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Scheduling for Numerical Linear Algebra Library at Scale

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Something's Happening Here...



- In the "old days" it was: each year processors would become faster
- Today the clock speed is fixed or getting slower
- Things are still
 doubling every
 18 -24 months
- Moore's Law reinterpretated.
 - Number of cores double every 18-24 months

500 Fastest Computers Over Time





Hybrid Design (2 kinds of chips & 3 kinds of cores)



Performance Development & Projections



ORNL/UTK Computer Power Cost Projections 2007-2012

- Over the next 5 years ORNL/UTK will deploy 2 large Petascale systems
- Using 4 MW today, going to 15MW before year end
- By 2012 could be using more than 50MW!!
- Cost estimates based on \$0.07 per KwH



Includes both DOE and NSF systems.





What Will a Petascale System Looks Like?

Possible Petascale System		
1. # of cores per nodes	10 - 100 cores, possibly hybrid	
2. Performance per nodes	100 - 1,000 GFlop/s	
3. Number of nodes	1,000 - 10,000 nodes	
4. Latency inter-nodes	1 µsec	
5. Bandwidth inter-nodes	10 GB/s	
6. Memory per nodes	100 - 1,000 GB	

• In general would like high...

2. performance per node 5. bandwidth inter-nodes 6. memory per nodes

- Algorithms for multicore and need for latency avoiding algorithms
 - 1. Number of cores per node 2. performance per node 4. Latency internodes
- Issues involving fault tolerance
 - Motivation in:
 - 1. Number of cores per node 3. number of nodes

Major Changes to Software

- Must rethink the design of our software
 - Another disruptive technology
 - Similar to what happened with cluster computing and message passing
 - Rethink and rewrite the applications, algorithms, and software
- Numerical libraries for example will change
 - For example, both LAPACK and ScaLAPACK will undergo major changes to accommodate this





About 1 million lines of code

Coding for an Abstract Multicore

Parallel software for multicores should have two characteristics:

- Fine granularity:
 - High level of parallelism is needed
 - Cores will probably be associated with relatively small local memories. This requires splitting an operation into tasks that operate on small portions of data in order to reduce bus traffic and improve data locality.
- Asynchronicity:
 - As the degree of thread level parallelism grows and granularity of the operations becomes smaller, the presence of synchronization points in a parallel execution seriously affects the efficiency of an algorithm.

ManyCore - Parallelism for the Masses

- We are looking at the following concepts in designing the next numerical library implementation
 - Dynamic Data Driven Execution
 - Self Adapting
 - Block Data Layout
 - Mixed Precision in the Algorithm
 - Exploit Hybrid Architectures
 - Fault Tolerant Methods









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Blocked







Cholesky -- 2-way Quad Clovertown









Cholesky on the CELL





Single precision results on the Cell

If We Had A Small Matrix Problem

- We would generate the DAG, find the critical path and execute it.
- DAG too large to generate ahead of time
 - Not explicitly generate
 - Dynamically generate the DAG as we go
- Machines will have large number of cores in a distributed fashion
 - Will have to engage in message passing
 - Distributed management
 - Locally have a run time system



Each Node or Core Will Have



BIN 1



- some dependencies satisfied
- waiting for all dependencies
- all dependencies satisfied
- some data delivered
- waiting for all data





- all data delivered
- waiting for execution

DAG and Runtime

- Bin 1: Waiting for dependencies to be satisfied
- Bin 2: All dependencies satisfied, waiting for data
- Bin 3: dependencies and data available; ready to execute
- Execute task in Bin 3
 - Task with all data and dependencies satisfied
 - After execution report to children done and dependencies satisfied and send data
 - Steal task if none
- Check Bin 1 to see if new dependencies satisfied for tasks
 - If new dependency satisfied update and post receive of data
 - If all dependencies and data available satisfied move to Bin 2
- Check Bin 2 to see data arrival
 - Check for data arrival; If all data available move to Bin 3
- If needed place new task from my part of the DAG into Bin 1



1 Some dependencies satisfied; waiting for all



2 All dependencies satisfied; waiting for data



3 Waiting for execution

DAG and Scheduling

- DAG is dynamically generated and implicit
- Everything designed for distributed memory systems
- Runtime system on each node or core

- Run time
- Bin 1
 - Exec a task that's ready
 - Notify children of completion
 - Send data to children
 - If no work do work stealing
- Bin 2
 - See if new dependences are satisfied
 - If so move task to Bin 3
- Bin 3
 - See if new data has arrived



Looking Into a Number of Things

- DAG must be dynamic
 - Some of the algorithms are iterative i.e. eigenvalue problem
- Parameterized Task Graph
 - Cosnard and Jeannot
- DAG has to be handled in a distributed fashion

Some Questions

- What's the best way to represent the DAG?
- What's the best approach to dynamically generating the DAG?
- What run time system should we use?
 - We will probably build something that we would target to the underlying system's RTS.
- What about work stealing?
 - Can we do better than nearest neighbor work stealing?
- What does the program look like?
 - Experimented with Cilk, Charm++, UPC, Intel Threads
 - I would like to reuse as much of the existing software as possible



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