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A Compiler Intermediate Representation for Stencils



“Climate change is now affecting every country on every continent. It is disrupting national economies and affecting lives, costing people, communities and countries dearly today and even more tomorrow. Weather patterns are changing, sea levels are rising, weather events are becoming more extreme and greenhouse gas emissions are now at their highest levels in history.” - **United Nations, Sustainable Development Goals**



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COSMO Atmospheric Model

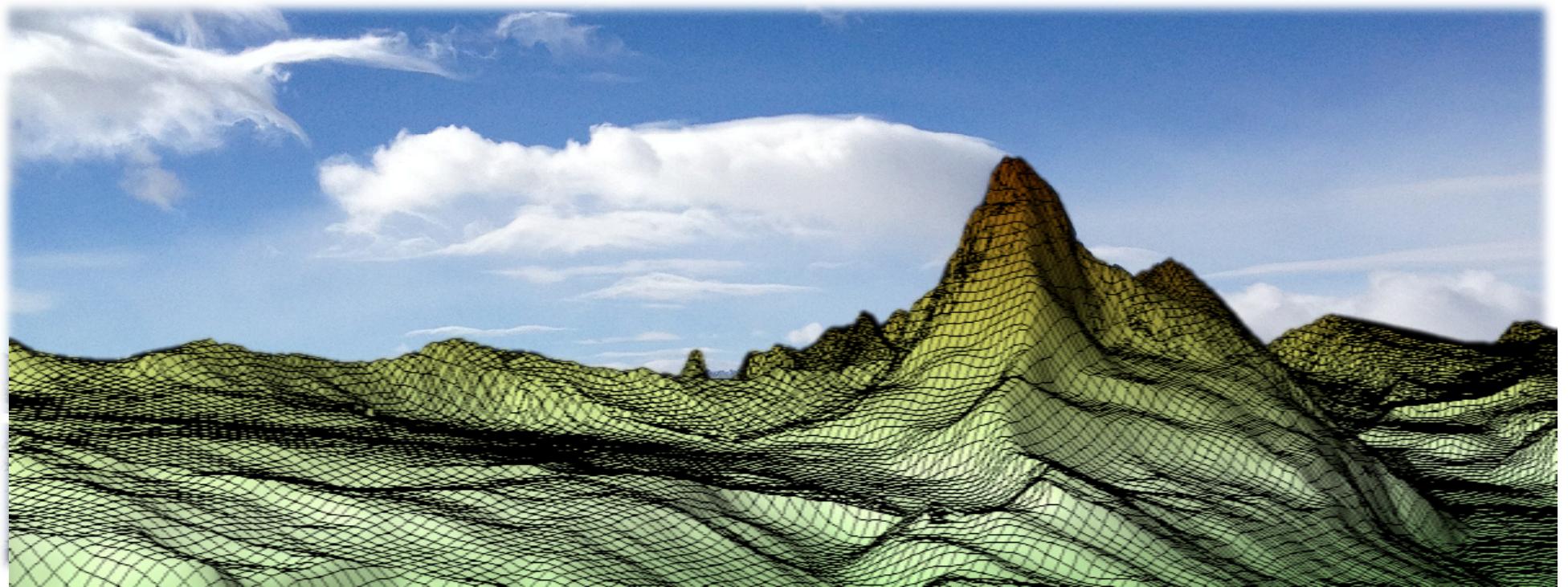
- Regional atmospheric model used by 7 national weather services
- Implements many different stencil programs





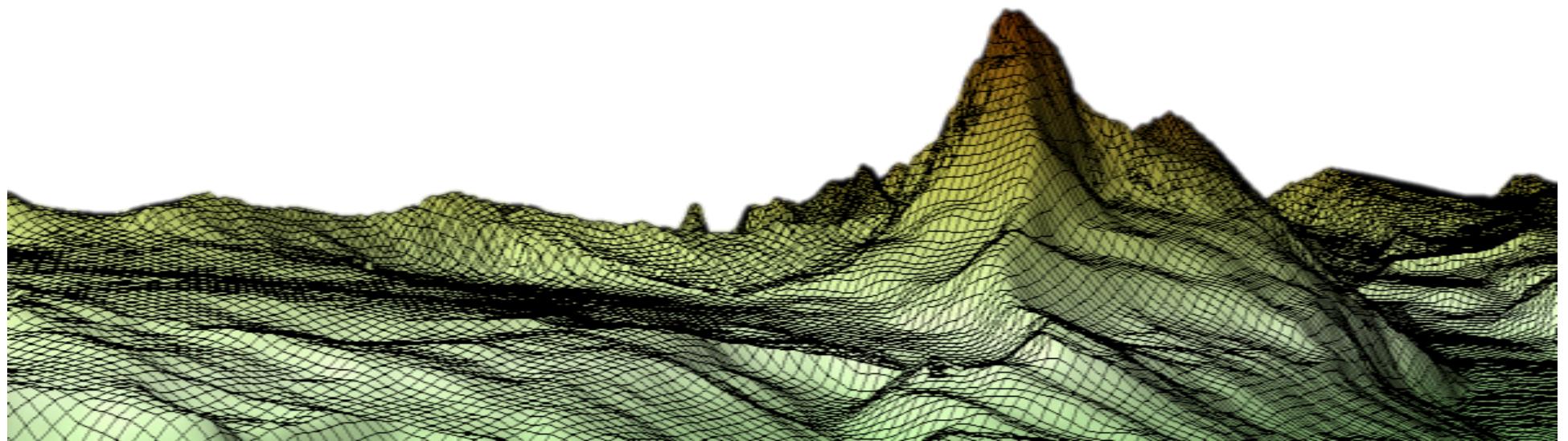
Resolution (35m)

What resolution is needed to predict if there is snow out of the banner cloud at Matterhorn?



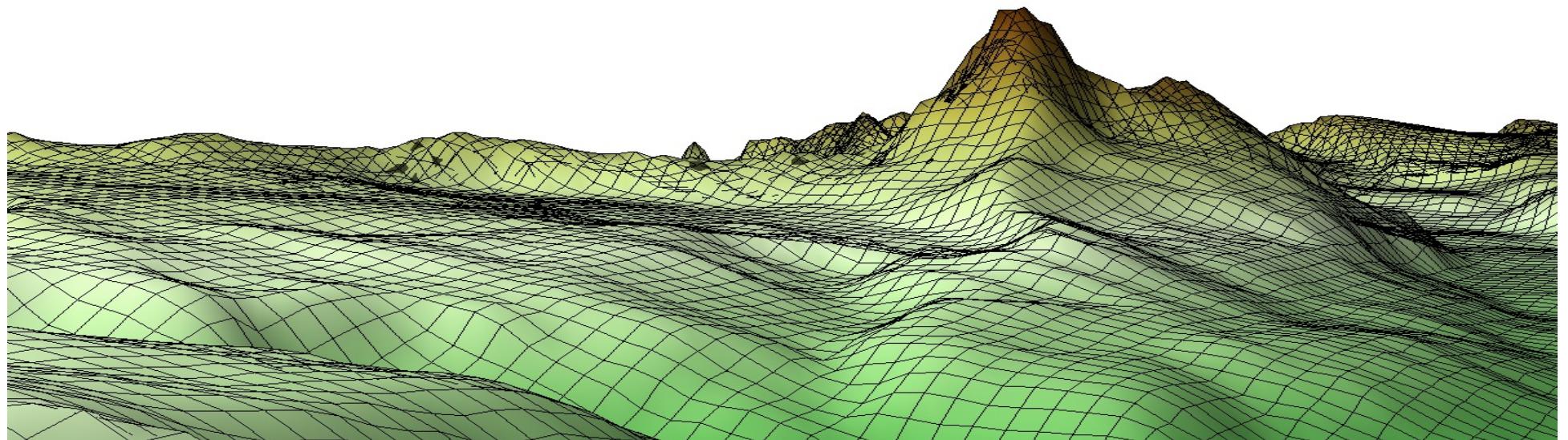
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Resolution (70m)

