COMPUTER

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INTRODUCTION

The invention relates to computer science and, in particular, to computing devices that use dataflow control for information processing especially for use in high performance digital computing systems.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

An information processing device using dataflow for information processing has been disclosed by Uchida in US Patent No. 4,675806. Uchida describes a system in which instruction processing is performed on the basis of the availability of data and in which the flow of data and instructions are separated but the data is transferred as directed and required by the instructions. This device has a relatively low level of performance which is common to other computing devices which use dataflow control over computation and direct addressing operative memory as the hardware means for data storage. The reduced performance is due to the complicated hardware organization of the control means and to the expenditure of time during the process of the dynamic distribution of memory.

Another known data processing device, described in Russian Federation Patent 2029359, which uses dataflow for control of the computation process, contains a processor, an input-output switch, instruction loading switch, instruction memory, data access unit, and first and second information outputs. In this device, the first control output of the processor is connected with the first control input of the input-output switch, the first control input of which is connected with the first control input of the data access unit, the first information input of which is connected with the information output of the instruction loading switch, the first control input of which is connected with the second control output of the processor, the first and second information outputs of which are connected correspondingly with the first information input of the instruction loading switch and the first information input of the input-

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output switch, the third information output of the processor is connected with the first information output of the computer, the zeroizing input of the data access unit is connected to the zeroizing output of the computer, and the information input of instruction memory and the information input of the instruction loading switch are connected with the first information input of the computer.

This device uses dataflow for control of the computation process and associative memory (data access unit) hardware for storage of data and results. The associative memory simultaneously performs the function of control means hardware. Accordingly, since there is no loss of time on the processes of memory distribution, performance increases.

However, in this device, the performance of the device depends directly on the associative memory (in data access unit) and is defined by the speed of data output from associative memory (number of operands ready to performance in a unit of time N=1/Tam, where Tam = time of work of associative memory from the moment of inquiry to the output of data).

The value Tam depends directly on the volume of associative memory. Since Tam, measured from the time of inquiry from a running routine, increases as the size of the associative memory increases, the performance of the device decreases as the size of the associative memory increases.

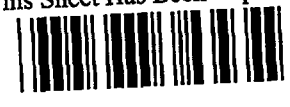
Thus, the device fails to achieve a high level of performance when large volumes of running routines are processed.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

It is an object of the invention to increase performance by decreasing the volume of associative memory while at the same time introducing the local use of data processing according to von Neumann principals of computation without violating the common idea of dataflow control of computation.

It is an object of the invention to improve performance by introducing a fragment routine processing unit into a dataflow processing system whereby fragment

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routines, which are routines which are better suited to processing by the von Neumann principle of computation, are directed to the fragment routine processing unit for processing.

This is achieved in the computer containing processor, input-output switch, instruction loading switch, instruction memory, data access unit, first and second information output, zeroizing input, and first and second information inputs. The first control output of the processor is connected with the first control input of the input-output switch. The first control output of the input-output switch is connected with the first control input of the data access unit. The first information input of the data access unit is connected with the information output of the input-output switch. The address input of instruction memory is connected with the information output of the instruction loading switch. The first control input of the instruction loading switch is connected with the second control output of the processor. The first and second information outputs of the processor are connected respectively with the first information input of the instruction loading switch and the first information input of the input-output switch. The third information output of the processor is connected with the first information output of the computer. The zeroizing input of the data access unit is connected with the zeroizing input of the computer. The information input of instruction memory and the second information input of the instruction loading switch are connected with the first information input of the computer. The fragment routine processing unit is introduced. The first control output of the fragment routine processing unit is connected with the second control input of the data access unit. The first control output of the data access unit is connected with the second control input of input-output switch. The second control output of the input-output switch is connected with the first control input of the processor and the first control input of the fragment routine processing unit. The second control output of the fragment routine processing unit is connected with the third control input of the input-output switch. The second information input of the input-output switch is connected



with the information output of the fragment routine processing unit. The second control output of the data access unit is connected with the second control input of the processor. The first information input of the processor is connected with the information output of instruction memory. The control input of instruction memory is connected with the control output of the instruction loading switch. The second control input of the instruction loading switch and the first information input of the fragment routine processing unit are connected with the first information input of the computer. The control output of instruction memory is connected with the third control input of the processor. The third control output of the processor is connected with the third control input of the data access unit. The second information input of the data access unit is connected with the second information input of the computer. The zeroizing input of the computer is connected with the second control input of the fragment routine processing unit, with the fourth control input of the data access unit, with the fourth control input of the input-output switch and with the fourth control input of the processor. The fourth control output of the processor is connected with the fifth control input of the data access unit. The third information input of the data access unit is connected with the second information output of the processor. The fifth control input of the processor is connected with the third control output of the data access unit. The first information output of the data access unit is connected with the second information input of the processor. The second information output of the data access unit is connected with the second information output of the computer. The third control input of the fragment routine processing unit is connected with the fourth control output of the data access unit. And the third information output of the data access unit is connected with the second information input of the fragment routine processing unit. More over, the fragment routine processing unit contains executive unit, output register unit, loading register unit and input register unit. The information output of executive unit is connected with the information input of the output register unit. The first control input of the output register unit is connected with the first

