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Stream-based concurrent computational models and programming tools

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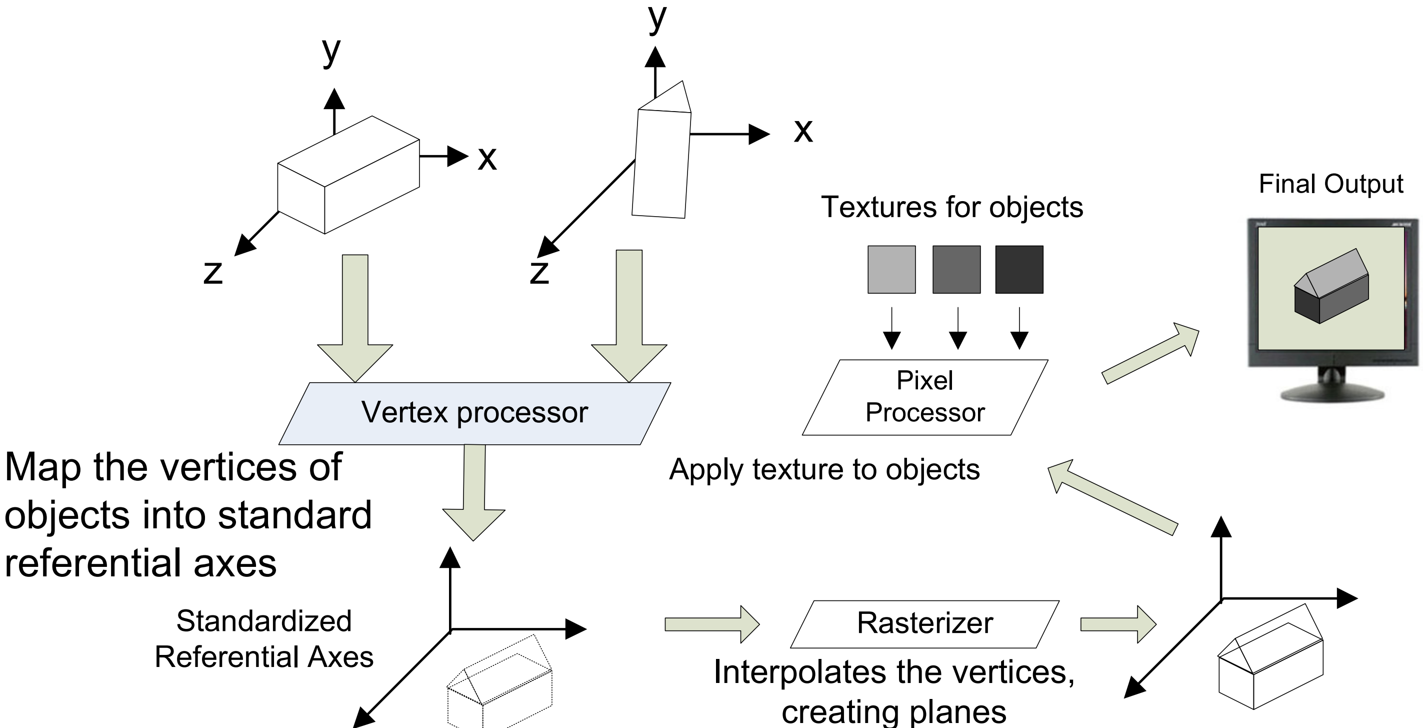
Graphics Processing Units

- Graphics Processing Units (GPUs)
  - Available in all computers
  - Unused high computational capacity
  - **Manycore** processing systems

GPGPU - General-Purpose computation on GPUs

- Usage of GPUs for GPGPU
  - Graphics APIs are not tuned for general-purpose applications
  - Programmer has to learn irrelevant graphics concepts
  - Data copy from main memory to video memory is slow
    - PCI-E system bus

GPU Structure



- Stream-based processing with four elements
  - Vertex processor: x, y, z, w
  - Pixel processor: operates on pixel data in a vector approach , issuing instructions to operate concurrently on the multiple color components of a pixel -R(ed), G(reen), B(lue) and A(lpha)
- Vertex and Pixel processors are programmable
  - DirectX assembly language and HLSL
  - OpenGL Shader Language (GLSL)

Texture mapping example

```
ps_2_0                      ← DirectX assembly language
                              Pixel Shader Model 2.0
def c0, 0.5,0.5,0.5,0       ← α
def c1, 1,1,1,1

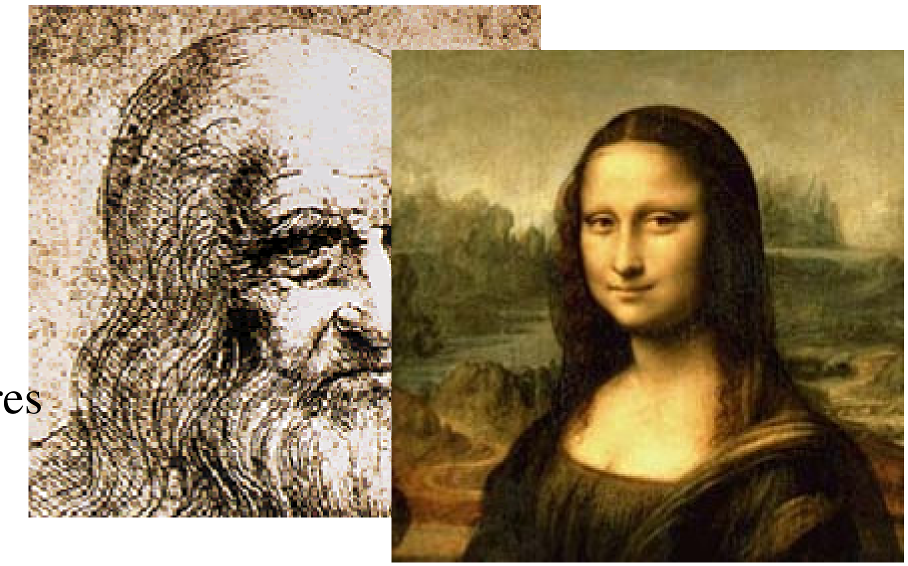
dcl_2d s0
dcl_2d s1

dcl t0.xy                   ← Coordinates of textures
dcl t1.xy

texld r2, t0, s0            ← Da Vinci
texld r3, t1, s1            ← Mona Lisa

mov r5, c1
sub r5, r5, c0              ← Pa(1-α)
mul r2, r2, r5
mad r4, r3, c0, r2          ← Pa(1-α)+Pbα

mov oC0, r4                 ← Output of results
```



$P' = Pa(1-\alpha)+Pb\alpha$

Alpha blending

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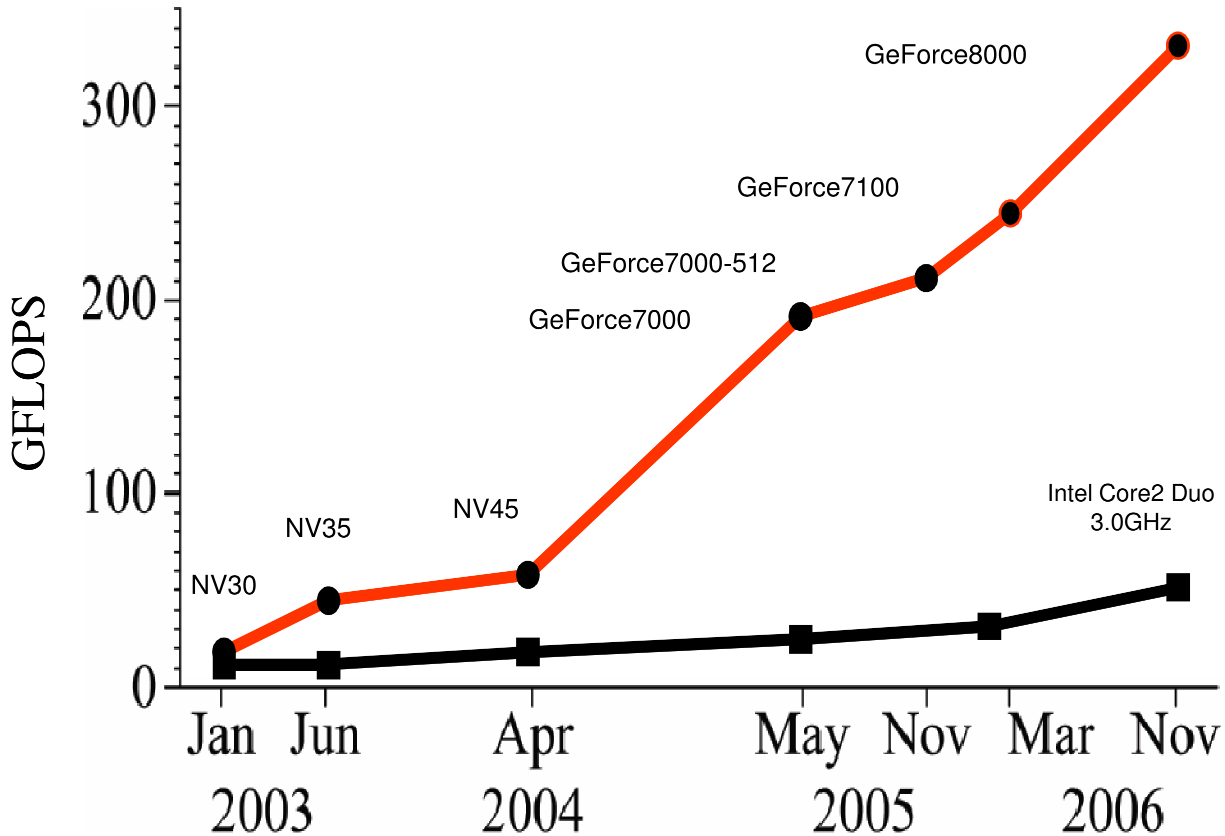
- GPU drastically improves performance in the last 5 years



GPGPU applications

- GPU supports general purpose processing (data-parallelism)
  - with high number of arithmetic calculations per memory access

- Examples (www.gpgpu.org)
  - Physics simulation
  - Signal processing
  - Computational geometry
  - Database management
  - Computational biology
  - Computational finance
  - Computer vision
  - …..

