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1 Purpose

This Report is tested on RK3399 platform and the Arm Compute Library is version 17.12. The report includes both CPU data and GPU data. We collected the data on AlexNet, GoogLeNet, SqueeZNet, MobileNet, ResNet18, ResNet34, ResNet50. Note that the CPU data is on a single A72 core. And we found the mixed mode can improve performance 2.8X for the best case.

2 Test Environment

Hardware SoC: firefly

<http://www.t-firefly.com/product/rk3399.html>

- GPU: Mali T864 (800MHz)
- RAM: 2G
- CPU: Dual-core Cortex-A72 up to 2.0GHz (real frequency is 1.8GHz); Quad-core Cortex-A53 up to 1.5GHz (real frequency is 1.4GHz)

Operating System: Ubuntu 16.04

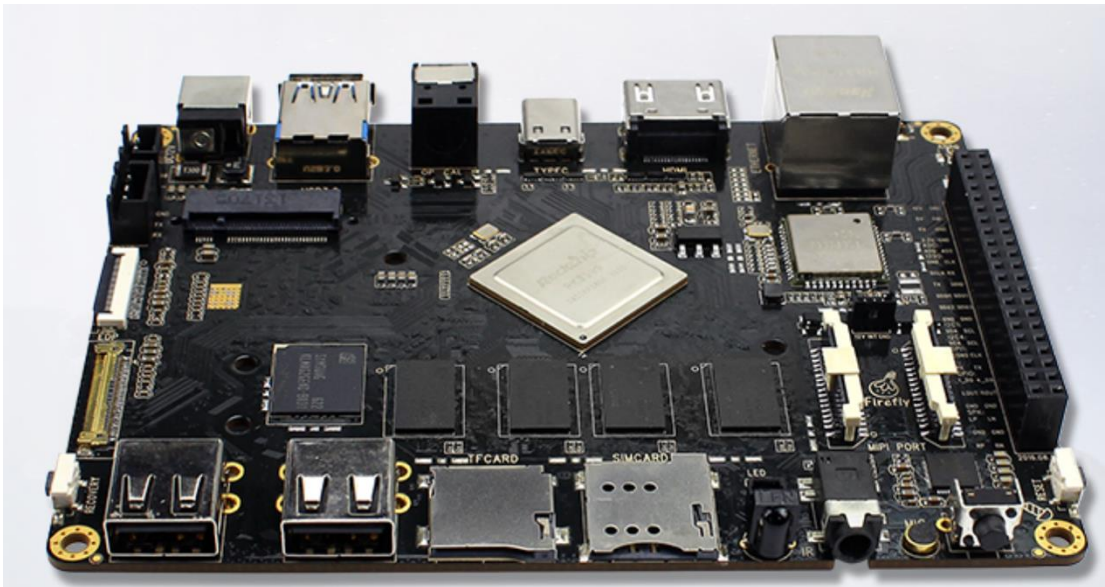


Figure 1 firefly board

3 Performance Improvement Achievement

The ACL_NEON's LRN and POOLING are better, and ACL_CL(GPU) has the better performances on large FC while OpenBLAS has better on CONV. It's possible to gain better performance on mixing the calculation on different component, for example, using OpenBLAS layers (SoftMax, RELU, FC, CONV) and ACL_NEON layers (LRN, Pooling) in neural network.

After we mixed the layers calculation on OpenBLAS and ACL, it's very easy to mix the layers calculation by exporting environment variable `BYPASSACL`, details in User Guide 5.2.

For the total time spent per inference, we have achieved about 2.81X performance in the best case.

Table 1 Performance comparison

	Original Caffe (ms)	Caffe-HRT (ms)	Performance Gain (ms)
AlexNet	932.70	534.80	1.74
GoogleNet	1387.70	494.00	2.81
SqueezeNet	144.30	144.30	1.00
MobileNet	305.00	292.80	1.04
ResNet18	509.20	492.60	1.03
ResNet34	1040.00	1024.30	1.02
ResNet50	1095.30	1089.10	1.01

4 Performance

For GPU, the OpenCL driver need compile CL kernel for the first time running, but after 2nd time, the CL kernel may not be compiled. This will impact performance. Here we list the 1st data separately. We tested total 10 times from 2nd to 11th and calculated the average time. The data in the below tables are in the unit of second.

The items (TPI, Allocate, Run, Config, Copy, FC, CONV, LRN, Pooling, RELU, SOFTMAX) in the below tables:

- ✧ TPI: The total time for per inference
- ✧ Avg. Time: tested total 10 times from 2nd to 11th and calculated the average time.
- ✧ The unit of all the data columns in tests below is second.

The details see user manual section "Use Cases".

4.1 AlexNet

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Table 2 AlexNet Performance for configuration

	TPI (s)	Allocate (s)	Run (s)	Config (s)	Copy (s)
1st					
ACL/NEON	3.2593	0.1744	2.7276	0.2189	0.1352
OpenBLAS	0.9527				
ACL/GPU	2.4794	0.1822	0.0648	1.5011	0.7269
MIXED	0.5609	0.0046	0.0328	0.0013	0.0057
Dynamic	2.3379	0.1654	0.0616	1.3311	0.7747
Avg. Time					
ACL/NEON	0.5908		0.5811		0.0090
OpenBLAS	0.9327				
ACL/GPU	0.1542		0.0127		0.1406
MIXED	0.5348		0.0319		0.0045
Dynamic	0.2033		0.0096		0.1916

Table 3 AlexNet performance for each Layer

	TPI (s)	CONV (s)	FC (s)	LRN (s)	Pooling (s)	RELU (s)	SOFTMAX (s)
1st							
ACL/NEON	3.2593	0.3279	2.8777	0.0382	0.0072	0.0081	0.0003
OpenBLAS	0.9527	0.1703	0.3423	0.4292	0.0093	0.0014	0.0002
ACL/GPU	2.4794	1.1812	0.9399	0.0827	0.0770	0.0456	0.1529
MIXED	0.5609	0.1702	0.3436	0.0384	0.0070	0.0015	0.0002
Dynamic	2.3379	1.0402	0.9898	0.0792	0.0748	0.0014	0.1525
Avg. Time							
ACL/NEON	0.5908	0.1769	0.3734	0.0320	0.0046	0.0039	0.0001
OpenBLAS	0.9327	0.1556	0.3421	0.4253	0.0082	0.0015	0.0001
ACL/GPU	0.1542	0.0913	0.0374	0.0070	0.0081	0.0098	0.0005
MIXED	0.5348	0.1542	0.3425	0.0320	0.0046	0.0015	0.0001
Dynamic	0.2033	0.1339	0.0508	0.0081	0.0085	0.0014	0.0006

