



## High-Productivity Languages for Peta-Scale Computing Hans P. Zima

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# **JPL** The Meaning of "High-Productivity"



- High productivity implies three properties:
  - 1. human-centric: programming at a high level of abstraction
  - 2. high-performance: providing "abstraction without guilt"
  - 3. reliability
- Raising the level of abstraction is acceptable only if target code performance is not significantly reduced
- This relates to a broad range of topics:
  - language design
  - architecture- and application-adaptive compiler technology
  - operating and runtime systems
  - library design and optimization
  - intelligent tool development
  - fault tolerance



**High-Productivity** 

**Programming and Execution Models** 









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## **JPL** Multicore: An Emerging Technology



- The era of faster sequential processors is over—exponential growth of frequency can no longer be maintained
  - CMOS manufacturing technology approaches physical limits
  - power wall, memory wall, instruction-level parallelism (ILP) wall
  - Moore's Law still in force: number of transistors on chip increasing
- Multicore technology provides continued performance growth
  - a multicore chip is a single chip with two or more independent processing units
  - improvements by multiple cores on a chip rather than higher frequency
  - on-chip resource sharing for cost and performance benefits
- Multicore systems have been produced since 2000
  - IBM Power 4; Sun Niagara; AMD Opteron; Intel Xeon;...
  - Quadcore systems by AMD, Intel
  - IBM/Sony/Toshiba: Cell Broadband Engine
    - Power Processor (PPE) and 8 Synergistic PEs (SPEs)
    - peak 100 GF double precision (IBM Power XCEII 8i)
- 1000 cores on a chip possible with 30nm technology
- Manycore chips are already emerging ...



#### Future Multicore Architectures: From 10s to 100s of Processors on a Chip

- Tile64 (Tilera Corporation, 2007)
  - 64 identical cores, arranged in an 8X8 grid
  - iMesh on-chip network, 27 Tb/sec bandwidth
  - 170-300mW per core; 600 MHz 1 GHz
  - 192 GOPS (32 bit)-about 10 GOPS/Watt
- Kilocore 1025 (Rapport Inc. and IBM, 2008)
  - Power PC and 1024 8-bit processing elements
  - 125 MHz per processing element
  - 32X32 "stripes" dedicated to different tasks
- 512-core SING chip (Alchip Technologies, 2008)
  - for GRAPE-DR, a Japanese supercomputer project
- 80-core 2 TF research chip from Intel (2011)
  - 2D on-chip mesh network for message passing
  - 1.01 TF (3.16 GHz); 62W power-16 GOPS/Watt
  - Note: ASCI Red (1996): first machine to reach 1 TF
    - 4,510 Intel Pentium Pro nodes (200 MHz)
    - ◆ 500 KW for the machine + 500 KW for cooling of the room









- Intra-chip inter-core bandwidth is much larger than for a typical parallel machine (SMP or MPP)
- Intra-chip inter-core latencies are much smaller
- Multicore systems can offer lightweight synchronization
- Lock-based synchronization is unacceptable: transactional memory and full/empty bits (Cray MTA) are alternatives
- Processing-In-Memory (PIM) technology offers additional methods for exploitation of locality

# **JPL** Top 500 Performance Development











#### **10<sup>3</sup> OPS**

## JPL ... to LANL Roadrunner: Top 500 #1





**Cell Blade** 

### 1,026 TF=10<sup>15</sup> OPS

#### The first machine reaching Peta-scale performance

17 clusters, each with 192 nodes Each node contains Opteron and 4 Cells 12,960 Cell chips (100 GF double precision) Each Cell contains a PowerPC and 8 SPEs 6,948 dual-core Opterons Total: 122,400 cores

## JPL

## **Applications**



- HPC has become the third pillar of science and engineering, in addition to theory and experiment
- Traditional application areas include:
  - DNA Analysis
  - Drug Design
  - Medicine
  - Aerospace
  - Manufacturing
  - Weather Forecasting and Climate Research
- New architectures facilitate new applications:
  - Graph Traversals
  - Dynamic Programming
  - ...
  - Backtrack Branch & Bound

UC Berkeley's "Dwarfs"









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The designers of the very first high level programming language were aware that their success depended on the target code performance:

<u>John Backus (1957)</u>: "... It was our belief that if FORTRAN ... were to translate any reasonable scientific source program into an object program only half as fast as its hand-coded counterpart, then acceptance of our system would be in serious danger ..."

