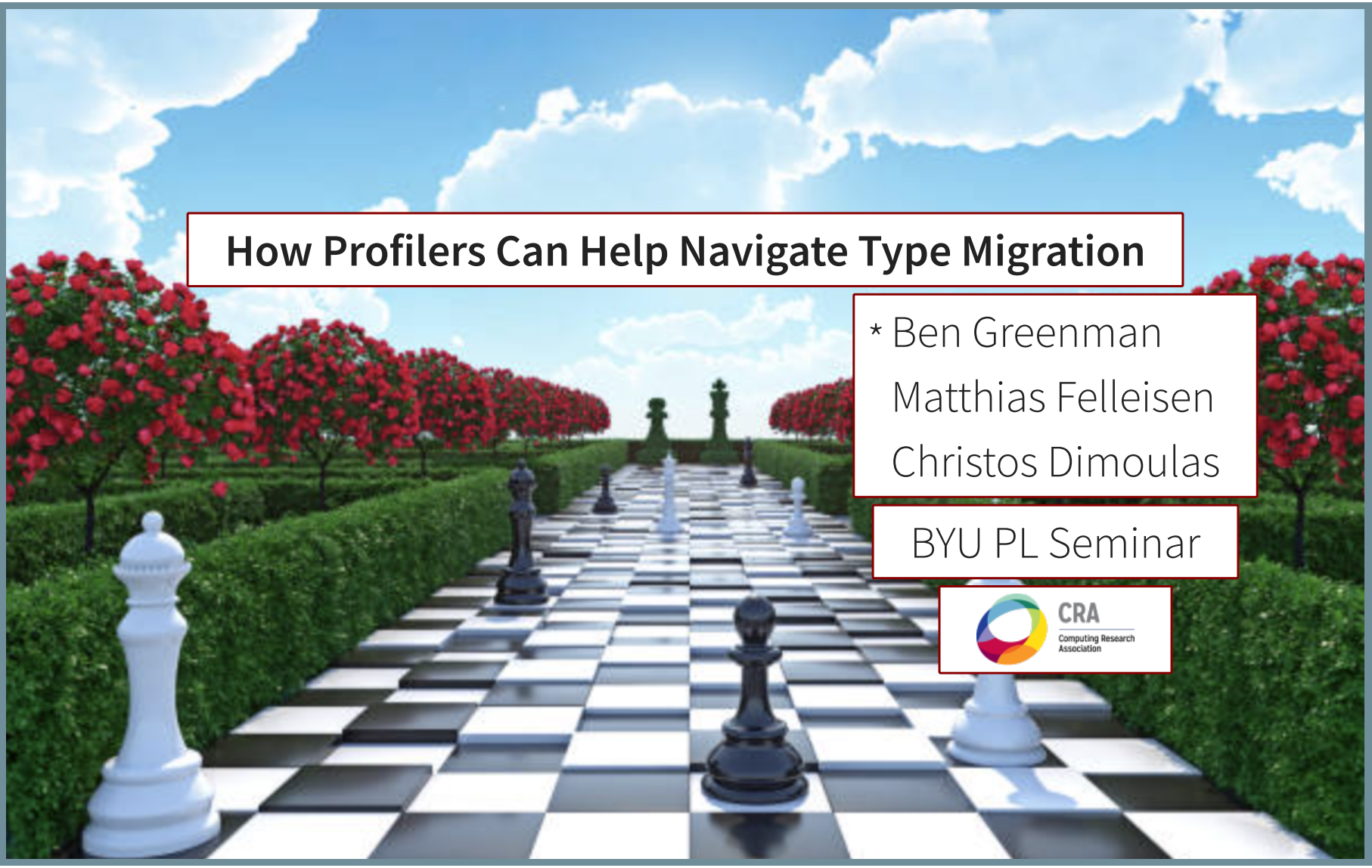
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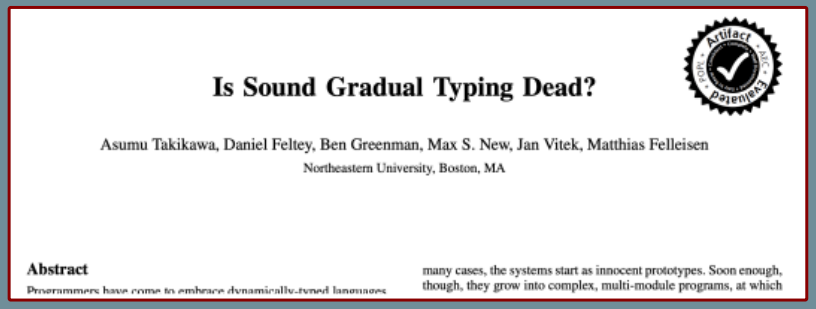

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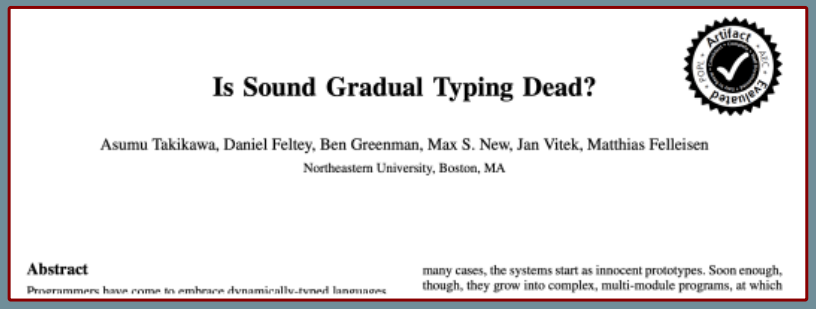

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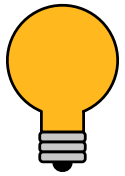

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method (icfp'21)

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no boundaries!

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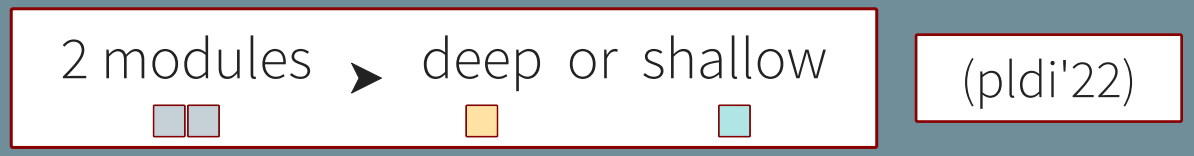
more types, more checks

2x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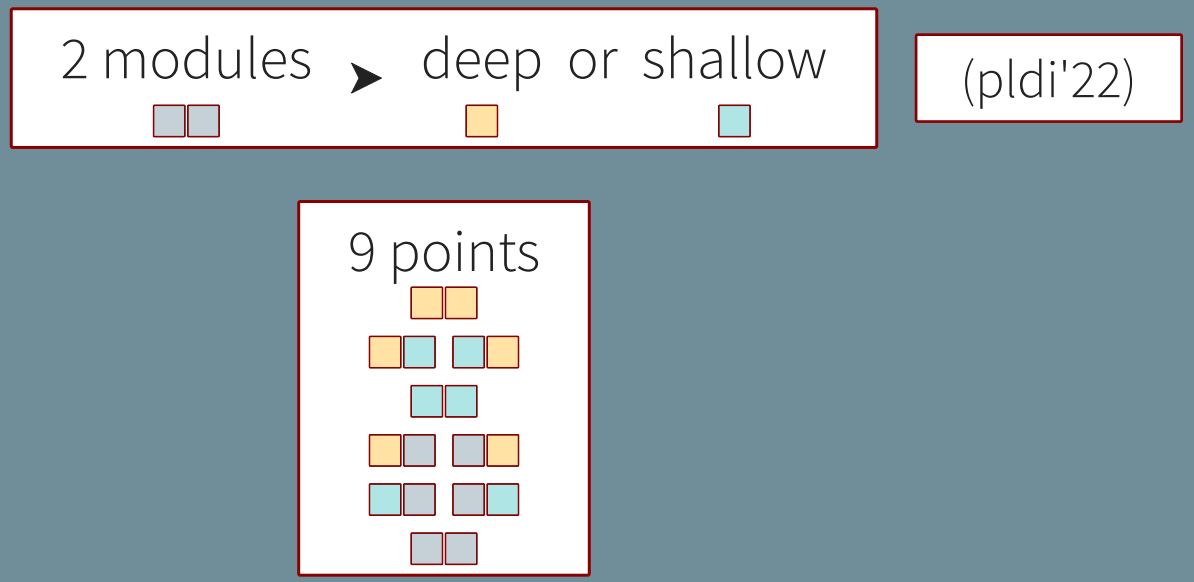
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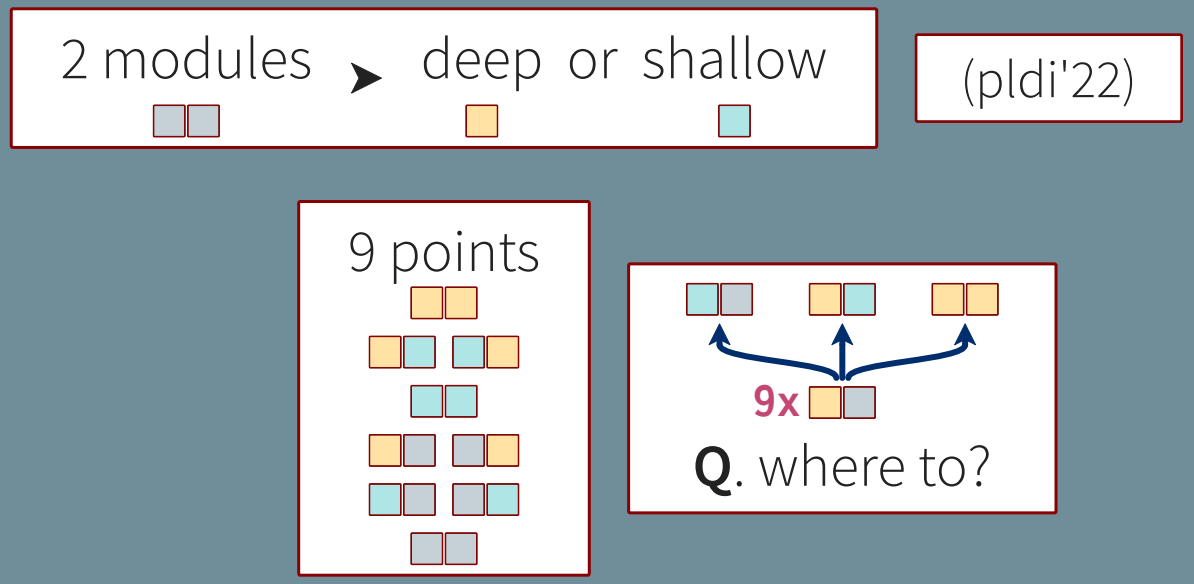
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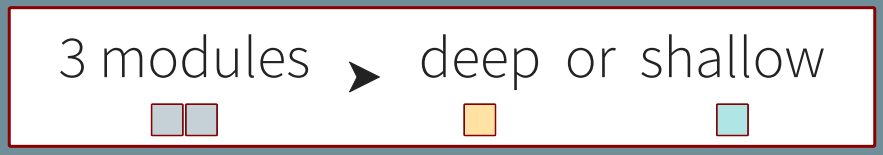
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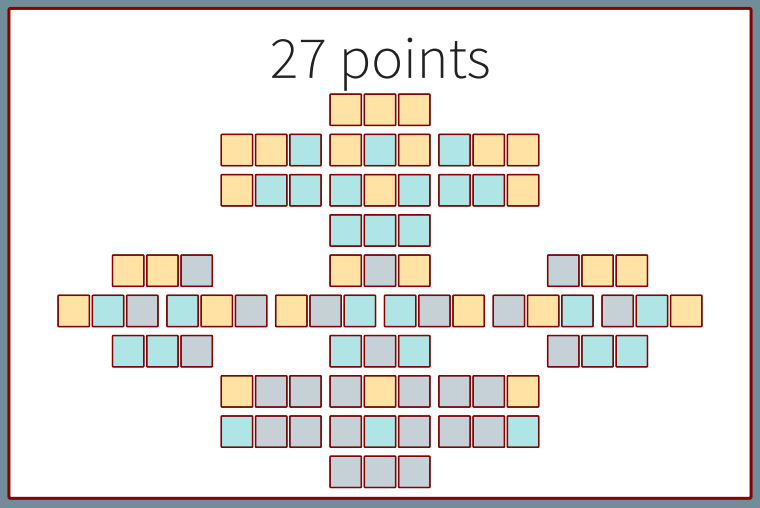
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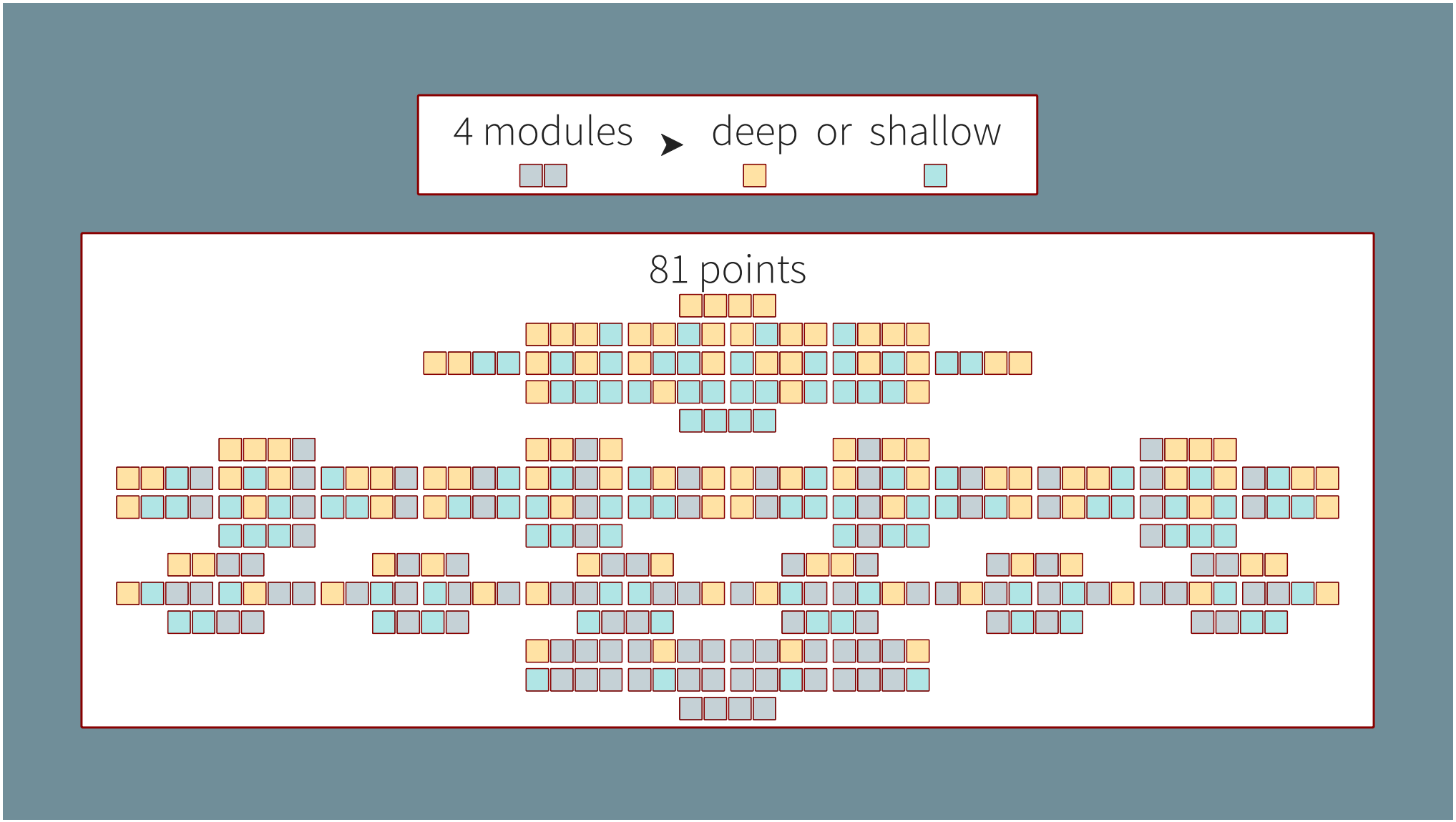
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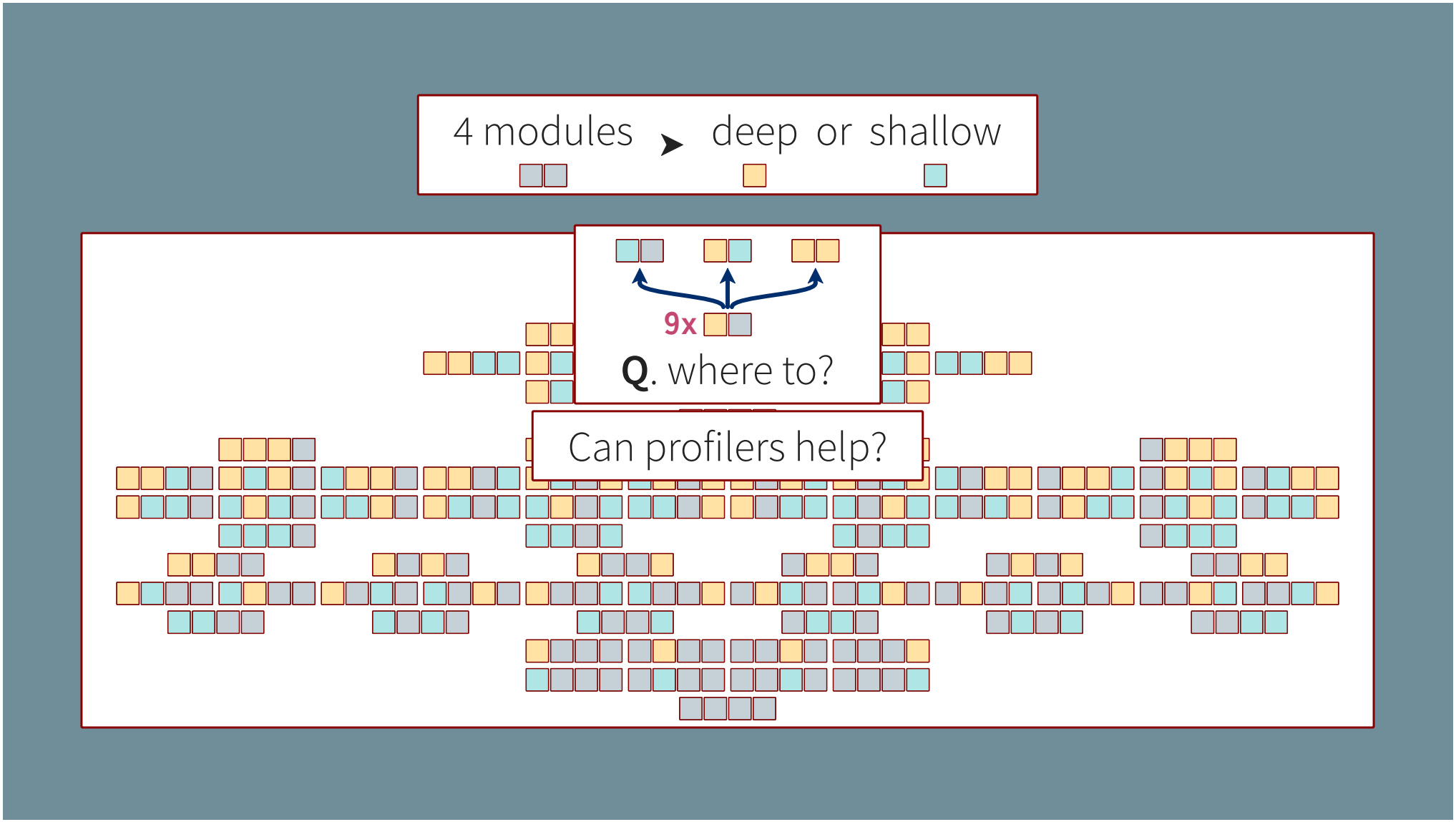
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```
  Total cpu time observed: 1192ms (out of 1236ms)
  Number of samples taken: 23 (once every 52ms)

