



# PGAS Programming and Chapel

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# “Who is this guy Mike dumped on us?”

## 2001: graduated from UW CSE with a PhD

- worked on the ZPL parallel programming language
- advisor: Larry Snyder (now emeritus)

## 2001-2002: spent a lost/instructive year at a startup

## 2002-present: have been working at Cray Inc.

- Hired to help with the HPCS program
- Convinced execs/customers that we should do a language
- Have been working on Chapel ever since



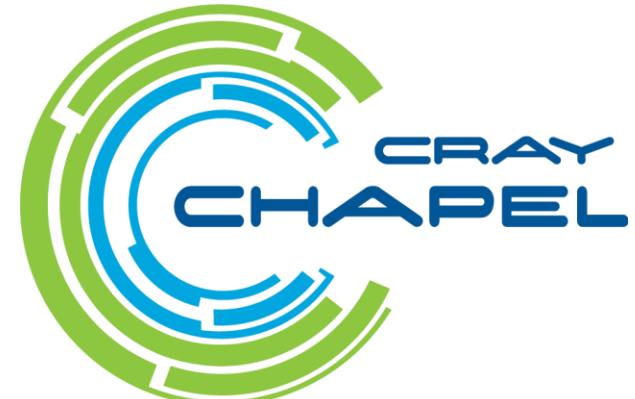
## Also a UW CSE affiliate faculty member

- taught this class last time around Winter 2013

# Chapel's Origins: HPCS

## DARPA HPCS: High Productivity Computing Systems

- **Goal:** improve productivity by a factor of 10x
- **Timeframe:** Summer 2002 – Fall 2012
- Cray developed a new system architecture, network, software stack...
  - this became the very successful Cray XC30™ Supercomputer Series



...and a new programming language: Chapel

# What is Chapel?

- An emerging parallel programming language
  - Design and development led by Cray Inc.
    - in collaboration with academia, labs, industry; domestically & internationally
- A work-in-progress
- Goal: Improve productivity of parallel programming

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## Chapel Team:

“something that lets computational scientists express what they want,  
without taking away the control that HPC programmers want,  
implemented in a language as attractive as recent graduates want.”

# Chapel's Implementation

- **Being developed as open source at GitHub**
  - Uses Apache v2.0 license
- **Portable design and implementation, targeting:**
  - multicore desktops and laptops
  - commodity clusters and the cloud
  - HPC systems from Cray and other vendors
  - *in-progress*: manycore processors, CPU+accelerator hybrids, ...

# Game Plan for Tonight

- **Rough outline:**
  - a bit of context: PGAS programming languages
  - lots of Chapel
- **Please feel free to ask questions as we go**
  - I can throttle as necessary
- **optionally: “Happy Office Hour” afterwards**
  - or: go catch Lightning Bolt at Neumo’s

## Terminology Check

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### Introduction to PGAS\* Programming

(\* Partitioned Global Address Space)

# Shared vs. Distributed Memory

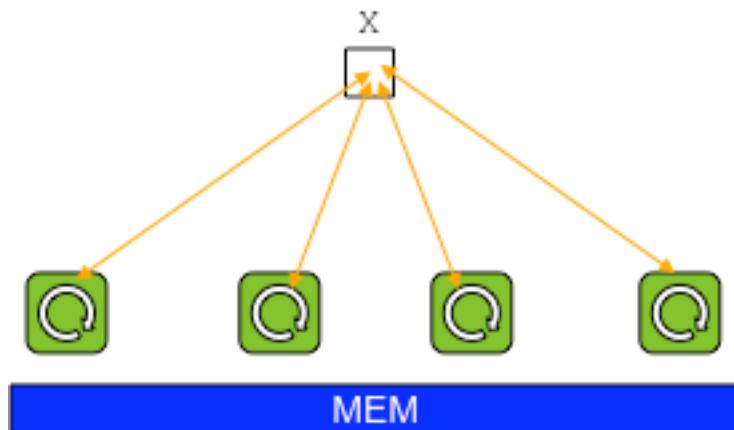
- Shared Memory Architectures:
- Distributed Memory Architectures:

# Global Address Space Programming Models (Shared Memory)



e.g., OpenMP, Pthreads

- + support dynamic, fine-grain parallelism
- + considered simpler, more like traditional programming
  - “if you want to access something, simply name it”
- no support for expressing locality/affinity; limits scalability
- bugs can be subtle, difficult to track down (race conditions)
- tend to require complex memory consistency models



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# SPMD Programming/Execution Models

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## **SPMD = Single Program, Multiple Data**

- the dominant model for distributed memory programming
- Concept:
  - write one copy of a program
  - execute multiple copies of it simultaneously
    - various terms: *images*, processes, *PEs* (*Processing Elements*), *ranks*, ...
    - one per compute node? one per core?
  - in a pure SPMD model, this is the only source of parallelism
    - i.e., run  $p$  copies of my program in parallel
    - our parallel tasks are essentially the program images
  - in practice, each program can also contain parallelism
    - typically achieved by mixing two notations (e.g., MPI + OpenMP)

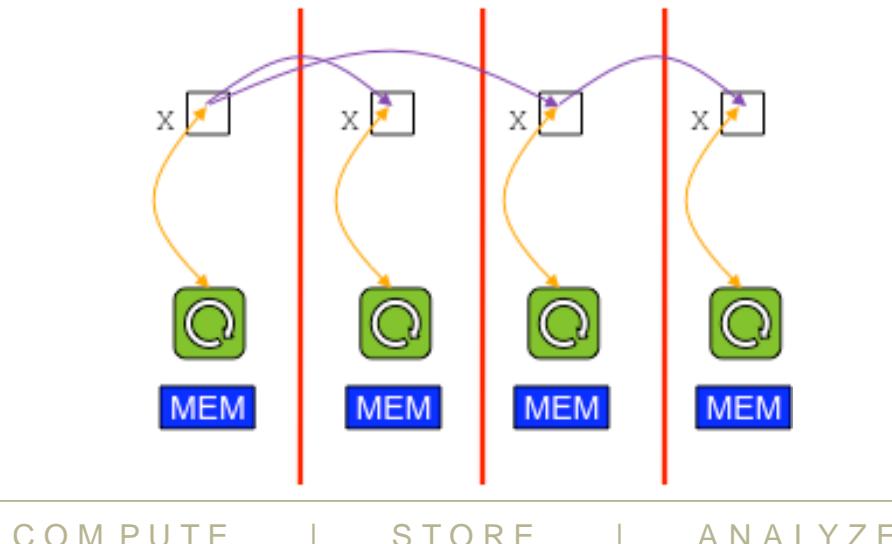
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# Message Passing Programming Models (Distributed Memory)

## e.g., MPI

- + a more constrained model; can only access local data
- + runs on most large-scale parallel platforms
  - and for many of them, can achieve near-optimal performance
- + is *relatively* easy to implement
- + can serve as a strong foundation for higher-level models
- + users have been able to get real work done with it

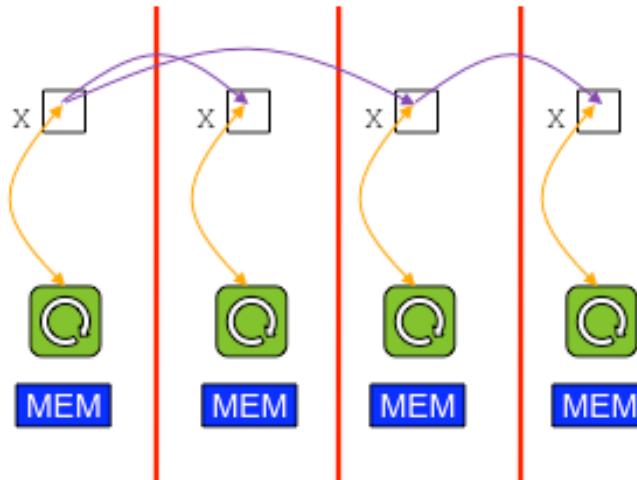


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- communication must be used to get copies of remote data
  - tends to reveal too much about *how* to transfer data, not simply *what*
- only supports “cooperating executable”-level parallelism
- couples data transfer and synchronization
- has frustrating classes of bugs of its own
  - e.g., mismatches between sends/recvs, buffer overflows, etc.



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  - Single-Sided Communication
  - **Partitioned Global Address Spaces**
  - Active Messages
  - ...

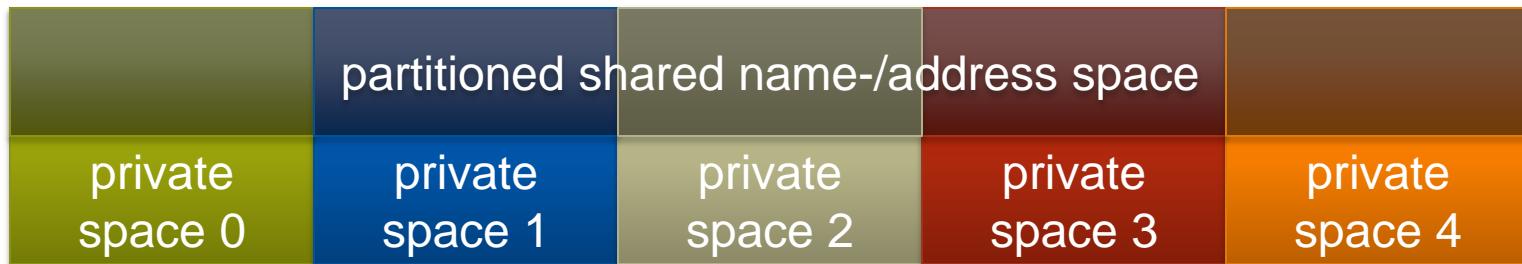
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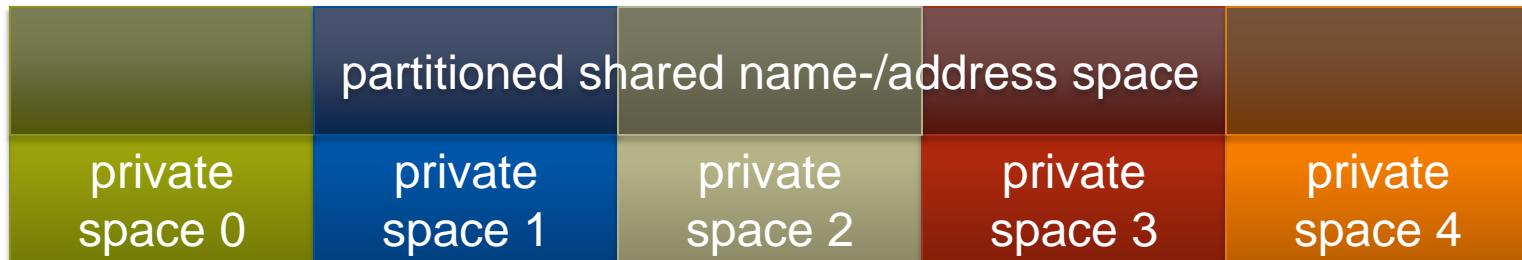
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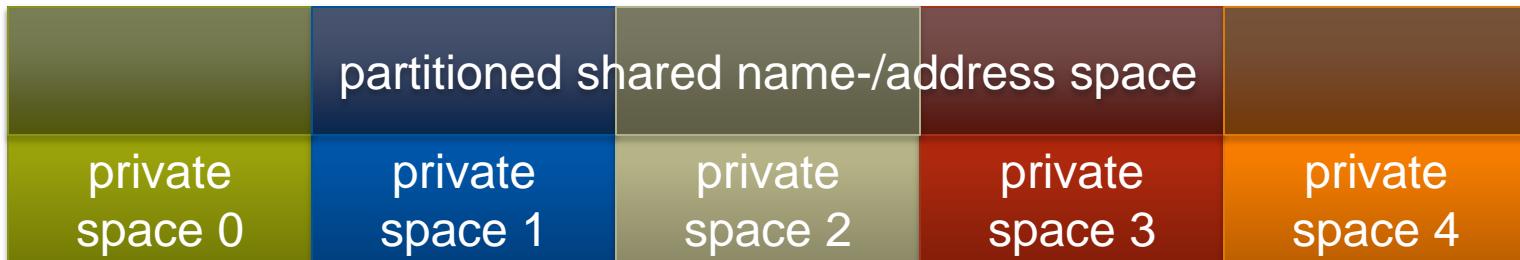
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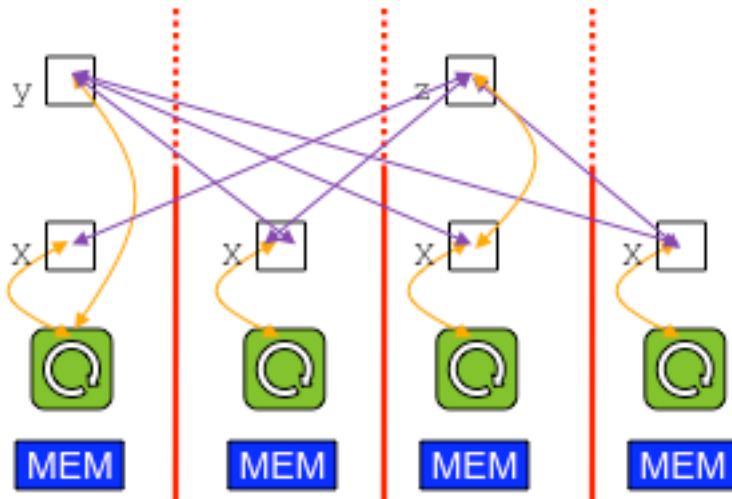
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- **traditional PGAS languages have been SPMD in nature**
  - best-known examples: Co-Array Fortran, UPC



# Traditional PGAS Languages

e.g., Co-Array Fortran, UPC



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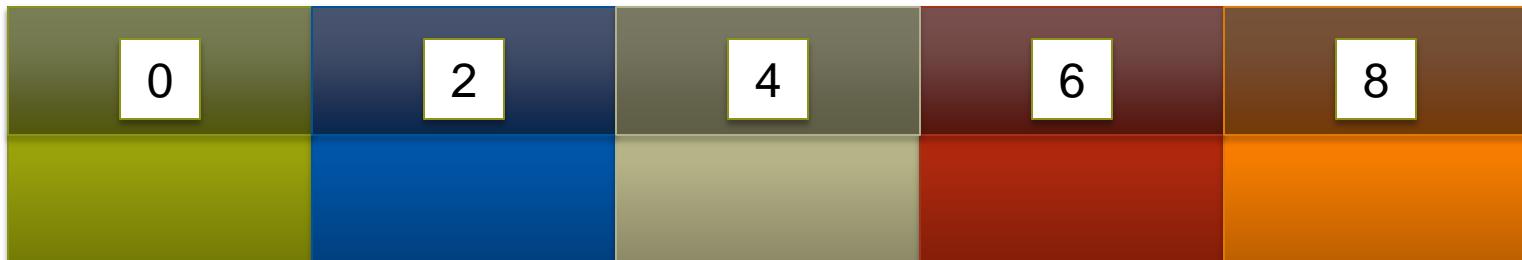
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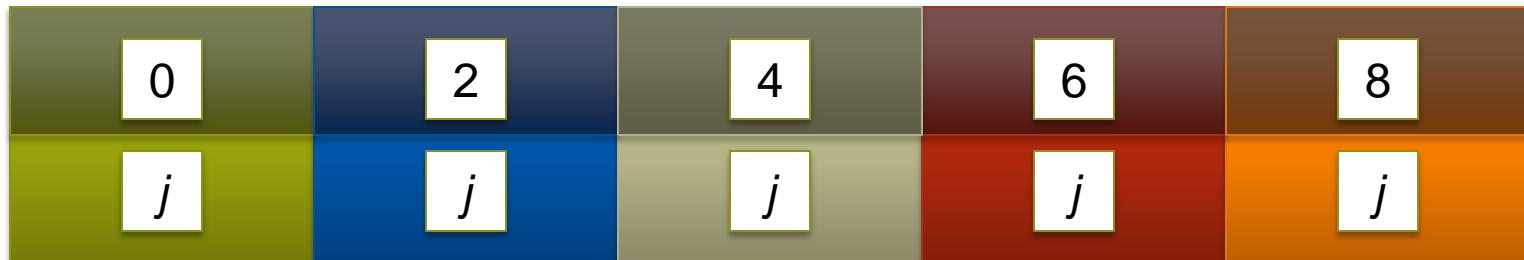
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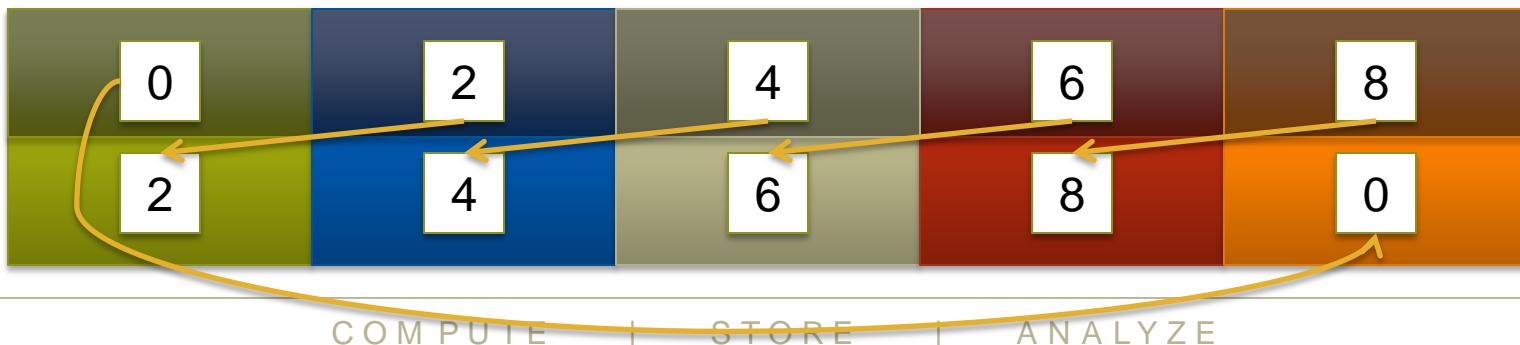
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    j = i( (this_image() + 1) % num_images() );  
    // ^ access our neighbor's copy of i  
    // communication implemented by compiler + runtime  
  
    // How did we know our neighbor had an i?  
    // Because it's SPMD - we're all running the same  
    // program. (Simple, but restrictive)  
}
```



# Traditional PGAS Languages

**founding PGAS members:** Co-Array Fortran, UPC, Titanium

- extensions to Fortran, C, and Java, respectively
- details vary, but potential for:
  - arrays that are decomposed across compute nodes
  - pointers that refer to remote objects
- note that earlier languages could also be considered PGAS, but the term hadn't been coined yet

# UPC: Unified Parallel C

## **UPC: A “traditional” PGAS language**

- developed ~1999
- “unified” in the sense that it combined 3 distinct parallel C’s:
  - AC, Split-C, Parallel C Preprocessor
- though a sibling to CAF, philosophically quite different

## **Motivating Philosophy:**

- extend C concepts logically to support SPMD execution
  - 1D arrays
  - for loops
  - pointers (and pointer/array equivalence)

# UPC is also SPMD

- **SPMD programming/execution model**
  - program copies are referred to as ‘threads’

- **Built-in constants provide the basics:**

```
int p, me;  
p = THREADS;      // returns number of processes  
me = MYTHREAD;    // returns a value in 0..THREADS-1
```

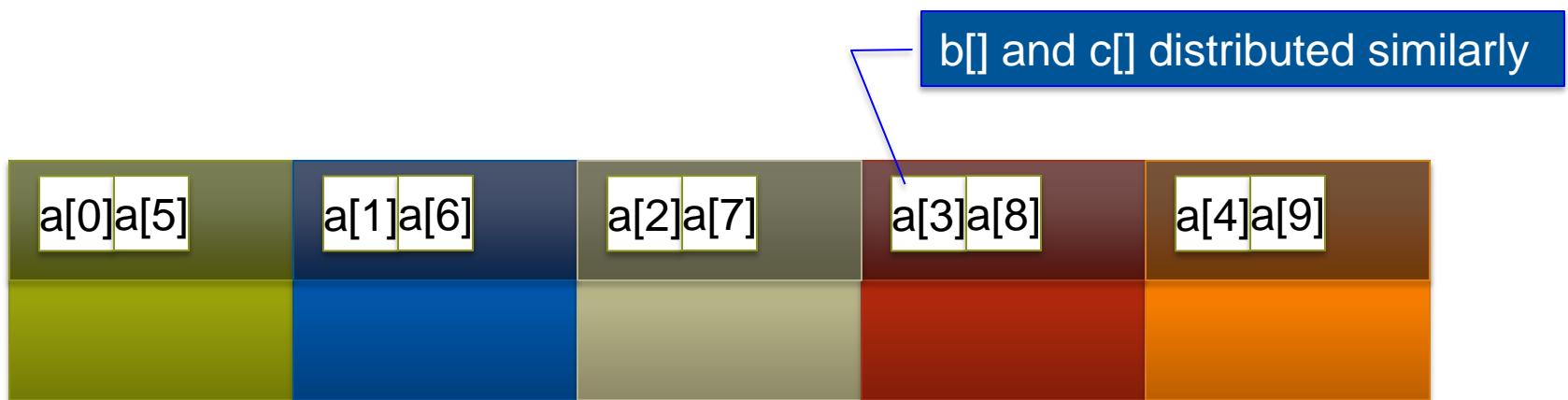
- **Barrier sync statement:**

