Adding an Extensible Backend to PQL/Java

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PQL/Java

- **P**arallel **Q**uery **L**anguage
- Embedded Declarative DSL as Java extension
- First-Order Logic-style queries over Java containers
- Automatic Parallelisation:
  - *Guaranteed* parallelisation (with 'right' types)

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- **`forall`**, **`exists`**
- Java expressions as constants
- `m[k]`, `m.get(k)`, `c.length`, `c.size()`, `s.contains(e)`
- Container construction:
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  - **`query`**`(Array[x] == float f): ...`
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That's it — what if we need more?

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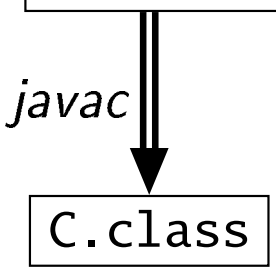

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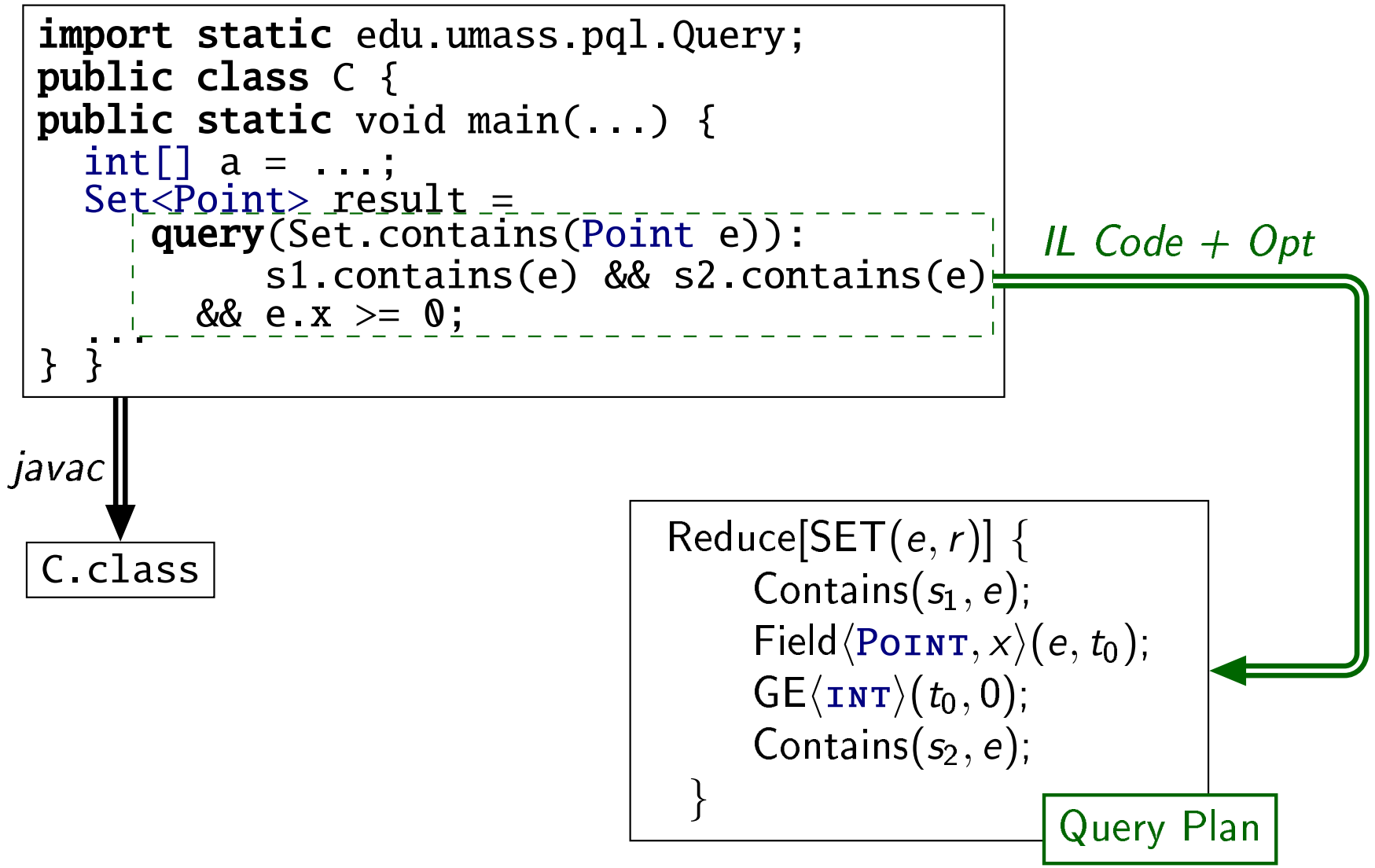

