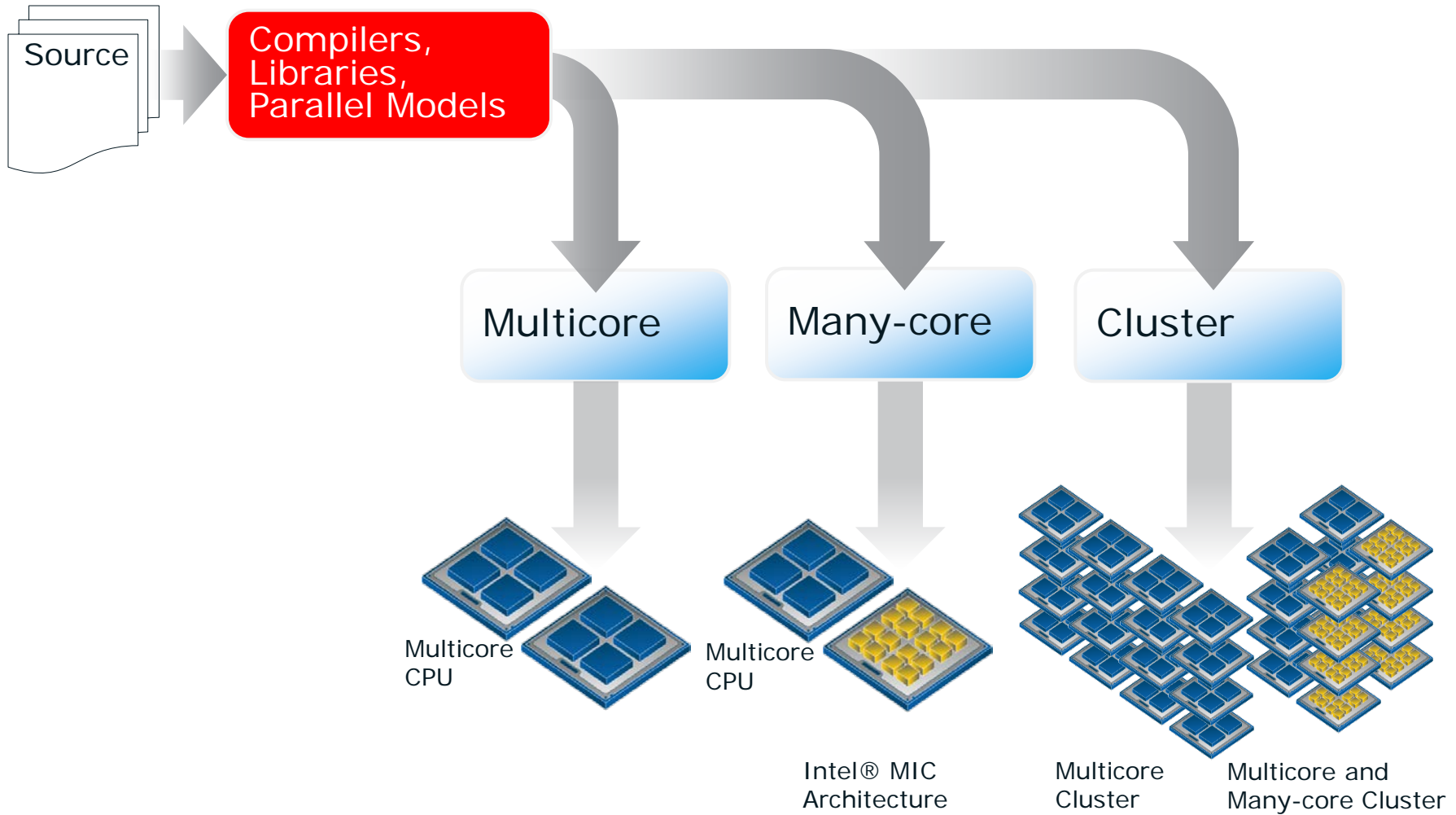










Overview: Programming Environment for Intel[®] Xeon Phi[™] Coprocessor

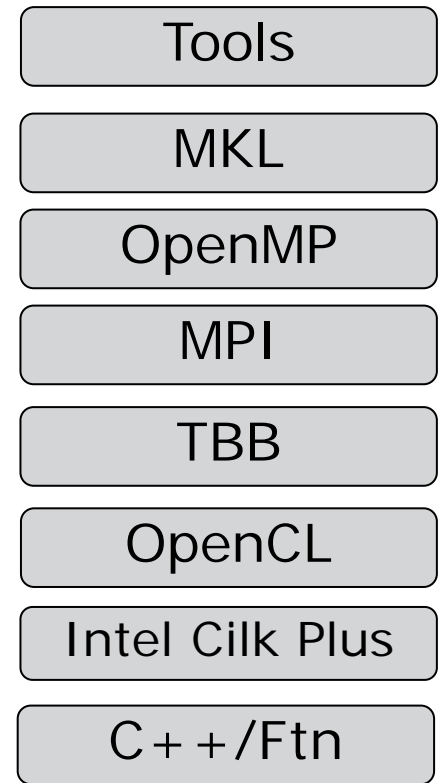
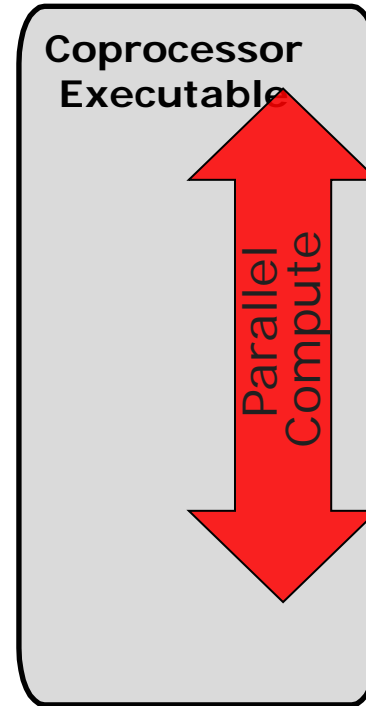
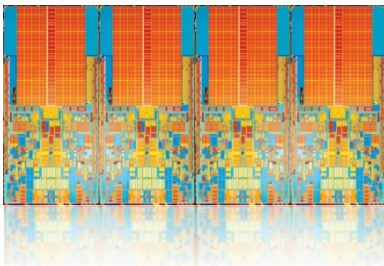
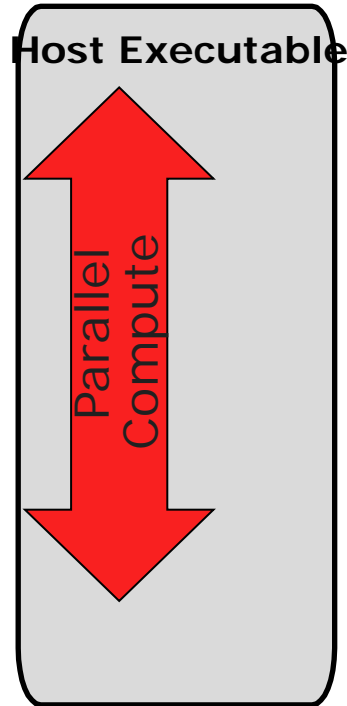
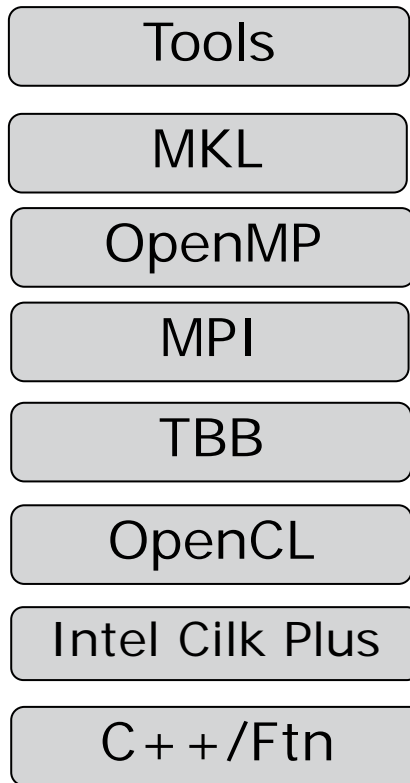
One Source Base, Tuned to many Targets



Intel® Parallel Studio XE 2013 and Intel® Cluster Studio XE 2013

Phase	Product	Feature	Benefit
Build	 Intel® Advisor XE	Threading design assistant (Studio products only)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simplifies, demystifies, and speeds parallel application design
	 Intel® Composer XE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C/C++ and Fortran compilers • Intel® Threading Building Blocks • Intel® Cilk™ Plus • Intel® Integrated Performance Primitives • Intel® Math Kernel Library 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enabling solution to achieve the application performance and scalability benefits of multicore and forward scale to many-core
	 Intel® MPI Library†	High Performance Message Passing (MPI) Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enabling High Performance Scalability, Interconnect Independence, Runtime Fabric Selection, and Application Tuning Capability
Verify & Tune	 Intel® VTune™ Amplifier XE	Performance Profiler for optimizing application performance and scalability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove guesswork, saves time, makes it easier to find performance and scalability bottlenecks
	 Intel® Inspector XE	Memory & threading dynamic analysis for code quality Static Analysis for code quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased productivity, code quality, and lowers cost, finds memory, threading, and security defects before they happen
	 Intel® Trace Analyzer & Collector†	MPI Performance Profiler for understanding application correctness & behavior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analyze performance of MPI programs and visualize parallel application behavior and communications patterns to identify hotspots

