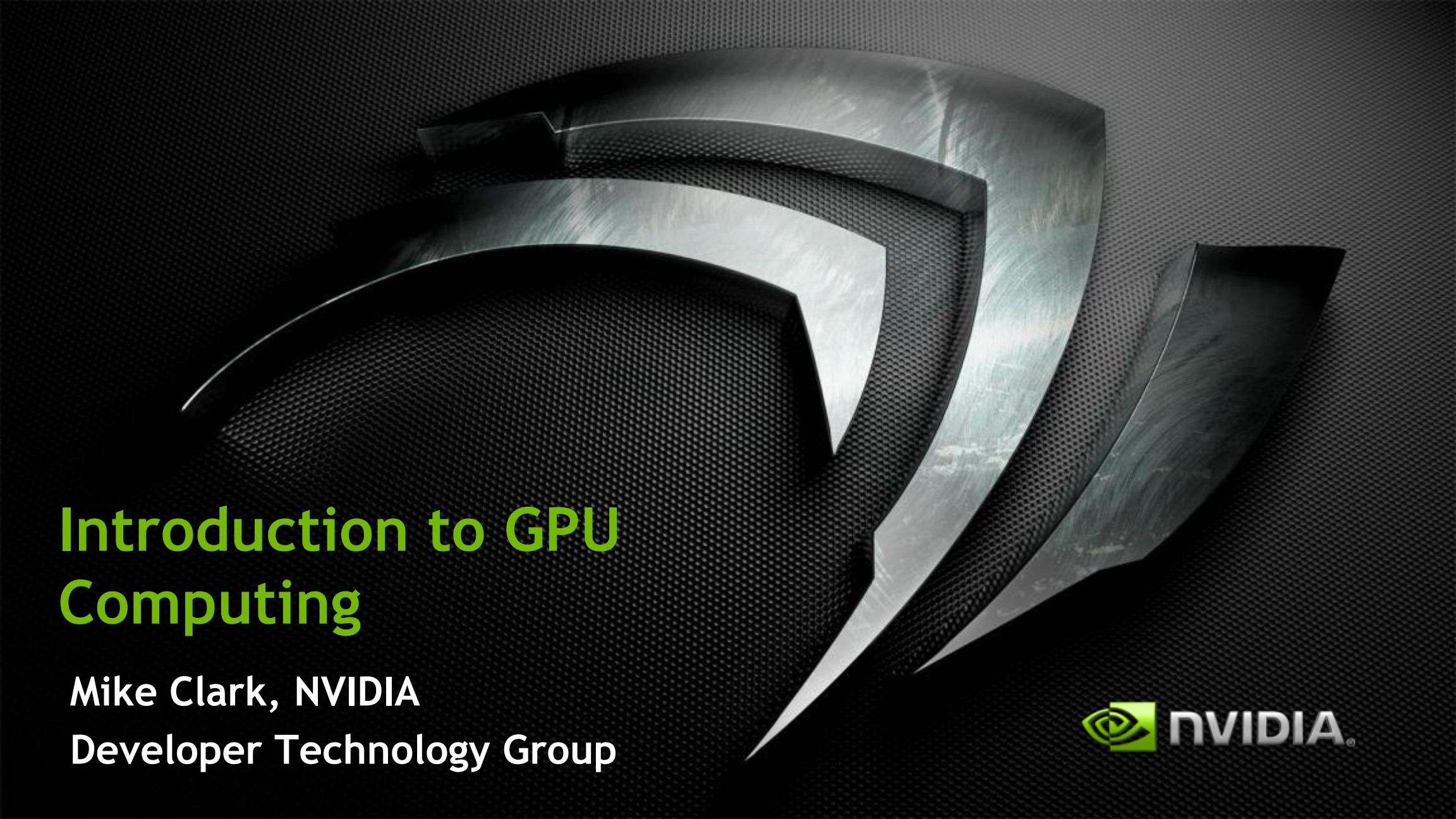

Introduction to GPU Computing

Mike Clark, NVIDIA
Developer Technology Group

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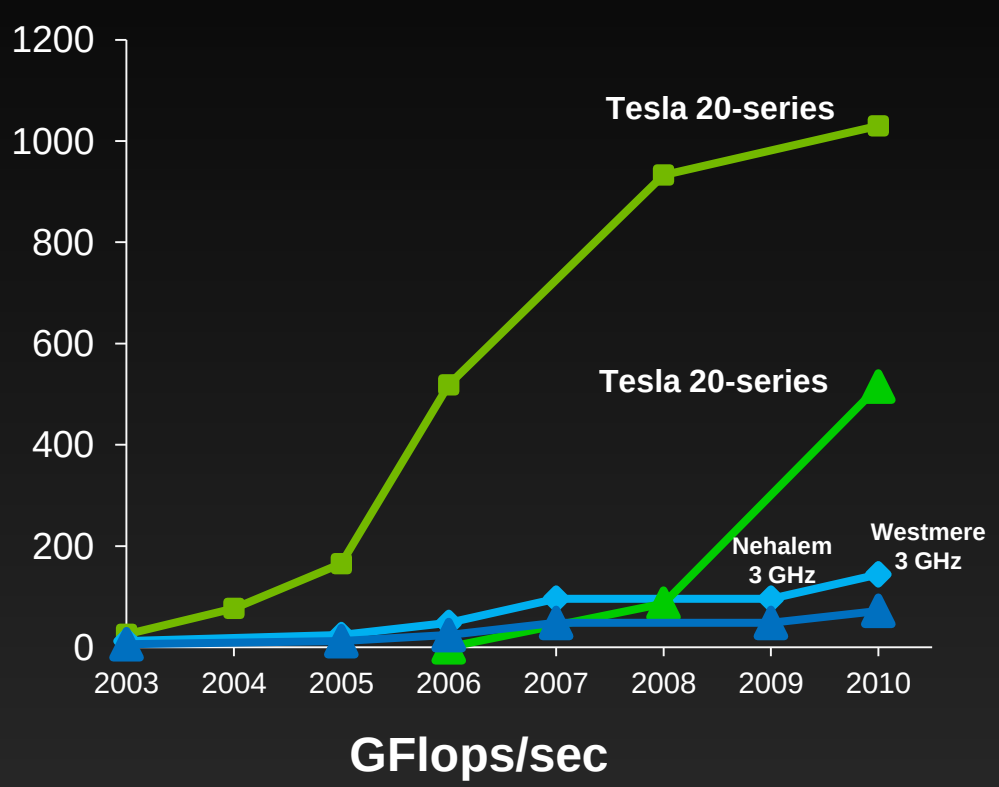
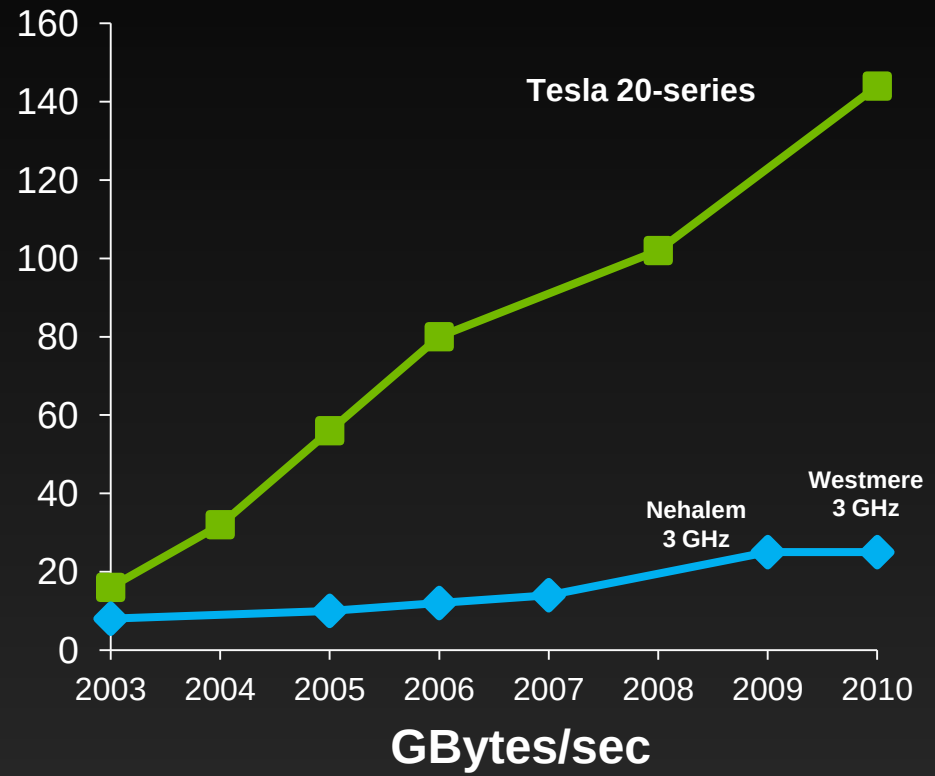
Outline

