

Domain-specific programming methodologies for domain-specific and emerging computing systems

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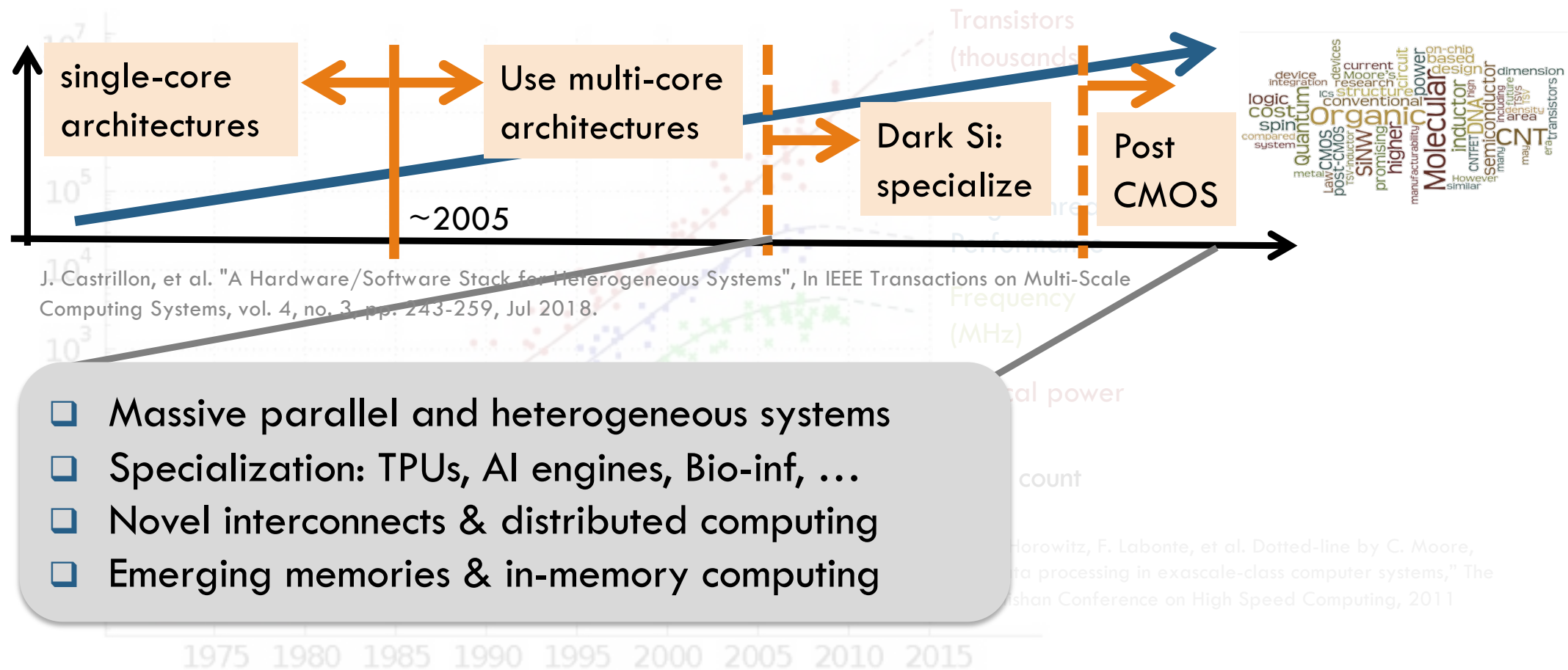
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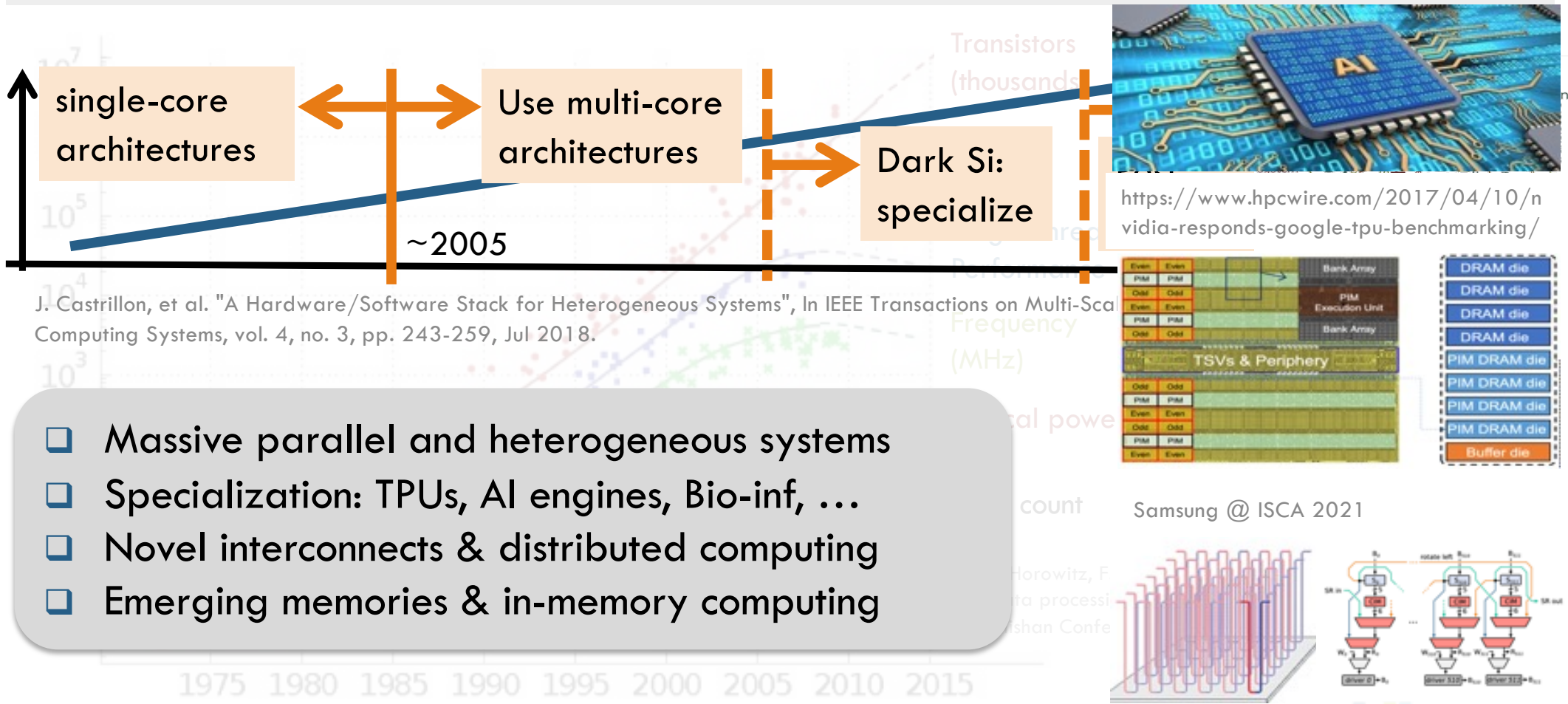
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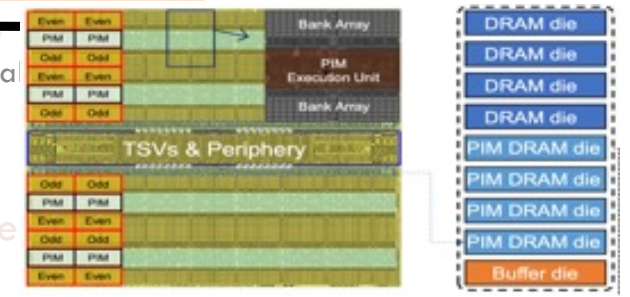
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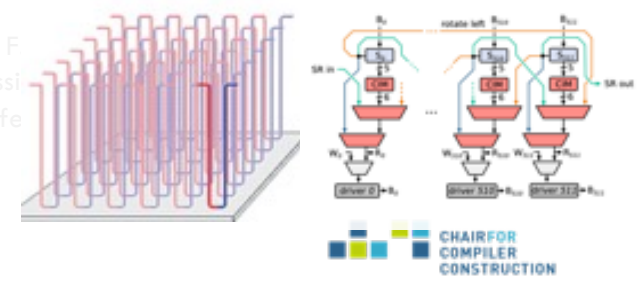
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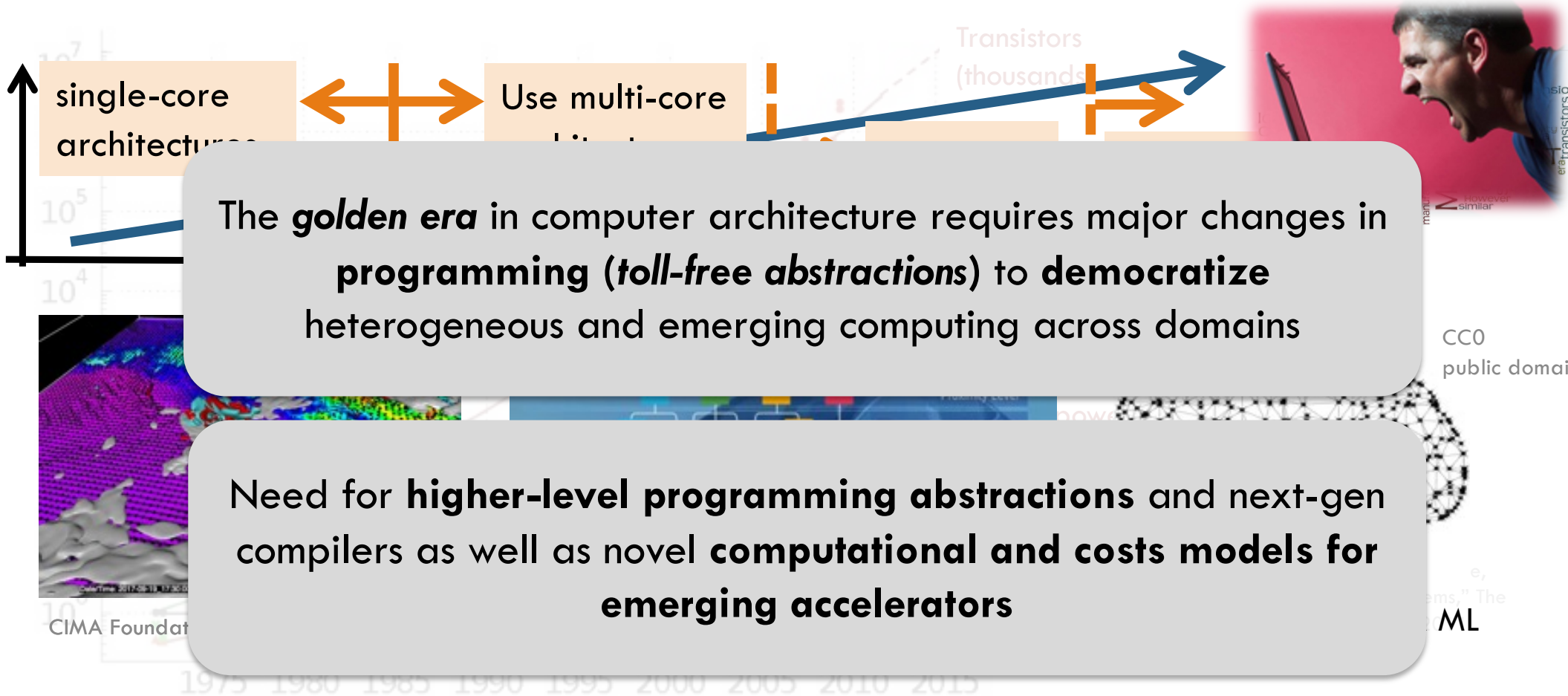
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Evolution of computing: Software



The **golden era** in computer architecture requires major changes in **programming (toll-free abstractions)** to **democratize** heterogeneous and emerging computing across domains

Need for **higher-level programming abstractions** and next-gen compilers as well as novel **computational and costs models for emerging accelerators**

Why new abstractions?

