

HPCC STREAM and RA in Chapel Performance and Potential

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What is Chapel?

- A new parallel language
 - Under development at Cray Inc.
 - Supported through the DARPA HPCS program
- Goals
 - **Improve programmer productivity**
 - Improve the programmability of parallel computers
 - Match or improve performance of MPI/UPC/CAF
 - Provide better portability than MPI/UPC/CAF
 - Improve robustness of parallel codes
 - Support multi-core and multi-node systems

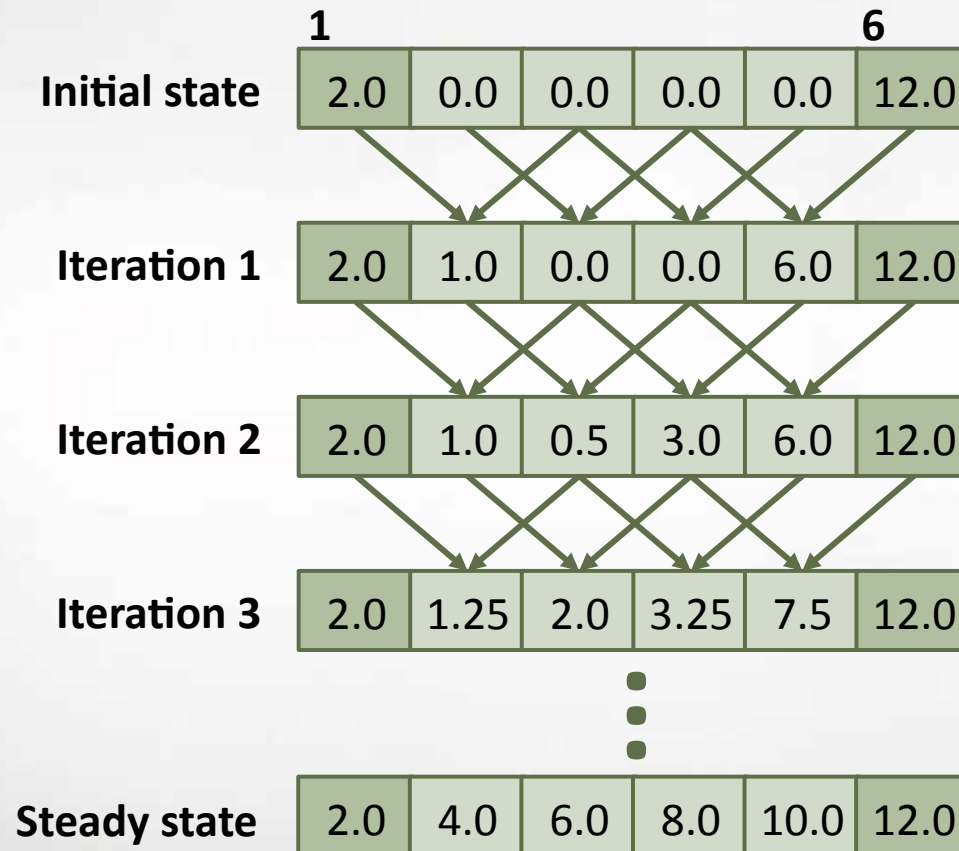
Outline

- What is Chapel?
- Chapel's Parallel Programming Model
- HPCC STREAM Triad in Chapel
- HPCC RA in Chapel
- Summary and Future Work

Fragmented vs. Global-View: Definitions

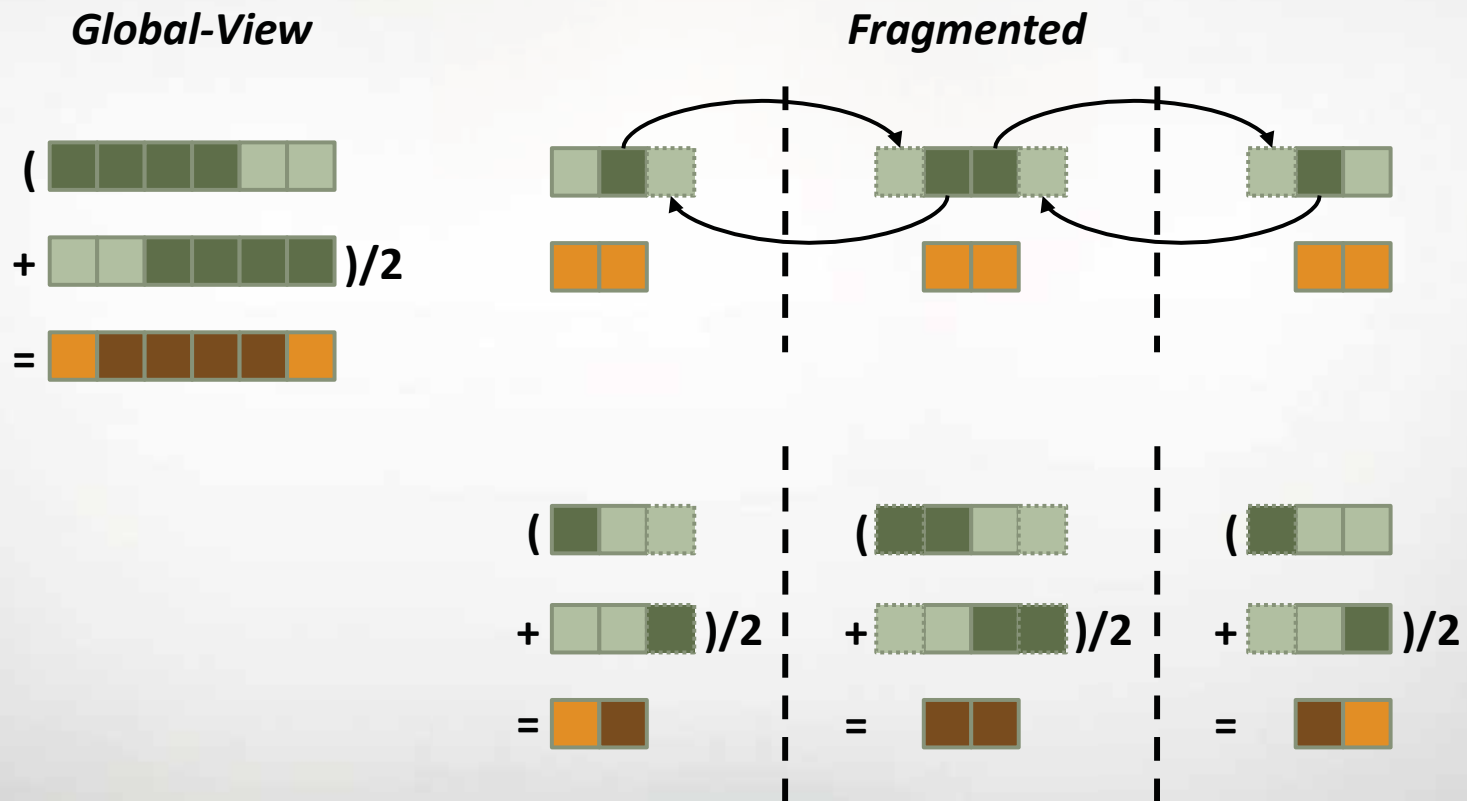
- Programming model
The mental model of a programmer
- Fragmented models
Programmers take point-of-view of a single processor/thread
- SPMD models (Single Program, Multiple Data)
Fragmented models with multiple copies of one program
- Global-view models
Programmers write code to describe computation as a whole

