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Processing-in-Memory Architectures III

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UPMEM Processing-in-DRAM Engine (2019)

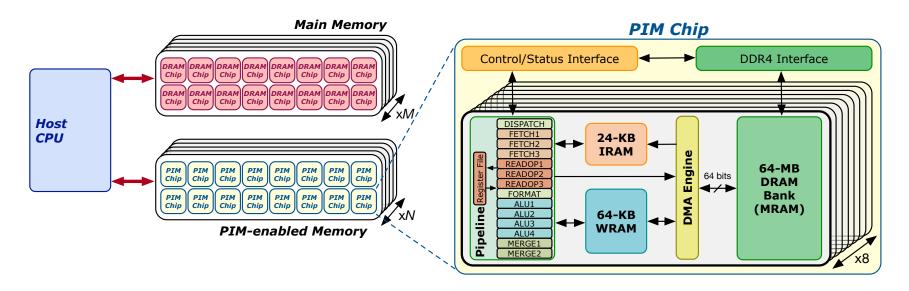
- Processing in DRAM Engine
- Includes standard DIMM modules, with a large number of DPU processors combined with DRAM chips.
- Replaces standard DIMMs
 - DDR4 R-DIMM modules
 - 8GB+128 DPUs (16 PIM chips)
 - Standard 2x-nm DRAM process
 - Large amounts of compute & memory bandwidth





Recall: UPMEM PIM System Organization

- A UPMEM DIMM contains 8 or 16 chips
 - Thus, 1 or 2 ranks of 8 chips each
- Inside each PIM chip there are:
 - 8 64MB banks per chip: Main RAM (MRAM) banks
 - 8 DRAM Processing Units (DPUs) in each chip, 64 DPUs per rank



Experimental Analysis of the UPMEM PIM Engine

Benchmarking a New Paradigm: An Experimental Analysis of a Real Processing-in-Memory Architecture

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Many modern workloads, such as neural networks, databases, and graph processing, are fundamentally memory-bound. For such workloads, the data movement between main memory and CPU cores imposes a significant overhead in terms of both latency and energy. A major reason is that this communication happens through a narrow bus with high latency and limited bandwidth, and the low data reuse in memory-bound workloads is insufficient to amortize the cost of main memory access. Fundamentally addressing this *data movement bottleneck* requires a paradigm where the memory system assumes an active role in computing by integrating processing capabilities. This paradigm is known as *processing-in-memory (PIM)*.

Recent research explores different forms of PIM architectures, motivated by the emergence of new 3D-stacked memory technologies that integrate memory with a logic layer where processing elements can be easily placed. Past works evaluate these architectures in simulation or, at best, with simplified hardware prototypes. In contrast, the UPMEM company has designed and manufactured the first publicly-available real-world PIM architecture. The UPMEM PIM architecture combines traditional DRAM memory arrays with general-purpose in-order cores, called *DRAM Processing Units* (*DPUs*), integrated in the same chip.

This paper provides the first comprehensive analysis of the first publicly-available real-world PIM architecture. We make two key contributions. First, we conduct an experimental characterization of the UPMEM-based PIM system using microbenchmarks to assess various architecture limits such as compute throughput and memory bandwidth, yielding new insights. Second, we present *PrIM* (*Processing-In-Memory benchmarks*), a benchmark suite of 16 workloads from different application domains (e.g., dense/sparse linear algebra, databases, data analytics, graph processing, neural networks, bioinformatics, image processing), which we identify as memory-bound. We evaluate the performance and scaling characteristics of PrIM benchmarks on the UPMEM PIM architecture, and compare their performance and energy consumption to their state-of-the-art CPU and GPU counterparts. Our extensive evaluation conducted on two real UPMEM-based PIM systems with 640 and 2,556 DPUs provides new insights about suitability of different workloads to the PIM system, programming recommendations for software designers, and suggestions and hints for hardware and architecture designers of future PIM systems.

Understanding a Modern PIM Architecture



Samsung Function-in-Memory DRAM (2021)

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Samsung Develops Industry's First High Bandwidth Memory with Al Processing Power

Korea on February 17, 2021

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The new architecture will deliver over twice the system performance and reduce energy consumption by more than 70%

Samsung Electronics, the world leader in advanced memory technology, today announced that it has developed the industry's first High Bandwidth Memory (HBM) integrated with artificial intelligence (AI) processing power — the HBM-PIM The new processing-in-memory (PIM) architecture brings powerful AI computing capabilities inside high-performance memory, to accelerate large-scale processing in data centers, high performance computing (HPC) systems and AI-enabled mobile applications.

Kwangil Park, senior vice president of Memory Product Planning at Samsung Electronics stated, "Our groundbreaking HBM-PIM is the industry's first programmable PIM solution tailored for diverse Al-driven workloads such as HPC, training and inference. We plan to build upon this breakthrough by further collaborating with Al solution providers for even more advanced PIM-powered applications."

