

Open Pattern Matching for C++

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λ -calculus in C++

```
struct Term { virtual ~Term() {} };
struct Var : Term { std::string name; };
struct Abs : Term { Var& var; Term& body; };
struct App : Term { Term& func; Term& arg; };

Term* eval(Term* t) {
    var<const Var&> v; var<const Term&> a,b;
    Match(t) {
        Case(C<Var>()) return &match0;
        Case(C<Abs>()) return &match0;
        Case(C<App>(C<Abs>(&v,&b),&a)) return eval(subs(b,v,a));
        Otherwise() std::cerr << "Invalid term"; return nullptr;
    } EndMatch
}

bool operator==(const Term& left, const Term& right) {
    var<std::string> s; var<const Term&> v,t,f;
    Match( left , right ) {
        Case(C<Var>(s) , C<Var>(+s) ) return true;
        Case(C<Abs>(v,t) , C<Abs>(+v,+t)) return true;
        Case(C<App>(f,t) , C<App>(+f,+t)) return true;
        Otherwise() return false;
    } EndMatch
}
```

Generalized n+k Patterns

```
double power(double x, int n) {
    var<int> m;
    Match(n) {
        Case(0) return 1.0;
        Case(1) return x;
        Case(2*m) return sqr(power(x,m));
        Case(2*m+1) return x*sqr(power(x,m));
    } EndMatch
}
```

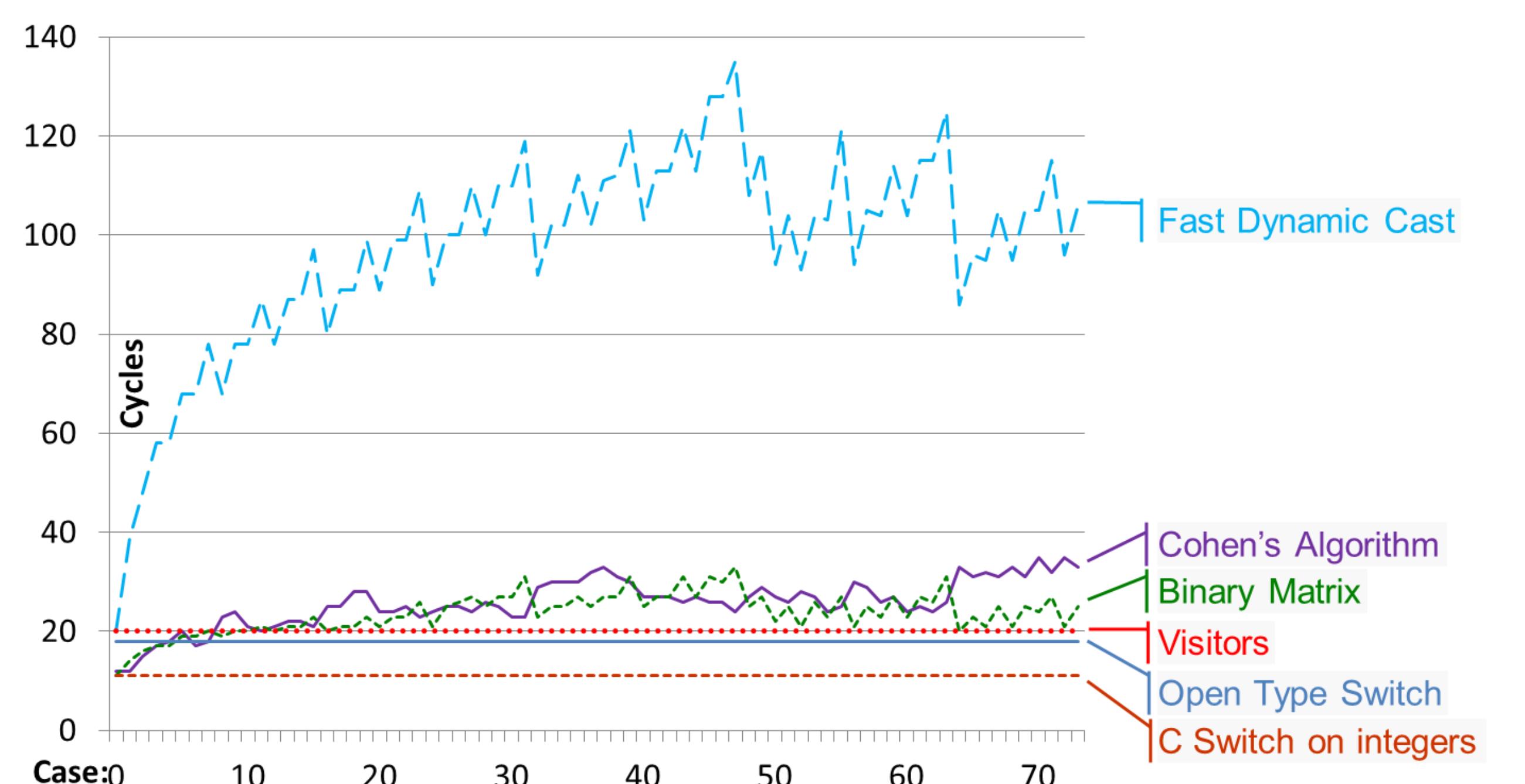
$$x^n = \begin{cases} 1 & n = 0 \\ x & n = 1 \\ (x^m)^2 & n = 2m \\ x(x^m)^2 & n = 2m + 1 \end{cases}$$

