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Optimizing Scientific Computations with the Sparse Polyhedral Framework

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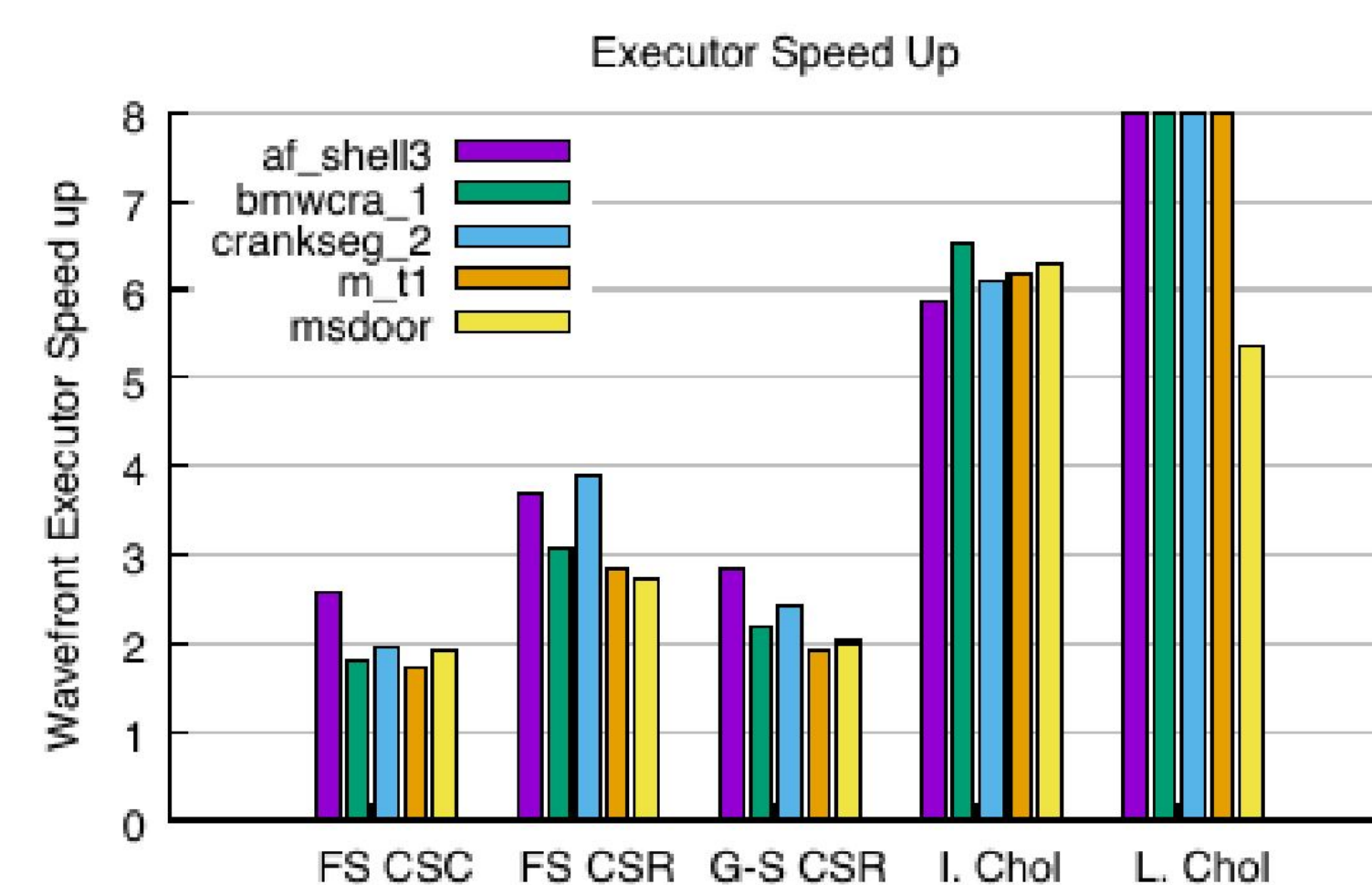


1. Problem Statement

- Scientific applications are computationally intensive, requiring expensive HPC resources
- optimizing scientific applications requires a balance of Performance, Productivity, and Portability

2. Motivation

Speedup of executor transformed for wavefront parallelism vs. library serial code.



FS CSC - Forward Solve, Compressed Sparse Column format
FS CSR - Forward Solve, Compressed Sparse Row format
G-S CSR - Gauss Seidel, Compressed Sparse Row format
I. Chol - Incomplete Cholesky
L. Chol - Left Cholesky

Source: Mahdi et al.

