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Basic Concepts

Overview:

- Vertical Looping
 - Execution Safety
- Type Consistency
- Reductions
- Conditionals





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with levels_upward: output = input

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Vertical Domain / Loop Order



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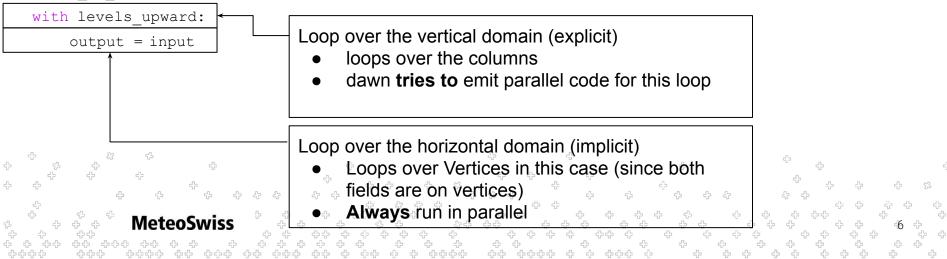
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output = input[k+1]

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Illegal Code! **@**stencil def copy on vertex(...): with levels upward as k: output[k+1] = input

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- You can iterate on a slice of the vertical dimensions only
 - The example on the right hand side would iterate from
 - the fifth level up to five levels from the top

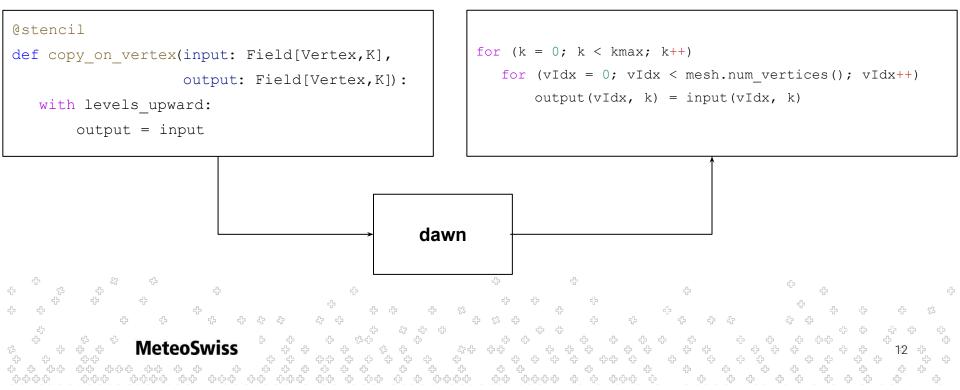
@stencil def copy_on_vertex(...): with levels_upward[5:-5] as k: output = input

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dusk code

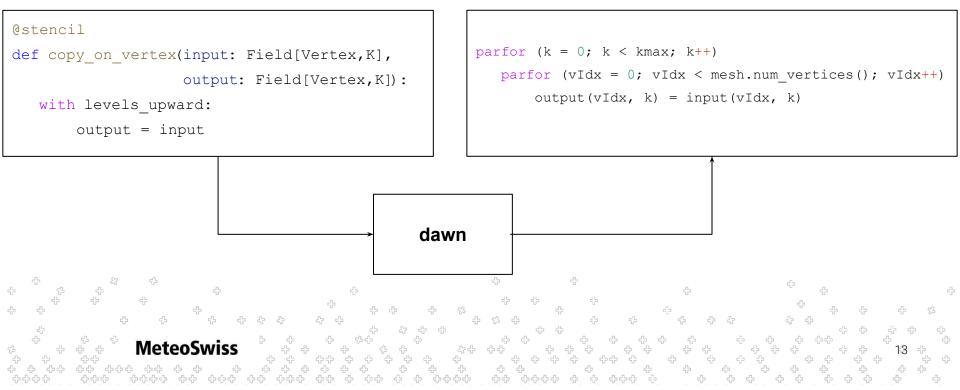
serial pseudo code





dusk code

parallel pseudo code





dusk code parallel pseudo code **@stencil** parfor (k = 0; k < kmax; k++)</pre> def copy_on_vertex(input: Field[Vertex,K], parfor (vIdx = 0; vIdx < mesh.num vertices(); vIdx++)</pre> output: Field[Vertex,K]): output(vIdx, k) = input(vIdx, k)with levels upward: output = input dawn MeteoSwiss

Vertical Looping - Parallelization

- dawn will always try to emit parallel code for the vertical
- there are certain situations where this is not possible
 - i.e. the code written necessitates serial execution of the vertical loop
 - this happens for certain patterns of vertical offset reads
- For now assume that parallelization is always possible
 - whether dusk program says levels_downward or levels_upward is of no consequence (for now)
 - you can safely assume that all exercises don't exhibit such patterns, you don't need to touch the vertical iteration direction in any of them



Let's look at a pseudo code example:

```
for (k = 0; k < kmax-1; k++)
for (cellIdx = 0; cellIdx < mesh.num_cells(); cellIdx++)
inout(cellIdx, k) = inout(cellIdx, k+1)</pre>
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So essentially you would like to shift each value one level downward along the vertical axis

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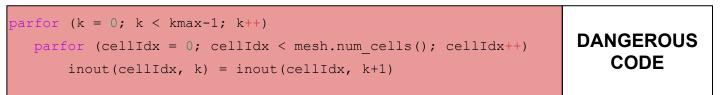
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Lets try the same thing again in dawn:

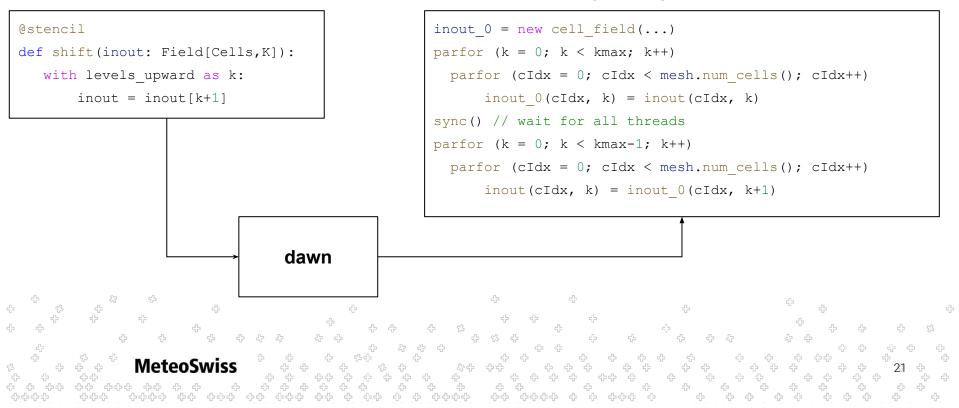
```
@stencil
def shift(inout: Field[Cells,K]):
    with levels_upward as k:
        inout = inout[k+1]
```

- dawn is a parallelizing compiler. It knows about parallelization and its perils
- so we would either expect dawn to
 - reject this code
 - emit a stern warning that this is unsafe
 - transform the code to be safe somehow
 - ...?
- let's see what happens!



parallel pseudo code

dusk code



So in summary

- dawn noticed the data dependency
- made a temporary copy of the input field
 - this is called *field versioning*
- ensured that versioning the field was run in parallel
- and finally ran the shift safely in parallel

 \rightarrow This is one of many situations where dawn emits correct code automatically that would require re-engineering to run in parallel using conventional compilers



- As discussed, in Finite Volume Codes each variable is either located on a Cell, a Vertex or an Edge.
- This fact is directly reflected in the dusk & dawn type system
- Any field may have a horizontal dimension, vertical dimension, or both
- Actually, all simple types (more complex ones later) in dusk / dawn fit on this slide:
 - Horizontal Field Types

