

FFT and Solver Libraries for Exascale: FFTX and SpectralPACK

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Our approach

Have you ever wondered about this?



No analogue to LAPACK for spectral methods

- Medium-size 1D FFT (1k–10k data points) is most common library call applications break down 3D problems themselves and then call the 1D FFT library
- Higher-level FFT calls rarely used
FFTW guru interface is powerful but hard to use, leading to performance loss
- Low arithmetic intensity and variation of FFT use make library approach hard
Algorithm-specific decompositions and FFT calls intertwined with non-FFT code

FFTW is de-facto standard interface for FFT

- FFTW 3.X is the high-performance reference implementation: supports multicore/SMP and MPI, and Cell processor
- Vendor libraries support the FFTW 3.X interface: Intel MKL, IBM ESSL, AMD ACML (end-of-life), Nvidia cuFFT, Cray LibSci/CRAFFT
- Issue 1: 1D FFTW call is standard kernel for many applications
- Parallel libraries and applications reduce to 1D FFTW call
P3DFFT, QBox, PS/DNS, CPMD, HACC,...
- Supported by modern languages and environments
Python, Matlab,...
- Issue 2: FFTW is slowly becoming obsolete
- FFTW 2.1.5 (still in use, 1997), FFTW 3 (2004) minor updates since then
Risk: loss of high-performance FFT standard library
- Development currently dormant, except for small bug fixes
- No native support for accelerators (GPUs, Xeon PHI, FPGAs) and SIMT
- Parallel/MPI version does not scale beyond 32 nodes

FFTX: FFTW revamped for Exascale

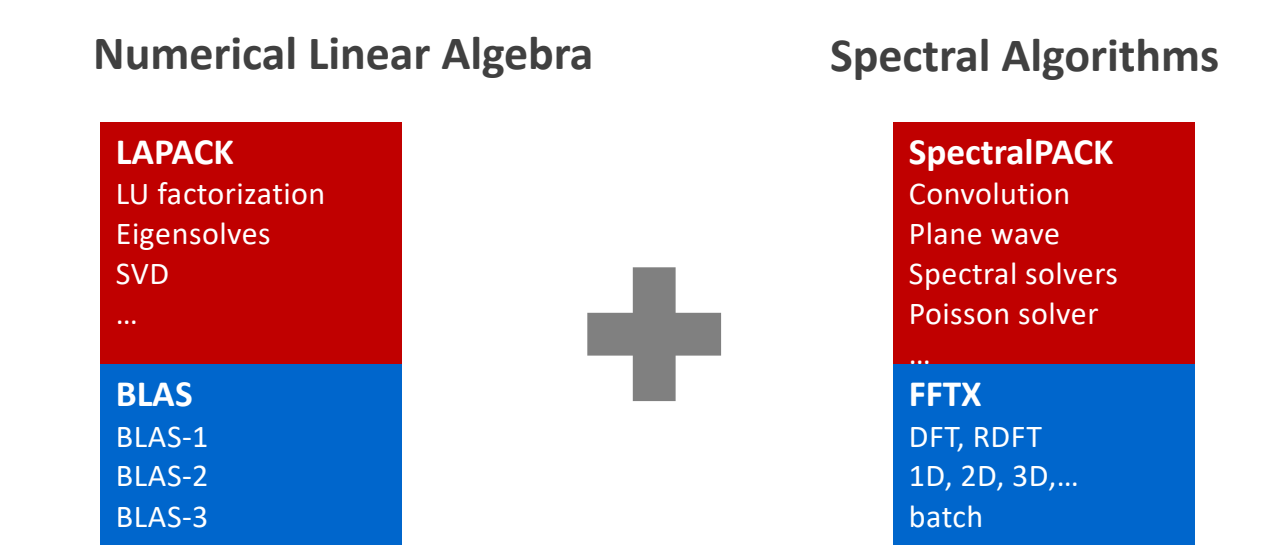
Modernized FFTW-style interface

- Backwards compatible to FFTW 2.X and 3.X
old code runs unmodified and gains substantially but not fully
- Small number of new features
futures/delayed execution, offloading, data placement, callback kernels

Code generation backend using SPIRAL

- Library/application kernels are interpreted as specifications in DSL
extract semantics from source code and known library semantics
- Compilation and advanced performance optimization
cross-call and cross library optimization, accelerator off-loading,...
- Fine control over resource expenditure of optimization
compile-time, initialization-time, invocation time, optimization resources
- Reference library implementation and bindings to vendor libraries
library-only reference implementation for ease of development

FFTX and SpectralPACK: long-term vision



Define the analogue to LAPACK for spectral algorithms

- Define FFTX as the analogue to BLAS
provide user FFT functionality as well as algorithm building blocks
- Define class of numerical algorithms to be supported by SpectralPACK
PDE solver classes (Green's function, sparse in normal/k space,...), signal processing, ...
- Define SpectralPACK functions
circular convolutions, NUFFT, Poisson solvers, free space convolution, plane wave, ...

