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SMILE: LLC-based Shared Memory Expansion to Improve GPU Thread Level Parallelism

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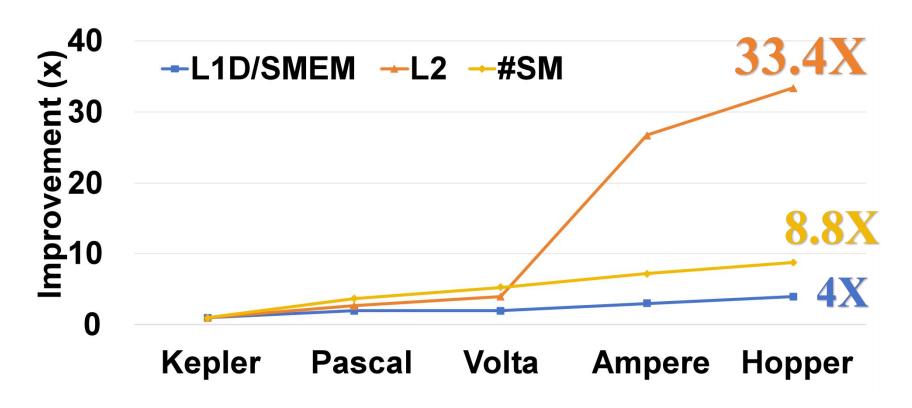


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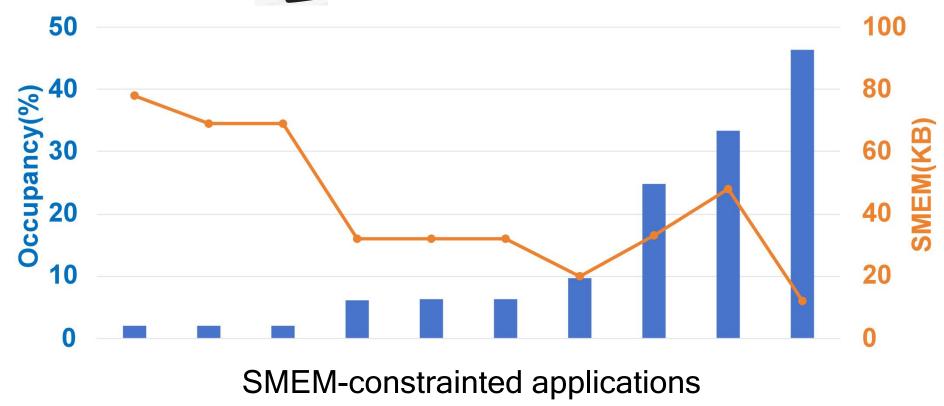
GPU Evolution



- Improvement of L1D/SMEM, L2 and the number of SMs are out of proportion
- L1D/SMEM is insufficient while LLC is abundant



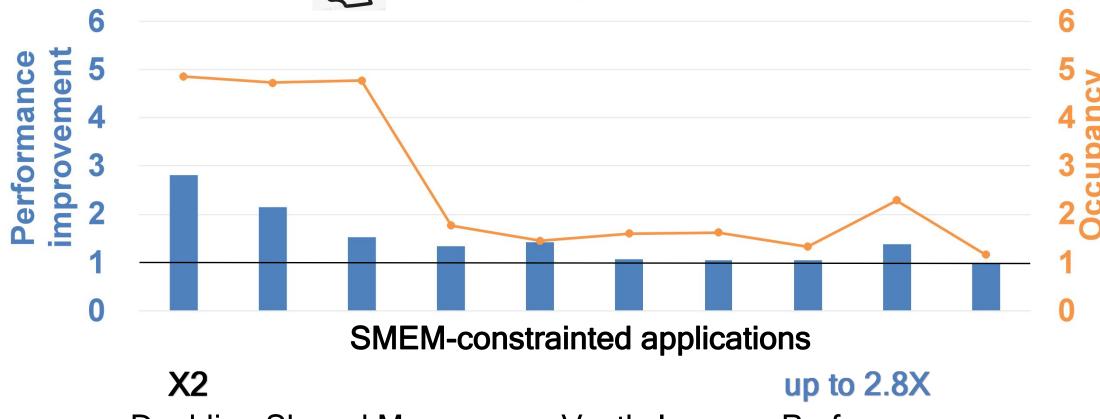
Motivation



- Applications are exhibiting low occupancy (2% 46%), which is inversely proportional to the SMEM
- Higher SMEM usage causes less CTAs to be launched and thus lower TLP



