



GPU PROGRAMMING 101

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About, Outline



Jülich Supercomputing Centre

- Operation of supercomputers
- Application support
- Research
- Me: *All things GPU*

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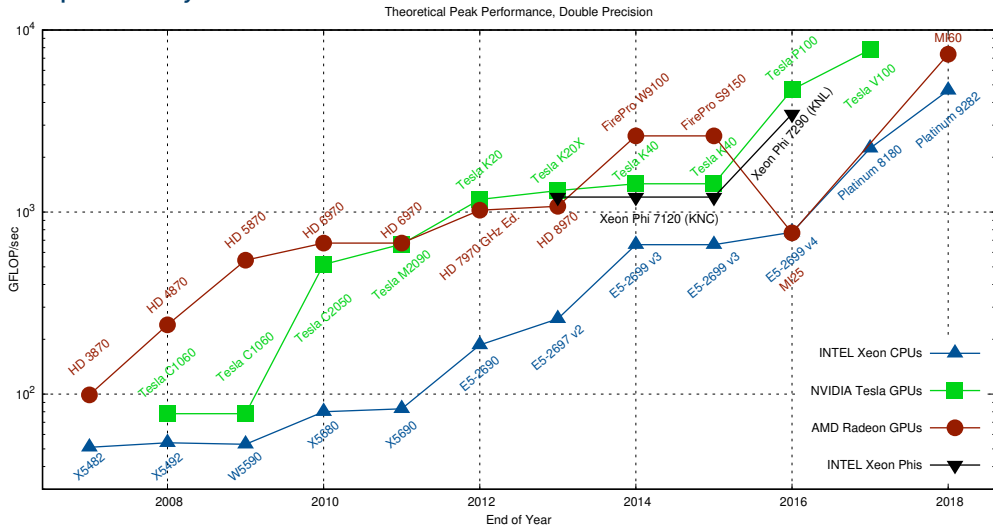
Status Quo

A short but parallel story

- 1999 Graphics computation pipeline implemented in dedicated *graphics hardware*
Computations using OpenGL graphics library [2]
»GPU« coined by NVIDIA [3]
- 2001 NVIDIA GeForce 3 with *programmable* shaders (instead of fixed pipeline) and floating-point support; 2003: DirectX 9 at ATI
- 2007 CUDA
- 2009 OpenCL
- 2019 Top 500: 25 % with NVIDIA GPUs (#1, #2) [4], Green 500: 8 of top 10 with GPUs [5]
- 2021 Aurora: First (?) US exascale supercomputer based on Intel GPUs
Frontier: First (?) US *more-than*-exascale supercomputer based on AMD GPUs

