

HETEROGENEOUS SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE (HSA) AND THE SOFTWARE ECOSYSTEM

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Motivation

HSA architecture v1

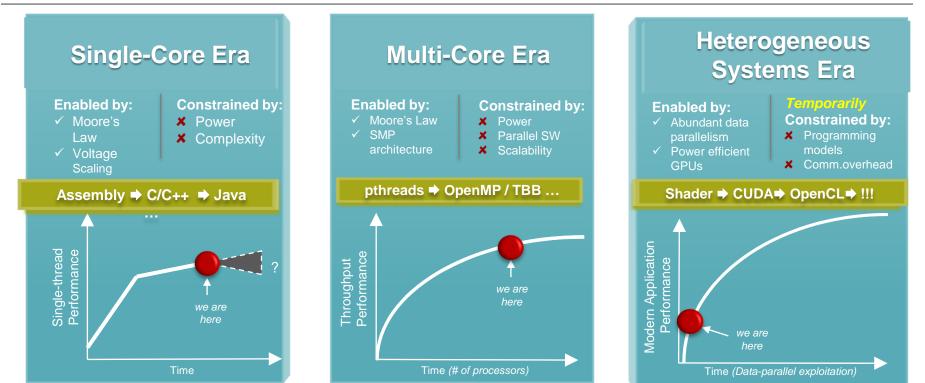
Software stack

Workload analysis

Software Ecosystem

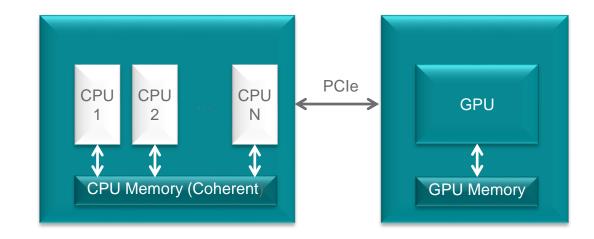
PARADIGM SHIFTS....







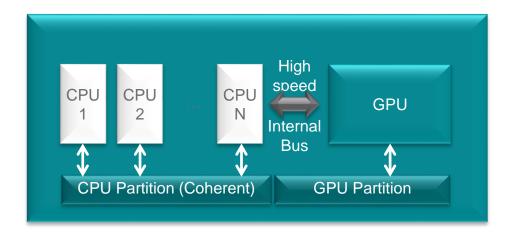
WITNESS DISCRETE CPU AND DISCRETE GPU COMPUTE



- Compute acceleration works well for large offload
- Slow data transfer between CPU and GPU
- Expert programming necessary to take advantage of the GPU compute

FIRST AND SECOND GENERATION APUs

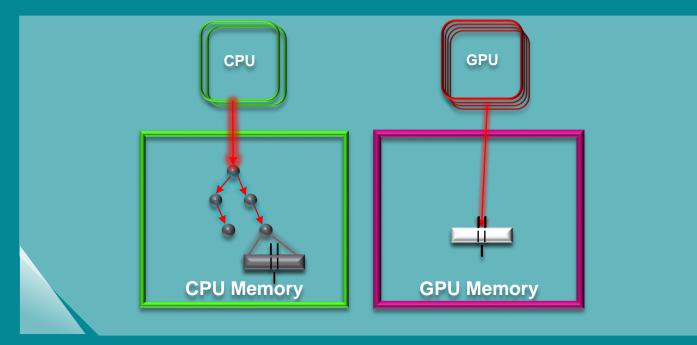




- First integration of CPU and GPU on-chip
- Common physical memory but not to programmer
- Faster transfer of data between CPU and GPU to enable more code to run on the GPU

COMMON PHYSICAL MEMORY BUT NOT TO PROGRAMMER

- CPU explicitly copies data to GPU memory
- GPU completes computation
- CPU explicitly copies result back to CPU memory





WHAT ARE THE PROBLEMS WE ARE TRYING TO SOLVE

- SOCs are quickly following into the same many CPU core bottlenecks of the PC
 - To move beyond this we need to look at right processor(s) and/or execution device for given workload at reasonable power

While addressing the core issues of

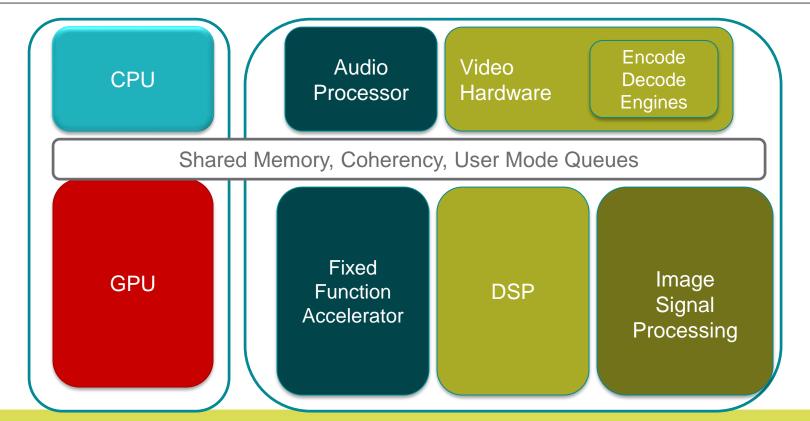
- Easier to program
- Easier to optimize
- Easier to load balance
- High performance
- Lower power