- Today
  - Motivation
  - GPU Architecture
  - Three ways to accelerate applications
- Tomorrow
  - QUDA: QCD on GPUs

Why GPU Computing?





Single Precision: NVIDIA GPU
Double Precision: NVIDIA GPU
Single Precision: x86 CPU
Double Precision: x86 CPU

NVIDIA GPU
X86 CPU
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Stunning Graphics Realism

Lush, Rich Worlds

Crysis © 2006 Crytek / Electronic Arts

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Incredible Physics Effects

Core of the Definitive Gaming Platform

MORE THAN JUST INNOVATIVE. GAME-CHANGING.

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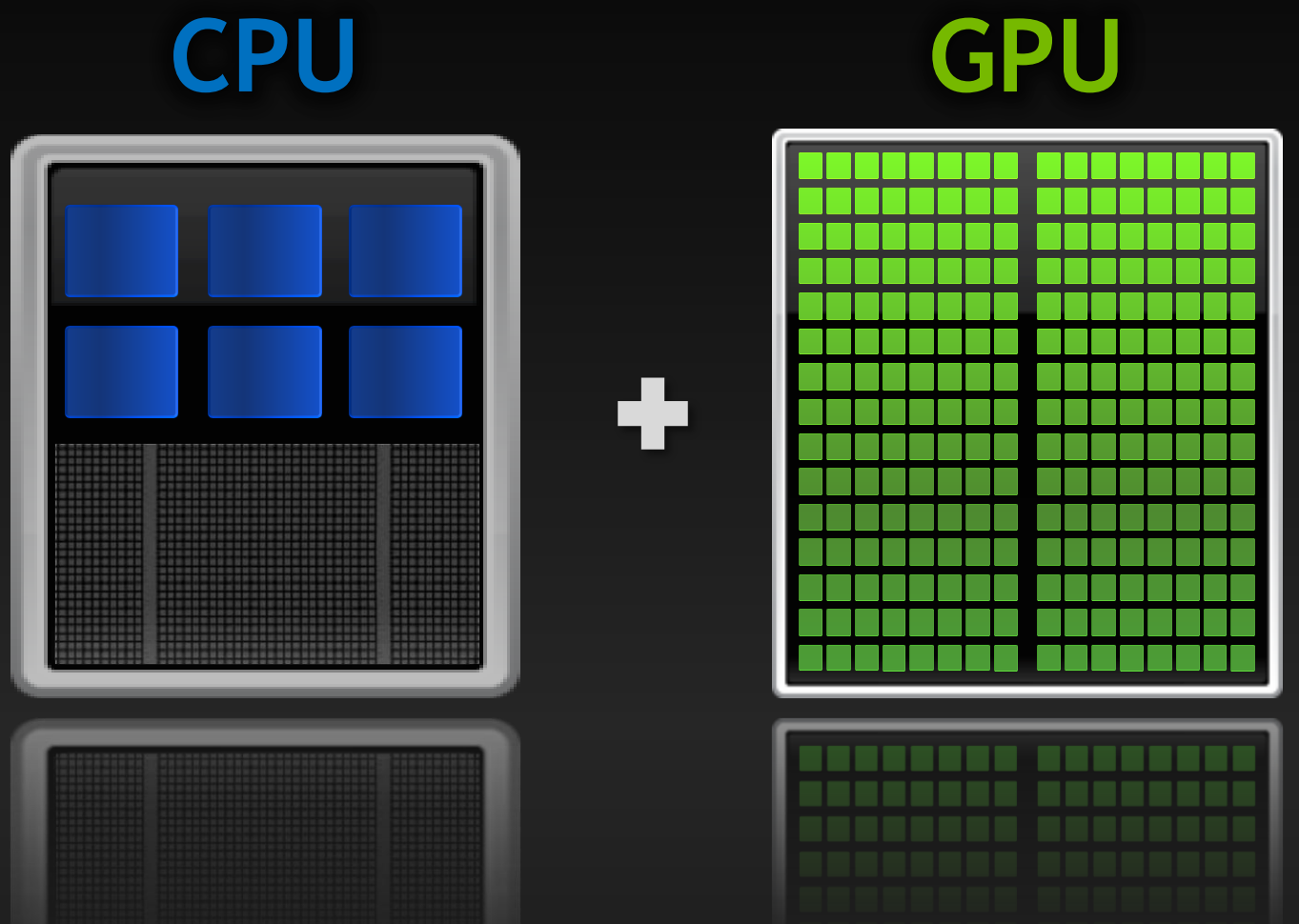
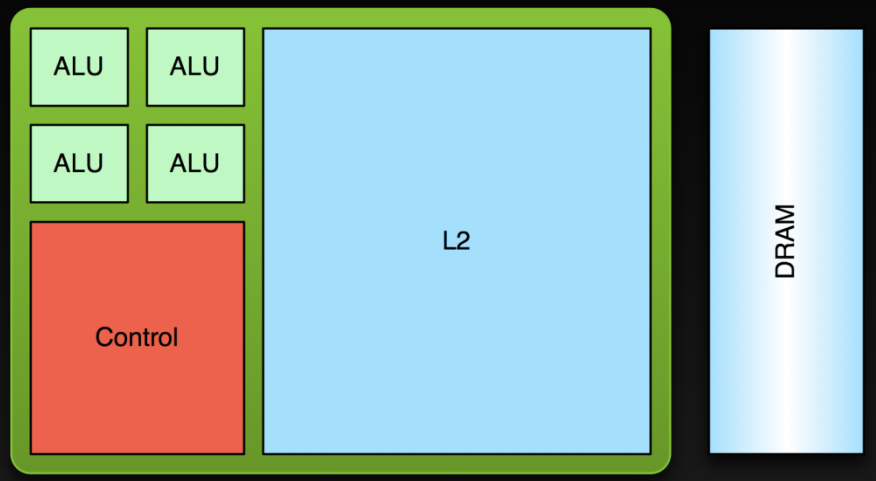
Add GPUs: Accelerate Science Applications



