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# Using MLIR for Multi-Dimensional Homomorphisms

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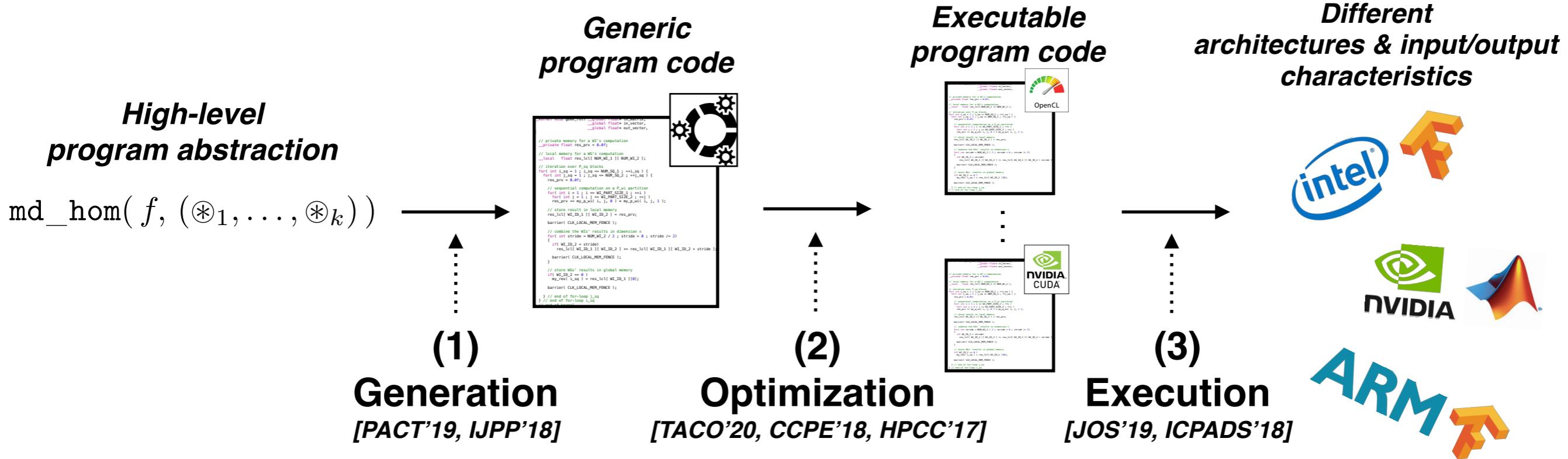
# **⚠ Please Notice ⚠**

**This talk will be on a quite high level:**

- we have no technical contribution so far;
- we have a vision/idea about how our MDH approach could look like in MLIR;
- we want to first discuss and asses with you guys how useful such an integration could potentially be from your point of view.

# Our Background

We are the developers of the MDH approach:



- Multi-Dimensional Homomorphisms (MDHs) are formally defined to cover data-parallel computations: linear algebra routines (BLAS), stencils computations, ...
- We enable conveniently implementing MDHs by providing a **high-level DSL** for them.
- We provide a **DSL compiler** that automatically generates auto-tunable low-level code (OpenCL, CUDA, OpenMP, ...) for MDHs;
- Our generated code is fully automatically optimizable (auto-tunable) — for any particular combination of a **target architecture** and/or **input/output characteristics** — by being generated as targeted to an **abstract machine model** and as parametrized in all these abstract model's performance-critical parameters.

# Experimental Results



## Stencils

CPU	Gaussian (2D)		Jacobi (3D)	
	RW	PC	RW	PC
Lift [2]	4.90	5.96	1.94	2.49
MKL-DNN	6.99	14.31	N/A	N/A

GPU	Gaussian (2D)		Jacobi (3D)	
	RW	PC	RW	PC
Lift [2]	2.33	1.09	1.14	1.02
cuDNN	3.78	19.11	N/A	N/A

[2] Hagedorn et. al, "High Performance Stencil Code Generation with LIFT.", CGO'18 (Best Paper Award).

Our MDH approach achieves often better performance than well-performing competitors [1]

[1] Rasch, Schulze, Gorlatch. "Generating Portable High-Performance Code via Multi-Dimensional Homomorphisms.", PACT'19

## Tensor Contractions

GPU	Tensor Contractions								
	RW 1	RW 2	RW 3	RW 4	RW 5	RW 6	RW 7	RW 8	RW 9
COGENT [3]	1.26	1.16	2.12	1.24	1.18	1.36	1.48	1.44	1.85
F-TC [4]	1.19	2.00	1.43	2.89	1.35	1.54	1.25	2.02	1.49

[3] Kim et. al. "A Code Generator for High-Performance Tensor Contractions on GPUs.", CGO'19.

[4] Vasilache et al. "The Next 700 Accelerated Layers: From Mathematical Expressions of Network Computation Graphs to Accelerated GPU Kernels, Automatically.", TACO'19.

CPU	Probabilistic Record Linkage					
	$2^{15}$	$2^{16}$	$2^{17}$	$2^{18}$	$2^{19}$	$2^{20}$
EKR [5]	1.87	2.06	4.98	13.86	28.34	39.36

[5] Forchhammer et al. "Duplicate Detection on GPUs.", HFSL'13.

## Linear Algebra

CPU	GEMM		GEMV	
	RW	PC	RW	PC
Lift [6]	fails	3.04	1.51	1.99
MKL	4.22	0.74	1.05	0.87

GPU	GEMM		GEMV	
	RW	PC	RW	PC
Lift [6]	4.33	1.17	3.52	2.98
cuBLAS	2.91	0.83	1.03	1.00

[6] Steuwer et. al, "Lift: A Functional Data-Parallel IR for High-Performance GPU Code Generation", CGO'17.

# Experimental Results



Our better results are because:

## Lift

Relies on transformation rules which require hand pruning (infinitely-large) optimization space for exploration.

## EKR Java

Not auto-tunable for input size & inefficient memory usage.

**We rely on a large optimization space [1] – designed & optimized toward an arbitrary: MDH, architecture, and input/output characteristics – which we explore fully automatically via advanced auto-tuning mechanisms [2] .**

## Intel MKL/MKL-DNN & NVIDIA cuBLAS/cuDNN

Optimized toward only average high performance over different input/output characteristics.

## Tensor Comprehensions & COGENT

Rely on smaller optimizations spaces and/or no parallelization in summation dimensions.

[1] Rasch, Schulze, Gorlatch. "Generating Portable High-Performance Code via Multi-Dimensional Homomorphisms.", PACT'19

[2] Rasch, Schulze, Steuwer, Gorlatch. "Efficient Auto-Tuning of Parallel Programs with Interdependent Tuning Parameters via Auto-Tuning Framework ATF", TACO'20

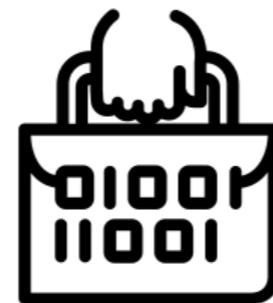
# Motivation – MDH in MLIR

The MDH approach aims at combining important advantages over related approaches:



*Performance*

competitive to  
best available  
solutions



*Portability*

functional and performance  
— over architectures and  
input/output characteristics