3-Point Stencil Example (n=6)



3-Point Stencil Example


Global-View vs. Fragmented Computation



3-Point Stencil Example: Code

Global-View vs. Fragmented Code

Global-View



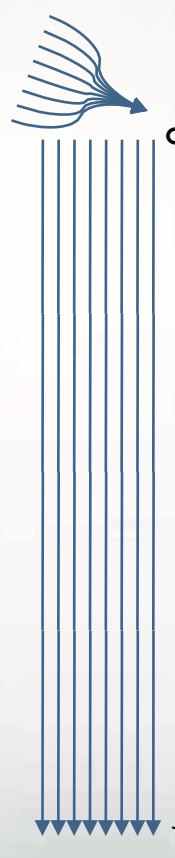
```

def main() {
  var n = 1000;
  var A, B: [1..n] real;

  forall i in 2..n-1 do
    B(i) = (A(i-1)+A(i+1))/2;
  }

```

Fragmented



Assumes p divides n

```

def main() {
  var n = 1000;
  var me = commID(), p = commProcs(),
      myN = n/p, myLo = 1, myHi = myN;
  var A, B: [0..myN+1] real;

  if me < p {
    send(me+1, A(myN));
    rcv(me+1, A(myN+1));
  } else myHi = myN-1;
  if me > 1 {
    send(me-1, A(1));
    rcv(me-1, A(0));
  } else myLo = 2;
  for i in myLo..myHi do
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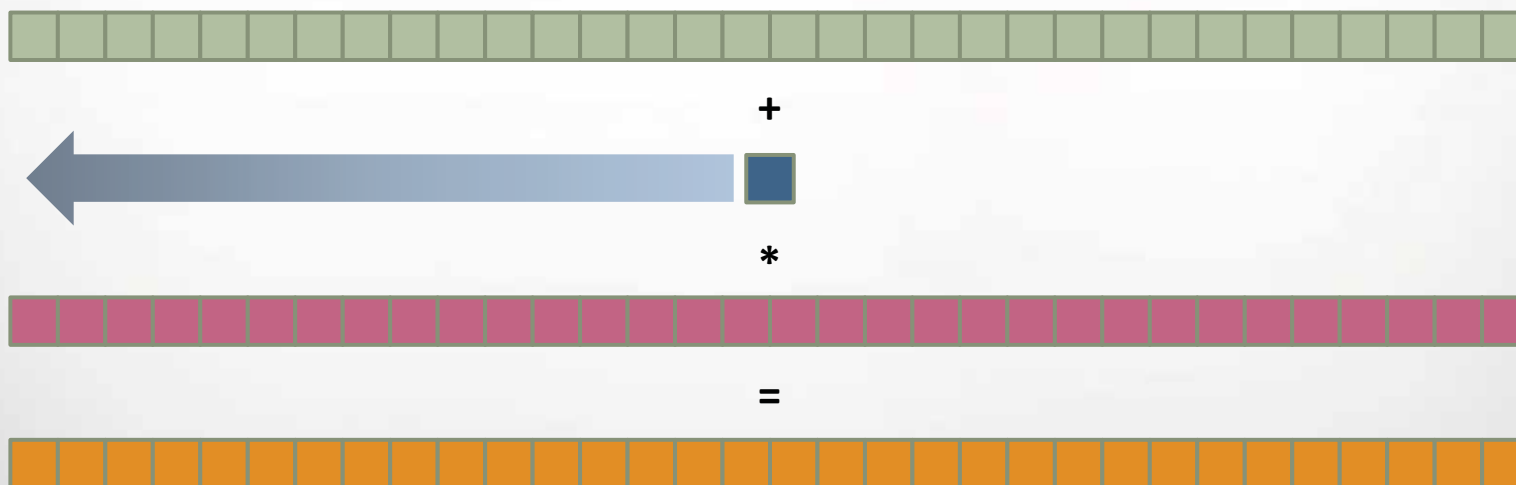

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Introduction to STREAM Triad

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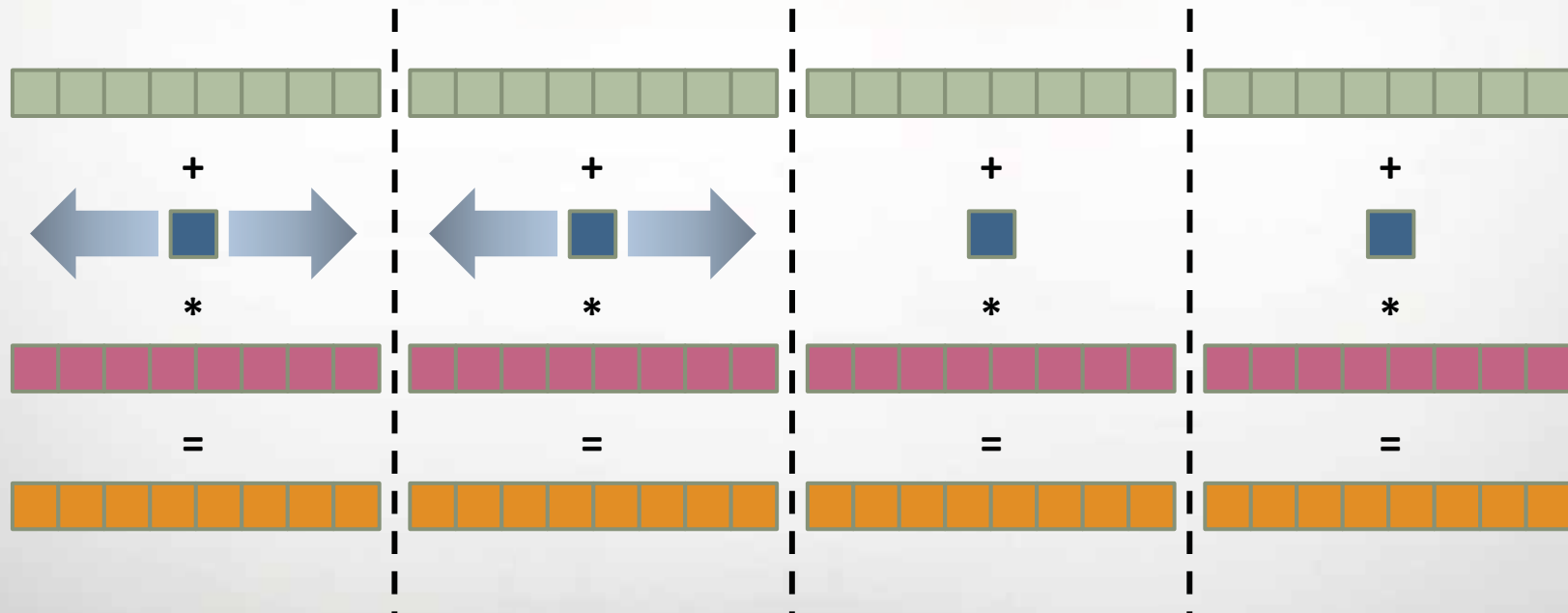
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Distributed Parallelization of STREAM Triad

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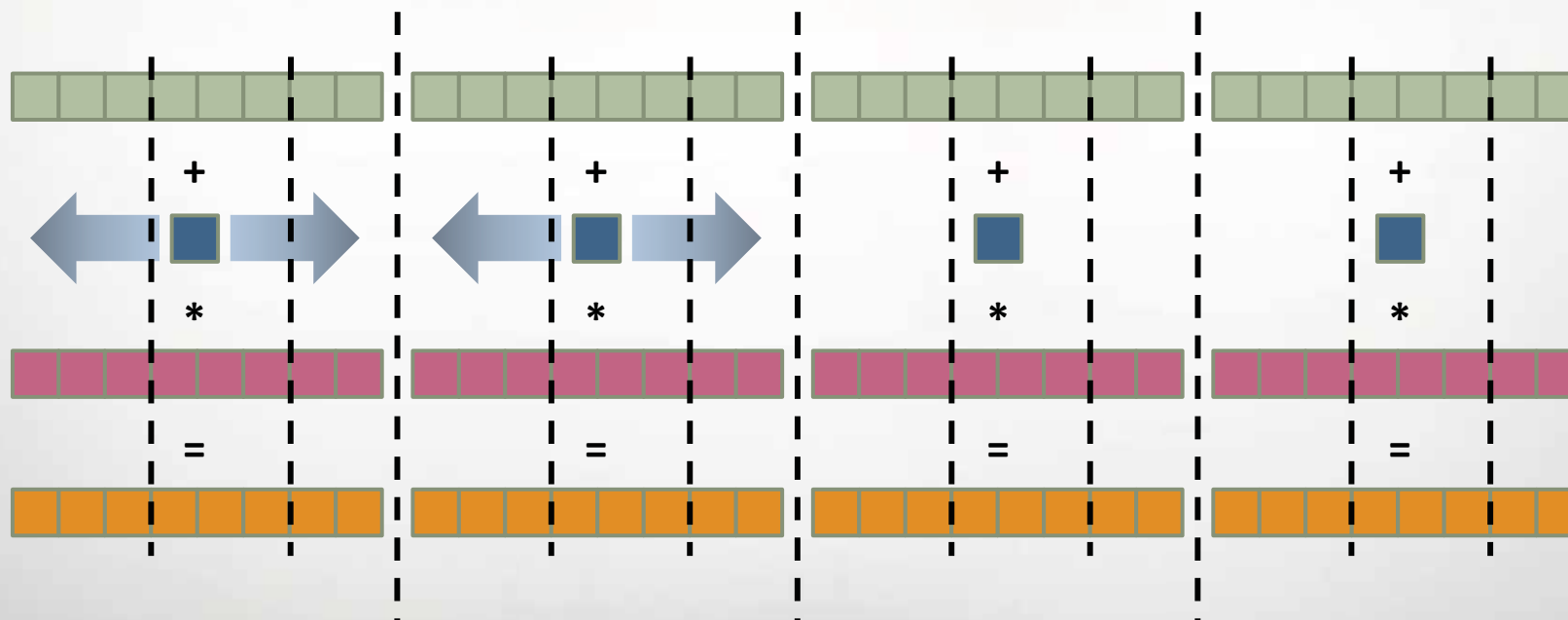
