Building Efficient HPC Clouds with MVAPICH2 and OpenStack over SR-IOV-enabled Heterogeneous Clusters

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HPC Meets Cloud Computing

- Cloud Computing widely adopted in industry computing environment
- Cloud Computing provides high resource utilization and flexibility
- Virtualization is the key technology to enable Cloud Computing
- Intersect360 study shows cloud is the fastest growing class of HPC
- HPC Meets Cloud: The convergence of Cloud Computing and HPC
Drivers of Modern HPC Cluster and Cloud Architecture

- Multi-core/many-core technologies, Accelerators
- Large memory nodes
- Solid State Drives (SSDs), NVM, Parallel Filesystems, Object Storage Clusters
- Remote Direct Memory Access (RDMA)-enabled networking (InfiniBand and RoCE)
- Single Root I/O Virtualization (SR-IOV)
Single Root I/O Virtualization (SR-IOV)

- Single Root I/O Virtualization (SR-IOV) is providing new opportunities to design HPC cloud with very little low overhead
- Allows a single physical device, or a Physical Function (PF), to present itself as multiple virtual devices, or Virtual Functions (VFs)
- VFs are designed based on the existing non-virtualized PFs, no need for driver change
- Each VF can be dedicated to a single VM through PCI pass-through
- Work with 10/40 GigE and InfiniBand
Broad Challenges of Building Efficient HPC Clouds

- Virtualization Support with Virtual Machines and Containers
  - KVM, Docker, Singularity, etc.
- Communication coordination among optimized communication channels on Clouds
  - SR-IOV, IVShmem, IPC-Shm, CMA, etc.
- Locality-aware communication
- Scalability for million to billion processors
  - Support for highly-efficient inter-node and intra-node communication (both two-sided and one-sided)
- Scalable Collective communication
  - Offload; Non-blocking; Topology-aware
- Balancing intra-node and inter-node communication for next generation nodes (128-1024 cores)
  - Multiple end-points per node
- NUMA-aware communication for nested virtualization
- Integrated Support for GPGPUs and Accelerators
- Fault-tolerance/resiliency
  - Migration support with virtual machines
- QoS support for communication and I/O
- Support for Hybrid MPI+PGAS programming (MPI + OpenMP, MPI + UPC, MPI + OpenSHMEM, MPI+UPC++, CAF, ...)
- Energy-Awareness
- Co-design with resource management and scheduling systems on Clouds
  - OpenStack, Slurm, etc.
Approaches to Build HPC Clouds

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  - RDMA-Hadoop, OpenStack Swift
Overview of the MVAPICH2 Project

• High Performance open-source MPI Library for InfiniBand, Omni-Path, Ethernet/iWARP, and RDMA over Converged Ethernet (RoCE)
  – MVAPICH (MPI-1), MVAPICH2 (MPI-2.2 and MPI-3.1), Started in 2001, First version available in 2002
  – MVAPICH2-X (MPI + PGAS), Available since 2011
  – Support for GPGPUs (MVAPICH2-GDR) and MIC (MVAPICH2-MIC), Available since 2014
  – Support for Virtualization (MVAPICH2-Virt), Available since 2015
  – Support for Energy-Awareness (MVAPICH2-EA), Available since 2015
  – Support for InfiniBand Network Analysis and Monitoring (OSU INAM) since 2015
• Used by more than 2,900 organizations in 86 countries
• More than 469,000 (> 0.46 million) downloads from the OSU site directly
  – Empowering many TOP500 clusters (Nov ‘17 ranking)
    • 1st, 10,649,600-core (Sunway TaihuLight) at National Supercomputing Center in Wuxi, China
    • 9th, 556,104 cores (Oakforest-PACS) in Japan
    • 12th, 368,928-core (Stampede2) at TACC
    • 17th, 241,108-core (Pleiades) at NASA
    • 48th, 76,032-core (Tsubame 2.5) at Tokyo Institute of Technology
• Available with software stacks of many vendors and Linux Distros (RedHat and SuSE)
• Empowering Top500 systems for over a decade
Overview of MVAPICH2-Virt with SR-IOV and IVSHMEM

