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## Enabling RAJA on Intel GPUs with SYCL

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# RAJA Provides HPC Programming Portability

- US Department of Energy Exascale systems provide GPU-accelerated computing
  - Intel
  - AMD
  - NVIDIA
- Scientific applications need to run efficiently across these different architectures
- Application developers have an increased interest in open portable programming models such as SYCL
- RAJA is another open approach with existing codes which provides portability at a higher level of abstraction.
  - Abstracted parallel execution over other parallel programming models



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# RAJA Execution Layer

- The RAJA execution layer is a set of portable abstractions for **simple and complex loops**.
- Allows applications to be developed with **decoupled loop bodies and execution**.
- Loop execution can be **tuned for a specific target** without modification of the loop body
- Loop execution is controlled through **execution policy defined in template argument**.

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- Execution templates for different parallel patterns

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Iteration Space

- Iteration space defined the space or spaces the kernel executes

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Loop Body

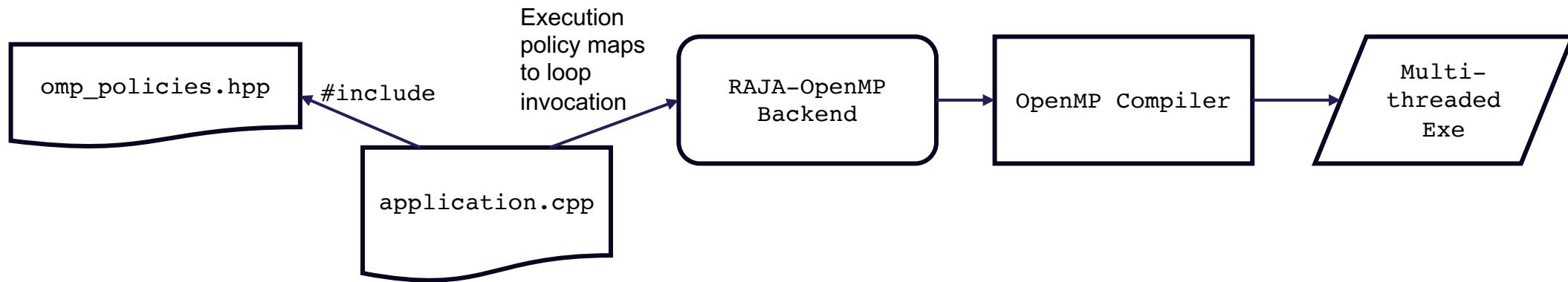
- Loop body is executed as a C++ lambda

# RAJA Execution Layer Design Goals

- Clean encapsulation of kernel code.
  - Separation of the implementation of the algorithm and the implementation of the execution.
- Easy customization of kernel execution.
  - Porting to new system is easy and doesn't modify kernel code.
- Incremental and selective adoption
  - Can utilize direct backend programming model in addition to RAJA
  - Can use backend language features in RAJA kernel
- Systematic performance tuning
  - Give control to the developer for kernel execution

