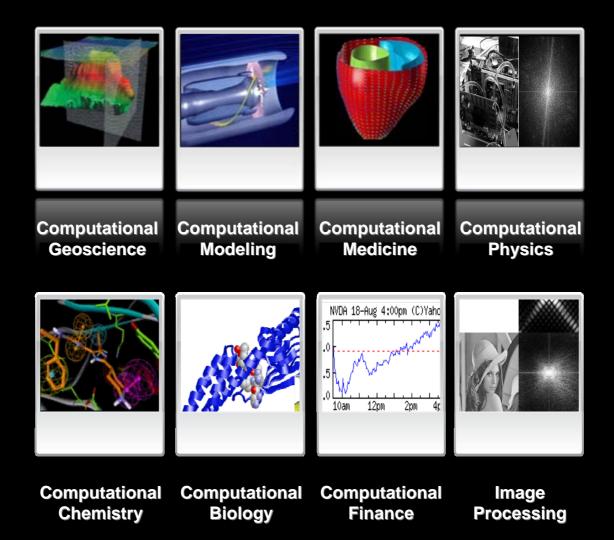


# Agenda

- Introduction & Motivation
- The Myth of GPU Computing
- CUDA Programming Model
- Parallel Algorithms in CUDA
- CUDA Tools and Resources
- Sample Applications

# **Introduction & Motivation**

# Future Science & Engineering Breakthroughs Hinge on Computing



# Faster is not "Just faster"

2-3x "Just faster"

Do a little more, wait a little less

Doesn't change how you work

# 5-10x "Significant"

#### Worth upgrading

Worth rewriting (parts of) your application



# 100x+ "Fundamentally Different"

Worth considering a new platform

Worth re-architecting your application

Makes new applications possible

**Drives down "time to discovery"** 

Creates fundamental changes in science

#### **CPU** has hit a wall

- Even 40% increasing on performance is considered an achievement!
- Clock speed is stuck at 3GHz for years
- No matter how the cache is designed, it will never be large enough
- Adding more cores makes programming more difficult than ever. The magical compiler for multithreading only exists on paper

# Why GPU?

- GPUs have evolved into highly parallel machines
  - Increasing performance much faster rate than CPU
  - Already provide 100s of cores
  - 2x more core means 2x more performance
  - Fully programmable in C
    - NO graphics programming knowledge needed
  - Lots of compute power and memory bandwidth
  - Widely available
    - Over 100M CUDA-capable GPUs shipped as of 2008
- GPUs enable parallel computing for the masses!

# Parallel Computing on GPU

- GPUs are massively multithreaded manycore chips
  - NVIDIA GPU products have up to 240 scalar processors
  - Over 23,000 concurrent threads in flight
  - 1 TFLOP of performance (Tesla)
- Enabling new science and engineering
  - By drastically reducing time to discovery
  - Engineering design cycles: from days to minutes, weeks to days
- Enabling new computer science
  - By reinvigorating research in parallel algorithms, programming models, architecture, compilers, and languages

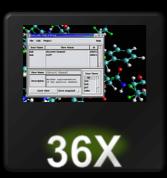
# The complexity of the problem is hidden by the simplicity of the solution.

# CUDA

#### **CUDA Use Cases**



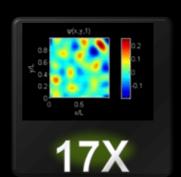
Volumetric white matter visualization



Ionic placement for molecular dynamics



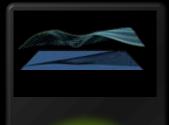
Transcoding
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stream



Isotropic turbulence simulation in Matlab

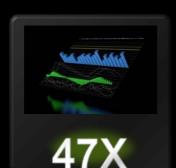


Astrophysics n-body simulation

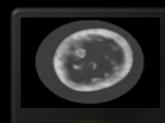


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Financial simulation of LIBOR Model



M-script API for Linear Algebra



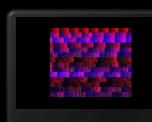
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Ultrasound imaging for cancer



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Molecular dynamics



30X

String matching for gene sequences

- GPUs layer normal programs on top of graphics
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  - Very wide (1000s) SIMD machines
  - ...on which branching is impossible or prohibitive
  - ...with 4-wide vector registers
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  No. 4x ~ 10x perf/watt advantage
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# **Double Precision Floating Point**

	NVIDIA Tesia T10	SSE2	Cell SPE
Precision	IEEE 754	IEEE 754	IEEE 754
Rounding modes for FADD and FMUL	All 4 IEEE, round to nearest, zero, inf, -inf	All 4 IEEE, round to nearest, zero, inf, -inf	All 4 IEEE, round to nearest, zero, inf, -inf
Denormal handling	Full speed	Supported, costs 1000's of cycles	Supported only for results, not input operands (input denormals flushed-to-zero)
NaN support	Yes	Yes	Yes
Overflow and Infinity support	Yes	Yes	Yes
Flags	No	Yes	Yes
FMA	Yes	No	Yes
Square root	Software with low-latency FMA-based convergence	Hardware	Software only
Division	Software with low-latency FMA-based convergence Hardware		Software only
Reciprocal estimate accuracy	24 bit	12 bit	12 bit + step
Reciprocal sqrt estimate accuracy	23 bit	12 bit	12 bit + step
log2(x) and 2^x estimates accuracy	23 bit	No	No

