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- We are building a decompiler based on QEMU and LLVM
- We do consultancy on compilers, emulators, and dynamic binary translation



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In QEMU you can do both with helper functions and TCG

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To TCG code:

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    tcg_gen_gvec_add(MO_8,  
                    vo_0, vo_2, vo_1,  
                    128, 128);  
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Goal: write a fast, open-source emulator for
Qualcomm® Hexagon™ DSP¹

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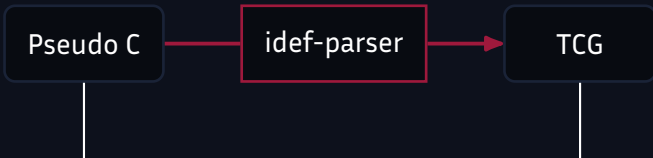
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Background (Hexagon & QEMU)

idef-parser

helper2tcg

Demo

Benchmarks (Hexagon)

Summary

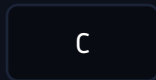
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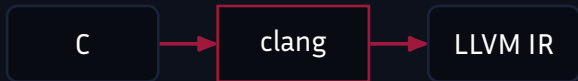
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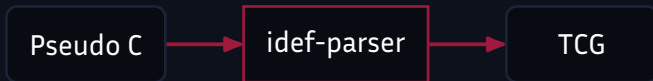
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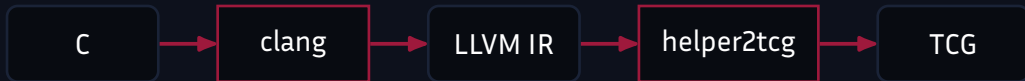
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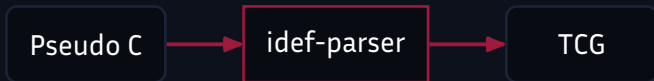
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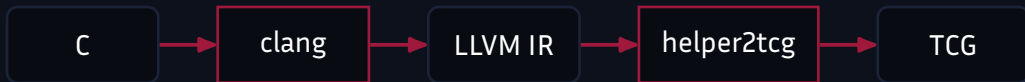
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- ✓ No need for a poor man's C frontend
- ✓ Translating IR → IR simpler
- ✓ LLVM optimizations
- ✓ Architecture independent


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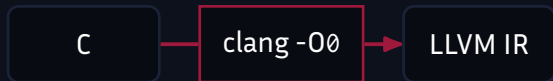
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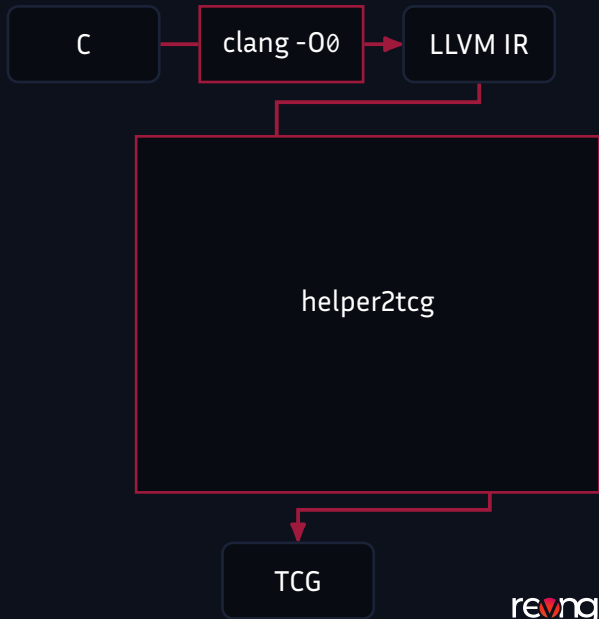
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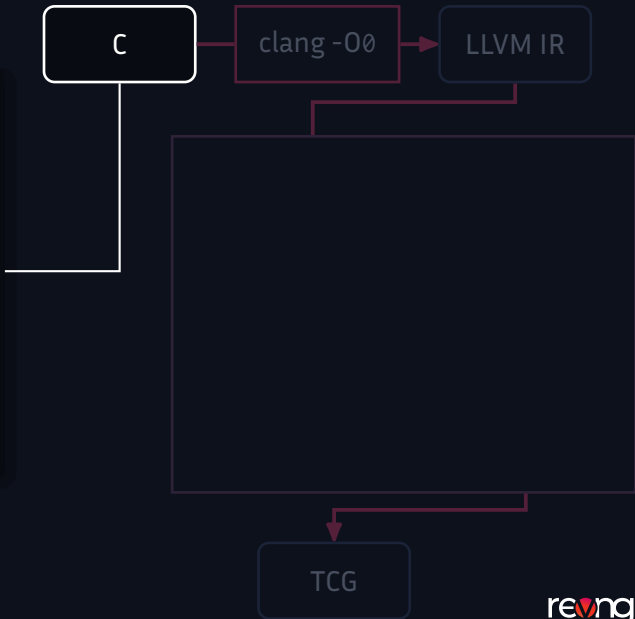




