

# Accelerating Discrete Wavelet Transform

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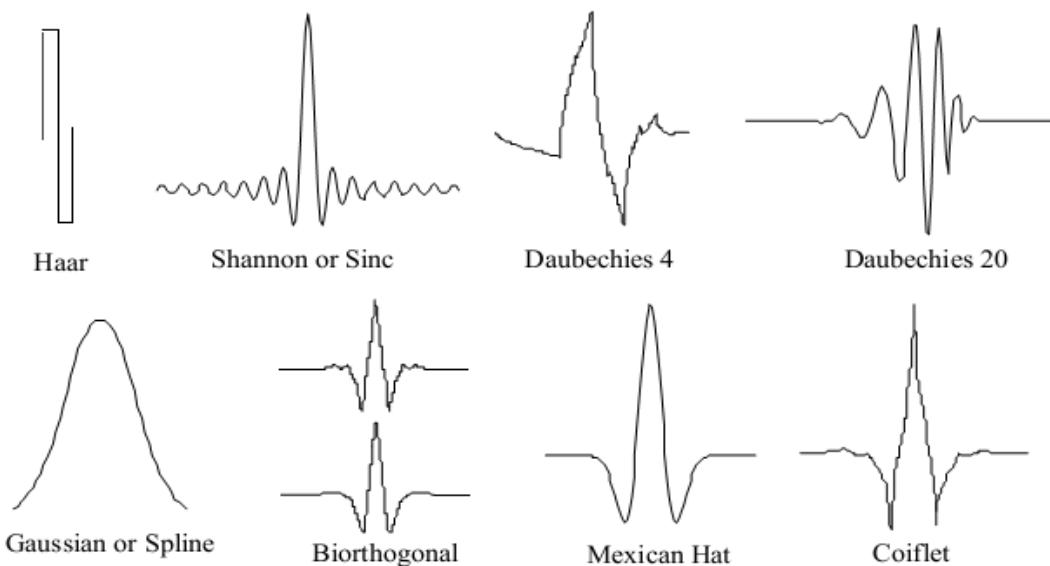
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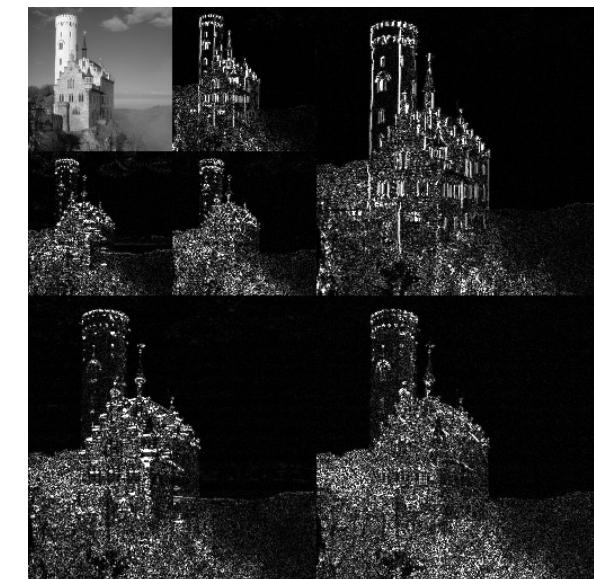


# Introduction

- Discrete Wavelet Transform (DWT) is a powerful mathematical tool in signal processing and multiresolution analysis
- It is a generalization of the Fast Fourier Transform that allows capturing global and local features of the input data



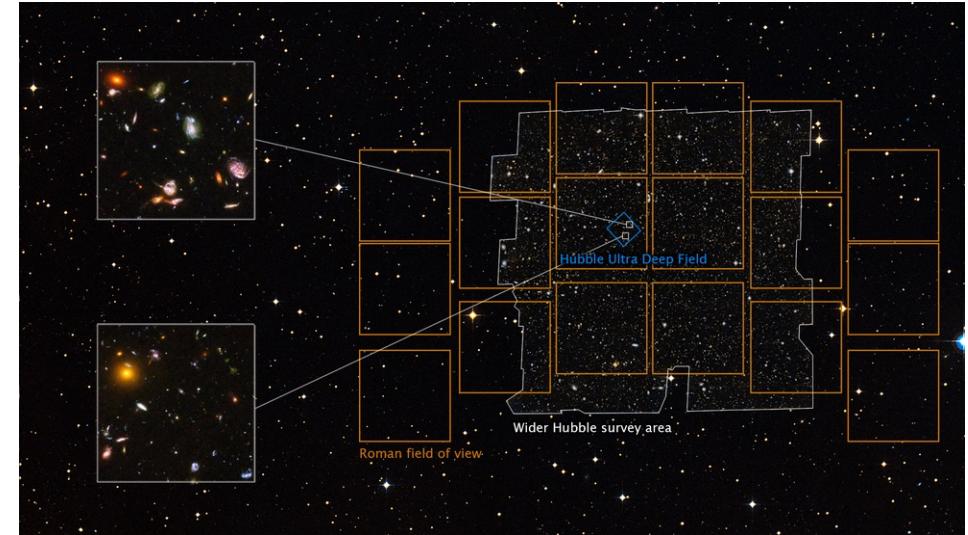
Widely used 1D mother wavelets



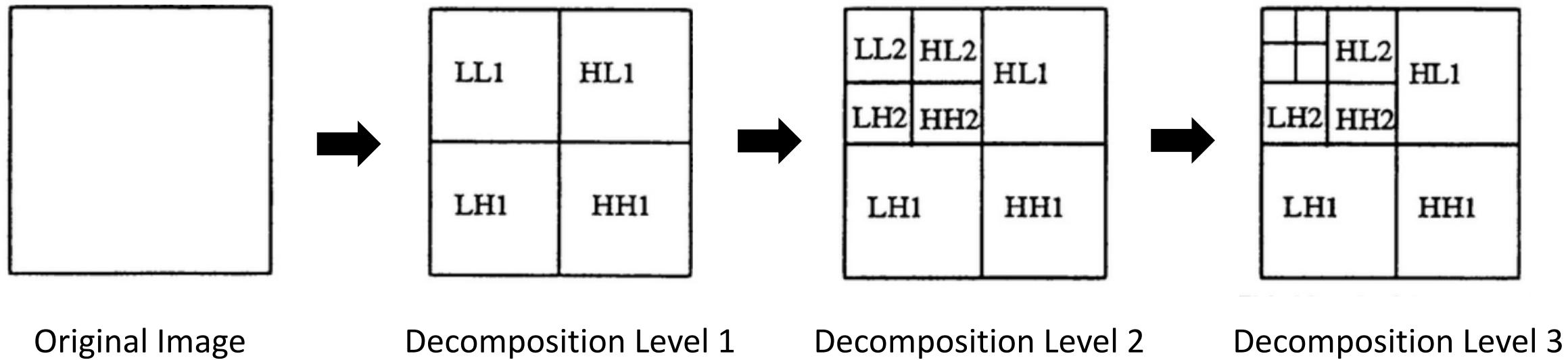
Multi-level 2-D DWT

# Motivation

- Diverse applications:
  - Image compression and denoising
  - Gravitational wave detection and analysis
  - EEG & ECG signal analysis
  - Feature extraction for ML
  - Multiresolution analysis of financial signals
  - Seismic data analysis, earthquake prediction
- Improvements in **time to solution** would benefit processing large images.  
Ex. James Webb Space Telescope generates 12.6GB of raw image data/hour.

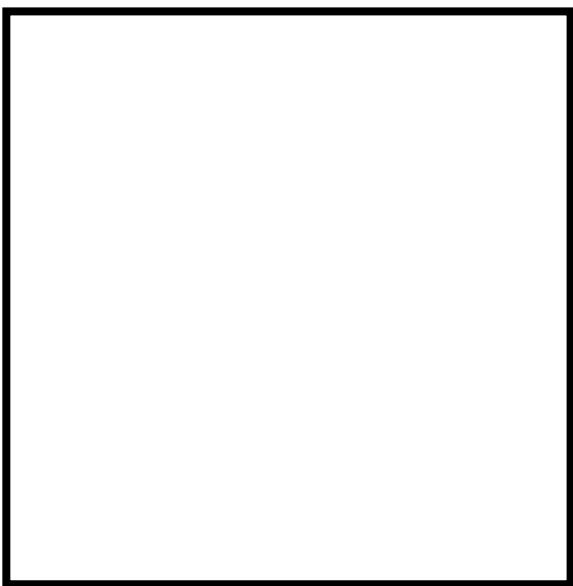


# Problem: Multi-level 2-D DWT



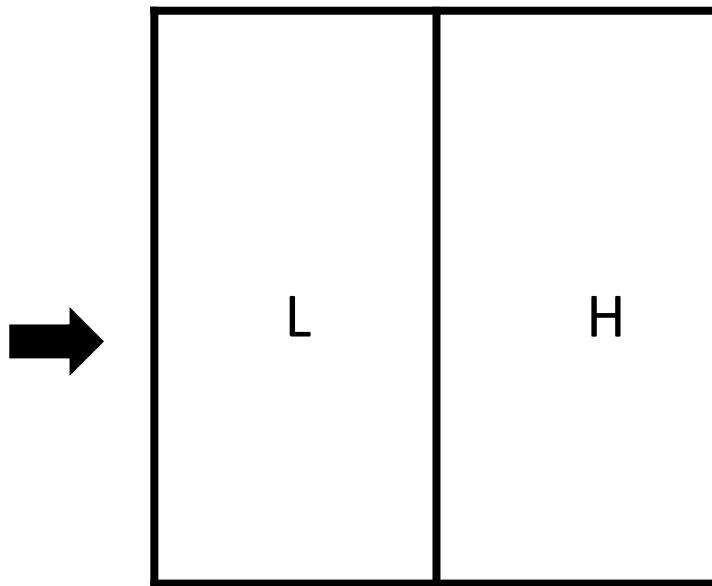
- Multi-level 2-D DWT is recursive
- At each level, image gets decomposed into low and high frequency bands
  - LL: Approximate
  - HL: Vertical
  - LH: Horizontal
  - HH: Diagonal

# 2-D Haar Row-Column DWT



Original Image (I)

$n \times n$



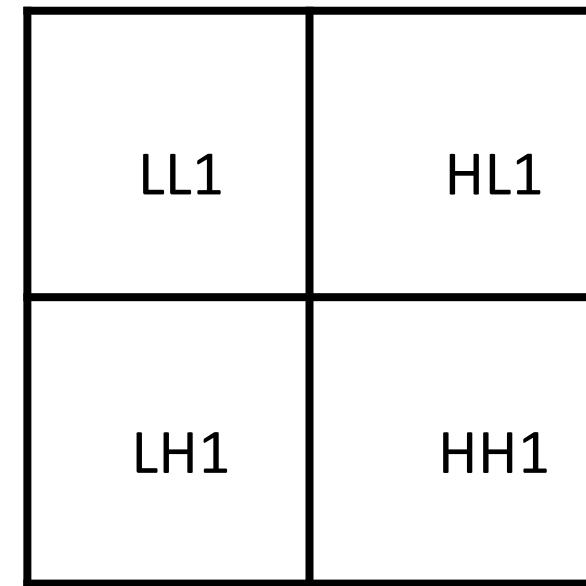
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$$L = \frac{I_{(i, 2j)} + I_{(i, 2j+1)}}{\sqrt{2}}$$

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Column-wise 1-D DWT (C)

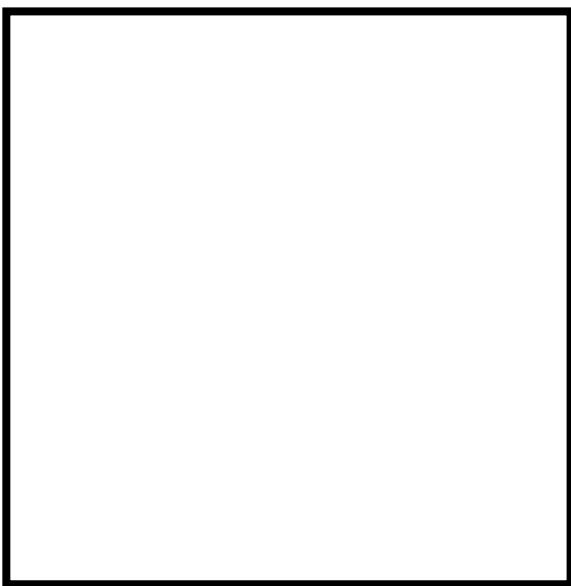
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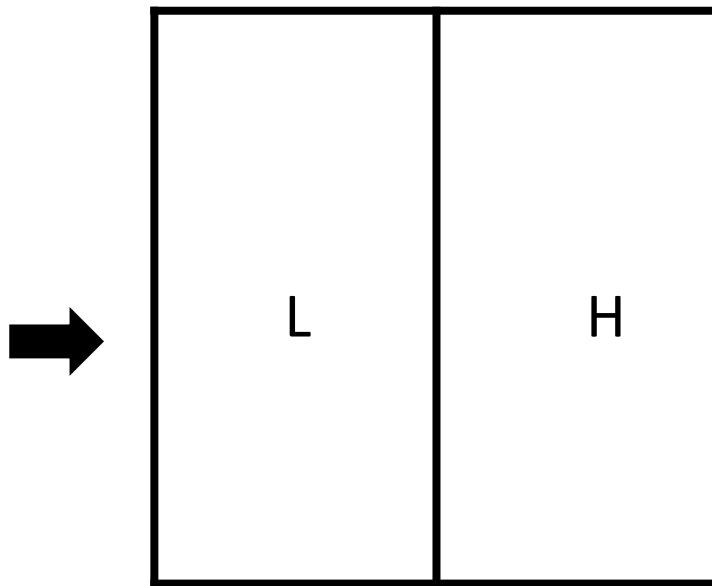


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## Issues?

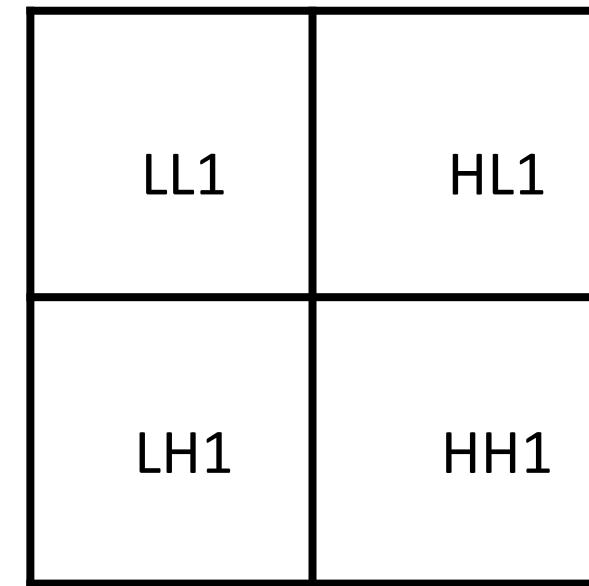
Column-wise transform is expensive for row-major layout of image in memory



Row-wise 1-D DWT (R)

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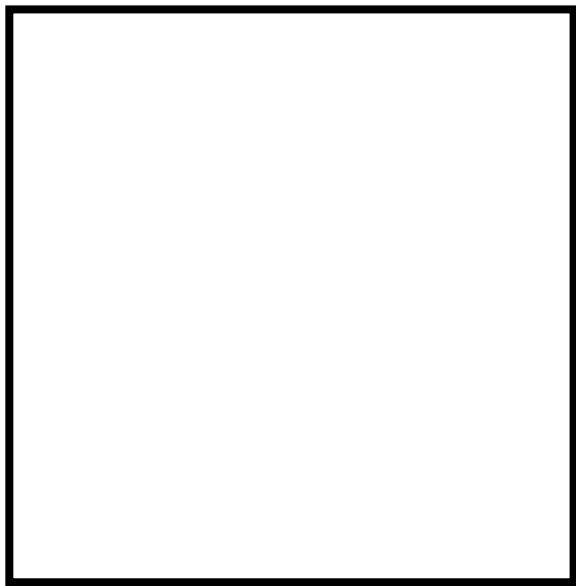


Column-wise 1-D DWT (C)

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# Transposition

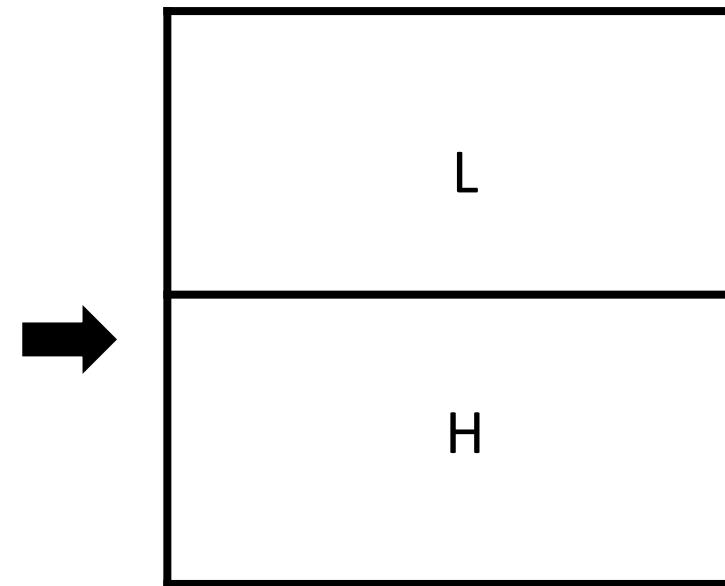


Original Image (I)

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## Solution I:

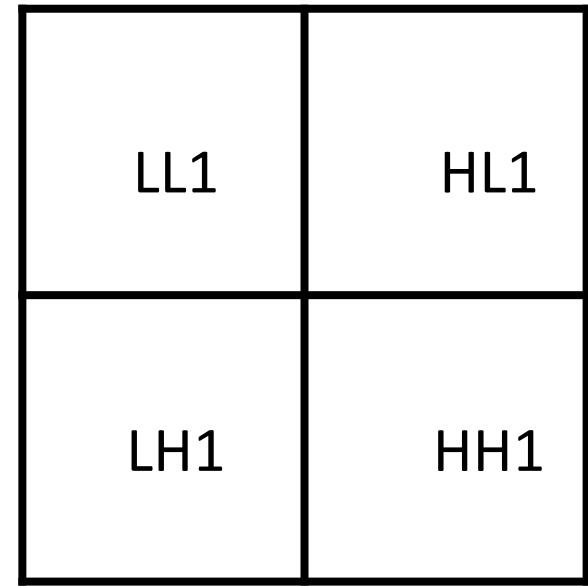
Replace column-wise transform  
with row-wise transform via  
transposition



Row-wise 1-D DWT (R)

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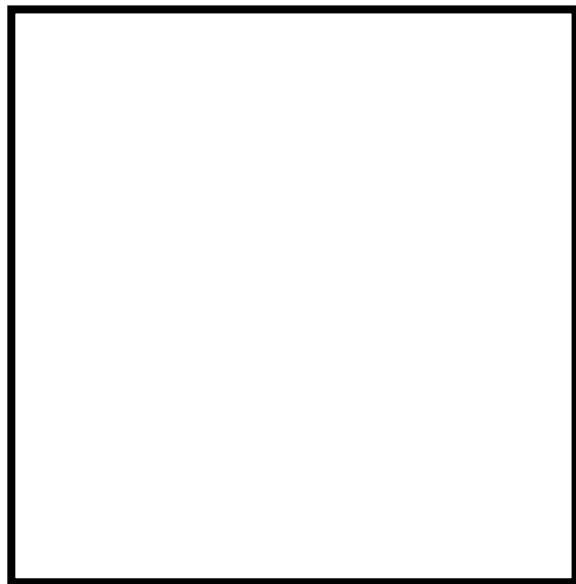


