MODULE ONE: INTRODUCTION

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MODULE OVERVIEW

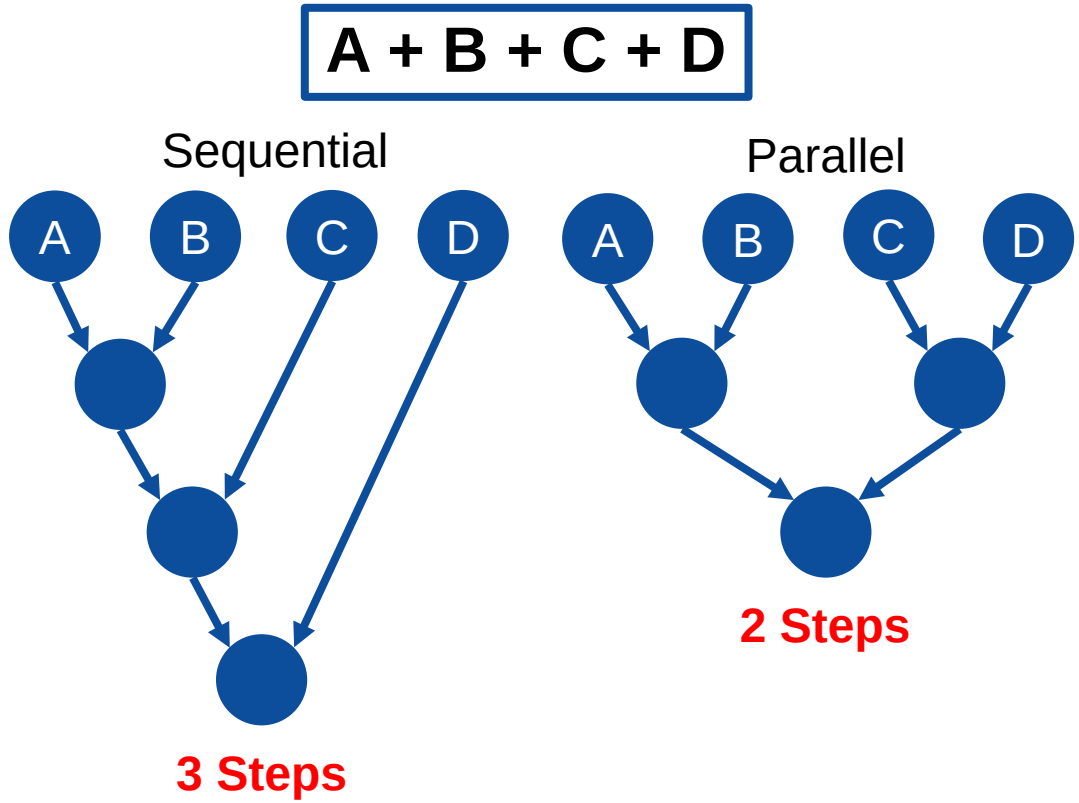
Topics to be covered

- Introduction to parallel programming
- Common difficulties in parallel programming
- Introduction to OpenACC
- Parallel programming in OpenACC

INTRODUCTION TO PARALLEL PROGRAMMING

WHAT IS PARALLEL PROGRAMMING?

- **“Performance Programming”**
- Parallel programming involves exposing an algorithm’s ability to execute in parallel
- This may involve breaking a large operation into smaller tasks (task parallelism)
- Or doing the same operation on multiple data elements (data parallelism)
- Parallel execution enables better performance on modern hardware



AMDAHL'S LAW

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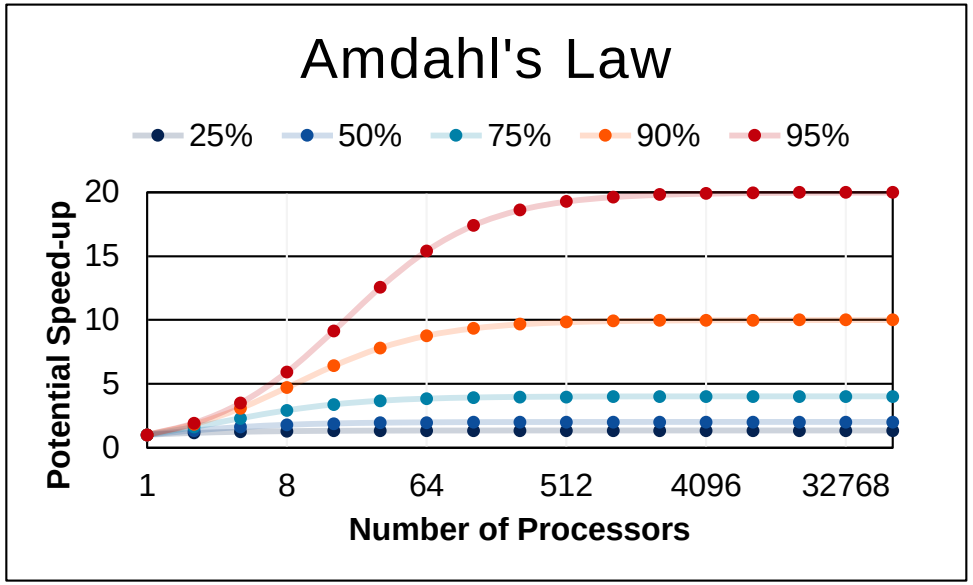
Serialization Limits Performance

- Amdahl's law is an observation that how much speed-up you get from parallelizing the code is limited by the remaining serial part.
- Any remaining serial code will reduce the possible speed-up
- This is why it's important to focus on parallelizing the most time consuming parts, not just the easiest.



