RAPID PROTOTYPING BY EXAMPLE: ARKOUDA ARGSORT IN CHAPEL

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Chapel: A modern parallel programming language

- portable & scalable
- open-source & collaborative

Goals:
- Support general parallel programming
- Make parallel programming at scale far more productive
  - Python-like support for rapid prototyping
  - yet with the performance, scaling, GPU support of Fortran/C/C++, MPI, OpenMP, CUDA, ...
WHAT DO CHAPEL PROGRAMS LOOK LIKE?

**helloTaskPar.chpl**: print a message from each core in the system

```chapel
coforall loc in Locales {
    on loc {
        const numTasks = here.maxTaskPar;
        coforall tid in 1..numTasks do
            printf("Hello from task %n of %n on %s\n", tid, numTasks, here.name);
    }
}
```

```bash
> chpl helloTaskPar.chpl
> ./helloTaskPar --numLocales=4
Hello from task 1 of 4 on n1032
Hello from task 4 of 4 on n1032
Hello from task 1 of 4 on n1034
Hello from task 2 of 4 on n1032
Hello from task 1 of 4 on n1033
Hello from task 3 of 4 on n1034
```

**fillArray.chpl**: declare and initialize a distributed array

```chapel
use CyclicDist;
config const n = 1000;
const D = {1..n, 1..n}
dmapped Cyclic(startIdx = (1,1));
var A: [D] real;
forall (i,j) in D do
    A[i,j] = i*10 + j + (here.id+1)/10.0;
writeln(A);
```

```bash
> chpl fillArray.chpl
> ./fillArray --n=5 --numLocales=4
11.1
12.2
13.1
14.2
15.1
21.3
22.4
23.3
24.4
25.3
31.1
32.2
33.1
34.2
35.1
41.3
42.4
43.3
44.4
45.3
51.1
52.2
53.1
54.2
55.1
```
FLAGSHIP CHAPEL APPLICATIONS

**CHAMPS: 3D Unstructured CFD**
Éric Laurendeau, Simon Bourgault-Côté, Matthieu Parenteau, et al.
École Polytechnique Montréal

**Arkouda: NumPy at Massive Scale**
Mike Merrill, Bill Reus, et al.
US DoD

**ChOp: Chapel-based Optimization**
Tiago Carneiro, Nouredine Melab, et al.
INRIA Lille, France

**ChplUltra: Simulating Ultralight Dark Matter**
Nikhil Padmanabhan, J. Luna Zagorac, et al.
Yale University / University of Auckland

**CrayAI: Distributed Machine Learning**
Hewlett Packard Enterprise

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ARKOUDA ARGSORT: PROTOTYPE TO PRODUCTION

Arkouda:
• provides scalable NumPy / Pandas routines for use in data science
• supports massive data sets (multi-TB arrays)
• runs at interactive rates (seconds to a few minutes per operation)
• key, expensive operations: `groupBy` and `argSort`

Arkouda Argsort Milestones:
- **May 2019**: first-draft counting sorts written and tuned
- **Sept 2019**: looked at [NESL LSD radix sorts](https://www.nesl.org/algorithmic-radix-sort) and ~4 hours later had a ~100-line scalable sort
  - achieved 80 GiB/s on 512 nodes of Cray XC
- **Nov 2019**: changed ~12 lines of sort code to aggregate small messages
  - 40% improvement on Cray XC, ~1000x improvement on InfiniBand
- **June 2021**: did the following hero run
ARKOUDA ARGSORT AT MASSIVE SCALE

- Ran on a large Apollo system, summer 2022
  - 73,728 cores of AMD Rome
  - 72 TiB of 8-byte values
  - 480 GiB/s (2.5 minutes elapsed time)
  - ~100 lines of Chapel code

Close to world-record performance—quite likely a record for performance/SLOC
CHAPEL RESOURCES

Chapel homepage: https://chapel-lang.org
• (points to all other resources)

Social Media:
• Twitter: @ChapelLanguage
• Facebook: @ChapelLanguage
• YouTube: http://www.youtube.com/c/ChapelParallelProgrammingLanguage

Community Discussion / Support:
• Discourse: https://chapel.discourse.group/
• Gitter: https://gitter.im/chapel-lang/chapel
• Stack Overflow: https://stackoverflow.com/questions/tagged/chapel
• GitHub Issues: https://github.com/chapel-lang/chapel/issues
THANK YOU

https://chapel-lang.org
@ChapelLanguage
BACKUP SLIDES
Chapel is a team effort—currently made up of 14 full-time employees, 2 part-time, and our director
• we also have 3 more full-time engineers joining in the next few months, and 2 open positions

see: https://chapel-lang.org/contributors.html
and https://chapel-lang.org/jobs.html
CLBG: ALL-LANGUAGE SUMMARY (MAY 10, 2022)

- Execution Time (normalized to fastest entry)
- Compressed Code Size (normalized to smallest entry)
CLBG: ALL-LANGUAGE SUMMARY (MAY 10, 2022, ZOOMED-IN)