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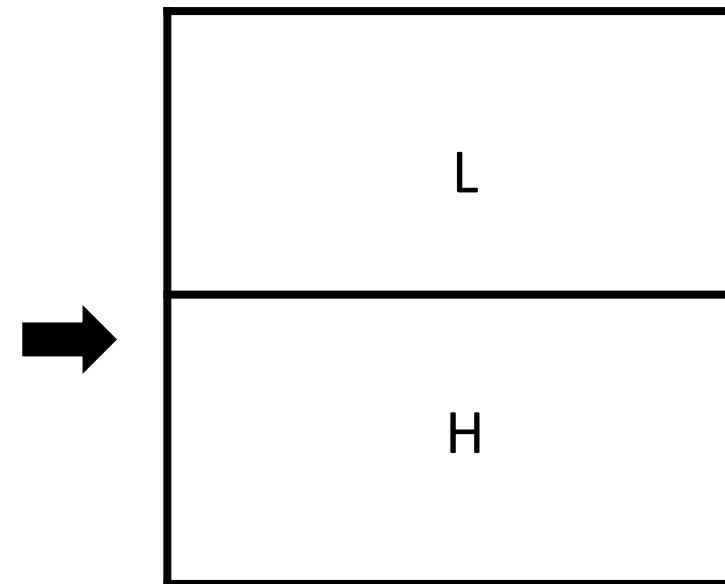


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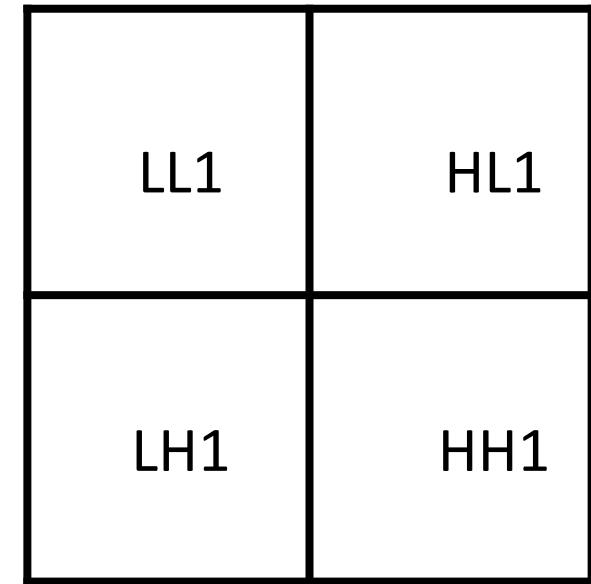
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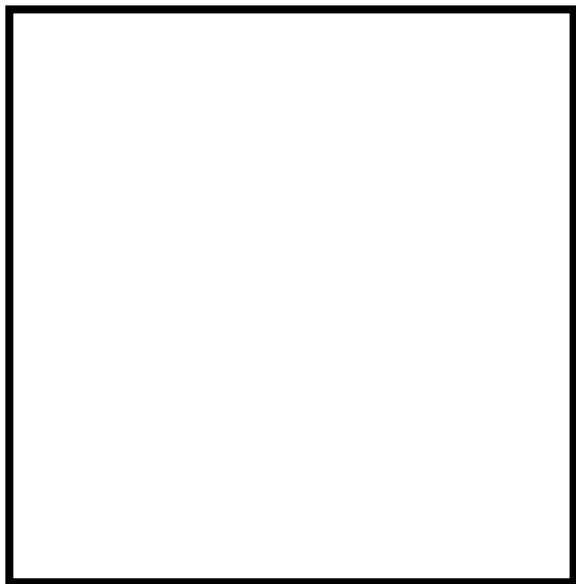


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# Loop Reordering

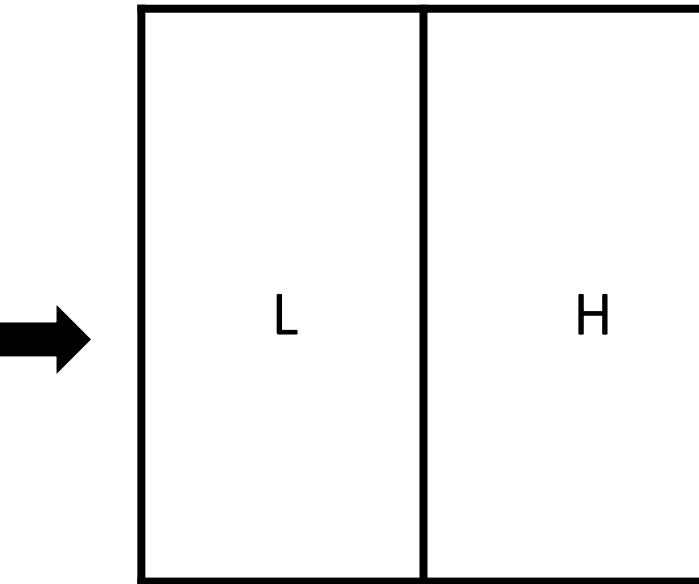


Original Image (I)

$n \times n$

## Solution II:

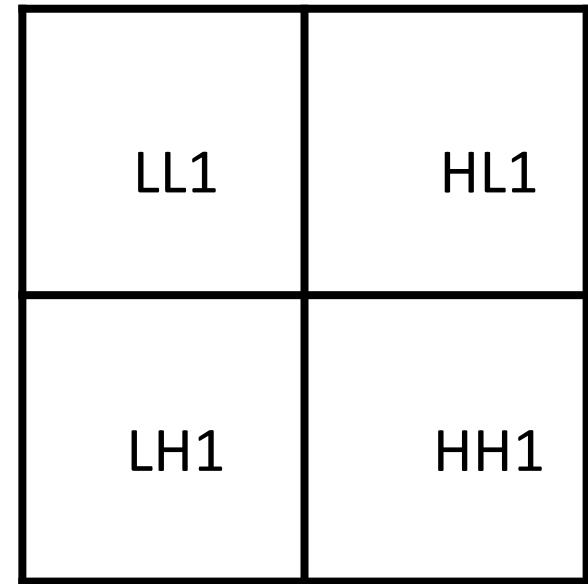
Loop-reordering exploits row-major layout; effectively lowering cache miss rate



Row-wise 1-D DWT (R)

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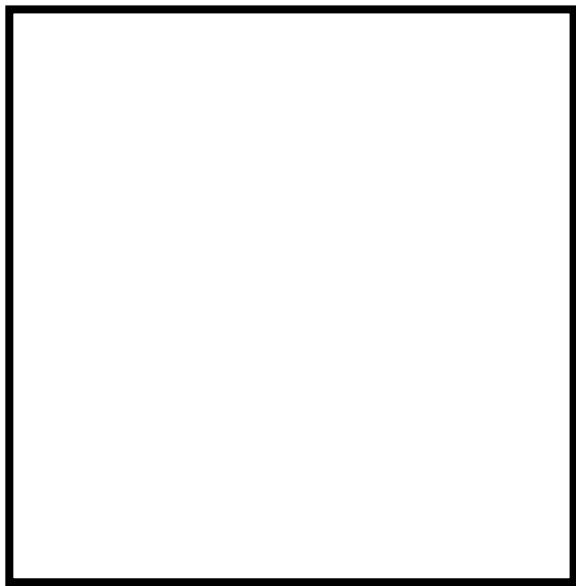


Column-wise 1-D DWT (C)

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# Loop Reordering

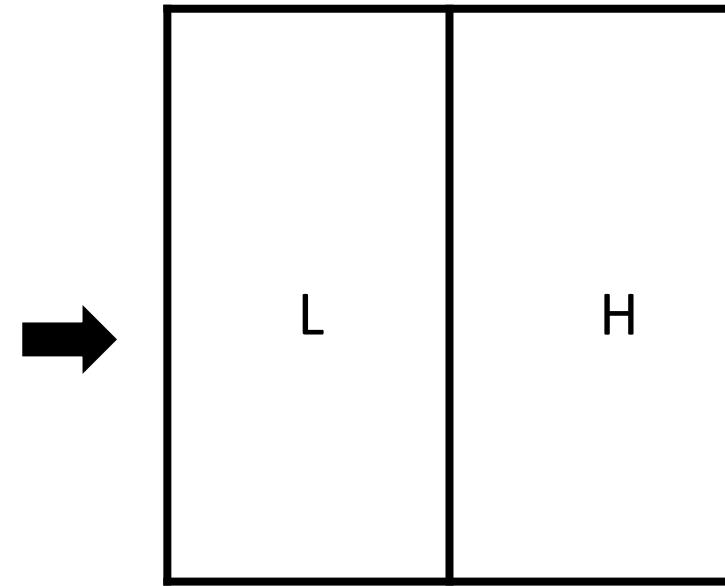


Original Image (I)

$n \times n$

## Issues?

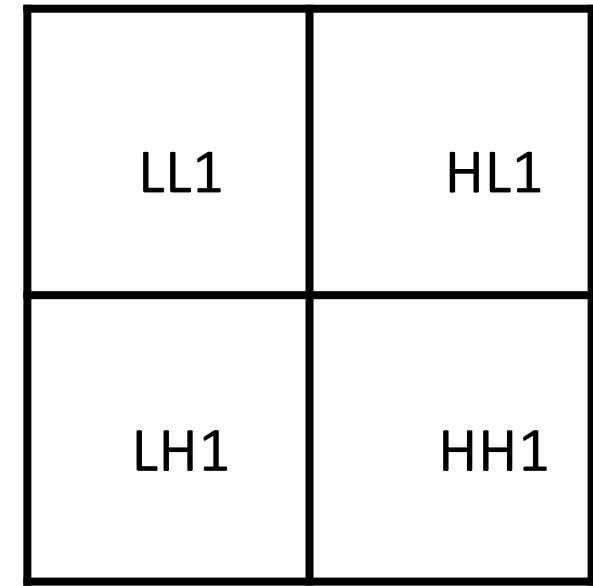
Entire image undergoes row-wise transform followed by column-wise transform; inefficient data reuse



Row-wise 1-D DWT (R)

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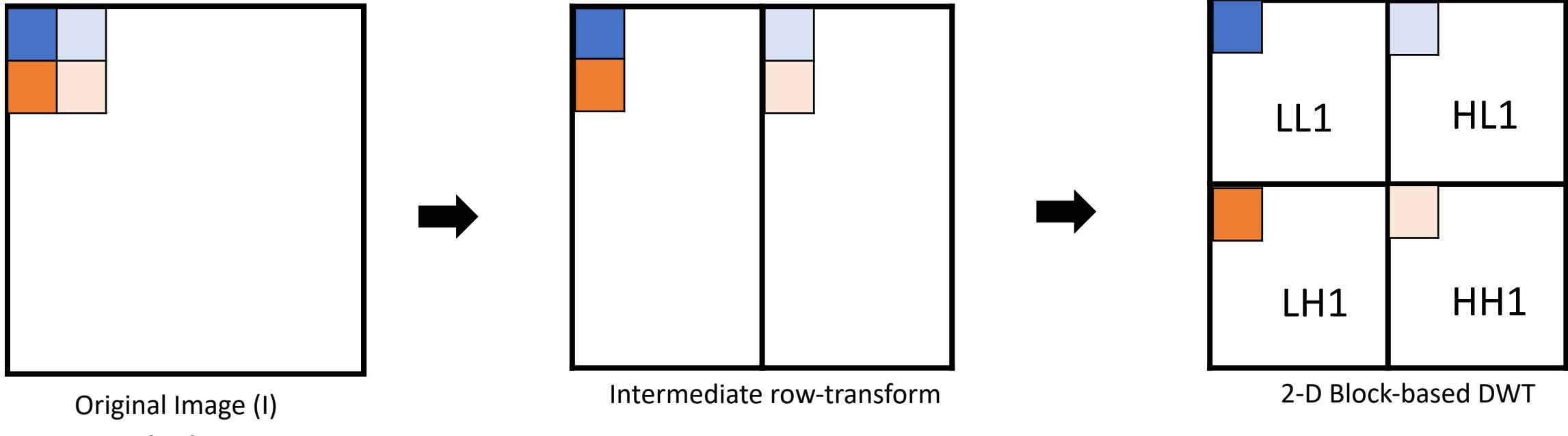


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# 2-D Haar Block-Based DWT



## Solution:

- Perform row AND column transform on a  $2 \times 2$  block of input image
- Allows efficient data reuse as image is read/written only once

for  $i$  in  $[0, n/2]$ :

    for  $j$  in  $[0, n/2]$ :

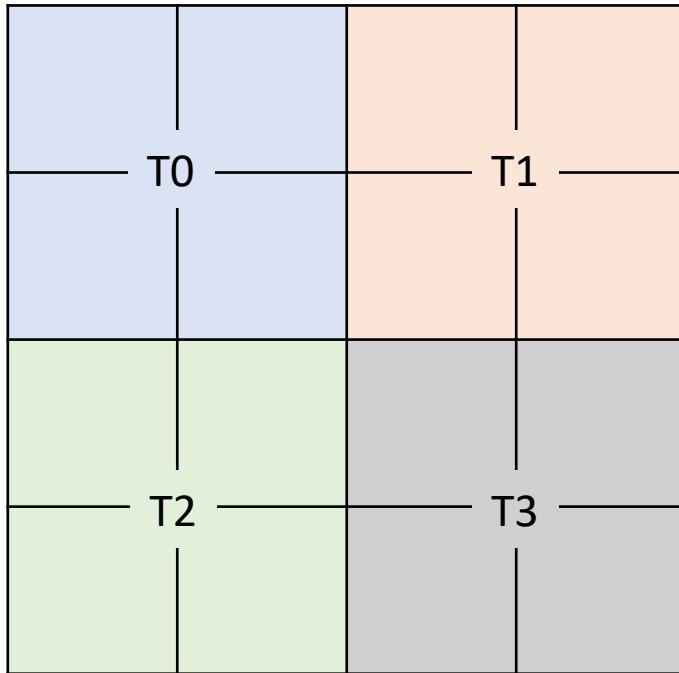
$$LL1 = \frac{I_{(2i, 2j)} + I_{(2i, 2j+1)} + I_{(2i+1, 2j)} + I_{(2i+1, 2j+1)}}{4}$$

$$HL1 = \frac{I_{(2i, 2j)} - I_{(2i, 2j+1)} + I_{(2i+1, 2j)} - I_{(2i+1, 2j+1)}}{2\sqrt{2}}$$

$$LH1 = \frac{(I_{(2i, 2j)} + I_{(2i, 2j+1)}) - (I_{(2i+1, 2j)} + I_{(2i+1, 2j+1)})}{2\sqrt{2}}$$

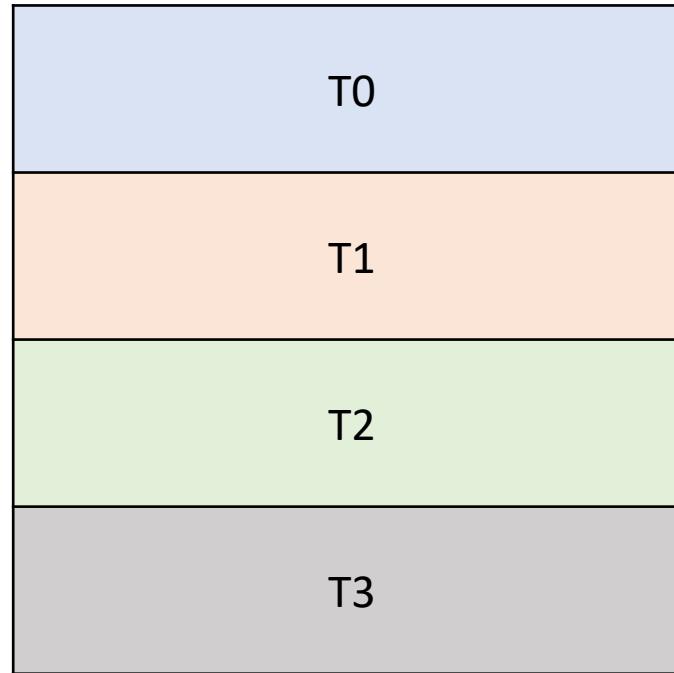
$$HH1 = \frac{(I_{(2i, 2j)} - I_{(2i, 2j+1)}) - (I_{(2i+1, 2j)} - I_{(2i+1, 2j+1)})}{2\sqrt{2}}$$

# OpenMP Realization



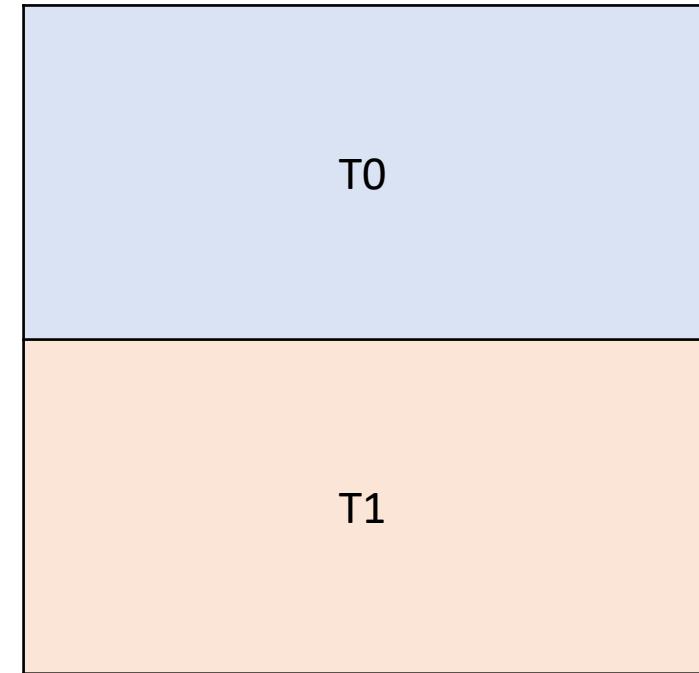
Tiled Transposed Variant

- 1 Tile/thread
- Tile size determined based on cacheline size to avoid false-sharing



Loop Re-ordered Variant

- 1 Row/thread
- Exploits row-major layout



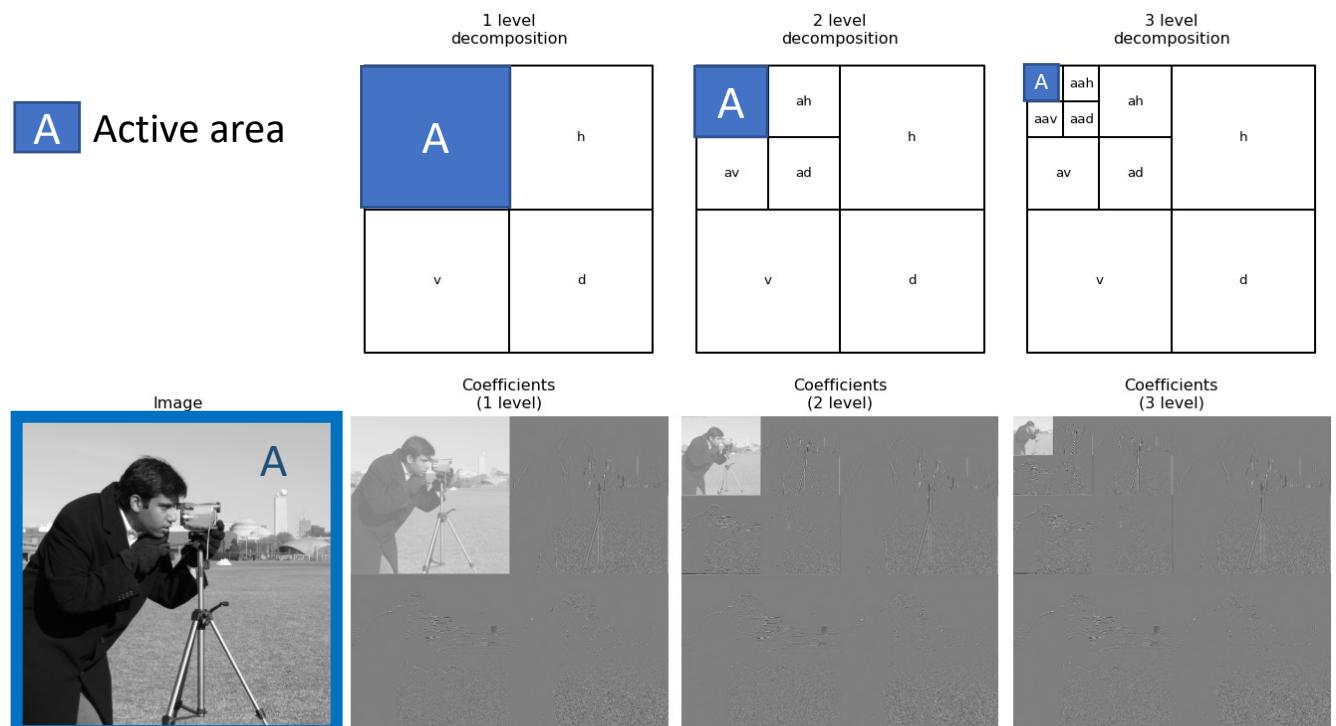
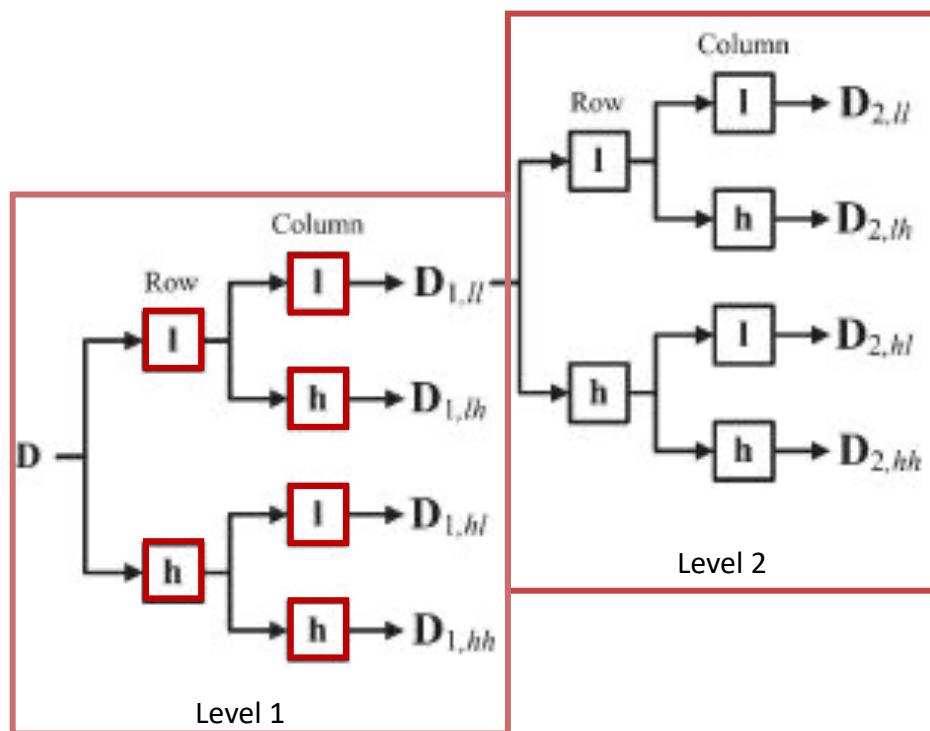
Block-based Variant

