

# OptiTrust: Producing Trustworthy High-Performance Code via Source-to-Source Transformations

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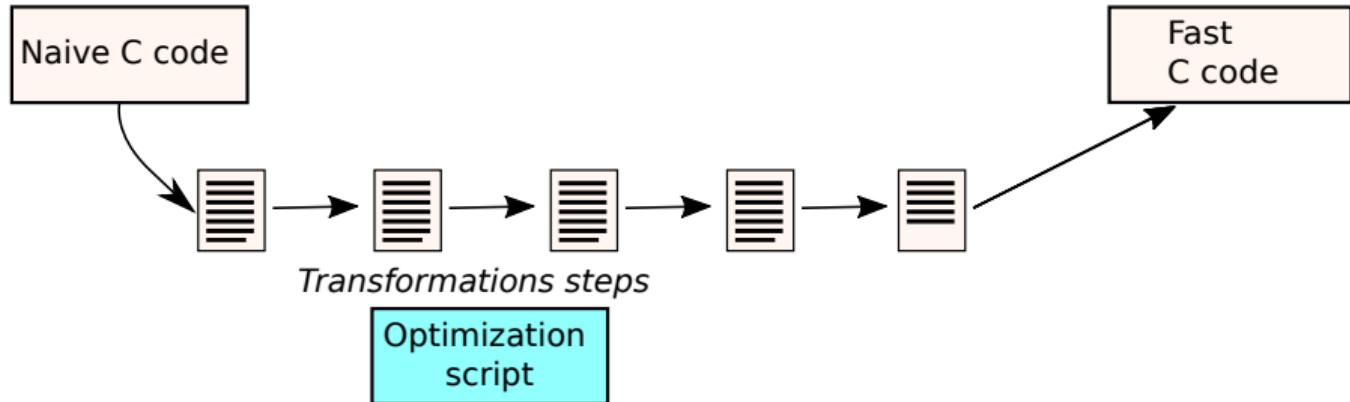
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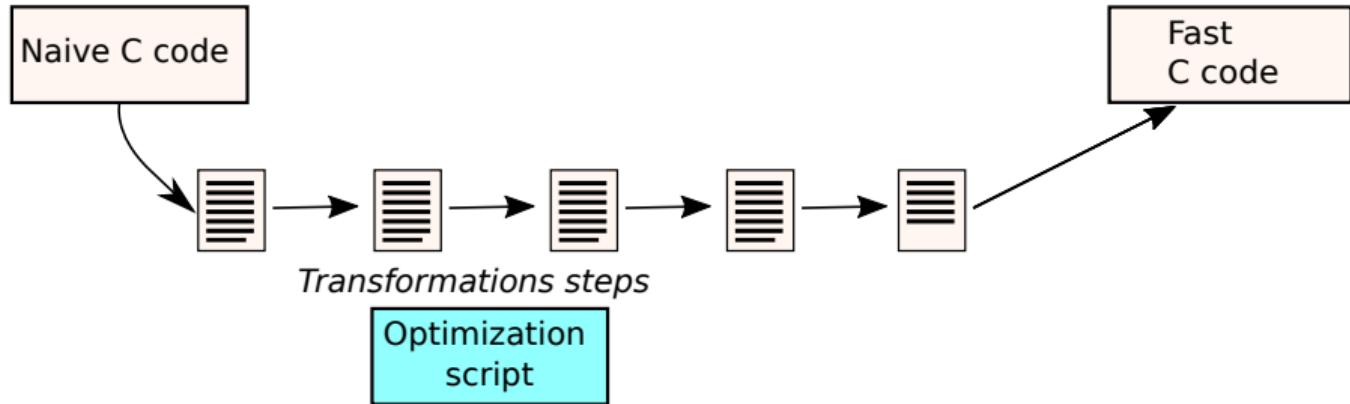


# The OptiTrust Tool



- ▶ optimizations derived by user-guided source-to-source transformations
- ▶ extensible and composable library of transformations
- ▶ all programs are typechecked using resources (shape-based Separation Logic)
- ▶ every transformation checks correctness criteria by leveraging resource usage
- ▶ intermediate C code can be visualized and diffed at every step
- ▶ bijective encoding into an internal imperative  $\lambda$ -calculus

# The OptiTrust Tool



- ▶ built towards supporting general-purpose imperative code
- ▶ drive global optimizations by human expertise instead of fragile heuristics
- ▶ save time and avoid errors while reproducing hand optimized code

# Case Studies

## Validated Case Studies:

- ▶ Row-wise Image Blurring/Denoising: reproducing optimized OpenCV baseline  
*baseline: OpenCV optimized library; multi-versioning, algorithmic sliding window optimization*
- ▶ **Matrix Multiplication**: reproducing optimized TVM baseline  
*loop and data layout transformations, OpenMP parallelism*
- ▶ Particle-In-Cell Plasma Simulation (simplified)  
*records, transforming values in memory*

## In The Pipeline:

- ▶ Harris Image Corner/Edge detection: reproducing Halide baseline  
*uneven tiling, operator fusion, circular buffers*
- ▶ Particle-In-Cell Plasma Simulation: reproducing hand optimized baseline  
*AoS ↔ SoA, atomic bags*

# Disclaimer

- ▶ restricted language: only a subset of the C language
- ▶ restricted logic: only a subset of Separation Logic (shapes)
- ▶ limited set of transformations and incomplete correctness criteria

# What we also want to explore

- ▶ transform verified code
  - ▶ full functional correctness specification
  - ▶ produce proof certificates
  - ▶ link to (verified) compilers
  - ▶ support transforming OCaml code
- ▶ adapt to the constant evolution of algorithms and hardware
  - ▶ extensible support for high-level DSLs
  - ▶ extensible support for hardware targets
- ▶ develop an interactive feedback loop
  - ▶ guided searches (e.g. guided by program sketches)
  - ▶ optimization suggestion and visualization
- ▶ reason about numerical accuracy during optimization

## DEMO: Matrix Multiplication

## RowSum: unoptimized code

Source image S, with color components represented using type T.

Target image D, with color components represented using type ST.

$$D[i] = \sum_{j=i}^{i+kn} S[j]$$

```
void rowSum(const int n, const int cn, const int w,
const T S[n+w-1][cn], ST D[n][cn]) {
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) { // for each target pixel
        for (int c = 0; c < cn; c++) { // for each channel (e.g., R,G,B)
            ST s = 0;
            for (int k = i; k < i+w; k++) { // for each source pixel
                s += (ST) S[k][c];
            }
            D[i][c] = s;
        }
    }
}
```

