

# A High Performance Route-Planning Technique for Dense Urban Simulations

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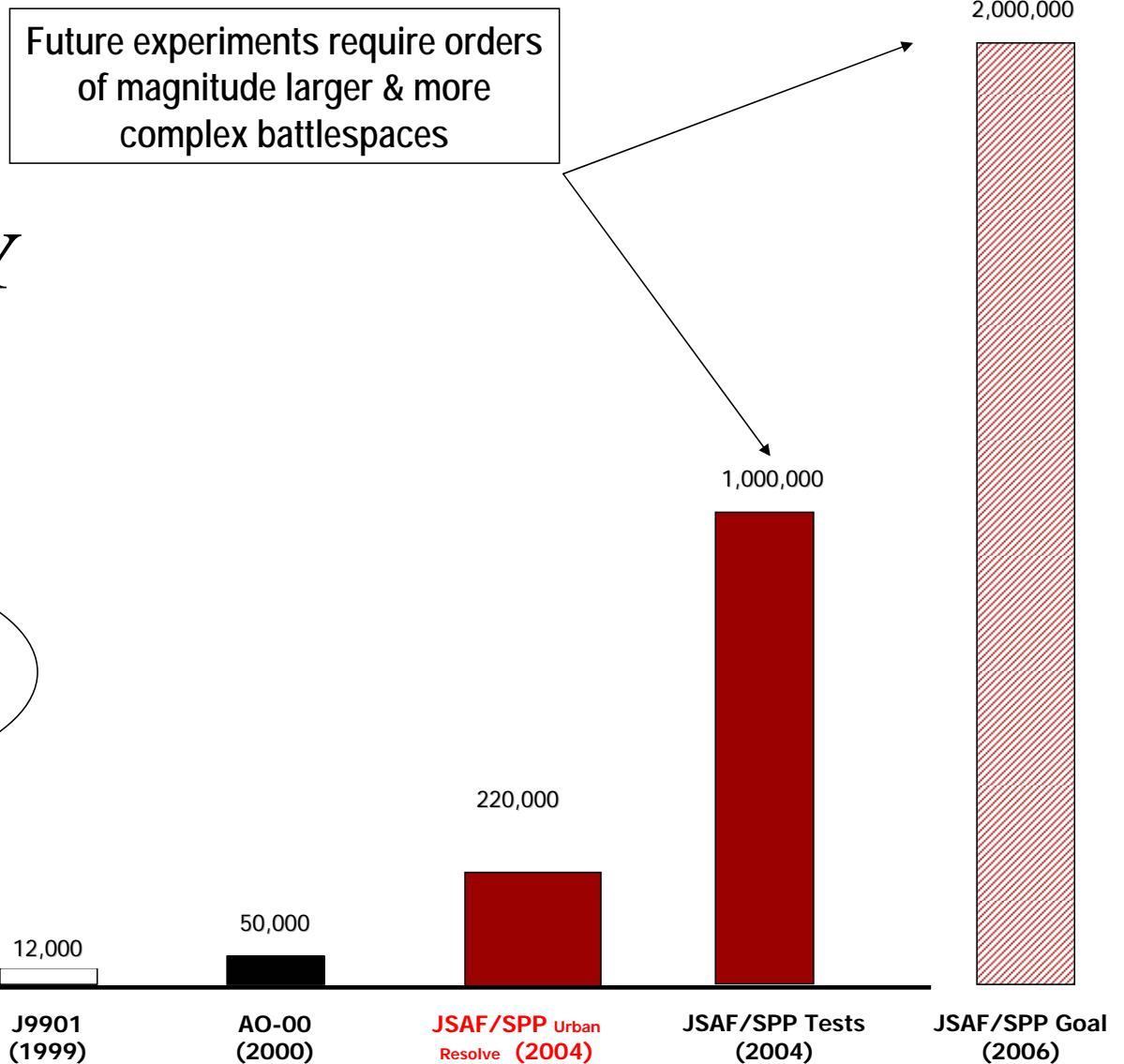
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# Agenda