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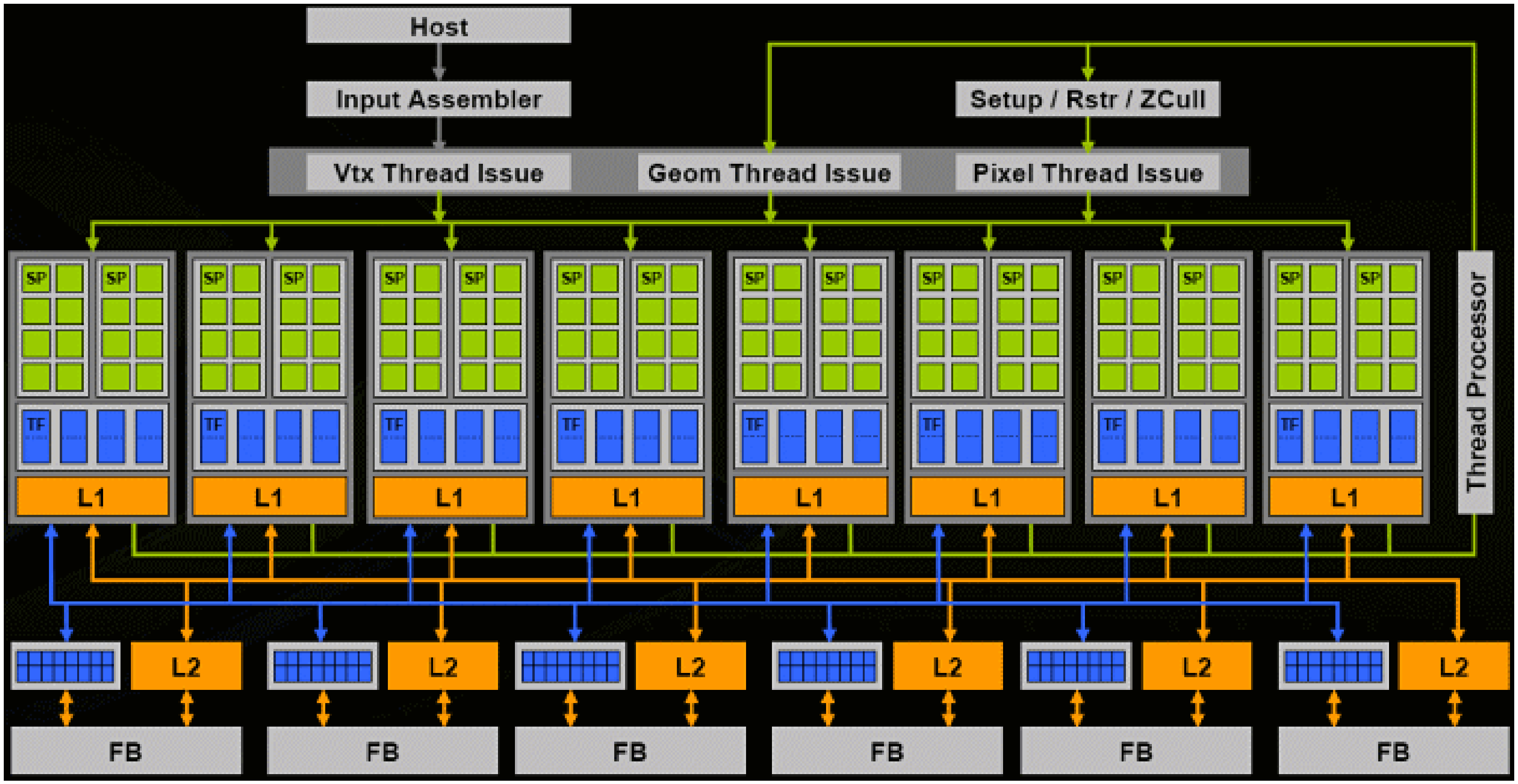
GeForce 8800 [source: NVIDIA]



GPU architecture
Case study: GeForce 8800

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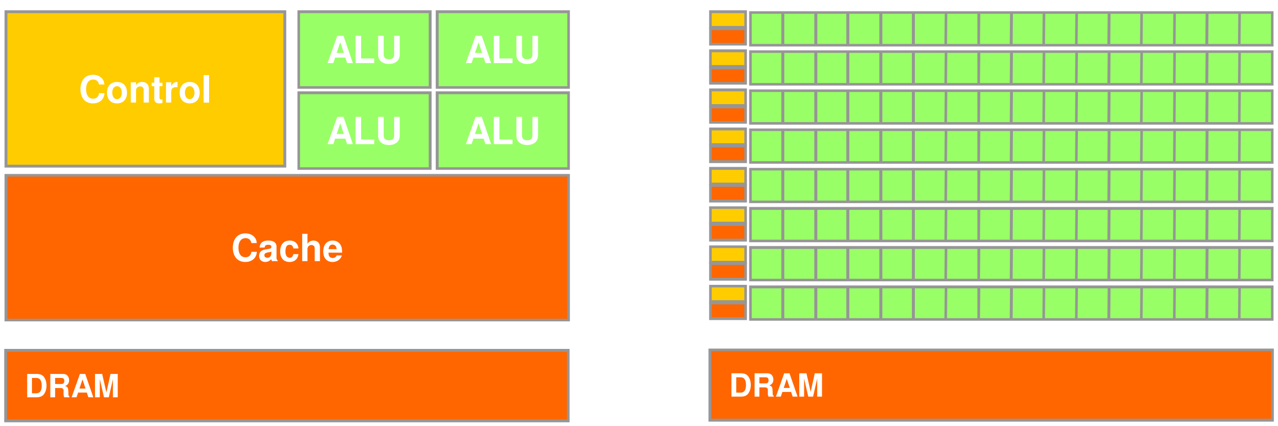
330 Gflop/s (issue rate for MAC), 86.4 GB/s peak mem. bandwidth

- 128 stream processors: 8 clusters of 16 SPs
- SPs aren't vertex or pixel shaders: generalized floating-point processors capable of operating on vertices, pixels, or any data
  - most GPUs operate on pixel data in a way (R,G,B,A) but the G80's SP is scalar
- SPs are clocked at a relatively speedy 1.35GHz, while most of the rest of the chip is clocked independently at 575MHz
  - GeForce 8800: a tremendous amount of raw floating-point processing power
- The cores in a cluster share:
  - local memory (L1)
  - banks of specialized hardware (TF) for implementing texture fetch operations
- High performance access to the frame buffer memory (FB)
  - to store both texture data and rendered images

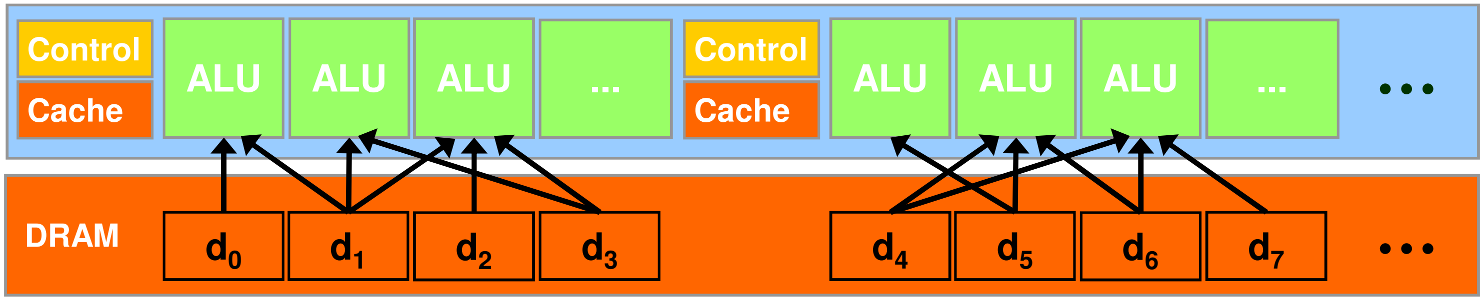
Computation Models: Stream processing

- Input data is streamed in from one or more input arrays, processed by a **stream kernel**, and then streamed out to one or more output arrays
- A **stream kernel** can be thought of as:
  - function that is applied in parallel to every element of one or more input arrays and produces one or more output arrays

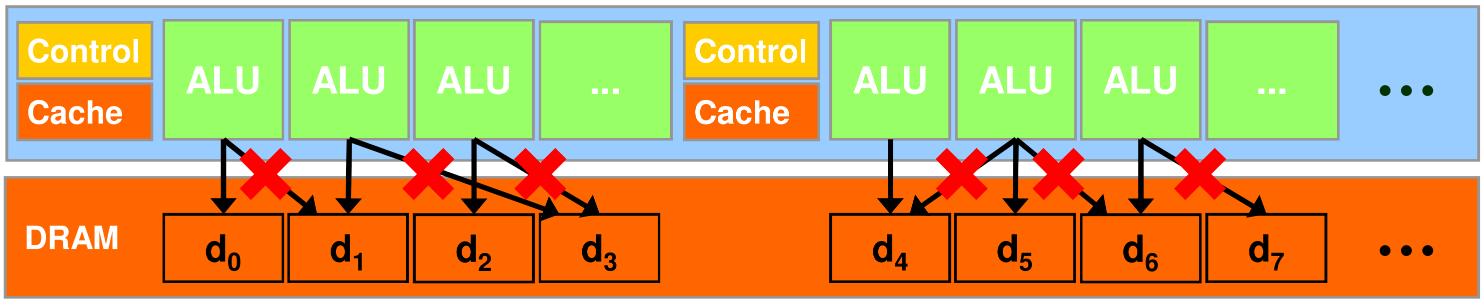


Computation Models: Stream processing

- Applications can easily be limited by memory bandwidth
  - Restrictions: memory accesses oriented to pixel processing
  - Only gather: can read data from other pixels



  - No scatter: (Can only write to one pixel)



Computation Models: Multithreading

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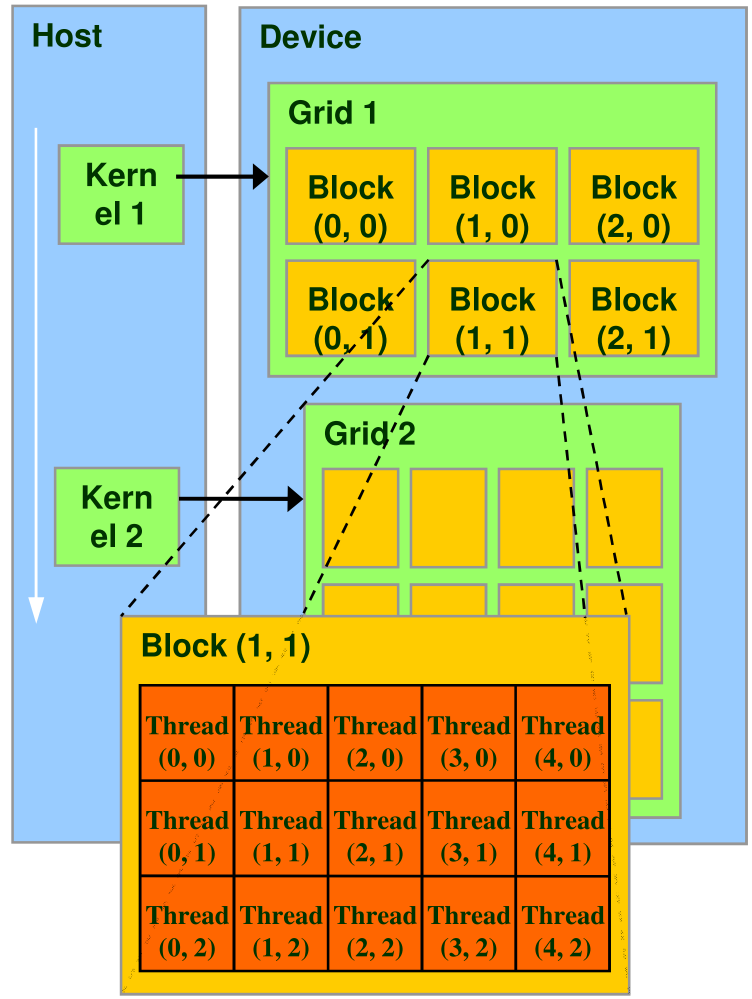
Compute Unified Device Architecture (CUDA): NVIDIA proprietary