3. The Polyhedral Model

- Represents the iteration of each statement of a computation in a loop nest as lattice points in a polyhedron
- Only supports affine data accesses -- **does not work for sparse computations**

```
for (i = 1; i <= 3; ++i)
  for (j = 1; j <= 3; ++j)
    S1(i, j)
```

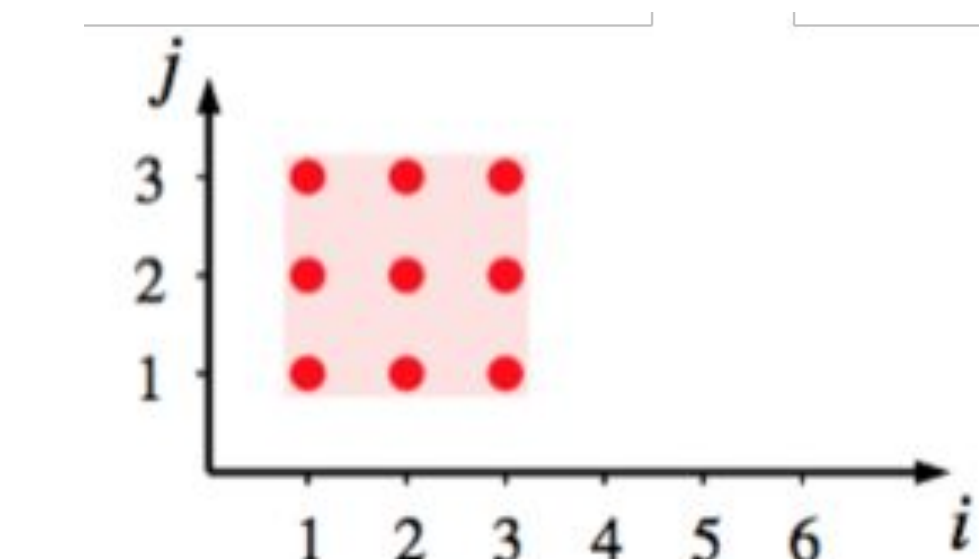
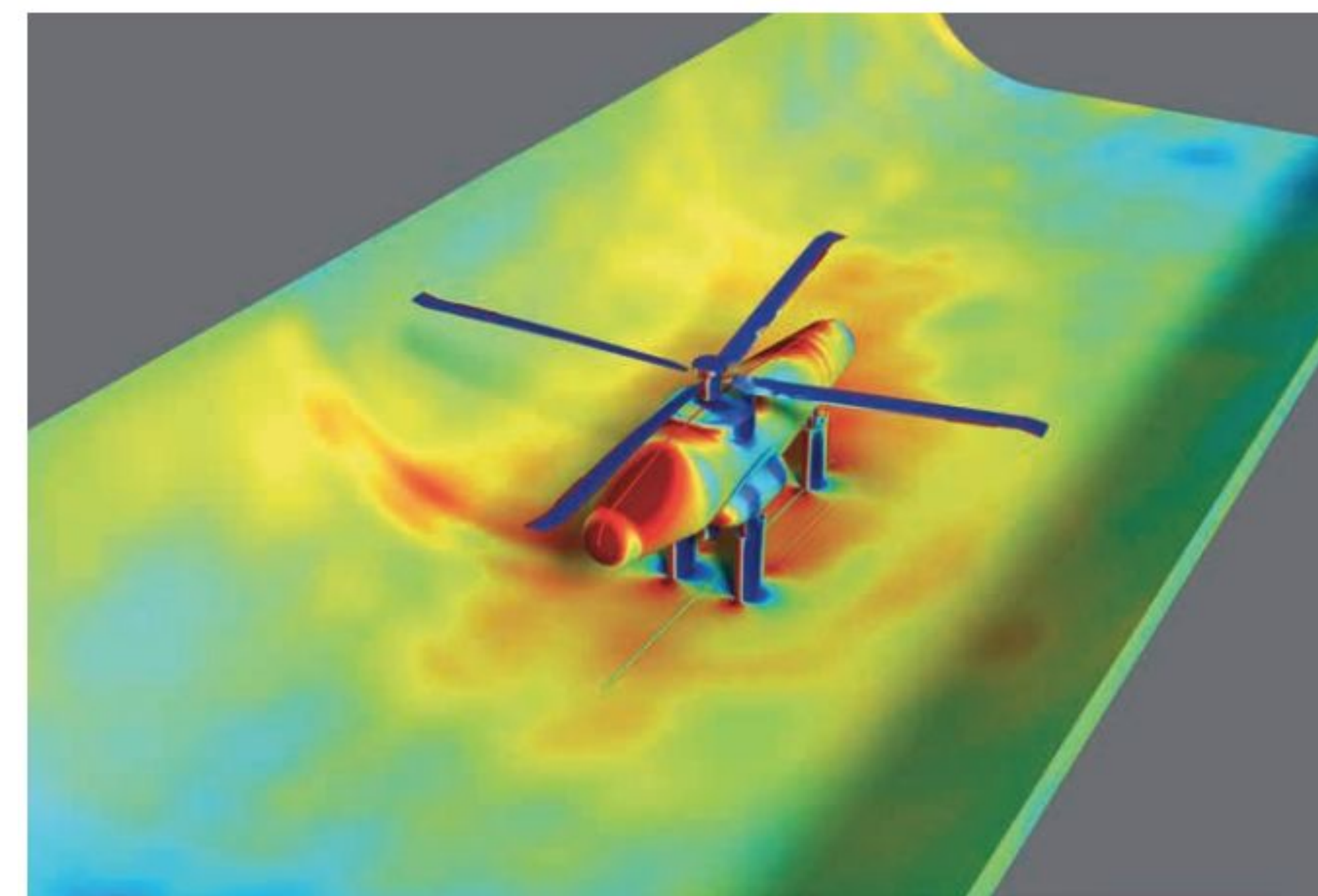