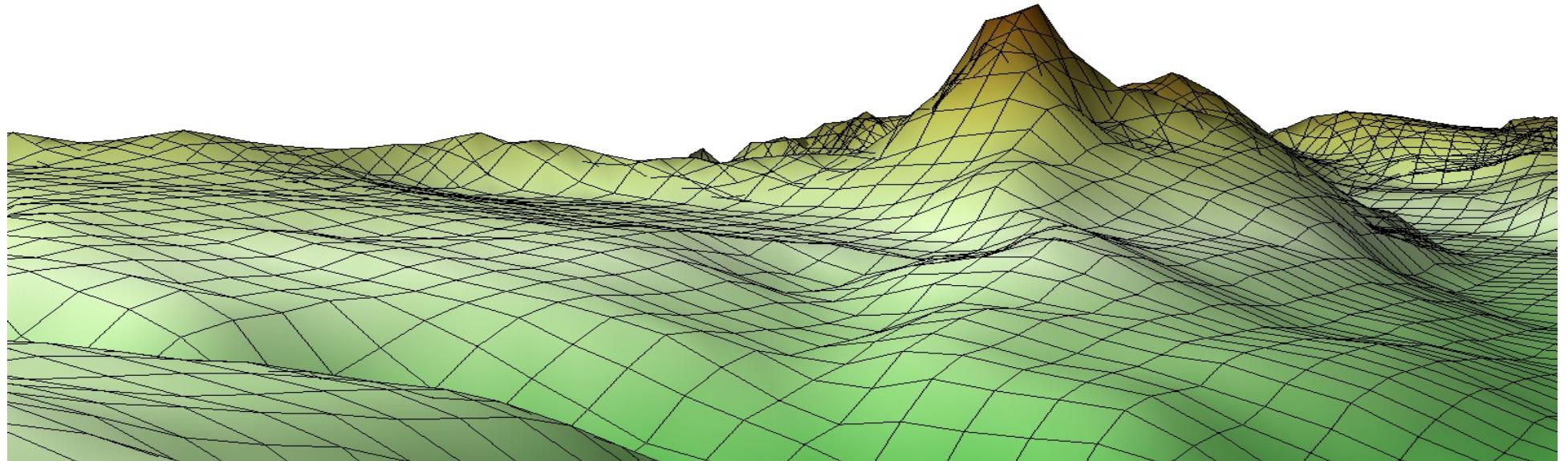
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Resolution (140m)

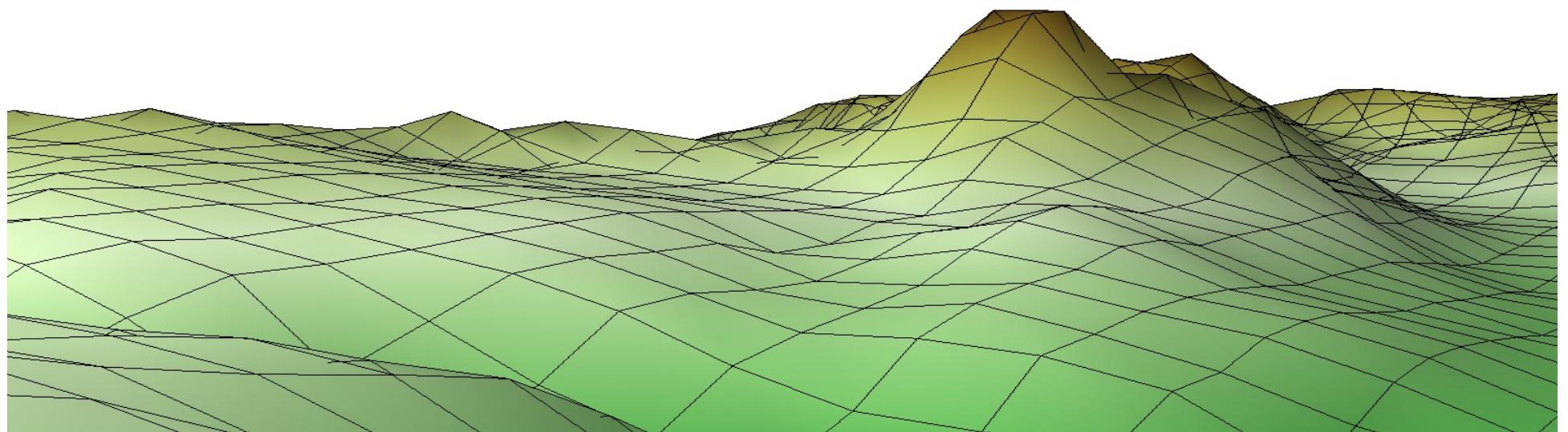
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Resolution (280m)

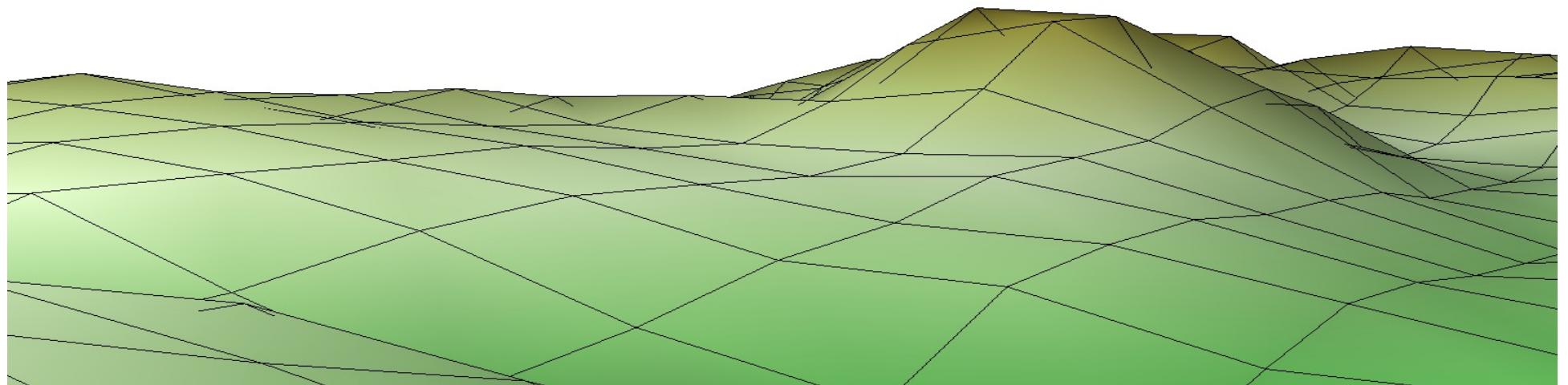
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Resolution (560m)

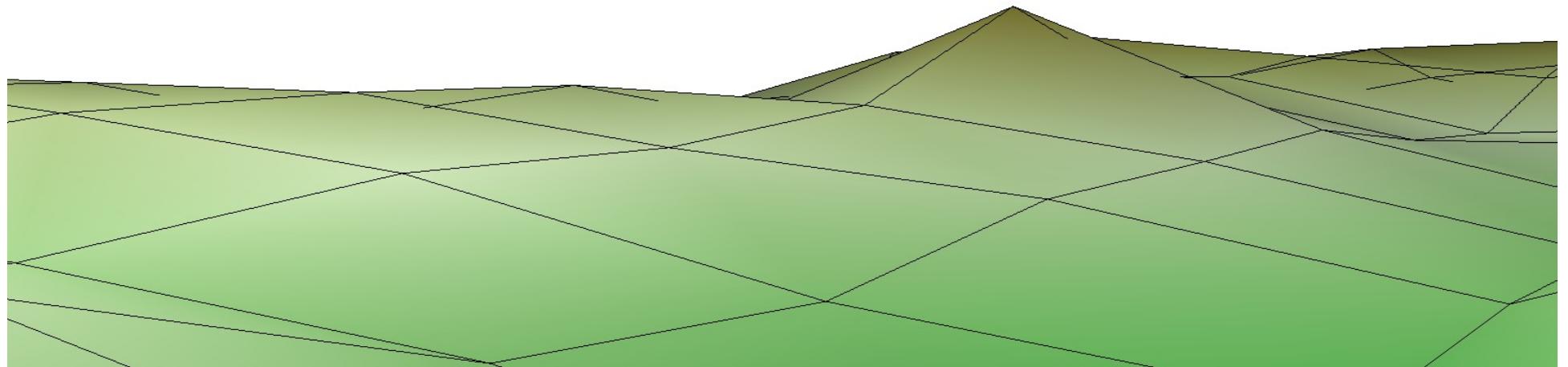
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Resolution (1.1km – Weather Forecast Today)

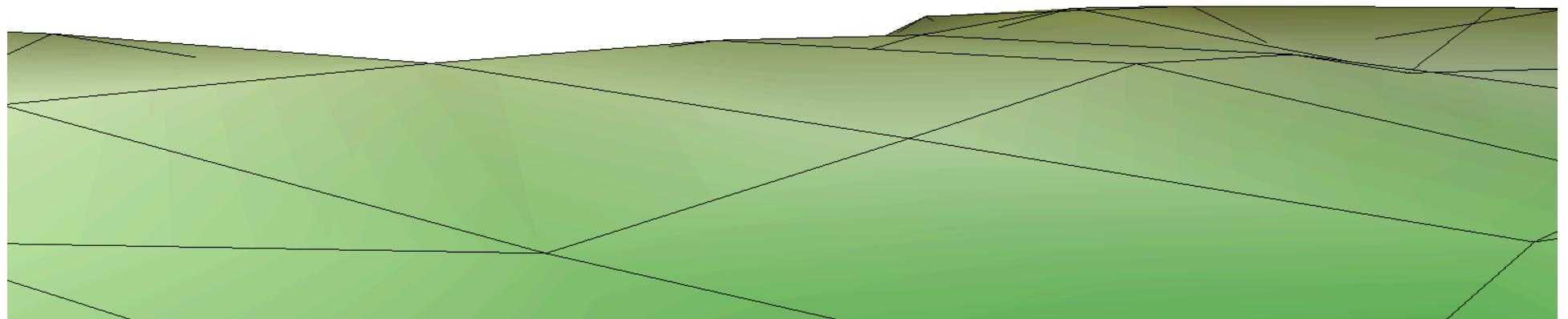
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Resolution (2.2km – Weather Forecast 2015)

