RT-DFI : Optimizing Data-Flow Integrity for Real-Time Systems

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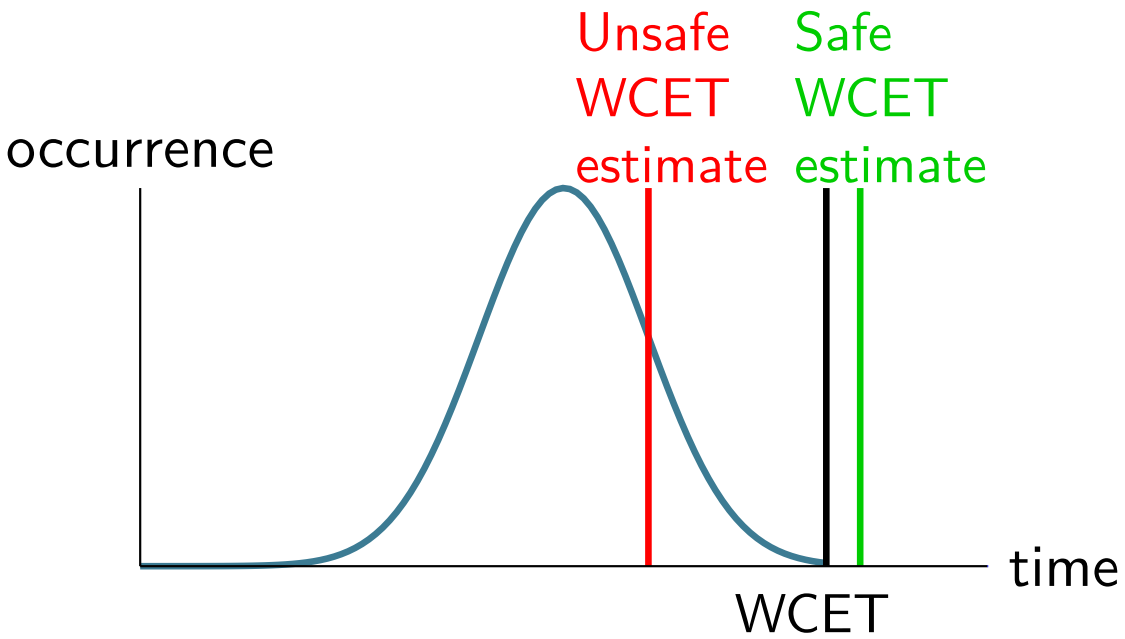

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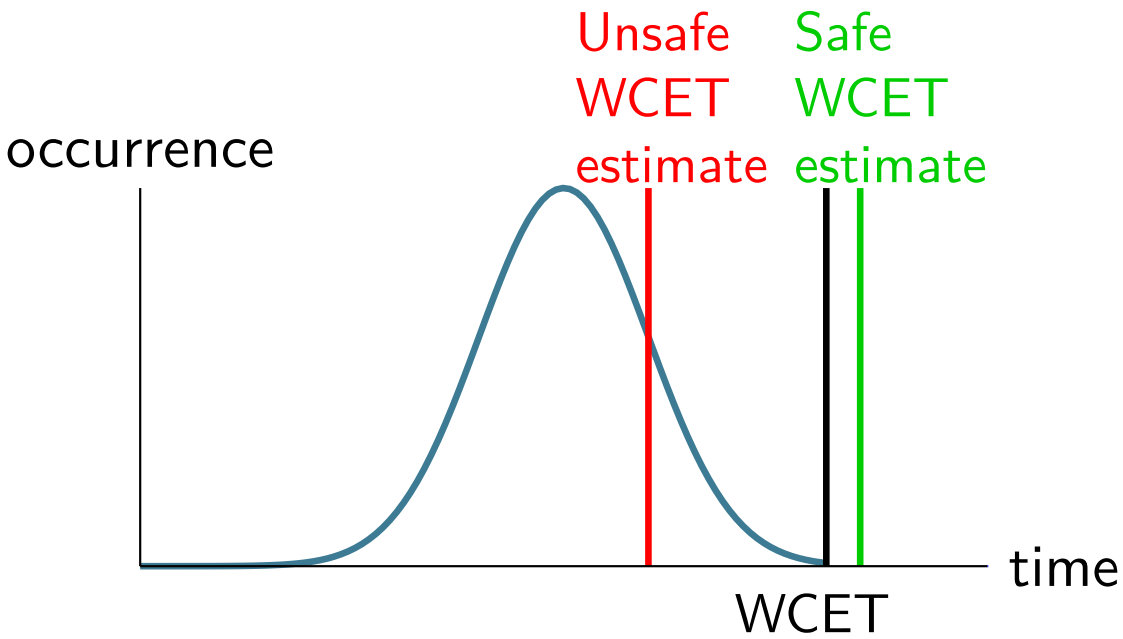

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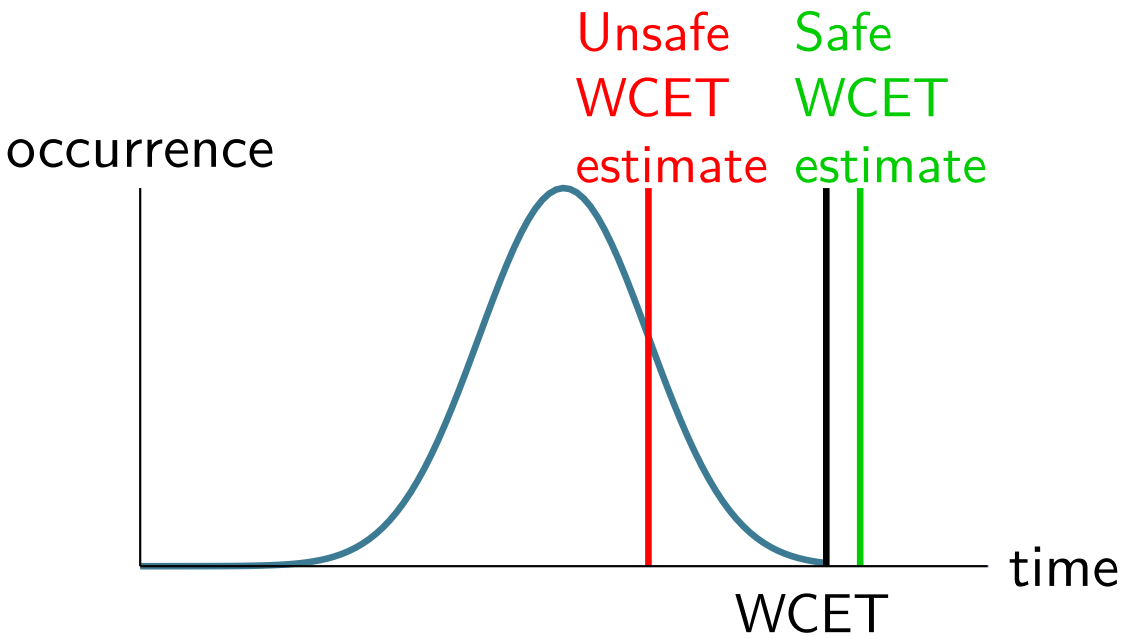

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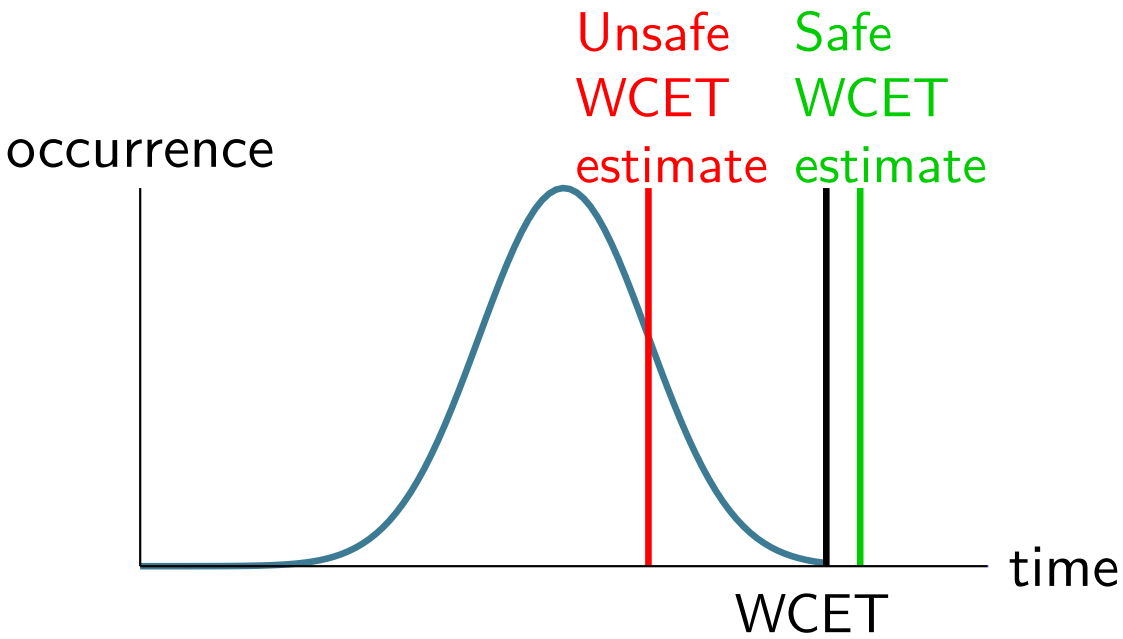

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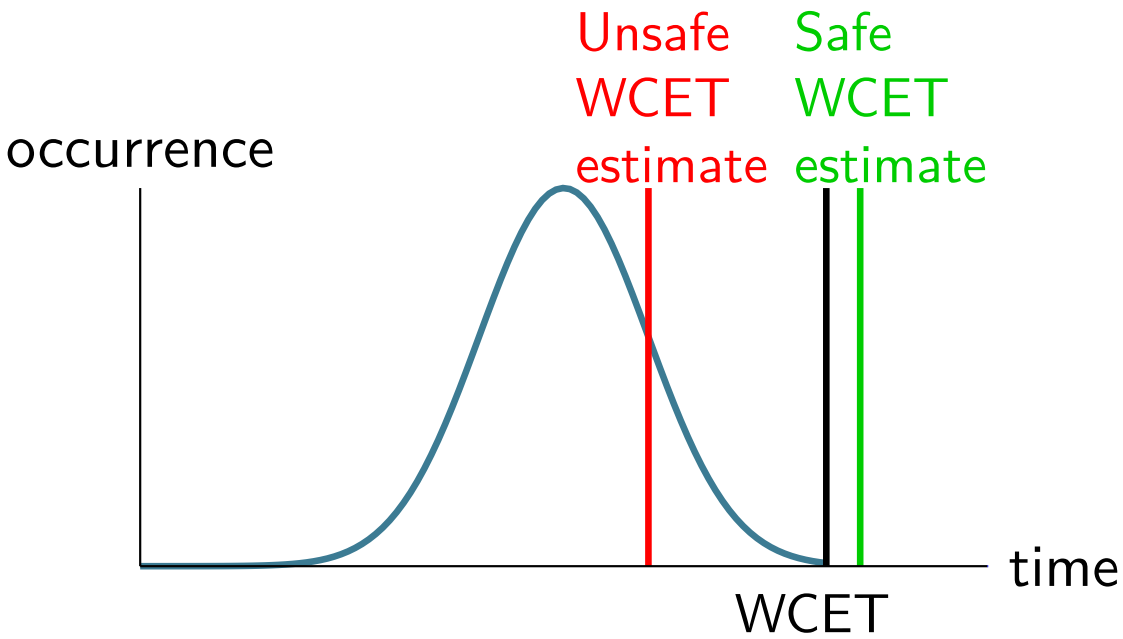

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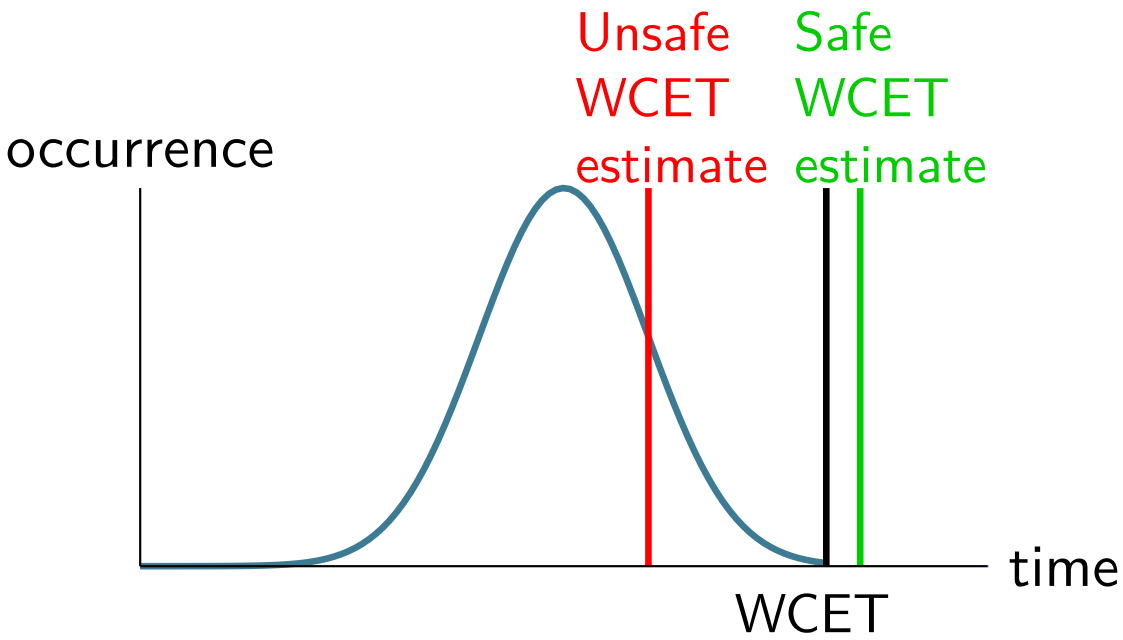

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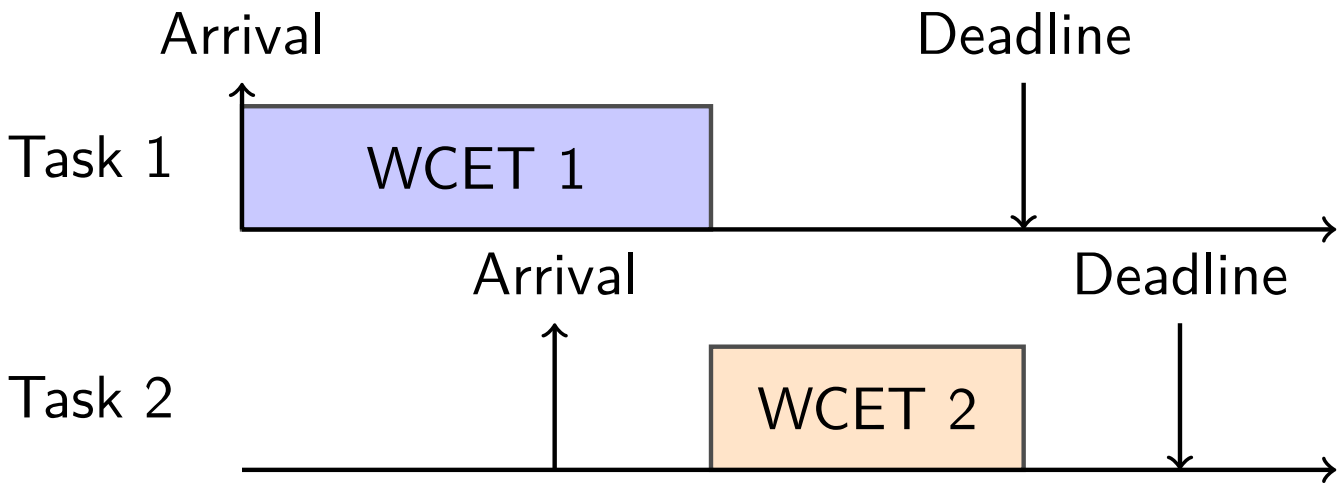

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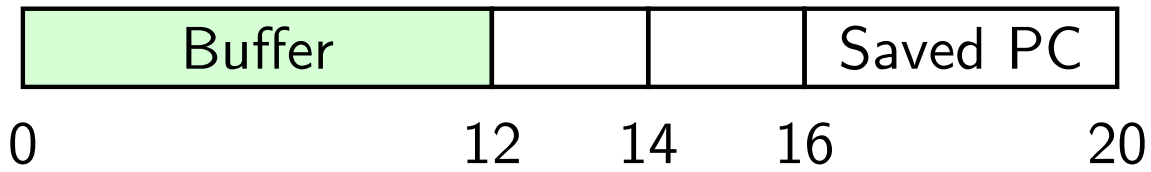

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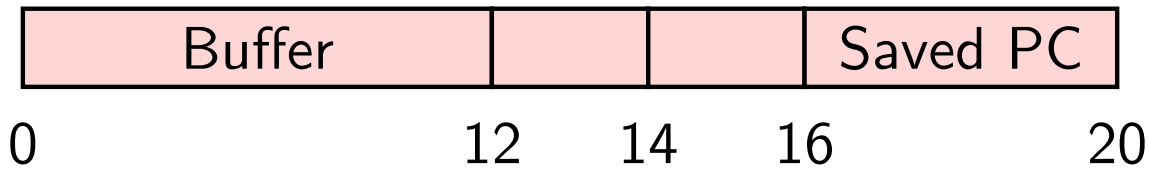