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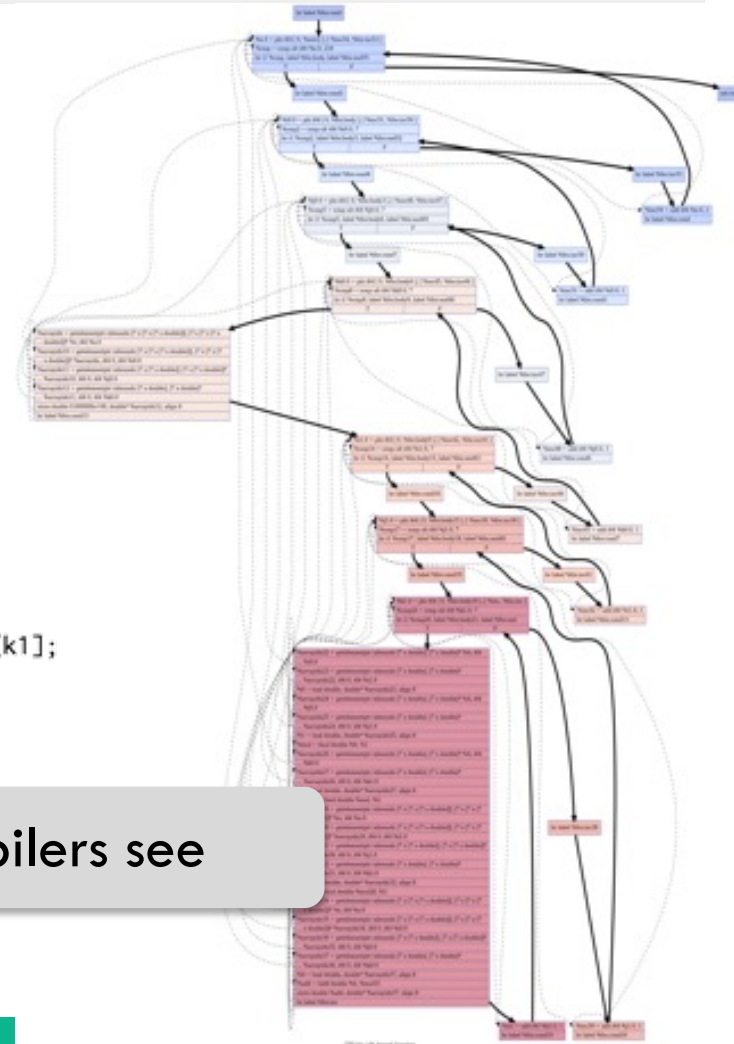
What we want

What we (naively) code

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4   double v[restrict 216][7][7][7])
5 {
6   /* element loop: */
7   for(int e = 0; e < 216; e++) {
8     for(int i0 = 0; i0 < 7; i0++) {
9       for(int j0 = 0; j0 < 7; j0++) {
10        for(int k0 = 0; k0 < 7; k0++) {
11          v[e][i0][j0][k0] = 0.0;
12          for(int i1 = 0; i1 < 7; i1++) {
13            for(int j1 = 0; j1 < 7; j1++) {
14              for(int k1 = 0; k1 < 7; k1++) {
15                v[e][i0][j0][k0] += A[i0][i1]
16                  * A[j0][j1]
17                  * A[k0][k1]
18                  * u[e][i1][j1][k1];
19              } } } } }
20        } /* end of element loop */
21      }
  
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What compilers see



Semantic gap → performance gap

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6     /* element loop: */  
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8     for (int e = 0; e < 216; e++) {  
9         double t6[7][7][7];  
10        /* 1st contraction: */  
11        #pragma simd  
12        for (int i0 = 0; i0 < 7; i0++) {  
13            for (int i1 = 0; i1 < 7; i1++) {  
14                /* #pragma simd */  
15                for (int i2 = 0; i2 < 7; i2++) {  
16                    double t8 = 0.0;  
17                    for (int i3 = 0; i3 < 7; i3++)  
18                        t8 += A[i0][i3] * u[e][i1][i2][i3];  
19                    t6[i0][i1][i2] = t8;  
20                } } /* end of 1st contraction */  
21                double t7[7][7][7];  
22                /* 2nd contraction: */  
23                #pragma simd  
24                for (int i4 = 0; i4 < 7; i4++) {  
25                    for (int i5 = 0; i5 < 7; i5++) {  
26                        /* #pragma simd */  
27                        for (int i6 = 0; i6 < 7; i6++) {  
28                            double t9 = 0.0;  
29                            for (int i7 = 0; i7 < 7; i7++)  
30                                t9 += A[i4][i7] * t6[i5][i6][i7];  
31                            t7[i4][i5][i6] = t9;  
32                        } } } /* end of 2nd contraction */  
33                        /* 3rd contraction: */  
34                        #pragma simd  
35                        for (int i8 = 0; i8 < 7; i8++) {  
36                            for (int i9 = 0; i9 < 7; i9++) {  
37                                /* #pragma simd */  
38                                for (int i10 = 0; i10 < 7; i10++) {  
39                                    double t10 = 0.0;  
40                                    for (int i11 = 0; i11 < 7; i11++)  
41                                        t10 += A[i8][i11] * t7[i9][i10][i11];  
42                                    v[e][i8][i9][i10] = t10;  
43                                } } } /* end of third contraction */  
44                                } } } /* end of element loop */  
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What performance experts code

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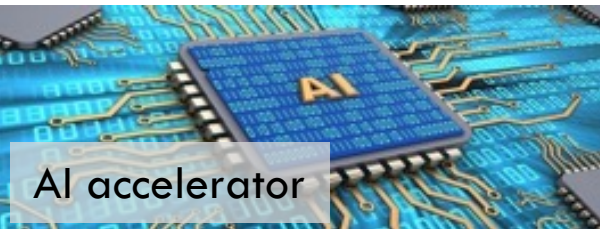
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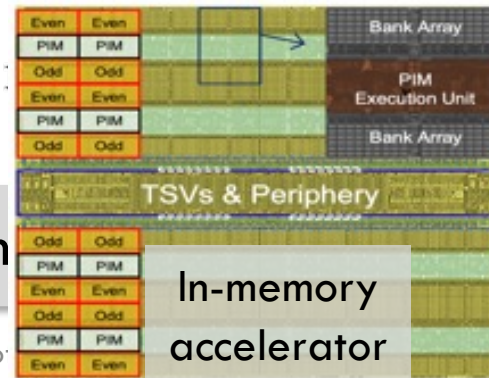


AI accelerator

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In-memory accelerator

ports code



HBM-FPGA

```

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42     double t10 = 0.0;
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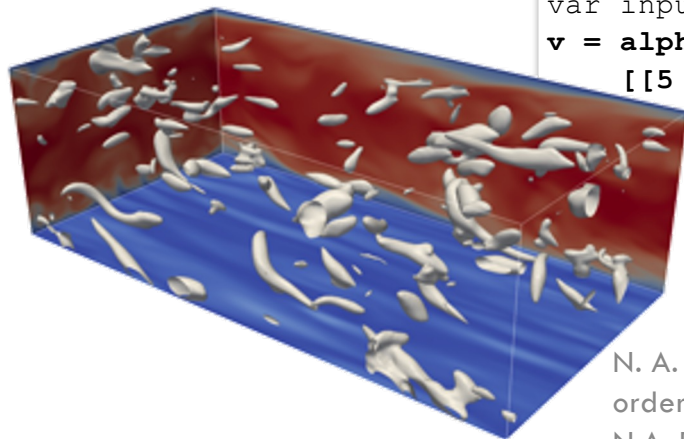
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Example for tensors expressions (CFD, ML)

- ❑ Expression-language for tensor operations and optimizations
 - ❑ Originally for spectral element methods in computational fluid dynamics

$$\mathbf{v}_e = (\mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{A}) \mathbf{u}_e$$

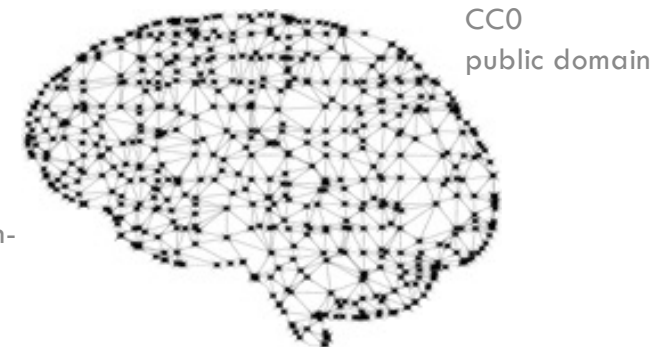
Interpolation kernel



```
source = ...
var input A : matrix &
var input u : tensorIN &
var input output v : tensorOUT &
var input alpha : [] &
var input beta : [] &
v = alpha * (A # A # A # u .
  [[5 8] [3 7] [1 6]]) + beta * v
```

```
auto A = Matrix(m, n), B = Matrix(m, n),
      C = Matrix(m, n);
auto u = Tensor<3>(n, n, n);
auto v = (A*B*C)(u);
```

Fortran and C++ integration



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Closing the performance gap

- ❑ Not really optimization magic
 - ❑ Leverage expert knowledge
 - ❑ Algebraic identities

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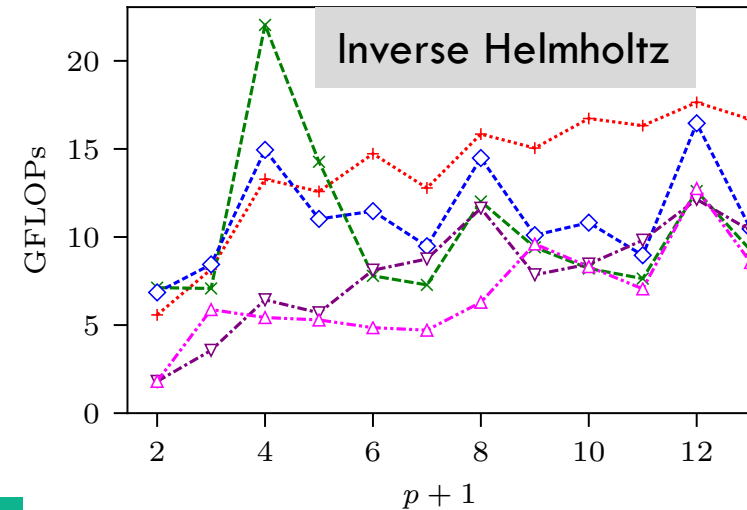
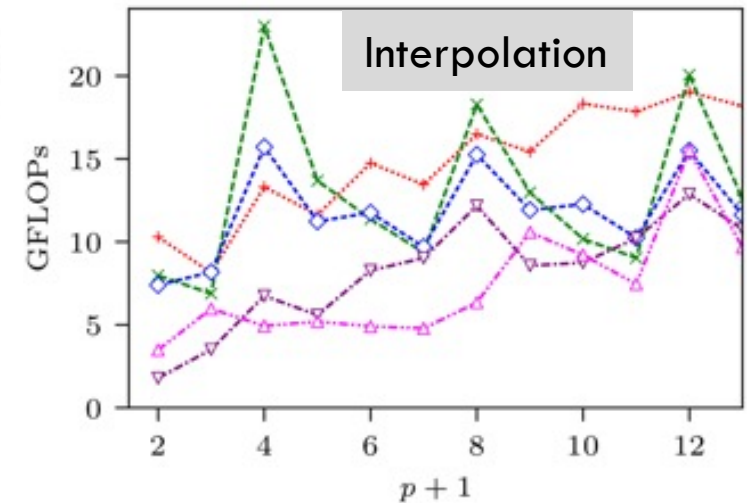
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- + CFDFlang(outer)
- x CFDFlang(inner)
- ◇ hand-optimized
- ▽ DGEMM
- △ specialized



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Easy to generate,
hard to transform

Actual code variants

TeML: Meta-programming for tensor optimizations

- Generalize for cross-domain tensor expressions
- Formal semantics and composition of transformations

$$\mathcal{E}_f \llbracket \text{stripmine}(l, r, v) \rrbracket =$$

$$\lambda \sigma. \text{let } \langle i_1, \dots, \langle i_r, xs \rangle \dots \rangle = \sigma(l)$$

$$(b, e, 1) = i_r$$

$$i'_r = (0, (e - b) / v - 1, 1)$$

$$i'_{r+1} = (b + v \cdot i'_r, b + v \cdot i'_r + (v - 1), 1)$$

$$\text{in } \langle i_1, \dots, \langle i'_r, [\langle i'_{r+1}, xs \rangle] \rangle \dots \rangle$$

$$\mathcal{E}_f \llbracket \text{interchange}(l, r_1, r_2) \rrbracket =$$

$$\lambda \sigma. \text{let } \langle i_1, \dots, \langle i_{r_1}, \dots, \langle i_{r_2}, xs \rangle \dots \rangle \dots \rangle = \sigma(l)$$

$$\text{in } \langle i_1, \dots, \langle i_{r_2}, \dots, \langle i_{r_1}, xs \rangle \dots \rangle \dots \rangle$$

Formally defined
transformation primitives

$$\mathcal{P}_{\text{stmt}} \llbracket l' = \text{tile}(l, v) \rrbracket =$$

$$\mathcal{P}_{\text{prog}} \left[\begin{array}{l} l_0 = \text{stripmine_n}(l, d, v) \\ l_1 = \text{interchange_n}(l_0, 2, 2d - 2) \\ l_2 = \text{interchange_n}(l_1, 3, 2d - 3) \\ \dots \\ l_{d-1} = \text{interchange_n}(l_{d-2}, d, d) \\ l' = \text{interchange_n}(l_{d-1}, d + 1, d - 1) \end{array} \right]$$

Higher-level transformations
via composition

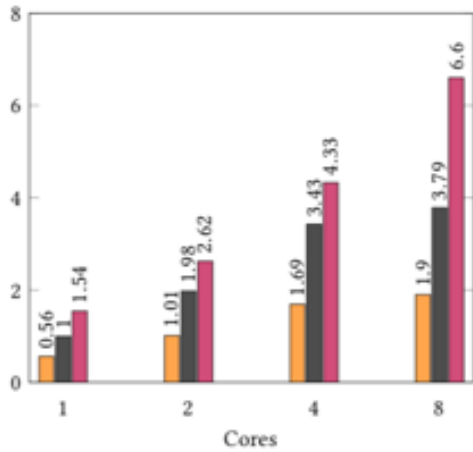
```

