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Migrating CUDA Code to SYCL with Intel oneAPI

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- DPC++/SYCL introduction
- Intel® DPC++ Compatibility Tool (DPCT) introduction
- Code example: Rodinia Benchmark Suite
- DPCT demonstration

oneAPI introduction

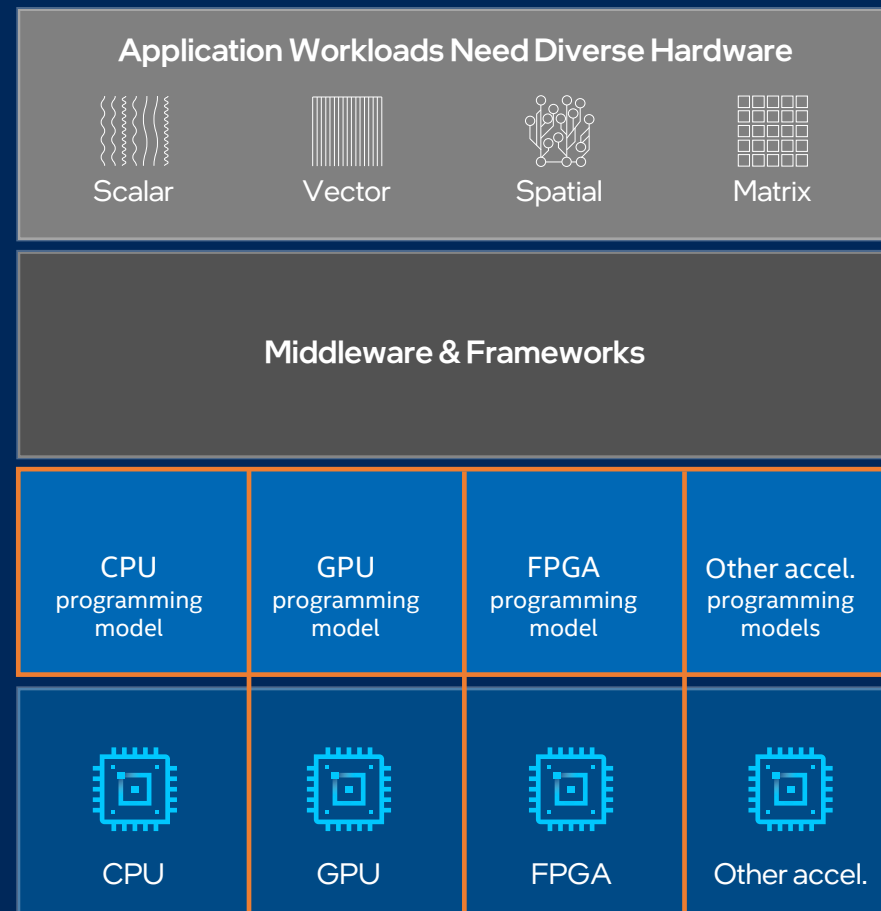
Programming Challenges for Multiple Architectures

Growth in specialized workloads

Variety of data-centric hardware required

Separate programming models and toolchains for each architecture are required today

Software development complexity limits freedom of architectural choice



oneAPI

One Programming Model for Multiple Architectures and Vendors



Freedom to Make Your Best Choice

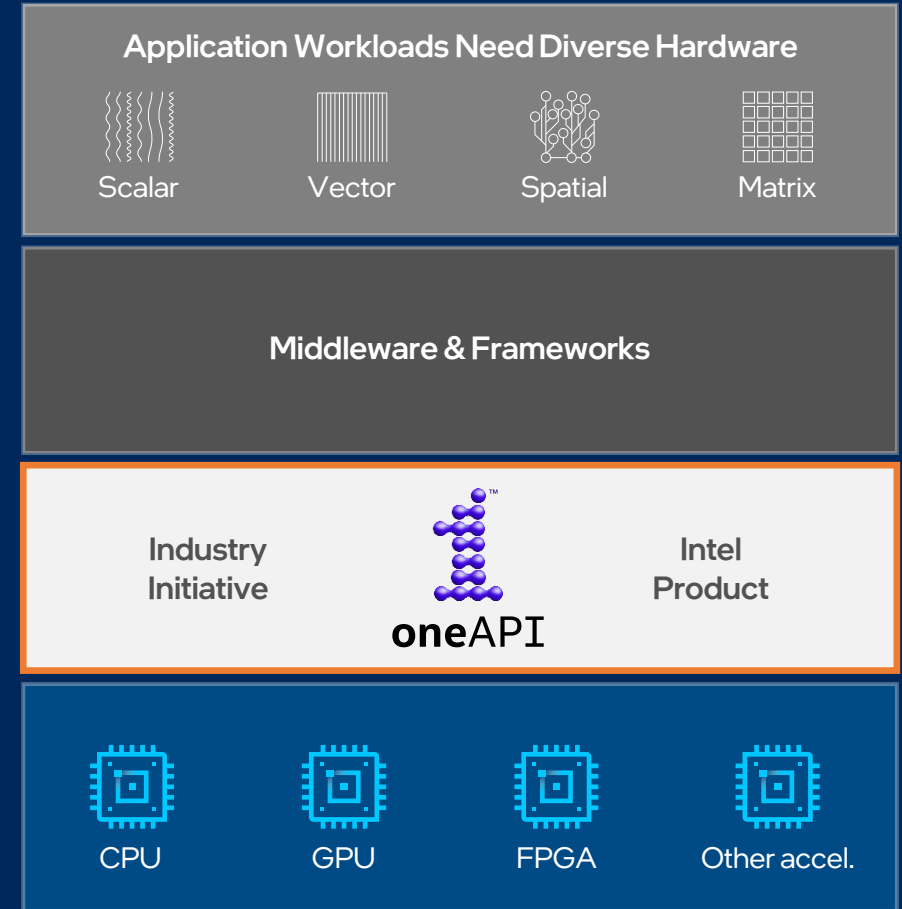
- Choose the best accelerated technology the software doesn't decide for you

Realize all the Hardware Value

- Performance across CPU, GPUs, FPGAs, and other accelerators

Develop & Deploy Software with Peace of Mind

- Open industry standards provide a safe, clear path to the future
- Compatible with existing languages and programming models including C, C++, Python, SYCL, OpenMP, Fortran, and MPI

