

Parallel Programming Using A Distributed Shared Memory Model

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Outline of the Day

- Introduction to Distributed Shared Memory
- UPC Programming
- Lunch
- Co-Array Fortran Programming
- Titanium Programming
- Summary

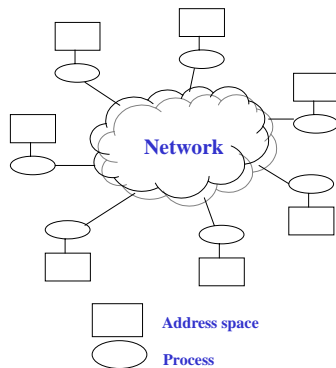
Outline of this Talk

- Basic Concepts
 - Applications
 - Programming Models
 - Computer Systems
- The Program View
- The Memory View
- Synchronization
- Performance AND Ease of Use

Parallel Programming Models

- What is a programming model?
 - A view of data and execution
 - Where architecture and applications meet
- Best when a “contract”
 - Everyone knows the rules
 - Performance considerations important
- Benefits
 - Application - independence from architecture
 - Architecture - independence from applications

The Message Passing Model



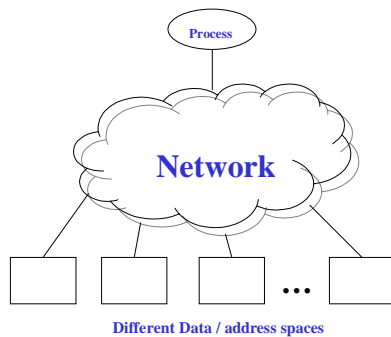
- Programmers control data and work distribution
- Explicit communication
- Significant communication overhead for small transactions
- Example: MPI

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The Data Parallel Model



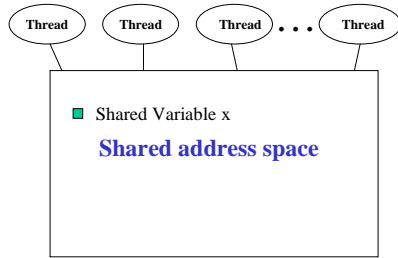
- Easy to write and comprehend, no synchronization required
- No independent branching

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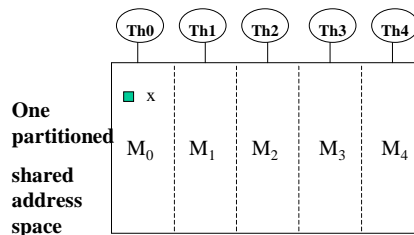
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The Shared Memory Model



- Simple statements
 - read remote memory via an expression
 - write remote memory through assignment
- Manipulating shared data may require synchronization
- Does not allow locality exploitation
- Example: OpenMP

The Distributed Shared Memory Model



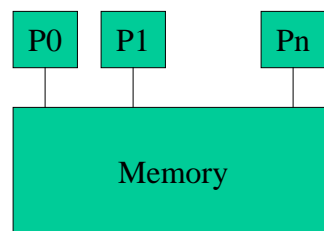
- Similar to the shared memory paradigm
- Memory M_i has affinity to thread Th_i
- Helps exploiting locality of references
- Simple statements
- Examples: This Tutorial!

Tutorial Emphasis

- Concentrate on Distributed Shared Memory Programming as a universal model
 - UPC
 - Co-Array Fortran
 - Titanium
- Not too much on hardware or software support for DSM after this talk...

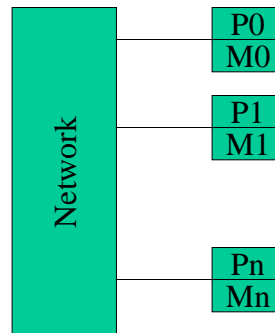
How to share an SMP

- Pretty easy - just map
 - Data to memory
 - Threads of computation to
 - Pthreads
 - Processes
- NUMA vs. UMA
- Single processor is just a virtualized SMP



How to share a DSM

- Hardware models
 - Cray T3D/T3E
 - Quadrics
 - InfiniBand
- Message passing
 - IBM SP (LAPI)



How to share a Cluster

- What is a cluster
 - Multiple Computer/Operating System
 - Network (dedicated)
- Sharing Mechanisms
 - TCP/IP Networks
 - VIA/InfiniBand

Some Simple Application Concepts

- Minimal Sharing
 - Asynchronous work dispatch
- Moderate Sharing
 - Physical systems/ “Halo Exchange”
- Major Sharing
 - The “don’t care, just do it” model
 - May have performance problems on some system

History

- Many data parallel languages
- Spontaneous new idea: “global/shared”
 - Split-C -- Berkeley (Active Messages)
 - AC -- IDA (T3D)
 - F-- -- Cray/SGI
 - PC++ -- Indiana
 - CC++ -- ISI

Related Work

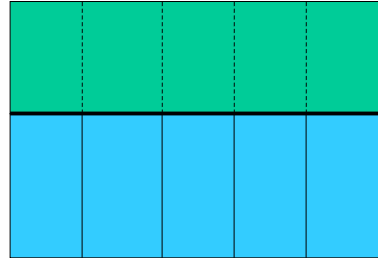
- BSP -- Bulk Synchronous Protocol
 - Alternating compute-communicate
- Global Arrays
 - Toolkit approach
 - Includes locality concepts

Model: Program View

- Single “program”
- Multiple threads of control
- Low degree of virtualization
- Identity discovery
- Static vs. Dynamic thread multiplicity

Model: Memory View

- “Shared” area
- “Private” area
- References and pointers
 - Only “local” thread may reference private
 - Any thread may reference/point to shared



Model: Memory Pointers and Allocation

- A pointer may be
 - private
 - shared
- A pointer may point to:
 - local
 - global
- Need to allocate both private and shared
- Bootstrapping

Model: Program Synchronization

- Controls relative execution of threads
- Barrier concepts
 - Simple: all stop until everyone arrives
 - Sub-group barriers
- Other synchronization techniques
 - Loop based work sharing
 - Parallel control libraries

Model: Memory Consistency

- Necessary to define semantics
 - When are “accesses” “visible”?
 - What is relation to other synchronization?
- Ordering
 - Thread A does two stores
 - Can thread B see second before first?
 - Is this good or bad?

Model: Memory Consistency

- Ordering Constraints
 - Necessary for memory based synchronization
 - lock variables
 - semaphores
 - Global vs. Local constraints
- Fences
 - Explicit ordering points in memory stream

Performance AND Ease of Use

- Why explicit message passing is often bad
- Contributors to performance under DSM
- Some optimizations that are possible
- Some implementation strategies

Why not a Message Passing Model

- Message passing as a mechanism is great
- In some cases it is a good match
 - DNS (or “the net” application)
- Currently the most portable
- Many applications don’t map so well
 - Math/Science apps
 - Data Mining

Contributors to Performance

- Match between architecture and model
 - If match is poor, performance can suffer greatly
 - Try to send single word messages on Ethernet
 - Try for full memory bandwidth with message passing
- Match between application and model
 - If model is too strict, hard to express
 - Try to express a linked list in data parallel

Architecture \Leftrightarrow Model Issues

- Make model match many architectures
 - Distributed
 - Shared
 - Non-Parallel
- No machine-specific models
- Promote performance potential of all
 - Marketplace will work out value

Application \Leftrightarrow Model Issues

- Start with an expressive model
 - Many applications
 - User productivity/debugging
- Performance
 - Don't make model too abstract
 - Allow annotation

Just a few optimizations possible

- Reference combining
- Compiler/runtime directed caching
- Remote memory operations

Implementation Strategies

- Hardware sharing
 - Map threads onto processors
 - Use existing sharing mechanisms
- Software sharing
 - Map threads to pthreads or processes
 - Use a runtime layer to communicate

Conclusions

- Using distributed shared memory is good
- Questions?
- Enjoy the rest of the tutorial



Programming in UPC

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UPC Outline

1. **Background and Philosophy**
2. **UPC Execution Model**
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4. **UPC: A Quick Intro**
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6. **Dynamic Memory Management**
7. **Programming Examples**
8. **Synchronization**
9. **Performance Tuning and Early Results**
10. **Concluding Remarks**

What is UPC?

- Unified Parallel C
- An explicit parallel extension of ANSI C
- A distributed shared memory parallel programming language

Design Philosophy

- Similar to the C language philosophy
 - Programmers are clever and careful
 - Programmers can get close to hardware
 - to get performance, but
 - can get in trouble
 - Concise and efficient syntax
- Common and familiar syntax and semantics for parallel C with simple extensions to ANSI C

Road Map

- Start with C, the other proven language besides FORTRAN
- Keep all powerful C concepts and features
- Add parallelism, learn from Split-C, AC, PCP, etc.
- Integrate user community experience and experimental performance observations
- Integrate developer's expertise from vendors, government, and academia

⇒ **UPC !**

History

- Initial Tech. Report from IDA in collaboration with LLNL and UCB in May 1999.
- UPC consortium of government, academia, and HPC vendors coordinated by GWU, IDA, DoD
- The participants currently are: ARSC, Compaq, CSC, Cray Inc., Etnus, GMU, HP, IBM, IDA, CSC, Intrepid Technologies, LBNL, LLNL, MTU, NSA, SGI, Sun Microsystems, UCB, US DoD, US DoE

Status

- Specification v1.0 completed February of 2001
- Benchmark, UPC_Bench, v1.0pre1
- Testing suite v1.0
- 2-Day Course offered in the US and abroad
- Research Exhibits at SC 2000 and [SC 2001\[R547\]](#)
- UPC web site: upc.gwu.edu
- UPC Book by SC 2002?

Hardware Platforms

- UPC implementations are available for
 - Cray T3D/E
 - Compaq AlphaServer SC
 - SGI O 2000
- Ongoing and future implementations for:
 - HP
 - Sun multiprocessors
 - Cray SV-2
 - IBM
 - Beowulf Clusters

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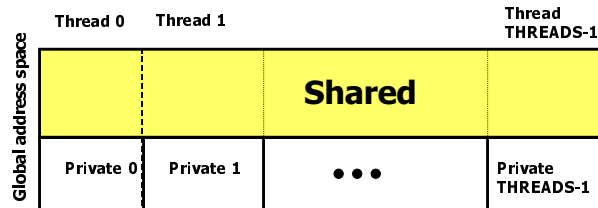
UPC Execution Model

- A number of threads working independently
- MYTHREAD specifies thread index (0..THREADS-1)
- Number of threads specified at compile-time or run-time
- Synchronization when needed
 - Barriers
 - Locks
 - Memory consistency control

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UPC Memory Model



- A shared pointer can reference all locations in the shared space
- A private pointer may reference only addresses in its private space or addresses in its portion of the shared space
- Static and dynamic memory allocations are supported for both shared and private memory

User's General View

A collection of threads operating in a single global address space, which is logically partitioned among threads. Each thread has affinity with a portion of the globally shared address space. Each thread has also a private space.

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A First Example: Vector addition

```
//vect_add.c
#include <upc_relaxed.h>
#define N 100*THREADS

shared int v1[N], v2[N], v1plusv2[N];
void main(){
    int i;
    for(i=0; i<N; i++)
        if (MYTHREAD==i% THREADS)
            v1plusv2[i]=v1[i]+v2[i];
}
```

2nd Example: Vector Addition with upc_forall

```
//vect_add.c
#include <upc_relaxed.h>
#define N 100*THREADS

shared int v1[N], v2[N], v1plusv2[N];

void main()
{
    int i;
    upc_forall(i=0; i<N; i++; i)
        v1plusv2[i]=v1[i]+v2[i];
}
```

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Compiling and Running on Cray

- **Cray**
 - To compile with a fixed number (4) of threads:
 - `upc -O2 -fthreads-4 -o vect_add vect_add.c`
 - To run:
 - `./vect_add`

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Compiling and Running on Compaq

- **Compaq**
 - To compile with a fixed number of threads and run:
 - `upc -O2 -fthreads 4 -o vect_add vect_add.c`
 - `prun ./vect_add`
 - To compile without specifying a number of threads and run:
 - `upc -O2 -o vect_add vect_add.c`
 - `prun -n 4 ./vect_add`

UPC DATA: Shared Scalar and Array Data

- The shared qualifier, a new qualifier
- Shared array elements and blocks can be spread across the threads
 - `shared int x[THREADS] /*One element per thread */`
 - `shared int y[10][THREADS] /*10 elements per thread */`
- Scalar data declarations
 - `shared int a; /*One item on system (affinity to thread 0) */`
 - `int b; /* one private b at each thread */`

UPC Pointers

- Pointer declaration:
`shared int *p;`
- `p` is a pointer to an integer residing in the shared memory space.
- `p` is called a shared pointer.

Shared Pointers: A Third Example

- ```
#include <upc_relaxed.h>
#define N 100*THREADS

shared int v1[N], v2[N], v1plusv2[N];

void main()
{
 int i;
 shared int *p1, *p2;

 p1=v1; p2=v2;
 upc_forall(i=0; i<N; i++, p1++, p2++; i)
 v1plusv2[i]=*p1+*p2;
}
```

## Synchronization - Barriers

- No implicit synchronization among the threads
- Among the synchronization mechanisms offered by UPC are:
  - Barriers (Blocking)
  - Split Phase Barriers
  - Locks

## Work Sharing with `upc_forall()`

- Distributes independent iterations
- Each thread gets a bunch of iterations
- Affinity (expression) field to distribute work
- Simple C-like syntax and semantics

```
upc_forall(init; test; loop; expression)
statement;
```

## Example 4: UPC Matrix-Vector Multiplication- Default Distribution

```
// vect_mat_mult.c
#include <upc_relaxed.h>

shared int a[THREADS][THREADS], c[THREADS];
shared int b[THREADS];

void main (void) {
 int i, j, l;

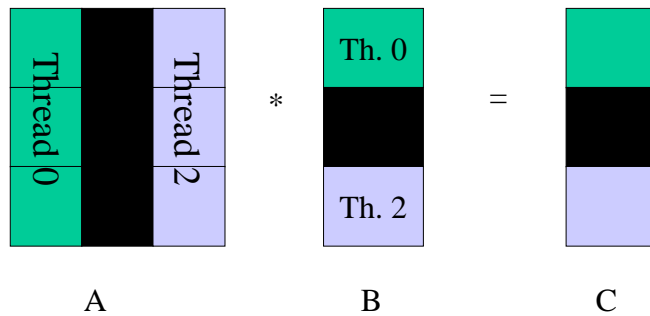
 upc_forall(i = 0 ; i < THREADS ; i++ ; i) {
 c[i] = 0;
 for (l = 0 ; l < THREADS ; l++)
 c[i] += a[i][l]*b[l];
 }
}
```

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## Data Distribution

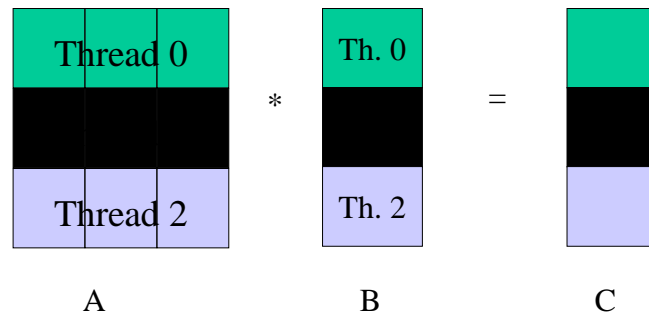


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## A Better Data Distribution



