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Hardware Architectures for Deep Learning

Sparse Matrix Multiplication Accelerator Architecture

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Goals of Today's Lecture

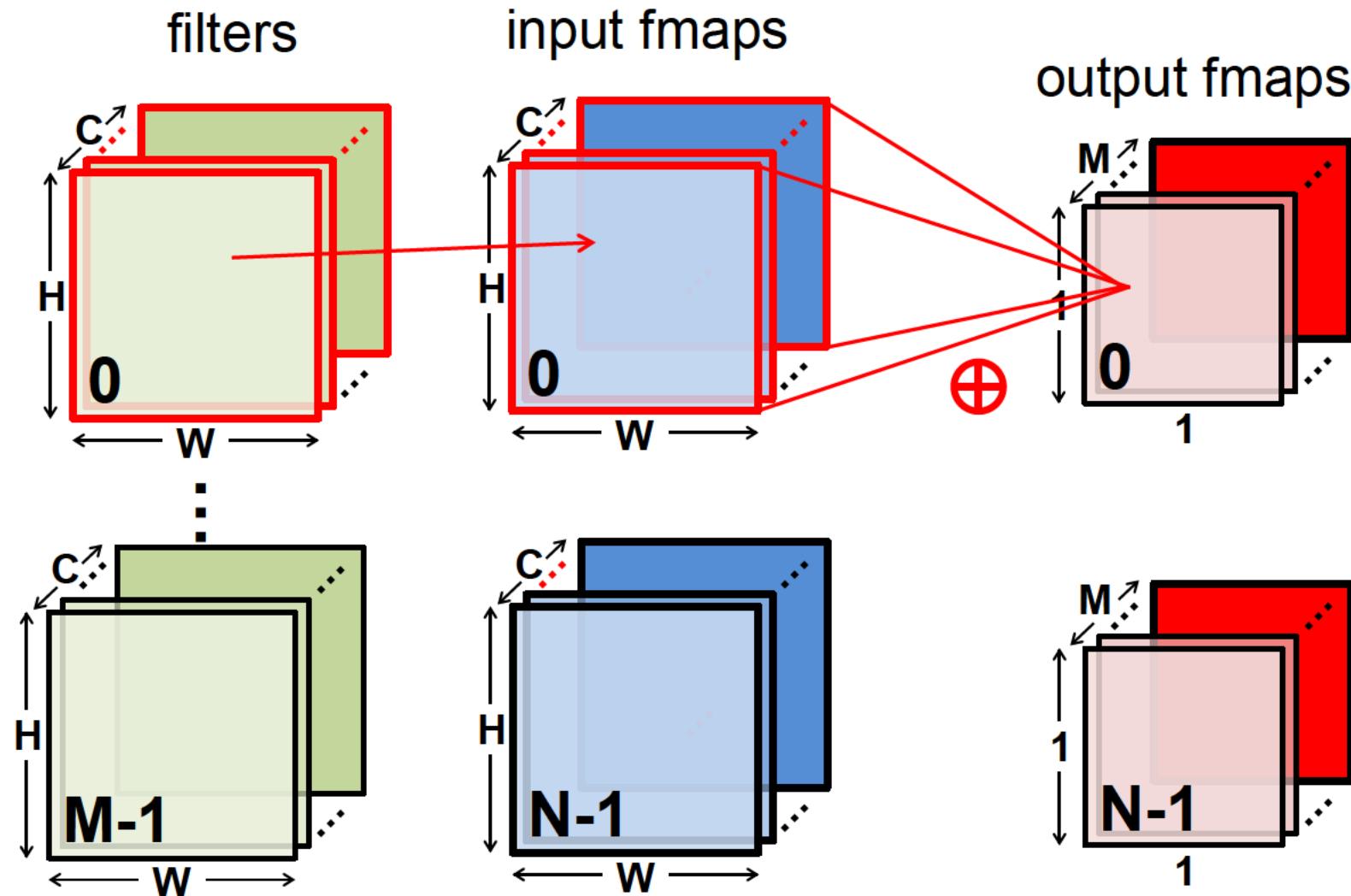
- Last lecture, how to systematically understand the translation of sparsity into reductions in energy consumption and processing cycles through dataflows that exploit sparsity for **convolution**.
- Today, how to systematically understand the translation of sparsity into reductions in energy consumption and processing cycles through dataflows that exploit sparsity for **matrix multiply**.

Resources

- **Course notes:** Chapter 8.2 and 8.3
- **Extensor:** Hegde, Pellauer, Crago, Jaleel, Solomonik, Emer, Fletcher, “ExTensor: An Accelerator for Sparse Tensor Algebra”, MICRO 2019
- **OuterSPACE:** Pal, Beaumont, Park, Amarnath, Feng, Chakrabarti, Kim, Blaauw, Mudge, Dreslinski. “OuterSPACE: An Outer Product Based Sparse Matrix Multiplication Accelerator.” HPCA, 2018.
- **Gamma:** Zhang, Attaluri, Emer, Sanchez. “Gamma: leveraging Gustavson’s algorithm to accelerate sparse matrix multiplication.” ASPLOS 2021.
- **EIE:** Han, Liu, Mao, Pu, Pedram, Horowitz, Dally. “EIE: efficient inference engine on compressed deep neural network”. ISCA 2016.
- **TeAAL:** Nayak, Odemuyiwa, Ugare, Fletcher, Pellauer, Emer. “TeAAL: A Declarative Framework for Modeling Sparse Tensor Accelerators”. Micro 2023.

FC: Exploiting Sparse Inputs & Sparse Weights

Fully-Connected (FC) Layer



Einsum for FC

$$O_{n,m,p,q} = I_{n,c,p+r,q+s} \times F_{m,c,r,s}$$

with $R = H, S = W$

$$O_{n,m,p,q} = I_{n,c,p+\textcolor{brown}{h},q+\textcolor{brown}{w}} \times F_{m,c,\textcolor{brown}{h},\textcolor{brown}{w}}$$

note $P = 1, Q = 1 \rightarrow p = 0, q = 0$

$$O_{n,m} = I_{n,c,h,w} \times F_{m,c,h,w}$$

flatten $c, h, w \rightarrow chw$

$$O_{n,m} = I_{n,chw} \times F_{m,chw}$$

FC as Matrix Multiplication

$$O_{n,m} = I_{n,chw} \times F_{m,chw}$$

relabel $n \rightarrow m, m \rightarrow n, chw \rightarrow k$

$$O_{m,n} = I_{m,k} \times F_{n,k}$$

relabel $O \rightarrow Z, I \rightarrow A, F \rightarrow B$

$$Z_{m,n} = A_{m,k} \times B_{n,k}$$

Einsum -> Sparse Computation

Einsum – Matrix Multiply

$$\mathbf{Z}_{m,n} = \mathbf{A}_{m,k} \times \mathbf{B}_{n,k}$$

[TACO, Kjolstad et.al., ASE 2017]
[Timeloop, Parashar et.al., ISPASS 2019]

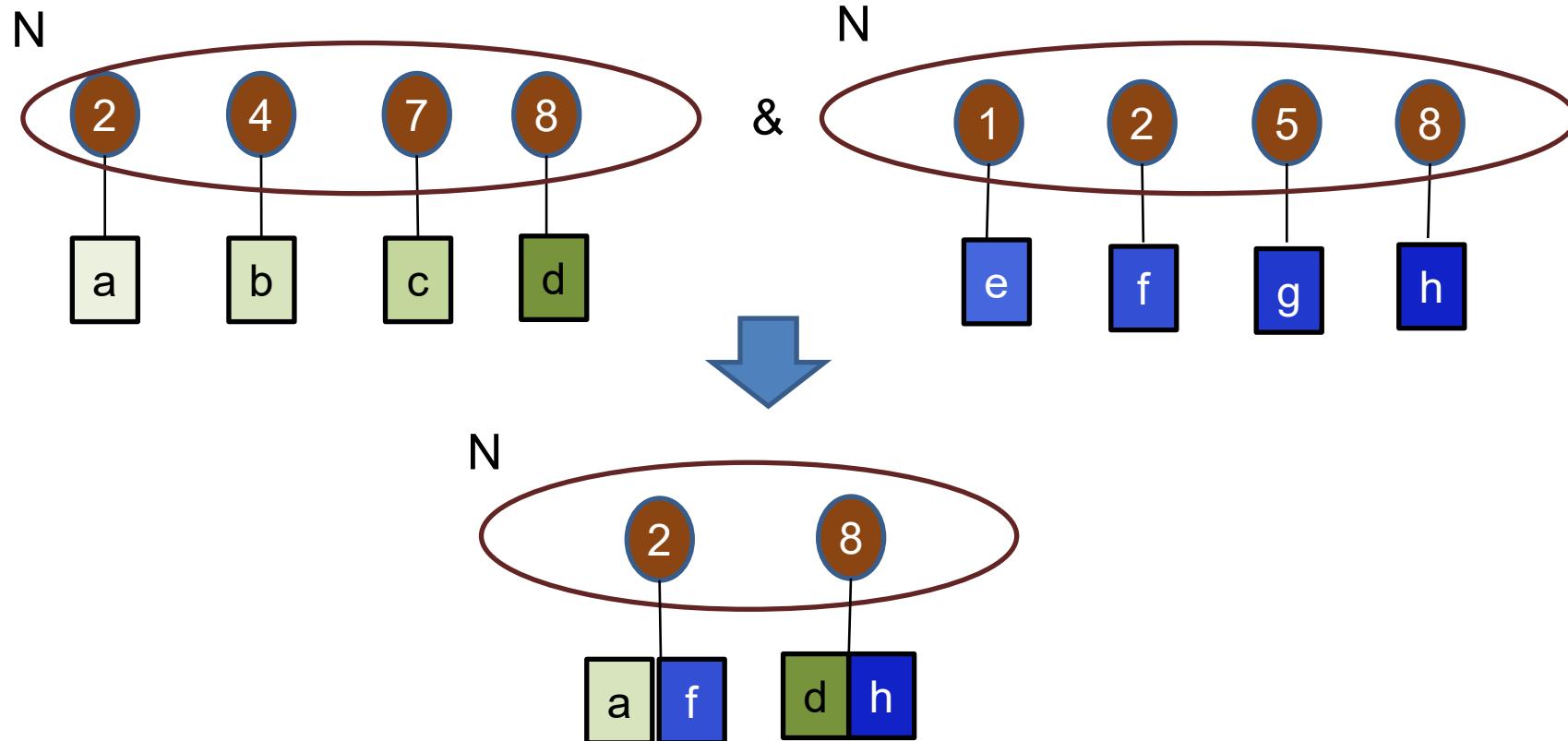
Einsum – Matrix Multiply

$$\mathbf{Z}_{m,n} = \mathbf{A}_{m,\textcolor{brown}{k}} \times \mathbf{B}_{n,\textcolor{brown}{k}}$$

- Shared indices -> intersection (&)

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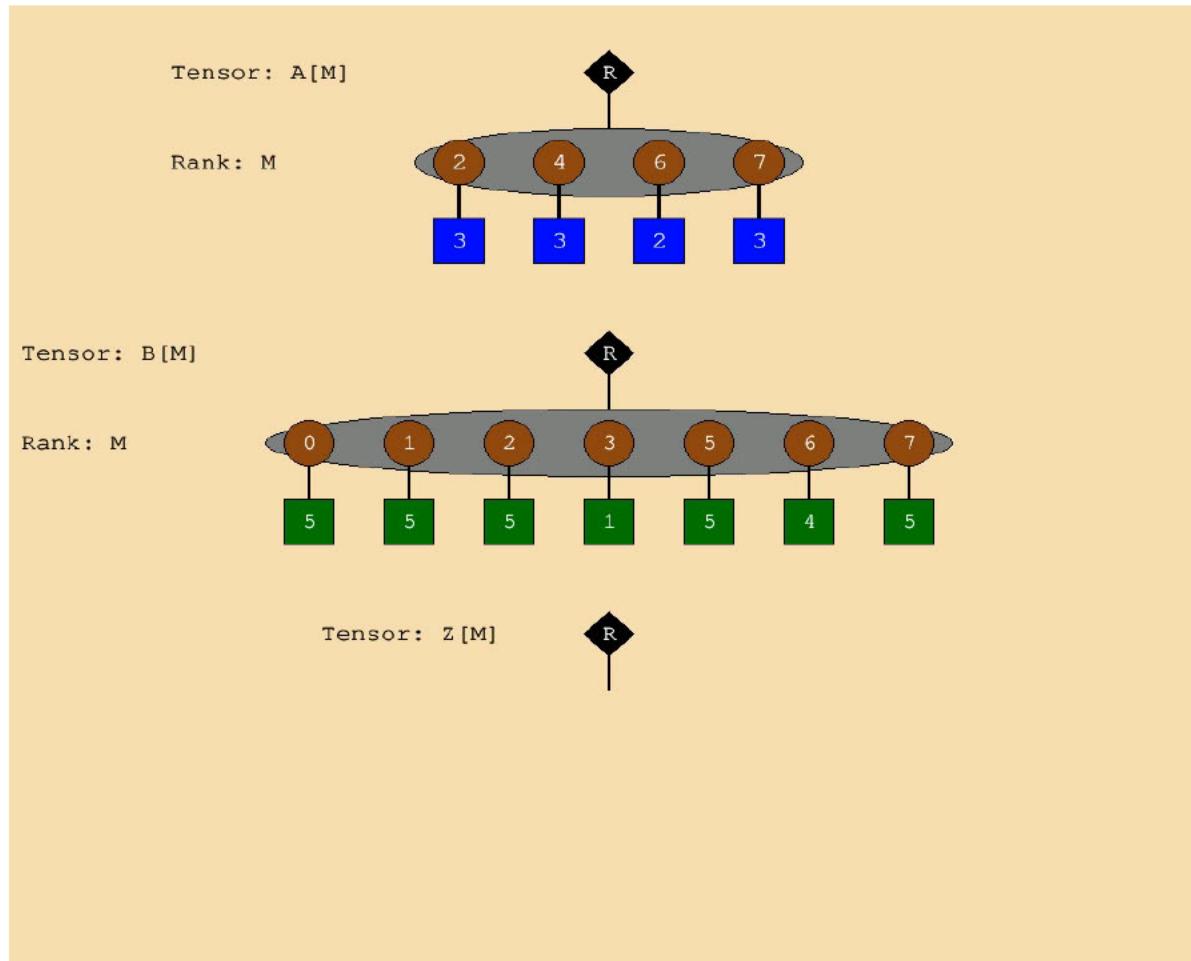
Fiber Intersection



Intersection

$A_m \times B_m$

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for (m, (a_val, b_val)) in a & b:  
    ...
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Einsum – Matrix Multiply

$$\textcolor{red}{Z}_{m,n} = \textcolor{blue}{A}_{m,\textcolor{brown}{k}} \times \textcolor{green}{B}_{n,\textcolor{brown}{k}}$$

- **Shared indices -> intersection (&)**
- **Contracted indices -> reduction (+=)**

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Einsum – Matrix Multiply

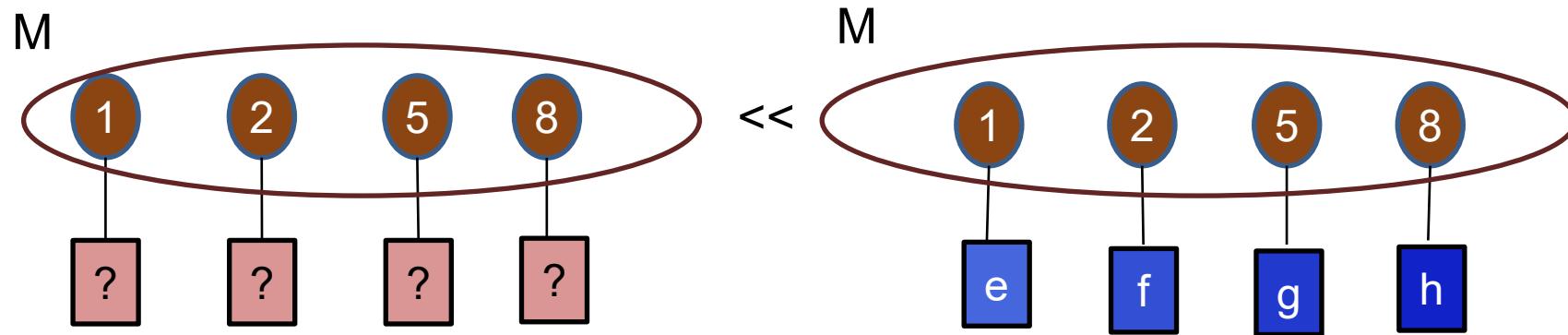
$$Z_{m,n} = A_{m,k} \times B_{n,k}$$

- **Shared indices -> intersection (&)**
- **Contracted indices -> reduction (+=)**
- **Uncontracted indices-> populate output point (<<)**

