CFD Acceleration with FPGA

Launching byteLAKE's CFD Suite

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FPGAs – The Ultimate Parallel Processing Device

- > No predefined instruction set or underlying architecture
- > Developer customizes the architecture to his needs
 - » Custom datapaths
 - » Custom bit-width
 - » Custom memory hierarchies
- > Excels at all types of parallelism
 - » Deeply pipelined (e.g. Video codecs)
 - » Bit manipulations (e.g. AES, SHA)
 - » Wide datapath (e.g. DNN)
 - » Custom memory hierarchy (e.g: Data analytics)
- > Adapts to evolving algorithms and workload needs





VITIS – Heterogeneous compute development environment





Using C, C++ or OpenCL to Program FPGAs



> Xilinx pioneered C to FPGA compilation technology (aka "HLS") in 2011

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- > Enables "Software Programmability" of FPGAs
- > Includes open source collection of optimized HLS libraries

Software Programmability: FPGA Development in C/C++



CFD, Computational Fluid Dynamics

- Numerical analysis and algorithms to solve fluid flows problems.
- Model fluids density, velocity, pressure, temperature, and chemical concentrations in relation to time and space.
- Typical applications: weather simulations, aerodynamic characteristics modelling and optimization, flow around buildings simulations etc.



Architecture

- The compute domain is divided into 4 sub-domains
- Host sends data to the FPGA global memory
- Host calls kernel to execute it on FPGA (kernel is called many times)
- Each kernel call represents a single time step
- FPGA sends the output array back to host





Alveo Optimizations





Conclusions

Performance (the higher the better)







- Up to 4x more performance
- Up to 80% lower energy consumption
- Up to 6x more performance/Watt



Launching byteLAKE's CFD Suite (BCS)

> Highlights

- » Collection of Alveo Optimized CFD Workloads
- » Acceleration
- » Green Computing
- » Microservices
- » Excellent TCO
- » AI Driven Approach

- = Faster Results
- = Improved Efficiency
- = Quick Start
- = Cost Saving





First Microservices Launching Today

- Advection
- Thomas Algorithm (linear algebra module)

- Low barrier entry
 - » Scalable on demand
 - » As a Service / Cloud
 - » On-premise





Way Forward



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HPC and AI Convergence



- CFD Acceleration with FPGA (workshop)
- byteLAKE's CFD Suite (Alveo optimized, demo)
- Leveraging AI for Reforestation Efforts and AI Training Acceleration (demo)

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