An Example-Based Introduction to Global-view Programming in Chapel

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User Experience and Advances in Bridging Multicore's Programmability Gap

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What is Chapel?

- A new parallel language being developed by Cray Inc.
- Part of Cray's entry in DARPA's HPCS program
- Main Goal: Improve programmer productivity
 - Improve the programmability of parallel computers
 - Match or beat the performance of current programming models
 - Provide better portability than current programming models
 - Improve robustness of parallel codes
- Target architectures:
 - multicore desktop machines
 - clusters of commodity processors
 - Cray architectures
 - systems from other vendors
- A work in progress





Chapel's Setting: HPCS

HPCS: High *Productivity* Computing Systems (DARPA et al.)

- Goal: Raise productivity of high-end computing users by 10×
- Productivity = Performance
 - + Programmability
 - + Portability
 - + Robustness
- Phase II: Cray, IBM, Sun (July 2003 June 2006)
 - Evaluated the entire system architecture's impact on productivity...
 - processors, memory, network, I/O, OS, runtime, compilers, tools, ...
 - ...and new languages:

Cray: Chapel IBM: X10 Sun: Fortress

- Phase III: Cray, IBM (July 2006)
 - Implement the systems and technologies resulting from phase II
 - (Sun also continues work on Fortress, without HPCS funding)







Chapel: Motivating Themes

- general parallel programming
- 2) global-view abstractions
- 3) multiresolution design
- 4) control of locality/affinity
- 5) reduce gap between mainstream & parallel languages





What I intend for this talk to do

 Illustrate Chapel's feature set and design as motivated by realistic computational kernels

What this talk will not do

- Illustrate that Chapel performs well for these codes today
 - to date, our implementation has focused primarily on completeness and correctness
 - in many cases, our experiences with ZPL give us confidence that compilers can achieve competitive performance for these codes
 - in other cases, we have some research and work ahead of us

come to tomorrow's HPC Challenge BOF (12:15pm) to get an up-to-date report on Chapel performance for the HPCC benchmarks



Disclaimers

- some of these examples use slightly outdated syntax
 - particularly when it comes to declaring distributions
 - in part because I got lazy last night at midnight
 - in part because it's still in a bit of flux
- other examples use features that aren't fully implemented
 - particularly cases that use arrays of arrays of varying size
 - but I think it's important to show you Chapel's motivators and future



Outline

- ✓ Chapel Overview
- Chapel computations
 - your first Chapel program: STREAM Triad
 - □ the stencil ramp: from jacobi to finite element methods
 - graph-based computation in Chapel: SSCA #2
 - □ <u>task-parallelism</u>: producer-consumer to MADNESS
 - □ GPU computing in Chapel: STREAM revisited and CP
- ☐ Status, Summary, and Future Work

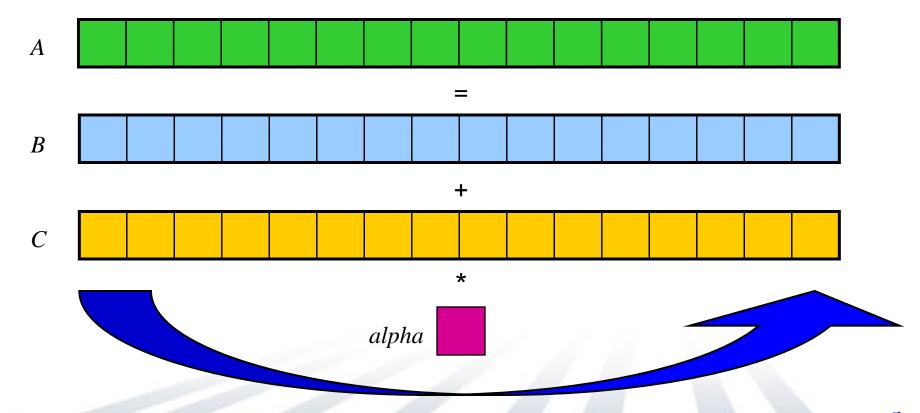


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Visually:



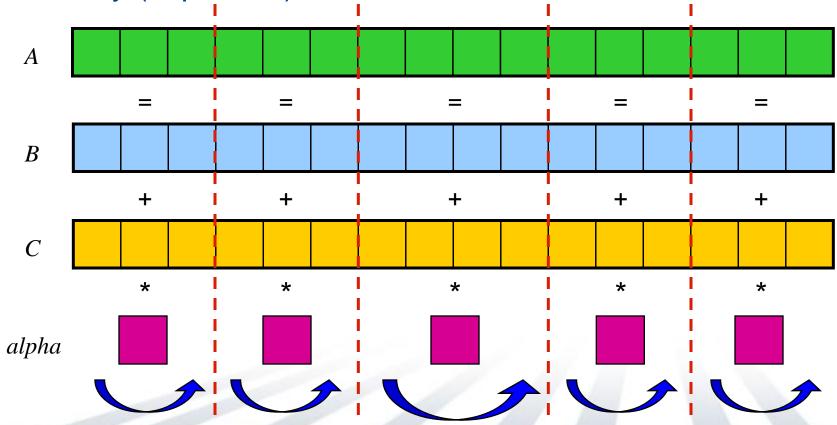


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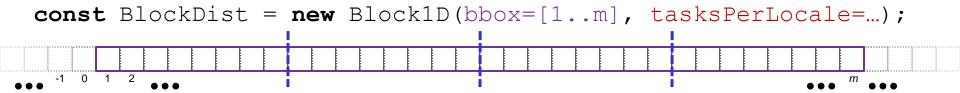
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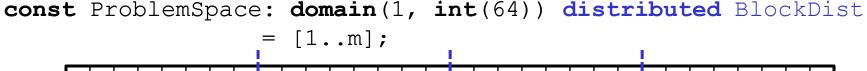
Pictorially (in parallel):



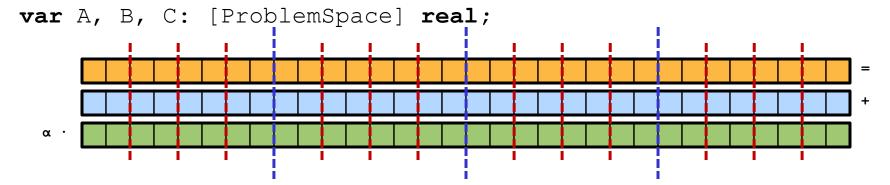


STREAM Triad in Chapel





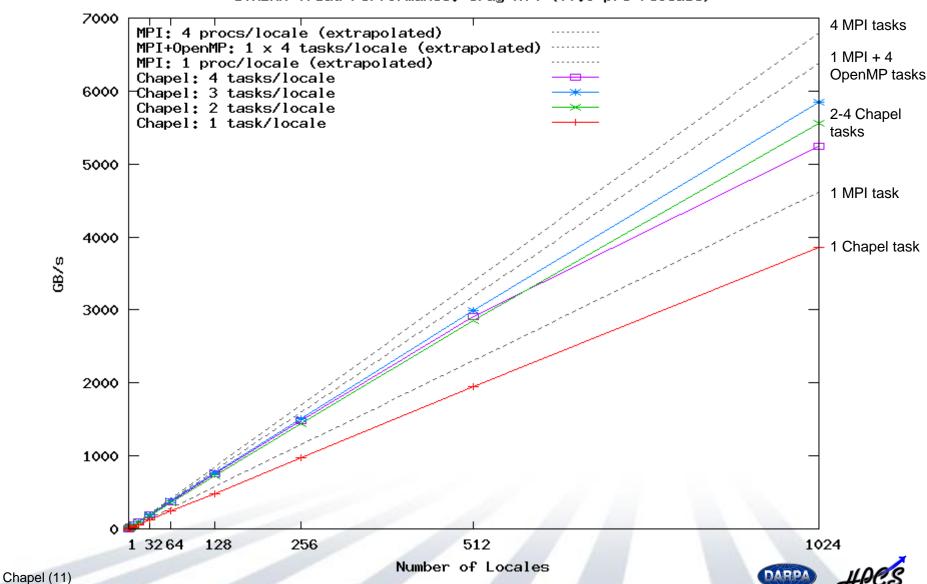






STREAM Performance, Cray XT4 (April 2009)

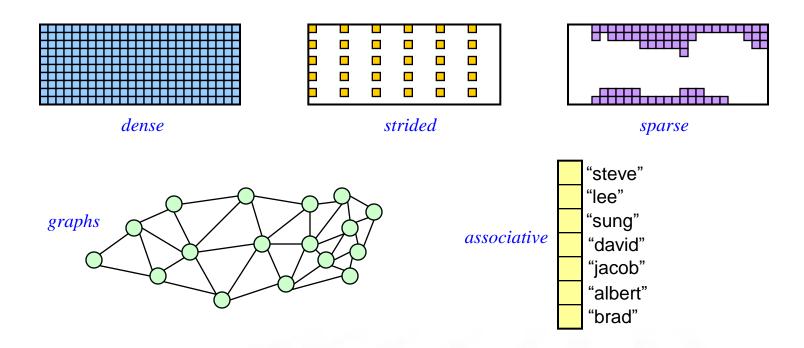
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Chapel Domains and Arrays

Chapel supports several domain and array types...

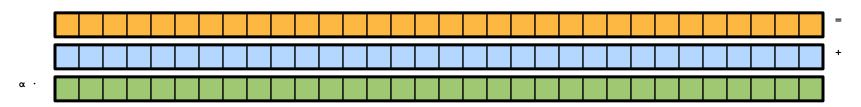




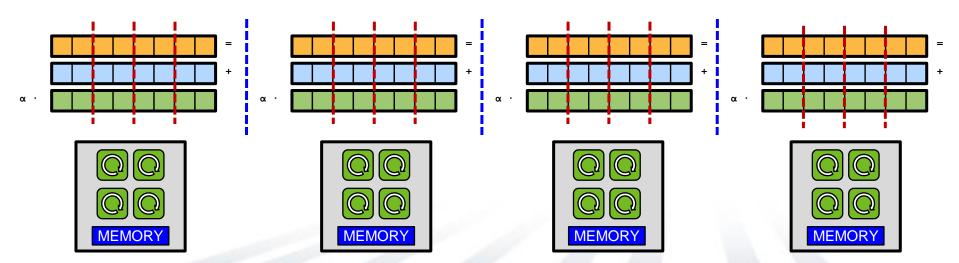
Chapel Distributions

Distributions: "Recipes for parallel, distributed arrays"

help the compiler map from the computation's global view...