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Further Parallelization of STREAM Triad

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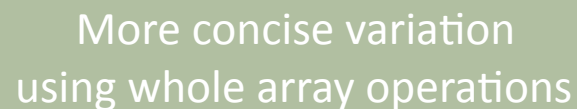
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`A = B + alpha * C;`



More concise variation
using whole array operations

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Variation that iterates
directly over the arrays

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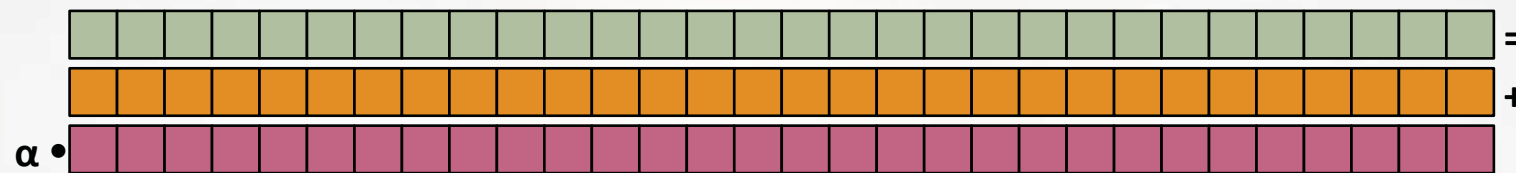
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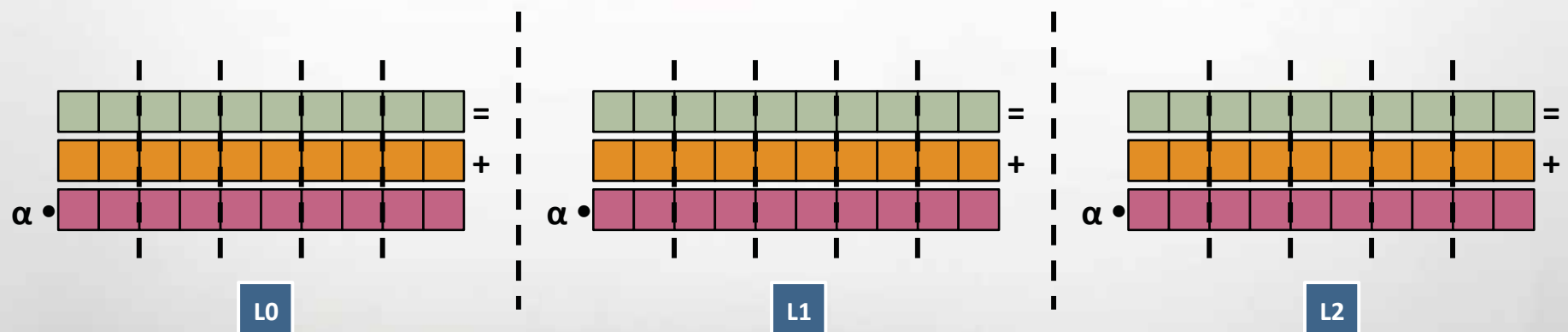