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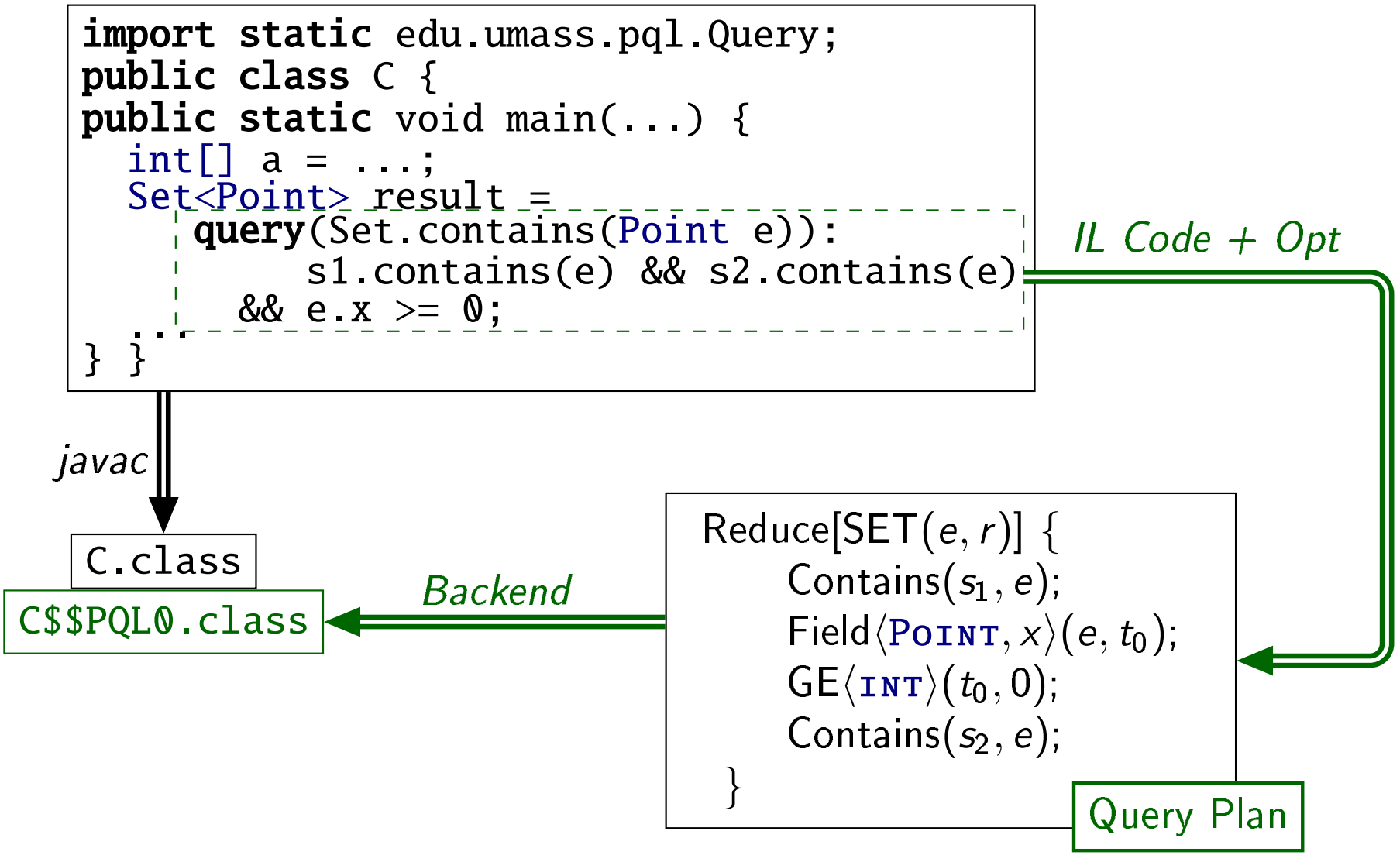

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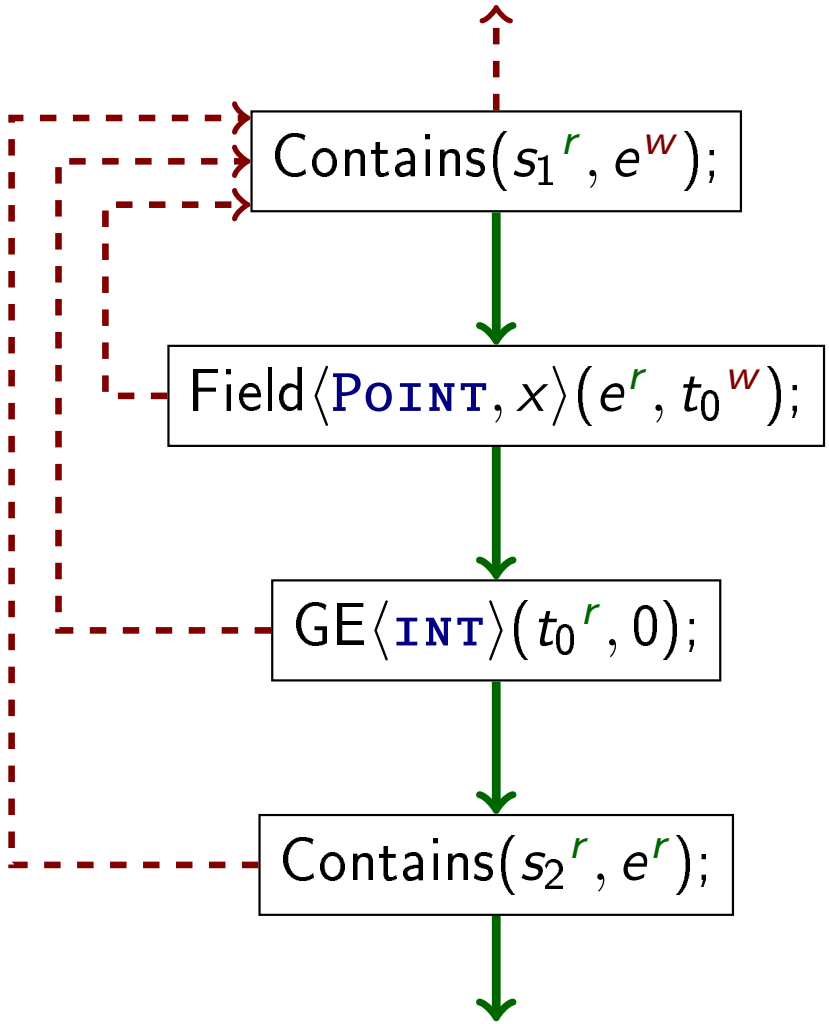

