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Kokkos, Manycore Device Performance Portability for C++ HPC Applications

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What is "Kokkos"?

KÓΚΚΟς (Greek)

- Translation: "granule" or "grain" or "speck"
- Like grains of salt or sand on a beach
- Programming Model Abstractions
 - Identify / encapsulate grains of data and parallelizable operations
 - Aggregate these grains with data structure and parallel patterns
 - Map aggregated grains onto memory and cores / threads
- An Implementation of the Kokkos Programming Model
 - Sandia National Laboratories' open source C++ library

Outline



- Core Abstractions and Capabilities
 - Performance portability challenge: memory access patterns
 - Layered C++ libraries
 - Spaces, policies, and patterns
 - Polymorphic multidimensional array
 - Easy parallel patterns with C++11 lambda
 - Managing memory access patterns
 - Atomic operations
 - Wrap up
- Portable Hierarchical Parallelism
- Initial Scalable Graph Algorithms
- Conclusion

Performance Portability Challenge:



Best (decent) performance requires computations to implement architecture-specific memory access patterns

- CPUs (and Xeon Phi)
 - Core-data affinity: consistent NUMA access (first touch)
 - Array alignment for cache-lines and vector units
 - Hyperthreads' cooperative use of L1 cache

GPUs

- Thread-data affinity: coalesced access with cache-line alignment
- Temporal locality and special hardware (texture cache)
- Array of Structures (AoS) vs. Structure of Arrays (SoA) dilemma
 - i.e., architecture specific data structure layout and access
 - This has been the wrong concern

The right concern: Abstractions for Performance Portability?

Kokkos' Performance Portability Answer



Integrated mapping of thread parallel computations and multidimensional array data onto manycore architecture

1. Map user's parallel computations to threads

- Parallel pattern: foreach, reduce, scan, task-dag, ...
- Parallel loop/task body: C++11 lambda or C++98 functor

2. Map user's datum to memory

- Multidimensional array of datum, with a twist
- <u>Layout</u>: multi-index (i,j,k,...) → memory location
- Kokkos chooses layout for architecture-specific memory access pattern
- Polymorphic multidimensional array

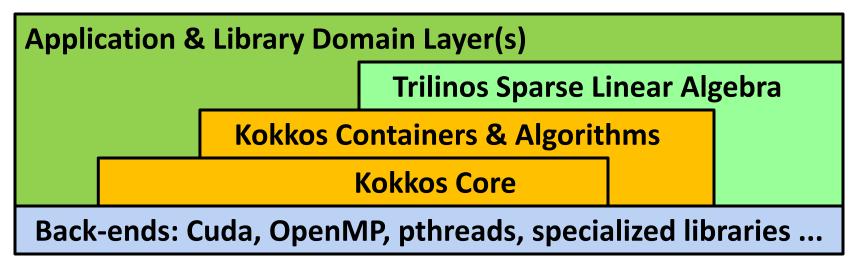
3. Access user datum through special hardware (bonus)

- GPU texture cache to speed up read-only random access patterns
- Atomic operations for thread safety

Layered Collection of C++ Libraries



- Standard C++, Not a language extension
 - Not a language extension: OpenMP, OpenACC, OpenCL, CUDA
 - In spirit of Intel's TBB, NVIDIA's Thrust & CUSP, MS C++AMP, ...
- Uses C++ template meta-programming
 - Previously relied upon C++1998 standard
 - Now require C++2011 for lambda functionality
 - > Supported by Cuda 7.0; full functionality in Cuda 7.5
 - Participating in ISO/C++ standard committee for core capabilities



