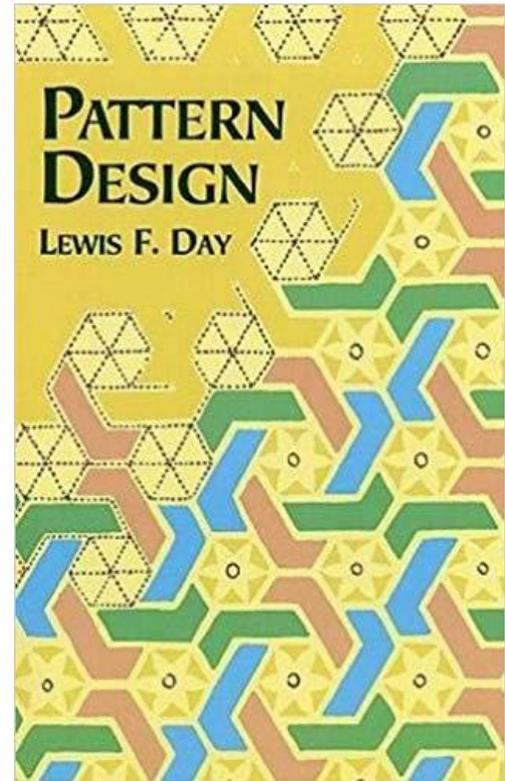


# **Polyhedral Compilation as a Design Pattern for Compiler Construction**

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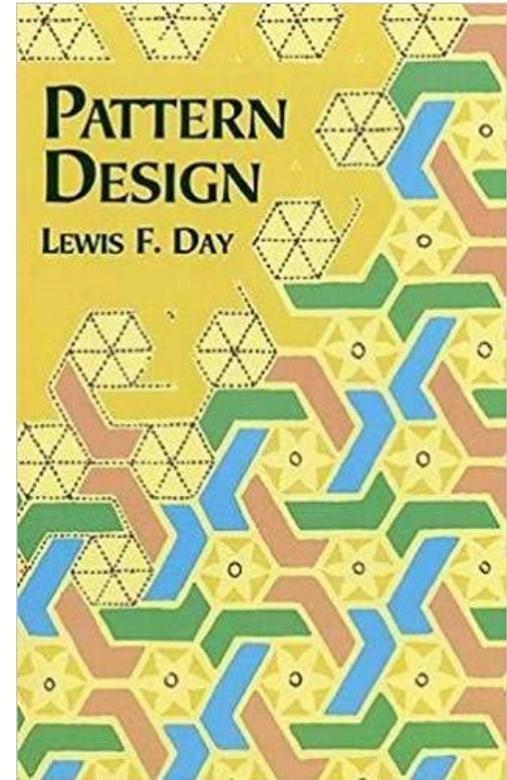
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# Polyhedra? Example: Tiles



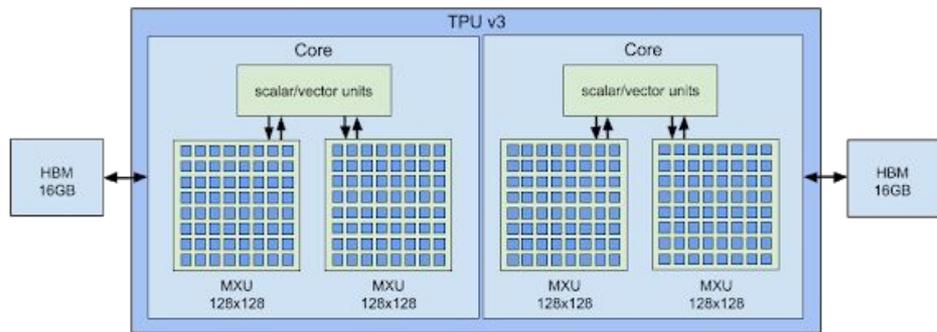
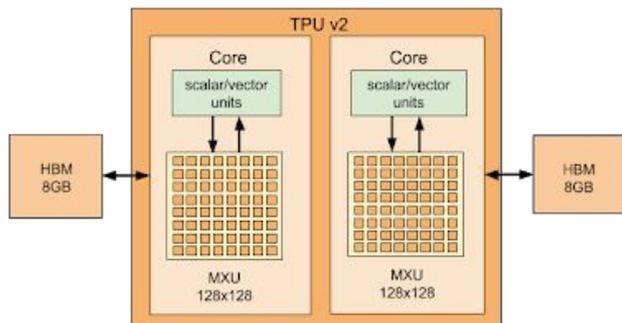
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How many of you read “Design Pattern”? →



# Tiles Everywhere

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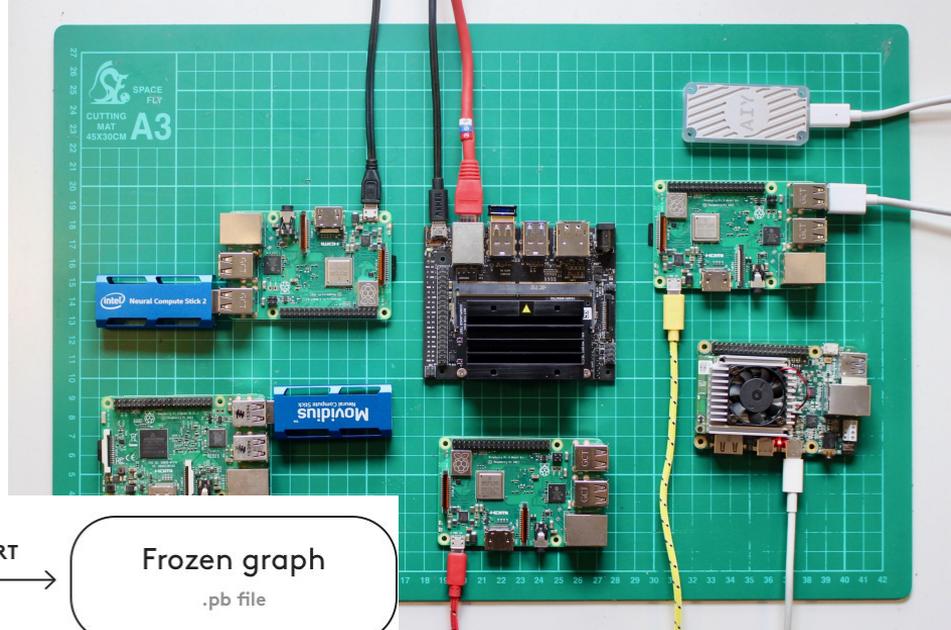
Example: Google Cloud TPU

Architectural Scalability With Tiling

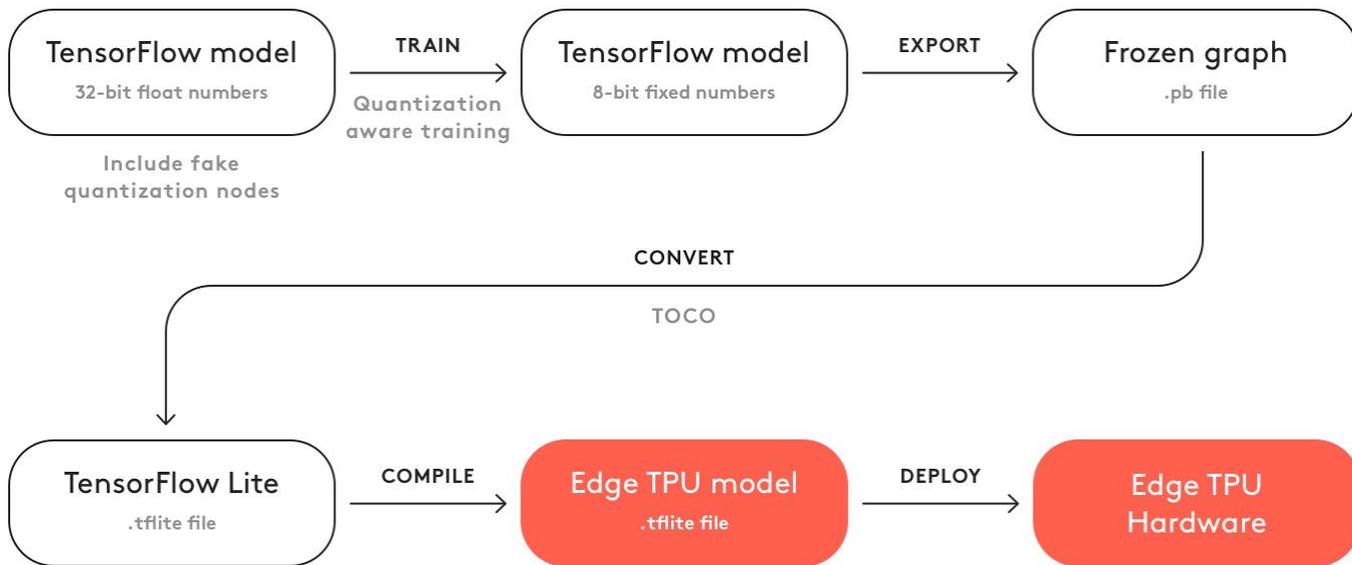
# Tiles Everywhere

## 1. Hardware

### Google Edge TPU

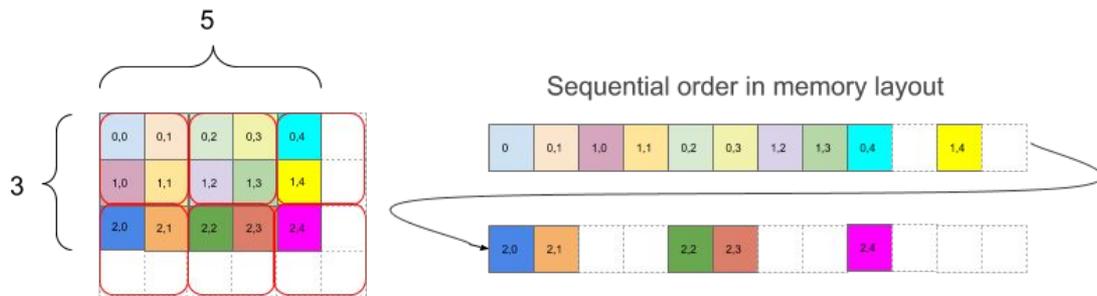
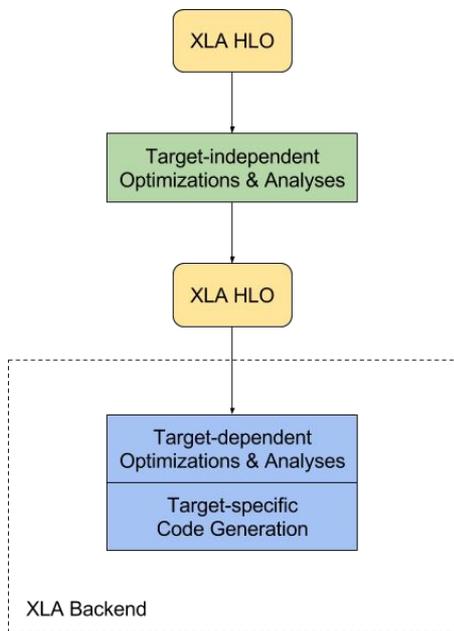


Edge computing zoo



# Tiles Everywhere

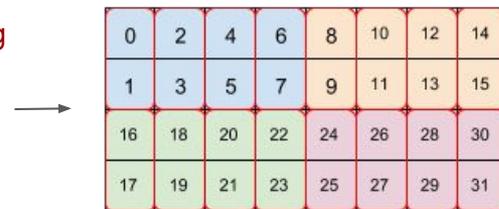
1. Hardware
2. Data Layout



F32[3,5] with tile size of 2x2

## Example: XLA compiler, Tiled data layout

Repeated/Hierarchical Tiling  
e.g., BF16 (bfloat16)  
on Cloud TPU  
(should be 8x128 then 2x1)



# Tiles Everywhere

1. Hardware
2. Data Layout
3. Control Flow
4. Data Flow
5. Data Parallelism

**Example: Halide for image processing pipelines**

<https://halide-lang.org>

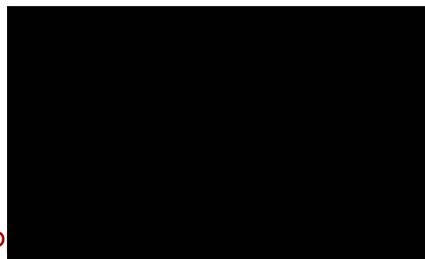
Meta-programming API and domain-specific language (DSL) for loop



## Tiling in Halide

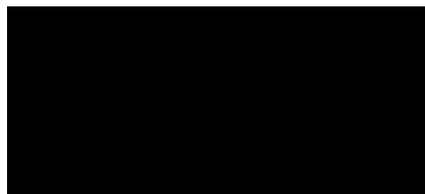
Tiled schedule:

- strip-mine (a.k.a. split)
- permute (a.k.a. reorder)



Vectorized schedule:

- strip-mine
- vectorize inner loop



Non-divisible bounds/extent:

- strip-mine
- shift left/up
- redundant computation  
(also forward substitute/inline operand)

computing kernels

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**Example: Halide for image processing pipelines**

<https://halide-lang.org>

**And also TVM for neural networks**

<https://tvm.ai>

## TVM example: scan cell (RNN)

```
m = tvm.var("m")
n = tvm.var("n")
X = tvm.placeholder((m,n), name="X")
s_state = tvm.placeholder((m,n))
s_init = tvm.compute((1,n), lambda _,i: X[0,i])
s_do = tvm.compute((m,n), lambda t,i: s_state[t-1,i] + X[t,i])
s_scan = tvm.scan(s_init, s_do, s_state, inputs=[X])
s = tvm.create_schedule(s_scan.op)

// Schedule to run the scan cell on a CUDA device
block_x = tvm.thread_axis("blockIdx.x")
thread_x = tvm.thread_axis("threadIdx.x")
xo,xi = s[s_init].split(s_init.op.axis[1], factor=num_thread)
s[s_init].bind(xo, block_x)
s[s_init].bind(xi, thread_x)
xo,xi = s[s_do].split(s_do.op.axis[1], factor=num_thread)
s[s_do].bind(xo, block_x)
s[s_do].bind(xi, thread_x)
print(tvm.lower(s, [X, s_scan], simple_mode=True))
```

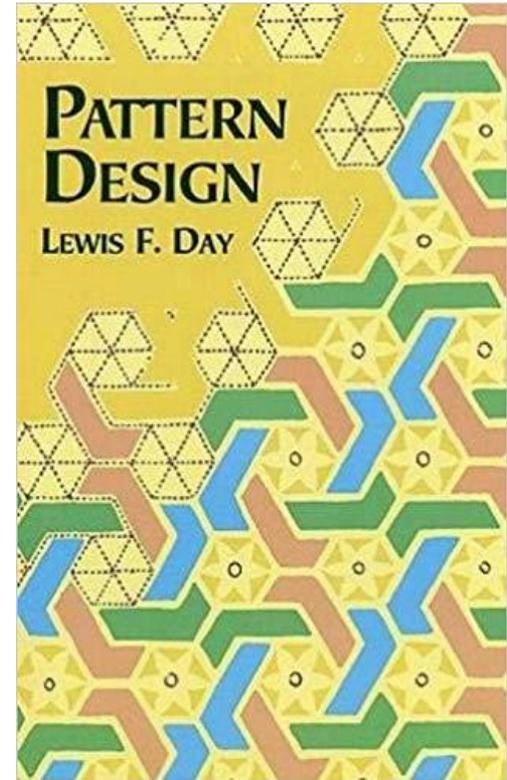
# Tiling and Beyond

1. But what about **symbolic bounds, sizes, shapes**?
  2. **Other transformations**: fusion, fission, pipelining, unrolling... ?
  3. **Composition** with other **transformations** and **mapping** decisions?
  4. **Consistency** with ... ?
  5. **Evaluating** cost functions, **enforcing** resource constraints?
- Impact on compiler construction,  
intermediate representations,  
program analyses and transformations?

# → Polyhedral Compilation as a Design Pattern

- Tiles tend to be **hyper-rectangles** and occasionally **parallelograms, trapezoids**
- **Compose** tile patterns with fusion, fission, pipelining and nested tile patterns

More generally: **Polyhedral Compilation** =  
a **geometric, affine, periodic** view of  
**program transformations**  
along **time**: sequence, dependences  
and **space**: parallelism, memory, processors



# Polyhedral Compilation in a Nutshell

with Alex Zinenko

Based on “A Performance Vocabulary for Affine Loop Transformations”  
by Martin Kong, Louis-Noel Pouchet; and a dozen of other papers

# Architectural Effects to Consider

- **Multi-level parallelism**

- **CPU** — typically 3 levels: system threads or finer grain tasks, vectors, instruction-level parallelism
- **GPU** — 2 to 8 levels: work groups, work items, warps and vectors, instruction-level parallelism

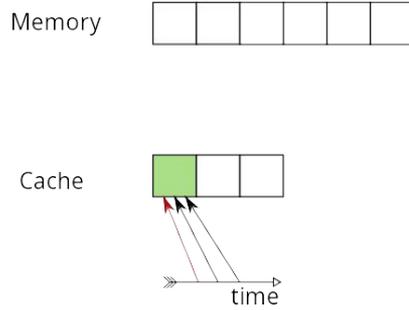
*and related features on other HW accelerators*

- **Deep memory hierarchies**

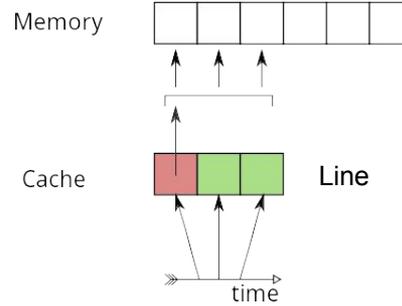
- Positive effects: temporal and spatial locality, coalescing, latency hiding through multithreading
- Negative effects: cache conflicts, false sharing
- Many other concerns: capacity constraints, alignment, exposed pipelines

# Architectural Effects to Consider

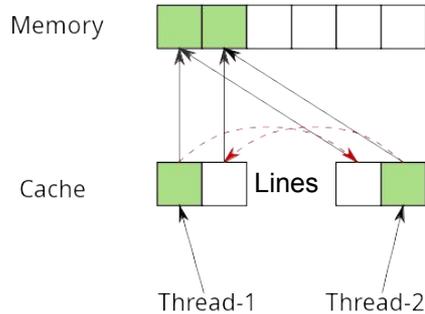
Temporal Locality



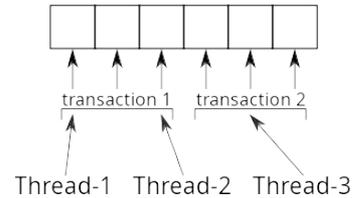
Spatial Locality



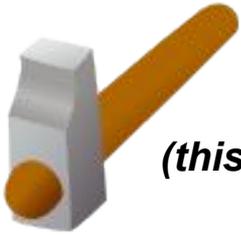
False Sharing



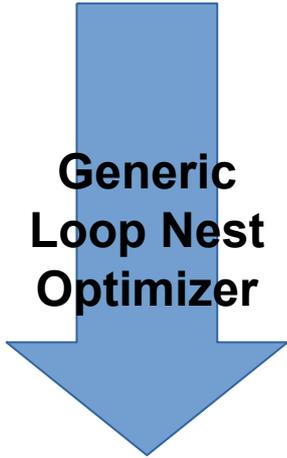
Memory Coalescing



- Need a program representation to reason about **individual array elements**, **individual iterations**, **relations** among these, and with **hardware resources**
  - Programming languages may provide high level abstractions for nested loops and arrays, tensor algebra, graphics...
  - The need for performance portability leads to **domain-specific** approaches  
E.g., for ML high-performance kernels alone:  
[XLA](#), [TVM](#), [Tensor Comprehensions](#), [Glow](#), [Tiramisu](#), etc.
- Yet few compiler intermediate representations reconcile these with
  1. the ability to model hardware features
  2. while capturing complex transformations
  3. supporting both general-purpose domain-specific optimizers

