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Research Summary

The main area of my research is on Parallel and Distributed Computer architectures, and can be categorized into the following themes: *Evaluation of Multiprocessor Architectures*, *Design and Analysis of Routers and Network Architectures*, *Resource Management in Multiprocessors*, and *Cluster Systems*. During my tenure at Penn State, I have supervised 21 Ph.D. students, more than 50 M.S. students and about 12 B.S. Honors students in these areas. My research results have appeared in top quality international journals (such as IEEE TPDS, IEEE TC, JPDC) and highly selective conference proceedings (such as ISCA, HPCA, MICRO, SIGMETRICS, ICDCS, ICPP, IPDPS, ICS, ISPLED, and SPAA), and the research has been supported by various funding agencies. In the last five years, I have been a PI/Co-PI of research grants totaling to more than \$5.8M. Here is a brief description of my contributions in each of these areas (with pointers to selected publications) followed by an outline of my current research work.

Evaluation of Multiprocessor Architectures

Performance and dependability (reliability/availability) evaluation of multiprocessor architectures is essential to assess whether a design meets the high-level requirements, to identify design bottlenecks, to select an optimal architecture for specific requirements, and to design better systems in the future. However, evaluation of such architectures becomes extremely complex when the underlying communication network is included in the model. Therefore, most prior research refrained from including the network architecture in evaluating multiprocessor systems.

The uniqueness of my evaluation work is the inclusion of the underlying interconnection network in developing performance, dependability, and performance-related dependability (performability) models for various parallel machines. We have developed elegant performance and dependability models for various architectures such as bus-based systems [1], hypercubes ([10], [14], [24], [44], [53]), MIN-based systems ([11], [22], [47]), mesh-connected systems [18], k -ary- n -cubes [77], and clusters [12]. Specifically, the analytical model for the hypercube network with wormhole switching mechanism [51] was the first accurate technique that captured the chained blocking possible in wormhole switching. This work received the IEEE Computer Society Outstanding Paper Award at the International Conference on Distributed Computing Systems (ICDCS), 1991.

Design and Analysis of Routers and Network Architectures

A high-throughput, low-latency communication network is essential to building a scalable, high performance multiprocessor. The network topology, switching mechanism, message routing algorithm, and application workload together determine performance of a network. While my research over the years has looked into various aspects of designing high performance networks, I have specifically worked on developing efficient routing algorithms for direct networks, evaluation of networks with realistic workloads, and designing faster routers/switches. We have developed partially and fully adaptive routing algorithms for hypercubes and meshes that require minimal number of virtual channels (VCs) to provide deadlock freedom (no VC for partially adaptive routing in n -dimensional meshes [64] and 2 virtual channels for fully adaptive routing algorithm [66]). In addition, we have developed an analytical model to capture virtual channel flow control and routing adaptivity in hypercubes ([72]). Extension of these algorithms to handle link and node faults in a network has also been proposed [73].

While the research on network design and analysis is quite rich, very little work was done in evaluating networks with realistic workloads. The three communication attributes that are required for any network performance study are the message inter-arrival time distribution with the corresponding generation rate, the spatial distribution of messages or the traffic pattern, and the message size (volume). Typical synthetic environments have assumed that the temporal distribution is exponential, the spatial distribution is uniform or a few localized communication patterns, and the message size is a fixed number of bytes. While evaluations with such synthetic workloads have been accused of providing inaccurate performance estimates, performance evaluation with realistic workloads is quite complex and challenging. In this regard, we

have initiated research on *workload characterization* of parallel applications and *application-driven performance evaluation* [78]. Using the temporal, spatial and volume attributes of communications, we have analyzed the communication properties of shared memory and distributed memory applications. It has been shown that it is possible to quantify the temporal and spatial behavior of parallel applications using known mathematical distributions, which in turn can be used in application-driven performance evaluation. The impact of performance enhancement features such as virtual channel flow control and routing adaptivity with realistic workloads has been analyzed ([29], [79]).

Design of fast routers is essential not only to build scalable interconnects, but also to enhance the performance of the entire system. We have developed a pipelined router architecture, called LAPSES (look-ahead routing, intelligent path selection, and economic storage) that uses a minimal size routing table in supporting any routing algorithm in a regular network [86].

Resource Management in Multiprocessors

Prudent management of system resources is essential to maximize the system throughput and utilization, while minimizing the average response time in a multi-user environment. Resource management in multiprocessors is a well researched area. It consists of two steps; processor allocation and job scheduling. Processor allocation is concerned with allocating the parallel processes of a job to processors, while scheduling decides the next job/process for execution. Both these techniques complement each other in maximizing the delivered performance of a multiprocessor. Primarily contiguous allocation of processors to processes of a parallel job has been used to minimize the communication overhead, and thus improve the performance of closely-coupled multiprocessors. Since dynamic allocation is an NP-complete problem, a plethora of allocation algorithms for different multiprocessors have been proposed with varying degree of allocation ability and complexity.

We have proposed efficient processor allocation algorithms for hypercubes ([8], [46], [69]), MINs ([16]), and k-ary n-cubes/meshes ([25], [74], [80]). In particular, the *free list* policy [46], proposed for the hypercube multiprocessors, received the Daniel Slotnick Award for the best original paper at the 1989 International Conference on Parallel Processing (ICPP). An elegant scheduling algorithm, called *lazy scheduling* was proposed ([17]) to boost the hypercube performance further.