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control input of the fragment routine processing unit. The second control input of the fragment routine processing unit is connected with the first control input of executive unit, the second control input of output register unit, the first control input of loading register unit and with the first control input of input register unit. The first control output of the input register unit is connected with the first control output of the fragment routine processing unit. The first information input of the fragment routine processing unit is connected with the information input of the loading register unit. The information output of the loading register unit and the information output of the input register unit are connected with the information input of the executive unit. The second control input of the executive unit is connected with the first control output of the output register unit, the first control output of loading register unit and the second control output of the input register unit. The third control output of the input register unit, the second control output of the loading register unit, and the second control output of output register unit are connected with the third control input of the executive unit. The first control output of the executive unit is connected with the second control input of the loading register unit, the second control input of the input register unit and the third control input of the output register unit. The third control output of the output register unit is connected with the second control output of the fragment routine processing unit. The second information input of the fragment routine processing unit is connected with the information input of the input register unit. The third control input of the input register unit, the third control input of the loading register unit and the fourth control input of the output register unit are connected with the second control output of the executive unit. The third control output of the executive unit is connected with the fourth control input of input register unit, with the fourth control input of the loading register unit and the fifth control input of the output register unit. The information output of the output register unit is connected with the information output of the fragment routine processing unit. The third control input of the fragment routine processing unit is connected with the fifth

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control input of the input register unit. The sixth control input of the input register unit, the fifth control input of the loading register unit, and the sixth control input of the output register unit are connected with the fourth control output of the executive unit. The fifth control output of the executive unit is connected with the seventh control input of the output registers.

The essence of the invention is that the introduction of the fragment processing unit and the organization of the corresponding connections provide an increased performance of the computer in processing main routines by means of increasing the speed of exchange of associative memory through a decrease in its working volume.

The dataflow control principle of computation is used for running the overall program being executed. The processing of fragments, having a local character of computation and low parallelism, such as fragments in the form of trigonometric or other functions not directly connected with analogous fragments, is performed without participation of associative memory.

BRIEF DESCRIPTIN OF THE FIGURES

Figure 1 – is a functional diagram of the system of the invention.

Figure 2 – is a functional diagram of the processor.

Figure 3 – is a functional diagram of the control unit of the processor.

Figure 4 – is a functional diagram of the input register unit of the processor.

Figure 5 – is a functional diagram of the output register unit of the processor.

Figure 6 – is a functional diagram of the input –output switch.

Figure 7 – is a functional diagram of the data access unit.

Figure 8- is a functional diagram of a buffer of the data access unit.

Figure 9- is a functional diagram of a control unit of a buffer of the data access unit.

Figure 10 –is a functional diagram of the fragment routine processing unit.

Figure 11 – is a functional diagram of the executive unit of the fragment routine processing unit.

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Figure 12 – is a functional diagram of the output register unit of the fragment routine processing unit.

Figure 13 –is a functional diagram of the input register unit of the fragment routine processing unit. functional scheme of input register unit.

Figure 14 –illustrates the general appearance of a dataflow computation graph.

Figure 15 – illustrates the structure of an information package.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

The program scheme of a dataflow system is described as a graph consisting of nodes and arcs connecting the nodes. The nodes represent operations and the arcs represent the path of tokens through the system. The information represented by a node is assembled into packets.

Tokens of information are words that are subdivided into a number of fields. Fields may include an opcode field to represent the operation to be performed on the data, one data field to represent the information to be processed, one or two destination fields to represent the destination or node to which the results of processing are directed, and other fields to represent the context of program execution, tags or keys to be used for identification during processing. Keys or tags are used to identify the fragment number, the iteration being performed, the individual tokens of a pair destined for the same node, etc.

Packets of information also are words that are subdivided into a number of fields. A packet may contain one or two data fields.

Thus, a program written according to a dataflow graph will indicate the direction in which the data is transferred during processing. Each node processes the input data and yields one or more results destined to one or more other nodes.

The computer disclosed comprises a processor and a fragment routine processing unit. The processor processes data according to a dataflow principle. The fragment routine processing unit utilizes the von Neumann principle to process data.

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The computer disclosed in this application comprises processor 1, input-output switch 2, instruction loading switch 3, instruction memory 4, data access unit 5, and fragment routine processing unit 6.

Data access unit 5 comprises associative memory 109, first buffer 106, and second buffer 107. First buffer 106 is for storing data directed to processor 1 and second buffer 107 is for storing data destined for fragment routine processing unit 6. Fragment routine processing unit 6 comprises executive unit 130. Executive unit 130 comprises memory 151.

The instruction set for processing the main routine, that is, the program being executed, is loaded into instruction memory 4. The instruction set and data of fragment routines are loaded into fragment routine processing unit 6 and, in particular, into memory 151.

Packets or tokens destined for processing in the main processor are directed through direct access unit 5 to processor 1.

Packets received in processor 1 are processed and the results of processing are obtained. If a result is a final result, that is, it is not destined for another node, the result is directed to an output of the system. If the result is a single input result, that is, it is destined to be either a single input in a subsequent node of the dataflow scheme or an input in the fragment routine processing unit, the result is sent directly to the direct access unit for further processing.

Data access unit 5 directs information ready for further processing to the appropriate device. Information destined for further processing under the principle of dataflow are directed to processor 1, information destined for processing under the von Neumann principle are directed to fragment routine processing unit 6. Information destined for processing in the fragment routine processing unit are identified as fragments. A fragment may consist of one or more instructions and associated operands.