# **GPU Single Floating Point Features**

	G80	SSE	IBM Altivec	Cell SPE
Precision	IEEE 754	IEEE 754	IEEE 754	IEEE 754
Rounding modes for FADD and FMUL	Round to nearest and round to zero	All 4 IEEE, round to nearest, zero, inf, -inf	Round to nearest only	Round to zero/truncate only
Denormal handling	Flush to zero	Supported, 1000's of cycles	Supported, 1000's of cycles	Flush to zero
NaN support	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Overflow and Infinity support	Yes, only clamps to max norm	Yes	Yes	No, infinity
Flags	No	Yes	Yes	Some
Square root	Software only	Hardware	Software only	Software only
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#### Do GPUs do real IEEE 754 FP?

- G8x/GT200 GPU FP is IEEE 752
  - Comparable to other processors
  - More precise / usable in some ways
  - Less precise in other ways
- GPU FP getting better every generation
  - Double precision supported in GT200
  - Goal: best of class in by 2009

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# **CUDA Programming Model**

# **CUDA Goal: Easy to Program**

- Strategies:
  - Let programmers focus on parallel algorithms
    - not mechanics of a parallel programming language
    - Use C/C++ with minimal extensions
  - Enable heterogeneous systems (i.e., CPU+GPU)
    - CPU & GPU are separate devices with separate DRAMs
  - Simple parallel abstractions
    - Simple barrier synchronization
    - Shared memory semantics
    - Hardware-managed hierarchy of threads

# Goal: Performance per millimeter

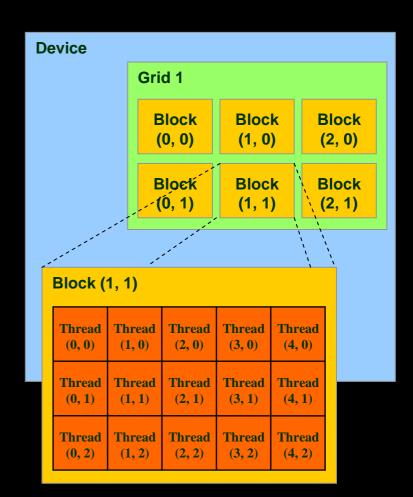
- For GPUs, performance == throughput
- Strategy: hide latency with computation not cache
  - Heavy multithreading
- Implication: need many threads to hide latency
  - Occupancy typically need 128 threads/SM minimum
  - Multiple thread blocks/SM good to minimize effect of barriers
- Strategy: Single Instruction Multiple Thread (SIMT)
  - Balances performance with ease of programming

# **CUDA Programming Model**

- Parallel code (kernel) is launched and executed on a device by many threads
- Threads are grouped into thread blocks
  - Synchronize their execution
  - Communicate via shared memory
- Parallel code is written for a thread
  - Each thread is free to execute a unique code path
  - Built-in thread and block ID variables
- CUDA threads vs CPU threads
  - CUDA thread switching is free
  - CUDA uses many threads per core

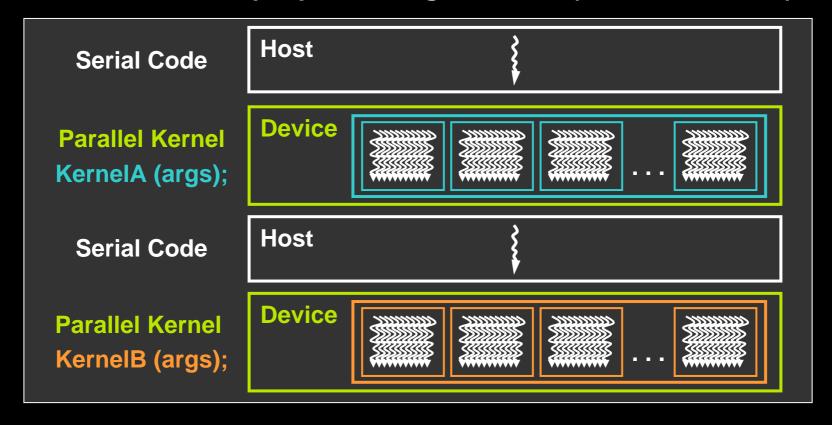
#### **IDs and Dimensions**

- Threads:
  - 3D IDs, unique within a block
- Blocks:
  - 2D IDs, unique within a grid
- Dimensions set at launch time
  - Can be unique for each section
- Built-in variables:
  - threadldx, blockldx
  - blockDim, gridDim