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#define CANCEL

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                int32_t RsV,
                int32_t RtV)
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    if (PuV & 1) {
        RdV=RsV+RtV;
    } else {
        CANCEL;
    }

    return RdV;
}
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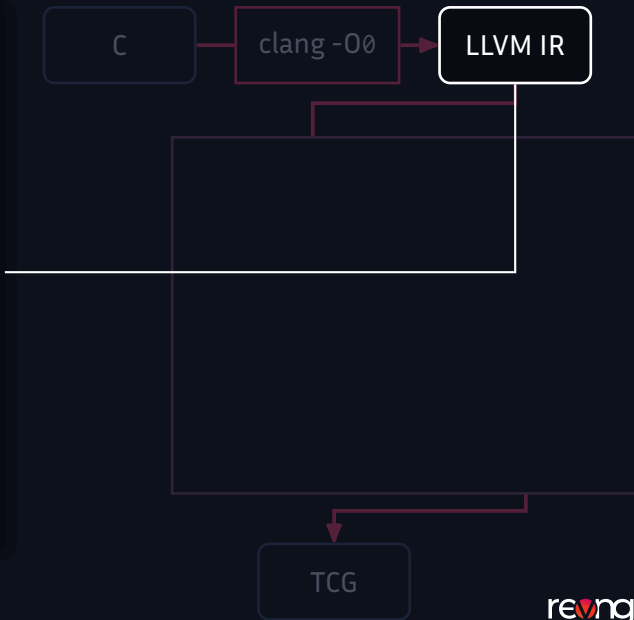


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    br i1 %11, label %12, label %16

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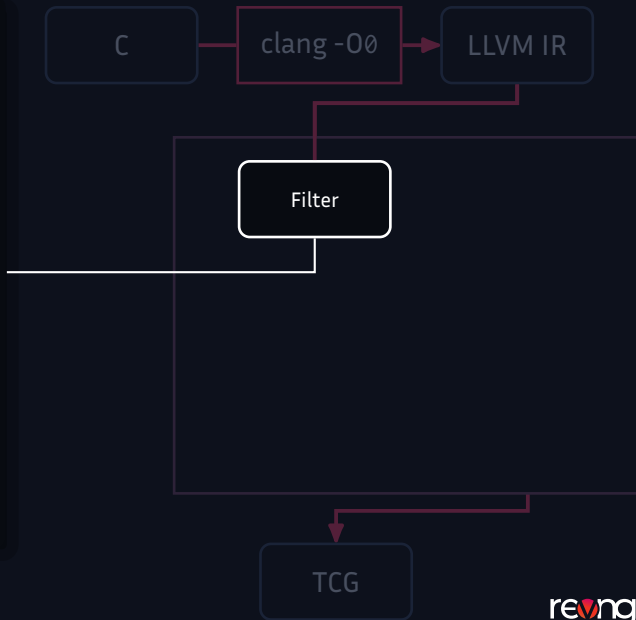


