

# Domain-Specific Multi-IR Rewriting for GPU

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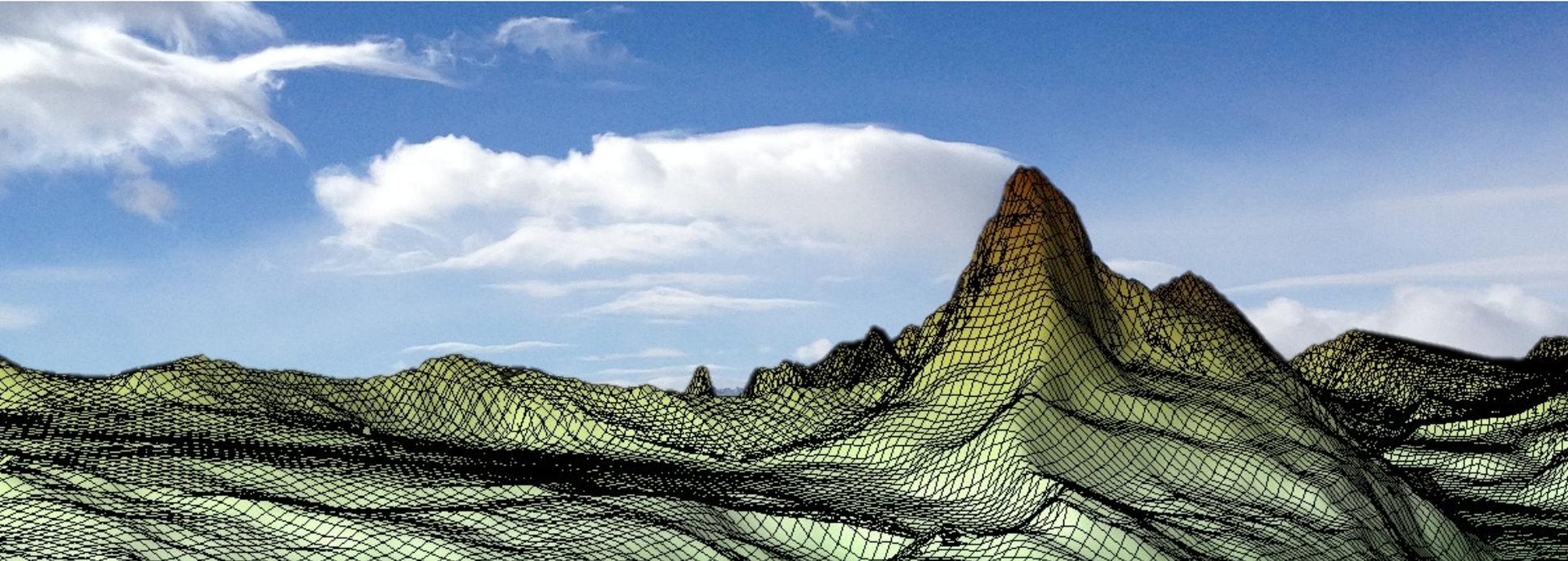
# The COSMO Atmospheric Model

- Regional model used by 7 national weather services (DE, CH, IT, ...)



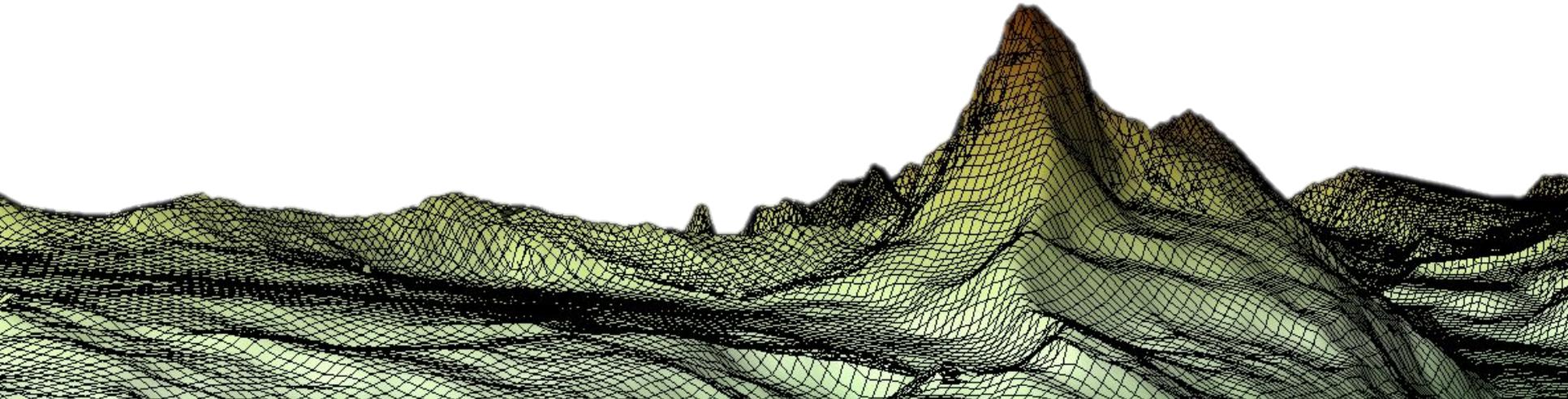
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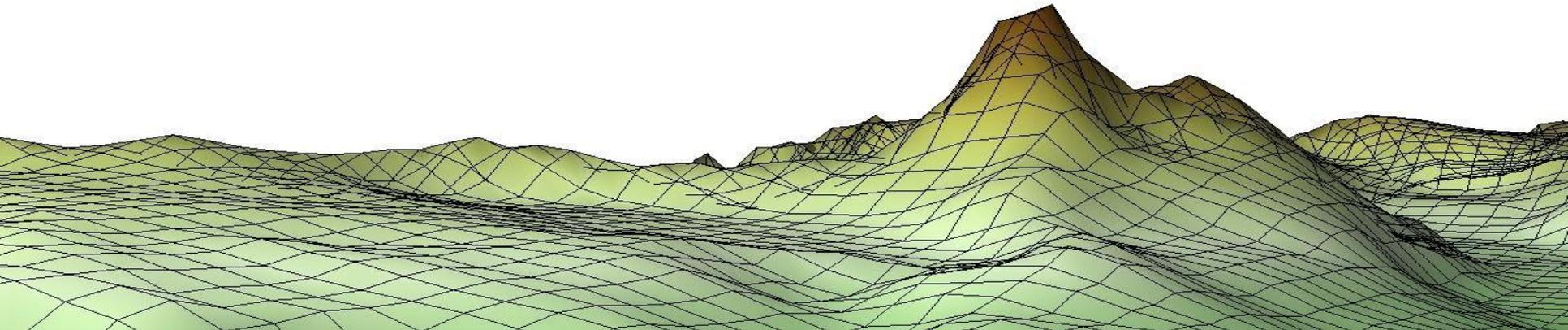
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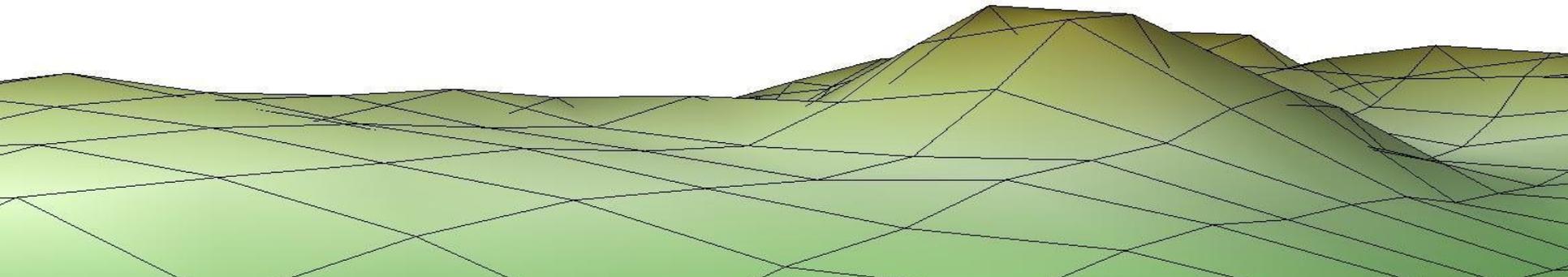
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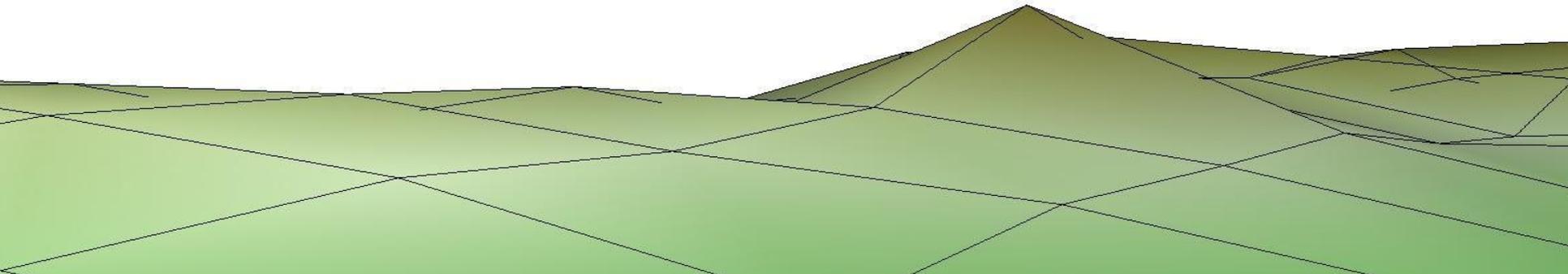
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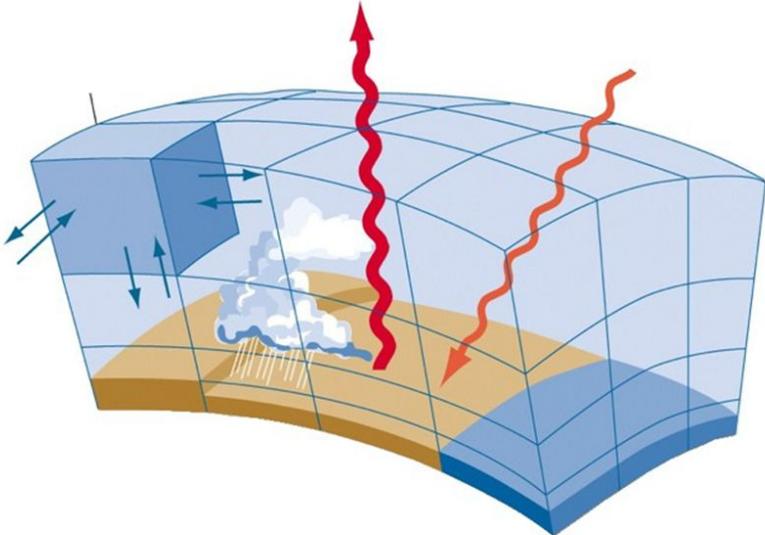
# Resolution (1.1km – Weather Forecast Today)

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# Domain-Science vs Computer-Science

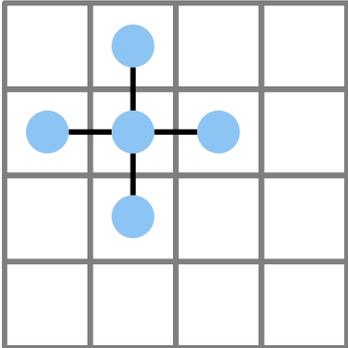
- solve PDE
- finite differences
- structured grid