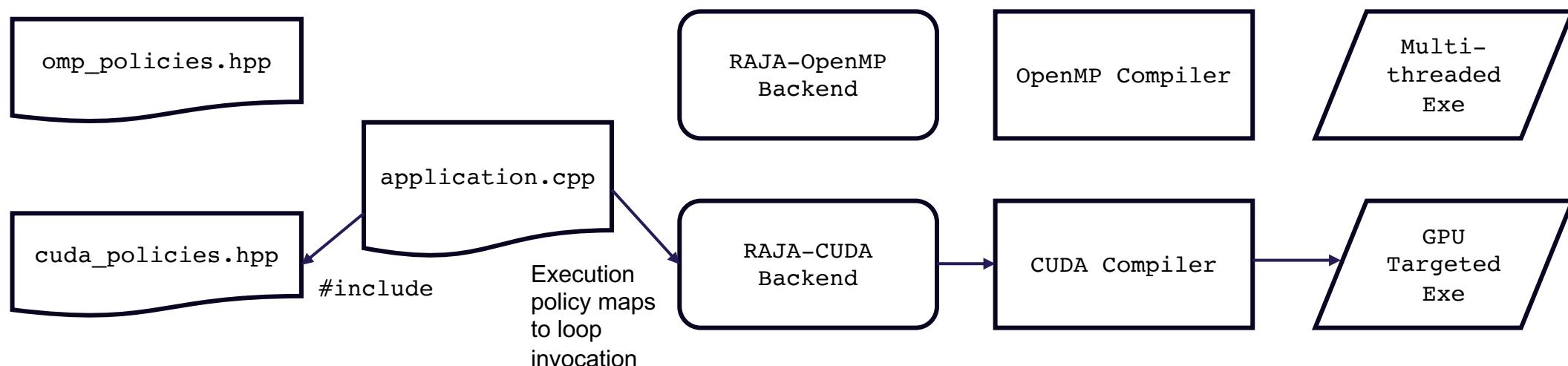
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- When changing targets, new execution policies and appropriate compiler are needed



# Adding support for Intel GPUs

- We developed a SYCL backend in RAJA for Intel GPU support
- SYCL provides explicit controls for kernel execution which can be leveraged as tuning parameters for RAJA
- Able to leverage Intel SYCL compiler support for Intel GPUs

# SYCL Backend Implementation

# Simple RAJA Kernel Mapping

```
using EXEC_POL= RAJA::sycl_exec<work_group_size, true /*async*/>;  
  
RAJA::forall<EXEC_POL>(RAJA::RangeSegment(ibegin, iend),  
                         [=] (Index_type i) {  
    INIT3_BODY;  
});
```



Corresponding SYCL kernel execution

```
const size_t global_size = work_group_size  
                      * RAJA_DIVIDE_CEILING_INT(iend, work_group_size);  
  
qu->submit([&] (sycl::handler& h) {  
    h.parallel_for(sycl::nd_range<1>(global_size, work_group_size),  
                  [=] (sycl::nd_item<1> item) {  
  
        Index_type i = item.get_global_id(0);  
        if (i < iend) {  
            INIT3_BODY  
        }  
    } );  
});
```

# SYCL Backend – forall

```
template <typename Iterable, typename LoopBody, size_t BlockSize, bool Async, typename ForallParam,
          typename std::enable_if<std::is_trivially_copyable<LoopBody>{},bool>::type = true>
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    using IndexType = camp::decay<decltype(std::distance(std::begin(iter), std::end(iter)))>;

    // Compute the requested iteration space size
    Iterator begin = std::begin(iter);
    Iterator end = std::end(iter);
    IndexType len = std::distance(begin, end);

    // Only launch kernel if we have something to iterate over
    if (len > 0 && BlockSize > 0) {
        // Compute the number of blocks
        sycl_dim_t blockSize{BlockSize};
        sycl_dim_t gridSize = impl::getGridDim(static_cast<size_t>(len), BlockSize);

        q = sycl_res.get_queue();
        q->submit([&](cl::sycl::handler & h) {

            h.parallel_for( cl::sycl::nd_range<1>{gridSize, blockSize},
                           [=] (cl::sycl::nd_item<1> it) {

                IndexType ii = it.get_global_id(0);
                if (ii < len) { loop_body(begin[ii]); }
            });
        });

        if (!Async) { q->wait(); }
    }

    return resources::EventProxy<resources::Sycl>(sycl_res);
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# SYCL Backend – Unnamed Lambda, Trivially Copyable

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# SYCL queue/context

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using EXEC_POL = RAJA::sycl_exec<work_group_size>;  
using RESOURCE = RAJA::resources::Sycl;  
  
// Kernel code in application source.  
RESOURCE my_res;  
RAJA::forall< EXEC_POL >(my_res, RAJA::RangeSegment(0, N), [=] (int i) {  
    c[i] = a[i] + b[i];  
});
```