What is a Distribution?

A “recipe” for distributed arrays that...

Instructs the compiler how to Map the global view...



...to a fragmented, per-processor implementation



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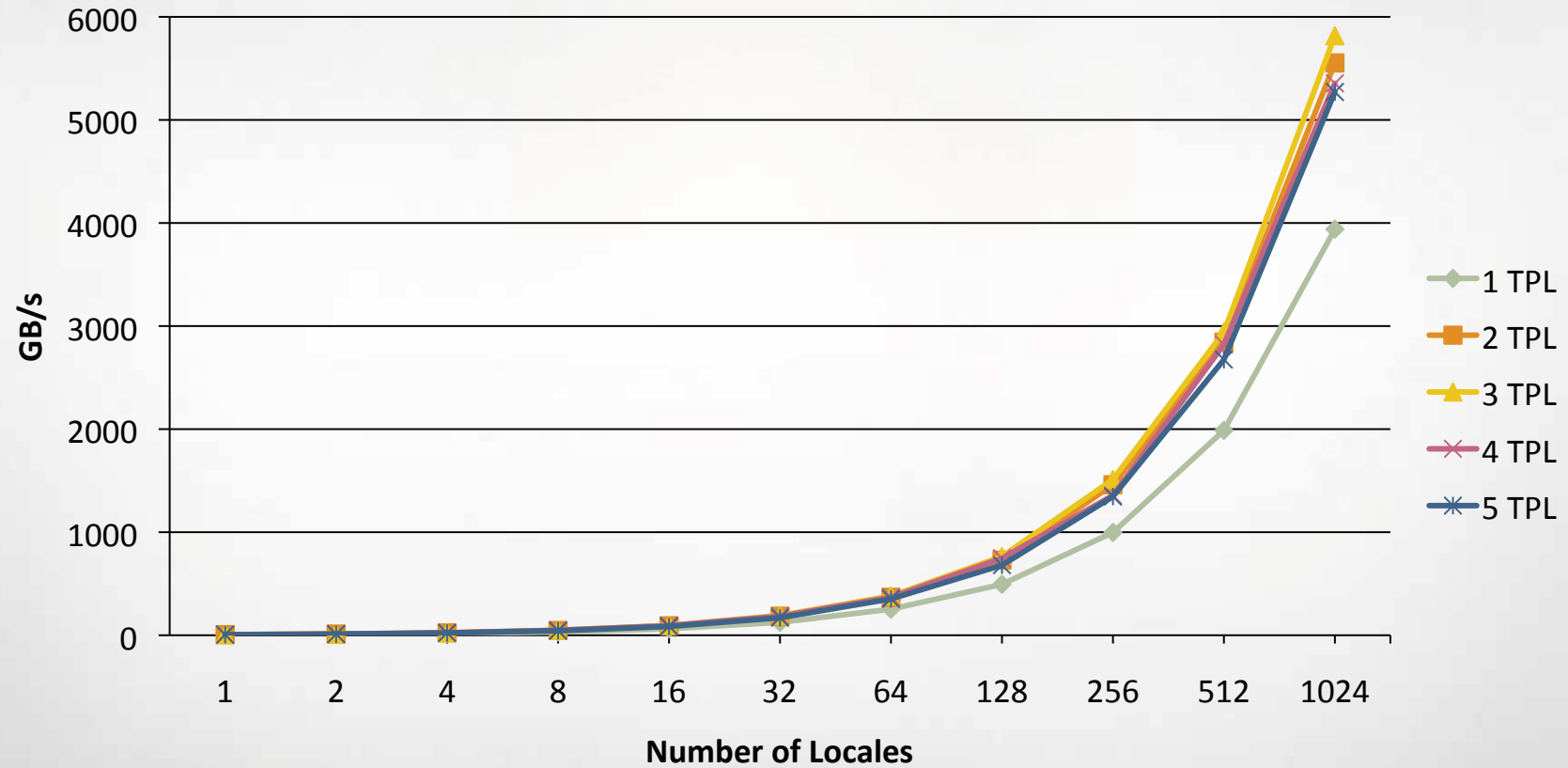
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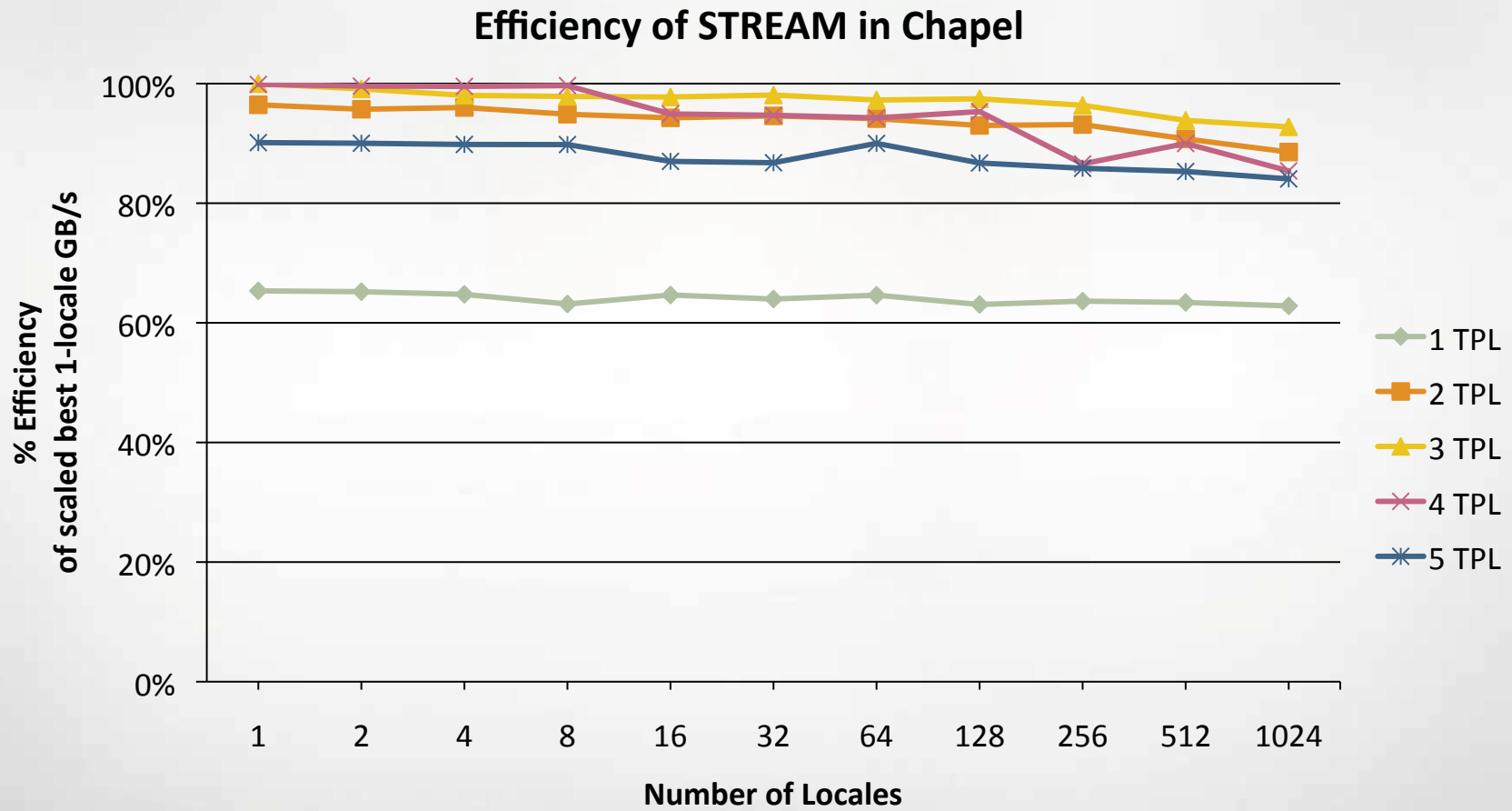
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HPCC STREAM Performance

Performance of STREAM in Chapel



HPCC STREAM Efficiency



Optimization: Privatization

Simple example

