# Bringing Next Generation C++ to GPUs

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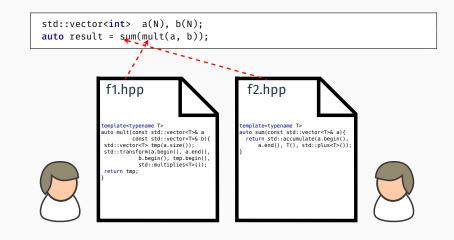
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- The STL is the C++ programmers swiss knife
- STL containers, iterators and algorithms introduce a high-level of abstraction
- Since C++17 it is also parallel

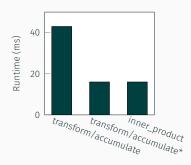
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std::vector<int> a(N), b(N), tmp(N);
std::transform(a.begin(), a.end(), b.begin(), tmp.begin(),
                                                               std::multiplies<int>());
auto result = std::accumulate(tmp.begin(), tmp.end(), 0,
                                                               std::plus<int>());
               f1.hpp
                                                  f2.hpp
                                                 template<typename T>
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              auto mult(const std::vector<T>& a
                                                 auto sum(const std::vector<T>& a){
                                                  return std::accumulate(a.begin(),
                      const std::vector<T>& b){
               std::vector<T> tmp(a.size());
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std::vector<int> a(N), b(N);
auto result = sum(mult(a, b));
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#### Performance:

- · vectors of size 25600000
- · Clang/LLVM 5.0.0svn -O3 optimized



<sup>\*</sup> LLVM patched with extended D17386 (loop fusion)

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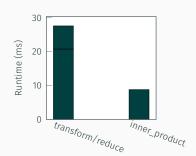
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# Same Experiment:

• nvcc -O3 (from CUDA 8.0)



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- · range-v3 prototype implementation by E. Niebler
- Proposed as N4560 for the C++ Standard

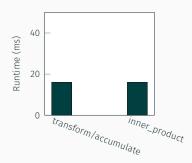
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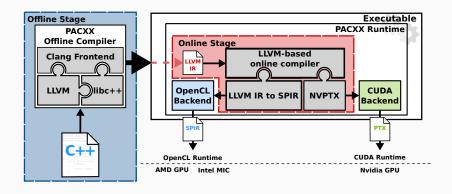
- · Views describe lazy, non-mutating operations on ranges
- Evaluation happens inside an algorithm (e.g., accumulate)
- Fusion is guaranteed by the implementation

#### Ranges for GPUs

- Extended range-v3 with GPU-enabled container and algorithms
- · Original code of range-v3 remains unmodified

```
std::vector<int> a(N), b(N);
auto mult = [](auto tpl) { return get<0>(tpl) * get<1>(tpl); };
auto ga = gpu::copy(a);
auto gb = gpu::copy(b);
auto result = gpu::reduce(view::transform(view::zip(ga, gb), mult), 0);
```

# PROGRAMMING ACCELERATORS WITH C++ (PACXX)

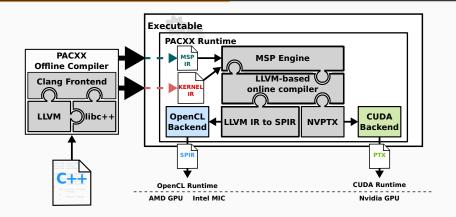


- · Based entirely on LLVM / Clang
- Supports C++14 for GPU Programming
- Just-In-Time Compilation of LLVM IR for target accelerators

#### MULTI-STAGE PROGRAMMING

```
template <typename InRng, typename T, typename Fun>
auto reduce(InRng&& in, T init, Fun&& fun) {
  // 1. preparation of kernel call
  . . .
  // 2. create GPU kernel
  auto kernel = pacxx::kernel(
   [fun](auto&& in, auto&& out, int size, auto init) {
    // 2a. stage elements per thread
    auto ept = stage([&]{ return size / get_block_size(0); });
    // 2b. start reduction computation
    auto sum = init:
    for (int x = 0; x < ept; ++x) {
      sum = fun(sum, *(in + gid));
      gid += glbSize; }
    // 2c. perform reduction in shared memory
    // 2d. write result back
    if (lid = 0) *(out + bid) = shared[0];
   }. blocks. threads):
  // 3. execute kernel
  kernel(in, out, distance(in), init);
  // 4. finish reduction on the CPU
  return std::accumulate(out, init, fun); }
```

