

Programming OpenMP

(GPU) Offloading

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Motivation

Hardware Accelerators

- Definition: A hardware component to speed up some aspect of the computing workload.



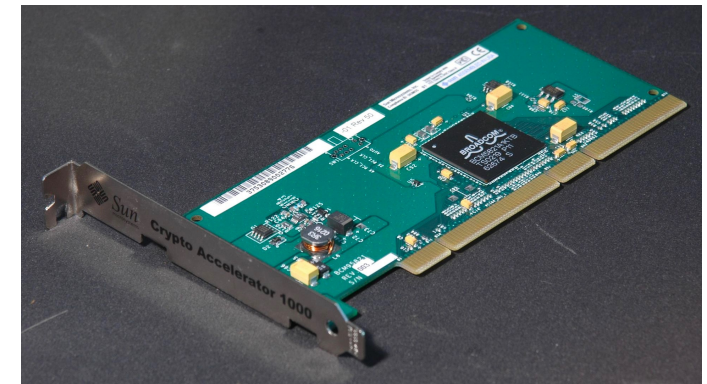
Computation: Intel 80386DX CPU with 80387DX Math Coprocessor



Generic FPGA: A Stratix IV FPGA from Altera

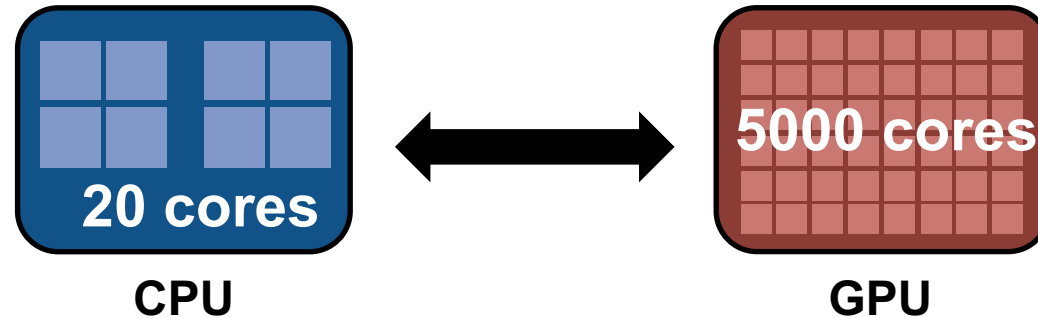


Digital signal processor (DSP), e.g. in music instruments



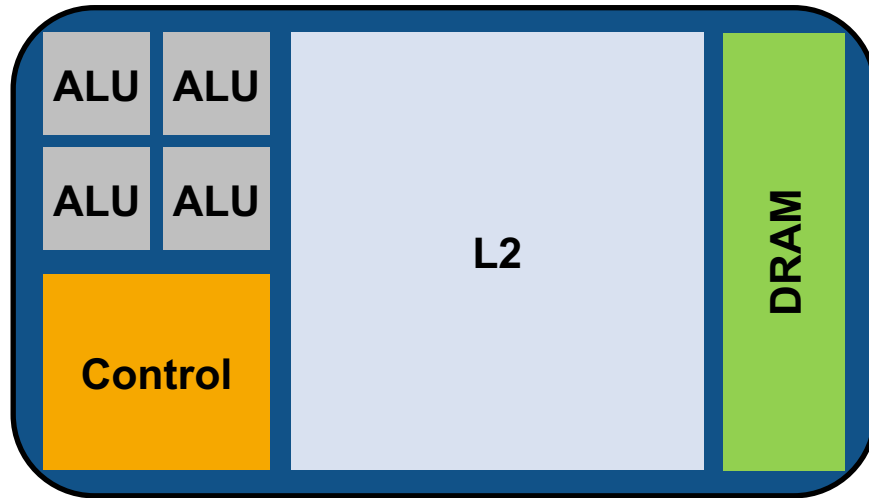
Encryption: PCI-X Crypto Accelerator

Comparison CPU ↔ GPU



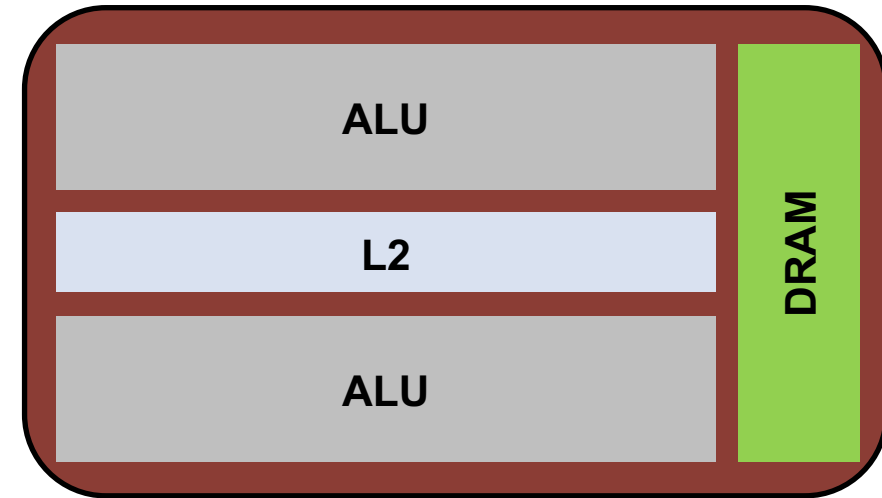
- GPU-Threads
 - Scheduled chain of instructions running on a CUDA core (basically a pipeline)