# **Heterogeneous Programming**

- CUDA = serial program with parallel kernels, all in C
  - Serial C code executes in a host thread (i.e. CPU thread)
  - Parallel kernel C code executes in many device threads across multiple processing elements (i.e. GPU threads)



# **Kernel = Many Concurrent Threads**

- One kernel is executed at a time on the device
- Many threads execute each kernel
  - Each thread has it's own program counter, variables (registers), processor state, etc.
  - Threads work different data based on its threadID

```
threadID 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

...
  float x = input[threadID];
  float y = func(x);
  output[threadID] = y;
  ...
```

# **Hierarchy of Concurrent Threads**

- Thread block = virtualized multiprocessor
  - Kernel = grid of thread blocks

```
Thread Block 1
                                                                                   Thread Block N - 1
              Thread Block 0
                                                  2 3 4 5
threadID
                                            float x =
                                                                                    float x =
             float x =
                                            input[threadID];
                                                                                    input[threadID];
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                                            float y = func(x);
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                                            output[threadID] = y;
                                                                                    output[threadID] = y;
             output[threadID] = y;
```

Threads in the same block can be synchronized with barriers

```
scratch[threadID] = begin[threadID];
__syncthreads();
int left = scratch[threadID - 1];
```

Threads
wait at the barrier
until all threads
in the same block
reach the barrier

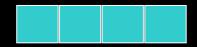
# **Example: Increment Array Elements**

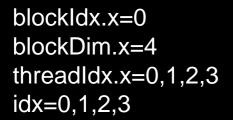
Increment N-element vector a by scalar b



Let's assume N=16, blockDim=4 -> 4 blocks

int idx = blockDim.x \* blockId.x + threadIdx.x;



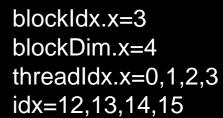




blockldx.x=1 blockDim.x=4 threadldx.x=0,1,2,3 idx=4,5,6,7



blockldx.x=2 blockDim.x=4 threadldx.x=0,1,2,3 idx=8,9,10,11



# **Example: Increment Array Elements**

#### **CPU program**

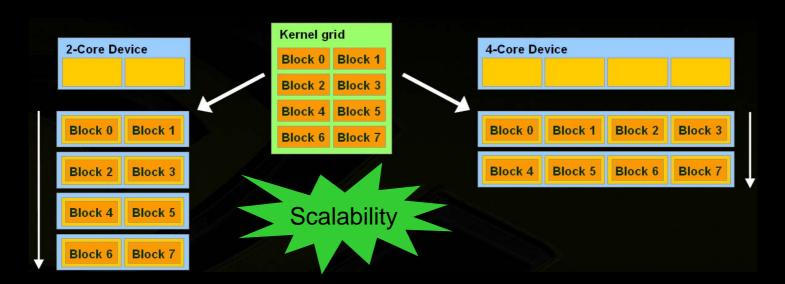
#### **CUDA** program

```
__global__ void increment_gpu(float *a, float b, int N)
{
    int idx = blockldx.x * blockDim.x + threadIdx.x;
    a[idx] = a[idx] + b;
}

void main()
{
    .....
    increment_gpu<<< 4, 4 >>>(a, b, 16);
}
```

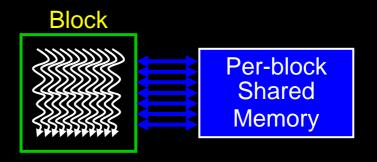
# Scalability: Make Blocks Independent

- Thread blocks can run in any order
  - Concurrently or sequentially
  - Hardware does not synchronize between blocks
- This independence gives scalability:
  - A kernel scales across any number of parallel cores