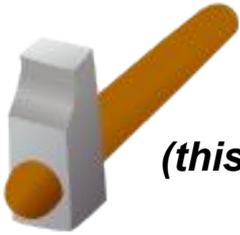


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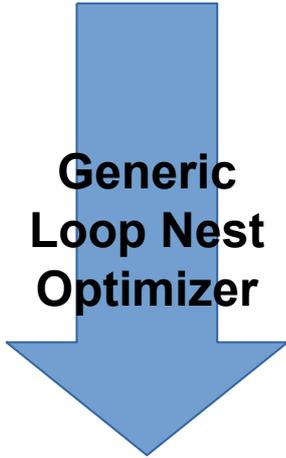


**Generic  
Loop Nest  
Optimizer**

*E.g. Intel ICC, Pluto, PPCG, LLVM/Polly*



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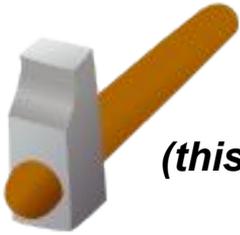
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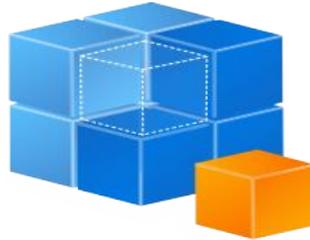
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**Polyhedral Framework =**

*semantical and algorithmic design pattern  
for multi-purpose representation, analysis,  
transformation, optimization, code generation*

**Generic  
Loop Nest  
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# Polyhedral Representation Example: 2D convolution

```
for (int i = 0; i < H - KH; ++i)
  for (int j = 0; j < W - KW; ++j) {
    C[i][j] = 0.;
    for (int k = 0; k < KH; ++k)
      for (int l = 0; l < KW; ++l)
        C[i][j] += A[i+k][j+l] * M[k][l];
  }
```

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```
for (int i = 0; i < H - KH; ++i)
  for (int j = 0; j < W - KW; ++j) {
    C[i][j] = 0.;           ← Statement S1
    for (int k = 0; k < KH; ++k)
      for (int l = 0; l < KW; ++l)
        C[i][j] += A[i+k][j+l] * M[k][l];
  }
```

# Polyhedral Representation Example: 2D convolution

```
/* i=0 */
  for (int j = 0; j < W - KW; ++j) {
    C[0][j] = 0.;
    /*...*/
  }

/* i=1 */
  for (int j = 0; j < W - KW; ++j) {
    C[1][j] = 0.;
    /*...*/
  }
/*...*/
```

# Polyhedral Representation Example: 2D convolution

```
/* i=0 */  
  /* and j=0 */  
    C[0][0] = 0.;  
  /* and j=1 */  
    C[0][1] = 0.;  
  /* ... */  
/* i=1 */  
  /* and j=0 */  
    C[1][0] = 0.;  
  /* ... */  
  
/* ... */
```

# Statement Instance

```
/* i=0 */
  /* and j=0 */
  C[0][0] = 0.; // S1(0,0)
  /* and j=1 */
  C[0][1] = 0.; // S1(0,1)
  /*...*/
/* i=1 */
  /* and j=0 */
  C[1][0] = 0.; // S1(1,0)
  /*...*/

/*...*/
```

← Statement *instance*

= specific execution of a  
statement in a loop

# Iteration Domain

*Iteration domain*: set of all statement instances

`C[0][0] = 0.;    C[0][1] = 0.;    C[0][2] = 0.;    //...`

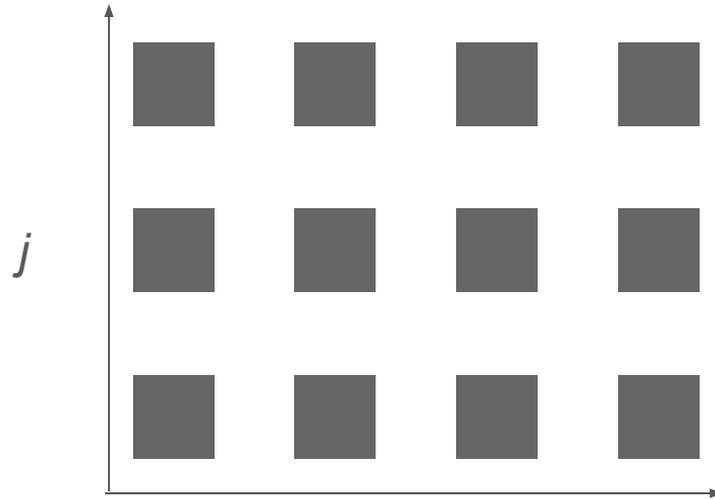
`C[1][0] = 0.;    C[1][1] = 0.;    C[1][2] = 0.;    //...`

`C[2][0] = 0.;    C[2][1] = 0.;    C[2][2] = 0.;    //...`

`/*...*/`

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    for (int k = 0; k < KH; ++k)
      for (int l = 0; l < KW; ++l)
S2      C[i][j] += A[i+k][j+l] * M[k][l];
  }
```

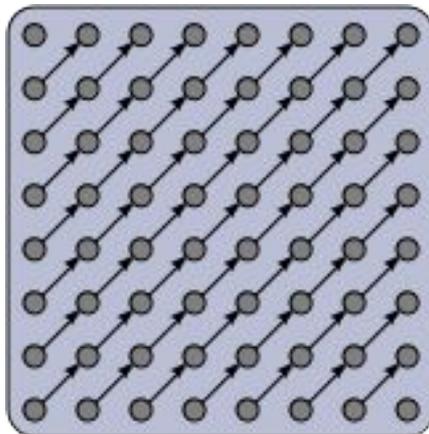
need to represent and operate on  
“finitely presented” integer sets  
(and relations), and solve  
optimization problems:

**isl** <http://repo.or.cz/w/isl.git>  
Sven Verdoolaege

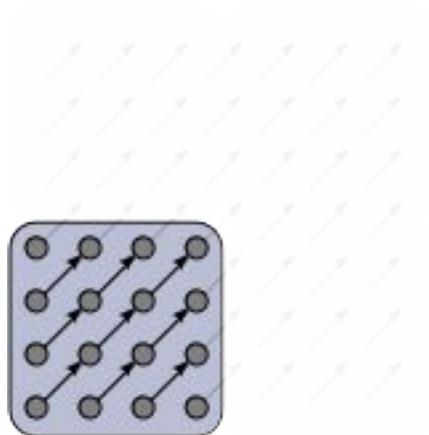
```
D_S2 = (H,W,KH,KW) ->
  {S2(i,j,k,l): 0 <= i < H-KH &&
               0 <= j < W-KW &&
               0 <= k < KH &&
               0 <= l < KW}
```

# Program Transformations

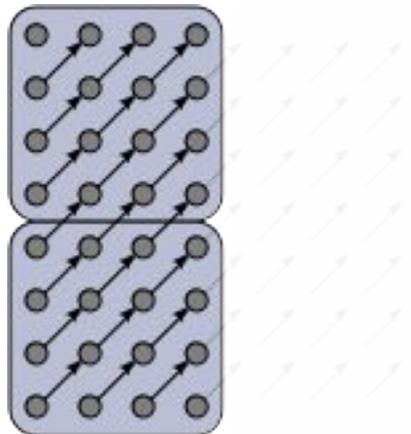
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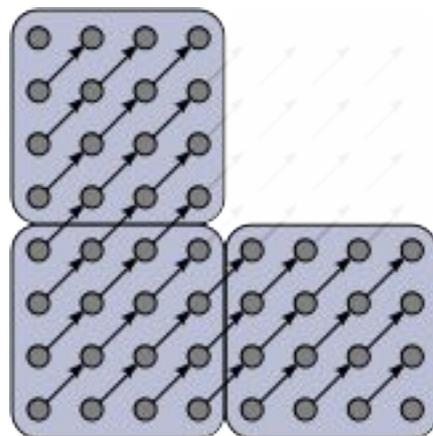
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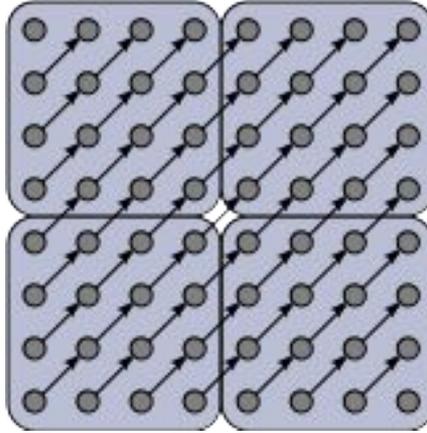
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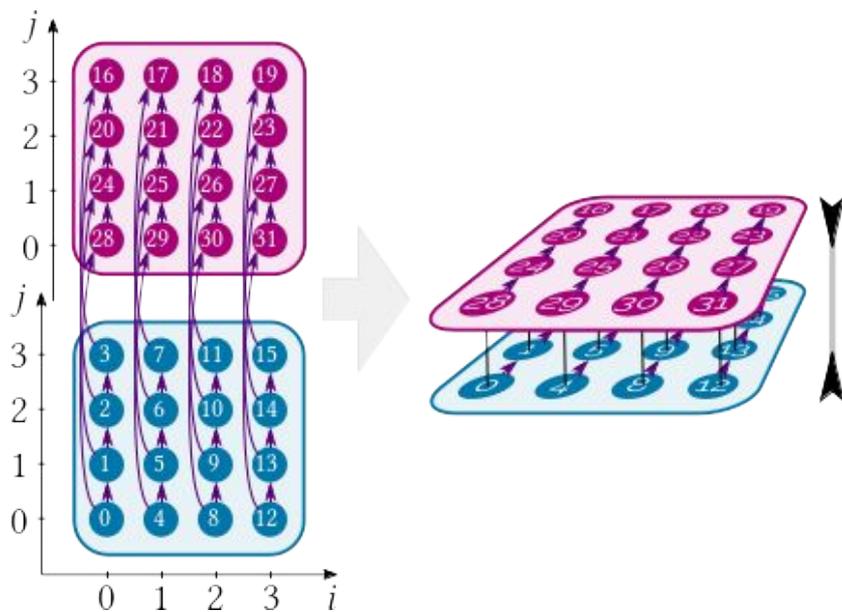
# Tiling



May be performed as part of scheduling,  
or separately from affine scheduling  
if the scheduler ensures *permutability*

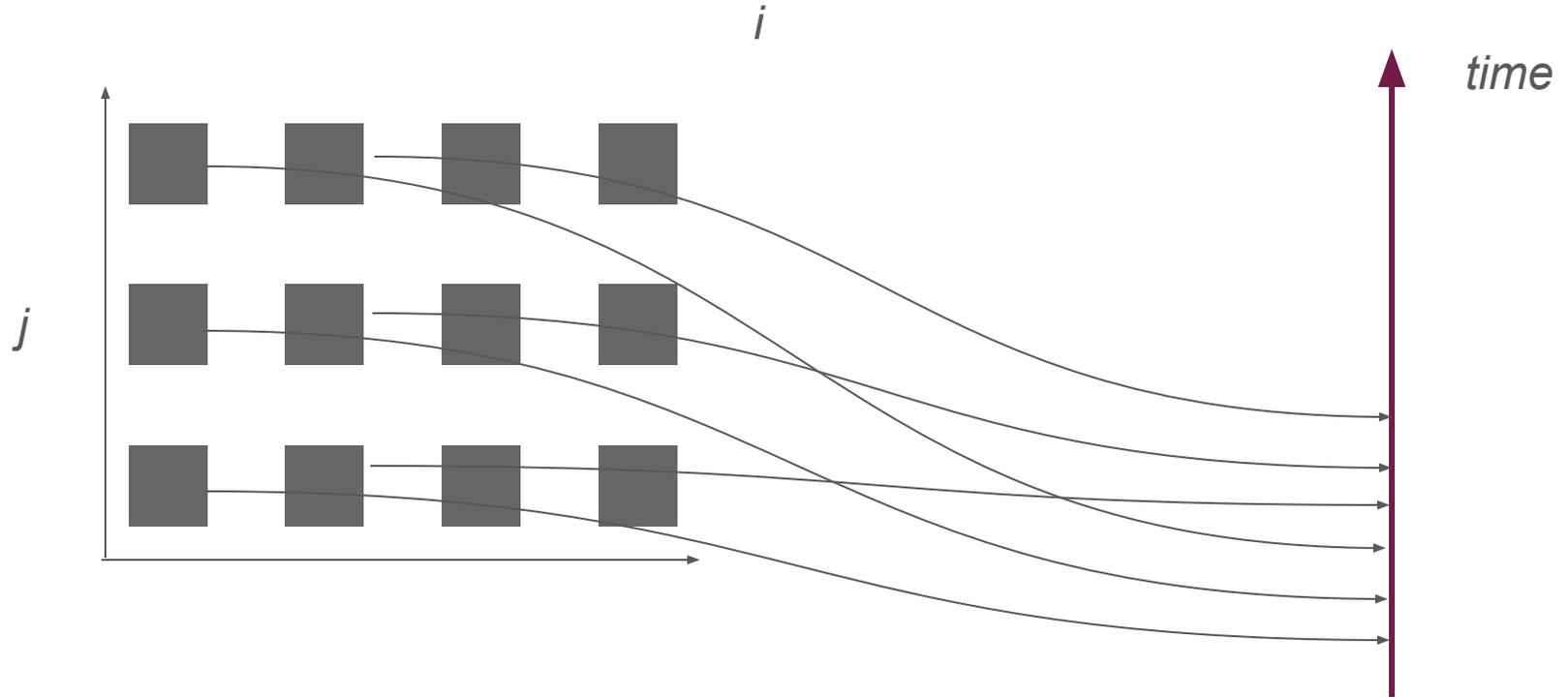
# Loop Fusion and Fission

Look for a single-loop schedule respecting all dependences



Multiple fusion heuristics: min, max, “smart”, “wise”...

# Affine Schedules



# Affine Schedules

Schedules assign logical execution dates to elements of the iteration domain

We are interested\* only in *affine* schedules, that is of the shape

$$t = c_0 + c_1 * i_1 + c_2 * i_2 + c_3 * i_3 + \dots + k_1 * W + k_2 * H + k_3 * KH + k_4 * KW$$

where  $c_0, c_1, c_2, \dots, k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4$  are constants, and  $i_1, i_2, i_3 \dots$  are iteration variables

\* We will explain later why

# Multi-Dimensional Schedules

To obtain nested loop structure like

```
for (int i = 0; i < H - KH; ++i)
  for (int j = 0; j < W - KW; ++j)
    C[i][j] = 0.;
```

we need to execute the instances  $C[x][*]$  after all of  $C[x-1][*]$  + induction, but

$$t = (W - KW) * i + j$$

does not match our affine schedule pattern

# Multi-Dimensional Schedules

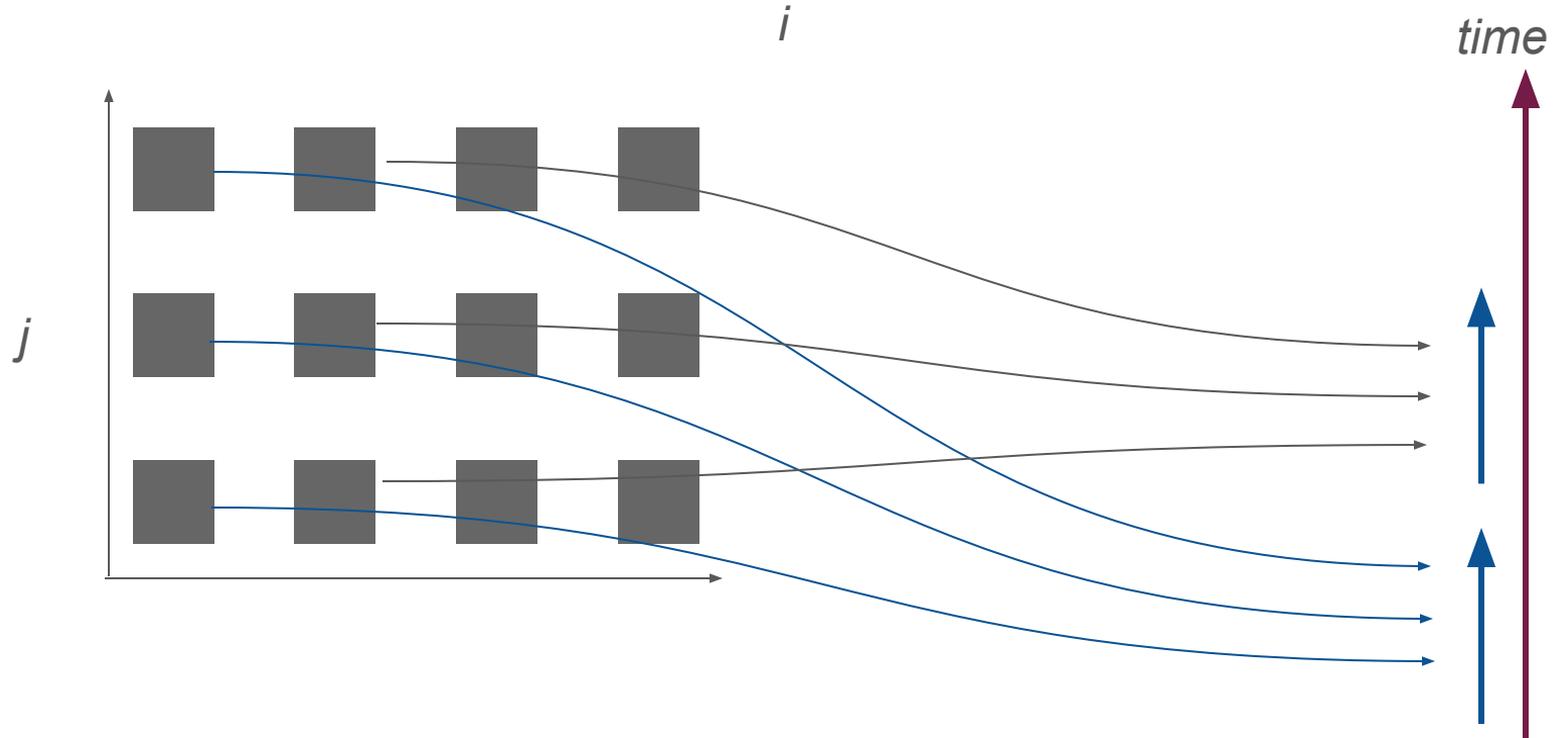
Solution: use multi-dimensional schedules and execute statement instances following the **lexicographical order** of their logical dates:

$(0,0) \ll (0,1) \ll (0,5672658425682435) \ll (1,0) \ll (1,1)$ .

We can then get the original order using a two-dimensional schedule

$(i,j) \rightarrow (i,j)$

# Affine Schedules



# Multi-Statement Schedules

Similar problem exists: for the same  $i,j$ , we want to execute all instances of S2 after all instances of S1

```
for (int i = 0; i < H - KH; ++i)
  for (int j = 0; j < W - KW; ++j) {
    C[i][j] = 0.; // S1
    for (int k = 0; k < KH; ++k)
      for (int l = 0; l < KW; ++l)
        C[i][j] += A[i + k][j + l] * M[k][l]; // S2
  }
```

Note: in this particular case, we can use  $(i,j,-1,-1)$  for S1 and  $(i,j,k,l)$  for S2 because the lower bound is constant, this trick no longer works for bounds that depend on outer iterators

# Multi-Statement Schedules

General solution: introduce auxiliary scalar dimensions to the schedule to separate the statements thanks to the lexicographical order

$(i, j, \mathbf{0}, *, *)$  for S1;

$(i, j, \mathbf{1}, k, l)$  for S2.