High-level algorithmic languages became generally accepted standards for sequential programming since their advantages outweighed any performance drawbacks

> For programming of HPC systems no similar development took place

#### Programming Paradigm for MPPs and Clusters: MPI is State-of-the-Art

The MPI Message-Passing Model

- widely adopted portable standard for full control of communication
- relatively simple execution model
- can achieve good performance on commodity clusters

#### **Drawbacks of the MPI Model**

- Iow-level paradigm: "the assembly language of parallel programming"
- Iack of separation between algorithm and communication management
- complex, difficult-to-change communication structures
- scalability to peta-scale questionable
- Alternatives to MPI have been proposed
- automatic vectorization and parallelization
- Iibraries for one-sided communication (SHMEM, ARMCI, GASNet)
- High Performance Fortran (HPF), PGAS languages, OpenMP, etc.





#### **real, allocatable** *A*(:, : ), *B*(:, : )

...

**Sequential Code** 

```
do while ( .not. converged )
    do J=1,N
        do I=1,N
            B(I,J)=0.25(A(I-1,J)+A(I+1,J)+A(I,J-1)+A(I,J+1))
            enddo
        enddo
        enddo
        enddo
        A(1:N,1:N)=B
    ...
enddo
```



dependence pattern

#### **Parallelization Based on Data Distribution**

Let A and B be partitioned into blocks of columns mapped to different processors. All processors can work concurrently on their local data, but an exchange must take place at segment boundaries after each iteration...



### **JPL** Boundary Exchange in Overlap Regions





#### The Key Idea of High Performance Fortran (HPF)





K. Kennedy, C. Koelbel, and H. Zima: The Rise and Fall of High Performance Fortran: An Historical Object Lesson

Proc. History of Programming Languages III (HOPL III), San Diego, June 2007

**\_\_\_\_\_** Example: Sweep Over Unstructured Mesh in HPF

```
!HPF$ PROCESSORS P(NUMBER OF PROCESSORS())
      TYPE NODE
                      ! type of a node in the unstructured grid
     REAL::V1, V2 ! flow variables
      END TYPE NODE
      TYPE(NODE), ALLOCATABLE::GRID(:)
     REAL, ALLOCATABLE::EDGE(:,2)
      INTEGER, ALLOCATABLE::MAP(:)
                                       ! mapping array
!HPF$ DYNAMIC, DISTRIBUTE(BLOCK)::GRID
!HPF$ DYNAMIC, DISTRIBUTE(BLOCK, *)::EDGE
!HPF$ DISTRIBUTE(BLOCK)::MAP
! Read parameters; allocate GRID, MAP; initialize GRID, M
      CALL GRID PARTITIONER(GRID, MAP)
!HPF$ REDISTRIBUTE GRID(INDIRECT(MAP))
     ALLOCATE(EDGE(M,2))
! Initialize and realign EDGE with GRID
! Sweep over edges of the grid:
!HPF$ INDEPENDENT, ON HOME(EDGE(J,1)), NEW(N1, N2, DELTAV), REDUCTION(V2)
    DO J=1,M
     N1 = EDGE(J, 1), N2 = EDGE(J, 2)
     DELTAV=F(V1(N1),V1(N2))
     V2(N1)=V2(N1)-DELTAV
     V2(N2)=V2(N2)+DELTAV
     ENDDO
```

### Fortran+MPI Communication for 3D 27-point Stencil (NAS MG rprj3)



subroutine\_com3(u,nl,n2,n3,kb) use\_caf\_intrinsics

implicit none

include 'cafnpb.h' include 'globals.h'

PL

integer nl, n2, n3, kk. double precision u(nl, n2, n3) integer axis.

else, do, axis, \*, 1<sub>2</sub>, 3; call, sync, all(), call, sync, all(), enddo,

call: sero3(u,nl,n2,n3) endif. return. end:

submoutine, give 3( axis, dir, u, nb, n2, n3, k; ) use, caf, intrinsics,

implicit none

include, 'cafngb.h' include, 'globals.h'

integer axis, dir, n2, n2, n3, k, ierr double precision  $u_1^{-}$  n3, n3, h,  $\lambda_2^{-}$  ,  $\lambda_3^{-}$  )

integer i3, i2, i1, huff\_len,huff\_id

$$\label{eq:huff_line_lim} \begin{split} & \texttt{huff_lind_l} = 2_2 + \texttt{dir}, \\ & \texttt{huff_line_l} = 0_1 \end{split}$$

if( axis, eg, l )then, if( dir. eg, -l )then,

> de\_ i3#2,m2=1; de\_ i2#2,m2=1; buff\_lem\_\*\_buff\_lem\_\*\_1; huff(buff\_lem,buff\_id\_), \*\_u(; 2, i2,i3); endde.

enddo\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_huff\_id+l){nbr(axis,dir,k)] =\_\_\_\_\_\_

buff(l:buff\_len,buff\_id)

else if( dir .eq. \*1 ) then

4g, 12+2,n3-1, 4g, 12+2,n3-1, buff\_ban, %buff\_lan, %l, buff\_banf\_lan, %buff\_ld, ), «u(, n1-1, 12, 12, 13), enddo.

