FPGA Base Image Registration

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Problem Statement

- Hyperspectral Images are translated and rotated relative to each other
- Images need to be aligned with a reference image (possibly middle image)
- Once registered, a hyperspectral cube can be created



Theory

Fourier Base Image CoRegistration

$$R = F\{a\}^* conj(F\{b\})$$

normalize R
 $r = F^{n-1}\{R\}$

locate peak value in $|r|$



Theory

- Fast Fourier Transform
 - O(N*Log(N)) for 1D
 - Trades complexity for efficiency
 - Removes redundant computation
 - Divide and Conquer
 - Radix-2 or Radix-4
 - Decimation in time or frequency



FPGA Discussion

- Field Programmable Gate Array (FPGA)
 - Provides SoC solutions
 - Quick prototyping
 - IP reuse
 - Hardware Software Codesign
- Manufacturers
 - Xilinx
 - Actel

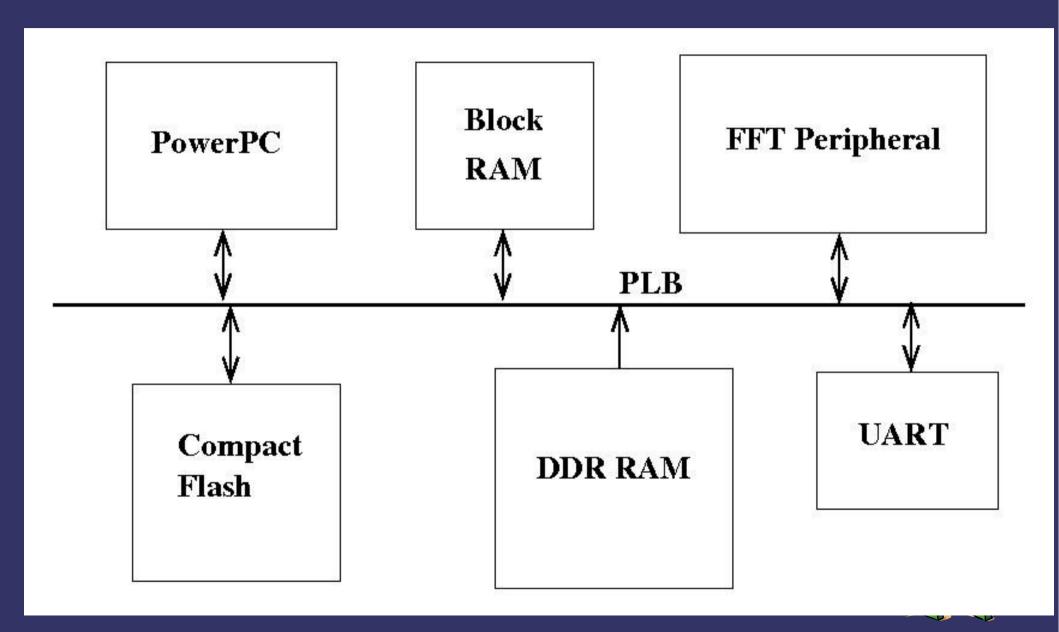


Hardware

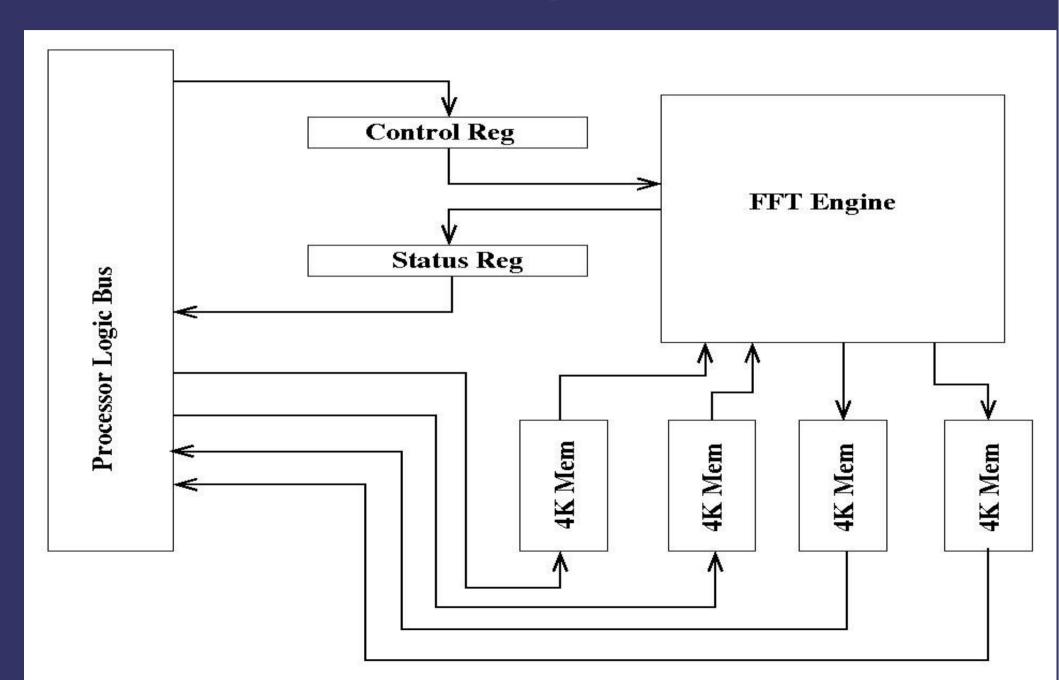
- Necessary HW for registration
 - RAM (lots of it!)
 - Microprocessor (32-bit)
 - Mass Storage (Compact Flash)
 - User IO (UART and STDLIB)
 - FFT peripheral (hardware acceleration)



