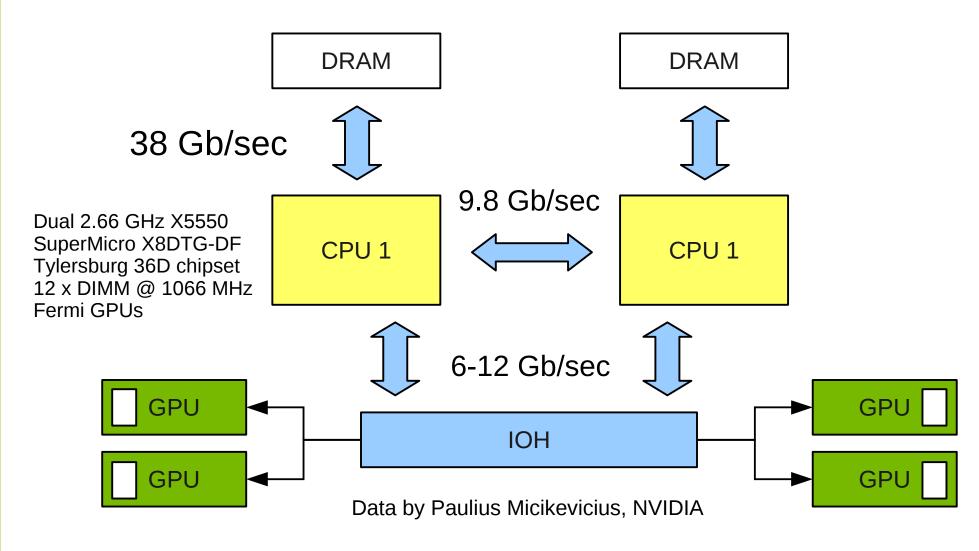


Agenda

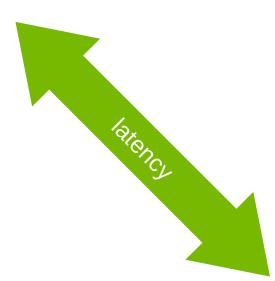
- Hybrid architectures
- Memory hierarchy, processes, threads
- GPU context
- Examples of multi-GPU apps
- Asynchronous operations, CUDA streams

Modern hybrid system



Memory hierarchy

- · Core cache, cpu cache
- · Near RAM
- · Far RAM (over QPI)
- PCI-E device RAM
- Other cluster node host RAM
- Other node's PCI-E device RAM



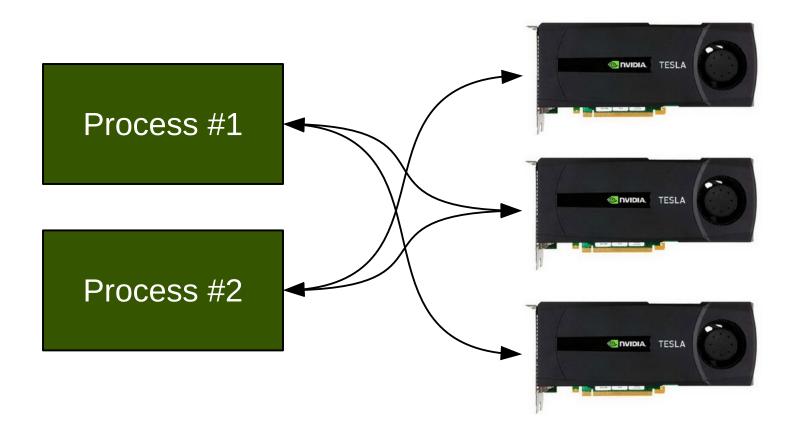
Role of CUDA

- CUDA API for computations on GPU, but not for the whole cluster
- To develop for hybrid systems we need to combine different programming models

OS basics: processes

- Own context in system (memory allocations, files, etc)
- Processes are controlled with syscalls (quiet expensive)