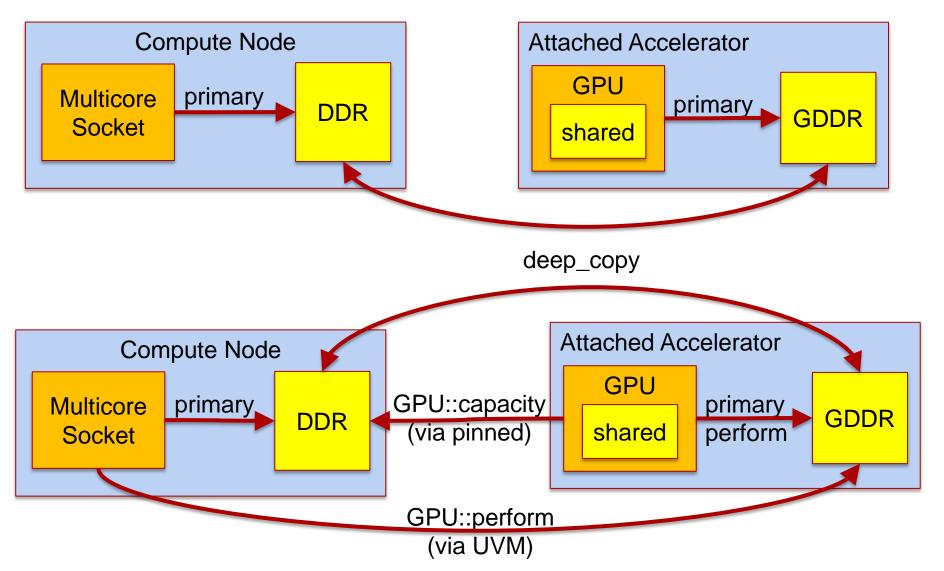
Abstractions: Spaces, Policies, and Patterns



- Memory Space : where data resides
 - Differentiated by performance; e.g., size, latency, bandwidth
- Execution Space : where functions execute
 - Encapsulates hardware resources; e.g., cores, GPU, vector units, ...
 - Denote accessible memory spaces
- Execution Policy: <u>how</u> (and where) a user function is executed
 - E.g., data parallel range : concurrently call function(i) for i = [0..N)
 - User's function is a C++ functor or C++11 lambda
- Pattern: parallel_for, parallel_reduce, parallel_scan, task-dag, ...
- Compose: pattern + execution policy + user function; e.g.,
 parallel_pattern(Policy<Space>, Function);
 - Execute Function in Space according to pattern and Policy
- Extensible spaces, policies, and patterns

Examples of Execution and Memory Spaces





Polymorphic Multidimensional Array View

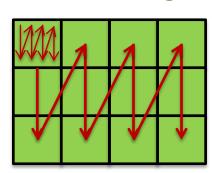


- View< double**[3][8], Space > a("a",N,M);
 - Allocate array data in memory Space with dimensions [N][M][3][8]
 - ? C++17 improvement to allow View<double[][][3][8],Space>
- a(i,j,k,l): User's access to array datum
 - "Space" accessibility enforced; e.g., GPU code cannot access CPU memory
 - Optional array bounds checking of indices for debugging
- View Semantics: View<double**[3][8],Space> b = a;
 - A <u>shallow</u> copy: 'a' and 'b' are *pointers* to the same allocated array data
 - Analogous to C++11 std::shared_ptr
- deep_copy(destination_view , source_view);
 - Copy data from 'source_view' to 'destination_view'
 - Kokkos policy: never hide an expensive deep copy operation

Polymorphic Multidimensional Array <u>Layout</u>



- Layout mapping : a(i,j,k,l) → memory location
 - Layout is polymorphic, defined at compile time
 - Kokkos chooses default array layout appropriate for "Space"
 - E.g., row-major, column-major, Morton ordering, dimension padding, ...
- User can specify Layout : View< ArrayType, Layout, Space >
 - Override Kokkos' default choice for layout
 - Why? For compatibility with legacy code, algorithmic performance tuning, ...
- Example Tiling Layout
 - View<double**,Tile<8,8>,Space> m("matrix",N,N);
 - Tiling layout transparent to user code : m(i,j) unchanged
 - Layout-aware algorithm extracts tile subview



Multidimensional Array Subview & Attributes 1



- Array subview of array view (new)
 - Y = subview(X, ...ranges_and_indices_argument_list...);
 - View of same data, with the appropriate layout and index map
 - Each index argument eliminates a dimension
 - Each range [begin,end) argument contracts a dimension
- Access intent Attributes

View< ArrayType, Layout, Space, Attributes >

- How user intends to access datum
- Example, View with const and random access intension
 - View< double ** , Cuda > a("mymatrix", N, N);
 - View< const double **, Cuda, RandomAccess > b = a;
 - > Kokkos implements b(i,j) with GPU texture cache

Multidimensional Array functionality being considered by ISO/C++ standard committee



