



HPC Activities at University Politehnica of Bucharest

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Agenda – Computing Infrastructure

- Hardware
 - NCIT Project Domains
 - UPB user domain
 - Software
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- **HPC** / Cloud / Virtualization / Grid Computing
 - The Storage & I/O Department – Connecting Clusters





Current Infrastructure

- Magic word: **diversity**
32 dual quad-core Xeon + **20 dual hex-core Opteron**
+ 4 dual PowerXCell 8i + ~~50 P4 HT + 32 dual Xeon~~
= 642 cores
(total: 918 cores / HPC 642 – Virtualization 232)
- GbE/Infiniband Interconnect
- Total storage of 36TB



+ other **“friendly clusters”**



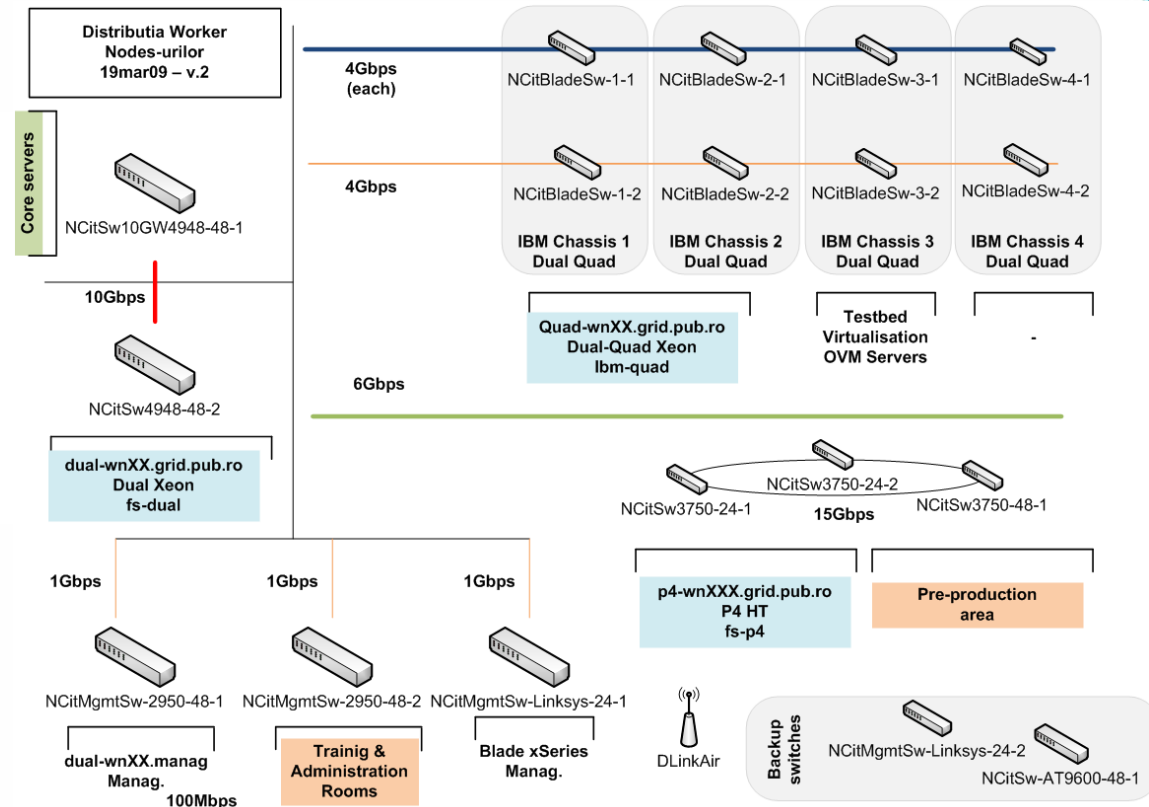


Our Network

- Full IPv6 stack (routed, not tunneled)
- Infiniband
- Dual Gigabit

Lots of experimenting
with network
Optimization /
monitoring Limbo

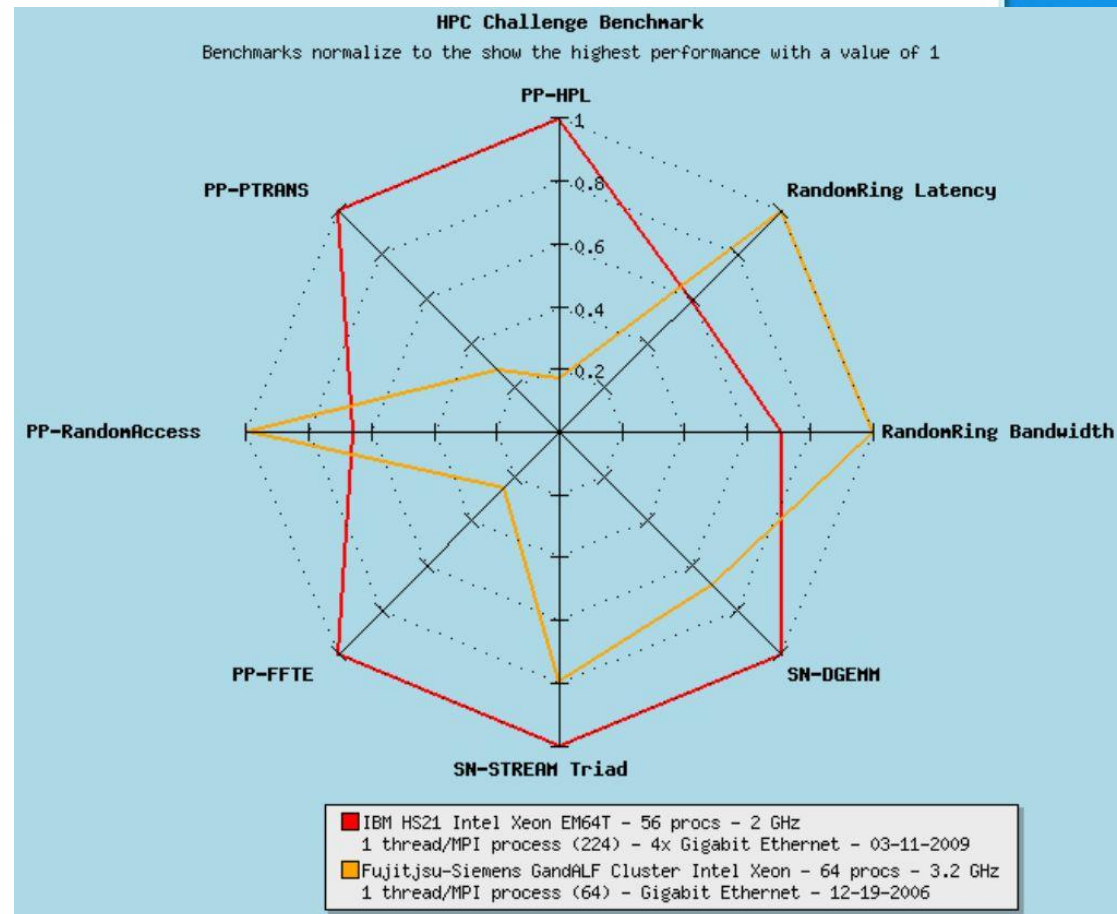
- Jumbo frames
- Network stack configuration, bonding