- **SPMD + SIMD** Model
  - Data-parallel portions of an application are executed as **kernels** which run in parallel on many threads
- A kernel is executed as a grid of thread blocks
  - A thread block is a batch of threads that can cooperate with each other through shared memory
- Two threads from two different blocks cannot cooperate



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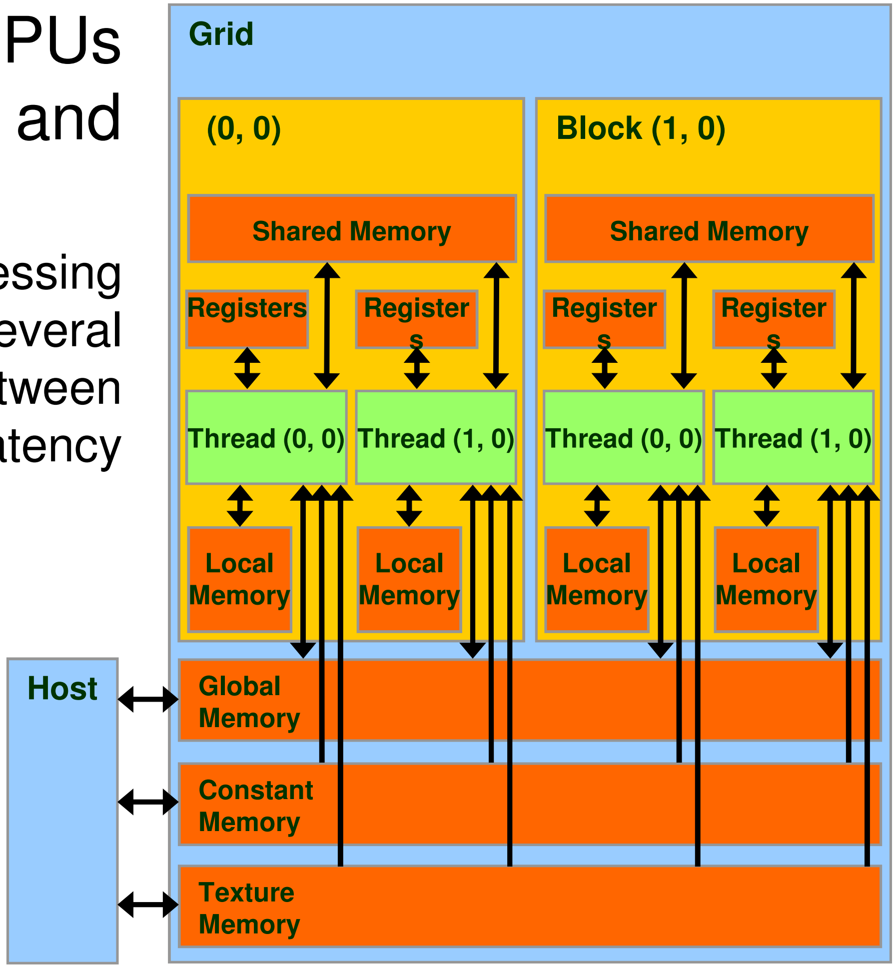
Computation Models: Multithreading

- Massive parallelism for GPUs to hide memory access and pipeline latencies
  – For instance, a single processing element in a GPU might run several threads at once and switch between them whenever a high-latency operation is encountered.
- Read/write per-thread
  - registers, local memory
- Read/write per-block
  - shared memory
- Read/write per-grid
  - global memory

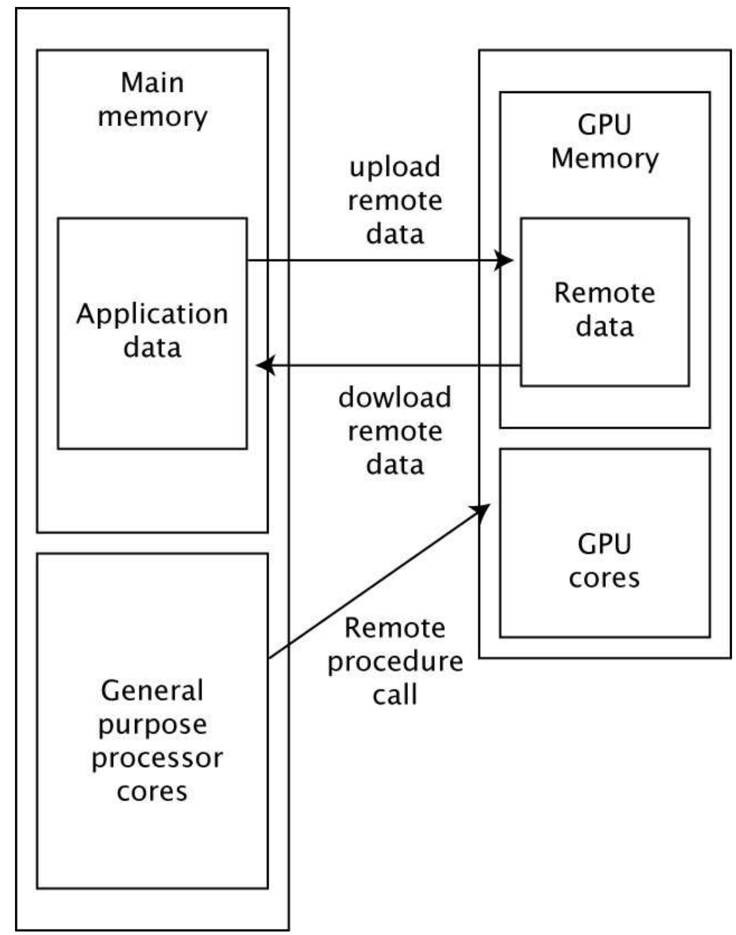


APIs and Programming tools: CUDA

- **CUDA API is an extension to the C language**
  - **extensions to target portions of the code for execution on the device**
  - **a runtime library split into**
    - **a common component providing built-in vector types and a subset of the C runtime library supported in both host and device codes**
    - **A host component to control and access one or more devices from the host**
    - **A device component providing device-specific functions**

APIs and Programming tools: Heterogenous Multi-core Parallel Programming (HMPP)

- The GPU is always viewed as a computing device that:
  - is a coprocessor to the CPU or host
  - has its own DRAM (device memory)
- Approach similar to OpenMP, but designed to handle hardware accelerators
  - application source code portable
    - sequential binary -> traditional compiler
- CAPS HMPP is:
  - a set of compiler directives and runtime software for multicore programming in C



Caravela: Motivation

- A new execution model for local and remote computation is required
- Stream computing is the expected for the next high performance computing method
- GPU never touches resources on host machine using stream-based computation, so security can be guaranteed

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Stream-based computation on GPU can be applied to distributed computing

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Caravela: A new platform for distributed computing