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Data destined to be an input in the dataflow scheme are directed to first buffer **106** for further direction to processor **1**, either immediately or after storage in first buffer **106**. Data destined to be an input in the von Neumann scheme are directed to second buffer **107** for further direction to fragment routine processing unit **6**, either immediately or after storage in second buffer **107**.

If the result is a double input result, that is, a result destined to be one of two inputs in a subsequent node, the result is sent indirectly to associative memory **109** located in direct access unit **5**, through input-output switch **2**, for further processing.

Each token received by input-output switch **2** must be matched with its pair for further processing. Input-output switch **2** reads a key on each token received to determine if the token's pair is already stored in associative memory **109**. If the pair is found, the two tokens are paired together into a packet.

If the received token's pair is not found, the token is directed to and stored in associative memory **109** to await the arrival of its pair.

Paired data (or a packet) destined to be an input in the dataflow scheme are directed to first buffer **106** for further direction to processor **1**, either immediately or after storage in first buffer **106**. Data destined to be an input in the von Neumann scheme are directed to second buffer **107** for further direction to fragment routine processing unit **6**, either immediately or after storage in second buffer **107**.

Thus, the input-output switch and the associative memory work together functionally to ready information for further processing. As previously noted, information ready for further processing is directed by the data access unit to the appropriate device for further processing.

The Best Way To Implement The Invention

The computer (fig. 1) contains processor **1**, input-output switch **2**, instruction loading switch **3**, instruction memory **4**, data access unit **5** and fragment routine processing unit **6**.

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The computer also contains first information output 7, second information output 8, zeroizing input 9, first information input 10, and second information input 11.

Processor 1 contains first control input 12, second control input 13, first information input 14, third control input 15, fourth control input 16, fifth control input 17, second information input 18, first control output 19, second control output 20, third control output 21, fourth control output 22, first information output 23, second information output 24, and third information output 25.

Fragment routine processing unit 6 contains first control input 26, first information input 27, second control input 28, third control input 29, second information input 30, first control output 31, second control output 32, and information output 33.

Instruction memory 4 contains control input 34, information input 35, address input 36, information output 37, and control output 38.

Data access unit 5 contains first control input 39, second control input 40, third control input 41, fourth control input 42, fifth control input 43, zeroizing input 44, first information input 45, second information input 46, third information input 47, first control output 48, second control output 49, first information output 50, second information output 51, third control output 52, fourth control output 53, and third information output 54.

Instruction loading switch 3 contains first information input 55, second information input 56, first control input 57, second control input 58, control output 59 and information output 60.

Input-output switch contains first control input 61, second control input 62, third control input 63, fourth control input 64, first information input 65, second information input 66, first control output 67, second control output 68, and information output 69.

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Processor **1** (fig. 2) contains control unit **70**, switch **71**, output register unit **72**, arithmetic-logical device **73** and input register unit **74**.

Control unit **70** contains zero setting input **75-1**, first result transmission control input **75-2**, second result transmission control input **75-3**, starting control input **75-4**, instruction type bits input **75-5**, memory readiness signal input **75-6**, data significance signal input **75-7**, readiness signal input **75-8**, first control output of output switching **76-1**, second control output of output switching **76-2**, transmission control output **76-3**, receiving control output **76-4**, starting control output **76-5**, first control output connected with output **19** of processor **1**, second control output connected with output **21** of processor **1**, and third control output connected with output **22** of processor **1**.

Output register unit **72** contains control inputs **77-1**, **77-2** and **77-3**, information inputs **77-4**, **77-5** and **77-6** and information outputs **78-1**, **78-2** and **78-3**.

Switch **71** contains an information output connected with output **24** of processor **1**, first control input connected with output **76-1** of control unit **70**, second control input connected with output **76-2** of control unit **70**, first information input connected with output **78-2** of output register unit **72**, and second information input connected with output **78-3** of output register unit **72**.

Input register unit **74** contains control input **79-1**, information input **79-2**, and information outputs **80-1...80-5**.

Arithmetic-logical device **73** (made in analogous form to the device disclosed in USSR patent No. 1367012, in 1985) contains operations control input connected to output **80-2** of input register unit **74**, first operand input connected to output **80-3** of input register unit **74**, second operand input connected to output **80-4** of input register unit **74**, starting control input connected with output **76-5** of control unit **70**, first information output connected with output **25** of processor **1**, second information output connected with input **75-7** of control unit **70** and input **77-4** of output register unit **72**, and control output connected with input **75-8** of control unit **70**.

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Control unit **70** (fig. 3) contains "OR" elements **81-1** and **81-2**, "AND" elements **82-1...82-4**, **83-1**, and **83-2**, "OR" element **84**, "AND" elements **85-1**. **85-2**, "OR" element **86**, priority coder **87**, "AND" elements **88-1**, **88-2** and **89**, triggers **90-1**...90-3, triggers **91-1...91-3**, "AND" elements **92-1...92-6**, "OR" element **93**, and "AND" element **94**.

Input register unit **74** (fig. 4) contains status word register, **95** first operand register **96-1** and second operand register **96-2**.

Output register unit **72** (fig. 5) contains result register **97**, first and second instruction number registers **98-1**and **98-2** and status indication register **99**.

