

Thursday, Feb. 23:

Matrix Multiplication  
N-Body Simulations

Friday, Feb. 24:

Histograms (from Jason Sanders' book; see our webpage link)

Using Tensor Cores in CUDA (only preview)

Timing and Debugging

Wrap-Up of CUDA

# Before we start...

## Some nice ideas:

/home/Tit4/lecture60/gpu-course/00\_error/

(ERR\_CHECK instead of HANDLE\_ERROR)

/home/Tit4/lecture60/gpu-course/4\_dot/dot-special-new.cu

(dynamic vector size allocation in kernel through `<<n,m,size>>`)

## Recap of 6: dot\_perfect.cu :

Fat Threads! New variable `gridDim.x` !

Use of `gridDim.x * blockDim.x` to get size of grid,

Relation to `<<n,m>>` in kernel launch

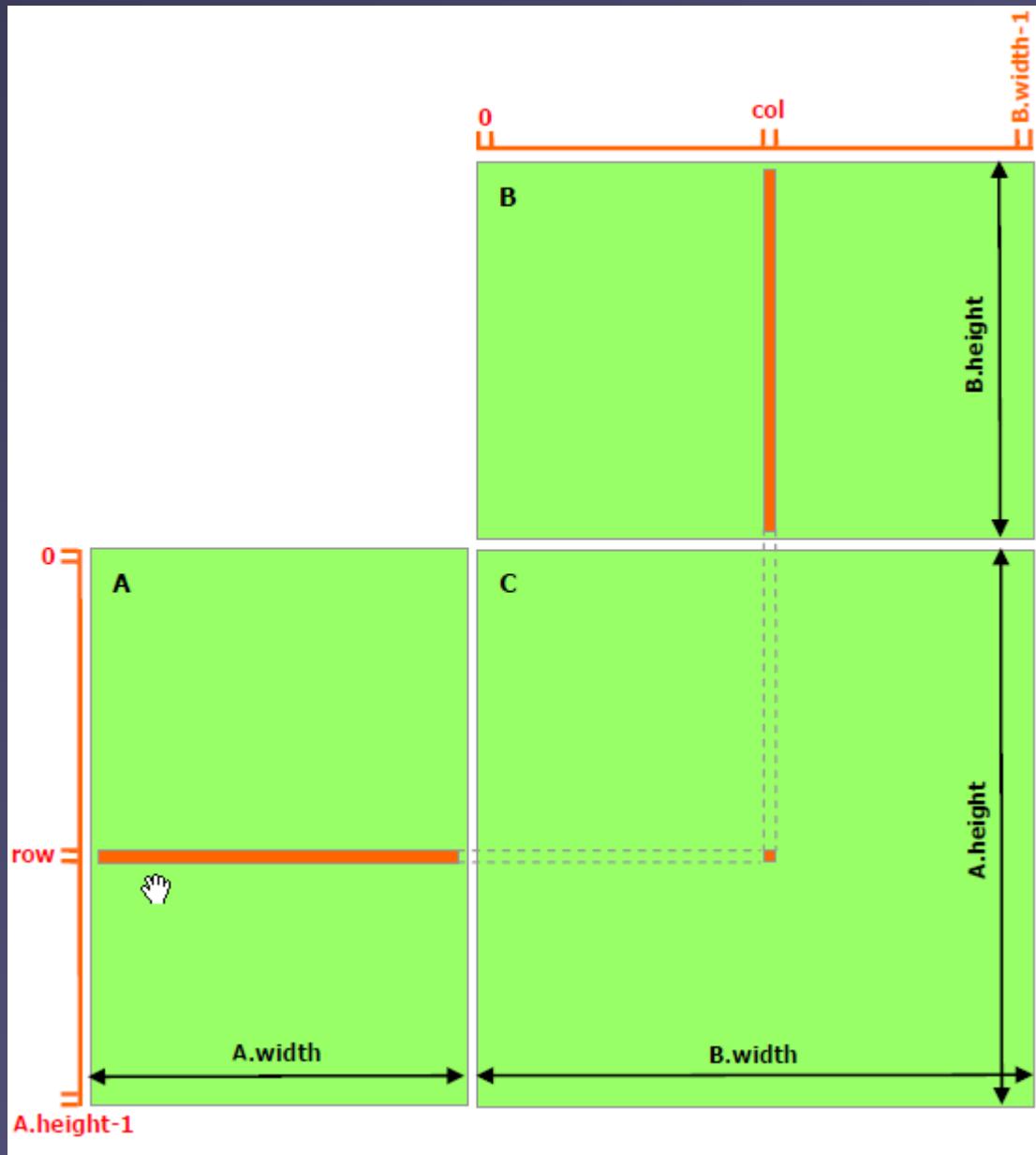
Block Reduction on Host instead of AtomicAdd!