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4. Sparse Data



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This colorful image is a Computational Fluid Dynamics simulation of a full-scale UH-60A rotor from a Black Hawk helicopter in the giant 40-by-80-Foot Wind Tunnel at NASA Ames Research Center in Moffett Field, California. Colors represent pressure - red is high pressure and blue is low pressure.

5. Sparse Polyhedral Framework (SPF)

- Extends the polyhedral model
- Provides a mathematical framework for representing and transforming irregular computations (uninterpreted functions)
- Suitable for **non-affine** loop bounds present in irregular applications

```
for (i = 0; i < N; i++)
  for (k = index[i]; k < index[i + 1]; k++)
    product[i] += A[k] * x[col[k]];
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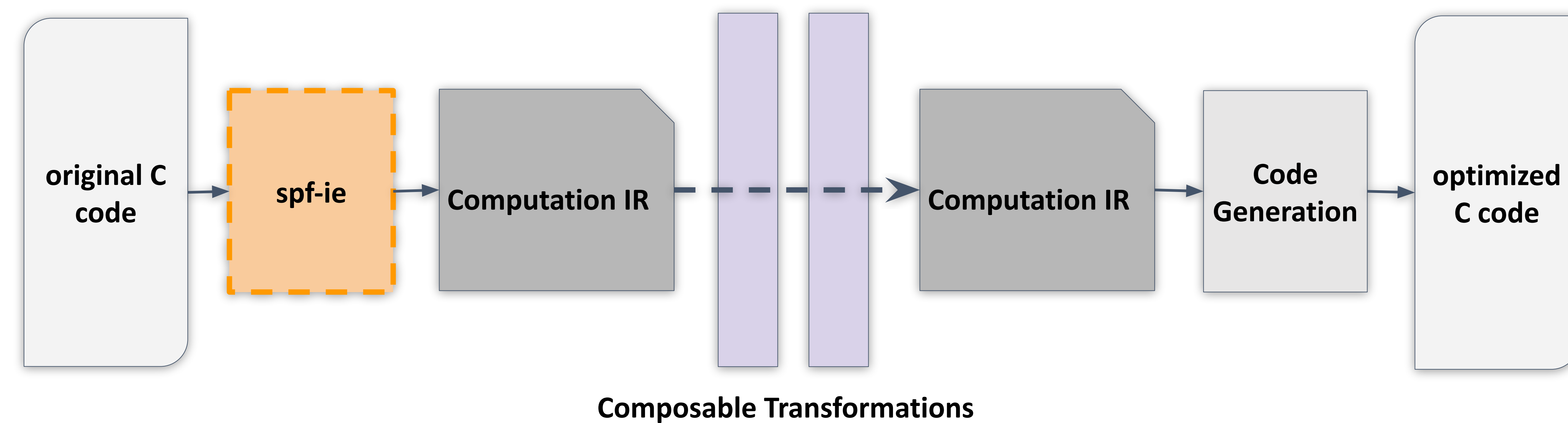


