

INTRODUCTION TO COMPILER DIRECTIVES WITH OPENACC

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AGENDA

- Fundamentals of Heterogeneous & GPU Computing
- What are Compiler Directives?
- Accelerating Applications with OpenACC
 - Identifying Available Parallelism
 - Exposing Parallelism
 - Optimizing Data Locality
- Misc. Tips
- Next Steps



HETEROGENEOUS COMPUTING BASICS



WHAT IS HETEROGENEOUS COMPUTING?

Application Execution





LOW LATENCY OR HIGH THROUGHPUT?





LATENCY VS. THROUGHPUT

F-22 Raptor

- 1500 mph
- Knoxville to San Jose in 1:25
- Seats 1

Boeing 737

- 485 mph
- Knoxville to San Jose in 4:20
- Seats 200









LATENCY VS. THROUGHPUT

F-22 Raptor

- Latency 1:25
- Throughput 1 / 1.42 hours = 0.7 people/hr.



Boeing 737

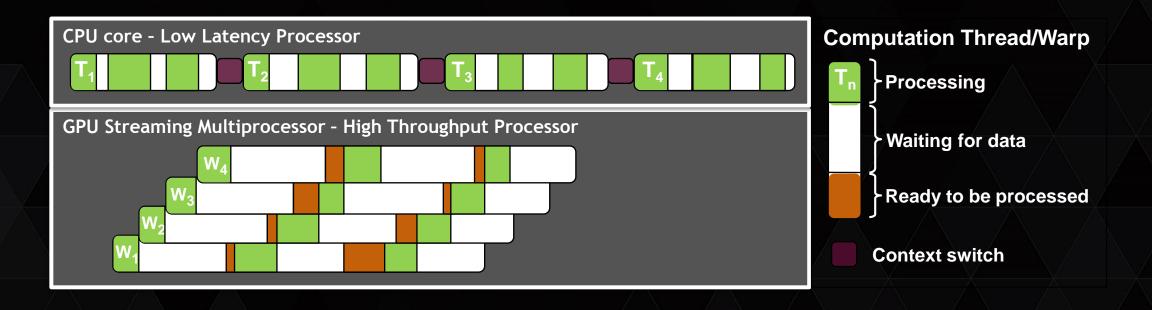
- Latency 4:20
- Throughput 200 / 4.33 hours = 46.2 people/hr.





LOW LATENCY OR HIGH THROUGHPUT?

- CPU architecture must minimize latency within each thread
- GPU architecture hides latency with computation from other threads





ACCELERATOR FUNDAMENTALS

- We must expose enough parallelism to fill the device
 - Accelerator threads are slower than CPU threads
 - Accelerators have orders of magnitude more threads
 - Accelerators tolerate resource latencies by cheaply context switching threads
- Fine-grained parallelism is good
 - Generates a significant amount of parallelism to fill hardware resources
- Coarse-grained parallelism is bad
 - Lots of legacy apps have only exposed coarse grain parallelism



3 APPROACHES TO HETEROGENEOUS PROGRAMMING

Applications

Libraries

Compiler Directives

Programming Languages

Easy to use
Most Performance

Easy to use Portable code

Most Performance Most Flexibility



SIMPLICITY & PERFORMANCE

Simplicity



Performance

- Accelerated Libraries
 - Little or no code change for standard libraries, high performance.
 - Limited by what libraries are available
- **Compiler Directives**
 - Based on existing programming languages, so they are simple and familiar.
 - Performance may not be optimal because directives often do not expose low level architectural details
- Parallel Programming languages
 - Expose low-level details for maximum performance
 - Often more difficult to learn and more time consuming to implement.



WHAT ARE COMPILER DIRECTIVES?



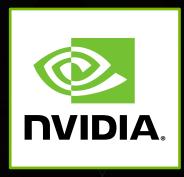
WHAT ARE COMPILER DIRECTIVES?

```
int main() {
  do serial stuff()
  for (int i=0; i < BIGN; i++)
    ...compute intensive work
  do more serial stuff();
```

Programmer inserts compiler hints.

Execution Begins on the CPU.

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Data and Execution returns to the CPU.



OPENACC: THE STANDARD FOR GPU DIRECTIVES

- Simple: Directives are the easy path to accelerate compute intensive applications
- Open: OpenACC is an open GPU directives standard, making GPU programming straightforward and portable across parallel and multi-core processors
- Portable: GPU Directives represent parallelism at a high level, allowing portability to a wide range of architectures with the same code.