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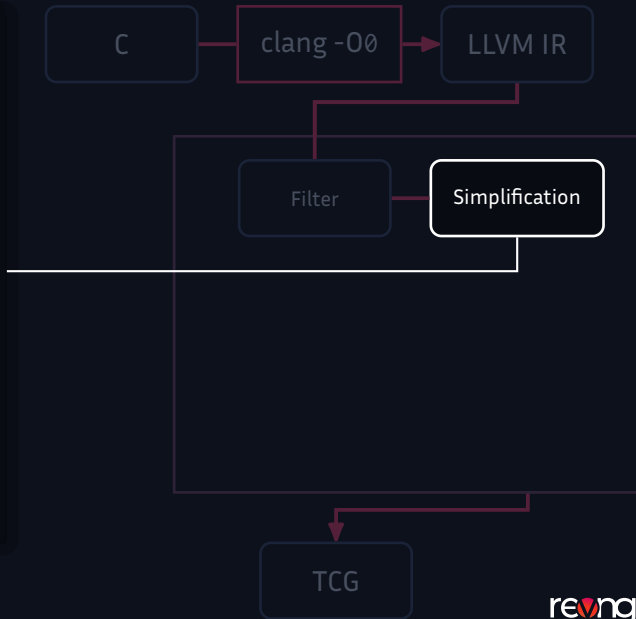
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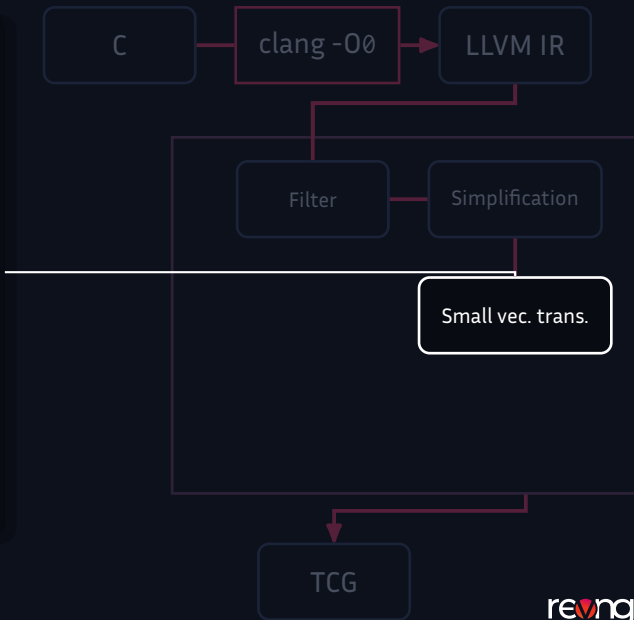
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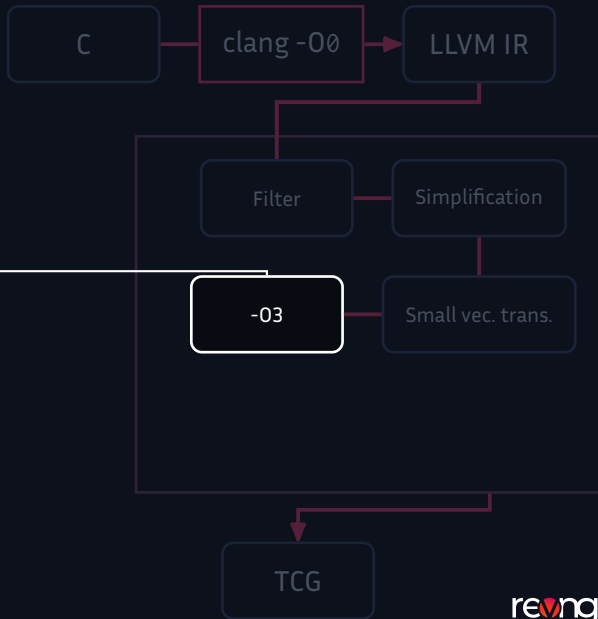

