

# CUTENSOR

High-Performance CUDA Tensor Primitives

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*Key for success: Standardized API*

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# TENSORS ARE UBIQUITOUS

## Potential Use Cases

### Deep Learning

 PyTorch

 PYRO

 cuDNN

 TensorFlow

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### Quantum Chemistry



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- Multi-GPU
- Out-of-Core

### Condensed Matter Physics



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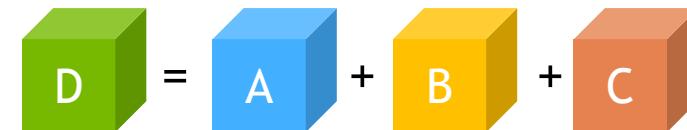
# CUTENSOR

A High-Performance CUDA Library for Tensor Primitives

- Tensor Contractions (generalization of matrix-matrix multiplication)

$$D = \sum (A * B) + C$$


- Element-wise operations (e.g., permutations, additions)

$$D = A + B + C$$


- Mixed precision support
- Generic and flexible interface

# Tensor Contractions

# TENSOR CONTRACTIONS

## Examples

$$\text{D} = \sum (\text{A} * \text{B}) + \text{C}$$

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  - $D_{m,n} = \alpha \sum_k A_{m,k} * B_{k,n}$  // GEMM

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  - $D_{m,n} = \alpha A_{m,k} * B_{k,n}$  // GEMM
  - $D_{m_1,n,m_2} = \alpha A_{m_1,k,m_2} * B_{k,n}$  // Tensor Contraction
  - $D_{m_1,n_1,n_2,m_2} = \alpha A_{m_1,k,m_2} * B_{k,n_2,n_1}$  // Tensor Contraction
  - $D_{m_1,n_1,n_2,m_2} = \alpha A_{m_1,k_1,m_2,k_2} * B_{k_2,k_1,n_2,n_1}$  // Multi-mode Tensor Contraction

# TENSOR CONTRACTIONS

## Examples (cont.)

$$D = \sum (A * B) + C$$


- Examples

- $D_{m,n} = \alpha A_m * B_n$  // outer product
- $D_{m_1,n,m_2} = \alpha A_{m_1,m_2} * B_n$  // outer product
- $D_{m_1,n_1,l_1} = \alpha A_{m_1,k,l_1} * B_{k,n_1,l_1}$  // batched GEMM
- $D_{m_1,n_1,l_1,n_2,m_2} = \alpha A_{m_1,k,l_1,m_2} * B_{k,n_2,n_1,l_1}$  // single-mode batched tensor contraction
- $D_{m_1,n_1,l_1,n_2,m_2,l_2} = \alpha A_{m_1,k,l_2,l_1,m_2} * B_{k,n_2,n_1,l_1,l_2}$  // multi-mode batched tensor contraction

# TENSOR CONTRACTIONS

## Key Features

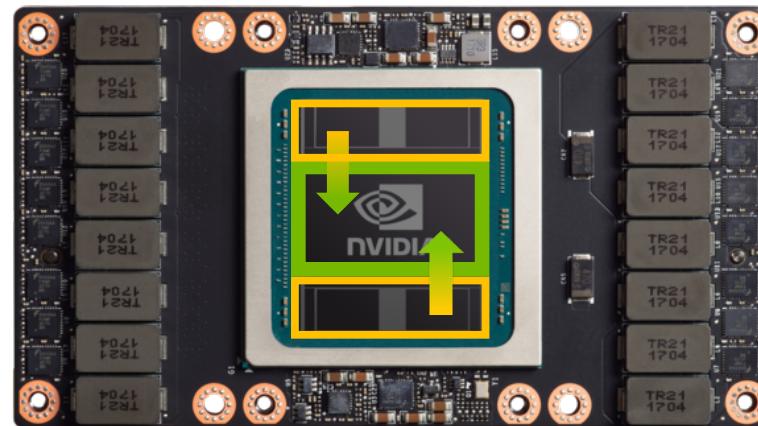
$$\text{D} = \sum (\text{A} * \text{B}) + \text{C}$$

$$D_{\Pi^C(i_1, \dots, i_n)} = \Psi_D(\alpha \Psi_A(A_{\Pi^A(i_1, \dots, i_n)}) * \Psi_B(B_{\Pi^B(i_1, \dots, i_n)})) + \beta \Psi_C(C_{\Pi^C(i_1, \dots, i_n)}))$$

- $\Psi$  are unary operators
  - E.g., Identity, RELU, CONJ, ...
- Mixed-precision
- No additional work-space required
- Auto-tuning capability (similar to cublasGemmEx)
- High performance

# TENSOR CONTRACTIONS

## Key Challenges



- Keep the fast FPUs busy
  - Reuse data in shared memory & registers as much as possible
  - Coalesced accesses to/from global memory