# RAJA Resources – CAMP

- In addition to the new API, applications can rely on CAMP to provide a default in order context.

```
namespace camp
{
namespace resources
{ ...

    class Sycl
    {
        static sycl::queue *get_a_queue(sycl::context &syclContext,
                                         int num,
                                         bool useContext)
        {
            static sycl::gpu_selector gpuSelector;
            static sycl::property_list propertyList =
                sycl::property_list(sycl::property::queue::in_order());
            static sycl::context privateContext;
            {...}
        }
    }
}
```

- A similar solution was introduced as an extension in the Intel OneAPI SYCL implementation

# RAJA Reduction

```
// Defined in header file.  
using EXEC_POL = RAJA::sycl_exec<work_group_size>;  
using REDUCTION_T = RAJA::ReduceSum< RAJA::sycl_reduce, int >;  
  
// Kernel code in application source.  
REDUCTION_T sum(0);  
RAJA::forall< EXEC_POL >(RAJA::RangeSegment(0, N),  
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Allocate local  
memory?

Overloaded +=:  
What is my index?

# New RAJA Reduction Interface

```
// Defined in header file.  
using EXEC_POL = RAJA::sycl_exec<work_group_size>;  
  
// Kernel code in application source.  
int sum = 0;  
RAJA::forall< EXEC_POL >(RAJA::RangeSegment(0, N),  
                           RAJA::expt::Reduce< RAJA::operators::plus >(&sum),  
                           [=] (int i, int& _sum) {  
  
    _sum += a[i];  
});  
  
dowork(sum);
```

- The new reduction interface allows the SYCL backend to leverage the compiler reduction support

# RAJA SYCL Backend Support Features and Policies

```
RAJA::forall  
RAJA::kernel  
RAJA::launch  
  
RAJA::Reduce  
RAJA::expt::Reduce  
  
RAJA::resources::Sycl  
  
RAJA::sycl_exec<work_group_size, async>  
Sycl::launch_t  
RAJA::SyclKernel  
RAJA::SyclKernelAsync  
  
RAJA::sycl_reduce  
  
RAJA::sycl_atomic  
RAJA::sycl_atomic_explicit
```

```
RAJA::sycl_global_0<BLOCK_SIZE>  
RAJA::sycl_global_1<BLOCK_SIZE>  
RAJA::sycl_global_2<BLOCK_SIZE>  
  
RAJA::sycl_global_item_0  
RAJA::sycl_global_item_1  
RAJA::sycl_global_item_2  
  
RAJA::sycl_group_0_direct  
RAJA::sycl_group_1_direct  
RAJA::sycl_group_2_direct  
  
RAJA::sycl_group_0_loop  
RAJA::sycl_group_1_loop  
RAJA::sycl_group_2_loop  
  
RAJA::sycl_local_0_direct  
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RAJA::sycl_local_3_loop
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# Evaluation