...down to the *fragmented*, per-processor implementation

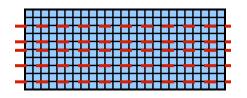


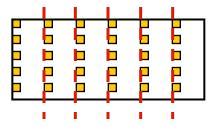


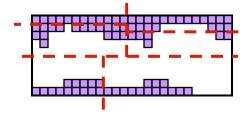


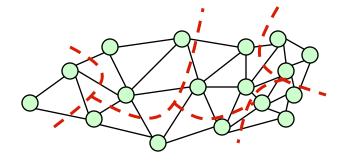
Domain Distributions

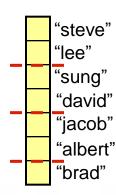
- Any domain type may be distributed
- Distributions do not affect program semantics
 - only implementation details and therefore performance













Distributions: Goals & Research

- Advanced users can write their own distributions
 - specified in Chapel using lower-level language features
- Chapel will provide a standard library of distributions
 - written using the same user-defined distribution mechanism

(Draft paper describing user-defined distribution strategy available by request)





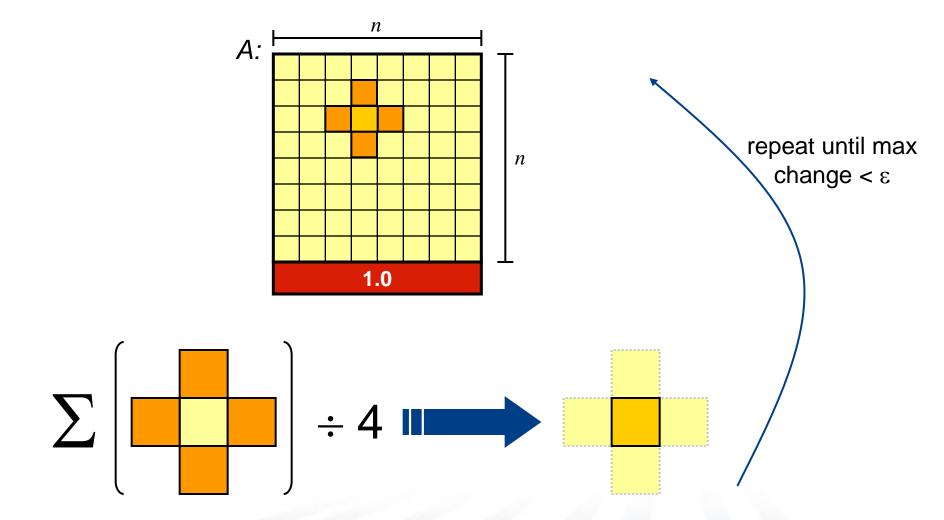


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Stencil 1: Jacobi Iteration





```
config const n = 6,
              epsilon = 1.0e-5;
const BigD: domain(2) = [0..n+1, 0..n+1],
         D: subdomain (BigD) = [1..n, 1..n],
   LastRow: subdomain(BigD) = D.exterior(1,0);
var A, Temp : [BiqD] real;
A[LastRow] = 1.0;
do {
  [(i,j) \text{ in } D] \text{ Temp}(i,j) = (A(i-1,j) + A(i+1,j))
                            + A(i, i-1) + A(i, i+1)) / 4;
  const delta = max reduce abs(A[D] - Temp[D]);
  A[D] = Temp[D];
} while (delta > epsilon);
writeln(A);
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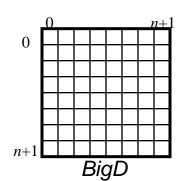
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          D: subdomain (BigD) = [1..n, 1..n],
   LastRow: subdomain(BigD) = D.exterior(1,0);
var A, Temp : [BigD] real;
                     Declare program parameters
A[Las
       const ⇒ can't change values after initialization
do {
       config ⇒ can be set on executable command-line
               prompt> jacobi -sn=10000 -sepsilon=0.0001
  con
       note that no types are given; inferred from initializer
                n \Rightarrow integer (current default, 32 bits)
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                epsilon ⇒ floating-point (current default, 64 bits)
writeIn(A);
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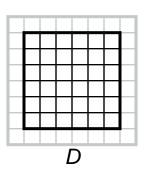


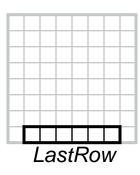
Declare domains (first class index sets)

domain(2) ⇒ 2D arithmetic domain, indices are integer 2-tuples

subdomain(P**)** \Rightarrow a domain of the same type as P whose indices are guaranteed to be a subset of P's







exterior \Rightarrow one of several built-in domain generators



4;



```
config const n = 6,
             epsilon = 1.0e-5;
const BigD: domain(2) = [0..n+1, 0..n+1],
         D: subdomain (BiqD) = [1..n, 1..n],
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var A, Temp : [BiqD] real;
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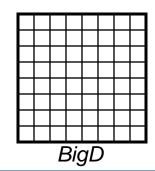
Declare arrays

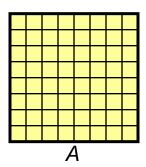
var ⇒ can be modified throughout its lifetime

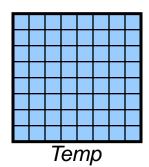
: $T \Rightarrow$ declares variable to be of type T

: **[D]** $T \Rightarrow$ array of size D with elements of type T

(no initializer) \Rightarrow values initialized to default value (0.0 for reals)







4;

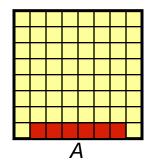




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   LastRow: subdomain(BigD) = D.exterior(1,0);
var A, Temp : [BiqD] real;
A[LastRow] = 1.0;
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Set Explicit Boundary Condition

indexing by domain ⇒ slicing mechanism array expressions ⇒ parallel evaluation

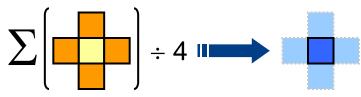




Compute 5-point stencil

 $[(i,j) \text{ in } D] \Rightarrow \text{ parallel for all expression over } D$'s indices, binding them to new variables *i* and *j*

Note: since $(i,j) \in D$ and $D \subseteq BigD$ and Temp: [BigD] \Rightarrow no bounds check required for Temp(i,j)with compiler analysis, same can be proven for A's accesses



```
+ A(i,j-1) + A(i,j+1)) / 4;
  const delta = max reduce abs(A[D] - Temp[D]);
  A[D] = Temp[D];
} while (delta > epsilon);
writeln(A);
```

[(i,j) in D] Temp(i,j) = (A(i-1,j) + A(i+1,j))



Compute maximum change

op reduce ⇒ collapse aggregate expression to scalar using *op*

Promotion: abs() and – are scalar operators, automatically promoted to work with array operands

