Compiler-Based Autotuning Technology Lecture 2: Tuning Code with CHiLL

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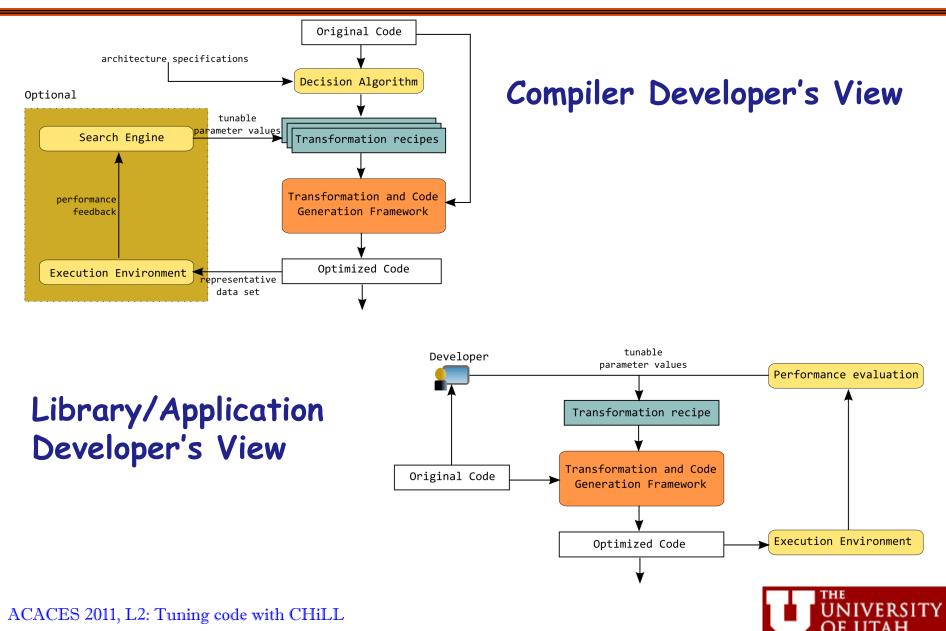


CHill from a User's Perspective

- What is it like to tune code with CHiLL?
- Working through a series of examples
- No details on implementation and internal abstractions until tomorrow
- Higher-level abstractions in CUDA-CHiLL on Thursday



Two Different Ways to Use CHill



Outline for Today's Lecture

- 1. Basics on loop nest transformations
- 2. CHiLL basics
 - a. Statements, loop level
 - b. Set of transformations supported
 - c. Additional annotations
- 3. Script examples and results
- 4. Optimizations for small matrix sizes
- 5. Optimizations for larger matrix sizes



1. Loop Transformation Basics: Applicability

- Focus is loop nest computations
 - Important to high-end application and library developers
 - Source of data-parallel code
- Mostly, loop nests in the affine domain
 - Array subscripts, loop bounds, control flow tests are linear functions of loop indices
- Generalization
 - Can mix non-affine constructs with care or user intervention
 - May require approximation



1. Loop Transformation Basics: Criteria for <u>Applying Transformations</u>

- Safety
 - After transformation, will the resulting code be "equivalent" to the original code?
- Profitability
 - After transformation, is the resulting code likely to be faster than the original code?

Key observation: With autotuning, we can afford to be *very aggressive* in predicting profitability and catch erroneous predictions through empirical data. This makes it possible to achieve very high performance with autotuning compilers.



1. Example: Matrix-Matrix Multiply

for(i=0; i<n; i++) for(j=0; j<n; j++) for(k=0; k<n; k++) c[i][j]+=a[i][k]*b[k][j];



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2a. CHiLL Basics: Parameters in Scripts

- A script applies to a single loop nest in a specific procedure in a source code file
- Statements in the loop nest are numbered starting at 0 and are referred to by their number. Statements created by transformations are given new numbers.
- Loop level within the loop nest identifies the subloop to which a transformation should be applied, coupled with statement number. Outermost loop is at level 1.

