

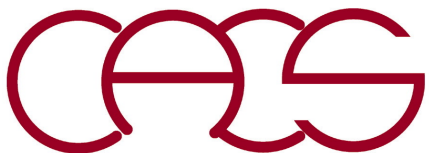
SYCL for Heterogeneous Architectures

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**Goal: Unified low-level programming of both CPU & various
accelerators including GPU**



Open Programming Models

- **OpenCL (Open Computing Language)**

Open standard for programming heterogeneous devices

<https://www.khronos.org/opencl/>

- **SYCL**

High-level programming standard (or abstraction layer) for **single-source C++ based language on heterogeneous computer architectures**

<https://www.khronos.org/sycl/>

See [SYCL 101](#) (Intel, 2023)

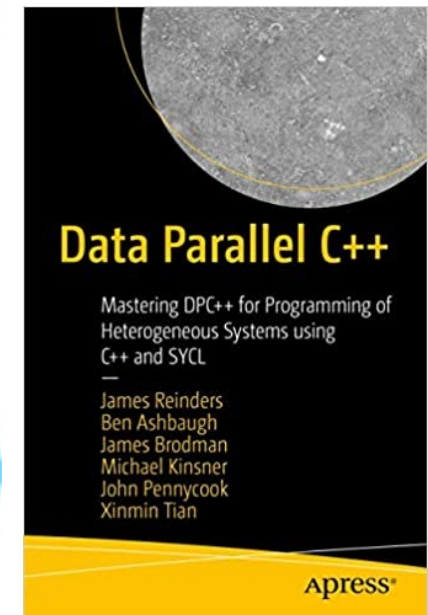
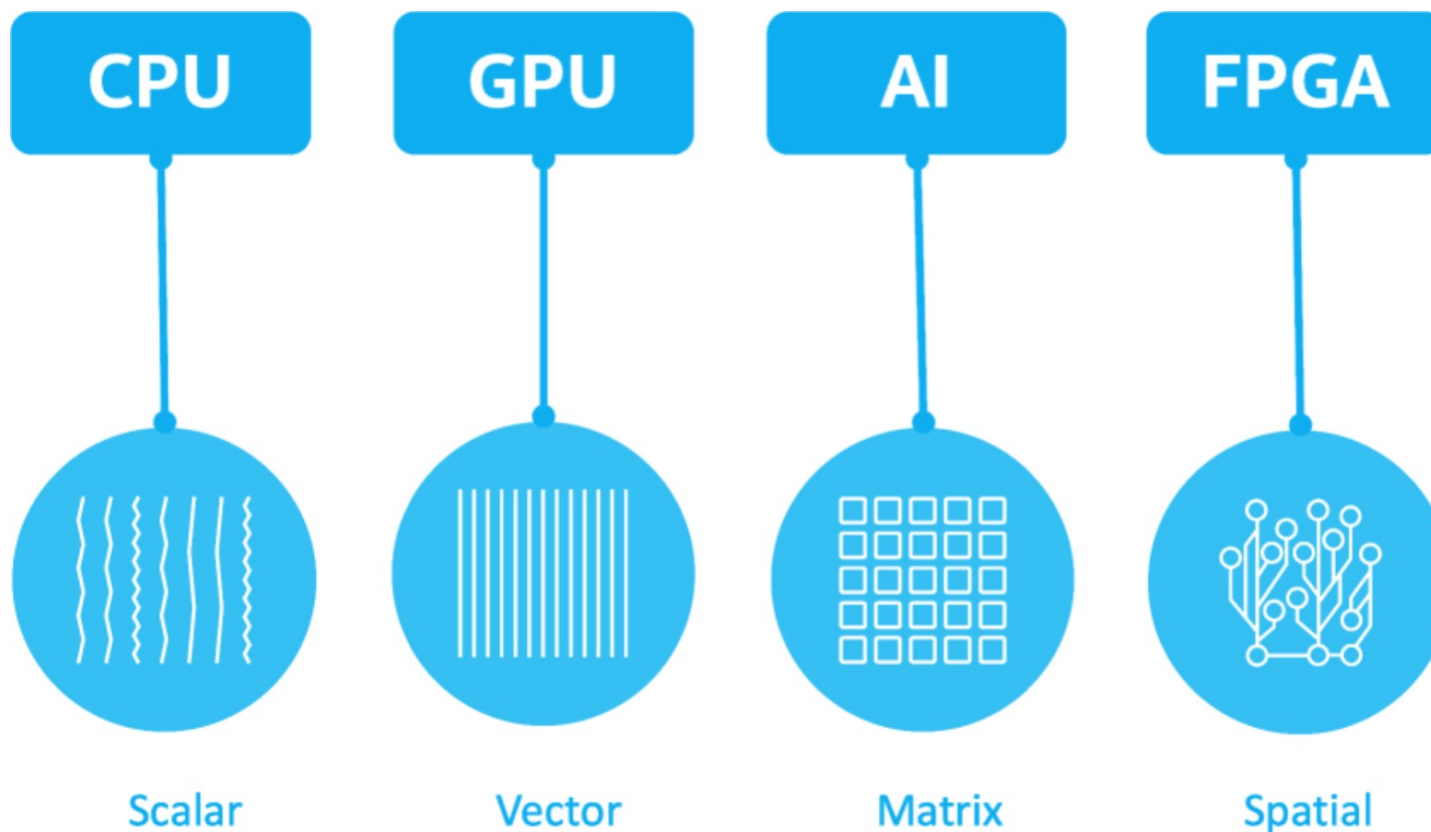
- **Data parallel C++ (DPC++)**