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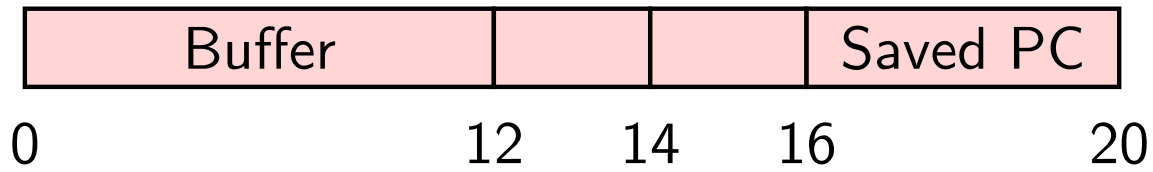

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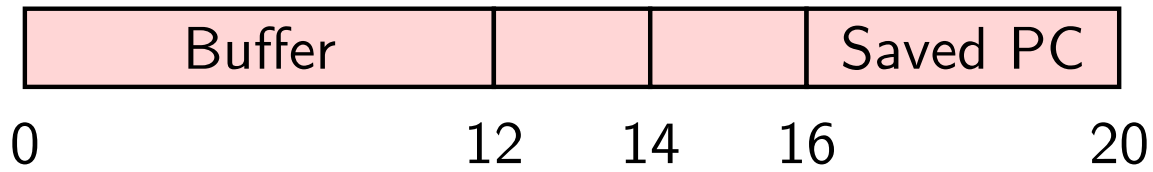

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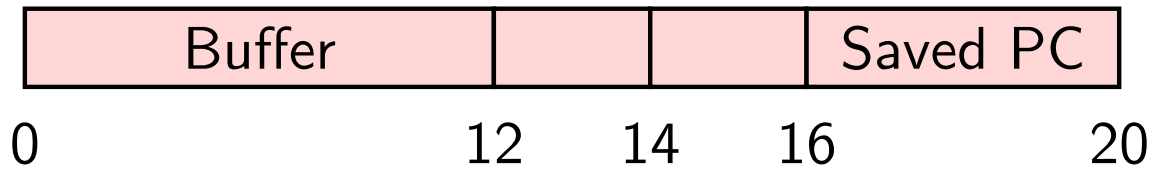

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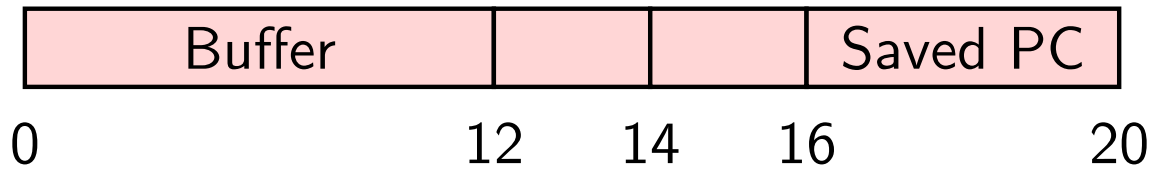

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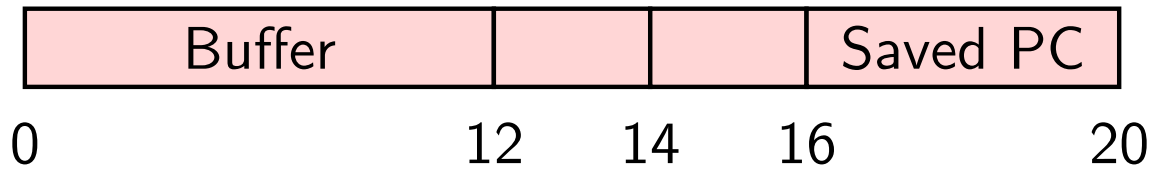

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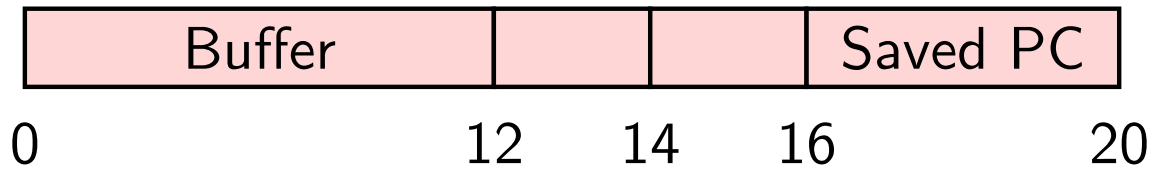

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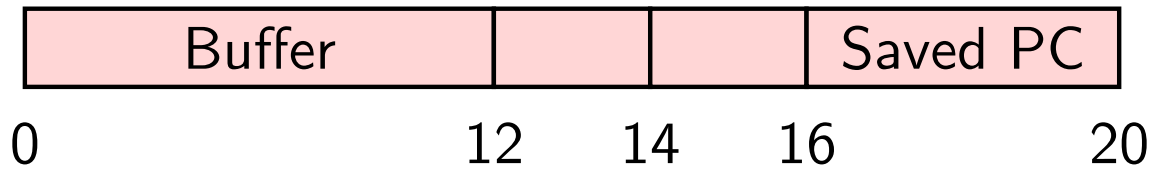

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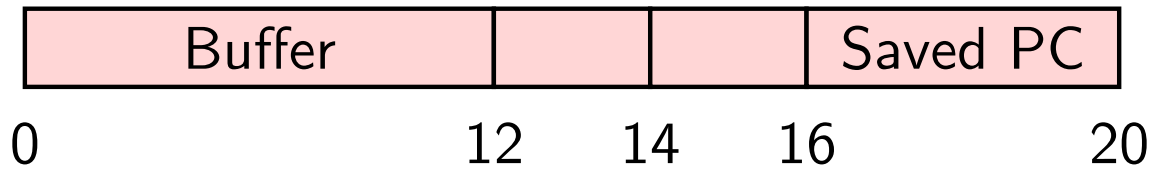

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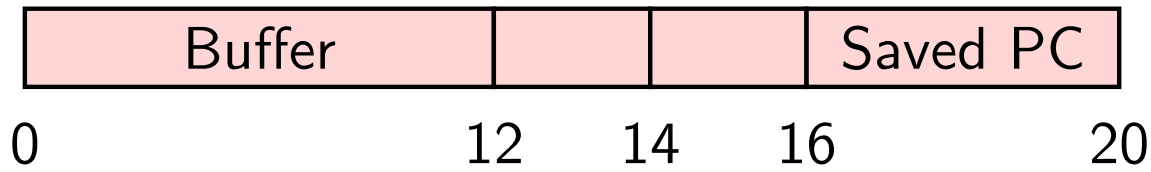

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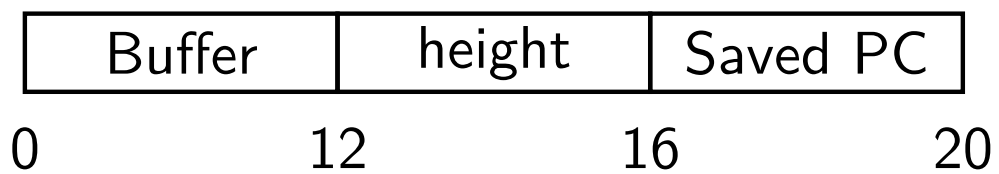

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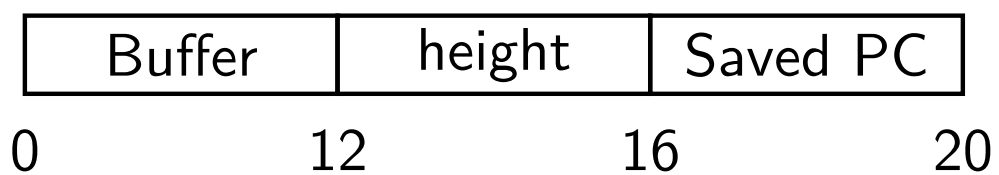

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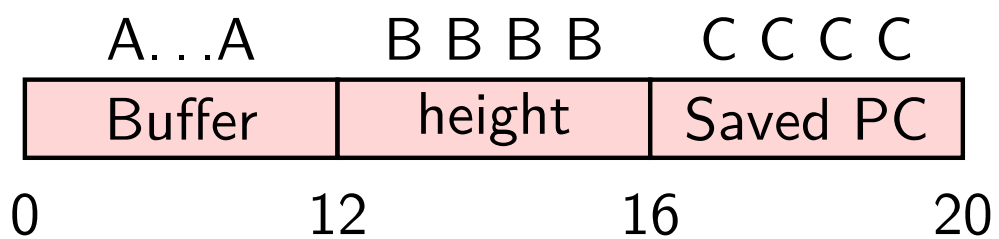

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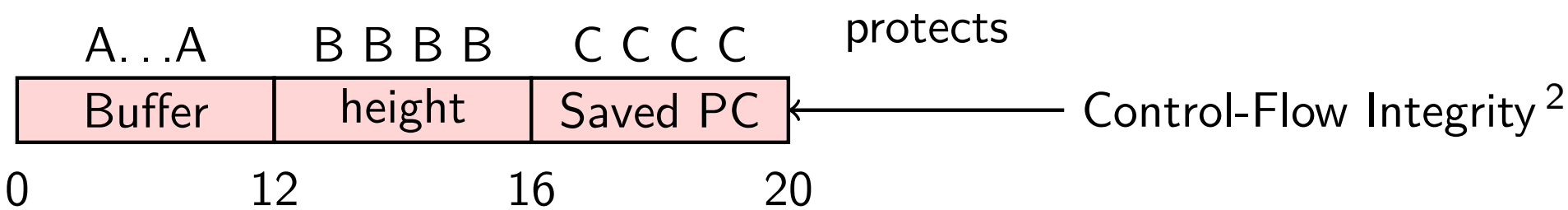

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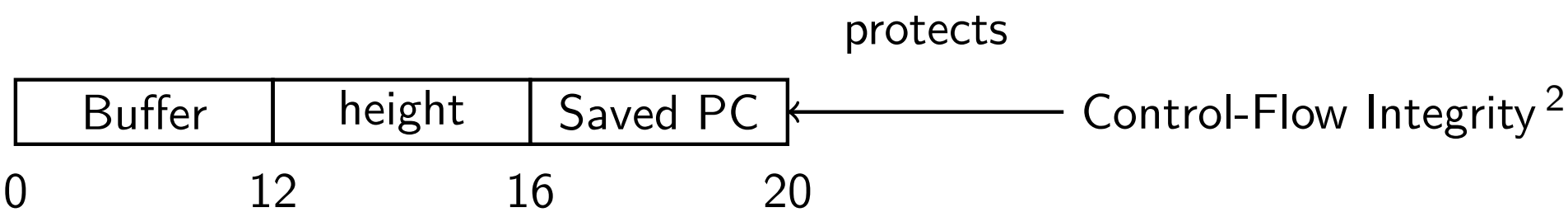

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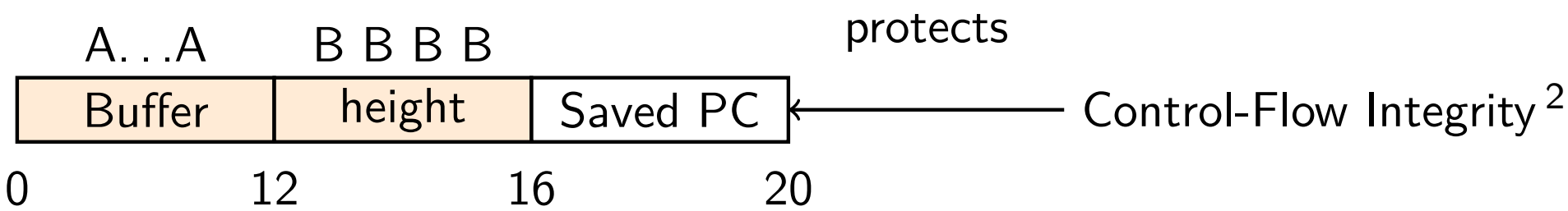

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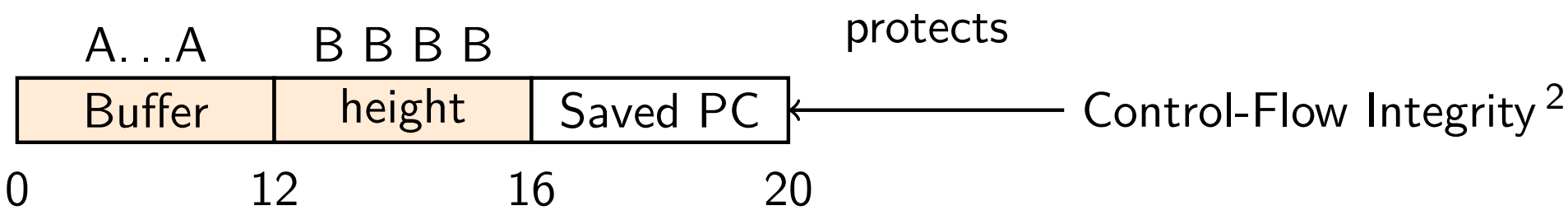

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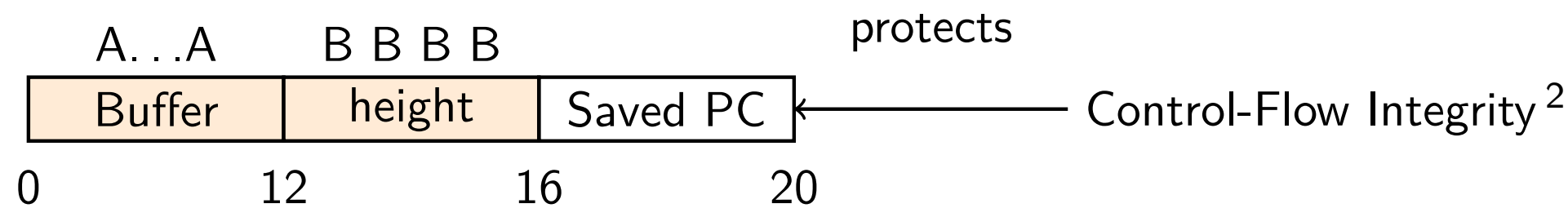

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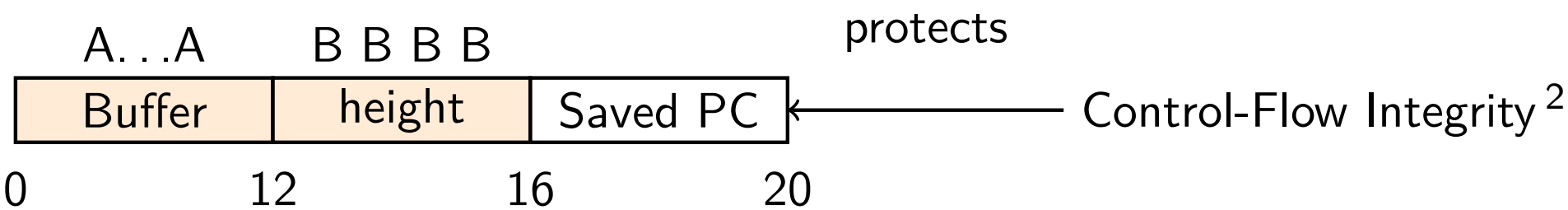

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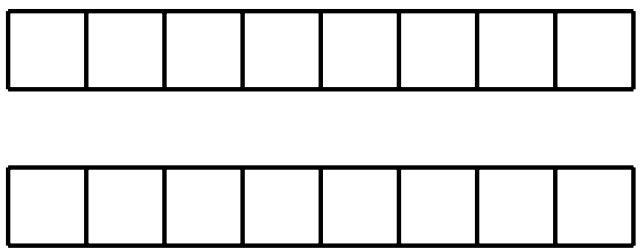

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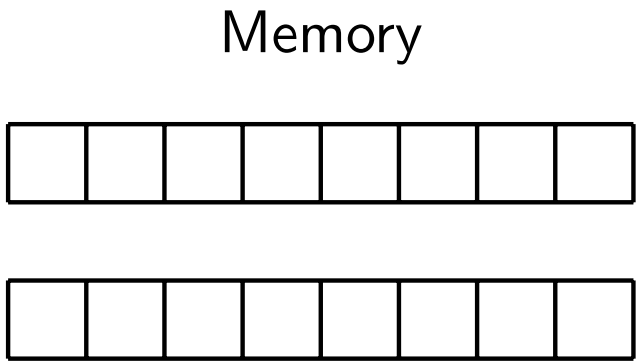