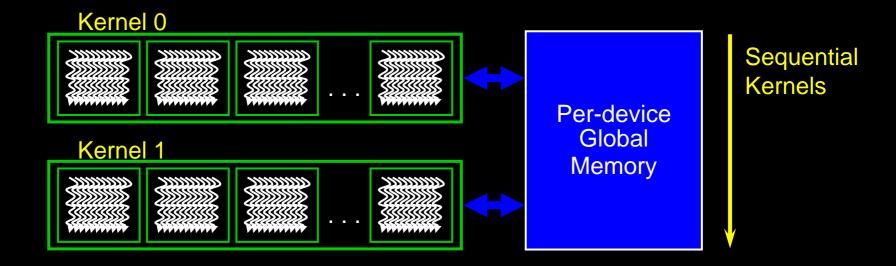


# Memory Model of Threads and Thread Blocks

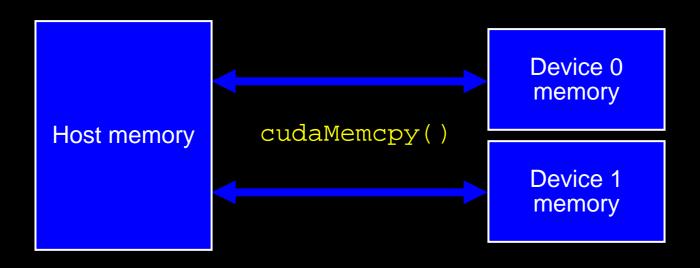




# Memory Model with Each GPU



# Memory Model of Host with Multiple GPUs

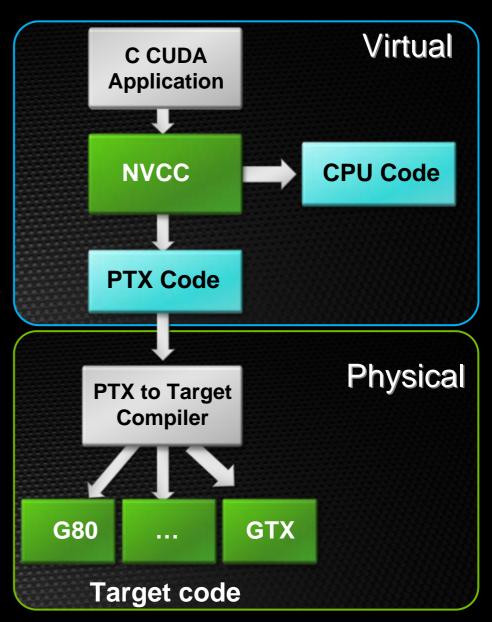


## **Example: Host Code**

```
// allocate host memory
unsigned int numBytes = N * sizeof(float)
float* h A = (float*) malloc(numBytes);
// allocate device memory
float* d A = 0;
cudaMalloc((void**)&d A, numbytes);
// copy data from host to device
cudaMemcpy(d A, h A, numBytes, cudaMemcpyHostToDevice);
// execute the kernel
increment gpu<<< N/blockSize, blockSize>>>(d A, b, N);
// copy data from device back to host
cudaMemcpy(h A, d A, numBytes, cudaMemcpyDeviceToHost);
// free device memory
cudaFree(d A);
free(h A);
```

## **Compiling CUDA**

- Any source file containing CUDA language extensions must be compiled with NVCC
  - NVCC separates code running on the host from code running on the device
- Two-stage compilation:
  - 1. Virtual ISA
    - Parallel Thread execution
  - 2. Device-specific binary object



# Debugging Using the Device Emulation Mode

- An executable compiled in device emulation mode (nvcc -deviceemu) runs completely on the host using the CUDA runtime
  - No need of any device and CUDA driver
  - Each device thread is emulated with a host thread
- When running in device emulation mode, one can:
  - Use host native debug support (breakpoints, inspection, etc.)
  - Access any device-specific data from host code and viceversa
  - Call any host function from device code (e.g. printf) and vice-versa
  - Detect deadlock situations caused by improper usage of \_\_syncthreads

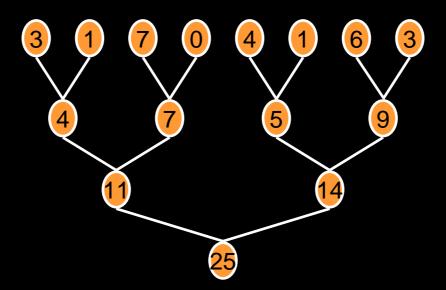
## Parallel Algorithms in CUDA

## **Common Situations in Parallel Computation**

- Many parallel threads need to generate a single result value
  - Reduction
- Many parallel threads that need to partition data
  - Split
- Many parallel threads and variable output per thread
  - Compact / Allocate

## **Parallel Reductions**

- Common Data Parallel Operation
  - Reduce vector to a single value
  - Operator: +, \*, min/max, AND/OR
  - Tree-based implementation



## **Split Operation**

Given an array of true and false elements (and payloads)

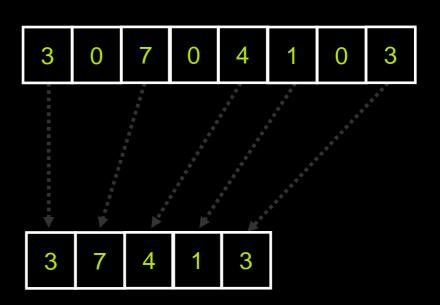
Flag	Т	F	F	Т	F	F	Т	F
Payload	3	1	7	0	4	1	6	3

Return an array with all true elements at the beginning

T	T	T	F	F	F	F	F
3	0	6	1	7	4	1	3

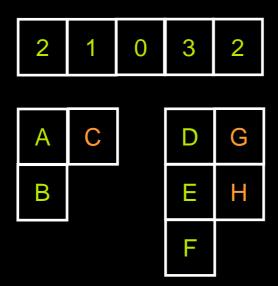
# Variable Output Per Thread (1): Compact