Extension of C++ programming language, incorporating SYCL & other features, initially created by Intel; an open-source compiler is available on GitHub

<https://intel.github.io/llvm-docs/index.html>

Platform Model

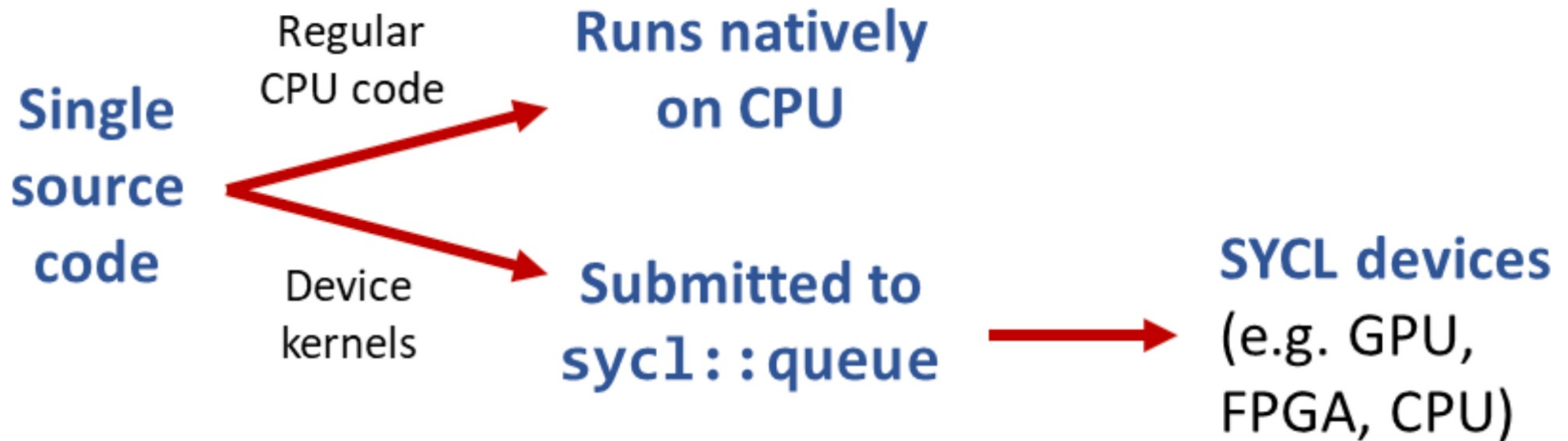
- DPC++ unifies programming of central processing unit (CPU, scalar computation), graphics processing unit (GPU, vector computation), artificial-intelligence accelerator (AI, matrix or tensor) and field-programmable gate array (FPGA, spatial computation)



