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

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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

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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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- Proposed by Apple

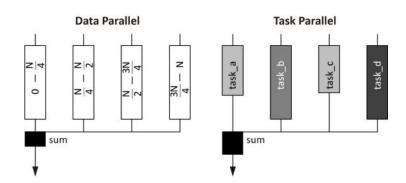
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- Design a fancy UI for the jury

Thanks!

The End

Resources

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