Also used for histogram later.

Note nice profiling nvprof used in 7\_matmul/gpu\_script.sh

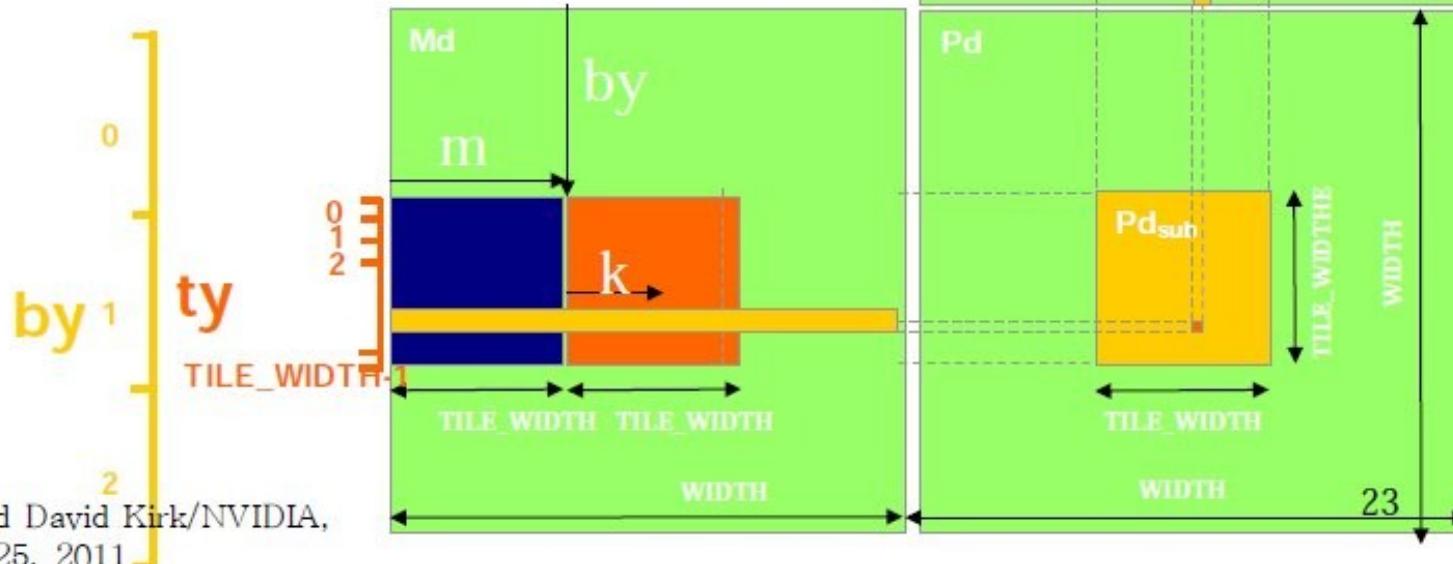
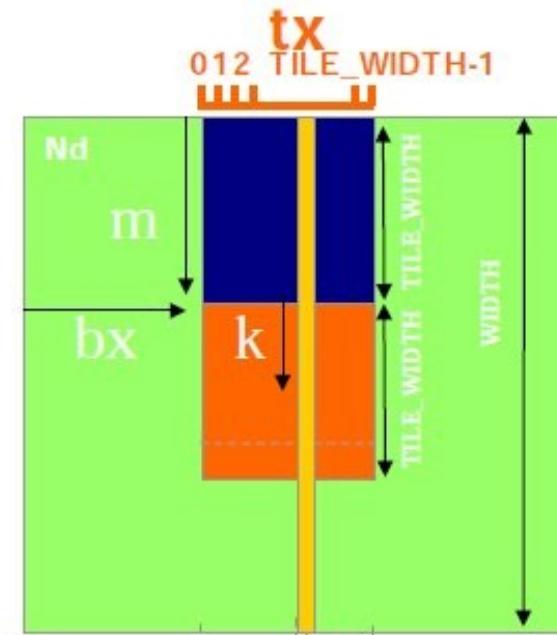
<https://docs.nvidia.com/cuda/profiler-users-guide/index.html>

