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## GPGPU: Number Crunching in Your Graphics Card

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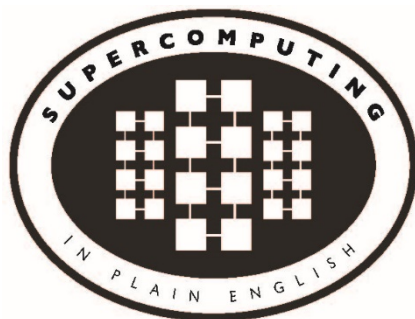
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#  
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Tue Jan 20: GPGPU: What the Heck is Supercomputing?  
Tue Jan 27: The Tyranny of the Storage Hierarchy  
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Tue Feb 10: Stupid Compiler Tricks  
Tue Feb 17: Shared Memory Multithreading  
Tue March 3: Distributed Multiprocessing  
Tue March 10: Applications and Types of Parallelism  
Tue March 17: **NO SESSION** (OU's Spring Break)  
Tue March 24: **NO SESSION** (Henry has a huge grant proposal due)  
Tue March 31: GPGPU Madness  
Tue Apr 14: High Throughput Computing  
Tue Apr 14: GPGPU: Number Crunching in Your Graphics Card  
Tue Apr 21: Grab Bag: Scientific Libraries, I/O Libraries,  
Visualization





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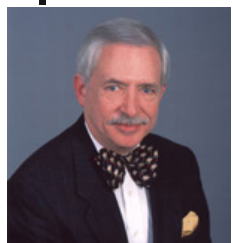
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- IEEE Cluster 2015, Sep 23-27, Chicago IL  
<http://www.mcs.anl.gov/ieecluster2015/>
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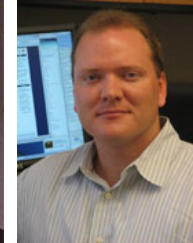
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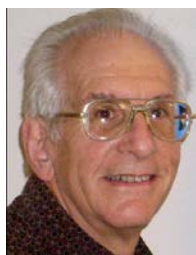
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# Outline

- What is GPGPU?
- GPU Programming
- Digging Deeper: CUDA on NVIDIA
- CUDA Thread Hierarchy and Memory Hierarchy
- CUDA Example: Matrix-Matrix Multiply





# What is GPGPU?

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# Accelerators

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# Accelerators

- In HPC, an accelerator is hardware component whose role is to speed up some aspect of the computing workload.
- In the olden days (1980s), supercomputers sometimes had *array processors*, which did vector operations on arrays, and PCs sometimes had *floating point accelerators*: little chips that did the floating point calculations in hardware rather than software.
- More recently, *Field Programmable Gate Arrays* (FPGAs) allow reprogramming deep into the hardware.



# Why Accelerators are Good

Accelerators are good because:

- they make your code run faster.



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# Why Accelerators are Bad

Accelerators are bad because:

- they're expensive;
- they can be hard to program;
- your code on them may not be portable to other accelerators, so the labor you invest in programming them can have a very short half-life.



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# The King of the Accelerators

The undisputed champion of accelerators is:  
the **graphics processing unit**.

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<http://blog.xcelerit.com/benchmarks-nvidia-kepler-vs-fermi/>



<http://www.overclockers.ua/news/cpu/106612-Knights-Ferry.jpg>





# What does 1 TFLOPs Look Like?

**1997: Room**



ASCI RED<sup>[13]</sup>  
Sandia National Lab

**2002: Row**



boomer.oscer.ou.edu  
In service 2002-5: 11 racks

**2012: Card**



AMD FirePro W9000<sup>[14]</sup>



NVIDIA Kepler K20<sup>[15]</sup>



Intel MIC Xeon PHI<sup>[16]</sup>



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# Why GPU?

- **Graphics Processing Units** (GPUs) were originally designed to accelerate graphics tasks like image rendering.
- They became very very popular with videogamers, because they've produced better and better images, and lightning fast.
- And, prices have been extremely good, ranging from three figures at the low end to four figures at the high end.



# GPUs are Popular

- Chips are expensive to design (hundreds of millions of \$\$\$), expensive to build the factory for (billions of \$\$\$), but cheap to produce.
- For example, in FY2013, NVIDIA sold about \$2-3B of GPUs (out of something like \$4B total revenue).
- For example, in 2013, GPUs sold 413 million units.  
<http://www.tgdaily.com/enterprise/126591-graphics-chips-market-is-showing-some-life>
- This means that the GPU companies have been able to recoup the huge fixed costs.



# GPU Do Arithmetic

- GPUs mostly do stuff like rendering images.
- This is done through mostly floating point arithmetic – the same stuff people use supercomputing for!



# GPU Programming



# Hard to Program?

- In the olden days – that is, until just the last few years – programming GPUs meant either:
  - using a graphics standard like OpenGL (which is mostly meant for rendering), or
  - getting fairly deep into the graphics rendering pipeline.
- To use a GPU to do general purpose number crunching, you had to make your number crunching pretend to be graphics.
- This was hard. So most people didn't bother.