# RowSum: optimized code

```
void rowSum(const int n, const int cn,
            const int w, const T* S, ST* D) {
    if (w == 3) {
        for (int ic = 0; ic < cn * n; ic++) {
            D[ic] = (ST) S[ic]
                + (ST) S[cn + ic]
                + (ST) S[2 * cn + ic];
        }
    } else if (w == 5) {
        for (int ic = 0; ic < cn * n; ic++) {
            D[ic] = (ST) S[ic]
                + (ST) S[cn + ic]
                + (ST) S[2 * cn + ic]
                + (ST) S[3 * cn + ic]
                + (ST) S[4 * cn + ic];
        }
    } else if (cn == 1) {
        ST s = (ST) 0;
        for (int i = 0; i < w; i++) {
            s += (ST) S[i];
        }
        D[0] = s;
        for (int i = 0; i < n - 1; i++) {
            s += (ST) S[i + w] - (ST) S[i];
            D[i + 1] = s;
        }
    } else if (cn == 3) {
        ST s0 = (ST) 0;
        ST s1 = (ST) 0;
        ST s2 = (ST) 0;
        for (int i = 0; i < 3 * w; i += 3) {
            s0 += (ST) S[i];
            s1 += (ST) S[i + 1];
            s2 += (ST) S[i + 2];
        }
        D[0] = s0;
        D[1] = s1;
        D[2] = s2;
        for (int i = 0; i < 3 * n - 3; i += 3) {
            s0 += (ST) S[3 * w + i] - (ST) S[i];
            s1 += (ST) S[3 * w + i + 1] - (ST) S[i + 1];
            s2 += (ST) S[3 * w + i + 2] - (ST) S[i + 2];
            D[i + 3] = s0;
            D[i + 4] = s1;
            D[i + 5] = s2;
        }
    } else if (cn == 4) {
        // [...] similar to cn == 3, with one more variable
    } else {
        for (int c = 0; c < cn; c++) {
            ST s = (ST) 0;
            for (int i = 0; i < cn * w; i += cn) {
                s += (ST) S[c + i];
            }
            D[c] = s;
            for (int i = c; i < cn * n - cn + c; i += cn) {
                s += (ST) S[cn * w + i] - (ST) S[i];
                D[cn + i] = s;
            }
        }
    }
}
```

# Micro-PIC: unoptimized code

```
for (int idStep = 0; idStep < nbSteps; idStep++) {
    for (int idPart = 0; idPart < nbParticles; idPart++) {
        // Each particle is updated at each time step
        const particle p = particles[idPart];
        // Interpolate the electric field at particle position
        double const (*coeffs)[8];
        cornerInterpolationCoeff(p.pos, coeffs);
        const vect fieldAtPos = matrix_vect_mul(coeffs, fieldAtCorners);
        // Acceleration, new speed and new position
        const vect accel = vect_mul(pCharge / pMass, fieldAtPos);
        const vect speed2 = vect_add(p.speed, vect_mul(deltaT, accel));
        const vect pos2 = vect_add(p.pos, vect_mul(deltaT, speed2));
        // Update the particle
        particles[idPart].speed = speed2;
        particles[idPart].pos = pos2;
    }
}
```

# Micro-PIC: optimized code

```
const double fieldFactor = deltaT * deltaT * pCharge / pMass;
vect* const lFieldAtCorners = (vect*) malloc(nbCorners * sizeof(vect));
for (int i = 0; i < nbCorners; i++) {
    lFieldAtCorners[i].x = fieldAtCorners[i].x * fieldFactor;
    lFieldAtCorners[i].y = fieldAtCorners[i].y * fieldFactor;
    lFieldAtCorners[i].z = fieldAtCorners[i].z * fieldFactor;
}
for (int i = 0; i < nbPart; i++) {
    part[i].speed.x *= deltaT;
    part[i].speed.y *= deltaT;
    part[i].speed.z *= deltaT;
}
double* const coeffs = (double*) malloc(nbCorners * sizeof(double));
for (int idStep = 0; idStep < nbSteps; idStep++) {
    for (int idPart = 0; idPart < nbPart; idPart++) {
        const double rX = part[idPart].pos.x;
        const double rY = part[idPart].pos.y;
        const double rZ = part[idPart].pos.z;
        const double cX = 1. - rX;
        const double cY = 1. - rY;
        const double cZ = 1. - rZ;
        coeffs[0] = cX * cY * cZ;
        coeffs[1] = cX * cY * rZ;
        coeffs[2] = cX * rY * cZ;
        coeffs[3] = cX * rY * rZ;
        coeffs[4] = rX * cY * cZ;
        coeffs[5] = rX * cY * rZ;
        coeffs[6] = rX * rY * cZ;
        coeffs[7] = rX * rY * rZ;
        double fieldAtPos_x = 0.;
        double fieldAtPos_y = 0.;
        double fieldAtPos_z = 0.;
        for (int k = 0; k < nbCorners; k++) {
            fieldAtPos_x += coeffs[k] * lFieldAtCorners[k].x;
            fieldAtPos_y += coeffs[k] * lFieldAtCorners[k].y;
            fieldAtPos_z += coeffs[k] * lFieldAtCorners[k].z;
        }
        const double speed2_x = part[idPart].speed.x + fieldAtPos_x;
        const double speed2_y = part[idPart].speed.y + fieldAtPos_y;
        const double speed2_z = part[idPart].speed.z + fieldAtPos_z;
        part[idPart].pos.x += speed2_x;
        part[idPart].pos.y += speed2_y;
        part[idPart].pos.z += speed2_z;
        part[idPart].speed.x = speed2_x;
        part[idPart].speed.y = speed2_y;
        part[idPart].speed.z = speed2_z;
    }
}
free(coeffs);
for (int i = 0; i < nbPart; i++) {
    part[i].speed.x /= deltaT;
    part[i].speed.y /= deltaT;
    part[i].speed.z /= deltaT;
}
free(lFieldAtCorners);
```

# Grammar of permissions

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Read-only permissions:

$$H = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad (\alpha + \beta)H = \alpha H \star \beta H$$

Uninitialized permissions:

$$\emptyset \xrightarrow{\text{alloc}} \text{Uninit}(H) \xrightarrow{\text{write}} H \xrightarrow{\text{read}} H \quad \text{and} \quad H \xrightarrow{\text{weaken}} \text{Uninit}(H)$$

# Usage information

- ▶ typing triple  $\{\Gamma\} t^\Delta \{\Gamma'\}$
- ▶  $\Gamma$  and  $\Gamma'$  contain pure and linear resources of separation logic
- ▶  $\Delta$  binds keys of  $\Gamma$  and  $\Gamma'$  to *usage*.

Grammar of usage kinds:

$x$ : required	pure fact used by $t$
$x$ : ensured	pure fact produced by $t$
$y$ : full	linear resource consumed by $t$
$y$ : produced	linear resource produced by $t$
$y$ : uninit	resource being written to (before any read)
$y$ : splittedFrac	linear resource used in read-only
$y$ : joinedFrac	$y$ was $(\alpha - \beta)H$ and was merged with $\beta H$
$x$ or $y$ not bound	resource not used (i.e., <i>framed</i> )

# Correctness Criteria for instruction move

$$\boxed{\mathcal{E}[T_1^{\Delta_1}; T_2^{\Delta_2}]} \quad \mapsto \quad \boxed{\mathcal{E}[T_2; T_1;]}$$

correct if:  $\begin{cases} \Delta_1.\text{notRO} \cap \Delta_2 = \emptyset \\ \Delta_2.\text{notRO} \cap \Delta_1 = \emptyset \end{cases}$

→ Resources shared between  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  must be read-only.

## Transformation: instruction delete

$$\boxed{\mathcal{E}[\Gamma T_1^{\Delta}]} \rightarrow \boxed{\mathcal{E}[]}$$

correct if:

$\mathcal{E}[\text{ghost}(\Gamma_m \rightarrow \text{IntoUninit}(\Gamma_m))]$  typechecks

where  $\Gamma_m \equiv \Gamma \vdash \Delta.\text{notRO}.$

→ All resources modified by  $T_1$  can safely be turned into their uninitialized form.