```
upc_barrier;        // wait for all processes/threads
```

# Distributed Arrays in UPC

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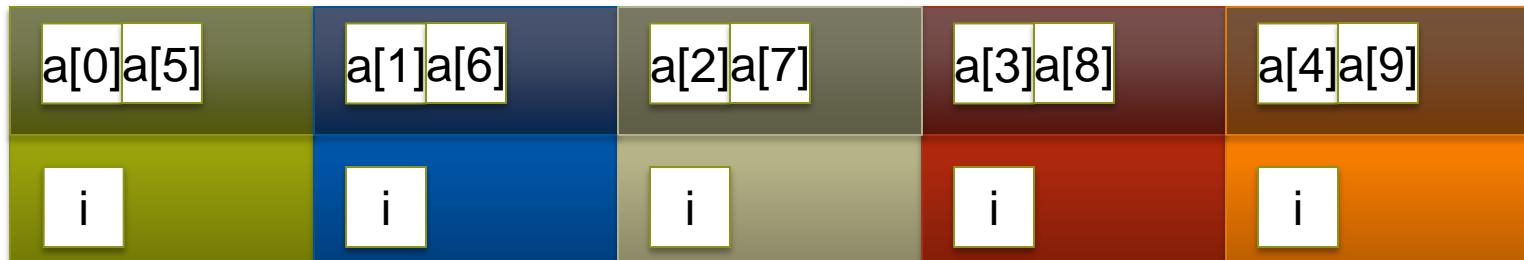
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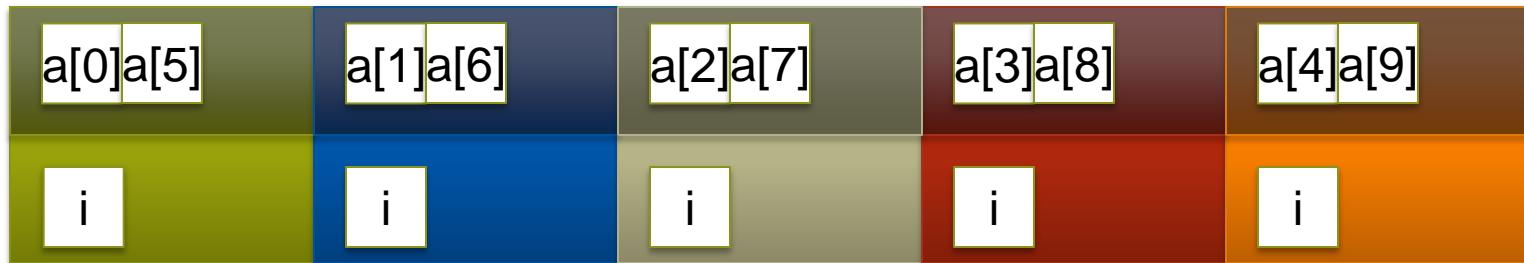
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int i=0; // no "shared" keyword => stored privately
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shared float a[N], b[N], c[N];
for (int i=0; i<N; i++) { // dumb loop: O(N)
    if (i%THREADS == MYTHREAD) {
        c[i] = a[i] + alpha * b[i];
    }
}
```



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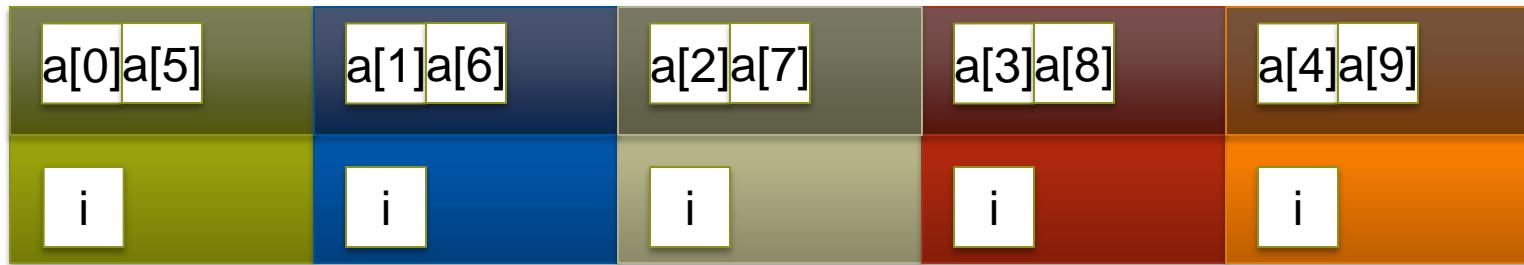
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// smarter loop: O(N/THREADS)
for (int i=MYTHREAD; i<N; i+=THREADS) {
    c[i] = a[i] + alpha * b[i];
}
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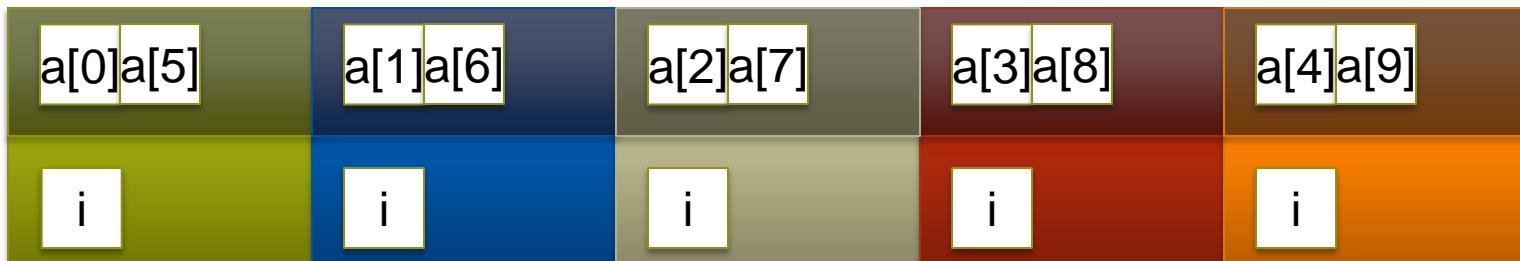
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Affinity field: Which thread should execute this iteration?  
(if int, %THREADS to get ID)



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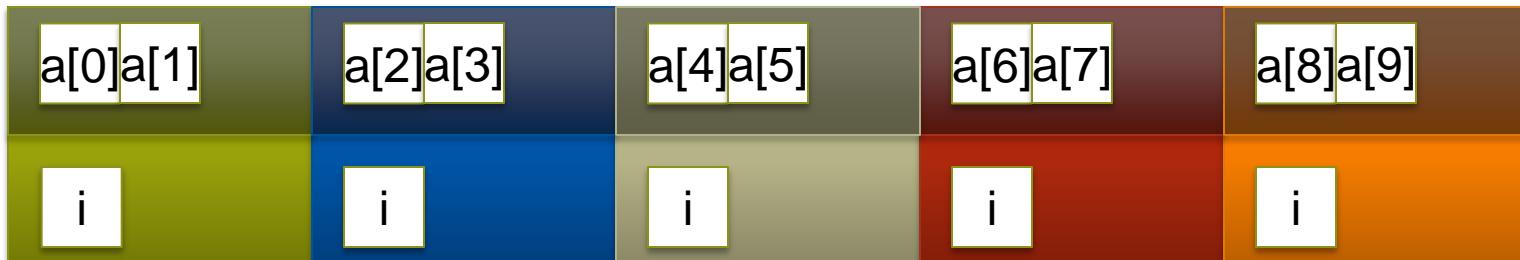
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shared [2] float a[N], b[N], c[N];
upc_forall (int i=0; i<N; i++; &c[i]) {
    c[i] = a[i] + alpha * b[i];
}
```

Affinity field: Which thread should execute this iteration?  
(if ptr-to-shared, owner does)



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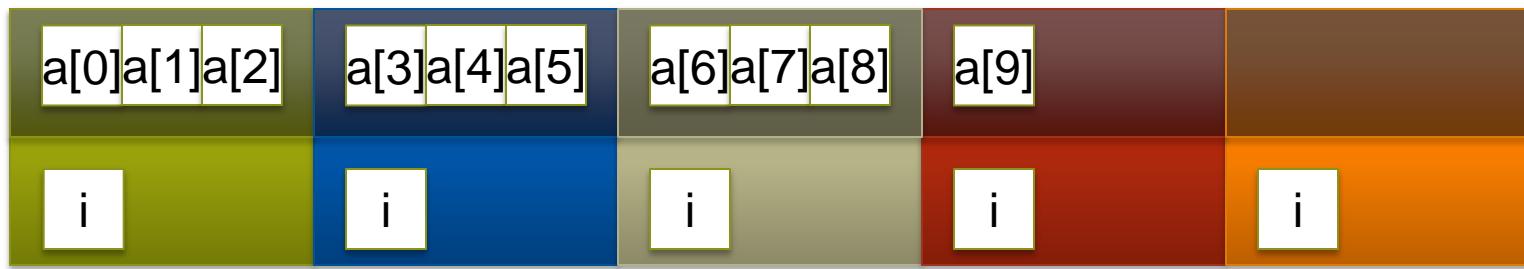
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#define N 10
shared [3] float a[N], b[N], c[N];
upc_forall (int i=0; i<N; i++; &c[i]) {
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}
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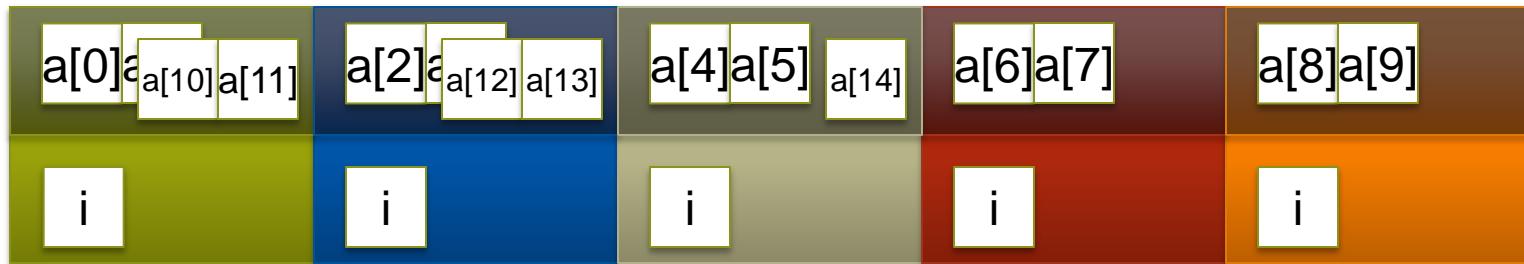
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# Scalars in UPC

- Somewhat confusingly (to me anyway\*), shared scalars in UPC result in a single copy on thread 0

```
int i;  
shared int j;
```

\* = because it seems contrary to SPMD programming

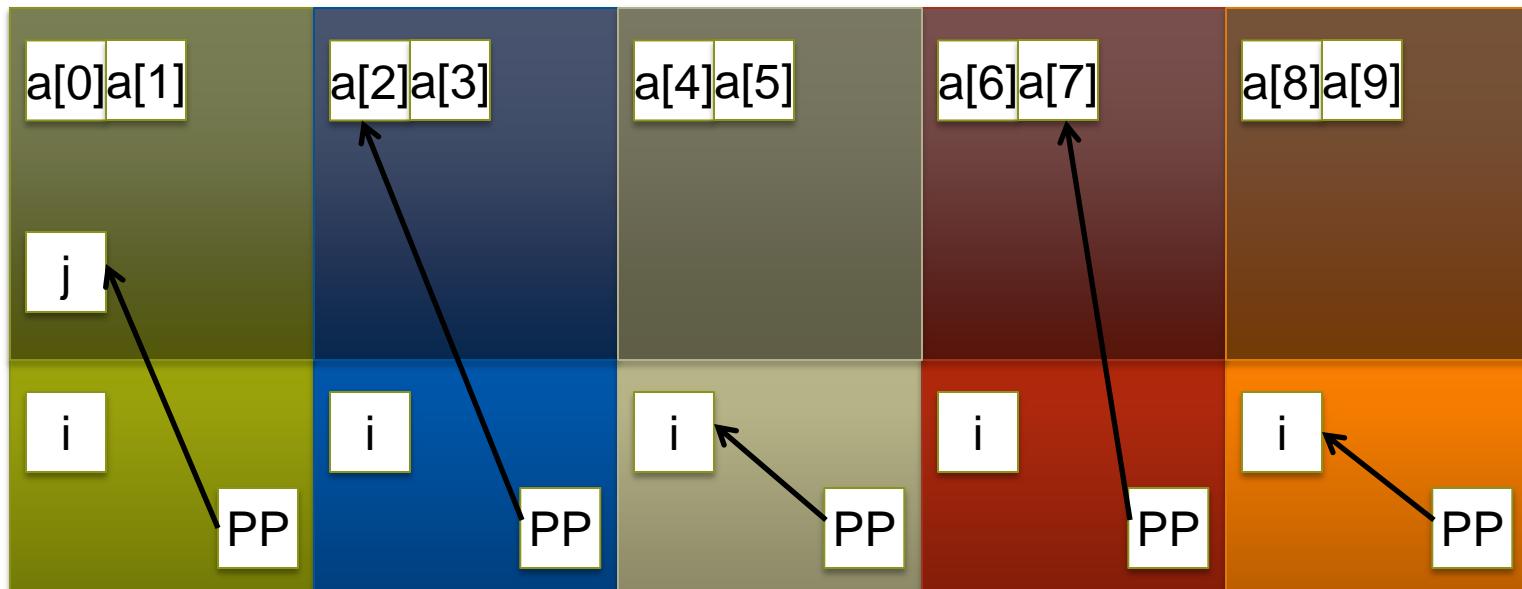


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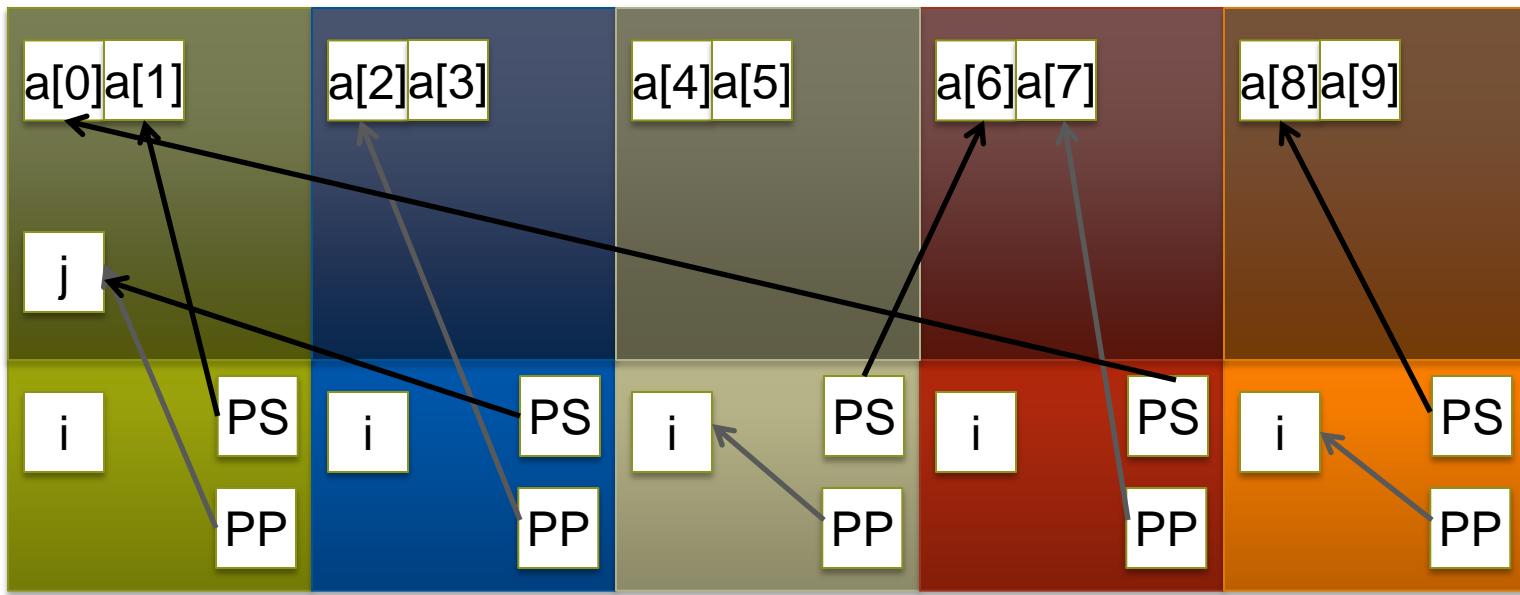


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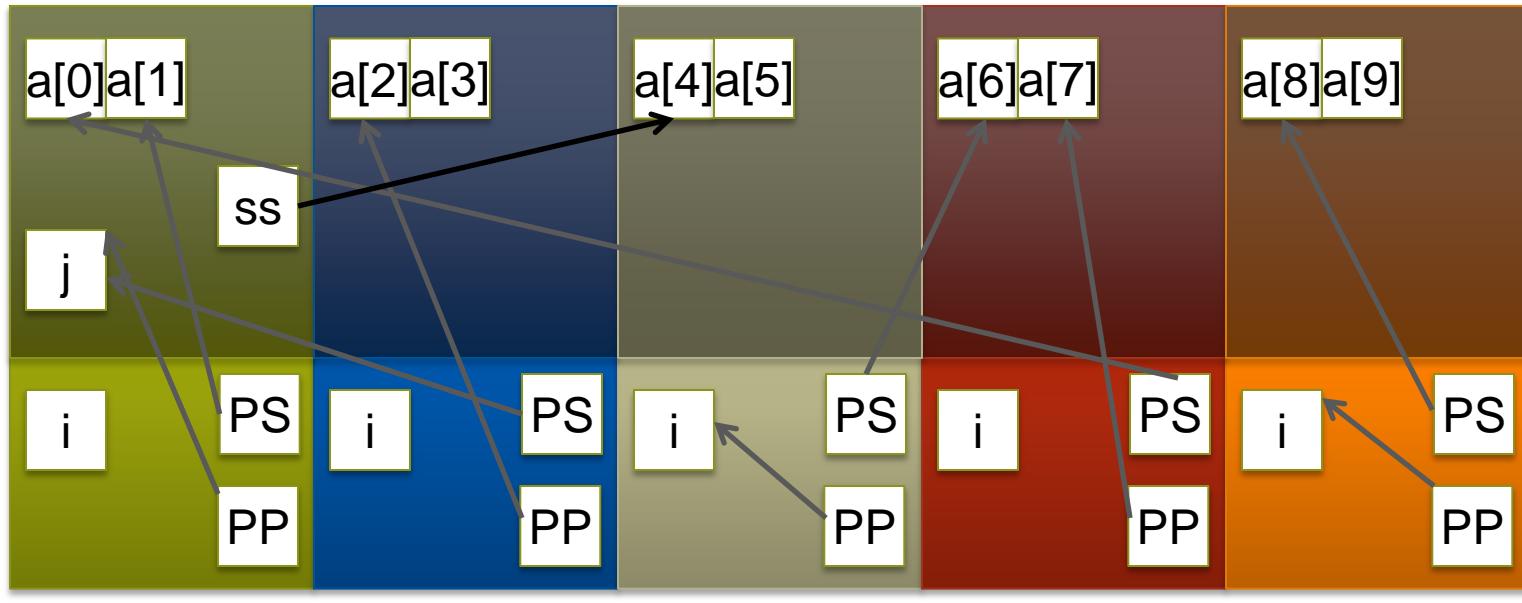
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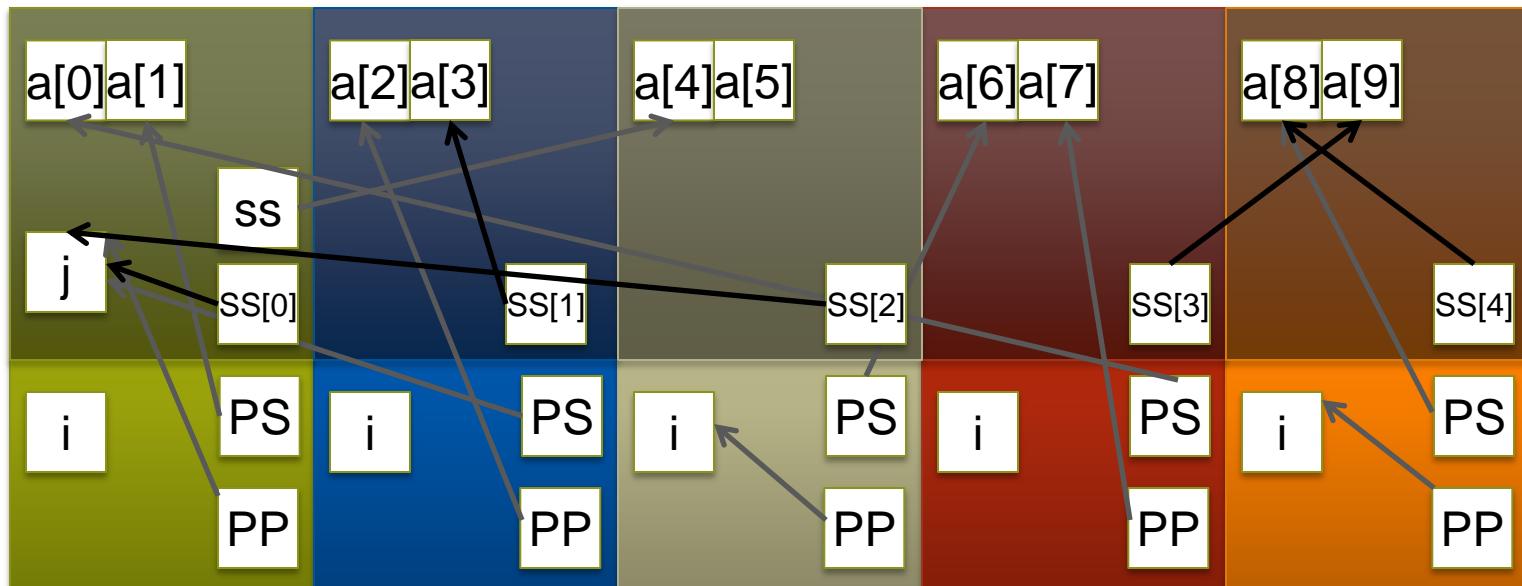
# Arrays of Pointers in UPC

- Of course, one can also create arrays of pointers

// array of shared pointer to shared data

