

OpenACC Programming on GPUs

Directive-based GPGPU Programming

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Example SAXPY – CPU

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

SAXPY = Single-precision real Alpha X Plus Y

$$\vec{y} = \alpha \cdot \vec{x} + \vec{y}$$

```
int main(int argc, const char* argv[]) {  
    int n = 10240; float a = 2.0f;  
    float *x = (float*) malloc(n * sizeof(float));  
    float *y = (float*) malloc(n * sizeof(float));  
  
    // Initialize x, y  
    for(int i=0; i<n; ++i){  
        x[i]=i;  
        y[i]=5.0*i-1.0;  
    }  
  
    // Invoke serial SAXPY kernel  
    saxpyCPU(n, a, x, y);  
  
    free(x); free(y);  
    return 0;  
}
```

Example SAXPY – OpenACC

```
void saxpyOpenACC(int n, float a, float *x, float *y) {  
#pragma acc parallel loop vector_length(256)  
    for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i)  
        y[i] = a*x[i] + y[i];  
}  
  
int main(int argc, const char* argv[]) {  
    int n = 10240; float a = 2.0f;  
    float *x = (float*) malloc(n * sizeof(float));  
    float *y = (float*) malloc(n * sizeof(float));  
  
    // Initialize x, y  
    for(int i=0; i<n; ++i){  
        x[i]=i;  
        y[i]=5.0*i-1.0;  
    }  
  
    // Invoke serial SAXPY kernel  
    saxpyOpenACC(n, a, x, y);  
  
    free(x); free(y);  
    return 0;  
}
```

Example SAXPY – CUDA

```
__global__ void saxpy_parallel(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 main(int argc, char* argv[]) {
    int n = 10240; float a = 2.0f;
    float* h_x,*h_y; // Pointer to CPU memory
    h_x = (float*) malloc(n* sizeof(float));
    h_y = (float*) malloc(n* sizeof(float));
    // Initialize h_x, h_y
    for(int i=0; i<n; ++i){
        h_x[i]=i;
        h_y[i]=5.0*i-1.0;
    }
}
```

float
cudaM
cudaM

**1. Allocate data on GPU +
transfer data to CPU**

memory

```
cudaMemcpy(d_x, h_x, n * sizeof(float),
cudaMemcpyHostToDevice);
cudaMemcpy(d_y, h_y, n * sizeof(float),
cudaMemcpyHostToDevice);
```

```
// Invoke parallel SAXPY kernel
dim3 threadsPerBlock(128);
dim3 blocksPerGrid(n / threadsPerBlock.x);
saxpy_parallel<<<blocksPerGrid,
threadsPerBlock>>>(n, 2.0, d_x, d_y);
```

2. Launch kernel

```
cudaFree(d_x); cudaFree(d_y);
free(h_x); free(h_y);
return 0;
}
```

**3. Transfer data to CPU +
free data on GPU**

- **Nowadays: low-level GPU APIs (like CUDA, OpenCL) often used**
 - Unproductive development process
 - **Directive-based programming model delegates responsibility for low-level GPU programming tasks to compiler**
 - Data movement
 - Kernel execution
 - “Awareness” of particular GPU type
 - ...
- **OpenACC**
- Directive-based model to offload compute-intensive loops to attached accelerator

■ Open industry standard

→ Portability

■ Introduced by CAPS, Cray, NVIDIA, PGI (Nov. 2011)

■ Support

→ C, C++ and Fortran

→ NVIDIA GPUs, AMD GPUs & Intel MIC (now/near future)