================================================
                                  Caller
 Idx    Total       Self        Name+src
        ms(pct)     ms(pct)     Callee
================================================
                                  ??? [12]
                                  evolve [17]
[17]  818(68.6%)    0(0.0%)     evolve main
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                                  shuffle-vector [19]
                                  death-birth [18]
                                  ??? [20]
------------------------------------------------
                                  match-up* [22]
                                  shuffle-vector [19]
[24]  152(12.7%)  152(12.7%)  contract-wrapper
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```
cpu time: 984 real time: 984 gc time: 155
Running time is 18.17% contracts
253/1390 ms

(interface:death-birth pop main)
  142 ms
  (->* ((cons/c (vectorof automaton?)
                (vectorof automaton?))
        any/c)
       (#:random any/c)
       (cons/c (vectorof automaton?)
               (vectorof automaton?)))
(interface:match-up* pop main)
  81.5 ms
  (-> ....)
(interface:population-payoffs pop main)
  29 ms
  (-> ....)
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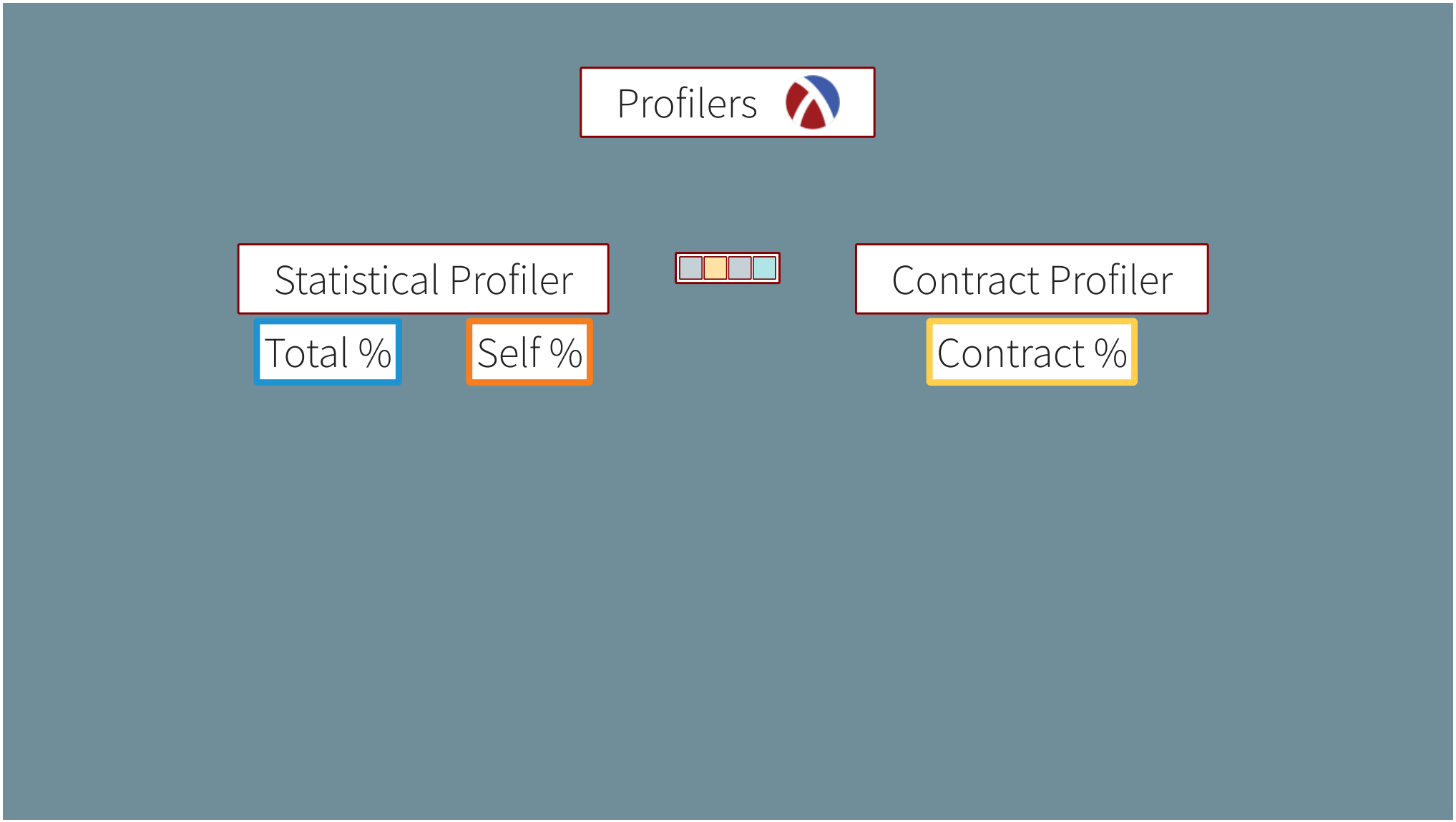
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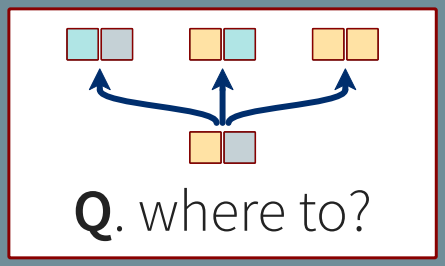

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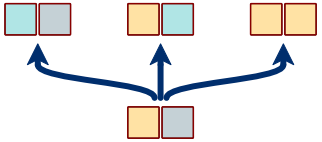

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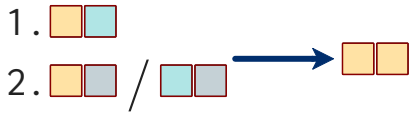

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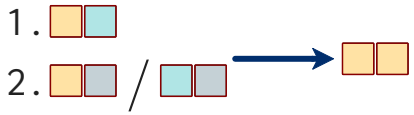

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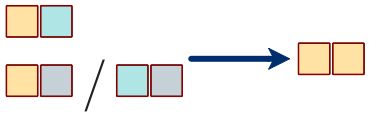

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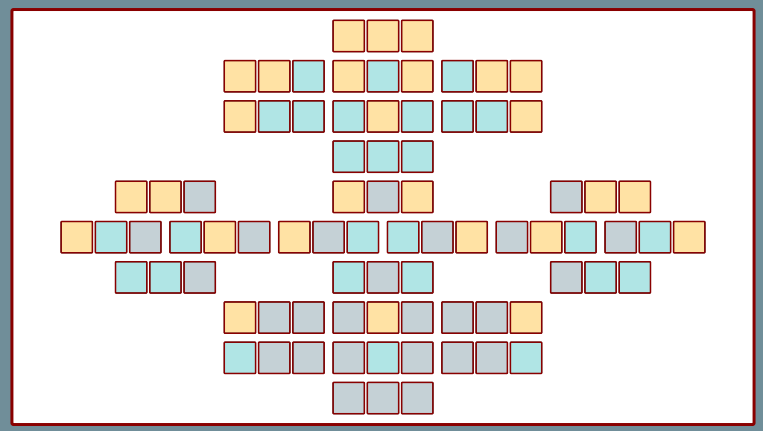

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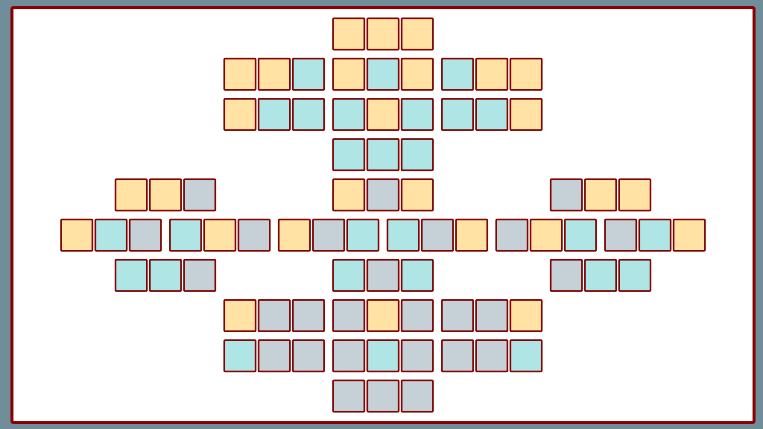

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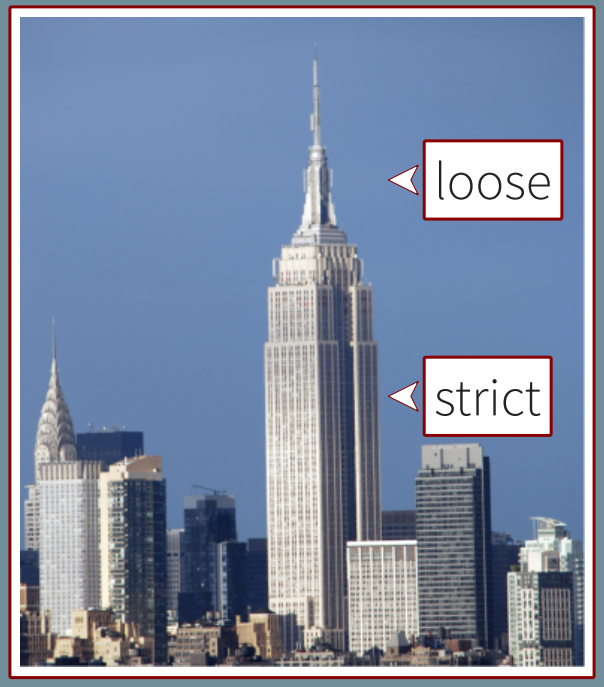