```
shared int* shared SS[THREADS];
```

- As you can imagine, one UPC's strengths is its ability to create fairly arbitrary distributed data structures

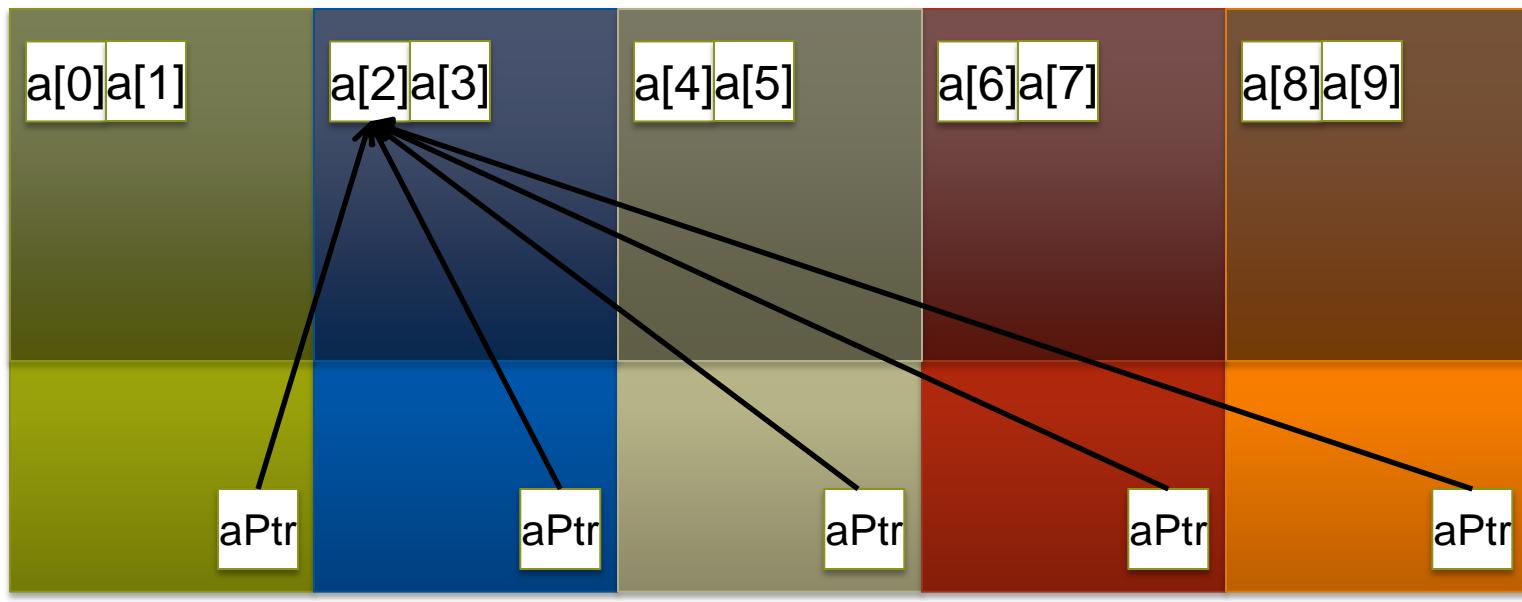


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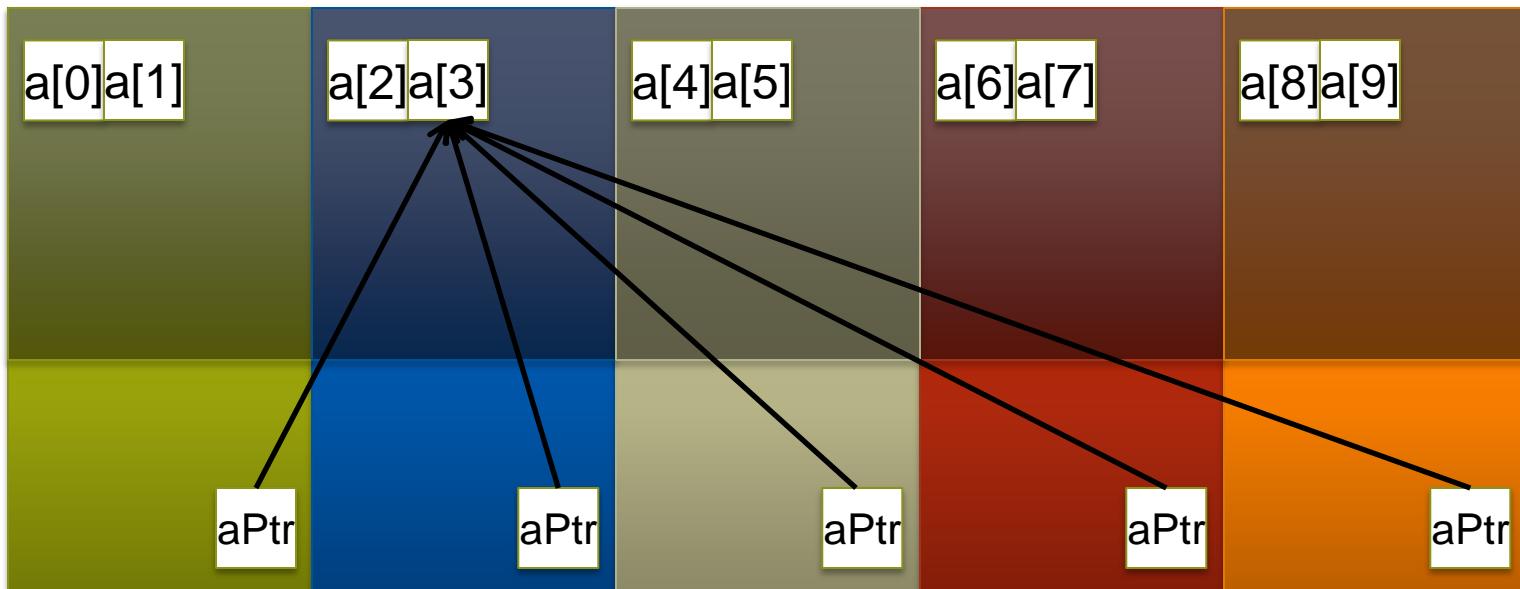
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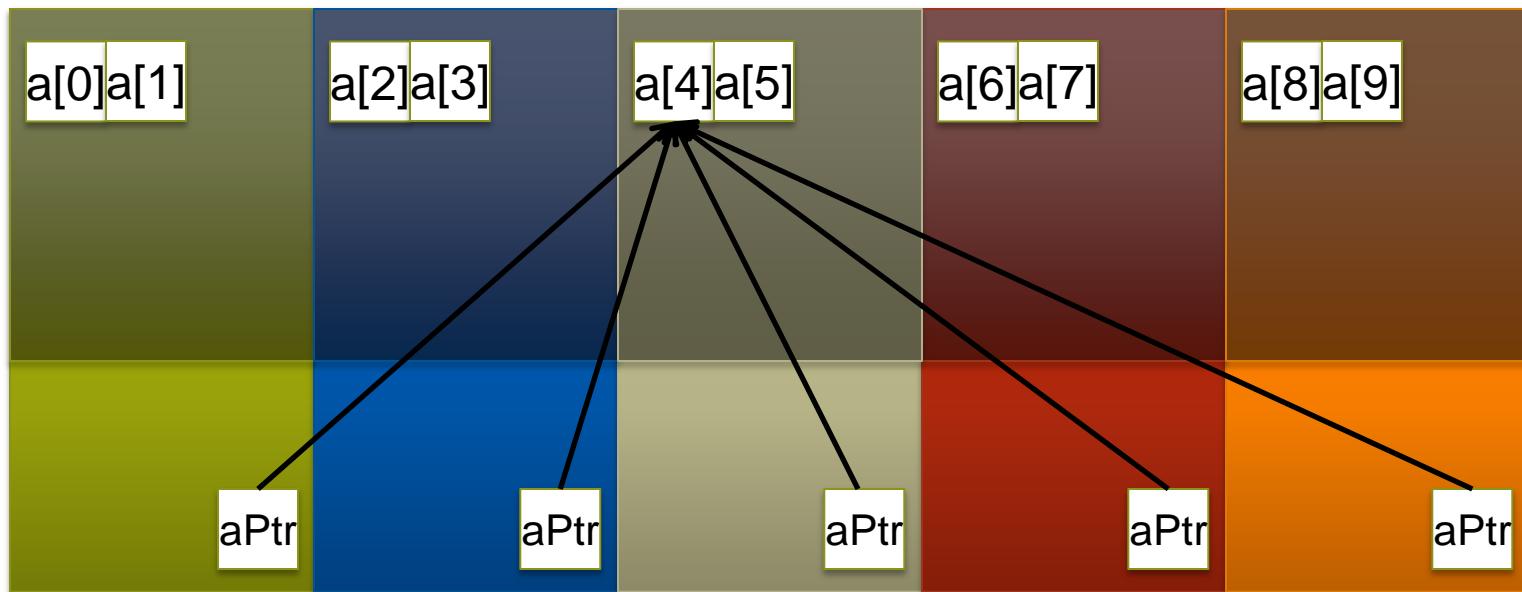
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# How are UPC Pointers Implemented?

**Local pointers to local: just an address, as always**

**Pointers to shared: 3 parts**

- thread ID
  - base address of block within the thread
  - phase/offset within the block (0..blocksize-1)
- 
- **UPC supports a number of utility functions that permit you to query this information from pointers**
  - **Casting between pointer types is permitted**
    - but can be dangerous (as in C) and/or lossy

# Other Features in UPC

- **Collectives Library**
- **Memory Consistency Model**
  - among the first/foremost memory models in HPC
  - ability to move between strict and relaxed models
  - fence operations
- **Dynamic Memory Management**
- **Locks**
- **Parallel I/O**
- ...

# UPC Summary

- Program in SPMD style
- Communicate via shared arrays/pointers
  - cyclic and block-cyclic arrays
  - pointers to shared and private data
  - array-pointer equivalence
- Other stuff too, but this gives you the main idea
- For more information, see <https://upc-lang.org/upc/>

# Other Notable SPMD PGAS Languages

## Founding Fathers:

- **Co-Array Fortran (CAF): A Fortran-based PGAS language**
  - Remote accesses are much more explicit than in UPC
  - Distributed arrays are better (multidimensional, like Fortran's)
    - ...but also worse (must declare in terms of per-image chunks)
  - Adopted into the Fortran 2008 standard
- **Titanium: A Java-based PGAS language**
  - my favorite of the three

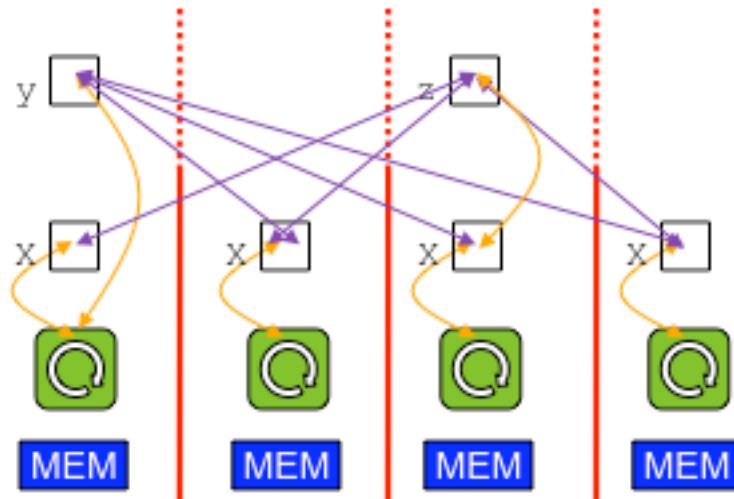
## New Kids on the Block:

- **UPC++**
  - **Co-Array C++**
- } C++ PGAS languages designed using template meta-programming (so, no compiler required)

# Traditional PGAS Languages

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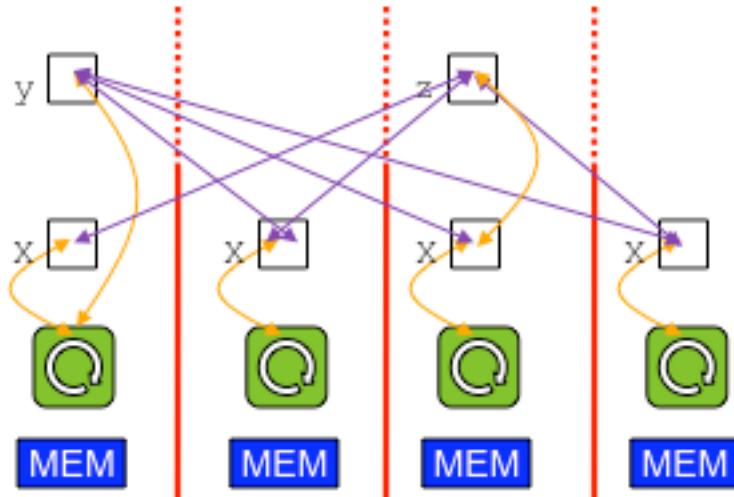
- + support a shared namespace, like shared-memory
- + support a strong sense of ownership and locality
  - each variable is stored in a particular memory segment
  - tasks can access any visible variable, local or remote
  - local variables are cheaper to access than remote ones
- + implicit communication eases user burden; permits compiler to use best mechanisms available



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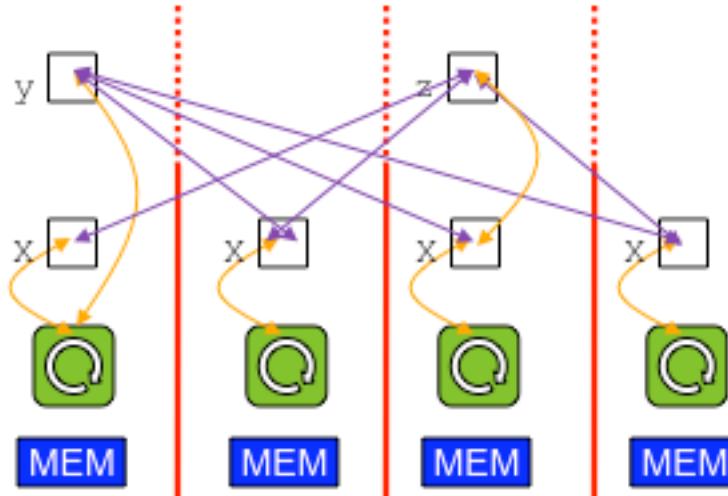
- restricted to SPMD programming and execution models
- data structures not as flexible/rich as one might like
- retain many of the downsides of shared-memory
  - error cases, memory consistency models



# Next-Generation PGAS Languages

e.g., Chapel (also Charm++, X10, Fortress, ...)

- + breaks out of SPMD mold via global multithreading
- + richer set of distributed data structures
- retains many of the downsides of shared-memory
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# Chapel Motivation

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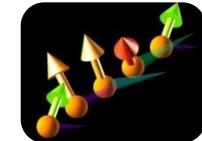
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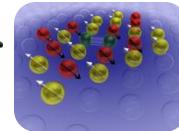
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- Modeling of metallic magnet atoms



## 1 PF – 2008: Cray XT5; 150,000 Processors

- Superconductive materials



## 1 EF – ~2018: Cray \_\_\_\_; ~10,000,000 Processors

- TBD

# Sustained Performance Milestones

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- Static finite element analysis
- Fortran77 + Cray autotasking + vectorization



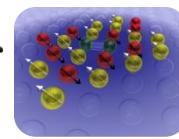
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- Modeling of metallic magnet atoms
- Fortran + MPI (Message Passing Interface)



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- Superconductive materials
- C++/Fortran + MPI + vectorization



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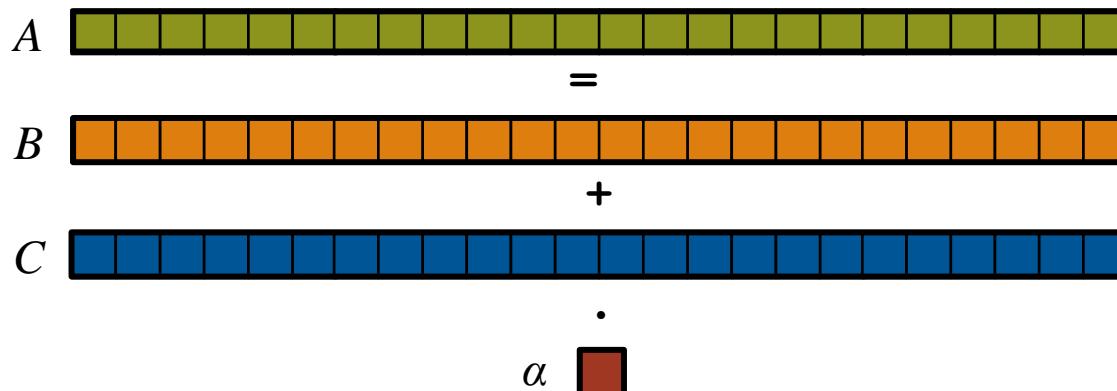
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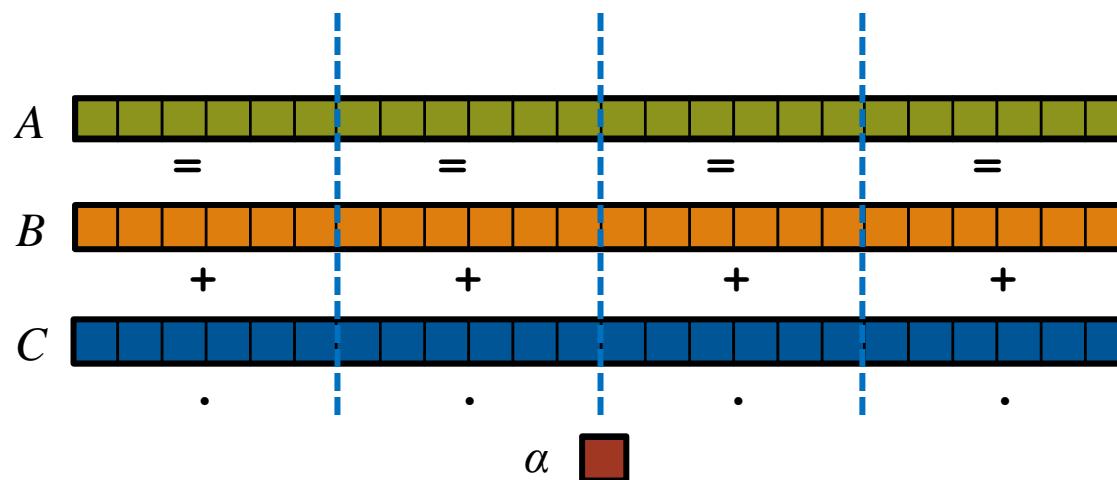


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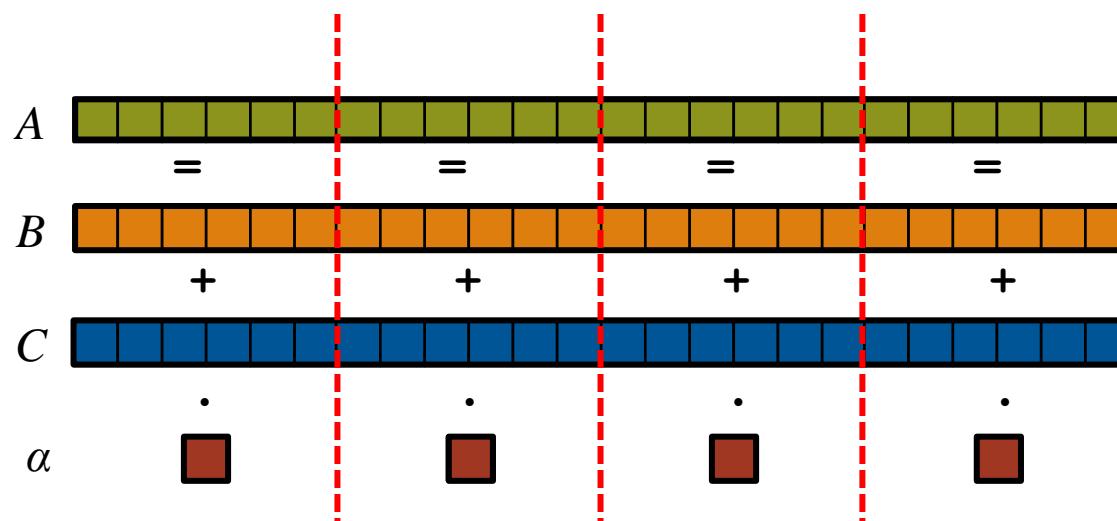


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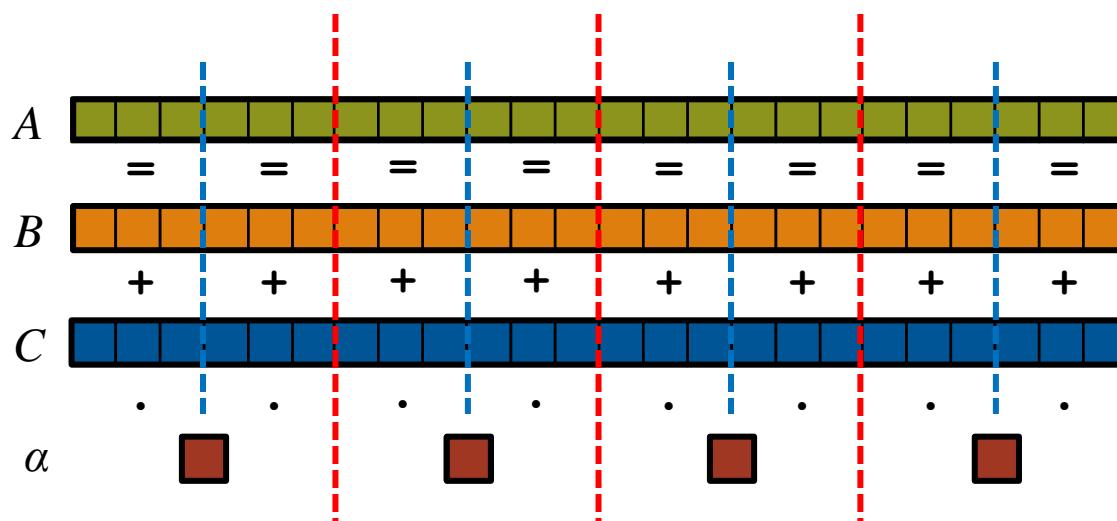


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# STREAM Triad: MPI



MPI