- Redesign MVAPICH2 to make it virtual machine aware
  - SR-IOV shows near to native performance for inter-node point to point communication
  - IVSHMEM offers shared memory based data access across co-resident VMs
  - Locality Detector: maintains the locality information of co-resident virtual machines
  - Communication Coordinator: selects the communication channel (SR-IOV, IVSHMEM) adaptively

- Support deployment with OpenStack


Application-Level Performance on Chameleon

- 32 VMs, 6 Core/VM
- Compared to Native, 2-5% overhead for Graph500 with 128 Procs
- Compared to Native, 1-9.5% overhead for SPEC MPI2007 with 128 Procs
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Execute Live Migration with SR-IOV Device

```
[root@sandy1:~]$
[root@sandy1:~]$$ssh sandy3-vm1 lspci
root@sandy3-vm1's password:
00:00.0 Host bridge: Intel Corporation 440FX - 82441FX PMC [Natoma] (rev 02)
00:01.0 ISA bridge: Intel Corporation 82371SB PIIX3 ISA [Natoma/Triton II]
00:01.1 IDE interface: Intel Corporation 82371SB PIIX3 IDE [Natoma/Triton II]
00:01.2 USB controller: Intel Corporation 82371SB PIIX3 USB [Natoma/Triton II] (rev 01)
00:01.3 Bridge: Intel Corporation 82371AB/EB/MB PIIX4 ACPI (rev 03)
00:02.0 VGA compatible controller: Cirrus Logic GD 5446
00:03.0 Ethernet controller: Red Hat, Inc Virtio network device
00:04.0 Infiniband controller: Mellanox Technologies MT27700 Family [ConnectX-4 Virtual Function]
00:05.0 Unclassified device [00ff]: Red Hat, Inc Virtio memory balloon
[root@sandy1:~]$
[root@sandy1:~]$
[root@sandy1:~]$
[root@sandy1:~]$
[root@sandy1:~]$
[root@sandy1:~]$$virsh migrate --live --rdma-pin-all --migrateuri rdma://sandy3-ib sandy1-vm1 qemu:///sandy3-ib/system
error: Requested operation is not valid: domain has assigned non-USB host devices
[root@sandy1:~]$
```
High Performance SR-IOV enabled VM Migration Support in MVAPICH2

- Migration with SR-IOV device has to handle the challenges of detachment/re-attachment of virtualized IB device and IB connection
- Consist of SR-IOV enabled IB Cluster and External Migration Controller
- Multiple parallel libraries to notify MPI applications during migration (detach/reattach SR-IOV/IVShmem, migrate VMs, migration status)
- Handle the IB connection suspending and reactivating
- Propose Progress engine (PE) and migration thread based (MT) design to optimize VM migration and MPI application performance

Performance Evaluation of VM Migration Framework

- Compared with the TCP, the RDMA scheme reduces the total migration time by 20%.
- Total time is dominated by ‘Migration’ time; Times on other steps are similar across different schemes.
- Proposed migration framework could reduce up to 51% migration time.
Migrate a VM from one machine to another while benchmark is running inside

Proposed MT-based designs perform slightly worse than PE-based designs because of lock/unlock

No benefit from MT because of NO computation involved
Performance Evaluation of VM Migration Framework

- 8 VMs in total and 1 VM carries out migration during application running
- Compared with NM, MT-worst and PE incur some overhead compared with NM
- MT-typical allows migration to be completely overlapped with computation
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Overview of Containers-based Virtualization

- Container-based technologies (e.g., Docker) provide **lightweight** virtualization solutions
- Container-based virtualization – share host kernel by containers
Containers-based Design: Issues, Challenges, and Approaches

