

# Spiral For Basic Linear Algebra



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## Vision: Program Synthesis For Performance

Generate highest performance code for mathematical algorithms directly from a mathematical description

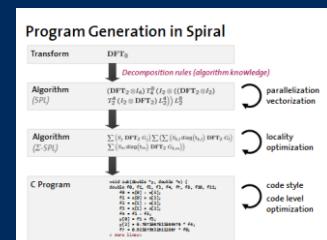
### Approach

*Mathematical DSLs*

*Rewriting systems for difficult optimizations*

*Compiler*

*Learning and search for fine-tuning*

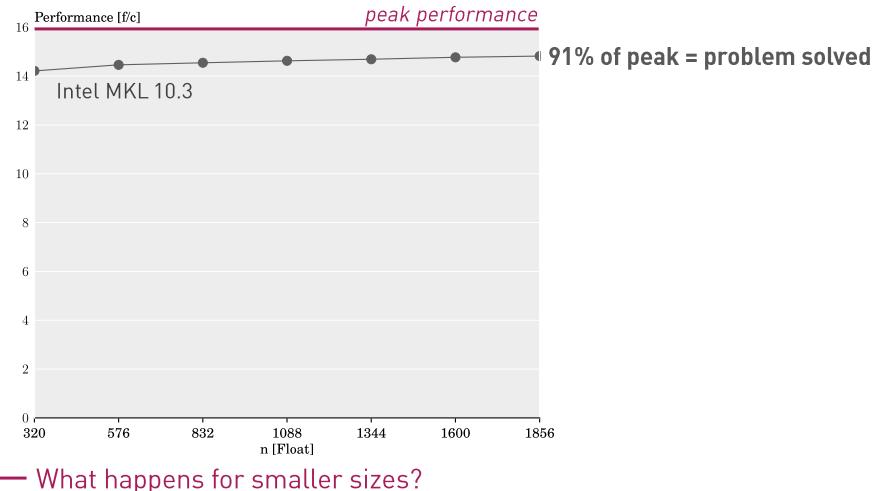


Example: Linear Transforms  
[www.spiral.net](http://www.spiral.net)

This talk: Basic linear algebra computations

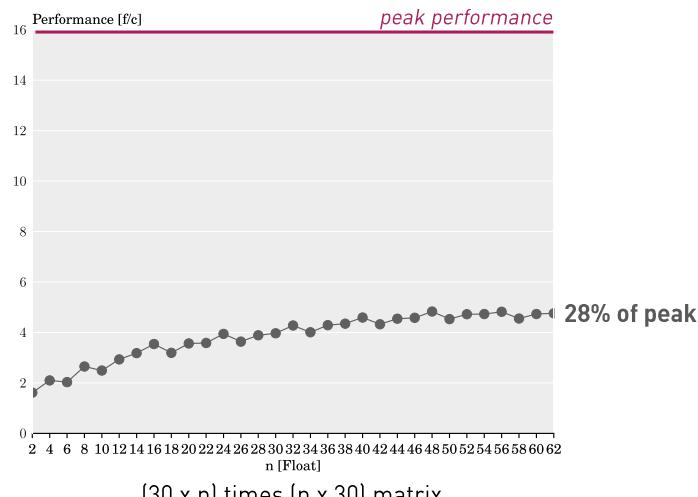
## Library performance sgemm ( $C \doteq AB$ )

Intel Core i7-2600 CPU @ 3.40GHz



## A closer look at small problem sizes

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## Are small problems so important?

Required by many performance-critical applications:

*Optimization algorithms*

*Kalman filters*

*Geometric transformations*

*Real-time localization and mapping*

Often for specific input sizes

Do not necessarily comply with standard interface (e.g., BLAS)

Of special interest for a variety of embedded systems

*Reduced HW and SW resources*

## Basic Linear Algebra Computations (BLACs)

### Examples:

$$y = Ax$$

$$C = \alpha AB^T + \beta C$$

$$\gamma = x^T(A + B)y + \delta$$

### Composed of:

Scalars, vectors, and matrices

#### Operators:

*Addition*

*Scalar multiplication*

*Matrix multiplication*

*Transposition*

**Assumption:** All input and output vectors and matrices have a fixed size

## Our Goal: From (any) BLAC to fast code

$$\gamma = x^T(A + B)y + \delta \quad \leftarrow A \text{ is } 2 \times 3, x \text{ is } 3 \times 1, \dots$$

