Instrumentor: Easily Customizable Code Instrumentation based on LLVM

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Instrumented code:

```
i32 myfunc(ptr %p) {
  call void @__before_load(ptr %p, i32 4)
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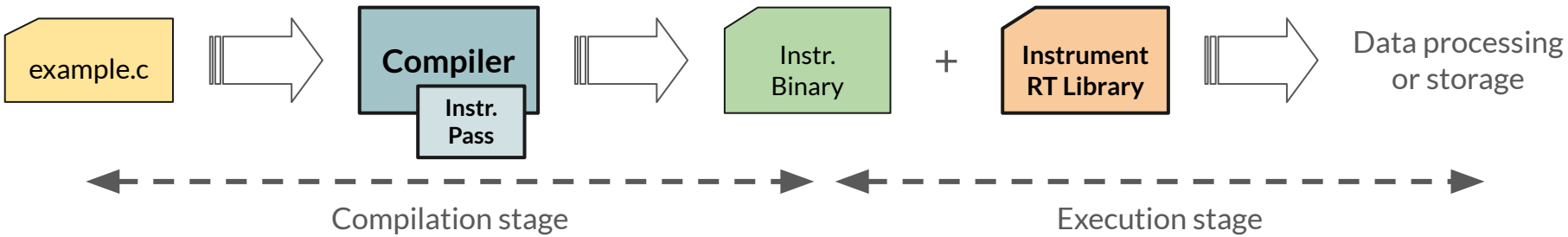

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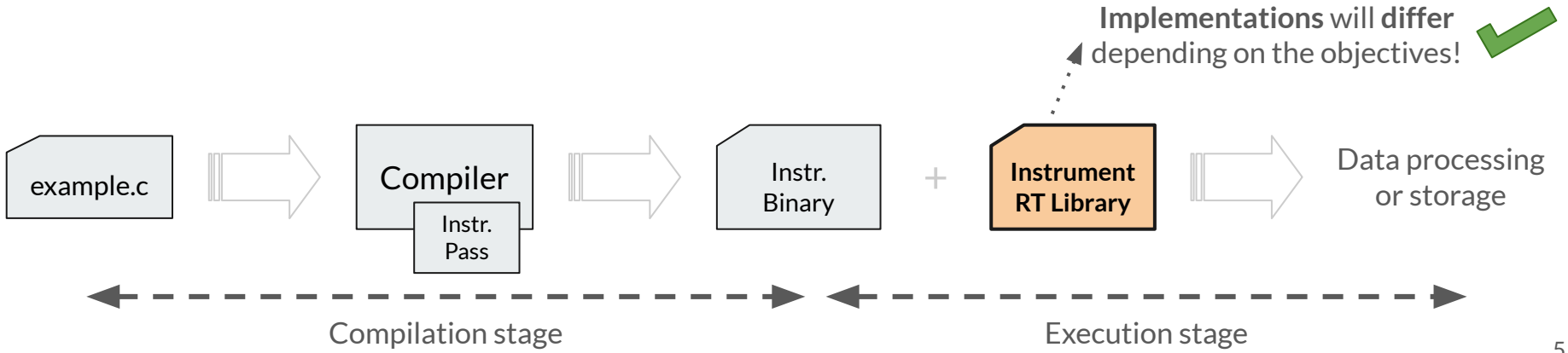

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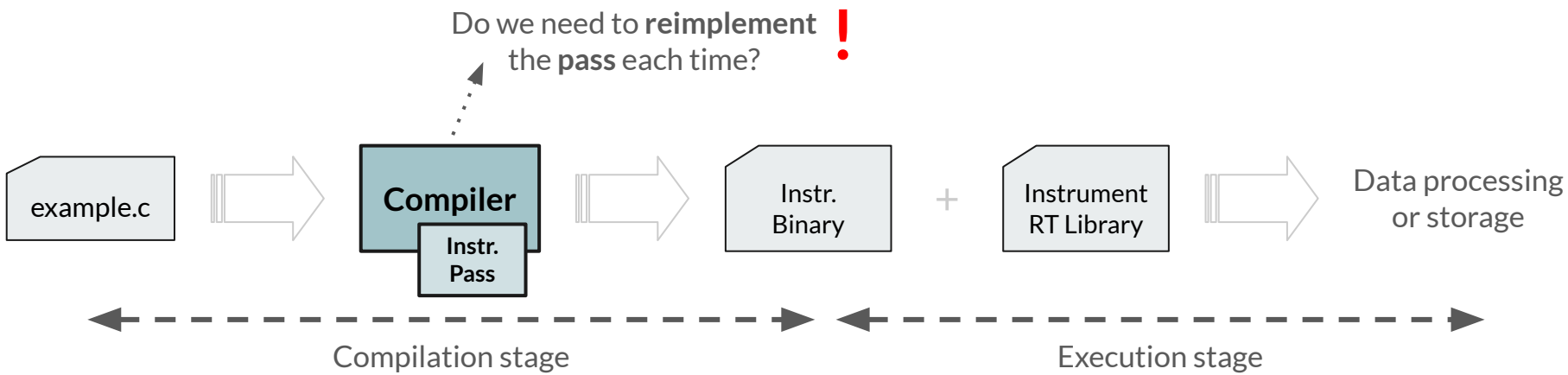

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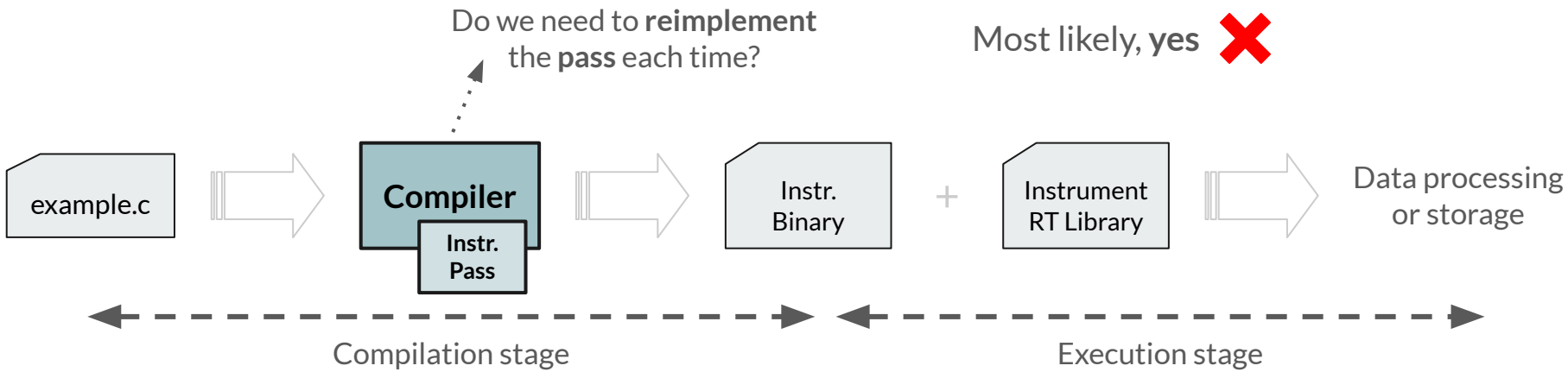

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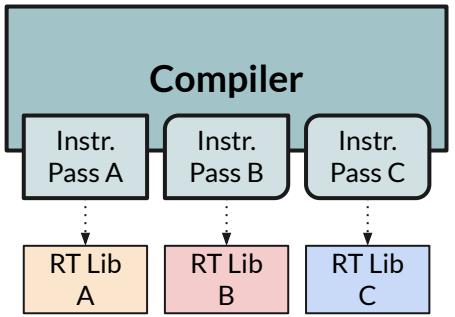