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Achieving High-Performance, Portability, and Productivity



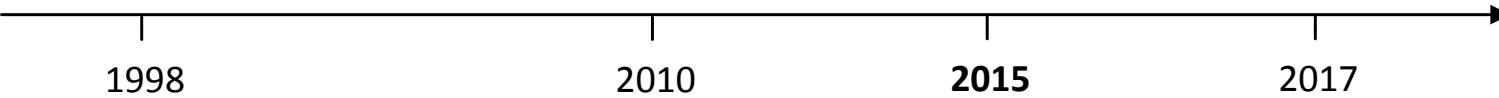
COSMO



Stella/GridTools

**1st GPU
model
running in
production**

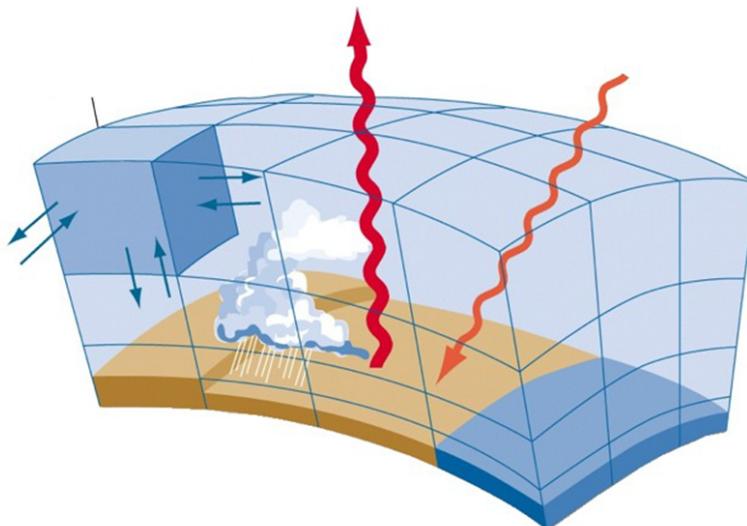
Dawn
(GTClang)



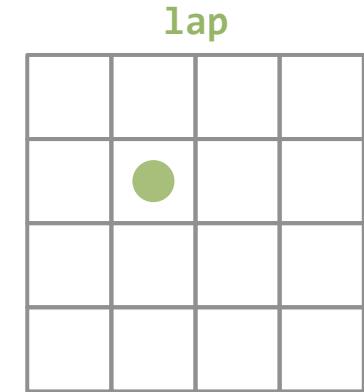
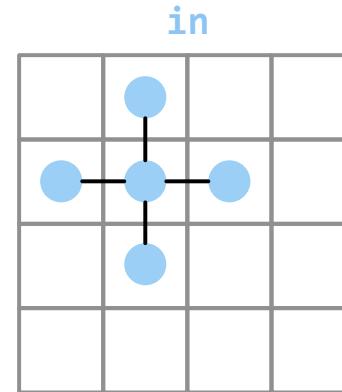
- Fortran code
- optimized for vector machines
- DSL embedded in C++
- GPU and CPU support
- performance & portability
- domain-specific compiler
- front end language agnostic
- powerful analysis and optimization passes
- productivity

Domain-Science vs Computer-Science

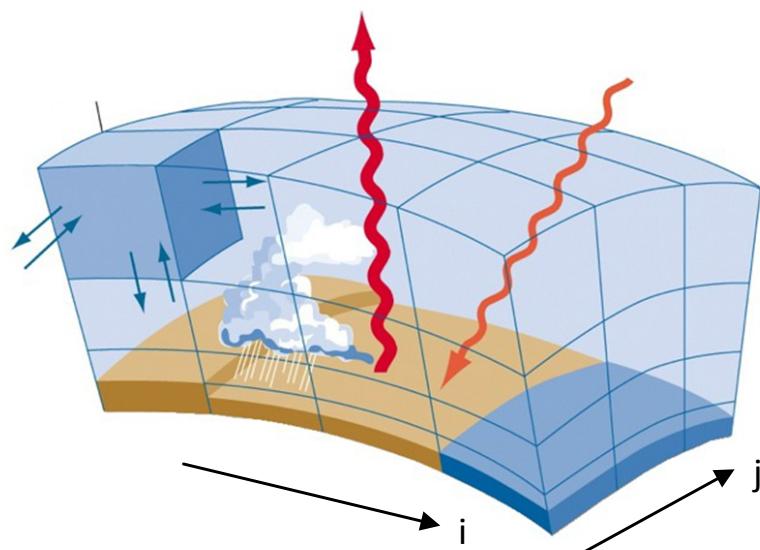
- solve PDE
 - finite differences
 - structured grid
- element-wise computation
 - fixed neighborhood



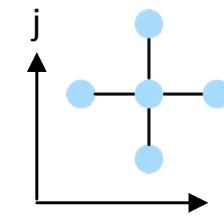
```
lap(i,j) = -4.0 * in(i,j) +
           in(i-1,j) + in(i+1,j) +
           in(i,j-1) + in(i,j+1)
```



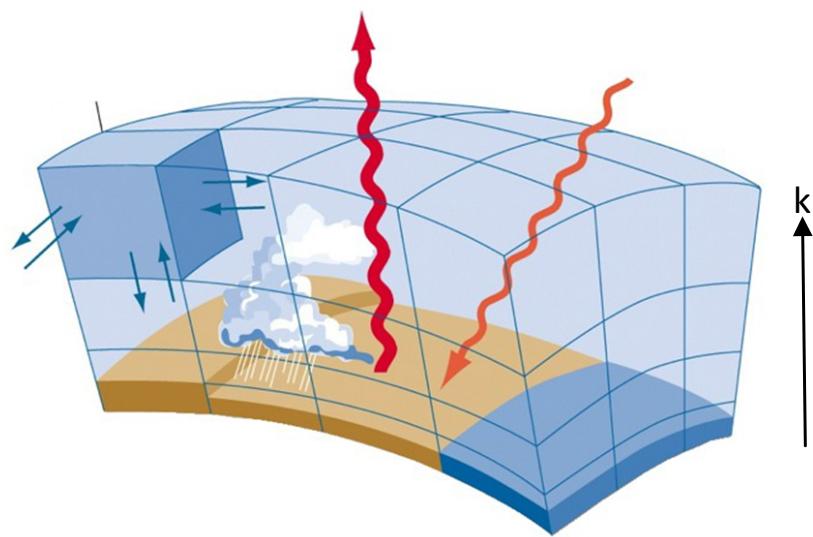
Algorithmic Motifs – Finite Differences



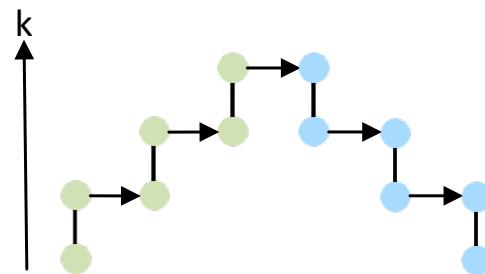
- stencils (no loop carried dependencies)
- mostly horizontal dependencies



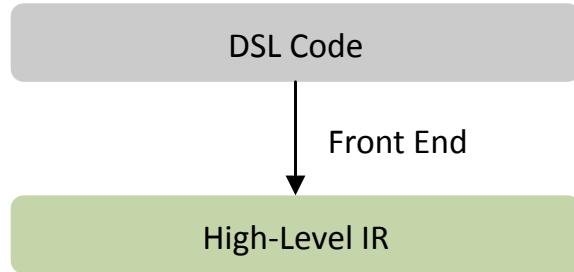
Algorithmic Motifs – Tridiagonal Systems



- vertical dependencies
- loop carried dependencies



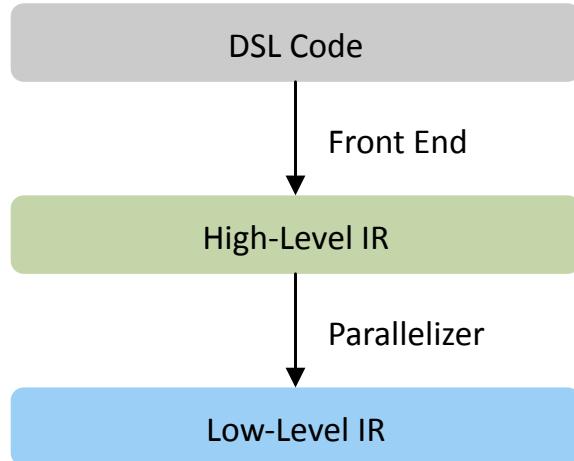
Architecture of the Dawn Compiler



Front End

```
stencil average {
    storage in, out;
    Do {
        vertical_region(kstart, kend) {
            out[i,j,k] = 0.5 * (in[i-1,j,k] + in[i+1,j,k])
        }
    }
};
```