Any constant can be used in place of  $*$ , or these dimensions can be omitted if we extend lexicographical order to vectors of different size with shorter vector preceding longer vectors with the same prefix

# Multi-Statement Schedules

```
void 2mm(double alpha, double beta,
         double A[NI][NK], double B[NK][NJ],
         double C[NJ][NL], double D[NI][NL]) {
    double tmp[NI][NJ];
    for (i = 0; i < NI; i++)
        for (j = 0; j < NJ; j++) {
S1:    tmp[i][j] = 0.0;
        for (k = 0; k < NK; ++k)
S2:    tmp[i][j] += alpha * A[i][k] * B[k][j];
        }
    for (i = 0; i < NI; i++)
        for (j = 0; j < NL; j++) {
S3:    D[i][j] *= beta;
        for (k = 0; k < NJ; ++k)
S4:    D[i][j] += tmp[i][k] * C[k][j];
        }
    }
```

fuse outer, permute

```
S1→(0,i,j,1,0)
S2→(1,i,j,0,k)
S3→(0,i,j,0,0)
S4→(1,i,k,1,j)
```

permute, fuse inner

```
S1→(0,i,0,0,j)
S2→(0,i,k,1,j)
S3→(1,i,0,0,j)
S4→(1,i,k,1,j)
```

> 2x faster  
on 4-core CPU

# Schedule Functions or Relations

In the simplest case, we use *affine functions* to assign logical execution dates, e.g

$$t = f(i, j, k) = i.$$

In some cases, we want to relax that and use *relations constrained by affine inequalities* instead. For example, the non-affine function

$$t_1 = g(i, j, k) = \text{floor}(i / 42)$$

can be transformed into an affine relation

$$\{(i, j, k) \rightarrow (t_1) : 42 * t_1 \leq i \leq 42 * t_1 + 41\}$$

# Polyhedral/Affine Scheduling

- Iteratively produce affine schedule functions such that:
- dependence distances are *lexicographically* positive
- dependence distances are small  $\Rightarrow$  locality
- dependence distances are zero  $\Rightarrow$  parallelism
- dependences have non-negative distances along consecutive dimensions  $\Rightarrow$  permutability (which enables tiling)

permutable

$(0,1,0,0)$

valid

permutable

$(0,1,-2,3)$

also valid

$(0,0,-1,42)$

violated

Generally, dependences = RAW + WAR + WAW

# Polyhedral/Affine Scheduling

- *Iteratively* produce affine scheduling functions of shape:

$$t_{S,k} = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{i} + \vec{b} \cdot \vec{P} + d$$

Statement S, scheduling step k

a,b,d – coefficients

i – original loop iterators

P – symbolic parameters

minimize  $(t_{S,k} - t_{R,k})$

for every dependence  $R \rightarrow S$

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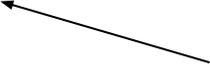
P – symbolic parameters

$$\text{minimize } (t_{S,k} - t_{R,k}) \leq \vec{u} \cdot \vec{P} + w$$

for every dependence  $R \rightarrow S$

$$\text{lexmin } \vec{u}, w, \vec{a}, \vec{b}, d \text{ s.t. } \vec{u} \succ \vec{0}$$

use the affine form of  
the Farkas lemma to  
linearize the inequality



→ Integer Linear Programming (ILP) problem

# isl/ Schedules Trees: Compose w/ Imperative Semantics

$$\text{Domain} \left[ \begin{array}{l} \{S(i, j) \mid 0 \leq i < N \wedge 0 \leq j < K\} \\ \{T(i, j, k) \mid 0 \leq i < N \\ \wedge 0 \leq j < K \wedge 0 \leq k < M\} \end{array} \right.$$

Sequence

$$\text{Filter}\{S(i, j)\}$$

$$\text{Band}\{S(i, j) \rightarrow (i, j)\}$$

$$\text{Filter}\{T(i, j, k)\}$$

$$\text{Band}\{T(i, j, k) \rightarrow (i, j, k)\}$$

(a) canonical sgemm

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Context  $\{N = M = 16 \wedge K > 1000\}$

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$$\text{Filter}\{T(i, j, k)\}$$

$$\text{Band}\{T(i, j, k) \rightarrow (k)\}$$

(b) fused

$$\text{Domain} \left[ \begin{array}{l} \{S(i, j) \mid 0 \leq i < N \wedge 0 \leq j < K\} \\ \{T(i, j, k) \mid 0 \leq i < N \\ \wedge 0 \leq j < K \wedge 0 \leq k < M\} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\text{Band} \left[ \begin{array}{l} \{S(i, j) \rightarrow (32 \lfloor i/32 \rfloor, 32 \lfloor j/32 \rfloor)\} \\ \{T(i, j, k) \rightarrow (32 \lfloor i/32 \rfloor, 32 \lfloor j/32 \rfloor)\} \end{array} \right.$$

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Sequence

$$\text{Filter}\{S(i, j)\}$$

$$\text{Filter}\{T(i, j, k)\}$$

$$\text{Band}\{T(i, j, k) \rightarrow (k)\}$$

(c) fused and tiled

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Sequence

$$\text{Filter}\{S(i, j)\}$$

$$\text{Band}\{S(i, j) \rightarrow (i \bmod 32, j \bmod 32)\}$$

$$\text{Filter}\{T(i, j, k)\}$$

$$\text{Band}\{T(i, j, k) \rightarrow (32 \lfloor k/32 \rfloor)\}$$

$$\text{Band}\{T(i, j, k) \rightarrow (k \bmod 32)\}$$

$$\text{Band}\{T(i, j, k) \rightarrow (i \bmod 32, j \bmod 32)\}$$

(d) fused, tiled and sunk

$$\text{Domain} \left[ \begin{array}{l} \{S(i, j) \mid 0 \leq i < N \wedge 0 \leq j < K\} \\ \{T(i, j, k) \mid 0 \leq i < N \wedge 0 \leq j < K \wedge 0 \leq k < M\} \end{array} \right.$$

Context  $\{N = M = K = 512 \wedge 0 \leq b_x, b_y < 32 \wedge 0 \leq t_x, t_y < 16\}$

$$\text{Filter} \left[ \begin{array}{l} \{S(i, j) \mid i - 32b_x - 31 \leq 32 \times 16 \lfloor i/32/16 \rfloor \leq i - 32b_x \wedge \\ j - 32b_y - 31 \leq 32 \times 16 \lfloor j/32/16 \rfloor \leq j - 32b_y\} \\ \{T(i, j, k) \mid i - 32b_x - 31 \leq 32 \times 16 \lfloor i/32/16 \rfloor \leq i - 32b_x \wedge \\ j - 32b_y - 31 \leq 32 \times 16 \lfloor j/32/16 \rfloor \leq j - 32b_y\} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\text{Band} \left[ \begin{array}{l} \{S(i, j) \rightarrow (32 \lfloor i/32 \rfloor, 32 \lfloor j/32 \rfloor)\} \\ \{T(i, j, k) \rightarrow (32 \lfloor i/32 \rfloor, 32 \lfloor j/32 \rfloor)\} \end{array} \right.$$

Sequence

$$\text{Filter}\{S(i, j)\}$$

$$\text{Filter} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} S(i, j) \mid (t_x - i) = 0 \bmod 16 \wedge \\ (t_y - j) = 0 \bmod 16 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\text{Band}\{S(i, j) \rightarrow (i \bmod 32, j \bmod 32)\}$$

$$\text{Filter}\{T(i, j, k)\}$$

$$\text{Band}\{T(i, j, k) \rightarrow (32 \lfloor k/32 \rfloor)\}$$

$$\text{Band}\{T(i, j, k) \rightarrow (k \bmod 32)\}$$

$$\text{Filter} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} T(i, j, k) \mid (t_x - i) = 0 \bmod 16 \wedge \\ (t_y - j) = 0 \bmod 16 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\text{Band}\{T(i, j, k) \rightarrow (i \bmod 32, j \bmod 32)\}$$

(e) fused, tiled, sunk and mapped

Optimization steps for sgemm

# Code Generation (simplified)

Given iteration domains and schedules, generate the code that traverses all statement instances in the order defined by the schedules:

- each schedule dimension is (potentially) a loop
- compute loop bounds
- eliminate single-iteration loops and other redundant control flow
- rewrite access subscripts

See [Bastoul, 2004], [Vasilache et.al, 2006], [Grosser et.al, 2015]

# Why Affine Schedules?

Code generation requires us to invert the schedule, that is express original loop iterators  $(i,j,\dots)$  in terms of new ones  $(t\dots)$ . For example, to rewrite  $A[i][j]$ .

Please solve:

$$t_0 = i*i*j*N + j*k;$$

$$t_1 = k*j - i;$$

$$t_2 = j*k*(i-1);$$

in integers for  $i,j,k$ .

Hilbert's tenth problem: devise a procedure that decides, for any Diophantine equation, if it has an integer solution. [Hilbert, 1900]

Demonstrated that such general procedure does not exist [Matiyasevich, 1970].

# Why Affine Schedules?

Systems of *affine* (i.e., linear) Diophantine equations can be solved, e.g. by Gaussian elimination

Systems of affine equations and inequalities can be solved for some optimum using integer linear programming (ILP) or Fourier-Motzkin elimination (FM)

Note: there may be other special cases of Diophantine equations that can be solved, see [Featurier, 2015], [Yuki, 2019]

# Correctness Guarantees

# Validity of a Loop Transformation

A code transformation is valid if the transformed code produces the same result as the original code.

If we restrict observable results to memory modifications, the transformed code must write the same data to the same addresses in the same order.

# Access Functions

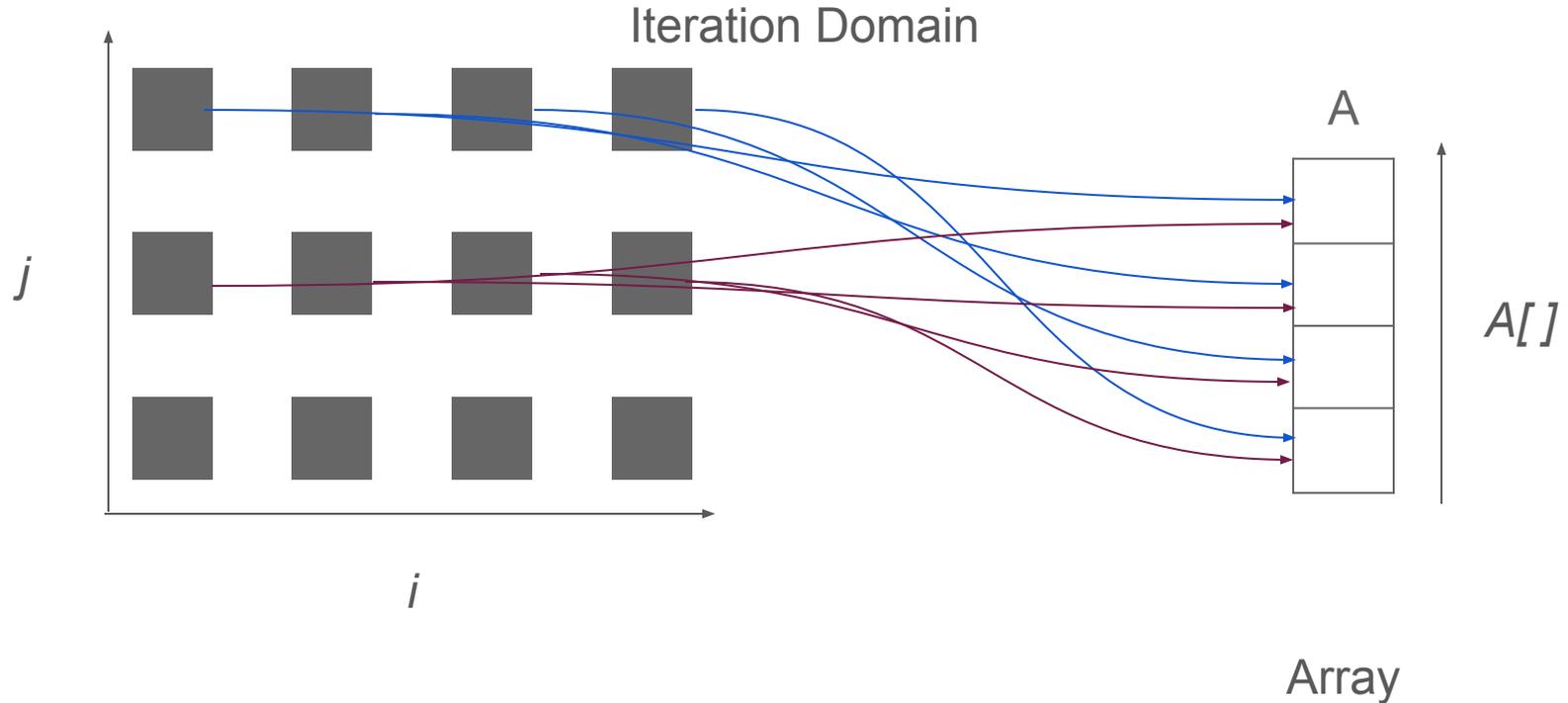
Each statement reads and/or writes to some addresses.

Assuming no aliasing, address = array id + subscripts.

Characterize each access by an affine function:

- arguments: loop induction variables ;
- value: vector of array subscripts.

# Access Functions



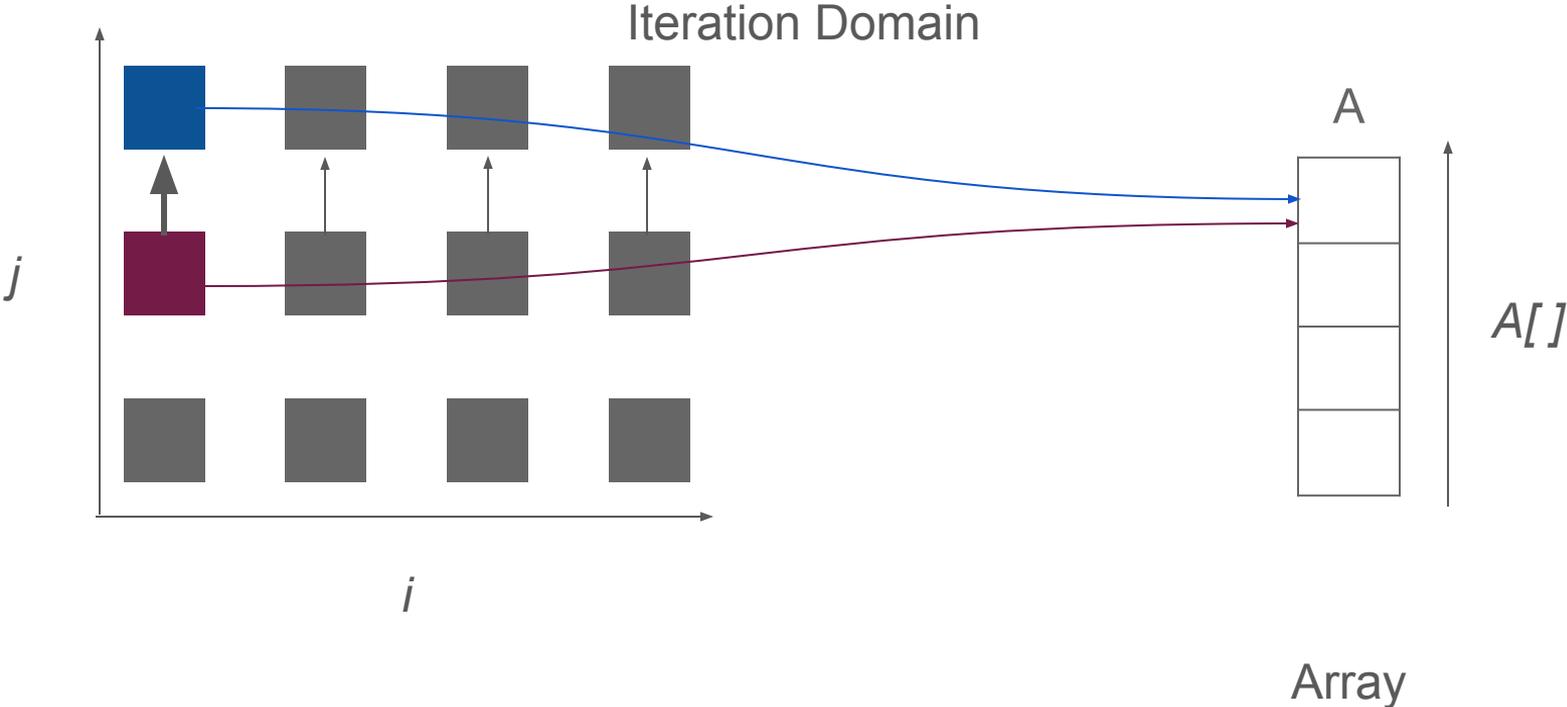
# Data Dependences

Statement instances that access the same data in some order are *dependant*.

Define a dependence relation:

- statement instance exists  
(belongs to its iteration domain)
- two statement instances access the same array element  
(equality of access functions)
- one of the instances is executed before another  
(lexicographic order of schedules)

# Data Dependences



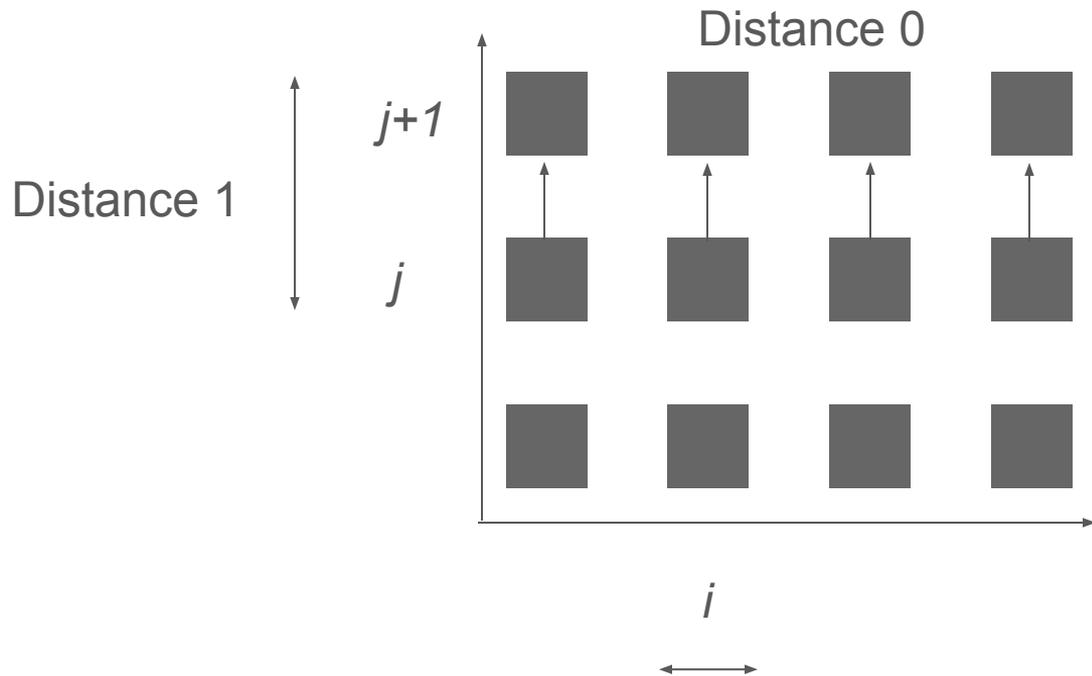
# Dependence Distance and Satisfaction

Dependence distance : the difference between logical dates of dependent statement instances.

Dependence is satisfied if its distance is *lexicographically positive*, i.e. the leading non-zero element is positive => guaranteed order of execution.

Correctness guarantee: all dependences are satisfied.

# Dependence Distance and Satisfaction



# Affine Scheduling

# Basic Principles of Affine Scheduling

Find coefficients of affine schedules for each statement such that:

- dependences are satisfied (correctness);
- schedule is invertible to unambiguously generate code.