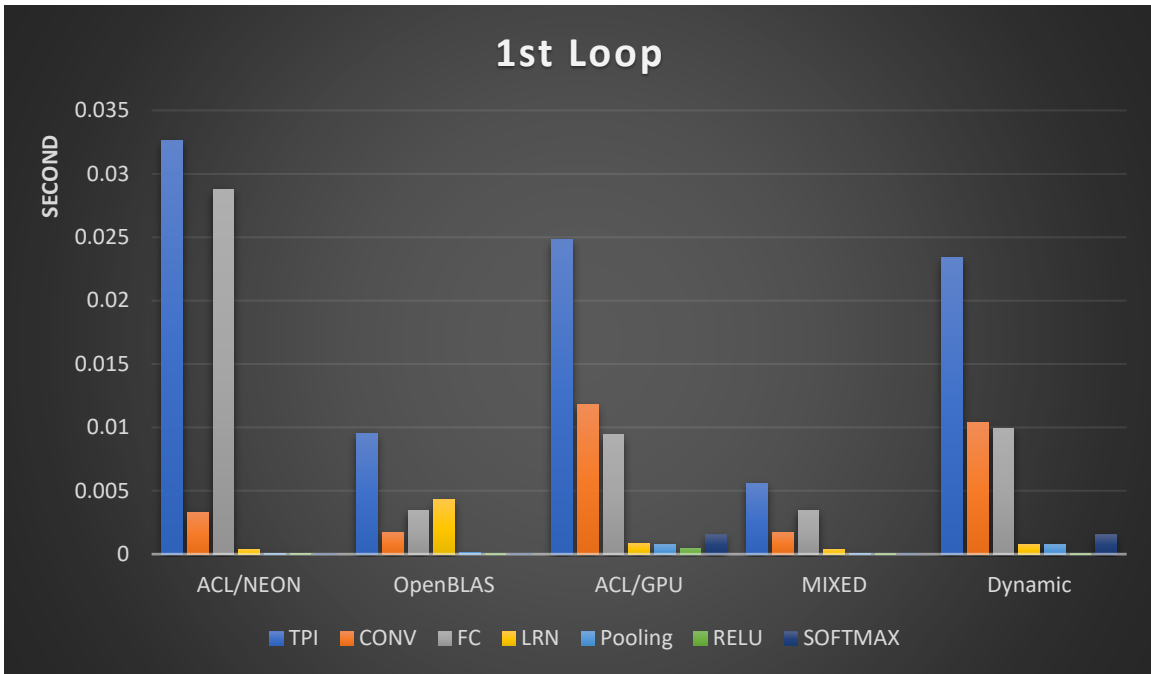


Figure 2 1st loop for AlexNet

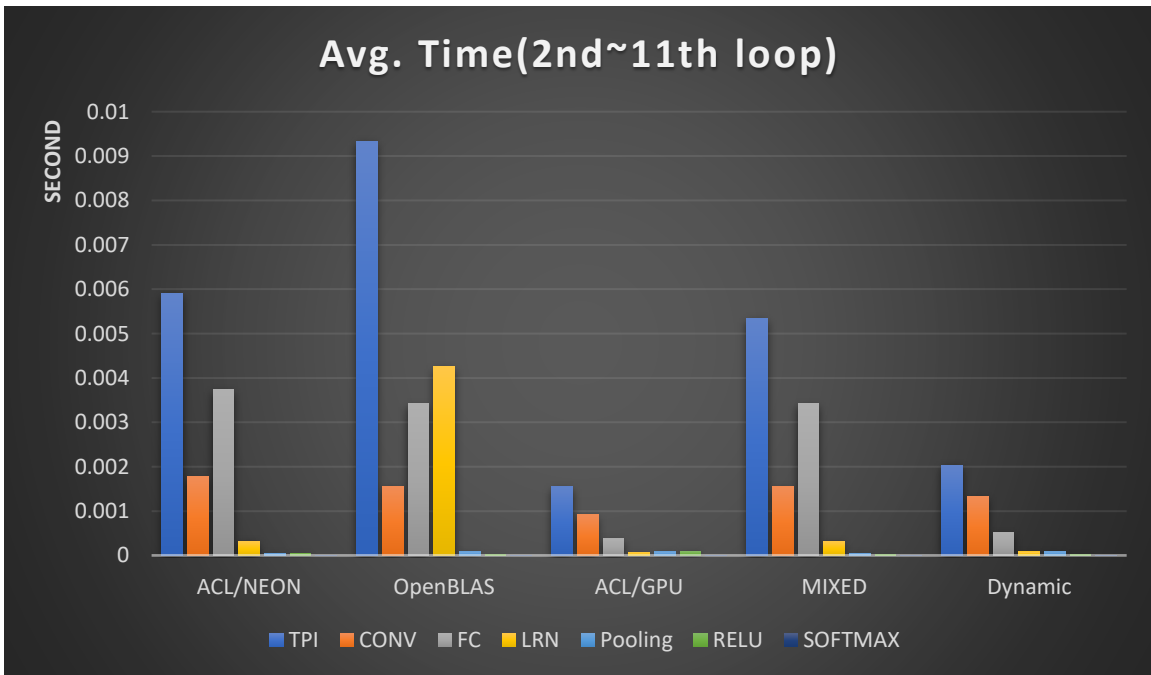


Figure 3 Avg. Time(2nd~11th loop) for AlexNet

4.2 GoogleNet

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Table 4 GoogleNet Performance for configuration

	TPI (s)	Allocate (s)	Run (s)	Config (s)	Copy (s)
1st					
ACL/NEON	1.1912	0.0850	0.6307	0.2243	0.2253
OpenBLAS	1.4333				
ACL/GPU	4.9562	0.1154	0.1244	3.5634	1.1277
MIXED	0.5651	0.0249	0.0829	0.0033	0.0314
Dynamic	2.4819	0.0284	0.0331	1.7637	0.3478
Avg. Time					
ACL/NEON	0.6268		0.5631		0.0586
OpenBLAS	1.3877				
ACL/GPU	0.6005		0.0786		0.5136
MIXED	0.4940		0.0824		0.0230
Dynamic	0.5724		0.0190		0.2719

Table 5 GoogleNet Performance for each layer

	TPI (s)	CONV (s)	FC (s)	LRN (s)	Pooling (s)	RELU (s)	SOFTMAX (s)
1st							
ACL/NEON	1.1912	0.9765	0.0195	0.0635	0.0625	0.0385	0.0003
OpenBLAS	1.4333	0.4054	0.0043	0.9230	0.0882	0.0071	0.0002
ACL/GPU	4.9562	4.1194	0.1495	0.0841	0.2336	0.1447	0.1536
MIXED	0.5651	0.4051	0.0049	0.0629	0.0563	0.0072	0.0002
Dynamic	2.4819	1.8614	0.1487	0.0838	0.2233	0.0068	0.1531
Avg. Time							
ACL/NEON	0.6268	0.4938	0.0061	0.0542	0.0371	0.0175	0.0001
OpenBLAS	1.3877	0.3742	0.0045	0.9175	0.0818	0.0069	0.0001
ACL/GPU	0.6005	0.4611	0.0014	0.0113	0.0520	0.0515	0.0005
MIXED	0.4940	0.3752	0.0048	0.0537	0.0363	0.0068	0.0001
Dynamic	0.5724	0.4818	0.0023	0.0141	0.0647	0.0068	0.0006

