



with ARM big.LITTLE architecture, where cores are marked as big cores which are relatively more powerful but power-hungry, or as LITTLE cores which are relatively battery-saving but slower in performance. We propose a model-based parallelization approach to parallelize embedded systems built in the Simulink MBD environment on such processors. The proposed approach uses the hierarchical clustering method on Simulink blocks to reduce the problem scale and an ILP formulation to determine the core assignment solution, considering load balancing and the minimization of inter-core communication across cores with different performances.

In many cases of MBD, a Simulink model (or a part of the model) is used to process a large amount of data such as in image processing and scientific data calculation. It is possible to accelerate the execution of such model-based applications by executing the data parallelism blocks on graphical processing units (GPUs) rather than on central processing unit (CPU) cores for improved performance. For implementing such Simulink models on a platform of both CPUs and GPUs, a model-based approach is proposed to parallelize the Simulink models of image processing on a homogeneous multicore CPU and identical NVIDIA GPUs, where the number of homogeneous CPU cores and GPUs is equal, thereby enabling multiple CUDA kernels to be executed concurrently. We implemented image-processing algorithms with MATLAB Simulink and parallelized the models with the proposed approach in evaluation experiments. On execution of the generated codes, we experimentally demonstrated that the proposed approach achieves a reasonable speedup over implementations with existing methods.