

# Achieving High-Performance the Functional Way

## Expressing High-Performance Optimisations as Rewrite Strategies

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The screenshot shows a PDF document window titled "ICFP-2020.pdf" on page 1 of 29. The title page features the title "Achieving High-Performance the Functional Way" in bold, followed by the subtitle "A Functional Pearl on Expressing High-Performance Optimizations as Rewrite Strategies". Below the title, five authors are listed with their institutions: BASTIAN HAGEDORN, University of Münster, Germany; JOHANNES LENFERS, University of Münster, Germany; THOMAS KŒHLER, University of Glasgow, UK; XUEYING QIN, University of Glasgow, UK; SERGEI GORLATCH, University of Münster, Germany; and MICHEL STEUWER, University of Glasgow, UK. The text discusses the challenge of optimizing programs for modern parallel hardware, noting the difficulty of intertwining functionality and optimizations in imperative languages like C or OpenCL. It highlights the use of functional programming languages like RISE and ELEVATE to address this challenge. The right margin of the slide contains a vertical black bar with the number "92" at the bottom.

**Achieving High-Performance the Functional Way**

A Functional Pearl on Expressing High-Performance Optimizations as Rewrite Strategies

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Optimizing programs to run efficiently on modern parallel hardware is hard but crucial for many applications. The predominantly used imperative languages - like C or OpenCL - force the programmer to intertwine the code describing functionality and optimizations. This results in a portability nightmare that is particularly problematic given the accelerating trend towards specialized hardware devices to further increase efficiency.

Many emerging DSLs used in performance demanding domains such as deep learning or high-performance image processing attempt to simplify or even fully automate the optimization process. Using a high-level - often functional - language, programmers focus on describing functionality in a declarative way. In some systems such as Halide or TVM, a separate *schedule* specifies how the program should be optimized. Unfortunately, these schedules are not written in well-defined programming languages. Instead, they are implemented as a set of ad-hoc predefined APIs that the compiler writers have exposed.

In this functional pearl, we show how to employ functional programming techniques to solve this challenge with elegance. We present two functional languages that work together - each addressing a separate concern. RISE is a functional language for expressing computations using well known functional data-parallel patterns. ELEVATE is a functional language for describing optimization strategies. A high-level RISE program is transformed into a low-level form using optimization strategies written in ELEVATE. From the rewritten low-level program high-performance parallel code is automatically generated. In contrast to existing high-performance domain-specific systems with scheduling APIs, in our approach programmers are not restricted to a set of



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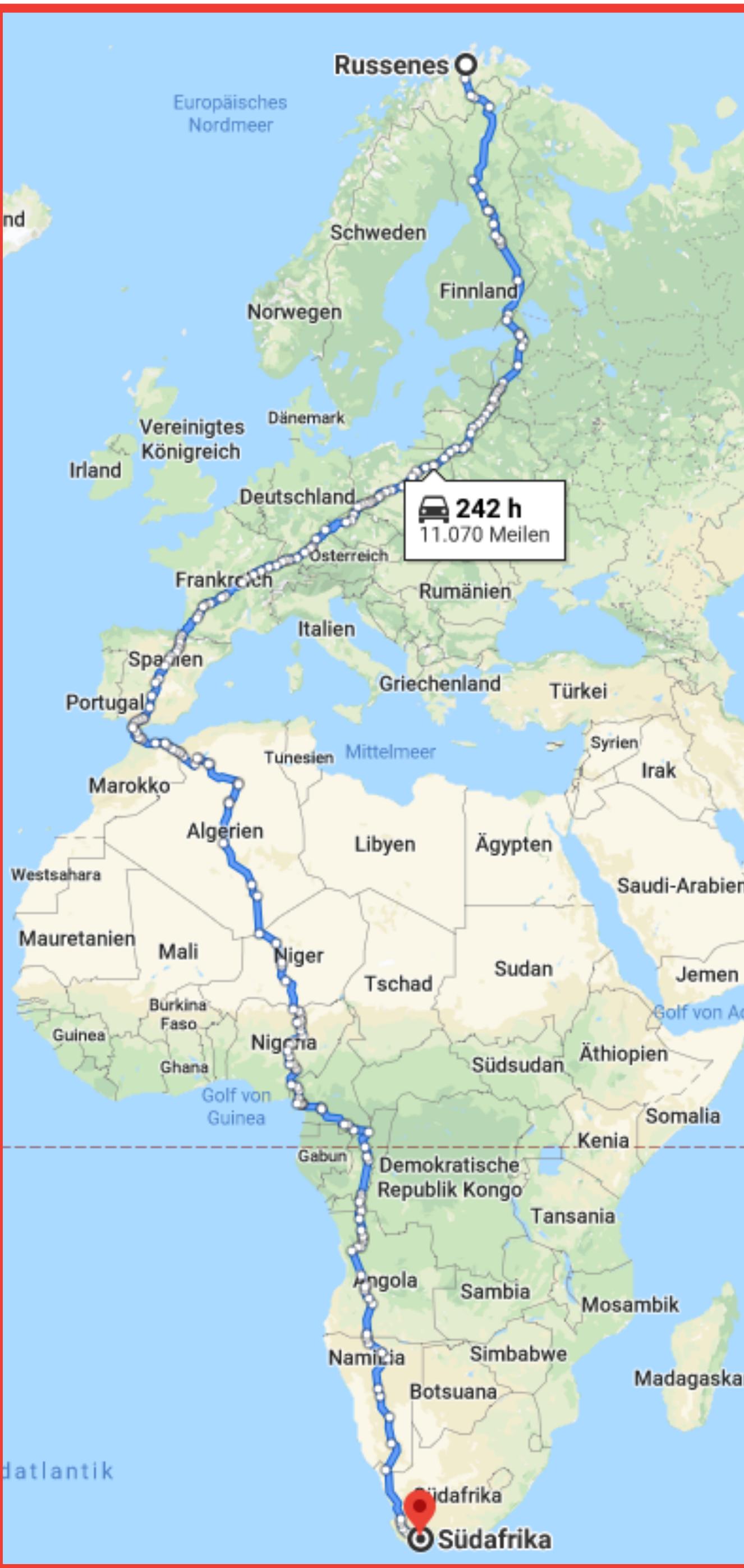
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## Manual

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    for (int k = 0; k < K; k++) {
        acc += A[y * M + k] * B[k * N + x];
    }

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Naive Matrix Multiplication in