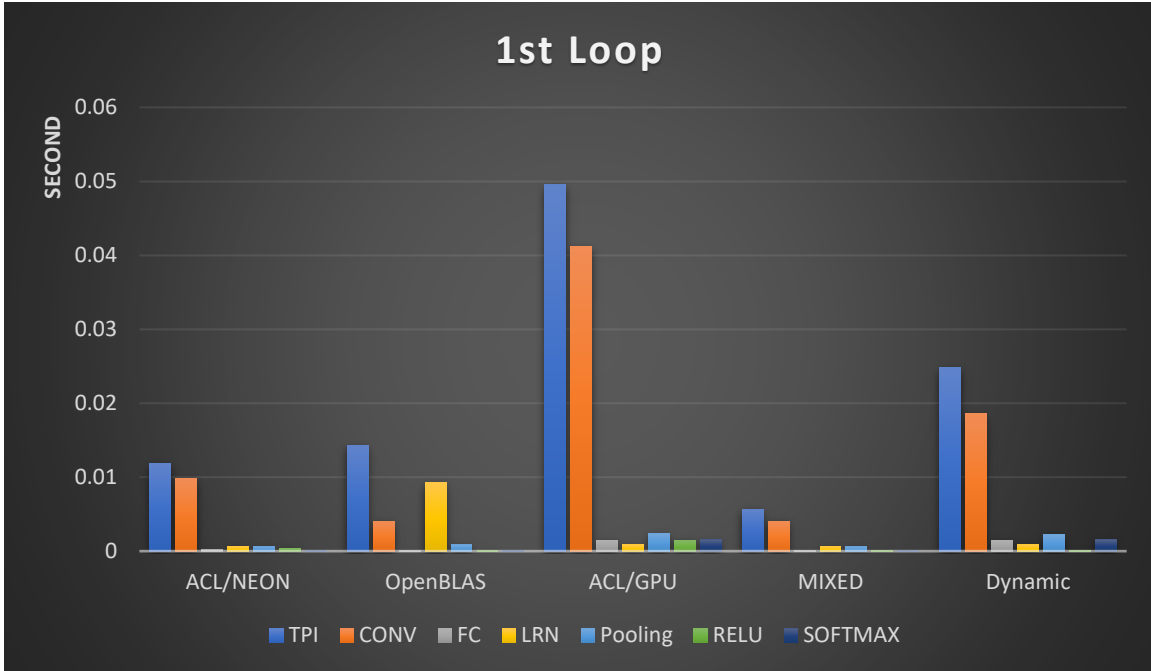


Figure 4 1st Loop for GoogleNet

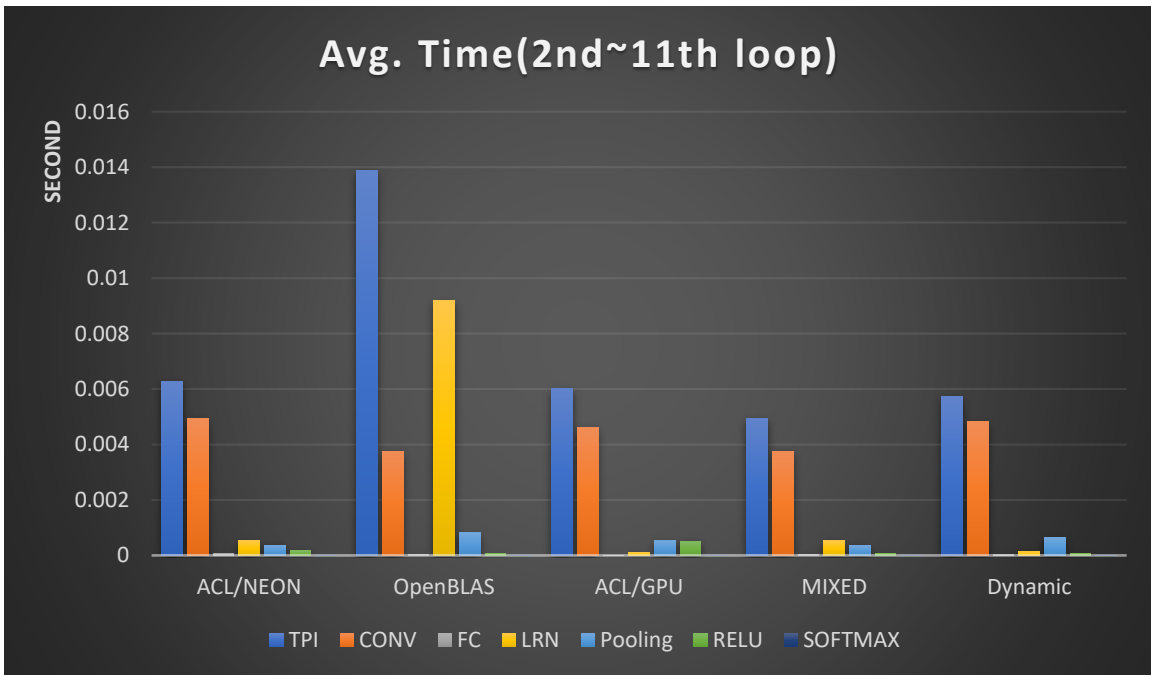


Figure 5 Avg. Time(2nd~11th loop) for GoogleNet

4.3 SqueezeNet

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Table 6 SqueezeNet Performance for configuration

	TPI (s)	Allocate (s)	Run (s)	Config (s)	Copy (s)
1st					
ACL/NEON	0.3977	0.0456	0.1723	0.0909	0.0799
OpenBLAS	0.1671				
ACL/GPU	2.7463	0.0391	0.0448	2.2530	0.3988
MIXED	0.1887	0.0139	0.0193	0.0006	0.0181
Dynamic	0.4191	0.0017	0.0039	0.2581	0.0154
Avg. Time					
ACL/NEON	0.1950		0.1602		0.0320
OpenBLAS	0.1443				
ACL/GPU	0.3377		0.0301		0.3037
MIXED	0.1503		0.0190		0.0127
Dynamic	0.1407		0.0039		0.0166

Table 7 SqueezeNet Performance for each layer

	TPI (s)	CONV (s)	FC (s)	LRN (s)	Pooling (s)	RELU (s)	SOFTMAX (s)
1st							
ACL/NEON	0.3977	0.3117			0.0197	0.0320	0.0003
OpenBLAS	0.1671	0.1283			0.0260	0.0061	0.0002
ACL/GPU	2.7463	2.3229			0.1135	0.0954	0.1519
MIXED	0.1887	0.1283			0.0190	0.0059	0.0002
Dynamic	0.4191	0.1262			0.1314	0.0058	0.1493
Avg. Time							
ACL/NEON	0.1950	0.1478			0.0114	0.0151	0.0001
OpenBLAS	0.1443	0.1108			0.0245	0.0058	0.0001
ACL/GPU	0.3377	0.2540			0.0185	0.0385	0.0009
MIXED	0.1503	0.1114			0.0117	0.0058	0.0001
Dynamic	0.1407	0.1103			0.0203	0.0059	0.0013