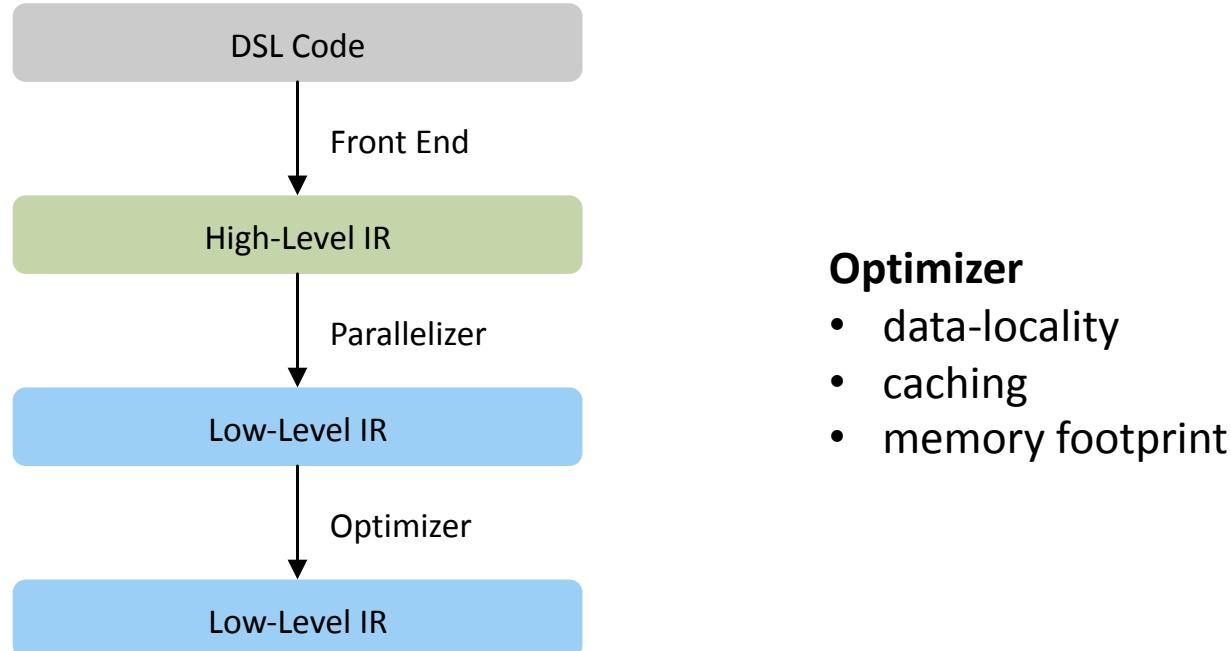
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Parallelizer

- add synchronization
- solve data races
- safety checks

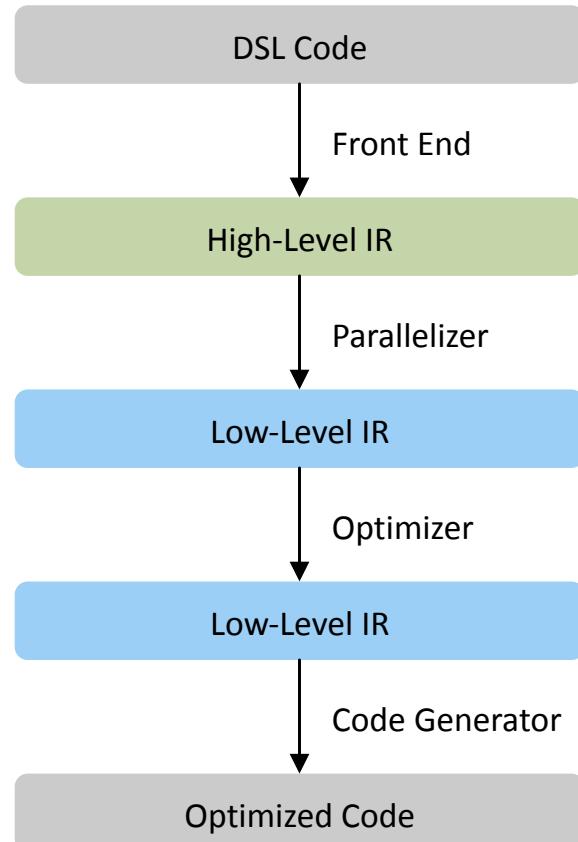
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Optimizer

- data-locality
- caching
- memory footprint

Architecture of the Dawn Compiler



Code Generator

- CUDA
- GridTools
- Debug

HOW STANDARDS PROLIFERATE:

(SEE: A/C CHARGERS, CHARACTER ENCODINGS, INSTANT MESSAGING, ETC)

SITUATION:
THERE ARE
14 COMPETING
STANDARDS.

14?! RIDICULOUS!
WE NEED TO DEVELOP
ONE UNIVERSAL STANDARD
THAT COVERS EVERYONE'S
USE CASES.

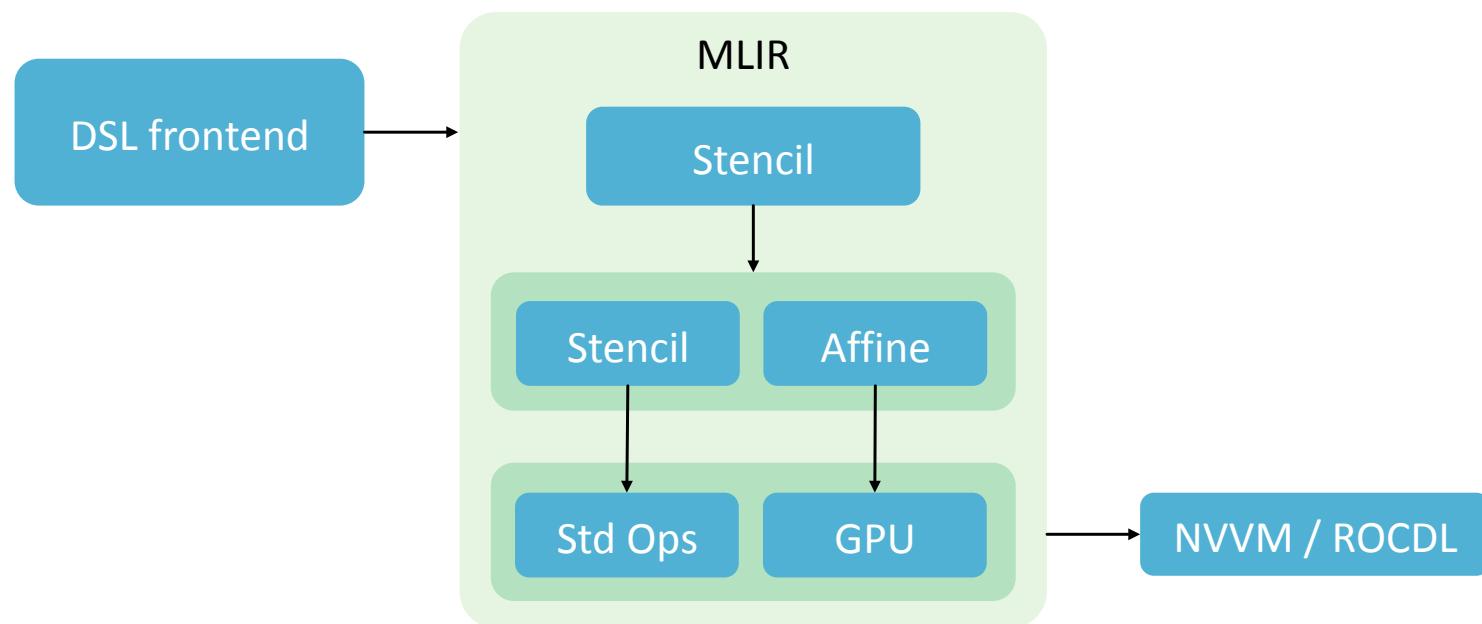


SOON:

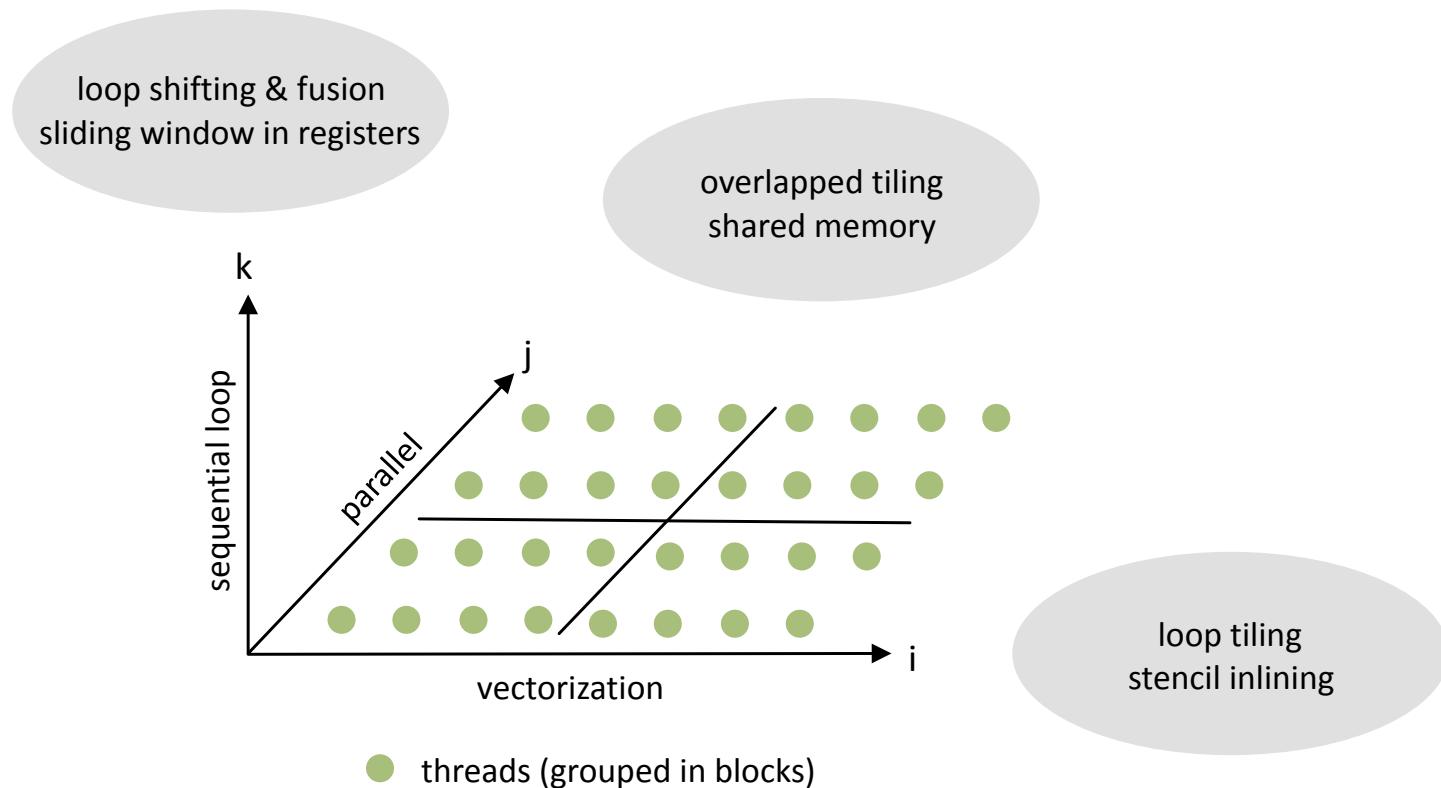
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Climate Stencil Compilation with MLIR



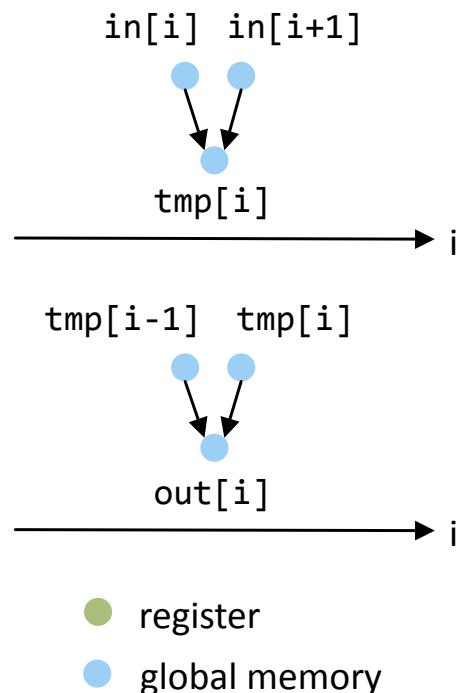
GPU Execution Model and Optimizations



Stencil Inlining

```
for(int i = IB; i < IE; i++)
    tmp[i] = in[i] + in[i+1];

for(int i = IB; i < IE; i++)
    out[i] = tmp[i] + tmp[i-1];
```

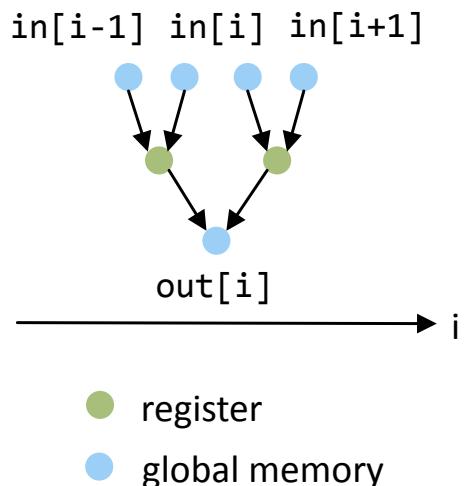


Stencil Inlining

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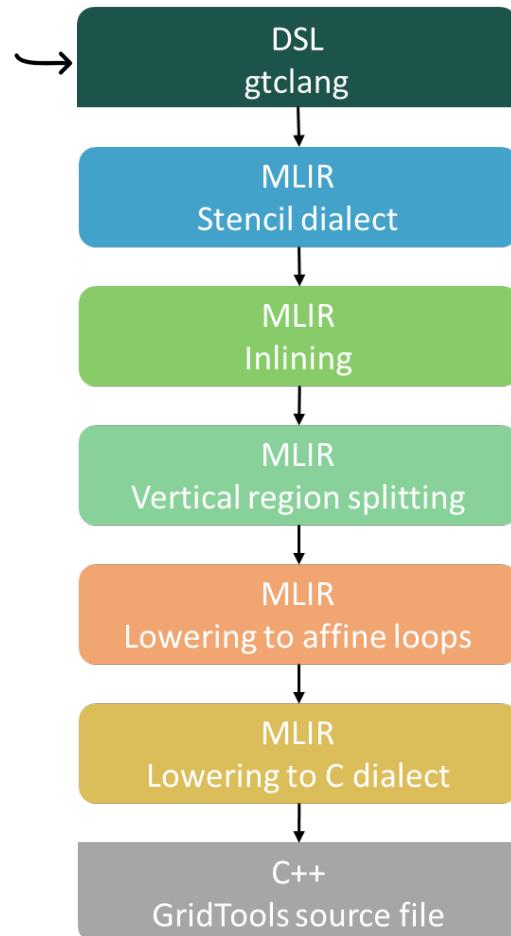
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```



```

for(int i = IB; i < IE; i++)
    out[i] =
        ( $in[i] + in[i+1]$ ) +
        ( $in[i-1] + in[i]$ );
  
```

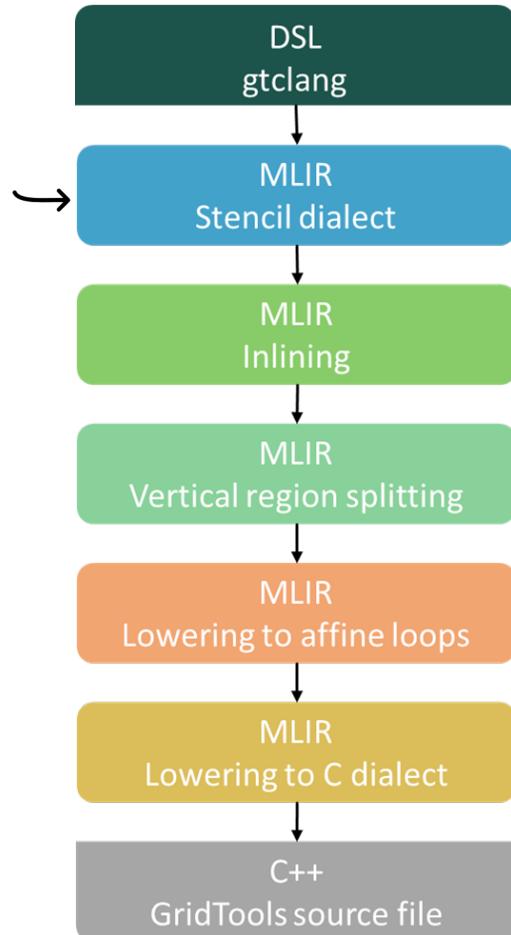


```

stencil_function laplacian {
  storage phi;

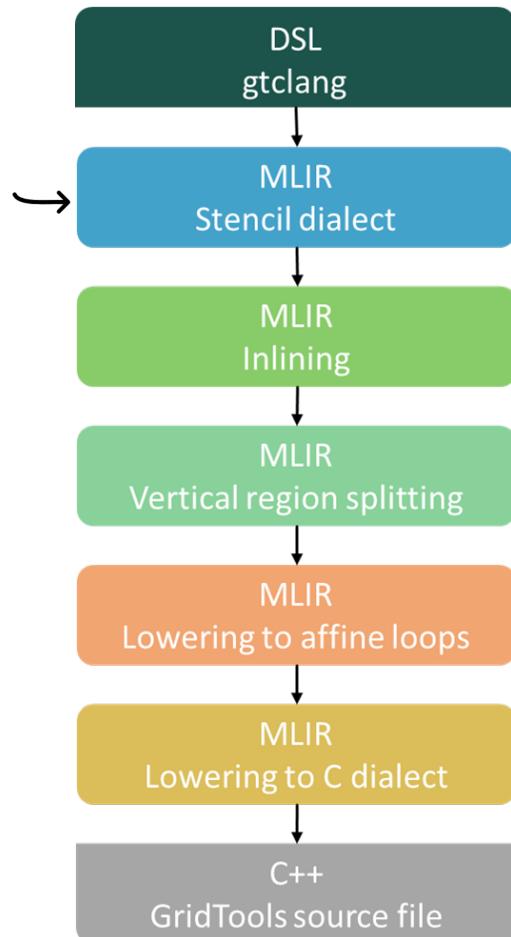
  Do {
    return phi(i + 1) + phi(i - 1) +
      phi(j + 1) + phi(j - 1) - 4.0 * phi;
  }
};

stencil hori_diff_stencil {
  storage u, out;
  var lap;
  Do {
    vertical_region(k_start, k_end) {
      lap = laplacian(u);
      out = laplacian(lap);
    }
  }
};
  
