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Lab 1: A Gentle Introduction to CUDA

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Get CUDA Up and Running

Option 1: Personal computer

- <https://developer.nvidia.com/cuda-downloads>
- Don't do this now!



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Option 2: Using gpu-servers:

- `$ ssh -l <username> ssh-diku-apl.science.ku.dk`
- Password:
- `$ ssh gpu01-diku-apl`
- Password:
- Add the following to your `.bashrc` file:
 - `$ export PATH=/usr/local/cuda/bin:$PATH`
 - `$ export`
`LD_LIBRARY_PATH=/usr/local/cuda/lib64:$LD_LIBRARY_PATH`
 - `$ export LIBRARY_PATH=$LD_LIBRARY_PATH:$LIBRARY_PATH`
- And you are ready to go:
`$ nvcc ...`



Let's Try it Out:

```
$ ssh gpu01
```

```
$ cp -r /usr/local/cuda/samples .
```

```
$ cd samples/1_Uutilities/deviceQuery
```

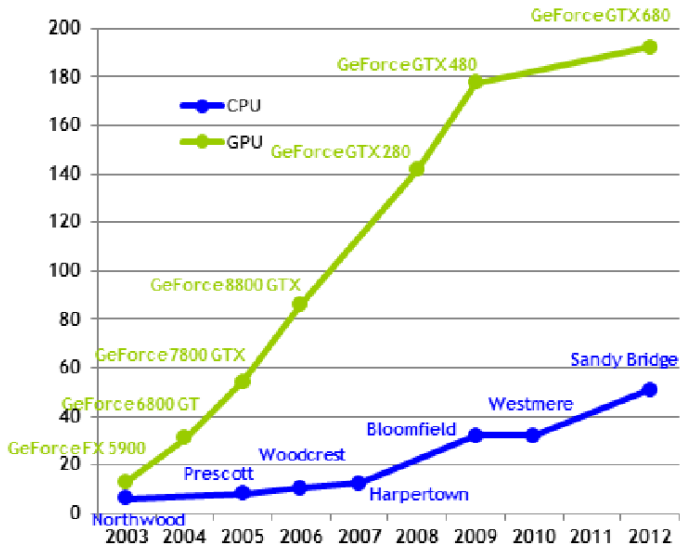
```
$ make
```

```
$ ./deviceQuery
```

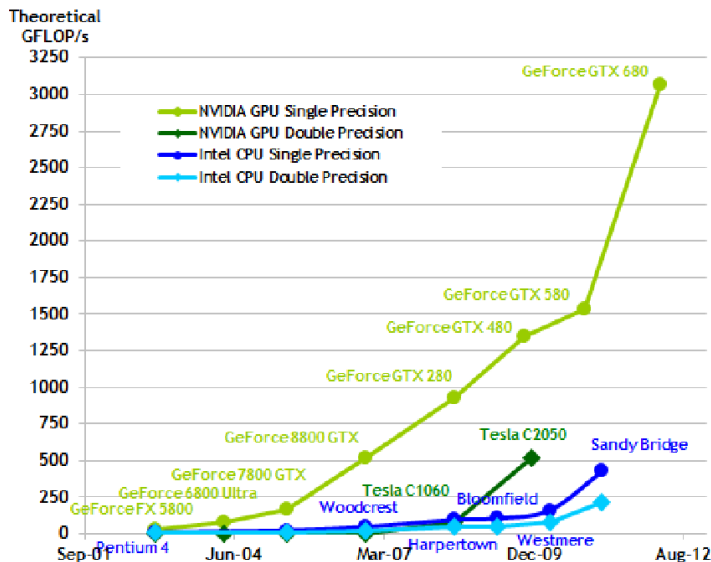


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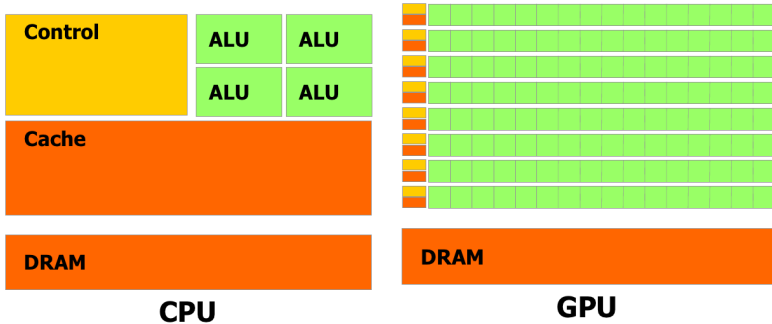
Theoretical GB/s



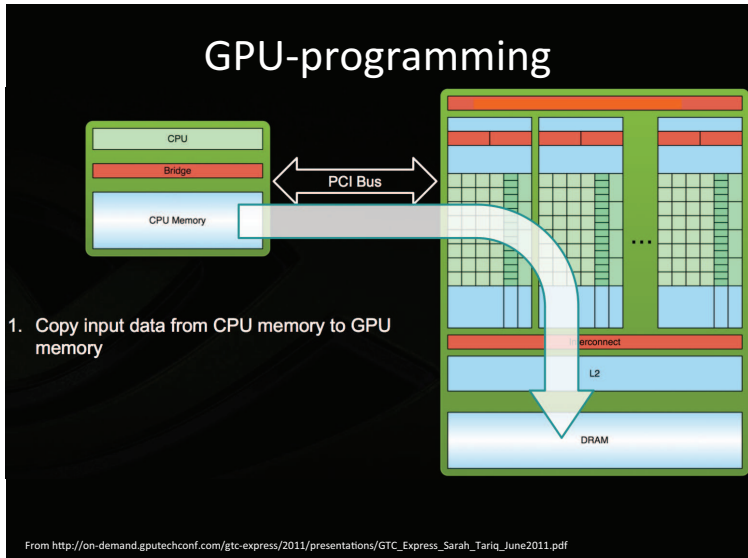
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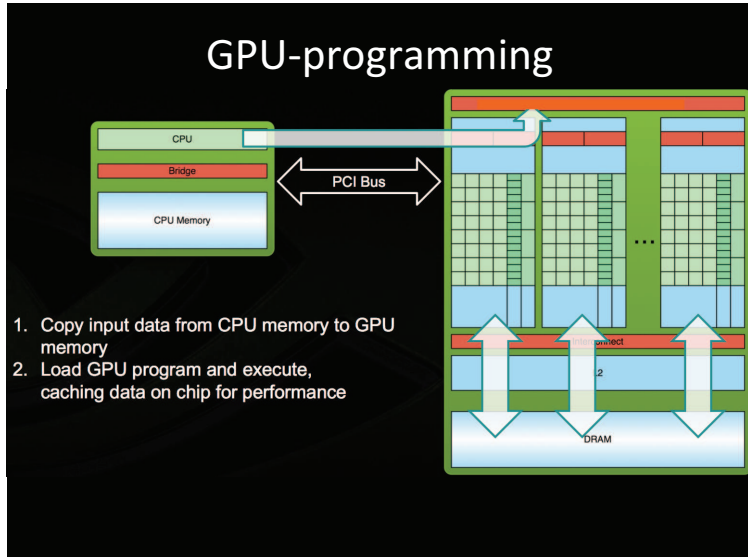
Difficulties in Programming GPGPUs