■ Timeline

→ Nov'11: Specification 1.0

→ Q1/Q2'12: Cray, PGI & CAPS compiler understands parts of OpenACC API

→ Nov'12: Proposed additions for OpenACC 2.0

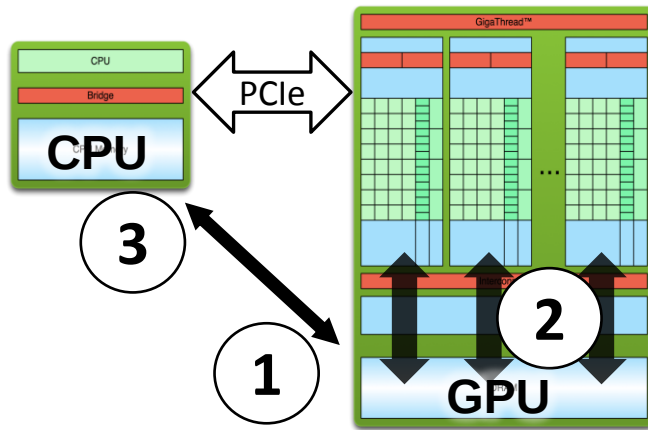
More supporters, e.g. TUD, RogueWave

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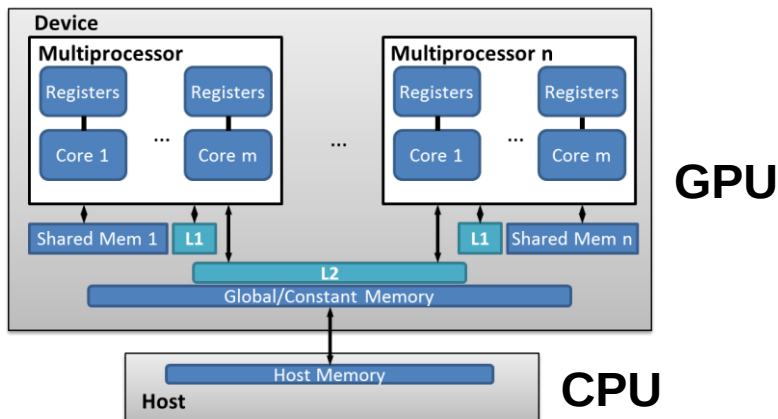
Execution & Memory Model (Recap)

■ Host-directed execution model



- Many tasks can be done by compiler/ runtime
- User-directed programming

■ Separate host and device memories



Directives

■ Syntax

C

```
#pragma acc directive-name [clauses]
```

Fortran

```
!$acc directive-name [clauses]
```

■ Iterative development process

➔ Compiler feedback helpful

- ➔ Whether an accelerator kernel could be generated
- ➔ Which loop schedule is used
- ➔ Where/which data is copied

```
pgcc -acc -ta=nvidia,cc30,5.0 -Minfo=accel saxpy.c
```

- **pgcc** C PGI compiler (**pgf90** for Fortran)
- **-acc** Tells compiler to recognize OpenACC directives
- **-ta=nvidia** Specifies the target architecture → here: NVIDIA GPUs
- **cc30** Optional. Specifies target compute capability 3.0
- **5.0** Optional. Uses CUDA Toolkit 5.0 for code generation
- **-Minfo=accel** Optional. Compiler feedback for accelerator code

We focus on PGI's OpenACC compiler here. For other compiler, compilation and feedback will look differently.

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Offload Regions (in examples) serial (host)

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    float *x = (float*) malloc(n * sizeof(float));
    float *y = (float*) malloc(n * sizeof(float));
    // Initialize x, y

    // Run SAXPY TWICE

    for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i){
        y[i] = a*x[i] + y[i];
    }

    for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i){
        y[i] = b*x[i] + y[i];
    }

    free(x); free(y); return 0;
}
```

Offload Regions (in examples)

acc kernels

```
int main(int argc, const char* argv[]) {  
    int n = 10240; float a = 2.0f; float b = 3.0f;  
    float *x = (float*) malloc(n * sizeof(float));  
    float *y = (float*) malloc(n * sizeof(float));  
    // Initialize x, y  
  
    // Run SAXPY TWICE
```

```
#pragma acc kernels
```

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

Kernel 1

```
    for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i){  
        y[i] = b*x[i] + y[i];  
    }
```

Kernel 2

```
}  
  
    free(x); free(y); return 0;  
}
```

main:

PGI Compiler Feedback

```
29, Generating copyin(x[:10240])  
    Generating copy(y[:10240])  
    Generating compute capability 2.0  
    binary  
31, Loop is parallelizable  
    Accelerator kernel generated  
31, #pragma acc loop gang, vector(32)  
37, Loop is parallelizable  
    Accelerator kernel generated  
37, #pragma acc loop gang, vector(32)
```

Offload Regions (in examples)

acc parallel, acc loop, data clauses