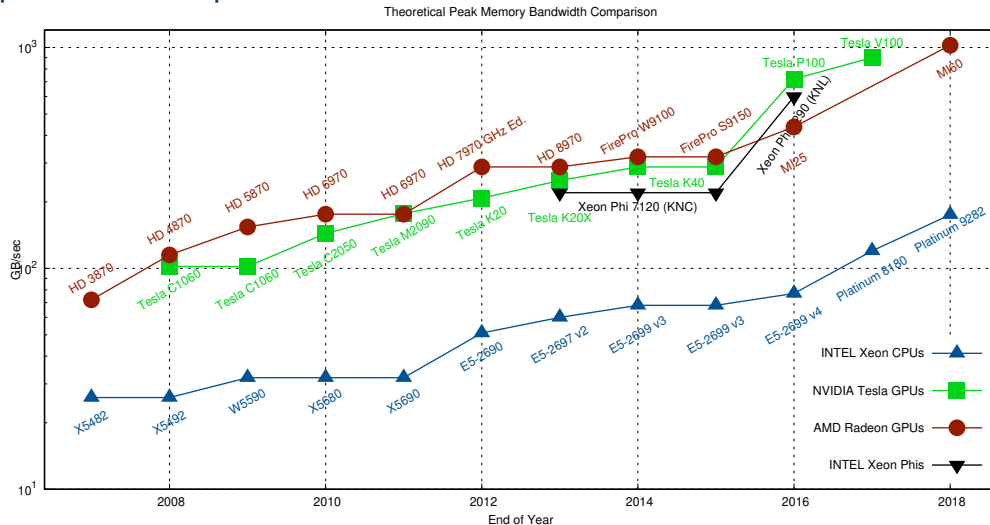
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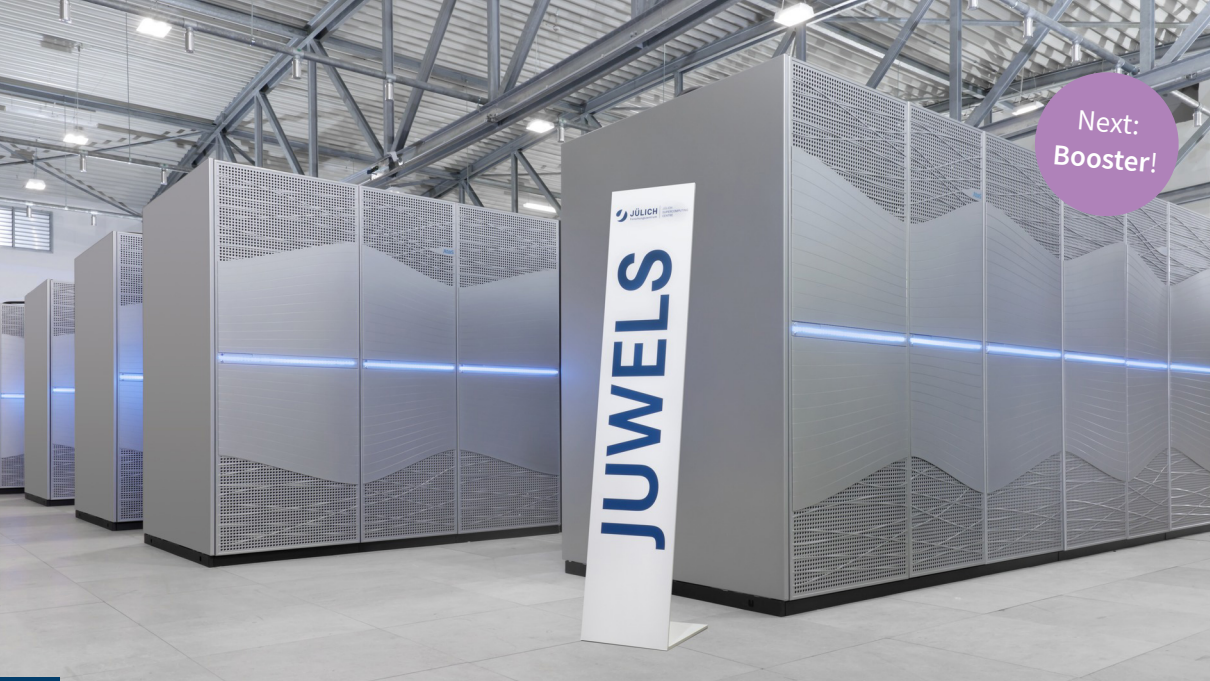
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Status Quo

Peak performance double precision





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Next:
Booster!

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But why?!

Let's find out!

Platform

CPU vs. GPU

A matter of specialties



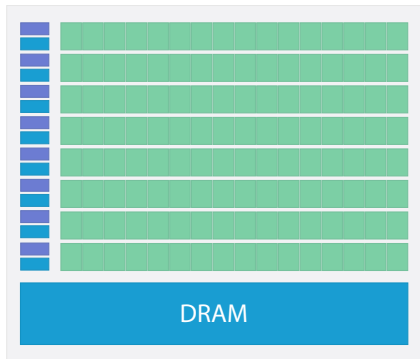
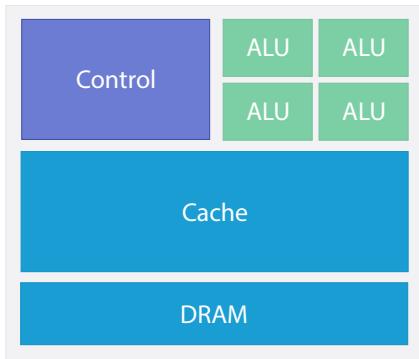
Transporting one



Transporting many

CPU vs. GPU

Chip



GPU Architecture

Overview

Aim: Hide Latency
Everything else follows

SIMT

Asynchronicity

Memory

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Memory

GPU memory ain't no CPU memory

Unified Virtual Addressing

- GPU: accelerator / extension card
- Separate device from CPU
- **Separate memory, but UVA**
- Memory transfers need special consideration!
Do as little as possible!
- Formerly: Explicitly copy data to/from GPU
Now: Done automatically (performance...?)

