

BondMachine

A Moldable Computer Architecture

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The BondMachine: a comprehensive approach to computing.

In this presentation i will talk about:

- ▶ Ideas that bring to the BondMachine.
- ▶ What is it.
- ▶ Developed software tools.
- ▶ Hardware implementation.
- ▶ Use cases.

Quick facts about the project

Started in May 2015 as a Verilog "garage" experiment, with the idea of creating a processor on an FPGA, so completely bottom-up.

A prototype in every aspects.

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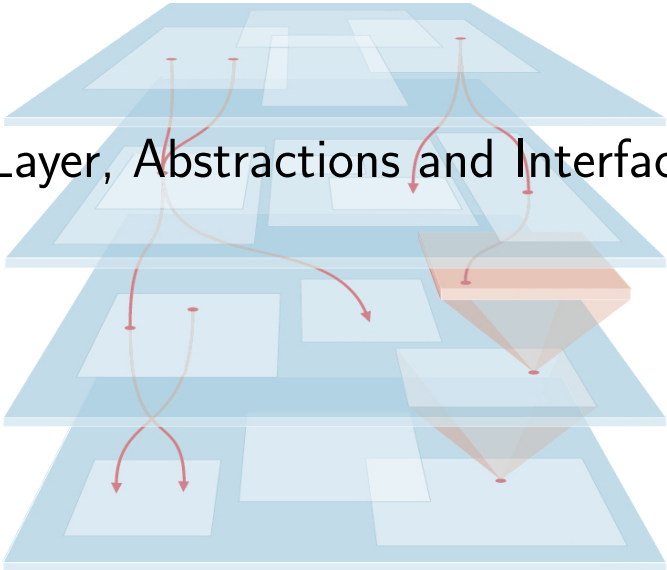
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Having a multi-core architecture completely heterogeneous both in cores types and interconnections.

Layer, Abstractions and Interfaces

The diagram illustrates a multi-layered architecture. It features four horizontal blue planes, each containing several white rectangular blocks. A central orange plane is positioned between the second and third blue planes. Red arrows indicate the flow of information or data between the layers. Some arrows point downwards from the top layers to the bottom layers, while others point upwards from the bottom layers to the top layers. A prominent orange arrow points from the top layer down to the orange plane, and another points from the orange plane down to the bottom layer. The overall structure is a 3D perspective view of a layered system.[Introduction](#)[Architectures](#)[Abstractions](#)[BondMachine](#)[Connecting Processors](#)[Shared Modules](#)[Tools](#)[Simulation](#)[Moulding](#)[Bondgo](#)[Builders API](#)[Evolutionary](#)[BondMachine](#)[TensorFlow to](#)[Bondmachine](#)[Hardware](#)[Prototype](#)[Ecosystem](#)[Uses](#)[Physics](#)[Other uses](#)[Project History](#)[Conclusions](#)[Future work](#)

Layer, Abstractions and Interfaces

Introduction

A Computing system is a matter of abstraction and interfaces. A lower layer exposes its functionalities (via interfaces) to the above layer hiding (abstraction) its inner details.

The quality of a computing system is determined by how abstractions are simple and how interfaces are clean.

