

GPU ACCELERATORS AT JSC SUPERCOMPUTING INTRODUCTION COURSE

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JUWELS Cluster – Jülich's Scalable System

- 2500 nodes with Intel Xeon CPUs (2×24 cores)
- 46 + 10 nodes with 4 NVIDIA Tesla V100 cards (16 GB memory)
- 10.4 (CPU) + 1.6 (GPU) PFLOP/s peak performance (Top500: #86)



JUWELS Booster – Scaling Higher!

- 936 nodes with AMD EPYC Rome CPUs (2×24 cores)
- Each with 4 NVIDIA A100 Ampere GPUs (each: $FP64TC: 19.5$ TFLOP/s, 40 GB memory)
 $FP64: 9.7$
- InfiniBand DragonFly+ HDR-200 network; 4×200 Gbit/s per node

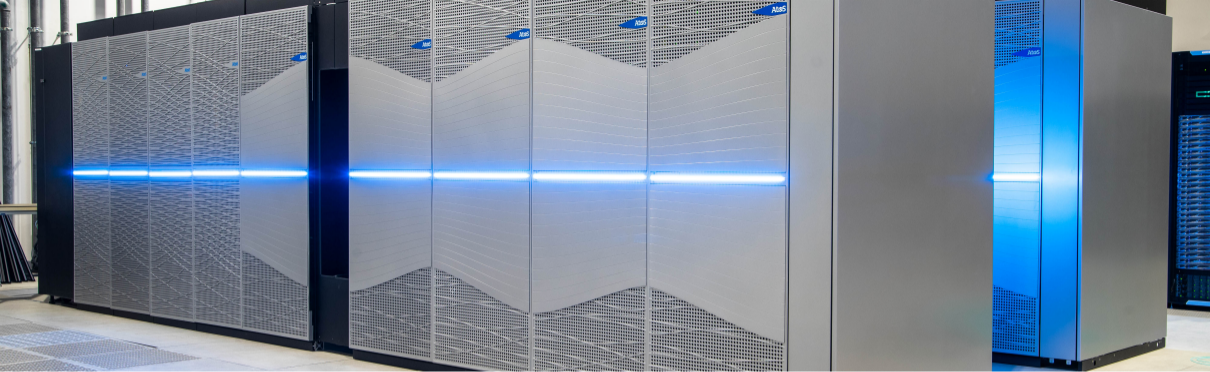


Top500 List Nov 2020:

- #1 Europe
- #7 World
- #4* Top/Green500

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JURECA DC – Multi-Purpose

- 768 nodes with AMD EPYC Rome CPUs (2×64 cores)
- 192 nodes with 4 NVIDIA A100 Ampere GPUs
- InfiniBand DragonFly+ HDR-100 network



JUPITER – Exascale

- First Exascale system in Europe
- Procured by EuroHPC JU, BMBF, MKW-NRW, hosted by JSC
- Currently in pre-installation
- 24 000 NVIDIA H100 GPUs (Grace-Hopper superchips)
- 1 EFLOP/s FP64 (HPL), 32 EFLOP/s FP8 (peak)

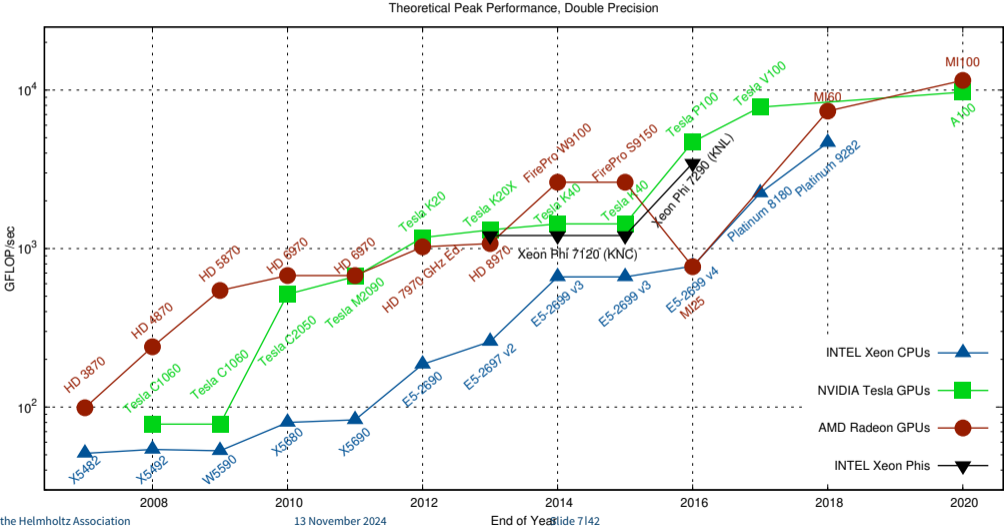
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GPU Architecture