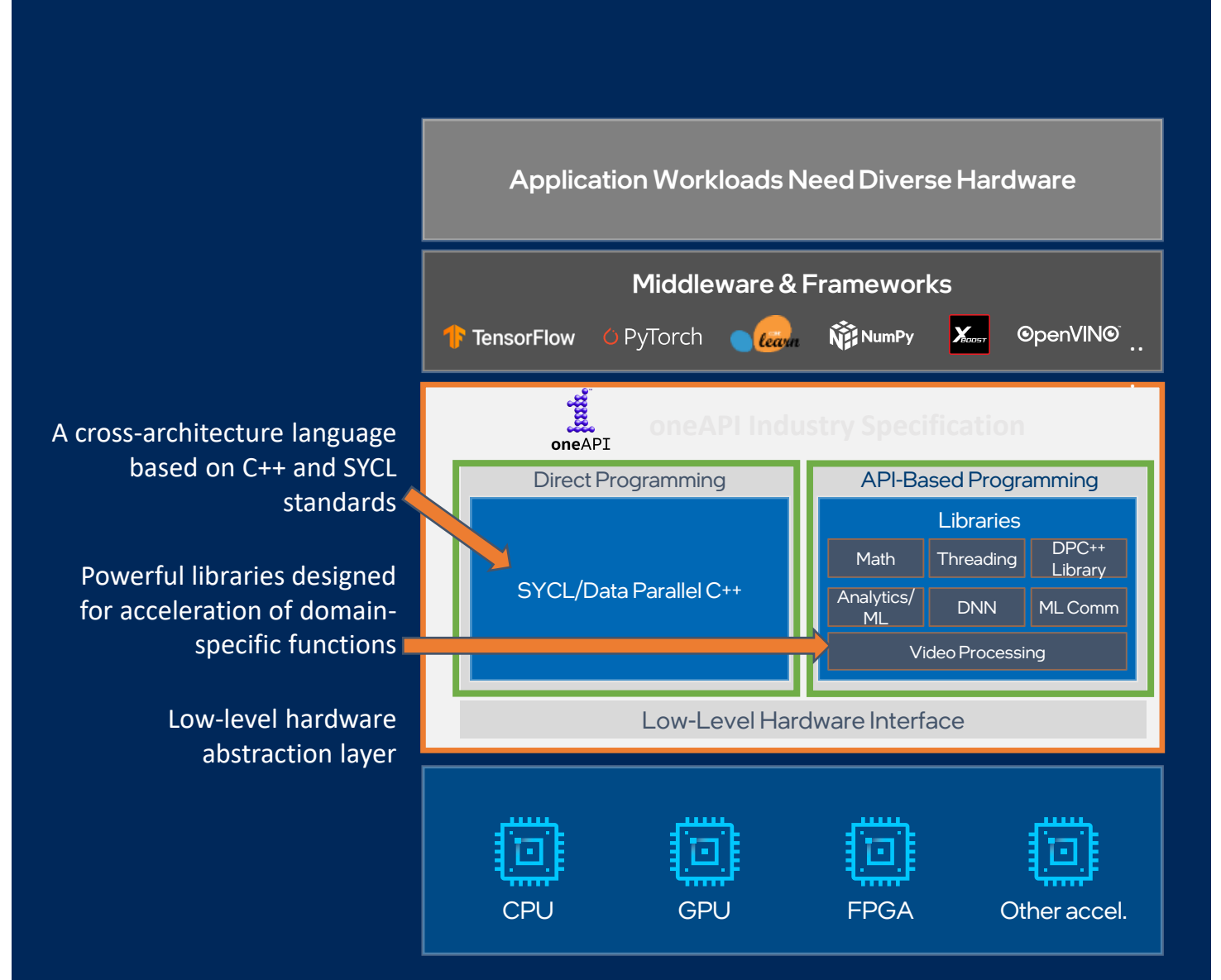


oneAPI Industry Initiative

Break the Chains of Proprietary Lock-in

Open to promote community and industry collaboration

Enables code reuse across architectures and vendors



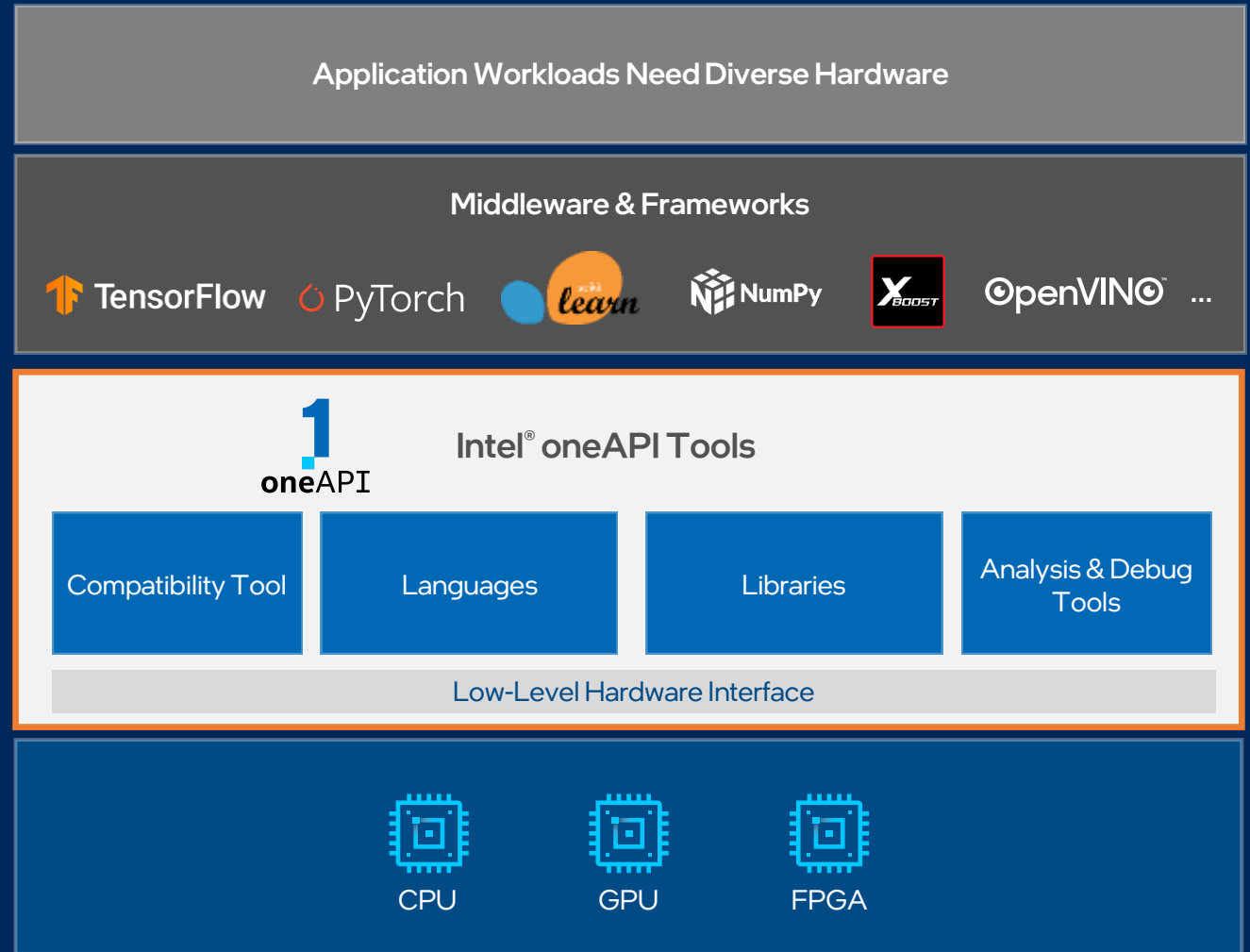
The productive, smart path to freedom for accelerated computing from the economic and technical burdens of proprietary programming models