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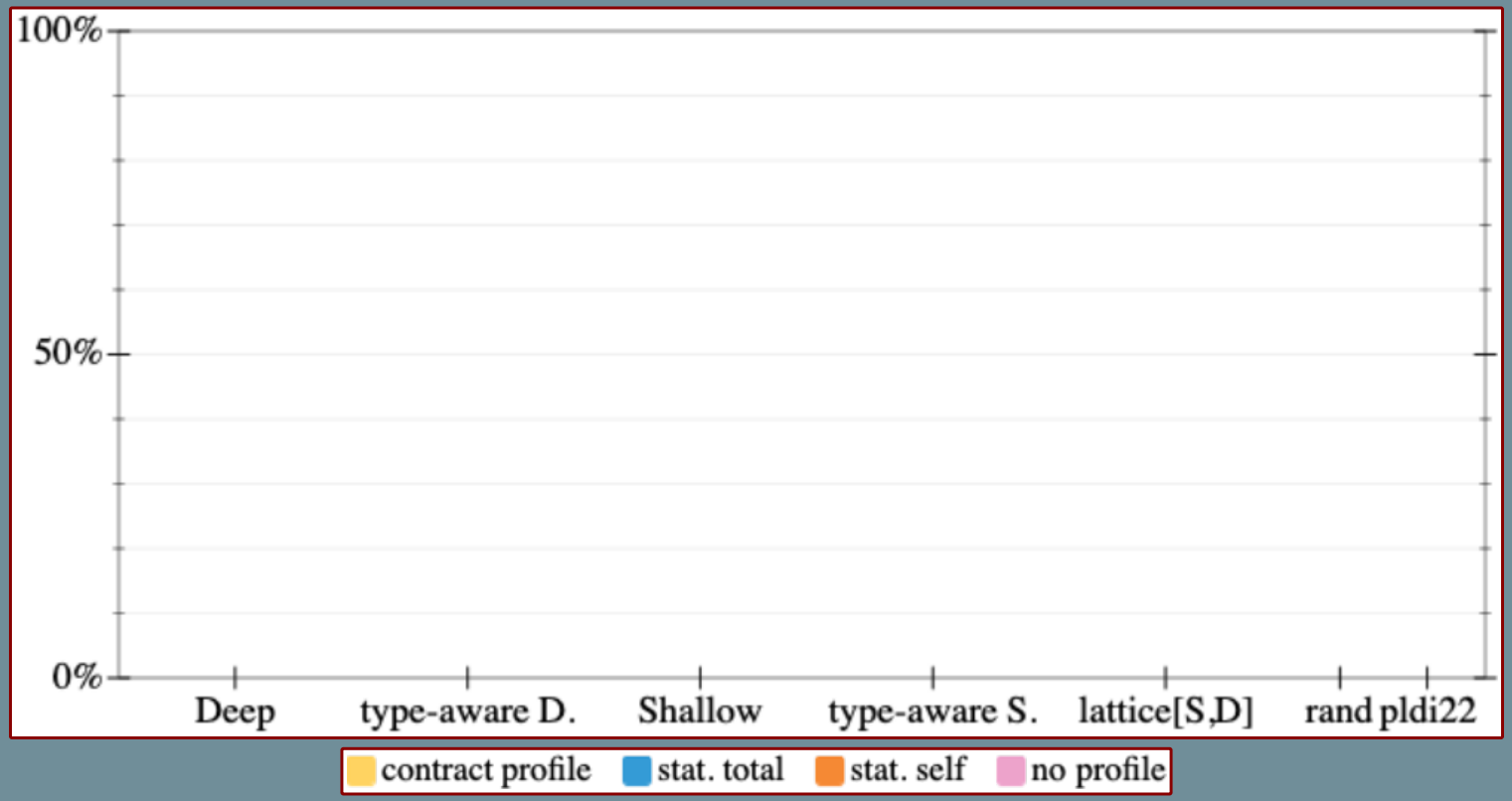

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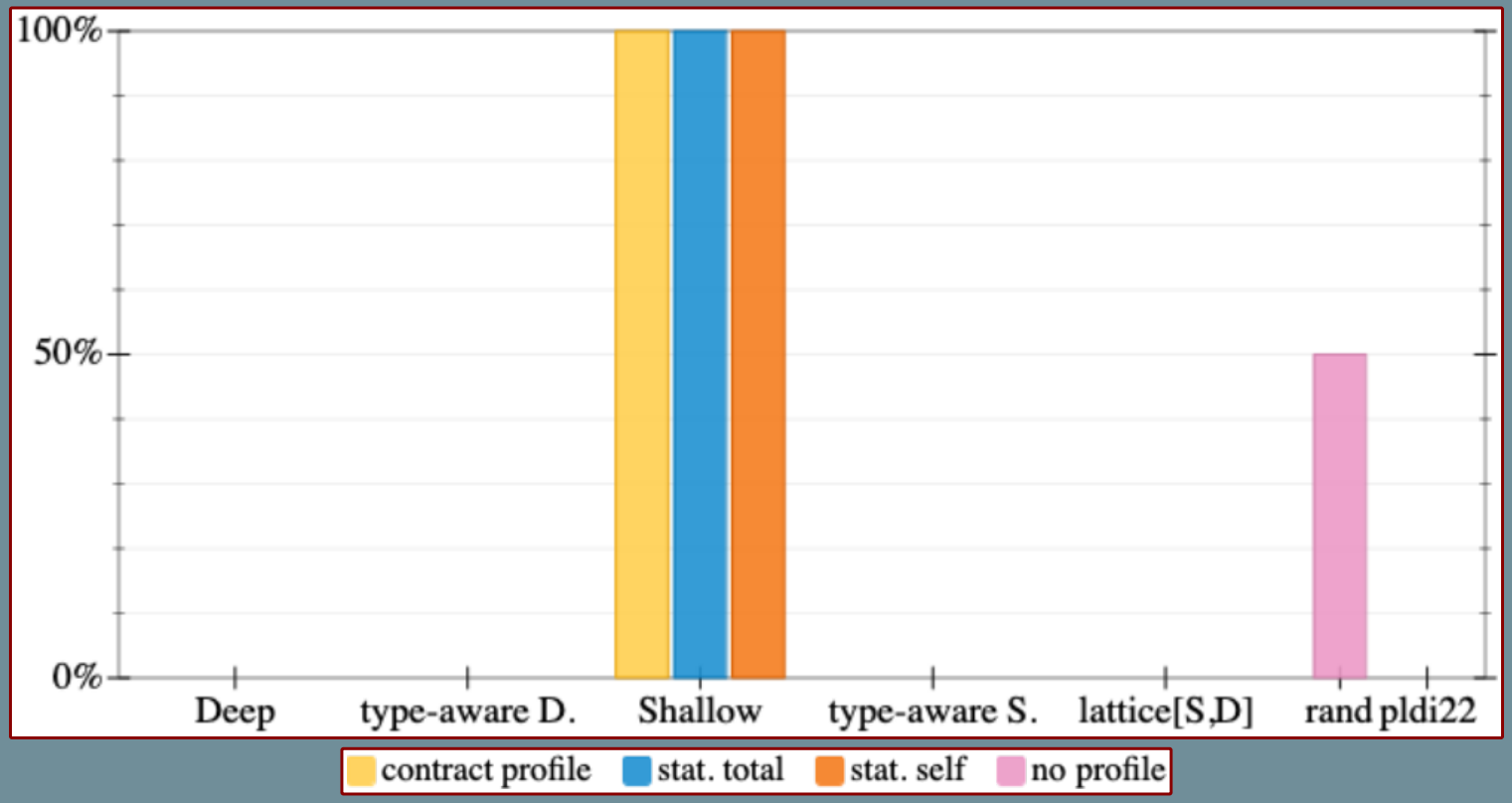

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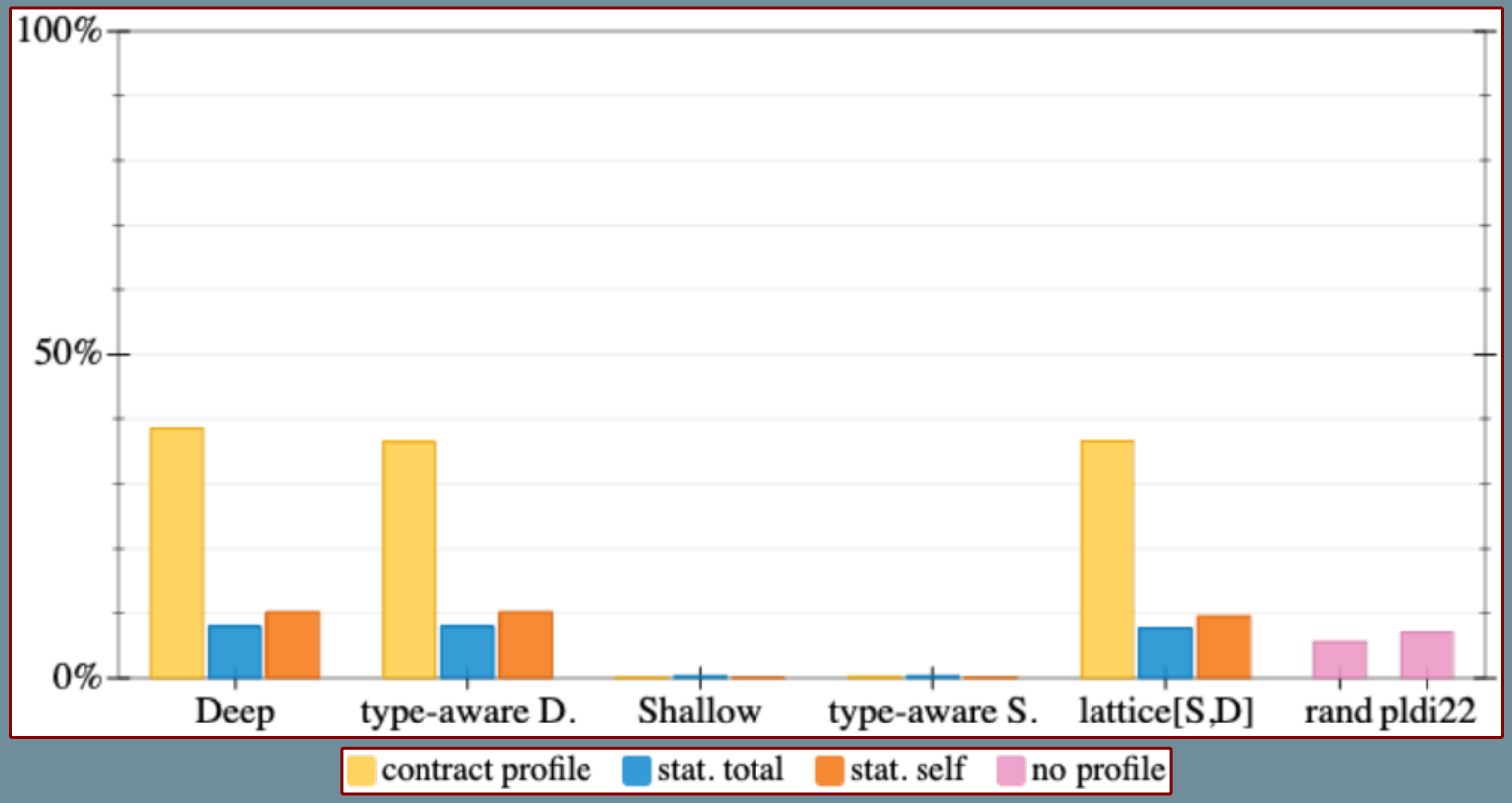

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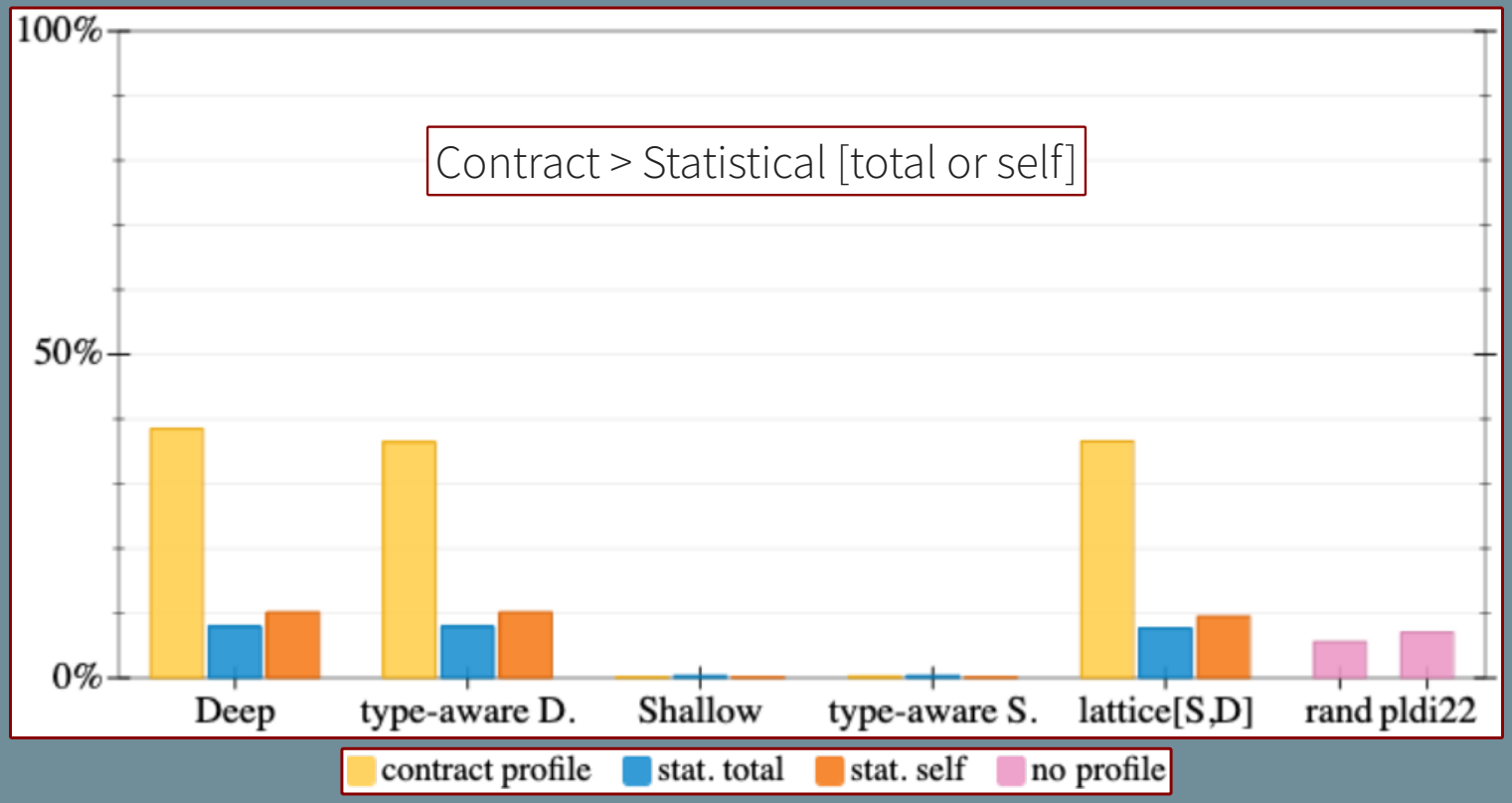