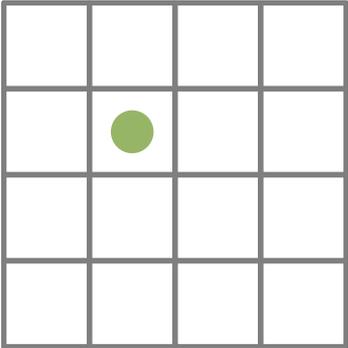
- element-wise computation
- fixed neighborhood

$$\text{lap}(i,j) = -4.0 * \text{in}(i,j) + \text{in}(i-1,j) + \text{in}(i+1,j) + \text{in}(i,j-1) + \text{in}(i,j+1)$$

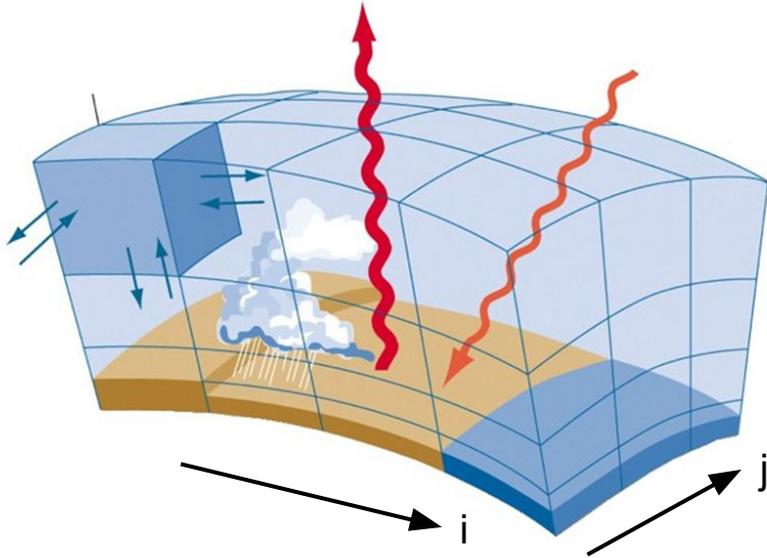
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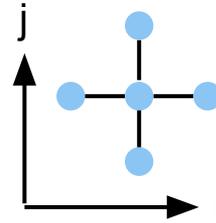
lap



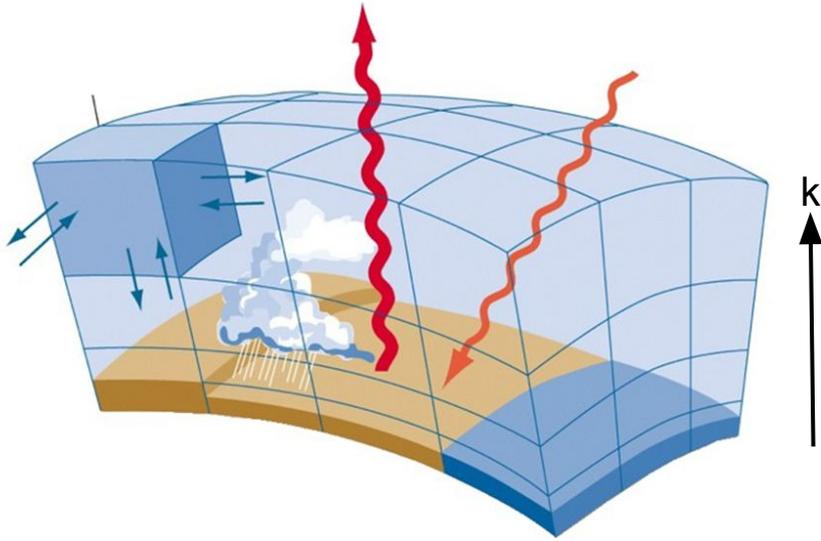
# Algorithmic Motifs – Finite Differences



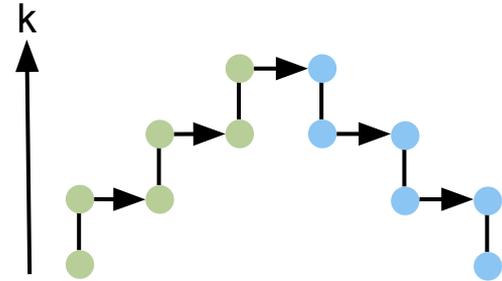
- stencils (no loop carried dependencies)
- mostly horizontal dependencies



# Algorithmic Motifs – Tridiagonal Systems



- vertical dependencies
- loop carried dependencies



# Global Climate Modeling Challenges

## ***Computational Challenge***

Resolution 1 km<sup>2</sup>

Surface 500,000,000 km<sup>2</sup> (Switzerland 40,000 km<sup>2</sup>)

Duration 100 years (Weather model 2-7 days)

Time-to-Solution 3 months

## ***Software Challenge (COSMO)***

Language Fortran

Size 300,000 LoC

Loops thousands

Domains Physics, Stencil (Finite Volume/Difference),  
General-Purpose, MPI

## **Hardware Challenge**

Today's hardware has insufficient memory bandwidth

## ***Community Challenge***

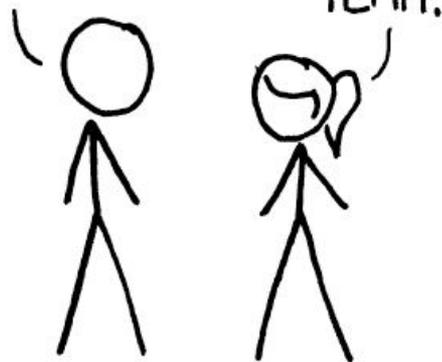
Large Fortran based Ecosystem, DSL and Non-DSL code, HPC  
engineer wants control, ...

# HOW STANDARDS PROLIFERATE:

(SEE: A/C CHARGERS, CHARACTER ENCODINGS, INSTANT MESSAGING, ETC.)

SITUATION:  
THERE ARE  
14 COMPETING  
STANDARDS.

14?! RIDICULOUS!  
WE NEED TO DEVELOP  
ONE UNIVERSAL STANDARD  
THAT COVERS EVERYONE'S  
USE CASES.



SOON:

SITUATION:  
THERE ARE  
15 COMPETING  
STANDARDS.