- 2 Rows/thread
- Exploits row-major layout

# Parallelizing on GPU

- Forward Haar-DWT:

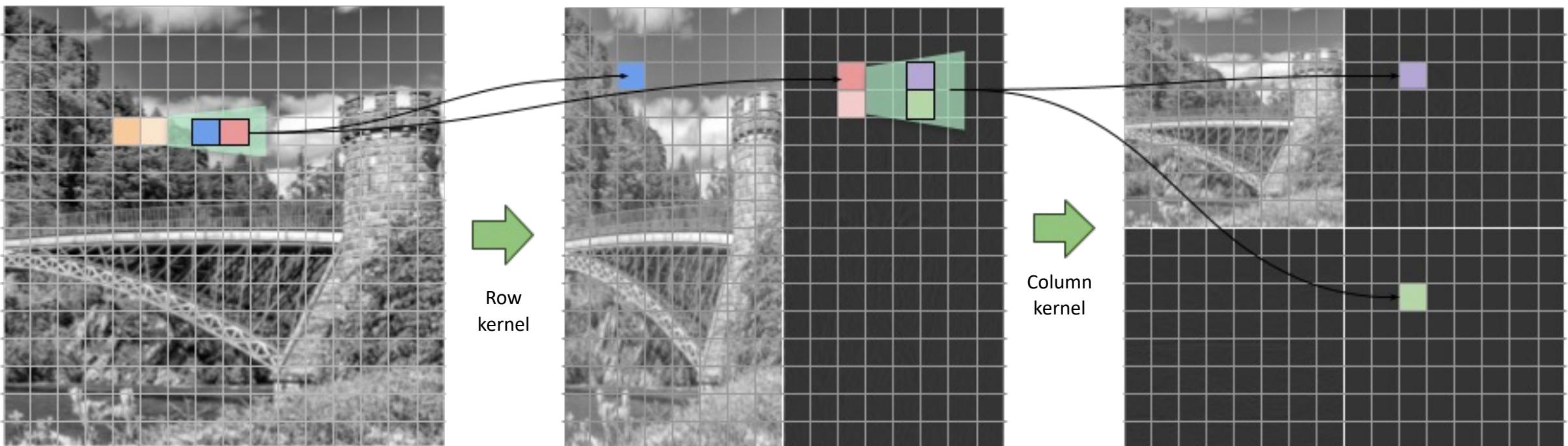
- Each level involves a row-wise operation and a column-wise operation
- Every level is hierarchically dependent of the previous level
- Active operating pixel area drops after every level



# GPU Row-Column DWT

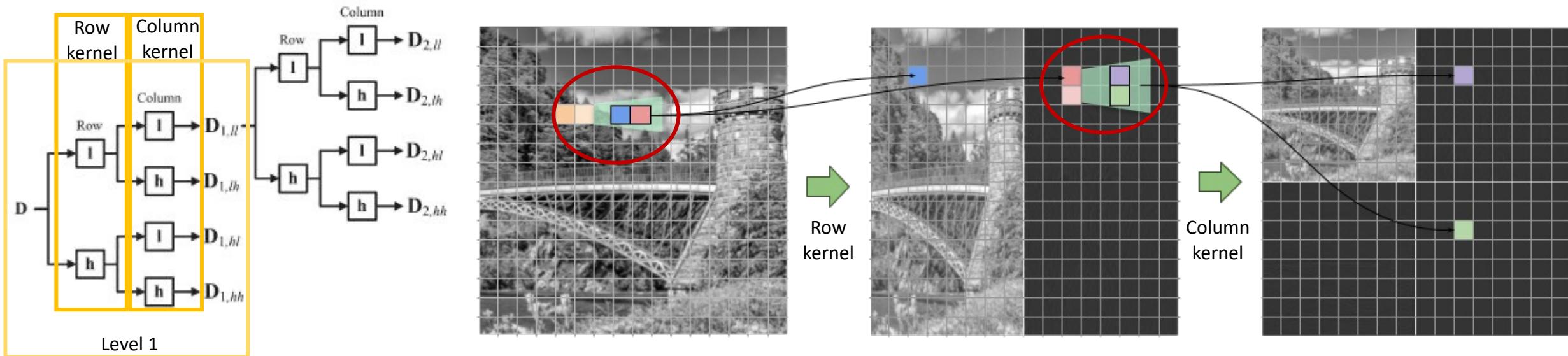
- GPU Row-Column Haar-DWT:

- For loop indexing over image replaced with GPU threads
- Each level involves a row pass kernel and a column pass kernel
- Iterates kernel call with varying grid dimensions as level changes



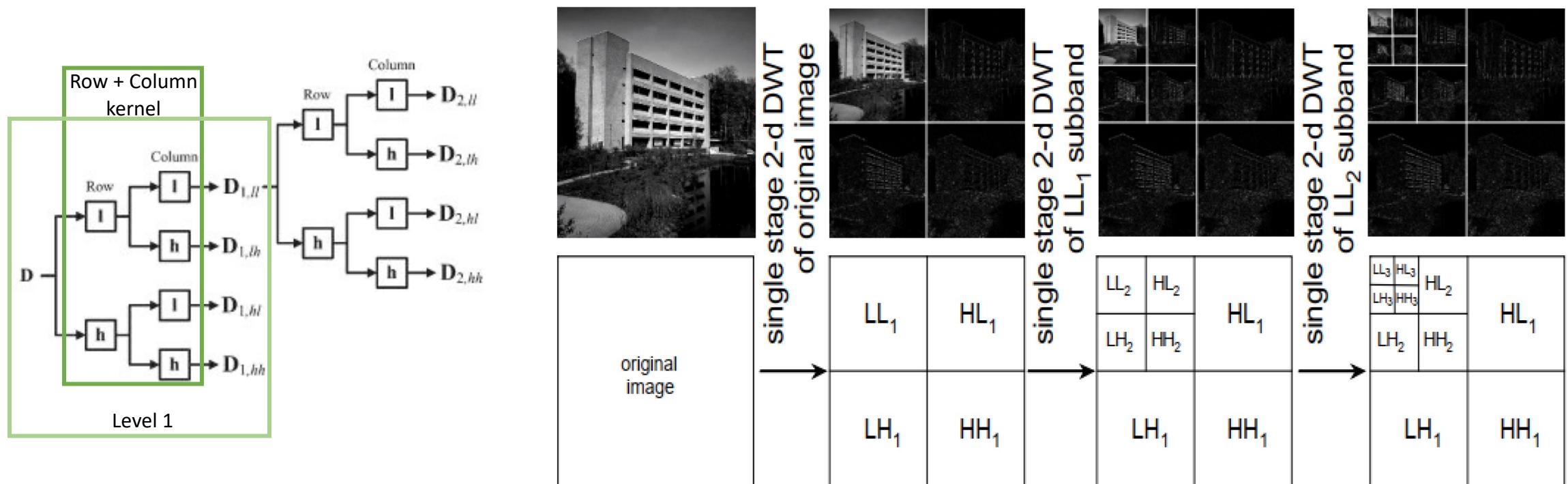
# GPU Row-Column DWT

- GPU Row-Column Haar-DWT issues:
  - Excessive memory access: 4 global reads/writes per final pixel writes per thread
    - 2 full passes over image
  - Low arithmetic intensity
  - Global memory synchronization: 2 kernel passes can slow down/add overhead
  - Hierarchical dependency: single level computation still hierarchical



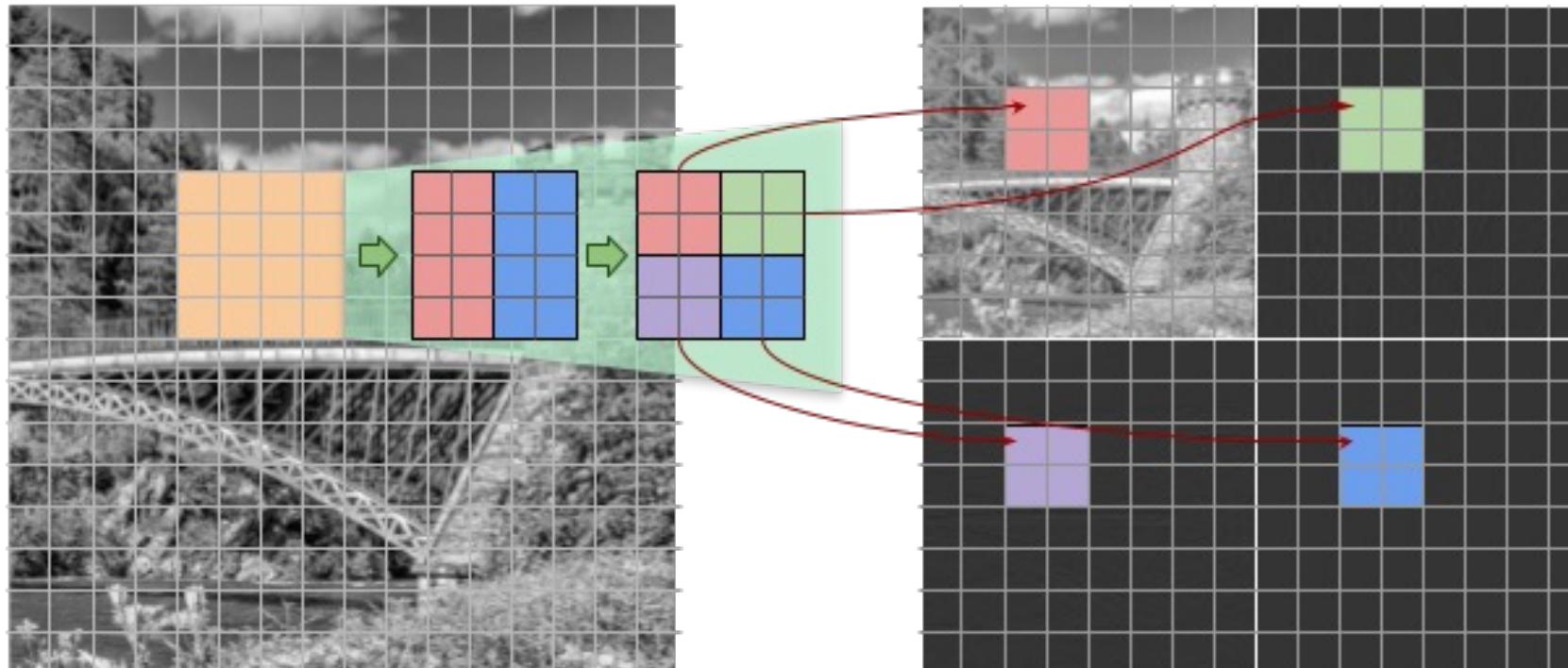
# Improving GPU Row-Column DWT

- Improving GPU Row-Column Haar-DWT further:
  - Having a single stage kernel per level to increase arithmetic intensity
  - Operating in tiles to combine row and column kernels
  - Reducing the number of global reads/writes via shared memory use



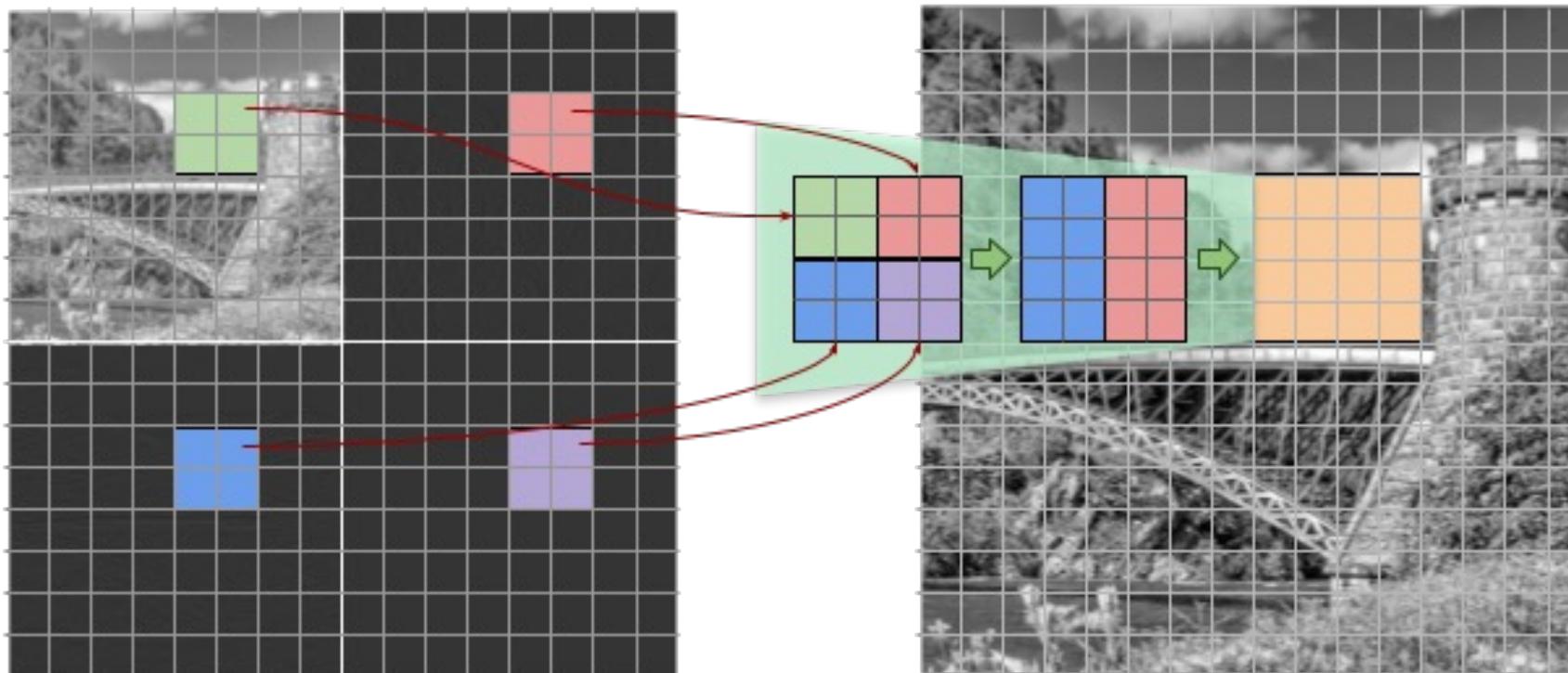
# GPU Tiled smem: Forward DWT

- Tiled and shared memory forward Haar-DWT :
  - Each block (32x32) processes a tile (32x32 px) of the image independently
  - Tile loaded from the image into shared memory
  - Row and column component passes performed in shared memory
  - Wavelet decomposition written back appropriately



# GPU Tiled smem: Inverse DWT

- Tiled and shared memory Inverse Haar-DWT :
  - Wavelet decomposition tile loaded into shared memory
  - A tile of the image is independently processed by a block
  - Inverse column and row component passes performed in shared memory
  - Tile written to the image from shared memory



# Datasets

- We sourced images from noisy image datasets such as for low-light photography. We also sourced on deep field astronomical images to create the following benchmark images (bitmaps)

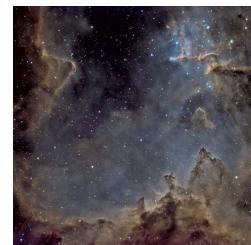
Benchmark images



256 x 256



512 x 512



1024 x 1024



2048 x 2048

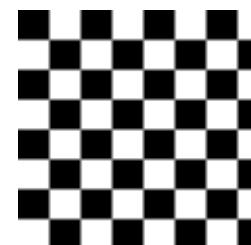


4096 x 4096



8192 x 8192

Verification/debug images



Checker



Asymmetric



High freq detail



High contrast

# Testbed

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- We tested our sequential and OpenMP implementations on the PACE cluster with the following resource configuration

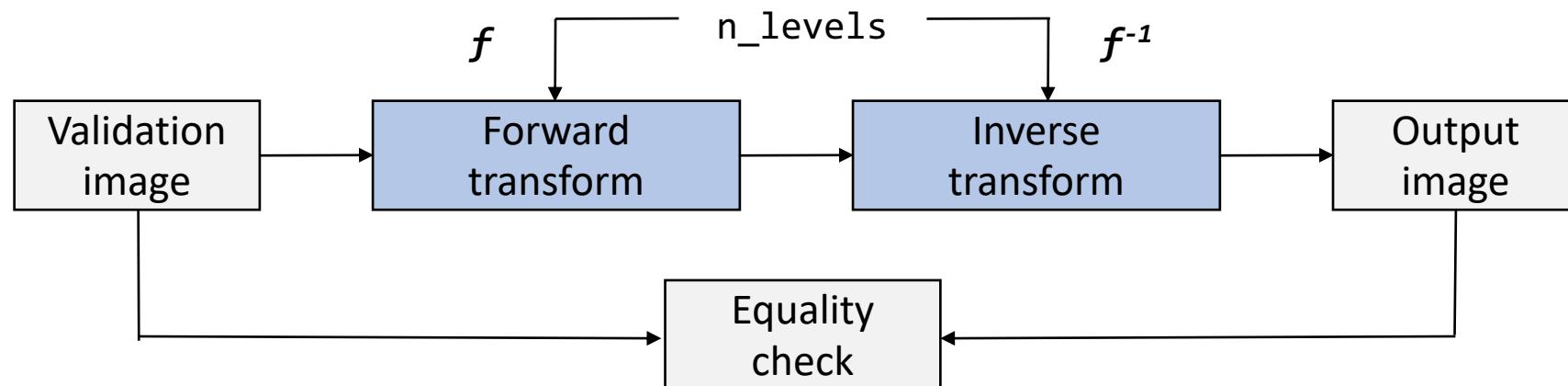
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- Accelerated implementations were tested on NVIDIA V100 GPUs with the following resource configuration

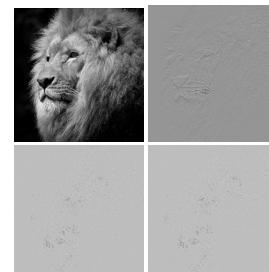
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# Validation

- Validation of our algorithms was performed in two steps, by composing the forward and inverse transforms.