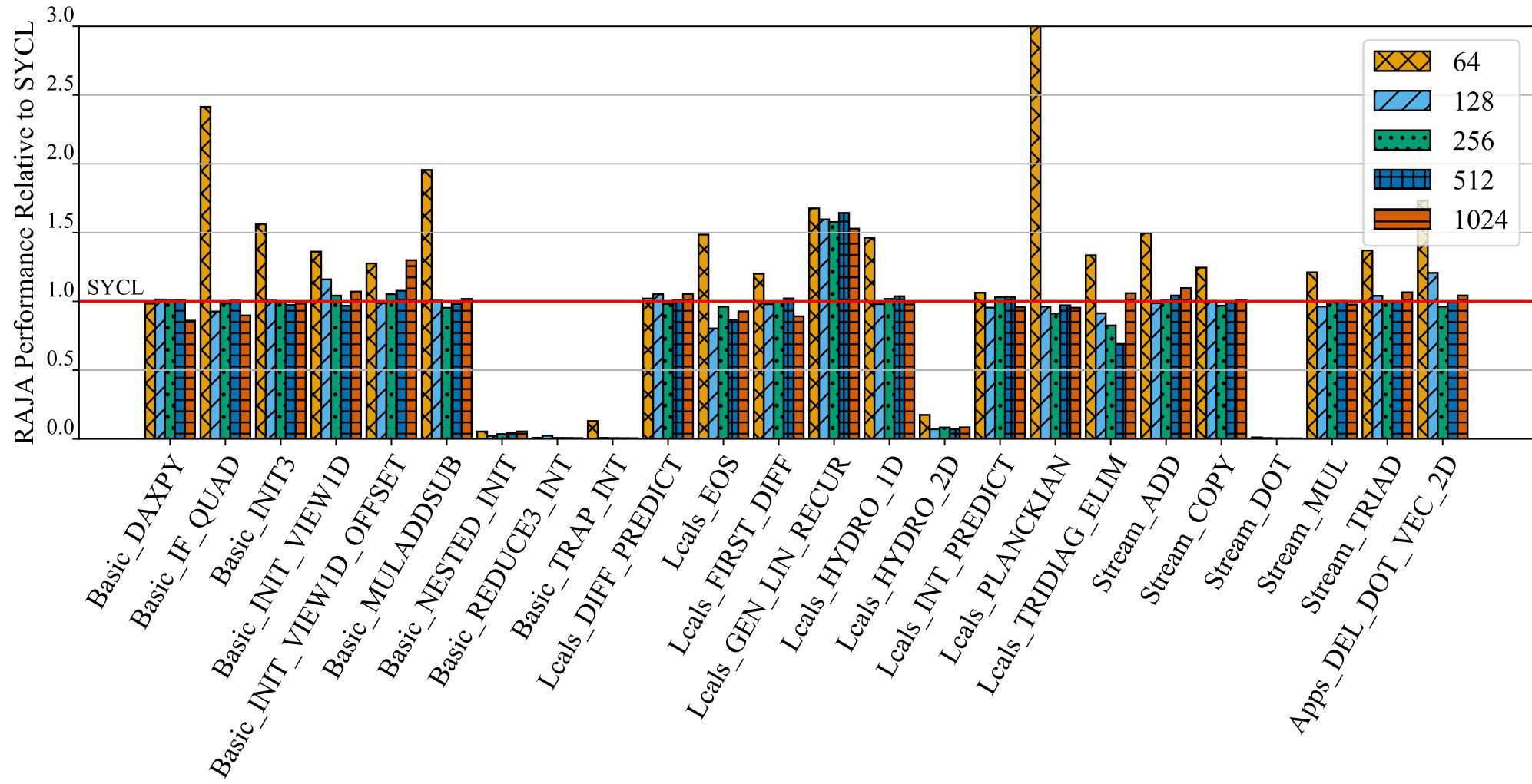
# RAJA Performance Suite

- Primary developer – Rich Hornung (LLNL)
  - See RAJAPerf github page for full list of contributors
- Very good for compiler testing
- Built in timer and correctness testing.
  - Timer cover full execution of many repetitions the kernels
  - Correctness is done with checksum compared against sequential execution
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- Many “Variants”
  - Base\_Seq, Lambda\_Seq, RAJA\_Seq, Base\_OpenMP, Lambda\_OpenMP, RAJA\_OpenMP, Base\_OpenMPTarget, RAJA\_OpenMPTarget, Base\_CUDA, RAJA\_CUDA, Base\_SYCL, RAJA\_SYCL, etc