```
#include <hpcc.h>

static int VectorSize;
static double *a, *b, *c;

int HPCC_StarStream(HPCC_Parms *params) {
    int myRank, commSize;
    int rv, errCount;
    MPI_Comm comm = MPI_COMM_WORLD;

    MPI_Comm_size( comm, &commSize );
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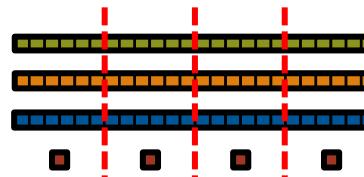
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    MPI_Reduce( &rv, &errCount, 1, MPI_INT, MPI_SUM,
                0, comm );

    return errCount;
}

int HPCC_Stream(HPCC_Parms *params, int doIO) {
    register int j;
    double scalar;

    VectorSize = HPCC_LocalVectorSize( params, 3,
                                       sizeof(double), 0 );

    a = HPCC_XMALLOC( double, VectorSize );
    b = HPCC_XMALLOC( double, VectorSize );
    c = HPCC_XMALLOC( double, VectorSize );
```



```
if (!a || !b || !c) {
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    if (b) HPCC_free(b);
    if (a) HPCC_free(a);
    if (doIO) {
        fprintf( outFile, "Failed to allocate memory
(%d).\n", VectorSize );
        fclose( outFile );
    }
    return 1;
}

for (j=0; j<VectorSize; j++) {
    b[j] = 2.0;
    c[j] = 0.0;
}

scalar = 3.0;

for (j=0; j<VectorSize; j++)
    a[j] = b[j]+scalar*c[j];

HPCC_free(c);
HPCC_free(b);
HPCC_free(a);
```

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# STREAM Triad: MPI+OpenMP



## MPI + OpenMP

```
#include <hpcc.h>
#ifndef _OPENMP
#include <omp.h>
#endif

static int VectorSize;
static double *a, *b, *c;

int HPCC_StarStream(HPCC_Parms *params) {
    int myRank, commSize;
    int rv, errCount;
    MPI_Comm comm = MPI_COMM_WORLD;

    MPI_Comm_size( comm, &commSize );
    MPI_Comm_rank( comm, &myRank );

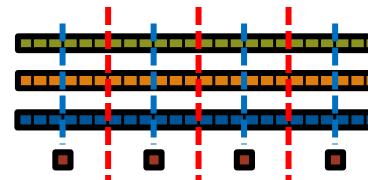
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                0, comm );

    return errCount;
}

int HPCC_Stream(HPCC_Parms *params, int doIO) {
    register int j;
    double scalar;

    VectorSize = HPCC_LocalVectorSize( params, 3,
                                       sizeof(double), 0 );

    a = HPCC_XMALLOC( double, VectorSize );
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(%d).\n", VectorSize );
        fclose( outFile );
    }
    return 1;
}

#ifndef _OPENMP
#pragma omp parallel for
#endif
for (j=0; j<VectorSize; j++) {
    b[j] = 2.0;
    c[j] = 0.0;
}

scalar = 3.0;

#ifndef _OPENMP
#pragma omp parallel for
#endif
for (j=0; j<VectorSize; j++)
    a[j] = b[j]+scalar*c[j];

HPCC_free(c);
HPCC_free(b);
HPCC_free(a);
```

# STREAM Triad: MPI+OpenMP vs. CUDA

## MPI + OpenMP

```
#ifdef _OPENMP
#include <omp.h>
#endif

static int VectorSize;
static double *a, *b, *c;

int HPCC_StarStream(HPCC_Params *params) {
    int myRank, commSize;
    int rv, errCount;
    MPI_Comm comm = MPI_COMM_WORLD;

    MPI_Comm_size( comm, &commSize );
    MPI_Comm_rank( comm, &myRank );

    rv = HPCC_Stream( params, 0 == myRank );
    MPI_Reduce( &rv, &errCount, 1, MPI_INT, MPI_SUM, 0, comm );

    return errCount;
}

int HPCC_Triad(HPCC_Params *params, FILE *outFile)
{
    int i, j, k;
    double scalar;
    VectorSize = HPCC_LocalVectorSize( params, 3, sizeof(double), 0 );
    a = HPCC_XMALLOC( double, VectorSize );
    b = HPCC_XMALLOC( double, VectorSize );
    c = HPCC_XMALLOC( double, VectorSize );

    if (!a || !b || !c) {
        if (c) HPCC_free(c);
        if (b) HPCC_free(b);
        if (a) HPCC_free(a);
        if (doIO) {
            fprintf( outFile, "Failed to allocate memory (%d).\n", VectorSize );
            fclose( outFile );
        }
        return 1;
    }

    #ifdef _OPENMP
    #pragma omp parallel for
    #endif
    for (j=0; j<VectorSize; j++) {
        b[j] = 2.0;
        c[j] = 0.0;
    }

    scalar = 3.0;

    #ifdef _OPENMP
    #pragma omp parallel for
    #endif
    for (j=0; j<VectorSize; j++)
        a[j] = b[j]+scalar*c[j];

    HPCC_free(c);
    HPCC_free(b);
    HPCC_free(a);

    return 0;
}
```

## CUDA

```
#define N 2000000

int main() {
    float *d_a, *d_b, *d_c;
    float scalar;

    cudaMalloc((void**)&d_a, sizeof(float)*N);
    cudaMalloc((void**)&d_b, sizeof(float)*N);
    cudaMalloc((void**)&d_c, sizeof(float)*N);

    dim3 dimBlock(128);
    if( N % dimBlock.x != 0 ) dimGrid

    set_array<<<dimGrid,dimBlock>>>(d_b, .5f, N);
    set_array<<<dimGrid,dimBlock>>>(d_c, .5f, N);

    scalar=3.0f;
    STREAM_Triad<<<dimGrid,dimBlock>>>(d_b, d_c, d_a, scalar, N);
    cudaThreadSynchronize();

    cudaFree(d_a);
    cudaFree(d_b);
    cudaFree(d_c);

    __global__ void set_array(float *a, float value, int len) {
        int idx = threadIdx.x + blockIdx.x * blockDim.x;
        if (idx < len) a[idx] = value;
    }

    __global__ void STREAM_Triad( float *a, float *b, float *c,
                                float scalar, int len) {
        int idx = threadIdx.x + blockIdx.x * blockDim.x;
        if (idx < len) c[idx] = a[idx]+scalar*b[idx];
    }
}
```

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# Why so many programming models?

HPC has traditionally given users...

- ...low-level, *control-centric* programming models
- ...ones that are closely tied to the underlying hardware
- ...ones that support only a single type of parallelism

| Type of HW Parallelism            | Programming Model   | Unit of Parallelism |
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**benefits:** lots of control; decent generality; easy to implement  
**downsides:** lots of user-managed detail; brittle to changes

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What a bunch of gear we have to carry around! This is getting old...

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...Hey, what's that sound?

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# Rewinding a few slides...

## MPI + OpenMP

```
#ifdef _OPENMP
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#endif

static int VectorSize;
static double *a, *b, *c;

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    int rv, errCount;
    MPI_Comm comm = MPI_COMM_WORLD;

    MPI_Comm_size( comm, &commSize );
    MPI_Comm_rank( comm, &myRank );

    rv = HPCC_Stream( params, 0 == myRank );
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    return errCount;
}

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    VectorSize = HPCC_LocalVectorSize( params, 3, sizeof(double), 0 );

    a = HPCC_XMALLOC( double, VectorSize );
    b = HPCC_XMALLOC( double, VectorSize );
    c = HPCC_XMALLOC( double, VectorSize );

    if (!a || !b || !c) {
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        if (a) HPCC_free(a);
        if (doIO) {
            fprintf( outFile, "Failed to allocate memory (%d).\n", VectorSize );
            fclose( outFile );
        }
        return 1;
    }

    #ifdef _OPENMP
    #pragma omp parallel for
    #endif
    for (j=0; j<VectorSize; j++) {
        b[j] = 2.0;
        c[j] = 0.0;
    }

    scalar = 3.0;

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    #endif
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    return 0;
}
```

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# STREAM Triad: Chapel

MPI + OpenMP

```
#include <hpcc.h>
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#endif

static int VectorSize;
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int HPCC_StarStream(HPCC_Params *params,
int myRank, commSize;
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MPI_Comm_rank(comm, &myRank);

rv = HPCC_Stream( params, 0 == myR
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    if (doIO) {
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        fclose( outFile );
    }
}
```

**Chapel**

```
config const m = 1000,
alpha = 3.0;

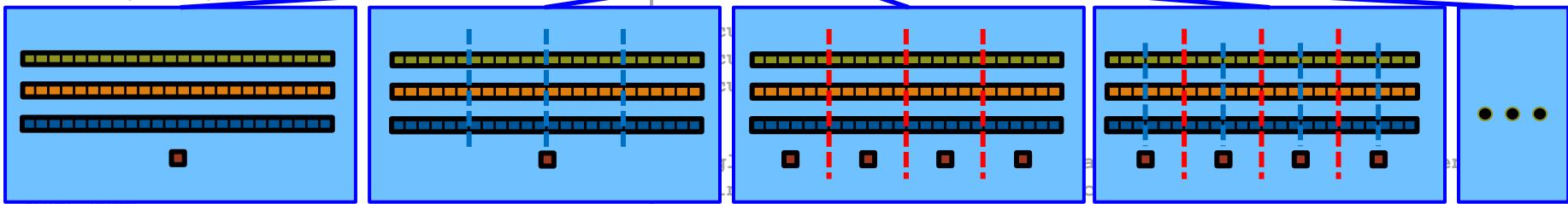
const ProblemSpace = {1..m} dmapped ...;

var A, B, C: [ProblemSpace] real;

B = 2.0;
C = 3.0;

A = B + alpha * C;
```

the special sauce



```
#pragma omp parallel for
#endif
for a
HPCC
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return
```

Philosophy: Good language design can tease details of locality and parallelism away from an algorithm, permitting the compiler, runtime, applied scientist, and HPC expert to each focus on their strengths.

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# Outline

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# Motivating Chapel Themes

- 1) General Parallel Programming**
- 2) Global-View Abstractions**
- 3) Multiresolution Design**
- 4) Control over Locality/Affinity**
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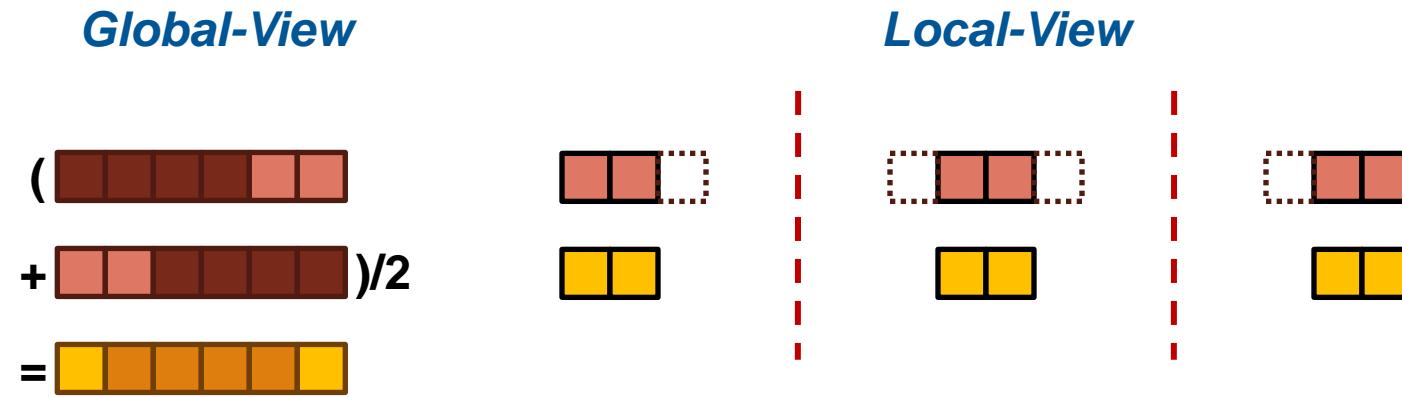
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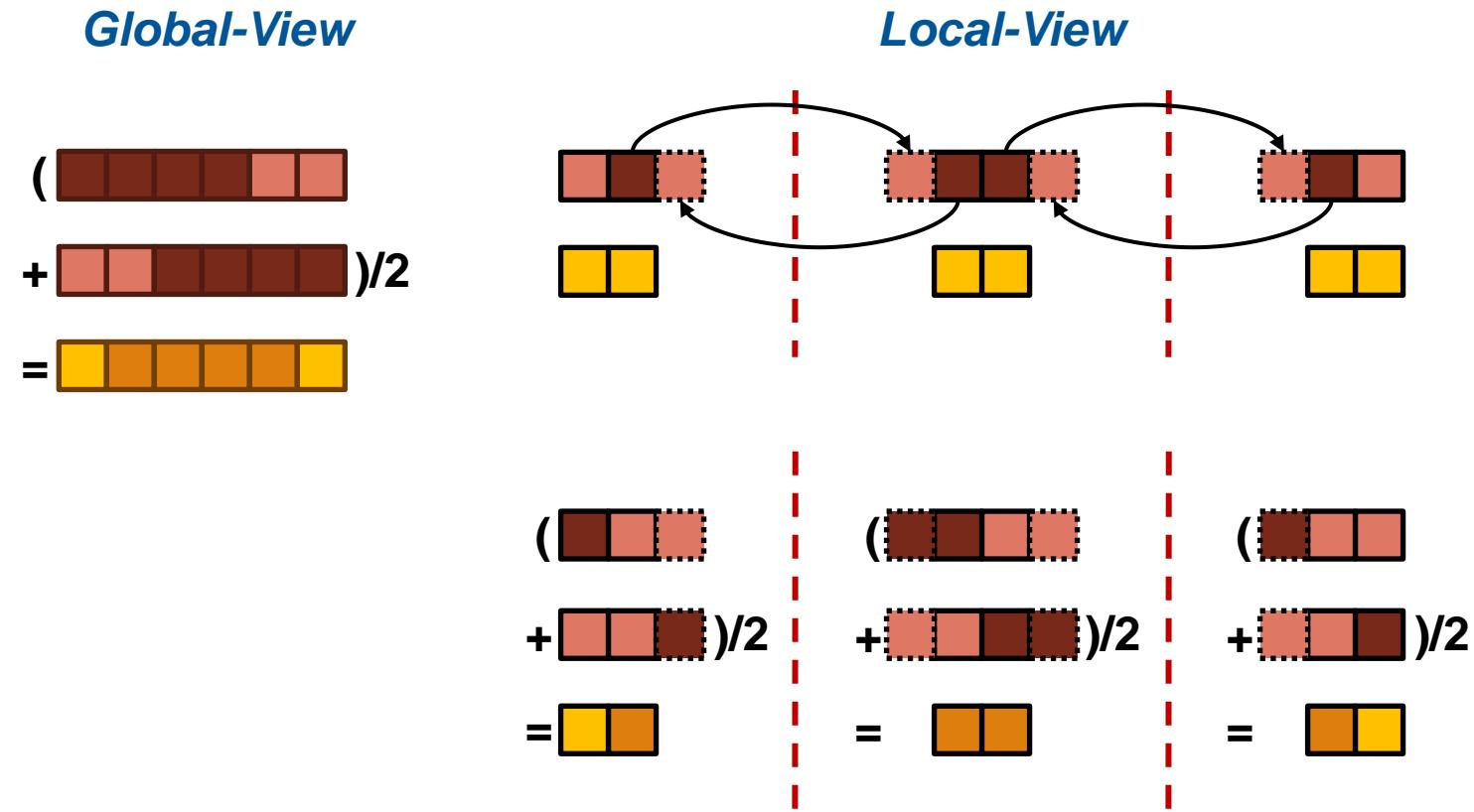
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### *Global-View*

