

# TDTS08: Lab Report

Lab 5

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## 1 Introduction

The article we have choosen is *Numerical Parallel Processing Based on GPU with CUDA Architecture* written by *Chengming Zou, Chunfen Xia, Guanghui Zhao* at the *College of Computer Science and Technology Wuhan University of Technology Wuhan, China*, which is number 15 in the list of articles.

We choose this article because we didn't have a lab about multicore processors and GPUs and we wanted to explore this area further, but also because we think this area is very interesting and that we will se a lot of development in this area over the next few years.

## 2 Overview

The article compares CPUs and GPUs, and looks at how a GPU can be used in high density parallel computing because it has multi-stream processors which can operate independently and concurrently at high speeds.

The article is about the differences between CPUs and GPUs and how GPUs can be used for calculations in a faster way than in the CPU. The major advantages with GPUs is that is it able to compute a lot of calculations in parallel independent of each other, this means that the CPU is able to only handle branches and control instructions that needs to be controlled allowing the hardware of GPUs to be simplified a lot because their controlling unit can be smaller. However, it should be noted that it needs to be made sure that the data sent to the GPU contains as few branches and control instructions as possible leaving them to the CPU.

## 3 Architecture

The experimental results clearly show that parallel computation is faster on GPUs. It was also found that the performance increase of the GPU over the CPU increases as the problem size increases, further strengthening the authors argument.

## 4 Conclusion

We would like to have a better explanation of how the code is run on the GPU, as we think that this isn't sufficiently explained.

We also believe that a higher level of linguistics could be desired from a report written by a team of researchers. Not only should it have been proof-read, there is also other issues on the matter such as no separation between mathematical formulas and no italic format on the formulas. This is also a issue with the code parts of the report as it is very hard to distinguish what is code and what is text sometimes.