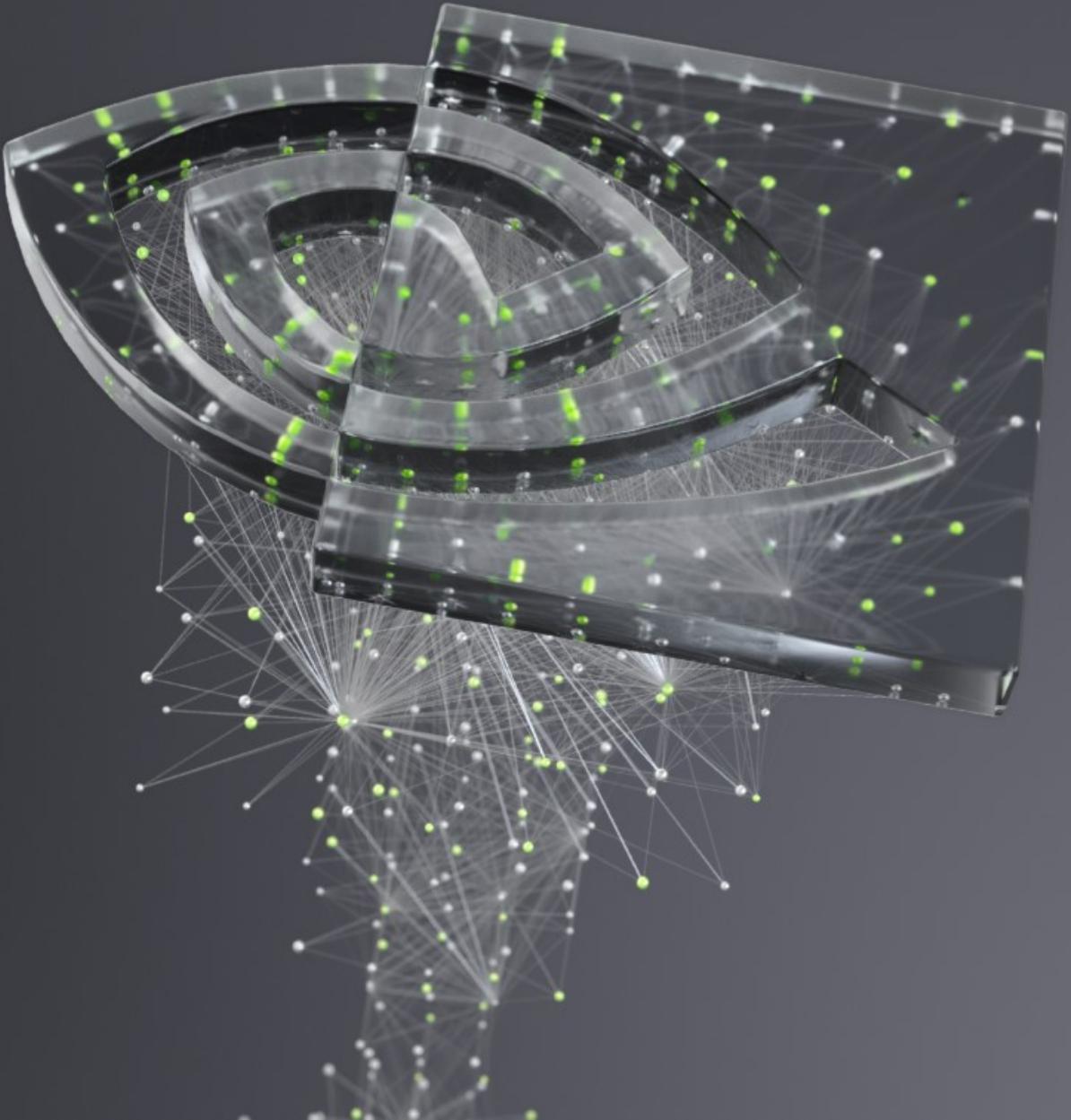




N-WAYS GPU STANDARD LANGUAGES



STANDARD LANGUAGES

What to expect?