Function-in-Memory DRAM (ISSCC 2021)

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25.4 A 20nm 6GB Function-In-Memory DRAM, Based on HBM2 with a 1.2TFLOPS Programmable Computing Unit Using Bank-Level Parallelism, for Machine Learning Applications

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PIM based on Commercial DRAM (ISCA 2021)

Hardware Architecture and Software Stack for PIM Based on Commercial DRAM Technology

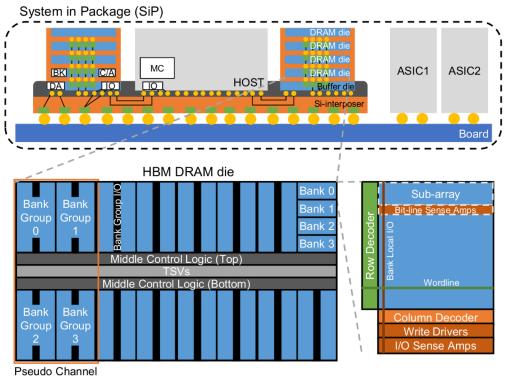
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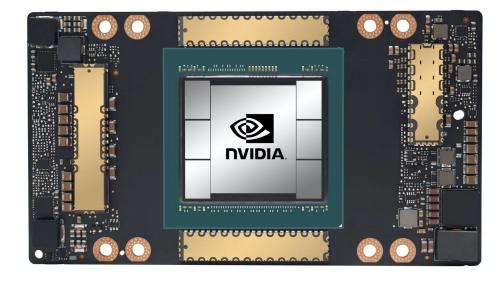
Background: High Bandwidth Memory (HBM)

- HBM stacks DRAM layers and a buffer layer
 - The buffer layer contains I/O circuitry, self-test, test/debug
- DRAM layers and buffer layer communicate using Through Silicon Vias (TSVs)
- The buffer layer is connected to a host processor via a silicon interposer
- 1 HBM2 die comprises 4 pseudo channels (pCHs) each with 4 bank groups
 - An access transfers a 256bit data block over 4 64-bit bursts over one pCH



NVIDIA A100 GPU

- NVIDIA-speak:
 - 6912 stream processors
 - "SIMT execution"



- Generic speak:
 - 108 cores
 - 64 SIMD functional units per core
 - Tensor cores for Machine Learning
 - Support for sparsity
 - New floating point data type (TF32)

NVIDIA A100 Block Diagram

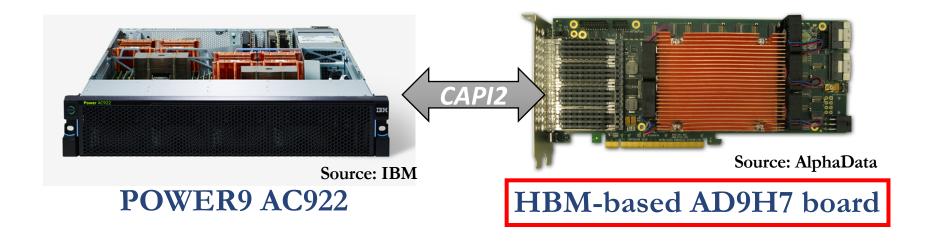


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108 cores on the A100

(Up to 128 cores in the full-blown chip)

Heterogeneous System: CPU+FPGA



We evaluate two POWER9+FPGA systems:

1. HBM-based board AD9H7Xilinx Virtex Ultrascale+™ XCVU37P-2

2. DDR4-based board AD9V3
Xilinx Virtex Ultrascale+™ XCVU3P-2

Accelerating Climate Modeling

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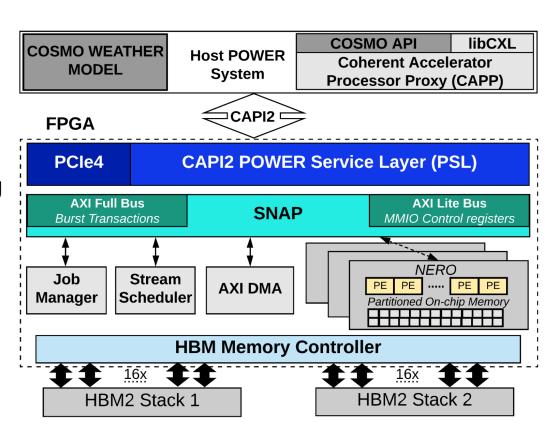
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NERO Application Framework