huff(l:huff\_len,huff\_idsl)[nhr(axis,dir,k)]; =
huff(l:huff\_len,huff\_id);

endif. endif.

if( axis, eq. 2) then, if( dix, eq. -1) then, do i3=2,n3=1
 do i1=1,n1
 buff\_len = buff\_len + 1
 buff\_len [] = u( i1, 2, i3)

enddo
buff(1:buff\_len,buff\_id+1)[nbr(axis,dir,k)] =
> buff(1:buff\_len,buff\_id)

else if( dir .eq. +1 ) then

do i3=2,n3-1
 do i1=1,n1
 buff\_len = buff\_len + 1
 buff(buff\_len, buff\_id )= u( i1,n2-1,i3)
 enddo

buff(1:buff\_lan,buff\_id+1){nbr(axis,dir,k)} =
buff(1:buff\_lan,buff\_id)

endif ndif

if( axis .eq. 3 )then if( dir .eq. -1 )then

andda

do i2=1,n2
do i1=1,n1
buff\_(los + buff\_len + 1
buff(buff\_len, buff\_id ) = u(i1,i2,2)
enddo
enddo

buff(l:buff\_len,buff\_id+1)[nbr(axis,dir,k)] =
> buff(l:buff\_len,buff\_id)

sise if( dir .eq. +1 ) then
do i2-3,n3
do i3-1,n1
buff\_ien = buff\_ien + 1
buff[fuff\_ien, buff\_id ) = u( i3,i3,n3-1)
enddo

buff(1:buff\_lan,buff\_id+1)[nbr(axis,dir,k)] =
buff(1:buff\_lan,buff\_id)

endif endif return

subroutine take3( axis, dir, u, n1, n2, n3 )
use caf\_intrinsics

implicit none include 'cafnpb.h'

end

include 'globals.h' integer axis, dir, nl, n2, n3 double precision u( nl, n2, n3 )

integer buff\_id, indx

integer i3, i2, i1 buff id = 3 + dir

indx = 0
if( axis .eq. 1 )then
 if( dir .eq. -1 )then

do i3=2,n3=1

do i2=2,n2-1 indx = indx + 1 u(n1,i2,i3) = buff(indx, buff\_id )
enddo
enddo

enddo enddo endif

if( axis .eq. 2 )then if( dir .eq. -1 )then

endif

do i3=2,n3-1
 do i3=2,n1
 indx = indx + 1
 u(i1,n2,i3) = buff(indx, buff\_id )
 enddo
 moddo

else if( dir .eq. +1 ) then do i3=2.n3=1

do il=1,nl indx = indx + 1 u(il,1,i3) = buff(indx, buff\_id) enddo enddo

endif endif if( axis .eq. 3 )them

> if( dir .eq. -1 )then do i2=1.n2

do il=1,nl indx = indx + 1 u(il,i2,n3) = buff(indx, buff\_id ) enddo enddo

else if( dir .eq. +1 ) then do i2+1,n2 do i1=1,n1 indx = indx + 1

u(il,i2,l) = buff(indx, buff\_id ) enddo enddo

endif endif

return end

subroutine commlp( axis, u, nl, n2, n3, kk )
use caf\_intrinsics

implicit none

include 'cafnpb.h' include 'globals.h'

integer axis, dir, nl, n2, n3 double precision u( nl, n2, n3 )

integer i3, i2, i1, buff\_len,buff\_id
integer i, kk, indx

dir = -1 buff\_id = 3 + dir

buff\_len = nm2

do i=1,nm2 buff(i,buff\_id) = 0.0D0 enddo

> dir = +1 buff\_id = 3 + dir buff\_len = nm2

> > buff(i,buff\_id) = 0.0D0
> > enddo

dir = +1 buff id = 2 + dir

buff\_len = 0
if( axis .eq. 1 )then

do (1>2,n>1
 do (1>2,n>1
 boff\_ien = buff\_ien + 1
 buff(buff\_ien, buff\_id ) = u(n1-1, i2,i3)
 enddo
enddo

if( axis .eq. 2 )then
 do i3=2,n3=1
 do i1=1,n1
 buff\_len = buff\_len + 1
 buff\_lbuff\_len, buff\_id )= u( i1,n2=1,i3)

enddo enddo endif

if( axis .eq. 3 )then
do i2=1,n2
 do i1=1,n1
 buff\_len = buff\_len + 1
 buff(buff\_len, buff\_id ) = u( i1,i2,n3-1)

enddo endif

dir = -1 buff\_id = 2 + dir

buff\_len = 0

if( axis .eq. 1 )then
 do i1=2,n3-1
 do i2=2,n2-1
 buff\_ien = buff\_ien + 1
 buff(buff\_ien,buff\_id ) = u( 2, i2,i3)