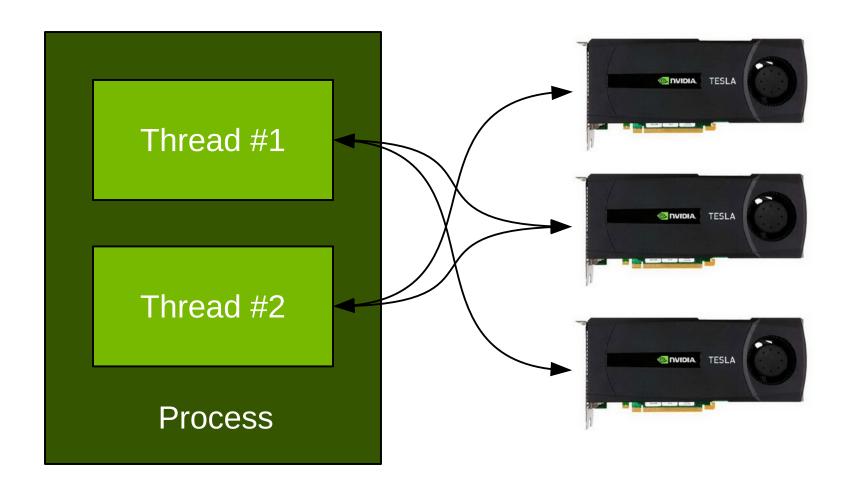
OS basics: processes



OS basics: threads

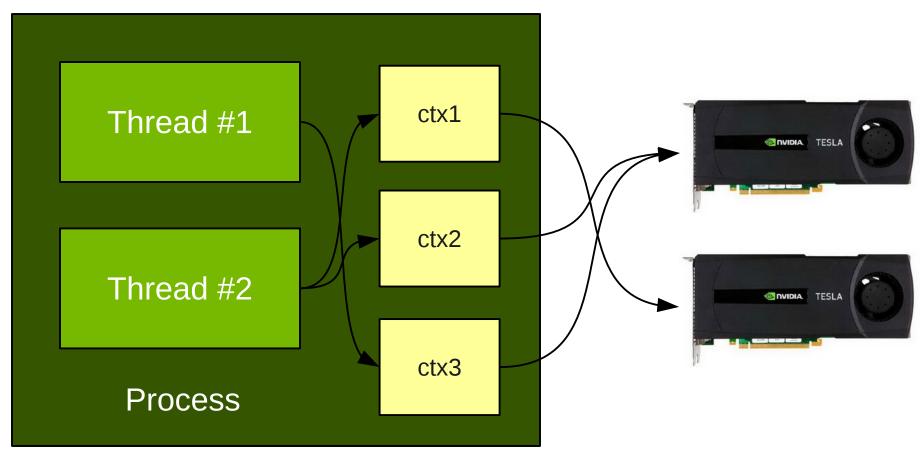
- Share memory of parent process
- OS might be less responsible for threads management

OS basics: threads



- CUDA context device-specific runtime configuration info (allocated devicememory, error codes, etc)
- Many CUDA calls require existing context

- Initially thread/process does not have current CUDA context
- If thread/process does not have CUDA context, but it is required, then it will be created implicitly
- One device can have multiple contexts



- Each process/thread is allowed to have only one current (focused) context
- Process/thread can create/destroy contexts and switch current context

multi-GPU in serial apps

See full examples source code in attached materials

Create a serial app, utilizing multiple GPUs in parallel.

Source code: serial/serial cuda/

- For each device create a context explicitly (cuCtxCreate)
- Before interacting with device, set the corresponding context as current (cuCtxPushCurrent) and unset it back afterwards (cuCtxPopCurrent)
- In the end destroy all contexts (cuCtxDestroy)

cuDeviceGet, cuCtxCreate

```
CUdevice dev:
CUresult cu status = cuDeviceGet(&dev, idevice);
if (cu status != CUDA SUCCESS)
        fprintf(stderr,
               "Cannot get CUDA device by index %d, status = %d\n",
               idevice, cu status);
        return cu status;
cu status = cuCtxCreate(&config->ctx, 0, dev);
if (cu status != CUDA SUCCESS)
        fprintf(stderr,
              "Cannot create a context for device %d, status = %d\n",
               idevice, cu status);
        return cu status;
```

cuCtxPushCurrent / *PopCurrent

```
// Set focus on the specified CUDA context.
// Previously we created one context for each thread.
CUresult cu status = cuCtxPushCurrent(config->ctx);
if (cu status != CUDA SUCCESS)
        fprintf(stderr,
                "Cannot push current context for device %d, status = %d\n",
                idevice, cu status);
        return cu status;
// Pop the previously pushed CUDA context out of this thread.
cu status = cuCtxPopCurrent(&config->ctx);
if (cu status != CUDA SUCCESS)
        fprintf(stderr,
                "Cannot pop current context for device %d, status = %d\n",
                idevice, cu status);
        return cu status;
```

cuCtxDestroy

multi-GPU in parallel apps

This section briefly explains how to combine different parallel programming models with CUDA

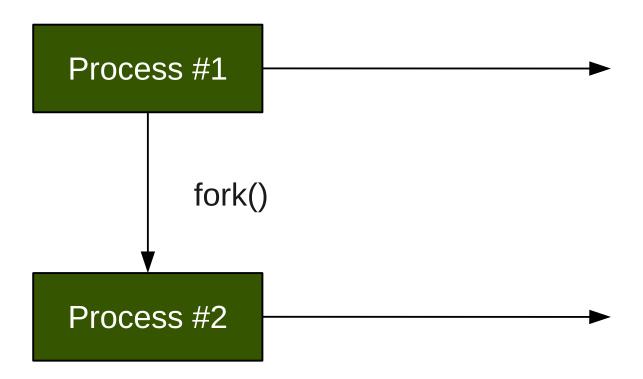
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Open Group / IEEE