# Easy to Program?

More recently, GPU manufacturers have worked hard to make GPUs easier to use for general purpose computing.

This is known as *General Purpose Graphics Processing Units*.



# Intel MIC

- First production (non-research) model: Xeon Phi.
- Not a graphics card.
- But, has similar structure to a graphics card, just without the graphics.
- Based on x86: can use a lot of the same tools as CPU.
- 61 x86 cores, 512-bit vector widths (8-way double precision floating point vectors, up to 16 DP floating point calculations per clock cycle using Fused Multiply-Add).
- 8 GB GDDR5 Graphics RAM, 352 GB/sec
- Peak ~1070 GFLOPs per card (i.e., OSCER's first cluster supercomputer in 2002).

<http://www.tacc.utexas.edu/user-services/user-guides/stampede-user-guide>

<https://secure-software.intel.com/sites/default/files/article/334766/intel-xeon-phi-systemsoftwaredevelopersguide.pdf>



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# How to Program a GPU

- Proprietary programming language or extensions
  - NVIDIA: CUDA (C/C++)
  - AMD/ATI: StreamSDK/Brook+ (C/C++) – defunct
- OpenCL (Open Computing Language): an industry standard for doing number crunching on GPUs.
- Portland Group Inc (PGI) Fortran and C compilers with accelerator directives; PGI CUDA Fortran (Fortran 90 equivalent of NVIDIA's CUDA C).
  - PGI is now part of NVIDIA.
- OpenACC accelerator directives for NVIDIA and AMD
- OpenMP version 4.0 includes accelerator and vectorization directives.



# NVIDIA CUDA

- NVIDIA proprietary
- Formerly known as “Compute Unified Device Architecture”
- Extensions to C to allow better control of GPU capabilities
- Modest extensions but major rewriting of the code
- Portland Group Inc (PGI) has released a Fortran implementation of CUDA available in their Fortran compiler.
  - PGI is now part of NVIDIA.



# CUDA Example Part 1

```
// example1.cpp : Defines the entry point for the console applicati
on.
//

#include "stdafx.h"

#include <stdio.h>
#include <cuda.h>

// Kernel that executes on the CUDA device
__global__ void square_array(float *a, int N)
{
    int idx = blockIdx.x * blockDim.x + threadIdx.x;
    if (idx<N) a[idx] = a[idx] * a[idx];
}
```

<http://llpanorama.wordpress.com/2008/05/21/my-first-cuda-program/>



# CUDA Example Part 2

```
// main routine that executes on the host
int main(void)
{
    float *a_h, *a_d; // Pointer to host & device arrays
    const int N = 10; // Number of elements in arrays
    size_t size = N * sizeof(float);
    a_h = (float *)malloc(size); // Allocate array on host
    cudaMalloc((void **) &a_d, size); // Allocate array on device
    // Initialize host array and copy it to CUDA device
    for (int i=0; i<N; i++) a_h[i] = (float)i;
    cudaMemcpy(a_d, a_h, size, cudaMemcpyHostToDevice);
    // Do calculation on device:
    int block_size = 4;
    int n_blocks = N/block_size + (N%block_size == 0 ? 0:1);
    square_array <<< n_blocks, block_size >>> (a_d, N);
    // Retrieve result from device and store it in host array
    cudaMemcpy(a_h, a_d, sizeof(float)*N, cudaMemcpyDeviceToHost);
    // Print results
    for (int i=0; i<N; i++) printf("%d %f\n", i, a_h[i]);
    // Cleanup
    free(a_h); cudaFree(a_d);
}
```



# OpenCL

- Open Computing Language
- Open standard developed by the Khronos Group, which is a consortium of many companies (including NVIDIA, AMD and Intel, but also lots of others)
- Initial version of OpenCL standard released in Dec 2008.
- Many companies are creating their own implementations.
- Apple was first to market, with an OpenCL implementation included in Mac OS X v10.6 (“Snow Leopard”) in 2009.
- Currently on version 2.1 (released March 3 2015).



# OpenCL Example Part 1

```
// create a compute context with GPU device
context =
    clCreateContextFromType(NULL, CL_DEVICE_TYPE_GPU, NULL, NULL, NULL);
// create a command queue
queue = clCreateCommandQueue(context, NULL, 0, NULL);
// allocate the buffer memory objects
memobjs[0] = clCreateBuffer(context,
    CL_MEM_READ_ONLY | CL_MEM_COPY_HOST_PTR,
    sizeof(float)*2*num_entries, srcA, NULL);
memobjs[1] = clCreateBuffer(context,
    CL_MEM_READ_WRITE,
    sizeof(float)*2*num_entries, NULL, NULL);
// create the compute program
program = clCreateProgramWithSource(context, 1, &fft1D_1024_kernel_src,
    NULL, NULL);
```