## Example 5: UPC Matrix- Vector Multiplication-- The Better Distribution

```
// vect_mat_mult.c
#include <upc_relaxed.h>

shared [THREADS] int a[THREADS][THREADS];
shared int b[THREADS], c[THREADS];

void main (void) {
 int i, j, l;

 upc_forall(i = 0 ; i < THREADS ; i++ ; i) {
 c[i] = 0;
 for (l = 0 ; l < THREADS ; l++)
 c[i] += a[i][l]*b[l];
 }
}
```

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# Shared and Private Data

## Examples of Shared and Private Data Layout:

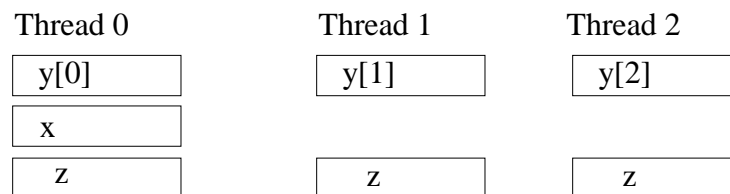
Assume THREADS = 3

```
shared int x; /*x will be aligned with thread 0 */
```

```
shared int y[THREADS];
```

```
int z;
```

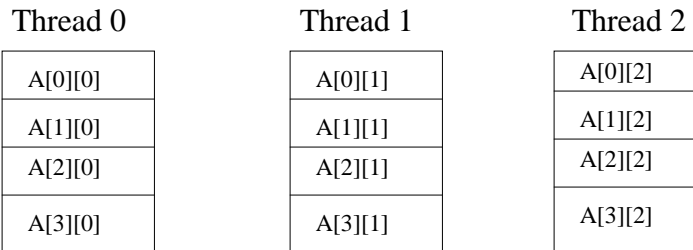
will result in the layout:



## Shared and Private Data

shared int A[4][THREADS];

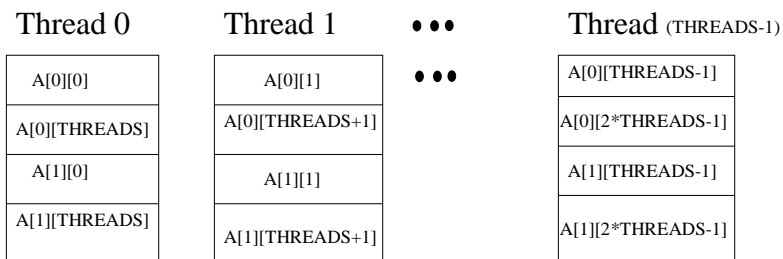
will result in the following data layout:



## Shared and Private Data

shared int A[2][2\*THREADS];

will result in the following data layout:



## Blocking of Shared Arrays

- Default block size is 1
- Shared arrays can be distributed on a block per thread basis, round robin, with arbitrary block sizes.
- A block size is specified in the declaration as follows:
  - `shared [block-size] array[N];`
  - e.g.: `shared [4] int a[16];`

## Blocking of Shared Arrays

- Block size and THREADS determine affinity
- The term affinity means in which thread's local shared-memory space, a shared data item will reside
- Element  $i$  of a blocked array has affinity to thread:

$$\left\lfloor \frac{i}{\text{blocksize}} \right\rfloor \bmod \text{THREADS}$$

## Shared and Private Data

- Shared objects placed in memory based on affinity
- Affinity can be also defined based on the ability of a thread to refer to an object by a private pointer
- All non-array scalar shared qualified objects have affinity with thread 0
- Threads access shared and private data

## Shared and Private Data

Assume THREADS = 4

```
shared [3] int A[4][THREADS];
```

will result in the following data layout:

| Thread 0 | Thread 1 | Thread 2 | Thread 3 |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| A[0][0]  | A[0][3]  | A[1][2]  | A[2][1]  |
| A[0][1]  | A[1][0]  | A[1][3]  | A[2][2]  |
| A[0][2]  | A[1][1]  | A[2][0]  | A[2][3]  |
| A[3][0]  | A[3][3]  |          |          |
| A[3][1]  |          |          |          |
| A[3][2]  |          |          |          |



## Spaces and Parsing of the Shared Type Qualifier: As Always in C Spacing Does Not Matter!

Optional separator  
↓  
`int shared [...] array[...];`  
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Type qualifier      Layout qualifier

## UPC Pointers

Where does the pointer reside?

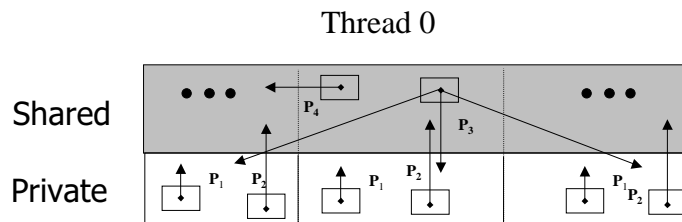
|         |  | Private | Shared |
|---------|--|---------|--------|
| Private |  | PP      | PS     |
| Shared  |  | SP      | SS     |

Where does it point?

# UPC Pointers

- How to declare them?
  - `int *p1;` */\* private pointer pointing locally \*/*
  - `shared int *p2;` */\* private pointer pointing into the shared space \*/*
  - `int *shared p3;` */\* shared pointer pointing locally \*/*
  - `shared int *shared p4;` */\* shared pointer pointing into the shared space \*/*
- As a convention, “shared pointer” means a pointer pointing to a shared object. It generally means an equivalent of p2 but could be p4.

# UPC Pointers



## UPC Pointers

- What are the common usages?
  - `int *p1;` `/* access to private data */`
  - `shared int *p2;` `/* access of local thread to data in shared space */`
  - `int *shared p3;` `/* not recommended*/`
  - `shared int *shared p4;` `/* access of all threads to data in the shared space*/`

## UPC Pointers

- In UPC for Cray T3E , pointers to shared objects have three fields:
  - thread number
  - local address of block
  - phase (specifies position in the block)
- Example: Cray T3E implementation

| Phase | Thread | Virtual Address |
|-------|--------|-----------------|
| 63    | 49 48  | 38 37           |
|       |        | 0               |

## UPC Pointers

- Pointer arithmetic supports blocked and non-blocked array distributions
- Casting of shared to private pointers is allowed but not vice versa !
- When casting a shared pointer to a private pointer, the thread number of the shared pointer may be lost
- Casting of shared to private is well defined only if the shared pointer has affinity with the thread performing the cast

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## Special Functions

- `int upc_threadof(shared void *ptr);`  
returns the thread number that has affinity to the shared pointer
- `int upc_phaseof(shared void *ptr);`  
returns the index (position within the block)field of the shared pointer
- `void* upc_addrfield(shared void *ptr);`  
returns the address of the block which is pointed at by the shared pointer

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## Special Operators

- `upc_localsizeof(type-name or expression);`  
returns the size of the local portion of a shared object.
- `upc_blocksizeof(type-name or expression);`  
returns the blocking factor associated with the argument.
- `upc_elemsizeof(type-name or expression);`  
returns the size (in bytes) of the left-most type that is not an array.

## Usage Example of Special Operators

- `typedef shared int sharray[10*THREADS];`
- `sharray a;`
- `char i;`
  
- `upc_localsizeof(sharray) → 10*sizeof(int)`
- `upc_localsizeof(a) → 10 *sizeof(int)`
- `upc_localsizeof(i) → 1`

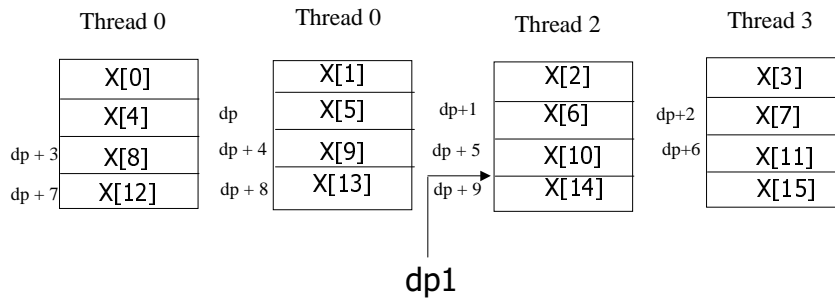
# UPC Pointers

## Shared Pointer Arithmetic Examples:

Assume THREADS = 4

```
#define N 16
shared int x[N];
shared int *dp=&x[5], *dp1;
dp1 = dp + 9;
```

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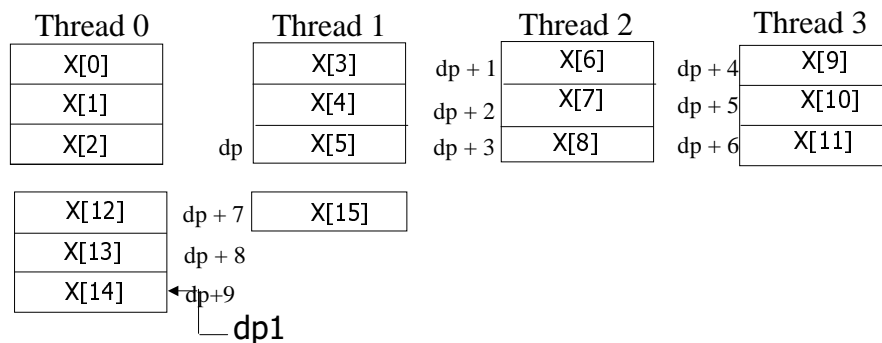


# UPC Pointers

Assume `THREADS = 4`

```
shared[3] x[N], *dp=&x[5], *dp1;
dp1 = dp + 9;
```

# UPC Pointers



## UPC Pointers

### Example Pointer Castings and Mismatched Assignments:

```
shared int x[THREADS];
int *p;
p = (int *) &x[MYTHREAD]; /* p points to x[MYTHREAD] */
```

- Each of the private pointers will point at the x element which has affinity with its thread, i.e. MYTHREAD

## UPC Pointers

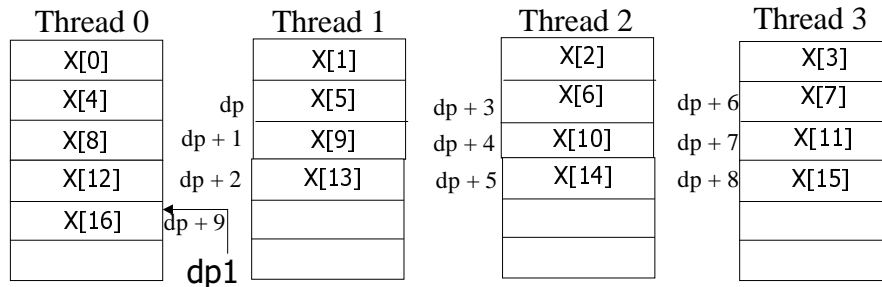
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```
shared int x[N];
shared[3] int *dp=&x[5], *dp1;
dp1 = dp + 9;
```

- This statement assigns to dp1 a value that is 9 positions beyond dp
- The pointer will follow its own blocking and not the one of the array



## UPC Pointers



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## UPC Pointers

- Given the declarations  
`shared[3] int *p;`  
`shared[5] int *q;`
- Then  
`p=q; /* is acceptable (implementation may  
require explicit cast) */`
- Pointer p, however, will obey pointer arithmetic for blocks of 3, not 5 !!
- A pointer cast sets the phase to 0

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## String functions in UPC

- UPC provides standard library functions to move data to/from shared memory
- Can be used to move chunks in the shared space or between shared and private spaces

## String functions in UPC

- Equivalent of memcpy :
  - `upc_memcpy(dst, src, size)` : copy from shared to shared
  - `upc_memput(dst, src, size)` : copy from private to shared
  - `upc_memget(dst, src, size)` : copy from shared to private
- Equivalent of memset:
  - `upc_memset(dst, char, size)` : initialize shared memory with a character

## Worksharing with upc\_forall

- Distributes independent iteration across threads in the way you wish– typically to boost locality exploitation
- Simple C-like syntax and semantics  
`upc_forall(init; test; loop; expression)  
statement`
- Expression could be an integer expression or a reference to (address of) a shared object

## Work Sharing: upc\_forall()

- Example 1: Exploiting locality  
`shared int a[100],b[100], c[101];  
int i;  
upc_forall (i=0; i<100; i++; &a[i])  
a[i] = b[i] * c[i+1];`
- Example 2: distribution in a round-robin fashion  
`shared int a[100],b[100], c[101];  
int i;  
upc_forall (i=0; i<100; i++; i)  
a[i] = b[i] * c[i+1];`

**Note: Examples 1 and 2 happened to result in the same distribution**

- Example 3: distribution by chunks

```
shared int a[100],b[100], c[101];
int i;
upc_forall (i=0; i<100; i++; (i*THREADS)/100)
 a[i] = b[i] * c[i+1];
```

| i      | i*THREADS | i*THREADS/100 |
|--------|-----------|---------------|
| 0..24  | 0..96     | 0             |
| 25..49 | 100..196  | 1             |
| 50..74 | 200..296  | 2             |
| 75..99 | 300..396  | 3             |

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## Dynamic Memory Allocation in UPC

- Dynamic memory allocation of shared memory is available in UPC
- Functions can be collective or not
- A collective function has to be called by every thread and will return the same value to all of them

## Global Memory Allocation

```
shared void *upc_global_alloc(size_t nblocks, size_t
nbytes);
```

**nblocks** : number of blocks  
**nbytes** : block size

- Non collective, expected to be called by one thread
- The calling thread allocates a contiguous memory space in the shared space
- If called by more than one thread, multiple regions are allocated and each thread which makes the call gets a different pointer
- Space allocated per calling thread is equivalent to :  
**shared [nbytes] char[nblocks \* nbytes]**
- (Not yet implemented on Cray)

## Collective Global Memory Allocation

```
shared void *upc_all_alloc(size_t nblocks, size_t nbytes);
```

**nblocks:** number of blocks  
**nbytes:** block size

- This function has the same result as **upc\_global\_alloc**. But this is a collective function, which is expected to be called by all threads
- All the threads will get the same pointer
- Equivalent to :  
**shared [nbytes] char[nblocks \* nbytes]**

## Local Memory Allocation

```
shared void *upc_local_alloc(size_t nblocks,
size_t nbytes);
```

**nblocks :** number of blocks  
**nbytes :** block size

- Returns a shared memory space with affinity to the calling thread
- Equivalent to :  
**shared [ ] char[nblocks \* nbytes]**

## Memory Freeing

```
void upc_free(shared void *ptr);
```

- The upc\_free function frees the dynamically allocated shared memory pointed to by ptr
- (Not yet implemented on Cray)

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## Example: Matrix Multiplication in UPC

- Given two integer matrices  $A(N \times P)$  and  $B(P \times M)$ , we want to compute  $C = A \times B$ .
- Entries  $C_{ij}$  in  $C$  are computed by the formula:

$$C_{ij} = \sum_{l=1}^P A_{il} \times B_{lj}$$

## Doing it in C