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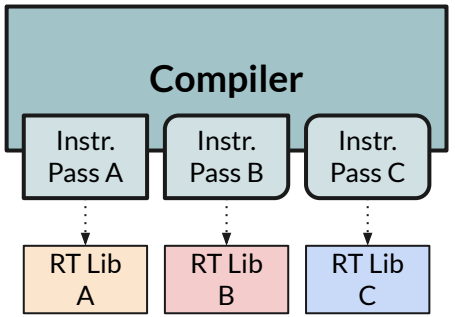

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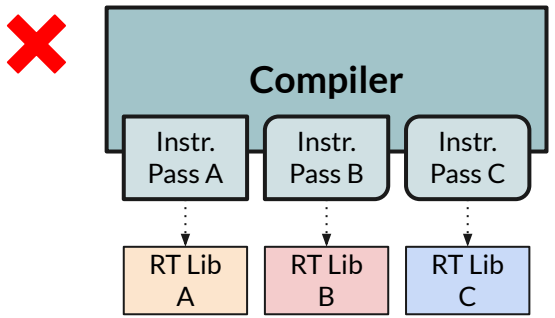

- **Missing** significant **opportunities** like
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  - Reducing code **replication**
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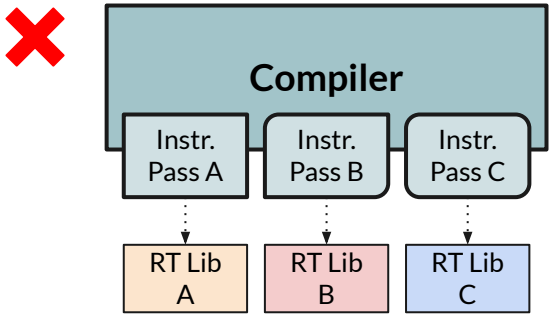

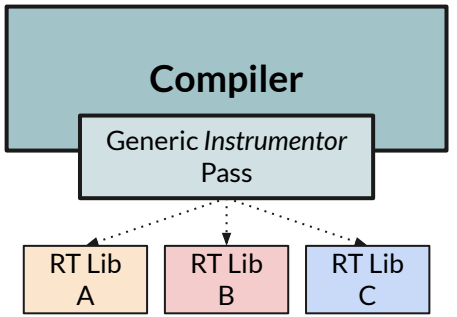

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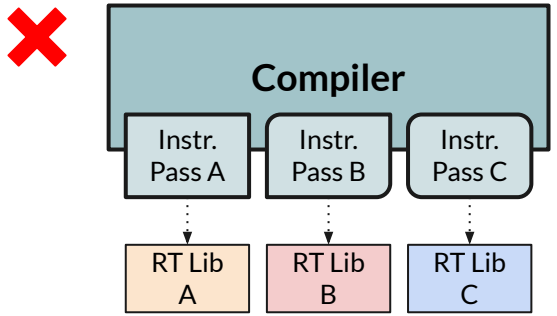

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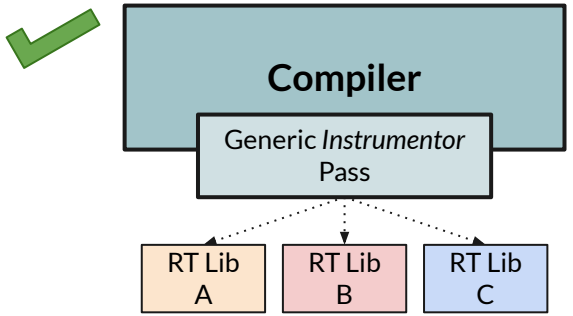

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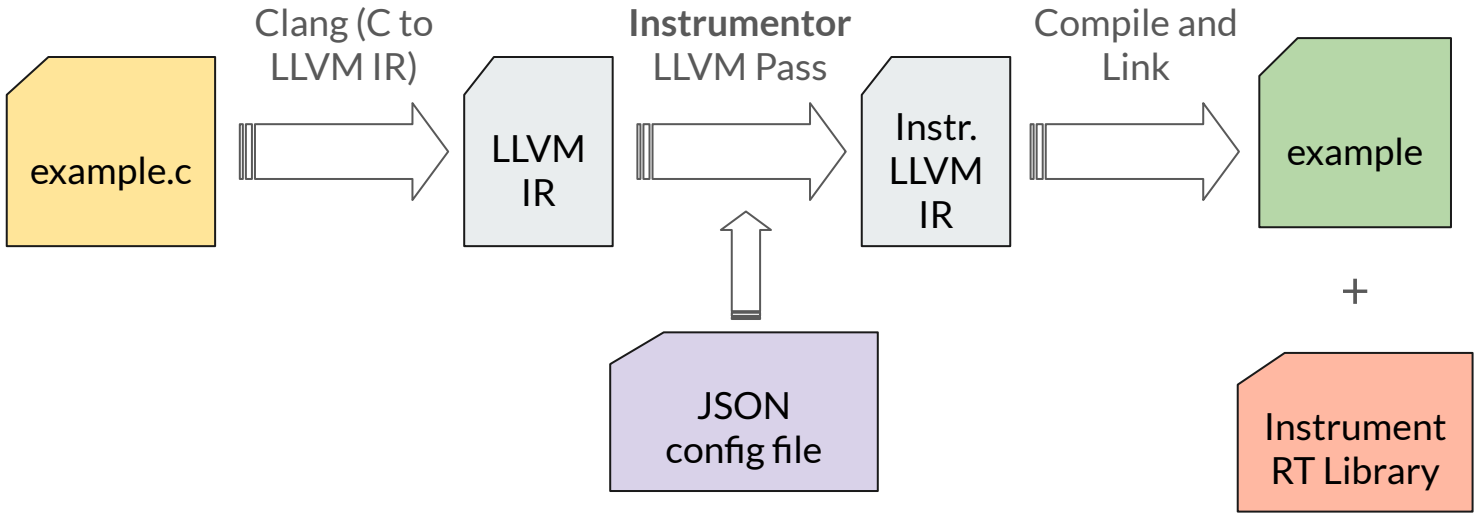
How does the Instrumentor work?



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or

clang -Xclang **-finstrumentor -mllvm -instrumentor-read-config-file=file.json** example.c

Instrumentor

- Instrumentation **opportunities**
  - Instructions
  - Functions
  - Global variables
  - Module

- **Position** of the instrumentation
  - Before (*pre*) and/or after (*post*)

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    "value_size": true,
    "alignment": true,
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    "is_volatile": true
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    - **Function calls (+ inspection of args)**