```



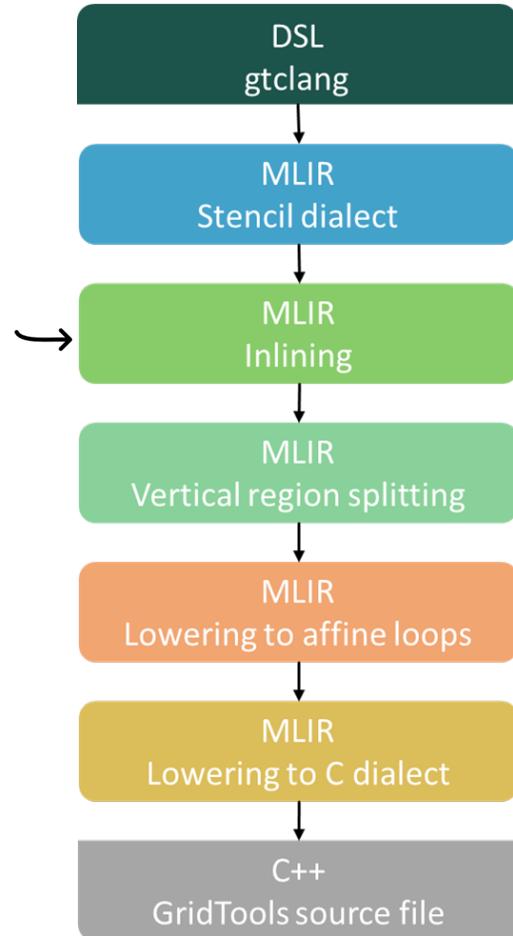
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func @laplacian(%arg0: !stencil<"field:f64">) -> f64
  attributes {stencil.function} {
    %0 = stencil.constant_offset 1 0 0
    %1 = stencil.read(%arg0, %0) : f64
    // ...
    %cst = constant 4.000000e+00 : f64
    %11 = stencil.constant_offset 0 0 0
    %12 = stencil.read(%arg0, %11) : f64
    %13 = stencil.mul(%cst, %12) : f64
    %14 = stencil.sub(%10, %13) : f64
    return %14 : f64
}
func @hori_diff_stencil(%arg0: !stencil<"field:f64">,
                       %arg1: !stencil<"field:f64">) {
  %0 = stencil.temp : !stencil<"field:f64">
  %1 = stencil.context "kstart" : index
  %2 = stencil.context "kend" : index
  stencil.vertical_region(%1, %2) {
    // ...
    %6 = stencil.lambda @laplacian(%0) : (!stencil<"field:f64">) -> f64
    %7 = stencil.constant_offset 0 0 0
    %8 = stencil.read(%6, %7) : f64
    stencil.write(%arg1, %8) : f64
  }
  return
}
  
```



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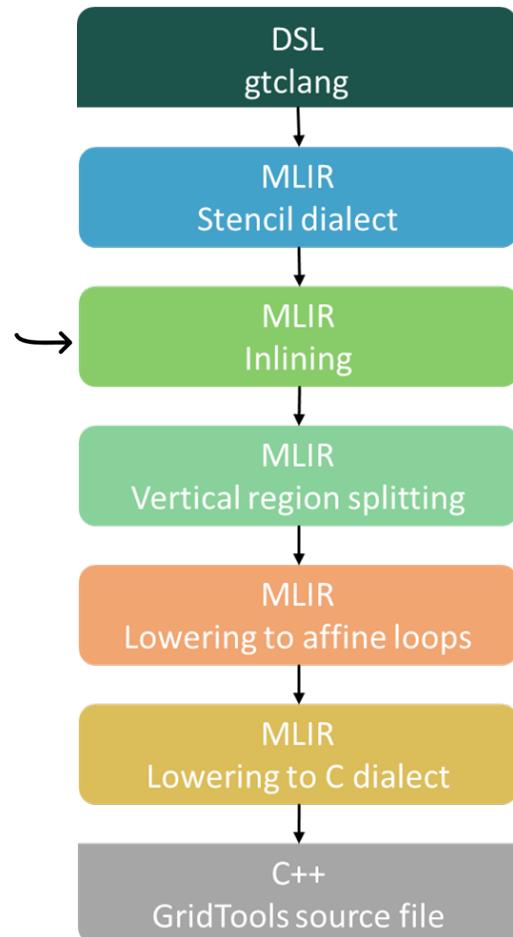
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    stencil.vertical_region(%1, %2) {
        // ...
        %22 = stencil.constant_offset 1 0 0
        %23 = stencil.read(%2, %22) : f64
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        %25 = stencil.read(%2, %24) : f64
        %26 = stencil.add(%23, %25) : f64
        // ...
        %cst_0 = constant 4.000000e+00 : f64
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        %34 = stencil.read(%2, %33) : f64
        %35 = stencil.mul(%cst_0, %34) : f64
        %36 = stencil.sub(%32, %35) : f64
        stencil.write(%0, %36) : f64
        %37 = stencil.constant_offset 0 0 0
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        // ...
    }
    return
}

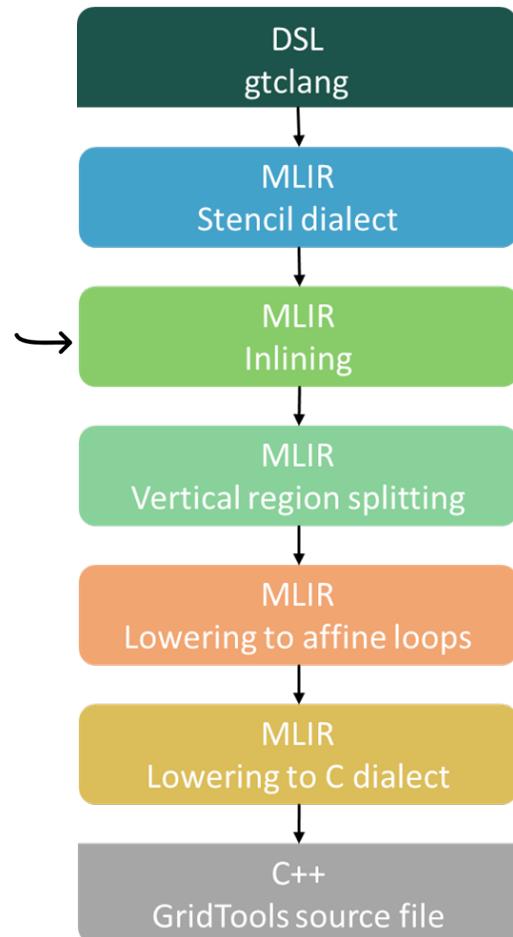
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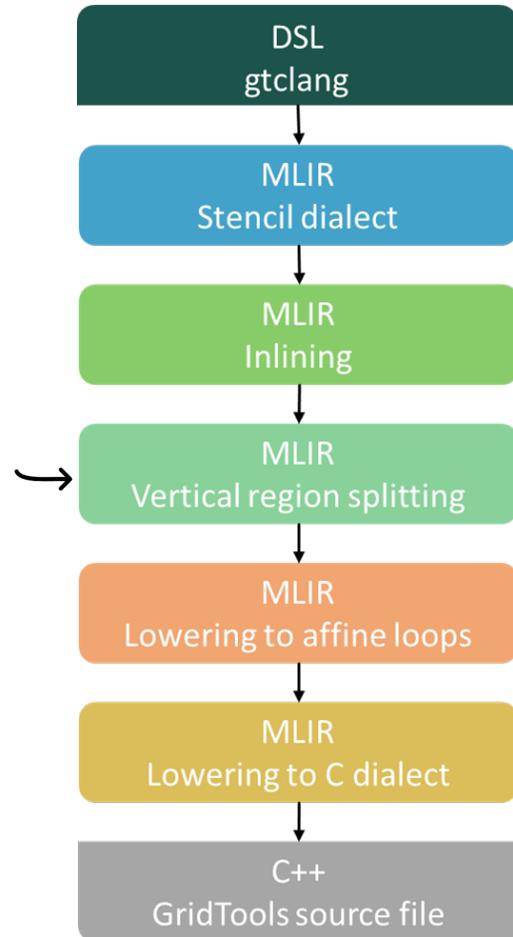
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        // ...
    }
    return
}

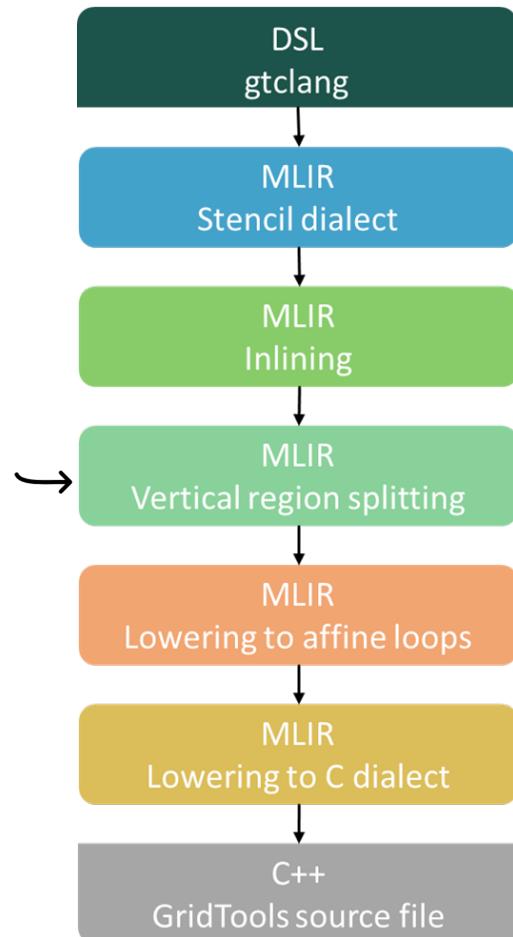
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        // ...
    }
    return
}

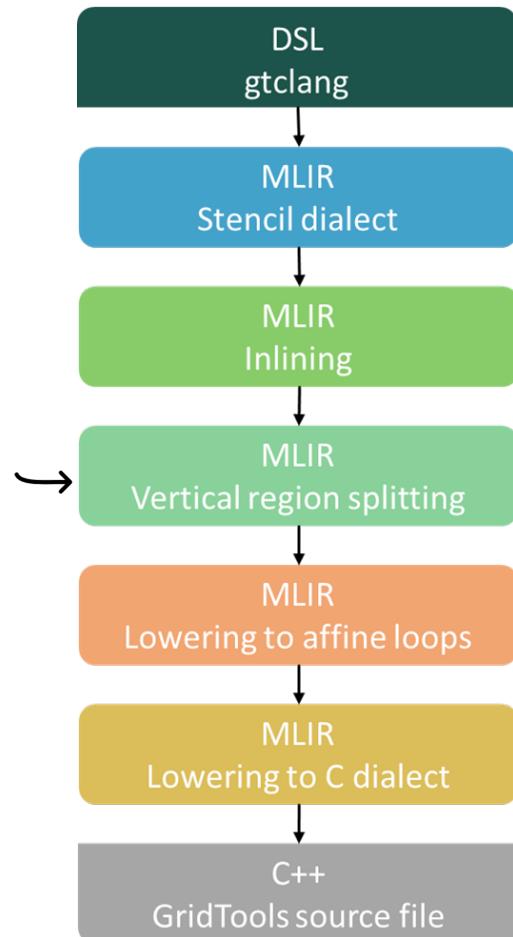
