
Synthesizing Parallel Programming Models for Asymmetric Multi-core Systems

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Asymmetric Multi-Core Systems

- Potential for data-intensive applications
 - Multiple dimensions of parallelism
 - Heterogeneity, application-specific accelerators
 - Ample memory bandwidth
 - Flexibility via delegating control to software
- Limitations
 - Programming models ignore polymorphic parallelism
 - Runtime systems ignore polymorphic parallelism

Contributions

- Polymorphic parallelism on the Cell BE
- Event-driven scheduling
 - Unification of task, data, pipeline parallel execution
 - Integration of DMA and communication parallelism
- Runtime performance prediction
 - Model of multi-grain concurrency
 - Model-driven adaptation in the runtime system
- Cell system software modules
 - EDTLP, MMGP

Results