**LGen**

*Design similar to Spiral*

```
void f(double const * A, double const * x, double * y) {
    double t0, ...;

    t0 = x[0];
    t1 = x[1];
    ...
    t9 = t3 * t0;
    t10 = t6 * t0;
    t11 = t4 * t1;
    t12 = t9 + t11;
    ...
    y[0] = t16;
    y[1] = t18;
}
```

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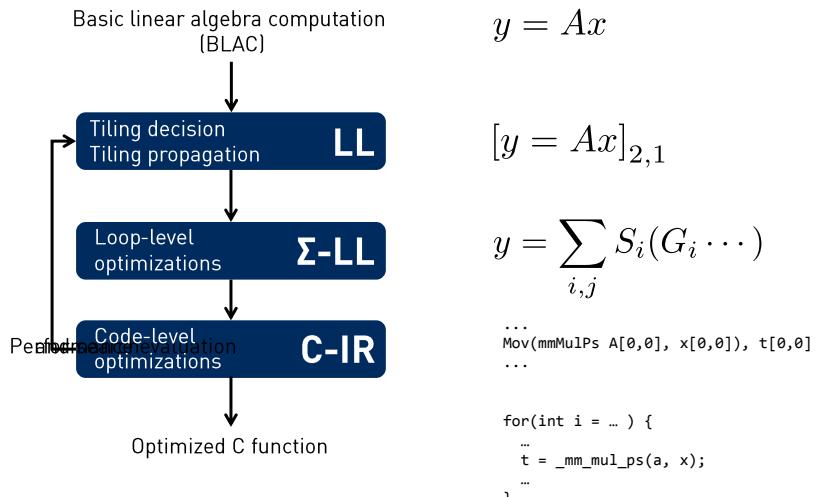
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```
void f(double const * A, double const * x, double * y) {
    __m128d t0, ...;

    t0 = _mm_loadu_pd(A);
    t1 = _mm_load_sd(A + 2);
    ...
    t6 = _mm_hadd_pd(_mm_mul_pd(t0, t4), _mm_mul_pd(t2, t4));
    t7 = _mm_shuffle_pd(t1, t3, 0);
    t8 = _mm_mul_pd(t7, _mm_shuffle_pd(t5, t5, 0));
    t9 = _mm_add_pd(t6, t8);

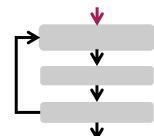
    _mm_storeu_pd(y, t9);
}
```

## Architecture of LGen

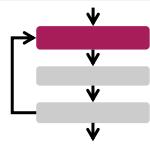


## Scalar code generation

The diagram shows the equation  $y = Ax + y$  being generated from a loop iteration. It consists of four terms: a large square block labeled with a brace under it (4), followed by a plus sign, another small vertical bar, and a brace closing the expression (4). To the left of the first term is a small vertical bar.



## Tiling in LL



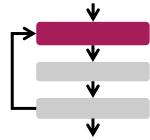
$$\begin{array}{c} \text{[gray rectangle]} \\ = \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{[large gray rectangle]} \\ + \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{[gray rectangle]} \\ + \end{array}$$

$$[y = Ax + y]_{r,c}$$

↑  
Tiling decision  
for equation  
 $r = 2, c = 1$

**Task:** Tiling decision for equation  $\rightarrow$  tiling decision for operands

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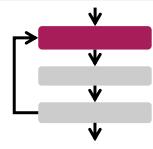


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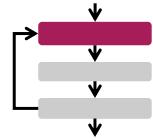
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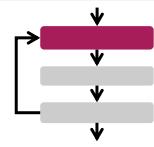
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$$[y]_{2,1} = [A]_{2,k}[x]_{k,1} + [y]_{2,1}$$

Choice that can be used for search

## Tiling in LL



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## $\Sigma$ -LL: Basics

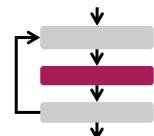
Extension of  $\Sigma$ -SPL (Franchetti et al., PLDI 2005)

**Gathers:**  $G_L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$        $G_R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

**Scatters:**  $S_L = G_R$        $S_R = G_L$

Extracting a block

$$A = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline B & \text{---} \\ \hline \text{---} & \text{---} \\ \hline \end{array} \quad B = A(0 : 1, 0 : 1) = G_L A G_R$$

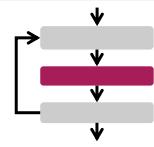


Expanding a block

$$C = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline B & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad C = S_L B S_R$$

**Gathers** and **scatters** make data accesses explicit

## $\Sigma$ -LL: Some properties



$$\alpha = G_i^{1,2} G_j^{2,4} x$$

