

# Program Generation for Small Linear Algebra

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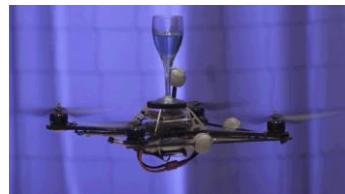


**Fast code needed**

For example, commonly used in robotics  
Could be 6, 11, 17, ... states

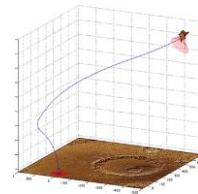
# Linear algebra: Central to many domains

Control systems



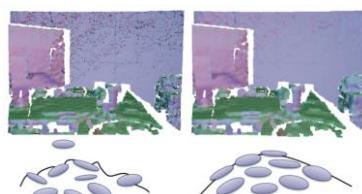
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Optimization algorithms



Source: rain.aa.washington.edu

Computer graphics



Source: ETH CGL

Computer vision  
Communication  
Signal Processing

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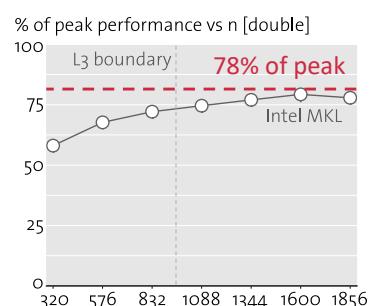
## Library performance for DPOTRF

Intel MKL on Intel Core i7 CPU (AVX)

- The Cholesky decomposition

$$U^T U = S$$

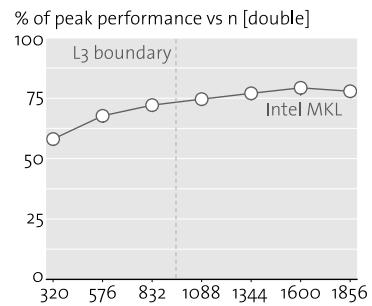
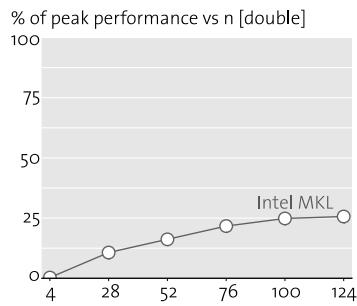
- Function DPOTRF in LAPACK



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## Library performance for DPOTRF: $U^T U = S$

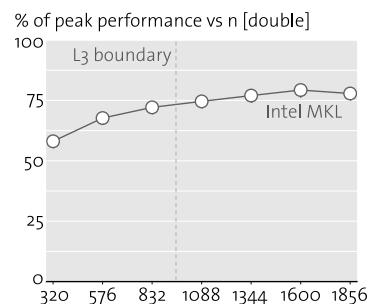
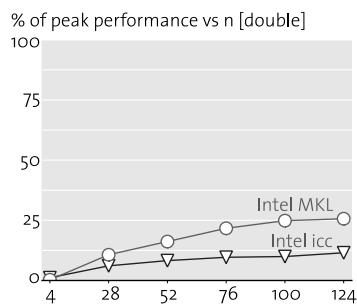
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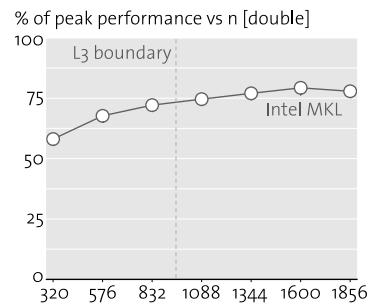
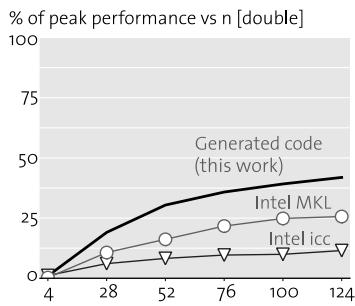
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Fast code = good algorithm  
+ code style  
+ locality  
+ vectorization  
( + parallelization )

Example:  
[LTE Viterbi Decoder](#)

# Goal: Program Generation for Small Linear Algebra

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```
void kf(double const * A, ...) {
    __m256d t0, ...;

    a0 = _mm256_loadu_pd(A);
    a1 = _mm256_load_sd(A + 4);
    ...
    m0 = _mm256_mul_pd(a0, x0);
    ...
    h0 = _mm256_hadd_pd(m0, m1);
    ...
    p = _mm256_permute2f128_pd(...);
    b = _mm256_blend_pd(t6, t8);
    ...
    _mm256_storeu_pd(X, r0);
    ...
}
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# Classes of linear algebra computations

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Linear algebra computations

Basic linear algebra computations

BLACs

$$\boxed{\begin{array}{c} \text{[matrix]} \\ = \\ \text{[matrix]} \end{array}} + \boxed{\begin{array}{c} \text{[matrix]} \\ + \\ \text{[matrix]} \end{array}}$$

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Linear algebra computations

Basic linear algebra computations  
with structures

sBLACs  
BLACs

A diagram illustrating matrix addition. It shows a large triangular matrix on the left, followed by an equals sign, then a sum symbol (+). To the right of the sum symbol are two smaller triangular matrices.

