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Reducing E3SM Communication through Task Mapping

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Task Mapping Background

Objective: Minimize *distance* messages must travel by "mapping" frequently communicating MPI tasks to nearby nodes in allocation.

Extreme-scale systems:

- Allocations may be sparse and spread far across the network
- Communication messages can travel long routes
- Network links may become congested by competing traffic

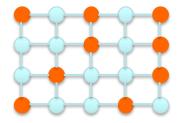


Figure: Non-contiguous node allocation in a mesh network.



Previous Results I



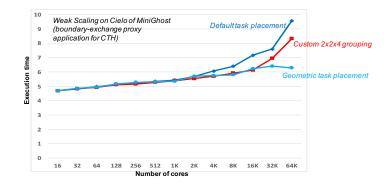


Figure: Scaling study of task mapping for the miniapp MiniGhost on Cielo (torus).

Previous Results II



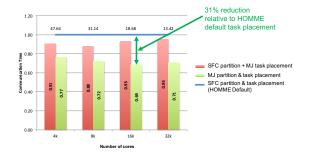


Figure: Communication reduction in HOMME through task mapping on Mira (contiguous torus).

Reduced HOMME communication by 18% on Titan (torus) with
86k cores [Deveci et al., 2019]

Zoltan(2) and Partitioning [Boman et al., 2012]

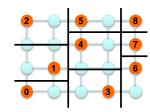
Zoltan(2):

 Trilinos package for partitioning, load balancing, ordering, coloring, and other graph/combinatorial algorithms

Task Mapping Method:

- Represent both the processor allocation and the application communication as graphs or set of coordinates
- Partition both representations using Zoltan
- Map application parts to processor parts for reduced communication

Figure: Partitioning of tasks (above) and processor allocation (below).







Cray Aries Interconnect (Dragonfly) and Coordinate Representation

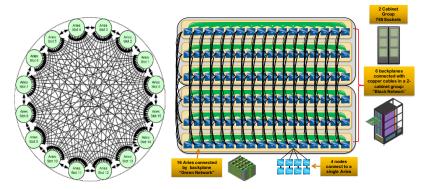


Figure: Group all-to-all (x) and intergroup connection (y, z) of dragonfly network. *Image Credit: Jeff Brooks, Cray Inc.*



E3SM Task Mapping

Coupled compset method:

- Use AChax [Roth, 2018] tool (ORNL) to recover application communication graph (during "short" independent E3SM run)
- During full E3SM run:
 - Load application graph
 - Obtain and transform rcalib network coordinates
 - Partition both representations and perform mapping
 - Reorder global communicator with mapping solution

Advantages:

- Application and configuration agnostic
- Diagnostic application run can be done offline
- Non-invasive

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Thank you!

