



#### **CUDA GPU with Caches**



# Memory spaces and performance

- Global Memory
  - cached (L2 and L1)
  - read and write
  - dynamic allocation in device code possible
- Constant Memory
  - cached
  - read-only

- Texture Memory
  - cached
  - interpolation
  - 'read-only'
- Shared Memory
  - communication between threads
- Register
  - private for each thread
  - (exchangeable)

#### **Global Memory**



- Main data storage
  - Use for input and output data
  - Linear arrays
- Access pattern important
- Cache behavior important
- Relatively slow
  - Bandwidth: ~ 180-280 GB/s
  - Non-cached coalesced access: 300 cycles/ns
  - L2 cached access: 160 cycles/ns
  - L1 caches access: 20 cycles/ns

# Cache usage



- Not intended for the same use as CPU caches
  - Smaller size (especially per thread)
  - Not aimed for temporal reuse
  - Smooth-out access patterns
  - help with spilled registers (L1 on Kepler)
- Don't try cache blocking like on CPU
  - 100s of threads accessing L1
  - 1000s of threads accessing L2
  - use shared memory instead
- Optimizations should not target the cache architecture

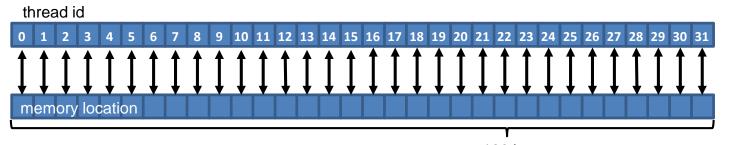


#### Global memory operations

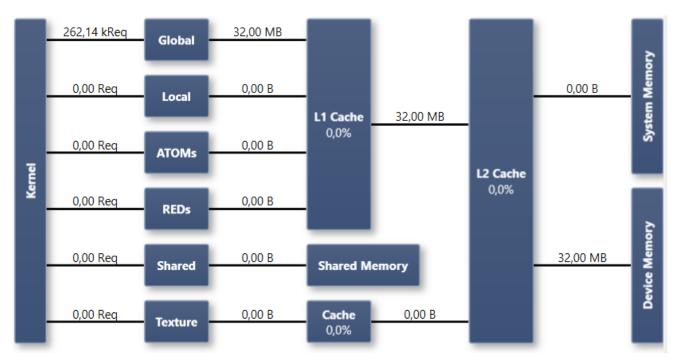
- Cacheline Size
  - L1: 128 Byte
  - L2: 32 Byte
- Stores
  - Write-through for L1
  - Write-back for L2
- Memory operations are issued per warp
  - Threads provide addresses
  - Combined to lines/segments needed
  - Requested and served
- Try to get coalescing per warp
  - Align starting address
  - Access within a contiguous region



testCoalesced done in 0.240736ms -> 69.6914GB/s





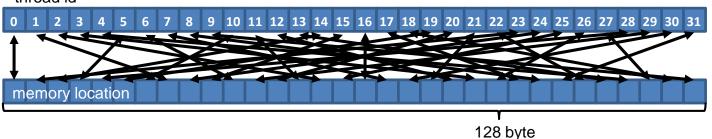


Coalesced

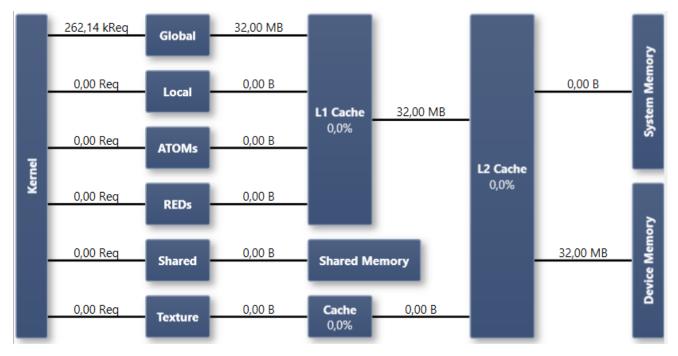


testCoalesced done in 0.240736ms -> 69.6914GB/s testMixed done in 0.24736ms -> 67.8251GB/s

#### thread id





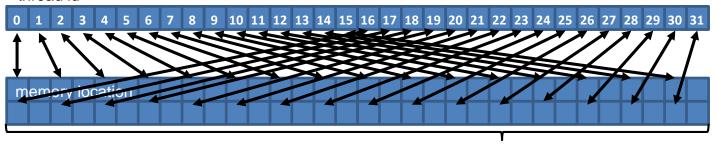


Mixed

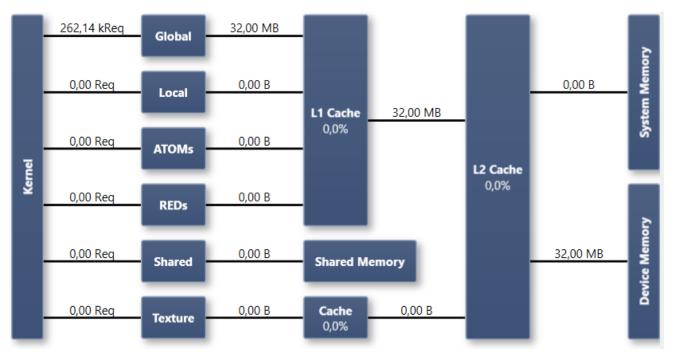


```
template<int offset>
     global void testOffset(int *in, int* out, int elements)
25
      int block offset = blockIdx.x*blockDim.x;
26
      int warp_offset = 32*(threadIdx.x/32);
27
      int laneid = threadIdx.x%32;
      int id = ((block_offset + warp_offset + laneid)*offset)%elements;
29
30
                           testCoalesced -> 69.69GB/s
      out[id] = in[id];
31
                           testOffset<2> -> 40.80GB/s testOffset<4> -> 20.27GB/s
32
                           testOffset<8> -> 10.06GB/s testOffset<32> -> 6.54GB/s
```