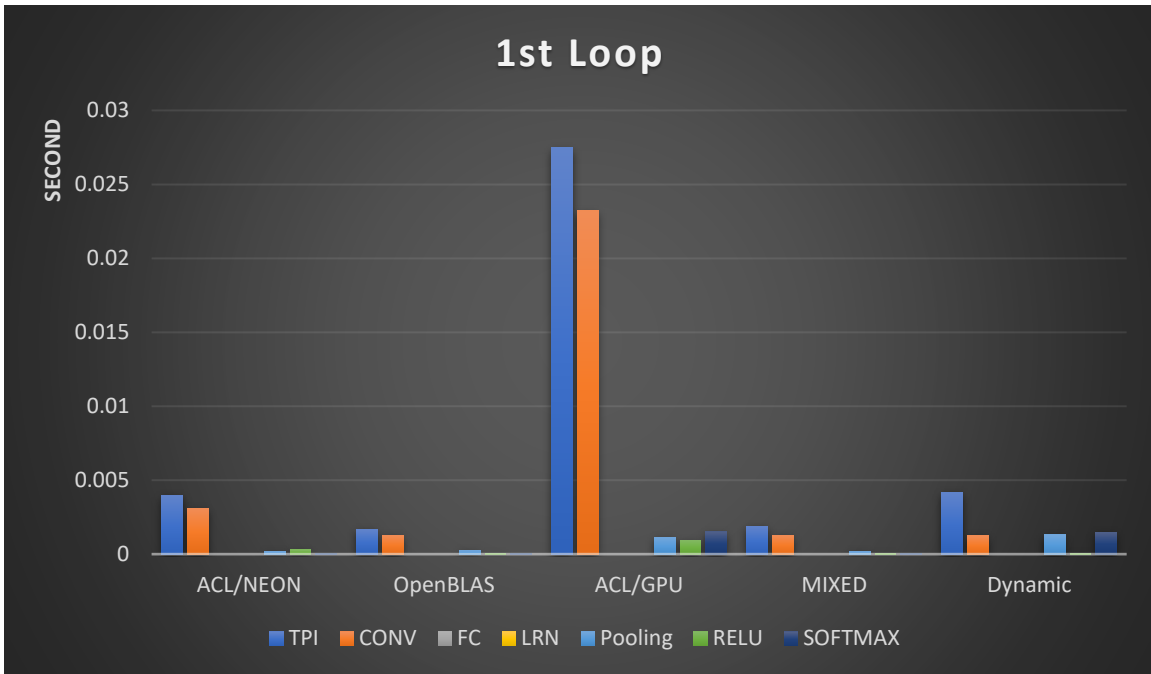


Figure 6 1st Loop for SqueezeNet

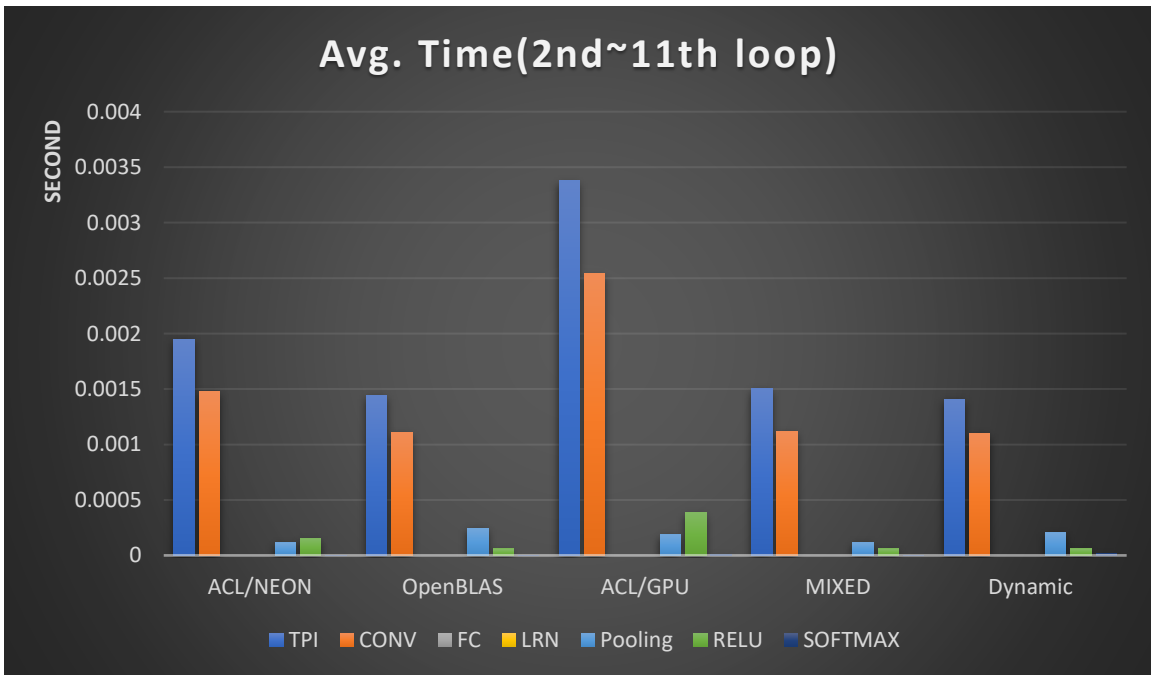


Figure 7 Avg. Time(2nd~11th loop) for SqueezeNet

4.4 MobileNet

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Table 8 MobileNet Performance for configuration

	TPI (s)	Allocate (s)	Run (s)	Config (s)	Copy (s)
1st					
ACL/NEON	0.7769	0.0823	0.2627	0.0788	0.2096
OpenBLAS	0.3874				
ACL/GPU	2.3577	0.0758	0.0407	1.4363	0.6599
MIXED	0.3911	0.0291	0.0257	0.0006	0.0314
Dynamic	0.3818				
Avg. Time					
ACL/NEON	0.3717		0.2229		0.0590
OpenBLAS	0.3050				
ACL/GPU	0.5565		0.0399		0.4244
MIXED	0.2928		0.0244		0.0300
Dynamic	0.2957				

Table 9 MobileNet Performance for each layer

	TPI (s)	CONV (s)	FC (s)	LRN (s)	Pooling (s)	RELU (s)	SOFTMAX (s)
1st							
ACL/NEON	0.7769	0.6268			0.0006	0.0619	
OpenBLAS	0.3874	0.2897			0.0005	0.0111	
ACL/GPU	2.3577	2.0609			0.0006	0.1270	
MIXED	0.3911	0.2897			0.0006	0.0112	
Dynamic	0.3818	0.2850			0.0006	0.0108	
Avg. Time							
ACL/NEON	0.3717	0.2836			0.0005	0.0324	
OpenBLAS	0.3050	0.2271			0.0005	0.0108	
ACL/GPU	0.5565	0.3976			0.0005	0.0655	
MIXED	0.2928	0.2260			0.0005	0.0108	
Dynamic	0.2957	0.2216			0.0005	0.0108	