Source code for mxm.c loop level 1: for(i=0; i<n; i++) loop level 2: for(j=0; j<n; j++) loop level 3: for(k=0; k<n; k++) statement 0: c[i][j]+=a[i][k]*b[k][j]; Example CHiLL script source: mxm.c procedure: 0 loop: 0 permute([2,1,3]) unroll(0,3,2)



2b. CHill Basics: Set of Transformations

Transformation and Parameters	Description
permute ([stmt],[level],order)	Permute optional [stmt] to optional loop [level] according to order. Can omit [stmt] and [level] and entire loop nest is permuted.
unroll (stmt,level,unrollfactor)	Unroll loop at level for the subloop specified by stmt/level. Unroll by unrollfactor.
tile (stmt,level,ts,[outerlooplevel])	Tile loop at level for the subloop specified by stmt/level and tile size ts. Place controlling loop at optional [outerlooplevel] or defaults to outermost.
datacopy (stmt,level,array,[index])	Calculate footprint for all references to array in subloop specified by stmt/level and copy into temporary, replacing original accesses with copy. Optional [index] refers to fastest-changing dimension.
split(stmt,level,condition)	Split iteration space at subloop specified by stmt/level according to condition and its complement.
datacopy_privatized (stmt,level,array,[index])	Similar to datacopy, but creates a private copy in parallel thread code.
Other transformations include:	fuse, distribute, skew, scale, reverse, shift, peel, nonsingular

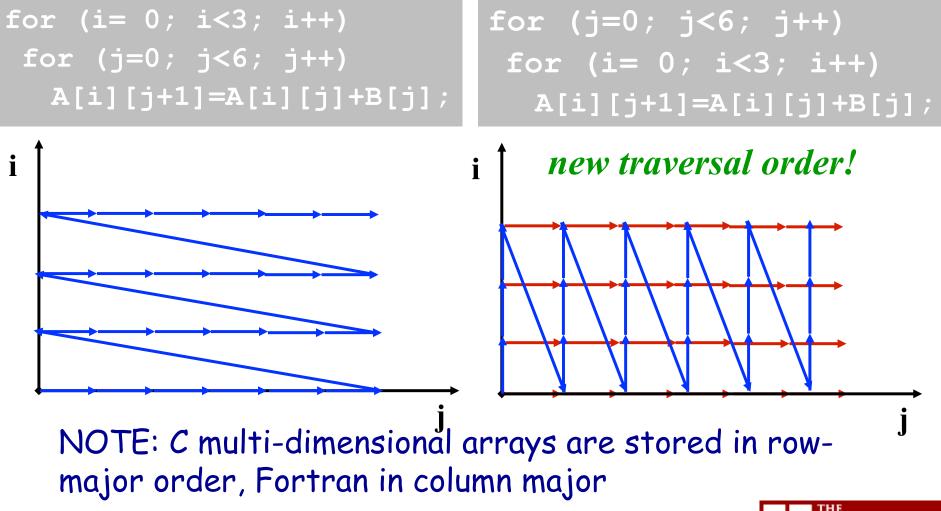


- Two annotations are used to describe data properties
 - known(constraint): establishes additional constraints not derived from source code (e.g., to specialize for ranges of problem sizes)
 - remove_dep(stmt1,stmt2): eliminates dependences across two statements to enable transformations



3. Transformations: Loop Permutation

Permute the order of the loops to modify the traversal order





3. Permute Loops to New Order

Source code for mxm.c *loop level 1:* for(i=0; i<n; i++) *loop level 2:* for(j=0; j<n; j++) *loop level 3:* for(k=0; k<n; k++) *statement 0:* c[i][j]+=a[i][k]*b[k][j]; CHiLL script source: mxm.c procedure: 0 loop: 0 permute([2,1,3])

Resulting code: for(j=0; j<n; j++) for(i=0; i<n; i++) for(k=0; k<n; k++) c[i][j]+=a[i][k]*b[k][j];