Dependences and invertibility define a space of valid schedules. Explore it:

- as an optimization problem given some objective function (ILP);
- exhaustively or sampling + evaluation (e.g., evolutionary methods).

# Ensuring Schedule Invertibility

The matrix of coefficients must be non-singular

Iterative approach:

- look for matrix rows iteratively, in separate ILP problems;
- include constraints that guarantee the matrix still has full row rank

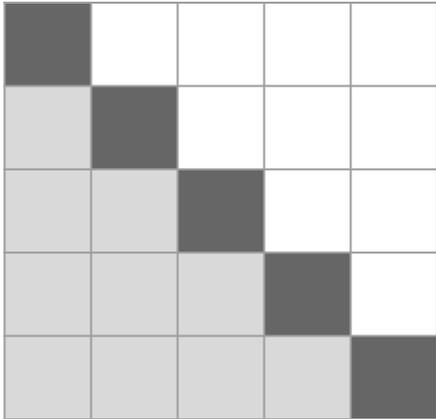
One-shot approach:

- look for the entire matrix of coefficients in a single ILP problem;
- restrict the matrix to forms that are guaranteed to have full row rank

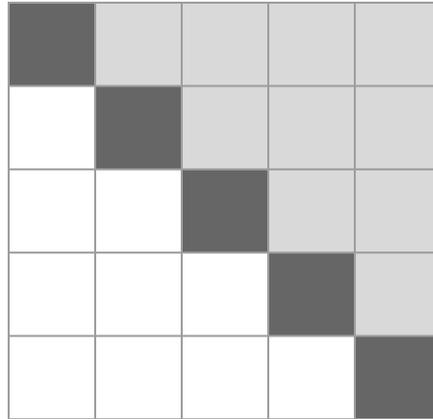
# Ensuring Schedule Invertibility

Lower triangular

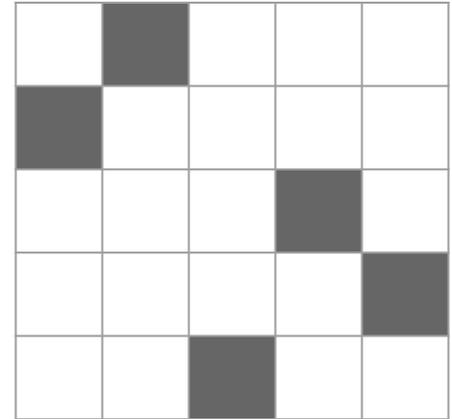
with no zeros on the main diagonal



Upper triangular



One-per-row/column



# Objective Functions

# Ingredients of the Objective Function

- Access functions
  - controlling the order of access
  - extended forms, such as “vectorized” access functions
- Dependence distances\*
  - dependence satisfaction (positive distance)
  - **I**ndependence (zero distance = parallelism)
  - proximity (possible reuse)
- Binary decision variables
  - fusion/fission
  - access or dependence properties like 0/1-stride
- Lexicographical order

\* cannot use distances directly because non-affine,  
instead, convert into affine constraints on the schedule coefficients using the Farkas lemma

# Some Existing Objective Functions

- Farkas-based scheduler [Feautrier 1992]
  - Iterative; maximize the number of satisfied dependences  
⇒ validity, inner loop parallelism
- Pluto [Bondhugula et.al, 2008]
  - Iterative; minimize the upper bound of the dependence distances  
⇒ outer loop parallelism + tiling + possible reuse
- Consecutivity [Vasilache et.al, 2012]
  - One-shot: maximize the number of stride-0/1 accesses in the last “dimension”  
⇒ vectorization
- Spatial locality [Zinenko et.al, 2018]
  - Iterative: Pluto + maximize the “cache-line-sized” dependence distances  
⇒ cache locality + possible vectorization

# Objective Vocabulary: Parallelism

Encode dependence satisfaction as binary variable (related to distance)

```
for (int i = 0; i < NI; ++i) // distance 0 => parallel
    for (int j = 0; j < NJ; ++j) // distance * => sequential
        A[i] += 42.;
```

**OP:** Outer Parallelism

- for the outermost linear dimension, minimize the # of satisfied dependences

**IP:** Inner Parallelism

- for the innermost linear dimension, minimize the # of satisfied dependences

# Objective Vocabulary: Vectorization

Define penalty for each iterator appearing in the fastest-varying array subscript, and not appearing in other subscripts (breaks vectorization).

```
for (int i = 0; i < NI; ++i)
  for (int j = 0; j < NJ; ++j)
    for (int k = 0; k < NK; ++k)
      A[i][j] = 0.;           // reuse
      B[i][k] = 0.;           // vectorization
      C[k][j] = 0.;           // nothing => penalty
```

## SO: Stride Optimization

- minimize stride penalty

# Objective Vocabulary: Parallelism+Reuse

Define a benefit for iterator appearance that favors parallelism, another for reuse, define a penalty for iterator appearance that breaks reuse or vectorization.

```
for (int i = 0; i < NI; ++i)           // parallel
  for (int k = 0; k < NK; ++k)       // reuse
    for (int j = 0; j < NJ; ++j)    // vectorizable
      C[i][j] += A[i][k] * B[k][j];
```

Locality:    spatial            temporal            spatial

## **OPIR:** Outer Parallelism Inner Reuse

- maximize total benefit, then minimize total penalty

# Objective Vocabulary: Fusion/Fission

If two statements are in fused loops, the difference of the resp. scalar schedule is 0. Dependences exist between statements that reuse data.

```
for (i = 0; i < N; ++i) {  
    A[i] = 42.;  
    B[i] = 43.;}
```

```
for (i = 0; i < N; ++i)  
    A[i] = 42.;  
for (i = 0; i < N; ++i)  
    B[i] = A[i];
```

**DGF:** Dependence-Guided Fusion

- Minimize the penalty for fissioned dependence-related statements

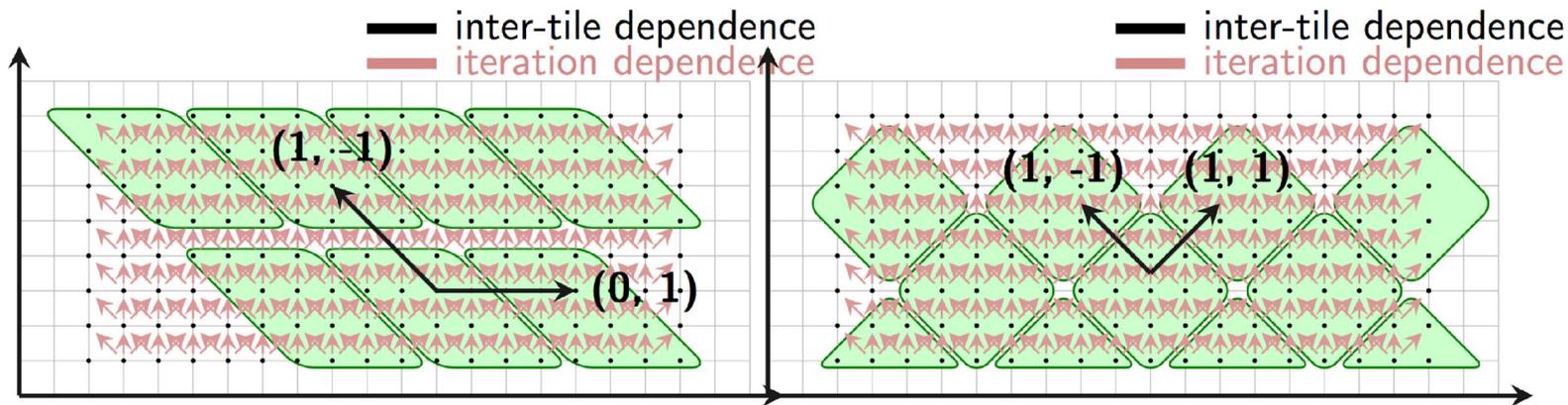
**SIS:** Separation of Independent Statements

- Minimize the penalty for fused independent statements

# Objective Vocabulary: Stencils

Stencils access adjacent locations and are often wavefront-parallelized.

```
for (int t = 0; t < T; ++t)
  for (int i = 0; i < H; ++i)
    for (int j = 0; j < W; ++j)
      A[i][j] = A[i-1][j-1]*M[0][0] + A[i-1][j]*M[0][1] + A[i-1][j+1]*M[0][2]
              + A[i ][j-1]*M[1][0] + A[i ][j]*M[1][1] + A[i ][j+1]*M[1][2]
              + A[i+1][j-1]*M[2][0] + A[i+1][j]*M[2][1] + A[i+1][j+1]*M[2][2];
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```

## **SPAR:** Stencil Parallelization

- Since outer loop is not parallelizable, favor shifting/skewing in this loop only to expose inner parallelism. Penalize skewing coefficients.

## **SMVS:** Stencils Minimization of Vector Skewing

- Further penalize skewing by the loop iterators that appear in fastest-varying array subscripts since this breaks vectorization.

# Selecting Objectives

Analyze *iteration domains* and *access functions* to classify programs and select the corresponding sequence of cost functions.

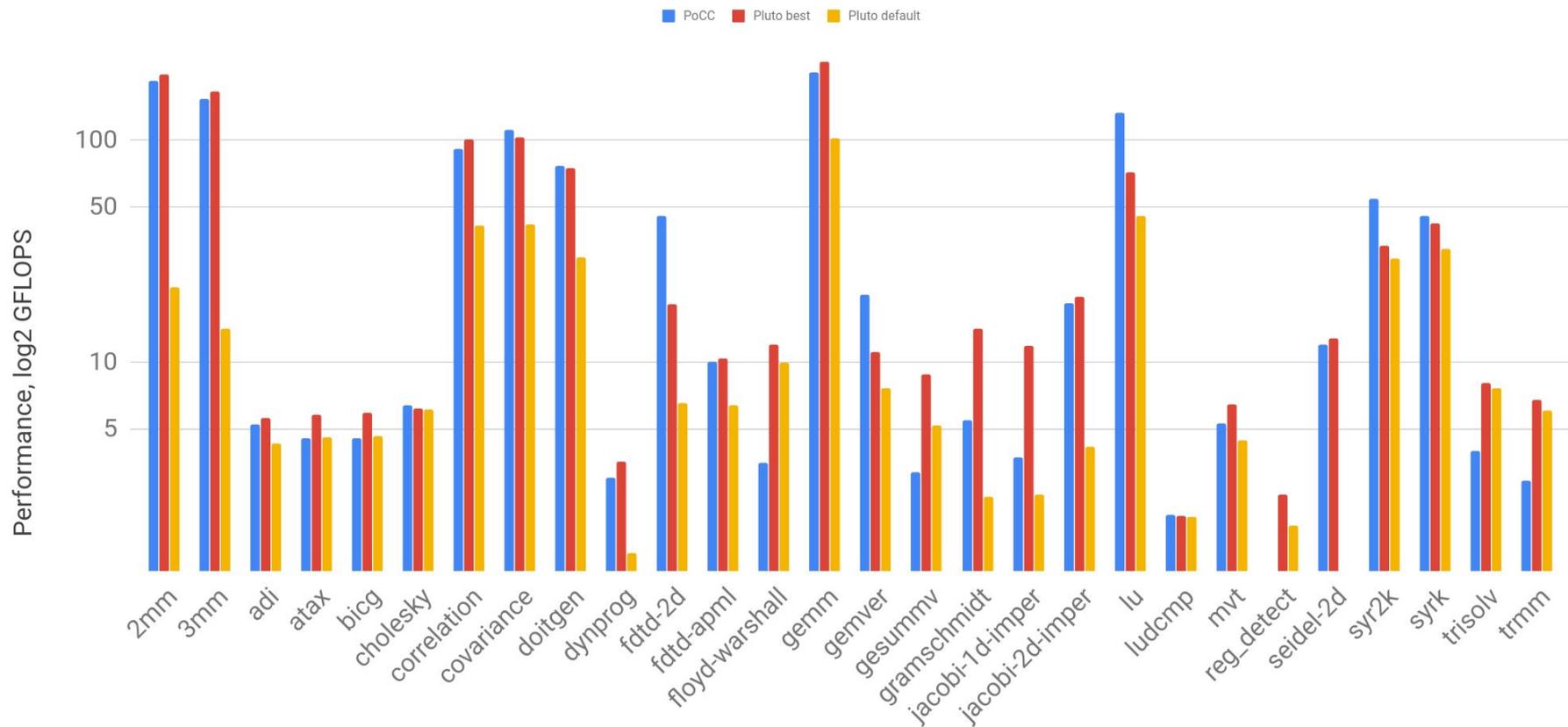
<b>Program class</b>	<b>Objective functions (lexicographical order)</b>
Stencils	(stencil-specific dependence analysis) + SMVS, SPAR
Max-2D-loops	SO, IP, OPIR, SIS, DGF, OP
Dense Linear Algebra	<SO, IR, OP>(conditioned on # of dep.), SIS, DGF, OP
Other	SO(conditioned on # of dep.), OP + restrict schedule coefficients

# Selected Performance Results

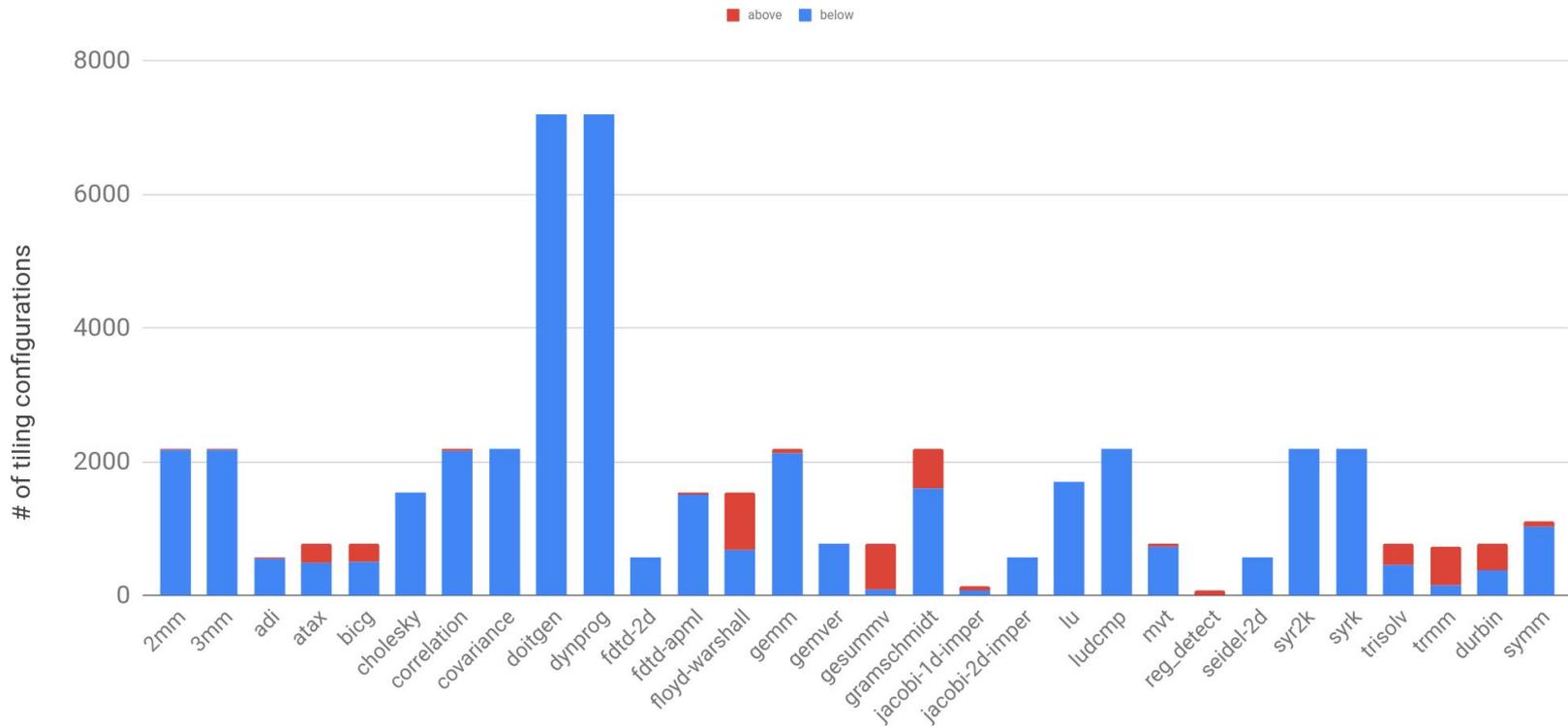
# Experimental Methodology

- H/W: 3.3 GHz, 10-core Intel i9-7900X CPU
- Benchmarks: PolyBench/C 3.2 (30 polyhedral kernels)
- Conditions:
  - Baseline: Pluto 0.11.4 + autotuned tiling
  - Tested: PoCC = Pluto with scheduling improvements **without** autotuning

# Performance Comparison



# Autotuning Search Space



# Refinements: Scalability and Customizable Incremental Scheduling

# Scalability: Proximity Relation Grouping

- Grouping “sufficiently similar” accesses:
- *Access rank*:
  - prioritize array references with more subscripts.
- *Access multiplicity*:
  - prioritize repeated accesses.
- *Iterative grouping*:
  - Consider accesses contributing to each other’s multiplicity together.
- Each group optimized separately for temporal/spatial locality

# Incremental Scheduling Policies

- Sort the groups in the ILP to give them more or less priority
- Default heuristic:
  - by rank
  - by multiplicity
  - temporal first
- May include external factors unavailable to a linear optimizer (types, memory characteristics, costs of cache misses, etc.)

# Refined Scheduling Algorithm Template

- Consists of two parameterizable ILP problems:
  - carry as little *spatial proximity* relations as possible and produce coincident dimensions for parallelism (based on the Pluto algorithm [Bondhugula et.al 2008]);
  - carry multiple *spatial proximity* relations without skewing (based on the Feautrier algorithm [Feautrier 1992]).

# Instantiation for CPUs

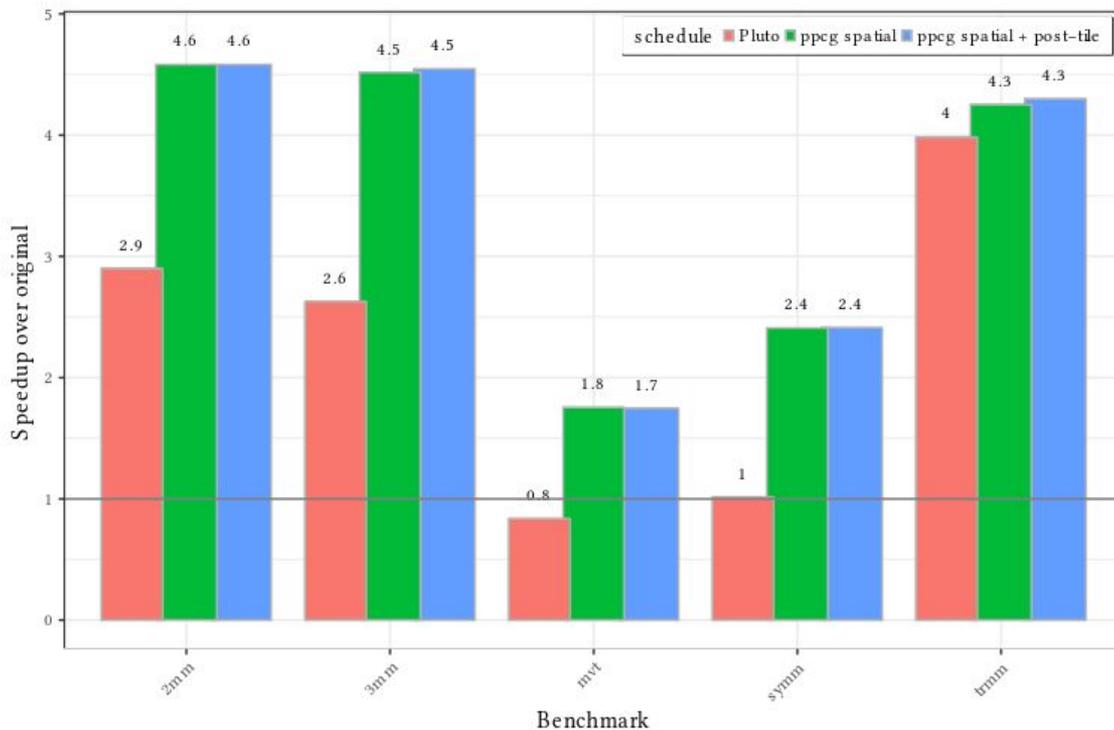
- *One level* of coarse-grain parallelism
  - avoid carrying coincident relations in the outer loops.
- Memory hierarchy favoring *adjacent* accesses
  - carry spatial proximity relations in the inner loops.
- False sharing effect
  - avoid carrying spatial proximity relations in outer || loops.
- High cost of barrier synchronization inside loops
  - if few loops remain to be scheduled, prefer carrying coincident
- Parallelism/Locality conflict
  - requires tiling and different schedule for point loops.

# Instantiation for GPUs

- Multiple levels of parallelism
  - avoid carrying coincidence relations, communicate with block/thread mapper.
- Memory coalescing along one thread dimension
  - carry multiple spatial proximity relations while not carrying coincidence relations, ensure mapping to the right thread.
- High overhead of kernel launch
  - more aggressive fusion including (spatial) RAR relations

# Polybench on Sequential CPU

Intel Core i7-6600u (Skylake) @ Ubuntu 17.04 + gcc 6.3



Two versions of ppcg: “post-tile” makes syntactic loop interchange after tiling

# Example: 2 matrix multiplications