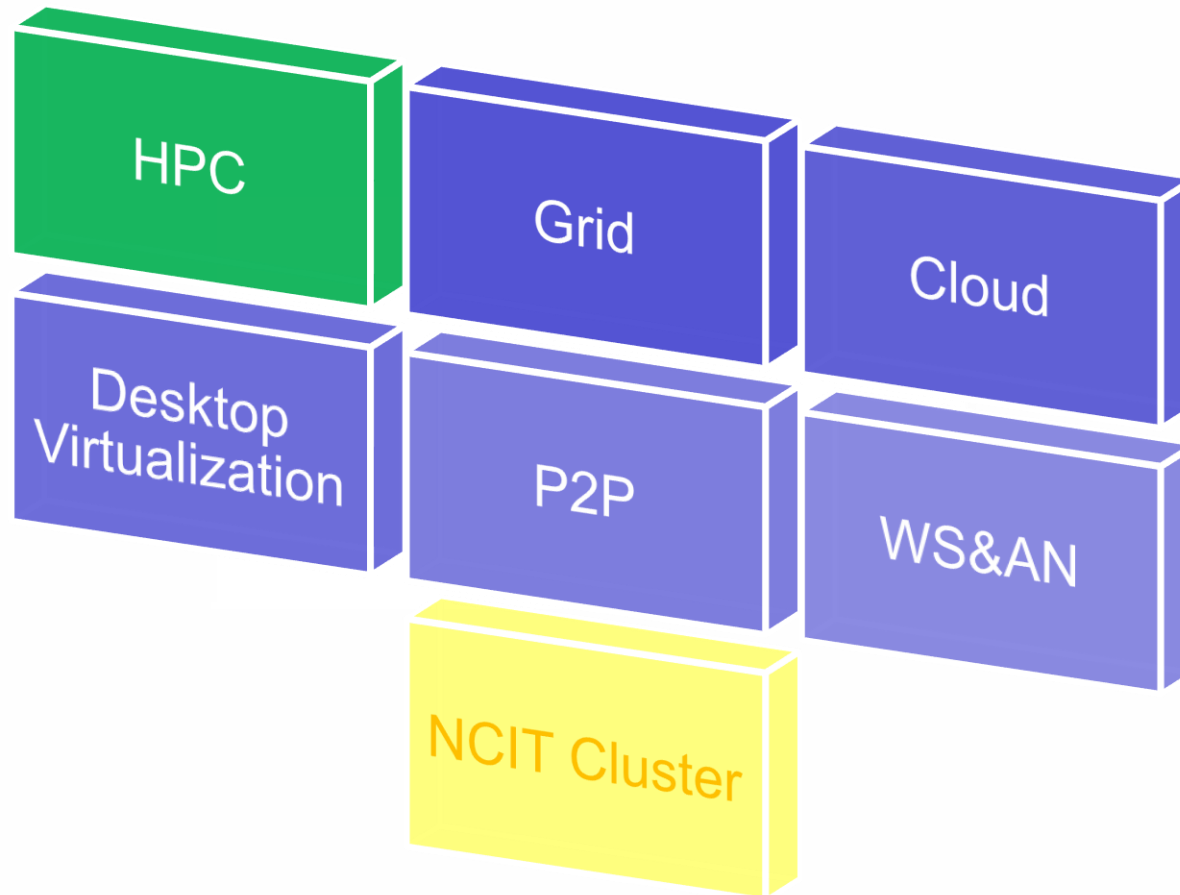
HPL Performance

- 1TFlops sustained for 230.000 dense linear systems
- Current work:
 - Use IBM XL C/C++ Compiler Suite
 - Use the Intel Cluster Toolkit Compiler Suite
 - Use optimized Intel MKL, MASS libraries
 - Optimize for LS22 Infiniband
 - Use OpenCL version of LINPACK for GP-GPU computing