Front end

Poisson's equation in free space

Partial differential equation (PDE) Solution characterization

$$\Delta(\Phi) = \rho$$

$$\rho: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$D = \text{supp}(\rho) \subset \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$\Phi(x) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int \frac{\rho(\vec{y})}{|\vec{x} - \vec{y}|} d\vec{y} \equiv (G * \rho)(\vec{x}), \quad G(x) = \frac{1}{4\pi|\vec{x}|^2}$$

Approach: Green's function

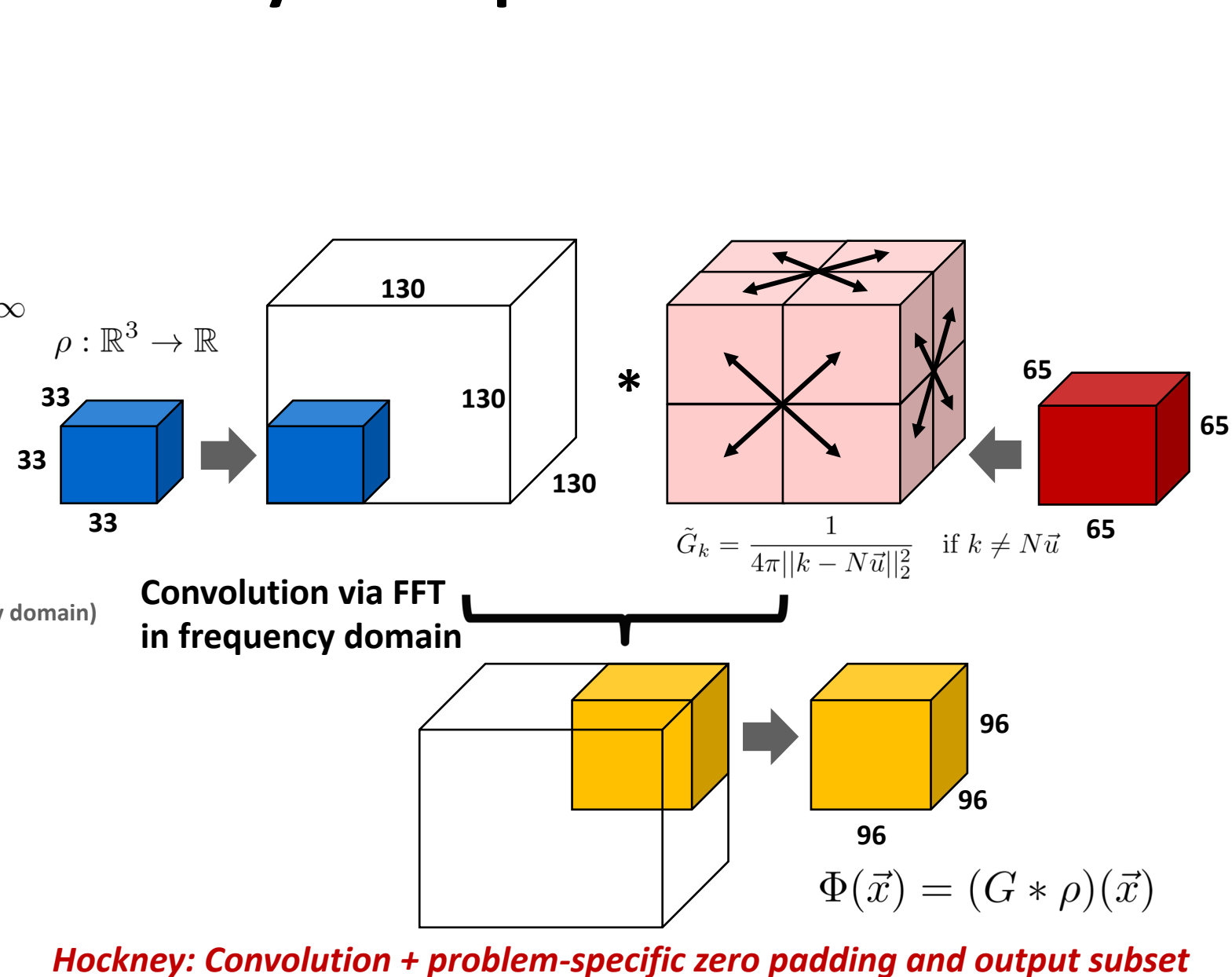
$$\Phi(x) = \int_D G(x - \vec{y}) \rho(\vec{y}) d\vec{y} \equiv (G * \rho)(\vec{x}), \quad G(x) = \frac{1}{4\pi|\vec{x}|^2}$$

