X10: Addressing Language, Compiler, and Runtime Challenges for Scalable Systems in 2010

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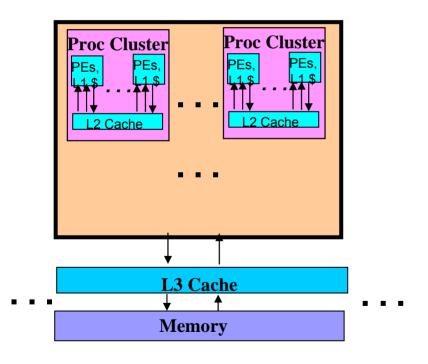
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Performance and Productivity Challenges facing Future Scalable Systems

1) Memory wall: Severe nonuniformities in bandwidth & latency in memory hierarchy



2) <u>Frequency wall:</u> Multiple layers of hierarchical heterogeneous parallelism to compensate for slowdown in frequency scaling

Clusters (scale-out)				
SMP				
Multiple cores on a chip				
Coprocessors (SPUs)				
SMTs				
SIMD				
ILP				

3) <u>Scalability wall:</u> Software will need to deliver ~ 10⁵-way parallelism to utilize large-scale parallel systems





Impact of Programming Model on Productivity

- 1. Safety how much of the burden of ensuring absence of errors falls on the user? e.g., Type errors, Initialization errors, Memory errors, Concurrency errors, Consistency errors, ...
- 2. Portability how much effort is required to move the application across multiple platforms and multiple system generations?
- **3. Performance** --- how much of the burden of managing and tuning program resources falls on the user?
- 4. Integration --- to what extent can the programming model reuse existing Languages, Environment, Libraries, and Tools?





Example of Productivity Issues: Common errors in MPI communication

- Program error: MPI call w/ incorrect argument
 - Type, destination number ...
- Non-unique or invalid message envelope
 - <source, destination, tag, communicator>
- Resource error: program exceeds available system resource
- Coordination error: improper handling of asynchronous calls (analogous to data races)
- Interaction with signals
- Interaction with multithreading/OpenMP





Example of Productivity issues: Compiler-Driven Performance in Current Parallel Programming Models

- MPI: Local memories + message-passing
 - Parallelism, locality, and "global view" are completely managed by programmer
 - Communication, synchronization, consistency operations specified at low level of abstraction
 - → Limited *opportunities* for compiler optimizations
- Java threads, OpenMP: shared-memory parallel programming model
 - Uniform symmetric view of all shared data
 - Non-transparent performance --- programmer cannot manage data locality and thread affinity at different hierarchy levels (cluster, SMT, ...)
 - → Limited effectiveness of compiler optimizations
- HPF, UPC: partitioned global address space + SPMD execution model
 - User specifies data distribution & parallelism, compiler generates communications using owner-computes rule
 - Large overheads in accessing shared data; compiler optimizations can help applications with simple data access patterns
 - → Limited *applicability* of compiler optimizations



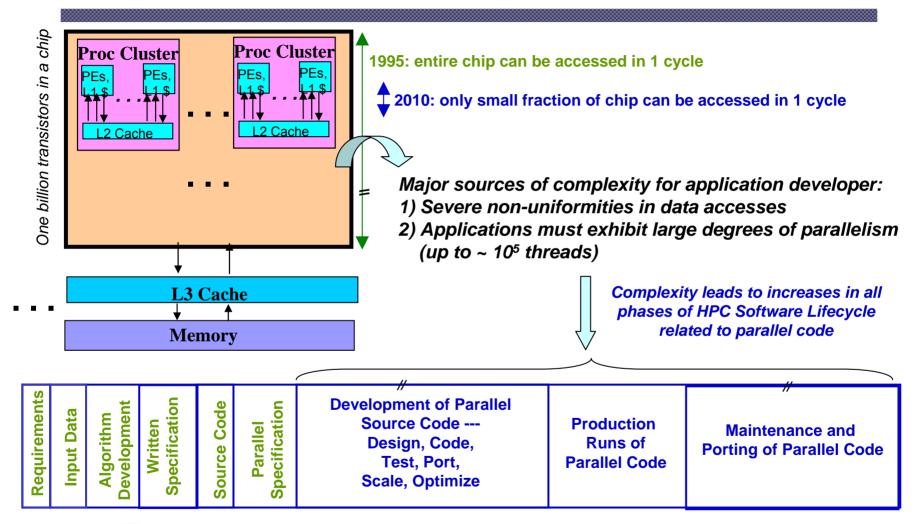
Development Productivity: Grand Challenge from DARPA High Productivity Computing Systems (HPCS) program

- Deliver 10x improvement in HPC application development productivity over today's systems by 2010, while delivering acceptable performance on large-scale systems
- Our hypothesis: the two fundamental obstacles to improving HPC application development productivity are
 - 1. Programming complexity
 - 2. Expertise gap





Obstacle #1 (Programming Complexity) --- High Complexity of HPC Systems Limits HPC Application Development Productivity





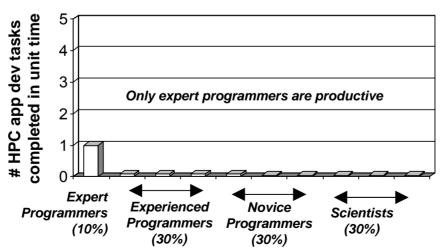
HPC Software Lifecycle



Obstacle #2 (Expertise Gap) --- Low Availability of Expert System Programmers who can develop/scale production HPC apps

- Two classes of programming skills:
 - Expert knowledge of concurrent programming
 - top-gun knowledge of system s/w and h/w
 - find today's programming models time-consuming to use
 - Others
 - Scientists
 - Domain experts
 - . . .