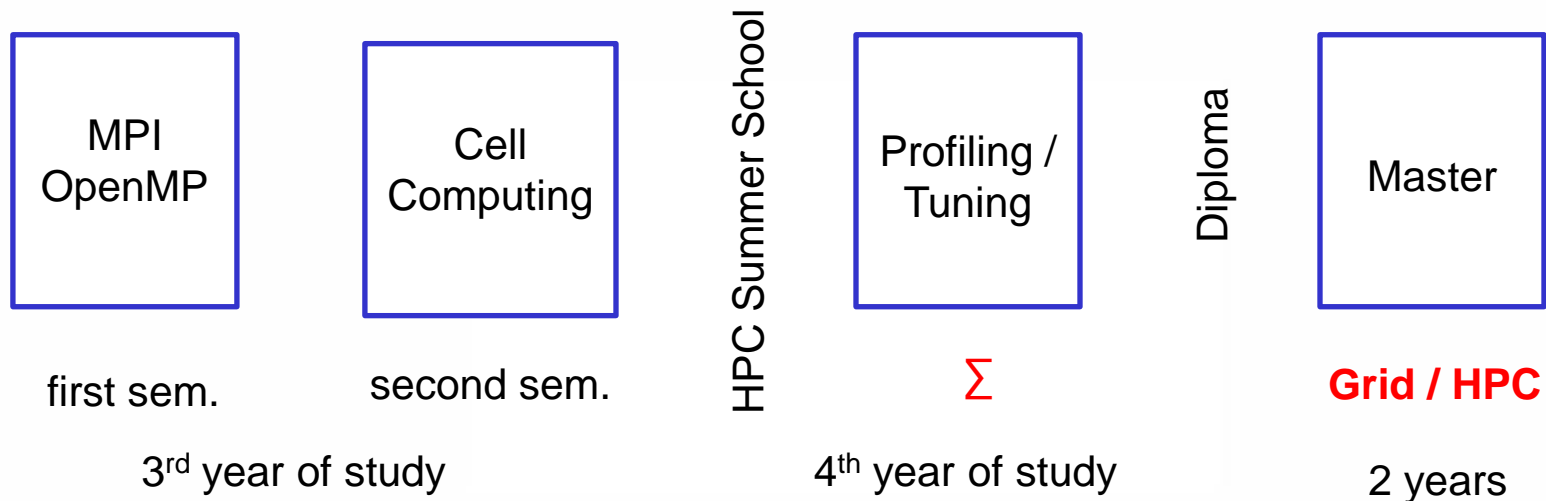
NCIT Domains of Interest





Our user domain

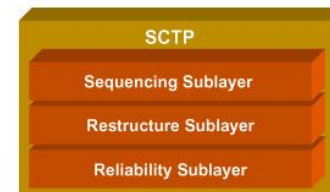
- Hardware needs people to function





Software

- Sun Grid Engine 6.2u6 / cfEngine software provisioning
- Compilers
 - Ibm XL, Intel C/Fortran, PGI, SunStudio, gcc
- Debuggers
 - TotalView
- Profilers
 - VTune, Sun Studio Analyser
- Libraries
 - Intel MKL, NAG, Blas
- Tools
 - Code Saturne, Charm++, Gaussian09, OpenFoam, Paraview etc.



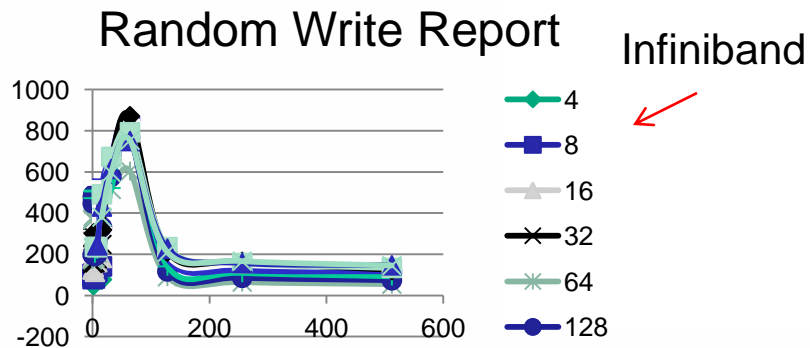
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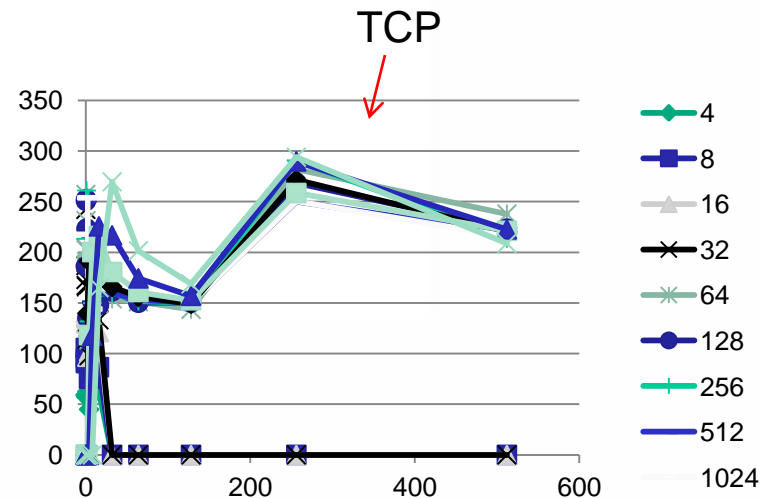
The Storage & I/O Department

- How do you store your data?
 - Disk, NFS, Lustre
- Transport?

TCP/IP, Infiniband



LNET Storage Routing



- Large storage requires operational knowledge



Connecting Clusters

- Hardware is everywhere
- How do you connect multiple clusters together?

users, storage, cpu, software

NCIT Cluster – ICF-HPC (Currently)

- We have to write the Cookbook for that

QS22 chassis, Myrinet, Infiniband,
HS22, LS21, BlueGene/P (UVT)?