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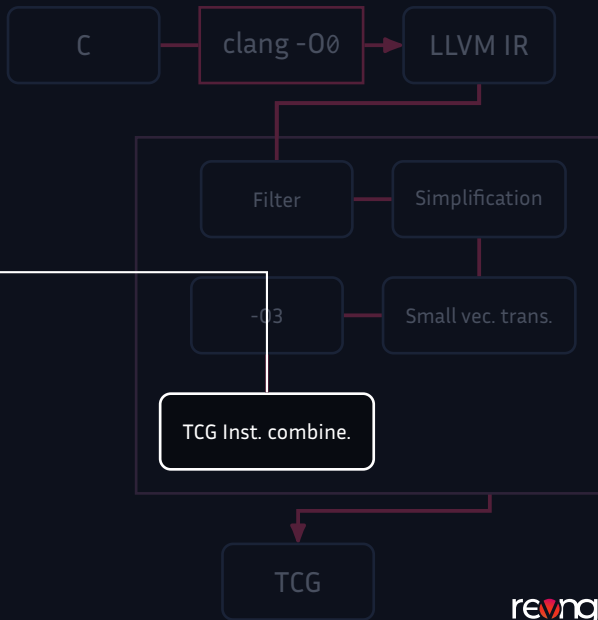
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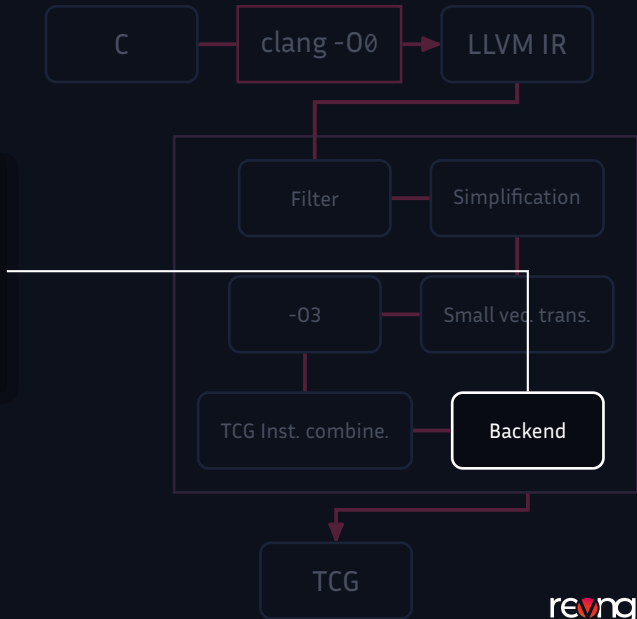
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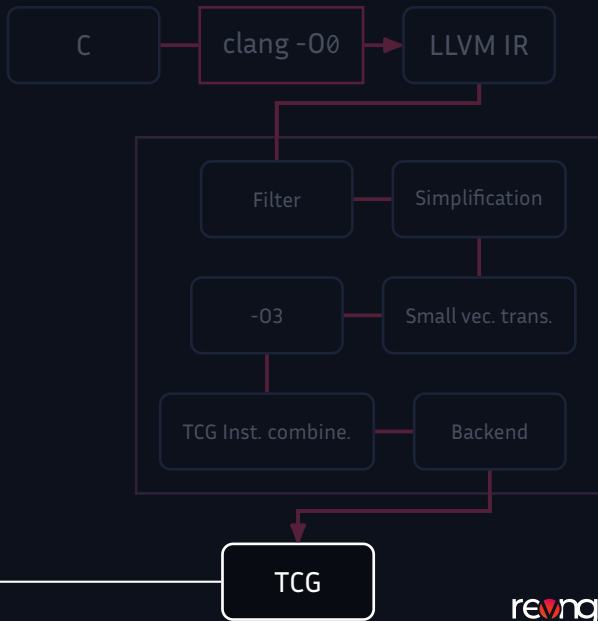
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define i32 @A2_paddt(i32 %0, i32 %1,  
                   i32 %2, i32 %3) {  
    %5 = and i32 %1, 1  
    %6 = add nsw i32 %3, %2  
    %7 = call i32 @movcond.eq.i32(i32 %5,  
                                  i32 0, i32 %0, i32 %6)  
    ret i32 %7  
}
```



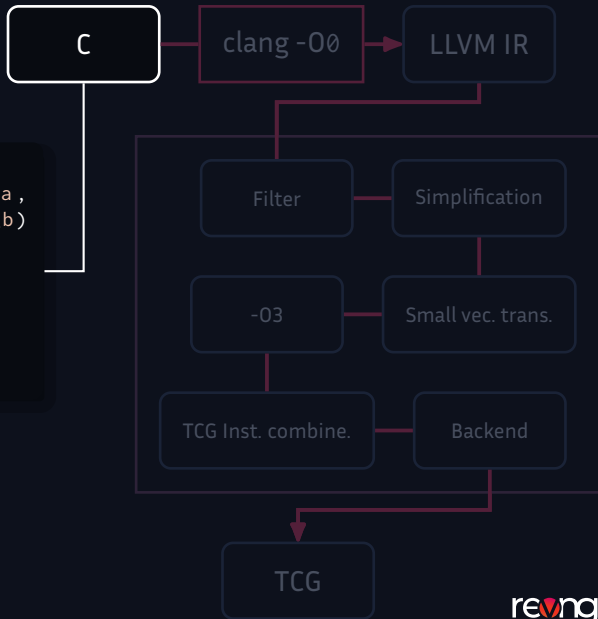
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    ret i32 %7  
}
```



```
void A2_paddt(TCGv_i32 ret,  
             TCGv_i32 v_0,  
             TCGv_i32 v_1,  
             TCGv_i32 v_2,  
             TCGv_i32 v_3)  
{  
    tcg_gen_andi_i32(ret, v_0, 1);  
    TCGv_i32 add_3 = tcg_temp_new_i32();  
    tcg_gen_add_i32(add_3, v_3, v_2);  
    tcg_gen_movcond_i32(TCG_COND_EQ, ret,  
                        ret, tcg_constant_i32(0),  
                        v_1, add_3);  
}
```




```
void vec_add_bytes(uint8_t *dst_vec,
                  uint8_t *src_vec_a,
                  uint8_t *src_vec_b)
{
    for (int i = 0; i < 128; ++i) {
        dst_vec[i] = src_vec_a[i]
                    + src_vec_b[i];
    }
}
```