OPENACC MEMBERS AND PARTNERS











































ACCELERATING APPLICATIONS WITH OPENACC



Identify Available Parallelism

Optimize Loop Performance Parallelize Loops with OpenACC

Optimize
Data Locality



EXAMPLE: JACOBI ITERATION

- Iteratively converges to correct value (e.g. Temperature), by computing new values at each point from the average of neighboring points.
 - Common, useful algorithm
 - Example: Solve Laplace equation in 2D: $\nabla^2 f(x, y) = 0$

A(i,j+1)
$$A(i-1,j)$$

$$A(i,j-1)$$

$$A(i+1,j)$$

$$A(i,j-1)$$

$$A(i,j-1)$$

$$A(i,j-1)$$

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$$A(i,j-1)$$

$$A(i,j-1)$$



JACOBI ITERATION: C CODE

```
while ( err > tol && iter < iter max ) {</pre>
                                                                      Iterate until converged
  err=0.0;
                                                                        Iterate across matrix
  for( int j = 1; j < n-1; j++) {
                                                                             elements
    for (int i = 1; i < m-1; i++) {
                                                                     Calculate new value from
      Anew[j][i] = 0.25 * (A[j][i+1] + A[j][i-1] +
                            A[j-1][i] + A[j+1][i]);
                                                                            neighbors
      err = max(err, abs(Anew[j][i] - A[j][i]));
                                                                      Compute max error for
                                                                           convergence
  for( int j = 1; j < n-1; j++) {
    for( int i = 1; i < m-1; i++ ) {
                                                                     Swap input/output arrays
      A[j][i] = Anew[j][i];
  iter++;
```



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IDENTIFY AVAILABLE PARALLELISM

- A variety of profiling tools are available:
 - gprof, pgprof, Vampir, Score-p, HPCToolkit, CrayPAT, ...
- Using the tool of your choice, obtain an application profile to identify hotspots
- Since we're using PGI, I'll use pgprof

```
$ pgcc -fast -Minfo=all -Mprof=ccff laplace2d.c
main:
```

- 40, Loop not fused: function call before adjacent loop Generated vector sse code for the loop
- 57, Generated an alternate version of the loop

 Generated vector sse code for the loop

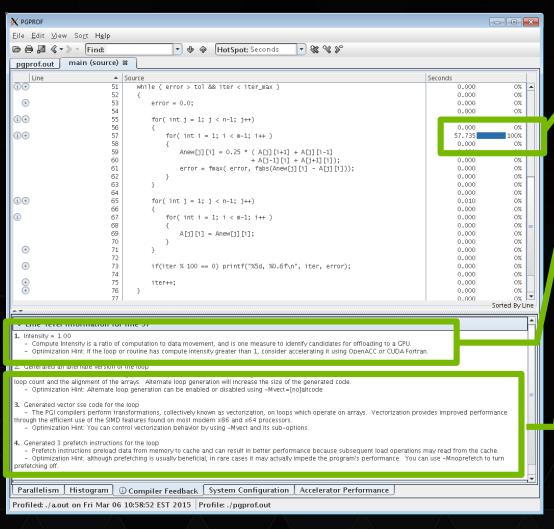
 Generated 3 prefetch instructions for the loop
- 67, Memory copy idiom, loop replaced by call to __c_mcopy8

```
$ pgcollect ./a.out
```

```
$ pgprof -exe ./a.out
```



IDENTIFY PARALLELISM WITH PGPROF



PGPROF informs us:

- 1. A significant amount of time is spent in the loops at line 56/57.
- 2. The computational intensity (Calculations/Loads&Stores) is high enough to warrant OpenACC or CUDA.
- 3. How the code is currently optimized.

NOTE: the compiler recognized the swapping loop as data movement and replaced it with a memcpy, but we know it's expensive too.



IDENTIFY PARALLELISM

```
while ( err > tol && iter < iter max ) {</pre>
  err=0.0;
  for ( int j = 1; j < n-1; j++) {
    for (int i = 1; i < m-1; i++) {
      Anew[j][i] = 0.25 * (A[j][i+1] + A[j][i-1] +
                            A[j-1][i] + A[j+1][i]);
      err = max(err, abs(Anew[j][i] - A[j][i]));
  for ( int j = 1; j < n-1; j++) {
    for( int i = 1; i < m-1; i++ ) {
      A[j][i] = Anew[j][i];
  iter++;
```

Data dependency between iterations.

Independent loop iterations

Independent loop iterations

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Identify Available Parallelism

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OPENACC DIRECTIVE SYNTAX

```
#pragma acc directive [clause [,] clause] ...]
...often followed by a structured code block
```

▶ Fortran

```
!$acc directive [clause [,] clause] ...]
...often paired with a matching end directive surrounding a structured code block:
!$acc end directive
```





OPENACC PARALLEL LOOP DIRECTIVE

parallel - Programmer identifies a block of code containing parallelism. Compiler generates a *kernel*.