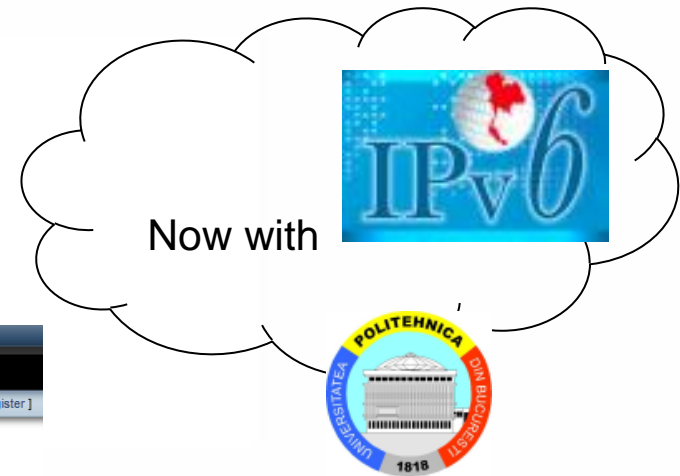


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High-Performance Computing Infrastructure
for South East Europe's Research Communities



Infrastructure Outlook

- GPGPU Programming in curricula probably in 1-2 years
- At least 4 NVidia Fermi Engines in IBM Blade Servers
- RDMA over Infiniband GPU Memory to GPU Memory
- OpenCL & CUDA Programming
- Everything is a ~~Object~~ VM


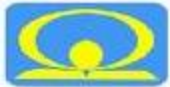





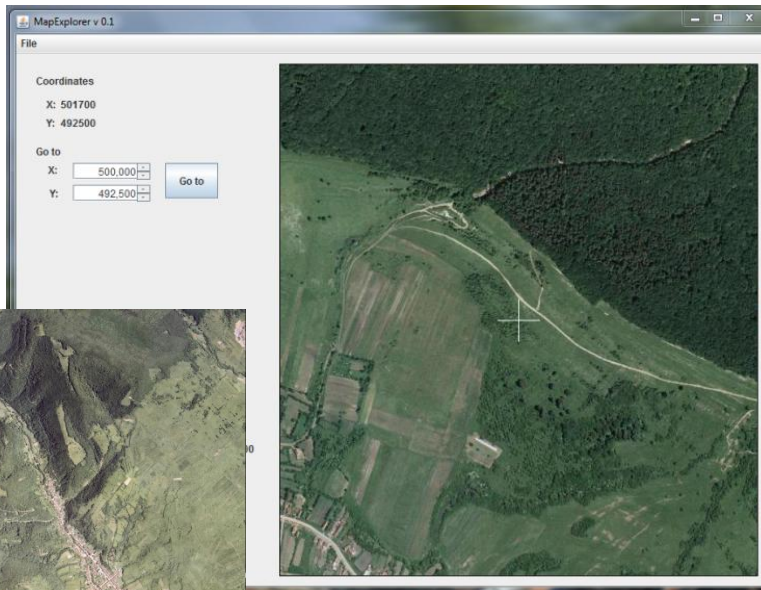
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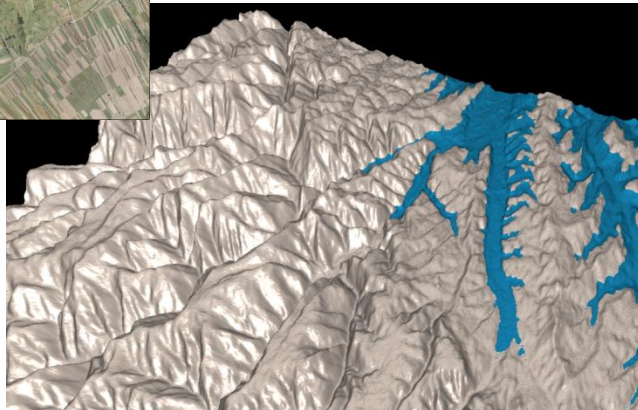


Agenda – HPC Applications

- 3D Romania – online high-resolution model; element and feature extraction – EagleEye (Image processing)
- Modeling and Simulation of Aerodynamic Phenomena: INCAS (Aerospace Research) 
- Weather Prediction Models: COSMO, HRM, WRF – ANM (Meteorology) 
- Atomic Scale Simulation in Material Science – ICF (Molecular Dynamics and Physical Chemistry) 
- N-Body & SPH Simulations (Astrophysics)
- Numerical Simulation of Earthquakes in the Vrancea Region – INFP/NIPNE (Earth Sciences)  
- HPC /Multicore Training @ cs.pub.ro



3D Romania





Element Detection & Feature Extraction



Median Filter



Grayscale



Canny Edge Detector





From Images to Features



Original



Grayscale

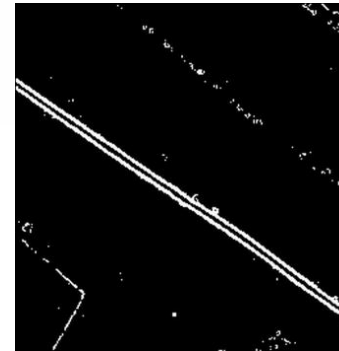
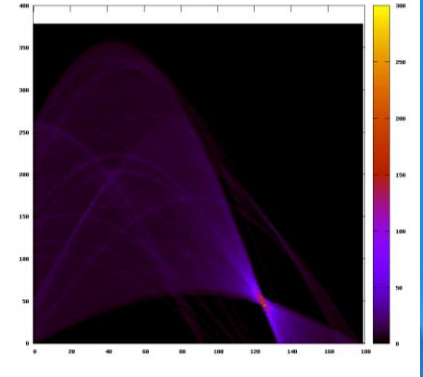
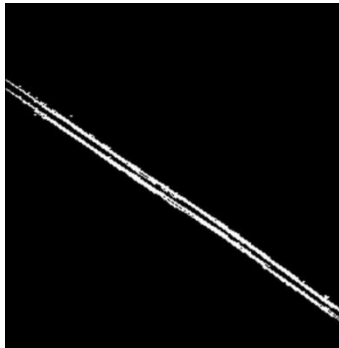


Image Detection
(Sobel)



