In situ data processing for extremescale computing



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Outline

- Why care?
- What are we doing?
- High End Computing Trends.
- The long road towards yotta-scale computing
- Conclusions.
- Some of our papers from 2008 2011

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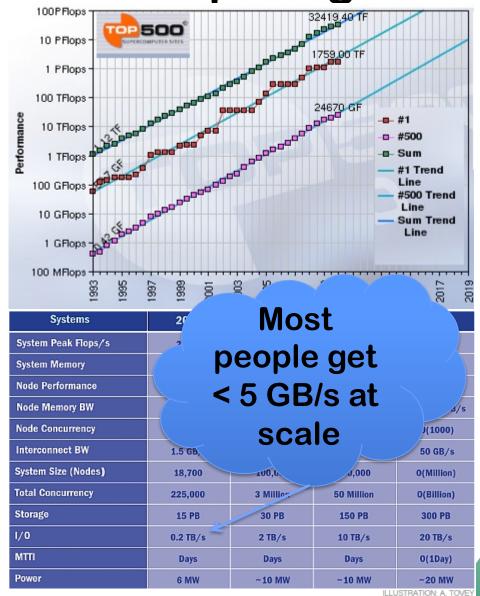




Extreme scale computing.

Trends

- More FLOPS
- Limited number of users at the extreme scale
- Problems
 - Performance
 - Resiliency
 - Debugging
 - Getting Science done
- Problems will get worse
 - Need a "revolutionary" way to store, access, debug to get the science done!

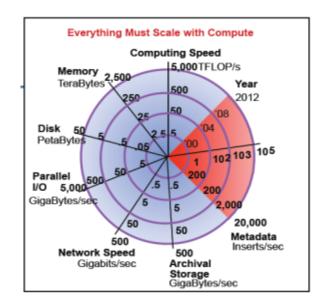






File System, Problems for the Xscale

- The I/O on a HPC system is stressed because
 - Checkpoint-restart writing
 - Analysis and visualization writing
 - Analysis and visualization reading
- Our systems are growing by 2x FLOPS/year.
- Disk Bandwidth is growing ~20%/year.
- Need the number of increase faster than the number of nodes
- As the systems grow, the MTF grows.
- As the complexity of physics increases, the analysis/viz. output grows.
- Need new and innovative approaches in the field to cope with this problem.
- The biggest problem is the \$\$\$ of I/O, since it's not FLOPS



Garth Gibson 2010





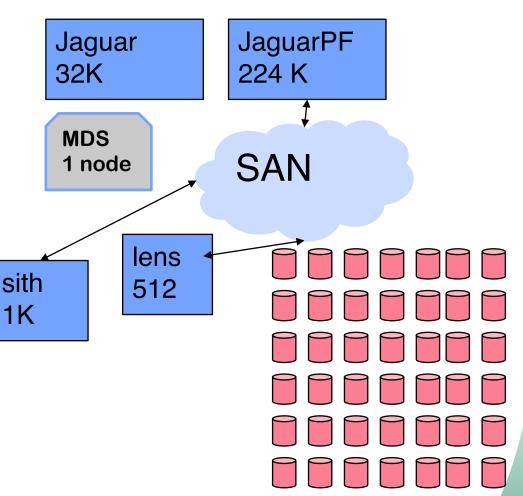






Trends in HPC Centers

- Shared work-space
- Advantages
 - cheaper for total storage and bandwidth capacity
 - faster connection of resources to data
- Disadvantages
 - additional interference sources
 - potential single point of failure













Problems that apps face.

- They need to think about the way to write data for
 - Performance in writing.
 - Performance in reading.
 - Ease of archiving, moving to external resources.
- Choices are often made with incomplete knowledge of what's happening.
 - Data Layout?
 - Can users really understand the "most optimal" way to lay data on disk?
 - How many APIs should users be forced to learn?
- How to get an understanding of 1 XB+ of data.
 - Can you analyze this?
 - Can you visualize this?
 - Can you read the data?











Problems to face for the exascale

- I/O will have to be dramatically reduced (output data/ Flops).
- Applications, debugging, Visualization, Analytics, must be tied to I/O
- Challenge is to reduce the impact of I/O on "real" calculations.
- Forces us to rethink I/O.
- File formats must meet new challenges for these challenges.
 - Need to be "unbiased", "reduce network and I/O cost"
- Allow scientist to "plug-in" analytics, into I/O pipelines.
 - Make "plug-ins" crash proof to the application.











Requirements for our framework

- Provide the software infrastructure to enable a diverse set of fusion scientists the ability to compose, run, couple, debug, monitor, analyze, and automate the tracking of fusion codes through common standards and easy-to-use interfaces.
- Individual computational tasks may range from codes running on workstations to leadership-class computers.
- Scientists need access to a software infrastructure that can span the full range of resources needed by the science in one coherent framework.











Design Philosophy

- The overarching design philosophy of the framework is based on the Service-Oriented Architecture for software
 - Has been successfully used by enterprise software systems to deal with system/application complexity, rapidly changing requirements, rapidly evolving target platforms, and diverse development teams.
- Software systems and applications are constructed by assembling services based on a universal view of their functionality using a welldefined API.
- Services and their implementations can be changed easily, and workflows can be customized to fit application requirements.
- A fusion simulation code can be assembled using physics, math, and computer science service realizations such as solver libraries, I/O services, partitioners, and communication services, which are created independently.
- Integrated simulation systems can be assembled using these codes as well as coupling and data-movement services
- End-to-end application workflows can be constructed by composing the coupled systems with services for data visualization, archiving, analysis, code verification, etc.