3. Transformations: Unroll, Unroll-and-Jam

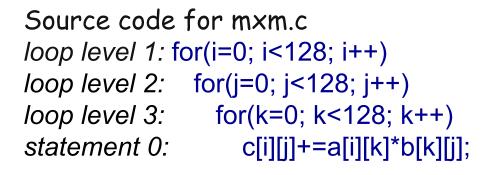
- Unroll simply replicates the statements in a loop, with the number of copies called the unroll factor
- As long as the copies don't go past the iterations in the original loop, it is always safe
 - May require "cleanup" code
- Unroll-and-jam involves unrolling an outer loop and fusing together the copies of the inner loop (not always safe)
- One of the most effective optimizations there is, but there is a danger in unrolling too much

Original:	Unroll j	Unroll-and-jam i
for (i=0; i<4; i++)	for (i=0; i<4; i++)	for (i= 0; i<4; i+=2)
for (j=0; j<8; j++)	for (j=0; j<8; j+=2)	for (j=0; j<8; j++)
A[i][j] = B[j+1][i];	A[i][j] = B[j+1][i];	A[i][j] = B[j+1][i];
	A[i][j+1] = B[j+2][i];	A[i+1][j] = B[j+1][i+1];



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3. Unroll loops at levels 2 and 3



CHiLL script source: mxm.c procedure: 0 loop: 0 permute([2,1,3]) unroll(0,2,2) unroll(0,3,2)