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Linear algebra computations

Higher-level computations

sBLACs  
BLACs

A diagram illustrating matrix multiplication. It shows two rectangular matrices side-by-side, enclosed in a red-bordered box.

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## Classes of linear algebra computations

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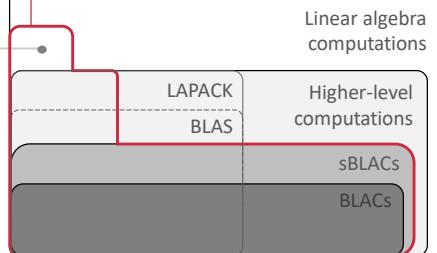
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### Our program generation work



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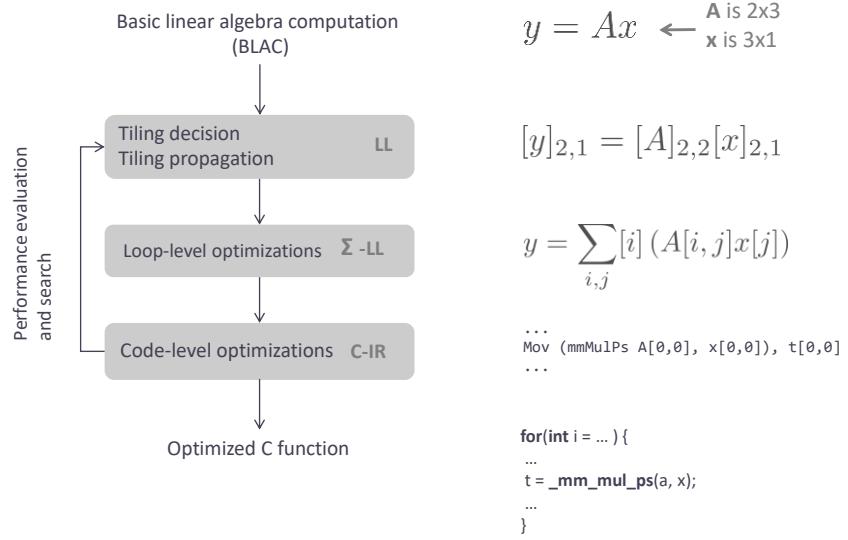
## Part 1: BLACs

[CGO 2014, DATE 2015]

Matrices, vectors, scalars  
Multiplication, addition, transposition

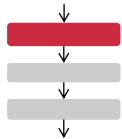
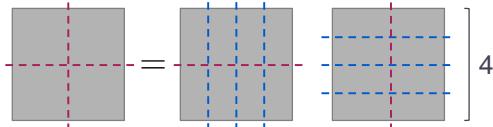
Example:  $y = Ax + \alpha B^T(y + z)$

# LGen: A basic linear algebra compiler



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## Tiling in LL – targeting scalar code



$$C = AB$$

$$[C = AB]_{r,c} \xleftarrow{\text{First tiling decision (register level)}}$$

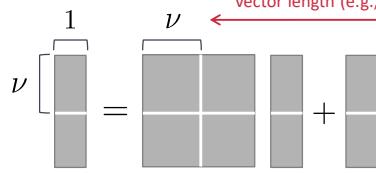
$$[C = AB]_{2,2}$$

$$[C]_{2,2} = [AB]_{2,2}$$

$$[C]_{2,2} = [A]_{2,k}[B]_{k,2} \xrightarrow{\text{Choice of k}} [C]_{2,2} = [A]_{2,1}[B]_{1,2}$$

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## Vector code generation: General idea

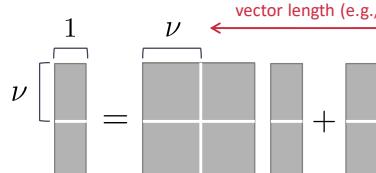


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$$[y]_{\nu,1} = [A]_{\nu,\nu}[x]_{\nu,1} + [y]_{\nu,1}$$

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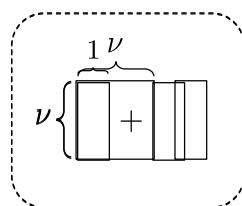
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$$y = \sum_{i,j} [i] \left( [A[i,j]x[j]] + [y[i]] \right)$$



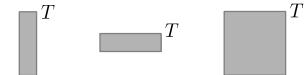
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## v-BLACs: Vectorization building blocks

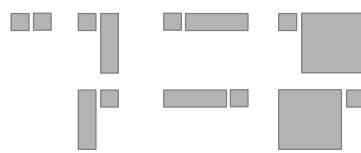
Addition (3 v-BLACs)



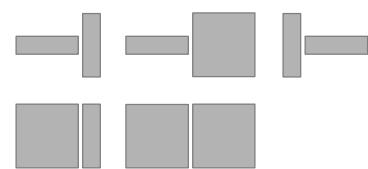
Transposition (3 v-BLACs)



Scalar Multiplication (7 v-BLACs)



Matrix Multiplication (5 v-BLACs)

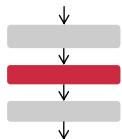


18 cases implemented once for every ISA

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## Vector code generation: General idea

$$\nu \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ \nu \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \nu \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \nu \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