Complexity leads to a SOA approach

- Service Oriented Architecture (SOA): Software as a composition of "services"
 - Service: "... a well-defined, self-contained, and independently developed software element that does not depend on the context or state of other services."
 - Abstraction & Separation
 Computations from compositions and coordination
 Interface from implementations
 - Existing and proven concept widely accepted/used by the enterprise computing community











SOA Scales

- e.g., Yahoo Data Challenges sound familiar?
 - **Data Challenges at Yahoo!** Ricardo Baeza-Yates & Raghu Ramakrishnan, Yahoo! Research
 - Data diversity text (tagged/non-tagged), streams, structured data (i.e., formatted), multimedia (us: checkpoints, analysis, coupling, analysis results/dashboard displays-graphs, ...)
 - Rich set of processing not just database queries (SQL), but analytics (transformation, aggregation, ...)
 - Attain scale (350K requests/sec! and growing) via asynchrony, loose coupling, weak consistency (us: decoupling via ADIOS, data staging, ...)
 - Leverage file system's high bandwidth (us: Lustre vs. them: DFS++)
 - Use multiple ways to represent data (us: BP, tuple spaces, ...; them: row/column stores, DHTs)
 - Deal with reliability (us: robust data format, checkpointing; them: DFS-based replication/recoverability)
 - Make it easy to use: self-management, self-tuning (us: adaptive I/O)
 - Make it easy to change: adaptability, i.e., new analyses readily added (us: that's the whole point of the SOA)
- If Yahoo and Google can do it, so can we!









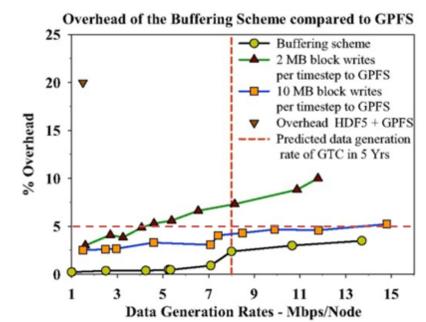


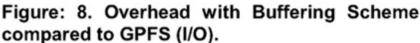
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Key IDEAS:

- Focus on I/O and WAN for an application driven approach.
- Buffer Data, and combine all I/O requests from all variables into 1 write call.
- Thread the I/O.
- Write data out on the receiving side.
- Visualize the data near-real-time
- Focus on the 5% rule...





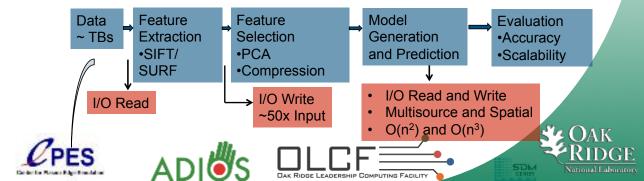






Problems people come up to me and ask for a solution.

- Reduce the variability of I/O, and reduce the time spent writing.
- Reduce the I/O time for my post processing.
- Let me couple codes (memory/file).
- "Plug-in" my visualization code, with no changes.
- Latest challenge:
 - Read an process 12M images (2 TB) on a LCF, and write 50X the data.
 - Problem:
 - Read image (0.2 MB), process image in 10 seconds, write out 10 MB
 - Work on 100K cores
 - For I/O to <5 %, need open, read + write, close, <0.5 s



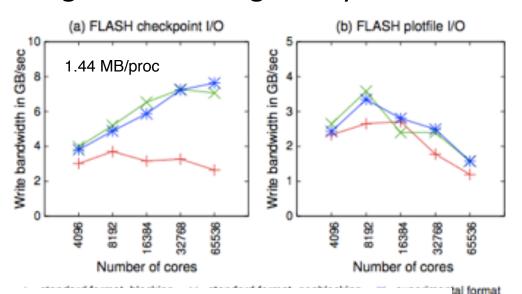


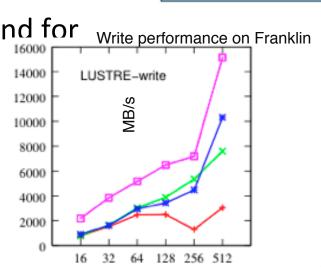
Parallel netCDF

- http://trac.mcs.anl.gov/projects/parallel-netcdf
- New file format to allow for large array support
- New optimizations for non-blocking calls.
- New optimizations for sub-files.

Idea is to allow netcdf to work in parallel and for

large files and large arrays.





netCDf

Parallel File System

Parallel netCDF

Parallel File System

Using Subfiling to Improve Programming Flexibility and Performance of Parallel Shared-file I/O, Gao, Liao, Nisar, Choudhary, Ross, Latham, ICPP 2009.

http://www.mcs.anl.gov/uploads/cels/papers/P1819.pdf

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HDF5

- http://www.hdfgroup.org/HDF5/
- File format for storing scientific data
 - To store and organize all kinds of data
 - To share data, to port files from one platform to another
 - To overcome a limit on number and size of the objects in the file
- Software for accessing scientific data
 - Flexible I/O library (parallel, remote, etc.)
 - Efficient storage
 - Available on almost all platforms
 - C, F90, C++ , Java APIs
 - Tools (HDFView, utilities)