```
"instruction_pre": {
  "call": {
    "enabled": true,
    "callee": true,
    "callee_name": true,
    "intrinsic_id": true,
    "allocation_info": true,
    "num_parameters": true,
    "parameters": true,
    "parameters.replace": true,
    "is_definition": true
  },
```

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    - **Allocas**

```
"instruction_post": {
  "alloca": {
    "enabled": true,
    "address": true,
    "address.replace": true,
    "size": true,
    "alignment": true
  },
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    - …

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  - **Function enter/exit (+ inspect of args)**

```
"function_pre": {
  "function": {
    "enabled": true,
    "address": true,
    "name": true,
    "num_arguments": true,
    "arguments": true,
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  - **Global variables**

```
"global_pre": {
  "globals": {
    "enabled": true,
    "address": true,
    "address.replace": true,
    "name": true,
    "initial_value": true,
    "initial_value_size": true,
    "is_constant": true
  }
},
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  - **Module constructor/dtor**

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"module_pre": {
  "module": {
    "enabled": true,
    "module_name": true,
    "name": true
  }
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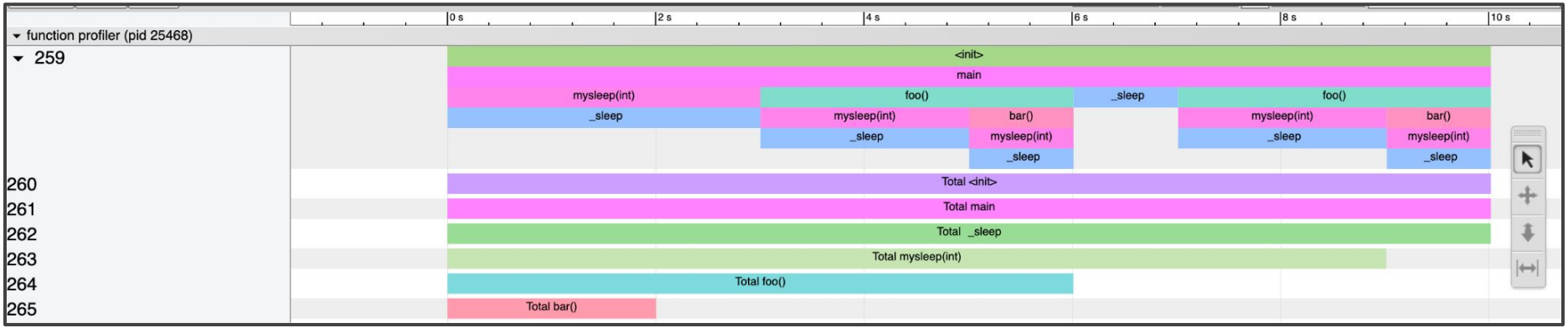
- Other opportunities for **optimization**
  - Loop range info
  - Base pointer info

```
"special_value": {
  "base_pointer_info": {
    "enabled": true,
    "base_pointer": true,
    "base_pointer.replace": true,
    "base_pointer_kind": true
  },
  "loop_value_range": {
    "enabled": true,
    "initial_loop_val": true,
    "final_loop_val": true
  }
}
```

Use cases

Example Use: Profiler

The final result (visualized):




```
~/s/l/instrumentor ❯❯❯ wc -l profiler.cpp
      56 profiler.cpp
~/s/l/instrumentor ❯❯❯ wc -l profiler.json
      26 profiler.json
```

Example Use: Profiler

Used JSON:

```
{
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  },
  "function_pre": {
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Example Use: Profiler

```
// LLVM Instrumentor stub runtime
#include <stdio.h>
#include "llvm/Demangle/Demangle.h"
#include "llvm/Support/Error.h"
#include "llvm/Support/TimeProfiler.h"

extern "C" {
struct __init_ty {
  __init_ty() {
    llvm::timeTraceProfilerInitialize(10, "function profiler", true);
    llvm::timeTraceProfilerBegin("<init>", "");
  }
  ~__init_ty() {
    if (has_main)
      llvm::timeTraceProfilerEnd();
    llvm::timeTraceProfilerEnd();
    if (auto Err = llvm::timeTraceProfilerWrite("prof.json", "prof.alt.json"))
      printf("Error writing out the time trace: %s\n",
             llvm::toString(std::move(Err)).c_str());
    llvm::timeTraceProfilerCleanup();
  }
  void *callee = nullptr;
  bool callee_found = false;
  bool has_main = false;
} __state;
```

Used Runtime:

```
// Continuation
void __instrumentor_pre_function(void *address, char *name) {
  if (__state.callee == address && !__state.callee_found) {
    llvm::timeTraceProfilerBegin(llvm::demangle(name), "");
    __state.callee_found = true;
  }
  if (!memcmp(name, "main", 4)) {
    __state.has_main = true;
    llvm::timeTraceProfilerBegin("main", "");
  }
}

void __instrumentor_pre_call(void *callee, char *callee_name) {
  llvm::timeTraceProfilerBegin(
      callee_name ? llvm::demangle(callee_name) : "<indirect>", "");
  if (!callee_name)
    __state.callee = callee;
}
void __instrumentor_post_call(void *callee, char *callee_name) {
  if (__state.callee_found) {
    __state.callee = nullptr;
    __state.callee_found = false;
    llvm::timeTraceProfilerEnd();
  }
  llvm::timeTraceProfilerEnd();
}
}
```

Example Use: Detect dead and redundant stores

OK

```c
int A;

int main() {
    A = 0;
    A++;
    fprintf(stdout, "value of A: %d\n", A);
}
```

```
[salapenades1@tioga11]~/deadstore% ./main
value of A: 1
```

Dead Store

```c
int A;

int main() {
    A = 0;
    A = 1;
}
```

```
[salapenades1@tioga11]~/deadstore% ./main
[rt] detected dead store (old: 0, new: 1)
```

Redundant Store

```c
int A;

int main() {
    A = 0;
    fprintf(stdout, "value of A: %d\n", A);
    A = 0;
}
```

```
[salapenades1@tioga11]~/deadstore% ./main
[rt] detected redundant store (old: 0, new: 0)
```

Example Use: Detect dead and redundant stores

Used JSON