Solution: $\Phi(\cdot)$ is convolution of RHS $\rho(\cdot)$ with Green's function $G(\cdot)$. Efficient through FFTs (frequency domain)

$$\hat{G}_k = \frac{1}{4\pi|k - N\vec{u}|^2} \quad \text{if } k \neq N\vec{u}$$

Green's function kernel in frequency domain

Hockney free-space convolution



FFTX 2.0 source code for Hockney

```
box_t<3> inputBox(point_t<3>{{(0,0,0)},point_t<3>{(132,32,32)}});
array_t<3> double> rho(inputBox);
// ... set input values.

box_t<3> transformBox(point_t<3>{{(0,0,0)},point_t<3>{(129,129,129)}});
box_t<3> outputBox(point_t<3>{(33,33,33)},point_t<3>{(129,129,129)});

point_t<3> kindF((DFT,DFT,DFT));

size_t normalize = normalization(transformBox);

auto forward_plan =
  plan_dft<3>double, std::complex<double>(kindF,inputBox,transformBox,
  transformBox);

auto kernel_plan = kernel<3>,std::complex<double>(greensFunction,
  transformBox,normalize);

point_t<3> kindI((IDFT,IDFT,IDFT));
auto inverse_plan = plan_dft<3>, std::complex<double>, double>
  (kindI,transformBox,outputBox,transformBox);

auto solver = chain(chain(forward_plan,kernel_plan,inverse_plan);

context_t context;
context_omp(context, 8);

std::ofstream spFile("hockney.sp1");
export_sp1(context,solver,spFile,"hockney33_97_130");
spFile.close();
// Offline codegen.
auto fptr = import_sp1<3>, double, double>("hockney33_97_130");
array_t<3> double> Phi(inputBox);
fptr(phi,Phi,1);
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FFTX-generated SPIRAL script

```
# Pruned 3D Real Convolution Pattern
Import(readft);
Import(filtering);

# set up algorithms needed for multi-dimensional pruned real convolution
opts := SpiralDefaults;
opts.breakdownRules.PRDF1 := [ PRDF1_Base1, PRDF1_Base2, PRDF1_CT,
  PRDF1_FF, PRDF1_PD, PRDF1_Rader1];
opts.breakdownRules.IPRDF1 := [ IPRDF1_Base1, IPRDF1_Base2,
  IPRDF1_CT, IPRDF1_PD, IPRDF1_Rader1];
opts.breakdownRules.IPRDF2 := [ IPRDF2_Base1, IPRDF2_Base2, IPRDF2_CT];
opts.breakdownRules.PRDF3 := [ PRDF3_Base1, PRDF3_Base2, PRDF3_CT,
  PRDF3_OddToPRDF1];
opts.breakdownRules.URDF1 := [ URDF1_Base1, URDF1_Base2, URDF1_Base4,
  URDF1_CT ];

# specification parameters
[N, maxin, maxout, name] := Parse("fftx-trace.g");

# derived parameters
n_freq := Int((N+3)/2);

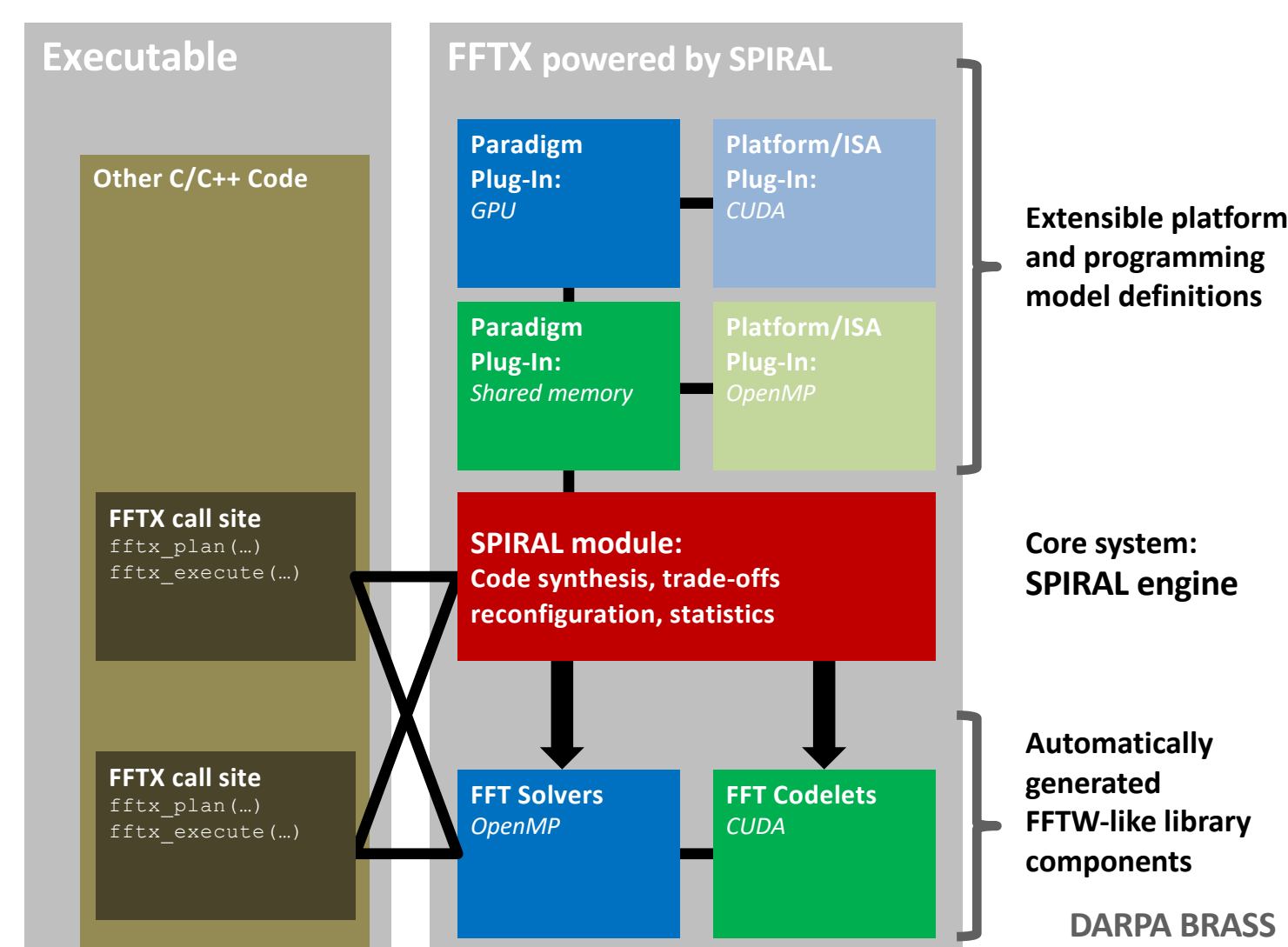
# problem definition
sym := var.fresh("S", Tarray(TReal, 2*n_freq));
t := IOPrunedConv(N, Sym, 1, [minout.N-1], 1, [0..maxin], true);