Remove null elements



# Variable Output Per Thread (2): Allocation

Allocate Variable Storage Per Thread



## Parallel Prefix Sum (Scan)

**○** Given an array  $A = [a_0, a_1, ..., a_{\underline{n}-1}]$  and a binary associative operator ⊕ with identity *I*,

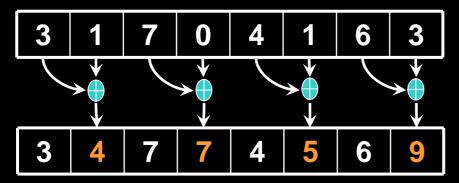
$$scan(A) = [I, a_0, (a_0 \oplus a_1), ..., (a_0 \oplus a_1 \oplus ... \oplus a_{n-2})]$$

Example: if ⊕ is addition, then scan on the set

[3 1 7 0 4 1 6 3] returns the set [0 3 4 11 11 15 16 22]

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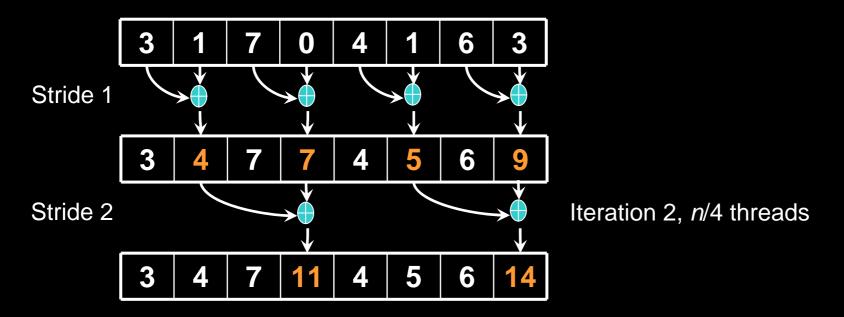
Assume array is already in shared memory



Iteration 1, *n*/2 threads

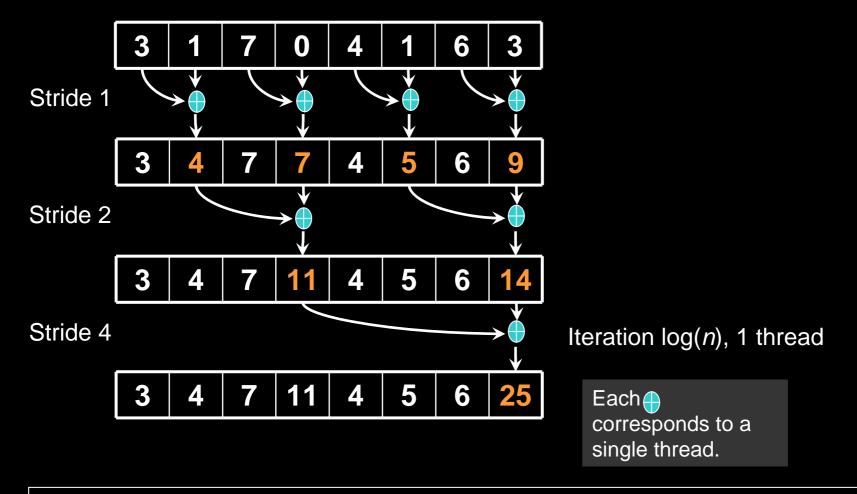
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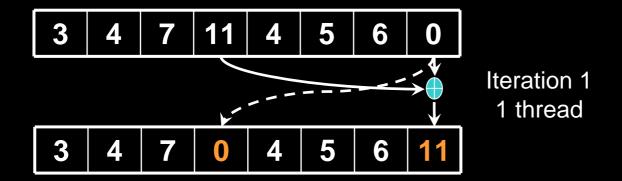
Note that this algorithm operates in-place: no need for double buffering

## **Zero the Last Element**



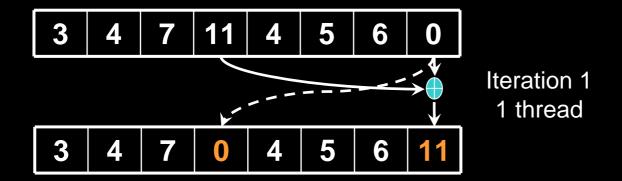
We now have an array of partial sums. Since this is an exclusive scan, set the last element to zero. It will propagate back to the first element.