- What are the performance bottlenecks when running MPI applications on multiple containers per host in HPC cloud?
- Can we propose a new design to overcome the bottleneck on such container-based HPC cloud?
- Can optimized design deliver near-native performance for different container deployment scenarios?
- Locality-aware based design to enable CMA and Shared memory channels for MPI communication across co-resident containers

• 64 Containers across 16 nodes, pining 4 Cores per Container
• Compared to Container-Def, up to 11% and 73% of execution time reduction for NAS and Graph 500
• Compared to Native, less than 9% and 5% overhead for NAS and Graph 500
Singularity Performance on Different Processor Architectures

- MPI point-to-point Bandwidth
- On both Haswell and KNL, less than 7% overhead for Singularity solution
- Worse intra-node performance than Haswell because low CPU frequency, complex cluster mode, and cost maintaining cache coherence
- KNL - Inter-node performs better than intra-node case after around 256 Kbytes, as Omni-Path interconnect outperforms shared memory-based transfer for large message size
Singularity Performance on Haswell with InfiniBand

- 512 processors across 32 Haswell nodes
- Singularity delivers near-native performance, less than 7% overhead on Haswell with InfiniBand

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Nested Virtualization: Containers over Virtual Machines

- Useful for live migration, sandbox application, legacy system integration, software deployment, etc.
- Performance issues because of the redundant call stacks (two-layer virtualization) and isolated physical resources
Multiple Communication Paths in Nested Virtualization

- Different VM placements introduce multiple communication paths on container level
  1. Intra-VM Intra-Container (across core 4 and core 5)
  2. Intra-VM Inter-Container (across core 13 and core 14)
  3. Inter-VM Inter-Container (across core 6 and core 12)
  4. Inter-Node Inter-Container (across core 15 and the core on remote node)
Overview of Proposed Design in MVAPICH2

Two-Layer Locality Detector: Dynamically detecting MPI processes in the co-resident containers inside one VM as well as the ones in the co-resident VMs.

Two-Layer NUMA Aware Communication Coordinator: Leverage nested locality info, NUMA architecture info and message to select appropriate communication channel.

Inter-VM Inter-Container Pt2Pt (Intra-Socket)

- 1Layer has similar performance to the Default
- Compared with 1Layer, 2Layer delivers up to 84% and 184% improvement for latency and BW
Inter-VM Inter-Container Pt2Pt (Inter-Socket)

- 1-Layer has similar performance to the Default
- 2-Layer has near-native performance for small msg, but clear overhead on large msg
- Compared to 2-Layer, Hybrid design brings up to 42% and 25% improvement for latency and BW, respectively
• 256 processes across 64 containers on 16 nodes
• Compared with Default, enhanced-hybrid design reduces up to 16% (28,16) and 10% (LU) of execution time for Graph 500 and NAS, respectively
• Compared with the 1Layer case, enhanced-hybrid design also brings up to 12% (28,16) and 6% (LU) performance benefit
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SLURM SPANK Plugin based Design

- **VM Configuration Reader** – Register all VM configuration options, set in the job control environment so that they are visible to all allocated nodes.

- **VM Launcher** – Setup VMs on each allocated node:
  - **File based lock** to detect occupied VF and exclusively allocate free VF
  - **Assign a unique ID** to each IVSHMEM and dynamically attach to each VM

- **VM Reclaimer** – Tear down VMs and reclaim resources
SLURM SPANK Plugin with OpenStack based Design

- VM Configuration Reader – VM options register
- VM Launcher, VM Reclaimer – Offload to underlying OpenStack infrastructure
  - PCI Whitelist to passthrough free VF to VM
  - Extend Nova to enable IVSHMEM when launching VM

• 32 VMs across 8 nodes, 6 Core/VM
• EASJ - Compared to Native, less than 4% overhead with 128 Procs
• SACJ, EACJ – Also minor overhead, when running NAS as concurrent job with 64 Procs
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The Brain Connectome. Illustration of a set of fascicles (white matter bundles) obtained by using a tractography algorithm. Fascicles are grouped together conforming white matter tracts (shown with different colors here) connecting different cortical areas of the human brain. LiFE\(^1\) (Linear Fascicle Evaluation) is an approach to predict diffusion measurements in brain connectomes.