```
vField: Field[Vertex], eField: Field[Edge], cField: Field[Cell]
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• The Vertical Field Type

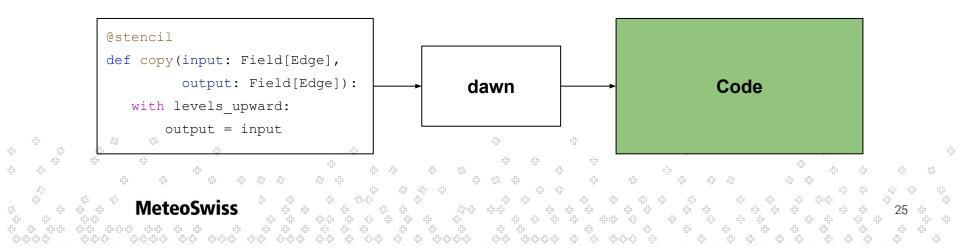
vertField: Field[K]

• "Full" Fields (Both Horizontal and Vertical Dimension)

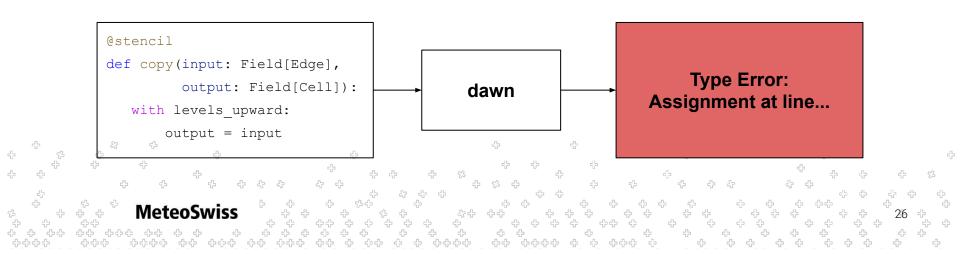


- What about the individual entries of the fields?
 - what is stored e.g. for each edge in a eField: Field[Edge]
- Currently, dawn only supports float, either in 32 or 64 bit precision
 - controlled by a flag in driver code
- In the future, we want to support more primitive types (int, bool, ...) as well as more complex types such as (2d/3d) vectors
 - for now, emulate vector fields using two (three) individual fields
 vx: Field[Edge], vy: Field[Edge], (vz: Field[Edge])

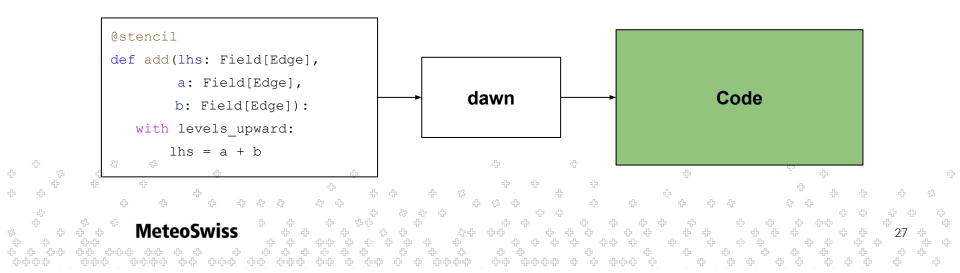
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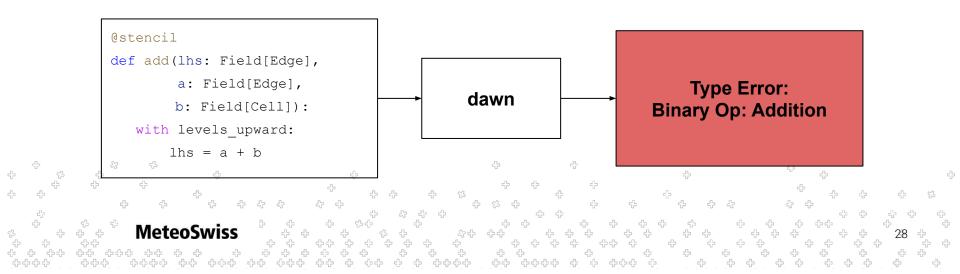
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- However, model code is often written in unsafe manners, e.g.

```
double* lhs = new double[mesh.num_edges()];
double* a = new double[mesh.num_edges()];
double* b = new double[mesh.num_cells()];
for (int eIdx = 0; eIdx++ < mesh.num_edges(); eIdx++) {
    lhs[eIdx] = a[eIdx] + b[eIdx];
}
```

- Would compile with no type error
- Would segfault (in the best case)

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- Overwrite some other memory (in the worst case)
- (Types are checked at compile time, hence has no runtime impact).

- It's quite simple to ensure the same level of safety in any modern programming language
- Sketch of safe version