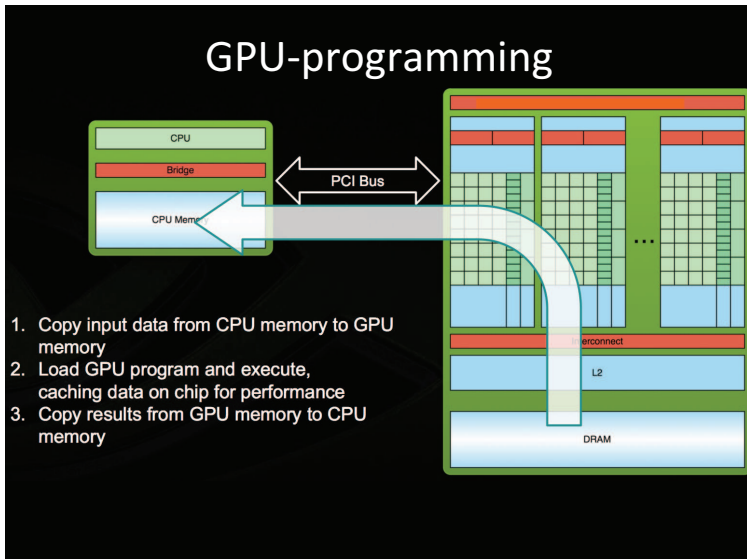
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```

#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <math.h>

#include <cuda_runtime.h>

__global__ void squareKernel(float *d_in, float *d_out)
{
    const unsigned int tid = threadIdx.x; // access thread id
    d_out[tid] = d_in[tid]*d_in[tid];    // do computation
}

int main(int argc, char **argv)
{
    unsigned int num_threads = 32;
    unsigned int mem_size = sizeof(float) * num_threads;

    // allocate host memory
    float *h_in = (float *)malloc(mem_size);
    float *h_out = (float *) malloc(mem_size);

    // initialize the memory
    for (unsigned int i = 0; i < num_threads; ++i){
        h_in[i] = (float) i;
    }

    // allocate device memory
    float *d_in;
    float *d_out;
    cudaMalloc((void **) &d_in, mem_size);
    cudaMalloc((void **) &d_out, mem_size);

    // copy host memory to device
    cudaMemcpy(d_in, h_in, mem_size, cudaMemcpyHostToDevice);

    // execute the kernel
    squareKernel<<< 1, num_threads >>>(d_in, d_out);

    // copy result from device to host
    cudaMemcpy(h_out, d_out, sizeof(float) * num_threads, cudaMemcpyDeviceToHost);

    for (unsigned int i=0; i<num_threads; ++i){
        printf("%i\n",h_out[i]);
    }

    // cleanup memory
    free(h_in);
    free(h_out);
    cudaFree(d_in);
    cudaFree(d_out);

    return 0;
}

```



A Simple CUDA Program

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <math.h>
#include <cuda_runtime.h>

__global__ void squareKernel(float* d_in, float *d_out) {
    const unsigned int lid = threadIdx.x; // local id inside a block
    const unsigned int gid = blockIdx.x*blockDim.x + lid; // global id
    d_out[gid] = d_in[gid]*d_in[gid];    // do computation
}

int main(int argc, char** argv) {
    unsigned int N = 32;
    unsigned int mem_size = N*sizeof(float);

    // allocate host memory
    float* h_in  = (float*) malloc(mem_size);
    float* h_out = (float*) malloc(mem_size);

    // initialize the memory
    for(unsigned int i=0; i<N; ++i){
        h_in[i] = (float)i;
    }
```



A Simple CUDA Program (continuation)

```
// allocate device memory
float* d_in;
float* d_out;
cudaMalloc((void**)&d_in,  mem_size);
cudaMalloc((void**)&d_out, mem_size);

// copy host memory to device
cudaMemcpy(d_in, h_in, mem_size, cudaMemcpyHostToDevice);

// execute the kernel
squareKernel<<< 1, N>>>(d_in, d_out);

// copy result from ddevice to host
cudaMemcpy(h_out, d_out, mem_size, cudaMemcpyDeviceToHost);

// print result
for(unsigned int i=0; i<N; ++i) printf("%.6f\n", h_out[i]);

// clean-up memory
free(h_in);      free(h_out);
cudaFree(d_in);  cudaFree(d_out);
}
```



