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Preface

This volume comprises the proceedings of the 12th International Conference on Parallel Processing and Applied Mathematics – PPAM 2017, which was held in Lublin, Poland, September 10–13, 2017. It was organized by the Department of Computer and Information Science of the Czestochowa University of Technology together with Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin, under the patronage of the Committee of Informatics of the Polish Academy of Sciences, in technical cooperation with the IEEE Computer Society and ICT COST Action IC1305 “Network for Sustainable Ultrascale Computing (NESUS)”. The main organizer was Roman Wyrzykowski.

PPAM is a biennial conference. Ten previous events have been held in different places in Poland since 1994. The proceedings of the last six conferences have been published by Springer in the *Lecture Notes in Computer Science* series (Nałęczów, 2001, vol. 2328; Częstochowa, 2003, vol. 3019; Poznań, 2005, vol. 3911; Gdańsk, 2007, vol. 4967; Wrocław, 2009, vols. 6067 and 6068; Toruń, 2011, vols. 7203 and 7204; Warsaw, 2013, vols. 8384 and 8385; Kraków, 2015, vols. 9573 and 9574).

The PPAM conferences have become an international forum for the exchange of ideas between researchers involved in parallel and distributed computing, including theory and applications, as well as applied and computational mathematics. The focus of PPAM 2017 was on models, algorithms, and software tools that facilitate efficient and convenient utilization of modern parallel and distributed computing architectures, as well as on large-scale applications, including big data and machine learning problems.

This meeting gathered more than 170 participants from 25 countries. A strict review process resulted in the acceptance of 100 contributed papers for publication in the conference proceedings, while approximately 42% of the submissions were rejected. For regular tracks of the conference, 49 papers were selected from 98 submissions, giving an acceptance rate of 50%.

The regular tracks covered such important fields of parallel/distributed/cloud computing and applied mathematics as:

- Numerical algorithms and parallel scientific computing, including parallel matrix factorizations and particle methods in simulations
- Task-based paradigm of parallel computing
- GPU computing
- Parallel non-numerical algorithms
- Performance evaluation of parallel algorithms and applications
- Environments and frameworks for parallel/distributed/cloud computing
- Applications of parallel computing
- Soft computing with applications

The invited talks were presented by:

- Rosa Badia from the Barcelona Supercomputing Center (Spain)
- Franck Cappello from the Argonne National Laboratory (USA)
- Cris Cecka from NVIDIA and Stanford University (USA)
- Jack Dongarra from the University of Tennessee and ORNL (USA)
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Important and integral parts of the PPAM 2017 conference were the workshops:

- Workshop on Models, Algorithms, and Methodologies for Hierarchical Parallelism in New HPC Systems organized by Giuliano Laccetti and Marco Lapegna from the University of Naples Federico II (Italy), and Raffaele Montella from the University of Naples Parthenope (Italy)
- Workshop on Power and Energy Aspects of Computation — PEAC 2017 organized by Ariel Oleksiak from the Poznan Supercomputing and Networking Center (Poland) and Laurent Lefevre from Inria (France)
- Workshop on Scheduling for Parallel Computing — SPC 2017 organized by Maciej Drozdowski from the Poznań University of Technology (Poland)
- The 7th Workshop on Language-Based Parallel Programming Models — WLPP 2017 organized by Ami Marowka from Bar-Ilan University (Israel)
- Workshop on PGAS Programming organized by Piotr Bała from Warsaw University (Poland)
- Special Session on Parallel Matrix Factorizations organized by Marian Vajtersic from the University of Salzburg (Austria) and Slovak Academy of Sciences
- Minisymposium on HPC Applications in Physical Sciences organized by Grzegorz Kamieniarz and Wojciech Florek from the A. Mickiewicz University in Poznań (Poland)
- Minisymposium on High-Performance Computing Interval Methods organized by Bartłomiej J. Kubica from Warsaw University of Technology (Poland)
- Workshop on Complex Collective Systems organized by Paweł Topa and Jarosław Wąs from the AGH University of Science and Technology in Kraków (Poland)

The PPAM 2017 meeting began with three tutorials:

- Scientific Computing with GPUs, by Dominik Göddeke from the University of Stuttgart (Germany) and Robert Strzodka from Heidelberg University (Germany)
- Advanced OpenMP Tutorial, by Dirk Schmidl from RWTH Aachen University (Germany)
- Parallel Computing in Java, by Piotr Bała from Warsaw University (Poland), and Marek Nowicki from the Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń (Poland)

A new topic at PPAM 2017 was “Particle Methods in Simulations.” Particle-based and Lagrangian formulations are all-time classics in supercomputing and have been wrestling with classic mesh-based approaches such as finite elements for quite a while now, in terms of computational expressiveness and efficiency. Computationally, particle formalisms benefit from very costly inter-particle interactions. These interactions with high arithmetic intensity make them reasonably “low-hanging” fruits in supercomputing with its notoriously limited bandwidth and high concurrency.

Surprisingly, PPAM 2017 was shaped by articles that give up on expensive particle–particle interactions: discrete element methods (DEM) study rigid bodies which interact only rarely once they are in contact, while particle-in-cell (PIC) methods use the physical expressiveness of Lagrangian descriptions but make the particles interact solely locally with a surrounding grid. It is obvious that the lack of direct long-range particle–particle interaction increases the concurrency of the algorithms. Yet, it comes at a price. With low arithmetic intensity, all data structures have to be extremely fine-tuned to perform on modern hardware, and load-balancing has to be lightweight. Codes cannot afford to resort data inefficiently all the time, move around too much data, or work with data structures that are ill-suited for vector processing, while notably the algorithmic parts with limited vectorization potential have to be revisited and maybe rewritten for emerging processors tailored toward stream processing.