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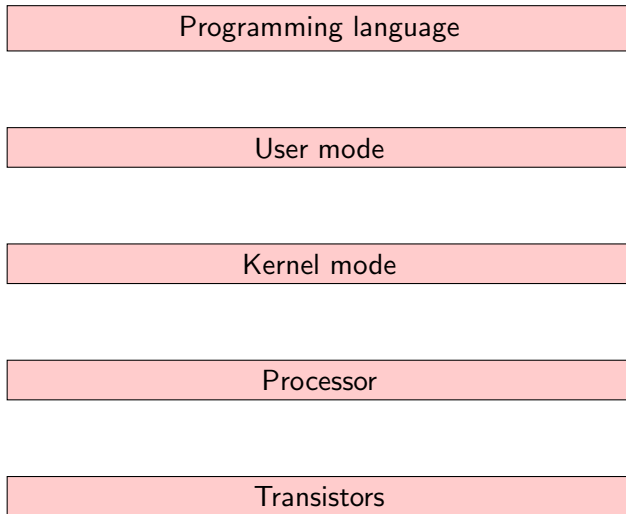
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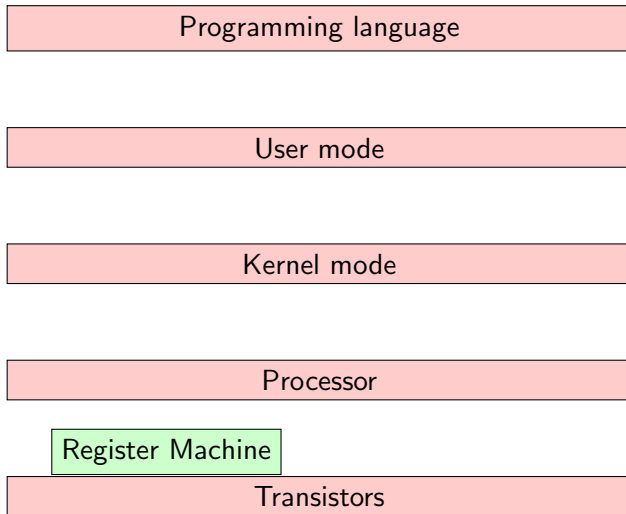
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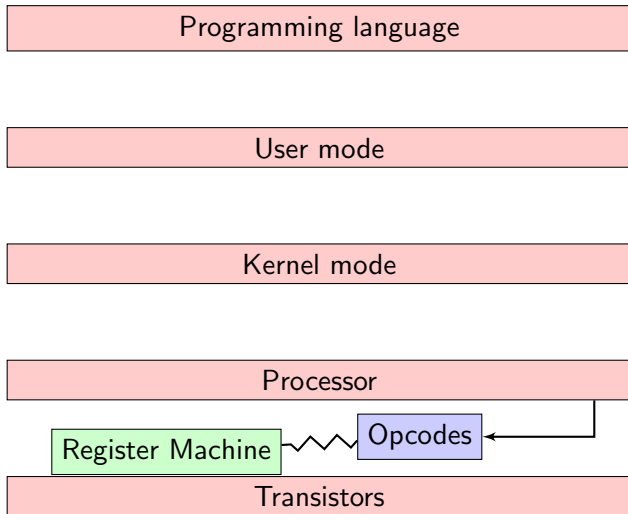
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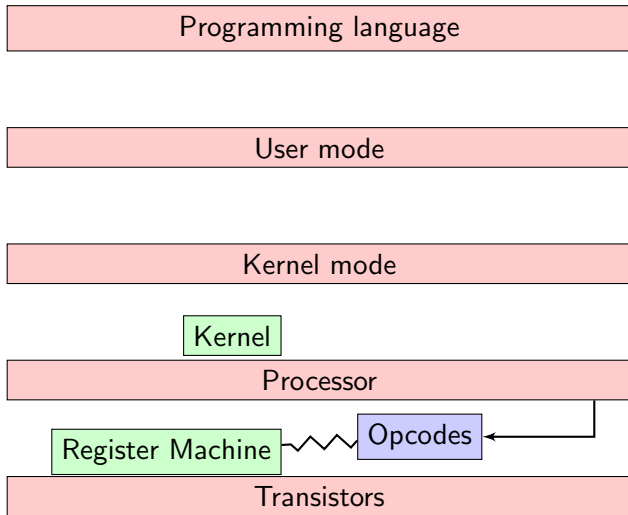
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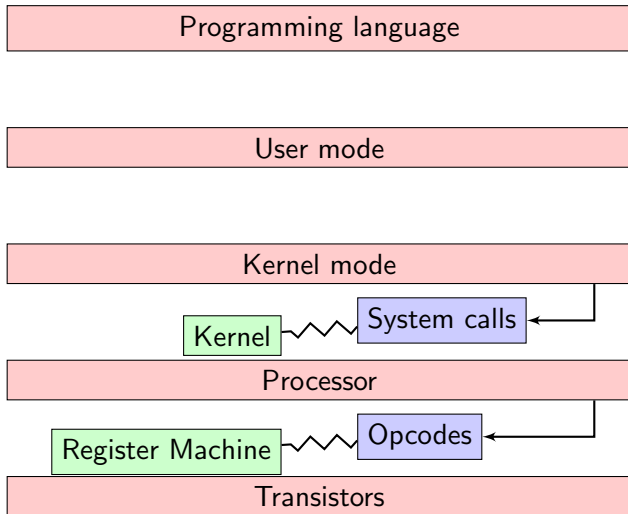
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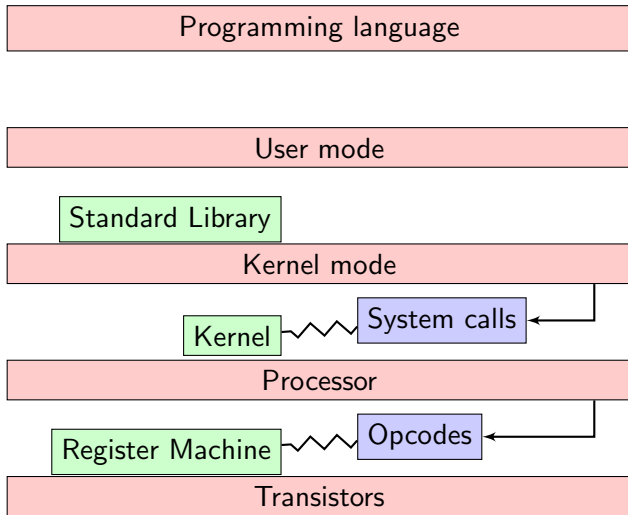
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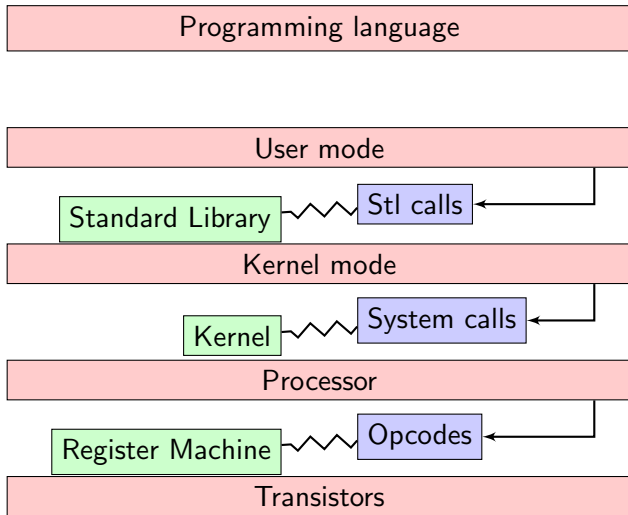
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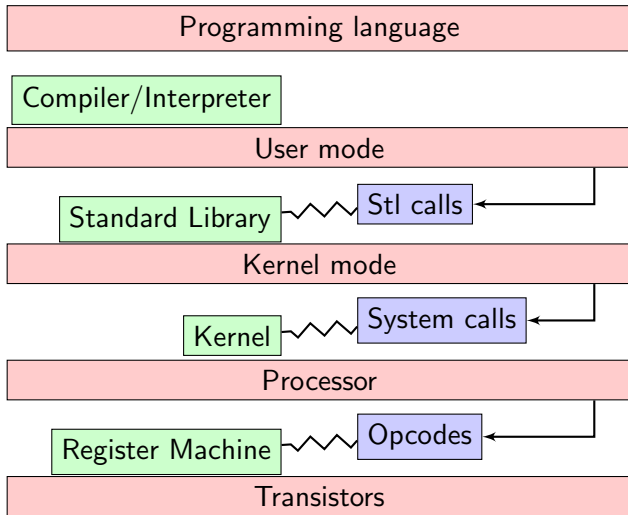
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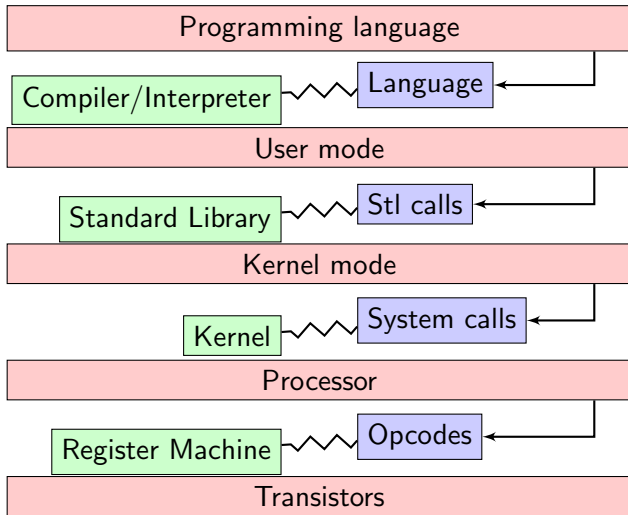
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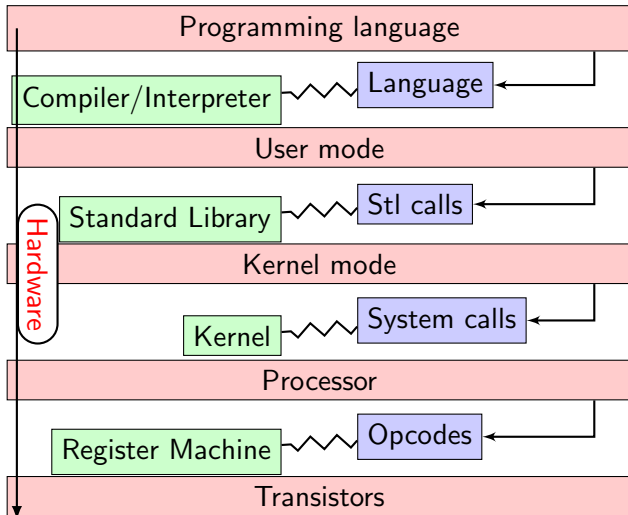
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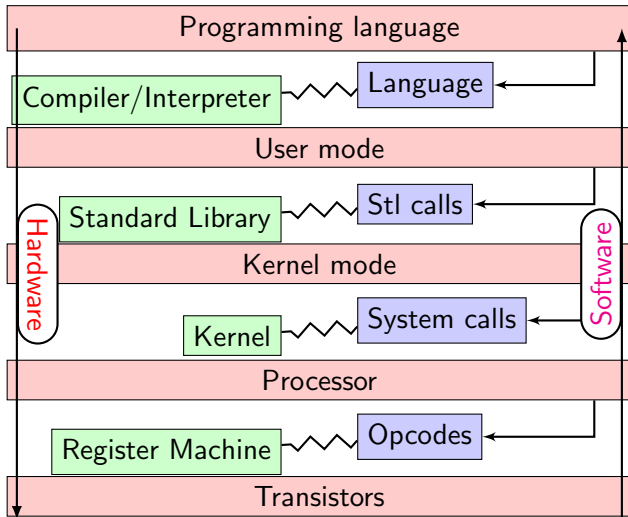
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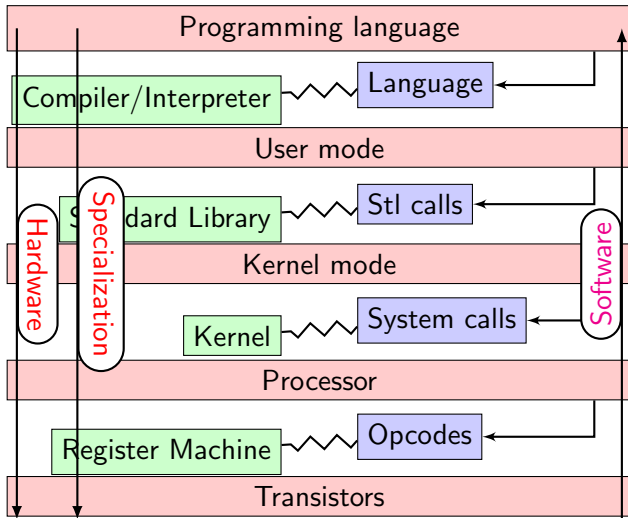
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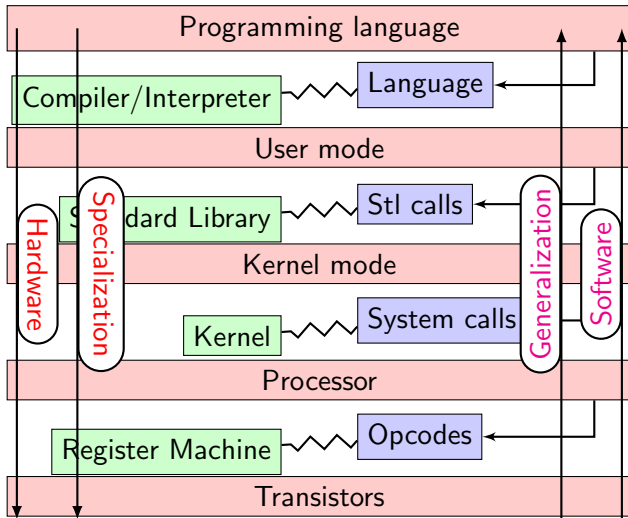
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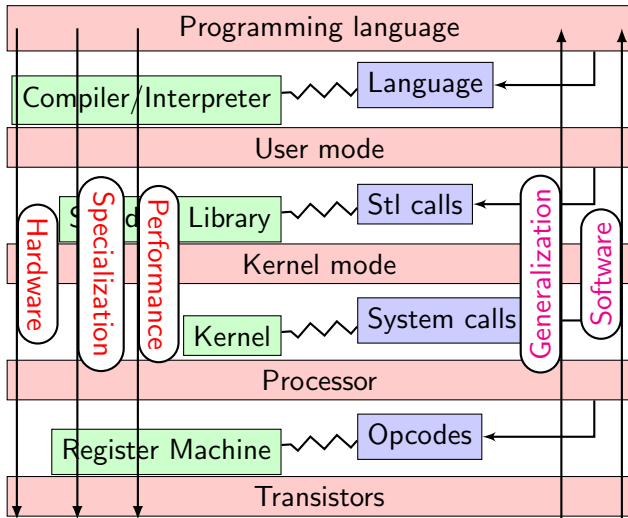
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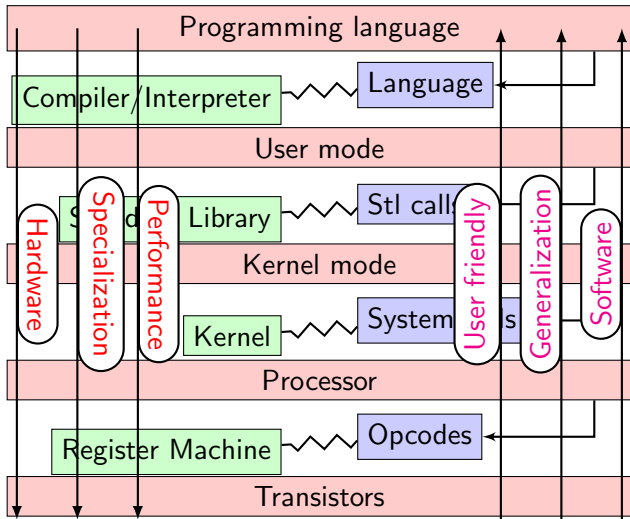
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Build a computing system with a decreased number of layers resulting in a minor gap between HW and SW but keeping an user friendly way of programming it.