Intel® oneAPI Tools

Built on Intel's Rich Foundation of CPU Tools Expanded to Accelerators

A complete set of advanced compilers, libraries, and porting, analysis and debugger tools

- Accelerates compute by exploiting cutting-edge hardware features
- Interoperable with existing programming models and code bases (C++, Fortran, Python, OpenMP, etc.), developers can be confident that existing applications work seamlessly with oneAPI
- Eases transitions to new systems and accelerators—using a single code base frees developers to invest more time on innovation



[Available Now](#)

Latest version is 2021.1

Visit software.intel.com/oneapi for more details

Some capabilities may differ per architecture and custom-tuning will still be required. Other accelerators to be supported in the future.

oneAPI: Open Accelerator Ecosystem

Freedom of Choice in Hardware Drives Productivity

Codeplay contribution to DPC++ brings SYCL support for NVIDIA GPUs

oneAPI oneDNN on Arm for A64FX Fugaku

Extending DPC++ with Support for Huawei AI Chipset

NERSC, ALCF, CODEPLAY PARTNER ON SYCL FOR NEXT-GENERATION SUPERCOMPUTERS

on Nvidia

ARGONNE, ORNL AWARD CODEPLAY CONTRACT TO STRENGTHEN SYCL SUPPORT FOR AMD GPUS

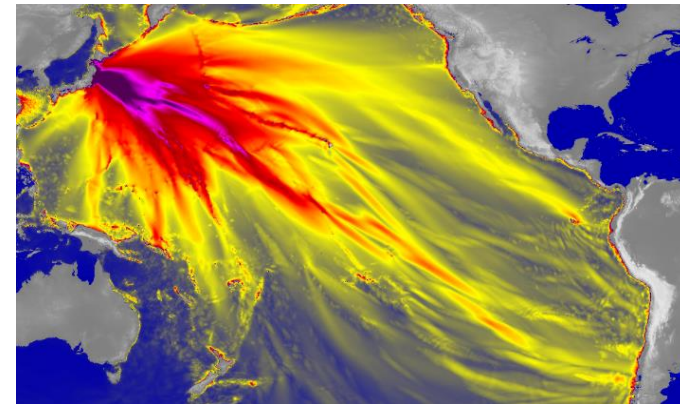
European exascale combines SiPearl's CPU RHEA with Intel's Xe GPU PVC

"So for us, the advantage of oneAPI is that we can increasingly write things in one way, but target multiple types of hardware. That means that we don't necessarily have to duplicate efforts for three or maybe even four accelerator targets."

– Erik Lindahl, GROMACS lead developer & biophysics professor, University of Stockholm

"If you like modern, standard C++ and you want to target GPUs or other accelerators, you will love SYCL!"

– Marcel Breyer, Researcher, University of Stuttgart



Visualization of easyWave tsunami simulation application -
Courtesy Zuse Institute Berlin (ZIB)

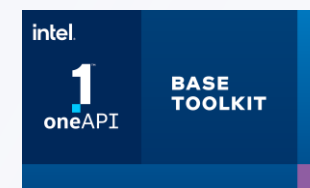
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A complete set of proven developer tools expanded from CPU to Accelerators



Intel® oneAPI Base Toolkit

A core set of high-performance libraries and tools for building C++, SYCL and Python applications

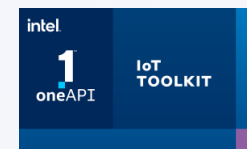


Add-on Domain-specific Toolkits



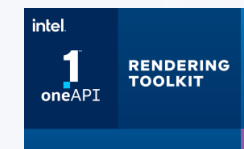
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DPCPP/SYCL introduction

Data Parallel C++

DPC++ = ISO C++ and Khronos SYCL

Parallelism, productivity, and performance for CPUs and accelerators

- Delivers accelerated computing by exposing hardware features
- Allows code reuse across hardware targets, while permitting custom tuning for specific accelerators
- Provides an open, cross-industry solution to single-architecture proprietary lock-in

Based on C++ and SYCL

- Delivers C++ productivity benefits, using common, familiar C and C++ constructs
- Incorporates SYCL from the Khronos Group to support data parallelism and heterogeneous programming

Community Project to drive language enhancements

- Provides extensions to simplify data parallel programming
- Continues evolution through open and cooperative development

Apply your skills to the next innovation, not to rewriting software for the next hardware platform

The open source and Intel DPC++/C++ compiler supports Intel CPUs, GPUs, and FPGAs. Codeplay announced a [DPC++ compiler that targets Nvidia GPUs](#).