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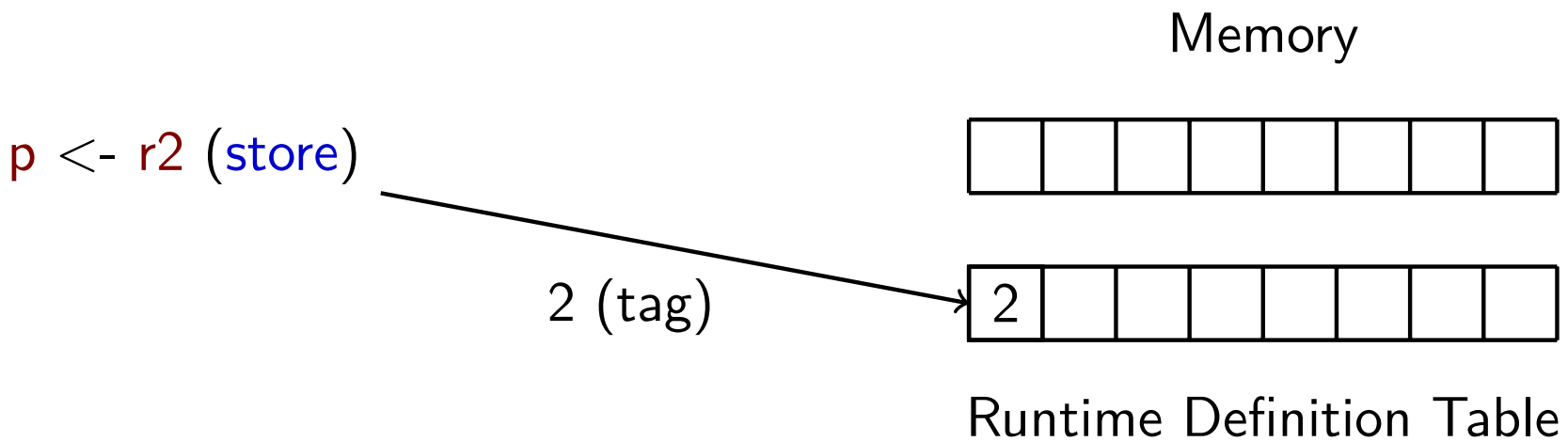

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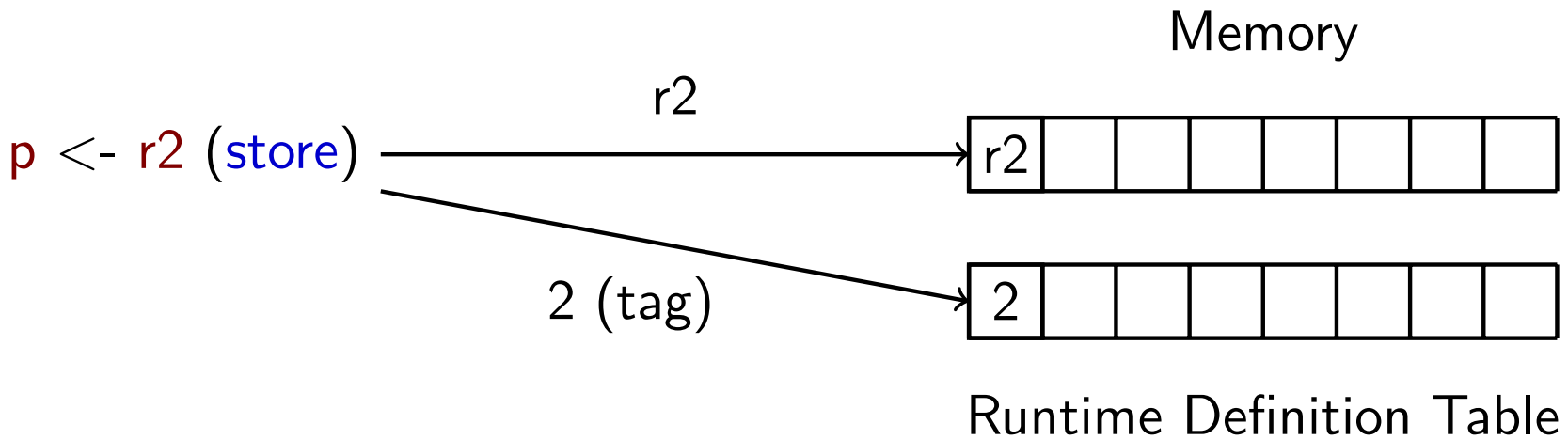

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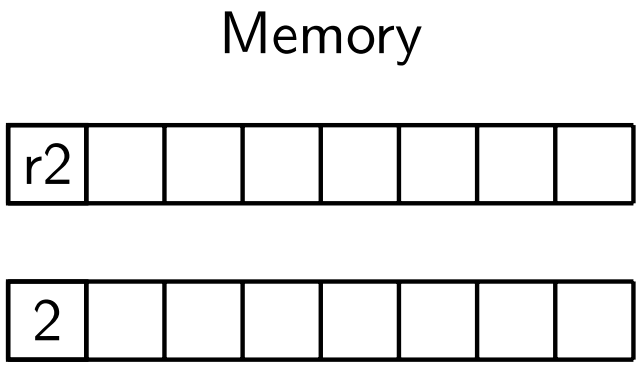

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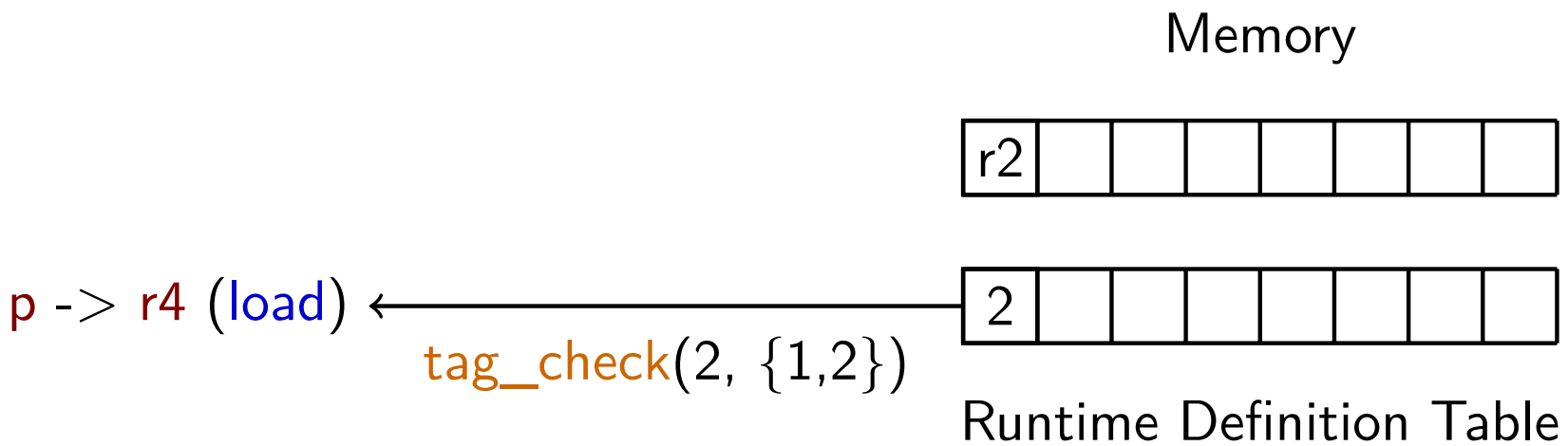

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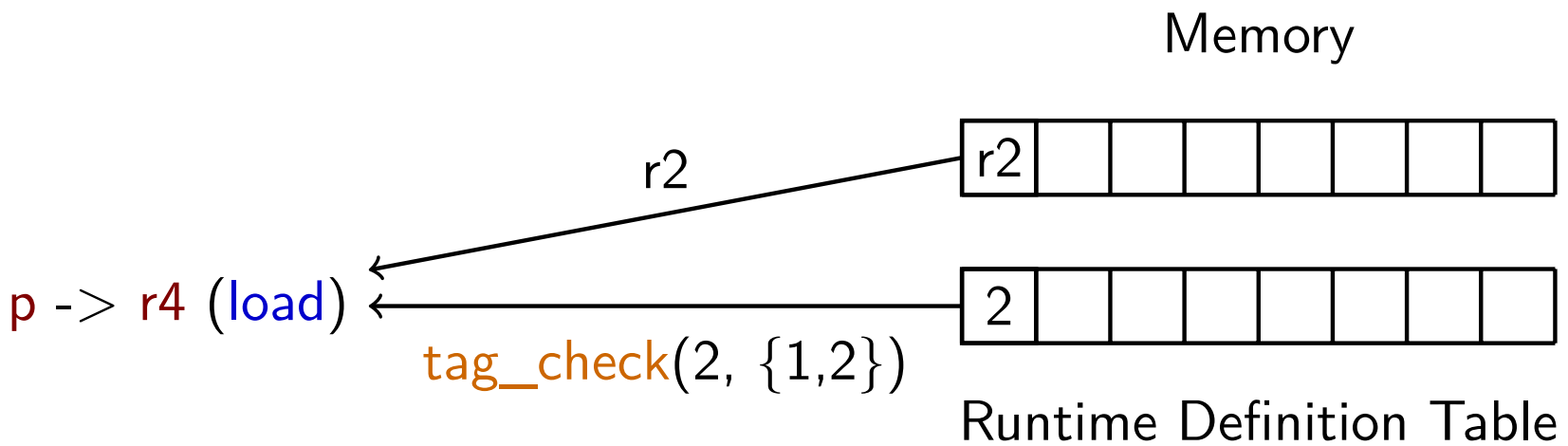

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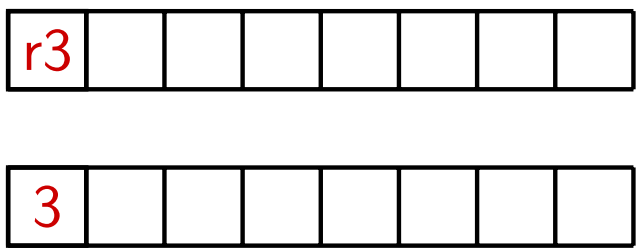

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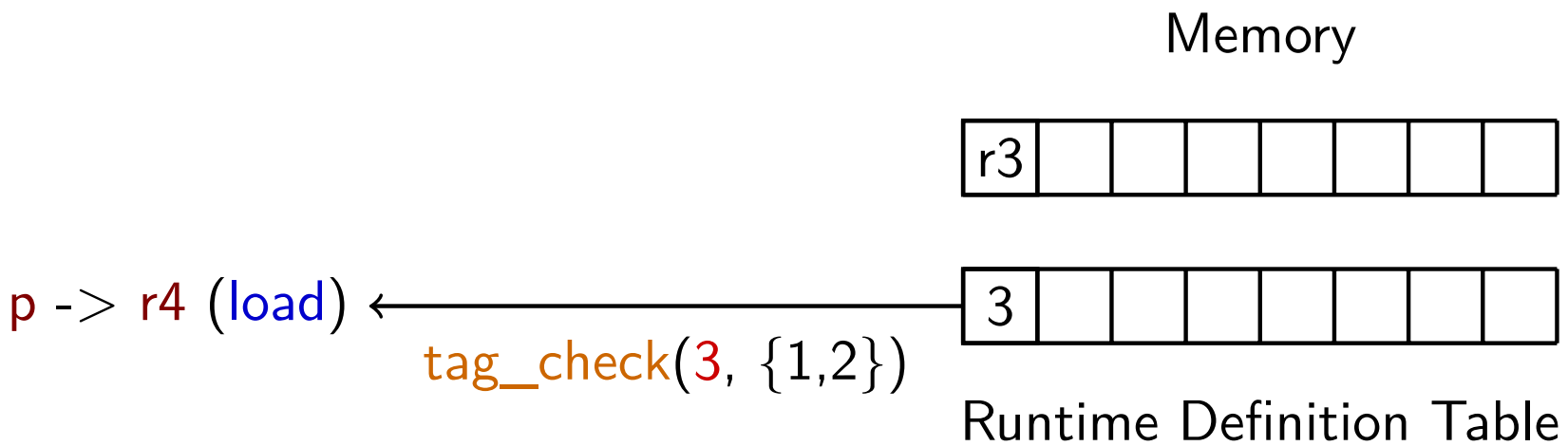

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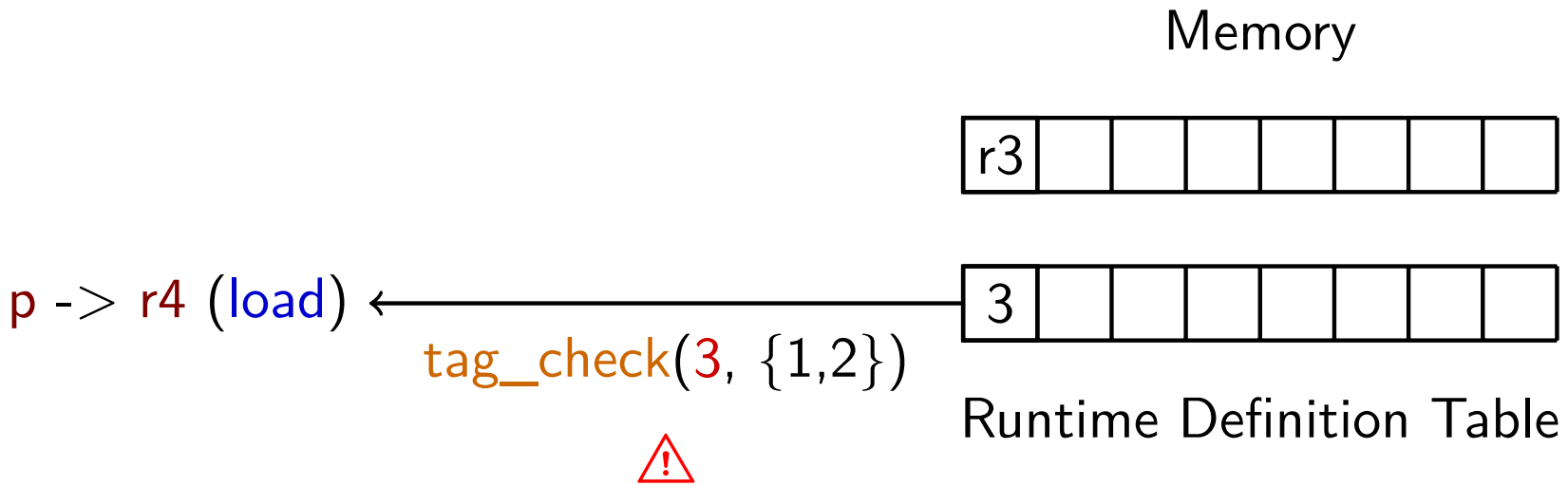

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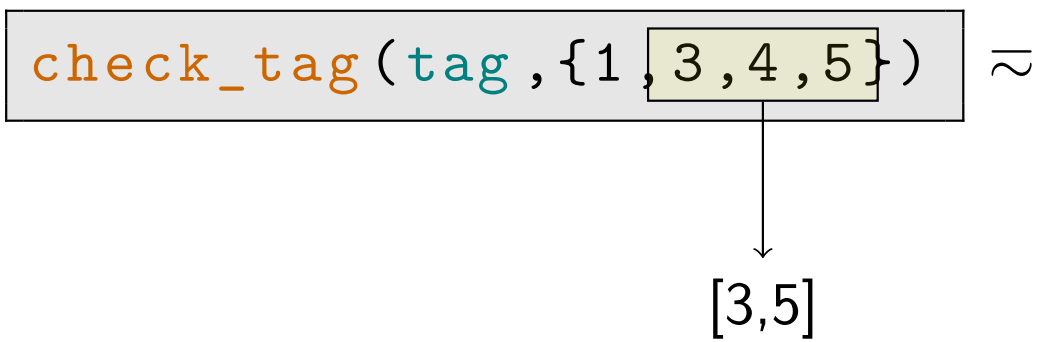

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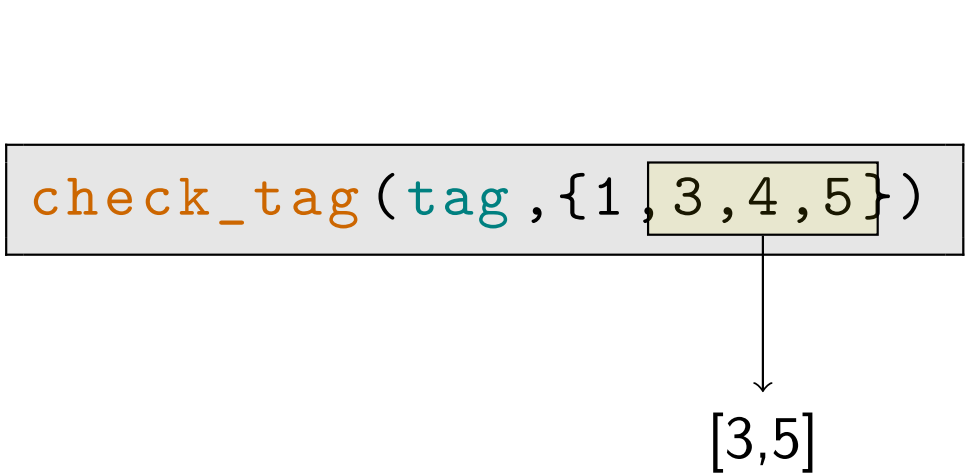


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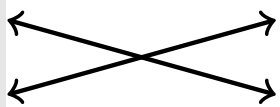

