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FPGA/GPU Acceleration of Biomedical Engineering Applications

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Biomedical Engineering is one of the most active research fields. Traditionally, Bioinformatics applications were clearly in need of high-performance computing systems. However, in recent years, most biomedical applications have become data-hungry due to the thriving machine learning algorithms, as well as the increase in the data acquisition capabilities. The use of microprocessors or microcontroller units for highperformance data analysis has severe limitations in terms of power consumption and throughput, so technologies oriented toward massive parallelization as graphics processor units (GPU) and field-programmable gate arrays (FPGA) are attractive and effective solutions acting as accelerators of applications. The former provides an extremely high level of parallelism while keeping a friendly software development system; as a drawback, power consumption is equivalent to that of high-end microprocessors. The latter allows for the design of optimal architectures with high parallelism, while the development times are in general notably increased.

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