# Transformation: loop fission

```
for  $\chi$   $i \in r_i \{$   
   $T_1^{\Delta_1}$   
   $\Gamma$   
   $T_2^{\Delta_2}$   
}
```



```
for  $x_1$   $i \in r_i \{$   
   $T_1;$   
}  
for  $x_2$   $i \in r_i \{$   
   $T_2;$   
}
```

correct if:

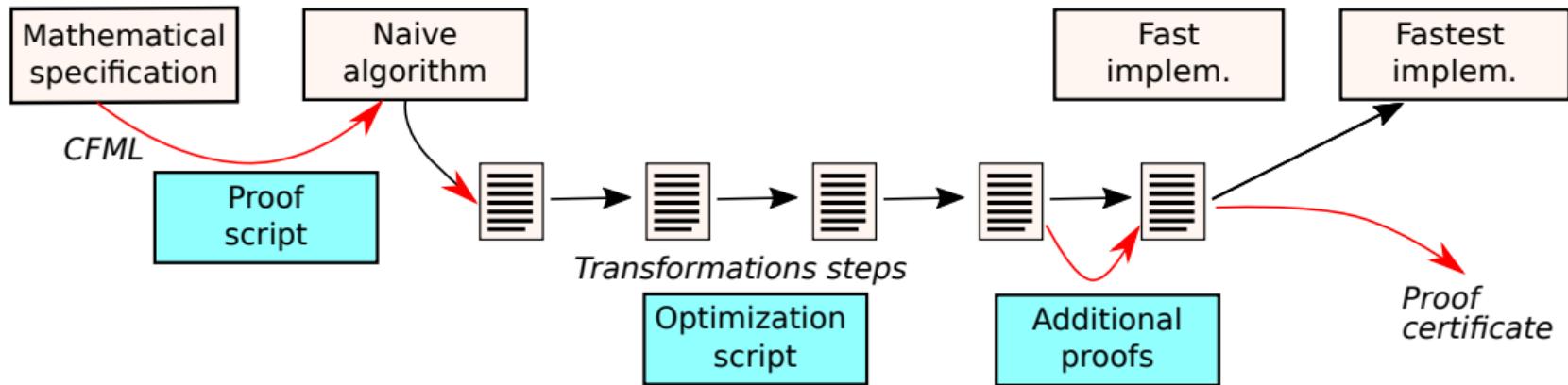
$\begin{cases} i \text{ not free in } \chi.\text{shrd} \\ \chi.\text{shrd} \vdash (\Delta_1.\text{notRO} \cap \Delta_2) = \emptyset \\ \chi.\text{shrd} \vdash (\Delta_2.\text{notRO} \cap \Delta_1) = \emptyset \\ \text{the output program typechecks} \end{cases}$

with:

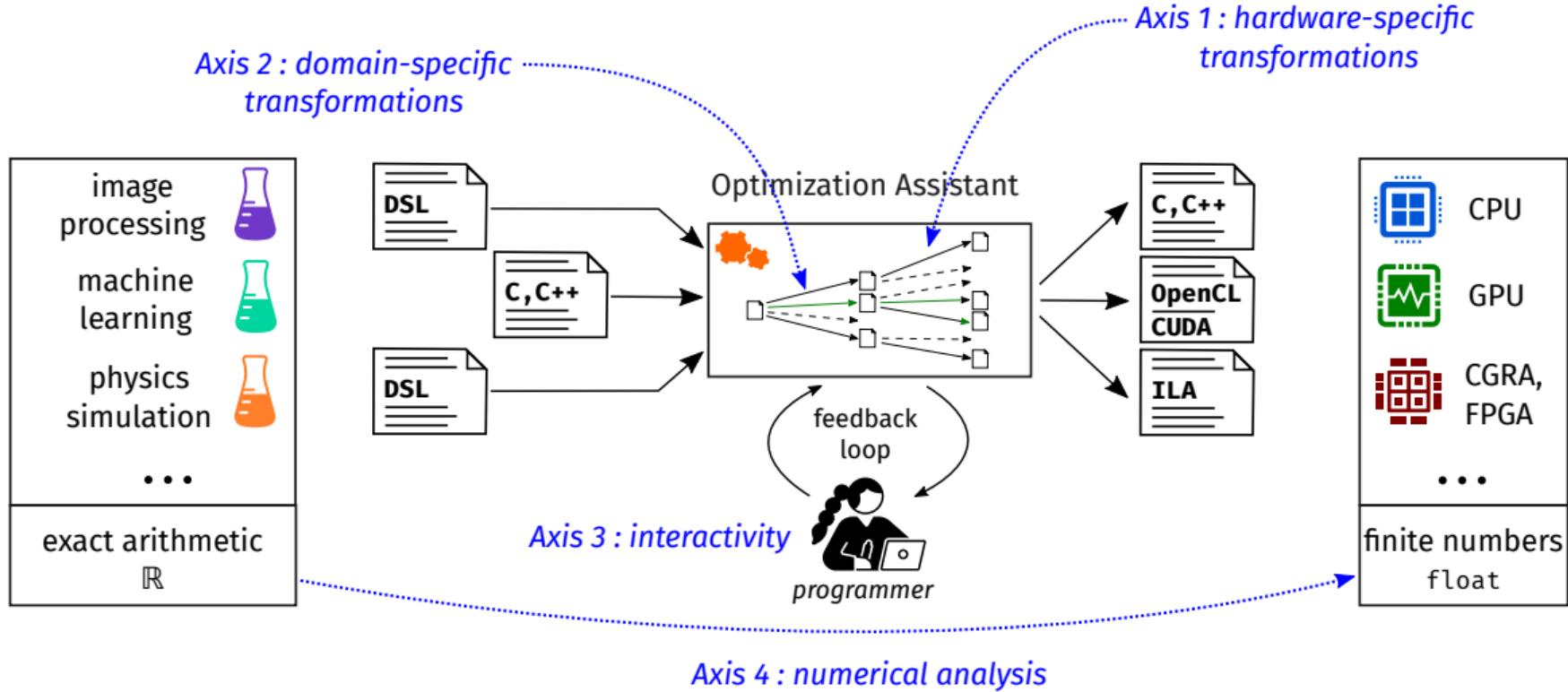
$$\_, F \equiv \Gamma \boxminus \chi.\text{shrd}.inv \quad \_, R \equiv F \boxminus \text{StackAllocCells}(T_1)$$

$$\chi_1 \equiv \begin{cases} \text{vars} \equiv \chi.\text{vars} \\ \text{shrd} \equiv \chi.\text{shrd} \vdash \Delta_1 \\ \text{excl.pre} \equiv \chi.\text{excl.pre} \\ \text{excl.post} \equiv R \end{cases} \quad \chi_2 \equiv \begin{cases} \text{vars} \equiv \chi.\text{vars} \\ \text{shrd} \equiv \chi.\text{shrd} \vdash \Delta_2 \\ \text{excl.pre} \equiv R \\ \text{excl.post} \equiv \chi.\text{excl.post} \end{cases}$$