# Achieving High-Performance

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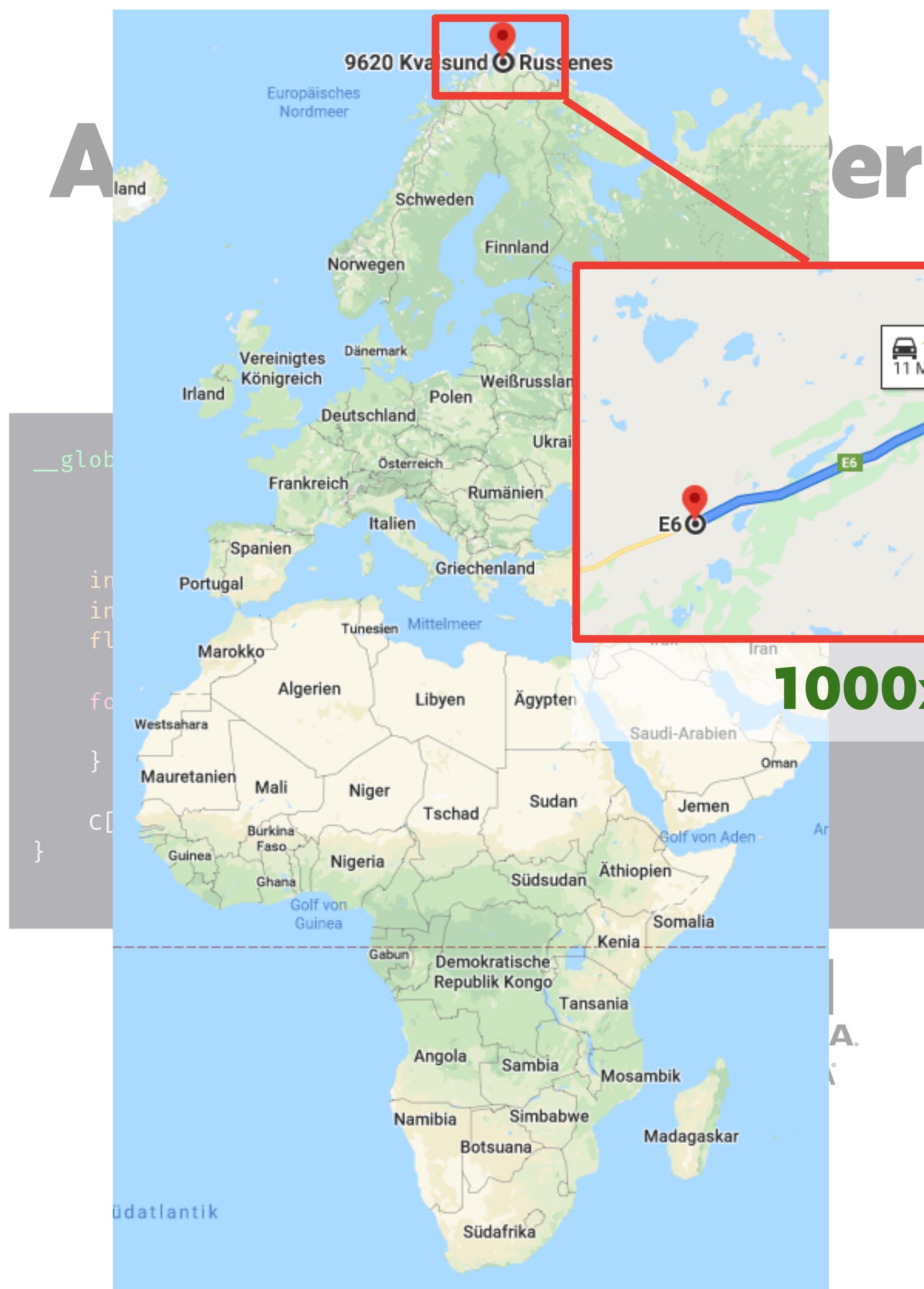
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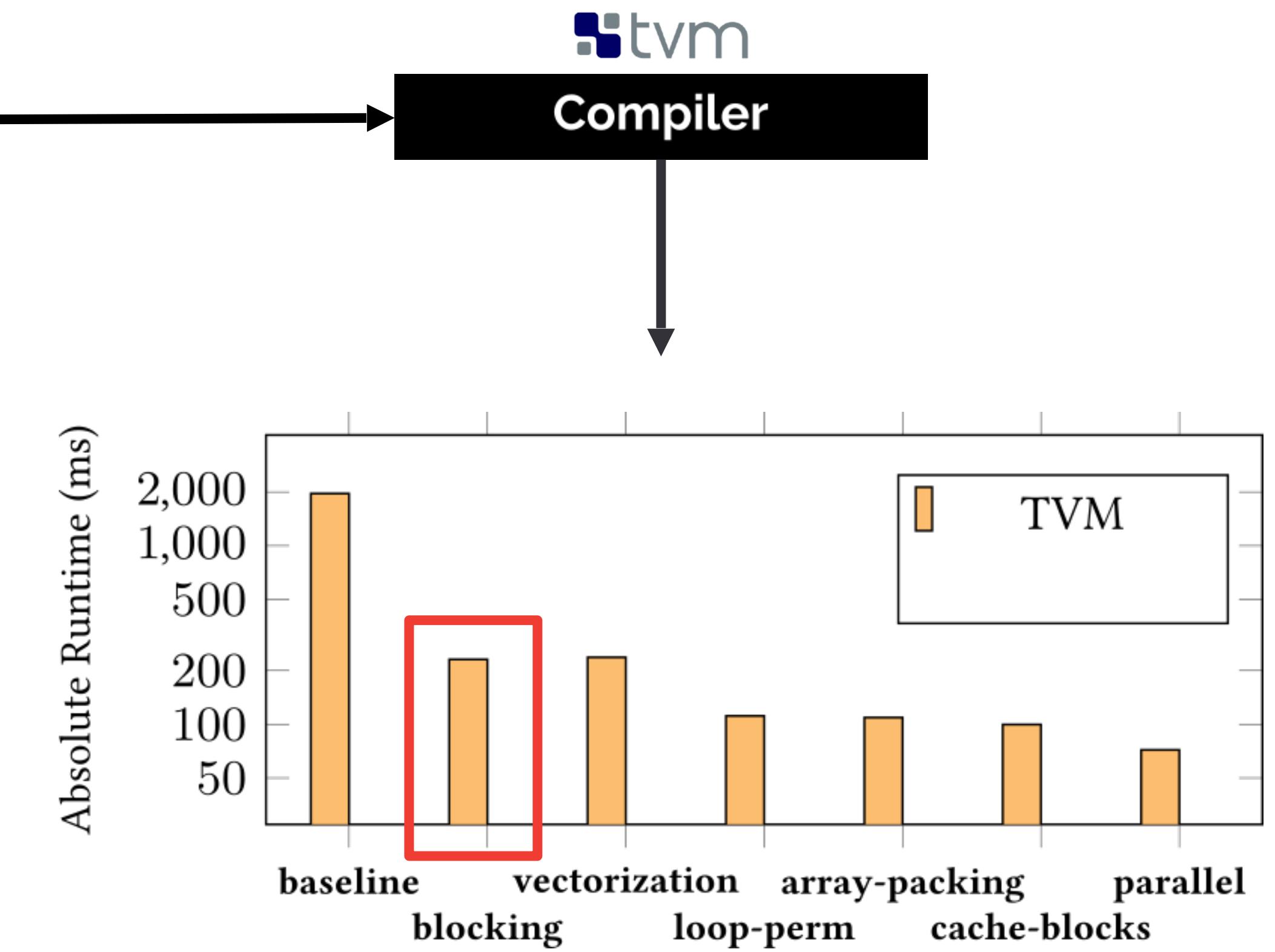
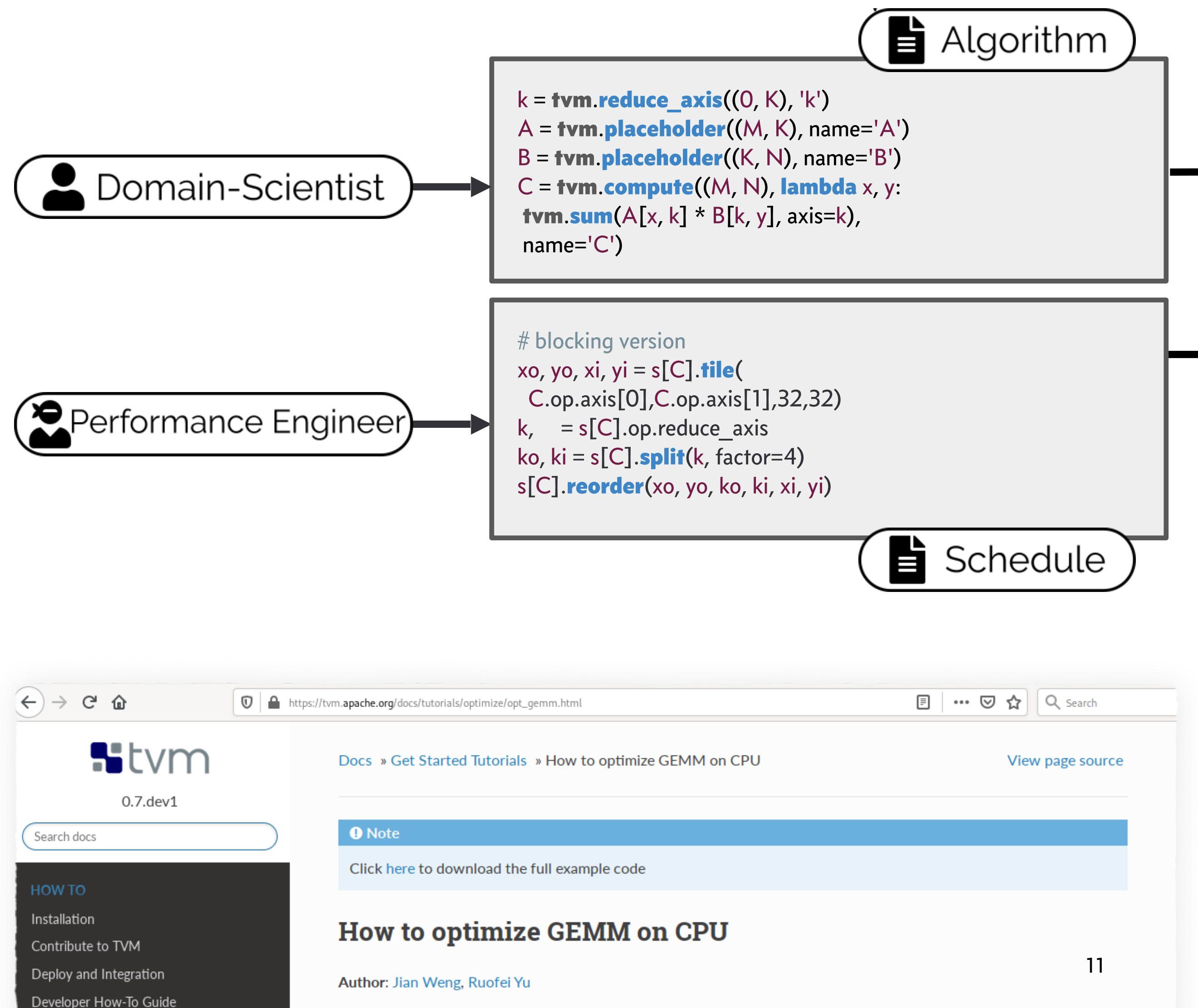
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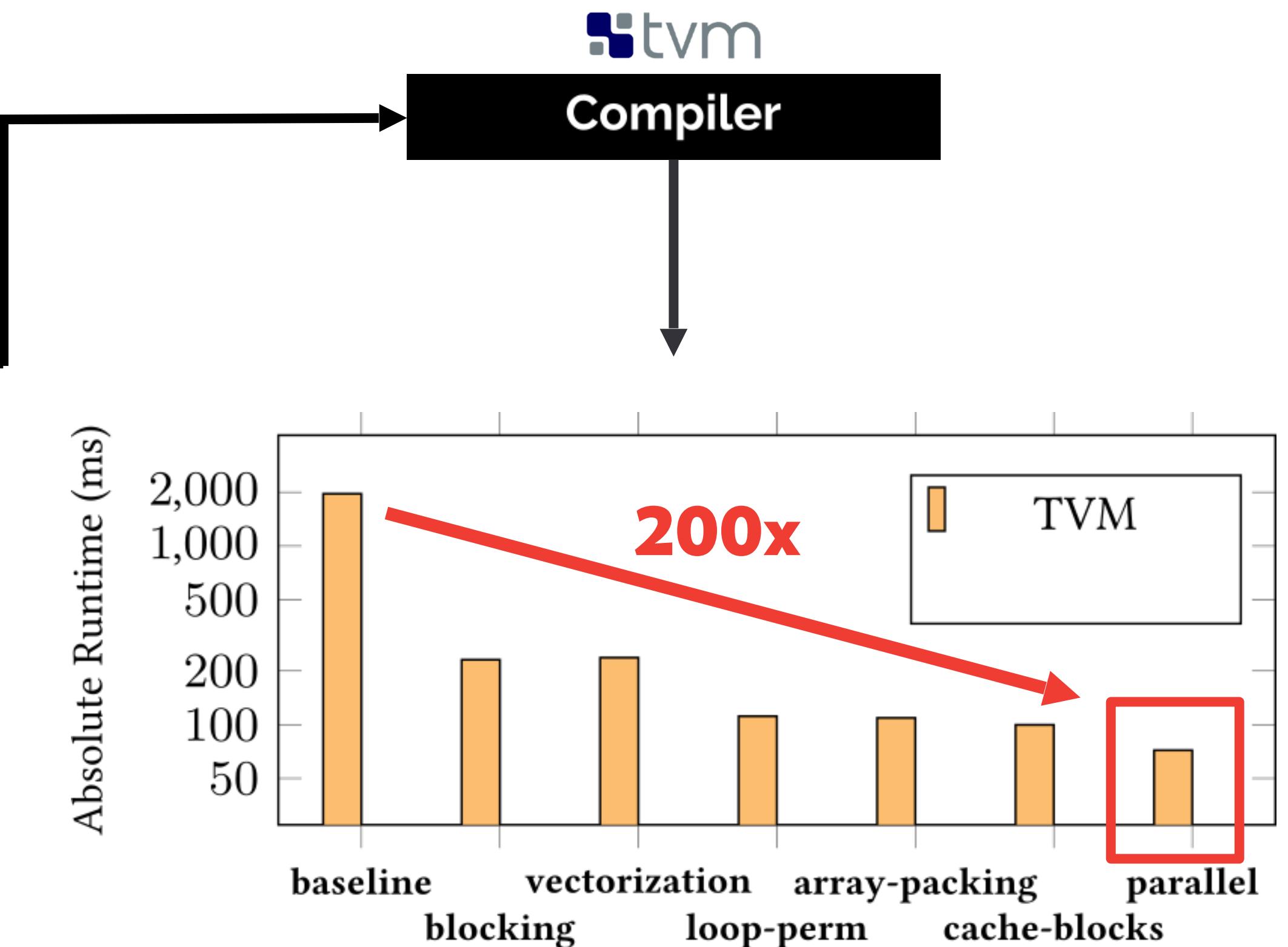
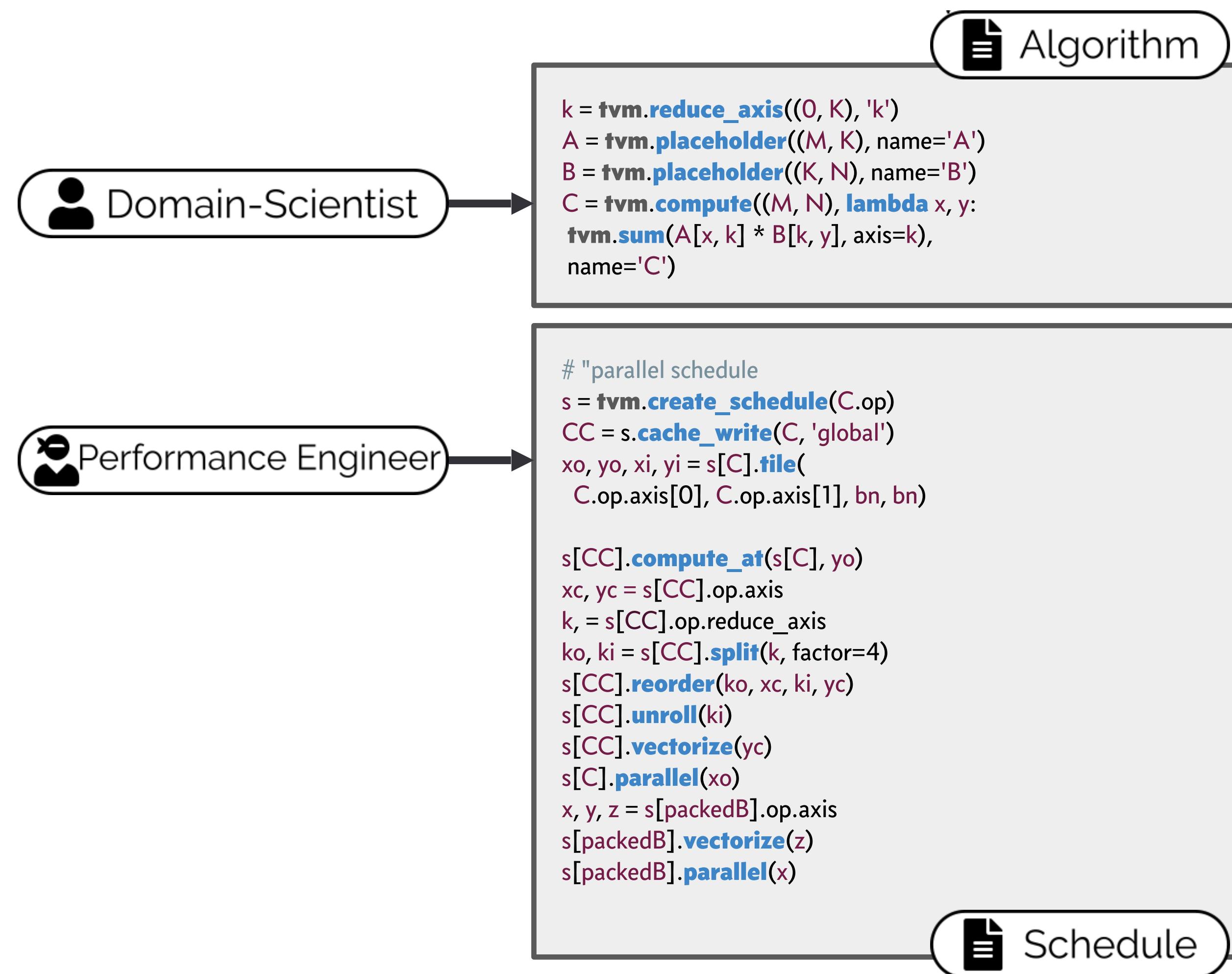
**100-1000x performance**  
**30x lines of code**  
**time-intensive + error-prone**

