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I. INTRODUCTION

**II. DSP HARDWARE TO
REDUCE LOOP OVERHEAD**

III. COMPILER SUPPORT

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INTRODUCTION

- (i) Signal Processing Filters**
(e.g., FIR, IIR)
- (ii) Frequency Transformations**
(e.g., Fourier, Cosine)
- (iii) Image Processing Algorithms**
(e.g., Edge Manipulation)

Typical DSP Applications



INTRODUCTION (cont.)

Tight
Small
Loops

are quite COMMON!!



HARDWARE LOOPING SUPPORT

- (1) Execute Fixed Set of Instructions Multiple Times**
- (2) Reduce Loop Branch Overhead**
- (3) Reduce Power Consumption**
- (4) Reduce Memory Bus Contention**



HARDWARE LOOPING SUPPORT (cont.)

instruction 1

instruction 2

...

instruction 31

**Instruction
Buffer**

k

cloop

... $z0lbp$ n

cstate

**LUCENT DSP 16000
Zero Overhead Loop Buffer**



ASSEMBLY SYNTAX FOR ACCESSING ZOLB (Zero Overhead Loop Buffer)

```
...  
do k {  
    instruction 1  
    ...  
    instruction n  
}  
...
```

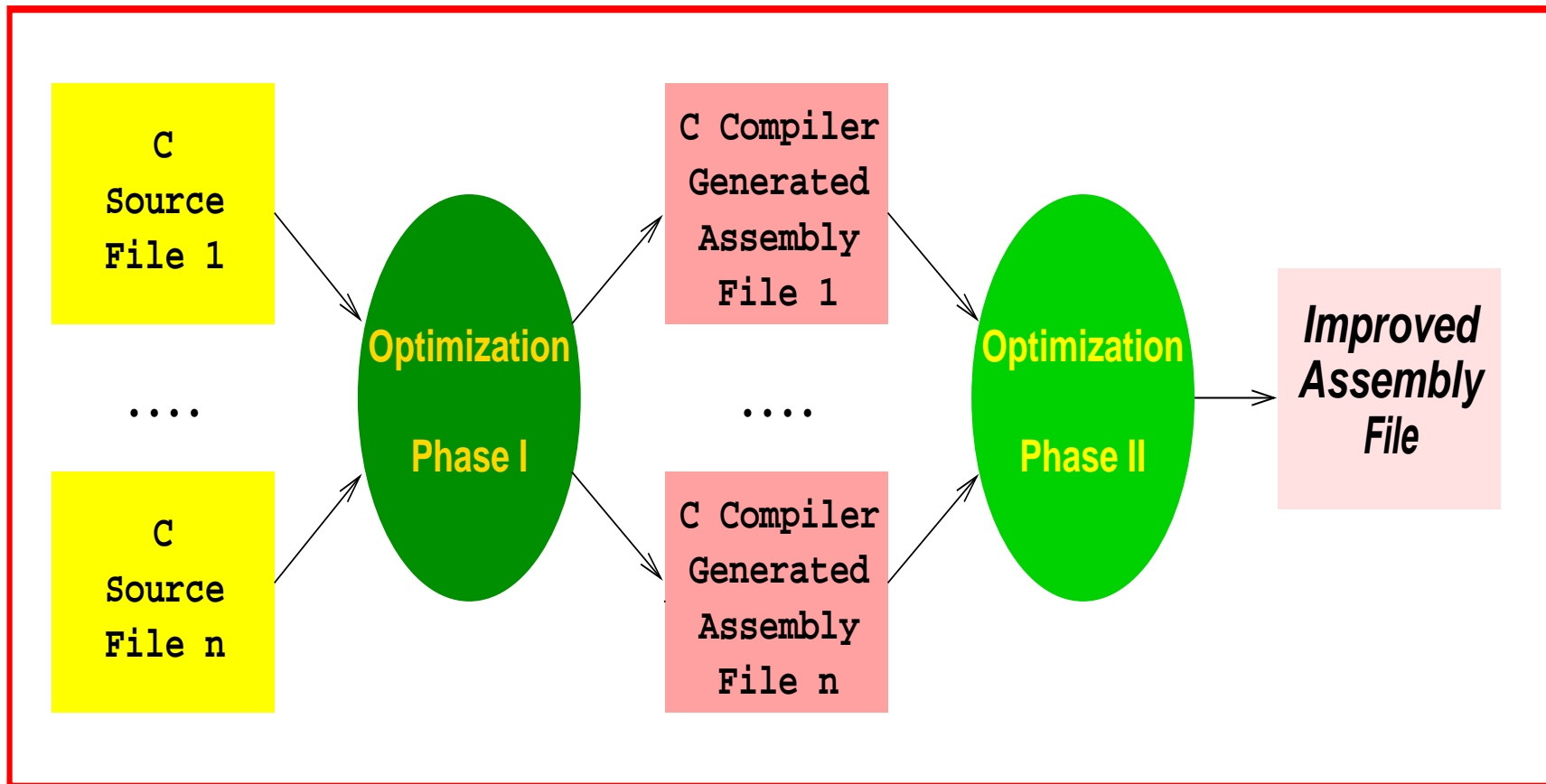
using the DO Instruction

```
...  
redo k  
...
```