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    // ...
    stencil.vertical_region(%3, %4) {
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        %23 = stencil.read(%2, %22) : f64
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        %25 = stencil.read(%2, %24) : f64
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        // ...
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    }
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    }
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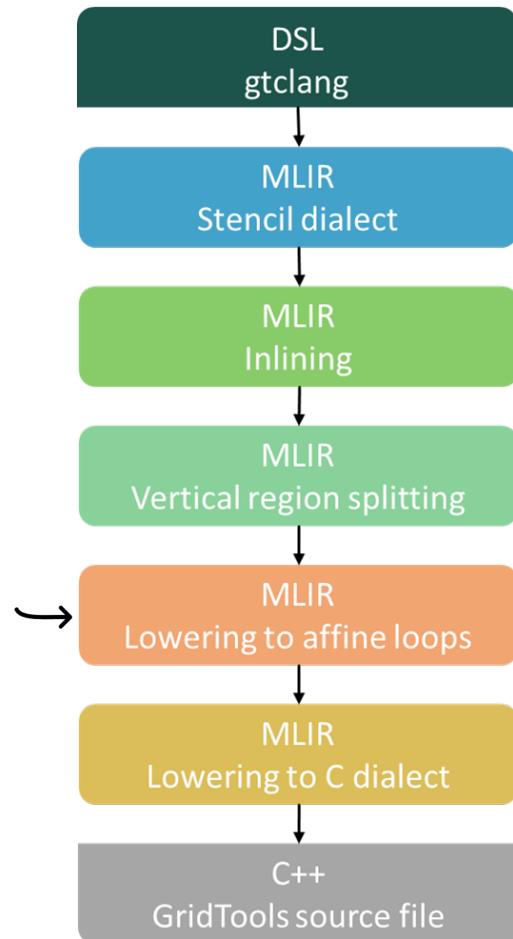
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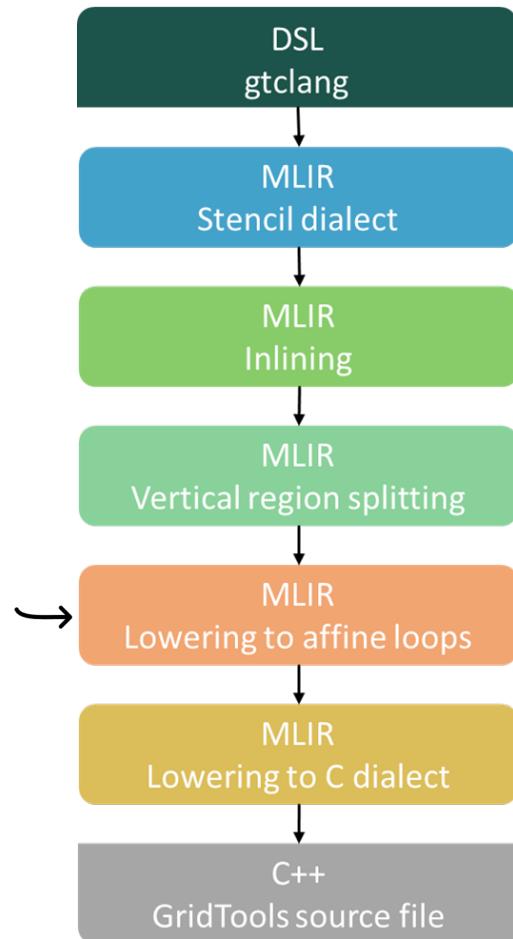
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func @hori_diff_stencil(%arg0: !stencil<"field:f64">,
                        %arg1: !stencil<"field:f64">) {
    // ...
    %49 = stencil.context "istart" : index
    %50 = stencil.context "iend" : index
    %51 = stencil.context "jstart" : index
    %52 = stencil.context "jend" : index
    affine.for %i9 = #map2(%3) to #map3(%4) {
        stencil.induction_var "K" %i9 : index
        affine.for %i10 = #map2(%49) to #map3(%50) {
            stencil.induction_var "I" %i10 : index
            affine.for %i11 = #map2(%51) to #map3(%52) {
                stencil.induction_var "J" %i11 : index
                %53 = stencil.constant_offset 0 0 0
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            }
        }
    }
    return
}

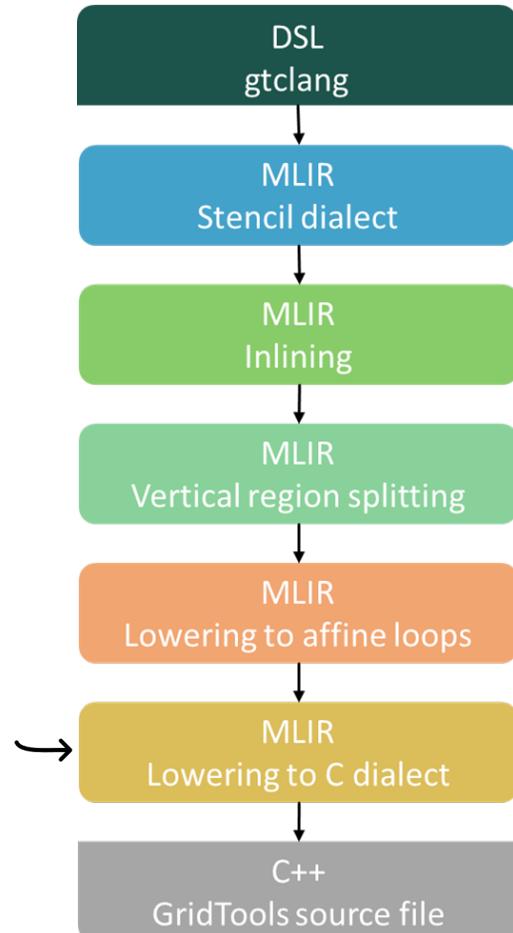
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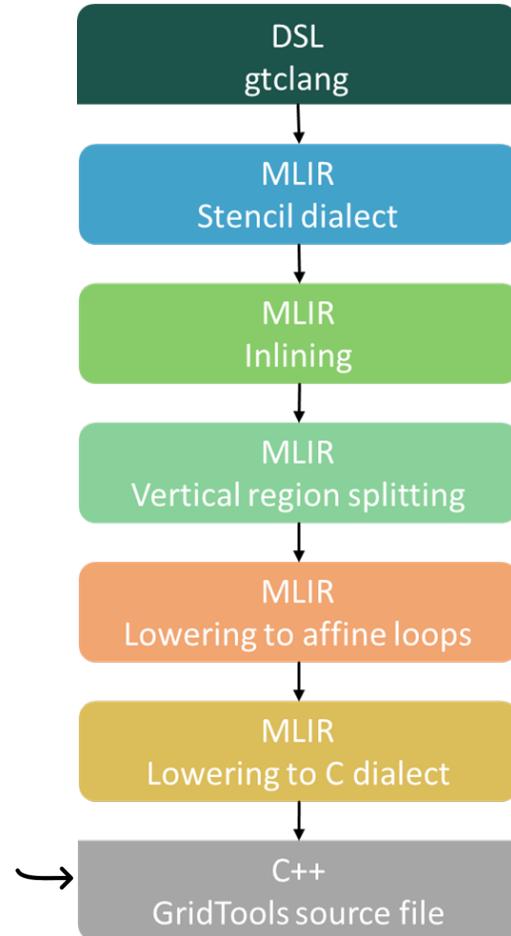
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    // ...
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    affine.for %i9 = #map2(%3) to #map3(%4) {
        stencil.induction_var "K" %i9 : index
        affine.for %i10 = #map2(%49) to #map3(%50) {
            stencil.induction_var "I" %i10 : index
            affine.for %i11 = #map2(%51) to #map3(%52) {
                stencil.induction_var "J" %i11 : index
                %53 = stencil.constant_offset 0 0 0
                %54 = stencil.read(%0, %53) : f64
                stencil.write(%arg1, %54) : f64
            }
        }
    }
    return
}