Standards-based,
Cross-architectural Language

Direct Programming:
Data Parallel C++

Community Extensions

Khronos SYCL

ISO C++

Intel oneAPI DPC++/C++ Compiler

Parallel Programming Productivity & Performance

Compiler to deliver uncompromised parallel programming productivity and performance across CPUs and accelerators

- Allows code reuse across hardware targets, while permitting custom tuning for a specific accelerator
- Open, cross-industry alternative to single architecture proprietary language

Builds upon Intel's decades of experience in architecture and high-performance compilers

Code samples:

tinyurl.com/dpcpp-tests

tinyurl.com/oneapi-samples

There will still be a need to tune for each architecture.

oneAPI DPC++/C++ Compiler and Runtime

DPC++ Source Code

Clang/LLVM

<https://github.com/intel/llvm>

DPC++ Runtime

<https://github.com/intel/compute-runtime>



CPU

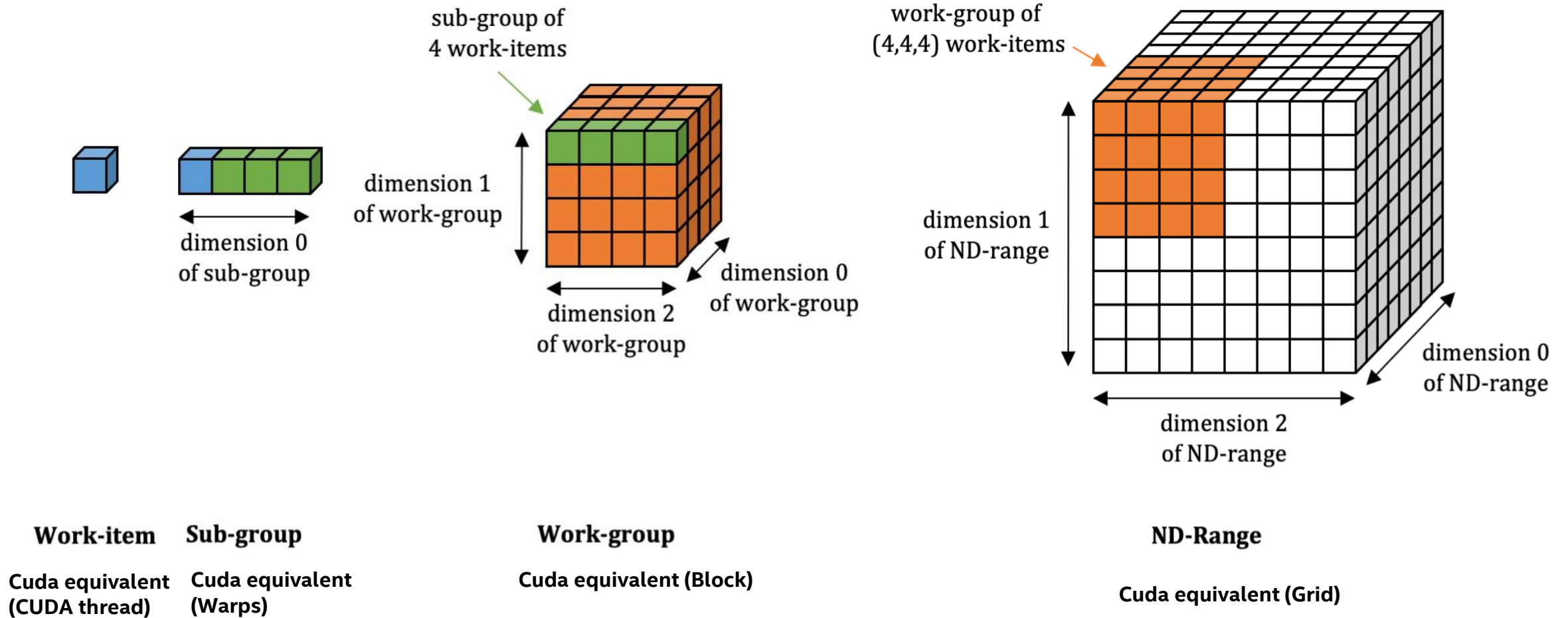


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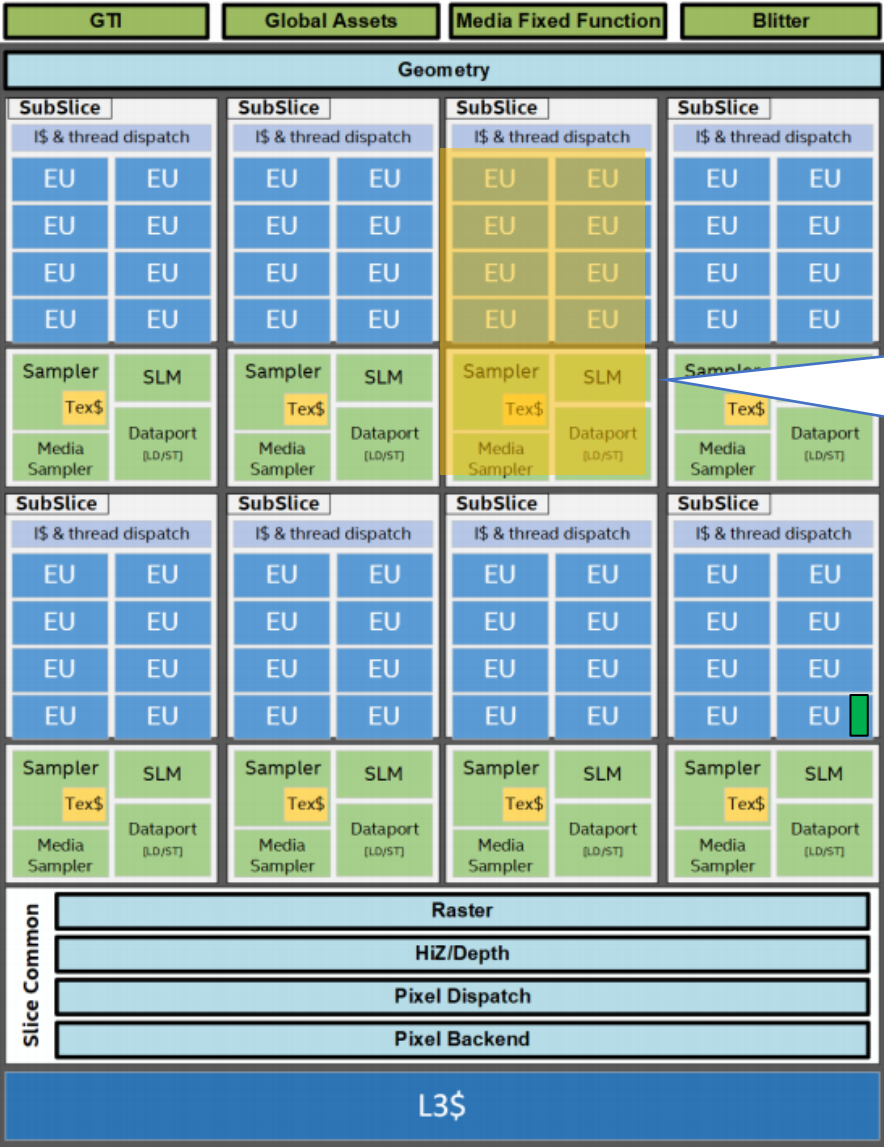


