

Introduction

Heterogeneous Architecture Configurations Generator for Multi2Sim simulator (HeteroArchGen4M2S)

HeteroArchGen4M2S: An automatic generator software for configuring and running heterogeneous CPU-GPU architectures on Multi2Sim (M2S) simulator. This tool runs on top of M2S simulator, it allows us to configure the various heterogeneous CPU-GPU architectures (e.g., number of CPU cores, GPU cores, L1, L2, memory (size and latency (via `CACTI 6.5`)), network topologies (currently support 2D-Mesh, customized 2D-Mesh, and Torus networks)...). The output files include the results of network throughput and latency, caches/memory access time, and and dynamic power of the cores (can be collected after running McPAT).

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HeteroArchGen4M2S is written to help you configure M2S easily, but non-warranty and non-mechantability.

A pdf version of this manual is also available in **HeteroArchGen4M2S.pdf**.

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Note, paper reference will be updated soon. Enjoy it!

Setup Requirements

1. Currently HeteroArchGen4M2S has been tested on 64-bit platforms:
 - Ubuntu 14.04 (final)
2. Required tools to build and run with HeteroArchGen4M2S:
 - Python 2.7
3. Download and install `multi2sim` from:
 - `git clone https://github.com/Multi2Sim/multi2sim.git`

4. Download McPAT (current version-1.3) from:

- <https://code.google.com/archive/p/mcpat/>.
- Unzip it, and copy all files from mcpat folder to under multi2sim directory and install it following the README file.

5. Download and install CACTI6.5 from:

- <http://www.hpl.hp.com/research/cacti/cacti65.tgz>.
- CACTI 6.5 is used to obtain the cache and memory latency.

6. Required benchmarks to run:

- Download benchmarks. Note that, type the commands under the installed multi2sim directory.

```
git clone https://github.com/Multi2Sim/m2s-bench-splash2.git
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git clone https://github.com/Multi2Sim/m2s-bench-spec2006.git
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git clone https://github.com/Multi2Sim/m2s-bench-parsec-3.0.git
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git clone https://github.com/Multi2Sim/m2s-bench-cudasdk-6.5.git
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git clone https://github.com/Multi2Sim/m2s-bench-heteromark.git
```

- Compile the benchmarks following the README file.

Note: All the packages are compiled to binary. If you want to modify the benchmarks, you can download the source codes from <https://github.com/Multi2Sim>. In case you want to run CUDA benchmarks, you can download other benchmarks for CPU-GPU systems such as Rodinia, Parboil, etc. Your desktop should have a NVIDIA graphic card (e.g., NVIDIA Quadro 4000), and you need to install the graphic card driver for running the simulation. (When compiling benchmarks, use `-m32` flag after `gcc` to make compatible with multi2sim 32-bit (no support 64-bit at this time)).

Download HeteroArchGen4M2S

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git clone https://github.com/ttungl/HeteroArchGen4M2S.git
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Build configuration files with HeteroArchGen4M2S

Let's assume you are in the home directory (`$multi2sim/HeteroArchGen4M2S`)

Where are the configuration files?

- Run `/multi2sim/HeteroArchGen4M2S$ python create_sim_configs_files.py`.
- The output files will be saved in the `configs` directory.
- `cd configs >>>` the `configs` folder contains four files, including `memconfig`, `netconfig`, `x86_cpuconfig`, and `si_gpuconfig`.

How to run the simulation?

- Previous steps show how to generate the configuration files. By running `create_sim_configs_files.py`, it also generated a shell script file inside `run_simulation_files` folder. The bash file (shell script) has been `chmod 777` for running.
- Go back under `multi2sim` directory.
- Run `./HeteroArchGen4M2S/run_simulation_files/run-bash-sim.sh`.
- This will create the output files which are the results of the simulation.

Where are the output files after simulation?

- `cd results >>>` Note that, `results` folder contains two files at this point, including `pipeline.out`, `mem.out`.
- With `net_report.out` file, it is generated under the `multi2sim` directory (outside of `HeteroArchGen4M2S` folder), you need to copy this file to `HeteroArchGen4M2S/results`.
- Now, there are three files should be in `results` folder, including `pipeline.out`, `mem.out`, and `net_report.out`(just copied).

Demonstration:

How to run multi2sim with HeteroArchGen4M2S ?

Let's use the `blacksholes` example with 16 cores CPUs (8 x86 CPUs), 16 cores GPUs (4 Southern Islands GPUs), 4 Memory Controllers, in a 2D-Mesh for demonstration.

