MPS based on Genetic Algorithms implemented in a (Distributed)Shared-Memory Supercomputer

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 We want to generate realizations that reproduce multiple-point statistics (MPS) inferred from a 2D training image.



Training image



Realization A



Realization B



Realization C



Realization D

- Several methods to do this task: snesim, unilateral path, neural networks, simulated annealing...
- How good are genetic algorithms to reproduce MPS?





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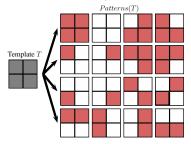
Individuals 1D $(nm) \iff$ Realization images 2D $(n \times m)$





GAs: fitness function

• It depends on a user-defined template T:



• Using Patterns(T), we calculate:

$$fitness(indiv_k) = \sum_{p \in Patterns(T)} \left(\#pattern_p^{TI} - \#pattern_p^{indiv_k} \right)^2$$

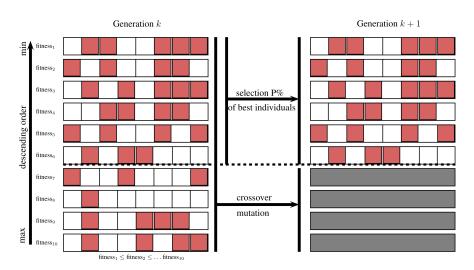
 This function measures the mismatch between the target statistics (from the training image) and the current statistics for each individual.





GAs: selection

P% of the population "survives". The rest is generated using crossover/mutation.







GAs: crossover

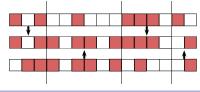
• Choose cut points

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Choose sections

1 1

 Breed new individual with the chosen sections

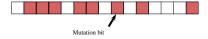




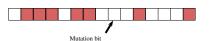


GAs: mutation

Choose mutation bit



 Breed new individual changing its value with probability m := m(t)





GAs: examples, (non)-conditional realizations

 $100\!\times\!100$ images, 10000 generations, 4000 individuals, 20% selection, dynamic mutation probability, 100 cut-points Template 17 nodes disconnected









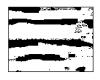


No conditionants

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Training image

5% conditionants

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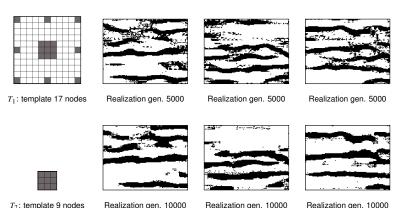
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GAs: examples, dynamic template utilization

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Template: first half with template T_1 , second half with template T_2







GAs: remarks

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- straightforward and easy implementation (Fortran90)
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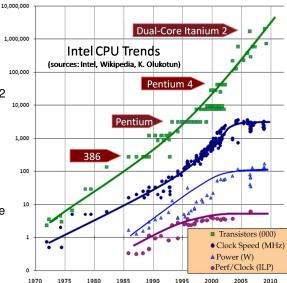


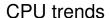


CPU trends

Moore's law:
 2×#transistors every 2
 years

 Future trends: more processors in a single chip + hardware accelerators



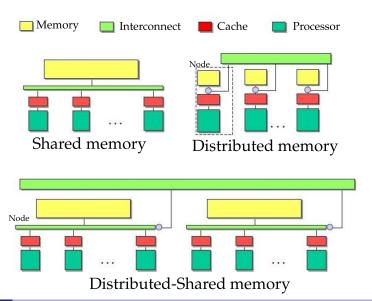




We have to adapt our CPU/memory intensive algorithms (like GAs) to parallel computer architectures in order to exploit all their capabilities.



Examples of parallel computer architectures







Programming models

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Exploiting parallelism in GAs

Task: we need to calculate the fitness function of N individuals.

Elements: *P* nodes, *C* processors per node.

Proposed solution: MPI+OpenMP based solution

- Distribute the population in N/P individuals per node (MPI).
- Each node calculates the fitness function of N/P individuals using C processors (OpenMP parallel loops).
- Each node shares its best individuals with the other nodes (MPI).

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Speedup results

- Hardware: 126 nodes (12 CPUs, 2.53 GHz), 24 GB RAM/node.
- OpenMP: fitness function for an individual of size 1000×1000, 17-node template

CPUs	Time(secs)	Speedup
1	0.402347	1x
1+code opts	0.243200	1.65x
2+code opts	0.1280000	3.14x
4+code opts	0.076800004	5.23x
6+code opts	0.044799998	8.98x
8+code opts	0.038400002	10.47x
10+code opts	0.032000002	12.57x
12+code opts	0.025599999	15.71x

^{*}code opts: techniques adapted from stencil optimization in Finite Differences methods, like memory accesses minimization, SIMDization, blocking,







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Nodes/CPUs	Time(secs)	Speedup
1/1	9364	1x
1/12	1525	6.14x
2/12	781	11.98x
4/12	394	23.76x
8/12	203	46.12x





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- Easy implementation and parallelization: unfortunately it takes too much time to converge...
- Dynamic mutation rate (annealing-style) and dynamic template accelerates the convergence of MPS-GAs.
- Refinement of realizations: adding realizations generated with other methods to the initial population.
- Future work: inclusion of hardware accelerators (GPUs) with new pragma-based programming models
 MPI+OpenMP+{OpenACC,OmpSs,...}



Thanks for your attention!

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