# Towards Transforming Verified Code

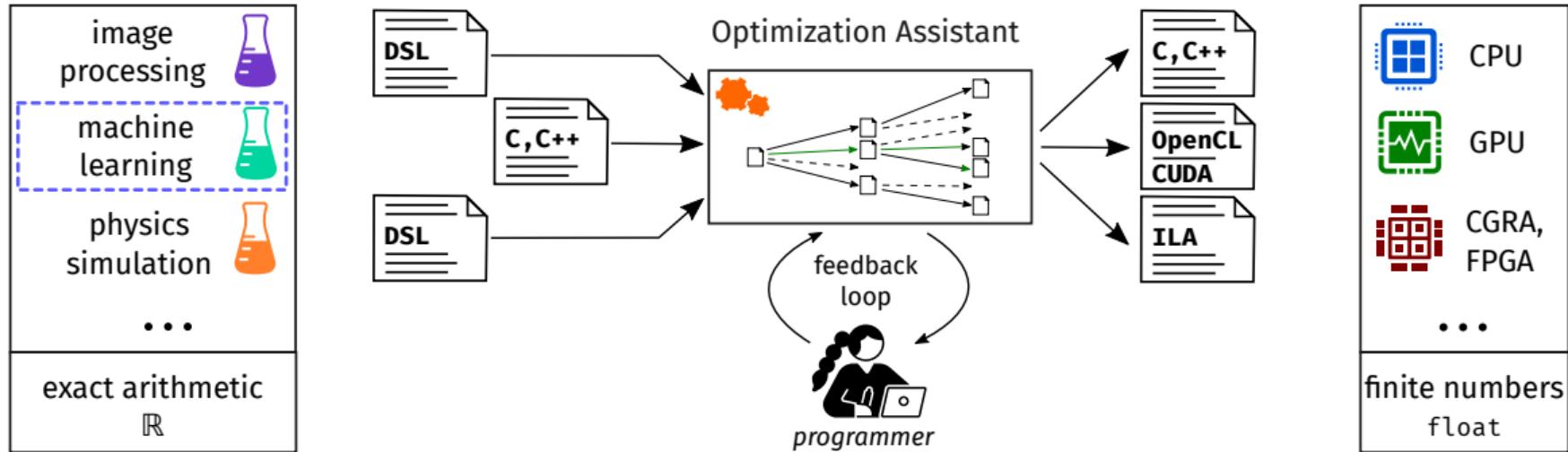


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funding from AI project in 2025-2031 ?



# Master Internships that are starting

Since January:

- ▶ optimization + numerical analysis, 2 interns co-supervised with Eva Darulova (Uppsala University)

In March:

- ▶ transformation of OCaml code, and refine from Coq to OCaml to C
- ▶ generalization to realistic numerical simulation code
- ▶ sketch-guided polyhedric optimization

In September:

- ▶ targeting GPUs, hardware-specific transformations (collab with Bastian Köpcke)

Maybe?

- ▶ Extensibility with DSLs as libraries

# Discussion points

- ▶ How to enable defining domain-specific libraries? functions + transformations
  - ▶ How to support extensible constructs? (MimIR?)
  - ▶ How to facilitate user-defined transformations?
  - ▶ Domain-specific compiler = optimization assistant + libraries + heuristics?
- ▶ AI Applications? Can we leverage our work to improve the ML stack?
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Traces, journal paper draft:



[github.com/charguer/optitrust](https://github.com/charguer/optitrust)  
[chargueraud.org/softs/optitrust/](https://chargueraud.org/softs/optitrust/)

## Appendix

# Program Resources are Computed at Every Program Point

```
R1 : α1(A ~ Matrix2(m, p)) * R2 : α2(B ~ Matrix2(p, n)) *
R3 : ∗ i ∈ 0..m ∗ j ∈ 0..n & C[i][j] ~ Cell
for (int i = 0; i < m; i++) {
    R4 : (α4/m)(A ~ Matrix2(m, p)) * R5 : (α5/m)(B ~ Matrix2(p, n)) *
    R6 : ∗ j ∈ 0..n & C[i][j] ~ Cell
    for (int j = 0; j < n; j++) {
        R7 : ... * R8 : ...
        R9 : &C[i][j] ~ Cell
        float sum = 0.f;
        R7 * R8 * R9 * R10 : &sum ~ Cell
        for (int k = 0; k < p; k++) { /* [...] */ }
        R7 * R8 * R9 * R11 : &sum ~ Cell
        C[i][j] = sum;
        R7 * R8 * R11 * R12 : &C[i][j] ~ Cell
    }
    R4 * R5 * R13 : ∗ j ∈ 0..n & C[i][j] ~ Cell
}
R1 * R2 * R14 : ∗ i ∈ 0..m ∗ j ∈ 0..n & C[i][j] ~ Cell
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```

# Matmul: unoptimized code, multi-dimensional

```
void mm(const int m, const int n, const int p,
const float A[m][p], const float B[p][n], float C[m][n]) {
    for (int i = 0; i < m; i++) {
        for (int j = 0; j < n; j++) {
            float sum = 0.0f;
            for (int k = 0; k < p; k++) {
                sum += A[i][k] * B[k][j];
            }
            C[i][j] = sum;
        }
    }
}

void mm1024(
    const float A[1024][1024],
    const float B[1024][1024],
    float C[1024][1024]) {
    mm(1024, 1024, 1024, A, B, C);
}
```

# Matrix-multiply, optimized code, 150x on 4 cores

```
void mm1024(const float* A, const float* B, float* C) {
    float* pB = (float*)malloc(sizeof(float[32][256][4][32]));
#pragma omp parallel for
for (int bj = 0; bj < 32; bj++) {
    for (int bk = 0; bk < 256; bk++) {
        for (int k = 0; k < 4; k++) {
            for (int j = 0; j < 32; j++) {
                pB[32768 * bj + 128 * bk + 32 * k + j] = B[1024 * (4 * bk + k) + 32 * bj + j]; }}}}
#pragma omp parallel for
for (int bi = 0; bi < 32; bi++) {
    for (int bj = 0; bj < 32; bj++) {
        float* sum = (float*)malloc(sizeof(float[32][32]));
        for (int i = 0; i < 32; i++) {
            for (int j = 0; j < 32; j++) {
                sum[32 * i + j] = 0.; }}
        for (int bk = 0; bk < 256; bk++) {
            for (int i = 0; i < 32; i++) {
                float s[32];
                memcpy(s, &sum[32 * i], sizeof(float[32]));
                #pragma omp simd
                for (int j = 0; j < 32; j++) {
                    s[j] += A[1024 * (32 * bi + i) + 4 * bk] * pB[32768 * bj + 128 * bk + j]; }
                #pragma omp simd
                for (int j = 0; j < 32; j++) {
                    s[j] += A[1 + 1024 * (32 * bi + i) + 4 * bk] * pB[32 + 32768 * bj + 128 * bk + j]; }
                #pragma omp simd
                for (int j = 0; j < 32; j++) {
                    s[j] += A[2 + 1024 * (32 * bi + i) + 4 * bk] * pB[64 + 32768 * bj + 128 * bk + j]; }
                #pragma omp simd
                for (int j = 0; j < 32; j++) {
                    s[j] += A[3 + 1024 * (32 * bi + i) + 4 * bk] * pB[96 + 32768 * bj + 128 * bk + j]; }
                memcpy(&sum[32 * i], s, sizeof(float[32])); }}
```

for (int i = 0; i < 32; i++) {  
 for (int j = 0; j < 32; j++) {  
 C[1024 \* (32\*bi + i) + 32\*bj + j] = sum[32\*i + j]; }}

free(sum);  
}

}

free(pB); }

# Matmul: optimizations at play

- ▶ An auxiliary matrix stores the transpose of B
  - it greatly improves memory access patterns
- ▶ Loops are tiled and reordered to operate on blocks of size 32
  - blocking improves locality, and enables parallelization
- ▶ Results accumulated into an intermediate array of size 32
  - this array is mapped onto a 256-bit register
- ▶ Results accumulated into another array of size 32x32
  - features a different memory layout; memcpy operations is used
- ▶ One loop with 4 iterations is manually unrolled
  - appears necessary to help the compiler vectorize (use SIMD)

# Matmul: annotated code