The input-output switch **2** (fig. 6) contains "OR" elements **100-1...100-4**, "AND" elements **101-1...101-2**, priority coder **102**, triggers **103-1**, **103-2**, switching unit 104, input registers **105-1**, **105-2**.

Unit **104** can be made of two "AND" and one "NOT" elements or a gate such as, for example, a "NOR" gate.

Data access unit **5** (fig. 7) contains first and second buffers **106** and **107**, register 108, and associative memory **109**.

First buffer **106** contains first and second control inputs **110-1** and **110-2**, first and second information inputs **110-3** and **110-4**, third and fourth control inputs **110-5** and 110-6, external exchange input **110-7**, first and second transmission control outputs connected respectively with outputs **49** and **52** of unit **5**, information output connected with output **50** of unit **5**, and external exchange output connected with output 51 of unit **5**.

Second buffer **107** contains first and second control inputs **111-1** and **111-2**, first and second information inputs **111-3** and **111-4**, third and fourth control inputs **111-5** and **111-6**, and control and information outputs connected respectively with outputs 53 and **54** of unit **5**.

Associative memory **109**, made analogously to the device disclosed by patent RF No. **2035069** in **1995**, contains first and second control inputs **112-1** and **112-2**,

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first information input **112-3**, third control input **112-4**, second information input **112-5**, first information output **113-1**, first control output **113-2**, second information output **113-3** and second control output **113-4**.

First buffer **106** (fig. 8) contains "OR" elements **114-1...114-5**, output switch **115**, "AND" elements **116-1...116-4**, storage register unit **117**, control unit **118**, input switch **119**, and first and second input registers **120-1** and **120-2**.

Second buffer is made analogously to the first.

Control unit **118** contains control outputs **121-1...121-12**, set up input **122-1**, first package code input **122-2**, first receiving control input **122-3**, second package code input **122-4**, second and third receiving control inputs **122-5** and **122-6**, and the first to fifth control inputs **123-1...123-5**.

Control unit **118** (fig. 9) contains priority coder **124**, counters **125-1...125-2**, logical "AND" elements **126-1...126-4**, triggers **127-1...127-3**, "OR" element **128** and decoders **129-1...129-3**.

Fragment routine processing unit **6** (fig. 10) contains executive unit **130**, output register unit **131**, loading register unit **132**, and input register unit **133**.

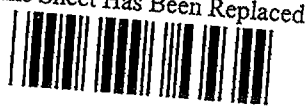
Executive unit **130** contains the first to third control inputs **134-1...134-3**, information input **135**, information output **136**, and the first to fifth control outputs **137-1...137-5**.

Output register unit **131** contains the first to seventh control inputs **138-1...138-7**, information input **139**, the first to third control outputs **140-1...140-3** and information output **141**.

Loading register unit **132** contains the first to fifth control inputs **142-1...142-5**, information input **143**, first and second control outputs **144-1** and **144-2**, and information output **145**.

Input register unit **133** contains the first to sixth control inputs **146-1...146-6**, information input **147**, first to third control outputs **148-1...148-3** and information output **149**.

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Executive unit **130** (fig. 11) contains microprocessor **150**, memory **151** and exchange bus **152**. In place of these units a standard microprocessor set, such as one based on elements of the type Intel **80386**, can be used.

Output register unit **131** (fig. 12) contains first and second registers **153** and **154**, "AND" elements **155-1...155-3**, trigger **156**, decoders **157-1**, **157-2**, "OR" element **158** and register **159**.

Input register unit **133** (fig. 13) contains registers **160** and **161**, "AND" element **162**, decoder **163**, register **164**, trigger **165** and "OR" element **166**.

Loading register unit **132** has an analogous structure.

The principles of computational organization under dataflow control assume that the algorithm for solving the task is represented as a graph of the computation process. The graph contains operators (instructions) on data (operands) and pointers (directions) by which data (results) are transmitted from instruction to instruction (see fig. 14).

According to the graph, data processing is performed when data prepared for processing appear at the instruction inputs. The completion of pairs of data related to a particular instruction is performed in associative memory **109**, utilizing a key in the search for and pairing of data. The key, as a rule, is a code that contains instruction number bits, an index, an iteration and so on.

Each instruction has a number N-i which can be used to allocate it in instruction memory **4**, a code of instruction - COI-i, and an "address of assignment" number N-j representing the instruction to which the result of processing is related.

Furthermore, an instruction has attributes, defining conditions of its processing or its type. An instruction can be a two-input or one-input instruction, which is defined by the code of operation, depending on how many (one or two) inputs the instruction processes. An instruction can be a two-address or one-address instruction, depending on the number of destinations (to the input of how many instructions) the

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result(s) of its execution is transmitted. For example, in fig. 14, instruction N1 is one-input two-address and instruction N2 is one-input one address.

In order to organize processing of the graph, instructions and data are represented as informational objects consisting of multi-bit words, where the corresponding groups of bits form the fields with necessary functional assignments (fig. 15).

In general, information is input into processor **1** in the form of a data package containing a status word (instruction) and two data words. A one-input instruction package contains only one data word.

A status word includes the following basic groups of functional bits (fields):

COI - code of instruction;

N - number of instruction;

G - number of generation;

T - number of iteration;

I - index;

F - number of fragment.