- Create child process
 fork
- Shared regions shm_open, shm_unlink
- Memory mapping mmap, munmap, msync
- Semaphores
 sem_open, sem_wait, sem_post, sem_unlink

Create multiple processes handling independent datasets on CPU

Source code: unix/process fork/



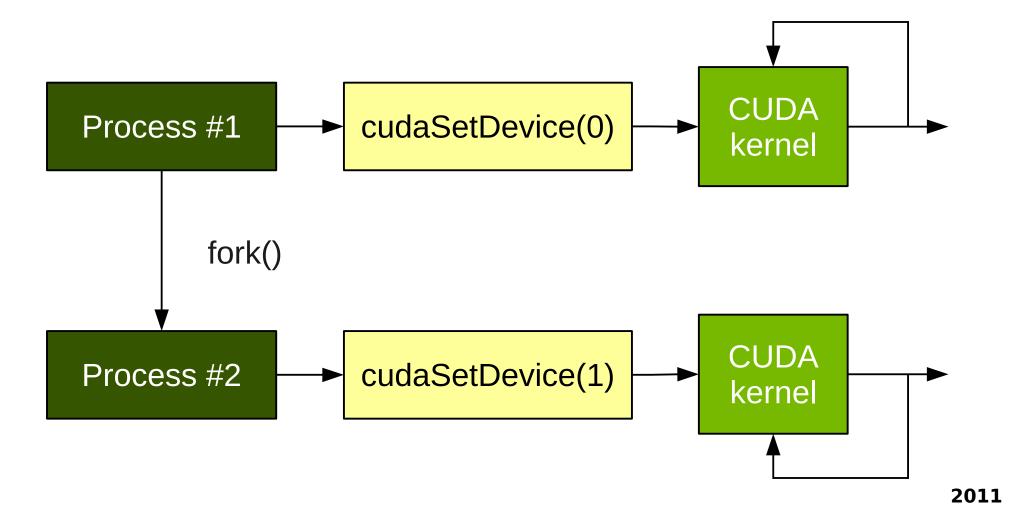
fork()

```
// Call fork to create another process.
// Standard: "Memory mappings created in the parent
// shall be retained in the child process."
pid t fork status = fork();
// From this point two processes are running the same code, if no errors.
if (fork status == -1)
        fprintf(stderr, "Cannot fork process, errno = %d\n", errno);
        return errno;
// By fork return value we can determine the process role:
// master or child (worker).
int master = fork status ? 1 : 0, worker = !master;
// Get the process ID.
int pid = (int)getpid();
```

Create multiple processes handling independent datasets on one or multiple GPUs

If system has only one GPU, use it in all processes

Source code: unix/process_fork_cuda/



cudaSetDevice

```
// Use different devices, if more than one present.
if (ndevices > 1)
        int idevice = 1;
        if (master) idevice = 0;
        cuda status = cudaSetDevice(idevice);
        if (cuda status != cudaSuccess)
                fprintf(stderr,
                        "Cannot set CUDA device by process %d, status = %d\n",
                        pid, cuda_status);
                return cuda_status;
        printf("Process %d uses device #%d\n", pid, idevice);
```

Note on example #3

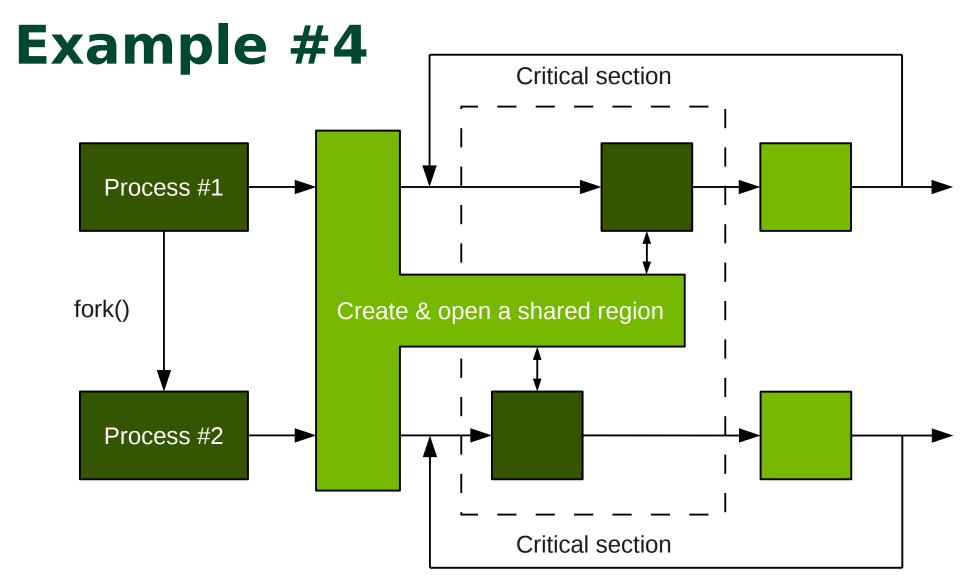
If CUDA context was created **before** fork(), then in child process CUDA calls may behave incorrectly