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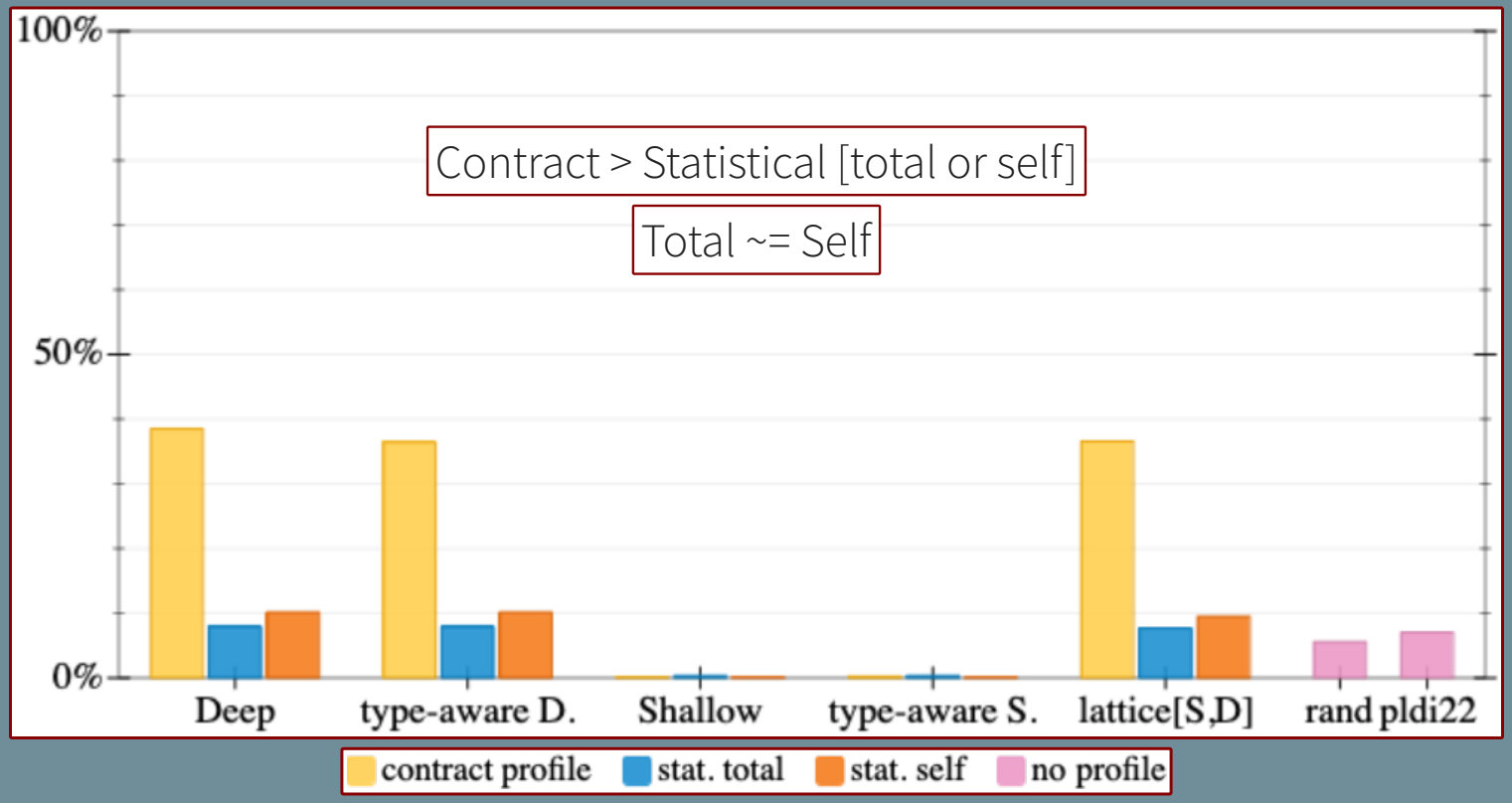

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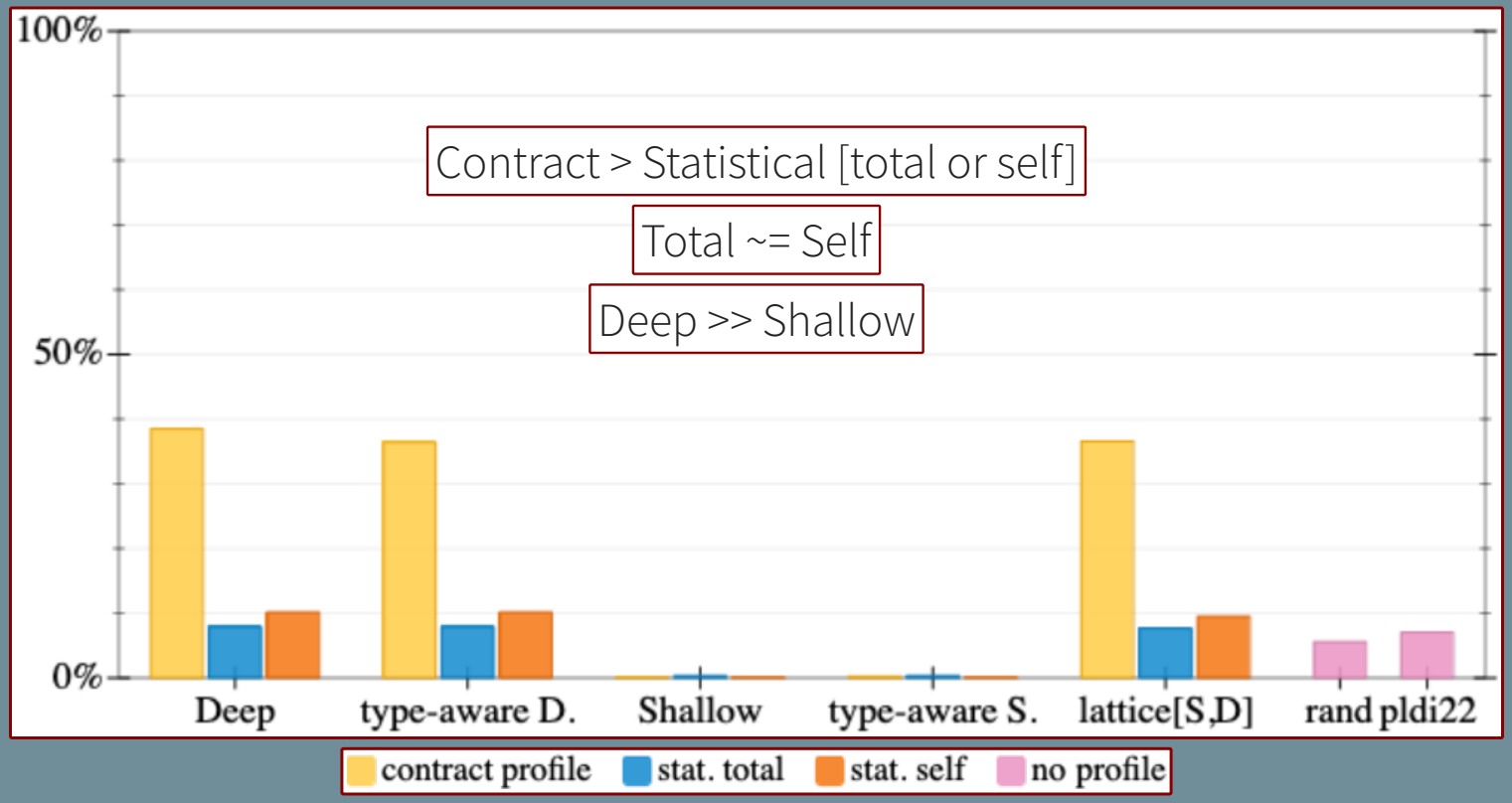

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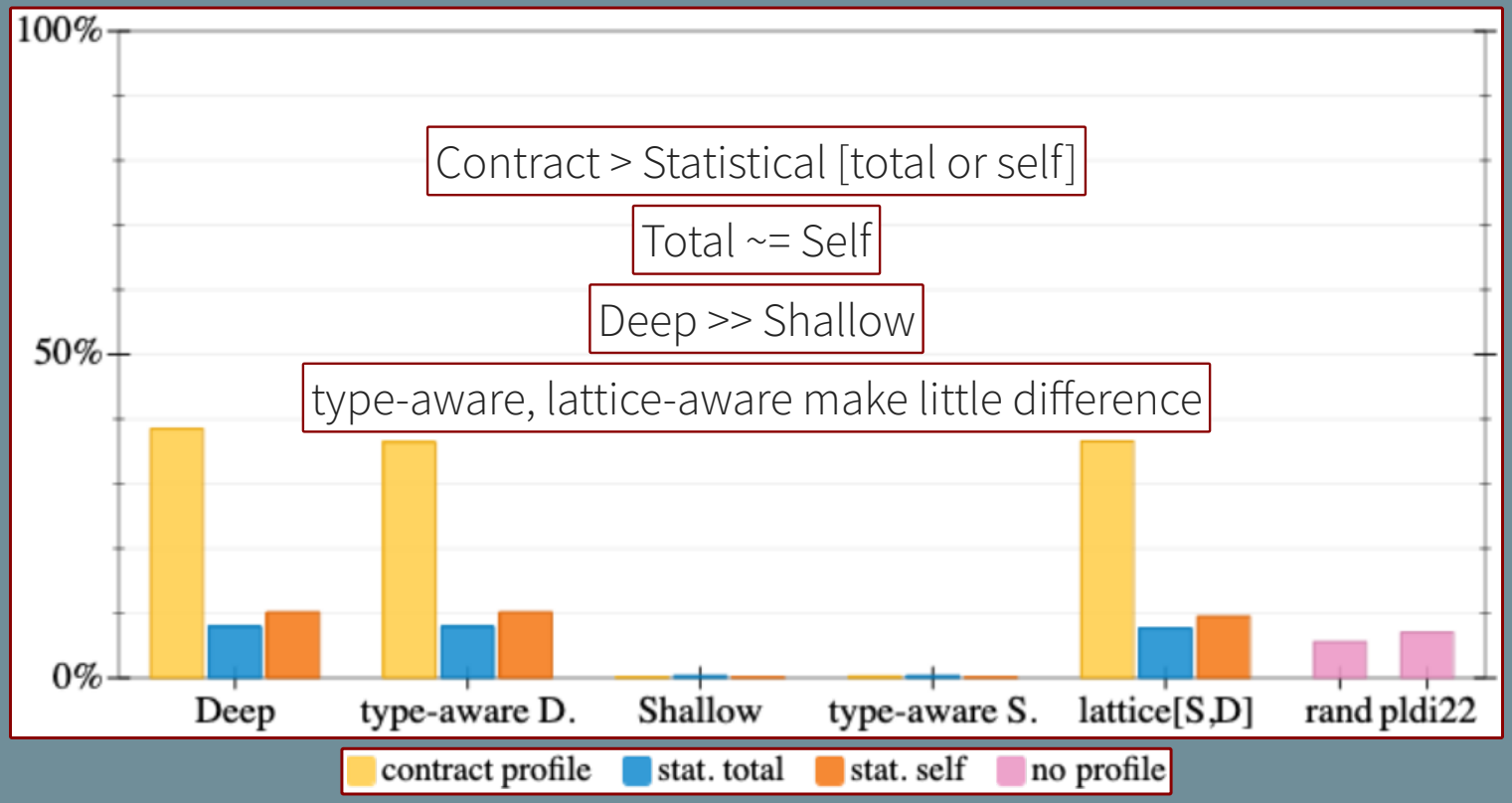

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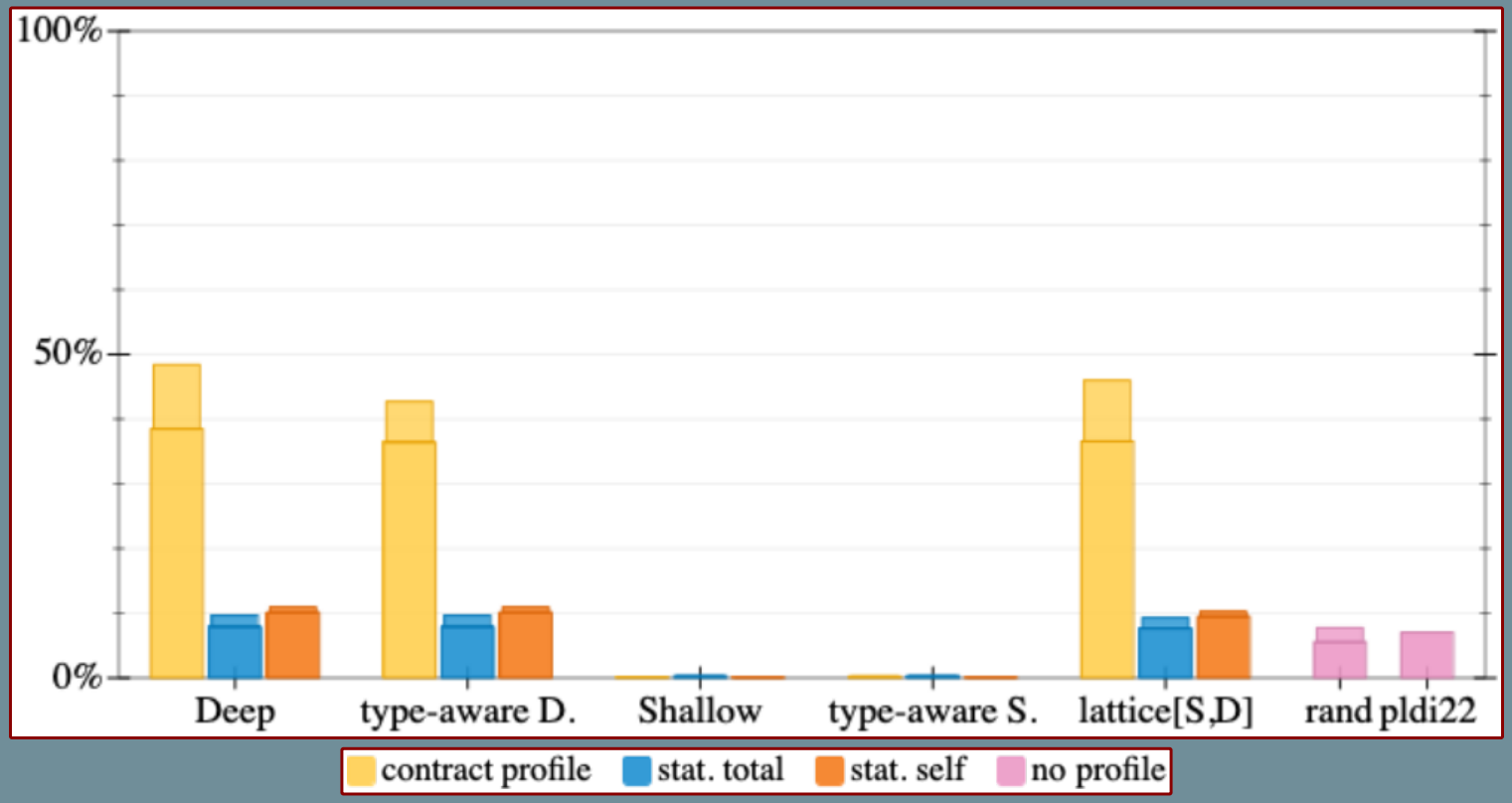

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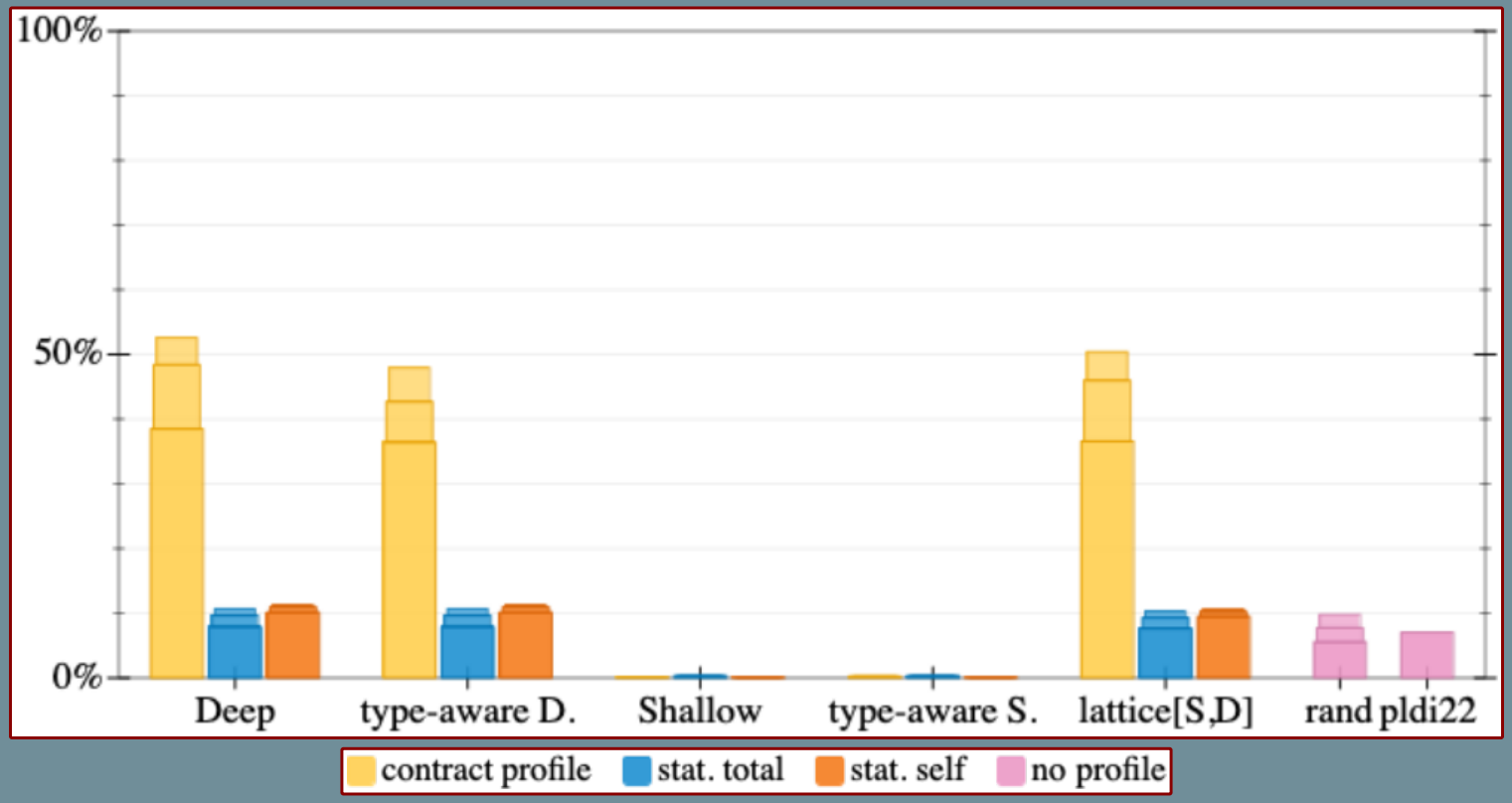