<program> ::= <stmt> <program>
           | ε
<stmt>    ::= <id> = <expression>
           | <id> = @<id> : <expression>
           | codegen (<ids>)
           | init (...)
<expression> ::= <Texpression>
              | <Lexpression>
<Texpression> ::= scalar ()
              | tensor ([[<ints>]])
              | eq (<id>, <iters>? → <iters>)
              | vop (<id>, <id>, [[<iters>?], <iters>?])
              | op (<id>, <id>, [[<iters>?], <iters>?] → <iters>)
<Lexpression> ::= build (<id>)
              | stripmine (<id>, <int>, <int>)
              | interchange (<id>, <int>, <int>)
              | fuse_outer (<id>, <id>, <int>)
              | fuse_inner (<id>, <int>)
              | unroll (<id>, <int>)
<iters>      ::= [[<ids>]]
<ids>       ::= <id> {, <id>}*
<ints>      ::= <int> {, <int>}*
    
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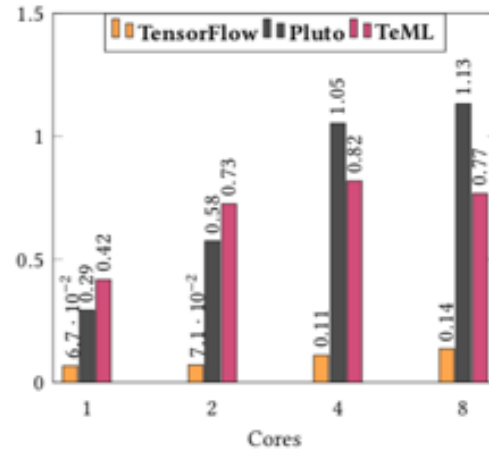
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Cross-domain tensor optimization

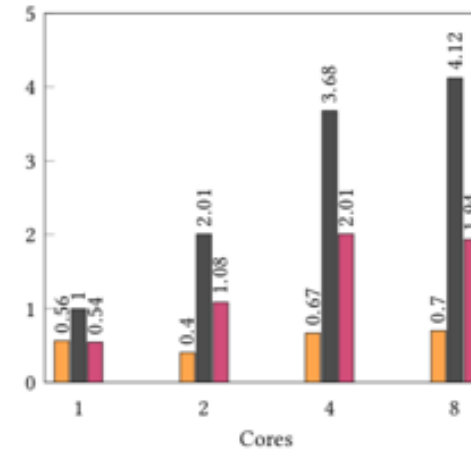
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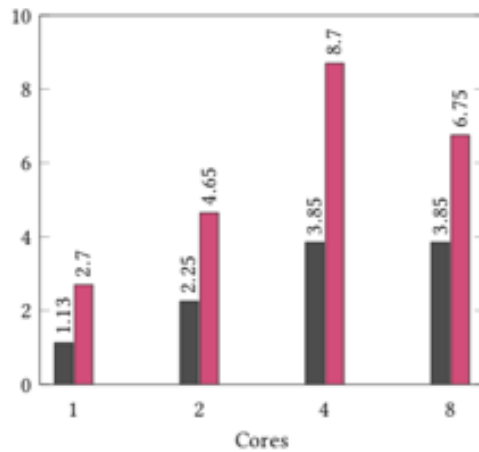
(b) bmm



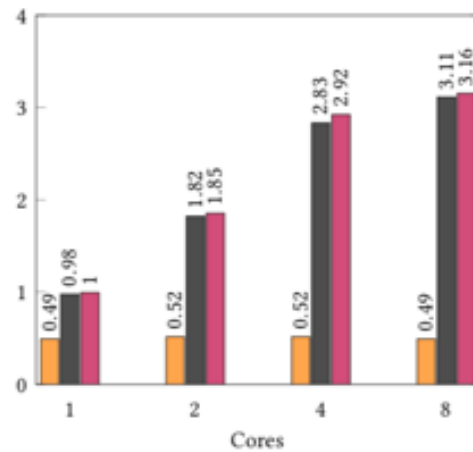
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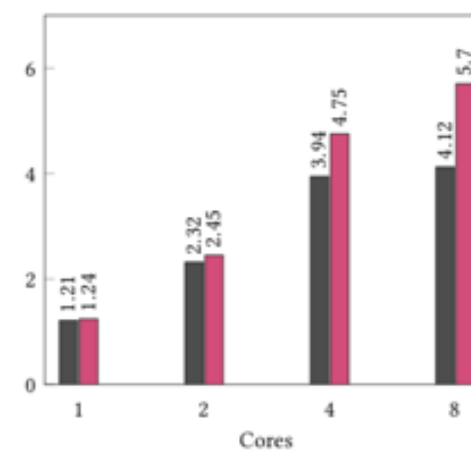
(d) gconv



(e) interp



(f) helm



Performance of Pluto
could be reproduced

Higher abstraction →
more optimization
potential

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Tell: Formal language – added value

- ❑ Core common to multiple tensor languages
- ❑ Index-free notation and strong type system
- ❑ **Provably** no out-of-bound accesses

```
A = placeholder((m,h), name='A')
B = placeholder(h,h, name='B')
k = reduce_axis(0, A, B, name='k')
C = compute((m,k=h, lambda i, j:
            sum(A[k, i] * B[k, j], axis=k))
```

$\llbracket \cdot \rrbracket : \text{Context} \rightarrow \text{Memory} \rightarrow (\text{list of Nat}) \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$

$\llbracket x \rrbracket \Gamma \mu \bar{i} = \mu x \bar{i}$

$\llbracket (e) \rrbracket \Gamma \mu \bar{i} = \llbracket e \rrbracket \Gamma \mu \bar{i}$

$\llbracket \text{add } e_0 e_1 \rrbracket \Gamma \mu \bar{i} = \llbracket e_0 \rrbracket \Gamma \mu \bar{i} + \llbracket e_1 \rrbracket \Gamma \mu \bar{i}$

$\llbracket \text{mul } e_0 e_1 \rrbracket \Gamma \mu \bar{i} = \begin{cases} \llbracket e_0 \rrbracket \Gamma \mu [] \cdot \llbracket e_1 \rrbracket \Gamma \mu \bar{i}, & \text{if } \text{type}_{\Gamma}(e_0) = [] \\ \llbracket e_0 \rrbracket \Gamma \mu \bar{i} \cdot \llbracket e_1 \rrbracket \Gamma \mu \bar{i}, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

$\llbracket \text{prod } e_0 e_1 \rrbracket \Gamma \mu (\bar{i}_0 \# \bar{i}_1) = \llbracket e_0 \rrbracket \Gamma \mu \bar{i}_0 \cdot \llbracket e_1 \rrbracket \Gamma \mu \bar{i}_1,$
if $\text{rank}_{\Gamma}(e_0) = \text{length}(\bar{i}_0)$ and $\text{rank}_{\Gamma}(e_1) = \text{length}(\bar{i}_1)$

$\llbracket \text{red}_+ i e \rrbracket \Gamma \mu [j_1, \dots, j_{i-1}, j_i, \dots, j_k] = \sum_{m=1}^n \llbracket e \rrbracket \Gamma \mu [j_1, \dots, j_{i-1}, m, j_i, \dots, j_k],$ if $\text{type}_{\Gamma}(e) = [n_1, \dots, n_{i-1}, n, n_{i+1}, \dots, n_{k+1}]$

$\llbracket \text{transp } i_0 i_1 e \rrbracket \Gamma \mu [j_1, \dots, j_{i_0}, \dots, j_{i_1}, \dots, j_k] =$

$\llbracket e \rrbracket \Gamma \mu [j_1, \dots, j_{i_1}, \dots, j_{i_0}, \dots, j_k]$

$\llbracket \text{diag } i_0 i_1 e \rrbracket \Gamma \mu [j_1, \dots, j_{i_0-1}, j_{i_0}, j_{i_0+1}, \dots, j_{i_1-1}, j_{i_1}, \dots, j_k] =$

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$\llbracket \text{expa } i n e \rrbracket \Gamma \mu [j_1, \dots, j_{i-1}, j_i, j_{i+1}, \dots, j_k] =$

$\llbracket e \rrbracket \Gamma \mu [j_1, \dots, j_{i-1}, j_{i+1}, \dots, j_k]$

$\llbracket \text{proj } i m e \rrbracket \Gamma \mu [j_1, \dots, j_{i-1}, j_i, \dots, j_k] =$

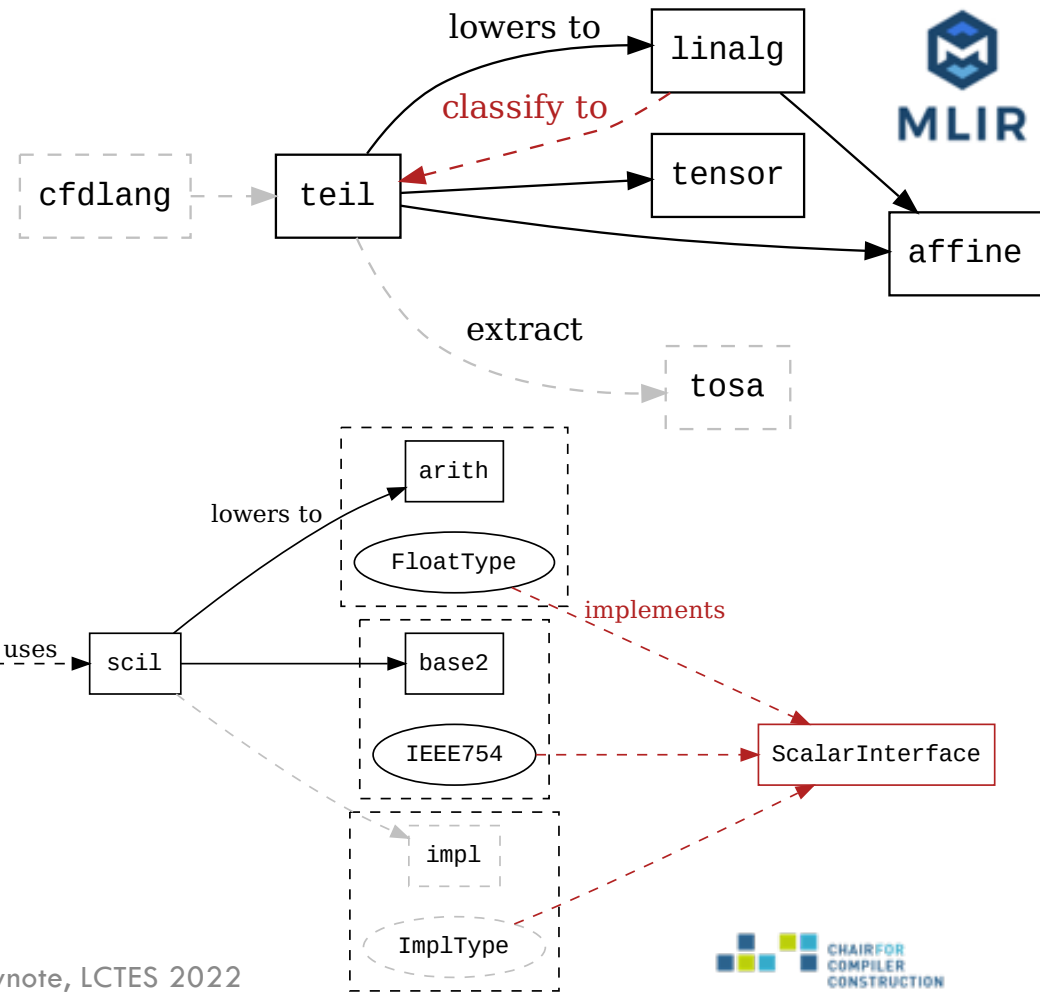
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TeIL in MLIR

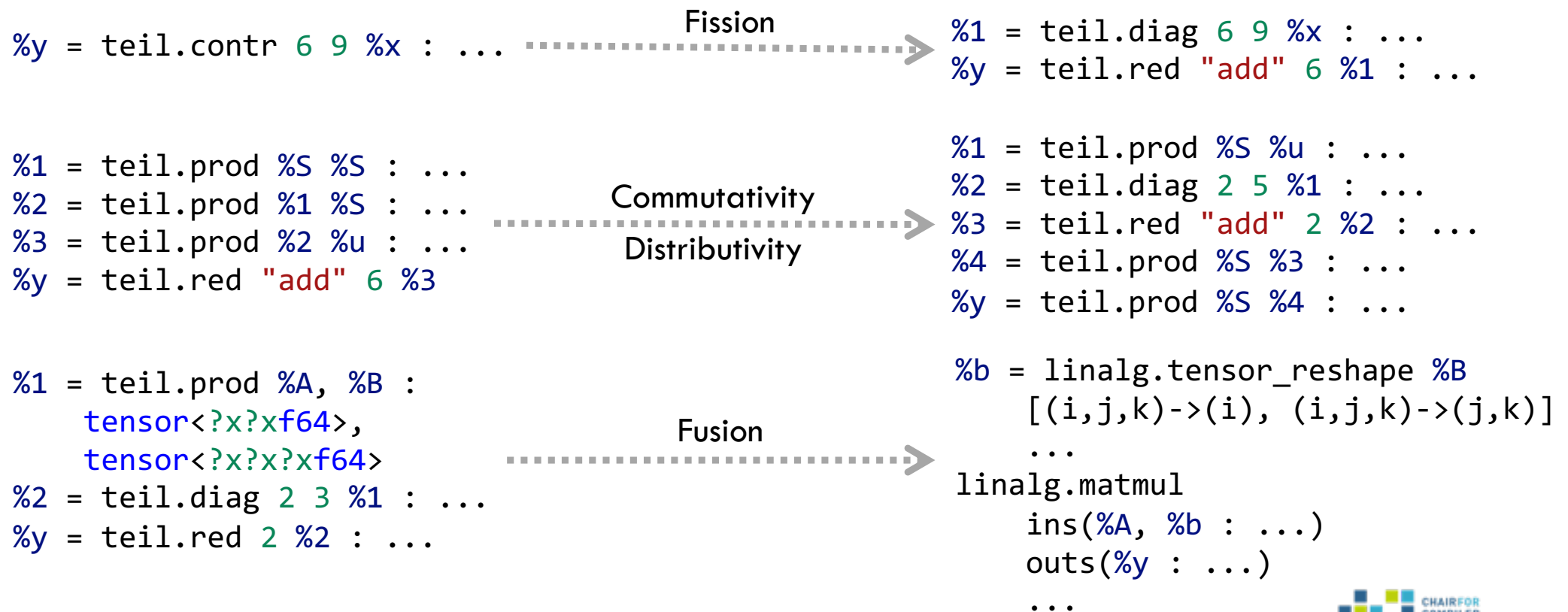
- ❑ Primitive ops instead of index maps
- ❑ Easier to express identities (big-O trfs)
- ❑ Uses symbolic math, infinite precision