Application development productivity on current HPC systems:



Expertise profile



Systems experts

Others

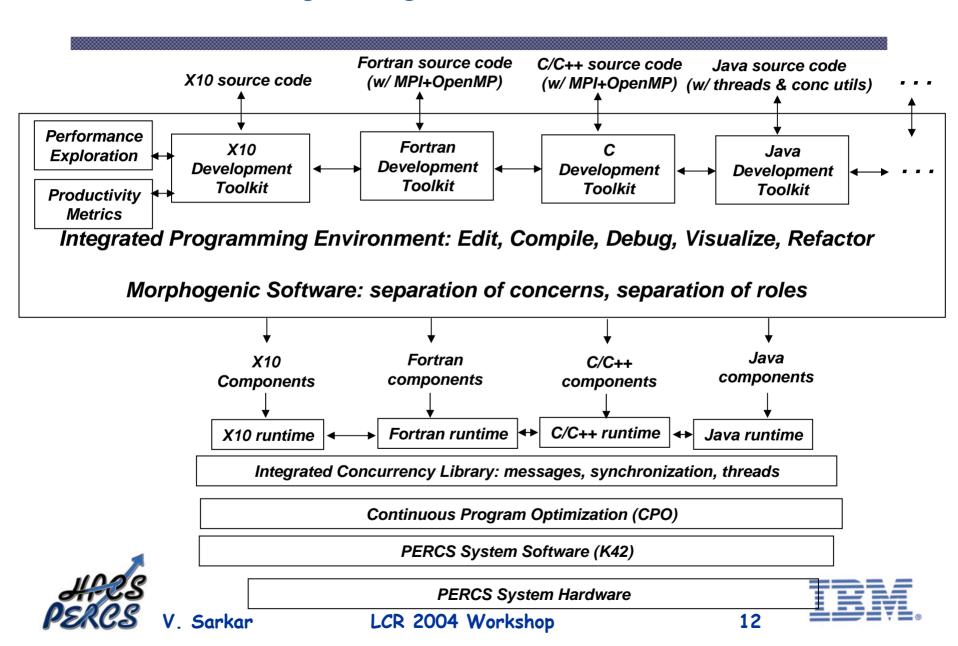
IBM PERCS project: Programming Model and Tools

Deliver 10x Validation, improvement in Verification, **X10: New** development Visualization software lifecycle programming productivity **Model Morphogenic Software Production system** (Workflow 3) Component **Based** Accelerate the **Enterprise Developer** Development (Workflow 2) Use Eclipse High Level platform **Parallel Lone Researcher** (eclipse.org) **Programming** (Workflow 1) as foundation **Tools** for tools





X10 Programming and Runtime Environments



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X10 Design Guidelines: Design for Productivity & Compiler/Runtime-driven Performance

- Start with state-of-the-art OO language primitives as foundation
 - No gratuitous changes
 - Build on existing skills
- Raise level of abstraction for constructs that should be amenable to optimized implementation
 - Monitors → atomic sections
 - Threads → async activities
 - Barriers → clocks
- Introduce new constructs to model hierarchical parallelism and nonuniform data access
 - Places
 - Distributions

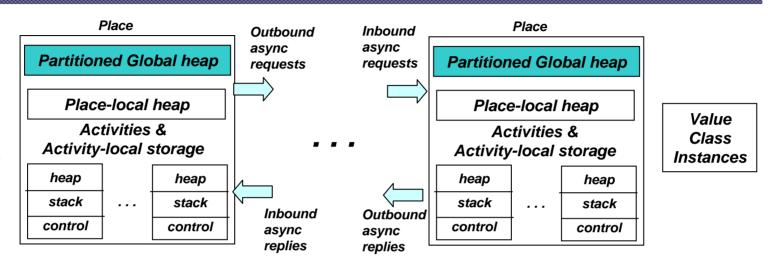
- Support common parallel programming idioms
 - Data parallelism
 - Control parallelism
 - Divide-and-conquer
 - Producer-consumer / streaming
 - Message-passing
- Ensure that every program has a well-defined semantics
 - Independent of implementation
 - Simple concurrency model & memory model
- Defer fault tolerance and reliability issues to lower levels of system
 - Assume tightly-coupled system with dedicated interconnect





Logical View of X10 Programming Model (Work in progress)

Granularity of place can range from single h/w thread to an entire scale-up system



- Place = collection of resident activities and data
 - Maps to a data-coherent unit in a large scale system
- Four storage classes:
 - Partitioned global
 - Place-local
 - Activity-local
 - Value class instances
 - Can be copied/migrated freely

- Activities can be created by
 - async statements (one-way msgs)
 - future expressions
 - foreach & ateach constructs
- Activities are coordinated by
 - Unconditional atomic sections
 - Conditional atomic sections
 - Clocks (generalization of barriers)
 - Force (for result of future)



X10, in comparison with Java...

Removes

- Primitive arithmetic data types
- Threads, lock-level synchronization
- Single global heap

- Arrays
- JNI

Adds

- User-defined value types
- Asynchronous activities, with atomic sections
- Places specifying affinity between data and computation
- True, distributed, multidimensional arrays
- New efficient native code invocation mechanisms



X10, in comparison with MPI+OpenMP ...

Removes

- Processes
- Programmer-managed global data structures
- Message passing w/ programmermanaged marshalling
 - Includes reductions
- Low-level message envelopes
 - <source, destination, tag, communicator>
- Barriers
- OpenMP threads
- Locks, critical sections
- Affinity directives
- INDEPENDENT directive

Adds

- Places
- Partitioned Global Address Space
- Asynchronous activities w/ objects and futures
 - · Includes reductions
- Strongly-typed invocations and return values (futures)
- Clocks
- Asynchronous activities
- Atomic sections
- "at" clauses
- foreach, ateach statements





Async activities: unified abstraction of threads and messages

- Async statement (active message)
 - async(P){s}: run S at place P
 - async(D){s}: run S at place containing datum D
 - S may contain local atomic operations or additional async activities for same/different places.
- Example:

```
public void put(K key, V value) {
  int hash = key.hashCode()% D.size;
  async (D[hash]) {
    for (_ b = buckets[hash]; b != null; b = b.next) {
       if (b.k.equals(key)) {
            b.v = value;
            return;
       }
     }
     buckets[hash] =
       new Bucket<K,V>(key, value, buckets[hash]);
    };
}
```

- Async expression (future)
 - F = future(P){E}, or
 F = future(D){E}: Return
 the value of expression E,
 evaluated in place P (or the
 place containing datum D)
 - force F or !F: suspend until value is known
- Example:

```
public ^V get(K key) {
    int hash = key.hashCode()% D.size;
    return future (D[hash]) {
        for (_ b = buckets[hash]; b != null; b = b.next) {
            if (b.k.equals(key)) {
                return b.v;
            }
        }
        return new V();
    }
}
```





Clocks: abstraction of barriers

Operations:

```
clock c = new clock();
now(c){S}
```

 Require S to terminate before clock can progress.

continue c;

 Signals completion of work by activity in this clock phase.

```
next C_1,...,C_n;
```

Suspend until clocks can advance.
 Implicitly continues all clocks.
 c₁,...,c_n names all clocks for activity.

drop c;

• No further operations on c..

Semantics

 Clock c can advance only when all activities registered with the clock have executed continue c...