[Data Parallel C++](#), B. Ashbaugh *et al.* (Apress, 2021);
sample codes at <https://github.com/Apress/data-parallel-CPP>

Host & Device Codes

- Various accelerators (e.g., GPU & FPGA) are referred to as **devices**
- DPC++ program can be a single source, *i.e.*, the same file contains both the host code to run on CPU and device kernels that run on devices



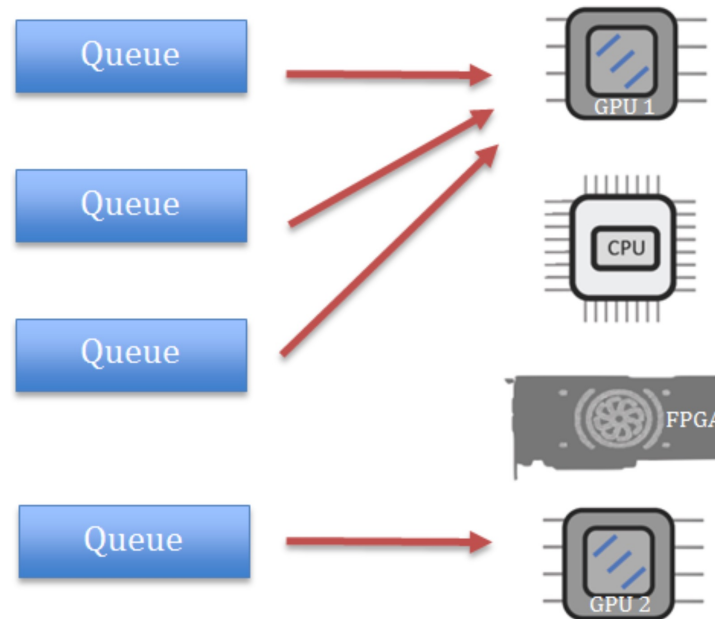
C++ in a nutshell

- **Class:** User-defined data type that contains both member variables & member functions to work on them
- **Object:** Instance of a class

Many C++ tutorials like: <http://www.cplusplus.com/doc/tutorial>

Queue

- **Queue:** Abstraction to which work is submitted for execution on a single device (defined in SYCL as `sycl::queue` class)
- A queue is bound to a device upon construction of the queue object
- Selection of a device is achieved using `sycl::device_selector` class



Built-in selectors:

`cpu_selector`
`gpu_selector`
`Intel::fpga_selector`

CPU as device (useful for debugging)
GPU
FPGA

- Device selector has been deprecated — use callable instead, *e.g.*,
`sycl::gpu_selector_v`

Binding a Queue to a Device

get_device.cpp

```
#include <CL/sycl.hpp>    Header that defines sycl constructs
#include <iostream>        C++ I/O stream (i.e., sequence of data elements for I/O)
using namespace sycl;     Allows the use of sycl-defined constructs w/o sycl:: prefix
int main() {
    queue q(gpu_selector_v); Construct a queue object on GPU
    std::cout << "Device: "
                << q.get_device().get_info<info::device::name>()
                << std::endl;
    return 0;
}
```

get_info() returns information of the device object, which in turn was returned by *get_device()* function of the queue