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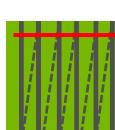
- Loading a scalar

$\alpha$  ■ ✓

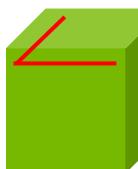
- Loading a vector

$A_i$  | ✓

- Loading a matrix

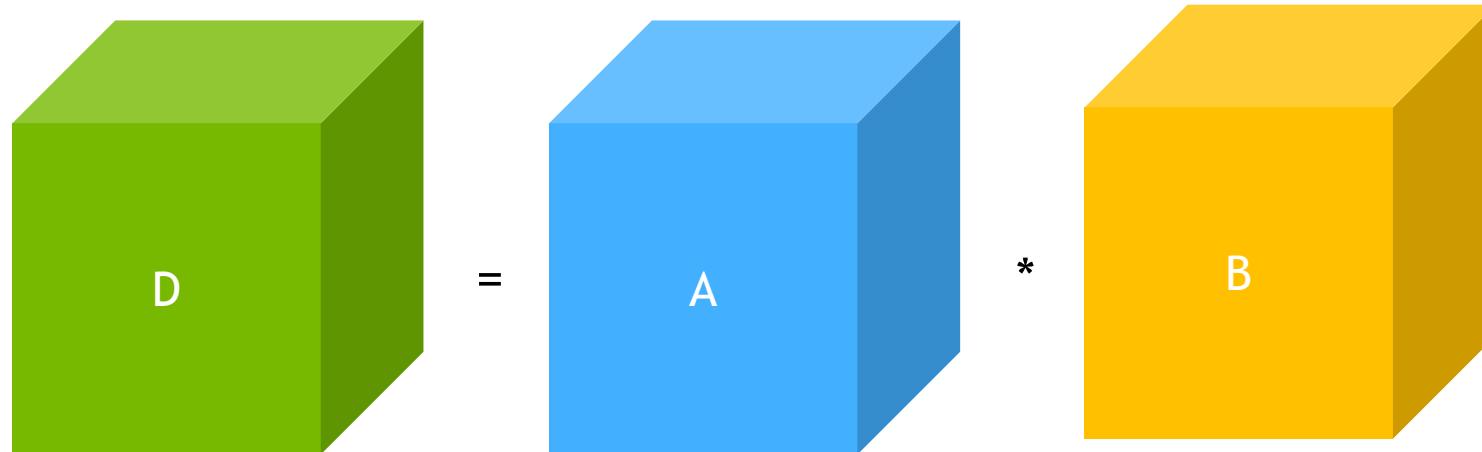
$A_{i,j}$   (✓)

- Loading a general tensor

$A_{i,j,k}$   ((✓))