```
{
  "configuration": {
    "runtime_prefix": "__rt_",
    "runtime_prefix.description": "The runtime API prefix."
  },
  "instruction_pre": {
    "load": {
      "enabled": true,
      "pointer": true,
      "pointer.description": "The accessed pointer.",
      "value_size": true,
      "value_size.description": "The size of the loaded value."
    },
    "store": {
      "enabled": true,
      "pointer": true,
      "pointer.description": "The accessed pointer.",
      "value": true,
      "value.description": "The stored value.",
      "value_size": true,
      "value_size.description": "The size of the stored value."
    }
  }
}
```

Used Runtime

```
[salapenades1@tioga11]~/deadstore% wc -l rt.cpp
38 rt.cpp
```

Some extras

Extras: Use Instrumentor within LLVM

- Use **Instrumentor** programmatically **w/o JSON** file
  - **Fine-grained control** of what is instrumented
  - Pass **custom data** to RT calls

- Using class inheritance and callbacks

```
LoadIO::ConfigTy LICConfig;
LICConfig.PassPointerAS = false;
LICConfig.PassLoopValueRangeInfo = false;
LICConfig.PassValue = false;
LICConfig.ReplaceValue = false;
LICConfig.PassAlignment = false;
LICConfig.PassValueTypeId = false;
LICConfig.PassAtomicityOrdering = false;
LICConfig.PassSyncScopeId = false;
LICConfig.PassIsVolatile = false;
auto *LIC = InstrumentationConfig::allocate<LoadIO>(/*IsPRE=*/true);
LIC->HoistKind = HOIST_MAXIMALLY;
LIC->CB = [&](Value &V) {
  return LSI.shouldInstrumentLoad(cast<LoadInst>(V), IIRB);
};
LIC->init(*this, IIRB, &LICConfig);
```

Extras: Systematic RT Functions

- **Instrumentor** generates systematic RT function prototypes

Runtime A

```c
#include <stdint.h>
#include <stdio.h>

void __rt1_pre_load(void *pointer) {}

void __rt1_pre_store(void *pointer) {}
```

Runtime B

```c
#include <stdint.h>
#include <stdio.h>

void __rt2_pre_load(void *pointer, int32_t value_size) {}

void __rt2_pre_store(void *pointer, int64_t value, int32_t value_size) {}

void __rt2_post_load(void *pointer, int64_t value, int32_t value_size) {}
```

Extras: Auto Generate RT Stub

1)

```
{
  "configuration": {
    "runtime_prefix": "__rt_",
    "runtime_stubs_file": "rt.c"
  },
  "module_pre": {
    "module": {
      "enabled": true,
      "module_name": true,
      "name": true
    }
  },
  "instruction_pre": {
    "alloca": {
      "enabled": true,
      "address": true,
      "address.replace": true,
      "size": true,
      "alignment": true
    },
    "load": {
      "enabled": true,
      "pointer": true,
      "pointer.replace": true,
      "pointer_as": true,
      "value_size": true,
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3) **rt.c** 

```c
// LLVM Instrumentor stub runtime

#include <stdint.h>
#include <stdio.h>

void __rt_pre_module(char *module_name, char *name) {
  printf("module pre -- module_name: %s, name: %s\n", module_name, name);
}

void *__rt_pre_load(void *pointer, int32_t pointer_as, int32_t value_size,
                    int64_t alignment, int32_t value_type_id,
                    int32_t atomicity_ordering, int8_t is_volatile) {
  printf("load pre -- pointer: %p, pointer_as: %i, value_size: %i, "
         "alignment: %lli, value_type_id: %i, atomicity_ordering: %i, "
         "is_volatile: %i\n", pointer, pointer_as, value_size, alignment,
         value_type_id, atomicity_ordering, is_volatile);
  return pointer;
}

void __rt_pre_alloca(int64_t size, int64_t alignment) {
  printf("alloca pre -- size: %lli, alignment: %lli\n", size, alignment);
}
```