```
int main(int argc, const char* argv[]) {
    int n = 10240; float a = 2.0f; float b = 3.0f;
    float *x = (float*) malloc(n * sizeof(float));
    float *y = (float*) malloc(n * sizeof(float));
    // Initialize x, y

    // Run SAXPY TWICE

#pragma acc parallel copy(y[0:n]) copyin(x[0:n])
#pragma acc loop
    for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i){
        y[i] = a*x[i] + y[i];
    }

#pragma acc parallel copy(y[0:n]) copyin(x[0:n])
#pragma acc loop
    for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i){
        y[i] = b*x[i] + y[i];
    }

    free(x); free(y); return 0;
}
```

Directives: Offload regions

■ Offload region

→ Region maps to a CUDA kernel function

C/C++

```
#pragma acc parallel [clauses]
```

Fortran

```
!$acc parallel [clauses]
```

```
!$acc end parallel
```

C/C++

```
#pragma acc kernels [clauses]
```

Fortran

```
!$acc kernels [clauses]
```

```
!$acc end kernels
```

grey = background information

- User responsible for finding parallelism (loops)
- **acc loop** needed for work-sharing
- No automatic sync between several loops

- Compiler responsible for finding parallelism (loops)
- **acc loop** directive only for tuning needed
- Automatic sync between loops within kernels region

Directives: Offload regions

■ Clauses for compute constructs (`parallel`, `kernels`)

	C/C++, Fortran
→ If <i>condition</i> true, acc version is executed.....	<code>if(condition)</code>
→ Executes async, see Tuning slides.....	<code>async [(int-expr)]</code>
→ Define number of parallel gangs _(parallel only)	<code>num_gangs(int-expr)</code>
→ Define number of workers within gang _(parallel only)	<code>num_workers(int-expr)</code>
→ Define length for vector operations _(parallel only)	<code>vector_length(int-expr)</code>
→ Reduction with <i>op</i> at end of region _(parallel only)	<code>reduction(op:list)</code>
→ H2D-copy at region start + D2H at region end	<code>copy(list)</code>
→ Only H2D-copy at region start	<code>copyin(list)</code>
→ Only D2H-copy at region end	<code>copyout(list)</code>
→ Allocates data on device, no copy to/from host	<code>create(list)</code>
→ Data is already on device	<code>present(list)</code>
→ Test whether data on device. If not, transfer.....	<code>present_or_*(list)</code>
→ See Tuning slides.....	<code>deviceptr(list)</code>
→ Copy of each <i>list</i> -item for each parallel gang _(parallel only)	<code>private(list)</code>
→ As <code>private</code> + copy initialization from host _(parallel only) .	<code>firstprivate(list)</code>

Directives: Loops

■ Share work of loops

- Loop work gets distributed among threads on GPU (in certain schedule)

C/C++

```
#pragma acc loop [clauses]
```

Fortran

```
!$acc loop [clauses]
```

kernels loop defines loop schedule by int-expr in gang, worker or vector (instead of num_gangs etc with parallel)

■ Loop clauses

- Distributes work into thread blocks
- Distributes work into warps
- Distributes work into threads within warp/ thread block
- Executes loop sequentially on the device.....
- Collapse n tightly nested loops.....
- Says independent loop iterations_(kernels loop only)....
- Reduction with *op*.....
- Private copy for each loop iteration.....

C/C++, Fortran

gang

worker

vector

seq

collapse(n)

independent

reduction(*op*:*list*)

private(*list*)

Loop
schedule

Misc on Loops

■ Combined directives