Performance Evaluation

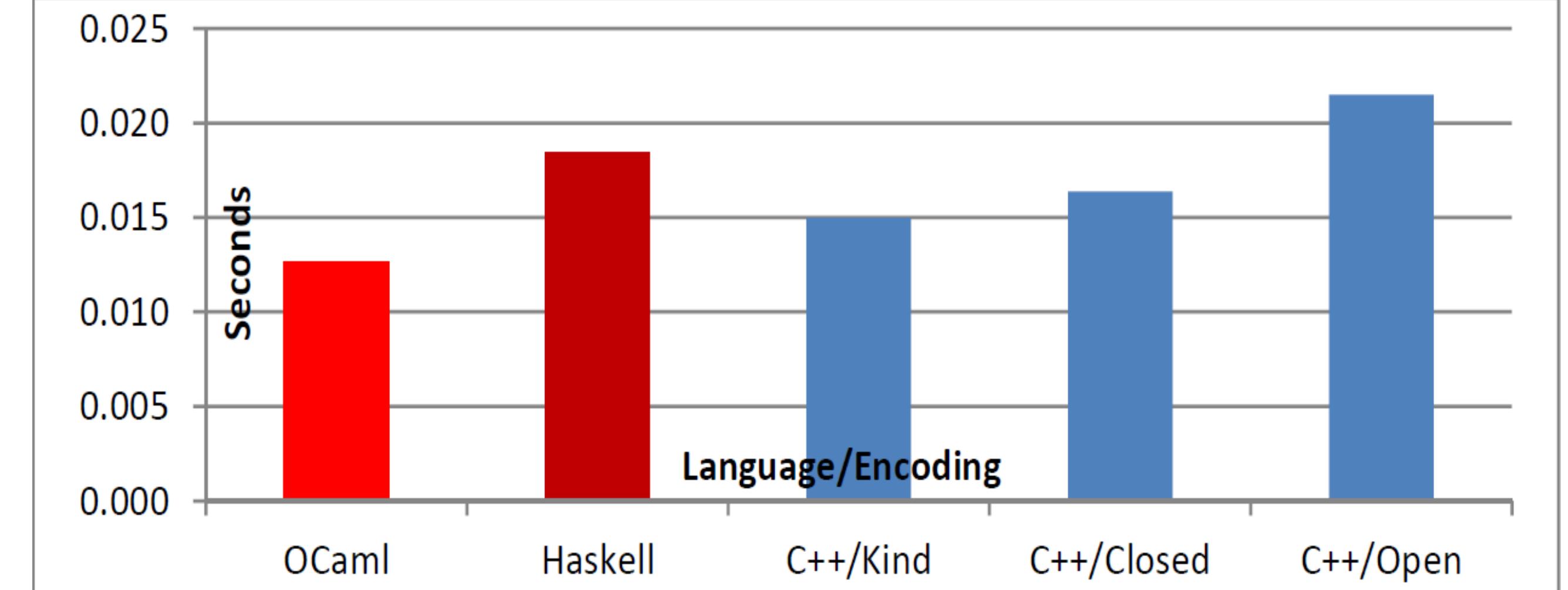
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	Open				Closed			
	G++		Visual C++		G++		Visual C++	
x86-32	Linux	Windows	w/ PGO	w/o PGO	Linux	Windows	w/ PGO	w/o PGO
REP	16%	14%	1%	2%	124%	122%	100%	76%
SEQ	56%	12%	48%	2%	640%	467%	29%	30%
RND	56%	0%	9%	5%	603%	470%	35%	32%
Forwarding	REP	33%	22%	8%	24%	53%	49%	24%
	SEQ	55%	233%	135%	193%	86%	290%	48%
	RND	78%	25%	3%	13%	88%	33%	8%
								18%