3 4 7 11 4 5 6 0



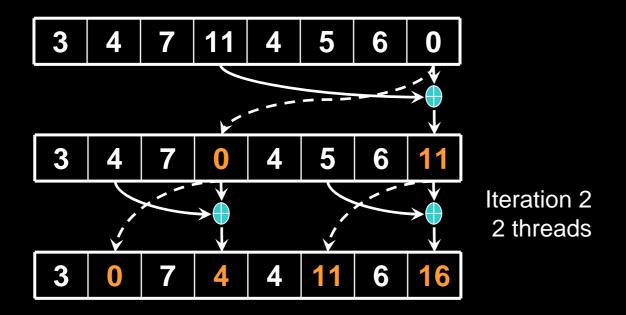
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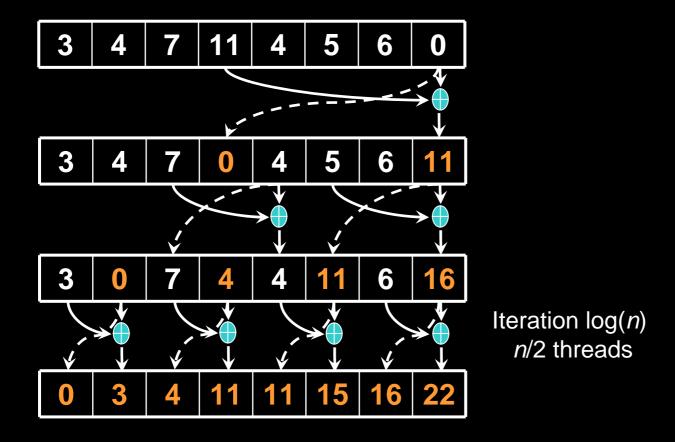
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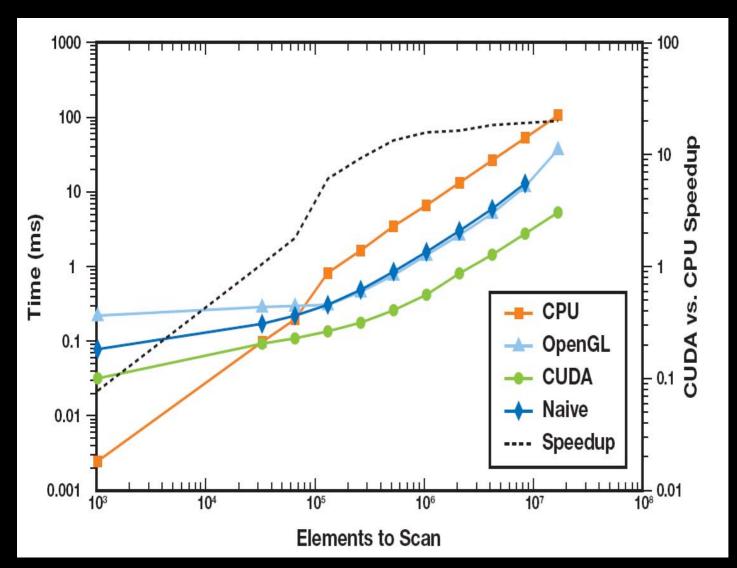


Done! We now have a completed scan that we can write out to device memory.

Total steps: 2 \* log(n).

Total work: 2 \* (n-1) adds = O(n) Work Efficient!

## **CUDA Scan Performance**

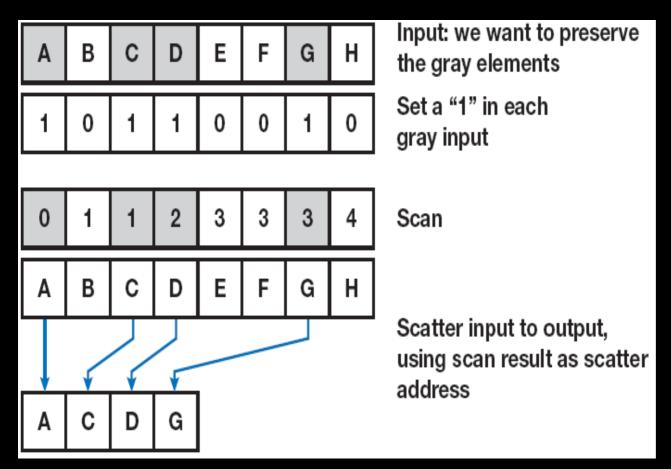


GPU vs. CPU 20x

CUDA vs. OpenGL 7x

GeForce 8800 GTX, Intel Core2 Duo Extreme 2.93 GHz

## **Application: Stream Compaction**



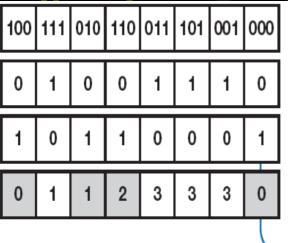
1M elements:
~0.6-1.3ms

16M
elements:
~8-20ms

Perf depends on # elements retained

Harris, M., S. Sengupta, and J.D. Owens. "Parallel Prefix Sum (Scan) in CUDA". *GPU Gems 3* 





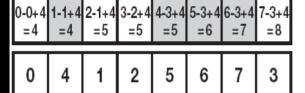
#### Input

Split based on least significant bit b

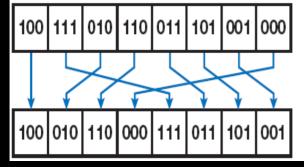
e = Set a "1" in each "0" input

f = Scan the 1s

totalFalses = e[max] + f[max]



$$d = b?t:f$$



Scatter input using d as scatter address

## Sort 4M 32-bit integers: 165ms

**Perform split** operation on each bit using scan

## Can also sort each block and merge

Slower due to cost of merge

## **CUDA Tools and Resources**

## **CUDA Programming Resources**

- CUDA Toolkit
  - Compiler and libraries
  - Free download for Windows, Linux, and Mac OSX
- CUDA SDK
  - Code samples
  - Whitepapers
- Instruction materials
  - Slides and audio
  - Parallel programming course at University of Illinois UC
  - Tutorials
- Development tools
- Libraries