# Optimized Matrix Multiplication

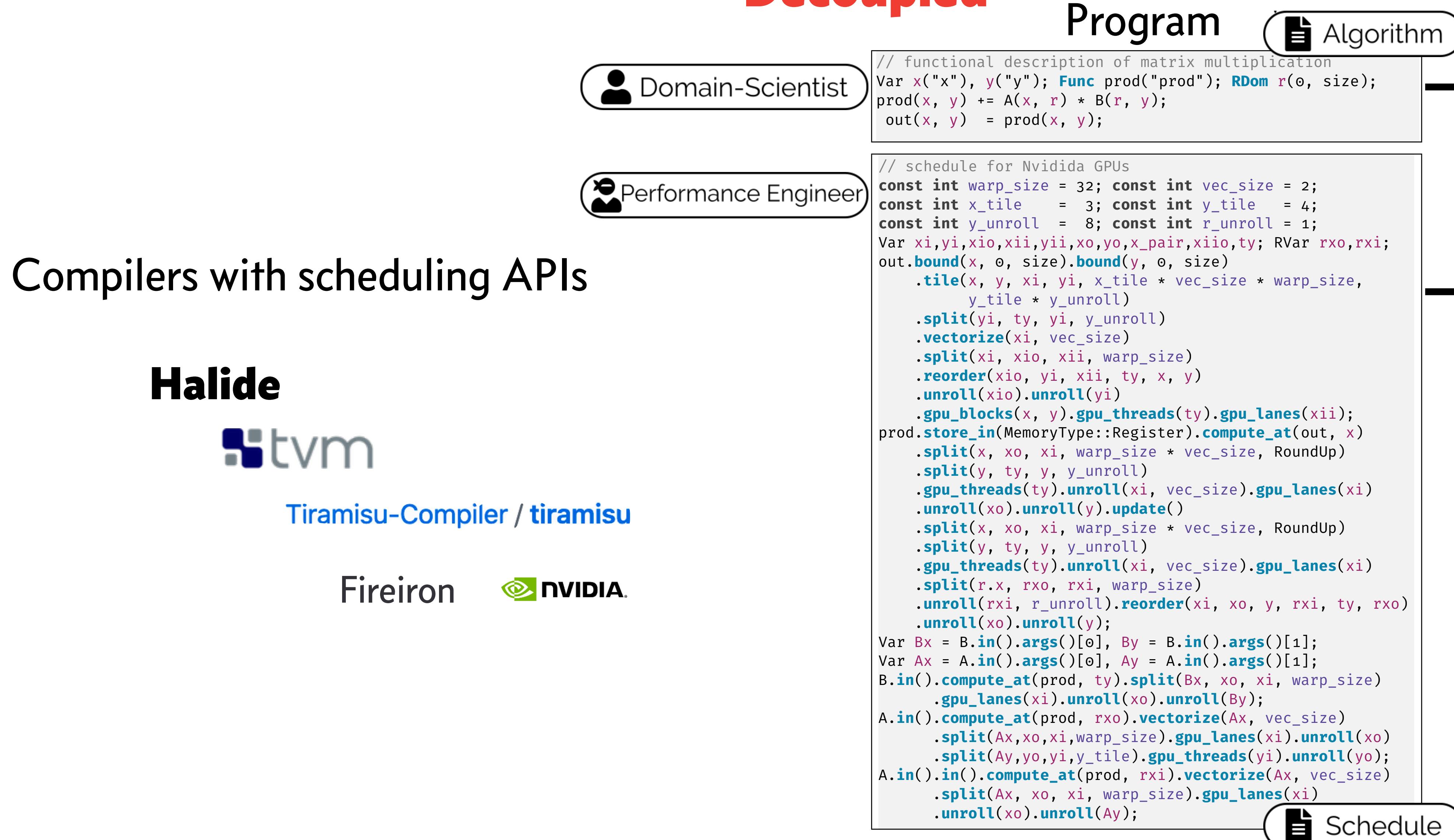
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## Compilers with scheduling APIs

**Halide**



Tiramisu-Compiler / [tiramisu](#)

Fireiron



**Halide**  
compiler

Optimised Code

Optimisation Schedule

# Problems with Scheduling APIs

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prod.store_in(MemoryType::Register).compute_at(out, x) rxo, rxi;  
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    .split(y, ty, y, y_unroll)  
    .gpu_threads(ty).unroll(xi, vec_size).gpu_lanes(xi)  
    .unroll(xo).unroll(y).update()  
    .split(x, xo, xi, warp_size * vec_size, RoundUp) xi);  
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    .unroll(rxi, r_unroll).reorder(xi, xo, y, rxi, ty, rxo) Jp)  
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    .split(Ax, xo, xi, warp_size).gpu_lanes(xi).unroll(xo)
    .split(Ay, yo, yi, y_tile).gpu_threads(yi).unroll(yo);
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# Optimised Code

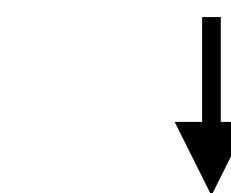
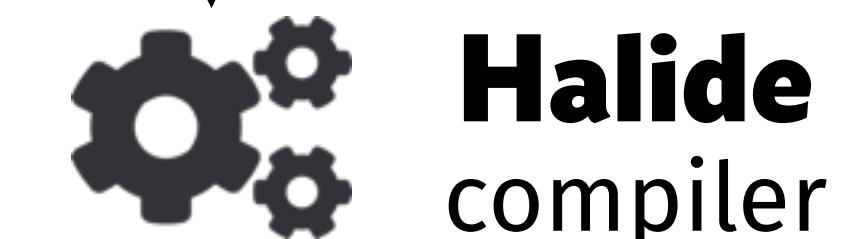
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# Problems with Scheduling APIs

No clear separation



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Hinders reuse  
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Hinders understanding  
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Var Bx = B.in().args()[0], By = B.in().args()[1];
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    .gpu_lanes(xi).unroll(xo).unroll(By);
A.in().compute_at(prod, rxo).vectorize(Ax, vec_size)
    .split(Ax, xo, xi, warp_size).gpu_lanes(xi).unroll(xo)
    .split(Ay, yo, yi, y_tile).gpu_threads(yi).unroll(yo);
A.in().in().compute_at(prod, rxi).vectorize(Ax, vec_size)
    .split(Ax, xo, xi, warp_size).gpu_lanes(xi)
    .unroll(xo).unroll(Ay);
```

Not well documented  
**Hinders understanding**

Only fixed built-in optimisations

Not well documented  
**Hinders reuse**



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compiler

Optimised Code

Optimisation Schedule

# Problems with Scheduling APIs

## Program

```
// functional description of matrix multiplication
Var x("x"), y("y"); Func prod("prod"); RDom r(0, size);
prod(x, y) += A(x, r) * B(r, y);
out(x, y) = prod(x, y);
```

```
// schedule for Nvidia GPUs
const int warp_size = 32; const int vec_size = 2;
const int x_tile   = 3; const int y_tile   = 4;
const int v_unroll = 8; const int r_unroll = 1;
```

```
store_in(MemoryType::Register).compute_at(out, x)
    .split(x, xo, xi, warp_size * vec_size, RoundUp)
    .split(y, ty, y, y_unroll)
    .gpu_threads(ty).unroll(xi, vec_size).gpu_lanes(xi)
    .unroll(xo).unroll(y).update()
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    .split(y, ty, y, y_unroll)
    .gpu_threads(ty).unroll(xi, vec_size).gpu_lanes(xi)
    .split(r.x, rxo, rxi, warp_size)
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A.in().compute_at(prod, rxo).vectorize(Ax, vec_size)
    .split(Ax, xo, xi, warp_size).gpu_lanes(xi).unroll(xo)
    .split(Ay, yo, yi, y_tile).gpu_threads(yi).unroll(yo);
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**Hinders understanding**

Only fixed by annotations  
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Not well-defined  
**Hinders reuse**



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compiler

We should aim for more principled ways to describe and apply optimisations

```
A.in().in().compute_at(prod, rxi).vectorize(Ax, vec_size)
    .split(Ax, xo, xi, warp_size).gpu_lanes(xi)
    .unroll(xo).unroll(Ay);
```

Optimisation Schedule

# The Need for a Principled Way to Separate, Describe and Apply Optimizations

Our goals:

## 1. *Separate concerns*

Computations should be expressed at a high abstraction level only.  
They should not be changed to express optimizations;

## 2. *Facilitate reuse*

Optimization strategies should be defined clearly separated from the computational program facilitating reusability of computational programs and strategies;

## 3. *Enable compositability*

Computations and strategies should be written as compositions of user-defined building blocks (possibly domain-specific ones); both languages should facilitate the creation of higher-level abstractions;

## 4. *Allow reasoning*

*Computational patterns, but also especially strategies, should have a precise, well-defined semantics allowing reasoning about them;*

## 5. *Be explicit*

*Implicit default behavior should be avoided to empower users to be in control.*

# The Need for a Principled Way to Separate, Describe and Apply Optimizations

Our goals:

1. ***Separate concerns***

Computations should be expressed at a high abstraction level only.