COMBINE INTO UNIFIED PROGRAMMING MODEL







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HSA FOUNDATION'S FOCUS

Identify design features to make accelerators first class processors

Attract mainstream programmers

Create a platform architecture for ALL accelerators





HSA ARCHITECTURE v1

GPU compute C++ support

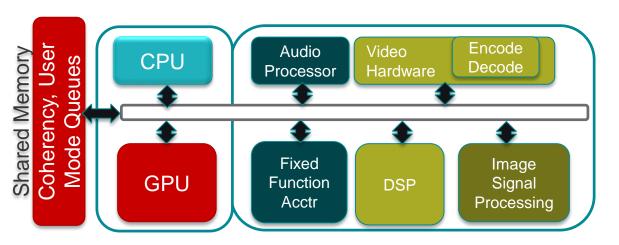
User Mode Scheduling

Fully coherent memory between CPU & GPU

GPU uses pageable system memory via CPU pointers

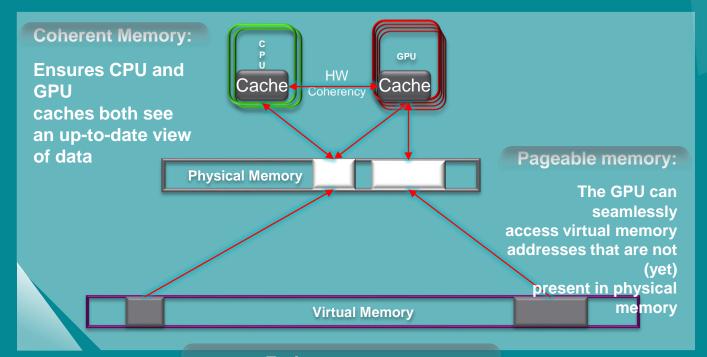
GPU graphics pre-emption

GPU compute context switch





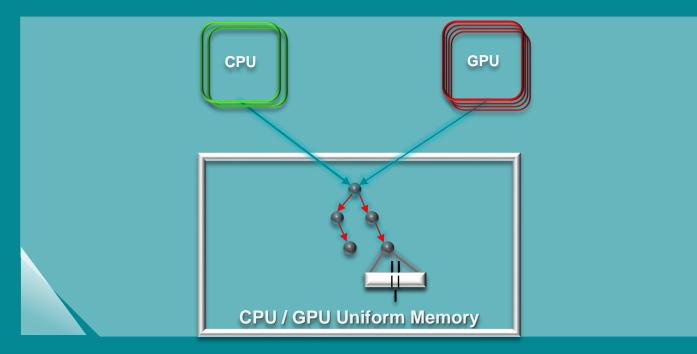
HSA KEY FEATURES



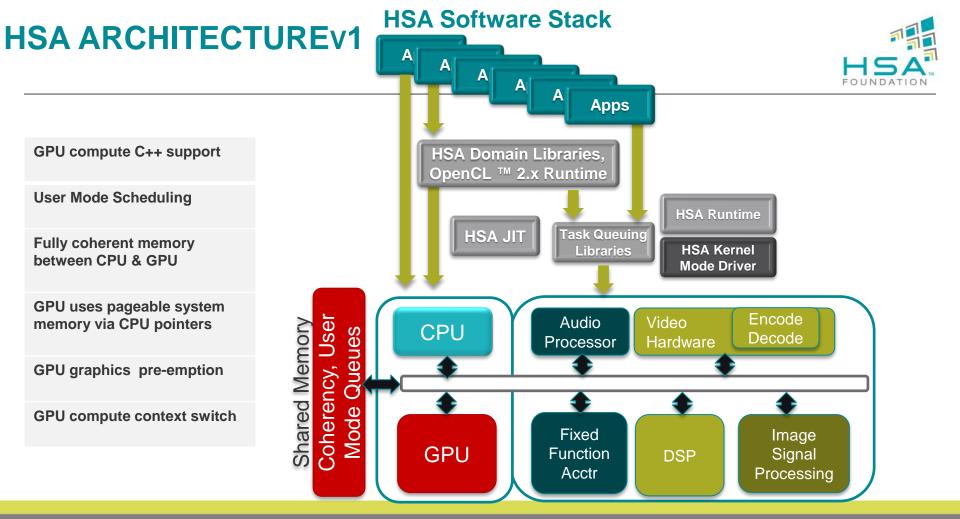
Entire memory space: Both CPU and GPU can access and allocate any location in the system's virtual memory space

WITH HSA

- CPU simply passes a pointer to GPU
- GPU completes computation
- CPU can read the result directly no copying needed!







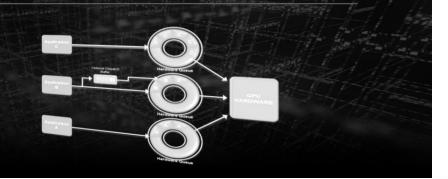
HETEROGENEOUS COMPUTE DISPATCH

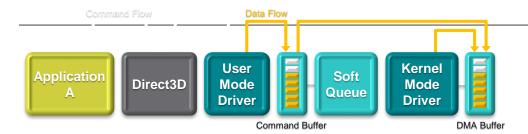


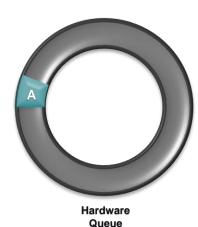
How compute dispatch operates today in the **driver model**