```

var Dist: Block(1,int(64));
var Dom: domain(1,int(64))
    distributed Dist;
var Arr: [Dom] int;

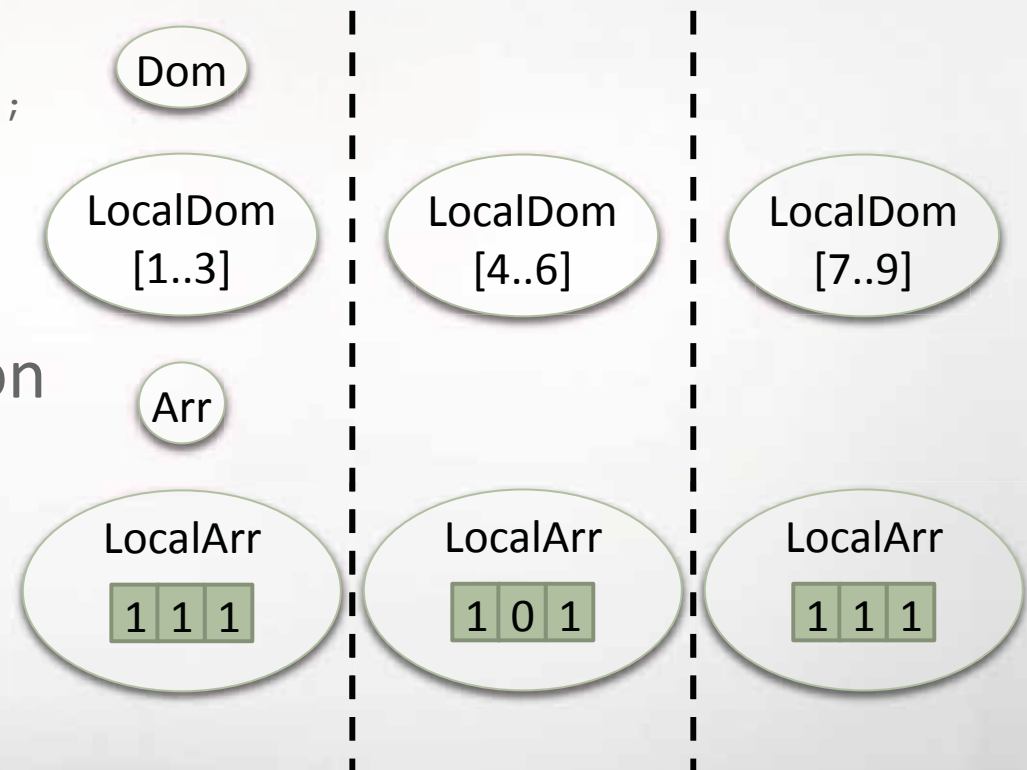
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Reference to local data
requires communication

```

on Locales(1) {
  Arr(5) = 0;
}

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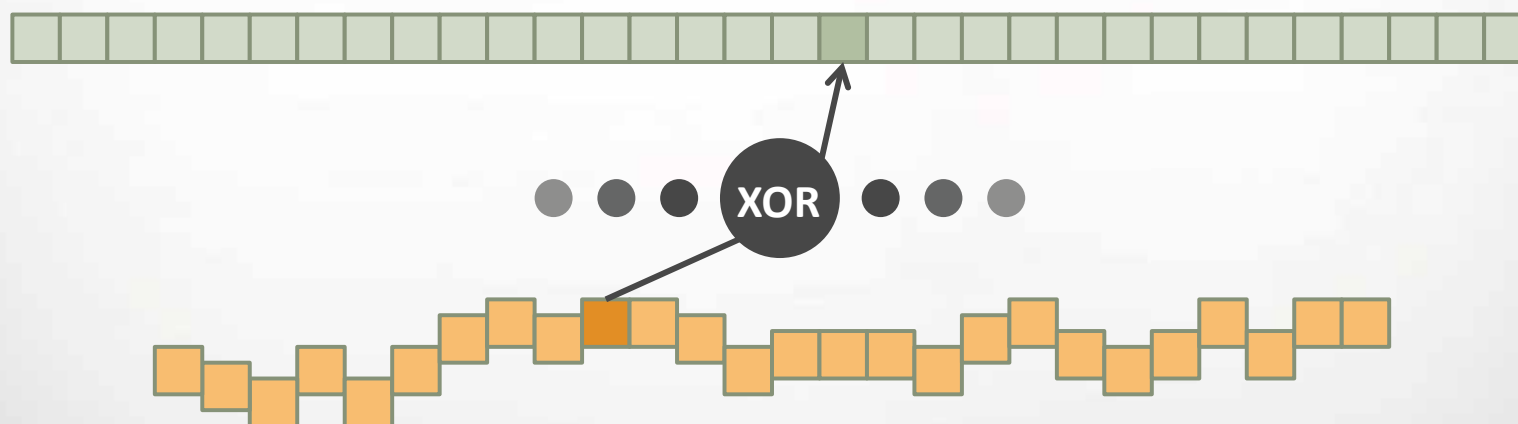
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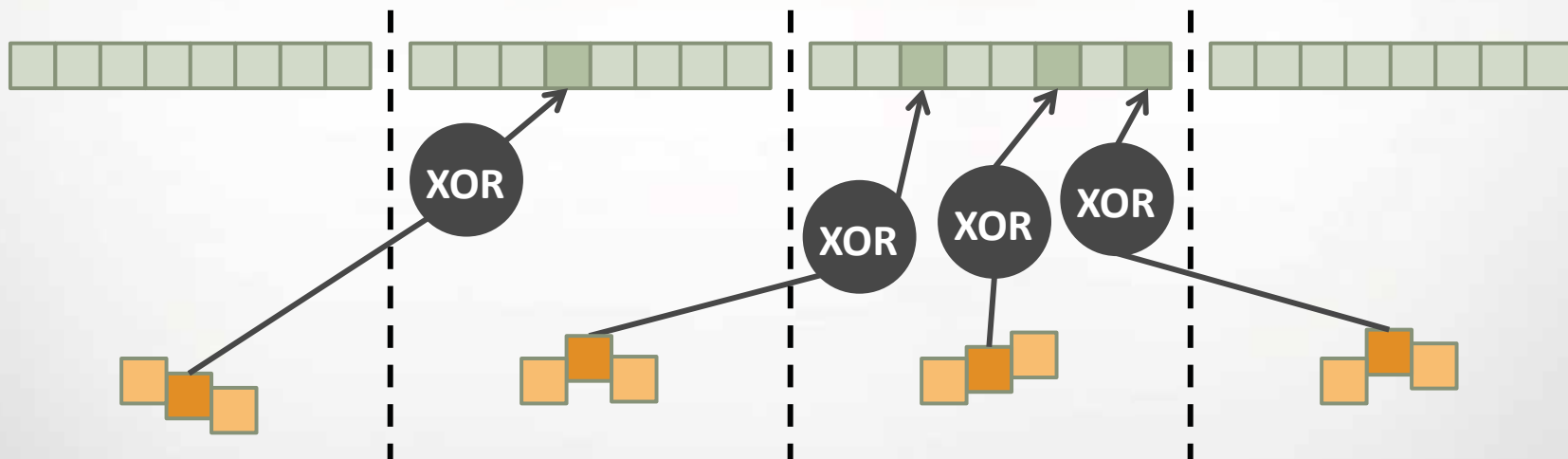
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Distributed Parallelization of RA

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RA in Chapel: Single Locale

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```
config const m = ..., N_U = ...;
```

```
const TableSpace: domain(1, uint(64)) = [0..m-1],
```

```
    Updates: domain(1, uint(64)) = [0..N_U-1];
```