```

proc main() {
    var n = 1000;
    var A, B: [1..n] real;

    forall i in 2..n-1 do
        B[i] = (A[i-1] + A[i+1])/2;
}

```

### *Local-View (SPMD)*

```

proc main() {
    var n = 1000;
    var p = numProcs(),
        me = myProc(),
        myN = n/p,
    var A, B: [0..myN+1] real;

    if (me < p-1) {
        send(me+1, A[myN]);
        recv(me+1, A[myN+1]);
    }
    if (me > 0) {
        send(me-1, A[1]);
        recv(me-1, A[0]);
    }
    forall i in 1..myN do
        B[i] = (A[i-1] + A[i+1])/2;
}

```

Bug: Refers to uninitialized values at ends of A

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## 2) Global-View Abstractions

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}
```



Communication becomes  
geometrically more complex  
for higher-dimensional arrays

### Local-View (SPMD)

```
proc main()
    var n = 1000;
    var p = numProcs(),
        me = myProc(),
        myN = n/p,
        myLo = 1,
        myHi = myN;
    var A, B: [0..myN+1] real;

    if (me < p-1) {
        send(me+1, A[myN]);
        recv(me+1, A[myN+1]);
    } else
        myHi = myN-1;
    if (me > 0) {
        send(me-1, A[1]);
        recv(me-1, A[0]);
    } else
        myLo = 2;
    forall i in myLo..myHi do
        B[i] = (A[i-1] + A[i+1])/2;
```

Assumes p divides n



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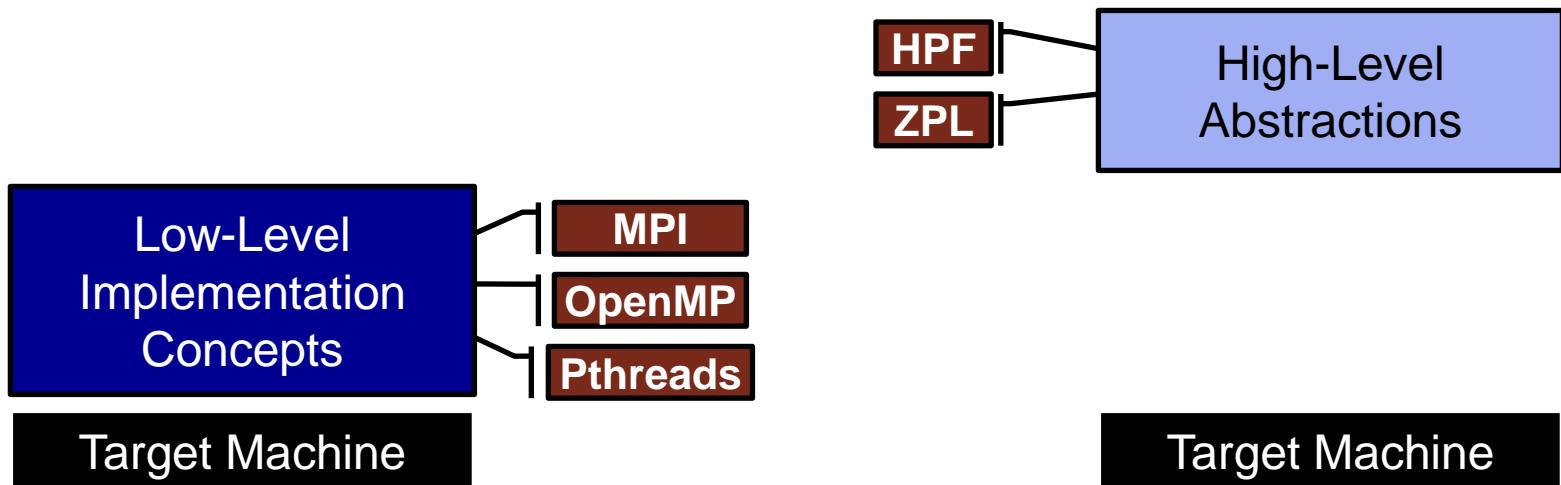
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## 2) Global-View Programming: A Final Note

- A language may support both global- and local-view programming — in particular, Chapel does

```
proc main() {  
    coforall loc in Locales do  
        on loc do  
            MySPMDProgram(loc.id, Locales.numElements);  
  
}  
  
proc MySPMDProgram(myImageID, numImages) {  
    ...  
}
```

### 3) Multiresolution Design: Motivation



*“Why is everything so tedious/difficult?”*  
*“Why don’t my programs port trivially?”*

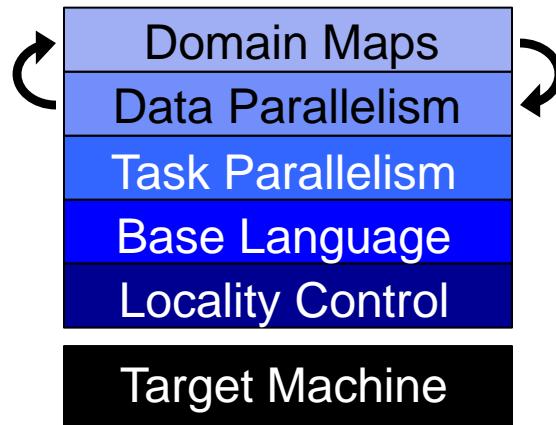
*“Why don’t I have more control?”*

### 3) Multiresolution Design

#### ***Multiresolution Design:*** Support multiple tiers of features

- higher levels for programmability, productivity
- lower levels for greater degrees of control

*Chapel language concepts*



- build the higher-level concepts in terms of the lower
- permit the user to intermix layers arbitrarily

## 4) Control over Locality/Affinity

### Consider:

- Scalable architectures package memory near processors
- Remote accesses take longer than local accesses

### Therefore:

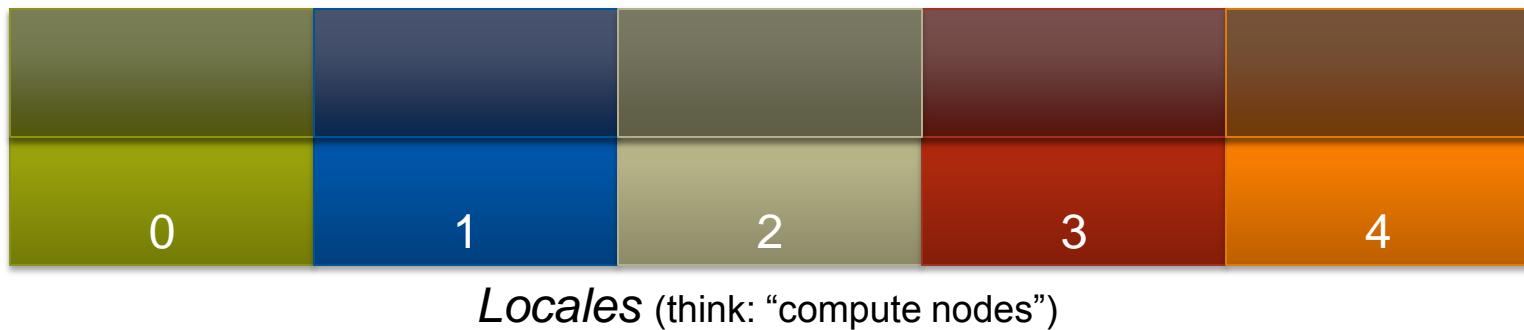
- Placement of data relative to tasks affects scalability
- Give programmers control of data and task placement

### Note:

- Over time, we expect locality to matter more and more within the compute node as well

# Chapel and PGAS

- Chapel is PGAS, but unlike most, it's not restricted to SPMD
  - ⇒ never think about "the other copies of the program"
  - ⇒ "global name/address space" comes from lexical scoping
    - as in traditional languages, each declaration yields one variable
    - variables are stored on the locale where the task declaring it is executing



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# 5) Reduce HPC ↔ Mainstream Language Gap



## Consider:

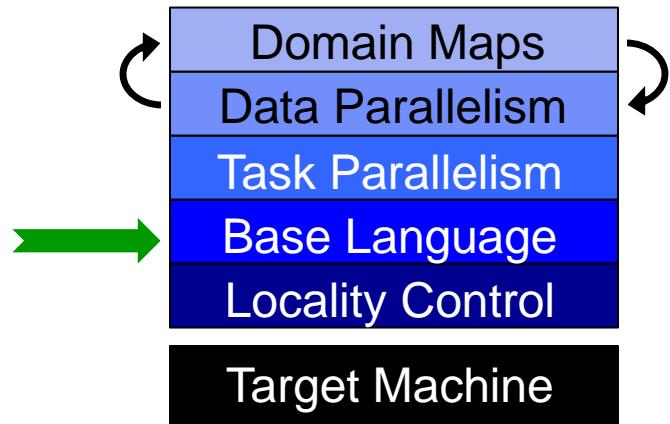
- Students graduate with training in Java, Matlab, Python, etc.
- Yet HPC programming is dominated by Fortran, C/C++, MPI

## We'd like to narrow this gulf with Chapel:

- to leverage advances in modern language design
- to better utilize the skills of the entry-level workforce...
- ...while not alienating the traditional HPC programmer
  - e.g., support object-oriented programming, but make it optional

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## ● Project Status and Next Steps

# Static Type Inference

```
const pi = 3.14,                      // pi is a real
      coord = 1.2 + 3.4i,              // coord is a complex...
      coord2 = pi*coord,              // ...as is coord2
      name = "brad",                  // name is a string
      verbose = false;                // verbose is boolean

proc addem(x, y) {                     // addem() has generic arguments
    return x + y;                      // and an inferred return type
}

var sum = addem(1, pi),                // sum is a real
    fullname = addem(name, "ford");   // fullname is a string

writeln((sum, fullname));
```

(4.14, bradford)

# Range Types and Algebra

```
const r = 1..10;

printVals(r);
printVals(r # 3);
printVals(r by 2);
printVals(r by -2);
printVals(r by 2 # 3);
printVals(r # 3 by 2);
printVals(0.. #n);

proc printVals(r) {
    for i in r do
        write(r, " ");
    writeln();
}
```

```
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
1 2 3
1 3 5 7 9
10 8 6 4 2
1 3 5
1 3
0 1 2 3 4 ... n-1
```

# Iterators

```
iter fibonacci(n) {
  var current = 0,
       next = 1;
  for 1..n {
    yield current;
    current += next;
    current <=> next;
  }
}
```

```
for f in fibonacci(7) do
  writeln(f);
```

```
0
1
1
2
3
5
8
```

```
iter tiledRMO(D, tilesize) {
  const tile = {0..#tilesize,
                0..#tilesize};
  for base in D by tilesize do
    for ij in D[tile + base] do
      yield ij;
}
```

```
for ij in tiledRMO({1..m, 1..n}, 2) do
  write(ij);
```

```
(1,1) (1,2) (2,1) (2,2)
(1,3) (1,4) (2,3) (2,4)
(1,5) (1,6) (2,5) (2,6)
...
(3,1) (3,2) (4,1) (4,2)
```

# Zippered Iteration

```
for (i,f) in zip(0..#n, fibonacci(n)) do  
    writeln("fib #", i, " is ", f);
```

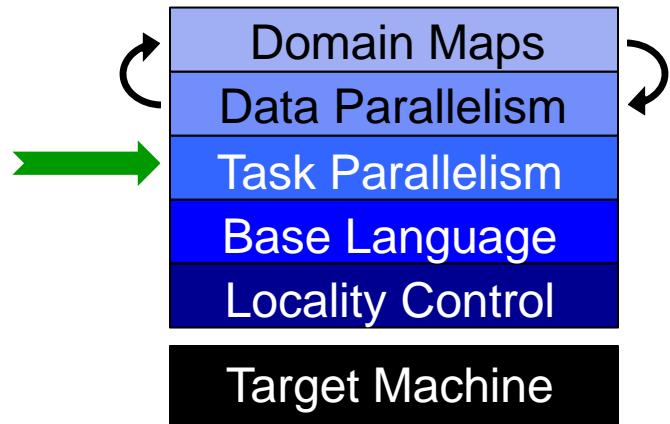
```
fib #0 is 0  
fib #1 is 1  
fib #2 is 1  
fib #3 is 2  
fib #4 is 3  
fib #5 is 5  
fib #6 is 8  
...
```

# Other Base Language Features

- tuple types and values
- rank-independent programming features
- interoperability features
- compile-time features for meta-programming
  - e.g., compile-time functions to compute types, parameters
- OOP (value- and reference-based)
- argument intents, default values, match-by-name
- overloading, where clauses
- modules (for namespace management)
- ...

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# Defining our Terms

**Task:**

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**Task:** a unit of computation that can/should execute in parallel with other tasks

## Task Parallelism:

(in contrast with):

## Data Parallelism:

# Defining our Terms

**Task:** a unit of computation that can/should execute in parallel with other tasks

**Task Parallelism:** a style of parallel programming in which parallelism is driven by programmer-specified tasks

(in contrast with):

**Data Parallelism:** a style of parallel programming in which parallelism is driven by computations over collections of data elements or their indices

# Task Parallelism: Begin Statements

```
// create a fire-and-forget task for a statement
begin writeln("hello world");
writeln("goodbye");
```

## Possible outputs:

hello world  
goodbye

goodbye  
hello world

# Task Parallelism: Cobegin Statements

```
// create a task per child statement
cobegin {
    producer(1);
    producer(2);
    consumer(1);
} // implicit join of the three tasks here
```

# Task Parallelism: Coforall Loops

```
// create a task per iteration
coforall t in 0..#numTasks {
    writeln("Hello from task ", t, " of ", numTasks);
} // implicit join of the numTasks tasks here

writeln("All tasks done");
```

## Sample output:

```
Hello from task 2 of 4
Hello from task 0 of 4
Hello from task 3 of 4
Hello from task 1 of 4
All tasks done
```

# Task Parallelism: Data-Driven Synchronization

1) ***atomic variables***: support atomic operations (as in C++)

- e.g., compare-and-swap; atomic sum, mult, etc.

2) ***single-assignment variables***: reads block until assigned

3) ***synchronization variables***: store full/empty state

- by default, reads/writes block until the state is full/empty

# Bounded Buffer Producer/Consumer Example

```
begin producer();
consumer();

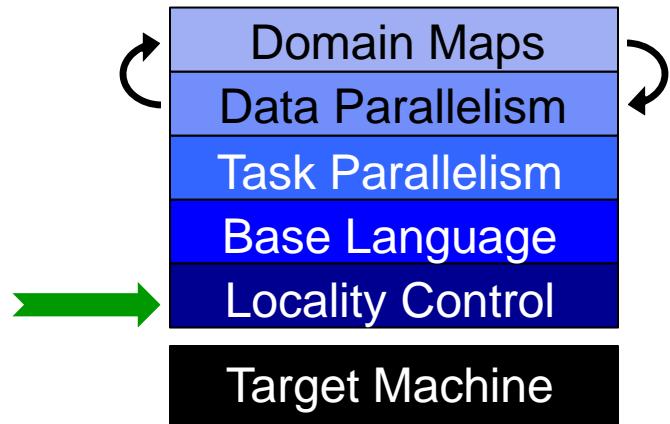
// 'sync' types store full/empty state along with value
var buff$: [0..#buffersize] sync real;

proc producer() {
    var i = 0;
    for ... {
        i = (i+1) % buffersize;
        buff$[i] = ...; // writes block until empty, leave full
    }
}

proc consumer() {
    var i = 0;
    while ... {
        i= (i+1) % buffersize;
        ...buff$[i]...; // reads block until full, leave empty
    }
}
```

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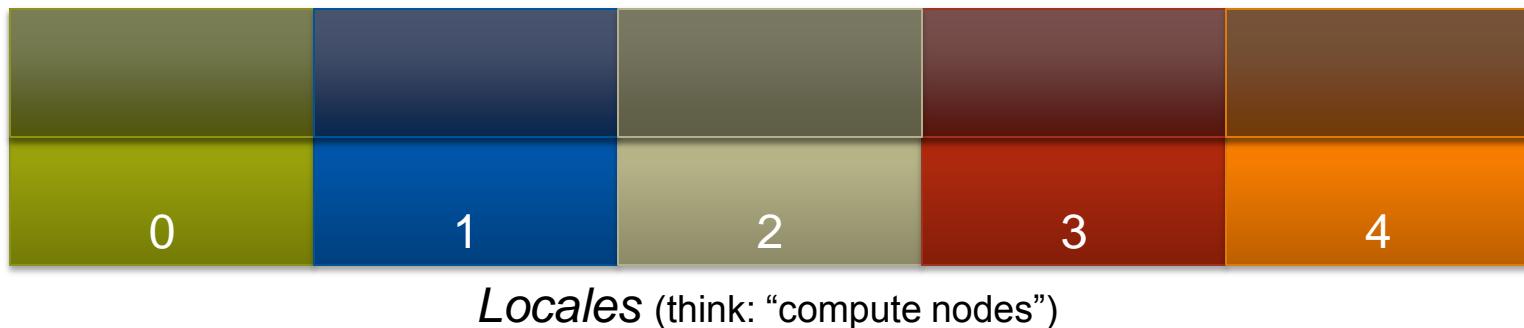
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# Chapel and PGAS

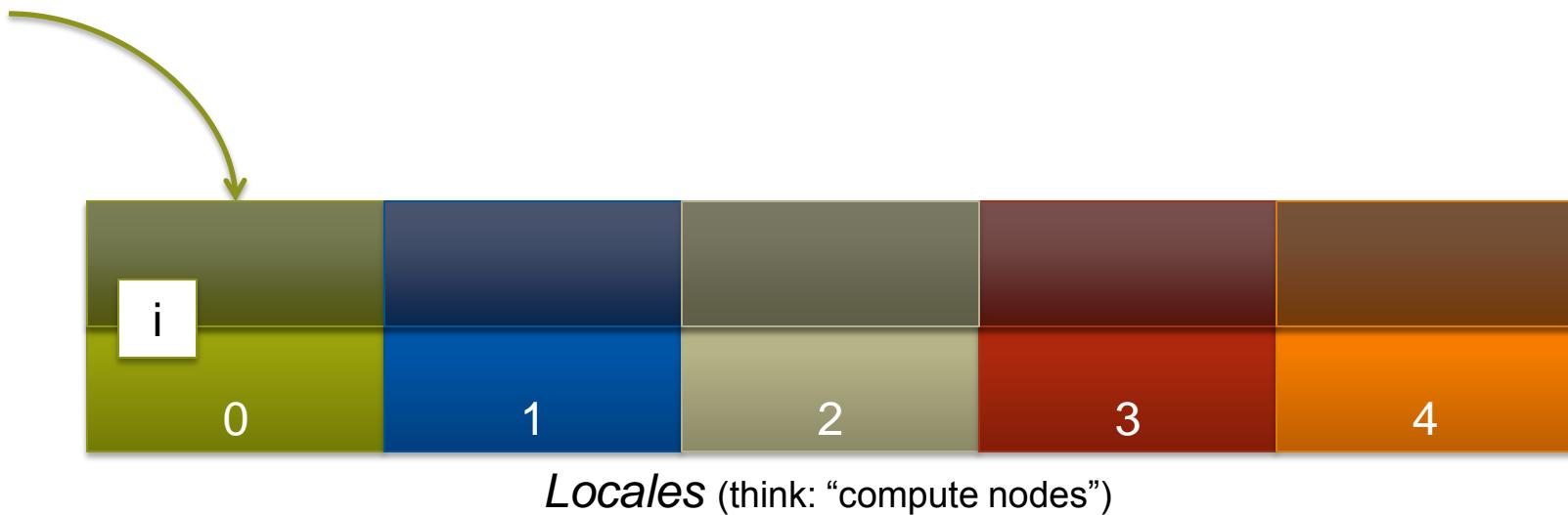
- Chapel is PGAS, but unlike most, it's not restricted to SPMD
  - ⇒ never think about "the other copies of the program"
  - ⇒ "global name/address space" comes from lexical scoping
    - as in traditional languages, each declaration yields one variable
    - variables are stored on the locale where the task declaring it is executing