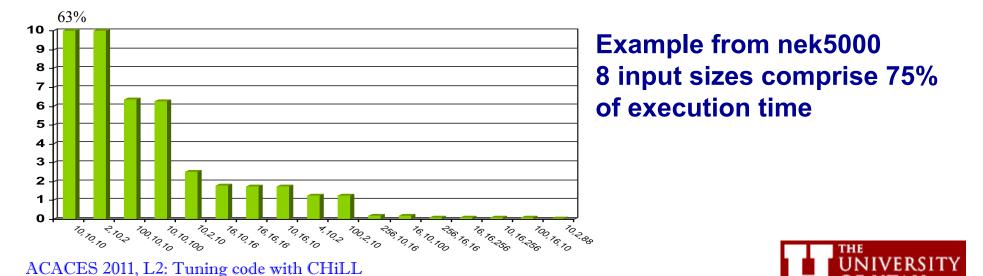
3. Annotation to specialize for n=10

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Source code for mxm.c
                                                 CHiLL script
loop level 1: for(i=0; i<n; i++)
                                                 source: mxm.c
loop level 2: for(j=0; j<n; j++)
                                                 procedure: 0
loop level 3: for(k=0; k<n; k++)
                                                 loop: 0
statement 0: c[i][i]+=a[i][k]*b[k][j];
                                                 known(n=10)
                                                 permute([2,1,3])
                                                 unroll(0,2,2)
                 Resulting code:
                                                 unroll(0,3,2)
                 for(j=0; j<10; j++)
                    for(i=0; i<10; i+=2)
                       for(k=0; k<10; k+=2) {
                         c[i][j]+=a[i][k]*b[k][j];
                         c[i][i]+=a[i][k+1]*b[k+1][i];
                         c[i+1][i]+=a[i+1][k]*b[k][i];
                         c[i+1][i]+=a[i+1][k+1]*b[k+1][i];
```



4. Optimizations for small matrix sizes

- Previous example comes from optimizing nek5000 (Friday's lecture)
- Involves optimizing for small matrix sizes
 - Set of expected sizes known and similar for different input data sets
- Specialization and optimizations specific to small matrices leads to very high performance



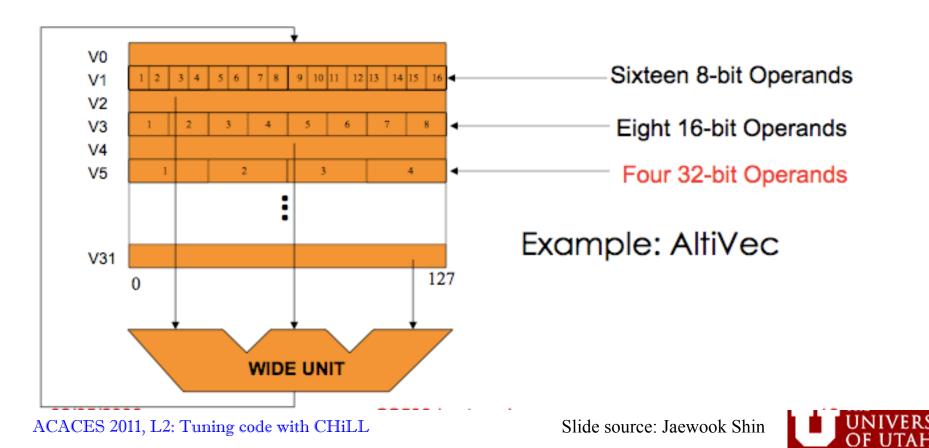
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 - exploit reuse in registers (unroll-and-jam)
 - exploit SIMD (in the Opteron SSE) (permute, unroll)
 - reduce loop overheads (unroll, specialize)

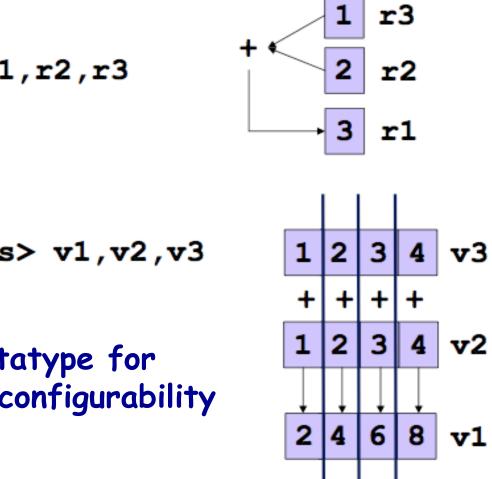


4. Aside: Multimedia Extensions and How to Optimize for Them

- At the core of multimedia extensions
 - SIMD parallelism
 - Variable-sized data fields:
 - Vector length = register width / type size



4. Aside: Multimedia Extensions, Scalar vs. Multimedia Operations



Scalar: add r1,r2,r3

SIMD: vadd<sws> v1,v2,v3

sws refers to datatype for instruction-level configurability



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4. Aside: Multimedia Extensions and How to Optimize for Them

- Data must be in adjacent memory locations
 - May need to copy to get adjacency (overhead)