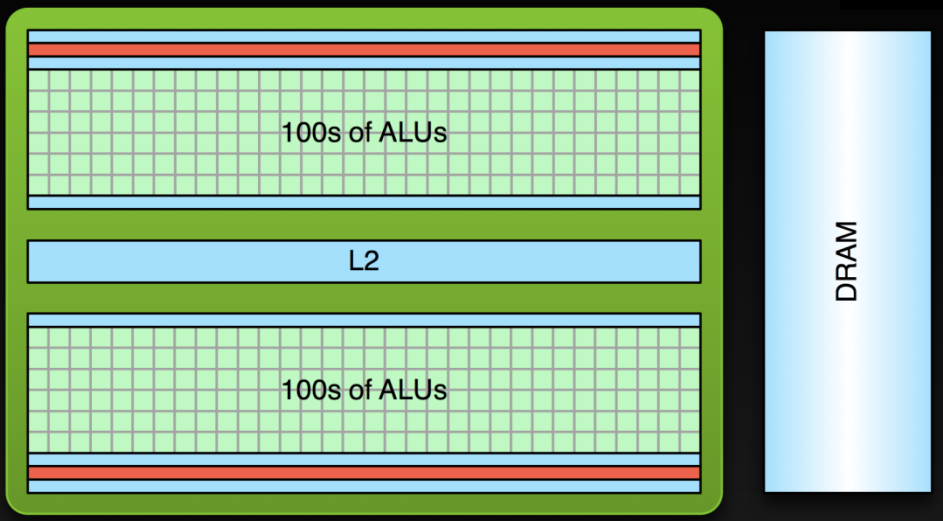
Nbody GPU versus CPU

Low Latency or High Throughput?



CPU

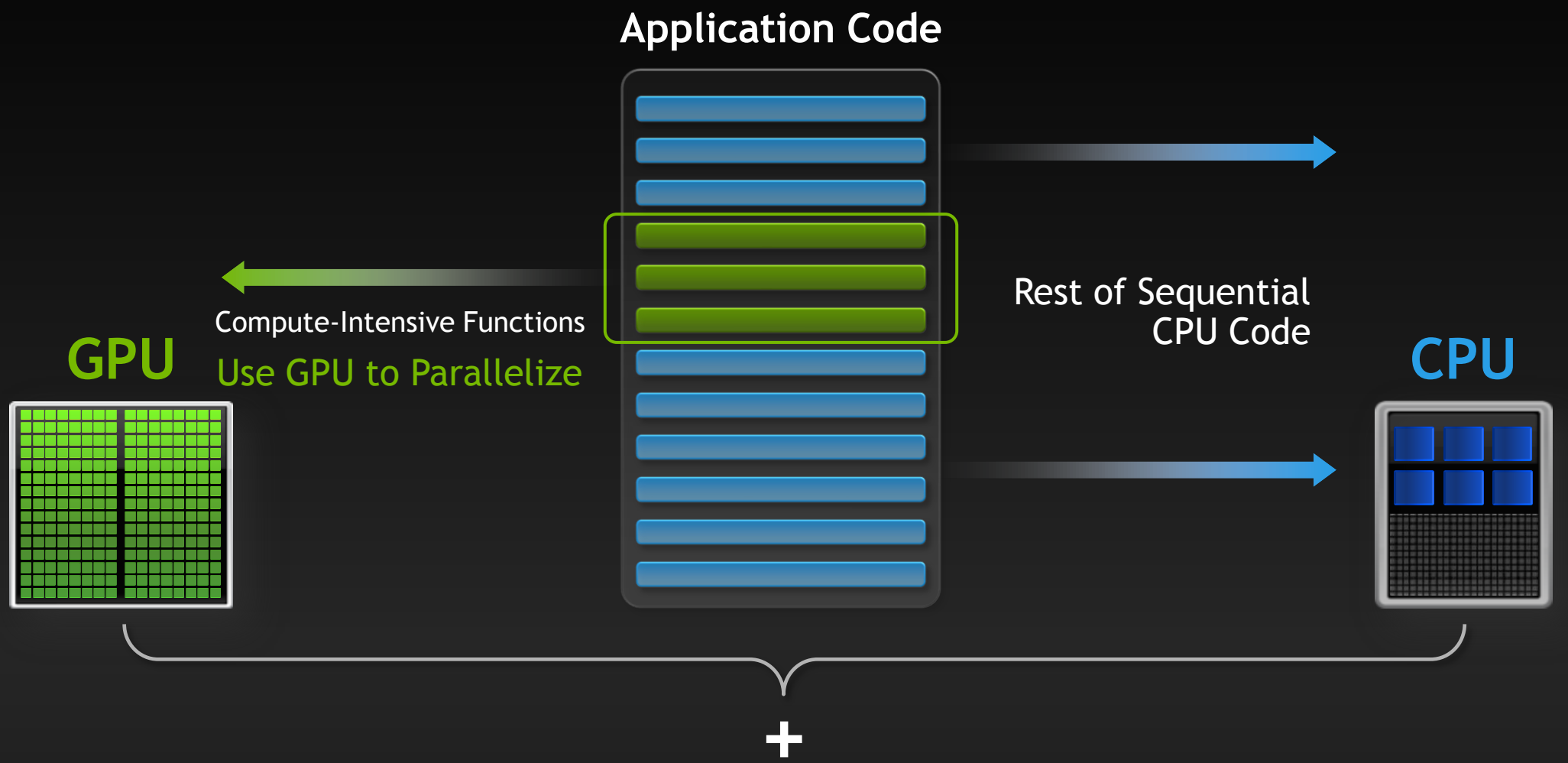
- Optimized for low-latency access to cached data sets
- Control logic for out-of-order and speculative execution



GPU

- Optimized for data-parallel, throughput computation
- Architecture tolerant of memory latency
- More transistors dedicated to computation

Small Changes, Big Speed-up



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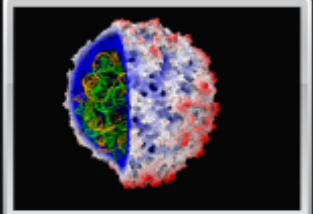
U of Utah



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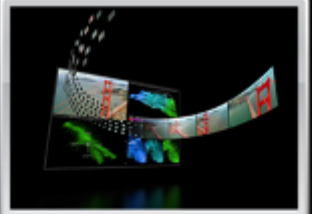

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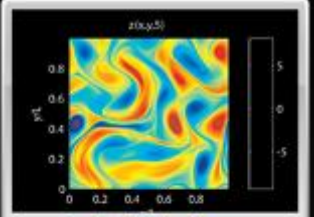
Elemental Tech



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Matlab Computing
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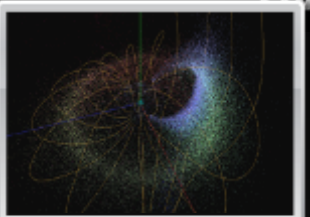

