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COVFIE: a compositional library for heterogeneous vector fields

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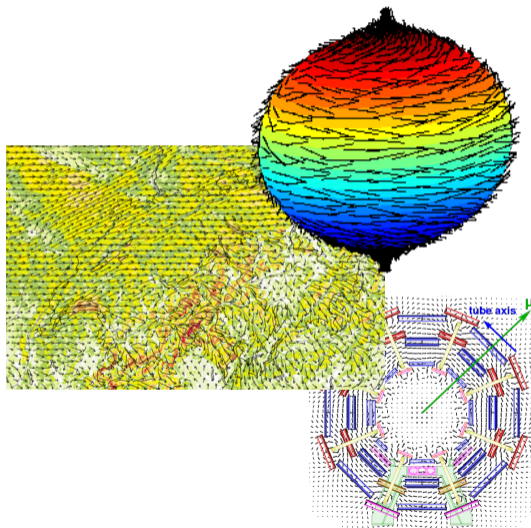
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Introduction

- Vector fields are used everywhere
 - Oceanography
 - Atmospheric science
 - High-energy physics
- Different functional and non-functional properties
- Many non-unified different implementations of fields



Introduction

- Enter COVFIE, the **compositional vector field** library
- Goal is to...
 - support arbitrary vector fields...
 - across many devices...
 - with high performance...
 - in a simple way...
 - through composition.

The screenshot shows the GitHub repository page for 'acts-project/covfie'. The repository is public and has 219 commits. The main branch is 'main'. The repository description is 'A library for storing interpolable vector fields on co-processors'. The repository includes a README.md file, which is currently open. The README.md file contains the following text:

covfie (pronounced coffee) is a **co-processor vector field** library. covfie consists of two main components; the first is the header-only C++ library, which can be used by scientific applications using CUDA or other programming platforms. The second is a set of benchmarks which can be used to quantify the computational performance of all the different vector field implementations covfie provides. Arguably, the test suite constitutes a third component.

The README.md file also includes a table of statistics and logos for various platforms and systems.

Platform	Percentage
C++	90.3%
CMake	6.0%
Code	2.0%
Haskell	1.7%

Logos for CERN, PARALLEL COMPUTING SYSTEMS, and ats are also visible.

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 \mathbb{R}^3 in memory

$$f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$

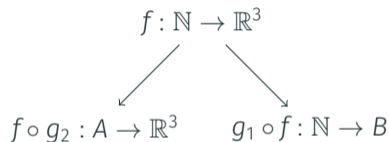
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- We can turn this into an $\mathbb{N} \rightarrow B$ field by covariantly composing a function $g_1: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow B \dots$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3 & & \\ & \searrow & \\ & & g_1 \circ f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow B \end{array}$$

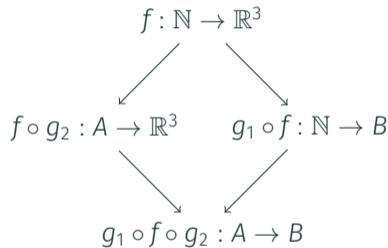
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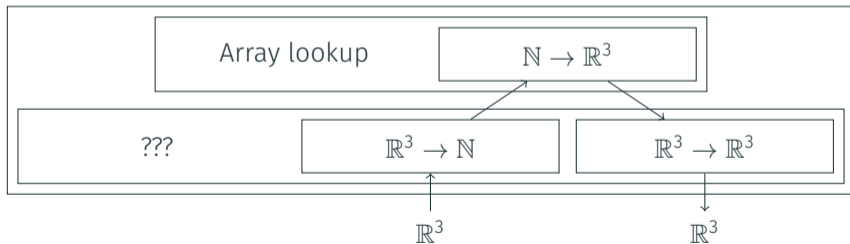
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- *Transformer* $t = \langle g_1, g_2 \rangle$ lets us build any field



Example: ATLAS

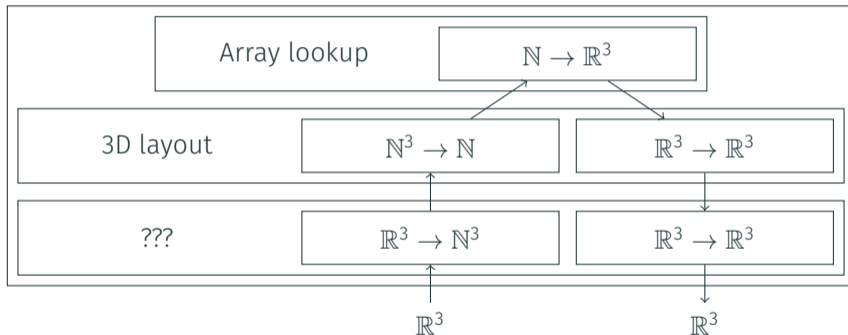
- Let's consider the ATLAS magnetic field, which we can build using:
 - A primitive storage backend $\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$: our memory
 - ...and a transformer $\langle \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{N}, \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3 \rangle$
- But this is too complex, let's decompose!