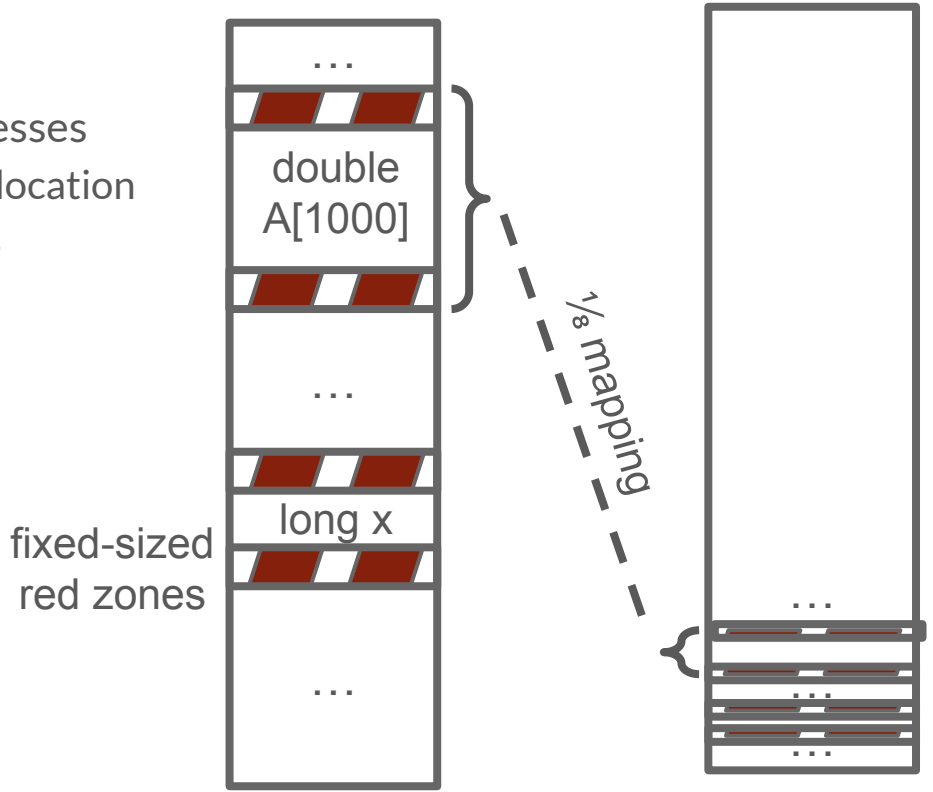
1)

```json
{
  "configuration": {
    "runtime_prefix": "__rt_",
    "runtime_stubs_file": "rt.c"
  },
  "module_pre": {
    "module": {
      "enabled": true,
      "module_name": true,
      "name": true
    }
  },
  "instruction_pre": {
    "alloca": {
      "enabled": true,
      "address": true,
      "address.replace": true,
      "size": true,
      "alignment": true
    },
    "load": {
      "enabled": true,
      "pointer": true,
      "pointer.replace": true,
      "pointer_as": true,
      "value_size": true,
      "alignment": true,
      "value_type_id": true,
      "atomicity_ordering": true,
      "is_volatile": true
    }
  }
}
```

Complex use case: Sanitizer

Complex Use: Novel Address Sanitizer

- ASAN use extra memory and accesses
  - Requires extra memory per allocation
  - Requires 2x memory accesses
  - False negatives



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- **Idea:** Use **virtual pointers** to **encode** object's info
  - **Replace** real pointers with **virtual** pointers
  - **No red zones**

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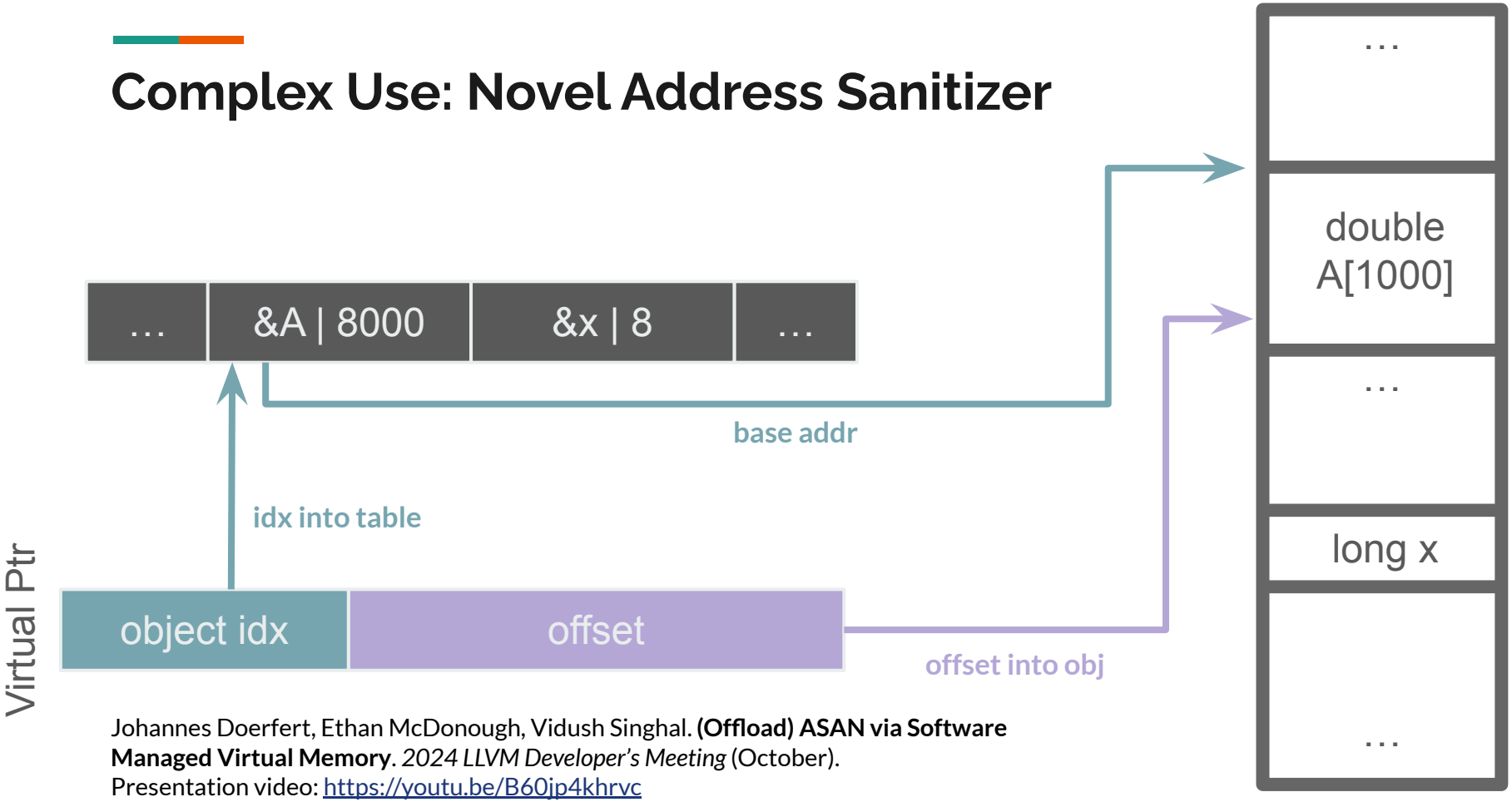