}

```
edge_field* lhs = new edge_field(mesh.num_edges());
edge_field* a = new edge_field(mesh.num_edges());
cell_field* b = new cell_field(mesh.num_cells());
for (edge_iter eIter = mesh.edges().begin(); eIter != mesh.edges().end() ; eIter++) {
    lhs->at(eIter) = a->at(eIter) + b->at(eIter); //COMPILER ERROR!
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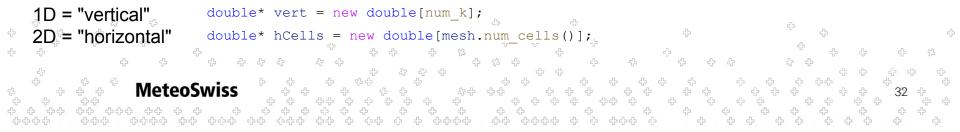
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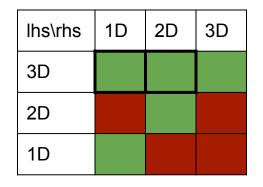
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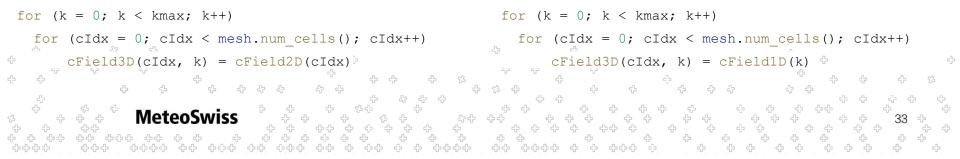
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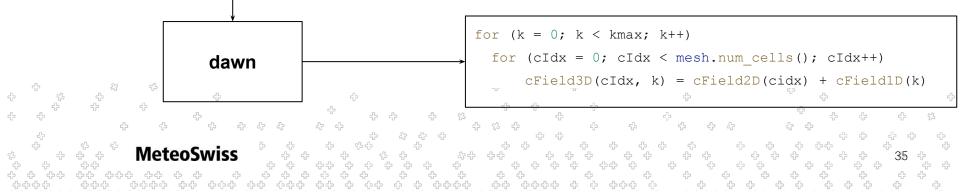
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- So what can we do so far?
 - We can copy fields around
 - with vertical offset if desired
 - We can do arithmetic on fields

... As long as the fields involved are all on the same location





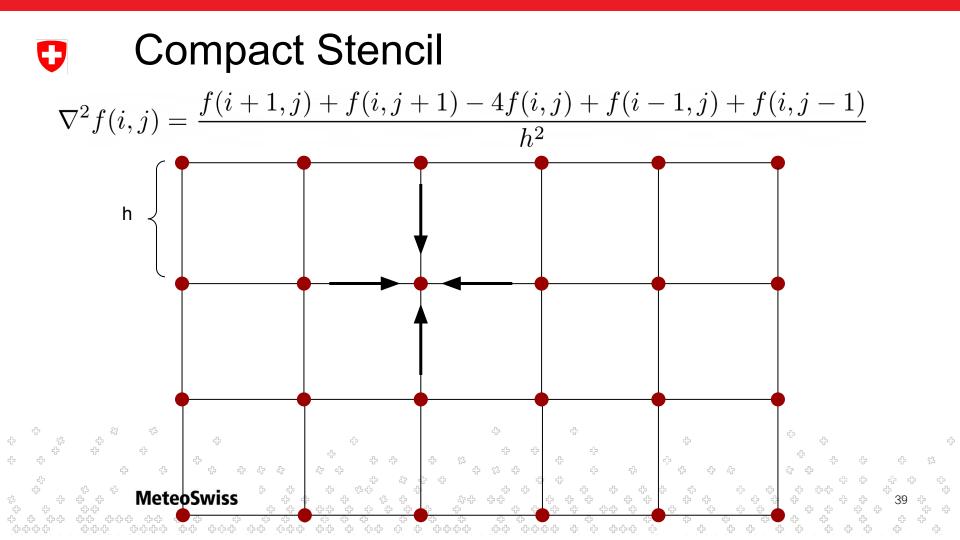
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Compact Stencil

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- Roughly: "algebraic combination of values located at a central point and values located at adjacent points"
- Possibly most well known from Finite Differences
- On a Cartesian mesh the adjacent points can easily be addressed as we just have seen

$$\nabla^2 f(i,j) = \frac{f(\mathbf{i}+\mathbf{1},\mathbf{j}) + f(\mathbf{i},\mathbf{j}+\mathbf{1}) - 4f(\mathbf{i},\mathbf{j}) + f(\mathbf{i}-\mathbf{1},\mathbf{j}) + f(\mathbf{i},\mathbf{j}-\mathbf{1})}{h^2}$$