#### thread id

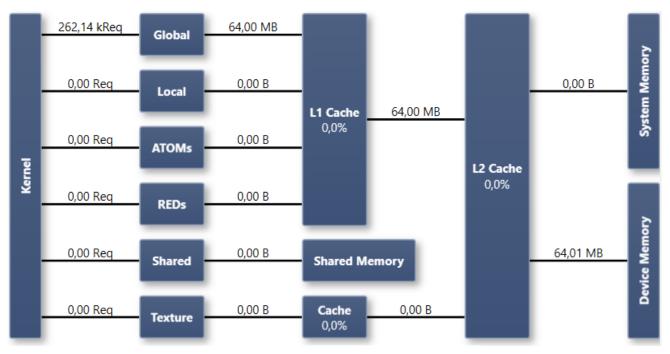






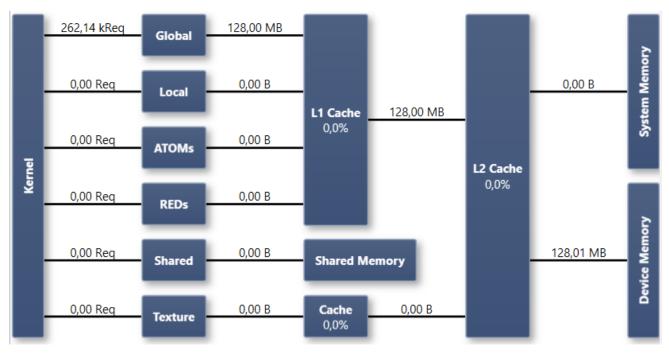
Coalesced 69.69GB/s





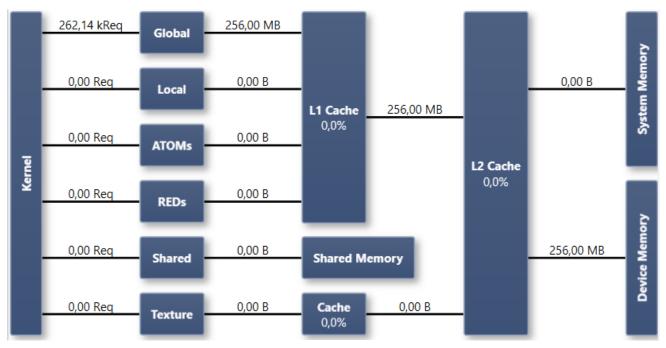
Offset 2 40.80GB/s (0.58)





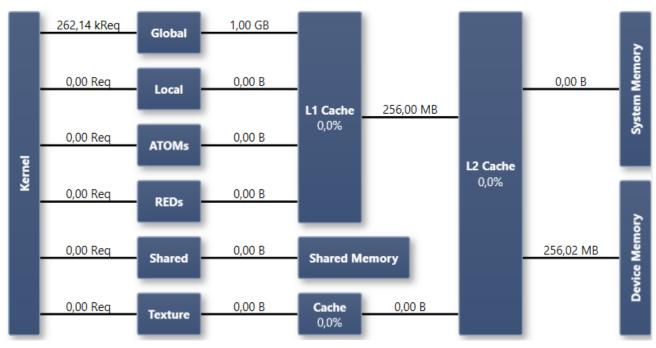
Offset 4 20.27GB/s (0.29)





Offset 8 10.06GB/s (0.14)



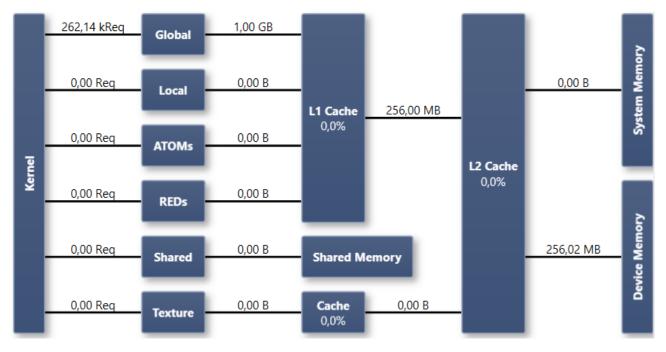


Offset 32 6.54GB/s (0.09)



testCoalesced done in 0.240736ms -> 69.6914GB/s testOffset<32> done in 2.5617ms -> 6.54351GB/s testScattered done in 4.70234ms -> 3.56785GB/s





Scattered 3.57GB/s (0.05)



# **Granularity Example Summary**

•	testCoalesced done in	0.2407ms	->	69.6914GB/s
	testMixed done in	0.2478ms	->	67.6937GB/s
	testOffset<2> done in	0.4111ms	->	40.8073GB/s
	testOffset<4> done in	0.8276ms	->	20.2717GB/s
	testOffset<8> done in	1.6669ms	->	10.0647GB/s
	testOffset<32> done in	2.5617ms	->	6.54351GB/s
	testScattered done in	4.7023ms	->	3.56785GB/s

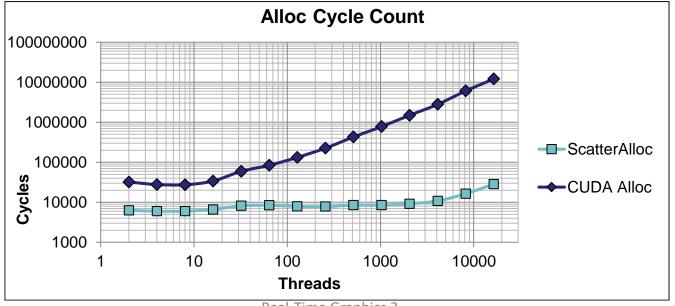
- Access pattern within 128 Byte segment does not matter
- Offset between data → more requests need to be handled
- Peak performance not met due to computation overhead
- More scattered data access slower with GDDR RAM





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- malloc / free, new / delete are possible for cc >= 2.0
- Very slow 20 000 10 000 000 cycles



# Constant memory



- Read-only
- Ideal for coefficients and other data that is read uniformly by warps
- Data is stored in global memory, read through cache
  - \_\_constant\_\_ qualifier
  - limited to 64KB
- Fermi added uniform access:
  - Load Uniform (LDU) command for const pointer
  - Goes through same cache
  - Compiler determines that all threads in a block will dereference the same address
  - no size limit



# Constant memory cont'd

- Cache throughput
  - 4 bytes per warp per clock
  - All threads in warp read the same address
  - Otherwise serialized



#### Constant Memory Example

```
constant float c array[128];
device float d array[128];
         const float dc array[128];
device
global
         void kernel()
float a = c array[0];
                             // ld.const
                                              25ns
float b = c array[blockIdx.x]; // ld.const
                                              25ns
float c = c array[threadIdx.x]; // ld.const
                                              920ns
float d = d array[blockIdx.x]; // ld.global
                                              21ns
float e = d array[threadIdx.x]; // ld.global
                                              42ns
float f = dc array[blockIdx.x]; // ldu
                                              21ns
float g = dc array[threadIdx.x];// ld.global
                                              42ns
```



#### Constant Memory Example 2

```
constant float c array[1024];
device float d array[1024];
device const float dc array[1024];
global void kernel()
for (int i = 0; i < 800; i+= 8)
 25ns
 float b = c array[blockIdx.x+i]; // ld.const
                                             25ns
 float c = c array[threadIdx.x+i]; // ld.const
                                           1195ns
                                             84ns
 float d = d array[blockIdx.x+i]; // ld.global
 float e = d array[threadIdx.x+i]; // ld.global
                                            127ns
 float f = dc array[blockIdx.x+i]; // ldu
                                             84ns
 float g = dc array[threadIdx.x+i];// ld.global
                                            127ns
```