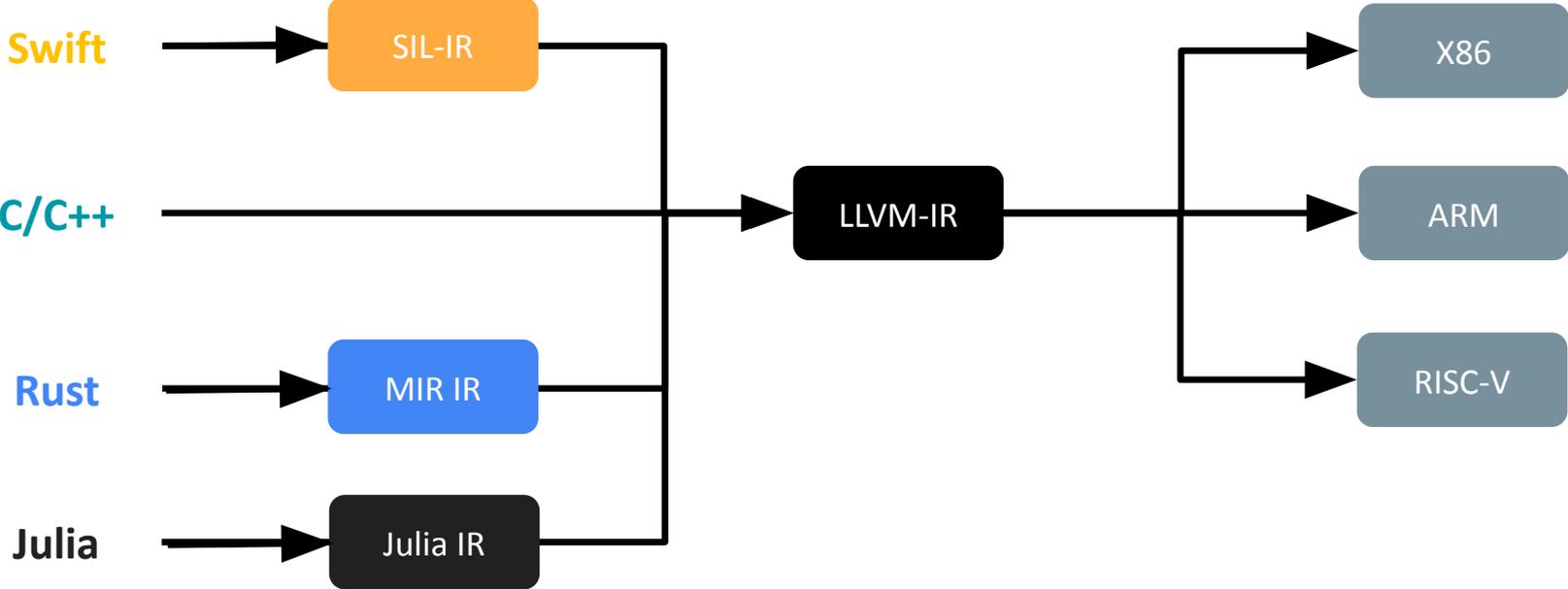
Ice at record  
and shrinking



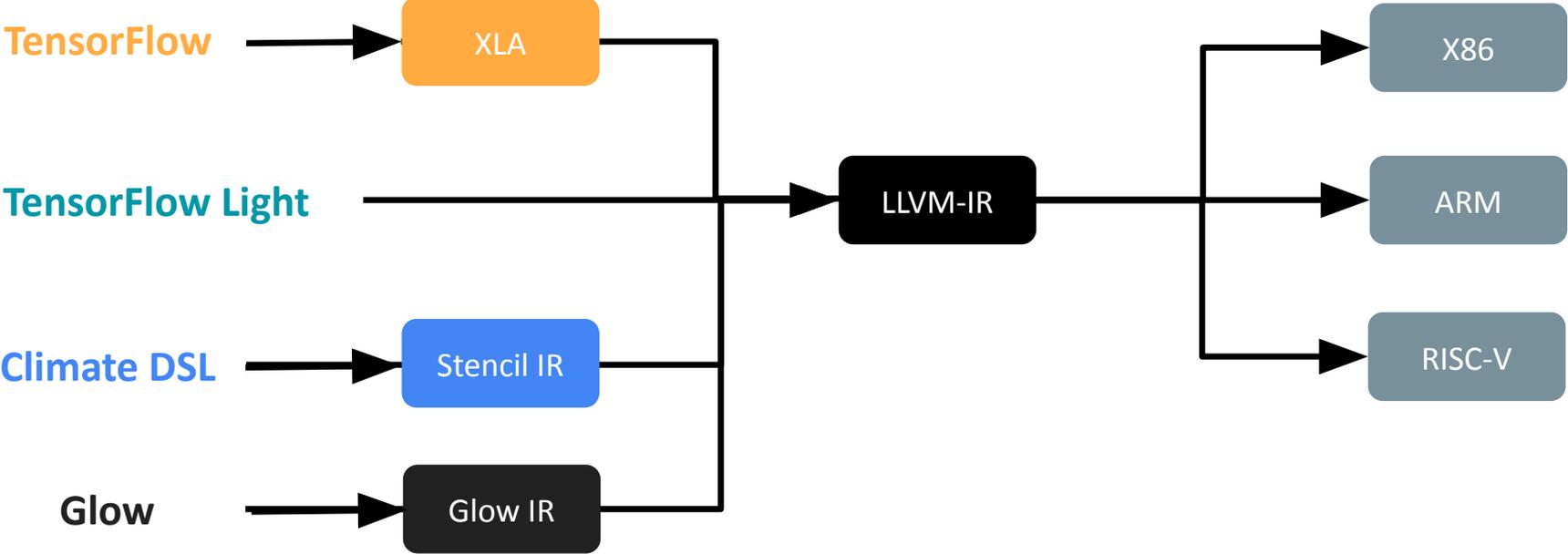
TensorFlow



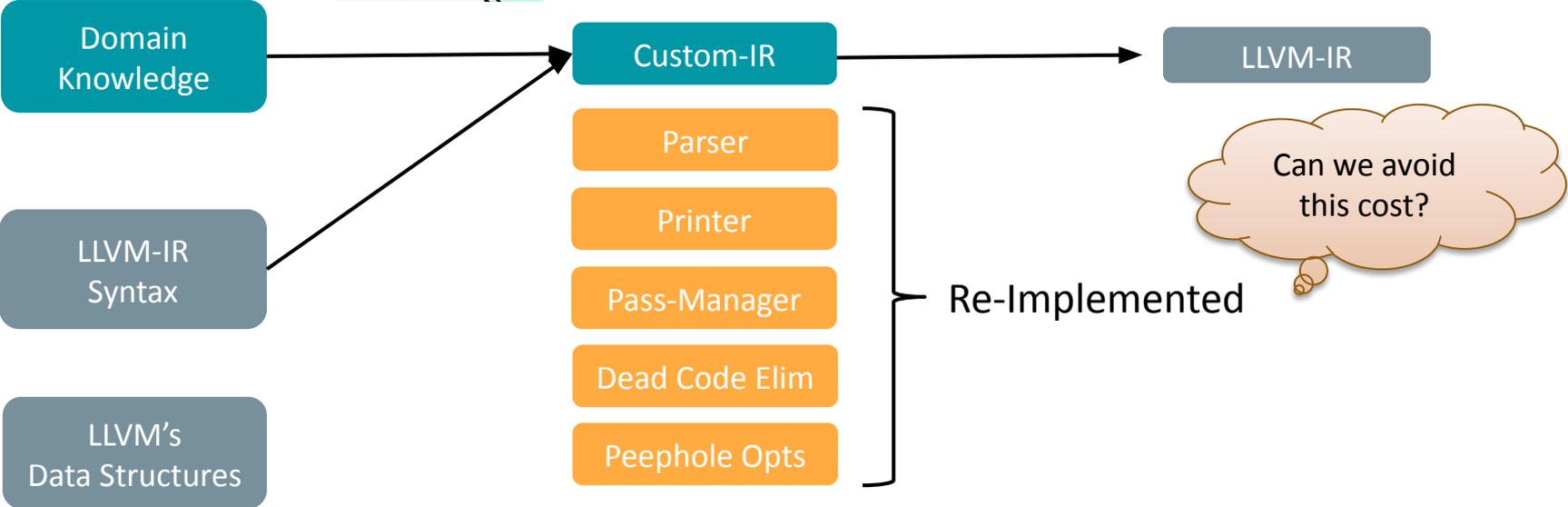
# Compiler Pipelines



# Compiler Pipelines for Deep Learning



# How to build a Modern High-Level Compiler IR



# LLVM IR

Function

Argument

```
define void @func(i64 %n, double* %A) {
```

```
entry:
```

```
  br label %for.cond
```

Basic Block

PHI-Node

```
for.cond:
```

```
  %i.0 = phi i64 [ 0, %entry ], [ %add, %for.body ]
```

```
  %cmp = icmp slt i64 %i.0, %n
```

```
  br i1 %cmp, label %for.body, label %for.end
```

Terminator

```
for.body:
```

```
  %arrayidx = getelementptr inbounds double, double* %A, i64 %i.0
```

```
  store double 2.100000e+01, double* %arrayidx
```

```
  %add = add nuw nsw i64 %i.0, 1
```

```
  br label %for.cond, !llvm.loop !7
```

Operation

```
for.end:
```

```
  ret void
```

```
}
```

# SIL - The Swift Compiler IR

```
sil @fibonacci: $(Swift.Int) -> () {
entry(%limi: $Swift.Int):
  %lim = struct_extract %limi: $Swift.Int, #Int.value
  %print = function_ref @print: $(Swift.Int) -> ()
  %a0 = integer_literal $Builtin.Int64, 0
  %b0 = integer_literal $Builtin.Int64, 1
  br loop(%a0: $Builtin.Int64, %b0: $Builtin.Int64)

loop(%a: $Builtin.Int64, %b: $Builtin.Int64):
  %lt = builtin "icmp_lt_int64"(%b: $Builtin.Int64, %lim: $Builtin.Int64): $Builtin.Int1
  cond_br %lt: $Builtin.Int1, body, exit

body:
  %b1 = struct $Swift.Int (%b: $Builtin.Int64)
  apply %print(%b1) : $(Swift.Int) -> ()
  %c = builtin "add_int64"(%a: $Builtin.Int64, %b: $Builtin.Int64): $Builtin.Int64
  br loop(%b: $Builtin.Int64, %c: $Builtin.Int64)

exit:
  %unit = tuple ()
  return %unit: $()
}
```

Can you understand it?

Similarities with LLVM-IR?

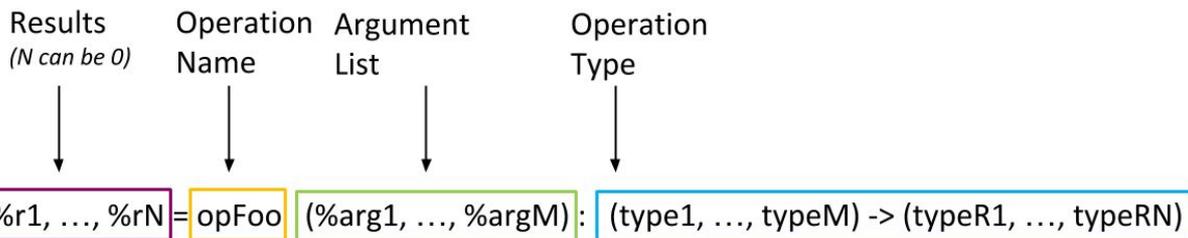
# Comparing existing Compiler IRs

## Differences

- Types
  - names
  - Semantics
- Operations
  - names
  - Semantics
- Control flow constructs

## Similarities

- Units
  - Functions
  - Basic Blocks
  - Operations
- Operations
  - Take arguments
  - Return (multiple) results
- Some kind of control flow
- Existence of types



```

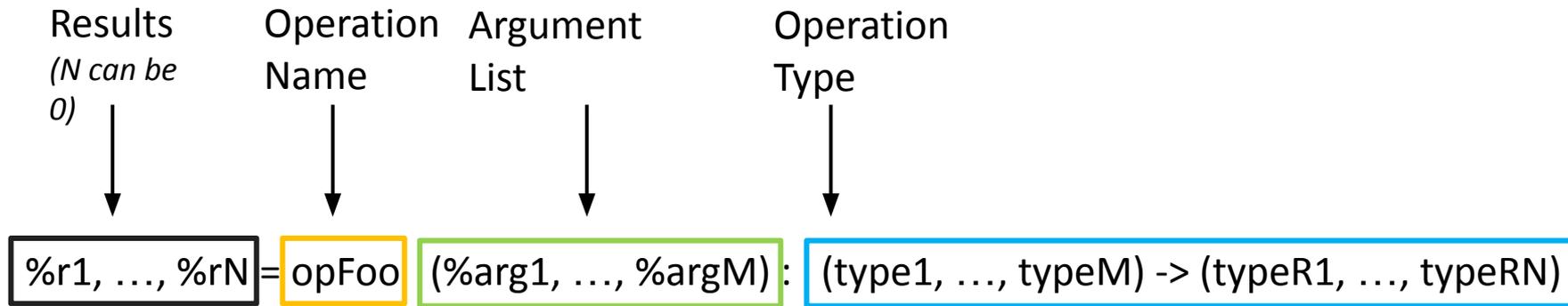
%val = get_random() : () -> i64
%sum = add(%val, %val) : (i64, i64) -> i64
print(%sum) : (i64) -> ()

