#### A Graphical Dataflow Programming Approach To High Performance Computing

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# Outline

- Graphical Dataflow Programming
- LabVIEW Introduction and Demo
- LabVIEW Compiler (under the hood)
- Multicore Programming in LabVIEW
- Polyhedral Compilation of Graphical Dataflow Programs



# **Evolution of Programming Languages**





#### Graphical Dataflow v/s Imperative Programs

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#### Graphical dataflow programming

- No notion of statements
- No fixed relative execution order
- Referential transparency





# **Dataflow Execution Semantics**

- Interconnected set of nodes that represent specific computations
- Nodes consume input data to produce output data
- Nodes ready to *fired* as soon as data is available on all inputs





# Inherent Parallelism Of Dataflow Programs

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#### Exploiting inherent parallelism

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- Square < (Multiply | | TernaryMultiply) < Add</li>
- Sequentiality enforced through data dependences
- Compiler determines the granularity of parallelism



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- Copy avoidance strategies to reduce memory overhead
  - Output data is *inplace* to input data wherever possible



After copy-avoidance, only 3 memory allocations are needed



# Copy-avoidance and Execution Schedule



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Strong interplay between copy-avoidance, clumping and scheduling



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# LabVIEW

Platform for graphical dataflow programming

- Owned by National Instruments
- G dataflow programming language
- Editor, compiler, runtime and debugger
- Supported on Windows, Linux, Mac
- Power PC, Intel architectures, FPGA



Measurement Deployable Math Control I/O and Analysis

User Interface

**Technology Integration** 



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#### Scalable: From Kindergarten to Rocket Science





# LabVIEW Program

- LabVIEW program
  - Front Panel + Block Diagram





# G Programming Language

- Data types
  - Built-in types: integer and floating point types, Boolean, string etc
  - Aggregate types: arrays, clusters, classes
- Data manipulation through built-in collection of primitives
  - Numeric palette (add, multiply, divide, subtract etc)
  - Array palette (Build array, Index array, concatenate array, decimate array etc)







### G Programming Language – Control Constructs

Case Structure

Flag	● 0, Default ▼ One Button Dialog Hello World OK OK
	It's a wonderful day! It's a wonderful day! I agree Disagree

- One or more diagrams (cases)
- Value wired to selector terminal for switching
  - Boolean, string, integer, enumerated type



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#### G Programming Language – Control Constructs

#### Loop structures

- While loop
- Timed loop

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Vector A

i 123 i k

Vector A

Vector B

i 123 i k

i 123 i k

Vector B

i 123 j k N

Index Array

Index Array

Multiply

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- For loop
  - LoopMax and LoopIndex boundary nodes

Add Array Elements

• Loop carried data through shift registers

Add Array Elements

Tunnels (with optional indexing)

Multiply



Shift registers to propagate

data across iterations

Unindexed tunnels propagate same data every iteration

Indexed tunnels

- Array auto-indexing
- Auto- accumulate iteration outputs



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mov	byte ptr [esi+29h],0	cmp
mov	eax,dword ptr [esi+18h]	je
mov	ebp,dword ptr [esi+14h]	mov
mov	dword ptr [esi+0Ch],eax	mov
cmp	byte ptr [esi+2Ah],1	mov
je	0ABFFE0F	mov
mov	eax,dword ptr [esi+1Ch]	inc
mov	eax,dword ptr [eax+14h]	mov
test	eax,eax	cmp
je	0ABFFCEF	mov
cmp	byte ptr [eax+2Ah],1	je
jne	0ABFFCEF	cmp
jmp	0ABFFE0F	jne
mov	ecx,dword ptr [ebp+44h]	mov
xor	eax,eax	mov
mov	edx,1	mov
lock cr	mpxchg dword ptr [ecx],edx	mov
test	eax,eax	mov
jne	0ABFFCEF	cmp
mov	eax,dword ptr [esi+1Ch]	jne
lea	ecx,[ebp+4Ch]	mov
mov	dword ptr [eax+10h],ecx	cmp
mov	dword ptr [ebp+68h],eax	jne
mov	dword ptr [ebp+48h],esi	mov
cmp	dword ptr [eax+14h],0	xor
jne	0ABFFD90	jmp
mov	dword ptr [eax+14h],esi	mov
mov	byte ptr [ebp+1Eh],1	mov