```
void 2mm(double alpha, double beta,
         double A[NI][NK], double B[NK][NJ],
         double C[NJ][NL], double D[NI][NL]) {
    double tmp[NI][NJ];
    for (i = 0; i < NI; i++)
        for (j = 0; j < NJ; j++) {
S1:    tmp[i][j] = 0.0;
            for (k = 0; k < NK; ++k)
S2:    tmp[i][j] += alpha * A[i][k] * B[k][j];
        }
        for (i = 0; i < NI; i++)
            for (j = 0; j < NL; j++) {
S3:    D[i][j] *= beta;
                for (k = 0; k < NJ; ++k)
S4:    D[i][j] += tmp[i][k] * C[k][j];
            }
    }
```

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        }
        for (i = 0; i < NI; i++)
            for (j = 0; j < NL; j++) {
S3: D[i][j] *= beta;
                for (k = 0; k < NJ; ++k)
S4: D[i][j] += tmp[i][k] * C[k][j];
            }
    }
```

Pluto

```
S1→(0,i,j,1,0)
S2→(1,i,j,0,k)
S3→(0,i,j,0,0)
S4→(1,i,k,1,j)
```

Ppcg-spatial

```
S1→(0,i,0,0,j)
S2→(0,i,k,1,j)
S3→(1,i,0,0,j)
S4→(1,i,k,1,j)
```

# Example: LU decomposition

```
void lu(double A[N][N]) {  
  for (i = 0; i < N; i++) {  
    for (j = 0; j < i; j++) {  
      for (k = 0; k < j; k++)  
        S1: A[i][j] -= A[i][k] * A[k][j];  
      S2: A[i][j] /= A[j][j];  
    }  
    for (j = i; j < N; j++)  
      for (k = 0; k < i; k++)  
        S3: A[i][j] -= A[i][k] * A[k][j];  
  }  
}
```

Pluto

```
S1→tile(i,j,k); point(i,k,j)  
S2→tile(i,j,j); point(i,j,j)  
S3→tile(i,j,k); point(i,k,j)
```

Ppcg-spatial

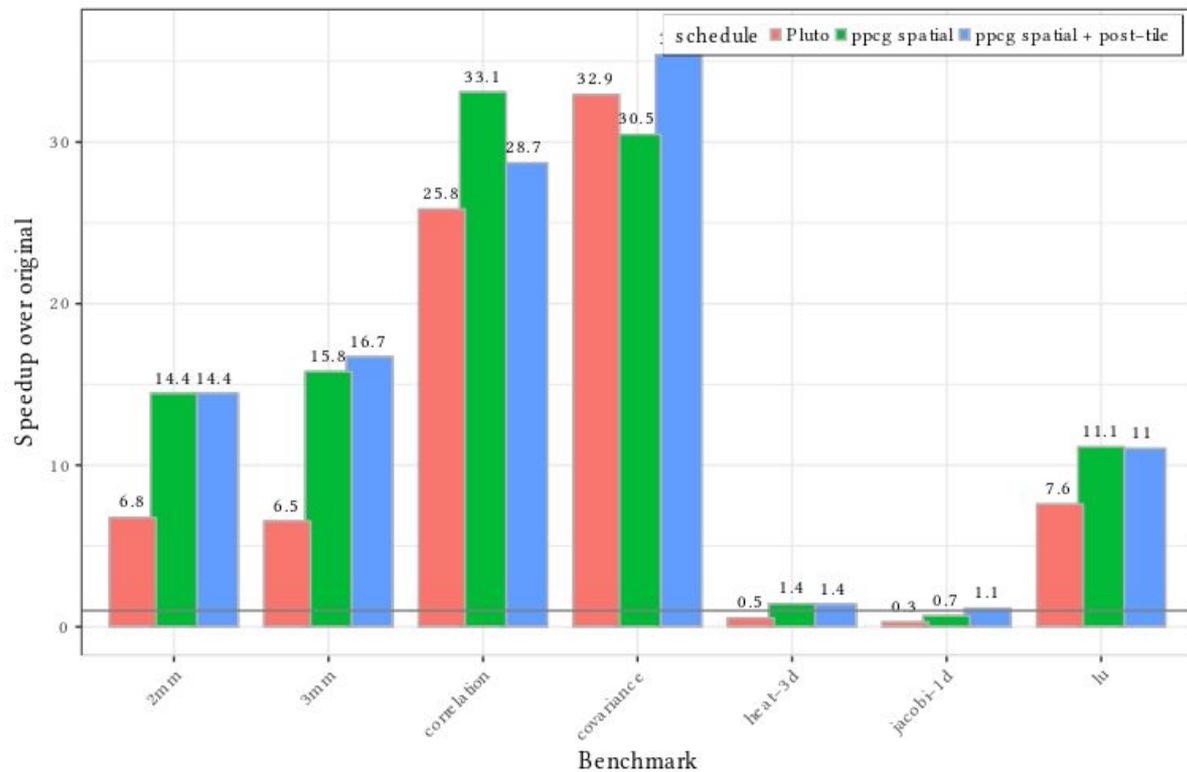
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S3→tile(i,k,j); point(i,k,j)
```

+wavefront parallelism  
(i,k,j) → (i+k,k,j)

Reduces false sharing

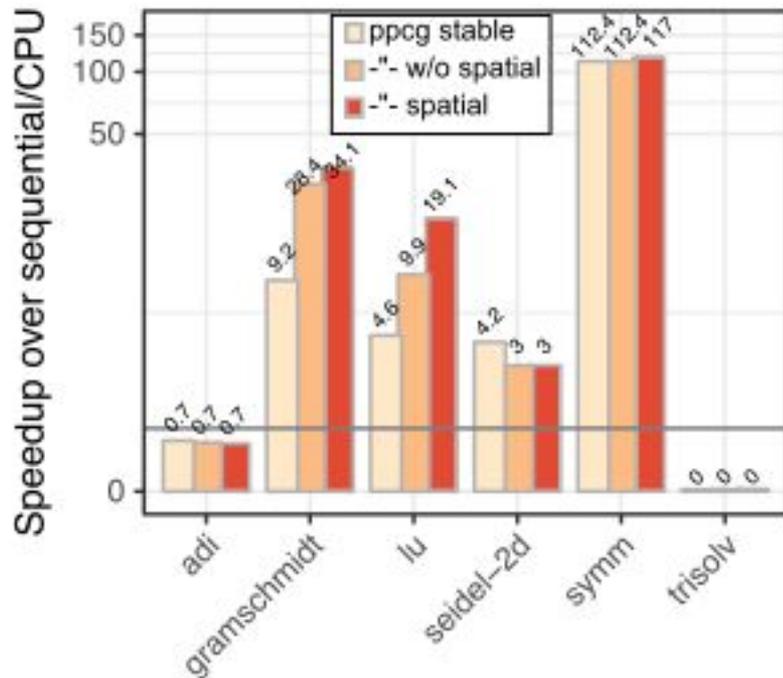
# Parallel CPU

4x Intel Xeon E5-2630 (Ivy Bridge) @ CentOS 7.2.1511 + gcc 6.3



# Parallel GPU

Nvidia Quadro K4000 (Kepler) @ CentOS 7.2.1511 + CUDA 8.0r1



GPU performance on Polybench is dominated by efficient parallelism extraction

# Affine Scheduling Lessons

- “One-size-fits-all” heuristics don’t really fit all.
- Various optimization objectives can be expressed in polyhedral scheduling.
- Different kernels require different optimization strategies.
- The cost of tile size autotuning can be decreased by picking the right cost function, but guessing the best tile sizes remains a challenge.

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# Polyhedral Compilation in the Real World

# Where From?

Mathematical core: “isl”

parametric linear optimization, Presburger arithmetic

used in **GCC’s Graphite** and **LLVM Polly**

and many research projects including **Pluto, PoCC, PPCG...**

Building on **12 years of collaboration**

ARM, Inria, ETH Zürich (Tobias Grosser)

AMD, Qualcomm, Xilinx, Facebook

IISc (Uday Bondhugula)

IIT Hyderabad (Ramakrishna Upadrasta)

Ohio State University, Colorado State University, Rice University

Google Summer of Code

# Research and Industry Transfer - Virtual Lab

<https://www.pollylabs.org>

- Bilateral contracts ARM, Facebook (FAIR), Xilinx, Inria, ETHZ in cooperation with Qualcomm (QuIC)
- Focus on LLVM ecosystem: <http://llvm.org>  
→ exploitation & developer community
- Mutualization of core polyhedral compilation infrastructure
- Contributing to domain-specific – **deep learning, image processing, solvers, linear algebra** – and research compilers
- Training and tutorials

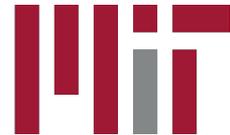


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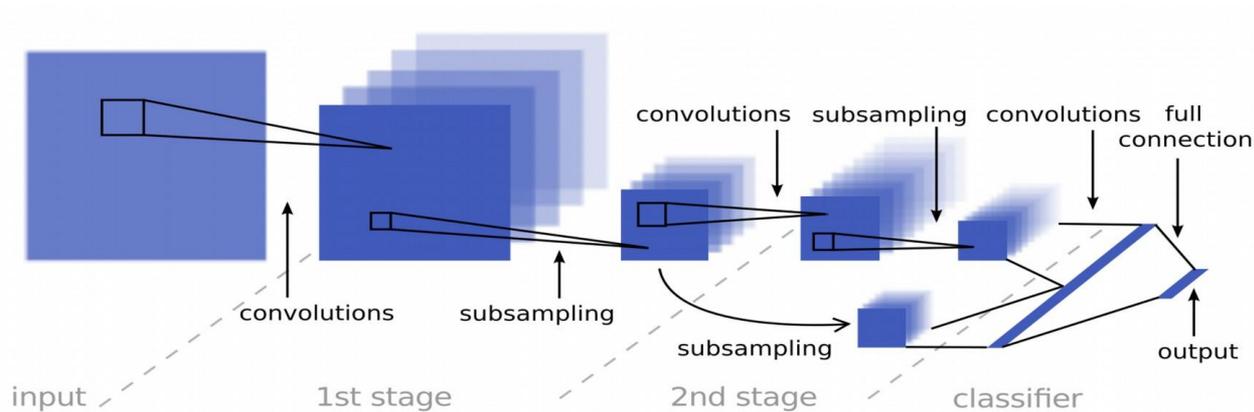
- **isl** started in 2008, licensed under **LGPLv2.1**  
Used by GCC as its polyhedral library since 5.0  
<http://repo.or.cz/w/isl.git>
- 2013: Relicensed under **MIT**, through **CARP EU project**  
Used by LLVM through the Polly project
- 2014: Triggered **ARM to release tools** to generate linear algebra kernels
- 2014: **Qualcomm**, then **ARM**, push for **Polly Labs**
- 2015: Qualcomm Snapdragon LLVM uses Polly, **compiles Android OSP**
- 2016: **Xilinx** starts an isl-based project within **Vivado HLS**
- 2017: **Facebook** works on a **deep learning compiler** using isl  
→ **Tensor Comprehensions** project

# Tensor Comprehensions

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# Programming Language & Systems Research... for Deep Learning?

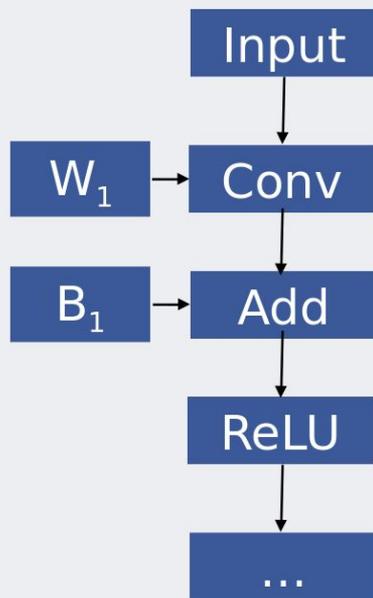


Deep learning has become massively popular over the last 10 years  
Machine Learning (ML) frameworks are all over the place

Is this good enough?

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## A tale of many layers



 **Caffe2**  
`caffe2.python.brew.conv()`  
...

 **NVIDIA cuDNN**  
`cudaConvolutionForward()`...

 **PYTORCH**  
`torch.nn.conv2d()`  
...

 **intel MKL**  
`dnnConvolutionCreateForward_F32()`  
...

 **TensorFlow\***  
`tf.contrib.layers.conv2d()`  
...

\* TF also can compile via XLA, discussed later

# Writing “Good” Neural Network Layers

## Tedious experience

out of reach from Machine Learning (ML) users and researchers

- **Existing layers** in vendor libraries from Intel, Nvidia, etc.
  - Can reach great performance, 95%+ efficiency on a few, ideal kernels
  - But the practice is often far from machine peak
- **New layer or architecture → performance bottleneck**
  - High-performance library coders are scarce, not all genius, don't scale
  - *ML differs from scientific/high-performance computing: variety of hardware, data layouts & types, need for symbolic manipulation (automatic differentiation, quantization), and programmer expertise levels*

# Our Approach

## Don't write programs, synthesize them

### Derive ML-specific techniques from software synthesis and compilers

- Mini-language, **close to mathematics** and **easy to manage by automatic tools**
- Compiler for **algorithmic optimization** and **automatic differentiation**
- Compiler for **“polyhedral” scheduling and mapping**
- Just-in-time **specialization** of the model (hyper)parameters for **efficient kernel implementations**, e.g., for GPU acceleration
  
- Works transparently: “A New Op” for machine learning and applications
- Integrated with industry-standard frameworks (Caffe2, PyTorch)

## Prior Work

- “Direct generation” such as active library [2] or built-to-order (BTO) [3] provide effective performance, but miss global optimization
- DSLs such as Halide [4] provide usability, and permit scheduling transformations, though manually specify.
- Compilers like XLA [5] or Latte [6] optimize and fuse operators, though performance lacking as the language can’t represent complex schedules crucial to GPU/others.

[2] Run-time code generation in C++ as a foundation for domain-specific optimization, 2003

[3] Automating the generation of composed linear algebra kernels, 2009

[4] Halide: a language and compiler for optimizing parallelism, locality, and recomputation in image processing pipelines, 2013

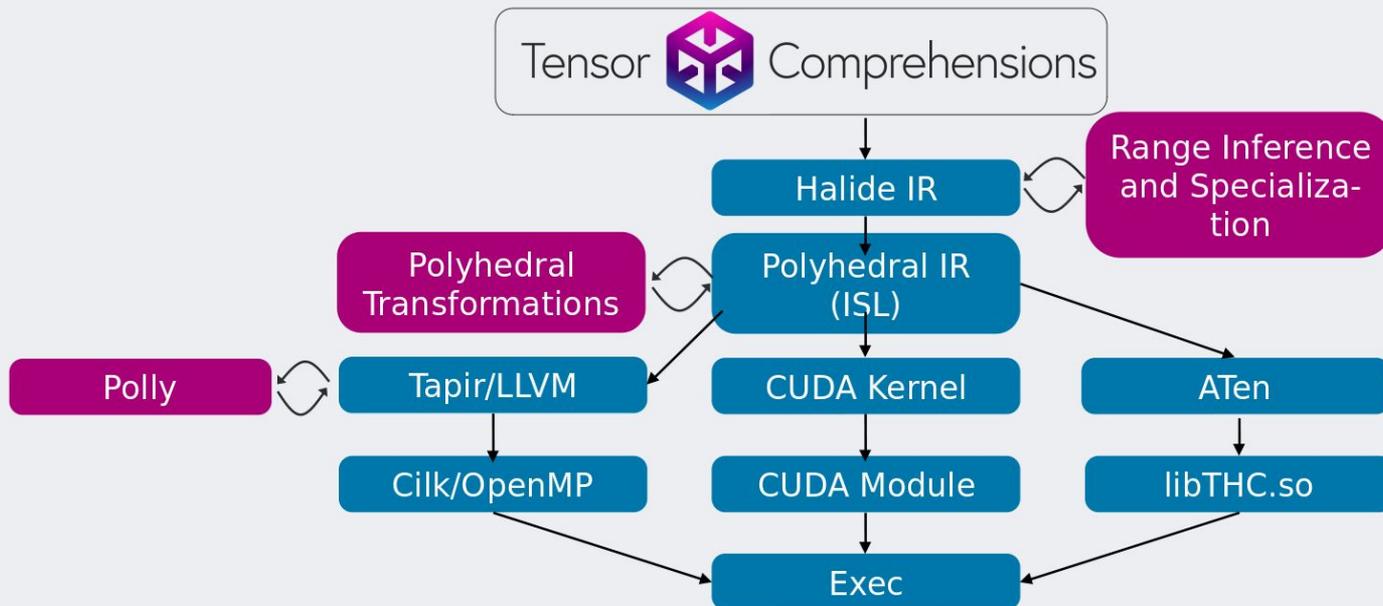
[5] Xla:domain-specific compiler for linear algebra to optimizes tensorflow computations, 2017

[6] Latte: A language, compiler, and runtime for elegant and efficient deep neural networks, 2016

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## Tensor Comprehensions



# Our Approach



## TC language

Concise, emits 1000's of optimized LOC

```
def mv(float(M,K) A, float(K) x) -> (C)
{
  C(i) +=! A(i,k) * x(k)
}
```

```
def conv3(float(N,C,H,W) I, float(O,C,H,W) W1, float(D,O,H,W) W2, float(E,D,H,W) W3)
  -> (O1, O2, O3) {
  O1(n, o, h, w) +=! I(n, c, h + kh, w + kw) * W1(o, c, kh, kw)
  O1(n, o, h, w) = fmax(O1(n, o, h, w), 0) // relu
  O2(n, d, h, w) +=! O1(n, d, h + kh, w + kw) * W2(d, o, kh, kw)
  O2(n, d, h, w) = fmax(O2(n, d, h, w), 0)
  O3(n, e, h, w) +=! O2(n, c, h + kh, w + kw) * W3(e, d, kh, kw)
  O3(n, e, h, w) = fmax(O3(n, e, h, w), 0)
}
```

← Iteration bounds inferred

↑ ↑ Variables only on one side are reduced

# Synthesize From Model...

Tight mathematical model, emits 1000s optimized lines of code

- Group Convolution