• Not true on more general (FVM) Meshes



Consider a Conservation law

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}u(x,t) + \nabla \cdot f(u(x,t)) = \underbrace{g(u(x,t))}_{\text{source terms}} \mathbf{0}$$

Assume u is constant over a small control volumes $\Omega_i(u(t) \rightarrow u$ in the following for legibility)

$$\int_{\Omega_i} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} u \ d\Omega_i + \int_{\Omega_i} \nabla \cdot f(u) \ d\Omega = 0$$

 ∇ of unknown quantity f \rightarrow apply divergence theorem

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a few more basic manipulations

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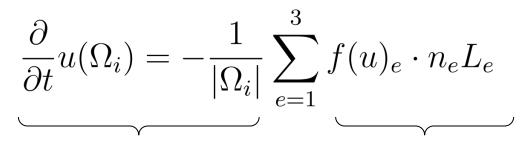
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Discretize on a Finite Volume Mesh (e.g. triangular)



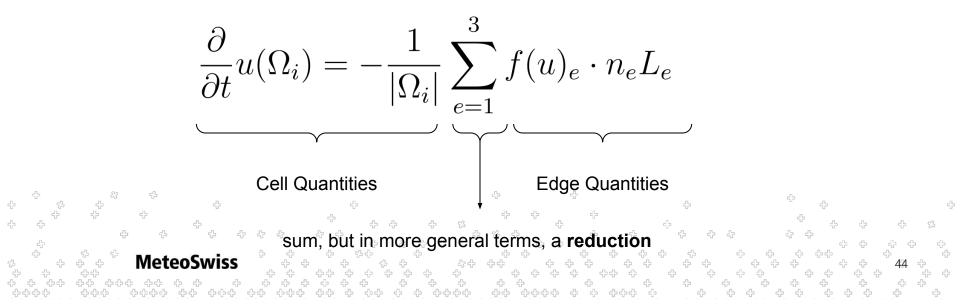
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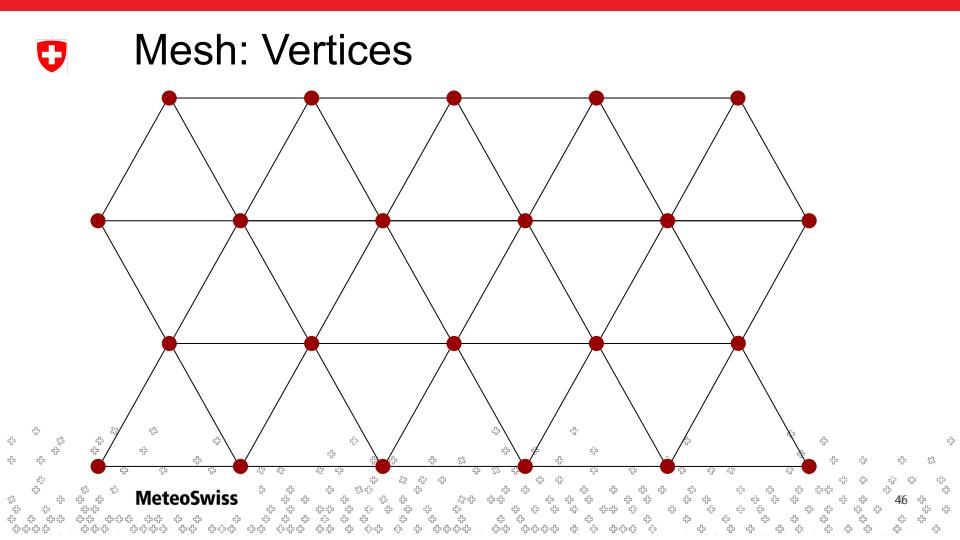
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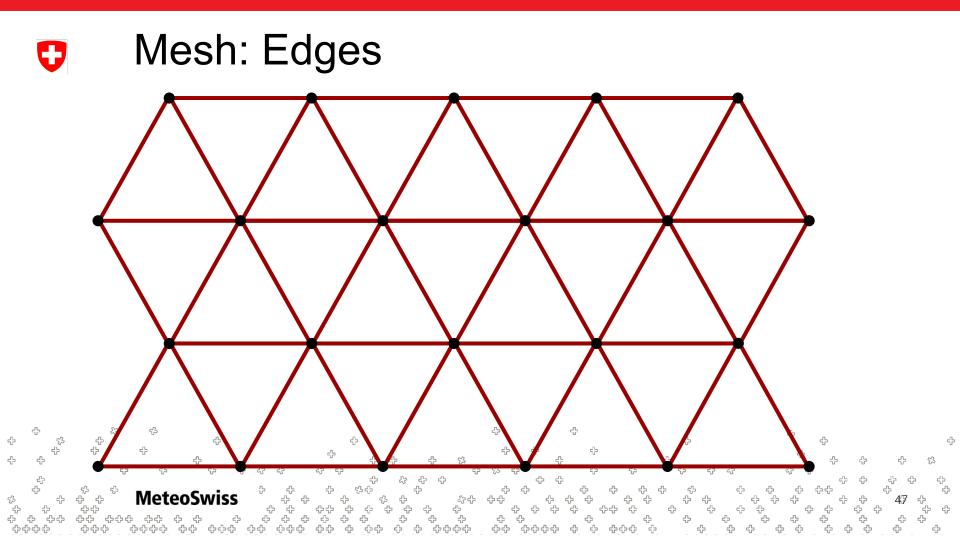
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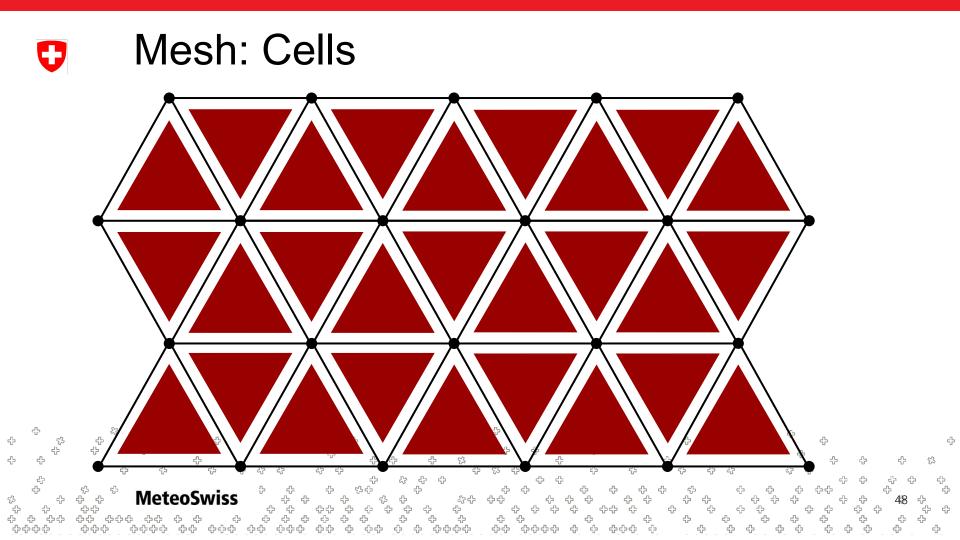


C Reductions

- Reductions are to FVM what stencils are to FD
- One of the most important, if not *the* most important, primitive in dawn
- Implemented as general as possible
 - Stated goal: be able to map every FORTRAN reduction in the ICON dycore to dusk & dawn reductions
