



Chapel Users Group (CHUG) BoF

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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

What does “Productivity” mean to you?

Recent Graduates:

“something similar to what I used in school: Python, Matlab, Java, ...”

Seasoned HPC Programmers:

“that sugary stuff that I don’t need because I ~~was born to suffer~~
want full control
to ensure performance”

Computational Scientists:

“something that lets me express my parallel computations
without having to wrestle with architecture-specific details”

Chapel Team:

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

Chapel's Implementation

- **Being developed as open source at GitHub**
 - Licensed as Apache v2.0 software
- **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, ...

Outline For CHUG 2014

✓ Welcome / Context

➤ Chapel's Cadence and Community

● Chapel in a Nutshell

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A Year in the Life of Chapel

- **Two major releases per year** (April / October)
 - latest release: version 1.10, October 2nd, 2014
 - ~a month later: detailed release notes
 - version 1.10 release notes: <http://chapel.cray.com/download.html#releaseNotes>
- **SC** (Nov)
 - annual “Lightning Talks” BoF featuring talks from the community
 - CHUG happy hour (now in its 5th year)
 - and now a CHUG BoF!
 - plus tutorials, panels, BoFs, posters, educator sessions, exhibits, ...
- **CHIUW: Chapel Implementers and Users Workshop** (May-June)
 - talk-based workshop focusing on community efforts
- **Talks, tutorials, research visits, blogs, ...** (year-round)

Chapel at SC14

Chapel Tutorial (Sun @ 8:30)

"A Computation-Driven Introduction to Parallel Computing in Chapel"

Hierarchical Locales Exhibit at Emerging Technologies Booth (all week, booth #233)

poster staffed by members of the Chapel team

4th Annual Chapel Lightning Talks BoF (Tues @ 12:15, room 293)

5-minute talks on Chapel + HSA, HDFS/Lustre/cURL, tilings, LLVM, ExMatEx, Python

Talk on Hierarchical Locales (Tues @ 4:30, Emerging Technologies Theater, booth #233)

"Chapel Hierarchical Locales: Adaptable Portability for Exascale Node Architectures", Greg Titus (Cray)

Poster on Advanced Tilings in Chapel (Tues @ 5:15, New Orleans Theater Lobby)

"Orthogonal Scheduling of Stencil Computations with Chapel Iterators", Ian Bertolacci (Colorado State)

Chapel Users Group (CHUG) BoF (Wed @ 5:30, room 383-84-85)

Chapel overview and current events, followed by community Q&A and discussion

5th Annual CHUG Happy Hour (Wed @ 7:15, Mulate's at 201 Julia St)

social gathering just across the way; open to general public, dutch treat

Participation in other BoFs:

- **LLVM in HPC** (Tues @ 12:15, room 283-84-85)
- **Programming Abstractions for Data Locality** (Wed @ 12:15, room 391-92)
- **PGAS: Partitioned Address Space Programming Model** (Wed @ 12:15, room 273)

Chapel Lightning Talks 2014 Lineup

Chapel Overview

Greg Titus, Cray Inc.

CoMD in Chapel: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly

David Richards, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

Chapel for Python Programmers

Simon Lund, University of Copenhagen

Chapel Iterators: Providing Tiling for the Rest of Us

Ian Bertolacci, Colorado State University

Chapel I/O: Getting to Your Data Wherever It Is

Tim Zakian, Indiana University

LLVM-based Communication Optimizations for Chapel

Akihiro Hayashi, Rice University

COHX: Chapel on HSX + XTQ

(Adventures of a PGAS Language in a Heterogenous World)

Deepak Majeti, Rice University

CHIUW 2014 Talks and Speakers

User Experiences with a Chapel Implementation of UTS

Jens Breitbart, Technische Universität München

Evaluating Next Generation PGAS Languages for Computational Chemistry

Daniel Chavarria-Miranda, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Programmer-Guided Reliability in Chapel

David E. Bernholdt, Oak Ridge National Laboratory

Towards Interfaces for Chapel

Chris Wailes, Indiana University

Affine Loop Optimization using Modulo Unrolling in Chapel

Aroon Sharma, University of Maryland

Keynote: Walking to the Chapel

Robert Harrison, Stony Brook University / Brookhaven National Laboratory

LLVM Optimizations for PGAS Programs

Akihiro Hayashi, Rice University

Opportunities for Integrating Tasking and Communication Layers

Dylan T. Stark, Sandia National Laboratories

Caching in on Aggregation

Michael Ferguson, Laboratory for Telecommunication Sciences

CHIUW 2015

- Submitted as a workshop to PLDI
 - held with FCRC in Portland, June 13-17, 2015
- Speakers:
 - <your name here?>
 - extended abstract submissions due March 2015

Just Who Are These Chapel Users Anyway?

Truthfully, most Chapel users are potential/hopeful users

Most are waiting, typically for...

- ...improved performance
- ...improved stability
- ...reassurance that they won't be the only users

That said, some early user categories include:

- educators and students
- computer science researchers
- Python users looking for something compiled, scalable, productive
- HPC programmers evaluating new programming models

Roll Call

Who here would self-classify as...

- ...Chapel users?
- ...potential future Chapel users?
- ...simply curious about Chapel?
- ...Chapel developers?
- ...those who were simply intrigued by the CHUG happy hour afterwards?

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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

Major Chapel Successes Under HPCS

SSCA#2 demonstration on the prototype Cray XC30

- unstructured graph compact application
- clean separation of computation from data structure choices
- fine-grain latency-hiding runtime
- use of XC30's network AMOs via Chapel's 'atomic' types

Clean, general parallel language design

- unified data-, task-, concurrent-, nested-parallelism
- distinct concepts for parallelism and locality
- multiresolution language design philosophy

Portable design and implementation

- while still being able to take advantage of Cray-specific features

Revitalization of Community Interest in Parallel Languages

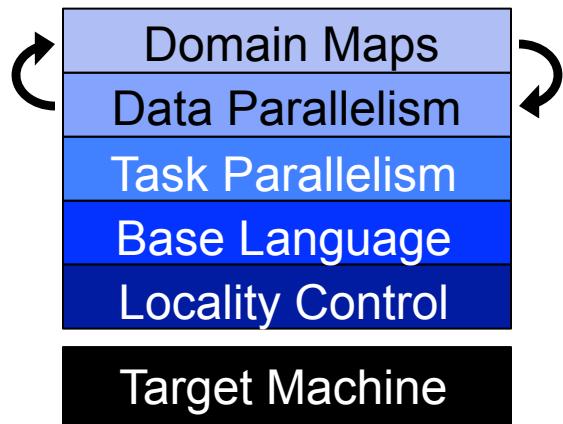
- HPF-disenchantment became interest, cautious optimism, enthusiasm

Multiresolution Design

Multiresolution Design: Support multiple tiers of features

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

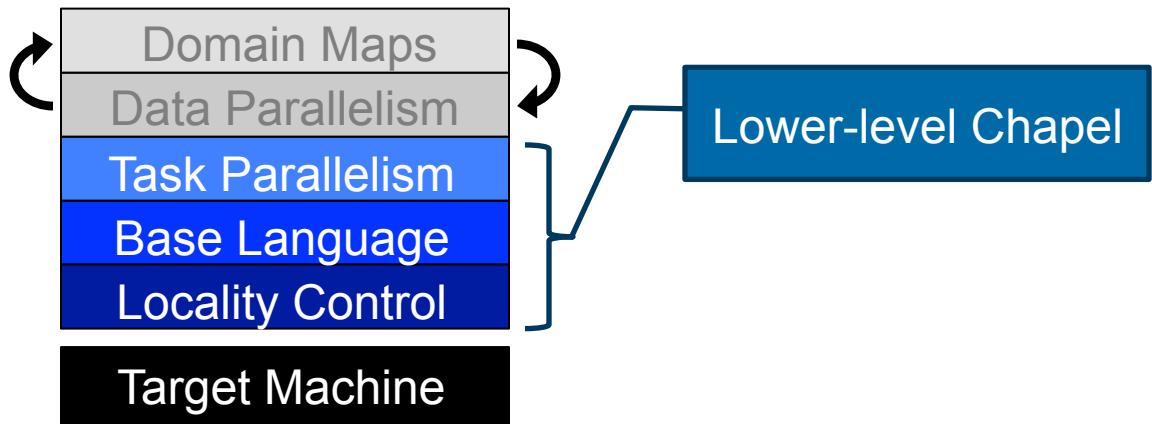
Chapel language concepts



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

Lower-Level Features

Chapel language concepts



Chapel in a Nutshell: Base Language

CLU-style iterators

```
iter fib(n) {
    var current = 0,
        next = 1;

    for i in 1..n {
        yield current;
        current += next;
        current <=gt; next;
    }
}
```