 - Light-weight, little creation overhead, fast context switching
 - SMT on CPU: few thread share core to better utilize execution units
 - GPU threads: up to 32 threads per core to hide memory latencies
- Lots of parallelism needed on GPU to get good performance!

Comparison CPU ↔ GPU – Hardware Design



CPU

- Optimized for **low latencies**
- Huge caches
- Control logic for out-of-order and speculative execution
- **Targets on general-purpose applications**



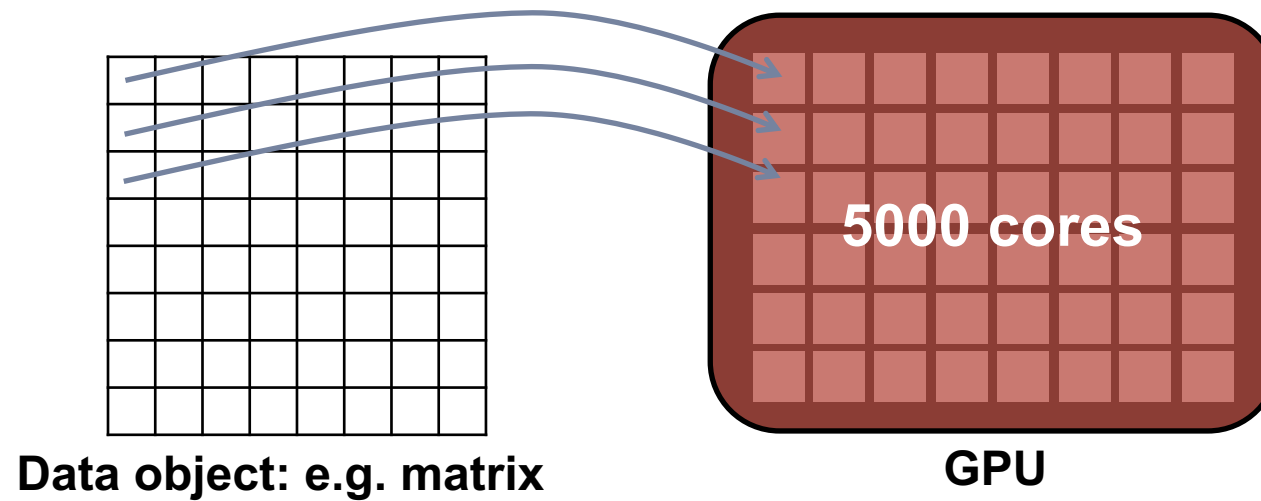
GPU

- Optimized for **data-parallel throughput**
- Architecture tolerant of memory latency
- More transistors dedicated to computation
- **Suited for special kind of apps**

