Codesign at Sandia: LULESH and MiniAero

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Overview of SNL

- **Part I: Performance, Portability and Productivity of C++ Abstractions for the LULESH mini-app**
  - Overview of our porting activities
  - Comparison of performance on leading HPC architectures for OpenMP, RAJA and LULESH
  - Evaluation of programmer effort required for OpenMP, RAJA and Kokkos

- **Part II: Performance Analysis of MiniAero**
  - Comparison of Scaling (MPI/OpenMP) for Haswell, BlueGene/Q, Knights Corner and NVIDIA K80 GPUs
  - Initial expectations for codes on Trinity Phase-I and Phase-II

- Discussion
PORTING LULESH TO KOKKOS
Kokkos Programming Model

Separation and Abstraction of Concerns
Abstract Application Data and Computation
Kokkos Programming Model (Compute)

Parallel Execution/Dispatch

Patterns + Policies + Spaces

What (For, Reduce, Scan) + How (Iterator) + Where (Which Device)

Parallel-For Execution Pattern + How are iterations decomposed? + Run on .. GPU? CPU? PIM?

Sensible defaults for many execution spaces to reduce programmer overhead
Let Sandia research and Kokkos developers handle the heavy work
Kokkos Programming Model (Data)

Application Data Management

Views

Access

Spaces

What
(Application Data)

How
(Indexing/Atomics Streaming/Random)

Where
(Which Memory)

Index Mapping, Containers

How should data be accessed?
Atomically? Streaming Stores?
Uncached loads?

Stored in.. HBM? DDR? NVM?

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What Does Kokkos Run on Today?

Kokkos is running on **every advanced architecture test bed, prototype option on AMD systems**

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= Kokkos Build Type in Release  = Prototype/Research
Examining Porting Strategies for Code Teams

- Very large proportion of ASC code at Sandia is MPI only
  - Implies a serial on-node model with limited thread safety applied

- Starting point for this study is the **serial** version of LULESH
  - Taken from the OpenMP version but with all OpenMP pragmas, reductions and specializations removed ("proxy" for "real" code)

- Provide several implementations to evaluate metrics:
  - **Kokkos**: Minimal CPU, Minimal CPU with ref lambdas, Minimal GPU, Optimized-V1, Optimized-V2, Optimized-V3
  - **OpenMP**: Original OpenMP from LLNL, Optimized OpenMP from SNL
  - **RAJA**: RAJA-Basic and RAJA-Index-Set
Non Kokkos-Variants

- **RAJA-Basic**: code provided by Jeff Keasler and Rich Hornung from LLNL, uses RAJA abstractions for parallel dispatch
- **RAJA-IndexSet**: code provided by Jeff Keasler and Rich Hornung from LLNL, uses RAJA abstractions for data iteration
- **OpenMP Original**: NO-RAJA variant from LLNL
- **OpenMP Minimal**: a stripped down version using basic parallel-for schemes and atomic operations developed from serial using Intel AdvisorXE and InspectorXE (akin to developer using tools)
- **OpenMP Optimized**: Sandia optimized version which improves vectorization and reduction performance
Optimized Kokkos Variants

- **Kokkos-Minimal-CPU**: developed by a physicist with limited experience writing threaded code (our experiment for code we would get from many code groups)
- **Kokkos-Minimal-CPU-RL**: basic port to Kokkos which utilizes capture-by-reference lambdas to significantly decrease programmer burden
- **Kokkos-Minimal-GPU**: extension of Kokkos-Minimal-CPU to work on the GPU (mainly data structure const changes)
- **Kokkos-Optimized-v1**: eliminate buffer realloc; reduce register pressure
- **Kokkos-Optimized-v2**: use Kokkos Views with Layout and Traits, Hierarchical Parallelism
- **Kokkos-Optimized-v3**: kernel fusion
Swim Lanes for Code Teams

- **Trinity Phase I**
  - Serial
  - OpenMP
  - Kokkos Min. CPU
  - RAJA

- **Trinity Phase II**
  - Optimized OpenMP
  - Kokkos Min. CPU
  - RAJA Optimized CPU

- **Sierra**
  - Kokkos Min. GPU
  - K-Opt 1
  - K-Opt 2
  - K-Opt 3
  - RAJA GPU/Optimized GPU

- **Crossroads**

**Years**
- 2015
- 2016
- 2017
- 2018
- 2019
- 2020
- 2021

**Languages**
- OpenMP
- CUDA
- C++20 Language Specification

**Abstractions**
- Directives
- C++ Abstraction

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Swim Lanes for Code Teams

Trinity Phase I
- Initial Ports “Day One”
  - OpenMP
  - Kokkos Min. CPU
  - RAJA

Trinity Phase II
- Initial Portable Versions
  - Optimized OpenMP
  - Kokkos Min. CPU
  - RAJA Optimized CPU

Sierra
- Optimized Portable Versions
  - Kokkos Min. GPU
  - K-Opt 1
  - K-Opt 2
  - K-Opt 3
  - RAJA GPU/Optimized GPU

Crossroads
- ATDM/
  - Language Standards?