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

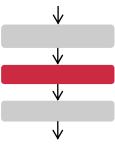
$$y = \sum_{i,j} [i] (A[i,j]x[j] + y[i])$$

Scatter                      Gathers

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## $\Sigma$ -LL: Basics

Extension of  $\Sigma$ -SPL [Franchetti et al., PLDI 2005]



- Gathers: Extracting blocks

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} B \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} \quad B = A[0, 0]_{2,2}^{4,4}$$

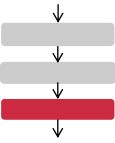
- Scatters: Expanding blocks

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} B & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad C = {}_{4,4}^{2,2}[0, 0]B$$

Gather and scatter operators identify explicit data accesses

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## $\Sigma$ -LL to C-IR



$$\begin{aligned} y &= Ax + y \\ &= \sum_i \sum_j [i] (A[i, j]x[j] + y[i]) \end{aligned}$$

↓  
GenC-IR( ISA=SSE2, P=double )

```
ForLoop ( i = 0; i < 4; i+=2 ) [
    ForLoop ( j = 0; j < 4; j+=2 ) [
        Ar0 = load(A[i,j], [0,1], hor)
        Ar1 = load(A[i+1,j], [0,1], hor)
        vx  = load(x[j], [0,1], ver)

        store(mmHaddPd(mmMulPd(Ar0, vx), mmMulPd(Ar1, vx)), ty, [0,1])
        vy  = load(y[j], [0,1], ver)
        store(mmAddPd(ty, vy), y[j], [0,1], ver)
    ]
]
```

### C-IR optimizations

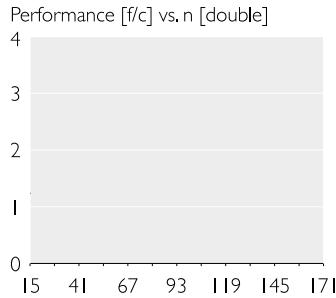
- Loop unrolling
- Scalar replacement
- SSA normalization
- Alignment detection
- ...

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# Plotting

Intel core i7 (Sandy Bridge), Linux 3.13

L1-D	L2	Vec. ISA	Th. Peak
32 kB	256 kB	AVX	8 f/c

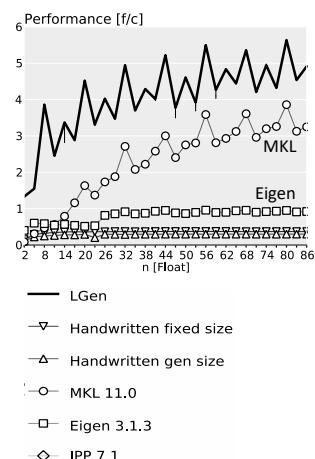


All experiments are executed in a warm-cache scenario

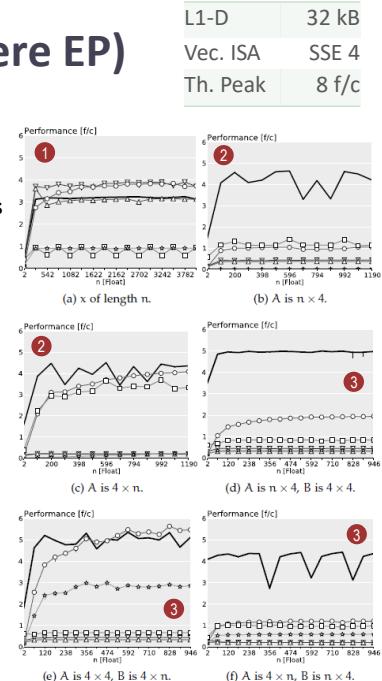
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# Intel Xeon X5680 (Westmere EP)

$$C = \alpha(A_0 + A_1)^T B + \beta C, \quad A_0, A_1, B \in \mathbb{R}^{4 \times n}$$