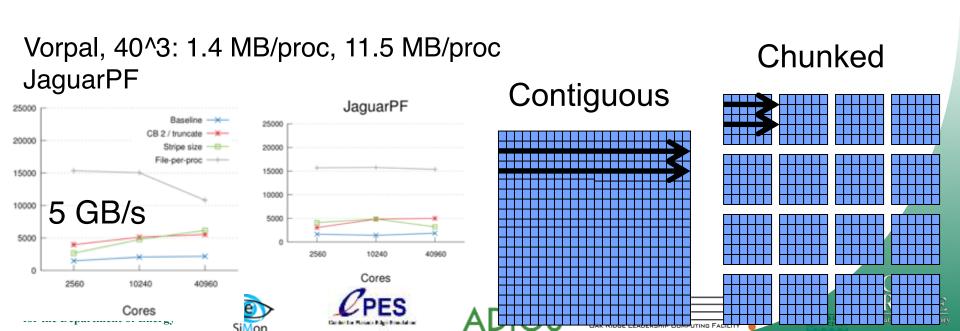






Parallel netCDF-4/ HDF5

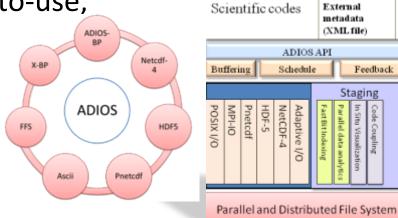
- http://www.unidata.ucar.edu/software/netcdf/
- Use HDF5 for the file format.
- Keep backward compatibility in tools to read netCDF 3 files.
- HDF5 optimized chunking
- New journaling techniques to handle resiliency.
- Many other optimizations
 - http://www.hdfgroup.org/pubs/papers/howison_hdf5_lustre_iasds2010.pdf



ADIOS: Adaptable I/O System

 Provides portable, fast, scalable, easy-to-use, metadata rich output

- Simple API
- Change I/O method by changing XML file only
- Layered software architecture:
 - Allows plug-ins for different I/O implementations
 - Abstracts the API from the method used for I/O
 - New file format (ADIOS-BP)
- Open source:
 - http://www.nccs.gov/user-support/center-projects/adi
- Research methods from many groups:
 - Rutgers: DataSpaces/DART, Georgia Tech:
 DataTap, Sandia: NSSI, Netcdf-4, ORNL: MPI_AMR









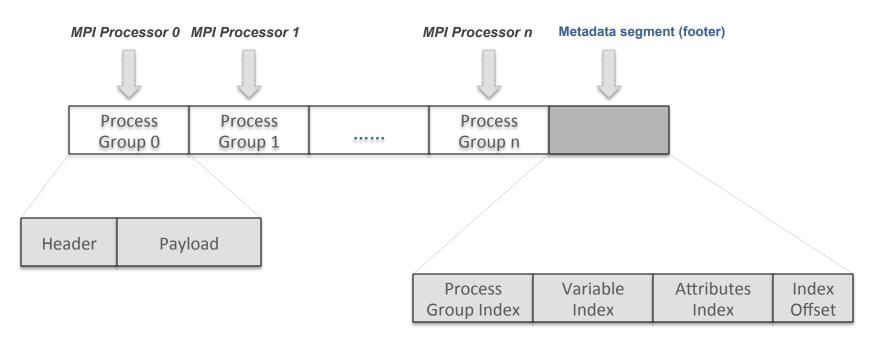








ADIOS BP File Format



1) ADIOS BP File Format – single file case

- Fault tolerance is critical for success of a parallel file format.
- Failure of a single writer is not fatal.
- Necessary to have a hierarchical view of the data (like HDF5).
- Tested at scale (140K processors for XGC-1) with over 20TB in a single







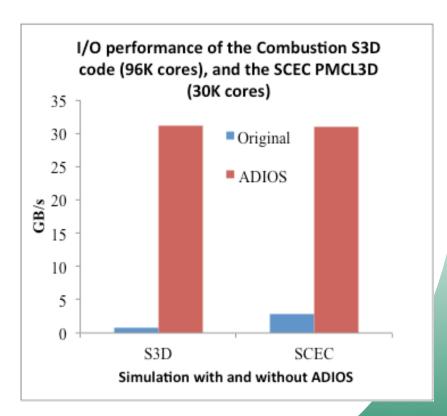






ADIOS 1.2 write speeds

- Synchronous write speeds:
- S3D: 32 GB/s with 96K cores, 1.9MB/core: 0.6% I/O overhead.
- XGC1 code → 40 GB/s
- SCEC code 30 GB/s
- GTC code: 40 GB/s
- GTS code: 35 GB/s
- + many more.
- All times include (open, write, close, flush)













How to use ADIOS to write out data

call adios open (adios handle, "particles", fname, "w", comm, err)

User Fortran code

```
#include "gwrite particles.fh" (automatically genereated)
call adios close (adios handle, err)

    Sample XML file

<adios-group name="particles" coordination-communicator="comm">
    <var name="mype" type="integer"/>
    <var name="nparam" type="integer"/>
    <var name="nspecies" type="integer"/>
    <var name="numberpe" type="integer"/>
    <var name="nparam*numberpe" type="integer" />
    <var name="nparam*mype" type="integer" />
    <var name="ntracke" type="integer" gwrite="ntrackp(2)"/>
<global-bounds dimensions="nparam*numberpe,ntracke" offsets="nparam*mype,0">
    <var name="electrons" type="real" dimensions="nparam,ntracke"</pre>
   gwrite="ptrackede(:,1:ntrackp(2))"/>
</qlobal-bounds>
</adios-group>
<transport method="MPI" group="particles"/>
```













ADIOS MPI_LUSTRE Method

- Improved version of MPI method.
- The file is written out with Lustre stripe-aligned.
- Automatically set Lustre I/O parameters from XML file.
- i.e., stripe count, stripe size and write block size.