*Productivity*

easy to use  
& expressive

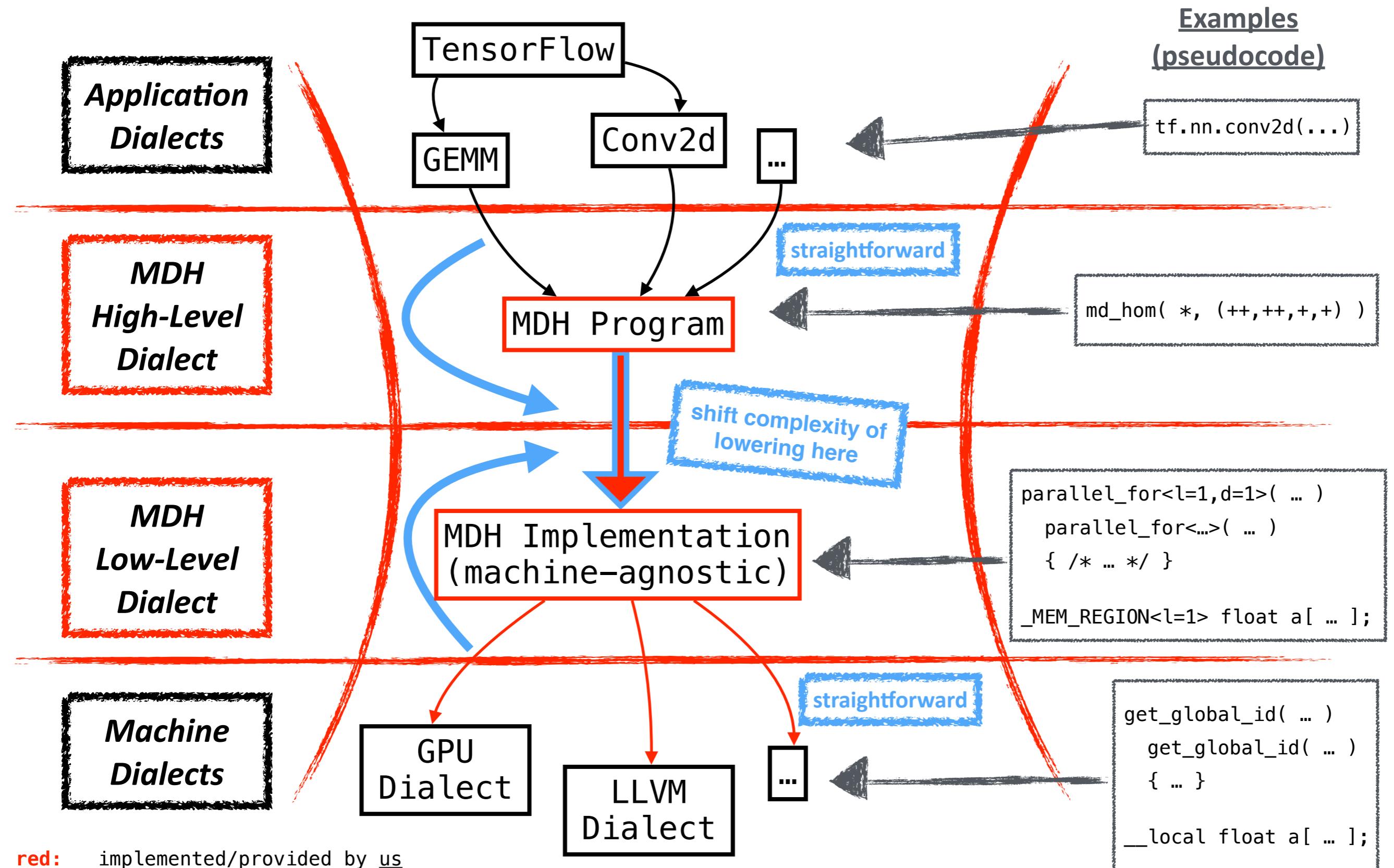
However, our current implementation has weaknesses:

- Prototype implementation — technically inconvenient to use in praxis (e.g., for TensorFlow);
- Systematic code generation for particular models, but not over models;
- Implementation hard to maintain & extend → makes collaboration complicated.

→ Let's make it better in a new MLIR implementation!

# MDH in MLIR – Our Vision

## Overview:



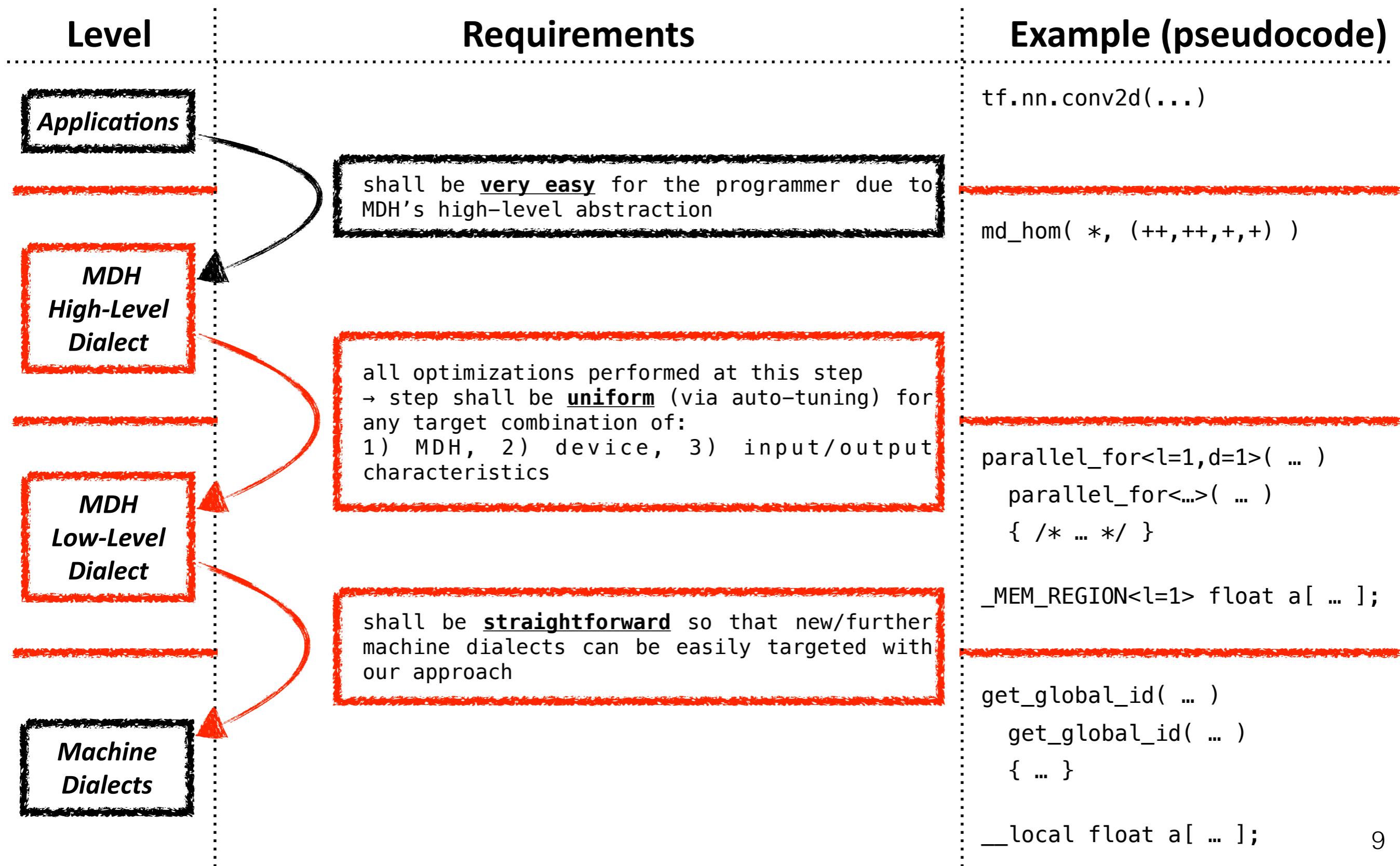
# MDH in MLIR – Our Vision

## Dialects:

Level	Requirements	Example (pseudocode)
<b>Applications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Given by the user (TensorFlow, etc).</li></ul>	<code>tf.nn.conv2d(...)</code>
<b>MDH High-Level Dialect</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Agnostic from hardware &amp; optimization details.</li><li>- Expressive enough to represent various kinds of data-parallel computations.</li><li>- Should capture — in a structured manner — all high-level information relevant for generating efficient low-level code.</li></ul>	<code>md_hom( *, (++,++,+,+) )</code>
<b>MDH Low-Level Dialect</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Optimizations expressible (parallelization, tiling, memory, etc).</li><li>- Uniform for different machine dialects.</li></ul>	<code>parallel_for&lt;l=1,d=1&gt;( ... )</code> <code>parallel_for&lt;...&gt;( ... )</code> <code>{ /* ... */ }</code>  <code>_MEM_REGION&lt;l=1&gt; float a[ ... ];</code>
<b>Machine Dialects</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Provided by MLIR community (GPU, LLVM, etc).</li></ul>	<code>get_global_id( ... )</code> <code>get_global_id( ... )</code> <code>{ ... }</code>  <code>_local float a[ ... ];</code>

# MDH in MLIR – Our Vision

Lowering:



# MDH in MLIR – Our Vision

## Workflow:

Run:

```
mlir-opt GEMM.mlir  
-MDH -V100  
-IS=10x500x64
```

Applications

MDH  
High-Level  
Dialect

MDH  
Low-Level  
Dialect

Machine  
Dialects

GEMM

straightforward ✓

MDH Program



MDH  
Implementation

straightforward ✓

GPU  
Dialect

MDH	DEV	IS	Config
GEMM	V100	10x500x64	NT=10, TS=5, ...
GEMM	V100	*	NT=16, TS=8, ...
GEMM	*	*	NT=128, TS=4, ...
...	...	...	...