enddo enddo

if( axis .eq. 2 )then do i3=2,n3-1 do i1=1,n1

buff\_len = buff\_len + 1 buff(buff\_len, buff\_id ) = u( i1, 2,i3) enddo

enddo endif iff avig .er. 3 )then

do i2=1,n2
 do i1=1,n1
 buff\_len = buff\_len + 1

buff(buff\_len, buff\_id ) = u( i1,i2,2)
enddo
enddo

endif do i=1,nm2

buff(i,4) = buff(i,3) buff(i,2) = buff(i,1) enddo

dir = -1

buff\_id = 3 + dir

do i3=2,n3-1
 do i1=1,n1
 indx = indx + 1
 u(i1,n2,i3) = buff(indx, buff\_id )
 enddo

enddo endif

if( axis .eq. 3 )then
do i2=1,n2
do i1=1,n1
indx = indx + 1

u(i1,i2,n3) = buff(indx, buff\_id ) enddo endif

dir = +1

buff\_id = 3 + dir indx = 0 if( axis .eq. 1 )then

do i3=2,n3-1
 do i2=2,n2-1
 indx = indx + 1
 u(1,i2,i3) = buff(indx, buff\_id )
enddo

enddo endif

return

if( axis .eq. 2 )then
 do i3=2,n3-1
 do i1=1,n1
 indx = indx + 1

u(il,l,i3) = buff(indx, buff\_id ) enddo endif

if( axis .eq. 3 )then
 do i2=1,n2
 do i1=1,n1
 indx = 1n4
 u(i1,i2,1) = buff(indx, buff id )

enddo enddo endif





```
function rprj3(S,R) {
  const Stencil: domain(3) = [-1..1, -1..1, -1..1], // 27-points
  w: [0..3]real = (/0.5, 0.25, 0.125, 0.0625/), // weights
  w3d: [(i,j,k) in Stencil] = w((i!=0) + (j!=0) + (k!=0));
```

```
forall ijk in S.domain do
    S(ijk) = sum reduce [off in Stencil] (w3d(off) * R(ijk + R.stride*off));
}
```

### **IPL** Productivity Challenges for Peta-Scale Systems



- Large-scale hierarchical architectural parallelism
  - tens of thousands to hundreds of thousands of processors
  - component failures may occur frequently
- Extreme non-uniformity in data access
- Applications: large, complex, and long-lived
  - multi-disciplinary, multi-language, multi-paradigm
  - dynamic, irregular, and adaptive
  - survive many hardware generations -> portability is important

How to exploit the parallelism and locality provided by the architecture?

- automatic parallelization and locality management are not powerful enough to provide a general efficient solution
- explicit support for control of parallelism and locality must be provided by the programming model and the language





### Fragmented Models

- processor-centric view: code written from the viewpoint of single threads
- local view of data segments

### Single Program Multiple Data (SPMD) Model

- special class of fragmented model
- single program executed in multiple instances

### Global-view Models

- global view of data and computation
  - burden of partitioning shifts to compiler/runtime
  - user may guide this process via language constructs

### Locality-aware Models

- features for mapping data and/or control to the architecture





- HPF Language Family
  - predecessors: CM-Fortran, Fortran D, Vienna Fortran
  - High Performance Fortran (HPF): HPF-1 (1993); HPF-2(1997)
  - successors: HPF+, HPF/JA
- OpenMP
- Partitioned Global Address Space (PGAS) Languages
  - Co-Array Fortran
  - UPC
  - Titanium
- High-Productivity Languages developed in the HPCS Program
  - Chapel
  - **X10**
  - Fortress
- Domain-Specific Languages and Abstractions





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- High-Productivity Computing Systems (HPCS) is a DARPA-sponsored program for the development of peta-scale architectures (2002-2010)
- HPCS Languages
  - Chapel (Cascade Project, led by Cray Inc.)
  - X10 (PERCS Project, led by IBM)
  - Fortress (HERO Project [until 2006], led by Sun Microsystems)
- These are new, memory-managed, object-oriented languages
  - global view of data and computation 
     generally no distinction

     between local and remote data access in the source code
  - support for explicit data and task parallelism
  - explicit locality management
  - Chapel is unique in that it provides user-defined data distributions



### **Chapel Language Concepts**

http://chapel.cs.washington.edu



- Explicit high-level control of parallelism
  - data parallelism
    - domains, arrays, indices: support distributed data aggregates
    - forall loops and iterators: express data parallel computations
  - task parallelism
    - cobegin statements: specify task parallel computations
    - synchronization variables, atomic sections
- Explicit high-level control of locality
  - "locales": abstract units of locality
  - data distributions: map data domains to sets of locales
  - on clauses: map execution components to sets of locales
- Close relationship to mainstream languages
  - object-oriented
  - type inference and generic programming
  - modules for Programming-in-the-Large