The code should be kept simple and maintainable.

Fundamentally we argue that a more principled high-performance code generation approach should be holistic by considering *computation and optimization strategies equally important*.

**As a consequence, a strategy language should be built with the same standards as a language describing computation.**

*Computational patterns, but also especially strategies, should have a precise, well-defined semantics allowing reasoning about them;*

5. ***Be explicit***

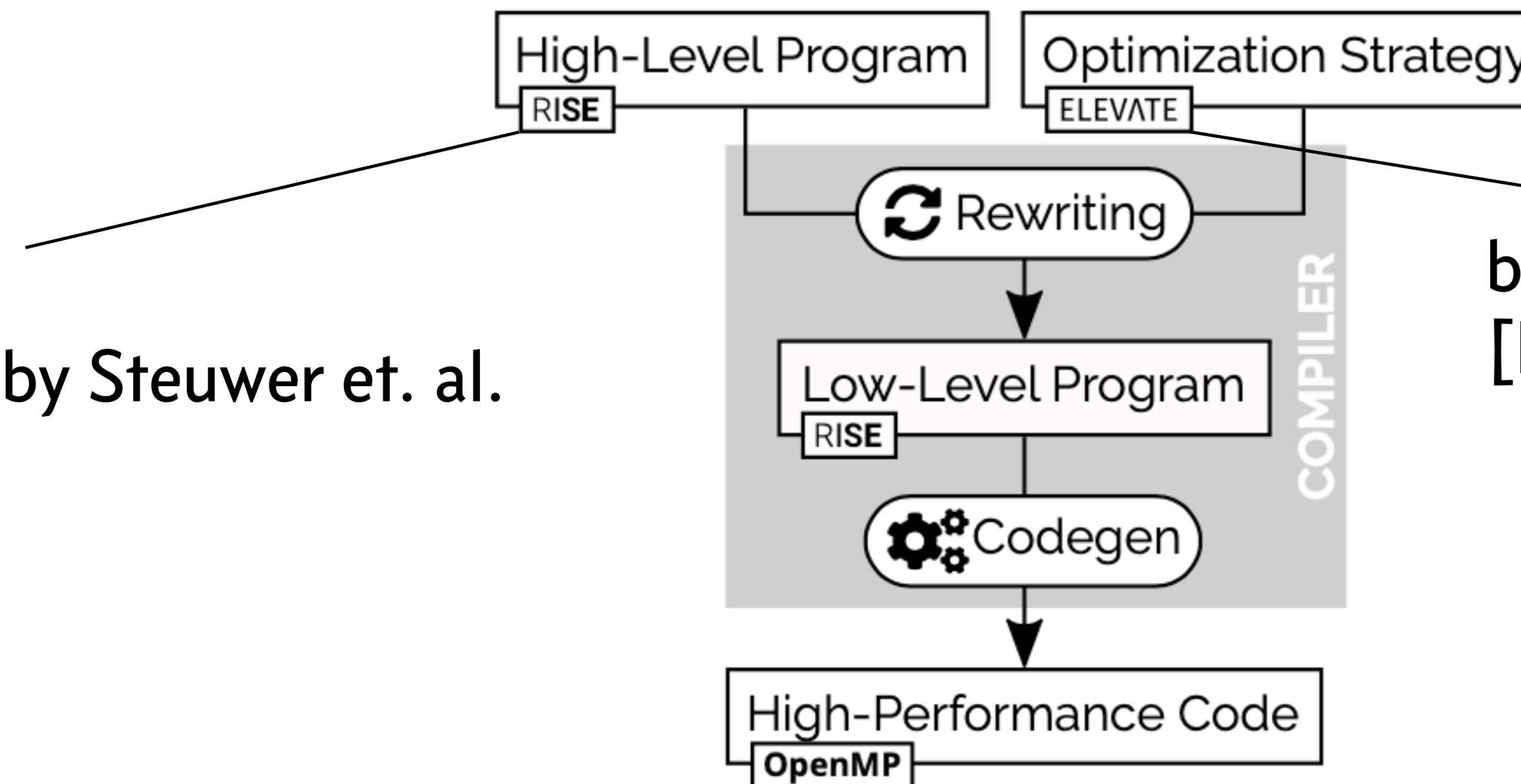
*Implicit default behavior should be avoided to empower users to be in control.*

# Achieving High-Performance the Functional Way

```
// Matrix Matrix Multiplication in RISE
val dot = fun(as, fun(bs,
  zip(as)(bs) |> map(fun(ab, mult(fst(ab))(snd(ab)))) |> reduce(add)(0) ) )
val mm = fun(a : M.K.float, fun(b : K.N.float,
  a |> map(fun(arow,
    transpose(b) |> map(fun(bcol,
      dot(arow)(bcol) ))))) ) ) // iterating over M
                                         // iterating over N
                                         // iterating over K
```

```
val loopPerm = (
  tile(32,32)   '@' outermost(mapNest(2))      ';';
  fissionReduceMap '@' outermost(appliedReduce)  ';';
  split(4)       '@' innermost(appliedReduce)    ';';
  reorder(Seq(1,2,5,3,6,4))                      ';';
  vectorize(32) '@' innermost(isApp(isApp(isMap)))
  (loopPerm ';' lowerToC)(mm)
```

based on Lift  
[ICFP 2015] by Steuwer et. al.



based on Stratego  
[ICFP 1998] by Visser et. al.

# ELEVATE A Language for Describing Optimisation Strategies

- A **Strategy** encodes a program transformation as a function:

```
type Strategy[P] = P ⇒ RewriteResult[P]
```

- A **RewriteResult** encodes its success or failure:

```
RewriteResult[P] = Success[P](p: P)
                  | Failure[P](s: Strategy[P])
```

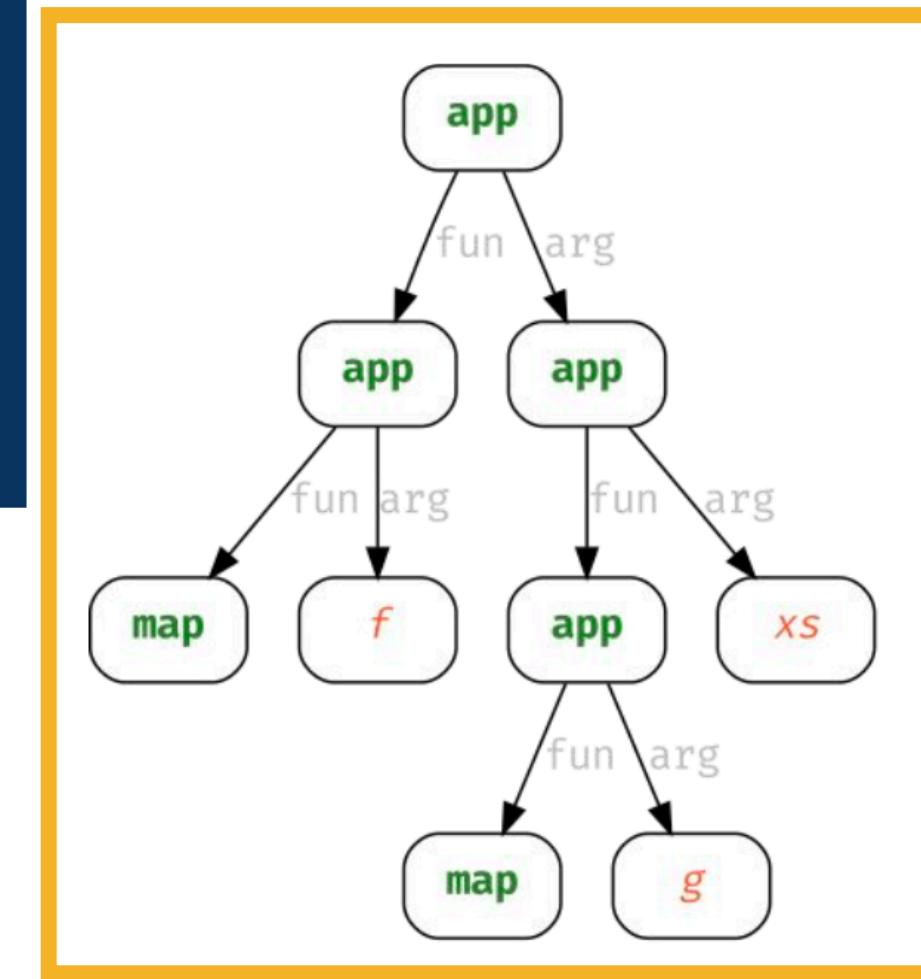
# Rewrite Rules in ELEVATE

- Rewrite rules are basic strategies

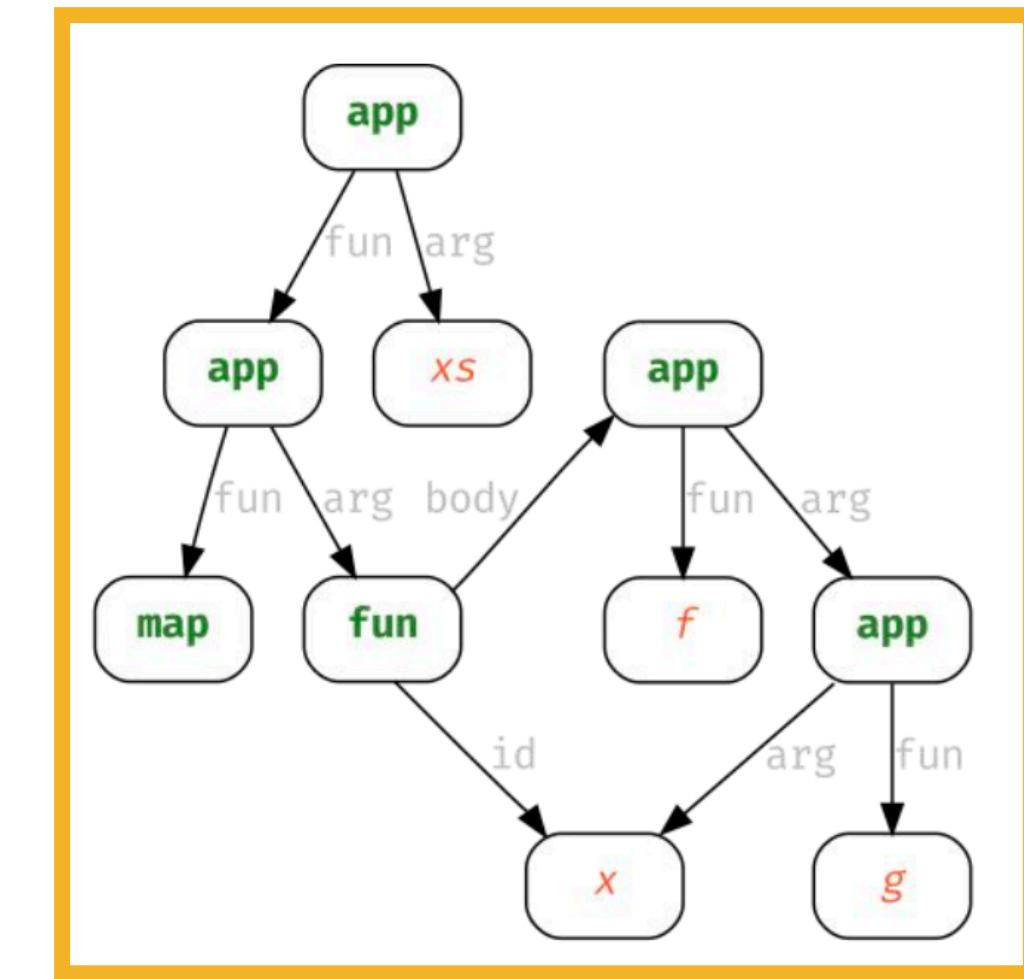
$$\text{map}(f) \ll \text{map}(g) \rightsquigarrow \text{map}(f \ll g)$$

```
def mapFusion: Strategy[Rise] =  
  (p: Rise) ⇒ p match {  
    case app(app(map, f),  
            app(app(map, g), xs)) =  
      Success( map(fun(x ⇒ f(g(x))), xs) )  
    case _ = Failure(mapFusion)  
  }
```