```



```

func @hori_diff_stencil(%arg0: !C.voidptr, %arg1: !C.voidptr) {
    // ...
    %62 = call @istart() : () -> index
    %63 = call @iend() : () -> index
    %64 = call @jstart() : () -> index
    %65 = call @jend() : () -> index
    %c1_11 = constant 1 : index
    %66 = C.addi(%4, %c1_11) : index
    C.for (%i9 = %3 to %66) {
        stencil.induction_var "K" %i9 : index
        %c1_12 = constant 1 : index
        %67 = C.addi(%63, %c1_12) : index
        C.for (%i10 = %62 to %67) {
            stencil.induction_var "I" %i10 : index
            %c1_13 = constant 1 : index
            %68 = C.addi(%65, %c1_13) : index
            C.for (%i11 = %64 to %68) {
                stencil.induction_var "J" %i11 : index
                %69 = stencil.constant_offset 0 0 0
                %70 = call @readTemp(%0, %i10, %i11, %i9, %69) : // ...
                call @write(%arg1, %70, %i10, %i11, %i9) : // ...
            }
        }
    }
    return
}
    
```



```

// gridtools boilerplate

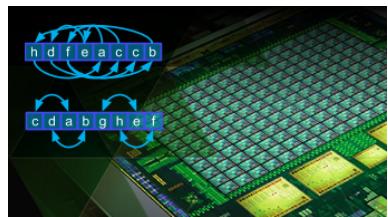
void hori_diff_stencil(void *v_0, void *v_1) {
    // ...
    int32_t v_69 = istart();
    int32_t v_70 = iend();
    int32_t v_71 = jstart();
    int32_t v_72 = jend();
    for (int32_t i_0 = v_5; i_0 < v_12; i_0++) {
        int32_t v_73 = v_70 + v_11;
        for (int32_t i_1 = v_69; i_1 < v_73; i_1++) {
            int32_t v_74 = v_72 + v_11;
            for (int32_t i_2 = v_71; i_2 < v_74; i_2++) {
                int32_t v_75[] = {0, 0, 0};
                double v_76 = readTemp(v_2, i_1, i_2, i_0, v_75);
                write(v_1, v_76, i_1, i_2, i_0);
            }
        }
    }
    return
}

```

Low-level Dialect

```
stencil.iir {
    stencil.stencil(%arg0: !stencil<"field:f64">, %arg1: !stencil<"field:f64">) {
        stencil.multi_stage "Parallel" {
            stencil.stage {
                stencil.do_method [0, 0, 60, 0] {
                    %0 = stencil.field_access %arg1 [0, 0, 0] : !stencil<"ptr:f64">
                    %1 = stencil.field_access %arg0 [0, 0, 0] : !stencil<"ptr:f64">
                    %2 = stencil.get_value %0 : f64
                    %3 = stencil.get_value %1 : f64
                    %4 = addf %2, %3 : f64
                    %cst = constant 4.000000e+00 : f64
                    %5 = mulf %4, %cst
                    stencil.write %0, %5 : f64
                }
            }
        }
    }
}
```

GPU Dialect Extensions



SUPPORT FOR WARP-LEVEL PRIMITIVES, SUCH AS SHUFFLING



ACCESS TO SHARED MEMORY

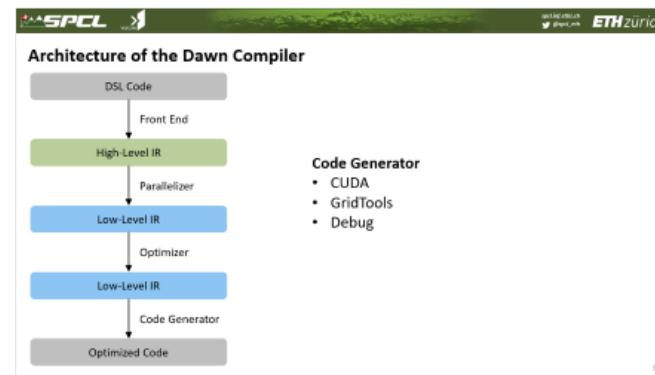
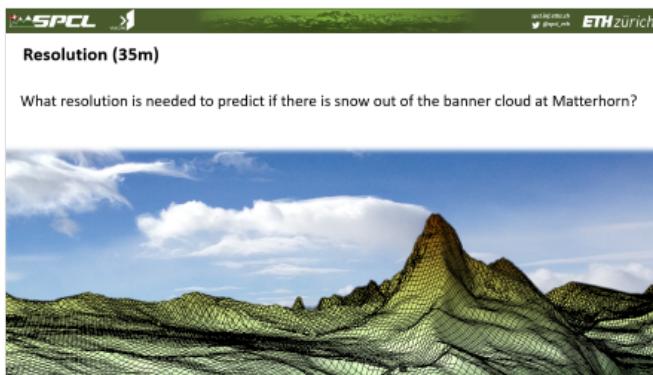


SUPPORT FOR PARALLEL KERNEL EXECUTION



INTER-NODE COMMUNICATION FOR DISTRIBUTED GPU APPLICATIONS

Conclusion



Low-level Dialect

```

stencil.iir {
  stencil.stencil(%arg0: !stencil<"field:f64">, %arg1: !stencil<"field:f64">) {
    stencil.multi_stage "Parallel" {
      stencil.stage {
        stencil.do_method [0, 0, 60, 0] {
          %0 = stencil.field_access %arg1 [0, 0, 0] : !stencil<"ptr:f64">
          %1 = stencil.field_access %arg0 [0, 0, 0] : !stencil<"ptr:f64">
          %2 = stencil.get_value %0 : f64
          %3 = stencil.get_value %1 : f64
          %4 = add %2, %3 : f64
          %cst = constant 4.000000e+00 : f64
          %5 = mulf %4, %cst
          stencil.write %0, %5 : f64
        }
      }
    }
  }
}
    
```

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