- TBD: add layout polymorphism a critical capability
 - To be discussed at May 2015 ISO/C++ meeting
- TBD: add explicit (compile-time) dimensions
 - Minor change to core language to allow: T[][][3][8]
 - Concern: performance loss when restricted to implicit (runtime) dimensions
- TBD: use simple / intuitive array access API: x(i,j,k,l)
 - Currently considering : x[{ i , j , k , l }]
 - Concern: performance loss due to intermediate initializer list
- TBD: add shared pointer (std::shared_ptr) semantics
 - Currently merely a wrapper on user-managed memory
 - Concern: coordinating management of view and memory lifetime

Easy Parallel Patterns with C++11 and Defaults



parallel_pattern(Policy<Space> , UserFunction)

Easy example BLAS-1 AXPY with views

```
parallel_for( N , KOKKOS_LAMBDA( int i ){ y(i) = a * x(i) + y(i); } );
```

- Default execution space chosen for Kokkos installation
- Execution policy "N" => RangePolicy<DefaultSpace>(0,N)
- #define KOKKOS_LAMBDA [=] /* non-Cuda */
- #define KOKKOS_LAMBDA [=]__device__ /* Cuda 7.5 candidate feature */
 - Tell NVIDIA Cuda development team you like and want this in Cuda 7.5!
- More verbose without lambda and defaults:

```
struct axpy_functor {
   View<double*,Space> x , y ; double a ;
   KOKKOS_INLINE_FUNCTION
   void operator()( int i ) const { y(i) = a * x(i) + y(i); }
   // ... constructor ...
};
parallel_for( RangePolicy<Space>(0,N) , axpy_functor(a,x,y) );
```

Kokkos Manages Challenging Part of Patterns' Implementation



Example: DOT product reduction

- Challenges: temporary memory and inter-thread reduction operations
 - Cuda shared memory for inter-warp reductions
 - Cuda global memory for inter-block reductions
 - Intra-warp, inter-warp, and inter-block reduction operations
- User may define reduction type and operations

```
struct my_reduction_functor {
  typedef ... value_type ;
  KOKKOS_INLINE_FUNCTION void join( value_type&, const value_type&) const ;
  KOKKOS_INLINE_FUNCTION void init( value_type& ) const ;
};
```

- 'value_type' can be runtime-sized one-dimensional array
- 'join' and 'init' plugged into inter-thread reduction algorithm

Managing Memory Access Pattern: Compose Parallel Execution Array Layout



Map Parallel Execution

- Maps calls to function(iw) onto threads
- GPU: iw = threadIdx + blockDim * blockIds
- CPU: iw ∈ [begin,end)_{Th}; contiguous partitions among threads

Choose Multidimensional Array Layout

- Leading dimension is parallel work dimension
 - Leading multi-index is 'iw': a(iw , j, k, l)
- Choose appropriate array layout for space's architecture
 - E.g., AoS for CPU and SoA for GPU

Fine-tune Array Layout

E.g., padding dimensions for cache line alignment

Performance Impact of Access Pattern

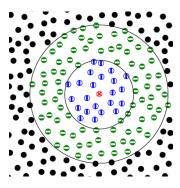


- Molecular dynamics computational kernel in miniMD
- Simple Lennard Jones force model:

$$F_{i} = \sum_{j, r_{ij} < r_{cut}} 6 \varepsilon \left[\left(\frac{\varsigma}{r_{ij}} \right)^{j} - 2 \left(\frac{\varsigma}{r_{ij}} \right)^{13} \right]$$

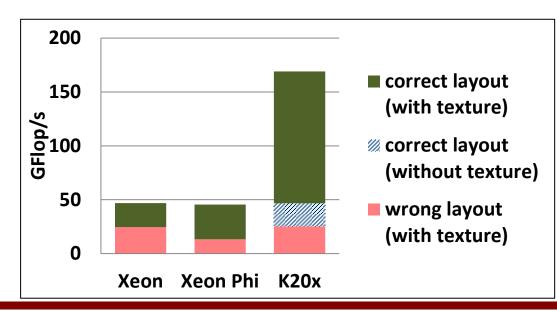
Atom neighbor list to avoid N² computations

```
pos_i = pos(i);
for( jj = 0; jj < num_neighbors(i); jj++) {
    j = neighbors(i,jj);
    r_ij = pos_i - pos(j); //random read 3 floats
    if (|r_ij| < r_cut) f_i += 6*e*((s/r_ij)^7 - 2*(s/r_ij)^13)
}
f(i) = f_i;</pre>
```