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Populate

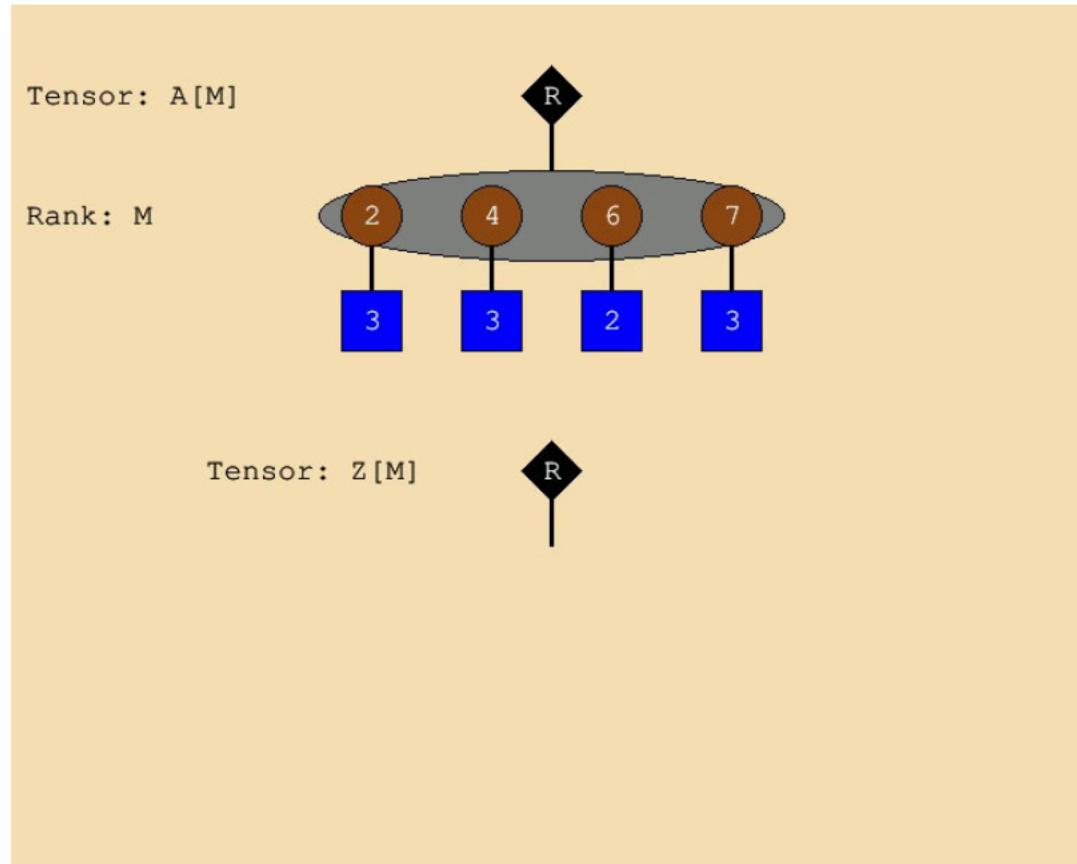
$$\mathbf{Z}_m = \mathbf{A}_m$$



Populate

$$Z_m = A_m$$

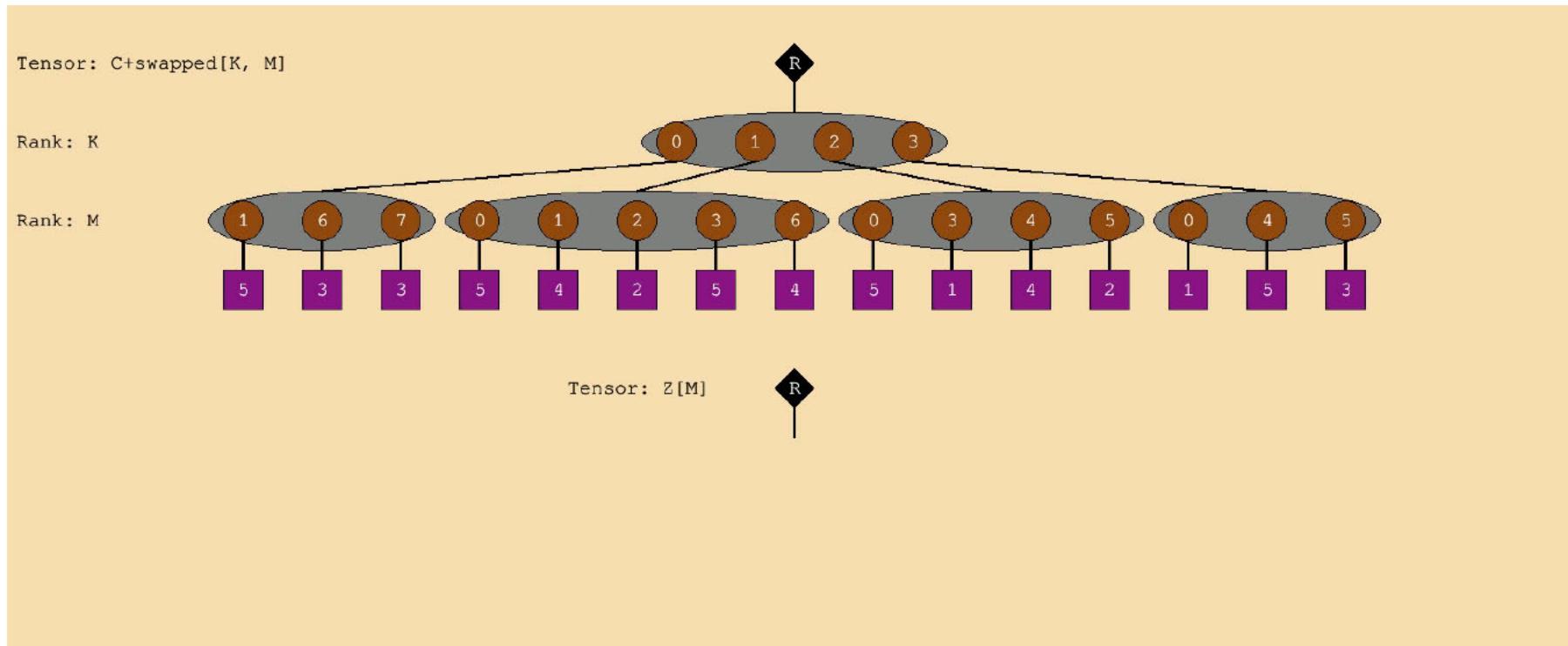
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for m, (z_ref, a_val) in z << a:  
    z_ref <= a_val
```



Populate+Reduce

$$Z_m = C_{k,m}$$

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for k, c_m in c:  
    for m, (z_ref, c_val) in z_m << c_m:  
        z_ref += c_val
```



Einsum - Convolution

$$O_{p,q,m} = I_{c,p+r,q+s} \times F_{m,c,r,s}$$

- Shared indices -> intersection (&)
- Contracted indices -> reduction (+=)
- Uncontracted indices -> populate output point(<<)
- Index arithmetic -> projection

[Extensor, Hegde, et.al., MICRO 2019]

Sparse Matrix Multiply - spMspM

spMspM – Loopnest

$$Z_{m,n} = A_{m,k} \times B_{n,k}$$

Traversal (s to f): M, N, K

```

a_m = Tensor(M,K)      # Input A
b_n = Tensor(N,K)      # Input B
z_m = Tensor(M,N)      # Output Z

for m, (z_n, a_k) in z_m << a_m:
    for n, (z_ref, b_k) in z_n << b_n:
        for k, (a_val, b_val): a_k & b_k
            z_ref += a_val * b_val

```

Populate coord in Z_m for each non-empty coord in A_m

Populate coord in $Z_{m,n}$ for each non-empty coord in B_n

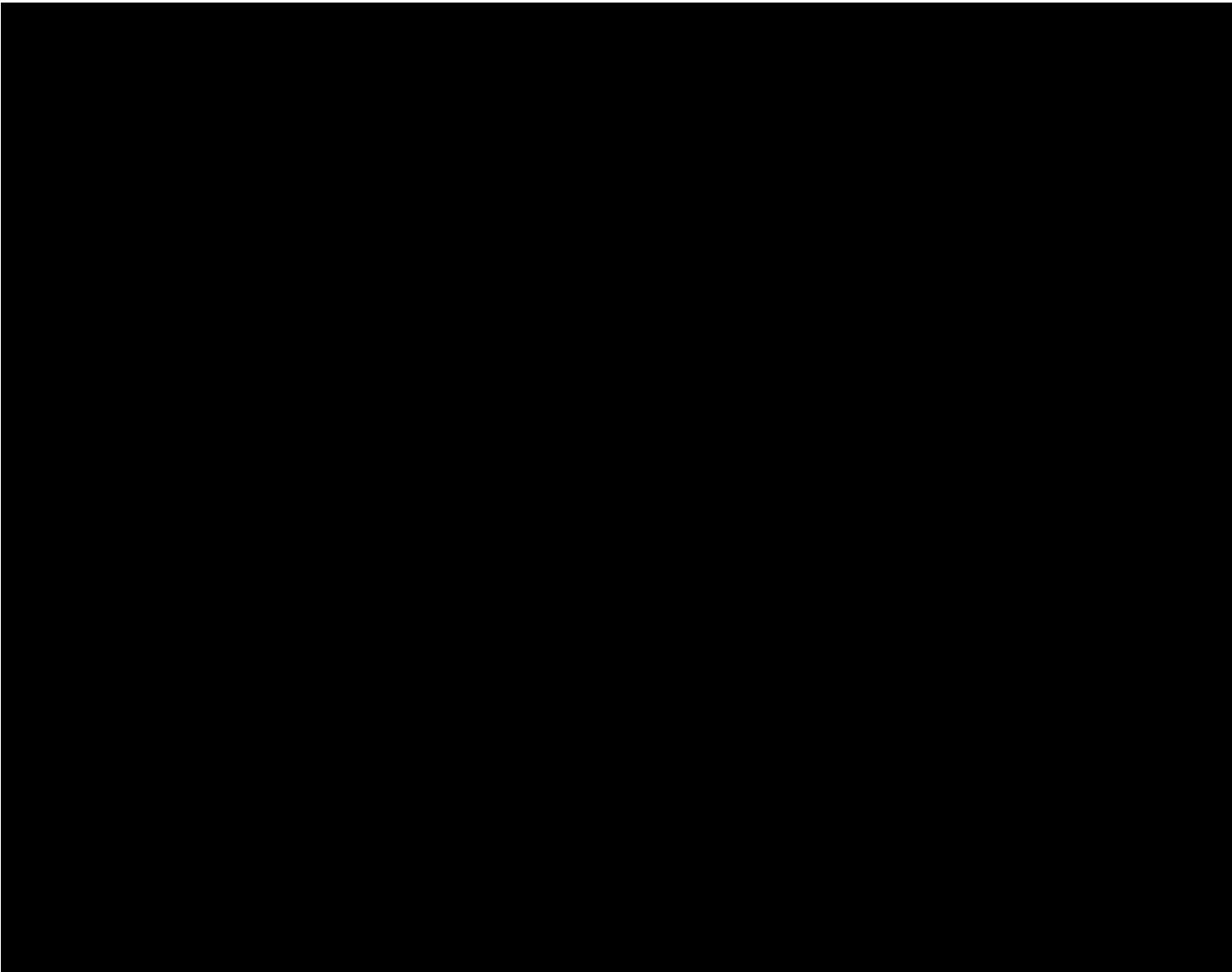
Intersect coords in fibers A_k and B_k

Reduce

What dataflow is this?

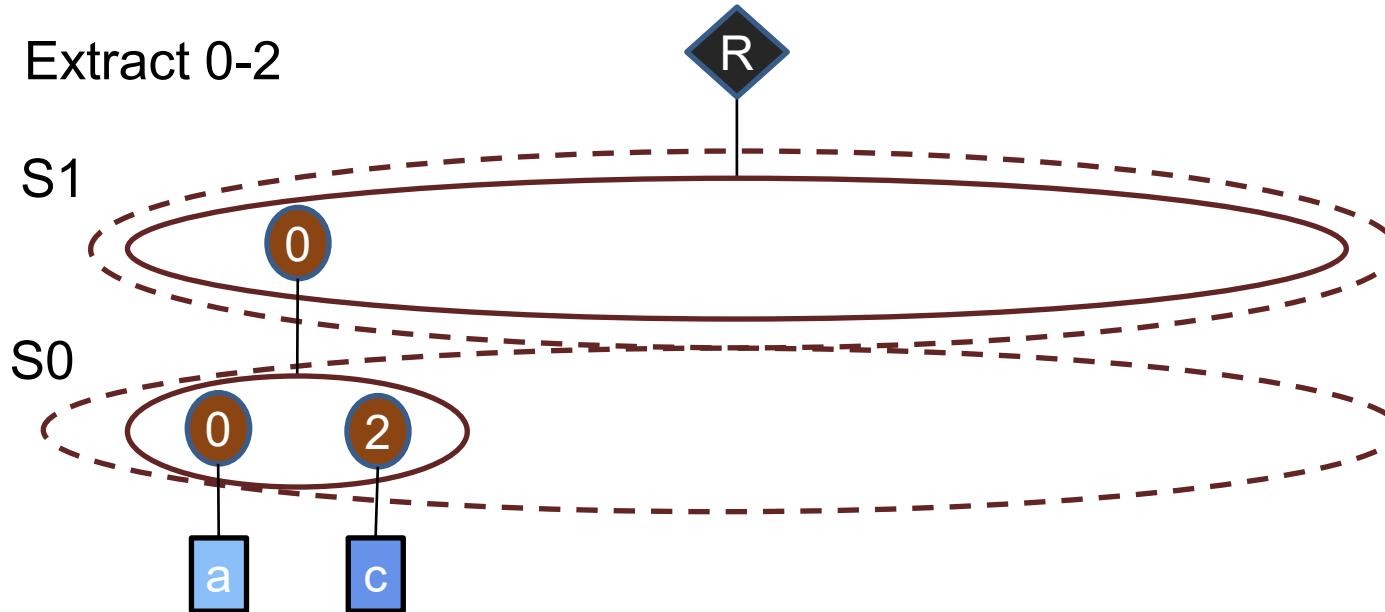
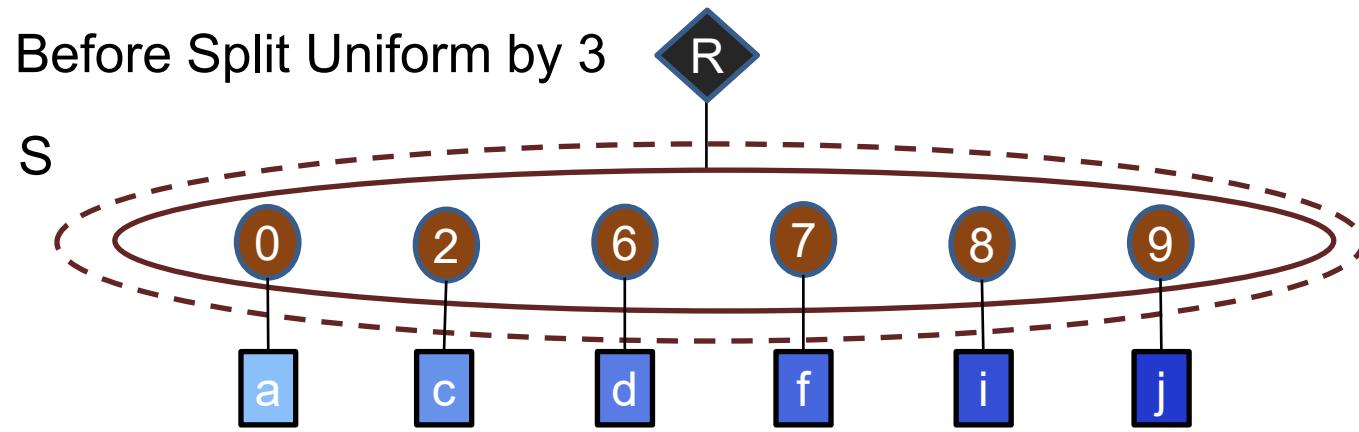
Output stationary

Output Stationary - Animation

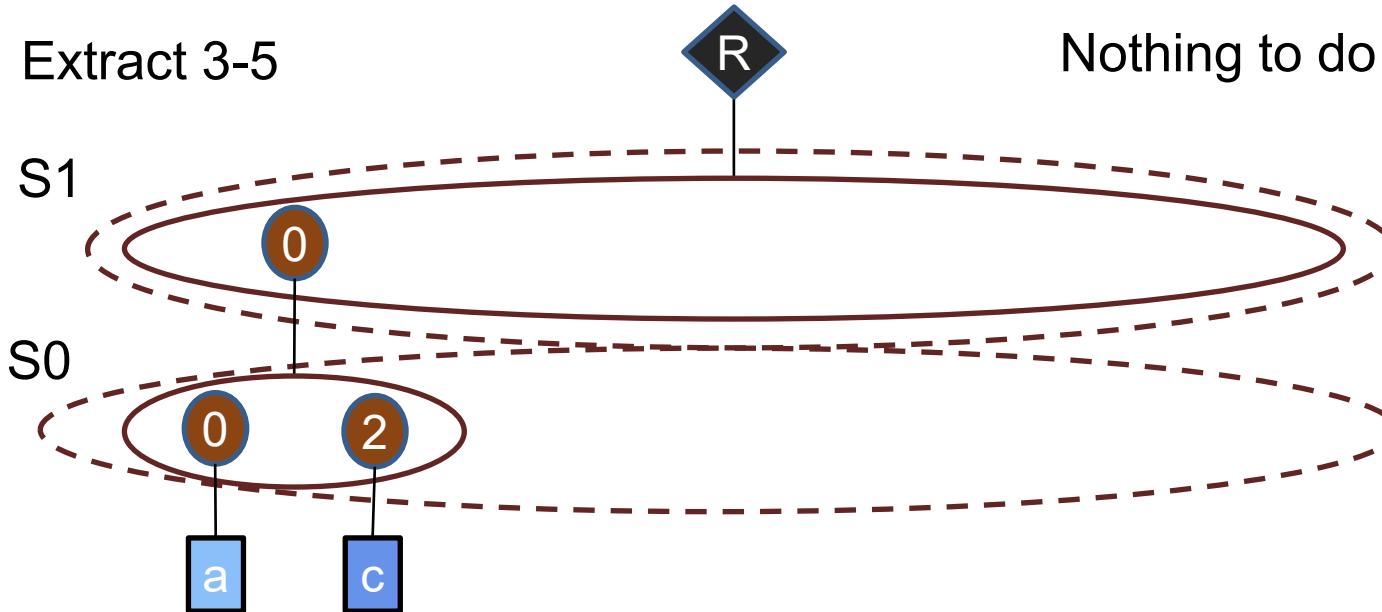
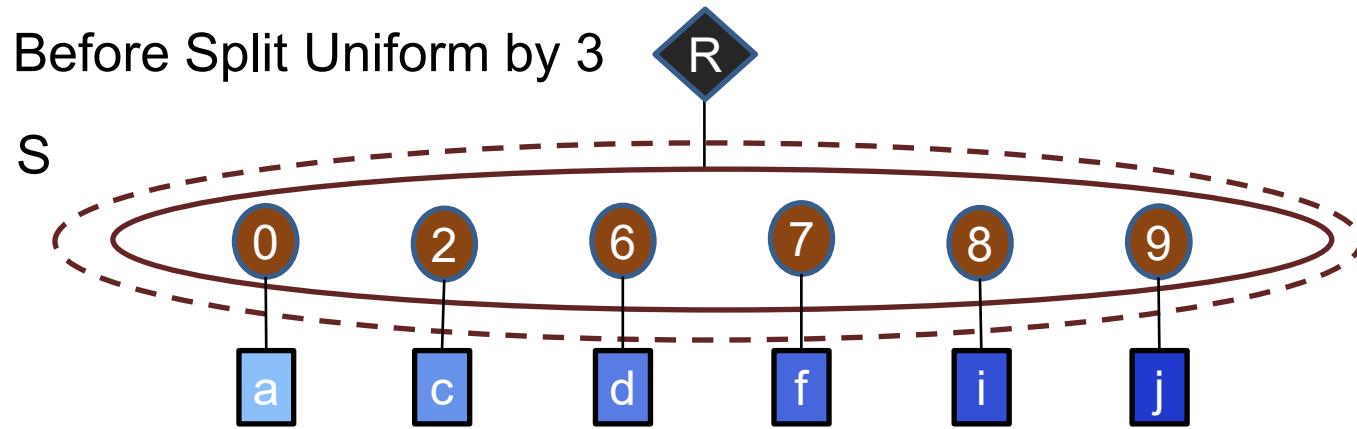