- Data must be aligned to superword boundary
 - Unaligned data may produce incorrect results on older platforms
 - Alignment concerns lead to extra control (dynamic alignment)
- Control flow introduces complexity and inefficiency
- Exceptions may be masked



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 - reduce loop overheads (unroll, specialize)



4. Optimization Parameters and Variants

- For this very simple example, we have several parameters and variants
 - What is the right loop order? (variant)
 - Which loops to unroll? (treat no unrolling as parameter)
 - How much to unroll? (parameter)



4. Heuristics to Prune Search Space

- Focus on loop orders that are best for SSE code generation (3 out of 6):
 - {123, 213, 231}
- Unrolling: Limit for I-cache
 - { $U_{i}, U_{j}, U_{k} \le 2197$ } (limit derived empirically)
- Spatial locality for SIMD
 - $\{U_i = 1 \text{ or } U_j = 1 \text{ or } U_k = 1\}$
- Avoid unrolling cleanup loop to streamline code:
 - { $M \mod U_i = 0$ and $N \mod U_i = 0$ and $K \mod U_k = 0$ }

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4. Code Variants and Parameters Selected by Autotuning

No.	m,k,n	Size	Loop Order	Ui	Uk	Uj	%max
1	8,10,8	3840	ijk	8	10	4	98.7
2	10,8,10	4800	ijk	1	8	5	100
3	10,10,10	6000	jik	1	9	5	99.3
4	10,8,64	30720	ijk	1	8	4	
5	8,10,100	48000	ijk	1	10	4	
6	100,8,10	48000	jki	1	8	5	
7	10,10,100	60000	jik	1	10	4	
8	100,10,10	60000	jik	1	10	10	

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4. Impact of Using a Different Variant or Parameters

No.	m,k,n	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	8,10,8	58	27	49	38	58	49	56	54
2	10,8,10	43	61	58	20	20	51	39	58
3	10,10,10	39	37	59	31	20	52	44	58
4	10,8,64	44	20	54	62	61	47	62	50
5	8,10,100	57	38	57	38	59	50	59	54
6	100,8,10	27	73	74	19	19	75	58	67
7	10,10,100	39	37	58	39	61	52	61	57
8	100,10,10	26	41	71	34	19	62	60	75

(% of peak)

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4. Generated Code: Do You Want to Write This?

Example: loop order ijk, unroll 8-4-1 (Fortran)

FUNCTION M_100_10_8 (A, B, C)

INTEGER M_100_10_8, T4, T6 DOUBLE PRECISION A, B, C

DIMENSION A(8, 10) DIMENSION B(10, 100) DIMENSION C(8, 100)

DO 2, T4 = 1, 97, 4

DO 4, T6 = 1, 10, 1

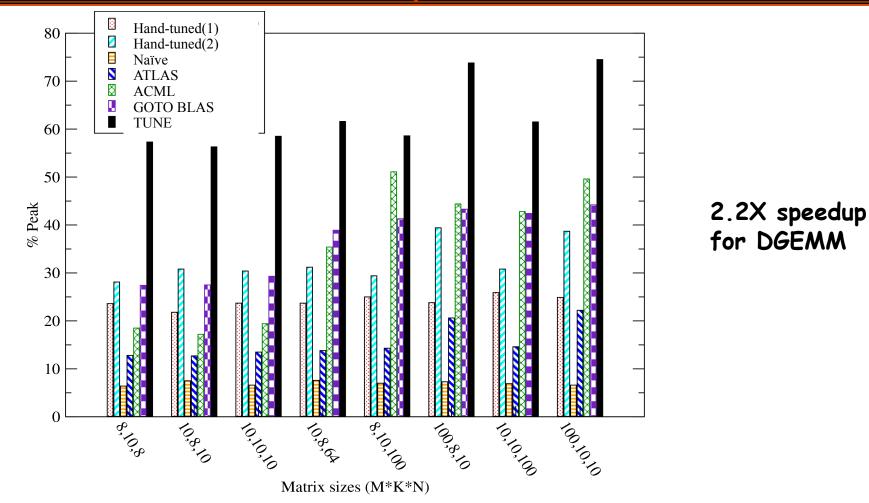
$T_{0}, T_{0} = 1, 10, 1$