Introducing the BondMachine (BM)

Inspired from both the ideas we create a new computer architecture that:

- ▶ Is composed by many, possibly hundreds, computing cores.
- ▶ Has very small cores and not necessarily of the same type (different ISA and ABI).
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Connecting Processor (CP)

The computational unit of the BM

The atomic computational unit of a BM is the “connecting processor” (CP) and has:

- ▶ Some general purpose registers of size **Rsize**.
- ▶ Some I/O dedicated registers of size **Rsize**.
- ▶ A set of implemented opcodes chosen among many available.
- ▶ Dedicated ROM and RAM.
- ▶ Three possible operating modes.

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General purpose registers

2^R registers: $r_0, r_1, r_2, r_3 \dots r_{2^R}$

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I/O specialized registers

N input registers: $i_0, i_1 \dots i_N$
 M output registers: $o_0, o_1 \dots o_M$

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add, addf, addi, chc, chw, clr, cpy, dec, divf, dpc, hit, hlt, i2r, inc, j, je, jz, m2r, mult, multf, nop, r2m, r2o, r2s, rset, sic, s2r, saj, sub, wrd, wwr

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RAM and ROM

- ▶ 2^L RAM memory cells.
- ▶ 2^O ROM memory cells.

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Operating modes

- ▶ Full Harvard mode.
- ▶ Full Von Neuman mode.
- ▶ Hybrid mode.

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Full set of possible opcodes

Opcode	Args	Description
add	reg_dst,reg_add	Add the values in reg_dst and reg_add writing the result in reg_dst
addf	reg_dst,reg_add	Add the values in reg_dst and reg_add writing the result in reg_dst (float32)
addi	reg_dst	Add the values of all the processor inputs in reg_dst
chc	reg_state,reg_op	Check for any channel operation, report the state and eventually which happened
chw	reg_op	Wait for any channel operation and report which happened on reg_op
clr	reg	Set the register reg to 0
cpy	reg_dst,reg_src	Copy the value of a register to another
dec	reg	Decrement a register by 1
divf	reg_dst,reg_div	Divide the values in reg_dst by reg_div writing the result in reg_dst (float32)
dpc	reg_dest	Decode the program counter into a register
hit	reg_state,barrier_name	Hit a barrier, report the state
hlt	none	Halt the processor
i2r	reg_dst,input_name	Copy the value from an input to a register
inc	reg	Increment a register by 1
j	rom_address	Jump to a given instruction
je	reg1,reg2,rom_address	Jump if the register are equals
jz	reg1,rom_address	Jump if a register is zero
m2r	reg_dest,ram_address	Copy data from the RAM to a register
mult	reg_dst,reg_mult	Multiply the values in reg_mult and reg_dst writing the result in reg_dst
multf	reg_dst,reg_mult	Multiply the values in reg_mult and reg_dst writing the result in reg_dst (float32)
nop	none	No operation
r2m	reg_source,ram_address	Copy data from a register to the RAM
r2o	reg_src,output_name	Copy the value from a register to an output
r2s	reg_source,ram_name,ram_address	Copy data from a register to a shared RAM
rset	reg_dst,numeric_value	Set a value for a register
sic	reg_dst,input_name	Stop until Input Changes accumulating on a register
s2r	reg_dest,ram_name,ram_address	Copy data from a shared RAM to a register
saj	rom or ram_address	Switch operating mode and jump
sub	reg_dst,reg_sub	Subtract the values in reg_sub from reg_dst writing the result in reg_dst
wrd	reg_dst,channel_name	Want read from a channel to a register (set flag)
vwv	reg_src,channel_name	Want write to a channel from a register (set flag)

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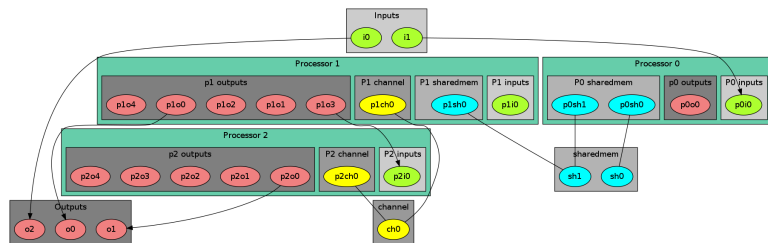
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Multicore and Heterogeneous

First idea on the BondMachine

The idea was:

Having a multi-core architecture completely heterogeneous both in cores types and interconnections.

The BondMachine may have many cores, eventually all different, arbitrarily interconnected and sharing non computing elements.