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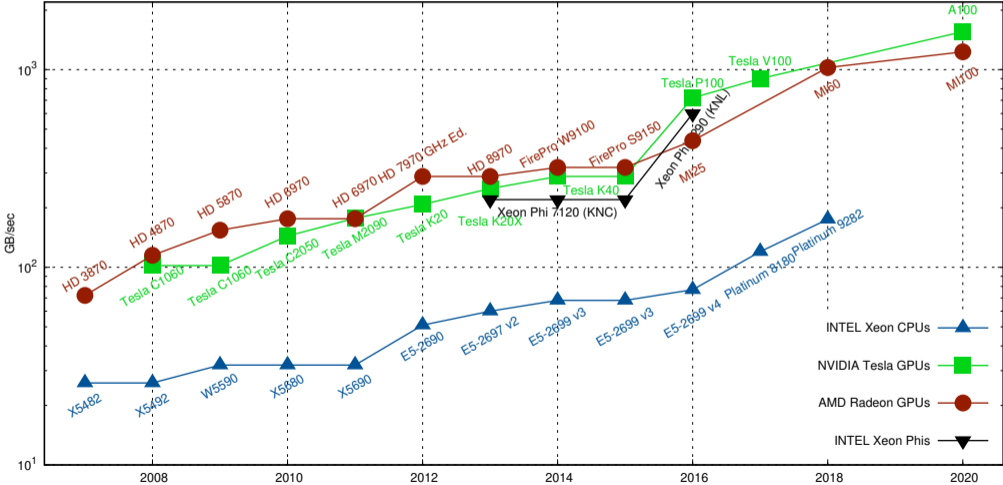
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Memory Bandwidth

Theoretical Peak Memory Bandwidth Comparison



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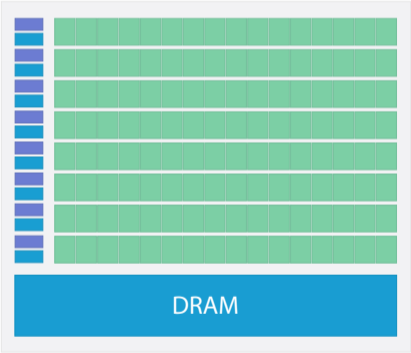
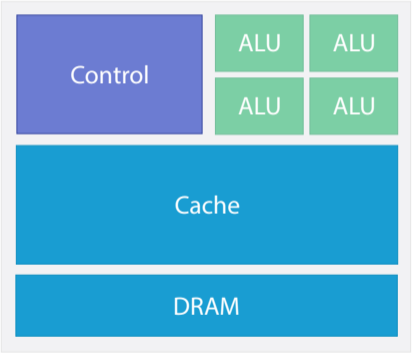
Transporting one



Transporting many

CPU vs. GPU

Chip



GPU Architecture Design

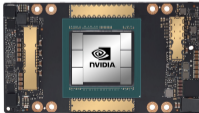
GPU optimized to **hide latency**

- Memory
 - GPU has small (40 GB), but high-speed memory 1555 GB/s
 - Stage data to GPU memory: via PCIe 4 (32 GB/s) or PCIe 5 (64 GB/s) bus
 - Stage automatically (*Unified Memory*), or manually
- Two engines: Overlap compute and copy



