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Proposal for Thesis Research in Partial
Fulfillment
of the Requirements for the Degree of
Doctor of Philosophy

TITLE: Parallel Processor Architecture
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BRIEF STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM:

The proposed research is a study of processor architecture for large scale parallel computer systems. The thesis introduces mechanisms for fast context switching, synchronization between tasks, and run-time binding of variable names to processor memory. Various design tradeoffs are evaluated through simulation of a processor running a typical load. This work contains estimates of the speed and complexity of the different alternatives as implemented in VLSI.

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