**Note:** Some of the features discussed in the following have the status of research proposals and are currently not part of the official Chapel language specification

### **IPL** Example: Jacobi Relaxation in Chapel



```
const L:[1..p,1..q] locale = reshape(Locales);
const n= ..., epsilon= ...;
const DD:domain(2)=[0..n+1,0..n+1] distributed(block,block)on L;
      D: subdomain(DD) = [1..n, 1..n];
var delta: real;
var A, Temp: [DD] real; /*array declarations over domain DD */
A(0,1..n) = 1.0;
do {
    forall (i,j) in D { /* parallel iteration over domain D */
       Temp(i,j) = (A(i-1,j)+A(i+1,j)+A(i,j-1)+A(i,j+1))/4.0;
       delta = max reduce abs(A(D) - Temp(D));
       A(D) = Temp(D);
    } while (delta > epsilon);
```

writeln(A);

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in source code





Task Creation
<u>cobegin</u> { S<sub>1</sub>,...,S<sub>n</sub>}

executes the  $S_i$  in parallel (i = 1,...n)

Task Localization

<u>on</u> L(i,j) <u>do</u> f(A(i,j))

executes f(A(i,j) on locale L(i,j)

Task Synchronization

- atomic sections
- sync variables
- single-assignment variables



#### **Aspects of Locality**







### Chapel's Framework for User-Defined Distributions



- Provides functionality for:
  - distributing index sets across locales
  - arranging data within a locale
  - defining specialized distribution libraries
- This capability is in its effect similar to function specification
  - unstructured meshes
  - multi-block problems
  - multi-grid problems
  - distributed sparse matrices



# **IPL**Locality Control in Chapel: Basic Concepts

#### Domain: first class entity

- components: index set, distribution, associated arrays, iterators
- Array—Mapping from a Domain to a Set of Variables

#### Framework for User-Defined Distributions: three levels

- 1. naïve use of a predefined library distribution (block, cyclic, indirect,...)
- 2. specification of a distribution by
  - global mapping: index set  $\rightarrow$  locales
  - interface for the definition of mapping, distribution segments, iterators
  - system-provided default functionality can be overridden by user
- 3. specification of a distribution by global mapping and layout mapping: index set → locale data space
- High-Level Control of Communication
  - user-defined specification of halos; communication assertions





```
/* declaration of distribution classes MyC and MyB: */
class MyC: Distribution {
                                               /* block size */
  const z:int;
  const ntl:int;
                                               /* number of target locales*/
  function map(i:index(source)):locale { /* global mapping for MyC */
    return Locales(mod(ceil(i/z-1)+1,ntl));
  }
class MyB: Distribution {
  var bl:int = ...;
                                               /* block length */
  function map(i: index(source)):locale {     /* global mapping for MyB */
    return Locales(ceil(i/bl));
}
```

/\* use of distribution classes MyC and MyB in declarations: \*/

```
const D1C: domain(1) distributed(MyC(z=100))=1..nl;
const D1B: domain(1) distributed(MyB) on Locales(1..num_locales/10)=1..nl;
var A1: [D1C] real;
var A2: [D1B] real;
```

## **IPL** Example: Banded Distribution





Diagonal A/d = { A(i,j) | d=i+j }

bw = 3 (bandwidth)

p=4 (number of locales)

**Distribution—global map:** 

Blocks of bw diagonals are cyclically mapped to locales

#### Layout:

Each diagonal is represented as a one-dimensional dense array. Arrays in a locale are referenced by a pointer array






#### User-Defined Specification of halo (ghost cells)

#### Compiler/Runtime System

- allocates local images of remote data
- defines mapping between remote objects and their images

### Halo Management

- update
- flush







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Support for global view of data, but local control

- Partitioned Global Address Space (PGAS) languages are based on the SPMD model
- Providing a shared-memory, global view, of data, combined with support for locality
  - global address space is logically partitioned, with each portion mapped to a processor
  - single-sided shared-memory communication (instead of MPI-style message passing)
  - in general, local and remote references distinguished in the source code
  - implemented via one-sided communication libraries (e.g., GASNet)
- Local control of execution via processor-centric view
- Main representatives: Co-Array Fortran (CAF), Unified Parallel C (UPC), Titanium





- General-purpose languages are limited in their ability to accommodate the abstractions of a scientific domain
- Domain-specific languages provide abstractions tailored to a specific domain
  - narrowing of the semantic gap between the programming language and the application domain
  - separation of domain expertise from parallelization and resource management
- Domain-specific knowledge can be used to improve program analysis and support V&V and fault tolerance.
- Telescoping supports the automatic generation of domain-specific languages by generating specialized, optimized versions of libraries





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## Legacy Code Migration

## (Semi) Automatic Tuning

- closed loop adaptive control: measurement, decision-making, actuation
- information exposure: users, compilers, runtime systems
- learning from experience: databases, data mining, reasoning systems