- Reductions are closely linked to the concept of neighborhoods on unstructured / FVM meshes



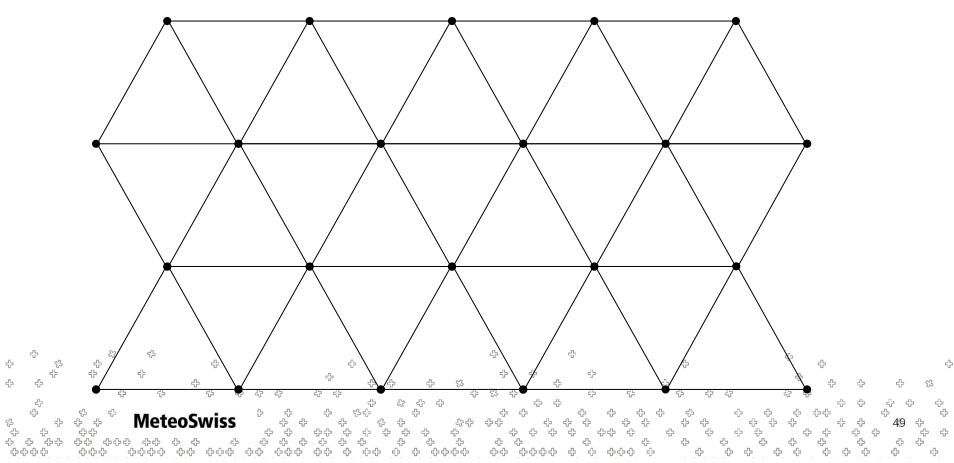


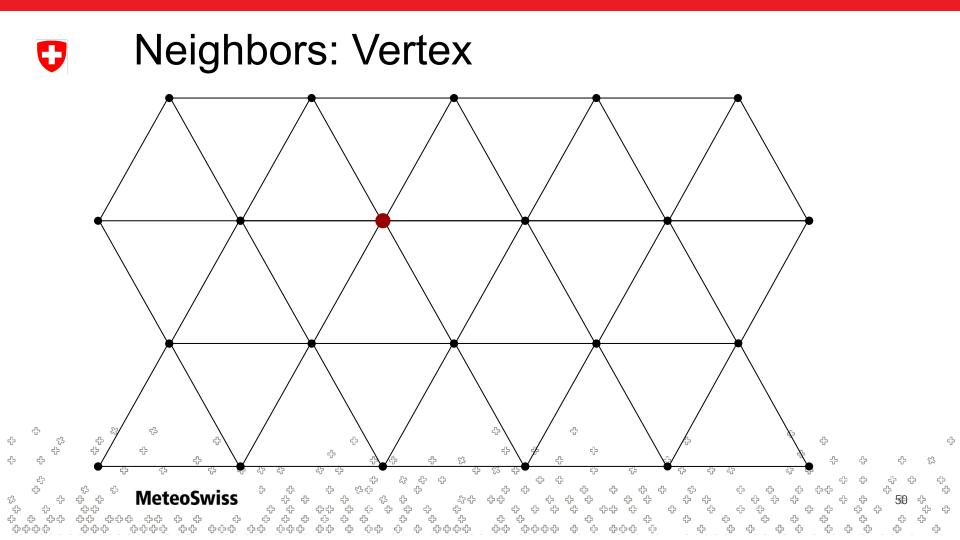


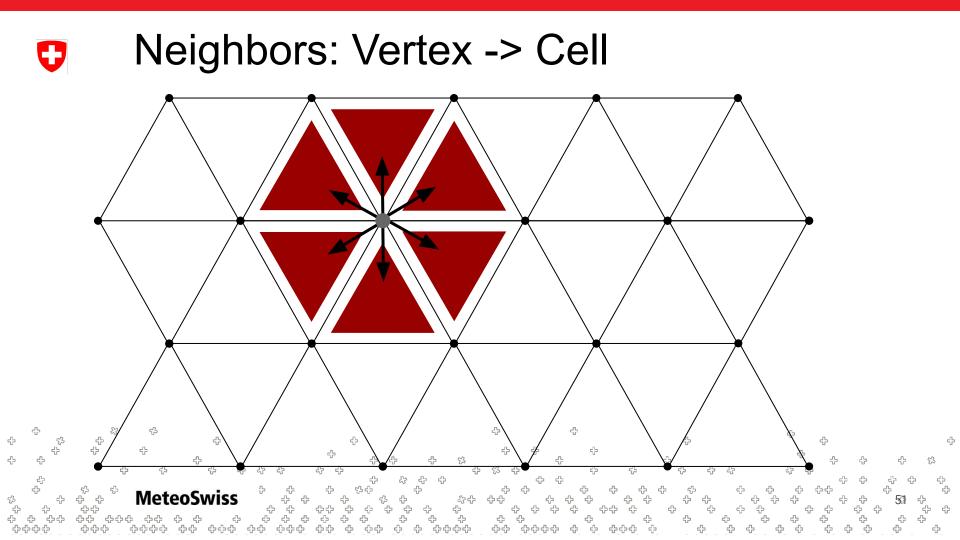


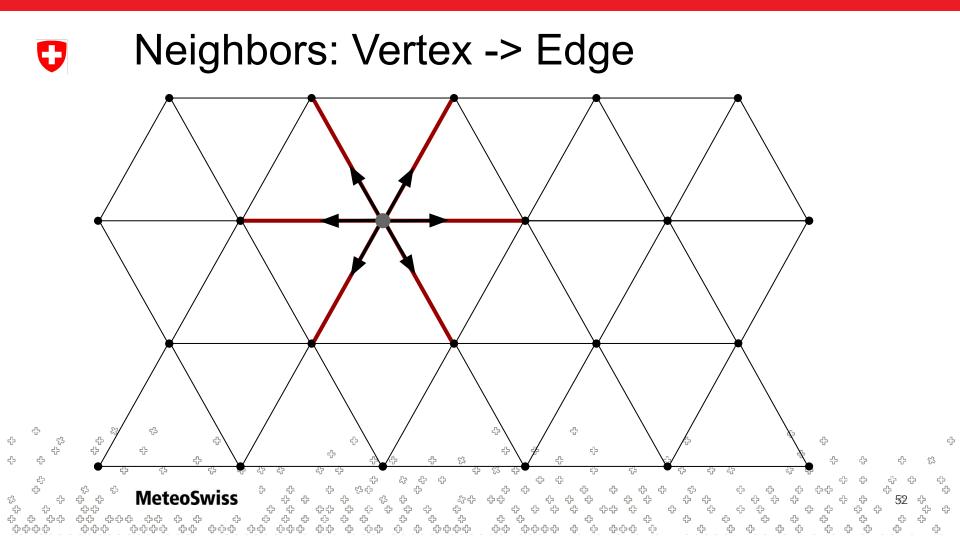
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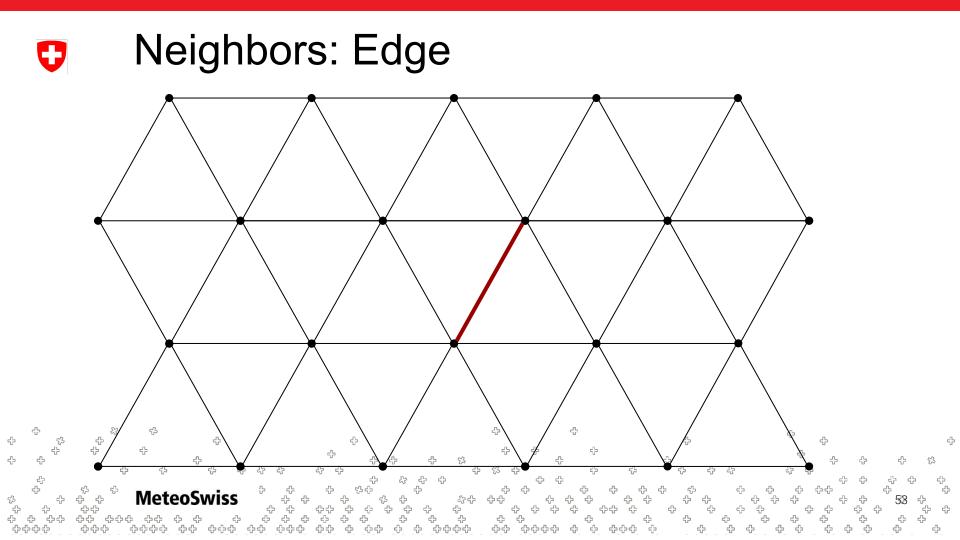
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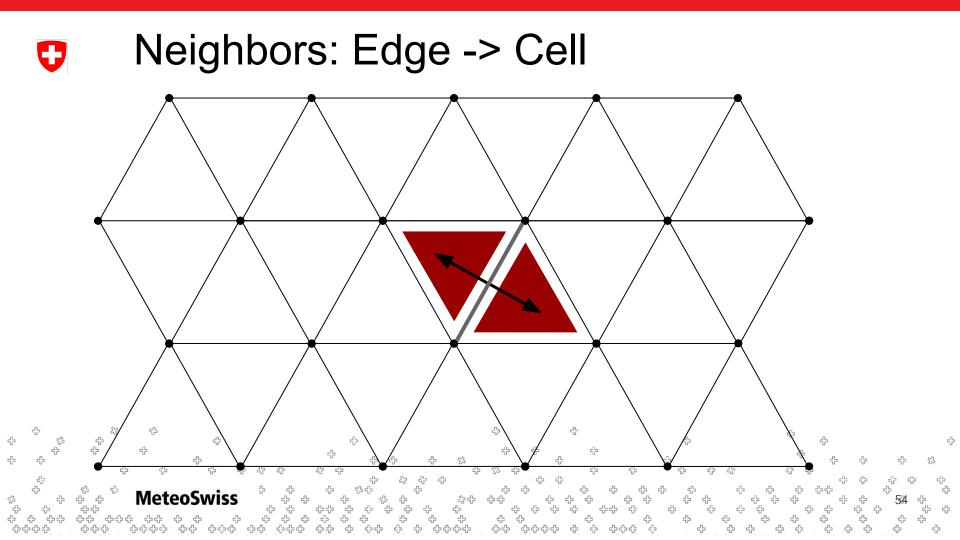


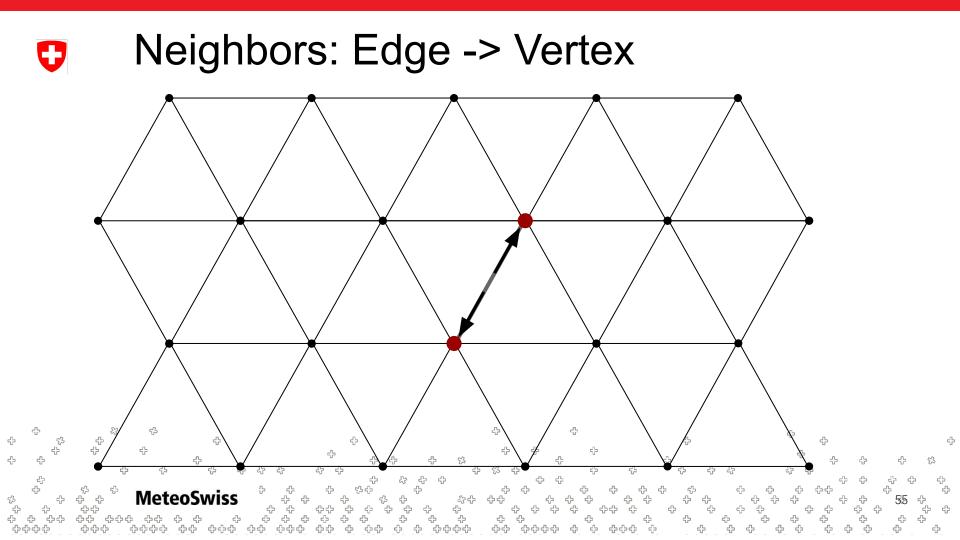








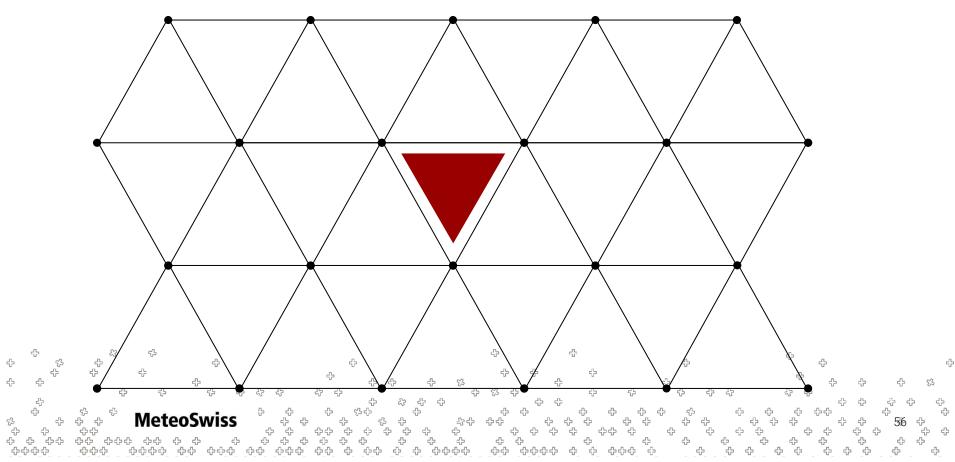


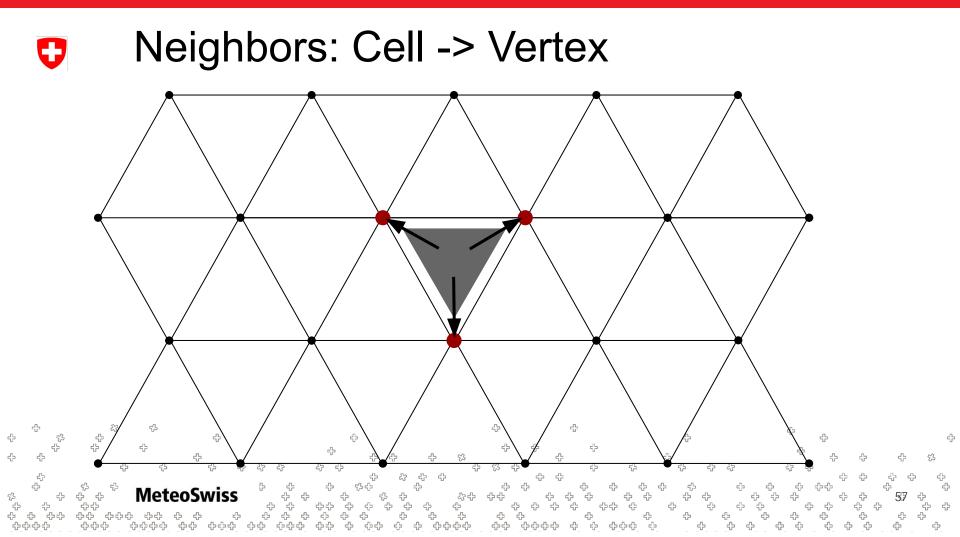


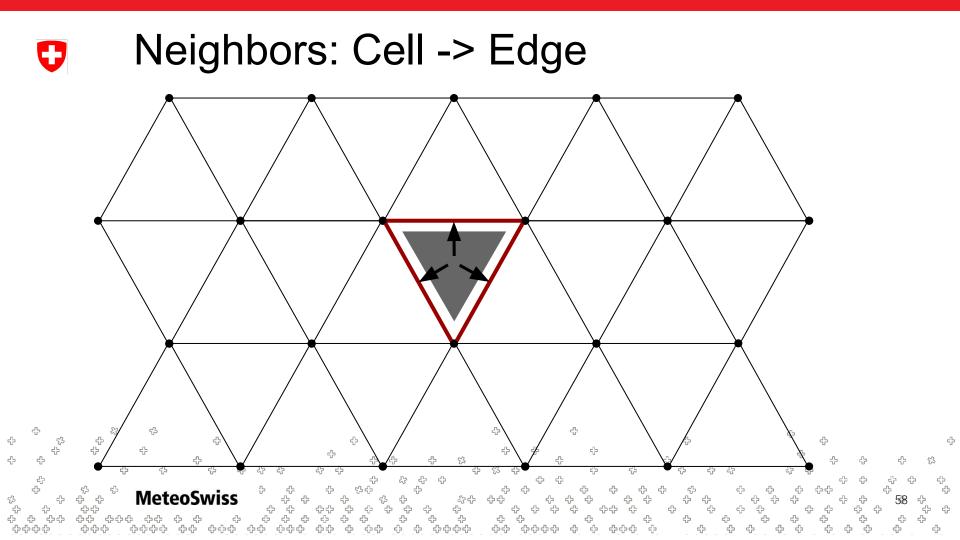


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Reductions - Neighborhood

- For now, there are the following six neighborhoods
 - Vertex \rightarrow Cell
 - Vertex \rightarrow Edge
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 - Cell \rightarrow Edge
- There are more general neighborhoods (later)
- The neighborhood is the first argument to the dusk reduce primitive



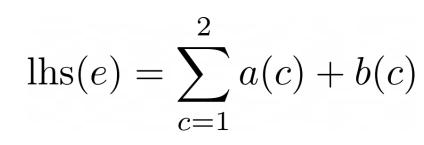
@stencil

def reduce(lhs: Field[Edge], a: Field[Cell], b: Field[Cell]):

with levels_downward:

lhs = reduce_over(Edge > Cell, a+b, sum, init=0.0)

Neighborhood to iterate over







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each (edge) neighbor

 $\mathbf{2}$ $lhs(e) = \sum a(c) + b(c)$ c=1





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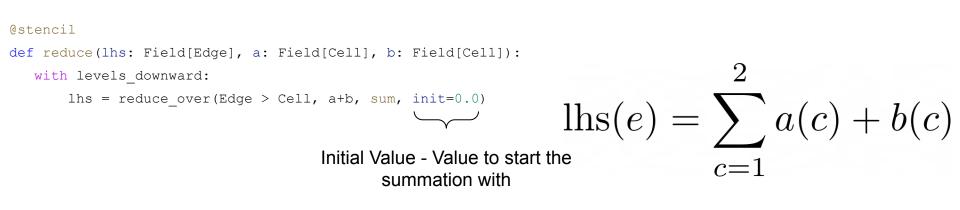
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Operator - how to "combine" the