Test Problem

- 864k atoms, ~77 neighbors
- 2D neighbor array
- Different layouts CPU vs GPU
- Random read 'pos' through
 GPU texture cache
- Large performance loss with wrong array layout



Atomic operations



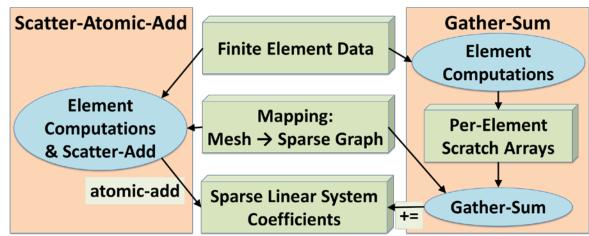
atomic_exchange, atomic_compare_exchange_strong, atomic_fetch_add, atomic_fetch_or, atomic_fetch_and

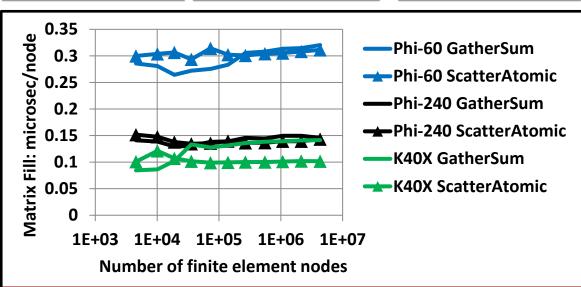
- Thread-scalability of non-trivial algorithms and data structures
 - Essential for lock-free implementations
 - Concurrent summations to shared variables
 - E.g., finite element computations summing to shared nodes
 - Updating shared dynamic data structure
 - E.g., append to a shared array or insert into a shared map
- Portably map to compiler/hardware specific capabilities
 - GNU and CUDA extensions when available
 - Current: any 32bit or 64bit type, may use CAS-loop implementation
- ISO/C++ 2011 and 2014 atomics not adequate for HPC
 - Proposed necessary improvements for C++17

Thread-Scalable Fill of Sparse Linear System



- MiniFENL: Newton iteration of FEM: $x_{n+1} = x_n J^{-1}(x_n)r(x_n)$
- Fill sparse matrix via Scatter-Atomic-Add or Gather-Sum ?
- Scatter-Atomic-Add
 - + Simpler
 - + Less memory
 - Slower HW atomic
- Gather-Sum
 - + Bit-wise reproducibility
- Performance win?
 - Scatter-atomic-add
 - ~equal Xeon PHI
 - 40% faster Kepler GPU
- ✓ Pattern chosen
 - Feedback to HW vendors: performant atomics





Core Abstractions and Capabilities (wrap up)



Abstractions

- Identify / encapsulate grains of data and parallelizable operations
- Aggregate these grains with data structure and parallel patterns
- Map aggregated grains onto memory and cores / threads

Grains and Patterns

- Parallelizable operation: C++11 lambda or C++98 functor
- Parallel pattern: foreach, reduce, scan, task-dag, ...
- Multidimensional array of datum
- Atomic operations

Extensible Mappings

- Polymorphic multidimensional array : space, layout, access intentions
- Execution policy : where and how to execute
- Next Step: Finer Grain Parallelism with Hierarchical Patterns
 - Κόκκος: "like grains of sand on a beach" how fine can we go?

Outline



- Core Abstractions and Capabilities
- Portable Hierarchical Parallelism
 - Two-level thread-team execution policy and nested parallel patterns
 - Thread-team shared memory
 - Three-level execution policy
 - Application to molecular dynamics kernels
 - Application to tensor mathematics kernels
- Initial Scalable Graph Algorithms (very new)
- Conclusion

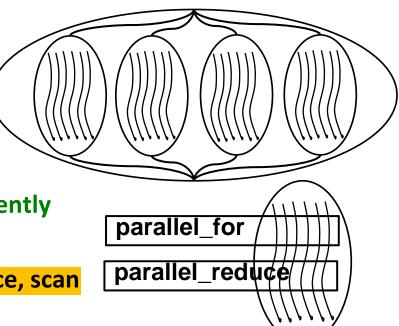
Thread Team Execution Policy



- Expose and map more parallelism
- Vocabulary
 - OpenMP: League of Teams of Threads
 - Cuda: Grid of Blocks of Threads