Native Models



Parallel programming is the same on coprocessor and host

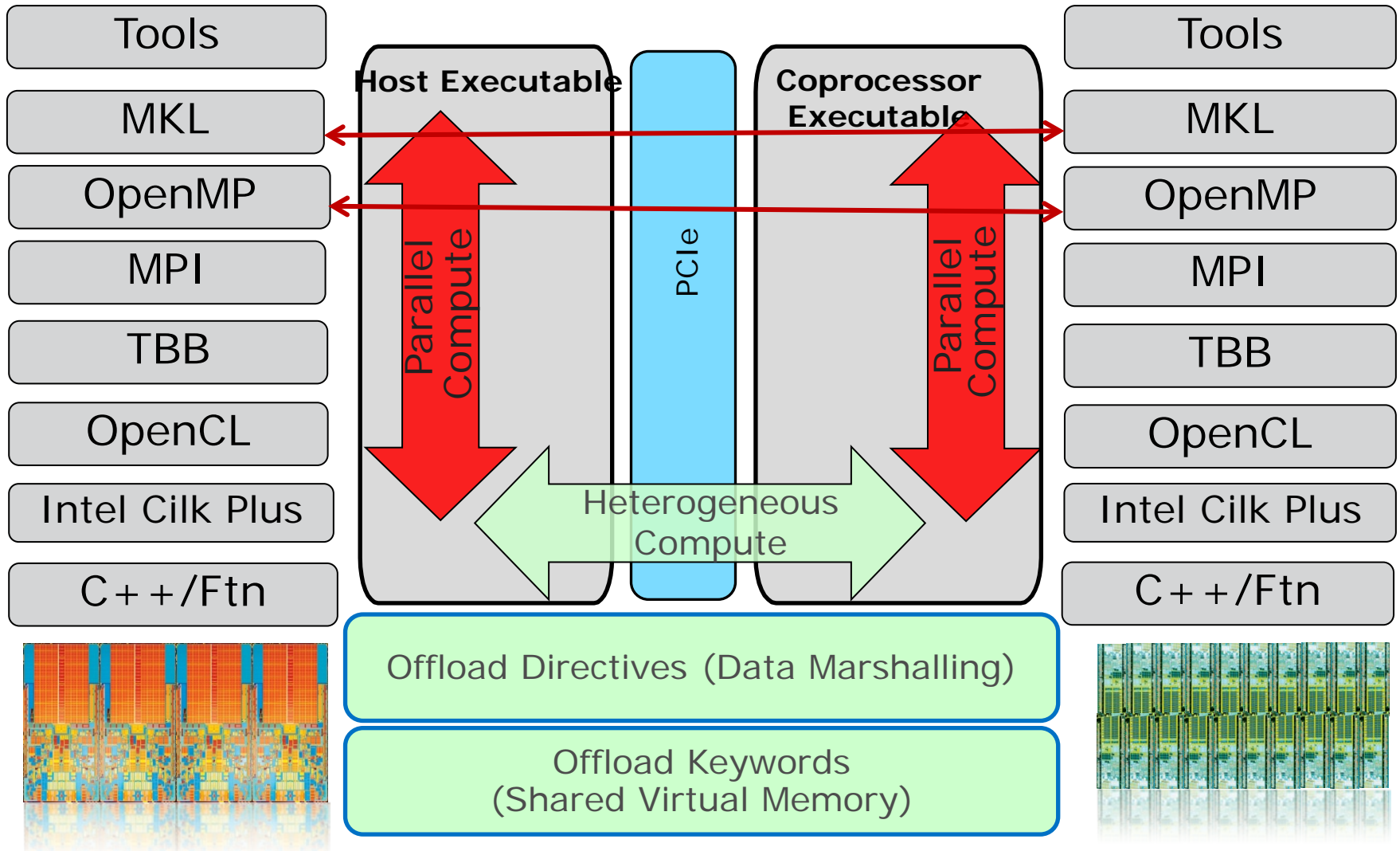
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Native MIC Programming

Enabled by `-mmic` compiler option

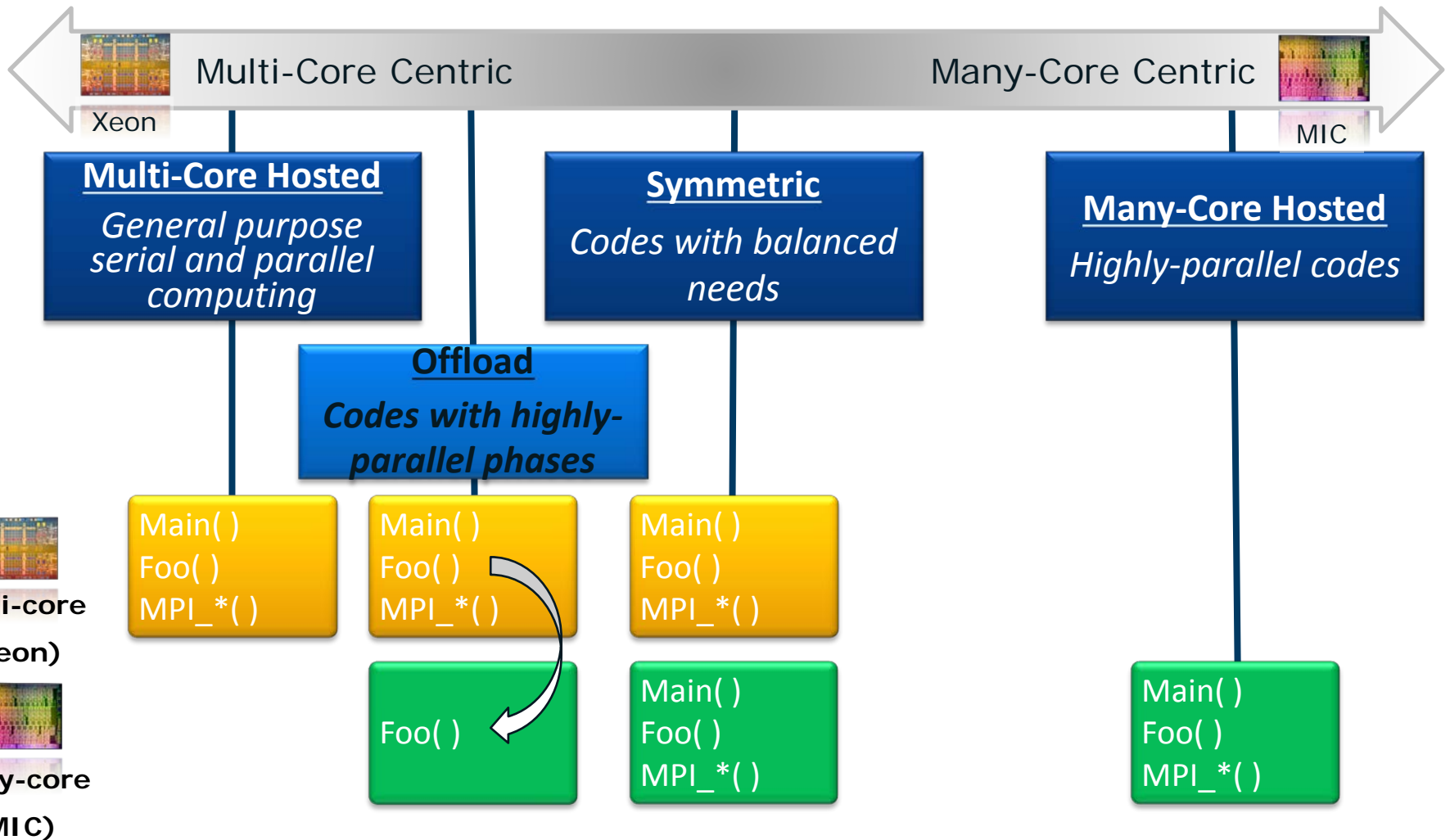
- Fully supported by compiler vectorization, Intel® MKL, OpenMP*, Intel® TBB, Intel® Cilk Plus, Intel® MPI, ...
 - No Intel® Integrated Performance Primitives library yet
- For sure, an option for some applications:
 - Needs to fit into memory (up to 16GB today)
 - Should be highly parallel code
 - Serial parts are slower on MIC than on host
 - Limited access to external environment like I/O
 - Native MIC file system exists in memory only
 - NFS allows external I/O but limited bandwidth