# Constant memory

- Only useable if all threads within a warp read the same value
- Constant can be faster than global
- Uses different cache than global
- Compiler can automatically put things to constant

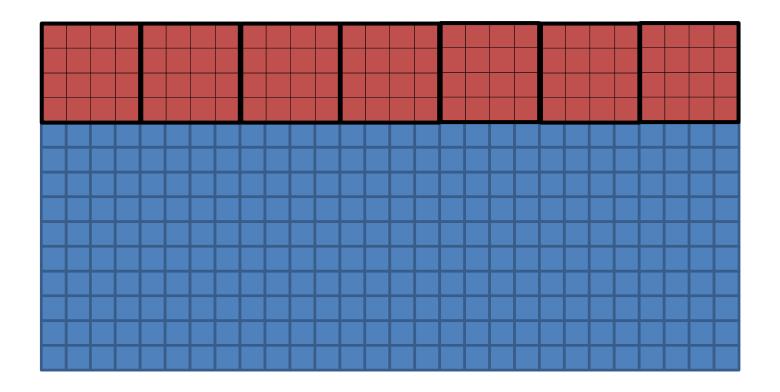
# Texture memory



- Separate cache
- Textures are laid out in memory to optimize data locality for the respective dimensionality (cudaArray)
  - e.g. accesses to 2D region should hit the cache
- Surfaces allow writing to cudaArrays
- Concurrent writing and reading undefined result
- Can also bind global memory to textures







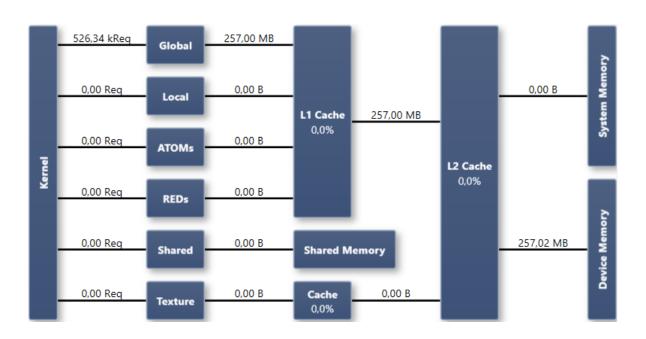


#### RowAfterRow: Texture vs Global

```
global void deviceLoadRowAfterRow(const float4* data, int pitch, int width, int height, float4* out)
 8
 9
      float4 sum = make float4(0,0,0,0);
      int xin = blockIdx.x*blockDim.x + threadIdx.x;
10
      int yin = blockIdx.y*blockDim.y + threadIdx.y;
11
      for(int y = yin; y < height; y+=blockDim.y)</pre>
12
13
14
        float4 in = data[xin + v*pitch];
15
         sum.x += in.x; sum.y += in.y; sum.z += in.z; sum.w += in.w;
16
      out[xin + yin*gridDim.x*blockDim.x] = sum;
17
18
      global void texLoadRowAfterRow( int width, int height, float4* out)
32
33
      float4 sum = make float4(0,0,0,0);
34
      int xin = blockIdx.x*blockDim.x + threadIdx.x;
35
      int vin = blockIdx.v*blockDim.v + threadIdx.v;
36
      for(int y = yin; y < height; y+=blockDim.y)</pre>
37
38
        float4 in = tex2D(myTex,xin,y);
39
40
         sum.x += in.x; sum.y += in.y; sum.z += in.z; sum.w += in.w;
41
42
      out[xin + yin*gridDim.x*blockDim.x] = sum;
43
```