BLAS 1-3 examples

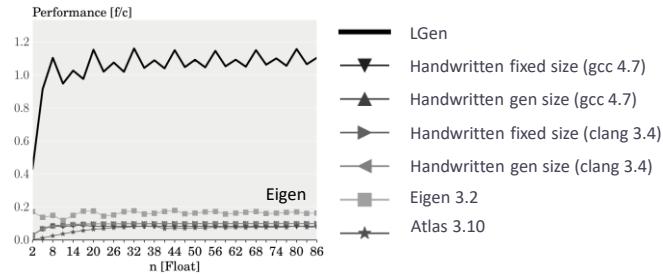


## ARM Cortex A8

With N. Kyrtatas

L1-D	32 kB
Vec. ISA	Neon
Th. Peak	4 f/c

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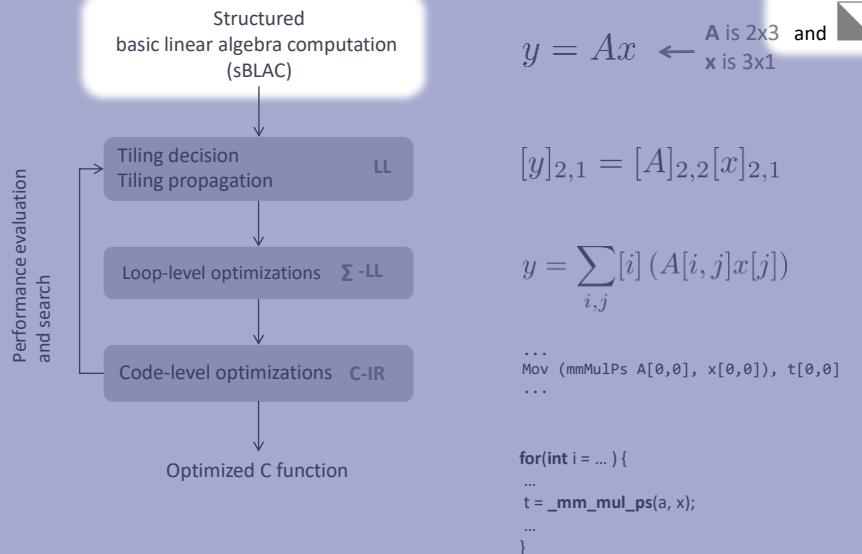
## Part 2: sBLACs

[CGO 2016]

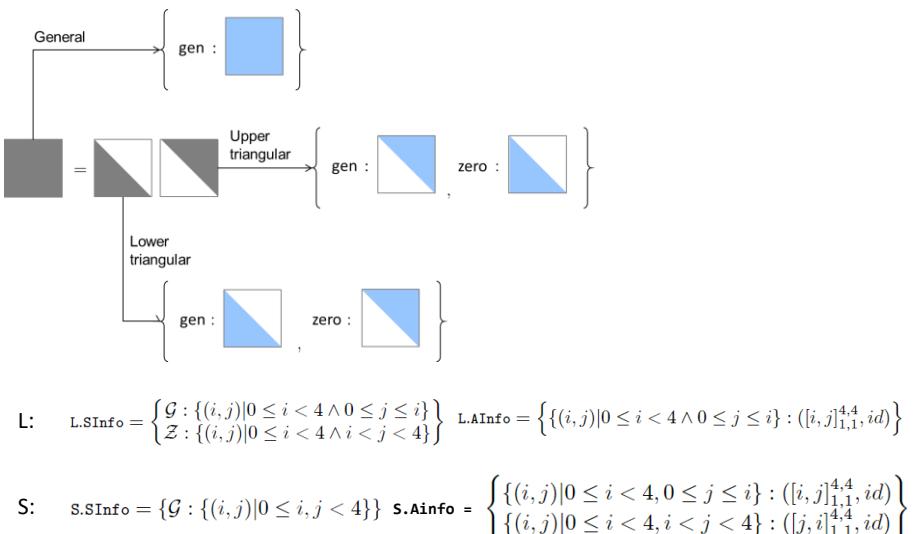
BLACs + Structured matrices

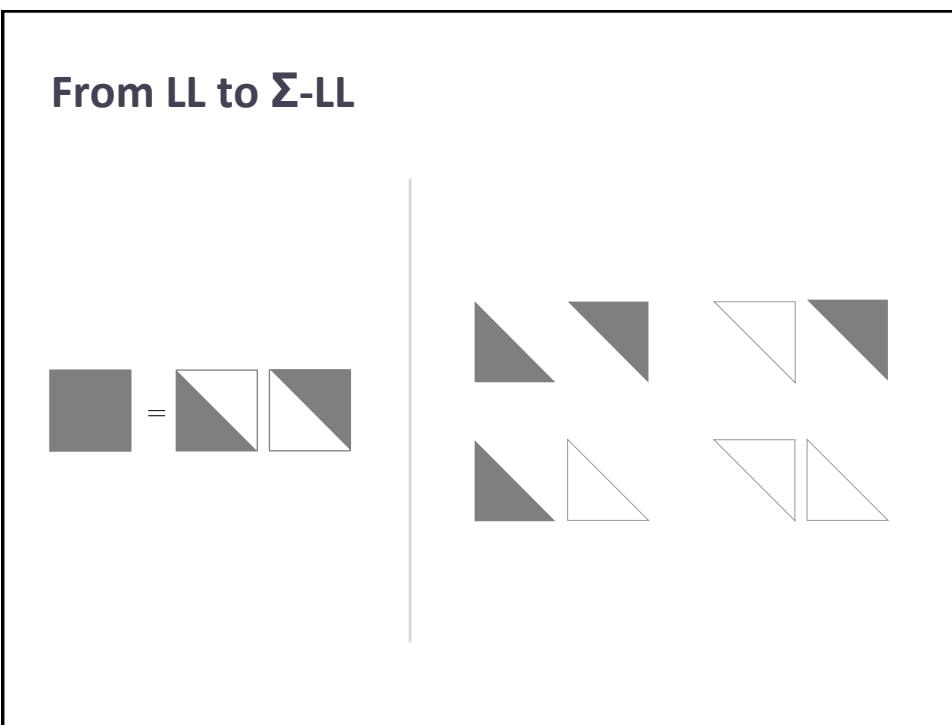
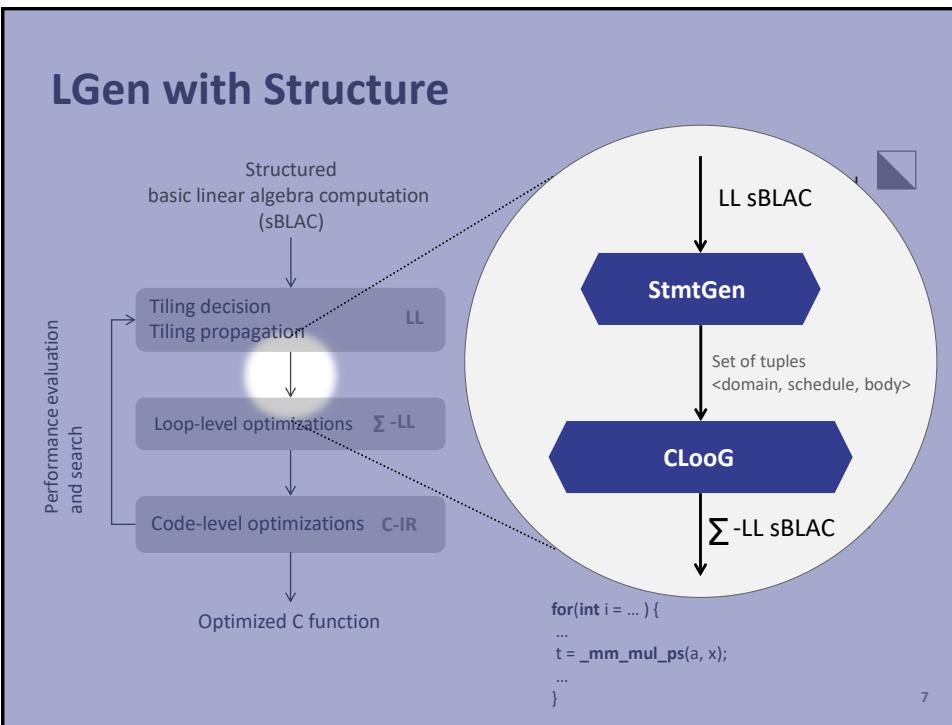
Example:  $A = LU + S + xx^T$