- Easy and Fast Discovery is the key!

\(^1\)https://github.com/francoprestilli/life

- Easy-to-use and High-Performance Technology is the key!
MPI-based LiFE for Brain Health: Initial Design using MVAPICH2 MPI Library

- Identified computationally intensive tasks as the computations of matrix by vector products
  \[ w = M^T y \text{ and } y = Mw \]
- The computationally intensive functions have been parallelized using MPI by dividing the task among multiple MPI processes
- Implementation uses MVAPICH2\(^2\), from OSU team

![Diagram](https://github.com/francopestilli/life) ![Diagram](http://mvapich.cse.ohio-state.edu/)

**Computation of** \( w = M^T y \text{ using 2 MPI processes} \)

**Computation of** \( y = Mw \text{ using 2 MPI processes} \)

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Design and Evaluation with MVAPICH2: Single Node with MPI on Intel Knights Landing (KNL)

- Evaluation on TACC Stampede KNL (Intel Xeon Phi KNL CPUs, 68 cores, 96 GB memory per node)
- Up to 8.7x speed up

**MPI-LiFE software is available from** [http://neurohpc.cse.ohio-state.edu](http://neurohpc.cse.ohio-state.edu)

Docker-containerized version, Can run from laptop to clusters
Design and Evaluation of LiFE code with MVAPICH2-Virt+Docker

- Evaluation on Chameleon with Docker (Intel Haswell CPUs, 24 cores, 128 GB memory per node)
- Up to 5.5x speed up on Chameleon
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The High-Performance Big Data (HiBD) Project

- RDMA for Apache Spark
- RDMA for Apache Hadoop 2.x (RDMA-Hadoop-2.x)
  - Plugins for Apache, Hortonworks (HDP) and Cloudera (CDH) Hadoop distributions
- RDMA for Apache HBase
- RDMA for Memcached (RDMA-Memcached)
- RDMA for Apache Hadoop 1.x (RDMA-Hadoop)
- OSU HiBD-Benchmarks (OHB)
  - HDFS, Memcached, HBase, and Spark Micro-benchmarks
- [http://hibd.cse.ohio-state.edu](http://hibd.cse.ohio-state.edu)
- Users Base: 285 organizations from 34 countries
- More than 26,400 downloads from the project site

Available for InfiniBand and RoCE
Also run on Ethernet

Available for x86 and OpenPOWER

Support for Singularity and Docker
Overview of RDMA-Hadoop-Virt Architecture

- Virtualization-aware modules in all the four main Hadoop components:
  - **HDFS**: Virtualization-aware Block Management to improve fault-tolerance
  - **YARN**: Extensions to Container Allocation Policy to reduce network traffic
  - **MapReduce**: Extensions to Map Task Scheduling Policy to reduce network traffic
  - **Hadoop Common**: Topology Detection Module for automatic topology detection

- Communications in HDFS, MapReduce, and RPC go through RDMA-based designs over SR-IOV enabled InfiniBand

Evaluation with Applications

- 14% and 24% improvement with Default Mode for CloudBurst and Self-Join
- 30% and 55% improvement with Distributed Mode for CloudBurst and Self-Join
OpenStack Swift Overview

- **Distributed Cloud-based** Object Storage Service
- **Deployed as part of** OpenStack installation
- Can be deployed as **standalone** storage solution as well
- **Worldwide** data access via Internet
  - HTTP-based
- **Architecture**
  - Multiple Object Servers: To store data
  - Few Proxy Servers: Act as a proxy for all requests
  - Ring: Handles metadata
- **Usage**
  - Input/output source for **Big Data** applications (**most common use case**)
  - Software/Data backup
  - Storage of VM/Docker images
- Based on traditional TCP sockets communication
Swift-X: Accelerating OpenStack Swift with RDMA for Building Efficient HPC Clouds

- Challenges
  - Proxy server is a bottleneck for large scale deployments
  - Object upload/download operations network intensive
  - Can an RDMA-based approach benefit?

