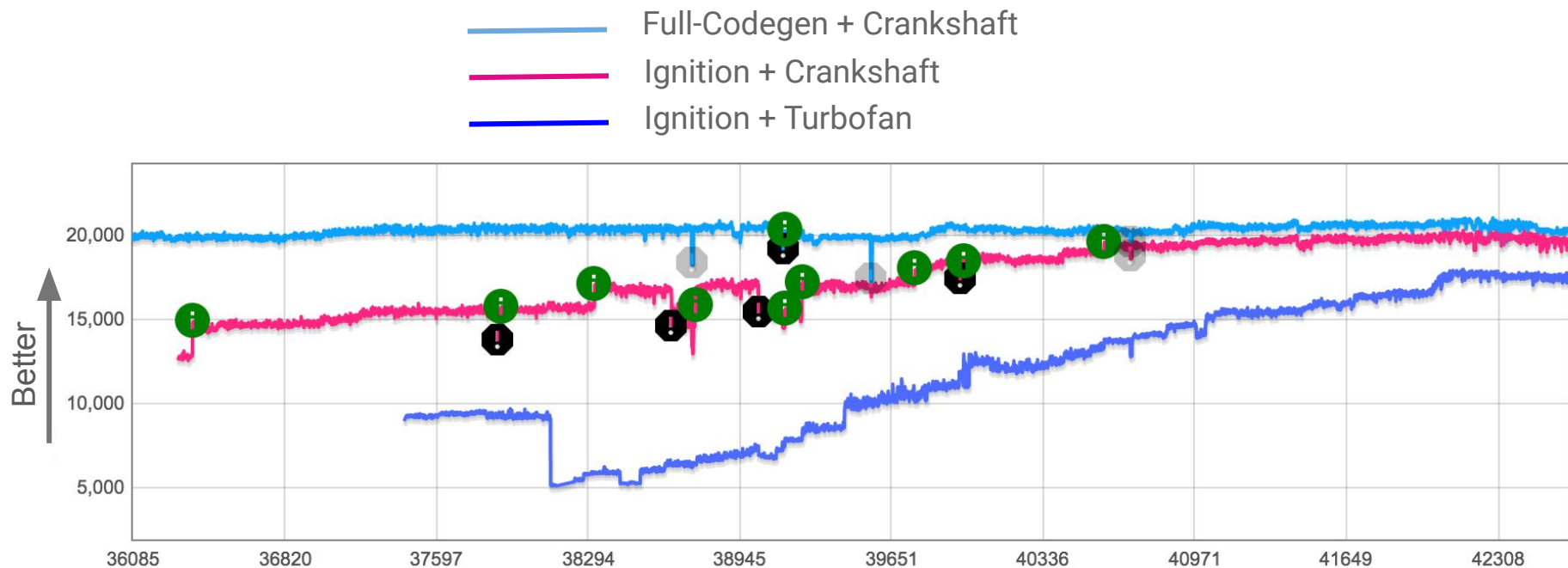
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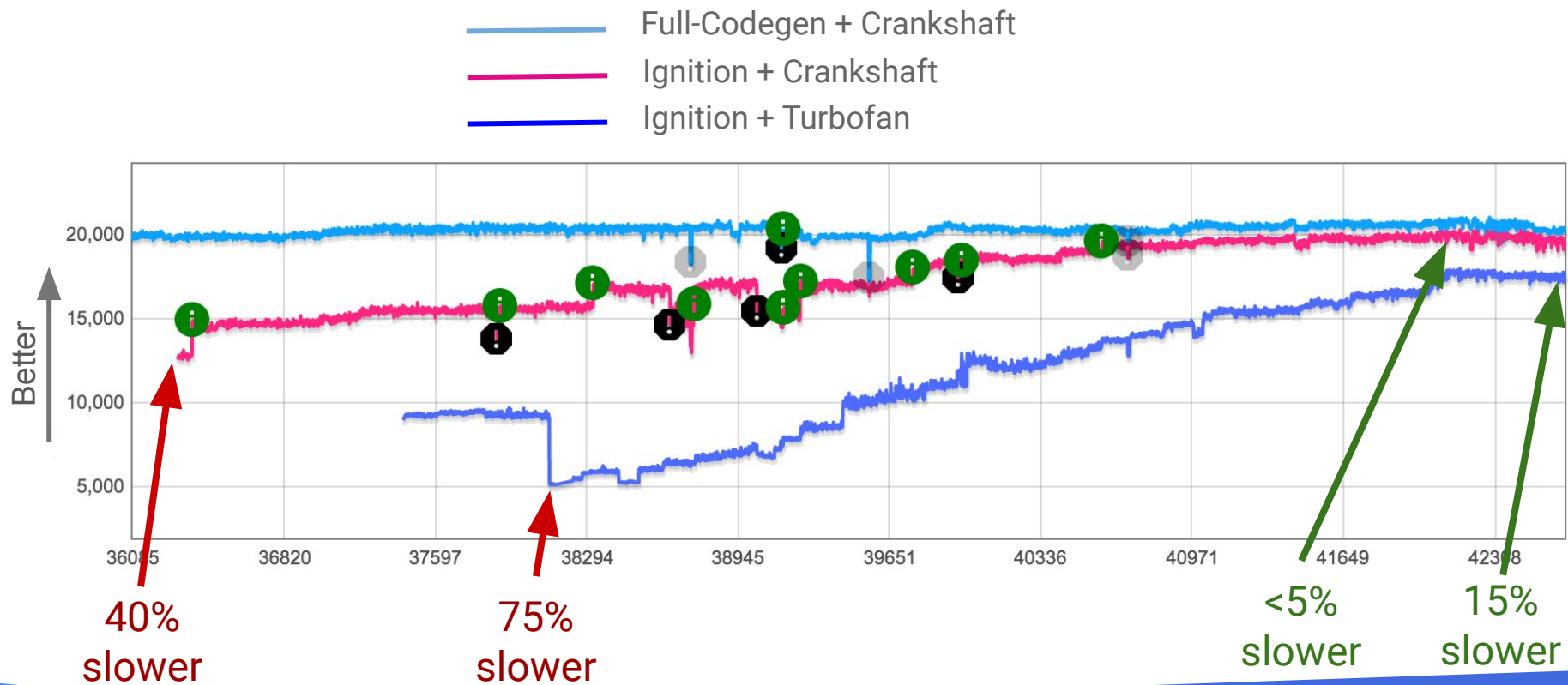


