



Impacts of Current Hardware and Software Developments on Simulation Sciences

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Motivation

Introduce current and prominent trends in computer science

and discuss how an HPC/data centre can guide and support computational scientists to improve their simulation codes on current and future computer systems.



Performance Development





Processor Developments



Original data up to the year 2010 collected and plotted by M. Horowitz, F. Labonte, O. Shacham, K. Olukotun, L. Hammond, and C. Batten New plot and data collected for 2010-2015 by K. Rupp



Technology Trend: More Parallel Processors

Processor Parallelism

- Micro-architecture level:
 - Data-parallel instructions (SIMD)
 - Number of instruction pipelines
- Processor level: multi-core

Example: JUROPA/JURECA Clusters at JSC

	JUROPA [2009]	JURECA [2015]
SIMD width	2x64 bit	4x64 bit
No. of SIMD pipelines	1	2
Core/processor	4	12
Flop/cycle/processor	16	192
Core clock frequency [GHz]	2,93	2,5



Even More Parallel "Accelerators" ...

Competing Technologies

- Graphics processing units (GPU)
- Xeon Phi

Processor level parallelism

	NVIDIA K40	Intel Xeon Phi 7120D
Flop/cycle/processor	1920	976
Core clock frequency [GHz]	0.75	1.24



Technology Trend: Deeper Memory Hierarchy

High memory capability and capacity requirements

- Increasing compute performance
 → Increase of memory bandwidth B_{mem}
- Applications ambition to solve large problems
 → Significant memory capacity C_{mem}

Costs challenge

Faster memory = more expensive (larger GByte/EUR)

Solution: Memory hierarchy with more levels

- Fast memory, smaller capacity
- Large capacity, slower memory



Accelerators Architectures Today



- Relatively small bandwidth between host and device
- Separate memory coherence domains



Future GPU Architectures



- Similar bandwidth host-device and host-memory
- Single memory coherence domains
- OpenPOWER is going down this road



Technology Trend: Energy Efficiency

Challenge: Common understanding of upper limit for a 1 Exaflop system: 20 MW

- Current #1 system (Tianhe-2): 55 Pflops, 17,8 MW
 → energy consumption has to be reduced by a factor of 20!!
- Latest optimistic estimates: 1 Eflop in 2020 needs 180-425 MW Peter M. Kogge, Lecture Notes in Computer Science 9137 (2015) 323-339

Options

- Develop energy-efficient processors → accelerators and other components
- Processor voltage optimization
- Optimize data centre cooling: avoid fans, free cooling



Technology Trend: Innovative Interconnects

	EXTOLL	Intel True Scale		Mellanox IBAN		PLX Technology
	Tourmalet	QDR	QDR 80	EDR	FDR	ExpressFabric [®]
Availability	Q3/2015	Now	Now	2015	Now	2015
Switches	None	IBAN	IBAN	IBAN	IBAN	PCIe switches req.
Topologies	≤7 direct connections	Switched, any, 1 rail	Switched, any 2 rails	Switched, any, 1-2 rails	Switched, any, 1-2 rails	Switched, any, 1 rail only
# Links per NIC	7	1 or 2	1 or 2	1 or 2	1 or 2	1-4 (for DEEP-ER)
Link BW	120 Gbit/s	40 Gbit/s	80 Gbit/s	103 Gbit/s	56 Gbit/s	32 (4 links) –128 (1 link) Gbit/s
Aggregate BW	940 Gbit/s	80 Gbit/s	160 Gbit/s	206 Gbit/s	112 Gbit/s	128 Gbit/s
# contexts	256	64	2*64			64
SR-IOV support	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Drivers & Firmware	Adaptable	Available	Available	N/A	Available, KNL?	OSS
Driver I/F	VELO, SMFU, OFED	OFED, PSM	ODEF, PSM	OFED	OFED	OFED



Technology Trend: Data Avoiding Architectures

Processing in Memory

Data are processed in memory without transferring them between memory and CPU

Example: Active Memory Cube (IBM)

- Processing-in-memory device based on Hybrid Memory Cube
- 3-dim stacked memory with Through-Silicon-Vias
- Logic layer with
 32 compute elements
- Chainable for capacity and compute performance



Paul F. Baumeister, Hans Boettiger, José R. Brunheroto, Thorsten Hater, Thilo Maurer, Andrea Nobile, Dirk Pleiter, Lecture Notes in Computer Science **9137** (2015) 96-112