 Image: Construction of the co

How compute dispatch improves **under HSA**

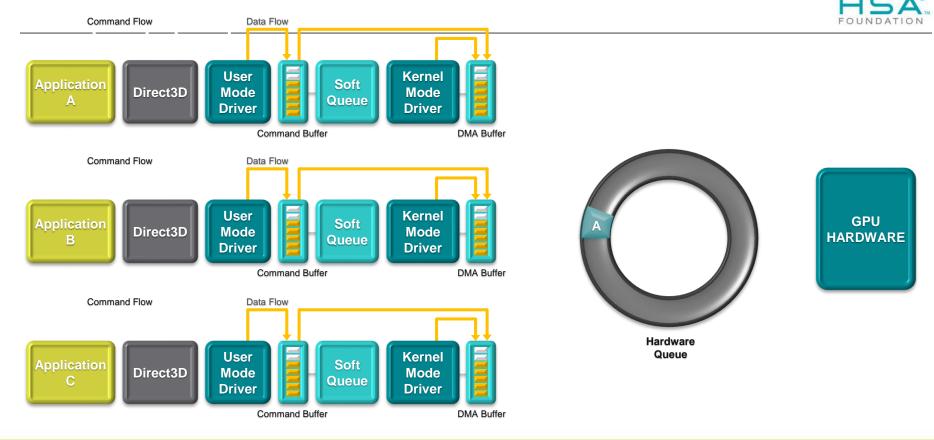


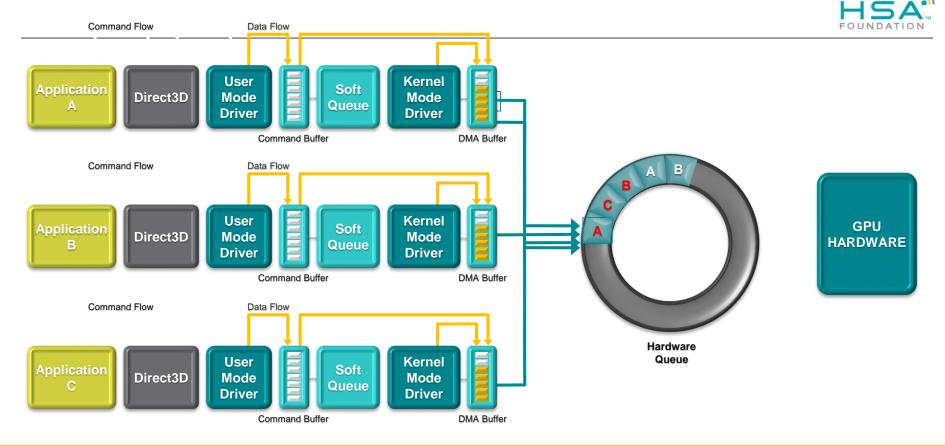


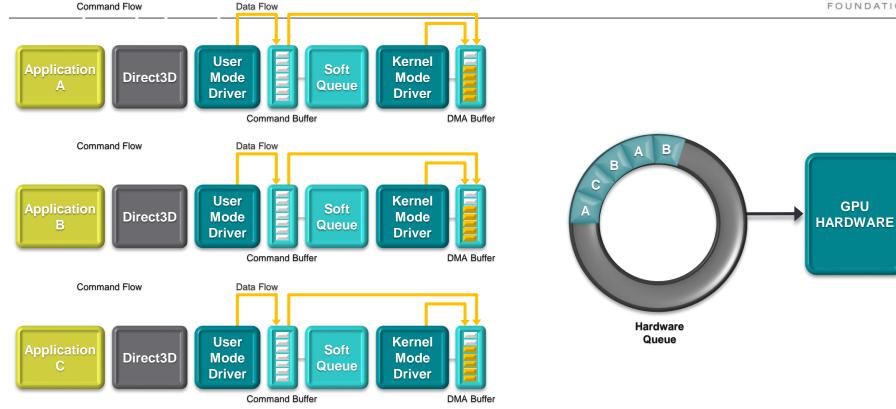








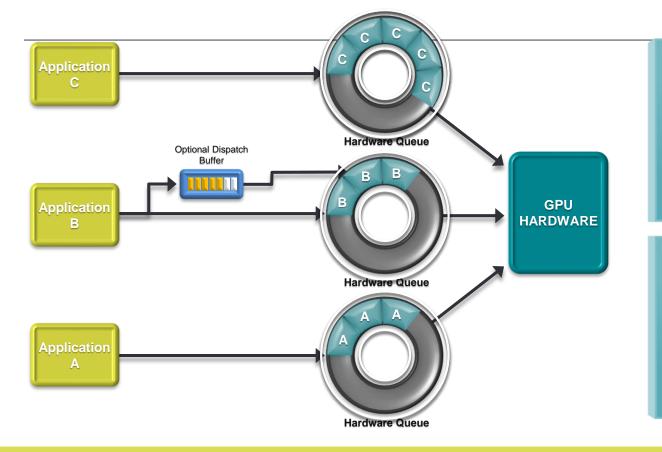






HSA COMMAND AND DISPATCH FLOW



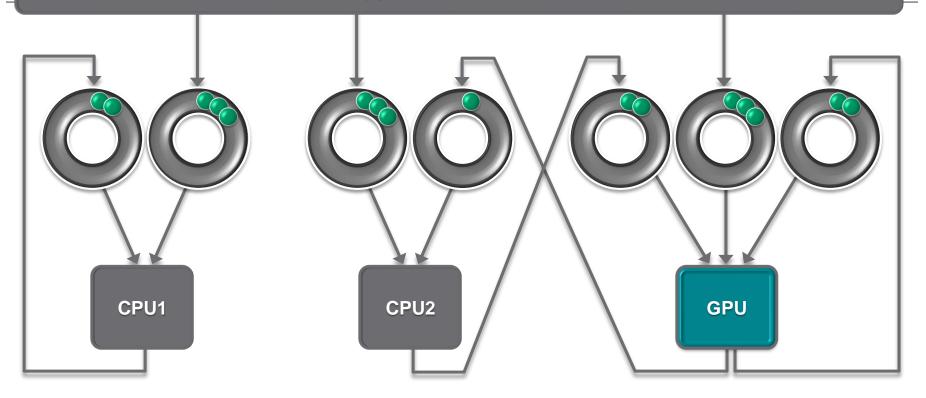


- Application codes to the hardware
- User mode queuing
- Hardware scheduling
- Low dispatch times

- No APIs
- No Soft Queues
- No User Mode Drivers
- No Kernel Mode Transitions
- No Overhead!

COMMAND AND DISPATCH CPU <-> GPU

Application / Runtime



MAKING GPUS AND APUS EASIER TO PROGRAM: TASK QUEUING RUNTIMES

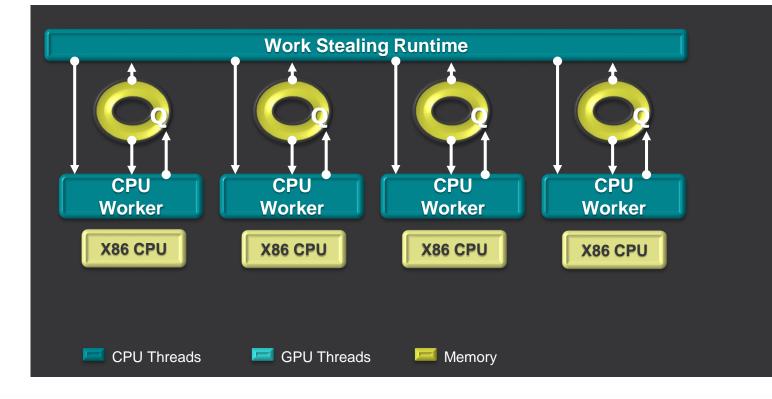
- Popular pattern for task and data parallel programming on SMP systems today
- Characterized by:
 - A work queue per core
 - Runtime library that divides large loops into tasks and distributes to queues
 - A work stealing runtime that keeps the system balanced
- HSA is designed to extend this pattern to run on heterogeneous systems



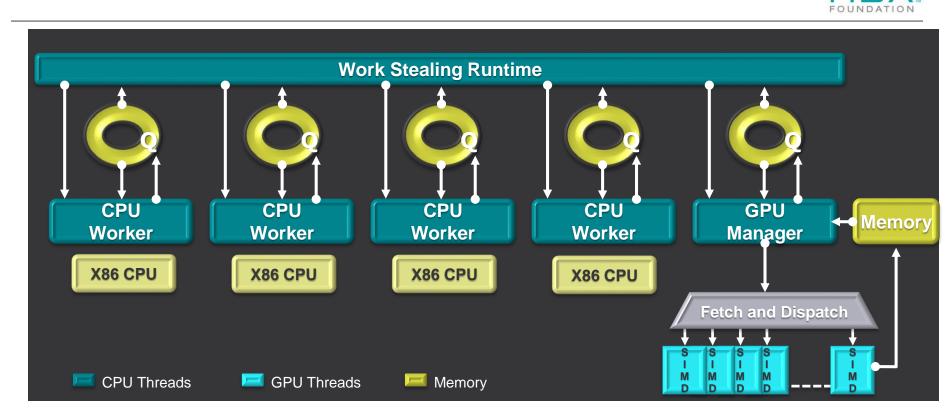


TASK QUEUING RUNTIME ON CPUs





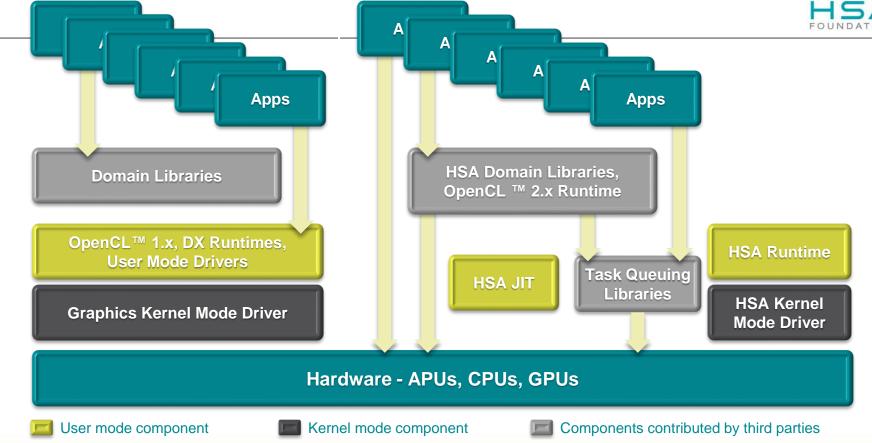
TASK QUEUING RUNTIME ON THE HSA PLATFORM