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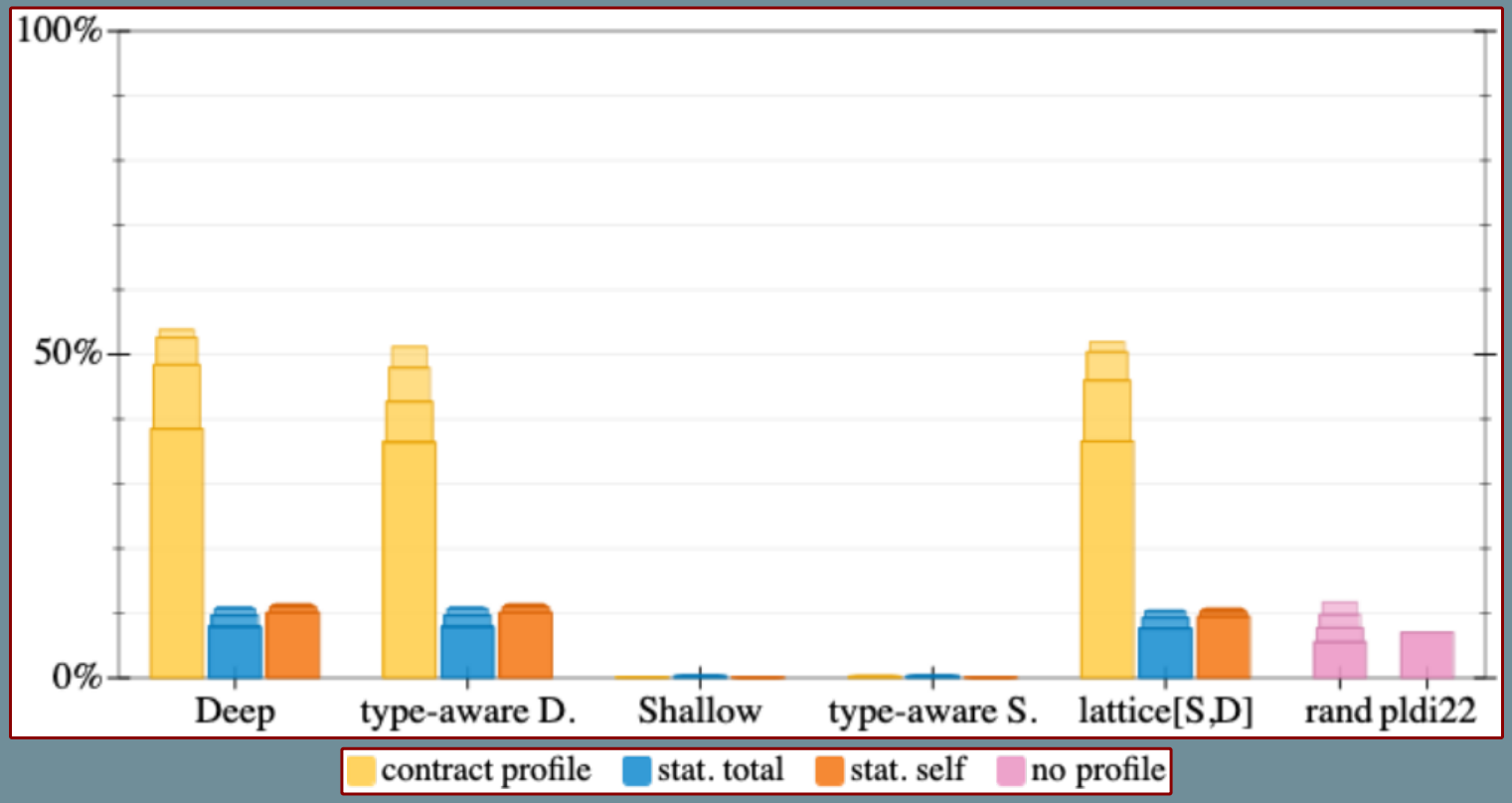

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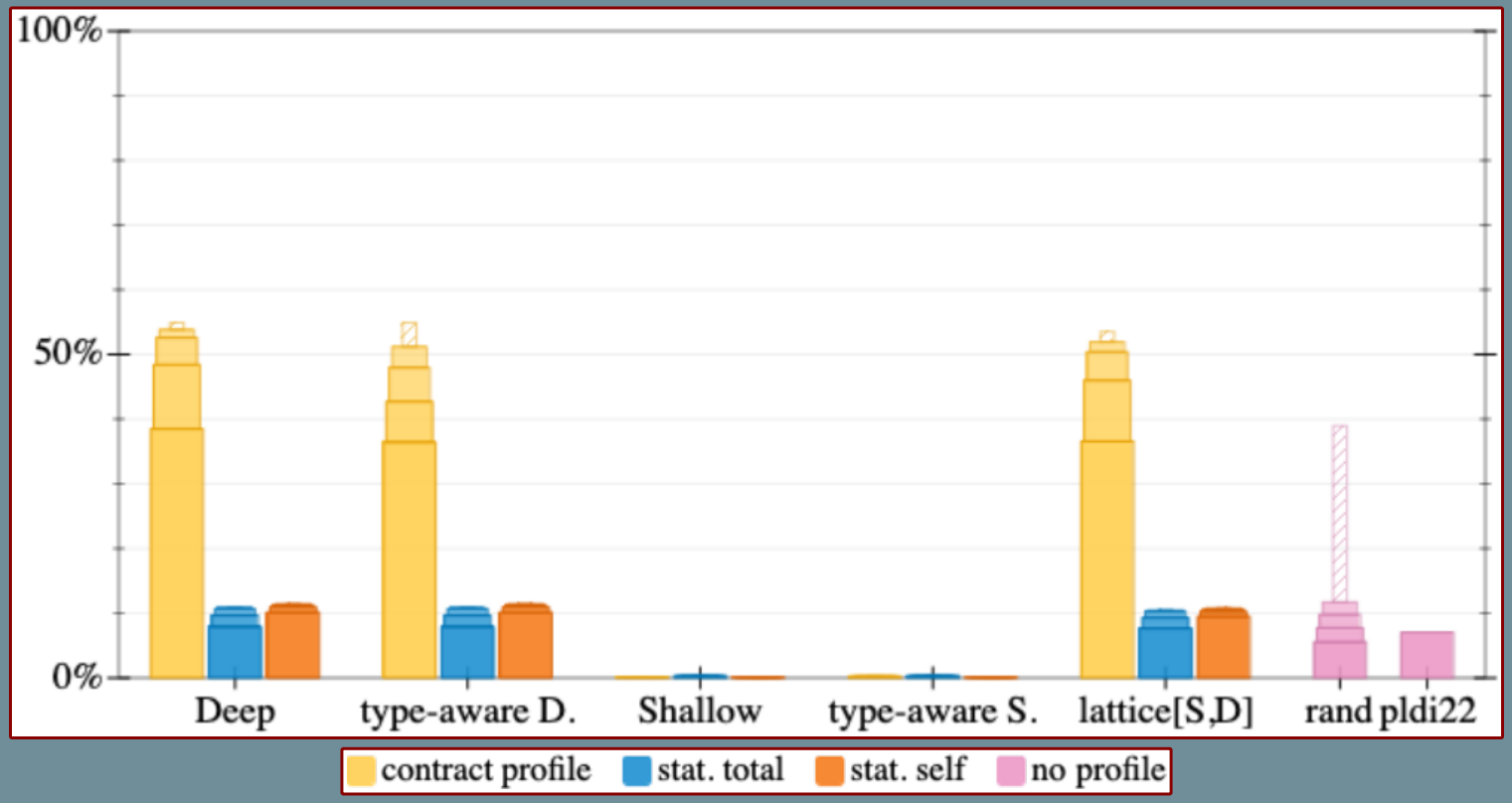

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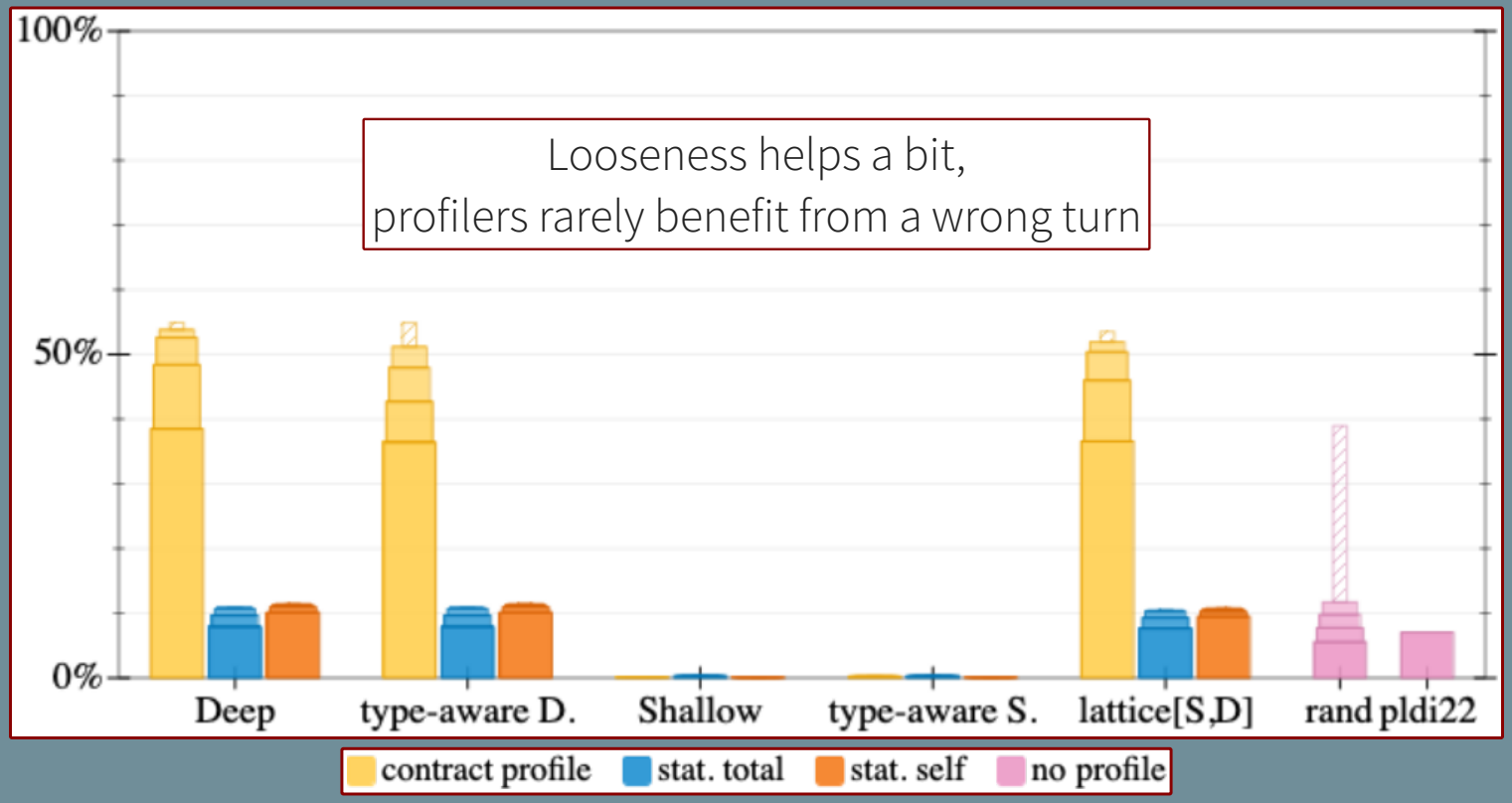

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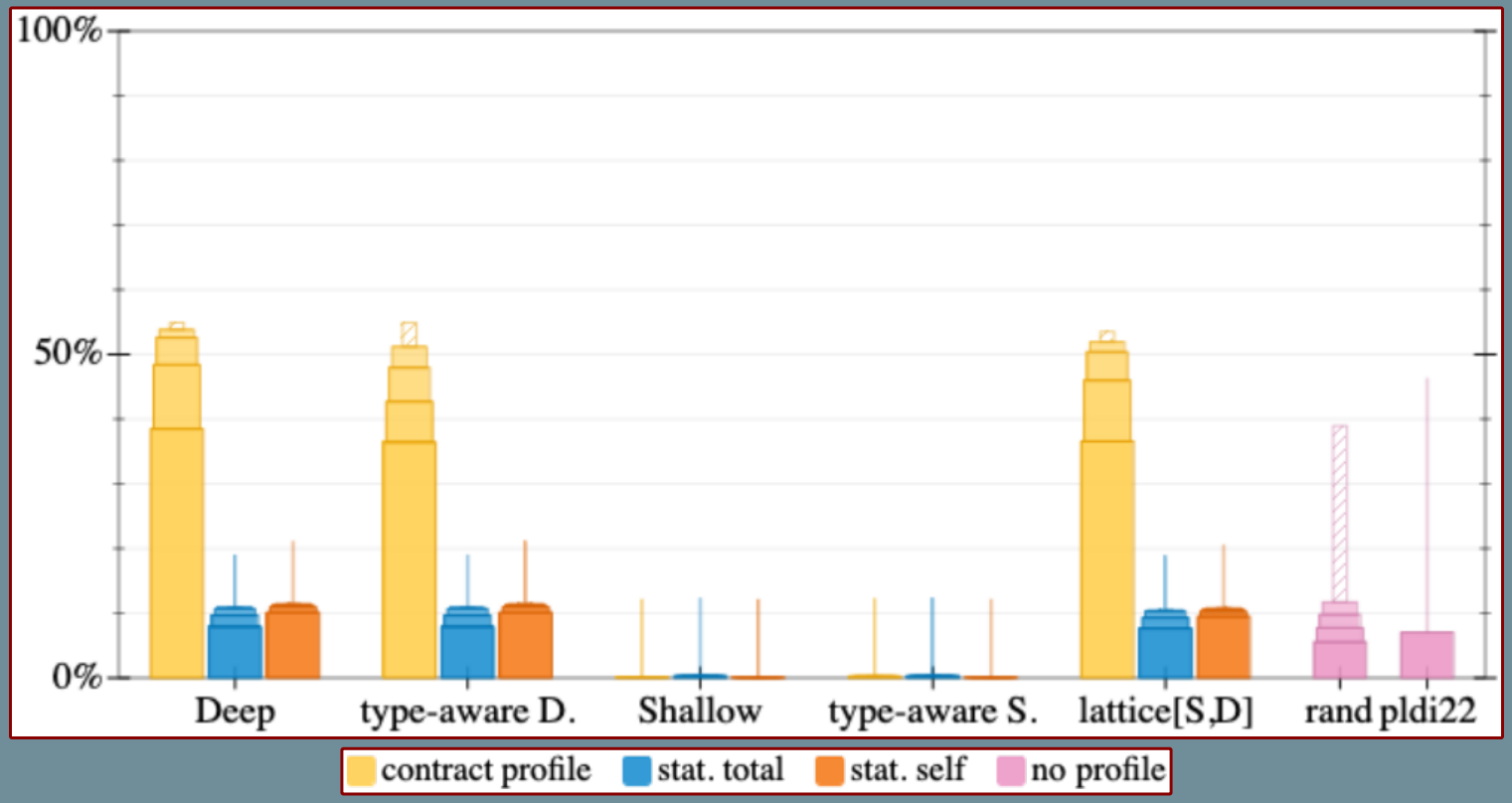