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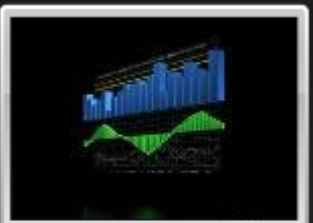
Astrophysics
RIKEN

GPUs Accelerate Science



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Financial Simulation
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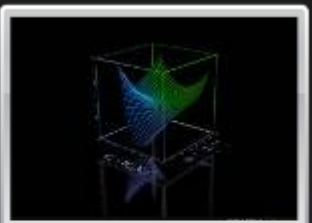

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Linear Algebra
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Quantum Chemistry
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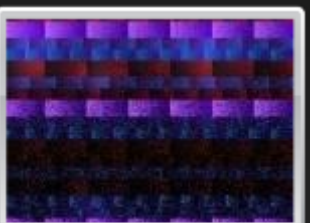

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Gene Sequencing
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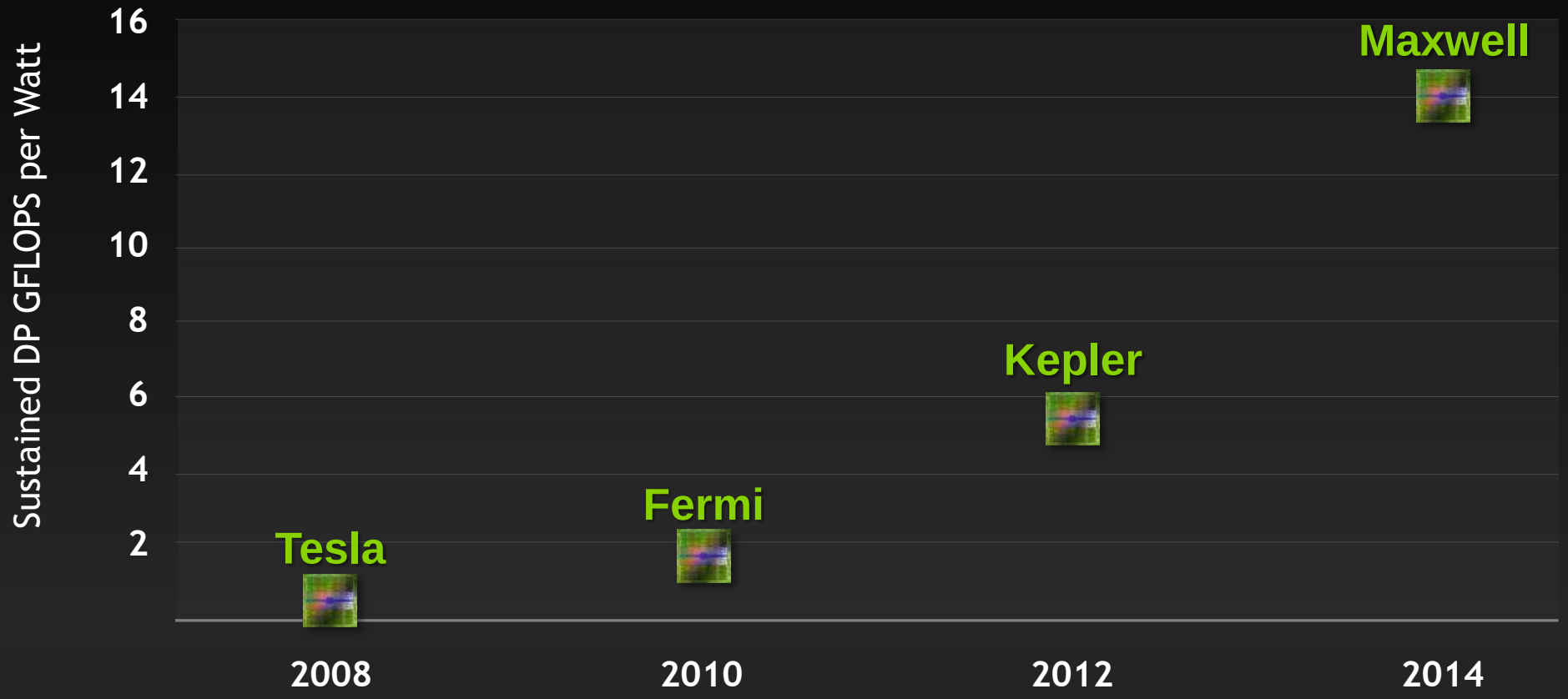
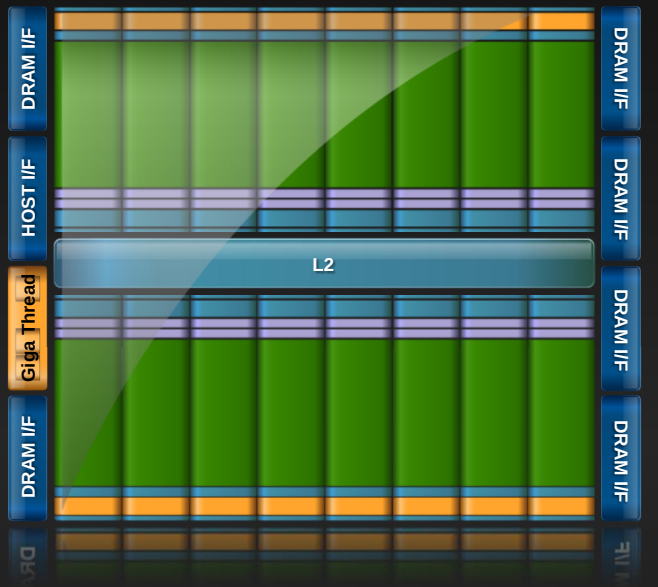
NVIDIA GPU Roadmap: Increasing Performance/Watt



GPU Architecture

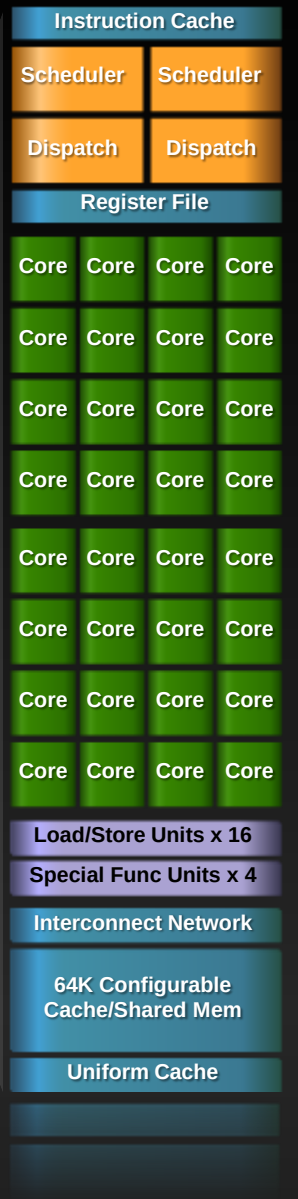
GPU Architecture: Two Main Components

- **Global memory**
  - Analogous to RAM in a CPU server
  - Accessible by both GPU and CPU
  - Currently up to 6 GB
  - Bandwidth currently up to 177 GB/s for Quadro and Tesla products
  - ECC on/off option for Quadro and Tesla products
- **Streaming Multiprocessors (SMs)**
  - Perform the actual computations
  - Each SM has its own:
    - Control units, registers, execution pipelines, caches