P100

16 GB RAM, 720 GB/s

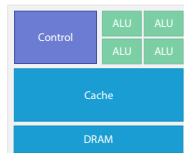


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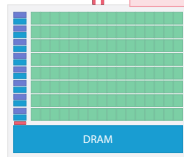
32 GB RAM, 900 GB/s



Host



PCIe 3
<16 GB/s



Device

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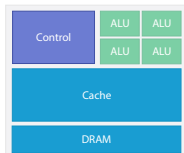


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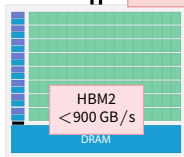
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Host



NVLink
≈ 80 GB/s



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Async

Following different streams

- Problem: Memory transfer is comparably slow
Solution: Do something else in meantime (**computation**)!

→ Overlap tasks

- Copy and compute engines run separately (*streams*)



- GPU needs to be fed: Schedule many computations
- CPU can do other work while GPU computes; synchronization
- Also: Fast switching of contexts to keep GPU busy (*KGB*)

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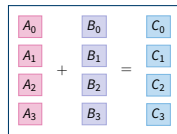
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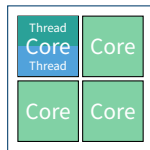
Of threads and warps

- CPU:
 - Single Instruction, Multiple Data (SIMD)
 - Simultaneous Multithreading (SMT)
- GPU: Single Instruction, Multiple Threads (SIMT)
 - CPU core $\cong$ GPU multiprocessor (SM)
 - Working unit: set of threads (32, a *warp*)
 - Fast switching of threads (large register file) $\rightarrow$ **hide latency**
 - Branching 

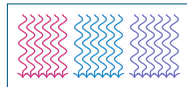
Vector



SMT



SIMT



SIMT

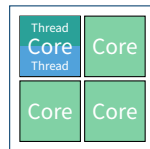
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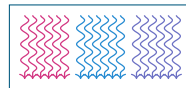
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SIMT



Graphics: Nvidia Corporation [9]

SIMT

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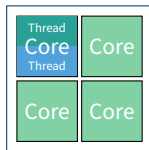
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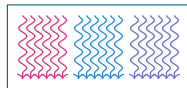
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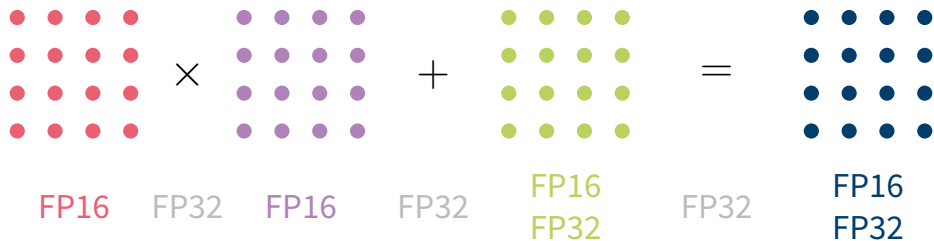


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New: Tensor Cores

New in Volta

- 8 Tensor Cores per Streaming Multiprocessor (SM) (640 total for V100)
 - Performance: 125 TFLOP/s (half precision)
 - Calculate $\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C} = \mathbf{D}$ (4×4 matrices; $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}$: half precision)
- 64 floating-point FMA operations per clock (mixed precision)



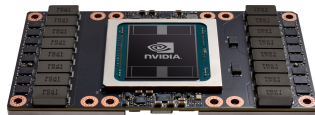
CPU vs. GPU

Let's summarize this!



Optimized for **low latency**

- + Large main memory
- + Fast clock rate
- + Large caches
- + Branch prediction
- + Powerful ALU
- Relatively low memory bandwidth
- Cache misses costly
- Low performance per watt



Optimized for **high throughput**

- + High bandwidth main memory
- + Latency tolerant (parallelism)
- + More compute resources
- + High performance per watt
- Limited memory capacity
- Low per-thread performance
- Extension card

Programming GPUs

Preface: CPU

A simple CPU program as reference!

SAXPY: $\vec{y} = a\vec{x} + \vec{y}$, with single precision

Part of LAPACK BLAS Level 1

```
void saxpy(int n, float a, float * x, float * y) {  
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)  
        y[i] = a * x[i] + y[i];  
}
```

```
int a = 42;  
int n = 10;  
float x[n], y[n];  
// fill x, y
```

```
saxpy(n, a, x, y);
```



Libraries

Programming GPUs is easy: **Just don't!**

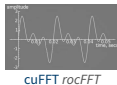
Use applications & libraries



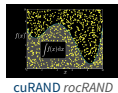
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Numba



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BLAS on GPU

Parallel algebra



cuBLAS

- GPU-parallel BLAS (all 152 routines) by NVIDIA
- Single, double, complex data types
- Constant competition with Intel's MKL
- Multi-GPU support