mapFusion(



) =



# Combinators in ELEVATE

- Building more complex strategies from simpler ones

- Sequential Composition (;

```
def seq[P]: Strategy[P] => Strategy[P] => Strategy[P] =  
    fs => ss => p => fs(p).flatMapSuccess(ss)
```

- Left Choice (<+)

```
def lChoice[P]: Strategy[P] => Strategy[P] => Strategy[P] =  
    fs => ss => p => fs(p).flatMapFailure(_ => ss(p))
```

- Try

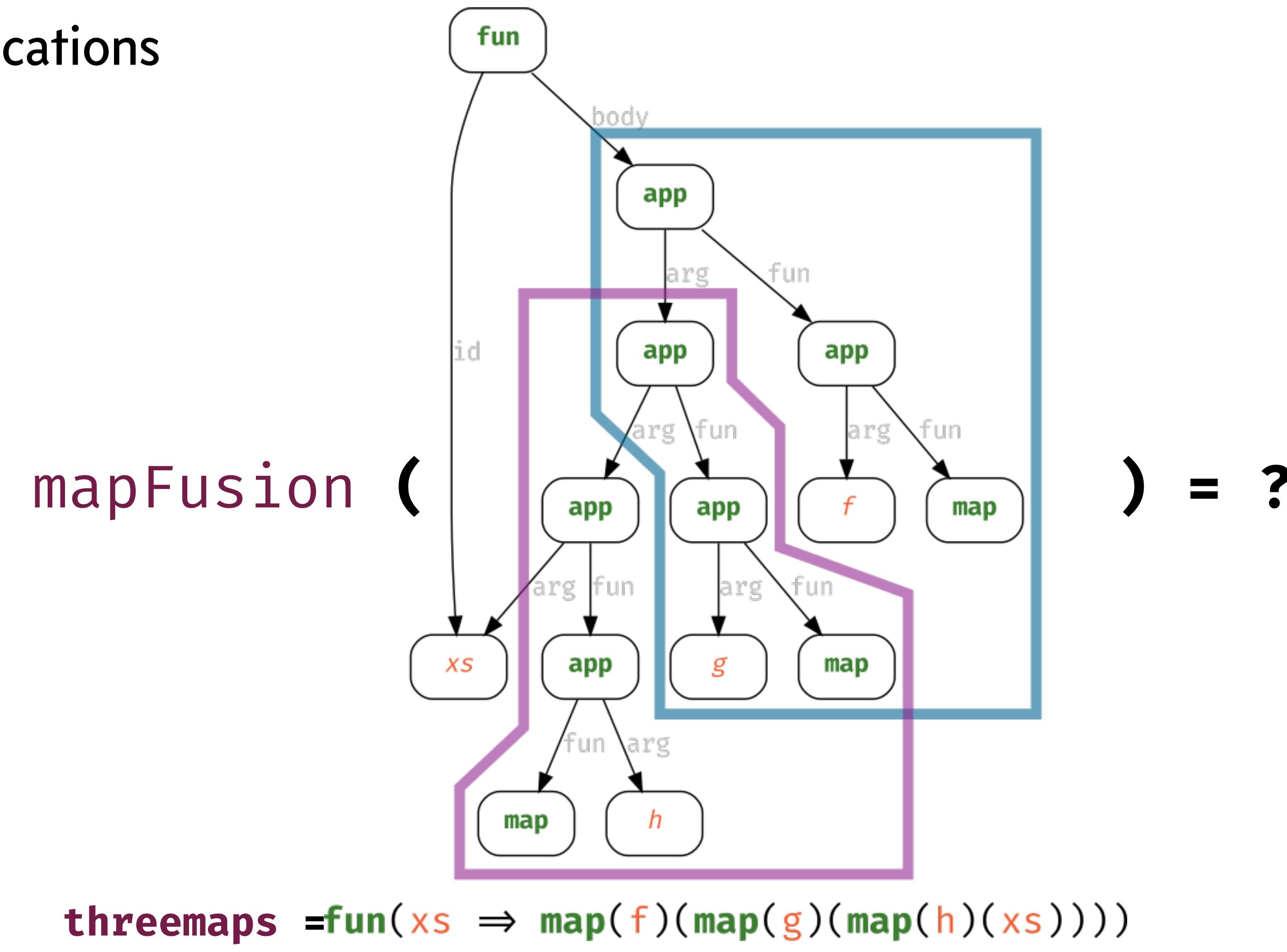
```
def try[P]: Strategy[P] => Strategy[P] =  
    s => p => (s <+ id)(p)
```

- Repeat

```
def repeat[P]: Strategy[P] => Strategy[P] =  
    s => p => try(s ; repeat(s))(p)
```

# Traversals in ELEVATE

- Describing Precise Locations

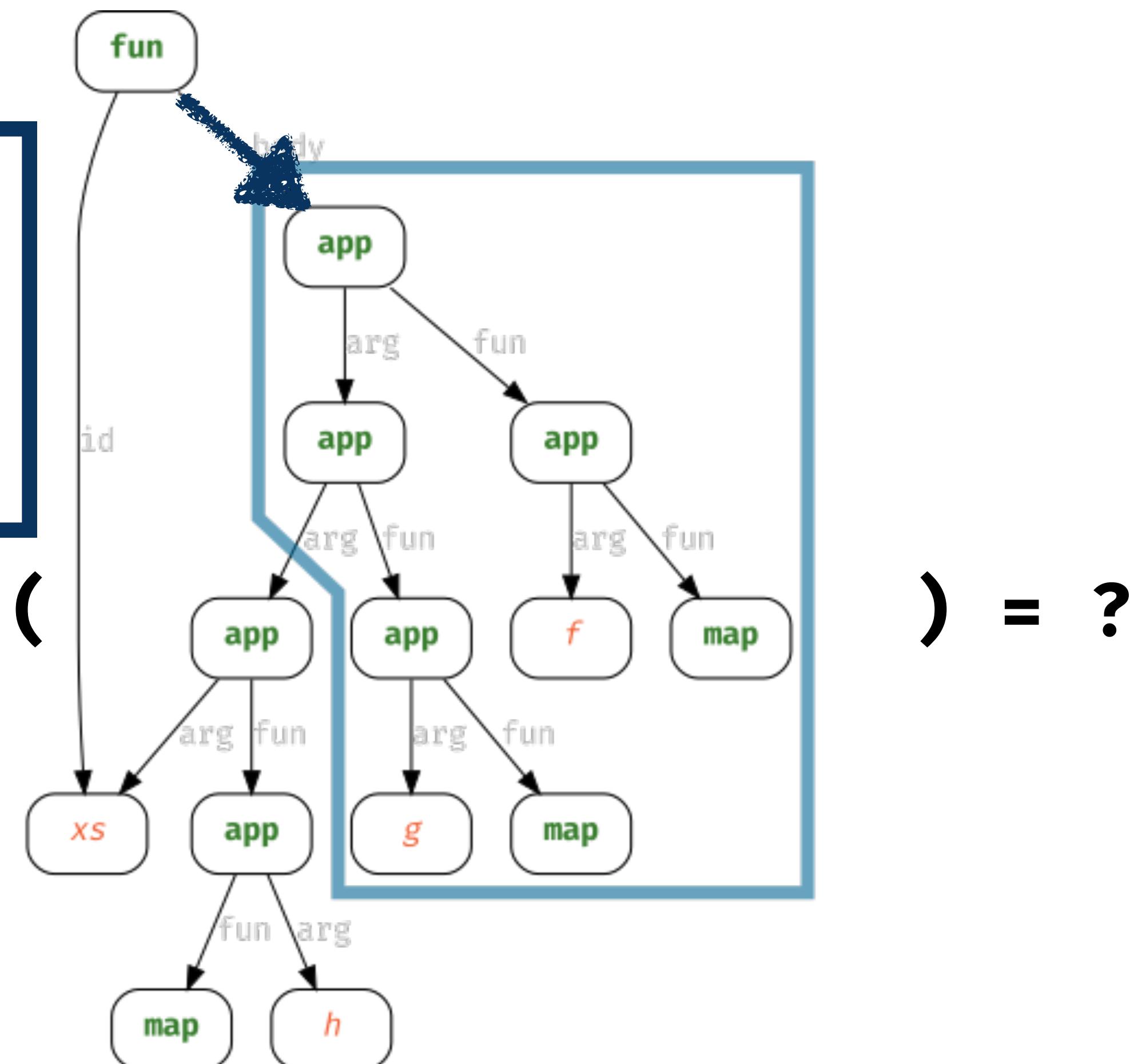


# Traversals in ELEVATE

- Describing Precise Locations

```
def body: Strategy[Rise] => Strategy[Rise] =  
  s => p => p match {  
    case fun(x, b) => s(b).mapSuccess(nb =>  
      fun(x, nb))  
    case _ => Failure( body(s) )  
  }
```

body(mapFusion)



threemaps = fun(xs, map(f)(map(g)(map(h)(xs))))