```
01 #include <stdlib.h>
02 #include <time.h>

03 #define N 4
04 #define P 4
05 #define M 4

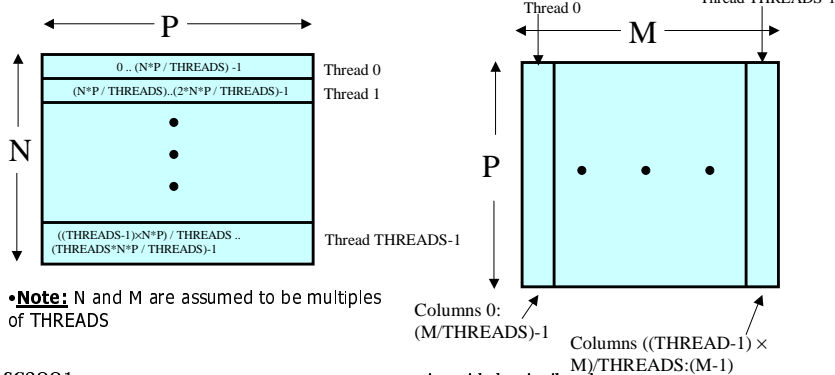
06 int a[N][P] = {1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,14,14,15,16}, c[N][M];
07 int b[P][M] = {0,1,0,1,0,1,0,1,0,1,0,1,0,1,0,1};

08 void main (void) {
09 int i, j, l;
10 for (i = 0 ; i < N ; i++) {
11 for (j = 0 ; j < M ; j++) {
12 c[i][j] = 0;
13 for (l = 0 ; l < P ; l++) c[i][j] += a[i][l]*b[l][j];
14 }
15 }
16 }
```



## Domain Decomposition for UPC

- Exploits locality in matrix multiplication
- A ( $N \times P$ ) is decomposed row-wise into blocks of size  $(N \times P) / \text{THREADS}$  as shown below:
- B ( $P \times M$ ) is decomposed column wise into  $M / \text{THREADS}$  blocks as shown below:



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## UPC Matrix Multiplication Code

```
// mat_mult_1.c
#include <upc_relaxed.h>

#define N 4
#define P 4
#define M 4

shared [N*P/THREADS] int a[N][P] = {1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,14,14,15,16};
// a and c are blocked shared matrices, initialization is not currently implemented
shared[M/THREADS] int b[P][M] = {0,1,0,1,0,1,0,1,0,1,0,1,0,1,0,1};

void main (void) {
 int i, j, l; // private variables

 upc_forall(i = 0 ; i < N ; i++) {
 for (j=0 ; j < M ; j++) {
 c[i][j] = 0;
 for (l= 0 ; l < P ; l++) c[i][j] += a[i][l]*b[l][j];
 }
 }
}
```

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# UPC Matrix Multiplication Code with block copy

```
// mat_mult_3.c
#include <upc_relaxed.h>

shared [N*P /THREADS] int a[N][P], c[N][M];
// a and c are blocked shared matrices, initialization is not currently implemented
shared[M/THREADS] int b[P][M];

int b_local[P][M];

void main (void) {
 int i, j, l; // private variables

 upc_memget(b_local, b, P*M*sizeof(int));

 upc_forall(i = 0 ; i<N ; i++ ; &c[i][0]) {
 for (j=0 ; j<M ; j++) {
 c[i][j] = 0;
 for (l= 0 ; l<P ; l++) c[i][j] += a[l][i]*b_local[l][j];
 }
 }
}
```

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# Matrix Multiplication with dynamic memory

```
// mat_mult_2.c
#include <upc_relaxed.h>

shared [N*P /THREADS] int *a, *c;
shared[M/THREADS] int *b;

void main (void) {
 int i, j, l; // private variables

 a=upc_all_alloc(N,P*upc_elemsizeof(*a));
 c=upc_all_alloc(N,P* upc_elemsizeof(*c));
 b=upc_all_alloc(M, upc_elemsizeof(*b));

 upc_forall(i = 0 ; i<N ; i++ ; &c[i][0]) {
 for (j=0 ; j<M ; j++) {
 c[i*M+j] = 0;
 for (l= 0 ; l<P ; l++) c[i*M+j] += a[i*M+l]*b[l*M+j];
 }
 }
}
```

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## Example: Sobel Edge Detection



Original Image



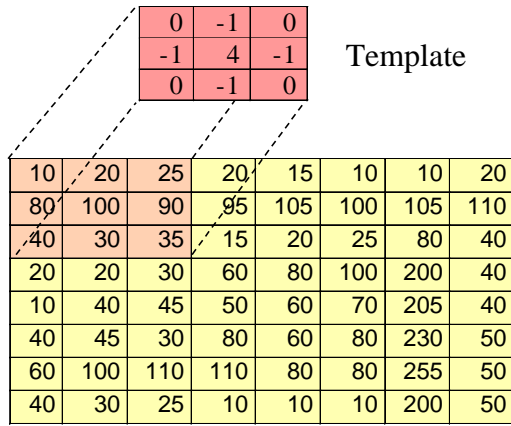
Edge-detected Image

## Sobel Edge Detection

- Template Convolution
- Sobel Edge Detection Masks
- Applying the masks to an image

# Template Convolution

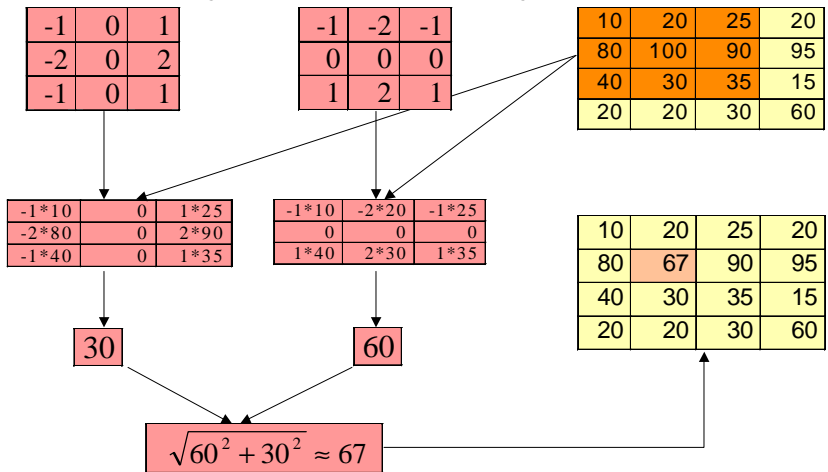
- The template and the image will do a pixel by pixel multiplication and add up to a result pixel value.
- The generated pixel value will be applied to the central pixel in the resulting image.
- The template will go through the entire image.



Image

# Applying the Masks to an Image

West Mask: Vertical Edges    North Mask: Horizontal Edges



## Sobel Edge Detection – The C program

```
#define BYTE unsigned char
BYTE orig[N][N],edge[N][N];
int Sobel()
{ int i,j,d1,d2;
 double magnitude;
 for (i=1; i<N-1; i++)
 { for (j=1; j<N-1; j++)
 { d1 = (int) orig[i-1][j+1] - orig[i-1][j-1];
 d1 += ((int) orig[i][j+1] - orig[i][j-1]) << 1;
 d1 += (int) orig[i+1][j+1] - orig[i+1][j-1];
 d2 = (int) orig[i-1][j-1] - orig[i+1][j-1];
 d2 += ((int) orig[i-1][j] - orig[i+1][j]) << 1;
 d2 += (int) orig[i-1][j+1] - orig[i+1][j+1];
 magnitude = sqrt(d1*d1+d2*d2);
 edge[i][j] = magnitude > 255 ? 255 : (BYTE) magnitude;
 }
 }
 return 0;
}
```

## Sobel Edge Detection in UPC

- Distribute data among threads
- Using `upc_forall` to do the work in parallel

## Distribute data among threads

|    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 10 | 20  | 25  | 20  | 15  | 10  | 10  | 20  |
| 80 | 100 | 90  | 95  | 105 | 100 | 105 | 110 |
| 40 | 30  | 35  | 15  | 20  | 25  | 80  | 40  |
| 20 | 20  | 30  | 60  | 80  | 100 | 200 | 40  |
| 10 | 40  | 45  | 50  | 60  | 70  | 205 | 40  |
| 40 | 45  | 30  | 80  | 60  | 80  | 230 | 50  |
| 60 | 100 | 110 | 110 | 80  | 80  | 255 | 50  |
| 40 | 30  | 25  | 10  | 10  | 10  | 200 | 50  |

Thread 0 (rows 1-2)  
Thread 1 (rows 3-4)  
Thread 2 (rows 5-6)  
Thread 3 (rows 7-8)

```
shared [16] BYTE orig[8][8],edge[8][8]
```

Or in General

```
shared [N*N/THREADS] BYTE orig[N][N],edge[N][N]
```

## Sobel Edge Detection– The UPC program

```
#define BYTE unsigned char
shared [N*N/THREADS] BYTE orig[N][N],edge[N][N];
int sobel()
{ int i,j,d1,d2;
 double magnitude;
 upc_forall (i=1; i<N-1; i++; &edge[i][0])
 { for (j=1; j<N-1; j++)
 { d1 = (int) orig[i-1][j+1] - orig[i-1][j-1];
 d1 += ((int) orig[i][j+1] - orig[i][j-1]) << 1;
 d1 += (int) orig[i+1][j+1] - orig[i+1][j-1];
 d2 = (int) orig[i-1][j-1] - orig[i+1][j-1];
 d2 += ((int) orig[i-1][j] - orig[i+1][j]) << 1;
 d2 += (int) orig[i-1][j+1] - orig[i+1][j+1];
 magnitude = sqrt(d1*d1+d2*d2);
 edge[i][j] = magnitude > 255 ? 255 : (BYTE) magnitude;
 }
 }
 return 0;
}
```

## Notes on the Sobel Example

- Only a few minor changes in sequential C code to make it work in UPC
- N is assumed to be a multiple of THREADS
- Only the first row and the last row of pixels generated in each thread need remote memory reading

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# Synchronization

- No implicit synchronization among the threads
- UPC provides the following synchronization mechanisms:
  - Barriers
  - Locks
  - Memory Consistency Control

# Synchronization - Barriers

- No implicit synchronization among the threads
  - UPC provides the following barrier synchronization constructs:
    - Barriers (Blocking)
      - `upc_barrier expropt;`
    - Split-Phase Barriers (Non-blocking)
      - `upc_notify expropt;`
      - `upc_wait expropt;`
- Note: `upc_notify` is not blocking `upc_wait` is



## Synchronization - Locks

- In UPC, shared data can be protected against multiple writers :
  - `void upc_lock(shared upc_lock_t *l)`
  - `int upc_lock_attempt(shared upc_lock_t *l) //returns 1 on success and 0 on failure`
  - `void upc_unlock(shared upc_lock_t *l)`
- Locks can be allocated dynamically
- Dynamic locks are properly initialized and static locks need initialization

## Memory Consistency Models

- Has to do with the ordering of shared operations
- Under the relaxed consistency model, the shared operations can be reordered by the compiler / runtime system
- The strict consistency model enforces sequential ordering of shared operations. (no shared operation can begin before the previously specified one is done)

## Memory Consistency Models

- User specifies the memory model through:
  - declarations
  - pragmas for a particular statement or sequence of statements
  - use of barriers, and global operations
- Consistency can be *strict* or *relaxed*
- Programmers responsible for using correct consistency model

## Memory Consistency

- Default behavior can be controlled by the programmer:
  - Use strict memory consistency  
`#include<upc_strict.h>`
  - Use relaxed memory consistency  
`#include<upc_relaxed.h>`

## Memory Consistency

- Default behavior can be altered for a variable definition using:
  - Type qualifiers: *strict* & *relaxed*
- Default behavior can be altered for a statement or a block of statements using
  - `#pragma upc strict`
  - `#pragma upc relaxed`

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## How to Exploit the Opportunities for Performance Enhancement?

- Compiler optimizations
- Run-time system
- Hand tuning

## List of Possible Optimizations for UPC Code

1. Space privatization: use private pointers instead of shared pointers when dealing with local shared data (through casting and assignments)
2. Block moves: use block copy instead of copying elements one by one with a loop, through string operations or structures
3. Latency hiding: For example, overlap remote accesses with local processing using split-phase barriers

## Typical Performance of Shared vs. Private Accesses

| MB/s              | read single elements | write single elements |
|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| CC                | 640.0                | 400.0                 |
| UPC Private       | 686.0                | 565.0                 |
| UPC local shared  | 7.0                  | 44.0                  |
| UPC remote shared | 0.2                  | 0.2                   |

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## Using Local Pointers Instead of Shared Pointers