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/OpenCL>







# OpenCL Example Part 2

```
// build the compute program executable
clBuildProgram(program, 0, NULL, NULL, NULL, NULL);
// create the compute kernel
kernel = clCreateKernel(program, "fft1D_1024", NULL);
// set the args values
clSetKernelArg(kernel, 0, sizeof(cl_mem), (void *)&memobjs[0]);
clSetKernelArg(kernel, 1, sizeof(cl_mem), (void *)&memobjs[1]);
clSetKernelArg(kernel, 2, sizeof(float)*(local_work_size[0]+1)*16, NULL);
clSetKernelArg(kernel, 3, sizeof(float)*(local_work_size[0]+1)*16, NULL);
// create N-D range object with work-item dimensions and execute kernel
global_work_size[0] = num_entries; local_work_size[0] = 64;
clEnqueueNDRangeKernel(queue, kernel, 1, NULL,
                       global_work_size, local_work_size, 0, NULL, NULL);
```



# OpenCL Example Part 3

```
// This kernel computes FFT of length 1024. The 1024 length FFT is
// decomposed into calls to a radix 16 function, another radix 16
// function and then a radix 4 function
__kernel void fft1D_1024 (__global float2 *in, __global float2 *out,
                          __local float *sMemx, __local float *sMemy) {
    int tid = get_local_id(0);
    int blockIdx = get_group_id(0) * 1024 + tid;
    float2 data[16];

    // starting index of data to/from global memory
    in = in + blockIdx;
    out = out + blockIdx;
    globalLoads(data, in, 64); // coalesced global reads
    fftRadix16Pass(data); // in-place radix-16 pass
    twiddleFactorMul(data, tid, 1024, 0);
```



# OpenCL Example Part 4

```
// local shuffle using local memory
localShuffle(data, sMemx, sMemy, tid, (((tid & 15) * 65) + (tid >>
4)));
fftRadix16Pass(data); // in-place radix-16 pass
twiddleFactorMul(data, tid, 64, 4); // twiddle factor multiplication
localShuffle(data, sMemx, sMemy, tid, (((tid >> 4) * 64) + (tid &
15)));
// four radix-4 function calls
fftRadix4Pass(data); // radix-4 function number 1
fftRadix4Pass(data + 4); // radix-4 function number 2
fftRadix4Pass(data + 8); // radix-4 function number 3
fftRadix4Pass(data + 12); // radix-4 function number 4
// coalesced global writes
globalStores(data, out, 64);
}
```



# Portland Group Accelerator Directives

- Proprietary directives in Fortran and C
- Similar to OpenMP in structure
- If the compiler doesn't understand these directives, it ignores them, so the same code can work with an accelerator or without, and with the PGI compilers or other compilers.
- The directives tell the compiler what parts of the code happen in the accelerator; the rest happens in the regular hardware.



# PGI Accelerator Example

```
!$acc region
  do k = 1,n1
    do i = 1,n3
      c(i,k) = 0.0
      do j = 1,n2
        c(i,k) = c(i,k) +
&                                a(i,j) * b(j,k)
      enddo
    enddo
  enddo
!$acc end region
```

<http://www.pgroup.com/resources/accel.htm>





# OpenACC Compiler Directives

- Open standard for accelerator directives
- Developed by NVIDIA, Cray, PGI, CAPS
- Available in PGI and CAPS compilers for general cluster user, in Cray compilers for use on Crays

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/OpenACC>



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# OpenACC Example Part 1 (C)

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
void vecaddgpu( float *restrict r, float *a, float *b, int n ){
    #pragma acc kernels loop copyin(a[0:n],b[0:n]) copyout(r[0:n])
    for( int i = 0; i < n; ++i ) r[i] = a[i] + b[i];
}

/* http://www.pgroup.com/doc/openacc\_gs.pdf */
```



# OpenACC Example Part 2 (C)

```
int main( int argc, char* argv[] ){
    int n; /* vector length */
    float * a; /* input vector 1 */
    float * b; /* input vector 2 */
    float * r; /* output vector */
    float * e; /* expected output values */
    int i, errs;

    if( argc > 1 ) n = atoi( argv[1] );
    else n = 100000; /* default vector length */
    if( n <= 0 ) n = 100000;
    a = (float*)malloc( n*sizeof(float) );
    b = (float*)malloc( n*sizeof(float) );
    r = (float*)malloc( n*sizeof(float) );
    e = (float*)malloc( n*sizeof(float) );
    for( i = 0; i < n; ++i ){
        a[i] = (float)(i+1);
        b[i] = (float)(1000*i);
    }
```





# OpenACC Example Part 3 (C)

```
/* compute on the GPU */
vecaddgpu( r, a, b, n );
/* compute on the host to compare */
for( i = 0; i < n; ++i ) e[i] = a[i] + b[i];
/* compare results */
errs = 0;
for( i = 0; i < n; ++i ){
    if( r[i] != e[i] ){
        ++errs;
    }
}
printf( "%d errors found\n", errs );
return errs;
}
```



# OpenACC Example Part 1 (F90)

```
module vecaddmod
  implicit none
  contains
    subroutine vecaddgpu( r, a, b, n )
      real, dimension(:) :: r, a, b
      integer :: n
      integer :: i
      !$acc kernels loop copyin(a(1:n),b(1:n)) copyout(r(1:n))
      do i = 1, n
        r(i) = a(i) + b(i)
      enddo
    end subroutine
end module
```

! [http://www.pgroup.com/doc/openacc\\_gs.pdf](http://www.pgroup.com/doc/openacc_gs.pdf)



# OpenACC Example Part 2 (F90)