→ <https://developer.nvidia.com/cublas>
<http://docs.nvidia.com/cuda/cublas>

rocBLAS

- AMD BLAS implementation

→ <https://github.com/ROCmSoftwarePlatform/rocBLAS>
<https://rocblas.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>



cuBLAS

Code example

```
int a = 42;  int n = 10;
float x[n], y[n];
// fill x, y

cublasHandle_t handle;
cublasCreate(&handle);

float * d_x, * d_y;
cudaMallocManaged(&d_x, n * sizeof(x[0]));
cudaMallocManaged(&d_y, n * sizeof(y[0]));
cublasSetVector(n, sizeof(x[0]), x, 1, d_x, 1);
cublasSetVector(n, sizeof(y[0]), y, 1, d_y, 1);

cublasSaxpy(n, a, d_x, 1, d_y, 1);

cublasGetVector(n, sizeof(y[0]), d_y, 1, y, 1);

cudaFree(d_x); cudaFree(d_y);
cublasDestroy(handle);
```

cuBLAS

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```

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Initialize

```
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cudaMallocManaged(&d_y, n * sizeof(y[0]));  
cublasSetVector(n, sizeof(x[0]), x, 1, d_x, 1);  
cublasSetVector(n, sizeof(y[0]), y, 1, d_y, 1);
```

Allocate GPU memory

Copy data to GPU

```
cublasSaxpy(n, a, d_x, 1, d_y, 1);
```

Call BLAS routine

```
cublasGetVector(n, sizeof(y[0]), d_y, 1, y, 1);
```

Copy result to host

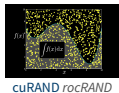
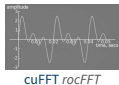
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```

Finalize

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Thrust

Iterators! Iterators everywhere! 

- $\frac{\text{Thrust}}{\text{CUDA}} = \frac{\text{STL}}{\text{C++}}$
- Template library
- Based on iterators
- Data-parallel primitives (`scan()`, `sort()`, `reduce()`, ...)
- Fully compatible with plain CUDA C (comes with **CUDA** Toolkit)
- Great with `[]()`{} lambdas!

→ <http://thrust.github.io/>
<http://docs.nvidia.com/cuda/thrust/>

- AMD backend available: <https://github.com/ROCmSoftwarePlatform/Thrust>

Thrust

Code example

```
int a = 42;
int n = 10;
thrust::host_vector<float> x(n), y(n);
// fill x, y

thrust::device_vector d_x = x, d_y = y;

using namespace thrust::placeholders;
thrust::transform(d_x.begin(), d_x.end(), d_y.begin(), d_y.begin(), a * _1 + _2);

x = d_x;
```

One more example with classical lambdas in [appendix!](#)

Programming GPUs

Directives

GPU Programming with Directives

Keepin' you portable

- Annotate usual source code by directives

```
#pragma acc loop  
for (int i = 0; i < 1; i++) {};
```

- Also: Generalized API functions

```
acc_copy();
```

- Compiler interprets directives, creates according instructions

Pro

- Portability
 - Other compiler? No problem! To it, it's a serial program
 - Different target architectures from same code
- Easy to program

Con

- Compilers support limited
- Raw power hidden
- Somewhat harder to debug

GPU Programming with Directives

The power of... two.

OpenMP Standard for multithread programming on CPU, GPU since 4.0, better since 4.5

```
#pragma omp target map(tofrom:y), map(to:x)  
#pragma omp teams num_teams(10) num_threads(10)  
#pragma omp distribute  
for ( ) {  
    #pragma omp parallel for  
    for ( ) {  
        // ...  
    }  
}
```

OpenACC Similar to OpenMP, but more specifically for GPUs
Might eventually be re-merged into OpenMP standard

OpenACC

Code example

```
void saxpy_acc(int n, float a, float * x, float * y) {  
    #pragma acc kernels  
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)  
        y[i] = a * x[i] + y[i];  
}  
  
int a = 42;  
int n = 10;  
float x[n], y[n];  
// fill x, y  
  
saxpy_acc(n, a, x, y);
```



OpenACC

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GPU tutorial
this afternoon!

Programming GPUs

Languages, finally

Programming GPU Directly

Finally...

