Data Intensive Distributed Computing

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Famous Quotes

The users should be able to focus their attention on the information content of the data, rather than how to discover, access, and use it.

Climate Change Science Program report, 2003

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A supercomputer is a device for turning compute-bound problems into I/O-bound problems.

Seymour Cray

Projected Growth Trends



http://www.top500.org/lists/2008/11/performance development

Growing Storage/Compute Gap

- Local Disk:
 - 2002-2004: ANL/UC TG Site ¹⁰⁰⁰ (70GB SCSI)
 - Today: PADS (RAID-0, 6 drives 750GB SATA)
- Cluster:
 - 2002-2004: ANL/UC TG Site (GPFS, 8 servers, 1Gb/s each)
 - Today: PADS (GPFS, SAN)
- Supercomputer:
 - 2002-2004: IBM Blue Gene/L (GPFS)
 - Today: IBM Blue Gene/P (GPFS)



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Question

What if we could combine the scientific community's existing programming paradigms, but yet still exploit the data locality that naturally occurs in scientific workloads?

Combine State of the Art Systems



High-Throughput Computing & High-Performance Computing

HTC: High-Throughput Computing

- Typically applied in clusters and grids
- Loosely-coupled applications with sequential jobs
- Large amounts of computing for long periods of times
- Measured in operations per month or years

• HPC: High-Performance Computing

- Synonymous with supercomputing
- Tightly-coupled applications
- Implemented using Message Passing Interface (MPI)
- Large of amounts of computing for short periods of time
- Usually requires low latency interconnects
- Measured in FLOPS

MTC: Many-Task Computing

- Bridge the gap between HPC and HTC
- Applied in clusters, grids, and supercomputers
- Loosely coupled apps with HPC orientations
- Many activities coupled by file system ops
- Many resources over short time periods
 - Large number of tasks, large quantity of computing, and large volumes of data

Problem Space



Questions