Offload Models



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Programming Models and Mindsets

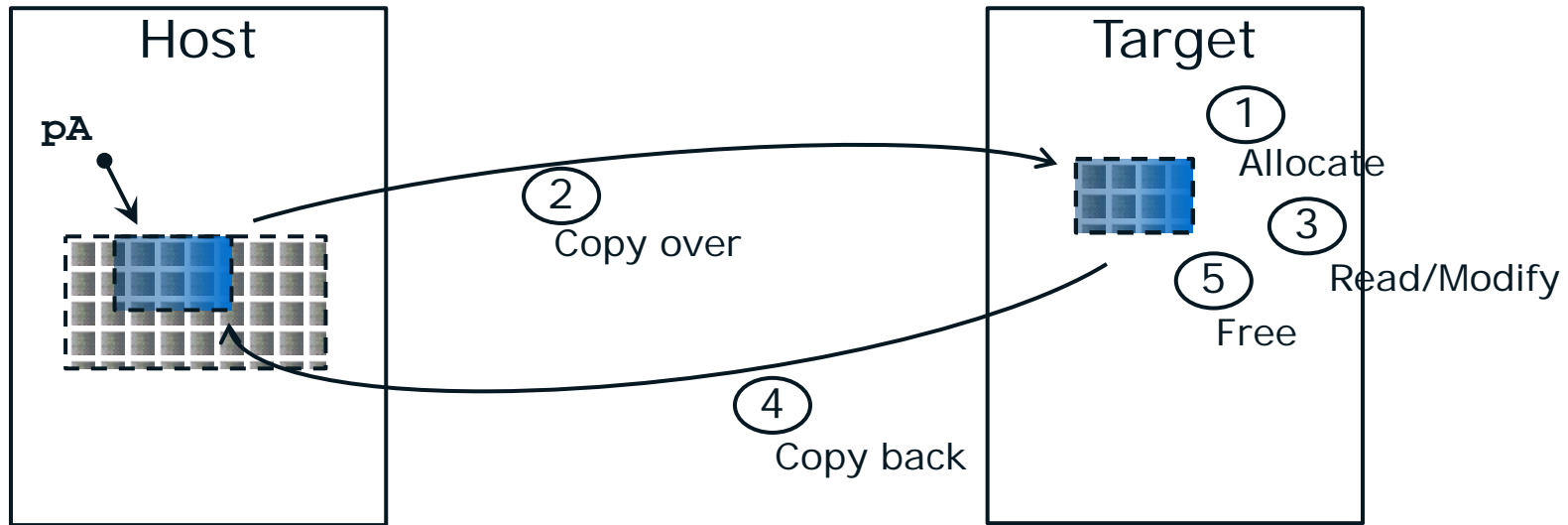


Range of models to meet application needs

Offload Models

- Intel® Xeon Phi™ supports two offload models:
 - **Explicit:**
Data transfers from host to/from coprocessor are initiated by programmer
 - **Implicit:**
Data is (virtually) shared (VSHM) between host and coprocessor
- Also called LEO (Language Extensions for Offload)

Explicit Offload Model



- The programmer explicitly control data and function movement between the host and target(s)
 - Data is copied (not shared)
 - Must be bitwise copy-able (pointers NOT relocated)
- Supported for Fortran, C/C++

Explicit Offload Model - Use

Explicit offloading requires user to manage data persistence:

- Data/Functions marked as...

C/C++:

- `#pragma offload_attribute(push, target(mic))`
...
`#pragma offload_attribute(pop)`
- `__attribute__((target(mic)))`

Fortran:

- `!DIR$ OPTIONS /OFFLOAD_ATTRIBUTE_TARGET=mic`
- `!DIR$ ATTRIBUTES OFFLOAD:mic :: <subroutine>`

Will exist on both the host and target systems and copied between host and target when referenced.

- Named targets

- `target(mic)`: runtime picks the card
- `target(mic:n)`: explicitly name the logical card number **n**

Explicit Offload Model - Use

Pure data transfer:

- `#pragma offload_transfer target(mic0)`
- `!DIR$ offload_transfer target(mic0)`
- Asynchronous transfers:
Clauses `signal(<id>)` & `wait(<id>)`

Offloading code:

- `#pragma offload target(mic0) <code_scope>`
- `!DIR$ offload target(mic0) <code_scope>`

Explicit Offload Model – Memory

- Use **in/out/inout/nocopy** clauses to specify data transfer and direction
- Use **alloc_if([0|1])** and **free_if([0|1])** to conditionally manage memory allocation on the target
- With **into(...)** clause you can specify data to be moved to other variables/memory.

What can persist?