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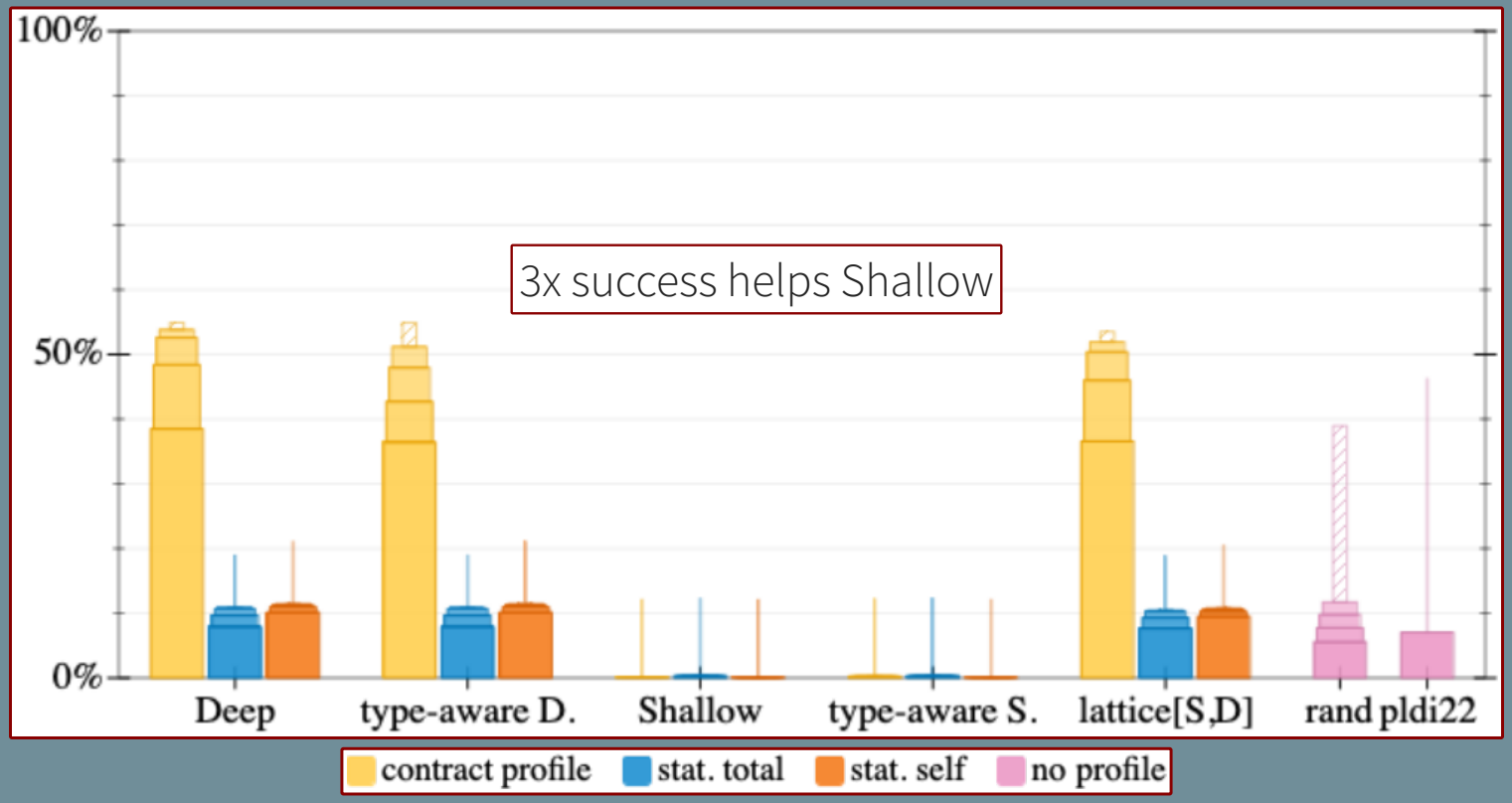

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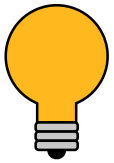

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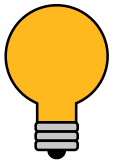

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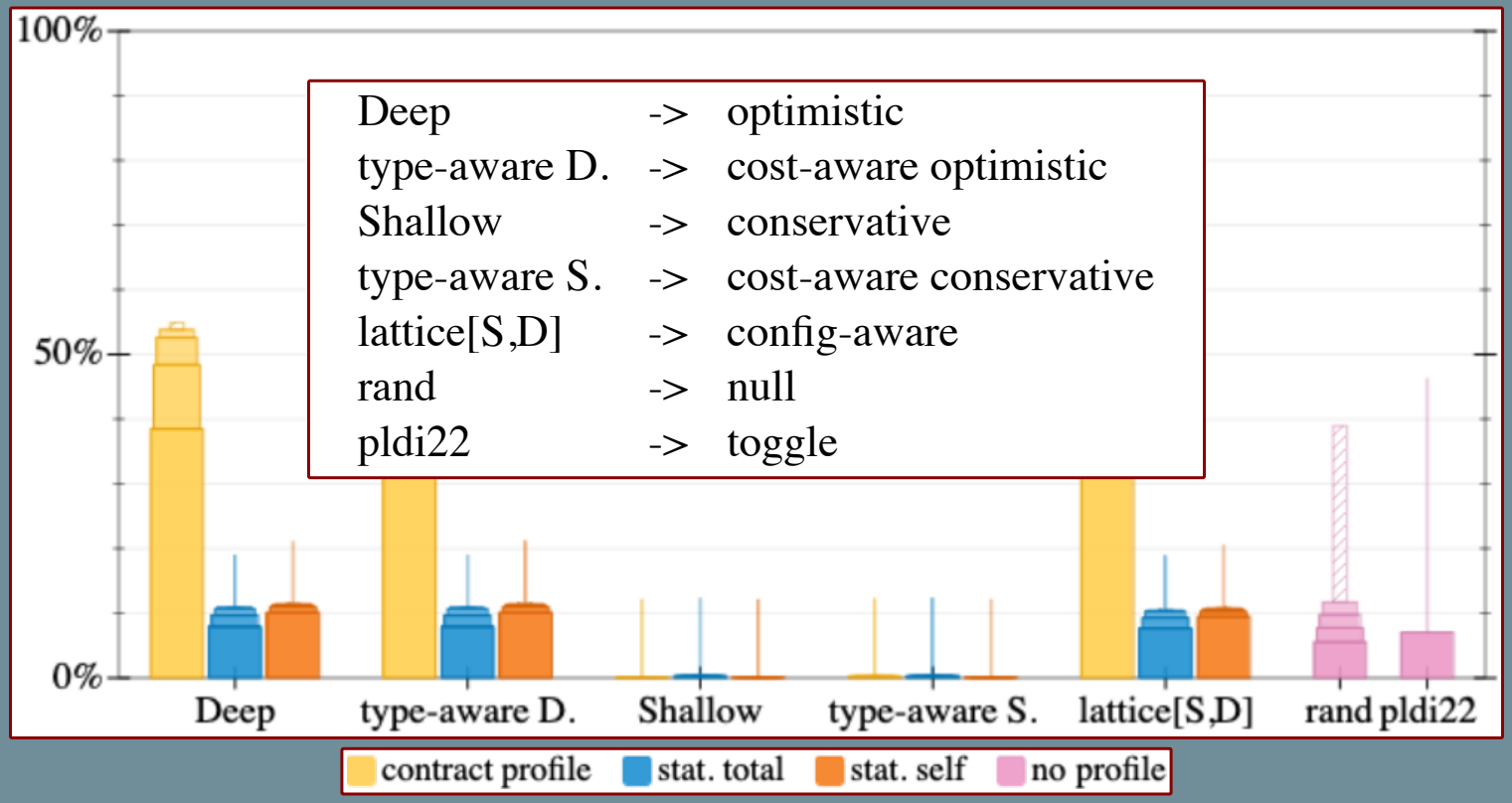
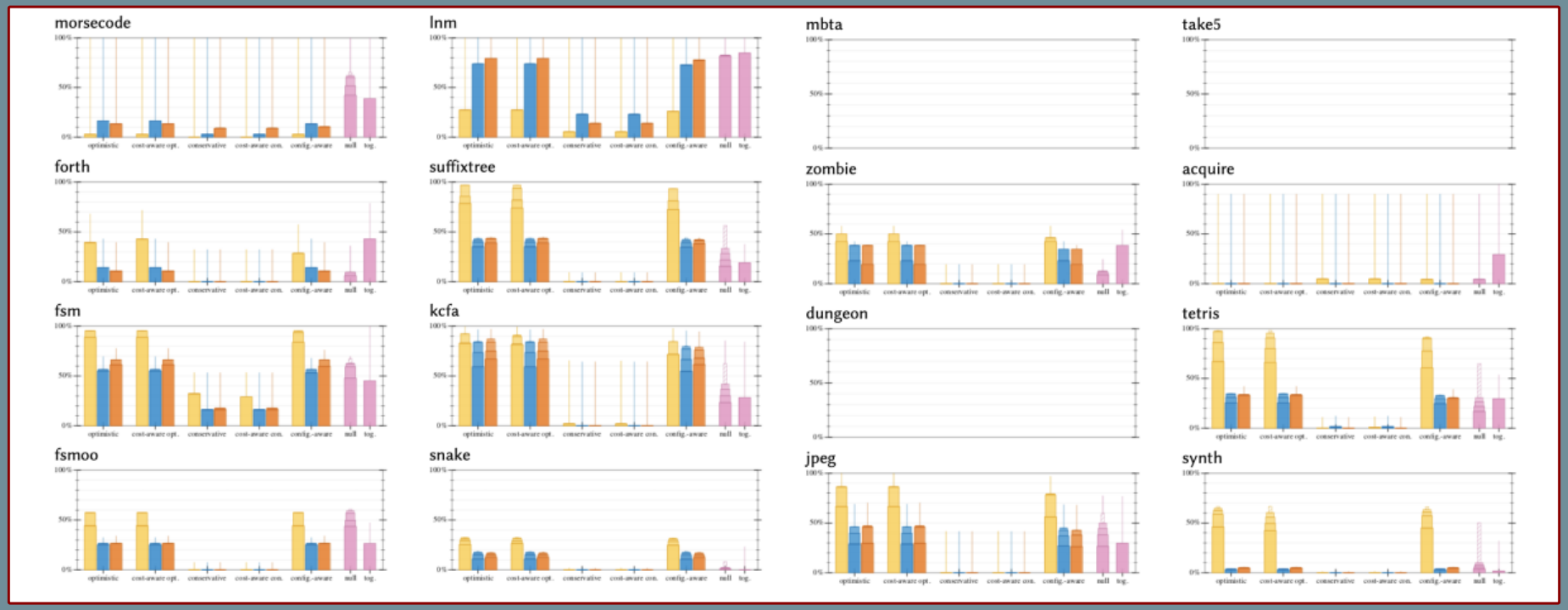
Translation: talk to paper