- NERO communicates to Host over CAPI2 (Coherent Accelerator Processor Interface)
- COSMO API handles offloading jobs to NERO
- SNAP (Storage, Network, and Analytics Programming) allows for seamless integration of the COSMO API



https://github.com/open-power/snap

FPGA-based Processing Near Memory

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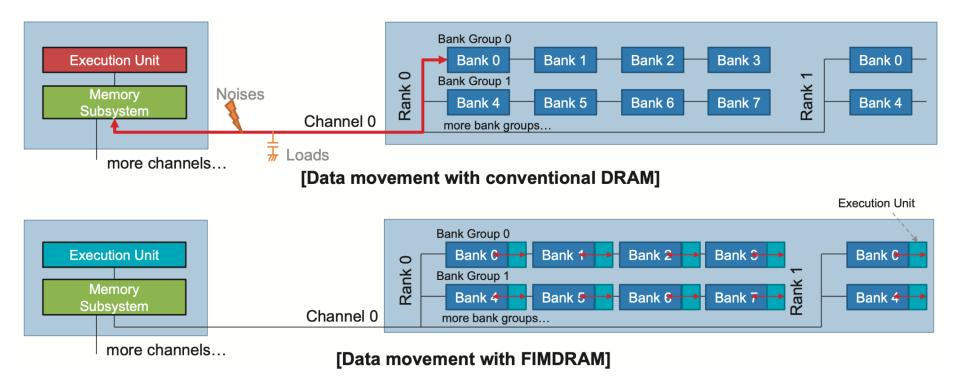
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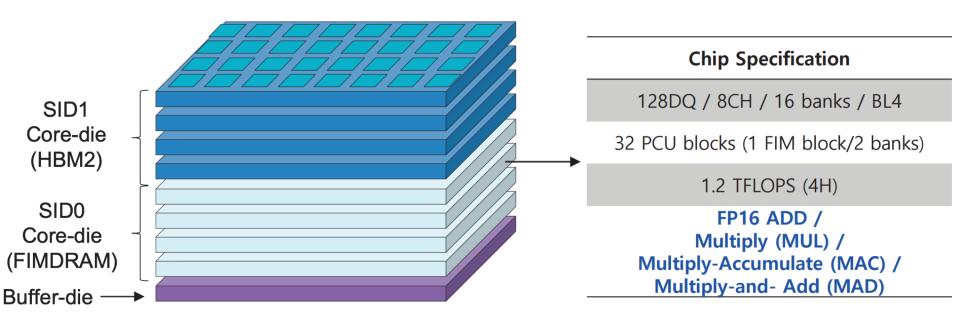
FIMDRAM: Exploiting Bank Parallelism

- HBM bandwidth is not enough for many ML workloads
 - BLAS-1 and BLAS-2 are typically memory bound



FIMDRAM: Chip Structure

FIMDRAM based on HBM2

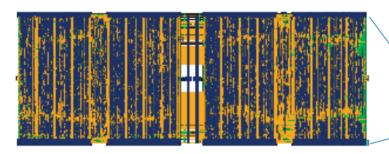


[3D Chip Structure of HBM with FIMDRAM]

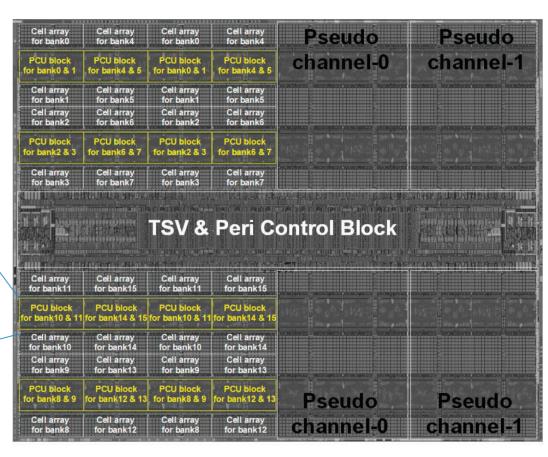
FIMDRAM: Chip Implementation

Chip Implementation

- Mixed design methodology to implement FIMDRAM
 - Full-custom + Digital RTL

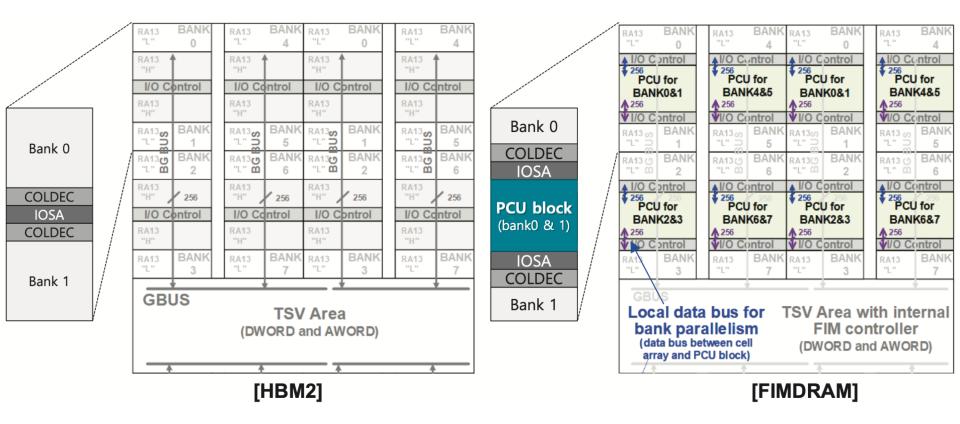


[Digital RTL design for PCU block]