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HPC Systems @ JSC: Dual Architecture Strategy





JURECA: Jülich Research on Exascale Cluster Architectures

JURECA, an Intel-based cluster

2 Intel Haswell 12-core processors,
 2.5 GHz, SMT, 128 GB main memory



- 1,884 compute nodes or 45,216 cores, thereof T-Platforms, Russia

 75 nodes with 2 K80 NVIDIA graphics cards each and
 12 nodes with 512 GB main memory and 2 K40 NVIDIA graphics
 cards each for visualisation
- 2.245 Petaflop/s peak (including K80 graphics cards)
 ?? Petaflop/s Linpack
- 281 TByte memory
- Mellanox Infiniband EDR
- Connected to the GPFS file system on JUST

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JUQUEEN: Jülich's Scalable Petaflop System

IBM Blue Gene/Q JUQUEEN

- IBM PowerPC[®] A2 1.6 GHz, 16 cores per node
- 28 racks, 458,752 cores
- 5,9 Petaflop/s peak
 5,0 Petaflop/s Linpack
- 448 TByte main memory



- connected to a Global Parallel File System (GPFS) with O(10) PByte online disk and O(50) PByte offline tape capacity
- 5D network
- Production start: Nov 5, 2012





Community-specific Systems and Services at JSC

Astrophysics, Neuroscience and Biomedicine

- JUDGE: Intel-based Linux cluster + NVIDIA GPUs 206 nodes + GPUs, 240 Tflop/s, 20 TB disk
- Used internally by disciplinary researchers and members of DFG special research fields

ILDG and LOFAR

- dCache storage systems
- 240 TB disk + 3 PB tape capacity

AMS - Cosmic-ray research on the ISS

- Compute and data facilities to support the data analysis of the AMS partner RWTH Aachen
- 140 Intel Haswell processors with 14 cores each, about 3 PB disks on GPFS@JUST









Prototype Systems at JSC

- (QCD Parallel Computing on the Cell)
 1,024 Power XCell 8i processors, 100 Teraflop/s, 4 TB memory
 - Innovative "cold plate cooling"; node card cooled by conduction
 - #1 in Green500 2009/2010
- JUDGE (Jülich Dedicated GPU Environment)
 206 nodes with 2 Intel Westmere 6-core 2.66 GHz processors each,
 412 graphic processors (NVIDIA Fermi), 240 Teraflop/s, 20 TB memory
- IPEEP (Dynamical Exascale Entry Platform) Cluster: 128 nodes with 2 Intel Sandy Bridge 8-core 2.7 GHz procs each, Booster: 384 Intel MICs (KNC) connected via Extoll interconnect
- BGAS (Blue Gene Active Storage) attached to JUQUEEN and an external storage system
 - Boosts I/O performance, facilitates interactive access to the data



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Exascale Research at JSC

Exascale challenges

- Drastically improve energy efficiency
- Preserve usability at tremendously increased level of parallelism
- Keep overall system balanced
- Address reliability and resilience

Co-design approach

- Scientific problem requirements influence architecture design and technology
- Architectural constraints impact formulation and design of algorithms and software

Co-design enabled through Exascale Labs





Exascale Research at JSC (cont.)

Established Exascale Labs

- Exascale Innovation Center (EIC) with IBM [2010]
- ExaCluster Lab (ECL) with Intel and ParTeC [2010] ECL
- NVIDIA Application Lab [2012]
- Power Acceleration and Design Center (PADC) [2015]
 with IBM (Böblingen and Zürich) and NVIDIA

Topics addressed

- New architectural concept exploration
 - Booster concept
 - Active storage architectures
- Efficient and productive use of many-core architectures
- Richer memory hierarchies
- Scalability through new network technologies

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QPACE (2009-today) QCD Parallel Computing on the Cell

- Massively parallel architecture optimized for LQCD applications
- Developed by an academic-industrial team
 - Academic team: U Regensburg, U Wuppertal, U Ferrara/Milano, FZJ, DESY
 - Industrial partner: IBM
- Concept
 - Fast commodity processor
 = IBM PowerXCell 8i
 - Custom network
 - \rightarrow custom network processor
 - Custom system design





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Goals

- Selection of power efficient components + Maximization of hardware utilization
- Component power tuning
 - Voltage tuning algorithm reaches O(10%) gain
- Energy-efficient cooling system
 - Avoid fans, air-conditioners as they are a significant source of power consumption; water cooling more energy efficient
 - Node-card cooled by conduction
 → dry connection
 - Water-cooled cold-plate

