Offer #2023-07015

Engineer F/M. Compiler optimization framework for sparse computation in deep learning.

Contract type: Fixed-term contract
Renewable contract: Yes
Level of qualifications required: Graduate degree or equivalent
Fonction: Temporary scientific engineer

About the research centre or Inria department

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Context

CORSE is a joint research group in the LIG laboratory that regroups several expertise that stand at the interface between software and hardware: those are domain specific application/library tuning, compiler optimization, run-time systems, and debugging/monitoring. Our domains of application include performance (both speed and energy consumption), reliability, and teaching of computer science. An important activity concerns the optimization of machine learning applications for some specific high-performance embedded architectures.

The position is funded by the DeepGreen project. The aim of CORSE in this project is to contribute to the development of a compiler infrastructure for deep learning code.

Assignment

The aim of the position is to contribute to the development of tools that help the programmer to obtain highly optimized code of deep learning applications that have been pruned. For this purpose several techniques will be considered including:

- Language design: conception and implementation of the primitives which describe the sparse computations, possibly targeting distributed memory;
- Transformation formalisms, in the context of either intermediate representations (i.e. the dialect Transform of MLIR) or the polyhedral framework, allowing to explicitly specify the optimization and lowering passes applied to a program;
- Auto-tuning (see e.g. https://www.usenix.org/system/files/osdi20-zheng.pdf)

The targeted architectures are:

- CPU (from high-end HPC with AMX extension to embedded ASIC processors)
- DPU such as Kalray MPPA

Main activities

The main activities include:

- experiment with different optimization schemes both on CPU and GPU
- conception of various programming primitives
- develop a code generator

Skills
The position requires:

- A good background in mathematics and in particular in the polyhedral framework
- Some knowledge concerning deep-learning applications
- An expertise in compiler optimisation related to data locality and parallelism (in particular data dependencies, tiling, ...)
- C, C++, python programming

Benefits package

- Subsidized meals
- Partial reimbursement of public transport costs
- Leave: 7 weeks of annual leave + 10 extra days off due to RTT (statutory reduction in working hours) + possibility of exceptional leave (sick children, moving home, etc.)
- Possibility of teleworking (90 days / year) and flexible organization of working hours
- Social, cultural and sports events and activities
- Access to vocational training
- Social security coverage under conditions

Remuneration

Gross salary: from 2 692 euros before deduction of tax incomes depending on laboral experiences and degrees.

General Information

- Theme/Domain: Architecture, Languages and Compilation
  System & Networks (BAP E)
- Town/city: Grenoble
- Inria Center: Centre Inria de l'Université Grenoble Alpes
- Starting date: 2024-02-01
- Duration of contract: 7 months
- Deadline to apply: 2024-01-11

Contacts

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Instruction to apply

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