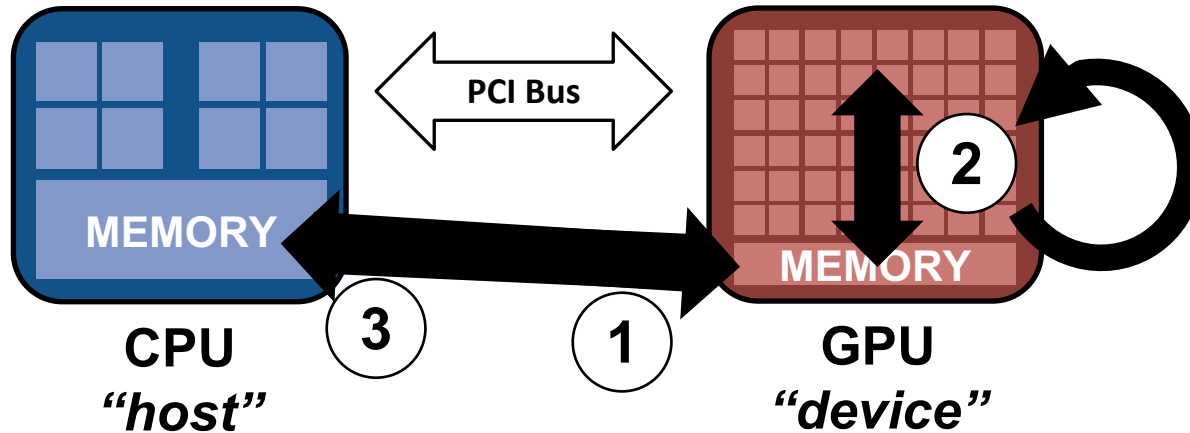
(GPU) Offloading Concepts

Data-Parallel Computing

- "If you were plowing a field, which would you rather use: Two strong oxen or 1024 chickens?"
Seymour Cray
 - Latency vs. throughput-oriented hardware
- GPU design goal: maximize throughput
 - A single thread is executed on each processing element simultaneously
 - Threads are logically organized like data



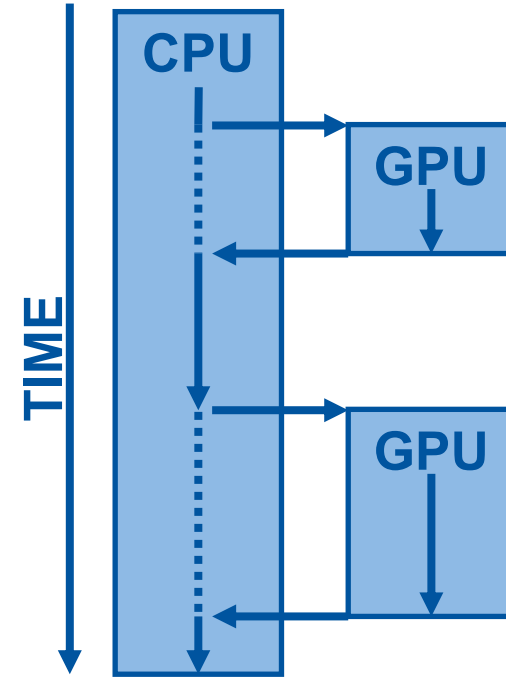
Offloading



We refer to "discrete GPUs" here.

- Separate host and device memory
 - No coherence between host + device
 - **Data transfers** needed
- Host-directed execution model
 - Copy input data from CPU mem. to device mem.
 - Execute the device program
 - Copy results from device mem. to CPU mem.

