Parallel Programming: Now What?

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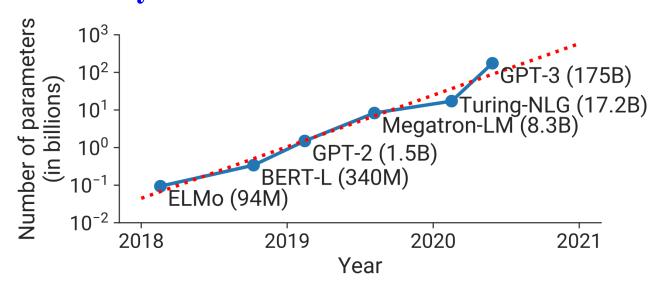
So what? Learned the current (MPI+OpenMP+CUDA) & emerging (MPI+OpenMP target) parallel programming languages





Extreme-Scale Deep Learning

 Trillion-parameter deep-learning (DL) model has been trained on 3000+ GPUs by Microsoft-NVIDIA team



Narayanan et al., "Megatron-LM," SC21

https://aiichironakano.github.io/cs596/Narayanan-MegatronLM-SC21.pdf

• MegatronLM used ZeRO (zero redundancy optimizer) system to eliminate memory redundancy & improve training speed

Rajbhandari et al., "ZeRO," SC20

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Google Tensor Processing Unit

- Google's tensor processing unit (TPU) accelerators are available on cloud
- XLA (accelerated linear algebra) is a compiler for TensorFlow applications on TPU

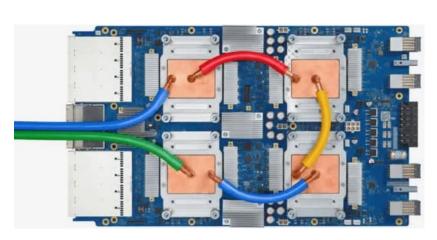
 https://cloud.google.com/tpu
- For physics-informed machine learning (ML), use JAX software built on Autograd (automatic differentiation)—both on GPU & TPU

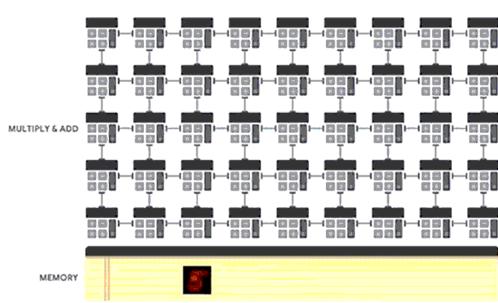
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w.r.t. model parameters

JAX-MD is an accelerated, differentiable molecular dynamics engine

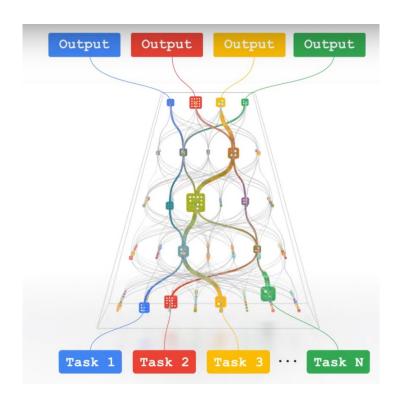
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Google's Pathways to AI Future

• Pathways—a new AI architecture—will handle many tasks at once, learn new tasks quickly and reflect a better understanding of the world for human-like general AI



Jeff Dean, "Al isn't as smart as you think — but it could be," *TED Talk* https://www.ted.com/talks/jeff dean ai isn t as smart as you think but it could be

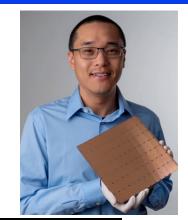
"Introducing Pathways: a next-generation AI architecture"

https://blog.google/technology/ai/introducing-pathways-next-generation-ai-architecture/

GPU & TPU Are No Good

• It's sparsity: A lot of "multiply by zero" operations degrade speed & power efficiency

cf. "Selectable sparsity" on Cerebras AI chip https://cerebras.net/



Need new architectures & programming models

