



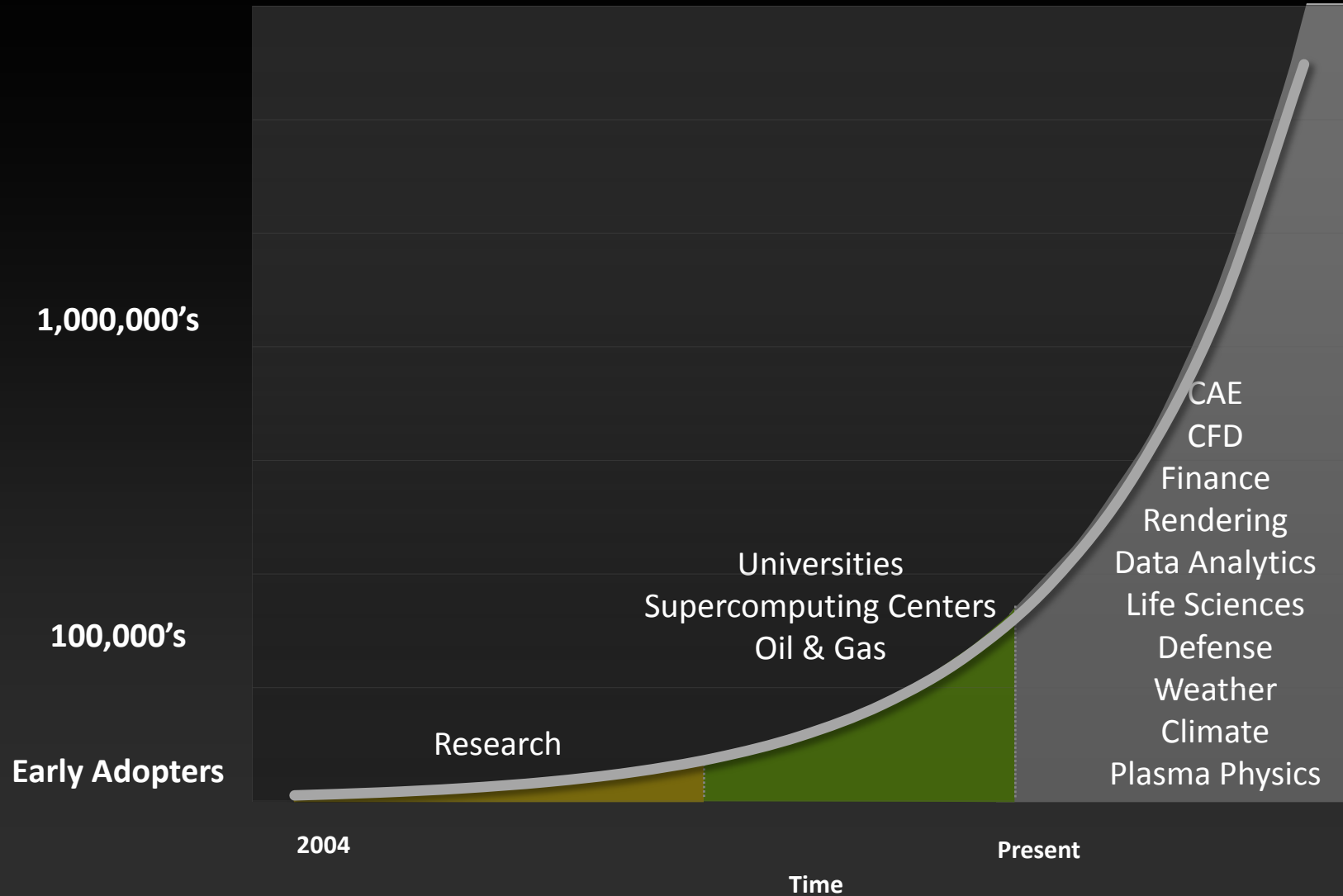
GPU Computing with OpenACC Directives

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GPUs Reaching Broader Set of Developers