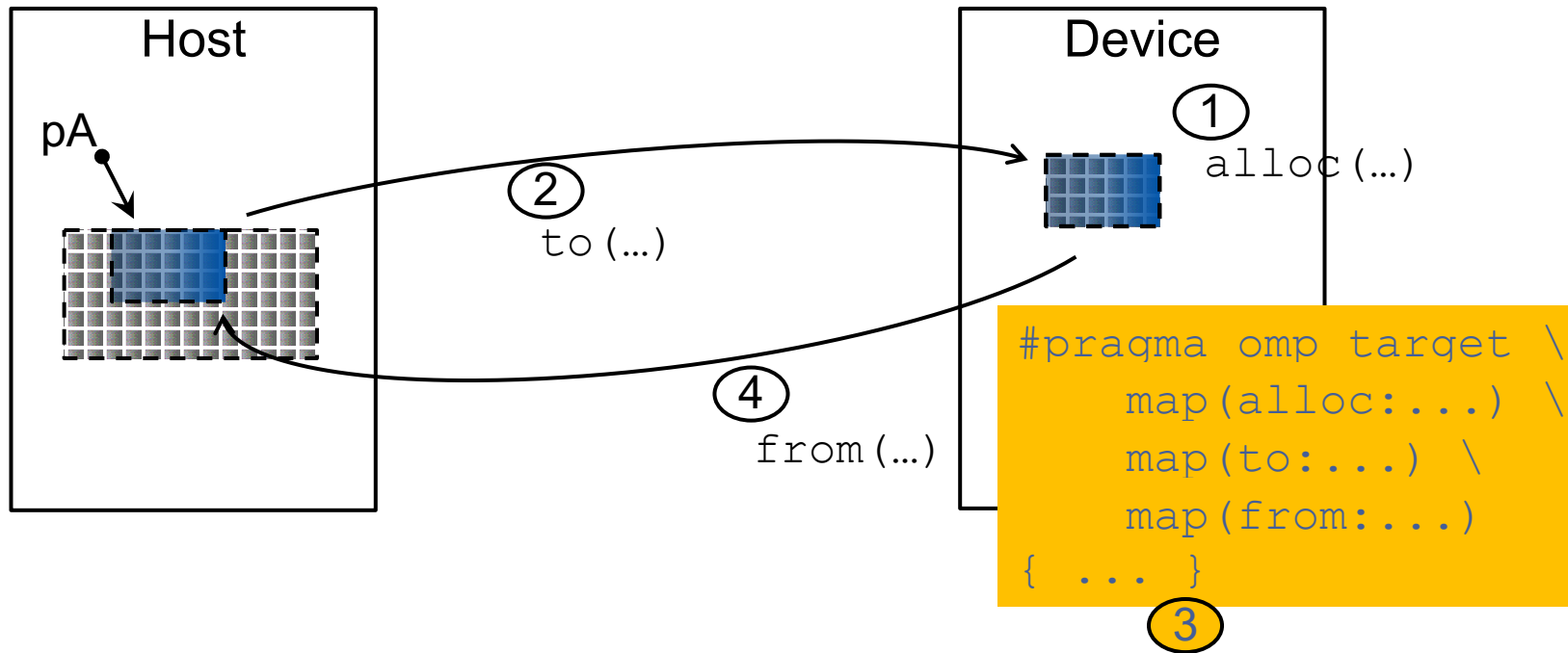
processing flow (simplified)