# Matrix Intuitive Multiply



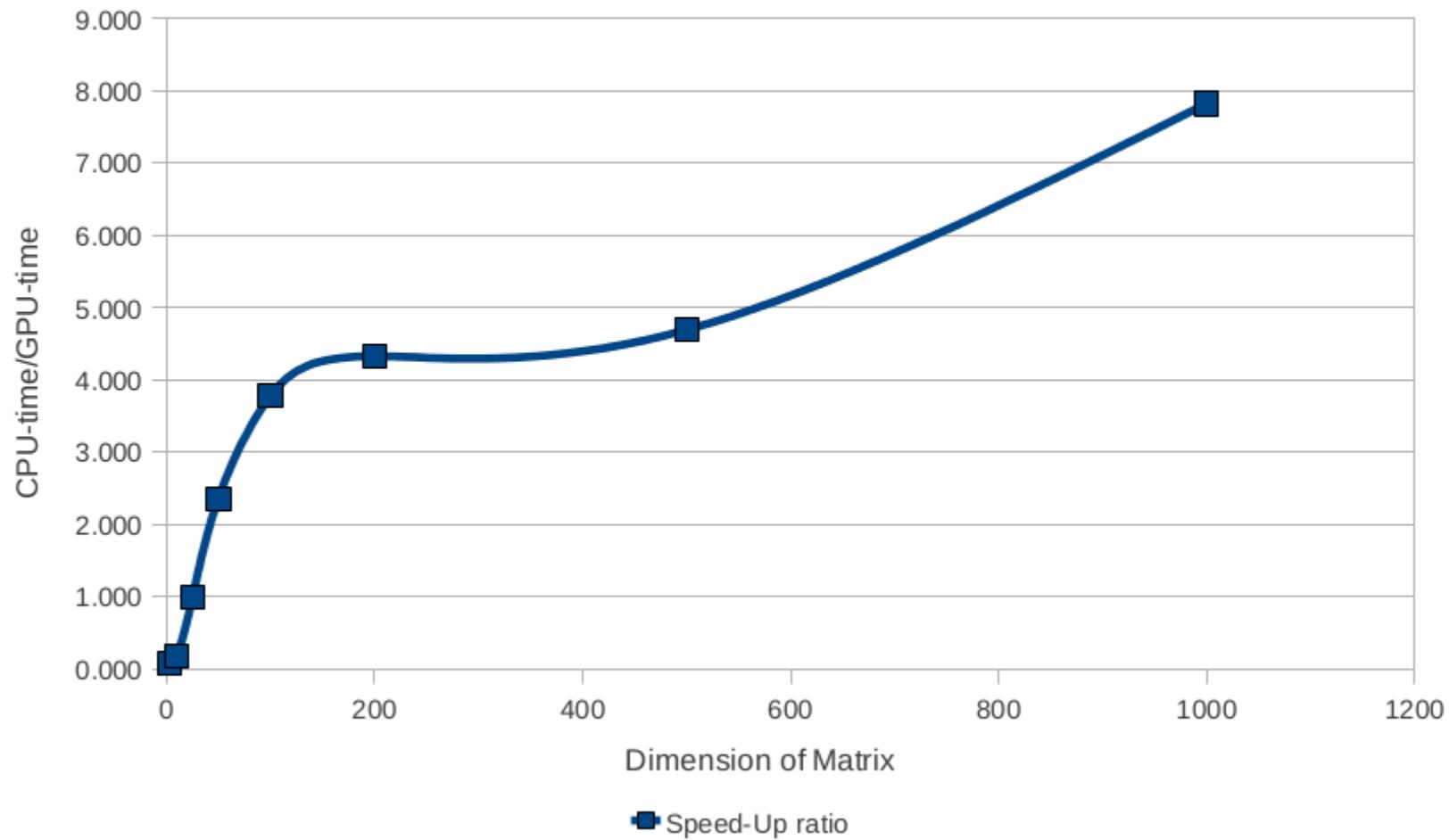
# Tiled Multiply

- Each **block** computes one square sub-matrix  $Pd_{sub}$  of size  $TILE\_WIDTH$
- Each **thread** computes one element of  $Pd_{sub}$



## Speed-Up Ratio

### GPU speed-up over CPU



# Wrapping Up 1

## Exercises (CUDA Lectures in afternoon)

- 0. hello, device- first kernel call, hello world, GPU properties
- 1. add - vector addition using one thread in one block only
- 2. add-index - vector addition using blocks in parallel,  
one thread per block only.
- 3. add-parallel - vector addition using all blocks and threads in parallel
- 4. dot - scalar product using shared memory of one block  
only for reduction
- 5. dot-full - scalar product using shared memory and  
atomic add across blocks
- 6. dot-perfect - scalar product; fat threads and final reduction on host.
- 8. histo - histogram using fat threads and atomic add  
on shared and global memory, timing
- 7. matmul - matrix multiplication with tiled access shared memory

# Wrapping Up 2

## Elements of CUDA C learnt:

threadId.x , blockDim.x, blockDim.y, gridDim.x  
(threadId.y, blockDim.y, blockDim.x, gridDim.y)

kernel<<<n,m>>> (...)

Kernel<<n,m,size>>(...)

kernel<<<dimBlock, dimGrid>>>(...)