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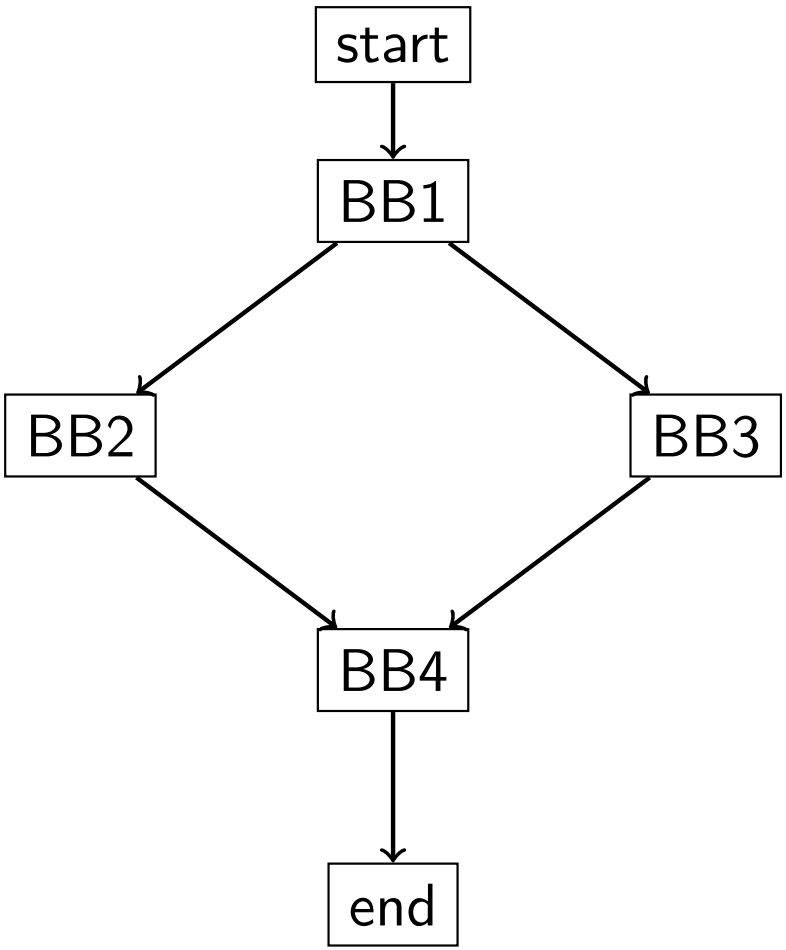

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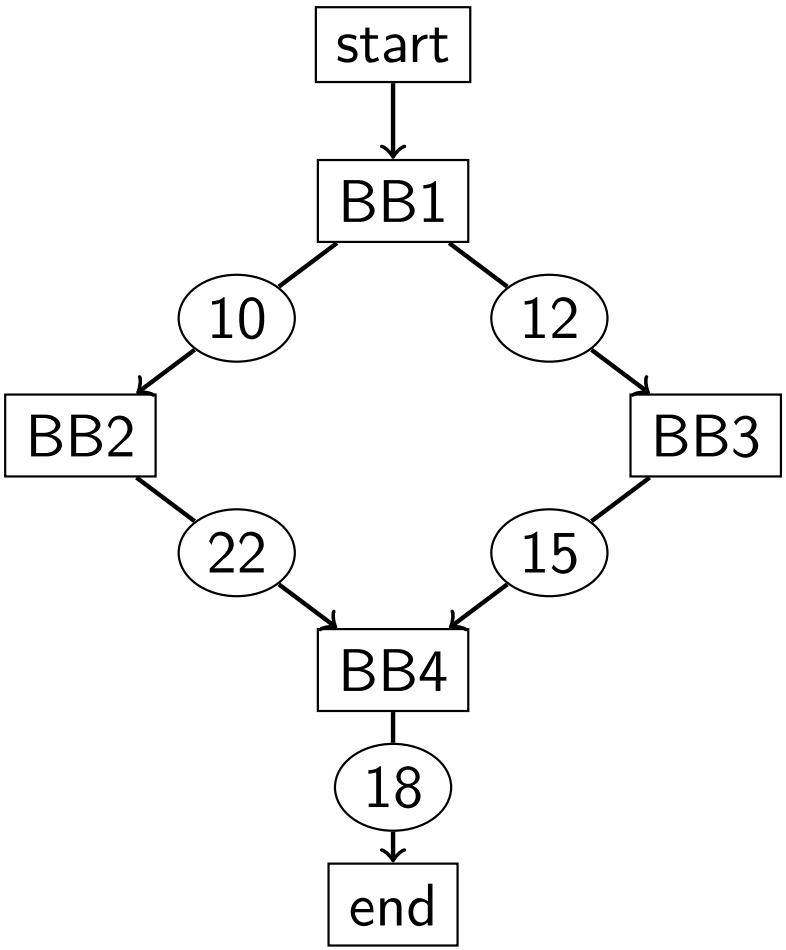

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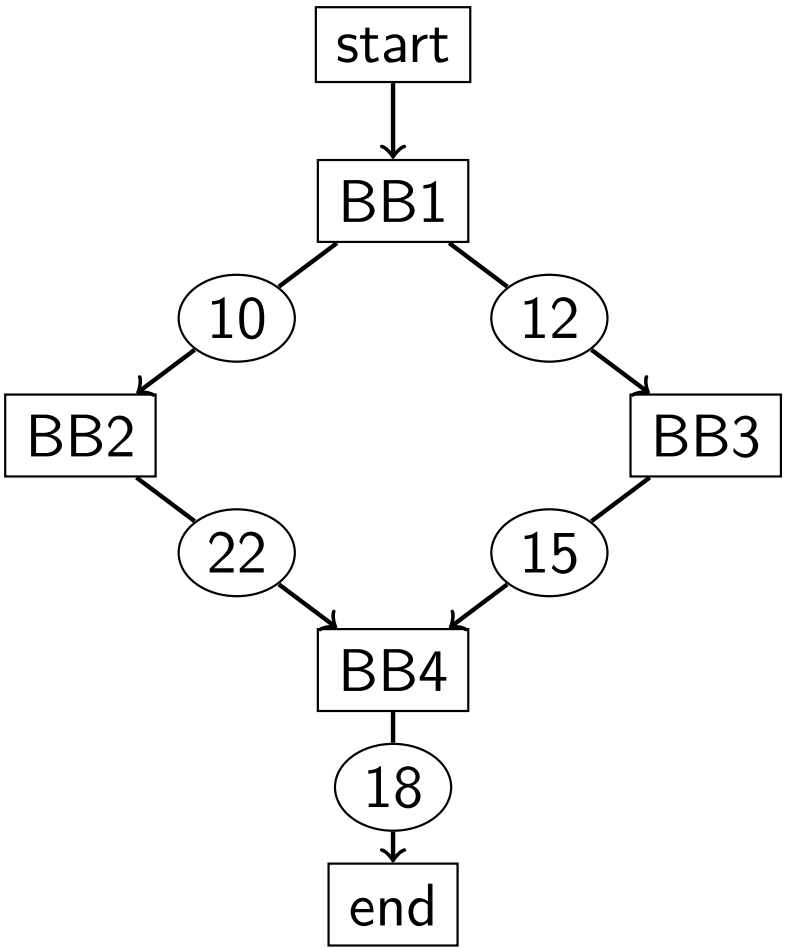

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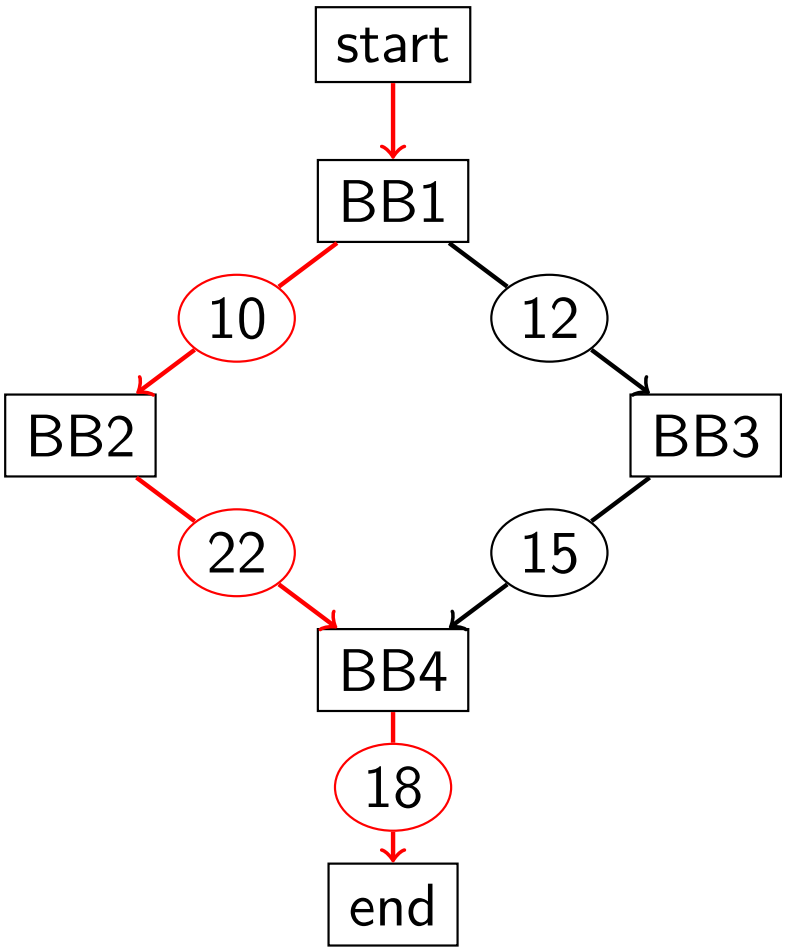

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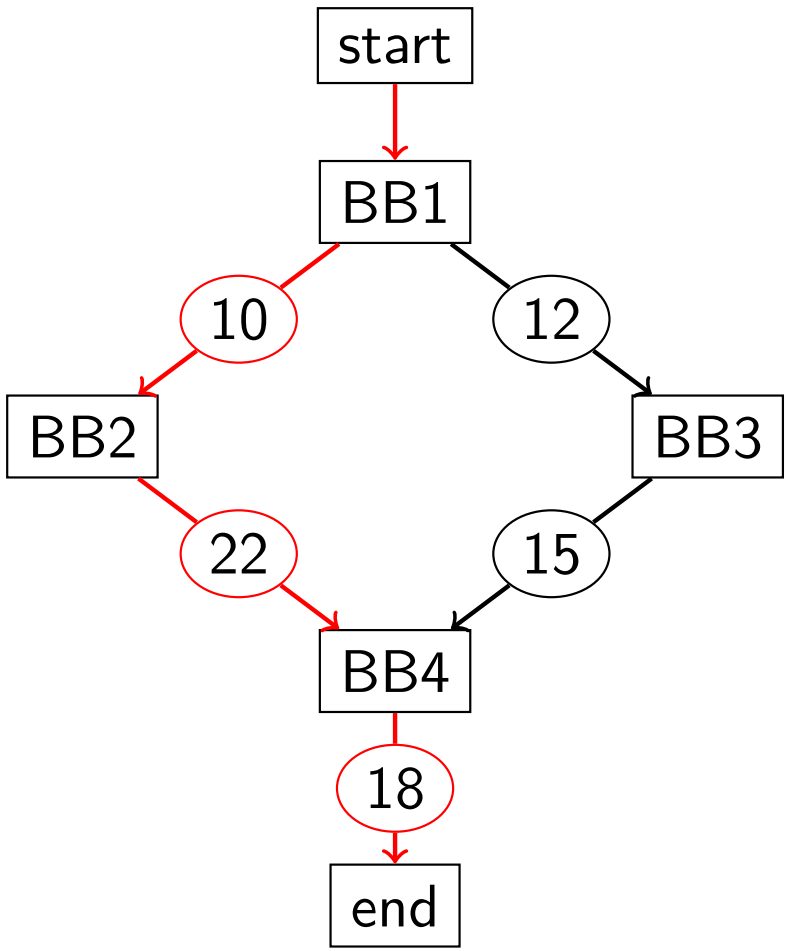

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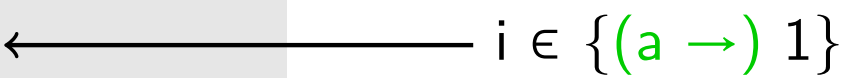

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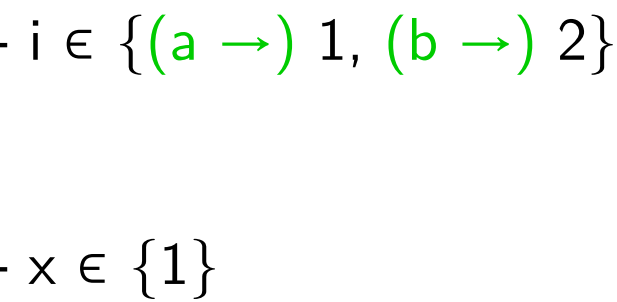

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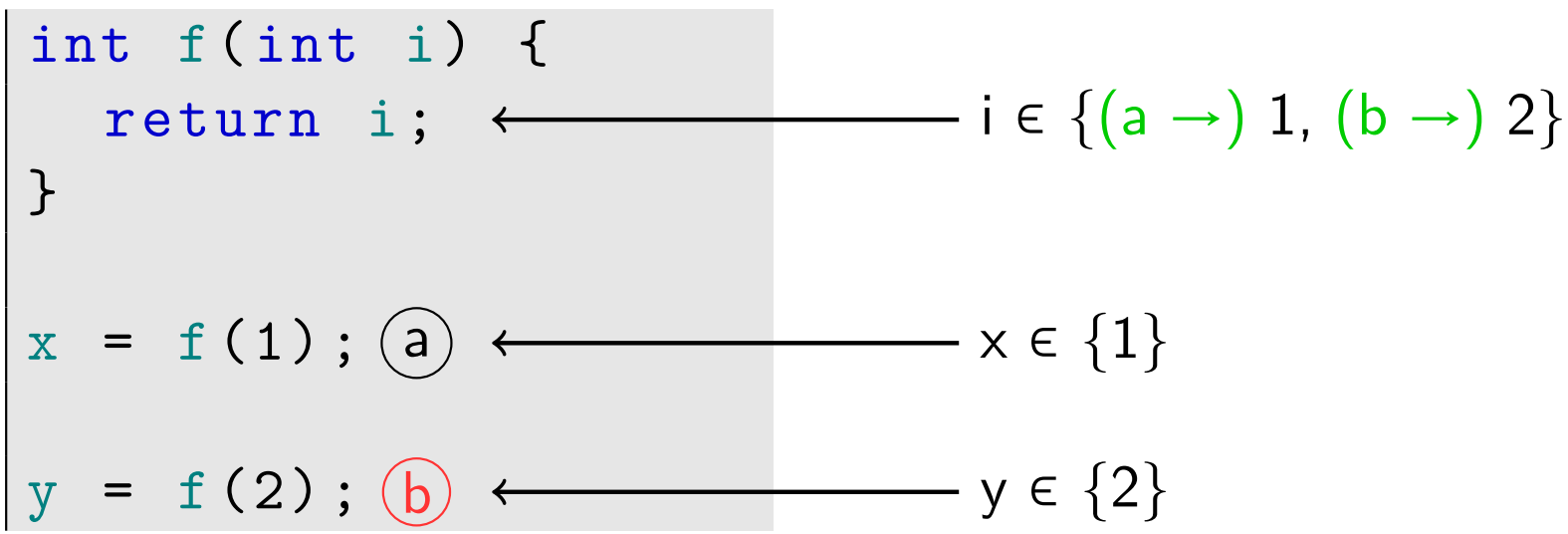

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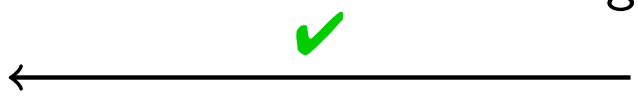

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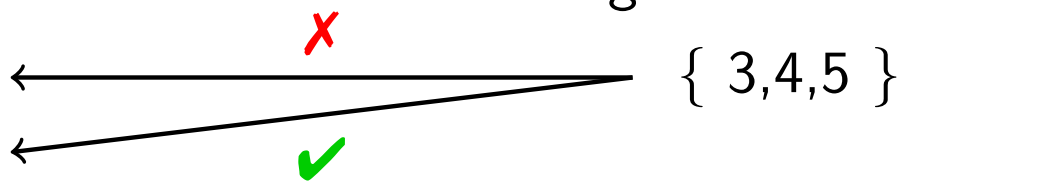

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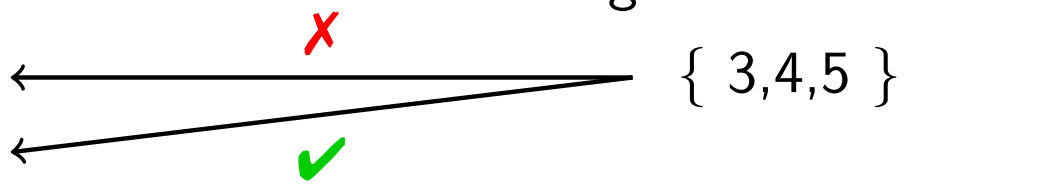