## LGen with Structure

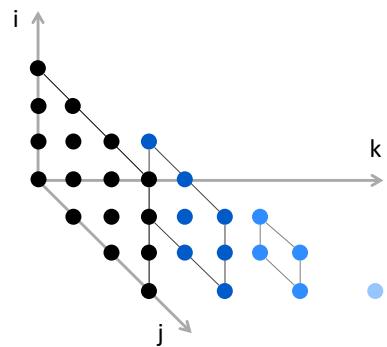
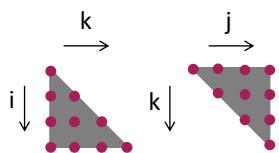


## Structured Matrix Representation

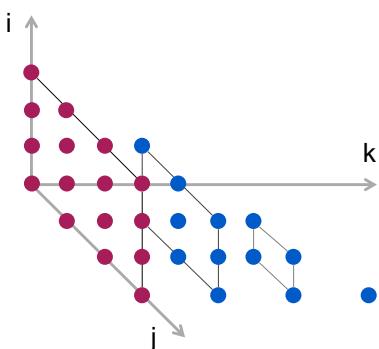




## From LL to $\Sigma$ -LL



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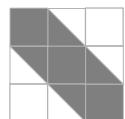
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$$C = \sum_{i=0}^3 \sum_{j=0}^3 [i, j] (A[i, 0]B[0, j]) + \sum_{k=1}^3 \sum_{i=k}^3 \sum_{j=k}^3 [i, j] (A[i, k]B[k, j])$$

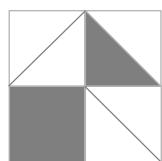
Loop order built based on known models (e.g., Goto model)

## Extensibility

- Other important structures, e.g., banded matrices



- Or other combined structures



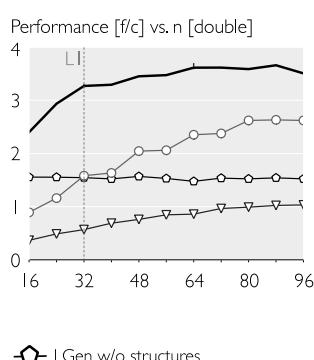
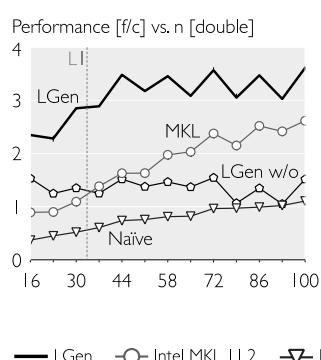
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## BLAS-like category

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## Part 3: Higher level linear algebra

[CGO 2018]

Cholesky factorization

LU factorization

Triangular solve

...

Collaboration:



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## Cholesky Factorization

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**Algorithm 2.13** The Cholesky decomposition.  
 $U^T U = P$ ,  $U \in \mathcal{U}_n$ , and  $P$  is SPD.  
 $U$  overwrites the upper half of  $P$ . Cost  $\approx n^3/3$  flops.