Clocked final

- clocked(c) final int I = r;
- Variable is "final" (immutable) until next phase





RandomAccess (GUPS) example

```
public void run(int a[| blocked, int seed[| cyclic,
            int value smallTable[]) {
    ateach (start : seed) clock(c) {
       int ran = start;
      for (int count : 1.. N UPDATES/place.MAX PLACES) {
           ran = Math.random(ran);
           int j = F(ran); // function F() can be in C/Fortran
           int k = smallTable[q(ran)];
           async (a[j]) atomic {a[j]^=k;}
       } // for
   } // ateach
   next c;
```

Regions and Distributions

Regions

- The domain of some array;
 a collection of array indices
- region R = [0..99];
- region R2 = [0..99,0..199];

Region operators

- region Intersect = R3 &&R4;
- region Union = R3 || R4;
- Etc.

Distributions

- Map region elements to places
 - distribution D = cyclic(R);
- Domain and range restriction:
 - distribution D2 = D | R;
 - distribution D3 = D | P;
- Regions/Distributions can be used like type and place parameters
 - <region R, distribution D> void m(...)





ArrayCopy example: example of highlevel optimizations of async activities

```
Version 1 (orginal):
<value T, D, E> public static void
  arrayCopy(T[D] a, T[E] b) {
    // Spawn an activity for each index to
    // fetch and copy the value
    ateach (i : D.region)
       a[i] = async b[i];
    next c: // Advance clock
Version 2 (optimized):
<value T, D, E> public static void
  arrayCopy( T[D] a, T[E] b) {
    // Spawn one activity per place
    ateach (D.places)
      for ( i : D | here )
         a[i] = async b[i];
    next c; // Advance clock
```

```
Version 3 (further optimized):
<value T, D, E> public static void
  arrayCopy(T[D] a, T[E] b) {
  // Spawn one activity per D-place and one
  // future per place p to which E maps an
  // index in (D | here).
    ateach ( D.places ) {
      region LocalD = (D | here).region;
      ateach ( p : E[LocalD] ) {
        region RemoteE = (E | p).region;
        region Common =
                   LocalD && RemoteE:
        a[Common] = async b[Common];
     next c; // Advance clock
```

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Uniform treatment of Arrays & Loops and Collections & Iterators

Arrays

- Map region elements to values (therefore multidimensional)
- Declared with a given distribution
- int[D] array;

Loops

- ateach (D[R]) { ... }
- ateach (array) { ... }
- foreach (i : R) { ... }
- foreach (i : D) { ... }
- foreach (i : array) { ... }
- sequential variants of foreach
 are available as for loops

Distributed Collections

- Map collection elements to places
- Collection
 D,E> identifies a collection with distribution D and element type E

Parallel iterators

- foreach (e : C) { ... }
- ateach (C) { ... here ... }

Sequential iterator

- for (e : C)



Unstructured Mesh Transport Example (UMT2K)

- 3D, deterministic, multi-group, photon transport code
- Solves 1st order form of steady-state Boltzman equation
- Represented by an unstructured mesh
 - Partitioning strives to maintain load balance, reduce communicate/compute ratio

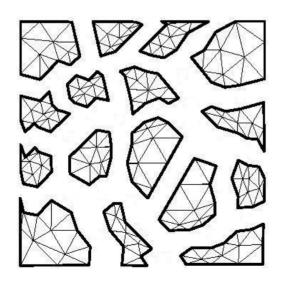


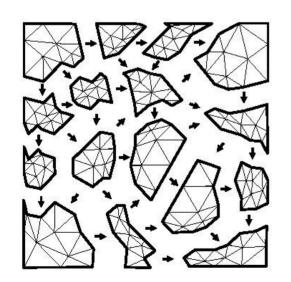
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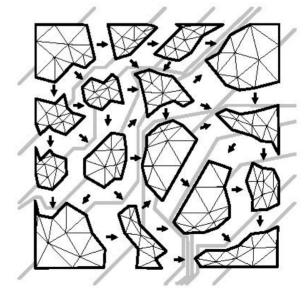


Communication Structure

- Nearest neighbor communication in graph domain
- Communication can be minimized via judicious mapping of graph to system nodes













UMT2k in X10: example of hierarchical heterogeneous parallelism

```
do {
 now (c) {
  ateach (n: nodes) { // Cluster-level parallelism
    foreach (s: Sweeps) clock(d) { // SMP parallelism
        // receive inputs
        flows = new Flux[R] (k) { // SMT parallelism
          async (...) inputs[s][k].receive();
        // implicit force for each element of array constructor
       // Thread-local with vector & co-processor parallelism
        flux = compute(s, flows);
        // send outputs
    } // foreach
  } // ateach
} // now
// use clock c to wait for all sweeps to complete
 next c;
 while (err > MAX ERROR);
```

Clusters (scale-out)

SMP

Multiple cores on a chip

Coprocessors (SPUs)

SMTs

Vector (VMX)

ILP



Reduction and Scan Operators

- Reduction operator over type T
 - Static method with signature: T(T,T)
 - Virtual method in class T with signature T(T)
 - Operator is expected to be associative and commutative
- Reduction operation: A >> foo() returns value of type T, where
 - A is an array over base type T
 - A>>foo() performs reductions over all elements of A to obtain a single result of type T
- Scan operation: A || foo() returns array, B, of base type T, where
 - B[i] = A[0..i] >> foo()





Example of Unconditional Atomic Sections SPECjbb2000: Java vs. X10 versions

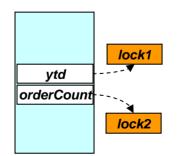
Java version:

```
public class Stock extends Entity {...
private float ytd;
private short orderCount; ...
public synchronized void
incrementYTD(short ol_quantity) { ...
  ytd += ol_quantity; ...}...
public synchronized void
incrementOrderCount() { ...
  ++orderCount; ...} ...
}
```

These two method's cannot be executed simultaneously because they use the same lock

X10 version (w/ atomic section):

```
public class Stock extends Entity {...
private float ytd;
private short orderCount; ...
public atomic void
incrementYTD(short ol_quantity) { ...
   ytd += ol_quantity; ...}...
public atomic void
incrementOrderCount() { ...
   ++orderCount; ...} ...
}
```



With atomic sections, X10 implementation can choose to execute these two methods in parallel