```
program main
  use vecaddmod
  implicit none
  integer :: n, i, errs, argcount
  real, dimension(:), allocatable :: a, b, r, e
  character*10 :: arg1
  argcount = command_argument_count()
  n = 1000000 ! default value
  if( argcount = 1 )then
    call get_command_argument( 1, arg1 )
    read( arg1, '(i)' ) n
    if( n <= 0 ) n = 100000
  endif
  allocate( a(n), b(n), r(n), e(n) )
  do i = 1, n
    a(i) = i
    b(i) = 1000*i
  enddo
```



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```
! compute on the GPU
call vecaddgpu( r, a, b, n )
! compute on the host to compare
do i = 1, n
    e(i) = a(i) + b(i)
enddo
! compare results
errs = 0
do i = 1, n
    if( r(i) /= e(i) )then
        errs = errs + 1
    endif
enddo
print *, errs, ' errors found'
if( errs ) call exit(errs)
end program
```



# OpenMP 4.0 Accelerator Directives

- OpenMP's 4.0 standard was released in 2013.
- It appears has both accelerator directives and vectorization directives.
- It's the *lingua franca* of the Intel MIC accelerator.



# OpenMP Accelerator Example (F90)

```
! snippet from the hand-coded subprogram...
!dir$ attributes offload:mic :: my_sgemm
subroutine my_sgemm(d,a,b)
real, dimension(:, :) :: a, b, d
!$omp parallel do
do j=1, n
  do i=1, n
    d(i,j) = 0.0
    do k=1, n
      d(i,j) = d(i,j)+a(i,k)*b(k,j)
    enddo
  enddo
enddo
enddo
end subroutine
```

<http://www.cac.cornell.edu/education/training/ParallelFall2012/OpenMPNov2012.pdf>



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# Digging Deeper: CUDA on NVIDIA





# NVIDIA Tesla

- NVIDIA offers a GPU platform named Tesla.
- It consists essentially of their highest end graphics card, minus the video out connector.





# NVIDIA Tesla K80 Card Specs



- 4992 GPU cores
- 562 MHz core clock, 875 GHz boost clock
- Single precision floating point performance:  
8740 GFLOPs (2 single precision flops per clock per core)
- Double precision floating point performance:  
2910 GFLOPs (2/3 double precision flop per clock per core)
- Internal RAM: 24 GB DDR5
- Internal RAM speed: 480 GB/sec (compared ~100 GB/sec for regular RAM)
- Has to be plugged into a PCIe slot (at most 16 GB/sec per GPU card)

<http://www.nvidia.com/object/tesla-servers.html>

<http://www.anandtech.com/show/8729/nvidia-launches-tesla-k80-gk210-gpu>

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nvidia\\_Tesla](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nvidia_Tesla)



# Compare Top x86 vs NVIDIA K80

Let's compare the best dual socket x86 server today vs K80.

	<b>Dual socket, Intel 2.3 GHz 18-core</b>	<b>NVIDIA Tesla K80 dual cards in an x86 server</b>
<b>Peak DP FLOPs</b>	1324.8 GFLOPs DP	5820 GFLOPs DP (4.4x)
<b>Peak SP FLOPS</b>	2649.6 GFLOPs SP	17,480 GFLOPs SP (6.6x)
<b>Peak RAM BW</b>	~100 GB/sec	~480 GB/sec (4.8x)
<b>Peak PCIe BW</b>	N/A	16 GB/sec
<b>Needs x86 server to be part of?</b>	No	Yes
<b>Power/Heat</b>	~350 W	2 × 300 W + ~400 W (~2.9x)
<b>Code portable?</b>	Yes	No (CUDA) Yes (OpenACC, OpenCL)



# Compare Top x86 vs NVIDIA K80

Here are some interesting measures:

	<b>Dual socket, Intel 2.3 GHz 18-core</b>	<b>NVIDIA Tesla K80</b>
<b>DP GFLOPs/Watt</b>	~3.8 GFLOPs/Watt	~5.8 GFLOPs/Watt (~1.5x)
<b>SP GFLOPs/Watt</b>	~7.6 GFLOPs/Watt	~17.5 GFLOPs/Watt (~2.3x)
<b>DP TFLOPs/sq ft</b>	~10.6 TFLOPs/sq ft	~23.3 TFLOPs/sq ft (2.2x)
<b>SP TFLOPs/sq ft</b>	~21.2 TFLOPs/sq ft	~69.9 TFLOPs/sq ft (3.3x)
<b>Racks per PFLOP DP</b>	16 racks/PFLOP DP	8 racks/PFLOP DP (50%)
<b>Racks per PFLOP SP</b>	8 racks/PFLOP SP	3 racks/PFLOP SP (38%)



# What Are the Downsides?

- You have to rewrite your code into CUDA or OpenCL or PGI accelerator directives (or someday maybe OpenMP).
  - CUDA: Proprietary
  - OpenCL: portable but cumbersome
  - OpenACC, OpenMP 4.0: portable, but which to choose?
    - They may be merging ....