# generate code and autotune
rt := DP(t, opts)[1].ruletree;
c := CodeRuleTree(rt, opts);

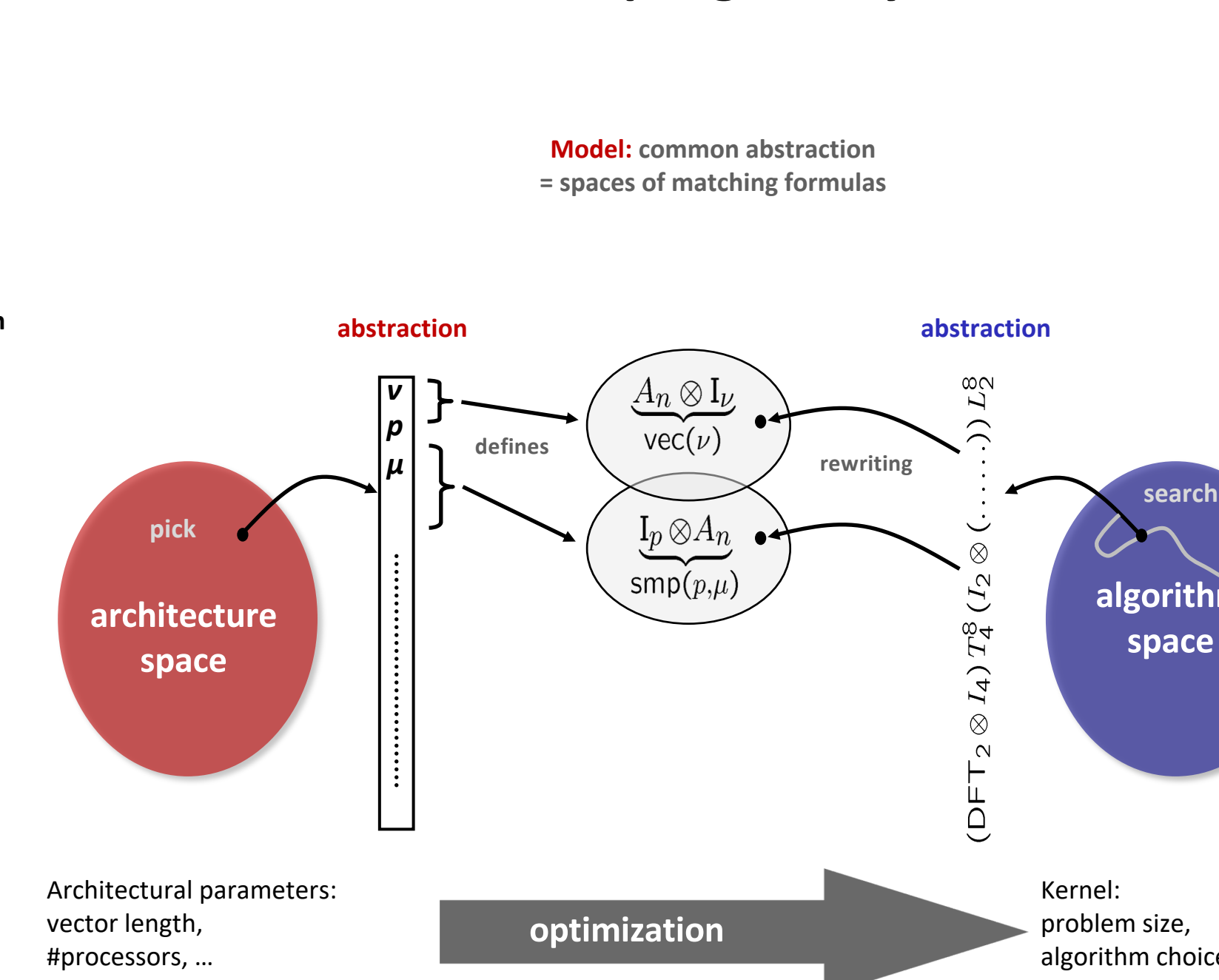
# create files
PrintTo(name:".c", PrintCode(name, c, opts));
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Back end