Create multiple processes handling independent datasets and sharing them over shared buffer

Source code: unix/shmem_mmap/

Some synchronization primitives

- Mutex (1 room 1 key)
- Semaphore (1 room multiple keys)
- Barrier (elevator)



shm_open / shm_unlink

```
// Create shared memory region.
int fd = shm open("/myshm",
        O CREAT | O RDWR, S IRUSR | S IWUSR);
if (fd == -1)
        fprintf(stderr, "Cannot open shared region, errno = %d\n", errno);
        return errno;
// Unlink shared region.
if (master)
        int unlink status = shm unlink("/myshm");
        if (unlink status == -1)
                fprintf(stderr,
                        "Cannot unlink shared region by process %d, errno = %d n",
                        pid, errno);
                return errno;
```

mmap / munmap

```
// Map the shared region into the address space of the process.
char* shared data = (char*)mmap(0, szmem,
        PROT READ | PROT WRITE, MAP SHARED, fd, 0);
if (shared data == MAP FAILED)
        fprintf(stderr, "Cannot map shared region to memory, errno = %d\n",
                errno);
        return errno;
// Unmap shared region.
close(fd);
int munmap status = munmap(shared data, szmem);
if (munmap status == -1)
        fprintf(stderr, "Cannot unmap shared region by process %d, errno = %d n",
                pid, errno);
        return errno;
```

msync

sem_open / sem_unlink

```
// Create semaphore.
sem_t* sem = sem_open("/mysem", 0_CREAT, S_IRWXU | S_IRWXG | S_IRWXO, 1);
if (sem == SEM FAILED)
        fprintf(stderr, "Cannot open semaphore by process %d, errno = %d\n",
                pid, errno);
        return errno;
// Unlink semaphore.
if (master)
        int sem status = sem unlink("/mysem");
        if (sem status == -1)
                fprintf(stderr,
                        "Cannot unlink semaphore by process %d, errno = %d\n",
                        pid, errno);
                return errno;
```

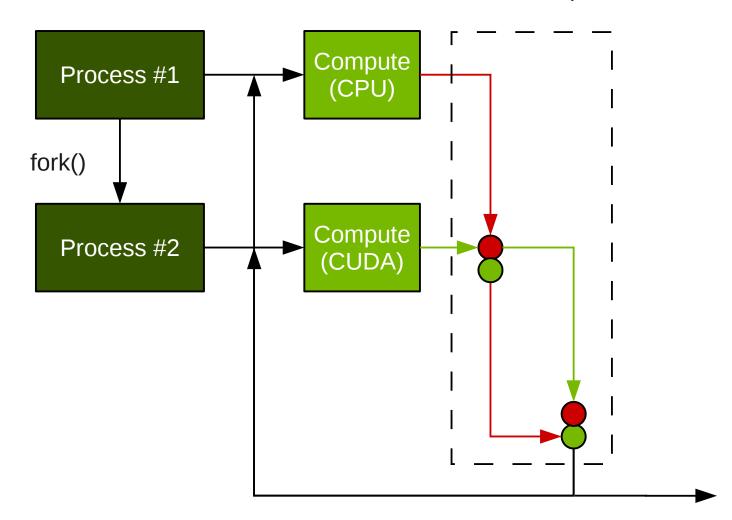
sem_wait / sem_post

```
// Lock semaphore to begin working with shared data exclusively.
int sem status = sem wait(sem);
if (sem status == -1)
        fprintf(stderr,
                "Cannot wait on semaphore by process %d, errno = %d\n",
                pid, errno);
        return errno:
// Unlock semaphore to finish working with shared data exclusively.
sem status = sem post(sem);
if (sem status == -1)
        fprintf(stderr,
               "Cannot post on semaphore by process %d, errno = %d\n",
               pid, errno);
        return errno;
```

Create multiple processes handling independent datasets on GPU and CPU and sharing results over shared buffer

Source code: unix/shmem_mmap_cuda/

Synchronization with two semaphores



Message Passing Interface (MPI)

- Implementation: library, daemon
- Same binary is executed by multiple processes in parallel
- Local MPI daemons running on each node control processes startup and manage their states
- MPI runtime library implements message passing (data, synchronization) for nodes network

Message Passing Interface (MPI)

- Spawn parallel processes mpirun, mpiexec
- Init / deinit MPI in application MPI_Init, MPI_Finalize
- Data transfer
 MPI_Send, MPI_Recv, MPI_Bcast, ...
- Synchronization
 MPI_Barrier, ...