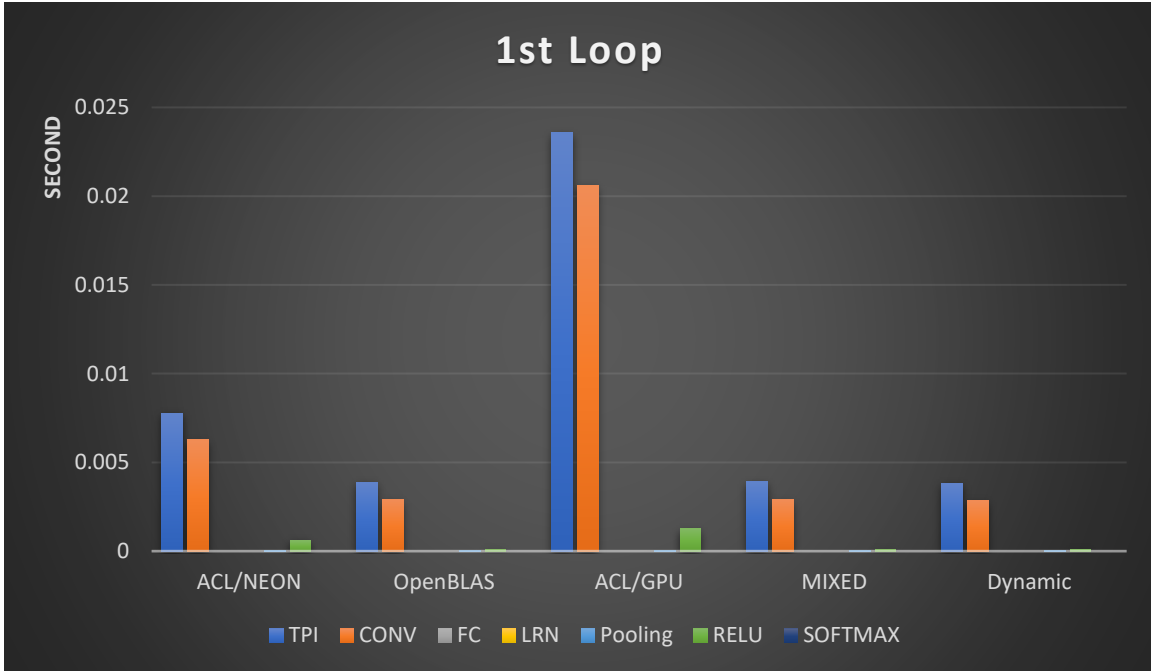


Figure 8 1st Loop for MobileNet

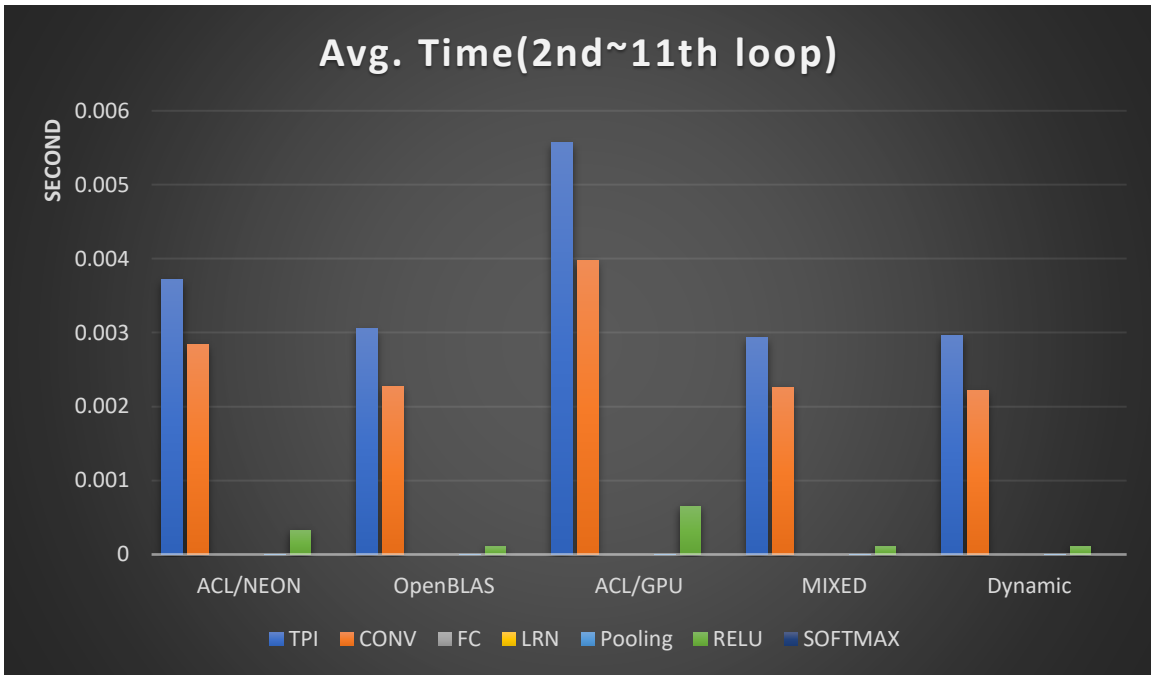


Figure 9 Avg. Time(2nd~11th loop) for MobileNet

4.5 ResNet18

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Table 10 ResNet18 Performance for configuration

	TPI (s)	Allocate (s)	Run (s)	Config (s)	Copy (s)
1st					
ACL/NEON	1.1815	0.0768	0.6987	0.2222	0.1755
OpenBLAS	0.5649				
ACL/GPU	1.1847	0.0766	0.7012	0.2228	0.1759
MIXED	0.5684	0.0197	0.0218	0.0023	0.0182
Dynamic	2.1104	0.0294	0.0236	0.9794	0.7553
Avg. Time					
ACL/NEON	0.6183		0.5783		0.0375
OpenBLAS	0.5092				
ACL/GPU	0.6197		0.5796		0.0376
MIXED	0.4926		0.0179		0.0166
Dynamic	0.5937		0.0059		0.3074

Table 11 ResNet18 Performance for each layer

	TPI (s)	CONV (s)	FC (s)	LRN (s)	Pooling (s)	RELU (s)	SOFTMAX (s)
1st							
ACL/NEON	1.1815	1.0910	0.0100		0.0090	0.0270	0.0002
OpenBLAS	0.5649	0.4943	0.0022		0.0150	0.0049	0.0002
ACL/GPU	1.1847	1.0940	0.0101		0.0091	0.0271	0.0003
MIXED	0.5684	0.4987	0.0101		0.0094	0.0050	0.0002
Dynamic	2.1104	1.6923	0.1416		0.0735	0.0048	0.1519
Avg. Time							
ACL/NEON	0.6183	0.5679	0.0029		0.0059	0.0138	0.0001
OpenBLAS	0.5092	0.4497	0.0021		0.0144	0.0049	0.0001
ACL/GPU	0.6197	0.5692	0.0029		0.0059	0.0139	0.0001
MIXED	0.4926	0.4523	0.0026		0.0060	0.0048	0.0001
Dynamic	0.5937	0.5394	0.0016		0.0095	0.0048	0.0006

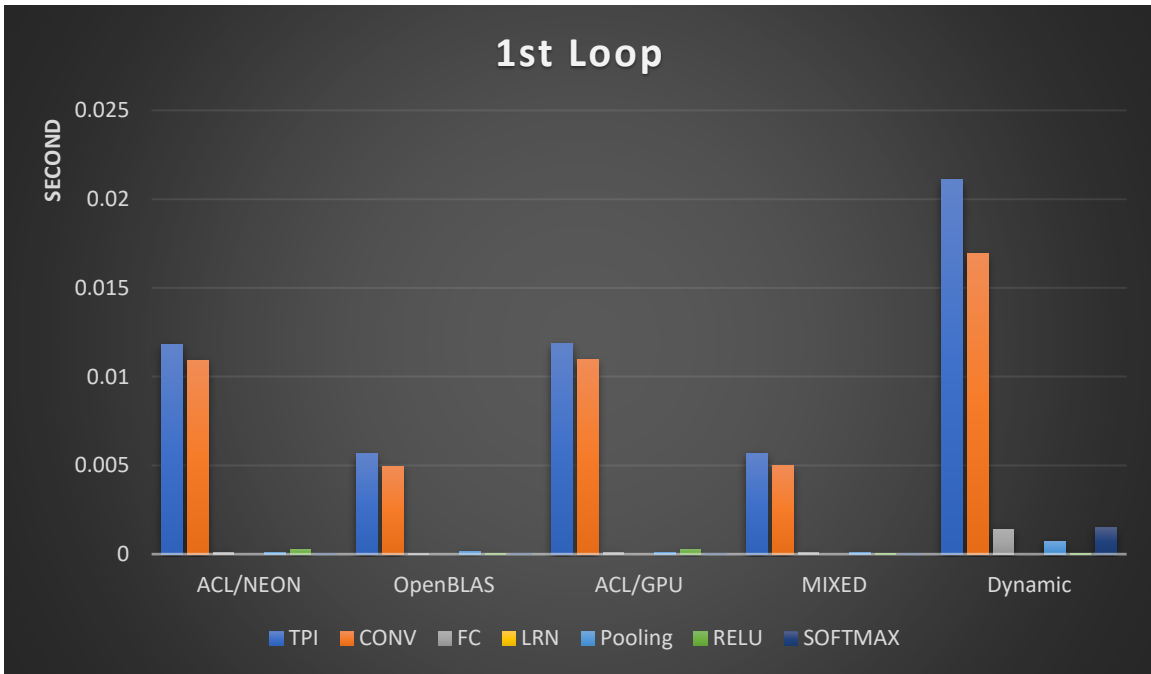


Figure 10 1st Loop for ResNet18

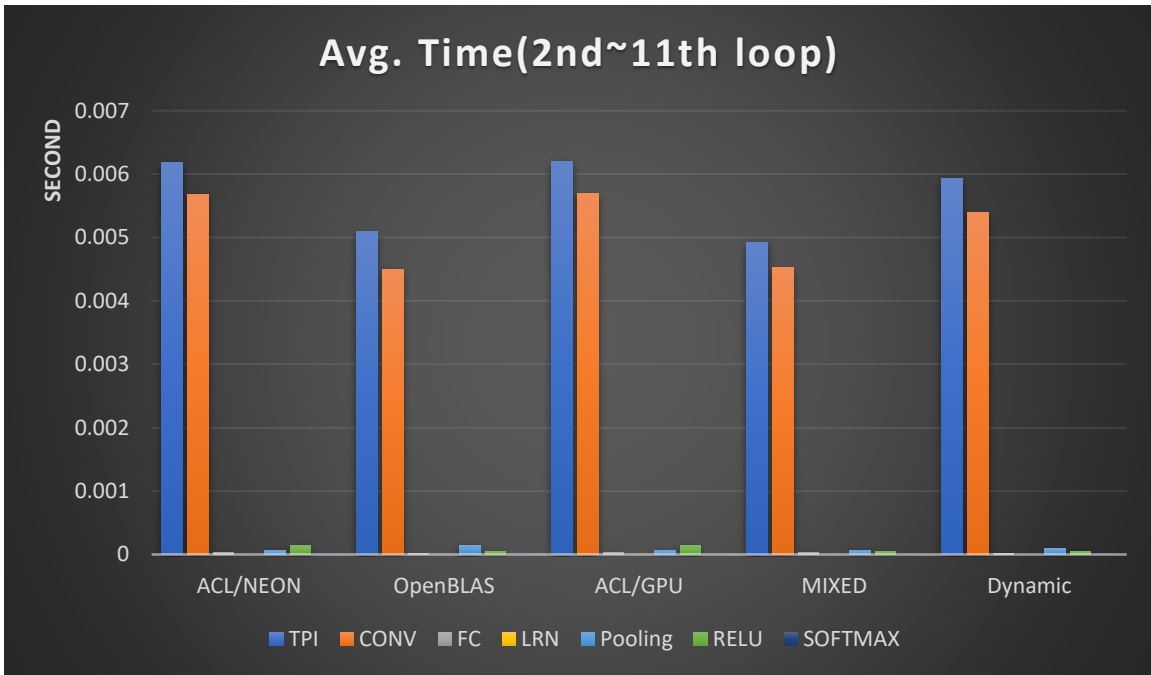


Figure 11 Avg. Time(2nd~11th loop) for ResNet18

4.6 ResNet34

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Table 12 ResNet34 Performance for configuration