- C++ , Fortran ISO standard brief
- C++ std::par , Fortran DO-Concurrent API
- Known limitations

BRIEF HISTORY

- Historically, accelerating your code with GPUs has not been possible in Standard C++/Fortran without using language extensions or additional libraries:
 - CUDA C++ requires the use of `__host__` and `__device__` attributes on functions and the `<<<>>>` syntax for GPU kernel launches.
 - OpenACC uses `#pragmas` to control GPU acceleration
- What if you could take your Standard C++ or Fortran code and accelerate on a GPU?

QUICK BACKGROUND

C++ STL Containers

- One driving feature of C++ are its templates and the STL library. C++11 is further pushing these ideas and shows no sign of slowing.
- C++ templates are probably most widely used through the STL containers.
 - `std::vector`, `std::string`, `std::map`, `std::list`, etc...
- Besides the OO features and convenience, these containers are designed to rise-above basic C pointers, providing more safety from memory violations, while maintaining the bare-metal performance.
- For example `std::vector` → The vector template is designed to replace C's arrays.

```
std::vector<int> my_ints(4, 100); // four ints with value 100
```

STD::PAR

What is std::par?

- Use standard C++ constructs to make code run parallel on heterogenous hardware
- C++11 introduced a memory model, concurrent execution model, and concurrency library, providing a standard way to take advantage of multicore processors
- The C++17 Standard introduced higher-level parallelism features that allow users to request parallelization of Standard Library algorithms.

Advantage:

- No language extensions, pragmas, directives, or non-standard libraries
- Write Standard C++, which is portable to other compilers and systems
- Compiler automatically accelerates code with high-performance NVIDIA GPUs and hence less time porting and more time on what really matters

STD::PAR

Parallelism in Standard C++

- Parallelism is expressed by adding an execution policy as the first parameter to any algorithm that supports execution policies
- Most of the existing Standard C++ algorithms were enhanced to support execution policies

Execution policies can be applied to most standard algorithms

- `std::execution::seq` = sequential: Sequential execution. No parallelism is allowed.
- `std::execution::par` = parallel: Parallel execution on one or more threads.
- `std::execution::par_unseq` = parallel + vectorized: Parallel execution on one or more threads, with each thread possibly vectorized.

C++17 PARALLEL ALGORITHMS

Example

C++98: `std::sort(c.begin(), c.end());`

C++17: `std::sort(std::execution::par, c.begin(), c.end());`



BUILD AND RUN THE CODE

NVIDIA HPC SDK

- Comprehensive suite of compilers, libraries, and tools used to GPU accelerate HPC modeling and simulation application
- The NVIDIA HPC SDK includes the new NVIDIA HPC C++ compiler, NVC++. NVC++ supports C++17, C++ Standard Parallelism (stdpar) for CPU and GPU
- NVC++ can compile Standard C++ algorithms with the parallel execution policies `std::execution::par` execution on NVIDIA GPUs.
- An NVC++ command-line option, `-stdpar`, is used to enable GPU-accelerated C++ Parallel Algorithms

```
nvc++ -stdpar program.cpp -o program
```

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Pseudo Code

```
for (int frame=0;frame<nconf;frame++){  
  
    for(int id1=0;id1<numatm;id1++)  
    {  
        for(int id2=0;id2<numatm;id2++)  
        {  
            dx=d_x[]-d_x[];  
            dy=d_y[]-d_y[];  
            dz=d_z[]-d_z[];  
            r=sqrtn(dx*dx+dy*dy+dz*dz);  
  
            if (r<cut) {  
                ig2=(int)(r/del);  
                d_g2[ig2] = d_g2[ig2] +1 ;  
            }  
        }  
    }  
}
```

► Across Frames

► Find Distance

► Reduction

STEPS

Step 1: Replace for with std::for_each

```
std::for_each (InputIterator first, InputIterator last, Function fn)
```

`start_iter` : The beginning position from where function operations has to be executed.

`last_iter` : This ending position till where function has to be executed.

`fnc/obj_fnc` : The 3rd argument is a function or an object function which operation would be applied to each element.