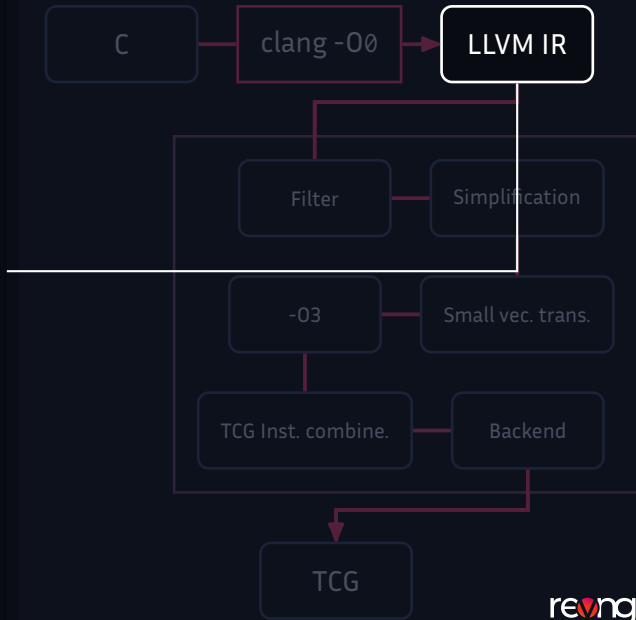
```

%11 = load i8*, i8** %4, align 8
store i8* %11, i8** %7, align 8
%12 = load i8*, i8** %5, align 8
store i8* %12, i8** %8, align 8
%13 = load i8*, i8** %6, align 8
store i8* %13, i8** %9, align 8
store i32 0, i32* %10, align 4
br label %14

14:
%15 = load i32, i32* %10, align 4
%16 = icmp slt i32 %15, 128
br i1 %16, label %17, label %39

17:
%18 = load i8*, i8** %8, align 8
%19 = load i32, i32* %10, align 4
%20 = sext i32 %19 to i64
%21 = getelementptr inbounds i8, i8* %18, i64 %20
%22 = load i8, i8* %21, align 1
%23 = zext i8 %22 to i32
%24 = load i8*, i8** %9, align 8
%25 = load i32, i32* %10, align 4
%26 = sext i32 %25 to i64
%27 = getelementptr inbounds i8, i8* %24, i64 %26
%28 = load i8, i8* %27, align 1
%29 = zext i8 %28 to i32
%30 = add nsw i32 %23, %29
%31 = trunc i32 %30 to i8
%32 = load i8*, i8** %7, align 8
%33 = load i32, i32* %10, align 4
%34 = sext i32 %33 to i64
%35 = getelementptr inbounds i8, i8* %32, i64 %34
store i8 %31, i8* %35, align 1
br label %36