APPLYING AMDAHL'S LAW

Estimating Potential Speed-up

- What's the maximum speed-up that can be obtained by parallelizing 50% of the code?

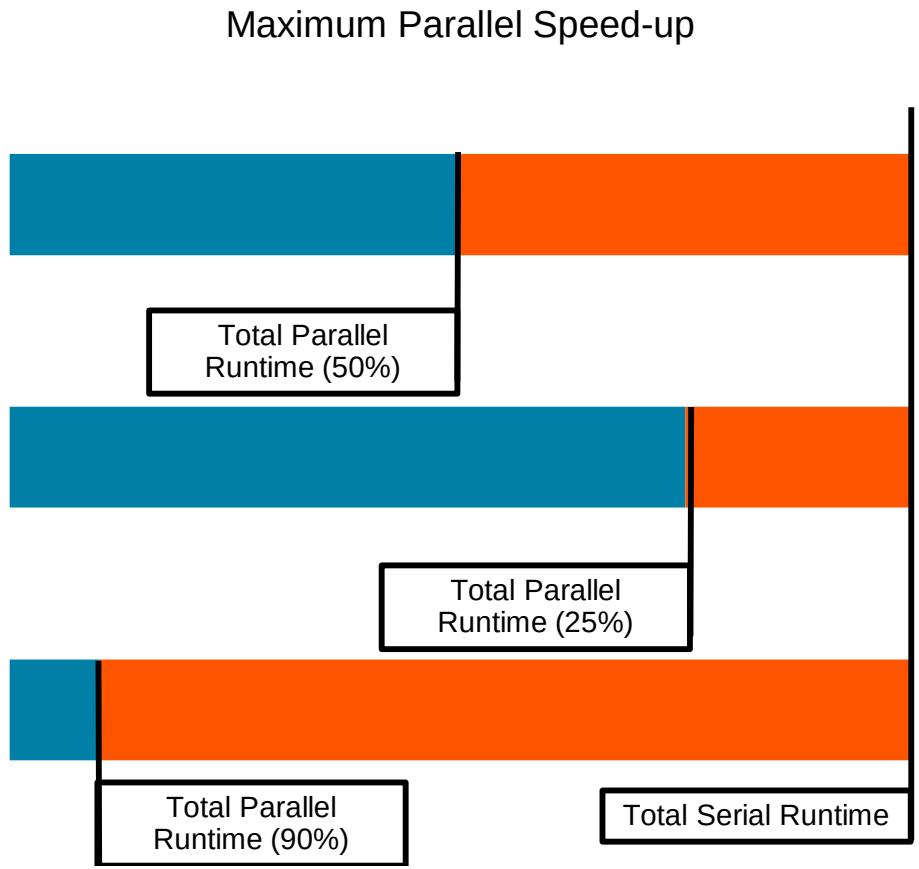
1 / (100% - 50%) = 1 / (1.0 - 0.50) = 2.0X

- What's the maximum speed-up that can be obtained by parallelizing 25% of the code?

1 / (100% - 25%) = 1 / (1.0 - 0.25) = 1.3X

- What's the maximum speed-up that can be obtained by parallelizing 90% of the code?

1 / (100% - 90%) = 1 / (1.0 - 0.90) = 10.0X



INTRODUCTION TO OPENACC

OpenACC is a directives-based programming approach to **parallel computing** designed for **performance** and **portability** on CPUs and GPUs for HPC.

Add Simple Compiler Directive

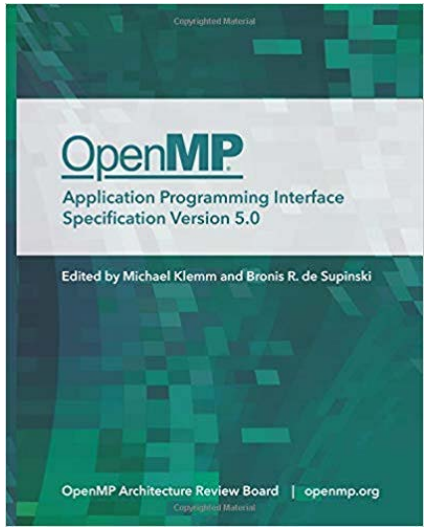
```
main()
 {
  <serial code>
  #pragma acc kernels
  {
    <parallel code>
  }
}
```

STANDARDS-BASED PARALLELISM

MPI standard

https://www.mpi-forum.org/docs/

OpenMP standard



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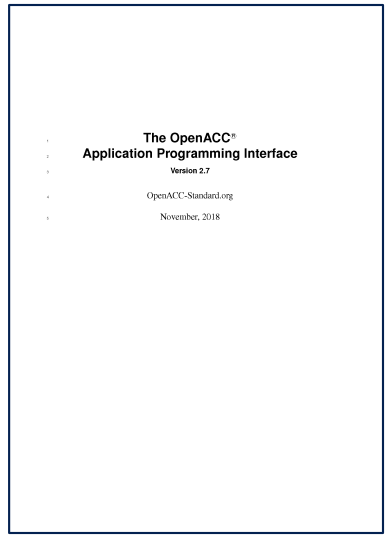