Sparse Data Tiling

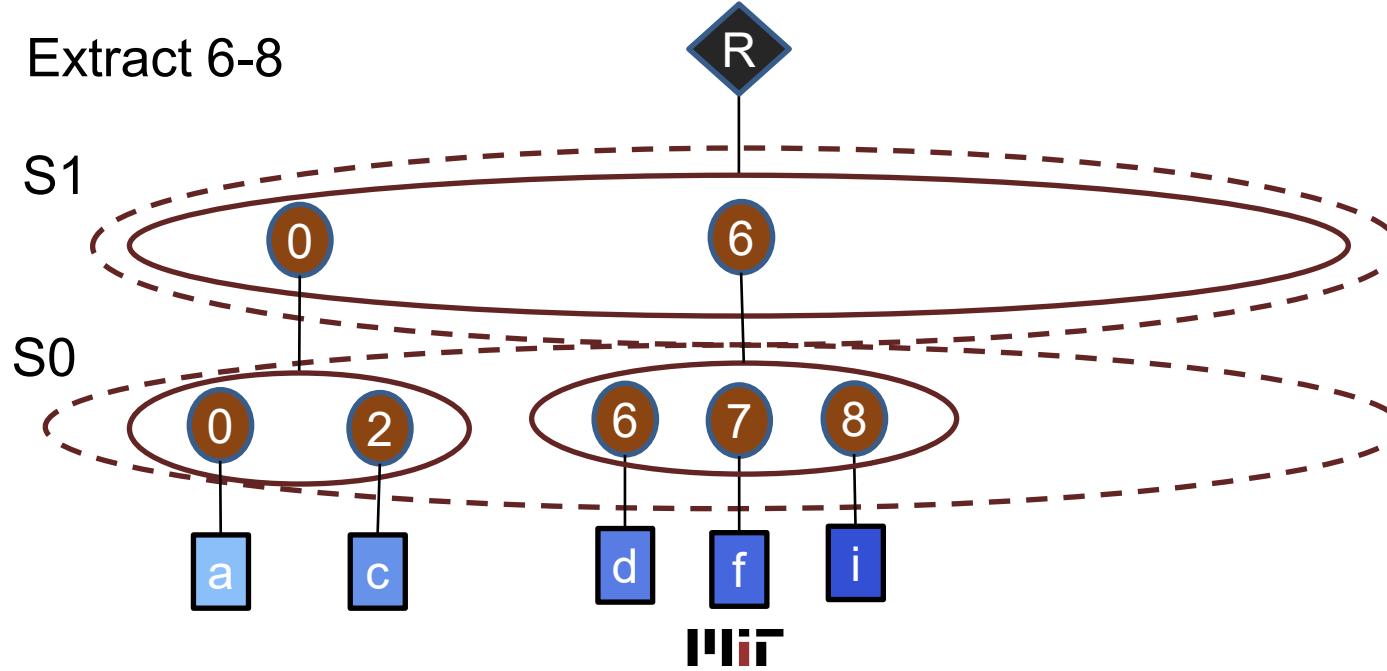
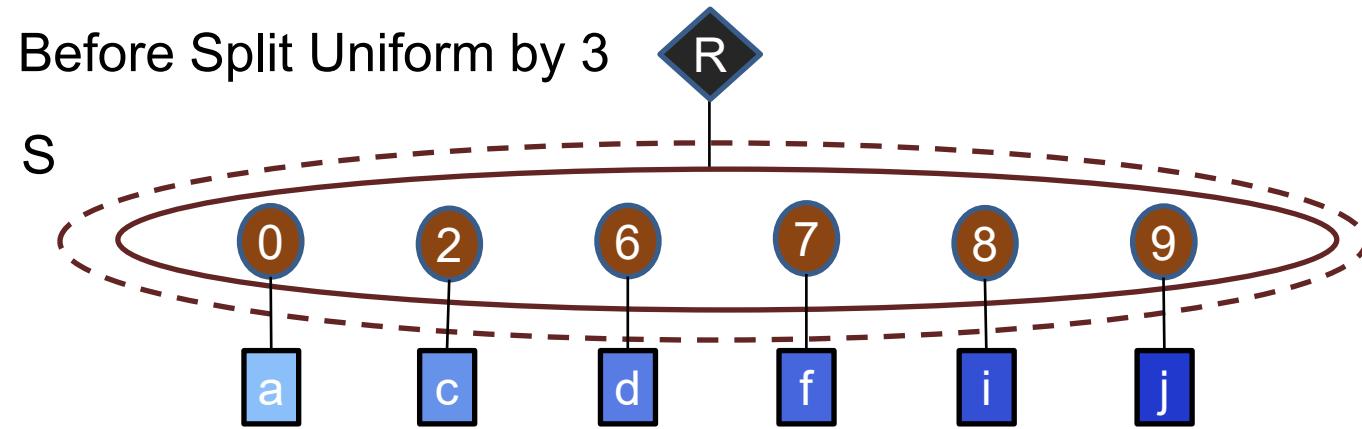
Fiber Splitting Uniformly in Coordinate Space



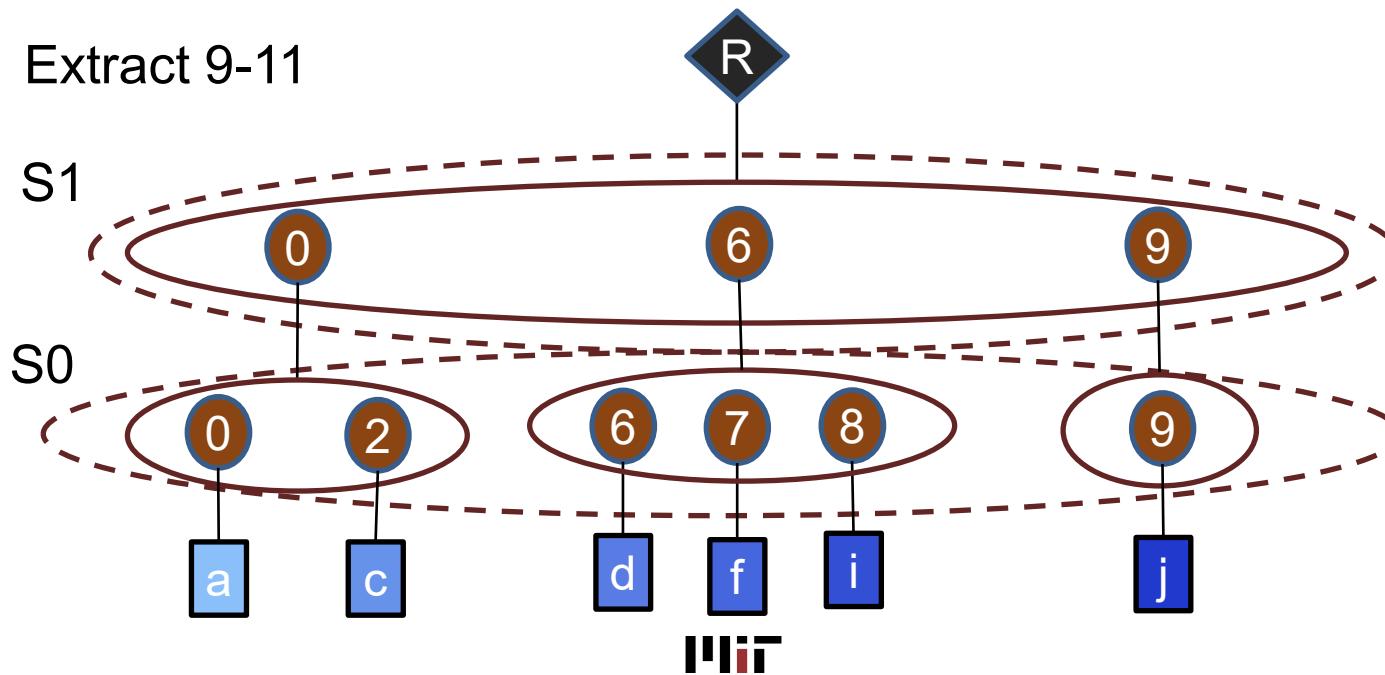
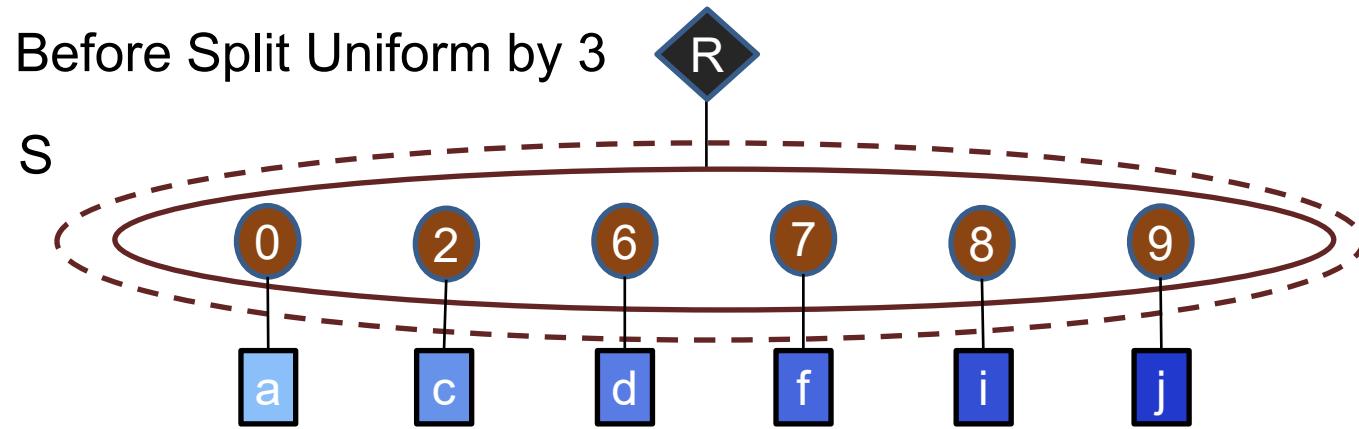
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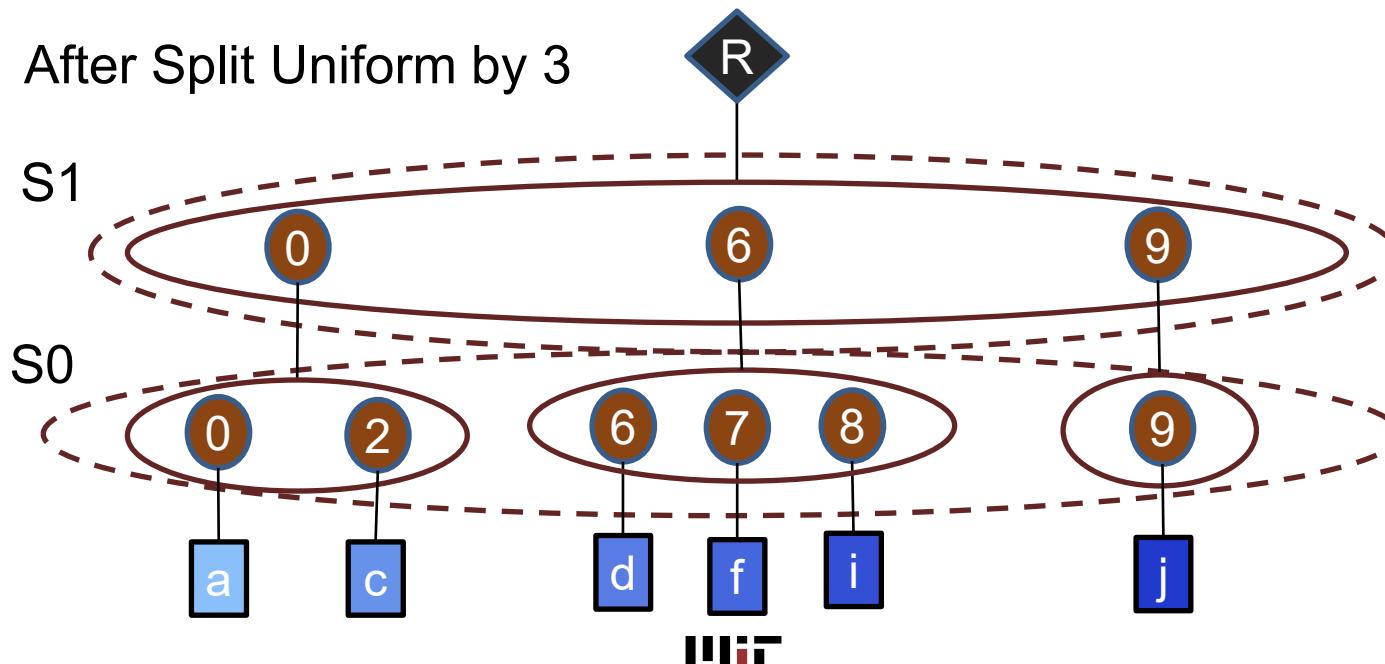
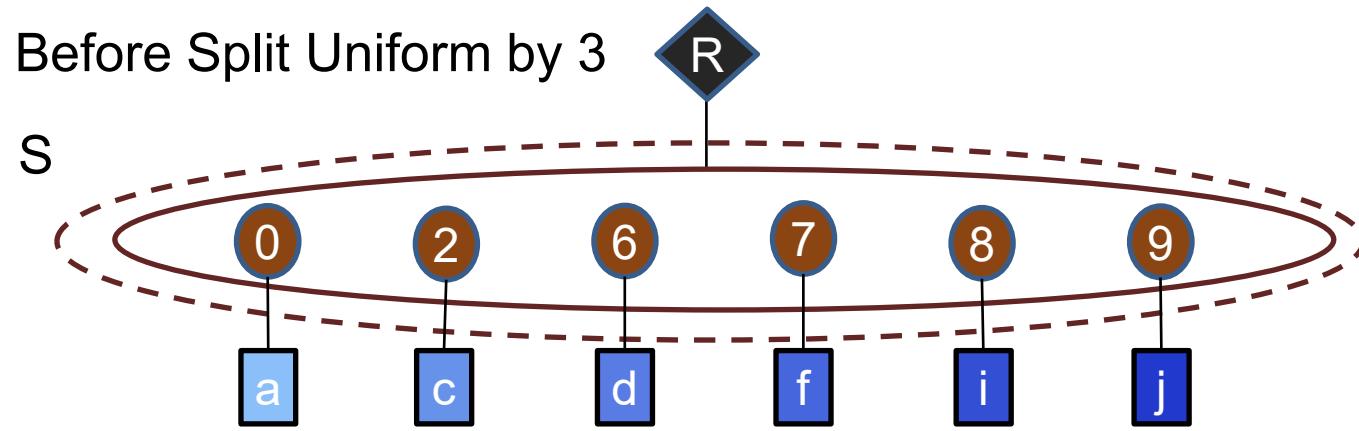
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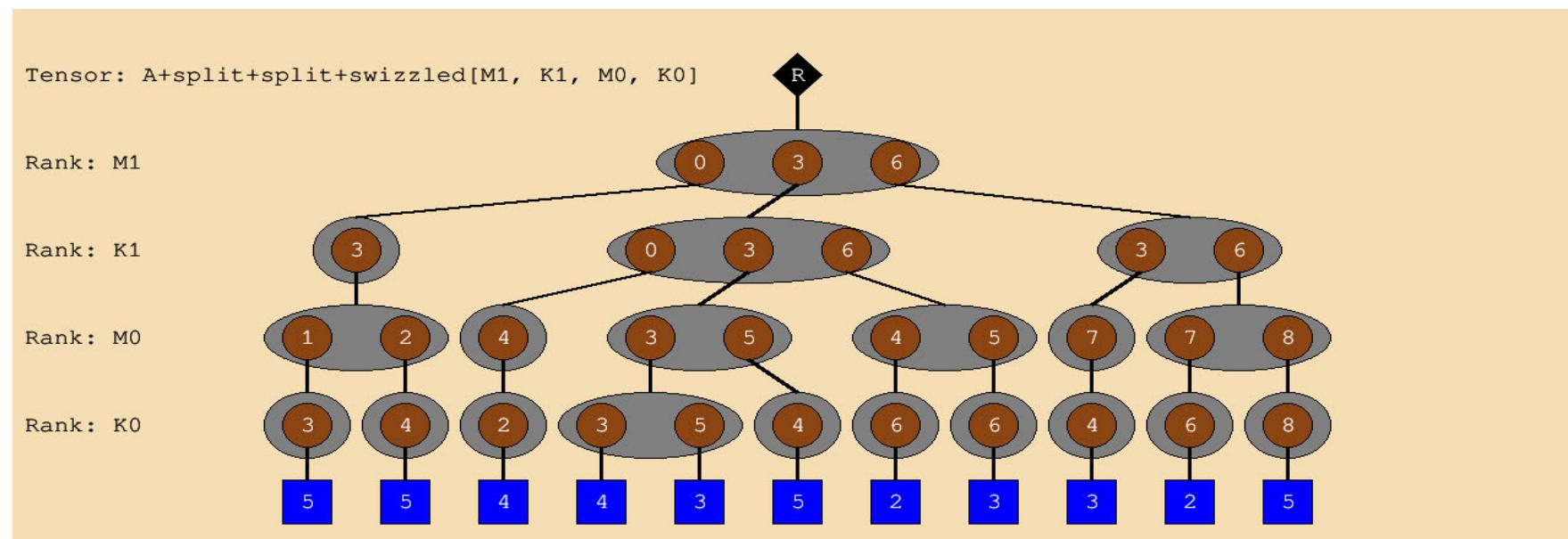
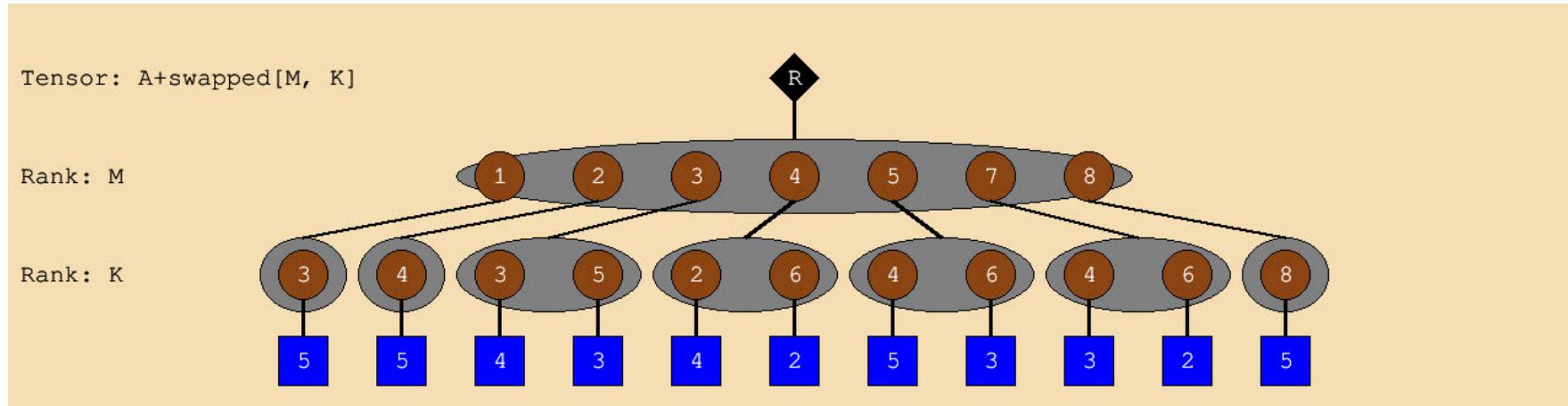


