EFFICIENT ARCHITECTURE OF HETEROGENOUES FPGA-GPU FOR 3-D MEDICAL IMAGE COMPRESSION

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ABSTRACT

The advent of development in three-dimensional (3-D) imaging modalities have generated a massive amount of volumetric data in 3-D images such as magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), computed tomography (CT), positron emission tomography (PET), and ultrasound (US). Existing survey reveals the presence of a huge gap for further research in exploiting reconfigurable computing for 3-D medical image compression. This research proposes an FPGA based co-processing solution to accelerate the mentioned medical imaging system. The HWT block implemented on the sbRIO-9632 FPGA board is Spartan 3 (XC3S2000) chip prototyping board. Analysis and performance evaluation of the 3-D images were been conducted. Furthermore, a novel architecture of context-based adaptive binary arithmetic coder (CABAC) is the advanced entropy coding tool employed by main and higher profiles This research focuses on GPU implementation of CABAC and of H.264/AVC. comparative study of discrete wavelet transform (DWT) and without DWT for 3-D medical image compression systems. Implementation results on MRI and CT images, showing GPU significantly outperforming single-threaded CPU implementation. Overall, CT and MRI modalities with DWT outperform in term of compression ratio, peak signal to noise ratio (PSNR) and latency compared with images without DWT process. For heterogeneous computing, MRI images with various sizes and format, such as JPEG and DICOM was implemented. Evaluation results are shown for each memory iteration, transfer sizes from GPU to CPU consuming more bandwidth or throughput. For size 786, 486 bytes JPEG format, both directions consumed bandwidth tend to balance. Bandwidth is relative to the transfer size, the larger sizing will take more latency and throughput. Next, OpenCL implementation for concurrent task via dedicated FPGA. Finding from implementation reveals, OpenCL on batch procession mode with AOC techniques offers substantial results where the amount of logic, area, register and memory increased proportionally to the number of batch. It is because of the kernel will copy



the kernel block refer to batch number. Therefore memory bank increased periodically related to kernel block. It was found through comparative study that the tree balance and unroll loop architecture provides better achievement, in term of local memory, latency and throughput.

ABSTRAK

Kemunculan pembangunan imej perubatan pencitraan tiga dimensi (3-D) telah menghasilkan sejumlah besar data volumetrik dalam bentuk imej 3-D seperti perubatan resonan magnet (MRI), kiraan tomografi (CT), pancaran pesitron tomografi (PET), dan bunyi ultra (US). Kajian tinjauan menunjukkan kewujudan jurang yang besar untuk penyelidikan lanjut dalam mengeksploitasi pengkomputeran yang dapat dikonfigurasi untuk pemampatan imej perubatan 3-D. Projek ini mencadangkan penyelesaian berasaskan FPGA untuk mempercepat sistem pengimejan perubatan tersebut. Blok HWT yang telah dipasangkan pada papan sbRIO-9632 FPGA adalah papan prototaip cip Spartan 3 (XC3S2000). Analisa dan penilaian prestasi imej 3-D telah dijalankan. Selain itu, binaan unggul Binary Arithmetic Coder Adaptif Berasaskan Konteks (CABAC) adalah alat pengekod entropi canggih yang digunakan oleh H.264/AVC yang utama dan berprofil lebih tinggi. Untuk menyingkatkan masa pelaksanaan, unit pemprosesan grafik (GPU) NVIDIA GeForce 820M telah digunakan. Kajian ini memberi tumpuan kepada penggunaan GPU pada CABAC dan kajian perbandingan Transformasi Wavelet Diskrit (DWT) dan tanpa DWT untuk sistem 3-D. Hasil pelaksanaan pada imej MRI dan CT menggunakan GPU dan unit pemproses berpusat (CPU) dibentangkan, menunjukkan GPU jauh melebihi prestasi CPU. Keseluruhannya, modaliti CT dan MRI dengan DWT mengatasi prestasi nisbah mampatan, Nisbah Puncak kepada Nisbah Kebisingan (PSNR) dan latensi berbanding dengan imej tanpa proses DWT. Pada pengkomputeran heterogen, imej MRI dengan pelbagai saiz dan format, seperti JPEG dan DICOM diterapkan. Hasil penilaian menunjukkan untuk setiap lelaran memori, saiz pemindahan dari GPU ke CPU menggunakan lebih banyak lebar jalur. Untuk saiz 786, 486 bytes JPEG format, kedua-dua arah menggunakan jalur lebar yang hampir seimbang. Jalur lebar relatif dengan saiz pemindahan, saiz yang lebih besar akan mengambil lebih banyak pendaman dan daya pemprosesan. Seterusnya, pelaksanaan OpenCL untuk tugas selari melalui FPGA yang terpilih. Dapatan



membuktikan, OpenCL pada proses perarakan kumpulan dengan teknik AOC menawarkan dapatan yang lebih baik di mana jumlah logik, ruang, daftar dan memori meningkat secara berkadaran kepada bilangan kumpulan. Ini kerana kernel menyalin blok kernel merujuk kepada nombor batch. Selari dengan bank memori meningkat secara berkala berkadaran dengan blok kernel. Kajian perbandingan mendapati keseimbangan rajah dan seni bina gelung *unroll* memberikan pencapaian yang lebih baik, dari segi memori tempatan, pendaman dan daya pemprosesan.