swap operator

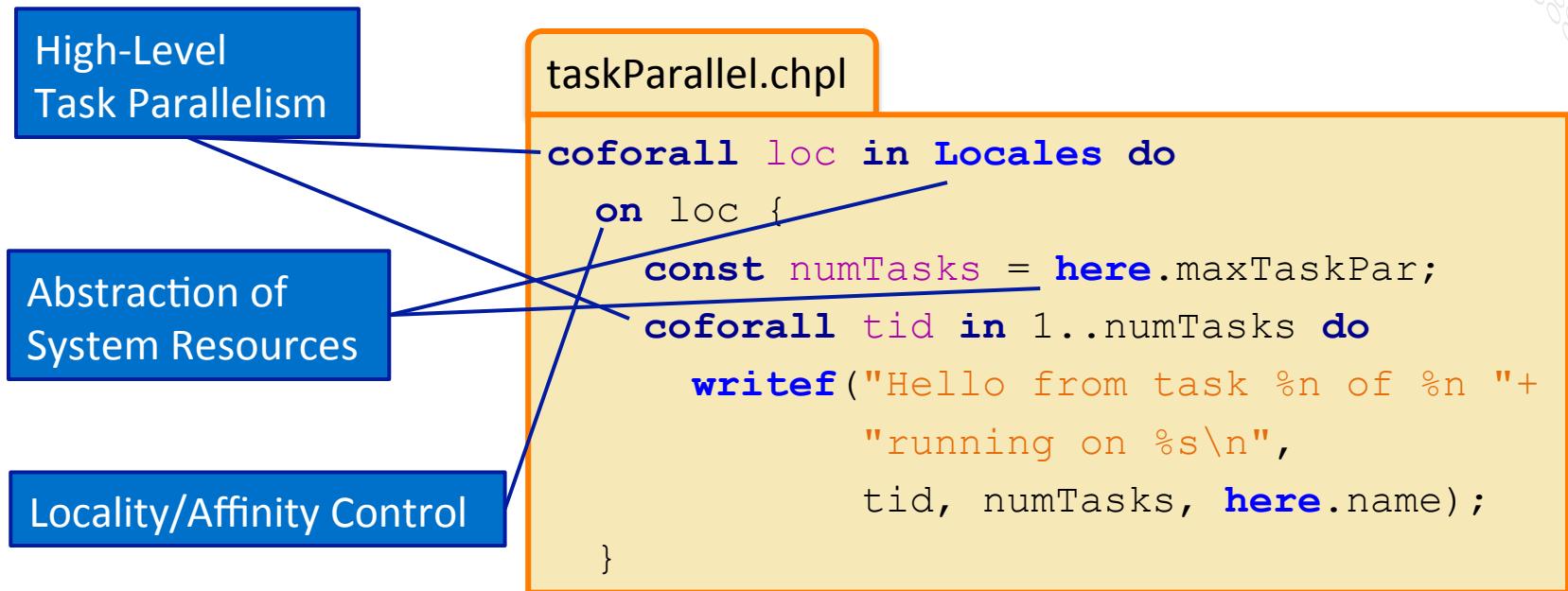
Static Type Inference for:
 • arguments
 • return types
 variables

```
for (i,f) in zip(0..#n, fib(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
...
```

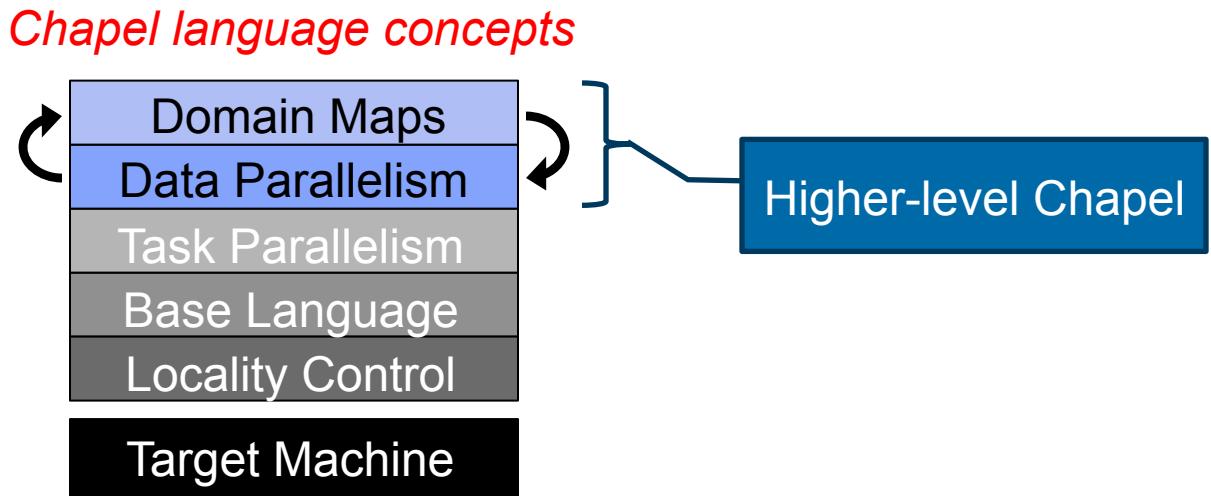
range types and operators

Chapel in a Nutshell: Task Parallelism, Locality



```
prompt> chpl taskParallel.chpl -o taskParallel
prompt> ./taskParallel --numLocales=2
Hello from task 1 of 2 running on n1033
Hello from task 2 of 2 running on n1032
Hello from task 2 of 2 running on n1033
Hello from task 1 of 2 running on n1032
```

Higher-Level Features



Chapel in a Nutshell: Data Parallelism

Domains (First-Class Index Sets)

Arrays

Data-Parallel Forall Loops

Domain Maps (Map Data Parallelism to the System)

dataParallel.chpl

```
use CyclicDist;
config const n = 1000;
var D = {1..n, 1..n}
        dmapped Cyclic(startIdx = (1,1));
var A: [D] real;
forall (i,j) in D do
    A[i,j] = i + (j - 0.5)/n;
writeln(A);
```

```
prompt> chpl dataParallel.chpl -o dataParallel
prompt> ./dataParallel --numLocales=4 --n=5
1.1 1.3 1.5 1.7 1.9
2.1 2.3 2.5 2.7 2.9
3.1 3.3 3.5 3.7 3.9
4.1 4.3 4.5 4.7 4.9
5.1 5.3 5.5 5.7 5.9
```

Parallelism and Locality: Orthogonal in Chapel

- This is a **parallel**, but local program:

```
begin writeln("Hello world!");  
writeln("Goodbye!");
```

- This is a **distributed**, but serial program:

```
writeln("Hello from locale 0!");  
on Locales[1] do writeln("Hello from locale 1!");  
writeln("Goodbye from locale 0!");
```

- This is a **distributed, parallel** program:

```
begin on Locales[1] do writeln("Hello from locale 0!");  
on Locales[2] do begin writeln("Hello from locale 1!");  
writeln("Goodbye from locale 0!");
```

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](#), [Cray Blog](#), May 2013.
 - *a short-and-sweet introduction to Chapel*
- [Why Chapel?](#) ([part 1](#), [part 2](#), [part 3](#)), [Cray Blog](#), June–October 2014.
 - *a recent series of articles answering common questions about why we are pursuing Chapel in spite of the inherent challenges*
- [\[Ten\] Myths About Scalable Programming Languages](#),
[IEEE TCSC Blog](#) ([index available on `chapel.cray.com` “blog articles” page](#)), 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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Chapel Current Events



(meet “Chappie”!)

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WOMEN'S FINAL FOUR

SPORTS

SPORTS SAINTS WORK THROUGH
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Saints fan Tony Williams reacts to negative responses from other fans at the Superdome on Sunday after he intercepted a souvenir intended for Bengals fan Christa Barrett.

By Amos Morale III
Staff writer

When Bengals tight end Jermaine Gresham tossed a ball into the stands after a touchdown against the Saints

on the Internet almost instantaneously. Williams and the Bengals' fan, Christa Barrett, were all over social media.