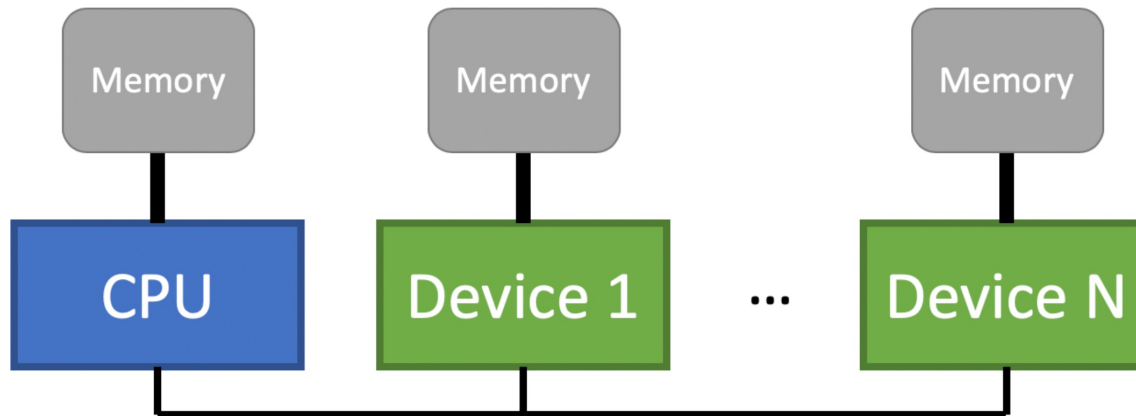
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Compile & run on Intel platform

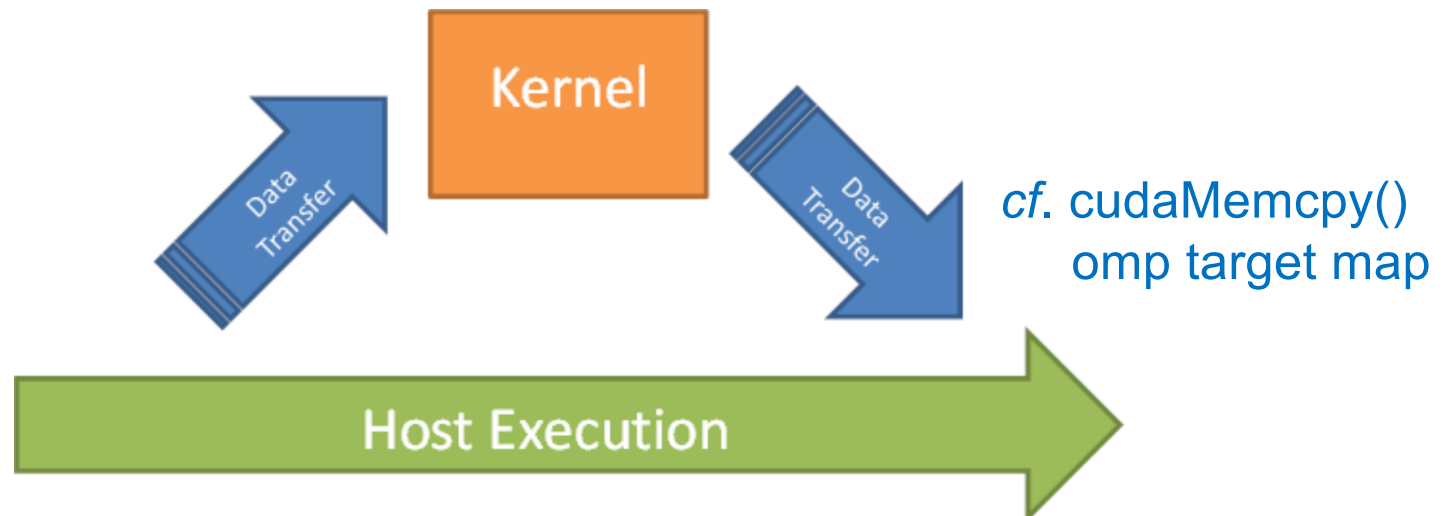
```
$ icpx -fsycl -o get_device get_device.cpp
$ ./get_device
Device: Intel(R) Data Center GPU Max 1100
```

