

PROGRAMMING TIPS

1) for absolute beginners: start programming with Octave M-scripts. Useful links for smartphone/PineA64+/OrangePi C++ users:

- original C++ official site, and online compiler

 - <http://www.cplusplus.com/>

 - <http://www.cpp.sh/>

- tutorials with online compiler on multicore platform session:

 - <https://www.tutorialspoint.com/cplusplus/index.htm>

 - http://www.tutorialspoint.com/compile_cpp11_online.php

2) for data processing beginners (GB of scalars and vectors processing experience) in sequential C++, parallel CUDA C:

- use **vector** container (read&process chunks of data); for pseudorandom accesses use **map** container (unordered_map – faster, map – self sorting during creation via iterator); quite intuitive and good results are for vector< vector< float > > - vecD (vector in D-dimensions),

- FRAGMENT** and organise data:

 - only small fragments of data with low programming instructions are fast

 - commonly only small fragments are trivially attainable

 - fragmented data are simpler to compute in parallel:

- NORMALIZE** data:

 - one can use fastest datatypes which are FLOAT (INT are commonly for counters – use auto, or iterators), and store only a median value

 - FLOAT considerations:

 - data storage precision: +-1000 variable value (better are +-100)

 - accumulative computation accuracy max iteration = 100

 - variable comparisons (err: 1.1==1.1!!!);

 - global float floatErr = 10e-5;

 - (1.1 – floatErr < 1.1)&&(1.1 + floatErr > 1.1)

 - pro: use CPU register described in 06_registerGlobal

- PARALLELIZE** computations:

 - quite simple sequential parallelism on multicore CPU: GNU parallel scripts,

 - quite simple parallelism on GPU: accelerated libraries like Thrust,

 - computations of vectors with size bigger than 8000 elements are faster only on GPU

- UNCOMPRESS** to RAM:

 - tip from prof. Starzynski from Warsaw University: „faster for bigger data”

 - applicable from few MB's data size, can reduce used PCIe bandwidth in CPU-GPU transfers,