Williams said Monday he was a bit surprised and "a little hurt" by the reaction, which mostly portrayed him as a vil-



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HPCS may be over, But Chapel's Alive and Well

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HPCS is over, but Chapel is Alive and Well

- Based on positive user response to Chapel under HPCS, Cray is undertaking a five-year effort to improve it
 - we're currently partway into our second year
- Focus Areas:
 1. Improving **performance** and scaling
 2. **Fixing** immature aspects of the language and implementation
 - e.g., strings, RAII/memory model, error handling, ...
 3. **Porting** to emerging architectures
 - Intel Phi, accelerators, heterogeneous processors and memories, ...
 4. Improving **interoperability**
 5. Growing the Chapel user and developer **community**
 - including non-scientific computing communities
 6. Transitioning the **governance** to neutral, external group



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Chapel Team at Cray Has Doubled in Size

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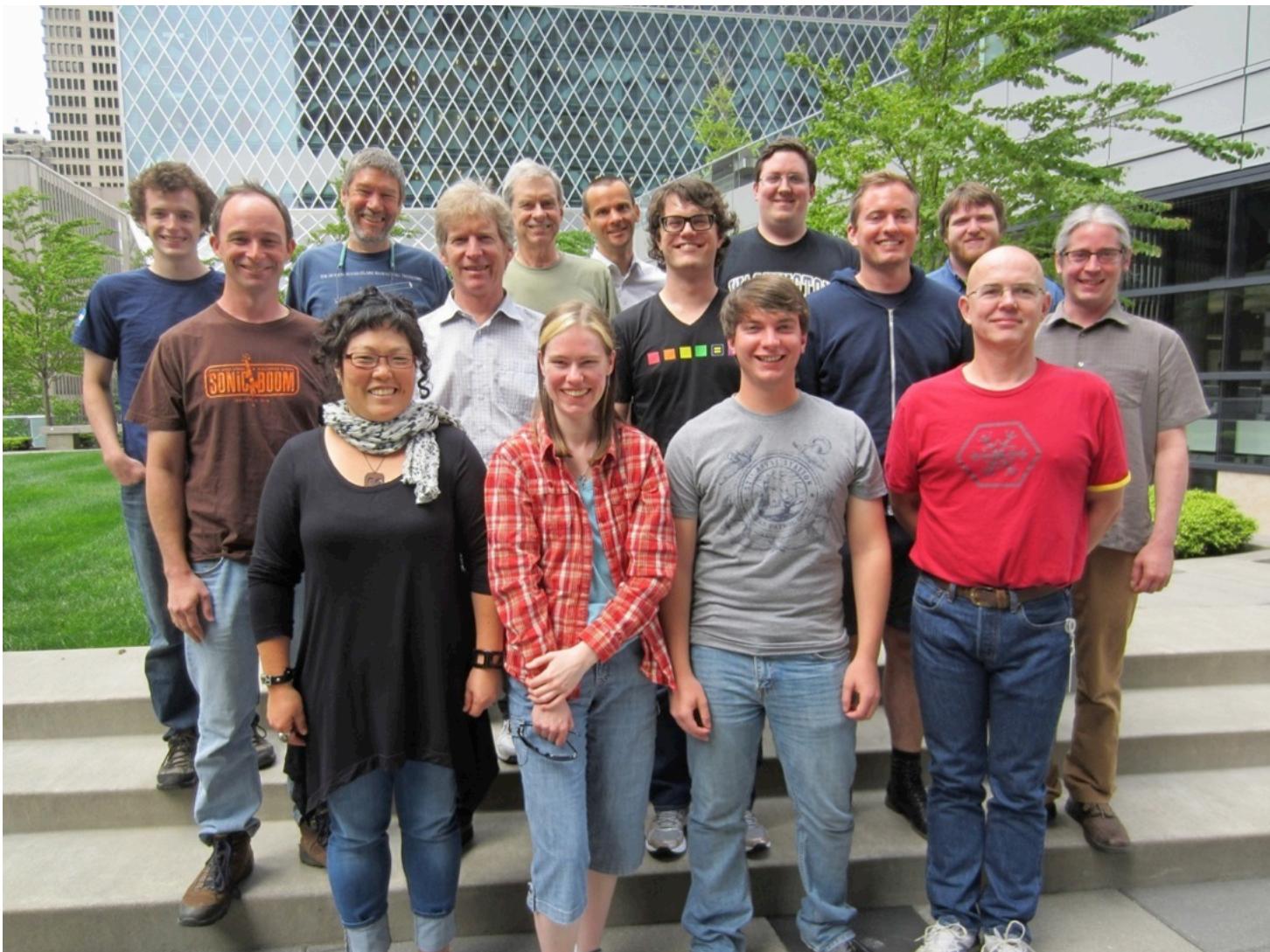
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We've doubled the size of the Chapel Team at



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Chapel Team at Cray Hiring SW Dev

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(there's been an uptick in interest from industrial users/developers as well)

<http://chapel.cray.com/collaborations.html>

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Chapel version 1.10
Now Available

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Chapel version 1.10 is now available

- **Highlights Include:**

- **lighter-weight tasking** via Sandia's Qthreads
- initial support for Intel Xeon Phi Knights Corner (**KNC**)
- renewed focus on **standard libraries**
- support for **Lustre** and **cURL**-based data channels
- expanded **array capabilities**
- improved semantic checks, bug fixes, third-party packages, ...
- significant **performance improvements**...

<https://github.com/chapel-lang/chapel/releases/tag/1.10.0>



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Chapel Shared-Mem Execution Time Improving

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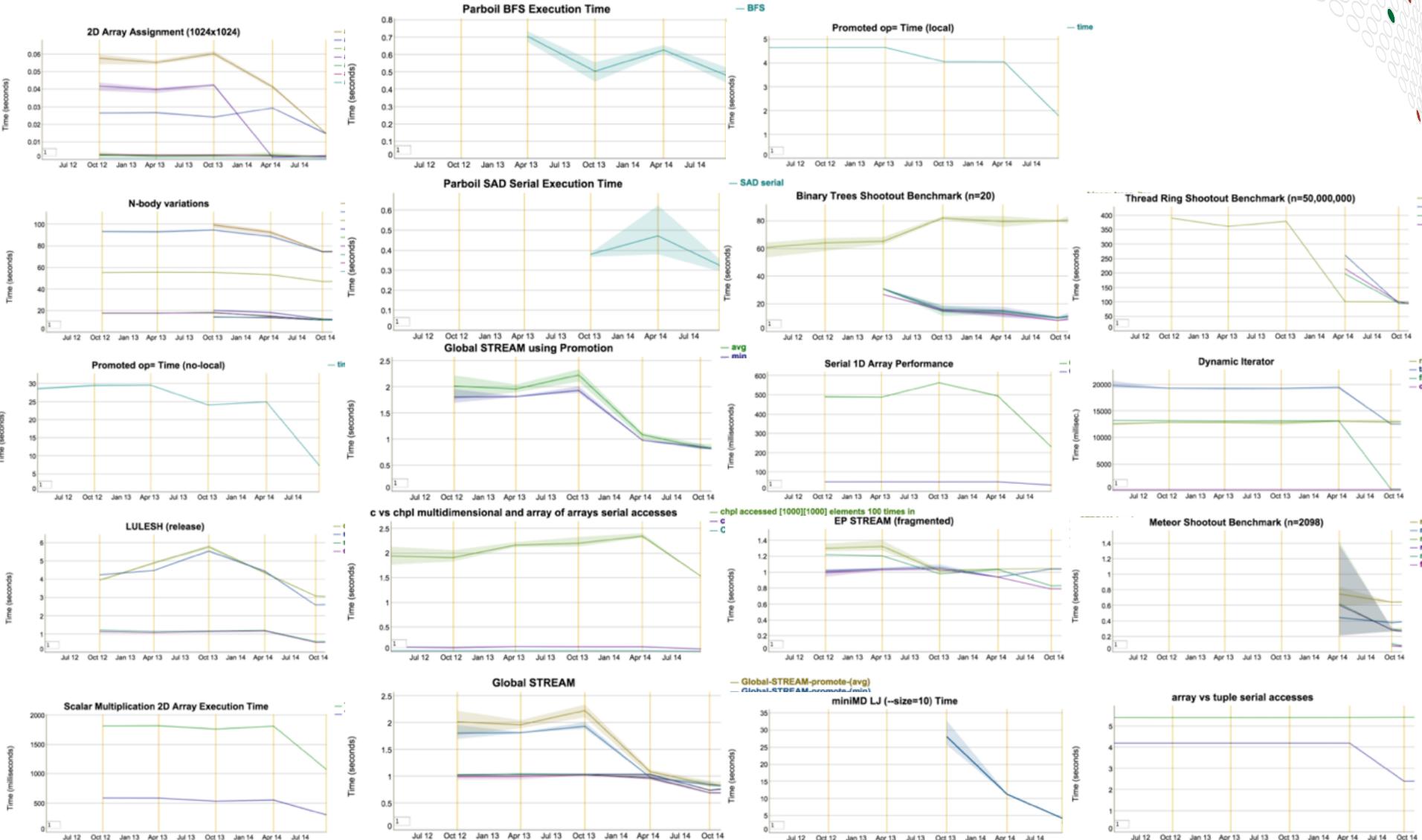
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Execution Time is Improving (lower is better)