values computed at the (cell)
neighbors (in this case sum up)
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2 $lhs(e) = \sum a(c) + b(c)$ c=1





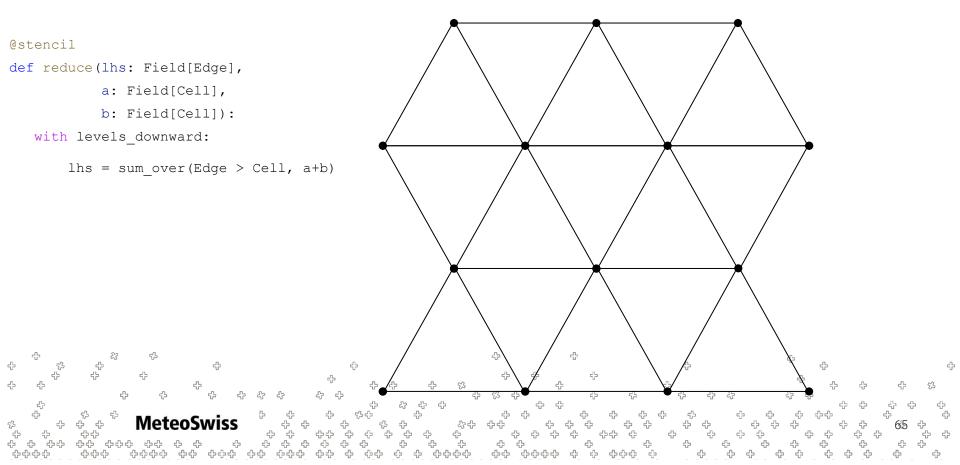


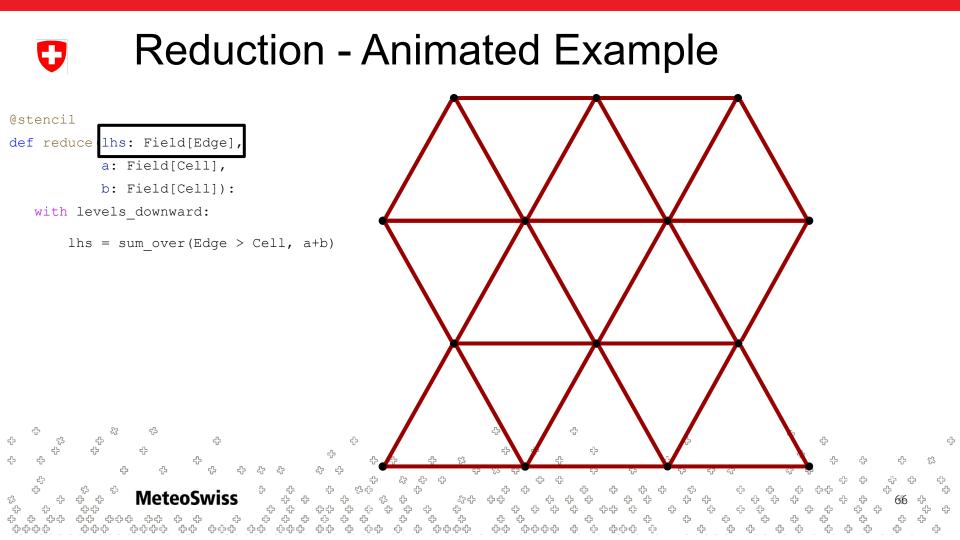
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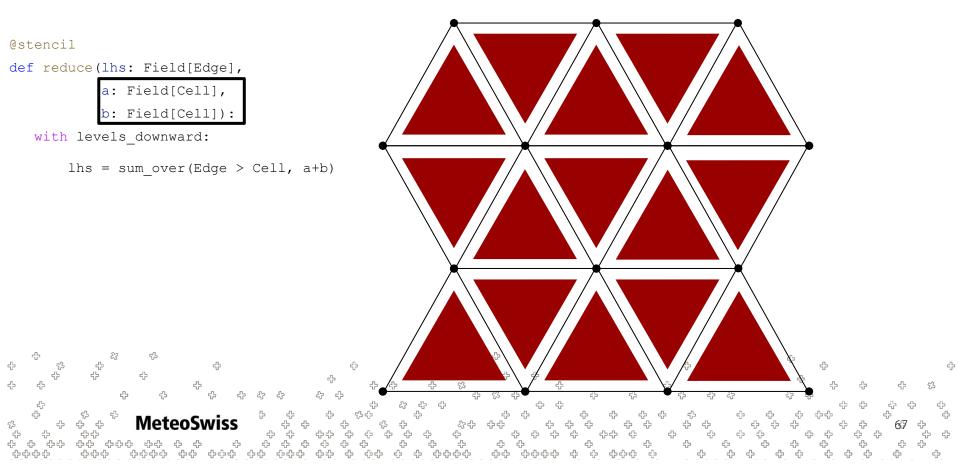


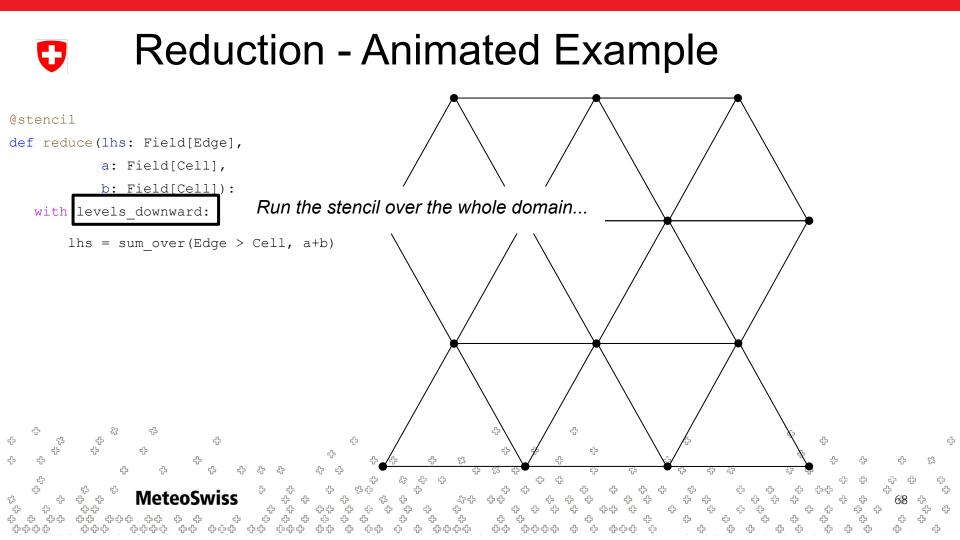
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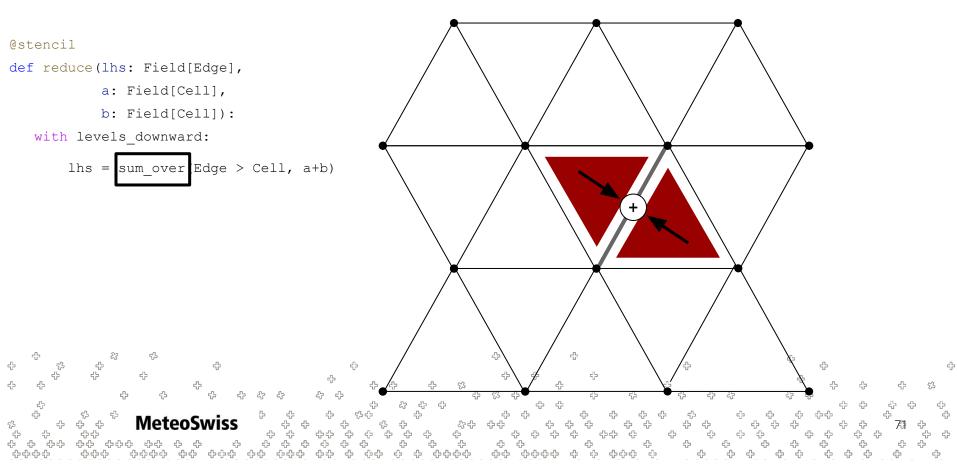
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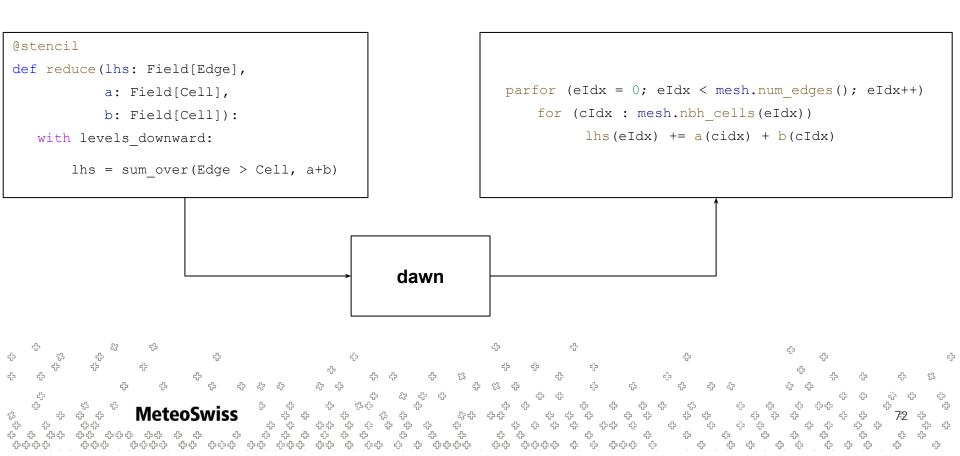
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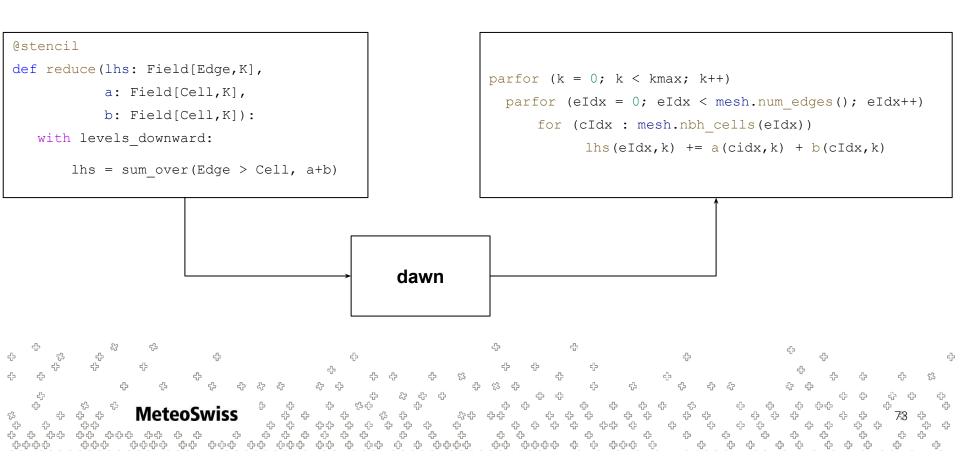
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Reduction - Emitted Pseudo Code



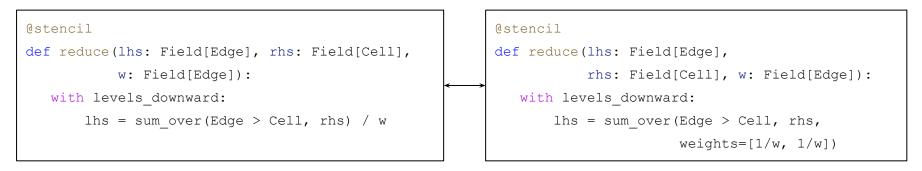
Reduction - Emitted Pseudo Code



Reductions - Using Weights

- Sometimes it is useful to scale each operand in a reduction by some weight
- The dusk reduction concept supports this idea using the optional keyword argument weights
- The following two snippets are equivalent

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- Note that the user is responsible to ensure the weights vector is of the correct length. Here two entries are appropriate since each edge has two cell neighbors

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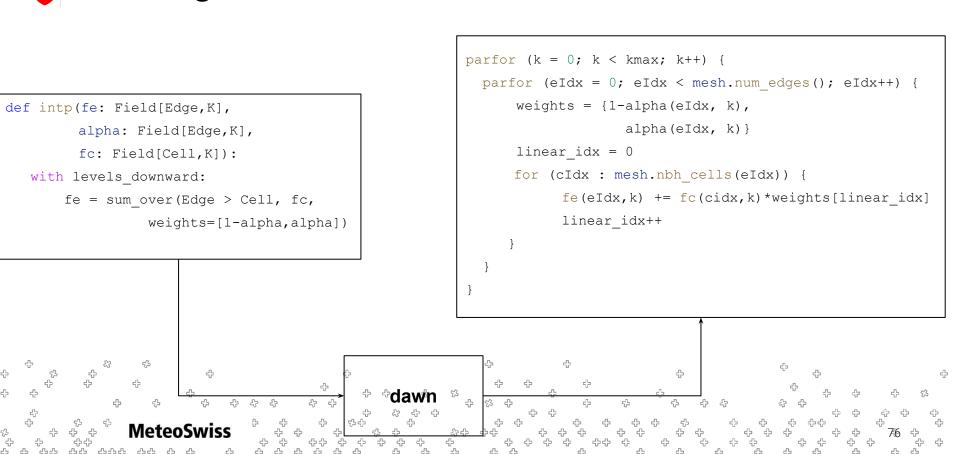
Reductions - Using Weights

So what are some more realistic / useful use cases for weighted reductions?

• Directional gradient along an edge normal