$$\{[i, k] : i \geq 0 \ \&\& \ i < N \ \&\& \ k \geq \text{index}(i) \ \&\& \ k < \text{index}(i + 1)\}$$

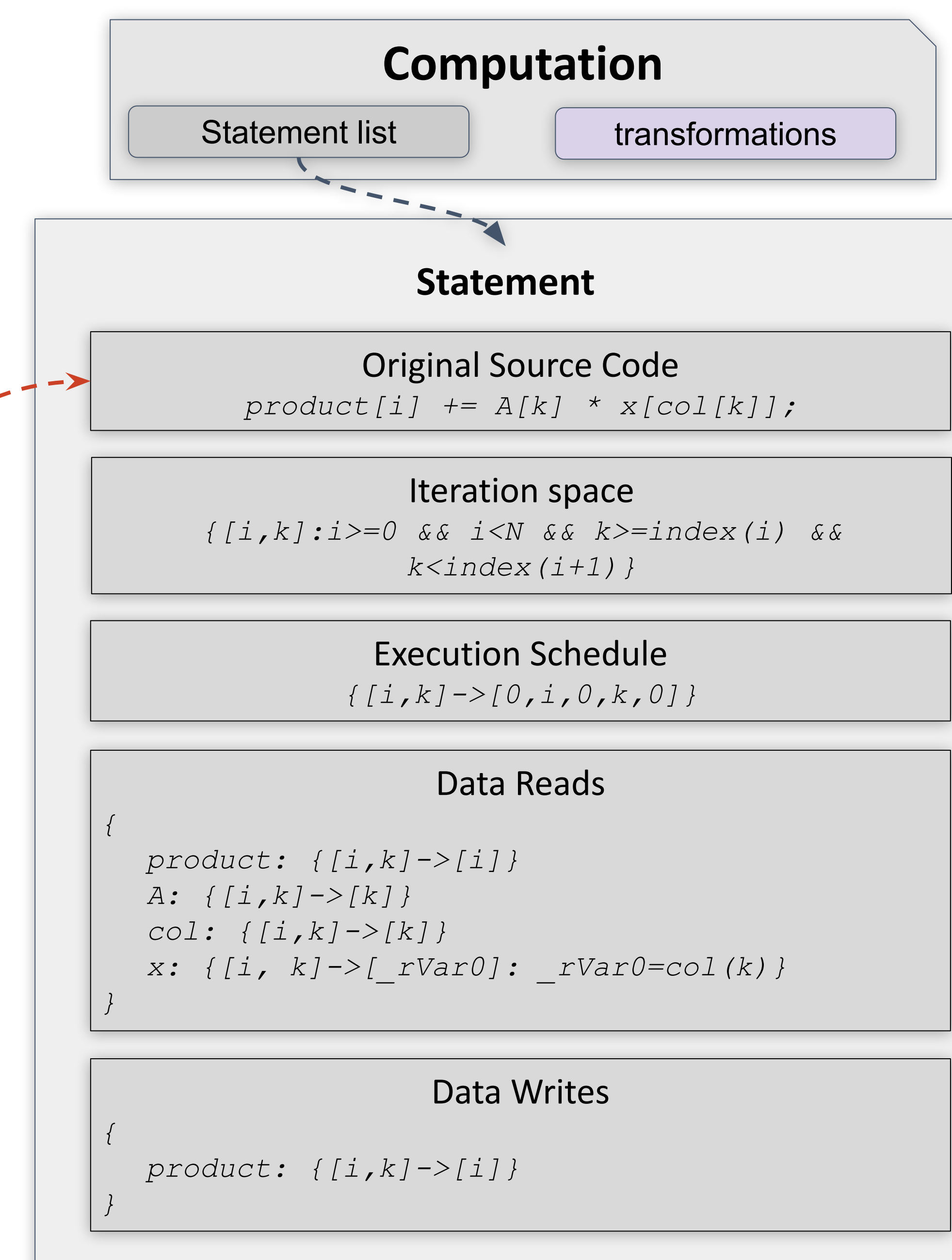
7. spf-ie

- Can be thought of as the compiler frontend of the project
- Extracts SPF representation of original source code, entering it into the Computation IR
- Implemented as a Clang tool that recursively traverses the abstract syntax tree
- Enforces polyhedral model restrictions on code (no goto statements, etc.)

6. Optimization Overview



8. Intermediate Representation



9. Future Development

- Currently only have an identity transformation, need to write more
- Algorithmically manipulating data layout to meet execution requirements
- Inlining computations that call others
- Synthesize IR to facilitate conversion from one sparse format to another

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11. Collaborators