\_\_global\_\_

\_\_shared\_\_

cudaMalloc / cudaFree

cudaMemcpy / cudaMemcpy

cudaGetDeviceProperties

cudaEventCreate, cudaEventRecord,  
cudaEventSynchronize, cudaEventElapsedTime,  
cudaEventDestroy

AtomicAdd

device code

Threads, Blocks

(matmul coming with 2D grids)

kernel calls

kernel call with dyn. alloc. size

dim3 variable type (matmul)

shared memory on GPU

manage global memory of GPU

copy/set to or from memory

get device properties in program

CUDA profiling  
atomic functions

# Wrapping Up 3

## What we have not yet learnt...

\_\_constant\_\_  
\_\_device\_\_

Intrinsic Functions ( \_\_device\_\_ type)

[https://docs.nvidia.com/cuda/cuda-math-api/group\\_\\_CUDA\\_\\_MATH\\_\\_SINGLE.html#group\\_\\_CUDA\\_\\_MATH\\_\\_SINGLE](https://docs.nvidia.com/cuda/cuda-math-api/group__CUDA__MATH__SINGLE.html#group__CUDA__MATH__SINGLE)

\_\_host\_\_

More atomic functions

cudaBindTexture

fat threads for 2D and 3D stencils

cudaStreamCreate, cudaStreamDestroy

<<<n,m,size,s>>>

using Tensor Cores

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constant memory on GPU  
functions device to device

functions host to host

using texture memory  
thread coalescence opt.  
working with CUDA streams  
kernel call with streams s