```
...
int *pa = (int*) &A[i][0];
int *pc = (int*) &C[i][0];
...
upc_forall(i=0;i<N;i++;&A[i][0]) {
 for(j=0;j<P;j++)
 pa[j]+=pc[j];
}
```

- Pointer arithmetic is faster using local pointers than shared pointers.
- The pointer dereference can be one order of magnitude faster.

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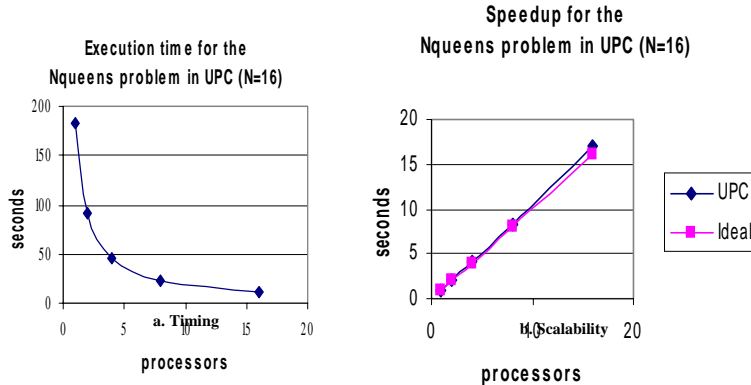
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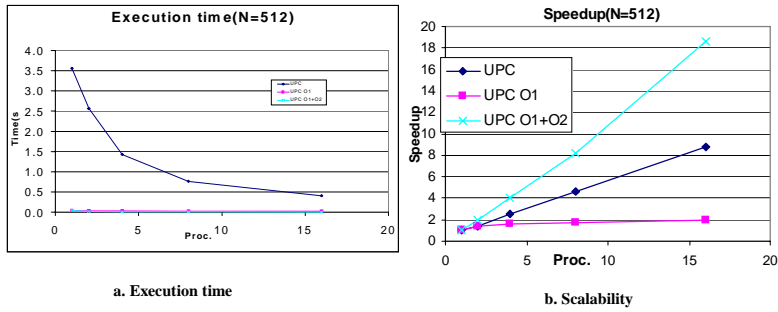
# Performance of UPC

- NPB in UPC underway
- Current benchmarking results on Compaq for:
  - Nqueens Problem
  - Matrix Multiplications
  - Sobel Edge detection
  - Synthetic Benchmarks
- Check the web site for a report with extensive measurements on Compaq and T3E

## Performance of Nqueens on the Compaq AlphaServer

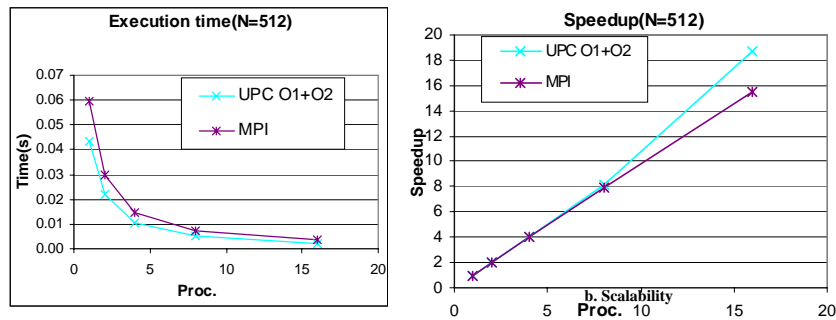


## Performance of Edge detection on the Compaq AlphaServer SC

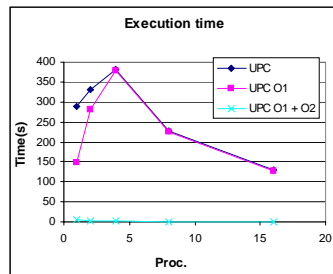


O1: using private pointers instead of shared pointers  
O2: using structure copy instead of element by element

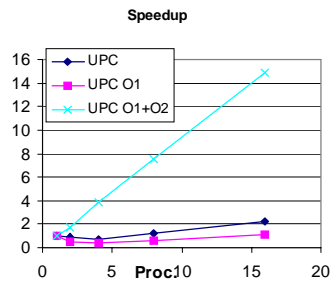
## Performance of Optimized UPC versus MPI for Edge detection



## Effect of Optimizations on Matrix Multiplication on the AlphaServer SC



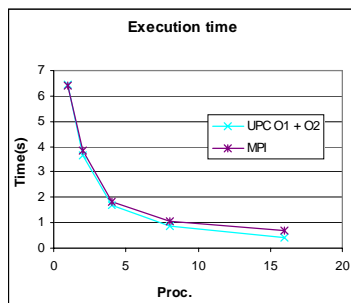
a. Execution time



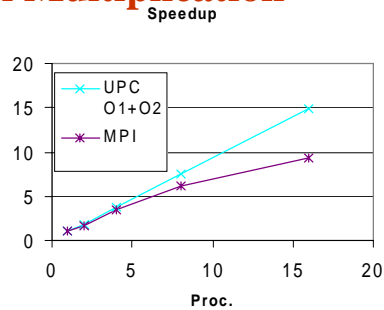
b. Scalability

O1: using private pointer instead of shared pointer  
 O2: using structure copy instead of element by element

## Performance of Optimized UPC versus C + MPI for Matrix Multiplication



a. Execution time



b. Scalability



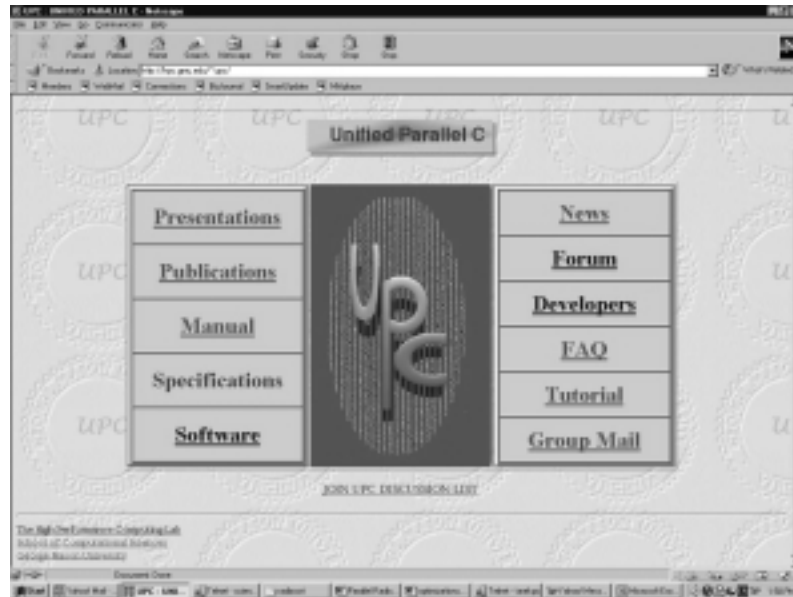
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## Conclusions

- UPC is easy to program in for C writers, significantly easier than alternative paradigms at times
- UPC exhibits very little overhead when compared with MPI for problems that are embarrassingly parallel. No tuning is necessary.
- For other problems compiler optimizations are happening but not fully there
- With hand-tuning, UPC performance compared favorably with MPI on the Compaq AlphaServer
- Hand tuned code, with block moves, is still substantially simpler than message passing code

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## A Co-Array Fortran Tutorial

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## Outline

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2. Co-arrays and co-dimensions
3. Execution model
4. Relative image indices
5. Synchronization
6. Dynamic memory management
7. Example from UK Met Office
8. Examples from Linear Algebra
9. Using “Object-Oriented” Techniques with Co-Array Fortran
10. I/O
11. Summary

## 1. The Co-Array Fortran Philosophy

## The Co-Array Fortran Philosophy

- What is the smallest change required to make Fortran 90 an effective parallel language?
- How can this change be expressed so that it is intuitive and natural for Fortran programmers to understand?
- How can it be expressed so that existing compiler technology can implement it efficiently?

## The Co-Array Fortran Standard

- Co-Array Fortran is defined by:
  - R.W. Numrich and J.K. Reid, “Co-Array Fortran for Parallel Programming”, ACM Fortran Forum, 17(2):1-31, 1998
- Additional information on the web:
  - [www.co-array.org](http://www.co-array.org)

## Co-Array Fortran on the T3E

- CAF has been a supported feature of Fortran 90 since release 3.1
- `f90 -Z src.f90`
- `mpprun -n7 a.out`

## Non-Aligned Variables in SPMD Programs

- Addresses of arrays are on the local heap.
- Sizes and shapes are different on different program images.
- One processor knows nothing about another's memory layout.
- How can we exchange data between such non-aligned variables?

## Some Solutions

- **MPI-1**
  - Elaborate system of buffers
  - Two-sided send/receive protocol
  - Programmer moves data between local buffers only.
- **SHMEM**
  - One-sided exchange between variables in COMMON
  - Programmer manages non-aligned addresses and computes offsets into arrays to compensate for different sizes and shapes
- **MPI-2**
  - Mimic SHMEM by exposing some of the buffer system
  - One-sided data exchange within predefined windows
  - Programmer manages addresses and offsets within the windows

## Co-Array Fortran Solution

- Incorporate the SPMD Model into Fortran 95 itself
  - Mark variables with co-dimensions
  - Co-dimensions behave like normal dimensions
  - Co-dimensions match problem decomposition not necessarily hardware decomposition
- The underlying run-time system maps your problem decomposition onto specific hardware.
- One-sided data exchange between co-arrays
  - Compiler manages remote addresses, shapes and sizes

## The CAF Programming Model

- Multiple images of the same program (SPMD)
  - Replicated text and data
  - The program is written in a sequential language.
  - An “object” has the same name in each image.
  - Extensions allow the programmer to point from an object in one image to the same object in another image.
  - The underlying run-time support system maintains a map among objects in different images.

## 2. Co-Arrays and Co-Dimensions

## What is Co-Array Fortran?

- Co-Array Fortran (CAF) is a simple parallel extension to Fortran 90/95.
- It uses normal rounded brackets ( ) to point to data in local memory.
- It uses square brackets [ ] to point to data in remote memory.
- Syntactic and semantic rules apply separately but equally to ( ) and [ ].

## What Do Co-dimensions Mean?

The declaration

```
real :: x(n)[p,q,*]
```

means

1. An array of length  $n$  is replicated across images.
2. The underlying system must build a map among these arrays.
3. The logical coordinate system for images is a three dimensional grid of size
4.  $(p,q,r)$  where  $r = \text{num\_images}() / (pq)$



## Examples of Co-Array Declarations

```
real :: a(n)[*]
```

```
real :: b(n)[p,*]
```

```
real :: c(n,m)[p,q,*]
```

```
complex,dimension[*] :: z
```

```
integer,dimension(n)[*] :: index
```

```
real,allocatable,dimension(:)[:] :: w
```

```
type(field), allocatable,dimension[:,:] :: maxwell
```

## Communicating Between Co-Array “Objects”

```
y(:) = x(:)[p]
```

```
myIndex(:) = index(:)
```

```
yourIndex(:) = index(:)[you]
```

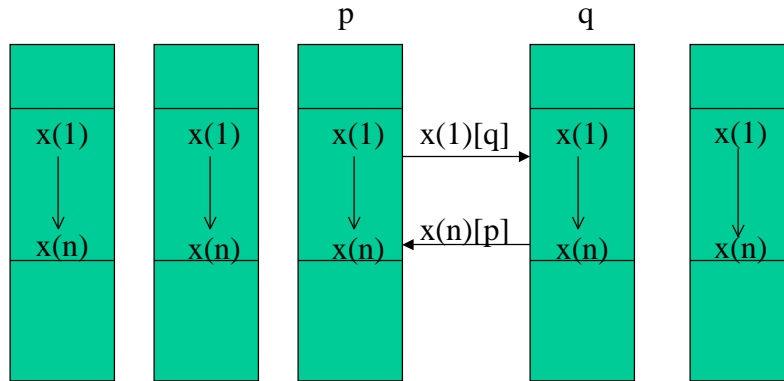
```
yourField = maxwell[you]
```

```
x(:)[q] = x(:) + x(:)[p]
```

```
x(index(:)) = y[index(:)]
```

**Absent co-dimension defaults to the local object.**

## CAF Memory Model



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## Example I: A PIC Code Fragment

```
type(Pstruct) particle(myMax),buffer(myMax)[*]
myCell = this_image(buffer)
yours = 0
do mine =1,myParticles
 If(particle(mine)%x > rightEdge) then
 yours = yours + 1
 buffer(yours)[myCell+1] = particle(mine)
 endif
enddo
```

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## Exercise: PIC Fragment

- Convince yourself that no synchronization is required for this one-dimensional problem.
- What kind of synchronization is required for the three-dimensional case?
- What are the tradeoffs between synchronization and memory usage?

## 3. Execution Model

## The Execution Model (I)

- The number of images is fixed.
- This number can be retrieved at run-time.

`num_images() >= 1`

- Each image has its own index.
- This index can be retrieved at run-time.

`1 <= this_image() <= num_images()`

## The Execution Model (II)

- Each image executes independently of the others.
- Communication between images takes place only through the use of explicit CAF syntax.
- The programmer inserts explicit synchronization as needed.

## Who Builds the Map?

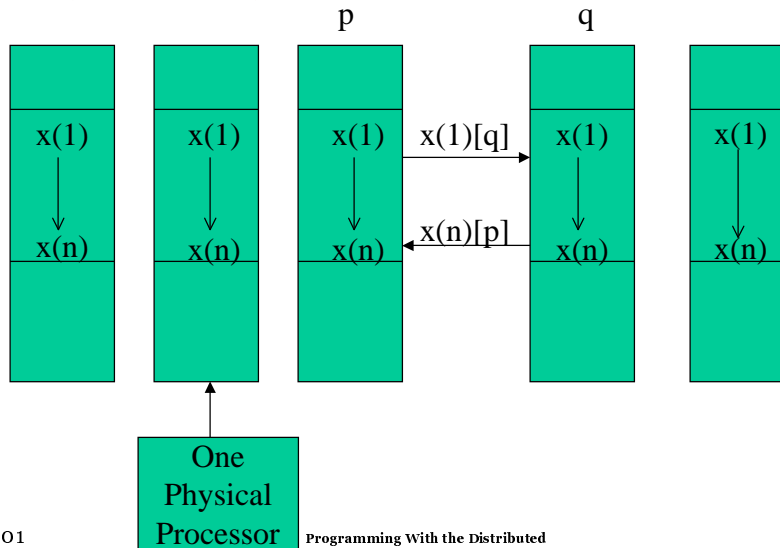
- The programmer specifies a **logical** map using co-array syntax.
- The underlying run-time system builds the **logical-to-virtual** map and a **virtual-to-physical** map.
- The programmer should be concerned with the logical map only.

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## One-to-One Execution Model

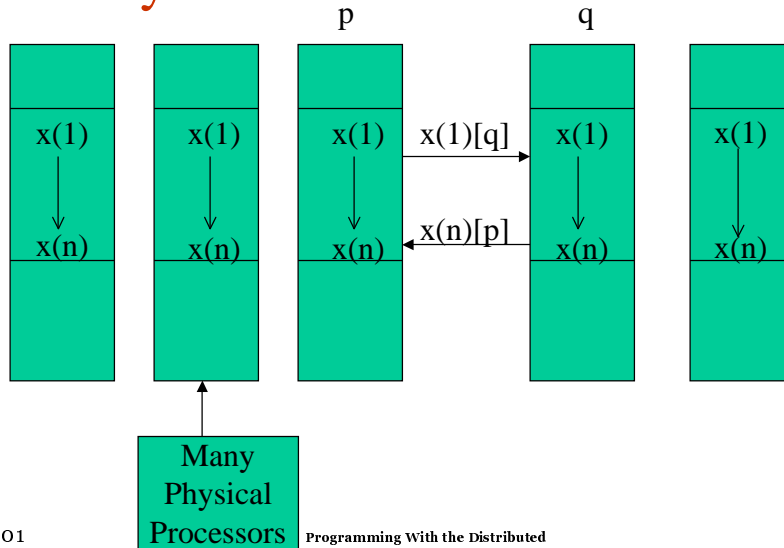


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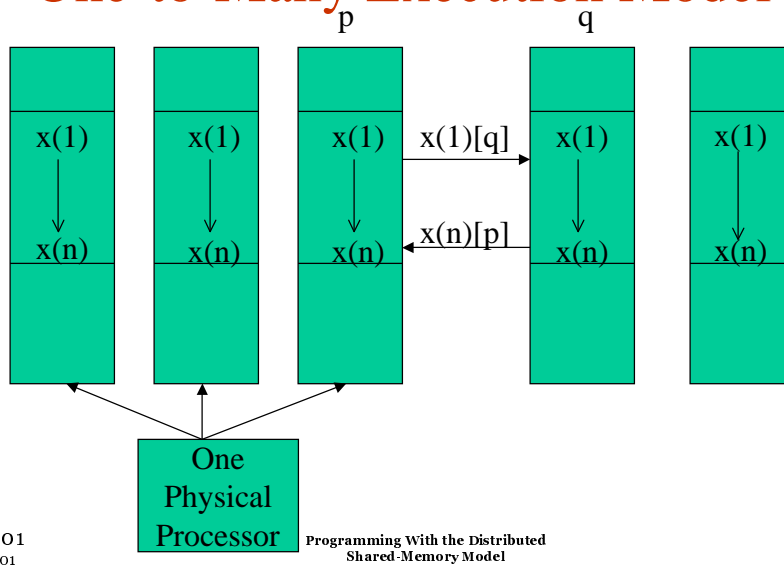
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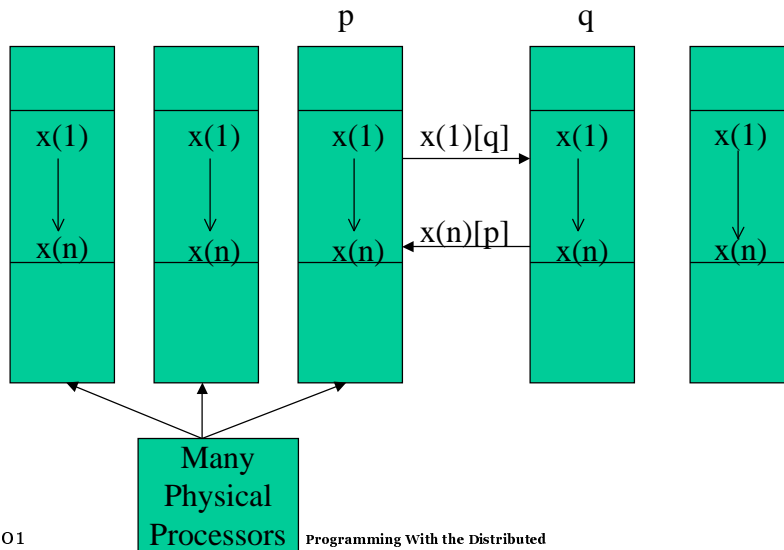
## Many-to-One Execution Model



## One-to-Many Execution Model



## Many-to-Many Execution Model



## 4. Relative Image Indices

## Relative Image Indices

- Runtime system builds a map among images.
- CAF syntax is a *logical* expression of this map.
- Current image index:  
 $1 \leq \text{this\_image}() \leq \text{num\_images}()$
- Current image index relative to a co-array:  
 $\text{lowCoBnd}(x) \leq \text{this\_image}(x) \leq \text{upCoBnd}(x)$

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## Relative Image Indices (1)

|   | 1 | 2 | 3  | 4  |
|---|---|---|----|----|
| 1 | 1 | 5 | 9  | 13 |
| 2 | 2 | 6 | 10 | 14 |
| 3 | 3 | 7 | 11 | 15 |
| 4 | 4 | 8 | 12 | 16 |

$x[4,*]$      $\text{this\_image}() = 15$      $\text{this\_image}(x) = (/3,4/)$

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## Relative Image Indices (II)

|   | 0 | 1 | 2  | 3  |
|---|---|---|----|----|
| 0 | 1 | 5 | 9  | 13 |
| 1 | 2 | 6 | 10 | 14 |
| 2 | 3 | 7 | 11 | 15 |
| 3 | 4 | 8 | 12 | 16 |

`x[0:3,0:*]` `this_image() = 15`    `this_image(x) = (/2,3/)`

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## Relative Image Indices (III)

|    | 0 | 1 | 2  | 3  |
|----|---|---|----|----|
| -5 | 1 | 5 | 9  | 13 |
| -4 | 2 | 6 | 10 | 14 |
| -3 | 3 | 7 | 11 | 15 |
| -2 | 4 | 8 | 12 | 16 |

`x[-5:-2,0:*]` `this_image() = 15`    `this_image(x) = (/ -3, 3/)`

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## Relative Image Indices (IV)

|   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |
|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|----|
|   | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  |
| 0 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 9  | 11 | 13 | 15 |
| 1 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 10 | 12 | 14 | 16 |

`x[0:1,0:*`    `this_image() = 15`    `this_image(x) = (/0,7/)`

## 5. Synchronization

## Synchronization Intrinsic Procedures

### **sync\_all()**

Full barrier; wait for all images before continuing.

### **sync\_all(wait(:))**

Partial barrier; wait only for those images in the wait(:) list.

### **sync\_team(list(:))**

Team barrier; only images in list(:) are involved.

### **sync\_team(list(:),wait(:))**

Team barrier; wait only for those images in the wait(:) list.

### **sync\_team(myPartner)**

Synchronize with one other image.

## Events

`sync_team(list(:),list(me:me))` post event

`sync_team(list(:),list(you:you))` wait event

## Example: Global Reduction