```
#pragma acc kernels loop
for (int i=0; i<n; ++i) { /*...*/}

#pragma acc parallel loop
for (int i=0; i<n; ++i) { /*...*/}
```

■ Reductions

```
#pragma acc parallel
#pragma acc loop reduction (+:sum)
for (int i=0; i<n; ++i) {
    sum += i;
}
```

PGI compiler can often recognize reductions on its own. See compiler feedback, e.g.:
Sum reduction generated for var

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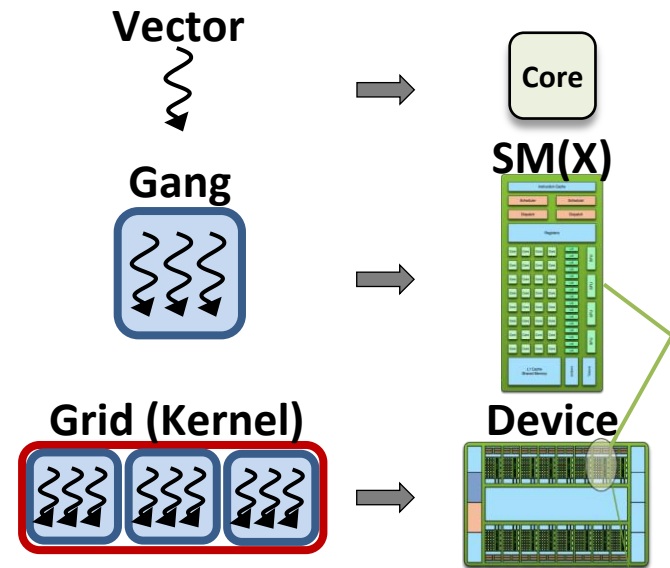
Mapping OpenACC on CUDA model

■ Possible mapping to CUDA

terminology (GPUs) *compiler dependent*

- gang = block
- worker = warp
- vector = threads
 - Within block (if omitting worker)
 - Within warp (if specifying worker)

■ Execution Model



Loop schedule (in examples)

```
int main(int argc, const char* argv[]) {
    int n = 10240; float a = 2.0f; float b = 3.0f;
    float *x = (float*) malloc(n * sizeof(float));
    float *y = (float*) malloc(n * sizeof(float));
    // Initialize x, y

    // Run SAXPY TWICE

#pragma acc kernels
{
    for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i){
        y[i] = a*x[i] + y[i];
    }
    } Kernel 1

    for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i){
        y[i] = b*x[i] + y[i];
    }
    } Kernel 2
}
free(x); free(y); return 0;
}
```

Loop schedule (in examples)

```
int main(int argc, const char* argv[]) {
    int n = 10240; float a = 2.0f; float b = 3.0f;
    float *x = (float*) malloc(n * sizeof(float));
    float *y = (float*) malloc(n * sizeof(float));
    // Initialize x, y
    // Run SAXPY TWICE

    #pragma acc kernels copy(y[0:n]) copyin(x[0:n])
    #pragma acc loop gang vector(256)
        for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i){
            y[i] = a*x[i] + y[i];
        }

    #pragma acc kernels copy(y[0:n]) copyin(x[0:n])
    #pragma acc loop gang(64) vector(128)
        for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i){
            y[i] = b*x[i] + y[i];
        }

    free(x); free(y); return 0;
}
```

Without loop schedule

33, Loop is parallelizable
Accelerator kernel generated
33, #pragma acc loop gang,
vector(128)
39, Loop is parallelizable
Accelerator kernel generated
39, #pragma acc loop gang,
vector(128)

With loop schedule

33, Loop is parallelizable
Accelerator kernel generated
33, #pragma acc loop gang,
vector(256)
39, Loop is parallelizable
Accelerator kernel generated
39, #pragma acc loop
gang(64), vector(128)

Sometimes the compiler
feedback is buggy. Check
once with ACC_NOTIFY.

Loop schedule (in examples)

```
int main(int argc, const char* argv[]) {
    int n = 10240; float a = 2.0f; float b = 3.0f;
    float *x = (float*) malloc(n * sizeof(float));
    float *y = (float*) malloc(n * sizeof(float));
    // Initialize x, y

    // Run SAXPY TWICE

#pragma acc parallel copy(y[0:n]) copyin(x[0:n]) vector_length(256)
#pragma acc loop gang vector
    for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i){
        y[i] = a*x[i] + y[i];
    }

#pragma acc parallel copy(y[0:n]) copyin(x[0:n]) num_gangs(64)
#pragma acc loop gang vector
    for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i){
        y[i] = b*x[i] + y[i];
    }

    free(x); free(y); return 0;
}
```

vector_length: Optional:
Specifies number of threads in
thread block.

num_gangs: Optional. Specifies
number of thread blocks in grid.

Loop schedule (in examples)