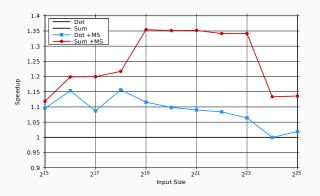
# MSP Integration into PACXX



- · MSP Engine JIT compiles the MSP IR,
- · evaluates stage prior to a kernel launch, and
- replaces the calls to **stage** in the kernel's IR with the results.
- Enables more optimizations (e.g., loop-unrolling) in the online stage.

# PERFORMANCE IMPACT OF MSP

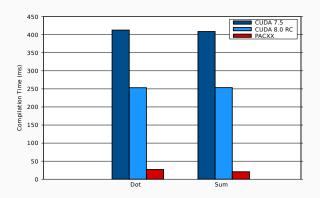
gpu::reduce on Nvidia K20c



Up to 35% better performance compared to non-MSP version

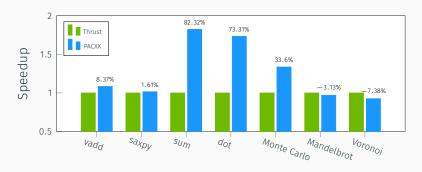
# JUST-IN-TIME COMPILATION OVERHEAD

Comparing MSP in PACXX with Nvidia's nvrtc library



10 to 20 times faster because front-end actions are performed.

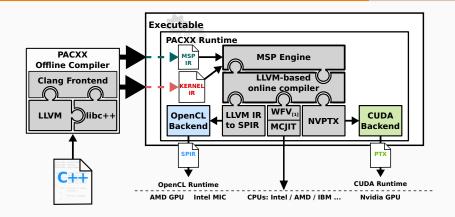
range-v3 + PACXX vs. Nvidia's Thrust



- Evaluated on a Nvidia K20c GPU
  - 11 different input sizes
  - · 1000 runs for each benchmark

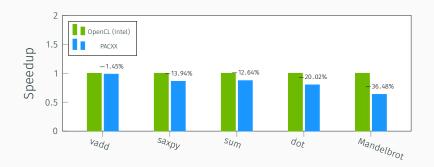
Competitive performance with a composable GPU programming API

# GOING NATIVE: WORK IN PROGRESS



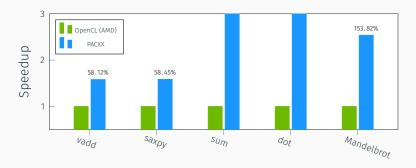
- PACXX is extended by a native CPU backend
- The Kernel IR is modified to be runnable on a CPU
- · Kernels are vectorized by the Whole Function Vectorizer (WFV) [1]
- MCJIT compiles the kernels and TBB executes them in parallel.

range-v3 + PACXX vs. OpenCL on x86\_64



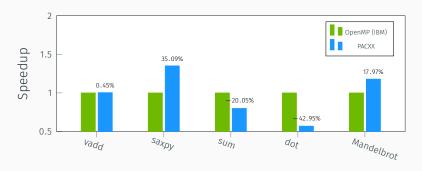
- Running on 2x Intel Xeon E5-2620 CPUs
- Intel's auto-vectorizer optimizes the OpenCL C code

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- Running on 2x Intel Xeon E5-2620 CPUs
- AMD OpenCL SDK has no auto-vectorizer
- Barriers are very expensive in AMD's OpenCL implementation (speedup up to 126x for sum)

range-v3 + PACXX vs. OpenMP on IBM Power8



- · Running on a PowerNV 8247-42L with 4x IBM Power8e CPUs
- No OpenCL implementation from IBM available
- #prama omp parallel for simd parallelized loops
- Compiled with XL C++ 13.1.5