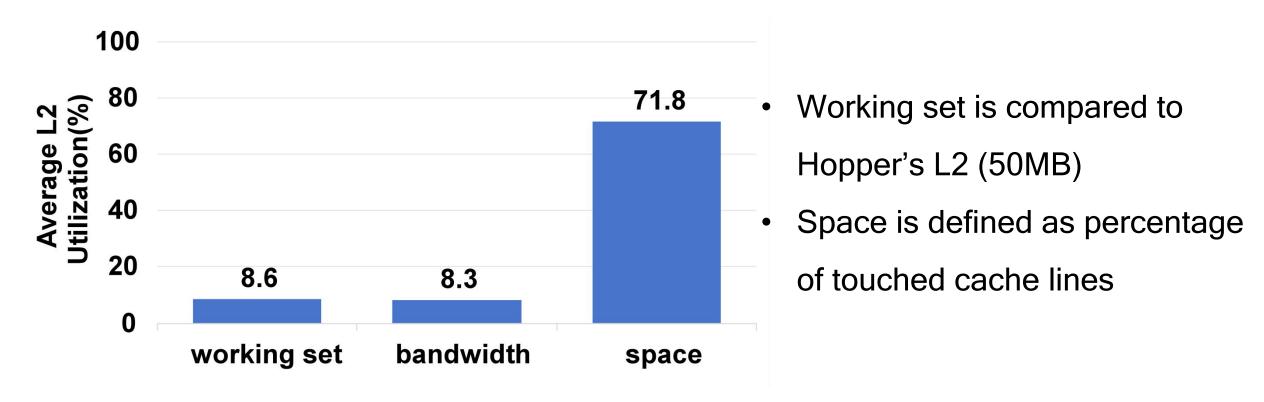




- Doubling Shared Memory can Vastly Improve Performance
- SMEM can be very critical, and enlarging SMEM can be promising to improve GPU TLP and performance.

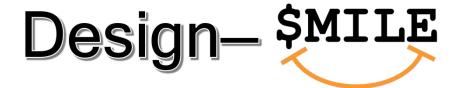


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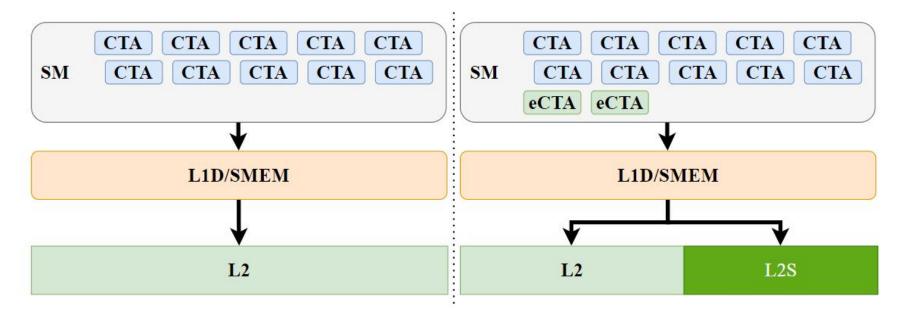


- L2 cache is in idling state
- Combine with SMEM is helpful to solve GPU low occupancy, it is thus natural to integrate both to improve TLP and reduce L2 idling simultaneously