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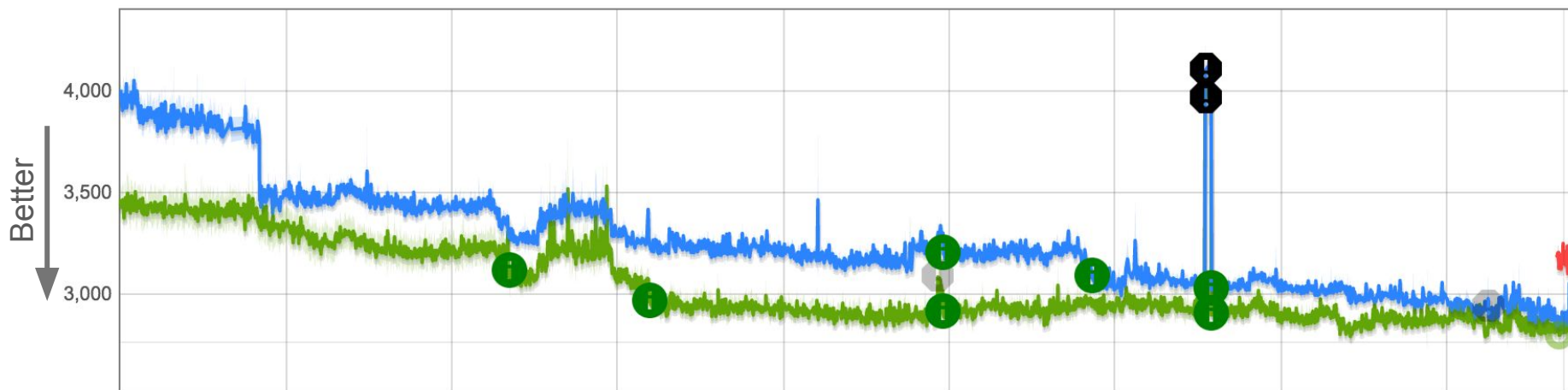