```
@stencil
def grad_n(f_n: Field[Edge], dualL: Field[Edge], f: Field[Cell]):
    with levels_downward:
        f n = sum over(Edge > Cell, f, weights=[1,-1]) / dualL
```

• Interpolation from two locations to one with pre-computed interpolation weights



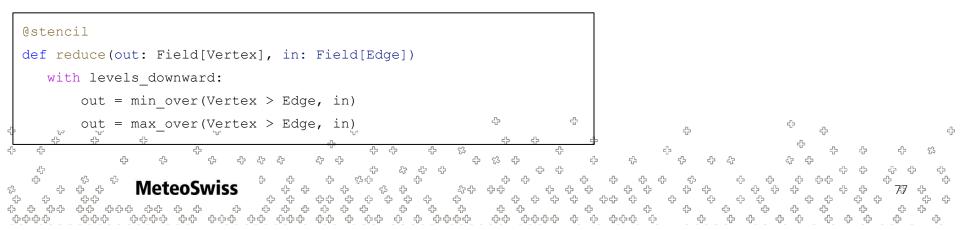
Weighted Reduction - Emitted Pseudo Code

Reductions - Short Hands

We have already seen one shorthand notation:

```
@stencil
def reduce(out: Field[Vertex], in: Field[Edge])
with levels_downward:
    out = reduce_over(Vertex > Edge, in, sum, init=0)
    out = sum_over(Vertex > Edge, in)
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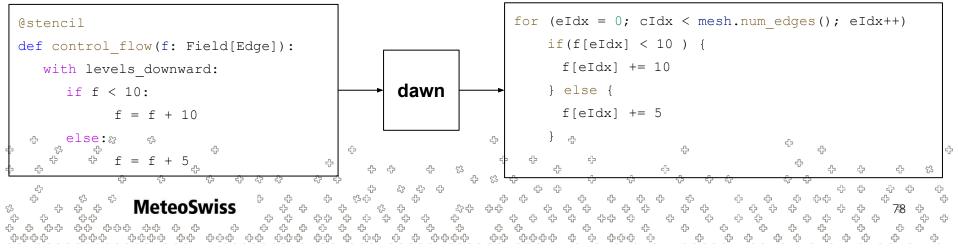
There are two others to find the minimum and maximum