```
def g_conv_hwcgn(float I(H, W, C, G, N), float W(O, G, C, KH, KW)) -> (O) {  
    O(h, w, c, g, n) += I(h + kh, w + kw, c, g, n) * W(o, g, c, kh, kw)  
}
```

- Kronecker Recurrent Units (KRU)

→ algorithmic exploration of storage/recompute tradeoffs

```
def 3KRU_v0(float(D0,N0) W0, float(D1,N1) W1, float(D2,N2) W2,  
            float(M,N0,N1,N2) X) -> (Y) {  
    Y(m,d0,d1,d2) +=! X(m,n0_r,n1_r,n2_r) * W2(d2,n2_r)  
                    * (W1(d1,n1_r) * W0(d0,n0_r))  
}
```

```
def 3KRU_v1(float(D0,N0) W0, float(D1,N1) W1, float(D2,N2) W2,  
            float(M,N0,N1,N2) X) -> (Y,XW2) {  
    XW2(m,n0,n1,d2) +=! X(m,n0,n1,r2) * W2(d2,r2)  
    Y(m,d0,d1,d2) +=! XW2(m,r0,r1,d2) * W1(d1,r1) * W0(d0,r0)  
}
```

```
def 3KRU(float(D0,N0) W0, float(D1,N1) W1, float(D2,N2) W2,  
         float(M,N0,N1,N2) X) -> (Y,XW1,XW2) {  
    XW2(m,n0,n1,d2) +=! X(m,n0,n1,r2) * W2(d2,r2)  
    XW1(m,n0,d1,d2) +=! XW2(m,n0,r1,d2) * W1(d1,r1)  
    Y(m,d0,d1,d2) +=! XW1(m,r0,d1,d2) * W0(d0,r0)  
}
```

# Synthesize From Model...

- Production MLP from Facebook
- And more complex examples, including Google WaveNet

```
def 2LUT(float(E1,D) LUT1, int(B,L1) I1,
         float(E2,D) LUT2, int(B,L2) I2) -> (O1,O2) {
    O1(i,j) +=! LUT1(I1(i,k),j)
    O2(i,j) +=! LUT2(I2(i,k),j)
}
def MLP1(float(B,M) I, float(O,N) W1, float(O) B1) -> (O1) {
    O1(b,n) = B1(n)
    O1(b,n) += I(b,m) * W1(n,m)
    O1(b,n) = fmaxf(O1(b,n), 0)
}
def MLP3(float(B,M) I, float(O,N) W2, float(O) B2,
         float(P,O) W3, float(P) B3, float(Q,P) W4,
         float(Q) B4) -> (O1,O2,O3,O4) {
    O2(b,o) = B2(o)
    O2(b,o) += O1(b,n) * W2(o,n)
    O2(b,o) = fmaxf(O2(b,o), 0)
    O3(b,p) = B3(p)
    O3(b,p) += O2(b,o) * W3(p,o)
    O3(b,p) = fmaxf(O3(b,p), 0)
    O4(b,q) = B4(q)
    O4(b,q) += O3(b,p) * W4(q,p)
    O4(b,q) = fmaxf(O4(b,q), 0)
}
def prodModel(float(E1,D) LUT1, int(B,L1) I1,
              float(E2,D) LUT2, int(B,L2) I2,
              float(B,WX) I3, float(WY,WX) W,
              float(N,M) W1, float(N) B1,
              float(O,N) W2, float(O) B2,
              float(P,O) W3, float(P) B3,
              float(Q,P) W4, float(Q) B4)
    -> (C1,C2,C3,I,O1,O2,O3,O4) {
    (C1,C2) = 2LUT(LUT1,I1,LUT2,I2)
    C3(b,wy) += I3(b,wxx) * W(wy,wxx)
    I(b,m) = concat(C1, C2, C3) # not implemented yet
    O1 = MLP1(I, W1, B1)
    (O2,O3,O4) = MLP3(O1,W2,B2,W3,B3,W4,B4)
    # O4 goes out to binary classifier, omitted here
}
```

# ... Rather Than Write Accelerator Code

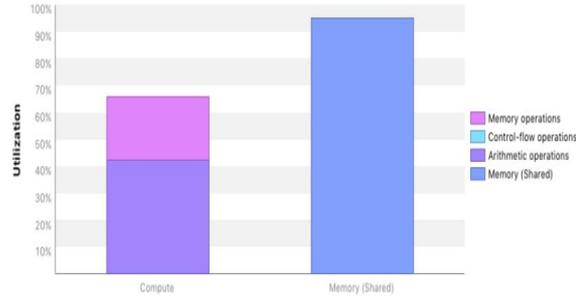
```

__global__ void lut_100_64_50_vE1_50_vE2(int B, int D, int L1, int E1, int L2, int E2, float* __restrict__ O1, #
{
    int b0 = blockIdx.y, b1 = blockIdx.x;
    int t0 = threadIdx.y, t1 = threadIdx.x;
    __shared__ int shared_idx1[1][51];
    __shared__ int shared_idx2[1][51];
    __shared__ float shared_LUT1[50][64];
    // __shared__ float shared_LUT2[50][64];
    float private_01[1][1];
    float private_02[1][1];

    {
        shared_idx1[0][t1] = idx1[b0 * 50 + t1];
        if (t1 <= 17)
            shared_idx1[0][t1 + 32] = idx1[b0 * 50 + (t1 + 32)];
        shared_idx2[0][t1] = idx2[b0 * 50 + t1];
        if (t1 <= 17)
            shared_idx2[0][t1 + 32] = idx2[b0 * 50 + (t1 + 32)];
        __syncthreads();
        for (int c4 = 0; c4 <= 49; c4 += 1) {
            shared_LUT1[c4][32 * b1 + t1] = LUT1[(0 * vE1 + shared_idx1[0][c4]) * 64 + (32 * b1 + t1)];
            // shared_LUT2[c4][32 * b1 + t1] = LUT2[(0 * vE2 + shared_idx2[0][c4]) * 64 + (32 * b1 + t1)];
        }
        __syncthreads();
        private_01[0][0] = 0.00000f;
        private_02[0][0] = 0.00000f;
        for (int c4 = 0; c4 <= 49; c4 += 1) {
            private_01[0][0] = (private_01[0][0] + shared_LUT1[c4][32 * b1 + t1]);
            // private_01[0][0] = (private_01[0][0] + LUT1[(0 * vE1 + shared_idx1[0][c4]) * 64 + (32 * b1 + t1)]);
            // private_02[0][0] = (private_02[0][0] + shared_LUT2[c4][32 * b1 + t1]);
            private_02[0][0] = (private_02[0][0] + LUT2[(0 * vE2 + shared_idx2[0][c4]) * 64 + (32 * b1 + t1)]);
        }
        __syncthreads();
        O2[b0 * 64 + (32 * b1 + t1)] = private_02[0][0];
        O1[b0 * 64 + (32 * b1 + t1)] = private_01[0][0];
        __syncthreads();
    }
}

```

Shared Memory		
Shared Loads	1147666432	2,967.871 GB/s
Shared Stores	19464192	50.335 GB/s
Shared Total	1167130624	3,018.206 GB/s



```

{
    MOV R9, R3;
    LDG.ECI R22, [R22];
}
{
    SHL R3, R0, #2;
    LDG.ECI R17, [R8];
}
ISETP.EQ.AND PO, PT, R12, RZ, PT;
STS [R3+0x324], R18;
STS [R3+0x42c], R20;
DEPBAR.LE SB5, 0x7;
STS [R3+0x534], R26;
DEPBAR.LE SB5, 0x4;
STS [R3+0x198], R24;
STS [R3+0x2a0], R25;
STS [R3+0x21c], R6;
DEPBAR.LE SB5, 0x1;
STS [R3+0x63c], R29;
STS [R3+0x3a8], R16;
STS [R3+0x4b0], R22;
STS [R3+0x5b8], R17;
LDS.U.64 R4, [0x28];
LDS.U.128 R8, [0x30];

```

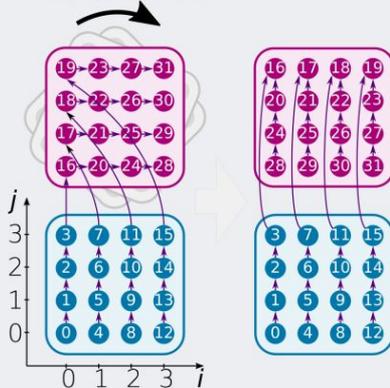


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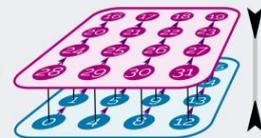
## Polyhedral + TC

- High Level Polyhedral IR (ISL) => Easy Transformations

Affine Loop Transformations



Loop Fusion and Fission



$$\begin{aligned} A(i,j) &= 42 * X(j) \\ B(j,i) &= B(j,i) + A(i,j) \end{aligned}$$

- Schedule heuristic folds into a single kernel
- Schedule tiled to facilitate the mapping and reuse of memory hierarchy of GPU/CPU
- GPU mapping borrows from PPCG, with extensions for more complex/imperfectly nested structures
- Memory promotion into shared cache

# Polyhedral Compilation to the Rescue



## ISL scheduling

```
def sgemm(float a, float b float(N,M) A, float(M,K) B) -> (C) {  
  C(i,j) = b // S(i,j)  
  C(i,j) += a * A(i,k) * B(k,j) // T(i,j,k)  
}
```

Domain  $\left[ \begin{array}{l} \{S(i,j) \mid 0 \leq i < N \wedge 0 \leq j < K\} \\ \{T(i,j,k) \mid 0 \leq i < N \\ \wedge 0 \leq j < K \wedge 0 \leq k < M\} \end{array} \right.$

Sequence  
Filter{S(i,j)}  
Band{S(i,j) → (i,j)}  
Filter{T(i,j,k)}  
Band{T(i,j,k) → (i,j,k)}



Tile

Domain  $\left[ \begin{array}{l} \{S(i,j) \mid 0 \leq i < N \wedge 0 \leq j < K\} \\ \{T(i,j,k) \mid 0 \leq i < N \wedge 0 \leq j < K \wedge 0 \leq k < M\} \end{array} \right.$

Band  $\left[ \begin{array}{l} \{S(i,j) \rightarrow (i,j)\} \\ \{T(i,j,k) \rightarrow (i,j)\} \end{array} \right.$

Sequence  
Filter{S(i,j)}  
Filter{T(i,j,k)}  
Band{T(i,j,k) → (k)}

Sequence node: order-dependent collection of nodes

Band node: (partial) execution

Filter node: partition iteration space

# Heard That Before?

- 30 years of parallelizing and optimizing compiler research
- ... wrapped into a robust, automated tool, with domain specialization
- ... with modern C++ interface and tight ML framework integration
- Embed the most complex compositions of loop nest and tensor optimizations

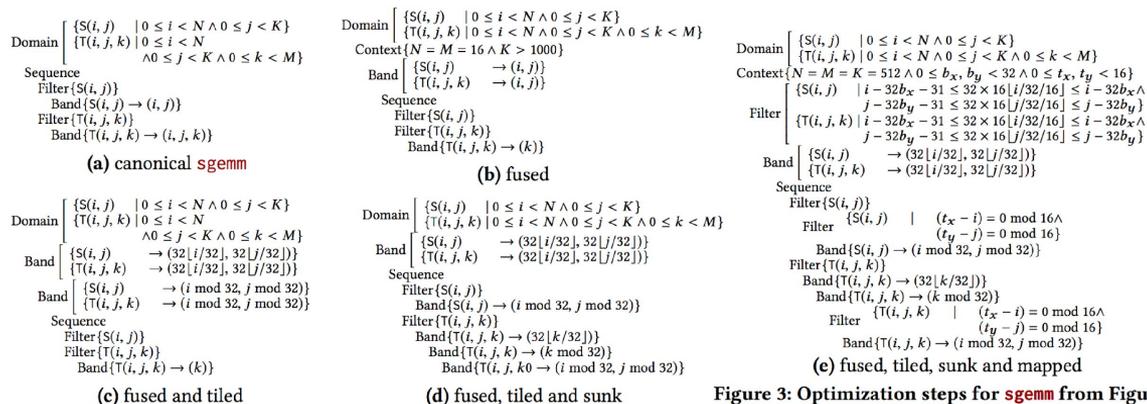


Figure 3: Optimization steps for `sgemm` from Figure 1

# Algorithmic Contributions



## Extending ISL scheduling

- Extended ISL's scheduler to allow additional constraints
  - Affine constraint added to the LP
  - Supply clustering decision for graph component combining
- Clustering allows for conventional minimum and maximum fusion targets AND maximum fusion that preserves at least three nested parallel loops (i.e. for mapping to CUDA blocks / threads)

# Memory Promotion

$O[l+Idx[i][j]][k] \Rightarrow shared\_O[l][i][j][k]$

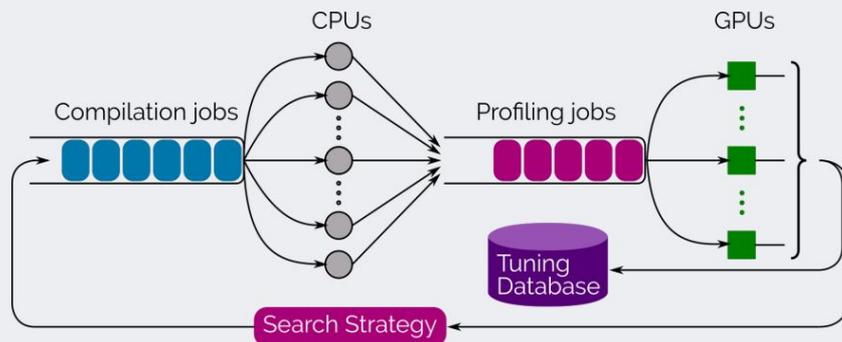
- Cache indirectly accessed arrays
- Only when `O` and `Idx` are only read (not written)
- Promote direct accesses if tile of fixed size, elements reused, and  $\geq 1$  access without memory coalescing
- Promote indirect accesses in same way (ignore coalescing)
- Heuristics for register promotion as well

# Performance?



## Autotuning

- Even with heuristics, there's a large space of options
- Derive schedule (and other parameters) by searching via genetic algorithm with fixed search-time.

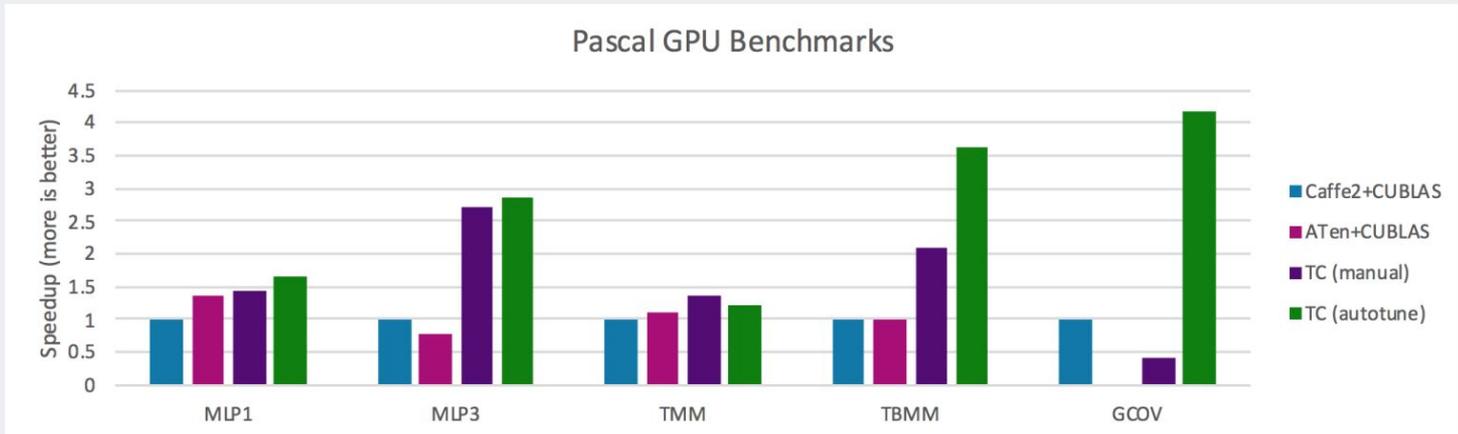


# Performance?



## End-to-end benchmarks

Baseline CUDA 8.0, CUBLAS 8.0, CUDNN 6.0, CUB recent



8 Pascal nodes with 2 socket, 14 core Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU E5-2680 v4 @ 2.40GHz, with 8 Tesla P100-SXM2 GPUs and 16GB of memory each.

Median runtime out of a batch of 1000

# TC in a Nutshell



## TC overview

*“Natural ML math running faster than libraries”*

- Available stand-alone and in Caffe2/PyTorch bindings [public in a few days]
- Open source: <https://github.com/facebookresearch/tensorcomprehensions>
- White Paper:  
<https://arxiv.org/abs/1802.04730>

Polyhedral Compilation in the Real World  
... once again with broader ambitions



# MLIR: Multi-Level Intermediate Representation for the End of Moore's Law

From EuroLLVM 2019 keynote and tutorial

Presenting the work of many, many, people

# TensorFlow

Huge machine learning community

Programming APIs for many languages

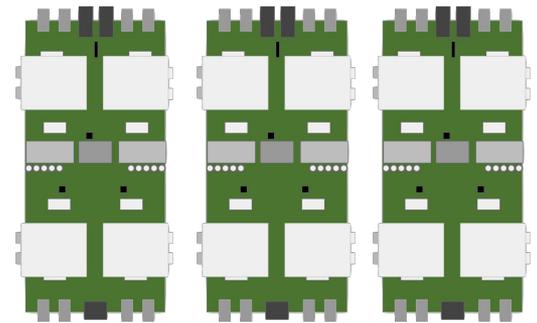
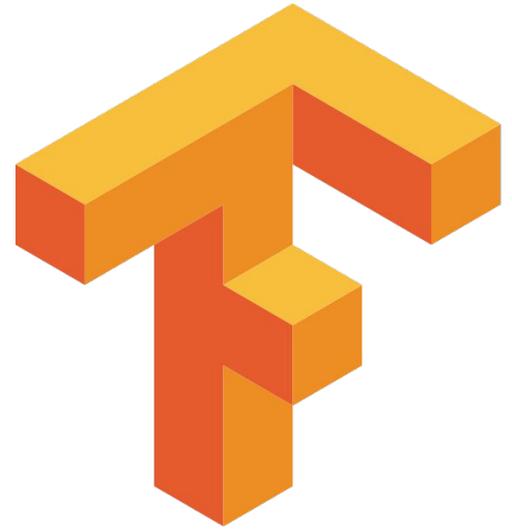
Abstraction layer for accelerators:

- Heterogenous, distributed, mobile, custom ASICs...
- Urgency is driven by the “end of Moore’s law”

Open Source:

<https://tensorflow.org>

<https://tensorflow.org/mlir>



Why a new compiler infrastructure?

# The LLVM Ecosystem: Clang Compiler



Green boxes are SSA IRs:

- Different levels of abstraction - operations and types are different
- Abstraction-specific optimization at both levels

Progressive lowering:

- Simpler lowering, reuse across other front/back ends

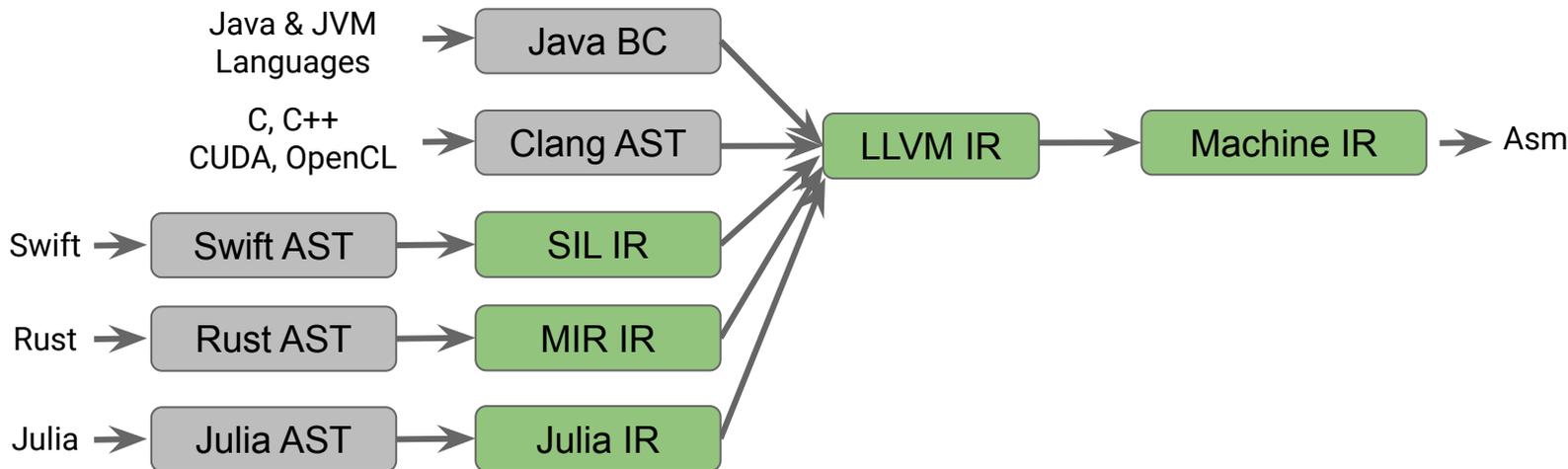
# Azul Falcon JVM



Uses LLVM IR for high level domain specific optimization:

- Encodes information in lots of ad-hoc ways: IR Metadata, well known functions, intrinsics, ...
- Reuses LLVM infrastructure: pass manager, passes like inliner, etc.

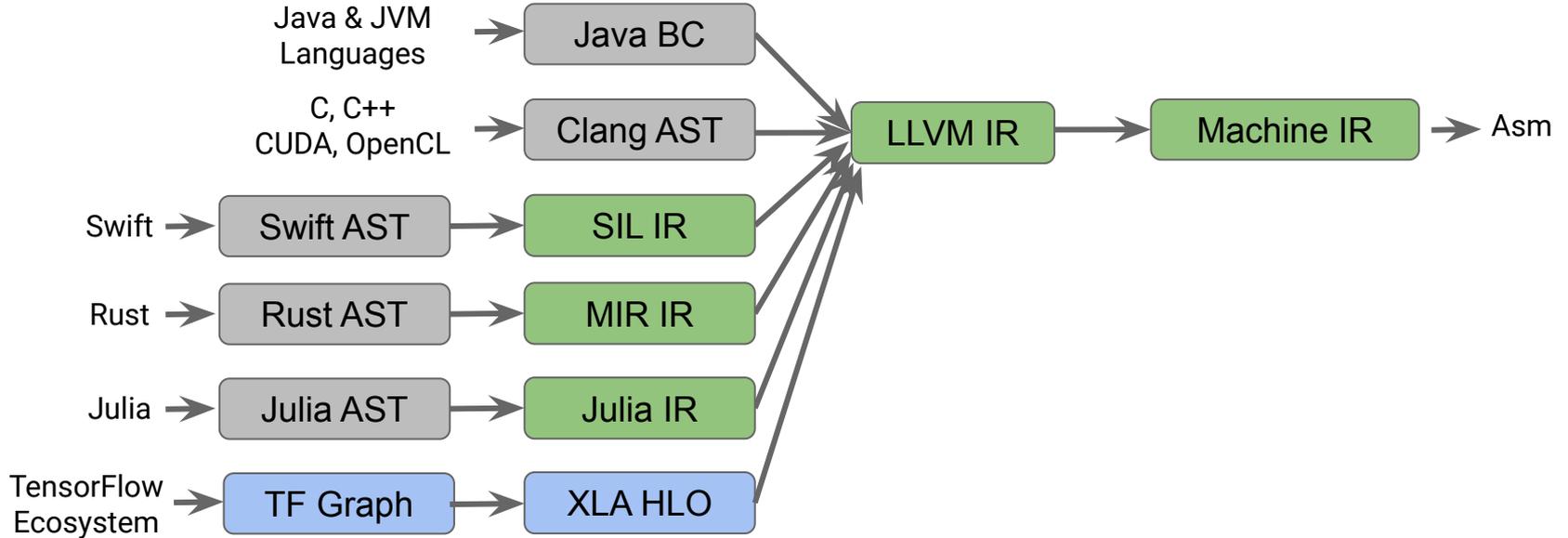
# Swift, Rust and Julia have a high level IR - Not C and C++



- Domain specific optimizations: generic specialization, devirt, ref count optzns, library-specific optzns, etc
- Dataflow driven type checking - e.g. borrow checker in Rust
- Domain specific optimizations, progressive lowering

“[Introducing MIR](#)”: Rust Language Blog, “[Julia SSA-form IR](#)”: Julia docs

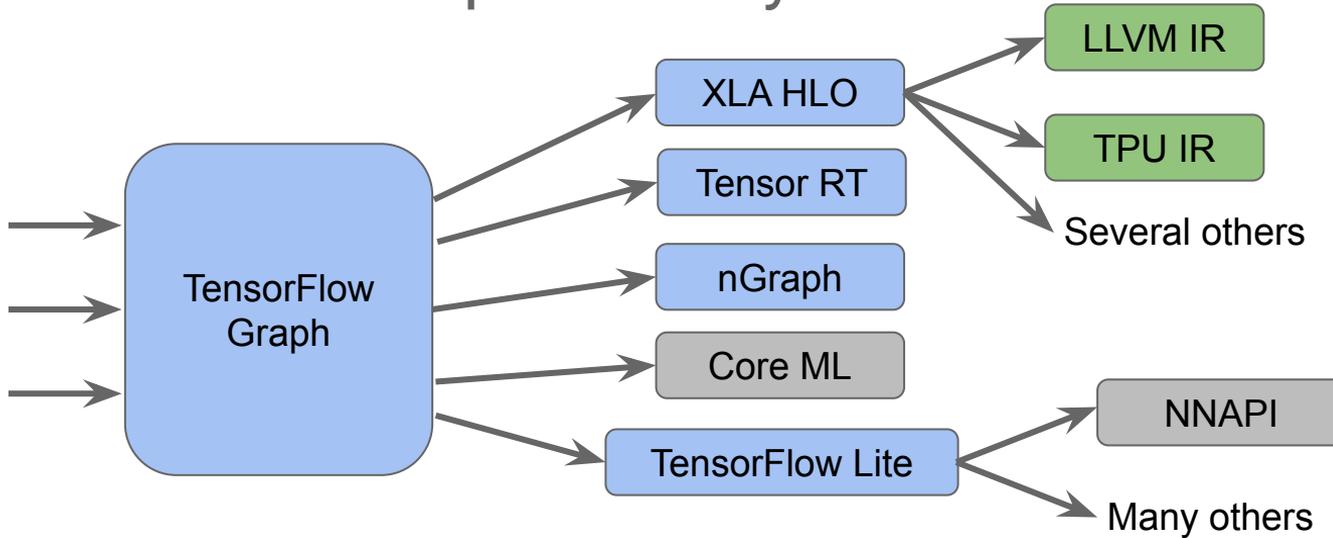
# TensorFlow XLA Compiler



- Domain specific optimizations, progressive lowering, ad-hoc emitters

“XLA Overview”: <https://tensorflow.org/xla/overview> ([video overview](#))

# The TensorFlow compiler ecosystem



Many “Graph IRs”, each with challenges:

- Similar-but-different (some, proprietary) technologies: not going away anytime soon
- Duplication of infrastructure at all levels

→ **Need SSA-based design to generalize and improve “ML graphs”**

# Domain Specific IRs

Great!

- High-level domain-specific optimizations
- Progressive lowering encourages reuse between levels

Not great!

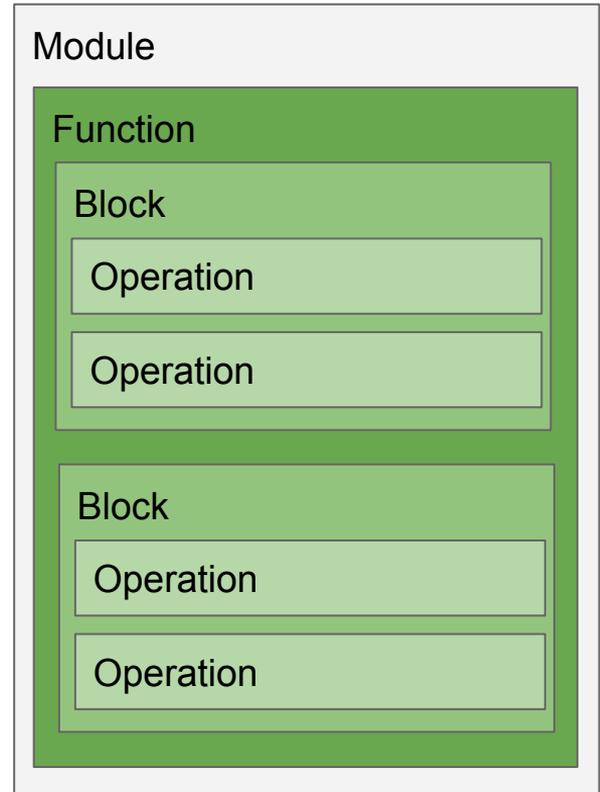
- Huge expense to build this infrastructure
- Reimplementation of all the same stuff
  - pass managers, location/error tracking, testing tools
  - inlining, use-def chains, constant folding, partial redundancy elimination, ...
- Innovations in one community don't benefit the others

# MLIR Primer

# Many similarities to LLVM

- SSA, CFG, typed, three address
- Module/Function/Block/Operation structure
- Round trippable textual form
- Syntactically similar:

```
func @testFunction(%arg0: i32) {  
    %x = call @thingToCall(%arg0) : (i32) -> i32  
    br ^bb1  
^bb1:  
    %y = addi %x, %x : i32  
    return %y : i32  
}
```



# MLIR Type System: some examples

## Scalars:

- f16, bf16, f32, ... i1, i8, i16, i32, ... i3, i4, i7, i57, ...

## Vectors:

- vector<4 x f32>, vector<4x4 x f16>

## Tensors, including dynamic shape and rank:

- tensor<4x4 x f32>, tensor<4x?x?x17x? x f32>, tensor<\* x f32>

## Others:

- functions/closures, memory buffers, quantized integers, TensorFlow stuff, ...

# MLIR Operations: an open ecosystem

No fixed / builtin list of globally known operations:

- No “instruction” vs “target-indep intrinsic” vs “target-dep intrinsic” distinction
  - Why is “add” an instruction but “add with overflow” an intrinsic in LLVM? 🤔

Passes are expected to conservatively handle unknown operations:

- just like LLVM does with unknown intrinsics

```
func @testFunction(%arg0: i32) -> i32 {  
    %x = “any_unknown_operation_here”(%arg0, %arg0) : (i32, i32) -> i32  
    %y = “my_increment”(%x) : (i32) -> i32  
    return %y : i32  
}
```

# MLIR Operations Capabilities

Operations always have: opcode and source location info

Operations may have:

- Block arguments instead of PHI nodes
- Any number of SSA results and operands
- Attributes: constant values of custom syntax and type
- Regions: discussed in later slide
- Custom printing/parsing - or use the more verbose generic syntax

# Extensible Operations Allow Multi-Level IR

TensorFlow — `%x = "tf.Conv2d"(%input, %filter)  
                  {strides: [1,1,2,1], padding: "SAME", dilations: [2,1,1,1]}  
                  : (tensor<*xf32>, tensor<*xf32>) -> tensor<*xf32>`

XLA HLO — `%m = "xla.AllToAll"(%z)  
                  {split_dimension: 1, concat_dimension: 0, split_count: 2}  
                  : (memref<300x200x32xf32>) -> memref<600x100x32xf32>`

LLVM IR — `%f = "llvm.add"(%a, %b)  
                  : (f32, f32) -> f32`

Also: TF-Lite, Core ML, other frontends, ...



Don't we end up with the JSON/XML of compiler IRs???

# MLIR “Dialects”: Families of defined operations

## Example Dialects:

- TensorFlow, XLA HLO, TF Lite, Swift SIL, ...
- linalg, affine, LLVM IR, ...

## Dialects can define:

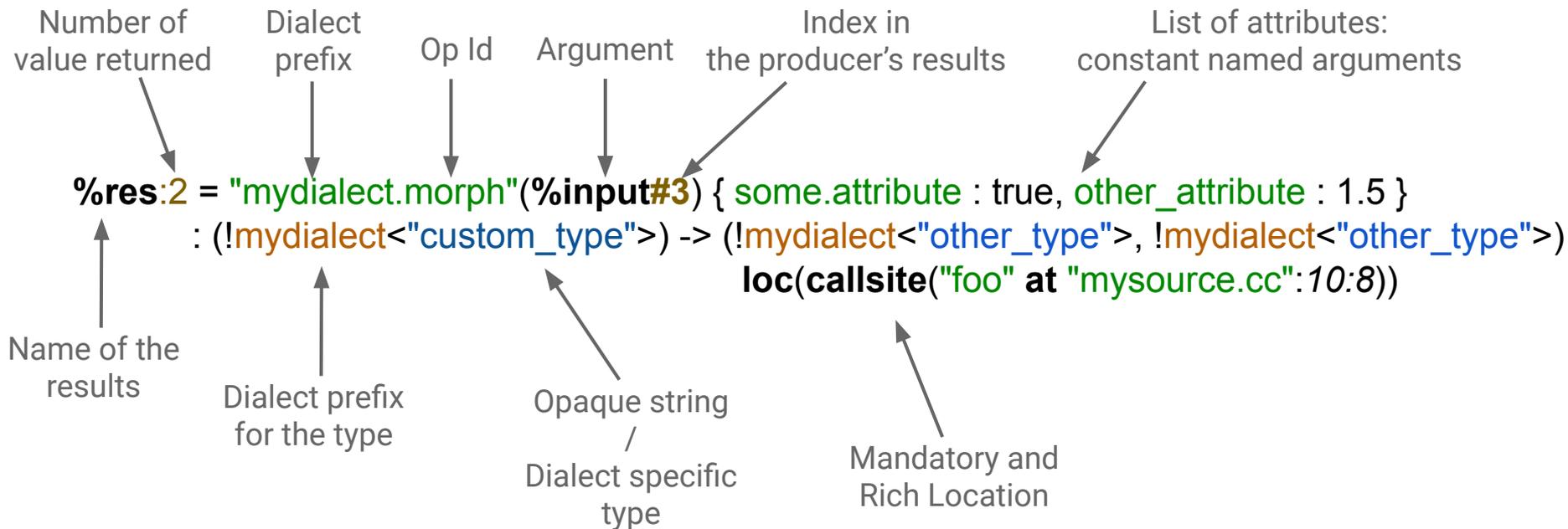
- Operations
- Custom type and attribute systems

## Operation can define:

- Invariants on # operands, results, attributes, ...
- Custom parser, printer, verifier, ...
- Constant folding, canonicalization patterns, ...

# Operations in a Nutshell

- No predefined set of instructions
- Operations are like “opaque functions” to MLIR



# Nested Regions in a Linear IR

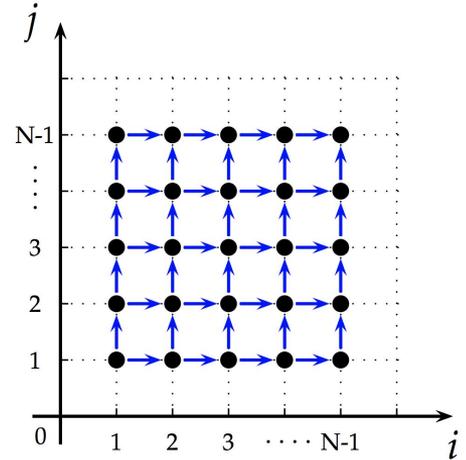
```
%2 = xla.fusion (%0 : tensor<f32>, %1 : tensor<f32>) : tensor<f32> {  
  ^bb0(%a0 : tensor<f32>, %a1 : tensor<f32>):  
    %x0 = xla.add %a0, %a1 : tensor<f32>  
    %x1 = xla.relu %x0 : tensor<f32>  
    return %x1  
}
```

```
%7 = tf.If(%arg0 : tensor<i1>, %arg1 : tensor<2xf32>) -> tensor<2xf32> {  
  ... "then" code...  
  return ...  
} else {  
  ... "else" code...  
  return ...  
}
```

→ Functional control flow, XLA fusion node, lambdas/closures, parallelism abstractions like OpenMP, etc.

# Bigger Example: Polyhedral IR Dialect