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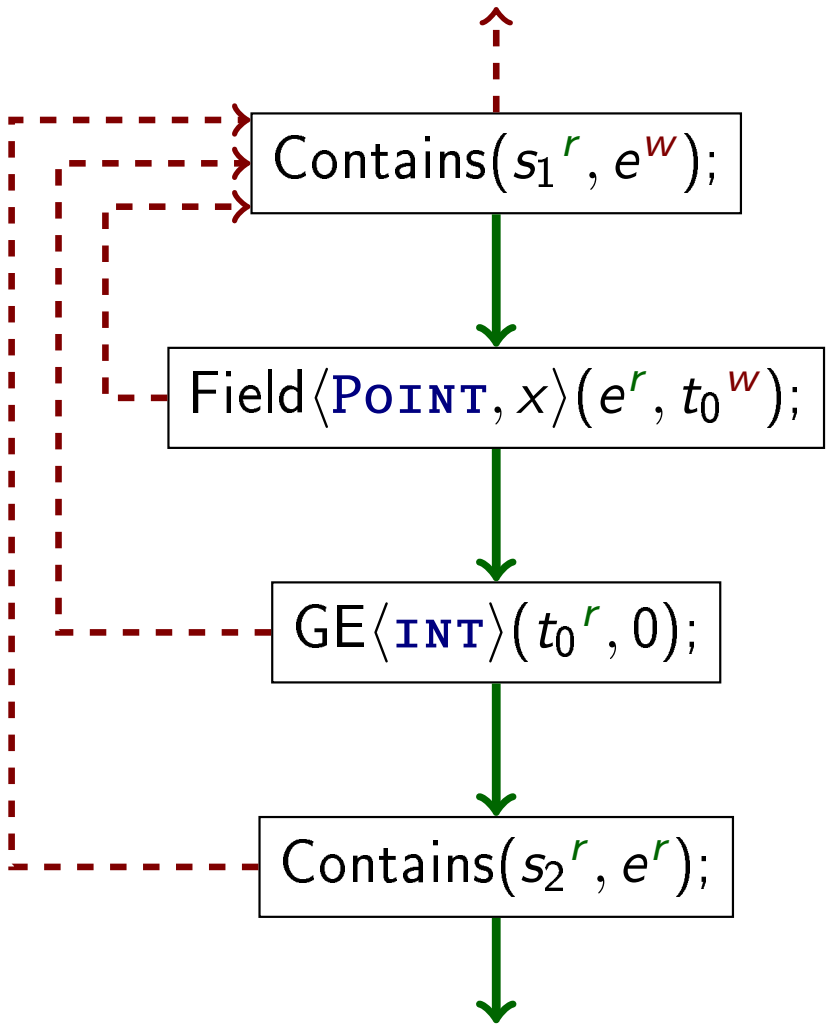

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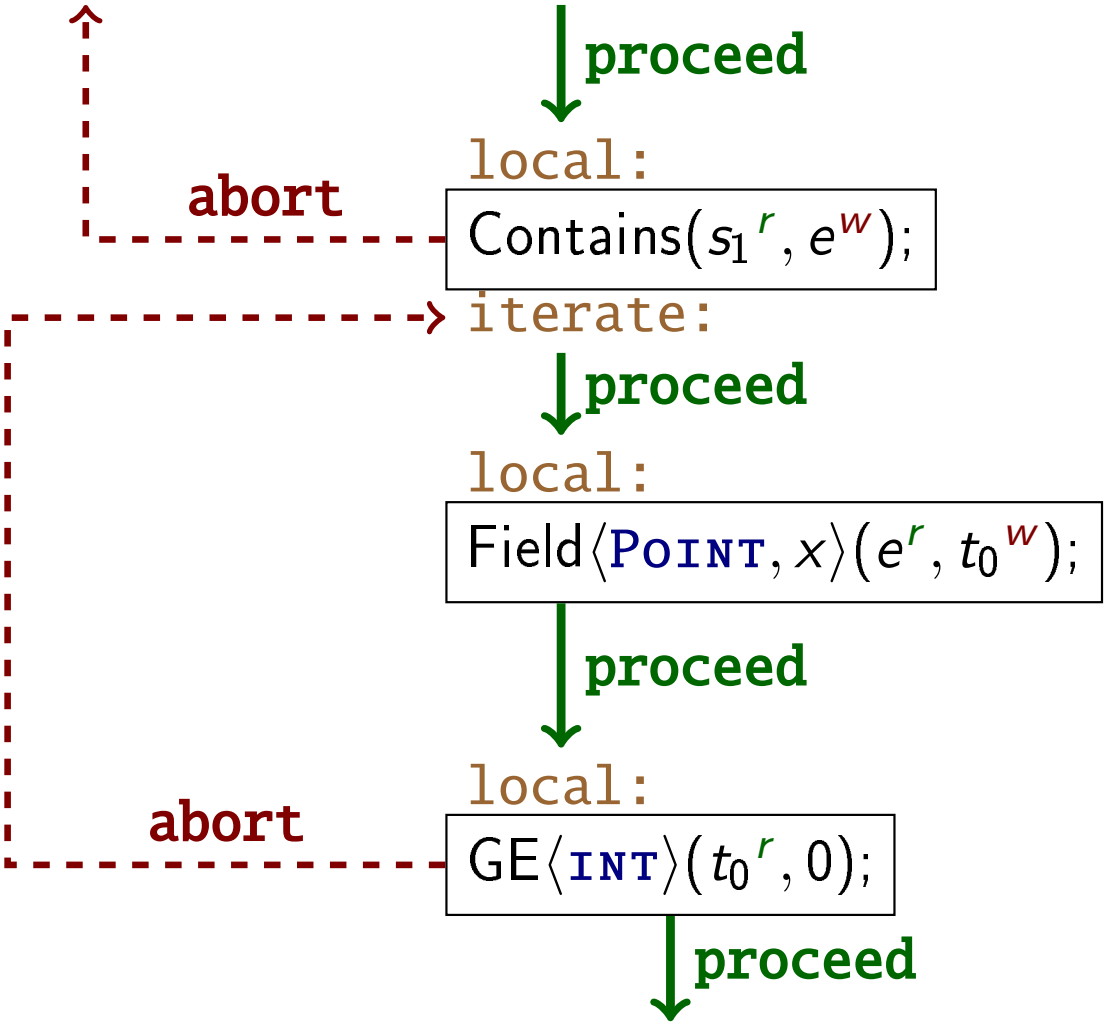