	TPI (s)	Allocate (s)	Run (s)	Config (s)	Copy (s)
1st					
ACL/NEON	2.1758	0.1026	1.2860	0.3670	0.2691
OpenBLAS	1.1373				
ACL/GPU	2.2497	0.1023	1.2864	0.3659	0.3324
MIXED	1.1341	0.0043	0.0094	0.0019	0.0042
Dynamic	3.3660	0.0624	0.0483	1.0911	1.5508
Avg. Time					
ACL/NEON	1.2212		1.0666		0.0314
OpenBLAS	1.0400				
ACL/GPU	1.2230		1.0651		0.0326
MIXED	1.0243		0.0057		0.0027
Dynamic	1.1603		0.0118		0.6130

Table 13 ResNet34 Performance for each layer

	TPI (s)	CONV (s)	FC (s)	LRN (s)	Pooling (s)	RELU (s)	SOFTMAX (s)
1st							
ACL/NEON	2.1758	1.9753	0.0100		0.0089	0.0408	0.0003
OpenBLAS	1.1373	0.9692	0.0023		0.0154	0.0075	0.0001
ACL/GPU	2.2497	2.0376	0.0102		0.0090	0.0408	0.0002
MIXED	1.1341	0.9630	0.0101		0.0103	0.0075	0.0002
Dynamic	3.3660	2.8446	0.1420		0.0751	0.0074	0.1529
Avg. Time							
ACL/NEON	1.2212	1.0716	0.0030		0.0058	0.0204	0.0001
OpenBLAS	1.0400	0.8942	0.0022		0.0147	0.0076	0.0001
ACL/GPU	1.2230	1.0713	0.0030		0.0058	0.0205	0.0001
MIXED	1.0243	0.8868	0.0026		0.0061	0.0074	0.0001
Dynamic	1.1603	1.0178	0.0016		0.0096	0.0074	0.0006

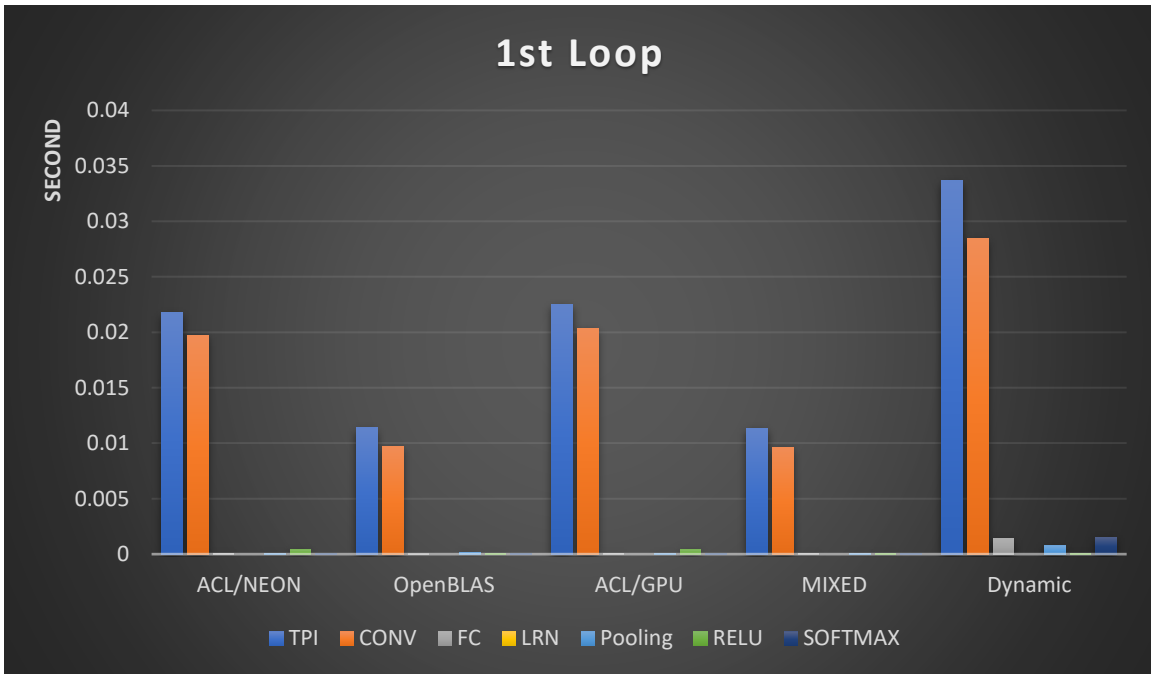


Figure 12 1st Loop for ResNet34

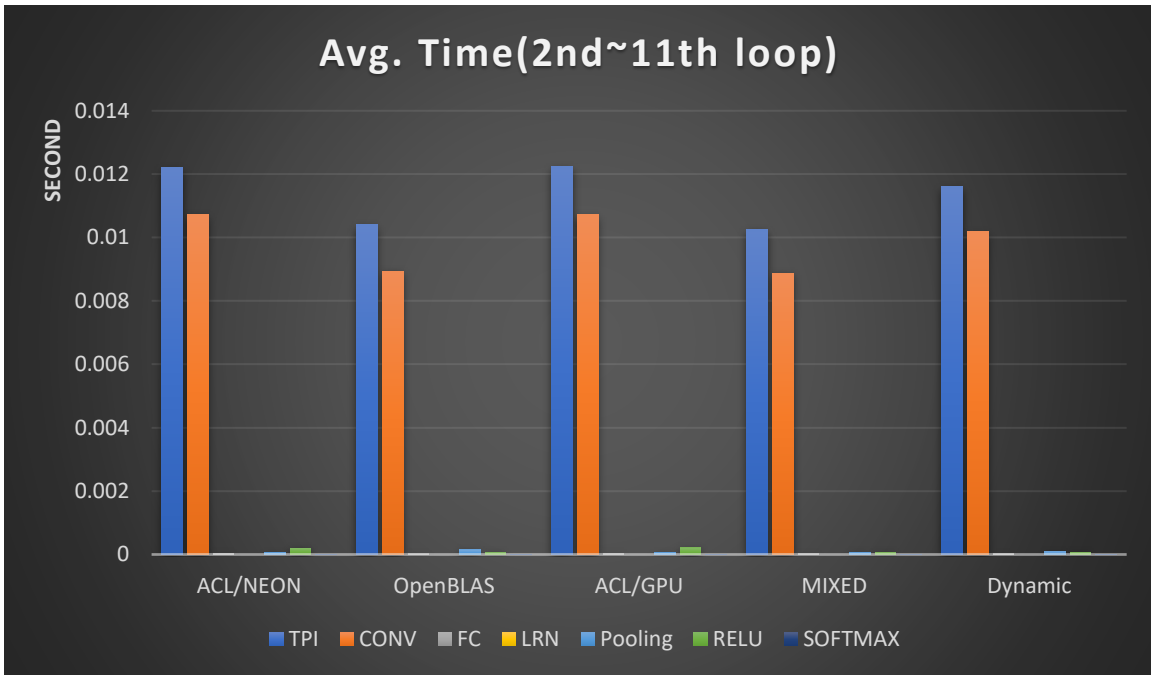


Figure 13 Avg. Time (2nd~11th loop) for ResNet34

4.7 ResNet50

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Table 14 ResNet50 Performance for configuration