With help of MPI create mutiple processes handling independent datasets on GPUs and sharing results over shared buffer

Source code: unix/shmem_mmap_cuda/

MPI_Init / MPI_Finalize

```
// Initialize MPI. From this point the specified
// number of processes will be executed in parallel.
int mpi status = MPI Init(&argc, &argv);
if (mpi status != MPI SUCCESS)
        fprintf(stderr, "Cannot initialize MPI, status = %d\n", mpi status);
        return mpi status;
mpi status = MPI Finalize();
if (mpi status != MPI SUCCESS)
        fprintf(stderr, "Cannot finalize MPI, status = %d\n",
                mpi status);
        return mpi status;
```

MPI_Comm_size / *_rank

```
int nprocesses;
mpi status = MPI Comm size(MPI COMM WORLD, &nprocesses);
if (mpi status != MPI SUCCESS)
        fprintf(stderr,
                 "Cannot retrieve the number of MPI processes, status = %d\n",
                mpi status);
        return mpi status;
// Get the rank (index) of the current MPI process
// in the global communicator.
mpi status = MPI Comm rank(MPI COMM WORLD, &config.idevice);
if (mpi status != MPI SUCCESS)
        fprintf(stderr,
                "Cannot retrieve the rank of current MPI process, status = %d\n",
                mpi status);
        return mpi status;
```

MPI_Bcast

MPI_Send / MPI_Recv

```
// On master process perform results check:
// compare each GPU result to CPU result.
if (master)
        for (int idevice = 0; idevice < ndevices; idevice++)</pre>
                // Receive output from each worker device.
                mpi status = MPI Recv(output, np, MPI FLOAT, idevice, 0,
                        MPI COMM WORLD, NULL);
                if (mpi status != MPI SUCCESS)
                        fprintf(stderr, "Cannot receive output from device %d, status = %d\n",
                                idevice, mpi status);
                        return mpi status;
                // Find the maximum abs difference.
else
        // Send worker output to master for check.
        MPI Send(config.in cpu, np, MPI FLOAT, ndevices, 0,
                MPI COMM WORLD);
        if (mpi status != MPI SUCCESS)
                fprintf(stderr, "Cannot send output from device %d, status = %d\n",
                        config.idevice, mpi status);
                return mpi status;
```

Notes on processes

 If processes deadlocked due to incorrect synchronization, the killall util should help ●

```
[marcusmae@T61p process_fork_cuda]$ ps aux | grep fork 500 6909 52.3 0.0 32988 1152 pts/7 R 16:50 0:46 ./process_fork_cuda 500 6911 75.4 0.0 32988 1152 pts/7 R 16:50 1:03 ./process_fork_cuda 500 6913 46.0 0.0 32988 1152 pts/7 R 16:50 0:35 ./process_fork_cuda 500 7013 0.0 0.0 103384 836 pts/7 S+ 16:52 0:00 grep --color=auto fork [marcusmae@T61p process_fork_cuda]$ killall -9 process_fork_cuda
```

POSIX threads (pthread)

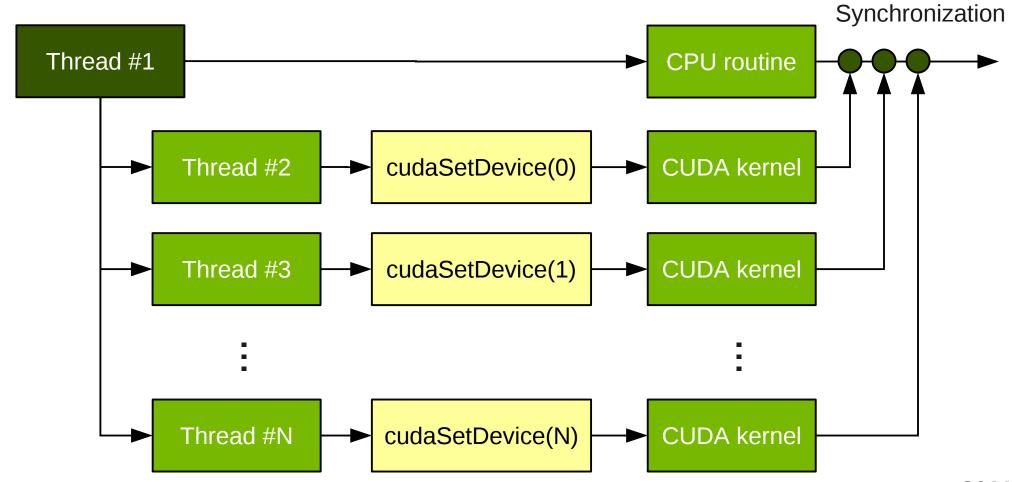
- Implementation: library
- User has explicit control on threads creation, deletion and their properties
- User has explicit control on threads interaction