р	dword ptr [esi+30h],2
	0ABFFE39
v	byte ptr [ebp+1Bh],1
v	esi,dword ptr [ebp+360h]
v	esi,dword ptr [esi]
v	dword ptr [ebp+37Ch],esi
;	dword ptr [ebp+37Ch]
v	esi,dword ptr [ebp+48h]
р	byte ptr [esi+3Dh],1
v	eax,dword ptr [ebp+68h]
	0ABFFE09
р	dword ptr [eax+28h],0
	0ABFFE1F
v	dword ptr [ebp+48h],0
v	dword ptr [eax+10h],esi
v	byte ptr [ebp+1Eh],0
v	ecx,dword ptr [ebp+44h]
v	dword ptr [ecx],0
р	dword ptr [eax+14h],esi
	0ABFFE0F
v	dword ptr [eax+14h],0
р	byte ptr [esi+29h],5
	0ABFFE0F
v	dword ptr [esi+29h],2
	eax,eax
)	0ABFFD13
V	dword ptr [esi+1Ch],eax
v	dword ptr [eax+10h],esi

mov	edx,dword ptr [esi+8]
mov	ecx,dword ptr [esi+0Ch]
mov	eax,esi
add	esp,8
рор	esi
mov	ebp,edx
jmp	ecx
add	ebp,3Ch
mov	dword ptr [esp],ebp
call	SubrVIExit (24D6450h)
test	eax,eax
je	0ABFFE02
mov	esi,eax
jmp	0ABFFE0F
mov	byte ptr [ebp+1Bh],0
jmp	0ABFFD90



# LabVIEW Compiler

#### Abstracts the complexities of programming

- Memory management
- $_{\circ}$  Thread allocation
- Language syntax
- Edit-time semantic analysis
- Compile on Load/Run/Save

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Error list	x
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1 errors and warnings Show Warnings	<b>v</b>
Block Diagram Errors	^
Details	Ŧ
One or more required inputs to this function are not wired or are wired incorrectly. Show the Context Help window to see what the connections to this function should be.	*
Close Show Error Help	



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#### Low-Level Virtual Machine (LLVM)

- Low-level sequential representation
- Knowledge of target machine characteristics
- 3<sup>rd</sup> party, Open Source





#### What does DFIR look like?





# **DFIR Decomposition Transforms**

- Lowering high-level nodes and constructs
  - equivalent lower-level nodes



#### Feedback Node Decomposition





**Common Sub-expression Elimination** 





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- Traditional text-based languages have sequential syntax
  - Difficult to visualize and organize in parallel form
- Parallelism is more evident in graphical dataflow programs
  - Tasks as parallel sections of code on LabVIEW block diagram
  - No need to manage threads or their synchronization


#### Task Parallelism – An Example



- Independent data acquisition tasks
- Can be executed concurrently on multicore processor



### Task Parallelism – An Example With Pitfalls



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- Tasks not truly parallel
  - Digital task depends on analog task

To maximize task parallelism, avoid unnecessary resource sharing



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  - Clumps yield periodically to scheduler
  - Waiting clumps get chance to run



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- Large dataset broken up into 4 subsets
- Each core is engaged
- Improved execution speed



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Matrix 1 Matrix 2 Split Split Matrix 2 Ma

	Execution Time on Single Core Processor	Execution Time on Dual Core Processor
Matrix Multiplication without Data Parallelism	1.195 seconds	1.159 seconds
Matrix Multiplication with Data Parallelism	1.224 seconds	0.629 seconds



#### Data Parallelism in the Real World



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#### LabVIEW program for plasma control in ASDEX tokamak

- Germany's most advanced nuclear fusion platform
- Compute-intensive matrix operations on oct-core server
- Real-time constraint of maintaining a 1ms control loop

"in first design stage...with LabVIEW, we obtained a **20X processing speedup on an** octal core processor machine over a single-core processor, while reaching our 1 ms control loop requirement" -- Louis Giannone, lead researcher ni.com

#### Structured Grids



Near-neighbor dependences in time-iterated stencil computations

```
for(t = 1; t < T; ++t)
for(i = 1; i < N; ++i)
for(j = 1; j < N; ++j)
grid[t][i][j] = f(grid[t-1][i-1][j],
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        }
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}
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- Divide inherently serial task into concrete stages
- Execute stages in assembly-line fashion



- No pipelining
- Poor throughput



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- Pipelined execution through shift registers
- Each stage can be mapped to a separate core





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Avoid large data transfer between stages, across cores



- Cores may not share cache
- Data size could exceed cache size



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  - Greater CPU utilization



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- Compiler generate multiple parallel loop instances
- Each parallel loop instance represents independently schedulable clump





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#### Customized iteration partitioning

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Data carried across iterations through shift registers



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#### LabVIEW automatically does cross-iteration dependence analysis

• VI breaks if dependences are violated

One iteration should not depend on results of another

- Writing A[i-1] in iteration i-1
- Reading A[i-1] in iteration (i)



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#### Loop skewing exposes the hidden parallelism



if (N>= 1) { for (i=2;i<=2\*N;i++) {</pre> for (j=max(1,i-N);j<=min(N,i-1);j++) {</pre> // this loop can now be parallelized a[i-j][j]=a[i-j][j-1]+a[i-j-1][j];; }

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#### Polyhedral Model - A Short Overview

- Abstract mathematical representation
  - Convenient to reason about complex program transformations
- Static Control Parts (SCoP), typically affine loop-nests
  - e.g. stencil computations, linear algebra kernels