Input image

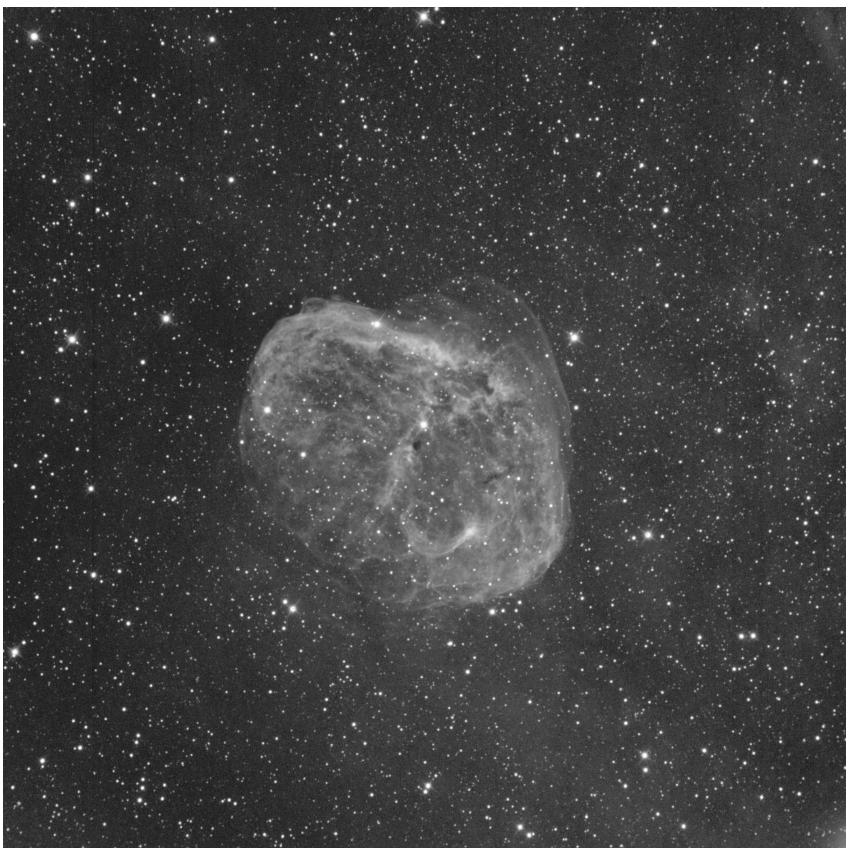


Detail coefficient image



Output image

# CPU Validation



Input Image



N\_level = 5



Forward Haar Transform



Reconstructed Image

# GPU Validation



Input Image



Forward Haar Transform



Reconstructed Image

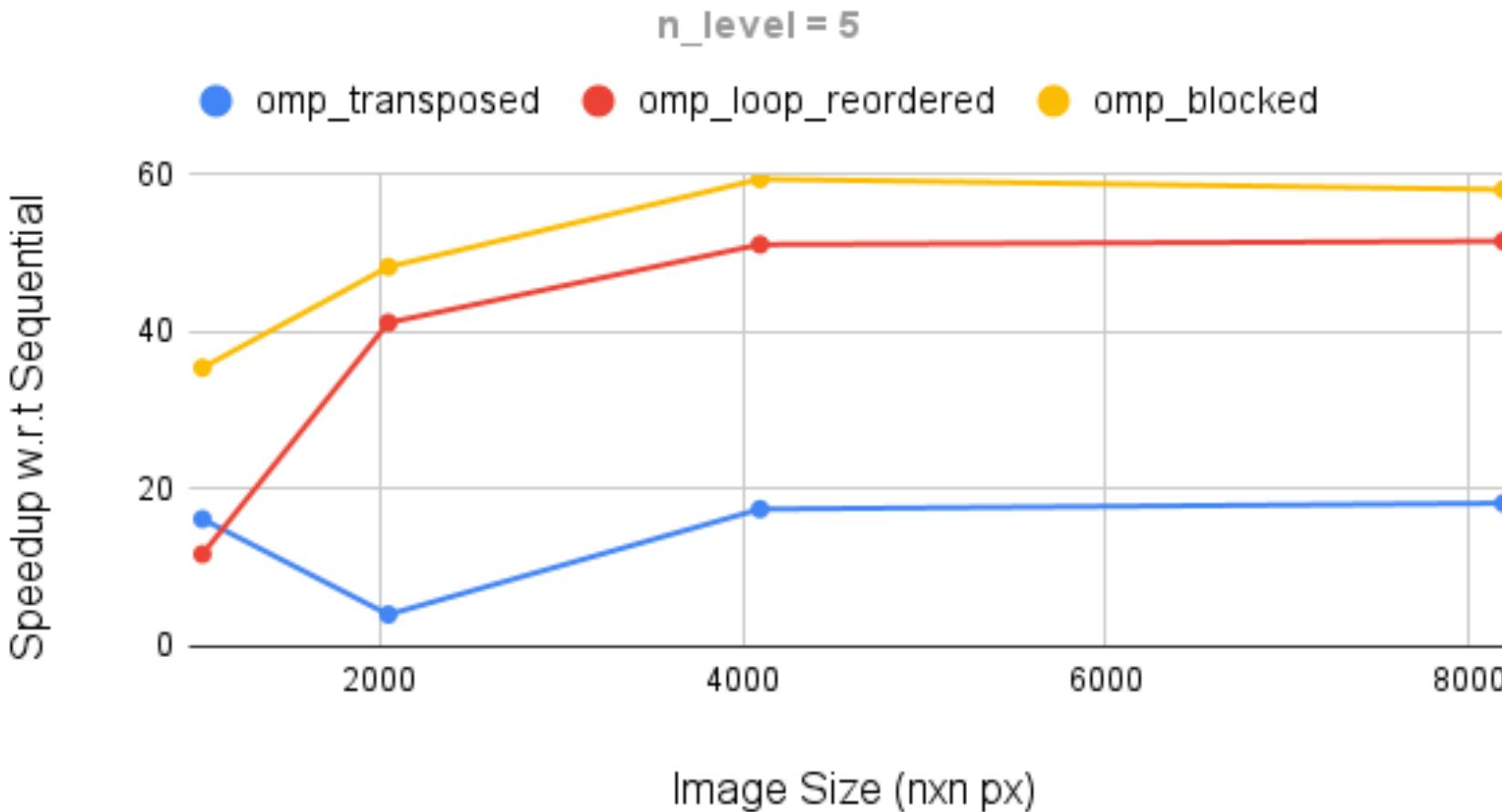
# Performance Metric & Baseline

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- To evaluate the performance of our algorithms, we adopted **time to solution (ms)** for 2-D forward Haar transform as our metric
- **Baseline:**
  - CPU: Sequential implementation
  - GPU: Shared memory OpenMP implementation (with 24 cores)
- Four versions of the CPU implementation were tested:  
sequential, openmp\_loop\_reordered, openmp\_blocked, openmp\_transposed
- Two versions of the GPU implementation were tested:  
gpu\_row\_column, gpu\_tiled\_shared\_mem

# CPU Baseline Exploration

## CPU Implementation: Baseline Exploration

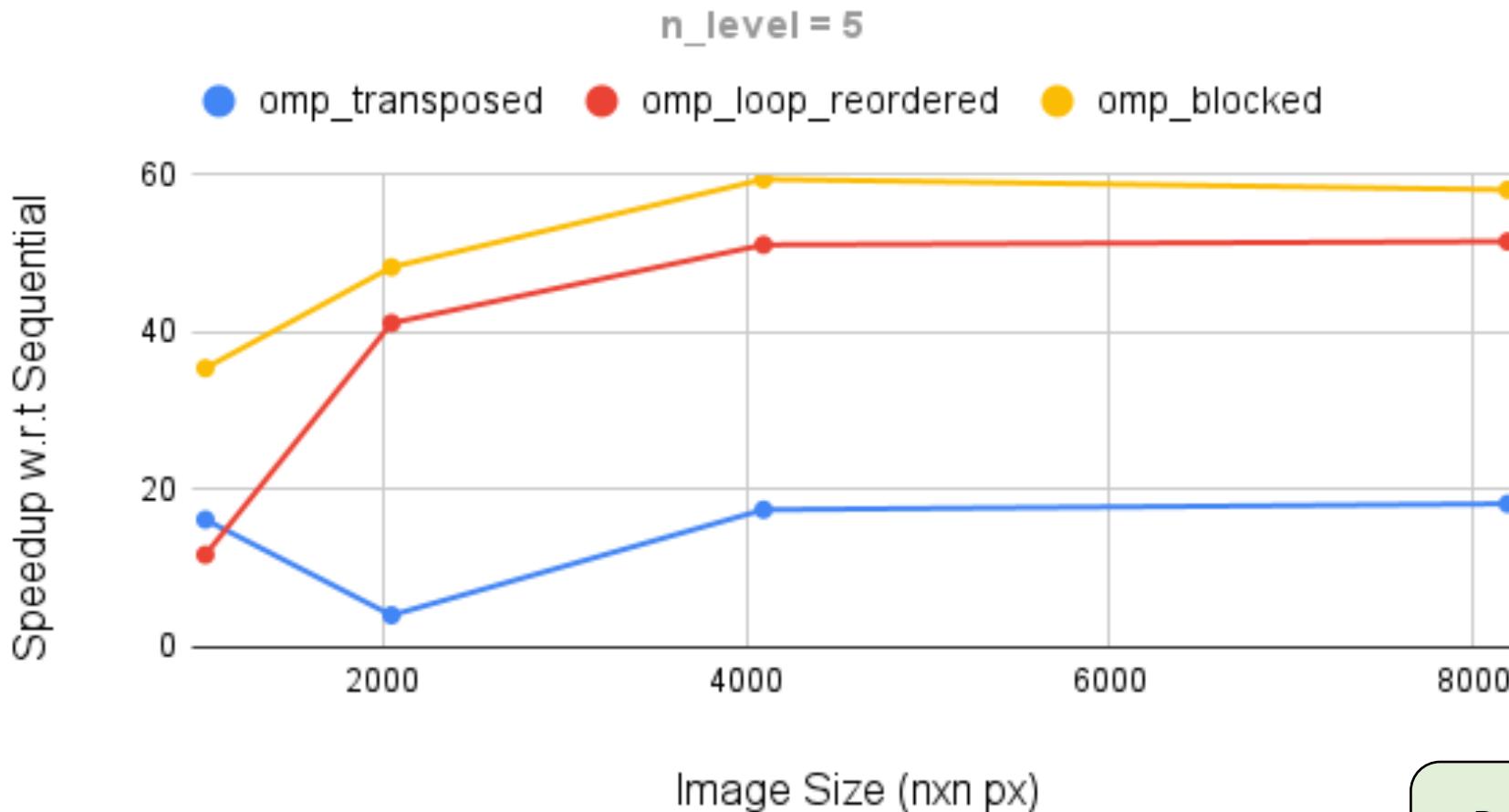


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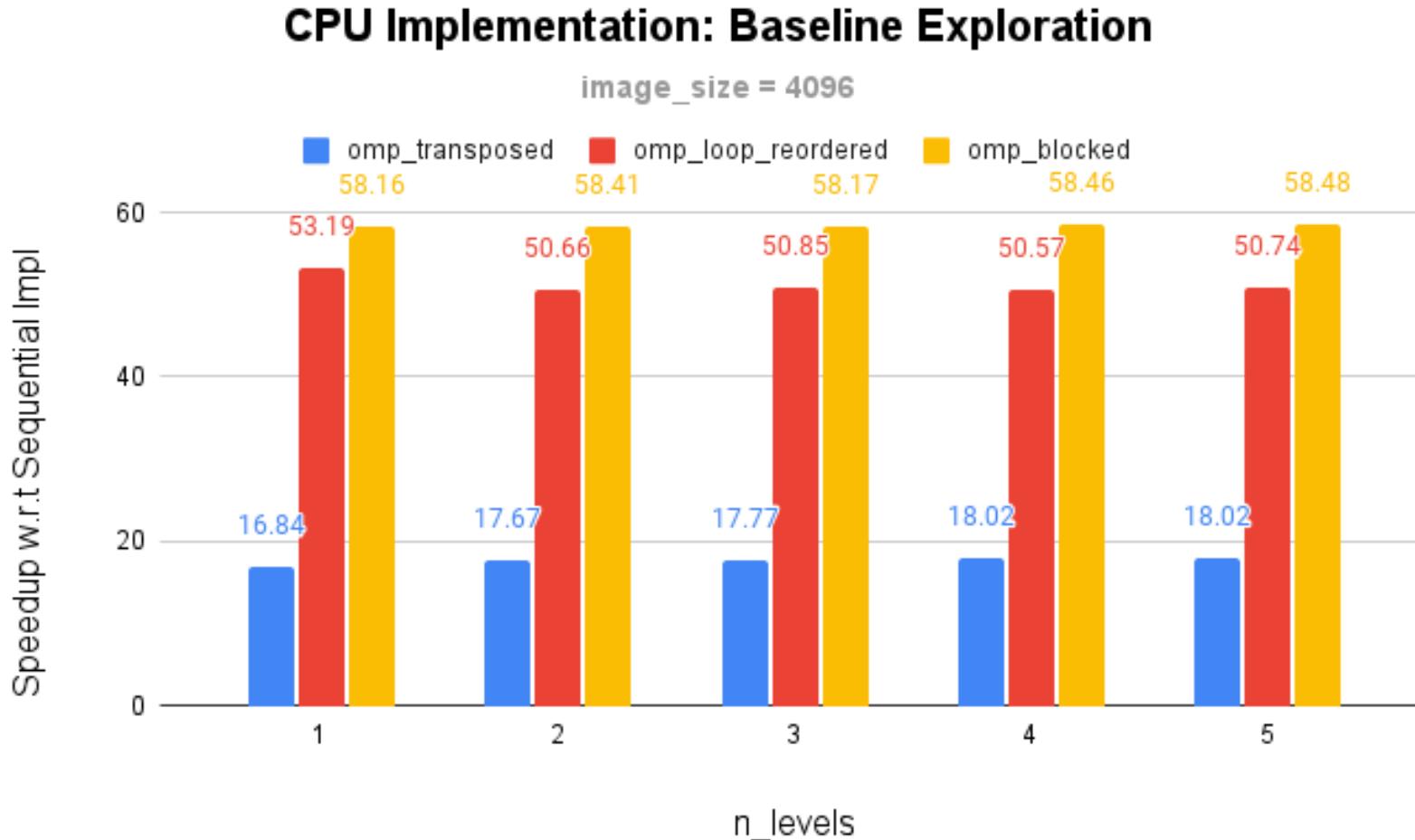


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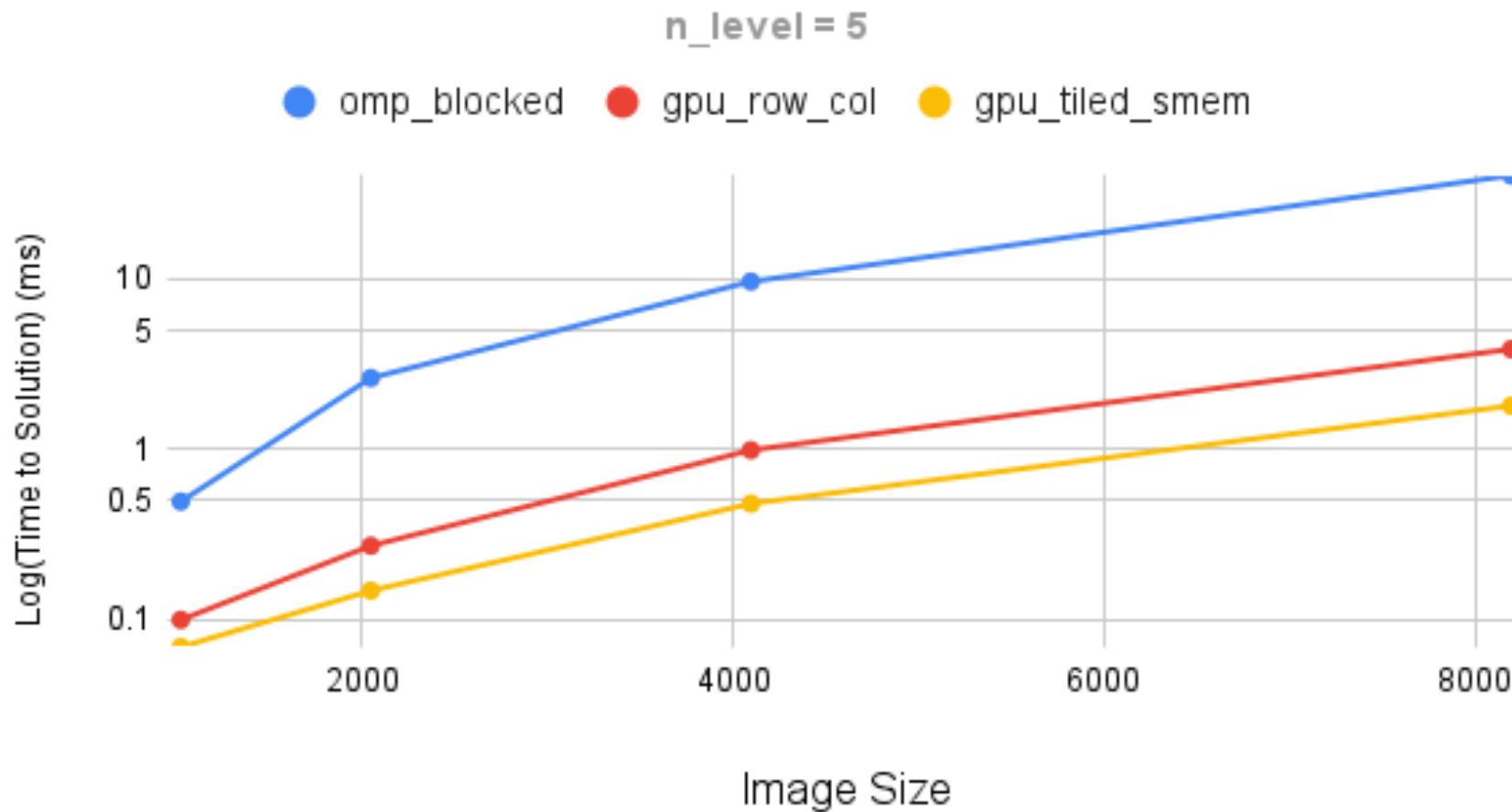
## Insight

- Time to solution does not vary significantly across levels due to halving of workload
- Transposition speedup increases across levels as image size decreases (expensive for large images)

