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Open HPEC Systems: Design and Profiling tools for multiprocessor signal processing applications using MPI

Typical HPEC application development cycle (



MPI based HPEC platform





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Zero-Copy MPI Implementation

MPI Services (MPS) side to side with MPI

- MPI application source portability
- Links/Connector relationship
- Real-Time support
 - Links to select communication channels (~ QoS)
 - Requests timeout support
- Real zero-copy transfer
 - Buffer Management API (MPS)
- Heterogeneous machine support
 - Topology files outside application







MPI for HPEC applications

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Performance and determinism

- Zero copy (e.g., RDMA on Fibre Channel) in addition to tcp/ip
- Buffering control
- Deployment control
 - Topology file
 - Mapping of processes on processors
 - Mapping of logical channels (MPI communicators) on physical link
- Execution control
 - extended "mpirun" facility (includes "ps", "kill" features over the application as a whole, or selected processes

"User friendly" interfaces:

- standard MPI API
- simple XML configuration files
- command line interface

MPI API and XML files provide a for code generation by high-level tools



Design Framework principle (



Rapid prototyping: code generation and execution on representative hardware platform

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- Modelling (application, architecture)
- Management (profiles, projects, libraries)
- Mapping
- Performance simulation
- Generator (code, stimuli, doc)





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Design support

- Graphical interface, internal representation of application, and code generation "front end" implemented in Java within the Ptolemy framework (University of California at Berkeley, Pr. Edward Lee)
- Code generation "back-end" implemented using XML transformations
- Target may be any MPI library; tested on LAM (University of Indiana) on Pentium M/Linux
- Profiling
 - Optimised (zero copy) MPI implementation compatible with MPE profiling library and "Jumpshot" graphic display and analysis tool (Argonne National Laboratory)
- MPI
 - PowerPC G3, G4, G5 ; Pentium M ; Linux, LynxOS
 - VME 2eSST, Fibre Channel, RapidIO
- Cluster administration and control/monitoring
 - based on "Webmin"





Work in progress / Possible cooperation (

Design support

- Improvement of data parallelism support including data reorganisation (signal processing "corner turn")
- High-level, discrete event, transaction level simulation
- Integrate in Eclipse framework
 - Cooperation's: UCB, Eclipse project

Profiling and MPI

- Provide a trace collection "trigger" facility
- Provide an open "plug in" structure for MPI customisation (e.g., external I/O, specific communication fabric)
 - Co operations: LAM and MPICH teams

Platform infrastructure

- Adopt existing, open, mature solutions from "non embedded" computing, e.g., HA-OSCAR
 - Cooperation's: Louisiana Tech University, Oak Ridge National Laboratory





Demo platform outside



See you there for questions



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