```
subroutine glb_dsum(x,n)
 real(kind=8),dimension(n)[0:*] :: x
 real(kind=8),dimension(n) :: wrk
 integer n,bit,i, mypartner,dim,me, m
 dim = log2_images()
 if(dim .eq. 0) return
 m = 2**dim
 bit = 1
 me = this_image(x)
 do i=1,dim
 mypartner=xor(me,bit)
 bit=shiftl(bit,1)
 call sync_all()
 wrk(:) = x(:)[mypartner]
 call sync_all()
 x(:)=x(:)+wrk(:)
 enddo
end subroutine glb_dsum
```

## Exercise: Global Reduction

- Convince yourself that two sync points are required.
- How would you modify the routine to handle non-power-of-two number of images?
- Can you rewrite the example using only one barrier?

## Other CAF Intrinsic Procedures

### **sync\_memory()**

Make co-arrays visible to all images

### **sync\_file(unit)**

Make local I/O operations visible to the global file system.

### **start\_critical()**

### **end\_critical()**

Allow only one image at a time into a protected region.

## Other CAF Intrinsic Procedures

### **log2\_images()**

Log base 2 of the greatest power of two less than or equal to the value of num\_images()

### **rem\_images()**

The difference between num\_images() and the nearest power-of-two.

## 7. Dynamic Memory Management

## Dynamic Memory Management

- Co-Arrays can be (should be) declared as allocatable

`real,allocatable,dimension(:,:)[:,:] :: x`

- Co-dimensions are set at run-time

`allocate(x(n,n)[p,*])` implied sync

- Pointers are not allowed to be co-arrays

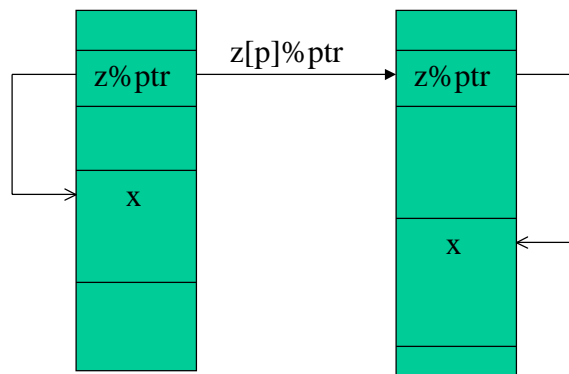
## User Defined Derived Types

- F90 Derived types are similar to structures in C

```
type vector
 real, pointer,dimension(:) :: elements
 integer :: size
end type vector
```

- Pointer components are allowed
- Allocatable components will be allowed in F2000

## Irregular and Changing Data Structures



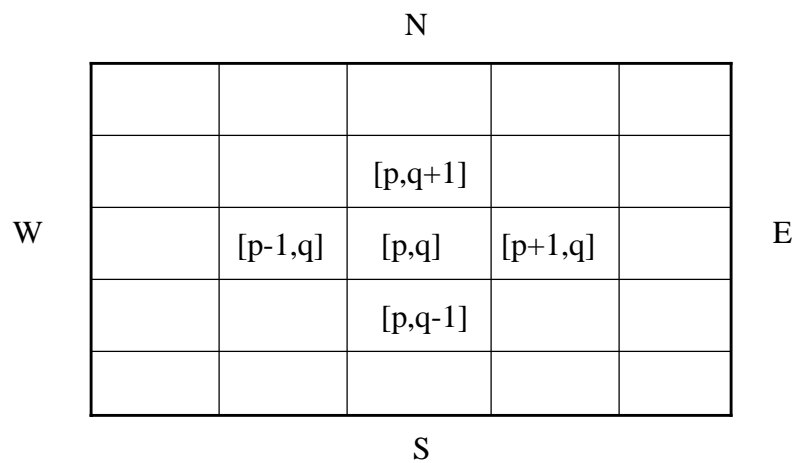
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## Problem Decomposition and Co-Dimensions



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## Cyclic Boundary Conditions in East-West Directions

```
myP = this_image(z,1) !East-West
```

```
West = myP - 1
```

```
if(West < 1) West = nProcX !Cyclic
```

```
East = myP + 1
```

```
if(East > nProcX) East = 1 !Cyclic
```

## Incremental Update to Fortran 95

- Field arrays are allocated on the local heap.
- Define one supplemental F95 structure

```
type cafField
 real,pointer,dimension(:, :, :) :: Field
end type cafField
```
- Declare a co-array of this type

```
type(cafField),allocatable,dimension[:, :] :: z
```

## Allocate Co-Array Structure

**allocate ( z [ nP,\*] )**

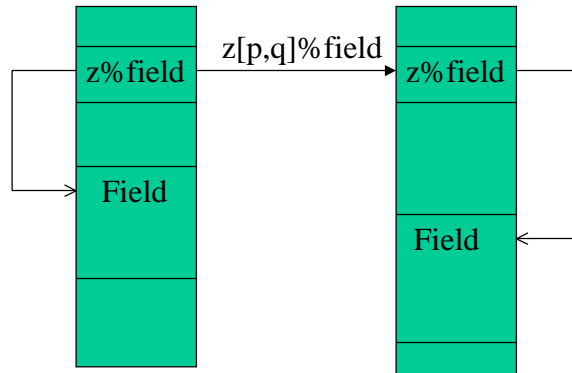
- Implied synchronization
- Structure is aligned across memory images.
  - Every image knows how to find the pointer component in any other image.
- Set the co-dimensions to match your problem decomposition

## Local Alias to Remote Data

**z%Field => Field**

- Pointer assignment creates an alias to the local Field.
- The local Field is not aligned across memory images.
- But the alias is aligned because it is a component of an aligned co-array.

## Co-Array Alias to a Remote Field



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## East-West Communication

- Move last row from west to my first halo
  - $\text{Field}(0,1:n,:) = z[\text{West}, \text{myQ}] \% \text{Field}(m,1:n,:)$
- Move first row from east to my last halo
  - $\text{Field}(m+1,1:n,:) = z[\text{East}, \text{myQ}] \% \text{Field}(1,1:n,:)$

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## Total Time (s)

| PxQ | SHMEM | SHMEM<br>w/CAF<br>SWAP | MPI<br>w/CAF<br>SWAP | MPI  |
|-----|-------|------------------------|----------------------|------|
| 2x2 | 191   | 198                    | 201                  | 205  |
| 2x4 | 95.0  | 99.0                   | 100                  | 105  |
| 2x8 | 49.8  | 52.2                   | 52.7                 | 55.5 |
| 4x4 | 50.0  | 53.7                   | 54.4                 | 55.9 |
| 4x8 | 27.3  | 29.8                   | 31.6                 | 32.4 |

## Other Kinds of Communication

- Semi-Lagrangian on-demand lists  
 $\text{Field}(i, \text{list1}(:,k)) = z [\text{myPal}] \% \text{Field}(i, \text{list2}(:,k))$
- Gather data from a list of neighbors  
 $\text{Field}(i, j, k) = z [\text{list}(:)] \% \text{Field}(i, j, k)$
- Combine arithmetic with communication  
 $\text{Field}(i, j, k) = \text{scale} * z [\text{myPal}] \% \text{Field}(i, j, k)$

## 6. Examples from Linear Algebra

### Blocked Matrices (1)

```
type matrix
 real,pointer,dimension(:,:) :: elements
 integer :: rowSize, colSize
end type matrix
```

```
type blockMatrix
 type(matrix),pointer,dimension(:,:) :: block
end type blockMatrix
```

## Blocked Matrices (2)

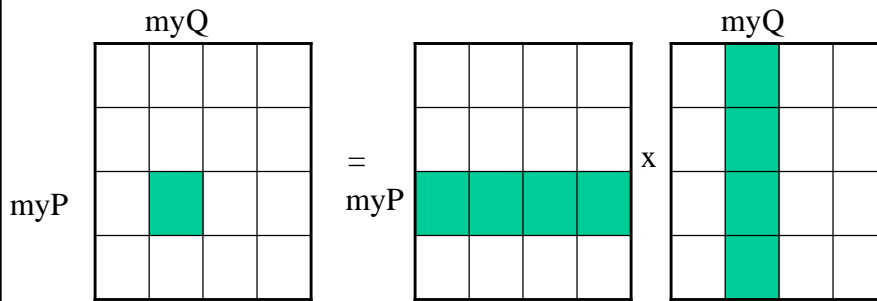
```
type(blockMatrix),allocatable :: a[:,:]
allocate(a[p,*])
allocate(a%block(nRowBlks,nColBlks))
a%block(j,k)%rowSize = nRows
a%block(j,k)%colSize = nCols
```

## Irregular and Changing Data Structures

- Co-arrays of derived type vectors can be used to create sparse matrix structures.

```
type(vector),allocatable,dimension(:)[:] :: rowMatrix
allocate(rowMatrix(n)[*])
do i=1,n
 m = rowSize(i)
 rowMatrix(i)%size = m
 allocate(rowMatrix(i)%elements(m))
enddo
```

## Matrix Multiplication



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## Matrix Multiplication

```
real,dimension(n,n)[p,*] :: a,b,c

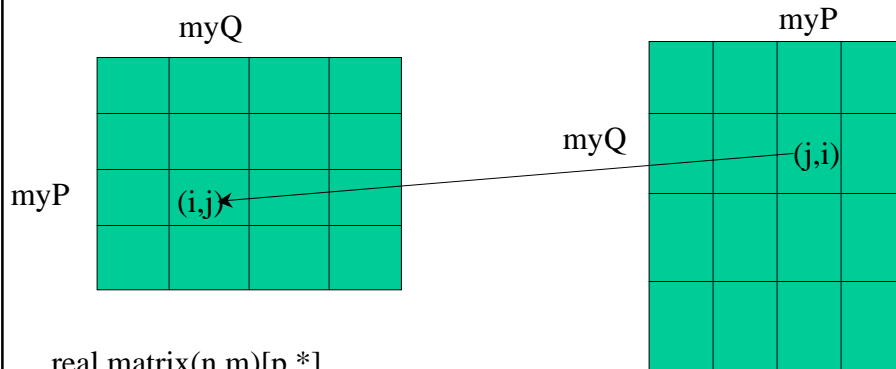
do k=1,n
do q=1,num_images()/p
 c(i,j) = c(i,j) + a(i,k)[myP, q]*b(k,j)[q,myQ]
enddo
enddo
```

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## Distributed Transpose (1)



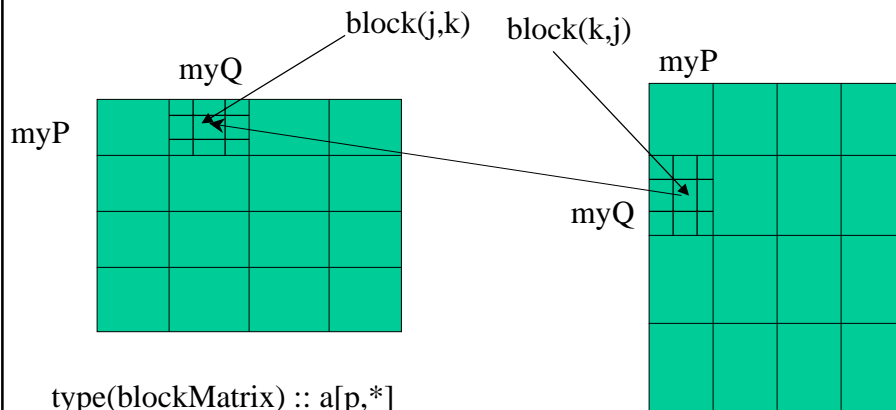
```
real matrix(n,m)[p,*]
matrix[myP,myQ](i,j) = matrix(j,i)[myQ,myP]
```

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## Distributed Transpose (2)