# Traversals in ELEVATE

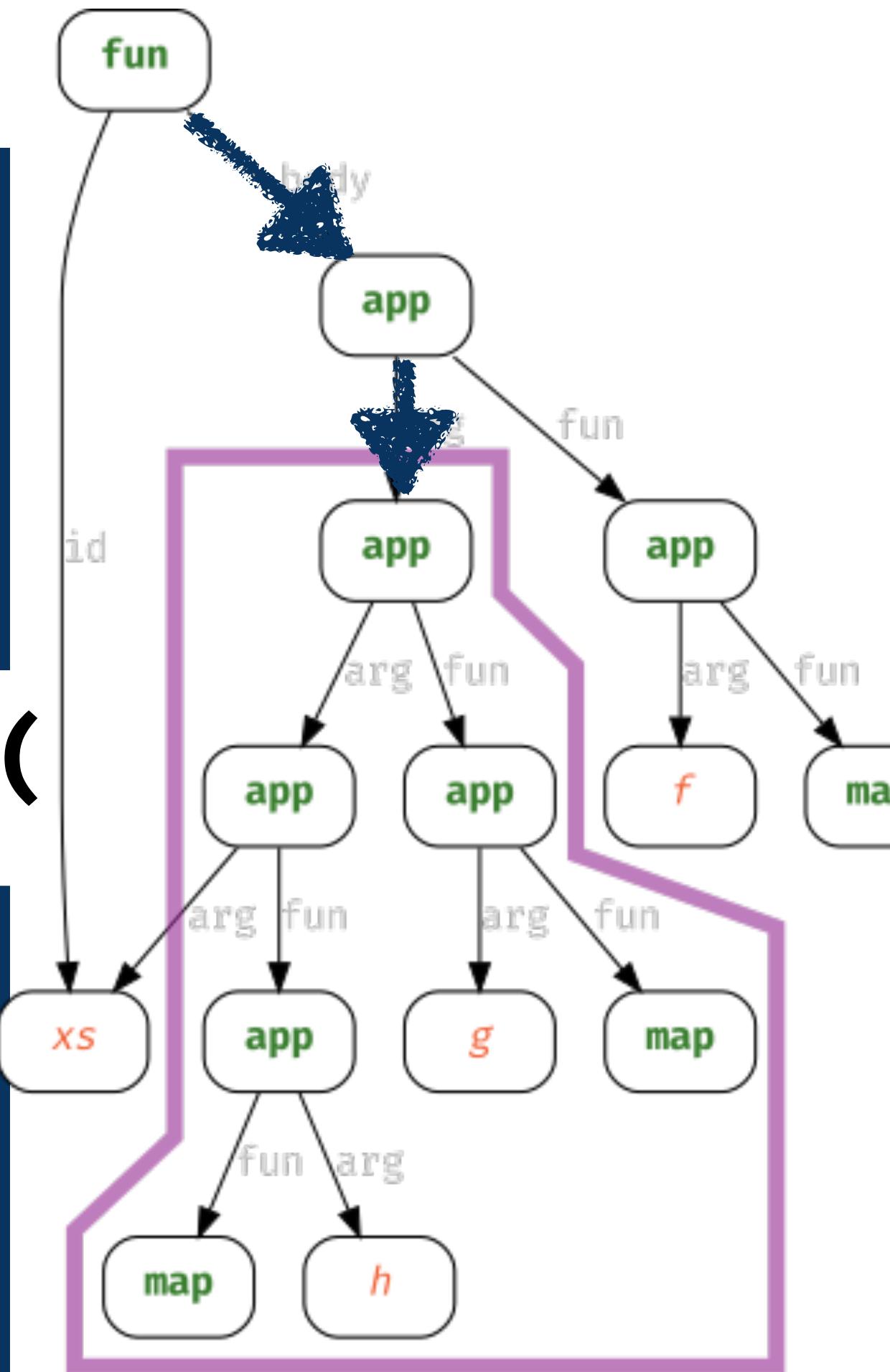
- Describing Precise Locations

```
def body: Strategy[Rise] => Strategy[Rise] =
  s => p => p match {
    case fun(x, b) => s(b).mapSuccess(nb =>
      fun(x, nb))
    case _ => Failure( body(s) )
  }
```

body(argument(mapFusion))

```
def argument: Strategy[Rise] => Strategy[Rise] =
  s => p => p match {
    case app(f, a) => s(a).mapSuccess(na =>
      app(f, na))
    case _ => Failure( argument(s) )
  }
```

threemaps = fun(xs, map(f)(map(g)(map(h)(xs))))



# Complex Traversals + Normalization in ELEVATE

- With three basic generic traversals

```
type Traversal[P] = Strategy[P] => Strategy[P]
def all[P]: Traversal[P];    def one[P]: Traversal[P];    def some[P]: Traversal[P]
```

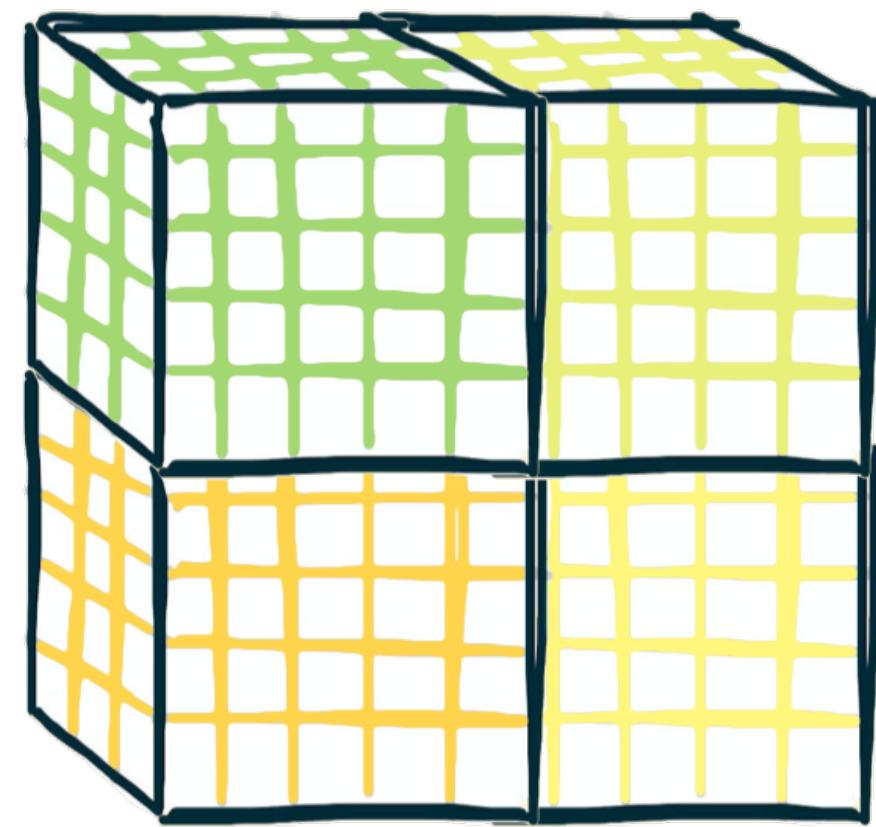
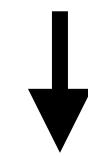
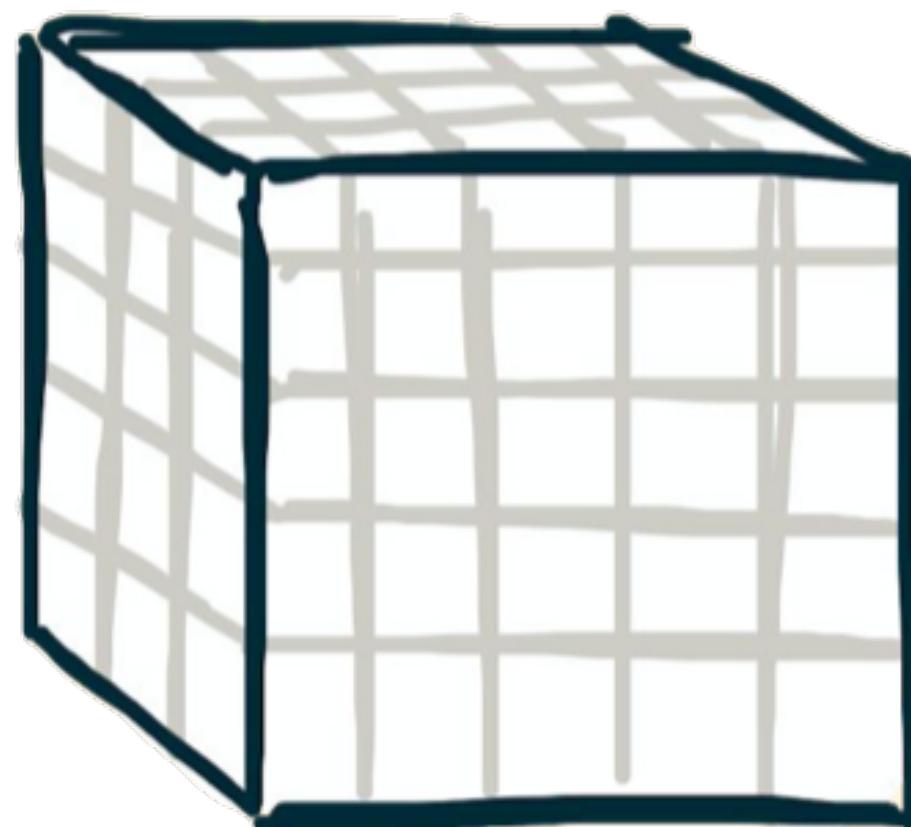
- we define more complex traversals:

```
def topDown[P]: Traversal[P] = s => p => (s <+ one(topDown(s)))(p)
def bottomUp[P]: Traversal[P] = s => p => (one(bottomUp(s)) <+ s)(p)
def allTopDown[P]: Traversal[P] = s => p => (s ';' all(allTopDown(s)))(p)
def allBottomUp[P]: Traversal[P] = s => p => (all(allBottomUp(s)) ';' s)(p)
def tryAll[P]: Traversal[P] = s => p => (all(tryAll(try(s)))) ';' try(s))(p)
```

- With these traversals we define normal forms, e.g.  $\beta\eta$ -normal-form:

```
def normalize[P]: Strategy[P] => Strategy[P] = s => p => repeat(topDown(s))(p)
def BENF = normalize(betaReduction <+ etaReduction)
```

