

High Performance Computing: Applications in Science and Engineering

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High Performance Computing (HPC)

- Usage of computers for solving complex computing problems
 - Nanotechnology, molecular modeling, biology
 - 3D modeling and simulation, optimization
 - CFD, weather modeling
 - Gaming, Data mining, etc.
- Usually requiring TeraFLOP of computations (Trillion floating point operations per second)
- Indispensible companion for higher education and research today
 - Slide rules for 60-70s, calculators for 80s, miniframes and mainframes for 80-90s
- Direct correlation between computing power and extent/quality of research



Different Computing Paradigms

- High Performance Computing (HPC)
- High Performance Technical Computing (HPTC)
- High Throughput Computing (HTC)
- Many-task Computing (MTC)
- Metacomputing
- Supercomputing
- Grid Computing
- Cloud Computing
- Parallel Computing
- Distributed Computing
- Heterogeneous Computing
- Futuristic: Quantum Computing



Top FIVE Performers (June 2010)

- On Linpack benchmark
- Cray XT5 (Jaguar), 1759 Tflops, ORNL, USA, 2009
- Dawning TC3600 (Nebulae), 1271 Tflops, NSCS, Shenzhen, China, 2010
- IBM BladeCenter (Roadrunner), 1042 Tflops, Los Alamos, USA, 2009
- Cray XT5 (Kraken), 871 Tflops, NICS, USA, 2009
- IBM BlueGene (Jugene), 825 Tflops, Julich, Germany, 2009



PetaFlop to ExaFlop Projections

- PetaFlop: 1000 TeraFlops
- Current Best: 1.76 PetaFlop
- Moore's Law: Speed doubling every 14 mths, 2009 machine is 18,000 times faster than that in 1993
- 2011-2012: 20 PetaFlop machine by IBM & Office of Science, USA (design confirmed)
- 2015: 100-250 PetaFlop machine (projected)
- 2018: ExaFlop machine (1000 PetaFlops) (projected)
- Might see in our lifetime ZettaFlop, YottaFlop, XonaFlop, WekaFlop or VundaFlop machines
- Or may there be a different type of computing paradigm!



HPC Facilities in India

India (in Top500, June'10, http://www.top500.org)

- Rank 33: Computational Research Laboratories, TATA SONS, 132.8 Tflops, HP Cluster, 2008
- Rank 93: Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology. 55.1 Tflops, IBM Power 575, 2010
- Rank 182: CDAC, 38.1 Tflops, Param Yuva, 2008
- Rank 369: IIT Kanpur, 29.01 Tflops, HP Cluster, 2010
- Rank 389: IT Services Provider, 28.36 Tflops, HP Cluster, 2009
- IITK is the only IIT/IISc. featuring in Top500
- China: Rank 2, 2 in Top10 and 24 in Top500
- HiPC: An Intl. conference in India since 1995



Usage of HPC

- Task can be small or large
- Task may involve an uniprocessor or multiprocessors
- Task may be compute-intensive, data-intensive, or communication-intensive, or a combination
- Task may be static or dynamic
- Task may be homogeneous or heterogeneous
- Task may be loosely coupled or tightly coupled



HPC Research

- New applications
 - Venturing to solve problems which were not possible to solve earlier
- New algorithms/methodologies for problem solving
- Solving existing problems more efficiently
- New implementations compilers, code parallelization
- New hardware development
 - Faster, more data-handling, faster communications
- Solution is of the computer model, need not be of the real system"



Symposium on HPC

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- Sanjay Mittal (IITK): Using HPC for understanding of Fluid Flows
- S. Sherlekar (INTEL): An Applications Perspective of High-Performance Computing
- R. Sankararamakrishnan (IITK): From sequence analysis to simulations: Applications of highperformance computing in modern biology
- Sanjeev Aggarwal (IITK): Automatic Parallelization of Programs
- Prashant Goswami (C-MMACS): Will HPC ever meet the demands of weather and climate forecasting?
- Amalendu Chandra (IITK): Molecular simulations and HPC@IITK
 - 30 Posters on various applications (IITK)

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Chair of the Session



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