## Fault Tolerance

- massive parallelism poses new reliability problems
- fault anticipation, detection, localization, analysis, and recovery





### Rewriting Legacy Codes

- preservation of intellectual content
- performance portability: exploit new hardware and new algorithms
- code size may preclude complete rewrite: incremental porting
- Language, compiler, tool, and runtime support
  - (semi) automatic tools for migrating code
  - translation of performance-critical sections requires highlysophisticated software for automatic adaptation
    - reverse engineering of the original program
    - static analysis, using domain and/or architecture-specific knowledge
    - pattern matching and concept comprehension
    - optimizing code generation guided by the target architecture







#### Autonomy and Fault Tolerance for High-Performance Space-Borne Computing





**Mars Sample Return** 





Titan Explorer

Europa Astrobiology Laboratory

Future missions need <u>Autonomy</u> and <u>High-Capability On-Board Computing</u>: this can be accomplished by extending traditional spacecraft architectures



Neptune Triton Explorer





## **High-Capability On-Board System: An Example**





against transient faults—is a specific concern for this model



## Introspection...

- provides dynamic monitoring, analysis, and feedback, enabling system to become self-aware and context-aware:
  - monitoring execution behavior
  - reasoning about its internal state
  - changing the system or system state when necessary
- exploits adaptively the available threads
- can be applied to different scenarios, including:
  - fault tolerance
  - performance tuning
  - power management
  - behavior analysis
  - intrusion detection











- HPCS languages constitute an important step towards high-productivity programming for massively parallel peta-scale architectures
- Acceptance of a new language depends on many criteria, including:
  - functionality and target code performance
  - mature, industrial-strength compiler and runtime system technology
  - easy integration/migration of legacy codes
  - familiarity of users with conventional features
  - flexibility to deal with new hardware developments
- Many research challenges remain
  - high-level language features for multi-threading
  - architecture- and application-adaptive compilation and runtime systems that employ intelligent search strategies (ATLAS-like)
  - intelligent tools and middleware that provide efficient support for program development, performance tuning, fault tolerance, and power management
  - performance-porting of legacy applications

### Example BRD Distribution with CRS Layout



#### class BRD: Distribution {

```
function map(i:index(source)):locale{...}; /* global mapping for dense domain */
 function GetDistributionSegment(loc:locale):domain(1){...}; /* "box" for loc */
  . . .
class CRS: LocalSegment {
const loc: locale = this.getLocale();
  /* declaration of dense and sparse distribution segment for locale loc: */
 const locD: domain(2);
 const locDD: sparse domain(locD) = GetDistributionSegment(loc);
 const LocalDomain: domain(1)=1..nnz; /* local data domain */
  /* persistent data structures in the local segment: */
var cx: [LocalDomain] index(locD(2)); /* column index vector */
var ro: [l1..ul+1] index(xLocalDomain); /* row vector */
  ...
 function define_column_vector(): {[z in LocalDomain] cx(z)=nz2x(z)(2)}
 function define row vector(): {...}
/* mapping global index to index in local data domain: */
 function
             layout(i: index(D)): index(LocalDomain) return(x2nz(i))
constructor LocalSegment(){define_column_vector(); define_row_vector(); }
}
```



## Implementation Target Architecture: Cluster of Cell Broadband Engines





 $SPE \rightarrow PPE \rightarrow CBE \rightarrow Cluster$ 



## Case Study: Introspection Sensors for Performance Tuning



# Introspection sensors yield information about the execution of the application:

#### Hardware Monitors

- accumulators: counting standard events (cache misses, loads, FP ops,..)
- timers: analysis of latencies and stalls
- programmable watch events for special conditions

### Low-level Software Monitoring (at message-passing level)

- waiting times for blocking send and receive
- communication transfer times
- barrier synchronization times
- ...

#### High-Level Software Monitoring (at the level of a high-level language)

- timing for redistribution of a globally distributed collection
- timing for function invocation, loop, or program region
- timing for computing a communication schedule ("inspector")
- evaluation of assertions and invariants
- ...





Introspection actuators provide mechanisms, data, and control paths for implementing feedback to the application, depending on results of analysis and prediction:

- Instrumentation and Measurement Retargeting
- Resource Reallocation
- Computational Steering
  - changing the implementation of an application section
    - changing a function implementation by choosing a more efficient algorithm
    - changing the implementation of a loop
    - changing the distribution of key data structures, with the goal of load balancing

Program Restructuring and Recompilation (offline)