Type of variable	Support
Static or global	Yes
Heap	Yes
Scalar on stack	Yes
Array on stack	Not yet

Explicit Offload Model – Example

Allocate persisted data on heap:

Create structure to track persistent data, pass it as a parameter between functions

```
struct pcache {  
    int *p1;  
};
```

Declaration of struct type with link to dynamic data

```
#define N 128  
int main(int argc, char **argv)  
{  
    struct pcache *share = start_job();  
    continue_job(share);  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

Two separate functions operate on same data

Explicit Offload Model – Example cont'd

Allocate & initialize
payload data

```
struct pcache *start_job()
```

```
{
```

```
    int *A = (int *)malloc(N * sizeof(int));
```

```
    for (i=0; i < N; ++i) A[i] = i;
```

Set up "cache"

```
    struct pcache *mycache =
```

```
        (struct pcache *)malloc(sizeof(pcache));
```

```
    mycache->p1 = A;
```

```
#pragma offload target(mic:0) in(A:length(N) free_if(0))
```

```
{
```

```
    for (i=0; i < N; ++i) {
```

```
        A[i] += A[i] + 1;
```

```
    }
```

```
}
```

```
return mycache;
```

```
}
```

Transfer payload data
and keep on target

Explicit Offload Model – Example cont'd

```
void continue_job(struct pcache *mine)
```

```
{
```

```
    int i;
```

```
    int *A = mine->p1;
```

Get the pointer to existing data from the "cache"

```
#pragma offload target(mic:0) \  
    in(A:length(0) alloc_if(0) free_if(0))
```

```
{
```

```
    for (i=0; i < N; ++i) {  
        A[i] += A[i] + 1;
```

(Re-)Use already allocated data

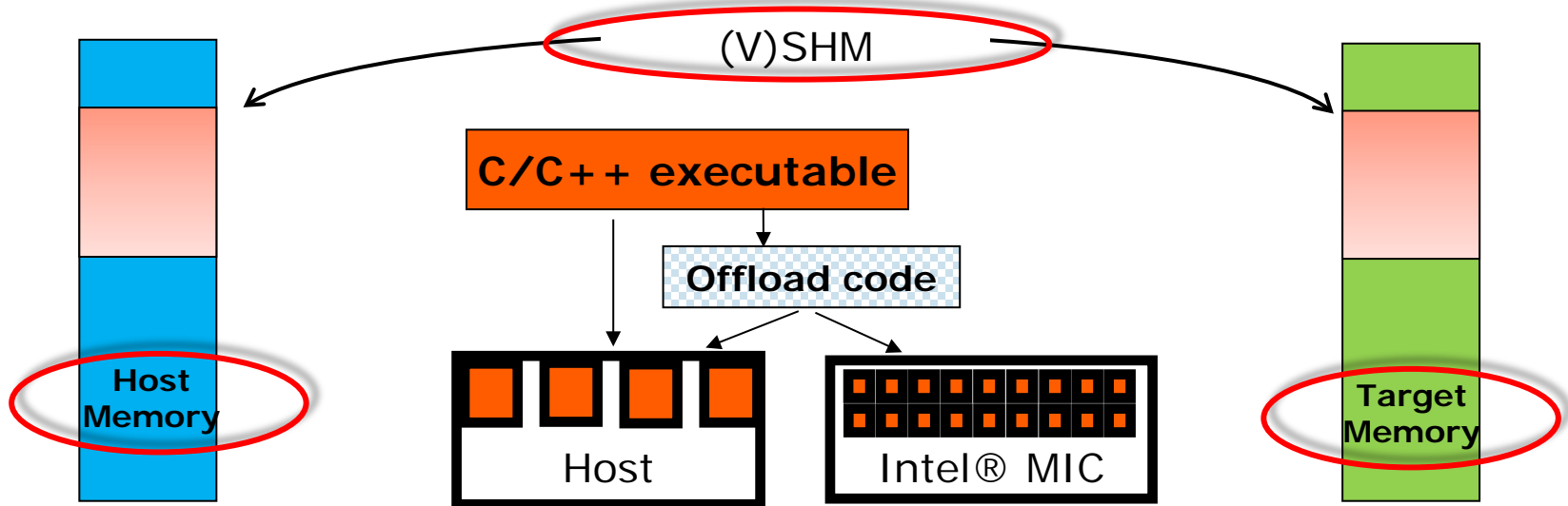
```
    }
```

```
}
```

```
}
```

- Only minimal changes required!
- The same code also runs on host:
 - Compile with **-no-offload** or
 - run on host without target

Implicit Offload Model



- Implicit Offloading: Virtual Shared Memory
- User code declares data objects to be shared:
 - Data allocated at same address on host and target
 - Modified data is copied at synchronization points
 - Allows sharing of complex data structures
 - No data marshaling necessary
- Supported only for C and C++
- Can't propagate exceptions between host & target

Implicit Offload Model - Example

```
#define N 20000.0
_Cilk_shared float FindArea(float r)
{
    float x, y, area;
    unsigned int seed = __cilkrts_get_worker_number();

    cilk::reducer_opadd<int> inside(0);
    cilk_for(int i = 0; i < N; i++) {
        x = (float)rand_r(&seed)/RAND_MAX;
        y = (float)rand_r(&seed)/RAND_MAX;
        x = 2.0 * x - 1.0;
        y = 2.0 * y - 1.0;
        if (x * x + y * y < r * r) inside++;
    }

    area = 4.0 * inside.get_value() / N;
    return area;
}
```

Explicitly shared function:
For both host & target

Intel® Cilk™ Plus
reducer & for-loop

Implicit Offload Model - Example cont'd

```
int main(int argc, char **argv)
{
    // Get r1 & r2 from user...