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- **abort** jumps to most recent `iterate:`

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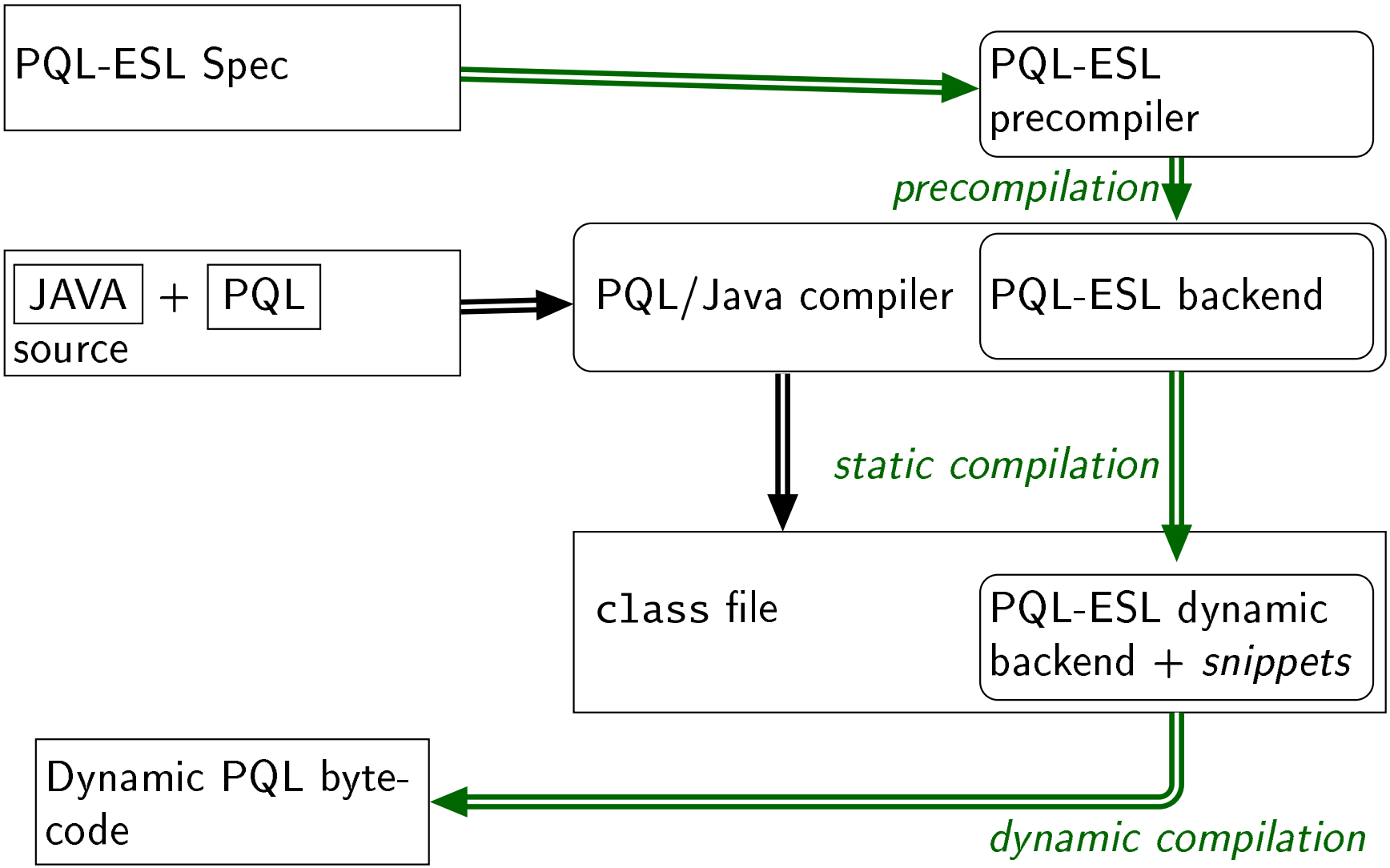

snippet: family of partially linked bytecode fragments, one per IL operator

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- `isParallel` occurs in code
  $\Rightarrow$ PQL assumes that the operator supports parallelisation