```

# MLIR:

# Abstraction Sharing Across Communities

# An MLIR Operation

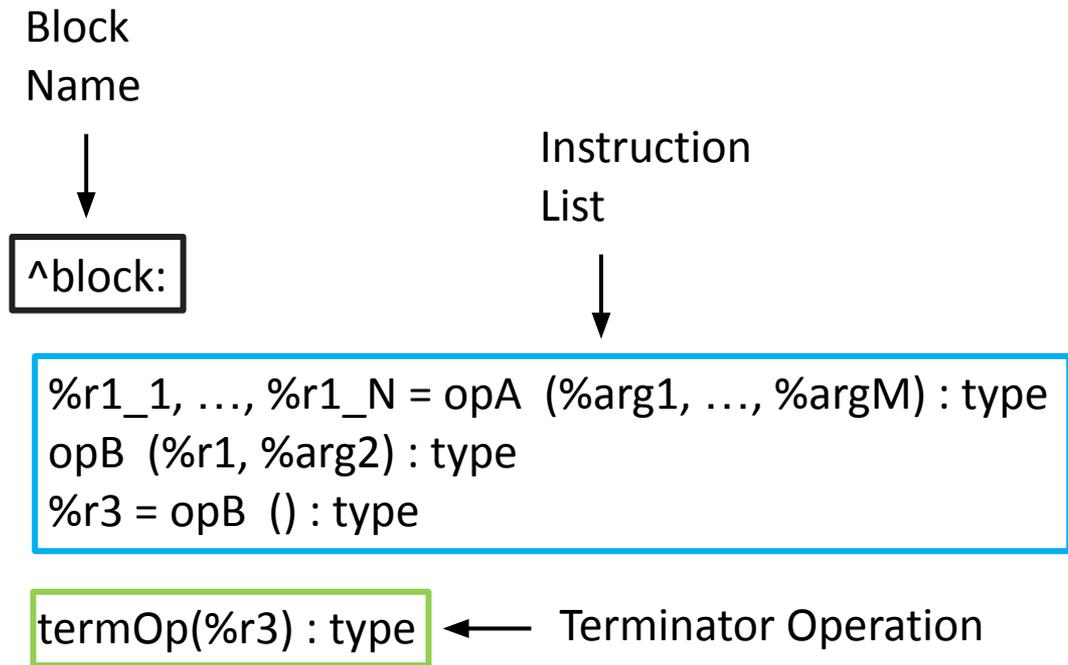


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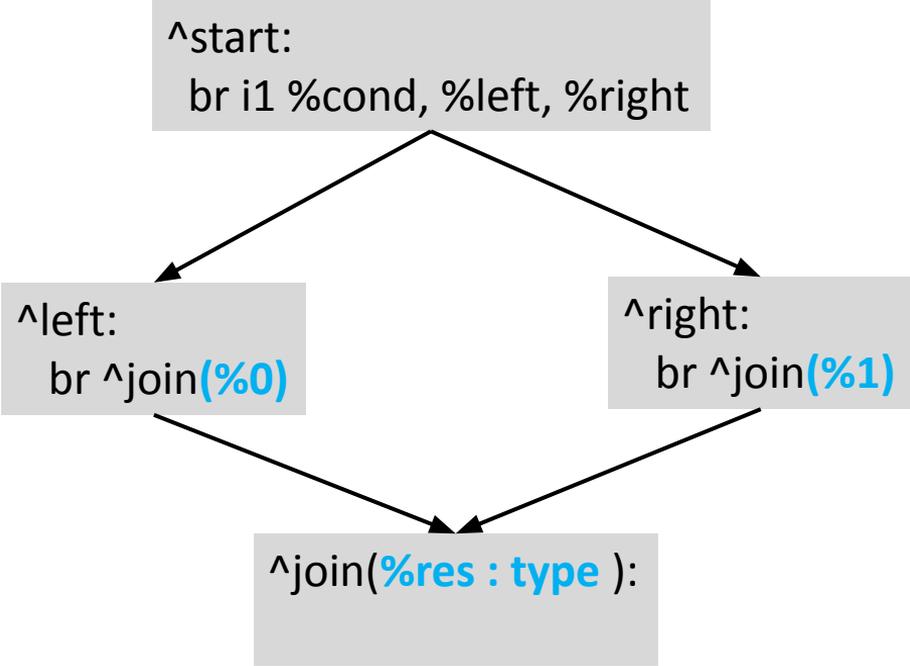
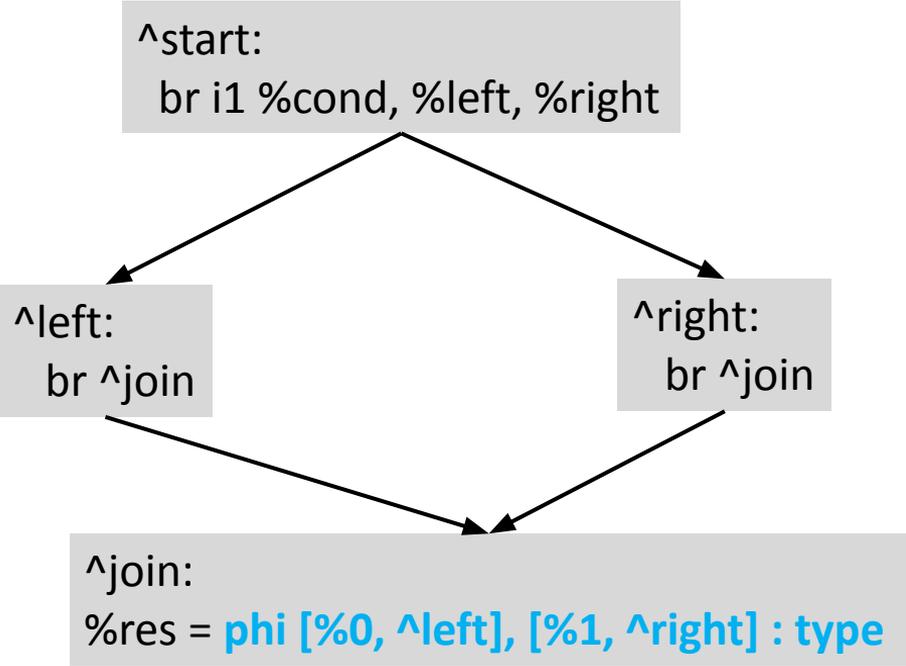
```
%sum = add (%val, %val) : (i64, i64) -> i64
```

```
print(%sum) : (i64) -> ()
```

# An MLIR Block



# Block Arguments instead of PHI-Nodes

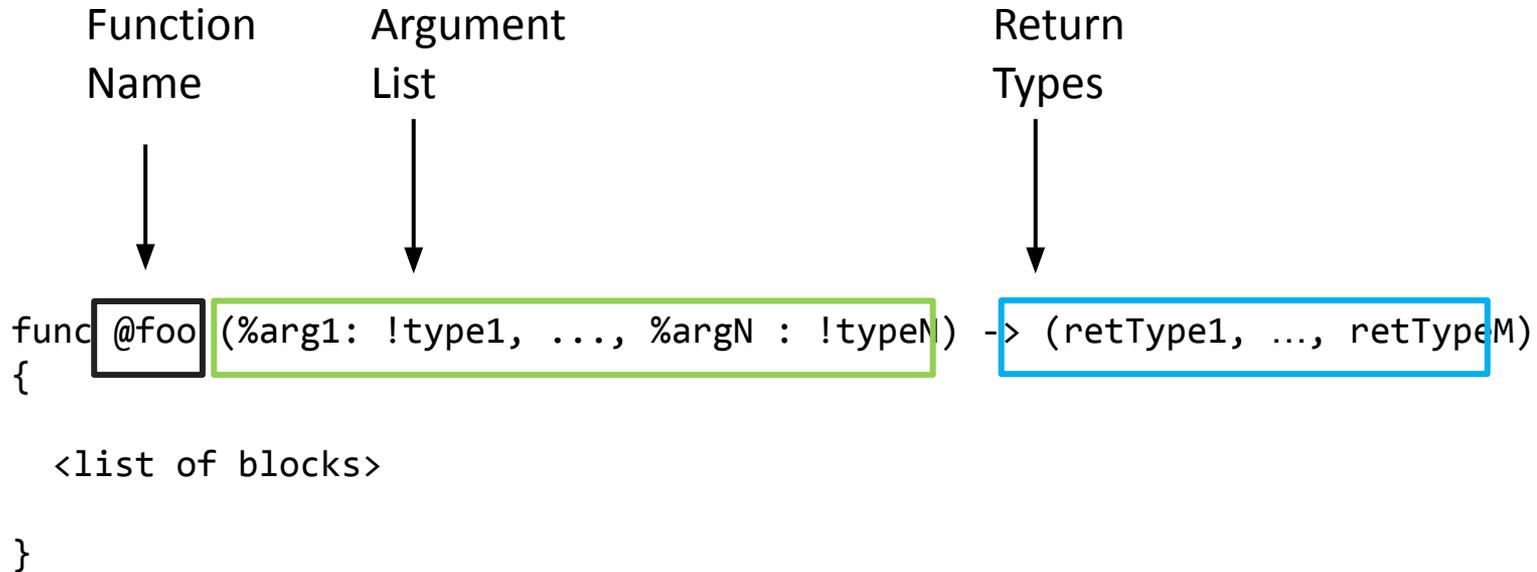


# Functions

Function  
Name

Argument  
List

Return  
Types



```
func @foo (%arg1: !type1, ..., %argN : !typeN) -> (retType1, ..., retTypeM)
{
    <list of blocks>
}
```

# Dialects

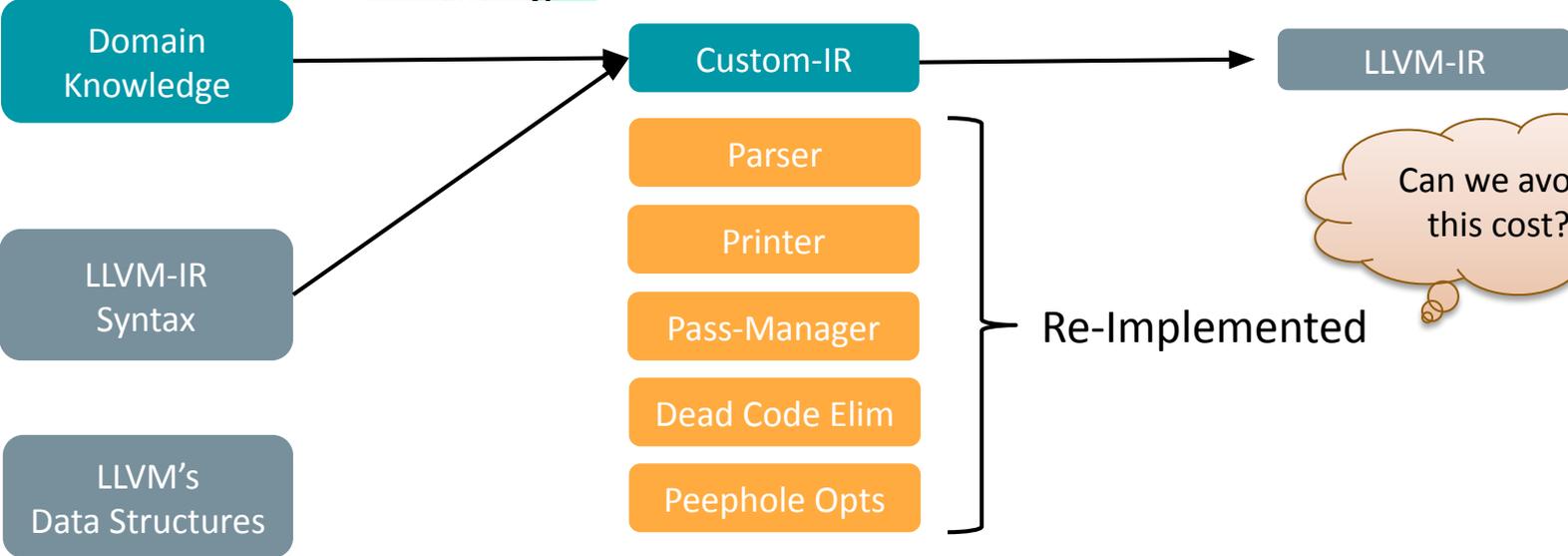
```
%r1, ..., %rN = dialectA.opFoo (%arg1, ..., %argM) :  
    (!dialectB<type1>, ..., !dialectC<typeM>) -> (!dialectA<typeR>)
```

# Terminator Operations

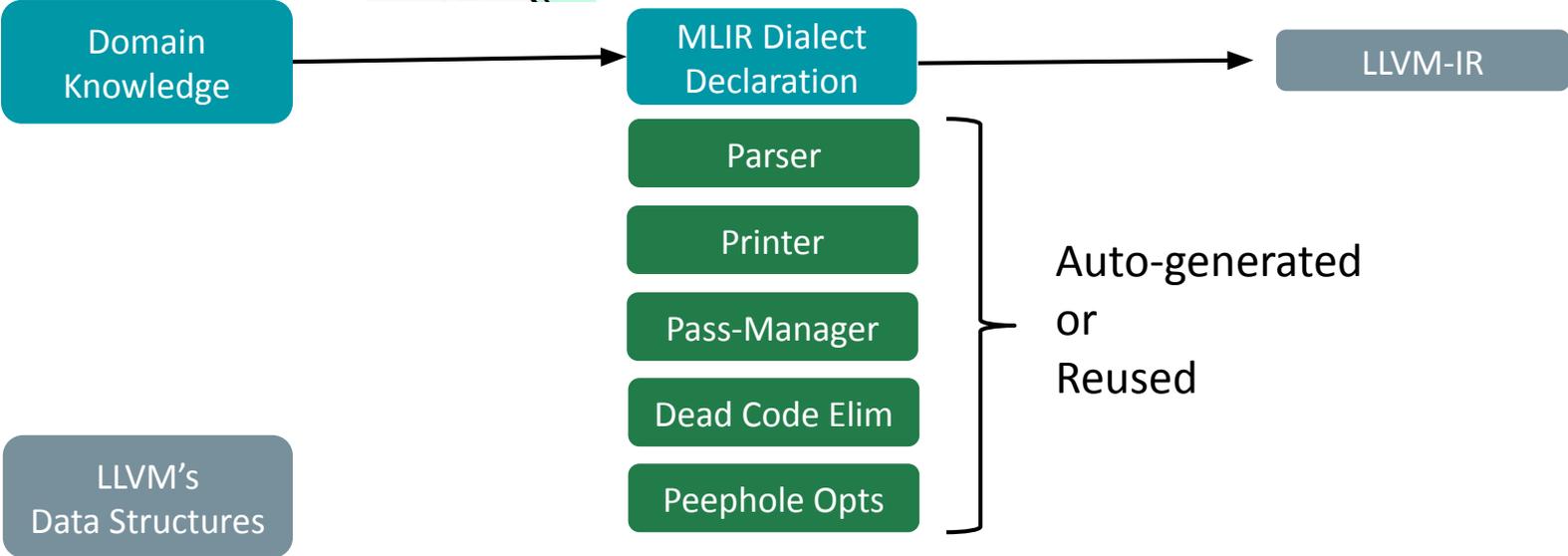
## Special Operations at the end of each Block