- Let's pick a Morton curve and compose it with our primitive backend:

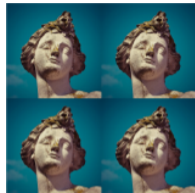
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2     ulong2 ,  
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Bounds checking

- LDMX talk yesterday: behaviour at B-field bounds is important
- Borrow schemes from computer graphics:
 - Repeat
 - Mirror
 - Clamp
 - Default



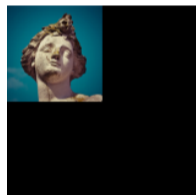
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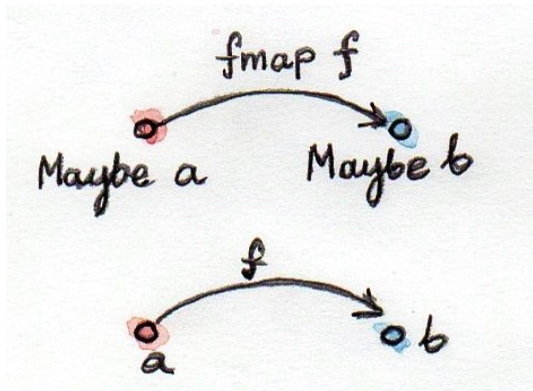


Default

Source: Julien Delezenne

Bounds Checking

- Let's return the zero vector $\vec{0}$ for our of bounds errors
- Problem: out-of-bounds-ness is only known contravariantly...
- ...and we need this information covariantly
- How do we pass this information around?
- Wrap our contravariant output and covariant input in an optional functor $F(a) = a + \mathbb{1}$

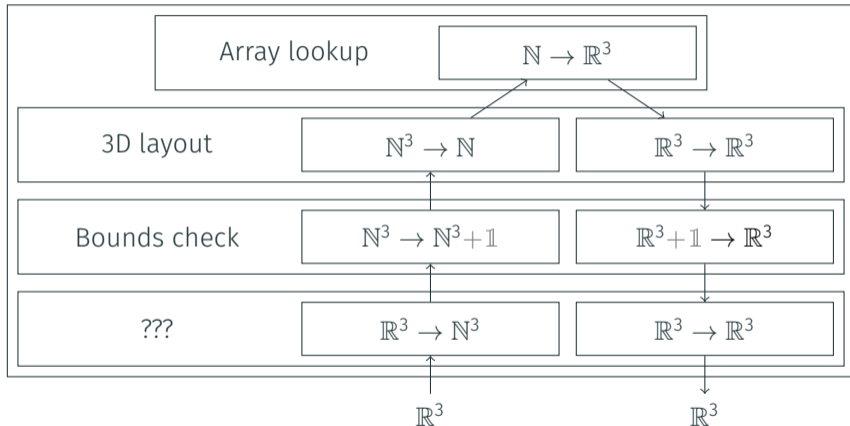


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- Let's compose a bounds checking transformer:

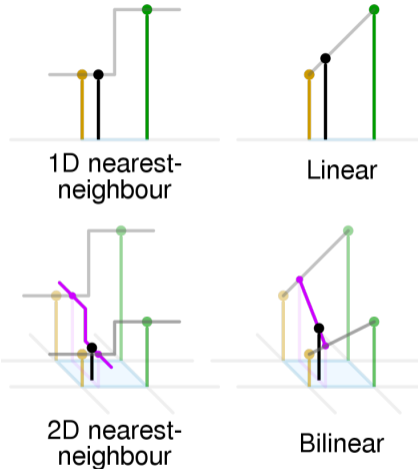
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Example: ATLAS



Interpolation

- Our field is currently indexed using natural numbers: not much use for a B-field
- Need an interpolation method to go from real coordinates to natural
 - Nearest neighbour
 - n -linear