POSIX threads (pthread)

- Create thread, wait for thread to finish pthread_create, pthread_join
- Critical section
 pthread_mutex_lock, pthread_mutex_unlock, ...
- Barrier and conditional variable pthread_barrier_wait, pthread_cond_wait

With help of pthread create multiple threads handling independent datasets on GPUs and CPU

Source code: pthread/pthread_cuda/



pthread_create

```
// For each CUDA device found create a separate thread
// and execute the thread func.
for (int i = 0; i < ndevices; i++)
        config t* config = configs + i;
        config->idevice = i;
        config->step = 0;
        config->nx = nx; config->ny = ny;
        config->inout cpu = inout + np * i;
        int status = pthread create(&config->thread, NULL,
                thread func, config);
        if (status)
                fprintf(stderr,
                        "Cannot create thread for device %d, status = %dn",
                        i, status);
                return status;
```

pthread_exit, pthread_join

```
pthread_exit(NULL);
...

// Wait for device threads completion.
// Check error status.
int status = 0;
for (int i = 0; i < ndevices; i++)
{
         pthread_join(configs[i].thread, NULL);
         status += configs[i].status;
}</pre>
```

OpenMP

- Implementation: directives (language extensions for C, Fortran, etc) and library
- Runtime library manages threads creation and deletion, some threads properties can be controlled by user
- User has explicit control on threads interaction

OpenMP

- Parallel execution#pragma omp parallel
- Threads count omp_get_num_threads(), OMP_NUM_THREADS
- Parallel loops#pragma omp parallel for

With help of OpenMP create multiple threads handling independent datasets on GPUs and CPU

Source code: openmp/openmp_cuda/

omp section-s, parallel for

omp section-s, parallel for

```
#pragma omp section
{
    #pragma omp parallel for
    for (int i = 0; i < ndevices; i++)
    {
        config_t* config = configs + i;
        config->idevice = i;
        config->step = 0;
        config->nx = nx; config->ny = ny;
        config->inout_cpu = inout + np * i;
        config->status = thread_func(config);
    }
}
```

omp section-s, parallel for

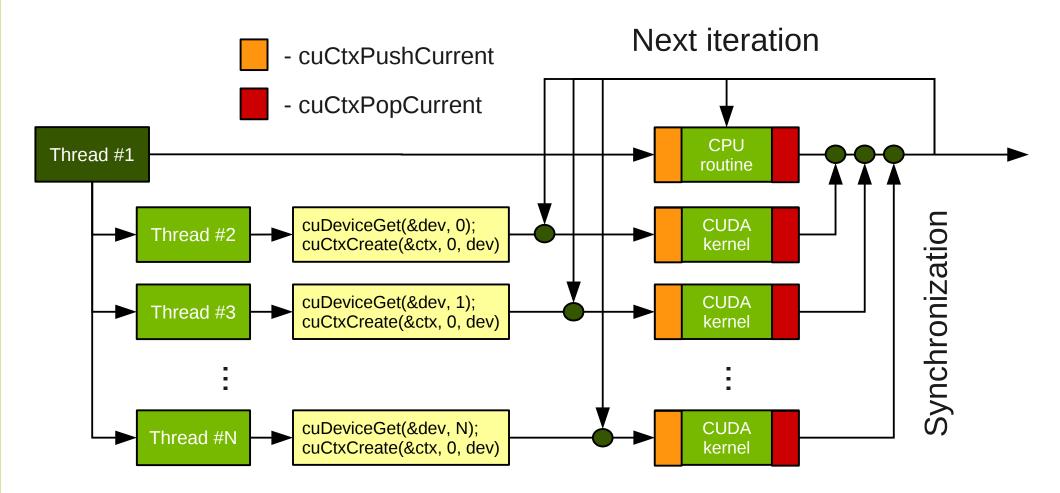
```
// Section for CPU thread.
#pragma omp section
        // In parallel main thread launch CPU function equivalent
        // to CUDA kernels, to check the results.
        control = inout + ndevices * np;
        float* input = inout + (ndevices + 1) * np;
        for (int i = 0; i < nticks; i++)
                pattern2d cpu(1, configs->nx, 1, 1, configs->ny, 1,
                        input, control, ndevices);
                float* swap = control;
                control = input;
                input = swap;
        float* swap = control;
        control = input;
        input = swap;
```

Note on example #8

With OpenMP user has less control on worker threads. In case of multiple parallel loops the conservation of threads ⇔ grid mapping is not guaranteed, resulting into possible current CUDA contexts mismatches. Thus, it should be better to always push/pop context in the beginning/end of OpenMP-enabled loop body (see example #9).