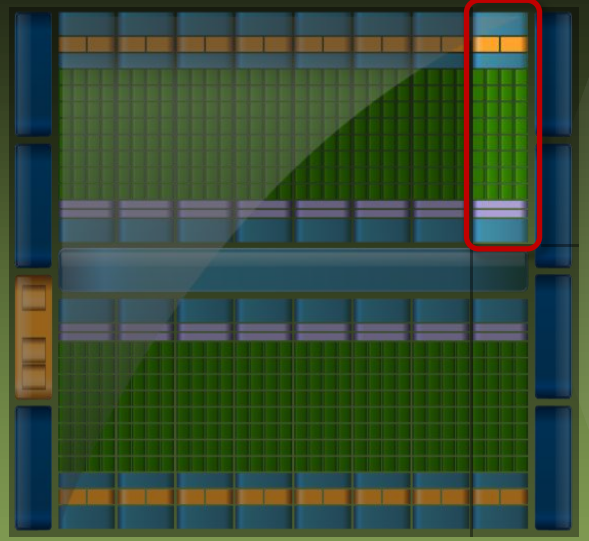
GPU Architecture - Fermi: Streaming Multiprocessor (SM)

- 32 CUDA Cores per SM
  - 32 fp32 ops/clock
  - 16 fp64 ops/clock
  - 32 int32 ops/clock
- 2 warp schedulers
  - Up to 1536 threads concurrently
- 4 special-function units
- 64KB shared mem + L1 cache
- 32K 32-bit registers



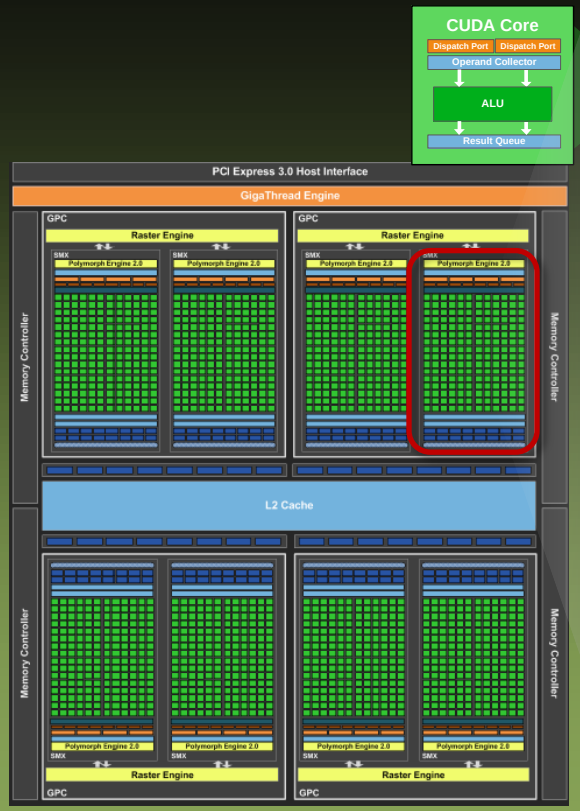
Kepler

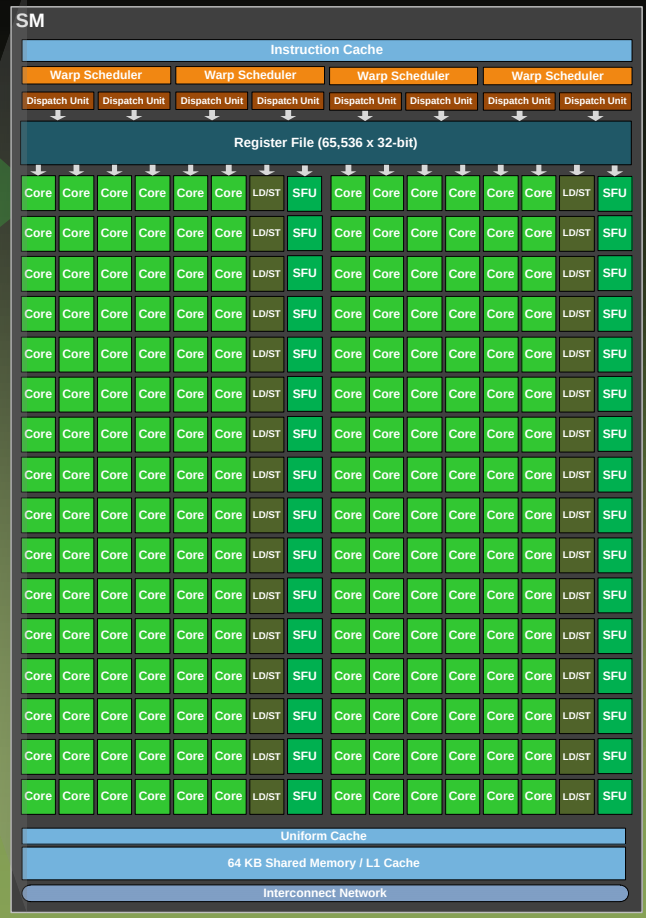
Fermi



Instruction Cache
Scheduler Scheduler
Dispatch Dispatch
Register File
Core (4 × 8)
Load/Store Units x 16
Special Func Units x 4
Interconnect Network
64K Configurable Cache/Shared Mem
Uniform Cache

Kepler





3 Ways to Accelerate Applications

Applications

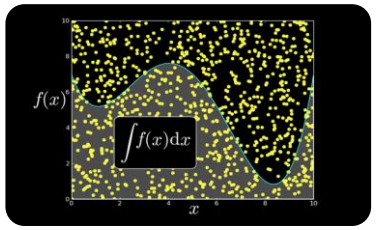
Libraries	OpenACC Directives	Programming Languages
"Drop-in" Acceleration	Easily Accelerate Applications	Maximum Flexibility

Libraries: Easy, High-Quality Acceleration

- **Ease of use:** Using libraries enables GPU acceleration without in-depth knowledge of GPU programming
- **"Drop-in":** Many GPU-accelerated libraries follow standard APIs, thus enabling acceleration with minimal code changes
- **Quality:** Libraries offer high-quality implementations of functions encountered in a broad range of applications
- **Performance:** NVIDIA libraries are tuned by experts

Some GPU-accelerated Libraries

NVIDIA cuBLAS



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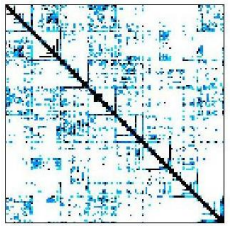


NVIDIA cuSPARSE

NVIDIA NPP

GPU VSIPL

Vector Signal Image Processing

CULA tools

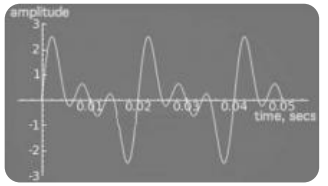
GPU Accelerated Linear Algebra

MAGMA

ICL UT

Matrix Algebra on GPU and Multicore

open source initiative



NVIDIA cuFFT

ROGUE WAVE SOFTWARE

IMSL Library

ArrayFire Matrix Computations

CUSP

Sparse Linear Algebra

open source initiative

Thrust

C++ STL Features for CUDA

open source initiative

3 Steps to CUDA-accelerated application

- **Step 1:** Substitute library calls with equivalent CUDA library calls

  `saxpy ( … )` ➔ `cublasSaxpy ( … )`

- **Step 2:** Manage data locality

  - with CUDA: `cudaMalloc(), cudaMemcpy(), etc.`
  - with CUBLAS: `cublasAlloc(), cublasSetVector(), etc.`