```



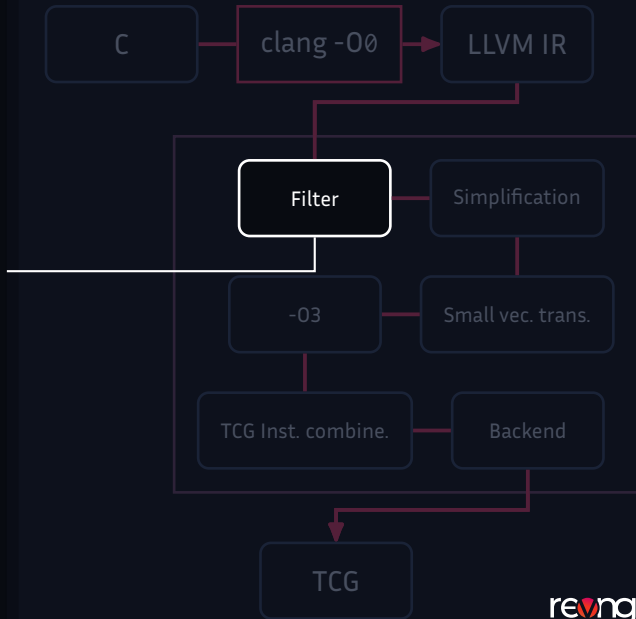

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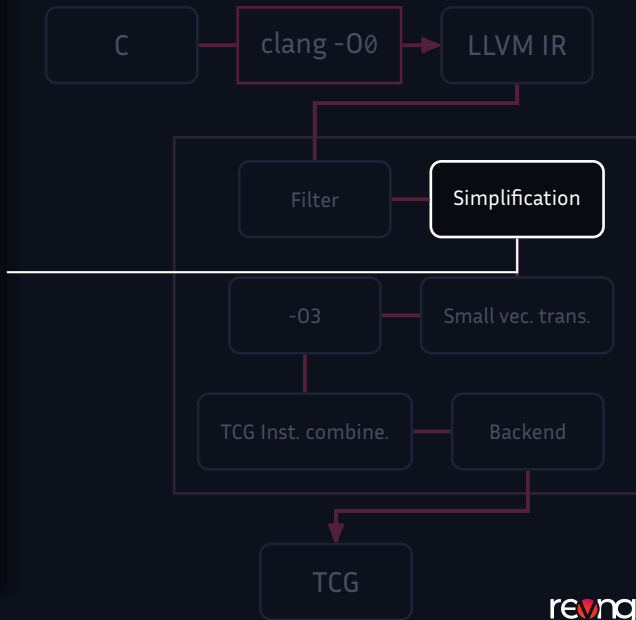
define void @vec_add_bytes(i8* %0, i8* %1, i8* %2) {
    %4 = alloca i8*, align 8
    %5 = alloca i8*, align 8
    %6 = alloca i8*, align 8
    store i8* %0, i8** %4, align 8
    store i8* %1, i8** %5, align 8
    store i8* %2, i8** %6, align 8
    br label %7

7:
    %storemerge = phi i32 [ 0, %3 ], [ %20, %9 ]
    %8 = icmp ult i32 %storemerge, 128
    br i1 %8, label %9, label %21

9:
    %10 = load i8*, i8** %5, align 8
    %11 = zext i32 %storemerge to i64
    %12 = getelementptr inbounds i8, i8* %10, i64 %11
    %13 = load i8, i8* %12, align 1
    %14 = load i8*, i8** %6, align 8
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    %20 = add nuw nsw i32 %storemerge, 1
    br label %7, !llvm.loop !10

21:
    ret void
}

```



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  br label %7

7:
  %iv2 = phi i64 [ 0, %3 ], [ %iv.next, %7 ]
  %8 = load i8*, i8** %5, align 8
  %9 = getelementptr inbounds i8, i8* %8, i64 %iv2
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  store i8 %14, i8* %16, align 1
  %iv.next = add nuw nsw i64 %iv2, 1
  %exitcond = icmp ne i64 %iv.next, 128
  br i1 %exitcond, label %7, label %17, !llvm.loop !10

17:
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```



```

define void @vec_add_bytes(i8* %0,
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    %3 = bitcast i8* %1 to <128 x i8>*
    %load = load <128 x i8>, <128 x i8>* %3