PQL-ESL, core feature summary

- Basic Java
- Genericity
- **proceed** and **abort**
- **proceed on**
- Access to static analysis
- Staging
- Other features:
  - Parallel execution
  - Custom Rewriting (WIP)
  - Cost model
  - Once-only Precomputation (`global:`)

Evaluation

- Re-implemented PQL backend using PQL-ESL
- Added support for dynamic compilation
- Added extensions:
  - `sqrt`
  - modulo
  - `isPrime(`*n*`)` and `primesRange(`*min*`, `*x*`, `*max*`)`
  - Java 8 Streams
  - SQL
- Added rewriting:
  - `isPrime` + `range` ⇒ `primesRange`
  - PQL ⇒ DB access operators

  etc.

General Performance

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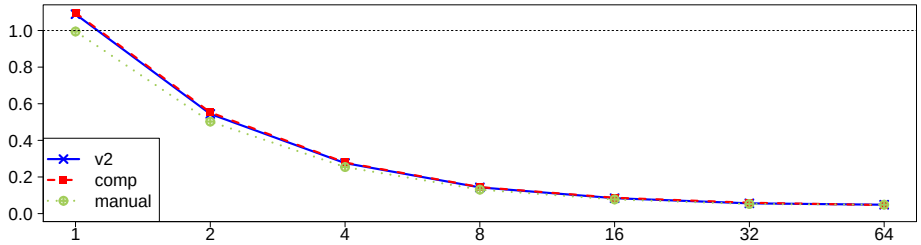

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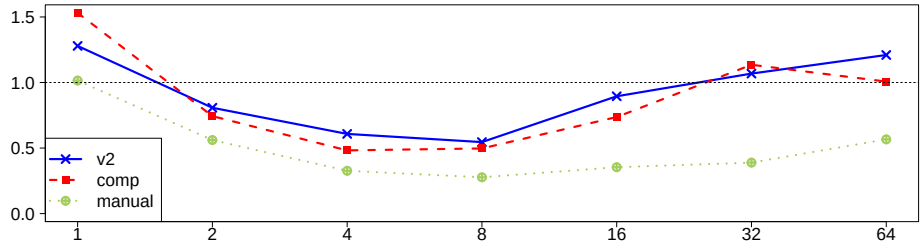

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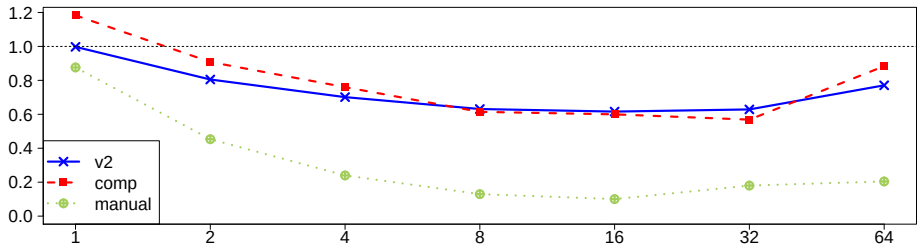

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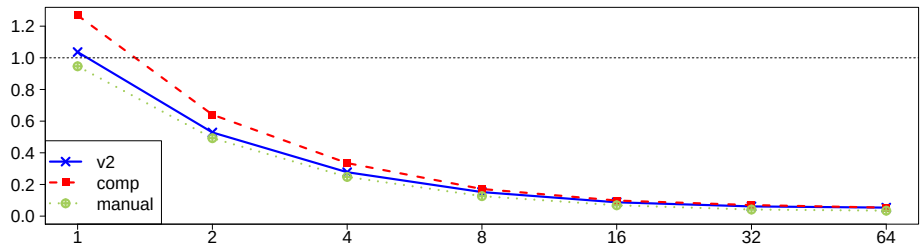