```
func @matmul_square(%A: memref<?x?xf32>, %B: memref<?x?xf32>, %C: memref<?x?xf32>) {  
  %n = dim %A, 0 : memref<?x?xf32>  
  
  affine.for %i = 0 to %n {  
    affine.for %j = 0 to %n {  
      store 0, %C[%i, %j] : memref<?x?xf32>  
      affine.for %k = 0 to %n {  
        %a = load %A[%i, %k] : memref<?x?xf32>  
        %b = load %B[%k, %j] : memref<?x?xf32>  
        %prod = mul %a, %b : f32  
        %c = load %C[%i, %j] : memref<?x?xf32>  
        %sum = addf %c, %prod : f32  
        store %sum, %C[%i, %j] : memref<?x?xf32>  
      }  
    }  
  }  
  return  
}
```



**affine.for** and **affine.if** represent simplified polyhedral schedule trees:

- Great match for ML kernels
- Includes systems of affine constraints, mappings, solvers, etc.

# More on MLIR: See the EuroLLVM'19 Tutorial

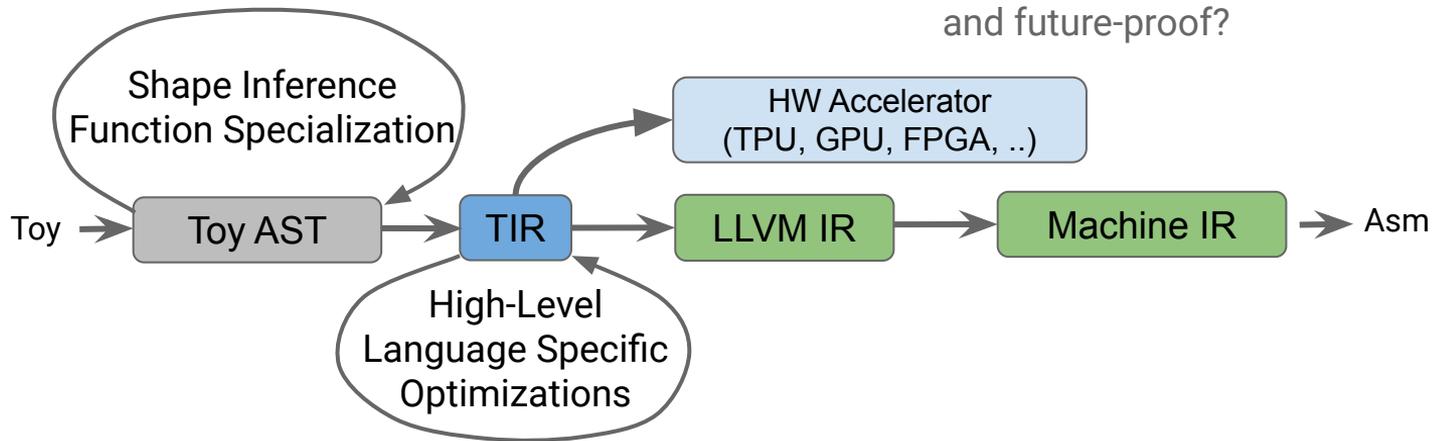
## Example: DSL and Compiler for a Heterogeneous World

Need to analyze and transform the AST

→ heavy infrastructure

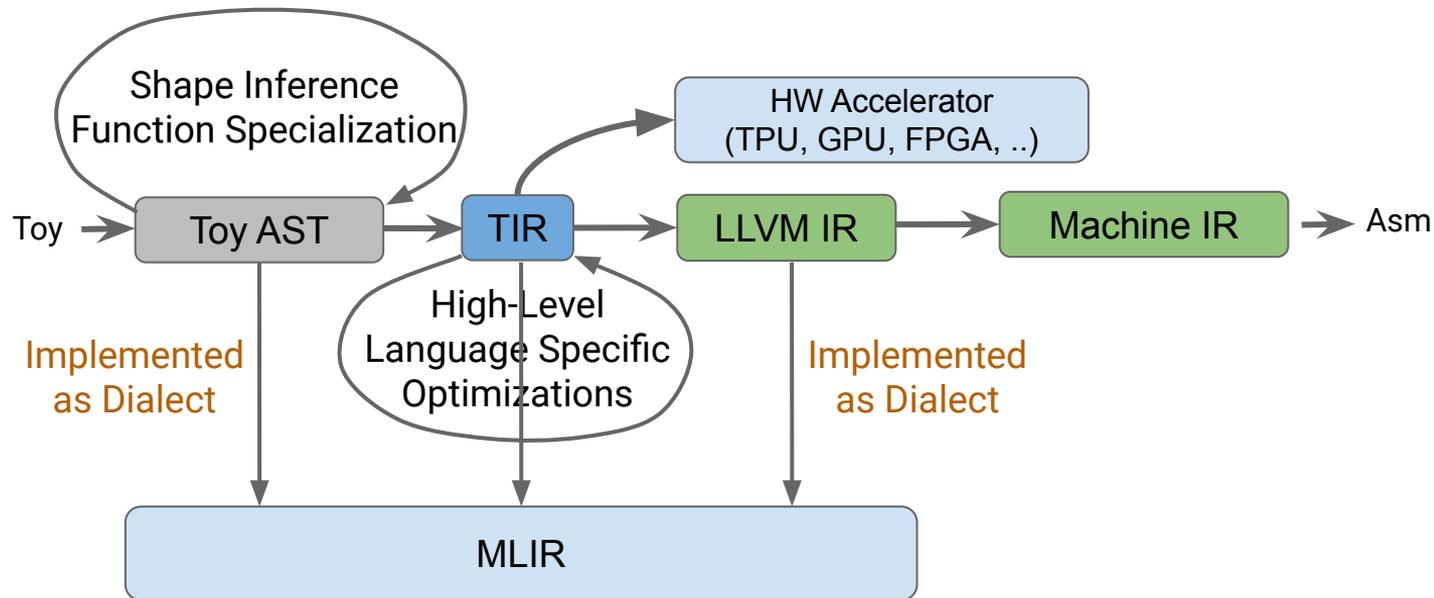
And is the AST really the most friendly representation we can get?

New HW: are we extensible and future-proof?



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## It's All About Dialect(s)



# MLIR is a Large Project...

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# MLIR-Related Research Projects

# Hackability & HW/SW Research

Aiming for a super-extensible system, catalyzing next-gen accelerator research:

- domain-specific languages / annotations lower naturally to MLIR
- domain-specific HW constructs are first-class operations
- extend type system: novel numerics, sparse tensors, (G)ADTs, ...
- concurrency & parallel constructs, memory modeling
- many classes of transformations have *structured* search spaces: algorithmic rewriting, graph rewriting, memory-recompute, polyhedral, and synthesis

Accelerate innovation in hardware, compiler algorithms, and applications thereof

# Compile to Learn → Learn to Compile

- Move past handwritten heuristics
  - NP complete problems
  - Cost models that are hard or infeasible to characterize
  - Hardware explosion, model diversity, problem diversity, ... can't scale
- Autotuning, search and caching
  - Separate algorithms and policy
  - Exploit structure in search space

## Two projects: past & future

Tensor  Comprehensions

&

**Telamon**

# Telamon: Commutative Optimizations on Partially Specified Implementations

with Ulysse Beaugnon, Basile Clément and Andi Drebes, Nicolas Tollaere  
ENS, Inria, Google

CC 2017: *Optimization space pruning without regrets*

Ulysse Beaugnon, Antoine Pouille, Marc Pouzet, Jacques Pienaar, Albert Cohen

arXiv preprint: *On the Representation of Partially Specified Implementations and Its Application to the Optimization of Linear Algebra Kernels on GPU*

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# Problem Statement

**Context:** “superoptimizing” loop nests in numerical kernels

**Challenge:** finding good/best combinations of implementation decisions is hard

- Optimizations may enable or disable others
- Transformations ordering affects performance
- Cannot infer precise performance estimation from intermediate compilation steps

**Corollary:** optimizing compilation never seems to catch up... new hardware, optimization tricks... effectively witnessing a widening performance portability gap

# Telamon Approach

## Candidates as Partially Specified Implementations

- Optimizations as independent, commutative decisions  
*e.g., tile? unrolling? ordering?*
- Vector of choices, listed upfront, decisions taken in any order  
*defer any interference to search*
- Synthesize imperative code from fixed/complete decision vectors  
*e.g., infer buffers, control flow*

## Constraint Programming for Semantics and Resource Modeling

- Control structure  
*e.g., loop nesting*
- Semantics of the kernel  
*e.g., def-use, array dependences*
- Optimization interactions  
*e.g., enabling transformations*
- Resource constraints  
*e.g., local memory*

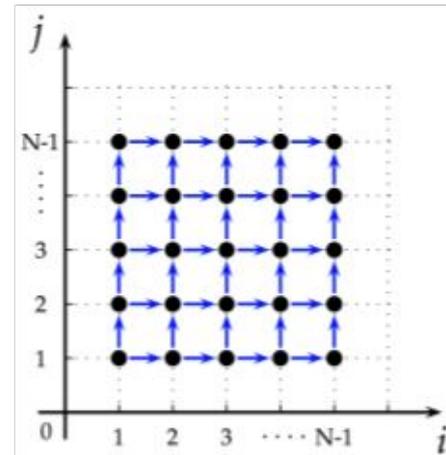
## Branch-and-Bound- and MCTS-enabled Search

- Lower bound derived from orthogonal resource modeling  
*inspired by roofline modeling*
- Lower bound for a candidate = ideal performance for a set of potential implementations
- Empowered by structured, decision vector and CSP-based implementation space

# Candidates?

## Inspired From Polyhedral Compilation

- [Polyhedral compilation](#)
  - Affine scheduling  
*e.g., ILP-based*
  - Code generation  
*from affine schedules to nested loops*
- Meta-programming array processing code
  - [Halide](#) / [TVM](#) specific combinators and scheduling/mapping primitives
  - [URUK](#), [CHILL](#)  
with automatic schedule completion



### TVM example: scan cell (RNN)

```
m = tvm.var("m")
n = tvm.var("n")
X = tvm.placeholder((m,n), name="X")
s_state = tvm.placeholder((m,n))
s_init = tvm.compute((1,n), lambda _,i: X[0,i])
s_do = tvm.compute((m,n), lambda t,i: s_state[t-1,i] + X[t,i])
s_scan = tvm.scan(s_init, s_update, s_state, inputs=[X])
s = tvm.create_schedule(s_scan.op)
// Schedule to run the scan cell on a CUDA device
block_x = tvm.thread_axis("blockIdx.x")
thread_x = tvm.thread_axis("threadIdx.x")
xo,xi = s[s_init].split(s_init.op.axis[1], factor=num_thread)
s[s_init].bind(xo, block_x)
s[s_init].bind(xi, thread_x)
xo,xi = s[s_do].split(s_do.op.axis[1], factor=num_thread)
s[s_do].bind(xo, block_x)
s[s_do].bind(xi, thread_x)
print(tvm.lower(s, [X, s_scan], simple_mode=True))
```

# Constraints?

## Inspired From Program Synthesis and Superoptimization

- [Program synthesis](#)
  - Start from denotational specification, possibly partial (sketching), or (counter-)examples  
*Telamon*  $\approx$  *Domain-specific denotations*
  - Guess possible implementations by (guided) sampling lots of random ones  
*Telamon*  $\approx$  *Guess efficient implementations by (guided) sampling lots of stupid ones*
  - Filter correct implementations using SMT solver or theorem prover  
*Telamon*  $\approx$  *Constraint programming to model both correctness and hardware mapping*
- [Superoptimization](#)
  - Typically on basic blocks, with SAT solver or theorem prover and search
  - Architecture and performance modeling

# Search?

## Inspired From Adaptive Libraries and Autotuning

- Feedback-directed and iterative compiler optimization, lots of work since the late 90s
- Adaptive libraries
  - SPIRAL: *Domain-Specific Language (DSL) + Rewrite Rules + Multi-Armed Bandit or MCTS*  
<http://www.spiral.net>
  - ATLAS, FFTW, etc.: *hand-written fixed-size kernels + micro-benchmarks + meta-heuristics*
  - [Pouchet](#) et al. (affine), [Park](#) et al. (affine and CFG): *Genetic Algorithm, SVM, Graph Kernels*
- Telamon
  - vs. SPIRAL, FFTW: better structured, independent/commutative choices, branch-and-bound
  - vs. Pouchet and Park: finite space, bounded vectors

# Candidates

## Partially Instantiated Vector of Decisions

- Every choice is decision variable
- List the *domain* of variables: the values they can take
- Taking a decision = restricting a domain
- Fully specified implementation  $\Leftrightarrow$  All decision variables assigned a single value

- $\text{order}(a, b) \in \{ \text{Before}, \text{After} \}$
- $\text{order}(a, c) \in \{ \text{Before} \}$
- ...

# Candidates and Constraints

## Kernel

```
%r=add%[0] {  
  %r=add%[0]  
  for %d==add%[0]  
    %z = add %y, %d  
}
```

## Decisions

```
order(%x, %d) ∈ { Before, Inner } <- decision  
order(%x, %y) ∈ { Before }  
order(%y, %d) ∈ { Before, Inner } <- constraint propagation  
...
```

## Enforce coherent decisions with constraints

```
order(x, d0) = Inner && order(x, y) = Before => order(y, d0) ∈ { Inner, After }
```

# Enabling Better Search Algorithms

## **Well Behaved Set of Actions**

- Commute
- All decisions known upfront
- Constraint propagation almost never backtracks in practice

## **Flat, Fixed Sized, Ideal Environment for Reinforcement Learning (RL)**

- Extract features from the decision vector
- Global heuristics, aware of all potential optimizations
- Infer all possible decisions (actions) and/or estimate performance

# Constraint Satisfaction Problem (CSP)

## Find an Assignment for Functions

kind: Dimension -> { Loop, Unrolled, Vector, Thread, Block }

order: Statements x Statements -> { Before, After, Inner, Outer, Fused }

## That Respects Constraints

$\forall a, b \in \text{Dimension}. \text{order}(a, b) = \text{Fused} \Rightarrow \text{kind}(a) = \text{kind}(b)$   
(a.k.a. typed fusion)

# CSP Without the Optimization Aspect

- Finding an implementation is easy: random decisions + constraint propagation
- Use CSP to represent, not to solve the problem
- No analytical objective function
  - Analytical functions cannot model the complexity of the hardware
  - Hardware details are proprietary
  - Use actual evaluations
  - And external heuristics

# Evaluation: Telamon on GPU

**Generic loop nest and array optimizations + GPU-specific optimizations**

## **Supported Decisions**

- Strip mining factor
- Loop interchange
- Loop fusion
- Statement Scheduling
- Rematerialization
- Array placement in memory spaces
- Memory layout
- Copy to local memories
- Vectorization

# Example: Vector Addition

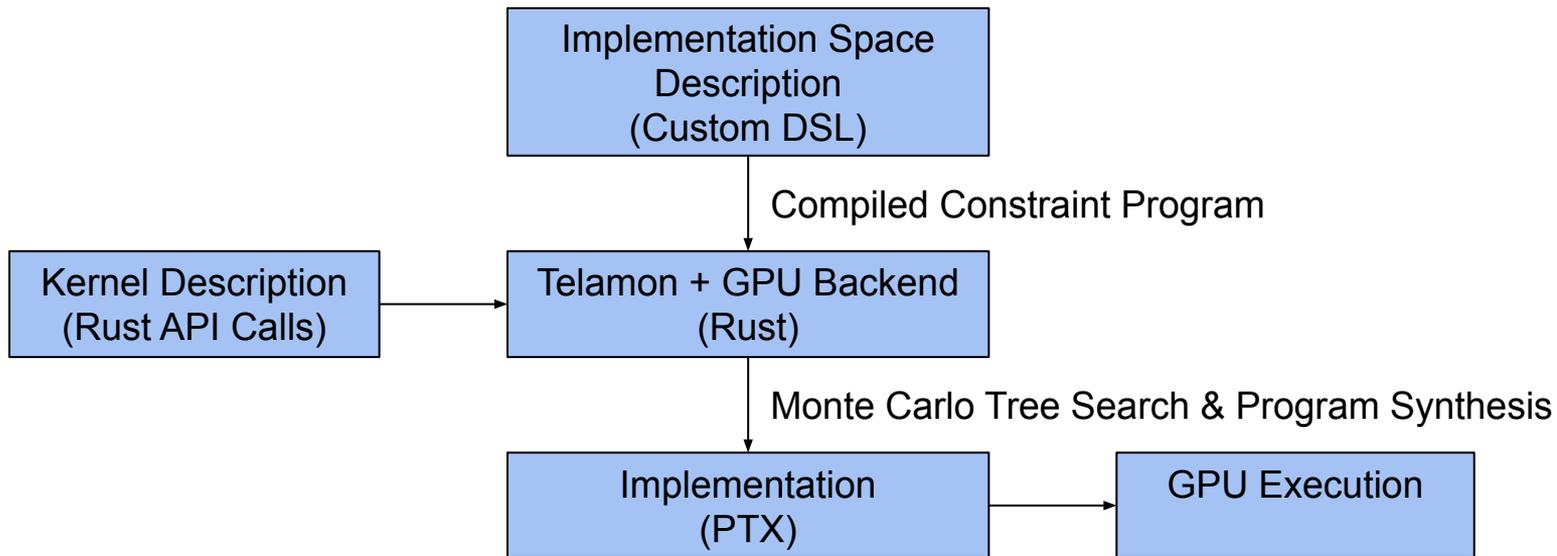
## Computes $Z = X + Y$

- load X
- load Y
- add X and Y into Z
- store Z

## Implementation space

- Each instruction in its own loop
- Strip-mined 3 times
- Can choose strip-mining factors
- Can fuse, interchange and unroll loops
- Can reorder instructions
- Can coalesce transfers across memory spaces

# Telamon System Overview



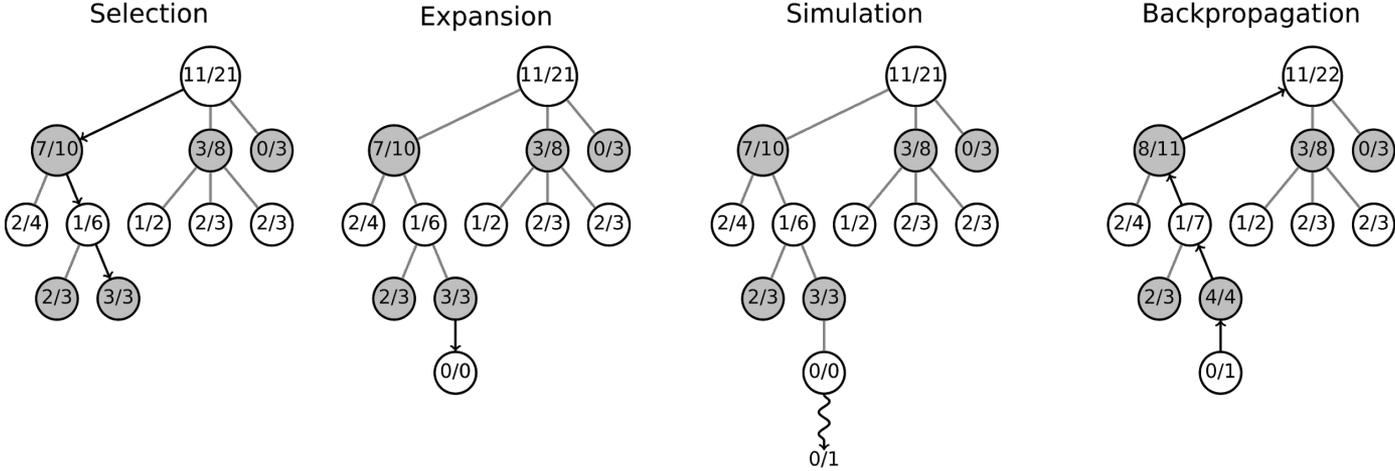
# Branch and Bound + Monte Carlo Tree Search (MCTS)

## Performance model of a lower bound on the execution time

$$\forall x \in S. \text{Model}(S) \leq \text{Time}(x)$$

- Enables Branch & Bound, with feedback from real executions
  - Reduces the search space by several orders of magnitude
  - Prunes early in the search tree (75% in the first two levels for matmul on GPU)
- Possible because it is aware of potential future decisions
- GPU model of block- and thread-level performance features, as well as single-thread microarchitecture
  - No cache and registers model (yet)
  - Coarse-grain model of the interaction between bottlenecks

# Zooming in the MCTS-Based Search



Source: Wikipedia

# Results on Nvidia Kepler GPU

Kernel	Space Size	Avg. Runtime	Reference	Speedup
axpy	$1.1e11 \pm 1.7e10$	$7.05ms \pm 0.005$	$10.3ms$	$\mathbf{1.47} \pm 10^{-3}$
matmul 256	$1.83e21 \pm 3.3e20$	$34.2\mu s \pm 2.54$	$82.8\mu s$	$\mathbf{2.42} \pm 0.18$
matmul 1024	$3.5e21 \pm 1.8e21$	$4.81ms \pm 0.06$	$3.75ms$	$\mathbf{0.78} \pm 0.01$
strided matmul	$6.0e20 \pm 2.0e20$	$10.1ms \pm 0.59$	$637ms$	$\mathbf{66.7} \pm 3.9$
batched matmul	$2.5e28 \pm 1.3e28$	$177\mu s \pm 37.6$	$433\mu s$	$\mathbf{2.45} \pm 0.52$
reuse matmul	$7.1e25 \pm 4.5e25$	$143\mu s \pm 39.8$	$436\mu s$	$\mathbf{3.05} \pm 0.85$

# Search Issues (Ongoing Research)

- **High variance of the search time (stuck in suboptimal areas)**
- **Lots of dead-ends**
  - Mostly due to performance model
  - ~20x more dead-ends than implementations
- **Non-stationary distribution due to cuts**
  - Somewhat intrinsic to MCTS
  - Branch & bound strategy makes it trickier

Take Home Message

# In a Nutshell — Benefits of Polyhedral Compilation

## Search Space

Abstract, Partially Specified Implementations

- Optimizations and lowering, choices and transformations  
*e.g., tile? unrolling? ordering?*
- Choice vector or sequence of transformations/rewrite rules  
*combine with search*
- Synthesize imperative code, API calls, assembly code  
*infer buffers, control...*

## Constraints

Functional Semantics and Resource Modeling

- Control structure  
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*e.g., enabling transformations*
- Resource constraints  
*e.g., local memory, DMA*

## Search Heuristics

Semi-automatic or Black-box Optimization

- Objective functions  
*linear approximations, resource counting...*
- Feedback from actual execution  
*profile-directed, JIT, trace-based...*
- Combinatorial optimization  
*ILP, SMT, graph algorithms, reinforcement learning...*

With numerous applications:

compiler construction, domain-specific optimization, performance portability