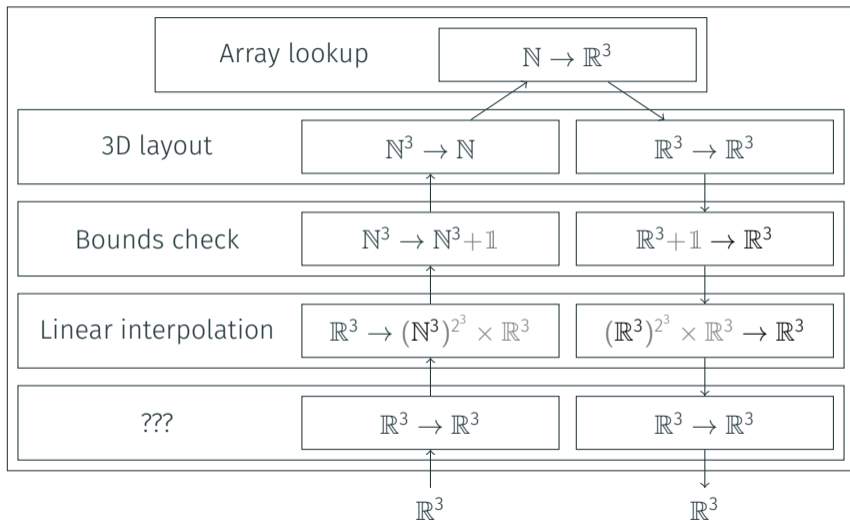


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- Let's add a trilinear interpolator to our vector field:

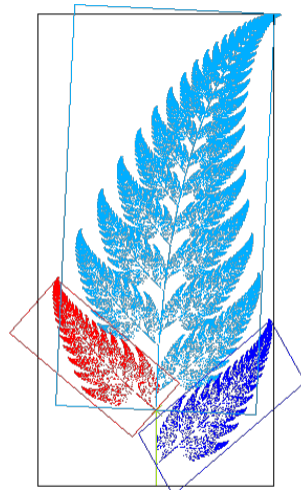
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Example: ATLAS



Transformations

- Right now, coordinate $(0, 0, 0)$ is at the top left corner of the field...
- ...not in the center of the detector
- No problem: just compose an affine transformation!
- Takes arbitrary $(n + 1) \times (n + 1)$ transformation matrix



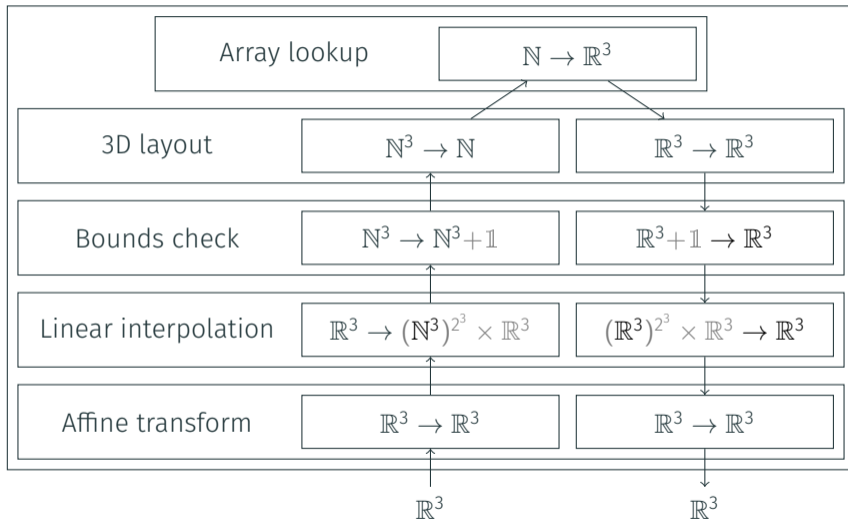
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Interpolation

- Thereby we arrive at our final type:

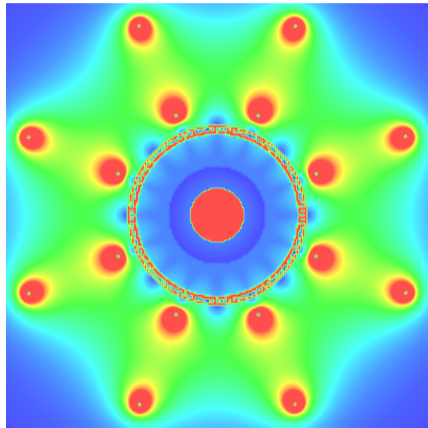
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Example: ATLAS



Rendering

```
1 field_t::view_t fv(f);
2
3 for (std::size_t x = 0; x < im_size[1]; ++x) {
4     for (std::size_t y = 0; y < im_size[0]; ++y) {
5         field_t::view_t::output_t p = fv.at(x, y);
6
7         img[im_size[1] * y + x] = static_cast<char>(
8             255.f *
9             std::min(std::sqrt(mag(p)), 1.0f)
10        );
11    }
12 }
```