3 Ways to Accelerate Applications

Applications

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“Drop-in”
Acceleration

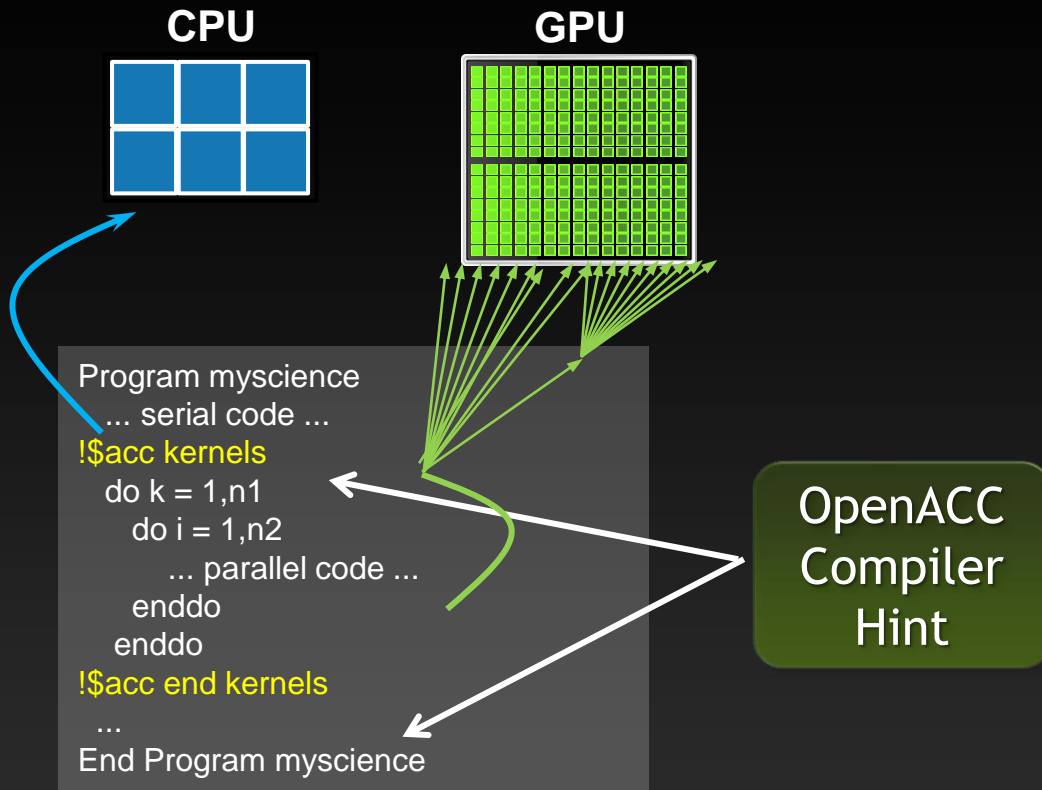
OpenACC
Directives

Easily Accelerate
Applications

Programming
Languages

Maximum
Flexibility

OpenACC Directives



Simple Compiler hints

Compiler Parallelizes code

Works on many-core GPUs & multicore CPUs

Your original
Fortran or C code

Familiar to OpenMP Programmers



OpenMP

CPU



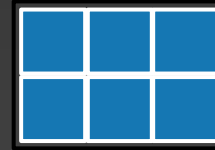
```
main() {
  double pi = 0.0; long i;

  #pragma omp parallel for reduction(+:pi)
  for (i=0; i<N; i++)
  {
    double t = (double)((i+0.05)/N);
    pi += 4.0/(1.0+t*t);
  }

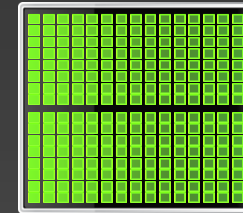
  printf("pi = %f\n", pi/N);
}
```

OpenACC

CPU



GPU



```
main() {
  double pi = 0.0; long i;

  #pragma acc kernels
  for (i=0; i<N; i++)
  {
    double t = (double)((i+0.05)/N);
    pi += 4.0/(1.0+t*t);
  }

  printf("pi = %f\n", pi/N);
}
```

OpenACC

Open Programming Standard for Parallel Computing



“OpenACC will enable programmers to easily develop portable applications that maximize the performance and power efficiency benefits of the hybrid CPU/GPU architecture of Titan.”

--Buddy Bland, Titan Project Director, Oak Ridge National Lab



“OpenACC is a technically impressive initiative brought together by members of the OpenMP Working Group on Accelerators, as well as many others. We look forward to releasing a version of this proposal in the next release of OpenMP.”

--Michael Wong, CEO OpenMP Directives Board



OpenACC Standard - Founding Members





OpenACC

The Standard for GPU Directives

- **Easy:** 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
- **Powerful:** GPU Directives allow complete access to the massive parallel power of a GPU



High-level, with low-level access



- **Compiler directives to specify parallel regions in C, C++, Fortran**
 - OpenACC compilers offload parallel regions from host to accelerator
 - Portable across OSes, host CPUs, accelerators, and compilers
- **Create high-level heterogeneous programs**
 - Without explicit accelerator initialization,
 - Without explicit data or program transfers between host and accelerator
- **Programming model allows programmers to start simple**
 - Enhance with additional guidance for compiler on loop mappings, data location, and other performance details
- **Compatible with other GPU languages and libraries**
 - Interoperate between CUDA C/Fortran and GPU libraries
 - e.g. CUFFT, CUBLAS, CUSPARSE, etc.

Directives: Easy & Powerful



Real-Time Object Detection

Global Manufacturer of Navigation Systems



5x in 40 Hours

Valuation of Stock Portfolios using Monte Carlo

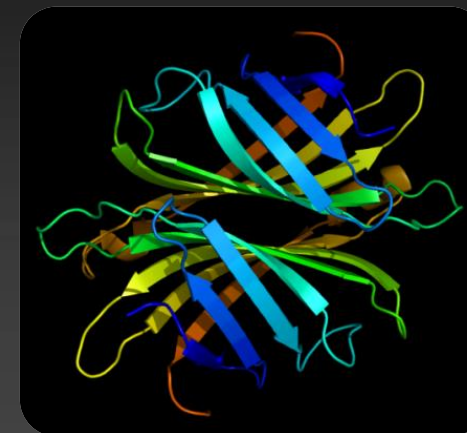
Global Technology Consulting Company



2x in 4 Hours

Interaction of Solvents and Biomolecules

University of Texas at San Antonio



5x in 8 Hours

“Optimizing code with directives is quite easy, especially compared to CPU threads or writing CUDA kernels. The most important thing is avoiding restructuring of existing code for production applications.”

-- Developer at the Global Manufacturer of Navigation Systems

Small Effort. Real Impact.