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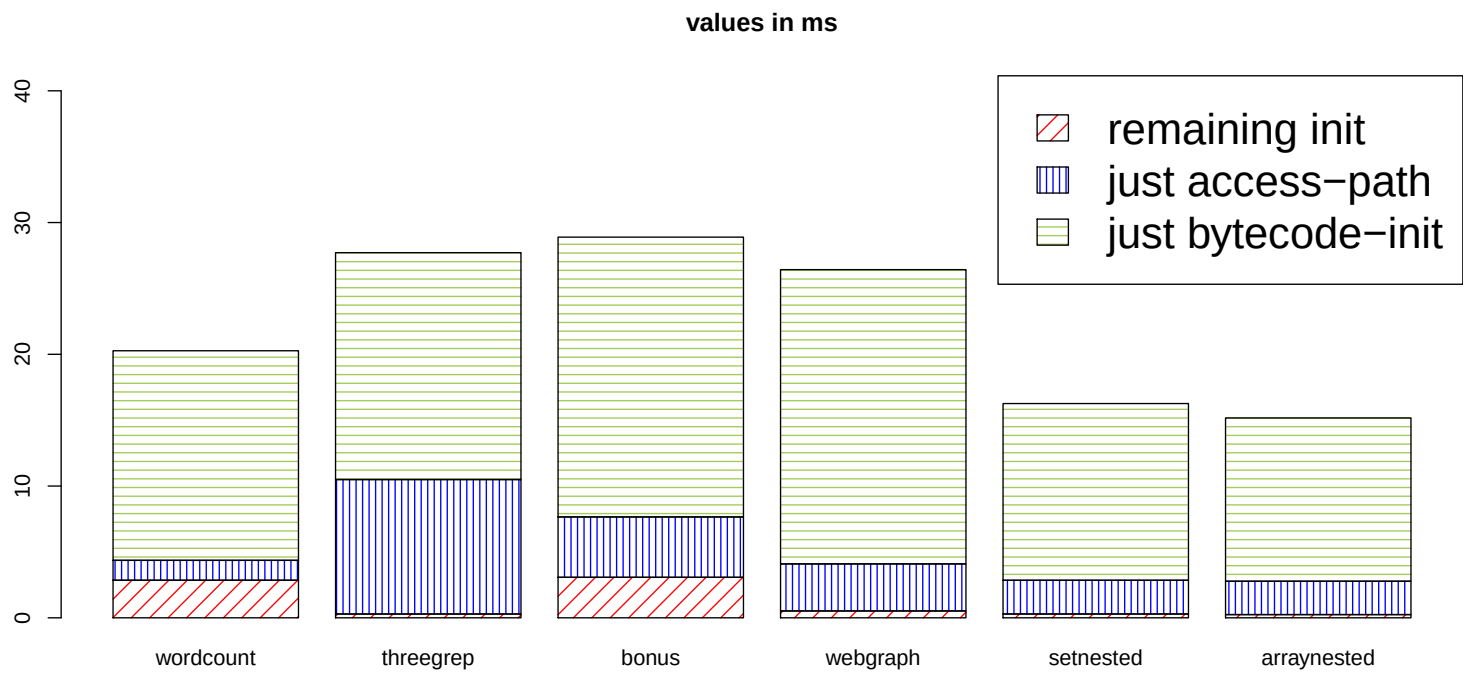

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Backend

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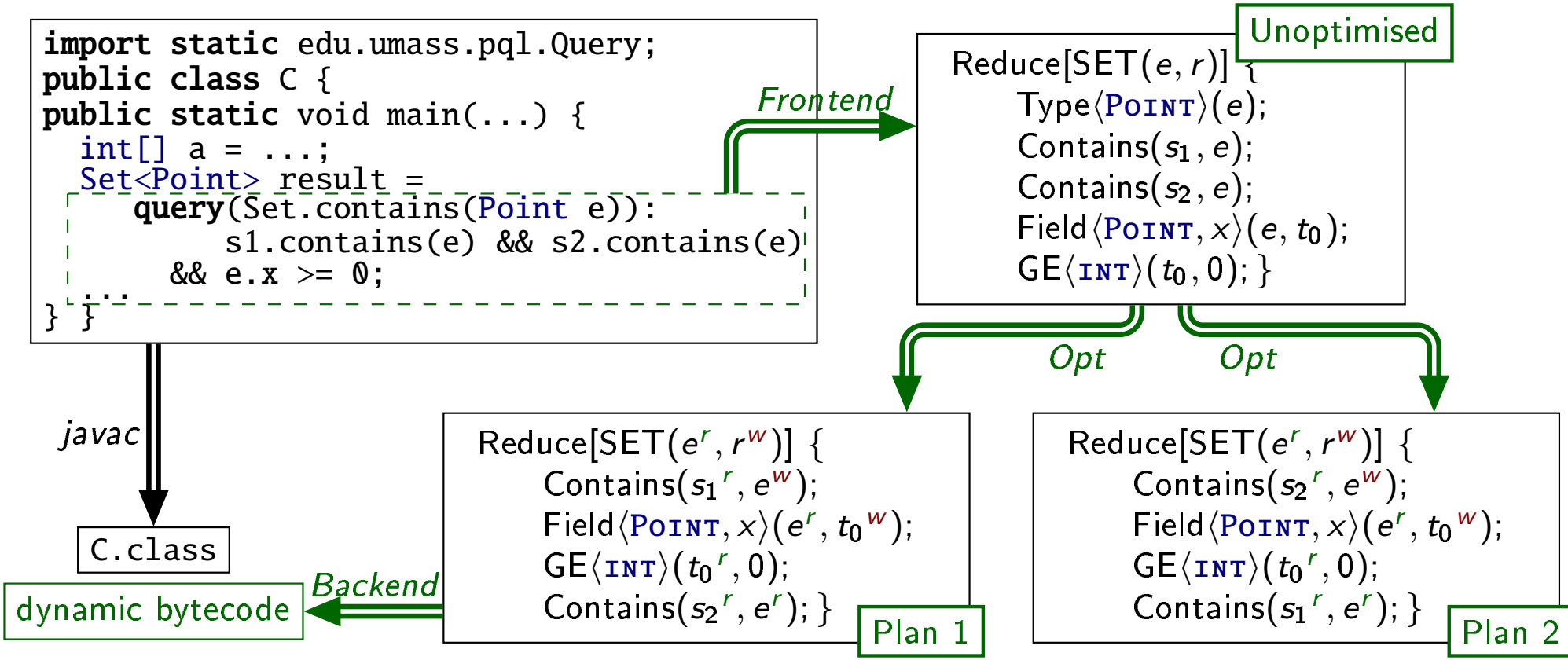