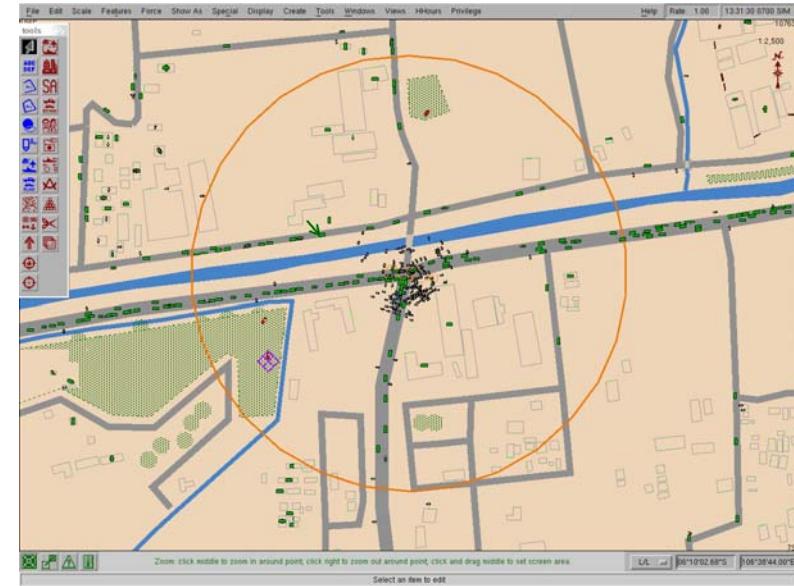
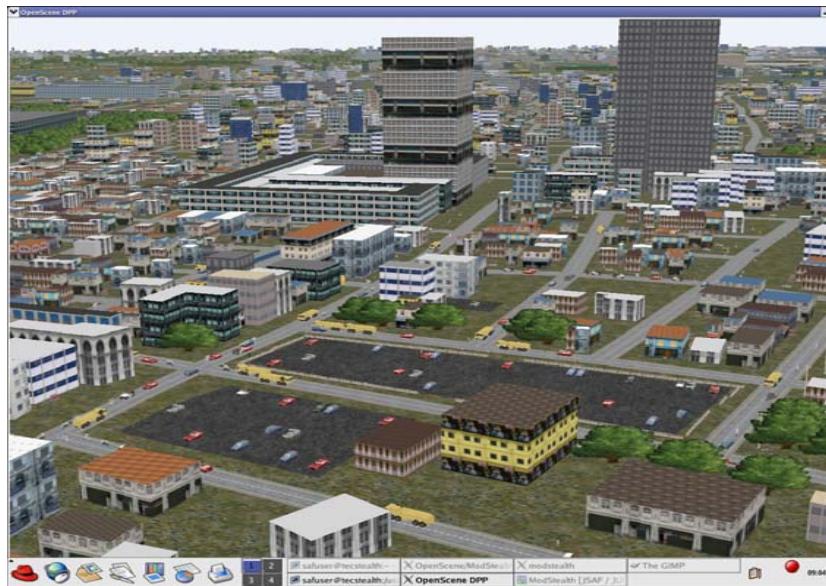
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# Problem Description