# Performance Evaluation

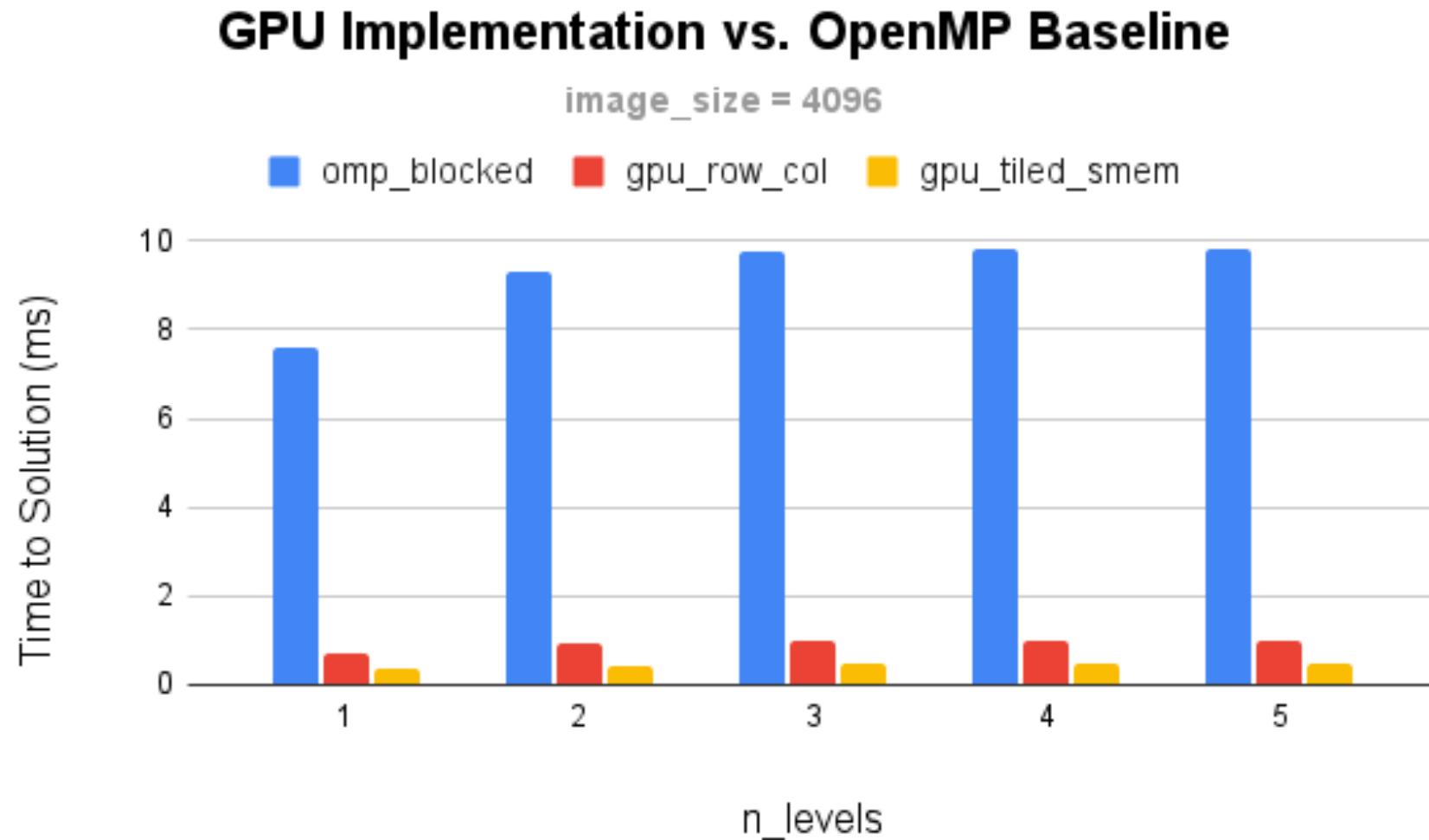
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## GPU Implementation vs. OpenMP Baseline



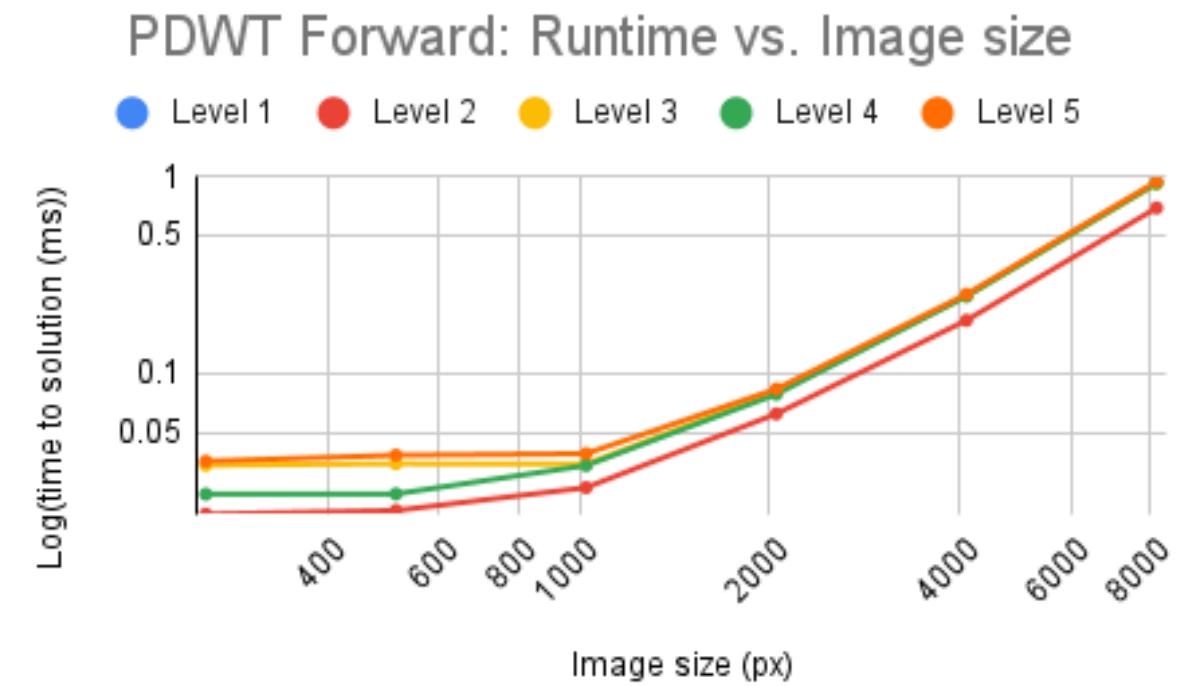
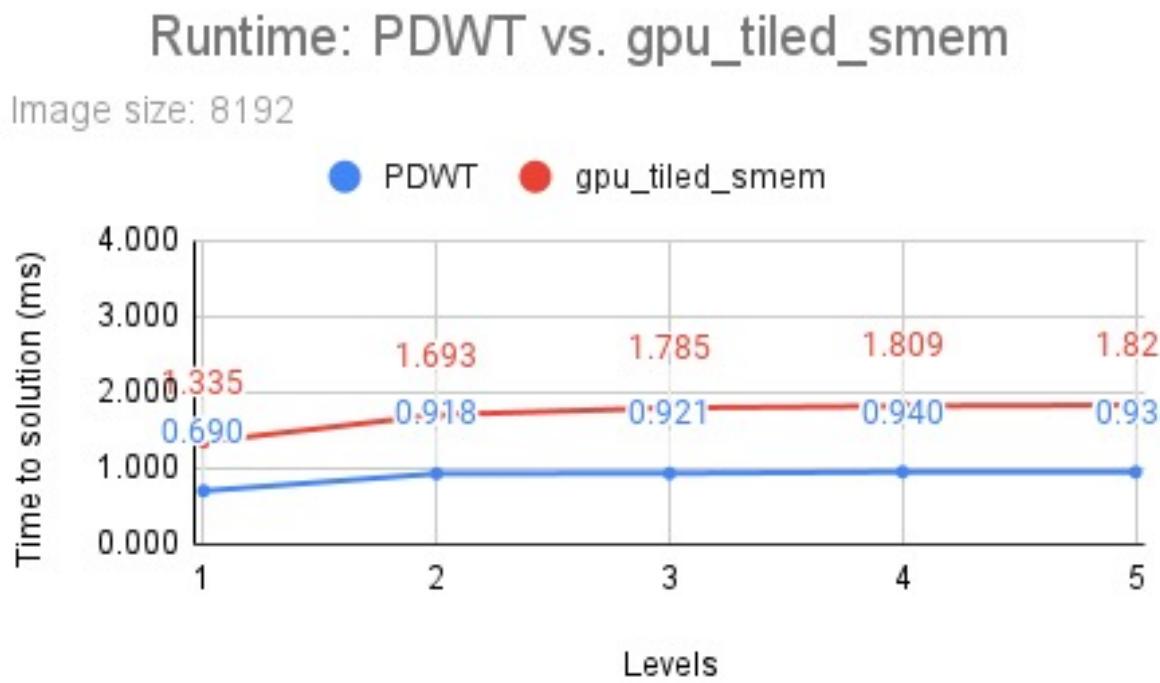
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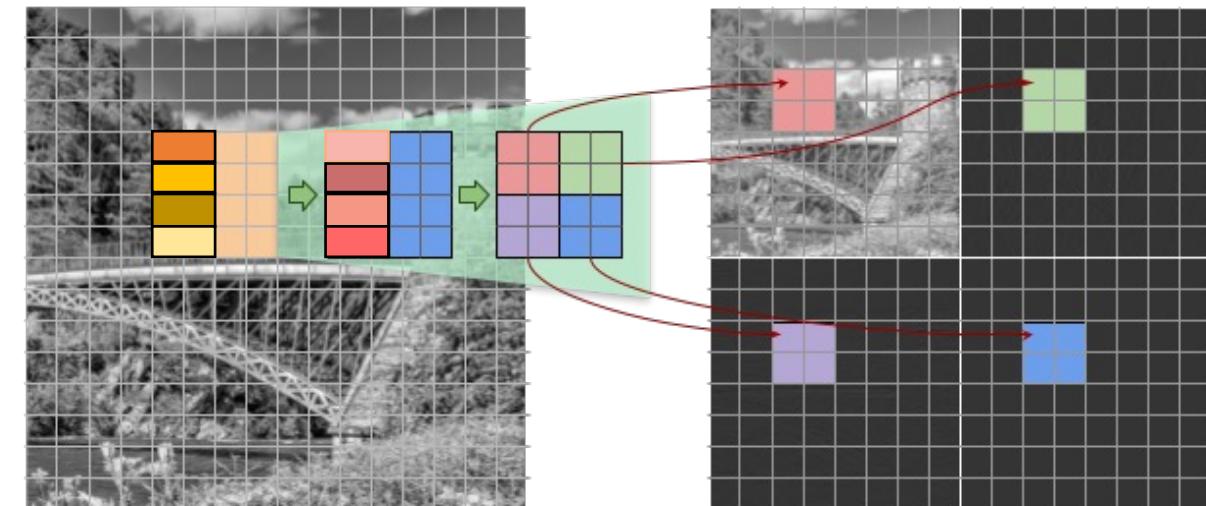
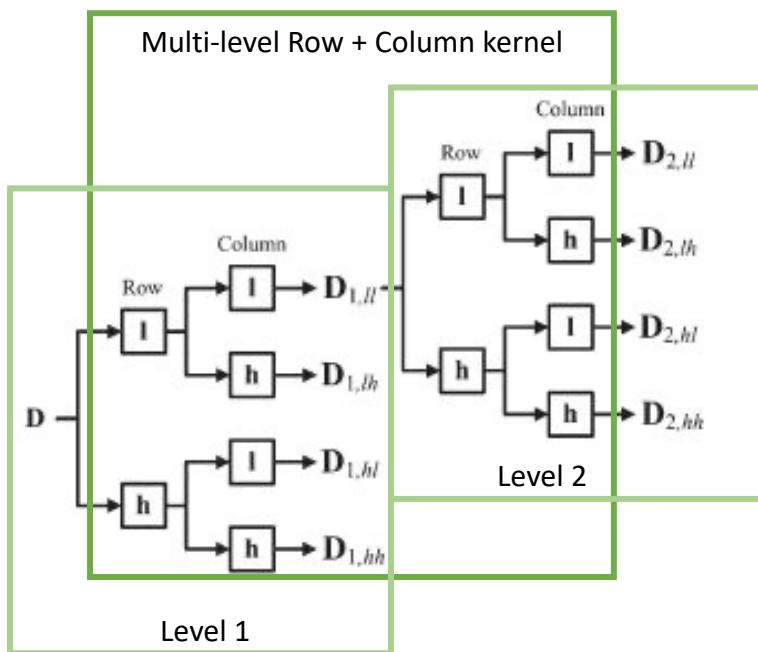
# Performance Comparison

Comparing with [PDWT](#) kernel (doesn't do coefficient image stitching, unfair advantage over in-place transform)



# Future directions

- Vectorized computation and memory access
- Computing multiple levels in one kernel:
  - Levels form a pyramidal structure in terms of computation and memory
  - Increases arithmetic intensity
  - Reduces global reads/writes



# References

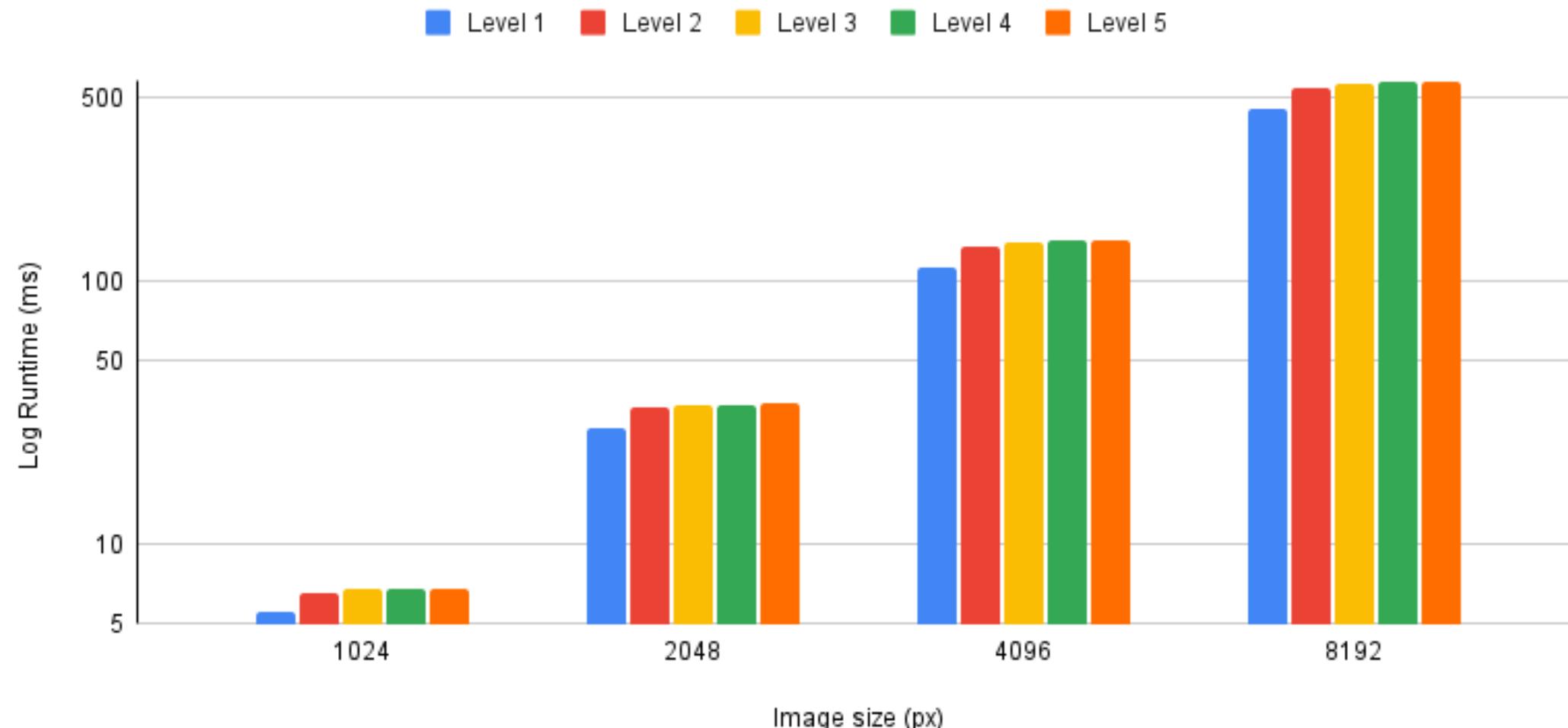
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- [Wavelets and Multiresolution Analysis](#)
- <https://github.com/ahandre94/haar>
- <https://github.com/pierrepaleo/PDWT>
- <https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/4912922>
- [https://people.math.sc.edu/Burkardt/c\\_src/haar/haar.html](https://people.math.sc.edu/Burkardt/c_src/haar/haar.html)
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- <https://citeseerx.ist.psu.edu/document?repid=rep1&type=pdf&doi=b24b1da45aebfb0a46515c5d6303283c65bb1e31>
- <https://www.fastcompression.com/benchmarks/benchmarks-dwt.htm>

**Thank you**

# Appendix

## Sequential: Runtime vs. Image size & levels



# FLIP Fluid Simulation on CUDA

+  
Sorakrit Chonwattanagul

# Overview

- + Aims to simulate specifically liquids inside a fixed domain
- + Reproduce algorithm for GPUs
- + Hybrid method, using grids and particles
  - + Physics calculations are done on the grid
  - + Particles determine shape of fluid
- + Source code at: <https://github.com/keptsecret/FLIPonCUDA>

# Overview

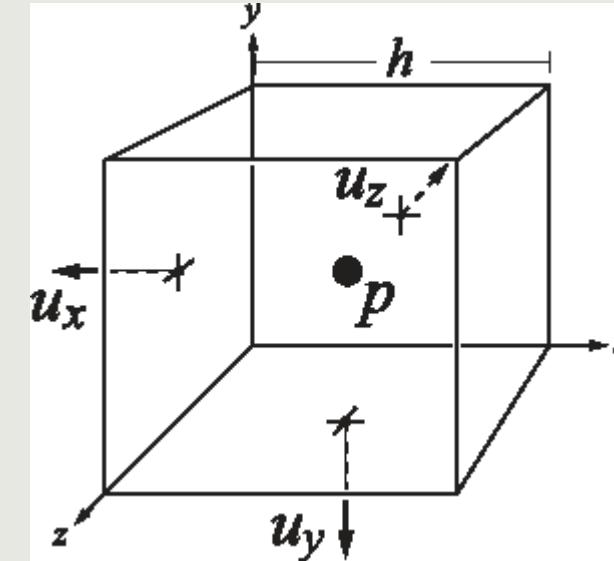
## FLIP procedure

1. Simulate particle movement
  1. Create mesh from particles
2. Advect particle velocity to grid
3. Apply forces, e.g. gravity
4. Solve incompressibility (pressure)
5. Advect velocity field to particles

$$\frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial t} + \vec{u} \cdot \nabla \vec{u} + \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p = \vec{g} + \nu \nabla \cdot \nabla \vec{u},$$
$$\nabla \cdot \vec{u} = 0.$$

# Overview

- + Uses marker-and-cell method with staggered grid
- + 8 marker particles placed in each cell
  - + Jittered initialization
- + Boundary cells of domain set as solid
- + No correction methods implemented
  - + Particle separation to preserve volume



# Overview

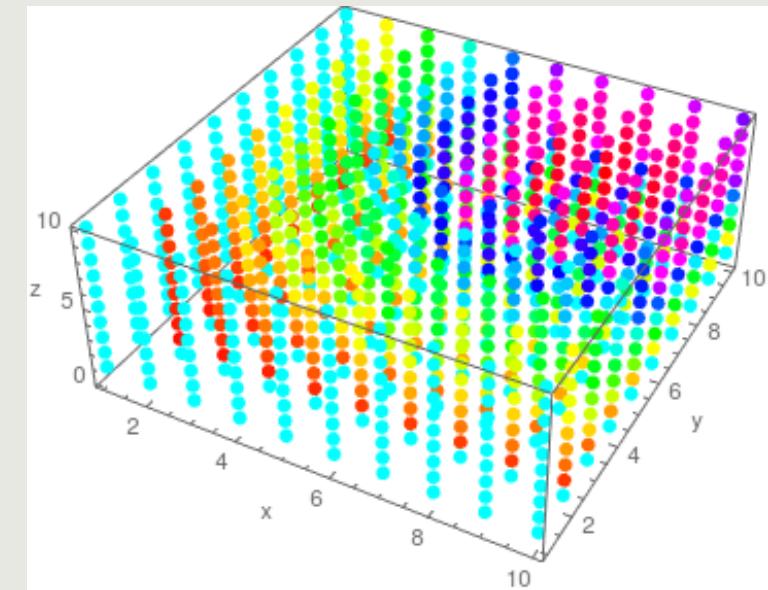
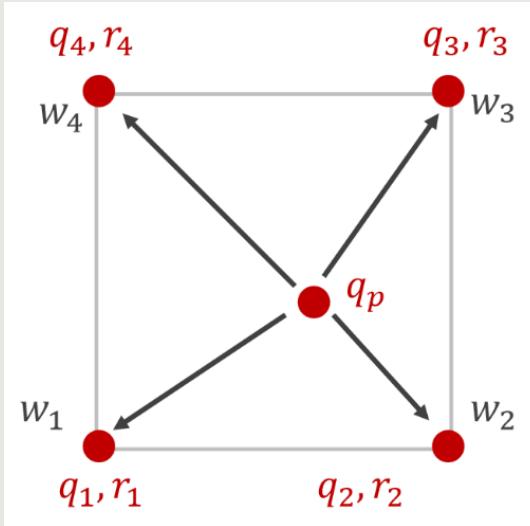
## FLIP procedure