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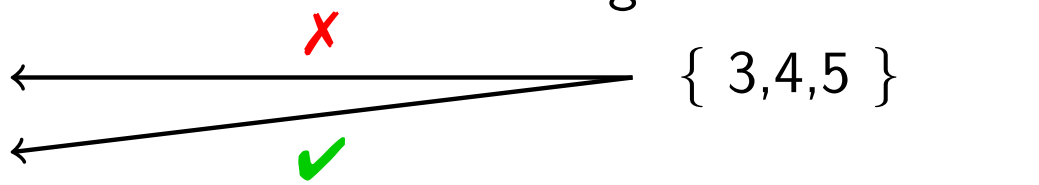

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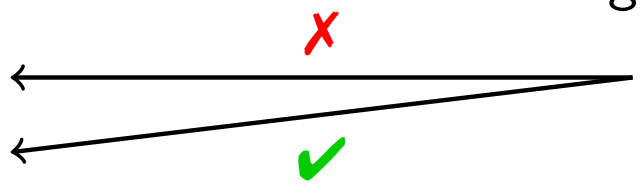

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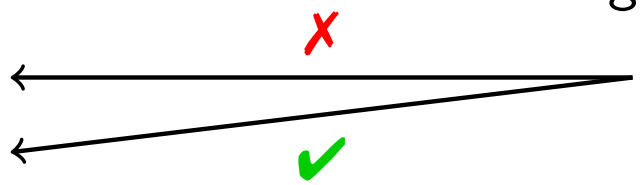

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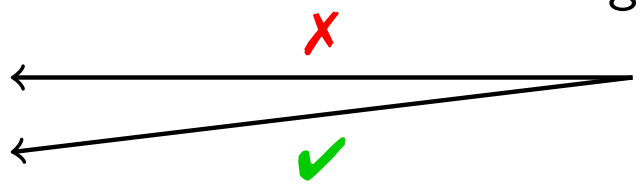

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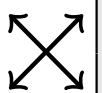

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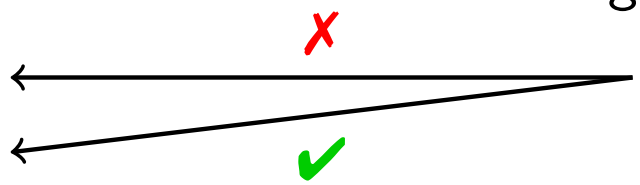

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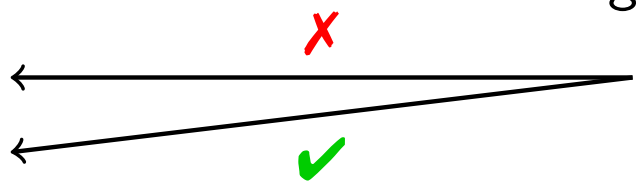

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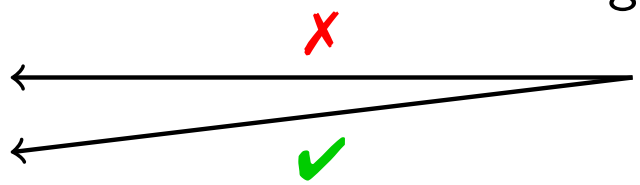

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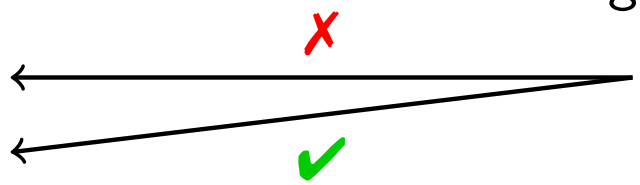

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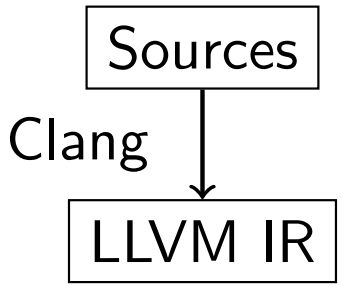

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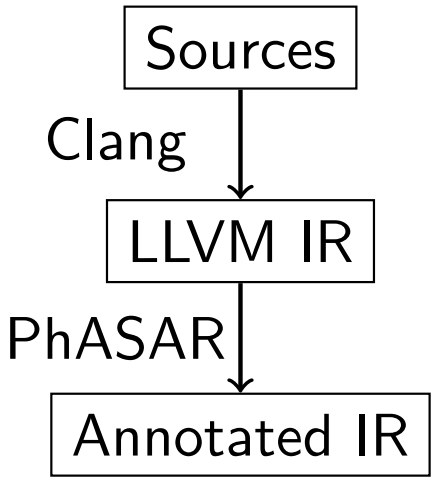

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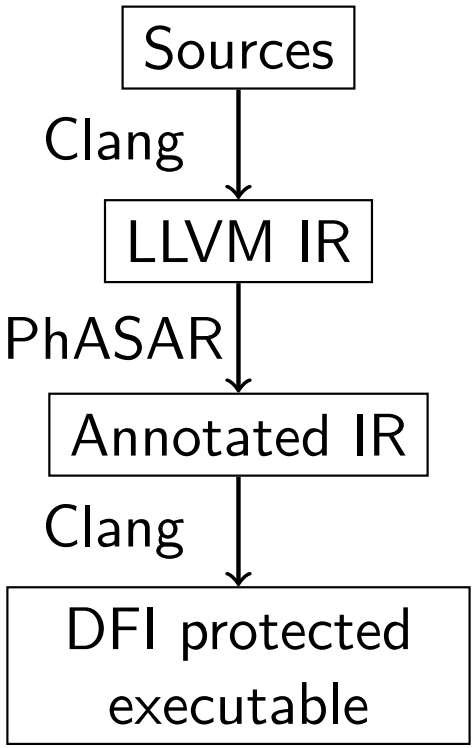

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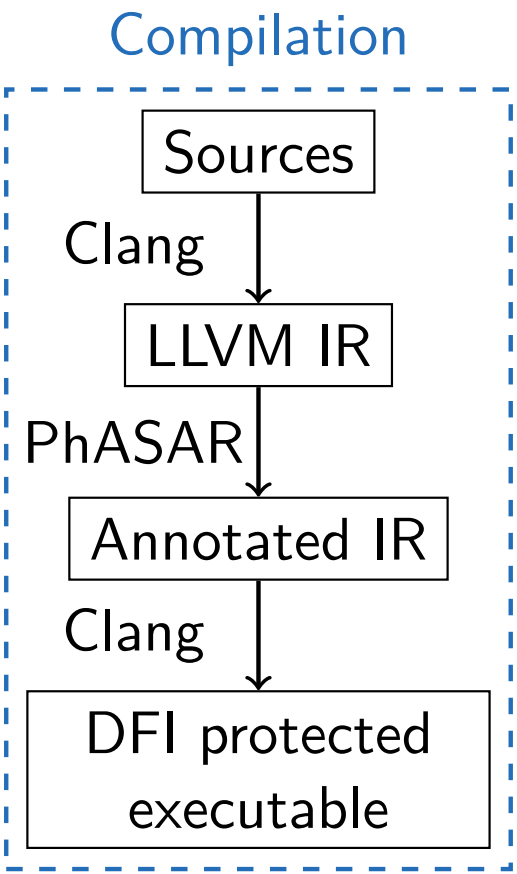

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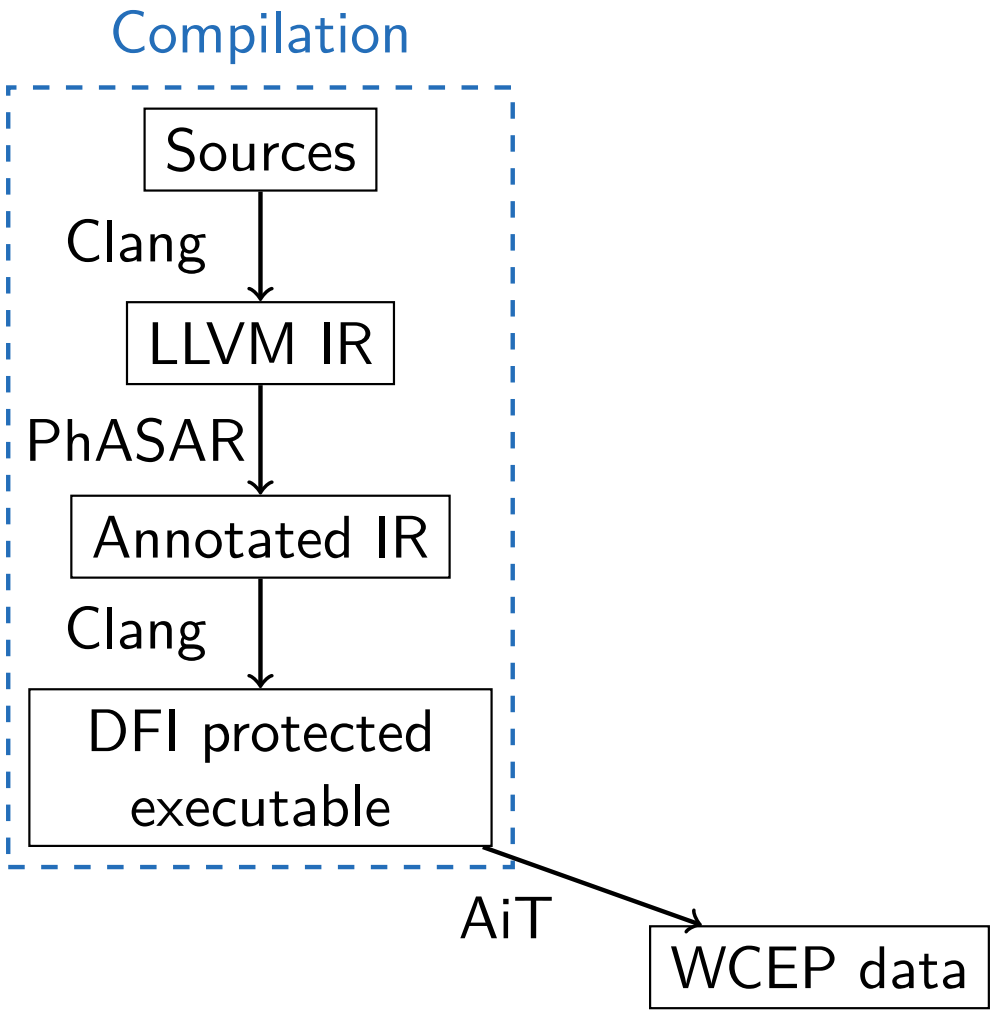

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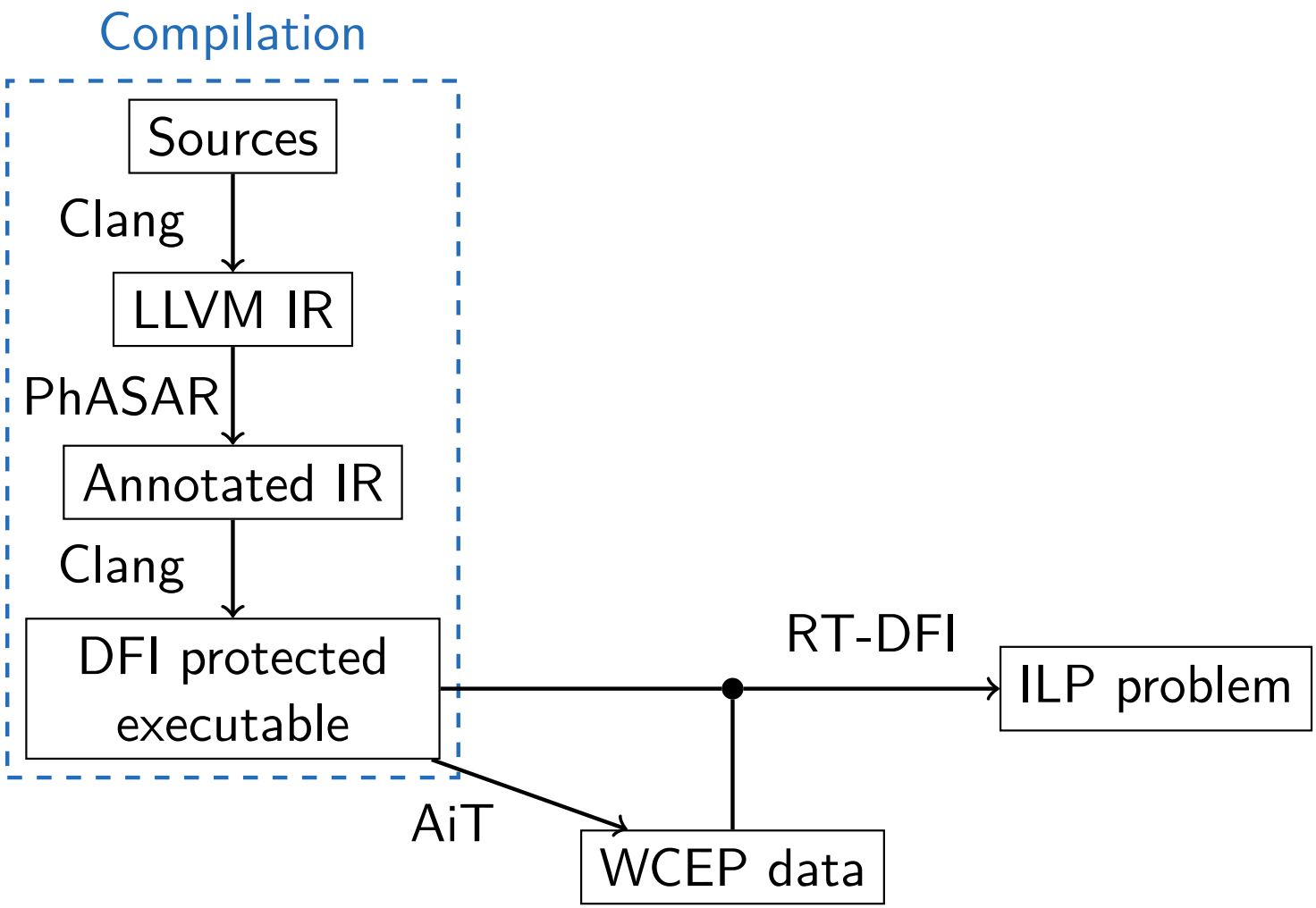

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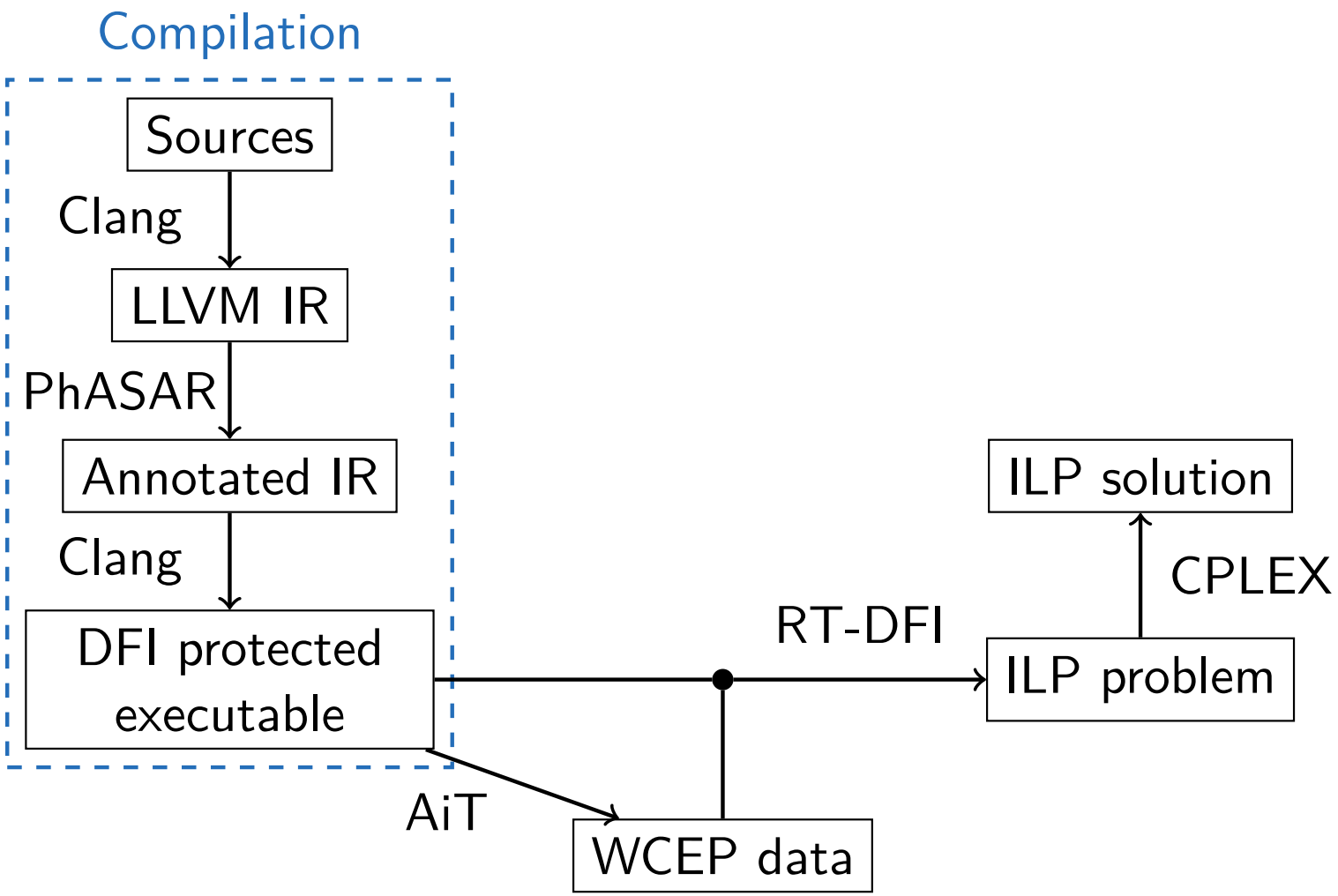