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Chapel Performance Tracking Data Now Publicly Revealed

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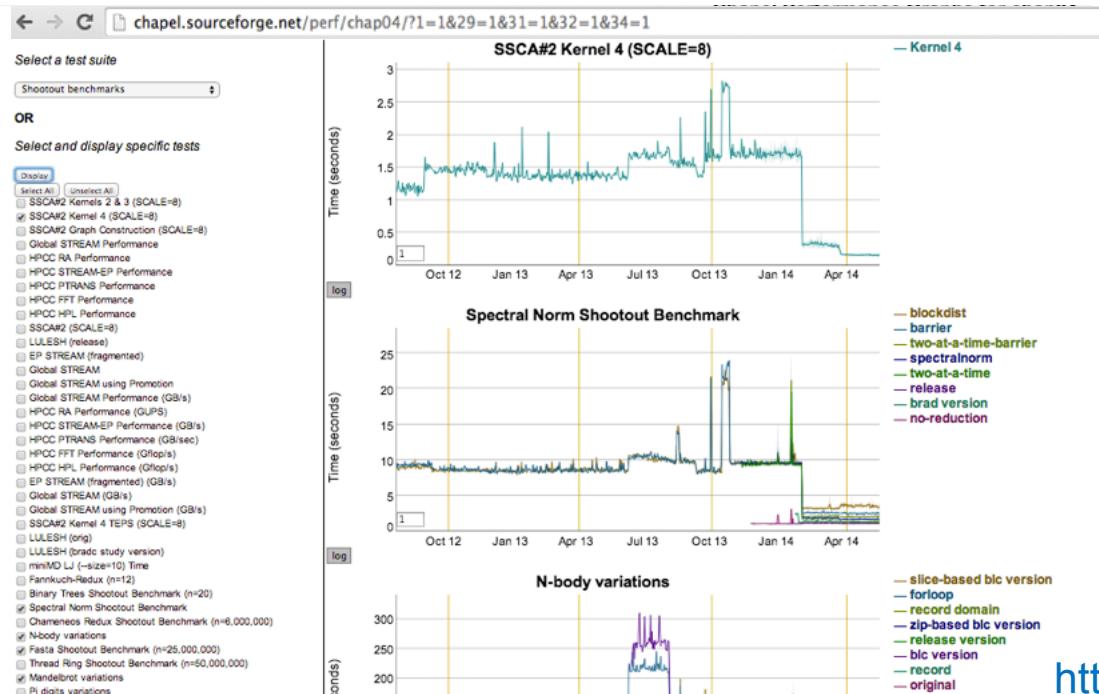


Nightly Performance Graphs are Now Public



What this means:

- You can stalk our performance changes over time
 - You can submit your own performance tests and monitor them
 - You can see the performance impacts of patches you commit



<http://chapel.sourceforge.net/perf/>

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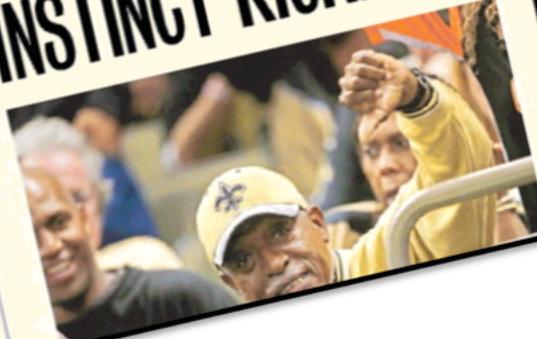
Chapel Team Planning to Enter Shootout

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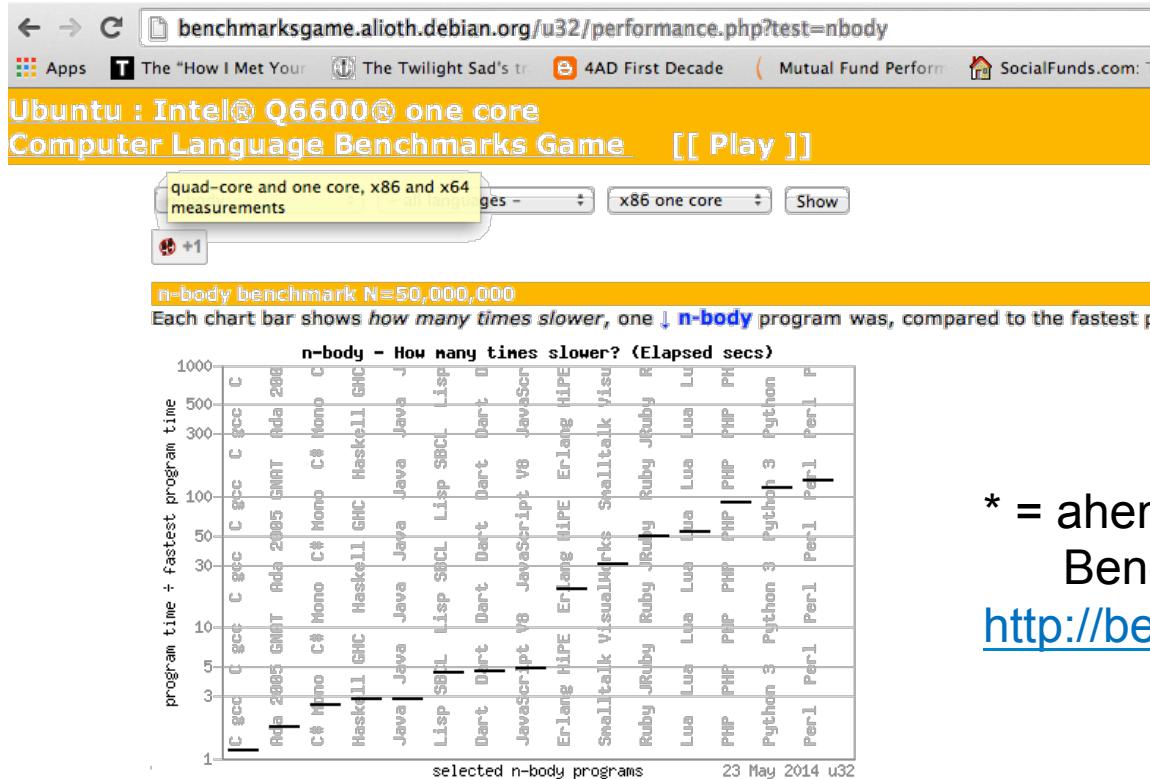
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Chapel Language Shootout* Entry Underway



These are not the only programs that could be written. These are not the only compilers and interpreters used.