Layout of

obiect

lock

ytd

orderCount

Example of Conditional Atomic Section

- Conditional Atomic Sections are similar to Conditional Critical Regions (CCRs)
 - Powerful construct, misuse can lead to deadlock
 - Need to identify special cases that are most useful in practice

```
class OneBuffer<value T> {
    ?Box<T> datum = null;
    public void send(T v) {
        when (this.datum == null) {
            this.datum := new Box<T>(datum);
        }
    }
    public T receive() {
        when (this.datum !=null) {
            T v = datum.datum;
            value := null;
            return v;
        }
    }
}
```





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X10 Type System: Features relevant to Compiler Optimization

- Unified type system
 - All data items are objects
- Value classes and clocked final
 - Immutable --- no updatable fields
- Type parameters
 - Places, distributions,
- Nullable
 - All types are non-null by default, need to explicitly declare a variable as nullable
 - For any type T, the type ?T (read: "nullable T") contains all the values of type T, and a special null value, unless T already contains null.
- Support for both rectangular multidimensional arrays (matrices) and nested arrays





Migrating Applications to X10

- OpenMP application
 - Can be initially implemented as single place w/ one activity per SPMD virtual processor
 - Partition into multiple places for improved performance
- Multithreaded applications
 - Can be initially implemented as single place w/ one activity per thread
 - Partition into multiple places for improved performance
- MPI
 - Partition into one place per processor
 - Replace message-passing operations by asynchronous operations





Relating optimizations for past programming paradigms to X10 optimizations

Programming paradigm	Activities	Storage classes	Important optimizations
Message- passing e.g., MPI	Single activity per place	Place local	Message aggregation, optimization of barriers & reductions
Data parallel e.g., HPF	Single global program	Partitioned global	SPMDization, synchronization & communication optimizations
PGAS e.g., Titanium, UPC	Single activity per place	Partitioned global, place local	Localization, SPMDization, synchronization & communication optimizations
DSM e.g., TreadMarks	Multiple	Partitioned global, activity local	Data layout optimizations, page locality optimizations
NUMA	Single activity per place	Partitioned global, activity local	Data distribution, synchronization & communication optimizations
Co-processor e.g., STI Cell	Single activity per place	Partitioned-global, place-local	Data communication, consistency, & synchronization optimizations
Futures / active messages	Multiple	Place-local, activity local	Message aggregation, synchronization optimization
Full X10	Multiple activities in multiple places	Partitioned-global, place-local, activity-local	All of the above





Compiler Framework for Optimization of Explicitly Parallel X10 programs

- Parallel Program Graph representation
 - Generalization of program dependence graph
 - Supports optimization of explicitly parallel programs
 - Assume weak memory model (Location Consistency)
- Array SSA Form
 - Generalization of scalar SSA form to arrays and objects
 - Use as foundation for data flow analysis at array/object level
- Continuous Program Optimization (CPO)
 - Extend scope of adaptive on-line optimizations to whole program spanning multiple places





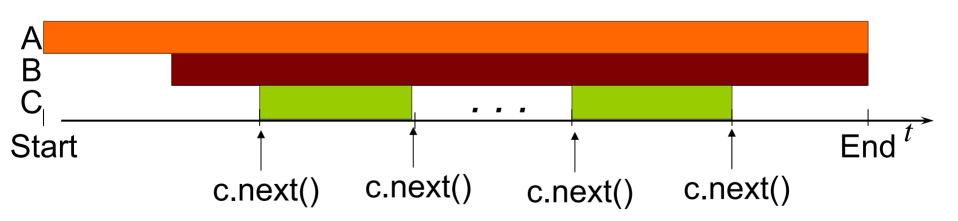
Motivation for Value Classes & Clocked Final in X10: identifying immutable locations

- Immutability information can be used to enhance:
 - Load elimination and register allocation
 - Load of immutable value cannot be changed across a procedure call
 - Array dependence analysis, pointer alias analysis
 - Target of a store instruction cannot be aliased with target of a load instruction
 - Value Numbering / CSE / PRE
 - Load of an immutable value can be treated similarly to read of an unmodified local variable to enable optimization of derived expressions (including null pointer, type checks, array bounds checks)
 - Data transformations
 - object inlining, splitting, replication, caching
 - Parallelization
 - Immutable locations cannot interfere with parallelization
 - No consistency operations need to be performed on immutable locations



"Lifetime" Dimensions of Immutability in X10

- whole program (config value class)
- after object has been initialized (value class)
- between two next() operations on a clock (clocked final)

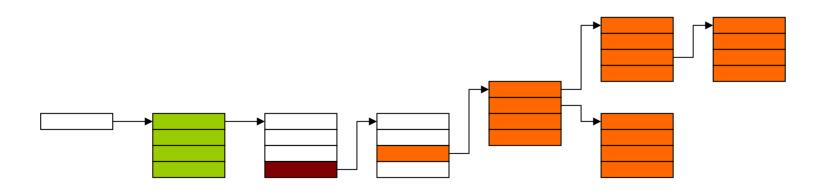






Reachability Dimensions of Immutability in X10

- single reference (= final)
- single object (shallow immutability)
- full reachability (deep immutability)







Immutability in existing programs: Limit Study

Define Immutability Ratio as

$$IR = \frac{\text{# of read operations after last write}}{\text{total # of read operations}}$$

- IR actual
 - -Obtained by counting last write separately for each dynamic object instance
- IR uniform
 - -Obtained by assuming that writes are uniformly distributed among reads
 - Hypothetical "expected" value of IR



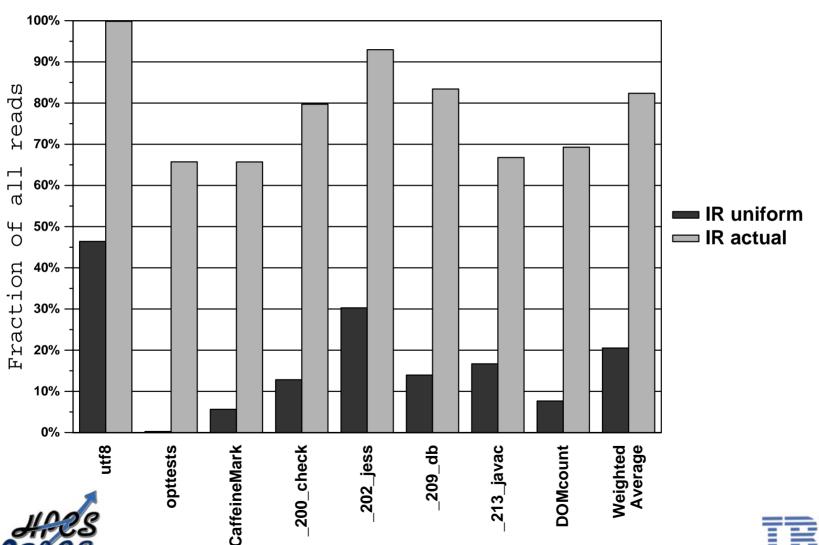
Limit Study: Experimental Setup

- Instrument Jikes RVM to generate traces
 - -all read and write accesses
- Benchmarks
 - -Jikes RVM regression tests
 - bytecodeTests, reflect, threads, utf8, opttests
 - -CaffeineMark
 - -SPECjvm98 (input size = 10%)
 - _200_check, _202_jess, _209_db, _213_javac
 - -Xerces (DomCount)
- Goal: measure Immutability Ratio for benchmarks



