



Application of HPX to tiled GEMM and QR: A benchmark

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Part I: Introduction

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About the GSP

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- Research:
 - Development and maintenance of numerical libraries
 - Design and implementation of high-performance algorithms
 - Development of new mathematical and computational models within a methodological frameworkin the scope of computational materials science and quantum materials.

Part II: Introduction to HPX

Current situation in high performance computing (HPC)

Currently, speed-up in computing does not stem from higher CPU frequency, but increased parallelism. However, we already face the following challenges in HPC:

- Ease of programming
- Inability to handle dynamically changing workloads
- Scalability
- Efficient utilization of system resources

⇒ a need for a new execution model: ParalleX, which is implemented by HPX

ParalleX

ParalleX is a new parallel execution model that offers an alternative to the conventional computation models(e.g. message passing):

- Split-phase transaction model
- Message-driven
- Distributed shared memory
- Multi-threaded
- Futures synchronization
- Local Control Objects (LCOs)
- ...

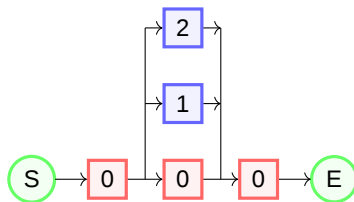
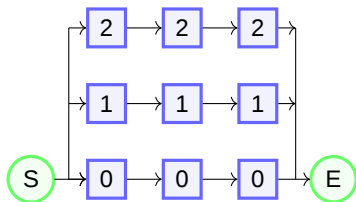
ParalleX focusses on latency hiding instead of latency avoidance.

About HPX

- High Performance ParallelX (HPX) is the first runtime system implementation of the ParallelX execution model.
- Development: STE||AR group
Louisiana State University
LSU Center for Computation and Technology
- Released as open source under the Boost Software License
- Aims to be a **C++ standards conforming implementation** of the Parallelism and Concurrency proposals for C++ 17/20/23/...
- This means: HPX is a C++ library that supports **dynamic adaptive resource management** and **lightweight task programming and scheduling** within the context of a **global address space**.

Comparison of HPX with OpenMP

HPX	OpenMP
C++ library Core language: <code>hpx::C++</code> Task-based parallelism AGAS (active global address space)	Compiler extension to C and Fortran <code>#pragma omp</code> directives Parallel regions (fork-join model) shared memory



Part III: Overview of numerical linear algebra and its applications

Part IV: GEMM

Part V: QR



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