```
var T: [TableSpace] uint(64);
```

```
forall (i,r) in (Updates, RASStream()) do
```

```
    T(r & (m-1)) ^= r;
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RA in Chapel: Multi-Locale

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const TableDist = new Block(1, uint(64), [0..m-1], tpl),
      UpdateDist = new Block(1, uint(64), [0..N_U-1], tpl),
      TableSpace: domain(1, uint(64))
                    distributed TableDist = [0..m-1],
      Updates: domain(1, uint(64))
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var T: [TableSpace] uint(64);

forall (i,r) in (Updates, RASStream()) do
  on T(r & (m-1)) do
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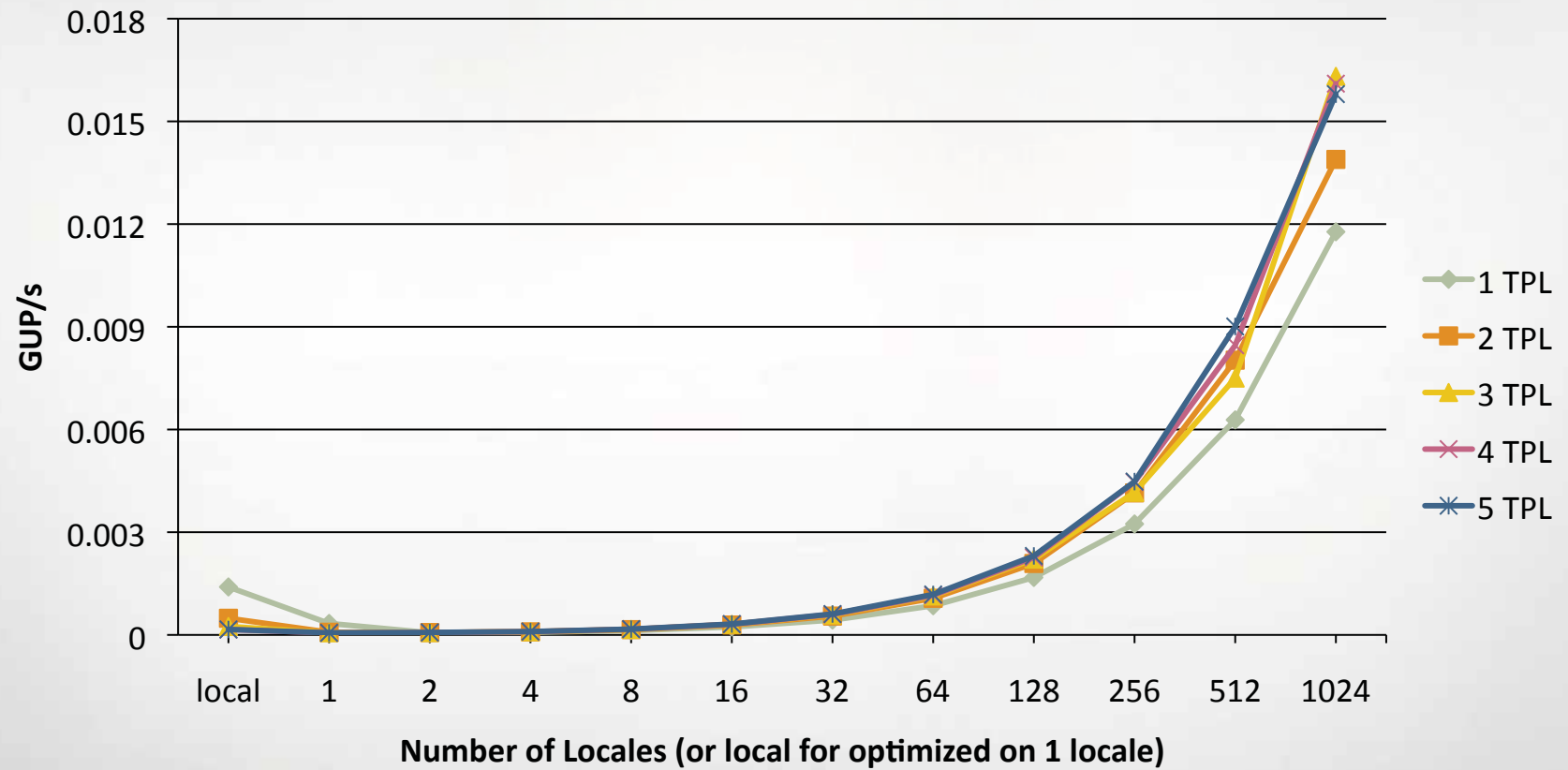
forall (i, r) in (Updates, RASStream()) do
    on T.domain.dist.ind2loc(r & (m-1)) do
        T(r & (m-1)) ^= r;