- **Step 3:** Rebuild and link the CUDA-accelerated library

```
nvcc myobj.o –l cublas
```

Drop-In Acceleration (Step 1)


```
int N = 1 << 20;
```

```
// Perform SAXPY on 1M elements: y[]=a*x[]+y[]
saxpy(N, 2.0, d_x, 1, d_y, 1);
```

Drop-In Acceleration (Step 1)


```
int N = 1 << 20;
```

```
// Perform SAXPY on 1M elements: d_y[]=a*d_x[]+d_y[]
cublasSaxpy(N, 2.0, d_x, 1, d_y, 1);
```

Add “cublas” prefix and use device variables

Drop-In Acceleration (Step 2)


```
int N = 1 << 20;
cublasInit();
```

Initialize CUBLAS

```
// Perform SAXPY on 1M elements: d_y[]=a*d_x[]+d_y[]
cublasSaxpy(N, 2.0, d_x, 1, d_y, 1);
```

```
cublasShutdown();
```

Shut down CUBLAS

Drop-In Acceleration (Step 2)


```
int N = 1 << 20;
cublasInit();
cublasAlloc(N, sizeof(float), (void**)&d_x);
cublasAlloc(N, sizeof(float), (void*)&d_y);
```

Allocate device vectors

```
// Perform SAXPY on 1M elements: d_y[]=a*d_x[]+d_y[]
cublasSaxpy(N, 2.0, d_x, 1, d_y, 1);
```

```
cublasFree(d_x);
cublasFree(d_y);
cublasShutdown();
```

Deallocate device vectors

Drop-In Acceleration (Step 2)


```
int N = 1 << 20;
cublasInit();
cublasAlloc(N, sizeof(float), (void**)&d_x);
cublasAlloc(N, sizeof(float), (void*)&d_y);

cublasSetVector(N, sizeof(x[0]), x, 1, d_x, 1);
cublasSetVector(N, sizeof(y[0]), y, 1, d_y, 1);

// Perform SAXPY on 1M elements: d_y[]=a*d_x[]+d_y[]
cublasSaxpy(N, 2.0, d_x, 1, d_y, 1);

cublasGetVector(N, sizeof(y[0]), d_y, 1, y, 1);

cublasFree(d_x);
cublasFree(d_y);
cublasShutdown();
```

Transfer data to GPU

Read data back GPU

Explore the CUDA (Libraries) Ecosystem

- CUDA Tools and Ecosystem described in detail on NVIDIA Developer Zone:

developer.nvidia.com/cuda-tools-ecosystem

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OpenACC Directives

Programming Languages

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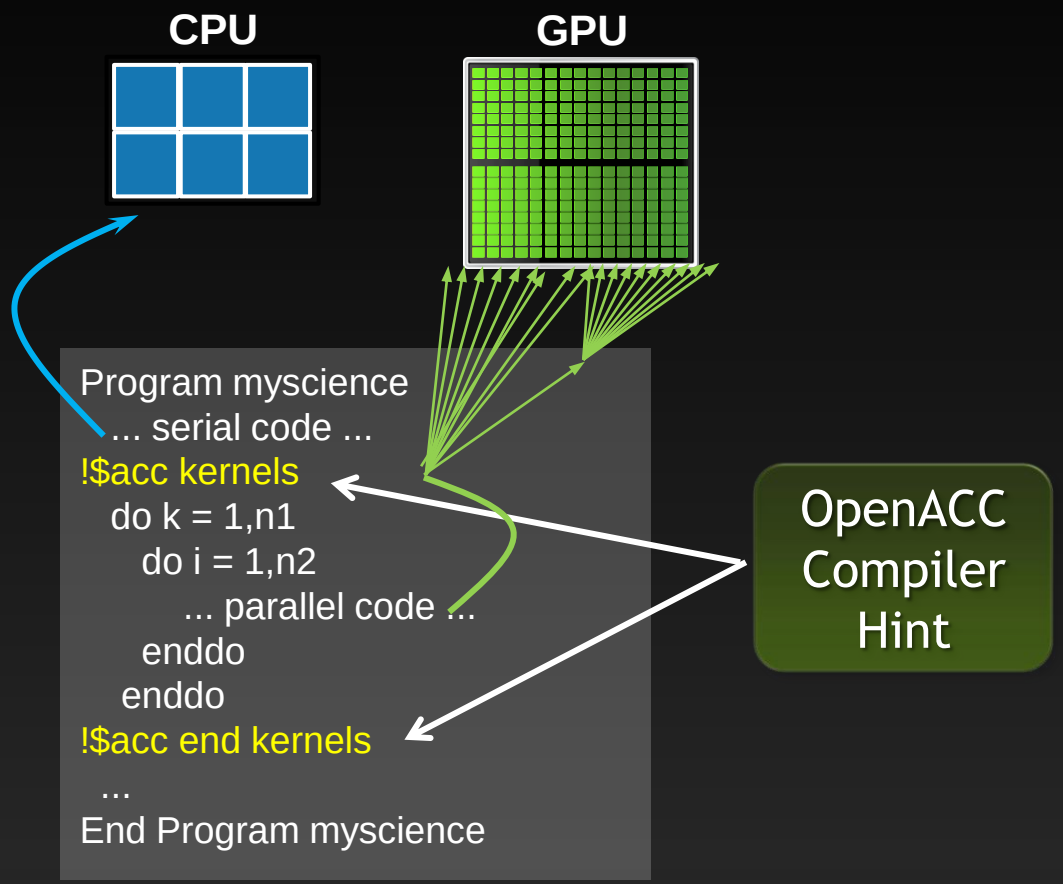
OpenACC Directives



Simple Compiler hints

Compiler Parallelizes code

Works on many-core GPUs & multicore CPUs

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

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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

2 Basic Steps to Get Started

- **Step 1:** Annotate source code with directives:

```
!$acc data copy(util1,util2,util3) copyin(ip,scp2,scp2i)
  !$acc parallel loop
  …
  !$acc end parallel
!$acc end data
```

