Integrating the Par Lab Stack
Running Damascene on SEJITS/ROS/RAMP Gold

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Integrating the Stack

• Overall Goal of the Par Lab: Create Productive, Efficient, Correct, Portable SW for 100+ cores that scales as the core count increase every 2 years (!)

• Tremendous Progress has been made at individual layers in the Par Lab Software Stack

• This Demo is an attempt to demonstrate our integration effort across multiple layers
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- Algorithm developed by Prof. Jitendra Malik’s Vision Group at UCB
- Bryan Catanzaro et al. parallelized the code using CUDA, including some algorithmic changes (presented at last year’s winter retreat)
- We’ve now parallelized the same code in C and gotten it running in the python/SEJITS framework
- This demo shows this parallelization effort in action
- More details to come.....
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- Since SEJITS targets x86, NVIDIA GPUs, and SPARC v8 (i.e. RAMP Gold) the Damascene application can now run on all three platforms
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RAMP Gold
- Par Lab architecture simulator on an FPGA
- 64-core SPARC V8 target machine
- Runtime-configurable memory hierarchy
- 50 MIPS on Xilinx LX110T
  - 269x faster than comparable software simulator (SIMICS+GEMS)
- Sufficient HW support (MMU, timer, ...) to boot ROS, Linux 2.6

64 cores

Shared L2$ / Interconnect

DRAM
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- The Cell/Partition execution model
  - Multiple cores ‘owned’ by a single cell
  - All cores gang scheduled
  - Exposed via the bthreads/harts ABI
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- Also support for legacy OS integration
Damascene: Intermediate Steps

RGB -> L*a*b Color Conversion

Convolve Filters

L*

a*

b*

K-means filters
textons Multiple steps TG, R=5

Multiple steps
Paths Through the Stack

- Damascus
- Python/SEJITS
- C Runtime
- Linux
- x86
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Time for the Demo!
(and questions while we set up)