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ABSTRACT

Efficient sequence alignment is one of the most important and challenging activities in bioinformatics. Many algorithms have been proposed to perform and accelerate sequence alignment activities. Among them Smith-Waterman (S-W) is the most sensitive (accurate) algorithm. This paper presents a novel approach and analysis of High Performance and Low Power Matrix Filling for DNA Sequence Alignment Accelerator by using ASIC design flow. The objective of this paper is to improve the performance of the DNA sequence alignment and to optimize power reduction of the existing technique by using Smith Waterman (SW) algorithm. The scope of study is by using the matrix filling method which is in parallel implementation of the Smith-Waterman algorithm. This method provides more efficient speedup compared to the traditional sequential implementation but at the same time maintaining the level of sensitivity. The methodologies of this paper are using FPGA and Synopsis. This technique is used to implement the massive parallelism. The design was developed in Verilog HDL coding and synthesized by using LINUX tools. Matrix Cells with a design area 8808.307mm² at 40ns clock period is the best design. Thus the power required at this clock period also smaller; dynamic power 111.1415uW and leakage power 212.9538Nw. This is a large improvement over existing designs and improves data throughput by using a ASIC design flow.

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INTRODUCTION

1.1 BACKGROUND OF STUDY

In the past decade there has been an explosive growth of biological data the rapid expansion in digitization of patient biological data [1]. This has led to the emergence of a new area of research: bioinformatics, where powerful computational techniques are used to store, analyze, simulate, and predict biological information. Bioinformatics refers to the storage, analysis, and simulation of biological information and the prediction of experimental outcomes.

The general problem statement was the genomic data at GenBank (the NIH genetic sequence database, an annotated collection of all publicly available DNA sequences) is doubling every six months. Presently, the problem is the proteomic and cellular imaging data is expected to grow even faster. Post-genomic-era bioinformatics will require high-performance computing power of the order of several hundred of teraflops or more. In recent years, FPGAs have emerged as high-performance computing accelerators capable of implementing fine-grained, massively parallelized versions of computationally intensive algorithms. The reprogrammability of FPGAs enables algorithm specific computing architectures to be implemented using the same hardware resource across a range of algorithms. In this thesis, it will describe the design flow, test results, and system optimization for implementing a Smith Waterman algorithm using a ASIC design flow. The significance of the study is to improve the performance and optimize the power consumption used. Besides, the bioinformatics