- **Step 2:** Compile & run:

```
pgf90 -ta=nvidia -Minfo=accel file.f
```

OpenACC Directives Example

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

  iter = iter +1
  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
   IF(mod(iter,100)==0 .or. iter == 1)    print *, iter, err
   A= Anew

 end do
!$acc end data
```

Copy arrays into GPU memory within data region

Parallelize code inside region

Close off parallel region

Close off data region, copy data back

Directives: Easy & Powerful

Real-Time Object Detection

Global Manufacturer of Navigation Systems

5x in 40 Hours

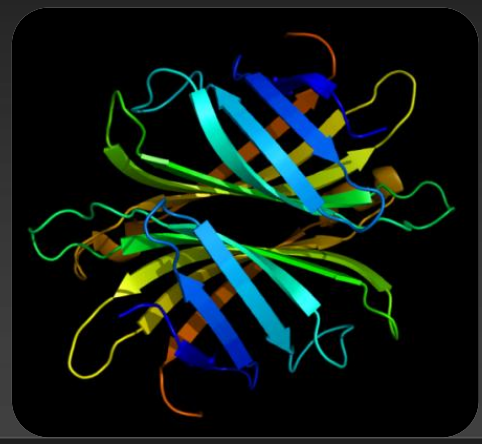
Valuation of Stock Portfolios using Monte Carlo

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*

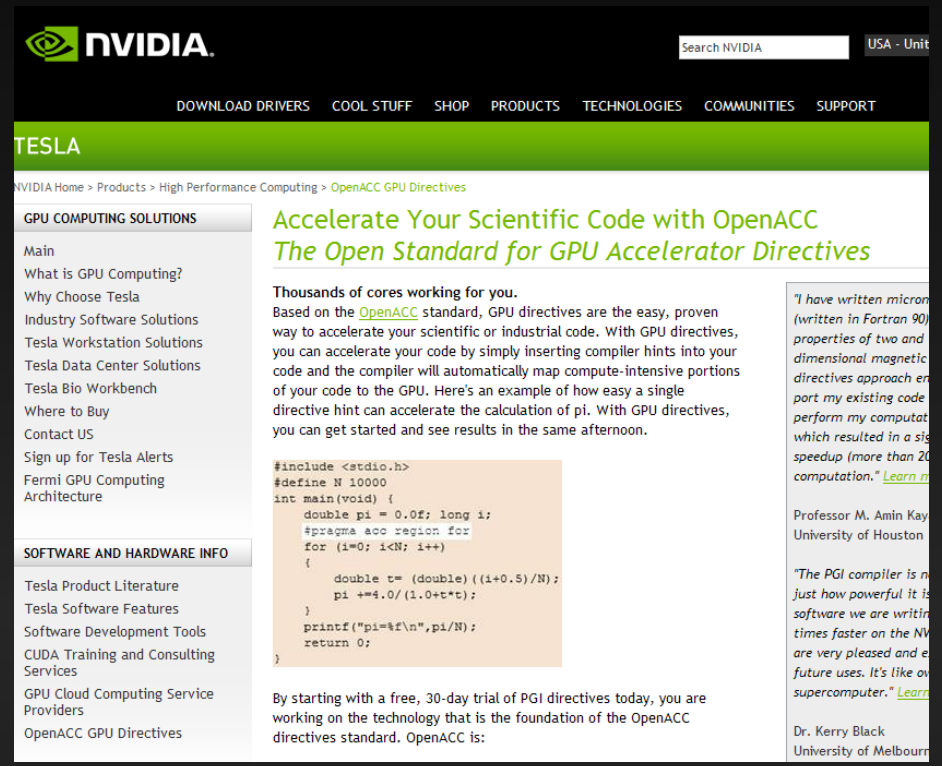
Start Now with OpenACC Directives

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

Free trial license to PGI Accelerator

Tools for quick ramp

www.nvidia.com/gpudirectives



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GPU Programming Languages

Numerical analytics	MATLAB, Mathematica, LabVIEW
Fortran	OpenACC, CUDA Fortran
C	OpenACC, CUDA C
C++	Thrust, CUDA C++
Python	PyCUDA, Copperhead
C#	GPU.NET

CUDA C

Standard C Code

```
void saxpy_serial(int n,
                  float a,
                  float *x,
                  float *y)
{

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

// Perform SAXPY on 1M elements
saxpy_serial(4096*256, 2.0, x, y);
```

Parallel C Code

```
__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];
}

// Perform SAXPY on 1M elements
saxpy_parallel<<<4096,256>>>(n,2.0,x,y);
```

http://developer.nvidia.com/cuda-toolkit

CUDA C++: Develop Generic Parallel Code

CUDA C++ features enable sophisticated and flexible applications and middleware

- Class hierarchies
- __device__ methods
- Templates
- Operator overloading
- Functors (function objects)
- Device-side new/delete
- More…

```
template <typename T>
struct Functor {
  __device__ Functor(_a) : a(_a) {}
  __device__ T operator(T x) { return a*x; }
  T a;
}

template <typename T, typename Oper>
__global__ void kernel(T *output, int n) {
  Oper op(3.7);
  output = new T[n]; // dynamic allocation
  int i = blockIdx.x*blockDim.x + threadIdx.x;
  if (i < n)
    output[i] = op(i);  // apply functor
}
```

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Rapid Parallel C++ Development

- Resembles C++ STL
- High-level interface
  - Enhances developer productivity
  - Enables performance portability between GPUs and multicore CPUs
- Flexible
  - CUDA, OpenMP, and TBB backends
  - Extensible and customizable
  - Integrates with existing software
- Open source


```
// generate 32M random numbers on host
thrust::host_vector<int> h_vec(32 << 20);
thrust::generate(h_vec.begin(),
                 h_vec.end(),
                 rand);

// transfer data to device (GPU)
thrust::device_vector<int> d_vec = h_vec;

// sort data on device
thrust::sort(d_vec.begin(), d_vec.end());

// transfer data back to host
thrust::copy(d_vec.begin(),
             d_vec.end(),
             h_vec.begin());
```

http://developer.nvidia.com/thrust or http://thrust.googlecode.com

CUDA Fortran

- Program GPU using Fortran
  - Key language for HPC
- Simple language extensions
  - Kernel functions
  - Thread / block IDs
  - Device & data management
  - Parallel loop directives
- Familiar syntax
  - Use allocate, deallocate
  - Copy CPU-to-GPU with assignment (=)

```
module mymodule contains
  attributes(global) subroutine saxpy(n,a,x,y)
    real :: x(:), y(:), a,
    integer n, i
    attributes(value) :: a, n
    i = threadIdx%x+(blockIdx%x-1)*blockDim%x
    if (i<=n) y(i) = a*x(i) + y(i);
  end subroutine saxpy
end module mymodule

program main
  use cudafor; use mymodule
  real, device :: x_d(2**20), y_d(2**20)
  x_d = 1.0; y_d = 2.0
  call saxpy<<<4096,256>>>(2**20,3.0,x_d,y_d,)
  y = y_d
  write(*,*) 'max error=', maxval(abs(y-5.0))
end program main
```

http://developer.nvidia.com/cuda-fortran

More Programming Languages

Python ▶ PyCUDA 

C# .NET ▶ GPU.NET tidepowerd

Numerical Analytics ▶ MATLAB The Language of Technical Computing Wolfram Mathematica 8

Get Started Today

These languages are supported on all CUDA-capable GPUs.

You might already have a CUDA-capable GPU in your laptop or desktop PC!

CUDA C/C++
http://developer.nvidia.com/cuda-toolkit

Thrust C++ Template Library
http://developer.nvidia.com/thrust

CUDA Fortran
http://developer.nvidia.com/cuda-toolkit

PyCUDA (Python)
http://mathema.tician.de/software/pycuda

GPU.NET
http://tidepowerd.com

MATLAB
http://www.mathworks.com/discovery/matlab-gpu.html

Mathematica
http://www.wolfram.com/mathematica/new-in-8/cuda-and-opencl-support/


Six Ways to SAXPY
Programming Languages
for GPU Computing
NVIDIA

Single precision Alpha X Plus Y (SAXPY)

Part of Basic Linear Algebra Subroutines (BLAS) Library

$$z = \alpha x + y$$

x, y, z : vector

α : scalar

GPU SAXPY in multiple languages and libraries

A menagerie* of possibilities, not a tutorial

*technically, a *program chrestomathy*: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chrestomathy

OpenACC Compiler Directives

Parallel C Code

```
void saxpy(int n,
           float a,
           float *x,
           float *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);
...
```

Parallel Fortran Code

```
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)
...
```

http://developer.nvidia.com/openacc or http://openacc.org

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CUBLAS Library

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Serial BLAS Code

```
int N = 1<<20;


...