    Area1 = cilk_spawn _Cilk_offload FindArea(r1);

    Area2 = FindArea(r2);

    cilk_sync;

    float Donut = Area1 - Area2;
    float PI = 3.14159265;
    float AreaR = PI * (r2 * r2 - r1 * r1);
    float Accuracy = 100 * (1 - fabs(Donut - AreaR)/AreaR);
    printf("Area1=%lf, Area2=%lf\n", Area1, Area2);
    printf("Donut =%lf, Accuracy = %lf\n", Donut, Accuracy);
}
```

Offload to target (big area)

While target runs, compute other area on host (small area)

Wait for host & target to complete

Implicit Offload Model

Preferred if data to be transferred is complex:

It can use pointers, and any composition of structs and pointers!

- Allocation via `_Offload_shared_[aligned_]malloc(...)`
- De-allocation via `_Offload_shared_[aligned_]free(...)`

Target can be specified as well:

`_Cilk_offload_to(<target-number>)`

Same as for explicit offload model:

- Only minimal changes required!
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 - Compile with `-no-offload` or
 - run on host without target

What is needed?

Install Intel® Manycore Platform Software Stack package:

- Provides cross-compile environment
- Also contains Eclipse* IDE/Visual Studio* integration for debugging
- Use compilers from Intel® Composer XE 2013 and later

For offload models, pass options via **-offload-option**

Example:

```
$ icc test.c -O2 -offload-option,mic,compiler,"-O3 -vec-report3"
```

Native build also possible by option **-mmic**

More information reg. offload models:

<http://software.intel.com/en-us/articles/effective-use-of-the-intel-compilers-offload-features>

OpenMP 4.0 TARGET – Offload Execution Model

The code section to be executed on accelerators are marked by a **target** construct.

- A **target** region is executed by a single thread, called the initial device thread
- Parallelism on accelerator is specified by traditional and extended Openmp-parallel constructs
- The task that encounters the **target** construct waits at the end of the construct until execution of the region completes
- If a target device does not exist or is not supported by the implementation, the **target** region is executed by the host device
- A data environment is set up via **map** clause

```
#pragma omp target [clause[[, clause],...] new-line  
                  structured-block
```

Clauses:

```
device(scalar-integer-expression)                  // to select the device  
map(alloc|to|from|tofrom : list) if(scalar-expr) // data environment
```

OpenMP* Data Environment Examples

```
#pragma omp target map(to:b[0:count])) map(to:c,d) map(from:a[0:count])
{
#pragma omp parallel for
  for (i=0; i<count; i++) {
    a[i] = b[i] * c + d;
  }
}
```

```
#pragma omp target data device(0) map(alloc:tmp[0:N]) map(to:input[0:N]) map(from:result)
{
#pragma omp target device(0)
#pragma omp parallel for
  for (i=0; i<N; i++)
    tmp[i] = some_computation(input[i], i);

  do_some_other_stuff_on_host();

#pragma omp target device(0)
#pragma omp parallel for reduction(+:result)
  for (i=0; i<N; i++)
    result += final_computation(tmp[i], i)
}
```

Support for SIMD Parallelism

But there is more than the parallelism offered by the many cores:

For good performance, it's not sufficient to use all the cores, you need to use the 512 bit SIMD registers and (vector) instructions

Vector Processing Unit for Intel® IMCI - 512-bit Vector Execution Engine

- 16 lanes of 32-bit single precision and integer operations
- 8 lanes of 64-bit double precision and integer operations
- 32 512-bit general purpose vector registers in 4 threads
- 8 16-bit mask registers in 4 threads for predicated execution

Read/Write

- One vector length (512-bits) per cycle from/to Vector Registers
- One operand can be from the memory

IEEE 754 Standard Compliance

- 4 rounding Model, even, 0, $+\infty$, $-\infty$
- Hardware support for SP/DP denormal handling

More about FP handling:

<http://software.intel.com/en-us/articles/differences-in-floating-point-arithmetic-between-intel-xeon-processors-and-the-intel-xeon>

Intel® MIC Vector Types

Intel® Many Integrated Core (Intel® MIC):

First
Generation



16x single precision
FP



8x double precision
FP



16x 32 bit integer

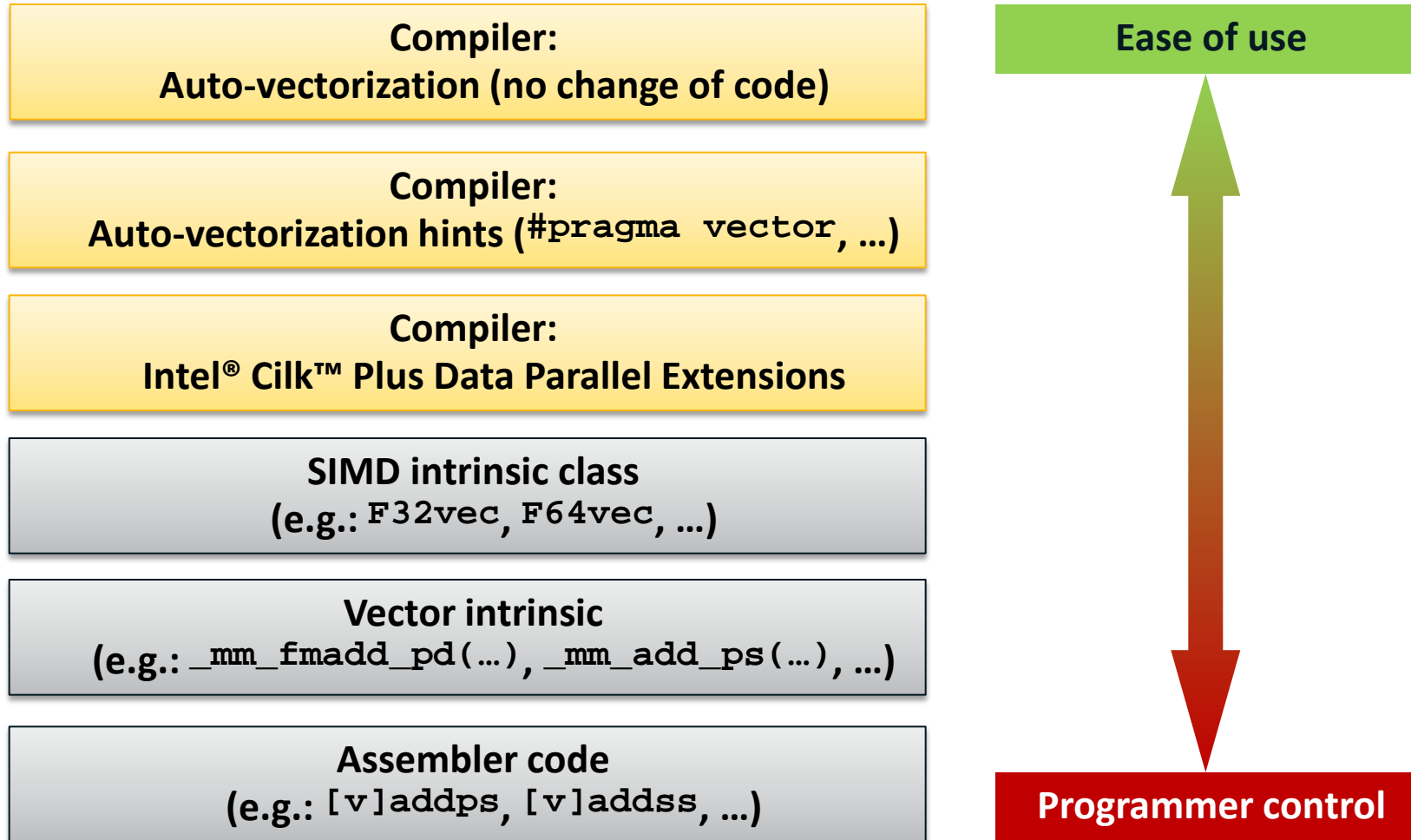
Note:

It just has begun – more to come, but only what's needed!

High level language *complex* type can also be used; compiler cares about details (halves the potential vector length)

Use 32 bit integers where possible
(*short* & *char* types will be converted implicitly, though)

Many Ways to Exploit SIMD Parallelism



Auto-vectorization

- The vectorizer for Intel® MIC architecture works just like for SSE or AVX on the host, for C, C++ and Fortran
 - Enabled at default optimization level (-O2)
 - Data alignment should be to 64 bytes, instead of 16 (see later)
 - More loops can be vectorized, because of masked vector instructions, gather/scatter instructions, fused multiply-add (FMA)
 - Try to avoid 64 bit integers (except as addresses)
- Vectorized loops may be recognized by:
 - Vectorization and optimization reports (simplest), e.g. `-vec-report2` or `-opt-report-phase hpo`
 - Unmasked vector instructions (there are no separate scalar instructions; masked vector instructions are used instead)
 - Gather & scatter instructions
 - Math library calls to `libsvml`

Intel® Cilk™ Plus

Task parallelism

Simple Keywords

Set of keywords, for expression of task parallelism:

```
cilk_spawn  
cilk_sync  
cilk_for
```

Reducers (Hyper-objects)

Reliable access to nonlocal variables without races

```
cilk::reducer_opadd<int> sum(3);
```

Data parallelism

Array Notation

Provide data parallelism for sections of arrays or whole arrays

```
mask[:] = a[:] < b[:] ? -1 : 1;
```

Elemental Functions

Define actions that can be applied to whole or parts of arrays or scalars

Execution parameters

Runtime system APIs, Environment variables, pragmas

Intel® Cilk™ Plus Array Notation

Simple example:

Serial version:

```
float dot_product(unsigned int size, float A[size], float B[size])
{
    int i;
    float dp = 0.0f;
    for (i=0; i<size; i++) {
        dp += A[i] * B[i];
    }
    return dp;
}
```

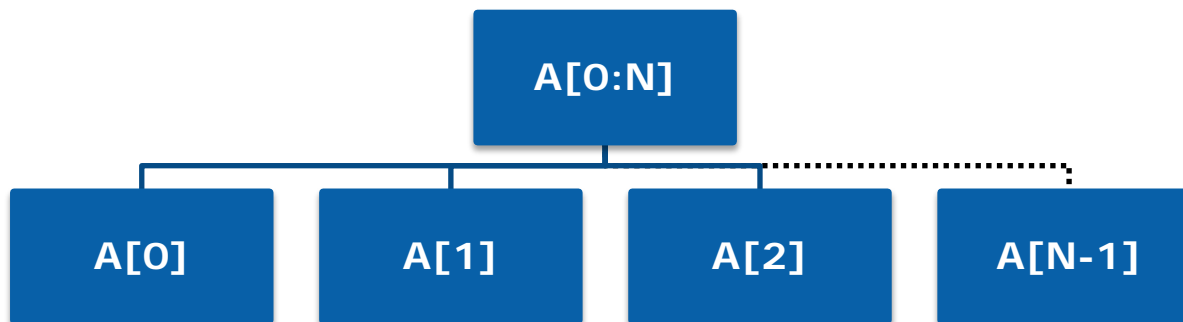
Array Notation version:

```
float dot_product(unsigned int size, float A[size], float B[size])
{
    return __sec_reduce_add(A[:] * B[:]);
    // A[:] can also be written as A[0:size]
}
```

Intel® Cilk™ Plus Array Notation Syntax

```
A[:]  
A[start_index : length]  
A[start_index : length : stride]
```

- Use a ":" in array subscripts to operate on multiple elements
- Array notation returns a subset of the referenced array
- "length" specifies number of elements of subset
- "stride": distance between elements for subset
- "length" and "stride" are optional (all & stride 1 are default)



Explicit Data Parallelism Based on C/C++ Arrays

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Intel® Cilk™ Plus SIMD Enabled Functions

Serial Code

```
void saxpy(int n, float a, float *x, float *y)
{
    for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i) y[i] += a * x[i];
}
```

User-defined Elemental Function

```
__declspec(vector(uniform(a)))
void saxpy(float a, float x, float &y)
{
    y += a * x;
}
```