Caravela Project:
Project Roadmap

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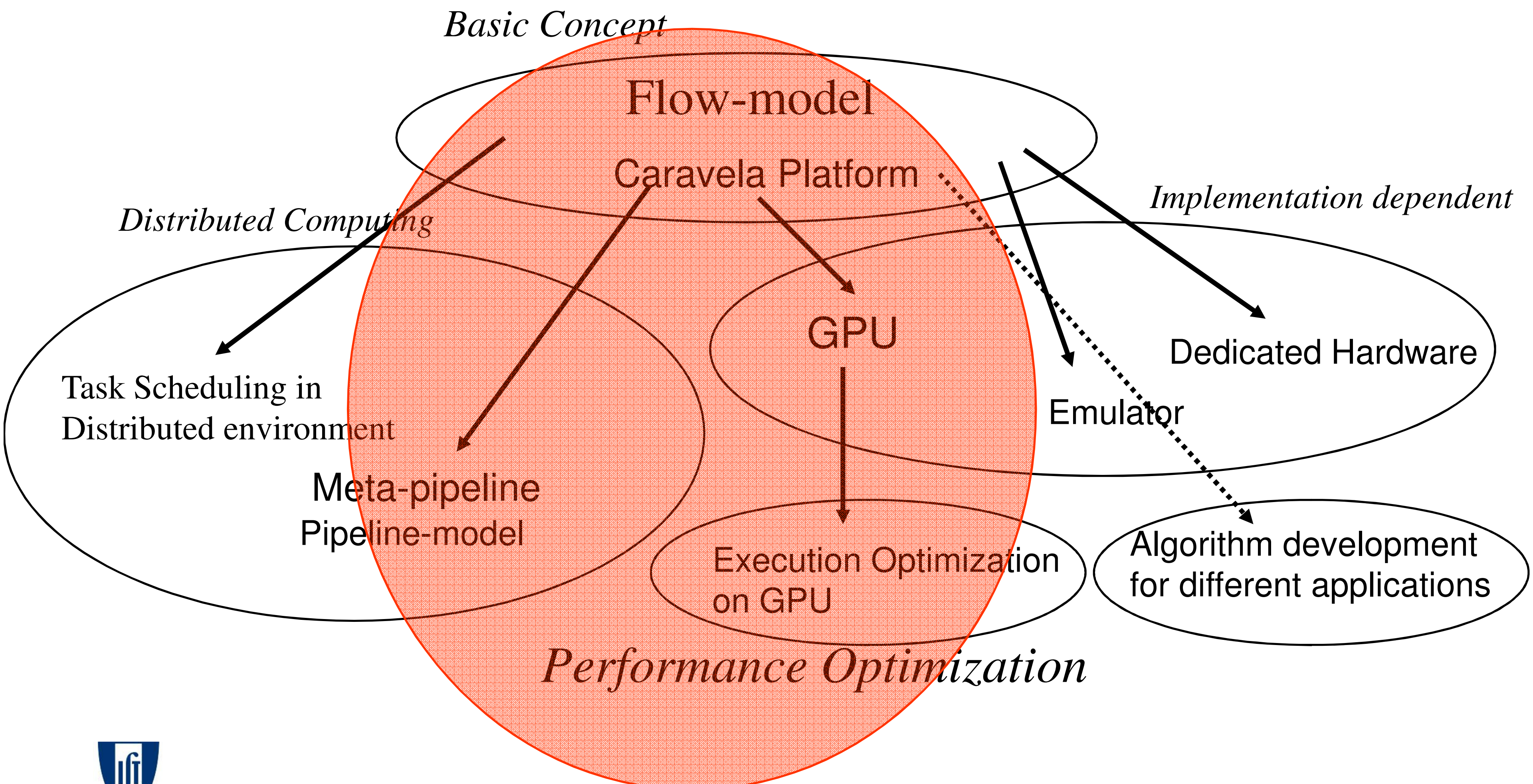
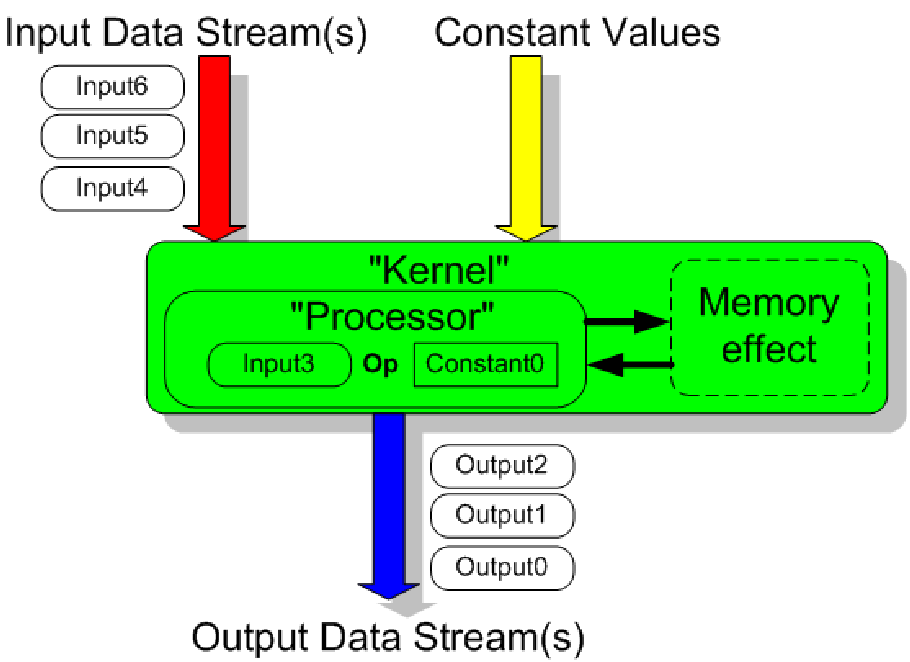


Caravela Platform: Flow-model

- Memory effect by introducing feedback
- Program does not touch other resources beyond I/O streams
- Flow-model encapsulates a task object
- Flow-model can be fetched from remote site.

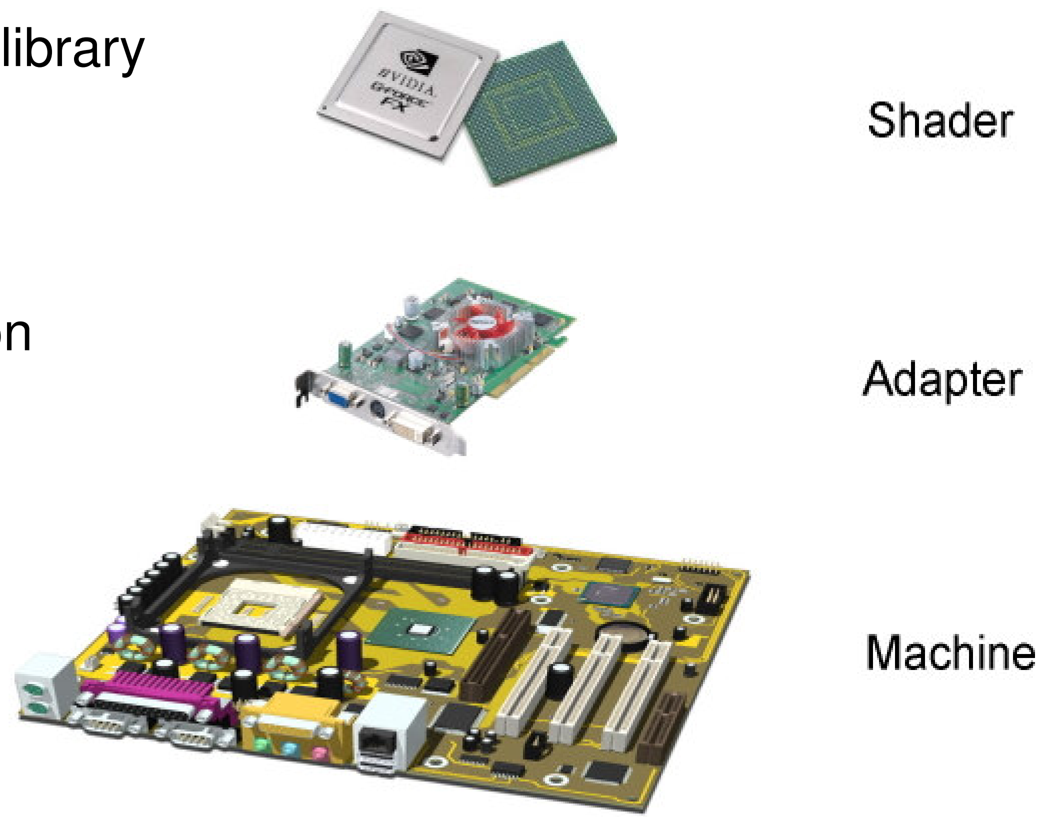


Caravela provides a set of tools for executing a flow-model unit.

FlowModelCreator and Caravela Library

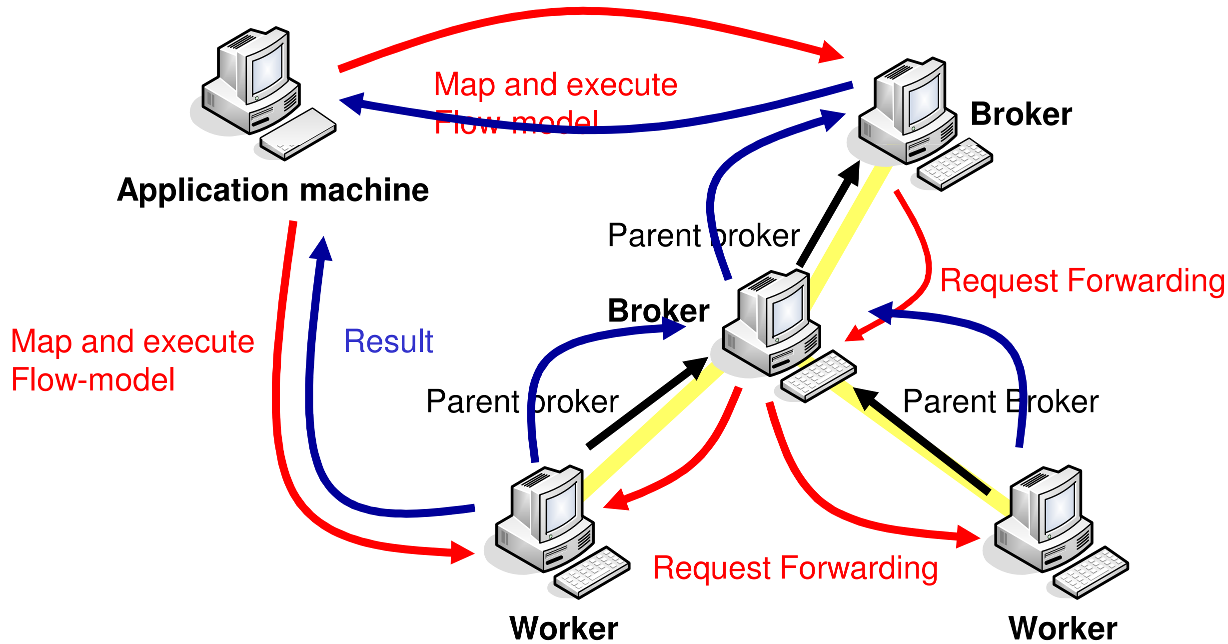
Caravela Platform: Runtime Environment

- Resource definition in Caravela library
  - Machine: has Adapter(s)
  - Adapter: has Shader(s)
  - Shader: Pixel Processor(s)
- Programming steps in application
  1. Acquire shaders
  2. Define flow-models
  3. Map flow-models to shaders
  4. Setup input streams
  5. Fire flow-models
  6. Get output data streams



Caravela Platform : Runtime for remote execution

- Remote execution runtime supports:
  - Worker server: executes flow-models.
  - Broker server: maintains routing information to worker servers.



Caravela Platform:
Caravela library

- Initialization and Finalization
  CARAVELA_Initialize(RUNTIME), CARAVELA_Finalize(RUNTIME)
- Flow-model creation
  flow-model 🡐 CARAVELA_CreateFlowModelFromFile(filename)
- Machine creation
  machine 🡐 CARAVELA_CreateMachine(machine_type)
- Getting Shader
  shader 🡐 CARAVELA_QueryShader(machine)
- Mapping Flow-model into Shader
  fuse 🡐 CARAVELA_MapFlowModelIntoShader(shader, flow-model)
- Initialization for input data stream
  input data stream buffer 🡐 CARAVELA_GetInputData(flow-model)
- Execution of Flow-model
  CARAVELA_FireFlowModel(fuse)
- Getting output data stream
  output data stream buffer 🡐 CARAVELA_GetOutputData()

machine_type is “REMOTE” for remote execution.