100p - Programmer identifies a loop that can be parallelized within the kernel.

NOTE: parallel & loop are often placed together

```
#pragma acc parallel loop
for(int i=0; i<N; i++)
{
    y[i] = a*x[i]+y[i];
}</pre>
```

Parallel kernel Kernel:
A function that runs
in parallel on the
GPU



PARALLELIZE WITH OPENACC

```
while ( err > tol && iter < iter max ) {</pre>
  err=0.0;
#pragma acc parallel loop reduction(max:err)
  for ( int j = 1; j < n-1; j++) {
    for (int i = 1; i < m-1; i++) {
      Anew[j][i] = 0.25 * (A[j][i+1] + A[j][i-1] +
                            A[j-1][i] + A[j+1][i]);
      err = max(err, abs(Anew[j][i] - A[j][i]));
#pragma acc parallel loop
  for ( int j = 1; j < n-1; j++) {
    for( int i = 1; i < m-1; i++ ) {
      A[j][i] = Anew[j][i];
  iter++;
```



Parallelize loop on accelerator

Parallelize loop on accelerator

* A reduction means that all of the N*M values for err will be reduced to just one, the max.



OPENACC LOOP DIRECTIVE: PRIVATE & REDUCTION

- ► The **private** and **reduction** clauses are not optimization clauses, they may be required for correctness.
- private A copy of the variable is made for each loop iteration
- reduction A reduction is performed on the listed variables.
 - Supports +, *, max, min, and various logical operations

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BUILDING THE CODE

```
$ pgcc -fast -acc -ta=tesla -Minfo=all laplace2d.c
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     55, Accelerator kernel generated
         55, Max reduction generated for error
         56, #pragma acc loop gang /* blockIdx.x */
         58, #pragma acc loop vector(256) /* threadIdx.x */
     55, Generating copyout (Anew[1:4094][1:4094])
         Generating copyin(A[:][:])
         Generating Tesla code
     58, Loop is parallelizable
     66, Accelerator kernel generated
         67, #pragma acc loop gang /* blockIdx.x */
         69, #pragma acc loop vector(256) /* threadIdx.x */
     66, Generating copyin (Anew[1:4094][1:4094])
         Generating copyout(A[1:4094][1:4094])
         Generating Tesla code
     69, Loop is parallelizable
```



OPENACC KERNELS DIRECTIVE

The kernels construct expresses that a region may contain parallelism and the compiler determines what can safely be parallelized.

```
#pragma acc kernels
{
for(int i=0; i<N; i++)
{
    x[i] = 1.0;
    y[i] = 2.0;
}

for(int i=0; i<N; i++)
{
    y[i] = a*x[i] + y[i];
}
    kernel 2</pre>
```

The compiler identifies 2 parallel loops and generates 2 kernels.



PARALLELIZE WITH OPENACC KERNELS

```
while ( err > tol && iter < iter max ) {</pre>
  err=0.0;
#pragma acc kernels
  for ( int j = 1; j < n-1; j++) {
    for (int i = 1; i < m-1; i++) {
      Anew[j][i] = 0.25 * (A[j][i+1] + A[j][i-1] +
                            A[j-1][i] + A[j+1][i]);
      err = max(err, abs(Anew[j][i] - A[j][i]));
  for ( int j = 1; j < n-1; j++) {
    for( int i = 1; i < m-1; i++ ) {
      A[j][i] = Anew[j][i];
  iter++;
```



Look for parallelism within this region.