- **Take an (optional) list of blocks and their block arguments**
- **Each block must be terminated by a terminator operation**
- **Allows custom definition of terminator instructions**

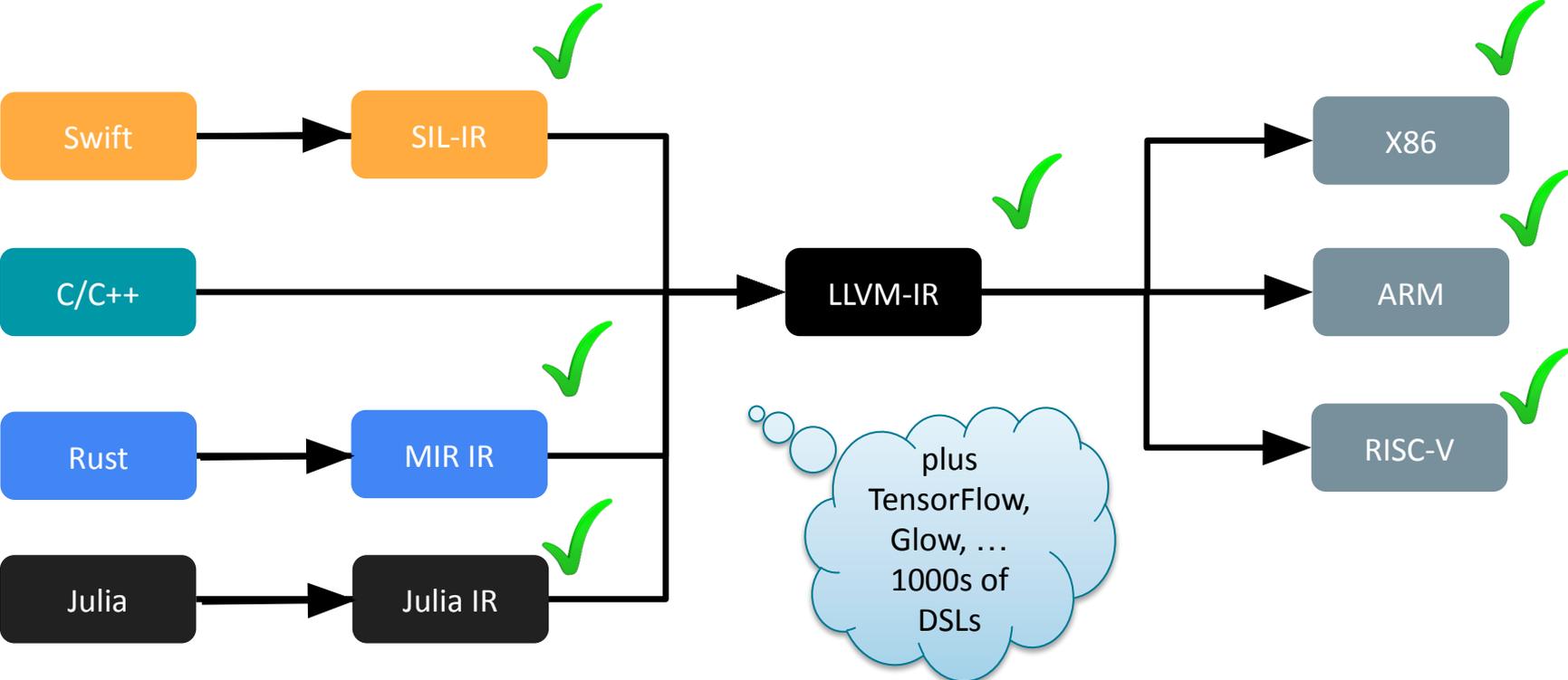
# Building a Modern Compiler IR



# Building a Modern Compiler IR – using MLIR



# LLVM-Quality Everywhere

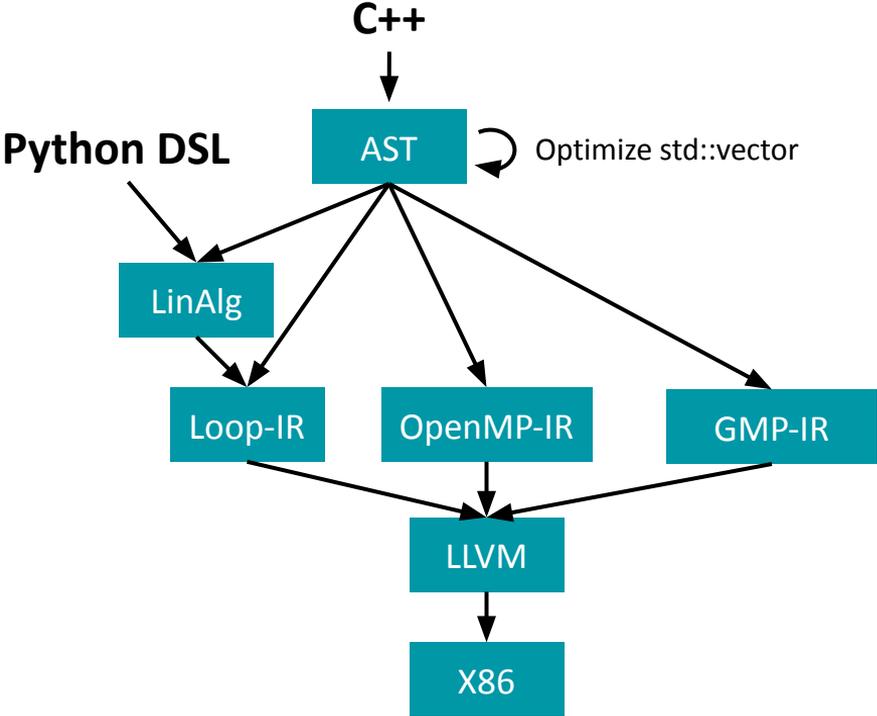


# New Paradigm: Multi Abstraction Rewriting

## *Traditional Compilation*

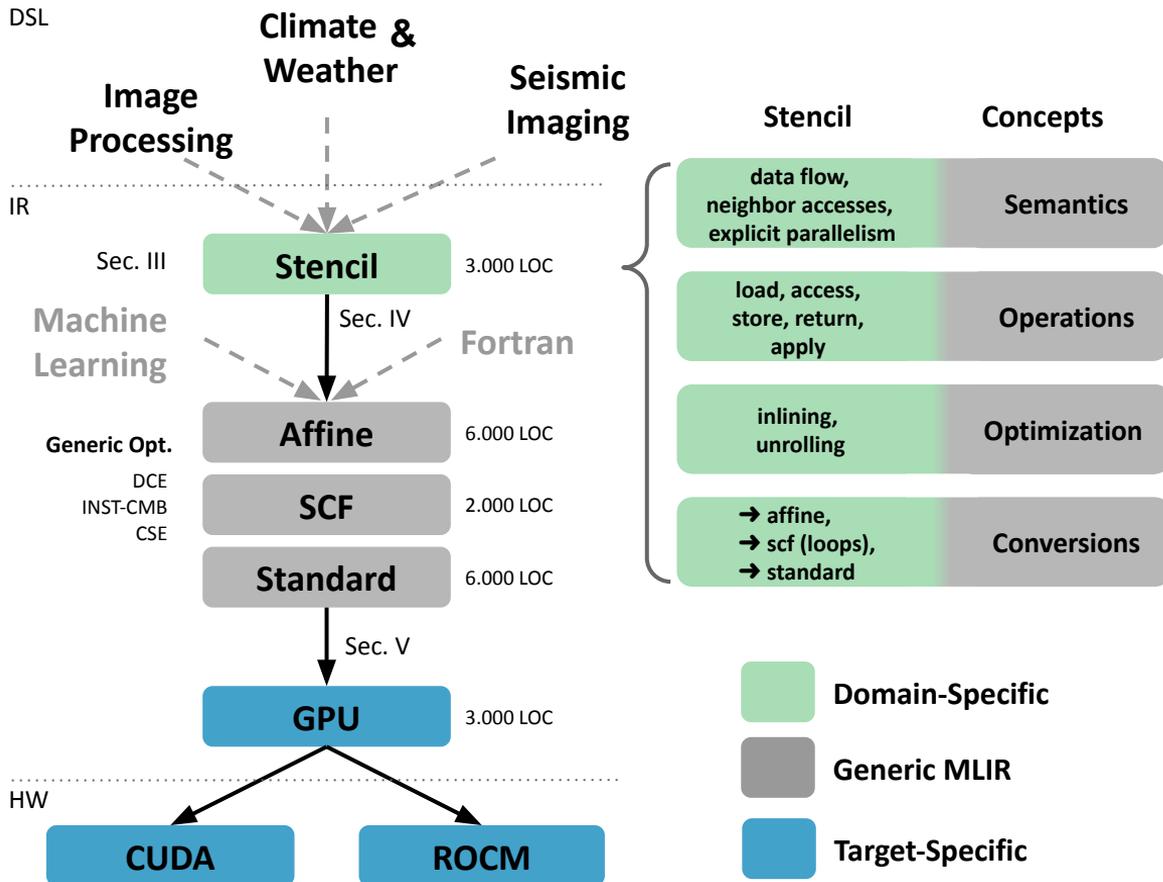


## *MLIR*



# The Open Earth Compiler

# Architecture



# The MLIR Stencil Dialect

# Stencil Dialect

```
func @sum(%in : !stencil.field<?x?x?xf64>, %out : !stencil.field<?x?x?xf64>) {  
  
  %0 = stencil.cast %in ([-4, -4, -4]:[68, 68, 68]) : !stencil.field<?x?x?xf64>  
  %1 = stencil.cast %out ([-4, -4, -4]:[68, 68, 68]) : !stencil.field<?x?x?xf64>  
  
  %2 = stencil.load %0 : (!stencil.field<?x?x?xf64>) -> !stencil.temp<?x?x?xf64>  
  
  %3 = stencil.apply (%arg0 = %2 : !stencil.temp<?x?x?xf64>) -> !stencil.temp<?x?x?xf64> {  
    %5 = stencil.access %arg0[1, 0, 0] : (!stencil.temp<?x?x?xf64>) -> f64  
    %6 = stencil.access %arg0[-1, 0, 0] : (!stencil.temp<?x?x?xf64>) -> f64  
    %7 = addf %5, %6 : f64  
    stencil.return %7 : f64  
  }  
  
  stencil.store %3 to %1 ([0, 0, 0]:[64, 64, 64]) : !stencil.temp<?x?x?xf64> to !stencil.field<?x?x?xf64>  
  return  
}
```

static offsets

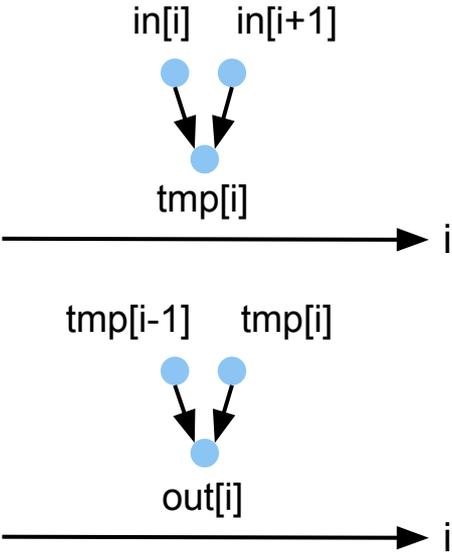
stencil operator

stencil inlining and stencil unrolling

# Stencil Inlining

```
for(int i = IB; i < IE; i++)  
  tmp[i] = in[i] + in[i+1];
```

```
for(int i = IB; i < IE; i++)  
  out[i] = tmp[i] + tmp[i-1];
```