System Level View



FFT Peripheral

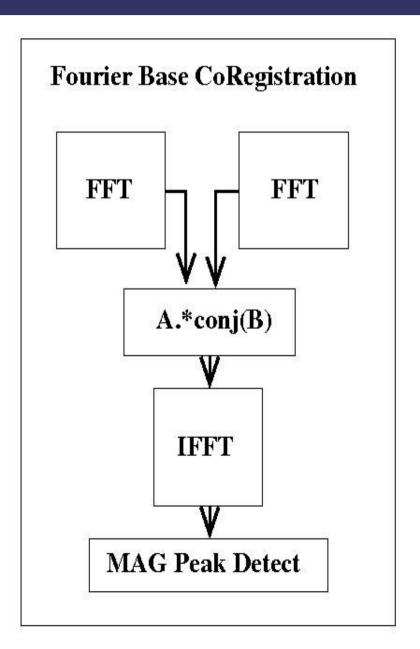


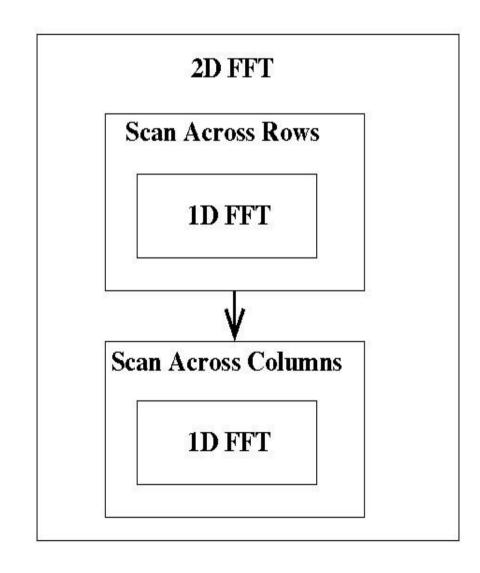
Software

- FFT peripheral Drivers
- UART Drivers (provided :()
- Compact Flash Drivers (provided sort of...)
- Memory management (malloc and free)
- 2D FFT/IFFT
- Complex computation

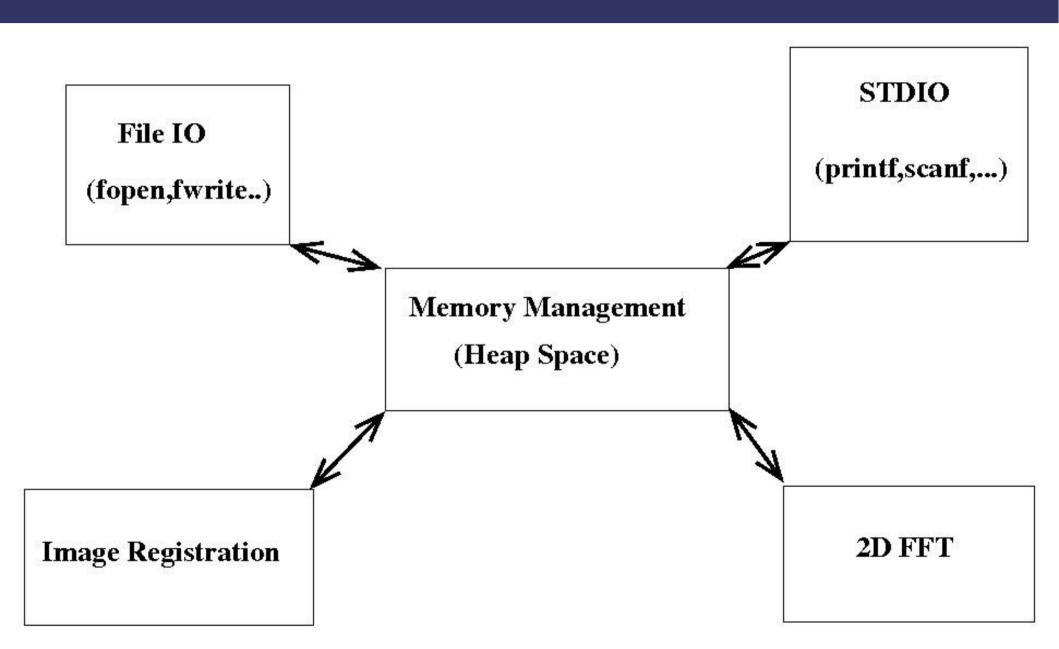


Software Architecture continued...





Software Architecture



Matlab

- Reads in Image from file into a matrix.
- Writes images into a .bin file for FPGA compatibility.
- Translation of Image by known amount for simulation.
- Simulation of Image Registration computations.
- View 2-D FFT computations from FR

Progress

- FFT peripheral implemented and tested
- 2D FFT software implemented
- Translational registration
- Interaction with Compact Flash
 - Read and Write
- Serial User interface implemented
- Matlab code written and tested



Problems

- Xilinx
 - Compact Flash operation quirky
 - STDIO operation quirky scanf :(
- Fixed-Point
 - Scaling factors
 - Overflow vs. loss of precision



Conclusion

- 1D FFT works!
- 2D FFT works when scaling is correct
- Matlab code correctly reorientates images and provides translational coordinates
- Images are usually easily transferable between FPGA board and PC
- User interaction is adequate



Questions??