strict success | 1 loose | 2 loose | 3 loose | N loose | strict 3x



Skylines per Benchmark

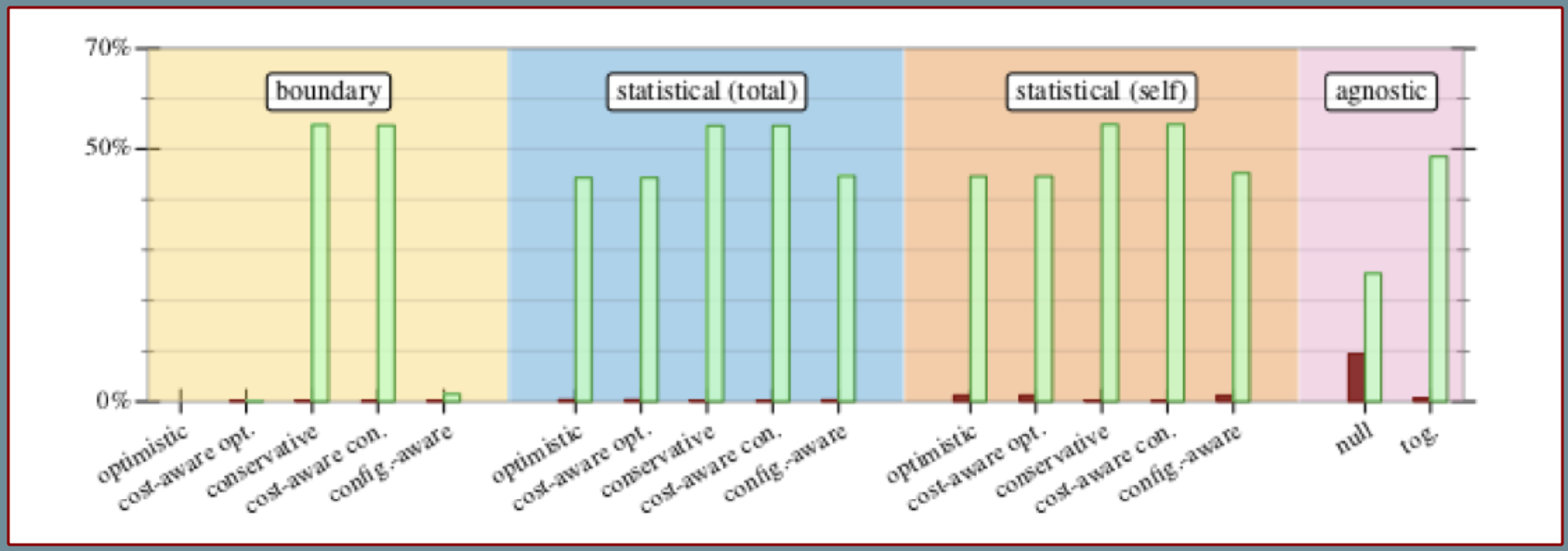


Hopeful Scenarios

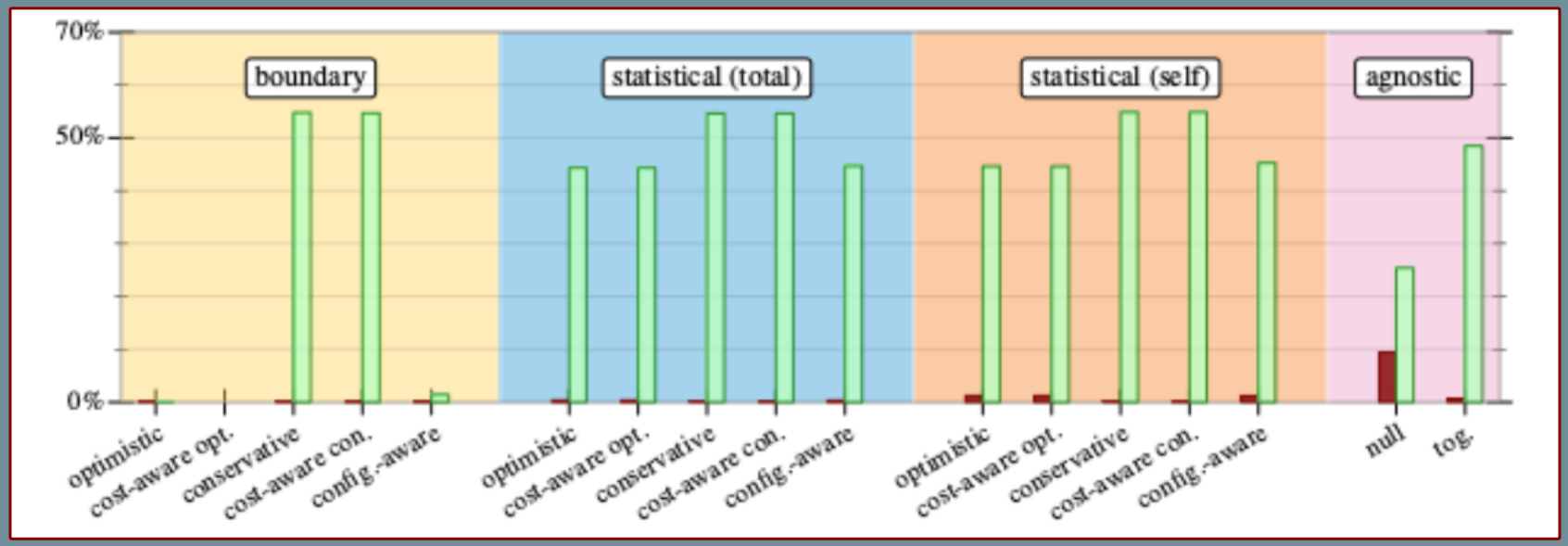
Table 3. How many scenarios can possibly reach 1x without removing types?

Benchmark	# Scenario	% Hopeful	Benchmark	# Scenario	% Hopeful
morsecode	67	100.00 %	lnm	295	100.00 %
forth	76	36.84 %	suffixtree	718	100.00 %
fsm	62	100.00 %	kcfa	2,031	100.00 %
fsmoo	68	100.00 %	snake	6,559	100.00 %
mbta	72	0.00 %	take5	6,558	0.00 %
zombie	74	35.14 %	acquire	19,532	5.45 %
dungeon	242	0.00 %	tetris	18,791	100.00 %
jpeg	230	100.00 %	synth	59,046	100.00 %

Opt Boundary vs. the others



Type-Aware Boundary vs. the others



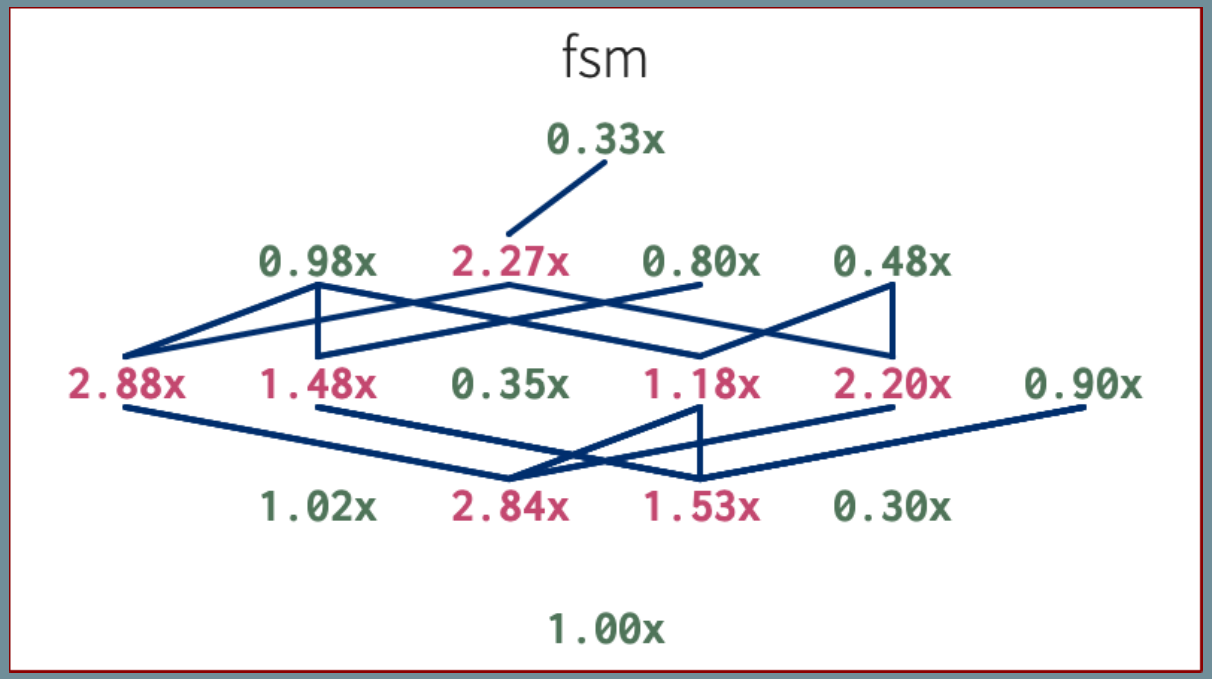
Where are the Fast Configs?

Table 4. Which levels of the migration lattice have any acceptable configurations?

Benchmark	#acceptable					
morsecode	1	2	4	4	3	
forth	1	2	1	1	0	
fsm	1	3	4	7	4	
fsmoo	1	2	4	2	4	
mbta	1	4	4	0	0	
zombie	1	2	3	1	0	
dungeon	1	0	0	0	0	0
jpeg	1	2	1	1	4	4

Benchmark	#acceptable by lattice level										
lnm	1	9	38	93	138	116	39				
suffixtree	1	1	0	0	1	4	4				
kcfa	1	8	22	33	24	24	29	15			
snake	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		
take5	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
acquire	1	8	28	51	45	16	2	0	0	0	
tetris	1	12	56	121	169	128	118	133	112	42	
synth	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

Best-Case Lattice



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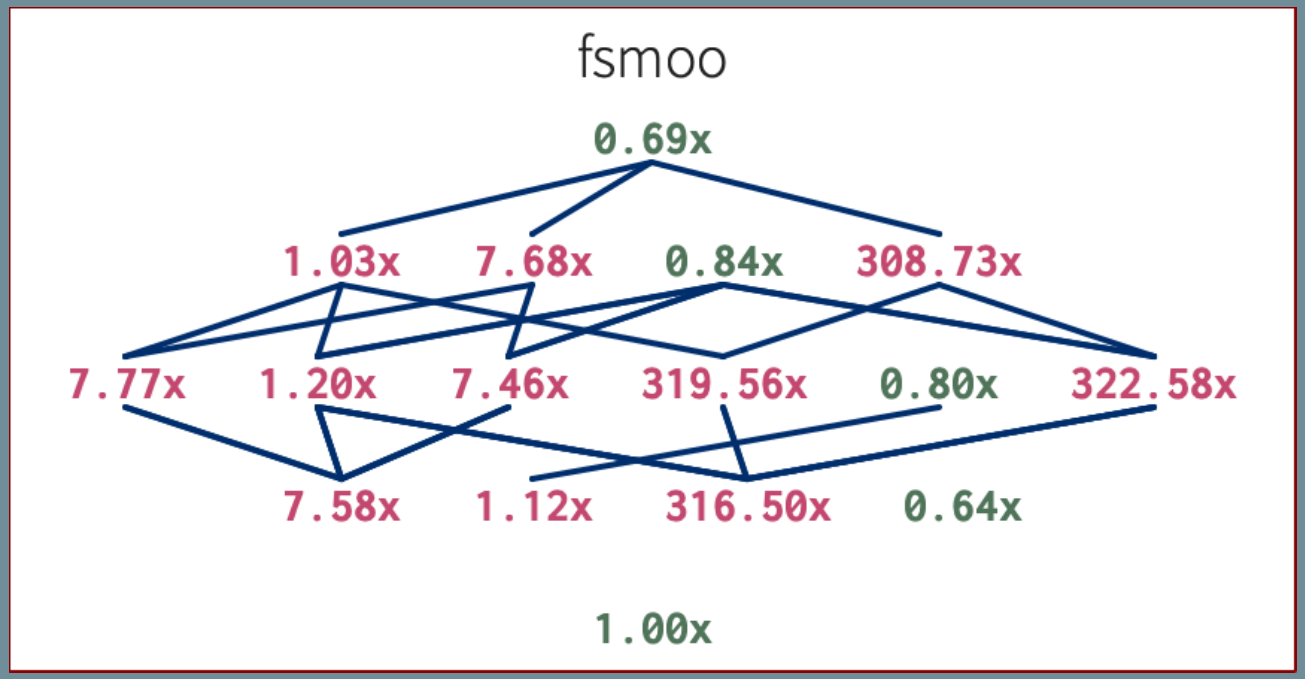

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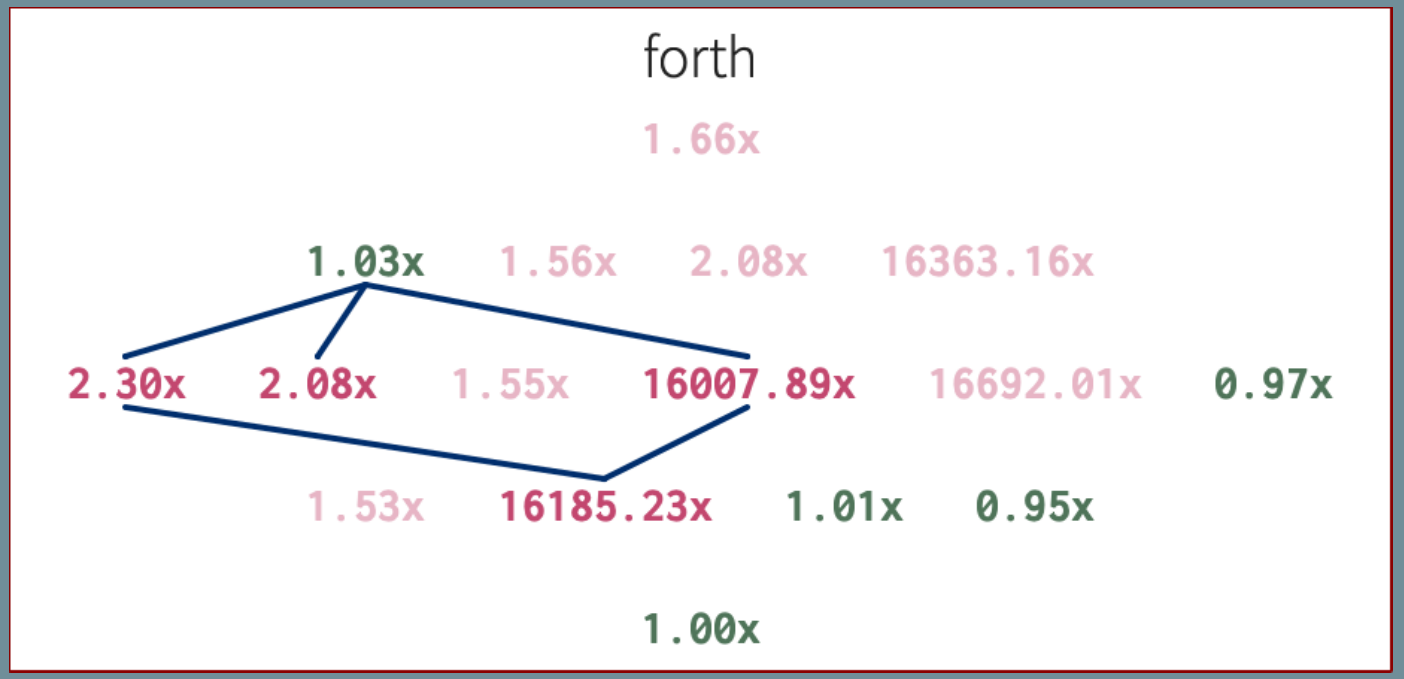

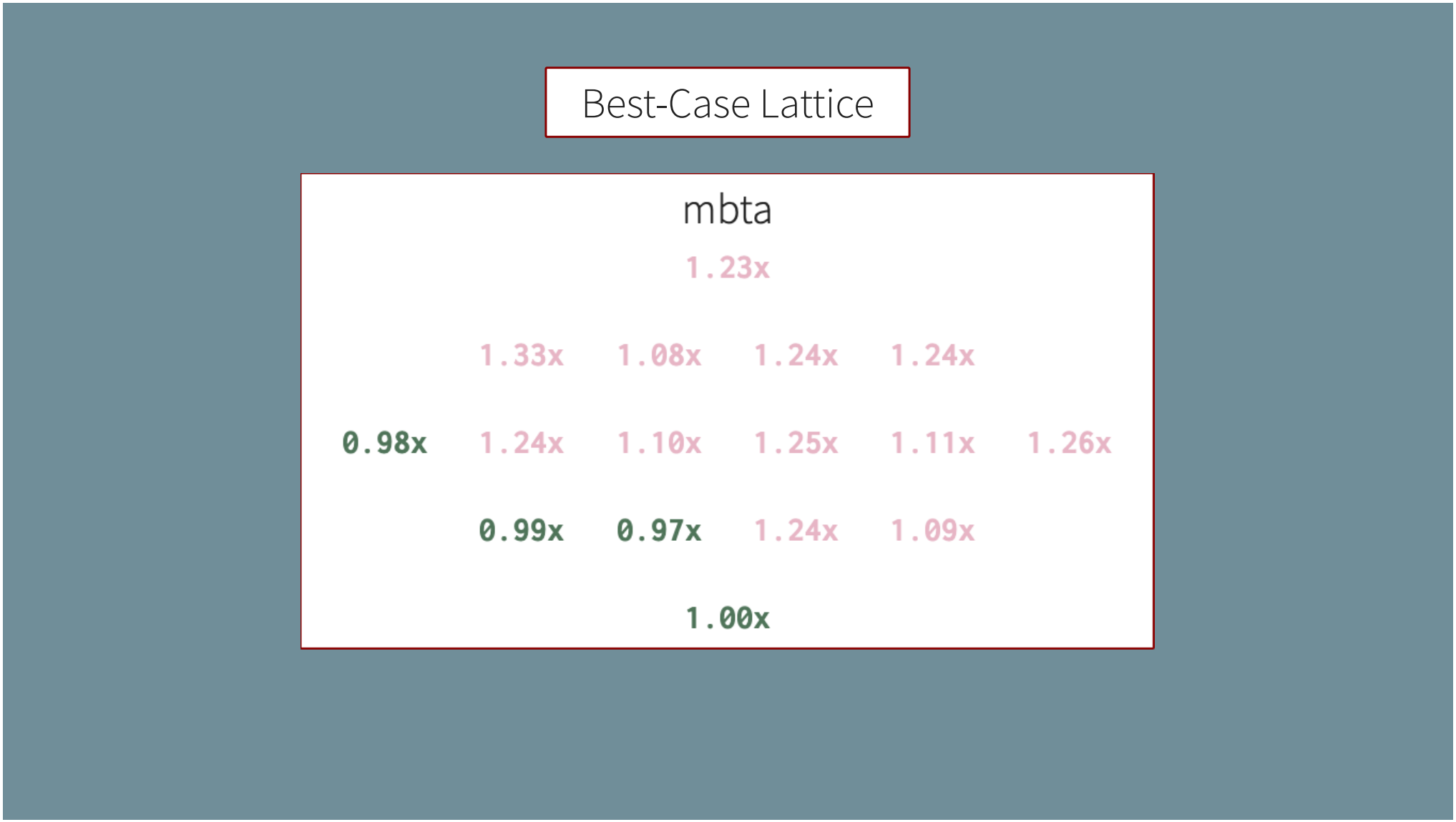
Best-Case Lattice
mbta
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1.33x
1.08x
1.24x
1.24x
0.98x
1.24x
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1.11x
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1.00x