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         Generating copyin(A[:][:])
         Generating copyout(A[1:4094][1:4094])
         Generating Tesla code
     57, Loop is parallelizable
     59, Loop is parallelizable
         Accelerator kernel generated
         57, #pragma acc loop gang /* blockIdx.y */
         59, #pragma acc loop gang, vector(128) /* blockIdx.x threadIdx.x */
         63, Max reduction generated for error
     67, Loop is parallelizable
     69, Loop is parallelizable
         Accelerator kernel generated
         67, #pragma acc loop gang /* blockIdx.y */
         69, #pragma acc loop gang, vector(128) /* blockIdx.x threadIdx.x */
```



OPENACC PARALLEL LOOP VS. KERNELS

PARALLEL LOOP

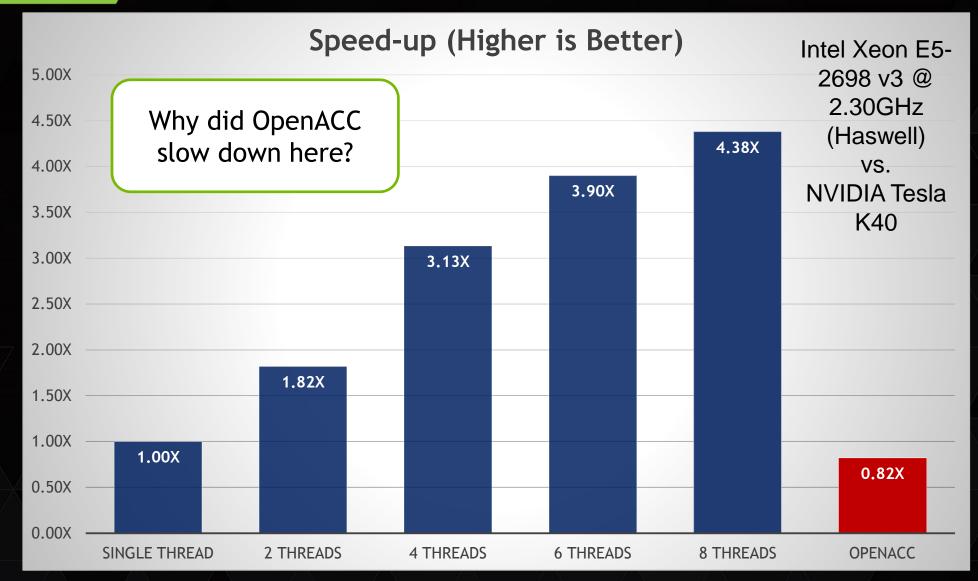
- Requires analysis by programmer to ensure safe parallelism
- Will parallelize what a compiler may miss
- Straightforward path from OpenMP

KERNELS

- Compiler performs parallel analysis and parallelizes what it believes safe
- Can cover larger area of code with single directive
- Gives compiler additional leeway to optimize.