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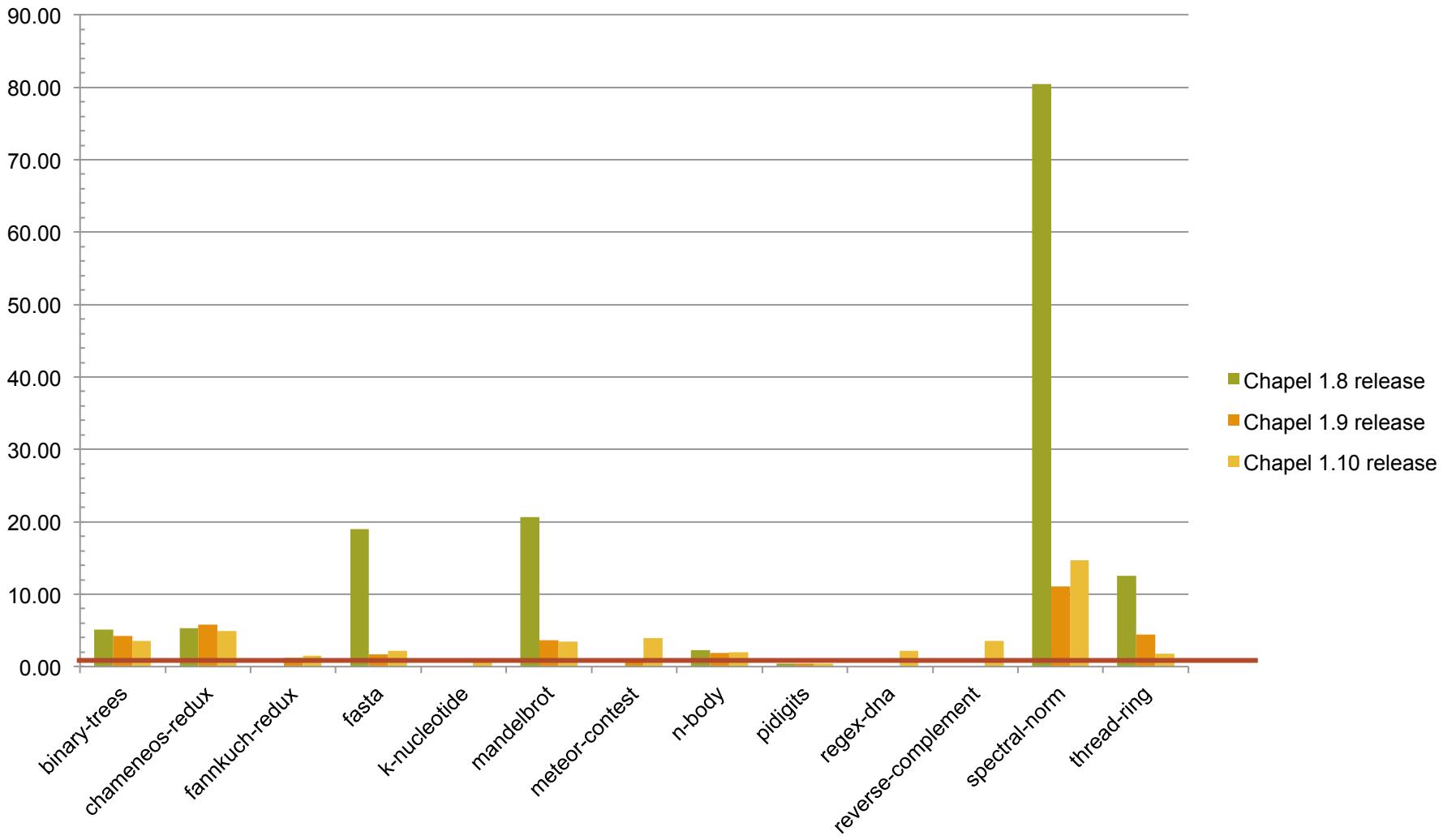
x	Program	Source Code	sort		sort		≈ CPU Load
			CPU secs	Elapsed secs	Memory KB	Code B	
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1.1	C++ g++ #8		9.08	9.08	336	1544	0% 0% 1% 100%
1.1	C++ g++ #7		9.10	9.10	336	1545	2% 0% 5% 100%
1.2	C gcc #4		9.91	9.92	336	1490	0% 1% 1% 100%
1.2	C++ g++ #3		9.94	9.95	620	1763	1% 0% 1% 100%
1.5	C++ g++ #5		12.74	12.75	868	1749	0% 1% 1% 100%

* = ahem... The Computer Language Benchmarks Game

<http://benchmarksgame.alioth.debian.org/>

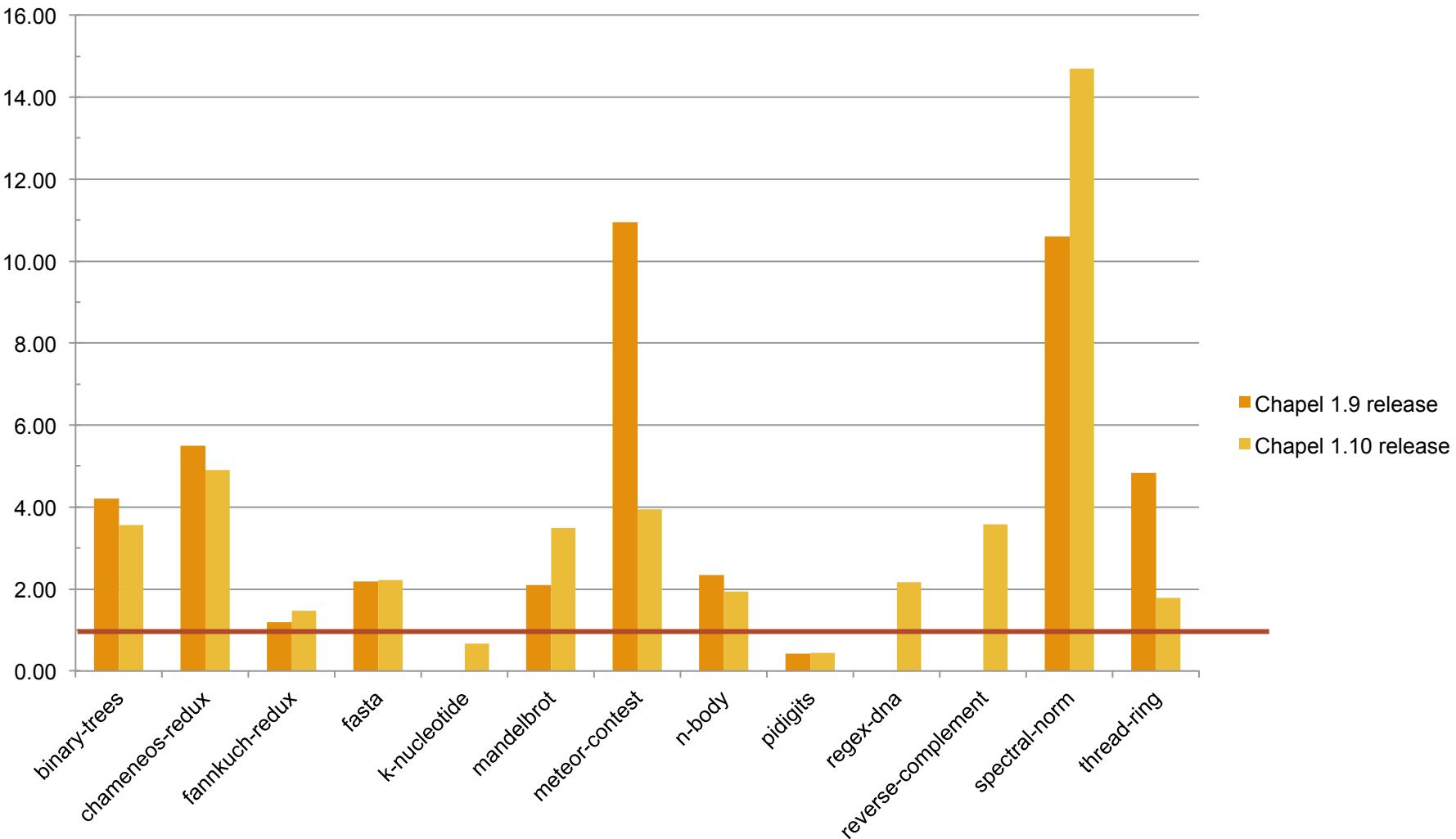
Shootout benchmark performance (lower is better)

X worse than reference



Shootout: Performance for 1.9 vs. 1.10 (gcc 4.7)

X worse than reference



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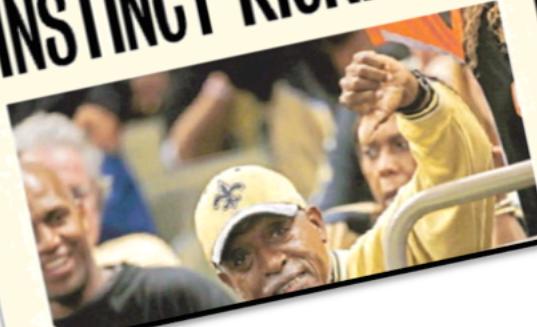
Distributed Memory Perf/Scalability Also Improving