```
void mm(float* C, float* A, float* B, int m, int n, int p) {
    __reads("A ~ Matrix2(m, p), B ~ Matrix2(p, n)");
    __modifies("C ~ Matrix2(m, n)");
    for (int i = 0; i < m; i++) {
        __xmodifies("for j in 0..n -> &C[MINDEX2(m, n, i, j)] ~ Cell");
        for (int j = 0; j < n; j++) {
            __xmodifies("&C[MINDEX2(m, n, i, j)] ~ Cell");
            float sum = 0.0f;
            for (int k = 0; k < p; k++) {
                __ghost_begin(focusA, matrix2_ro_focus, "A, i, k");
                __ghost_begin(focusB, matrix2_ro_focus, "B, k, j");
                sum += A[MINDEX2(m, p, i, k)] * B[MINDEX2(p, n, k, j)];
                __ghost_end(focusA);
                __ghost_end(focusB);
            }
            C[MINDEX2(m, n, i, j)] = sum;
        }
    }
}
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                __ghost_begin(focusB, matrix2_ro_focus, "B, k, j");
                sum += A[MINDEX2(m, p, i, k)] * B[MINDEX2(p, n, k, j)];
                __ghost_end(focusA);
                __ghost_end(focusB);
            }
            C[MINDEX2(m, n, i, j)] = sum;
        }
    }
}
```

Goal: reproduce TVM output, with achieves 150× on a 4-core Intel i7.

Future work: match Intel MKL, which achieves 204×.

# Matmul: transformation script

```
!! Function.inline_def [cFunDef "mm"];
let tile (loop_id, tile_size) = Loop.tile (int tile_size)
  ~index:("b" ^ loop_id) ~bound:TileDivides [cFor loop_id] in
  !! List.iter tile [("i", 32); ("j", 32); ("k", 4)];
  !! Loop.reorder_at ~order:["bi"; "bj"; "bk"; "i"; "k"; "j"] [cPlusEq ~lhs:[cVar "sum"] ()];
  !! Loop.hoist_expr ~dest:[tBefore; cFor "bi"] "pB" ~indep:["bi"; "i"] [cArrayRead "B"];
  !! Matrix.stack_copy ~var:"sum" ~copy_var:"s" ~copy_dims:1
    [cFor ~body:[cPlusEq ~lhs:[cVar "sum"] ()] "k"];
  !! Omp.simd [nbMulti; cFor ~body:[cPlusEq ~lhs:[cVar "s"] ()] "j"];
  !! Omp.parallel_for [nbMulti; cFunBody ""; cStrict; cFor ""];
  !! Loop.unroll ~simpl:Arith.do_nothing [cFor ~body:[cPlusEq ~lhs:[cVar "s"] ()] "k"];
  !! Cleanup.std ();
```

# Matmul: the TVM approach

## Input code

featuring the transpose of B

```
k = tvm.reduce_axis((0, P))
A = tvm.placeholder((M, P))
B = tvm.placeholder((P, N))

# C = tvm.compute((M, N),
#   lambda i, j: sum(A[i, k] * B[k, j],
#     axis=k))

pB = tvm.compute((N / 32, P, 32),
  lambda bj, k, j:
    B[k, bj * 32 + j])

C = tvm.compute((M, N),
  lambda i, j:
    sum(A[i, k]
      * pB[j // 32, k, j % 32],
      axis=k))
```

## Transformation hints

a.k.a. *TVM schedule*

```
CC = s.cache_write(C, "global")
bi, bj, i, j = s[C].tile(
    C.op.axis[0],
    C.op.axis[1], 32, 32)
s[CC].compute_at(s[C], bj)
i2, j2 = s[CC].op.axis
(kaxis,) = s[CC].op.reduce_axis
bk, k = s[CC].split(kaxis, factor=4)
s[CC].reorder(bk, i2, k, j2)
s[CC].vectorize(j2)
s[CC].unroll(k)
s[C].parallel(bi)
bj3, _, j3 = s[pB].op.axis
s[pB].vectorize(j3)
s[pB].parallel(bj3)
```

## OpenCV case study

# OpenCV's box-blur: row-sum function

OpenCV is a reference, open source library for computer vision.



Box-blur: each pixel is replaced with an average of the  $K \times K$  nearby pixels.

Implementation:

1. compute sums of  $K$  nearby pixels on every row
2. compute sums of  $K$  nearby pixels on every column
3. postpone the division to a final processing step

# RowSum: transformation script

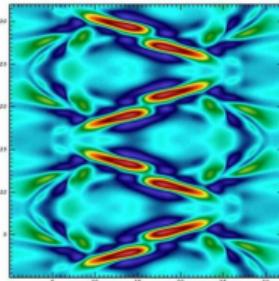
```
!! Specialize.variable_multi ~mark_then:fst ~mark_else:"nokn"
  ["kn", int 3; "kn", int 5] [cFunBody "rowSum"; cFor "i"];
!! Reduce.elim ~inline:true [nbMulti; cMark "kn"; cFun "reduce_spe1"];
!! Loop.collapse [nbMulti; cMark "kn"; cFor "i"];

!! Loop.swap [nbMulti; cMark "nokn"; cFor "i"];
!! Reduce.slide ~mark_alloc:"acc" [nbMulti; cMark "nokn"; cArrayWrite "D"];
!! Reduce.elim [nbMulti; cMark "acc"; cFun "reduce_spe1"];
!! Variable.elim_reuse [nbMulti; cMark "acc"];
!! Reduce.elim ~inline:true [nbMulti; cMark "nokn"; cFor "i"; cFun "reduce_spe1"];

!! Specialize.variable_multi ~mark_then:fst
  ["cn", int 1; "cn", int 3; "cn", int 4] [cMark "nokn"; cFor "c"];
!! Loop.unroll [nbMulti; cMark "cn"; cFor "c"];
!! Target.foreach [nbMulti; cMark "cn"] (fun c ->
  Loop.fusion_targets ~into:FuseIntoLast [nbMulti; c; cFor "i" ~body:[cArrayWrite "D"]];
  Instr.gather_targets [c; cStrict; cArrayWrite "D"];
  Loop.fusion_targets ~into:FuseIntoLast [nbMulti; c; cFor ~stop:[cVar "kn"] "i"];
  Instr.gather_targets [c; cFor "i"; cArrayWrite "D"];
);
!! Cleanup.std ();
```

## PIC case study

# Plasma simulation, Particle-in-Cell method (PIC)



In our EuroPar'18 article:

- ▶ 256 billion particles
- ▶ 3072 cores on 128 sockets
- ▶ 12.3 TB RAM

**Foreach** time step

**Foreach** particle  $i$  with position  $\mathbf{x}_i$  and velocity  $\mathbf{v}_i$

    Interpolate the electric grid  $\mathbf{E}$  at the position  $\mathbf{x}_i$

    Update the velocity of the particle

    Update the position of the particle

    Accumulate the particle's charge on the nearest grid points

    Recompute  $\mathbf{E}$  from the charge stored in the grid

## PIC: numerical scaling for uniform particles

Acceleration for charged particles:

$$\mathbf{F} = m \cdot \mathbf{a} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{F} = q \cdot \mathbf{E} \quad \text{gives} \quad \mathbf{a} = \frac{q}{m} \mathbf{E}$$

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Scaling values:

$$\mathbf{E}' = \frac{q\Delta_t^2}{m} \cdot \mathbf{E} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{v}' = \Delta_t \cdot \mathbf{v}$$

Update to speed and position, revisited:

$$\mathbf{v}' += \mathbf{E}' \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{x}' += \mathbf{v}'$$

# Micro-PIC optimized code: scaling of the speed