```
type(blockMatrix) :: a[p,*]
a%block(j,k)%element(i,j) = a[myQ,myP]%block(k,j)%elemnt(j,i)
```

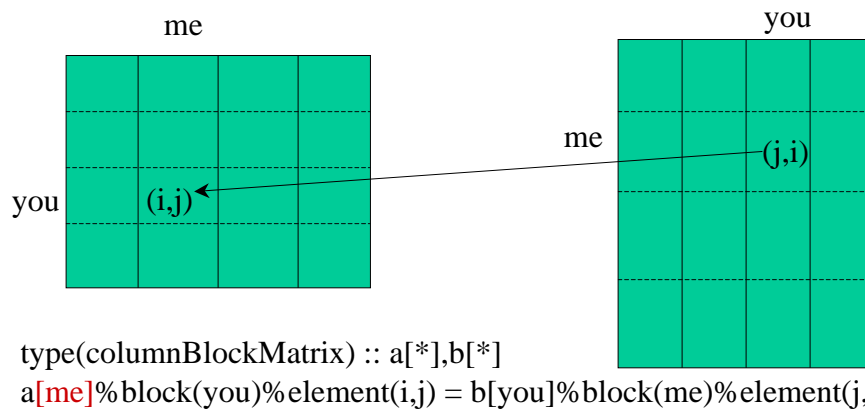
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## Distributed Transpose (3)



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## 9. Using “Object-Oriented” Techniques with Co-Array Fortran

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## Using “Object-Oriented” Techniques with Co-Array Fortran

- Fortran 95 is not an object-oriented language.
- It contains some features that can be used to emulate object-oriented programming methods.
  - Named derived types are similar to classes without methods.
  - Modules can be used to associate methods loosely with objects.
  - Generic interfaces can be used to overload procedures based on the named types of the actual arguments.

## CAF Parallel “Class Libraries”

```
program main
 use blockMatrices
 type(blockMatrix) :: x
 type(blockMatrix) :: y[*]
 call new(x)
 call new(y)
 call luDecomp(x)
 call luDecomp(y)
end program main
```

## 9. CAF I/O

### CAF I/O (1)

- There is one file system visible to all images.
- An image can open a file alone or as part of a team.
- The programmer controls access to the file using direct access I/O and CAF intrinsic functions.

## CAF I/O (2)

- A new keyword , **team=** , has been added to the open statement:  
open(unit=,file=,team=list,access=direct)  
Implied synchronization among team members.
- A CAF intrinsic function is provided to control file consistency across images:  
call sync\_file(unit)  
Flush all local I/O operations to make them visible to the global file system.

## CAF I/O (3)

- Read from unit 10 and place data in x(:) on image p.  
read(10,\*) x(:)[p]
- Copy data from x(:) on image p to a local buffer and then write it to unit 10.  
write(10,\*) x(:)[p]
- Write to a specified record in a file:  
write(unit,rec=myPart) x(:)[q]

## 10. Summary

## Why Language Extensions?

- Languages are truly portable.
- There is no need to define a new language.
- Syntax gives the programmer control and flexibility
- Compiler concentrates on local code optimization.

## Why Language Extensions?

- Compiler evolves as the hardware evolves.
  - Lowest latency allowed by the hardware.
  - Highest bandwidth allowed by the hardware.
  - Data ends up in registers or cache not in memory
  - Arbitrary communication patterns
  - Communication along multiple channels

## Summary

- Co-dimensions match your problem decomposition
  - Run-time system matches them to hardware decomposition
  - Local computation of neighbor relationships
  - Flexible communication patterns
- Code simplicity
  - Non-intrusive code conversion
  - Modernize code to Fortran 95 standard
- Performance is comparable to or better than library based models.

# Titanium: A Java Dialect for High Performance Computing

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## Titanium Group

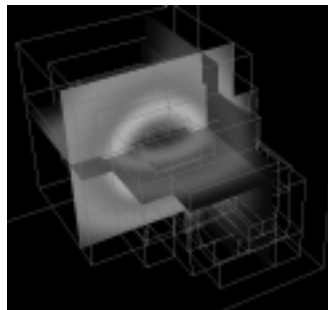
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## Target Problems

- **Many modeling problems in astrophysics, biology, material science, and other areas require**
  - Enormous range of spatial and temporal scales
- **To solve interesting problems, one needs:**
  - Adaptive methods
  - Large scale parallel machines
- **Titanium is designed for methods with**
  - Structured grids
  - Locally-structured grids (AMR)

## Common Requirements

- **Algorithms for numerical PDE computations are**
  - communication intensive
  - memory intensive
- **AMR makes these harder**
  - more small messages
  - more complex data structures
  - most of the programming effort is debugging the boundary cases
  - locality and load balance trade-off is hard





## Why Java for Scientific Computing?

- **Computational scientists use increasingly complex models**
  - Popularized C++ features: classes, overloading, pointer-based data structures
- **But C++ is very complicated**
  - easy to lose performance and readability
- **Java is a better C++**
  - Safe: strongly typed, garbage collected
  - Much simpler to implement (research vehicle)
  - May use the language without the JVM model

## Summary of Features Added to Java

- **Multidimensional arrays with iterators**
- **Immutable (“value”) classes**
- **Templates**
- **Operator overloading**
- **Scalable SPMD parallelism**
- **Global address space**
- **Checked Synchronization**
- **Zone-based memory management**
- **Scientific Libraries**

## Outline

- Titanium Execution Model
  - SPMD
  - Global Synchronization
  - Single
- Titanium Memory Model
- Support for Serial Programming
- Performance and Applications

## SPMD Execution Model

- **Titanium has the same execution model as UPC and CAF.**
- **Basic Java programs may be run as Titanium, but all processors do all the work.**
- **E.g., parallel hello world**

```
class HelloWorld {
 public static void main (String [] argv) {
 System.out.println("Hello from proc " +
 Ti.thisProc());
 }
}
```

- **Any non-trivial program will have communication and synchronization**

## SPMD Model

- All processors start together and execute same code, but not in lock-step
- Basic control done using
  - `Ti.numProcs()` total number of processors
  - `Ti.thisProc()` number of executing processor
- Bulk-synchronous style

```
read all particles and compute forces on mine
Ti.barrier();
write to my particles using new forces
Ti.barrier();
```
- This is neither message passing nor data-parallel

## Barriers and Single

- Common source of bugs is barriers or other global operations inside branches or loops

```
barrier, broadcast, reduction, exchange
```
- A “single” method is one called by all procs

```
public single static void allStep(...)
```
- A “single” variable has same value on all procs

```
int single timestep = 0;
```
- Single annotation on methods (also called “sglobal”) is optional, but useful to understanding compiler messages.

## Explicit Communication: Broadcast

- **Broadcast is a one-to-all communication**

```
broadcast <value> from <processor>
```

- **For example:**

```
int count = 0;
int allCount = 0;
if (Ti.thisProc() == 0) count = computeCount();
allCount = broadcast count from 0;
```

- **The processor number in the broadcast must be single; all constants are single.**
  - All processors must agree on the broadcast source.
- **The allCount variable could be declared single.**
  - All processors will have the same value after the broadcast.

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## Example of Data Input

- **Same example, but reading from keyboard**
- **Shows use of Java exceptions**

```
int myCount = 0;
int single allCount = 0;
if (Ti.thisProc() == 0)
 try {
 DataInputStream kb = new
 DataInputStream(System.in);
 myCount =
 Integer.valueOf(kb.readLine()).intValue();
 } catch (Exception e) {
 System.err.println("Illegal Input");
 }
allCount = broadcast myCount from 0;
```

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## More on Single

- **Global synchronization needs to be controlled**  
if (this processor owns some data) {  
    compute on it  
    barrier  
}
- **Hence the use of “single” variables in Titanium**
- **If a conditional or loop block contains a barrier, all processors must execute it**
  - conditions in such loops, if statements, etc. must contain only single variables

## Single Variable Example

- **Barriers and single in N-body Simulation**

```
class ParticleSim {
 public static void main (String [] argv) {
 int single allTimestep = 0;
 int single allEndTime = 100;
 for (; allTimestep < allEndTime; allTimestep++){
 read all particles and compute forces on mine
 Ti.barrier();
 write to my particles using new forces
 Ti.barrier();
 }
 }
}
```
- **Single methods inferred by the compiler**

## Outline

- **Titanium Execution Model**
- **Titanium Memory Model**
  - Global and Local References
  - Exchange: Building Distributed Data Structures
  - Region-Based Memory Management
- **Support for Serial Programming**
- **Performance and Applications**

## Use of Global / Local

- **As seen, references (pointers) may be remote**
  - easy to port shared-memory programs
- **Global pointers are more expensive than local**
  - True even when data is on the same processor
  - Use **local** declarations in critical sections
- **Costs of global:**
  - space (processor number + memory address)
  - dereference time (check to see if local)
- **May declare references as local**
  - Compiler will automatically infer them when possible

## Global Address Space

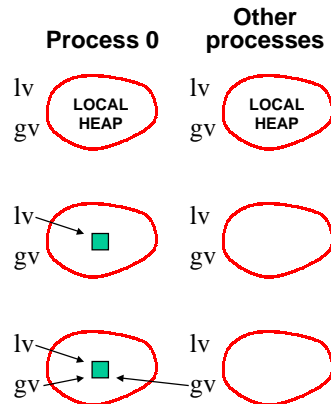
- **Processes allocate locally**
- **References can be passed to other processes**

```

Class C { int val;... }
C gv; // global pointer
C local lv; // local pointer

if (thisProc() == 0) {
 lv = new C();
}
gv = broadcast lv from 0;
gv.val = ...;
... = gv.val;

```



## Shared/Private vs Global/Local

- **Titanium's global address space is based on pointers rather than shared variables**
- **There is no distinction between a private and shared heap for storing objects**
- **All objects may be referenced by global pointers or by local ones**
- **There is no direct support for distributed arrays**
  - Irregular problems do not map easily to distributed arrays, since each processor will own a set of objects (sub-grids)
  - For regular problems, Titanium uses pointer dereference instead of index calculation
  - Important to have local "views" of data structures

## Aside on Titanium Arrays

- **Titanium adds its own multidimensional array class for performance**
- **Distributed data structures are built using a 1D Titanium array**
- **Slightly different syntax, since Java arrays still exist in Titanium, e.g.:**

```
int [1d] arr;
arr = new int [100];
arr[1] = 4*arr[1];
```

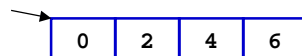
## Explicit Communication: Exchange

- **To create shared data structures**
  - each processor builds its own piece
  - pieces are exchanged (for object, just exchange pointers)

- **Exchange primitive in Titanium**

```
int [1d] single allData;
allData = new int [0:Ti.numProcs()-1];
allData.exchange(Ti.thisProc()*2);
```

- **E.g., on 4 procs, each will have copy of allData:**

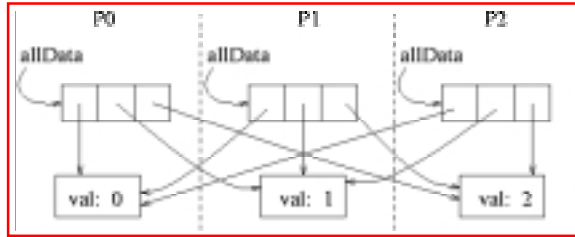




## Building Distributed Structures

- Distributed structures are built with **exchange**:

```
class Boxed {
 public Boxed (int j) { val = j;}
 public int val;
}
```



```
Object [1d] single allData;
allData = new Object [0:Ti.numProcs()-1];
allData.exchange(new Boxed(Ti.thisProc()));
```

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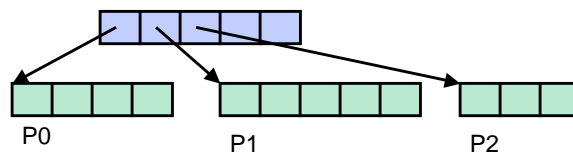
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## Distributed Data Structures

- Building distributed arrays:

```
Particle [1d] single [1d] allParticle =
 new Particle [0:Ti.numProcs-1][1d];
Particle [1d] myParticle =
 new Particle [0:myParticleCount-1];
allParticle.exchange(myParticle);
```

- Now each processor has array of pointers, one to each processor's chunk of particles



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## Region-Based Memory Management

- **An advantage of Java over C/C++ is:**
  - Automatic memory management
- **But garbage collection is:**
  - Has a reputation of slowing serial code
  - Is hard to implement and scale in a parallel environment
- **Titanium takes the following approach:**
  - Memory management is safe – cannot deallocate live data
  - Garbage collection is as default (most platforms)
  - Higher performance is possible using regions

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## Region-Based Memory Management

- **Need to organize data structures**
- **Allocate set of objects (safely)**

```
PrivateRegion r = new PrivateRegion();
for (int j = 0; j < 10; j++) {
 int[] x = new (r) int[j + 1];
 work(j, x);
}
try { r.delete(); }
catch (RegionInUse oops) {
 System.out.println("failed to delete");
}
}
```

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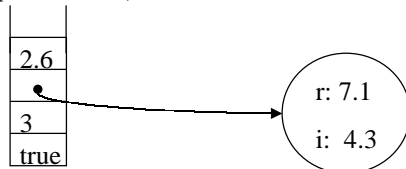
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## Outline

- **Titanium Execution Model**
- **Titanium Memory Model**
- **Support for Serial Programming**
  - **Immutableables**
  - **Multidimensional arrays**
  - **Operator overloading**
  - **Templates**
- **Performance and Applications**

## Java Objects

- **Primitive scalar types: boolean, double, int, etc.**
  - implementations will store these on the program stack
  - access is fast -- comparable to other languages
- **Objects: user-defined and standard library**
  - passed by pointer value (object sharing) into functions
  - has level of indirection (pointer to) implicit
  - simple model, but inefficient for small objects



## Java Object Example

```
class Complex {
 private double real;
 private double imag;
 public Complex(double r, double i) {
 real = r; imag = i; }
 public Complex add(Complex c) {
 return new Complex(c.real + real, c.imag + imag);
 }
 public double getReal {return real; }
 public double getImag {return imag;}
}
```

```
Complex c = new Complex(7.1, 4.3);
c = c.add(c);
class VisComplex extends Complex { ... }
```

## Immutable Classes in Titanium

- **For small objects, would sometimes prefer**
  - to avoid level of indirection
  - pass by value (copying of entire object)
  - especially when immutable -- fields never modified
    - extends the idea of primitive values to user-defined values
- **Titanium introduces immutable classes**
  - all fields are **final** (implicitly)
  - **cannot inherit** from or be inherited by other classes
  - needs to have 0-argument constructor
- **Note: considering allowing mutation in future**

## Example of Immutable Classes

- The immutable complex class nearly the same

```
immutable class Complex {
new keyword Complex () {real=0; imag=0; } ← Zero-argument
 ... constructor required
 }
 ← Rest unchanged. No assignment to
 fields outside of constructors.
```

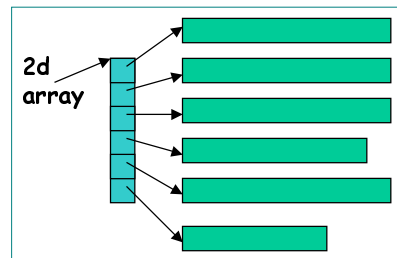
- Use of immutable complex values

```
Complex c1 = new Complex(7.1, 4.3);
Complex c2 = new Complex(2.5, 9.0);
c1 = c1.add(c2);
```

Similar to structs in C in terms of performance

## Arrays in Java

- Arrays in Java are objects
- Only 1D arrays are directly supported
- Multidimensional arrays are slow



- Subarrays are important in AMR (e.g., interior of a grid)
  - Even C and C++ don't support these well
  - Hand-coding (array libraries) can confuse optimizer

## Multidimensional Arrays in Titanium

- **New multidimensional array added to Java**
  - One array may be a subarray of another
    - e.g., a is interior of b, or a is all even elements of b
  - Indexed by Points (tuples of ints)
  - Constructed over a set of Points, called Rectangular Domains (RectDomains)
  - Points, Domains and RectDomains are built-in immutable classes
- **Support for AMR and other grid computations**
  - domain operations: intersection, shrink, border

## Unordered Iteration

- **Memory hierarchy optimizations are essential**
- **Compilers can sometimes do these, but hard in general**
- **Titanium adds unordered iteration on rectangular domains**

