### Parallelizing a Traffic Simulation

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## Why a simulation?

Real world is always much more fun than the imaginary one. However, sometimes it is better to test in the second one

#### Traffic all around us, literally!

- Public transportation user? It is sooo slow!
- You have a car? Well I don't!
- Why not take a walk? Wonderful idea, not everybody can afford that though

### Parallelism is easy, right?

What we need?

- Fast computers
- Cool new technology to play with
- Free time

## But what if you have only the technology?





# Welcome to OpenCL

■ Open specification

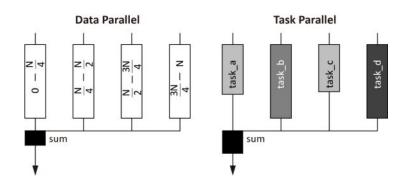
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- Design a fancy UI for the jury

#### Thanks!

The End

#### Resources

- Khronos Group official OpenCL page
- OpenCL diagram
- OpenCL Overview