1. Simulate particle movement
  1. Create mesh from particles
2. Advect particle velocity to grid
3. Apply forces, e.g. gravity
4. Solve incompressibility (pressure)
5. Advect velocity field to particles

- ← Simple loop
- ← CUDA accelerated (partially)
- ← CUDA accelerated
- ← Simple loop
- ← Simple loop (not really but...)
- ← CUDA accelerated

# CUDA accelerated velocity field advection

- + Still has lots of setting values in loops
- + Particle velocity first transferred to a scalar field
- + Scalar field values then determine velocity field values
  - + This is mostly just copying values over

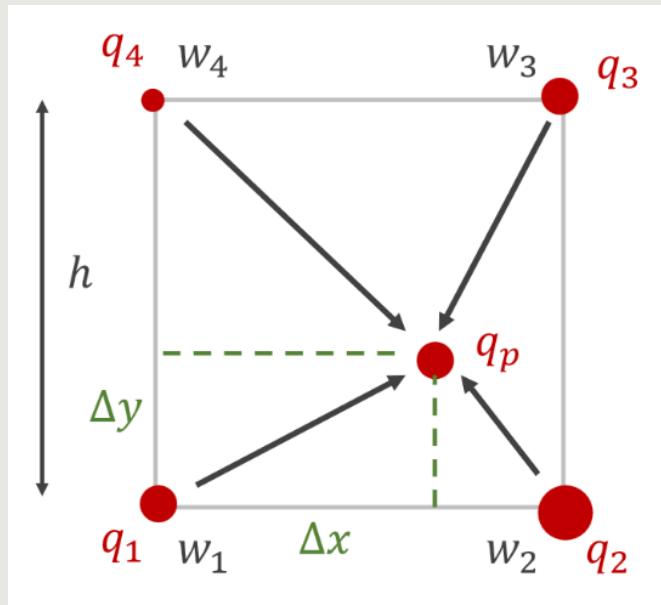


# CUDA accelerated velocity field advection

- + Scalar field represented by 3D array of floats
- + Each particle contributes a velocity at its position in scalar field
  
- + Split scalar field array into smaller 8x8x8 sub-arrays
- + Determine which particles affect which sub-arrays
- + CUDA kernel does calculation for set of sub-arrays
  - + Each block handles one sub-array and its particles
  - + Each thread handles one cell of sub-array

# CUDA accelerated particle advection

- + Transferring velocities from grid onto particles
- + Lots of interpolation involved, mainly tricubic
- + Interpolate one direction at a time:  $u_x, u_y, u_z$



# CUDA accelerated particle advection

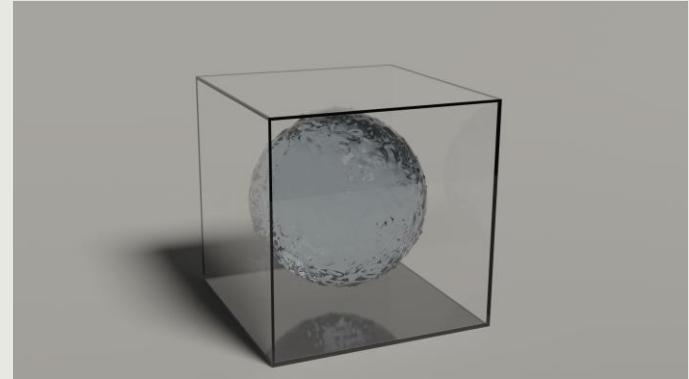
- + Split velocity field array into smaller sub-arrays
- + Determine which particles are inside which sub-arrays
- + CUDA kernel does calculation for set of sub-arrays
  - + Each block handles one sub-array and its particles
  - + Each thread handles one particle
- + Lots of padding of particle velocities and field values
  - + When trying to interpolate values outside of domain

# Testing

- + Validation and baseline:
  - + Compare to single-threaded simulation
    - + Fixed initialization seed
  - + Would like to use external FLIP solvers (e.g. Mantaflow) as comparison but:
    - + Parameters are different (also more than this has)
    - + Random initialization

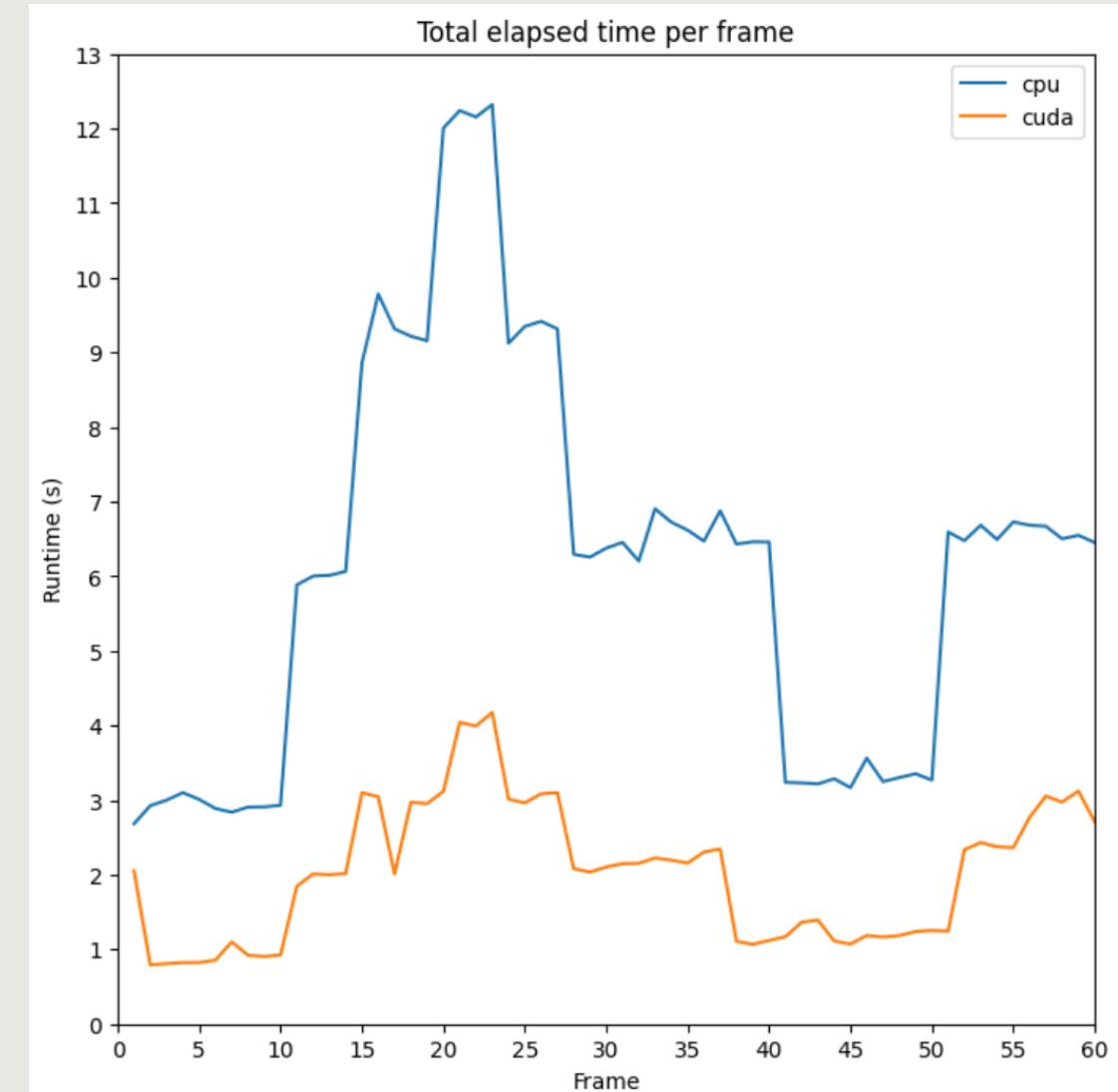
# Testing: Scenario 1

- + Fluid sphere drop
  - + Simulated on a 64x64x64 grid with 0.125 cell size for 60 frames
  - + Particles created: 462,848
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- + All scenes rendered in Blender Cycles
  - + Tested on Intel i9-11900H @ 4.2GHz and RTX 3060 Mobile @ 1435 MHz



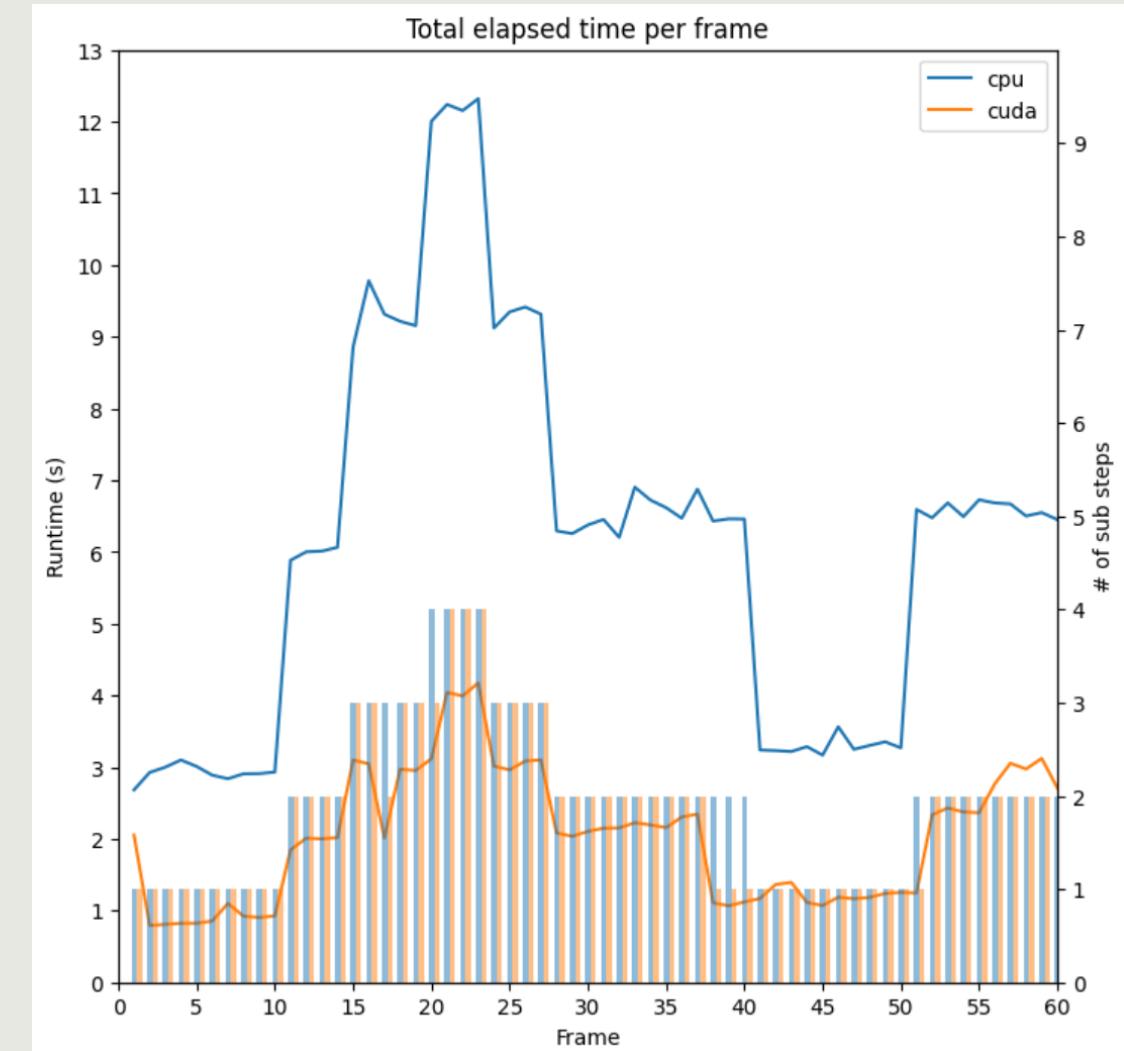
# Testing: Scenario 1

- + Total running times
- + Between 2x-3x faster than single-threaded CPU



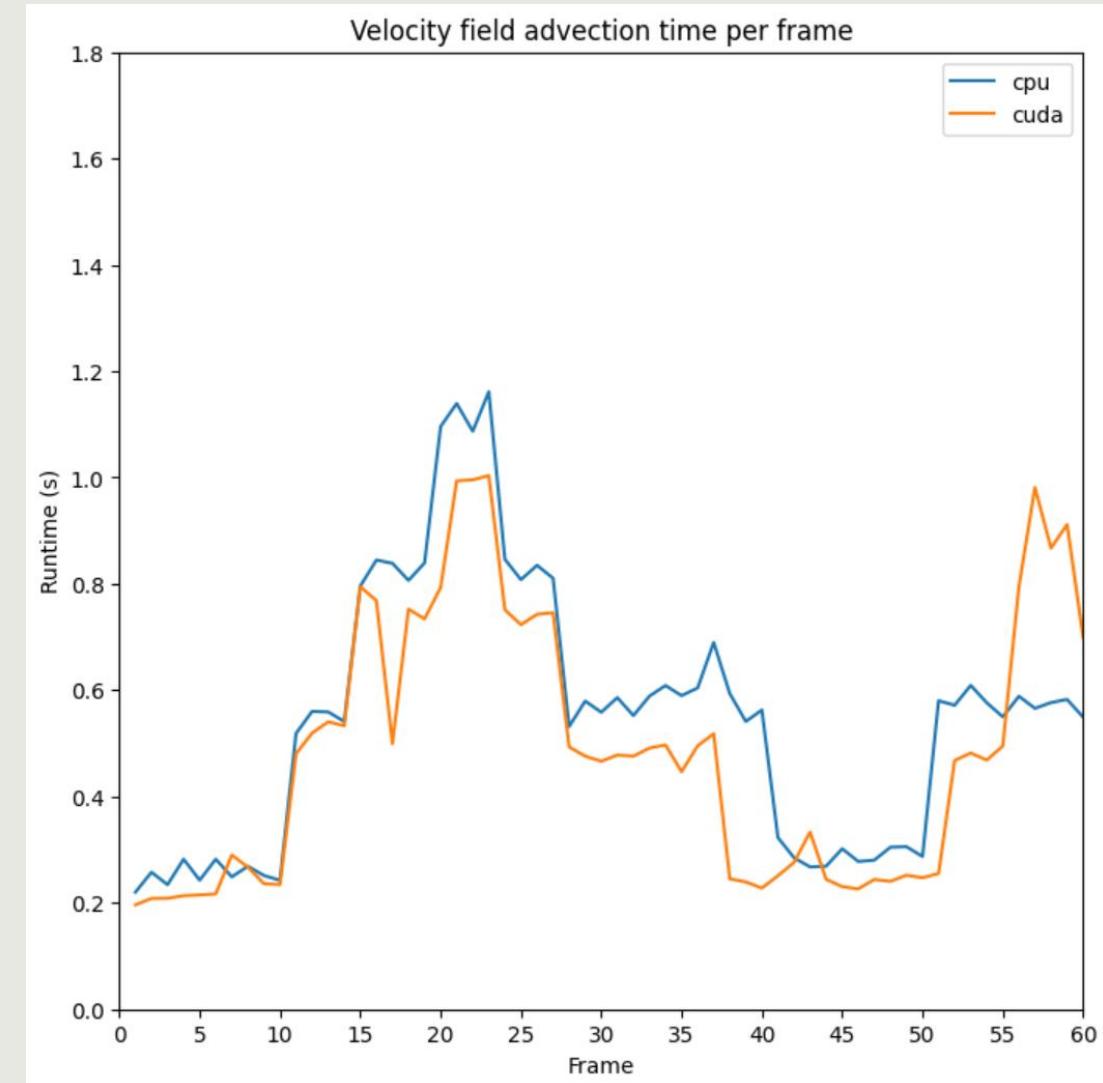
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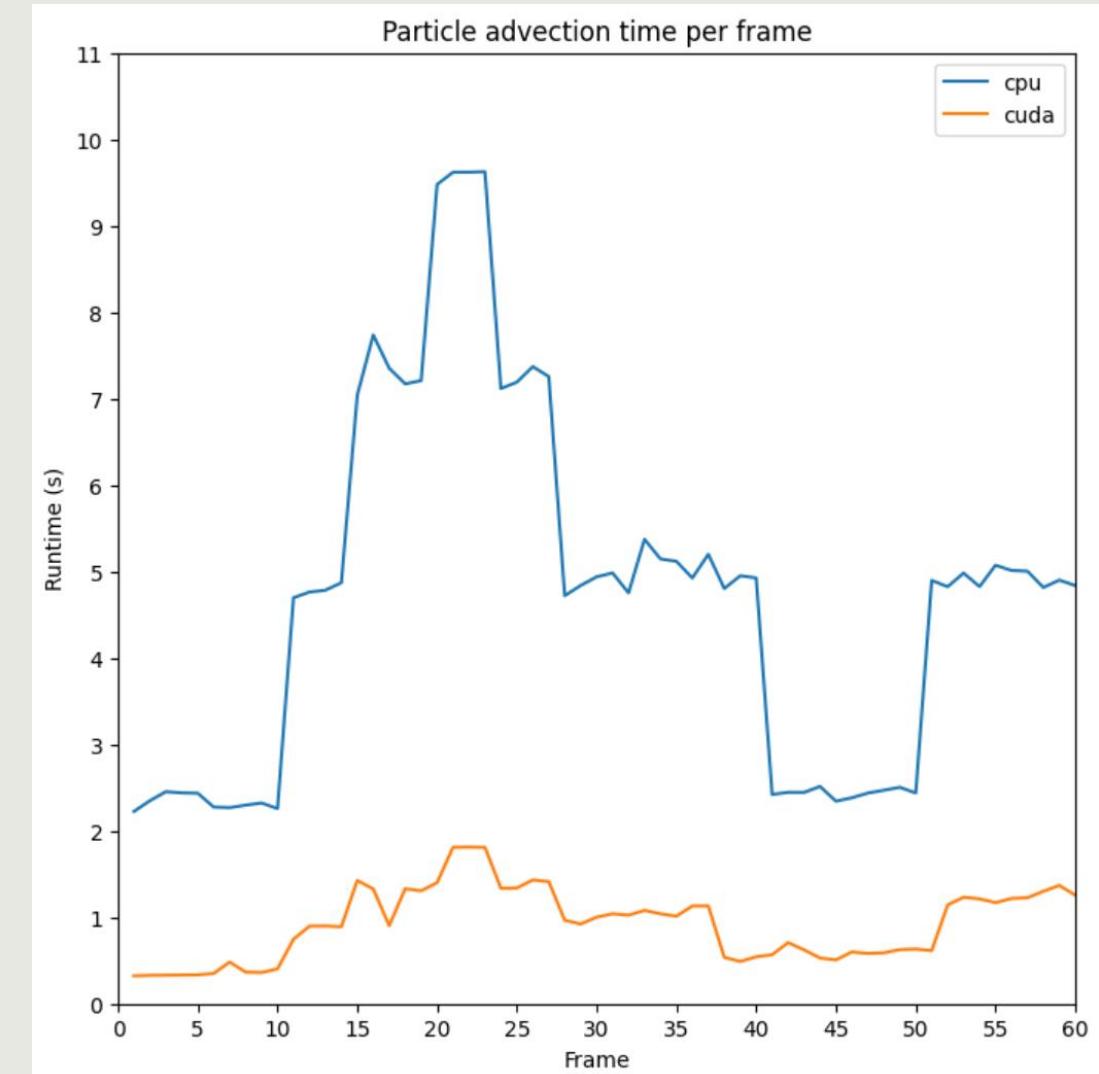
# Testing: Scenario 1

- + Velocity field advection
- + Not much difference
- + Should see more significant difference on a larger grid with smaller cells