### **GPU Tools**

- Profiler
  - Available now for all supported OSs
  - Command-line or GUI
  - Sampling signals on GPU for:
    - Memory access parameters
    - Execution (serialization, divergence)
- Debugger
  - Demo shown at SC07
  - Runs on the GPU
- Emulation mode
  - Compile and execute in emulation on CPU
  - Allows CPU-style debugging in GPU source

### **New Features**

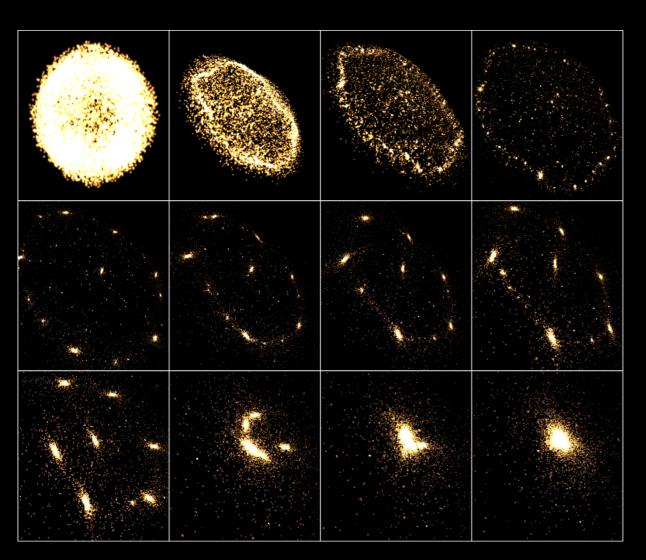
- CUDA 2.02 Beta
  - Beta available on the NVIDIA website
  - Support for GeForce GTX 260 & 280:
    - Double precision
    - Integer atomic operations in shared memory
  - New features:
    - 3D textures
    - Video Decoding Interface with Compute 1.1+ GPU
    - Improved and extended Direct3D interoperability
- CUDA implementation on multi-core CPUs
  - Beta coming soon

### **Double Precision**

- NVIDIA GPUs (G8x and G9x) are single precision
  - IEEE 32-bit floating-point precision ("FP32")
  - You can use double, but it gets demoted to float
- NVIDIA GPUs (GT200) have double precision
  - IEEE 64-bit floating-point precision ("FP64")
  - Double precision will be slower (more register pressure and more cycles)
- Be explicit about float and double!
  - Use double only where needed

## **Sample Applications**

## **CUDA N-Body Simulation**



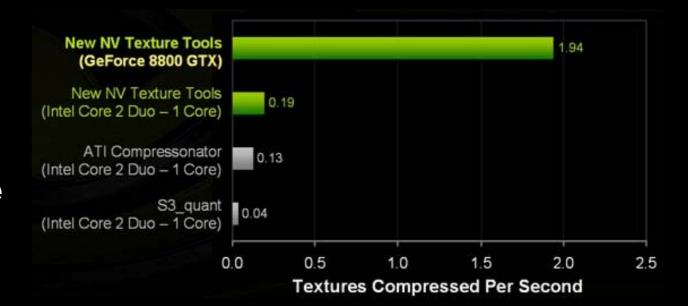
10B interactions/s16K bodies

44 FPS x 20 FLOPS / interaction x 16K<sup>2</sup> interactions / frame

= 240 GFLOP/s on G80

## **DXT Compression**

- Offline
- Runtime
- Real-Time





256x256 RGB = **256 kB** 

128x128 RGB = 64 kB

256x256 DXT1 = 32 kB

## Histogram

- Representation of the distribution of colors in an image
- Applications:
  - Image Analysis
  - HDR Tone Mapping





Reinhard HDR Tonemapping operator

HDR in Valve's source engine

## Histogram

# CUDA Histogram is 300x faster than previous GPGPU approaches

	64 bins	256 bins
CUDA <sup>1</sup>	6500 MB/s	3676 MB/s
R2VB <sup>2</sup>	22.8 MB/s	42.6 MB/s
CPU <sup>3</sup>	826 MB/s	1096 MB/s

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> http://developer.download.nvidia.com/compute/cuda/sdk/website/samples.html#histogram64

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Efficient Histogram Generation Using Scattering on GPUs, T. Sheuermann, AMD Inc, I3D 2007

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Intel Core 2 @ 2.9 GHz

## **Game Al Breakdown**

- 3 Main Al Computations to Accelerate
  - Spatial reasoning
  - Decision making
  - Path finding
- Computation breakdown:
  - For "bot" simulation:
    - Spatial reasoning: 35%
    - Path finding: 65%
  - For crowd simulation:
    - Spatial reasoning: 5%
    - Path finding: 95%
  - Decision making always negligible
- Biggest opportunity for GPU acceleration is path finding