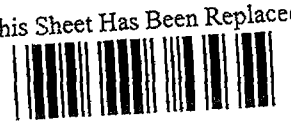
The functional fields of a status word can be used in different ways. In particular the key group of bits for data searching in associative memory **109** is defined by fields N, G, T, I. The field F is added when the input data is to be searched for fragments. The field COI may contain bits indicating the type of instruction (one-address, two-address, one-input, two-input).

If an instruction has two outputs (destination addresses for the results of processing), then its processing result will contain two status words corresponding to two destinations of transmission.

Status word bit groups are stored in instruction memory **4**.

Instructions and data which are part of marked fragments (fig. 14) are stored in memory **151** of executive unit **130** of fragment routine processing unit **6**, and do not occupy associative memory **109**.

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Synchronization inputs of all the units of the computer are connected with an external synchronization input (not shown).

Main running routines and marked fragment routines are loaded through first information input **10** and processed by the computer (fig. 1) which outputs the results of processing through second information output **8**.

The computer uses dataflow control for the computational process of the main routine and von Neumann data processing principles for processing marked fragments. All instructions of the main executive routine are placed in instruction memory **4** and all instructions and data for fragments are placed in memory **151** (fig. 11). Computation is initialized by loading start packages of operands, from an external system (not shown), through second information input **11**.

Start packages, together with corresponding control signals, enter through second information input **46** of data access unit **5** and then through external exchange input 110-7 of first buffer **106**, from which they are transmitted to an information (for example the fourth) input of output switch **115**. In this case, the control of commutation is performed through the fourth control input, where the corresponding control signal from control output **121-12** of unit **118** of control enters through "AND" element **116-4**. The mentioned control signal is formed on the output of decoder **129-3**. The code group of bits, defining the type of start package, enters through the input of decoder **129-3**.

Package bits from output **50** of buffer **106** are transmitted to second information input **18** of processor **1** through the corresponding output of data access unit **5**.

Information transmitted through output **50** of data access unit **5** is accompanied by the strobe of transmission on output **52**. The strobe of transmission on output 52 is a control signal for starting processor **1** and enters through fifth control input 17 and then through input **75-4** of control unit **70**. The operand package bits are transmitted to information input **79-2** of input register unit **74**.

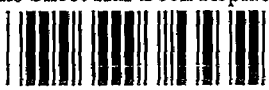
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The reception of the functional fields of an operand package by status word register **95** and operand registers **96-1** and **96-2** is controlled by the input of a receiving control signal on input **79-1** of input register unit **74**. Instruction number bits are transmitted from output **80-1** of input register unit **74** through first information output **23** of processor **1** to first information input **55** of instruction loading switch **3**. A control signal from second control output **20** of processor **1** enters on first information input **57** of instruction loading unit **3**. A control signal corresponding to the reading code and an information signal corresponding to the address are formed respectively on control and information outputs **59** and **60** of switch **3** for transmission to the corresponding control and address inputs of instruction memory **4**. Code of operation bits and operand bits from outputs **80-2** and **80-3**, **80-4** of input register unit **74** are accompanied by a starting control signal from output **76-5** of control unit **70** and are transmitted to corresponding inputs of arithmetical-logical unit **73**. Functional field bits G, T, I are transmitted to input **77-6** of output register unit **72**. Functional field bits from information output **37** of instruction memory **4** are transmitted through input **14** of processor **1** to input **77-5** of output register unit **72**. The functional field bits transmitted to input **77-5** contain the code of operation and the instruction number for which the result of computation entering on input **77-4** of unit **72** is intended.

Inputs **77-1**, **77-2** and **77-3** of output register unit **72** receive the corresponding signals which control reception of the result to register **97**, the bit fields N and COI of the next instruction to registers **98-1** and **98-2**, and the bit fields G, T, I to register **99**. The functional fields of the result of processing the current instruction (half-package) are formed on outputs **78-1**, **78-2** and.**78-3** of output register unit **72**. These fields reflect the principles of computation represented by the graph of the computation process and are transmitted respectively to output **24** of processor **1** and the information inputs of switch **71**. Control signals are transmitted from outputs **76-1** and **76-2** of unit control unit **70** to control inputs of switch **71**. The function of switch **71** is dependent on the presence of two-address instructions, that is, the instructions, the

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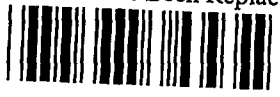
processing result of which is the input operand for two subsequent instructions (having different numbers and different codes of instructions). This condition is handled by having two instruction number output registers **98-1** and **98-2**, the contents of which are sequentially transmitted through switch **71** and accompany the result transmitted to output **24** of processor **1**.

The control signals for output switch **71** are formed when the functional fields of the type of instruction and strobe of transmission are received, correspondingly, from information and control outputs **37** and **38** of instruction memory **4** through inputs **14** and **15** of processor **1** by inputs **75-5** and **75-6** of control unit **70** and the signal of significance of the result is received from an information output of arithmetical-logical unit **73** by input **75-7**.

Functional fields of the instruction type include the following attributes: 1A (one-address instruction), 2A (two address instruction) and 2I (two-input instruction), which are transmitted to the triggers **92-2...92-5**. The status of the triggers determines the formation of control signals on outputs **76-1** and **76-2** of unit **70**. Transmission strobes, corresponding to regimes of one- or two-input instructions, are formed on outputs **22** and **19** of processor **1**, and the bits of functional fields of the half-package are formed on output **24**.