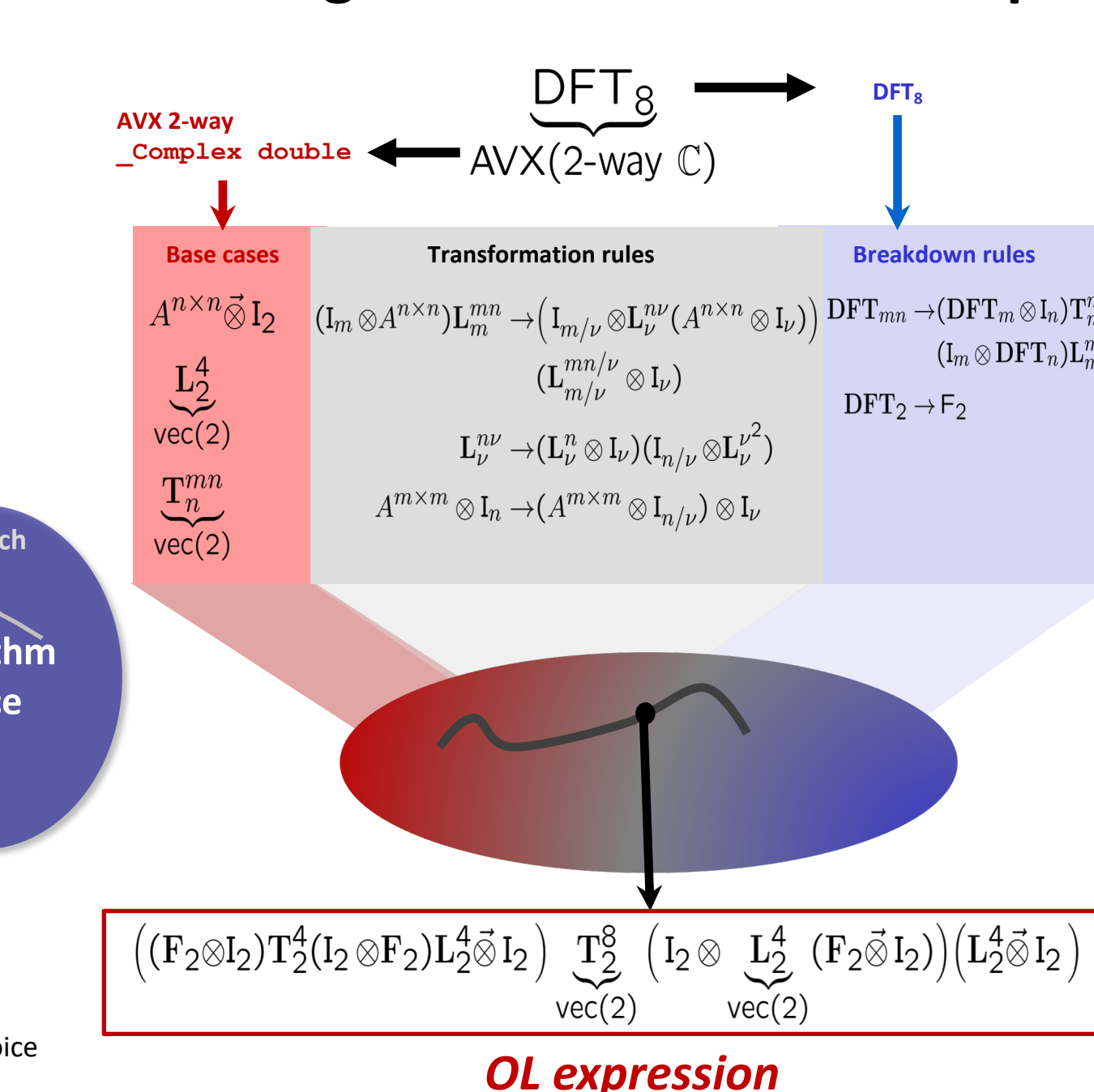
FFTX backend: SPIRAL



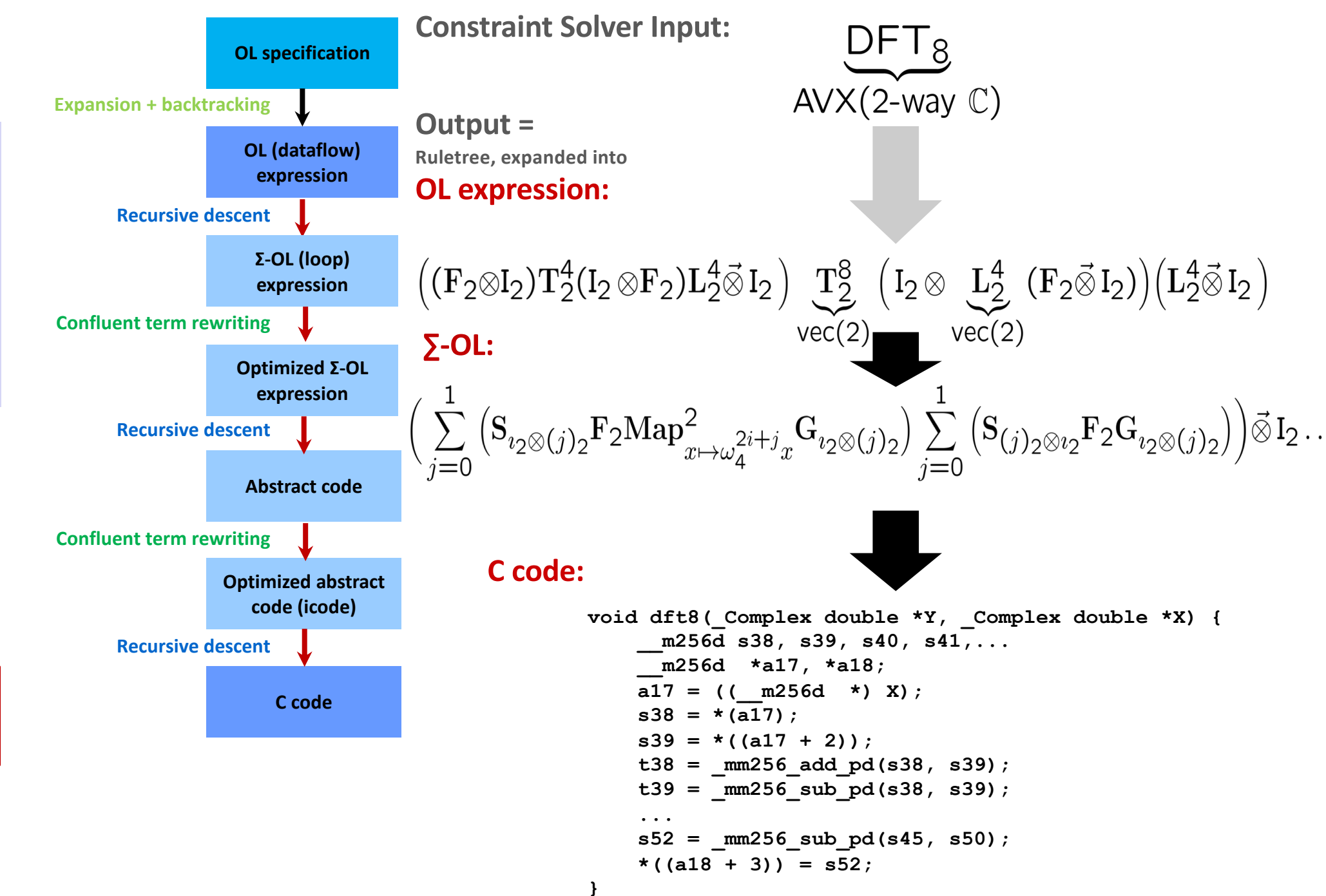
Platform-aware formal program synthesis