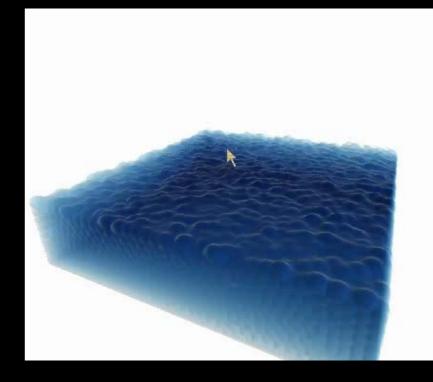
## A\* Algorithm

- Commonly used path finding algorithm
  - A\* itself is not very parallel
  - Parallelism comes from computing many separate A\* paths in parallel
    - Many units moving simultaneously
    - Massive worlds with thousands of characters

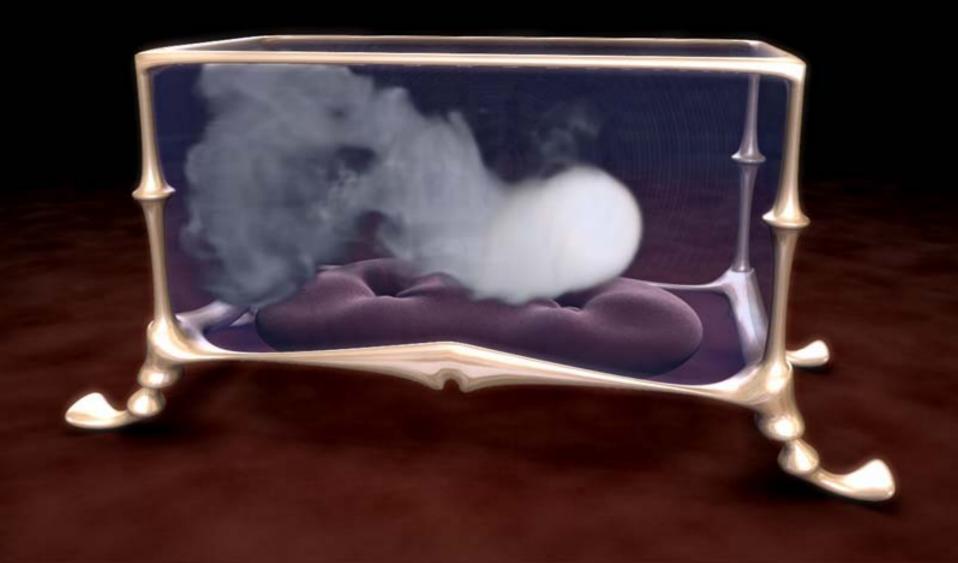


### **CUDA Particle-Based Fluid**

- Grid-based fluids have limitations for use in games
  - Expensive, constrained to a box
- Smoothed Particle Hydrodynamics (SPH) simulates fluid as a collection of interacting particles
  - Localized collisions and pressure distribution
- CUDA enables dynamic construction of a uniform grid data structure to accelerate neighborhood computations
- 32K particles at 60fps GeForce 8800 GTX



## **GPU Fluid Simulation**

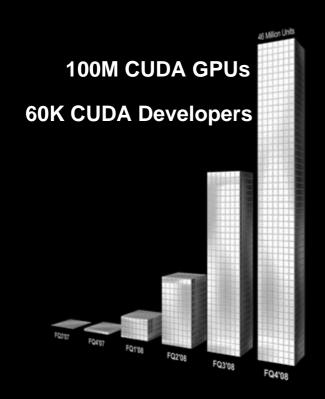


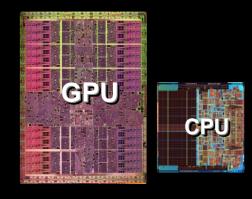
## **CUDA and Physics: PhysX implemented in Cuda**

- Typical physics core simulation features
  - Rigid Body Dynamics
  - Universal Collision-Detection
  - Joints, Springs and Motors
  - Advanced ragdoll and vehicle constraints
- High performance realism (beyond the basics)
  - Volumetric Fluids (SPH)
    - CCD with rigid bodies and static geometry
    - One- or two-way interaction with rigid bodies
  - Cloth and Soft Bodies
    - Attachment and CCD with rigid bodies and static geometry
    - Cloth self collision
    - Tearing
    - Derivatives: Sheet metal and vegetation

## Where to go from here

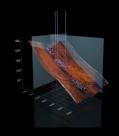
- Get CUDA Toolkit, SDK, and Programming Guide: <a href="http://developer.nvidia.com/CUDA">http://developer.nvidia.com/CUDA</a>
- CUDA works on all NVIDIA 8-Series GPUs (and later)
  - GeForce, Quadro, and Tesla
- Talk about CUDA: http://forums.nvidia.com

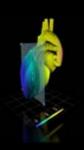




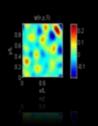
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## **Questions?**