A100

40 GB RAM, 1555 GB/s

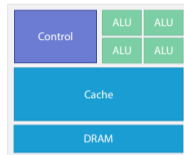


H100

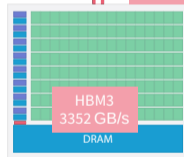
80 GB RAM, 3352 GB/s



Host




PCIe 5
≈64 GB/s



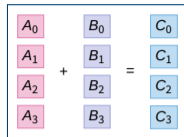
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SIMT

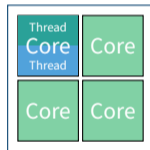
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- CPU:
 - Single Instruction, Multiple Data (SIMD)
 - Simultaneous Multithreading (SMT)
- GPU: Single Instruction, Multiple Threads (SIMT)
 - CPU core \cong GPU multiprocessor (SM)
 - Working unit: set of threads (32, a *warp*)
 - Fast switching of threads (large register file)
 - Branching 

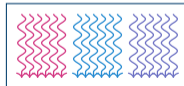
Vector



SMT



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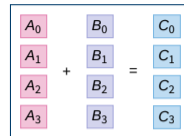


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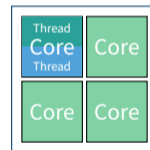
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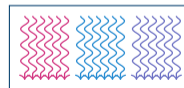
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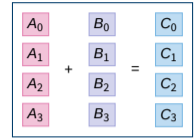
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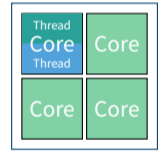
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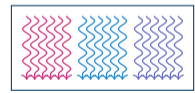
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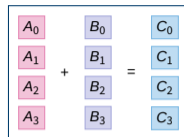
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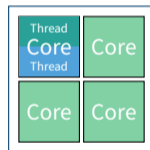
Multiprocessor



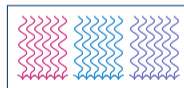
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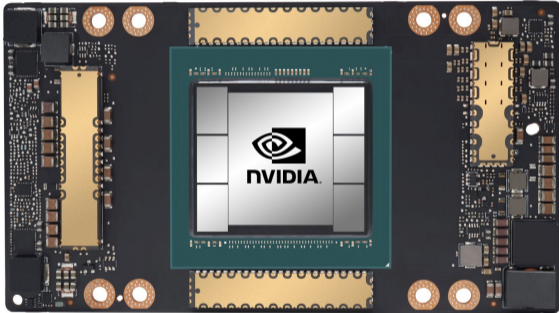


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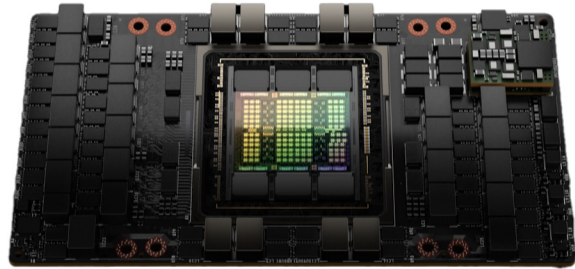
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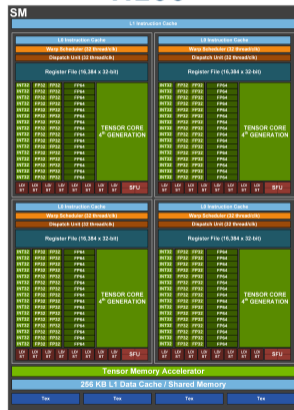
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CPU vs. GPU

Let's summarize this!



Optimized for **low latency**

- + Large main memory
- + Fast clock rate
- + Large caches
- + Branch prediction
- + Powerful ALU
- Relatively low memory bandwidth
- Cache misses costly
- Low performance per watt



Optimized for **high throughput**

- + High bandwidth main memory
- + Latency tolerant (parallelism)
- + More compute resources
- + High performance per watt
- Limited memory capacity
- Low per-thread performance
- Extension card

Programming GPUs

Preface: CPU

A simple CPU program!

