Observations from Developing a Streaming Compiler for Polymorphous Computer Architectures

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Outline

- Context: HPEC applications, Polymorphous Computer Architectures, Streaming Compilers, Streaming Virtual Machines
- Streaming language, or just do it from C?
- Streaming programming model vs. streaming execution model
- Streaming API for cores, chips chassis, boards
- Start with the compiler technology
- What we've got now
- Some forward research opportunities



Polymorphous Computer Architectures

- DARPA/IPTO 2001-2007 research program
- Architectures and software for *versatile* HPEC
- UT Austin, MIT, Raytheon/USC-ISI, Stanford, Reservoir, GT, ...
- Hardware architectures: TRIPS, RAW, Smart Memories, Monarch
- High Level Compiler: R-Stream
- Low Level Compilers: Scale, StreamIT, Monarch
- Morphware: Machine Models, Streaming VM, Threaded VM, UVM, HAL
- Streaming Languages: StreamIT, Brook

HPEC Application Focus, Radar App



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R-Stream Project



You have to take it as given

- (And you should because it's true)... that in order to get high FLOPS/W from next generation hardware, you need to choreograph a tight execution with:
- High degrees of concurrency
- Multiple types of concurrency (coarse, ILP, SIMD, ...)
- Explicitly controlled communication (DMA, RDMA, message passing)
- Overlapping communications with computations
- Simple pipelines
- Arithmetic intensity high FLOPS/IO with very high locality
- The reward is that you might be able to get high percentage of a peak 100 GFLOPS/Watt performance ...modulo software



Streaming languages in PCA program

- Brook (circa 2003, now adopted by AMD)
 - Comes from early GPGPU, Imagine project at Stanford
 - Syntactic extensions to C
 - Stream data abstraction, kernel data abstraction
 - "Guide/force programmer" to write in 1-D form
 - "Stream Operators"
- StreamIT
 - Filters, Pipelines, Split/Joins, etc.
 - Elegant language, Java bindings, synchronous dataflow
 - Ask Saman, Rodric (no time here)



Sample Brook Code



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- Fitting streaming into C execution model
 - Expression had to be strip mined
- Could revert back to C, but this is a double edged sword
 - "Stuff that couldn't be streamed" expressed in C
 - Transpose strictly in Brook Puzzler, then 2 pages of code!
 - (Same in StreamIt)
 - One character ' in MATLAB, by the way
 - This is a corner turn!
- To get results on GPU for "hard stuff" a suite of "stream operators" were defined.
 - Language spec became increasingly baroque, situation-specific



Puzzled by how to compile Brook

- Objective is to get parallelism, locality, to distributed memory architectures, etc.
- We needed to undo the bindings in the input program
- We needed to compile C anyway
- We needed a way to express the semantics of stream operators
- •
- Stepping back:
- The claim was that streams abstraction helped avoid C language issues like aliasing, etc.
- But even the one dimensional abstraction was limiting
 - Modern radar algorithms want N-Dimensional constructs
 - STAP, STRAAP, MIMO, ...

Our next step: Abstract Array C

- Let's just make it easier to express abstract arrays in C
 - Help avoid the need for alias analysis heroics
 - Get the N-dimensional abstractions we need
 - Light touch on the language
- Solution was a syntactic indication that an array is abstractible
 - A[[i]][[j]] (an easy modification in the EDG front end)
 - Tells the compiler that the array's layout is undetermined
 - In contrast to regular C
- Reality intrudes
 - How do you pass abstract arrays in functions?
 - A few more "little" language features sneak in (doall, etc.)

- Who's going to write in that new syntax anyway?
- Meanwhile, we started to better understand next-generation mapping technologies (polyhedral "stuff") – that was a problem we could get our arms around.
- We're trying to raise the level of abstraction, divorce from physical considerations...
- Finally, we reach the conclusion that defining new language features is energy that we could just put into implementing the analyses that would allow us to take a subset of C programs and "abstract" them.

- We punt abstract array C, just use C, write the analyses



At the output side, the Streaming Virtual Machine

- LOTS of effort goes into defining an abstraction layer that can encompass TRIPS, RAW, Monarch, Smart Memories
- Streams, Kernels, binding in C, accepted by "low level compiler"
- Push, pop, EOS tokens, stream contexts
- An accompanying Morphware Machine Model
 - Describing capacities, operations, throughputs, topology
 - Lots of stuff...
- Resulting specification available, www.morphware.org



Learning from trying ...