- ❑ Scalar types
 - ❑ ScIL provides scalar operators
 - ❑ ScIL provides Rationals, Neutrals, ...
 - ❑ Base2 provides parametric binary number types
 - ❑ Based2 models (custom) hardware



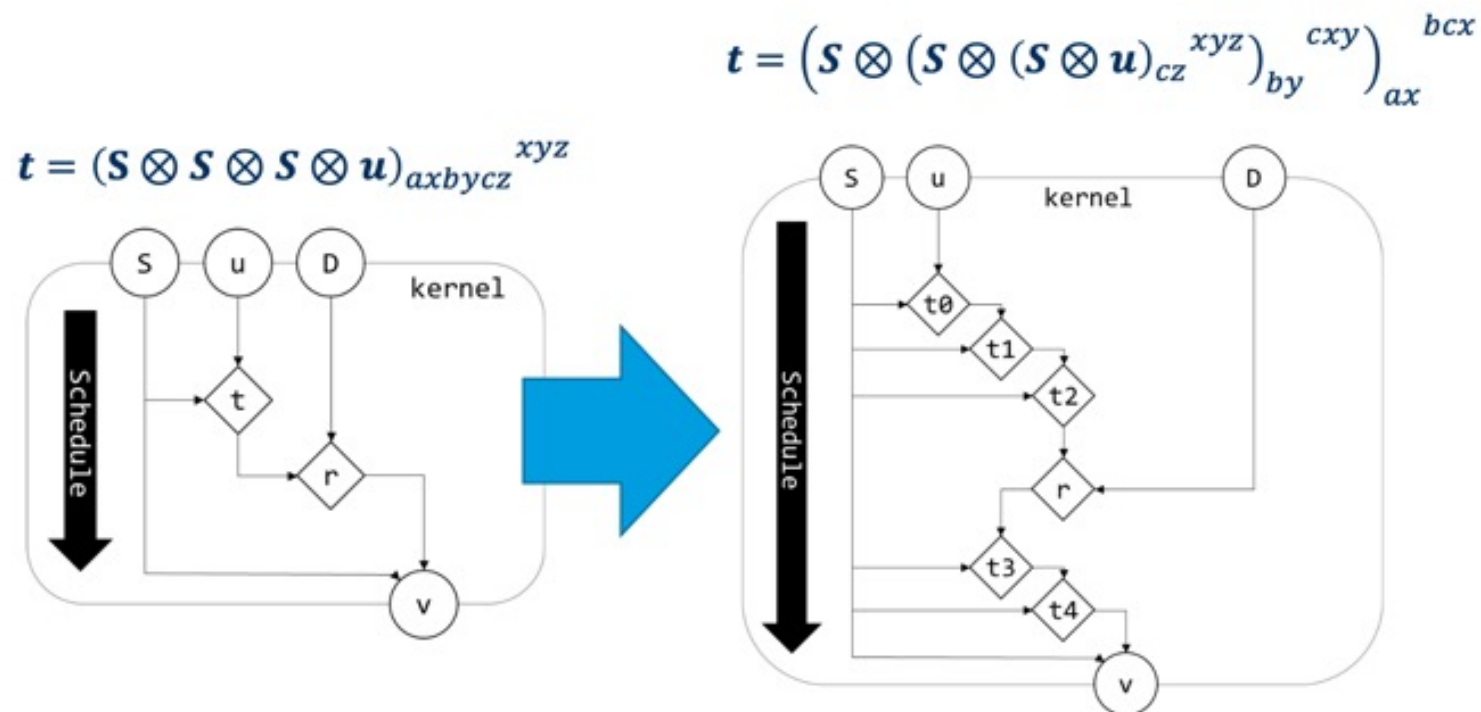
Multi-level lowering with MLIR

□ Encoding transformations



Domain-specific optimization

- ❑ Encode algebraic transformations (Interpolation as example)
- ❑ Direct feedback to expert via DSL export



FPGA code generation: Bus-attached FPGAs

❑ H2020 EU Project: Convergence HPC, Big Data and ML

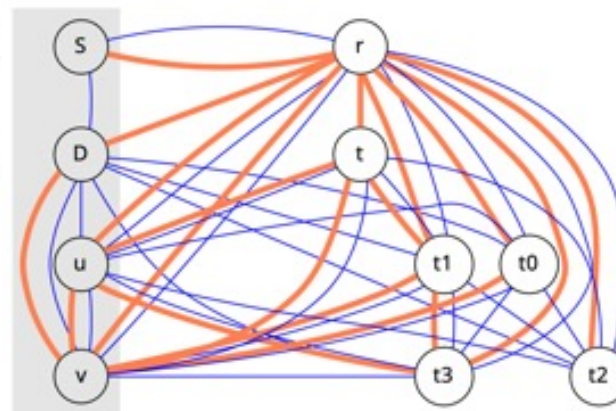
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❑ Inverse Helmholtz Kernel

$$\mathbf{v}_e = (\mathbf{S} \otimes \mathbf{S} \otimes \mathbf{S}) \mathbf{D}_e^{-1} (\mathbf{S}^T \otimes \mathbf{S}^T \otimes \mathbf{S}^T) \mathbf{u}_e$$

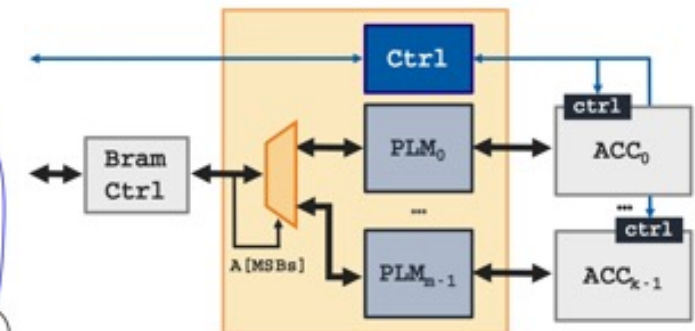
```
t = S # S # S # u . [[1
r = D * t
v = S # S # S # r . [[0
```

Lifetime analysis
(polyhedral analysis)



Menosyne

mem-subsystem gen (buffer sharing)



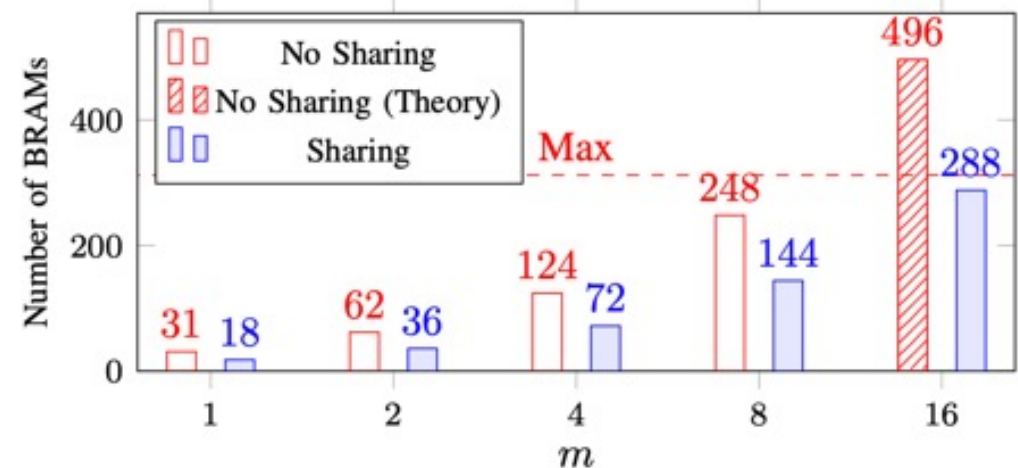
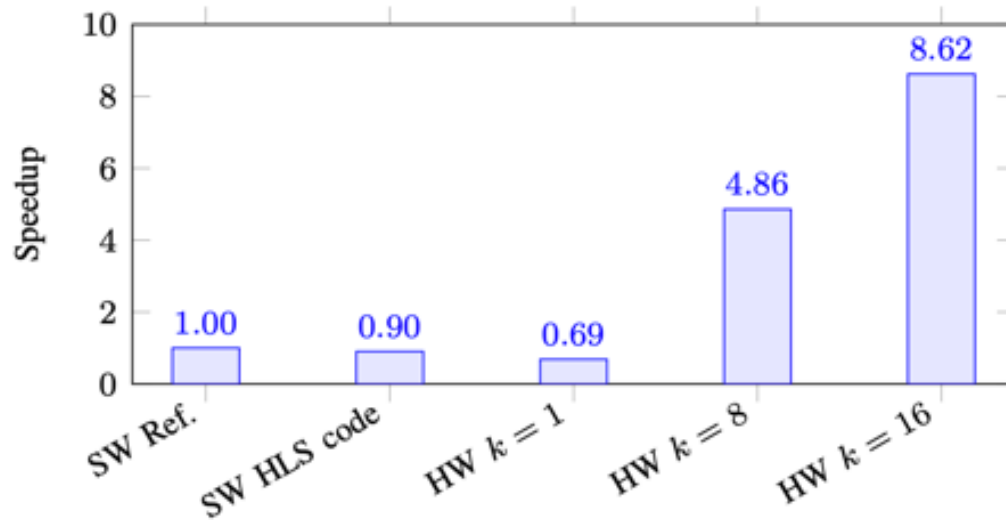
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FPGA code generation: Bus-attached FPGAs

- ❑ H2020 EU Project: Convergence HPC, Big Data and ML
- ❑ Exploring configurations on small FPGAs
- ❑ Example on Inverse Helmholtz kernel