SAXPY: $\vec{y} = a\vec{x} + \vec{y}$, with single precision

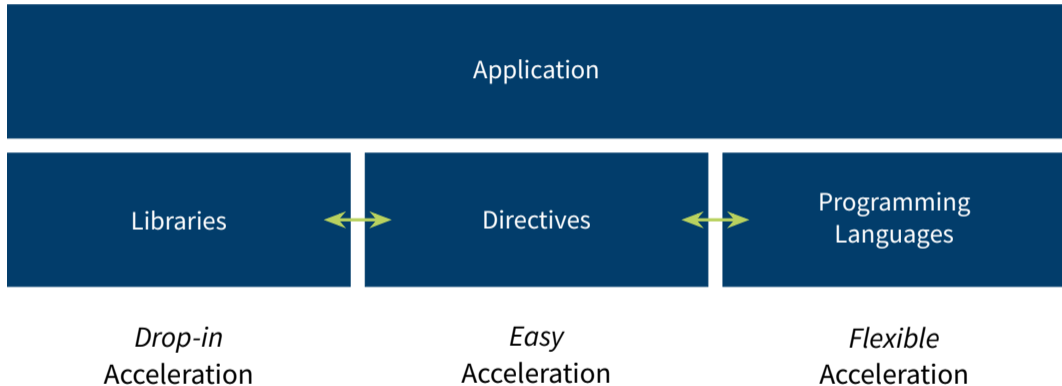
Part of LAPACK BLAS Level 1

```
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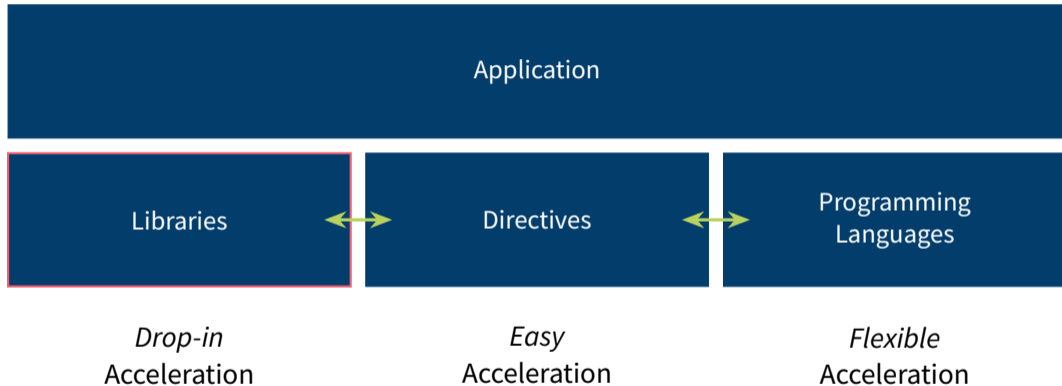
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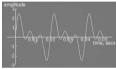
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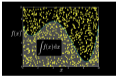
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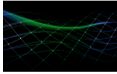
cuSPARSE



cuFFT



cuRAND



CUDA Math



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Numba

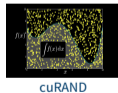
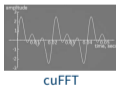


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Parallel algebra



- GPU-parallel BLAS (all 152 routines)
- Single, double, complex data types
- Constant competition with Intel's MKL
- Multi-GPU support

→ <https://developer.nvidia.com/cublas>
<http://docs.nvidia.com/cuda/cublas>

cuBLAS

Code example

```
int a = 42; int n = 10;
float x[n], y[n];
// fill x, y

cublasHandle_t handle;
cublasCreate(&handle);

float * d_x, * d_y;
cudaMallocManaged(&d_x, n * sizeof(x[0]));
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cublasSaxpy(handle, n, a, d_x, 1, d_y, 1);

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Allocate GPU memory

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Call BLAS routine

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Copy result to host

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Finalize

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Pro

- Portability
 - Other compiler? No problem! To it, it's a serial program
 - Different target architectures from same code
- Easy to program