For example, to stripe your file on 16 OST's with stripe size 4MB and write block size 512KB,

```
<method group="temperature" method="MPI_LUSTRE">
    stripe_count=16;stripe_size=4194304;block_size=524288
</method>
```











ADIOS MPI_AMR Method

- Newly developed method that further improves IO performance on Lustre Parallel File System
- Key improvements:
 - <u>Eliminate lock contention:</u> Write out multiple subfiles with each file striped on 1 storage target (OST)
 - <u>Aggregate IO among processors</u>: Selected processors gathers all the data and write them out in a big chunk
 - Threaded file opens: Simulation can continue while waiting for file to be opened
 - Good usability: Other than telling ADIOS the # of aggregators to use, everything is the same as writing/reading one file to users.



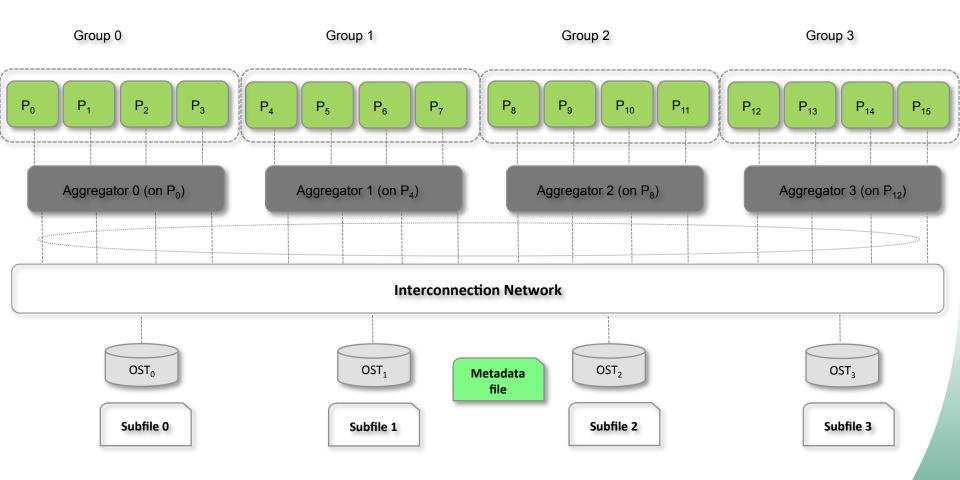








ADIOS MPI_AMR Method How does it work?









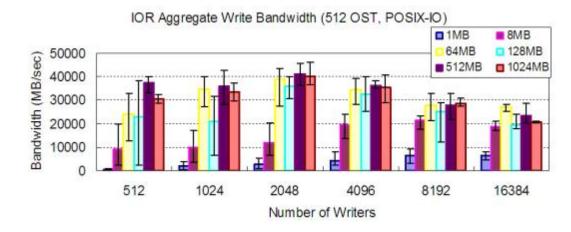




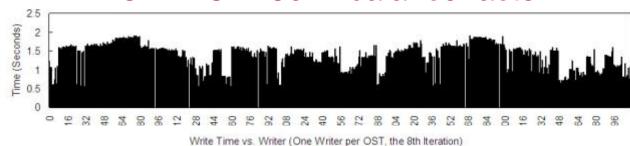
I/O interference

Internal: at 128 MB/proc, 8k->16k process, bandwidth degrades

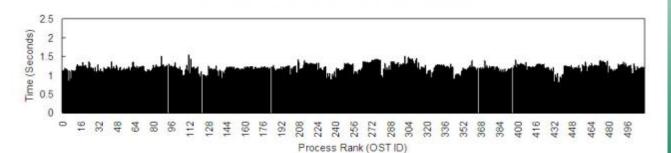
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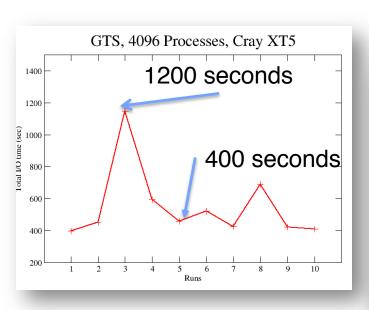
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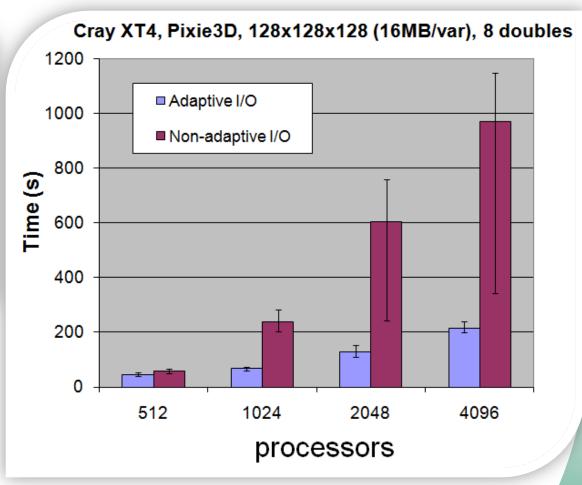


128 MB/process, 3 minutes apart



Variability in I/O is a reality.