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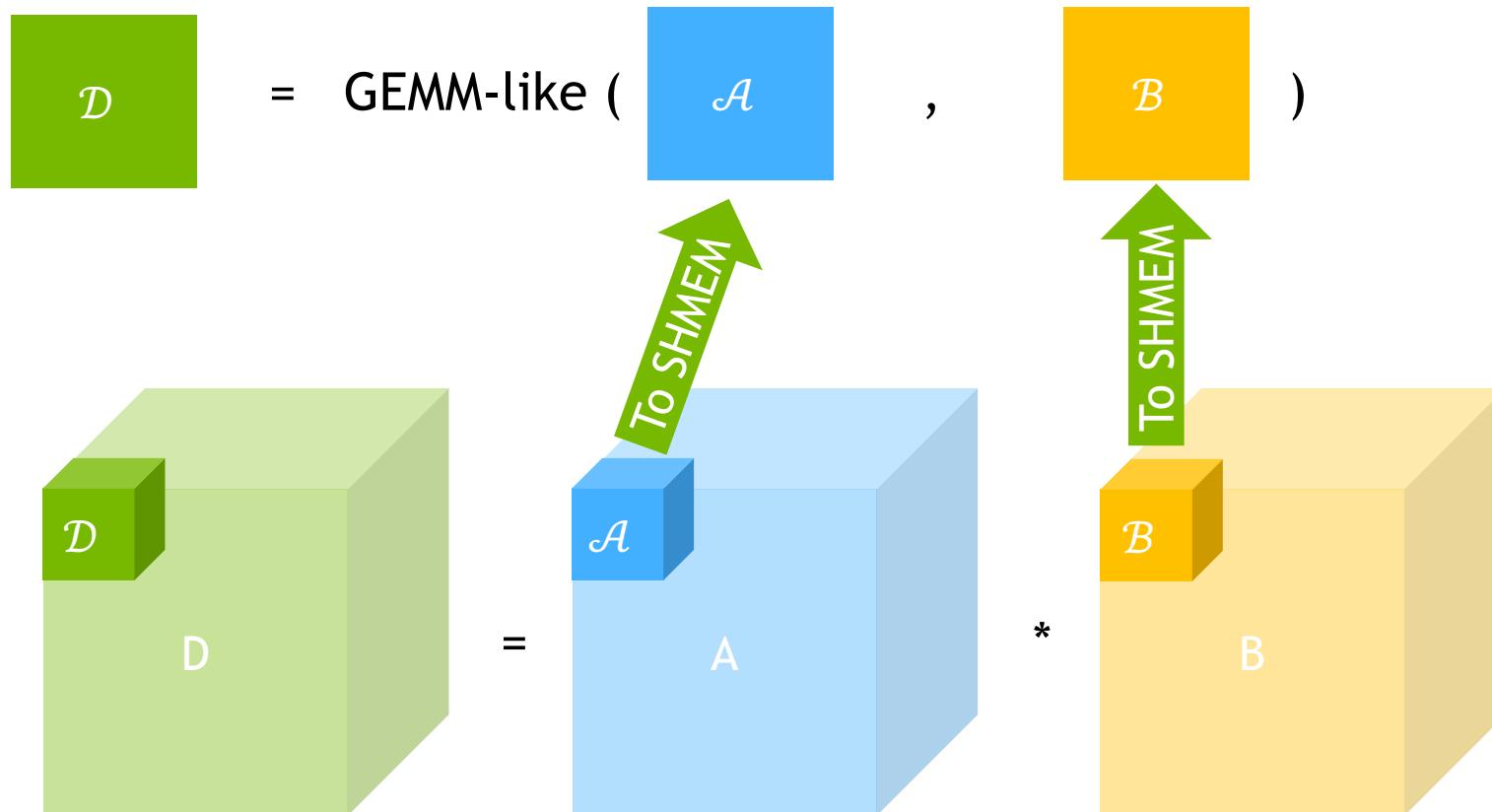
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