- Threads within a team execute concurrently
- Teams do not execute concurrently
- ➤ Nested parallel patterns: foreach, reduce, scan
- Team-shared scratch memory
- Thread Team Portability: map onto hardware
 - Cuda: team == thread block, possibly a sub-block group of warps
 - Xeon Phi : team == hyperthreads sharing L1 cache
 - CPU : team == thread



Thread Team Example: Sparse Matrix-Vector Multiplication



Traditional serial compressed row storage (CRS) algorithm:

```
for ( int i = 0 ; i < nrow ; ++i )
  for ( int j = irow(i) ; j < irow(i+1) ; ++j )
    y(i) += A(j) * x( jcol(j) );</pre>
```

Thread team algorithm, using C++11 lambda

```
typedef TeamPolicy<Space> policy;
parallel_for( policy( nrow /* #leagues */ ),

KOKKOS_LAMBDA( policy::member_type const & member ) {
   double result = 0 ;
   const int i = member.league_rank();

   parallel_reduce( TeamThreadRange(member,irow(i),irow(i+1)),
       [&]( int j , double & val ) { val += A(j) * x(jcol(j));},
       result );
   if ( member.team_rank() == 0 ) y(i) = result ;
   }
);
```

Thread Team Shared Scratch Memory



Challenges

- Multiple arrays residing in shared scratch memory
- Arrays may have runtime dimensions
- Arrays' dimensions possibly dependent upon team size
- Approach: reuse Kokkos abstractions
 - Shared scratch <u>Memory Space</u> of the <u>Execution Space</u>
 - Manage array with a <u>View</u> defined on this space
 - Thread team executing in the execution space is given an instance of the associated shared scratch memory space
- Capability available via user defined functor
 - Typically need richer information than C++11 lambda can provide
 - ... example ...

Team Shared Scratch Memory Example



```
struct my functor {
 typedef TeamPolicy<ExecutionSpace>
                                                  Policy;
 typedef ExecutionSpace::scratch memory space
                                                  Scratch :
                                                  SharedView :
 typedef View<double**,Scratch,MemoryUnmanaged>
 SharedView x , y ;
 int nx , ny ;
 KOKKOS INLINE FUNCTION
 void operator()( Policy::member type const & member ) const
   Scratch shmem space = member.team shmem();
   x( shmem space, member.team size(), nx );
   y( shmem space, member.team size(), ny );
    // ... team fill of arrays ...
   member.team barrier();
    // ... team computations on arrays ...
   member.team barrier();
  // Query shared memory size before parallel dispatch:
  size t team shmem size( int team size ) const {
   return SharedView::shmem size( team size , nx ) +
           SharedView::shmem size( team size , ny );
```

Thread Team Execution Policy, 3rd Level



- Add third level of Vector parallelism
 - Map algorithm's thread teams onto hardware resources
 - Cuda: "thread" == warp, "vector lane" == thread of warp
 - Xeon Phi: "thread" == hyperthread, "vector lane" == SSE or AVX lane
- Vector parallelism functionality
 - Vector lanes execute lock-step concurrently
 - Consistent parallel patterns at vector level: foreach, reduce, scan
 - New "single" pattern denoting only one vector lane performs operation
- Portably covering all levels used in sophisticated Cuda kernels
- C++11 lambda necessary for usability
 - Vector parallel lambdas nested within team parallel lambdas
 - Fortunately Cuda 6.5 supports C++ lambda within device kernels!

Application to Molecular Dynamics Kernel



Atom Neighbor List Construction

- atom ids stored in a Cartesian grid (XYZ) locality-bin data structure
- atoms sorted by locality -> Non-Team algorithm has good cache efficiency
- using teams and shared memory to improve cache efficiency on GPU
- a team works on a set of neighboring bins, 1 bin per thread in the team