Both approaches are equally valid and can perform equally well.

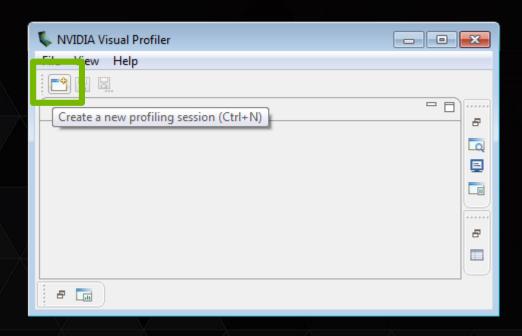


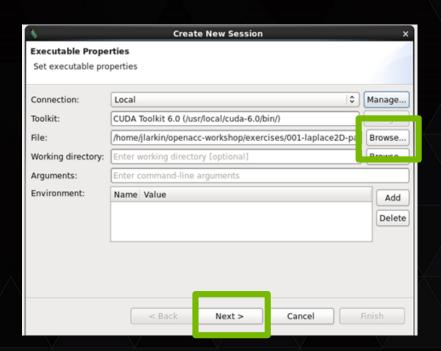




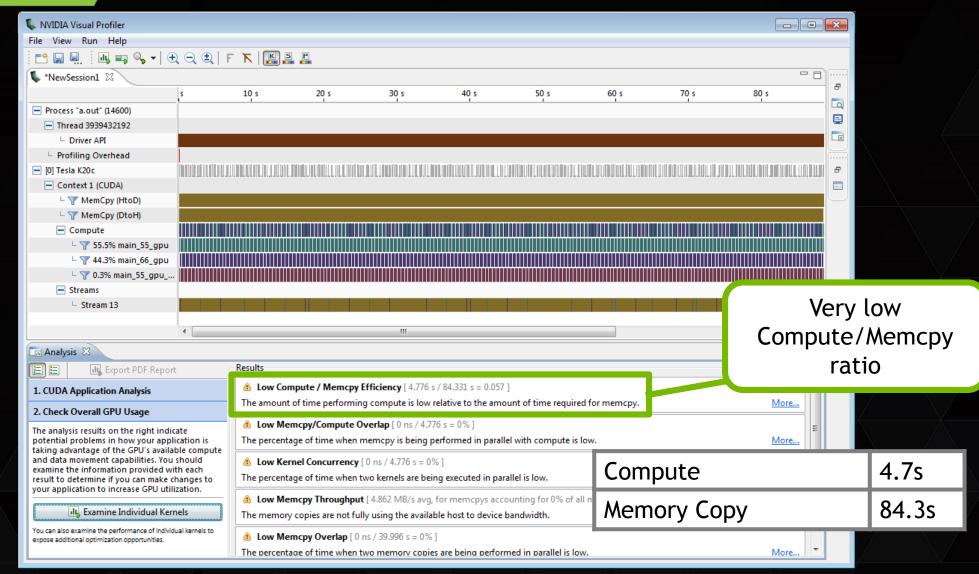
ANALYZING OPENACC PERFORMANCE

- Any tool that supports CUDA can likewise obtain performance information about OpenACC.
- Nvidia Visual Profiler (nvvp) comes with the CUDA Toolkit, so it will be available on any machine with CUDA installed



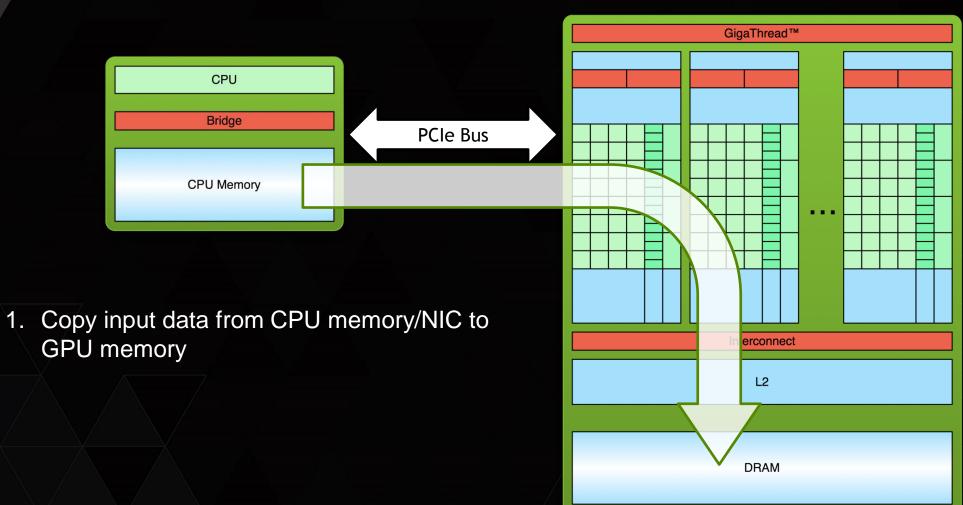


GPU TECHNOLOGY



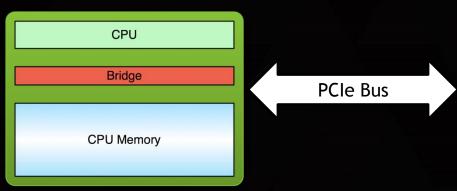


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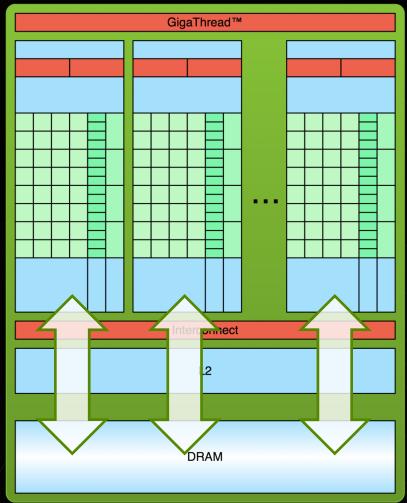




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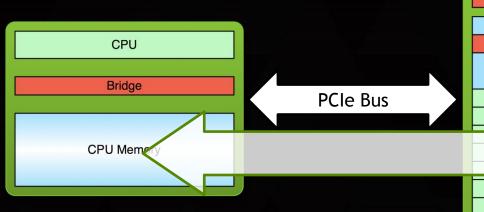


- Copy input data from CPU memory/NIC to GPU memory
- 2. Execute GPU Kernel

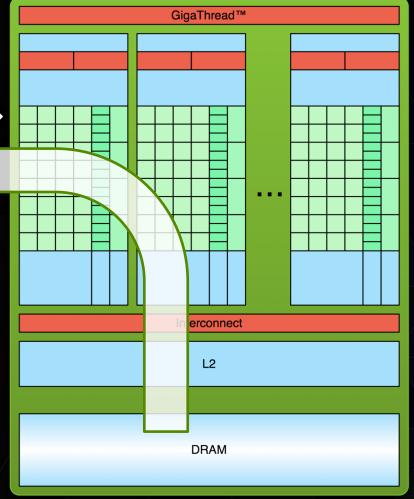




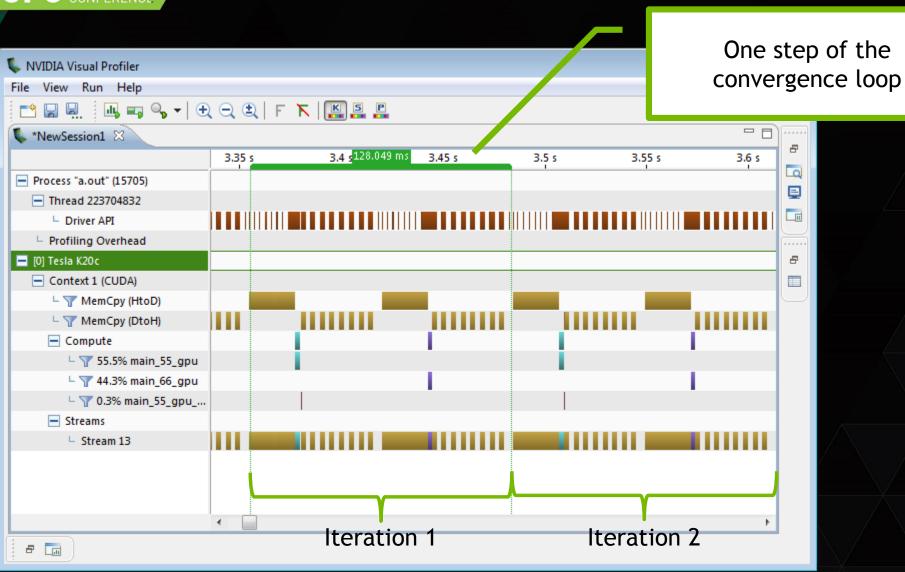
PROCESSING FLOW



- 1. Copy input data from CPU memory/NIC to GPU memory
- 2. Execute GPU Kernel
- 3. Copy results from GPU memory to CPU memory/NIC



GPU TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE





EXCESSIVE DATA TRANSFERS