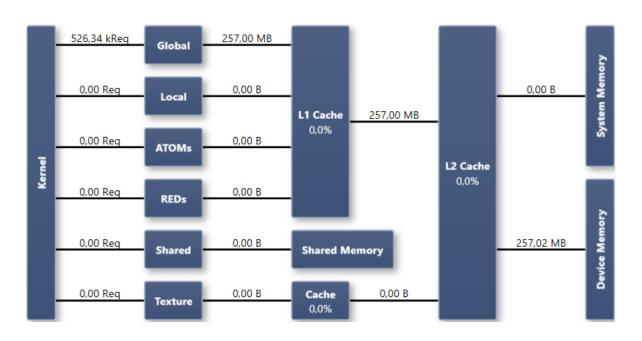




global linear (cudaMalloc) 177GB/s



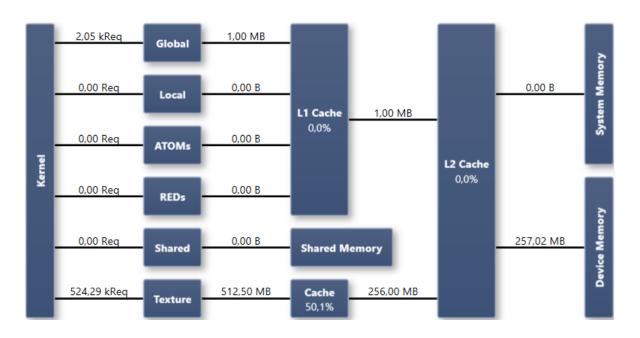




global 2D (cudaMallocPitch) 178GB/s



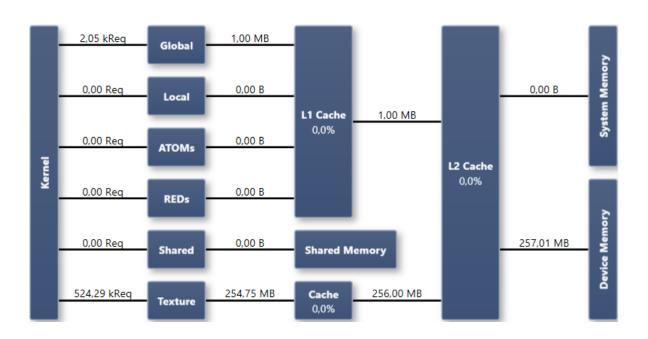




texture (cudaArray) 174GB/s



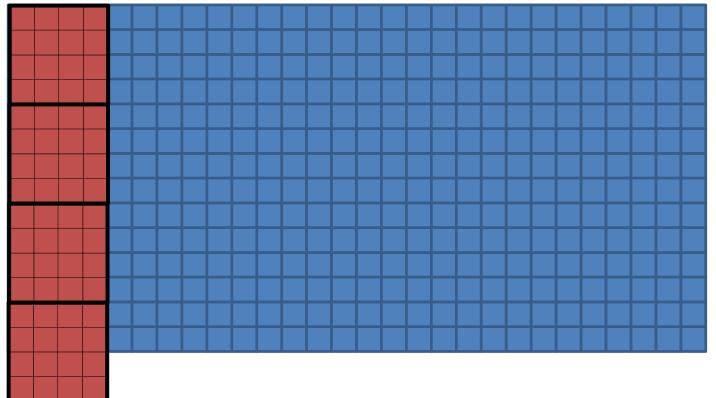




texture (cudaMallocPitch) 175GB/s





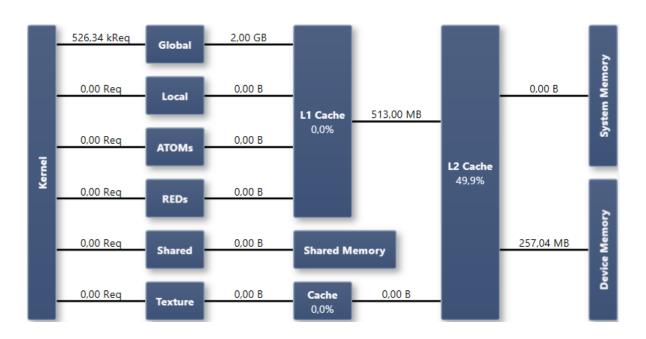


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#### ColumnAfterColumn: Texture vs Global

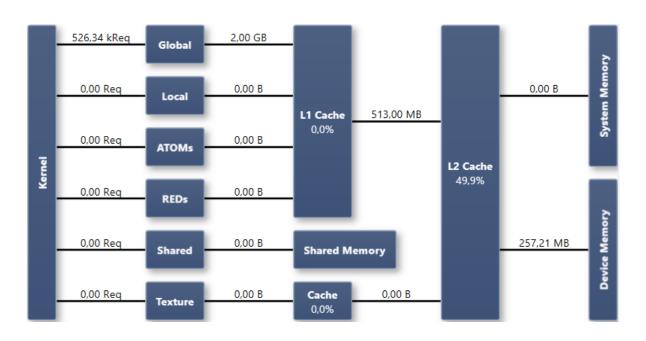
```
global void deviceLoadColumnAfterColumn(const float4* data, int pitch, int width, int height, float4* out)
20
      float4 sum = make float4(0,0,0,0);
21
      int xin = blockIdx.x*blockDim.x + threadIdx.x;
22
      int yin = blockIdx.y*blockDim.y + threadIdx.y;
23
      for(int x = xin; x < width; x+=blockDim.x)</pre>
24
25
         float4 in = data[yin + x*pitch];
26
         sum.x += in.x; sum.y += in.y; sum.z += in.z; sum.w += in.w;
27
28
29
       out[xin + vin*gridDim.x*blockDim.x] = sum;
30
      global void texLoadColumnAfterColumn( int width, int height, float4* out)
45
      float4 sum = make float4(0,0,0,0);
46
       int xin = blockIdx.x*blockDim.x + threadIdx.x;
47
       int yin = blockIdx.y*blockDim.y + threadIdx.y;
48
       for(int x = xin; x < width; x+=blockDim.x)</pre>
49
50
         float4 in = tex2D(myTex,yin,x);
51
         sum.x += in.x; sum.y += in.y; sum.z += in.z; sum.w += in.w;
52
53
54
       out[xin + yin*gridDim.x*blockDim.x] = sum;
55
```

# ColumnAfterColumn: Texture vs Global



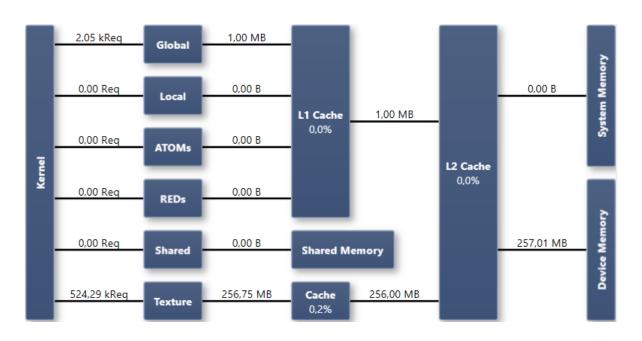
global linear (cudaMalloc) 46GB/s

# ColumnAfterColumn: Texture vs Global



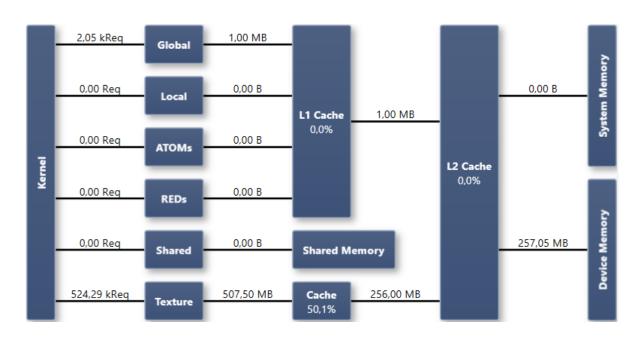
global 2D (cudaMallocPitch) 46GB/s

## ColumnAfterColumn: Texture vs Global



texture (cudaArray) 171GB/s

## ColumnAfterColumn: Texture vs Global



texture (cudaMallocPitch) 63GB/s



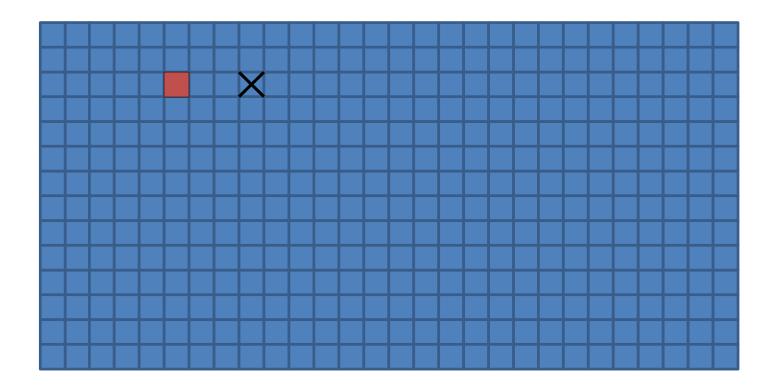
## Texture vs Global: Sliding

```
globalLinRowAfterRow
                                          -> 177.815GB/s
                              1.50963ms
global2DRowAfterRow
                              1.50355ms
                                          -> 178.534GB/s
texArrayRowAfterRow
                              1.53712ms
                                          -> 174.635GB/s
tex2DMemRowAfterRow
                              1.53299ms
                                          -> 175.106GB/s
globalLinColumnAfterColumn
                              5.85152ms
                                          -> 45.8745GB/s
global2DColumnAfterColumn
                              5.85245ms
                                          -> 45.8672GB/s
texArrayColumnAfterColumn
                              1.56563ms
                                          -> 171.455GB/s
tex2DMemColumnAfterColumn
                              4.25344ms
                                          -> 63.1102GB/s
```