Non-Team Algorithm

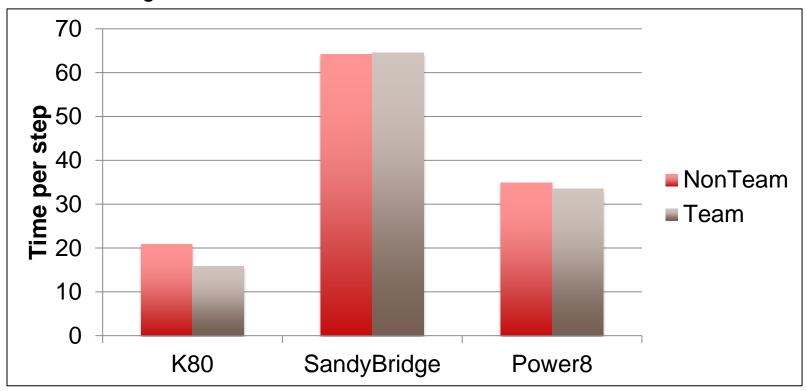
Team Algorithm

Now a portable implementation

Performance of a Complete Simulation Step



- Timing data for isolated kernel not available
- Comparing compute nodes of roughly equivalent power
 - 1/2 of K80 (i.e. one of the two GPUs on the board)
 - 2 Sockets of 8 Core Sandy Bridge with 2 wide SMT
 - 2 Sockets of 10 Core Power 8 chips with 8 wide SMT
- CPUs using Team-Size 1
- GPUs using Team-Size 2x32



Application to Tensor Math Library Kernels

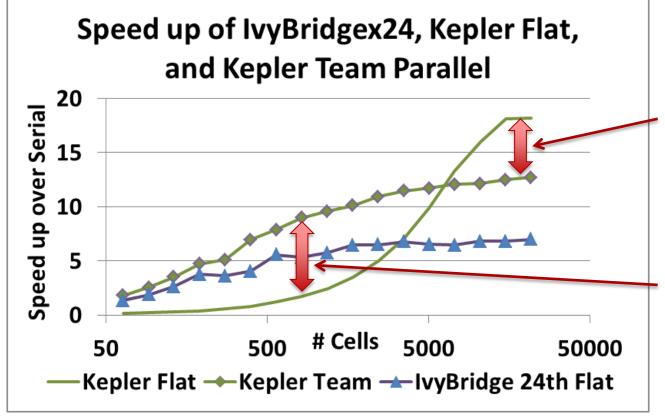


- Performed through Harvey Mudd College clinic program
 - Advisor/Professor: Jeff Amelang
 - Undergraduate team: Brett Collins, Alex Gruver, Ellen Hui, Tyler Marklyn
- Project: re-engineer serial kernels to use Kokkos
 - Initially using "flat" range policy
 - Progressing to thread team policy for appropriate kernels
 - Several candidate kernels for team parallelism, results for:
 - Multi-matrix multiply: $\forall (c,d,e): V(c,d,e) = \sum_{p} A(c,p,d) * B(c,p,e)$
- Thread team
 - Outer (league level) parallel_for over dimension 'c'
 - Inner (team level) parallel_reduce over summation dimensions p
 - Inner (team level) parallel_for over tensor dimensions d, e

Application to Tensor Math Library Kernels



- Performance of "multi-matrix multiply" tensor contraction
 - $\forall (c,d,e): V(c,d,e) = \sum_{p} A(c,p,d) * B(c,p,e)$
 - d = e = 6, symmetric tensor
 - p = 27 point numerical integration of a hexahedral cell
 - c = # cells



Team-synchronization overhead with nested parallelism

More parallelism available to map

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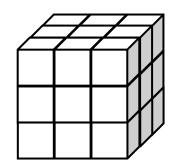
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 - Breadth first search of highly variable degree graph
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Thread-Scalable Construction of Sparse Matrix Graph from Finite Element Mesh



Given Finite Element Mesh Connectivity

- { element → { nodes } }
- View<int*[8],Space> element_node;



■ Generate node → node graph

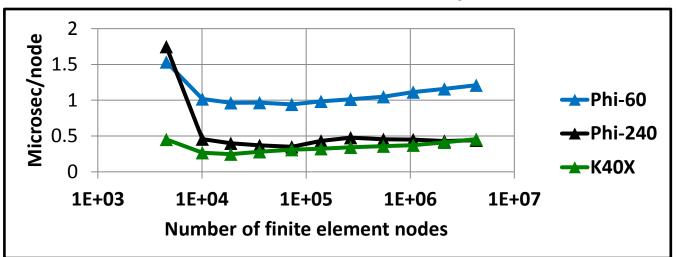
- Compressed sparse row data structure
- $\{(node, column(j)): \forall j \in [irow(node) ... irow(node + 1)), \forall node\}$
- node = node index, irow = offset array, column(j) = connected node index