Large Oil Company

3x in 7 days

Solving billions of equations iteratively for oil production at world's largest petroleum reservoirs



Univ. of Houston

Prof. M.A. Kayali

20x in 2 days

Studying magnetic systems for innovations in magnetic storage media and memory, field sensors, and biomagnetism



Uni. Of Melbourne

Prof. Kerry Black

65x in 2 days

Better understand complex reasons by lifecycles of snapper fish in Port Phillip Bay



Ufa State Aviation

Prof. Arthur Yuldashev

7x in 4 Weeks

Generating stochastic geological models of oilfield reservoirs with borehole data



GAMESS-UK

Dr. Wilkinson, Prof. Naidoo

10x

Used for various fields such as investigating biofuel production and molecular sensors.

Focus on Exposing Parallelism

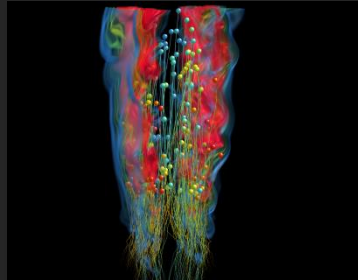


With Directives, tuning work focuses on *exposing parallelism*, which makes codes inherently better

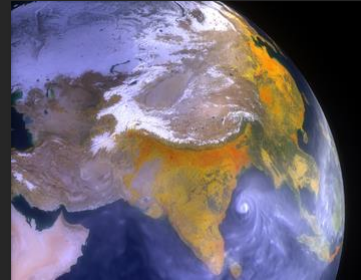
Example: Application tuning work using directives for new Titan system at ORNL

S3D

Research more efficient combustion with next-generation fuels



- Tuning top 3 kernels (90% of runtime)
- **3 to 6x faster on CPU+GPU vs. CPU+CPU**
- But also improved all-CPU version by 50%



CAM-SE

Answer questions about specific climate change adaptation and mitigation scenarios

- Tuning top key kernel (50% of runtime)
- **6.5x faster on CPU+GPU vs. CPU+CPU**
- Improved performance of CPU version by 100%

OpenACC Specification and Website



- Full OpenACC 2.0 Specification available online

<http://www.openacc-standard.org>

- Quick reference card also available
- Compilers available now from PGI, Cray, and CAPS

The OpenACC™ API QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

The OpenACC Application Program Interface describes a collection of compiler directives to specify loops and regions of code in standard C, C++ and Fortran to be offloaded from a host CPU to an attached accelerator, providing portability across operating systems, host CPUs and accelerators.

Most OpenACC directives apply to the immediately following structured block or loop; a structured block is a single statement or a compound statement (C or C++) or a sequence of statements (Fortran) with a single entry point at the top and a single exit at the bottom.

CAPS

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THE SUPERCOMPUTER COMPANY

NVIDIA.

PGI

Version 1.0, November 2011

Start Now with OpenACC Directives



Sign up for a **free trial** of the directives compiler now!

Free trial license to PGI Accelerator

Tools for quick ramp

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Accelerate Your Scientific Code with OpenACC

The Open Standard for GPU Accelerator Directives

Thousands of cores working for you.

Based on the [OpenACC](#) standard, GPU directives are the easy, proven way to accelerate your scientific or industrial code. With GPU directives, you can accelerate your code by simply inserting compiler hints into your code and the compiler will automatically map compute-intensive portions of your code to the GPU. Here's an example of how easy a single directive hint can accelerate the calculation of pi. With GPU directives, you can get started and see results in the same afternoon.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#define N 10000
int main(void) {
    double pi = 0.0f; long i;
    #pragma acc region for
    for (i=0; i<N; i++)
    {
        double t= (double)((i+0.5)/N);
        pi +=4.0/(1.0+t*t);
    }
    printf("pi=%f\n",pi/N);
    return 0;
}
```

By starting with a free, 30-day trial of PGI directives today, you are working on the technology that is the foundation of the OpenACC directives standard. OpenACC is:

"I have written micron (written in Fortran 90) properties of two and dimensional magnetic directives approach error perform my computation which resulted in a speedup (more than 20 computation." [Learn more](#)

Professor M. Amin Kay
University of Houston

"The PGI compiler is not just how powerful it is software we are writing times faster on the NV are very pleased and excited future uses. It's like on supercomputer." [Learn more](#)

Dr. Kerry Black
University of Melbourne

A Very Simple Exercise: SAXPY



SAXPY in C

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

...
// Perform SAXPY on 1M elements
saxpy(1<<20, 2.0, x, y);
...
```

SAXPY in Fortran

```
subroutine saxpy(n, a, x, y)
    real :: x(:), y(:), a
    integer :: n, i
    !$acc kernels
    do i=1,n
        y(i) = a*x(i)+y(i)
    enddo
    !$acc end kernels
end subroutine saxpy

...
$ Perform SAXPY on 1M elements
call saxpy(2**20, 2.0, x_d, y_d)
...
```

Directive Syntax

- Fortran

!\$acc directive [clause [,] clause] ...]

Often paired with a matching end directive surrounding a structured code block

!\$acc end directive

- C

#pragma acc directive [clause [,] clause] ...]