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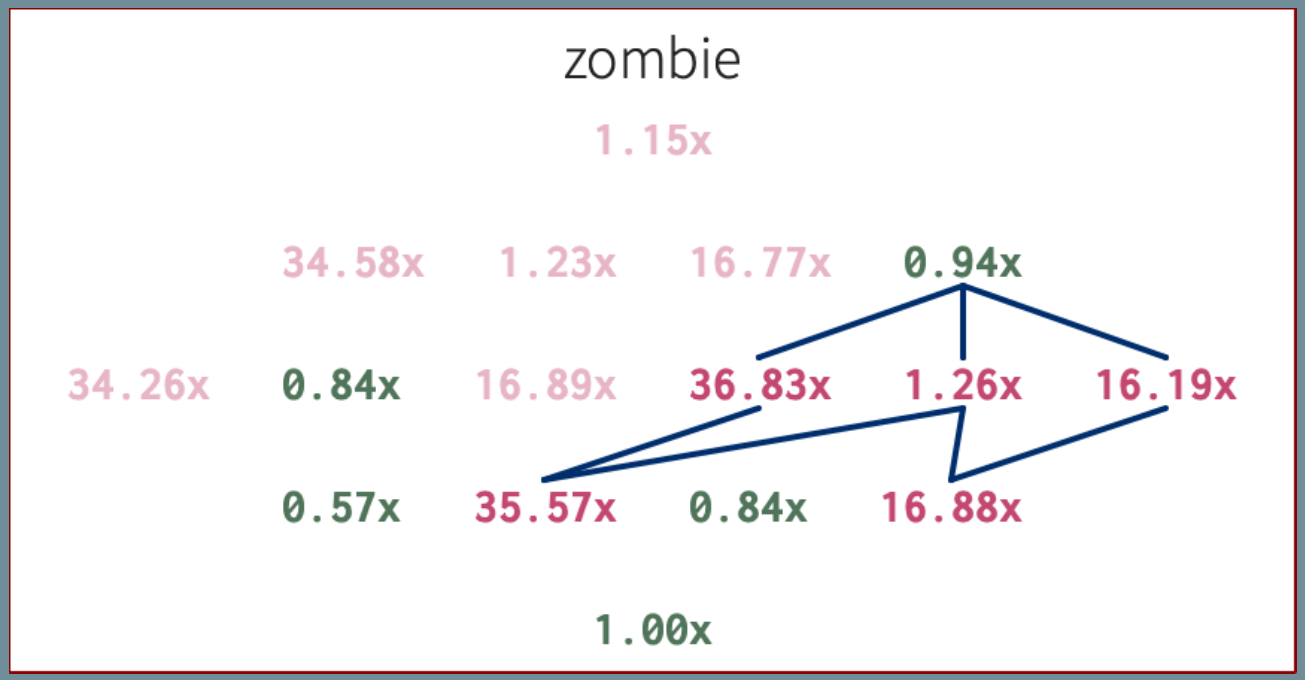

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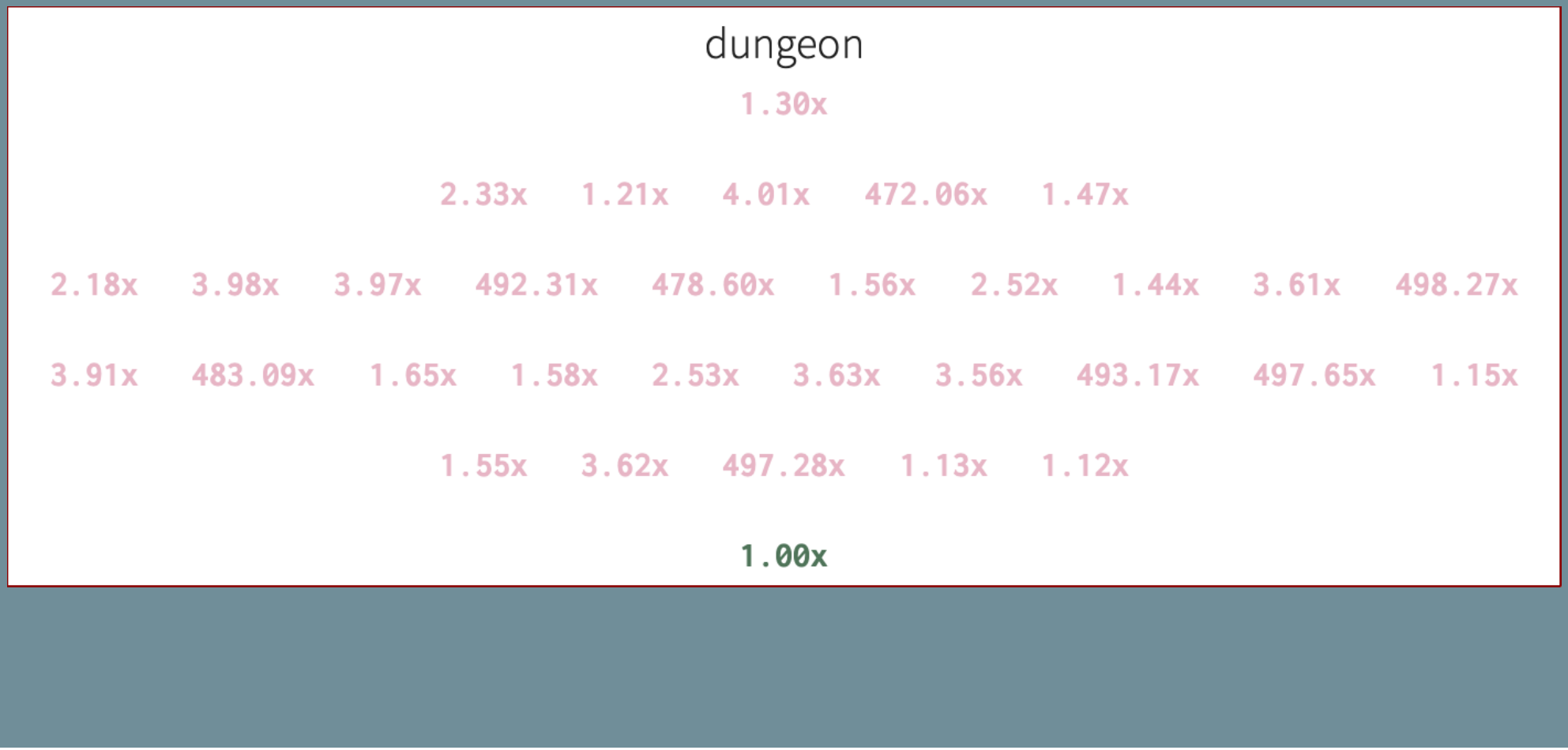

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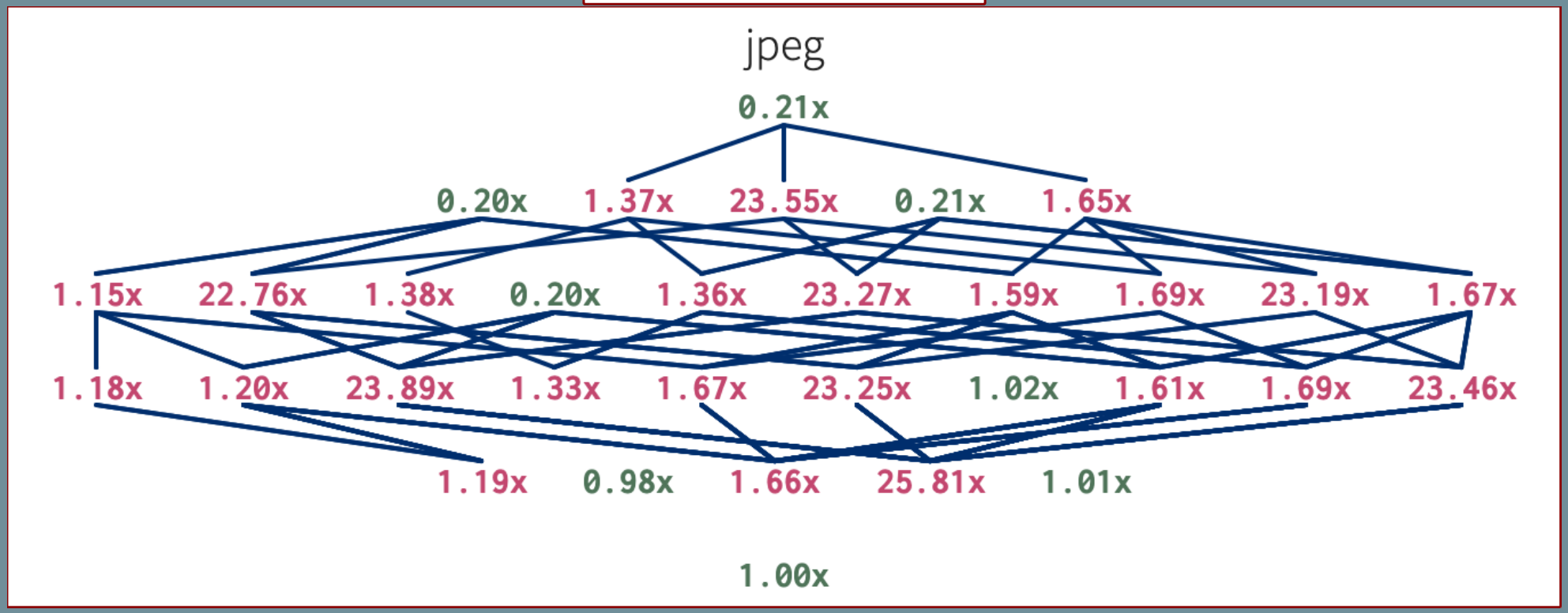

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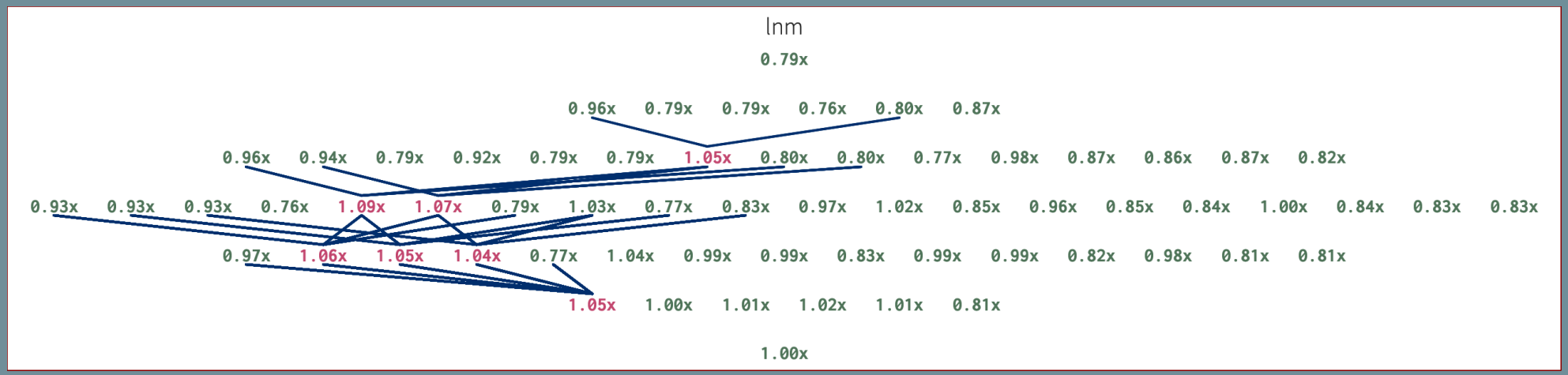

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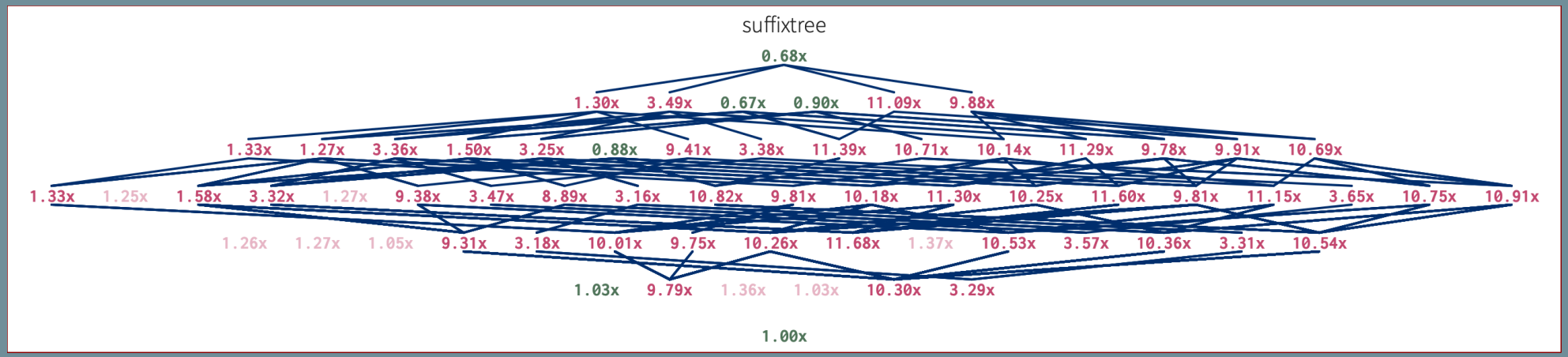

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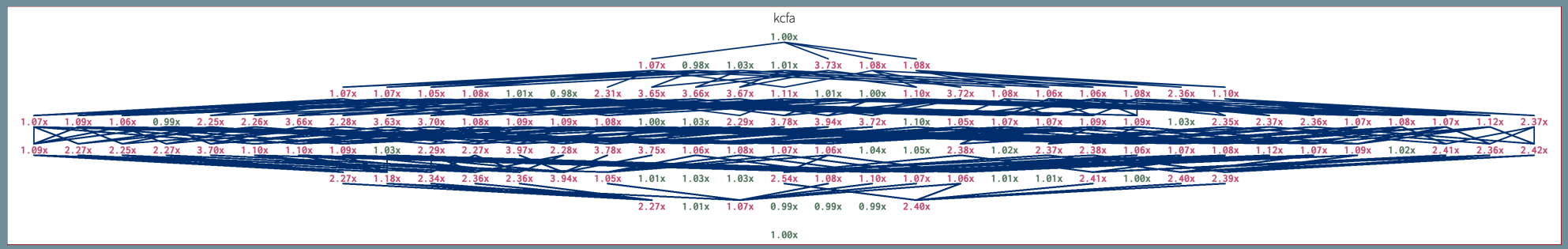
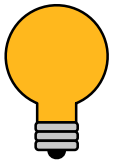


Takeaways



* the **rational programmer** method
  enables rigorous **experiments**

* **contract** profiling + **deep** types
  = **best** for type migration

* shallow types do not help