```
#pragma acc parallel vector_length(256)
```

```
#pragma acc loop gang vector
```

```
    for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i){
        // do something
    }
```

Distributes loop to **n** threads on GPU.
 → 256 threads per thread block
 → usually `ceil(n/256)` blocks in grid

```
#pragma acc parallel vector_length(256)
```

```
#pragma acc loop gang vector
```

```
    for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i){
        for (int j = 0; j < m; ++j){
            // do something
        }
    }
```

Distributes outer loop to **n** threads on GPU.
 Each thread executes inner loop sequentially.
 → 256 threads per thread block
 → usually `ceil(n/256)` blocks in grid

```
#pragma acc parallel vector_length(256) num_gangs(16)
```

```
#pragma acc loop gang vector
```

```
    for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i){
        // do something
    }
```

Distributes loop to threads on GPU (see above). If $16 \cdot 256 < n$, each thread gets multiple elements.
 → 256 threads per thread block
 → 16 blocks in grid

Loop schedule (in examples)

```
#pragma acc parallel vector_length(256)
```

```
#pragma acc loop gang
```

```
    for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i){
```

```
#pragma acc loop vector
```

```
        for (int j = 0; j < m; ++j){
```

```
            // do something
```

```
        }    }
```

Distributes outer loop to GPU multiprocessors (block-wise). Distributes inner loop to threads within thread blocks.

→ 256 threads per thread block

→ usually n blocks in grid

```
#pragma acc kernels
```

```
#pragma acc loop gang(100) vector(8)
```

```
    for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i){
```

```
#pragma acc loop gang(200) vector(32)
```

```
        for (int j = 0; j < m; ++j){
```

```
            // do something
```

```
        }    }
```

With nested loops, specification of multidimensional blocks and grids possible: use same resource for outer and inner loop.

→ 100 blocks in Y-direction (rows);

200 blocks in X-direction (columns)

→ 8 threads in Y-dimension of one block;

21 threads in X-dimension of one block

→ Total: $8 \cdot 32 = 256$ threads per thread

block; $100 \cdot 200 = 20,000$ blocks in grid

Multidimensional portioning not yet possible with **parallel** construct.
→ See proposed **tile** clause in v2.0

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Data Movement (in examples)

```
int main(int argc, const char* argv[]) {
    int n = 10240; float a = 2.0f; float b = 3.0f;
    float *x = (float*) malloc(n * sizeof(float));
    float *y = (float*) malloc(n * sizeof(float));
    // Initialize x, y

    // Run SAXPY TWICE

#pragma acc parallel copy(y[0:n]) copyin(x[0:n])
#pragma acc loop
    for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i){
        y[i] = a*x[i] + y[i];
    }

#pragma acc parallel copy(y[0:n]) copyin(x[0:n])
#pragma acc loop
    for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i){
        y[i] = b*x[i] + y[i];
    }

    free(x); free(y); return 0;
}
```

Data Movement (in examples)

acc data

```
int main(int argc, const char* argv[]) {
    int n = 10240; float a = 2.0f; float b = 3.0f;
    float *x = (float*) malloc(n * sizeof(float));
    float *y = (float*) malloc(n * sizeof(float));
    // Initialize x, y

    // Run SAXPY TWICE
#pragma acc data copyin(x[0:n])
{
    #pragma acc parallel copy(y[0:n]) present(x[0:n])
    #pragma acc loop
        for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i){
            y[i] = a*x[i] + y[i];
        }

    #pragma acc parallel copy(y[0:n]) present(x[0:n])
    #pragma acc loop
        for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i){
            y[i] = b*x[i] + y[i];
        }
}
    free(x); free(y); return 0;
}
```

Directives: Data regions & clauses

■ Data region

→ Decouples data movement from offload regions

C/C++

```
#pragma acc data [clauses]
```

Fortran

```
!$acc data [clauses]
```

```
!$acc end data
```

■ Data clauses

→ Triggers data movement of denoted arrays

→ If *cond* true, move data to accelerator.....

→ H2D-copy at region start + D2H at region end

→ Only H2D-copy at region start

→ Only D2H-copy at region end

→ Allocates data on device, no copy to/from host

→ Data is already on device

→ Test whether data on device. If not, transfer.....

→ See Tuning slides.....

C/C++, Fortran

