IPDPS Panel - Attracting the Underrepresented: Can Parallel and Distributed Computing Community Foster Social Change?



Edinburgh, UK 2003-2005: Post-doc Algorithmic skeletons





Grenoble, France

1995-1997: Math studies

1997-2000: Engineer school

2000-2003: PhD thesis

Performance evaluation, Markov chains





Julie, 2012 Sophie, 2014

ENS Lyon, France

2005-Present: Associate Prof.

Multi-criteria scheduling, resilience,

energy, memory, ...

Georgia Tech, Atlanta, USA

2017-2018: Visiting Ass. Prof.



8 PhD students, 25% female

Program (Papers) Chair for HiPC'16, ICPP'17, SC'17, IPDPS'18
Head of Fundamental CS Master @ ENS Lyon (2015-2017)
AE of JPDC & TPDS

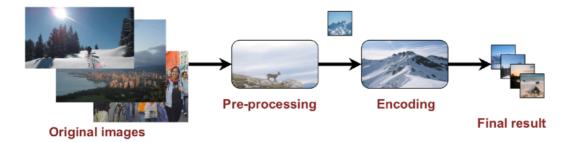
My research in one slide

Algorithms

schedulings

• Stream of data to process: images, frames, matrices, etc.

- Encode images, factorize matrices
- Structured applications: several steps to process one data set
- Many processing resources: work on different data in parallel



Large class of applications

Need to efficiently use computing resources

Top ranked supercomputers in the US (June 2017)

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Rank	Name	Laboratory	Technology	Processors	PFlops/s	MTBF
4	Titan	ORNL	Cray XK7	37,376	17.59	pprox 1 day
5	Sequoia	LLNL	BG/Q	98,304	17.17	pprox 1 day
6	Cori	LBNL	Cray XC40	11,308	14.01	pprox 1 day
9	Mira	ANL	BG/Q	49,152	8.59	pprox 1 day

The first exascale computer (10^{18} FLOPS) is expected by 2020:

- Larger processors count: millions of processors
- MTBF is expected to drop dramatically
- Down to the hour or even worse

Coping with faults:

 Make applications more fault tolerant, design better resilience techniques...



Multi-criteria

Data centers

330,000,00

• 533,000,00

Exascale compu

Need effort

• 1% of powe

Lambda user

- 1 billion per
- 500,000,00

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• ~ crucial for both environmental and economical reasons

Energy

hore than France

bns per second)

countries

r year

What we had:



Energy-efficient scheduling + frequency scaling

What we aim at:



Performance

NP-completeness Approximation

OPTIMAL

SPEND
TOO LONG
CHECKPOINTING

CHECKPOINT INTERVAL

Data, Memory

Diversity

- IPDPS: 11.94% of female attendees
- Are females feeling comfortable in CS?
 Not always... Possible solution: events
 to discuss problems and solutions
- Inconscient bias in selection committees?
- More and more parity rules
 - May be burden for female researchers (in particular in France)
- In France: Associations to motivate young girls to go into science (mathematics and computer science)
- Too many stereotypes for young girls
- Some statistics:
 - Girls do better in middle-school and high school
 - University: only 27,6% of female in fundamental sciences
 - Advanced math undergraduate studies: 22,3% in MP, 15,5% in MP*
 - Engineer schools: 28.1% (less in math/CS!)
 - Associate professors: 31% / Professors: 11%