Generated & Extended  
via Auto-Tuning

(→ alternatively: analytical cost model, ML, ... )

# Agenda

1. MDH – Domain-Specific Language & Examples

2. MDH in MLIR – The MDH High-Level Dialect

3. MDH Code Generation & Optimization Approach

4. MDH in MLIR – The MDH Low-Level Dialect

5. Conclusion

High-Level  
Dialect

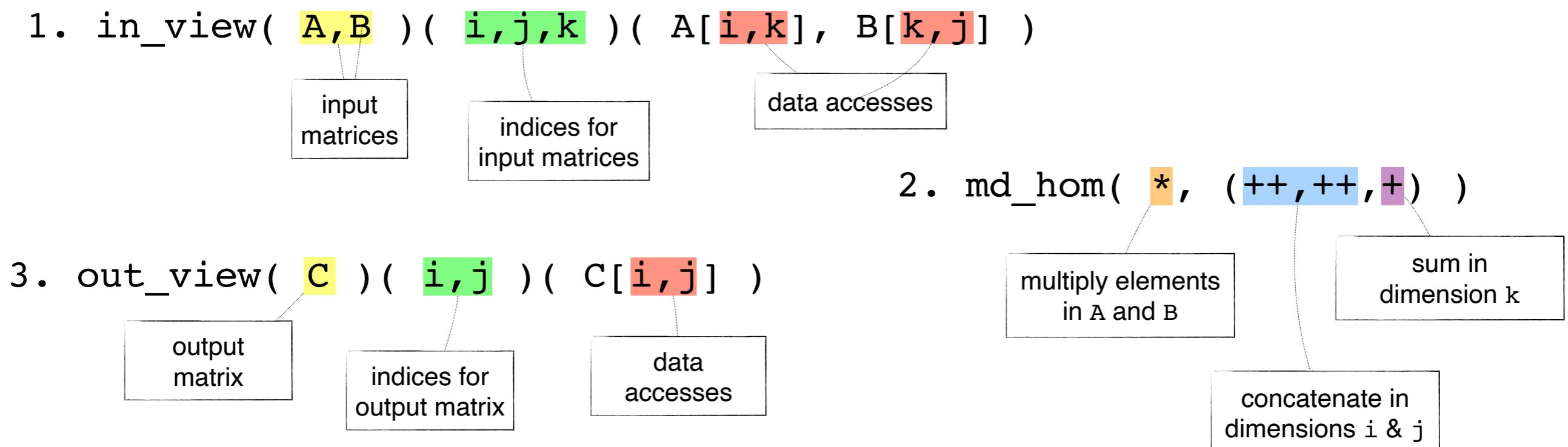
Low-Level  
Dialect  
*(rather briefly)*

# MDH – Domain-Specific Language

The MDH representation (DSL) relies on three higher-order functions (a.k.a. *patterns*):

1. `in_view` → prepares (domain-specific) *input data*
2. `md_hom` → uniformly specifies *computations*
3. `out_view` → prepares (domain-specific) *output data*

Example: `MatMul` →  $\text{MatMul} = \text{out\_view}( \dots ) \circ \text{md\_hom}( \dots ) \circ \text{in\_view}( \dots )$



→ Close to MLIR's Linalg/Affine Dialects — we compare soon!

# MDH – Examples

Popular computations as MDHs:

## Linear Algebra [1]

```
GEMM = md_hom( *, (++, ++, +) ) o in_view( A,B )( i,j,k )( A[i,k], B[k,j] )
GEMV = md_hom( *, (++,      +) ) o in_view( A,B )( i,    k )( A[i,k], B[k]     )
DOT   = md_hom( *, (          +) ) o in_view( A,B )(       k )( A[k]   , B[k]     )
```

Access neighboring elements  
within their input buffer

## Stencil Computations [1]

```
Conv_2D  = md_hom( *      , (++ , ++, +, +) ) o in_view(...)
Jacobi_3D = md_hom( J_func, (++ , ++, ++ ) ) o in_view(...)
```

## Data Mining [2]

```
PRL = md_hom( weight, (++, ⊗max) ) o in_view(...)
```

Often very high dimensional  
(e.g., 7 dims)

## Machine Learning [1]

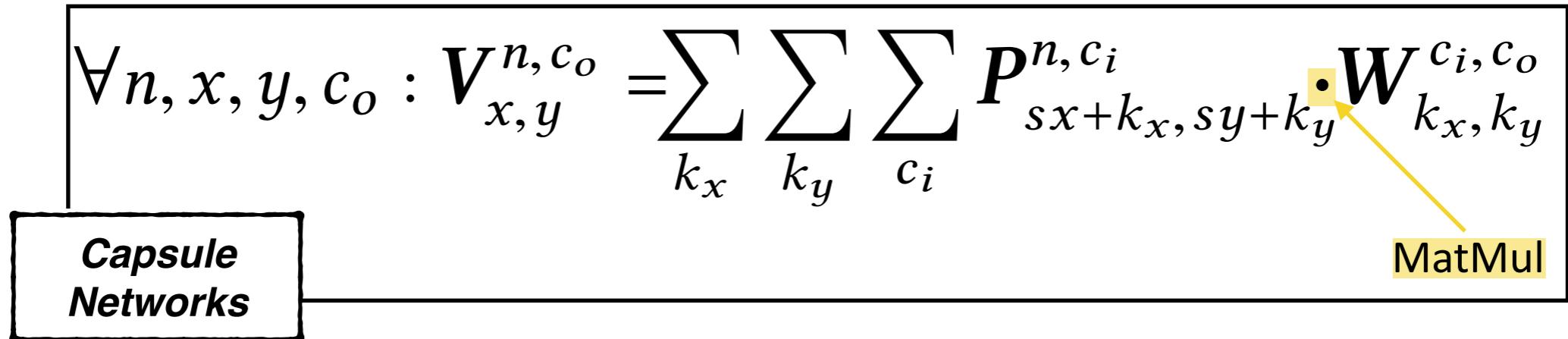
```
TC = md_hom( *, (++, ..., ++ , +, ..., +) ) o in_view(...)
```

Further examples: MLP, SVM, ECC, ..., Mandelbrot, Parallel Reduction, ...

# MDH – Examples

“Machine Learning Systems are Stuck in a Rut” [HotOS’19]:

$$\forall n, x, y, c_o : V_{x,y}^{n,c_o} = \sum_{k_x} \sum_{k_y} \sum_{c_i} P_{sx+k_x, sy+k_y}^{n,c_i} \cdot W_{k_x, k_y}^{c_i, c_o}$$

**Capsule Networks** 

```
conv2d-CapNT( ... ) =  
  
in_view( P,W )( n,x,y,c0 , kx,ky,ci, i,j,k )( P[ n,ci , s*x+kx,  
s*y+ky, i,k ] , W[ci,c0 , kx,ky, k,j] ) o  
  
md_hom( *, (++,++,++,++ , +,+,+ , ++,++,+ ) ) o  
  
out_view( V )( n,x,y,c0, i,j )( V[ n,c0,x,y, i,j ] )
```

# Existing MLIR Dialects vs. MDH

Questions:

Linalg vs. MDH	Affine vs. MDH
<p>Is <i>Linalg</i> stronger than <i>MDH</i>?</p> <p>(<b>MDH</b> <math>\leq</math> <b>Linalg</b>)</p>	<p>Is <i>Affine</i> stronger than <i>MDH</i>?</p> <p>(<b>Affine</b> <math>\leq</math> <b>MDH</b>)</p>
<p>Is <i>MDH</i> stronger than <i>Linalg</i>?</p> <p>(<b>Linalg</b> <math>\leq</math> <b>MDH</b>)</p>	<p>Is <i>MDH</i> stronger than <i>Affine</i>?</p> <p>(<b>MDH</b> <math>\leq</math> <b>Affine</b>)</p>