- Design
  - Re-designed Swift architecture for improved scalability and performance; Two proposed designs:
    - Client-Oblivious Design: No changes required on the client side
    - Metadata Server-based Design: Direct communication between client and object servers; bypass proxy server
  - RDMA-based communication framework for accelerating networking performance
  - High-performance I/O framework to provide maximum overlap between communication and I/O

S. Gugnani, X. Lu, and D. K. Panda, Swift-X: Accelerating OpenStack Swift with RDMA for Building an Efficient HPC Cloud, accepted at CCGrid’17, May 2017
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**TIME BREAKUP OF GET AND PUT**

- Communication
- I/O
- Hashsum
- Other

- Communication time reduced by up to 3.8x for PUT and up to 2.8x for GET

**GET LATENCY EVALUATION**

- Up to 66% reduction in GET latency

Reduced by 66%
## Available Appliances on Chameleon Cloud*

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<td>Chameleon bare-metal image customized with the KVM hypervisor and a recompiled kernel to enable SR-IOV over InfiniBand. <a href="https://www.chameleoncloud.org/appliances/3/">https://www.chameleoncloud.org/appliances/3/</a></td>
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<td>MPI bare-metal cluster complex appliance (Based on Heat)</td>
<td>This appliance deploys an MPI cluster composed of bare metal instances using the MVAPICH2 library over InfiniBand. <a href="https://www.chameleoncloud.org/appliances/29/">https://www.chameleoncloud.org/appliances/29/</a></td>
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<td>CentOS 7 SR-IOV RDMA-Hadoop</td>
<td>The CentOS 7 SR-IOV RDMA-Hadoop appliance is built from the CentOS 7 appliance and additionally contains RDMA-Hadoop library with SR-IOV. <a href="https://www.chameleoncloud.org/appliances/17/">https://www.chameleoncloud.org/appliances/17/</a></td>
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- Through these available appliances, users and researchers can easily deploy HPC clouds to perform experiments and run jobs with:
  - High-Performance SR-IOV + InfiniBand
  - High-Performance MVAPICH2 Library over bare-metal InfiniBand clusters
  - High-Performance MVAPICH2 Library with Virtualization Support over SR-IOV enabled KVM clusters
  - High-Performance Hadoop with RDMA-based Enhancements Support

[*] Only include appliances contributed by OSU NowLab
Conclusions

- **MVAPICH2-Virt** over SR-IOV-enabled InfiniBand is an efficient approach to build HPC Clouds
  - Standalone, OpenStack, Slurm, and Slurm + OpenStack
  - Support Virtual Machine Migration with SR-IOV InfiniBand devices
  - Support Virtual Machine, Container (Docker and Singularity), and Nested Virtualization
- Very little overhead with virtualization, near native performance at application level
- Much better performance than Amazon EC2
- **MVAPICH2-Virt** is available for building HPC Clouds ([http://mvapich.cse.ohio-state.edu](http://mvapich.cse.ohio-state.edu))
  - SR-IOV, IVSHMEM, Docker support, OpenStack
- Neuroscience applications can benefit from technologies on HPC clouds
- Big Data analytics stacks such as RDMA-Hadoop can benefit from cloud-aware designs
- Appliances for MVAPICH2-Virt and RDMA-Hadoop are available for building HPC Clouds
- SR-IOV/container support and appliances for other MVAPICH2 libraries (MVAPICH2-X, MVAPICH2-GDR, ...) and RDMA-Spark/Memcached
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