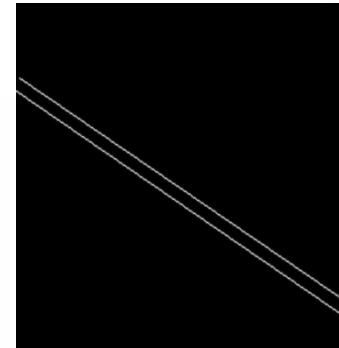
Hough Accumulator



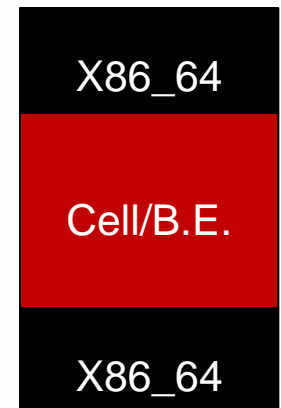
Hough Peaks
over image edges



Mark road segment
edges



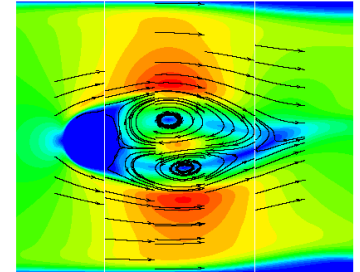
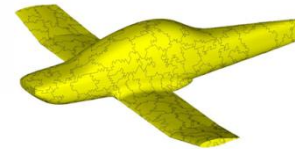
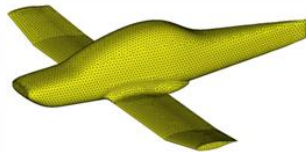
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feature (road)



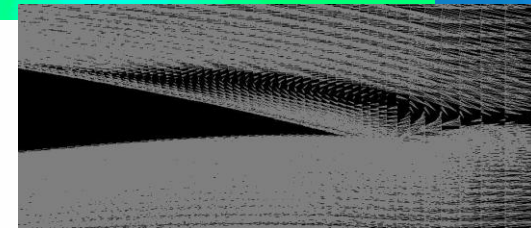
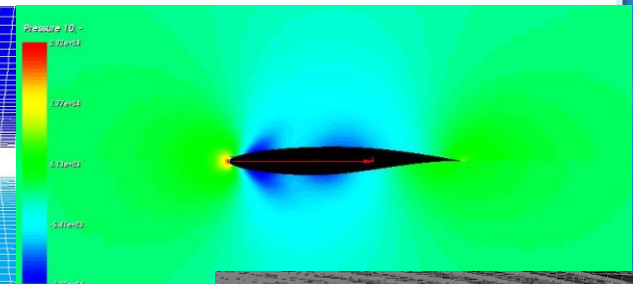
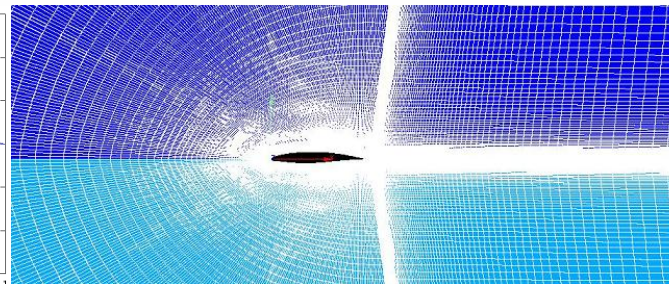
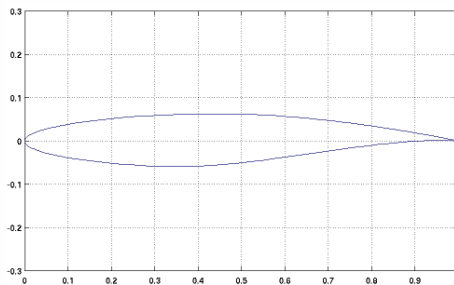