Important: You need to download `parsec` benchmark from <https://github.com/Multi2Sim/m2s-bench-parsec-3.0>, then unzip it under the `benchmarks` folder in `multi2sim` directory for demonstration.

1. Suppose that you already got the cache and memory latencies for your proposed architecture by running `CACTI6.5`.

2. Suppose that you are under the `multi2sim\HeteroArchGen4M2S` directory:

- `sudo vim create_sim_configs_files.py` to configure your architecture. This file includes many parameters that need to be configured.
- For CPU cores, a set of CPU includes two cores. Each core in the set can have its own L1\$ (Data&Instr) or it can share the Instruction-L1\$ with the other core in that set, by enabling `L1_Inst_shared` flag in the CPU Memory Parameters settings.
- For GPU cores, a set of GPU includes four compute units. Each two compute units share with one L1, *eachtwoL1* shares with one L2\$.
- For benchmarks, you need to modify the name of specific benchmark you want to run, and modify the command line of this benchmark and its path in `create_shell_script` file.
- For network topologies, HeteroArchGen4M2S currently supports three types of network, including 2D-Mesh, customized 2D-Mesh, and 2D-Torus. For customized 2D-Mesh, you need to specify the paths for local links and hybrid links in your network, as well as their linkwidths.

3. After modifying `create_sim_configs_files.py`:

- Run `\HeteroArchGen4M2S$ python create_sim_configs_files.py` to generate the configuration files.
- Checking the configuration files in the `configs` folder.
- A shell script (`.sh`) has also been generated in the `run_simulation_files` folder. The shell script looks like as below.

```
m2s -x86-sim detailed -x86-report
HeteroArchGen4M2S/results/blackscholes_pipeline.out
-mem-report HeteroArchGen4M2S/results/blackscholes_mem.out
-x86-config ./HeteroArchGen4M2S/configs/x86_cpuconfig
-si-sim detailed -si-config ./HeteroArchGen4M2S/configs/si_gpuconfig
-mem-config ./HeteroArchGen4M2S/configs/memconfig
-net-config ./HeteroArchGen4M2S/configs/netconfig
-x86-max-inst 100000000 -net-report blackscholes_net_report.out
benchmarks/m2s-bench-parsec-3.0/blackscholes/blackscholes
16 in_4K.txt prives.txt data-small
```

- `cd ..` to `multi2sim` directory.
- `./HeteroArchGen4M2S/run_simulation_files/run-sim-16-CPU-16-\SouthernIslands-GPU-benchmark-blackscholes.sh`

4. To check the results, all of them are in the `results` folder, including:

- `blackscholes_mem.out`

- `blacksholes_pipeline.out`
 - With `net-l2-mm_blacksholes_net_report.out`, it is saved under the `multi2sim` directory, so just copy into the `results` folder.
5. To read the results:
- Make sure you are in `HeteroArchGen4M2S` directory.
 - Run `python read_results.py`, the total cycles and network performance results are saved in `results` folder, under the names: `blacksholes_totalCycles.out` and `blacksholes_network_performance.out`.
- For `blacksholes_totalCycles.out`:
- Cycles: 306794
 - Time (seconds): 3.94
- For `blacksholes_network_performance.out`:
- Network Throughput (MBps): 32366.64
 - Network Latency (cycles): 23.6969
6. To run the network-only mode, in the file `create_sim_configs_files`, you just need to modify the value of `network_only` to 1. Thereby, now when running `HeteroArchGen4M2S$ python create_sim_configs_files`, the software will generate the bash file with network-only simulation.
7. To get the dynamic power from McPAT. (Note, this section is finalizing. Available soon.)
- Make sure you are in `multi2sim` directory.
 - Run `m2s2xml4mcpat.sh` with the input files `hetero_mcpat.xml` file and `blacksholes_pipeline.out` to get the `mcpat.xml` file.
 - Run `./mcpat -infile mcpat.xml -opt_for_clk 1 -print_level 5 > HeteroArchGen4M2S/results/mcpat_result.txt`
 - `mcpat_result.txt` contains the results of McPAT.

Now you are ready to go. Happy hacking the code!

Claims:

I would like to thank the open source multi2sim community. This work is also inspired by [M2StoMcPAT](#) in Matlab, but I implemented completely in Python, with heterogeneous CPU-GPU architectures.

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