Autotuning in constraint solution space

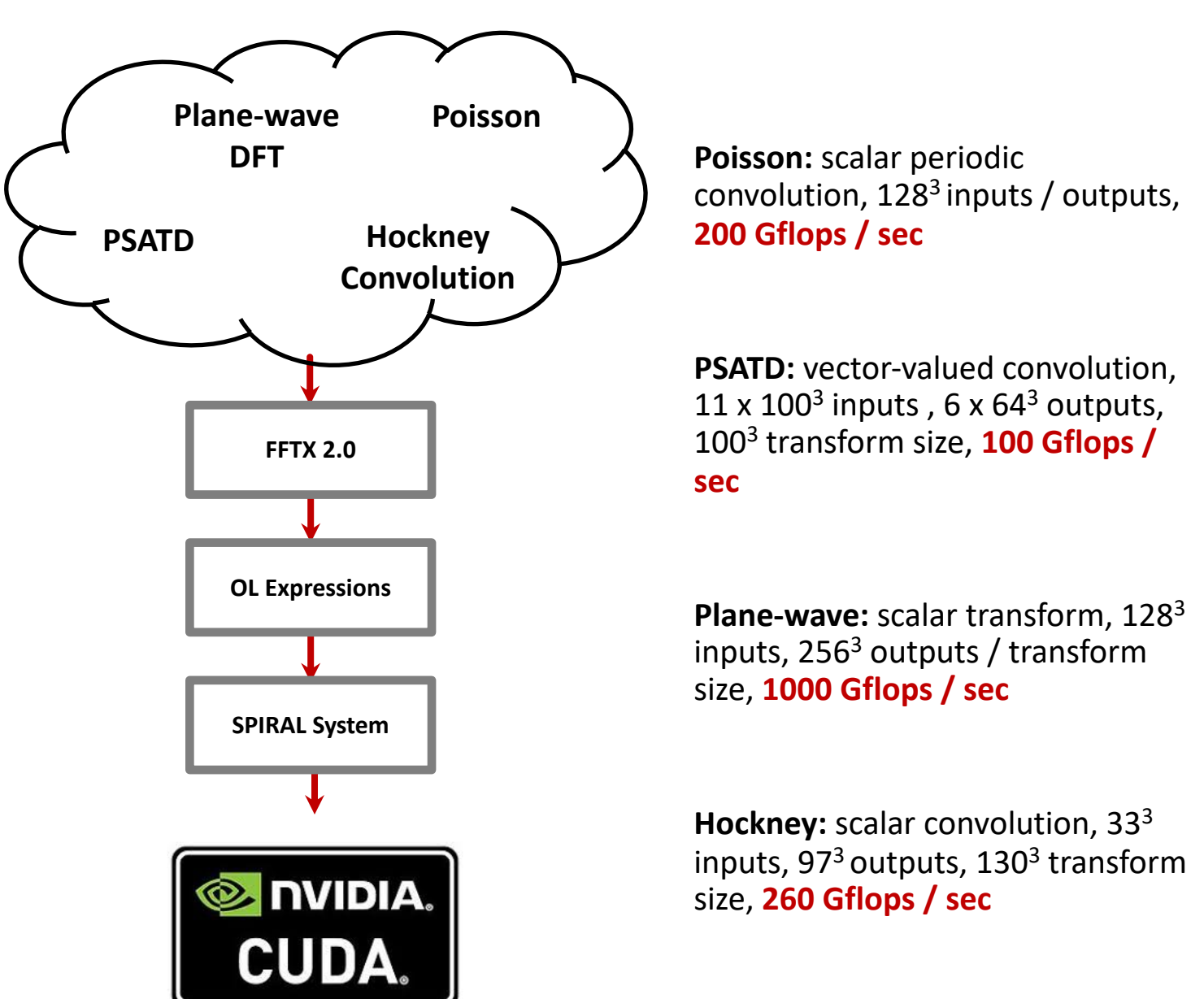


Translating an OL expression into code