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Immutability Ratios



Beachmark/orkshop



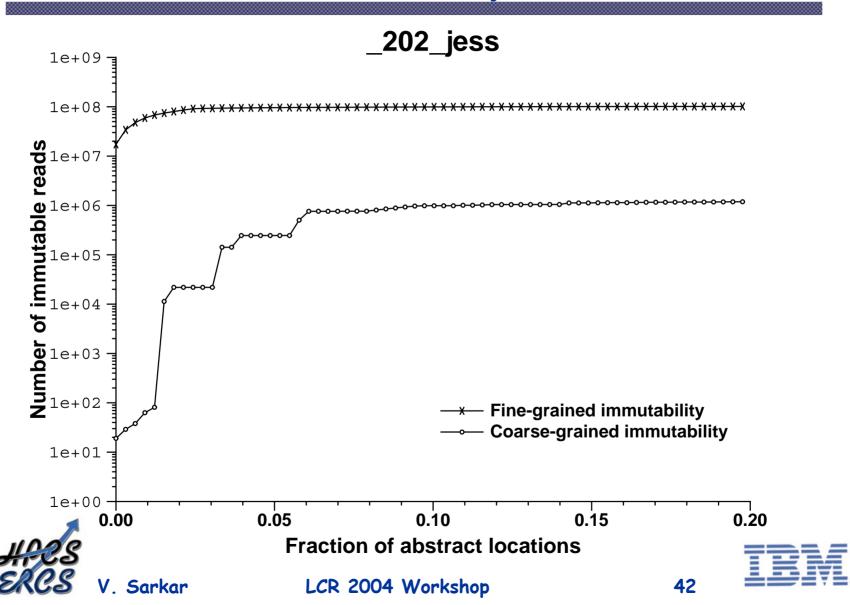
Limit Study: Abstract Locations

- Abstract location = static representative for set of dynamic locations
 - -Each declared *field* is a distinct abstract location
 - -Each declared array type is a distinct abstract location
- Coarse-grained immutability: measured by merging all dynamic instances of the same abstract location
- Goals:
 - Measure gap between fine-grained and coarse-grained immutability
 - Determine how immutable reads are distributed across abstract locations

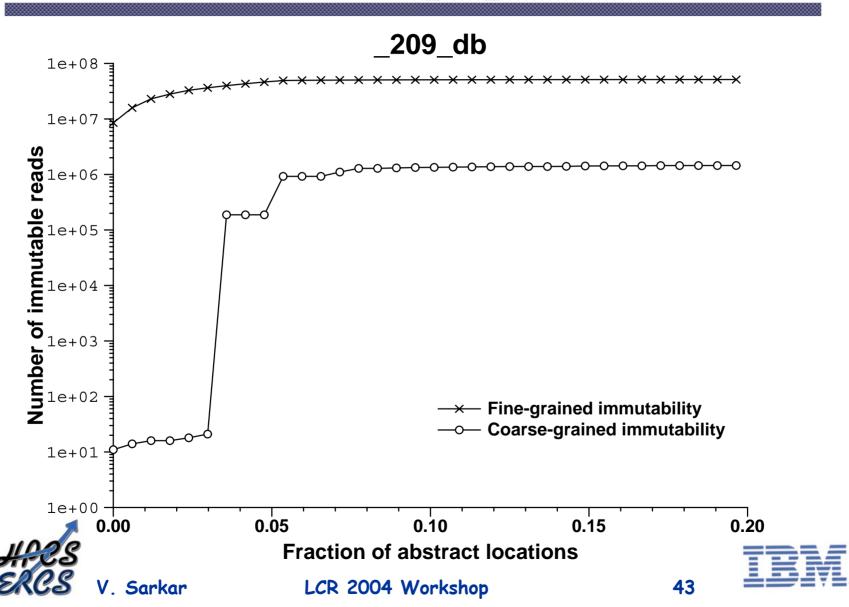




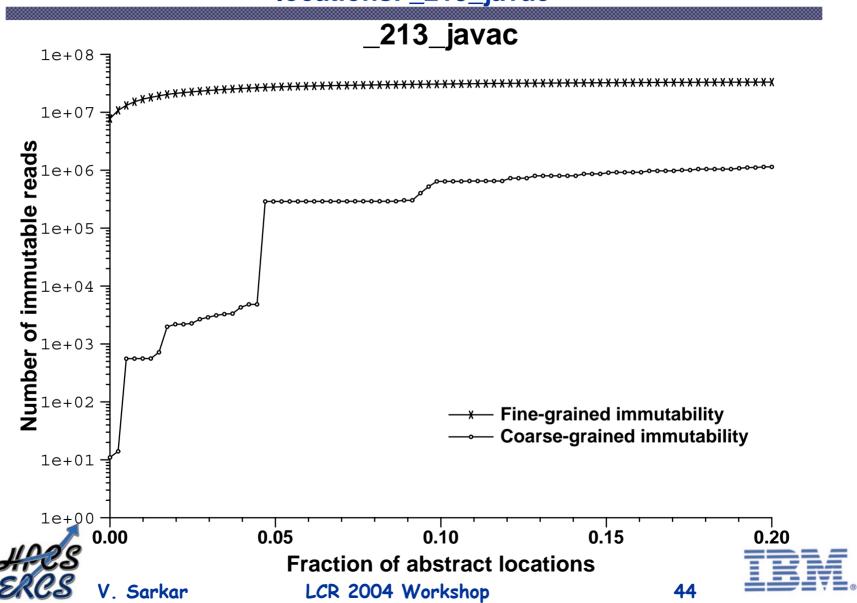
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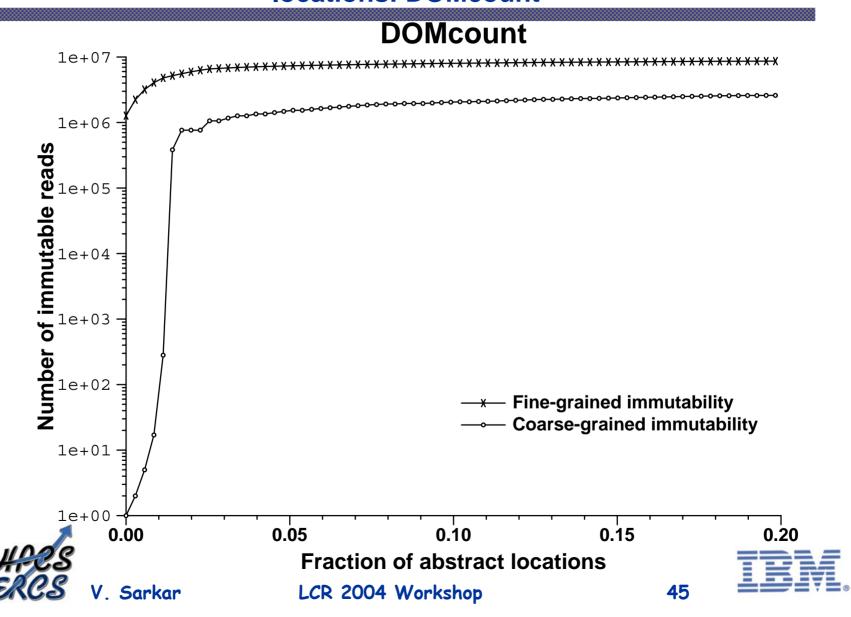
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Distribution of immutable reads across abstract locations: _213_javac