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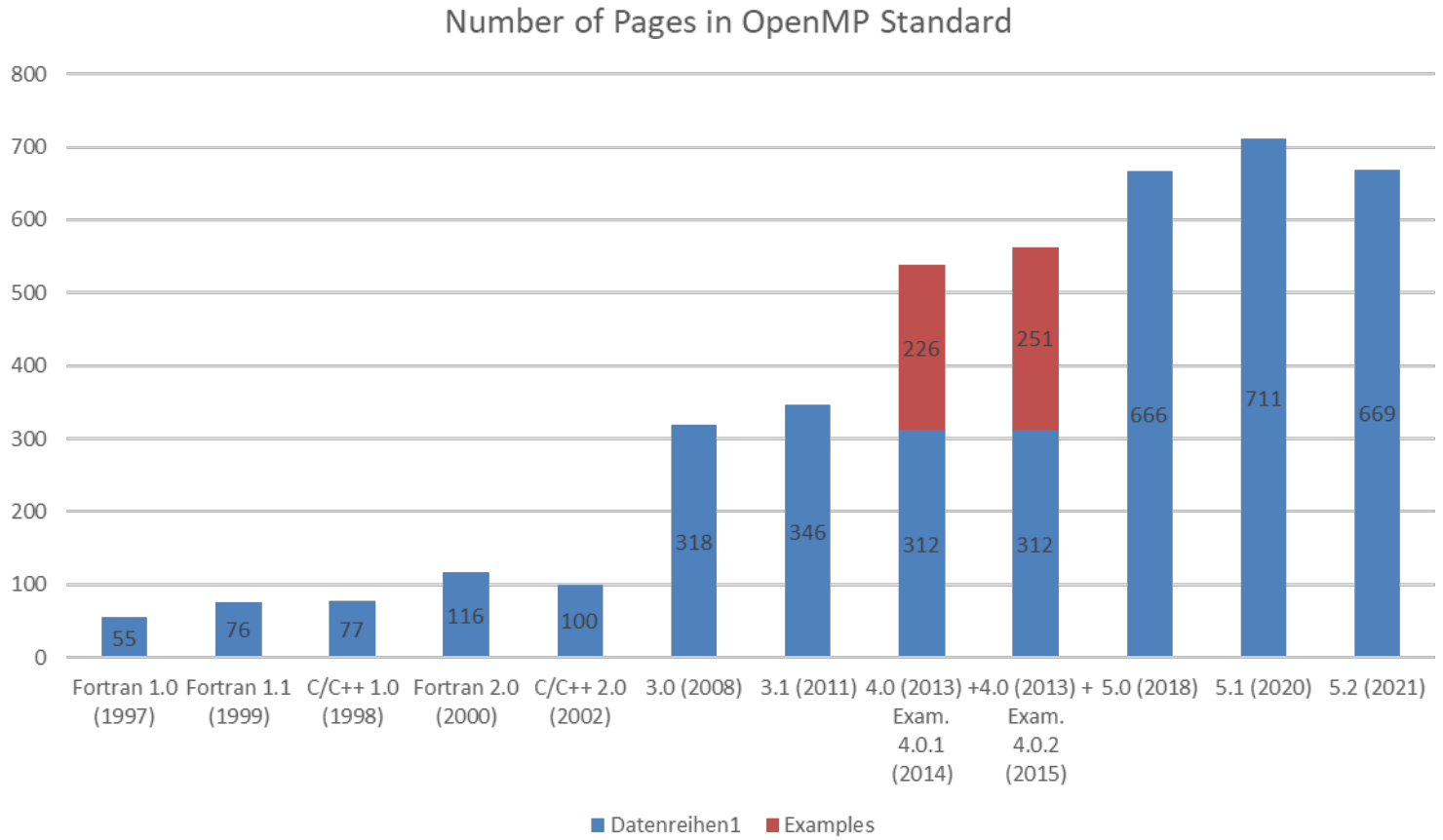