When a one-input instruction is processed and the result of processing does not require a search of a pair in associative memory **109**, bits of the half-package and the strobe of transmission are transmitted from outputs **24** and **22** of processor **1**, correspondingly, to inputs **47** and **43** of data access unit **5** and inputs **110-3** and **110-5** of buffer **106**. Entering on input **110-3**, the result is received by first input register **120-1** and, through the first information output of input switch **119**, is transmitted to the first information input of switch **115**. The second information output of switch **119** is used for transmission of results of computation to an external control system. In this case the corresponding control signal is formed on the first output of decoder **129-1**of control unit **118**. Bits of code, defining the type of half-package, enter on input of

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decoder **129-1**. Information from the second information output of switch **119**, together with strobe of transmission from the output **121-7** of control unit **118**, enters on output **51** of buffer **106** and is transmitted through corresponding output of data access unit **5** to second information output **8** of the computer.

When the result (operand) on output **24** of processor **1** relates to a two-input instruction, the search for the pair operand is carried out in associative memory **109** in data access unit **5**. The result from output **24** is transmitted to input **65** of input-output switch **2** and through input-output switch **2** to data access unit **5**.

The signal of the strobe of transmission and the bits of functional fields of half-package are transmitted from outputs **19** and **24** of processor **1** correspondingly to inputs **61** and **65** of input-output switch **2**.

In switch **2**, the half-package is transmitted from the input **65** through register **105-1** to the first information input of commutation unit **104**. The strobe of transmission is transmitted from the input **61** to setting input of trigger **103-1**. An output of trigger **103-1** is connected with first control input of priority coder **102**. The code of control of switching unit **104** is formed on the first and second control outputs of priority coder **102**. The end result is that, in switch **2**, the half-package functional field bits are transmitted from the input **65** to the output **69** and the corresponding control signal, strobe of transmission, is formed on output **67**.

Bits of functional fields and strobe of transmission are transmitted from the outputs **69** and **67** of switch **2** to the inputs **45** and **39** of data access unit **5**. The bit fields of the status word (as a key of associative search), operand and strobe of transmission enter correspondingly on inputs **112-3**, **112-5** and **112-4** of associative memory **109**.

Status word bit fields also enter on an information input of register **108**. A strobe of transmission from input **39** of data access unit **5** enters on a control input of register **108**.

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Half-package, to which the pair is not found, stays in memory **109**. When the corresponding pair operand is found, bit fields of the first and second operands are formed on outputs **113-1** and **113-3**. These bit fields are transmitted along with the status word bit fields from the output of register **108** to the second information inputs **110-4** and **111-4** of buffers **106** and **107** respectively. A strobe of transmission is transmitted from the output **113-2** of associative memory **109** to inputs **110-6** and **111-6** of buffers **106** and **107**.

If the resultant package is a package of operands of the main routine, its functional field bits are received on register **120-2** of buffer **106**, and the corresponding receiving control signal is formed on output **121-9** of control unit **118**.

Package bit fields are transmitted from the output of register **120-2** to the second information input of switch **115** and the corresponding commutation control signal is transmitted from the output of "AND" element **116-1** to the corresponding control input of switch **115**. Switch **115** transmits bit fields to the first output of switch **115** which carries out the function of strobe of transmission, which finally is formed on the output of "OR" element **114-1**.

If output register unit **74** of processor **1** is free, then all information from the output of switch **115** of buffer **106** is transmitted to processor **1** and the processing cycle is repeated.

If unit **74** of processor **1** is occupied, a transmission holding signal is transmitted from output **21** of processor **1** through input **41** of data access unit **5** to input **110-1** of buffer **106**. The signal is then transmitted from input **110-1** to input **123-2** of control unit **118** and an input of "OR" element **114-5**. A control signal is formed on the output of "OR" element **114-5** and is transmitted to the fifth control input of switch **115**. Information from the second information input of switch **115** is transmitted through the second output of switch **115**, and then, accompanied by a writing signal from output **121-11** of control unit **118**, to the input of storing register unit **117**. Writing of information will be carried out in unit **117** before removing the

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holding signal from output **21** of processor **1**. In the absence of information in the registers **120-1** and **120-2** and on fourth information output of switch **115**, the removal of the holding signal results in the transmission of package bits from unit **117** through the third information input of switch **115** and the corresponding output of buffer **106** and output **50** of data access unit **5** to input **18** of processor **1**.

If the package formed on output of register **108** and outputs **113-1**, **113-2** of associative memory **109** is a start package of a local routine, indicated by Fragment F, then bits of its functional fields are received by buffer **107**.

In other instances, the transmission of a start package of fragment F to input **30** of fragment routine processing unit **6** is carried out analogous to the above stated transmission of operand packages through buffer **106**.

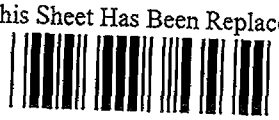
Functional field bits of fragment start package and strobe of transmission, formed, respectively on outputs **54** and **53** of data access unit **5**, enter correspondingly on inputs **30** and **29** of fragment routine processing unit **6**. In contrast to processor **1**, where, after processing each package, associative memory **109** is accessed, in fragment routine processing unit **6** the processing of marked fragments (parts) of the main routine is completed and the final results are transmitted to associative memory.