# Complex optimisations defined as strategies



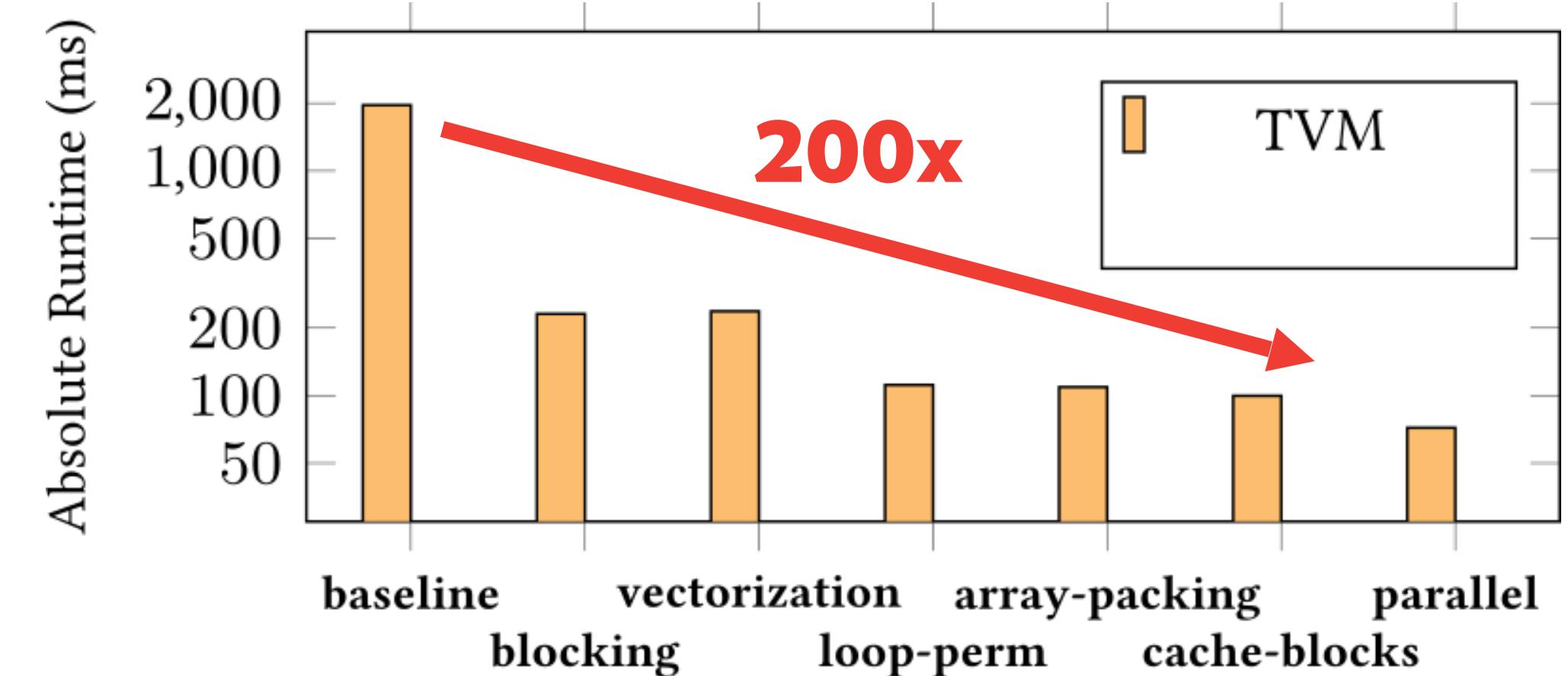
```
def tile: Int → Int → Strategy =  
  (dim) ⇒ (n) ⇒ dim match {  
    case 1 = function(splitJoin(n))  
    case 2 = fmap(function(splitJoin(n))) ;  
              function(splitJoin(n)) ; interchange(2)  
    case i = fmap(tile(dim-1, n)) ;  
          function(splitJoin(n)) ; interchange(n)  
  }
```

Tiling defined as composition of rewrites not a built-in!

# Case Study: Implementing TVM's Scheduling API

- We attempt to express the same optimizations described in the TVM tutorial:

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the TVM documentation at [tvm.apache.org](https://tvm.apache.org). The page title is "How to optimize GEMM on CPU". The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with sections like "Installation", "Tutorials" (selected), "Optimize Tensor Operators" (selected), and "How to optimize GEMM on CPU" (selected). Under "How to optimize GEMM on CPU", there are links for "Preparation and Baseline", "Blocking", "Vectorization", "Loop Permutation", "Array Packing", "Write cache for blocks", "Parallel", and "Summary". A note at the top says "Click [here](#) to download the full example code". The main content area starts with a "Note" section, followed by the title "How to optimize GEMM on CPU", author information (Jian Weng, Ruofei Yu), and a detailed explanation of how TVM's scheduling API can be used to optimize GEMM. It highlights that adding 18 extra lines of code can achieve 200 times faster performance than a baseline.



# Optimizing Matrix Matrix Multiplication with ELEVATE Strategies

## RISE

```
1 // matrix multiplication in RISE
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3   map(fun(ab, mult(fst(ab))(snd(ab)))) |>
4   reduce(add)(o) ) )
5 val mm = fun(a, fun(b, a |>
6   map( fun(arow, transpose(b) |>
7     map( fun(bc,
8       dot(arow)(bc) ))))) ) )
```

```
1 // baseline strategy in ELEVATE
2 val baseline = ( DFNF ';' 
3   fuseReduceMap '@' topDown )
4 (baseline ';' lowerToC)(mm)
```



```
1 # Naive matrix multiplication algorithm
2 K = tvm.reduce_axis((0, K), 'k')
3 A = tvm.placeholder((M, K), name='A')
4 B = tvm.placeholder((K, N), name='B')
5 C = tvm.compute((M, N), lambda x, y:
6   tvm.sum(A[x, k] * B[k, y],
7   axis=k), name='C')
```

```
8
9
10
11
12 # TVM default schedule
13 s = tvm.create_schedule(C.op)
```

## ELEVATE

### Baseline Strategy

# Optimizing Matrix Matrix Multiplication with ELEVATE Strategies

Clear separation of concerns

**RISE**

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Enable composability

**ELEVATE**

Be explicit

*Baseline Strategy*

tvm

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Implicit behavior

# Optimizing Matrix Matrix Multiplication with ELEVATE Strategies

ELEVATE



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5   reorder(Seq(1,2,5,3,6,4))                      ';;'
6   vectorize(32)    '@' innermost(isApp(isApp(isMap)))
7   (loopPerm ';' lowerToC)(mm)
```

```
1 xo, yo, xi, yi = s[C].tile(
2   C.op.axis[0], C.op.axis[1], 32, 32)
3 k,           = s[C].op.reduce_axis
4 ko, ki       = s[C].split(k, factor=4)
5 s[C].reorder(xo, yo, ko, xi, ki, yi)
6 s[C].vectorize(yi)
```

*Loop Permutation with blocking Strategy*

# Optimizing Matrix Matrix Multiplication with ELEVATE Strategies

ELEVATE

Facilitate reuse

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User-defined vs. build in

tvm

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6 s[C].vectorize(yi)
```

No clear separation  
of concerns

*Loop Permutation with blocking Strategy*

# Optimizing Matrix Matrix Multiplication with ELEVATE Strategies

ELEVATE



```
1 val appliedMap = isApp(isApp(isMap))
2 val isTransposedB = isApp(isTranspose)
3
4 val packB = storeInMemory(isTransposedB,
5   permuteB `;`;
6   vectorize(32) `@` innermost(appliedMap) `;`;
7   parallel `@` outermost(isMap)
8 ) `@` inLambda
9
10 val arrayPacking = packB `;` loopPerm
11 (arrayPacking `;` lowerToC )(mm)
```

```
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6 pB = tvm.compute((N / bn, K, bn),
7   lambda x, y, z: B[y, x * bn + z], name='pB')
8 C = tvm.compute((M,N), lambda x,y:
9   tvm.sum(A[x,k] * pB[y//bn,k,
10    tvm.indexmod(y, bn)], axis=k), name='C')
11 # Array packing schedule
12 s = tvm.create_schedule(C.op)
13 xo, yo, xi, yi = s[C].tile(
14   C.op.axis[0], C.op.axis[1], bn, bn)
15 k, ko, ki = s[C].split(k, factor=4)
16 s[C].reorder(xo, yo, ko, xi, ki, yi)
17 s[C].vectorize(yi)
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19 x, y, z = s[pB].op.axis
20 s[pB].vectorize(z)
21 s[pB].parallel(x)
```