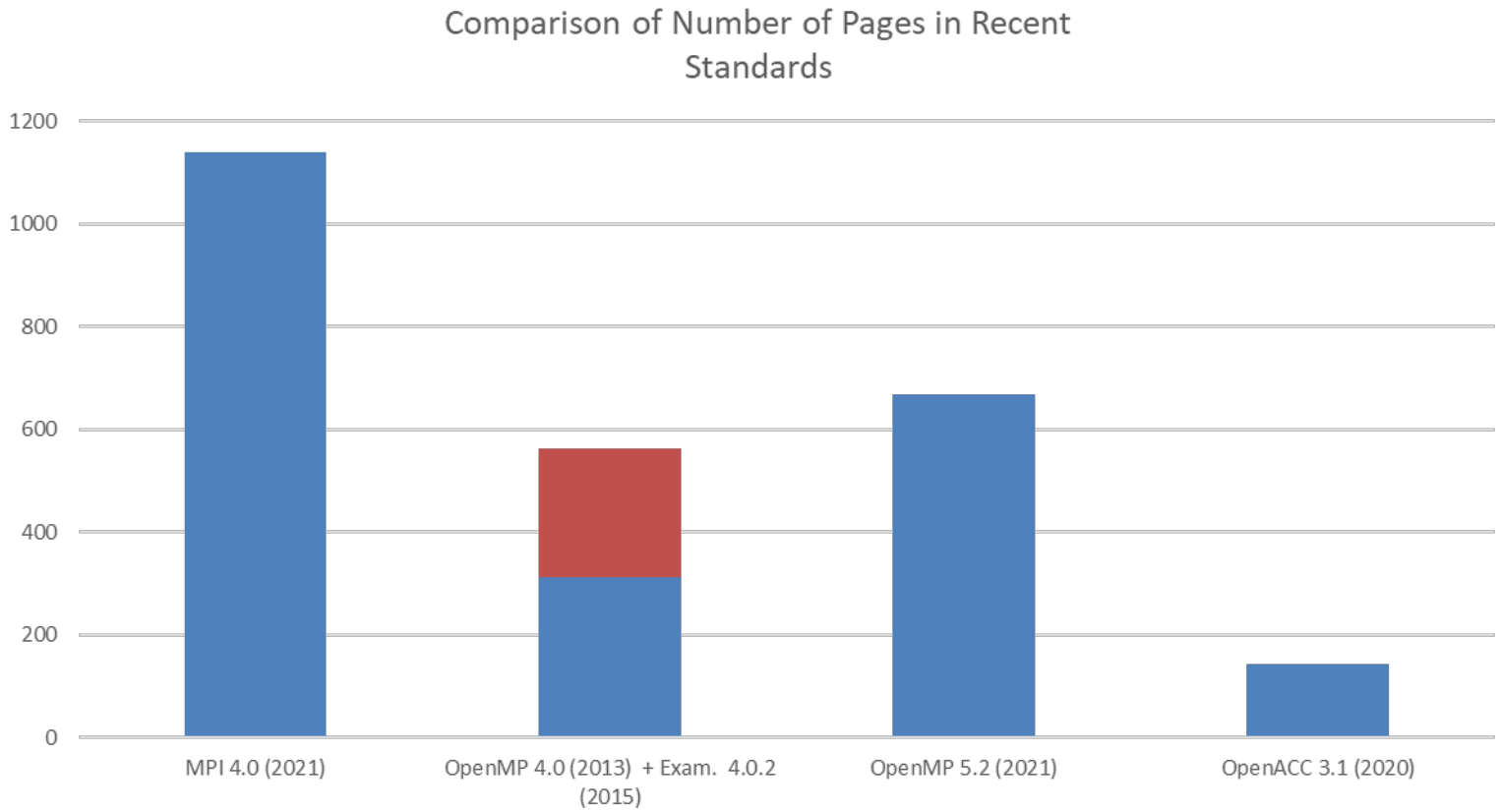
DEVELOPMENT OF OPENMP STANDARD