FPGA

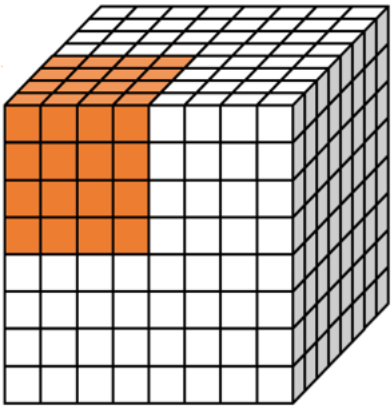
DPC++ Thread Hierarchy and Mapping



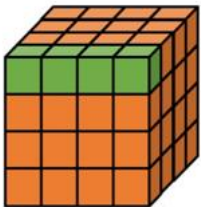
DPC++ Thread Hierarchy and Mapping



All work-items in a **work-group** are scheduled on one Compute Unit, which has its own local memory



All work-items in a **sub-group** are mapped to vector hardware



Anatomy of a DPC++ Application

```
#include <CL/sycl.hpp>
using namespace sycl;

int main() {
    std::vector<float> A(1024), B(1024), C(1024);
    // some data initialization
    {
        buffer bufA {A}, bufB {B}, bufC {C};
        queue q;
        q.submit([&](handler &h) {
            auto A = bufA.get_access(h, read_only);
            auto B = bufB.get_access(h, read_only);
            auto C = bufC.get_access(h, write_only);
            h.parallel_for(1024, [=](auto i) {
                C[i] = A[i] + B[i];
            });
        });
    }
    for (int i = 0; i < 1024; i++)
        std::cout << "C[" << i << "] = " << C[i] << std::endl;
}
```