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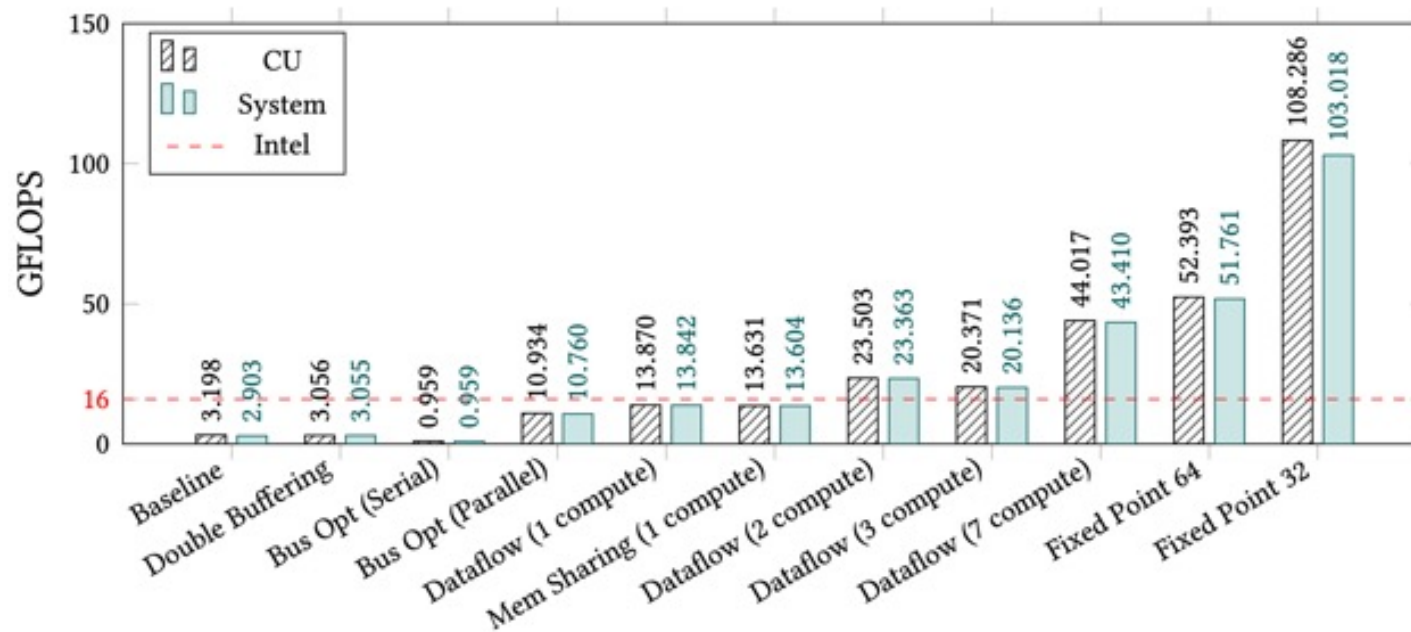
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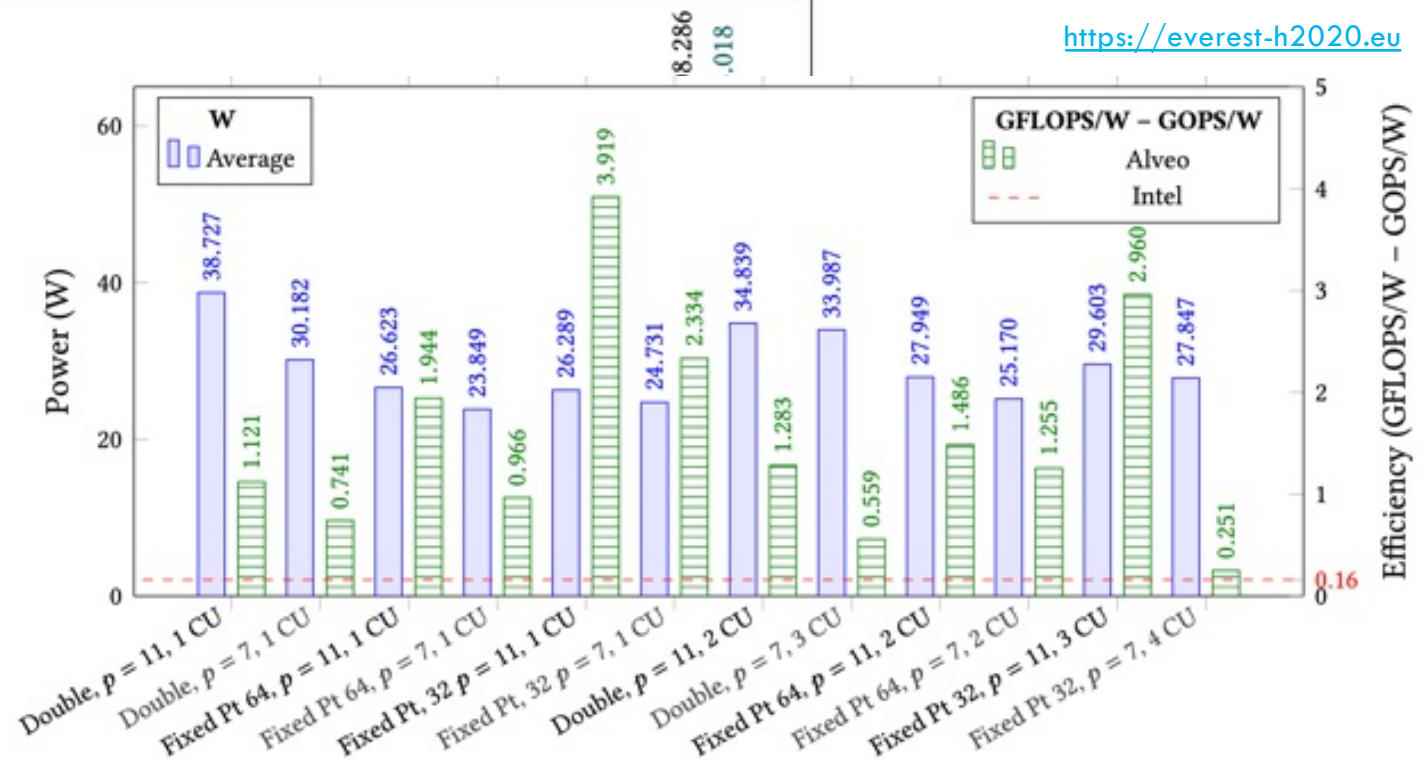
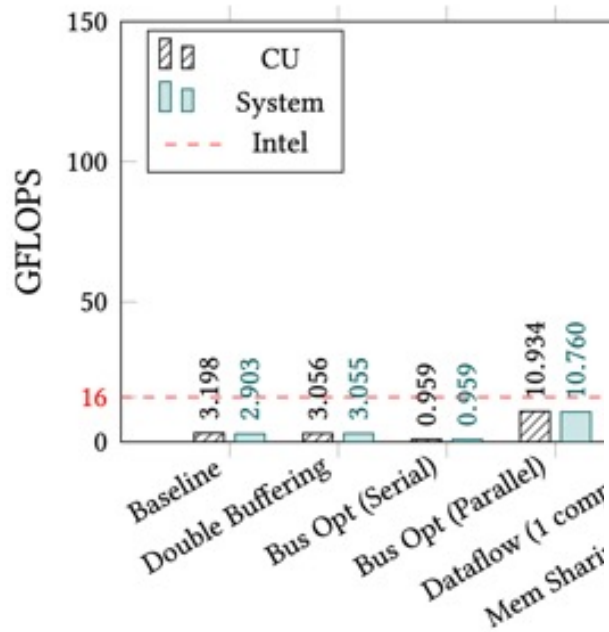
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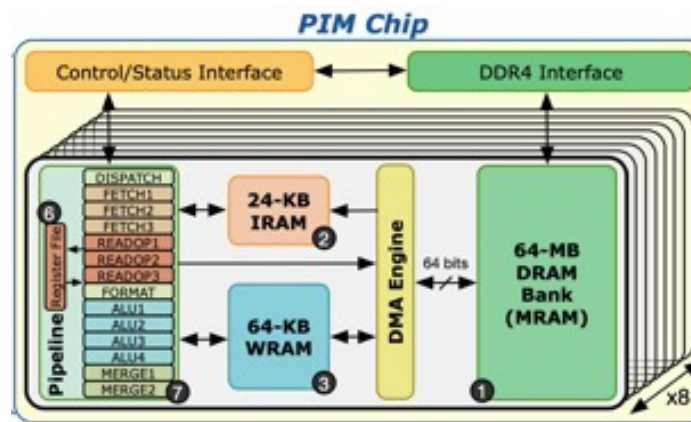
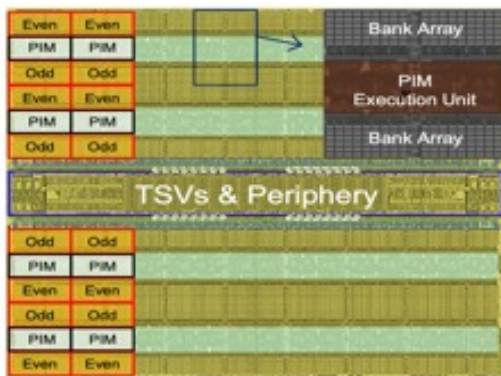
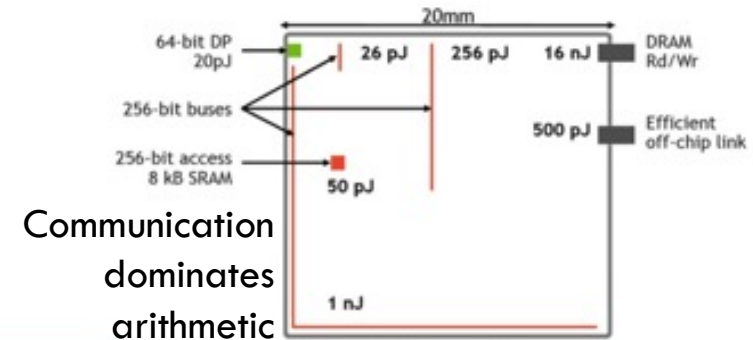
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Emerging data-centric architectures

- ❑ Compute (almost) in-place, avoid data movement, transformations to match primitives
- ❑ Novel architectures for near-memory and in-memory computing



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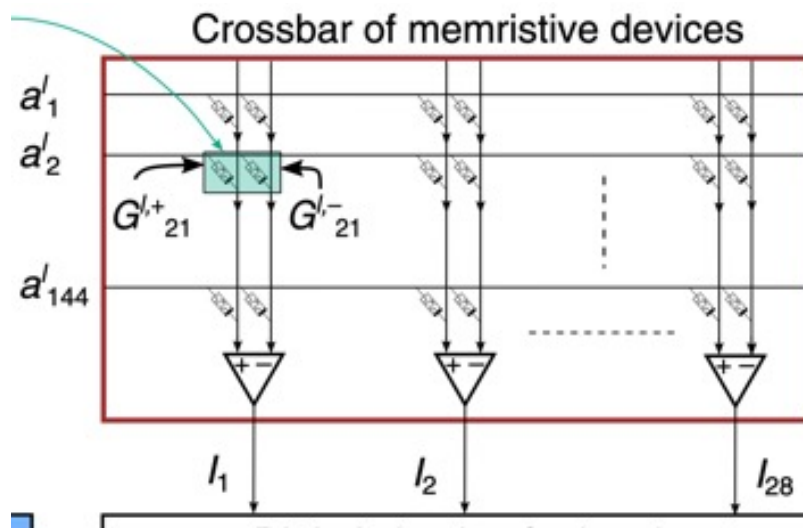
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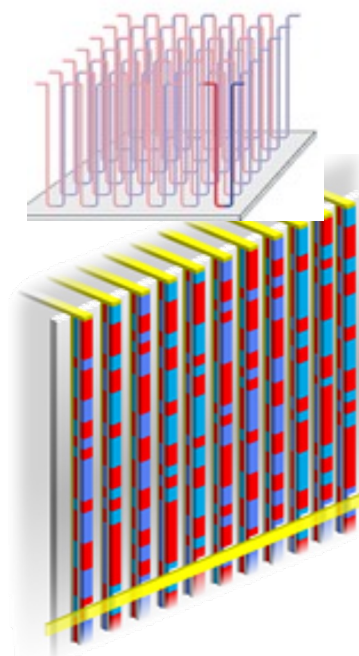
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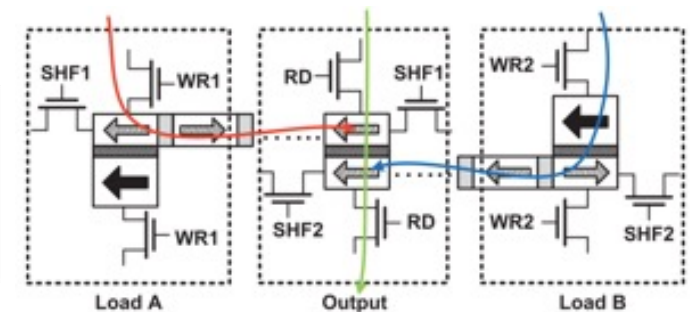
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In-RTM Computing



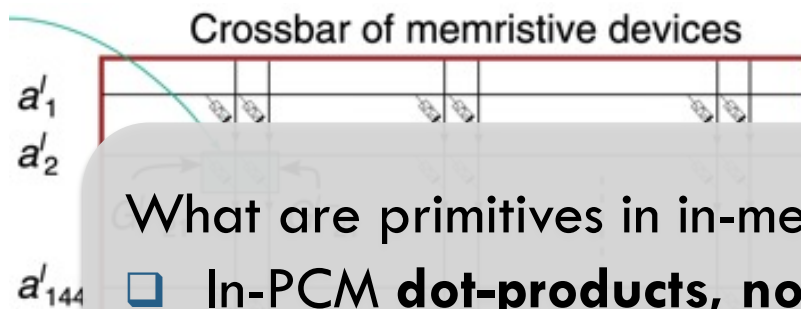
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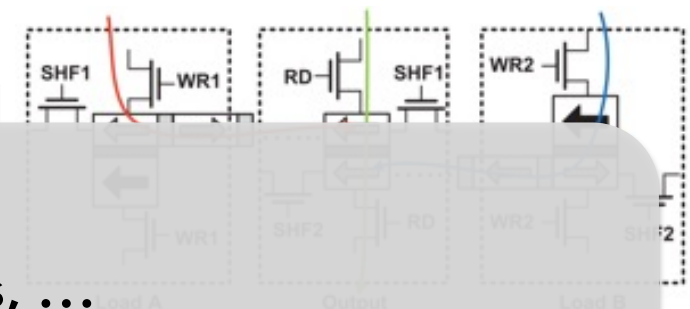
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In-RTM Computing



What are primitives in in-memory computing?

