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Motivation

- Complex applications are composed of multiple, interacting library calls
- Traditional compilers are not able to optimize well across "black-box" components
- Nevertheless, domain libraries have rich
 semantic properties that can be exploited
 to optimize their use if a compiler
 understood their semantics
- Domain-specific compilers (DSCs) can help address this problem, but few shared resources between different DSCs, and no way to optimize across domains

High level principles

- Domain libraries should convey semantic information (library writers are the domain experts, so are best-equipped to provide this information)
- Compiler should be *domain agnostic*, and able to perform transformations and optimizations independent of domain(s) of a program
- Compiler should be able to optimize for multiple objectives (not just performance!)





Approach



Research challenges

- What should the annotation language look? How can domain experts use it?
 How should the compiler generate search space of program variants and find lowest cost implementation?
- How can we deal with programs that cross domains?
- How can we deal with incomplete information?

Deliverables

- Annotation language to capture semantic information
- Generic, extensible compiler that incorporates annotated libraries to create domain-specific compilers
- "Showcase" annotated domain libraries (e.g., Trilinos components)
- Proof-of-concept optimized applications across multiple domains





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