COMPLEXITY OF RECENT STANDARDS



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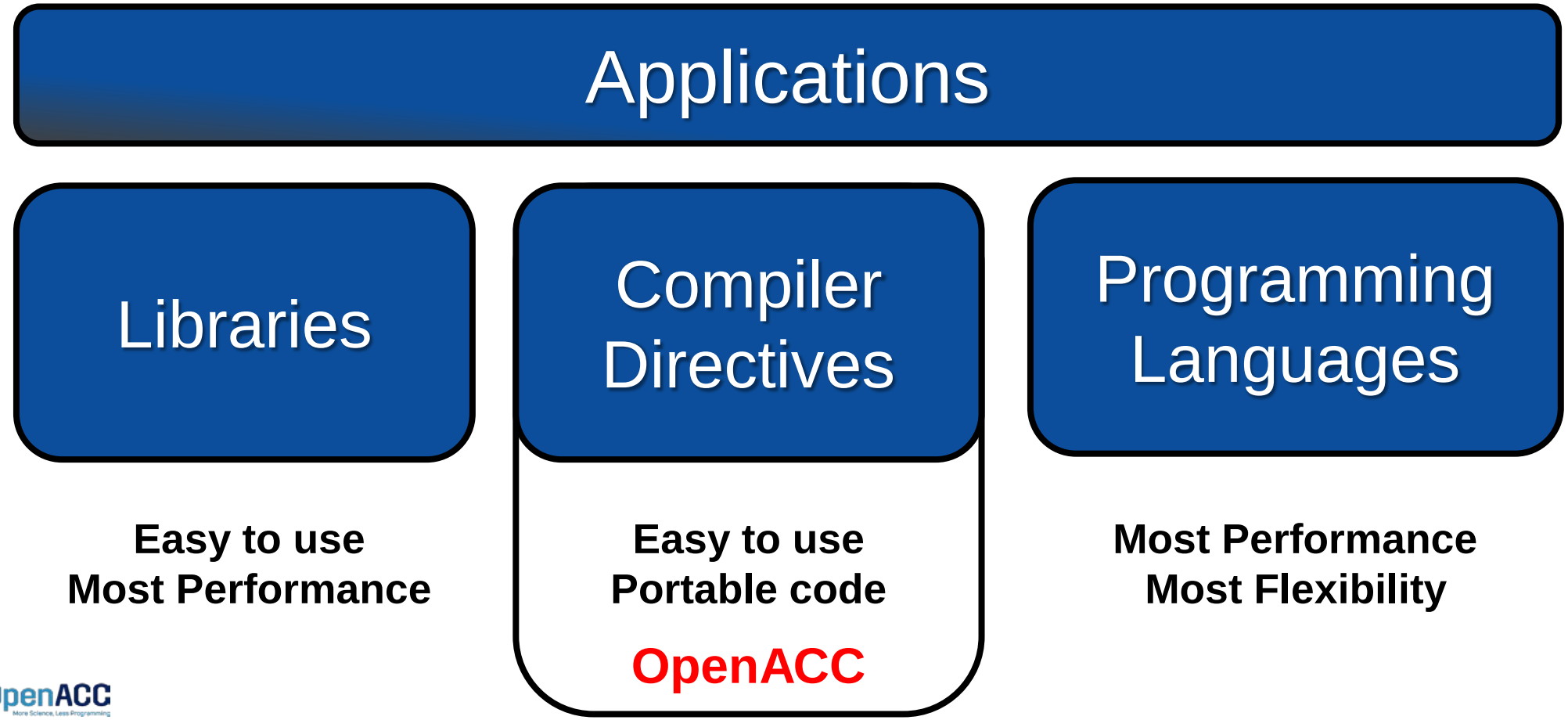
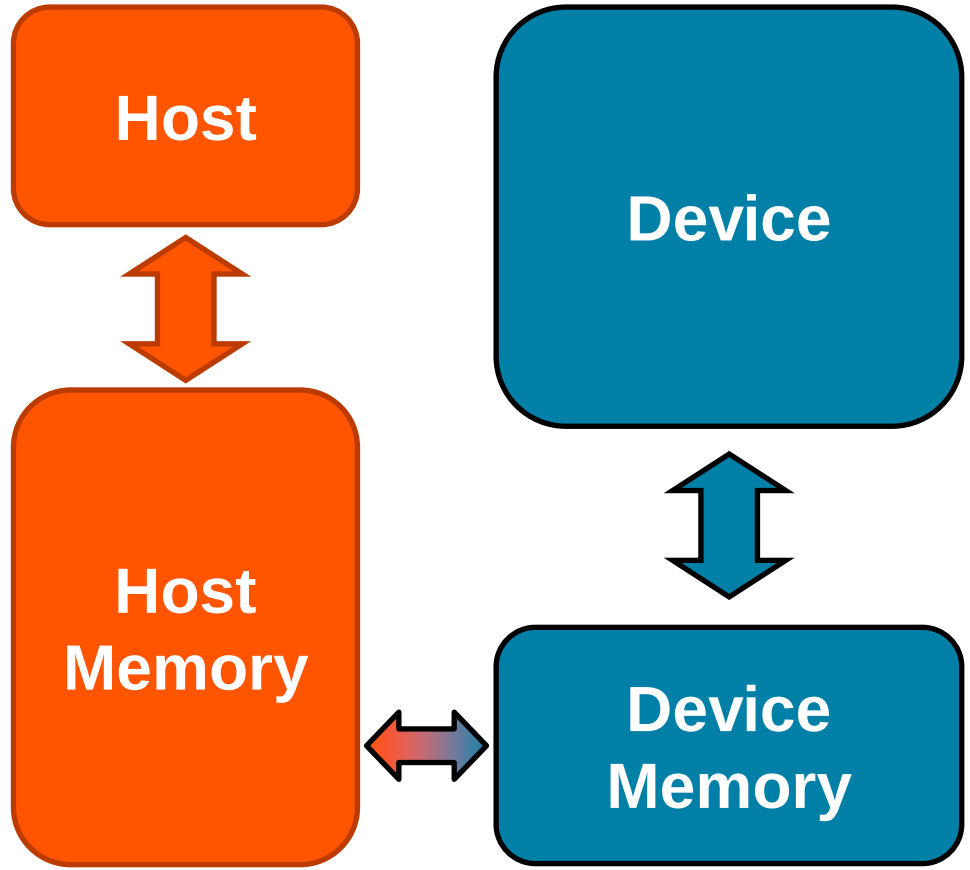


OPENACC PORTABILITY

Describing a generic parallel machine

- OpenACC is designed to be portable to many existing and future parallel platforms
- The programmer need not think about specific hardware details, but rather express the parallelism in generic terms
- An OpenACC program runs on a *host* (typically a CPU) that manages one or more parallel *devices* (GPUs, etc.). The host and device(s) are logically thought of as having separate memories.



OPENACC

Three major strengths

Incremental	Single Source	Low Learning Curve

OPENACC

Incremental

- Maintain existing sequential code
- Add annotations to expose parallelism
- After verifying correctness, annotate more of the code

Enhance Sequential Code

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for( i = 0; i < N; i++ )
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    < loop code >
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Begin with a working sequential code.

Parallelize it with OpenACC.

Rerun the code to verify correct behavior, remove/alter OpenACC code as needed.