Fiber Splitting Uniformly in Coordinate Space



ExTensor

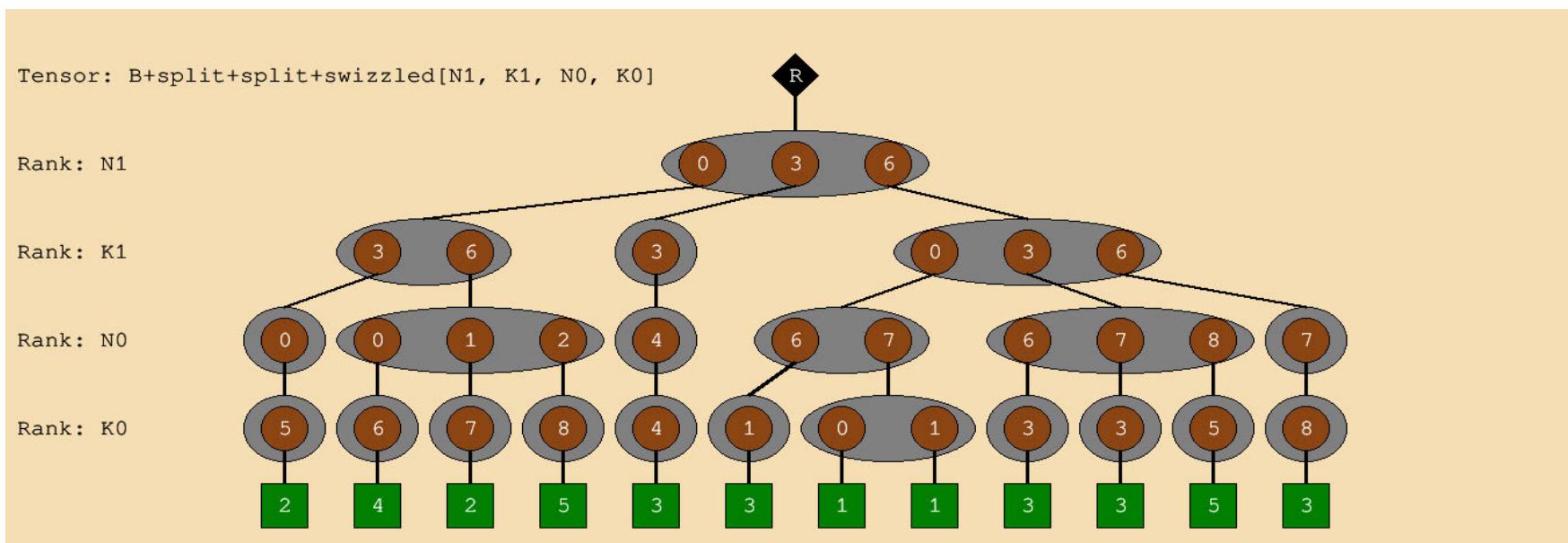
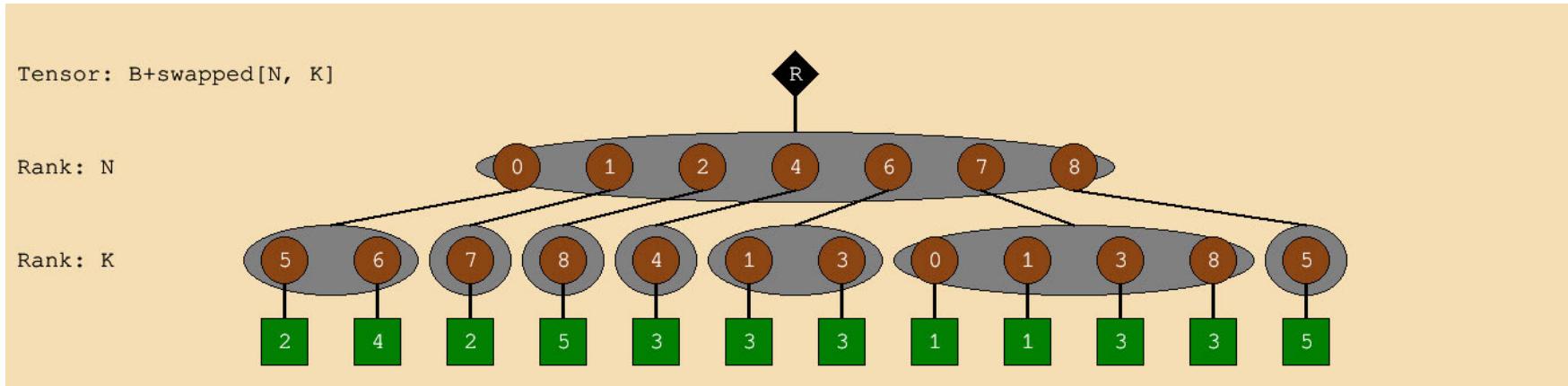
Tensor A – C-Space Split 3x3



Tensor A – Split 3x3 (uncompressed)

Tensor: A[K, M]				Rank: M								
				0	3	6						
				0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Rank: K	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	0	5	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	4	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	3	0	0	0
5	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	6	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	2	0	0	0
6	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0

Tensor B – C-space Split – 3x3



Two-level ExTensor – Loop Nest

$$Z_{m1,n1,m0,n0} = A_{m1,k1,m0,k0} \times B_{n1,k1,n0,k0}$$

Schedule (s to f): M1, N1, K1, M0, N0, K0 Parallel K1

```

a_m1 = Tensor(M1,K1,M0,K0)      # Input A
b_n1 = Tensor(N1,K1,N0,K0)      # Input B
z_m1 = Tensor(M1,N1,M0,N0)      # Output Z

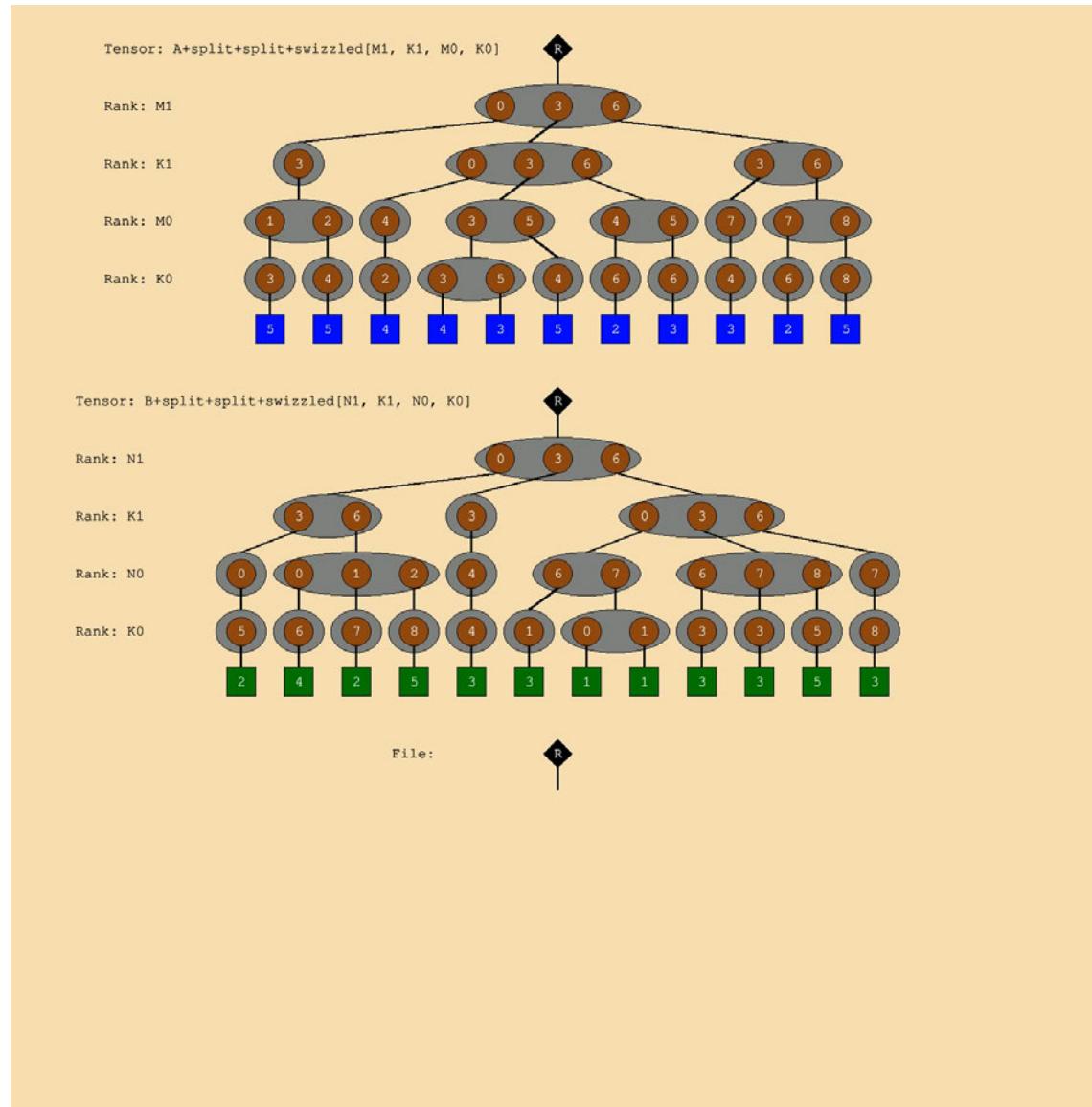
for m1, (z_n1, a_k1) in z_m1 << a_m1:
    for n1, (z_m0, b_k1) in z_n1 << b_n1:
        parallel-for k1, (a_m0, b_n0) in a_k1 & b_k1:
            for m0, (z_n0, a_k0) in z_m0 << a_m0:
                for n0, (z_ref, b_k0) in z_n0 << b_n0:
                    for k0, (a_val, b_val)) in a_k0 & b_k0:
                        z_ref += a_val * b_val

```

Populate a tile in Z for each tile in A

Intersect tiles in A and B

Two-level ExTensor Animation



Two-level ExTensor - Observations

- Tile corresponds to top two coordinates
- One traversal through the A tiles
- Multiple traversals through the B tiles
- Traversals in A and B stay within a tile and then move to another tile.
- Output tiles created successively
- Note output tile 0,0 is never created.

ExTensor - Concepts

- **Hierarchical Sparse Tiling**
- **Hierarchical Intersection**
- **Optimized intersection unit**

OuterSPACE

OuterSPACE - Einsum

$$Z_{m,n} = A_{m,k} \times B_{n,k}$$



$$T_{k,m,n} = A_{k,m} \times B_{k,n}$$

$$Z_{m,n} = T_{m,n,k}$$

Note: Indices rearranged for improved readability

OuterSPACE – Einsum+Schedule

$$T_{k,m,n} = A_{k,m} \times B_{k,n}$$

Outer Product

Loop order (s to f) K, M, N

Parallelize across M

$$Z_{m,n} = T_{m,n,k}$$

Loop order (s to f): M, N, K

Parallelize across: K

Note: Indices rearranged for improved readability

*Tiling not modeled

OuterSPACE – Loopnest

```
a = Tensor(K,M)      # Input A
b = Tensor(K,N)      # Input B
t = Tensor(K,M,N)    # Temporary
z = Tensor(M,N)      # Output

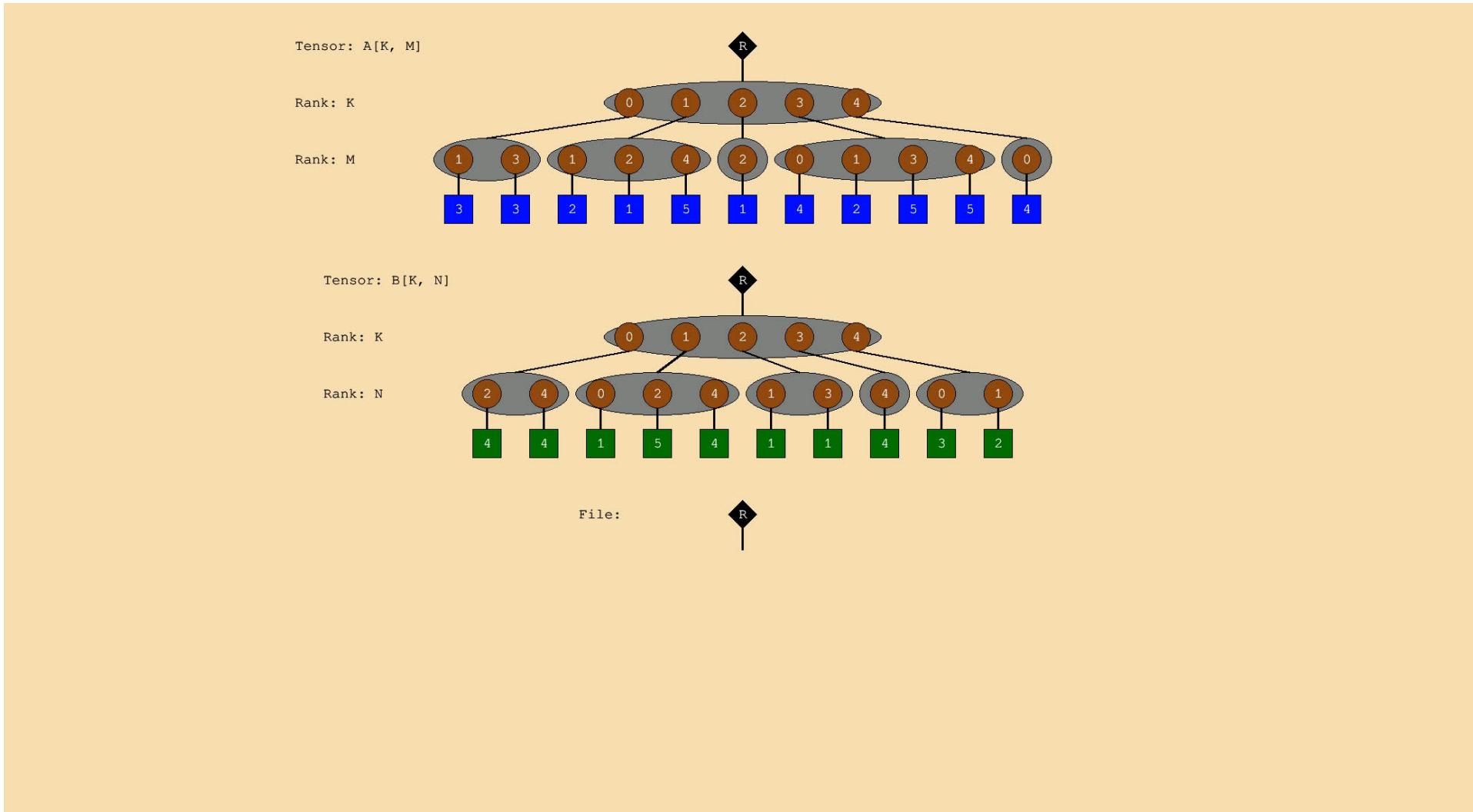
for k, (t_m, (a_m, b_n)) in t_k << (a_k & b_k):
    p-for m, (t_n, a_val) in t_m << a_m:
        for n, (t_ref, b_val) in t_n << b_n:
            t_ref += a_val * b_val

for m, (z_n, t_n) in z_m << t_m:
    for n, (z_ref, t_k) in z_n << t_n:
        p-for k, t_val in t_k:
            z_ref += t_val
```

Populate temporary for each k

Intersection on k for A and B

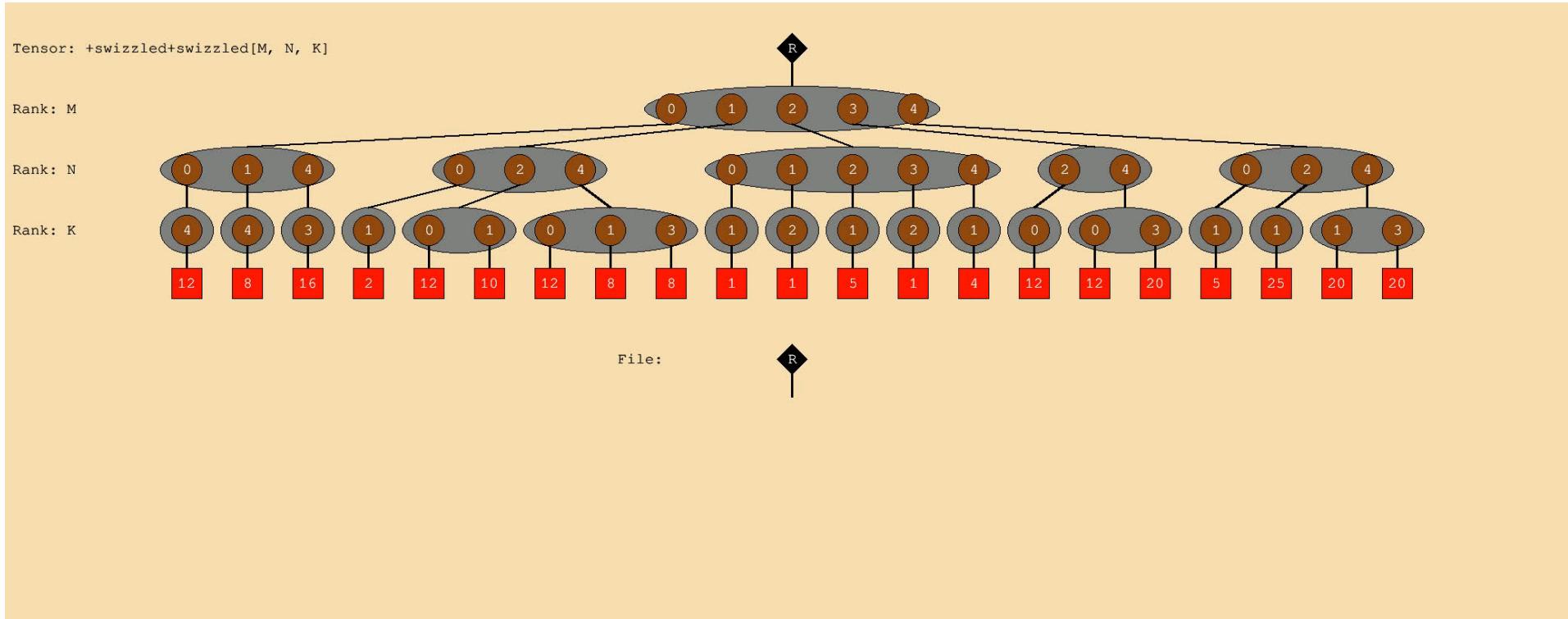
OuterSPACE – Step 1



OuterSPACE – Step 1 - Observations

- **Concordant traversal of B**
 - with multicast use of a B_n element in a step
- **Concordant traversal of A**
 - with parallel access to elements in A_m fiber
- **Works on one element of T_k fiber of T matrix at a time**
- **Parallel append traversal to multiple T_n fibers of T matrix**