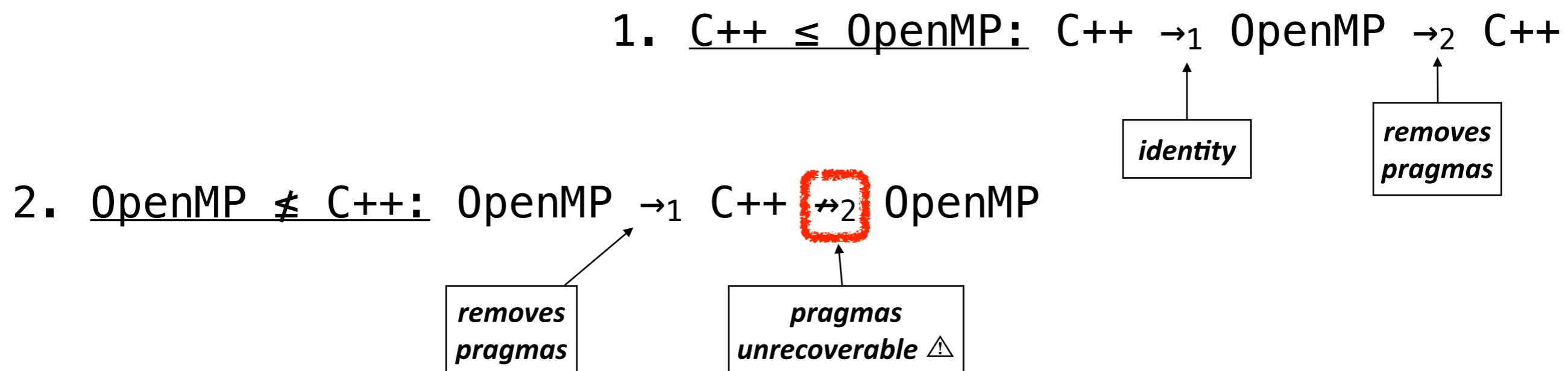
("stronger" in terms of "information content" → definition on next slide)

# Existing MLIR Dialects vs. MDH

For two representation  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ , we say representation  $R_2$  is:

- stronger than  $R_1$  ( $R_1 \leq R_2$ ) iff there exist transformations  $\rightarrow_1: R_1 \rightarrow R_2$  and  $\rightarrow_2: R_2 \rightarrow R_1$  such that for all  $r_1 \in R_1$ , it holds:  $r_1 \rightarrow_1 r_2 \rightarrow_2 r_1' \Rightarrow r_1 = r_1'$ ;
- strictly stronger than  $R_1$  ( $R_1 < R_2$ ) iff:  $R_1 \leq R_2$  and  $R_2 \not\leq R_1$ .

Example: C++ < OpenMP



# Is Linalg Stronger than MDH (MDH $\leq$ Linalg) ?

No, Linalg is not stronger than MDH (please correct us if we are wrong):



Linalg does not capture all information required to recover the original MDH program  $\triangle$

Example:  
MatMul

MDH  $\rightarrow_1$  Linalg:

```
1. in_view( A,B )( m,n,k )( A[m,k], B[k,n] )  
2. md_hom( *,(++,++,+) )  
3. out_view( C )( m,n )( C[ m,n ] )
```

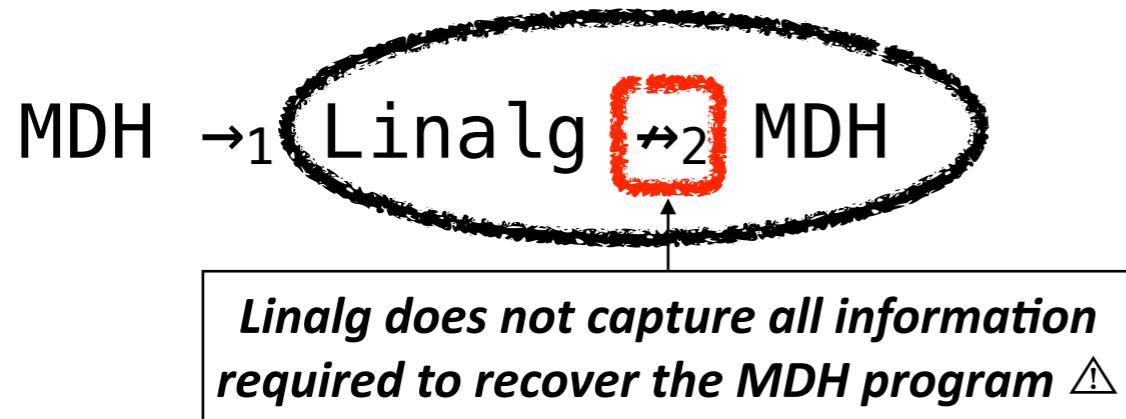
**MatMul in MDH**

```
#matmul_accesses = [  
    (m,...,k) -> (m, k),  
    (m,...,k) -> (k, n),  
    (m, n,...,k) -> (m, n)  
]  
#matmul_trait = {  
    iterator_types = ["parallel",  
                      "parallel", "reduction"]  
}  
  
linalg.generic #matmul_trait  
ins(%A, %B : ...) outs(%C : ...){  
    bb0(...):  
        %d = mulf %a, %b: f32  
        %e = addf %c, %d: f32  
    linalg.yield %e : f32  
}
```

**MatMul in Linalg**

# Is Linalg Stronger than MDH (MDH $\leq$ Linalg) ?

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Example:  
MatMul

Linalg ↪<sub>2</sub> MDH:

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    iterator_types = ["parallel",  
    "parallel", "reduction"]  
}
```

```
linalg.generic #matmul_trait  
ins(%A, %B : ...) outs(%C : ...){  
    ^bb0(...):  
        %d = mulf %a, %b: f32  
        %e = addf %c, %d: f32  
        linalg.yield %e : f32  
}
```

MatMul in Linalg

1. in\_view( A,B )( m,n,k )( A[m,k], B[k,n] )
2. md\_hom( \*, (++,++,+) )
3. out\_view( C )( m,n )( C[ m,n ] )

MatMul in MDH

cannot recover  
combine operator ⚠

1. in\_view( A,B )( m,n;k..)( A[m,k], B[k,n] )
2. md\_hom( (a,b,c) ↦ c+a\*b, (++,++,?) )
3. out\_view( C )( m,n )( C[ m,n ] )

MatMul in MDH  
(generated from Linalg)

# Is Linalg Stronger than MDH (MDH $\leq$ Linalg) ?

Question: why does Linalg not explicitly capture combine operators?

```
#matmul_accesses = [
    (m, n, k) -> (m, k),
    (m, n, k) -> (k, n),
    (m, n, k) -> (m, n)
]
#matmul_trait = {
    doc = "C(m, n) += A(m, k) * B(k, n)",
    indexing_maps = #matmul_accesses,
    library_call = "linalg_matmul",
    iterator_types = ["parallel", "parallel", "reduction"]
}
linalg.generic #matmul_trait
ins(%A, %B : memref<?x?xf32, stride_specification>,
     memref<?x?xf32, stride_specification>)
outs(%C : memref<?x?xf32, stride_specification>)
{other-optional-attributes} {
    ^bb0(%a: f32, %b: f32, %c: f32) :
        %d = mulf %a, %b: f32
        %e = addf %c, %d: f32
        linalg.yield %e : f32
}
```

**MatMul in Linalg**

```
1. in_view( A, B )( m,n,k )( A[m,k], B[k,n] )
2. md_hom( *, (++,++,+) )
```

```
3. out_view( C )( m,n )( C[ m,n ] )
```

**MatMul in MDH**

When generated from Linalg: have to use "?" (a.k.a. "*unknown combine operator*") instead of "+" [1]:

```
md_hom( (a,b,c) -> c + a * b, (++,++,?) )
```

[1] Rasch, Schulze, Gorlatch. md\_poly: A Performance-Portable Polyhedral Compiler Based on Multi-Dimensional Homomorphisms. IMPACT'20 (WIP)

**Why not here?**  
(better: parallelization, expressiveness, ...)

( $\rightarrow$  questions summarized at the end of talk)

# Is Linalg Stronger than MDH (MDH $\leq$ Linalg) ?

“Modular Divide-and-Conquer Parallelization of Nested Loops” [PLDI’19]:

```
#parallel for reduce +
for( ... ) {

    #parallel for reduce +vec
    for( ... ) {

        vinner +vec= /* ... */;

    }

    vouter ⊕= vinner;
}
```

**Maximum  
Bottom Box Sum  
(MBBS)**

```
MBBS = md_hom( id, ( ⊕, +vec ) )