Culletter



EU Exascale Project DEEP (12/2011-08/2015)

Starting point: Traditional cluster with GPUs



- Flat topology
- Simple management of resources
- Static assignment of accelerators to CPUs
- Accelerators cannot act autonomously





Low/Medium scalable code parts

Highly scalable code parts

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Application running on DEEP





Free cooling





GreenICE system

- Alternative Booster implementation
 - Interconnect EXTOLL ASIC "Tourmalet"
 - 32 KNC-nodes system
 - Implement 4x4x2 topology, with Z dimension open
- Experiment with immersion Cooling
 - 2-phase NOVEC liquid from 3M
 - Evaporates at about 50°C
 - Condensates again in a water cooling pipe





EU Exascale Project DEEP-ER (10/2013-03/2017)

Objectives

- DEEP-ER extends the Cluster-Booster architecture of DEEP by a highly scalable I/O system and a recover mechanism (resiliency) for applications that failed due to hardware errors
- Leverage new memory technology and hierachies
- Build a prototype based on Intel MIC (KNL)
- Develop a highly scalable and efficient I/O subsystem, based on FhGs BeeGFS and using the I/O middleware SIONlib and Exascale 10
- Extend the DEEP Programming Model based on OmpSs
- Seven important HPC applications are optimised demonstrating the usability, performance and resiliency of the DEEP-ER Prototype



Towards a stand-alone booster system





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The Simulation Laboratory as HPC Enabler

Advisory Board

Simulation Laboratory

Support:

- Application analysis
- Re-engineering
- Community codes
- Workshops

Research:

- Scalable algorithms
- XXL simulations
- 3rd party projects
- Hardware co-design

Cross-Sectional Teams, Exascale and Data Lifecycle Labs

Community Groups



SimLab Nuclear and Particle Physics Algorithm Research





SimLab Nuclear and Particle Physics Strong scaling analysis of LQCD simulation software





SimLab TerrSys

TerrSysMP:

- Fully integrated groundwatervegetation-atmosphere simulation platform; earth system models at regional scale
- Water cycle processes and variability across scales
- Climate and land use impacts





- Scalasca performance analysis
- Refactoring of OASIS-MCT coupling interface to remove scaling bottleneck
- Scaling now to 32k cores:
 64x increased problem size!



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SimLab Neuroscience

- Alias: Bernstein Facility for Simulation and Database Technology
- Part of Helmholtz-funded activity 'Supercomputing and Modeling for the Human Brain' and JARA-HPC
- Supporting the European FET Flagship 'Human Brain Project'
- Bridge between Comp. Neuroscience community and HPC

Recent Highlight

- Reconstruction of recurrent synaptic connectivity of thousands of neurons from simulated spiking activity
- Y. Zaytsev, A. Morrison, M. Deger, Journal of Computational Neuroscience 39 (1) 77 (2015)





Human Brain Project



CST Application Optimisation Scalable library loading with SPINDLE

Improving the library-loading performance of dynamically-linked HPC applications and Python files



In cooperation with Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

• W. Frings et al., Best Paper award, 27th ICS, June 2013

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CST Parallel Performance: SCalaSCa Scalable Analysis of Large Scale Applications http://www.scalasca.org

Highly scalable parallel performance tool

Successful experiments with up to 1 million threads

Basis for user support, research and training





CST Application Optimisation SIONIib: Parallel I/O to task local files at large scale





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Promoting Exascale-Ready Applications



23 codes from a wide range of science fields, scaling across 458,752 cores and up to 1.8 million threads on JUQUEEN:

CoreNeuron, dynQCD, FE2TI, FEMPAR, Gysela, ICON, IMD, JURASSIC, JuSPIC, KKRnano, MP2C, muPhi, Musubi, NEST, OpenTBL, PEPC, PMG+PFASST, PP-Code, psOpen, SHOCK, Terra-Neo, waLBerla, ZFS

http://www.fz-juelich.de/ias/jsc/high-q-club



High Impact Publications

Users of the facility at JSC produce about 250 publications per year



S. de Beer, M. Müser Nature Communications **5** (2014) 3781



Sz. Borsanyi et al., Science **347** (2015) 6229



D. Marx et al., Nature Chemistry **5** (2013) 685



A. Schwenk et al., Nature **498** (2013) 346



R.O. Jones et al., Nature Materials **10** (2011) 129



M. Lezaic et al., Nature Materials **9** (2010) 649

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