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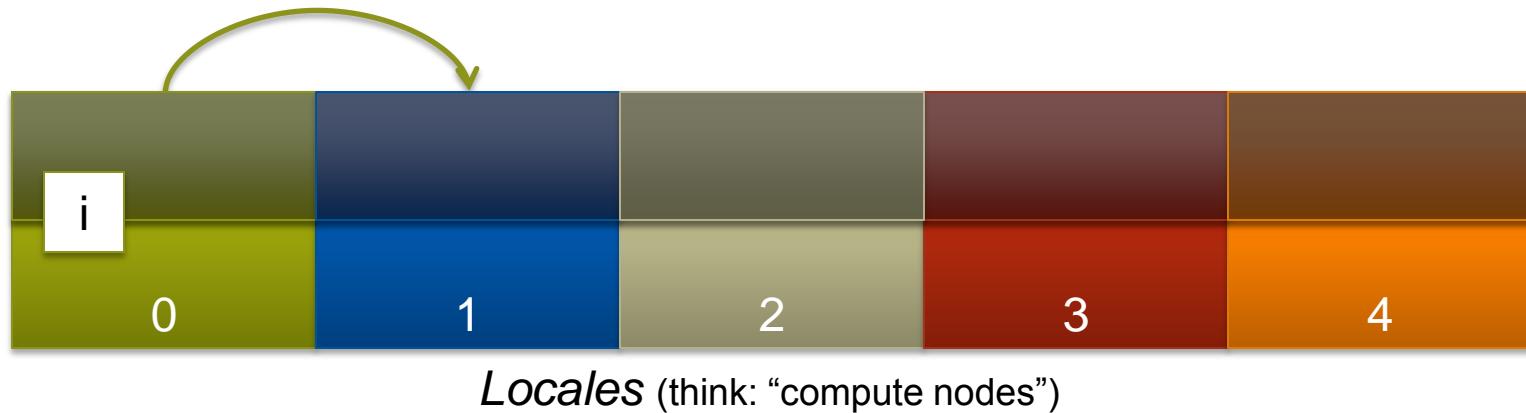
```
var i: int;
```



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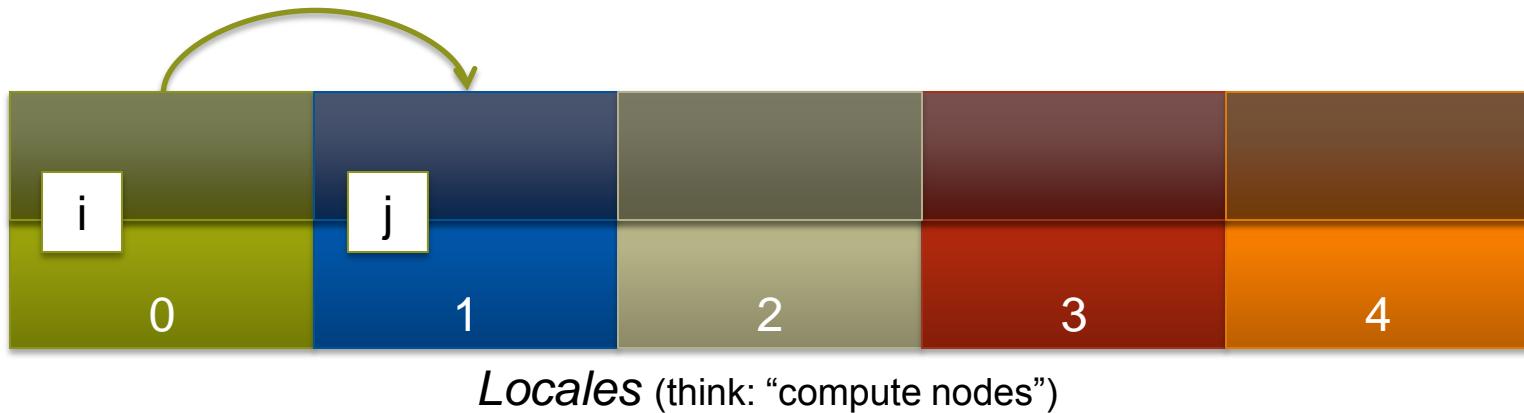
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var i: int;  
on Locales[1] {
```



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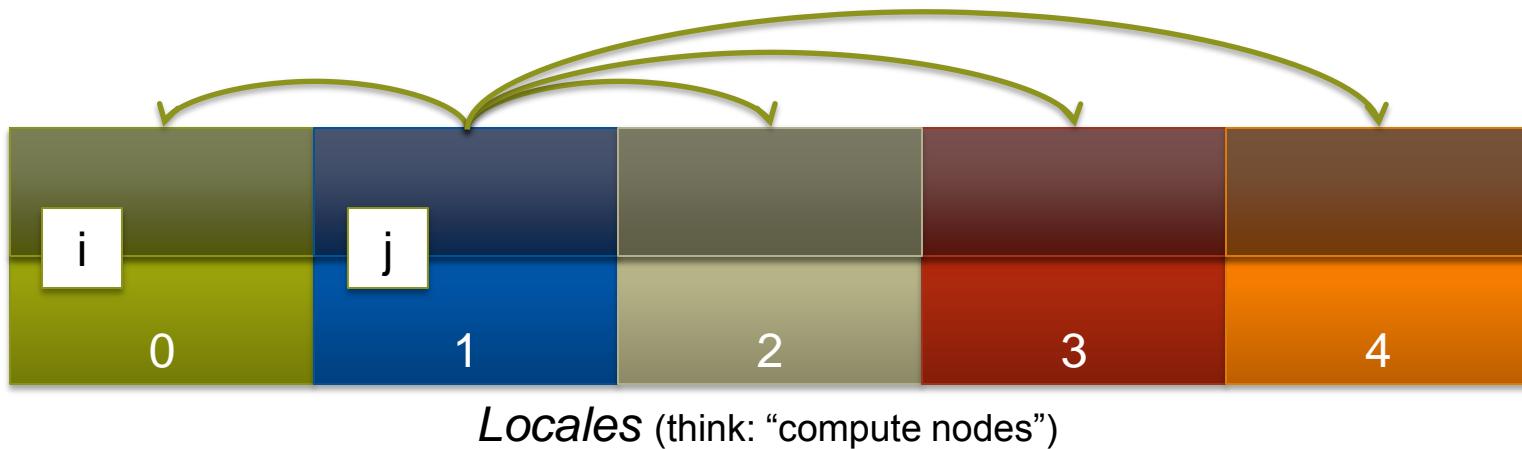
```
var i: int;  
on Locales[1] {  
    var j: int;
```



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# Chapel: Scoping and Locality

```
var i: int;  
on Locales[1] {  
    var j: int;  
    coforall loc in Locales {  
        on loc {
```

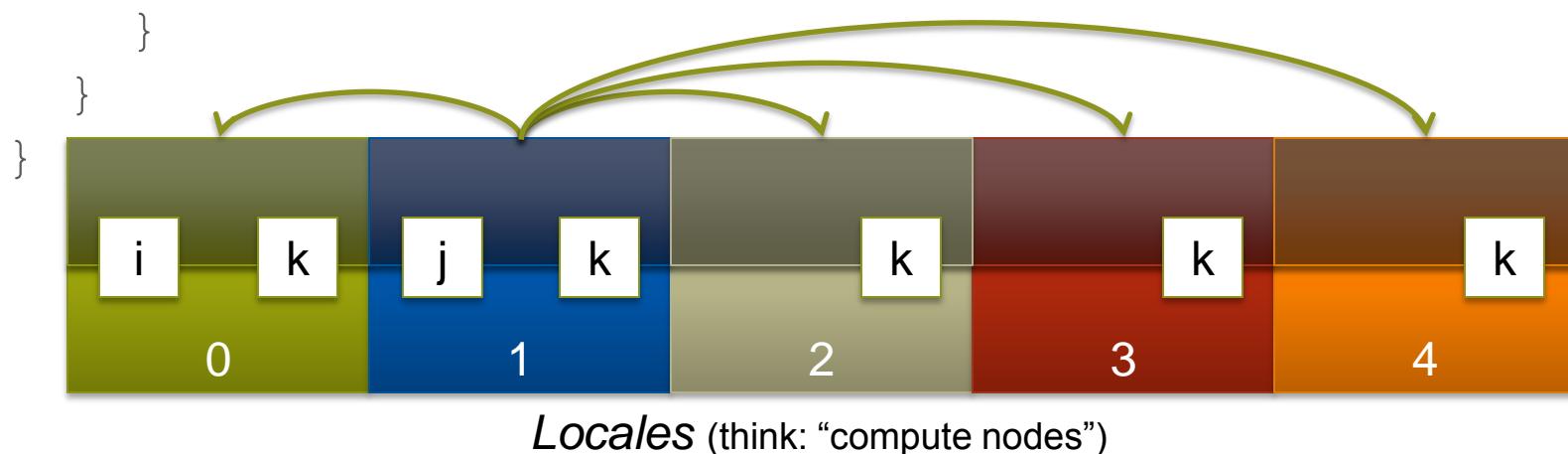


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# Chapel: Scoping and Locality

```
var i: int;  
on Locales[1] {  
    var j: int;  
    coforall loc in Locales {  
        on loc {  
            var k: int;
```

*// within this scope, i, j, and k can be referenced;  
// the implementation manages the communication for i and j*



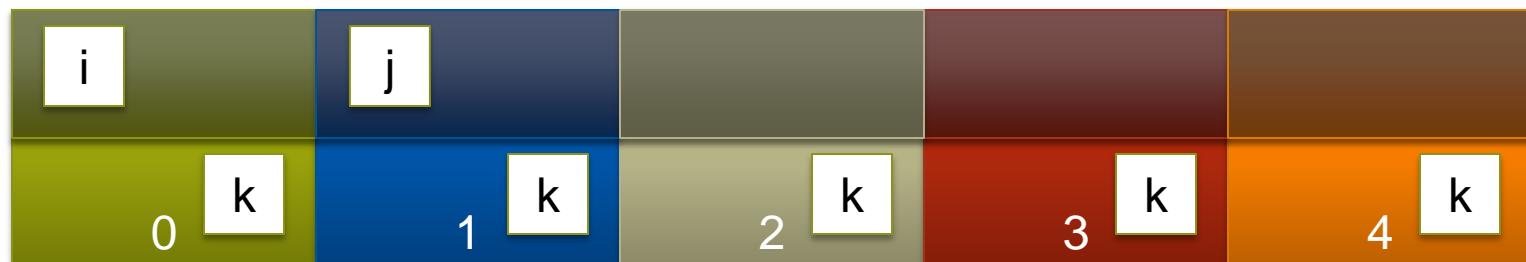
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# Chapel and PGAS: Public vs. Private

## How public a variable is depends only on scoping

- who can see it?
- who actually bothers to refer to it non-locally?

```
var i: int;  
on Locales[1] {  
    var j: int;  
    coforall loc in Locales {  
        on loc {  
            var k = i + j;  
        }  
    }  
}
```



Locales (think: “compute nodes”)

# The Locale Type

## Definition:

- Abstract unit of target architecture
- Supports reasoning about locality
  - defines “here vs. there” / “local vs. remote”
- Capable of running tasks and storing variables
  - i.e., has processors and memory

**Typically:** A compute node (multicore processor or SMP)

# Getting started with locales

- Specify # of locales when running Chapel programs

```
% a.out --numLocales=8
```

```
% a.out -nl 8
```

- Chapel provides built-in locale variables

```
config const numLocales: int = ...;  
const Locales: [0..#numLocales] locale = ...;
```

*Locales*



- User's main() begins executing on locale #0

# Locale Operations

- Locale methods support queries about the target system:

```
proc locale.physicalMemory(...) { ... }
proc locale.numCores { ... }
proc locale.id { ... }
proc locale.name { ... }
```

- On-clauses support placement of computations:

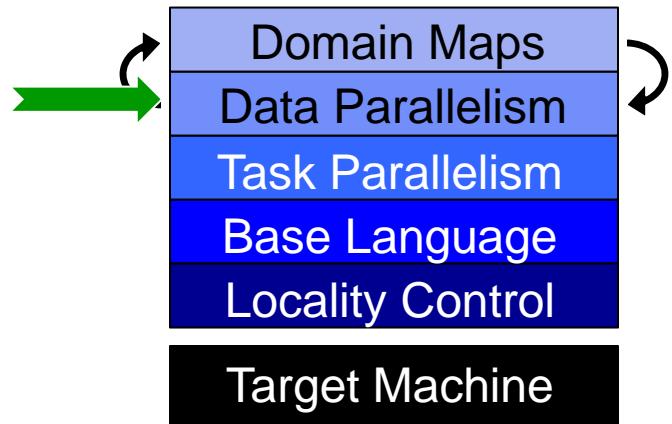
```
writeln("on locale 0");
on Locales[1] do
    writeln("now on locale 1");
writeln("on locale 0 again");
```

```
begin on A[i,j] do
    bigComputation(A);

begin on node.left do
    search(node.left);
```

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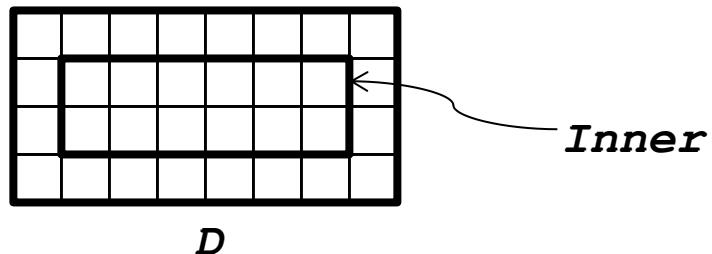
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# Domains

## **Domain:**

- A first-class index set
- The fundamental Chapel concept for data parallelism

```
config const m = 4, n = 8;  
  
const D = {1..m, 1..n};  
const Inner = {2..m-1, 2..n-1};
```

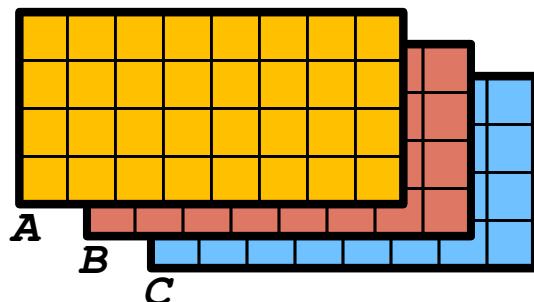


# Domains

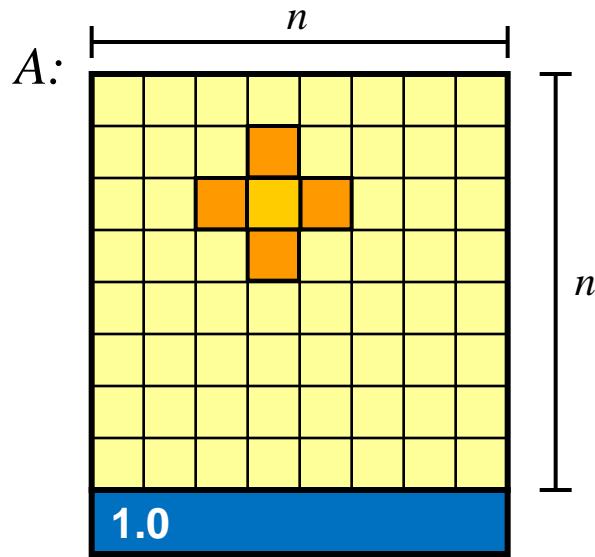
## **Domain:**

- A first-class index set
- The fundamental Chapel concept for data parallelism
- Useful for declaring arrays and computing with them

```
config const m = 4, n = 8;  
  
const D = {1..m, 1..n};  
const Inner = {2..m-1, 2..n-1};  
  
var A, B, C: [D] real;
```



# Data Parallelism by Example: Jacobi Iteration



repeat until max  
change  $< \varepsilon$

$$\sum \left( \begin{array}{ccc} & \text{orange} & \\ \text{orange} & \text{yellow} & \text{orange} \\ & \text{orange} & \end{array} \right) \div 4 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{yellow} \\ \boxed{\text{yellow}} \\ \text{yellow} \end{array}$$



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# Jacobi Iteration in Chapel

```
config const n = 6,
          epsilon = 1.0e-5;

const BigD = {0..n+1, 0..n+1},
      D = BigD[1..n, 1..n],
      LastRow = D.exterior(1,0);

var A, Temp : [BigD] real;

A[LastRow] = 1.0;

do {
    forall (i,j) in D do
        Temp[i,j] = (A[i-1,j] + A[i+1,j] + A[i,j-1] + A[i,j+1]) / 4;

    const delta = max reduce abs(A[D] - Temp[D]);
    A[D] = Temp[D];
} while (delta > epsilon);

writeln(A);
```

# Jacobi Iteration in Chapel

```
config const n = 6,  
        epsilon = 1.0e-5;
```

```
const BigD = {0..n+1, 0..n+1},  
            D = BigD[1..n, 1..n],  
            LastRow = D.exterior(1,0);
```

```
var A, Temp : [BigD] real;
```

## Declare program parameters

**const** ⇒ can't change values after initialization

```
for
```

**config** ⇒ can be set on executable command-line

```
prompt> jacobi --n=10000 --epsilon=0.0001
```

note that no types are given; they're inferred from initializers

**n** ⇒ **default integer** (64 bits)

**epsilon** ⇒ **default real floating-point** (64 bits)

# Jacobi Iteration in Chapel

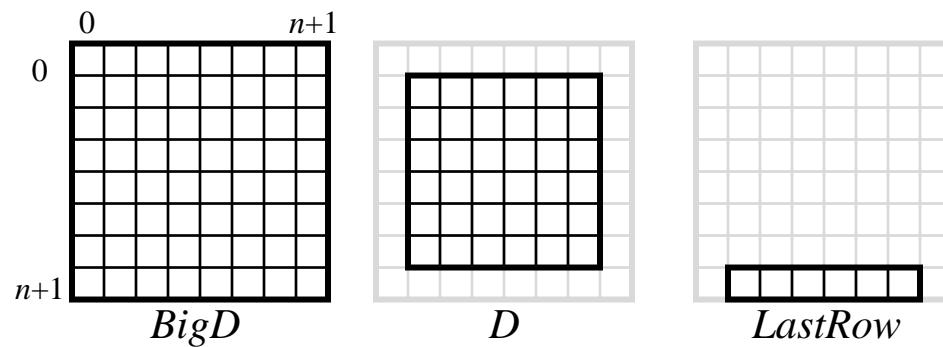
```
config const n = 6,
          epsilon = 1.0e-5;
```

```
const BigD = {0..n+1, 0..n+1},
            D = BigD[1..n, 1..n],
            LastRow = D.exterior(1,0);
```

## Declare domains (first class index sets)

**{lo..hi, lo2..hi2}** ⇒ 2D rectangular domain, with 2-tuple indices

**Dom1[Dom2]** ⇒ computes the intersection of two domains



**.exterior()** ⇒ one of several built-in domain generators

# Jacobi Iteration in Chapel

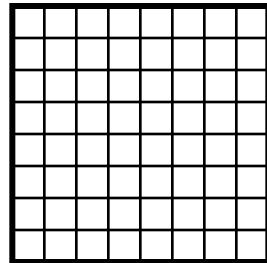
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const BigD = {0..n+1, 0..n+1},  
            D = BigD[1..n, 1..n],  
            LastRow = D.exterior(1,0);  
  
var A, Temp : [BigD] real;
```

## Declare arrays

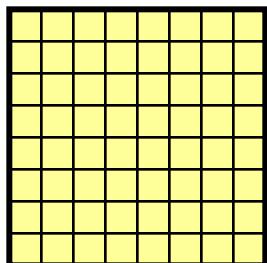
**var**  $\Rightarrow$  can be modified throughout its lifetime

: [*Dom*] *T*  $\Rightarrow$  array of size *Dom* with elements of type *T*

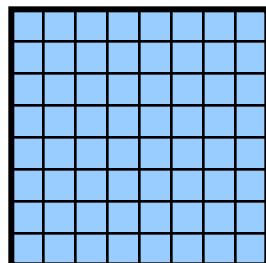
(**no initializer**)  $\Rightarrow$  values initialized to default value (0.0 for reals)



*BigD*



*A*



*Temp*

[i, j+1]) / 4;

# Jacobi Iteration in Chapel

```
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        epsilon = 1.0e-5;
```

```
const BigD = {0..n+1, 0..n+1},  
            D = BigD[1..n, 1..n],  
            LastRow = D.exterior(1,0);
```

```
var A, Temp : [BigD] real;
```

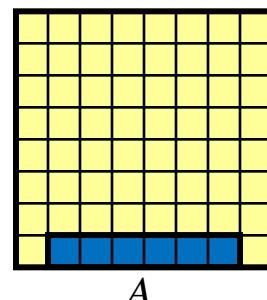
```
A[LastRow] = 1.0;
```

## Set Explicit Boundary Condition

**Arr[Dom]**  $\Rightarrow$  refer to array slice (“forall i in Dom do ...Arr[i]...”)

```
}
```

```
w1
```



```
j+1]) / 4;
```