```
if (cond)
```

```
copy(list)
```

```
copyin(list)
```

```
copyout(list)
```

```
create(list)
```

```
present(list)
```

```
present_or_*(list)
```

```
deviceptr(list)
```

■ Data clauses can be used on data, kernels or parallel

→ `copy`, `copyin`, `copyout`, `present`, `present_or_copy`,
`create`, `deviceptr`

■ Array shaping

→ Compiler sometimes cannot determine size of arrays

→ Specify explicitly using data clauses and array “shape”

C/C++

```
#pragma acc data copyin(a[0:length]) copyout(b[s/2:s/2])
```

Fortran

```
!$acc data copyin(a(1:length)) copyout(b(s/2+1:s))
```

[lower bound: size]

[lower bound: upper bound]

Data Movement (in examples)

acc update

Rank 0

```
for (t=0; t<T; t++){  
    // Compute x  
  
    MPI_SENDRECV(x, ...)  
  
    // Adjust x  
}
```

Rank 1

```
#pragma acc data copy(x[0:n])  
{  
    for (t=0; t<T; t++){  
        // Compute x on device  
        #pragma acc update host(x[0:n])  
        MPI_SENDRECV(x, ...)  
        #pragma acc update device(x[0:n])  
        // Adjust x on device  
    }  
}
```

Directives: Update

■ Update executable directive

- Move data from GPU to host, or host to GPU
- Used to update existing data after it has changed in its corresponding copy

C/C++

```
#pragma acc update host|device [clauses]
```

Fortran

```
!$acc update host|device [clauses]
```

- Data movement can be conditional or asynchronous

■ Update clauses

- *list* variables are copied from acc to host.....
- *list* variables are copied from host to acc.....
- If *cond* true, move data to accelerator.....
- Executes async, see Tuning slides.....

C/C++, Fortran

```
host(list)  
device(list)  
if(cond)  
async[(int-expr)]
```

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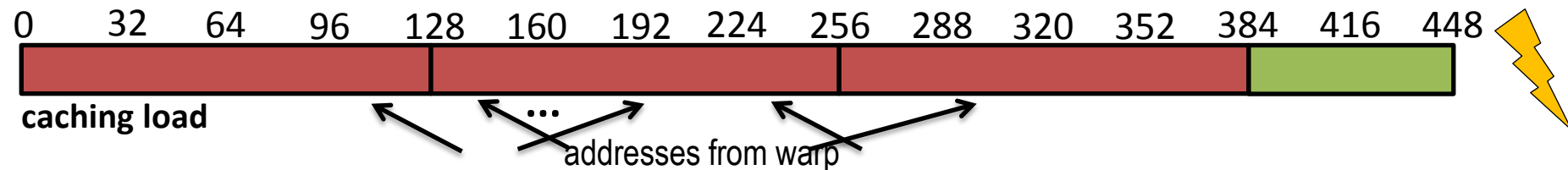
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Global Memory Throughput (Recap)

■ Strive for perfect coalescing

- Warp should access within contiguous region
- Align starting address (may require padding)

→ Data layout matters (e.g. SoA over AoS)



■ Have enough concurrent accesses to saturate the bus

- Process several elements per thread
- Launch enough threads to cover access latency

■ Try caching or non-caching memory loads

- PGI: caching is default;

non-caching with experimental compiler option: `-Mx,180,8`

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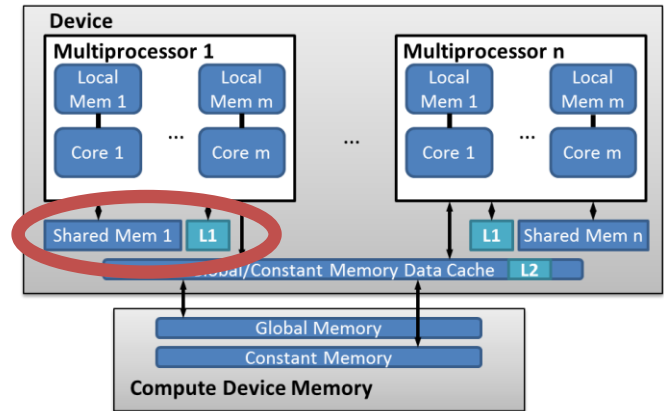
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■ Smem per SM(X) (10s of KB)

- Inter-thread communication within a block
- Need synchronization to avoid RAW / WAR / WAW hazards

■ Low-latency, high-throughput memory

- Cache data in smem to reduce gmem accesses