Array Packing Strategy

# Optimizing Matrix Matrix Multiplication with ELEVATE Strategies

Clear separation of concerns

vs

No clear separation of concerns

ELEVATE

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Facilitate reuse

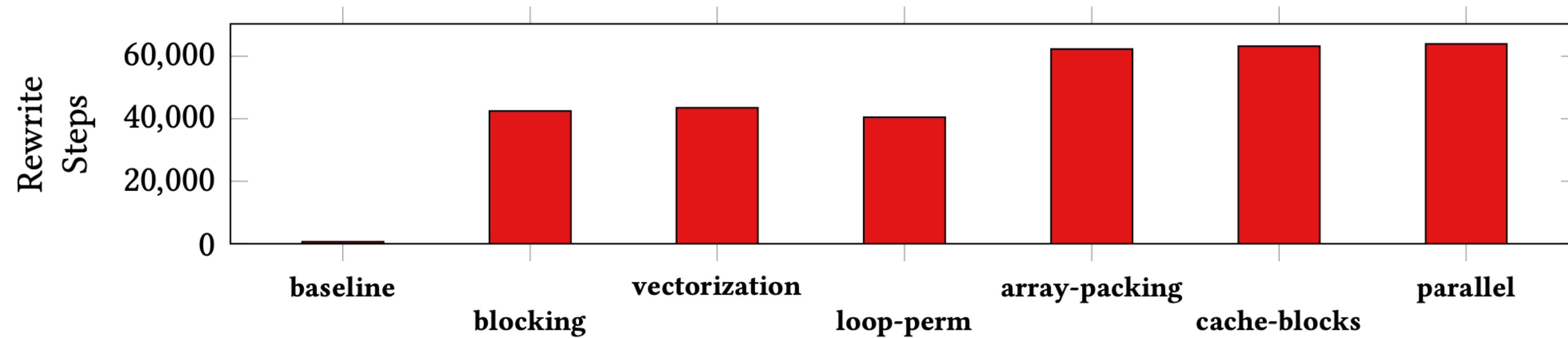
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14   C.op.axis[0], C.op.axis[1], bn, bn)
15 k, ko = s[C].op.reduce_axis
16 ko, ki = s[C].split(k, factor=4)
17 s[C].reorder(xo, yo, ko, xi, ki, yi)
18 s[C].vectorize(yi)
19 x, y, z = s[pB].op.axis
20 s[pB].vectorize(z)
21 s[pB].parallel(x)
```

Array Packing Strategy

# Optimizing Matrix Matrix Multiplication with ELEVATE Strategies

Number of successful rewrite steps

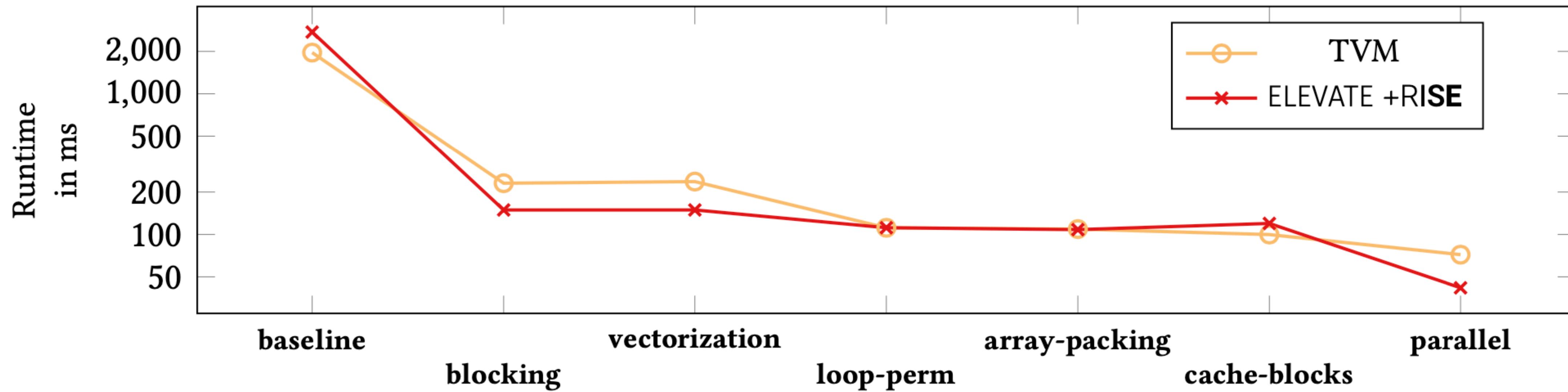


Rewriting took less than 2 seconds with our unoptimised implementation

**Rewrite based approach scales to complex optimizations**

# Optimizing Matrix Matrix Multiplication with ELEVATE Strategies

Performance of generated code



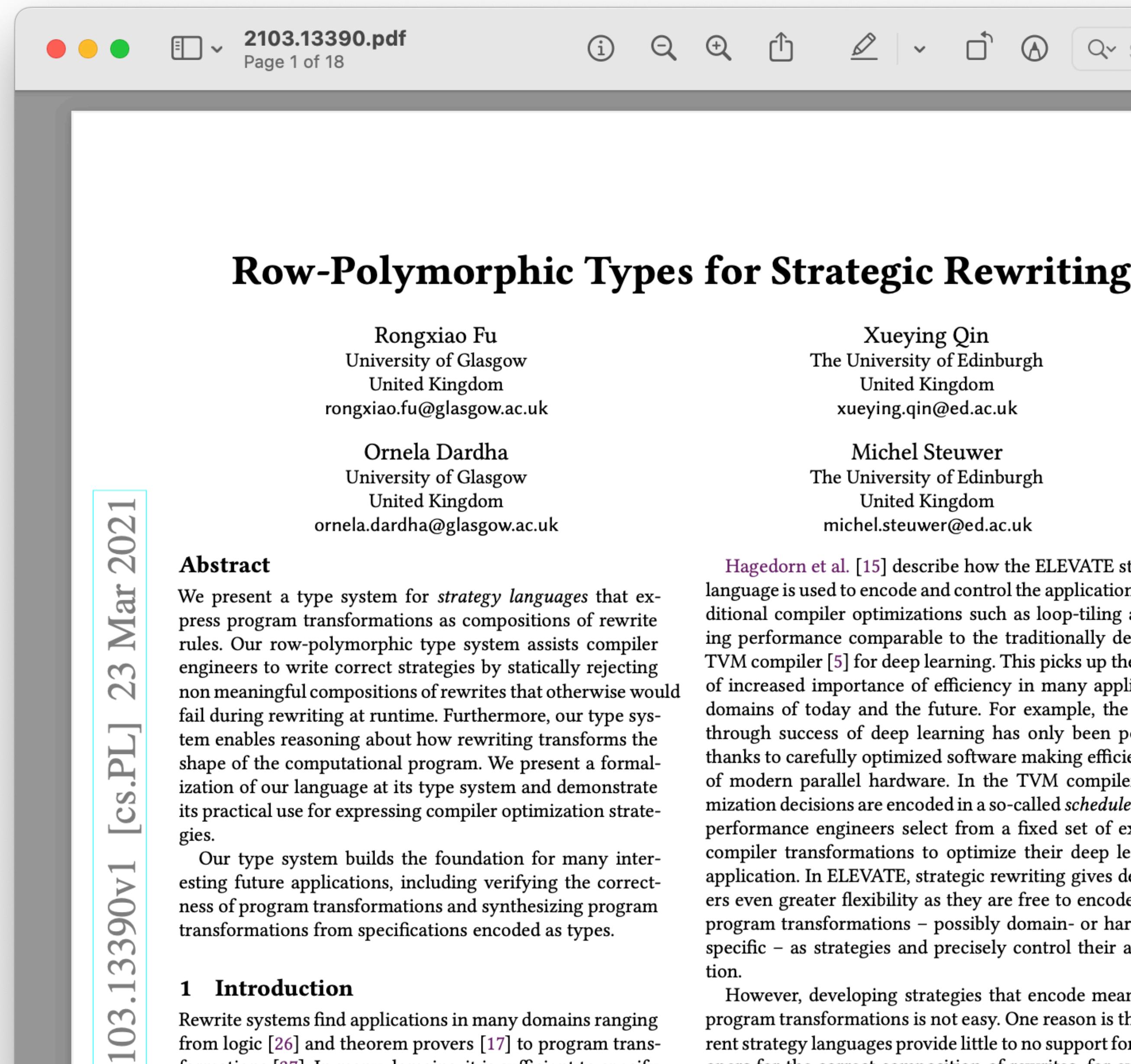
**Competitive performance compared to TVM compiler**

# Types for ELEVATE?

? Can we build a type system for ELEVATE to statically reject bad compositions of rewrites?

Ongoing work using row-polymorphic types for this.

Preliminary result in an arXiv paper:  
<https://arxiv.org/abs/2103.13390>



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**Row-Polymorphic Types for Strategic Rewriting**

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**Abstract**

We present a type system for *strategy languages* that express program transformations as compositions of rewrite rules. Our row-polymorphic type system assists compiler engineers to write correct strategies by statically rejecting non meaningful compositions of rewrites that otherwise would fail during rewriting at runtime. Furthermore, our type system enables reasoning about how rewriting transforms the shape of the computational program. We present a formalization of our language at its type system and demonstrate its practical use for expressing compiler optimization strategies.

Our type system builds the foundation for many interesting future applications, including verifying the correctness of program transformations and synthesizing program transformations from specifications encoded as types.

**1 Introduction**

Rewrite systems find applications in many domains ranging from logic [26] and theorem provers [17] to program transformations [27]. In general, writing efficient and safe

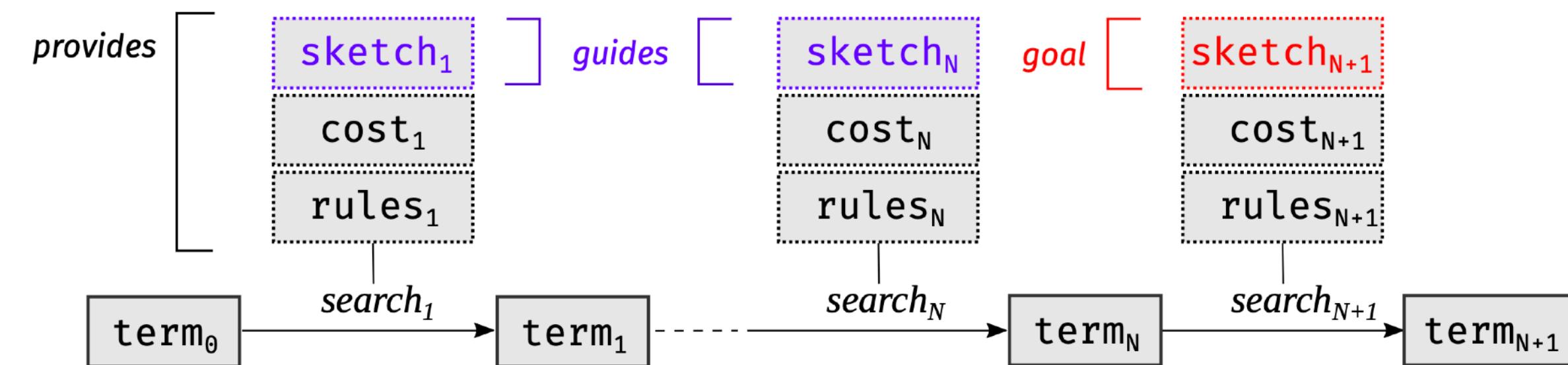
# Sketch-Guided Equality Saturation

## Automation vs. Manual control



Idea:

Describe rewrite *goal* rather than rewrite sequence:

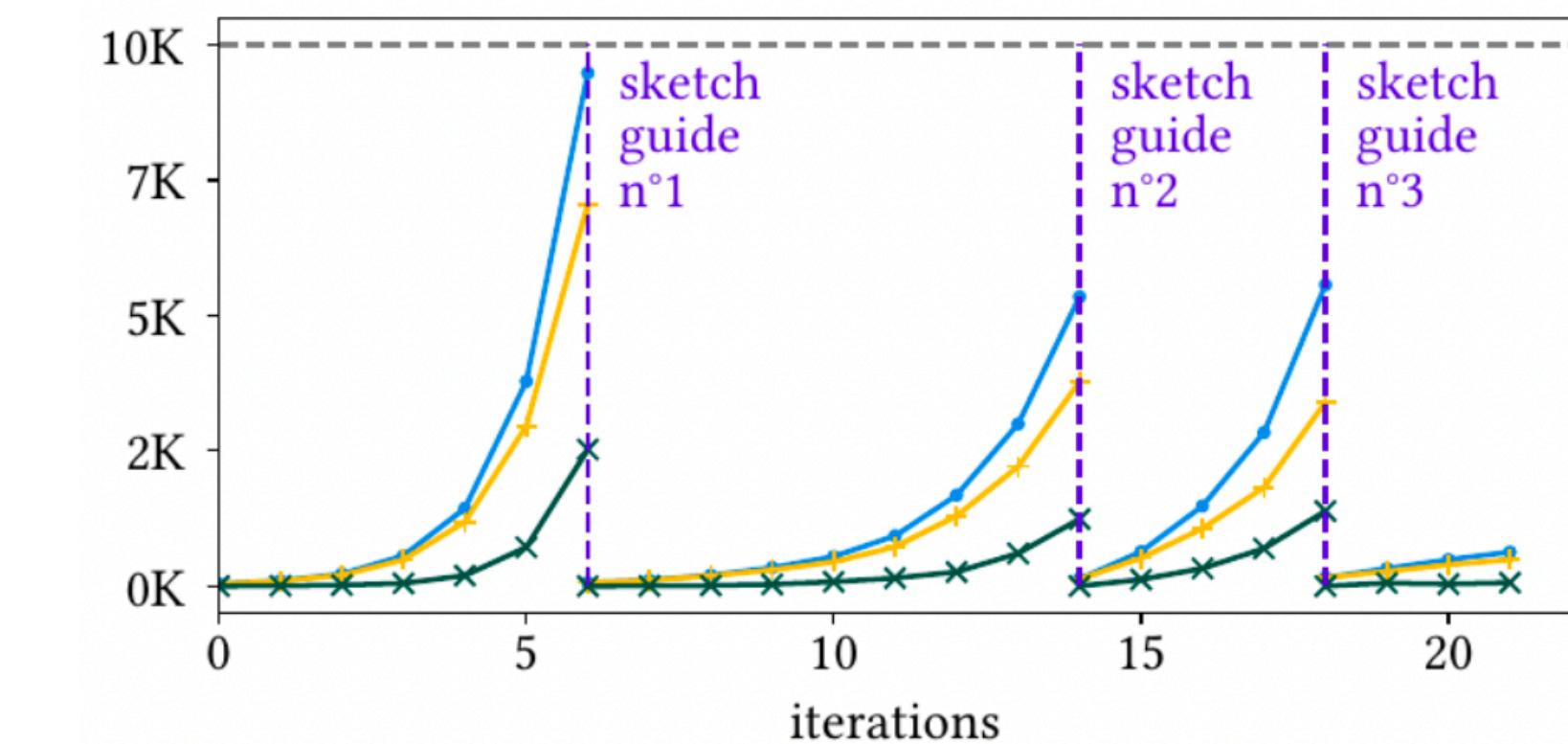


Break intractable equality saturation search into multi tractable one, by human *guidance*.

A *sketch* describes a desired program shape

```
containsMap(m / 32,  
containsMap(n / 32,  
containsReduceSeq(k / 4,  
containsReduceSeq(4,  
containsMap(32,  
containsMap(32,  
containsAddMul))))))
```

```
for m / 32:  
for n / 32:  
for k / 4:  
for 4:  
for 32:  
for 32:  
... + ... × ...
```



All optimizations from this paper are found in < 7 seconds *automatically*

Talk by Thomas Køhler earlier this week at the E-Graph workshop. Paper: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2111.13040>

# Achieving High-Performance the Functional Way

## Expressing High-Performance Optimisations as Rewrite Strategies

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