# Jacobi Iteration in Chapel

```
config const n = 6,
```

## Compute 5-point stencil

**forall *ind* in *Dom*** ⇒ parallel forall expression over *Dom*'s indices,  
binding them to *ind*  
(here, since *Dom* is 2D, we can de-tuple the indices)

$$\sum \left( \begin{array}{ccccc} \text{orange} & & \text{orange} & & \\ & \text{yellow} & & \text{orange} & \\ \text{orange} & & \text{orange} & & \end{array} \right) \div 4 \implies \begin{array}{c} \text{blue} \\ \text{blue} \\ \text{blue} \\ \text{blue} \\ \text{blue} \end{array}$$

```
do {
    forall (i,j) in D do
        Temp[i,j] = (A[i-1,j] + A[i+1,j] + A[i,j-1] + A[i,j+1]) / 4;

    const delta = max reduce abs(A[D] - Temp[D]);
    A[D] = Temp[D];
} while (delta > epsilon);

writeln(A);
```

# Jacobi Iteration in Chapel

```
config const n = 6,  
      epsilon = 1.0e-5;
```

## Compute maximum change

**op reduce** ⇒ collapse aggregate expression to scalar using **op**

**Promotion:** `abs()` and `-` are scalar operators; providing array operands results in parallel evaluation equivalent to:

```
forall (a,t) in zip(A,Temp) do abs(a - t)
```

```
do {  
    forall (i,j) in D do  
        Temp[i,j] = (A[i-1,j] + A[i+1,j] + A[i,j-1] + A[i,j+1]) / 4;  
  
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    A[D] = Temp[D];  
} while (delta > epsilon);  
  
writeln(A);
```

# Jacobi Iteration in Chapel

```
config const n = 6,  
        epsilon = 1.0e-5;
```

```
const BigD = {0..n+1, 0..n+1},  
            D = BigD[1..n, 1..n],
```

## Copy data back & Repeat until done

uses slicing and whole array assignment  
standard *do...while* loop construct

```
do {  
    forall (i,j) in D do  
        Temp[i,j] = (A[i-1,j] + A[i+1,j] + A[i,j-1] + A[i,j+1]) / 4;  
  
    const delta = max reduce abs(A[D] - Temp[D]);  
    A[D] = Temp[D];  
} while (delta > epsilon);  
  
writeln(A);
```

# Jacobi Iteration in Chapel

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config const n = 6,
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const BigD = {0..n+1, 0..n+1},
      D = BigD[1..n, 1..n],
      LastRow = D.exterior(1,0);

var A, Temp : [BigD] real;

A[LastRow] = 1.0;

do {
    forall (i,j) in D do
        Temp[i,j] = (A[i-1,j] + A[i+1,j] + A[i,j-1] + A[i,j+1]) / 4;

    const delta = max reduce abs(A[D] - Temp[D]);
    A[D] = Temp[D];
} while (delta > epsilon);

writeln(A);
```

**Write array to console**

# Jacobi Iteration in Chapel

```
config const n = 6,  
        epsilon = 1.0e-5;  
  
const BigD = {0..n+1, 0..n+1},  
              D = BigD[1..n, 1..n],  
              LastRow = D.exterior(1,0);  
  
var A, Temp : [BigD] real;
```

By default, domains and their arrays are mapped to a single locale.  
Any data parallelism over such domains/ arrays will be executed by the cores on that locale.  
Thus, this is a shared-memory parallel program.

```
Temp[i,j] = (A[i-1,j] + A[i+1,j] + A[i,j-1] + A[i,j+1]) / 4;  
  
const delta = max reduce abs(A[D] - Temp[D]);  
A[D] = Temp[D];  
} while (delta > epsilon);  
  
writeln(A);
```

# Jacobi Iteration in Chapel

```

config const n = 6,
          epsilon = 1.0e-5;

const BigD = {0..n+1, 0..n+1} dmapped Block({1..n, 1..n}),
      D = BigD[1..n, 1..n],
      LastRow = D.exterior(1,0);

var A, Temp : [BigD] real;

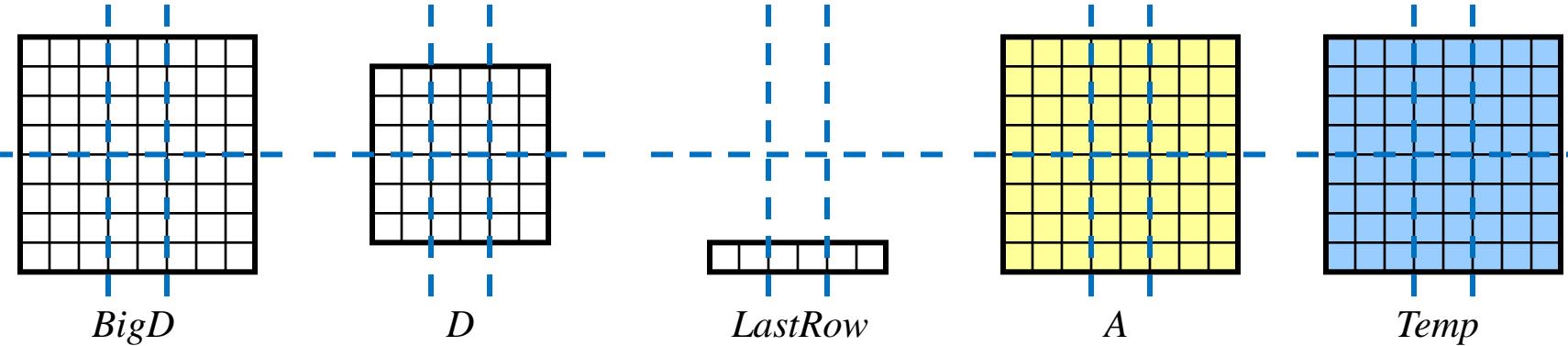
```

With this simple change, we specify a mapping from the domains and arrays to locales

Domain maps describe the mapping of domain indices and array elements to *locales*

specifies how array data is distributed across locales

specifies how iterations over domains/arrays are mapped to locales



# Jacobi Iteration in Chapel

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      LastRow = D.exterior(1,0);

var A, Temp : [BigD] real;

A[LastRow] = 1.0;

do {
    forall (i,j) in D do
        Temp[i,j] = (A[i-1,j] + A[i+1,j] + A[i,j-1] + A[i,j+1]) / 4;

    const delta = max reduce abs(A[D] - Temp[D]);
    A[D] = Temp[D];
} while (delta > epsilon);

writeln(A);

use BlockDist;
```

# Notes on Forall Loops

```
forall a in A do  
    writeln("Here is an element of A: ", a);
```

Typically:

- $1 \leq \# \text{Tasks} << \# \text{Iterations}$
- $\# \text{Tasks} \approx \text{amount of HW parallelism}$

```
forall (a, i) in zip(A, 1..n) do  
    a = i / 10.0;
```

Like for loops, forall-loops may be zippered, and corresponding iterations will match up

# STREAM Triad: Chapel

MPI + OpenMP

```
#include <hpcc.h>
#ifndef _OPENMP
#include <omp.h>
#endif

static int VectorSize;
static double *a, *b, *c;

int HPCC_StarStream(HPCC_Params *params, int myRank, commSize, int rv, errCount);
MPI_Comm comm = MPI_COMM_WORLD;

MPI_Comm_size(comm, &commSize);
MPI_Comm_rank(comm, &myRank);

rv = HPCC_Stream( params, 0 == myRank, errCount, 1, MPI_REDUCE );
MPI_Reduce( &rv, &errCount, 1, MPI_INT, MPI_SUM, 0, MPI_COMM_WORLD );
return errCount;
}

int HPCC_Stream(HPCC_Params *params,
register int j;
double scalar;

VectorSize = HPCC_LocalVectorSize();
a = HPCC_XMALLOC( double, VectorSize );
b = HPCC_XMALLOC( double, VectorSize );
c = HPCC_XMALLOC( double, VectorSize );

if (!a || !b || !c) {
    if (c) HPCC_free(c);
    if (b) HPCC_free(b);
    if (a) HPCC_free(a);
    if (doIO) {
        fprintf( outFile, "Failed to allocate memory\n" );
        fclose( outFile );
    }
}
return 1;
}
```

```
config const m = 1000,
alpha = 3.0;

const ProblemSpace = {1..m} dmapped ...;

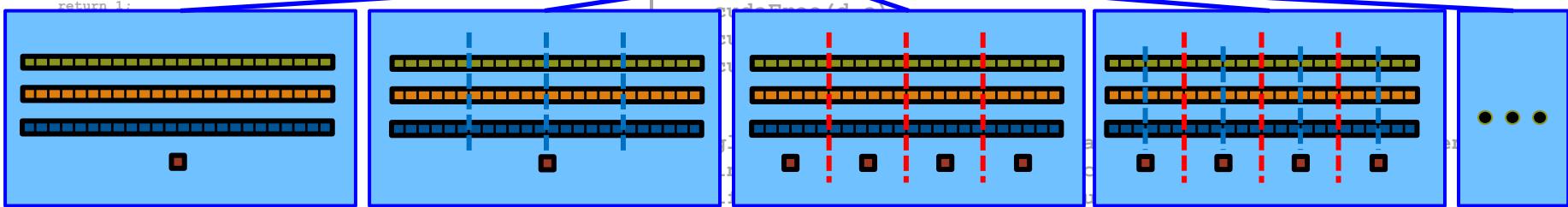
var A, B, C: [ProblemSpace] real;

B = 2.0;
C = 3.0;

A = B + alpha * C;
```

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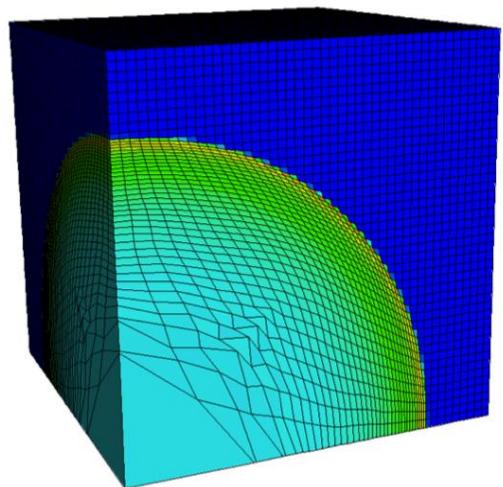
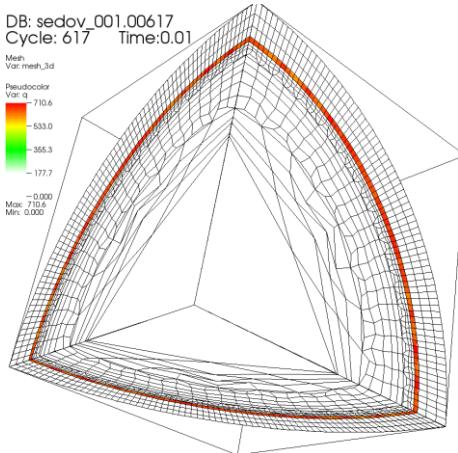
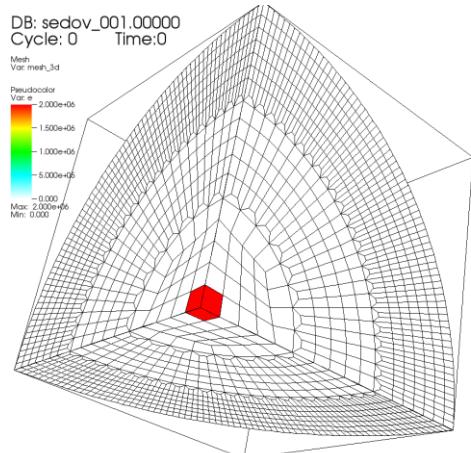
```
#endif
for
a
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HPCC
HPCC
return
```

Philosophy: Good language design can tease details of locality and parallelism away from an algorithm, permitting the compiler, runtime, applied scientist, and HPC expert to each focus on their strengths.

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# LULESCH: a DOE Proxy Application

**Goal:** Solve one octant of the spherical Sedov problem (blast wave) using Lagrangian hydrodynamics for a single material

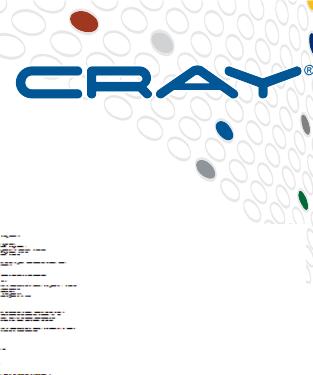


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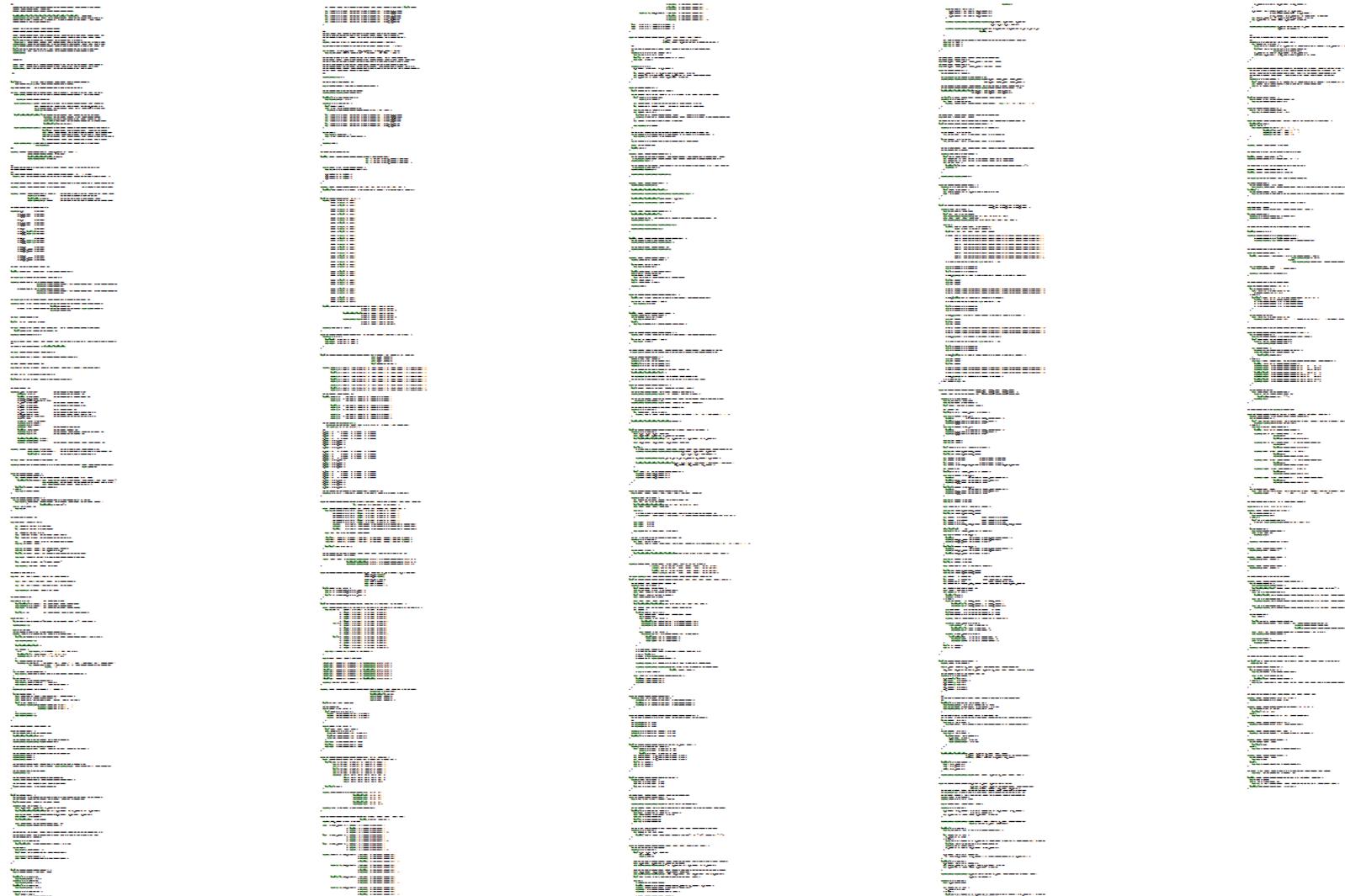
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# LULESCH in Chapel



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# LULESCH in Chapel

**1288 lines of source code**

plus    266 lines of comments  
        487 blank lines

(the corresponding C+MPI+OpenMP version is nearly 4x bigger)

This can be found in Chapel v1.9 in examples/benchmarks/lulesh/\*.chpl

# LULESCH in Chapel

This is all of the representation dependent code.  
It specifies:

- data structure choices
- structured vs. unstructured mesh
  - local vs. distributed data
- sparse vs. dense materials arrays
- a few supporting iterators

# LULESCH in Chapel

Here is some sample representation-independent code  
`IntegrateStressForElems ()`  
[LULESCH spec](#), section 1.5.1.1 (2.)



# Representation-Independent Physics

```

proc IntegrateStressForElems(sigxx, sigyy, sigzz, determ) {
    forall k in Elems { ← parallel loop over elements
        var b_x, b_y, b_z: 8*real;
        var x_local, y_local, z_local: 8*real;
        localizeNeighborNodes(k, x, x_local, y, y_local, z, z_local); ← collect nodes neighboring this
        element; localize node fields
        var fx_local, fy_local, fz_local: 8*real;

        local {
            /* Volume calculation involves extra work for numerical consistency. */
            CalcElemShapeFunctionDerivatives(x_local, y_local, z_local,
                b_x, b_y, b_z, determ[k]);
            CalcElemNodeNormals(b_x, b_y, b_z, x_local, y_local, z_local);
            SumElemStressesToNodeForces(b_x, b_y, b_z, sigxx[k], sigyy[k], sigzz[k],
                fx_local, fy_local, fz_local);
        }
        for (noi, t) in elemToNodesTuple(k) { ← update node forces from
            fx[noi].add(fx_local[t]); element stresses
            fy[noi].add(fy_local[t]);
            fz[noi].add(fz_local[t]);
        }
    }
}

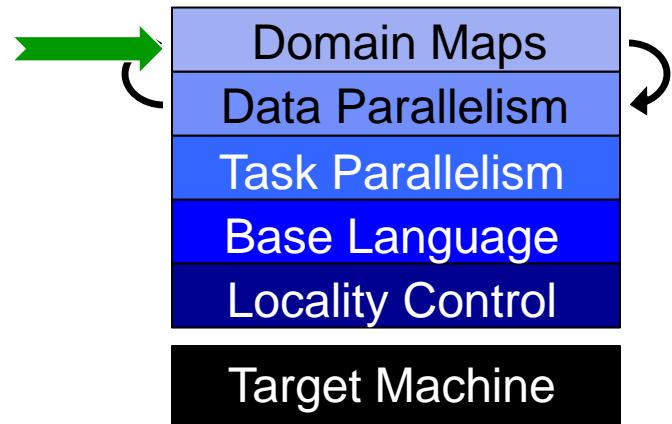
```

Because of domain maps, this code is independent of:

- structured vs. unstructured mesh
- shared vs. distributed data
- sparse vs. dense representation

# Outline

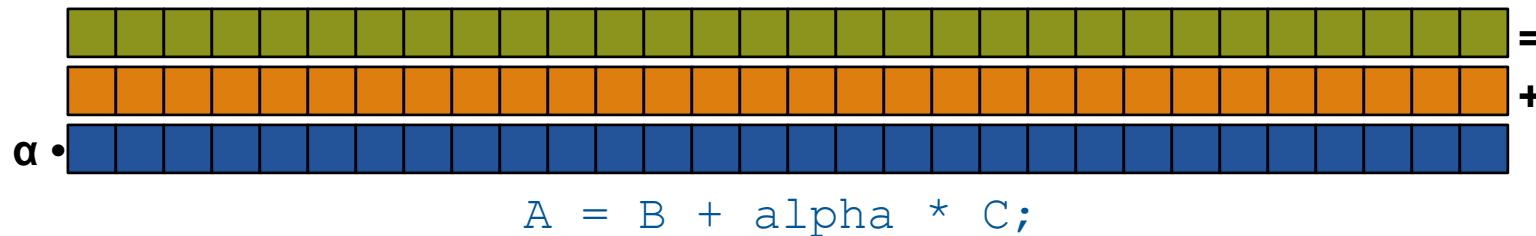
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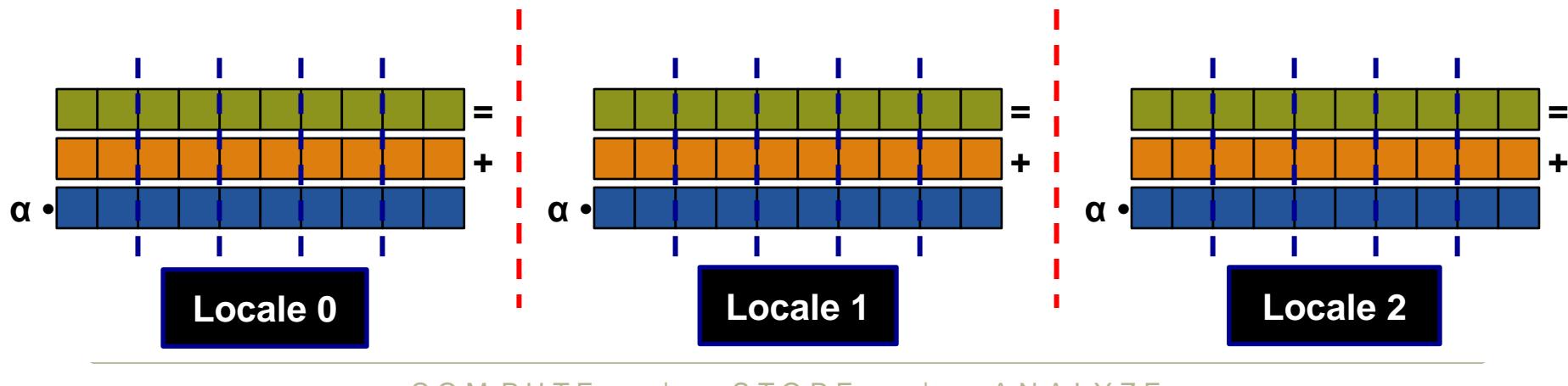
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# Domain Maps

Domain maps are “recipes” that instruct the compiler how to map the global view of a computation...