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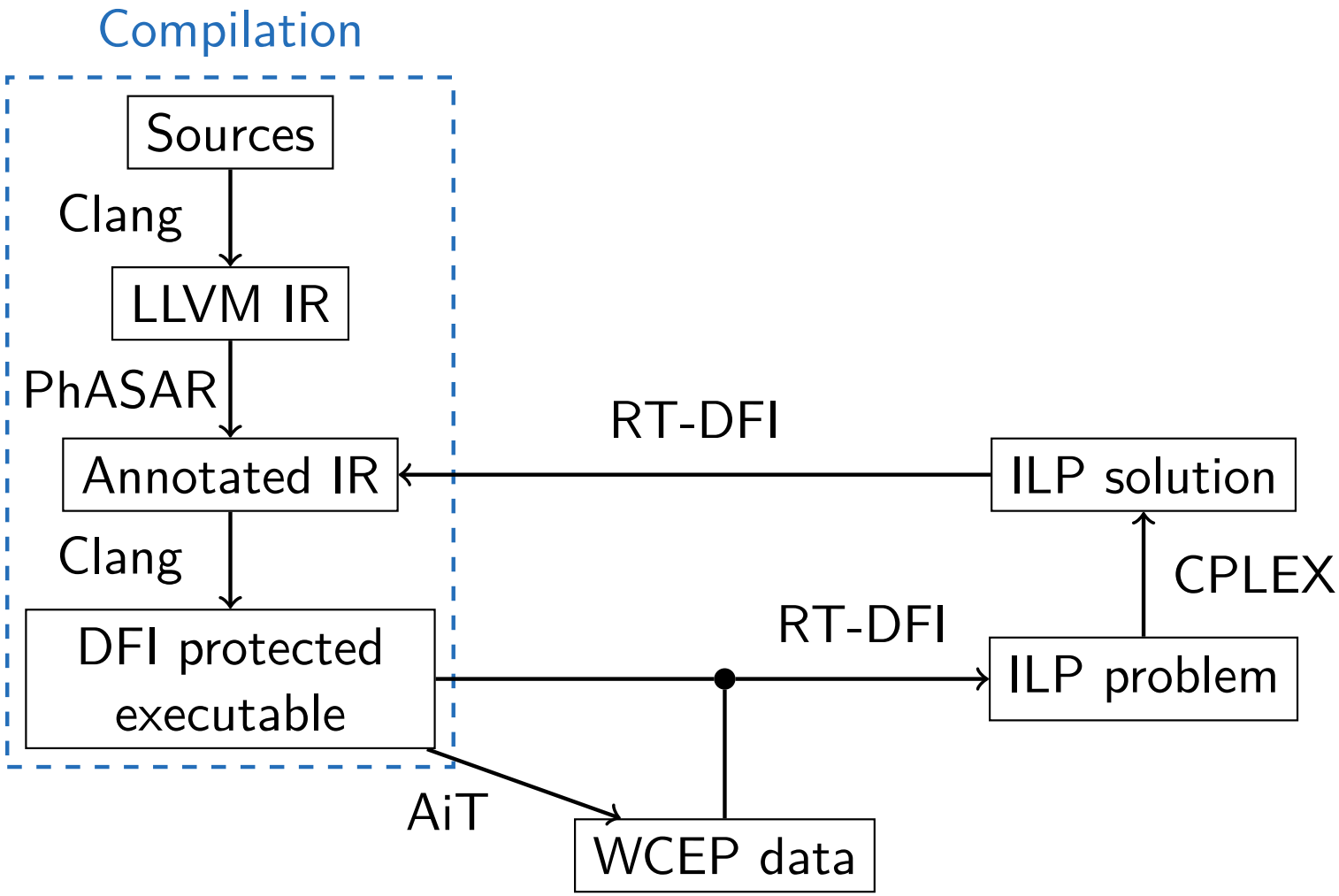

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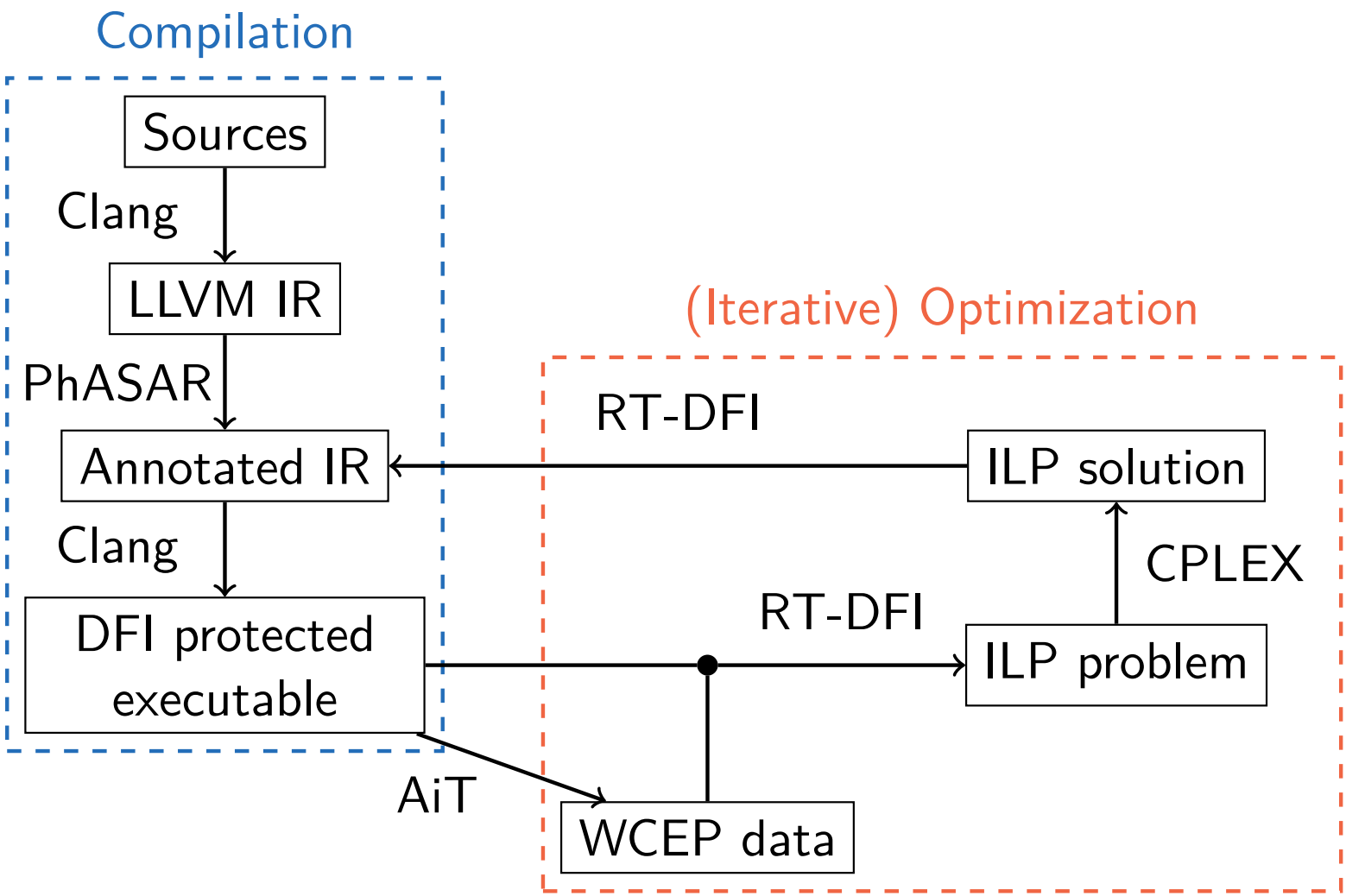

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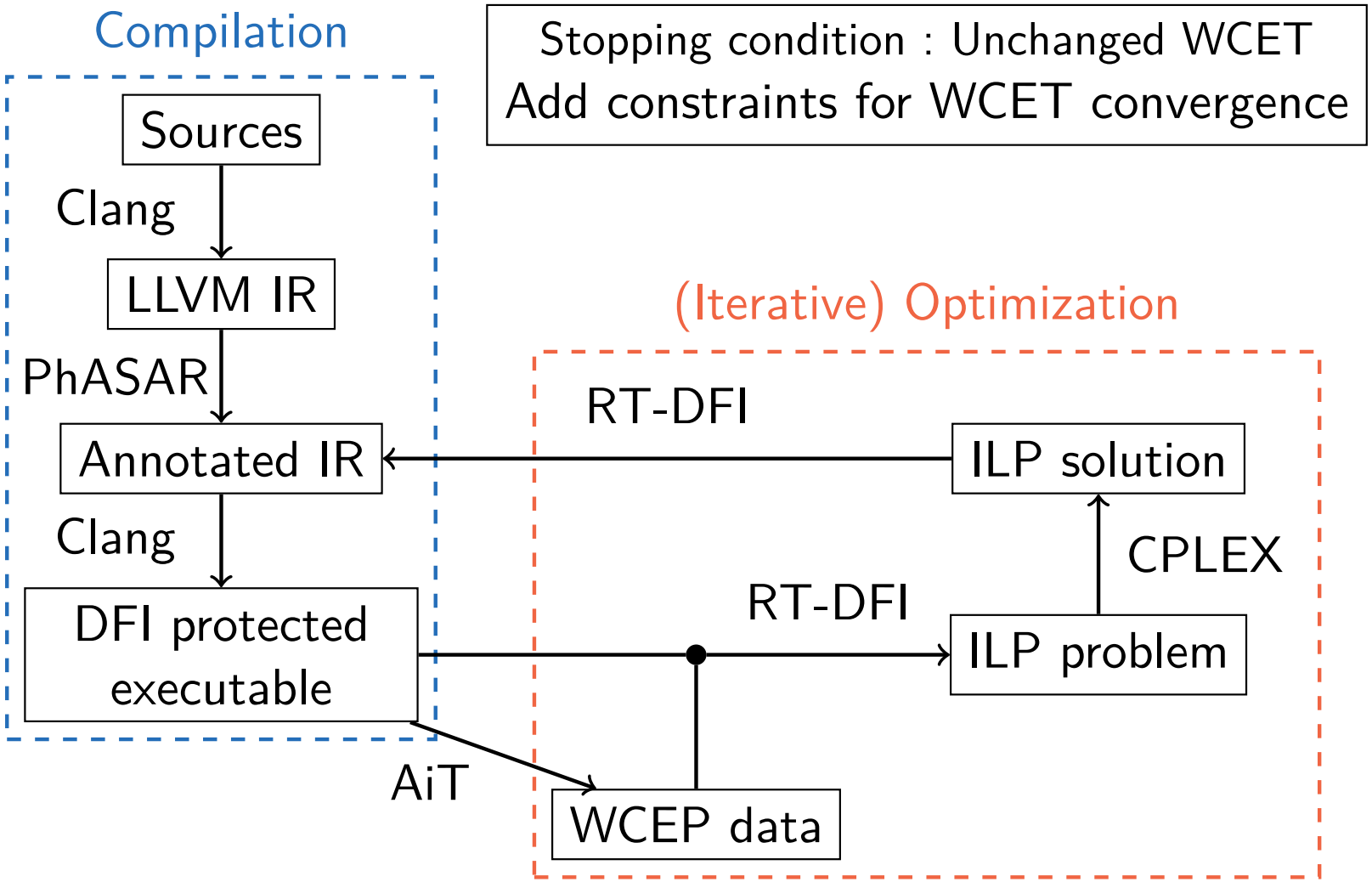

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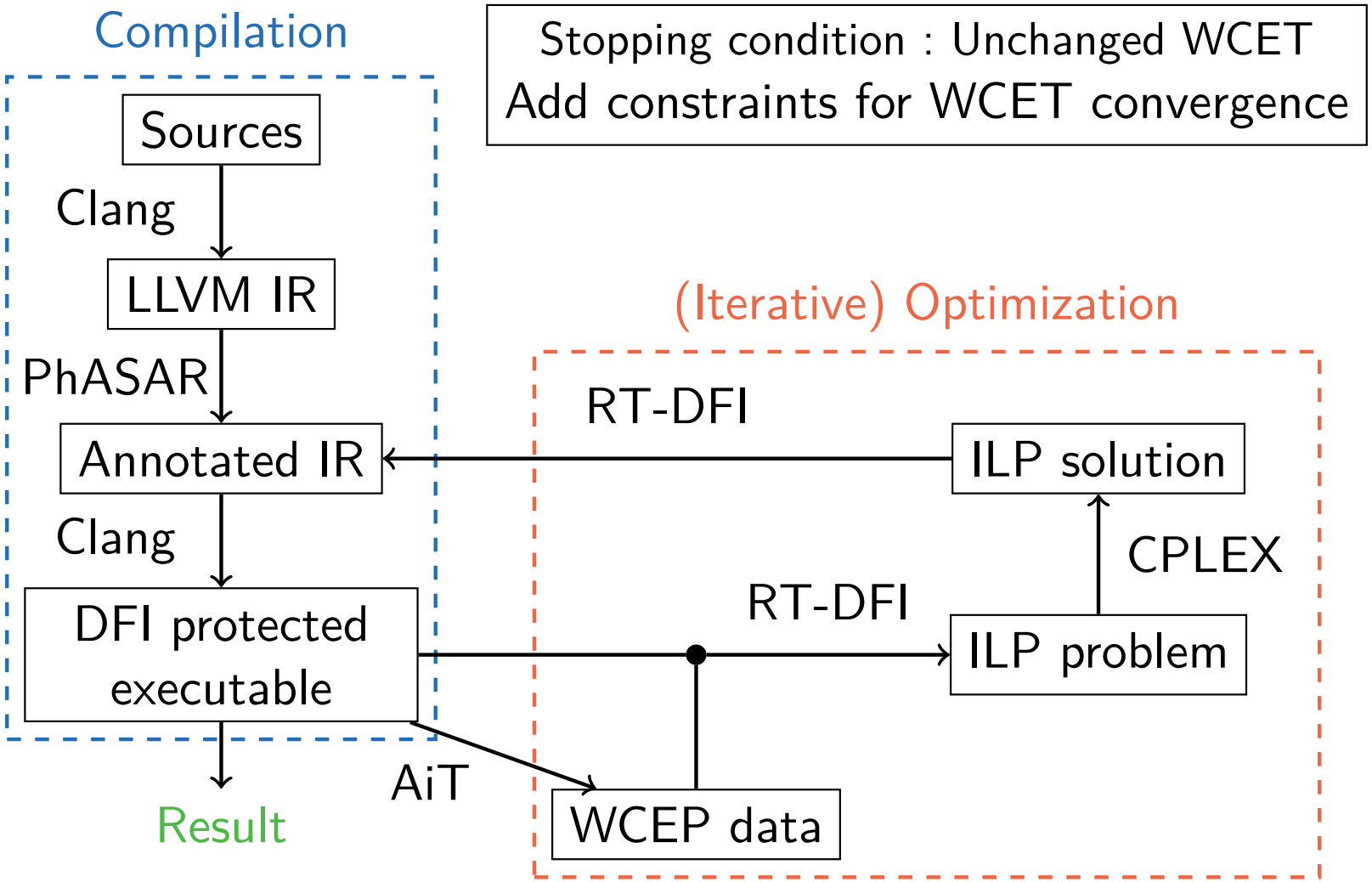