- HLC only is able to target a few of the primitives in SVM
- R-Stream 2.0 gets locked into a specific "big VLIW" execution model
 - Shaped by Imagine
 - But what about RAW, Monarch, TRIPS?
 - Is it the compiler limitation or an API limitation?
- ...
- Very difficult, and hard to give answers without a mapper
- It's not so hard. A TI320cXX... has a clear definition
 - DMA, SIMD, tasks, parallelism, ...
 - Maybe it's not sufficient for PCAs, but it's not bad...
- Oh, and the machine model: the compiler only uses a subset of the primitives in the Machine Model spec.



The conclusion is that the mapper is central

- How do you know what language features help or don't help?
- How do you know what execution models are feasible?
- You only need machine model features that affect the mapper
- So we come up with this...



R-Stream 3.0 Compiler Flow



Oh, and then QR decomposition

- The first algorithms that the HPEC users try is QR decomposition...
- R-Stream 2.0 blows up. Most people don't write QR in a streaming style.
- And there are a few different algorithms for computing QR
 - (Gram-Schmidt, Householder, Givens, ...)
 - And the guys who build real HPEC systems know that some are better than others depending on the target
 - Shared memory: Householder or GS
 - Systolic: Givens
 - Decision shaped by shape



QR Decompositions

- Decompose $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{R}$, where \mathbf{Q} is orthonormal $(\mathbf{Q}^T \mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{I})$ and \mathbf{R} is upper triangular
- High performance of QR decomposition is crucial to many HPEC applications, e.g., QR Recursive Least Squares (QR-RLS) in a Space Time Adaptive Processing (STAP) radar
- Very efficient "hand crafted" systolic implementations exist, e.g., Nguyen et. al., HPEC 2005:



Efficiencies of the systolic form come from multidimensional, wavefront parallelism and high degrees of locality

R-Stream Compiler Flow



- Linear algebraic model for representing loops
- Iteration spaces as polyhedra. Dependencies as polyhedral relations
- Statement-wise schedules: when + where a statement is executed
- Advantages:
 - Greater scope of programs optimized
 - Parametric programs optimized
 - Common representation for all mapping steps
 - Optimizations framed as (relatively) efficient problems for common mathematical solvers
- This allows compiler to optimize QR algorithms
 - in a way that is not possible with "classic" optimizers.
- Not specific to QR (i.e., not a "fastest QR in the West" library)
 - Allows high-level optimization of QR jointly with other kernels

Polyhedral Representation in a Nutshell



Dependence relations as polyhedra tie these components together



Affine scheduling : given statements $S_1, ..., S_n$ and dependence relations \mathbf{R}_{ij} , Find statement - wise affine schedule $\Theta = (\Theta_{S_1}, ..., \Theta_{S_n})$ $\Theta_{S_i}(x)$ maps iteration x of statement S_i to its execution time



Generalization from schedules to **space - time** mappings:



Parallelism Types and Loop Transformations



Parallelism not always <u>that</u> trivial to exhibit

- Automatically exhibits *wavefront hyperplanes* essential for:
 - Communication-free parallelism
 - Pipelined parallelism with *near-neighbor communications* thanks to *permutable loops* (i.e. all dependences are forward)
 - Tiling for *data locality* and task aggregation (register reuse)
- Finds hyperplanes automatically for *whole programs*, not just QR
- Enables *hierarchical parallelism* exploitation (FPGA, SMP, MPI ...)
- General formulation only available since 2007; R-Stream improves it

Tradeoff between Parallelism and Locality

Maximizing locality

Maximizing a weighted sum of parallelism and locality

```
doall (i = 0; i < N; i++) {
    doall (j = 0; j < N; j++)
        B[j][i] = A[j][i] + u1[j] * v1[i] +
            u2[j] * v2[i];
    reduction_for (j = 0; j < N; j++)
        x[i] = x[i] + B[j][i] * y[j] * beta;
    x[i] = x[i] + z[i];
}
doall (i = 0; i < N; i++)
    reduction_for (j = 0; j <= N + -1; j++)
        w[i] = w[i] + B[i][j] * x[j] * alpha;</pre>
```

Maximizing coarse-grained parallelism

```
doall (i = 0; i <= N + -1; i++)
    doall (j = 0; j <= N + -1; j++)
        B[i][j] = A[i][j] + u1[i] * v1[j] +
            u2[i] * v2[j];
doall (i = 0; i <= N + -1; i++)
        for (j = 0; j <= N + -1; j++)
            x[i] = x[i] + B[j][i] * y[j] * beta;
doall (i = 0; i <= N + -1; i++)
        x[i] = x[i] + z[i];
doall (i = 0; i <= N + -1; i++)
        for (j = 0; j <= N + -1; j++)
        w[i] = w[i] + B[i][j] * x[j] * alpha;
```