```
foreach (p in r) { ... }
```

  - p is a Point
  - r is a RectDomain or Domain
- **Foreach simplifies bounds checking as well**
- **Additional operations on domains to subset and xform**
- **Note: foreach is not a parallelism construct**

## Point, RectDomain, Arrays in General

- Points specified by a tuple of ints

```
Point<2> lb = [1, 1];
Point<2> ub = [10, 20];
```

- RectDomains given by 3 points:

- lower bound, upper bound (and stride)

```
RectDomain<2> r = [lb : ub];
```

- Array declared by # dimensions and type

```
double [2d] a;
```

- Array created by passing RectDomain

```
a = new double [r];
```

## Simple Array Example

- Matrix sum in Titanium

```
Point<2> lb = [1,1];
Point<2> ub = [10,20];
RectDomain<2> r = [lb,ub];
```

No array allocation here

```
double [2d] a = new double [r];
double [2d] b = new double [1:10,1:20];
double [2d] c = new double [lb:ub:[1,1]];
```

Syntactic sugar

```
for (int i = 1; i <= 10; i++)
 for (int j = 1; j <= 20; j++)
 c[i,j] = a[i,j] + b[i,j];
```

Optional stride

## Naïve MatMul with Titanium Arrays

```
public static void matMul(double [2d] a, double [2d] b,
 double [2d] c) {
 int n = c.domain().max()[1]; // assumes square
 for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
 for (int j = 0; j < n; j++) {
 for (int k = 0; k < n; k++) {
 c[i,j] += a[i,k] * b[k,j];
 }
 }
 }
}
```

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## Better MatMul with Titanium Arrays

```
public static void matMul(double [2d] a, double [2d] b,
 double [2d] c) {
 foreach (ij within c.domain()) {
 double [1d] aRowi = a.slice(1, ij[1]);
 double [1d] bColj = b.slice(2, ij[2]);
 foreach (k within aRowi.domain()) {
 c[ij] += aRowi[k] * bColj[k];
 }
 }
}
```

**Current performance: comparable to 3 nested loops in C**  
**Future: automatic blocking for memory hierarchy (Geoff Pike's PhD thesis)**

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## Example: Domain

- Domains in general are not rectangular

- Built using set operations

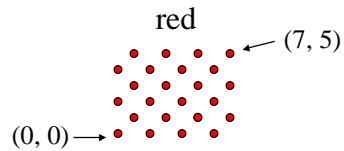
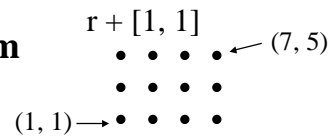
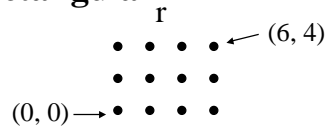
- union, +
- intersection, \*
- difference, -

- Example is red-black algorithm

```

Point<2lb = [0, 0];
Point<2ub = [6, 4];
RectDomain<2r = [lb : ub : [2, 2]];
...
Domain<2red = r + (r + [1, 1]);
foreach (p in red) {
 ...
}

```



## Example using Domains and foreach

- Gauss-Seidel red-black computation in multigrid

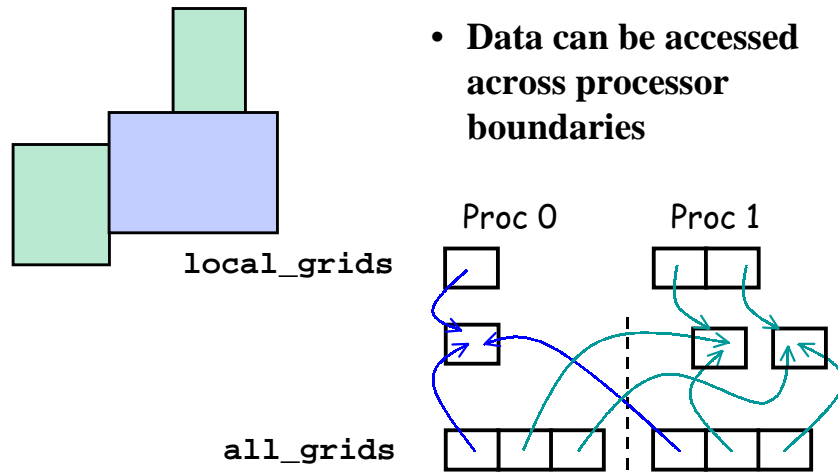
```

void gsrb() {
 boundary (phi);
 for (domain<2d = res; d != null;
 d = (d == red ? black : null)) {
 foreach (q in d)
 res[q] = ((phi[n(q)] + phi[s(q)] + phi[e(q)] + phi[w(q)])*4
 + (phi[ne(q)] + phi[nw(q)] + phi[se(q)] + phi[sw(q)])
 20.0*phi[q] - k*rhs[q]) * 0.05;
 foreach (q in d) phi[q] += res[q];
 }
}

```

← unordered iteration

## Example: A Distributed Data Structure



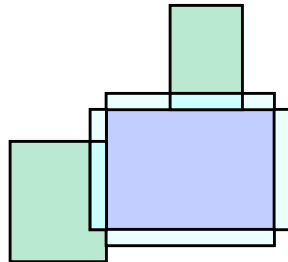
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## Example: Setting Boundary Conditions

```
foreach (l in local_grids.domain()) {
 foreach (a in all_grids.domain()) {
 local_grids[l].copy(all_grids[a]);
 }
}
```



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## Overloading in Titanium

- For convenience, Titanium also provides overloading

```
class Complex {
 private double real;
 private double imag;
 public Complex operator+(Complex c) {
 return new Complex(c.real + real,
 c.imag + imag);
 }
 ...
}
```

```
Complex c1 = new Complex(7.1, 4.3);
Complex c2 = new Complex(5.4, 3.9);
Complex c3 = c1 + c2;
```

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## Templates

- **Many applications use containers:**
  - E.g., arrays parameterized by dimensions, element types
  - Java supports this kind of parameterization through inheritance
    - Only put Object types into contains
    - Inefficient when used extensively
- **Titanium provides a template mechanism like C++**
  - Used to build a distributed array package
  - Hides the details of exchange, indirection within the data structure, etc.

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## Using Templates: Distributed Arrays

```
template <class T, int single arity> public class
 DistArray {
 RectDomain <arity> single rd;
 T [arity d][arity d] subMatrices;
 RectDomain <arity> [arity d] single subDomains;
 ...
 /* Sets the element at p to value */
 public void set (Point <arity> p, T value) {
 getHomingSubMatrix (p) [p] = value;
 }
}
```