Distribution of immutable reads across abstract locations: DOMcount



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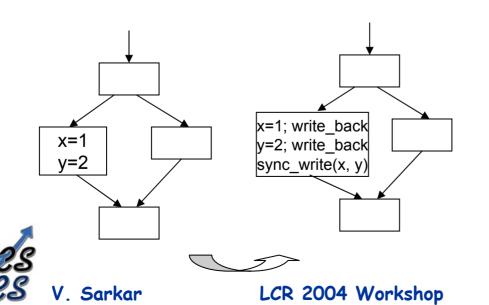
X10 Runtime design issues

- Places
 - Typically, map one place per SMP node
 - Scenarios where multiple places/node could be useful
 - Virtual partitions
 - Hierarchical places
- Local async/future operations
 - Similar to lightweight threads
- Remote async/future operations
 - Similar to active messages
 - Runtime system needs to marshall/unmarshall parameters and return values
- Possible implementation strategies for atomic sections
 - Only execute one atomic section at a time in a place
 - Analyzable atomic setcions
 - Transactional semantics



Analyzable Atomic Sections

- <u>Definition:</u> An atomic section is <u>fully analyzable</u> if the addresses of all shared locations that it accesses are computable on entry to the section
- Lock assignment problem: assign a set of locks to each atomic section so as to guarantee mutual exclusion and avoid deadlock
- Consistency optimization problem: PRE of consistency operations (refresh, writeback) necessary to support memory consistency of data accesses in an atomic section



"Analyzable Atomic Sections: Integrating Fine Grained Synchronization and Weak Consistency Models for Scalable Parallelism", V.Sarkar, G.Gao, U. Delaware CAPSL Technical Memo 52, Feb 2004.



Memory Model

- X10 focus is on data-race-free applications
- Programmer uses atomic / clock / force operations to avoid data races
 - X10 programming environment also includes data race detection tool
- Weak memory model for defining consistency of unsynchronized accesses
 - Based on Location Consistency memory model
 - Akin to weak ordering guarantees of messages in MPI





X10 Managed Runtime

Benefits of managed runtime systems and virtual machines are well understood ...

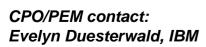
- Safety
- Productivity
- Portability
- Interoperability
- Isolation
- Virtualization
- ... but, are managed runtime systems appropriate for addressing performance challenges facing future large-scale parallel systems?
- → Yes, because they enable *continuous program optimization*

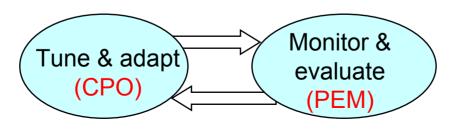




Continuous Program Optimization (CPO) through Performance & Environment Monitoring (PEM)

- Continuous Program Optimization (CPO) increases programmer productivity by automating the laborious and challenging performance tuning effort
- CPO aims at tuning application by optimally
 - adapting the application to its behavior and environment
 - adapting environment resources to application behavior
- CPO is made possible through continuous whole-system Performance and Environment Monitoring (PEM)





Continuous optimization loop

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A Catalogue of CPO Scenarios

Adapting applications to execution behavior and environment

- Library Tuning
- Adaptive MPI tuning
- Tuning Just-In-Time (JIT) compiler heuristics
- Interactive tuning environment to support algorithmic tuning
- Adpative mapping of X10 places to physical nodes

Adapting the execution environment to the application's needs:

- Tuning the Virtual Machine (heap size, GC policies)
- Tuning the operating environment/OS (adaptive page size, adaptive file cache management (FCM))

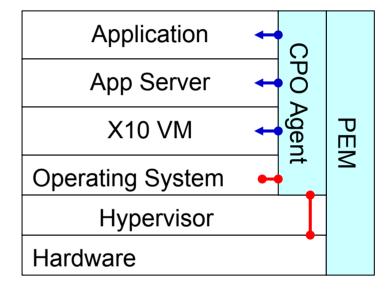




CPO Architecture

2 Components to implement CPO scenarios:

- **PEM: Vertical Performance and Environment Monitoring**
 - Implements programmable monitoring functionality across execution layers
 - **Provides integrated whole system** view
- **CPO Agent** (Specific to CPO scenario)
 - programs PEM to provide desired monitoring information
 - Implements specific scenario optimization
- There may be several CPO Agents active in the system, interconnected through