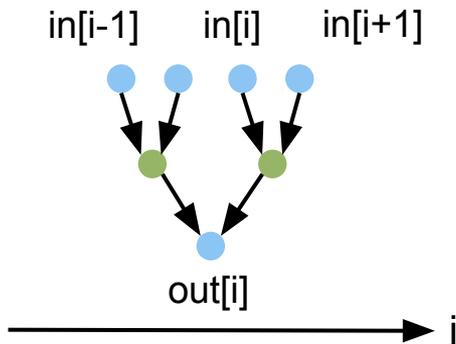


- register
- global memory

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● register

● global memory

```
for(int i = IB; i < IE; i++)  
  out[i] =  
    (in[i] + in[i+1]) +  
    (in[i-1] + in[i]);
```

# Lowering Patterns - FuncOp

```
func @sum(%arg0: memref<?x?x?xf64>, %arg1: memref<?x?x?xf64>) {  
  
  %0 = stencil.cast %in ([-4, -4, -4]:[68, 68, 68]) : !stencil.field<?x?x?xf64>  
  %1 = stencil.cast %out ([-4, -4, -4]:[68, 68, 68]) : !stencil.field<?x?x?xf64>  
  
  %2 = stencil.load %0 : (!stencil.field<?x?x?xf64>) -> !stencil.temp<?x?x?xf64>  
  
  %3 = stencil.apply (%arg0 = %2 : !stencil.temp<?x?x?xf64>) -> !stencil.temp<?x?x?xf64> {  
    %5 = stencil.access %arg0[1, 0, 0] : (!stencil.temp<?x?x?xf64>) -> f64  
    %6 = stencil.access %arg0[-1, 0, 0] : (!stencil.temp<?x?x?xf64>) -> f64  
    %7 = addf %5, %6 : f64  
    stencil.return %7 : f64  
  }  
  
  stencil.store %3 to %1 ([0, 0, 0]:[64, 64, 64]) : !stencil.temp<?x?x?xf64> to !stencil.field<?x?x?xf64>  
  return  
}
```

# Lowering Patterns - CastOp

```
func @sum(%arg0: memref<?x?x?xf64>, %arg1: memref<?x?x?xf64>) {  
  
  %0 = memref_cast %arg0 : memref<?x?x?xf64> to memref<72x72x72xf64>  
  %1 = memref_cast %arg1 : memref<?x?x?xf64> to memref<72x72x72xf64>  
  
  %2 = stencil.load %0 : (!stencil.field<?x?x?xf64>) -> !stencil.temp<?x?x?xf64>  
  
  %3 = stencil.apply (%arg0 = %2 : !stencil.temp<?x?x?xf64>) -> !stencil.temp<?x?x?xf64> {  
    %5 = stencil.access %arg0[1, 0, 0] : (!stencil.temp<?x?x?xf64>) -> f64  
    %6 = stencil.access %arg0[-1, 0, 0] : (!stencil.temp<?x?x?xf64>) -> f64  
    %7 = addf %5, %6 : f64  
    stencil.return %7 : f64  
  }  
  
  stencil.store %3 to %1 ([0, 0, 0]:[64, 64, 64]) : !stencil.temp<?x?x?xf64> to !stencil.field<?x?x?xf64>  
  return  
}
```

# Lowering Patterns - LoadOp

```
func @sum(%arg0: memref<?x?x?xf64>, %arg1: memref<?x?x?xf64>) {  
  
  %0 = memref_cast %arg0 : memref<?x?x?xf64> to memref<72x72x72xf64>  
  %1 = memref_cast %arg1 : memref<?x?x?xf64> to memref<72x72x72xf64>  
  
  %2 = subview %0[4,4,3][64,64,66][1,1,1] : memref<72x72x72xf64> to memref<64x64x66xf64, #map0>  
  
  %3 = stencil.apply (%arg0 = %2 : !stencil.temp<?x?x?xf64>) -> !stencil.temp<?x?x?xf64> {  
    %5 = stencil.access %arg0[1, 0, 0] : (!stencil.temp<?x?x?xf64>) -> f64  
    %6 = stencil.access %arg0[-1, 0, 0] : (!stencil.temp<?x?x?xf64>) -> f64  
    %7 = addf %5, %6 : f64  
    stencil.return %7 : f64  
  }  
  
  stencil.store %3 to %1 ([0, 0, 0]:[64, 64, 64]) : !stencil.temp<?x?x?xf64> to !stencil.field<?x?x?xf64>  
  return  
}
```

# Lowering Patterns - ApplyOp

```
func @sum(%arg0: memref<?x?x?xf64>, %arg1: memref<?x?x?xf64>) {  
  
  %0 = memref_cast %arg0 : memref<?x?x?xf64> to memref<72x72x72xf64>  
  %1 = memref_cast %arg1 : memref<?x?x?xf64> to memref<72x72x72xf64>  
  
  %2 = subview %0[4,4,3][64,64,66][1,1,1] : memref<72x72x72xf64> to memref<64x64x66xf64, #map0>  
  
  %c0 = constant 0 : index  
  %c64 = constant 64 : index  
  %c1 = constant 1 : index  
  scf.parallel (%i, %j, %k) = (%c0, %c0, %c0) to (%c64, %c64, %c64) step (%c1, %c1, %c1) {  
    %5 = stencil.access %2[1, 0, 0] : (!stencil.temp<?x?x?xf64>) -> f64  
    %6 = stencil.access %2[-1, 0, 0] : (!stencil.temp<?x?x?xf64>) -> f64  
    %7 = addf %5, %6 : f64  
    stencil.return %7 : f64  
    scf.yield  
  }  
  
  stencil.store %3 to %1 ([0, 0, 0]:[64, 64, 64]) : !stencil.temp<?x?x?xf64> to !stencil.field<?x?x?xf64>  
  return  
}
```

# Lowering Patterns - AccessOp

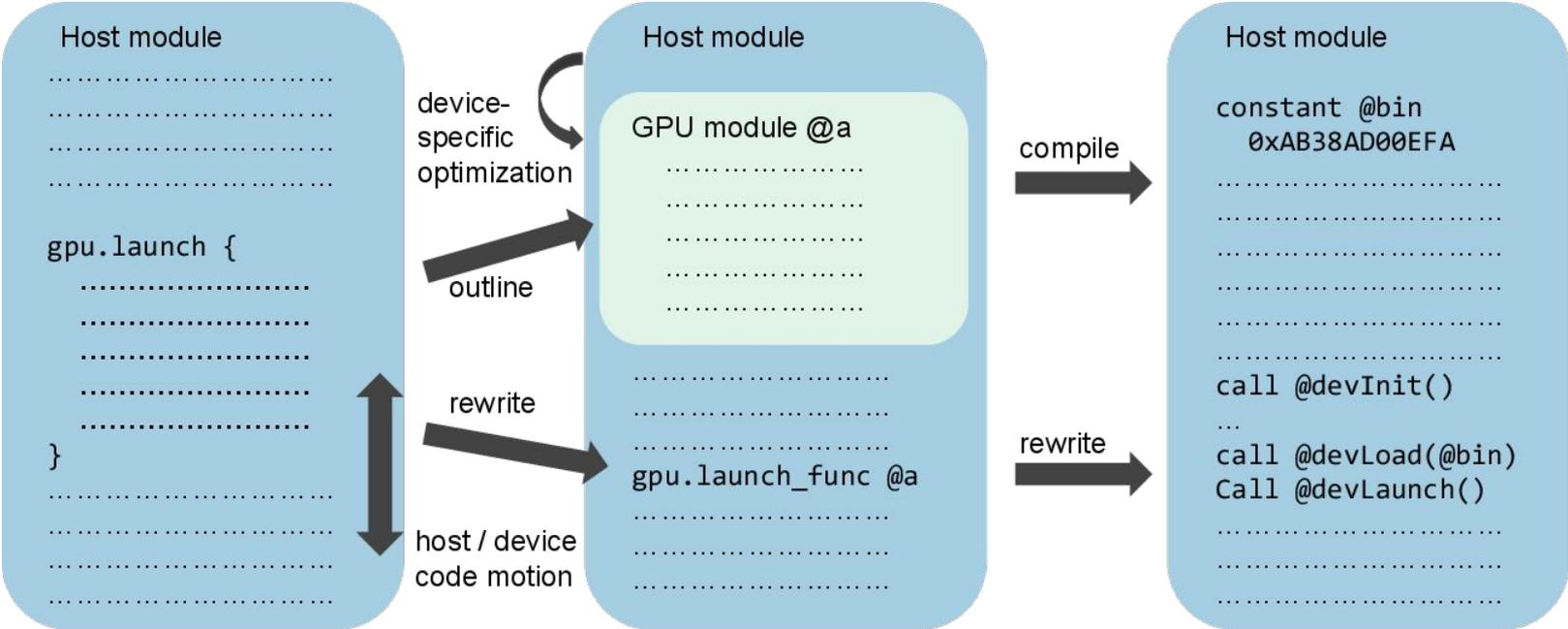
```
func @sum(%arg0: memref<?x?x?xf64>, %arg1: memref<?x?x?xf64>) {  
  
  %0 = memref_cast %arg0 : memref<?x?x?xf64> to memref<72x72x72xf64>  
  %1 = memref_cast %arg1 : memref<?x?x?xf64> to memref<72x72x72xf64>  
  
  %2 = subview %0[4,4,3][64,64,66][1,1,1] : memref<72x72x72xf64> to memref<64x64x66xf64, #map0>  
  
  %c0 = constant 0 : index  
  %c64 = constant 64 : index  
  %c1 = constant 1 : index  
  scf.parallel (%i, %j, %k) = (%c0, %c0, %c0) to (%c64, %c64, %c64) step (%c1, %c1, %c1) {  
    %4 = affine.apply #map2(%i)  
    %5 = load %2[%k, %j, %4] : memref<64x64x66xf64, #map0>  
    %6 = load %2[%k, %j, %i] : memref<64x64x66xf64, #map0>  
    %7 = addf %5, %6 : f64  
    stencil.return %7 : f64  
    scf.yield  
  }  
  
  stencil.store %3 to %1 ([0, 0, 0]:[64, 64, 64]) : !stencil.temp<?x?x?xf64> to !stencil.field<?x?x?xf64>  
  return  
}
```

# Lowering Patterns - StoreOp/ReturnOp

```
func @sum(%arg0: memref<?x?x?f64>, %arg1: memref<?x?x?f64>) {  
  
  %0 = memref_cast %arg0 : memref<?x?x?f64> to memref<72x72x72xf64>  
  %1 = memref_cast %arg1 : memref<?x?x?f64> to memref<72x72x72xf64>  
  
  %2 = subview %0[4,4,3][64,64,66][1,1,1] : memref<72x72x72xf64> to memref<64x64x66xf64, #map0>  
  %3 = subview %1[4,4,4][64,64,64][1,1,1] : memref<72x72x72xf64> to memref<64x64x64xf64, #map1>  
  
  %c0 = constant 0 : index  
  %c64 = constant 64 : index  
  %c1 = constant 1 : index  
  scf.parallel (%i, %j, %k) = (%c0, %c0, %c0) to (%c64, %c64, %c64) step (%c1, %c1, %c1) {  
    %4 = affine.apply #map2(%i)  
    %5 = load %2[%k, %j, %4] : memref<64x64x66xf64, #map0>  
    %6 = load %2[%k, %j, %i] : memref<64x64x66xf64, #map0>  
    %7 = addf %5, %6 : f64  
    store %7, %3[%k, %i, %j] : memref<64x64x64xf64, #map1>  
    scf.yield  
  }  
  
  return  
}
```