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              epsilon = 1.0e-5;
const BigD: domain(2) = [0..n+1, 0..n+1],
          D: subdomain (BiqD) = [1..n, 1..n],
   LastRow: subdomain(BigD) = D.exterior(1,0);
         Copy data back & Repeat until done
var
A [La uses slicing and whole array assignment
     standard do...while loop construct
do
  [(i,j) \text{ in } D] \text{ Temp}(i,j) = (A(i-1,j) + A(i+1,j))
                             + A(i,j-1) + A(i,j+1)
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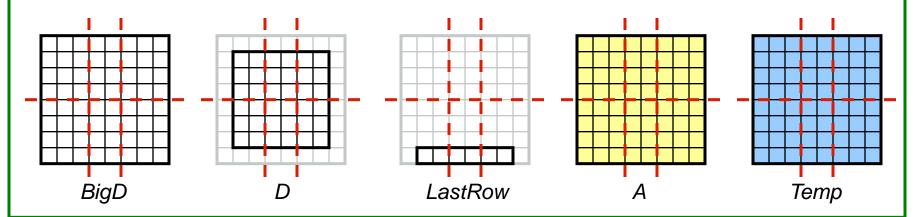
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   LastRow: subdomain(BigD) = D.exterior(1,0);
var A, Temp : [BiqD] real;
A[LastRow] = 1.0;
do
               Write array to console
     If written to a file, parallel I/O could be used
  const delta = max reduce abs(A[D] - Temp[D]);
  A[D] = Temp[D];
} while (delta > epsilon);
writeln(A);
```



With this change, same code runs in a distributed manner

Domain distribution maps indices to *locales*⇒ decomposition of arrays & default location of iterations over locales

Subdomains inherit parent domain's distribution



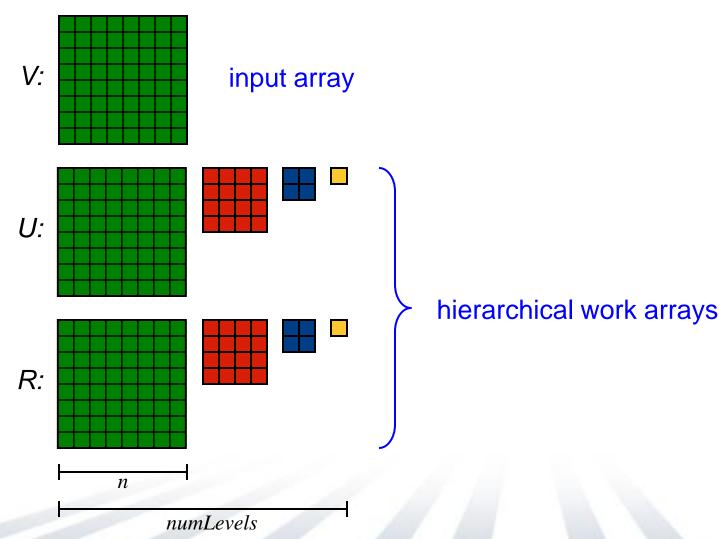




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config const n = 6,
              epsilon = 1.0e-5;
const BigD: domain(2) distributed Block = [0..n+1, 0..n+1],
         D: subdomain (BigD) = [1..n, 1..n],
   LastRow: subdomain(BigD) = D.exterior(1,0);
var A, Temp : [BiqD] real;
A[LastRow] = 1.0;
do {
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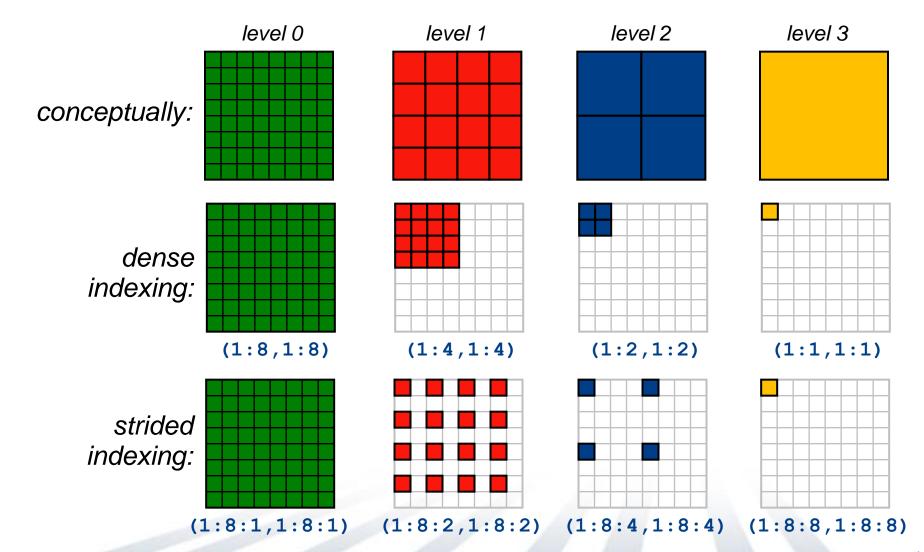
Stencil 2: Multigrid







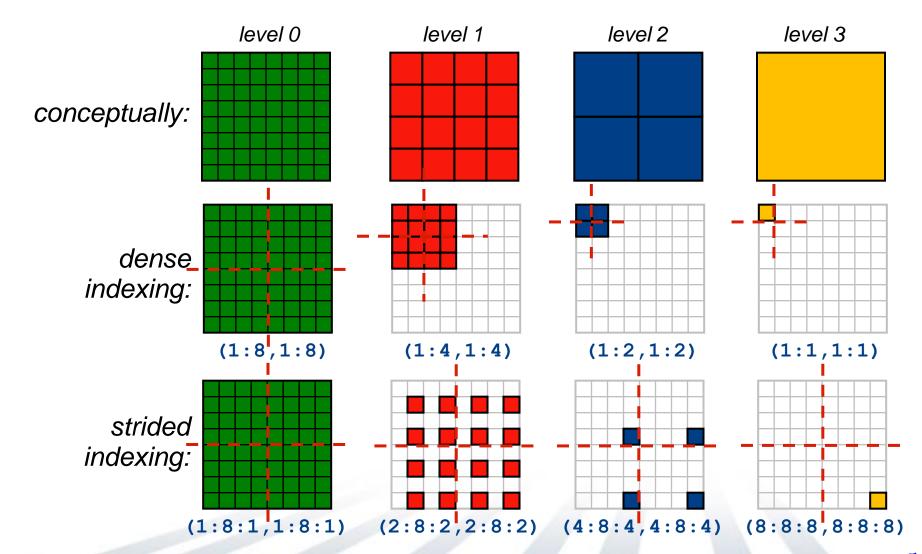
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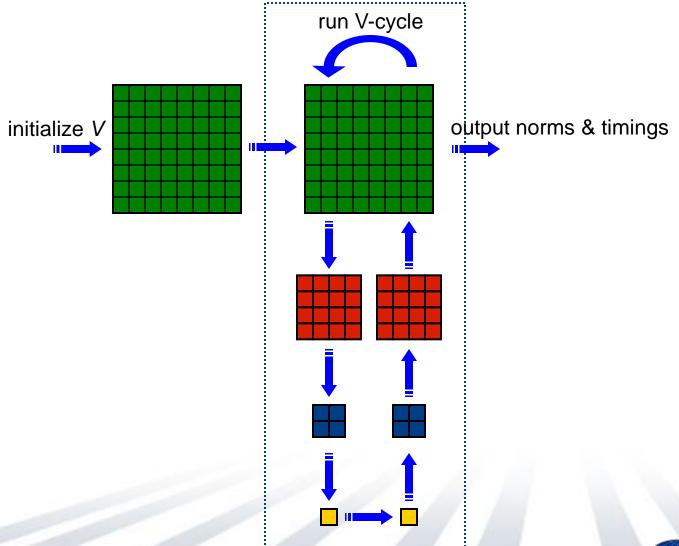


Hierarchical Array Declarations in Chapel

```
config const n = 1024,
             numLevels = lq2(n);
const Levels = [0..#numLevels];
const ProblemSpace: domain(1) distributed Block = [1..n]**3;
var V: [ProblemSpace] real;
const HierSpace: [lvl in Levels] subdomain(ProblemSpace)
               = ProblemSpace by -2**lvl;
var U, R: [lvl in Levels] [HierSpace(lvl)] real;
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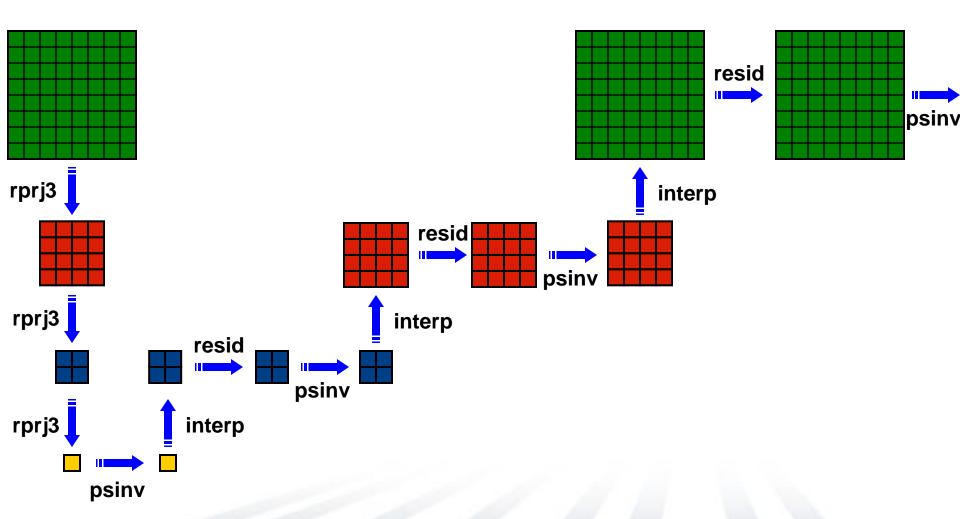
Overview of NAS MG





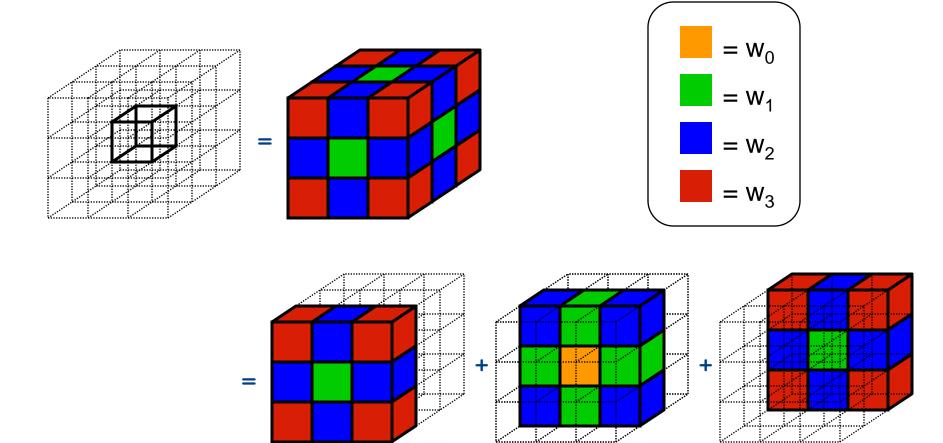


MG's projection/interpolation cycle





Multigrid: 27-Point Stencils







Multigrid: Stencils in Chapel

Can write them out explicitly...

```
def rprj3(S, R) {
 param w: [0..3] real = (0.5, 0.25, 0.125, 0.0625);
 const Rstr = R.stride;
  forall ijk in S.domain do
    S(ijk) = w(0) * R(ijk)
           + w(1) * (R(ijk+Rstr*(1,0,0)) + R(ijk+Rstr*(-1,0,0))
                   + R(ijk+Rstr*(0,1,0)) + R(ijk+Rstr*(0,-1,0))
                   + R(ijk+Rstr*(0,0,1)) + R(ijk+Rstr*(0,0,-1)))
           + w(2) * (R(ijk+Rstr*(1,1,0)) + R(ijk+Rstr*(1,-1,0))
                   + R(ijk+Rstr*(-1,1,0)) + R(ijk+Rstr*(-1,-1,0))
                   + R(ijk+Rstr*(1,0,1)) + R(ijk+Rstr*(1,0,-1))
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                   + R(ijk+Rstr*(0,1,1)) + R(ijk+Rstr*(0,1,-1))
                   + R(ijk+Rstr*(0,-1,1)) + R(ijk+Rstr*(0,-1,-1)))
           + w(3) * (R(ijk+Rstr*(1,1,1) + R(ijk+Rstr*(1,1,-1))
                   + R(ijk+Rstr*(1,-1,1) + R(ijk+Rstr*(1,-1,-1))
                   + R(ijk+Rstr*(-1,1,1) + R(ijk+Rstr*(-1,1,-1))
                   + R(ijk+Rstr*(-1,-1,1) + R(ijk+Rstr*(-1,-1,-1)));
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Multigrid: Stencils in Chapel

...or, note that a stencil is simply a reduction over a small subarray leading to a "syntactically scalable" version:

Our previous work in ZPL showed that compact, global-view codes like these can result in performance that matches or beats hand-coded Fortran+MPI while also supporting more runtime flexibility



Fortran+MPI NAS MG rprj3 stencil