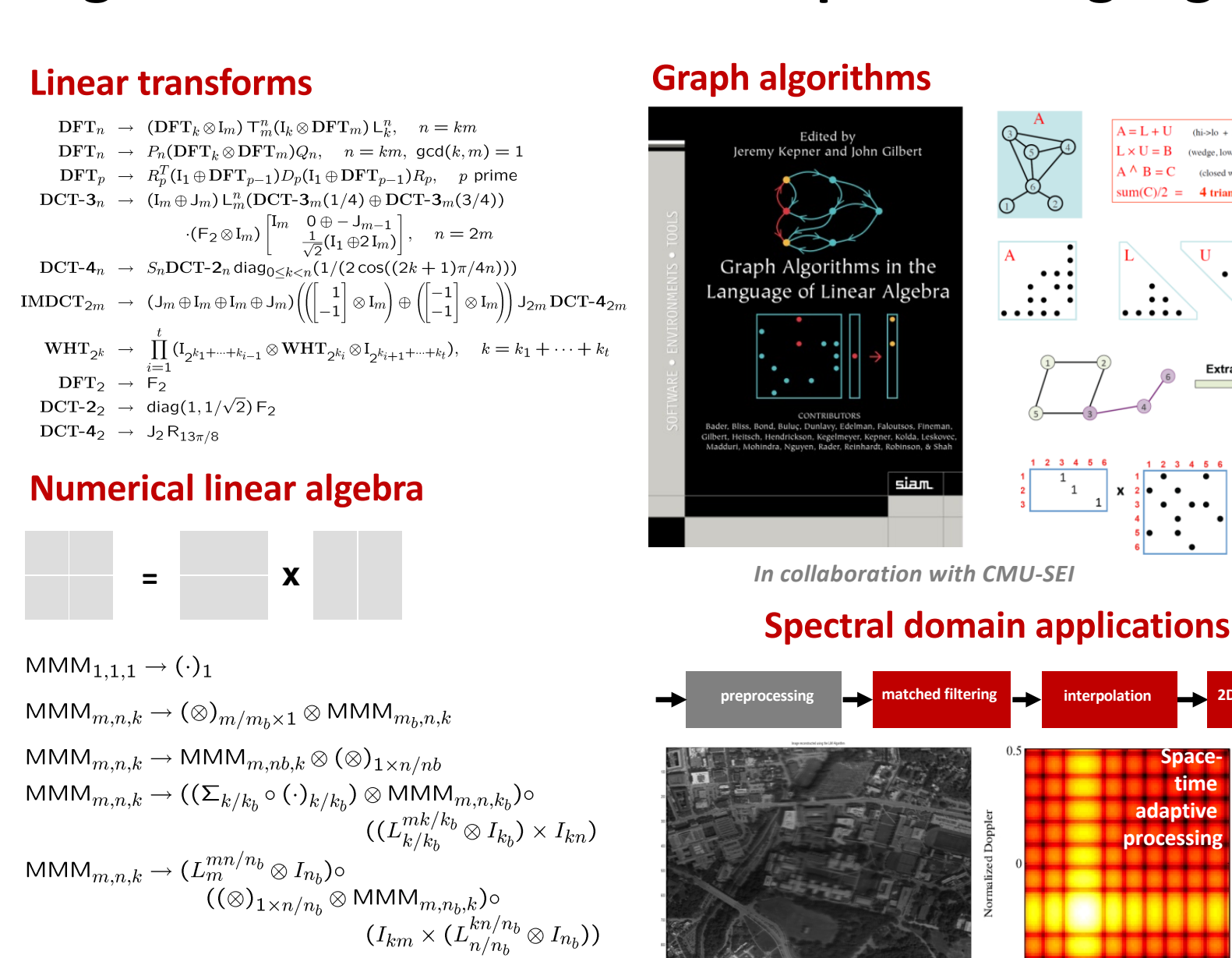


Technology + Results

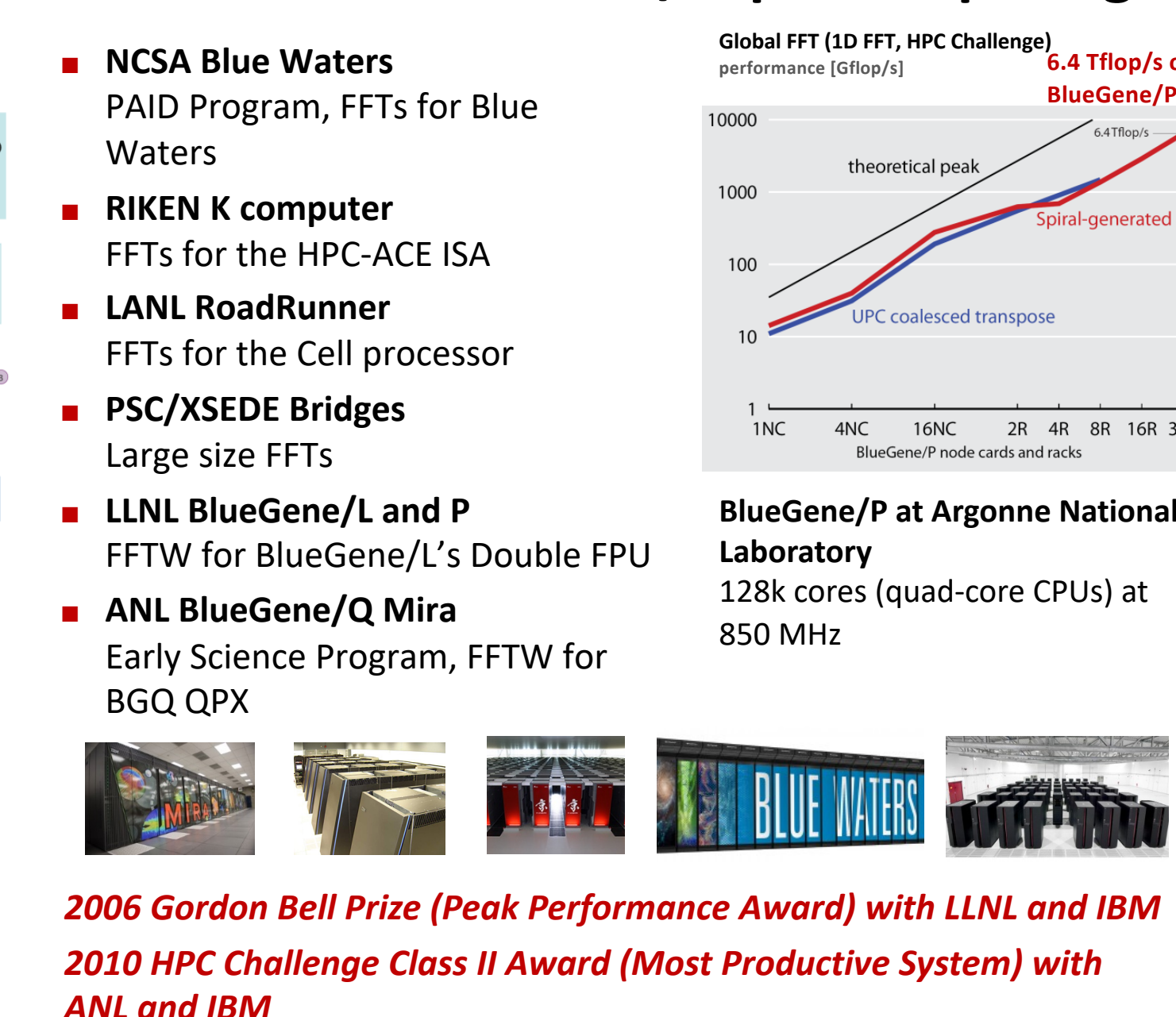
Performance Results with cuFFT backend



Algorithms: rules in domain-specific language



SPIRAL: success in HPC/supercomputing



SPIRAL 8.1.1: available under open source