Driver Stack

HSA Software Stack





HSA INTERMEDIATE LANGUAGE - HSAIL



- HSAIL is the intermediate language for parallel compute in HSA
 - Generated by a high level compiler (LLVM, gcc, Java VM, etc)
 - Compiled down to GPU ISA or other parallel processor ISA by an IHV Finalizer
 - Finalizer may execute at run time, install time or build time, depending on platform type
- HSAIL is a low level instruction set designed for parallel compute in a shared virtual memory environment. HSAIL is SIMT in form and does not dictate hardware microarchitecture
- HSAIL is designed for fast compile time, moving most optimizations to HL compiler
- HSAIL is at the same level as PTX: an intermediate assembly or Virtual Machine Target
- Represented as bit-code in in a Brig file format with support late binding of libraries



HSA BRINGS A MODERN OPEN COMPILATION FOUNDATION





- This bring about fully competitive rich complete compilation stack architecture for the creation of a broader set of GPU Computing tools, languages and libraries.
 - HSAIL supports LLVM and other compilers GCC, Java VM

OPENCL™ AND HSA



HSA is an optimized platform architecture for OpenCL[™]

- Not an alternative to OpenCL[™]
- Focused on the hardware platform more than API
- Ready to support many more languages than C/C++

◆ OpenCL[™] on HSA will benefit from

- Avoidance of wasteful copies
- Low latency dispatch
- Improved memory model
- Pointers shared between CPU and GPU
- HSA also exposes a lower level programming interface
 - Optimized libraries may choose the lower level interface



HSA DELIVERED VIA ROYALTY FREE STANDARDS



- Royalty Free IP, Specifications and API's
- Three primary specifications are
 - HSA Platform System Architecture Specification
 - Focus on hardware requirements and low level system software
 - HSA Programmer Reference Manual
 - Definition of HSAIL Virtual ISA
 - Binary format (BRIG)
 - Compiler writers guide and Libraries developer guide
 - HSA System Runtime Specification

AMD'S OPEN SOURCE COMMITMENT TO HSA



- We will open source our Linux execution and compilation stack
 - Jump start the ecosystem
 - Allow a single shared implementation where appropriate
 - Enable university research in all areas

Component Name	AMD Specific	Rationale
HSA Bolt Library	No	Enable understanding and debug
HSAIL Code Generator	No	Enable research
LLVM Contributions	No	Industry and academic collaboration
HSA Assembler	No	Enable understanding and debug
HSA Runtime	No	Standardize on a single runtime
HSA Finalizer	Yes	Enable research and debug
HSA Kernel Driver	Yes	For inclusion in linux distros



WORKLOAD ANALYSIS

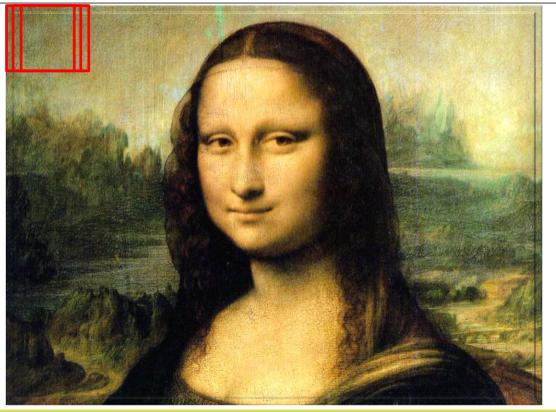


HAAR Face Detection

CORNERSTONE TECHNOLOGY FOR COMPUTERVISION

LOOKING FOR FACES IN ALL THE RIGHT PLACES



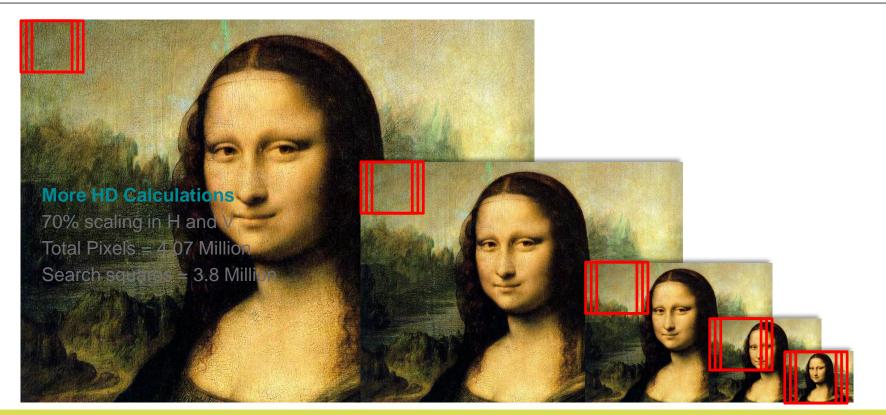


Quick HD Calculations

Search square = 21×21 Pixels = $1920 \times 1080 = 2,073,600$ Search squares = $1900 \times 1060 = -2$ Million