With help of OpenMP create multiple threads handling independent datasets on GPUs and CPU with synchronization on each step

Source code: openmp/openmp_multi_cuda/



Example #9 (similar to #1)

- For each device create a context explicitly (cuCtxCreate)
- Before interacting with device, set the corresponding context as current (cuCtxPushCurrent) and unset it back afterwards (cuCtxPopCurrent)
- In the end destroy all contexts (cuCtxDestroy)

Note on example #9

There could be any number of OpenMP threads. For instance, if only one thread is used, it will successfully control multiple GPUs, thanks to current CUDA context switching.

COACCEL tesla.parallel.ru/trac/coaccel

- Implementation: library
- Unified data I/O interface for CPU threads,
 CUDA and OpenCL devices
- Runtime library manages threads creation and deletion, some threads properties can be controlled by user
- User has explicit control on threads interaction

COACCEL tesla.parallel.ru/trac/coaccel

- Creation and grouping of CUDA devices coaccel_device_init, coaccel_device_group_create
- Execution of CUDA kernels on multiple devices in parallel threads coaccel_multi_init, coaccel_multi_step
- Synchronization of multiple devices

With help of COACCEL create multiple threads handling independent datasets on GPUs and CPU with synchronization on each step

Source code: coaccel/coaccel_multi/

Next iteration Thread #1 **CPU** routine Synchronization Thread #2 **CUDA** kernel cudaSetDevice(0) Thread #3 cudaSetDevice(1) **CUDA** kernel Thread #N **CUDA** kernel cudaSetDevice(N)

coaccel_device_init / *_add

```
// Create new empty COACCEL device group.
coaccel device group devices = coaccel device group create();
// Fill group with GPU devices.
for (int i = 0; i < ndevices; i++)
        // Initialize COACCEL device supporting CUDA
        // and synchronous memory I/O.
        coaccel device device = coaccel device init(
                argc, argv, COACCEL DEVMODE CUDA SYNC, NULL);
        if (!device)
                fprintf(stderr, "Cannot initialize CUDA device\n");
                return -1;
        // Add created device to group.
        coaccel device add(devices, device, i);
```

coaccel_device_init / *_add

coaccel_multi_init / *_step_all

```
// Initialize threaded execution.
coaccel multi multi = coaccel multi init(
        devices, 1, &init, (void*)configs);
if (!multi)
        fprintf(stderr, "Cannot initialize COACCEL multi\n");
        return -1:
// Perform several steps of threaded execution.
for (int i = 0; i < nticks; i++)
        coaccel multi step all(multi, process, (void*)configs);
// Finalize threaded execution.
coaccel multi finalize(multi, &deinit, (void*)configs);
```

coaccel_device_dispose

Boost

 Create and bind thread boost::thread, boost::bind

Synchronization

boost::mutex, boost::barrier

Example #11

With help of Boost create multiple threads handling independent datasets on GPUs and CPU with synchronization on each step

Source code: boost/boost_cuda/

thread, bind, mutex, barrier

thread, bind, mutex, barrier

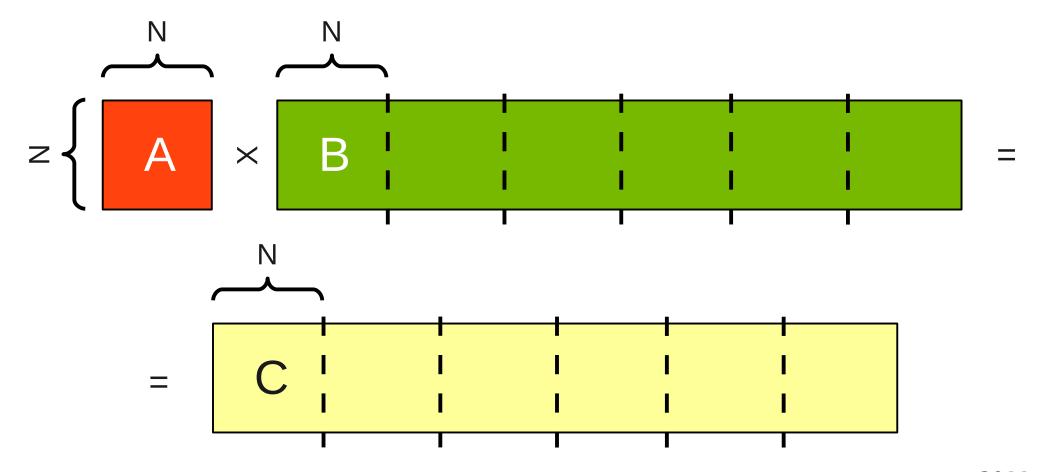
```
// Create a barrier that will wait for (ndevices + 1)
// invocations of wait().
boost::barrier b(ndevices + 1);

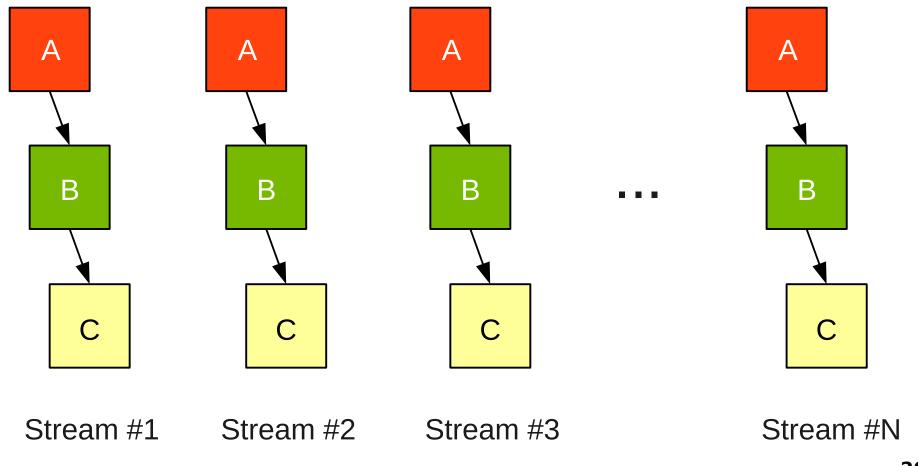
// Initialize thread runners and load input data.
ThreadRunner** runners = new ThreadRunner*[ndevices + 1];
for (int i = 0; i < ndevices; i++)
{
    runners[i] = new ThreadRunner(i, nx, ny, &b);
    runners[i] ->Load(data);
}
```