Often followed by a structured code block

kernel1s: Your first OpenACC Directive



Each loop executed as a separate *kernel* on the GPU.

```
!$acc kernels
```

```
do i=1,n  
  a(i) = 0.0  
  b(i) = 1.0  
  c(i) = 2.0  
end do
```

} kernel 1

```
do i=1,n  
  a(i) = b(i) + c(i)  
end do
```

} kernel 2

```
!$acc end kernels
```

Kernel:
A parallel function
that runs on the GPU

Kernels Construct



Fortran

```
!$acc kernels [clause ...]  
    structured block  
!$acc end kernels
```

C

```
#pragma acc kernels [clause ...]  
    { structured block }
```

Clauses

```
if( condition )  
async( expression )
```

Also, any data clause (more later)

C tip: the 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”*

- Limits the effects of pointer aliasing
- OpenACC 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

Complete SAXPY example code



- Trivial first example
 - Apply a loop directive
 - Learn compiler commands

```
#include <stdlib.h>

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

*restrict:
"I promise y does not alias x"

```
int main(int argc, char **argv)
{
    int N = 1<<20; // 1 million floats

    if (argc > 1)
        N = atoi(argv[1]);

    float *x = (float*)malloc(N * sizeof(float));
    float *y = (float*)malloc(N * sizeof(float));

    for (int i = 0; i < N; ++i) {
        x[i] = 2.0f;
        y[i] = 1.0f;
    }

    saxpy(N, 3.0f, x, y);

    return 0;
}
```

Compile and run



- **C:**

```
pgcc -acc -ta=nvidia -Minfo=accel -o saxpy_acc saxpy.c
```

- **Fortran:**

```
pgf90 -acc -ta=nvidia -Minfo=accel -o saxpy_acc saxpy.f90
```

- **Compiler output:**

```
pgcc -acc -Minfo=accel -ta=nvidia -o saxpy_acc saxpy.c
saxpy:
  8, Generating copyin(x[:n-1])
    Generating copy(y[:n-1])
    Generating compute capability 1.0 binary
    Generating compute capability 2.0 binary
  9, Loop is parallelizable
    Accelerator kernel generated
    9, #pragma acc loop worker, vector(256) /* blockIdx.x threadIdx.x */
      CC 1.0 : 4 registers; 52 shared, 4 constant, 0 local memory bytes; 100% occupancy
      CC 2.0 : 8 registers; 4 shared, 64 constant, 0 local memory bytes; 100% occupancy
```

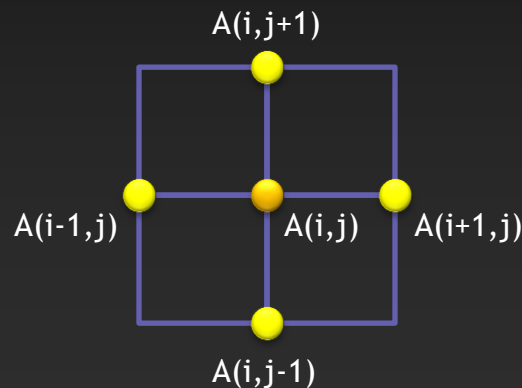
grid example



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: $\nabla^2 f(x, y) = 0$



$$A_{k+1}(i, j) = \frac{A_k(i-1, j) + A_k(i+1, j) + A_k(i, j-1) + A_k(i, j+1)}{4}$$

Jacobi Iteration C Code



```
while ( error > tol && iter < iter_max ) {
    error=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]);

            error = max(error, 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++;
}
```



Iterate until converged



Iterate across matrix elements



Calculate new value from neighbors



Compute max error for convergence



Swap input/output arrays



Jacobi Iteration Fortran Code

```
do while ( err > tol .and. iter < iter_max )  
  err=0._fp_kind
```

Iterate until converged

```
  do j=1,m  
    do i=1,n
```

Iterate across matrix elements

```
      Anew(i,j) = .25_fp_kind * (A(i+1, j ) + A(i-1, j ) + &  
                               A(i , j-1) + A(i , j+1))
```

Calculate new value from neighbors

```
      err = max(err, Anew(i,j) - A(i,j))
```

Compute max error for convergence

```
    end do  
  end do
```

```
  do j=1,m-2  
    do i=1,n-2  
      A(i,j) = Anew(i,j)  
    end do  
  end do
```

Swap input/output arrays

```
  iter = iter +1  
end do
```


OpenMP C Code



```
while ( error > tol && iter < iter_max ) {
    error=0.0;

    #pragma omp parallel for shared(m, n, Anew, A)
    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]);

            error = max(error, abs(Anew[j][i] - A[j][i]));
        }
    }

    #pragma omp parallel for shared(m, n, Anew, A)
    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 across
CPU threads



Parallelize loop across
CPU threads

OpenMP Fortran Code



```
do while ( err > tol .and. iter < iter_max )  
  err=0._fp_kind
```

```
!$omp parallel do shared(m,n,Anew,A) reduction(max:err)  
  do j=1,m  
    do i=1,n  
  
      Anew(i,j) = .25_fp_kind * (A(i+1, j ) + A(i-1, j ) + &  
                               A(i , j-1) + A(i , j+1))  
  
      err = max(err, Anew(i,j) - A(i,j))  
    end do  
  end do
```



Parallelize loop across
CPU threads

```
!$omp parallel do shared(m,n,Anew,A)  
  do j=1,m-2  
    do i=1,n-2  
      A(i,j) = Anew(i,j)  
    end do  
  end do  
  
  iter = iter +1  
end do
```