	TPI (s)	Allocate (s)	Run (s)	Config (s)	Copy (s)
1st					
ACL/NEON	3.1285	0.2472	1.5828	0.4180	0.8583
OpenBLAS	1.1975				
ACL/GPU	3.1052	0.2407	1.5751	0.4076	0.8597
MIXED	1.2510	0.0694	0.0930	0.0071	0.0666
Dynamic	2.8057	0.0368	0.0281	0.9983	0.8684
Avg. Time					
ACL/NEON	1.4490		1.2924		0.1495
OpenBLAS	1.0953				
ACL/GPU	1.4514		1.2940		0.1501
MIXED	1.0891		0.0782		0.0628
Dynamic	1.2521		0.0071		0.4667

Table 15 ResNet50 Performance for each layer

	TPI (s)	CONV (s)	FC (s)	LRN (s)	Pooling (s)	RELU (s)	SOFTMAX (s)
1st							
ACL/NEON	3.1285	2.7772	0.0419		0.0097	0.1088	0.0002
OpenBLAS	1.1975	0.9830	0.0095		0.0152	0.0190	0.0001
ACL/GPU	3.1052	2.7546	0.0431		0.0098	0.1080	0.0003
MIXED	1.2510	0.9888	0.0416		0.0103	0.0190	0.0002
Dynamic	2.8057	2.2338	0.1604		0.0757	0.0187	0.1514
Avg. Time							
ACL/NEON	1.4490	1.2501	0.0120		0.0066	0.0551	0.0001
OpenBLAS	1.0953	0.9224	0.0096		0.0146	0.0191	0.0001
ACL/GPU	1.4514	1.2518	0.0120		0.0067	0.0551	0.0001
MIXED	1.0891	0.9258	0.0123		0.0070	0.0193	0.0001
Dynamic	1.2521	1.0935	0.0043		0.0109	0.0188	0.0007

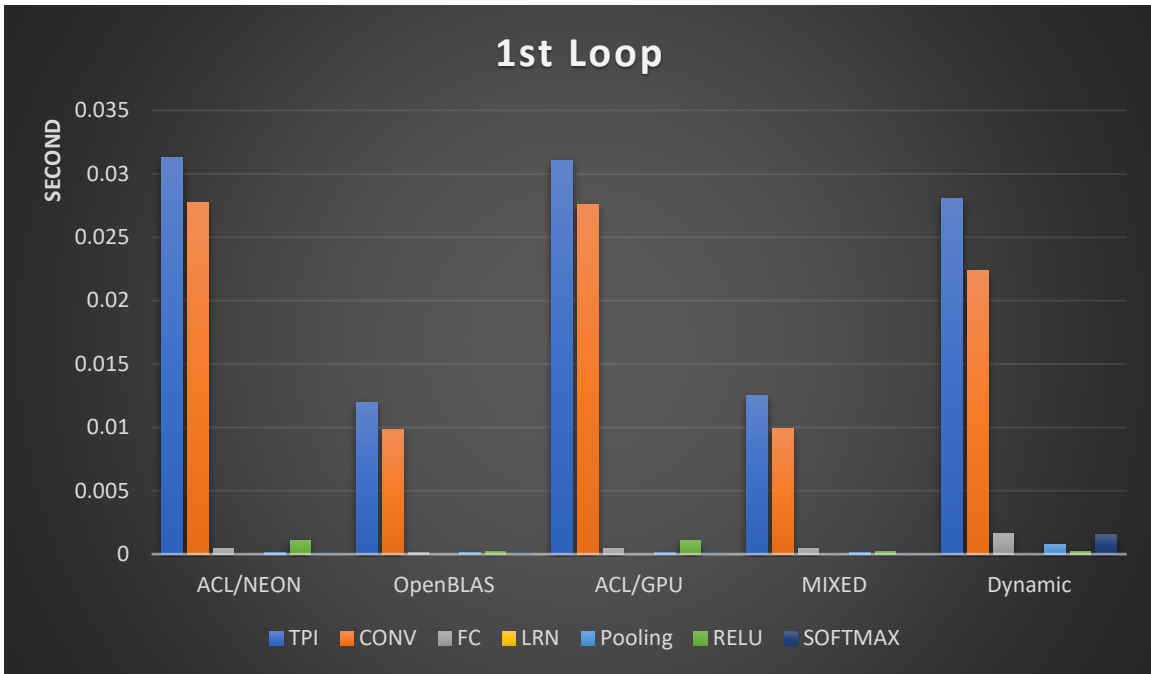


Figure 14 1st Loop for ResNet50

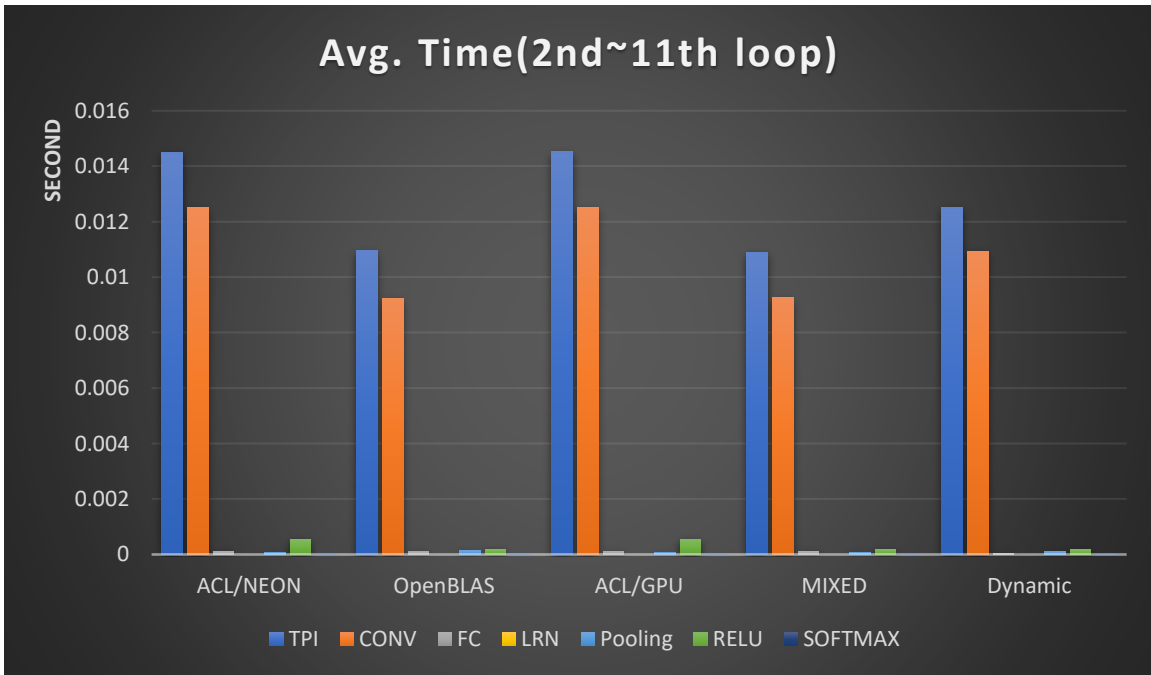


Figure 15 Avg. Time(2nd~11th loop) for ResNet50

5 Performance On Different Cores

The TPI is not very stable, it's in wide fluctuation. The data in the tables is lower limit of the range.