Con

- Only few compilers
- Not all the raw power available
- A little harder to debug

OpenACC / OpenMP

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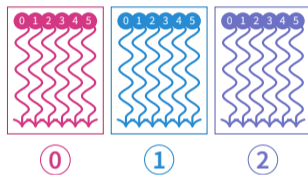
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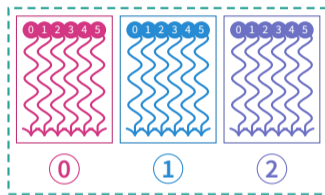
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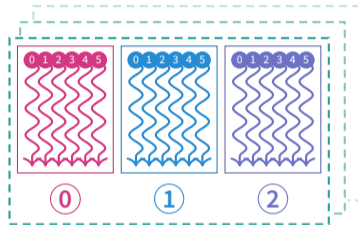
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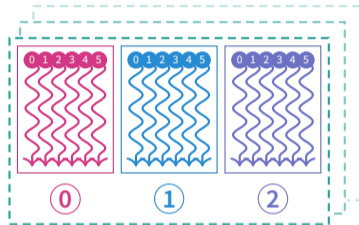
- Threads & blocks in 3D

- Parallel function: **kernel**

- `__global__ kernel(int a, float * b) { }`
- Access own ID by global variables `threadIdx.x`, `blockIdx.y`, ...

- Execution entity: **threads**

- Lightweight → fast switching!
- 1000s threads execute simultaneously → order non-deterministic!



CUDA SAXPY

With runtime-managed data transfers

```
__global__ void saxpy_cuda(int n, float a, float * x, float * y) {  
    int i = blockIdx.x * blockDim.x + threadIdx.x;  
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Specify kernel

ID variables

Guard against
too many threads

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Allocate GPU-capable
memory

```
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```

Call kernel
2 blocks, each 5 threads

```
cudaDeviceSynchronize();
```

Wait for
kernel to finish

Programming GPUs

Performance Analysis

GPU Tools

The helpful helpers helping helpless (and others)

- NVIDIA

 - `cuda-gdb` GDB-like command line utility for debugging

 - `compute-sanitizer` Check memory accesses, race conditions, ...

 - `Nsight` IDE for GPU developing, based on Eclipse (Linux, OS X) or Visual Studio (Windows) or VScode

 - `Nsight Systems` GPU program profiler with timeline

 - `Nsight Compute` GPU kernel profiler

- AMD

 - `rocProf` Profiler for AMD's ROCm stack

 - `uProf` Analyzer for AMD's CPUs and GPUs

Nsight Systems

CLI

```
$ nsys profile --stats=true ./poisson2d 10 # (shortened)
```

CUDA API Statistics:

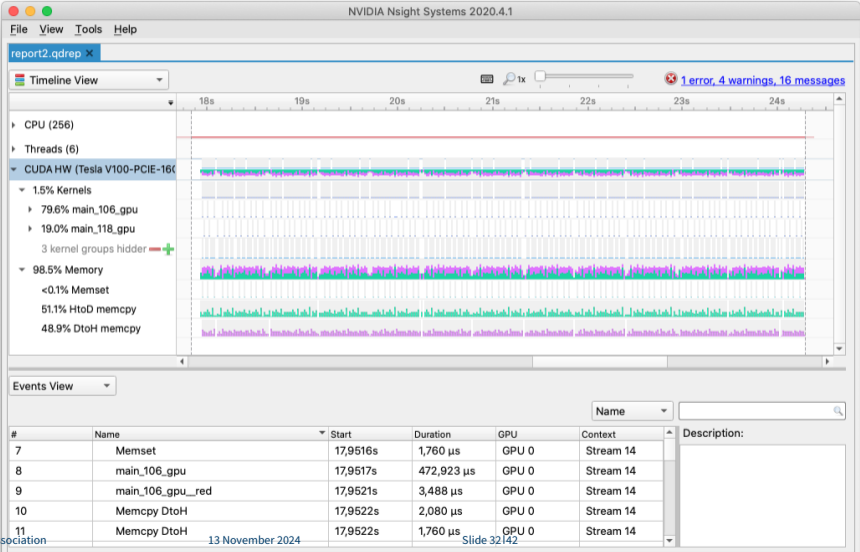
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90.9	160,407,572	30	5,346,919.1	1,780	25,648,117	cuStreamSynchronize

