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Hybrid CUDA/MPI



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Goal: Effectively use hardware

- Algorithm should lay nicely on the hardware.
- CUDA deal killers
 - Recursion
 - Dependence between threads
 - High data motion / computation ratio
- CUDA/MPI Division of labor
 - MPI moves data to/from nodes with CUDA devices
 - CUDA is used for the compute it does best
 - Design implementation around compute, hence CUDA



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Development Strategy

- Create Serial , CUDA versions of code, then add MPI
- Move data to/from CPU memory to CUDA Global memory
- Core computation in threads of a block
 - Using Shared memory
 - Synchronization of threads is possible
- Blocks execute independently
- CUDA orchestra can have only one conductor
 - If multiple MPI processes on processor then only one can successfully drive a CUDA device YMMV
 - MPI_Get_processor_name helps debug (remember Charlie and Aaron's talk)



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Mojo allowing Hybrid

- Both CUDA and MPI compilation necessary
 - So we do both-> CUDA first then MPI
 - `nvcc -arch sm_13 --compiler-bindir mpicc driver.c kernel.cu`
 - `driver.c` does serial and MPI parts
 - `Kernel.cu` does CUDA care and feeding



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CUDA/MPI on sooner

- You have example makefiles and bsub files for each
- Key things to navigate
 - Job queue is “cuda”
 - CUDA cards can be reserved by using:
#BSUB -R “select[cuda > 0]”
#BSUB -R “rusage[cuda=2]”
 - Ken’s CUDA code reveals two CUDA devices per node, so no more than two MPI processes per node
- My code is in progress
 - Bsub files need to be moved to standard form
 - Makefile designed to show all mojo in one place
 - tmurphy/NCSIPARII2011_exercises/PI_Hybrid



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Possible Lab Assignments

- My code is in progress
 - Bsub files need to be moved to standard form
 - Makefile designed to show all mojo in one place
 - tmurphy/NCSIPARII2011_exercises/PI_Hybrid
 - pi_cuda.cu
 - Doesn't produce correct results
 - Needs to alter and be altered by other pi codes for as much similarity as possible
- Assignments
 - Get pi_cuda.cu working
 - Design and code pi_cudampi.cu and pi_cudampi.c



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Coming to a Classroom near You

- I have 50 line area under a semicircle code to calculate pi
- Goal is Rosetta stone of simple codes
 - To see similarities and differences
 - To speed learning since algorithm very familial
 - Error management implicit as number of segments rises
- Have serial and MPI versions
- CUDA might be in place even as we speak
- CUDA/MPI is your (and my) lab assignment
- CUDA/OpenMP/MPI is my dream since it will lay down nice on LittleFe



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The Code (first comment block)

- /* calculating pi via area under the curve
- * This code uses an algorithm fairly easily ported to all parallel methods.
- * Since it calculates pi, it is easy to verify that results are correct.
- * It can also be used to explore accuracy of results and techniques for managing error.
- */



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The Code (second comment block)

- ```
/* students learn in grammar school that the area of a circle is
pi*radius*radius.
* They learn in high school that the formula of a circle is x^2
+ $y^2 = \text{radius}^2$.
* Using these facts allows students to calculate pi by
estimating area by constructing trapezoids
* Area of unit circle is pi, $y = \text{sqrt}(1-x^2)$ is formula for
semicircle from -1 to 1
* Because of symmetry we only need to consider the area
under the curve from 0 to 1
*/
```



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# The Code (setup)

```
numSeg = atoi(argv[1]);
 /* get number of segments from command line */

segWidth = 1.0 / numSeg;
 /* calculate width of each segment*/

areas = (double *) malloc(numSeg*sizeof(double));
 /* allocate dynamic array to hold areas of trapezoids*/
```



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## The Code (heavy lifting)

```
/* calculate area of trapezoid for each segment*/
for (i=0; i<numSeg; ++i) {
 new_x = (1.0 + i) / numSeg;
 new_y = sqrt(1.0 - new_x * new_x);
 areas[i] = segWidth * 0.5 * (old_y + new_y);
 old_y = new_y;
}
/* calculate pi/4, with room for better error mgmt */
for (i=0; i<numSeg; ++i) quarterPI += areas[i];
printf ("pi = %15.10f\n", 4.0 *quarterPI);
```



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**Thanks for your  
attention!**



**Questions?**