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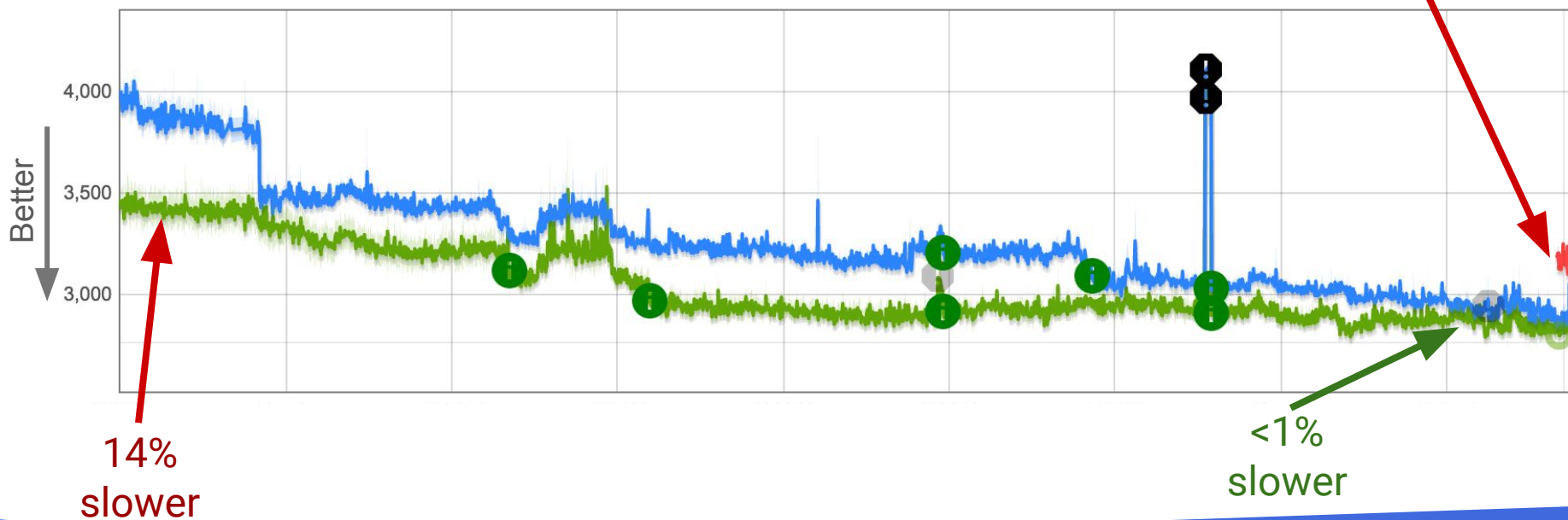
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- Ignition + Turbofan