Caravela Platform: 1D FIR Filter

```
void main(){
  int i,j;
  float inv = 1.0/Const4.x;
  vec4 res = vec4(0.0,0.0,0.0,0.0);

  vec2 coord = gl_TexCoord[0].xy;
  vec4 data0 = texture2D(CaravelaTex0, coord);
  coord.x+=inv;
  vec4 data1 = texture2D(CaravelaTex0, coord);
  coord.x+=inv;
  vec4 data2 = texture2D(CaravelaTex0, coord);

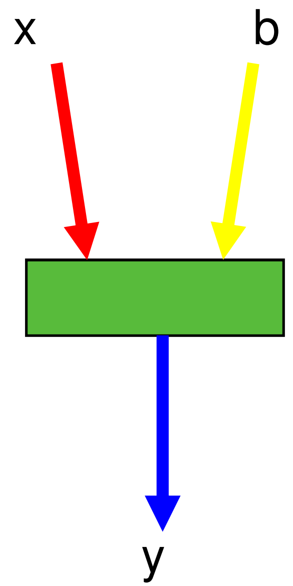
  // for x value
  for( j=0; j<4; j++ ){
     res.x += data0[j] * Const0[j];
     res.x += data1[j] * Const1[j];
  }

// for y value
  for(j=1;j<4;j++)
      res.y += data0[j] * Const0[j-1];
  res.y += data1[0] * Const0[3];
  for( j=1; j<4; j++ )
      res.y += data1[j] * Const1[j-1];
  res.y += data2[0] * Const1[3];

...
  gl_FragData[0] = res;
}
```

OpenGL (GLSL)

$$y_n = \sum_{i=0}^{15} b_i * x_{n-i}$$




```
void main( in float2 t0:  TEXCOORD0,
           out float4 oC0: COLOR0){
  int j;
  float inv = 1.0/Const4.x;
  float4 res = 0;
  float2 coord = t0;

  float4 data0 = tex2D(CaravelaTex0, coord);
  coord.x += inv;
  float4 data1 = tex2D(CaravelaTex0, coord);
  coord.x += inv;
  float4 data2 = tex2D(CaravelaTex0, coord);

 // for x value
   for( j=0; j<4; j++ )
      res.x += data0[j] * taps[j][0];
   for( j=0; j<4; j++ )
      res.x += data1[j] * taps[j][1];
// for y value
  for(j=1;j<4;j++)
      res.y += data0[j] * taps[j-1][0];
 res.y += data1[0] * taps[3][0];
 for( j=1; j<4; j++ )
    res.y += data1[j] * taps[j-1][1];
 res.y += data2[0] * taps[3][1];
 oC0 = res;
}
```

DirectX (HLSL)

Caravela Platform: Experimental Results

	Machine1	Machine2
CPU	AMD Opteron 2GHz 2GB DDR400	Intel CoreDuo 1.66GHz 1GB DDR2
GPU	NVIDIA GeForce 7300GS 256MB DDR	NVIDIA GeForce Go 7400 128MB DDR2

Caravela Platform: Experimental Results

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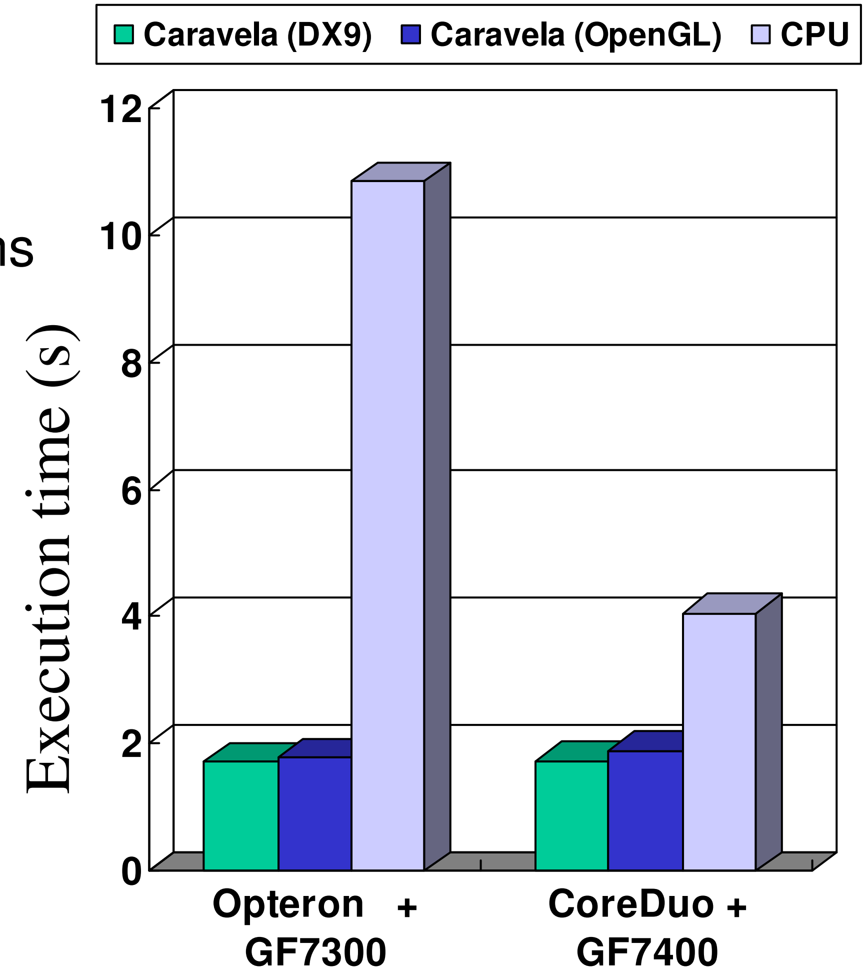
- 1D FIR Filter
  - Input：1M samples ×30 iterations
- S= 4-10 times regarding to CPU

Caravela platform speeds up local processing



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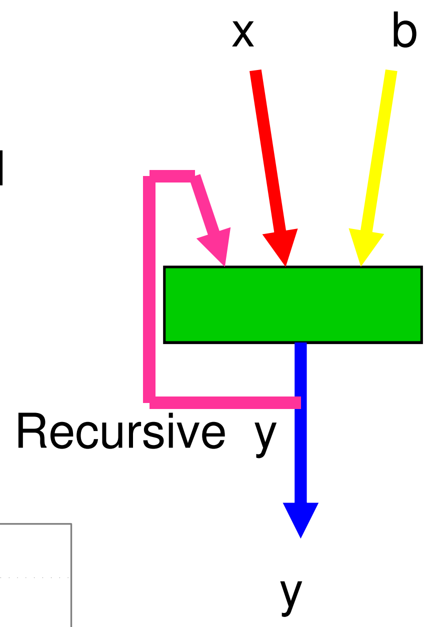
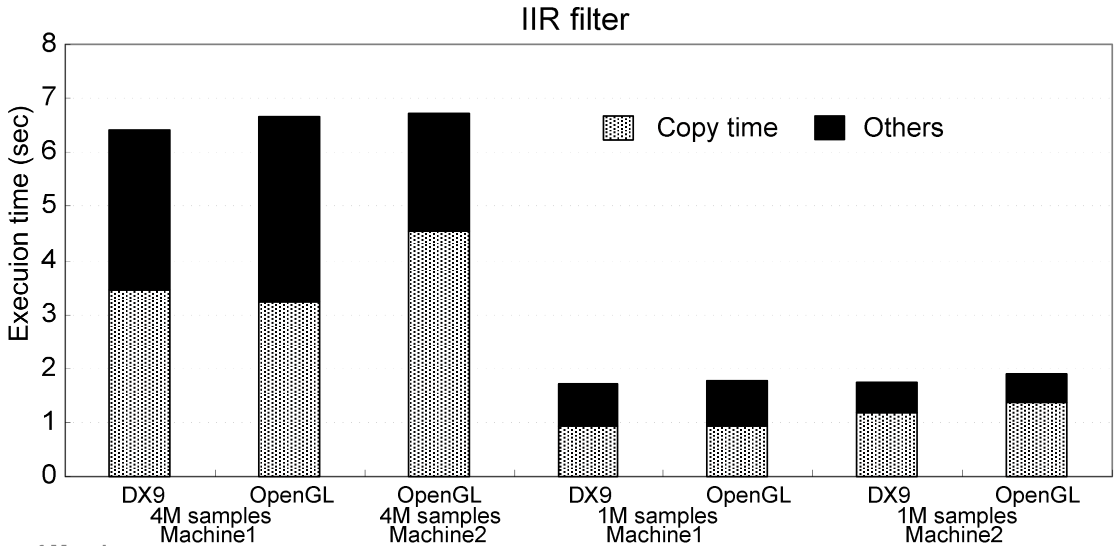
Local Optimizations: Recursive processing

- Recursive processing with flow-model
  - Output streams must be copied to input streams
    → performance degrades due to the copy overhead
- Example: IIR Filter
  - Output "y" is feed-forwarded to input recursively.

$$y_n = \sum_{i=0}^{7} b_i * x_{n-i} + \sum_{k=1}^{8} b_k * \underline{y_{n-k}}$$





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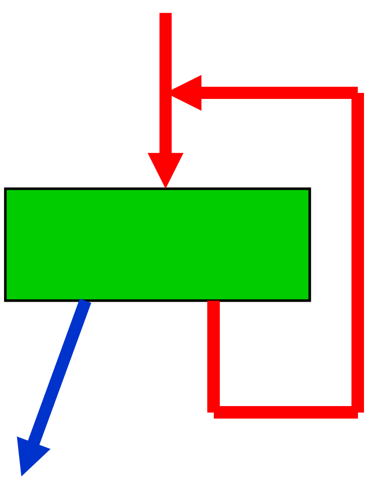
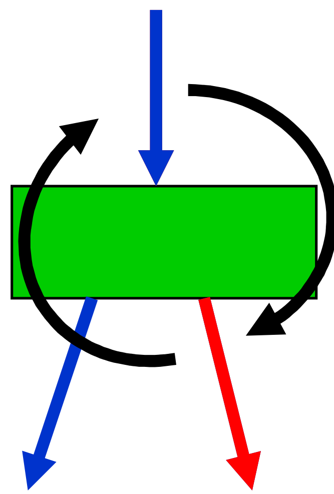
Local optimizations:
Swap mechanism