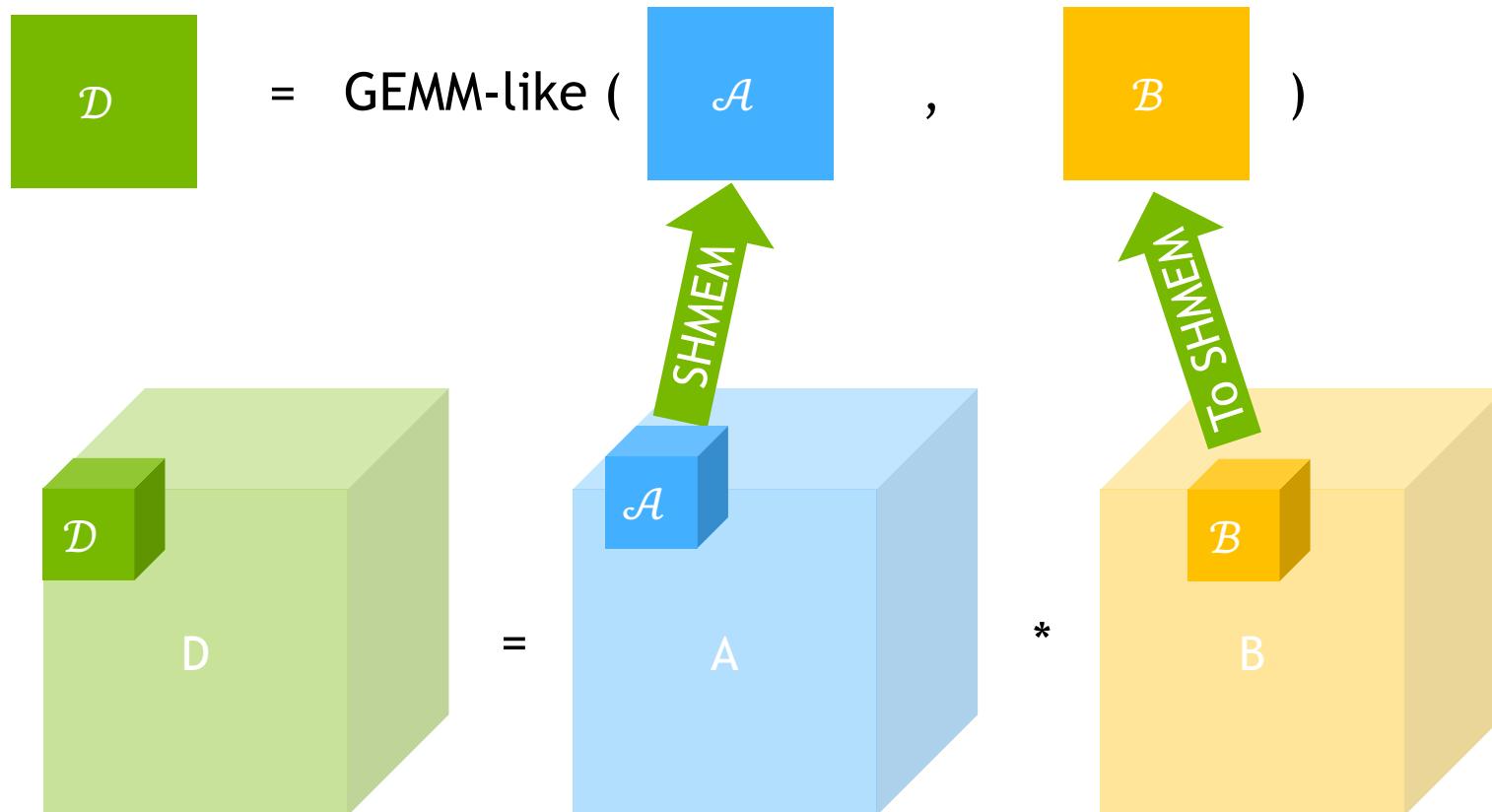
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