Host & Device Memory

- Host & device have separate memories



- Data needed by a device kernel must be transferred from host memory to device memory prior to kernel execution, and results of kernel computation must be transferred back from device memory to host memory upon termination of kernel execution



Data Management: Buffer

- **Buffer class:** Abstraction of data object (not specific memory addresses)
- A buffer object can be created from existing data on the host; data is copied during buffer construction from the existing host allocation into the buffer object
- **Range class:** Represents one-, two- or three-dimensional range

```
#define NTRD 512                # of threads to be spawned on GPU  
  
std::array<float, NTRD> sum;    Array of NTRD float elements  
  
for (int i=0; i<NTRD; ++i) sum[i] = 0.0f;  
  
range<1> sizeBuf{NTRD};        1-dim. range object initialized to NTRD  
  
buffer<float, 1> sumBuf(sum.data(), sizeBuf);
```

Construct a 1-dim. float buffer
object named sumBuf

Copy host data: data() returns
the address of the first element
of an array object

of elements

Data Management: Accessor

- **Accessor class:** Abstraction of reading & writing operations on buffer objects; usually created by `get_access()` method in the buffer class

Type is automatically deduced from the initializer

```
auto sumAccessor =  
    sumBuf.get_access<access::mode::read_write>(h);
```

`get_access()` method of a buffer object creates an accessor object, with which the buffer can be accessed with a specified access mode

Command-group handler (see next slide) that will access the buffer

Access mode	Description
read	Read-only access by device code
write	Device code will write into it
read_write	Read & write access

Device Code

- Device code (*cf.* CUDA kernel) is submitted to a queue using `submit()` function of a queue object
- Argument to `submit()` is a command group function object in the form of lambda expression (*i.e.*, function with no name):
[access mode to caller's variables] (argument list) { function body }
- The argument of the passed function is a handler to access the command group, which will be created by a runtime system and passed to the user through the argument

```
queue q(gpu_selector_v);
```

```
q.submit( [&] (handler &h) { Command group } );
```

Access by address

Parallelization Construct

cf. omp parallel for

- Device code can be parallelized using `parallel_for()` function, which takes a range of a loop index and a function as arguments
- Argument of the function is a loop index, which is of `id` class (index in a one-, two or three-dimensional range)
- Loop indices are distributed among multiple threads on device for parallel execution

```
#define NTRD 512
```

```
range<1> sizeBuf{NTRD};
```

Access by value

```
h.parallel_for(sizeBuf, [=](id<1> index) { Code for each index });
```

Index in one-dim. range

Example: Computing the Value of π

- Numerical integration

$$\int_0^1 \frac{4}{1+x^2} dx = \pi$$

- Discretization:

$$\Delta = 1/N: \text{step} = 1/\text{NBIN}$$

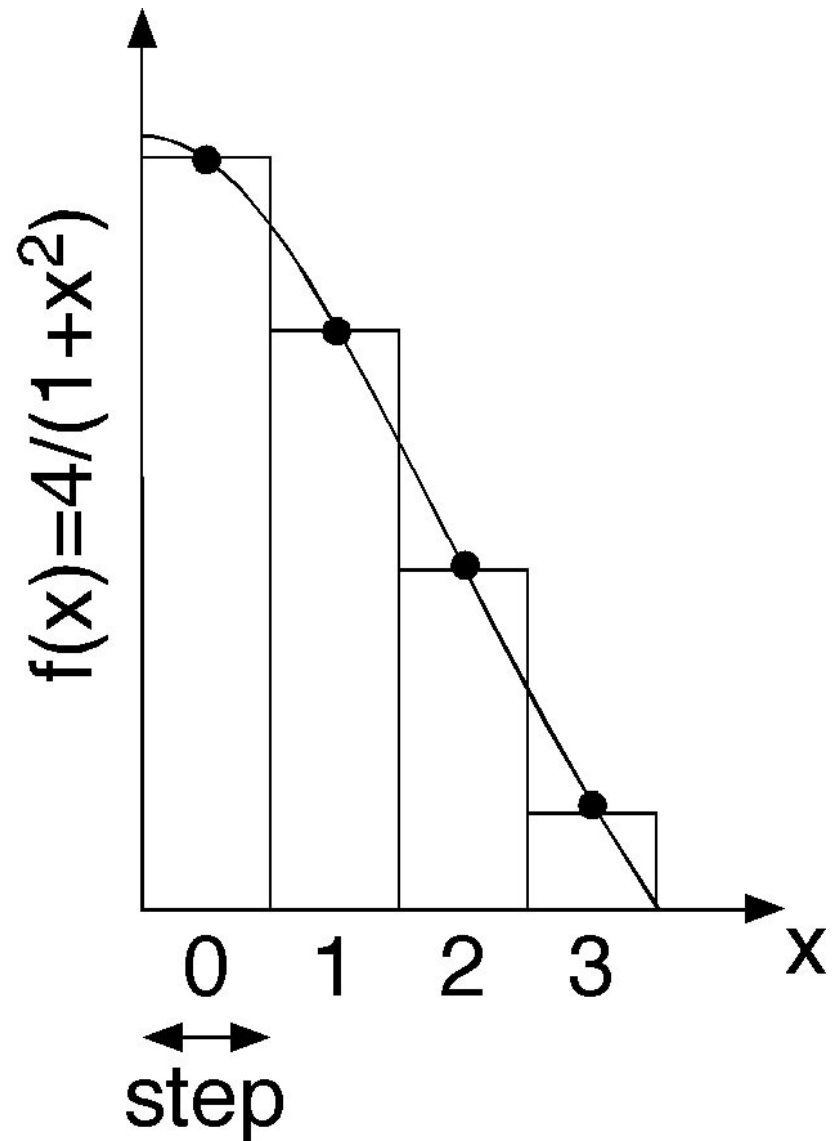
$$x_i = (i+0.5)\Delta \quad (i = 0, \dots, N-1)$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \frac{4}{1+x_i^2} \Delta \cong \pi$$

```
#define NBIN 1000000

float sum = 0.0f;
float step = 1.0f/NBIN;
for (int i=0; i<NBIN; i++) {
    float x = (i+0.5f)*step;
    sum += 4.0f/(1.0f+x*x);
}
float pi = sum*step;
```

Area under the curve \cong sum of N rectangular areas



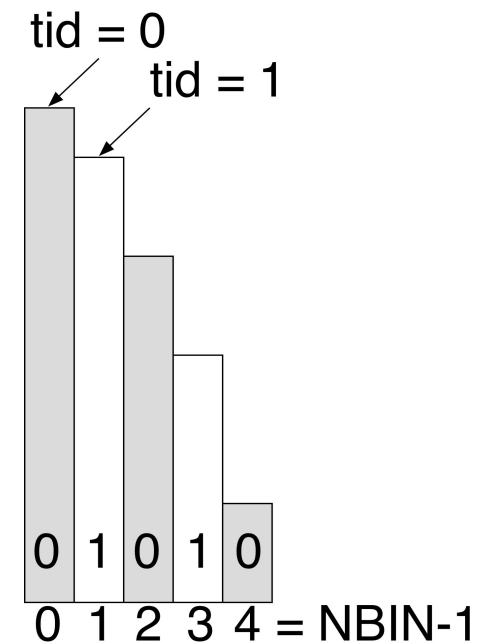
Multithreading & Data Privatization

- **Multithreading:** Interleaved assignment of bins i among $NTHRD$ threads, where thread ID $tid \in [0, NTHRD - 1]$
- **Data privatization:** Provide each thread a dedicated accumulator to avoid a race condition (*i.e.*, nondeterministic result depending on the timing of read & write operations on a shared variable by multiple threads)

```
for (int i=tid; i<NBIN; i+=NTHRD) {  
    float x = (i+0.5)*step;  
    sum[tid] += 4.0/(1.0+x*x);  
}
```