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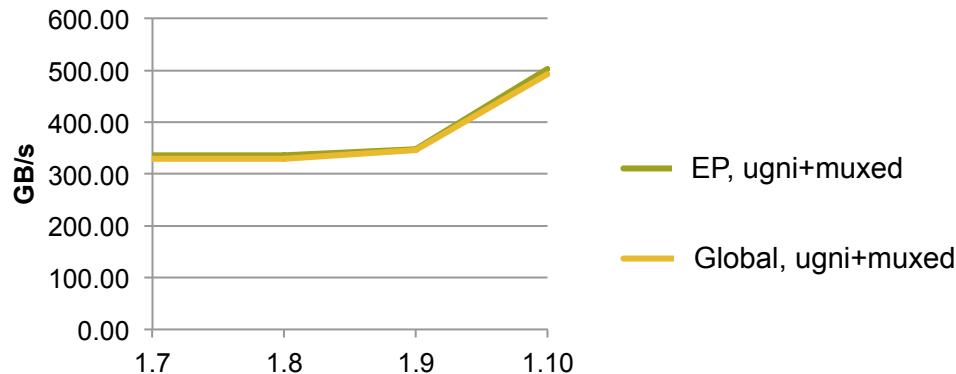
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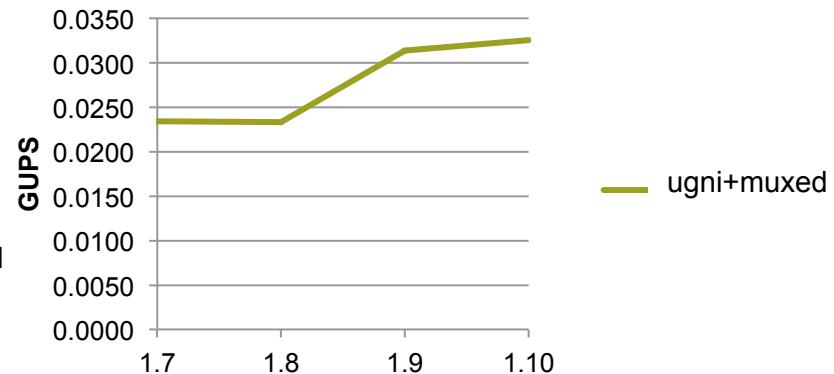


HPCC multilocale performance (higher is better)

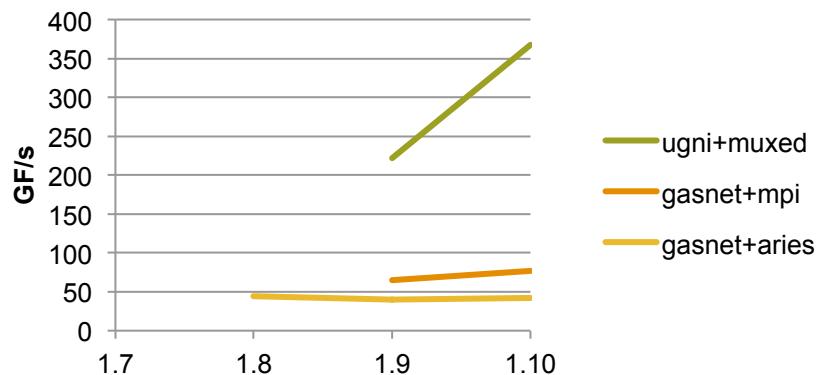
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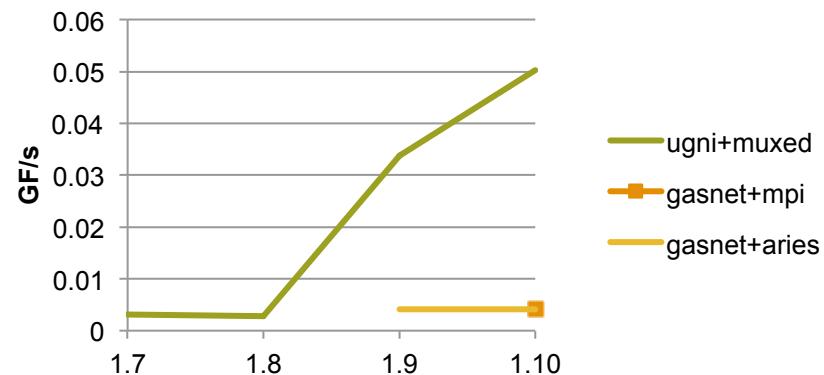
RA, atomic version (GUPS)



HPL, study version (GF/s)



FFT (GF/s)



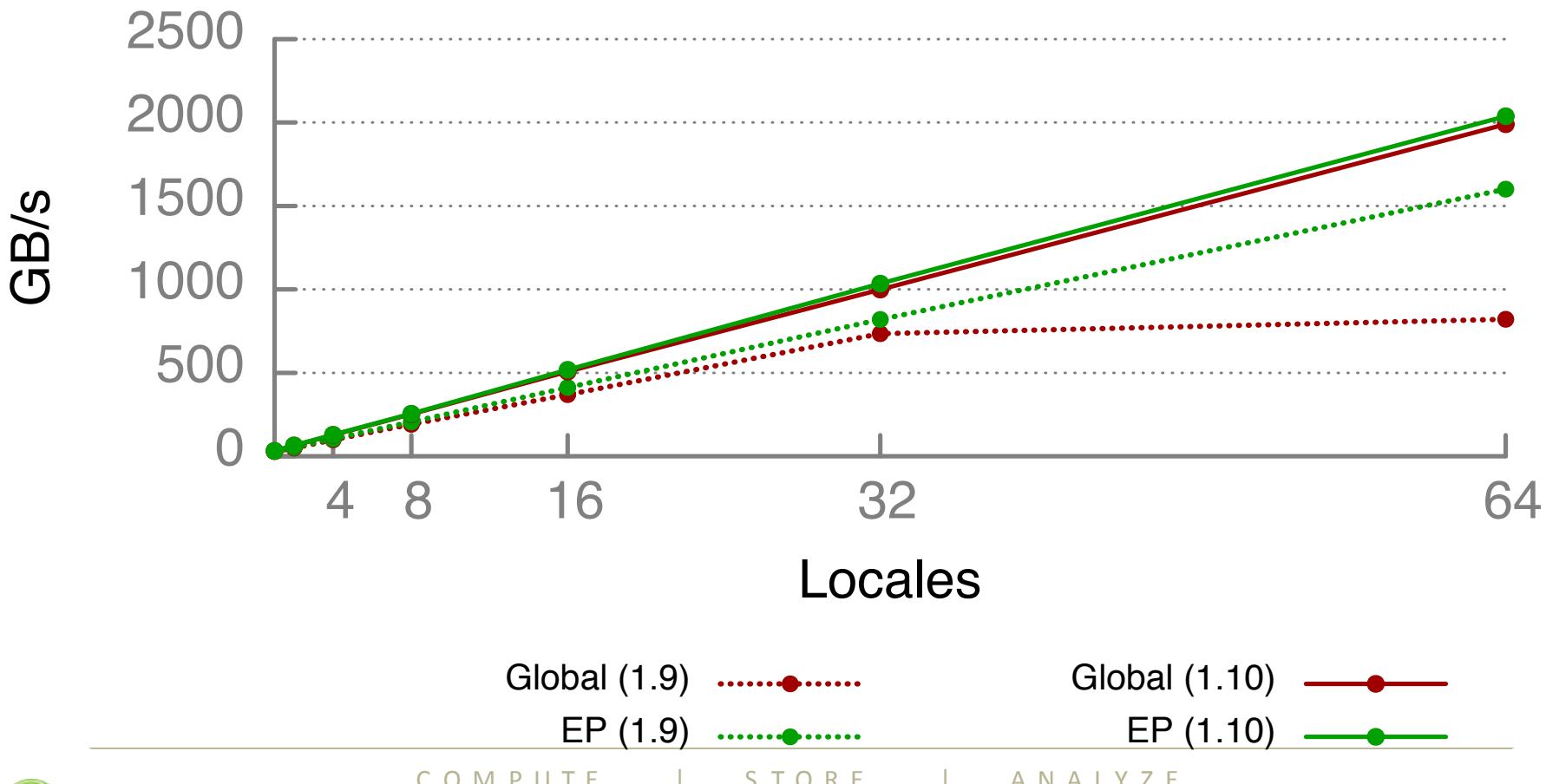
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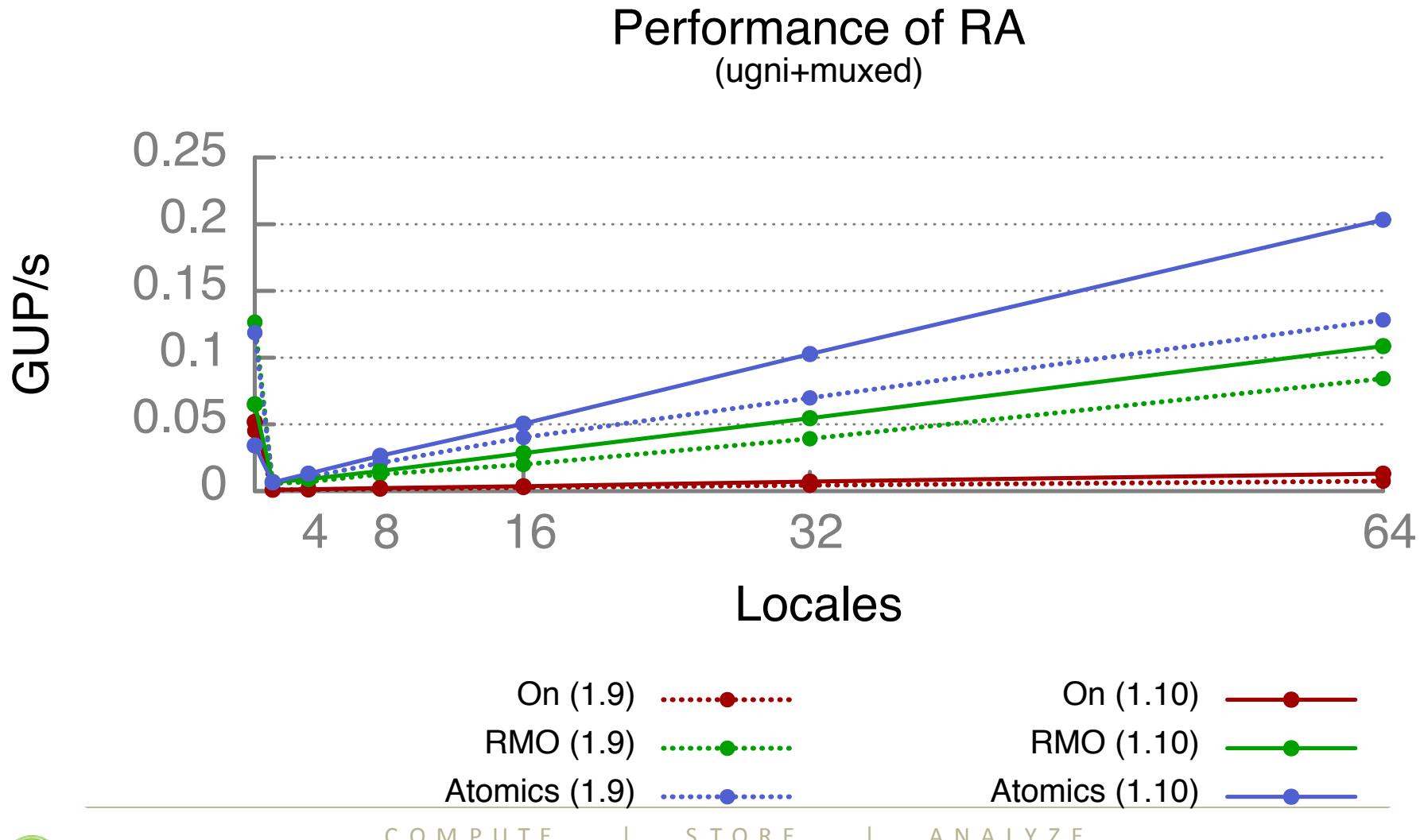
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STREAM Scalability (1.9 vs. 1.10, higher=better)