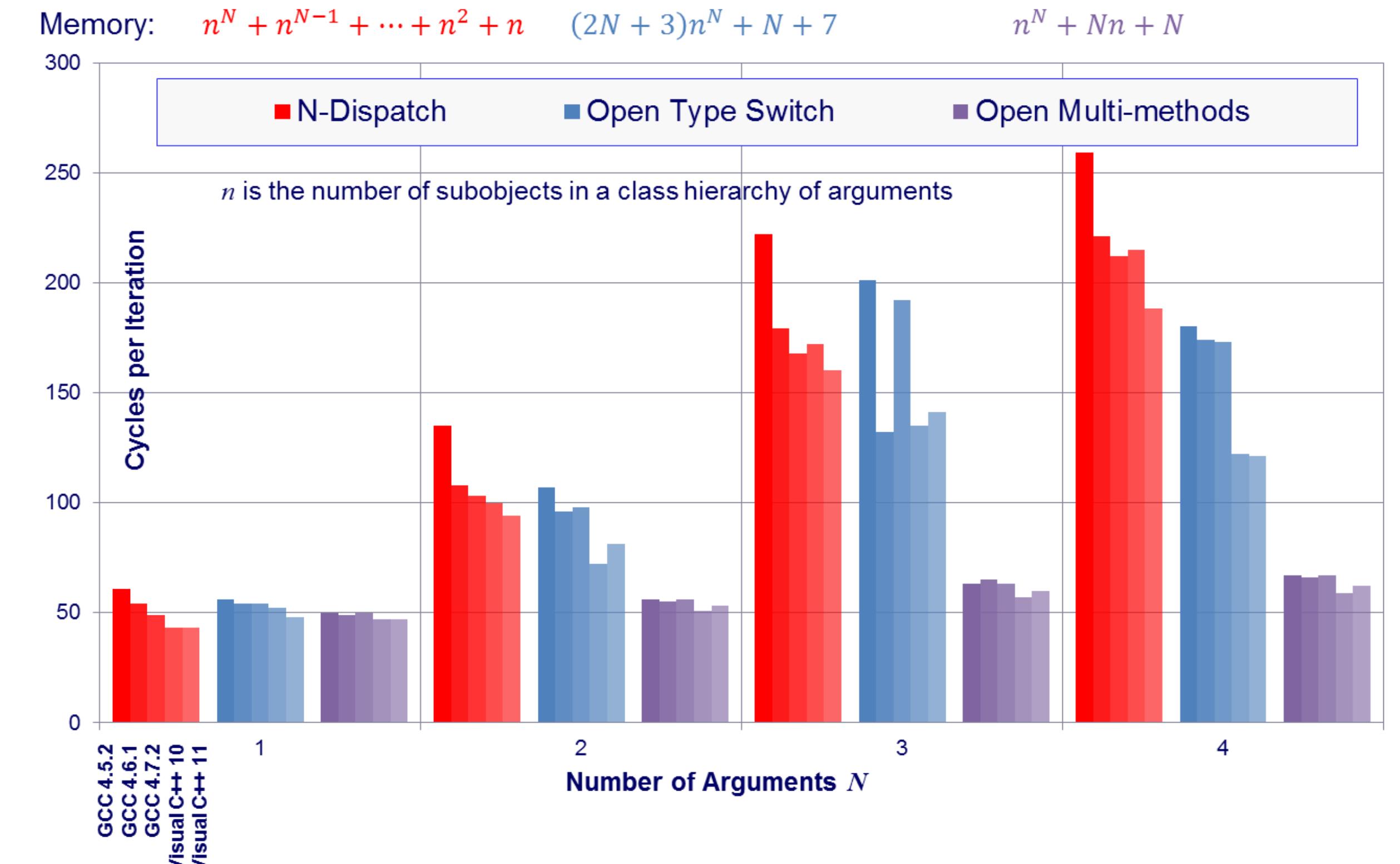
Comparison to Alternatives



Comparison with OCaml & Haskell

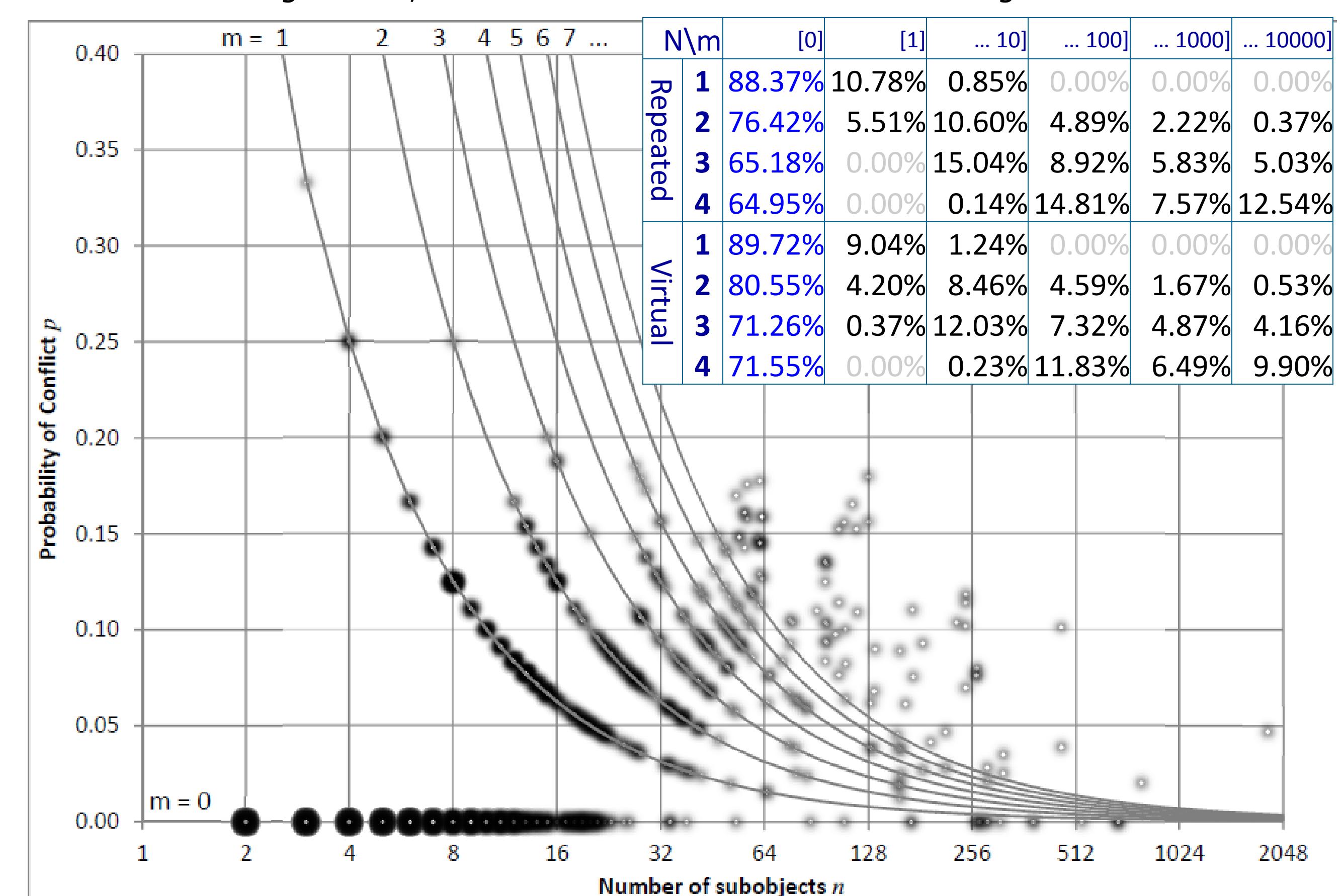


Comparison to Multiple Dispatch



Efficiency of Hashing

88.37% percentage of real-world type switches with no collisions in the hash
N—number of arguments, m—number of collisions due to hashing



Pattern Matching Overhead

42% faster than handcrafted version
42% slower than handcrafted version

	Open Patterns					Patterns as Objects				
	G++			Visual C++		G++			Visual C++	
	4.5.2	4.6.1	4.7.2	10	11	4.5.2	4.6.1	4.7.2	10	11
factorial ₀	15%	13%	17%	85%	35%	347%	408%	419%	2121%	1788%
factorial ₁	0%	6%	0%	83%	21%	410%	519%	504%	2380%	1812%
fibonacci	17%	2%	2%	62%	15%	340%	431%	395%	2730%	2597%
gcd ₁	21%	25%	25%	309%	179%	1503%	1333%	1208%	8876%	7810%
gcd ₂	1%	0%	1%	38%	15%	119%	102%	108%	1575%	1319%
lambda	58%	54%	56%	29%	34%	837%	780%	875%	259%	289%
power	10%	8%	13%	50%	6%	291%	337%	338%	1950%	1648%