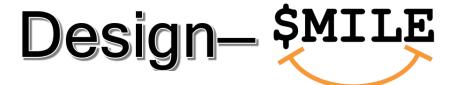


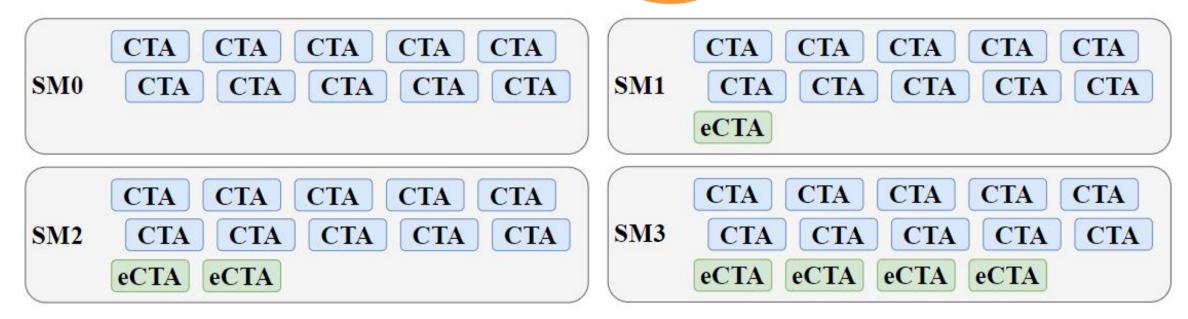
Baseline architecture VS SMILE architecture



- Extra CTAs (eCTAs) are launched to each SM
- L2 cache is partitioned as extended SMEM (L2S)
- SMILE redirect eCTA's SMEM accesses to L2S

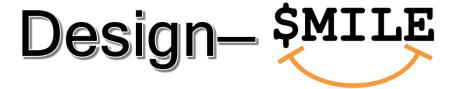


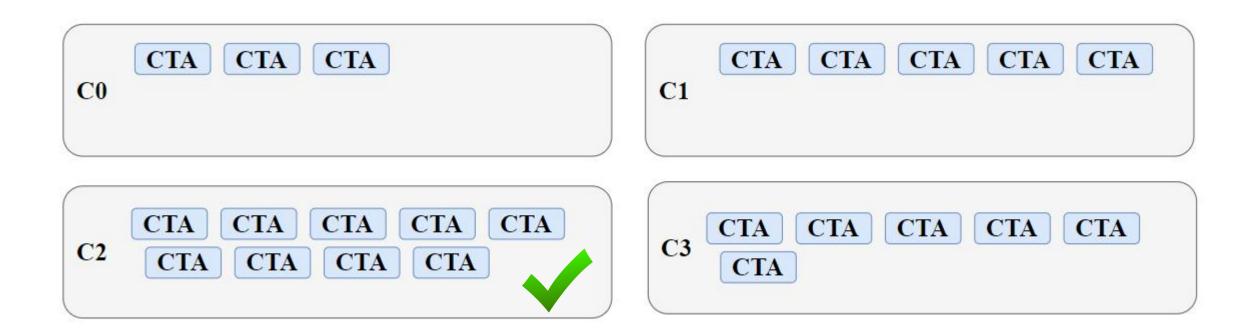




- The best amount of eCTA is application-aware
- To determine the best quota of eCTA, we propose Runtime Profiling Guided (RPG) where SMs are grouped (C0-C4) to profile

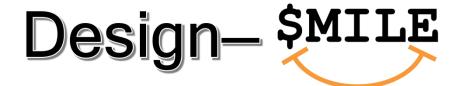


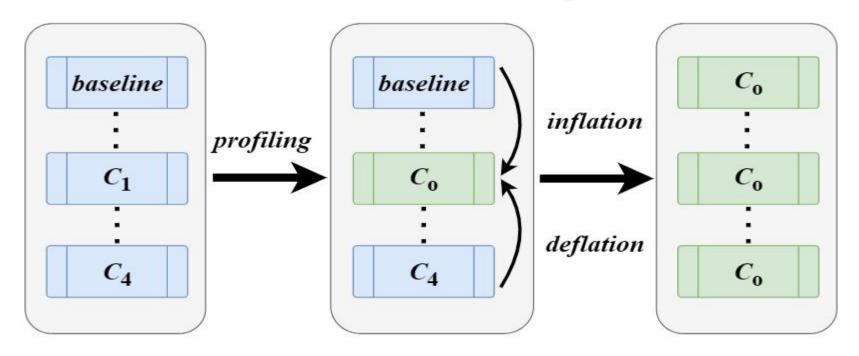




- SMs under different configs commit CTAs in varied speed
- Select Config which commit CTAs "Fastest"