```
void simulate(double stepDuration,
    particle* particles, int nbParticles,
    vect* fieldAtCorners, int nbSteps,
    double pCharge, double pMass) {
    ...
    for (int i = 0; i < nbParticles; i++) {
        particles[i].speed.x *= deltaT;
        particles[i].speed.y *= deltaT;
        particles[i].speed.z *= deltaT;
    }
    for (int idStep = 0; idStep < nbSteps; idStep++) {
        for (int idPart = 0; idPart < nbParticles; idPart++) {
            ... // body of the core loops, with particles[i].speed scaled
        }
    }
    for (int i = 0; i < nbParticles; i++) {
        particles[i].speed.x /= deltaT;
        particles[i].speed.y /= deltaT;
        particles[i].speed.z /= deltaT;
    }
    ...
}
```

→ General-purpose compilers cannot apply such a transformation.

# Micro-PIC optimized code: core loops

```
for (int idStep = 0; idStep < nbSteps; idStep++) {
    for (int idPart = 0; idPart < nbParticles; idPart++) {
        cornerInterpolationCoeff(particles[idPart].pos, coeffs);
        double fieldAtPosX = 0.;
        double fieldAtPosY = 0.;
        double fieldAtPosZ = 0.;
        for (int k = 0; k < nbCorners; k++) {
            fieldAtPosX += coeffs[k] * lFieldAtCorners[k].x;
            fieldAtPosY += coeffs[k] * lFieldAtCorners[k].y;
            fieldAtPosZ += coeffs[k] * lFieldAtCorners[k].z;
        }
        const double speed2X = particles[idPart].speed.x + fieldAtPosX;
        const double speed2Y = particles[idPart].speed.y + fieldAtPosY;
        const double speed2Z = particles[idPart].speed.z + fieldAtPosZ;
        particles[idPart].pos.x += speed2X;
        particles[idPart].pos.y += speed2Y;
        particles[idPart].pos.z += speed2Z;
        particles[idPart].speed.x = speed2X;
        particles[idPart].speed.y = speed2Y;
        particles[idPart].speed.z = speed2Z;
    }
}
```

→ Looks similar to handwritten code.

# Full Particle-in-Cell simulation

Many more optimizations performed:

- ▶ array-of-structure-to-structure-of-arrays
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So far: reproduced the desired code using 140 transformation steps.

Work remaining: implement the numerous missing correctness criteria.

## Inside OptiTrust

# OptiTrust's internal language

Internally, the OptiTrust abstract syntax tree (AST) consists of an imperative  $\lambda$ -calculus.

1. Parse C/C++ code using Clang
2. Read Clang output in OCaml using the ClangML package
3. Translate to OptiTrust AST: eliminate mutable vars and *l*-values
4. Typecheck the code
5. Repeat: apply a transformation, then retypecheck
6. Translate back to C syntax and print code

# Resource Analysis in MatMul

user-provided function contracts

```
void mm(float* C, float* A, float* B, int m, int n, int p) {
    __reads("A ~> Matrix2(m, p), B ~> Matrix2(p, n)");
    __modifies("C ~> Matrix2(m, n)");
    // [...]
}
```

- ▶ clauses describe ownership of resources (permissions)
- ▶ a matrix is a conjunction of cells:  $\star_{i \in 0..m} \star_{j \in 0..n} (\&C[i][j] \rightsquigarrow \text{Cell})$

# Resource Analysis in MatMul

user-provided partial loop contracts

```
for (int i = 0; i < m; i++) {  
    __xmodifies("for j in 0..n -> &C[i][j] ~ Cell");  
  
    for (int j = 0; j < n; j++) {  
        __xmodifies("&C[i][j] ~ Cell");  
  
        float sum = 0.0f;  
        for (int k = 0; k < p; k++) {  
  
            sum += A[i][k] * B[k][j];  
  
        }  
        C[i][j] = sum;  
    }  
}
```

# Resource Analysis in MatMul

automatically inferred annotations

```
for (int i = 0; i < m; i++) {  
    __xmodifies("for j in 0..n -> &C[i][j] ~ Cell");  
    __sreads("A ~ Matrix2(m, p), B ~ Matrix2(p, n)");  
    for (int j = 0; j < n; j++) {  
        __xmodifies("&C[i][j] ~ Cell");  
        __sreads("A ~ Matrix2(m, p), B ~ Matrix2(p, n)");  
        float sum = 0.0f;  
        for (int k = 0; k < p; k++) {  
            __smodifies("&sum ~ Cell");  
            __sreads("A ~ Matrix2(m, p), B ~ Matrix2(p, n)");  
            __ghost(matrix2_ro_focus, "A, i, k");  
            __ghost(matrix2_ro_focus, "B, k, j");  
            sum += A[i][k] * B[k][j];  
            __ghost(matrix2_ro_unfocus, "A");  
            __ghost(matrix2_ro_unfocus, "B");  
        }  
        C[i][j] = sum;  
    }  
}
```

# Combined Transformations on MatMul

Combined transformations:

- ▶ compose basic transformations
- ▶ are valid by composition

MatMul: 8 script steps result in 55 basic transformations (+61 ghost transformations).

Zoom on the 3<sup>rd</sup> transformation step:

```
!! Loop.reorder_at ~order:["bi"; "bj"; "bk"; "i"; "k"; "j"] [cPlusEq ()];
```

- ▶ 18 basic transformations
  - ▶ 4 `Loop.swap`
  - ▶ 6 `Loop.fission`
  - ▶ 2 `Loop.hoist`
  - ▶ .. 6 more
- ▶ 32 ghost transformations

Trace for matmul\_check ✓

- Preprocessing loop contracts ✓
- Function.inline\_def [cFunDef "mm"]; ✓
- List.iter tile [("i", 32); ("i", 32); ("k", 4)]; ✓
- Loop.reorder\_at ~order:[("bi"; "bj"; "bk"; "i"; "k"; "j")]; [cPlusEq ~lhs:[cVar "sum"] ()]; ✓
- Loop.reorder\_at ✓
- bring down j ✓
  - Loop.hoist\_alloc\_loop\_list ✓
  - Loop.fission ✓
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  - Loop\_swap.swap ✓
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  - Loop\_swap.swap ✓
- Loop.hoist\_expr ~dest:[tBefore; cFor "bi" "pB" ~indep:[("bi"; "i")]; [cArrayRead "B"]; ✓
- Matrix.stack\_copy ~var:"sum" ~copy\_var:"s" ~copy\_dims:1 [cFor ~body:[cPlusEq ~lhs:[cVar "sum"] ()] "K"]; ✓
- Omp.simd [nbMulti; cFor ~body:[cPlusEq ~lhs:[cVar "s"] ()] "I"]; ✓
- Omp.parallel\_for [nbMulti; cFunBody ""; cStrict; cFor ""]; ✓