```
saxpy(2.0, x[0:n], y[0:n]);
```

Compiler generates:

```
void saxpy_v(float a, float x[VL], float y[VL])
{
    y[:] += a * x[:];
}
```

Compiler generates:

```
parallel for(i = 0; i < n; i += VL)
{
    saxpy_v(2.0, &x[VL], &y[VL]);
}
```

Intel® Cilk™ Plus SIMD Enabled Functions - Clauses

__attributes__((vector)) (Intel)

#pragma omp declare simd (OpenMP* 4.0)

Available clauses (both OpenMP and Intel versions)

LINEAR	(additional induction variables)
UNIFORM	(arguments that are loop constants)
REDUCTION	
PROCESSOR	(Intel)
VECTORLENGTH	(Intel)
MASK / NOMASK	(Intel)
INBRANCH / NOTINBRANCH	(OpenMP 4.0)
SIMDLEN	(OpenMP 4.0)
ALIGNED	(OpenMP 4.0)

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Intel® Cilk™ Plus Pragma/Directive

C/C++: `#pragma simd [clause [,clause]...]`

Fortran: `!DIR$ SIMD [clause [,clause]...]`

Without any clause, the directive “enforces” vectorization of the loop, ignoring all dependencies (even if they are proved!)

Example:

```
void addfl(float *a, float *b, float *c, float *d, float *e, int n)
{
  #pragma simd
  for(int i = 0; i < n; i++)
    a[i] = a[i] + b[i] + c[i] + d[i] + e[i];
}
```

Without SIMD directive, vectorization likely fails since there are too many pointer references to do a run-time check for overlapping (compiler heuristic). The compiler won't create multiple versions here. Using the directive asserts the compiler that none of the pointers are overlapping.

Intel® Cilk™ Plus Pragma/Directive - Clauses

The programmer (i.e. you!) is responsible for correctness
Just like for race conditions in OpenMP* loops

Available clauses	(both OpenMP and Intel versions)
PRIVATE	
LASTPRIVATE	--- like OpenMP
REDUCTION	
COLLAPSE	(OpenMP 4.0 only; for nested loops)
LINEAR	(additional induction variables)
SAFELEN	(OpenMP 4.0 only)
VECTORLENGTH	(Intel only)
ALIGNED	(OpenMP 4.0 only)
ASSERT	(Intel only; default for OpenMP 4.0)

OpenMP* on the Coprocessor

- The basics work just like on the host CPU
 - For both native and offload models
 - Need to specify **-openmp**
- There are 4 hardware thread contexts per core
 - Need at least 2 x ncore threads for good performance
 - For all except the most memory-bound workloads
 - Often, 3x or 4x (number of available cores) is best
 - Very different from hyperthreading on the host!
 - **-opt-threads-per-core=n** advises compiler how many threads to optimize for
 - If you don't saturate all available threads, be sure to set **\$KMP_AFFINITY** to control thread distribution

OpenMP* defaults

- **\$OMP_NUM_THREADS** defaults to
 - 1 x ncore for host (or 2x if hyperthreading enabled)
 - 4 x ncore for native coprocessor applications
 - 4 x (ncore-1) for offload applications
 - one core is reserved for offload daemons and OS
- Defaults may be changed via environment variables or via API calls on either the host or the coprocessor

Thread Affinity Interface

Allows OpenMP threads to be bound to physical or logical cores

- export environment variable `KMP_AFFINITY=`
 - `compact` assign threads to consecutive h/w contexts on same physical core (eg to benefit from shared cache)
 - `scatter` assign consecutive threads to different physical cores (eg to maximize access to memory)
 - `balanced` blend of compact & scatter (currently only available for Intel[®] MIC Architecture)
- Helps optimize access to memory or cache
- Particularly important if all available h/w threads not used
 - else some physical cores may be idle while others run multiple threads
- See compiler documentation for (much) more detail

Example – share work between coprocessor and host using OpenMP*

```
omp_set_nested(1);
#pragma omp parallel private(ip)
{
#pragma omp sections
{
#pragma omp section
/*      use pointer to copy back only part of potential array,
to avoid overwriting host */
#pragma offload target(mic) in(xp) in(yp) in(zp) out(ppot:length(np1))
#pragma omp parallel for private(ip)
    for (i=0;i<np1;i++) {
        ppot[i] = threed_int(x0,xn,y0,yn,z0,zn,nx,ny,nz,xp[i],yp[i],zp[i]);
    }
#pragma omp section
#pragma omp parallel for private(ip)
    for (i=0;i<np2;i++) {
        pot[i+np1] =
        threed_int(x0,xn,y0,yn,z0,zn,nx,ny,nz,xp[i+np1],yp[i+np1],zp[i+np1]);
    }
}
}
```

Top level, runs on host
Runs on coprocessor
Runs on host

Resources

<http://software.intel.com/mic-developer>

- Developer's Quick Start Guide
- Programming Overview
- User Forum at

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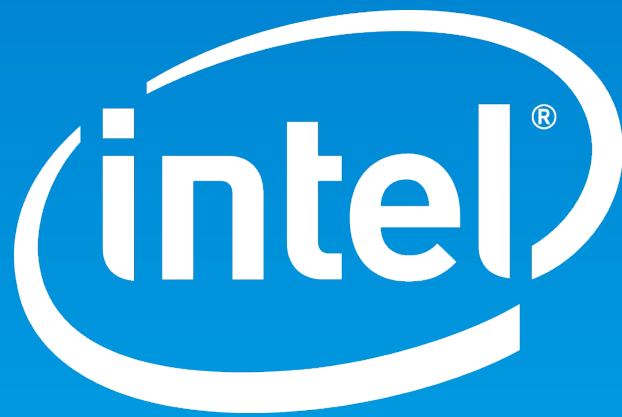
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