Serial
- OpenMP
- Kokkos Min. CPU
- RAJA

C++20 Language Specification
- CUDA

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What are We Presenting?

- In an ideal world we would have all code ported with minimal changes
  - Very unlikely to happen for ASC codes, complicated, legacy algorithms, years of engineering

**So what can we hope for?**

- Progression of modifications to the code to get them ready for NGP
- Initial ports require less modification to get code up and running but don’t give top performance
- Slowly evolve code/data-structures to give better cross-platform performance

- Sandia ASC L2 results show what we might be able to expect in a small case study using LULESH
  - We think there is a similar story for Kokkos and RAJA
Evaluating Performance Across Architectures

PERFORMANCE PORTABILITY OF LULESH VERSIONS
ASC Arch. Test Bed Systems Used For Testing

- **Shepard Intel Haswell**
  - Dual-socket, 16-cores/socket, 2 x 256-bit FP-FMA SIMD/core, SMT-2
  - 128GB RAM/socket
  - Intel 15.2.164 Compiler with OpenMPI 1.8.X

- **Compton Intel Sandy Bridge and Knights Corner**
  - Dual-socket 8-cores/socket, 2x256-bit FP SIMD/core, SMT-2
  - 32GB RAM/socket
  - Intel 15.2.164 Compiler with OpenMPI 1.8.X (Sandy Bridge)
  - 57-core KNC-C0, 1.1GHz, 6GB/RAM
  - Intel 15.2.164 Compiler with Intel MPI 4.1.036 (KNC)
ASC Arch. Test Bed Systems Used For Testing

- **White POWER8**
  - Dual-socket, Dual-NUMA/socket POWER8, 3.4GHz
  - 5-cores/NUMA = 10 cores/socket = 20 cores/node, SMT-8/core
  - 128GB RAM/NUMA = 512GB/node
  - GNU 4.9.2 with OpenMPI 1.8.X
  - IBM XL 13.1.2 with OpenMPI 1.8.X

- **Hammer APM ARM-64/v8**
  - Single socket/node, 8-cores/node, 2.4GHz
  - 32GB RAM/socket
  - GNU 4.9.2 with OpenMPI 1.8.X
ASC Arch. Test Bed Systems Used For Testing

- **Shannon Intel Sandy Bridge + NVIDIA Kepler K40/80**
  - Dual-socket, 8-cores/socket Sandy Bridge = 16 cores/node
  - 32GB RAM/socket
  - NVIDIA Kepler K40 per socket
  - NVIDIA CUDA 7.5 SDK
  - GNU 4.7.2 with OpenMPI 1.8.X (compiled with CUDA support)
Optimization Notice

- Where possible we have selected architecture appropriate optimization flags to improve performance
  - **Kokkos** – baked into the Kokkos Makefile system
  - **RAJA** – baked into RAJA Makefile system and RAJA header files for alignment, vectorization width *etc* (header additions are annoying)

- Results are the harmonic mean of LLNL-coded “Figure of Merit” (FOM) from a minimum 10 runs, max, min etc are all recorded
  - Error bars are typically very small (1-3%) so are not included in plots for brevity

- All configurations used optimized (per platform) MPI process pinning, thread affinities and job configurations
  - Lots of research at Sandia using Mantevo over last four years to understand these issues
  - An on-going process but can give >2X performance difference
Performance Portability Metrics

**LULESH Figure of Merit Results (Problem 45)**

Higher is Better

Results by Dennis Dinge, Christian Trott and Si Hammond
Performance Portability Metrics

LULESH Figure of Merit Results (Problem 60)

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Results by Dennis Dinge, Christian Trott and Si Hammond
Higher is Better

Initial ports of code will give similar results to OpenMP, +/- 10-15%. Seems to be down to different optimization strategies in the compiler.
Performance Portability Metrics

LULESH Figure of Merit Results (Problem 60)

Kokkos implementations deliver consistent performance across all architectures.