Challenges

- Determine unique node-node entries given redundant entries
 - ¶ { element → { nodes } } have shared faces and edges
- Unknown number of node-node entries
- Upper bound N² is too large to allocate

Thread-Scalable Construction of Sparse Matrix Graph from Finite Element Mesh

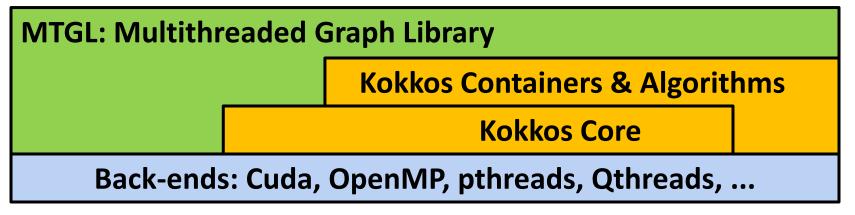
- 1. Parallel-for: fill Kokkos lock-free unordered map with node-node pairs
 - { element → { nodes } } : foreach element, foreach pair of nodes
 - Successful insert → atomic increment node's column counts
- 2. Parallel-scan: sparse matrix rows' column counts generates row offsets
 - Last entry is total count of unique node-node pairs
- 3. Allocate sparse matrix column-index array
- 4. Parallel-for: query unordered map to fill sparse matrix column-index array
 - foreach entry in unordered map of node-node pairs
- 5. Parallel-for: sort rows' column-index subarray



Breadth First Search of Graph with Highly Varied Degree Vertices



- Porting portions of MTGL to GPU via Kokkos
 - MTGL: Sandia's multithreaded graph library
 - Internal laboratory directed research & development (LDRD) project
 - Sandia collaborators: Jonathan Berry and Greg Mackey



- Evaluate suitability of Kokkos and GPU for graph algorithms
 - MTGL previously threaded for CPU via Qthreads
 - Ease and performance of layering MTGL on Kokkos?
 - Performance of MTGL algorithms on GPU ?

Breadth First Search of Graph with Vertices of Highly Varying Degree



- Iterative frontier-advancing algorithm (conceptually simple)
 - Given a frontier set of vertices
 - Foreach edge associated with each vertex in the frontier if edge's other vertex has not been visited, add to next frontier
- Challenges for thread-scalability
 - Maximizing parallelism in "foreach edge of each frontier vertex"
 - Removing load imbalance in "foreach edge of each frontier vertex"
 - Set of edges will not fit in GPU memory (set of vertices will fit)
 - Concurrent growth of global frontier set
- Strategy for thread-scalability
 - Manhattan loop collapse* of "foreach edge of each frontier vertex"
 - Thread-Team coordinated growth of global frontier set

^{*} technique used in Cray and LLVM compilers

Breadth First Search Algorithm



- Graph implemented via compressed sparse row (CSR) scheme
 - $\{(v, edge(j)): \forall j \in [irow(v) ... irow(v+1)), \forall v\}$
 - v = vertex index, irow = offset array, edge(j) = subarray of paired vertices
- Given search result array of vertices : search(*)
 - [0..a) = vertex indices accumulated from previous search iteration
 - [a..b) = vertex indices of current search frontier
- 1. Generate frontier vertex degree offset array 'fscan'
 - Frontier sub-array of vertex indices is search([a..b))
 - parallel_scan of vertex degrees (irow[v+1] irow[v]) to generate fscan
- 2. Evaluate search frontier's edges, #edges = fscan(b) fscan(a)
 - parallel_for via TeamPolicy, each team searches range of edges
 - Each thread evaluates vertices of collection of edges
 - Atomic update to determine if first visit, append thread-local buffer
 - Intra-team parallel_scan of local buffers to count team's search result
 - Append team's search to global search array, only one atomic update
- 3. Repeat for updated frontier