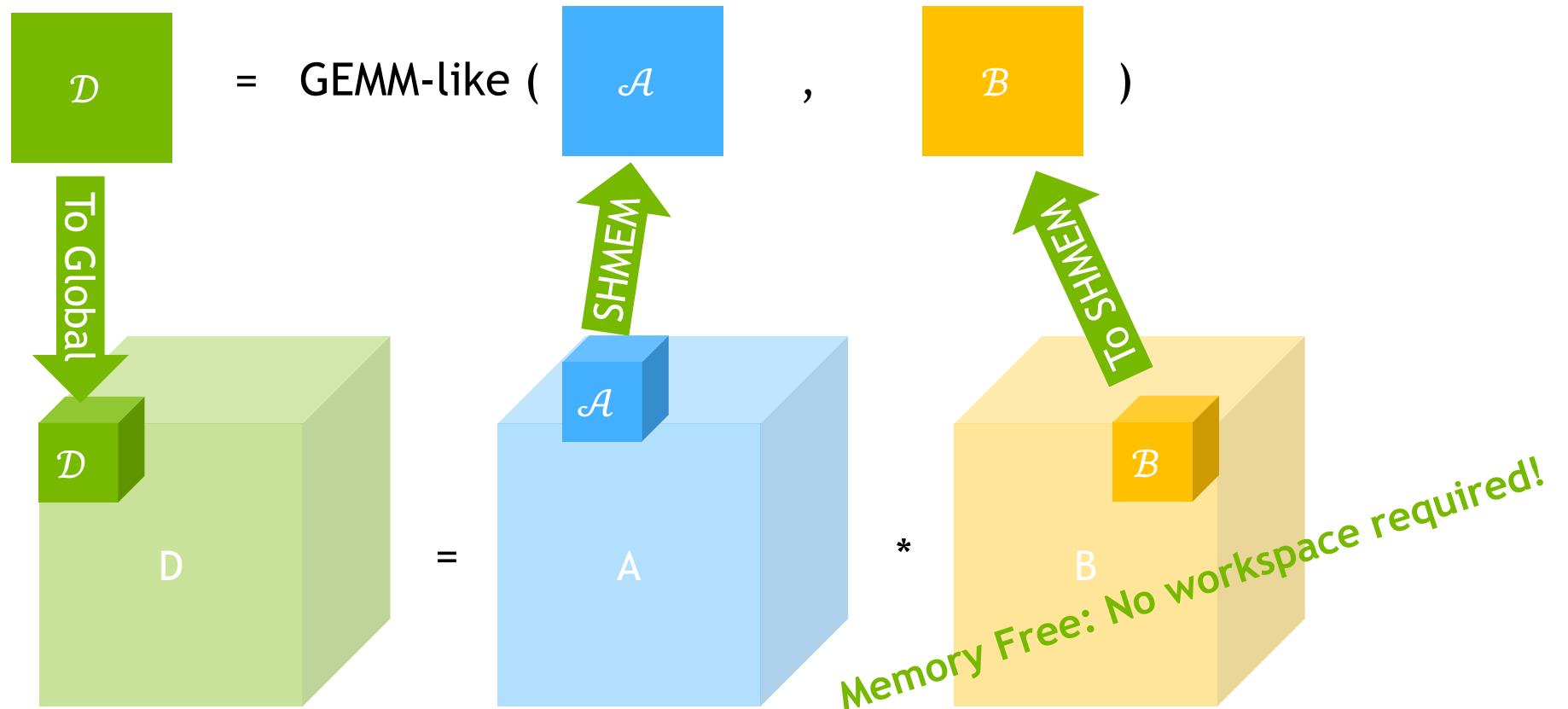
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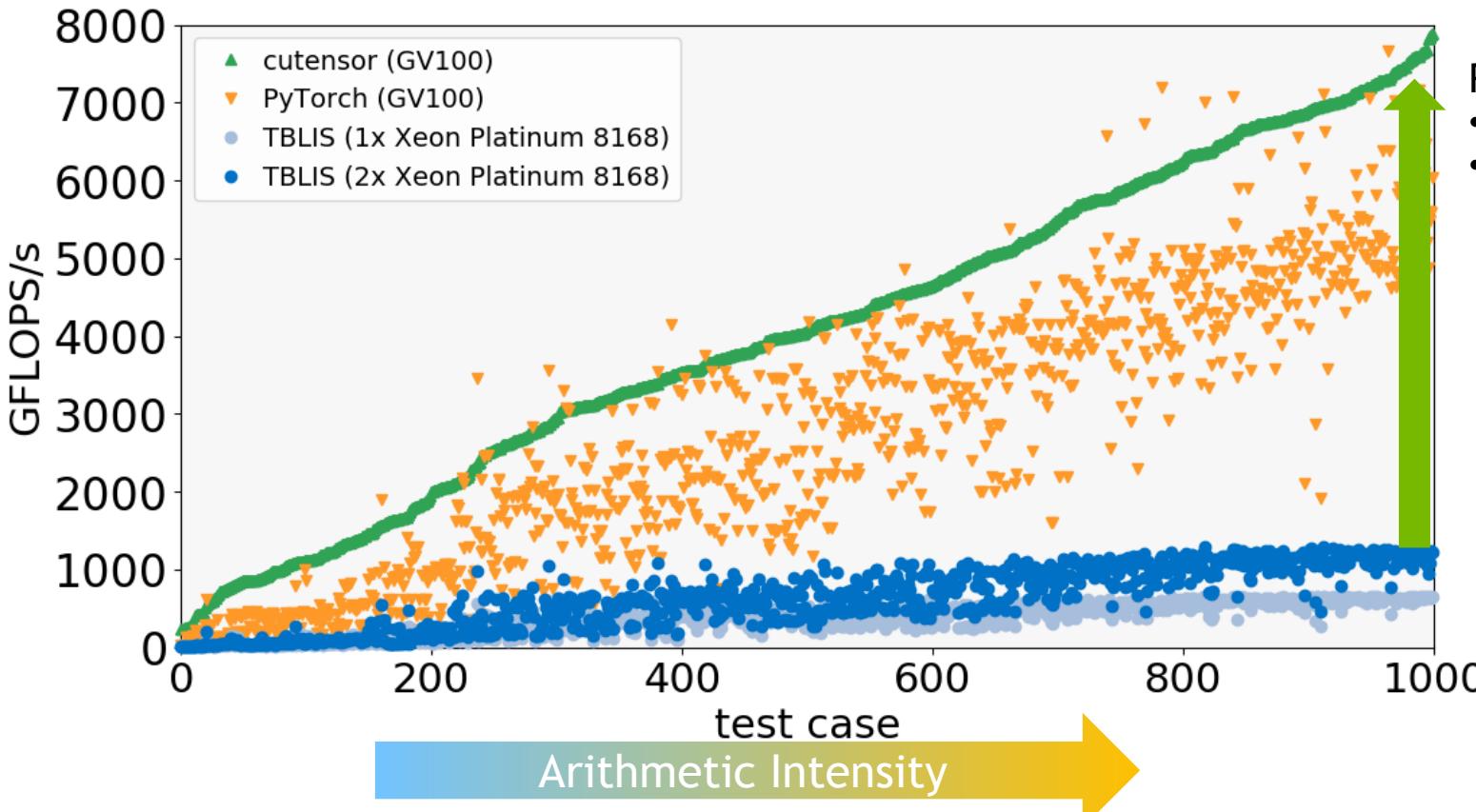