OpenCL Open Computing Language by Khronos Group (Apple, IBM, NVIDIA, ...) 2009

- Platform: Programming language (OpenCL C/C++), API, and compiler
- Targets CPUs, GPUs, FPGAs, and other many-core machines
- Fully open source

CUDA NVIDIA's GPU platform 2007

- Platform: Drivers, programming language (CUDA C/C++), API, compiler, tools, ...
- Only NVIDIA GPUs
- Compilation with `nvcc` (free, but not open)
 `clang` has CUDA support, but CUDA needed for last step
- Also: CUDA Fortran

HIP AMD's new unified programming model for AMD (via ROCm) and NVIDIA GPUs 2016+

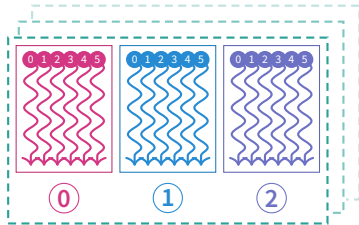
- Choose what flavor you like, what colleagues/collaboration is using
- **Hardest: Come up with parallelized algorithm**

CUDA Threading Model

Warp the kernel, it's a thread!

- Methods to exploit parallelism:

- Thread $\rightarrow$ Block
- Block $\rightarrow$ Grid
- Threads & blocks in 3D



- Parallel function: **kernel**

- `__global__ kernel(int a, float * b) { }`
- Access own ID by global variables `threadIdx.x`, `blockIdx.y`, ...

- Execution entity: **threads**

- Lightweight $\rightarrow$ fast switching!
- 1000s threads execute simultaneously $\rightarrow$ order non-deterministic!

$\Rightarrow$ SAXPY!

CUDA SAXPY

With runtime-managed data transfers

```
__global__ void saxpy(int n, float a, float * x, float * y) {  
    int i = blockIdx.x * blockDim.x + threadIdx.x;  
    if (i < n)  
        y[i] = a * x[i] + y[i];  
}
```

Specify kernel

ID variables

Guard against
too many threads

```
int a = 42;  
int n = 10;  
float x[n], y[n];
```

```
// fill x, y
```

```
cudaMallocManaged(&x, n * sizeof(float));  
cudaMallocManaged(&y, n * sizeof(float));
```

Allocate GPU-capable
memory

Call kernel
2 blocks, each 5 threads

```
saxpy_cuda<<<2, 5>>>(n, a, x, y);
```

Wait for
kernel to finish

```
cudaDeviceSynchronize();
```

HIP SAXPY

From CUDA to HIP

```
#include <cuda_runtime.h>
__global__ void saxpy(int n, float a, float * x, float * y) {
    int i = blockIdx.x * blockDim.x + threadIdx.x;
    if (i < n)
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```

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Works on AMD and NVIDIA GPUs!



HIP SAXPY

From CUDA to HIP

```
#include <hip/hip_runtime.h>
__global__ void saxpy(int n, float a, float * x, float * y) {
    int i = blockIdx.x * blockDim.x + threadIdx.x;
    if (i < n)
        y[i] = a * x[i] + y[i];
}
```

```
int a = 42;
int n = 10;
float x[n], y[n];
// fill x, y
```

```
hipMallocManaged(&x, n * sizeof(float));
hipMallocManaged(&y, n * sizeof(float));
```

```
hipLaunchKernelGGL(saxpy, 2, 5, 0, 0, n, a, x, y);
```

```
hipDeviceSynchronize();
```

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Programming GPUs

Abstraction Libraries/DSL

Abstraction Libraries & DSLs

- Libraries with ready-programmed abstractions; partly compiler/transpiler necessary
- Have different backends to choose from for targeted accelerator
- Between Thrust, OpenACC, and CUDA
- Examples: **SYCL**, **Kokkos**, **Alpaka**, **Futhark**, **C++AMP**, ...

An Alternative: Kokkos

From Sandia National Laboratories

- C++ library for *performance* portability
- Data-parallel patterns, architecture-aware memory layouts, ...

```
Kokkos::View<double*> x("X", length);  
Kokkos::View<double*> y("Y", length);  
double a = 2.0;
```

```
// Fill x, y
```

```
Kokkos::parallel_for(length, KOKKOS_LAMBDA (const int& i) {  
    x(i) = a*x(i) + y(i);  
});
```

→ <https://github.com/kokkos/kokkos/>

Another Alternative: SYCL

- Extension of/upon OpenCL
- With buffers, queues, accessors, lambdas, ...
- Main programming model for Aurora's Intel GPUs

→ khronos.org/sycl/