(a1, ..., an) ⊕ (b1, ..., bn) := ( a1, ..., an, an + b1, ..., an + bn )
(a1, ..., am) + (b1, ..., bm) := ( a1 + b1, ..., am + bm )
```

**MBBS – MDH Implementation**

→ can MBBS be efficiently implemented in Linalg?

# Is Linalg Stronger than MDH (MDH $\leq$ Linalg) ?

“Modular Divide-and-Conquer Parallelization of Nested Loops” [PLDI’19]:

Linalg seems  
suboptimal for  
MBBS

```
#accesses = [ ... ]  
  
#trait = {  
    ...  
    iterator_types = ["reduction"]  
}  
  
linalg.generic #trait  
ins( ... ) outs( ... ) { ... } {  
  
    #parallel for reduce +vec  
    for( ... ) {  
  
        Vinner +vec= /* ... */;  
    }  
}  
}
```

```
#parallel for reduce +  
for( ... ) {  
  
    #parallel for reduce +vec  
    for( ... ) {  
  
        Vinner +vec= /* ... */;  
    }  
  
    Vouter += Vinner;  
}  
}
```

**Maximum  
Bottom Box Sum  
(MBBS)**

Inner for loop of MBBS  
inherently sequential/  
opaque in Linalg?

MBBS = md\_hom( id, (  $\oplus$ , +vec ) )

**MBBS – MDH Implementation**

# Is MDH Stronger than Linalg (Linalg $\leq$ MDH) ?

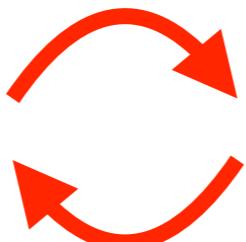
Yes, MDH is stronger than Linalg (please correct us if we are wrong):

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**MatMul**

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```

**MatMul in Linalg**



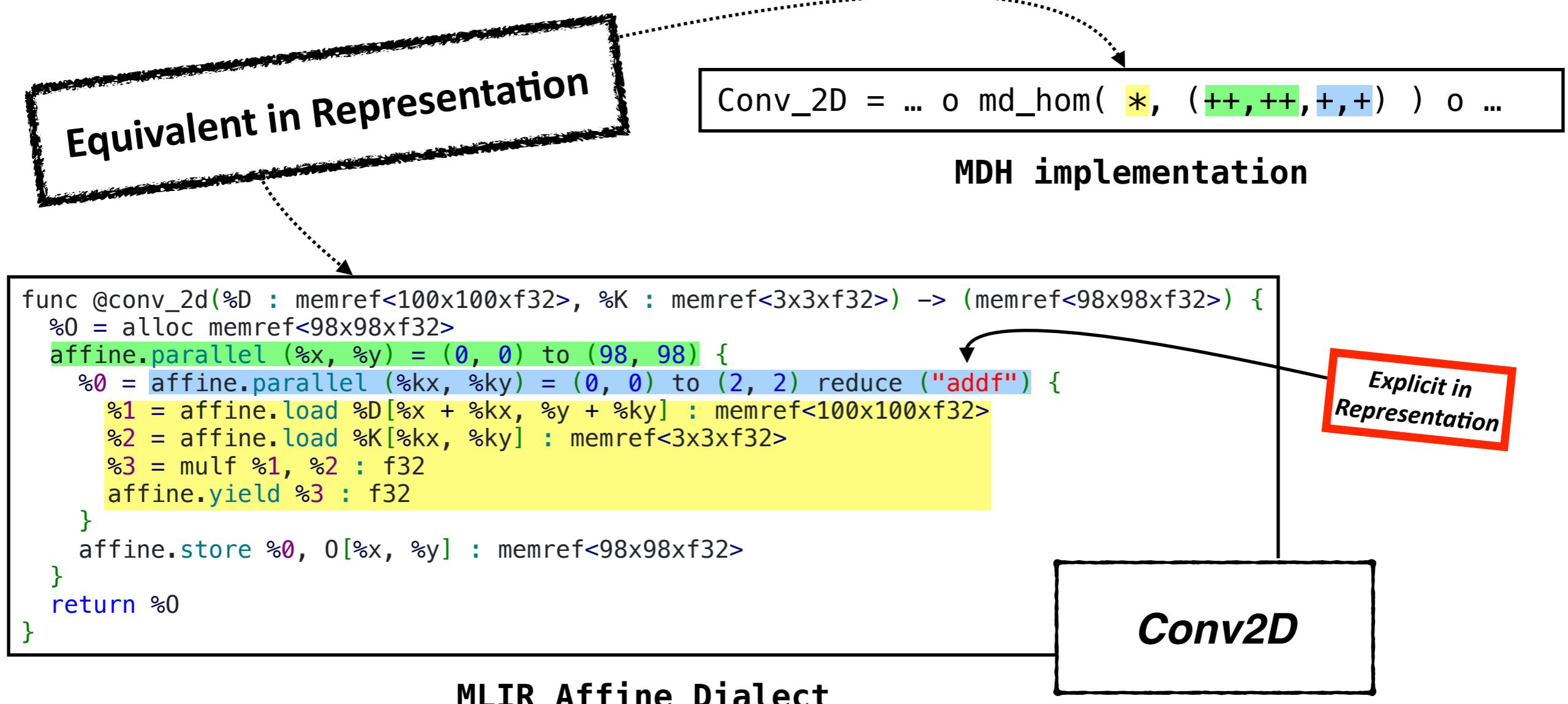
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**MatMul in MDH**  
**(generated from Linalg)**

*(examples from slides 17/18)*

# MDH vs. Affine

MDH and Affine seem equivalent (*please correct us if we are wrong*):



In contrast to Linalg, Affine seems to explicitly capture combine operators.

# Existing MLIR Dialects vs. MDH

Summary:

Linalg vs. MDH	Affine vs. MDH
<p>Is <i>Linalg</i> stronger than <i>MDH</i>?</p> <p>(<math>\text{MDH} \leq \text{Linalg}</math>)</p>	<p>Is <i>Affine</i> stronger than <i>MDH</i>?</p> <p>(<math>\text{Affine} \leq \text{MDH}</math>)</p>
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please treat with caution!

# MDH in MLIR – The MDH High-Level Dialect

Example: square all elements in a tensor and sum up results

```
func @main() {
    %tnsr = constant dense <[1.000000e+00, 2.000000e+00, 3.141500e+00]>
        : tensor<3xf64>
    %result = "mdh.hom"(%tnsr) {func = @pow2, op = @"+"}
        : (tensor<3xf64>) -> f64
    return
}

func @pow2(%arg0: f64) -> f64 {
    %square = mulf %arg0, %arg0 : f64
    return %square : f64
}