STEPS

Step 2: Pass execution policy as `std::execution::par`

```
for_each (std::execution::par , InputIterator first, InputIterator last, Function fn)
```

Execution policy as the first parameter will dictate to run the loop body in parallel across threads

STEPS

Step 3: Change indexing to use `counting::iterator`

```
std::for_each(std::execution::par,
    thrust::counting_iterator<unsigned int>(0u), thrust::counting_iterator<unsigned int>(numatm*numatm))
```

```
std::vector<unsigned int> indices(numatm * numatm);
std::generate(indices.begin(), indices.end(), [n = 0]() mutable { return n++; });

std::for_each(std::execution::par,
    indices.begin(), indices.end(),
```

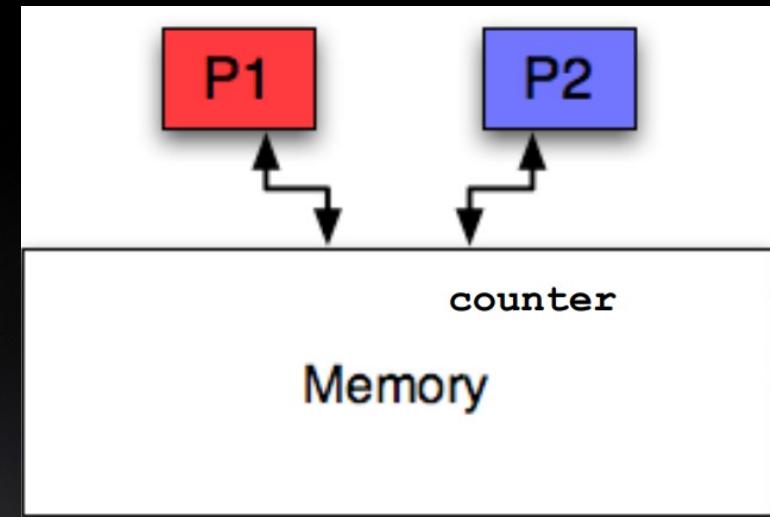
- Counting Iterator helps in filling up a vector with the numbers zero through N
- In our case from 0 to number of atoms
- GPU We will be using Thrust library for counting iterator for GPU
 - High-Level Parallel Algorithms Library
 - Parallel Analog of the C++ Standard Template Library (STL)

ATOMIC

Step 4: Remove Datarace

```
std::atomic<int>* h_g2 = new std::atomic<int>[nbin];
```

```
void *do_stuff(void * arg)
{
    for (int i = 0 ; i < 200000000 ; ++ i)
    { counter++; }
    return arg;
}
```



Since the variable counter is shared, we can get a data race

STEPS

Step 4: Put function body inside **Lambda**

```
std::for_each(std::execution::par,
    thrust::counting_iterator<unsigned int>(0u),  thrust::counting_iterator<unsigned int>(numatm*numatm)
[...](unsigned int index)
{
    for(int id2=0;id2<numatm;id2++)
    {
        dx=d_x[]-d_x[];
        dy=d_y[]-d_y[];
        dz=d_z[]-d_z[];
        r=sqrtf(dx*dx+dy*dy+dz*dz);

        if (r<cut) {
            ig2=(int)(r/del);
            ++d_g2[ig2];
        }
    }
}
```