- Swap mechanism: Optimization for recursive I/O
  - *Pair* ← CARAVELA_CreateSwapIoPair(input_index, output_index)
  - CARAVELA_SwapFlowmodelIo(*Pair*)





```
Pair = CARAVELA_CreateSwapIoPair(0,1)
  While(…){

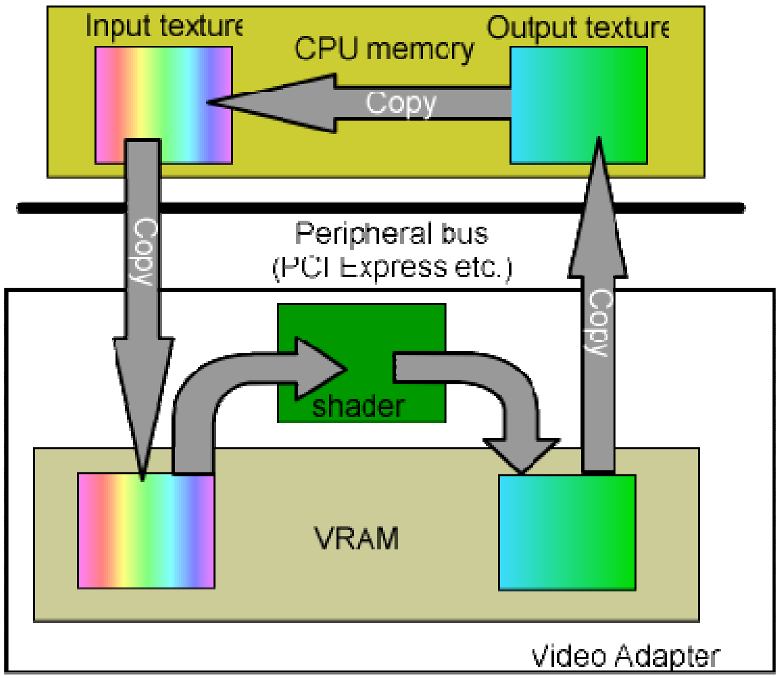
     Fire flow-model…

    CARAVELA_SwapFlowmodelIo(pair)

  }
```

Local optimizations: Implementation of Swap mechanism

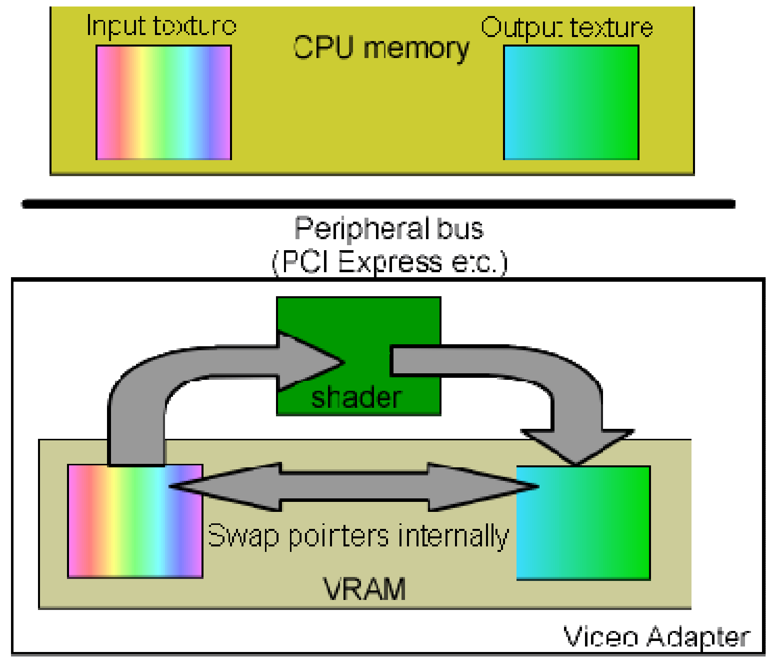
Conventional method



Copy method (DirectX)

Output stream copied VRAM →CPU memory and CPU memory → VRAM

Swap mechanism



Swap method (OpenGL)

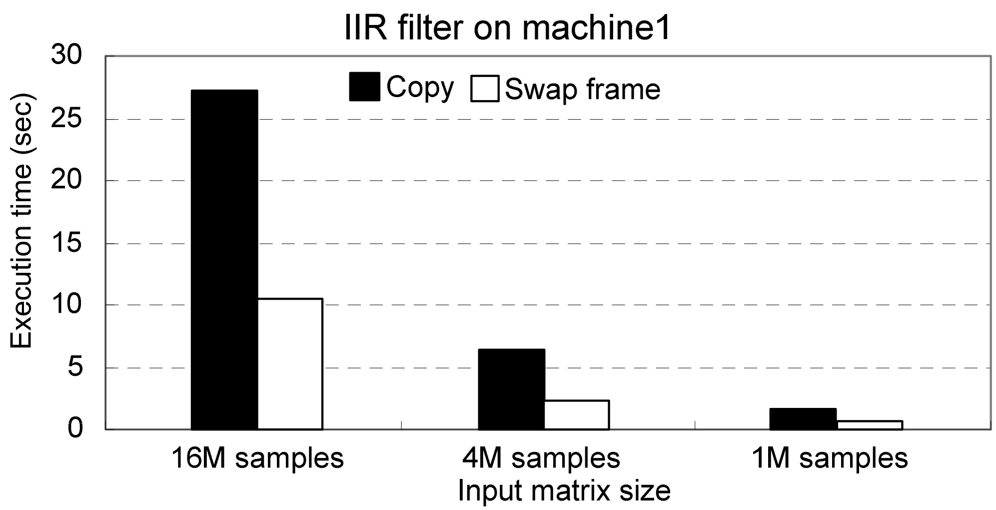
Exchanges pointers of I/O buffers in the GPU side.

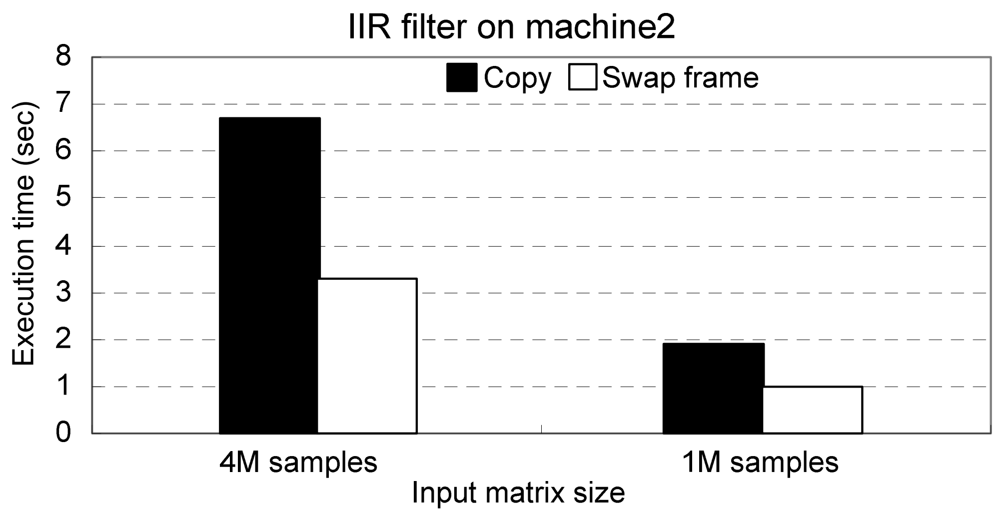
Local optimizations: Swap mechanism

- OpenGL is used as the graphics runtime:
  - CARAVELA_SwapFlowmodelIO() for swap mechanism
- Swap:

Improves performance 55-60%

Swap mechanism is an effective optimization technique.





Local optimizations:
Remap method

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- I/O overhead of GPGPU application
  - Copy operation among CPU memory-VRAM
  - Overhead in GPU at writing output stream to VRAM
  - Overhead in Pixel processor at reading textures

Smaller texture size may result in better performance.

Local optimizations: Remap method

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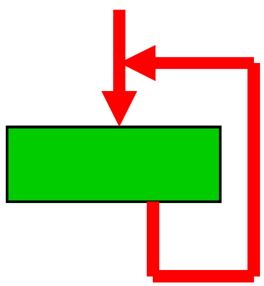
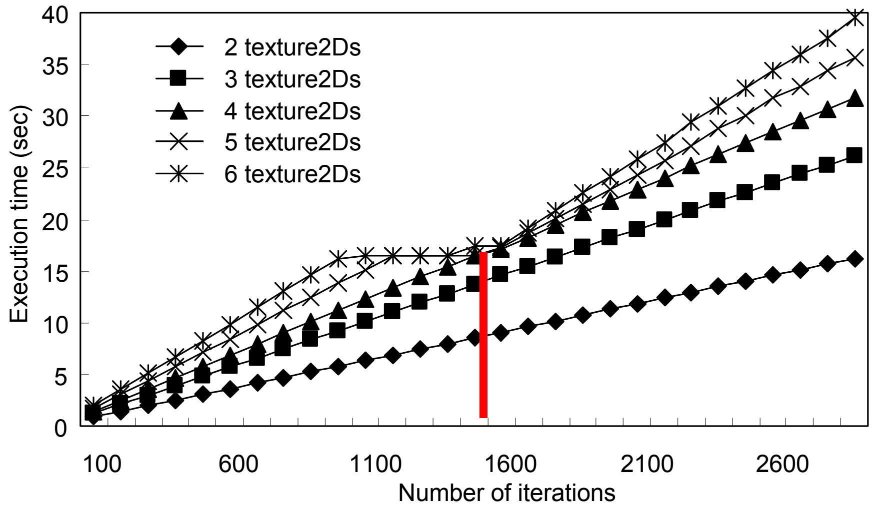
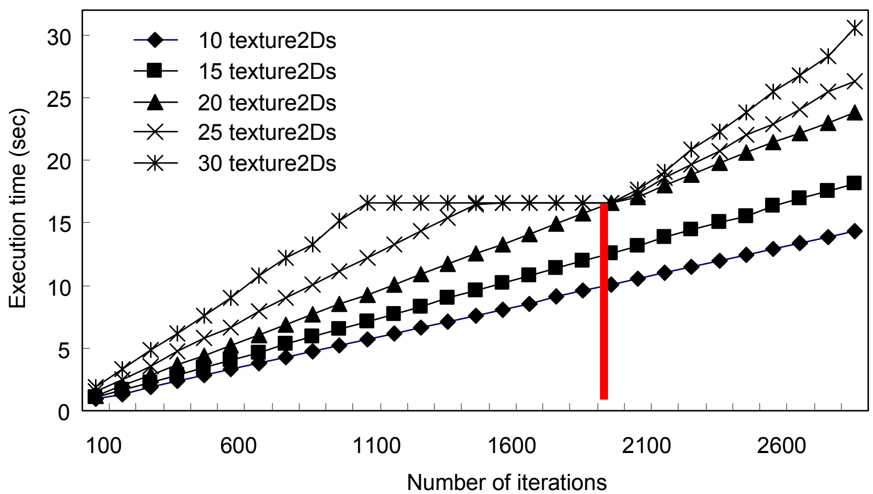
- Iterating with 3000x3000 texture input and applying Swap mechanism
  - Spot depending on the number of iterations of Swap mechanism
  - GeForce7300: 1500 iterations







  - GeForce7900: 2000 iterations

Swap iteration should be reset at the spot!