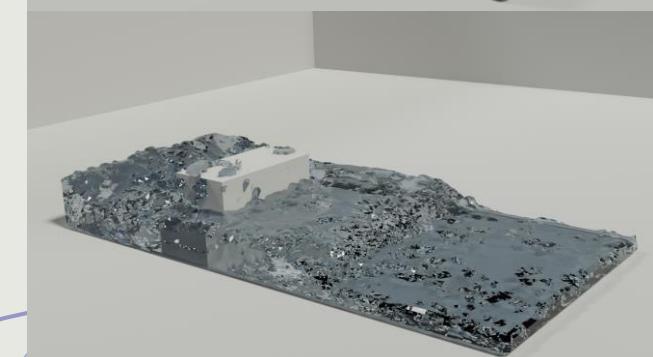
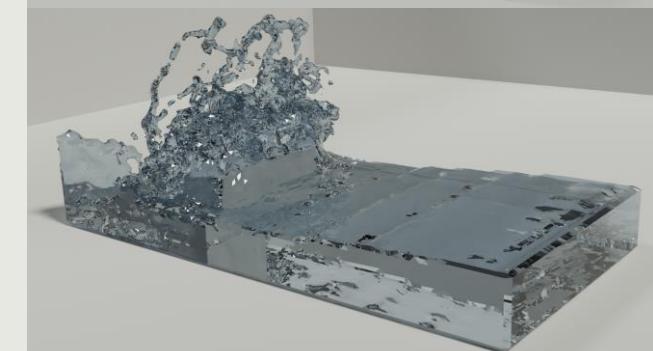
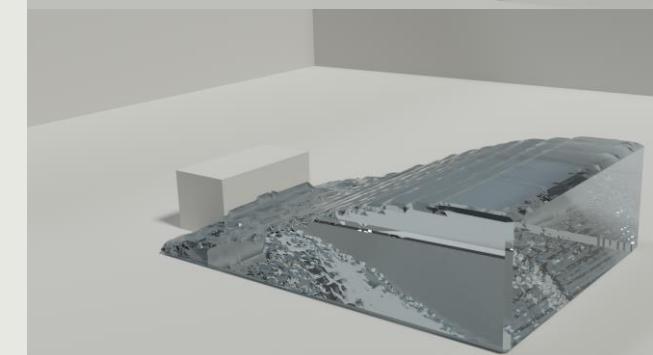
# Testing: Scenario 1

- + Particle advection
- + Most difference seen: about 5x-7x faster



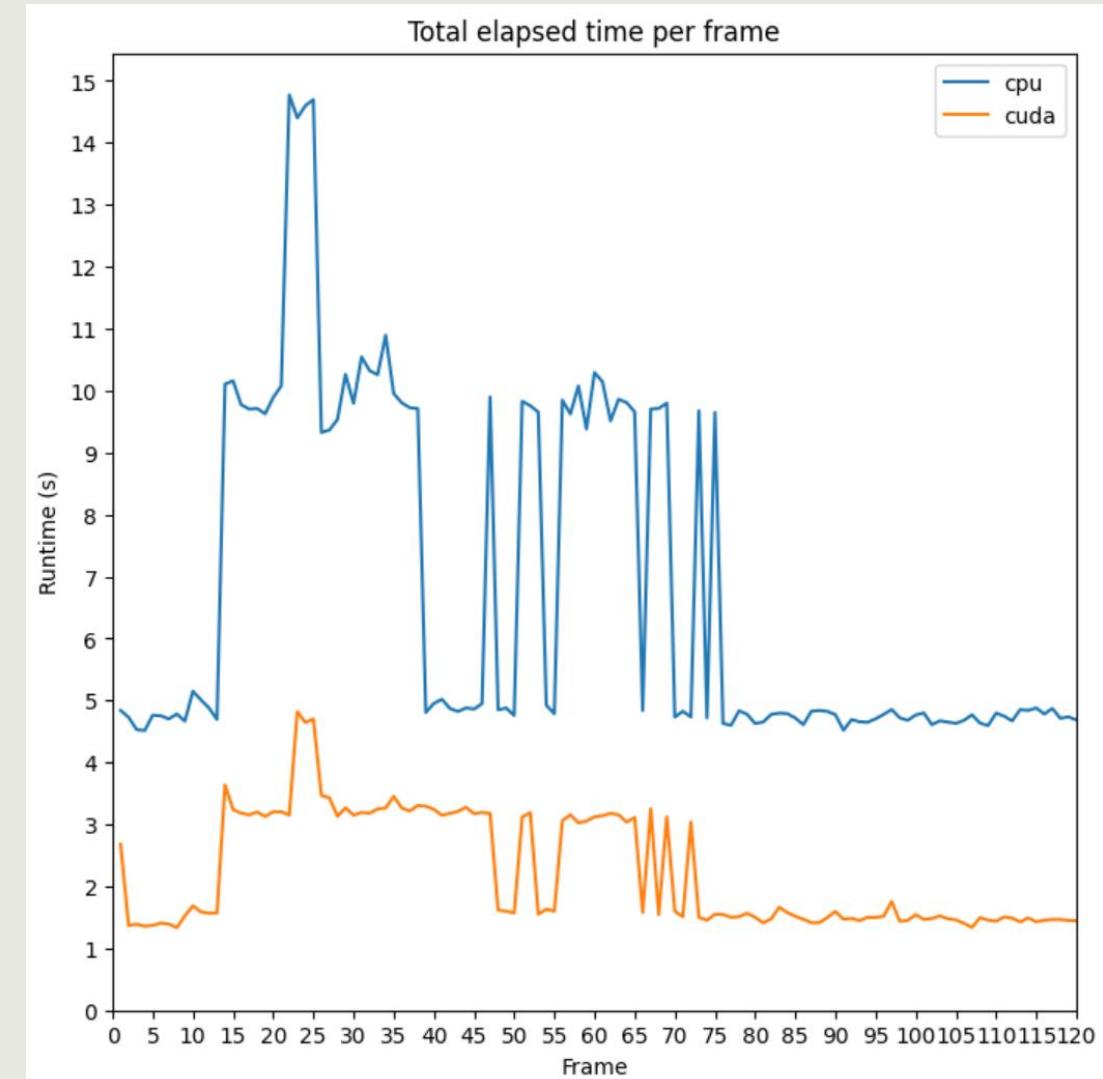
# Testing: Scenario 2

- + Fluid cuboid wave with solid obstacle
  - + Simulated on a 128x64x64 grid with 0.125 cell size for 120 frames
  - + Particles created: 722,672
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- + All scenes rendered in Blender Cycles
  - + Tested on Intel i9-11900H @ 4.2GHz and RTX 3060 Mobile @ 1435 MHz



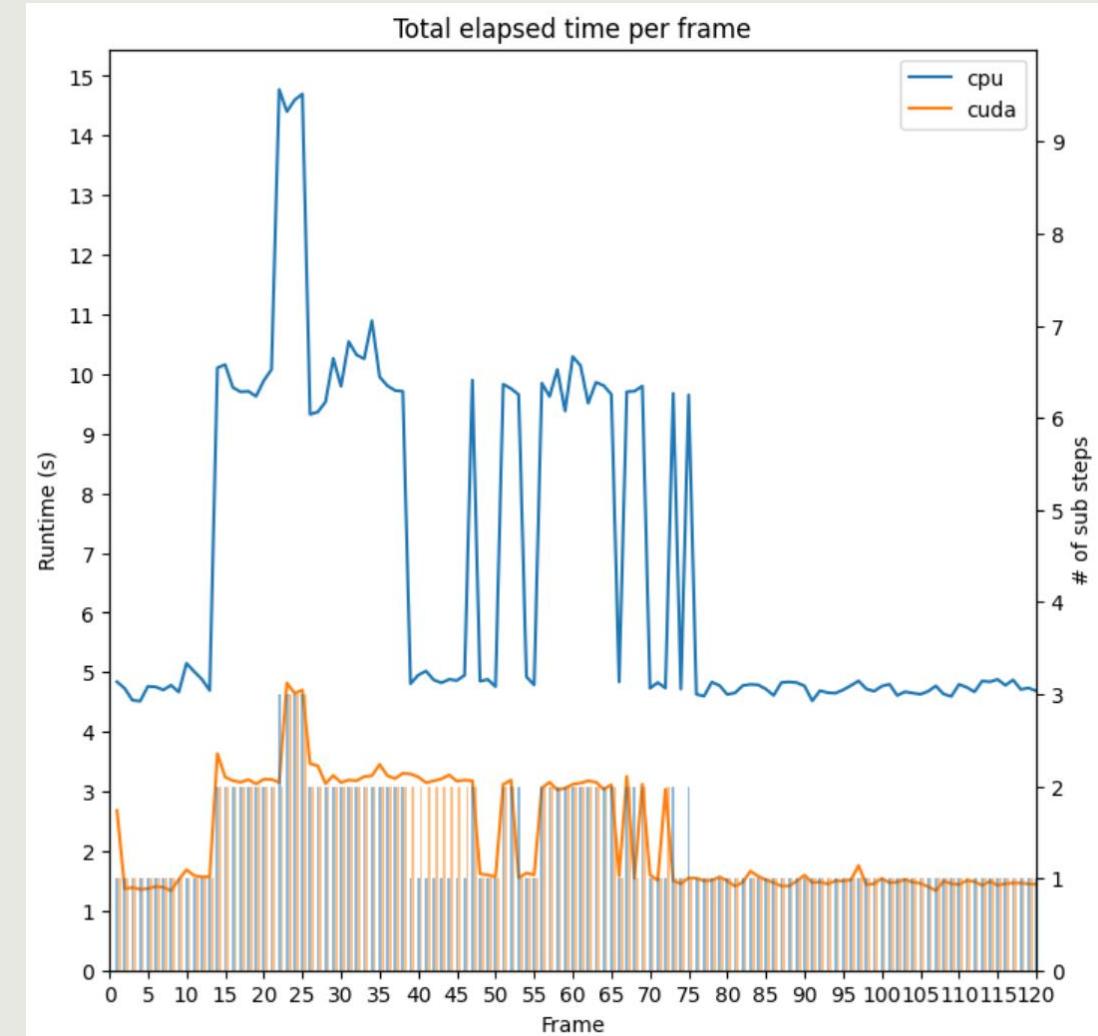
# Testing: Scenario 2

- + Total running times
- + Again, ~3x faster than single-threaded CPU



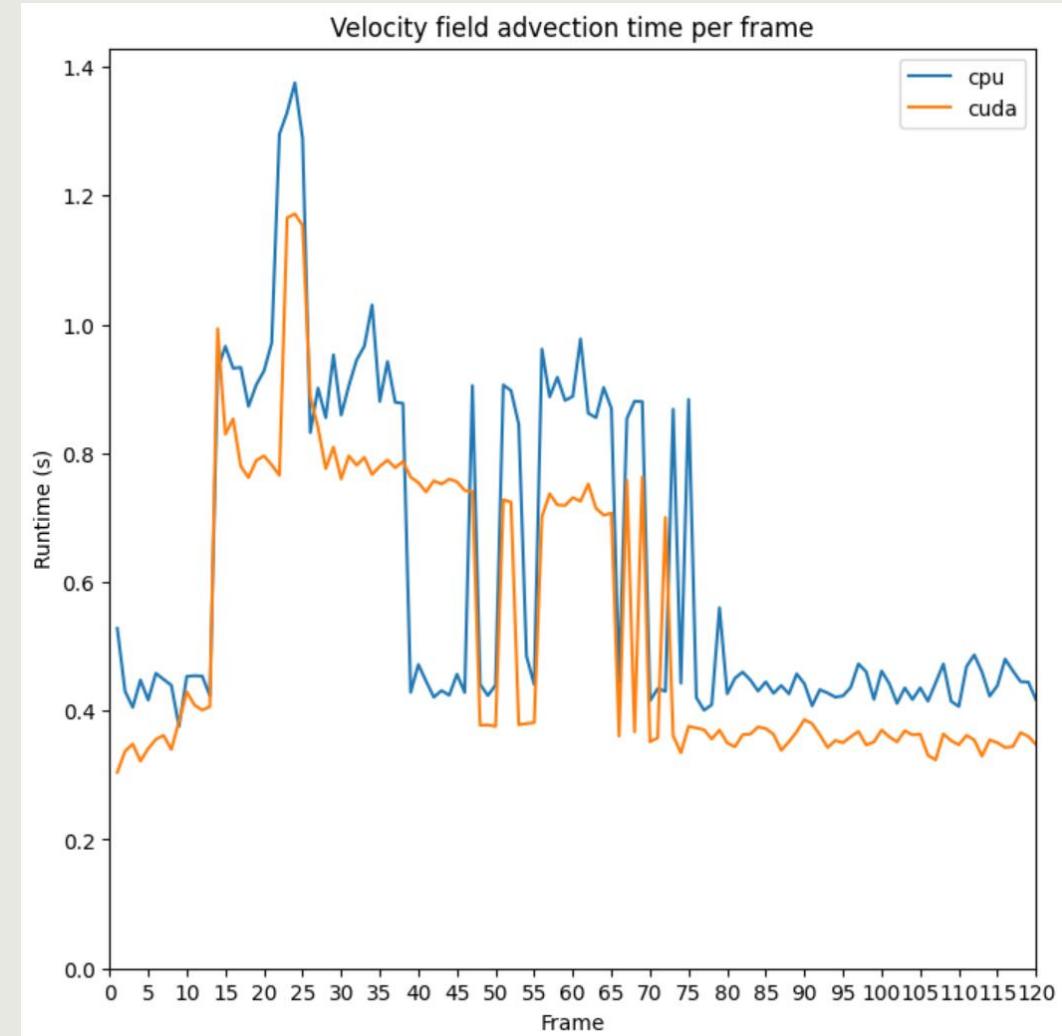
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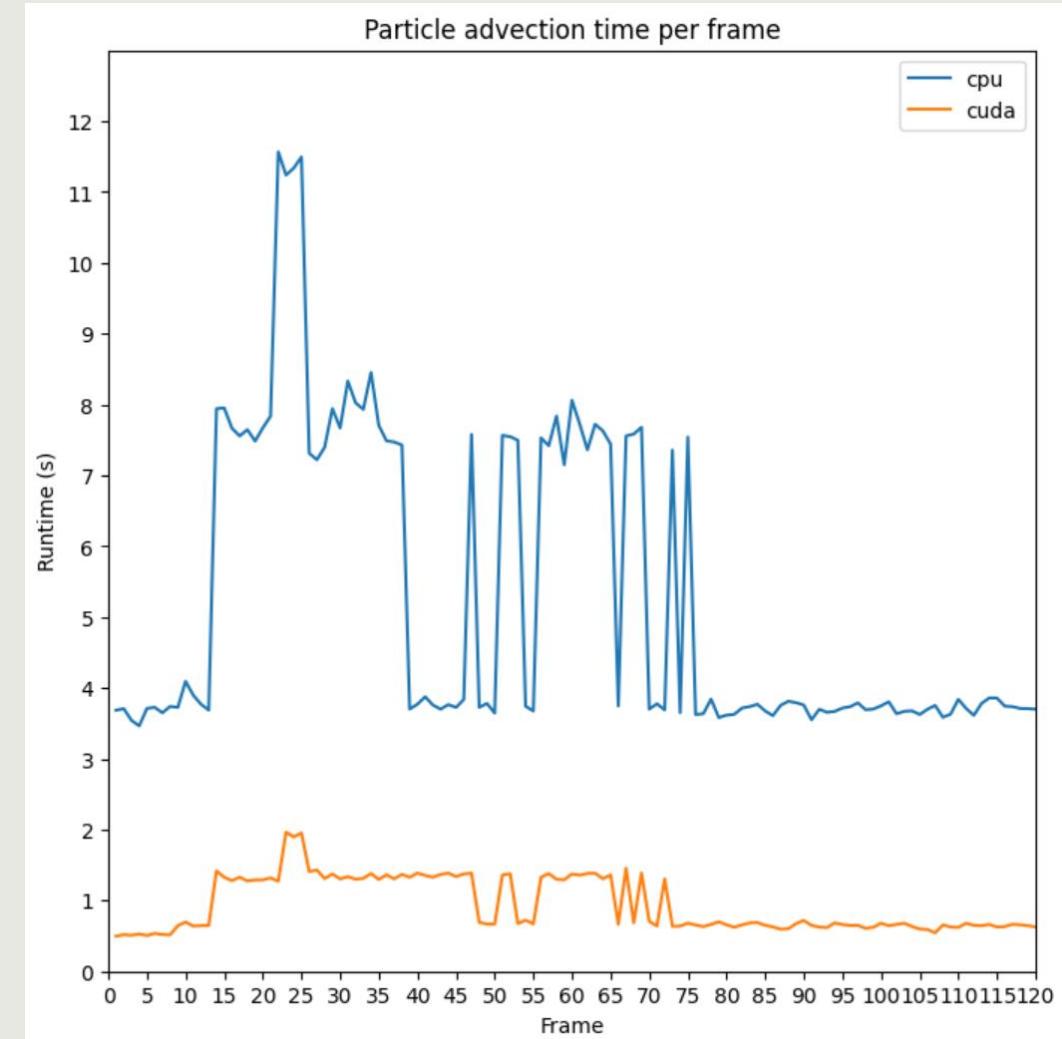
# Testing: Scenario 2

- + Velocity field advection
- + Can see the general speedup here of about 1.2x-1.7x



# Testing: Scenario 2

- + Particle advection
- + Again, the biggest speedup seen of 6x-8x



# Times per sub-step

## Scenario 1

| Arch    | Total time (s) | # steps | Time per step (s) | Velocity advection time per step (s) | Particle advection time per step (s) |
|---------|----------------|---------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| CPU     | 368.68554      | 117     | 3.15115           | 0.28086                              | 2.43153                              |
| CUDA    | 122.04680      | 111     | 1.09952           | 0.26287                              | 0.49833                              |
| Speedup | 3.02x          | -       | 2.87x             | 1.07x                                | 4.88x                                |

## Scenario 2

| Arch    | Total time (s) | # steps | Time per step (s) | Velocity advection time per step (s) | Particle advection time per step (s) |
|---------|----------------|---------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| CPU     | 814.79249      | 168     | 4.84995           | 0.44612                              | 3.77468                              |
| CUDA    | 268.95110      | 172     | 1.56366           | 0.37457                              | 0.65610                              |
| Speedup | 3.02x          | -       | 3.10x             | 1.19x                                | 5.75x                                |

# Implementation issues/speed bumps

- + OpenVDB was harder to integrate in a CMake project than expected
  - + Planned to use it for fast particle-to-mesh conversion
  - + Had to write one/adapt from existing code (Marching cubes), unsure of how much overhead could have been saved
- + Less parallelizable than expected
  - + At least on GPU
- + Lots of overhead copying data between host and device

# Potential improvements

## + Simulation Features:

- + Diffuse particles, e.g. bubbles, spray
- + Importing meshes as solid obstacles

## + Parallelization Features:

- + Multithreading (though I don't expect to see much more speed up)
- + CUDA unified memory (`cudaMallocManaged`)
  - + Makes memory accessible from CPU and GPU, reducing need to copy data
  - + Scaling issue: potential to run out of memory on massive scenes

# Accelerating Proximal Policy Optimization (PPO)

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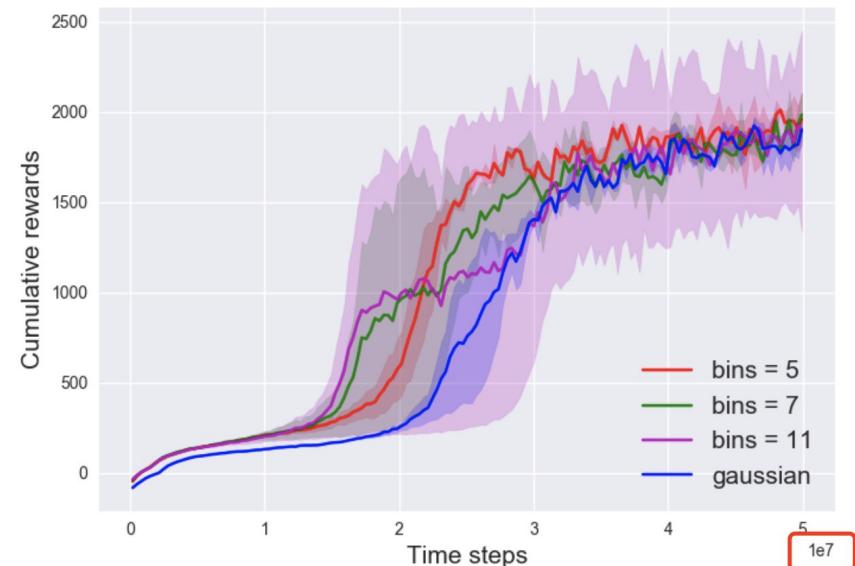
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# Outline