thread, bind, mutex, barrier

```
// Compute the given number of steps.
float* input = data;
float* output = data + np;
for (int i = 0; i < nticks; i++)
        // Pass iteration on device threads.
        for (int i = 0; i < ndevices; i++)
                runners[i]->Pass();
        int status = ThreadRunner::GetLastError();
        if (status) return status;
        // In parallel main thread launch CPU function equivalent
        // to CUDA kernels, to check the results.
        pattern2d cpu(1, nx, 1, 1, ny, 1,
                input, output, ndevices);
        float* swap = output;
        output = input;
        input = swap;
        b.wait();
}
```

Stream – a logical sequence of dependent asynchronous operations, independent from other streams





- Parallel streams can potentially be more efficient that regular execution on combination of kernels and host ⇔ device transfers, feeding both I/O and computational units simultaneously
- Asynchronous data transfers require pinned memory (cudaMallocHost).

Example #12

4096

4096

Block matrix multiplication with CUDA streams.

0.396524 sec 346.609298 PASSED 0.293707

Source code: gemm_streams/

```
[dmikushin@tesla-cmc gemm_streamed]$ ./gemm_streamed 4 1024 1025 1 N N 1.0 0.0 16
                      qflops
       time
                                 test
                                            enorm
                                                        rnorm
      0.013909 sec 154.390014 PASSED 0.018676 262177.187500
1024
1024
       0.011231 sec 191.204784 PASSED 0.018693 262323.812500
[dmikushin@tesla-cmc gemm streamed]$ ./gemm streamed 4 4096 4097 1 N N 1.0 0.0 16
                      qflops
       time
                                 test
n
                                            enorm
                                                        rnorm
```

0.431783 sec 318.305308 PASSED 0.293618 4194287.250000

4194416.500000

cudaStreamCreate / *Destroy

```
cudaStream t* stream = (cudaStream t*)malloc(
        nstreams * sizeof(cudaStream t));
// Create streams
for (int i = 0; i < nstreams; i++)
        cudaerr = cudaStreamCreate(&stream[i]);
        assert(cudaerr == cudaSuccess);
// Destroy streams
for (int istream = 0; istream < nstreams; istream++)</pre>
        cudaerr = cudaStreamDestroy(stream[istream]);
        assert(cudaerr == cudaSuccess);
```

cublasSetVectorAsync

Asynchronous data loading on device (equivalent to cudaMemcpyAsync)

cublasSetKernelStream

Setting stream for kernels in cublas call

```
for (int istream = 0; istream < nstreams; istream++)
       int szpart = n / nstreams;
       if (istream == nstreams - 1)
                szpart += n % nstreams;
       // Setup async operations
        status = cublasSetKernelStream(stream[istream]);
        assert(status == CUBLAS_STATUS_SUCCESS);
       // Perform matmul using CUBLAS
       cublas gemm(transa, transb, n, szpart, n,
                alpha, d A, n, d B[istream], n, beta, d C[istream], n);
        status = cublasGetError();
       assert(status == CUBLAS STATUS SUCCESS);
```

cublasGetVectorAsync

Asynchronous data unloading from device (equivalent to cudaMemcpyAsync)

cudaStreamSynchronize

Wait for all operations to be finished in the specified stream

cudaStreamSynchronize(stream[istream]);

Conclusion

- CUDA program can interact with many other parallel programming APIs
- Techniques from the presented examples can be applied to your applications and tested on our tesla-cmc server