```
@@ -1,20 +1,38 @@
1 #include <optitrust.h>
2
3 void mm1024(float* C, float* A, float* B) {
4     for (int bi = 0; bi < 32; bi++) {
5         for (int i = 0; i < 32; i++) {
6             for (int bj = 0; bj < 32; bj++) {
7                 for (int j = 0; j < 32; j++) {
8                     float sum = 0.f;
9                     for (int bk = 0; bk < 256; bk++) {
10                         for (int k = 0; k < 4; k++) {
11                             sum += A[MINDEX2(1024, 1024, bi * 32 + i, bk * 4 + k)] *
12                                 B[MINDEX2(1024, 1024, bk * 4 + k, bj * 32 + j)];
13                         }
14                     }
15                     C[MINDEX2(1024, 1024, bi * 32 + i, bj * 32 + j)] = sum;
16                 }
17             }
18         }
19     }
20 }
```

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2
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5         for (int i = 0; i < 32; i++) {
6             for (int bj = 0; bj < 32; bj++) {
7                 float* const sum = (float* const)MALLOC2(32, 32, sizeof(float));
8                 for (int i = 0; i < 32; i++) {
9                     for (int j = 0; j < 32; j++) {
10                         sum[MINDEX2(32, 32, i, j)] = 0.f;
11                     }
12                 }
13             }
14             for (int bk = 0; bk < 256; bk++) {
15                 for (int i = 0; i < 32; i++) {
16                     for (int j = 0; j < 32; j++) {
17                         for (int k = 0; k < 4; k++) {
18                             for (int j = 0; j < 32; j++) {
19                                 sum[MINDEX2(32, 32, i, j)] +=
20                                     A[MINDEX2(1024, 1024, bi * 32 + i, bk * 4 + k)] *
21                                     B[MINDEX2(1024, 1024, bk * 4 + k, bj * 32 + j)];
22                             }
23                         }
24                     }
25                 }
26             }
27             for (int i = 0; i < 32; i++) {
28                 for (int j = 0; j < 32; j++) {
29                     C[MINDEX2(1024, 1024, bi * 32 + i, bj * 32 + j)] =
30                         sum[MINDEX2(32, 32, i, j)];
31                 }
32             }
33             MFREE2(32, 32, sum);
34         }
35         for (int i = 0; i < 32; i++) {
36     }
```

advanced  arguments  justification  
 normal  full

Diff  Code before  Code after  Decode  Hide res  Res annot  Res context  Res usage  Full res  Compact

# Basic Transformations

Basic transformations:

- ▶ transform the AST directly
    - internally, we transform an imperative lambda calculus AST with bijective encoding from C*
  - ▶ check for sufficient correctness conditions
- 
- ▶ **Instr**: move, delete, insert, duplicate
  - ▶ **Function**: inline
  - ▶ **Variable**: inline, bind, to\_const, init\_detach, local\_name
  - ▶ **Loop**: fusion, fission, swap, hoist, move\_out, tile, collapse, unroll
  - ▶ **Matrix**: intro\_malloc0,
  - ▶ **Omp**: parallel\_for, simd
  - ▶ **Arith**: simpl
  - ▶ ...

# Typing algorithm

Compute resources at every program point.

$$\Gamma := \langle x_0 : \tau_0, \dots, x_n : \tau_n \mid y_0 : H_0, \dots, y_n : H_n \rangle$$

- ▶  $\tau$  denotes either a program type or a mathematical type
- ▶  $H$  denotes a linear resource of separation logic

Typing judgment:

$$\{\Gamma\} t^\Delta \{\Gamma'\}$$

where  $\Delta$  denotes the usage information, detailed further.

# Grammar of contracts

Function contract  $\gamma$  in a function definition:  $\mathbf{fun}(a_1, \dots, a_n)_{\gamma} \mapsto t$   
aims to satisfy the triple:

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Loop contract  $\chi$  in a loop:  $\mathbf{for } (i \in r)_{\chi} \{t\}$   
aims to satisfy the triple:

$$\begin{aligned} & \{\chi.\text{vars} * \chi.\text{shrd.reads} * \chi.\text{shrd.inv}(i) * \chi.\text{excl.pre}(i)\} \\ & t \\ & \{\chi.\text{shrd.reads} * \chi.\text{shrd.inv}(i + 1) * \chi.\text{excl.post}(i)\} \end{aligned}$$

# About OptiTrust

Open-source project, open to external contributions.

Disclaimer: not yet ready for production use.

Entry point: our 60-page TOPLAS submission.

# Matrix Multiplication Performance

- ▶ Intel(R) Core(TM) i7-8665U CPU, AVX2 (8 floats), 4 cores (8 hyperthreads)
- ▶ Relative speedup on  $1024^3$  input:

version	single-thread	multi-thread
unoptimized	1×	1×
optimized	46×	150×
TVM	46×	150×
numpy (Intel MKL) <sup>1</sup>	71×	183×

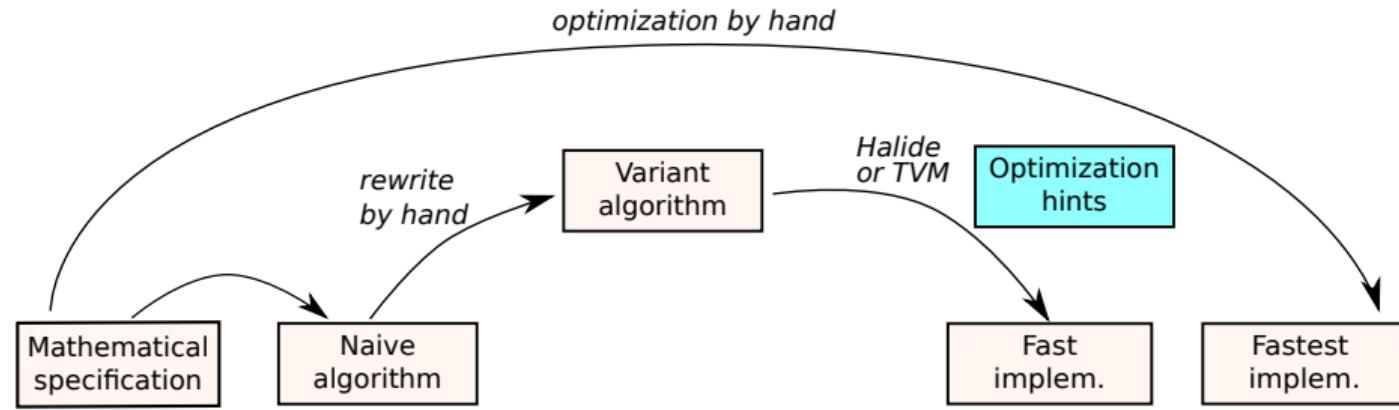
Both codes have 90th percentile runtime of 9.4ms over 200 benchmark runs, corresponding to a speedup of 150× compared to the 90th percentile of the naive code.

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<sup>1</sup>uses assembly code, explicit vectorization, custom thread library

# High-performance programming

Increasing complexity of the hardware poses new challenges.



## Optimization by hand

- ✓ Generally applicable
- ✓ Fastest output code
- ✗ Very costly
- ✗ Error-prone

## Using specialized compilers

- ✗ Limited applicability
- ✗ Fast but not fastest
- ✓ Much less costly
- ✓ Much safer

# Trusted code base

Compilers are incredibly hard to get 100% correct.