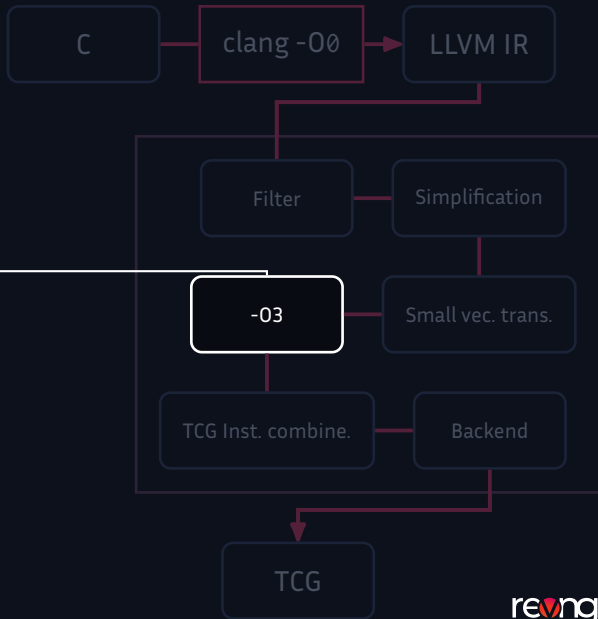
    %4 = bitcast i8* %2 to <128 x i8>*
    %load5 = load <128 x i8>, <128 x i8>* %4

    %5 = add <128 x i8> %load5, %load

    %6 = bitcast i8* %0 to <128 x i8>*
    store <128 x i8> %5, <128 x i8>* %6

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```



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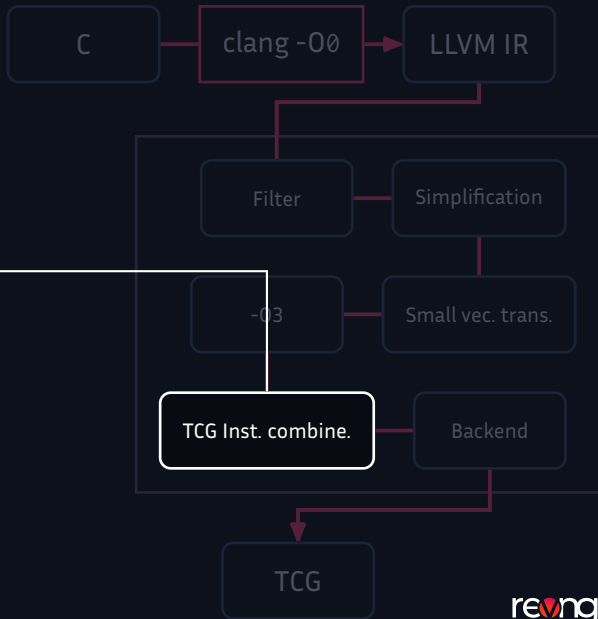
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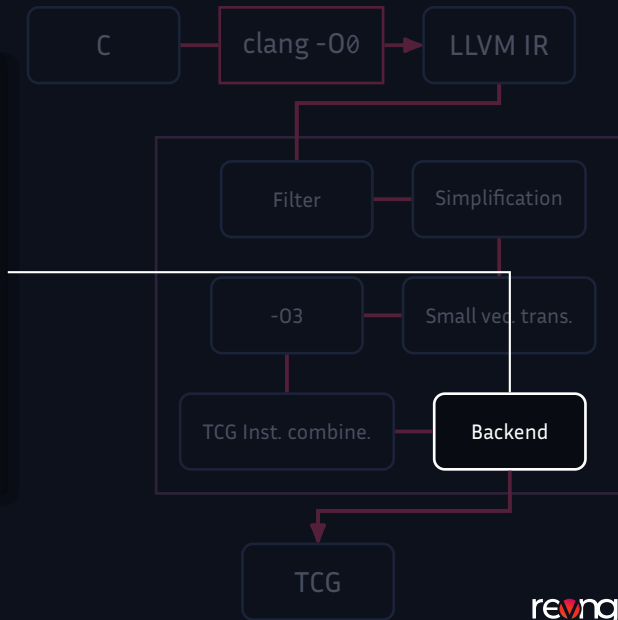
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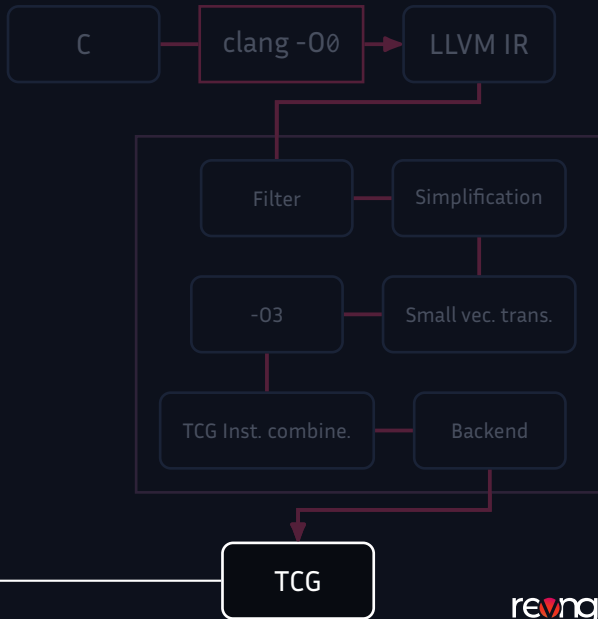
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    store <128 x i8> %5, <128 x i8>* %6