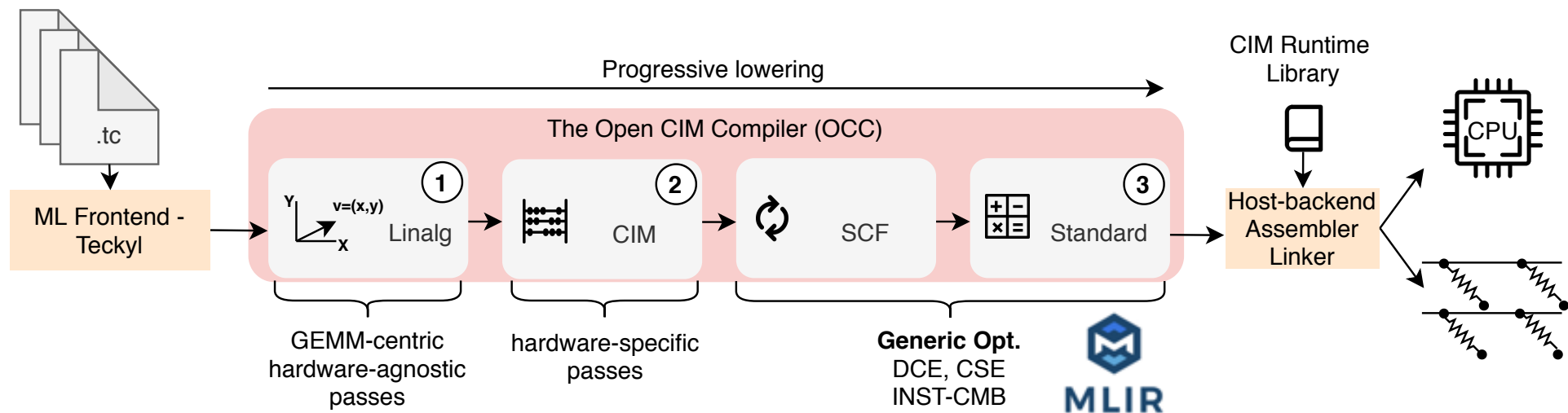
- ❑ In-PCM **dot-products, non-linear functions, ...**
- ❑ In-RTM bulk logic and **majority operations, efficient counting, ...**
- ❑ Others: (approx.) **content-addressable memories (FeFETs, ...)**

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End-to-end compiler for PCM acceleration

- ❑ MLIR frontend for general tensor expressions
 - ❑ Reuse GEMM transformations from **linalg** (in MLIR)
 - ❑ High-level transformations and lowering to **CIM dialect**



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Lowering examples

```
def contr(int16(K,L,M) A, int16(L,K,N) B)
  -> (int16(M,N) C)
{
  C(m,n) += A(k,l,m) * B(l,k,n)
}
```

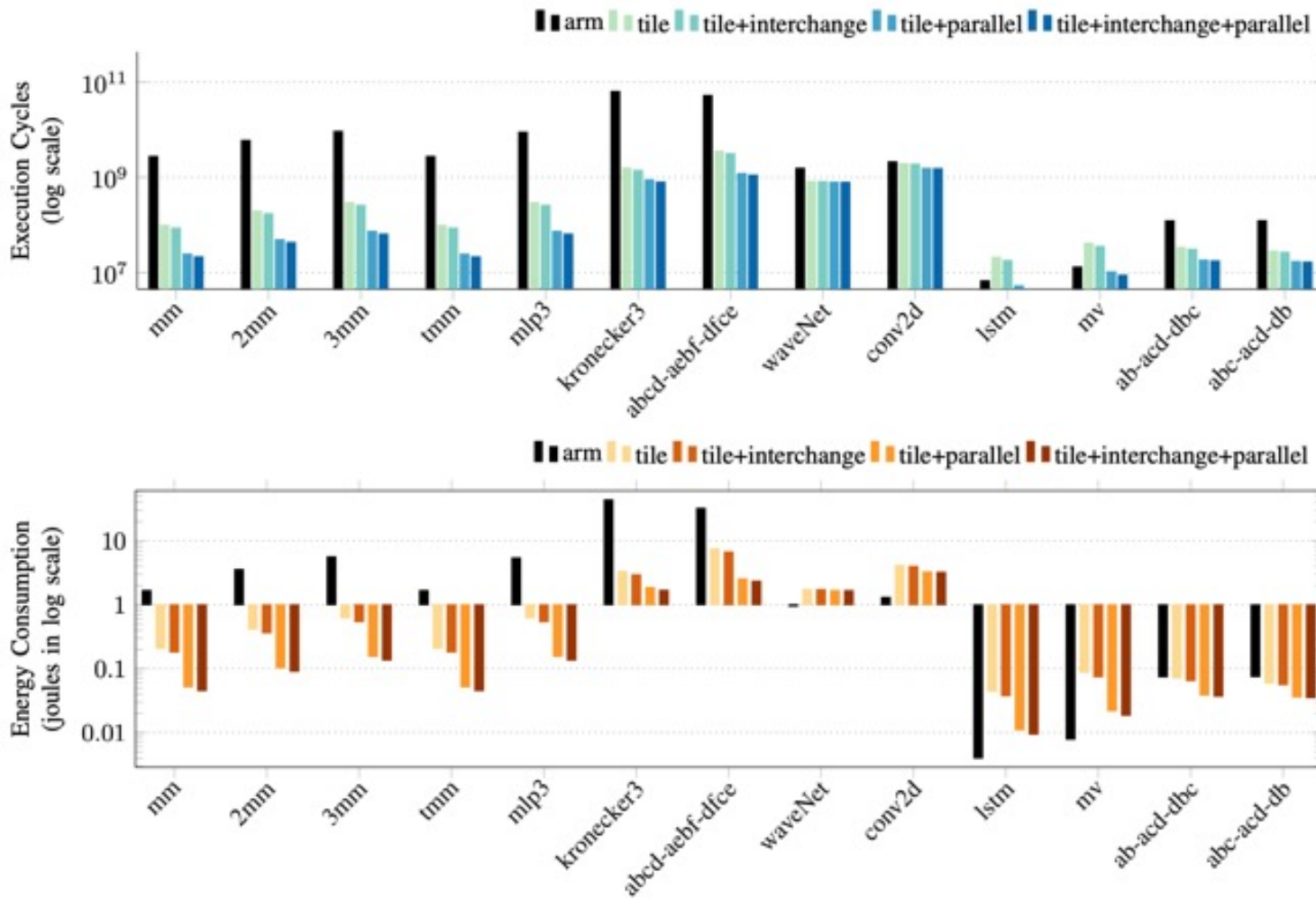
⇓ lowers to

```
%0 = linalg.transpose(%A, {2, 0, 1})
%1 = linalg.transpose(%B, {1, 0, 2})
%2 = linalg.reshape(%0, {0, {1, 2}})
%3 = linalg.reshape(%1, {{0, 1}, 2})
// eligible for offloading to CIM
linalg.matmul(%2, %3, %C)
```

```
// loop interchanged GEMM
scf.for %k = %c0 to %numTiles step %c1 {
  scf.for %j = %c0 to %tiledCols step %c1 {
    %tileB = cim.copyTile(%B, %k, %j)
    cim.write(%id, %tileB)
    scf.for %i = %c0 to %tiledRows step %c1 {
      %tileC = cim.copyTile(%C, %i, %j)
      ...
      cim.storeTile(%tileC, %C, %i, %j)
    }
  }
}
```