At the initial loading of the computer, the loading of routines (corresponding to the von Neumann principles of processing) is carried out through the first information input **10**.

In this instance, both instructions and data enter through input **27** of fragment routine processing unit **6**, from where they are transmitted to input **143** of loading register unit.

Functional field bits of instructions (corresponding to the system of instructions of executive unit **130**) and data are transmitted from output **145** of unit **132** to information input **135** of unit **130**. The transmission from output **145** to input **135** is accompanied by the transmission of the corresponding interruption and

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readiness signals from outputs **144-1** and **144-2**, of unit **132** to inputs **134-2** and **134-3** respectively of unit **130**.

Through the exchange bus **152** the loading of instructions and data of fragments of running routines is carried out in memory **151** under the control of microprocessor **150**.

When fragment start packages enter input **147** of unit **133** and the corresponding strobe of transmission enters input **146-5** of unit **133**, operands are received by registers **160** and **161** and the status word field F is received by register **164**. The presence of the strobe of transmission at input **146-5** sets up trigger **165** and an interruption signal is formed on output **148-2**. The interruption signal enters on input 134-2 of unit **130** together with bit field which enters on information input **135** of unit 130 from output **149** of unit **133**. The bit field on output **149** is received from register **164** under the control of a "reading" signal output from trigger **165**. Microprocessor **150** "identifies" bit field transmitted on exchange bus **152** from input **135** of unit **130** and outputs a group of control signals on outputs **137-1**, **137-2**, **137-3** and 137-4. This group of control signals are transmitted to inputs **146-2**, **146-3**, **146-4** and 146-6 of unit **133**, where the corresponding signals of sequential reading and transmission of data from registers **160** and **161** are formed through output **149** on information input **135** of unit **130**. Microprocessor **150**, in accordance with the number and parameters of fragment F, starts the corresponding processing routing. The termination of this processing routine is accompanied by an interruption of microprocessor **150**. By this interruption, microprocessor **150** forms the "vector of output", which corresponds to the current number assigned to register **159** of unit **131**. The "vector of output" is transmitted through the exchange bus **152** and output **136** to input 139 of unit **131**. The transmission of the "vector of output" is accompanied by the transmission of a control signal from output **137-5** of unit **130** to input **138-7** of unit 131. Information is written to register **159**. Information from register **159** is transmitted to an input of decoder **157-1**. An interruption signal is formed on an

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output of decoder **157-1** and is transmitted through output **140-1** to input **134-2** of unit **130**. When the interruption signal is received by microprocessor **150** a group of control signals is formed and transmitted through outputs **137-1...137-4** of unit **130** to inputs **138-3...138-6** of unit **131**. The signals received at inputs **138-3...138-6** control the reception, at the inputs of registers **153** and **154**, of the bit fields which result from the processing of fragment F. The bit fields received at the inputs of registers **153** and **154** are transmitted from output **136** of unit **130** through input **139** of unit **131**.

The format of data in registers **153** and **154** corresponds to the format of a half-package which results from the processing of instructions by processor **1**. That is, the format of the results of processing by the fragment routine processing unit and the format of the results of processing by the processor are the same and the results of processing by those two devices can be combined in associative memory (or elsewhere depending on the exact configuration of the system).

The strobe of transmission is formed on output **140-3** of unit **131** and is transmitted to output **32** of fragment routine processing unit **6**. The strobe of transmission is transmitted from output **32** to input **63** of switch **2**. The functional half-package bit fields, which result from fragment routine processing, are transmitted from output **33** of processor **6** to input **66** of switch **2**.

Half-package bit fields are transmitted from output **69** of switch **2** to an input of data access unit **5**. The results of fragment routine processing and main routine processing are combined by means of a common field.

Thus, the introduction of the fragment routine processing unit in the system and the organization of the corresponding connections reduce the amount of data stored in associative memory.

The reduced volume of associative memory raises its speed and increases its performance in the processing of the main running routines using dataflow control of computation.

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CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. An information processing system comprising a processor, a data access unit, associative memory, an input-output switch, and a fragment routine processing unit, wherein said processor processes information utilizing dataflow principles of processing, said fragment routine processing unit processes information utilizing von Neumann principles of processing, said data access unit directs information ready for further processing utilizing dataflow principles to said processor, said data access unit directs information ready for processing utilizing von Neumann principles to said fragment routine processing unit, and said input-output switch and said associative memory work functionally together to prepare information for further processing.

2. The system of claim 1, wherein a result of processing by said fragment routine processing unit has the same format as a result of processing by said processor, whereby a result of processing by said fragment routine processing unit can be combined with a result of processing by said processor.