Performance of STREAM
(ugni+muxed)



RA Scalability (1.9 vs. 1.10, higher is better)



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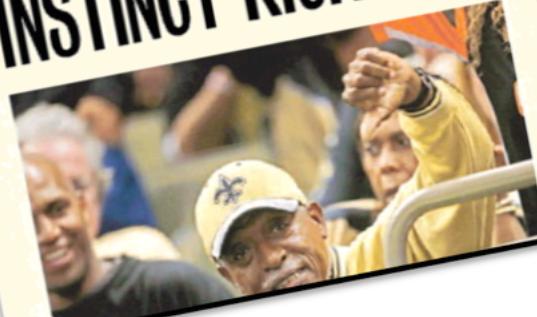
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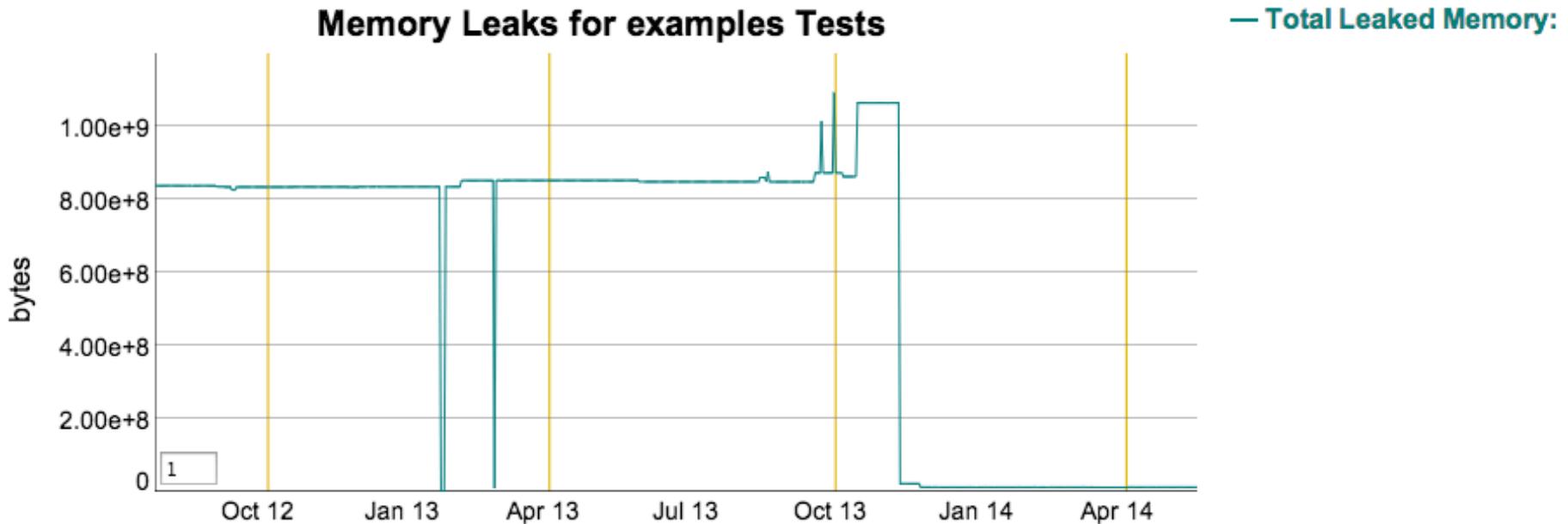
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Memory Leaks over time (lower is better)



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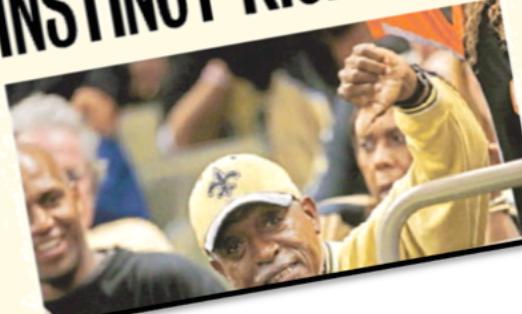
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Correctness Testing Results Made Public

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Correctness Testing Now Public Too

Nightly regression test results are sent to public
SourceForge mailing lists:

- chapel-test-results-regressions@... the interesting results
- chapel-test-results-all@... the complete results

<http://sourceforge.net/p/chapel/mailman/>

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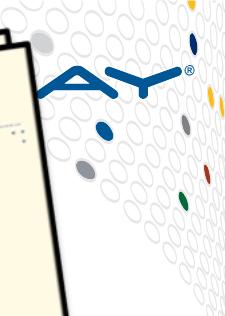
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- Migrated from SVN/SourceForge to Git/GitHub 
- Converted testing from crontabs to Jenkins 
- Began using Travis for pre-commit sanity checks 
- Began using Coverity Scan to catch code quality issues 
- Started tracking tasks in Pivotal 
- Kicked off a Facebook page 
- Started a #chapel-developers IRC channel
- Created/Owned a Chapel project in OpenHUB 
- Next up: modern, online documentation and more...