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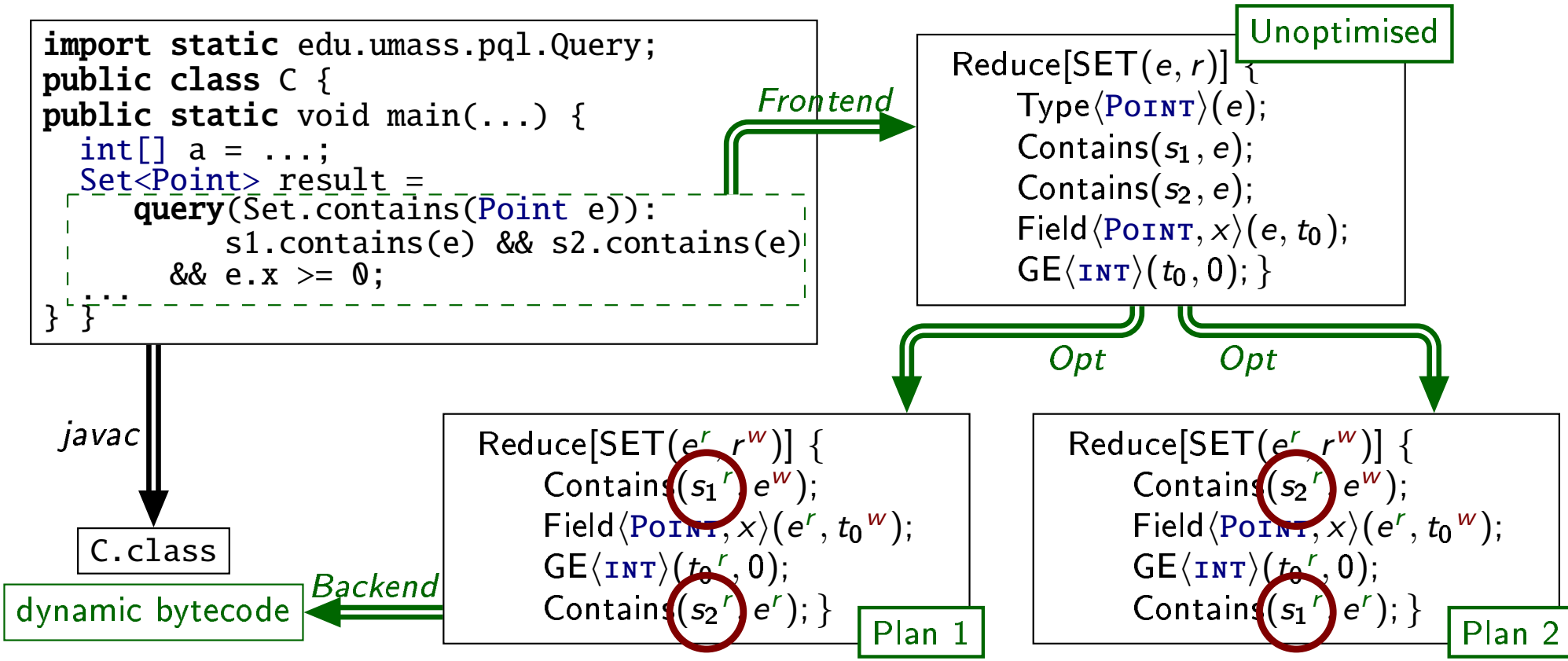

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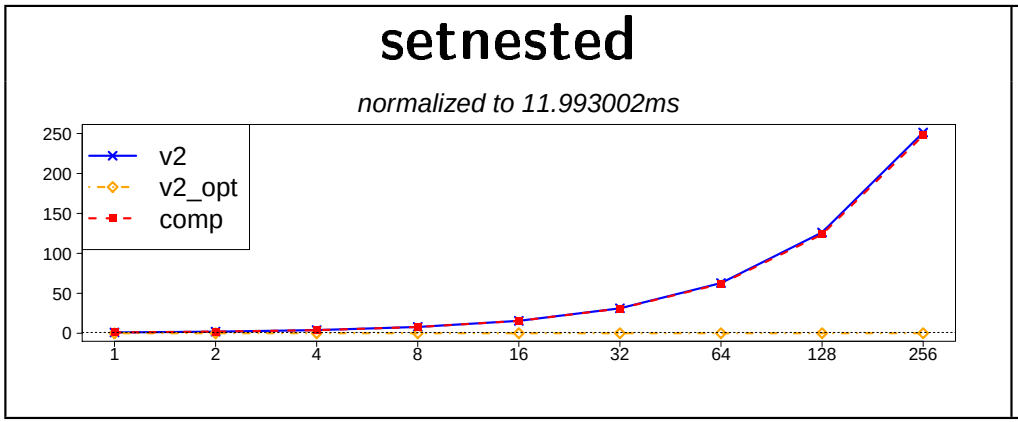