Offloading in OpenMP

Device Data Environment

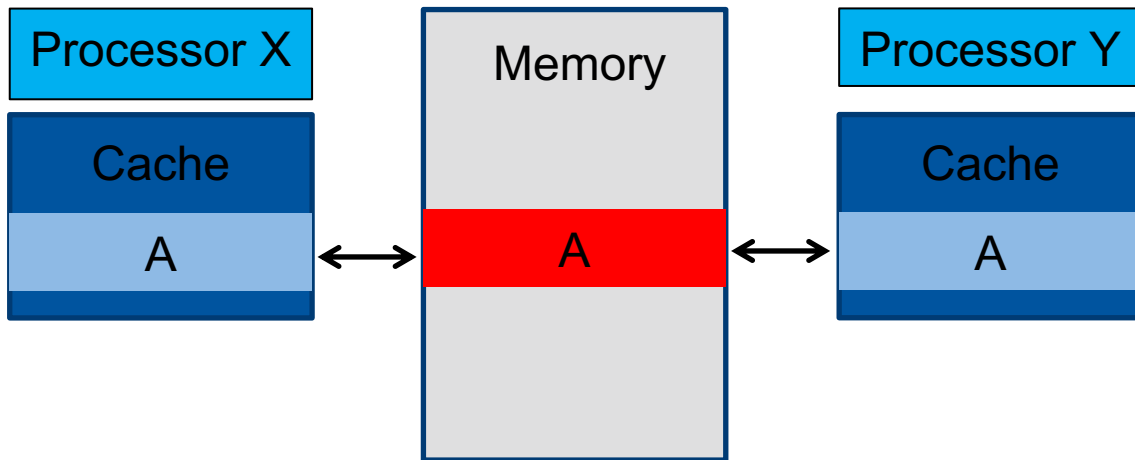
- The `map` clauses determine how an *original variable* in a data environment is mapped to a *corresponding variable* in a device data environment.



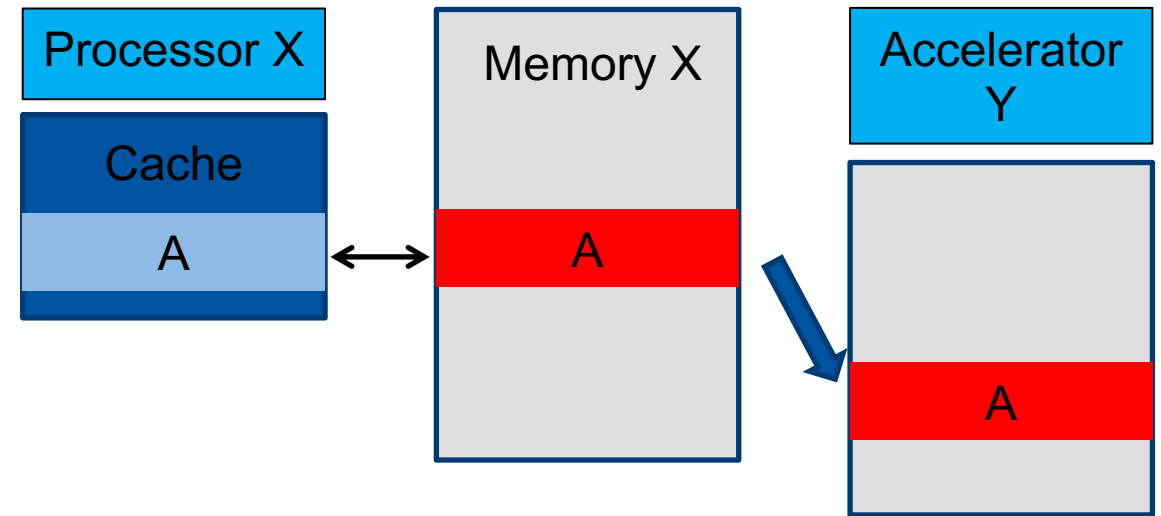
MAP is not necessarily a copy

- The corresponding variable in the device data environment may share storage with the original variable.
- Writes to the corresponding variable may alter the value of the original variable.

Shared memory



Distributed memory



Data Management Directives

- Mapping Data (can directly be applied to **target** construct)
 - `map(to:variable)`: Copy input variable to device before executing the code region
 - `map(from:variable)`: Copy output variable from device after executing the code region
 - `map(tofrom:variable)`: Copy variable to device before executing the code region and copy variable back to the host after executing the code region
 - `map(alloc:variable)`: Allocate uninitialized variable on the device
- Construct: **target data**
 - maps data to device without offloading code
 - Useful for defining large areas of code that share device data
 - Helps reduce the required data transfers
- Construct: **target update**
 - Updates data on the device from the host