Modeling and Simulation of Aerodynamic Phenomena

- Preprocessing & Grid generation – Metis/ParaMetis



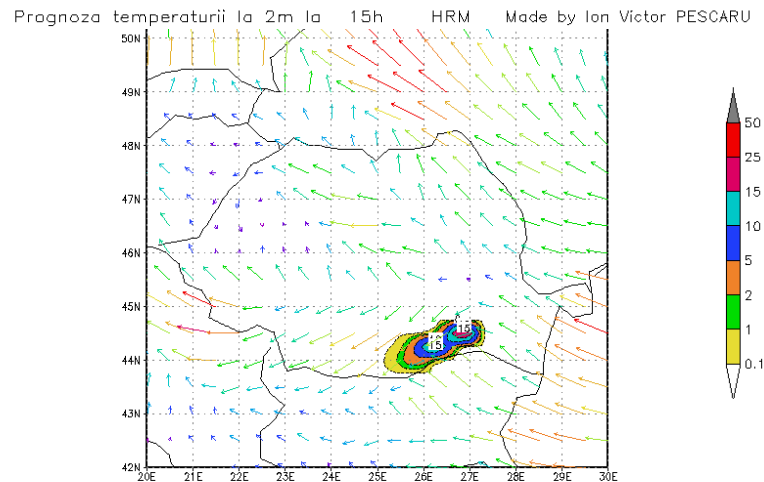
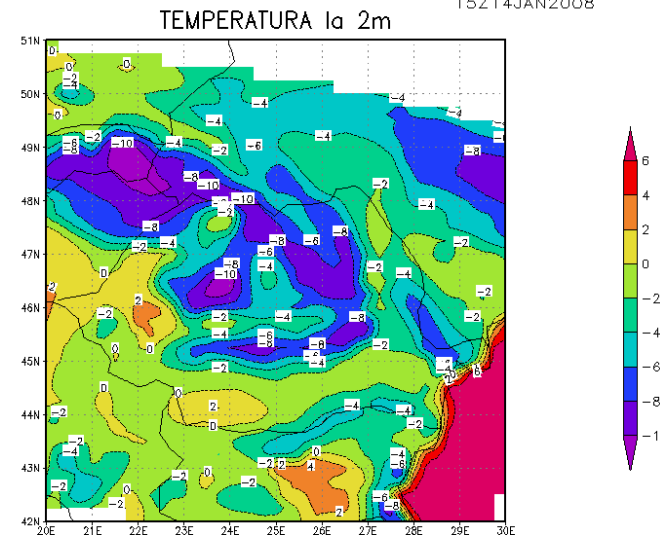
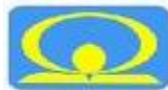
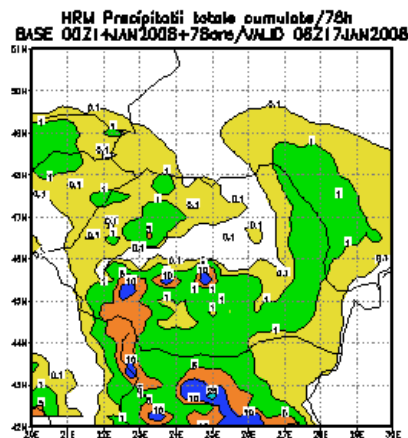
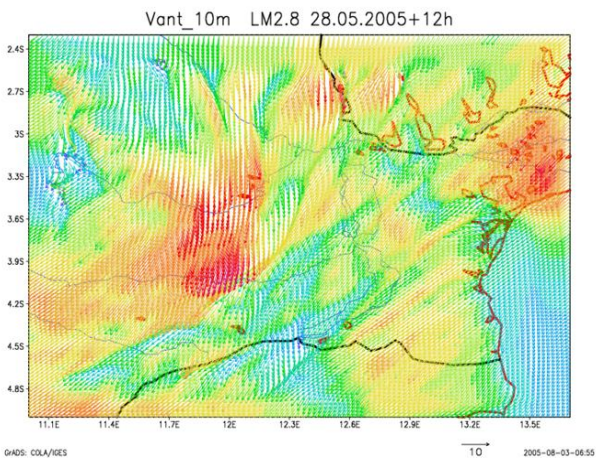
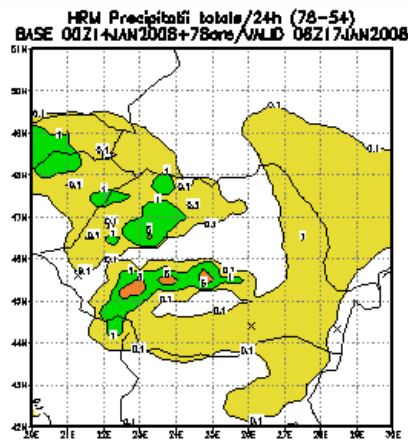
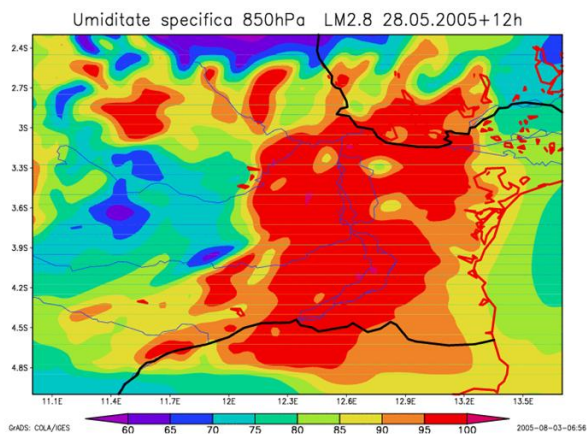
- Open-Source complex Navier-Stokes CFD codes
 - Cluster porting of existing CFD Codes: Code Saturne & OpenFOAM
 - Tuning & improving serial performance
 - Improve MPI/OpenMP/GPGPU scaling
- Postprocessing – ParaView & Salome