- Row access is similarly efficient with all types
- Column access via cudaArray allows for direct load while others need cache
- Texture access more efficient than L2 cache







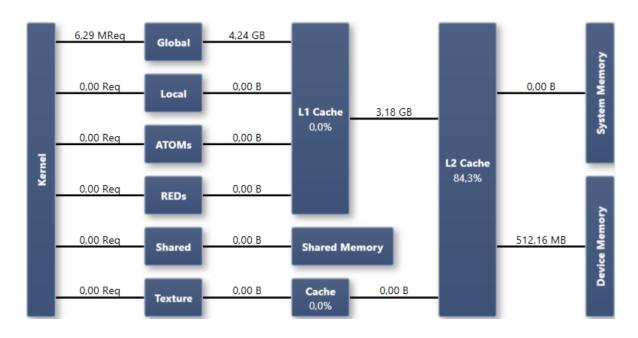


```
global void globalFilterX(const float4* data, int pitch, int width, int height, float4* out, int offset)
59
       float4 sum = make float4(0,0,0,0);
60
       int xin = blockIdx.x*blockDim.x + threadIdx.x;
61
       int yin = blockIdx.y*blockDim.y + threadIdx.y;
62
63
       if(xin >= offset && xin < width-offset-1)
64
65
66
           for(int x = xin-offset; x <= xin+offset; ++x)</pre>
67
             float4 in = data[x + yin*pitch];
68
69
             sum.x += in.x; sum.y += in.y; sum.z += in.z; sum.w += in.w;
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72
       yin = yin % blockDim.y;
73
       out[xin + yin*gridDim.x*blockDim.x] = sum;
74
```



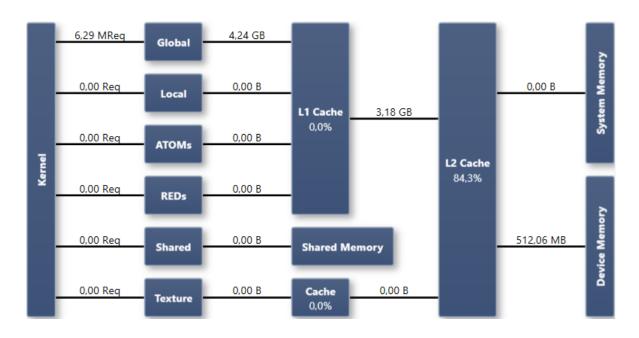
```
94 place global void texFilterX(int width, int height, float4* out, int offset)
 95
        float4 sum = make float4(0,0,0,0);
 96
        int xin = blockIdx.x*blockDim.x + threadIdx.x;
 97
 98
        int yin = blockIdx.y*blockDim.y + threadIdx.y;
 99
        for(int x = xin-offset; x <= xin+offset; ++x)</pre>
100
101
          float4 in = tex2D(myTex,x,yin);
102
          sum.x += in.x; sum.y += in.y; sum.z += in.z; sum.w += in.w;
103
104
105
106
        yin = yin % blockDim.y;
        out[xin + yin*gridDim.x*blockDim.x] = sum;
107
108
```





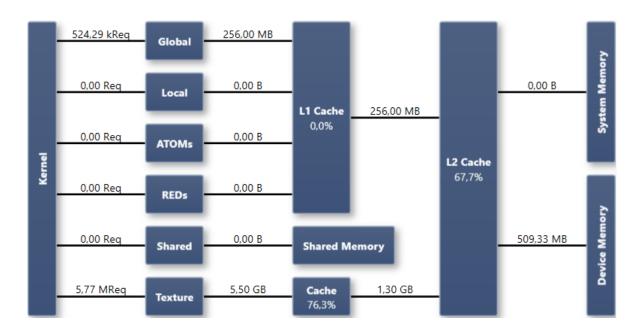
global linear (cudaMalloc) 273GB/s





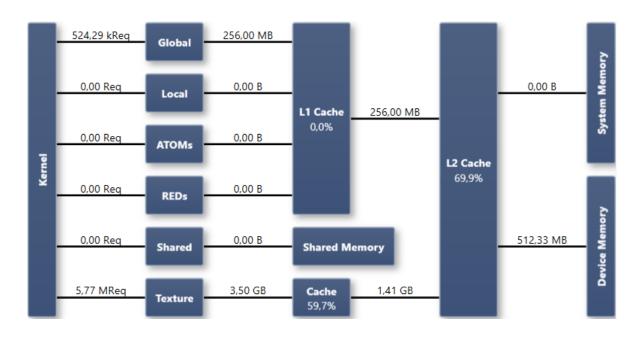
global 2D (cudaMallocPitch) 274GB/s





texture (cudaArray) 587GB/s

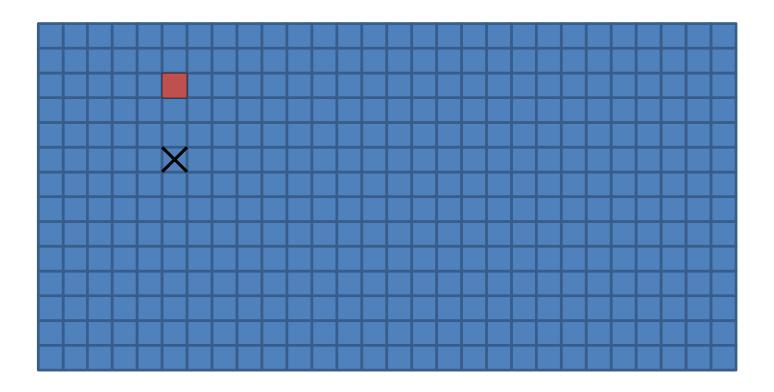




texture (cudaMallocPitch) 514GB/s







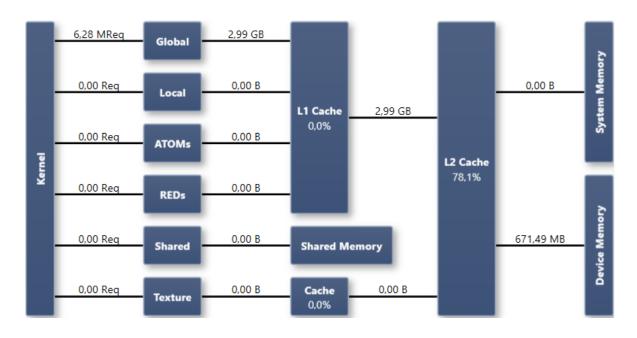


```
global void globalFilterY(const float4* data, int pitch, int width, int height, float4* out, int offset)
76
       float4 sum = make float4(0,0,0,0);
77
       int xin = blockIdx.x*blockDim.x + threadIdx.x;
78
       int yin = blockIdx.y*blockDim.y + threadIdx.y;
79
80
       if(yin >= offset && yin < height-offset-1)</pre>
81
82
83
           for(int y = yin-offset; y <= yin+offset; ++y)</pre>
84
85
             float4 in = data[xin + y*pitch];
             sum.x += in.x; sum.y += in.y; sum.z += in.z; sum.w += in.w;
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89
       vin = vin % blockDim.v;
       out[xin + yin*gridDim.x*blockDim.x] = sum;
90
91
```