Example: DAXPY

Example DAXPY: Data Management

```
void daxpy(int n, double a, double *x, double *y) {
    #pragma omp target map(tofrom:y[0:n]) map(to:a,x[0:n])
    for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i)
        y[i] = a * x[i] + y[i];
}


int main(int argc, const char* argv[]) {
    static int n = 100000000; static double a = 2.0;
    double *x = (double *) malloc(n * sizeof(double));
    double *y = (double *) malloc(n * sizeof(double));

    // Initialize x, y
    for(int i = 0; i < n; ++i){
        x[i] = 1.0;
        y[i] = 2.0;
    }
    daxpy(n, a, x, y); // Invoke daxpy kernel
    // Check if all values are 4.0

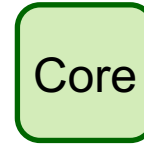
    free(x); free(y);
    return 0;
}
```

```
Output:
$ $CC $FLAGS_OFFLOAD_OPENMP daxpy.c
$ a.out
Max error: 0.00000
Total runtime: 102.50s
```

Mapping to Hardware

Thread




Core


- Each thread is executed by a core

Example DAXPY: Thread Parallelism

```
void daxpy(int n, double a, double *x, double *y) {
    #pragma omp target parallel for map(tofrom:y[0:n]) map(to:a,x[0:n])
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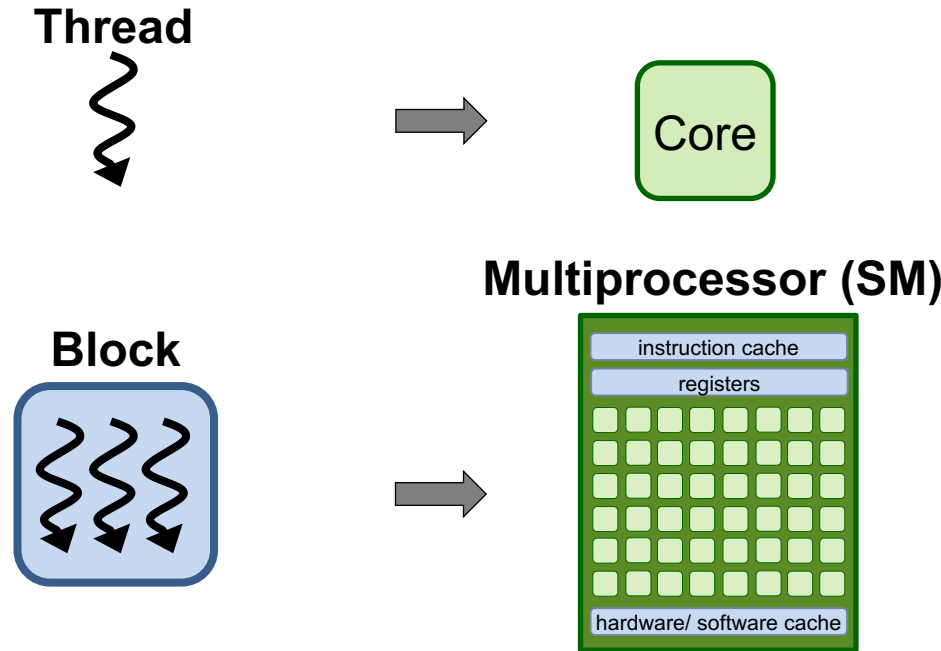
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    return 0;
}
```

```
Output:
$ $CC $FLAGS_OFFLOAD_OPENMP daxpy.c
$ a.out
Max error: 0.00000
Total runtime: 9.65s
```