- Application scientist want consistent results.
- Minimize network and file system congestion.





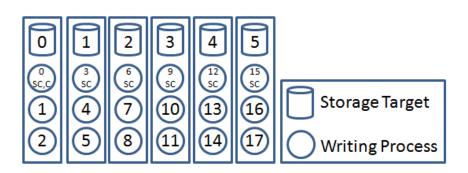


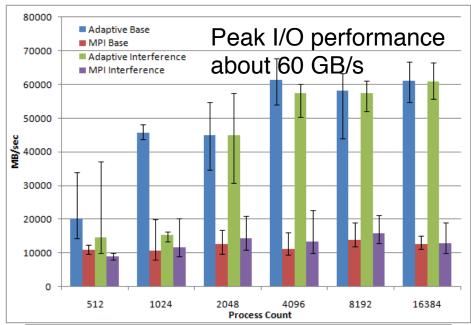


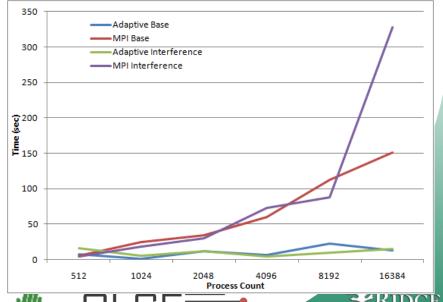


Reduce the variability of I/O

- Adaptive methods meant to handle the variability of the writes. (Lofstead et. al SC 2010).
- Creates sub files on each storage target of different sizes.













bpls (can extract any portion of data).