```
class mySaxpy;

std::vector<double> h_x(length), h_y(length);
// Fill x, y
cl::sycl::buffer<double, 1> d_x(h_x), d_y(h_y);

cl::sycl::queue queue;

queue.submit([&] (cl::sycl::handler& cgh) {
    auto x_acc = d_x.get_access<cl::sycl::access::mode::read>(cgh);
    auto y_acc = d_y.get_access<cl::sycl::access::mode::read>(cgh);

    cgh.parallel_for<class mySaxpy>(length,
        [=] (cl::sycl::id<1> idx) {
            y_acc[idx] = a * x_acc[idx] + y_acc[idx];
        });
});
```

Programming GPUs

Tools

GPU Tools

The helpful helpers helping helpless (and others)

- NVIDIA

`cuda-gdb`  GDB-like command line utility for debugging

`cuda-memcheck`  Like Valgrind's memcheck, for checking errors in memory accesses

`Nsight`  IDE for GPU developing, based on Eclipse (Linux, OS X) or Visual Studio (Windows)

`nvprof`  **Command line profiler, including detailed performance counters**

Visual Profiler  **Timeline profiling and annotated performance experiments**

New `Nsight Systems`  (timeline), `Nsight Compute`  (kernel analysis)

- OpenCL/HIP:

`CodeXL`  Debugging, profiling.

`ROCmGDB`  AMD's GDB symbolic debugger

`RadeonComputeProfiler`  Profiler for OpenCL and ROCm

nvprof

Command that line

Usage: nvprof ./app

```
$ nvprof ./matrixMul -wA=1024 -hA=1024 -wB=1024 -hB=1024
==37064== Profiling application: ./matrixMul -wA=1024 -hA=1024 -wB=1024 -hB=1024
==37064== Profiling result:
Time(%)      Time      Calls      Avg      Min      Max      Name
99.19%    262.43ms      301    871.86us    863.88us    882.44us    void matrixMulCUDA<int=32>(float*, float*, float*, int, int)
 0.58%    1.5428ms        2    771.39us    764.65us    778.12us    [CUDA memcpy HtoD]
 0.23%    599.40us        1    599.40us    599.40us    599.40us    [CUDA memcpy DtoH]

==37064== API calls:
Time(%)      Time      Calls      Avg      Min      Max      Name
61.26%    258.38ms        1    258.38ms    258.38ms    258.38ms    cudaEventSynchronize
35.68%    150.49ms        3     50.164ms    914.97us    148.65ms    cudaMalloc
 0.73%     3.0774ms        3     1.0258ms    1.0097ms    1.0565ms    cudaMemcpy
 0.62%     2.6287ms        4      657.17us    655.12us    660.56us    cuDeviceTotalMem
 0.56%     2.3408ms      301      7.7760us    7.3810us    53.103us    cudaLaunch
 0.48%     2.0111ms      364      5.5250us      235ns    201.63us    cuDeviceGetAttribute
 0.21%     872.52us        1      872.52us    872.52us    872.52us    cudaDeviceSynchronize
```

nvprof

Command that line

With metrics: `nvprof --metrics flop_sp_efficiency ./app`

```
$ nvprof --metrics flop_sp_efficiency ./matrixMul -wA=1024 -hA=1024 -wB=1024 -hB=1024
[Matrix Multiply Using CUDA] - Starting...
==37122== NVPROF is profiling process 37122, command: ./matrixMul -wA=1024 -hA=1024 -wB=1024 -hB=1024
GPU Device 0: "Tesla P100-SXM2-16GB" with compute capability 6.0
```

```
MatrixA(1024,1024), MatrixB(1024,1024)
Computing result using CUDA Kernel...
==37122== Some kernel(s) will be replayed on device 0 in order to collect all events/metrics.
done122== Replaying kernel "void matrixMulCUDA<int=32>(float*, float*, float*, int, int)" (0 of 2)...
Performance= 26.61 GFlop/s, Time= 80.697 msec, Size= 2147483648 Ops, WorkgroupSize= 1024 threads/block
Checking computed result for correctness: Result = PASS
```