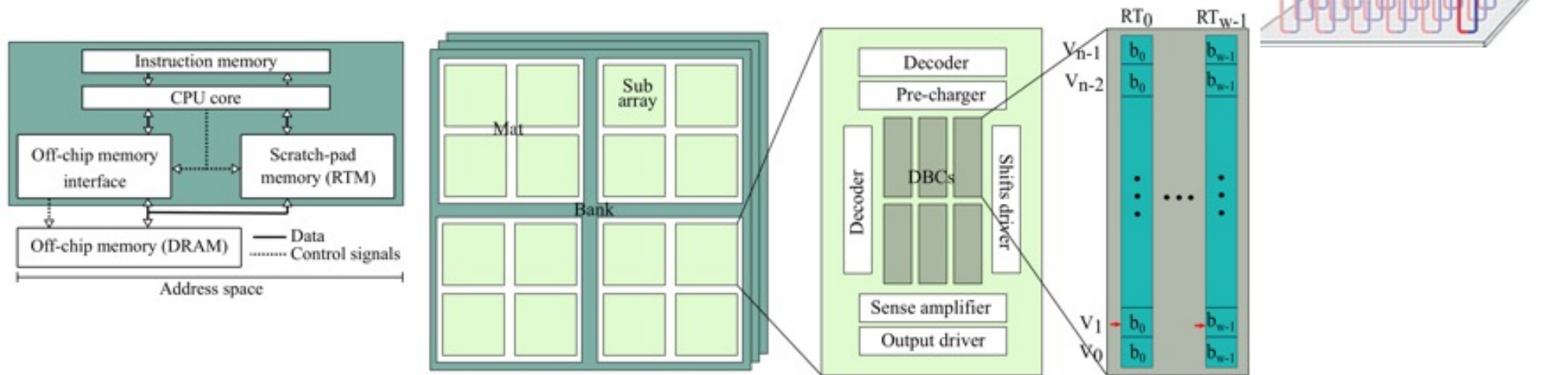
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linalg.matmul(%A, %B, %C)
  ⇓ lowers to
// tiled GEMM in the CIM dialect
%c0 = constant 0 : i32
%c1 = constant 1 : i32
%id = constant 0 : i32 // tile id
scf.for %i = %c0 to %tiledRows step %c1 {
  scf.for %j = %c0 to %tiledCols step %c1 {
    %tileC = cim.copyTile(%C, %i, %j)
    %tempTile = cim.allocDuplicate(%tileC)
    scf.for %k = %c0 to %numTiles step %c1 {
      %tileA = cim.copyTile(%A, %i, %k)
      %tileB = cim.copyTile(%B, %k, %j)
      cim.write(%id, %tileB)
      cim.matmul(%id, %tileA, %tempTile)
      cim.barrier(%id)
      // tileC += tempTile
      cim.accumulate(%tileC, %tempTile)
    }
    cim.storeTile(%tileC, %C, %i, %j)
  }
}
```

Optimization results: Beyond Matmult



Racetrack memories and shifts

- ❑ Latency highly depends on allocation and address traces
- ❑ System-level simulators (interoperable w/ e.g. gem5)
- ❑ Compiler optimizations for scalars, arrays and instructions



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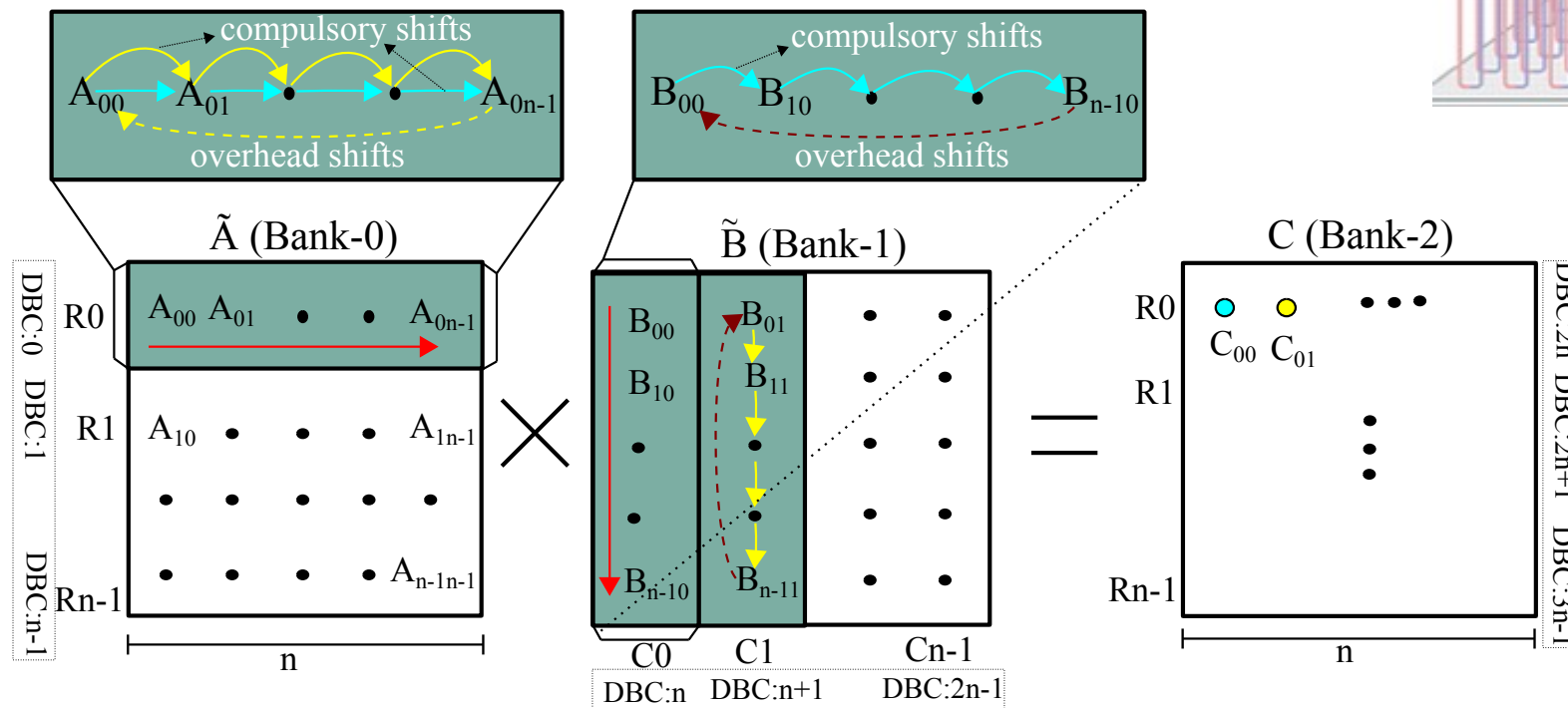
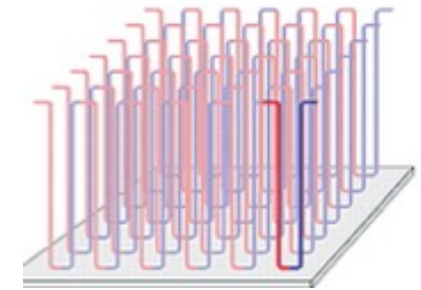
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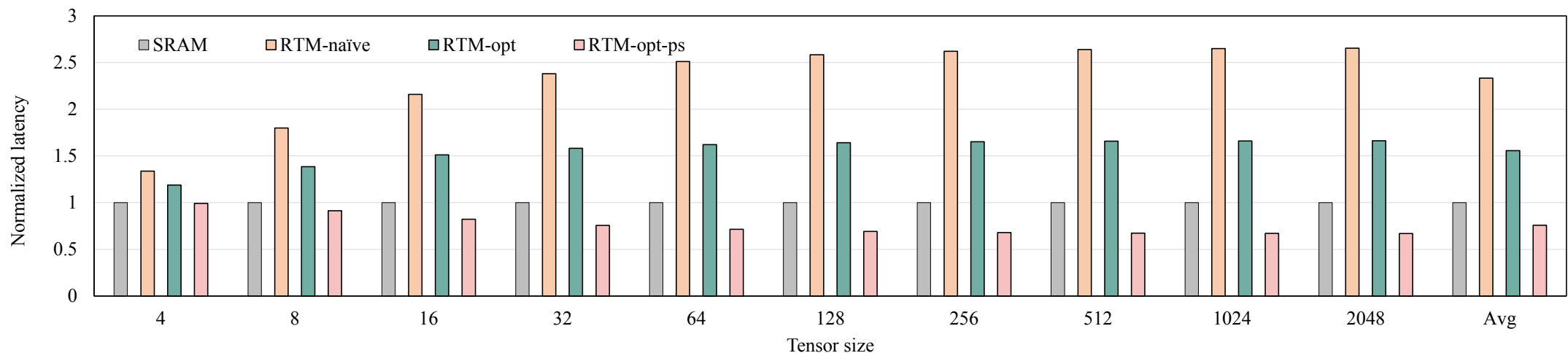
Tensor expressions on RTMs

- Consecutive accesses can be pre-shifted
- Avoid “rewinding the tape”



Latency comparison vs SRAM

- ❑ Un-optimized and naïve mapping: Even worse latency than SRAM
- ❑ 24% average improvement (even with very conservative circuit simulation)

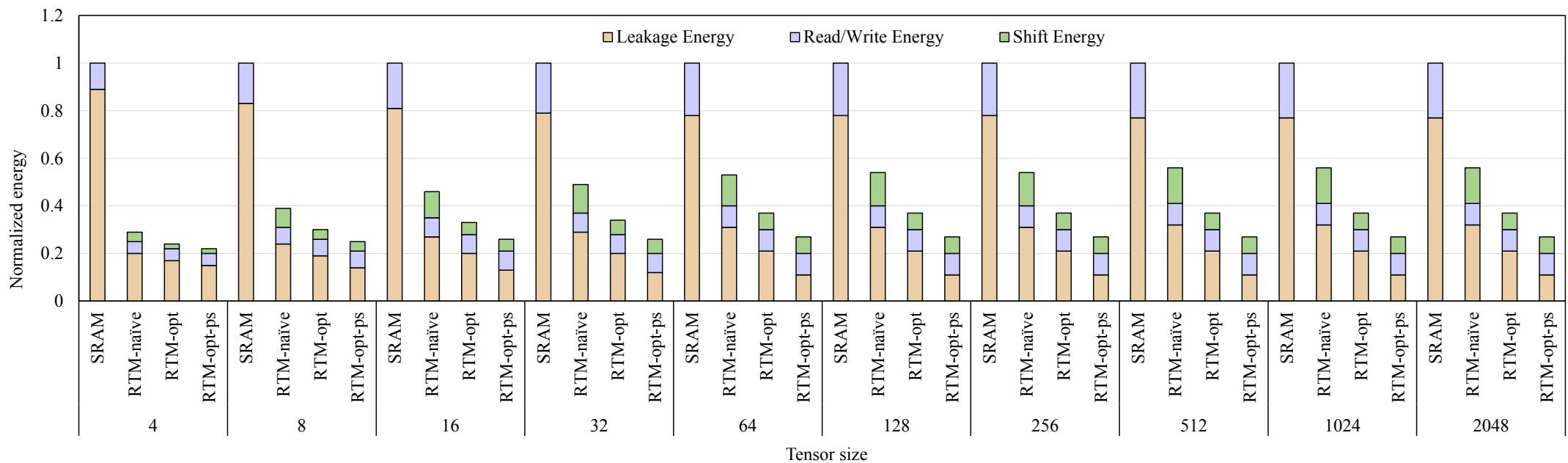


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Energy comparison vs SRAM

- Higher savings due to less leakage power
- 74% average improvement (in addition to savings due to DRAM placement)

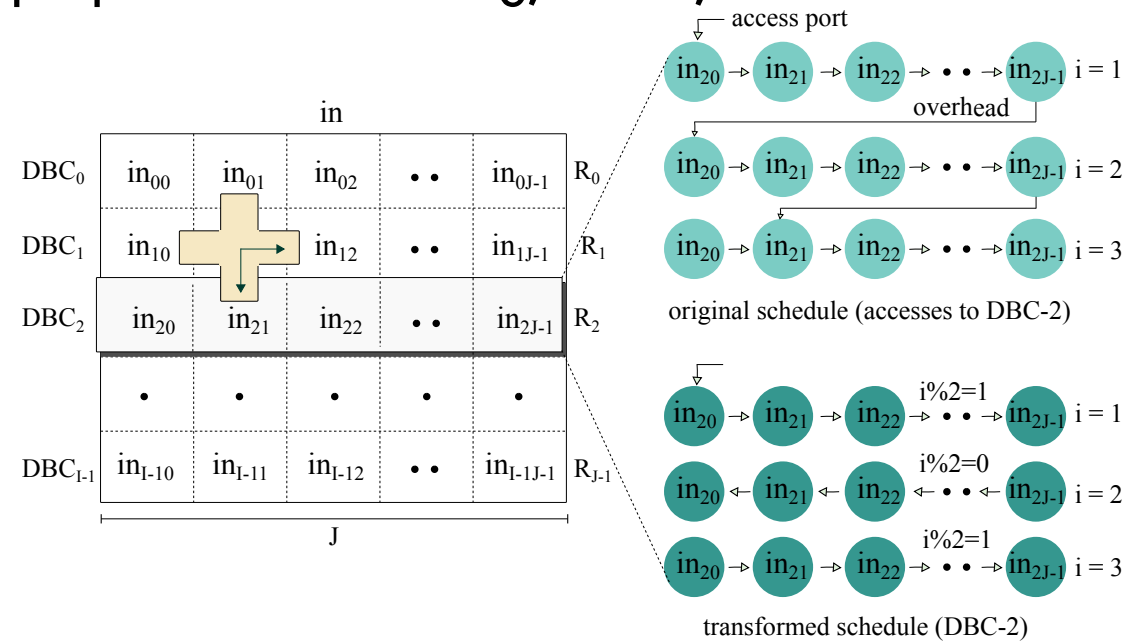
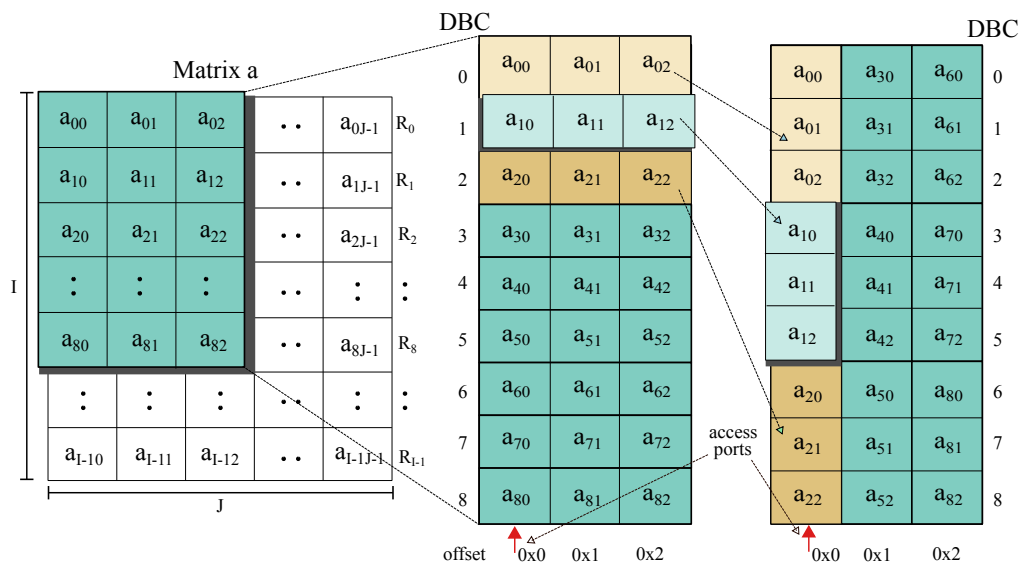


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Generalization: RTM optimizing compiler

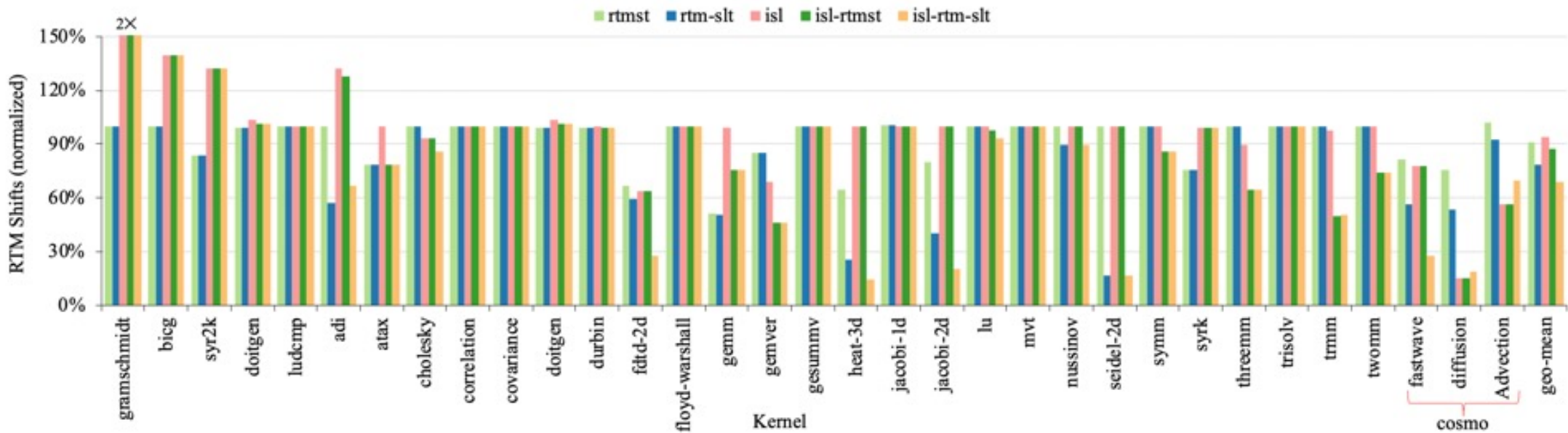
- Jointly optimize layout and operation scheduling
- Interplay with other (polyhedral) loop optimizations: Tiling, fusion, ...