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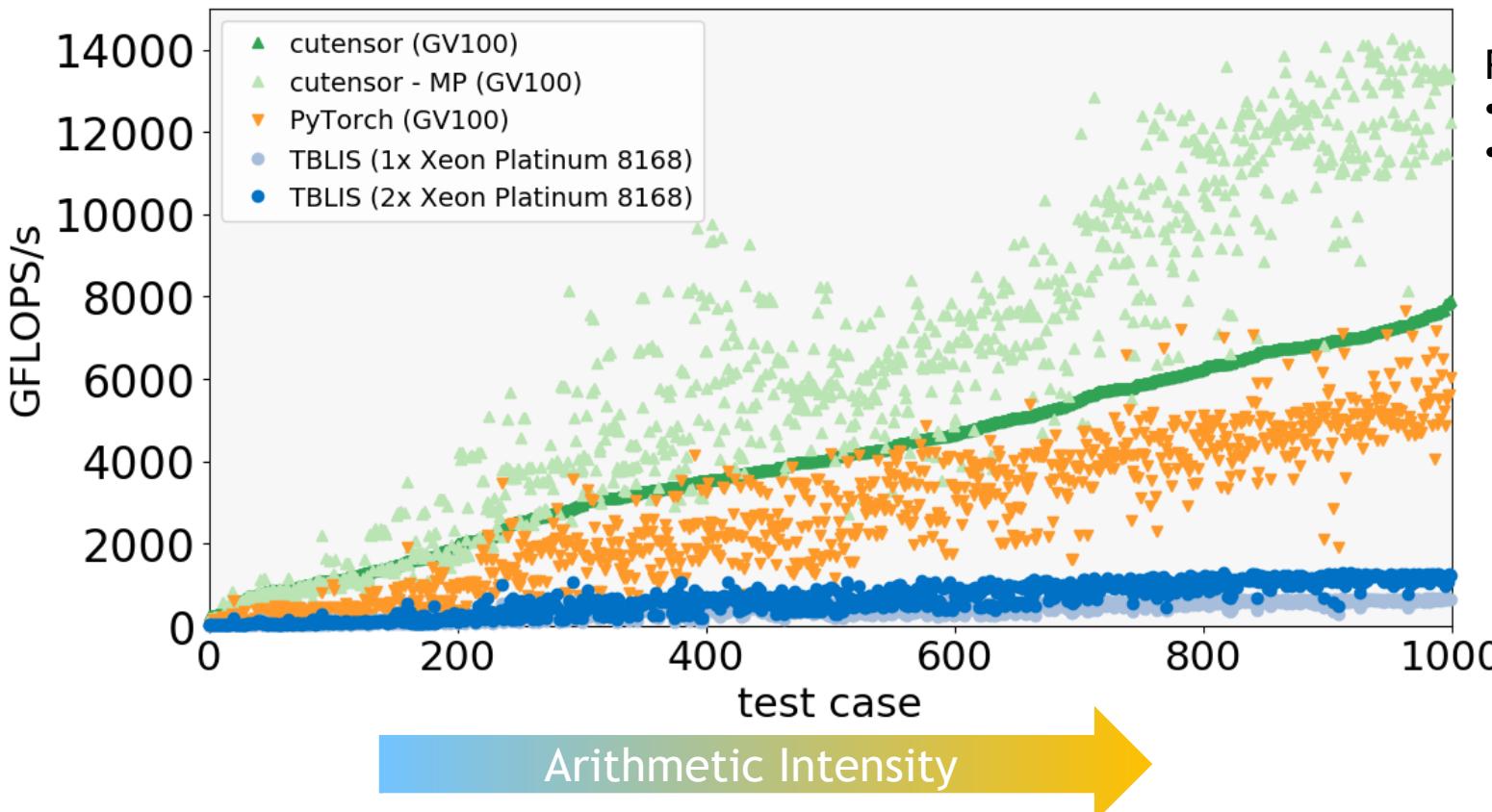
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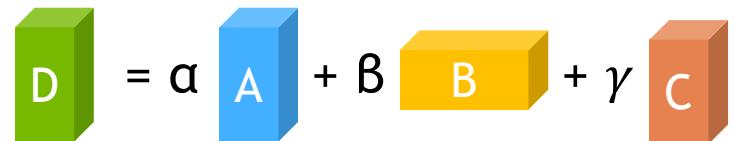
- 3D to 6D tensors
- FP64 (data) & FP32 (compute)