```
#pragma acc kernels copyout(b[0:N][0:N]) copyin(a[0:N][0:N])
```

```
#pragma acc loop gang vector
```

```
    for (int i = 1; i < N-1; ++i){
```

```
#pragma acc loop gang vector
```

```
    for (int j = 1; j < N-1; ++j){
```

```
#pragma acc cache(a[i-1:i+1][j-1:j+1])
```

```
        b[i][j] = (a[i][j-1] + a[i][j+1] +  
                  a[i-1][j] + a[i+1][j]) / 4;
```

```
    }  
}
```

Accelerator kernel generated

```
65, #pragma acc loop gang, vector(2)
```

**Cached references to size
[(y+2)x(x+2)] block of 'a'**

```
67, #pragma acc loop gang, vector(128)
```

Directives: Caching

■ Cache construct

→ Prioritizes data for placement in the highest level of data cache on GPU

C/C++

```
#pragma acc cache (list)
```

Fortran

```
!$acc cache (list)
```

Sometimes the PGI compiler ignores the `cache` construct.

→ See compiler feedback

→ Use at the beginning of the loop or in front of the loop

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Asynchronous Operations

■ Definition

- Synchronous: Control does not return until accelerator action is complete
- Asynchronous: Control returns immediately
 - Allows heterogeneous computing (CPU + GPU)

■ Asynchronous operations with **async** clause

- Kernel execution: `kernels, parallel`
- Data movement: `update`, PGI only: `data construct`

```
#pragma acc kernels async
for (int i=0; i<n; i++) {...}

// do work on host
```

Directives: async clause

■ Async clause

- Executes **parallel** | **kernels** | **update** operation asynchronously while host process continues with code

C/C++

```
#pragma acc parallel|kernels|update async[(scalar-int-expr)]
```

Fortran

```
!$acc parallel|kernels|update async[(scalar-int-expr)]
```

- Integer argument (optional) can be seen as CUDA stream number
- Integer argument can be used in a wait directive
- Async activities with same argument: executed in order
- Async activities with diff. argument: executed in any order relative to each other

- **Streams = CUDA concept**
- **Stream = sequence of operations that execute in issue-order on GPU**
 - Same int-expr in async clause: one stream
 - Different streams/ int-expr: any order relative to each other
- **Tips for debugging - disable async (PGI only)**
 - Use int-expr “-1” in async clause (PGI 13.x)
 - Set ACC_SYNCHRONOUS=1

Wait on Asynchronous Operations

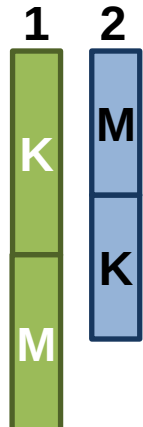
■ Synchronize async operations → wait directive

→ Wait for completion of an asynchronous activity (all or certain stream)

```
#pragma acc kernels loop async
for(int i=0; i<N/2; i++) { /* do work on device: x[0:N/2] */
// do work on host: x[N/2:N]
#pragma acc update host(x[0:N/2]) async
#pragma acc wait
```

```
#pragma acc kernels loop async(1)
for(int i=0; i<N; i++) { /* do work on device: x[0:N] */
#pragma acc update device(y[0:M]) async(2)
#pragma acc kernels loop async(2)
for(int i=0; i<M; i++) { /* do work on device: y[0:M] */
#pragma acc update host(x[0:N]) async(1)
// do work on host: z[0:L]
#pragma acc wait(1)
// do work on host: x[0:N]
#pragma acc wait(2)
```

Streams



Directives: wait

■ Wait directive

- Host thread waits for completion of an asynchronous activity
- If integer expression specified, waits for all async activities with the same value
- Otherwise, host waits until all async activities have completed

C/C++