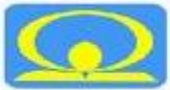
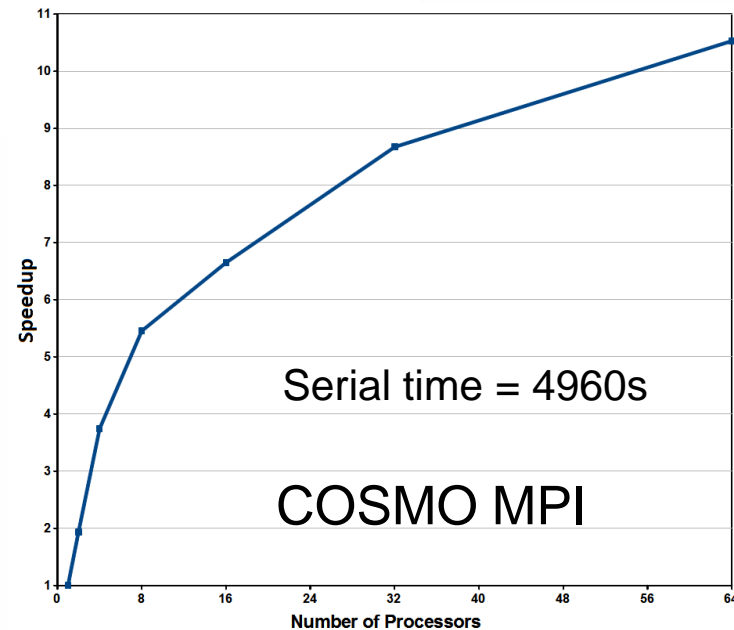
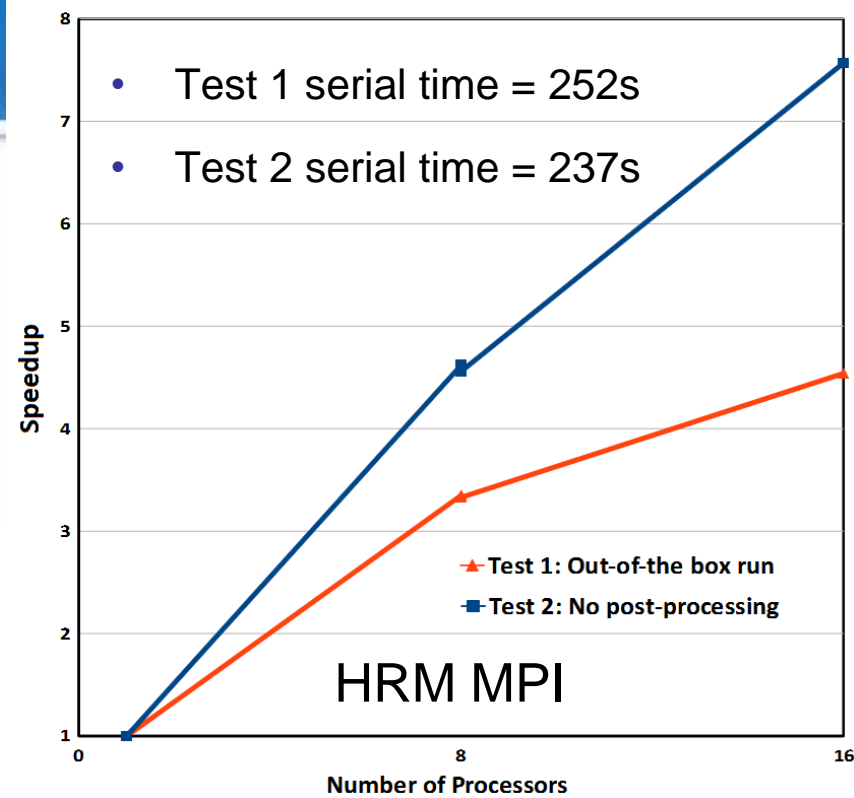
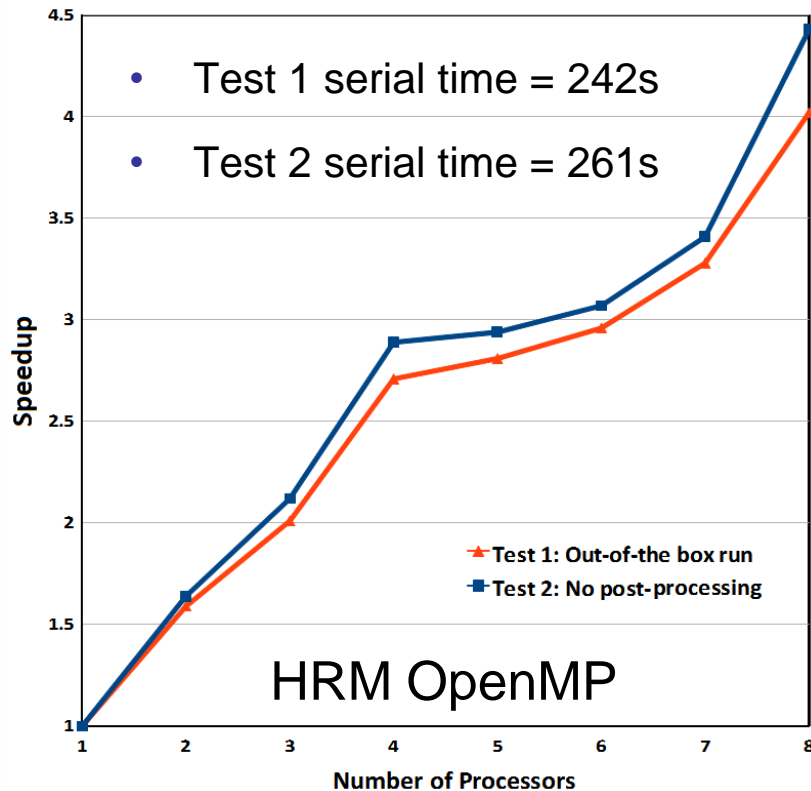
Weather Prediction Models

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Prognostica norului de poluant la 24h Administratia Nationala de Meteorologie