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Results by Dennis Dinge, Christian Trott and Si Hammond
Performance Portability Metrics

LULESH Figure of Merit Results (Problem 60)

Higher is Better

SMT on Haswell doesn’t seem to improve performance, generally good on POWER and KNC

Results by Dennis Dinge, Christian Trott and Si Hammond
Thoughts and Experiences

- These problem sizes are small relative to some of the systems
  - \(O(100)\) – \(O(200)\) MB in problem size
  - POWER8 – very large memory, large caches (particularly L4)
  - GPU – needs more parallelism

- We are trying to capture performance effects based on feedback from LULESH developers
  - But larger problems help our optimizations even more

- Not necessarily demonstrating the best potential FOM performance
  - Can get up to 2X these FOM figures from our implementations
Kernel Analysis for Kokkos Applications

- **Consistent profiling across architectures is hard**
  - Vtune does not like to profile deep in OpenMP hierarchies which are enclosed in headers
  - Nsight manages OK
  - Not clear that tools understand C++ abstraction layers

- **KokkosP Profiling Layer**
  - Recent addition to Kokkos, option to always compile in
  - Tools dynamically loaded, can be stacked, lightweight
  - Expose calling structure of kernels and devices to profiler
  - Better context awareness of what execution is being requested
  - Still very early prototype but shows some promise
KokkosP Kernel Comparison of Kokkos Opt 1

Haswell 1x16 S=45 I=1000

POWER8 1x40 S=45 I=1000

See similar breakdown across architectures but we can profile them all using one tool.
Evaluating Effort to Develop Versions using Performance Portable C++ Abstraction Layers

PROGRAMMER PRODUCTIVITY OF LULESH VERSIONS
How do we calculate “productivity”?

- With great difficulty – lots of discussion in the community about what this *really* means

- Our approach:
  1. Remove all comments from the code
  2. Utilize the clang-format LLVM tool with “Google” code option
  3. Compare the number of sites using Apple’s FileMerge tool
  4. Compare the lines added/removed using `diff -b -w <paths>`

- Not perfect and we have hand modified code of *all* versions to bring the counts more into line (and to be fair wherever possible)

- Point is to show approximate level of programmer effort not be precisely quantitative because coding style largely down to individual

Count of Sites at Which Changes are Made

Sites at Which Changes are Made vs. MPI-Only LULESH

Lower is Better

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Kokkos and RAJA variants are similar

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Source Code Line Changes

Source Code Lines Added/Removed and Total vs. MPI-Only

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C++ Abstraction Layers have approximately similar numbers of lines changed to the original OpenMP code from LLNL.
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Naïve port to Kokkos uses slightly more changes than is needed by capture-by-reference lambdas.
Programmer Development Time

- Initial Kokkos-CPU port by Dennis took a few months
  - No threading/OpenMP/Kokkos experience for code development
  - Lots of correctness and performance issues came up
  - Initial experience with programmer tools and profilers

- Kokkos optimized implementations
  - $O(\text{few weeks})$ of Christian’s time ("Kokkos-expert")

- OpenMP initial and optimized implementations
  - $O(\text{few days - week})$ of Si’s time written on a plane

- These are not significant amounts of FTE but the code is small in comparison to production settings (but code groups are larger and better resourced)

- Difficult (impossible?) to do a deep quantitative comparison
What can we take away?

- C++ abstraction layers are using similar numbers of changes in code (both code sites and SLOC-delta) to directives

- Perhaps to be expected given implementation strategy is similar in unoptimized variants of the code
  - This is a good thing for developers – hard work is in developing the parallel algorithm, not in how it is expressed in source code

- Looking at changing roughly 15% of the code to get initial parallel versions in this example
  - Warning: example is friendly to parallelism because of its heritage

- Do we need directives in application code at all?
ANALYSIS OF MINIAERO
MiniAero Overview

- Originally written by Ken Franko (now at Google)
  - Added to Mantevo suite in 2014

- Designed for exploration of Kokkos programming model
  - Not to be used as a proxy for production algorithms
  - Did not have an “original” OpenMP or serial implementation

- Different options for threaded algorithm to aggregate values onto the mesh
  - Use of atomics operations
  - Use of gather/sum
MiniAero Scaling Analysis on Trinity Test Machines

**Strong Scaling MiniAero Results for Mutrino**

Approximately 10% performance difference by switching from MPI to OpenMP (not all kernels are fully parallelized)