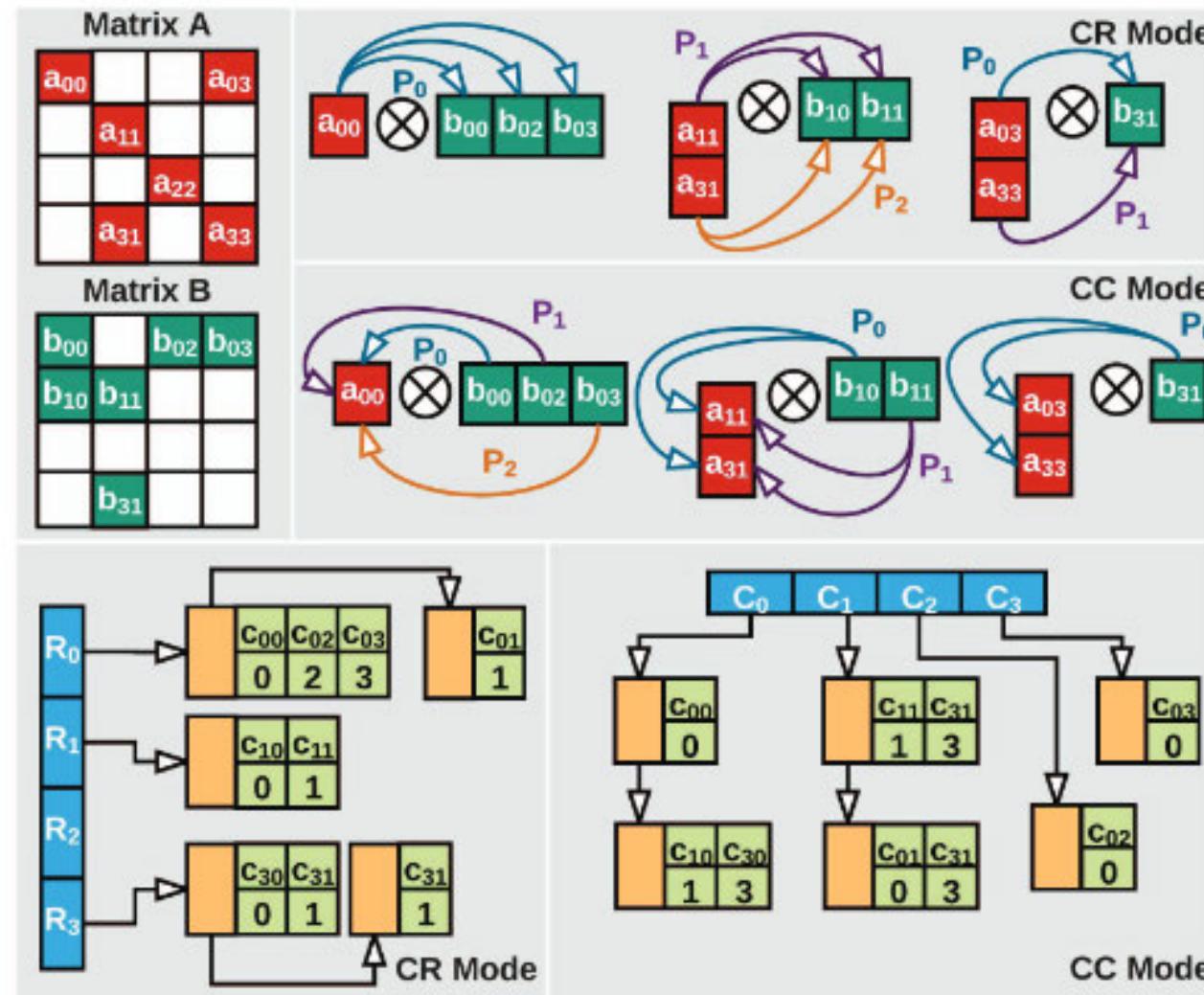
OuterSPACE – Step 2



OuterSPACE – Step 2 - Observations

- Concordant traversal of T tensor
 - with parallel access to elements in T_k fiber
- Concordant traversal of A
 - with parallel access to A_m fiber
- Works on one output K matrix at a time
- Parallel append traversal of Z matrix
- But creation order of T matrix (K, M, N) is different than consumption order (M, N, K)!

OuterSPACE - Design



[OuterSPACE, Pal, et.al., HPCA 2018]

OuterSPACE - Concepts

- Two step process: partial output creation then reducing partial outputs
- Create multiple partial output tiles using outer product
- Efficient format for different traversal orders on creation/consumption of partial result matrices.

Traversing Sparse Tensors

Concordant Traversal - Uncompressed

Traversal order (slowest to fastest): K, M

Tensor: A[K, M]

Rank: M

Rank: K

	0	1	2	3
0	0	3	0	3
1	2	3	1	3
2	5	0	1	0

Discordant Traversal - Uncompressed

Traversal order (slowest to fastest): K, M

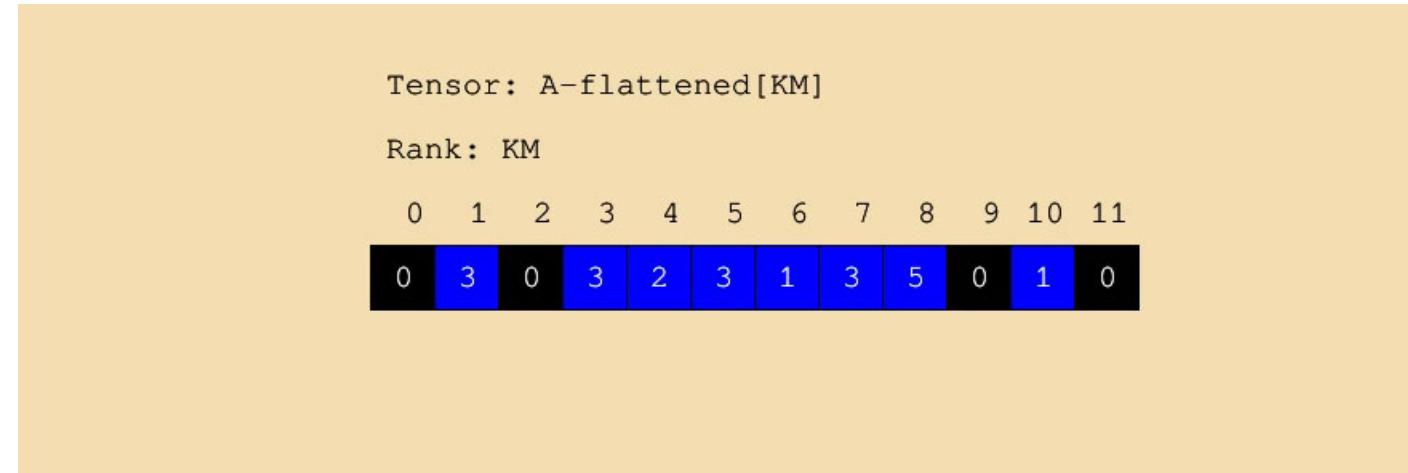
Tensor: A[K, M]				
		Rank: M		
		0	1	2
Rank: K		0	3	0
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		2	3	1
		5	0	1
				0

Any difficulties with the pattern?

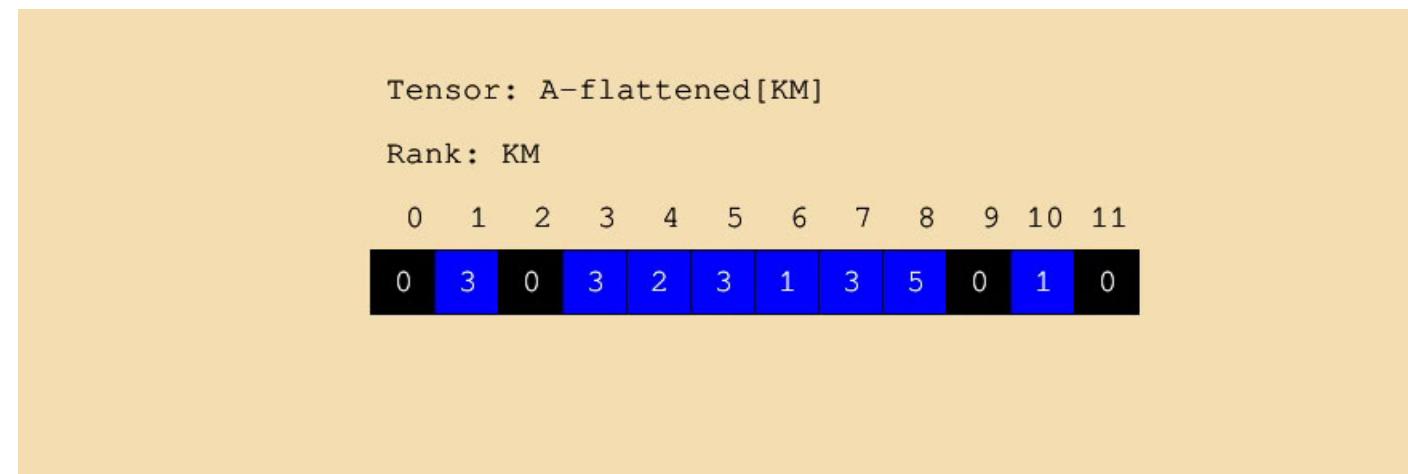
Not good with block memory reads

Traversal - Flattened

Traversal order (slowest to fastest): K,M

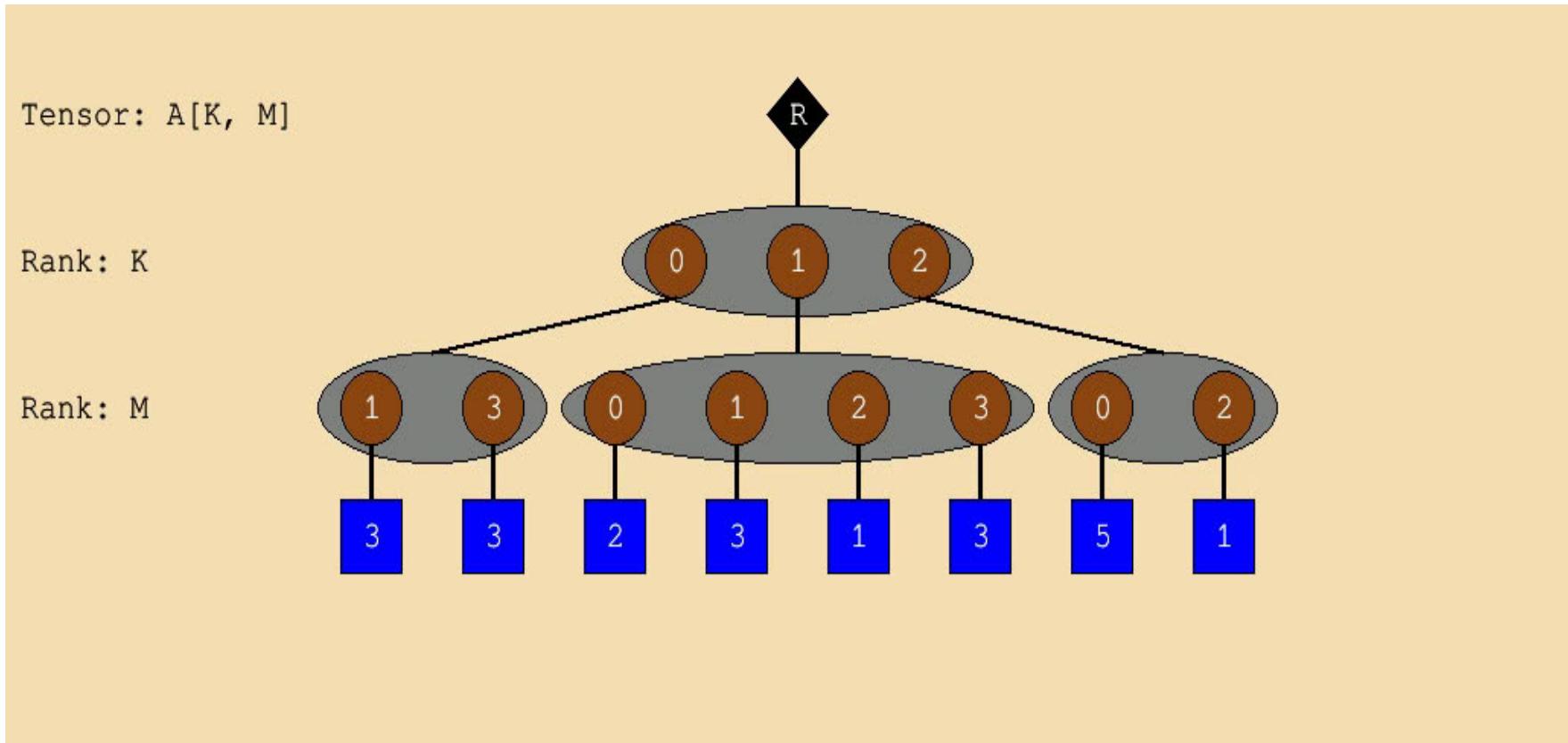


Traversal order (slowest to fastest): M,K



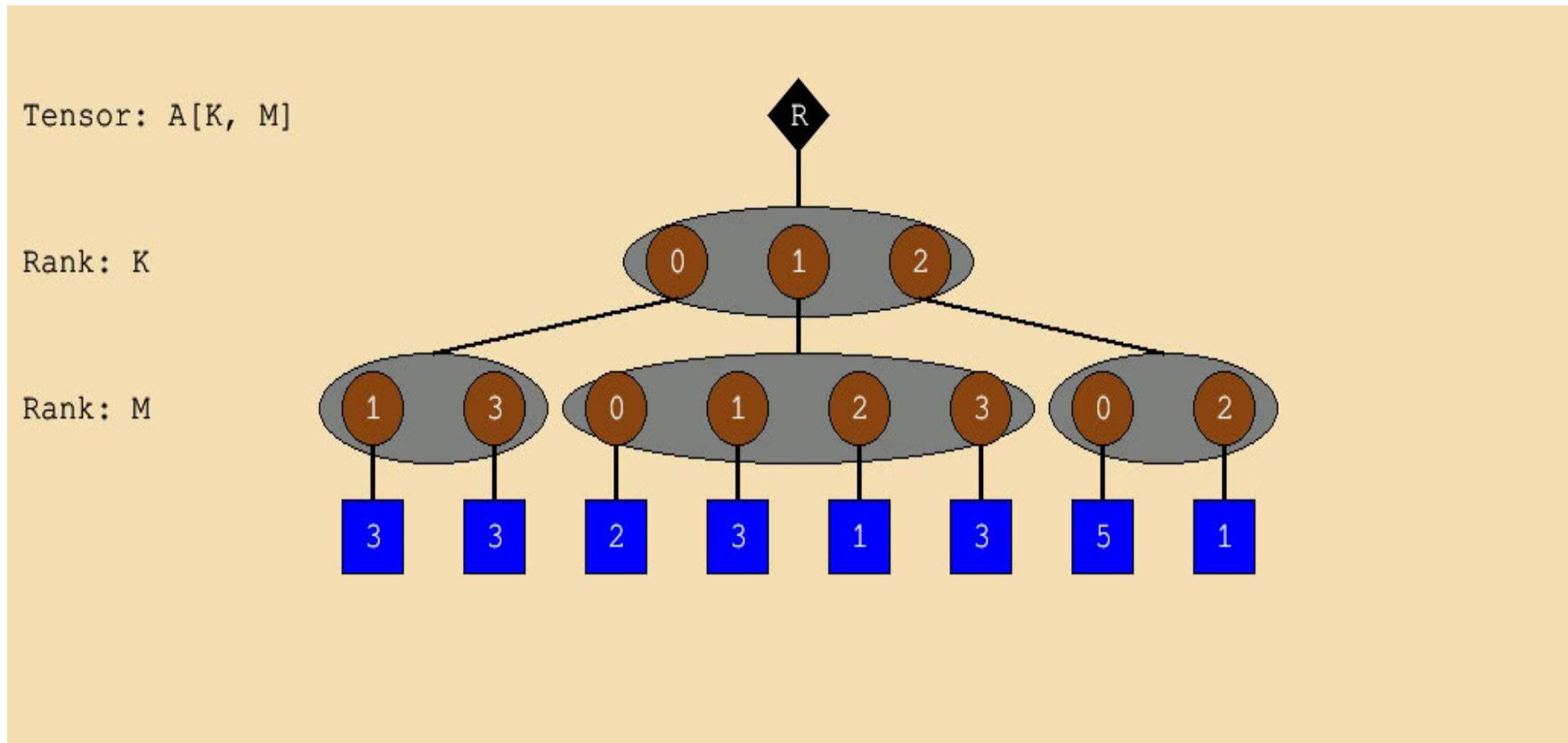
Concordant Traversal - Fibertree

Traversal order (slowest to fastest): K, M

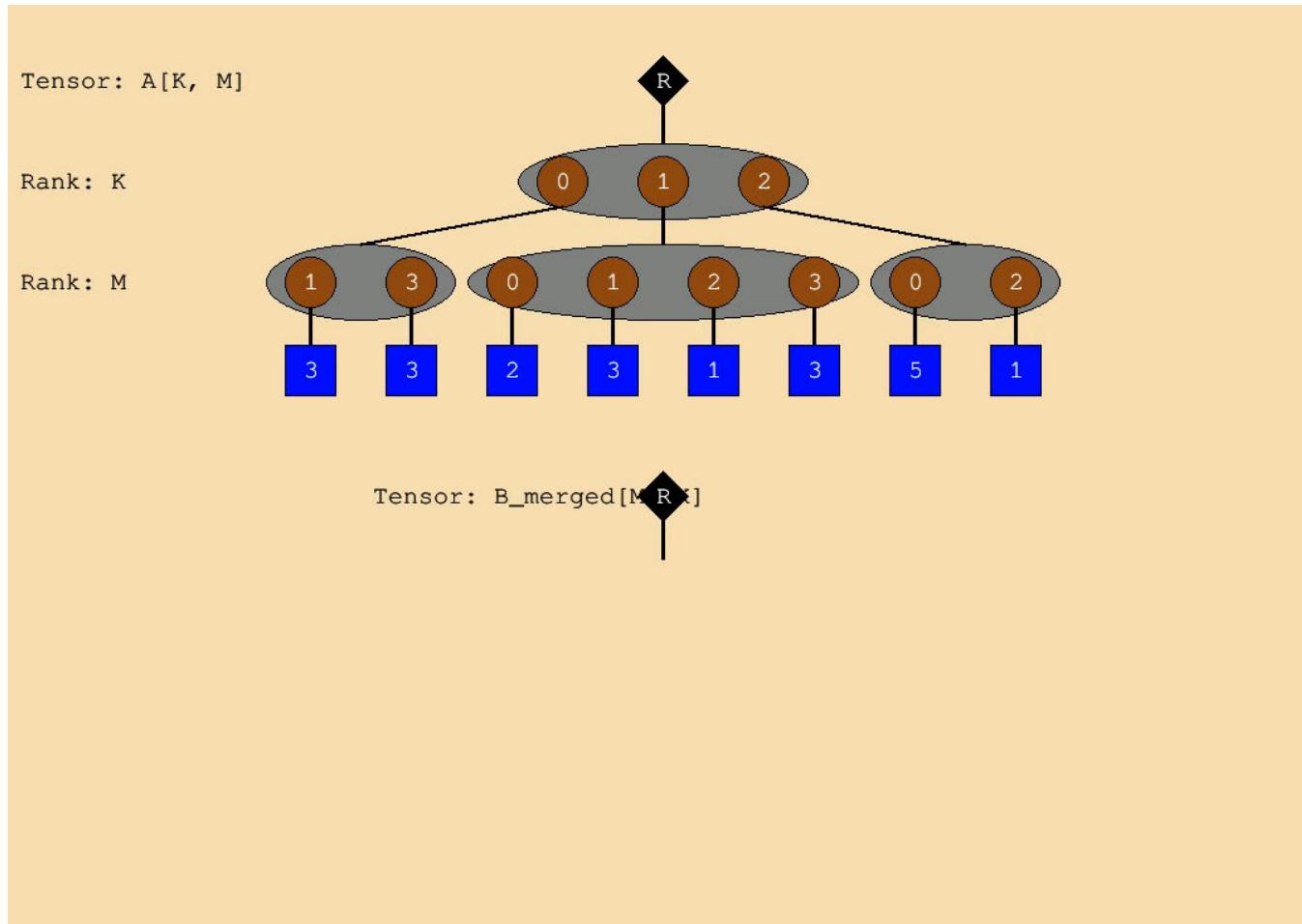


Discordant Traversal - Fibertree

Traversal order (slowest to fastest): M,K



Rank Swizzle/Merger



Take lowest untaken coordinate in input M -fibers and place into result at location with coordinates reversed