- Lambda : Convenient way of defining an anonymous function

STEPS

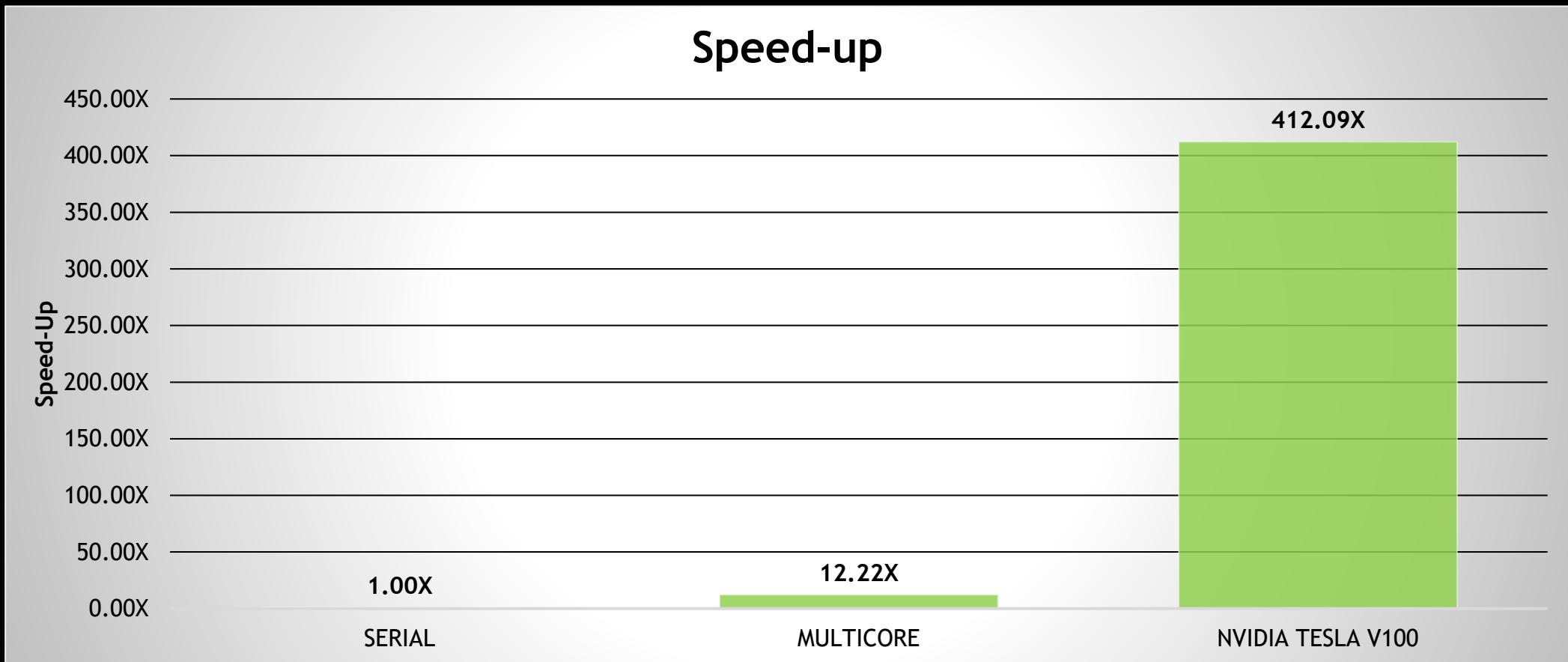
Step 5: Compile for Multicore and GPU

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std::for_each(std::execution::par, thrust::counting_iterator<unsigned int>(0u),  
             thrust::counting_iterator<unsigned int>(numatm*numatm),  
             [...](unsigned int index)  
             {  
                 for(int id2=0;id2<numatm;id2++)  
                 {  
                     dx=d_x[]-d_x[];  
                     dy=d_y[]-d_y[];  
                     dz=d_z[]-d_z[];  
                     r=sqrtn(dx*dx+dy*dy+dz*dz);  
  
                     if (r<cut) {  
                         ig2=(int)(r/del);  
                         ++d_g2[ig2];  
                     }  
                 }  
             }  
}
```

- ▶ Atomic Declaration
- ▶ Counting Iterator
- ▶ Find Distance
- ▶ Atomic Increment

```
nvc++ -stdpar=gpu,multicore program.cpp -o program
```

STD::PAR SPEEDUP





KNOWN LIMITATIONS

LIMITATIONS

Heap Only

- Limitation: All pointers used in parallel algorithms must point to the heap

```
std::array<int, 1024> a = ...;  
  
std::sort(std::execution::par, a.begin(), a.end()); // Fails, array stored on the stack
```

- Solution: Use function objects or lambdas instead

```
std::vector v = ...; std::sort(std::execution::par, v.begin(), v.end()); // OK, vector allocates on heap
```

OTHER LIMITATIONS

- GPU code does not have access to the operating system or pre-compiled standard library
- **Usually works:**
 - template classes and functions
 - inlined functions
 - math functions
- **Usually doesn't work:**
 - non-template library functions
 - OS functions

LIMITATIONS

FUNCTION POINTERS

- Limitation: Don't pass function pointers to algorithms that will run on the GPU

```
void square(int& x) { x = x * x; }

std::for_each(std::execution::par, v.begin(), v.end(), &square); // Fails: uses raw function pointer
```

- Solution: Use function objects or lambdas instead