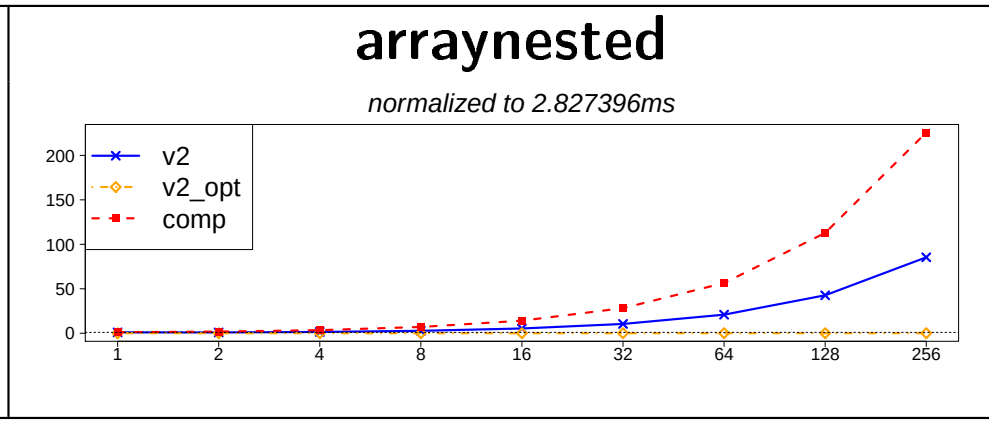

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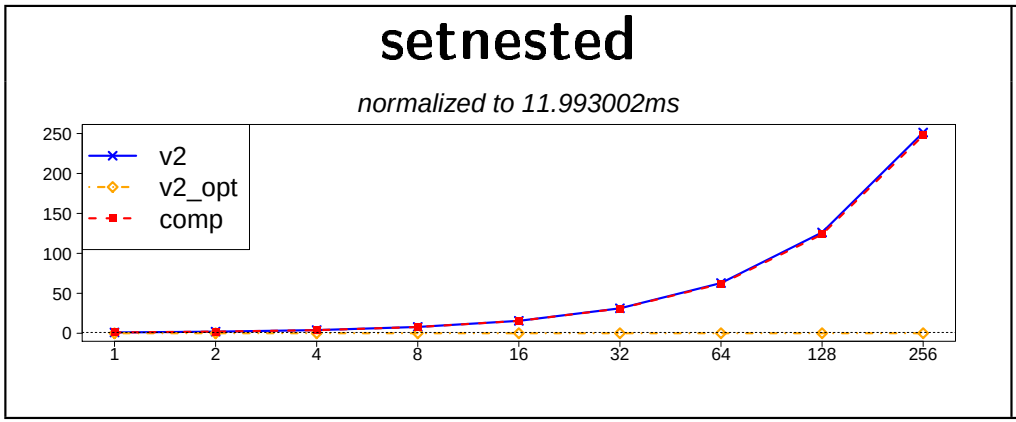

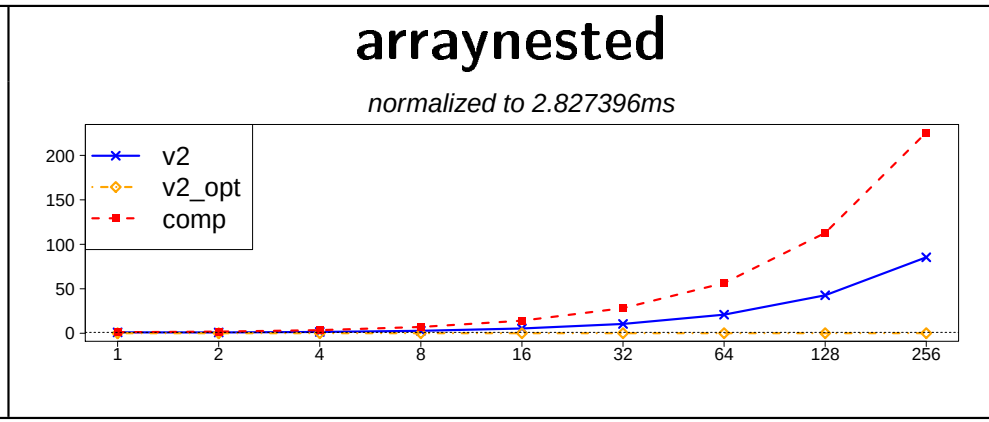

Static compilation can't know whether s1 or s2 is bigger, can't optimise

Conclusions

- DSL for backend extensions:
  - Compact
  - Permits staged evaluation
- PQL backend rewrite:
  - Enabled dynamic optimisation
  - Dramatically faster whenever dynamic knowledge helps
  - Competitive when not
  - Dynamic recompilation time too high: $\Rightarrow$ JIT?
- Next steps:
  - New frontend (JastAdd)
  - Make PQL-ESL easier to use
    - Eliminate labels
    - Directly migrate Java bytecode to PQL-ESL
  - Easy-to-use rewriting formalism

Extension Example: SQL Access

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Predicting execution cost

```
cost_formula:
    formula = "1.0";
    __cost_formula = formula;

proceed_formula: // = size × selectivity
    if (isMode( (obj, key), (rr) )) {
        if ( isMode( (value), (r) ) )
             formula = "0.004";
        else formula = "1.0";
    } else {
        if (isConst(obj)) {
            if (isMode( (obj, key, value), (rwr || r_r) ))
                 formula = "obj[size]/250";
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        } else {
            if (isMode( (obj, key, value), (rwr || r_r) ))
                 formula = "100/250";
            else formula = "100";
    }    }
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