func @"(+)("%arg0: f64, %arg1: f64) -> f64 {
    %product = addf %arg0, %arg1 : f64
    return %product : f64
}
```

## MDH High-Level Dialect

- Implemented within a student project (thanks to Benedikt Rips & Jan Speer!)
- First steps toward a high-level dialect in MLIR for MDHs
- Currently many(!) restrictions: one combine operator, no input/output views, ...

# Summary: MDH High-Level Dialect

Dialects:

Level	Requirements	Example (pseudocode)
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<b>MDH Low-Level Dialect</b>	...	...
<b>Machine Dialects</b>	...	...

# Agenda

1. MDH – Domain-Specific Language & Examples

2. MDH in MLIR – The MDH High-Level Dialect

3. MDH Code Generation & Optimization Approach

4. MDH in MLIR – The MDH Low-Level Dialect

5. Conclusion

High-Level  
Dialect

Low-Level  
Dialect  
*(rather briefly)*



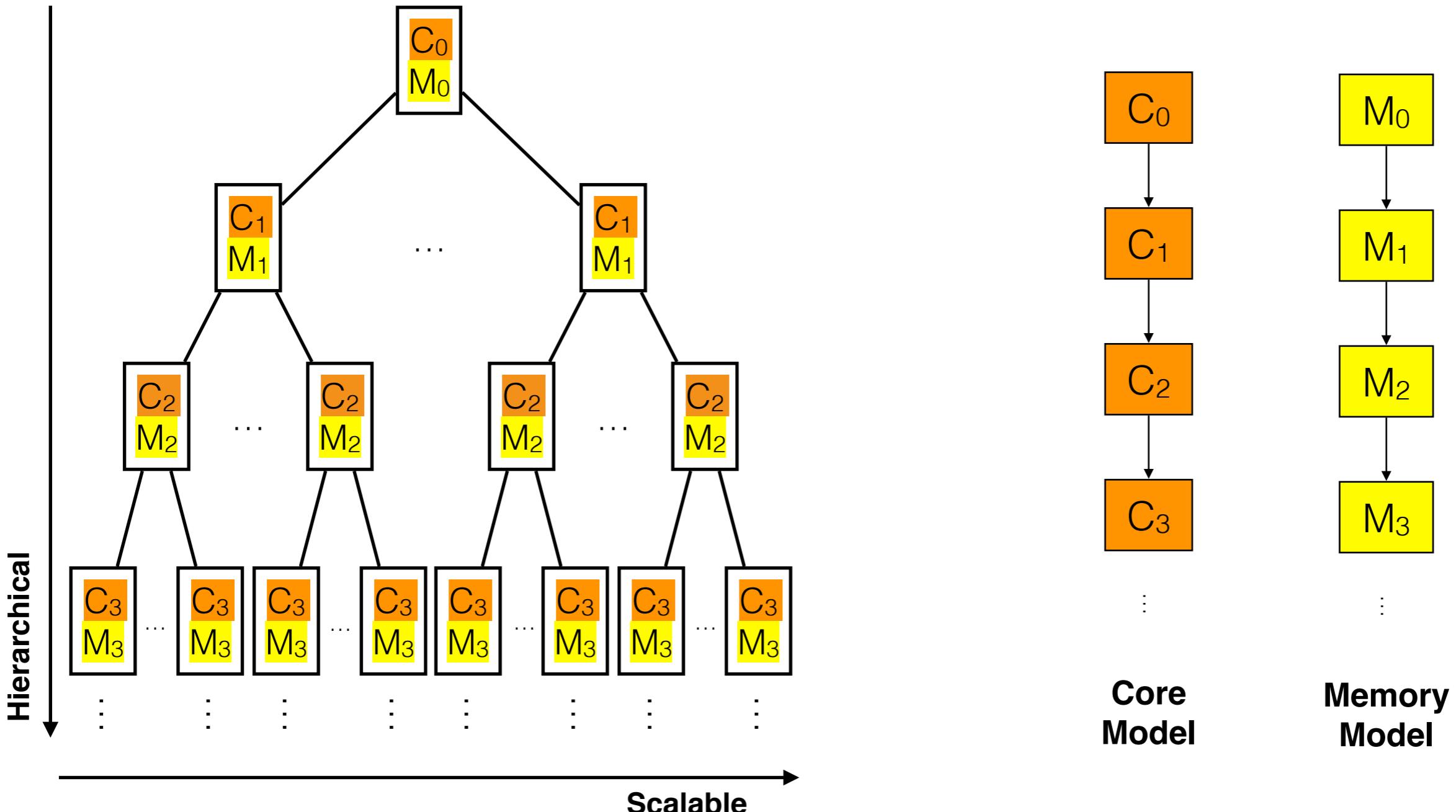
# Reminder: MDH Low-Level Dialect

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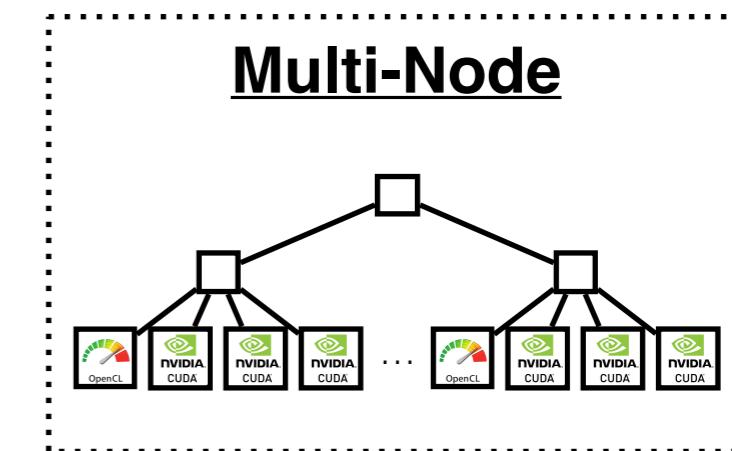
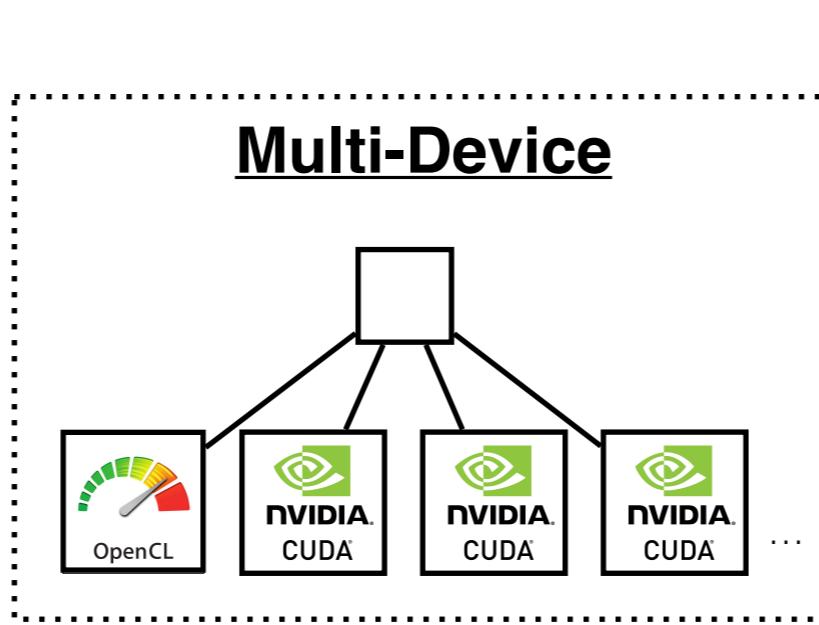
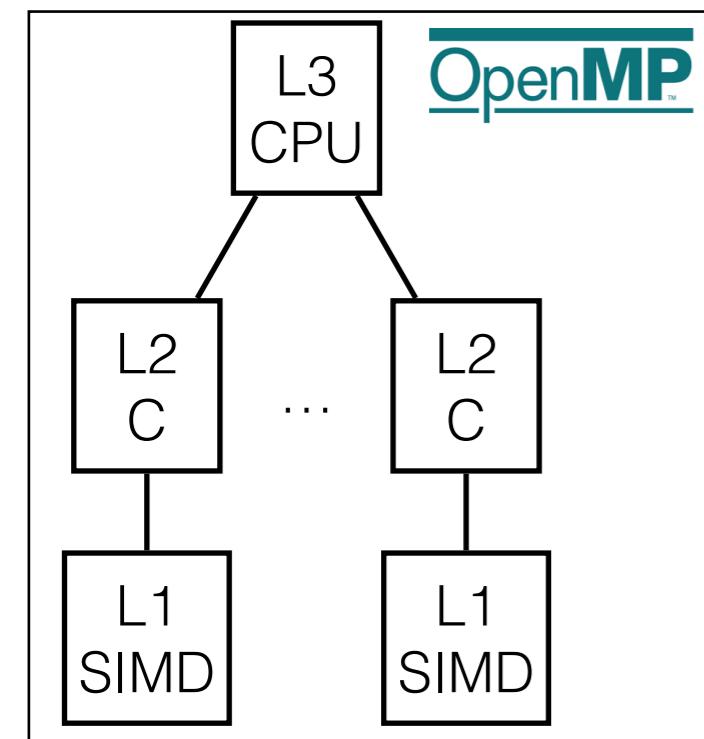
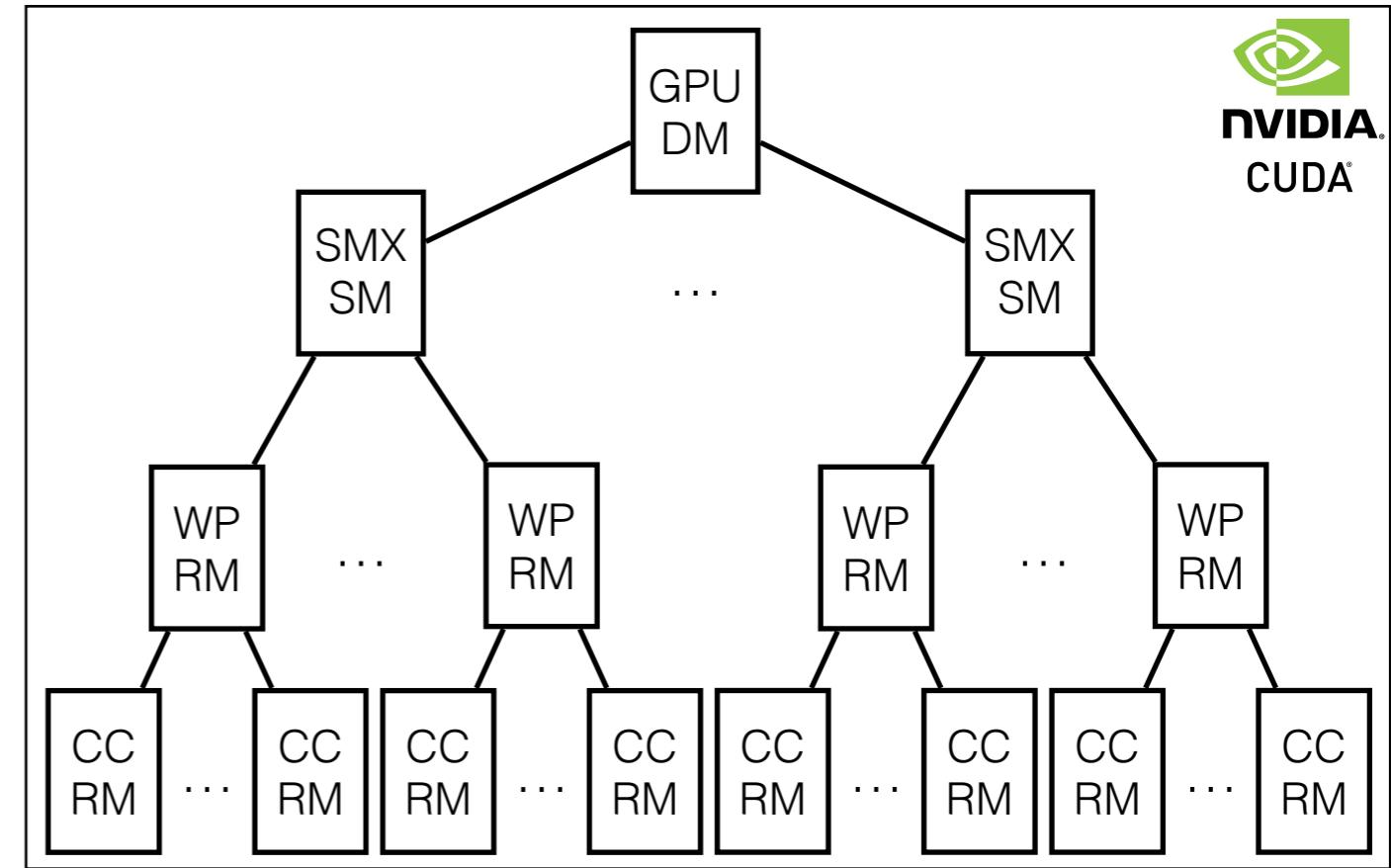
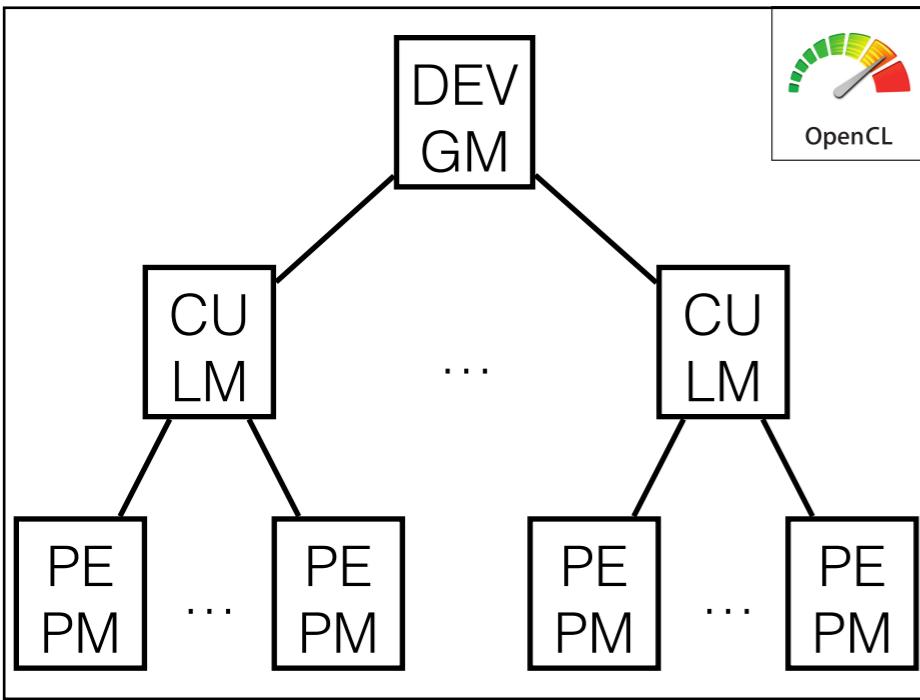