Mapping to Hardware



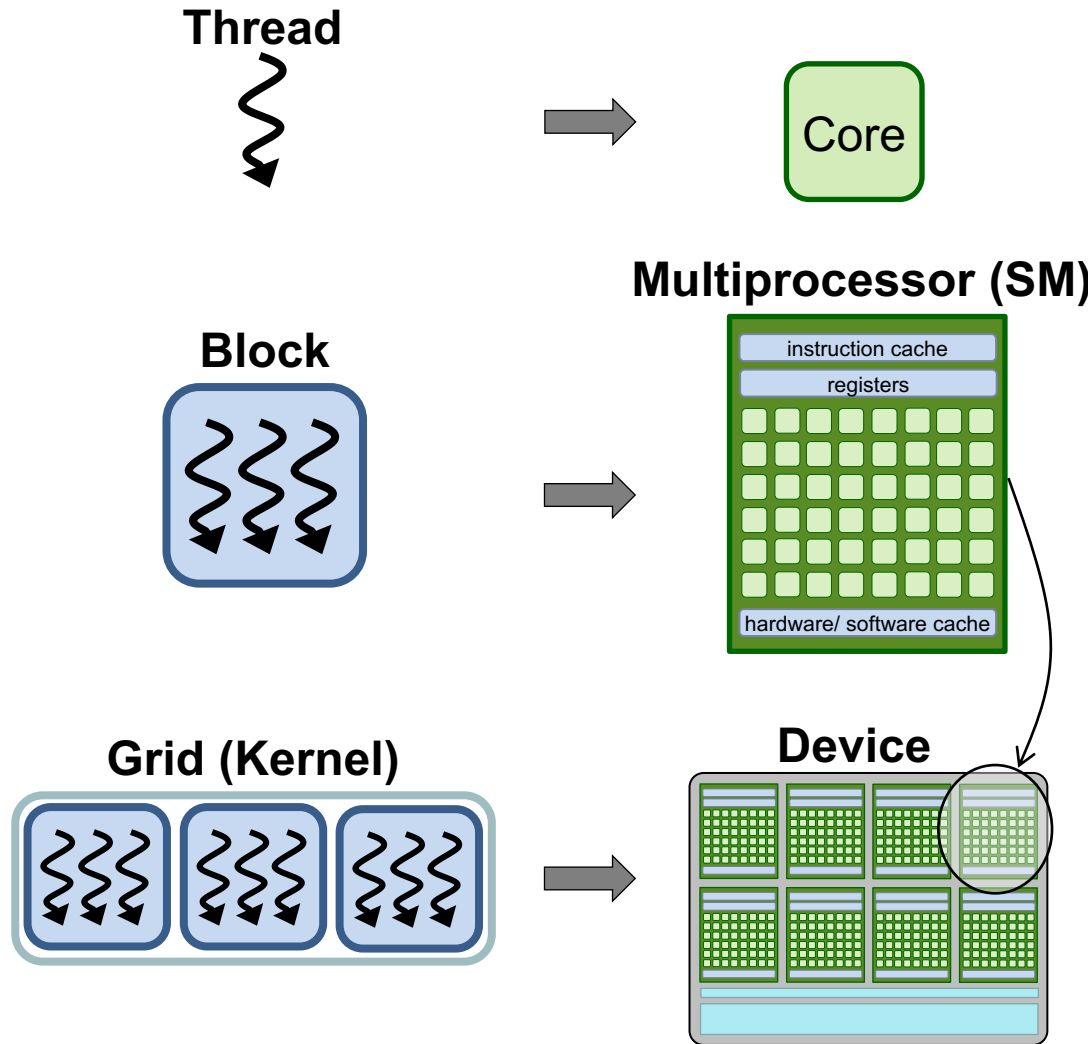
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- Each block is executed on a SM
- Several concurrent blocks can reside on a SM depending on shared resources

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    #pragma omp target teams distribute parallel for map(tofrom:y[0:n]) map(to:a,x[0:n])  
    for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i)  
        y[i] = a * x[i] + y[i];  
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    free(x); free(y);  
    return 0;  
}
```

```
Output:  
$ $CC $FLAGS_OFFLOAD_OPENMP daxpy.c  
$ a.out  
Max error: 0.00000  
Total runtime: 0.80s
```

Mapping to Hardware



- Each thread is executed by a core
- Each block is executed on a SM
- Several concurrent blocks can reside on a SM depending on shared resources
- Each kernel is executed on a device