```
For(i=0; i<=n-1; i++) // loop bounds are affine
    for(j=2i; j<=2i+n-1; j++)
        for(k=2i-j; k<=2i-j+n-1; k++)
            a[i][j][k] = a[i+j][i+j+k][2i-3j+k+n-1] + 1; // acccesses are affine</pre>
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- Dynamic instances of a statement
  - Integer points inside a polyhedron
  - Iteration domain as conjunction of affine inequalities involving surrounding loop iterators and global parameters



Figure. Polyhedral representation of a loop-nest in geometrical and linear algebraic form



#### A multi-dimensional affine schedule

- Specifies order in which the integer points need to be scanned
- Maps each integer point to multi-dimensional logical timestamp (think...hours, minutes, seconds)

Schedule of the statement instances is given by **theta(i, j) = (i, j)** 





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#### Polyhedral compilation - some related work

Polyhedral compilation of imperative programs

- Extract polyhedral representation e.g. Clan (Cedric Bastoul et al)
- Polyhedral transformation PLuTo (Uday Bondhugula et al)
- Generated transformed code e.g. CLooG (Cedric Bastoul et al)
- Polyhedral compilation in production compilers e.g. IBM-XL, RSTREAM

Polyhedral compilation of graphical dataflow programs?

- Polyhedral extraction from dataflow programs
- Synthesizing dataflow programs from polyhedral representation



## Extracting Polyhedral Representation

- Identifying statement analogues
- Relating array accesses to a particular array allocation
- Execution schedule depends on the actual inplaceness strategy



# Static Control Dataflow Diagram (SCoD)

- Canonical form of dataflow program
- Inplaceness patterns that facilitate polyhedral extraction
  - no new memory allocation for array data inside the SCoD
- Similarities with SCoP
  - All computations nodes are functional
  - Maximal dataflow diagram with countable loop constructs
  - Loop bounds and conditional depend on parameters that are invariant for the diagram



#### SCoD – Destructive Updates

At most one destructive update of array data





## Compute-dags as Statement Analogues

- Schedule of nodes exists such that no array copy is needed
  - hint: schedule all array reads ahead of the array write
- SCoD as sequence of computations that over-write incoming array data
- Compute-dags can be identified to serve as statement analogues



## Compute-dags as Statement Analogues

• A path exists from all nodes in the compute-dag to the root





#### Iteration Domain of Statement Analogues



#### Determining Schedule of Statement Analogues



#### Analyzing Accesses of Statement Analogues



#### The PolyGLoT framework

for(t0=0;t0<=N0-1;t0++){
 for(t1=0;t1<=N0-1;t1++){
 for(t2=0;t2<=N0-1;t2++){
 // This is just a representative statemnt of the form
 // <Statement-id>[0] = <waccess> \* <sum of racceses>
 // S0[0]=A1[t0][t1]\*A1[t0][t1]+A2[t2][t1]+A3[t0][t2];
 }
 }
}



A high-level overview of PolyGLoT

#### Experimental evaluation

- Implemented benchmarks in Polybench suite in LabVIEW
- PolyGLoT as a separate transform pass in LV desktop compiler
  - uses Pluto as the polyhedral optimizer (locality transformations + parallelization)
- Dual-socket Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU E5606 (2.13GHz) machine with 8 cores, 24GB RAM, 8MB L3 cache



#### Experimental evaluation

- Iv-parallel LabVIEW production compiler, with parallelization
- **pg-par** LabVIEW compiler with PolyGLoT enabled for autoparallelization
- pg-loc-par LabVIEW compiler with PolyGLoT enabled for autoparallelization + locality optimization
- mean speed-up of 2.30× with pg-loc-par over lv-parallel

	lv-par (s)	pg-par (s)	pg-loc-par (s)	Speedup pg-par over lv-par	Speedup pg-loc-par over lv-par
atax	0.707	0.642	0.167	1.101	4.234
bicg	0.409	0.22	0.093	1.859	4.398
doitgen	0.976	0.999	0.934	0.977	1.045
floyd-war	82.76	13.64	4.909	6.067	16.859
gemm	7.026	5.473	3.628	1.284	1.937
gesummv	0.078	0.069	0.074	1.130	1.054
matmul	89.49	94.7	27.44	0.945	3.261
mvt	0.195	0.334	0.105	0.584	1.857
seidel	45.03	9.797	8.364	4.596	5.384
ssymm	15.03	55.45	23.85	0.271	0.630
syr2k	4.19	4.423	4.223	0.947	0.992
syrk	2.974	3.118	2.793	0.954	1.065
trmm	41.29	39.94	11.42	1.034	3.616



## Summary

- Graphical dataflow programming
  - Simple, intuitive and accessible to novice programmers
  - Well-suited for exploiting and expressing parallelism
  - Used by scientists and engineers in various domains
- Optimizing and parallelizing LabVIEW compiler
  - Clumps of independently schedulable sections of code
  - Task parallelism, data parallelism, pipelining etc
- Parallel for loop for cross-iteration parallelism
- Polyhedral model for complex program transformations



#### Thanks!

Questions?