Save, Compile, Run

```
$ nvcc -O3 simpleCUDA.cu
```

```
$ ./a.out
```



Measuring Runtime

```
#include <sys/time.h>
#include <time.h>

int timeval_subtract(    struct timeval* result,
                        struct timeval* t2,struct timeval* t1) {
    unsigned int resolution=1000000;
    long int diff = (t2->tv_usec + resolution * t2->tv_sec) -
                    (t1->tv_usec + resolution * t1->tv_sec) ;
    result->tv_sec = diff / resolution;    result->tv_usec = diff % resolution;
    return (diff<0);
}

#define GPU_RUNS 100
int main() { ...
    unsigned long int elapsed; struct timeval t_start, t_end, t_diff;
    gettimeofday(&t_start, NULL);

    // execute the kernel
    for(int i=0; i<GPU_RUNS; i++) {
        squareKernel<<< 1, N>>>(d_in, d_out);
    } cudaThreadSynchronize();

    gettimeofday(&t_end, NULL);
    timeval_subtract(&t_diff, &t_end, &t_start);
    elapsed = (t_diff.tv_sec*1e6+t_diff.tv_usec) / GPU_RUNS;
    printf("Took %d microseconds (%.2fms)\n",elapsed,elapsed/1000.0);
...}
```



Trouble Ahead

This week assignment:

Write a CUDA program that maps the function $(x/(x-2.3))^3$ to the array $[0, 1, \dots, 753411]$ and writes the result to a file

This shouldn't be a problem with our program (adapt the kernel)

- GPU logical threads organized in a number of blocks (grid) of a given size, in which the grid and the block can have up to three dimensions.
- However CUDA does **not** accept a block of size 32757
 - a **CUDA warp** is formed by 32 threads that execute SIMD.
 - a **CUDA block** may contain up to 1024 threads (included).
Synchronization is possible inside a CUDA block by means of barriers and scratchpad memory (shared memory).
 - Barrier synchronization is not possible outside the CUDA block (only by finishing the kernel)!
- Finally if the size of the computation does not matches exactly a multiple of block size, then you need to spawn extra threads, but add an **if** inside the kernel so that the extra threads do no work!



GPGPU in More Detail

- A set of Streaming Multiprocessors (SMs)

From `deviceQuery`:

(15) Multiprocessors, (192) CUDA Cores/MP: 2880 CUDA Cores

- Each SM executes 1 'thread block' at a time.
- Each block has access to
 - Global memory (function arguments)

From `deviceQuery`:

Total amount of global memory: 3072 MBytes

- Shared memory (`__shared__ int array[512]`)

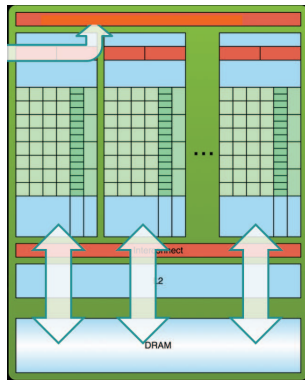
From `deviceQuery`:

Total amount of shared memory per block: 49152 bytes

- Local memory (local variables)

From `deviceQuery`:

Total number of registers available per block: 65536



Running Multiple Blocks

```
unsigned int N = 32757;
unsigned int mem_size    = N*sizeof(float);
unsigned int block_size  = 256;
unsigned int num_blocks  = ((N + (block_size - 1)) / block_size);

// execute the kernel
squareKernel<<< num_blocks, block_size>>>(d_in, d_out, N);

...

__global__ void squareKernel(float* d_in, float *d_out, int N) {
    const unsigned int lid = threadIdx.x; // local id inside a block
    const unsigned int gid = blockIdx.x*blockDim.x + lid; // global id
    if(gid < N) {
        d_out[gid] = d_in[gid]*d_in[gid];    // do computation
    }
}
```