Host code

Accelerator
device code

Host code

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        queue q;
        q.submit([&](handler &h) {
            auto A = bufA.get_access(h, read_only);
            auto B = bufB.get_access(h, read_only);
            auto C = bufC.get_access(h, write_only);
            h.parallel_for(1024, [=](auto i) {
                C[i] = A[i] + B[i];
            });
        });
    }
    for (int i = 0; i < 1024; i++)
        std::cout << "C[" << i << "] = " << C[i] << std::endl;
}
```

Application scope

Command group
scope

Kernel scope

Application scope

Where is my “Hello World” code executed?

Device Selector

Get a device (any device):	<code>queue q (); // default_selector{}</code>
Create queue targeting a pre-configured classes of devices:	<code>queue q(cpu_selector{}); queue q(gpu_selector{}); queue q(intel::fpga_selector{}); queue q(accelerator_selector{}); queue q(host_selector{});</code> SYCL 1.2.1
Create queue targeting specific device (custom criteria):	<code>class custom_selector : public device_selector { int operator()(..... // Any logic you want! ... queue q(custom_selector{});</code>

default_selector

- DPC++ runtime scores all devices and picks one with highest compute power
- Environment variable

`export SYCL_DEVICE_TYPE=GPU | CPU | HOST`

`export SYCL_DEVICE_FILTER={backend:device_type:device_num}`

 *will be available in oneAPI Update 1

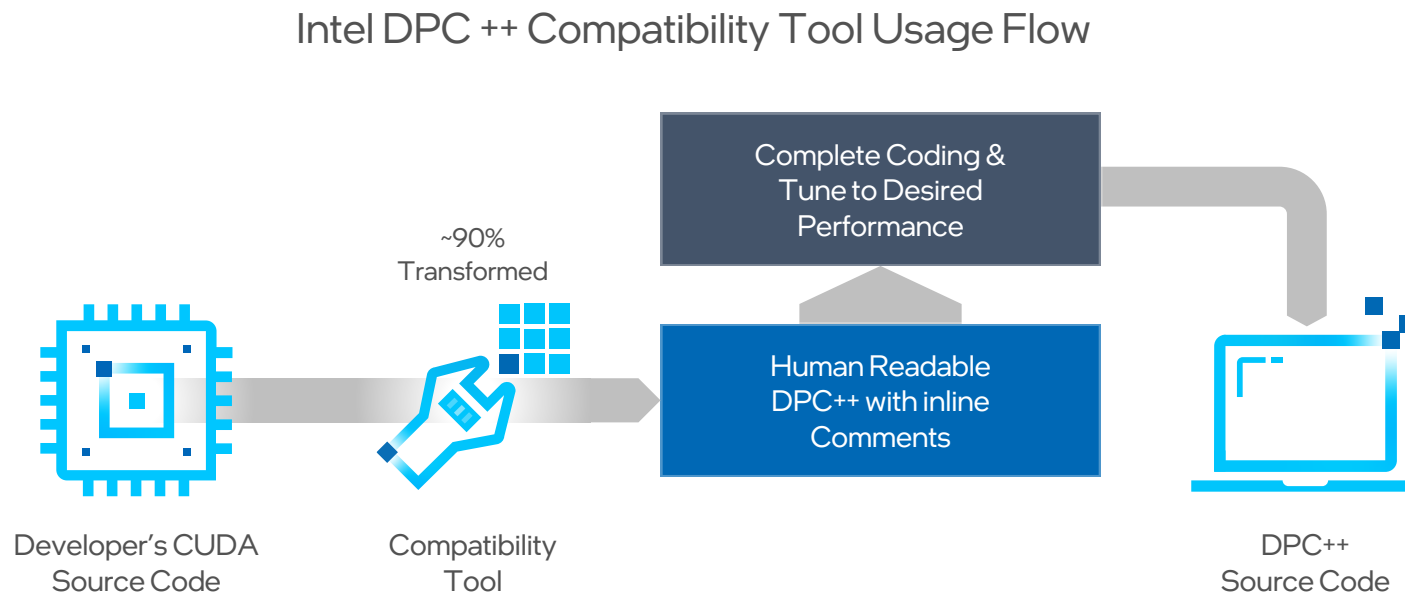
tinyurl.com/dpcpp-env-vars for more details on env variables

Intel® DPC++ Compatibility Tool (DPCT) introduction

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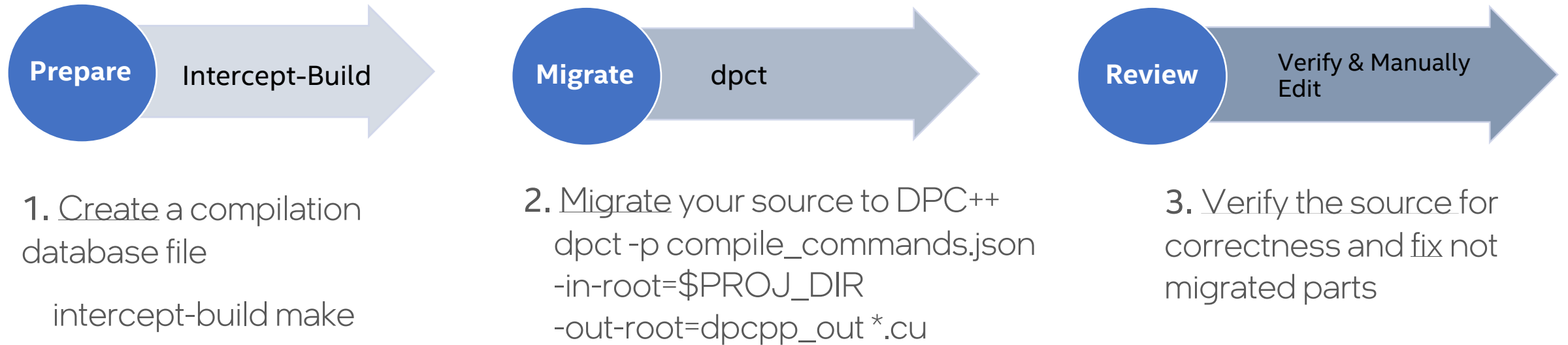
Minimizes Code Migration Time

- Included in Intel® onAPI Base Toolkit
- Assist developers migrating code written in CUDA to DPC++, generating **human readable** code wherever possible
- 90%~95% of code typically migrates automatically
- Inline comments are provided to help developers finish porting the application
- Support windows* and Linux*, and well known IDEs.



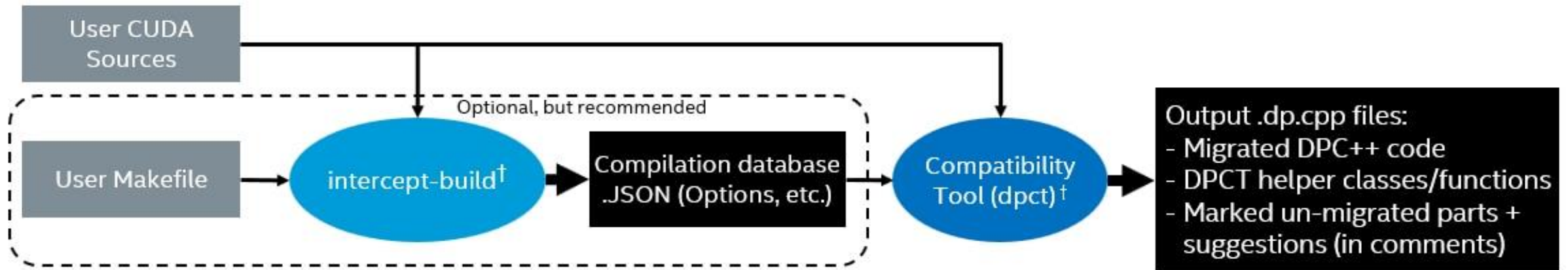
Intel® DPC++ Compatibility Tool

Migration of Large Code Bases



<https://tinyurl.com/intel-dpcpp-compatibility-tool>

Diagram illustrate the workflow and the files generated when using the Compatibility Tool



[†] Certain CUDA language header files may need to be accessible to the Intel® DPC++ Compatibility Tool

Migration example

```
#include <cuda.h>
```

Header files

```
#define VECTOR_SIZE 4
```

```
__global__ void VectorAddKernel (float *A, float *B, float *C)
```

```
{
    A[threadIdx.x] = threadIdx.x + 1.0f;
    B[threadIdx.x] = threadIdx.x + 1.0f;
    C[threadIdx.x] = A[threadIdx.x] + B[threadIdx.x];
}
```

Kernel Body

```
int main()
{
```

```
float *d_A, *d_B, *d_C;
cudaMalloc(&d_A, VECTOR_SIZE*sizeof(float));
cudaMalloc(&d_B, VECTOR_SIZE*sizeof(float));
cudaMalloc(&d_C, VECTOR_SIZE*sizeof(float));
```

Mem Operation

```
VectorAddKernel<<<1, VECTOR_SIZE>>>(&d_A, &d_B, &d_C);
```

Kernel Invoke

```
float Result[VECTOR_SIZE] = { };
cudaMemcpy(Result, d_C, VECTOR_SIZE*sizeof(float), cudaMemcpyDeviceToHost);
```

Mem Operation