- **Interthread reduction:** After all partial summations have been executed by multiple threads, the total sum must be computed by a single thread

```
float pi = 0.0f  
for (int i=0; i<NTHRD; i++)  
    pi += sum[i];  
Pi *= step;
```



Computing π on a Device

From pi.cpp

```
q.submit([&](handler &h){
    auto sumAccessor =
    sumBuf.get_access<access::mode::read_write>(h);
    h.parallel_for(sizeBuf, [=](id<1> tid) {
        for (int i=tid; i<NBIN; i+=NTRD) {
            float x = (i+0.5f)*step;
            sumAccessor[tid] += 4.0f/(1.0f+x*x);
        }
    }); // End parallel_for
}); // End queue submit
```

Compile & run on Intel platform

```
$ icpx -fsycl -o pi pi.cpp
```

```
$ ./pi
```

```
Running on: Intel(R) Data Center GPU Max 1100  
Pi = 3.14159
```

Synchronization

- Synchronization between host & device can be achieved by buffer destruction

```
std::array<float, NTRD> sum;
{
    Buffer is created in a separate scope
    queue q(gpu_selector_v);
    range<1> sizeBuf{NTRD};
    buffer<float,1> sumBuf(sum.data(),sizeBuf); Buffer now takes
    q.submit([&](handler &h){ ownership of sum array
        auto sumAccessor =
        sumBuf.get_access<access::mode::read_write>(h);
        h.parallel_for(sizeBuf, [=](id<1> tid) {
            for (int i=tid; i<NBIN; i+=NTRD) {
                float x = (i+0.5f)*step;
                sumAccessor[tid] += 4.0f/(1.0f+x*x);
            }
        }); // End parallel for
    }); // End queue submit
} Buffer destructor is invoked when exiting from the scope → Buffer relinquishes the
float pi=0.0f; ownership of data &
for (int i=0; i<NTRD; i++) copies its contents back
    pi += sum[i]; to host memory
pi *= step;
std::cout << "Pi = " << pi << std::endl;
```

SYCL Program Pattern

```
#include <CL/sycl.hpp>
#include <iostream>
#include <array>
using namespace cl::sycl;
#define NBIN 1000000 // # of bins for quadrature
#define NTRD 512     // # of threads
int main() {
    float step = 1.0f/NBIN;
    std::array<float, NTRD> sum;
    for (int i=0; i<NTRD; ++i) sum[i] = 0.0f;
    {
        queue q(gpu_selector_v);
        std::cout << "Running on: " <<
            q.get_device().get_info<info::device::name>() << std::endl;
        range<1> sizeBuf{NTRD};
        buffer<float, 1> sumBuf(sum.data(), sizeBuf);
        q.submit([&](handler &h){
            auto sumAccessor =
                sumBuf.get_access<access::mode::read_write>(h);
            h.parallel_for(sizeBuf, [=](id<1> tid) {
                for (int i=tid; i<NBIN; i+=NTRD) {
                    float x = (i+0.5f)*step;
                    sumAccessor[tid] += 4.0f/(1.0f+x*x);
                }
            }); // End parallel for
        }); // End queue submit
    }
    float pi=0.0f;
    for (int i=0; i<NTRD; i++) // Thread reduction
        pi += sum[i];
    pi *= step; // Multiply bin width to complete integration
    std::cout << "Pi = " << pi << std::endl;
    return 0;
}
```

Create Buffer

Copy to Device

Execute Kernel

Copy Back to Host

See key-concept definitions on p. 11 of [SYCL 101](#)