C(1, T4) = C(1, T4) + A(1, T6) * B(T6, T4) C(1 + 1, T4) = C(1 + 1, T4) + A(1 + 1, T6) * B(T6, T4)
C(1 + 1, T4) = C(1 + 1, T4) + A(1 + 1, T6) * B(T6, T4)
C(1 + 2, T4) = C(1 + 2, T4) + A(1 + 2, T6) * B(T6, T4)
C(1 + 3, T4) = C(1 + 3, T4) + A(1 + 3, T6) * B(T6, T4)
$\hat{C}(1 + 4, T4) = \hat{C}(1 + 4, T4) + A(1 + 4, T6) * B(T6, T4)$
C(1 + 5, T4) = C(1 + 5, T4) + A(1 + 5, T6) * B(T6, T4)
C(1 + 5, T4) = C(1 + 5, T4) + A(1 + 5, T6) * B(T6, T4) C(1 + 6, T4) = C(1 + 6, T4) + A(1 + 6, T6) * B(T6, T4) C(1 + 7, T4) = C(1 + 7, T4) + A(1 + 7, T6) * B(T6, T4)
$O(1 + 7, 14) = O(1 + 7, 14) + A(1 + 7, 16) \cap D(16, 14)$ $O(1 + 7, 14) = O(1 + 7, 14) + A(1 + 7, 16) \otimes D(76, 74 + 1)$
C(1, T4 + 1) = C(1, T4 + 1) + A(1, T6) * B(T6, T4 + 1) C(1 + 1, T4 + 1) = C(1 + 1, T4 + 1) + A(1 + 1, T6) * B(T6, T4 + 1)
C(1 + 1, 14 + 1) = C(1 + 1, 14 + 1) + A(1 + 1, 10) = B(10, 14 + 1) C(1 + 2, T4 + 1) = C(1 + 2, T4 + 1) + A(1 + 2, T6) * B(T6, T4 + 1)
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C(1 + 4, T4 + 1) = C(1 + 4, T4 + 1) + A(1 + 4, T6) * B(T6, T4 + 1)
C(1 + 5, T4 + 1) = C(1 + 5, T4 + 1) + A(1 + 5, T6) * B(T6, T4 + 1)
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4 CONTINUE
3 CONTINUE
2 CONTINUE
1 CONTINUE
$M_{100}10_{8} = 0$ RETURN

END



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4. Automatically-Generated Code is Faster than Manually-Tuned Libraries



Target architecture: AMD Phenom, 2.5 GHz, data fits in 64 KB L1, 4 double-precision floating point operations / cycle → 10 GFlops / core peak

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5. Optimizations for larger matrix sizes

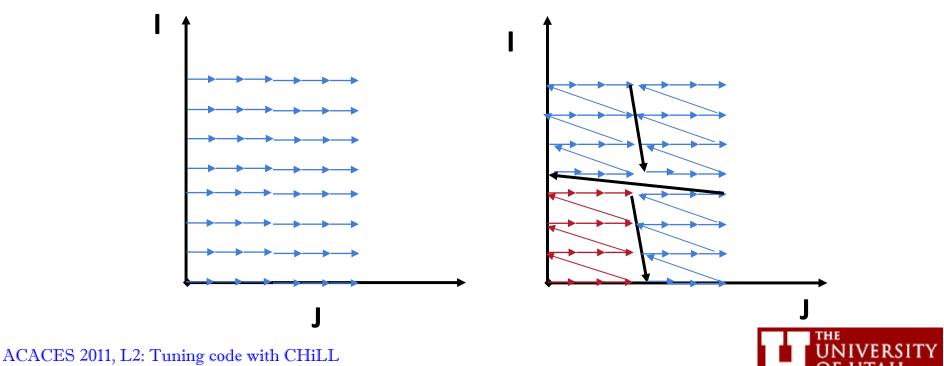
What if data footprint exceeds cache capacity? And there is data reuse?

- exploit locality of reused data in various levels of cache (tile)
- reduce conflict misses in cache and simplify addressing (datacopy)
- exploit reuse in registers (unroll-and-jam)
- exploit SIMD (in the Opteron SSE) (permute, unroll)
- reduce loop overheads (unroll)



5. Transformation for larger matrix sizes: Tiling

- Tiling reorders loop nests to bring iterations that reuse data closer together
- Used to match data footprint to limited-capacity storage (today)
- Also used to divide a computation into parallel threads (Thursday's parallel code generation)



5. Tile Loops to Reduce Data Footprint in Subloop and Exploit Locality