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Example: Optimizations for stencils for RTM

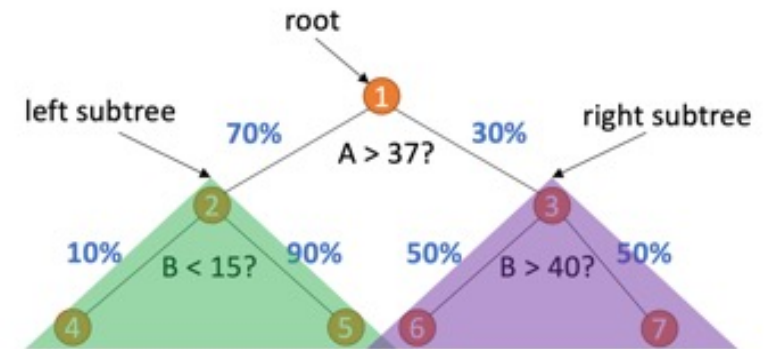
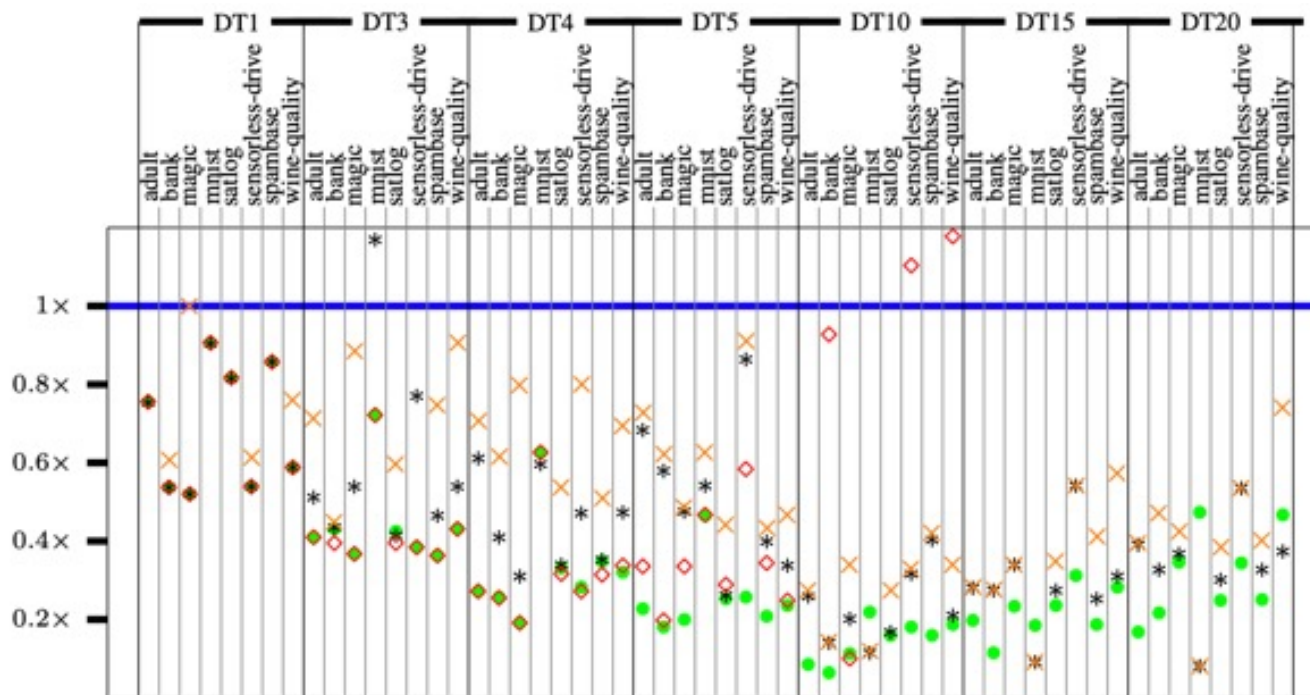
- Average improvements in performance (~20%) and energy consumption (~40%)



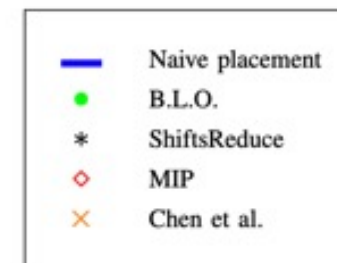
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Random forests

- ❑ Popular way for decision making @ edge
- ❑ Example of less-predictable access
- ❑ Use training statistics for tree placement

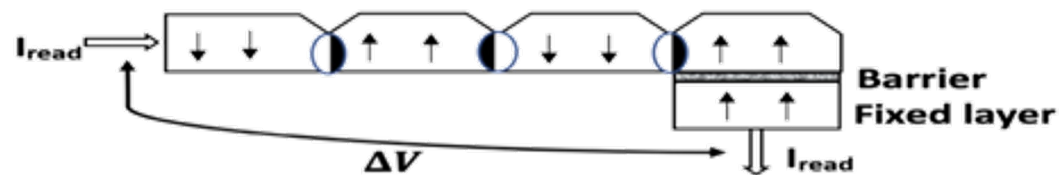


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In-RTM computing

- ❑ Transverse reads
 - ❑ Pass current through nanowire (not for shifting)
 - ❑ Sensed resistance correlates with the amount of ones (group XOR)



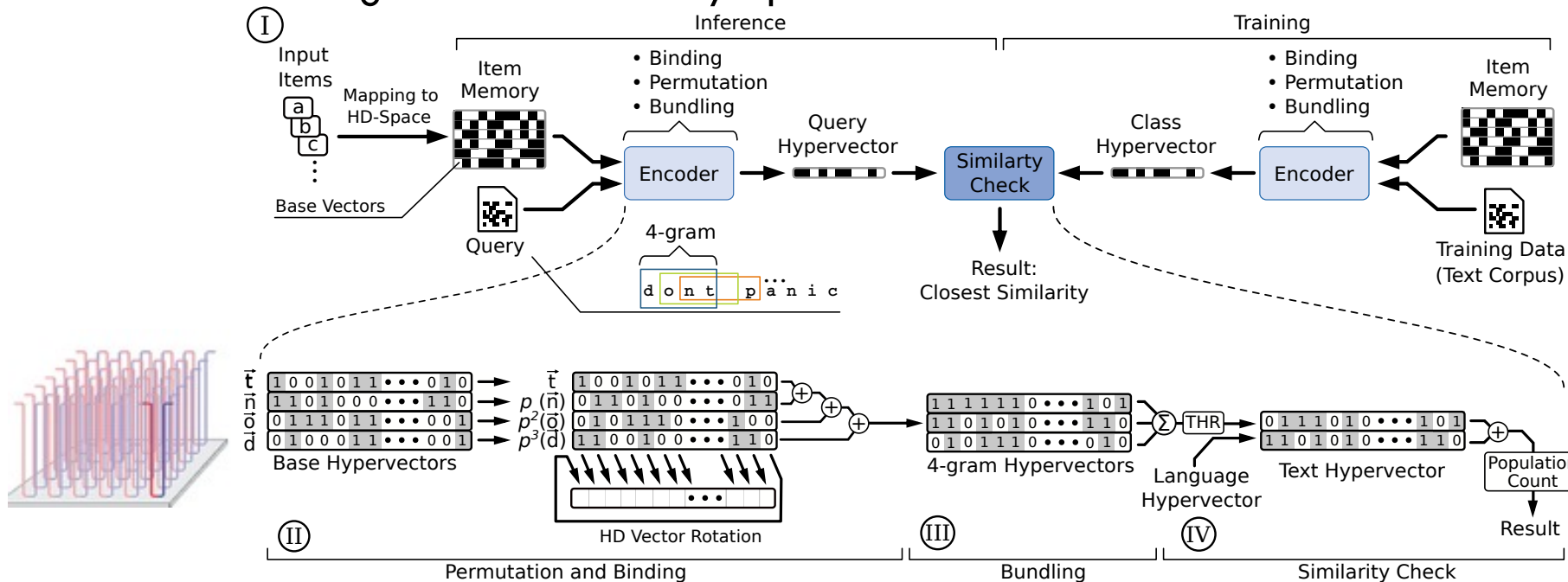
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- ❑ Studying how to generalize from this through hand-crafted designs...

Example: Hyper dimensional computing (HDC)

❑ HDC: Embed data in 10 k-dimensions – Von-Neuman Bottleneck!

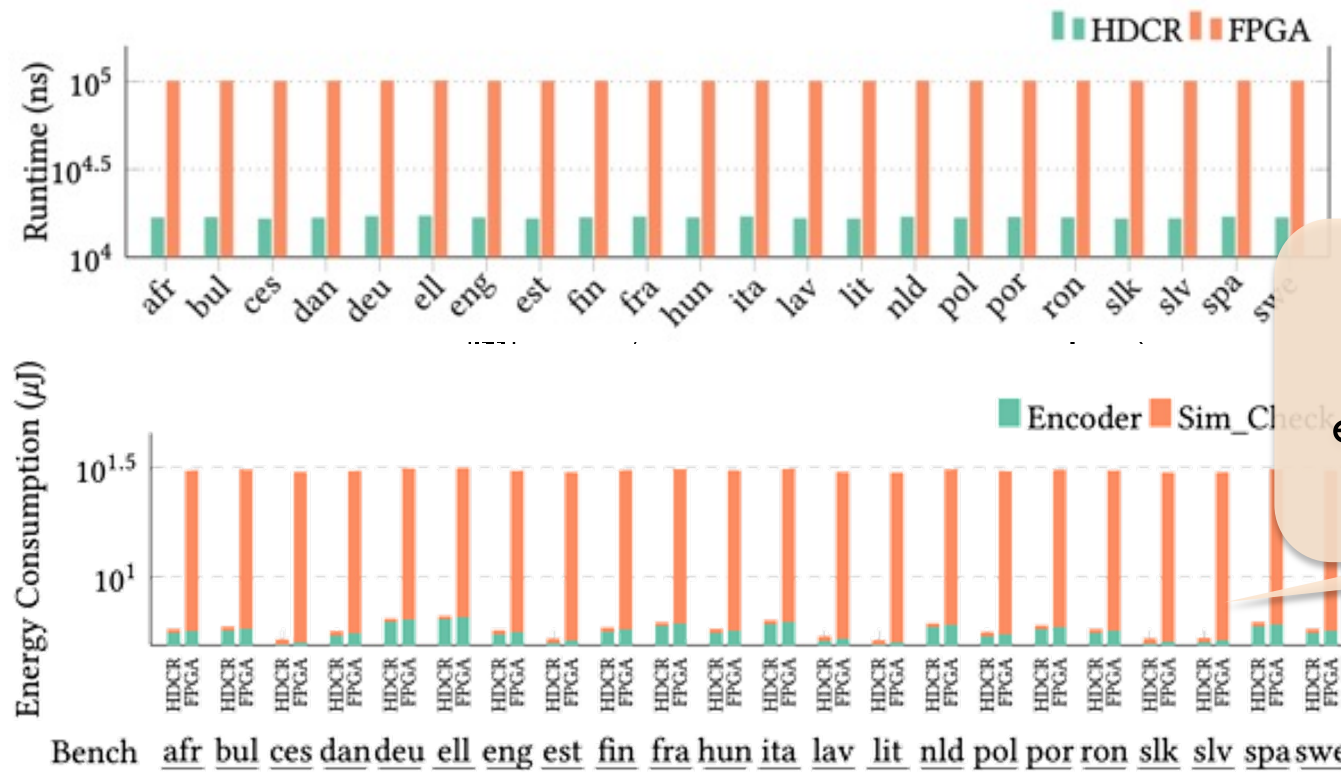
❑ Leverage bulk-wise binary operations



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Example: Hyper dimensional computing (HDC)



raining

- Binding
- Permutation
- Bundling

Item Memory

Encoder

~6x faster and 5.3x less energy over FPGA accelerator

0111010101010101
1101010101010101

Text Hypervector

+

Population Count

Result

Similarity Check

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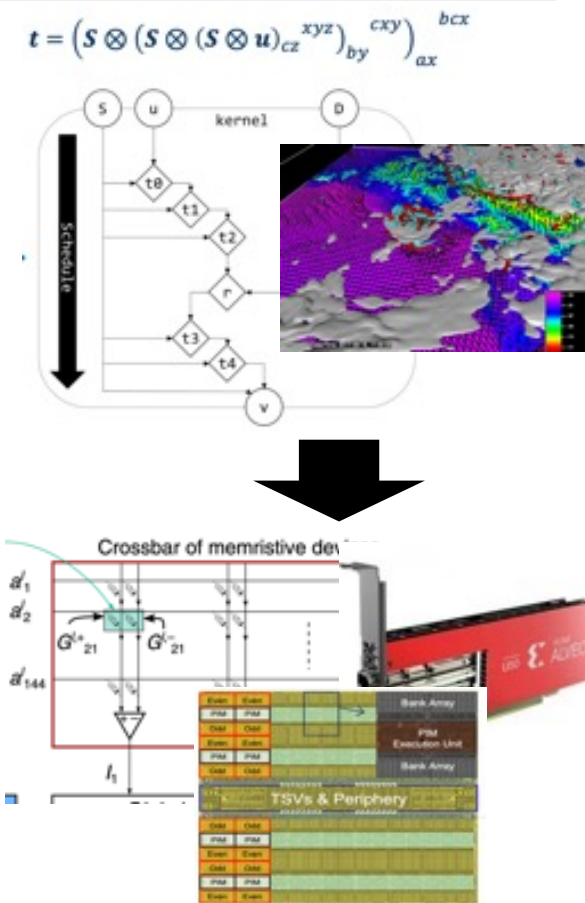
Summary

- ❑ Tame ever-increasing system complexity
 - ❑ Domain-specific abstractions, compilation flows, ...
 - ❑ Example for tensor expressions
 - ❑ Optimization for CPU, in-memory, RTM placement, ...

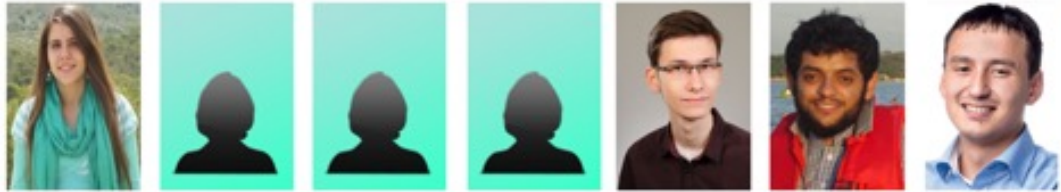
Challenges

- ❑ Understanding and modeling primitives from down below
- ❑ Simulators, prototypes in interdisciplinary research efforts
- ❑ Optimization/DSE: ML? simpler heuristics useful again?
- ❑ Joint work across stack layers will be key!

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