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Low Learning Curve

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Supported Platforms

POWER

Sunway

x86 CPU

x86 Xeon Phi

NVIDIA GPU

PEZY-SC

Single Source

- Rebuild the same code on multiple architectures
- Compiler determines how to parallelize for the desired machine
- Sequential code is maintained

The compiler can **ignore** your OpenACC code additions, so the same code can be used for **parallel** or **sequential** execution.

```
int main(){

...

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    < loop code >

}
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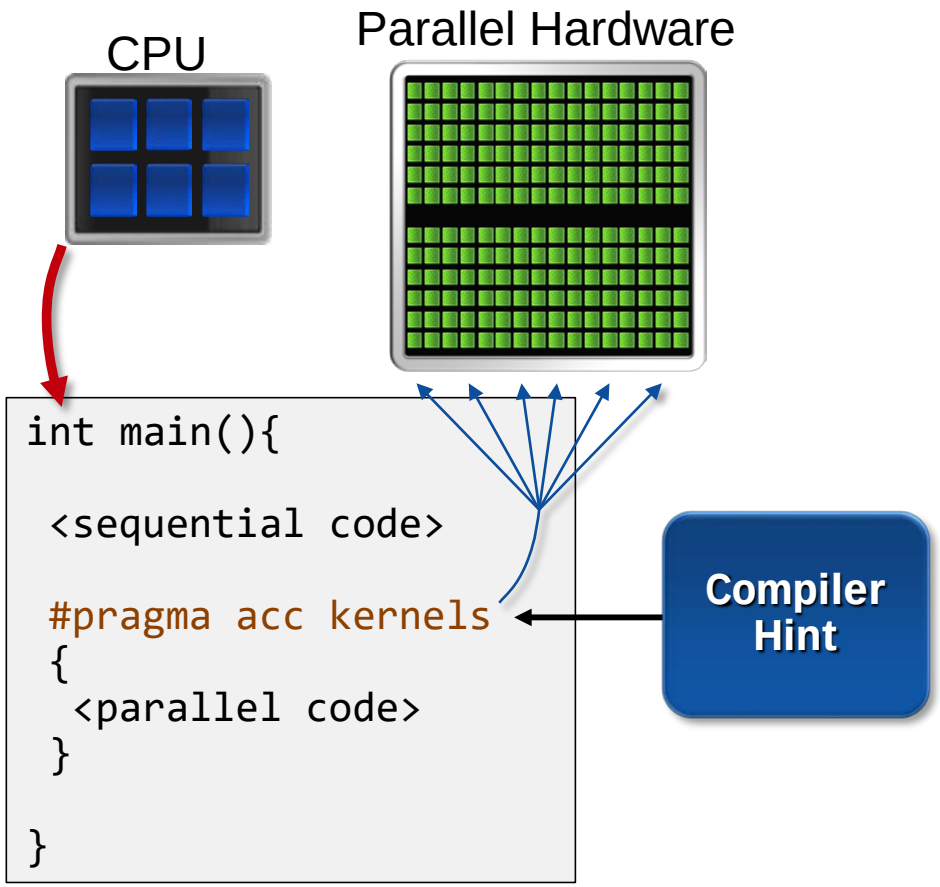

The programmer will give hints to the compiler about which parts of the code to parallelize.

The compiler will then generate parallelism for the target parallel hardware.

Low Learning Curve