```
subroutine comm3(u,n1,n2,n3,kk)
use caf intrinsics
implicit none
include 'cafnpb.h'
integer n1, n2, n3, kk
integer axis
if( .not. dead(kk) )ther
   do axis = 1, 3
         call sync all()
call give3( axis, +1, u, n1, n2, n3, kk)
         call give3( axis, -1, u, n1, n2, n3, kk)
         call sync all()
         call take3( axis, -1, u, n1, n2, n3 )
         call take3 (axis, +1, u, n1, n2, n3)
         call commlp(axis, u, n1, n2, n3, kk)
      endif
      call sync_all()
      call sync_all()
   call zero3(u.n1.n2.n3)
return
subroutine give3 ( axis, dir, u, n1, n2, n3, k )
implicit none
include 'cafnpb.h
integer axis, dir, n1, n2, n3, k, ierr
integer i3, i2, i1, buff len, buff id
buff len = 0
if( axis .eq. 1 )then
if( dir .eq. -1 )then
      do i3=2.n3-1
         do i2=2,n2-1
            buff len = buff len + 1
            buff(buff len,buff id) = u(2, i2,i3)
      buff(1:buff len.buff id+1)[nbr(axis,dir,k)] =
      buff(1:buff len,buff id)
   else if( dir .eq. +1 ) then
      do i3=2 n3=1
            buff len = buff len + 1
            buff(buff_len, buff_id) = u(n1-1, i2,i3)
      buff(1:buff len.buff id+1)[nbr(axis.dir.k)] =
      buff(1:buff len,buff id)
endif
endif
if( axis .eq. 2 )then
   if( dir .eq. -1 ) then
do i3=2.n3-1
            buff len = buff len + 1
            buff(buff_len, buff_id) = u(i1, 2,i3)
 buff(1:buff len,buff id+1)[nbr(axis,dir,k)] =
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```
else if( dir .eq. +1 ) then
      do i3=2,n3-1
         do i1=1.n1
            buff len = buff len + 1
            buff(buff len, buff id )= u( i1,n2-1,i3)
      buff(1:buff_len,buff_id+1)[nbr(axis,dir,k)] =
     buff(1:buff len,buff id)
if( axis .eq. 3 ) then if( dir .eq. -1 ) then
      do i2=1.n2
            buff len = buff len + 1
            buff(buff_len, buff_id) = u(i1,i2,2)
      buff(1:buff len.buff id+1)[nbr(axis.dir.k)] =
      buff(1:buff len,buff id)
   else if( dir .eq. +1 ) then
      do i2=1.n2
         do i1=1.n1
            buff_len = buff_len + 1
            buff(buff len, buff id) = u(i1,i2,n3-1)
      buff(1:buff len,buff id+1)[nbr(axis,dir,k)] =
      buff(1:buff len.buff id)
   endif
return
subroutine take3 (axis, dir, u, n1, n2, n3)
use caf intrinsics
implicit none
include 'cafnpb.h'
integer axis, dir, n1, n2, n3
double precision u( n1, n2, n3 )
integer buff id, indx
integer i3, i2, i1
buff id = 3 + dir
if( axis .eq. 1 ) then
if( dir .eq. -1 ) then
         do i2=2.n2-1
            u(n1,i2,i3) = buff(indx, buff id )
   else if( dir .eq. +1 ) then
      do i3=2.n3-1
            indx = indx + 1
            u(1,i2,i3) = buff(indx, buff_id)
         enddo
   endif
if(axis.eq. 2)then
   if ( dir .eq. -1 ) then
      do i3=2,n3-1
do i1=1,n1
            u(i1,n2,i3) = buff(indx, buff_id)
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else if( dir .eg. +1 ) then
      do i3=2,n3-1
         do i1=1,n1
            u(i1,1,i3) = buff(indx, buff id)
endif
if( axis .eq. 3 )then
   if( dir .eq. -1 )then
      do i2=1.n2
            u(i1.i2.n3) = buff(indx, buff id)
   else if( dir .eq. +1 ) then
            u(i1,i2,1) = buff(indx, buff_id)
   endif
endif
subroutine commlp(axis, u, n1, n2, n3, kk)
include 'globals h
integer axis, dir, n1, n2, n3
double precision u( n1, n2, n3 )
integer i3, i2, i1, buff len, buff id
buff id = 3 + dir
do i=1.nm2
  buff(i,buff_id) = 0.0D0
enddo
dir = +1
buff id = 3 + dir
do i=1 nm2
   buff(i,buff_id) = 0.0D0
enddo
buff len = 0
if( axis .eq. 1 )then
   do i3=2,n3-1
do i2=2,n2-1
         buff len = buff len + 1
         buff(buff_len, buff_id) = u( n1-1,
   12.131
   enddo
if( axis .eq. 2 )then
do i3=2,n3-1
     do i1=1.n1
         buff_len = buff_len + 1
buff(buff len, buff id )= u( i1,n2-
      enddo
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if( axis .eq. 3 )then
   do i2=1,n2
do i1=1,n1
         buff_len = buff_len + 1
buff(buff len, buff id) = u(i1,i2,n3-
      enddo
buff id = 2 + dir
if( axis .eq. 1 )then
   do i3=2,n3-1
      do i2=2.n2-1
         buff_len = buff_len + 1
buff(buff len,buff id) = u(2, i2,i3)
       enddo
endif
if( axis .eq. 2 )then
   do i3=2,n3-1
do i1=1,n1
         buff_len = buff_len + 1
buff(buff_len, buff_id) = u( i1,
    2,13)
      enddo
if( axis .eq. 3 ) then
do i2=1,n2
      do i1=1.n1
          buff_len = buff_len + 1
         buff(buff_len, buff_id) = u(i1,i2,2)
endif
do i=1.nm2
   buff(i,4) = buff(i,3)
buff(i,2) = buff(i,1)
buff id = 3 + dir
if( axis .eq. 1 ) then
do i3=2,n3-1
      do i2=2,n2-1
          u(n1,i2,i3) = buff(indx, buff id)
      enddo
if( axis .eq. 2 )then
   do i3=2,n3-1
      do i1=1,n1
          indx = indx + 1
          u(i1,n2,i3) = buff(indx, buff id)
    enddo
if( axis .eq. 3 )then do i2=1,n2
      do i1=1,n1
          u(i1,i2,n3) = buff(indx, buff id)
       enddo
endif
buff id = 3 + dir
if( axis .eq. 1 )then
do i3=2,n3-1
      do i2=2,n2-1
          u(1,i2,i3) = buff(indx, buff id)
```

endif

```
if (axis .eq. 2 ) then
   do i3=2,n3-1
      do i1=1,n1
         indx = indx + 1
         u(i1,1,i3) = buff(indx, buff id)
      enddo
endif
if(axis .eq. 3)then
   do i2=1,n2
      do i1=1,n1
         indx = indx + 1
         u(i1,i2,1) = buff(indx, buff_id)
      enddo
   enddo
return
subroutine rpri3(r.mlk.m2k.m3k.s.mli.m2i.m3i.k)
implicit none
include 'globals.h'
integer m1k, m2k, m3k, m1j, m2j, m3j,k
double precision r(mlk,m2k,m3k), s(m1j,m2j,m3j)
integer j3, j2, j1, i3, i2, i1, d1, d2, d3, j
double precision x1(m), y1(m), x2,y2
if (mlk.eq.3) then
 d1 = 2
else
  d1 = 1
endif
if (m2k.eq.3) then
 d2 = 2
else
  42 = 1
endif
if (m3k.eq.3) then
 d3 = 2
else
  d3 = 1
andi f
do j3=2,m3j-1
 i3 = 2*i3-d3
  do j2=2,m2j-1
    do 11=2.m11
      i1 = 2*j1-d1
      x1(i1-1) = r(i1-1,i2-1,i3) + r(i1-1,i2+1,i3)
               + r(i1-1,i2, i3-1) + r(i1-1,i2, i3+1)
     y1(i1-1) = r(i1-1,i2-1,i3-1) + r(i1-1,i2-1,i3+1)
               + r(i1-1,i2+1,i3-1) + r(i1-1,i2+1,i3+1)
    do j1=2,m1j-1
     y2 = r(i1, i2-1,i3-1) + r(i1, i2-1,i3+1) + r(i1, i2+1,i3-1) + r(i1, i2+1,i3+1)
      x2 = r(i1, i2-1,i3) + r(i1, i2+1,i3)
         + r(i1, i2, i3-1) + r(i1, i2, i3+1)
      s(11,12,13) =
          0.5D0 * r(i1,i2,i3)
        + 0.25D0 * (r(i1-1,i2,i3) + r(i1+1,i2,i3) + x2)
+ 0.125D0 * (x1(i1-1) + x1(i1+1) + y2)
        + 0.0625D0 * ( y1(i1-1) + y1(i1+1) )
      enddo
  enddo
  4 = k-1
  call comm3(s,m1j,m2j,m3j,j)
```





Stencil 3: Fast Multipole Method (FMM)

var OSgfn, ISgfn: [lvl_in Levels] [SpsCubes(lvl)] [Sgfns(lvl)] [1..3] complex;

1D array over levels of the hierarchy



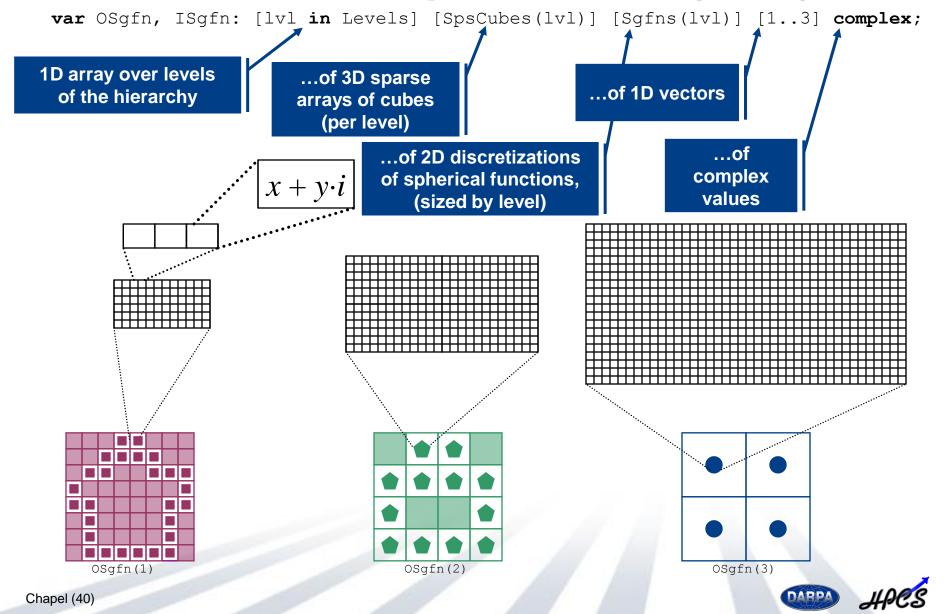








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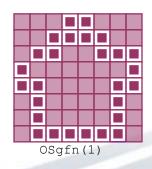


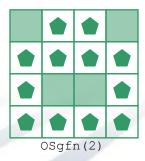
FMM: Supporting Declarations

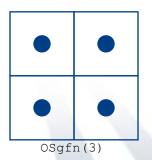
```
var OSqfn, ISqfn: [lvl in Levels] [SpsCubes(lvl)] [Sqfns(lvl)] [1..3] complex;
```

previous definitions:

```
var n: int = ...;
var numLevels: int = ...;
var Levels: domain(1) = [1..numLevels];
var scale: [lvl in Levels] int = 2**(lvl-1);
var SqFnSize: [lvl in Levels] int = computeSqFnSize(lvl);
var LevelBox: [lvl in Levels] domain(3) = [(1,1,1)...(n,n,n)] by scale(lvl);
var SpsCubes: [lvl in Levels] sparse subdomain(LevelBox) = ...;
var Sqfns: [lvl in Levels] domain(2) = [1..SqFnSize(lvl), 1..2*SqFnSize(lvl)];
```











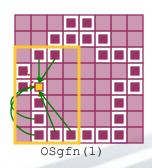
FMM: Computation

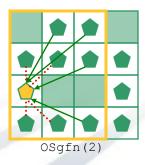
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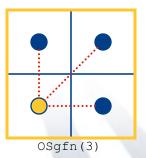
outer-to-inner translation:

```
for lvl in 1..numLevels-1 by -1 {
    ...
    forall cube in SpsCubes(lvl) {
        forall sib in out2inSiblings(lvl, cube) {
            const Trans = lookupXlateTab(cube, sib);

        atomic ISgfn(lvl)(cube) += OSgfn(lvl)(sib) * Trans;
        }
    }
    ...
}
```











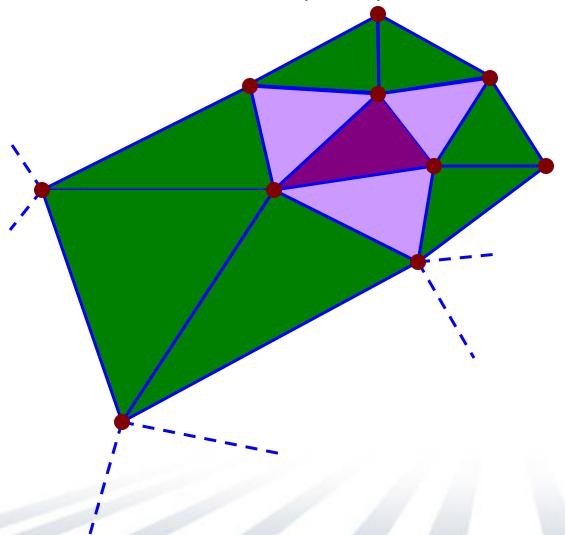
Fast Multipole Method: Summary

- Chapel code captures structure of data and computation far better than sequential Fortran/C versions (to say nothing of the MPI versions)
 - cleaner, more succinct, more informative
 - rich domain/array support plays a big role in this
- Parallelism shifts at different levels of hierarchy
 - Aided by global-view programming and nested parallelism
- Boeing FMM expert was able to find bugs in my implementation when seeing Chapel for the first time
- Yet, I've elided some non-trivial code (the distributions)



Stencil 4: Stencils on Unstructured Grids

e.g., Finite Element Methods (FEM)







FEM Declarations

```
config param numdims = 2;
const facesPerElem = numdims+1,
      vertsPerFace = 3,
      vertsPerElem = numdims+1;
var Elements: domain(opaque),
    Faces: domain (opaque),
    Vertices: domain(opaque);
var element: index(Elements),
    face: index (Faces),
    vertex: index(Vertices);
var elementFaces: [Elements] [1..facesPerElem] face,
    elemVertices: [Elements] [1..vertsPerElem] vertex,
    faceVertices: [Faces] [1..vertsPerFace] vertex;
```



FEM Computation

Sample Idioms:

```
var a, b, c, f: [Vertices] real;
var p: [1..2, Vertices] real;
function PoissonComputeA {
  forall e in Elements {
    const c = 0.10 * volume(e);
    for v in elemVertices(e) {
      a(v1) += c*f(v1);
      for v2 in elemVertices(e) do
        if (v1 != v2) then
          a(v2) += 0.5*c*f(v2);
function computePressure(pressure: [Vertices] real) {
  pressure = (a - b) / c;
```

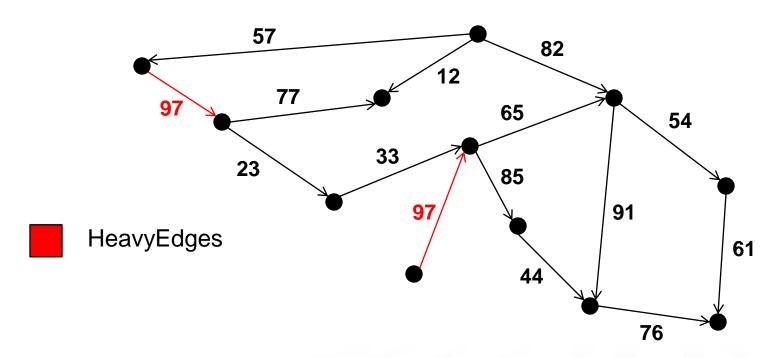


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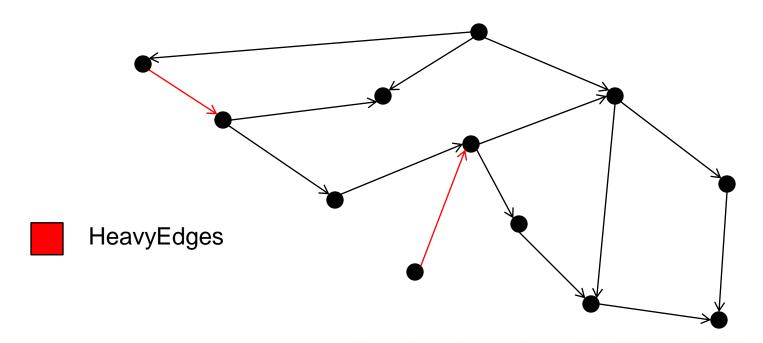


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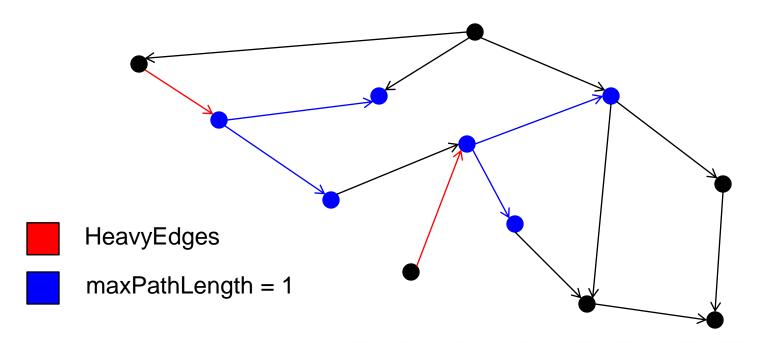
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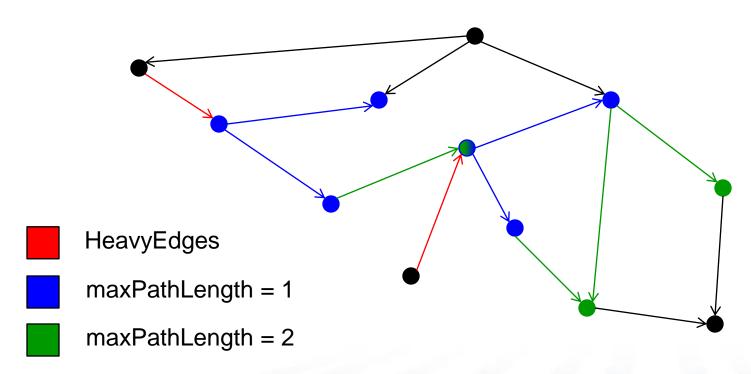


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```
def rootedHeavySubgraphs(
      G,
      type vertexSet;
      HeavyEdges
                      : domain,
      HeavyEdgeSubG : [],
      in maxPathLength: int ) {
  forall (e, subgraph)
      in (HeavyEdges, HeavyEdgeSubG) {
    const (x,y) = e;
    var ActiveLevel: vertexSet;
    ActiveLevel += y;
    subgraph.edges += e;
    subgraph.nodes += x;
    subgraph.nodes += y;
```

```
for pathLength in 1..maxPathLength {
  var NextLevel: vertexSet;
  forall v in ActiveLevel do
    forall w in G.Neighbors(v) do
      atomic {
        if !subgraph.nodes.member(w) {
          NextLevel += w;
          subgraph.nodes += w;
          subgraph.edges += (v, w);
  if (pathLength < maxPathLength) then</pre>
    ActiveLevel = NextLevel;
```



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Generic Implementation of Graph G

G.Vertices: a domain whose indices represent the vertices

- for toroidal graphs, a domain(d), so vertices are d-tuples
- for other graphs, a domain(1), so vertices are integers
- **G.Neighbors:** an array over G.Vertices
- for toroidal graphs, a fixed-size array over the domain [1..2*d]
- for other graphs...
 - ...an associative domain with indices of type index(G.vertices)
 - ...a sparse subdomain of G.Vertices

This kernel and the others are generic w.r.t. these decisions!

```
odes += w;
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Generic with respect to vertex sets

vertexSet: a type argument specifying how to represent vertex subsets

Requirements:

- parallel iteration
- ability to add members, test for membership

Options:

- an associative domain over vertices domain (index (G.vertices))
- a sparse subdomain of the vertices sparse subdomain (G.vertices)

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                                                      NextLevel += w;
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                                                      subgraph.edges += (v, w);
    const (x,y) = e;
    var ActiveLevel: vertexSet;
    ActiveLevel += y;
                                 Ditto for Subgraphs
                                                             < maxPathLength) then
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    subgraph.edges += e;
    subgraph.nodes += x;
    subgraph.nodes += y;
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```
var buff$: [0..buffersize-1] sync int;
cobegin {
  producer();
  consumer();
def producer() {
  var i = 0;
  for ... {
    i = (i+1) % buffersize;
    buff$(i) = ...;
def consumer() {
  var i = 0;
  while {
    i = (i+1) % buffersize;
    ...buff$(i)...;
```



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  var i = 0;
  while {
    i = (i+1) % b
    ...buff$(i)...;
```

Synchronization Variables

- Store full/empty state along with value
- - ...reads block until full, leave empty
 - ...writes block until empty, leave full
- methods provide other forms of read/write e.g., buff\$[0].readXX(); => read, ignoring state
- Chapel also has single-assignment variables
 - write once, read many times



```
var buff$: [0..buffersize-1] sync int;
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def producer() {
  var i
                              Cobegins
  for ...