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Partition  $P \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} P_{TL} & P_{TR} \\ P_{BL} & P_{BR} \end{pmatrix}$   
 where  $P_{TL}$  is  $0 \times 0$   
 while size( $P_{TL}$ ) < size( $P$ ) do  
 Repartition

$$\begin{pmatrix} P_{TL} & P_{TR} \\ P_{BL} & P_{BR} \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} P_{0,0} & P_{0,1} & P_{0,2} \\ P_{1,0}^T & \pi_{1,1} & P_{1,2}^T \\ P_{2,0} & P_{2,1} & P_{2,2} \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $\pi_{1,1}$  is  $1 \times 1$

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$$\begin{aligned} \pi_{1,1} &:= \pi_{1,1} - P_{0,1}^T P_{0,1} \\ \pi_{1,1}^T &:= \sqrt{\pi_{1,1}} \\ P_{1,2}^T &:= P_{1,2}^T - P_{0,1}^T P_{0,2} \\ P_{1,2} &:= (1/\pi_{1,1}) P_{1,2} \end{aligned}$$


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Continue with

$$\begin{pmatrix} P_{TL} & P_{TR} \\ P_{BL} & P_{BR} \end{pmatrix} \leftarrow \begin{pmatrix} P_{0,0} & P_{0,1} & P_{0,2} \\ P_{1,0}^T & \pi_{1,1} & P_{1,2}^T \\ P_{2,0} & P_{2,1} & P_{2,2} \end{pmatrix}$$

endwhile

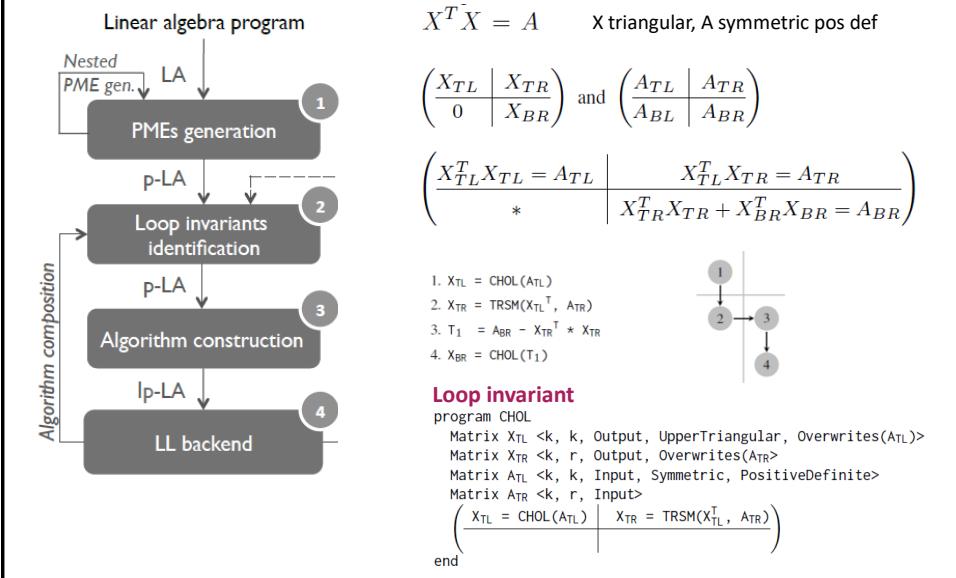
**Algorithm synthesized by Cl1ck:**

Fabregat & Bientinesi  
 [ICCSA 2011, CASC 2011]

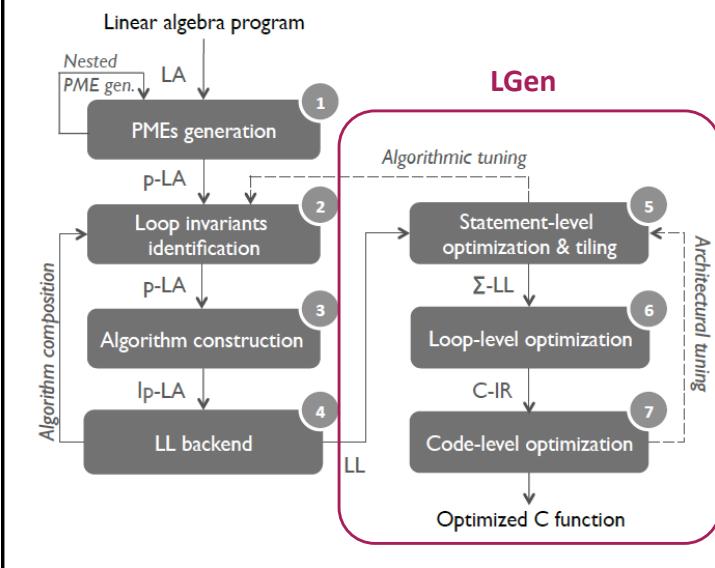
**Based on FLAME methodology**  
 Bientinesi et al. [ACM TOMS 2005]  
<http://www.cs.utexas.edu/~flame>