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Examples

(32 bit registers counter machine)

```
procbuilder -register-size 32 -opcodes clr,cpy,dec,inc,je,jz
```

(CP dedicated RAM and ROM)

```
procbuilder -ram 256 ... ; procbuilder -rom 16 ...
```

(Input and Output registers)

```
procbuilder -inputs 3 -outputs 2 ...
```

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(Loading a CP)

```
procbuilder -load-machine conproc.json ...
```

(Saving a CP)

```
procbuilder -save-machine conproc.json ...
```

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(Assembling)

```
procbuilder -input-assembly program.asm ...
```

(Disassembling)

```
procbuilder -show-program-disassembled ...
```

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(Create the CP RTL code in Verilog)

```
procbuilder -create-verilog ...
```

(Create testbench)

```
procbuilder -create-verilog-testbench test.v ...
```

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BM CP insert and remove

BM SO insert and remove

BM Inputs and Outputs

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BM Visualizing or RTL

Examples

(Add a processor)

```
bondmachine -add-domains processor.json ...  
bondmachine -add-processor 0 ...
```

(Remove a processor)

```
bondmachine -bondmachine-file bmach.json -del-processor n
```

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Examples

(Add a Shared Object)

```
bondmachine -add-shared-objects specs ...
```

(Connect an SO to a processor)

```
bondmachine -connect-processor-shared-object ...
```

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(Adding inputs or outputs)

```
bondmachine -add-inputs ... ; bondmachine -add-outputs ...
```

(Removing inputs or outputs)

```
bondmachine -del-input ... ; bondmachine -del-output ...
```

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Examples

(Bonding processor)

```
bondmachine -add-bond p0i2,p1o4 ...
```

(Bonding IO)

```
bondmachine -add-bond i2,p0i6 ...
```

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(Visualizing)

```
bondmachine -emit-dot ...
```

(Create RTL code)

```
bondmachine -create-verilog ...
```

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Operations on BondMachines can also be performed via a developed web framework

The screenshot displays the BondMachine web front-end interface. On the left is a navigation menu with sections: 'Tools' (containing 'Processors' and 'Bondmachines'), 'Examples' (containing 'Spring' and 'Ping Pong'), and 'Projects' (containing 'Test'). The main content area has tabs for 'Test', 'I/O and Bonds', 'Processors', and 'Shared Objects'. Below the 'I/O and Bonds' tab are sub-tabs for 'Inputs Management', 'Outputs Management', and 'Bonds Management'. The 'Bonds' section contains a table with the following data:

Index	Endpoint 1 Name	Endpoint 2 Name	Actions
2	p1a0	a0	Delete bond
8	i0	p00	Delete bond
1	p0a0	p10	Delete bond

Below the table is a 'New' section with a 'Select Endpoints' form containing two tables:

Endpoint 1 Name	Endpoint 2 Name
p00	p00
p10	p100
a0	i0

The 'Layout' section shows a diagram of two processors, Processor 0 and Processor 1, connected via channels. Processor 0 has an 'Inputs' node (i0) connected to 'P0 inputs' (p0i0), which is connected to 'P0 channel' (p0ch0). Processor 1 has 'P1 inputs' (p1i0) connected to 'P1 channel' (p1ch0), which is connected to 'channel' (ch0). Both processors have 'outputs' nodes (p0o0 and p1o0) connected to their respective channels. There are also standalone 'Outputs' (o0) and 'channel' (ch0) nodes shown.

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Activity log example:

```
(discovery) ~/home/mirko/Projects/conproc/tests/asm2sim % bondmachine -register-size 8 -bondmachine-file asmtest05.json -sim -sim-ir
Loading simbox rule: config:show_pc
Loading simbox rule: config:show_ticks
Loading simbox rule: config:show_instruction
Loading simbox rule: config:show_disasm
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Loading simbox rule: config:show_proc_regs_post
Loading simbox rule: config:show_io_post
Loading simbox rule: config:show_io_pre
Loading simbox rule: absolute:1;set;i0:2
Absolute tick:0
  Pre-compute IO: i0: 00000000 o0: 00000000
  Proc: 0
    PC: 0
    Instr: 00000
    Disasm: 12r r0 i0
    Pre-compute IO: i0: 00000000 o0: 00000000
    Pre-compute Regs: r0: 00000000 r1: 00000000
    Post-compute IO: i0: 00000000 o0: 00000000
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  Post-compute IO: i0: 00000000 o0: 00000000
Absolute tick:1
  Pre-compute IO: i0: 00000010 o0: 00000000
  Proc: 0
    PC: 1
    Instr: 00000
    Disasm: 12r r0 i0
    Pre-compute IO: i0: 00000010 o0: 00000000
    Pre-compute Regs: r0: 00000000 r1: 00000000
    Post-compute IO: i0: 00000010 o0: 00000000
    Post-compute Regs: r0: 00000010 r1: 00000000
  Post-compute IO: i0: 00000010 o0: 00000000
Absolute tick:2
```

A graphical example:

<https://youtube.com/embed/Cc1Qzih2Ng>

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The same engine that simulate BondMachines can be used as emulator.

Through the emulator BondMachines can be used on Linux workstations.

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bondgo is the name chosen for the compiler developed for the BondMachine.

The compiler source language is Go as the name suggest.

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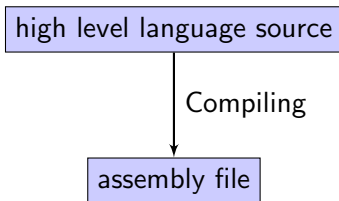
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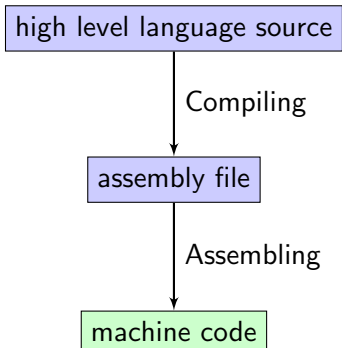
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The standard flow in bondgo

bondgo loop example

```
package main

import ()

func main() {
    var reg_aa uint8
    var reg_ab uint8
    for reg_aa = 10; reg_aa > 0; reg_aa-- {
        reg_ab = reg_aa
        break
    }
}
```

bondgo loop example in asm

```
clr aa
clr ab
rset ac 10
cpy aa ac
cpy ac aa
jz ac 11
cpy ac aa
cpy ab ac
j 11
dec aa
j 4
```