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Chapel is now Apache

Historically:

- License: BSD
- Contributor Agreement: Cray-specific

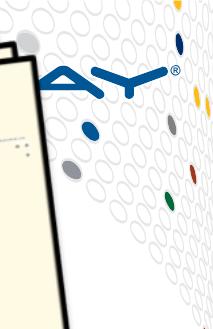
As of version 1.10:

- License: Apache v2.0
- Contributor Agreement: Apache v2.0

Rationale:

- BSD doesn't have a contributor agreement
- Cray agreement has been a stumbling block for some developers

<http://www.apache.org/licenses/LICENSE-2.0.html>



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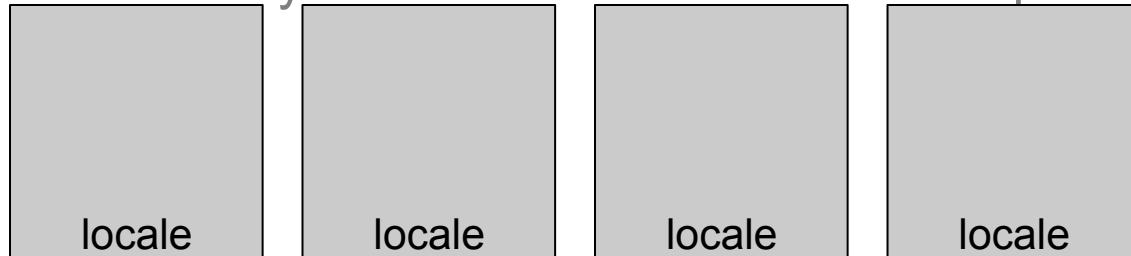
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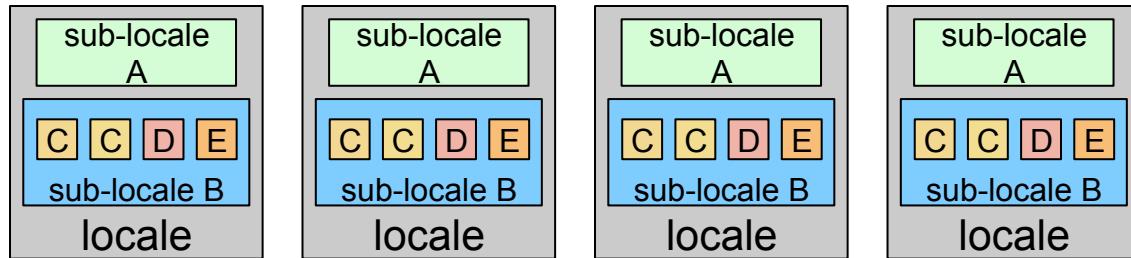
Traditionally:

- Chapel's locales have been flat – no locality control within locales
- Tasking and memory interfaces baked into the Chapel compiler



As of v1.8:

- Locales may now contain sublocales
- Users may write their own locale models using Chapel code
- Tasking and memory interfaces defined via such Chapel modules



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Chapel: An Exascale Programmer's Dream

- Consider an exascale programmer's wishlist:
 - general types of parallelism
 - task parallelism to offload computations
 - data parallelism for SIMD execution
 - nested parallelism for composition
 - locality control
 - distinct from parallelism
 - separation of algorithms from mapping to system
 - domain maps, iterators
 - portability to diverse / unknown hardware architectures
 - user-defined locale models
 - programmability features, to keep sane
- Hybrid models can do some of this...
 - But who wants to use a hybrid model?

<http://chapel.cray.com/presentations/ChapelForPADAL-distributeme.pdf>
<http://chapel.cray.com/presentations/ChapelForPGASX-presented.pdf>



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Chapel: It's not just for HPC anymore

- “Big data” programmers want productive languages too
 - MapReduce, Pig, Hive, HBase have their place, but also drawbacks
 - Wouldn’t a general, locality-aware parallel language be nice here too?
- Chapel support for HDFS*: A first step
 - Developed by Tim Zakian (Indiana University) last summer
 - This summer: extended support to include Lustre, cURL
- Questions:
 - What killer apps/demos to focus on?

*HDFS = Hadoop Distributed File System

<http://chapel.cray.com/presentations/SC13/06-hdfs-ferguson.pdf>



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Chapel: Attractive for Education

For some time, we've claimed Chapel is ideal for 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)



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And now, educators are helping make the argument for us:



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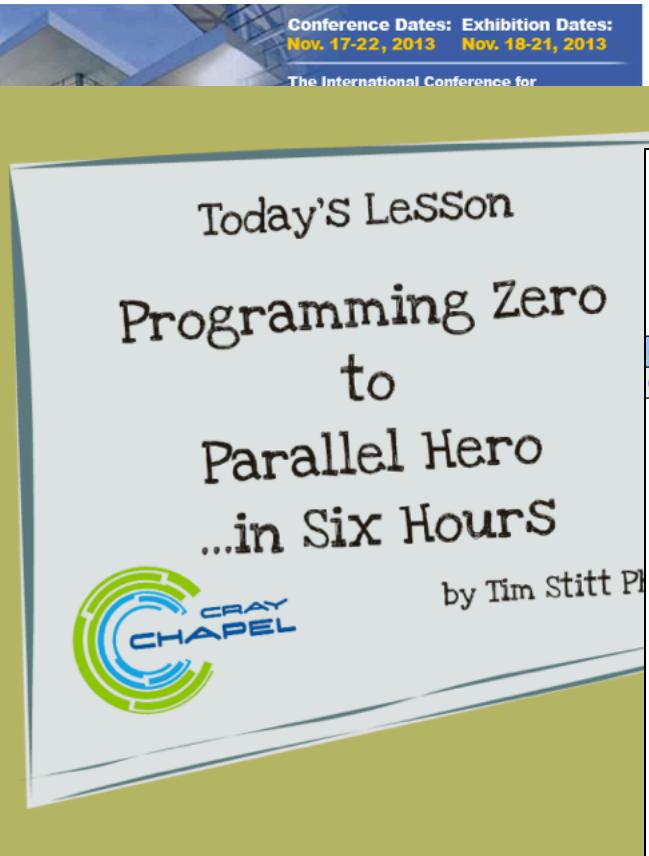
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SESSION: High-Level Parallel Programming using Chapel		
EVENT TYPE: HPC Interconnections, HPC Educator Program		
TIME: 1:30PM - 5:00PM		
SESSION CHAIR: Steven Brandt		
PRESENTER(S): David P. Bunde, Kyle Burke		
ROOM: 708/710/712		
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Interactive Chapel

- **What if you could work with Chapel interactively:**

```
chpl> var A: [1..n] real;  
OK.  
chpl> [i in 1..n] A = i / 2.0;  
OK.  
chpl> writeln(A);  
0.5 1.0 1.5 2.0 2.5 3.0  
chpl> proc foo(x) { x *= 2; }  
OK.
```

- **What if this worked not only on your desktop, but by offloading onto compute nodes as well:**

```
chpl> var myLocales = getNode(100);  
OK.  
chpl> var MyDist = new Block({1..1000000}, myLocales);  
OK.
```

- **We've recently started an effort to implement such a capability**



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Working toward “The Chapel Foundation”

- If Chapel remains Cray-steered, its chances of succeeding are much lower
- The intention has always been to “turn it over to the community” when it’s ready
 - finding the correct timing is tricky
- We’ve started the brainstorming process of what such a model would look like (“The Chapel Foundation”)
 - membership roles
 - governance
 - funding models
- If you have thoughts on this, we’re interested in them

For More Information: Online Resources

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

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

Chapel Facebook page: <http://fb.com/ChapelLanguage>

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

- download 1.10.0 release, browse source repository

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

- join community mailing lists; alternative release download site

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- chapel_info@cray.com: contact the team at Cray
- chapel-announce@lists.sourceforge.net: list for announcements only
- chapel-users@lists.sourceforge.net: user-oriented discussion list
- chapel-developers@lists.sourceforge.net: developer discussion
- chapel-education@lists.sourceforge.net: educator discussion
- chapel-bugs@lists.sourceforge.net: public bug forum

Questions? Topics For Discussion?



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What are the three most important things that Chapel and the community need to do in the next four years in order to increase the user base and maximize the chances of success? Alternatively, what are the top three things currently inhibiting the rate of Chapel adoption?

contributed by: Pete Ungaro, Peg Williams (Cray Inc.)



Is there a *killer* application space for Chapel (potentially outside of HPC) with strong community support that could help build support for the language? If so, how do we tap into that community?

contributed by: Rob Neely (LLNL)



Are there lessons from the adoption (or failure) of other largely community-supported languages (e.g. Python, Ruby) that Chapel could learn from to attract wider support, and avoid becoming a footnote in the history of programming languages? Do you believe this is possible in the HPC field?

*contributed by: Rob Neely (LLNL)
Jens Brietbart (Technische Universität München)*



What future capabilities of expected, presumed, and rumored large scale computing systems (supercomputers, clusters, cloud, etc.) do you see directly impacting the ability of Chapel to provide acceptable performance?

*contributed by: Richard Barrett (Sandia),
Thomas Van Doren (Cray Inc.)*



What model of collaboration should we adopt as we move Chapel to become a community-controlled project? Should there be separate models for the language specification and the actual implementation?

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Domain Specific Languages (DSLs) have regained popularity recently. Could Chapel and its multi-resolution philosophy be used as the foundation for building DSLs?

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