```
struct square {

    void operator()(int& x) const { x = x * x; }

};

std::for_each(std::execution::par, v.begin(), v.end(), square()); // OK, function object

std::for_each(std::execution::par, v.begin(), v.end(), [] (int& x) { x = x * x; }); // OK, lambda
```

FORTRAN

DO CONCURRENT :: ISO Standard Fortran

- ISO Standard Fortran 2008 introduced the **DO CONCURRENT** construct to allow you to express loop-level parallelism, one of the various mechanisms for expressing parallelism directly in the Fortran language
- HPC SDK 20.11 release of the NVIDIA HPC SDK, the included NVFORTRAN compiler automatically accelerates **DO CONCURRENT**

```
1 subroutine saxpy(x,y,n,a)
2   real :: a, x(:), y(:)
3   integer :: n, i
4   do i = 1, n
5     y(i) = a*x(i)+y(i)
6   enddo
7 end subroutine saxpy
```

```
1 subroutine saxpy(x,y,n,a)
2   real :: a, x(:), y(:)
3   integer :: n, i
4   do concurrent (i = 1: n)
5     y(i) = a*x(i)+y(i)
6   enddo
7 end subroutine saxp
```

```
nvfortran -stdpar=gpu,multicore program.f90 -o program
```

FORTRAN

Nested Loop Parallelism

- Nested loops are a common code pattern encountered in HPC applications
- It is straightforward to write such patterns with a single DO CONCURRENT statement, as in the following example

```
do i=2, n-1
  do j=2, m-1
    a(i,j) = w0 * b(i,j)
  enddo
enddo
```

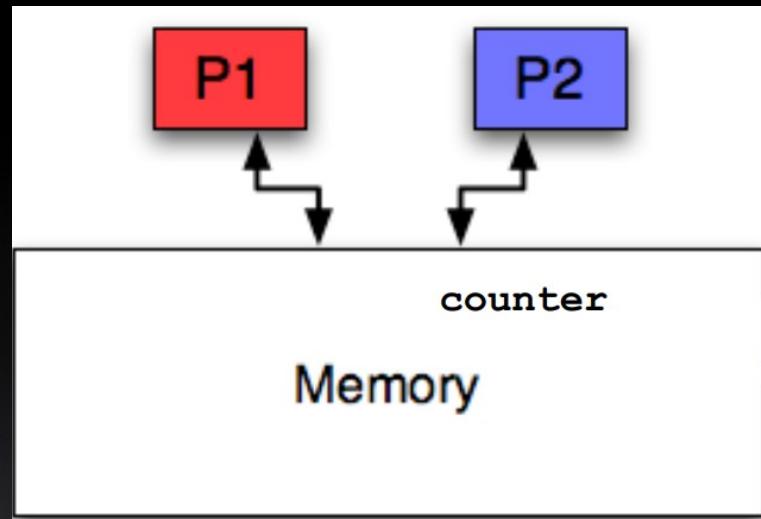
```
do concurrent(i=2 : n-1, j=2 : m-1)
  a(i,j) = w0 * b(i,j)
enddo
```

ATOMIC Limitation

```
!$acc atomic  
g(ind)=g(ind)+1.0d0
```

```
void *do_stuff(void * arg)  
{  
    for (int i = 0 ; i < 200000000 ; ++ i)  
    { counter++; }  
    return arg;  
}
```

- Do-Concurrent implementation of GPC SDK currently does not support Atomic constructs
- Hence we use the OpenACC Construct to solve data race



STEPS

Compile for Multicore and GPU

```
do iconf=1,nframes  
  
  do concurrent(i=1 : natoms, j=1:natoms)  
    dx=x(iconf,i)-x(iconf,j)  
    dy=y(iconf,i)-y(iconf,j)  
    dz=z(iconf,i)-z(iconf,j)  
  
    ...  
    r=dsqrt(dx**2+dy**2+dz**2)  
    if(r<cut)then  
      !$acc atomic  
      g(ind)=g(ind)+1.0d0  
    endif  
  enddo  
enddo
```

- ▶ Do Concurrent
- ▶ Find Distance
- ▶ Atomic Increment

```
nvfortran -stdpar=gpu,multicore program.f90 -o program
```

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