# MDH – Target Machine Model

We use a uniform *Abstract Machine Model (AMM)* for MDHs:



# MDH – Target Machine Model

Examples/Instances of our abstract machine model:



# MDH Implementation

We rely on a uniform approach for generating auto-tunable low-level code for MDHs [1]:

No.	Name	Range	Description
1	NUM_THREADS <sup>&lt;l,d&gt;</sup>	{1,...,N <sub>d</sub> }	number of threads
2	TILE_SIZE <sup>&lt;l,d&gt;</sup>	{1,...,N <sub>d</sub> }	sizes of tiles
3	$\sigma_{\text{mdh-co}}$	$S_{L \times D}$	computation order
4	$\sigma_{\text{threads}}^{<l>}$	$S_D$	thread arrangement
5	MEM_INP <sup>&lt;l,d,inp&gt;</sup>	{1,...,L}	memory regions for input
6	$\sigma_{\text{inp-buff-do}}^{<l,inp>}$	$S_D$	input buffer dimension order
7	MEM_OUT <sup>&lt;l,d,out&gt;</sup>	{1,...,L}	memory regions for output
8	$\sigma_{\text{out-buff-do}}^{<l,out>}$	$S_D$	output buffer dimension order

Auto-Tunable Parameters

**All parameters are chosen as optimized for an arbitrary:**

- **MDH**
- **abstract machine model**
- **input/output characteristics**

# MDH in MLIR – The MDH Low-Level Dialect

Example: Matrix Multiplication — for 3-layered machine model (e.g. OpenCL)