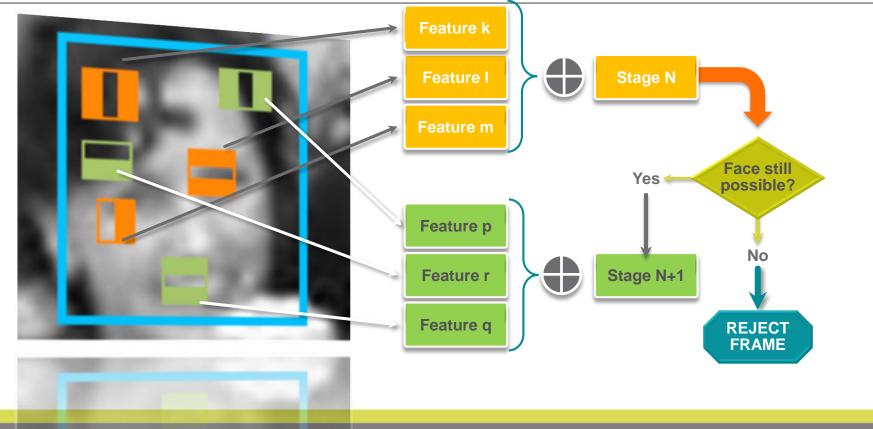
LOOKING FOR DIFFERENT SIZE FACES – BY SCALING THE VIDEO FRAME



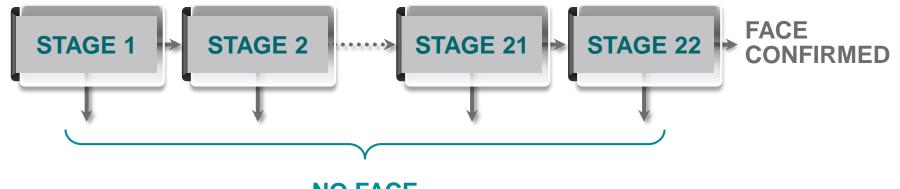


HAAR CASCADE STAGES





22 CASCADE STAGES, EARLY OUT BETWEEN EACH



NO FACE

Final HD Calculations

Search squares = 3.8 million

Average features per square = 124

Calculations per feature = 100

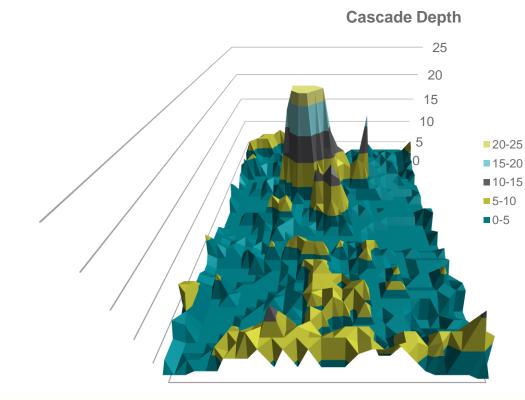
Calculations per frame = 47 GCalcs

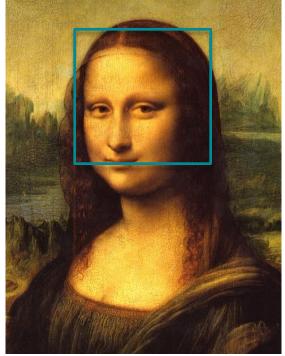
Calculation Rate 30 frames/sec = 1.4TCalcs/second 60 frames/sec = 2.8TCalcs/second

...and this only gets front-facing faces

CASCADE DEPTH ANALYSIS



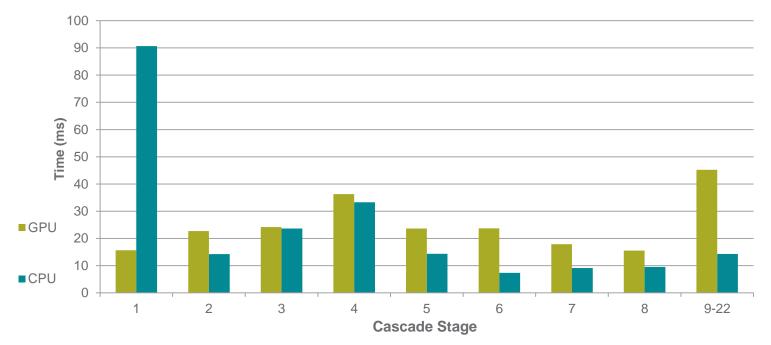




PROCESSING TIME/STAGE



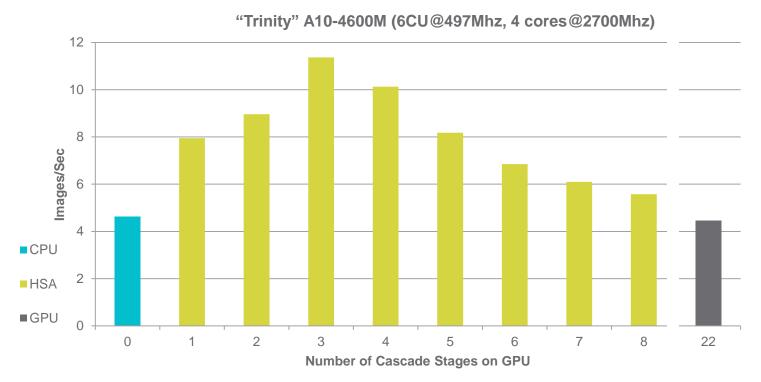
"Trinity" A10-4600M (6CU@497Mhz, 4 cores@2700Mhz)



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PERFORMANCE CPU-VS-GPU





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HAAR SOLUTION – RUN DIFFERENT CASCADES ON GPU AND CPU



By seamlessly sharing data between CPU and GPU, HSA allows the right processor to handle its appropriate workload +2.5x -2.5x **INCREASED DECREASED ENERGY** PERFORMANCE PER FRAME



GAMEPLAY RIGID BODY PHYSICS

RIGID BODY PHYSICS SIMULATION



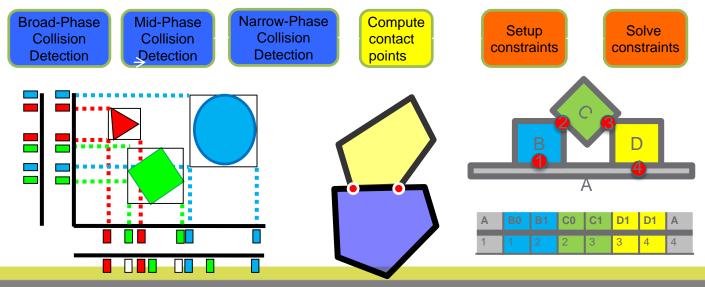
- Rigid-Body Physics Simulation is:
 - a way to animate and interact with objects, widely used in games and movie production
 - used to drive game play and for visual effects (eye candy)
- Physics Simulation is used in many of today's software:
 - Middleware Physics engines such as Bullet, Havok, PhysX
 - Games ranging from Angry Birds and Cut the Rope to Tomb Raider and Crysis 3
 - 3D authoring tools such as Autodesk Maya, Unity 3D, Houdini, Cinema 4D, Lightwave
 - Industrial applications such as Siemens NX8 Mechatronics Concept Design
 - Medical applications such as surgery trainers
 - Robotics simulation

But GPU-accelerated rigid-body physics is not used in game play only in effects

RIGID BODY PHYSICS - ALGORITHM



- Find potential interacting object "pairs" using bounding shape approximations.
- Perform full overlap ting between potentially interacting pairs
- Compute exact contact information for a various shape types
- Compute constraint forces for natural motion and stable stacking



RIGID BODY PHYSICS - CHALLENGES & SOLUTIONS

HSA FOUNDATION

Implementation Challenges

Benefits of HSA

- Game engine and Physics engine need to interact synchronously during simulation
 - Ray-casting queries, as well as synchronous narrow-phase, constraint and collision callbacks require fast CPU round-trips and CPU modification of simulation state mid-pipeline
 - Traditional GPU solutions cannot guarantee frame-time response
- The set of pairs can be huge and changes from frame to frame
 - E.g. Thousands to Millions for any given frame

Fast CPU round-trips

– USD

Immediate access to geometry and modification of simulation state midpipeline

– SMA, COH

Supports as large pair list as CPU

– EMS

GPU can resize pair list without CPU interaction overhead

– DYN

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RIGID BODY PHYSICS - CHALLENGES & SOLUTIONS



Implementation Challenges

Benefits of HSA

- Simulation is a pipeline of many different algorithms, some of which are more suitable for CPU while others are more suitable for GPU
 - Many CPU optimizations (eg. "early outs") aren't efficient on GPUs, requiring the use of more brute-force but GPU-friendly algorithms
 - Diversity of intersection algorithms cause load balancing challenges
- Varying object sizes require more complex and difficult to parallelize broad-phase algorithms
 - "sweep-and-prune" uses incremental sorting and traversal of lists
- Narrow-phase algorithms (such as SAT or GJK) cause thread divergence

Avoidance of the data copy to/from GPU and of the overhead of maintaining two copies of simulation state

- SMA, COH
- Usage of "early out" optimizations and more efficient load balancing
 - ENQ