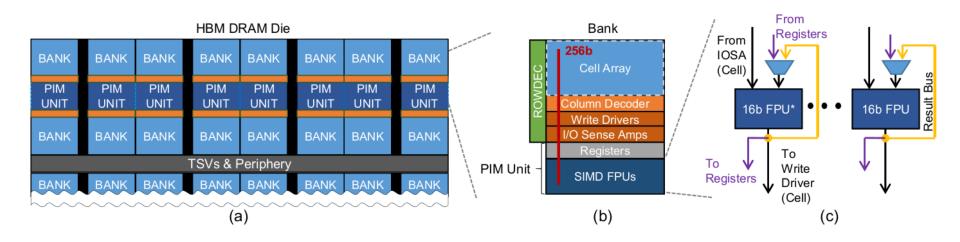
FIMDRAM: System Organization (I)

HBM2 vs. FIMDRAM



FIMDRAM: System Organization (II)

- Design goals:
 - 1. Support DRAM and PIM-DRAM mode for versatility
 - 2. Minimize the engineering cost of redesigning DRAM banks and sub-arrays
- Thus, PIM unit at I/O boundary of bank
 - 1 PIM unit for each 2 banks
 - □ 16 16-bit SIMD floating-point units (FPUs) per PIM unit



SIMD Processing and GPUs

Flynn's Taxonomy of Computers

- Mike Flynn, "Very High-Speed Computing Systems," Proc. of IEEE, 1966
- SISD: Single instruction operates on single data element
- SIMD: Single instruction operates on multiple data elements
 - Array processor
 - Vector processor
- MISD: Multiple instructions operate on single data element
 - Closest form: systolic array processor, streaming processor
- MIMD: Multiple instructions operate on multiple data elements (multiple instruction streams)
 - Multiprocessor
 - Multithreaded processor

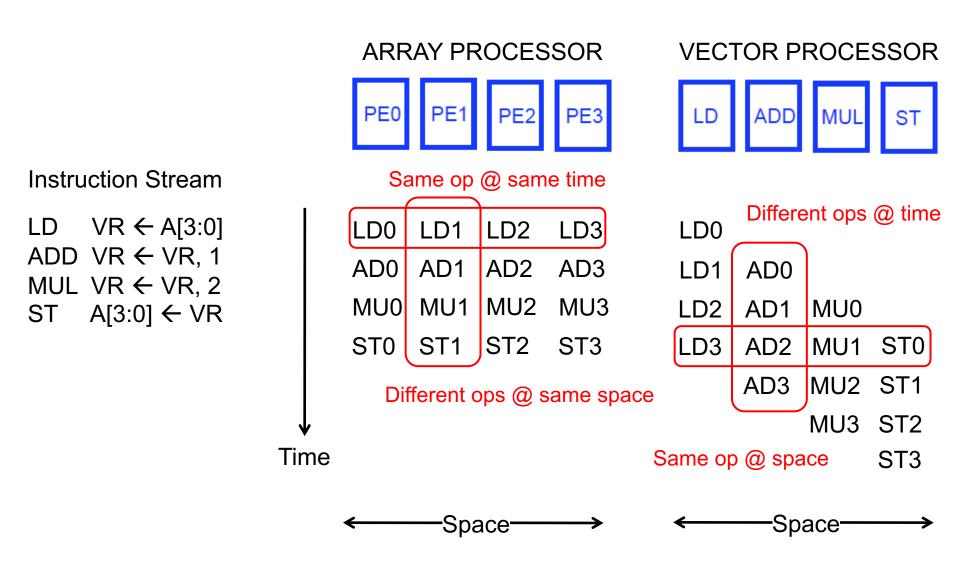
Data Parallelism

- Concurrency arises from performing the same operation on different pieces of data
 - Single instruction multiple data (SIMD)
 - E.g., dot product of two vectors
- Contrast with data flow
 - Concurrency arises from executing different operations in parallel (in a data driven manner)
- Contrast with thread ("control") parallelism
 - Concurrency arises from executing different threads of control in parallel
- SIMD exploits operation-level parallelism on different data
 - Same operation concurrently applied to different pieces of data
 - A form of ILP where instruction happens to be the same across data