```
cudaFree(d_A);
cudaFree(d_B);
cudaFree(d_C);
```

Mem Operation

```
#include <CL/sycl.hpp>
#include <dpct/dpct.hpp>
#define VECTOR_SIZE 4
void VectorAddKernel (float *A, float *B, float *C, sycl::nd_item<3> item_ct1)
{
    A[item_ct1.get_local_id(2)] = item_ct1.get_local_id(2) + 1.0f;
    B[item_ct1.get_local_id(2)] = item_ct1.get_local_id(2) + 1.0f;
    C[item_ct1.get_local_id(2)] = A[item_ct1.get_local_id(2)] + B[item_ct1.get_local_id(2)];
}
```

```
int main()
{
    dpct::device_ext &dev_ct1 = dpct::get_current_device();
    sycl::queue &q_ct1 = dev_ct1.default_queue();
```

```
float *d_A, *d_B, *d_C;
d_A = sycl::malloc_device<float>(VECTOR_SIZE, q_ct1);
d_B = sycl::malloc_device<float>(VECTOR_SIZE, q_ct1);
d_C = sycl::malloc_device<float>(VECTOR_SIZE, q_ct1);
```

```
q_ct1.submit([&](sycl::handler &cgh){
    cgh.parallel_for(sycl::nd_range(sycl::range(1, 1, VECTOR_SIZE),
        sycl::range(1, 1, VECTOR_SIZE)), [=](sycl::nd_item<3> item_ct1) {
        VectorAddKernel(d_A, d_B, d_C, item_ct1);
    });
});
```

```
float Result[VECTOR_SIZE] = { };
q_ct1.memcpy(Result, d_C, VECTOR_SIZE * sizeof(float)).wait();
```

```
sycl::free(d_A, q_ct1);
sycl::free(d_B, q_ct1);
sycl::free(d_C, q_ct1);
```


Main components in CUDA to SYCL Migration:

1. Header files
2. Memory operation
3. Kernel invocation
4. Thread/work item indexing
5. Synchronization
6. Error handling
7. Makefile

Header files

```
#include <cuda.h>
```

```
==>
```

```
#include <CL/sycl.hpp>
```

```
#include <dpct/dpct.hpp>
```

Memory operation

`cudaMalloc`

`==>`

`sycl::malloc_device`

- Convert to United Shared Memory(USM) approach in SYCL
- Can apply buffer approach later

Kernel invocation (1)

```
VectorAddKernel<<<1, VECTOR_SIZE>>>(d_A, d_B, d_C);
```

==>

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        sycl::range(1, 1, VECTOR_SIZE)), [=](sycl::nd_item<3> item_ct1) {  
        VectorAddKernel(d_A, d_B, d_C, item_ct1);  
    });  
});
```

Kernel invocation (2)

```
needle_cuda_shared_1<<<dimGrid, dimBlock>>>(reference_cuda, matrix_cuda  
,max_cols, penalty, i, block_width);
```

==>

```
q_ct1.submit([&](sycl::handler &cgh) {  
    sycl::accessor<int, 2, sycl::access_mode::read_write, sycl::access::target::local>  
    ref_acc_ct1(sycl::range<2>(16, 16), cgh);  
    cgh.parallel_for(sycl::nd_range<3>(dimGrid * dimBlock, dimBlock),  
[=](sycl::nd_item<3> item_ct1) {  
        needle_cuda_shared_1(reference_cuda, matrix_cuda, max_cols, penalty, i,  
block_width, item_ct1, ref_acc_ct1);});  
});
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(See more details about device memory handling in demo)

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});
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Thread/work item indexing

```
__global__ void VectorIncrKernel (float *A)
{ A[threadIdx.x] = threadIdx.x + 1.0f; }
```

==>

```
void VectorIncrKernel (float *A, sycl::nd_item<1> item_ct1)
{ A[item_ct1.get_local_id(0)] = item_ct1.get_local_id(0) + 1.0f; }
```

- SYCL index the work item (thread) by N_Dimensional_Range item, as the counter part of the threadIdx in CUDA
- SYCL needs call get_local_id() method to retrieve the index

Synchronization

```
__syncthreads();  
==>  
item_ct1.barrier();
```

- DPCT1065:9: Consider replacing `sycl::nd_item::barrier()` with `sycl::nd_item::barrier(sycl::access::fence_space::local_space)` for better performance if there is no access to global memory.

Error handling

DPCT1003:10: Migrated API does not return error code. (*, 0) is inserted. You may need to rewrite this code.

```
err_code = cudaDriverGetVersion(&version);
```

DPCT1009:13: SYCL uses exceptions to report errors and does not use the error codes. The original code was commented out and a warning string was inserted. You need to rewrite this code.