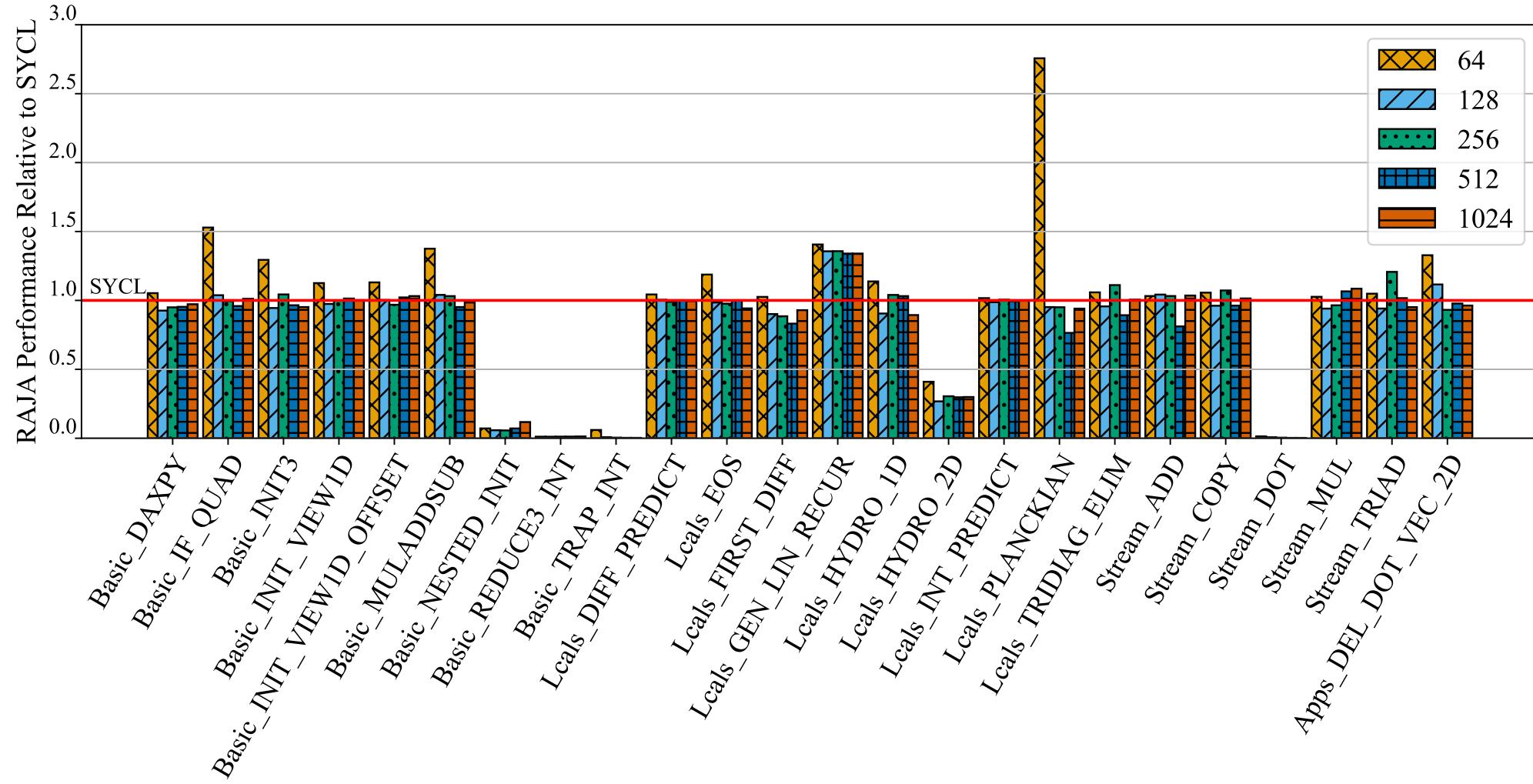
# How the RAJA Performance Suite Works

- Variants, number of repetitions, size of kernels configurable as options
- Runs warm up kernels (subset of all kernels)
- GPU variants are templated on work group sizes at compile time
- Timer wraps repetition loop, computes averages
- Correctness is done with a checksum against baseline (Base\_Seq by default)
  - Considered a failure beyond 1e-6