Local optimizations:
Remap method

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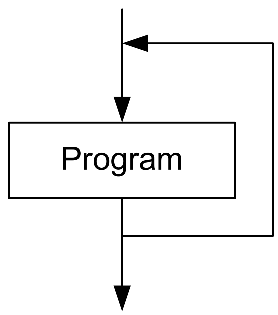
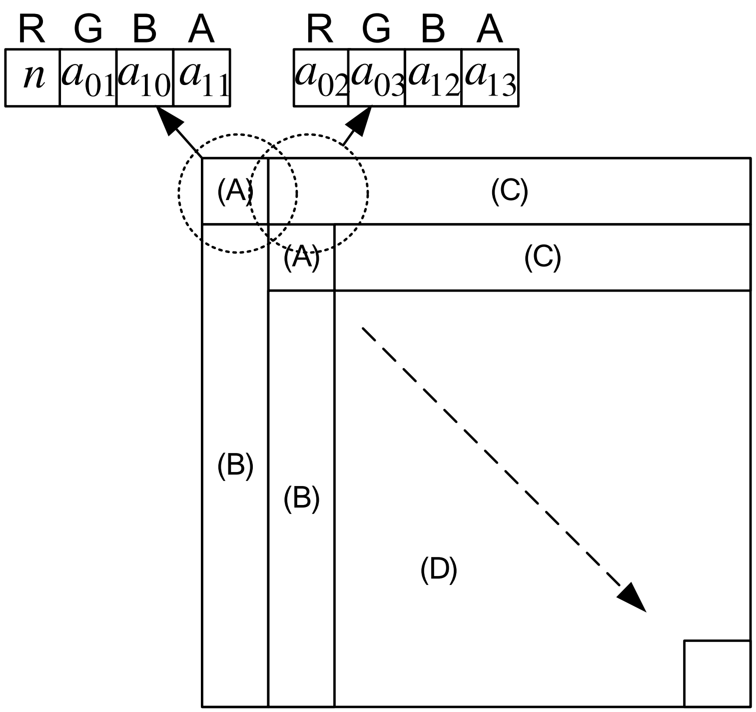
- For the applications which calculation size decreases,
  - Flow-model should be mapped again after the input texture sizes are reduced
  - Applying a threshold number of iterations for Swap, flow-model is mapped again at the spot

Remap method

Local optimizations:
LU decomposition

(A) Normalization of diagonal elements
(B) Orthogonalization
(C) Normalization





Elements previously calculated are forwarded to the output data stream without any calculation

Caravela Platform :
Applying remap method to LU decomposition

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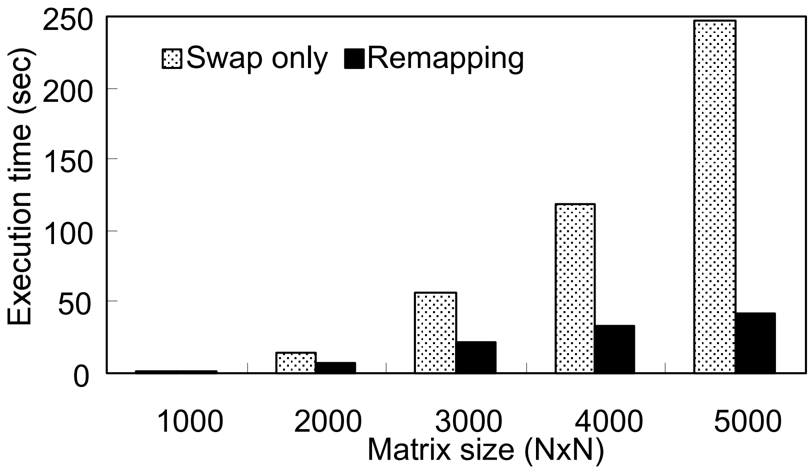
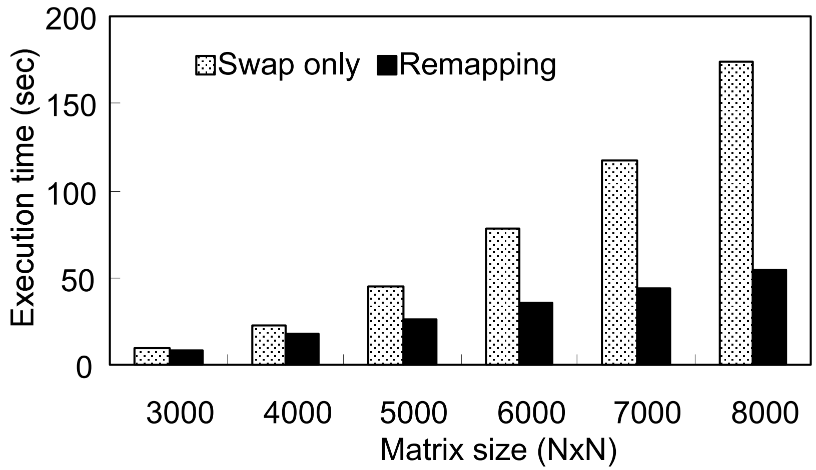
- GeForce7300
  - Remap flow-model every 1500 Swap iterations
- GeForce7900
  - Remap flow-model every 2000 Swap iterations



(a) GeForce7300

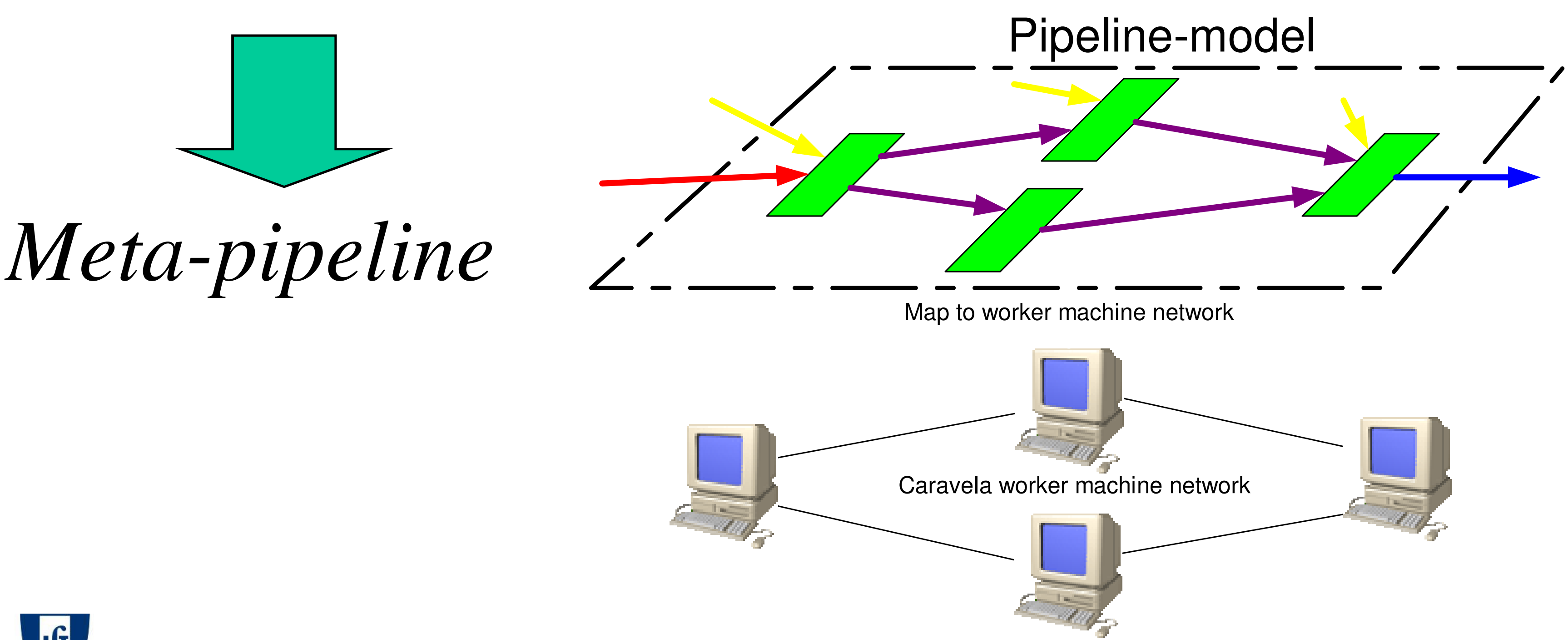


(b) GeForce7900

- Reduction of 80% in execution time
  - Remap method further improves performance in the top of the swap mechanism

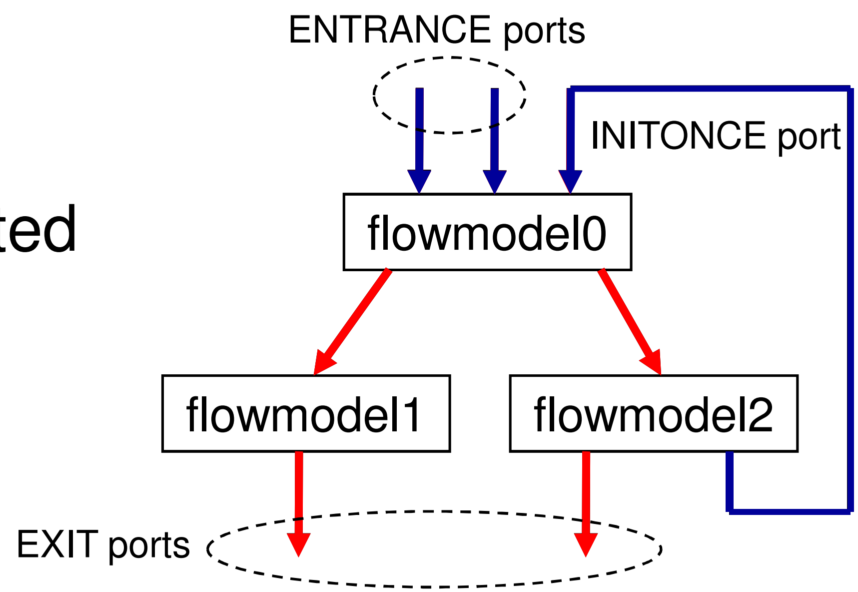
Remote execution: Meta-pipeline

- Executing the flow-model in a remote machine:
  - Sending input data to the remote machine,
  - receiving output data from the remote machine,
  - scheduling the execution



Remote execution: Pipeline model

- I/O ports of the Pipeline-model
  - *ENTRANCE* port
  - *EXIT* port
  - *INTERMEDIATE* port
- When all input streams are ready, flow-model is executed
- Deadlock might occur if feedback edges exist
  - *INITONCE* port



Remote execution:
Extension of Caravela library

- Extended functions for Caravela library
  - CARAVELA_CreatePipeline()
  - CARAVELA_AddShaderToPipeline()
  - CARAVELA_AttachFlowModelToShader()
  - CARAVELA_ConnectIO()
  - CARAVELA_Specify[InitOnce | Exit | Intermediate]Port()
  - CARAVELA_ImplementPipelineModel()
  - CARAVELA_SendInputDataToPipeline()
  - CARAVELA_ReceiveOutputDataFromPipeline()

During local execution: it promotes pipeline execution.
During remote execution: communication with worker servers.