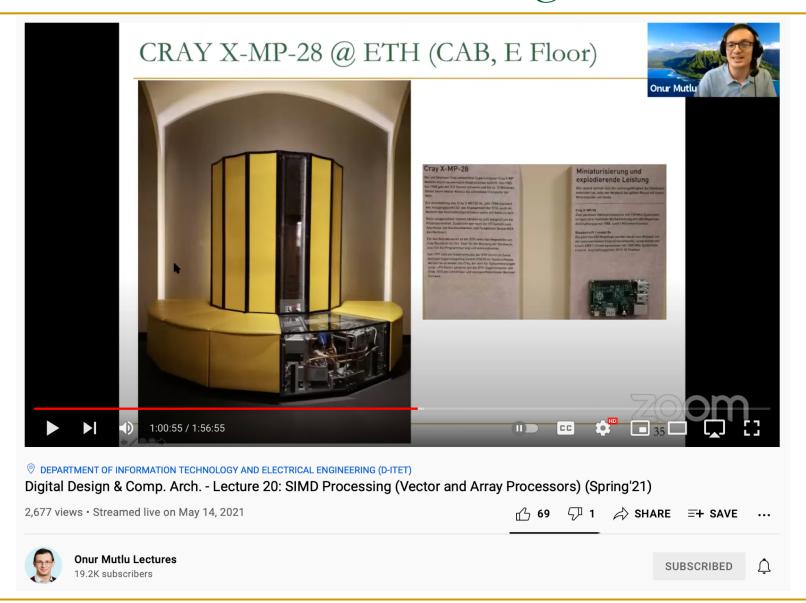
SIMD Processing

- Single instruction operates on multiple data elements
 - In time or in space
- Multiple processing elements (PEs), i.e., execution units
- Time-space duality
 - Array processor: Instruction operates on multiple data elements at the same time using different spaces (PEs)
 - Vector processor: Instruction operates on multiple data elements in consecutive time steps using the same space (PE)

Array vs. Vector Processors



Lecture on SIMD Processing



A GPU is a SIMD (SIMT) Machine

- Except it is **not** programmed using SIMD instructions
- It is programmed using threads (SPMD programming model)
 - Each thread executes the same code but operates a different piece of data
 - Each thread has its own context (i.e., can be treated/restarted/executed independently)
- A set of threads executing the same instruction are dynamically grouped into a warp (wavefront) by the hardware
 - A warp is essentially a SIMD operation formed by hardware!

NVIDIA A100 Block Diagram



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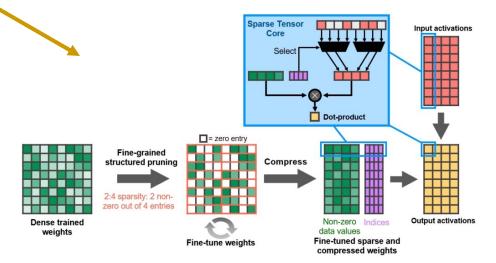
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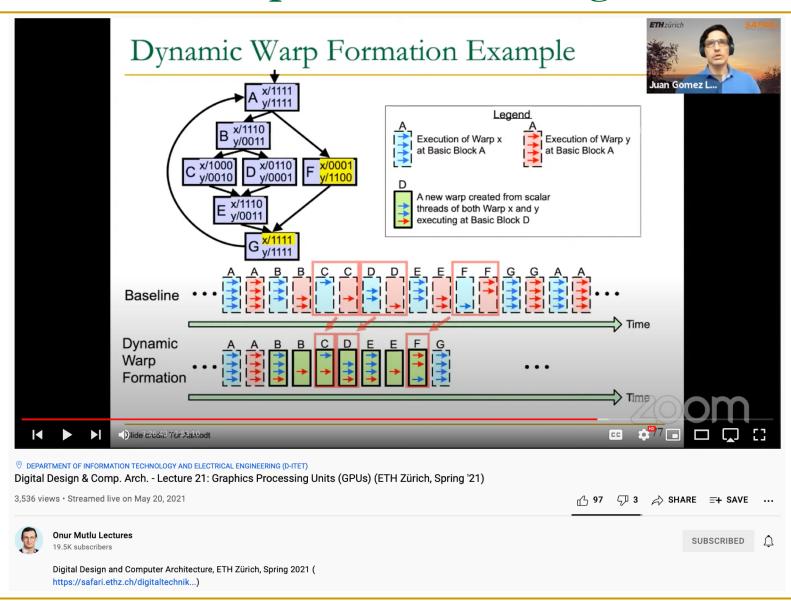
NVIDIA A100 Core