# Programming for Performance

The biggest single performance bottleneck on GPU cards today is the PCIe slot:

- PCI 3.0 x16: 16 GB/sec
- 2133 MHz current architectures: up to ~100 GB/sec per server
- GDDR5 accelerator card RAM: 480 GB/sec per card

Your goal:

- At startup, move the data from x86 server RAM into accelerator RAM.
- Do almost all the work inside the accelerator.
- Use the x86 server only for I/O and message passing, to minimize the amount of data moved through the PCIe slot.



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Tue March 24: **NO SESSION** (Henry has a huge grant proposal due)  
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Tue Apr 14: GPGPU: Number Crunching in Your Graphics Card  
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Visualization





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# Coming in 2015!

Linux Clusters Institute workshop May 18-22 2015 @ OU

<http://www.linuxclustersinstitute.org/workshops/>

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Advanced Cyberinfrastructure Research & Education Facilitators (ACI-REF) Virtual Residency May 31 - June 6 2015

XSEDE2015, July 26-30, St. Louis MO

<https://conferences.xsede.org/xsede15>

IEEE Cluster 2015, Sep 23-27, Chicago IL

<http://www.mcs.anl.gov/ieeeccluster2015/>

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SC13, Nov 15-20 2015, Austin TX

<http://sc15.supercomputing.org/>



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# Does CUDA Help?

Example Applications	URL	Speedup
Seismic Database	<a href="http://www.headwave.com">http://www.headwave.com</a>	66x – 100x
Mobile Phone Antenna Simulation	<a href="http://www.accelware.com">http://www.accelware.com</a>	45x
Molecular Dynamics	<a href="http://www.ks.uiuc.edu/Research/vmd">http://www.ks.uiuc.edu/Research/vmd</a>	21x – 100x
Neuron Simulation	<a href="http://www.evolvedmachines.com">http://www.evolvedmachines.com</a>	100x
MRI Processing	<a href="http://bic-test.beckman.uiuc.edu">http://bic-test.beckman.uiuc.edu</a>	245x – 415x
Atmospheric Cloud Simulation	<a href="http://www.cs.clemson.edu/~jesteel/clouds.html">http://www.cs.clemson.edu/~jesteel/clouds.html</a>	50x

[http://www.nvidia.com/object/IO\\_43499.html](http://www.nvidia.com/object/IO_43499.html)

# CUDA

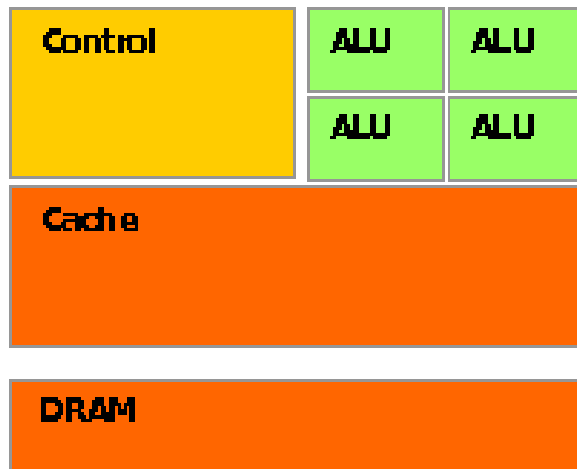
# Thread Hierarchy and Memory Hierarchy



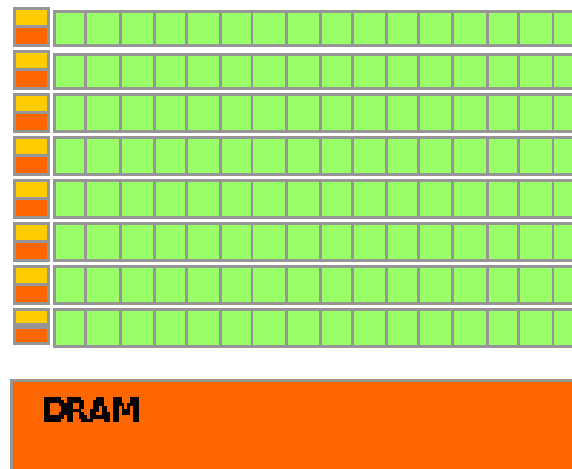
Some of these slides provided by Paul Gray, University of Northern Iowa



# CPU vs GPU Layout



**CPU**



**GPU**

Source: NVIDIA CUDA Programming Guide



# Buzzword: Kernel

In CUDA, a *kernel* is code (typically a function) that can be run inside the GPU.

Typically, the kernel code operates in lock-step on the stream processors inside the GPU.



# Buzzword: Thread

In CUDA, a *thread* is an execution of a kernel with a given index.

Each thread uses its index to access a specific subset of the elements of a target array, such that the collection of all threads cooperatively processes the entire data set.

So these are very much like threads in the OpenMP or pthreads sense – they even have shared variables and private variables.



# Buzzword: Block

In CUDA, a **block** is a group of threads.