```
==37122== Profiling application: ./matrixMul -wA=1024 -hA=1024 -wB=1024 -hB=1024
```

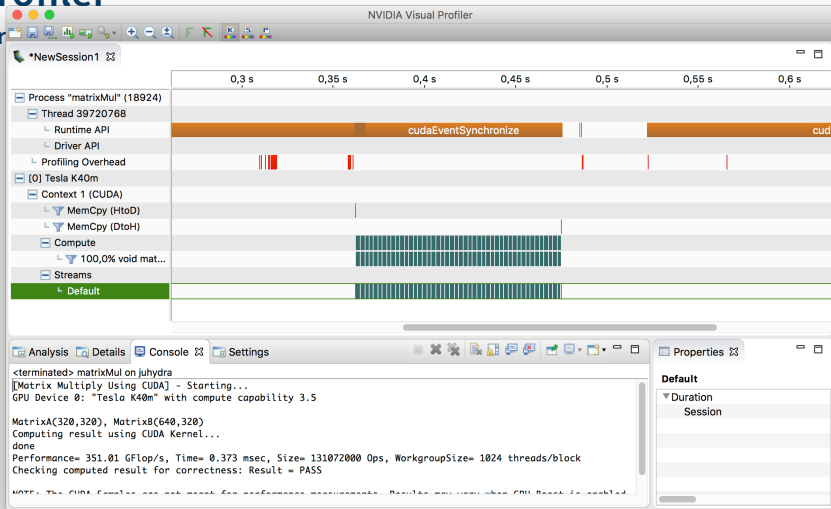
```
==37122== Profiling result:
```

```
==37122== Metric result:
```

Invocations	Metric Name	Metric Description	Min	Max	Avg
Device "Tesla P100-SXM2-16GB (0)"					
Kernel: void matrixMulCUDA<int=32>(float*, float*, float*, int, int)					
301	flop_sp_efficiency	FLOP Efficiency(Peak Single)	22.96%	23.40%	23.15%

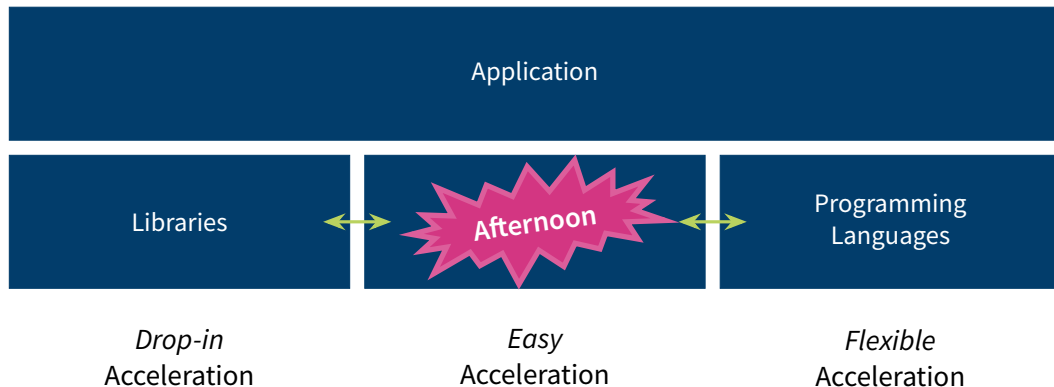
Visual Profiler

Your new favor



Conclusions

Summary of Acceleration Possibilities

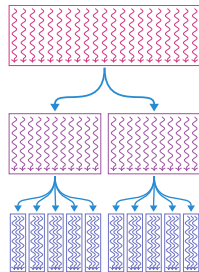


Omitted

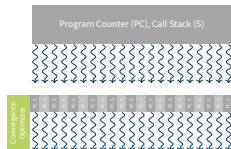
There's so much more!

What I did not talk about

- Atomic  operations
- Shared memory
- Pinned memory
- Managed memory
- Debugging
- Overlapping streams
- Multi-GPU programming (intra-node; **MPI**)
- Cooperative groups
- Independent thread progress
- Half precision FP16
- ...



Cooperative Groups



Independent
Thread Progress

Summary & Conclusion

- GPUs can improve your performance many-fold
 - For a fitting, parallelizable application
 - Libraries are easiest
 - Direct programming (plain CUDA, HIP) is most powerful
 - OpenACC/OpenMP is somewhere in between (and portable)
 - Many abstraction layers available (mostly using C++)
 - There are many tools helping the programmer
- See it in action this afternoon at **OpenACC tutorial**

*Thank you
for your attention!*
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APPENDIX

Appendix

Further Reading & Links

GPU Performances

Supplemental: Thrust

Glossary

References

Further Reading & Links

More!

- A discussion of SIMD, SIMT, SMT by Y. Kreinin.
- NVIDIA's documentation: docs.nvidia.com
- NVIDIA's Parallel For All blog
- SYCL Hello World, SYCL Vector Addition

Volta Performance

Tesla Product	Tesla K40	Tesla M40	Tesla P100	Tesla V100
GPU	GK180 (Kepler)	GM200 (Maxwell)	GP100 (Pascal)	GV100 (Volta)
SMs	15	24	56	80
TPCs	15	24	28	40
FP32 Cores / SM	192	128	64	64
FP32 Cores / GPU	2880	3072	3584	5120
FP64 Cores / SM	64	4	32	32
FP64 Cores / GPU	960	96	1792	2560
Tensor Cores / SM	NA	NA	NA	8
Tensor Cores / GPU	NA	NA	NA	640
GPU Boost Clock	810/875 MHz	1114 MHz	1480 MHz	1462 MHz
Peak FP32 TFLOPS ¹	5	6.8	10.6	15
Peak FP64 TFLOPS ¹	1.7	.21	5.3	7.5
Peak Tensor TFLOPS ¹	NA	NA	NA	120
Texture Units	240	192	224	320
Memory Interface	384-bit GDDR5	384-bit GDDR5	4096-bit HBM2	4096-bit HBM2
Memory Size	Up to 12 GB	Up to 24 GB	16 GB	16 GB
L2 Cache Size	1536 KB	3072 KB	4096 KB	6144 KB
Shared Memory Size / SM	16 KB/32 KB/48 KB	96 KB	64 KB	Configurable up to 96 KB
Register File Size / SM	256 KB	256 KB	256 KB	256KB
Register File Size / GPU	3840 KB	6144 KB	14336 KB	20480 KB
TDP	235 Watts	250 Watts	300 Watts	300 Watts
Transistors	7.1 billion	8 billion	15.3 billion	21.1 billion
GPU Die Size	551 mm ²	601 mm ²	610 mm ²	815 mm ²
Manufacturing Process	28 nm	28 nm	16 nm FinFET+	12 nm FFN
¹ Peak TFLOPS rates are based on GPU Boost Clock				

Figure: Tesla V100 performance characteristics in comparison [9]

Thrust

Code example with lambdas

