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Extending the Alpaka performance portability library with CUDA Cooperative Groups for the CMS pixel reconstruction

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- Alpaka library is a header-only C+ +17 abstraction library for accelerator development.
- Alpaka supports both GPU (CUDA, HIP and SYCL) and CPU (OpenMP, std::threads and Intel TBB) accelerators, with ability to recompile your code from one to the other, changing just a few lines of code.
- Heavy templating under the hood for good runtime perfomance.

```
class VectorAddKernel
public:
    ALPAKA_NO_HOST_ACC_WARNING
    template<typename TAcc, typename TElem, typename TIdx>
    ALPAKA FN ACC auto operator()(
        TAcc const& acc.
        TElem const* const A,
        TELem const* const B.
        TELem* const C.
        TIdx const& numElements) const -> void
        static assert(
            alpaka::Dim<TAcc>::value == 1,
            "The VectorAddKernel expects 1-dimensional indices!");
        TIdx const gridThreadIdx(alpaka::getIdx<alpaka::Grid, alpaka::Threads>(acc)[0u]);
        TIdx const threadElemExtent(alpaka::getWorkDiv<alpaka::Thread, alpaka::Elems>(acc)[0u]):
        TIdx const threadFirstElemIdx(gridThreadIdx * threadElemExtent);
        if(threadFirstElemIdx < numElements)
            // Calculate the number of elements to compute in this thread.
            // The result is uniform for all but the last thread.
            TIdx const threadLastElemIdx(threadFirstElemIdx + threadElemExtent);
            TIdx const threadLastElemIdxClipped((numElements > threadLastElemIdx) ?
                threadLastElemIdx : numElements);
            for(TIdx i(threadFirstElemIdx); i < threadLastElemIdxClipped; ++i)</pre>
                C[i] = A[i] + B[i];
```

CUDA cooperative groups

- Traditionally CUDA had only blocklevel (1024 threads) synchronization. This requires usage of dynamic parallelism for a lot of algorithms, which has a large overhead.
- Cooperative groups are a new abstraction that add support for synchronization both on sub-block level and the whole grid level, allowing for more optimization.



My tasks

- Research the Alpaka and CUDA APIs for ways to integrate cooperatige groups (CG) functionality into Alpaka.
- Create an implementation of CG fucntionality within Alpaka using CUDA.
- Reproduce that implementation using all other APIs (optional).
- Integrate that fuctionality into CMS Pixeltrack (optional).

Work and results

- Nvidia CUDA, AMD HIP, OpenMP, std::threads and sequential accelerators now support launching cooperative kernels (execCooperative()), querying maximum allowed number of blocks (getMaxActiveBlocks()) and synchronizing the whole grid (syncGridThreads()).
- Intel TBB (CPU) and SYCL (GPU) accelerators are problematic and are still WIP.

Thank you for your attention.