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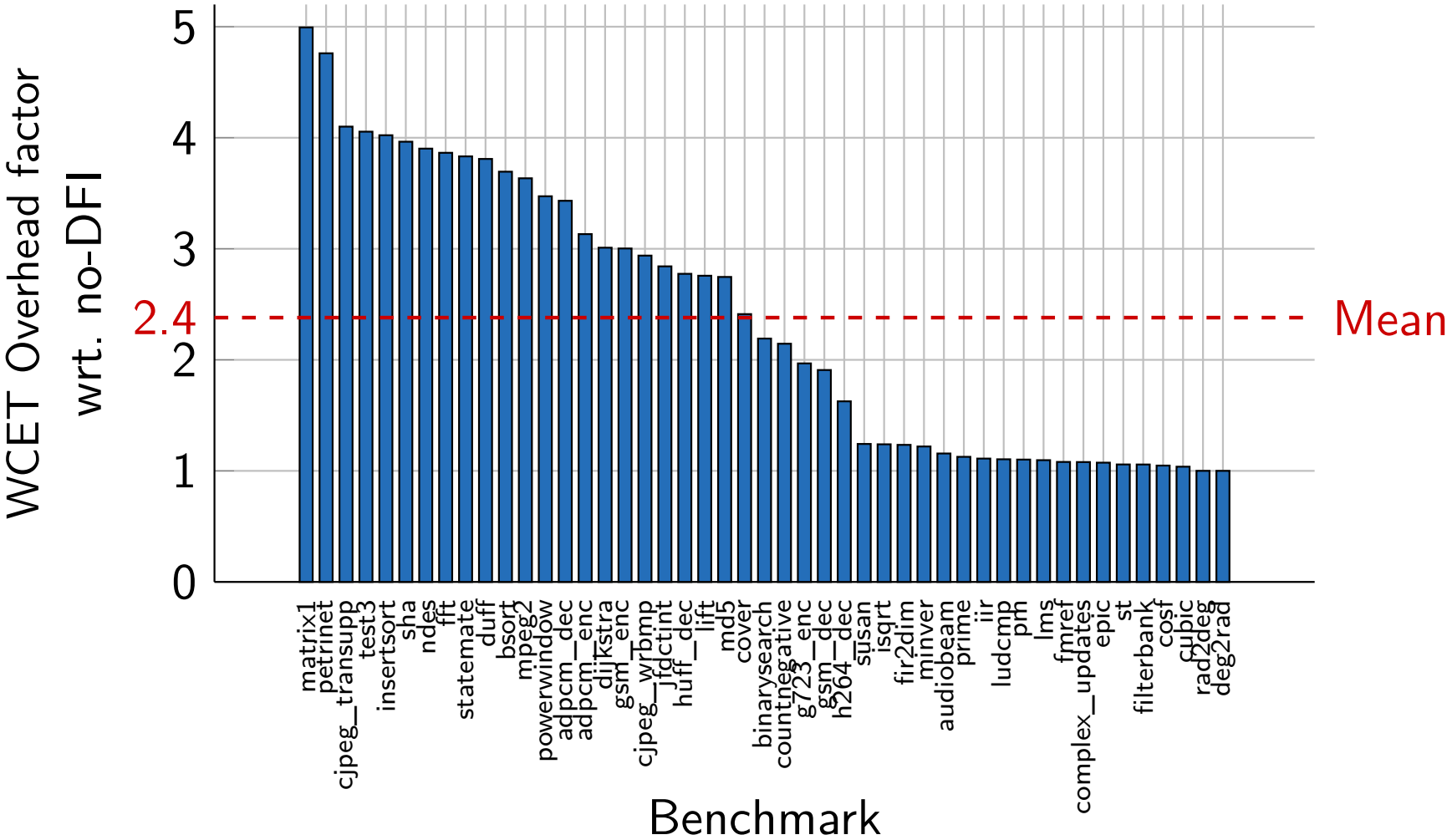

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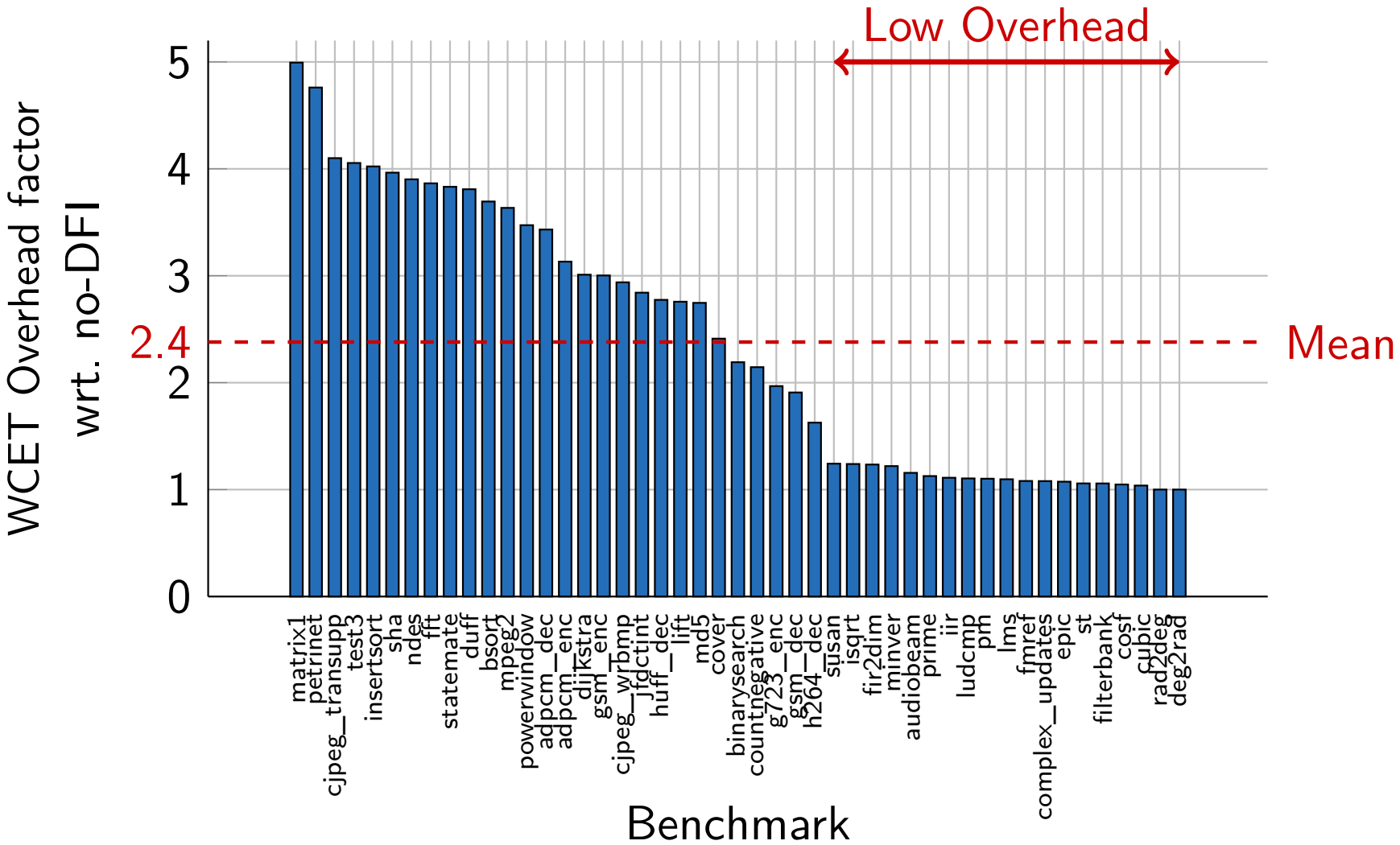

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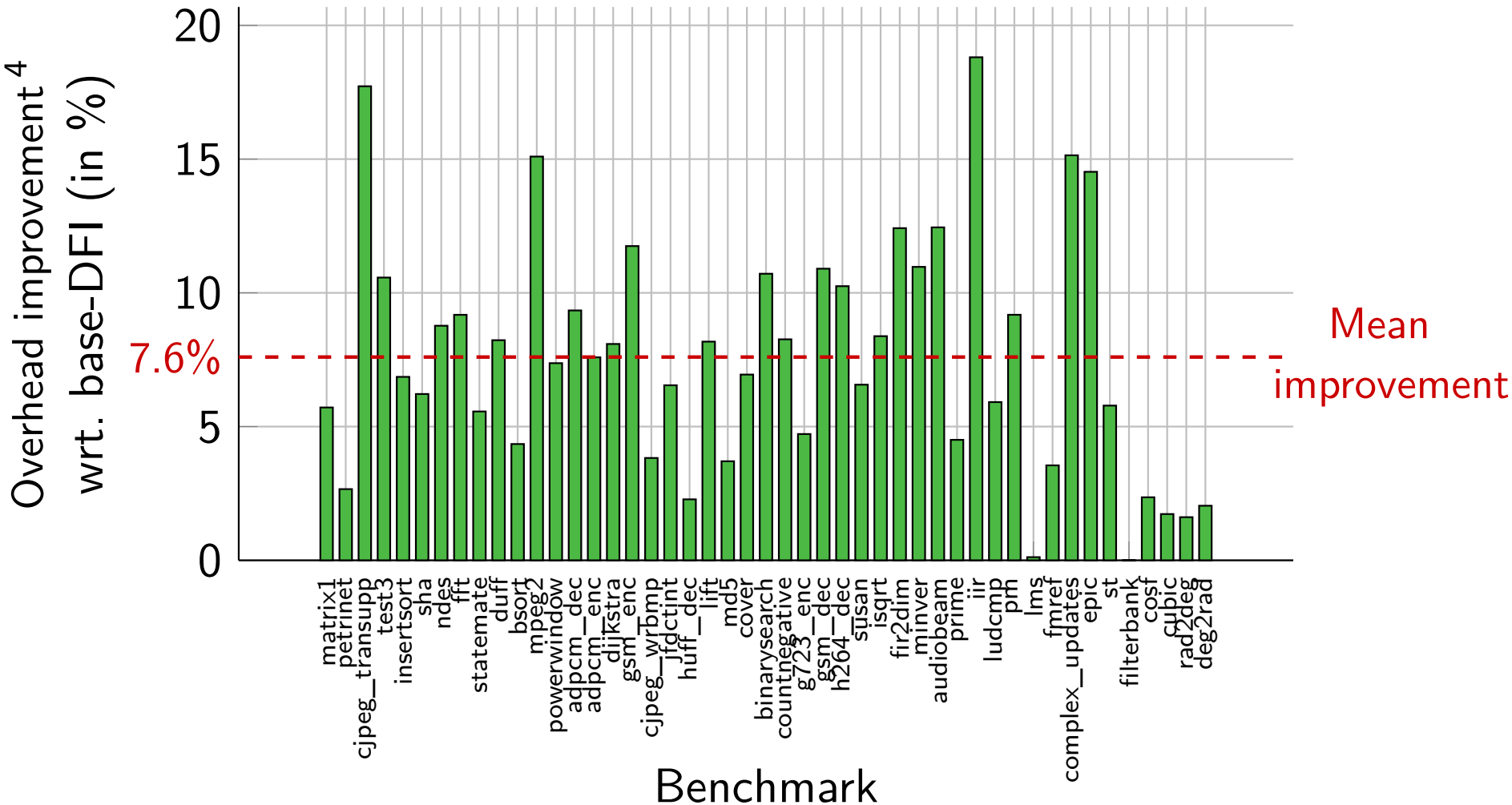

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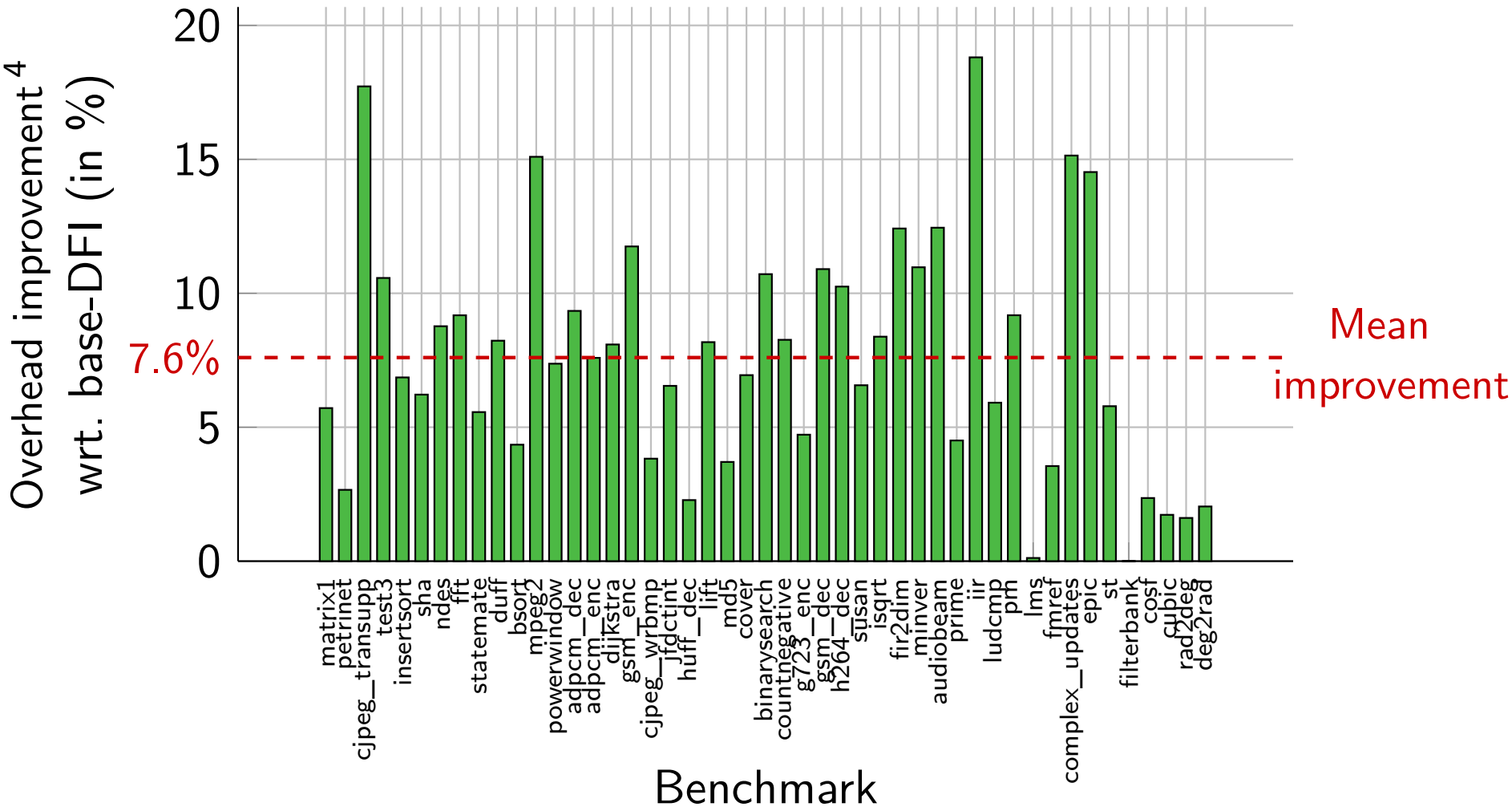

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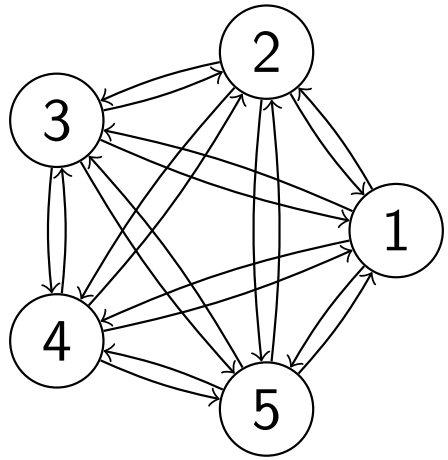

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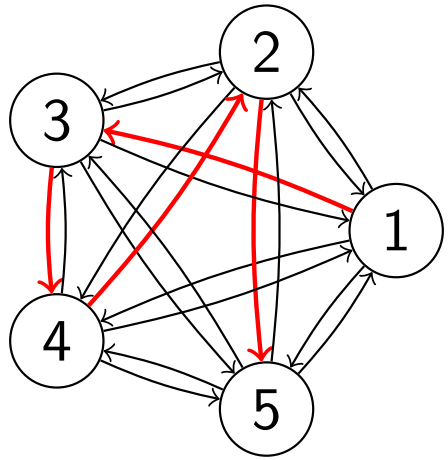

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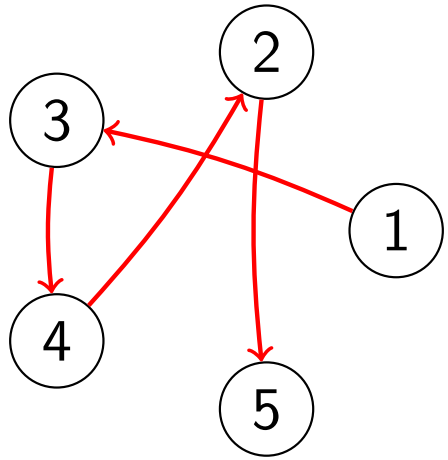

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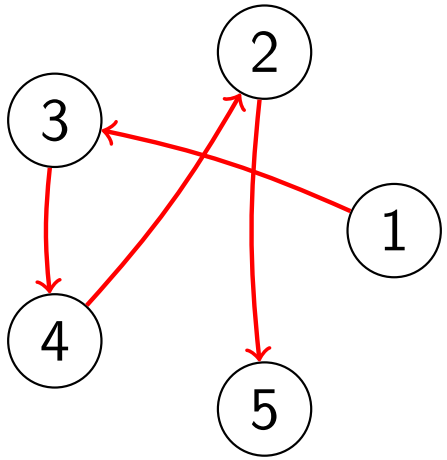

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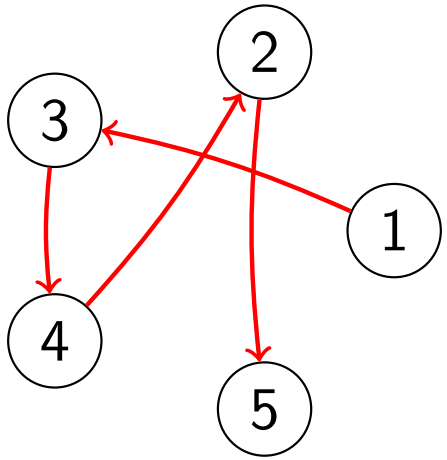