```
printf("Error \"%s\" checking driver version: %s.\n",  
cudaGetErrorName(err_code), cudaGetErrorString(err_code));
```

Makefile

--gen-build-script (automatically generate Makefile)

CXX = nvcc

TARGET = needleman_wunsch_cu

SRCS = src/needle.cu

DEPS = src/needle_kernel.cu src/needle.h

==>

CXX = dpcpp

TARGET = needleman_wunsch_dpcpp

SRCS = src/needle.dp.cpp

DEPS = src/needle_kernel.dp.cpp src/needle.h

Best practice 1: Before executing the Compatibility Tool

- Ensure project source files are syntactically correct
- “make clean” before running “intercept-build make”
- For complex projects, use intercept-build command to create a compilation database
- Code modifications needed prior to migration due to differences between Clang and nvcc

Best practice 2: When migrating your CUDA project to DPC++ using the dpct executable

If you have trouble migrating all project source files at once, it may be helpful to migrate one file at a time incrementally.

<https://www.intel.com/content/www/us/en/developer/articles/technical/intel-dpcpp-compatibility-tool-best-practices.html>

- Unified Shared Memory (USM) Usage
- DPCT Helper Functions
- Timing Issues
- Common Runtime Issues

- Unified Shared Memory (USM) Usage

- Unified Shared Memory (USM), supported in DPC++, is a feature that allows a pointer-based approach to manage host and device memory. When using the Compatibility Tool, the migrated DPC++ code will use USM as the default memory management method. When compared to using SYCL buffers, USM produces less volume of code and allows the `dpct` to support more memory-related APIs.

- DPCT Helper Functions

- The Compatibility Tool will use helper functions and classes in migrated DPC++ code. Some examples of utility functions provided are memory management tasks such as `dpct_malloc`, `dpct_memcpy` and `get_buffer`, and device management tasks such as `get_default_queue` and `get_default_context`.
- The associated files are located in `<dpcpp-ct installation directory>/latest/include/dpct`, the main header file is `dpct.hpp`, and the namespace is `dpct::`.
- These DPCT helper functions are intended for migrated code only and not for any other purpose. If you write new DPC++ code, it's not recommended to use these DPCT helpers.

- **Timing Issues**

- Timing-related blocks may need manual editing, since calculation of time span is implementation-specific. Rewrite code containing any language-specific features and library dependencies to ensure equivalency.
- For example, one potential issue involves profiling-related timer calls. If you're using timer functions from CUDA samples such as `sdkCreateTimer` or `sdkStartTimer`, you may need to reimplement those calls.

- **Common Runtime Issues**

- **“OpenCL API failed. OpenCL API returns: -52 (CL_INVALID_KERNEL_ARGS)”**: This error indicates that some pointers are not properly set before execution on the device. Ensure all pointers are initialized to valid memory allocation or NULL before using them in `parallel_for` device execution.
- **“OpenCL API failed. OpenCL API returns: -54 (CL_INVALID_WORKGROUP_SIZE)”**: Different accelerators have hardware differences that limit the maximum number of work items in a workgroup. For example, NVIDIA* hardware often limits the workgroup size at 512 while Intel® Gen9 graphics is limited at 256. If this error is encountered, the workgroup size set at kernel launch needs to be adjusted according to hardware limits.
- **“Caught asynchronous SYCL exception”**: Follow the error message where the exception was caught and make the necessary changes.

Code example Rodinia Code base

Rodinia



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Rodinia is a Benchmark Suite for Heterogeneous Computing and represents collection of parallel programs which targets heterogeneous computing platforms written in several parallel languages such as CUDA, OpenCL, OpenMP.

In this project, the Intel's oneAPI tool DPCT is evaluated for porting the Rodinia Benchmark from CUDA to SYCL.

20 of 23 benchmarks are migrated to SYCL without much programming effort and few developer interventions.

Among the advantage of SYCL worthwhile to mention are the easiness to perform the parallel application on several devices such as CPU, GPUs without vendor restriction.

Rodinia: Accelerating Compute-Intensive Applications with Accelerators

A vision of heterogeneous computer systems that incorporate diverse accelerators and automatically select the best computational unit for a particular task is widely shared among researchers and many industry analysts; however, there are no agreed-upon benchmarks to support the research needed in the development of such a platform. There are many suites for parallel computing on general-purpose CPU architectures, but accelerators fall into a gap that is not covered by previous benchmark development. Rodinia is released to address this concern.

The Rodinia Benchmark Suite, version 3.1 ([Version history](#)) Rodinia is designed for heterogeneous computing infrastructures with OpenMP, OpenCL and CUDA implementations.

Applications	Dwarves	Domains	Parallel Model	Incre. Ver.
Leukocyte	Structured Grid	Medical Imaging	CUDA, OMP, OCL	â□□
Heart Wall	Structured Grid	Medical Imaging	CUDA, OMP, OCL	
MUMmerGPU	Graph Traversal	Bioinformatics	CUDA, OMP	
CFD Solver	Unstructured Grid	Fluid Dynamics	CUDA, OMP, OCL	
LU Decomposition	Dense Linear Algebra	Linear Algebra	CUDA, OMP, OCL	â□□
HotSpot	Structured Grid	Physics Simulation	CUDA, OMP, OCL	
Back Propogation	Unstructured Grid	Pattern Recognition	CUDA, OMP, OCL	
Needleman-Wunsch	Dynamic Programming	Bioinformatics	CUDA, OMP, OCL	â□□
Kmeans	Dense Linear Algebra	Data Mining	CUDA, OMP, OCL	

Needleman-Wunsch Algorithm

- The Needleman–Wunsch algorithm is an algorithm used in bioinformatics to align protein or nucleotide sequences.
- Needleman–Wunsch is a dynamic programming algorithm. essentially divides a large problem into a series of smaller problems, and it uses the solutions to the smaller problems to find an optimal solution to the larger problem.
- Needleman–Wunsch algorithm is widely used for optimal global alignment. The algorithm assigns a score to every possible alignment, and the purpose of the algorithm is to find all possible alignments having the highest score.
- Needleman–Wunsch algorithm has a stencil type of parallel patterns (no need of collective operation).

Demo

- obtain example at (google oneapi-samples):
<https://github.com/oneapi-src/oneAPI-samples/tree/master/Tools/Migration/rodinia-nw-dpct>
(2 .cu files, 1 .h file in src, and Makefile)
- prepare environment:
export PATH=/usr/local/cuda/bin:\$PATH
which nvcc
module load oneapi/2022.2.0
which intercept-build
which dpct

- intercept-build make
- cat compile_commands.json
- dpct -p compile_commands.json --in-root=. --out-root=. --process-all --keep-original-code --gen-build-script
- dpcpp needle.dp.cpp
Review/handle warnings and errors, more info in "Diagnostics Reference" page of "Intel® DPC++ Compatibility Tool Developer Guide and Reference"
- review:
<https://github.com/oneapi-src/oneAPI-samples/blob/master/Tools/Migration/rodinia-nw-dpct/README.md>

- `dpcpp needle.dp.cpp`
- `./a.out 4096 16`
- `redfine BLOCK_SIZE to 128 in needle.h`
 - `dpcpp needle.dp.cpp`
 - `./a.out 4096 16`



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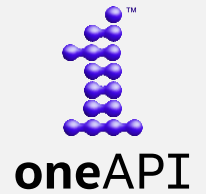
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Data Parallel C++ Compiler for Nvidia GPUs

- Developers can retarget and reuse code between NVIDIA and Intel compute accelerators from a single source base
- Codeplay is the first oneAPI industry contributor to implement a developer tool based on oneAPI specifications
- They leveraged the DPC++ LLVM-based open source project that Intel established
- Codeplay is a key driver of the Khronos SYCL standard, upon which DPC++ is based
- More details in the [Codeplay blog post](#)
- Build DPC++ toolchain with support for NVIDIA CUDA:

Other News

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