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```
void increment(double *A, int N) {

  for (int I = 0; I < N; ++I) {

    A[I]++;
  }
}
```

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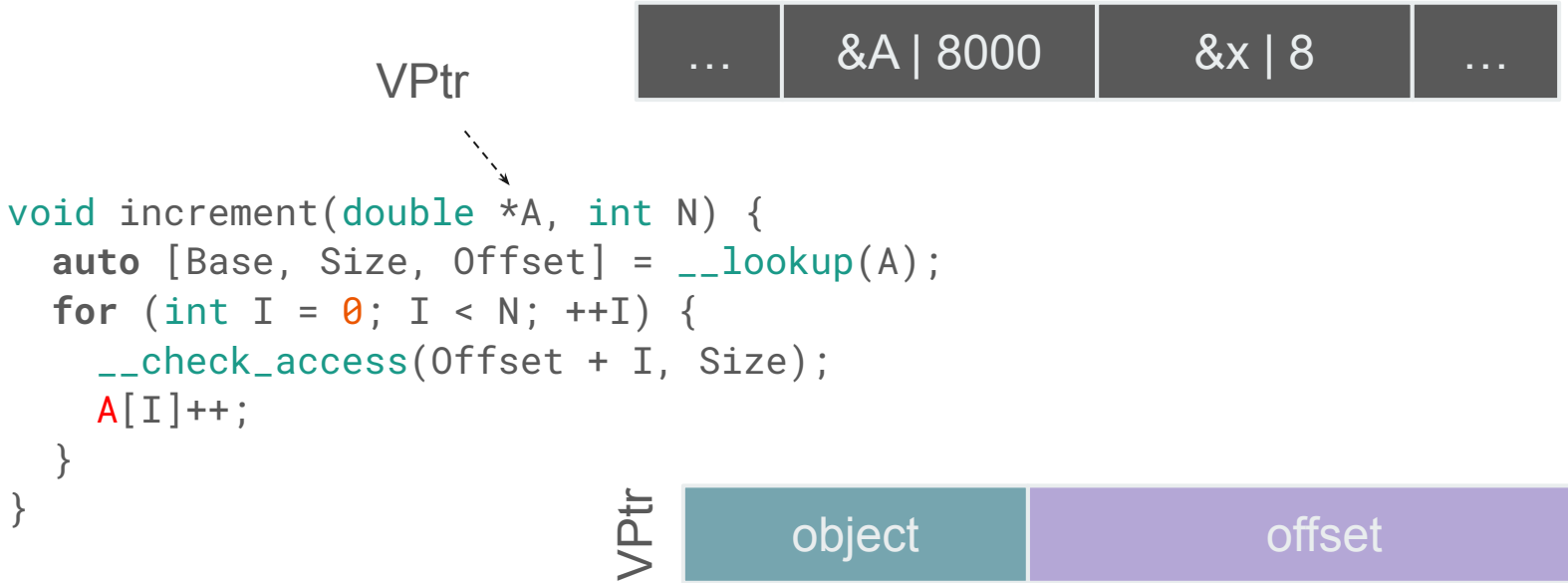

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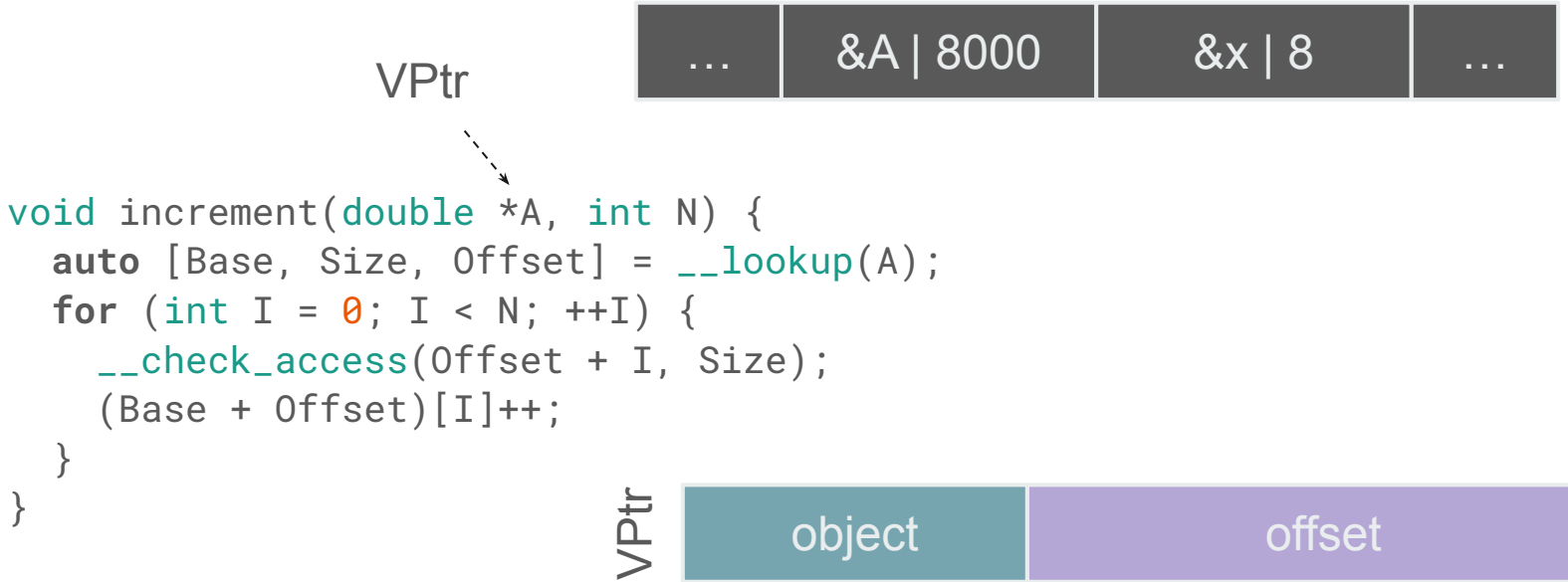

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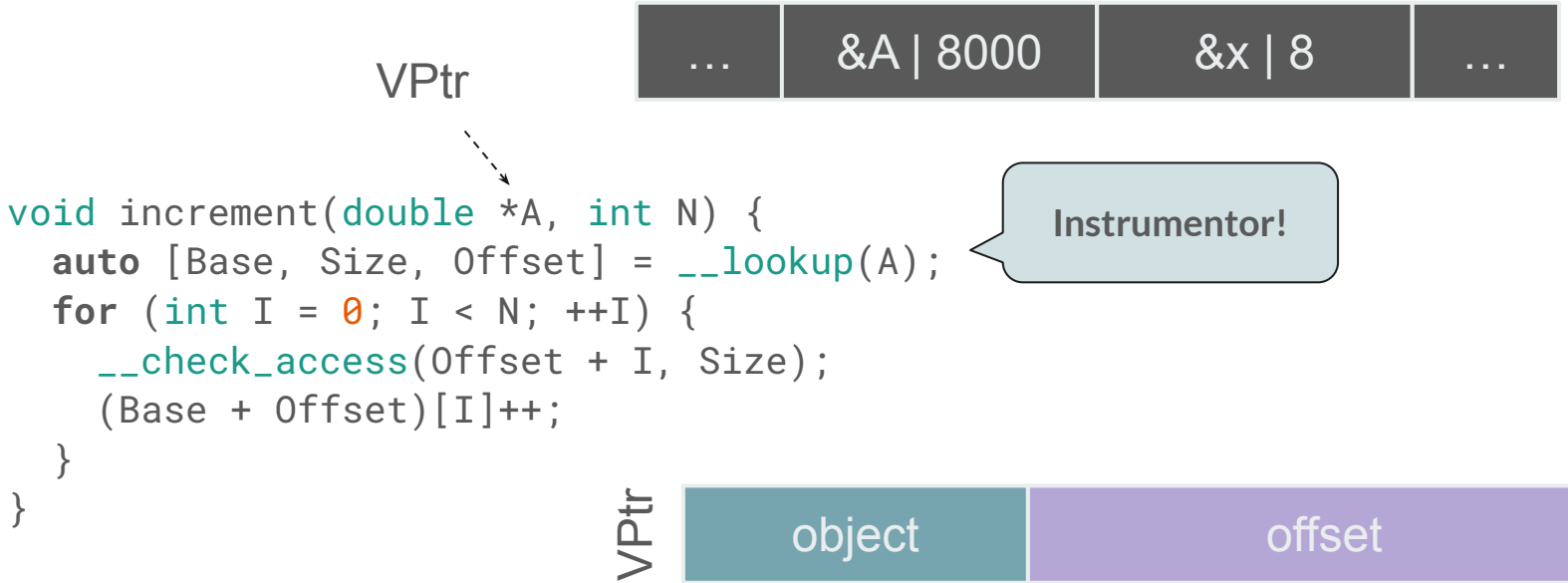

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Conclusions

- **Instrumentor**: a customizable instrumentation based on LLVM
  - **Unified** way to **instrument** programs
  - Easy to **customize** as a user, easy to **extend** as a developer!
  - Paving the path for **future instrumentation-based tools**
- Many common use cases
  - Time profiling
  - Gather runtime information
  - etc.
- More complex use cases
  - InputGen [1]
  - Address Sanitizer (CPU and GPU code)

[1] Ivanov, I. R., Meyer, J., Grossman, A., Moses, W. S., & Doerfert, J. (2024). **Input-Gen: Guided Generation of Stateful Inputs for Testing, Tuning, and Training**. *arXiv preprint arXiv:2406.08843*

Thank you!

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