```
for ( k = 0; k < 2; k++ ) t[k] = x[j+k];
alpha = t[i];
```

$$= G(h_{j,1}^{2 \rightarrow 4} \circ h_{i,1}^{1 \rightarrow 2})x = G_{i+j}^{1,4}x$$

```
alpha = x[i+j];
```

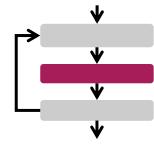
$$\alpha = G_i \sum_{j=0}^3 S_j \beta_j$$

```
for ( j = 0; j < 4; j++ ) t[j] = beta[j];
alpha = t[i];
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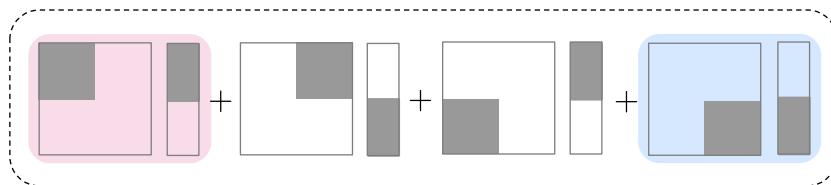
$$= S_i^T \sum_{j=0}^3 S_j \beta_j = \beta_i$$

```
alpha = beta[i];
```

## LL to $\Sigma$ -LL



$$[y]_{2,1} = [A]_{2,2}[x]_{2,1} + [y]_{2,1}$$

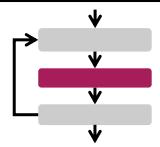


$$S_0(G_0AG_0)S_0 \cdot S_0(G_0x) + \dots + S_2(G_2AG_2)S_2 \cdot S_2(G_2x)$$

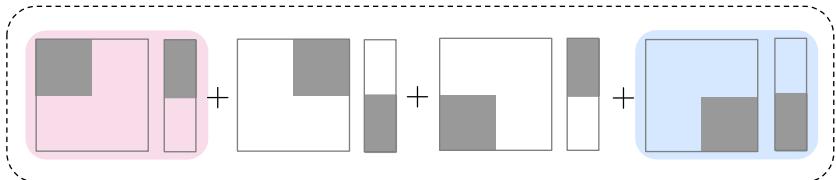
$$= \sum_{\iota=0,2}^3 \sum_{j=0,2}^3 S_\iota(G_\iota AG_j)(G_jx)$$

$$= \sum_{\iota=0,2}^3 \sum_{j=0,2}^3 S_\iota \sum_{\iota'=0}^1 \sum_{j'=0}^1 S_{\iota'}(G_{\iota'}G_\iota AG_jG_{j'})(G_{j'}G_jx)$$

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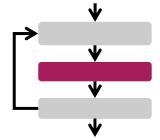


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$$= \sum_{\iota,j,\iota',j'} S_{\iota+\iota'}(G_{\iota+\iota'}AG_{j+j'})(G_{j+j'}x)$$