Must SCALE and provide FIDELITY

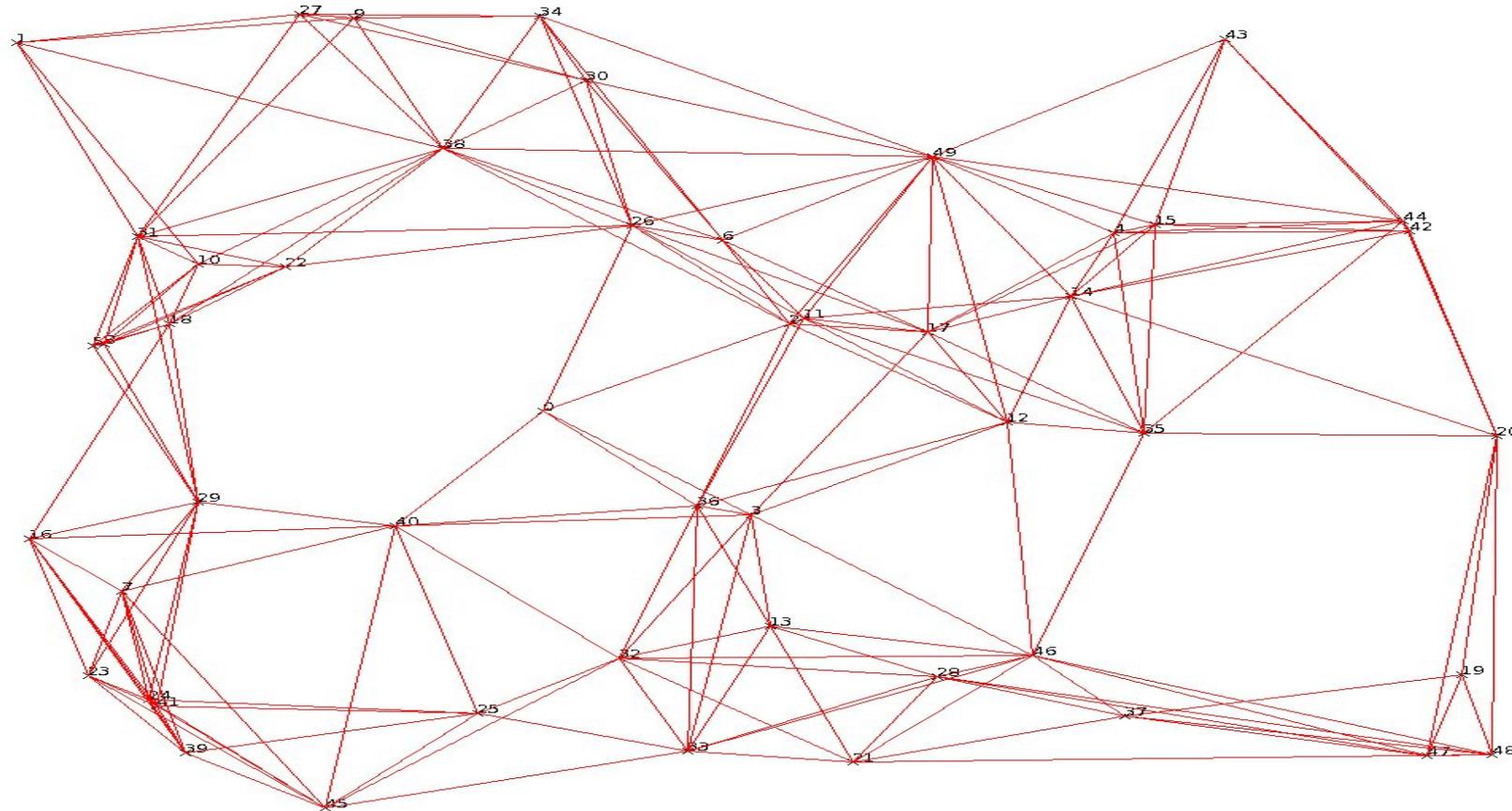


# Problem Description



- \* Complex urban setting
- \* Dense road networks
- \* Entity count increasing = high fidelity

# Map Problem to Graph Theory



\* Network of roads = nodes and edges

# Graph Problem Classification

Algorithm Models	Properties			
	Implementation Model	Connectivity Graph	Storage Size	O(Time Complexity)
A*	Serial	Priority Queue	$N^2$	$N \log N$
MM	Serial & Parallel	Adjacency Matrix	$N^2$	$N^3 \log N$
FW	Serial & Parallel	Adjacency Matrix	$N^2$	$N^3$
SSSP	Parallel	Adjacency List	$N^2$	$N \log N$
ASSP	Parallel	Adjacency List	$N^2 * M$	$N^2 \log N$

# GPU: Candidate for Computation Challenges

GPU performance can be 100X host performance. This differential is expected to grow.

Line of Sight (LOS) and Route Finding algorithms identified by Dinesh Manocha (UNC) and others

ISI performed experiments to quantify CPU intensive algorithms in JSAT as candidates for conversion to GPU

Measured performance of Line Of Sight (LOS) and Route Finding algorithms

Candidate algorithms use large amount of time in small amount of code to enable conversion

