

Looking at OpenCL Assembly Code



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```

ld.global.v4.f32    {%f188, %f189, %f190, %f191}, [%r1];
ld.global.v4.f32    {%f156, %f157, %f158, %f159}, [%r2];
// load dPobj[gid]
// load dVel[gid]

mov.f32  %f17, 0f3DCCCCCD;           // put DT (a constant) → register f17

fma.rn.f32  %f248, %f156, %f17, %f188;
fma.rn.f32  %f249, %f157, %f17, %f189;
fma.rn.f32  %f250, %f158, %f17, %f190;
// (p + v*DT).x → f248
// (p + v*DT).y → f249
// (p + v*DT).z → f250

mov.f32  %f18, 0fBD48B43B;
mov.f32  %f19, 0f00000000;
// .5 * G.y * DT * DT (a constant) → f18
// 0., for .x and .z (a constant) → f19

add.f32  %f256, %f248, %f19;
add.f32  %f257, %f249, %f18;
add.f32  %f258, %f250, %f19;
// (p + v*DT).x + 0. → f256
// (p + v*DT).y + .5 * G.y * DT * DT → f257
// (p + v*DT).z + 0. → f258

mov.f32  %f20, 0fBF7AE148;          // G.y * DT (a constant) → f20

add.f32  %f264, %f156, %f19;
add.f32  %f265, %f157, %f20;
add.f32  %f266, %f158, %f19;
// v.x + 0. → f264
// v.y + G.y * DT → f265
// v.z + 0. → f266

```



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How to Extract the OpenCL Assembly Language

```
size_t size;
status = clGetProgramInfo( Program, CL_PROGRAM_BINARY_SIZES, sizeof(size_t), &size, NULL );
PrintCLError( status, "clGetProgramInfo (1):" );

unsigned char * binary = new unsigned char [ size ];
status = clGetProgramInfo( Program, CL_PROGRAM_BINARIES, size, &binary, NULL );
PrintCLError( status, "clGetProgramInfo (2):" );

FILE * fpbin = fopen( CL_BINARY_NAME, "wb" );
if( fpbin == NULL )
{
    fprintf( stderr, "Cannot create '%s'\n", CL_BINARY_NAME );
}
else
{
    fwrite( binary, 1, size, fpbin );
    fclose( fpbin );
}
delete [ ] binary;
```

particles.cl, I

```
typedef float4 point;
typedef float4 vector;
typedef float4 color;
typedef float4 sphere;

constant float4 G          = (float4) ( 0., -9.8, 0., 0. );
constant float DT          = 0.1;
constant sphere Sphere1 = (sphere)( -100., -800., 0., 600. );
```



particles.cl, II

```
kernel
void
Particle( global point * dPobj, global vector * dVel, global color * dCobj )
{
    int gid = get_global_id( 0 );                                // particle #

    point p  = dPobj[gid];
    vector v = dVel[gid];

    point pp  = p + v*DT + .5*DT*DT*G;                         // p'
    vector vp = v + G*DT;                                         // v'

    dPobj[gid] = pp;
    dVel[gid]  = vp;
}
```



particles.cl, III

```
vector
Bounce( vector in, vector n )
{
    n.w = 0.;
    n = normalize( n );
    vector out = in - 2. * n * dot( in.xyz, n.xyz );
    out.w = 0.;
    return out;
}

vector
BounceSphere( point p, vector v, sphere s )
{
    vector n;
    n.xyz = fast_normalize( p.xyz - s.xyz );
    n.w = 0.;
    return Bounce( in, n );
}
```

= “reflect” function



FMA = “Fused Multiply-Add”

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ld.global.v4.f32	{%f156, %f157, %f158, %f159}, [%r2];	// load dVel[gid]
mov.f32	%f17, 0f3DCCCCCD;	// put DT (a constant) → register f17
fma.rn.f32	%f248, %f156, %f17, %f188;	// (p + v*DT).x → f248
fma.rn.f32	%f249, %f157, %f17, %f189;	// (p + v*DT).y → f249
fma.rn.f32	%f250, %f158, %f17, %f190;	// (p + v*DT).z → f250
mov.f32	%f18, 0fBD48B43B;	// .5 * G.y * DT * DT (a constant) → f18
mov.f32	%f19, 0f00000000;	// 0., for .x and .z (a constant) → f19
add.f32	%f256, %f248, %f19;	// (p + v*DT).x + 0. → f256
add.f32	%f257, %f249, %f18;	// (p + v*DT).y + .5 * G.y * DT * DT → f257
add.f32	%f258, %f250, %f19;	// (p + v*DT).z + 0. → f258
mov.f32	%f20, 0fBF7AE148;	// G.y * DT (a constant) → f20
add.f32	%f264, %f156, %f19;	// v.x + 0. → f264
add.f32	%f265, %f157, %f20;	// v.y + G.y * DT → f265
add.f32	%f266, %f158, %f19;	// v.z + 0. → f266



Fused Multiply-Add

Many scientific and engineering computations take the form:

$$\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{A} + (\mathbf{B} * \mathbf{C});$$

A “normal” multiply-add compilation would handle this as:

$$\mathbf{tmp} = \mathbf{B} * \mathbf{C};$$

$$\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{tmp};$$

Something like:

$$\mathbf{Sum} = \mathbf{Sum} + (\mathbf{B} * \mathbf{C});$$

would also be suitable to be implemented as an FMA.

A “fused” multiply-add does it all at once, that is, when the low-order bits of $\mathbf{B} * \mathbf{C}$ are ready, they are immediately added into the low-order bits of \mathbf{A} at the same time that the higher-order bits of $\mathbf{B} * \mathbf{C}$ are being multiplied.

Consider a Base 10 example: $789 + (123 * 456)$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 123 \\
 \times 456 \\
 \hline
 738 \\
 615 \\
 492 \\
 \hline
 + 789
 \end{array}$$



Can start adding the 9 the moment the 8 is produced!

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Things Learned from Examining OpenCL Assembly Language 8

- The points, vectors, and colors were `typedef`'ed as `float4`'s, but the compiler realized that they were being used only as `float3`'s and so didn't bother with the 4th element.
- The `floatn`'s were not SIMD'ed. (We actually knew this already, since NVIDIA doesn't support SIMD operations in their GPUs.) There is still an advantage in coding this way, even if just for readability.
- The function calls were all in-lined. (This makes sense – the OpenCL spec says “no recursion”, which implies “no stack”, which would make function calls difficult.)
- Me defining G, DT, and Sphere1 as **constant** memory types was a mistake. It got the correct results, but the compiler didn't take advantage of them being constants. Changing them to type **const** threw compiler errors because of their global scope. Changing them to **const** and moving them into the body of the kernel function Particle *did* result in good compiler optimizations.
- The `sqrt(x2+y2+z2)` assembly code is amazingly convoluted. I suspect it is an issue of maintaining highest precision. Use **fast_sqrt()**, **fast_normalize()**, and **fast_length()** when you can. Usually computer graphics doesn't need the full precision of **sqrt()**.
- The compiler did not do a good job with expressions-in-common. I had really hoped it would figure out that detecting if a point was in a sphere and determining the unitized surface normal at that point were the same operation, but it didn't.
- There is a 4-argument **Fused-Multiply-Add** instruction in hardware to perform $D = A + (B \cdot C)$ in one instruction in hardware. The compiler took great advantage of it.