Breadth First Search Algorithm

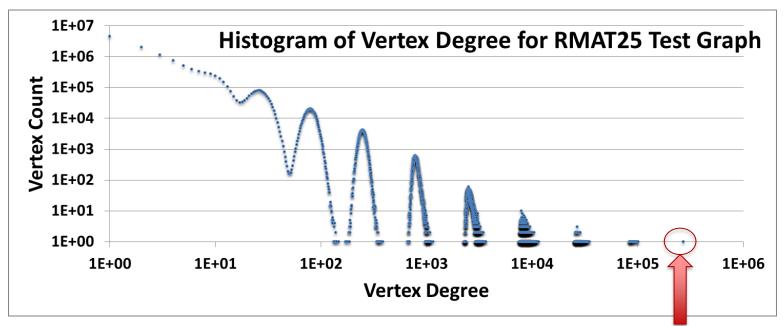


- Maximizing parallelism
 - Manhattan loop collapse facilitates parallelizing over edges, not vertices
 - Removes load imbalance concerns for highly variable degree vertices
- Minimizing synchronization
 - Thread local buffer for accumulating search result
 - Intra-team parallel scan of thread local buffer sizes for team result size
 - Team's single atomic update of global search array
- Place arrays in appropriate memory spaces via Kokkos::View
 - Vertex arrays in GPU memory: irow(*), search(*), fscan(*)
 - Edge array in Host-Pinned memory: edge(*)
- Performance evaluation of portable implementation
 - Scalability for graphs with highly variable degree vertices
 - CPU vs. GPU
 - Edge array in GPU vs. Host-Pinned

Breadth First Search Performance Testing



- Sequence of generated test graphs
 - Doubling #vertices and #edges
 - Edges eventually cannot fit in GPU memory
 - Similar vertex degree histograms for all generated graphs

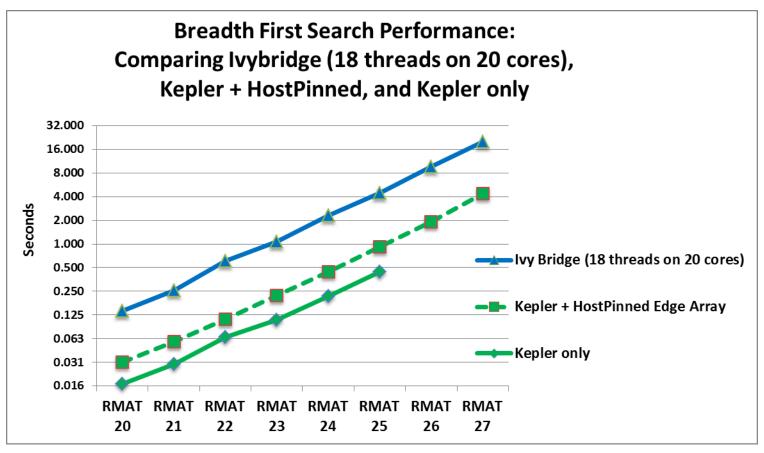


Start algorithm's iteration on vertex of largest degree

Breadth First Search Performance Testing



- Good scalability on Kepler
 - Teams stream through edge array with coalesced access pattern
 - Almost 2x performance drop reading edge array from Host Pinned memory
 - Enables processing of large graphs where edges cannot fit in GPU memory



Summary: Concepts and Abstractions



- ΚΌΚΚΟς: "like grains of sand on a beach"
 - Identify / encapsulate grains of data and parallelizable operations
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Mapping

- User functions, execution spaces, parallel patterns, execution polices
- Polymorphic multidimensional array, memory spaces, layout, access intent
- Atomic operations
- Hierarchical Parallel Patterns
 - Maximizing opportunity (grains) for parallelism

Conclusion



- Kokkos enables performance portability
 - parallel_pattern(ExecutionPolicy<ExecutionSpace> , UserFunction)
 - Polymorphic multidimensional arrays solves the array-of-structs versus struct-of-arrays dilemma
 - Atomic operations
 - ➤ Engaging with ISO/C++ Standard to advocate for these capabilities
- Pure library approach using C++ template meta-programming
 - Significantly simplified when UserFunction is a C++11 lambda
 - Cuda 7.5 candidate feature for device lambda : [=]__device___
 - Tell NVIDIA you like and want this!
- Thread team execution policy for hierarchical parallelism
 - Portable abstraction for Cuda grids, blocks, warps, and shared memory
- Early R&D for application to graph algorithms