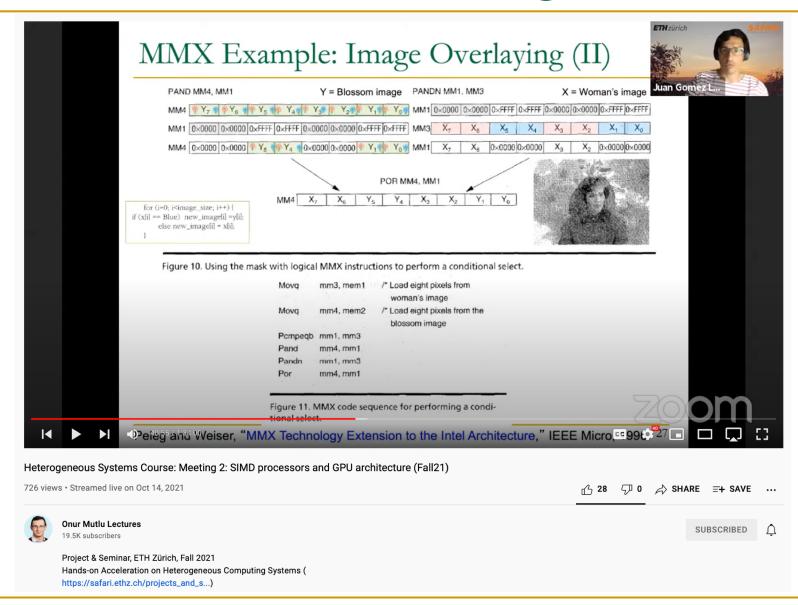
- 19.5 TFLOPS Single Precision
- 9.7 TFLOPS Double Precision
- 312 TFLOPS for Deep Learning (Tensor cores)



Lecture on Graphics Processing Units

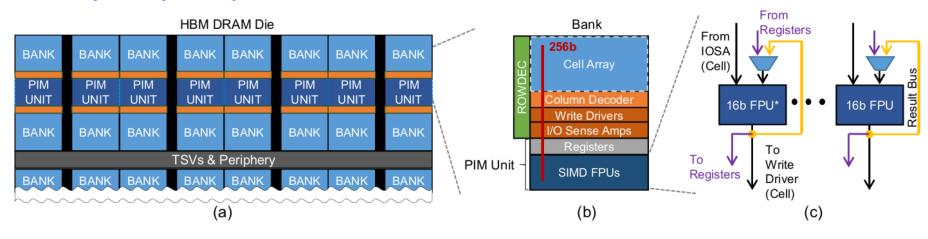


Lecture on SIMD Processing and GPUs



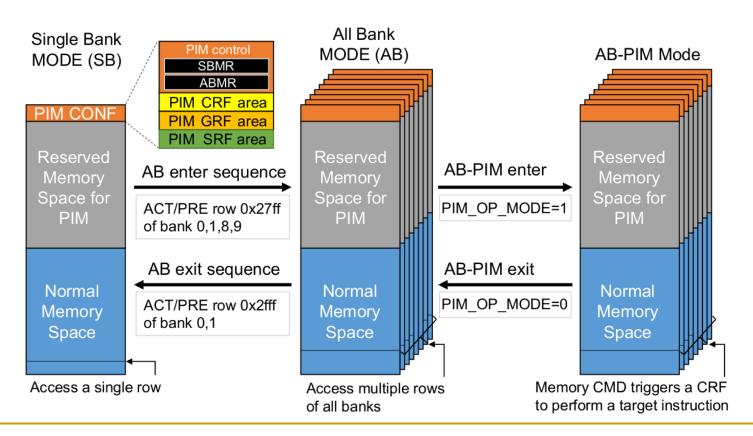
FIMDRAM: System Organization (III)

- PIM units respond to standard DRAM column commands (RD or WR)
 - Compliant with unmodified JEDEC controllers
- They execute one wide-SIMD operation commanded by a PIM instruction with deterministic latency in a lock-step manner
- A PIM unit can get 16 16-bit operands from IOSAs, a register, and/or the result bus



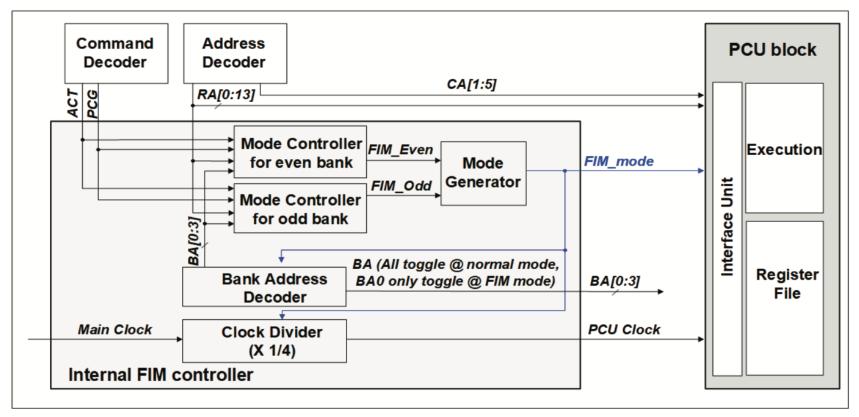
FIMDRAM: Bank-level Parallelism

- Unlike standard DRAM devices, all banks can be accessed concurrently for 8x higher bandwidth (with 16 pCHs)
- In AB-PIM mode, a memory command triggers a PIM instruction in the CRF