Parallelize loop across
CPU threads

Exercises: General Instructions (compiling)



- Exercises are in “exercises” directory in your home directory
 - Solutions are in “solutions” directory

- To compile, use one of the provided makefiles

```
> cd exercises/001-laplace2D-kernels
```

```
C:
```

```
> make
```

```
Fortran:
```

```
> make -f Makefile_f90
```

- Remember these compiler flags:

```
-acc -ta=nvidia,cuda5.5,cc3.5 -Minfo=accel
```

Exercises: General Instructions (running)



To run, use one of the provided job files

- `qsub myjob_acc` – to run the OpenACC version
- `Qsub myjob_omp` – to run the OMP version (build it first!)
- > `./chk` # prints your job(s) status

Output is placed in `openacc_001_....o<job#>` when finished.

OpenACC job file looks like this

```
#PBS -l walltime=1:00
./laplace2d_acc
```

The OpenMP version specifies number of cores to use

```
#PBS -l walltime=1:00
export OMP_NUM_THREADS 6
./laplace2d_omp
```



Edit this to control the number of cores to use

Exercise 1: Jacobi Kernels



- Task: use `acc kernels` to parallelize the Jacobi loop nests
- Edit `laplace2d.c`
- In the `001-laplace2d-kernels` directory
 - Add directives where it helps
 - Figure out the proper compilation command (similar to SAXPY example)
 - Compile with OpenACC parallelization (`make laplace2d_acc`)
 - Optionally compile with OpenMP (original code has OpenMP directives)
 - Run OpenACC with `qsub myjob_acc`, OpenMP with `qsub myjob_omp`
- Q: can you get a speedup with just kernels directives?
 - Versus 1 CPU core? Versus 6 CPU cores?

Exercise 1 Solution: OpenACC C



```
while ( error > tol && iter < iter_max ) {
    error=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]);

            error = max(error, abs(Anew[j][i] - A[j][i]));
        }
    }

    #pragma acc kernels
    for( int j = 1; j < n-1; j++) {
        for( int i = 1; i < m-1; i++ ) {
            A[j][i] = Anew[j][i];
        }
    }

    iter++;
}
```



Execute GPU kernel for
loop nest



Execute GPU kernel for
loop nest

Exercise 1 Solution: OpenACC Fortran



```
do while ( err > tol .and. iter < iter_max )  
  err=0._fp_kind
```

```
!$acc kernels
```

```
  do j=1,m  
    do i=1,n
```

```
      Anew(i,j) = .25_fp_kind * (A(i+1, j ) + A(i-1, j ) + &  
                                A(i , j-1) + A(i , j+1))
```

```
      err = max(err, Anew(i,j) - A(i,j))
```

```
    end do
```

```
  end do
```

```
!$acc end kernels
```

```
!$acc kernels
```

```
  do j=1,m-2
```

```
    do i=1,n-2
```

```
      A(i,j) = Anew(i,j)
```

```
    end do
```

```
  end do
```

```
!$acc end kernels
```

```
  iter = iter +1
```

```
end do
```



Generate GPU kernel for
loop nest



Generate GPU kernel for
loop nest



Exercise 1 Solution: C Makefile

```
CC          = gcc
CCFLAGS    =
ACCFLAGS   = -acc -ta=nvidia,cuda5.5,cc3.5 -Minfo=accel
OMPFLAGS   = -fast -mp -Minfo

BIN = 1aplace2d_omp 1aplace2d_acc

all: $(BIN)

1aplace2d_acc: 1aplace2d.c
    $(CC) $(CCFLAGS) $(ACCFLAGS) -o $@ $<

1aplace2d_omp: 1aplace2d.c
    $(CC) $(CCFLAGS) $(OMPFLAGS) -o $@ $<

clean:
    $(RM) $(BIN)
```




Exercise 1 Solution: Fortran Makefile

```
F90          = pgf90
CCFLAGS     =
ACCFLAGS    = -acc -ta=nvidia,cuda5.5,cc3.5 -Minfo=accel
OMPFLAGS    = -fast -mp -Minfo

BIN = 1aplace2d_f90_omp 1aplace2d_f90_acc

all: $(BIN)

1aplace2d_f90_acc: 1aplace2d.f90
    $(F90) $(CCFLAGS) $(ACCFLAGS) -o $@ $<

1aplace2d_f90_omp: 1aplace2d.f90
    $(F90) $(CCFLAGS) $(OMPFLAGS) -o $@ $<

clean:
    $(RM) $(BIN)
```

Exercise 1: Compiler output (C)



```
pgcc -acc -ta=nvidia -Minfo=accel -o laplace2d_acc laplace2d.c
```

```
main:
```

```
57, Generating copyin(A[:4095][:4095])
    Generating copyout(Anew[1:4094][1:4094])
    Generating compute capability 1.3 binary
    Generating compute capability 2.0 binary
58, Loop is parallelizable
60, Loop is parallelizable
    Accelerator kernel generated
    58, #pragma acc loop worker, vector(16) /* blockIdx.y threadIdx.y */
    60, #pragma acc loop worker, vector(16) /* blockIdx.x threadIdx.x */
        cached references to size [18x18] block of 'A'
        CC 1.3 : 17 registers; 2656 shared, 40 constant, 0 local memory bytes; 75% occupancy
        CC 2.0 : 18 registers; 2600 shared, 80 constant, 0 local memory bytes; 100% occupancy
64, Max reduction generated for error
69, Generating copyout(A[1:4094][1:4094])
    Generating copyin(Anew[1:4094][1:4094])
    Generating compute capability 1.3 binary
    Generating compute capability 2.0 binary
70, Loop is parallelizable
72, Loop is parallelizable
    Accelerator kernel generated
    70, #pragma acc loop worker, vector(16) /* blockIdx.y threadIdx.y */
    72, #pragma acc loop worker, vector(16) /* blockIdx.x threadIdx.x */
        CC 1.3 : 8 registers; 48 shared, 8 constant, 0 local memory bytes; 100% occupancy
        CC 2.0 : 10 registers; 8 shared, 56 constant, 0 local memory bytes; 100% occupancy
```