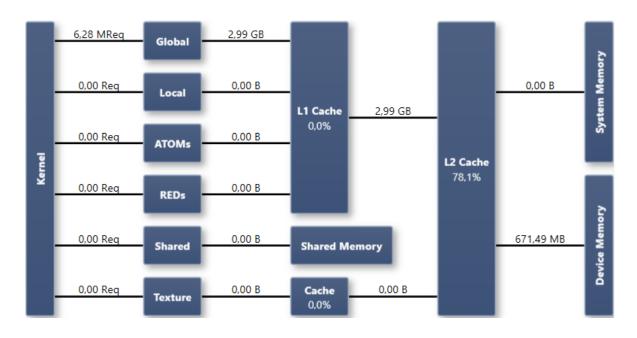
```
111 E global void texFilterY(int width, int height, float4* out, int offset)
112
       float4 sum = make_float4(0,0,0,0);
113
       int xin = blockIdx.x*blockDim.x + threadIdx.x;
114
115
       int yin = blockIdx.y*blockDim.y + threadIdx.y;
116
117
       for(int y = yin-offset; y <= yin+offset; ++y)</pre>
118
          float4 in = tex2D(myTex,xin,y);
119
120
          sum.x += in.x; sum.y += in.y; sum.z += in.z; sum.w += in.w;
121
122
       yin = yin % blockDim.y;
       out[xin + yin*gridDim.x*blockDim.x] = sum;
123
124
```





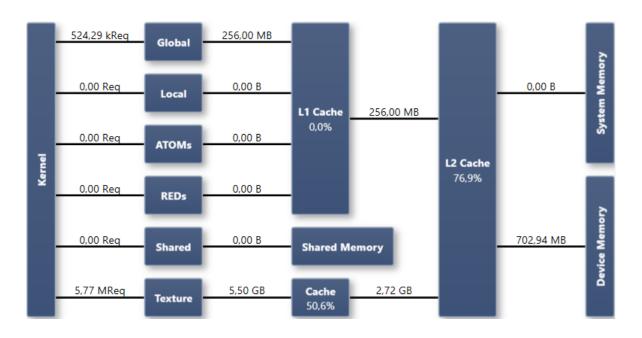
global linear (cudaMalloc) 291GB/s





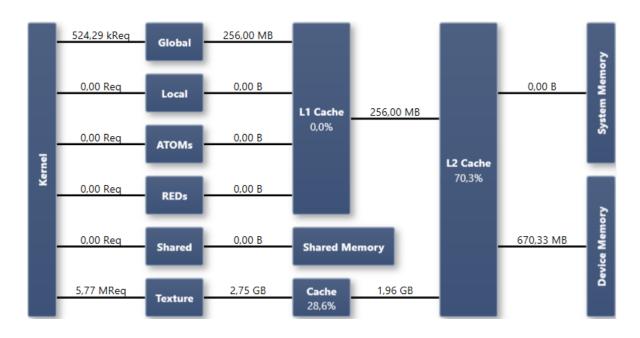
global 2D (cudaMallocPitch) 291GB/s





texture (cudaArray) 364GB/s





texture (cudaMallocPitch) 495GB/s



## Texture vs Global: Filtering

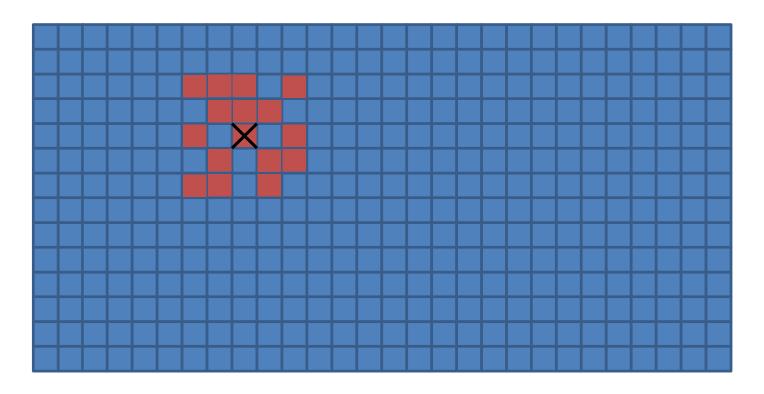
globalLinFilterX 10.7816ms -> 273.872GB/s global2DFilterX 10.7704ms -> 274.157GB/s texArrayFilterX 5.02566ms -> 587.542GB/s tex2DFilterX 5.73747ms -> 514.65GB/s

globalLinFilterY 10.1444ms -> 291.076GB/s global2DFilterY 10.1401ms -> 291.2GB/s texArrayFilterY 8.09706ms -> 364.674GB/s tex2DFilterY 5.95472ms -> 495.874GB/s

- L2 cache important for all examples,
- Texture cache boosts speed
- Filtering along X is faster than Y