```
#pragma acc wait [ (scalar-int-expr) ]
```

Fortran

```
!$acc wait [ (scalar-int-expr) ]
```

■ Runtime routines

- `int acc_async_test(int)`: tests for completion of all associated async activities; returns nonzero value/.true. if all have completed
- `int acc_async_test_all()`: tests for completion of all async activities
- `int acc_async_wait(int)`: waits for completion of all associated async activities; routine will not return until the latest async activity has completed
- `int acc_async_wait_all()`: waits for completion of all async activities

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■ Several GPUs within one compute node

- Can use within one program (or use MPI)
- E.g. assign one device to each CPU thread/ process

```
#include <openacc.h>

acc_set_device_num(0, acc_device_nvidia);
#pragma acc kernels async

acc_set_device_num(1, acc_device_nvidia);
#pragma acc kernels async
```

OpenMP

```
#include <openacc.h>
#include <omp.h>

#pragma omp parallel num_threads(12)
{
    int numdev = acc_get_num_devices(acc_device_nvidia);
    int devID = omp_get_thread_num() % numdev;
    acc_set_device_num(devID, acc_device_nvidia);
}
```

MPI

```
#include <openacc.h>
#include <mpi.h>

int myrank;
MPI_Comm_rank(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &myrank);
int numdev = acc_get_num_devices(acc_device_nvidia);
int devID = myrank % numdev;
acc_set_device_num(devID, acc_device_nvidia);
```

Runtime Library Routines

■ Interface to runtime routines & data types

C/C++

```
#include "openacc.h"
```

Fortran

```
use openacc
```

■ Initialization of device

→ E.g. to exclude initialization time from computation time

C/C++, Fortran

```
acc_init(devicetype)
```

■ ...

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Development Tips

■ Favorable for parallelization: (nested) loops

- Large loop counts to compensate (at least) data movement overhead
- Independent loop iterations

■ Think about data availability on host/ GPU

- Use data regions to avoid unnecessary data transfers
- Specify data array shaping (may adjust for alignment)

■ Inline function calls in directives regions

- PGI compiler flag: `-Minline` or `-Minline=levels:<N>`
- Call support for OpenACC 2.0 intended

■ Conditional compilation for OpenACC

- Macro `_OPENACC`



■ Using pointers (C/C++)

- Problem: compiler can not determine whether loop iterations that access pointers are independent → no parallelization possible
- Solution (if independence is actually there)
 - Use restrict keyword: `float *restrict ptr;`
 - Use compiler flag: `-alias=ansi`
 - Use OpenACC loop clause: `independent`

■ Verifying execution on GPU

- See PGI compiler feedback. Term “Accelerator kernel generated” needed.
- See information on runtime (more details in Tools slides):

```
export ACC_NOTIFY=1
```

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■ Constructs for basic parallelization on GPU

→ `kernels, parallel, loop, data`

■ Optimization possible

→ Loop Schedules (`gang, worker, vector`)

→ Software caching (`cache`)

→ Asynchronous Operations (`async, wait`)

→ Interoperability with low-level kernels & libraries (not done here)

■ Proposal on OpenACC 2.0: new features

➔ Often productive development process, but knowledge about GPU programming concepts and hardware still needed

■ Productivity may come at the cost of performance

■ Important step towards (OpenMP-) standardization

→ *OpenMP 4.0 Release Candidate includes accelerator directives*

- Usergroup Meeting 23.5.-24.5.2013 (2 half days)
- Workshop on programming accelerators 22.5.-23.5.2013 (2 half days)

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2. Nutzergruppen-Treffen in Aachen (22.-24. Mai 2013)

Veranstaltungsort und -zeit

Veranstaltungsort ist die RWTH Aachen (siehe unten). Das eigentliche Usertreffen beginnt am 23. Mai gegen 13:00 und endet am 24. Mai gegen 13:00. Dem Treffen ist ein eintägiger Workshop vom 22. Mai 13:00 bis 23. Mai 12:00 vorgeschaltet, zu dem wir einen Kurs für das Programmieren auf GPUs und dem Intel MIC anbieten. Für Themenvorschläge und Beiträge für das Usertreffen sind wir dankbar.

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