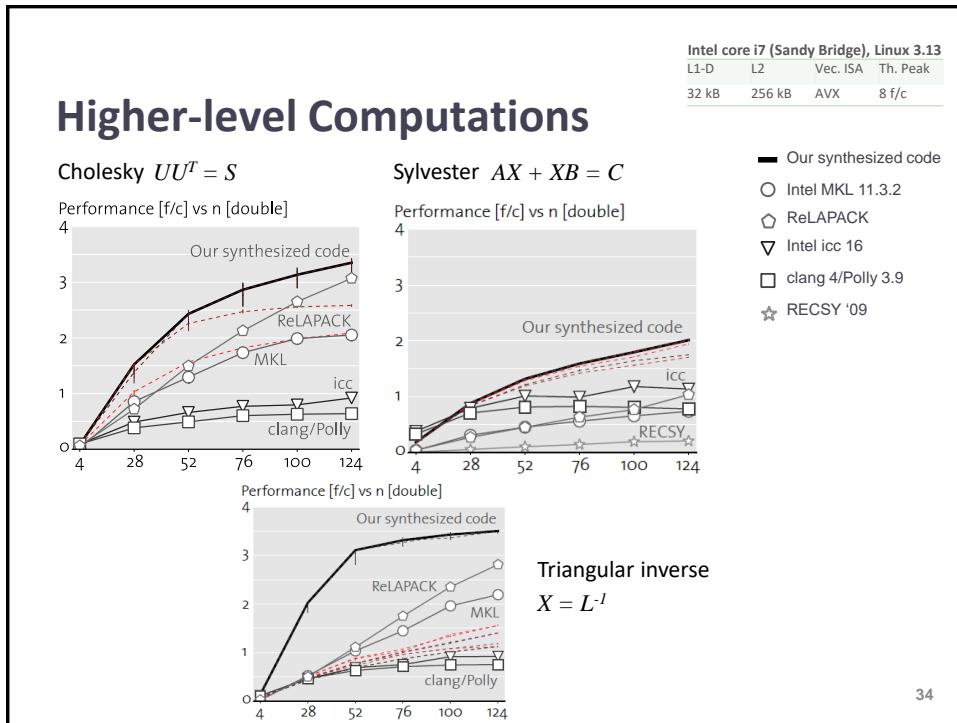
**Requires availability of BLAS**

## How Cl1ck Works



## Connecting Cl1ck with LGen





## Part 4: Linear algebra programs

[CGO 2018]

**Kalman filter**

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**Update**

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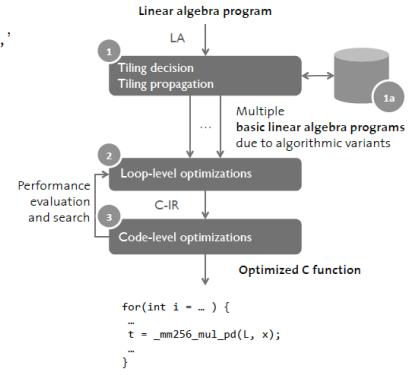
$$P_k = P_k - P_k H^T (H P_k H^T + R)^{-1} H P_k$$

# Grammar

```

⟨la-program⟩ ::= {⟨declaration⟩} {⟨statement⟩}
⟨declaration⟩ ::= 'Mat' ⟨id⟩ '(' ⟨size⟩ ',' ⟨size⟩ ')' '<' ⟨iotype⟩ {','
    ⟨property⟩ } [',', ⟨ow⟩] '> ;'
    | 'Vec' ⟨id⟩ ... | 'Sca' ⟨id⟩ ...
⟨iotype⟩ ::= 'In' | 'Out' | 'InOut'
⟨property⟩ ::= 'LoTri' | 'UpTri' | 'UpSym' | 'LoSym'
    | 'PD' | 'NS' | 'UnitDiag'
⟨ow⟩ ::= 'ow(' ⟨id⟩ ')'
⟨statement⟩ ::= ⟨for-loop⟩ | ⟨sBLAC⟩ | ⟨HLAC⟩ ;
⟨for-loop⟩ ::= 'for' (⟨i⟩ = ...) {⟨statement⟩i} ;
⟨sBLAC⟩ ::= ⟨id⟩ '=' ⟨expression⟩
⟨HLAC⟩ ::= ⟨expression⟩ '=' ⟨expression⟩
    | ⟨id⟩ '=' ('⟨id⟩ ')-1

```



# Linear Algebra Computations

**Kalman filter**

**Predict**

$$x_k = Ax_{k-1} + Bu_k$$

$$P_k = AP_{k-1}A^T + Q$$

**Update**

$$x_k = x_k + P_k H^T (H P_k H^T + R)^{-1} (z_k - H x_k)$$

$$P_k = P_k - P_k H^T (H P_k H^T + R)^{-1} H P_k$$

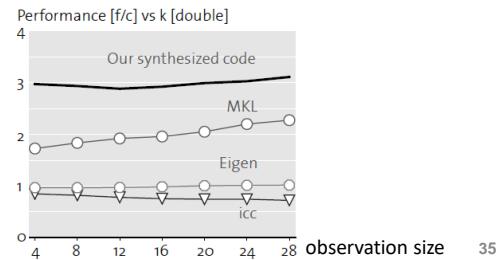
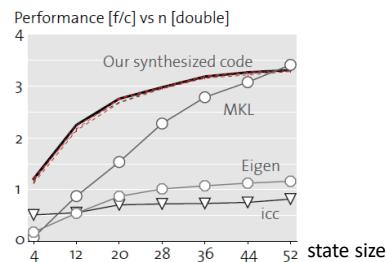
**Input:**  $F, B, Q, H, R, P, u, x, z$   
**Output:**  $P, x$

```

y = F * x + B * u;
Y = F * P * F^T + Q;
v0 = z - H * Y;
M1 = H * Y;
M2 = Y * H^T;
M3 = M1 * H^T + R;
U^T * U = M3;
U^T * v1 = v0;
U * v2 = v1;
U^T * M4 = M1;
U * M5 = M4;
x = y + M2 * v2;
P = Y - M2 * M5;