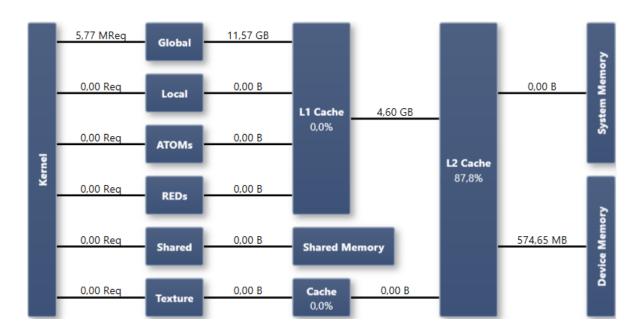


## Random Access in vicinity

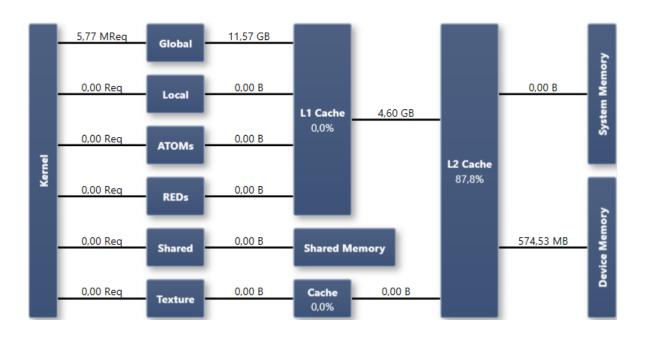


```
template<int Area>
126
127 global void globalRandomSample(const float4* data, int pitch, int width, int height, float4* out, int samples)
128
129
       float4 sum = make float4(0,0,0,0);
        int xin = blockIdx.x*blockDim.x + Area*(threadIdx.x/Area);
130
131
        int yin = blockIdx.y*blockDim.y + Area*(threadIdx.y/Area);
132
133
       unsigned int xseed = threadIdx.x *9182 + threadIdx.y*91882
134
          + threadIdx.x*threadIdx.y*811 + 72923181;
        unsigned int vseed = threadIdx.x *981 + threadIdx.y*124523
135
136
         + threadIdx.x*threadIdx.v*327 + 98721121;
137
        for(int sample = 0; sample < samples; ++sample)</pre>
138
139
         unsigned int x = xseed%Area;
140
         unsigned int y = yseed%Area;
141
         xseed = (xseed * 1587);
142
143
         vseed = (vseed * 6971);
         float4 in = data[xin + x + (yin + y)*pitch];
144
          sum.x += in.x; sum.y += in.y; sum.z += in.z; sum.w += in.w;
145
146
147
       yin = (yin + threadIdx.y%Area) % blockDim.y;
148
        out[xin + threadIdx.x%Area + yin*width] = sum;
149
150
```

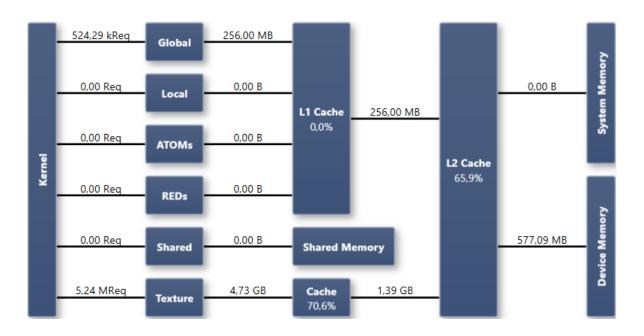
```
template<int Area>
152
154
       float4 sum = make float4(0,0,0,0);
155
       int xin = blockIdx.x*blockDim.x + Area*(threadIdx.x/Area);
156
       int yin = blockIdx.v*blockDim.v + Area*(threadIdx.v/Area);
157
158
159
       unsigned int xseed = threadIdx.x *9182 + threadIdx.y*91882
         + threadIdx.x*threadIdx.y*811 + 72923181;
160
       unsigned int yseed = threadIdx.x *981 + threadIdx.y*124523
161
         + threadIdx.x*threadIdx.y*327 + 98721121;
162
163
       for(int sample = 0; sample < samples; ++sample)</pre>
165
166
         unsigned int x = xseed%Area;
167
168
         unsigned int y = yseed%Area;
         xseed = (xseed * 1587);
169
        vseed = (yseed * 6971);
170
        float4 in = tex2D(myTex, xin + x, yin + y);
171
         sum.x += in.x; sum.v += in.v; sum.z += in.z; sum.w += in.w;
172
173
174
175
       yin = (yin + threadIdx.y%Area) % blockDim.y;
       out[xin + threadIdx.x%Area + yin*width] = sum;
176
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```



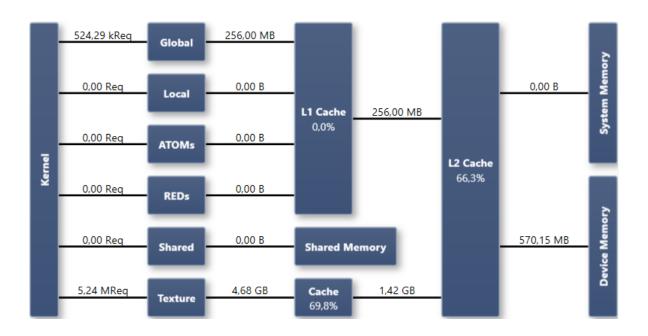
global linear (cudaMalloc) 112GB/s



global 2D (cudaMallocPitch) 112GB/s



texture (cudaArray) 355GB/s



texture (cudaMallocPitch) 356GB/s

# Texture vs Global: Random Sampling

globalLinRandomSample  $23.9213 ms \rightarrow 112.216 GB/s$  global2DRandomSample  $23.9196 ms \rightarrow 112.224 GB/s$  texArrayRandomSample  $7.54998 ms \rightarrow 355.544 GB/s$  tex2DRandomSample  $7.53933 ms \rightarrow 356.047 GB/s$ 

- L2 cache important for all examples
- Texture cache boosts speed

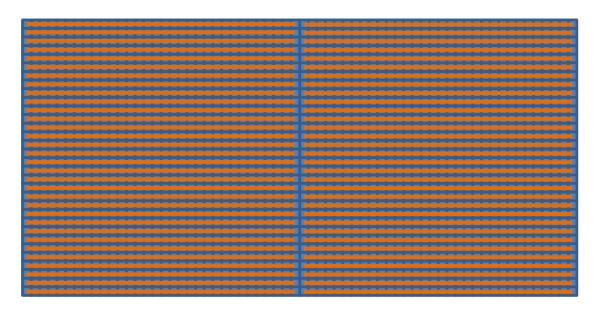


### Texture vs Global Conclusion

- Textures always perform as good or better
  - With textures performance less dependent on access direction/pattern
  - Textures put less stress on L2 cache
  - Texture cache separate from L1 cache
     (L1 free for other tasks)
  - Features: border handling, interpolation, conversion



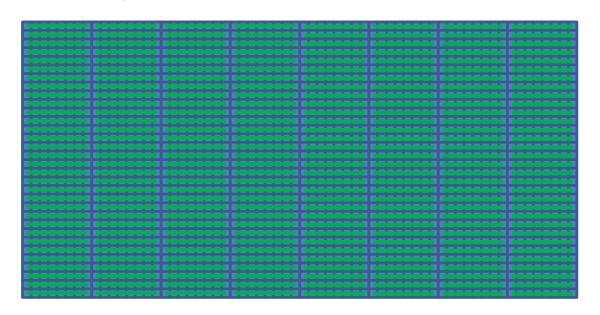
## Array vs Pitched Textures



• Pitched global access: cache line size 128 byte



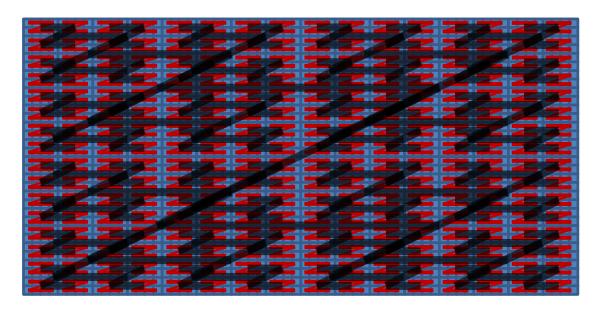
## Array vs Pitched Textures



- Pitched global access: cache line size 128 byte
- Pitched texture access: cache line size 32 byte



## Array vs Pitched Textures

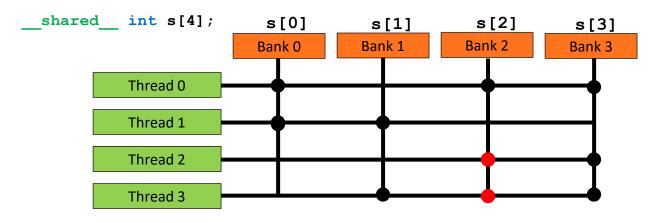


- Pitched global access: cache line size 128 byte
- Pitched texture access: cache line size 32 byte
- Array texture access: space filling curve (maybe Z curve)
   + cache line size 32 byte
   Real-Time Graphics 2



## Shared memory recap

- Shared access within one block (lifetime: block)
- Located on multiprocessor → very fast
- Limited available size on multiprocessor
- Crossbar: simultaneous access to distinct banks



### Shared memory



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- Accessed via crossbar  $\rightarrow$  access pattern important
- Different behavior for different architectures
  - Pre-Fermi: access issued per 16 threads 16 banks a 32 bits per 2 clock cycles
  - Fermi: access issued per 32 threads 32 banks a 32 bits per 2 clock cycles
  - Kepler: access issued per 32 threads 32 banks a 64 bits per clock cycle 64 bit mode: two threads can access any part of a 64 bit word

in the same bank modes can be set using the CUDA API bank = (address/4) % 16

bank = (address/4) % 32

bank = (address/8) % 32

bank = (address/4) % 32

32 bit mode: two threads can access any part of a 64 bit word which would fall

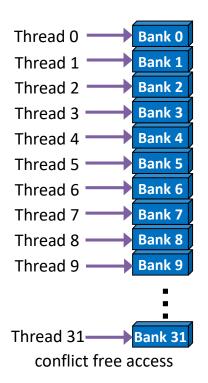


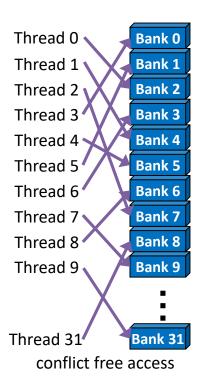
## Shared memory cont'd

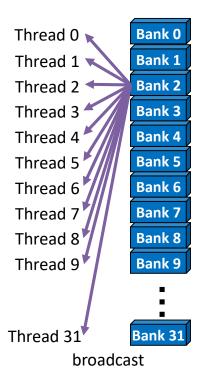
- Key to good performance is the access pattern
- Conflict free access: all threads within a warp access different banks (mind Kepler exceptions)
- Multicast: all threads accessing the same word are served with one transaction
- Serialization: multiple access conflicts will be serialized
- Introduce padding to avoid bank conflicts

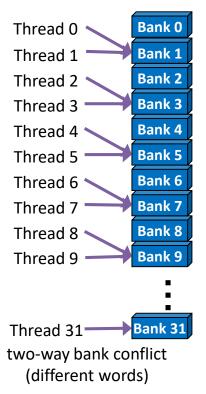














### Shared memory cont'd