\$ time bpls -l record.bp -v

```
of groups: 1
of variables: 32
of attributes: 0
time steps: 10 starting from 1
 file size: 162 GB
bp version: 1
Group record:
double /time
                      \{10\} = 0.003 / 0.03
integer /itime
                     \{10\} = 3 / 30
double /dt
                     \{10\} = 0.001 / 0.001
integer /nvar
                     scalar = 8
integer /dimensions/nxd+2 scalar = 1026
integer /dimensions/nyd+2 scalar = 514
integer /dimensions/nzd+2 scalar = 514
double /var/v1
                      \{10, 514, 514, 1026\} = 1/1
double /var/v2
                       {10, 514, 514, 1026} = -2.07946e-06 / 3.43263e-08
double /var/v3
                      {10, 514, 514, 1026} = -1.17581e-10 / 1.24015e-10
double /var/v4
                      \{10, 514, 514, 1026\} = -3.65092e-13 / 3.65092e-13
double /var/v5
                      \{10, 514, 514, 1026\} = -7.95953e-11 / 7.95953e-11
                      \{10, 514, 514, 1026\} = -0.184178 / 0.0123478
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       /name/v1 name
                           \{20\} = 32 / 111
byte
       /name/v2 name
                         \{20\} = 32 / 94
byte
       /name/v3 name
                         \{20\} = 32 / 94
byte
       /name/v4 name {20} = 32 / 94
byte
       /name/v5 name
                           \{20\} = 32 / 94
byte
        /name/v6 name
                           \{20\} = 32 / 94
bvte
        /name/v7 name
                           \{20\} = 32 / 94
byte
        /name/v8 name
                           \{20\} = 32 / 101
byte
integer /bconds
                       \{48\} = -4 / 7
real 0m2.091s
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ADIOS Read API

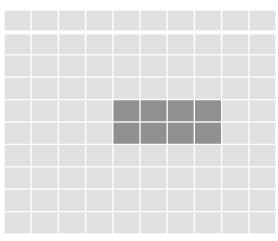
1. open restart.bp file ADIOS_FILE * f = adios_fopen ("restart.bp", MPI_COMM_WORLD); 2. open a ADIOS group called "temperature" ADIOS_GROUP * g = adios_gopen (f, "temperature"); 3. inquire the variable you want to read by its ID for (i = 0; i < g > vars count; i++)ADIOS VARINFO * v = adios inq var byid (g, i); or a more common way is to inquire var by its name

ADIOS_VARINFO * v = adios_inq_var (g, "v2");

4. read data

bytes_read = adios_read_var (g, "v2", start, count, data);

<u>10x10 2D array</u>



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start[0] = 4;
start[1] = 4;
count[0] = 2;
count[1] = 4;
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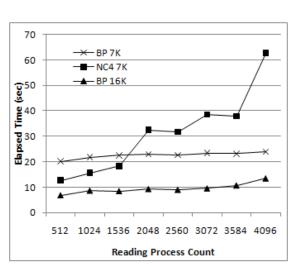


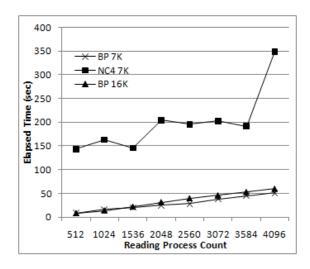
What about Read performance from ADIOS-BP?

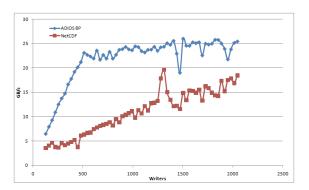
4 papers: simple conclusion.

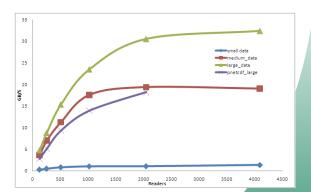
Chunking has a profound effect on read

performance.













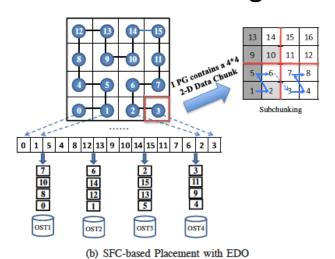


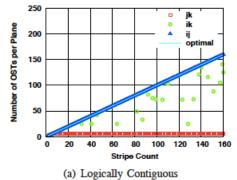


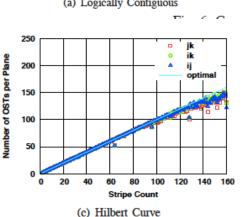


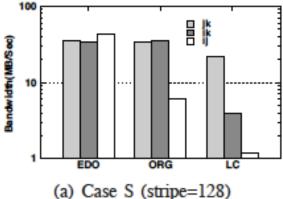
But Why? (Look at reading 2D plane from 3D dataset)

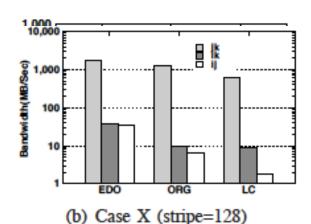
 Use Hilbert curve to place chunks on lustre file system with an Elastic Data Organization.



