// Use your choice of blas library

// Perform SAXPY on 1M elements
blas_saxpy(N, 2.0, x, 1, y, 1);
```

Parallel cuBLAS Code

```
int N = 1<<20;


cublasInit();
cublasSetVector(N, sizeof(x[0]), x, 1, d_x, 1);
cublasSetVector(N, sizeof(y[0]), y, 1, d_y, 1);

// Perform SAXPY on 1M elements
cublasSaxpy(N, 2.0, d_x, 1, d_y, 1);

cublasGetVector(N, sizeof(y[0]), d_y, 1, y, 1);

cublasShutdown();
```

You can also call cuBLAS from Fortran, C++, Python, and other languages

http://developer.nvidia.com/cublas

CUDA C

Standard C

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

int N = 1<<20;



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

Parallel C

```
__global__
void saxpy(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 N = 1<<20;
cudaMemcpy(d_x, x, N, cudaMemcpyHostToDevice);
cudaMemcpy(d_y, y, N, cudaMemcpyHostToDevice);

// Perform SAXPY on 1M elements
saxpy<<<4096,256>>>(N, 2.0, d_x, d_y);

cudaMemcpy(y, d_y, N, cudaMemcpyDeviceToHost);
```

http://developer.nvidia.com/cuda-toolkit

Thrust C++ Template Library

Serial C++ Code
with STL and Boost

```
int N = 1<<20;
std::vector<float> x(N), y(N);

...



// Perform SAXPY on 1M elements
std::transform(x.begin(), x.end(),
               y.begin(), y.end(),
               2.0f * _1 + _2);
```

www.boost.org/libs/lambda

Parallel C++ Code

```
int N = 1<<20;
thrust::host_vector<float> x(N), y(N);

...

thrust::device_vector<float> d_x = x;
thrust::device_vector<float> d_y = y;


// Perform SAXPY on 1M elements
thrust::transform(d_x.begin(), d_x.end(),
                  d_y.begin(), d_y.begin(),
                  2.0f * _1 + _2);
```

http://thrust.github.com

CUDA Fortran

Standard Fortran

```
module mymodule contains
  subroutine saxpy(n, a, x, y)
    real :: x(:), y(:), a
    integer :: n, i
    do i=1,n
      y(i) = a*x(i)+y(i)
    enddo
  end subroutine saxpy
end module mymodule

program main
  use mymodule
  real :: x(2**20), y(2**20)
  x = 1.0, y = 2.0

  ! Perform SAXPY on 1M elements
  call saxpy(2**20, 2.0, x, y)

end program main
```

Parallel Fortran

```
module mymodule contains
  attributes(global) subroutine saxpy(n, a, x, y)
    real :: x(:), y(:), a
    integer :: n, i
    attributes(value) :: a, n
    i = threadIdx%x+(blockIdx%x-1)*blockDim%x
    if (i<=n) y(i) = a*x(i)+y(i)
  end subroutine saxpy
end module mymodule

program main
  use cudafor; use mymodule
  real, device :: x_d(2**20), y_d(2**20)
  x_d = 1.0, y_d = 2.0

  ! Perform SAXPY on 1M elements
  call saxpy<<<4096,256>>>(2**20, 2.0, x_d, y_d)

end program main
```

http://developer.nvidia.com/cuda-fortran

Python

Standard Python

```
import numpy as np


def saxpy(a, x, y):
  return [a * xi + yi
          for xi, yi in zip(x, y)]

x = np.arange(2**20, dtype=np.float32)
y = np.arange(2**20, dtype=np.float32)




cpu_result = saxpy(2.0, x, y)
```

http://numpy.scipy.org

Copperhead: Parallel Python

```
from copperhead import *
import numpy as np

@cu
def saxpy(a, x, y):
  return [a * xi + yi
          for xi, yi in zip(x, y)]

x = np.arange(2**20, dtype=np.float32)
y = np.arange(2**20, dtype=np.float32)

with places.gpu0:
  gpu_result = saxpy(2.0, x, y)

with places.openmp:
  cpu_result = saxpy(2.0, x, y)
```

http://copperhead.github.com

Enabling Endless Ways to SAXPY

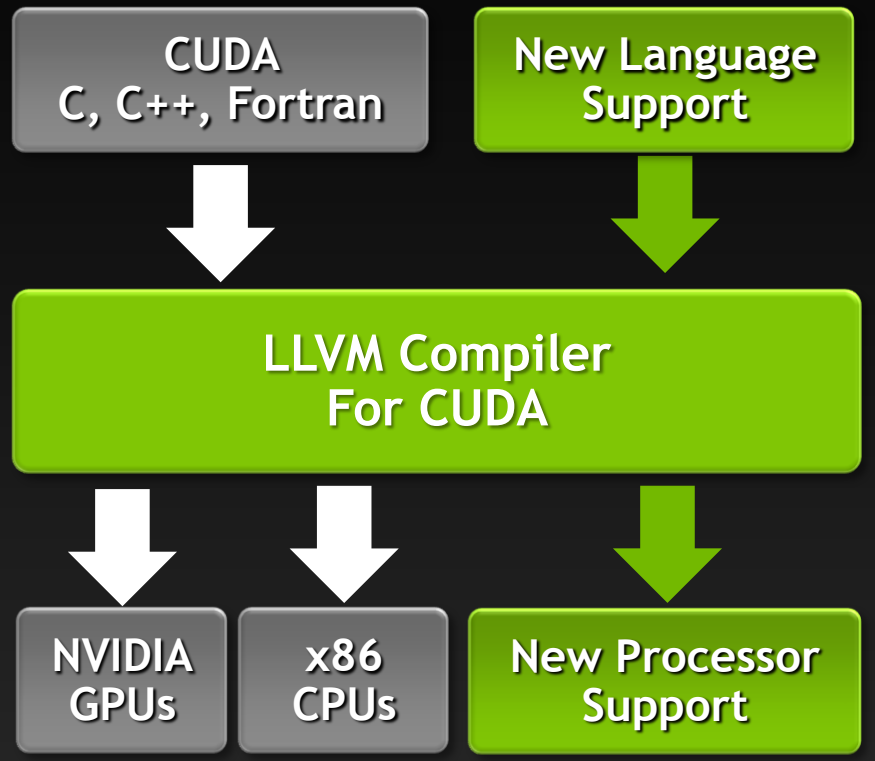
Developers want to build front-ends for

Java, Python, R, DSLs

Target other processors like

ARM, FPGA, GPUs, x86

CUDA Compiler Contributed to Open Source LLVM

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