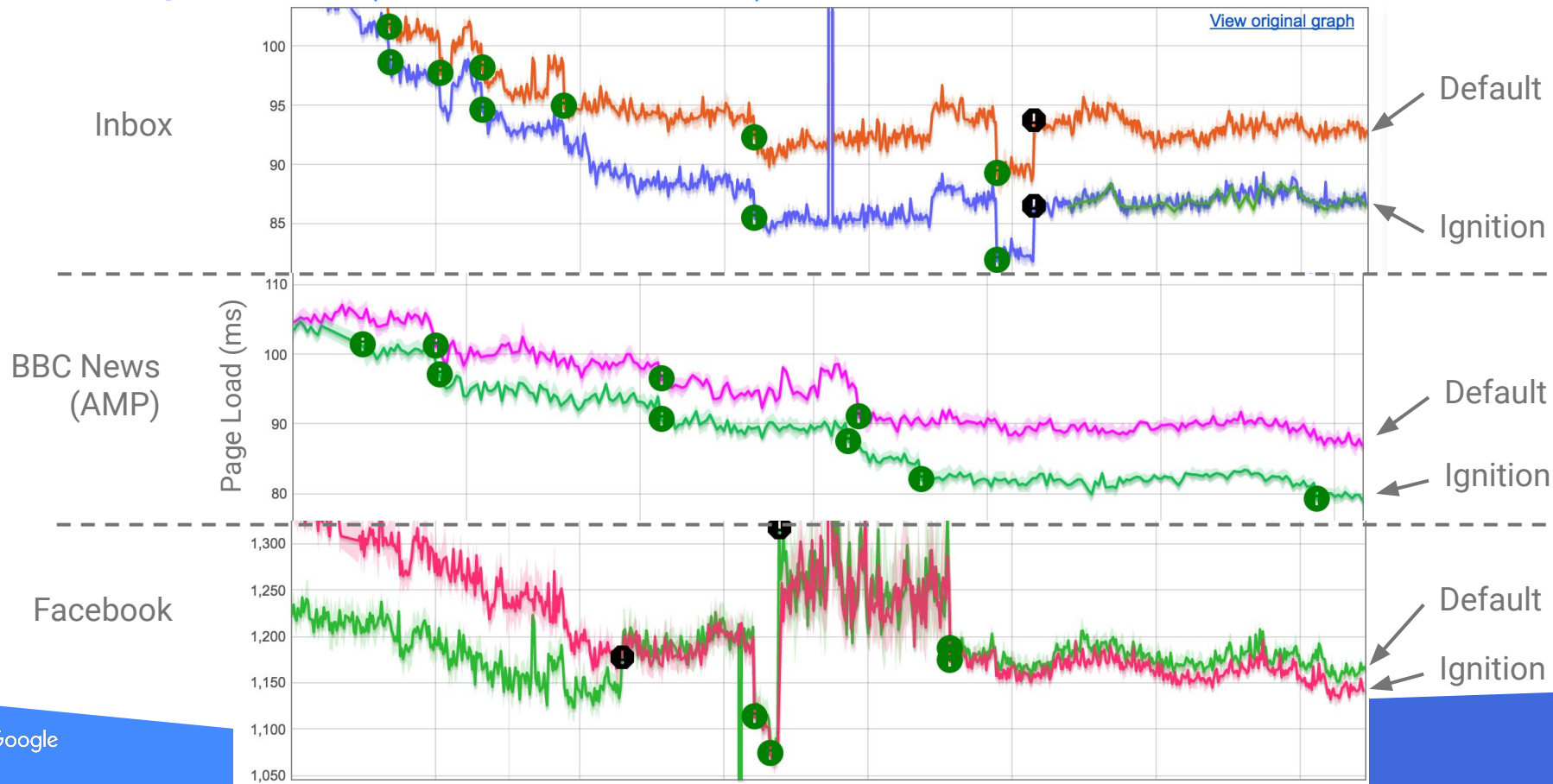


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# Startup Time (Real Websites)

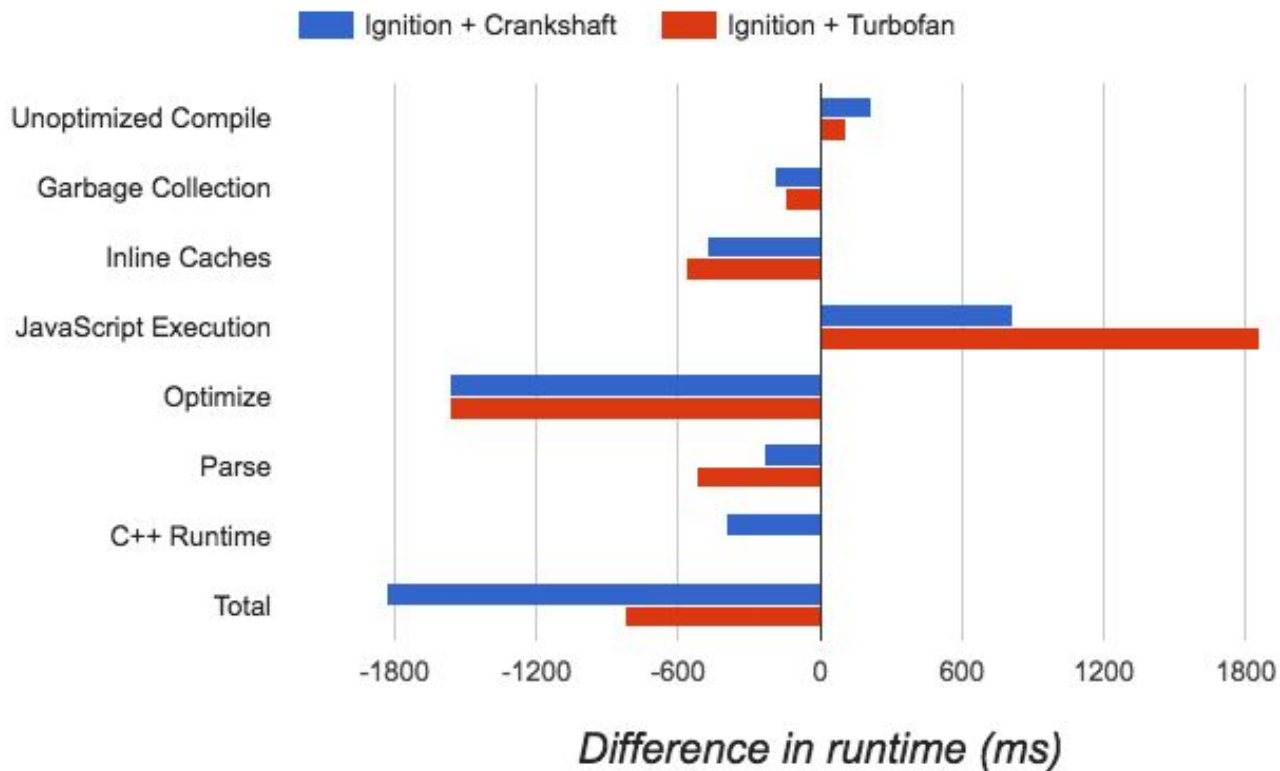


# Startup Time (Real Websites)





# Where time is spent (Real Websites)



# Summary

- Ignition + Turbofan is the future of V8
- Restrictions on bytecode can simplify optimized graph creation
- Optimizing for real-world exposes different trade-offs