```
while ( err > tol && iter < iter max )</pre>
  err=0.0;
                                            #pragma acc parallel loop reduction(max:err)
            A, Anew resident
                                              A, Anew resident on
                 on host
                                                  accelerator
                                 \mathsf{C}
                                              for( int j = 1; j < n-1; j++) {
             These copies
                                 0
                                                for (int i = 1; i < m-1; i++) {
             happen every
                                 p
                                                  Anew[j][i] = 0.25 * (A[j][i+1] +
            iteration of the
                                                                A[j][i-1] + A[j-1][i] +
                                                                A[j+1][i]);
              outer while
                                                  err = max(err, abs(Anew[j][i] -
                 loop!*
                                                                      A[j][i]);
            A, Anew resident
                                                    A, Anew resident on
                 on host
                                                        accelerator
```

And note that there are two #pragma acc parallel, so there are 4 copies per while loop iteration!



IDENTIFYING DATA LOCALITY

```
while ( err > tol && iter < iter max ) {</pre>
  err=0.0;
#pragma acc parallel loop reduction(max:err)
  for ( int j = 1; j < n-1; j++) {
    for(int i = 1; i < m-1; i++) {
      Anew[j][i] = 0.25 * (A[j][i+1] + A[j][i-1] +
                            A[j-1][i] + A[j+1][i]);
      err = max(err, abs(Anew[j][i] - A[j][i]));
#pragma acc parallel loop
  for ( int j = 1; j < n-1; j++) {
    for( int i = 1; i < m-1; i++ ) {
      A[j][i] = Anew[j][i];
  iter++;
```

Does the CPU need the data between these loop nests?

Does the CPU need the data between iterations of the convergence loop?



Identify Available Parallelism

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DEFINING DATA REGIONS

▶ The data construct defines a region of code in which GPU arrays remain on the GPU and are shared among all kernels in that region.

```
#pragma acc data
{
#pragma acc parallel loop
...
#pragma acc parallel loop
...
}
```

Data Region

Arrays used within the data region will remain on the GPU until the end of the data region.



DATA CLAUSES

```
Allocates memory on GPU and copies data from host to
copy ( list )
                   GPU when entering region and copies data to the host
                   when exiting region.
                   Allocates memory on GPU and copies data from host to
copyin ( list )
                   GPU when entering region.
                  Allocates memory on GPU and copies data to the host
copyout ( list )
                   when exiting region.
                   Allocates memory on GPU but does not copy.
create ( list )
                  Data is already present on GPU from another containing
present ( list )
                   data region.
and present or copy[in|out], present or create, deviceptr.
```

The next OpenACC makes present_or_* the default behavior.



ARRAY SHAPING

- Compiler sometimes cannot determine size of arrays
 - Must specify explicitly using data clauses and array "shape"