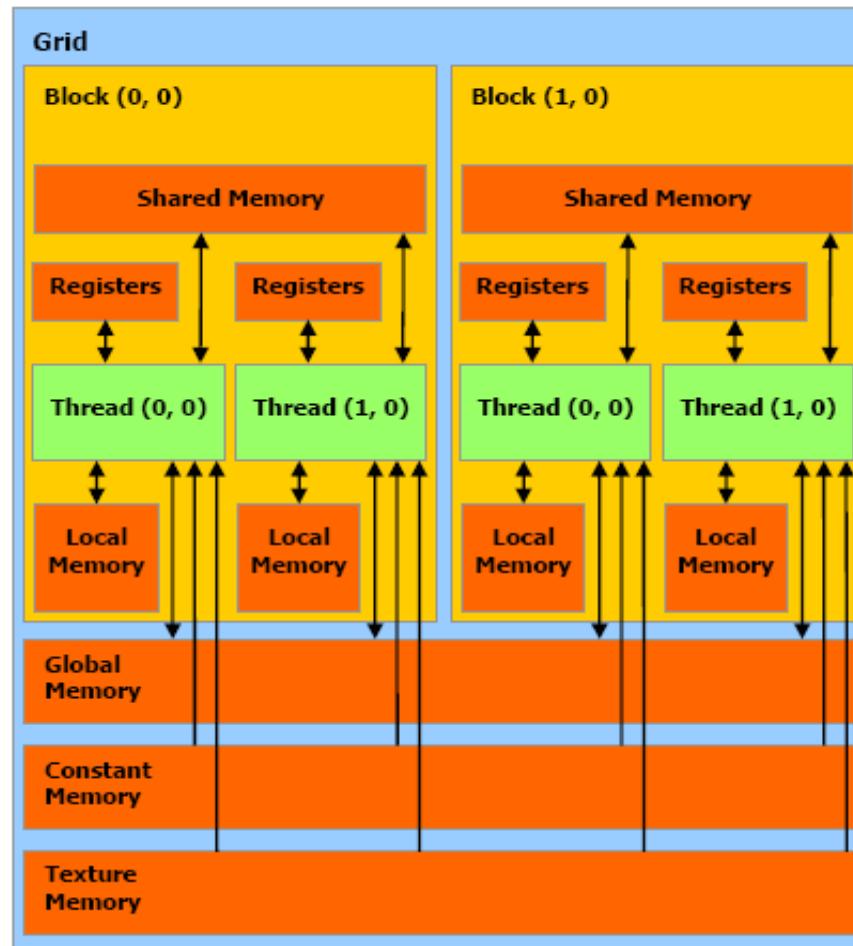
# NVIDIA GPU

- \* Similar to CELL processor and other GPU's
- \* Hundreds of GIGAFLOPS single precision performance.  
Up to 100X speedup over host
- \* Performance differential expected to continue to grow
- \* Efficient libraries for linear algebra, FFT
- \* Supports CUDA

# CUDA

- \* High level language supported by NVIDIA for current and future architectures
- \* No need to hand code low level language and rewrite every few years
- \* C language with GPU specific extensions
- \* Don't use OpenGL