Cluster systems

Cluster systems, also known as network of workstations/PCs (NOW), are becoming a predominant and cost-effective style for designing scalable, high performance computers. These systems are gaining acceptance not just in scientific applications but also in emerging commercial applications such as database servers and web servers. The tremendous surge in dynamic web contents, multimedia objects, e-commerce, and other web-enabled applications requires providing high performance and quality-of-service (QoS) support in clusters.

My research on cluster systems has focused on three issues: design of high performance cluster interconnects, QoS provisioning in cluster interconnects, and scheduling techniques for clusters. In the area of high performance cluster interconnects, we have looked into the design of routers and network interfaces (NIs). We have set up a NOW laboratory to conduct various types of theoretical and experimental research. In particular, we are exploring the feasibility of providing QoS support in commercially successful wormhole-switched routers. We have proposed a new wormhole router, called MediaWorm, that can support integrated traffic in clusters ([32], [91]). Recently, we have proposed modifications to the industry standard virtual interface architecture (VIA) to efficiently support real-time traffic in the NI [95]. A number of interesting research issues involving hardware and software mechanisms to provide QoS support in routers, and modifications to user-level communication mechanisms for QoS provisioning are currently being investigated ([98], [100]).

Unlike tightly-coupled multiprocessors, coscheduling of parallel processes in a loosely-coupled cluster is much more challenging because of the individual node autonomy, and relatively high communication

overhead. Therefore, a few other scheduling alternatives such as dynamic coscheduling (DCS) and implicit coscheduling (ICS, SB) have been proposed in the literature. These schemes use the locally available message arrival information to schedule communicating processes of a job simultaneously. Using the user-level communication strategies such as U-Net, Fast Message, and VIA, they are shown to be quite efficient. We have proposed a design spectrum for implementing nine different coscheduling algorithms and in particular have proposed an efficient scheme, called *periodic boost* that is shown to be more efficient on Solaris platforms ([27], [87]). All these algorithms have been implemented on an UltraSPARC workstation cluster, connected by Myrinet. This experimental testbed can be used for studying many scheduling alternatives. Any off-the-shelf MPI applications can run on this platform.

Since the implementation of any prior coscheduling algorithm needs substantial effort, we have developed a generic framework for implementing any coscheduling algorithm on a Linux cluster [116]. In addition, we have proposed a new coscheduling, called Coordinated Coscheduling (CC), which has the potential to outperform all prior techniques [115]. This framework and the CC scheme has been implemented on a Myrinet connected 16-node Linux cluster on top of VIA and GM. Also, we have shown that it is possible to gain significant performance benefits by employing coscheduling algorithms on commercial platforms, which currently use various forms of batch scheduling. We are now porting the framework and the CC scheme to large Linux platforms to test with various scientific workloads. This experimental research is conducted in collaboration with the Lawrence Livermore National laboratory (LLNL) and Penn State's main computing center.

Current Research

My current work on cluster systems emphasizes on practical scheduling algorithms, QoS support in the cluster interconnects and NICs, and design of energy-efficient interconnects. For the scheduling work, we want to develop practical coscheduling algorithms that can provide better performance than the batch scheduling. The QoS support research is conducted in collaboration with Intel and other members of the InfiniBand Trade Association (IBTA). Our simple congestion control technique ([105], [109]) is currently being examined by several IBTA members for inclusion in the IBA specification. Clusters are now used for designing data centers that include web servers, application servers and database servers. We are now examining the impact of user-level communication and coscheduling algorithms on the performance of cluster-based data centers. In addition, energy consumption in clusters has become a serious concern due to their high power budgets. Also, the critical nature of many Internet-based services demand high server availability. Therefore, design of high performance, energy-efficient, and dependable clusters has become a pressing issue from socio-economic and environmental standpoints. In collaboration with our VLSI group, I have started design and analysis of energy-efficient cluster interconnects [114]. In particular, we have proposed a dynamic link shut down scheme, called DLS, to conserve energy. Compared to the prior dynamic voltage scaling (DVS) technique that incurs significant performance penalty, the DLS scheme can provide a better tradeoff between performance and power. We are also investigating the dependability implications of energy-efficient designs. Furthermore, I am expanding my research to network-on-chip (NoC) architectures to design SoC systems. Due to my inherent interest, I will attempt to develop performance and dependability models for such systems considering various practical limitations, and will conduct workload characterization of scientific and commercial applications for clusters.

The QoS ideas in the router have many similarities to the QoS concept in the Internet. I am currently supervising two Ph.D. students on Internet QoS. We are developing a control theoretic approach to analyze and design various Active Queue management (AQM) schemes for Internet congestion control ([106], [107], [118], [119]). We have designed an AQM scheme, which can detect non-responsive TCP and UDP flows, and thus, can be used to dynamically quarantine such flows [120]. Also, I am currently expanding my research to wireless/mobile/ad hoc systems. A Ph.D. student is examining the advantage of using caching for combining ad hoc networks with the wired Internet for universal information accessibility ([112,117]).

Multicore/SoC Archietectures

Design and Analysis of data Centers