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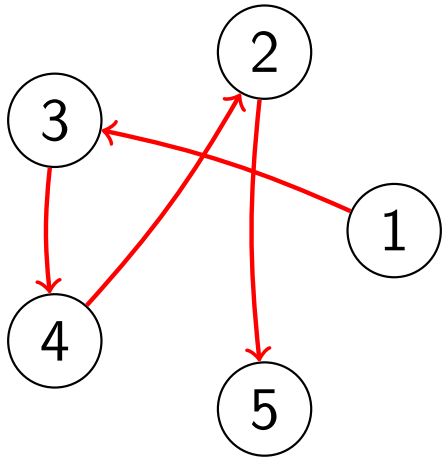

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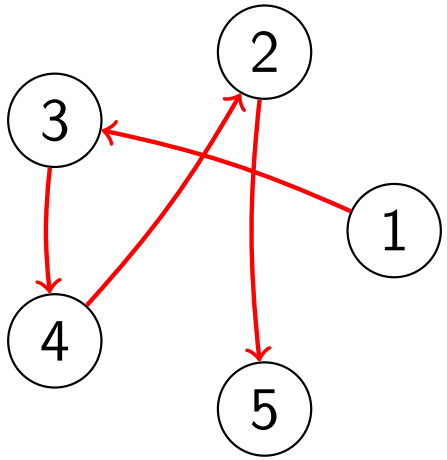

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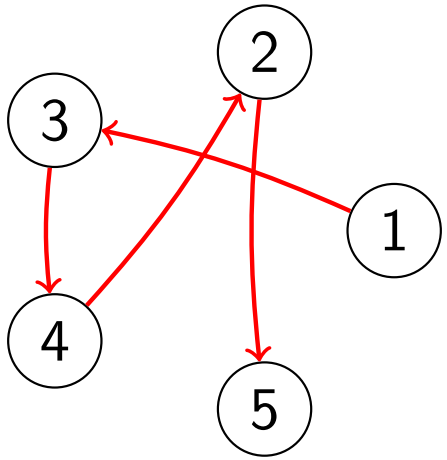

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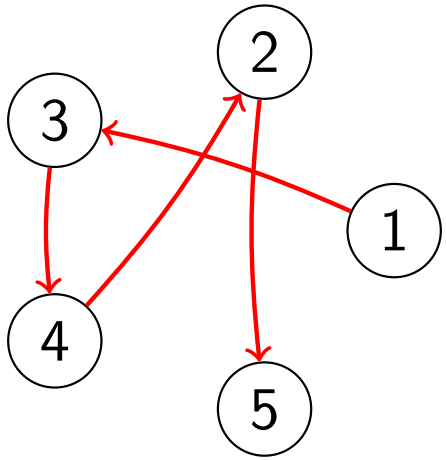

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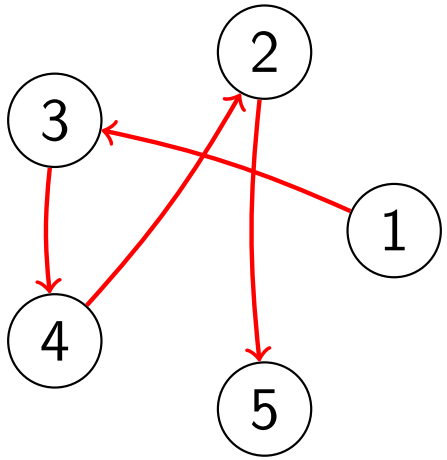

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Interval order : $\phi(l, t)$

order load tag

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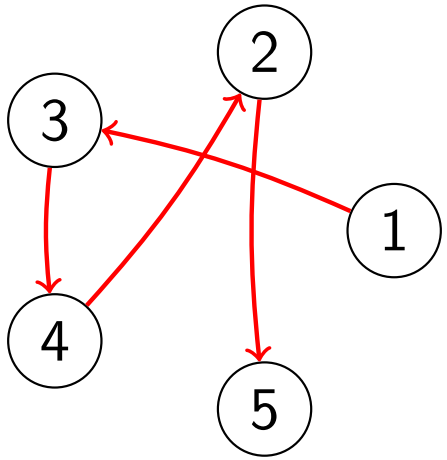

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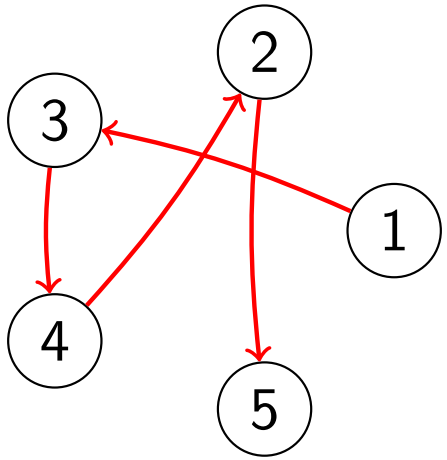

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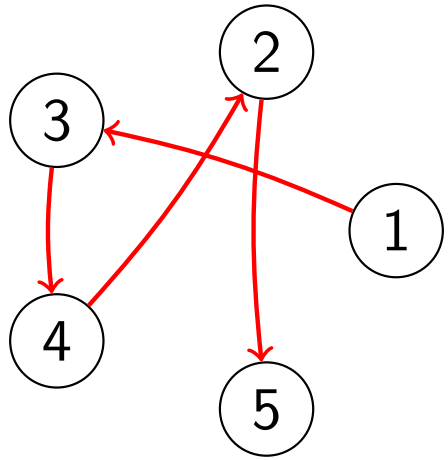

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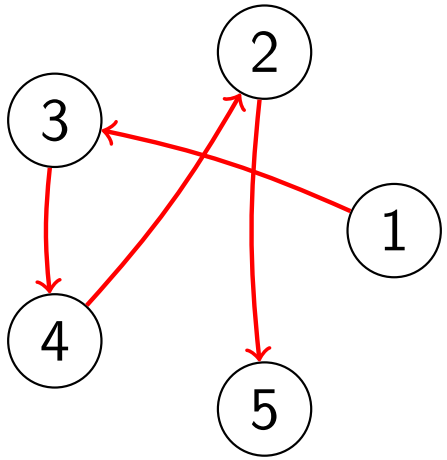

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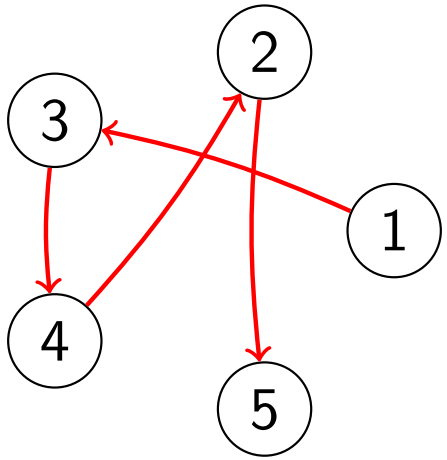

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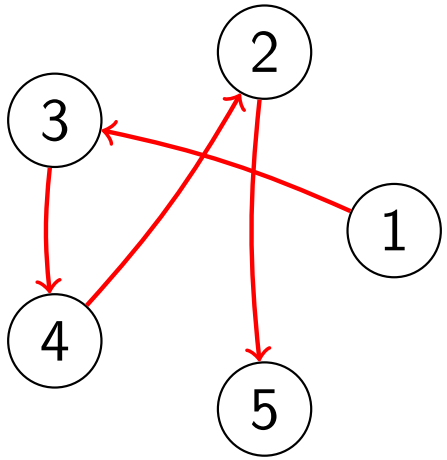

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$$t'' \notin I$$

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Appendix - ILP for Tag Representation

$$\sum_{t,t' \in V} e_{t,t'} = Card(V) - 1 \tag{1}$$

$$\forall t \in V, entry_t = \sum_{t' \in T \setminus \{t\}} e_{t',t} \tag{2}$$

$$\forall t \in V, exit_t = \sum_{t' \in T \setminus \{t\}} e_{t,t'} \tag{3}$$

$$\forall t \in T, entry_t = 1 \tag{4}$$

$$\forall t \in T, exit_t = 1 \tag{5}$$

$$\forall t, t' \in V, (R_{t'} + 1) - Card(T) \cdot (1 - e_{t',t}) \leq R_t \tag{6}$$

$$\forall t, t' \in V, R_t \leq (R_{t'} + 1) + Card(T) \cdot (1 - e_{t',t}) \tag{7}$$

$$entry_{start} = 0, exit_{end} = 0, R_{start} = 0, R_{end} = Card(V) - 1 \tag{8}$$

Appendix - ILP for Interval Order

$$\forall t \in s_l, \Phi^+_{l,t} = \sum_{t' \in T} \left(e_{t,t'} \cdot \Phi_{l,t'}\right)$$

$$\forall t \in V, \lambda^+_{l,t} = \sum_{t' \in s_l} e_{t,t'}$$

$$\forall t, t' \in s_l, \Lambda^+_{l,t,t'} = \left(R_t < R_{t'}\right) \cdot \lambda^+_{l,t} + \left(R_{t'} < R_t\right) \cdot \lambda^+_{l,t'}$$

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$$\forall t, t' \in s_l, \Delta_{l,t,t'} <= \Gamma_{l,t,t'} + \left(1 - \Lambda^+_{l,t,t'}\right) \cdot M$$

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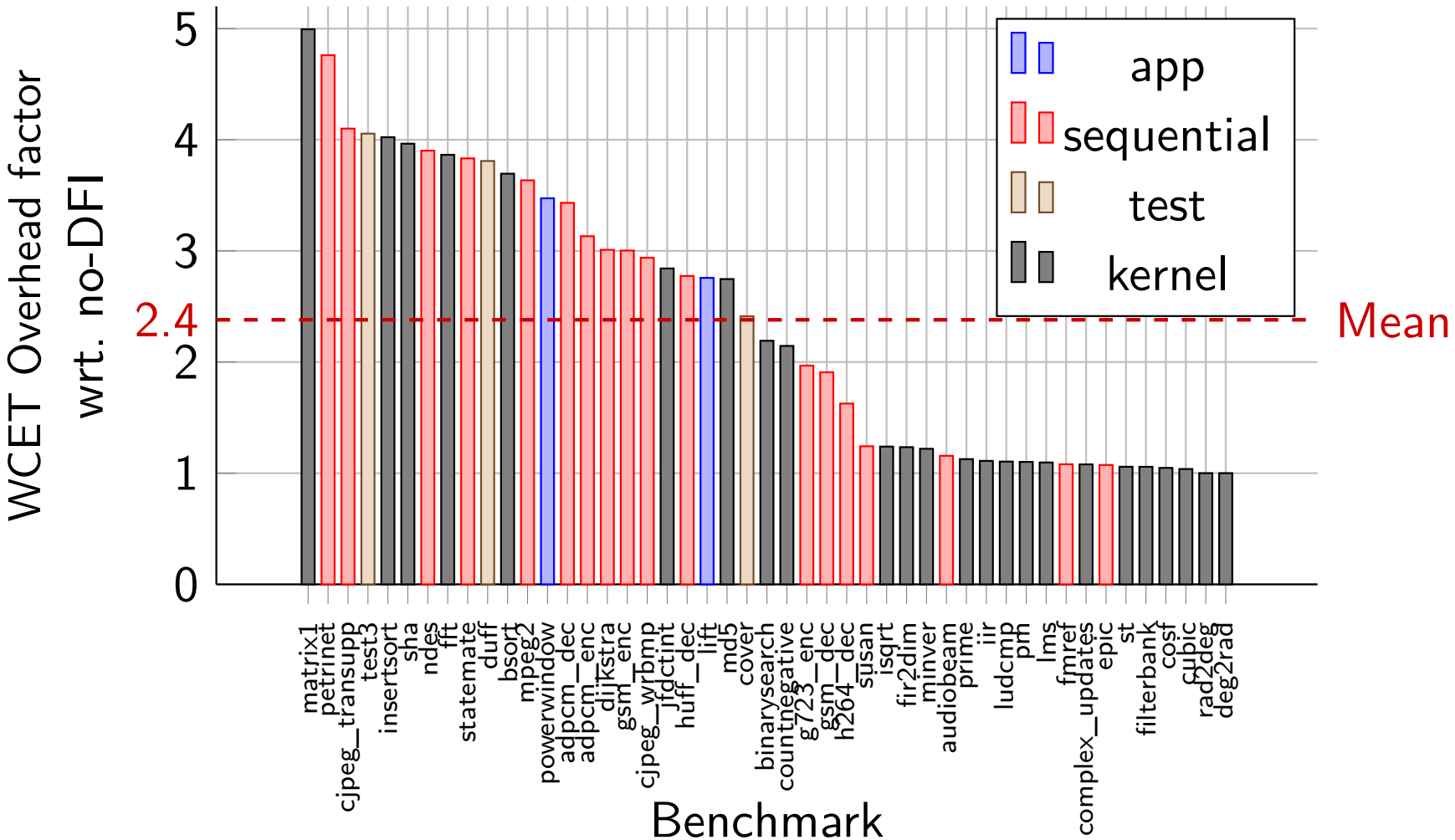
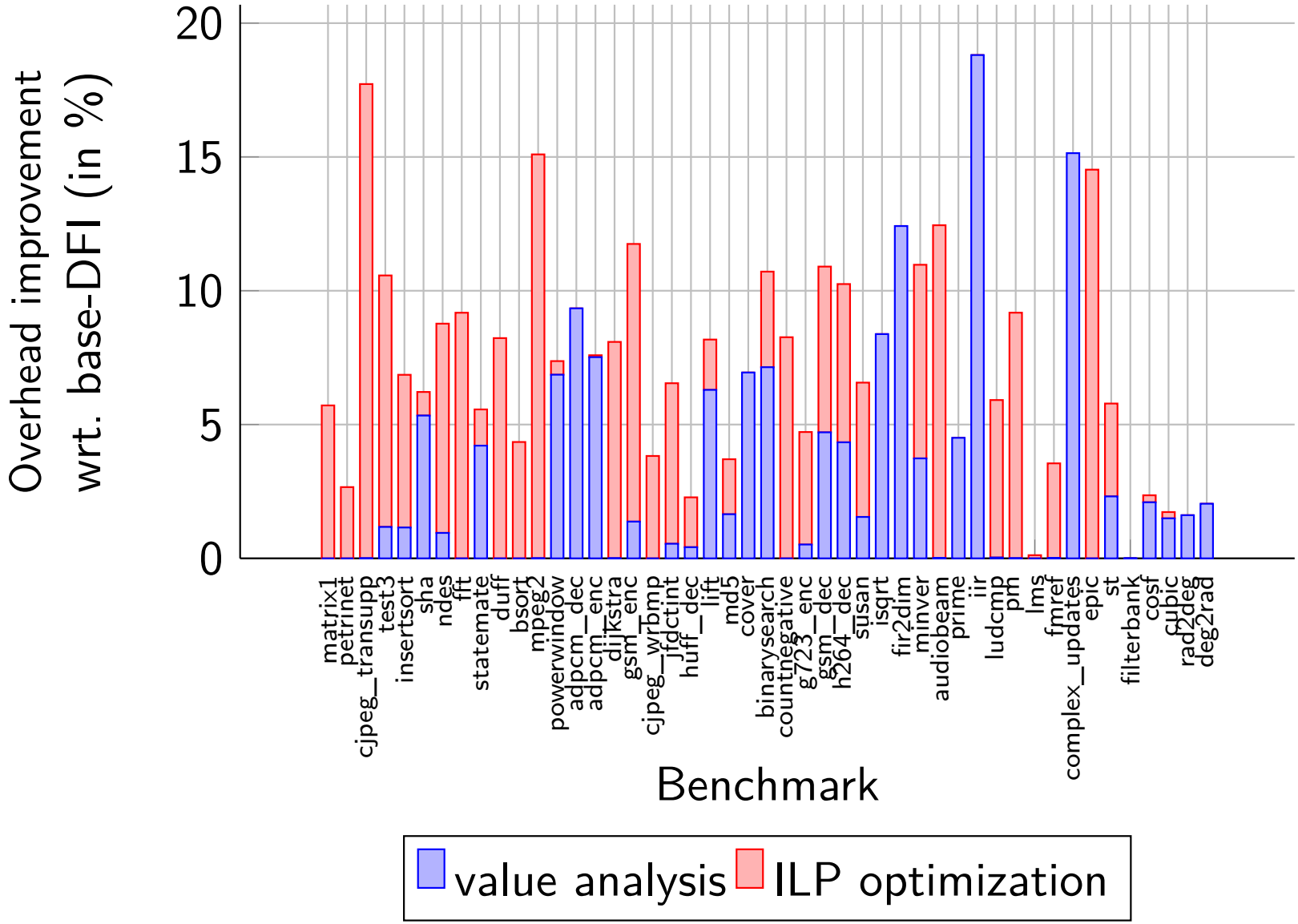
Appendix - Overhead per group



Appendix - Improvement per optimization



RT-DFI - Experimental time execution

Process part	Runtime (in avg.)
WCET Estimation	66%
Compilation	29%
ILP Solver	$<$ 40s (all)

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kernel	:	Compute the address of the tag in the RDT
check_tag	:	Verifies that the loaded tag belongs to the valid tag set

DFI - Overhead partitioning