```
#pragma acc data copyin(a[0:size]),
    copyout(b[s/4:3*s/4])

Fortran
    !$acc data copyin(a(1:end)),
    copyout(b(s/4:3*s/4))
```

▶ Note: data clauses can be used on data, parallel, or kernels



OPTIMIZE DATA LOCALITY

```
#pragma acc data copy(A) create(Anew)
while ( err > tol && iter < iter max ) {</pre>
  err=0.0;
#pragma acc parallel loop reduction(max:err)
  for ( int j = 1; j < n-1; j++) {
    for(int i = 1; i < m-1; i++) {
      Anew[j][i] = 0.25 * (A[j][i+1] + A[j][i-1] +
                           A[j-1][i] + A[j+1][i]);
      err = max(err, abs(Anew[j][i] - A[j][i]));
#pragma acc parallel loop
  for(\int j = 1; j < n-1; j++) {
    for(int i = 1; i < m-1; i++) {
      A[j][i] = Anew[j][i];
  iter++;
```

Copy A to/from the accelerator only when needed.

Create Anew as a device temporary.

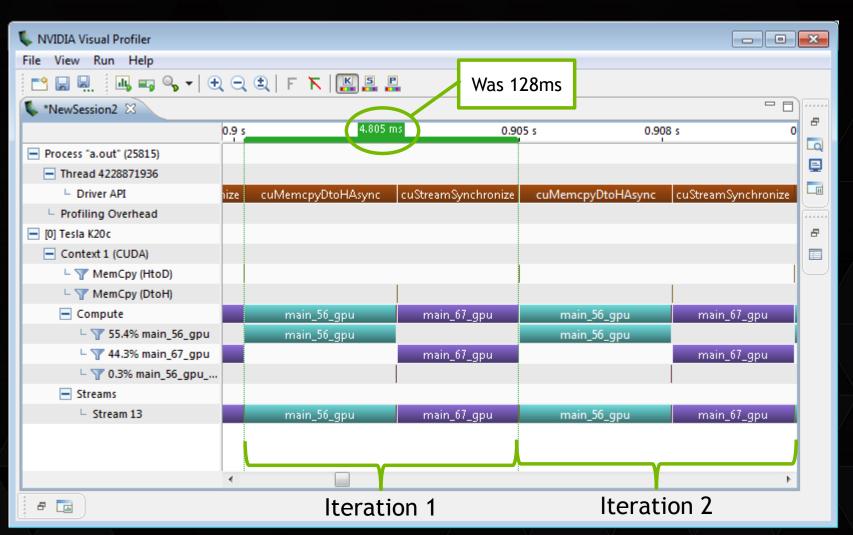


REBUILDING THE CODE

```
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         Generated vector sse code for the loop
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         Generating create(Anew[:][:])
         Loop not vectorized/parallelized: potential early exits
     56, Accelerator kernel generated
         56, Max reduction generated for error
         57, #pragma acc loop gang /* blockIdx.x */
         59, #pragma acc loop vector(256) /* threadIdx.x */
     56, Generating Tesla code
     59, Loop is parallelizable
     67, Accelerator kernel generated
         68, #pragma acc loop gang /* blockIdx.x */
         70, #pragma acc loop vector(256) /* threadIdx.x */
     67, Generating Tesla code
     70, Loop is parallelizable
```



VISUAL PROFILER: DATA REGION









OPENACC PRESENT CLAUSE

It's sometimes necessary for a data region to be in a different scope than the compute region.

When this occurs, the **present** clause can be used to tell the compiler data is already on the device.

Since the declaration of A is now in a higher scope, it's necessary to shape A in the present clause.

High-level data regions and the present clause are often critical to good performance.

```
function main(int argc, char **argv)
{
    #pragma acc data copy(A)
    {
        laplace2D(A,n,m);
    }
}
```

```
function laplace2D(double[N][M] A,n,m)
{
    #pragma acc data present(A[n][m]) create(Anew)
    while ( err > tol && iter < iter_max ) {
        err=0.0;
        ...
    }
}</pre>
```



UNSTRUCTURED DATA DIRECTIVES

Used to define data regions when scoping doesn't allow the use of normal data regions (e.g. The constructor/destructor of a class).