CUDA Kernel Statistics:

Time(%)	Total Time (ns)	Instances	Average	Minimum	Maximum	Name
100.0	158,686,617	10	15,868,661.7	14,525,819	25,652,783	main_106_gpu
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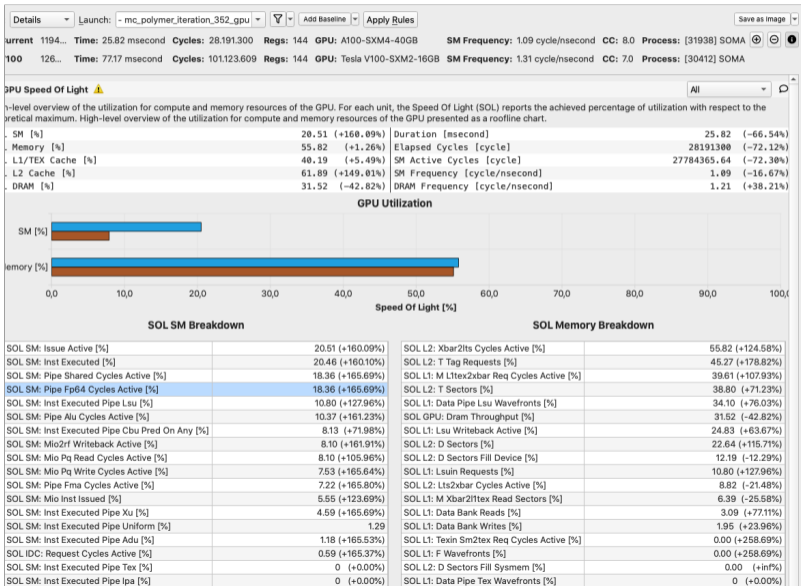
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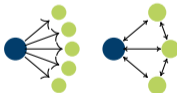
Programming GPUs

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So much more interesting things to show!

- Optimize memory transfers to reduce overhead
- Optimize applications for GPU architecture
- Drop-in BLAS acceleration with NVBLAS (`$LD_PRELOAD`)
- Tensor Cores for Deep Learning
- Libraries, Abstractions: [Kokkos](#), [Alpaka](#), [Futhark](#), [HIP](#), [SYCL](#), [C++AMP](#), [C++ pSTL](#), ...
- Use multiple GPUs
 - On one node
 - Across many nodes → MPI
- ...
- Some of that: Addressed at **dedicated training courses**



Using GPUs on JSC Systems

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Containers Use containers via Apptainer (container group needed)

```
$ apptainer pull tf.sif docker://nvcr.io/nvidia/tensorflow:20.12-tf1-py3
```

```
$ srun -n 1 --pty apptainer exec --nv tf.sif python3 myscript.py
```

Running

- Dedicated GPU partitions

JUWELS

`--partition=gpus` 46 nodes (Job limits: ≤ 1 d)

`--partition=develgpus` 10 nodes (Job limits: ≤ 2 h, ≤ 2 nodes)

JUWELS Booster

`--partition=booster` 926 nodes

`--partition=develbooster` 10 nodes (Job limits: ≤ 1 d, ≤ 2 nodes)

JURECA DC

`--partition=dc-gpu` 192 nodes

`--partition=dc-gpu-devel` 12 nodes

- Optional

Resource Configuration `--gres=gpu:4`

Account `--account myproject` *or jutil*

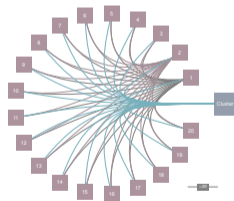
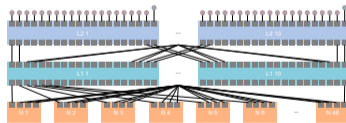
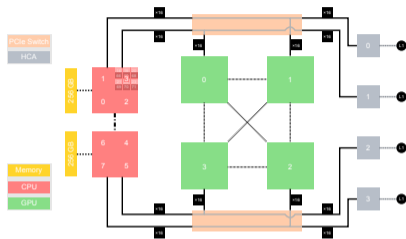
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Running