Gamma

Gamma Dataflow

$$Z_{m,n} = A_{m,k} \times B_{n,k}$$



$$T_{m,k,n} = \text{right}(A_{m,k}, B_{k,n})$$

$$Z_{m,n} = T_{m,n,k} \times A_{k,m}$$

- $\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Traversal (s to f): } M, K, N \\ \text{Parallel } K, M^* \end{array} \right\}$
- $\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Traversal (s to f): } M, N, K \\ \text{Parallel } M^* \end{array} \right\}$

*Not modelled

Gamma Loopnest (no M parallelism)

```
a = Tensor(M,K)      # Input A
b = Tensor(K,N)      # Input B
t = Tensor(M,K,N)    # Temporary
z = Tensor(M,N)      # Output

for m, (t_k, a_k) in t_m << a_m:
    p-for k, (t_n, (a_val, b_n)) in t_k << (a_k & b_k):
        for n, (t_ref, b_val) in t_n << b_n:
            t_ref <= b_val

# swizzle ranks of t here...

for m, (z_n, (t_n, a_k)) in z_m << (t_m & a_m):
    for n, (z_ref, t_k) in z_n << t_n:
        for k, (t_val, a_val) in t_k & a_k:
            z_ref += t_val * a_val
```

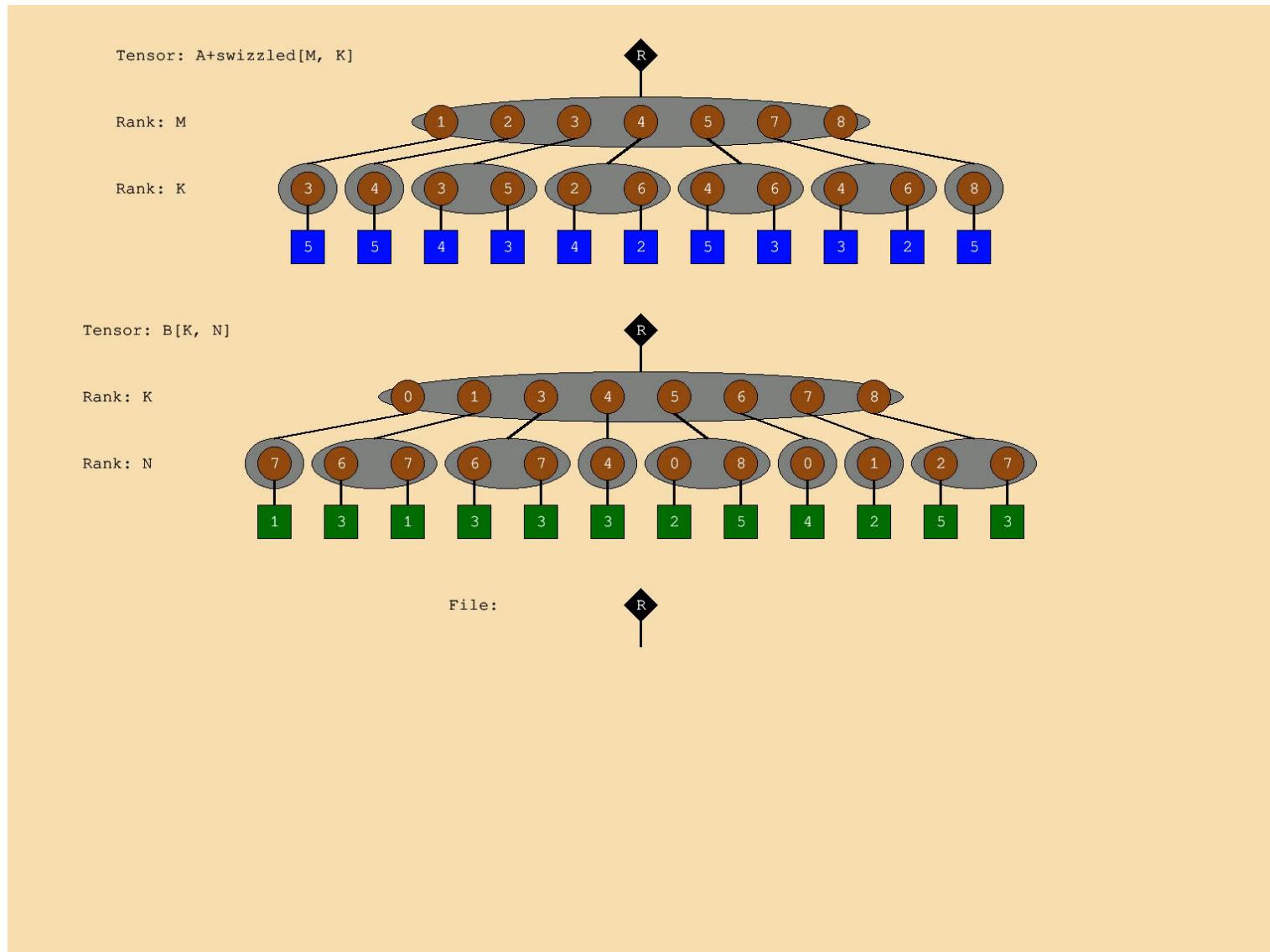
Gamma - Step 1

$$T_{m,k,n} = \text{right}(A_{m,k}, B_{k,n})$$

Traversal (s to f): M, K, N

Parallel K, M*

*Not modelled

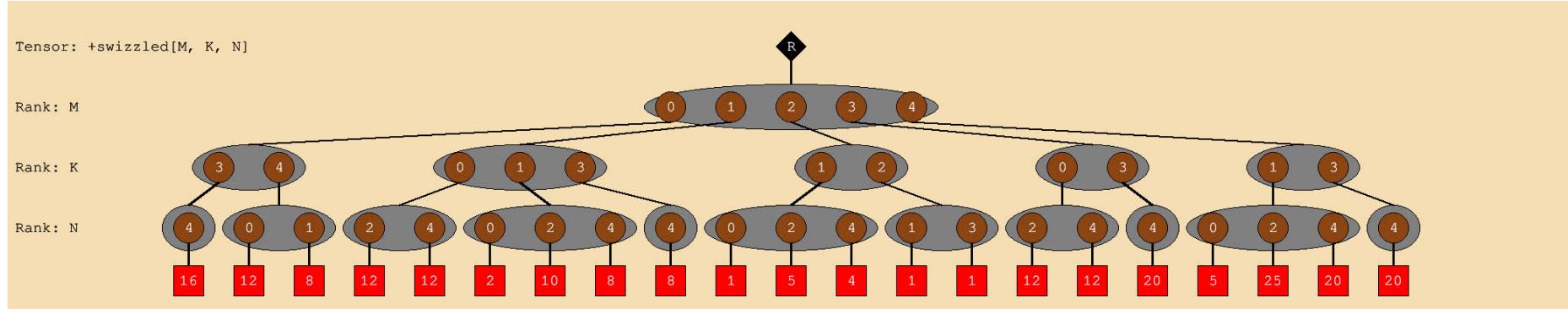


Gamma – Step 1 - Observations

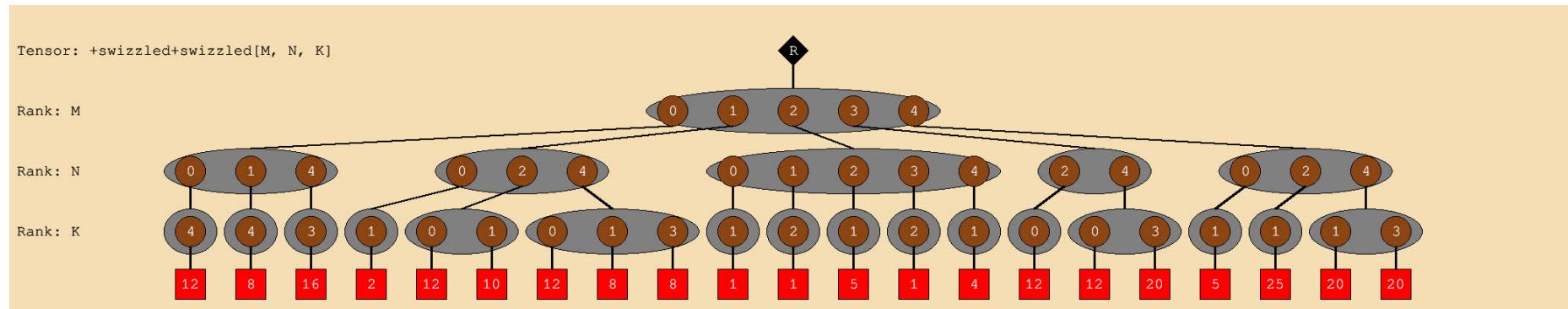
- There is a single concordant traversal of A
- The same B_n fibers are fetched multiple times.
- For each specific M, the processing is parallel across K
 - And the T_n fibers below are created concordently
 - Thus, creating T in a manner that allows for it to be rank swizzled

Gamma - Rank Swizzled T

$T[M, K, N]$



$T'[M, N, K]$



Since elements of each K fiber in $T[M, K, N]$ are processed in parallel and elements in N fibers are created concordantly, the head elements needed for the swizzle are available!

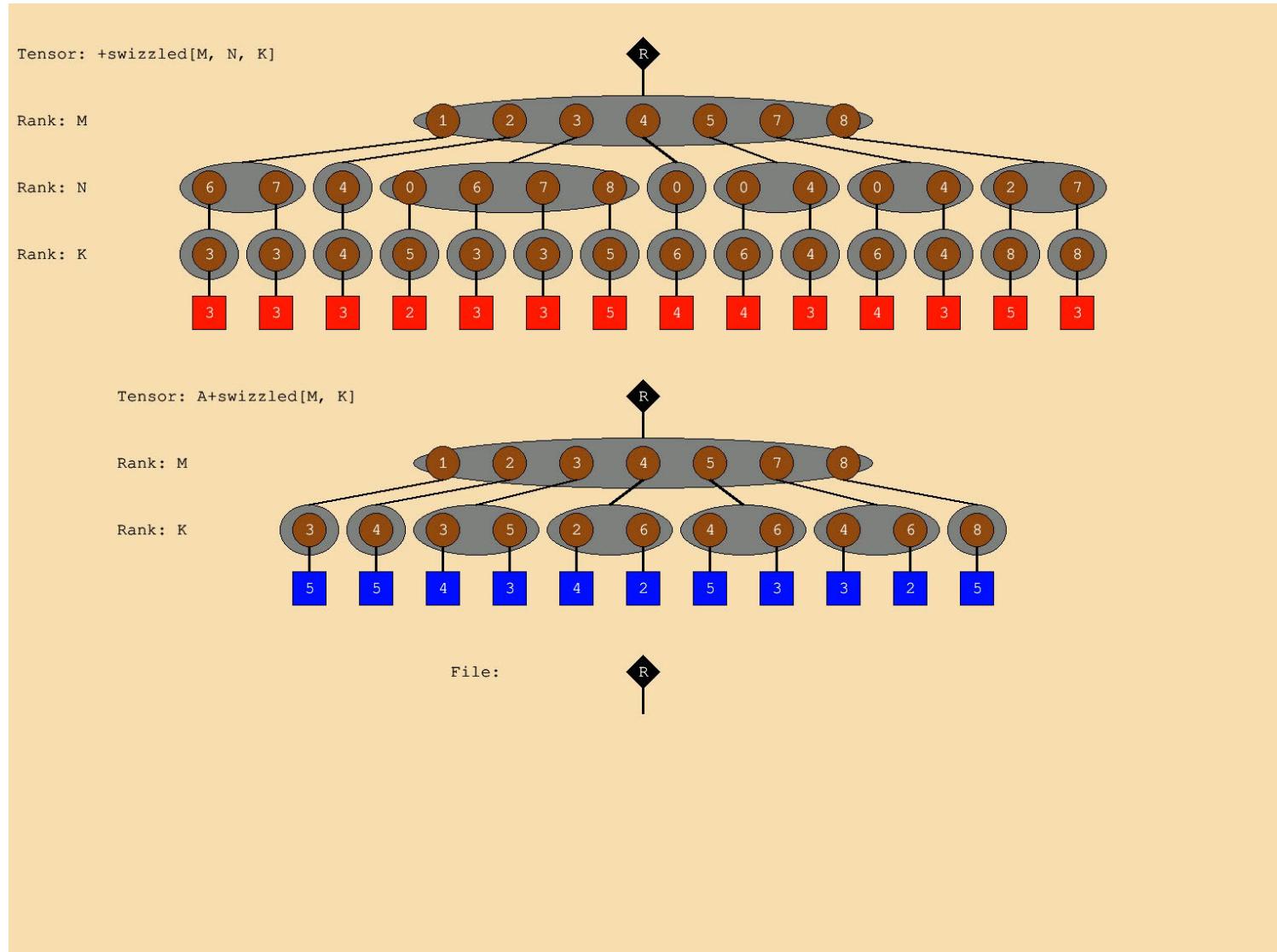
Gamma – Step 2

$$Z_{m,n} = T_{m,n,k} \times A_{k,m}$$

Traversal (s to f): M, N, K

Parallel M*

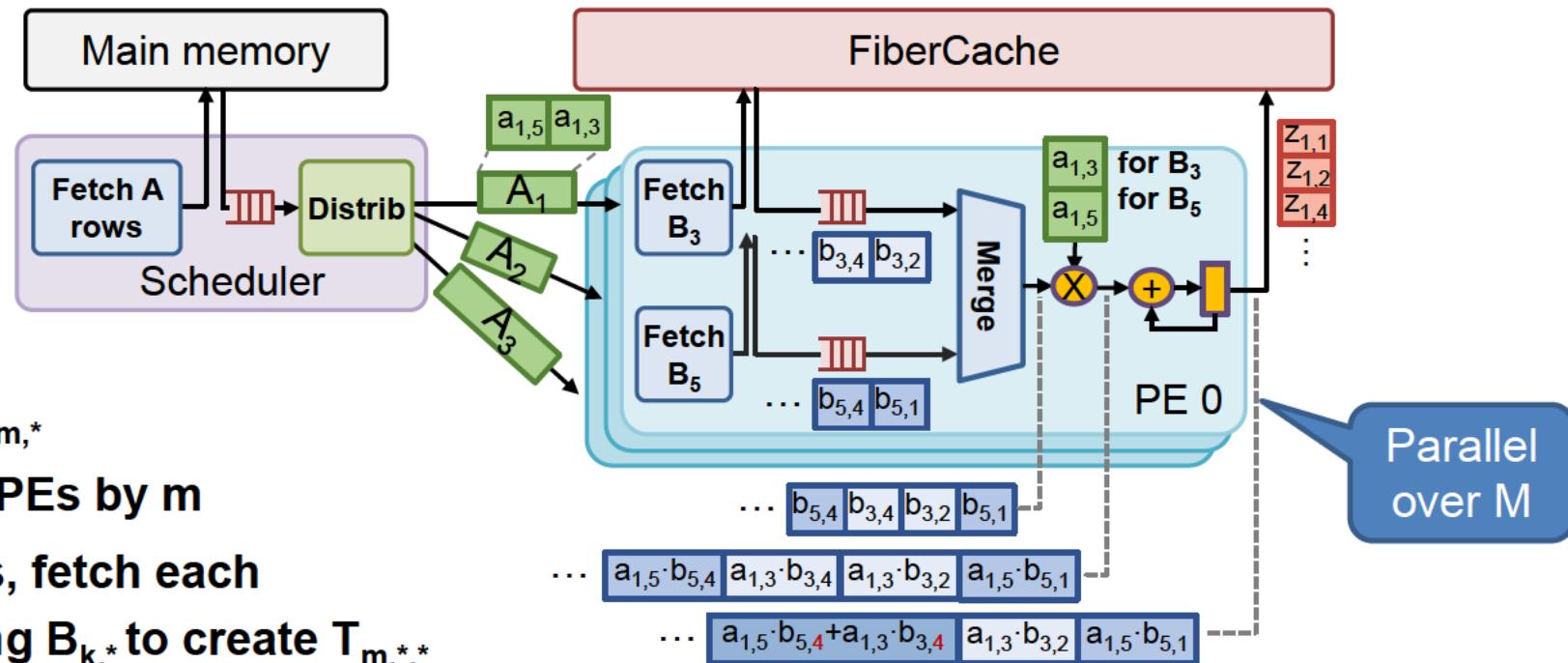
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Gamma – Step 2 - Observations

- Exactly one concordant traversal of (swizzled) T tensor
- Concordant traversal of (swizzled) T that means it can be created in pipeline and consumed immediately without being held in its entirety in a buffer.
- Note that A_k fibers are re-read repeatedly but are small since they are post-intersection.
- Output Z is created concordantly