Results by Jeanine Cook and Courtenay Vaughan
MiniAero Scaling Analysis on Trinity Test Machines

Weak Scaling MiniAero Results for Mutrino

Flatter is Better

Approximately 20% performance difference by switching from MPI to OpenMP (not all kernels are fully parallelized)

Results by Jeanine Cook and Courtenay Vaughan
MiniAero Scaling Analysis on BlueGene/Q

Weak Scaling MiniAero Results for BlueGene/Q

- **MPI-Only Atomics**
- **MPI Only Gather Sum**
- **MPI + OMP-64 Atomics**
- **MPI + OMP64 Gather Sum**

Poor atomic performance on BG/Q (not optimized in Kokkos). MPI only up to 20% faster than threaded.
MiniAero Scaling on GPU Clusters

Weak Scaling MiniAero Results for K80 GPU Cluster

- Atomics
- Gather Sum

Good atomics performance on GPUs means we don’t see the same results at BG/Q.

Results by Paul Lin
MiniAero Scaling on KNC Clusters

Weak Scaling MiniAero Results for Compton KNC Cluster

Flatter is Better

Atomics
Gather Sum

Runtime (Seconds)

KNC Cards Utilized

Closer performance with atomics and gather-sum on KNC. Poor scaling is due to very slow intercard MPI

224 OpenMP threads per card (= 1 MPI rank)

Results by Paul Lin
Covers all instructions executed (dynamic stream) including move operations and register clears
MiniAero Summary

- Question as to whether **exactly** the same algorithm will run on **all** architectures well – atomics vs. gather-scatter

- Open question which requires further research

- May not be able to find a single source which always runs truly well everywhere
  - Is not intrinsic to Kokkos, the same issue is true for OpenMP, RAJA etc

- Continues to reinforce why we need codesign and research into our code performance

- Clearly still need to look at poor vectorization levels for Trinity machines
CONCLUSIONS AND DISCUSSION
Summary

- Showed portability of two Kokkos mini-app implementations across ASC Advanced Architecture Test Beds

- Strong performance across architectures for LULESH
  - Often as strong or stronger than equivalent OpenMP code

- Initial expectations for use of Haswell, POWER and GPU systems
  - Knights Landing still remains an unknown due to significant changes over Knights Corner cards

- Evaluated programmer productivity for LULESH
  - C++ abstraction layers are approximately equivalent to well optimized OpenMP code in sites of code change and number of source lines
Feedback to Vendors/Community

- Kokkos is now on github.com (fully open source and free for everyone)
  - Full public release of the most up to date development branches
  - Strong engagement with NVIDIA, AMD and IBM, initial engagement with Intel
  - Feedback to IBM and Cray on compiler issues, during this L2 both now compile miniapps successfully
  - Now has initial support for Knights Landing compile path

- Implementations using Kokkos will be available for the community in Mantevo release for SC15

- Poster submitted to SC15 covering OpenMP and Kokkos studies (no RAJA)

- Clearly still a need in some areas for better optimization support in compilers
  - See very varied inlining, optimization, vectorization etc. More time and more focus by the labs will help

- Committed to C++ abstraction layer support in development of ATS3 RFP
Productivity

- Productivity in Kokkos in some ways has always been behind portability and performance
  - We needed to learn the best approach before we could work out how to enhance programmer productivity

- Have learned a lot through discussions with RAJA team on why this is important and through our own application work on LAMMPS, Trilinos, Albany, SIERRA etc

- Have a much stronger story in productivity on the parallel execution/dispatch
  - This codesign study has helped inform us further

- Kokkos has strong story for data management
  - Initial work on efficient parallel STL-like containers

- Our experience is 90% of the work is in making the algorithm parallel and optimizing the data structures not in the specific way its written
Kokkos in the Community

- Published a Kokkos Programming Guide in 2015
  - Based on lots of feedback from community
  - Covers general concepts and themes of Kokkos

- Kokkos Training Material
  - 200 tutorial slide deck
  - Multiple examples with varying levels of complexity

- Kokkos Tutorial at Sandia in September
  - Over 80 registered attendees
  - Will work on multi-core, many-core and GPU Sandia test beds

- Tutorial at ACM/IEEE Supercomputing in November 2015
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BACKUP SLIDES
MiniAero Thread Scaling on Cray XC30

Thread Scaling per MPI Rank on Volta XC30

Lower is Better

See better performance from threads as we strong scale out to more nodes (smaller problem per node)

Results by Jeanine Cook and Courtenay Vaughan