    Spawn a task for each component statement

    Original task waits until the tasks have finished

    Chapel also supports other flavors of structured

def consu
            & unstructured task creation
  var i
  while
    i = (i+1) % buffersize;
    ...buff$(i)...;
```



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MADNESS

MADNESS:

- Multiresolution ADaptive NumErical Scientific Simulation
- a framework for scientific simulation in many dimensions using adaptive multiresolution methods in multiwavelet bases

People:

Gregory Beylkin (University of Colorado), George Fann (Oak Ridge National Laboratory), Zhenting Gan (CCSG), Robert Harrison (CCSG), Martin Mohlenkamp (Ohio University), Fernando Perez (University of Colorado), P. Sadayappan (The Ohio State University), Takeshi Yanai (CCSG)







What does Madness do?

- Think of Madness as a math library
- Numerical representations for analytic functions
 - Stored in the scaling function (Gauss Legendre Polynomial) and Multiwavelet bases
 - Operations on functions become fast with guaranteed precision
 - Differential and Integral operators become O(n) in numerical representation
- Applications that can benefit from Madness include:
 - Density Functional Theory (DFT) (Quantum chemistry domain)
 - Explore electronic structure of many-body systems
 - Fluid dynamics
 - Climate modeling
 - Etc ...

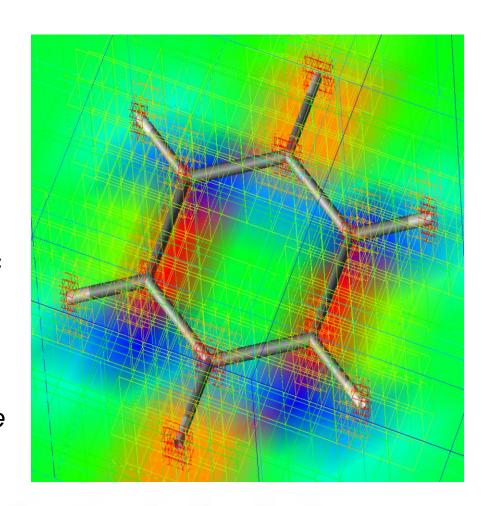






Numerical Representation for Functions

- Analytic function is projected into the numerical representation
- Approximate the function using basis functions
 - Similar to Fourier, but basis functions have compact support
 - Approximation is over a closed interval of interest
- Recursively subdivide the analytic function spatially to achieve desired accuracy
- Avoid extra computation in uninteresting areas
- Store the result in a Function Tree
 - 1d: Binary Tree
 - 2d: Quad Tree
 - 3d: Oct Tree

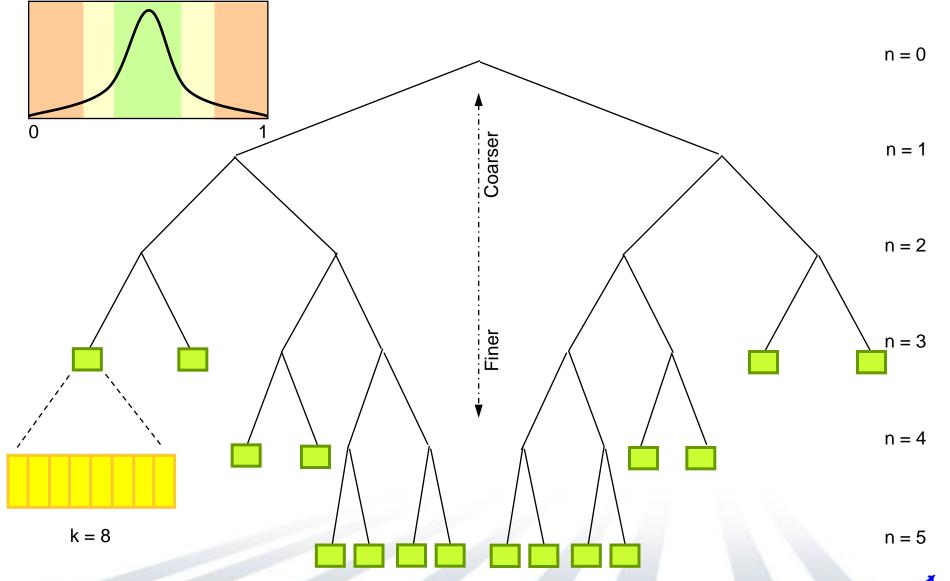








The 1d Function Tree of a Gaussian

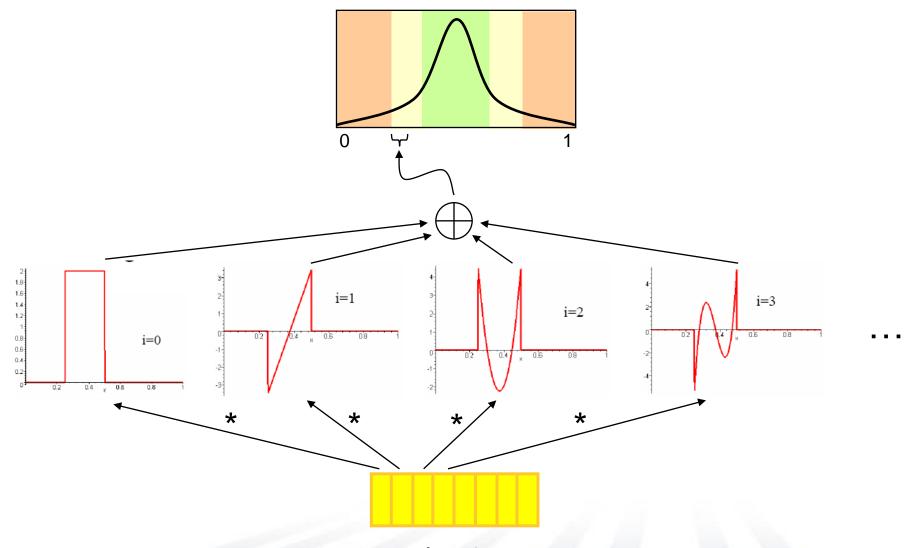








Function Evaluation in the Numerical Representation









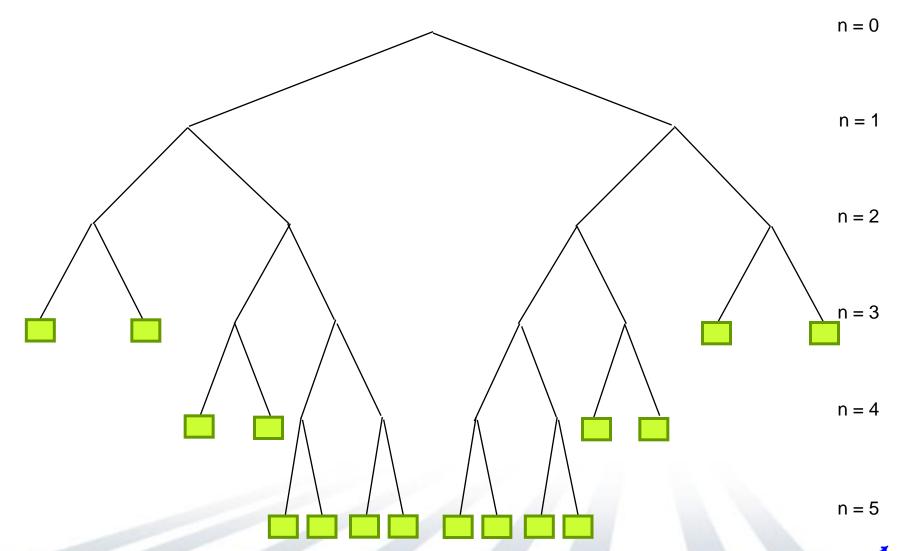
Core Algorithm: Differentiation

- Perform: df = f.diff()
- Walk down the tree and everywhere that we have coefficients, perform differentiation
- Performing differentiation involves getting our left and right neighbors and applying the derivative operator





Differentiation: I have neighbors

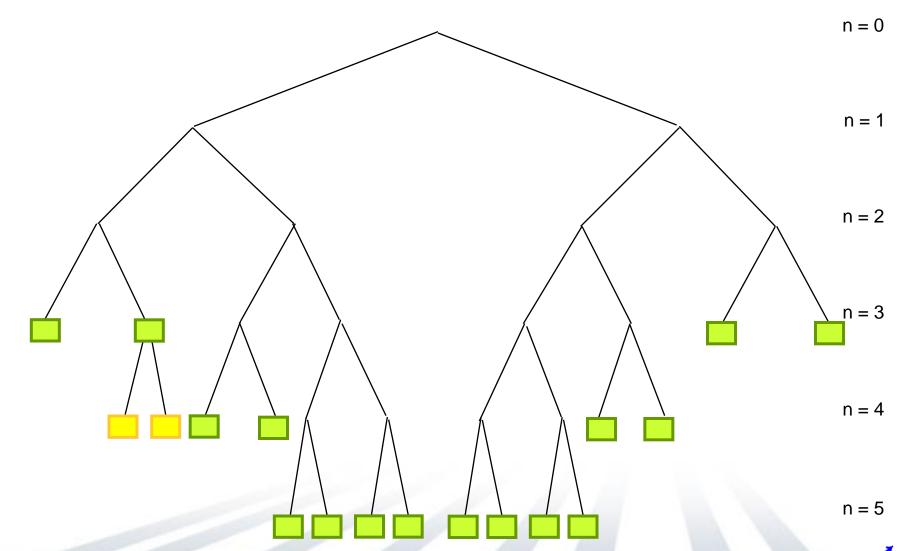








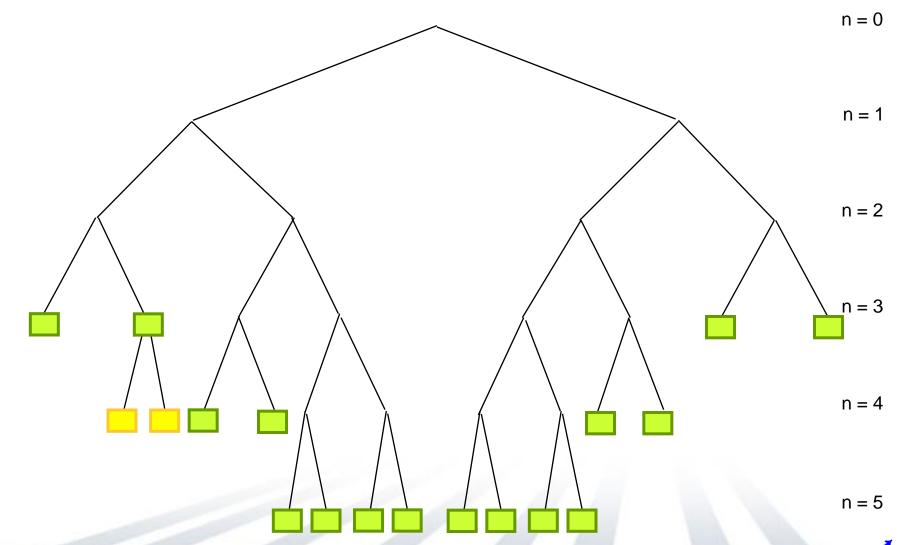
Differentiation: I'm too fine







Differentiation: I'm too coarse







Serial Differentiation Code