Exercise 1: Performance



CPU: Intel Xeon X5680
6 Cores @ 3.33GHz

GPU: NVIDIA Tesla M2070

Execution	Time (s)	Speedup
CPU 1 OpenMP thread	69.80	--
CPU 2 OpenMP threads	44.76	1.56x
CPU 4 OpenMP threads	39.59	1.76x
CPU 6 OpenMP threads	39.71	1.76x
OpenACC GPU	162.16	0.24x FAIL

Speedup vs. 1 CPU core

Speedup vs. 6 CPU cores

What went wrong?

- Add **PGI_ACC_TIME=1** to execution command line

e.g.: PGI_ACC_TIME=1 ./laplace2d_acc

Accelerator Kernel Timing data

/usr/users/6/harrism/openacc-workshop/solutions/001-laplace2D-kernels/laplace2d.c

main

69: region entered 1000 times

time(us): total=77524918 init=240 region=77524678

kernel=4422961 data=66464916

4.4 seconds

66.5 seconds

w/o init: total=77524678 max=83398 min=72025 avg=77524

72: kernel launched 1000 times

grid: [256x256] block: [16x16]

time(us): total=4422961 max=4543 min=4345 avg=4422

/usr/users/6/harrism/openacc-workshop/solutions/001-laplace2D-kernels/laplace2d.c

main

57: region entered 1000 times

time(us): total=82135902 init=216 region=82135686

kernel=8346306 data=66775717

8.3 seconds

66.8 seconds

w/o init: total=82135686 max=159083 min=76575 avg=82135

60: kernel launched 1000 times

grid: [256x256] block: [16x16]

time(us): total=8201000 max=8297 min=8187 avg=8201

64: kernel launched 1000 times

grid: [1] block: [256]

time(us): total=145306 max=242 min=143 avg=145

acc_init.c

acc_init

29: region entered 1 time

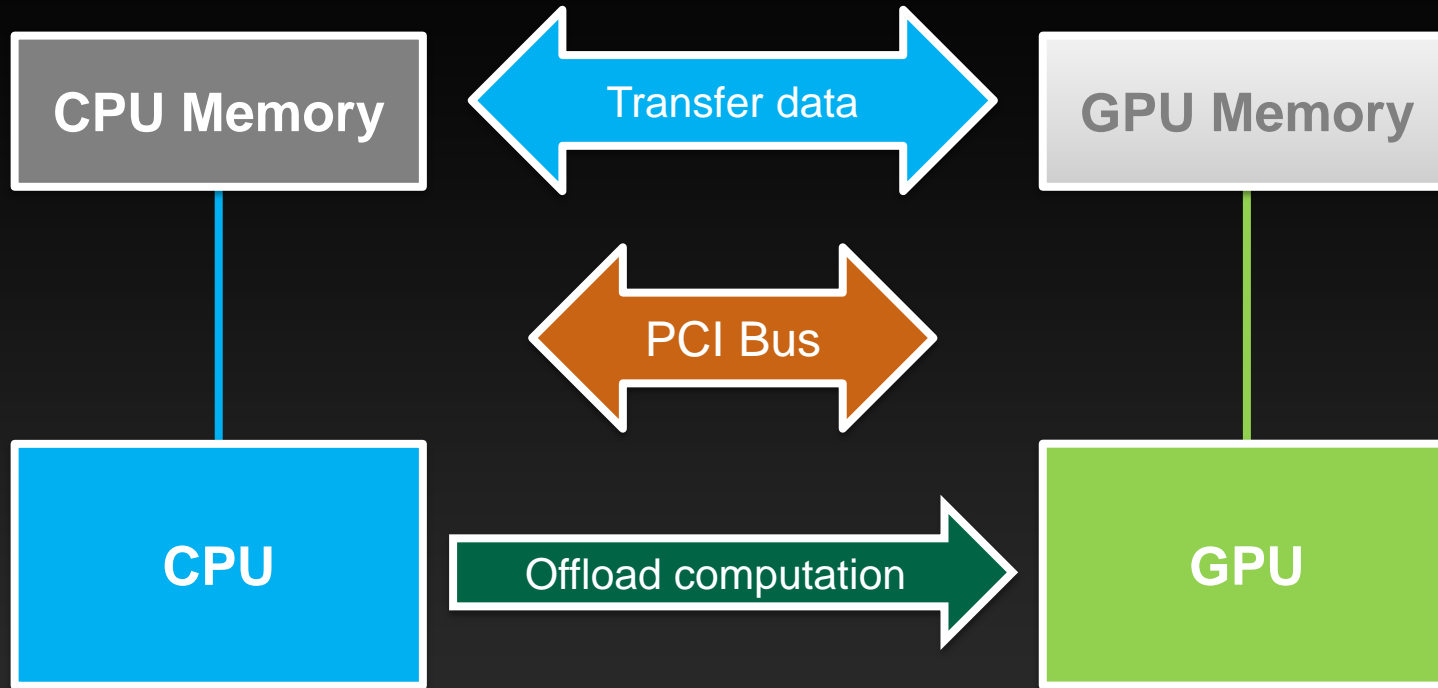
time(us): init=158248

Huge Data Transfer Bottleneck!