## LL to $\Sigma$ -LL: Loop fusion



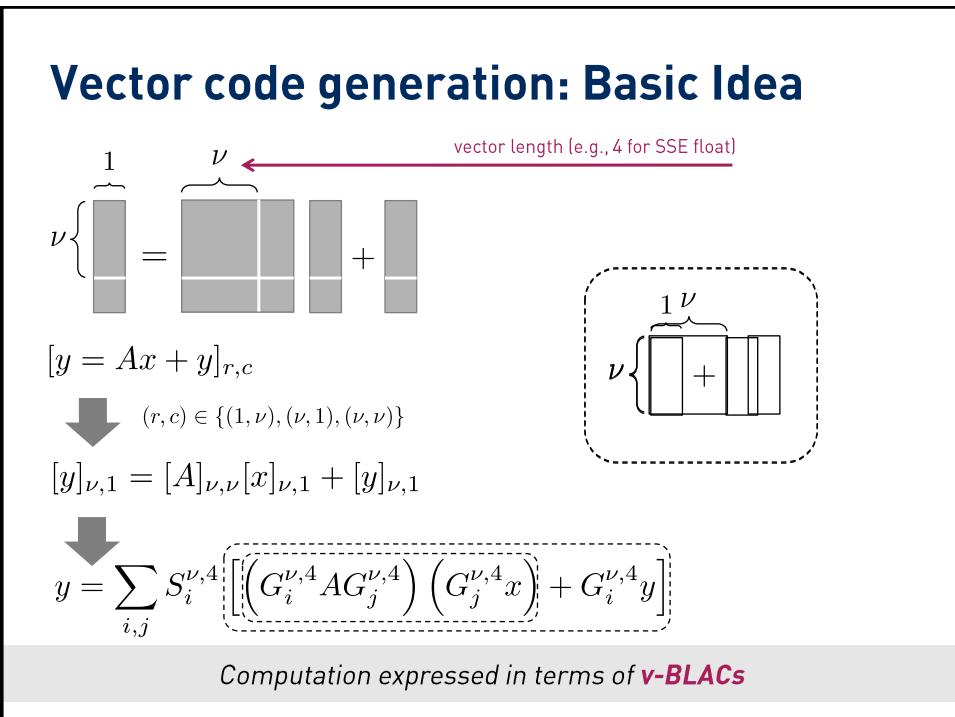
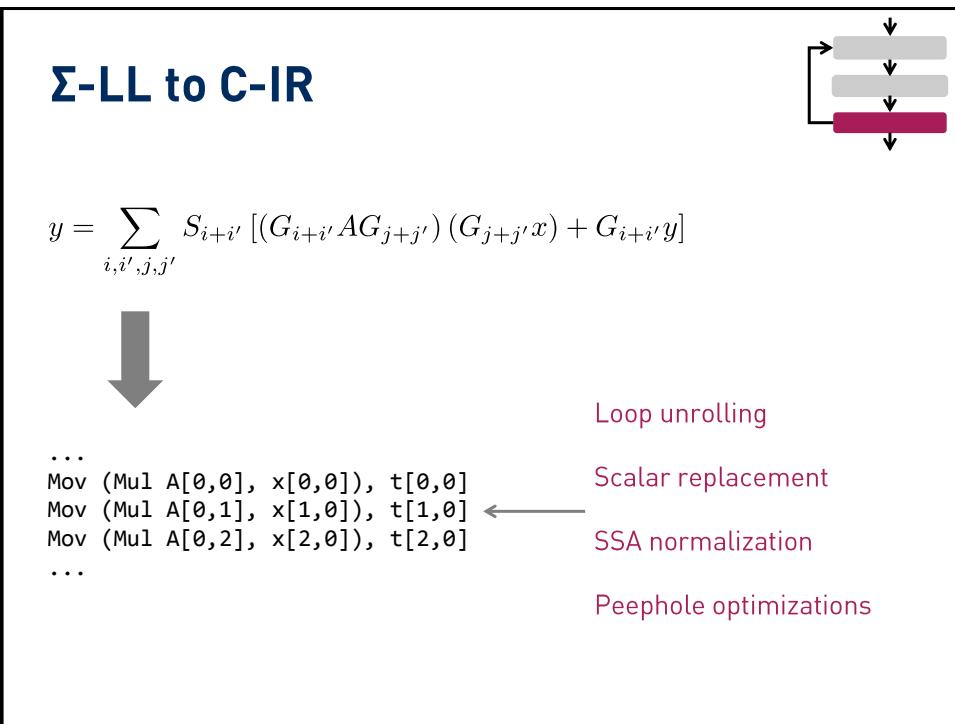
$$[y]_{2,1} = [A]_{2,2}[x]_{2,1} + [y]_{2,1}$$



$$\begin{cases} t = \sum_{\iota,j,\iota',j'} S_{\iota+\iota'}(G_{\iota+\iota'}AG_{j+j'})(G_{j+j'}x) \\ y = \sum_{i,i'} S_{i+i'}(G_{i+i'}t + G_{i+i'}y) \end{cases}$$



$$y = \sum_{i,i',j,j'} S_{i+i'} [(G_{i+i'}AG_{j+j'})(G_{j+j'}x) + G_{i+i'}y]$$

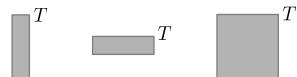


## v-BLACs

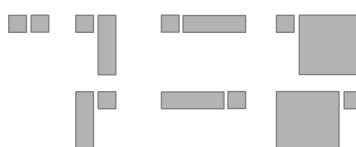
Addition (3 v-BLACs)