# Element-wise Operations

# ELEMENT-WISE TENSOR OPERATIONS

## Examples

- $D_{w,h,c,n} = \alpha A_{c,w,h,n}$
- $D_{w,h,c,n} = \alpha A_{c,w,h,n} + \beta B_{c,w,h,n}$
- $D_{w,h,c,n} = \min(\alpha A_{c,w,h,n}, \beta B_{c,w,h,n})$
- $D_{w,h,c,n} = \alpha A_{c,w,h,n} + \beta B_{w,h,c,n} + \gamma C_{w,h,c,n}$
- $D_{w,h,c,n} = \alpha \text{ReLU}(A_{c,w,h,n}) + \beta B_{w,h,c,n} + \gamma C_{w,h,c,n}$
- $D_{w,h,c,n} = \text{FP32}(\alpha \text{ReLU}(A_{c,w,h,n}) + \beta B_{w,h,c,n} + \gamma C_{w,h,c,n})$


$$D = \alpha A + \beta B + \gamma C$$

Enables users to fuse multiple element-wise calls.

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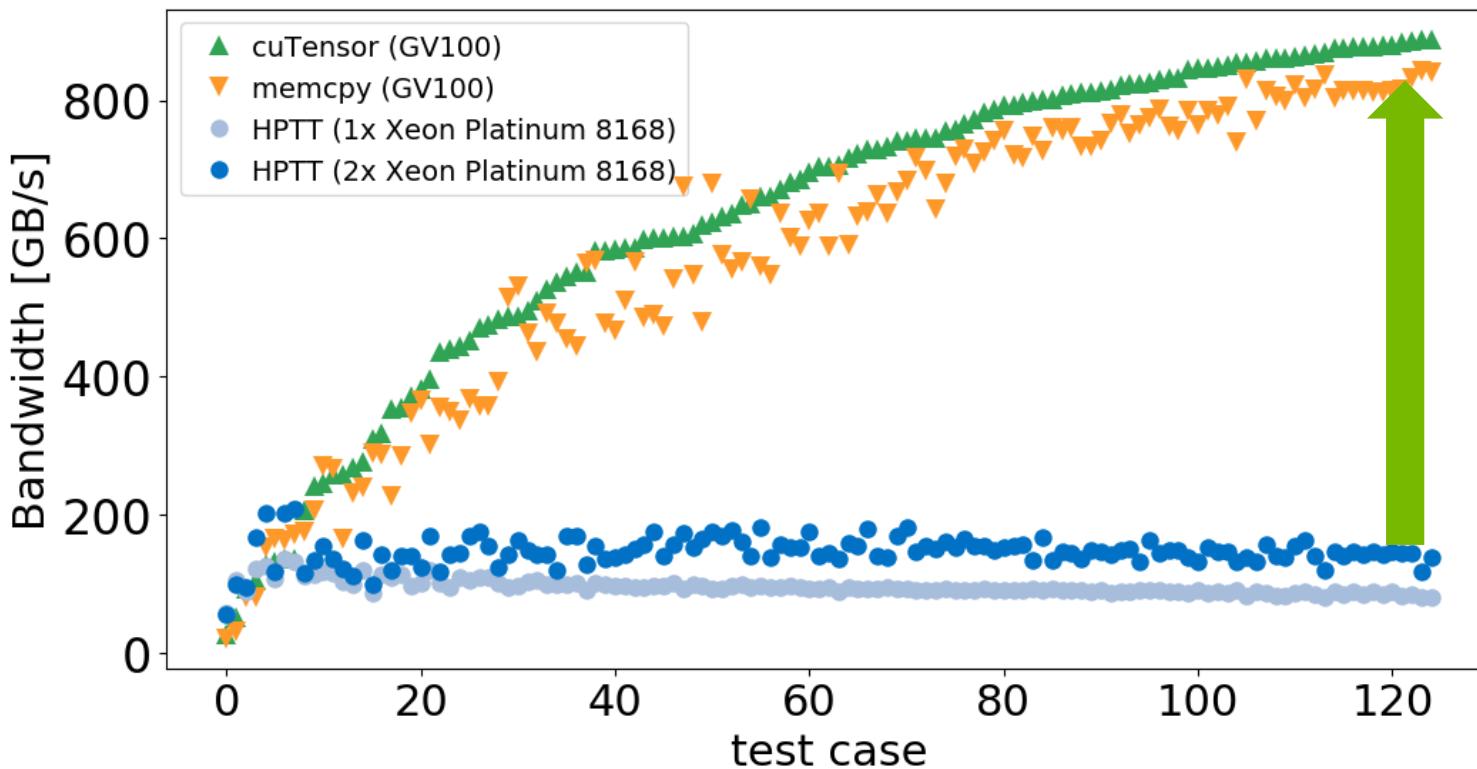
$$D_{\Pi^C(i_0, i_1, \dots, i_n)} = \Phi_{ABC}(\Phi_{AB}(\alpha \Psi_A(A_{\Pi^A(i_0, i_1, \dots, i_n)}), \beta \Psi_B(B_{\Pi^B(i_0, i_1, \dots, i_n)})), \gamma \Psi_C(C_{\Pi^C(i_0, i_1, \dots, i_n)}))$$

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## Element-wise Operation

$$C = \alpha A + \beta B$$



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# CUTENSOR's API

# TENSOR CONTRACTIONS

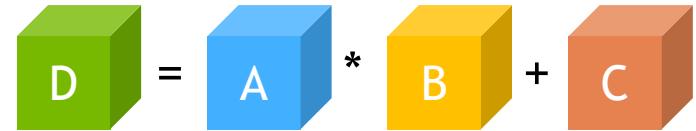
## API

$$D = A * B + C$$

```
cutensorStatus_t cutensorContraction ( cuTensorHandle_t handle,
    const void *alpha, const void *A, const cutensorTensorDescriptor_t descA, const int modeA[],
    const void *B, const cutensorTensorDescriptor_t descB, const int modeB[],
    const void *beta, const void *C, const cutensorTensorDescriptor_t descC, const int modeC[],
    void *D, const cutensorTensorDescriptor_t descD, const int modeD[],
    cutensorOperator_t opOut, cudaDataType_t typeCompute, cutensorAlgo_t algo,
    void *workspace, uint64_t workspaceSize, // Workspace is optional and may be null
    cudaStream_t stream );
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- $D_{a,b,m,n,c} = \alpha \sum_{o,p} (A_{a,o,p,b,c} * B_{o,m,p,n}) + \beta C_{a,b,m,n,c}$