```
// 1. Core/Memory Layer
parallel_for( p<1,0> = 1,...,32 )
  parallel_for( p<1,1> = 1,...,32 )
    parallel_for( p<1,2> = 1,...,32 )

for<1>( t<1,0> = 1,...,8 )
  for<1>( t<1,1> = 1,...,8 )
    for<1>( t<1,2> = 1,...,8 )
      copy: A<0> -> A<1>
      copy: B<0> -> B<1>

__MEM_REGION_0 RES_1[ ... ][ ... ];
```

pseudocode

```
MatMul = ... o md_hom( *, (++, ++, +) ) o ...
```

High-Level  
Dialect

1. Core/Memory Layer

```
// 2. Core/Memory Layer
parallel_for( p<2,0> = 1,...,32 )
  parallel_for( p<2,1> = 1,...,32 )
    parallel_for( p<2,2> = 1,...,32 )

for<1>( t<2,0> = 1,...,8 )
  for<1>( t<2,1> = 1,...,8 )
    for<1>( t<2,2> = 1,...,8 )
      copy: A<1> -> A<2>
      copy: B<1> -> B<2>

__MEM_REGION_1 RES_2[ ... ][ ... ];
```

2. Core/Memory Layer

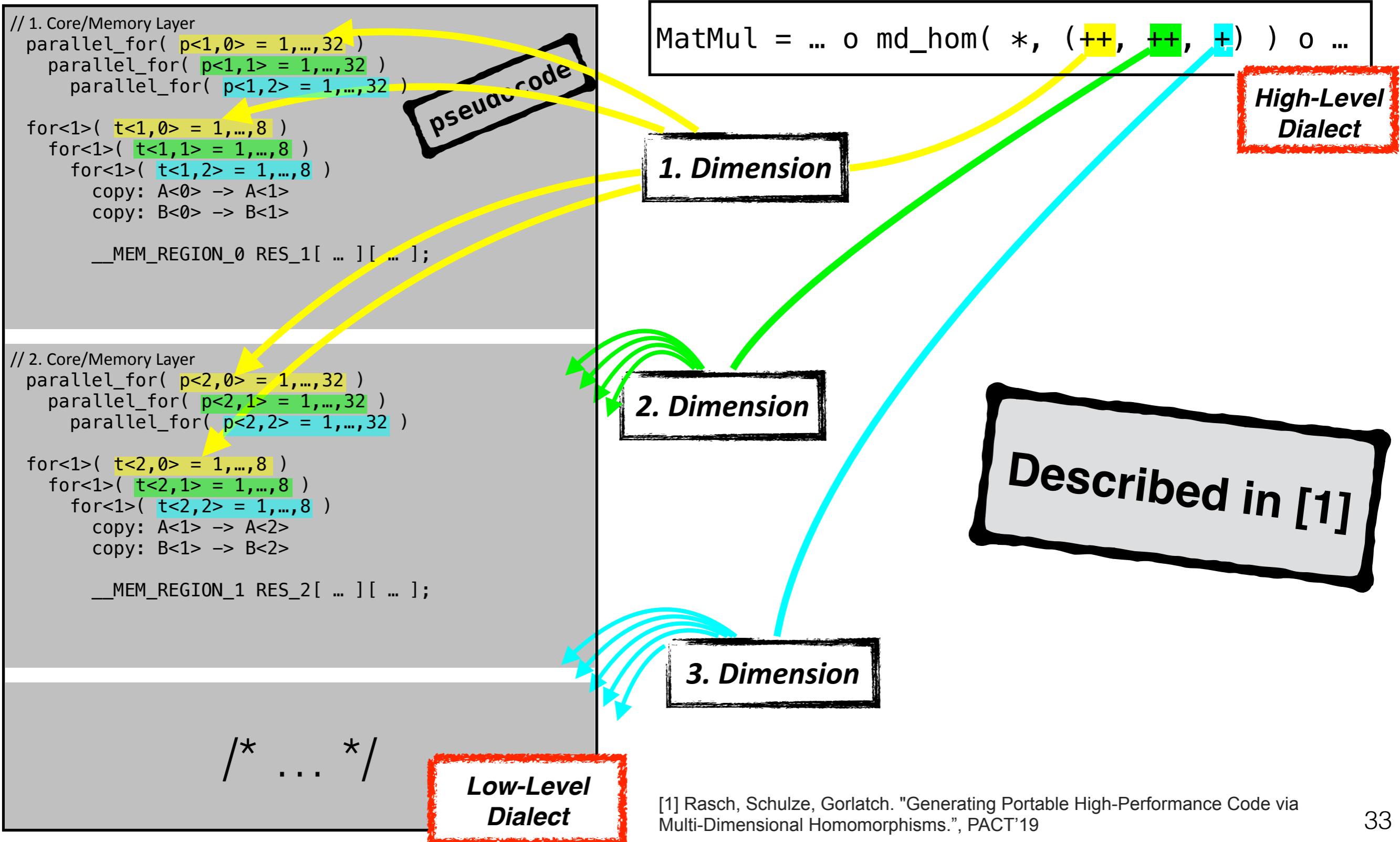
```
/* ... */
```

Low-Level  
Dialect

3. Core/Memory Layer

# MDH in MLIR – The MDH Low-Level Dialect

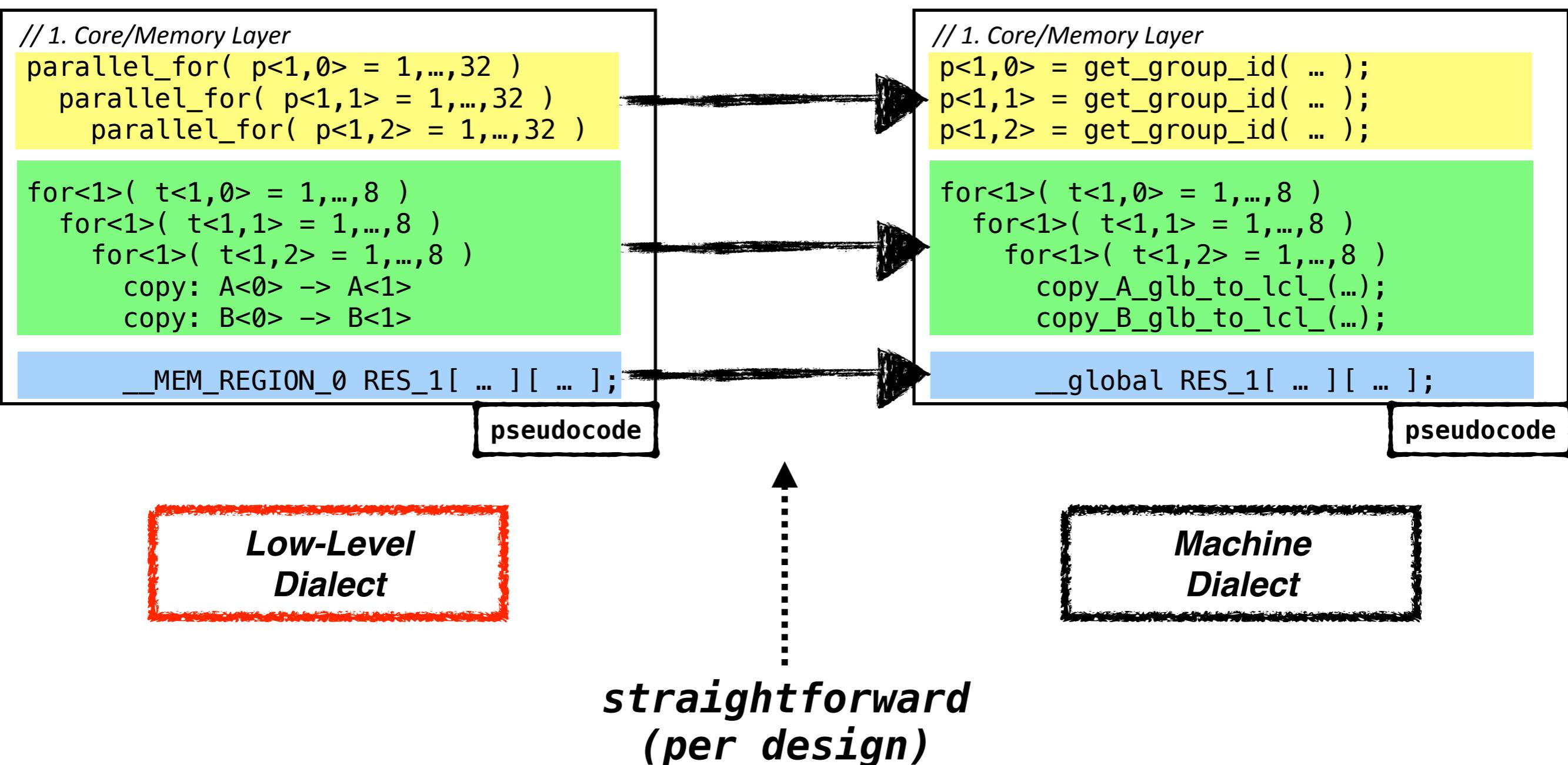
Lowering: MDH High-Level Dialect → MDH Low-Level Dialect



[1] Rasch, Schulze, Gorlatch. "Generating Portable High-Performance Code via Multi-Dimensional Homomorphisms.", PACT'19

# MDH in MLIR – The MDH Low-Level Dialect

Lowering: *MDH Low-Level Dialect* → *MLIR Machine Dialects*



# Conclusion

1. The **MDH approach** aims at combining the goals of **performance**, **portability**, and **productivity** for **data-parallel computations** targeting **multi- and many-core architectures**;
2. The **MDH approach** often achieves **competitive/higher performance** than well-performing competitors (MKL, cuBLAS, etc);
3. **MLIR** enables **using MDH** in a **structured manner** for **different applications** (e.g., TensorFlow) and **systematically** generating code for **different programming models** (OpenCL, CUDA, OpenMP, etc);

## Our Questions:

1. Does Linalg explicitly capture combine operators? If not — why?
2. What is the difference between Linalg and Affine regarding the level of abstraction from your point of view?

**Your Questions?**