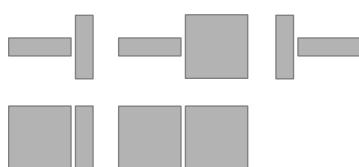
Transposition (3 v-BLACs)



Scalar Multiplication (7 v-BLACs)

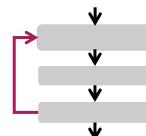


Matrix Multiplication (5 v-BLACs)



**18 cases** implemented once for every vector ISA

## Performance evaluation & search



Search on tiling strategies

$$r \{ \overset{c}{\underset{k}{\overbrace{\quad}}} = \overset{k}{\overbrace{\quad \quad \quad}} + \quad$$

Other degrees of freedom: currently model

Current search methods:

*exhaustive search*

*random search (in the following: 10 samples)*

# Experiments

## Hardware details

*Intel Xeon X5680 (Westmere EP) @ 3.3 GHz  
32 kB L1 D-cache  
SSE 4.2 (theoretical peak 8 flops/cycle)  
Intel's SpeedStep and Turbo Boost disabled*

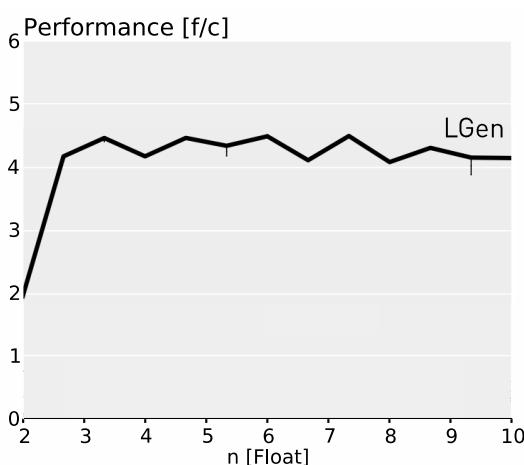
## Software details

*RHEL Server 6 – kernel v. 2.6.32  
icc v. 13.1 with flags: -O3 -xHost -fargument-noalias -fno-alias -ipo*

## Comparisons

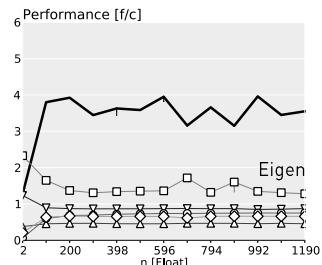
*Handwritten naïve code: Fixed and general size  
Libraries: Intel MKL v. 11, Intel IPP v. 7.1  
Generators: Eigen v.3.1.3, BT0 v.1.3*

# Plotting

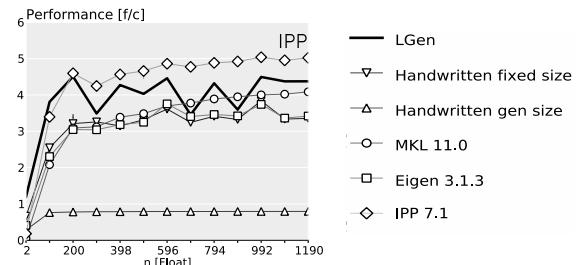


## Case 1: Simple BLACs

$$y = Ax$$



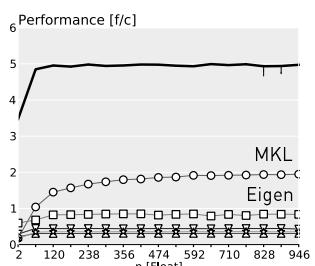
$$A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 4}$$