```
template DistArray <double, 2> single A = new template
 DistArray <double, 2> ([[0, 0] : [aHeight, aWidth]);
```

## Outline

- **Titanium Execution Model**
- **Titanium Memory Model**
- **Support for Serial Programming**
- **Performance and Applications**
  - **Serial Performance on pure Java (SciMark)**
  - **Parallel Applications**
- **Compiler Optimizations**

## SciMark Benchmark

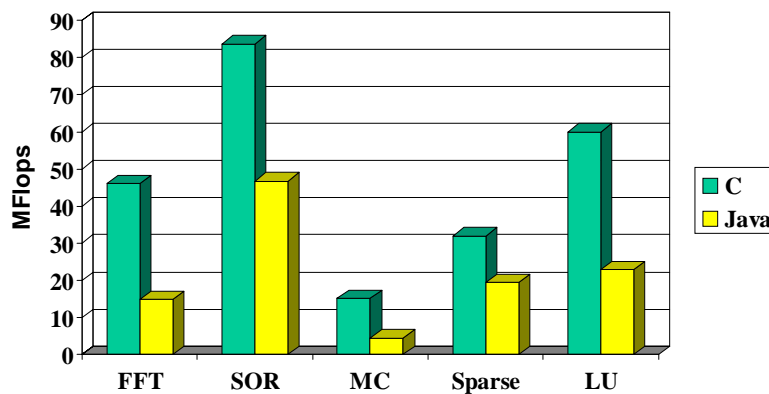
- Numerical benchmark for Java, C/C++
- Five kernels:
  - FFT (complex, 1D)
  - Successive Over-Relaxation (SOR)
  - Monte Carlo integration (MC)
  - Sparse matrix multiply
  - dense LU factorization
- Results are reported in Mflops
- Download and run on your machine from:
  - <http://math.nist.gov/scimark2>
  - C and Java sources also provided

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## SciMark: Java vs. C (Sun UltraSPARC 60)



\* Sun JDK 1.3 (HotSpot) , javac -0; Sun cc -0; SunOS 5.7

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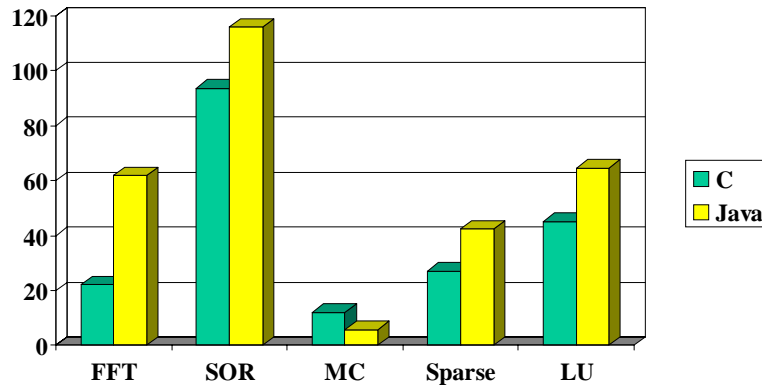
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## SciMark: Java vs. C

(Intel PIII 500MHz, Win98)



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## Can we do better without the JVM?

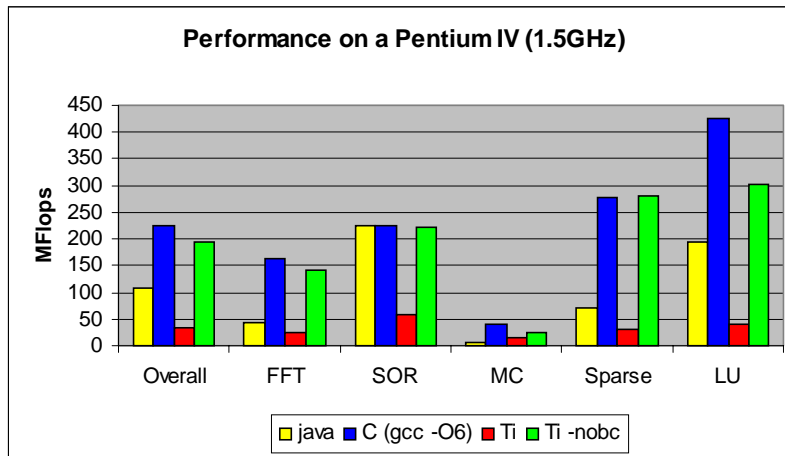
- **Pure Java with a JVM (and JIT)**
  - Within 2x of C and sometimes better
    - OK for many users, even those using high end machines
  - Depends on quality of both compilers
- **We can try to do better using a traditional compilation model**
  - E.g., Titanium compiler at Berkeley
    - Compiles Java extension to C
    - Does not optimize Java arrays or for loops (prototype)

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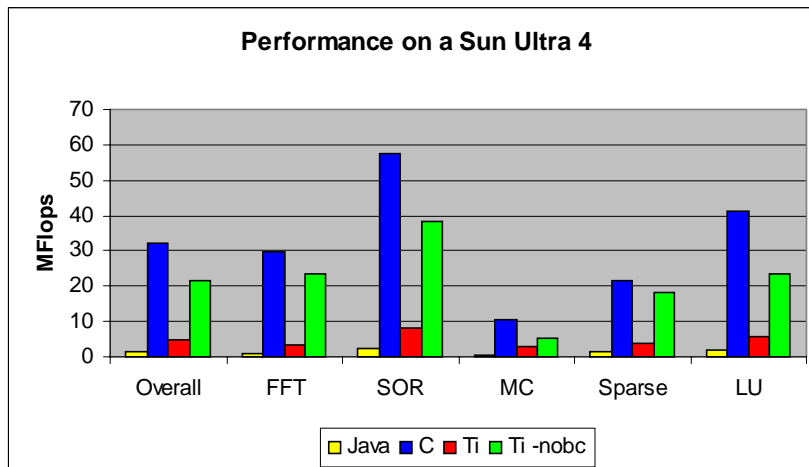
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# Java Compiled by Titanium Compiler



# Java Compiled by Titanium Compiler



## Language Support for Performance

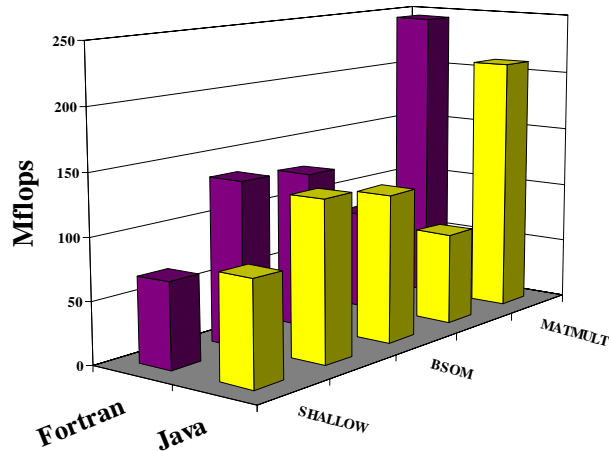
- **Multidimensional arrays**
  - Contiguous storage
  - Support for sub-array operations without copying
- **Support for small objects**
  - E.g., complex numbers
  - Called “immutables” in Titanium
  - Sometimes called “value” classes
- **Unordered loop construct**
  - Programmer specifies iteration independent
  - Eliminates need for dependence analysis – short term solution? Used by vectorizing compilers.

## HPJ Compiler from IBM

- **HPJ Compiler from IBM Research**
  - Moreira et. al
- **Program using Array classes which use contiguous storage**
  - e.g. `A[i][j]` becomes `A.get(i,j)`
  - No new syntax (worse for programming, but better portability – any Java compiler can be used)
- **Compiler for IBM machines, exploits hardware**
  - e.g., Fused Multiply-Add
- **Result: 85+% of Fortran on RS/6000**



## Java vs. Fortran Performance



\*IBM RS/6000 67MHz POWER2 (266 Mflops peak) AIX Fortran, HPJC

## Array Performance Issues

- **Array representation is fast, but access methods can be slow, e.g., bounds checking, strides**
- **Compiler optimizes these**
  - common subexpression elimination
  - eliminate (or hoist) bounds checking
  - strength reduce: e.g., naïve code has 1 divide per dimension for each array access
- **Currently +/- 20% of C/Fortran for large loops**
- **Future: small loop and cache optimizations**

## Parallel Applications

- **Genome Application**
- **Heart simulation**
- **AMR elliptic and hyperbolic solvers**
- **Scalable Poisson for infinite domains**
- **Genome application**
- **Several smaller benchmarks: EM3D, MatMul, LU, FFT, Join**

## MOOSE Application

- **Problem: Microarray construction**
  - Used for genome experiments
  - Possible medical applications long-term
- **Microarray Optimal Oligo Selection Engine (MOOSE)**
  - A parallel engine for selecting the best oligonucleotide sequences for genetic microarray testing
  - Uses dynamic load balancing within Titanium

## Heart Simulation

- **Problem: compute blood flow in the heart**
  - Modeled as an elastic structure in an incompressible fluid.
    - The “immersed boundary method” due to Peskin and McQueen.
    - 20 years of development in model
    - Many applications other than the heart: blood clotting, inner ear, paper making, embryo growth, and others
  - Use a regularly spaced mesh (set of points) for evaluating the fluid
- **Uses**
  - Current model can be used to design heart valves
  - Related projects look at the behavior of the heart during a heart attack
  - Ultimately: real-time clinical work

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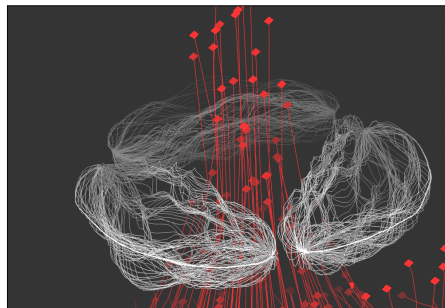
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## Heart Simulation Calculation

### The involves solving Navier-Stokes equations

- $64^3$  was possible on Cray YMP, but  $128^3$  required for accurate model (would have taken 3 years).
- Done on a Cray C90 -- 100x faster and 100x more memory
- Until recently, limited to vector machines
- Needs more features:
  - Electrical model of the heart, and details of muscles, E.g.,
    - Chris Johnson
    - Andrew McCulloch
  - Lungs, circulatory systems



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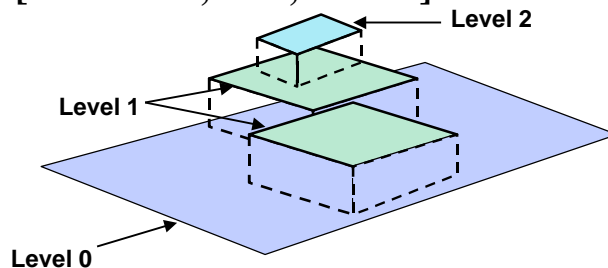
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## AMR Poisson

- **Poisson Solver [Semenzato, Pike, Colella]**

- 3D AMR
- finite domain
- variable coefficients
- multigrid across levels



- **Performance of Titanium implementation**

- Sequential multigrid performance +/- 20% of Fortran
- On fixed, well-balanced problem of 8 patches, each  $72^3$
- parallel speedups of 5.5 on 8 processors

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## Scalable Poisson Solver

- **MLC for Finite-Differences by Balls and Colella**

- **Poisson equation with infinite boundaries**

- arise in astrophysics, some biological systems, etc.

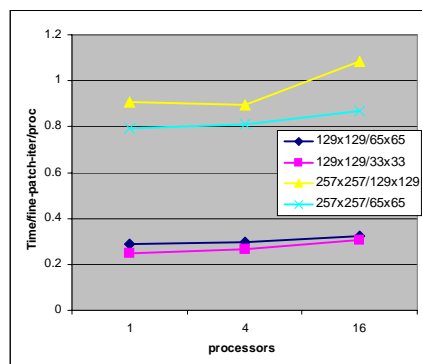
- **Method is scalable**

- Low communication

- **Performance on**

- SP2 (shown) and t3e
- scaled speedups
- nearly ideal (flat)

- **Currently 2D and non-adaptive**



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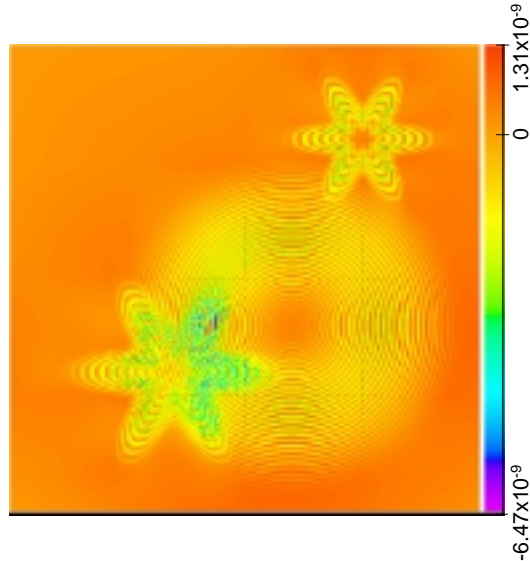
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## Error on High-Wavenumber Problem

- **Charge is**
  - 1 charge of concentric waves
  - 2 star-shaped charges.
- **Largest error is where the charge is changing rapidly.**

Note:

  - discretization error
  - faint decomposition error
- **Run on 16 procs**



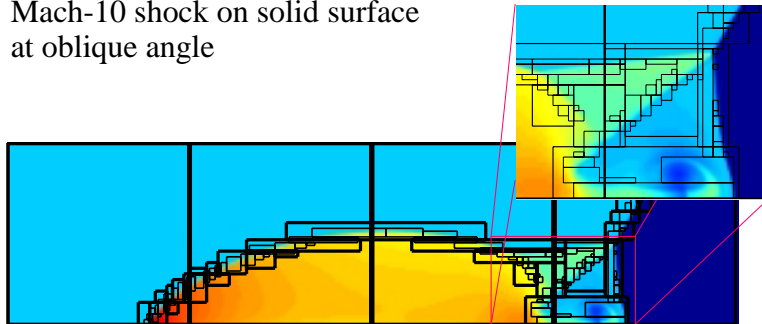
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## AMR Gas Dynamics

- **Developed by McCorquodale and Colella**
- **2D Example (3D supported)**
  - Mach-10 shock on solid surface at oblique angle
- **Future: Self-gravitating gas dynamics package**



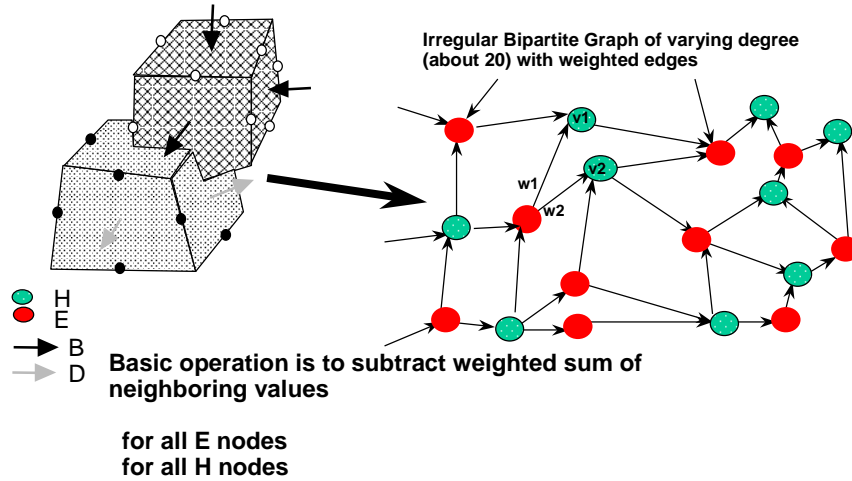
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# An Irregular Problem: EM3D

Maxwells Equations on an Unstructured 3D Mesh: Explicit Method



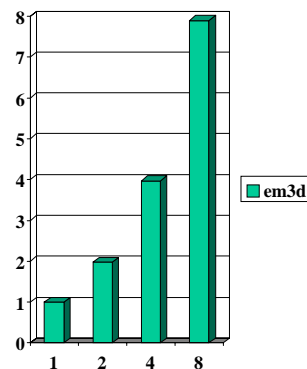
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# Unstructured Mesh Kernel

- EM3D: Relaxation on a 3D unstructured mesh
- Speedup on Ultrasparc SMP
- Simple kernel: mesh not partitioned.



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## Calling Other Languages

- **We have built interfaces to**
  - PETSc : scientific library for finite element applications
  - Metis: graph partitioning library
  - KeLP: starting work on this
- **Two issues with cross-language calls**
  - accessing Titanium data structures (arrays) from C
    - possible because Titanium arrays have same format on inside
  - having a common message layer
    - Titanium is built on lightweight communication

## Implementation Status

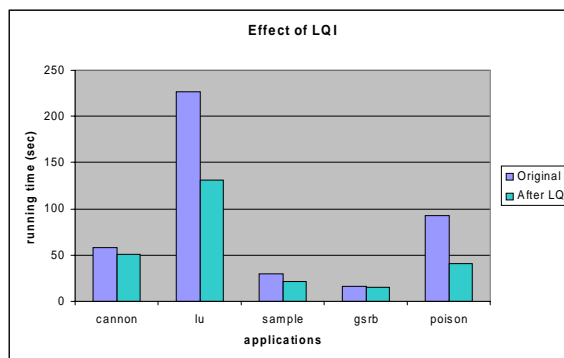
- **Strategy**
  - Titanium into C
  - Solaris or Posix threads for SMPs
  - Lightweight communication for MPPs/Clusters
    - Active messages, LAPI, shmem, MPI, UDP, others...
- **Status: Titanium runs on**
  - Solaris or Linux SMPs, clusters, CLUMPS
  - Berkeley NOW & Berkeley Millennium clusters
  - Cray T3E (NERSC and NPACI)
  - IBM SP2/SP Power3
  - SGI Origin 2000

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- **Titanium Execution Model**
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  - Local pointer identification (LQI)
  - Overlap of communication (Split-C experience)
  - Preserving the consistency model
    - Cycle detection: parallel dependence analysis
    - Synchronization analysis: parallel flow analysis

## Local Pointer Analysis

- **Compiler can infer many uses of local**



- **Data structures must be well partitioned**



## Split-C Experience: Latency Overlap

- **Titanium borrowed ideas from Split-C**
  - global address space
  - SPMD parallelism
- **But, Split-C had non-blocking accesses built in to tolerate network latency on remote read/write**

```
int *global p;
x := *p; /* get */
p := 3; / put */
sync; /* wait for my puts/gets */
```

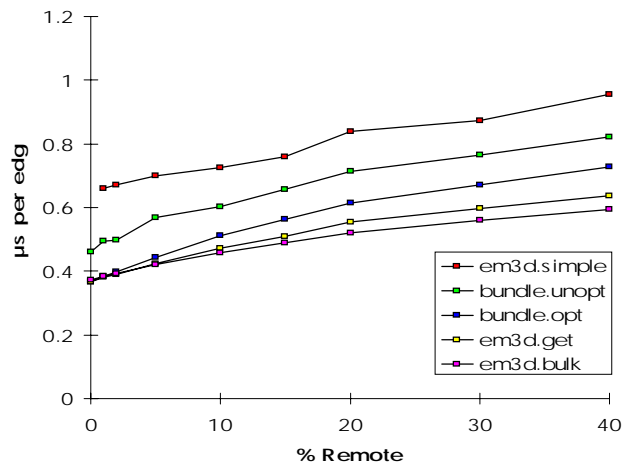
- **Also one-way communication**

```
p :- x; / store */
all_store_sync; /* wait globally */
```

- **Conclusion: useful, but complicated**

## Split-C: Performance Tuning

- **Tuning affects application performance**



## Consistency Model

- **Titanium adopts the Java memory consistency model**
- **Roughly: Access to shared variables that are not synchronized have undefined behavior.**
- **Use synchronization to control access to shared variables.**
  - barriers
  - synchronized methods and blocks

## Parallel Optimizations

- **Two new analyses**
  - **synchronization analysis**: the parallel analog to control flow analysis for serial code [Gay & Aiken]
  - **shared variable analysis**: the parallel analog to dependence analysis [Krishnamurthy & Yelick]

## Sources of Memory/Comm. Overlap

- **Would like compiler to introduce put/get/store.**
- **Hardware also reorders**
  - out-of-order execution
  - write buffered with read by-pass
  - non-FIFO write buffers
  - weak memory models in general
- **Software already reorders too**
  - register allocation
  - any code motion
- **System provides enforcement primitives**
  - e.g., memory fence, volatile, etc.
  - tend to be heavy wait and with unpredictable performance
- **Can the compiler hide all this?**

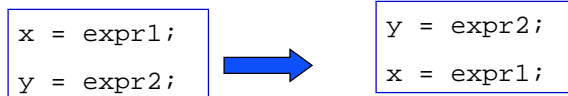
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## Semantics: Sequential Consistency

- **When compiling sequential programs:**



**Valid if y not in expr1 and x not in expr2 (roughly)**

- **When compiling parallel code, not sufficient test.**

```
Initially flag = data = 0

Proc A Proc B
data = 1; while (flag!=1);
flag = 1; ... = ...data...;
```

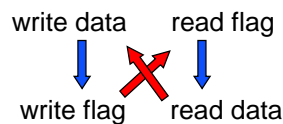
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## Cycle Detection: Dependence Analog

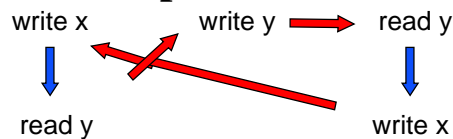
- Processors define a “program order” on accesses from the same thread
  - P is the union of these total orders
- Memory system define an “access order” on accesses to the same variable
  - A is access order (read/write & write/write pairs)



- A violation of sequential consistency is cycle in P U A.
- Intuition: time cannot flow backwards.

## Cycle Detection

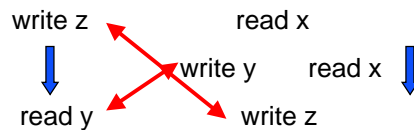
- Generalizes to arbitrary numbers of variables and processors



- Cycles may be arbitrarily long, but it is sufficient to consider only cycles with 1 or 2 consecutive stops per processor

## Static Analysis for Cycle Detection

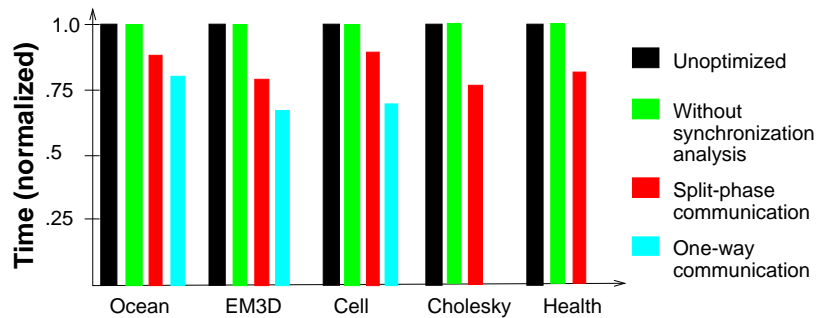
- Approximate  $P$  by the control flow graph
- Approximate  $A$  by undirected “dependence” edges
- Let the “delay set”  $D$  be all edges from  $P$  that are part of a minimal cycle



- The execution order of  $D$  edge must be preserved; other  $P$  edges may be reordered (modulo usual rules about serial code)
- Synchronization analysis also critical [

## Communication Optimizations

- Implemented in subset of C with limited pointers [Krishnamurthy, Yelick]
- Experiments on the NOW; 3 synchronization styles



- Future: pointer analysis and optimizations for AMR [Jeh, Yelick]

# Parallel Programming Using A Distributed Shared Memory Model

## Summary

## One Model

- Distributed Shared Memory
  - Coding simplicity
  - Recognizes system capabilities

## Three Languages

- Small changes to existing languages
  - ANSI C  $\Rightarrow$  UPC
  - F90  $\Rightarrow$  Co-Array Fortran
  - Java  $\Rightarrow$  Titanium
- Many implementations on the way

## For More Info

- UPC
  - <http://upc.gwu.edu>
- Co-Array Fortran
  - <http://www.co-array.org>
- Titanium
  - <http://www.cs.berkeley.edu/Research/Projects/titanium>