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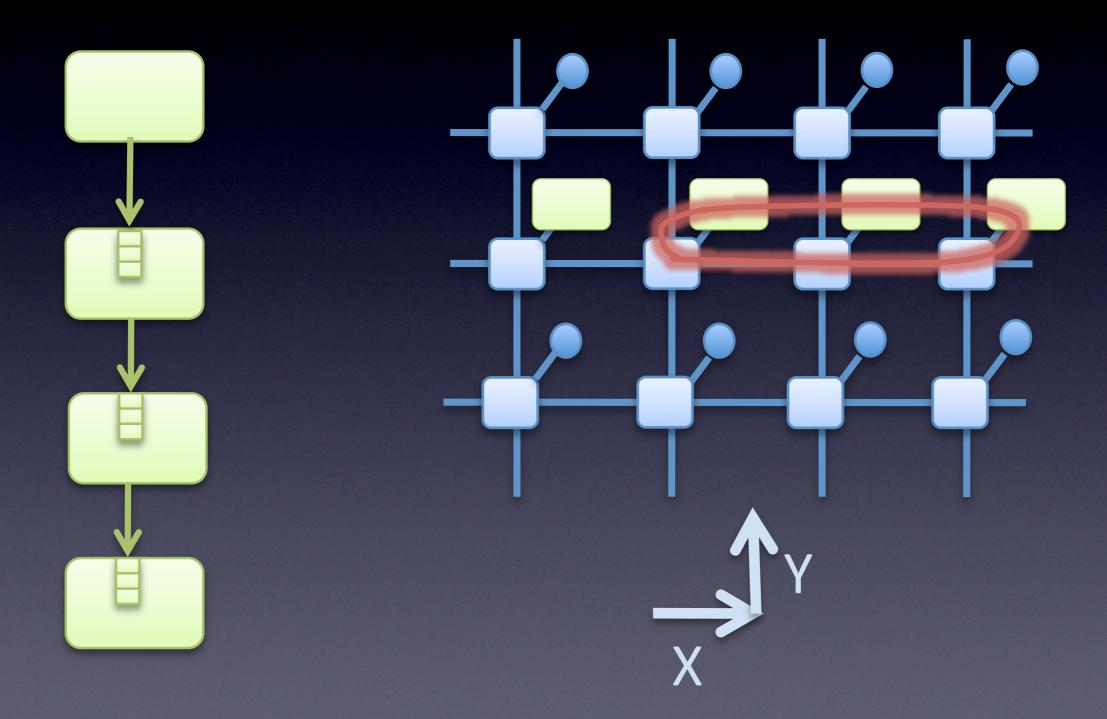
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Outline

- The streaming deadlock problem
- State-of-the art solutions and open questions
- Proposed strategy and future directions

The streaming deadlock problem



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State-of-the-art

- Significant contributions made by the Streamlt group ['02, '05, '06]
- <u>Communication scheduler statically</u> orchestrates and serializes the communication
- Filter mapping avoids that streams intersect within the NoC topology

Open questions

- What is the overhead due to the communication scheduling?
- Is it scalable and generalizable?
- How unpredictable/dynamic scenarios are managed?
- What happens when the compiler could not even access physical information about the actual NoC fabric?

Proposed strategy

- Provide the missing synergy between the OS, the streaming compiler and the architecture.
- Virtualize the architectural streaming resources at the OS level.
- Information about the actual data-flow to be passed from the compiler to the OS.
- Run-time mapping and optimization

Long term benefits

- Wide-range of run-time optimization possibilities for:
 - Safe communication
 - Ad-hoc run-time program optimization for performance and power consumption
 - Dynamic filter mapping
 - Run-time stream program transformations based on IRs

Questions?