- 1. Dense Linear Algebra (BLAS, ScaLAPACK, MATLAB)
- 2. Sparse Linear Algebra (SpMV, SuperLU)
- 3. Spectral Methods (FFT)
- 4. N-Body Methods (Barnes-Hut, Fast Multipole)
- 5. Structured Grids (Cactus, Magneto-Hydrodynamics)
- 6. Unstructured Grids (ABAQUS, FIDAP)
- 7. Monte Carlo
- 8. Combination Logic (Encryption; Cyclic Redundancy Codes—CRC)
- 9. Graph Traversal (Quicksort)
- **10. Dynamic Programming**
- **11. Backtrack and Branch and Bound**
- 12. Construction of graphical models (Bayesian networks, Hidden Markov Models)
- **13. Finite State Machines**

## **IPL** The Traditional Approach will not Scale



- Traditional approach based on rad-hard processors and fixed redundancy (e.g., Triple Modular Redundancy—TMR)
  - Current Generation (Phoenix and Mars Science Lab –'09 Launch)
    - Single BAE Rad 750 Processor
    - ◆ 256 MB of DRAM and 2 GB Flash Memory (MSL)
    - ◆ 200 MIPS peak, 14 Watts available power (14 MIPS/W)
  - ST8 Honeywell Dependable Multiprocessor
    - COTS system with Rad 750 controller (100 MIPS) and IBM PowerPC 750FX (1300 MIPS)
    - 120 MIPS/Watt Performance
    - Fault tolerant architecture
- Rad-hard processors today lag commercial architectures by a factor of about 100 (and growing)
- By 2015: a single rad-hard processor may deliver about 1 GF orders of magnitude below requirements
- COTS-based multicore systems will be able to provide the required capability, but there are serious issues to be addressed...

# **JPL** Introspection versus Traditional V&V

## Introspection

- focuses on execution time monitoring, analysis, recovery
- actual work considers transient and hard faults, not design errors

## Verification & Validation:

- focuses on design errors
- is applied before actual program execution
- Verification has the goal to prove that a program conforms to its specification for all legal inputs
- Test proves or disproves correctness of the program for specific (range of) inputs
- Both verification and test are not complete:
  - problems may be undecidable or intractable
  - tests can prove existence of faults, not their total absence





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- Automatic Vectorization and Parallelization
  - automatic vectorization (for inner loops) and parallelization (for SMPs) were successful in limited contexts
  - in general, automatic parallelization is essentially intractable
- Data parallel languages for MPPs and clusters
  - pioneered by compiler projects at Caltech (Cosmic Cube) and U of Bonn (SUPERB Fortran parallelizer)
  - key features of data parallel languages
    - global name space
    - single thread of control
    - loosely synchronous parallel computation
    - automatic generation of communication
  - key language developments
    - IVTRAN (1973) for the SIMD ILLIAV IV first language to allow control of data layout
    - MPP languages: Kali, Fortran D, Vienna Fortran, Connection Machine Fortran
    - High Performance Fortran (HPF) result of a standardization effort





- Sensors and actuators link the introspection framework to the application and the environment
- Sensors: provide input to the introspection system
  - **Examples for sensor-provided inputs:** 
    - state of a variable, data structure, synchronization object
    - value of an assertion
    - state of a temperature sensor or hardware counter
- Actuators: provide feedback from the introspection system
  - **Examples for actuator-triggered actions:**
  - modification of program components (methods and data)
  - modification of sensor/actuator sets (including activation and deactivation)
  - local recovery
  - signaling fault to next higher level in a hierarchical system
  - requesting actions from lower levels in a hierarchical system





- Assertions based on general program structures
  - values and value ranges for variables, subscript expressions, pointers
  - sequential and parallel control flow patterns
  - locality and communication assertions
  - independence assertions for data-parallel loops
  - real-time constraints
  - safety and liveness properties
- Domain-specific assertions: exploiting knowledge about:
  - target system: hardware and software
  - application domain
    - ◆ libraries: pre- and post conditions, argument constraints
    - data structure invariants
    - control constraints
    - data representation and distribution knowledge (e.g., CRS for distributed sparse matrices)
    - communication patterns and schedules for parallel constructs



### Space Flight Avionics and Microprocessors History and Outlook





Source: Contributions from Dan Katz (LSU), Larry Bergman (JPL), and others

# **JPL** Transient Faults



- SEUs and MBUs are radiation-induced transient hardware errors, which may corrupt software in multiple ways:
  - instruction codes and addresses
  - user data structures
  - synchronization objects
  - protected OS data structures
  - synchronization and communication

#### Potential effects include:

- wrong or illegal instruction codes and addresses
- wrong user data in registers, cache, or DRAM
- buffer overflows
- control flow errors
- unwarranted exceptions
- hangs and crashes
- synchronization and communication faults

## **PL** Basic Parallel Architecture Paradigms





#### In modern multicore-based architectures, such building blocks may be hierarchically combined in many different configurations





Let I denote the index set of a domain, and L the index domain for a set locales.
 A <u>data distribution</u>