JUWELS Booster Topology

- JUWELS Booster: NPS-4 (in total: 8 NUMA Domains)
- Not all have GPU or HCA affinity!
- Network is structured into two levels: In-Cell and Inter-Cell (DragonFly+ network)

→ Documentation: apps.fz-juelich.de/jsc/hps/juwels/



Example

- 16 tasks in total, running on 4 nodes
- Per node: 4 GPUs

```
#!/bin/bash -x
#SBATCH --nodes=4
#SBATCH --ntasks=16
#SBATCH --ntasks-per-node=4
#SBATCH --output=gpu-out.%j
#SBATCH --error=gpu-err.%j
#SBATCH --time=00:15:00
#SBATCH --account=training2310

#SBATCH --partition=dc-gpu
## SBATCH --partition=booster ## JWB
#SBATCH --gres=gpu:4
```

```
srun ./gpu-prog
```

- Submit with `sbatch run.sh`

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Appendix

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Glossary
References

Glossary I

AMD Manufacturer of CPUs and GPUs. 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 80, 82

Ampere GPU architecture from NVIDIA (announced 2019). 4, 5, 6

API A programmatic interface to software by well-defined functions. Short for application programming interface. 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47

CUDA Computing platform for GPUs from NVIDIA. Provides, among others, CUDA C/C++. 2, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 82

HIP GPU programming model by AMD to target their own and NVIDIA GPUs with one combined language. Short for Heterogeneous-compute Interface for Portability. 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47

Glossary II

JSC Jülich Supercomputing Centre, the supercomputing institute of Forschungszentrum Jülich, Germany. [2](#), [74](#), [75](#), [76](#), [77](#), [81](#)

JURECA A multi-purpose supercomputer at JSC. [6](#)

JUWELS Jülich's new supercomputer, the successor of JUQUEEN. [3](#), [4](#), [5](#), [70](#)

MPI The Message Passing Interface, a API definition for multi-node computing. [65](#), [67](#), [68](#), [69](#)

NVIDIA US technology company creating GPUs. [3](#), [4](#), [5](#), [6](#), [16](#), [17](#), [18](#), [42](#), [43](#), [44](#), [45](#), [46](#), [47](#), [60](#), [74](#), [75](#), [76](#), [77](#), [80](#), [82](#)

OpenACC Directive-based programming, primarily for many-core machines. [36](#), [37](#), [38](#), [39](#), [40](#), [67](#), [68](#), [69](#)

Glossary III

- OpenCL** The *Open Computing Language*. Framework for writing code for heterogeneous architectures (CPU, GPU, DSP, FPGA). The alternative to CUDA. 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47
- OpenMP** Directive-based programming, primarily for multi-threaded machines. 36, 37, 38, 39, 40
- ROCm** AMD software stack and platform to program AMD GPUs. Short for Radeon Open Compute (*Radeon* is the GPU product line of AMD). 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47
- SAXPY** Single-precision $A \times X + Y$. A simple code example of scaling a vector and adding an offset. 24, 57, 58
- Tesla** The GPU product line for general purpose computing of NVIDIA. 3

Glossary IV

CPU Central Processing Unit. 3, 6, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 24, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 80, 82

GPU Graphics Processing Unit. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 35, 36, 37, 38, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 58, 59, 60, 64, 65, 66, 70, 71, 72, 74, 75, 76, 77, 80, 81, 82

SIMD Single Instruction, Multiple Data. 15, 16, 17, 18

SIMT Single Instruction, Multiple Threads. 14, 15, 16, 17, 18

SM Streaming Multiprocessor. 15, 16, 17, 18

SMT Simultaneous Multithreading. 15, 16, 17, 18

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