More efficient serial aspects of broadphase can run on the CPU

– SMA, COH

Improved handling of thread divergence

– ENQ

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GESTURE RECOGNITION

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- An emerging natural way of interacting with a computer
- Compute intensive where the computational complexity depends on the number and complexity of recognized gestures.
- Strongly benefits from availability of depth information
- Browsing (previous/next, scroll), media players (next/previous song/video/image, pause/start), collaboration tools, such as slideshows, gaming (finger/hand as the controller), immersive environments, virtual reality
- Today's systems are tuned to today's HW, lacking in robustness and usability, which can only be achieved by use of special-purpose HW. They do not do well for
 - A wide variety of useful gestures (one or two hand, multiple finger, arm or full body)
 - Motion dependent gestures (e.g. finger pinch), which requires correlating information from multiple frames
 - Adaptability to variable lighting conditions
 - Larger region/distance of input, enabled by processing higher resolution video













ALGORITHM PIPELINE



- Image processing:
 - adaptive light normalization
 - Edge and corner detection
 - Erode/dilate/threshold filter, to produce a feature image.
- Depth analysis (for fg/bg segmentation, if using stereo cameras)
 - Sparse approach, correlate salient points in the feature image, and validate via local histogram matching in the original image.
- Connected components analysis, for hand identification (based on level sets)
 - GPU can recognize local connectivity with a parallel scan. CPU can apply transitivity of labels (the neighbor of your neighbor is your neighbor).
- Feature vector (local histogram) extraction
 - Global: HOG on tiles; or
 - Contextual: SURF/SIFT keypoints
- Find best match of histogram, with the training set (support vector machine), optionally update the training set.
- Update temporal model state machine









GESTURE RECOGNITION – CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS



Implementation Challenges

Transfer of raw image data from CPU to GPU adds latency

 Feature matching and depth reconstruction is a divergent workload, as images are sparsely populated by keypoints, which require extensive processing.

> Connected component analysis on GPU uses parallel scan, of which the last stages of reduction are more efficiently performed on the CPU.

High overhead of the per-frame updates to the GPU copy of the feature database, for unsupervised learning algorithms (e.g. Oja's rule). EMS : Entire M

Benefits of HSA

Avoidance the latency of duplicating data in GPU memory – SMA

Higher GPU utilization is achieved via wavefront reshaping - ENQ

Reduction is most optimally implemented by using both CPU and GPU - COH, SMA

CPU can update the database, while the GPU is accessing it –SMA, COH

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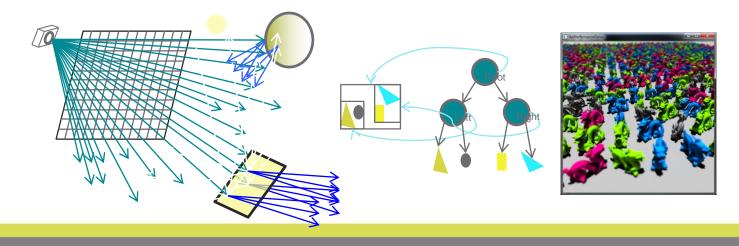


- Photo-realistic visualization method that is widely used in movie production and high-fidelity visual effects
- Used in many of today's photorealistic rendering packages
 - Maxwell Render (photorealistic high-end renderer)
 - Nvidia's Optix (Nvidia GPU ray tracing renderer)
 - POV-Ray (popular CPU-only ray tracer)
 - Luxmark (popular ray tracing benchmark)
- Rendering method that is friendly to parallelism, however not trivially ported to parallel architectures, due to the complexity of an efficient implementation.
- However it is not used in interactive applications due to performance limitations

RAY TRACING - ALGORITHM



- Rays are being traced from the eye to the scene and intersections are tracked.
- Many subsequent child (reflected or refracted) rays are traced, until a limit is reached.
 - The scene are usually complex, so we have to build an acceleration data structure to speed-up ray-object intersections.
 - This is usually the most compute intensive part of the algorithm.
- Each generated ray is subsequently colored based on a shading computation, final color is accumulated for each pixel.
- Problem scales to the full frame with 100Ks of primary rays and millions of total rays



RAY TRACING - CHALLENGES & SOLUTIONS

Implementation Challenges

- Scene database and acceleration data structure can be huge
 - Eg. A "power plant" scene (shown left) contains 12.7M polygons, has a size of 500MBytes, and an acceleration data structure of 250MB-1.5GB (depending on renderer)

Today's GPUs have problems fitting them into video memory

- Acceleration data structure has to be built and updated using the CPU and transferred to video memory
 - 8ms time to transfer above data structure (250MB) to the GPU

acceleration data structure from main memory SMA, PM

GPU Compute Units can access scene and

Avoidance of acceleration data structure copy to GPU memory

- SMA

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RAY TRACING - CHALLENGES & SOLUTIONS

Implementation Challenges

- Dynamic Scenes are impractical with current GPU compute implementations
 - Data structure build time too long for interactive frame rates
 - Simple data structures can be built fast, but are difficult to traverse
 - Faster traversal requires complex structures that require a long time to compute and are difficult to transfer to the GPU
- Ray divergence caused by child rays hitting different object types with different shading models (both GPUs & APUs like regular operations) results in lower utilization of CUs
 - The amount of rays can be immense (in the billions), and the ray intersection process is compute intensive
 - "power plant" scene at 1080p conservative est. 2 billion rays.

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Casting of child rays with no CPU-GPU round trip

– ENQ

Wavefront reshaping can improve CU utilization

– ENQ



Benefits of HSA

CPU updates to scene are transparently and immediately available (without any transfer penalty) to the GPU





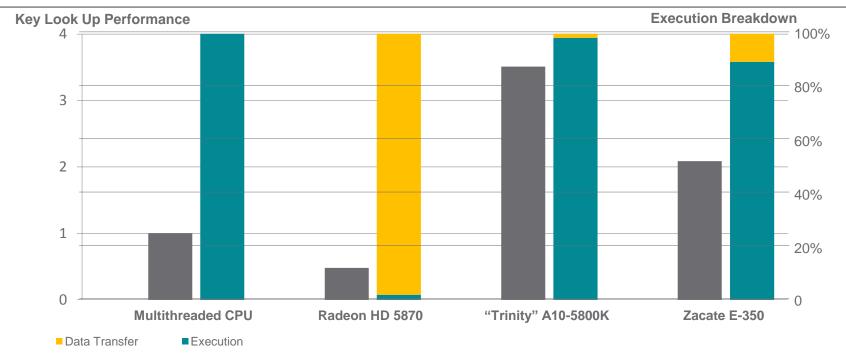
ACCELERATING MEMCACHED CLOUD SERVER WORKLOAD

MEMCACHED



- A Distributed Memory Object Caching System Used in Cloud Servers
- Generally used for short-term storage and caching, handling requests that would otherwise require database or file system accesses
- Used by Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, Wikipedia, Flickr, and others
- Effectively a large distributed hash table
 - Responds to store and get requests received over the network
 - Conceptually:
 - store(key, object)
 - object = get(key)