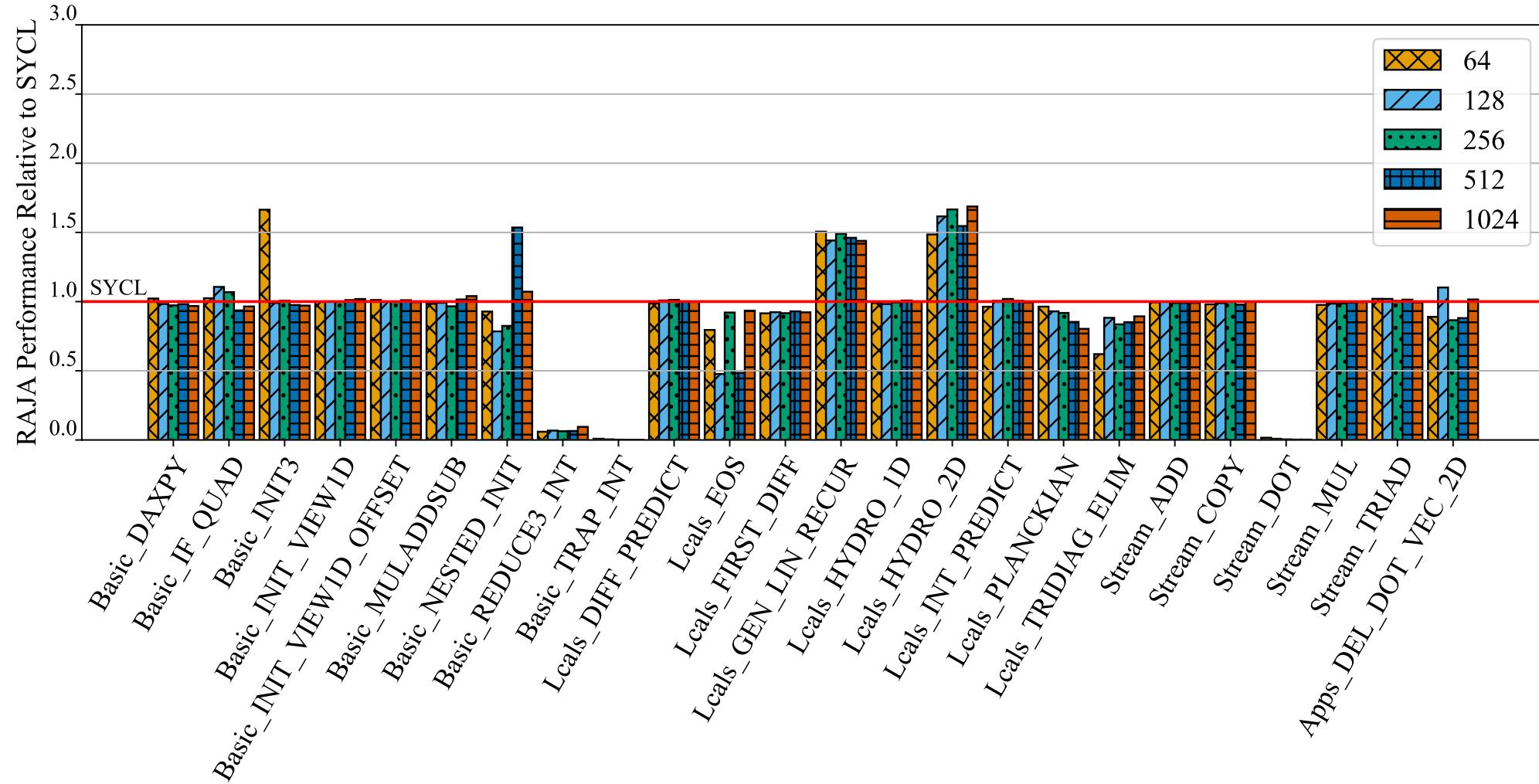
# RAJA Performance vs SYCL Direct (Total overhead)



# 5X Problem Size RAJA Performance vs SYCL Direct



# RAJA Kernel Performance vs SYCL Direct (iprof)



# Conclusion

- RAJA SYCL backend enabled RAJA execution on Intel GPUs
  - Also works on AMD and NVIDIA
- Continued development to complete the support for the remaining RAJA features (eg. scans)
- Continuing to implement SYCL variants of RAJA Performance Suite kernels



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