```
def diff (n = 0, 1 = 0, result) {
    if !s.has coeffs(n, 1) {
        // Run down tree until we hit scaling function coefficients
            diff(n+1, 2*1 , result);
            diff(n+1, 2*l+1, result);
    } else {
            var sm = qet coeffs(n, 1-1);
            var sp = get coeffs(n, l+1);
            var s0 = s[n, 1];
        // We have s0, check if we found sm and sp at this level
        if !isNone(sm) && !isNone(sp) {
           var r = rp*sm + r0*s0 + rm*sp;
            result.s[n, 1] = r * 2.0**n;
        } else {
            recur down(n, 1);
                diff(n+1, 2*1, result);
                diff(n+1, 2*l+1, result);
```





Parallel Differentiation Code

```
def diff (n = 0, 1 = 0, result) {
    if !s.has coeffs(n, 1) {
         // Run down tree until we hit scaling function coefficients
         cobegin {
             diff(n+1, 2*1 , result);
diff(n+1, 2*1+1, result);
                                                  Perform recursive calls in parallel
     } else {
             var sm = get_coeffs(n, l-1);
var sp = get_coeffs(n, l+1);
var s0 = s[n, l];
Get neighboring coefficients in parallel
         cobegin {
         // We have s0, check if we found sm and sp at this level
         if !isNone(sm) && !isNone(sp) {
              var r = rp*sm + r0*s0 + rm*sp;
              result.s[n, 1] = r * 2.0**n;
         } else {
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Current Parallel Models and GPUs

- MPI, Co-Array Fortran, Unified Parallel C
 - SPMD model is too coarse-grain and heavy-weight for GPUs
- Java, C#, pthreads
 - Thread fork/join models not a good match for SIMD nature of GPUs
- CUDA (C or API), OpenCL
 - Low-level models impact productivity
 - Better suited as a compiler/library target
- directive-based approaches (OpenMP, PGI, CAPS)
 - Probably the most sensible evolutionary approach
 - But potentially a blunt tool -- lots of reliance on the compiler
 - Can't we do better?



GPU Programming Wishlist

- general parallelism
 - task parallelism to fire kernels off to the accelerator
 - data parallelism to express SIMD/SIMT computations
 - nested parallelism to handle inter-/intra-node parallelism (many kinds)
- locality control: the ability to say where things are run/stored:
 - one node vs. another
 - CPU vs. GPU
 - individual thread blocks
 - types of memory within the GPU
- multiresolution design: the ability to...
 - ...use high-level abstractions when convenient/appropriate
 - ...get as close to the hardware as necessary within the language
 - ...interoperate with other programming models

Conventional solutions will likely result in a notational mash-up Chapel's concepts/themes already support all these goals







Traditional STREAM (single-node version)

By default, domains and arrays are implemented using the current locale

config const m = 1000;

Default problem size; user can override on executable's command-line

const alpha = 3.0;

Domain representing the problem space

```
const ProbSpace: domain(1) = [1..m];
```

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

Three vectors of floating point values

```
forall (a,b,c) in (A,B,C) do
 a = b + alpha * c;
```

Parallel loop specifying the computation





CPU+GPU STREAM

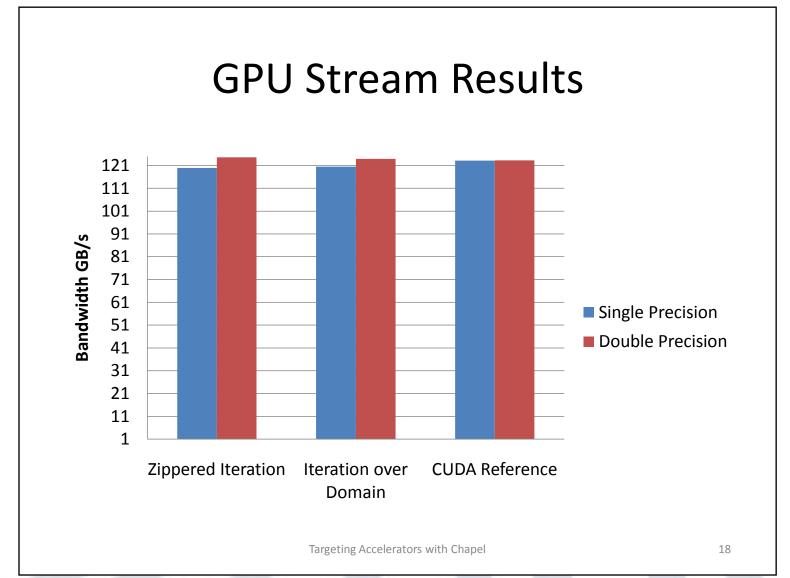
```
config const m = 1000, tpb = 256;
const alpha = 3.0;
const gpuDist = new GPUDist(rank=1, tpb);
const ProbSpace: domain(1) = [1..m];
const GPUProbSpace: domain(1) distributed gpuDist = ProbSpace;
                                                    Create vectors on both
var hostA, hostB, hostC: [ProbSpace] real;
                                                      host (CPU) and GPU
var gpuA, gpuB, gpuC: [GPUProbSpace] real;
hostB = ...;
                             Perform vector initializations on the host
hostC = ...;
                                  Assignments between host and GPU arrays
gpuB = hostB;
                                   implemented using CUDA's memcpy
qpuC = hostC;
forall (a, b, c) in (gpuA, gpuB, gpuC) do
  a = b + alpha * c;
                                             Computation executed by GPU
hostA = qpuA; ----
                                  Copy result back from GPU to host memory
```

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Experimental results (NVIDIA GTX 280)









Case Study: STREAM (current practice)

```
#define N
                2000000
                                   CUDA
int main() {
 float *d a, *d b, *d c;
  float scalar:
  cudaMalloc((void**)&d a, sizeof(float)*N);
  cudaMalloc((void**)&d b, sizeof(float)*N);
  cudaMalloc((void**)&d c, sizeof(float)*N);
  dim3 dimBlock(128);
  dim3 dimGrid(N/dimBlock.x );
  if ( N % dimBlock.x != 0 ) dimGrid.x+=1;
  set array<<<dimGrid,dimBlock>>>(d b, .5f, N);
  set array<<<dimGrid,dimBlock>>>(d c, .5f, N);
  scalar=3.0f;
  STREAM Triad<<<dimGrid,dimBlock>>>(d b, d c, d a, scalar, N);
  cudaThreadSynchronize();
  cudaFree(d a);
  cudaFree(d b);
  cudaFree(d c);
global void set array(float *a, float value, int len) {
  int idx = threadIdx.x + blockIdx.x * blockDim.x;
  if (idx < len) a[idx] = value;
global void STREAM Triad( float *a, float *b, float *c,
                              float scalar, int len) {
  int idx = threadIdx.x + blockIdx.x * blockDim.x;
  if (idx < len) c[idx] = a[idx] + scalar*b[idx];
```

```
#include <hpcc.h>
#ifdef OPENMP
#include <omp.h>
                                    MPI + OpenMP
#endif
static int VectorSize;
static double *a, *b, *c;
int HPCC StarStream(HPCC Params *params)
 int myRank, commSize;
 int rv, errCount;
 MPI Comm comm = MPI COMM WORLD;
 MPI Comm size ( comm, &commSize );
 MPI Comm rank ( comm, &myRank );
 rv = HPCC Stream( params, 0 == myRank);
 MPI Reduce ( &rv, &errCount, 1, MPI INT, MPI SUM, 0, comm );
int HPCC_Stream(HPCC_Params *params, int doIO) {
 register int j;
 double scalar;
 VectorSize = HPCC LocalVectorSize( params, 3, sizeof(double), 0 );
 a = HPCC XMALLOC( double, VectorSize );
 b = HPCC XMALLOC( double, VectorSize );
 c = HPCC XMALLOC( double, VectorSize );
 if (!a || !b || !c) {
   if (c) HPCC free(c);
   if (b) HPCC_free(b);
   if (a) HPCC free(a);
      fprintf( outFile, "Failed to allocate memory (%d).\n", VectorSize );
     fclose( outFile );
   return 1;
#ifdef OPENMP
#pragma omp parallel for
 for (j=0; j<VectorSize; j++) {
   b[j] = 2.0;
   c[i] = 0.0;
 scalar = 3.0;
#ifdef OPENMP
#pragma omp parallel for
 for (j=0; j<VectorSize; j++)
   a[j] = b[j] + scalar*c[j];
 HPCC free(c);
 HPCC free (b);
 HPCC free (a);
 return 0;
```