OptiTrust is designed to minimize the TCB, with its 2-layer approach:

- ▶ **Basic transformations**
  - ▶ minimal implementation
  - ▶ carefully studied correctness criteria
- ▶ **Combined transformations**
  - ▶ implement high-level procedures
  - ▶ correct by composition, thus out of the TCB

In the future, for code verified w.r.t. full functional correctness, the production of proof certificates would make OptiTrust out of the TCB.

# Future work

- ▶ More transformations
- ▶ More language features
- ▶ More separation logic
  - ▶ full functional correctness
  - ▶ proof certificates
  - ▶ link to verified compilers
- ▶ More performance (incremental typechecker, ...)
- ▶ More case studies
- ▶ More documentation, more tutorials
- ▶ More users, more contributors

# Contributors to OptiTrust

Development:

- ▶ Damien Rouhling Postdoc 1 year
- ▶ Begatim Bytyqi Engineer 1.5 year
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# Axis 1: Correct and Composable Hardware-Specific Transformations

**Goal:** create an optimization space  
that evolves with hardware  
by composition of transformations

## Approach:

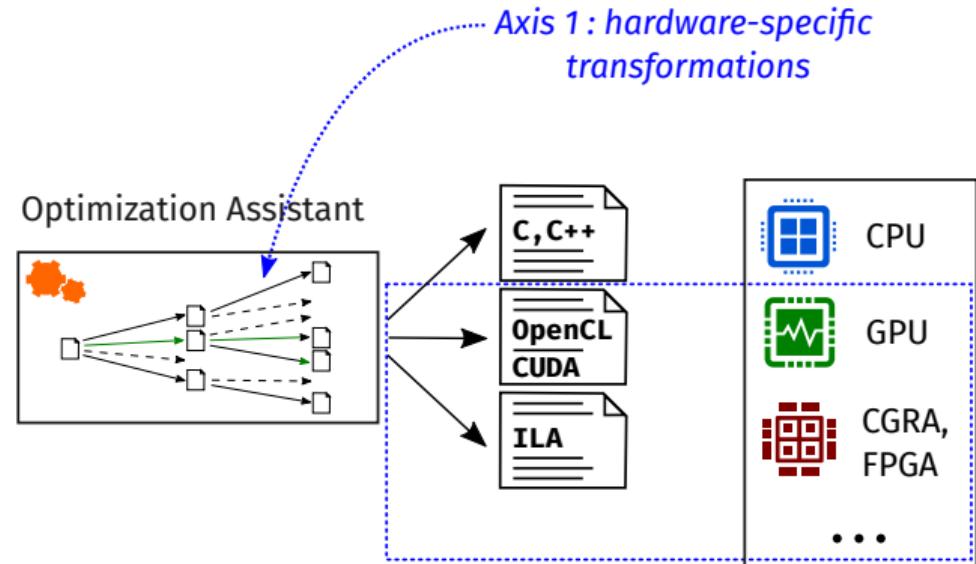
- decompose expert optimizations  
into simpler transformations

## Difficulty:

- identify and guarantee the correctness  
of transformations, taking programming  
models into account

## International Collaborations:

- Bastian Köpcke, Universität Münster [[arXiv'22](#), GPGPU'22, PLDI'24]
- Jackson Woodruff, University of Edinburgh [PLDI'22, [arXiv'23](#), CC'23]

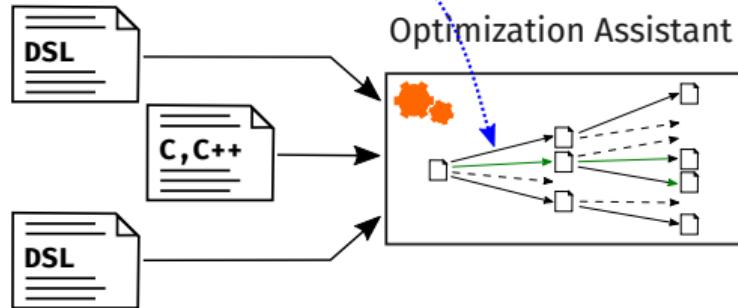
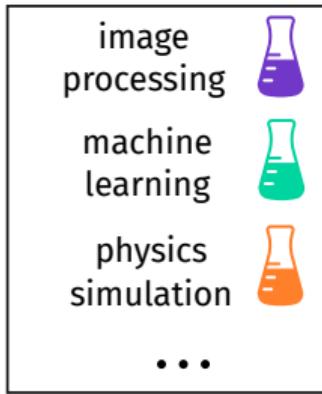


*Master Intern from September 2025* ✓  
supervised with Arthur Charguéraud

*PhD Researcher from 2026/2027* ?

# Axis 2: Libraries of Composable Domain-Specific Transformations

Axis 2 : domain-specific  
transformations



**Goal:** create an optimization space  
that evolves with domains and  
their specialized languages (DSLs)

**Plan:**

- AI project: novel IR for ML stack ?
- long term: mixing DSLs,  
libraries = functions
  - + transformations
  - + heuristics

*Master Intern / PhD / PostDoc*   
with Christophe Alias,  
Eric Leclercq, Annabelle Gillet

Overlapping Interests?

- Gabriel Radanne
- AnyDSL team (Roland Leissa, Sebastian Hack)
- Inria EMERAUDE

**Difficulties:**

- breaking abstraction and stack boundaries
- facilitate defining custom transformations

# Axis 3: Interactivity between Programmer and Assistant

**Goal:** develop an interactive feedback loop allowing to productively explore the optimization space

## Plan:

- now: sketch-guided optimization of imperative code  
*polyhedralic and/or beam search*
- later: optimization suggestions and visualizations  
*bottlenecks, hot code*

## Difficulty:

- exploring a complex and evolving optimization space

## Interdisciplinary Collaboration:

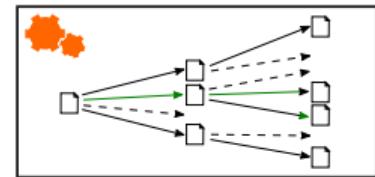
- Géry Casiez (Inria LOKI, Human-Computer Interaction)

*Master Intern  
from March 2025 ✓*

*supervised with  
Christophe Alias*

*PhD Researcher  
from late 2025 ?*

## Optimization Assistant



*Axis 3 : interactivity*



*programmer*

# Axis 4: Guaranteeing Numerical Accuracy during Optimization

**Goal:** guarantee numerical accuracy during optimization,  
avoid errors and allow optimizations

error-tolerant trigonometric function = 4x faster  
fixed point numbers for FPGA

exact arithmetic  
 $\mathbb{R}$

finite numbers  
float

Axis 4 : numerical analysis

## Difficulty:

- most compilers do not perform numerical analyses
  - 'gcc': no optimisations over floats
  - 'gcc -ffast-math': treats floats as reals

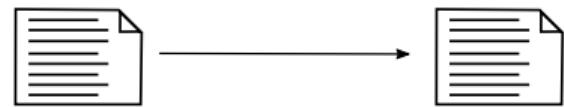
## International Collaboration:

- Eva Darulova, Uppsala University [TOPLAS'17, SAS'23]

1-2 Master Interns from Spring 2025 ✓

hiring PhDs/PostDocs under ERC Starting grant HORNET

## functional language on arrays



- interval analysis on values and errors
  - error is below  $e(x \circ y) + d$
- empirical pareto fronts
  - shadow execution