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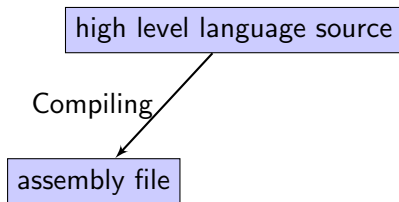
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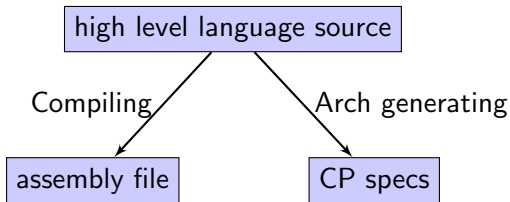
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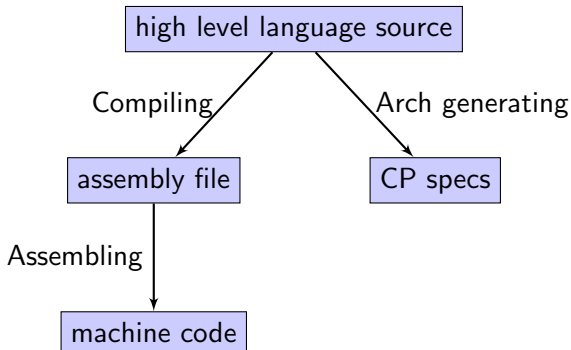
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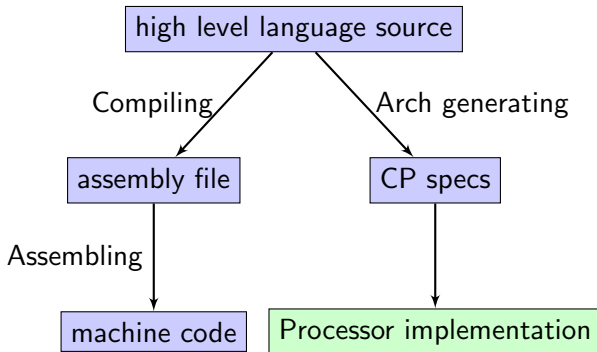
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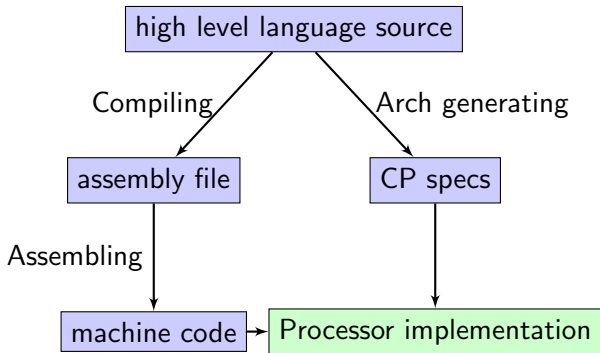
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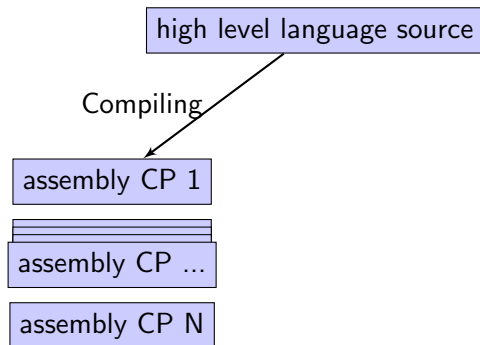
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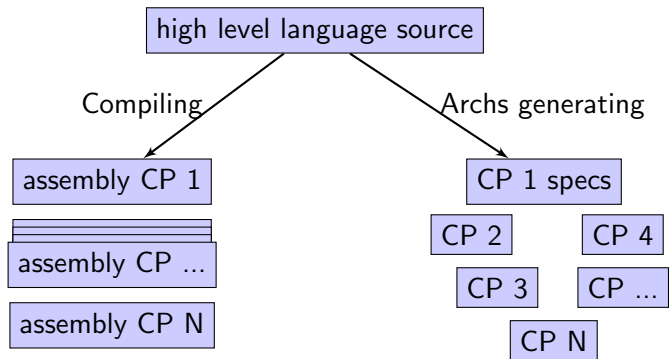
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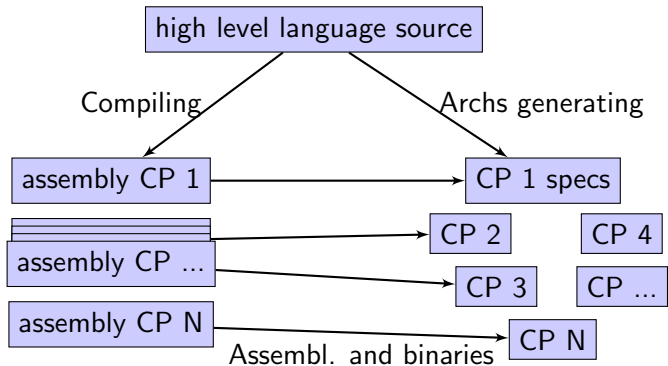
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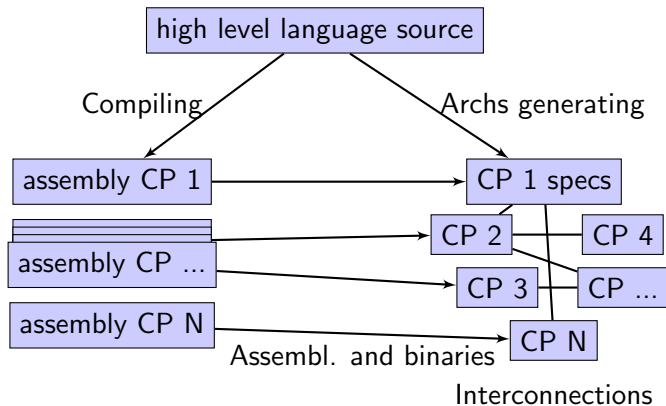
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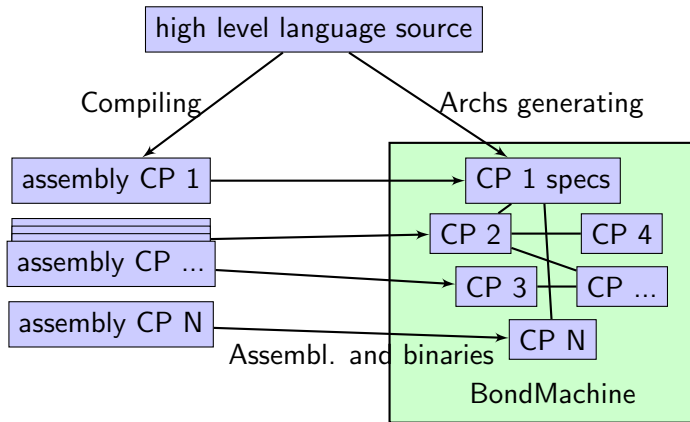
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bondgo stream processing example

```
package main

import (
    "bondgo"
)

func streamprocessor(a *[]uint8, b *[]uint8,
    c *[]uint8, gid uint8) {
    (*c)[gid] = (*a)[gid] + (*b)[gid]
}

func main() {
    a := make([]uint8, 256)
    b := make([]uint8, 256)
    c := make([]uint8, 256)

    // ... some a and b values fill

    for i := 0; i < 256; i++ {
        go streamprocessor(&a, &b, &c, uint8(i))
    }
}
```

The compilation of this example results in the creation of a 257 CPs where 256 are the stream processors executing the code in the function called *streamprocessor*, and one is the coordinating CP. Each stream processor is optimized and capable only to make additions since it is the only operation requested by the source code. The three slices created on the main function are passed by reference to the Goroutines then a shared RAM is created by the *Bondgo* compiler available to the generated CPs.

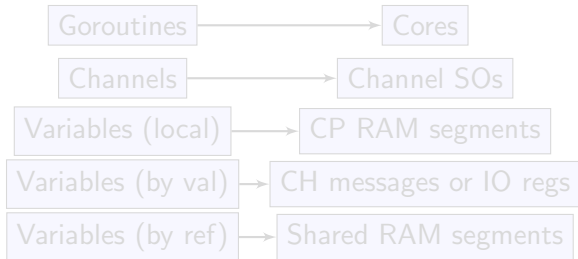
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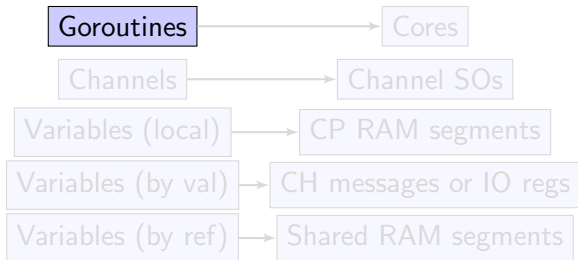
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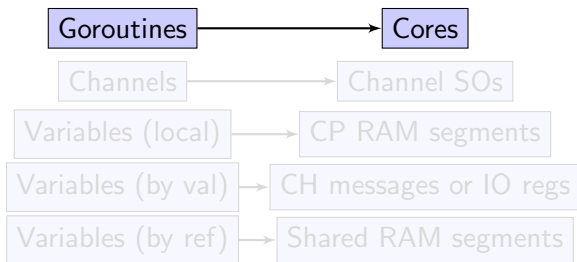
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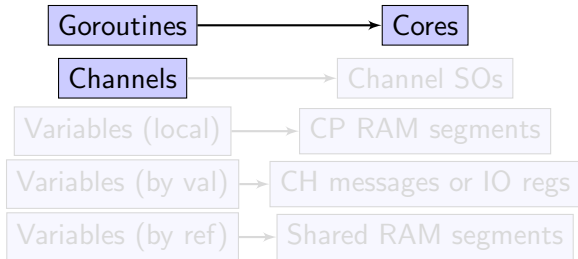
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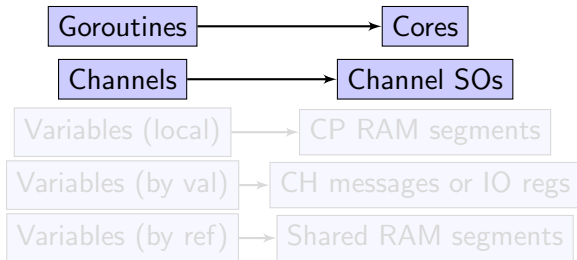
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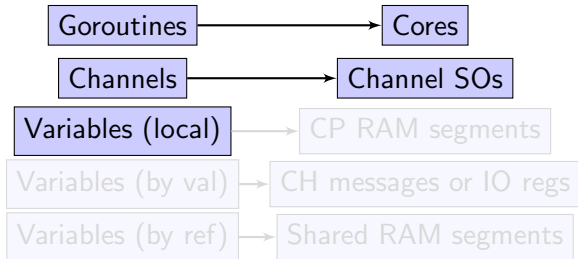
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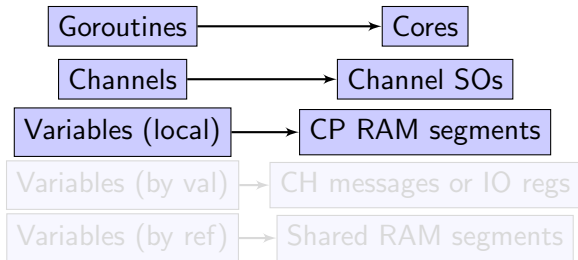
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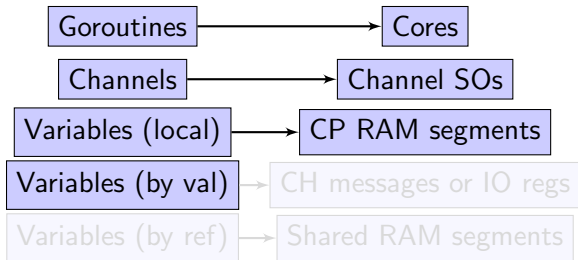
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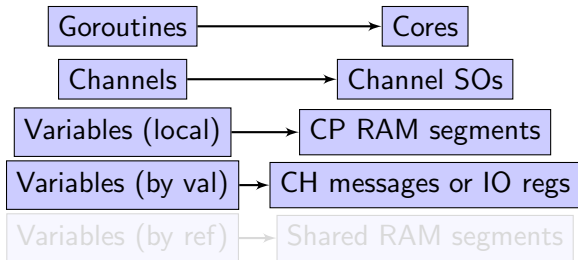
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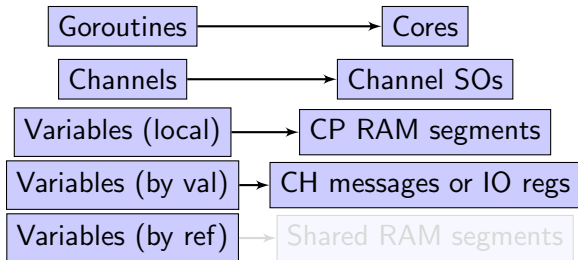
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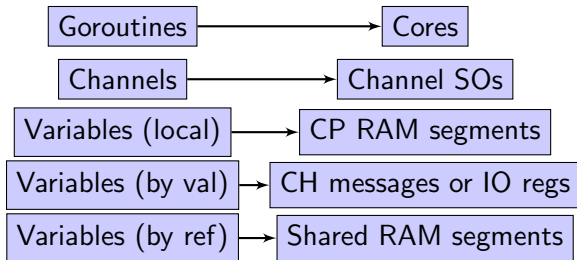
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Go in hardware