OFFLOADING MEMCACHED KEY LOOKUP TO THE GPU



T. H. Hetherington, T. G. Rogers, L. Hsu, M. O'Connor, and T. M. Aamodt, "Characterizing and Evaluating a Key-Value Store Application on Heterogeneous CPU-GPU Systems," Proceedings of the 2012 IEEE International Symposium on Performance Analysis of Systems and Software (ISPASS 2012), April 2012. http://ieeexplore.ieee.org/xpl/articleDetails.jsp?tp=&arnumber=6189209





ACCELERATING JAVA

GOING BEYOND NATIVE LANGUAGES

GPU PROGRAMMING OPTIONS FOR JAVA™ PROGRAMMERS

Existing Java[™] GPU (OpenCL[™]/CUDA[™]) bindings require coding a 'Kernel'

in a domain-specific language.

```
// JOCL/OpenCL kernel code
__kernel void squares(__global const float *in, __global float *out){
    int gid = get_global_id(0);
    out[gid] = in[gid] * in[gid];
}
```

- Along with the Java 'host' code to:
 - Initialize the data
 - Select/Initialize execution device
 - Allocate or define memory buffers for args/parameters
 - Compile 'Kernel' for a selected device
 - Enqueue/Send arg buffers to device
 - Execute the kernel
 - Read results buffers back from the device
 - Cleanup (remove buffers/queues/device handles)
 - Use the results



mport static org.jocl.CL.*;
mport org.jocl.*;

Pointer in = Pointer.to(inArr); Pointer out = Pointer.to(outArray)

// Obtain the platform IDs and initialize the context properties cl platform (id platforms() = new cl_platform_id(1); clderPlatformS(1, platforms, null); cl_context_properties contextProperties = new cl_context_properties(); contextTepreties.addProperty(CL_CONTEXT_PLATFORM, platforms(0));

// Create an OpenCL context on a GPU device cl_context context = clCreateContextFromType(contextPropertie CL_DEVICE_TYPE_CPU, null, null, null);

Create a command-queue = _command_queue commandQueue = _clCreateCommandQueue(context, devices[0], 0, null);

// Allocate the memory objects for the input- and output data
cl_mem inMem = clCreateBuffer(context, CL_MEM_EEAD_ONLY | CL_MEM_COPY_HOST_PTR,
Sizeo(cl_float * size, in, null);

// Create the program from the source code

ternel void sampleKernel("+

global const float *in,"+

__global float *out)("+ int gid = get_global_id(0);"+

out[gid] = in[gid] * in[gid];"

all, null);

// Build the program zlBuildProgram(program, 0, null, null, null, r

// Create and extract a reference to the kernel
cl_kernel kernel = clCreateKernel(program, "sampleKernel", null);

// Set the arguments for the kernel clSetKernelArg(kernel, 0, Sizeof.cl_mem, Pointer.to(inMem)); clSetKernelArg(kernel, 1, Sizeof.cl_mem, Pointer.to(outMem));

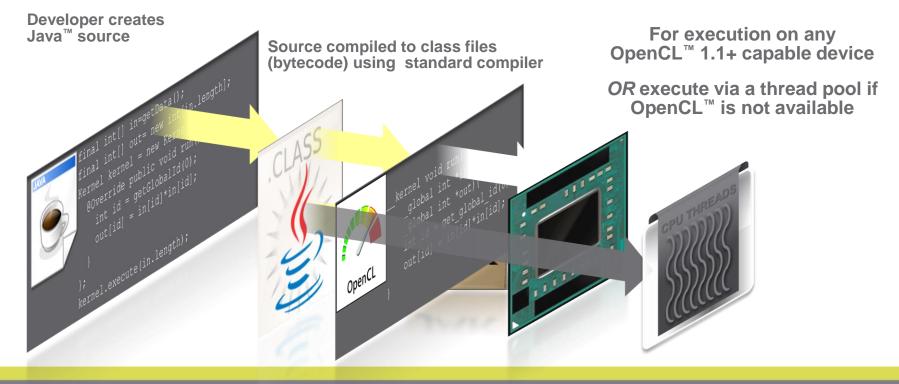
// Release kernel, program, and memory objects IReleaseMemObject(intMem); IReleaseMemobject(outMem); IReleaseRornel(kernel); IReleaseRornel(kernel); IReleaseRornent(kernen); IReleaseCommandQueue); IReleaseCommandQueue);

for (float f:outArray) {
 System.out.printf("%5.2f, ", f);
}

JAVA ENABLEMENT BY APARAPI



Aparapi = Runtime capable of converting Java[™] bytecode to OpenCL[™]





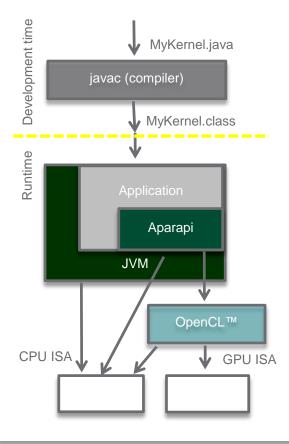
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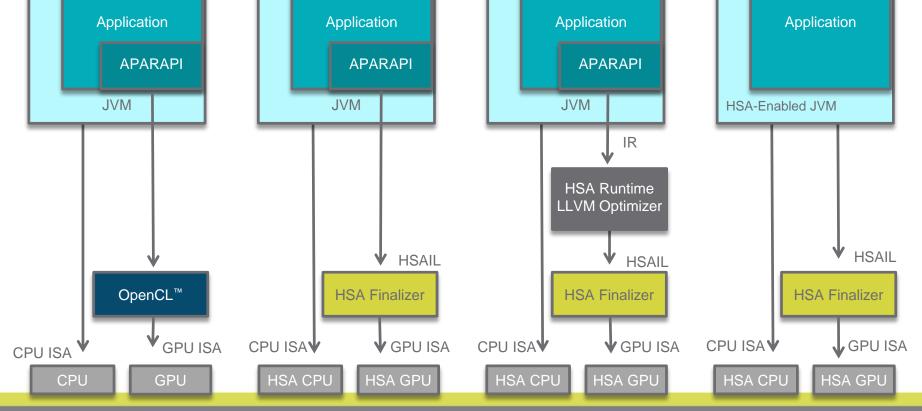
At development time

- Aparapi offers an API for expressing data parallel workloads in Java[™]
 - Developer uses common Java patterns and idioms
 - \bullet extend Kernel base class and implements ${\tt run}$ () method
 - Java source compiled to (bytecode) using standard compiler (javac)
 - Classes packaged and deployed using traditional Java tool chain

At runtime

- Aparapi offers a runtime capable of converting bytecode to OpenCL[™]
 - For execution on GPU/APU (or any OpenCL 1.1+ capable device)
 - OR execute via a thread pool if OpenCL is not available