$$A \in \mathbb{R}^{4 \times n}$$

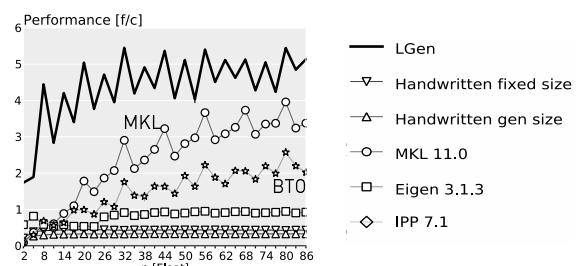
## Case 2: BLACs closely matching BLAS

$$C = \alpha AB + \beta C$$



$$A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 4}$$

$$B \in \mathbb{R}^{4 \times 4}$$

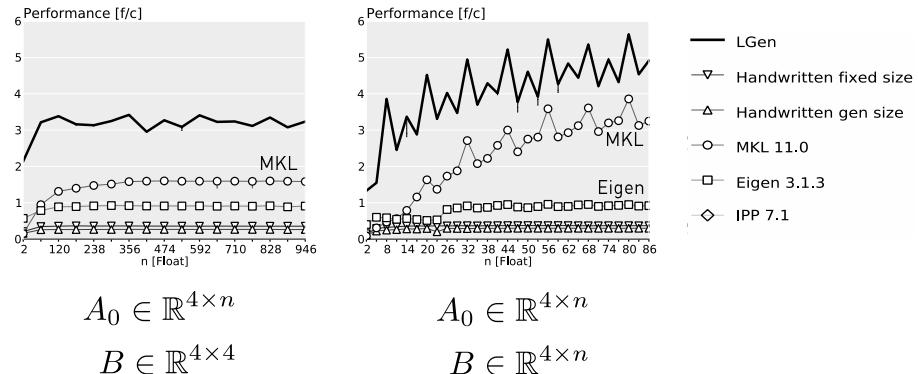


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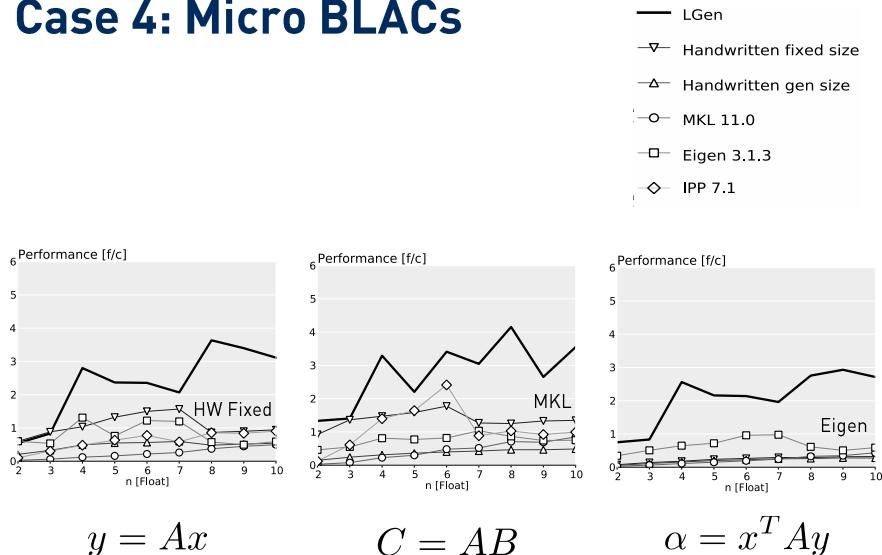
$$B \in \mathbb{R}^{4 \times n}$$