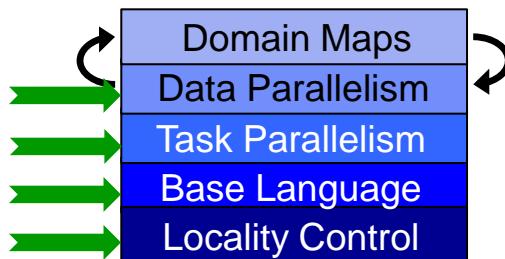


...to the target locales' memory and processors:



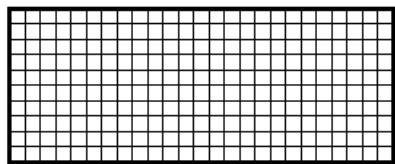
# Chapel's Domain Map Philosophy

- 1. Chapel provides a library of standard domain maps**
  - to support common array implementations effortlessly
- 2. Expert users can write their own domain maps in Chapel**
  - to cope with any shortcomings in our standard library

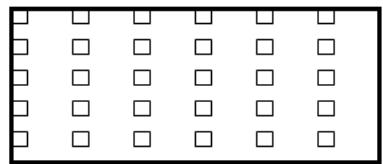


- 3. Chapel's standard domain maps are written using the same end-user framework**
  - to avoid a performance cliff between “built-in” and user-defined cases

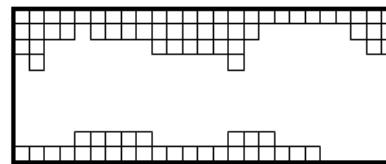
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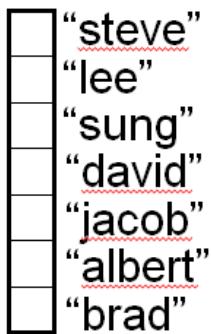
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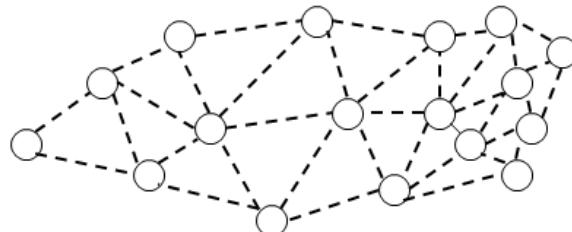
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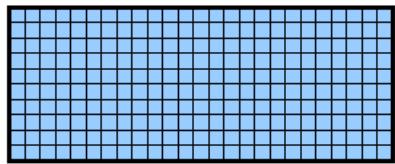


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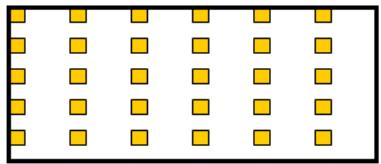


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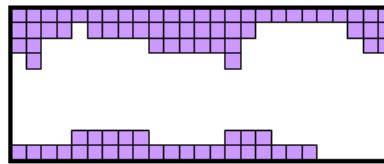
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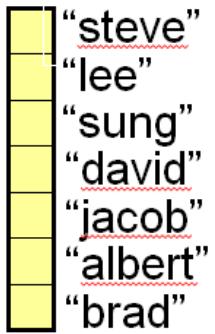
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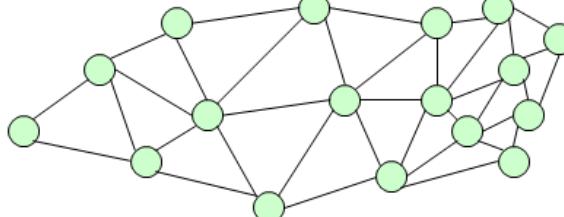
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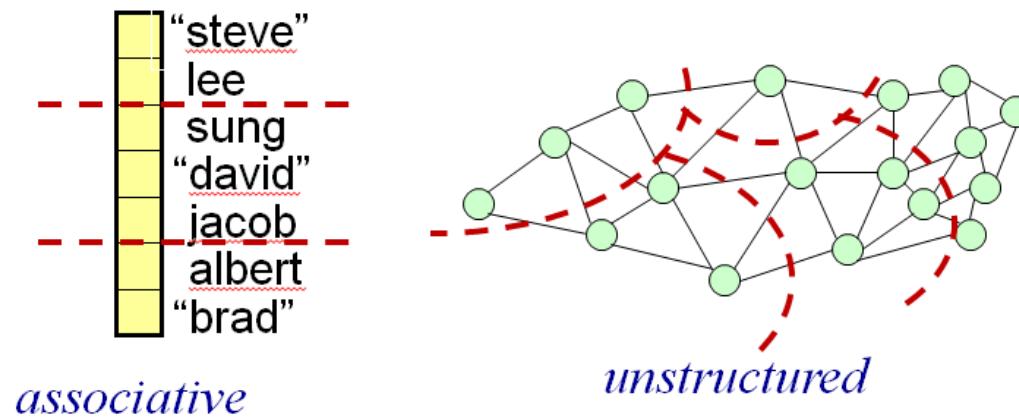
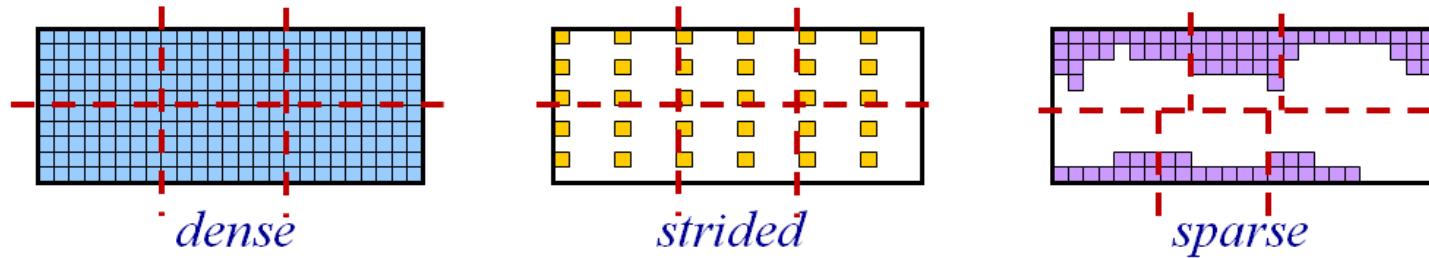


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# All Domain Types Support Domain Maps



# Domain Maps Summary

- **Data locality requires mapping arrays to memory well**
  - distributions between distinct memories
  - layouts within a single memory
- **Most languages define a single data layout & distribution**
  - where the distribution is often the degenerate “everything’s local”
- **Domain maps...**
  - ...move such policies into user-space...
  - ...exposing them to the end-user through high-level declarations

```
const Elems = { 0 .. #numElems } dmapped Block(...)
```

# Two Other Thematically Similar Features

1) **parallel iterators:** Define parallel loop policies

2) **locale models:** Define target architectures

Like domain maps, these are...

...written in Chapel by expert users using lower-level features

- e.g., task parallelism, on-clauses, base language features, ...

...available to the end-user via higher-level abstractions

- e.g., forall loops, on-clauses, lexically scoped PGAS memory, ...

# Multiresolution Summary

**Chapel's multiresolution philosophy allows users to write...**  
**...custom array implementations via domain maps**

**...custom parallel iterators via leader-follower iterators**

**...custom architectural models via hierarchical locales**

**The result is a language that decouples crucial policies for managing data locality out of the language's definition and into an expert user's hand...**

**...while making them available to end-users through high-level abstractions**

# For More Information on...

## ...domain maps

[User-Defined Distributions and Layouts in Chapel: Philosophy and Framework \[slides\]](#), Chamberlain, Deitz, Iten, Choi; HotPar'10, June 2010.

[Authoring User-Defined Domain Maps in Chapel \[slides\]](#), Chamberlain, Choi, Deitz, Iten, Litvinov; Cug 2011, May 2011.

## ...leader-follower iterators

[User-Defined Parallel Zippered Iterators in Chapel \[slides\]](#), Chamberlain, Choi, Deitz, Navarro; PGAS 2011, October 2011.

## ...hierarchical locales

[Hierarchical Locales: Exposing Node-Level Locality in Chapel](#), Choi; 2<sup>nd</sup> KIISE-KOCSEA SIG HPC Workshop talk, November 2013.

**Status:** all of these concepts are in-use in every Chapel program today  
(pointers to code/docs in the release available by request)

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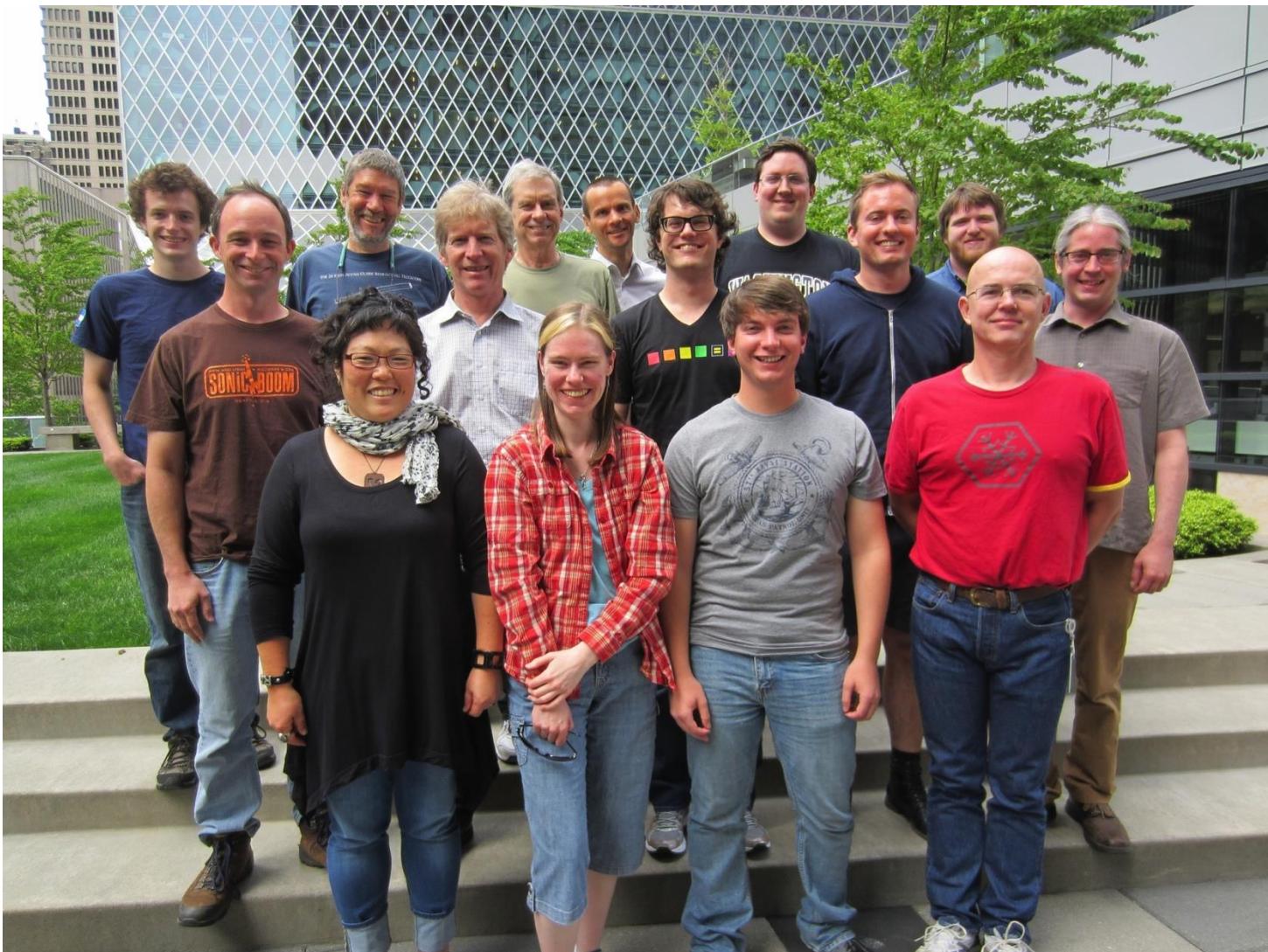
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...for emerging mainstream needs for parallelism and locality

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# The Cray Chapel Team (Summer 2014)





# Chapel...

...is a collaborative effort — join us!



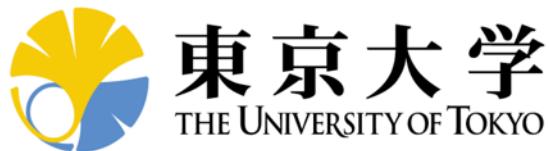
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# A Year in the Life of Chapel

- **Two major releases per year** (April / October)
  - latest release: version 1.11, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015
  - ~a month later: detailed release notes
    - version 1.11 release notes: <http://chapel.cray.com/download.html#releaseNotes>
- **CHIUW: Chapel Implementers and Users Workshop** (May-June)
  - workshop focusing on community efforts, code camps
  - this year will be held in Portland, June 13-14
- **SC** (Nov)
  - the primary conference for the HPC industry
  - we give tutorials, BoFs, talks, etc. to show off year's work
- **Talks, tutorials, research visits, blogs, ...** (year-round)

# Implementation Status -- Version 1.11 (Apr 2015)

## Overall Status:

- **User-facing Features:** generally in good shape
  - some require additional attention (e.g., strings, memory mgmt)
- **Multiresolution Features:** in use today
  - their interfaces are likely to continue evolving over time
- **Error Messages:** not always as helpful as one would like
  - correct code works well, incorrect code can be puzzling
- **Performance:** hit-or-miss depending on the idioms used
  - Chapel designed to ultimately support competitive performance
  - to-date, we've focused primarily on correctness and local perf.

## This is a great time to:

- Try out the language and compiler
- Use Chapel for non-performance-critical projects
- Give us feedback to improve Chapel
- Use Chapel for parallel programming education

# Chapel and Education

- When teaching parallel programming, I like to cover:
  - data parallelism
  - task parallelism
  - concurrency
  - synchronization
  - locality/affinity
  - deadlock, livelock, and other pitfalls
  - performance tuning
  - ...
- I don't think there's been a good language out there...
  - for teaching *all* of these things
  - for teaching *some* of these things well at all
  - *until now:* We believe Chapel can play a crucial role here  
(see <http://chapel.cray.com/education.html> for more information and  
<http://cs.washington.edu/education/courses/csep524/13wi/> for my use of Chapel in class)

# Chapel: the next five years

- **Harden prototype to production-grade**
  - add/improve lacking features
  - optimize performance
  - improve interoperability
- **Target more complex/modern compute node types**
  - e.g., Intel Phi, CPU+GPU, AMD APU, ...
- **Continue to grow the user and developer communities**
  - including nontraditional circles: desktop parallelism, “big data”
  - transition Chapel from Cray-managed to community-governed

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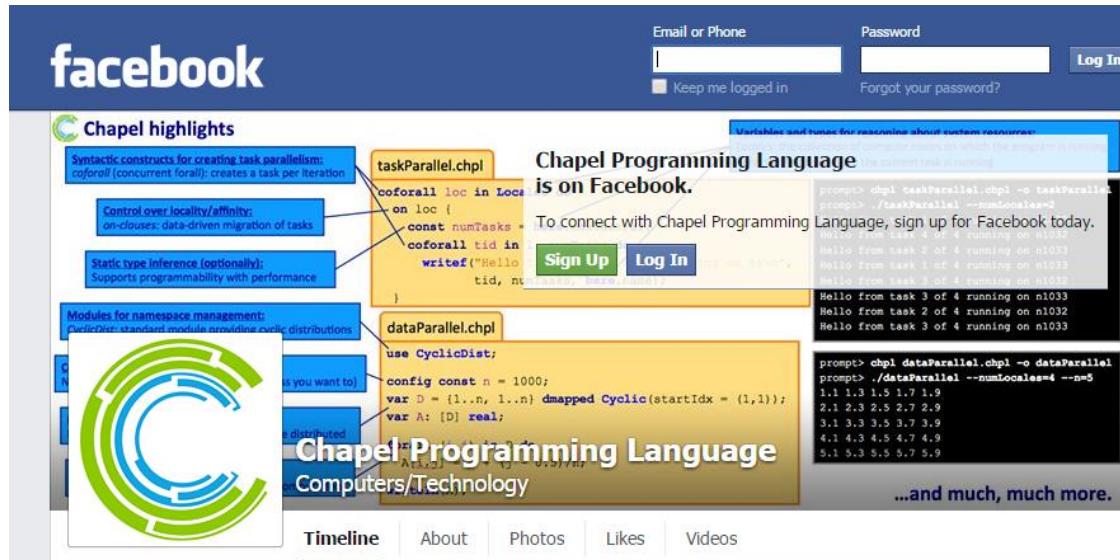
## Chapel project page: <http://chapel.cray.com>

- overview, papers, presentations, language spec, ...

## Chapel GitHub page: <https://github.com/chapel-lang>

- download 1.11.0 release, browse source repository

## Chapel Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ChapelLanguage>



# For More Information: Community Resources

**Chapel SourceForge page:** <https://sourceforge.net/projects/chapel/>

- join community mailing lists; alternative release download site

## Mailing Aliases:

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- [chapel-bugs@lists.sourceforge.net](mailto:chapel-bugs@lists.sourceforge.net): public bug forum

# For More Information: Suggested Reading

## Overview Papers:

- [A Brief Overview of Chapel](#), Chamberlain (pre-print of a chapter for *A Brief Overview of Parallel Programming Models*, edited by Pavan Balaji, to be published by MIT Press in 2014).
  - *a detailed overview of Chapel's history, motivating themes, features*
- [The State of the Chapel Union \[slides\]](#), Chamberlain, Choi, Dumler, Hildebrandt, Iten, Litvinov, Titus. CUG 2013, May 2013.
  - *a higher-level overview of the project, summarizing the HPCS period*

# For More Information: Lighter Reading

## Blog Articles:

- [Chapel: Productive Parallel Programming](#), Chamberlain, [Cray Blog](#), May 2013.
  - *a short-and-sweet introduction to Chapel*
- [Why Chapel? \(part 1, part 2, part 3\)](#), Chamberlain, [Cray Blog](#), June-August 2014.
  - *a current series of articles answering common questions about why we are pursuing Chapel in spite of the inherent challenges*
- [\[Ten\] Myths About Scalable Programming Languages \(index available here\)](#), Chamberlain, [IEEE TCSC Blog](#), April-November 2012.
  - *a series of technical opinion pieces designed to combat standard arguments against the development of high-level parallel languages*

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