using the REDO Instruction



COMPILER SUPPORT



Overview of DSP 16K C Compiler



COMPILER SUPPORT (cont.)

- (1) Conditional Instructions
- (2) Inlining
- (3) Loop Splitting
- (4) Dealing with an Unknown Number of Loop Iterations

More Loops in the ZOLB



CONDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS

```

for (i = 0;
     i < 1000;
     i++)

  if (a[i] > 0)
    sum += a[i];

```

Original Source

```

r0 = _a
a1 = -9999
L5: a0 = *r0
    a0 = a0
    if gt goto L4
    a2 = a2 + a0
L4: r0 = r0 + 2
    a1 = a1 + 1
    if le goto L5

```

without Conditional

```

r0 = _a
a1 = -9999
L5: a0 = *r0
    a0 = a0
    if le a2 = a2 + a0
    r0 = r0 + 2
    a1 = a1 + 1
    if le goto L5

```

with Conditional



INLINING

```
int abs(int v)
{
    if (v < 0)
        v = -v;
    return v;
}

...
sum = 0;
for (i = 0;
     i < 10000; i++)
    sum += abs(a[i]);
```

Source Code

```
_abs: a0 = a0
      if lt a0 = -a0
      return
      ...
      r4 = _a
      a5 = 0
      a4 = -9999
L5:   a0 = *r4++
      call _abs
      a5 = a5 + a0
      a4 = a4 + 1
      if le goto L5
```

Before Inlining

```

r4 = _a
a5 = 0
a4 = -9999
L5: a0 = *r4++
    a0 = a0
    if lt a0 = -a0
    a5 = a5 + a0
    a4 = a4 + 1
    if le goto L5
```

After Inlining



UNKNOWN NUMBER OF LOOP ITERATIONS

```
sum = 0;  
for (i = 0;  
     a[i] != n;  
     i++)  
    sum += a[i]*2;
```

Source Code of Loop



UNKNOWN NUMBER OF LOOP ITERATIONS (cont.)

```

r0 = _a
a2 = 0
r1 = _n
a0 = *r0
a1 = *r1
a0 - a1
if eq goto L3
L5: a0 = *r0++
a0 = a0 <<< 1
a2 = a2 + a0
a0 = *r0
a0 - a1
if ne goto L5
L3:

```

without Using the ZOLB

```

...
if eq goto L3
cloop = 65535
a3 = 1
do cloop {
  a4 = *(r0+2)
  a4 - a1
  if eq cloop = a3
  a0 = *r0++
  a0 = a0 <<< 1
  a2 = a2 + a0
}
goto L01
L02: cloop = 65535
redo cloop
L01: a4 - a1
if ne goto L02
L3:

```

after Using the ZOLB



COMPILER SUPPORT (cont.)