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LIST OF SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS

1-D	-	One-dimensional
2-D	-	Two-dimensional
3-D	-	Three-dimensional
ASIC	-	Application specific integrated circuit
AES	-	Advanced encryption standard
ALU	-	Arithmetic logic unit
ALCM	-	Activity level classification model
AC	-	Arithmetic coding
API	-	Application programming interface
bpp	-	bit per pixel
CR	-	Compression ratio
CLIP	-	Component level IP
CABAC	-	Context-based adaptive binary arithmetic coder
CAVLC	-	Context-adaptive variable length coding
CT		Computed tomography
CPU	TA	Central processing unit
CAD	<u> </u>	Computed aided design
CUDA	-	Computed unified device architecture
DWT	-	Discrete wavelet transform
DA	-	Distributed arithmetic
DCT	-	Discrete cosine transform
DFT	-	Discrete fraction Fourier transform
DICOM	-	Digital imaging and communication in medicine
DSP	-	Digital signal processor
DMA	-	Direct memory access
Daub4	-	Daubechies 4-tab
EDT	-	Enhance DPCM transformation
FFT	-	Fast Fourier transform
FIFO	-	First in first out

FPGA	-	Field programmable gate array
GPU	-	Graphical processing unit
GPGPU	-	General purpose GPU
HDL	-	Hardware description language
HWT	-	Haar wavelet transform
HPC	-	High performance computing
IOB	-	Input-output block
IDWT	-	Inverse discrete wavelet transform
i/o	-	input/output
JPEG	-	Joint photographic experts group
LabVIEW	-	Laboratory virtual instrumentation engineering
LUT	_	workbench Look-up table
LOR	_	Line of response
LPS	_	Least probable symbol
MRI	-	Magnetic resonance imaging
MPS	-	Most probable symbol
MSE	-	Means square error
MAC	-	Multiply-accumulate
MBI	-	Multi frequency bi-planar inter-imaging
NPP	-	NVIDIA performance primitive
OpenCL S	(A	Open computer language
PET	-	Positron emission tomography
PSNR	-	Peak signal to noise ratio
РСМ	-	Prediction coding model
PCI-e	-	Peripheral component interconnect express
PE	-	Processing element
RAM	-	Random access memory
rLPS	-	Range least probable symbol
RH	-	Reconfigurable hardware
ROM	-	Read access memory
ROI	-	Region of interest
RTL	-	Register transfer level
RA	-	Reconfigurable architecture

SIMT	-	Single instruction, multiple thread
SP	-	Streaming processor
SPIHT	-	Set partitioning in hierarchical trees
SEC	-	System error compensation
SA	-	Systolic array
SP	-	Symmetry processor
SIMD	-	Single instruction, multiple data
SPMT	-	Single program, multiple treads
US	-	Ultrasound
VHDL	-	VHSIC Hardware Description Language
VI	-	Virtual instrument
Xilinx ISE	-	Xilinx integrated software development
XST	-	Synthesis technology tools

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

Recently, the impact of tremendous development in three-dimensional (3-D) imaging modalities, has produced enormous measure of volumetric information such as computed tomography (CT), positron emission tomography (PET), magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), and ultrasound (US). Spin-off from this scenario has created different applications, specifically, for telemedicine and teleradiology. In line with these issues, effective capacity or storage and transmission of information through high data transfer capacity using computerized correspondence lines are significant in medical image compression [1], [2].

1.1 Overview



Most of the 3-D medical imaging algorithms with matrix transformation and popular fundamental operation are involved in the transform-based methods. Therefore, high-performance systems are really needed while keeping the architectures flexible to allow for quick upgradeability with real-time applications [3]. Next, an efficient implementation of these operations is of significant importance, in order to obtain efficient solutions for large medical volumes data.

Previous work is more focused on fundamental actions matrix or vector operation of the algorithms used in real-time medical image processing [1], [4]. Normally, most of these operations are matrix transforms including discrete wavelet transforms (DWT), fast Fourier transform (FFT) and some recently developed transforms such as curvelet, finite Radon, and ridgelet transforms which are used in two-dimensional (2-D) or 3-D medical imaging.

Distinctively, wavelets are localized waves. DWT permits a signal to be localized in each time and frequency [5]. The time-frequency representation of the signal is provided by wavelet transform. The development of DWT is to tackle problems of the disadvantage in the short-time Fourier transform (STFT), which may even be accustomed to analyze non-stationary signals. They have their energy concentrated in time or space and are suited for analysis of transient signals. Fourier transform and STFT utilize waves to analyze signals, whereas wavelet transform uses wavelets of finite energy. The wavelet transform, at high frequencies, gives good time resolution and poor frequency resolution, while at low frequencies, the wavelet transform gives good frequency resolution and poor time resolution.

Presently, other approaches such as a network of computers have been implemented in 3-D transforms, but a chip devoted to this change will give tremendous results. Despite its intricacy, there has been an interest in 3-D DWT implementation on plenty of platforms. Existing survey exhibits that the research can be classified into three (3) categories: architecture development [6], architecture with field programmable gate array (FPGA) implementation [7], and finally architecture that has been implemented on other silicon platforms [8].

As can be seen from the existing research [8], there is still remaining research gap for additional exploration in reconfigurable computing for 3-D medical image compression and two (2) major restrictions can be distinguished as :

- Medical image compression has not been radical in using the current 3-D
 DWT implementation. The Daubechies filter has been broadly utilized in several implementations [6], [9], while Haar, Symlet, Coifflet and Biorthogonal filters remain open for further experimentation; and
- ii. Image compression is one of the well-established research areas. However, medical image compression especially those dealing with 3-D modalities are considered as an immature research range. Moreover, plenty of new compressions are proposed but very minimal hardware implementation of 3-D medical image compression is explored [1], [3].

Based on the existing work limitations, this project is concerned with having an efficient architecture for 3-D DWT that will be used in a reconfigurable environment for adaptive medical image compression systems.

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