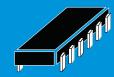
Towards Exascale Heterogeneous Computing



Challenges on Programming Models and Languages for Post-Petascale Computing

Project Overview:

This task is a part of JST-ANR "Framework and Programming for Post Petascale Computing (FP3C)" project which is a collaboration between France and Japan. This project aims to contribute to establish software technologies, languages and programming models to explore extreme performance computing beyond petascale computing, on the road to exascale computing.

Programming model and Language basic design:

Two parallel programming models - XMP and YML - developed in Japan and France are combined to realize scalable parallel programming for post-petascale machines.

YML: http://yml.prism.uvsq.fr/

· A workflow programming environment

• High level graph description language called YvetteML

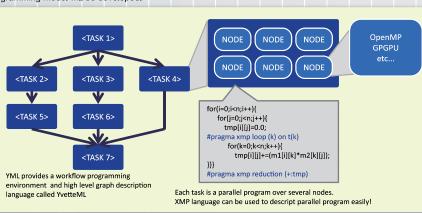
It allow programmers to use existing components in work-flow

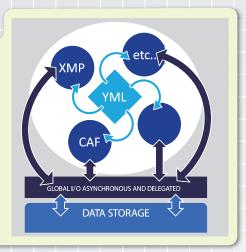
XcalableMP (XMP): http://www.xcalablemp.org/

- · Directive-based language extension for scalable and performance-aware parallel programming
- It will provide a base parallel programming model and a compiler infrastructure to extend the base languages by directives

Multi-level hierarchical programming with XMP and YML:

Incorporating parallel programs generated by XMP into tasks of YML workflow, a new multi-level hierarchical programming model will be developed.



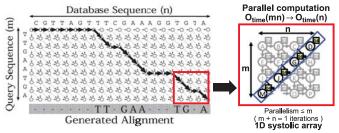


Welcome Back, Systolic Arrays! - A Comparison of FPGAs, GPU, and CPUs -

We have not found out any omnipotent architectures for general-purpose computing yet. To achieve highly efficient power performance, it is important to match the characteristics of application and device architectures. This project aims to discover the tradeoff point of power-performance among FPGAs, GPUs, and CPUs. This joint research has been continued by University of Tsukuba and Imperial College London.

The structure of systolic arrays is complicated and it should be considered both in hardware and software. FPGAs have the advantage from this standpoint that they are flexible hardware but also software. The investigation is important at the first step toachieve exascale heterogeneous computing and will find out the tradeoff point toward the improvement of power performance.

Sample application (Smith-Waterman algorithm):





(*) Cooling fans and some components were disconnected for power measurement.

Intel Xeon W3505 2.53GHz, DDR-SDRAM 3GB

Performance Comparison in CPU, GPU, and FPGA:

[measurement condition] Smith-Waterman algorithm, Blosum50, Opening gap 12, Continuous gap 2, Query length: 8000, Database: 8000 x 1000

Base system was used for all measurement condition in the following table.

		CPU		GPU	FPGA
Measurement Environment	Core Device	Intel Xeon W3505@2.53GHz			
	Acceleration Device	None		NVIDIA GTX480	XILINX XC5VLX330
	Program	SWPS3 ^[1]		CUDASW ^[2]	Proposed
	Compiler	Intel ICC v11.1		NVCC 3.2-0.2.1221	XILINX ISE12.3
Measured Performance	Speed (GCUPs)		10	8	129
	Peak Power (W)	1	105	354	109
	Energy amount (J)	6	553	2,768	52
	Power-performance		4.2	1	53.2
Cf.) Previous Researches	Speed (GCUPs)	34.4[3]		16.1[4]	174
	Energy amount(J)	195(*A)		1,407 (*A)	

CUPS: Cell Updates Per Second #_of _Cells Total_Time = #_of_Cells_x_Freq.

Interim Result and Future Works:

Although the computation is complex, its fine-grained nature shows promise for an efficient FPGA implementation. We will continue our quest to achieve further speedup and energy efficiency for designs targeting various applications based on systolic arrays, and to provide effective tools for the productive automation of such designs.