Second idea on the BondMachine

The idea was:

Build a computing system with a decreased number of layers resulting in a lower HW/SW gap.

This would raise the overall performances yet keeping an user friendly way of programming.

Between HW and SW there is only the processor abstraction, no Operating System nor runtimes. Despite that programming is done at high level.

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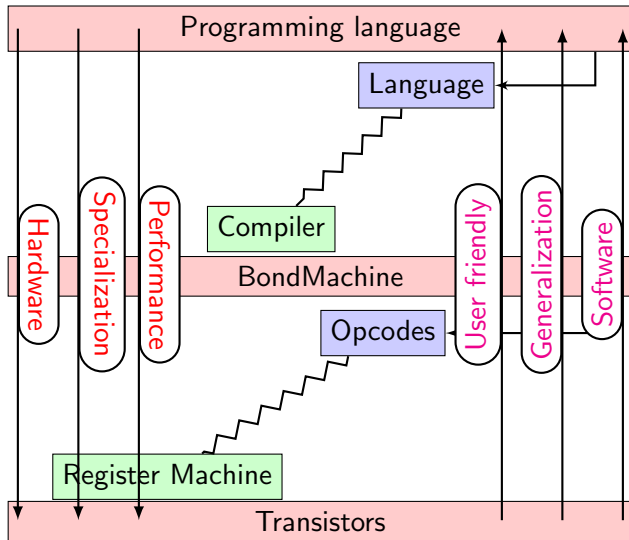
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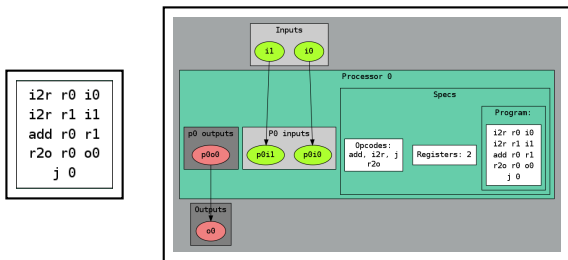
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The Assembly language for the BM has been kept as independent as possible from the particular CP.

Given a specific piece of assembly code Bondgo has the ability to compute the “minimum CP” that can execute that code.



These are Building Blocks for complex BondMachines.

With these Building Blocks

Several libraries have to developed to map specific problems on BondMachines:

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A mathematical expression, or a system can be converted to a BondMachine:

```
sum(var(x),const(2))
```

Boolbond

```
symbond -expression "sum(var(x),const(2))"  
-save-bondmachine bondmachine.json
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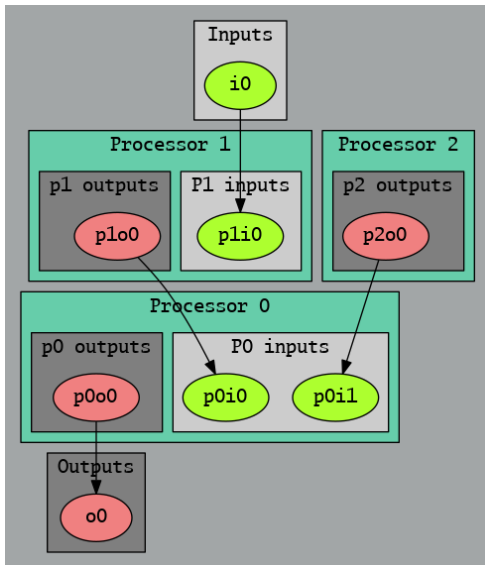
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var(z)=or(var(x),not(var(y)))  
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var(l)=and(xor(var(x),var(y)),var(t))  
i:var(x)  
i:var(y)  
o:var(z)  
o:var(t)  
o:var(l)
```

Boolbond

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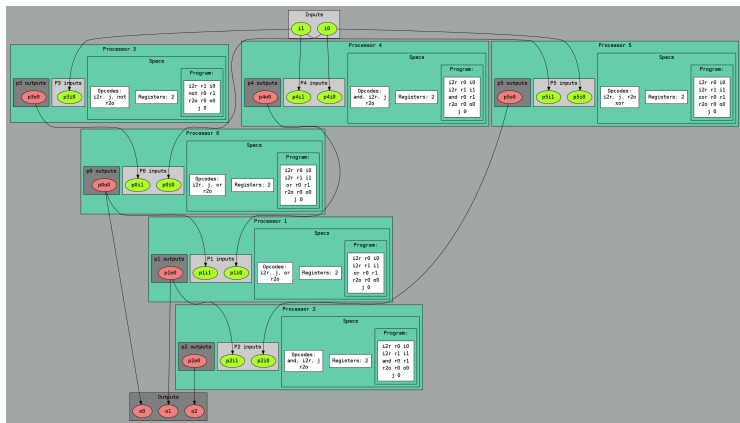
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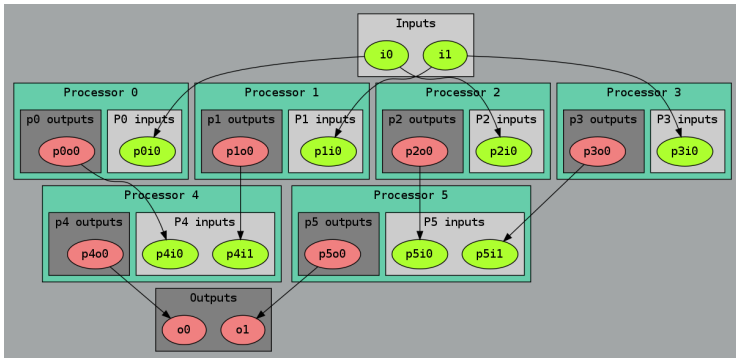
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Matrix multiplication

```
if mymachine, ok := matrixwork.Build_M(n, t); ok == nil ...
```



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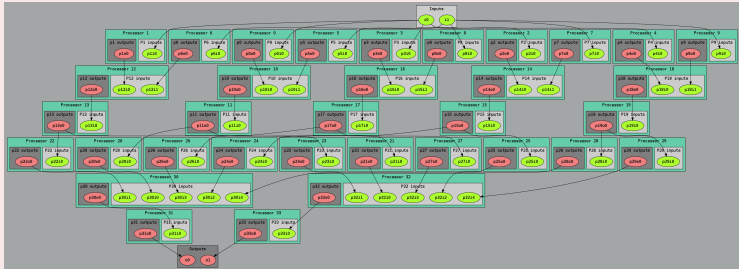
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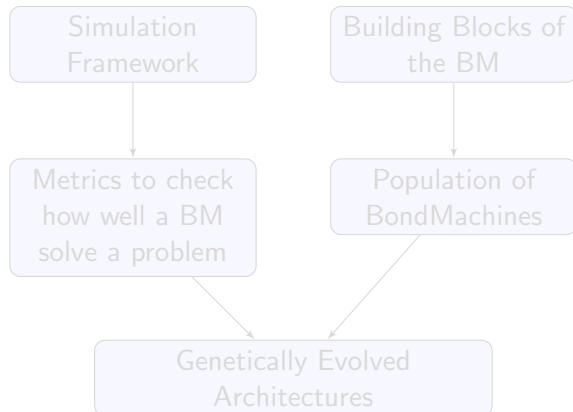