Remote execution: 2D DWT

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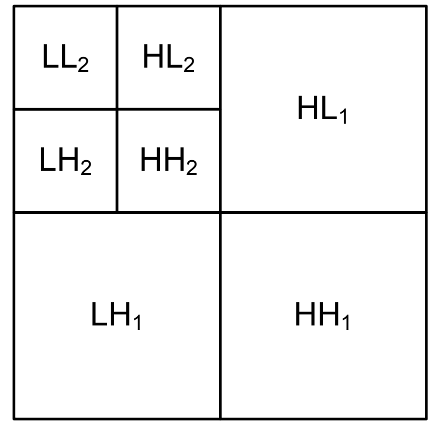
- 2D Discrete Wavelet Transform
  - Image compression (JPEG2000), denoising, edge detection, enlarge…

$$LL_n = \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} \sum_{m=0}^{M-1} LL_{n-1}(2i+k, 2j+m)\, l(m)\, l(k)$$

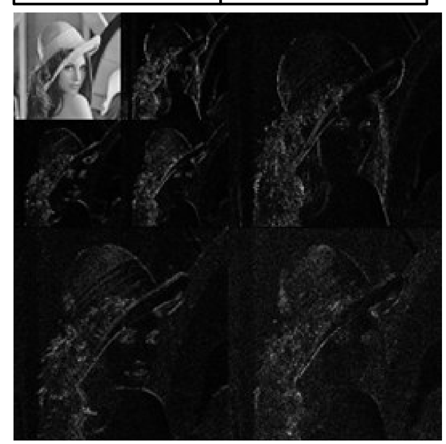
$$HL_n = \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} \sum_{m=0}^{M-1} LL_{n-1}(2i+k, 2j+m)\, h(m)\, l(k)$$

$$LH_n = \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} \sum_{m=0}^{M-1} LL_{n-1}(2i+k, 2j+m)\, l(m)\, h(k)$$

$$HH_n = \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} \sum_{m=0}^{M-1} LL_{n-1}(2i+k, 2j+m)\, h(m)\, h(k)$$



2 decomposition level



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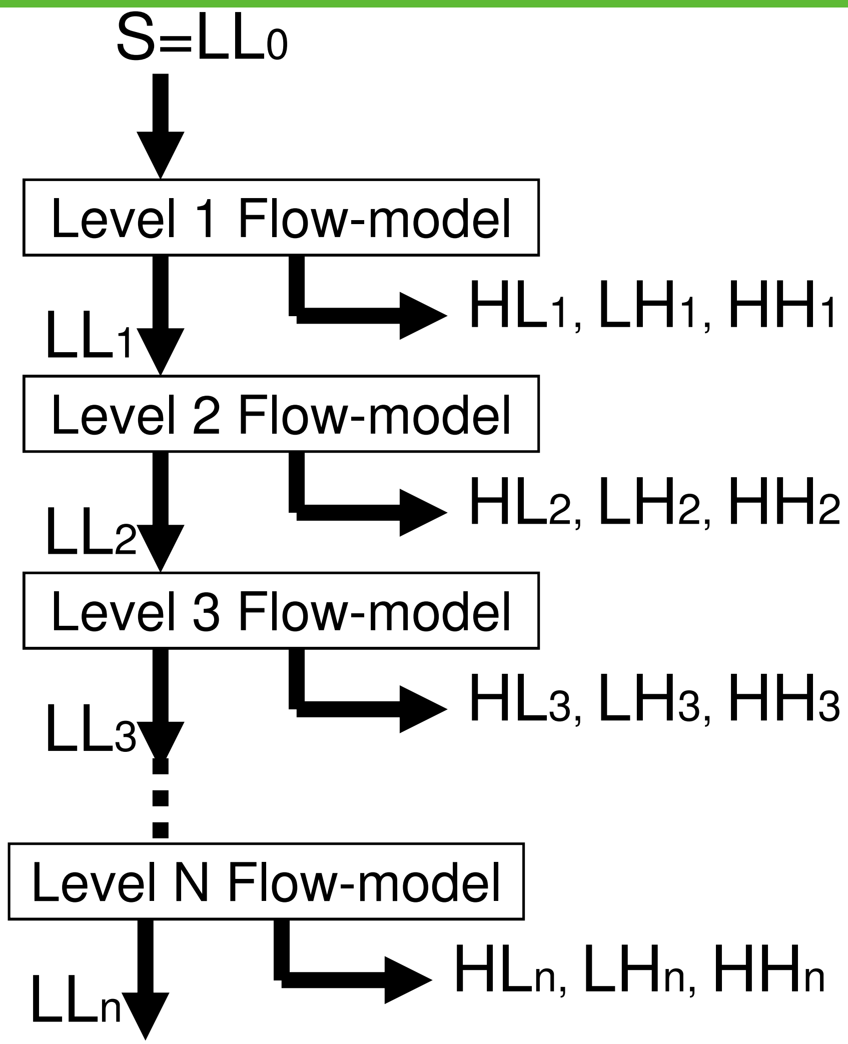
Remote execution:
2D DWT

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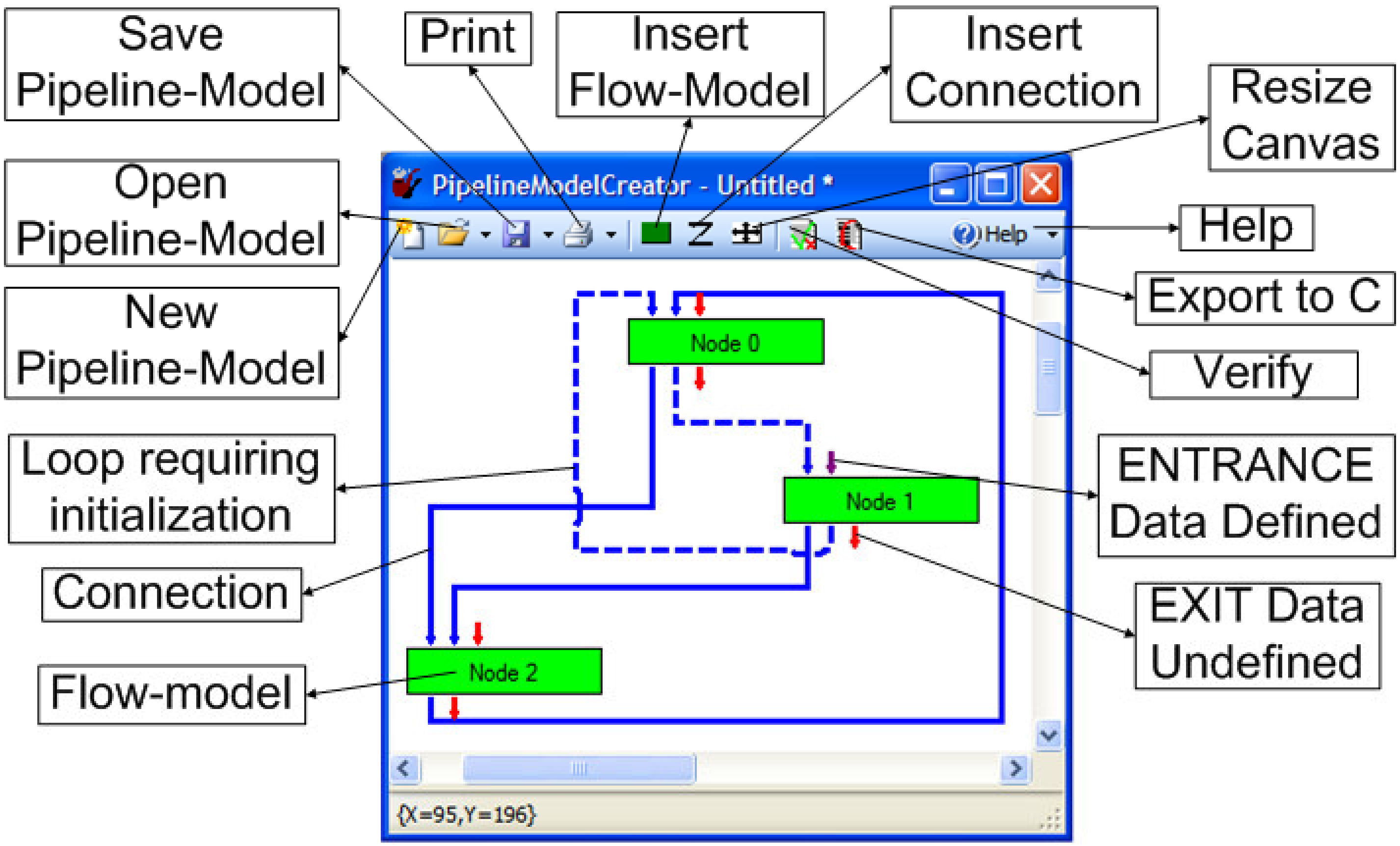
void main()
{
  float delta = 1/NUMDATA;
  vec4 tmp, tmp0, tmp1, result;
  vec2 coord = gl_TexCoord[0].xy;
  vec2 caux;  int i;
  coord += coord;
  caux = coord;
  // horizontal direction
  for (i=0; i<4; i++, coord.y += delta){
    tmp.x = texture2D(CaravelaTex0, coord).x;
    coord.x += delta;
    tmp.y = texture2D(CaravelaTex0, coord).x;
    coord.x += delta;
    tmp.z = texture2D(CaravelaTex0, coord).x;
    coord.x += delta;
    tmp.w = texture2D(CaravelaTex0, coord).x;
    tmp0[i] += dot(tmp, const0);
    tmp1[i] += dot(tmp, const1);
    coord.x = caux.x;
  }
  // vertical direction
  result.x = dot(tmp0, const0);
  result.y = dot(tmp0, const1);
  result.z = dot(tmp1, const0);
  result.w = dot(tmp1, const1);
  // LL sub-band stream
  gl_FragData[0] = result;
  // LH, HL and HH sub-bands stream
  gl_FragData[1] = result;
}
```

Remote execution: PipelineModelCreator tool



Future Work

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- MPI + flow-model = CaravelaMPI
- Caravela platform operated in command line mode (operating system)
- Attach other hardware platforms to the Caravela platform (co-processors on FPGAs,….)
- Test Meta-Pipeline with large real problems
  - Japan-Cyprus-Portugal

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