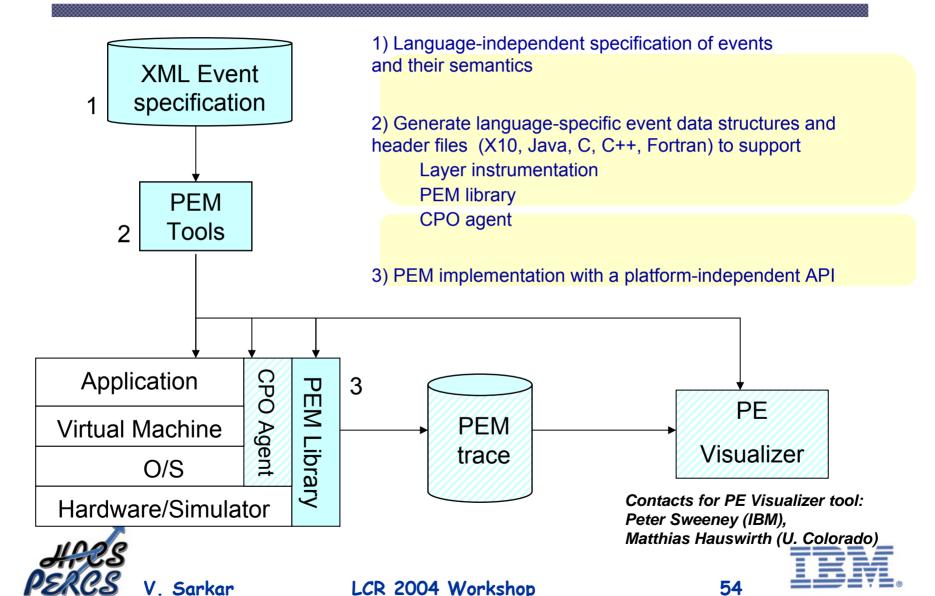


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PEM Infrastructure



PEM Scenario: Exploring the Performance Impact of Large Pages

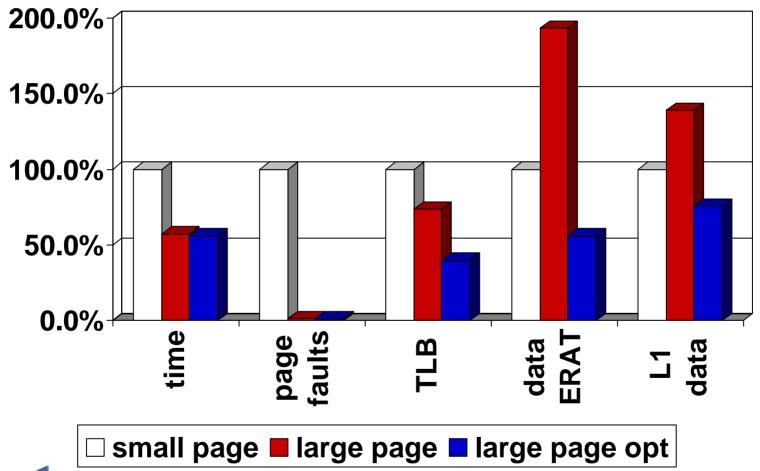
Preliminary Work for building a CPO Agent for Adaptive Page Sizing XML event format Vertical Event Traces: App layer: phase markers O/S layer: page faults PEM Hardware layer: PMU counters Tool **Scripts** PEM client umt2k PE (scientific, Fortran/C) umt2k PEM PEM Visualizer K42 traces **GP-UL**



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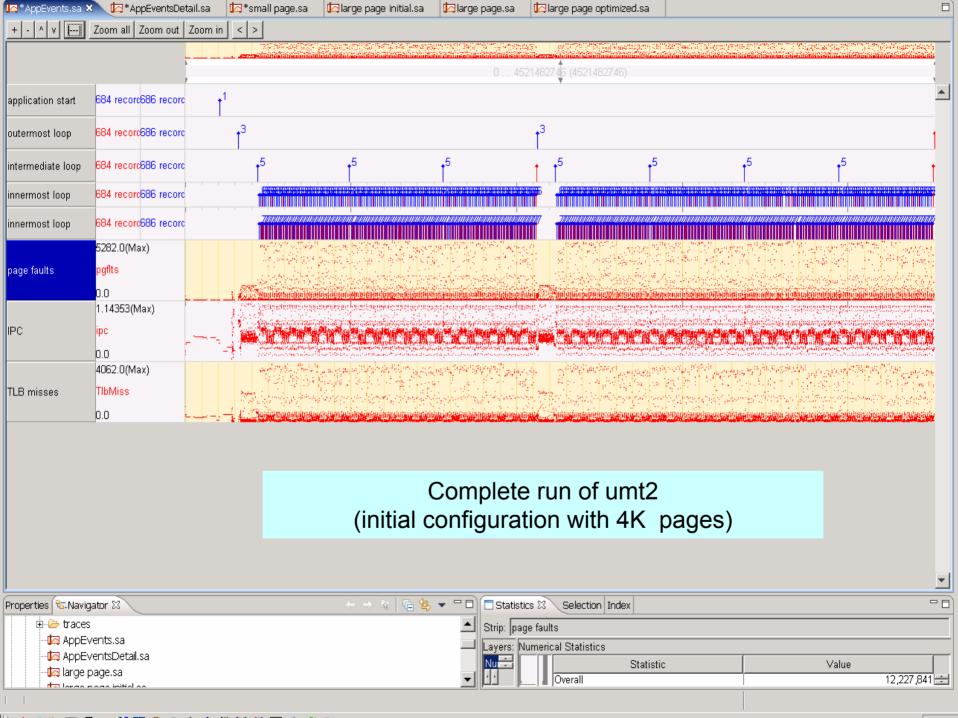
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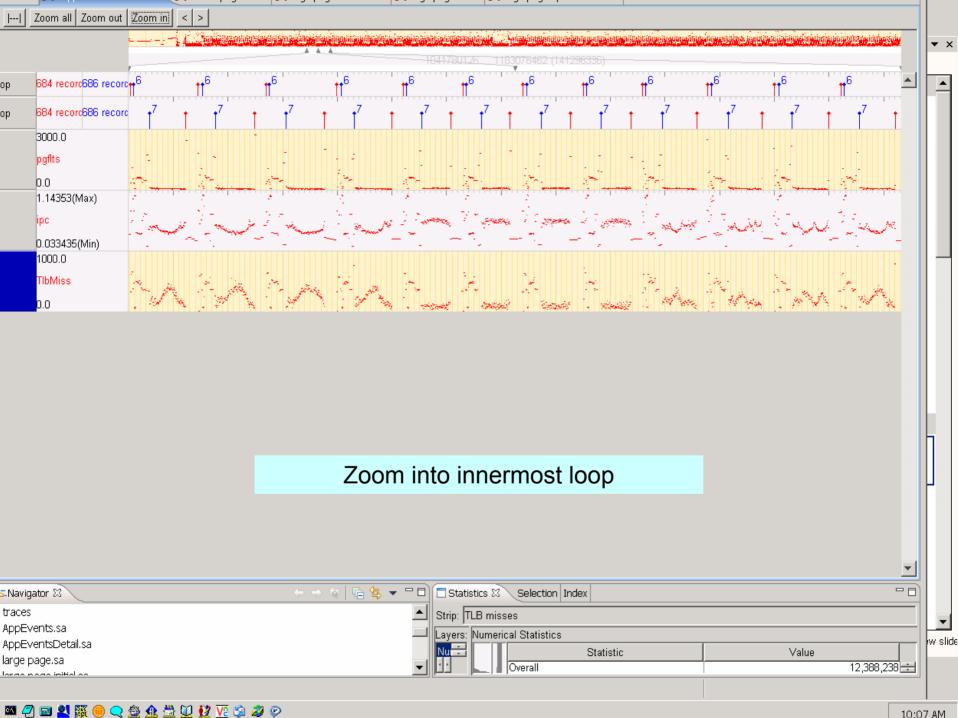
Summary of Performance Exploration