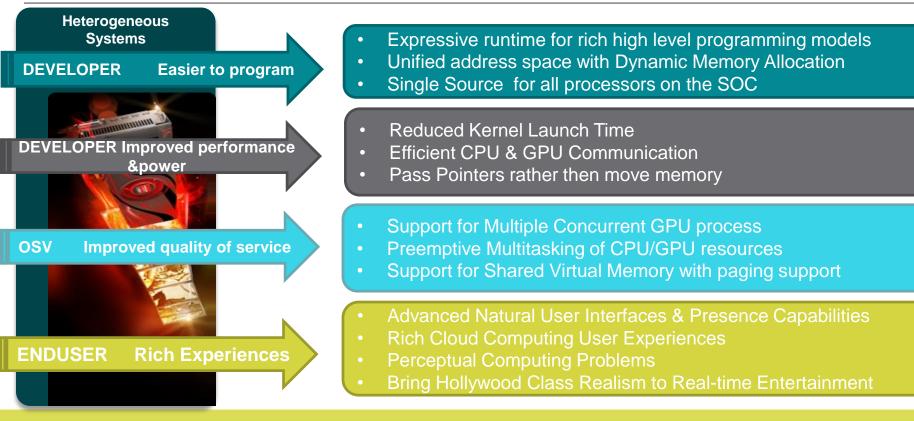


JAVA AND APARAPI HSA ENABLEMENT ROADMAP



GOALS FOR HSA





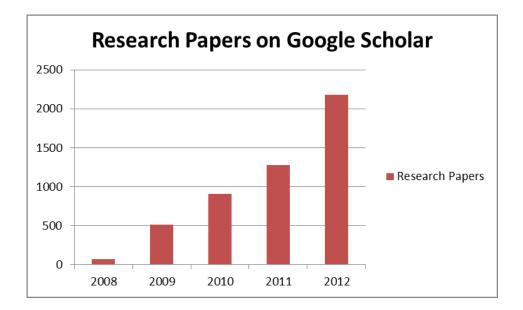
INITIAL OPEN SOURCE TARGETS



- ♦ x264
- Handbrake
- FFMPEG
- JPEG
- VLC
- OpenCV
- GIMP
- ImageMagick
- IrfanView
- Hadoop, Memcached
- Aparapi A parallel API (for Java)
- Bolt a Unified Heterogeneous Library
- Crypto++
- Bullet physics library
- + Search for "OpenCL" on Sourceforge, Github, Google Code, BitBucket finds over 2000 projects







http://developer.amd.com/Resources/library/Pages/default.aspx

ACADEMIC TRACTION

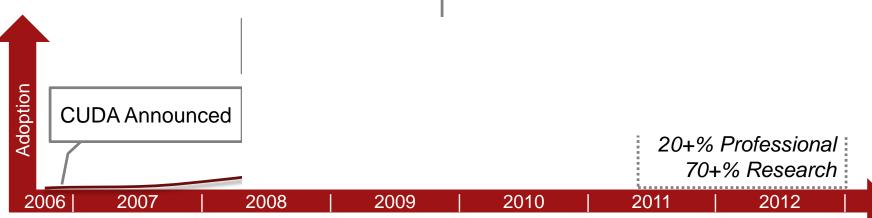
- Over 100 Universities teaching multifaceted hc programming courses Worldwide
- Growing textbook ecosystem
- Including AMD supported books
 - OpenCL textbook (Morgan Kaufmann)
 - OpenCL Programming Guide (Addison Wesley)
- Complete University Kit available including:
 - OpenCL textbooks US, India, & China
 - OpenCL presentation w/instructor & speaker notes, example code, & sample application
- Research projects with Top-tier Universities globally





If we build it will they come???

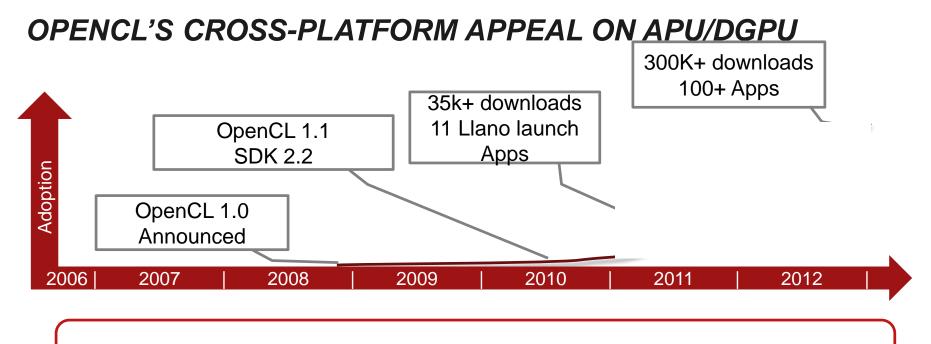
CUDA BROUGHT PERFORMANCE TO PRO/RESEARCH ON DISCRETE GPU



CUDA gave developers access to unprecedented performance

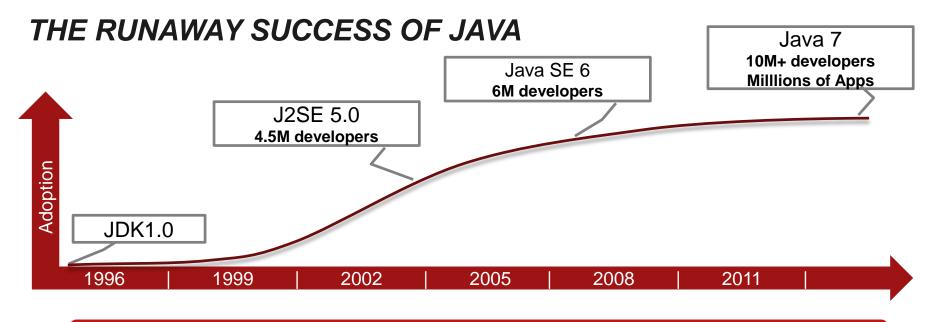
Not easy to use ...but enough performance-hungry developers willing to endure pain

Low Consumer space adoption ... esp. due to lack of cross-platform



Abundant performance + same complexity as CUDA programming

Cross platform resonates with developers (needs per-platform optimization)



Easy to program

Truly cross platform – Write Once Run Anywhere

Lack of performance efficiency offset by platform capability

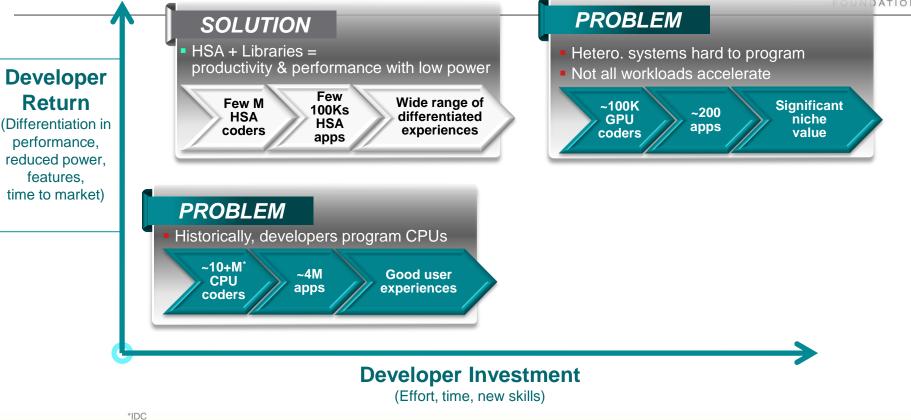


You can get developers to change!

(takes time and strategy)

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