# Matrix Multiply and Histogram

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Matrix Multiply: Inspired by Lecture of Wen-mei Hwu

<http://whtresearch.sourceforge.net/example.html>

On kepler: 7\_matmul/

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Histo: Chapter in Book of Jason Sanders

<https://wwwstaff.ari.uni-heidelberg.de/spurzem/lehre/WS21/cuda/files/cuda-histograms.pdf>

(Link on our webpage)

On kepler: 8\_histo/

histo.cu (atomic on both shared and global memory)

histo-no-atomic.cu (atomic only on global memory)

# **Final Remarks**

## Important Note:

If you do some NBODY research in the future, please contact us (tutors or lecturer); do not use the course code for research it is not fully performant in some respects (openMP).

## Remember for course certificate:

- \* Output files of small experiments on your lecture account (0\_hello, 1\_add, ... , 7-matmul, 8-histo)
- \* Return two plots, one data file, and a few comments to your tutors  
Deadline? Agree with tutors, no strict deadline, but please NOT one day before you need the certificate! Outputs of the 8 Nbody runs on your lecture account.
- \* Notice: Student Queues will close Sunday, Mar 6, 23:59 (latest).  
You can run later, but contact me please [spurzem@ari.uni-heidelberg.de](mailto:spurzem@ari.uni-heidelberg.de)

This Timing API is used in 8\_histohisto.cu !

## Timing with CUDA Event API

```
int main ()
{
    cudaEvent_t start, stop;
    float time;

    cudaEventCreate (&start);
    cudaEventCreate (&stop);

    cudaEventRecord (start, 0);

    someKernel <<<grids, blocks, 0, 0>>> (...);

    cudaEventRecord (stop, 0);
    cudaEventSynchronize (stop); ← Ensures kernel execution has completed

    cudaEventElapsedTime (&time, start, stop);

    cudaEventDestroy (start);
    cudaEventDestroy (stop);

    printf ("Elapsed time %f sec\n", time*.001);

    return 1;
}
```

CUDA Event API Timer are,

- OS independent
- High resolution
- Useful for timing asynchronous calls

← Ensures kernel execution has completed

Standard CPU timers will not measure the timing information of the device.

# CUDA – GNU Debugger – CUDA-gdb

<http://docs.nvidia.com/cuda/cuda-gdb/index.html>

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**CUDA-GDB**

## 1. Introduction

This document introduces CUDA-GDB, the NVIDIA® CUDA® debugger for Linux and Mac OS.

### 1.1. What is CUDA-GDB?

CUDA-GDB is the NVIDIA tool for debugging CUDA applications running on Linux and Mac. CUDA-GDB is an extension to the x86-64 port of GDB, the GNU Project debugger. The tool provides developers with a mechanism for debugging CUDA applications running on actual hardware. This enables developers to debug applications without the potential variations introduced by simulation and emulation environments.

CUDA-GDB runs on Linux and Mac OS X, 32-bit and 64-bit. CUDA-GDB is based on GDB 7.6 on both Linux and Mac OS X.

### 1.2. Supported Features

CUDA-GDB is designed to present the user with a seamless debugging environment that allows simultaneous debugging of both GPU and CPU code within the same application. Just as programming in CUDA C is an extension to C programming, debugging with CUDA-GDB is a natural extension to debugging with GDB. The existing GDB debugging features are inherently present for debugging the host code, and additional features have been provided to support debugging CUDA device code.

CUDA-GDB supports debugging C/C++ and Fortran CUDA applications. (Fortran debugging support is limited to 64-bit Linux operating system) All the C++ features supported by the NVCC compiler can be debugged by CUDA-GDB.

CUDA-GDB allows the user to set breakpoints, to single-step CUDA applications, and also to inspect and modify the memory and variables of any given thread running on the hardware.