- (5) Extracting Increments of Basic Induction Variables
- (6) Loop Collapsing
- (7) Loop Interchange

Further Reducing Loop Overhead



EXTRACTING INCREMENT OF BASIC INDUCTION VARIABLES

```
cloop = 10000
r0 = _a
a2 = 0
do cloop {
    *r0++ = a2
    a1 = a1 + 1
}
```

*after Using the ZOLB with
a1 Live after the Loop*

```
cloop = 10000
r0 = _a
a2 = 0
do cloop {
    *r0++ = a2
}
a1 = a1 + 10000
```

*after Extracting the
Assignment to a1*



LOOP INTERCHANGE (cont.)

```
    r1 = _a
    a3 = 0
    a2 = -199
L5:  r0 = r1
    a1 = -49
L9:  *r0++ = a3
    a1 = a1 + 1
    if le goto L9
    r1 = r1 + 200
    a2 = a2 + 1
    if le goto L5
```

before Loop Interchange

```
    r1 = _a
    a3 = 0
    a2 = -49
L5:  r0 = r1
    a1 = -199
    k = 200
L9:  *r0++k = a3
    a1 = a1 + 1
    if le goto L9
    r1 = r1 + 2
    a2 = a2 + 1
    if le goto L5
```

after Loop Interchange



LOOP INTERCHANGE (cont.)

```
    r1 = _a
    a3 = 0
    a2 = -49
L5:  cloop = 200
    r0 = r1
    k = 200
    do cloop {
        *r0++k = a3
    }
    r1 = r1 + 2
    a2 = a2 + 1
    if le goto L5
```

DSP16000 Assembly after Using the ZOLB

LOOP INTERCHANGE (cont.)

```
    r1 = _a
    a3 = 0
    a2 = -49
L5: cloop = 200
    r0 = r1
    k = 200
    do cloop {
        *r0++k = a3
    }
    r1 = r1 + 2
    a2 = a2 + 1
    if le goto L5
```

DSP16000 Assembly after Using the ZOLB



AVOIDING REDUNDANT LOAD of the ZOLB

```
extern int a[100];
extern int b[100];
extern float c[200];
extern float d[200];
...
for (i = 0;
     i < 100;
     i++)
    a[i] = b[i];
...
for (i = 0;
     i < 200;
     i++)
    c[i] = d[i];
```

**Source Code of
Two Different Loops**

```
r1 = _a
r0 = _b
do 100 {
a0 = *r0++
*r1++ = a0
}
...
cloop = 200
r1 = _c
r0 = _d
do cloop {
a0 = *r0++
*r1++ = a0
}
```

**DSP 16000 Assembly
After Using the ZOLB**

```
r1 = _a
r0 = _b
do 100 {
a0 = *r0++
*r1++ = a0
}
...
cloop = 200
r1 = _c
r0 = _d
redo cloop
```

**DSP 16000 Assembly
after Using REDO**



$$\text{in}[B] = \begin{cases} \text{Null} & \text{if } B == \text{function entry} \\ \bigcup_{P \in \text{pred}[B]} \text{out}[P] & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{out}[B] = \begin{cases} \text{Null} & \text{if } B \text{ contains a call} \\ B & \text{if } B \text{ contains a ZOLB loop} \\ \text{in}[B] & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (2)$$



ORDER OF THE ANALYSIS AND TRANSFORMATION

(1) Build Call Graph

(2) Merge Blocks

(3) Find Loops

(4) Dataflow Analysis

(5) If Conversion

(6) Find Loop Invariants and
Loop Induction Variables

(7) Calculate Loop Iterations

(8) Perform Inlining

(9) Memory Disambiguation

(10) Loop Splitting

(11) Loop Flattening

(12) Loop Interchange

(13) Place Loops in the ZOLB

(14) Basic Induction Variable
Elimination

(15) Extract Basic Induction
Variable Assignments



CONCLUSIONS

Improvements in

EXECUTION TIME

and

REDUCTIONS in CODE SIZE