## Case 3: More than one BLAS call

$$C = \alpha(A_0 + A_1)^T B + \beta C$$



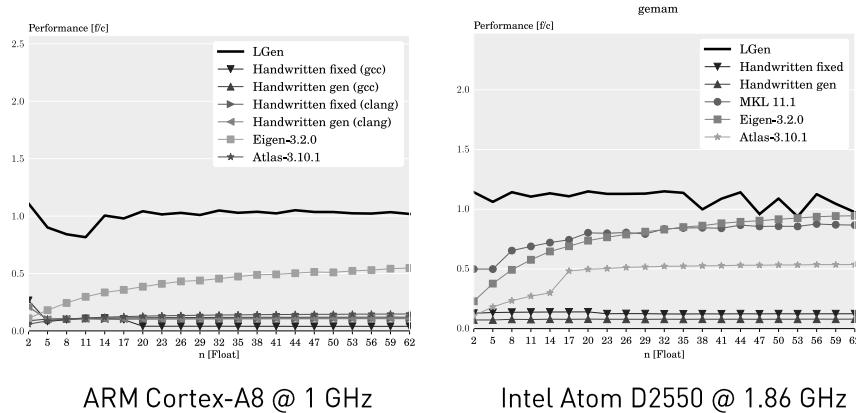
## Case 4: Micro BLACs



# On Embedded Processors

Work by Nikos Kyrtatas

$$C = \alpha(A_0 + A_1)^T B + \beta C$$



ARM Cortex-A8 @ 1 GHz

Intel Atom D2550 @ 1.86 GHz

## Challenge: Alignment Analysis

unaligned load/stores only

```

for( size_t i2 = 0; i2 < 400; i2+=16 ) {
    for( size_t j3 = 0; j3 < 112; j3+=4 ) {
        for( size_t ii4 = 0; ii4 < 16; ii4+=4 ) {
            t0_7_0 = _mm_loadu_ps(A + 115*i2 + 115*ii4 + j3);
            t0_6_0 = _mm_loadu_ps(A + 115*i2 + 115*ii4 + j3 + 115);
            t0_5_0 = _mm_loadu_ps(A + 115*i2 + 115*ii4 + j3 + 230);
            t0_4_0 = _mm_loadu_ps(A + 115*i2 + 115*ii4 + j3 + 345);
            t0_3_0 = _mm_loadu_ps(B + 115*i2 + 115*ii4 + j3);
            t0_2_0 = _mm_loadu_ps(B + 115*i2 + 115*ii4 + j3 + 115);
            t0_1_0 = _mm_loadu_ps(B + 115*i2 + 115*ii4 + j3 + 230);
            t0_0_0 = _mm_loadu_ps(B + 115*i2 + 115*ii4 + j3 + 345);

            // 4-BLAC: 4x4 + 4x4
            t0_8_0 = _mm_add_ps(t0_7_0, t0_3_0);
            t0_9_0 = _mm_add_ps(t0_6_0, t0_2_0);
            t0_10_0 = _mm_add_ps(t0_5_0, t0_1_0);
            t0_11_0 = _mm_add_ps(t0_4_0, t0_0_0);

            // 4x4 -> 4x4 - Incompact
            t0_8_1 = t0_8_0;
            t0_9_1 = t0_9_0;
            t0_10_1 = t0_10_0;
            t0_11_1 = t0_11_0;

            _mm_storeu_ps(C + 115*i2 + 115*ii4 + j3, t0_8_1);
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            _mm_storeu_ps(C + 115*i2 + 115*ii4 + j3 + 345, t0_11_1);
        }
    }
}

```

goal

with aligned load/stores

```

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        }
    }
}

```

# Solution: Abstract interpretation

assume  $B[]$  is aligned:

```

for( size_t j5 = 0; j5 < 80; j5+=16 ) {
    ...
    for( size_t k4 = 8; k4 < 48; k4+=8 ) {           // k4->([8,40], 0+8Z)
        for( size_t kk7 = 0; kk7 < 8; kk7+=4 ) {      // kk7->([0,4], 0+4Z)
            for( size_t jj8 = 0; jj8 < 16; jj8+=4 ) {  // jj8->([0,12], 0+4Z)
                ...
                t219900==_mmml0add_ps(B + j5 + jj8 + 81*k4 + 81*kk7);
                // Eval(B + j5 + jj8 + 81*k4 + 81*kk7) = ([-,oo], 0+4Z) + ([0,64], 0+16Z) +
                // ([0,12], 0+4Z) + ([81,81], 81+0Z) * ([8,40], 0+8Z) + ([81,81], 81+0Z) * ([0,4], 0+4Z) =
                // = ([-,oo], 0+gcd(4,16,4,648,324)Z) = ([-,oo], 0+4Z)
}

```

↑  
aligned

Analysis is **sound** and **precise**

# Conclusion

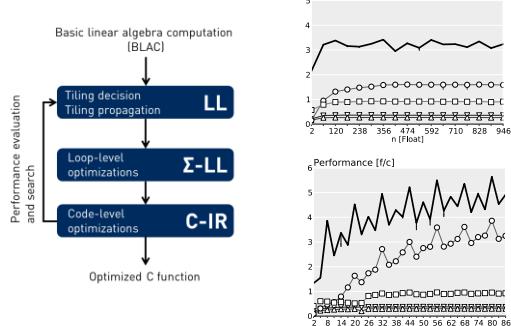
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    ...
    t6 = _mm_hadpd(_mm_mulpd(t0, t4), _mm_mulpd(t2, t4));
    t7 = _mm_shuffle_pd(t1, t3, 0);
    t8 = _mm_hadpd(t7, _mm_shuffle_pd(t5, t5, 0));
    t9 = _mm_addpd(x, t7);
    _mm_storeu_pd(y, t9);
}

```



**Future Work:** General size data, higher-level linear algebra, better search

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