Six "degrees" of scientific data: Reading Patterns for Extreme scale data.

- Read all of the variables from an integer multiple of the original number of processors.
 - Example: restart data.
- Read in just a few variables on a small number of processors.
 - Visualization
- Read in a 2D slice from a 3D dataset (or lower dimensional reads) on a small number of processors.
 - Analysis.
- Read in a sub volume of a 3D dataset from a small number of processors.
 - Analysis.
- Read in data in multi-resolution data.



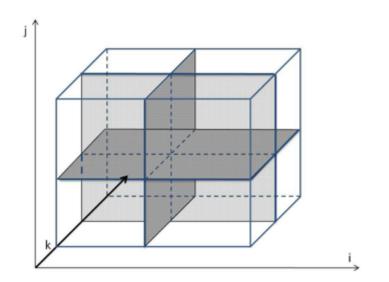


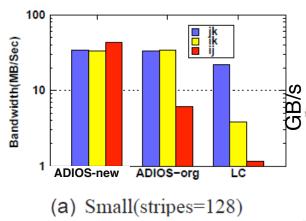


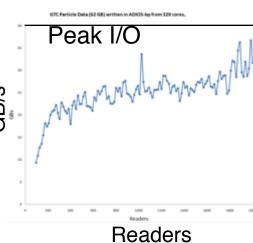




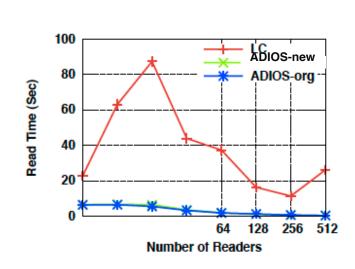
Problem of reading in 2D data from 3D dataset







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Read speed For GTC on Jaguar



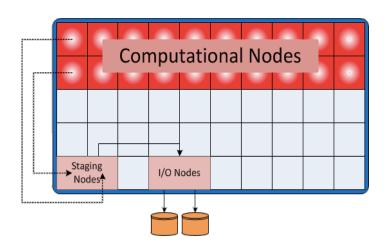








New methods to read data in ADIOS 1.3



- Stage reads, and reduce the number of "readers".
- Initial results when using "real" S3D data indicate 12X improvement of reading analysis data from arbitrary number of processors with sub-files.





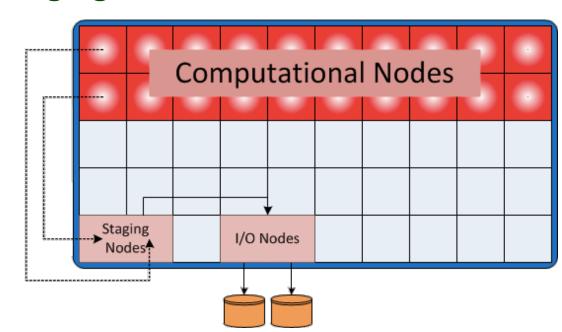






Staging I/O

- Why asynchronous I/O?
 - Reduces performance linkage between I/O subsystem and application
 - Decouple file system performance variations and limitations from application run time
- Enables optimizations based on dynamic number of writers



- High bandwidth data extraction from application
- Scalable data movement with shared resources requires us to manage the transfers
- Scheduling properly can greatly reduce the impact of I/O













Data Service Approach

Managed Data Flow

Data Stager

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Data Stager

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Application

Data Stager

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Staging Area

In network data

- Output costs can be reduced
- Total data size can be managed
- Input cost to workflow can be reduced
- Meta-operations can aid eventual analysis
- Application is decoupled from storage bottlenecks



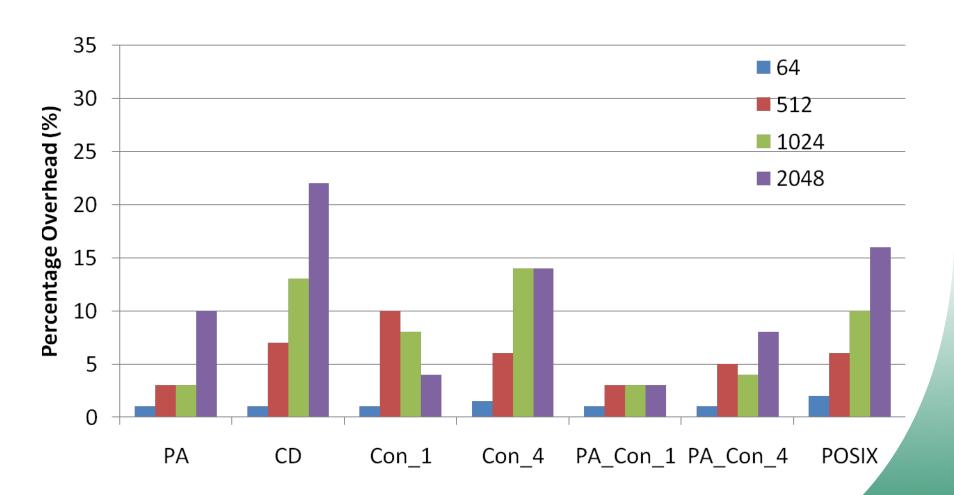








Runtime Overhead comparison for all evaluated scheduling mechanism 16 Stagers







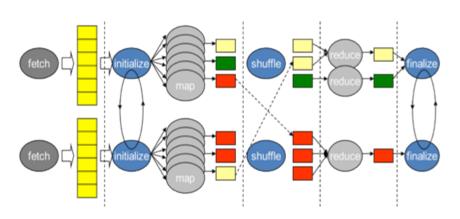






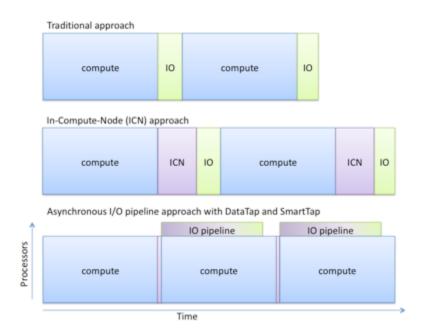
Creation of I/O pipelines to reduce file activity

Streaming Processing in Staging Area

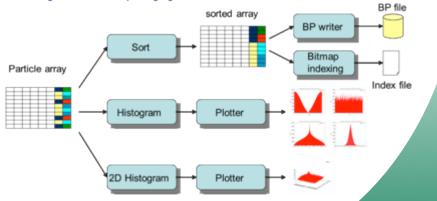


Differences with MapReduce:

- Two-pass streaming processing (In compute nodes or Staging Area)
- In-memory storage for speed
- -Customizable shuffling phase and additional initialize/finalize phases



Example of an I/O pipeline







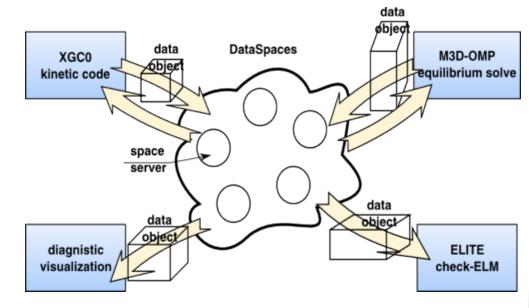






ADIOS with DataSpaces for in-memory loose code coupling

- Semantically-specialized virtual shared space
- Constructed on-the-fly on the cloud of staging nodes
 - Indexes data for quick access and retrieval
 - Provides asynchronous coordination and interaction and realizes the shared-space abstraction
- Complements existing interaction/coordination mechanisms