# The MLIR GPU Dialect

# GPU Dialect



target AMD and NVIDIA GPUs

# Extracting GPU Kernel Launches into Separate Modules

## 1) Inline Form

```
module {  
  func @main(%argc: index) {  
    %c1 = constant 1 : index  
    %c32 = constant 32 : index  
    // inline kernel  
    gpu.launch  
    blocks(%c1, %c1, %c1) threads(%c32, %c32, %c1)  
    workgroup(%shared_buffer: memref<32 x f32, 3>),  
    private(%private_buffer: memref<2 x f32, 5>) {  
^bb0(%bx: index, %by: index, %bz: index,  
  %tx: index, %ty: index, %tz: index):  
    // kernel code  
    "use"(%argc, %tx) : (index) -> ()  
  }  
  return  
}
```

Annotations for Inline Form:

- launch configuration (points to `gpu.launch`)
- thread and block indexes (points to `blocks(%c1, %c1, %c1) threads(%c32, %c32, %c1)`)
- captured argument (points to `%argc`)

## 2) Function Form

```
module {  
  gpu.module @outlined {  
    // kernel outlined to separate module  
    gpu.func @kernel(%arg0: index)  
    workgroup(%shared_buffer: memref<32 x f32, 3>),  
    private(%private_buffer: memref<2 x f32, 5>) {  
      %tx = gpu.thread_id {dim: "x"}  
      "use"(%arg0, %tx) : (index) -> ()  
    }  
  }  
  func @main(%arg0: index) {  
    %c1 = constant 1 : index  
    %c32 = constant 32 : index  
    // kernel launch  
    gpu.launch_func(%c1, %c1, %c1, %c32, %c32, %c1, %arg0)  
    {kernel = "kernel", kernel_module = @outlined}  
    : (index, index, index, index, index, index, index) -> ()  
  }  
}
```

Annotations for Function Form:

- outline (points from inline form to the `@outlined` module)
- rewrite (points from inline form to the `@main` function)
- buffer allocation (points to `workgroup(%shared_buffer: memref<32 x f32, 3>)`)
- get thread index (points to `%tx = gpu.thread_id {dim: "x"}`)
- launch configuration (points to `gpu.launch_func`)
- explicit argument (points to `%arg0`)

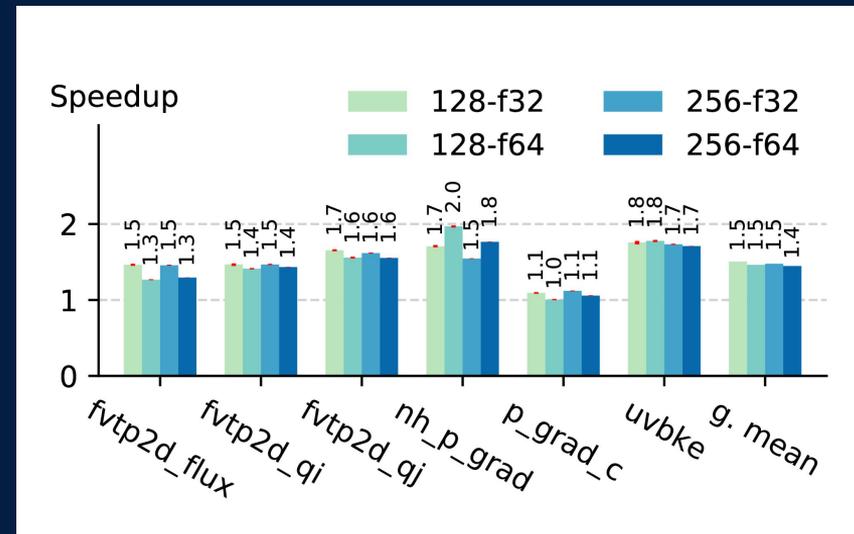
## 3) Compiled Binary

```
constant @kernel  
0xAB38AD00EFA  
.....  
.....  
.....  
.....  
.....  
call @devInit()  
...  
call @devLoad(@bin)  
call @devLaunch()  
.....  
.....
```

Annotations for Compiled Binary:

- compile (points from function form to the binary)
- rewrite (points from function form to the `call @devLaunch()` instruction)

# Evaluation



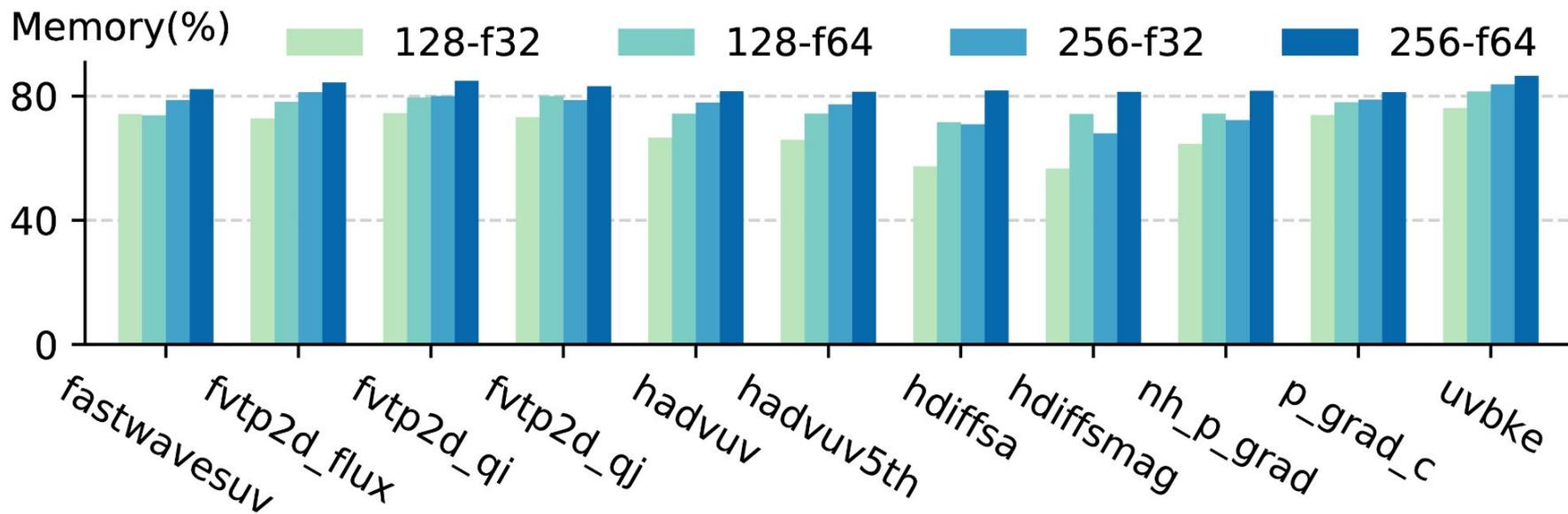
# Experimental Setup

NVIDIA Tesla  
V100-SMX2

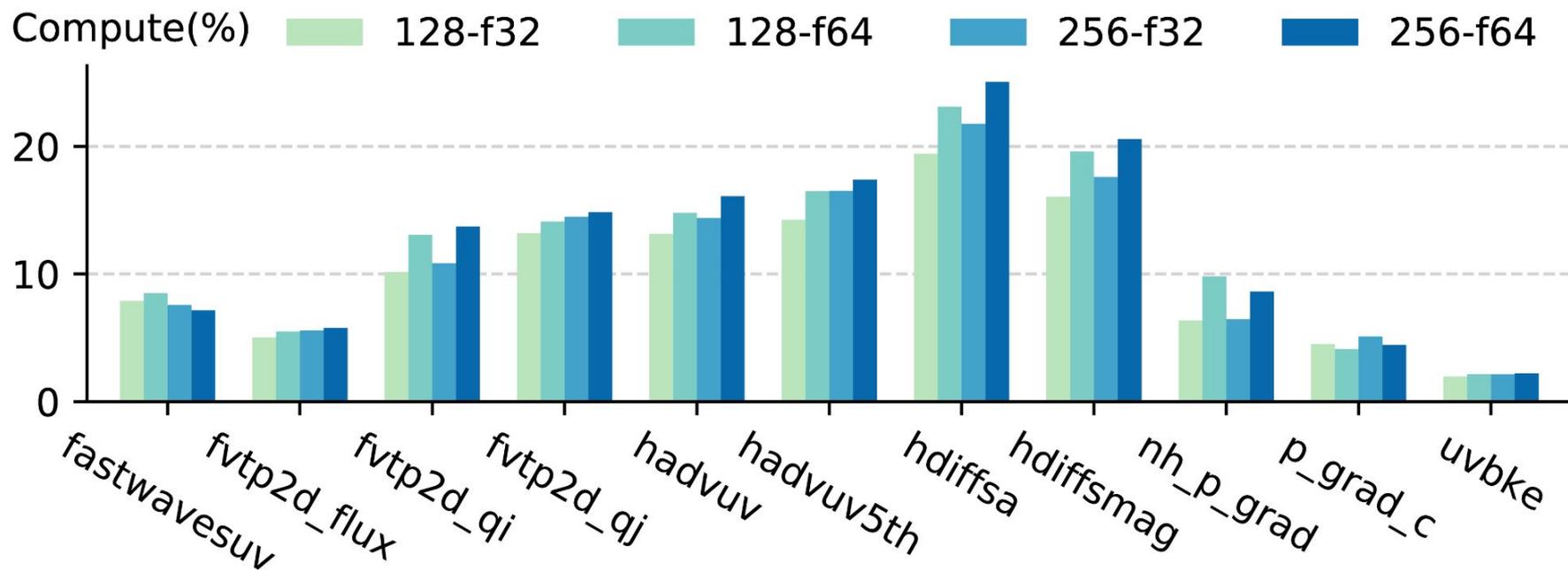
900 GB/s Bandwidth

- COSMO | Europe
  - Regional numerical weather model
  - Kernels
    - Fastwaves Sound Wave Forward Integration
    - Horizontal-Advection (2x)
    - Horizontal-Diffusion (2x)
- SV3 | US
  - Dynamical core of CM4 an GEOS-5 global climate models
  - Kernels
    - Monotone Finite Volume Advection Operators (3x)
    - 3D Pressure Gradients (2x)
    - Preprocessing for Kinetic Energy Computation