```
global void kernel(...)
  shared float mydata[32*32];
float sum = 0;
for (uint i = 0; i < 32; ++i)
  sum += mydata[threadIdx.x + i*32]
sum = 0;
for (uint i = 0; i < 32; ++i)
  sum += mydata[threadIdx.x*32 + i];
```



### Shared memory cont'd

```
global void kernel(...)
  shared float mydata[32*(32 + 1)];
float sum = 0;
for (uint i = 0; i < 32; ++i)
  sum += mydata[threadIdx.x + i*33];
sum = 0;
for (uint i = 0; i < 32; ++i)
  sum += mydata[threadIdx.x*33 + i];
```



Inter-thread communication

```
global void kernel(...)
  shared bool run;
run = true; //for cc>=2 faster than if(threadId == 0)
  syncthreads();
while(run)
  if(found it)
    run = false;
    syncthreads();
```



- Inter-thread communication
- Reduce global memory access → manual cache

```
global void kernel(float* global_data, ...)
       shared float data[];
uint linid = blockIdx.x*blockDim.x + threadIdx.x;
//load
data[threadIdx.x] = global data[linid];
syncthreads();
for(uint it = 0; it < max it; ++it)</pre>
  calc iteration(data); //calc
  syncthreads();
//write back
global data[linid] = data[threadIdx.x];
```



- Inter-thread communication
- Reduce global memory access → manual cache
- Adjust global memory access pattern

```
global void transp(float* global data, float* global data2)
extern shared float data[];
uint linid1 = blockIdx.x*32 + threadIdx.x +
 blockIdx.y*32*width;
uint linid2 = blockIdx.x*32*width + threadIdx.x +
 blockIdx.v*32;
for (uint i = 0; i < 32; ++i)
 data[threadIdx.x + i*33] = global data[linid1 + i*width];
 syncthreads();
for (uint j = 0; j < 32; ++j)
global data2[linid2 + j*width] = data[threadIdx.x*33 + j] ;
```



- Inter-thread communication
- Reduce global memory access → manual cache
- Adjust global memory access pattern
- Indexed access



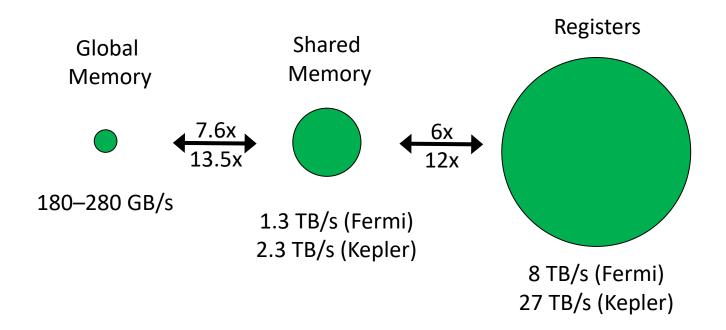
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- Inter-thread communication
- Reduce global memory access → manual cache
- Adjust global memory access pattern
- Indexed access
- Combine costly operations

```
__global__ void kernel(uint *global_count, ...)
{
    __shared__ uint blockcount;
    blockcount = 0;
    __syncthreads();
    uint myoffset = atomicAdd(&blockcount, myadd);
    __syncthreads();
    if(threadIdx.x == 0)
        blockcount = atomicAdd(global_count, blockcount);
    __syncthreads();
    myoffset += blockcount;
}
```

# Registers vs Shared Memory vs Global Graz



### Questions