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EXPRESSING PARALLELISM WITH OPENACC

CODING WITH OPENACC

Array pairing example- serial

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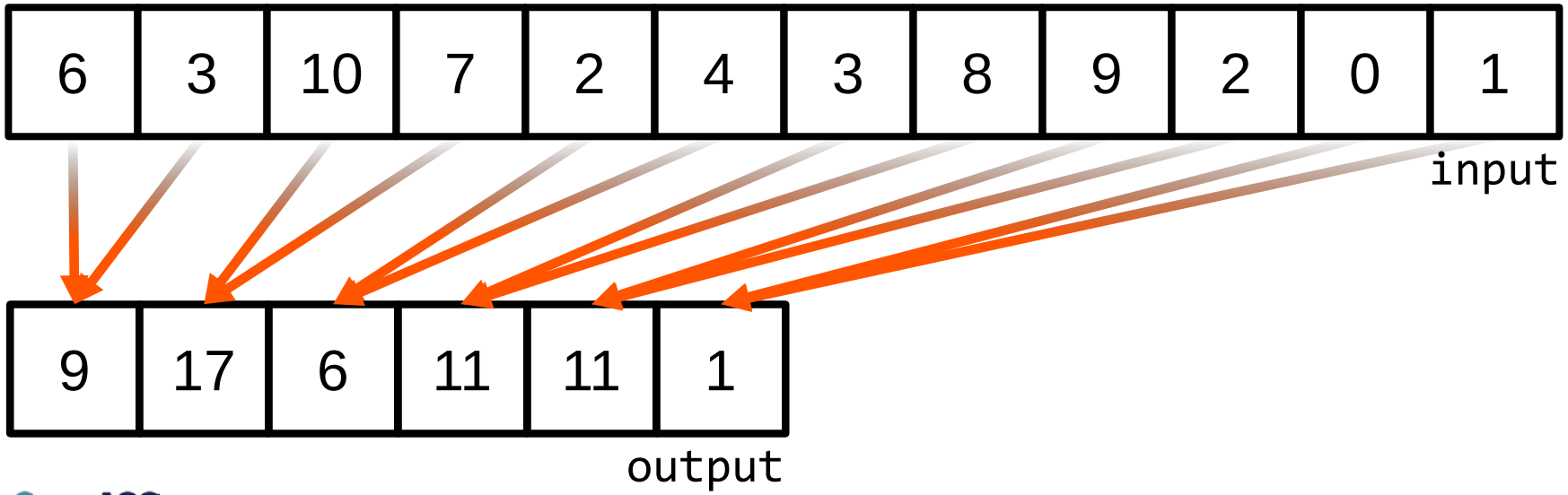

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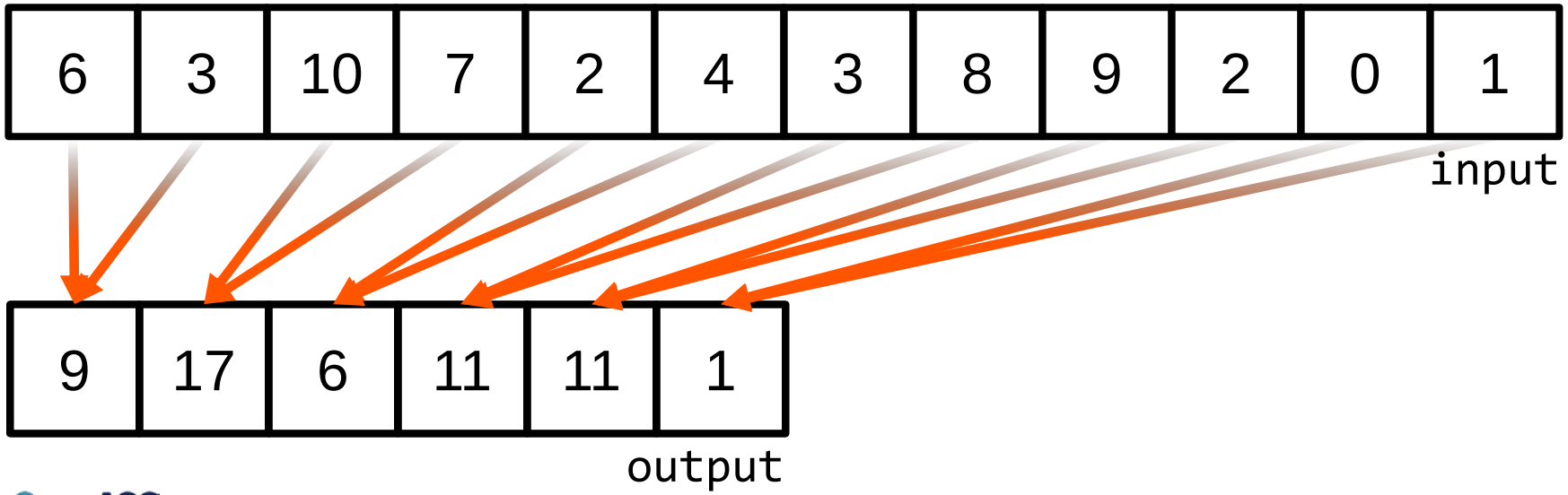

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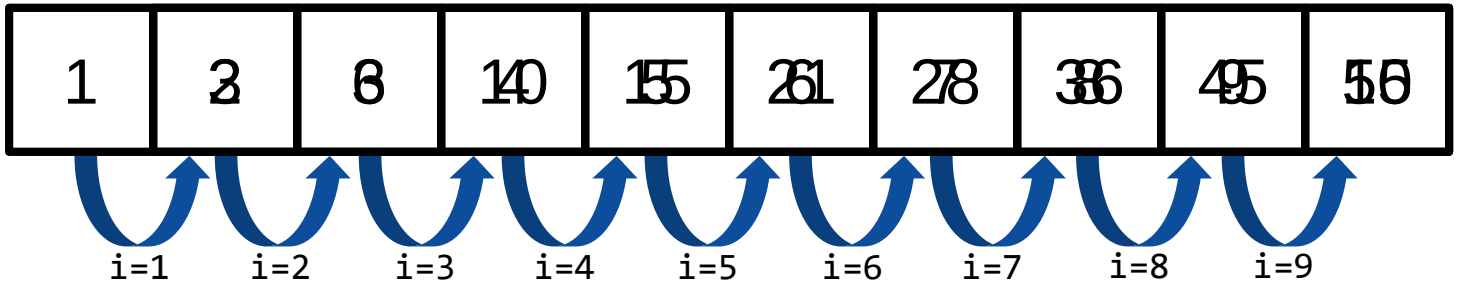

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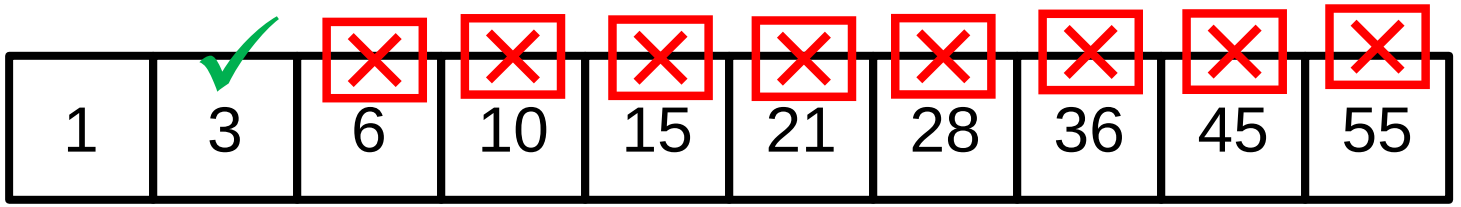
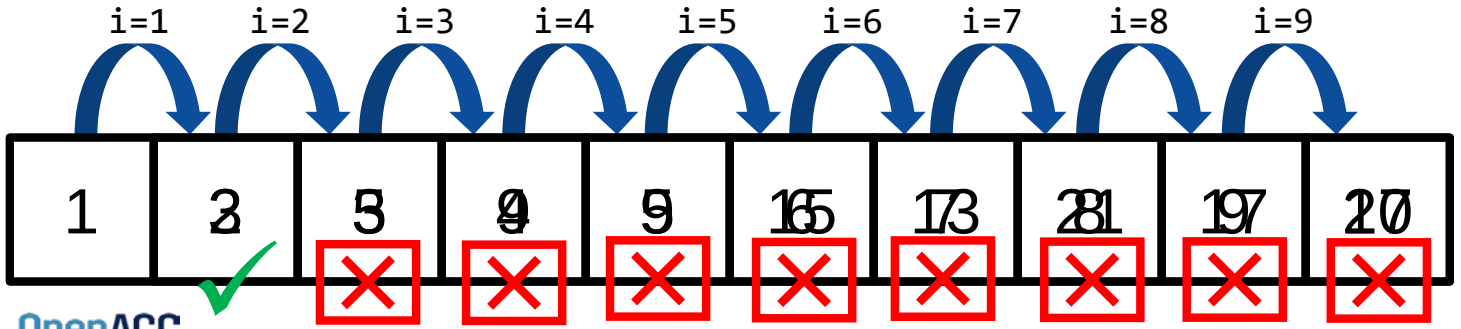
If we attempted to parallelize this loop we would get wrong answers due to a *forward dependency.*



Sequential



Parallel

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CLOSING SUMMARY

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- Parallel programming is a technique of utilizing modern hardware to do lots of work all at once.