```
#include <thrust/for_each.h>
#include <thrust/execution_policy.h>
constexpr int gGpuThreshold = 10000;
void saxpy(float *x, float *y, float a, int N) {
    auto r = thrust::counting_iterator<int>(0);

    auto lambda = [=] __host__ __device__ (int i) {
        y[i] = a * x[i] + y[i];};

    if(N > gGpuThreshold)
        thrust::for_each(thrust::device, r, r+N, lambda);
    else
        thrust::for_each(thrust::host, r, r+N, lambda);}
```

Source

Appendix

Glossary & References

Glossary I

AMD Manufacturer of CPUs and GPUs. 3, 27, 31, 39, 42, 43, 49, 64, 65

API A programmatic interface to software by well-defined functions. Short for application programming interface. 34, 39, 65

ATI Canada-based GPUs manufacturing company; bought by AMD in 2006. 3

CUDA Computing platform for GPUs from NVIDIA. Provides, among others, CUDA C/C++. 3, 31, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 45, 56, 64

DSL A Domain-Specific Language is a specialization of a more general language to a specific domain. 2, 44, 45

Glossary II

HIP GPU programming model by AMD to target their own and NVIDIA GPUs with one combined language. Short for Heterogeneous-compute Interface for Portability. [39](#), [42](#), [43](#), [49](#), [56](#)

MPI The Message Passing Interface, a API definition for multi-node computing. [55](#)

NVIDIA US technology company creating [GPUs](#). [3](#), [27](#), [39](#), [42](#), [43](#), [49](#), [59](#), [63](#), [64](#), [66](#)

OpenACC Directive-based programming, primarily for many-core machines. [35](#), [36](#), [37](#), [45](#), [56](#)

OpenCL The *Open Computing Language*. Framework for writing code for heterogeneous architectures ([CPU](#), [GPU](#), DSP, FPGA). The alternative to [CUDA](#). [3](#), [39](#), [47](#), [49](#)

Glossary III

OpenGL The *Open Graphics Library*, an **API** for rendering graphics across different hardware architectures. 3

OpenMP Directive-based programming, primarily for multi-threaded machines. 35, 56

POWER CPU architecture from IBM, earlier: PowerPC. See also POWER8. 65

POWER8 Version 8 of IBM's **POWER** processor, available also under the OpenPOWER Foundation. 65

ROCm AMD software stack and platform to program AMD GPUs. Short for Radeon Open Compute (*Radeon* is the GPU product line of AMD). 39, 49

SAXPY Single-precision $A \times X + Y$. A simple code example of scaling a vector and adding an offset. 24, 40, 41

Glossary IV

Thrust A parallel algorithms library for (among others) GPUs. See <https://thrust.github.io/>. 31

Volta GPU architecture from **NVIDIA** (announced 2017). 21

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