 RPG encompasses profiling phase (collects the number of CTAs committed by different groups) and alignment phase (adjust the number of concurrently running eCTAs)





benchmark

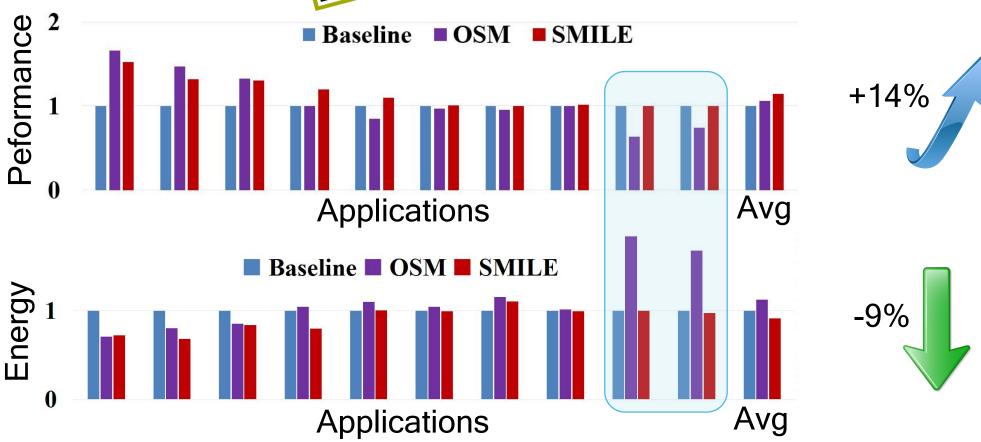
App

GPU configurations and applications

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Parameter	Value	LIBOR	Rodinia
#SM	80	Hybridsort	
Scheduler	LRR	Fused gemms	
Register File Size / SM	256KB	Fused convs	
Shared Memory Cache / SM	100KB	Gemm bias relu	Cutlogo
Core clock	1132MHz	Conv2dfprop	Cutlass
Schedulers / SM	4	Tensorop	
L1 cache / SM	28KB	Sparse gemm	
L2 (or LLC)	30MB	2Dentropy	NA



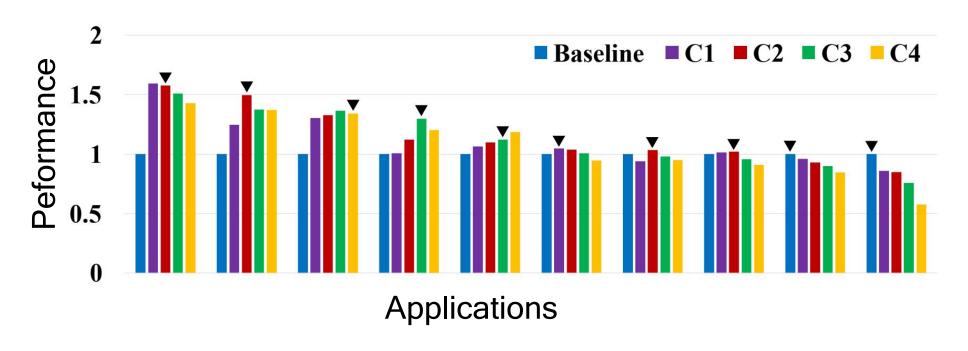
Evaluation



 SMILE outperforms OSM in critical apps by avoiding great performance reduction and energy consumption







 Profiling Quality of RPG: the choices of SMILE mostly locate on the highest speedup bar, confirming the online profiling accuracy.



Summary

 GPU TLP can be bounded by the deficient SMEM, and are motivated to divide the increasingly large LLC for SMEM expansion

 Through light-weight runtime profiling, SMILE is capable to decide the reasonable partition ratio, and effectively enables extra CTAs to be launched

 SMILE remarkably raises the TLP and accelerates the executions, effectively outperforming the state-of-the-arts