FIMDRAM: Internal FIM Controller

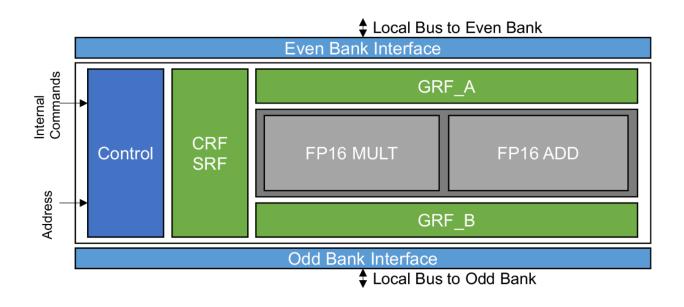
 The internal FIM controller controls FIM mode without any modification of the host processor hardware



[Block diagram of control circuit for FIM operation]

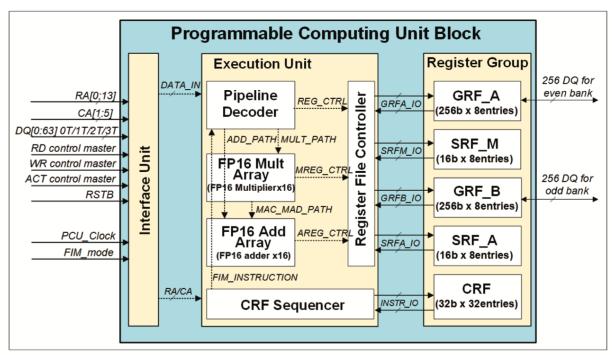
FIMDRAM: Programmable Computing Unit (I)

- Control: Instruction sequence manager
- Pipeline of 5 stages
 - 1. Fetch/decode
 - 2. Load 256-bit data from even or odd bank (optional)
 - 3. MUL
 - 4. ADD
 - 5. Writeback to GRF



FIMDRAM: Programmable Computing Unit (II)

- Interface unit to control data flow
- Execution unit
- Register group
 - CRF (command): Instruction buffer
 - GRF (general): Weights and accumulation
 - SRF (source):Constants for MAC



[Block diagram of PCU in FIMDRAM]

FIMDRAM: Instruction Set Architecture (I)

9 RISC-style 32-bit instructions

[Available instruction list for FIM operation]

Туре	CMD	Description					
	ADD	FP16 addition					
Floating	MUL	FP16 multiplication					
Point	MAC	FP16 multiply-accumulate					
	MAD	FP16 multiply and add					
Data Path	MOVE	Load or store data					
Data Fatti	FILL	Copy data from bank to GRFs					
	NOP	Do nothing					
Control Path	JUMP	Jump instruction					
	EXIT	Exit instruction					

FIMDRAM: Instruction Set Architecture (II)

Combinations depend on operand sources

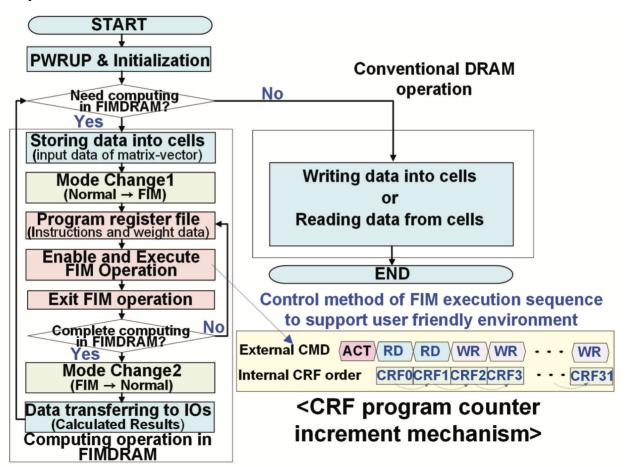
On Trung	Operand	Operand	Result	# of		
Op. Type	(SRC0)	(SRC1)	(DST)	Combinations		
MUL	GRF, BANK	GRF, BANK, SRF_M	GRF	32		
ADD	GRF, BANK, SRF_A	GRF, BANK, SRF_A	GRF	40		
MAC	GRF, BANK	GRF, BANK, SRF_M	GRF_B	14		
MAD	GRF, BANK	GRF, BANK, SRF_M SRF_A (for SRC2)	GRF	28		
MOV (ReLU)	GRF, BANK		GRF	24		