Optimization can frames the tradeoffs between parallelism and locality

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• Uses Given's rotations to "locally" zero out elements

$$G(i, j, \theta) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \cos(\theta) & \dots & \sin(\theta) & \ddots & 0 \\ \vdots & & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & -\sin(\theta) & \dots & \cos(\theta) & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



Givens QR in Plain Old Sequential C

```
#define N 1024
for (int k = 0; k < N-1; k++) {
 for (int i = N-2; i >= k; i--) {
   float a = A[i][k]; // S0
   float b = A[i+1][k]; // S1
   float d = sqrt(a*a+b*b);
   float c = a/d;
   float s = -b/di // S2
   for (j = k; j < N; j++) {
     float t1 = A[i][j]*c + A[i+1][j]*s;
     float t2 = A[i+1][j]*c - A[i][j]*s;
     A[i][j] = t1;
     A[i+1][j] = t2; // S3
```

- Creates additional storage to ensure parallelism exploitation
- Removes "memory-based" dependences
- Allows exclusive focus on producer-consumer relationships
 - Discarding producer-producer conflicts

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      float t2 = A[i+1][j]*c - A[i][j]*s;
      A[i][j] = t1;
      A[i+1][j] = t2; // S3
    }
}</pre>
```

for (int i = 0; i <= 1022; i++) { **for** (int j = 0; j <= - i + 1022; j++) { SO(a[i][j], A[1023-j][i]); S1(b[i][j], A[1022-j][i]); S2(a[i][j], b[i][j], c[i][j], s[i][j]); for (int k = 0; k <= -i + 1023; k++) S3(A[1022-j][i+k], A[1023-j][i+k], c[i][j], s[i][j]));

After (simplified statement notation)

Before

Parallelization Algorithm



Before

 $\Theta_{s0}(i, j) = [i, i + j]$ $\Theta_{s1}(i, j) = [i, i + j]$ $\Theta_{s2}(i, j) = [i, i + j]$ $\Theta_{s3}(i, j, k) = [i, i + j, k]$

Schedule



After

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2-D Analogy (Applying the Parallelization Algorithm)





Tiling





2-D Analogy (Tiling)





Skewing the Tile Space (> Pipelined Parallelism)



2-D Analogy (Skewing the Tile Space)





2-D Analogy (Summary)



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Some Performance Results (Givens QR)



Modified Gram-Schmidt QR



Plain Old Sequential C Input



Modified Gram-Schmidt QR Parallelized

```
// proloque elided
for (int i = 0; i <= 1022; i++) {
  reduction_for (int j = 0; j <= 1023; j++)
    nrm += A[j][i] * A[j][i];
 nrm[i] = sqrt(R[i][i]);
 doall (int j = 0; j <= 1023; j++)
     Q[j][i] = A[j][i] / R[i][i];
  // barrier
  doall (int j = 0; j <= - i + 1022; j++) {
    for (int k = 0; k \le 1023; k++)
      R[i][1+i+j] += Q[k][i] * A[k][1+i+j];
    doall (int k = 0; k \le 1023; k++)
      A[i][j] = O[k][i] * R[i][1+i+j];
    // barrier
                                   Here, the scheduling algorithm
  // barrier
                                  finds coarse-grained parallelism
// epilogue elided
```

Result, after scheduling



Householder QR



Plain Old Sequential C Input

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Householder QR Parallelized



Result, after scheduling and tiling

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Various Downstream Transformations

- Tiling to match granularity of tasks to core (e.g., local memory size)
- Placing the tiles onto 1D and 2D arrays of cores
- Managing distributed local memories
- Generating explicit DMA and synchronization operations
- Multibuffering to overlap computation and communication
- Partitioning code for heterogeneous targets (hosts, accelerators)
- Unrolling and jamming for improved locality (enable SIMDization
- Converting to dataflow representation (for FPGA accelerators)
- Generating directives (e.g., OpenMP)

R-Stream also automates all of these transformations

Parallelization is only the first step!



- A tool and algorithm for converting a sequential execution model into a streaming execution model!
 - Particularly, to distributed memories and explicitly controlled architectures
 - Solved a "DARPA hard" problem mapping
- And, it can emit to other execution models, e.g., we can emit to OpenMP! (Various target architectures in progress).
- Disclaimer: various limitations (implementation, theory) need to be resolved.



- Want to revisit the input language issue
 - Support higher levels of abstraction, algorithm exploration
- Need libraries of "raisable" BLASx
- Maybe we need to pick up SVM effort (SVM 2.0)
 - Many APIs (MCF, DACS/ALF, MPI-C, SPURS, QA, SCA, DRI...)
 - Extend to core/chip/board/chassis/cabinet level
 - Extend to other considerations (e.g., fault tolerance)
- Dynamism
- Mapping algorithms