```

Intel core i7 (Sandy Bridge), Linux 3.13  
L1-D L2 Vec. ISA Th. Peak  
32 kB 256 kB AVX 8 f/c



## Other Case Studies

### Convex cone problem

**Algorithm 1** L1-Analysis

```

1:  $\theta_0 = 1 \quad v_0^{(1)} = z_0^{(1)} = 0 \quad v_0^{(2)} = z_0^{(2)} = 0$ 
2: for  $k = 1 \rightarrow K$  do
3:    $y_k^{(1)} = (1 - \theta_k)v_k^{(1)} + \theta_k z_k^{(1)}$ 
4:    $y_k^{(2)} = (1 - \theta_k)v_k^{(2)} + \theta_k z_k^{(2)}$ 
5:    $x_k = x_0 + \mu^{-1}(W^T y_k^{(1)} - A^T y_k^{(2)})$ 
6:    $z_{k+1}^{(1)} = \text{Trunc}(y_k^{(1)} - \theta_k^{-1} t_k^{(1)} W x_k, \theta_k^{-1} t_k^{(1)})$ 
7:    $z_{k+1}^{(2)} = \text{Shrk}(y_k^{(2)} - \theta_k^{-1} t_k^{(2)} (y - Ax_k), \theta_k^{-1} t_k^{(2)}) \varepsilon$ 
8:    $v_{k+1}^{(1)} = (1 - \theta_k)v_k^{(1)} + \theta_k z_{k+1}^{(1)}$ 
9:    $v_{k+1}^{(2)} = (1 - \theta_k)v_k^{(2)} + \theta_k z_{k+1}^{(2)}$ 
10:   $\theta_{k+1} = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \sqrt{1 + \frac{4}{\theta_k^2}}\right)^{-1}$ 
11: end for

```

### Gaussian process regression

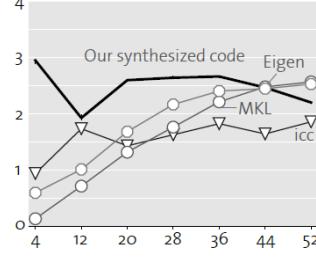
**input:**  $X$  (inputs),  $y$  (targets),  $k$  (covariance function),  $\sigma_n^2$

```

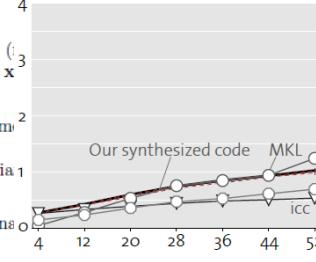
2:  $L := \text{cholesky}(K + \sigma_n^2 I)$ 
3:  $\alpha := L^\top \backslash (L \backslash y)$ 
4:  $\tilde{f}_* := \mathbf{k}_*^\top \alpha$ 
5:  $\mathbf{v} := L \backslash \mathbf{k}_*$ 
6:  $\mathbb{V}[f_*] := k(\mathbf{x}_*, \mathbf{x}_*) - \mathbf{v}^\top \mathbf{v}$ 
7:  $\log p(\mathbf{y}|X) := -\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{y}^\top \alpha - \sum_i \log L_{ii} - \frac{n}{2} \log 2\pi$ 
8: return:  $f_*$  (mean),  $\mathbb{V}[f_*]$  (variance),  $\log p(\mathbf{y}|X)$  (log margins)

```

Performance [f/c] vs n [double]

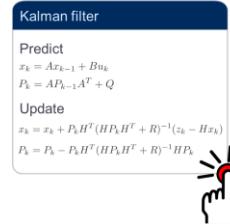


Performance [f/c] vs n [double]



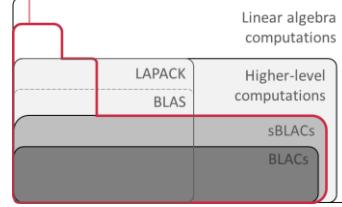
## Conclusions

# Program Generation for Small Linear Algebra



```
void kf(double const * A, ...){  
    __m256 t0, ...;  
  
    a0 = _mm256_loadu_pd(A);  
    a1 = _mm256_load_sd(A + 4);  
    ...  
    m0 = _mm256_mull_pd(a0, x0);  
    ...  
    b0 = _mm256_hadd_pd(m0, m1);  
    p = _mm256_permute2f128_pd(...);  
    b = _mm256_blenq_pd(t0, t0);  
    ...  
    _mm256_storesu_pd(X, r0);  
    ...  
}
```

Our program generation work



- Small linear algebra: An unsolved domain for performance
- Spiral-like approach to program generation
- Extensible (vector architectures, matrix structures)
- Good speedups
- Meanwhile there is more work on small linear algebra