- Amdahl's law is the gravity of parallel programming, break this law at your own peril.
- Not all loops are parallel, but often can be rewritten to be parallelizable
- OpenACC is a high level model for generating parallel code from serial loops

OPENACC RESOURCES

Guides ● Talks ● Tutorials ● Videos ● Books ● Spec ● Code Samples ● Teaching Materials ● Events ● Success Stories ● Courses ● Slack ● Stack Overflow

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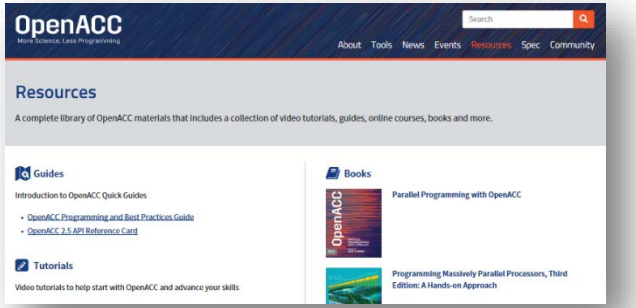

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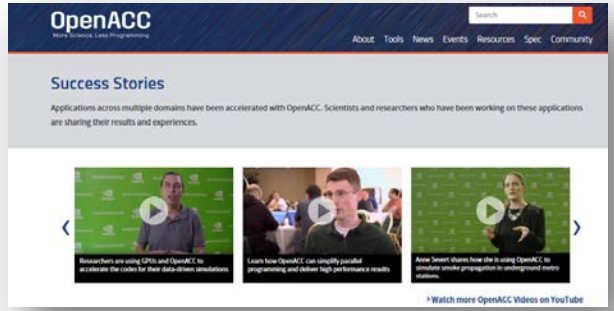

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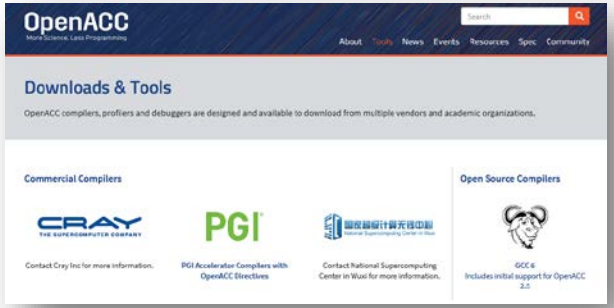

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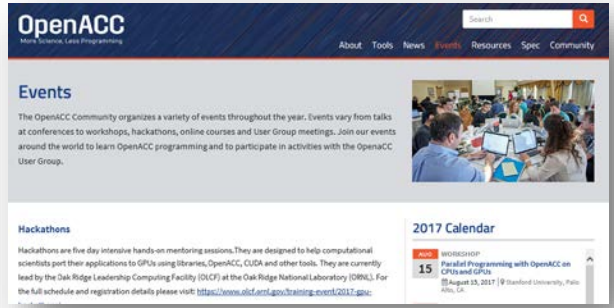

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