```

Call ind2loc method directly

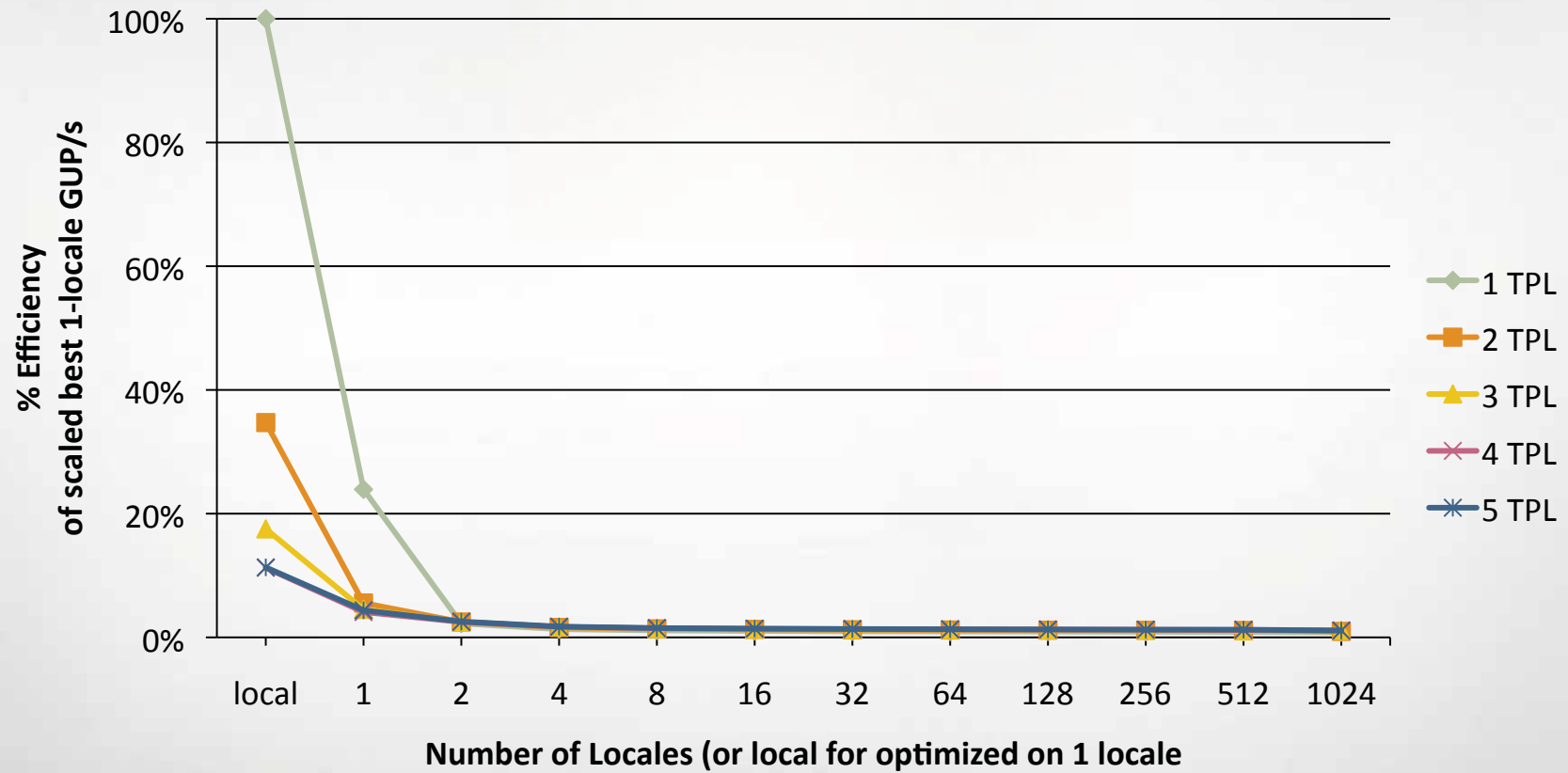
HPCC RA Performance

Performance of RA in Chapel



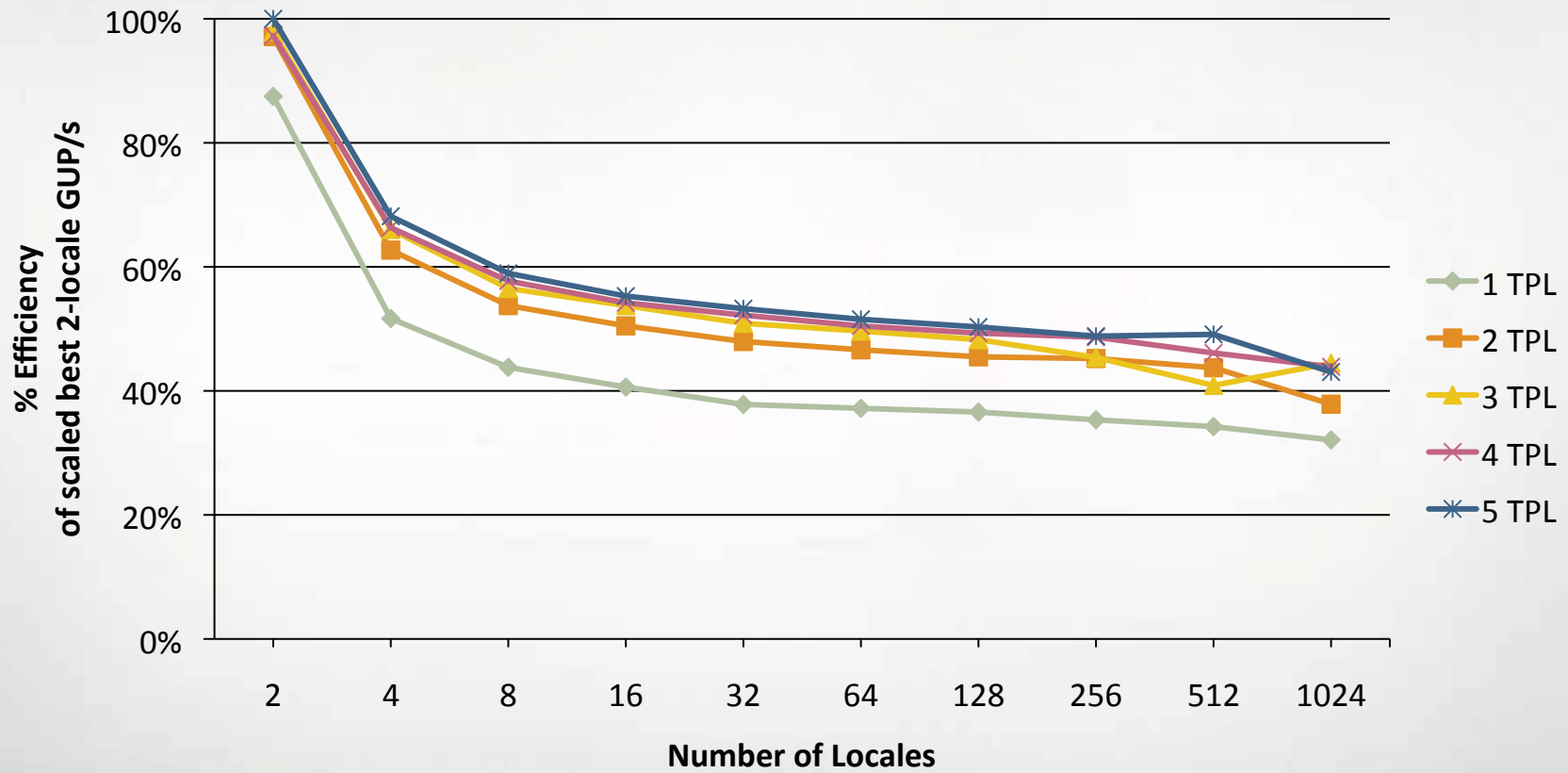
HPCC RA Efficiency I

Efficiency of RA in Chapel



HPCC RA Efficiency II

Efficiency of RA in Chapel



Optimization: Remote Value Forwarding

Simple example

```

var Arr: [Dom] int;
var r: int;
on Locales(1) {
  Arr(r) ^= r;
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Summary

The global-view programming model is easy to use.

- Shorter, more concise code
- Separation of concerns (partitioning)
- Easy to change data distributions

Distributions implement the global-view model.

- Flexible mechanism for experimentation
- Implementation of distributions is in Chapel

Future Work

- Optimizations
 - Within the compiler
 - Within the runtime
 - Within the distributions
- Complete implementation of Block distribution
- Implement new distributions
 - Cyclic, BlockCyclic, RecursiveBisection
- Experiment with variations of STREAM and RA

Questions?