Telescoping Languages or High Performance Computing for Dummies – II

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- Scripting systems like MATLAB exist
 - very popular with end-users
 - lack effective and efficient compilers

Fundamental Observations

- Libraries extremely important
 - cannot treat libraries as black boxes
 - lib sources may not be available to end users
- Compiling user scripts must be fast
 - should follow principle of no surprise

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Expert Knowledge

Example 1

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Example 2



Desiderata

- Utilize expert knowledge on libraries
- Fast compilation of user-scripts
- Still achieve high performance



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Telescoping Performance



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  chan = jakes mpl (16500, 160, ii, num paths);
  for snr = 2:2:20
   . . . .
   [s,x,ci,h,L,a,y,n0] = ...
     newcodesig (NO, 1, num paths, M, snr, chan, sig pow paths);
   [o1,d1,d2,d3,mf,m] = codesdhd (y, a, h, NO, Tm, Bd, M, B, n0);
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ctss: strength reduction



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chan_est: strength reduction



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outage_lb_fad: strength reduction



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Conclusion

- Telescoping Languages approach
 - enable end-users write high perf. programs
 - libraries optimized as primitive operations
 - fast compilation of user scripts
- Procedure Strength Reduction
 - 10% 50% gain