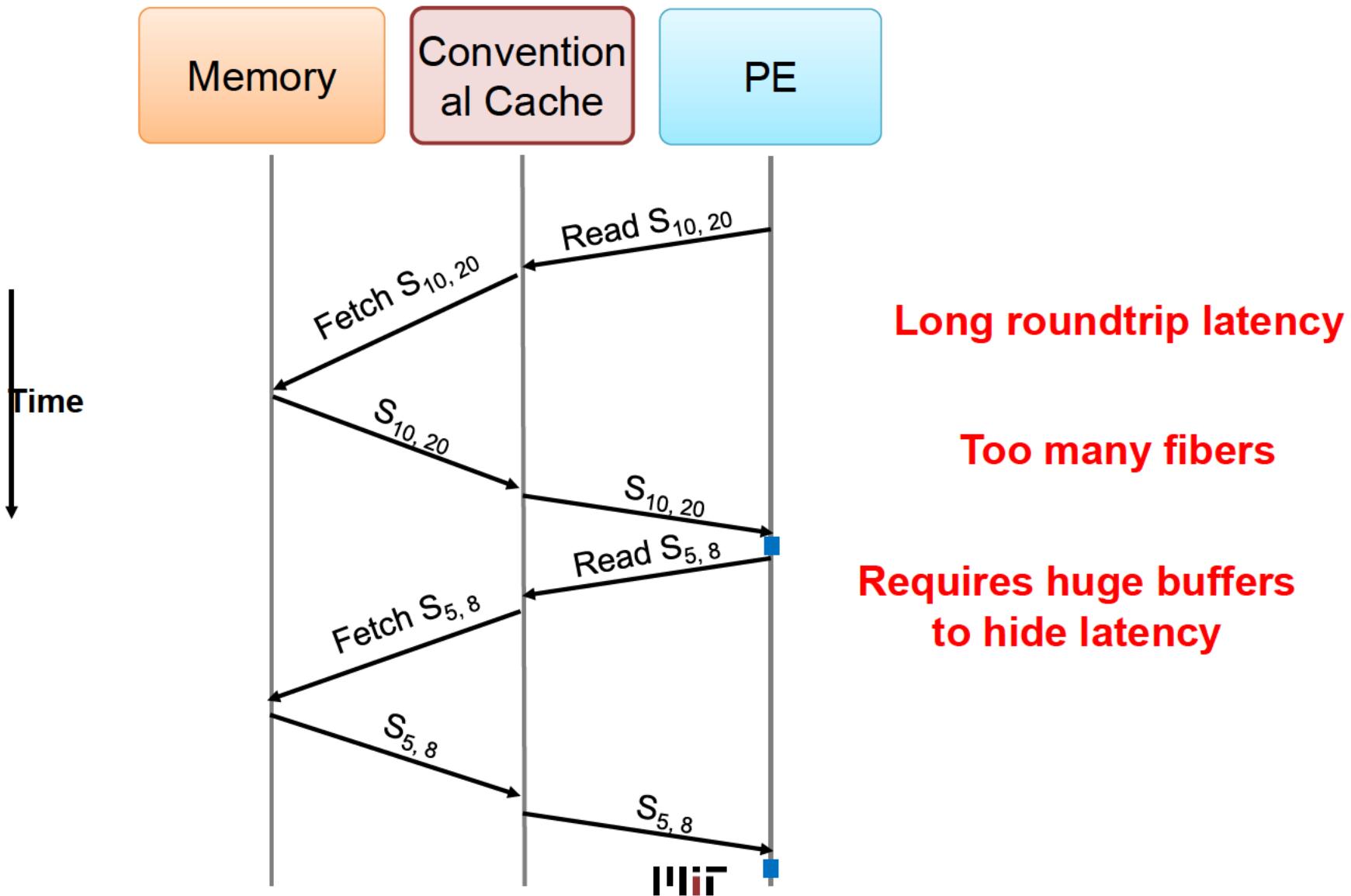
Gamma – Block Diagram



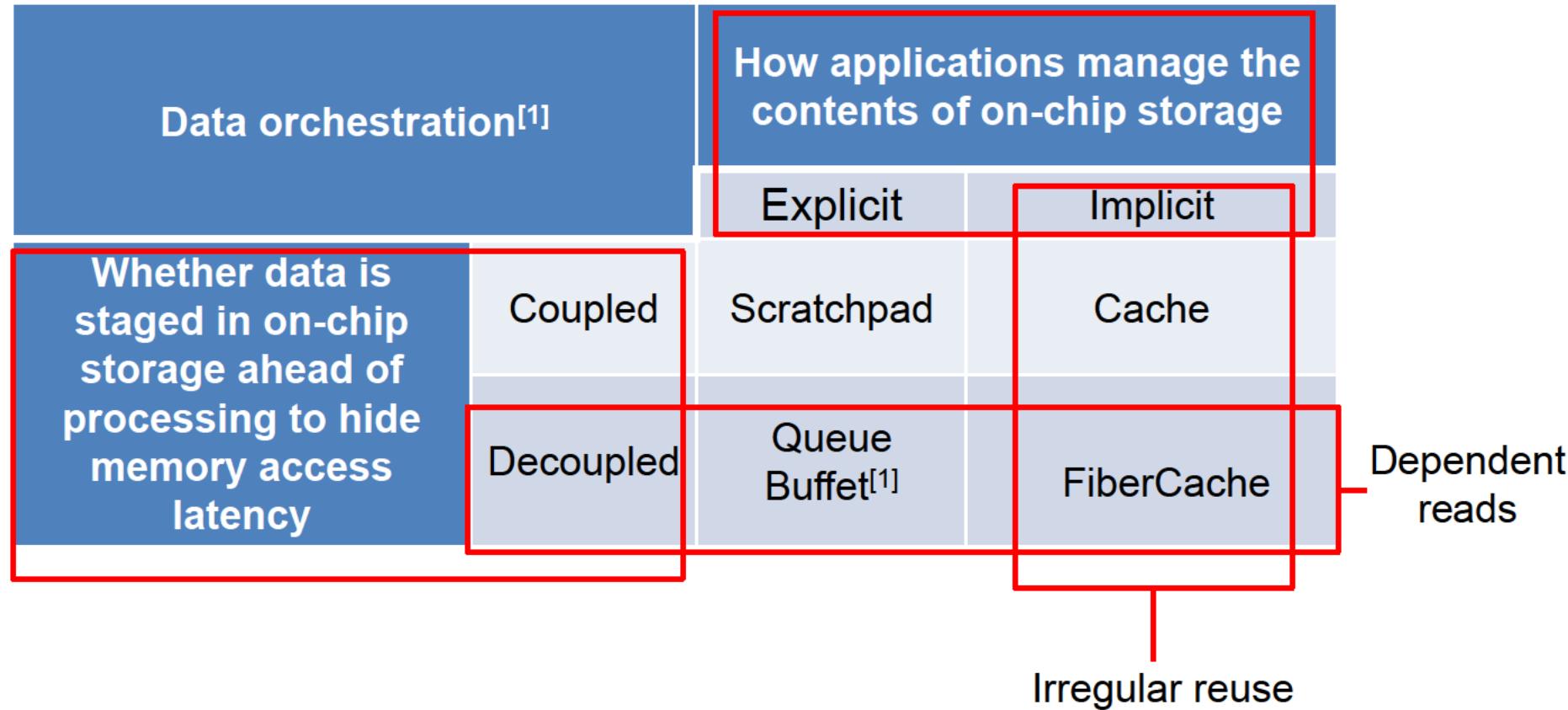
Key: $A_{m,k}$ $B_{k,n}$ $Z_{m,n}$

[Gamma, Zhang, et.al., ASPLOS 2021]

Conventional caches suffer from dependent reads

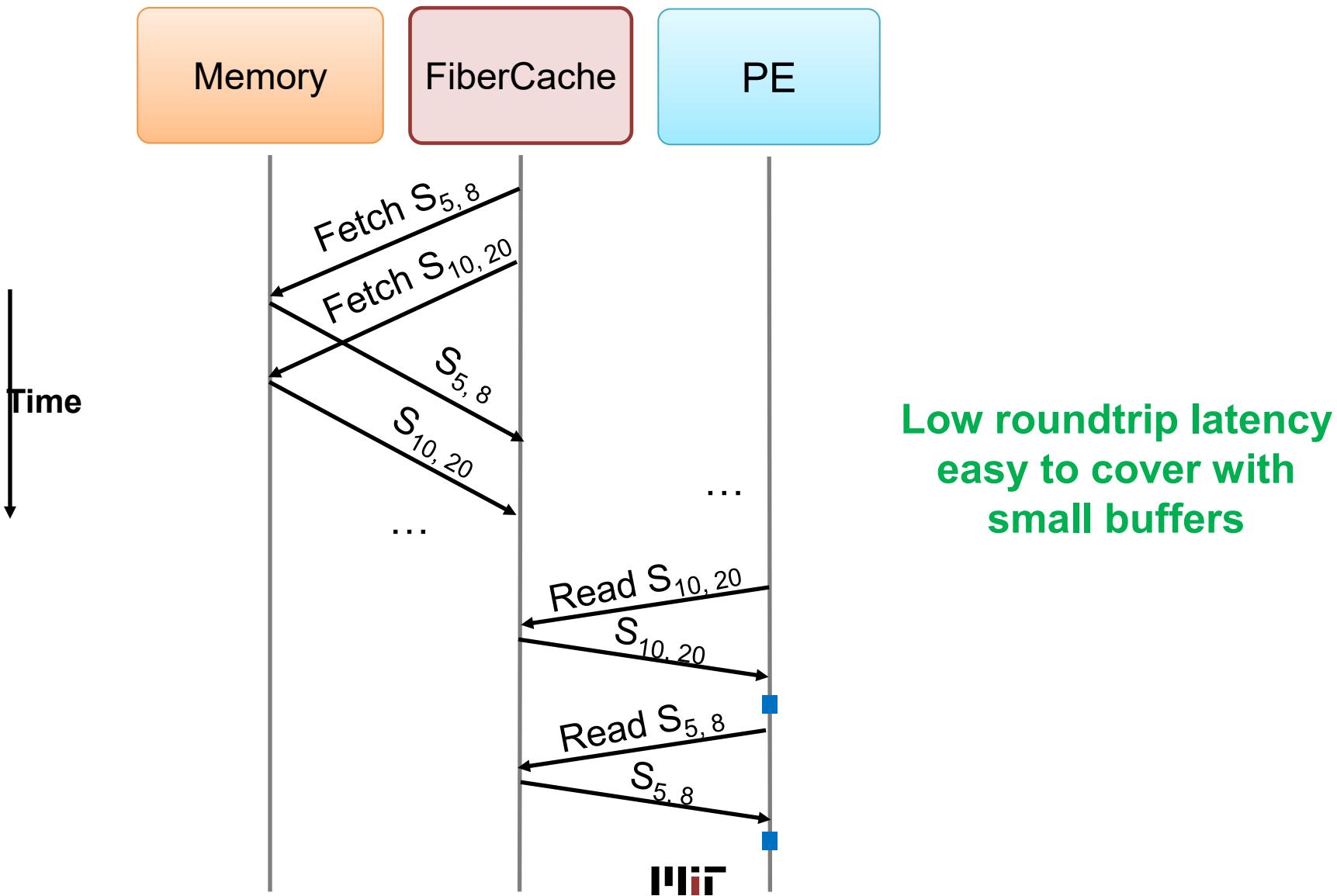


Decoupled implicit data orchestration

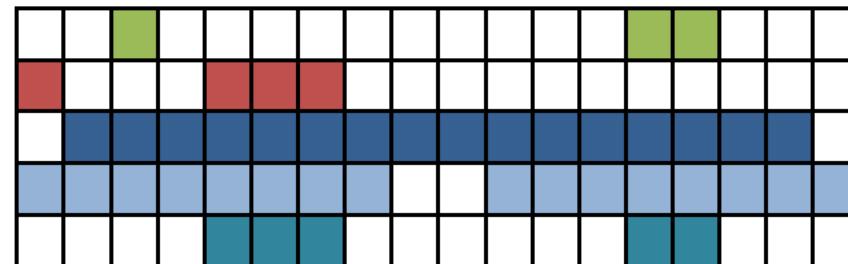


[1] Pellauer et al., ASPLOS 2019

FiberCache decouples read roundtrips and memory latencies



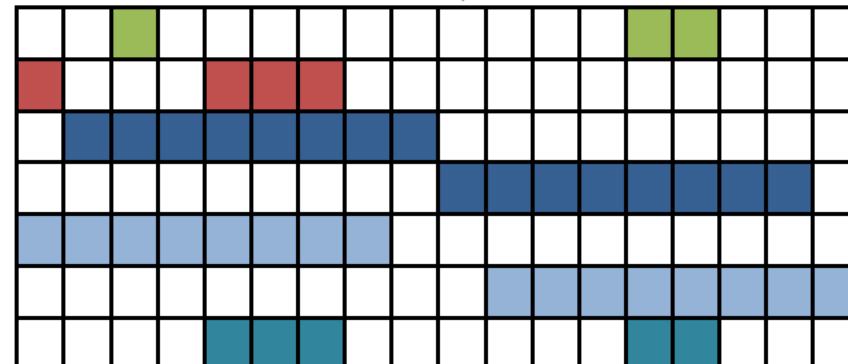
Preprocessing matrix A for GAMMA



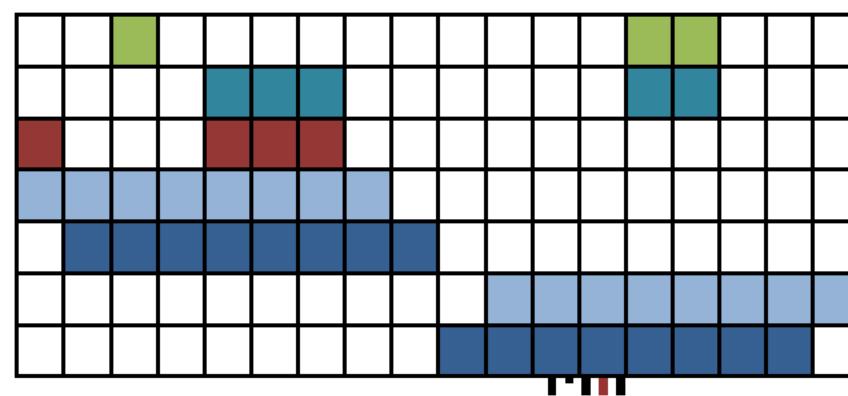
Disparate adjacent rows in A

Dense rows in A

↓ Selective coordinate-space tiling



↓ Affinity-based row reordering

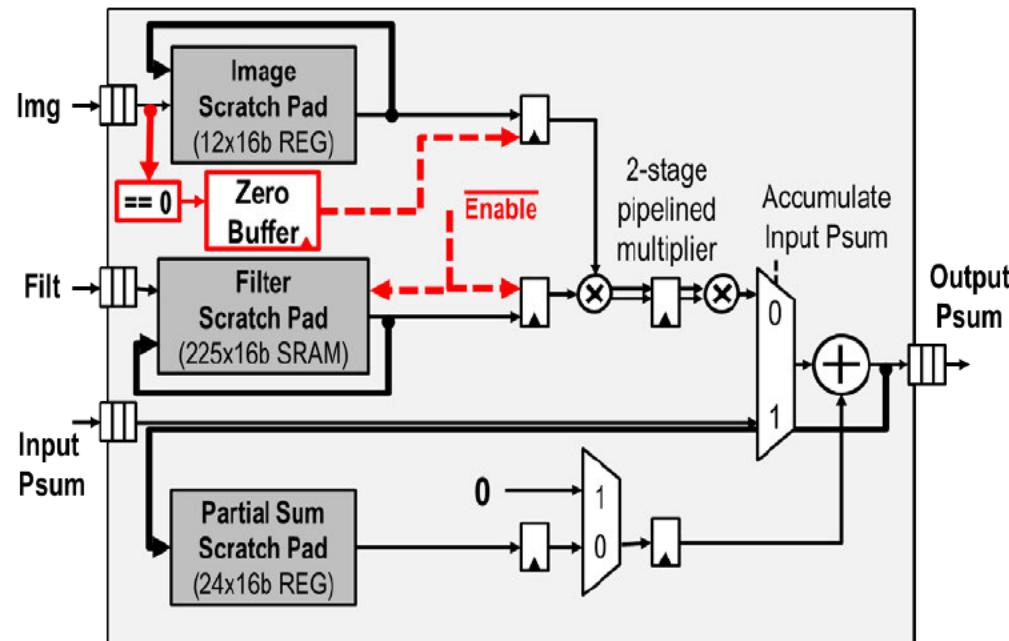


Gamma Concepts

- Pipeline computations with small intermediate storage
- Use parallelism/merger to do pipelined rank swizzle
- Decoupled/implicit fibercache to hold B fibers that might be reused
- Reorder A to maximize effectiveness of fibercache

TeAAL – Modeling Sparse Dataflows

TeAAL - Eyeriss Design



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einsum:
declaration:
  I: [h, w]
  F: [r, s]
  O: [p, q]