```
Source code for mxm.c

loop level 1: for(i=0; i<128; i++)

loop level 2: for(j=0; j<128; j++)

loop level 3: for(k=0; k<128; k++)

statement 0: c[i][j]+=a[i][k]*b[k][j];
```

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Resulting code:
for(kk=0; kk <=64; kk+=64)
for(ii=0; ii<=112; ii+=16)
for(i=ii; i<=ii+15; i++)
for(j=0; j<128; j++)
for(k=kk; k<=kk+63; k++)
c[i][j]+=a[i][k]*b[k][j];
```

```
CHiLL script
source: mxm.c
procedure: 0
loop: 0
permute([1,2,3])
tile(0,1,16)
tile(0,4,64)
```



5. DataCopy

- Datacopy creates a temporary to be used in a subloop as a substitute for a variable
 - Uses polyhedral scanning to compute footprint of data in subloop
 - Copies variable into temporary in a loop that it creates preceding where the variable is accessed
 - Replaces variable accesses with accesses to temporary
 - May write back values
- Key Uses:
 - Explicit data staging for complex memory hierarchies and software-controlled storage (GPU discussion on Thursday)
 - Eliminate conflict misses and reduce TLB misses by controlling/reducing data footprint (this example)



5. Use DataCopy to Reduce Conflict Misses in Cache

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for(kk=0; kk <=64; kk+=64)
for(ii=0; ii<=112; ii+=16) {
  for (i=ii; i<=ii+15; i++)
    for(k=kk; k<=kk+63; k++)
    _P1[i-ii][k-kk] = a[i][k];
  for(i=ii; i<=ii+15; i++)
    for(j=0; j<128; j++)
    for(k=kk; k<=kk+63; k++)
        c[i][j]+=_P1[i-ii][k-kk]*b[k][j];
  }
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CHiLL script
source: mxm.c
procedure: 0
loop: 0
permute([1,2,3])
tile(0,1,16)
tile(0,4,64)
datacopy(0,3,a)
```



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5. Optimizations for larger matrix sizes

code variant I:

Tile for two levels of cache Expose SSE instructions

permute([1,2,3])
tile(0,2,Tj)
tile(0,2,Ti)
tile(0,2,Ti)
tile(0,5,Tk)
/* a is transposed */
datacopy(0,3,a,false,1)
datacopy(0,4,b)
unroll (0,4,Ui)
unroll (0,5,Uj)

code variant II: Tile for single level of cache Expose SSE instructions

permute([1,2,3])
tile(0,1,Ti)
tile(0,4,Tk)
/* a is transposed */
datacopy(0,2,a,false,1)
unroll (0,3,Ui)
unroll (0,4,Uj)

Ti, Tj, Tk, Ui, Uj are *unbound parameters*



5. Optimizations for larger matrix sizes: Why transpose a?