#### $\delta: \mathsf{I} \xrightarrow{} \mathsf{L}$

is a total function that specifies for each element in I an associated locale

• Let  $I_1, I_2$ , denote index domains. An <u>alignment</u> from  $I_1$  to  $I_2$  is a total function  $\alpha: I_1 \rightarrow I_2$ that associates an index in  $I_2$ , with every index of  $I_1$ . If  $I_2$  has a distribution,  $\delta_2$ ,

then a distribution,  $\delta_1$ , for  $I_1$  is obtained as  $\delta_1 = \delta_2 \circ \alpha$ 

• Affinity between distributed data and threads can be formalized in a similar way

# **Top 500 Architectures**

JPL







- Concept influenced by HPF templates, ZPL regions
- Domains are first-class objects
- Domain components
  - index set
  - distribution
  - set of arrays
- Index sets are general sets of "names"
  - Cartesian products of integer intervals (as in Fortran95 etc.)
  - sparse subsets of Cartesian products
  - sets of object instances, e.g., for graph-based data structures
- Iterators based on domains

### Example: Possible Extensions for the CELL Matrix-Vector Multiply



## **Example** Matrix-Vector Multiply on the CELL: V2





AA=A; xx=x; /\* copy and distribute A, x to SPEs \*/ yy=sum reduce(dim=2) forall (i,j) in [1..m,1..n] on locale(xx(j)) AA(i,j)\*xx(j); y=yy; /\* copy yy back to PPE \*/



## User-Defined Distributions: Global Mapping(2)



```
/* declaration of distribution class MyC1: */
class MyC1: Distribution {
                                                /* cyclic(1) */
  const ntl:int;
                                                /* number of target locales */
  function map(i:index(source)):locale {
                                                /* global mapping for MyC1 */
    return Locales(mod(i-1,ntl)+1);
  }
  /* set of local iterators : */
  iterator DistSegIterator(loc: index(target)): index(source) {
   const N: int = getSource().extent;
   const k: int = locale_index(loc);
   for i in k..N by ntl { yield(i); }
  }
  /* distribution segment : */
  function GetDistributionSegment(loc: index(target)): Domain {
   const N: int = getSource().extent;
   const k: int = locale index(loc);
   return (k...N by ntl);
}
/* use of distribution class MyC1 in declarations: */
```

```
const D1C1: domain(1) distributed(MyC1()) on Locales(1..4)=1..16;
var A1: [D1C1] real;
```

```
var Al: [D
```

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#### An Approach to Application-Oriented Introspection-Based Fault Tolerance in the HPCS



### Approach based on a (mission-dependent) fault model

- classifies faults (fault types, severity)
- specifies fault probabilities, depending on environment
- prescribes recovery actions

#### Addressing fault detection, analysis, isolation, recovery

#### Exploiting knowledge from different sources

- automatic generation of assertions based on:
  - static analysis and profiling
  - properties of target system hardware and software
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#### Leveraging existing technology

- fixed-redundancy for small critical areas in a program
- Algorithm-Based Fault Tolerance (ABFT): standard matrix methods
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## **JPL** X10 and Fortress: Some Key Properties



- ♦ X10 --- the IBM HPCS Language
  - object-oriented; serial sublanguage based on Java
  - an array sublanguage supports the distribution of multidimensional arrays via standard methods
  - sequential and parallel iterators, either local or global
  - asynchronous activities
- Fortress --- the SUN HPCS Language
  - object-oriented, with some relationship to Java
  - supports Unicode and conventional mathematical notation: e.g.,  $y = a \sin 2x + \cos 2x \log \log x$
  - strong security model
  - support for language "growth" via inclusion of libraries
  - by default, arrays are distributed and loops are parallel





- Extension of Fortran to allow SPMD-style programming
- Introduces a new type of array dimension (co-array) to refer to the cooperating instances ("images") of an SPMD program, making processor boundaries explicit:

**integer :: a(n.m) [\*]** 

this introduces a shared co-array a with n\*m integers local to each processor image

Non-local variables can be directly referenced based on a corresponding syntax extension:

## a(1,:) [p]

references the first row of co-array a in processor p

a barrier provides synchronization between images




- Support for a global address space model for SPMD parallel programs, in which threads share part of their address space
- The shared space is logically partitioned into fragments, each of which is associated with a thread
- Shared arrays are distributed in block-cyclic fashion among threads
- The upc\_forall construct supports work sharing for a parallel loop
- Additional features include special constructs for pointers (private/shared), non-blocking barriers, and collective operations

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#### Example: PGAS vs. HPCS Setting up a block-distributed array in Titanium vs. Chapel



**Titanium:** *a dialect of Java that supports distributed multi-dimensional arrays, iterators, subarrays, and synchronization/communication primitives* 



Source: K.Yelick et al.: Parallel Languages and Compilers: Perspective from the Titanium Experience

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