Case Study: STREAM (current practice)

```
#define N 2000000

int main() {
  float *d_a, *d_b, *d_c;
  float scalar;
```

```
Chapel (today)
 config const m = 1000,
               tpb = 256;
 const alpha = 3.0;
 const gpuDist = new GPUDist(rank=1, tpb);
 const ProbSpace: domain(1) = [1..m];
 const GPUProbSpace: domain(1) distributed gpuDist
                    = ProbSpace;
 var hostA, hostB, hostC: [ProbSpace] real;
 var gpuA, gpuB, gpuC: [GPUProbSpace] real;
 hostB = ...;
 hostC = ...;
 apuB = hostB;
 apuC = hostC;
 forall (a, b, c) in (gpuA, gpuB, gpuC) do
  a = b + alpha * c;
 hostA = qpuA;
int idx = threadIdx.x + blockIdx.x * blockDim.x;
if (idx < len) c[idx] = a[idx] + scalar*b[idx];
```

```
#include <hpcc.h>
#ifdef _OPENMP
#include <omp.h>
#endif

static int VectorSize;
static double *a, *b, *c;

int HPCC_StarStream(HPCC_Params *params) {
   int myRank, commSize;
   int rv, errCount;
   MPI_Comm comm = MPI_COMM_WORLD;
   MPI_Comm_size( comm, &commSize );
   MPI_Comm_rank( comm, &myRank );

Chapel (ultimate goal)
```

#ifdef _OPENMP
#pragma omp parallel for
#endif
for (j=0; j<VectorSize; j++)
 a[j] = b[j]+scalar*c[j];

HPCC_free(c);
HPCC_free(b);
HPCC_free(a);
return 0;</pre>

*c,



Chapel Parboil Benchmark Suite Study

Parboil Benchmark Suite: GPU-oriented benchmarks from Wen-Mei Hwu (UIUC) with CPU and GPU (CUDA) versions

http://impact.crhc.illinois.edu/parboil.php

This study: Rewrite the suite in Chapel to compare performance and programmability relative to CUDA

One benchmark: Coulombic Potential (CP)

- computes the Coulombic potential over a discretized plane within a 3D space of randomly-placed charges
- adapted from the cionize benchmark in VMD.

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CP Excerpts: Declarations

```
const GPUMem = distributionValue(new GPUDist(rank=2,
                 tbSizeX=BLOCKSIZEX, tbSizeY=BLOCKSIZEY));
const space: domain(2, int(64)) distributed GPUMem
           = [0..#VOLSIZEY, 0..#VOLSIZEX];
const atomspace host = [0..#MAXATOMS];
var atominfo host: [atomspace host] float4;
const atomspace gpu: domain(1, int(64)) distributed GPUMem
                   = atomspace host;
var atominfo gpu: [atomspace gpu] float4;
const energyspace cpu = [0..#volmemsz];
var energy host: [energyspace cpu] real(32);
const energyspace gpu: domain(1, int(64)) distributed GPUMem
                     = energyspace cpu;
var energy gpu: [energyspace gpu] real(32);
```

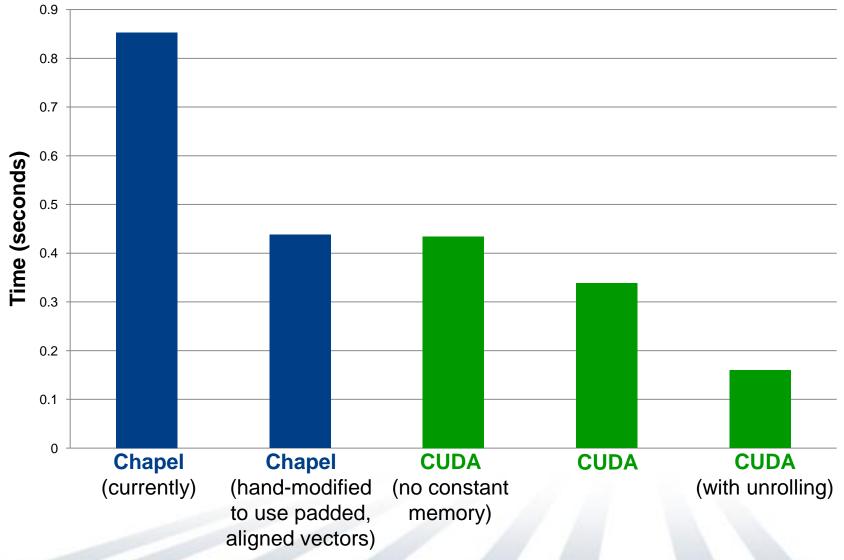


CP Excerpts: Computation

```
atominfo gpu = atominfo host;
energy gpu = energy host;
forall (xindex, yindex) in space {
  const coorx = gridspacing * xindex,
        coory = gridspacing * yindex;
 var energyval: real(32);
  for atomid in 0..#runatoms {
    const dx = coorx - atominfo gpu(atomid).x,
          dy = coory - atominfo gpu(atomid).y;
    const r 1 = 1.0 : real(32)
              / sqrt(dx * dx + dy * dy + atominfo gpu(atomid).z);
    energyval += atominfo gpu(atomid).w * r 1;
  energy gpu(rowSizeX * yindex + xindex) += energyval;
energy host = energy gpu;
```



Coulombic Potential: Execution Time









Chapel and GPUs: Next Steps

CP Benchmark:

- provide access to padded, aligned vector using external types
- add support for using constant memory
 - explicitly via Chapel's on-clauses
 - automatically via compiler analysis
- explore loop unrolling via Chapel's iterator functions and full unrolling
 - if infeasible look into adding language support or unrolling

GPU Programming in Chapel:

- continue studying additional benchmarks, Parboil and otherwise
- create a distribution that spans CPU and GPU resources
 - to avoid duplicated declarations
 - to pipeline data between CPU and GPU to hide I/O latencies
- combine CPU/GPU distributions with Block, Cyclic, ... distributions
 - to target a cluster of CPU+GPU resources





Candidate CPU/GPU Distribution Concept

```
const CPUGPU = distributionValue(new CPUGPUDist(rank=2,
                 tbSizeX=BLOCKSIZEX, tbSizeY=BLOCKSIZEY));
const atomspace: domain(1, int(64)) distributed CPUGPU
                    = [0..#MAXATOMS];;
var atominfo: [atomspace] float4;
// init on host
atominfo.setMode(gpu=true);
// compute on GPU;
atominfo.setMode(gpu=false);
```



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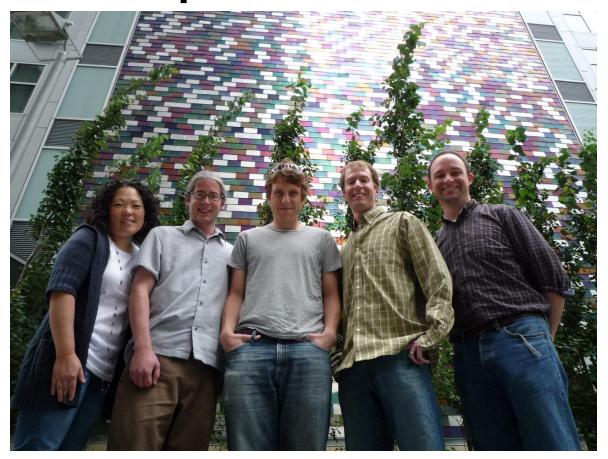


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Chapel Release

- Current release: version 1.02 (November 12, 2009)
- Supported environments: UNIX/Linux, Mac OS X, Cygwin
- How to get started:
 - 1. Download from: http://sourceforge.net/projects/chapel
 - 2. Unpack tar.gz file
 - 3. See top-level README
 - for quick-start instructions
 - for pointers to next steps with the release
- Your feedback desired!
- Remember: a work-in-progress
 - ⇒ it's likely that you will find problems with the implementation
 - ⇒ this is still a good time to influence the language's design





Chapel Implementation Status (v1.02)

Base language: stable (gaps and bugs remain)

Task parallel:

- stable multi-threaded implementation of tasks, sync variables
- atomic sections are an area of ongoing research with U. Notre Dame

Data parallel:

- stable multi-threaded data parallelism for dense domains/arrays
- other domain types have a single-threaded reference implementation

Locality:

- stable locale types and arrays
- stable task parallelism across multiple locales
- initial support for some distributions: Block, Cyclic, Block-Cyclic

Performance:

- has received much attention in designing the language
- yet very little implementation effort to date





Chapel Collaborations

Notre Dame/ORNL (Peter Kogge, Srinivas Sridharan, Jeff Vetter):

Asynchronous STM over distributed memory

UIUC (David Padua, Albert Sidelnik, Maria Garzarán):

Chapel for hybrid CPU-GPU computing

OSU (Gagan Agrawal, Bin Ren):

Data-intensive computing using Chapel's user-defined reductions

PNNL/CASS-MT (John Feo, Daniel Chavarria): Chapel extensions for hybrid computation; performance tuning for the Cray XMT; ARMCI port

Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (Alex Duran): Chapel over Nanos

Universidad de Màlaga (Rafael Asenjo, Angeles Navarro, et al.): Parallel I/O, sparse distributions, ...

ORNL (David Bernholdt et al.; Steve Poole et al.): Chapel code studies – Fock matrix computations, MADNESS, Sweep3D, coupled models, ...

Berkeley (Dan Bonachea et al.): Chapel over GASNet; collectives

(Your name here?)





Collaboration Opportunities

- memory management policies/mechanisms
- exceptions
- dynamic load balancing: task throttling and stealing
- parallel I/O and checkpointing
- language interoperability
- application studies and performance optimizations
- index/subdomain semantics and optimizations
- targeting different back-end compilers/runtimes (LLVM, MS CLR, ...)
- dynamic compilation
- library support
- tools
 - correctness debugging, visualizations, algorithm animations
 - performance debugging
 - IDE support
 - Chapel interpreter
- (your ideas here...)





Chapel: For More Information

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http://chapel.cray.com

http://sourceforge.net/projects/chapel/

SC08 tutorial slides

Parallel Programmability and the Chapel Language; Chamberlain, Callahan, Zima; International Journal of High Performance Computing Applications, August 2007, 21(3):291-312.