```
auto status = cutensorContraction (handle,
    alpha, A, descA, { 'a', 'o', 'p', 'b', 'c' },
        B, descB, { 'o', 'm', 'p', 'n' },
    beta, C, descC, { 'a', 'b', 'm', 'n', 'c' },
        D, descC, { 'a', 'b', 'm', 'n', 'c' },
    CUTENSOR_OP_IDENTITY, CUDA_R_32F, CUTENSOR_ALGO_DEFAULT,
    nullptr, 0, stream );
```

# ELEMENT-WISE OPERATION API

$$D = \alpha A + \beta B + \gamma C$$

```
cutensorStatus_t cutensorElementwiseTrinary ( cuTensorHandle_t handle,
    const void *alpha, const void *A, const cutensorTensorDescriptor_t descA, const int modeA[],
    const void *beta, const void *B, const cutensorTensorDescriptor_t descB, const int modeB[],
    const void *gamma, const void *C, const cutensorTensorDescriptor_t descC, const int modeC[],
    void *D, const cutensorTensorDescriptor_t descD, const int modeD[],
    cutensorOperator_t opAB, cutensorOperator_t opABC, cudaDataType_t typeCompute,
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    cudaStream_t stream );
```

- $D_{w,h,c,n} = \min(\alpha A_{c,w,h,n}, \beta B_{c,w,h}) + \gamma C_{w,h,c,n}$

```
auto status = cutensorElementwiseTrinary ( handle,
    alpha, A, descA, { 'c', 'w', 'h', 'n' },
    beta, B, descB, { 'c', 'w', 'h' },
    gamma, C, descC, { 'w', 'h', 'c', 'n' },
    D, descD, { 'w', 'h', 'c', 'n' },
    CUTENSOR_OP_MIN, CUTENSOR_OP_ADD, CUDA_R_16F,
    stream );
```

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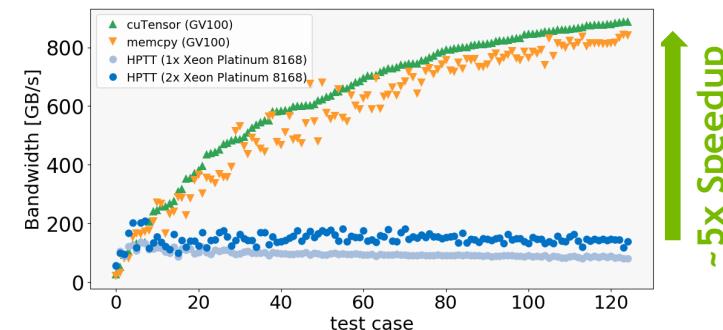
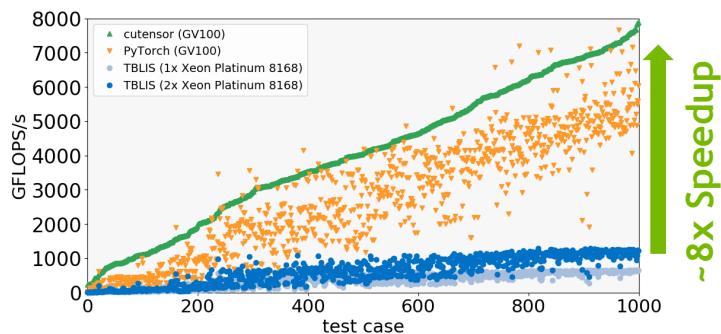
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# CUTENSOR

- CUDA library for high-performance CUDA tensor primitives



$$D = \sum (A * B) + C$$

$$D = \alpha A + \beta B + \gamma C$$

Pre-release available at:  
<https://developer.nvidia.com/cuTensor>

*Your feedback is highly appreciated.*



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$$D = A * B + C$$

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cutensorStatus_t cutensorCreateTensorDescriptor ( cutensorTensorDescriptor_t *desc,
                                                unsigned int numModes,
                                                const int64_t extent[],
                                                const int64_t stride[], // Stride is optional and may be null
                                                cudaDataType_t dataType,
                                                cutensorOperator_t unaryOp,
                                                const int vectorIndex,
                                                const int32_t vectorWidth);

cutensorStatus_t cutensorContraction (cuTensorHandle_t handle,
                                      const void* alpha, const void *A, const cutensorTensorDescriptor_t descA, const int modeA[],
                                      const void *B, const cutensorTensorDescriptor_t descB, const int modeB[],
                                      const void* beta, const void *C, const cutensorTensorDescriptor_t descC, const int modeC[],
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                                      cutensorOperator_t opOut, cudaDataType_t typeCompute, cutensorAlgo_t algo,
                                      void* workspace, size_t workspaceSize, // Workspace is optional and may be null
                                      cudaStream_t stream );
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