5.1 The TPI Data For ACL/NEON, OpenBLAS And Mixed Mode

AlexNet TPI data for ACL/NEON, OpenBLAS and mixed mode

Table 16 AlexNet TPI data

	ACL/NEON (s)	OpenBLAS (s)	MIXED (s)	Dynamic (s)
1xA53	1.9461	1.8653	0.9466	0.2606
1xA72	0.5908	0.9327	0.5348	0.2033
2xA72	0.3256	0.8736	0.4534	0.1731
4xA53	0.5987	1.6108	0.6669	0.3181
2xA72+4xA53*	0.4166	0.8930	0.6584	0.2493

GoogleNet TPI data for ACL/NEON, OpenBLAS and mixed mode

Table 17 GoogleNet TPI data

	ACL/NEON (s)	OpenBLAS (s)	MIXED (s)	Dynamic (s)
1xA53	1.2299	3.3694	1.2992	1.0878
1xA72	0.6268	1.3877	0.4940	0.5724
2xA72	0.4039	1.2322	0.3459	0.4550
4xA53	0.8351	2.7240	0.6335	0.6078
2xA72+4xA53*	0.7288	1.7410	0.3653	0.5355

MobileNet TPI data for ACL/NEON, OpenBLAS and mixed mode

Table 18 MobileNet TPI data

	ACL/NEON (s)	OpenBLAS (s)	MIXED (s)	Dynamic (s)
1xA53	0.7996	0.8226	0.7645	1.0878
1xA72	0.3717	0.3050	0.2928	0.5724
2xA72	0.3662	0.2325	0.2419	0.4550
4xA53	0.6415	0.5526	0.5204	0.6078
2xA72+4xA53*	0.3526	0.2388	0.2451	0.5355

SqueezeNet TPI data for ACL/NEON, OpenBLAS and mixed mode.

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Table 19 SqueezeNet TPI data

	ACL/NEON (s)	OpenBLAS (s)	MIXED (s)	Dynamic (s)
1xA53	0.4142	0.3690	0.4016	0.3394
1xA72	0.1950	0.1443	0.1503	0.1407
2xA72	0.1389	0.1004	0.1080	0.0979
4xA53	0.3253	0.1942	0.2235	0.1645
2xA72+4xA53*	0.2133	0.1048	0.2060	0.0980

ResNet18 TPI data for ACL/NEON, OpenBLAS and mixed mode.

Table 20 ResNet18 TPI data

	ACL/NEON (s)	OpenBLAS (s)	MIXED (s)	Dynamic (s)
1xA53	1.1766	1.3175	1.2812	1.0980
1xA72	0.6183	0.5092	0.4926	0.5937
2xA72	0.7495	0.9831	0.7672	0.4562
4xA53	0.7411	0.5978	0.5561	0.6561
2xA72+4xA53*	0.6469	0.3839	0.3678	0.6013

ResNet34 TPI data for ACL/NEON, OpenBLAS and mixed mode.

Table 21 ResNet34 TPI data

	ACL/NEON (s)	OpenBLAS (s)	MIXED (s)	Dynamic (s)
1xA53	2.4465	2.8463	2.7018	2.2180
1xA72	1.2212	1.0400	1.0243	1.1603
2xA72	1.6986	1.5154	0.7037	0.8280
4xA53	1.7216	1.2313	1.2174	1.4044
2xA72+4xA53*	1.3393	0.7840	0.7745	1.3369

ResNet50 TPI data for ACL/NEON, OpenBLAS and mixed mode.

Table 22 ResNet50 TPI data

	ACL/NEON (s)	OpenBLAS (s)	MIXED (s)	Dynamic (s)
1xA53	1.4386	2.9243	2.9795	2.6174
1xA72	1.4490	1.0953	1.0891	1.2521
2xA72	1.2705	0.7483	0.7406	0.9774
4xA53	2.0314	1.3296	1.2971	1.4878
2xA72+4xA53*	1.5213	0.7921	1.0883	1.3830

5.2 The TPI In Mixed mode

The TPI data for different CPU cores in mixed mode:

Table 23 The TPI data for different

	AlexNet (s)	GoogleNet (s)	MobileNet (s)	Squeeze Net(s)	ResNet 18(s)	ResNet 34(s)	ResNet 50(s)
1xA53	0.2606	1.0878	0.8048	0.3394	1.0980	2.2180	2.6174
1xA72	0.2033	0.5724	0.2957	0.1407	0.5937	1.1603	1.2521
2xA72	0.1731	0.4550	0.2311	0.0979	0.4562	0.8280	0.9774
4xA53	0.3181	0.6078	0.5532	0.1645	0.6561	1.4044	1.4878
2xA72+4xA53	0.2493	0.5355	0.2382	0.0980	0.6013	1.3369	1.3830

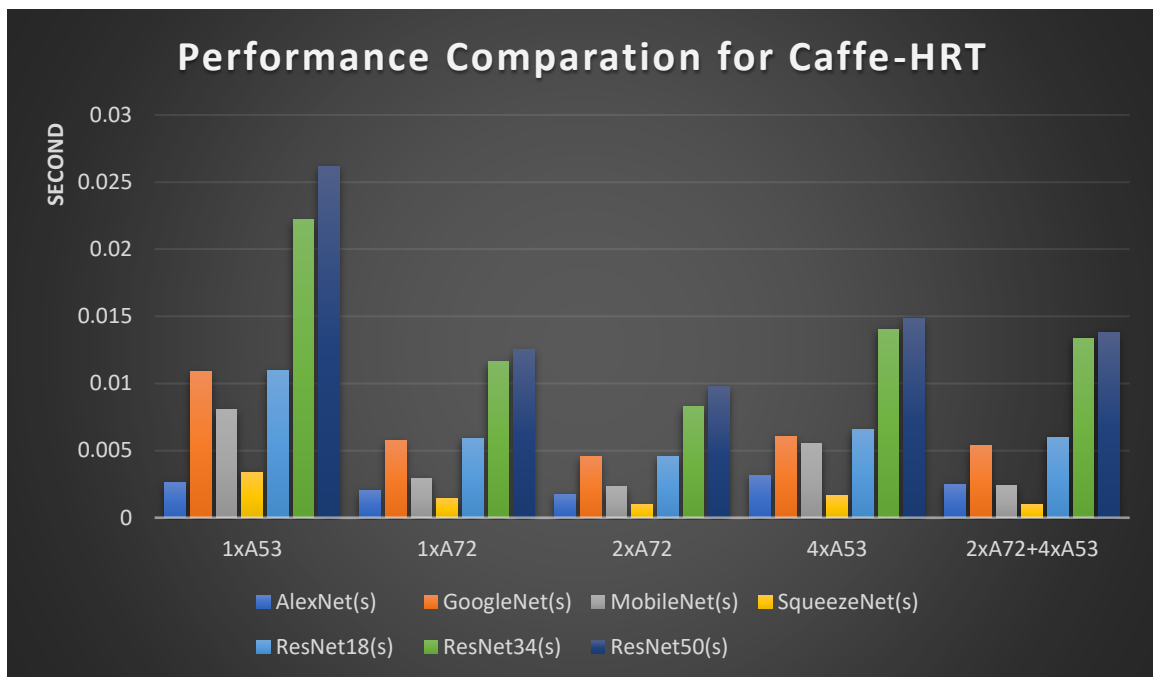


Figure 16 Performance Comparison

6 Conclusion

From the above test cases, we can deduce that: the performances of large FC are better under ACL_CL(GPU) than under NEON and OpenBLAS.

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Table 24 Performance of FC layer for different models

	Alex Net(s)	Google Net(s)	Squeeze Net(s)	Mobile Net(s)	ResNet18 Net(s)	ResNet34 Net(s)	ResNet50 Net(s)
FC/ACL/NEON	0.1942	0.0061	0	0	0.0100	0.0030	0.0120
FC/OpenBLAS	0.3356	0.0045	0	0	0.0022	0.0022	0.0096
FC/ACL/GPU	0.0530	0.0061	0	0	0.0101	0.0030	0.0120