```
enter data Defines the start of an unstructured data lifetime
  clauses: copyin(list), create(list)
exit data Defines the end of an unstructured data lifetime
  clauses: copyout(list), delete(list)

#pragma acc enter data copyin(a)
...
#pragma acc exit data delete(a)
```



UNSTRUCTURED DATA REGIONS: C++ CLASSES

```
class Matrix {
 Matrix(int n) {
    len = n;
   v = new double[len];
    #pragma acc enter data create(v[0:len])
  ~Matrix() {
    #pragma acc exit data delete(v[0:len])
    delete[] v;
  private:
    double* v;
    int len;
};
```

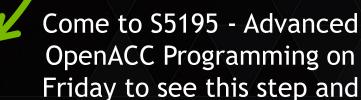
- Unstructured DataRegions enable OpenACCto be used in C++ classes
- Unstructured data regions can be used whenever data is allocated and initialized in a different scope than where it is freed.



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more.



MISC ADVICE



ALIASING CAN PREVENT PARALLELIZATION

```
23, Loop is parallelizable
         Accelerator kernel generated
         23, #pragma acc loop gang, vector(128) /* blockIdx.x threadIdx.x
*/
     25, Complex loop carried dependence of 'b->' prevents
parallelization
         Loop carried dependence of 'a->' prevents parallelization
         Loop carried backward dependence of 'a->' prevents vectorization
         Accelerator scalar kernel generated
     27, Complex loop carried dependence of 'a->' prevents
parallelization
         Loop carried dependence of 'b->' prevents parallelization
         Loop carried backward dependence of 'b->' prevents vectorization
         Accelerator scalar kernel generated
```



C99: RESTRICT KEYWORD

- Declaration of intent given by the programmer to the compiler Applied to a pointer, e.g.
 - float *restrict ptr

Meaning: "for the lifetime of ptr, only it or a value directly derived from it (such as ptr + 1) will be used to access the object to which it points"*

- ▶ Parallelizing compilers often require restrict to determine independence
 - Otherwise the compiler can't parallelize loops that access ptr
 - Note: if programmer violates the declaration, behavior is undefined



http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Restrict



OPENACC INDEPENDENT CLAUSE

Specifies that loop iterations are data independent. This overrides any compiler dependency analysis. This is implied for *parallel loop*.

```
#pragma acc kernels
#pragma acc loop independent
for(int i=0; i<N; i++)</pre>
  a[i] = 0.0;
 b[i] = 1.0;
  c[i] = 2.0;
#pragma acc loop independent
for(int i=0; i<N; i++)
  a(i) = b(i) + c(i)
```

kernel 1

kernel 2

Informs the compiler that both loops are safe to parallelize so it will generate both kernels.



WRITE PARALLELIZABLE LOOPS

Use countable loops C99: while->for

Fortran: while->do

Avoid pointer arithmetic

Write rectangular loops (compiler cannot parallelize triangular lops)

```
bool found=false;
while(!found && i<N) {
   if(a[i]==val) {
     found=true
     loc=i;
   }
   i++;
}</pre>
```

```
for(int i=0;i<N;i++) {
  for(int j=i;j<N;j++) {
    sum+=A[i][j];
  }
}</pre>
```

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bool found=false;
for(int i=0;i<N;i++) {
  if(a[i]==val) {
    found=true
    loc=i;
  }
}</pre>
```

```
for(int i=0;i<N;i++) {
   for(int j=0;j<N;j++) {
     if(j>=i)
       sum+=A[i][j];
   }
}
```



OPENACC ROUTINE DIRECTIVE

The routine directive specifies that the compiler should generate a device copy of the function/subroutine in addition to the host copy and what type of parallelism the routine contains.

Clauses:

- pang/worker/vector/seq
 - Specifies the level of parallelism contained in the routine.
- ▶ bind
 - Specifies an optional name for the routine, also supplied at call-site
- no_host
 - The routine will only be used on the device
- device_type
 - Specialize this routine for a particular device type.



OPENACC DEBUGGING

Most OpenACC directives accept an if (condition) clause

```
#pragma acc update self(A) if(debug)
#pragma acc parallel loop if(!debug)
[...]
#pragma acc update device(A) if(debug)
```

Use default(none) to force explicit data directives

```
#pragma acc data copy(...) create(...) default(none)
```





1. Identify Available Parallelism

What important parts of the code have available parallelism?

2. Parallelize Loops

- Express as much parallelism as possible and ensure you still get correct results.
- Because the compiler must be cautious about data movement, the code will generally slow down.

3. Optimize Data Locality

The programmer will *always* know better than the compiler what data movement is unnecessary.

4. Optimize Loop Performance

Don't try to optimize a kernel that runs in a few *us* or *ms* until you've eliminated the excess data motion that is taking *many* seconds.



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with OpenACC

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Locality

Step 4
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Application Speed-up



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- Attend more OpenACC sessions at GTC.
- Try an OpenACC self-paced lab.
- Get a free trial of the PGI Compiler (www.pgroup.com)
- Please remember to fill out your surveys.