Conditionals & Control Flow

Often one wants to execute certain computations only if some conditions hold. Some simple examples:

- boundary conditions
- only run a damping method in parts of the field which are oscillatory
- only perform computations in parts of a field which are given by a pre-computed mask
- Just as in about any other programming language, this mechanism is realized using an if-then-else concept:



Conditionals & Control Flow

Only caveat

- as stated dusk & dawn do not support boolean fields yet
- masks need to be emulated using floats
- probably the safest option is to use 0. for false and 1. for true

```
@stencil
def control_flow(f: Field[Edge], mask: Field[Edge]):
  with levels_downward:
    if (mask == 1):
        f = f + 10
    else:
        f = f + 5
```

What can we do in dawn so far?

We can conveniently do arithmetic on fields

```
@stencil
def math(a: Field[Edge, K], b: Field[Edge, K], c: Field[Edge, K]):
    with levels_downward:
        a = b / c + 5
```

What can we do in dawn so far?

We can introduce control flow

```
@stencil
def bnd_cond(vx: Field[Edge, K], vy: Field[Edge, K], boundary_edges: Field[Edge, K]):
    with levels_downward:
        if (boundary_edges == 1.):
            vx = 0
            vy = 0
        else:
```

```
#evolve vx, vy
```

What can we do in dawn so far?

We can reduce from one location type to another

```
@stencil
def average(fc_avg: Field[Cell, K], fe: Field[Edge, K]):
    with levels_downward:
        fc_avg = sum_over(Cell > Edge, fe) / 3 #3 edges per cell
```



What can we do in dawn so far?

We can weight these reductions

```
@stencil
def average(fc_avg: Field[Cell, K], fe: Field[Edge, K]):
    with levels_downward:
        fc_avg = sum_over(Cell > Edge, fe, weights=[1/3, 1/3, 1/3]) #3 edges per cell
```

- dawn makes sure that the code can be run in parallel safely
 - code that can not be run safely in parallel is emitted as sequential code¹
- user needs to make sure that code is type consistent
 - respect dimensionality / location
 - dawn rejects inconsistent code



- The combination of these concepts is already quite powerful
- Powerful enough in fact to compute various quantities in (vector) analysis: gradient, divergence, ...
 - \rightarrow see exercise
- In the next session more advanced dusk & dawn concepts will be presented





Questions?

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