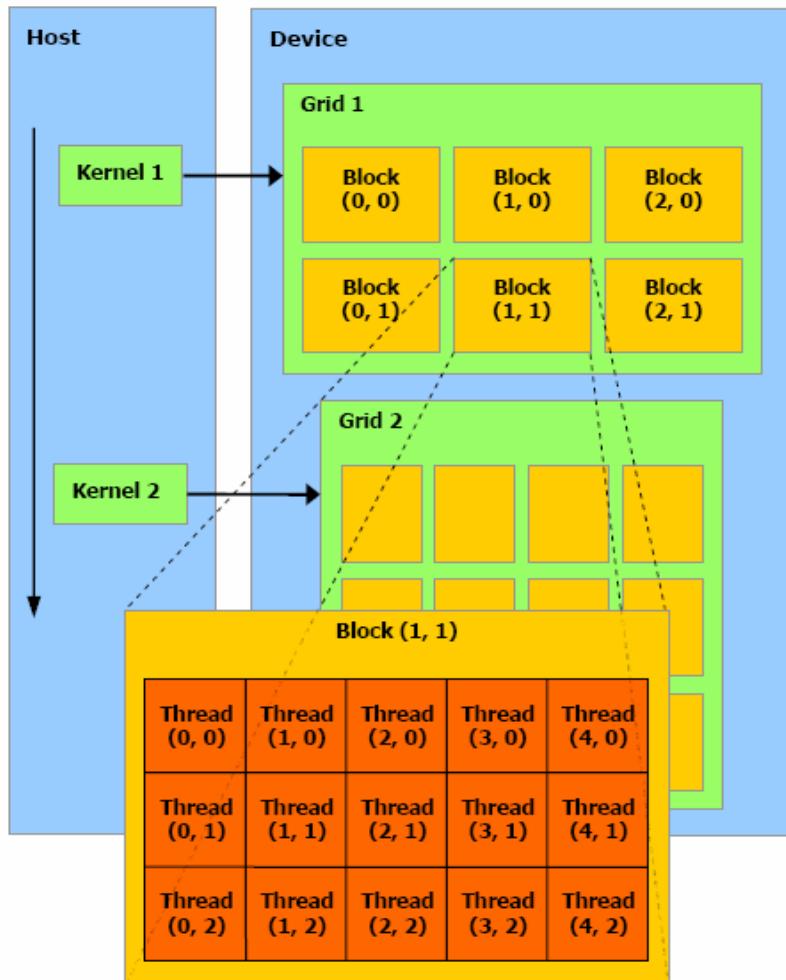
# Hardware Model



A thread has access to the device's DRAM and on-chip memory through a set of memory spaces of various scopes.

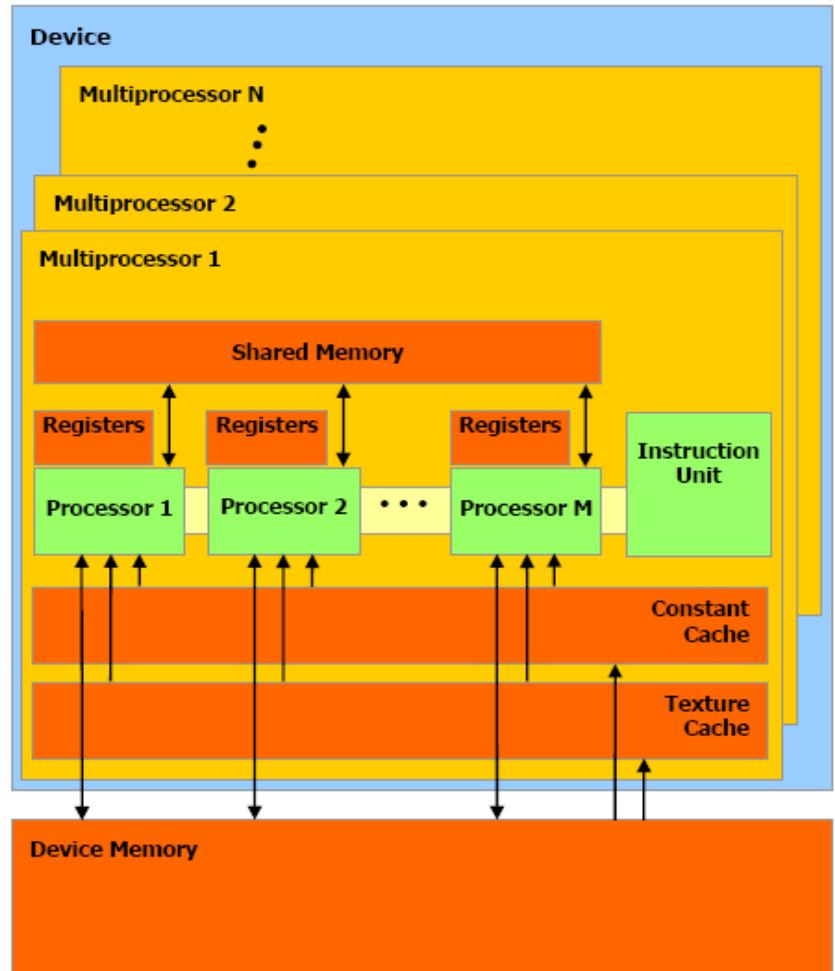
Figure 2-2. Memory Model

# Software-Hardware Mapping



The host issues a succession of kernel invocations to the device. Each kernel is executed as a batch of threads organized as a grid of thread blocks