List of Primitive Backends

Name	Platform	Field type
ARRAY	CPU	$\prod_{T:\mathcal{V}} \mathbb{N} \rightarrow T$
CUDAARRAY	CUDA	$\prod_{T:\mathcal{V}} \mathbb{N} \rightarrow T$
CUDAPITCH	CUDA	$\prod_{d: [1,3]} \prod_{T:\mathcal{V}} \mathbb{N}^d \rightarrow T$
CUDATEX	CUDA	$\prod_{d: [1,3]} \prod_{d': [1,4]} \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{d'}$
ANALYTIC	CPU	$\prod_{S,T:\mathcal{V}} S \rightarrow T$
CONSTANT	Any	$\prod_{S,T:\mathcal{V}} S \rightarrow T$

List of Backend Transformers

Name	Type
PITCHED	$\prod_{n:\mathbb{N}} \prod_T \text{Type}(\mathbb{N}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{N}) \times (T \rightarrow T)$
MORTON	$\prod_{n:\mathbb{N}} \prod_T \text{Type}(\mathbb{N}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{N}) \times (T \rightarrow T)$
HILBERT	$\prod_T \text{Type}(\mathbb{N}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{N}) \times (T \rightarrow T)$
SHUFFLE	$\prod_{n:\mathbb{N}} \prod_{\rho:\mathfrak{S}_n} \prod_{S,T} \text{Type}(S^n \rightarrow S^n) \times (T \rightarrow T)$
DEFAULT	$\prod_{S,T} \text{Type}(S \rightarrow S + \mathbb{1}) \times (T + \mathbb{1} \rightarrow T)$
WRAP	$\prod_{S,T} \text{Type}(S \rightarrow S) \times (T \rightarrow T)$
NEAREST	$\prod_{n:\mathbb{N}} \prod_T \text{Type}(\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{N}^n) \times (T \rightarrow T)$
LINEAR	$\prod_{n:\mathbb{N}} (\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow (\mathbb{N}^n)^{2^n} \times \mathbb{R}^n) \times ((\mathbb{R}^n)^{2^n} \times \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n)$
AFFINE	$\prod_{n:\mathbb{N}} \prod_T \text{Type}(\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n) \times (T \rightarrow T)$

Moving this to a GPU

CPU

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GPU

```
1 using field_t = covfie::interpolator::linear<
2   covfie::boundary::def<
3     covfie::layout::morton<
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5       covfie::storage::cuda::array<
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7     >
8   >
9 >
10 >;
```

- Type conversion includes movement of the data to or from the GPU

Rendering on a GPU

- Field types are convertible
- Simply put one into your CUDA kernel: no hassle!

```
1  __global__ void render(  
2      typename field_t::view_t vf, char * out,  
3      uint width, uint height, float z  
4  ) {  
5      int x = blockDim.x * blockIdx.x + threadIdx.x;  
6      int y = blockDim.y * blockIdx.y + threadIdx.y;  
7  
8      if (x < width && y < height) {  
9          float fx = x / static_cast<float>(width);  
10         float fy = y / static_cast<float>(height);  
11  
12         typename field_t::output_t p = vf.at(fx, fy, z);  
13         out[height * x + y] = static_cast<char>(  
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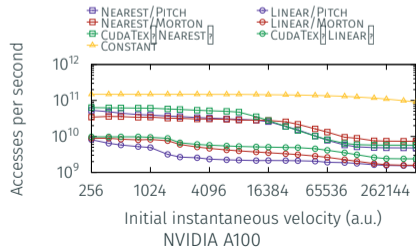
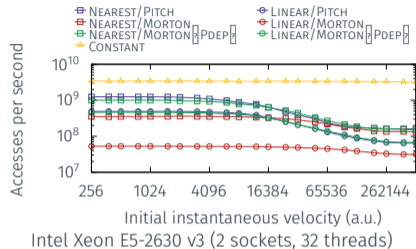
Texture “Memory”

- Primitive backends need not be as simple as an array
- GPUs support special texture “memory”
 - It’s just global memory with storage layouts, separate caching, and hardware acceleration
- In some cases, may provide performance benefits
- Entirely encapsulated as primitive COVIE backend



Benchmarking

- COVIE also comes with a benchmark suite
- Set of mini-apps with different access patterns
- Includes RK1 and RK4 propagation of agents
- Fun results for depth-first RK4 propagation of 65 536 agents



Conclusions

- COVFIE is available right now to try!
- Header-only, documented, and easy to use
- <https://github.com/acts-project/covfie>
- Please get in contact [stephen.nicholas.swatman@cern.ch!](mailto:stephen.nicholas.swatman@cern.ch)

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github/workflows	Add support for building with CUDA in CI	5 months ago
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cmake	Add optional flag to silence compiler messages	13 days ago
docs	Add optional flag to silence compiler messages	13 days ago
examples	Remove mentions of ATLAS experiment	last month
extra/layers	Remove layout throughput analysis	last month
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CMakeLists.txt	Increment version to 0.4.0	13 days ago
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README.md	Update README examples to new vectors	last month

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