- Just like OpenMP threads, these could execute concurrently or independently, and in no particular order.
- Threads can be coordinated somewhat, using the `_syncthreads()` function as a barrier, making all threads stop at a certain point in the kernel before moving on en masse. (This is like what happens at the end of an OpenMP loop.)





# Buzzword: Grid

In CUDA, a *grid* is a group of (thread) blocks, with no synchronization at all among the blocks.



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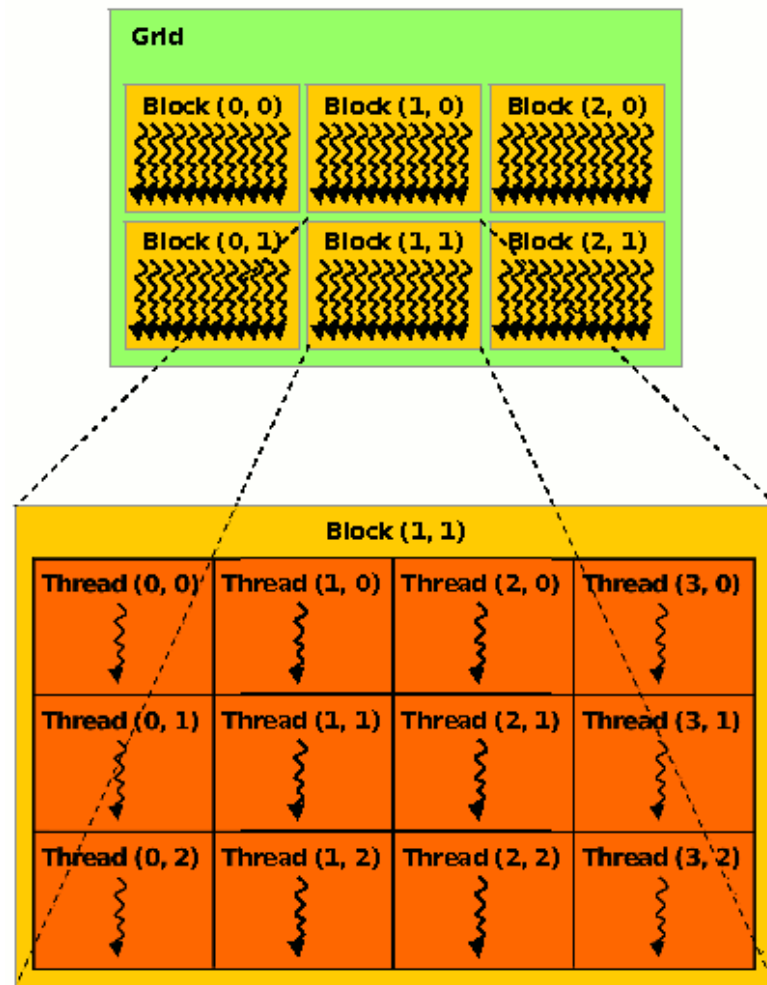


# NVIDIA GPU Hierarchy

- Grids map to GPUs
- Blocks map to the MultiProcessors (MP)
  - Blocks are never split across MPs, but an MP can have multiple blocks
- Threads map to Stream Processors (SP)
- Warps are groups of (32) threads that execute simultaneously

Image Source:

NVIDIA CUDA Programming Guide





# CUDA Built-in Variables

- **blockIdx.x**, **blockIdx.y**, **blockIdx.z** are built-in variables that return the block ID in the x-axis, y-axis and z-axis of the block that is executing the given block of code.
- **threadIdx.x**, **threadIdx.y**, **threadIdx.z** are built-in variables that return the thread ID in the x-axis, y-axis and z-axis of the thread that is being executed by this stream processor in this particular block.

So, you can express your collection of blocks, and your collection of threads within a block, as a 1D array, a 2D array or a 3D array.

These can be helpful when thinking of your data as 2D or 3D.





# \_\_global\_\_ Keyword

In CUDA, if a function is declared with the `__global__` keyword, that means that it's intended to be executed inside a GPU.

In CUDA, the term for the GPU is *device*, and the term for the x86 server is *host*.

So, a kernel runs on a device, while the main function, and so on, run on the host.

Note that a host can play host to multiple devices; for example, an S2050 server contains 4 C2050 GPU cards, and if a single host has two PCIe slots, then both of the PCIe plugs of the S2050 can be plugged into that same host.



# Copying Data from Host to Device

If data need to move from the host (where presumably the data are initially input or generated), then a copy has to exist in both places.