- Problem Definition, Category, Performance Metrics
- Baselines & Dataset
- Proposed Solution
- Challenges
- Methods
- Results
- Discussion

# Problem Definition

- Reinforcement Learning
- High sample volume
- Embarrassingly parallel
- Bottlenecks
  - Environment Simulation
  - Scaling across multiple GPUS (synchronization cost & errors)



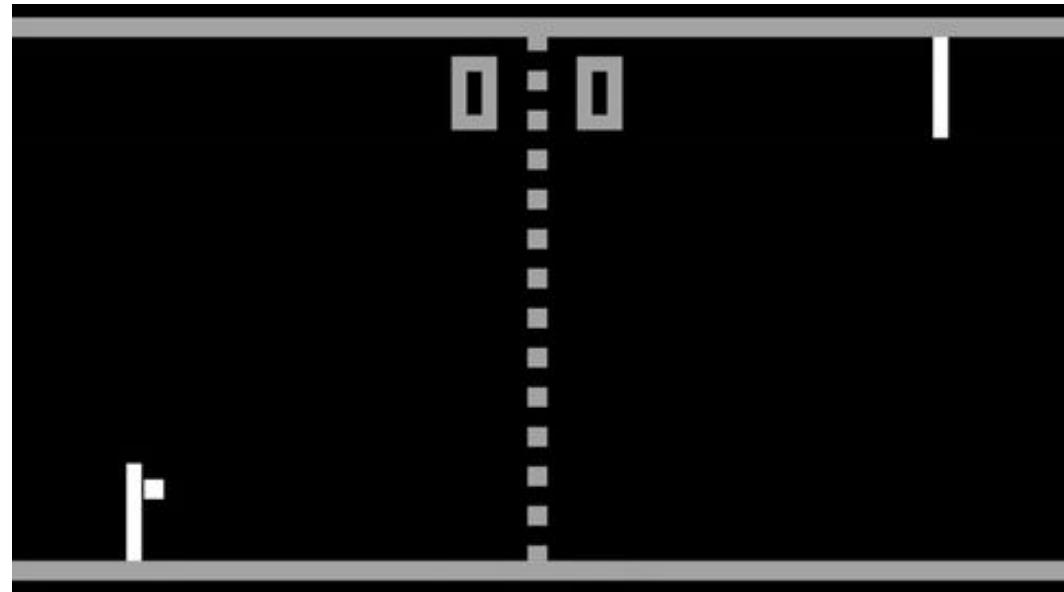
Training time steps is very large, roughly  $5 \times 10^7$  time steps

# Project Category & Performance Metric

- Reproducibility: DD-PPO (<https://arxiv.org/abs/1911.00357>)
  - Decentralized Distributed Proximal Policy Optimization
  - Key Ideas:
    - i. Environment Acceleration
    - ii. Multi-GPU Scaling
- Scaling Metrics
  - Frames Per Second (FPS) (steps of experience / second)
  - Total Training Time (for fixed total samples)
- Validation Metric: Policy Reward

# Baselines & Dataset

- Classical PPO (<https://arxiv.org/abs/1707.06347>)
  - Single Worker (CPU + GPU)
- Environment:
  - OpenAI Gym - Pong



# Proposed Solution

- DD-PPO (<https://arxiv.org/abs/1911.00357>)
  - GPU Acceleration of Environments
  - Decentralized synchronous update with worker pre-emption

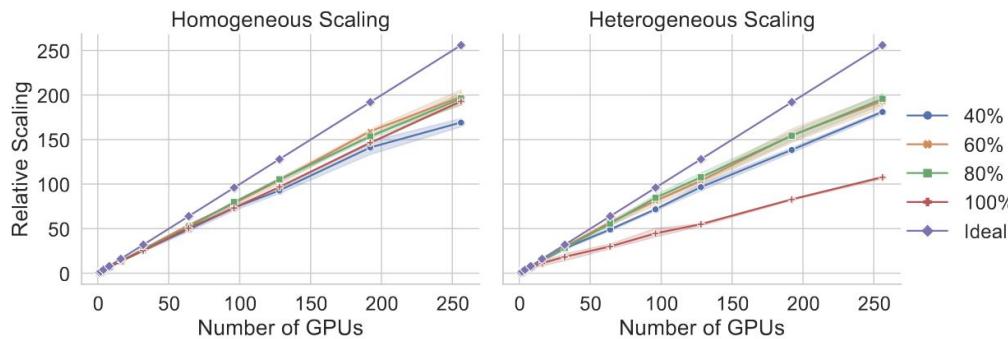


Figure 4: Scaling performance (in steps of experience per second relative to 1 GPU) of DD-PPO for various preemption threshold,  $p\%$ , values. Shading represents a 95% confidence interval.

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CuLE: A CUDA port of the Atari Learning Environment (ALE)



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# Challenges

## **Anticipated**

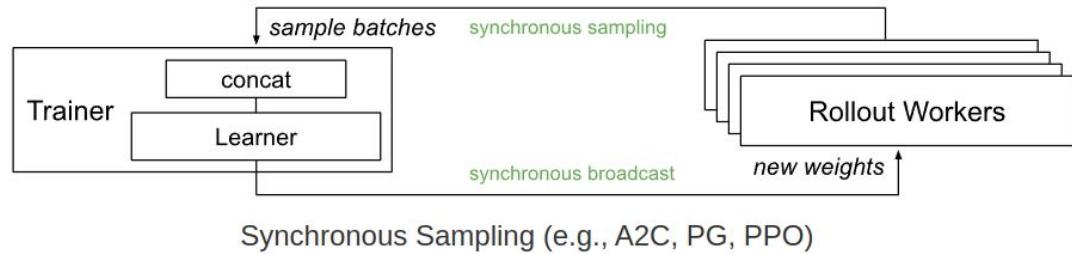
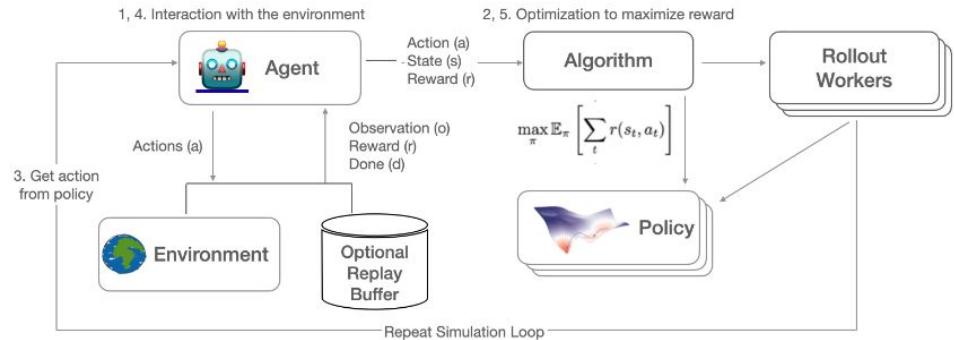
- Compute resources limit scaling tests
  - Computationally simpler environment
  - Measuring synchronization costs at small scale

## **Not Anticipated**

- Cuda Driver, GPU model, PyTorch Version, 3rd Party Library Compatibility
- Lack of Docker and Root Access
- “Exclusive-Process” GPU Mode

# Methods

- **CULE**
  - GPU Accelerated Atari Learning Environments
  - Based on Pytorch and CUDA
- **Ray**
  - Distributed Computing
  - Actor-based programming model
  - Easy to use API
  - Work with Pytorch



# Methods

## Constant Hyperparameters

- ale\_start\_steps=400
- ***batch\_size=256***
- episodic\_life=True
- lr=0.00025
- max\_episode\_length=18000
- normalize=False
- ppo\_epoch=3
- num\_stack=4
- ***Num\_steps=20***
- t\_max=5,000,000
- optimizer=SGD

# Methods

## **Independent Variables**

- GPU Acceleration of Environments
- Number of Parallel Atari Learning Environments
- Number of Batches
- Number of Steps

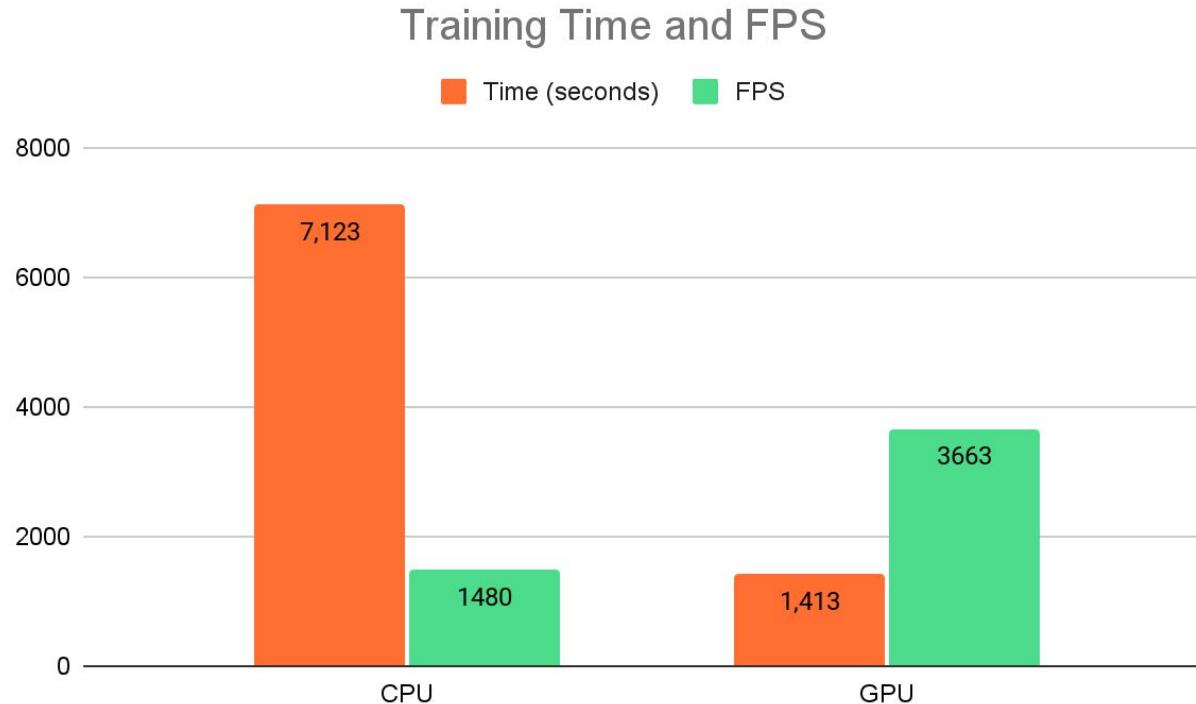
## **Dependent Variables**

- Frames per Second (FPS) (steps of experience / second)
- GPU Memory Usage
- Total Time (per fixed training samples)

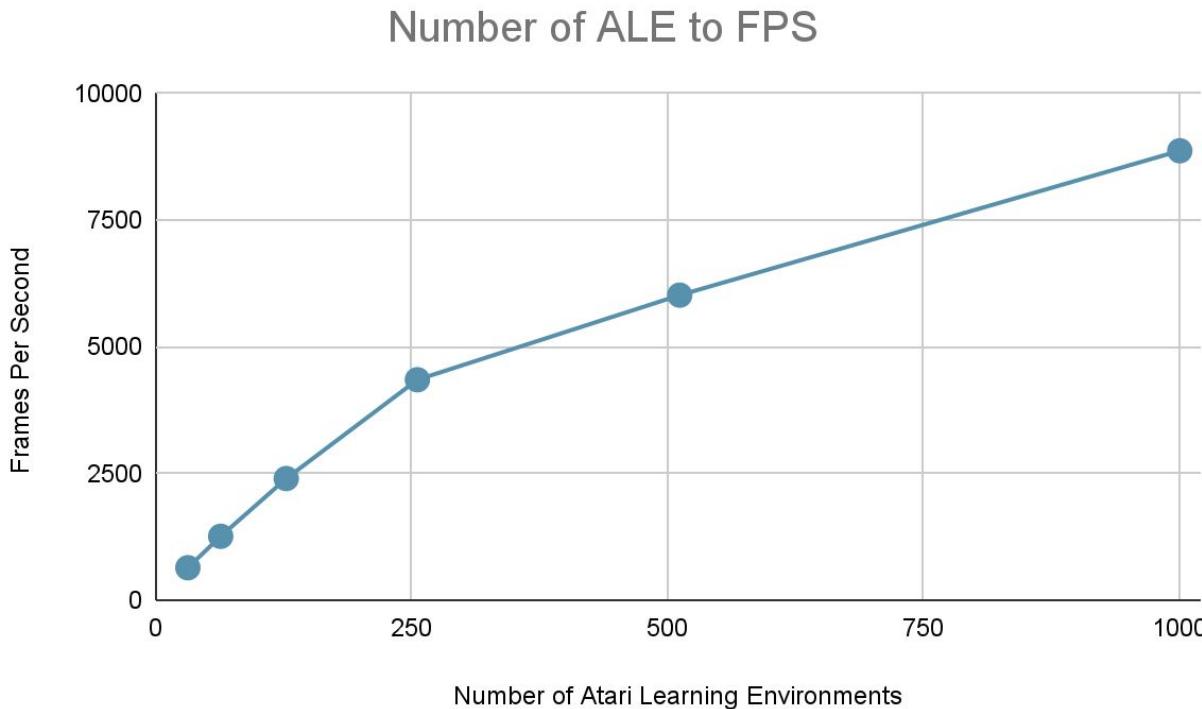
# Validation: Pong using GPU CULE PPO



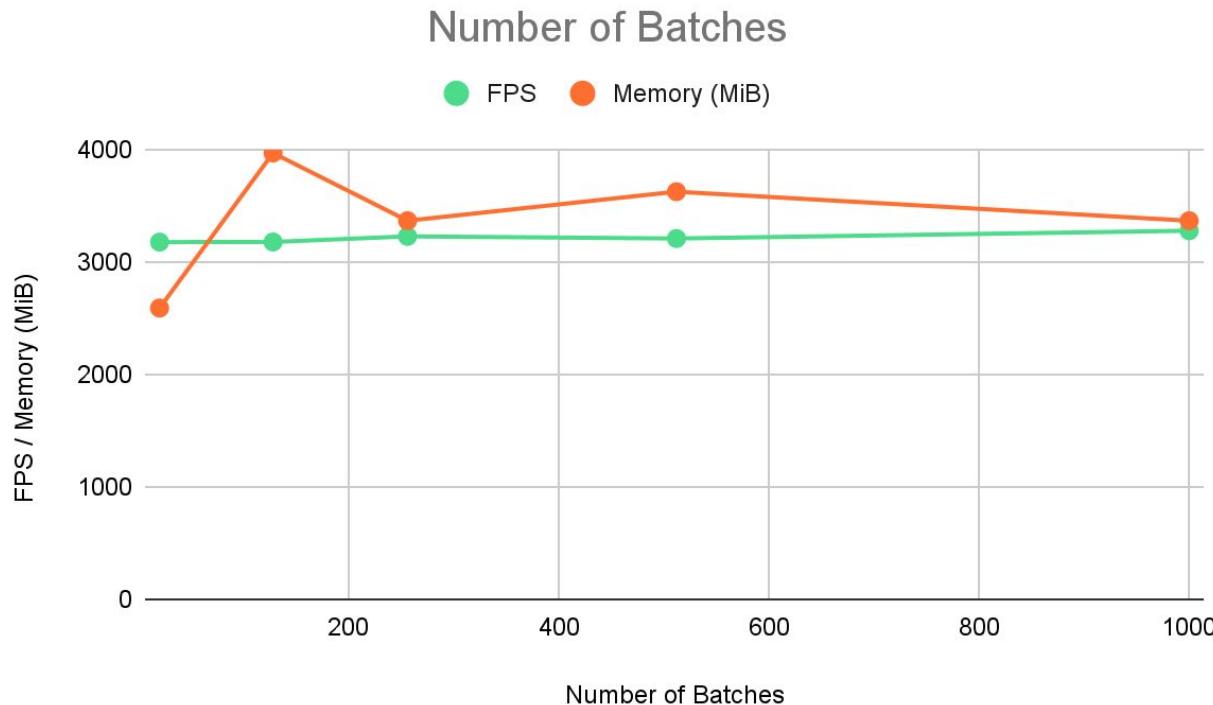
# CPU vs GPU



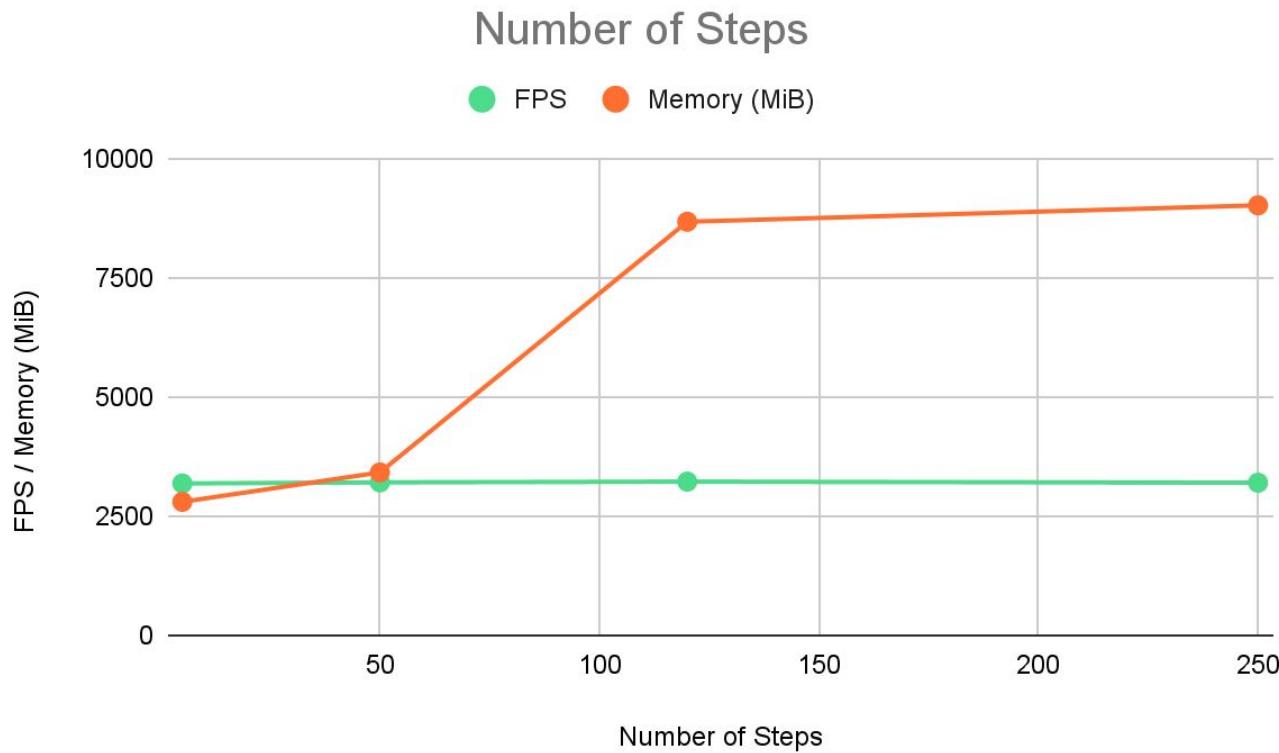
# Number of Atari Learning Environments



# Number of Batches



# Number of Steps



# Discussion

- Near-Linear Scaling for GPU Acceleration of Environment
- Limited by Memory Bandwidth
- Training quality can be hindered if only optimizing for performance
  - N-Steps improves model quality but higher memory footprint
- Batch\_Size has no significant influence
  - Environment Simulation is bottleneck

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