- By transposing a, matrices b and a can both have adjacent data in their computation, suitable for SSE instructions (warning: this example is in Fortran!)
- We did not do this for small matrices
 - The cost of transpose is prohibitive with modest gain
 - Aggressive unrolling and (implicit) statement reordering can expose data



5. Additional Optimization Parameters and Variants

- Additional parameters and variants
 - What is the right loop order? (variant)
 - Which loops to unroll? (treat no unrolling as parameter)
 - How much to unroll? (parameter)
 - Tile size for each loop (parameter)
 - Whether or not to perform datacopy (variant)



5. Original Code Variant Generation Algorithm

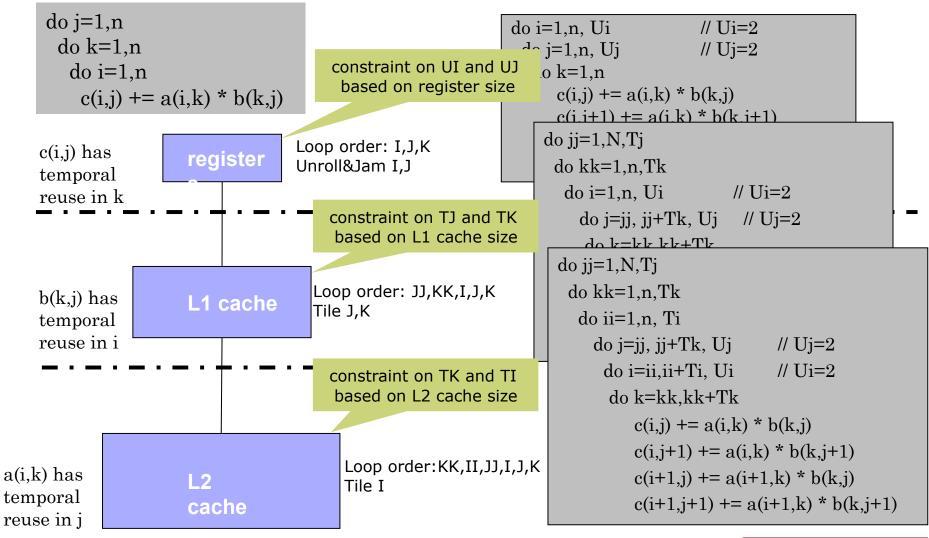
- Key Insights:
 - Target data structures to specific levels of the memory hierarchy based on reuse analysis
 - Compose code transformations and determine constraints

For each memory hierarchy level in (Register, L1, L2, ...), *use models* to:

- **1.** Select the data structure *D* which has maximum reuse from reuse analysis (if possible, one that has not been considered)
- **2.** Permute the relevant loops and apply tiling (unroll-and-jam for registers) according to newly selected reuse dimension
- 3. Generate copy variant if copying is beneficial
- **4.** Determine constraints based on *D* and current memory hierarchy level characteristics, using register/cache/TLB footprint analysis
- 5. Mark *D* as considered



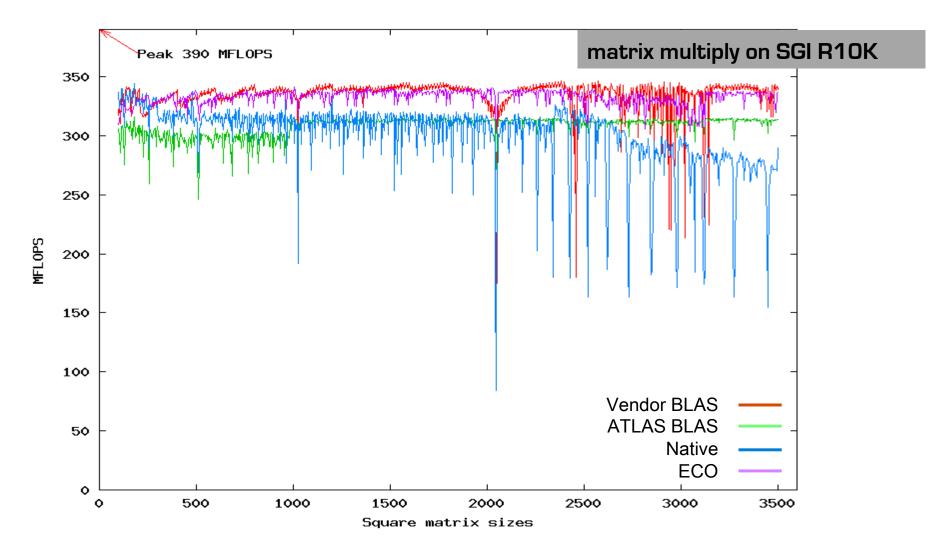
5. Mapping Reuse to Memory Hierarchy Levels







5. Matrix Multiply: Comparison with ATLAS, vendor BLAS and native compiler





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5. Comparison of Search Cost (Matrix Multiply and Jacobi)

Code	SGI R10K	Sun US-2e
MM (ATLAS)	35 min	14 min
MM (ECO)	8 min (60 pts)	6 min (44 pts)
Jacobi (ECO)	3 min (94 pts)	5 min (148 pts)



- Tuning kernels with CHiLL recipes
- Used primitives today, and will use higher-level commands on Thursday
- Example tuning experiments on linear algebra kernels
- Intuition on when and why to use certain optimizations



References

The literature contains a very large body of work on loop transformations. Here are a couple comprehensive references.

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