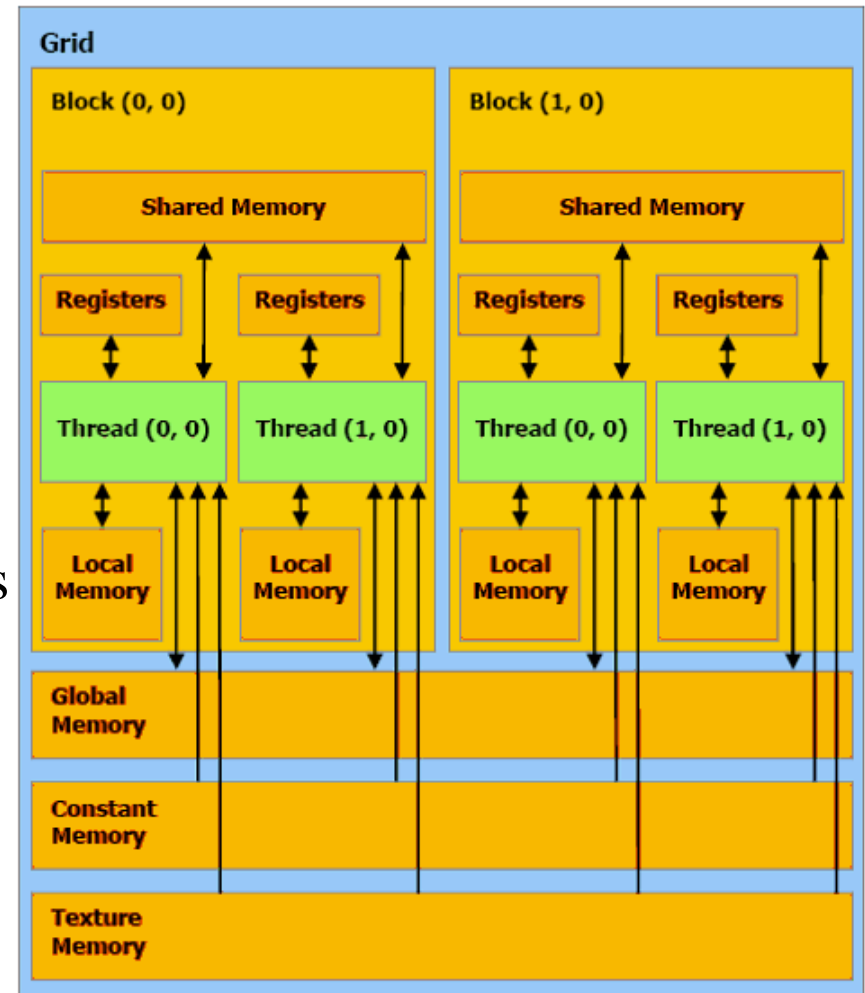
Typically, what's copied are arrays, though of course you can also copy a scalar (the address of which is treated as an array of length 1).



# CUDA Memory Hierarchy #1

CUDA has a hierarchy of several kinds of memory:

- Host memory (x86 server)
- Device memory (GPU)
  - **Global**: visible to all threads in all blocks – largest, slowest
  - **Shared**: visible to all threads in a particular block – medium size, medium speed
  - **Local**: visible only to a particular thread – smallest, fastest

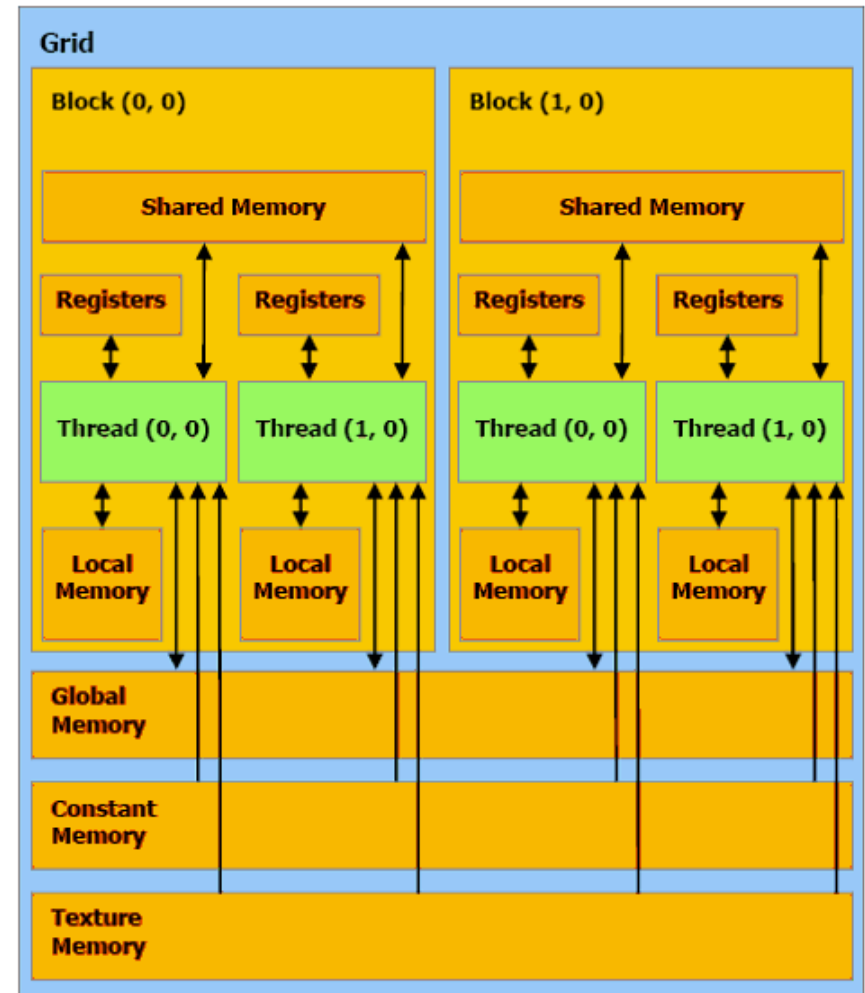




# CUDA Memory Hierarchy #2

CUDA has a hierarchy of several kinds of memory:

- Host memory (x86 server)
- Device memory (GPU)
  - **Constant**: visible to all threads in all blocks; read only
  - **Texture**: visible to all threads in all blocks; read only



# CUDA Example: Matrix-Matrix Multiply



[http://developer.download.nvidia.com/compute/cuda/sdk/  
website/Linear\\_Algebra.html#matrixMul](http://developer.download.nvidia.com/compute/cuda/sdk/website/Linear_Algebra.html#matrixMul)





# Matrix-Matrix Multiply Main Part 1

```
float* host_A;  
float* host_B;  
float* host_B;  
float* device_A;  
float* device_B;  
float* device_C;
```

```
host_A = (float*) malloc(mem_size_A);  
host_B = (float*) malloc(mem_size_B);  
host_C = (float*) malloc(mem_size_C);
```

```
cudaMalloc((void**) &device_A, mem_size_A);  
cudaMalloc((void**) &device_B, mem_size_B);  
cudamalloc((void**) &device_C, mem_size_C);
```

```
// Set up the initial values of A and B here.
```

```
// Henry says: I've oversimplified this a bit from  
// the original example code.
```



# Matrix-Matrix Multiply Main Part 2

```
// copy host memory to device
cudaMemcpy(device_A, host_A, mem_size_A,
            cudaMemcpyHostToDevice);
cudaMemcpy(device_B, host_B, mem_size_B,
            cudaMemcpyHostToDevice);

// setup execution parameters
dim3 threads(BLOCK_SIZE, BLOCK_SIZE);
dim3 grid(WC / threads.x, HC / threads.y);

// execute the kernel
matrixMul<<< grid, threads >>>(device_C,
                                device_A, device_B, WA, WB);

// copy result from device to host
cudaMemcpy(host_C, device_C, mem_size_C,
            cudaMemcpyDeviceToHost);
```



# Matrix Matrix Multiply Kernel Part 1

```
__global__ void matrixMul( float* C, float* A, float* B, int wA, int wB)
{
    // Block index
    int bx = blockIdx.x;
    int by = blockIdx.y;

    // Thread index
    int tx = threadIdx.x;
    int ty = threadIdx.y;

    // Index of the first sub-matrix of A processed by the block
    int aBegin = wA * BLOCK_SIZE * by;

    // Index of the last sub-matrix of A processed by the block
    int aEnd    = aBegin + wA - 1;

    // Step size used to iterate through the sub-matrices of A
    int aStep   = BLOCK_SIZE;

    // Index of the first sub-matrix of B processed by the block
    int bBegin = BLOCK_SIZE * bx;

    // Step size used to iterate through the sub-matrices of B
    int bStep   = BLOCK_SIZE * wB;

    // Csub is used to store the element of the block sub-matrix
    // that is computed by the thread
    float Csub = 0;
```



# Matrix Matrix Multiply Kernel Part 2

```
// Loop over all the sub-matrices of A and B
// required to compute the block sub-matrix
for (int a = aBegin, b = bBegin;
    a <= aEnd;
    a += aStep, b += bStep) {

    // Declaration of the shared memory array As used to
    // store the sub-matrix of A
    __shared__ float As[BLOCK_SIZE][BLOCK_SIZE];

    // Declaration of the shared memory array Bs used to
    // store the sub-matrix of B
    __shared__ float Bs[BLOCK_SIZE][BLOCK_SIZE];

    // Load the matrices from device memory
    // to shared memory; each thread loads
    // one element of each matrix
    AS(ty, tx) = A[a + wA * ty + tx];
    BS(ty, tx) = B[b + wB * ty + tx];

    // Synchronize to make sure the matrices are loaded
    __syncthreads();
```



# Matrix Matrix Multiply Kernel Part 3

```
// Multiply the two matrices together;
// each thread computes one element
// of the block sub-matrix
for (int k = 0; k < BLOCK_SIZE; ++k)
    Csub += AS(ty, k) * BS(k, tx);

// Synchronize to make sure that the preceding
// computation is done before loading two new
// sub-matrices of A and B in the next iteration
__syncthreads();
}

// Write the block sub-matrix to device memory;
// each thread writes one element
int c = wB * BLOCK_SIZE * by + BLOCK_SIZE * bx;
C[c + wB * ty + tx] = Csub;
}
```



# Would We Really Do It This Way?

We wouldn't really do matrix-matrix multiply this way.

NVIDIA has developed a CUDA implementation of the BLAS libraries, which include a highly tuned matrix-matrix multiply routine.

(We'll learn about BLAS next time.)

There's also a CUDA FFT library, if your code needs Fast Fourier Transforms.

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