Execution Time (normalized to fastest entry)

Compressed Code Size (normalized to smallest entry)

- Julia
- C++
- C
- Dart
- Haskell
- JavaScript
- OCaml
- Swift
- Rust
- C#
- Fortran
- C
- C
- F#
FOR HPC BENCHMARKS, CHAPEL TENDS TO BE CONCISE, CLEAR, AND COMPETITIVE

use BlockDist;

config const m = 1000,
    alpha = 3.0;

const Dom = {1..m} dmapped ...

var A, B, C: [Dom] real;

B = 2.0;

C = 1.0;

A = B + alpha * C;

forall (_, r) in zip(Updates, RAStream()) do
    T[r & indexMask].xor(r);
**BALE INDEXGATHER**

**Exstack version**

```chapel
forall (d, i) in zip(Dst, Inds) do
  agg.copy(d, Src[i]);
```

**Conveyors version**

```chapel
forall (d, i) in zip(Dst, Inds) do
  d = Src[i];
```

**Manually Tuned Chapel version** (using aggregator abstraction)

```chapel
forall (d, i) in zip(Dst, Inds) with (var agg = new SrcAggregator(int)) do
  agg.copy(d, Src[i]);
```

**Elegant Chapel version** (compiler-optimized w/ ‘--auto-aggregation’)

```chapel
forall (d, i) in zip(Dst, Inds) do
  d = Src[i];
```
Motivation: Say you’ve got…
...HPC-scale data science problems to solve
...a bunch of Python programmers
...access to HPC systems

How will you leverage your Python programmers to get your work done?
ARKOUDA’S HIGH-LEVEL APPROACH

Arkouda Client
(written in Python)

Arkouda Server
(written in Chapel)

User writes Python code in Jupyter, making NumPy/Pandas calls
ARKOUDA SUMMARY

What is it?
• A Python library supporting a key subset of NumPy and Pandas for Data Science
  – Uses a Python-client/Chapel-server model to get scalability and performance
  – Computes massive-scale results (multi-TB-scale arrays) within the human thought loop (seconds to a few minutes)
• ~20k lines of Chapel, largely written in 2019, continually improved since then

Who wrote it?
• Mike Merrill, Bill Reus, et al., US DoD
• Open-source: https://github.com/Bears-R-Us/arkouda

Why Chapel?
• high-level language with performance and scalability
• close to Pythonic
  – enabled writing Arkouda rapidly
  – doesn’t repel Python users who look under the hood
• ports from laptop to supercomputer
## ARKOUDA PERFORMANCE COMPARED TO NUMPY

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<th>benchmark</th>
<th>NumPy 0.75 GB</th>
<th>Arkouda (serial) 0.75 GB 1 core, 1 node</th>
<th>Arkouda (parallel) 0.75 GB 36 cores x 1 node</th>
<th>Arkouda (distributed) 384 GB 36 cores x 512 nodes</th>
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<td>reduce</td>
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<td>2.92 GiB/s 0.7x</td>
<td>24.58 GiB/s 6.2x</td>
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What is it?
• 3D unstructured CFD framework for airplane simulation
• ~100k lines of Chapel written from scratch in ~3 years

Who wrote it?
• Professor Éric Laurendeau’s students + postdocs at Polytechnique Montreal

Why Chapel?
• performance and scalability competitive with MPI + C++
• students found it far more productive to use
HPC Lessons From 30 Years of Practice in CFD Towards Aircraft Design and Analysis (June 4, 2021)

“To show you what Chapel did in our lab... [our previous framework] ended up 120k lines. And my students said, ‘We can’t handle it anymore. It’s too complex, we lost track of everything.’ And today, they went from 120k lines to 48k lines, so 3x less.

But the code is not 2D, it’s 3D. And it’s not structured, it’s unstructured, which is way more complex. And it’s multi-physics... So, I’ve got industrial-type code in 48k lines.”

“[Chapel] promotes the programming efficiency ... We ask students at the master’s degree to do stuff that would take 2 years and they do it in 3 months. So, if you want to take a summer internship and you say, ‘program a new turbulence model,’ well they manage. And before, it was impossible to do.”

“So, for me, this is like the proof of the benefit of Chapel, plus the smiles I have on my students everyday in the lab because they love Chapel as well. So that’s the key, that’s the takeaway.”

• Talk available online: https://youtu.be/wD-a_KyB8al?t=1904 (hyperlink jumps to the section quoted here)
CHAMPS HIGHLIGHTS IN 2021

- Presented at CASI/IASC Aero 21 Conference
- Presented to CFD Society of Canada (CFDSC)
- Participated in 4th AIAA High-lift Prediction Workshops, 1st AIAA Ice Prediction Workshop
- Reproduced results from 5th AIAA Drag Prediction Workshop

Looking ahead:
- giving 6–7 presentations at AIAA Aviation Forum and Exposition, June 2022
- participating in 7th AIAA Drag Prediction Workshop

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