3. An information processing system comprising processor **1**, input-output switch **2**, instruction loading switch **3**, instruction memory **4**, data access unit **5**, first information output **7**, second information output **8**, zeroizing input **9**, first information input **10**, and second information input **11**, a first control output **19** of processor **1** connected with a first control input **61** of input-output switch **3**, a first control output **67** of input-output switch **2** connected with a first control input **39** of data access unit **5**, a first information input **45** of data access unit **5** connected with an information output **69** of input-output switch **2**, an address input **36** of instruction memory **4** connected with an information output **60** of instruction loading switch **3**, a first control input **57** of instruction

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loading switch **3** connected with a second control output **20** of processor **1**, a first information output **23** of processor **1** connected with a first information input **55** of instruction loading switch **3**, a second information output **24** of processor **1** connected with a first information input **65** of input-output switch **2**, a third information output **25** of processor **1** connected with a first information output **7** of the system, a zeroizing input **44** of data access unit **5** connected with zeroizing input **9** of the system, an information input **35** of instruction memory **4** connected with first information input **10** of the system, a second information input **56** of instruction loading switch **3** connected with first information input **10** of the system, the introduction of fragment routine processing unit **6**, a first control output **31** of fragment routine processing unit **6** is connected with a second control input **40** of data access unit **5**, a first control output **48** of data access unit **5** is connected with a second control input **62** of input-output switch **2**, a second control output **68** of input-output switch **2** is connected with a first control input **12** of processor **1** and a first control input **26** of fragment routine processing unit **6**, a second control output **32** of fragment routine processing unit **6** is connected with a third control input **63** of input-output switch **2**, a second information input **66** of input-output switch **2** is connected with an information output **33** of fragment routine processing unit **6**, a second control output **49** of data access unit **5** is connected with a second control input **13** of processor **1**, a first information input **14** of processor **1** is connected with an information output **37** of instruction memory **4**, a control input **34** of instruction memory **4** is connected with a control output **59** of instruction loading switch **3**, a second control input **58** of instruction loading switch **3** and a first information input **27** of fragment routine processing unit **6** are connected with first information input **10** of the system, a control output **38** of instruction memory **4** is connected with a third control input **15** of processor **1**, a third control output **21** of processor **1** is connected with a third control

input **41** of data access unit **5**, a second information input **46** of data access unit **5** is connected with second information input **11** of the system, zeroizing input **9** of the system is connected with a second control input **28** of fragment routine processing unit **6** and with a fourth control input **42** of data access unit **5** and with a fourth control input **64** of input-output switch **2** and with a fourth control input **16** of processor **1**, a fourth control output **22** of processor **1** is connected with a fifth control input **43** of data access unit **5**, a third information input **47** of data access unit **5** is connected with a second information output **24** of processor **1**, a fifth control input **17** of processor **1** is connected with a third control output **52** of data access unit **5**, a first information output **50** of data access unit **5** is connected with a second information input **18** of processor **1**, a second information output **51** of data access unit **5** is connected with second information output **8** of the system, a third control input **29** of fragment routine processing unit **6** is connected with a fourth control output **53** of data access unit **5**, and a third information output **54** of data access unit **5** is connected with a second information input **30** of fragment routine processing unit **6**.

4. The system of claim 3 wherein fragment routine processing unit **6** contains executive unit **130**, output register unit **131**, loading register unit **132**, and input register unit **133**, information output **136** of executive unit **130** is connected with information input **139** of output register unit **131**, first control input **138-1** of output register unit **131** is connected with first control input **26** of fragment routine processing unit **6**, second control input **28** of fragment routine processing unit **6** is connected with first control input **134-1** of executive unit **130**, with second control input **138-2** of output register unit **131**, with first control input **142-1** of loading register unit **132**, and with first control input **146-1** of input register unit **133**, a first control output **148-1** of input register unit **133** is connected with a first control output **31** of fragment

routine processing unit **6**, a first information input **27** of fragment routine processing unit **6** is connected with an information input **143** of loading register unit **132**, an information output **145** of loading register unit **132** and an information output **149** of input register unit **133** are connected with an information input **135** of executive unit **130**, a second control input **134-2** of executive unit **130** is connected with a first control output **140-1** of output register unit **131** and with a first control output **144-1** of loading register unit **132** and with a second control output **148-2** of input register unit **133**, a third control output **148-3** of input register unit **133** and a second control output **144-2** of loading register unit **132** and a second control output **140-2** of output register unit **131** are connected with a third control input **134-3** of executive unit **130**, a first control output **137-1** of executive unit **130** is connected with a second control input **142-2** of loading register unit **132** and with a second control input **146-2** of input register unit **133** and with a third control input **138-3** of output register unit **131**, a third control output **140-3** of output register unit **131** is connected with a second control output 32 of fragment routine processing unit **6**, a second information input **30** of fragment routine processing unit **6** is connected with an information input **147** of input register unit **133**, a third control input **146-3** of input register unit **133** and a third control input **142-3** of loading register unit **132** and a fourth control input **138-4** of output register unit **131** are connected with a second control output **137-2** of executive unit **130**, a third control output **137-3** of executive unit **130** is connected with a fourth control input **146-4** of input register unit **133** and with a fourth control input **142-4** of loading register unit **132** and with a fifth control input **138-5** of output register unit **131**, an information output **141** of output register unit **131** is connected with an information output **33** of fragment routine processing unit **6**, a third control input **29** of fragment routine processing unit **6** is connected with a fifth control input **146-5** of input register

unit **133**, a sixth control input **146-6** of input register unit **133** and a fifth control input **142-5** of loading register unit **132** and a sixth control input **138-6** of output register unit **131** are connected with a fourth control output **137-4** of executive unit **130**,.and a fifth control output **137-5** of executive unit **130** is connected with a seventh control input **138-7** of output register unit **131**.



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