Computation: 12.7 seconds

Data movement: 133.3 seconds

Basic Concepts



For efficiency, decouple data movement and compute off-load

Excessive Data Transfers



```
while ( error > tol && iter < iter_max ) {  
  error=0.0;
```

A, Anew resident on host

Copy

#pragma acc kernels

A, Anew resident on accelerator

These copies happen every iteration of the outer while loop!*

```
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]);  
    error = max(error, abs(Anew[j][i] - A[j][i]));  
  }  
}
```

A, Anew resident on host

Copy

A, Anew resident on accelerator

```
...  
}
```

*Note: there are two #pragma acc kernels, so there are 4 copies per while loop iteration!



DATA MANAGEMENT

Data Construct



Fortran

```
!$acc data [clause ...]  
    structured block  
!$acc end data
```

C

```
#pragma acc data [clause ...]  
    { structured block }
```

General Clauses

```
if( condition )  
async( expression )
```

Manage data movement. Data regions may be nested.

Data Clauses



`copy (list)` Allocates memory on GPU and copies data from host to GPU when entering region and copies data to the host when exiting region.

`copyin (list)` Allocates memory on GPU and copies data from host to GPU when entering region.

`copyout (list)` Allocates memory on GPU and copies data to the host when exiting region.

`create (list)` Allocates memory on GPU but does not copy.

`present (list)` Data is already present on GPU from another containing data region.

`and present_or_copy[in|out], present_or_create, deviceptr.`

Array Shaping



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

```
#pragma acc data copyin(a[0:size-1]), copyout(b[s/4:3*s/4])
```
- Fortran

```
!$pragma acc data copyin(a(1:size)), copyout(b(s/4:3*s/4))
```
- Note: data clauses can be used on data, kernels or parallel

Update Construct



Fortran

```
!$acc update [clause ...]
```

C

```
#pragma acc update [clause ...]
```

Clauses

```
host( list )
```

```
device( list )
```

```
if( expression )
```

```
async( expression )
```

Used to update existing data after it has changed in its corresponding copy (e.g. update device copy after host copy changes)

Move data from GPU to host, or host to GPU.

Data movement can be conditional, and asynchronous.

Exercise 2: Jacobi Data Directives



- **Task: use `acc data` to minimize transfers in the Jacobi example**
- **Start from given `laplace2d.c` or `laplace2d.f90` (your choice)**
 - In the `002-laplace2D-data` directory
 - Add directives where it helps (hint: `[do]` while loop)
- **Q: What speedup can you get with `data` + `kernels` directives?**
 - Versus 1 CPU core? Versus 6 CPU cores?

Exercise 2 Solution: OpenACC C



```
#pragma acc data copy(A), create(Anew)
while ( error > tol && iter < iter_max ) {
    error=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]);

            error = max(error, abs(Anew[j][i] - A[j][i]));
        }
    }

    #pragma acc kernels
    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 in at beginning of loop, out at end. Allocate Anew on accelerator

Exercise 2 Solution: OpenACC Fortran



```
!$acc data copy(A), create(Anew)
do while ( err > tol .and. iter < iter_max )
  err=0._fp_kind

!$acc kernels
  do j=1,m
    do i=1,n

      Anew(i,j) = .25_fp_kind * (A(i+1, j ) + A(i-1, j ) + &
                               A(i , j-1) + A(i , j+1))

      err = max(err, Anew(i,j) - A(i,j))
    end do
  end do
!$acc end kernels

  ...