- In-memory code coupling becomes part of the I/O pipeline



- Supports complex geometry-based queries
- In-space (online) data transformation and manipulations
- Robust decentralized data analysis inthe-space



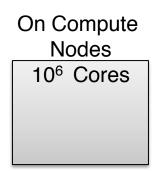








Dividing up the pipeline



Local Statistics (Min, Max, Mean) Local features Binning of data Sorting within a bucket



Compression



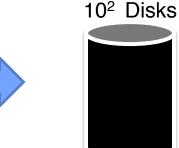
Global Statistics Global features Ordered sorts Indexing of data Compression Spatial correlation Topology mapping

On Staging

Nodes

10³ Cores





Temporal Correlations

Post Processing

Minimize cross node communication

Minimize cross timestep communication

Everything else





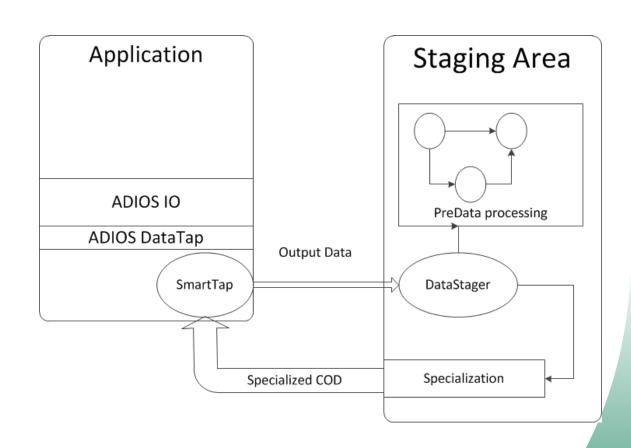






JITStager

- Runtime placement decisions
- Dynamic code generation
- Filter specialization
- Integrated with ADIOS
- Moves code to data.













ActiveSpaces: Dynamic Code Deployment

- Provide the programming support to define custom data kernels to operate on data objects of interest
- Provide the runtime system to dynamically deploy binary code to DataSpaces, execute them on the relevant data objects in parallel, and return results
- Advantages
 - Data kernel size is typically smaller than data sizes
 - Processing often reduces data size
 - Data processing is offloaded to external resources such as the staging node
 - Faster processing time due to better data-locality in the staging area (*i.e.*, the data source)

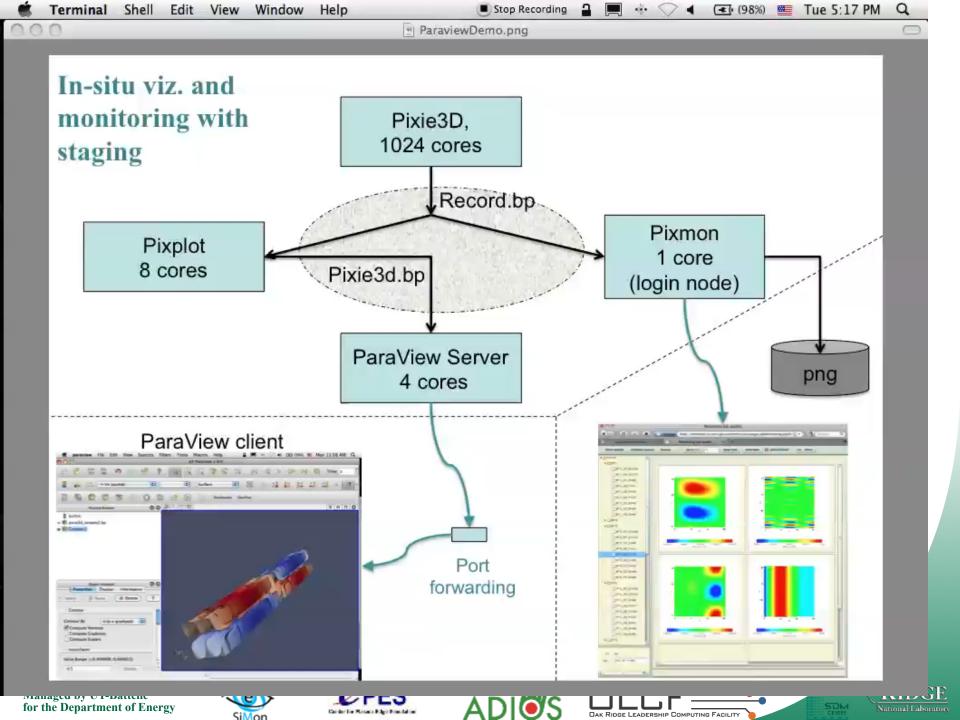




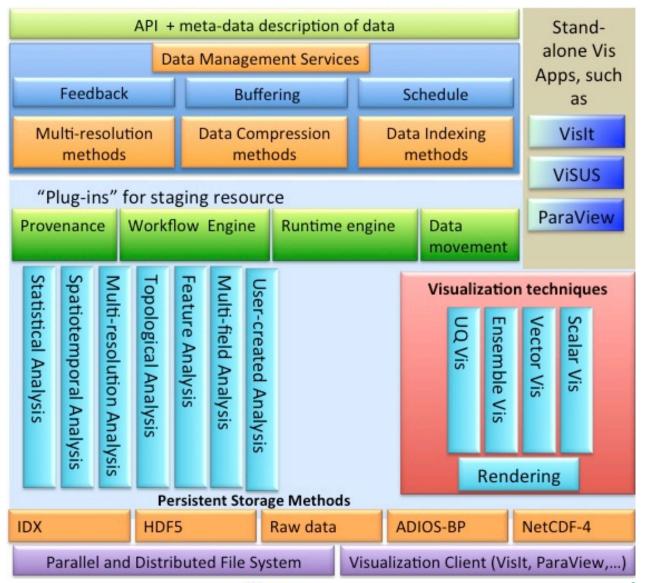








Next generation analytics stack







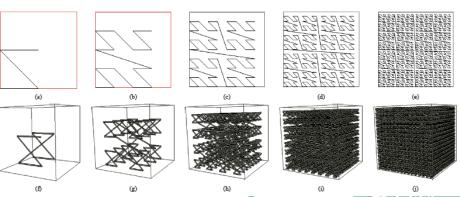






More up-coming features.

- Multi-resolution output/analysis. Pascucci, Frank, "Global Static Indexing for Real-time exploration of Very large regular Grids"
 - Idea is to re-order the data, using a Z-SFC, and to provide algorithms to "progressively analyze the output"
- Renew the focus on topological methods
 - Extract the feature in the data to reduce the amount of data touching the file system.
- ADIOS 1.4 will incorporate I/O compression + multi-resolution output formats (in BP).
- Query interface coming soon.











Questions and challenges.

- 1. How to run complex queries for large data saved from scientific data.
- 2. How to perform complex analysis with "plug-in" services created from users, with best numerical algorithms by analysis/visualization experts.
- 3. How do we minimize the I/O impact when reading and writing data, and allow file format to work on multitude of file systems.
- 4. Ensure a type of QoS while working with data.

- 1. Data Mining Techniques for performing fast queries.
- Certificates, along with virtualizing "analysis/ visualization" clusters, allow scientist to move and reserve VM to move to data to work with "large" complex data and multiple locations.
- 3. Many approaches to handle this challenge. Our approach is with the ADIOS-BP file format.
- 4. Always a challenge with large data running on batch systems. We need "predictable" performance.