expressions:
- O[p, q] = I[p + r, q + s] * F[r, s]
mapping:
rank-order:
  I: [H, W]
  F: [R, S]
  O: [P, Q]
partitioning:
  0:
    P: [uniform_shape(14)]
loop-order:
  0: [P1, P0, R, Q, S]
spacetime:
  0:
    space: [P0, R]
    time: [P1, Q, S]

```

Einsum

Traversal

TeAAL - Matrix Multiplication Designs

einsum:

declaration :

A: [K, M]
B: [K, N]
T: [K, M, N]
Z: [M, N]

expressions :

- T[k,m,n] = take(A[k,m], B[k,n], 1)
- Z[m,n] = T[k,m,n]*A[k,m]

mapping:

rank-order:

A: [M, K]
B: [K, N]
T: [M, K, N]
Z: [M, N]

partitioning :

T:
M: [uniform_occupancy(A.32)]
K: [uniform_occupancy(A.64)]

Z:
M: [uniform_occupancy(A.32)]
K: [uniform_occupancy(A.64)]

loop-order:

T: [M1, M0, K1, K0, N]
Z: [M1, M0, K1, N, K0]

spacetime:

T:
space: [M0, K1]
time: [M1, K0, N]

Z:
space: [M0, K1]
time: [M1, N, K0]

(a) Gamma accelerator [50].

1 einsum:

2 declaration :

3 A: [K, M]
4 B: [K, N]

5 Z: [M, N]

6 expressions :

7 - Z[m,n] = A[k,m] * B[k,n]

8 mapping:

9 rank-order:

10 A: [K, M]
11 B: [K, N]

12 Z: [M, N]

13 partitioning :

Z:

K:

16 - uniform_shape(K1)
17 - uniform_shape(K0)

M:

19 - uniform_shape(M1)
20 - uniform_shape(M0)

N:

22 - uniform_shape(N1)
23 - uniform_shape(N0)

loop-order:

25 Z: [N2, K2, M2, M1, N1, K1, M0, N0, K0]

26 spacetime:

Z:

28 space: [K1]

29 time: [N2, K2, M2, M1, N1, M0, N0, K0]

(b) ExTensor accelerator [14].

1 einsum:

2 declaration :

3 A: [K, M]
4 B: [K, N]

5 T: [K, M]
6 Z: [M, N]

7 expressions :

8 - T[k, m] = take(A[k, m], B[k, n], 0)

9 - Z[m, n] = T[k, m] * B[k, n]

10 mapping:

11 rank-order:

12 A: [K, M]
13 B: [K, N]

14 T: [K, M]
15 Z: [M, N]

16 partitioning :

Z:

18 K: [uniform_shape(128)]

19 (M, K0): [flatten 0]

20 MK0: [uniform_occupancy(T.16384)]

21 loop-order:

22 T: [K, M]
23 Z: [K1, MK01, N, MK00]

24 spacetime:

T:

26 space: []

27 time: [K, M]

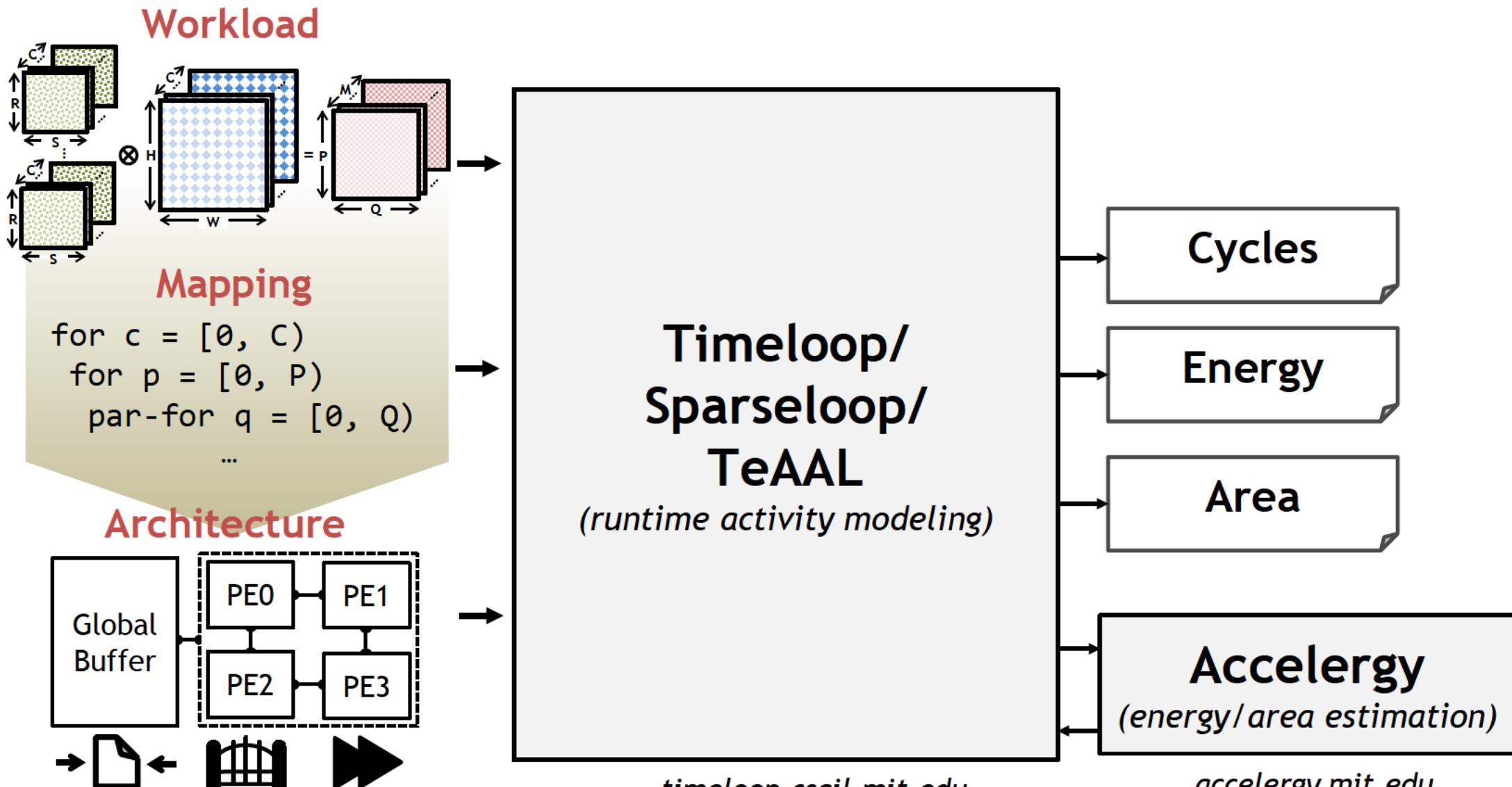
Z:

29 space: [MK00]

30 time: [K1, MK01, M]

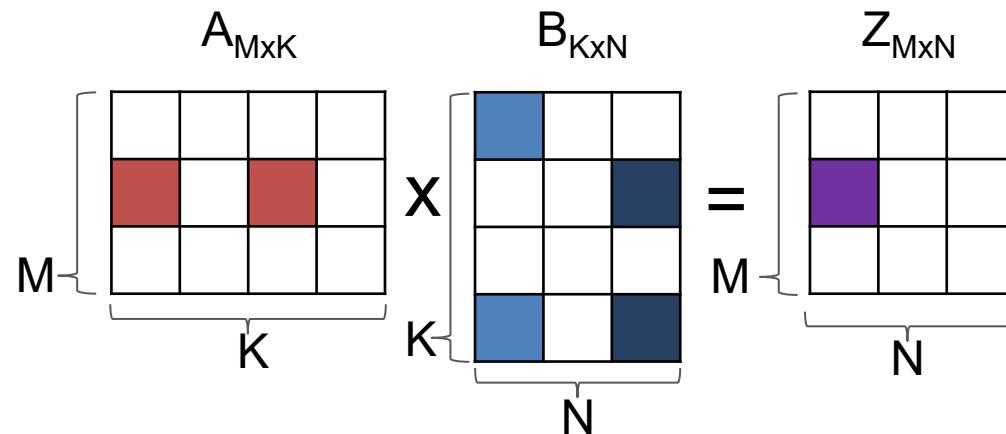
(c) SIGMA accelerator [34].

Modeling Infrastructure



Summary

spMspM dataflows



$$Z_{m,n} = \sum_k A_{m,k} B_{k,n}$$

Output Stationary
Inner-product

```
for m in [0, M)
  for n in [0, N)
    for k in [0, K)
      Z[m,n] += A[m,k] * B[k,n]
```

A-stationary – Column major
Outer-product

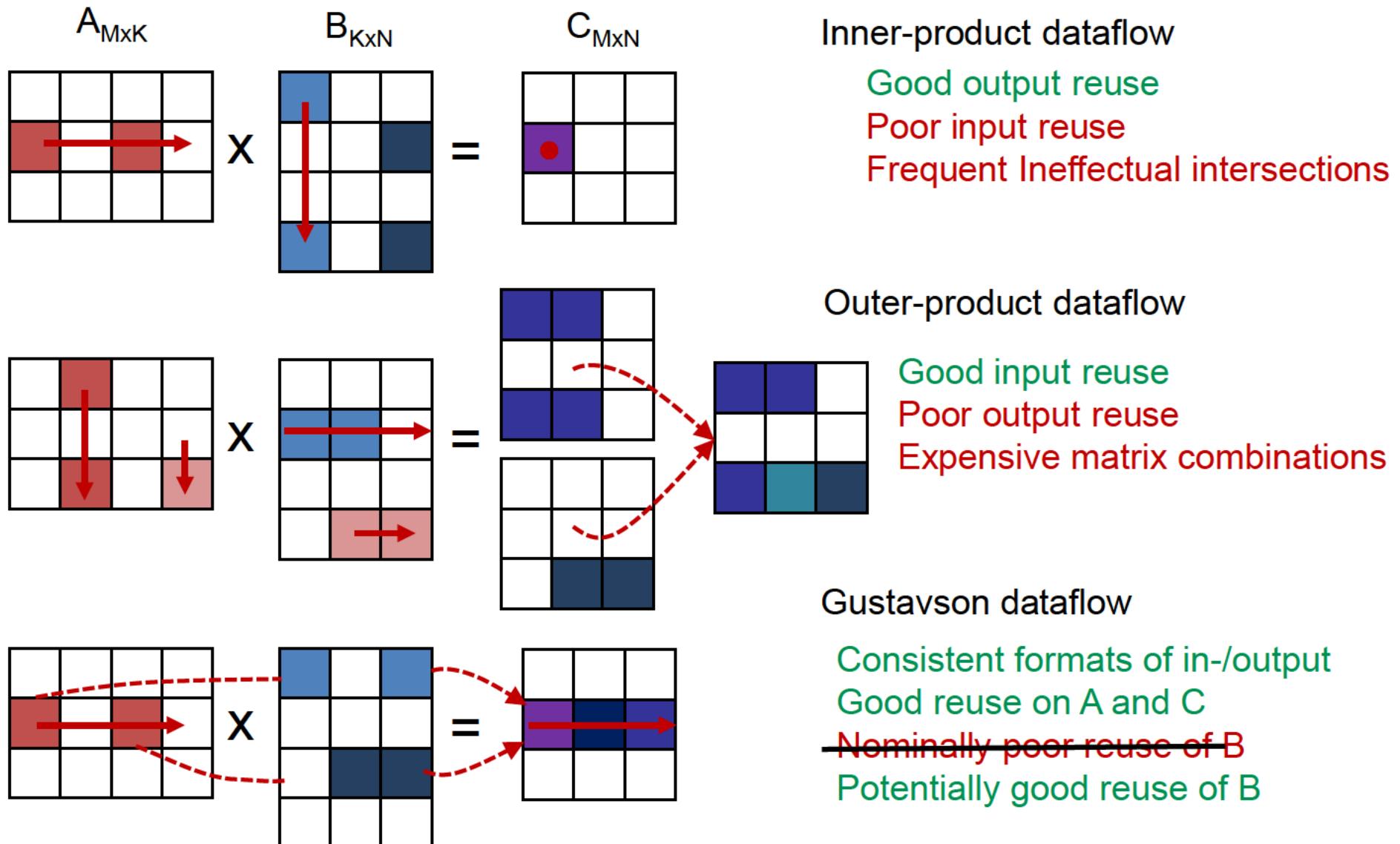
```
for k in [0, K)
  for m in [0, M)
    for n in [0, N)
      Z[m,n] += A[m,k] * B[k,n]
```

A-stationary – Row major
Gustavson

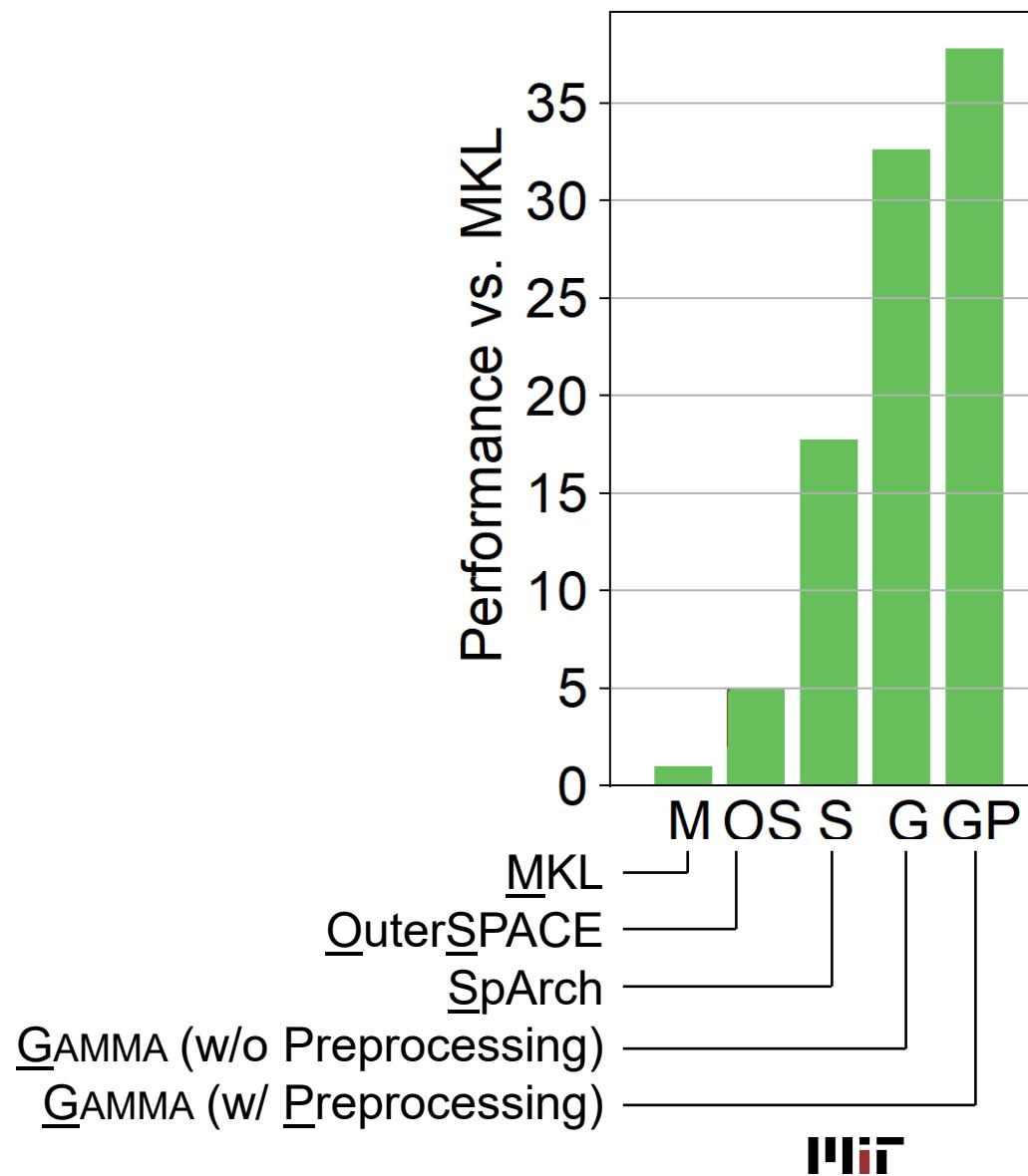
```
for m in [0, M)
  for k in [0, K)
    for n in [0, N)
      Z[m,n] += A[m,k] * B[k,n]
```

$$Z_m = \sum_k a_{m,k} B_k$$

spMspM dataflows



Speedups over Intel MKL on common-set matrices



EIE

EIE

```

i = Tensor(CHW)      # Input activations
f = Tensor(CHW, M)   # Filter weights
o = Array(M)         # Output activations

for chw, i_val in i:
    parallel-for f_split in f.splitUniform(M/#PEs):
        f_m = f_split.getPayload(chw)
        for m, f_val in f_m:
            o[m] += i_val * f_val

```

Traverse the weights
for the output channels

Local
accumulation

Broadcast chw (and i_val)
to all PEs so we can get
the weights from each PE's
split of output channels for
the current input.

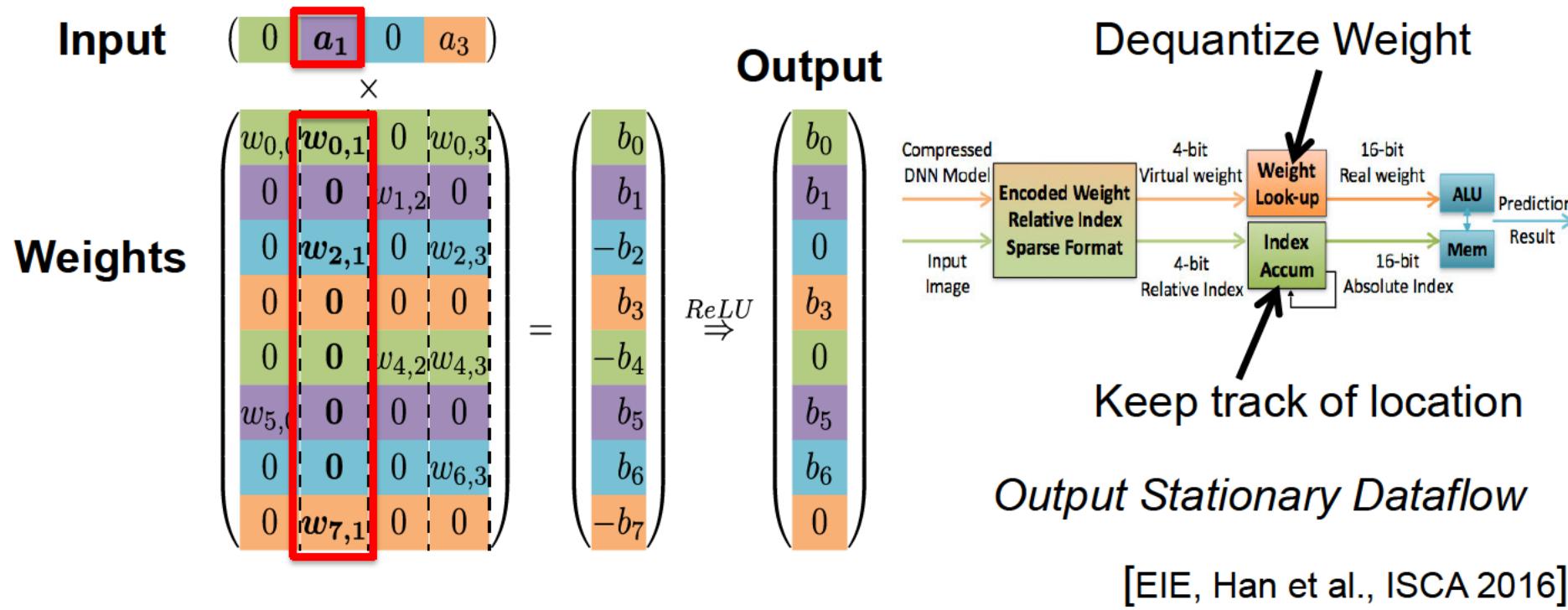
Get an input

Split filter weights
uniformly in coordinate
space among the the
PEs. This is done
statically before the run.

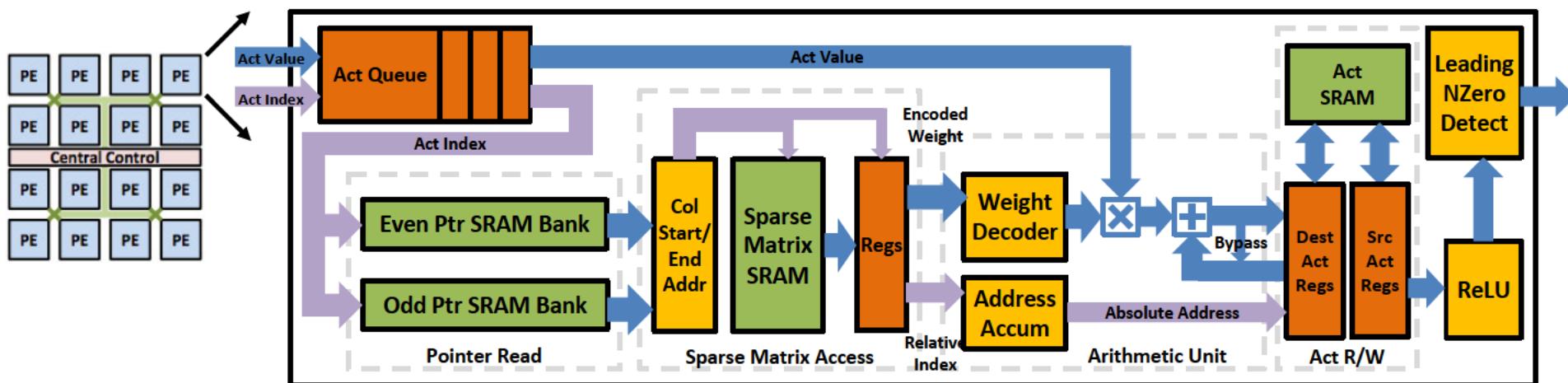
EIE: A Sparse Linear Algebra Engine

- Process Fully Connected Layers (after Deep Compression)
- Store weights column-wise in Run Length format (i.e., CSC format)
- Read relative column when input is non-zero

Supports Fully Connected Layers Only



PE Architecture



[EIE, Han et al., ISCA 2016]

Summary

- Design attributes of spMspM accelerators:
 - Data can be tiled to improve locality
 - Sparse data makes intersection an explicit operation
 - Intersection can be hierarchical – intersecting at higher levels of the fibertree
 - There are three major dataflows for spMspM
 - spMspM can be broken into multiple pipelined stages
 - Rank swapping can be required to achieve concordant traversals
 - Rank swapping can be implemented with a “merge” unit
 - Data movement can be optimized via data format selection
 - Data movement can be reduced with explicit-decoupled caching
- Most of the above can be expressed as a scheduled Einsum
- A loop nest implementation can be inferred from a scheduled Einsum
- Lots of interesting variations in spMspM acceleration!

Thank You