# High Memory Bandwidth Utilization



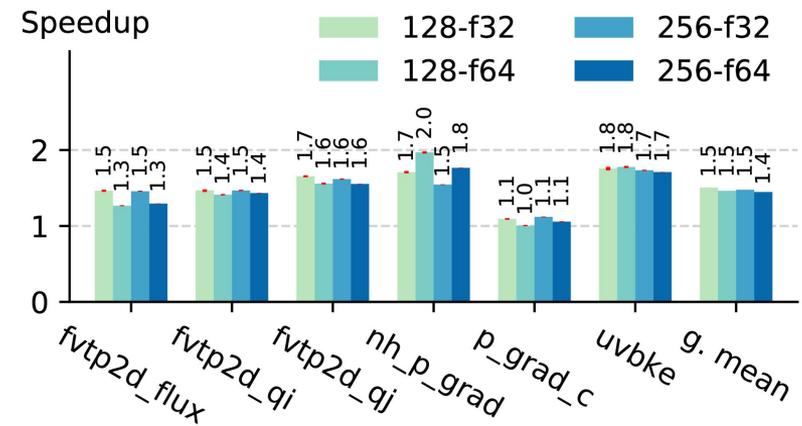
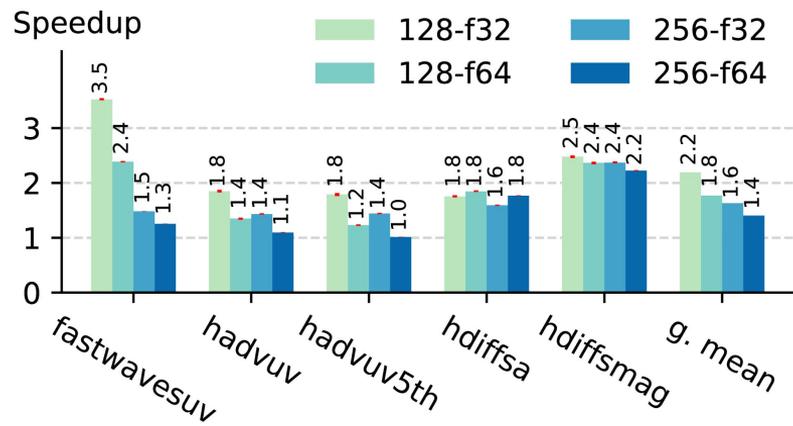
# Reasonable Compute Utilization



# The OEC is faster than previous Climate DSLs

Europe | COSMO (GridTools)

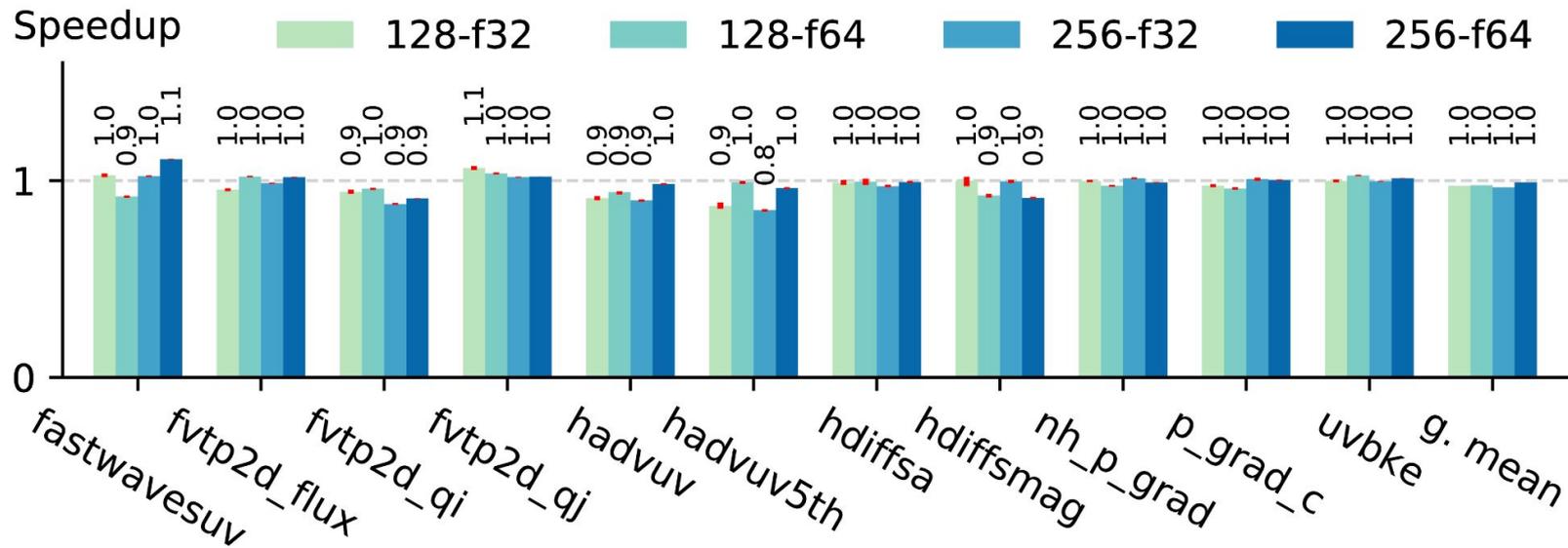
US | FV3 (Dawn)



# The OEC is on-par with the fastest Stencils DSLs

Halide Image Processing DSL

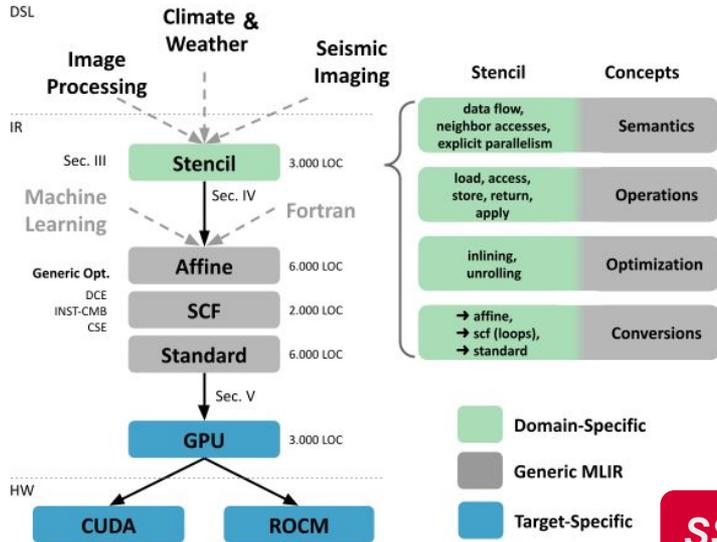
*Halide introduces rounding errors for performance!*



**Conclusion**

# Conclusion

## A Modular Climate Compiler



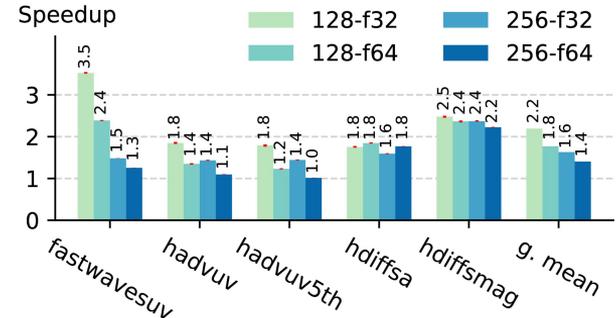
**SSA Stencil Dialect**

**SSA GPU Dialect**

## Open-Source Community



## High Performance



# xDSL

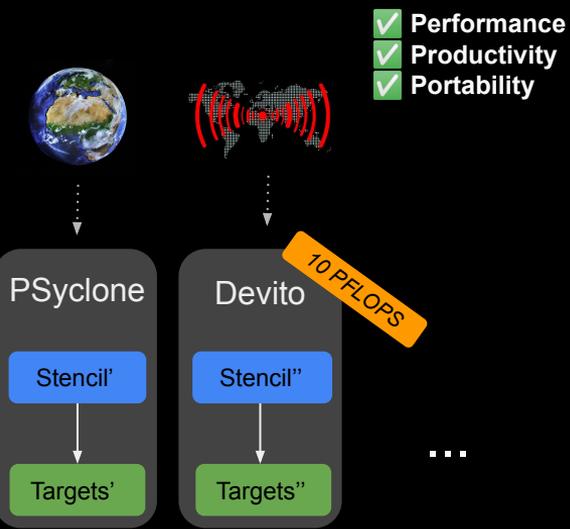
**What's Next?**

# Efficient Cross-Domain DSL Development for Exascale

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# XDSL4X

## Today: Monolithic DSLs



- Technical Challenges**
- ~~✓~~ Composability
  - ~~✓~~ Interoperability
  - ~~✓~~ Code Reuse
  - ~~✓~~ Longevity

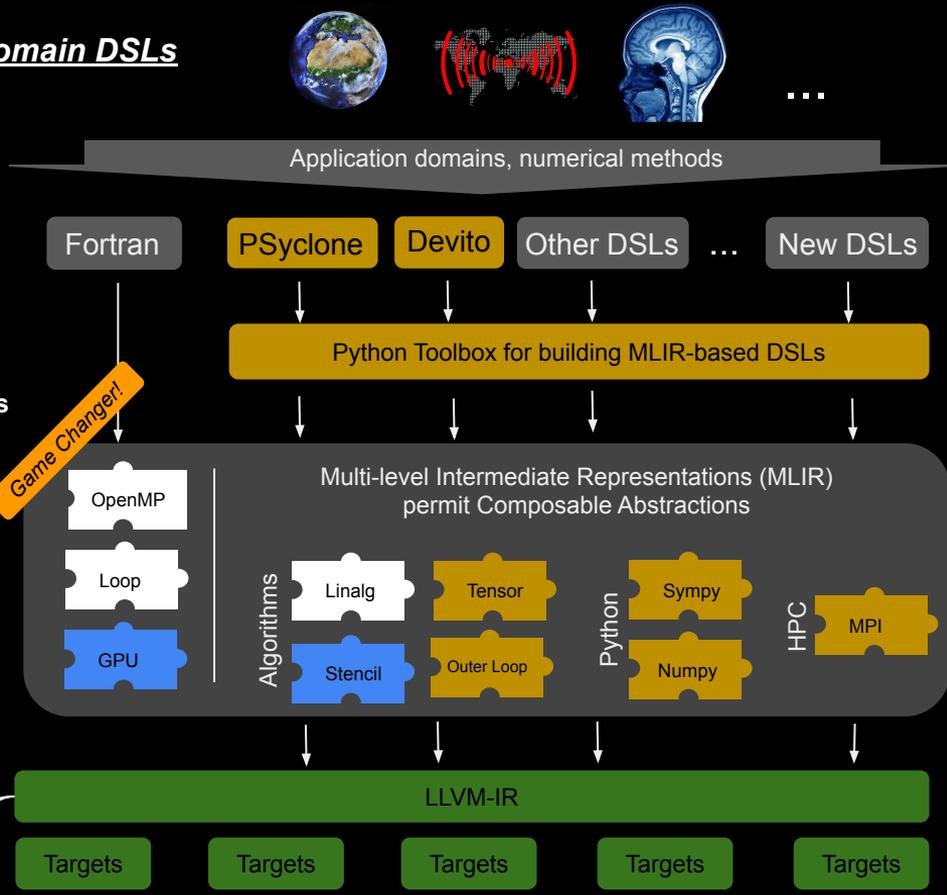
- Societal Challenges**
- ~~✓~~ Disjoint Communities
  - ~~✓~~ Lack of Knowledge Transfer

## Our Future: Cross-Domain DSLs

- ✓ Performance
- ✓ Productivity
- ✓ Portability
- ✓ Composability
- ✓ Interoperability
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Collaborative Support by Academics and Industry via LLVM Community

Debuggers  
Profilers

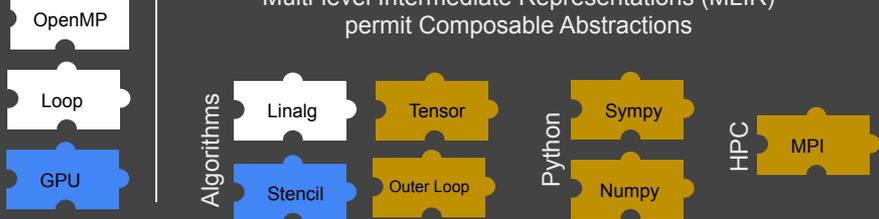


Application domains, numerical methods

Fortran PSyclone Devito Other DSLs ... New DSLs

Python Toolbox for building MLIR-based DSLs

Multi-level Intermediate Representations (MLIR) permit Composable Abstractions



Game Changer!

LLVM-IR

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