  iter = iter +1
end do
!$acc end data
```



Copy A in at beginning of loop, out at end. Allocate Anew on accelerator

Exercise 2: Performance



CPU: Intel Xeon X5680
6 Cores @ 3.33GHz

GPU: NVIDIA Tesla M2070

Execution	Time (s)	Speedup
CPU 1 OpenMP thread	69.80	--
CPU 2 OpenMP threads	44.76	1.56x
CPU 4 OpenMP threads	39.59	1.76x
CPU 6 OpenMP threads	39.71	1.76x
OpenACC GPU	13.65	2.9x

Speedup vs. 1 CPU core

Speedup vs. 6 CPU cores

Note: same code runs in 9.78s on NVIDIA Tesla M2090 GPU

Further speedups



- **OpenACC gives us more detailed control over parallelization**
 - Via gang, worker, and vector clauses
- **By understanding more about OpenACC execution model and GPU hardware organization, we can get higher speedups on this code**
- **By understanding bottlenecks in the code via profiling, we can reorganize the code for higher performance**
- **Will tackle these in later exercises**

Finding Parallelism in your code

- (Nested) for loops are best for parallelization
- Large loop counts needed to offset GPU/memcpy overhead
- Iterations of loops must be independent of each other
 - To help compiler: restrict keyword (C), independent clause
- Compiler must be able to figure out sizes of data regions
 - Can use directives to explicitly control sizes
- Pointer arithmetic should be avoided if possible
 - Use subscripted arrays, rather than pointer-indexed arrays.
- Function calls within accelerated region must be inlineable.

Tips and Tricks



- (PGI) Use time option to learn where time is being spent
 - `PGI_ACC_TIME=1`
- Eliminate pointer arithmetic
- Inline function calls in directives regions
 - (PGI): `-inline` or `-inline,levels(<N>)`
- Use contiguous memory for multi-dimensional arrays
- Use data regions to avoid excessive memory transfers
- Conditional compilation with `_OPENACC` macro

OpenACC Learning/Resources

- OpenACC info, specification, FAQ, samples, and more
 - <http://openacc.org>
- PGI OpenACC resources
 - <http://www.pgroup.com/resources/accel.htm>
- NVIDIA OpenACC course
 - <https://developer.nvidia.com/openacc-overview-course>
- Stack Overflow
 - <http://stackoverflow.com/questions/tagged/openacc>
- NVIDIA Registered Developer Forums
 - <https://developer.nvidia.com>
- NVIDIA OpenACC Toolkit
 - <https://developer.nvidia.com/openacc-toolkit>



COMPLETE OPENACC API

Directive Syntax

- Fortran

!\$acc directive [*clause* [,] *clause*] ...]

Often paired with a matching end directive surrounding a structured code block

!\$acc end directive

- C

#pragma acc directive [*clause* [,] *clause*] ...]

Often followed by a structured code block

Kernels Construct



Fortran

```
!$acc kernels [clause ...]  
    structured block  
!$acc end kernels
```

Clauses

```
if( condition )  
async( expression )
```

Also any data clause

C

```
#pragma acc kernels [clause ...]  
    { structured block }
```

Kernels Construct



Each loop executed as a separate kernel on the GPU.

!\$acc kernels

```
do i=1,n
  a(i) = 0.0
  b(i) = 1.0
  c(i) = 2.0
end do
```

} kernel 1

```
do i=1,n
  a(i) = b(i) + c(i)
end do
```

} kernel 2

!\$acc end kernels

Parallel Construct



Fortran

```
!$acc parallel [clause ...]  
    structured block  
!$acc end parallel
```

Clauses

```
if( condition )  
async( expression )  
num_gangs( expression )  
num_workers( expression )  
vector_length( expression )
```

C

```
#pragma acc parallel [clause ...]  
    { structured block }
```

```
private( list )  
firstprivate( list )  
reduction( operator:list )
```

Also any data clause

Parallel Clauses



`num_gangs (expression)`

Controls how many parallel gangs are created (CUDA `gridDim`).

`num_workers (expression)`

Controls how many workers are created in each gang (CUDA `blockDim`).

`vector_length (list)`

Controls vector length of each worker (SIMD execution).

`private(list)`

A copy of each variable in `list` is allocated to each gang.

`firstprivate (list)`

`private` variables initialized from host.

`reduction(operator:list)`

`private` variables combined across gangs.

Loop Construct



Fortran

```
!$acc loop [clause ...]  
    loop  
!$acc end loop
```

C

```
#pragma acc loop [clause ...]  
    { loop }
```

Combined directives

```
!$acc parallel loop [clause ...]  
!$acc kernels loop [clause ...]
```

```
!$acc parallel loop [clause ...]  
!$acc kernels loop [clause ...]
```

Detailed control of the parallel execution of the following loop.

Loop Clauses



`collapse(n)`

Applies directive to the following `n` nested loops.

`seq`

Executes the loop sequentially on the GPU.

`private(list)`

A copy of each variable in `list` is created for each iteration of the loop.

`reduction(operator:list)`

`private` variables combined across iterations.

Loop Clauses Inside parallel Region



gang

Shares iterations across the gangs of the parallel region.

worker

Shares iterations across the workers of the gang.

vector

Execute the iterations in SIMD mode.

Loop Clauses Inside kernels Region



`gang [(num_gangs)]`

Shares iterations across across at most *num_gangs* gangs.

`worker [(num_workers)]`

Shares iterations across at most *num_workers* of a single gang.

`vector [(vector_length)]`

Execute the iterations in SIMD mode with maximum *vector_length*.

`independent`

Specify that the loop iterations are independent.



OTHER SYNTAX

Other Directives



cache construct

Cache data in software managed data cache (CUDA shared memory).

host_data construct

Makes the address of device data available on the host.

wait directive

Waits for asynchronous GPU activity to complete.

declare directive

Specify that data is to allocated in device memory for the duration of an implicit data region created during the execution of a subprogram.

Runtime Library Routines



Fortran

```
use openacc
#include "openacc_lib.h"
```

```
acc_get_num_devices
acc_set_device_type
acc_get_device_type
acc_set_device_num
acc_get_device_num
acc_async_test
acc_async_test_all
```

C

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

```
acc_async_wait
acc_async_wait_all
acc_shutdown
acc_on_device
acc_malloc
acc_free
```


Environment and Conditional Compilation



ACC_DEVICE *device*

Specifies which device type to connect to.

ACC_DEVICE_NUM *num*

Specifies which device number to connect to.

_OPENACC

Preprocessor directive for conditional compilation. Set to OpenACC version

Thank you