Instruction formats

	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5 4	3	2 1	. 0
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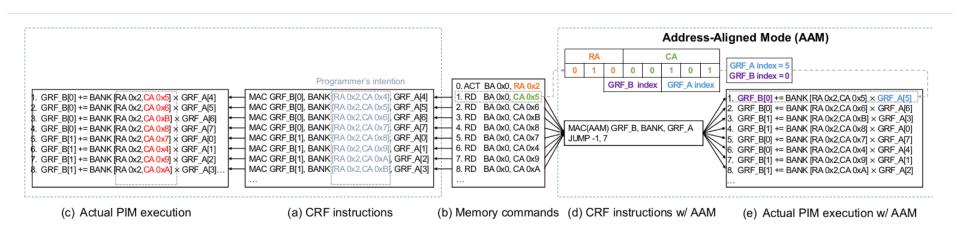
FIMDRAM: Operation Flow

- Operation sequence for matrix vector computing
 - Input and output data are accessible to the host in conventional DRAM operation



FIMDRAM: Instruction Ordering

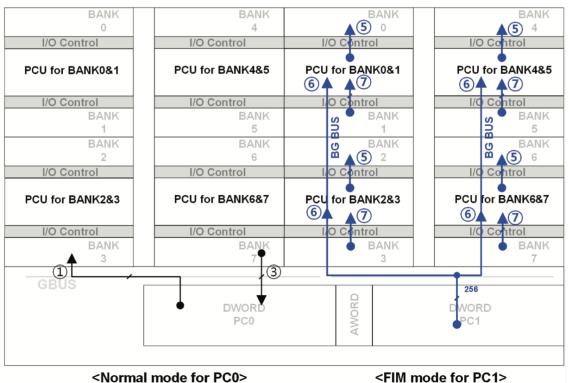
- One challenge is that DRAM commands may be re-ordered, and using fences is costly performance-wise
- Solution: Address Aligned Mode (AAM)
 - 8 MAC operations with 2 PIM instructions



FIMDRAM: Data Flow

Data flow controlled by operation mode and bit RA13

Index	Mode	CMD	RA13	Data Movement	
1		WR	L	Data write to cell array	
2	Normal	WR	Н	Not available	
3		RD	L	Data read to cell array	
4		RD	Н	Not available	
(5)		WR	L	Data movement from PCU block to cell array	
6	FIM	WR	Data write to PCU register		
7		RD L Data moveme array to PC			
8		RD	Н	Not available	



FIMDRAM: Key Feature Summary

Comparison table

	[3]	[7]	UPMEM PIM [8]	FIMDRAM (this work)
Type of DRAM	HBM2	LPDDR4	DDR4	HBM2
Process	20 nm	20 nm	2x nm	20 nm
Memory density	8GB/cube (Buffer-die + 8H 8Gb core-die)	8GB/chip (8H 8Gb mono die)	8GB/DIMM	6GB/cube (Buffer-die + 4H 4Gb core-die with PCU + 4H 8Gb core-die)
Data rate	2.4Gbps	3.2Gbps	2.4Gbps	2.4Gbps
Bandwidth	307GB/s per cube	25.6GB/s per chip	19.2GB/s per DIMM	307GB/s per cube
# of CH	8 per cube	1 per chip	16 per DIMM	8 per cube
# of processing unit	No	2048 per chip (256 per die)	128 per DIMM (8 per chip)	128 per cube (32 per core-die)
Processing operation speed	-	250Mhz @simulation	500MHz @ Measurement	300MHz @ Measurement
Peak throughput	-	0.5 TOPS per chip (250MHz x 256 x 8byte)	0.5 TOPS per DIMM (500MHz x 128 x 8byte)	1.2 TFLOPS per cube (300MHz x 128 x 32byte)
Operation Precision	•	IN T8	INT8	FP16

TFLOPS: Tera Floating Point Operations Per Second

[3] K. Sohn, et al., ISSCC 2016, [7] H. Shin, et al., IEEE TCADICS 2018, [8] F. Devaux, IEEE Hot Chips Symp. 2019

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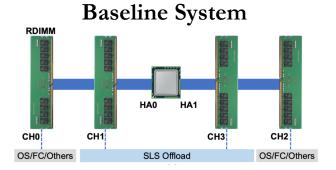
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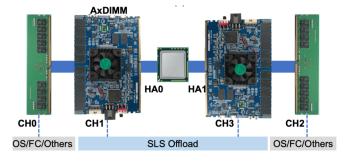
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- DIMM-based PIM
 - DLRM recommendation system





AxDIMM System





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More real-world PIM architectures

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