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Find an architecture that solve
a problem



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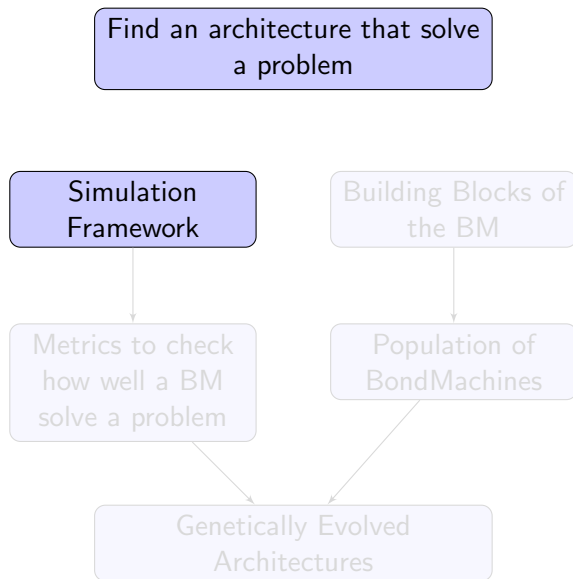
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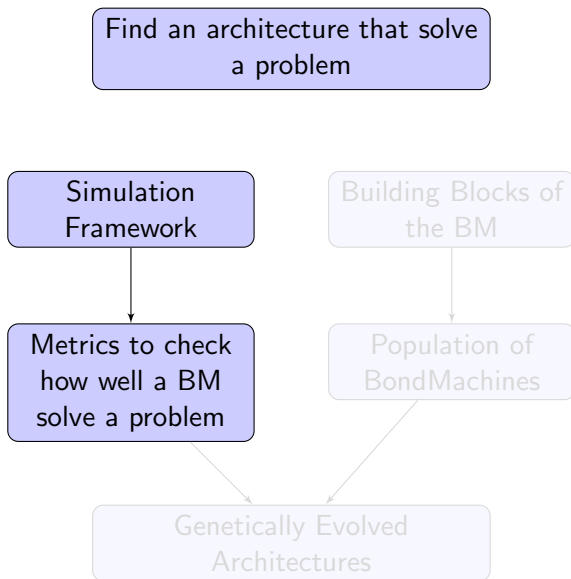
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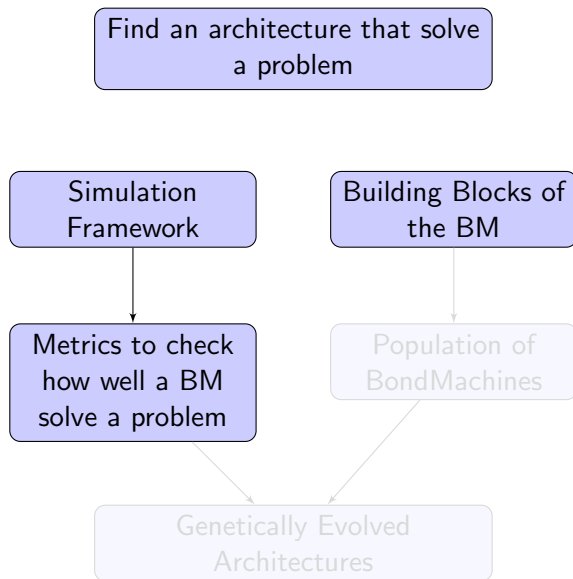
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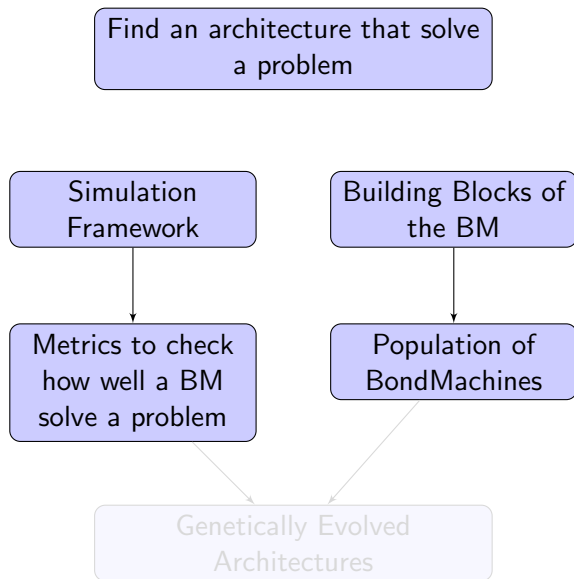
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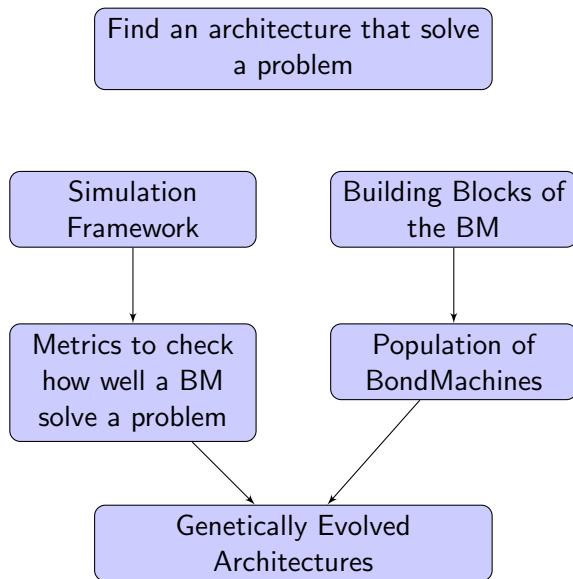
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tf2bm

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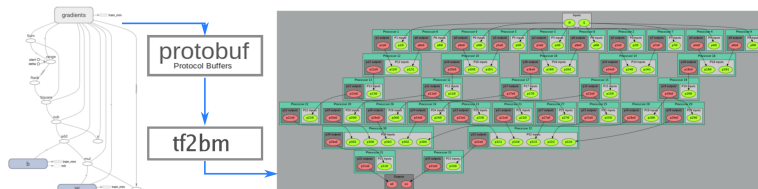
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TensorFlow™ is an open source software library for numerical computation using data flow graphs.

Graphs can be converted to BondMachines with the **tf2bm** tool.



Hardware implementation

FPGA

The RTL code for the BondMachine is written in Verilog and System Verilog, and has been tested on these devices/system:

- ▶ Digilent Basys3 - Xilinx Artix-7 - Vivado.
- ▶ Kintex7 Evaluation Board - Vivado.
- ▶ Digilent Zedboard - Xilinx Zynq 7020 - Vivado.
- ▶ Linux - Iverilog.

Within the project other firmwares have been written or tested:

- ▶ Microchip ENC28J60 Ethernet interface controller.
- ▶ Microchip ENC424J600 10/100 Base-T Ethernet interface controller.
- ▶ ESP8266 Wi-Fi chip.

A set of toolchains allow the build and the direct deploy to a target device of BondMachines.

Bondgo Toolchain example

A file local.mk contains references to the source code as well all the build necessities.

make bondmachine creates the JSON representation of the BM and assemble its code.

make show displays a graphical representation of the BM.

make simulate start a simulation.

make videosim create a simulation video.

make flash the device into the destination target.

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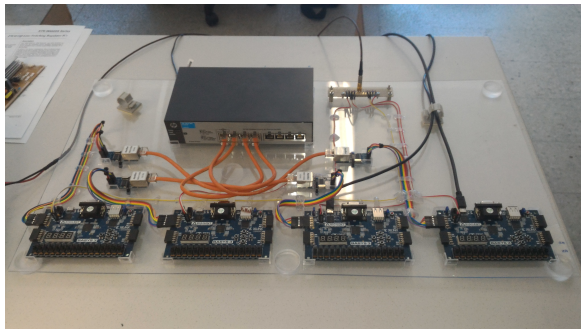
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The project has been selected for the participation at MakerFaire 2016 Rome (The European Edition) and a prototype has been assembled and presented.