The new session “Particle Methods in Simulations” provided a platform for some presentations with interesting and significant contributions addressing these challenges:

- Contact problems are rephrased as continuous minimization problems coupled with a posteriori validity checks, which allows codes to vectorize at least the first step aggressively (by K. Krestenitis, T. Weinzierl, and T. Koziara)
- Classic PIC is recasted into a single-touch algorithm with only few synchronization points, which releases pressure from the memory subsystem (by Y. Barsamian, A. Chargueraud, and A. Ketterlin)
- Cell-based shared memory parallelization of PIC is revised from a scheduling point of view and tailored parallelization schemes are developed, which anticipate the enormous per-cell load imbalances resulting from clustered particles (by A. Larin et al.)
- Particle sorting algorithms are revisited that make the particles be stored in memory in the way they are later accessed by the algorithm even though the particles tend to move through the domain quickly (by A. Dorobisz et al.)

Another new topic at PPAM 2017 was “Task-Based Paradigm of Parallel Computing.” Task-based parallel programming models have appeared in the recent years as an alternative to traditional parallel programming models, both for fine-grain and

coarse-grain parallelism. In this paradigm, the task is the unit of execution and traditionally a data-dependency graph of the application tasks represents the application. From this graph, the potential parallelism of the application is exploited, enabling an asynchronous execution of the tasks that do not require explicit fork-join structures.

Research topics in the area are multiple, from the specification of the syntax or programming interfaces, the definition of new scheduling and resource management algorithms that take into account different metrics, the design of the interfaces with the actual infrastructure, or new algorithms specified in this parallel paradigm. As an example of the success of this paradigm, the OpenMP standard has adopted this paradigm in its latest releases.

This topic was presented at PPAM 2017 in the form of a session that consisted of several presentations from various topics:

- “A Proposal for a Unified Interface for Task-Based Programming Models That Enables the Execution of Applications in Multiple Parallel Environments” (by A. Zafari)
- “A Comparison of Time and Energy Oriented Scheduling for Task-Based Programs, Which Is Based on Real Measured Data for the Tasks Leading to Diverse Effects Concerning Time, Energy, and Power Consumption” (by T. Rauber and G. Rünger)
- “A Study of a Set of Experiments with the Sparse Cholesky Decomposition on Multicore Platforms, Using a Parametrized Task Graph Implementation” (by I. Duff and F. Lopez)
- “A Task-Based Algorithm for Reordering the Eigenvalues of a Matrix in Real Schur Form, Which Is Realized on Top of the StarPU Runtime System” (by M. Myllykoski)

A new topic at PPAM 2017 was the “Special Session on Parallel Matrix Factorizations.” Nowadays, in order to meet demands of high-performance computing, it is necessary to pay serious attention to the development of fast, reliable, and communication-efficient algorithms for solving kernel linear algebra problems. Tasks that lead to matrix decomposition computations are undoubtedly some of the most frequent problems encountered in this field. Therefore, the aim of the special session was to present new results from parallel linear algebra with an emphasis on methods and algorithms for factorizations and decompositions of large sparse and dense matrices. Both theoretical aspects and software issues related to this problem area were considered for submission.

The topics of the special session focused on: (a) efficient algorithms for the EVD/SVD/NMF decompositions of large matrices, their design and analysis; (b) implementation of parallel matrix factorization algorithms on parallel CPU and GPU systems; (c) usage of parallel matrix factorizations for solving problems arising in scientific and technical applications. Seven papers were accepted for presentation, which covered the session topics. Geographically, the authors were dispersed among two continents and five countries. The individual themes of the contributions included:

- “New Preconditioning for the One-Sided Block-Jacobi Singular Value Decomposition Algorithm” (by M. Bečka, G. Okša, and E. Vidličková)

- “Using the Cholesky QR Method in the Full-Blocked One-Sided Jacobi Algorithm” (by S. Kudo and Y. Yamamoto)
- “Parallel Divide-and-Conquer Algorithm for Solving Tridiagonal Eigenvalue Problems on Manycore Systems” (by Y. Hirota and I. Toshiyuki)
- “Structure-Preserving Technique in the Block SS-Hankel Method for Solving Hermitian Generalized Eigenvalue Problems” (by A. Imakura, Y. Futamura, and T. Sakurai)
- “Parallel Inverse of Non-Hermitian Block Tridiagonal Matrices” (by L. Spellacy and D. Golden)
- “Tunability of a New Hessenberg Reduction Algorithm Using Parallel Cache Assignment” (by M. Eljammaly, L. Karlsson, and B. Kågström)
- “Convergence and Parallelization of Nonnegative Matrix Factorization (NMF) with Newton Iteration” (by R. Kutil, M. Flatz, and M. Vajtersic).

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We hope that this volume will be useful to you. We would like everyone who reads it to feel invited to the next conference, PPAM 2019, which will be held during September 8–11, 2019, in Białystok, the largest city in northeastern Poland, located close to the world-famous Białowieża Forest.

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