    ret void
}

```



```
void vec_add_bytes(intptr_t vo_0,  
                  intptr_t vo_1,  
                  intptr_t vo_2) {  
    tcg_gen_gvec_add(MO_8,  
                    vo_0, vo_2, vo_1,  
                    128, 128);  
}
```



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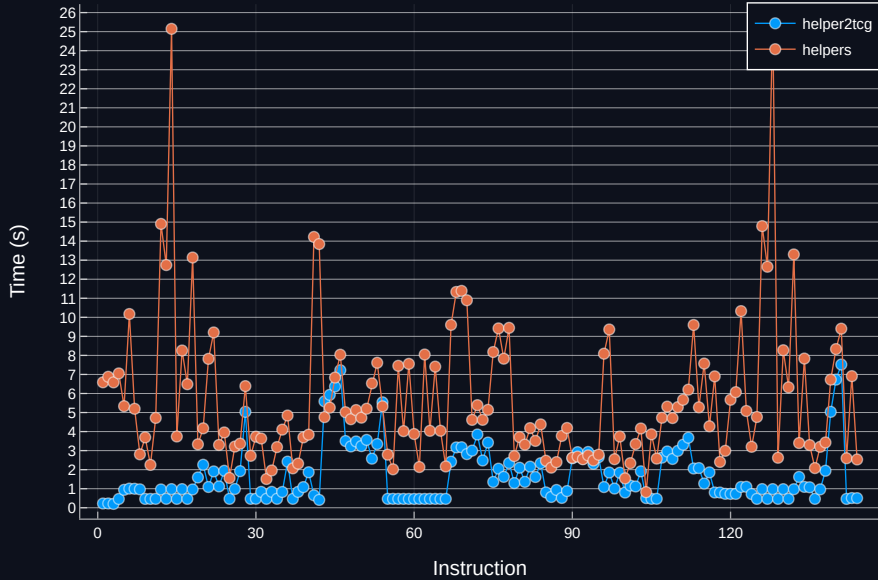
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Bench.	idef-parser	helper2tcg
coremark	2.29x	2.43x
stream	1.52x	1.60x
nbench	2.85x	3.09x

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Binary	idef-parser	helper2tcg
nn tests	3.3%	9.6%
corner det.	1.4%	11%



- Average speedup 4.30x
- Peak speedup 33.6x

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```
_start:  
    // Loop prologue / setup  
    [...]  
  
loop:  
    // Loop iteration  
    r2=add(r3,r4)  
    r3=add(r2,r4)  
    r2=add(r3,r4)  
    r3=add(r2,r4)  
    [...]  
    r2=add(r3,r4)  
    r3=add(r2,r4)  
  
    // Loop epilogue  
    r0 = add(r0, #1)  
    p0 = cmp.lt(r0, r1)  
    if (p0) jump loop  
  
    // Exit  
    [...]
```