First run:

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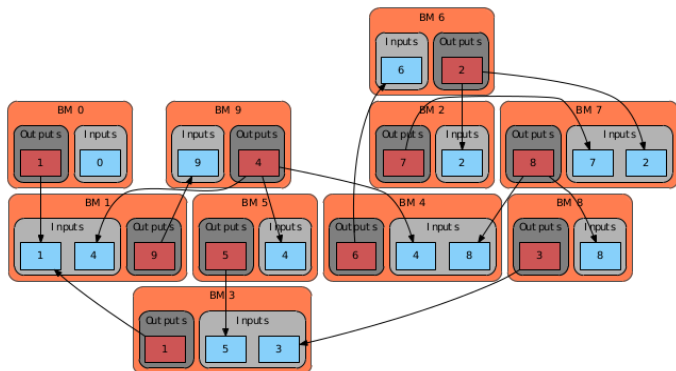
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distributed counter

```
package main

import (
    "bondgo"
)

func pong() {
    var in0 bondgo.Input
    var out0 bondgo.Output
    in0 = bondgo.Make(bondgo.Input, 3)
    out0 = bondgo.Make(bondgo.Output, 5)
    for {
        bondgo.IOWrite(out0, bondgo.IORead(in0)+1)
    }
    bondgo.Void(in0)
    bondgo.Void(out0)
}

func main() {
    var in0 bondgo.Input
    var out0 bondgo.Output
    in0 = bondgo.Make(bondgo.Input, 5)
    out0 = bondgo.Make(bondgo.Output, 3)
device_0:
    go pong()
    for {
        bondgo.IOWrite(out0, bondgo.IORead(in0))
    }
    bondgo.Void(in0)
    bondgo.Void(out0)
}
```

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Compiling the code with the bondgo compiler:

```
bondgo -input-file ds.go -mpm
```

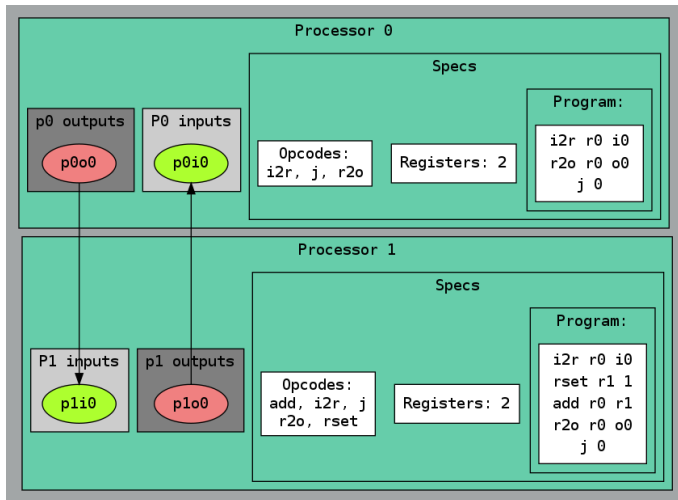
The toolchain perform the following steps:

- ▶ Map the two goroutines to two hardware cores.
- ▶ Creates two types of core, each one optimized to execute the assigned goroutine.
- ▶ Creates the two binaries.
- ▶ Connected the two core as inferred from the source code, using special IO registers.

The result is a multicore BondMachine:

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    device_1:
    go pong()
    for {
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    }
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}
```

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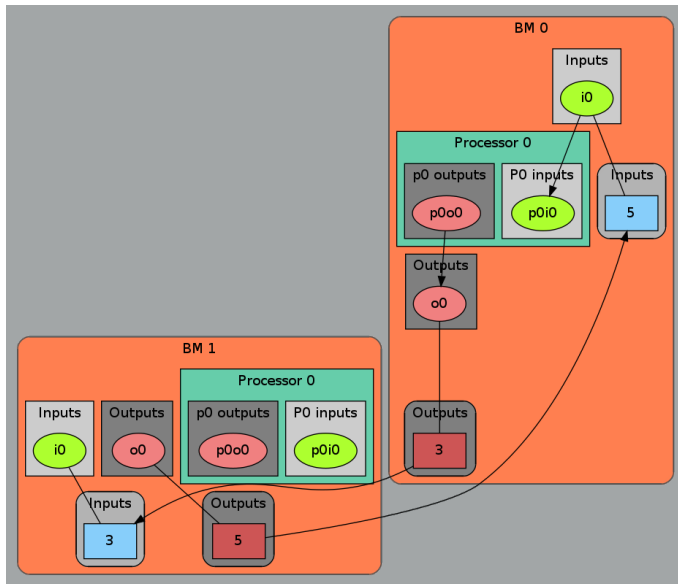
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The result is:

<https://youtube.com/embed/g9xYHK0zca4>

A general result

Parts of the system can be redeployed among different devices without changing the system behavior (only the performances).

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Two possible use cases in Physics experiments are currently being explored:

- ▶ Real time pulse shape analysis in neutron detectors.
- ▶ Test beam for space experiments (DAMPE, HERD)

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Real time pulse shape analysis in neutron detectors

The operation of the new generation of high-intensity neutron sources like SNS, JSNS and European Spallation Source (ESS, Lund, Sweden), now under construction, are introducing a new demand for neutron detection capabilities.

These demands yield to the need for new data collection procedures and new technology based on solid state Si devices.

We are trying to use BondMachines to make the real time shape analysis in this kind of detecting devices.

Courtesy of Prof. F.Sacchetti

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Test beam for space experiments (DAMPE, HERD)

Trigger logic for test beams

In test beams, the DAQ system relies on the trigger system for data tacking (sensor signal digitization) during

- Calibration (random trigger or “off-spill” trigger)
- On spill data taking

Minimum elements used for trigger system:

- Clock, pulser
- Logic gates (AND, OR,...)
- Delays

Trigger system implemented using NIM crates and DAQ machines

Courtesy of V.Vagelli and M.Duranti

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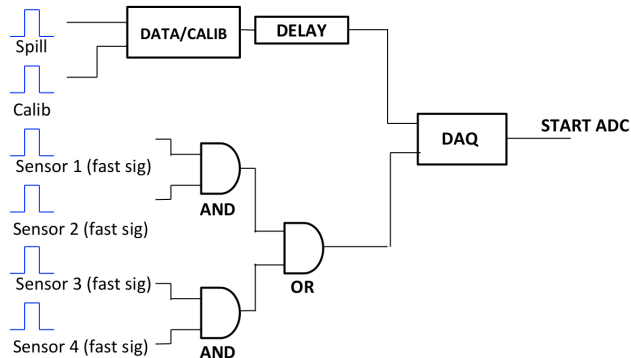
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Real world applications

Accelerators

A BM may be used as an hardware accelerator so that one can mix all together CPU and BM threads, that is one can off-load a task or a function using the BM (i.e. the FPGA)

The resulting accelerator would the advantage of being better suited to the specific problem than generic accelerators (GPU)

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IoT and CyberPhysical systems

Scalability and extensibility of a HW / SW system built as described in the present project is greatly improved.

Indeed a system with interacting agents, of whatever type they are, would be the expression of a single and coherent program written in high level language.

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- ▶ May 2016 - Poster presented at INFN CCR 2016.
- ▶ September 2016 - The first prototype is built.
- ▶ October 2016 - It is Selected and the **prototype is presented at “Makerfaire 2016 Rome (The European edition)”** .
- ▶ November 2016 - Presented at “Umbria Business Match 2016” .
- ▶ March 2017 - First tests for Physics applications.
- ▶ November 2017 - Presented at “Umbria Business Match 2017” .
- ▶ December 2107 - Submitted at InnovateFPGA 2017
- ▶ February 2018 - **Reached the InnovateFPGA 2017 EMEA Semifinal.**

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The BondMachine is a new kind of computing device made possible in practice only by the emerging of new re-programmable hardware technologies such as FPGA.

Keeping the register machine abstraction it is possible to borrow well known languages and techniques in programming these devices removing the need of having a general purpose architecture.

The result of this process is the construction of a computer architecture that is not anymore a static constraint where computing occurs but its creation becomes a part of the computing process, gaining computing power and flexibility.

Over this abstraction is it possible to create a full computing Ecosystem.

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