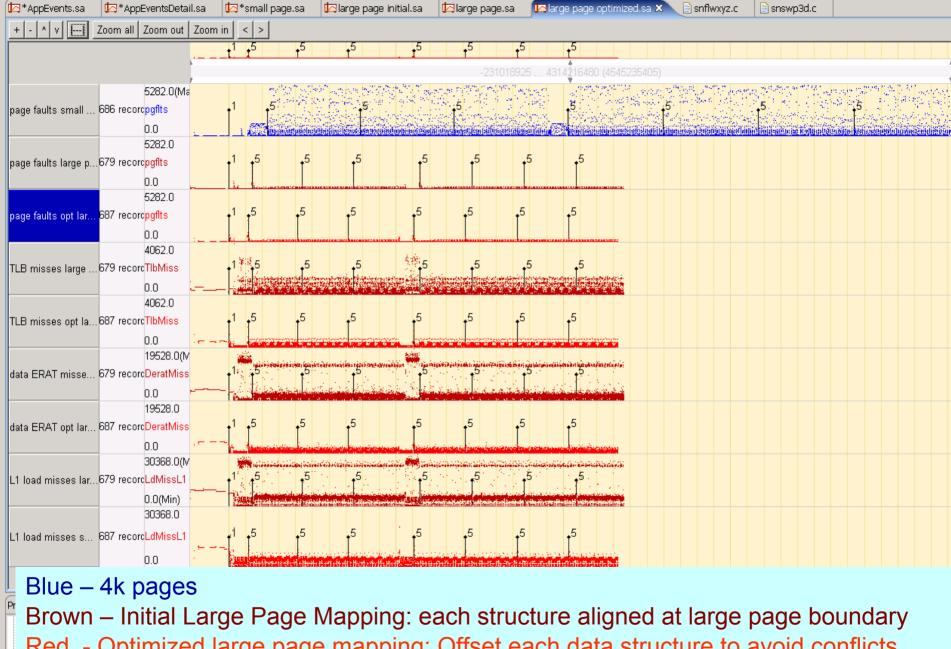








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/* Set angular fluxes for reflected angles */
     snxyzref(&nout, &npart, &nbelem, &ndim, &nbsets, &ndir,
          &m, &mtmp ref(1, thnum), ix1, ix2, lcx,
          quadwt, omega, &tmp ref(1, thnum), psib,
          &abdym ref(1, thnum), A bdy);
     /* Sweep the mesh, calculating PSIC for each corner; the boundary */
     /* flux array PSIB is also updated here.
         TraceAPPAppPhaseStart( 6, LINE , FILE );
     snswp3d(&npart, &nelem, &nelempad, &ncornr, &nfaces, &nzones,
         &nsides, &ndim, &nbelem, &m, &mpsi, &npsi, &ndir, ipath,
         &next ref(1, m), konnect, kktc, kktf,
         kkcz, ksbdy, kktzcf,
         faces corner, listcf, corner zone,
         &omega ref(1, m), A fep, A pez, A fpz,
         &abdym ref(1, thnum), sigvol, &sosf ref(1, 1, thnum),
         &sosz ref(1, 1, thnum), &qc ref(1, 1, thnum),
         facewt, zonewt, tetwt, &adotm ref(1, 1, thnum),
         &tpsic ref(1, 1, thnum), psic, psib,
         &psi inc ref(1, 1, thnum), 8L);
         TraceAPPAppPhaseEnd( 6, LINE , FILE );
     /* Add this angle's contribution to the flux moments */
     snmmnt(&npart, &ncornr, &m, &ndir, &nmomt, &quadwt ref(m),
            ynm, &tpsic ref(1, 1, thnum), &tphic ref(1, 1, thnum));
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Red - Optimized large page mapping: Offset each data structure to avoid conflicts

Outline

- 1. Motivation
- 2. X10 language
- 3. Compiler challenges and opportunities
- 4. Runtime system challenges and opportunities
- 5. Conclusions





X10 Status and Plans

- Draft Language Design Report available internally w/ set of sample programs
- Implementation begun on X10 Prototype #1 for 1/2005
 - Functional reference implementation of language subset, not optimized for performance
 - Support for calls to single-threaded native code (C, Fortran)
- Productivity experiments planned for 7/2005
 - Use prototype #1 and related tools (PE, refactoring) to compare X10 w/ MPI, UPC
 - Revise language based on feedback from productivity experiments
- Prototype #2 planned for 12/2005
 - Includes design & prototype implementation of selected optimizations for parallelism, synchronization and locality in X10 programs
 - Revise language based on feedback from design evaluation





Summary: X10 addresses Important Productivity Attributes for an HPC Language

- 1. Safety -- eliminate entire classes of errors through static & dynamic checks e.g., Type errors, Initialization errors, Memory errors, Concurrency errors, Consistency errors, ...
- 2. Portability across multiple platforms, multiple system generations, and multiple application domains
- 3. Design for Optimized Implementation --- give compiler & runtime system freedom to manage resources
- **4. Integration** --- with existing Languages, Environment, Libraries, and Tools





Conclusions and Future Work

- Future Large-scale Parallel Systems will be accompanied by severe productivity and performance challenges
 - → Opportunity for Languages, Compilers, and Runtime technologies to have even greater impact on scalable systems than before
- Summarized X10 language approach in PERCS project, with a focus on next steps:
 - Use applications and productivity studies to refine design decisions in X10
 - Prototype solutions to address implementation challenges
- Future work (beyond 2005)
 - Community effort to build consensus on standardized "high productivity" languages for HPC systems in the 2010 timeframe
 - Explore integration of X10 ideas with other research language efforts under way in IBM
 - XJ, BPEL, ...