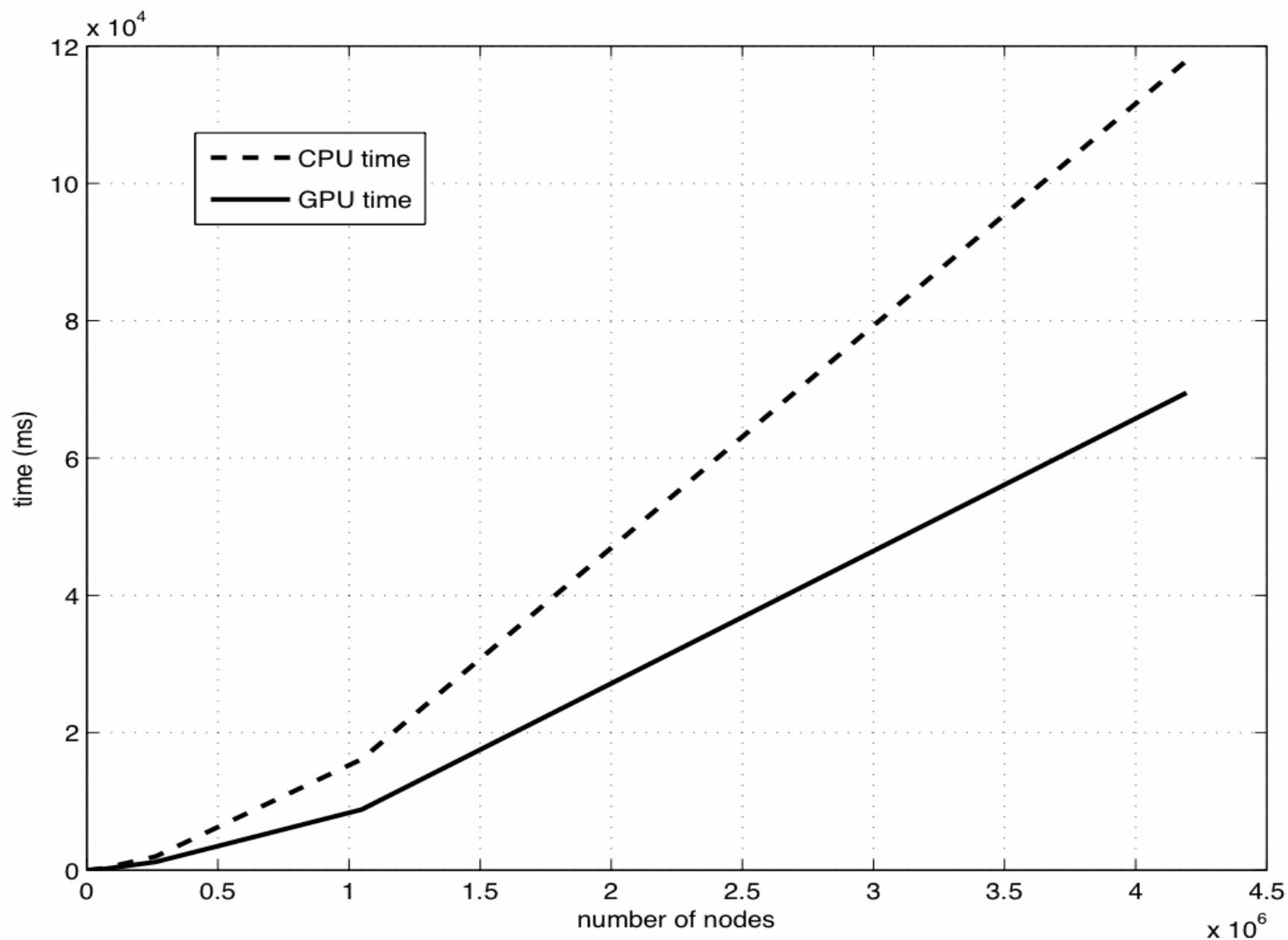
Figure 2-1. Thread Batching



A set of SIMD multiprocessors with on-chip shared memory.

Figure 3-1. Hardware Model

# GPU vs. Non-GPU timing



# Lessons Learned

	<b>Practical</b>	<b>Performance</b>
All-to-All (MM)	GPU – Not practical N is capped at 20k	GPU – $O(N^3)/C$ $C = 128$
	CPU – Not practical N is capped at 20k	CPU – $(N^3)/C$ $C = 4$
One-to-All (SSSP)	GPU – Practical N is 1 Million	$N \log(N)/C$ $C = 128$
	CPU – Practical N is 1 Million	$N \log(N)/C$ $C = 4$
All-to-All (ASSP)	GPU = yes practical $N = 1M * \# GPU$	GPU - $N^2 \log(N)/C$ $C = \text{number core} * 128$
	CPU = yes not efficient however	CPU – $N^2 \log(N)/C$ $C = \text{number core}$

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