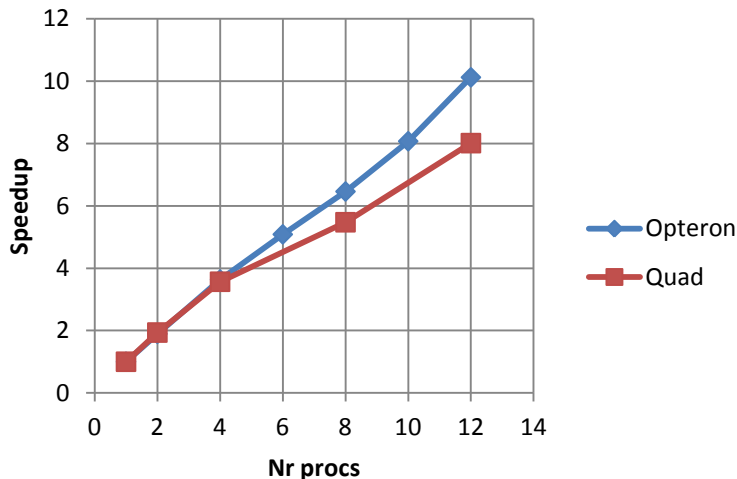
HRM & COSMO Scaling



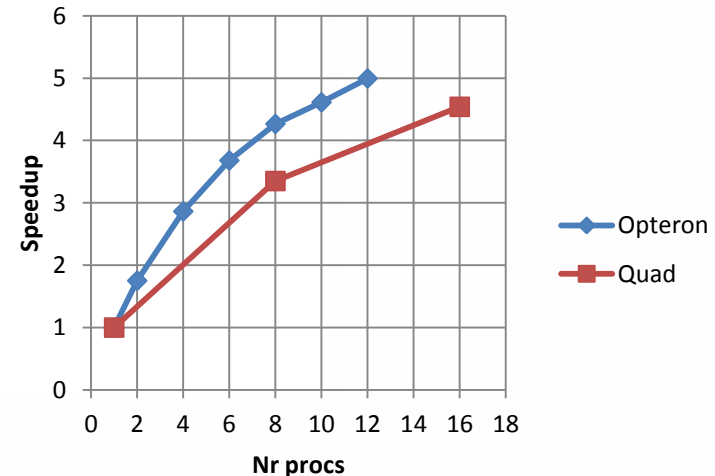


Processor Architecture Scaling

Quad vs Opteron for COSMO-MPI

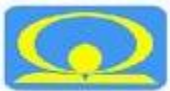


Quad vs Opteron for HRM-MPI



Intel Xeon Quad-Core vs AMD Opteron Six-Core

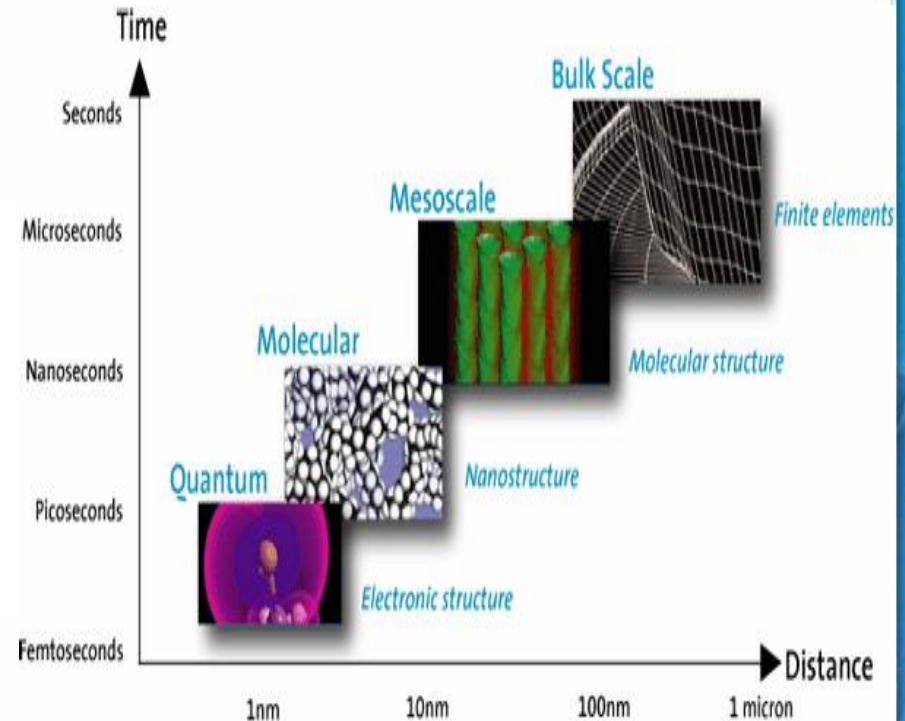
Ongoing tests on Intel Nehalems & planned tests on Intel Sandy Bridge





Atomic Scale Simulation in Material Science

- Paramagnetic materials simulation
 - OpenMP CS parallelization: Speedup 8.3x on 8 procs – **superlinear** due to improved cache performance
- GAMESS
 - MPI original program – Speedup 6.4x on 8 cores
- MOPAC
 - Propose a parallelization scheme for modern multi-core architectures
- NAMD / GROMACS / Gaussian / CPMD
 - Scale to production systems



| Atoms/ Molecules | | Nanoscale Particles | | Condensed Matter | |
|----------------------|--|------------------------|--------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 | | 125 | 70,000 | 6×10^6 | ∞N^o Atoms |
| | | 1 | 10 | 100 | ∞ Diameter (nm) |
| Quantum Chemistry | | ? | | Solid State Physics | |





Nanotubes and systems of nanotubes

- Hysteresis phenomenon 1 nanotube

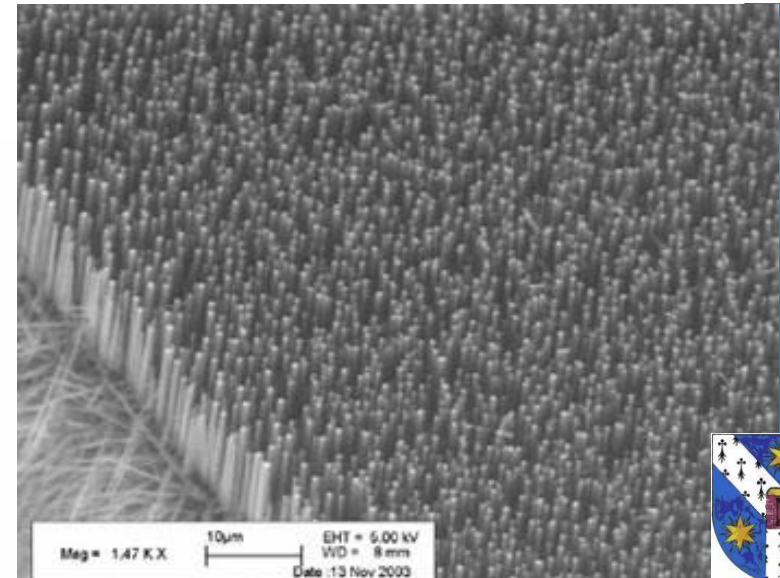
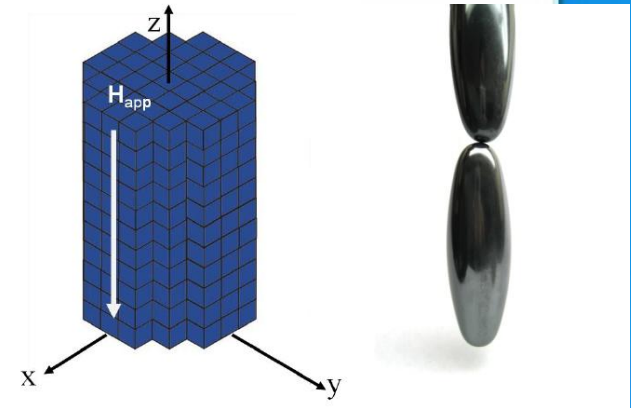
- Serial run: 2165s
- Optimized serial run: 9s
- Optimized parallel* run: 3.8s
- Total Speedup: **569x**

- Systems of nanotubes

- 100x100 tubes
- Serial run: 350s
- Optimized serial run: 17s
- Optimized parallel* run: 10s
- Total Speedup: **35x**

- Intel Parallel Studio analysis proved essential!

*Dual Penryn quad-core → 8 cores

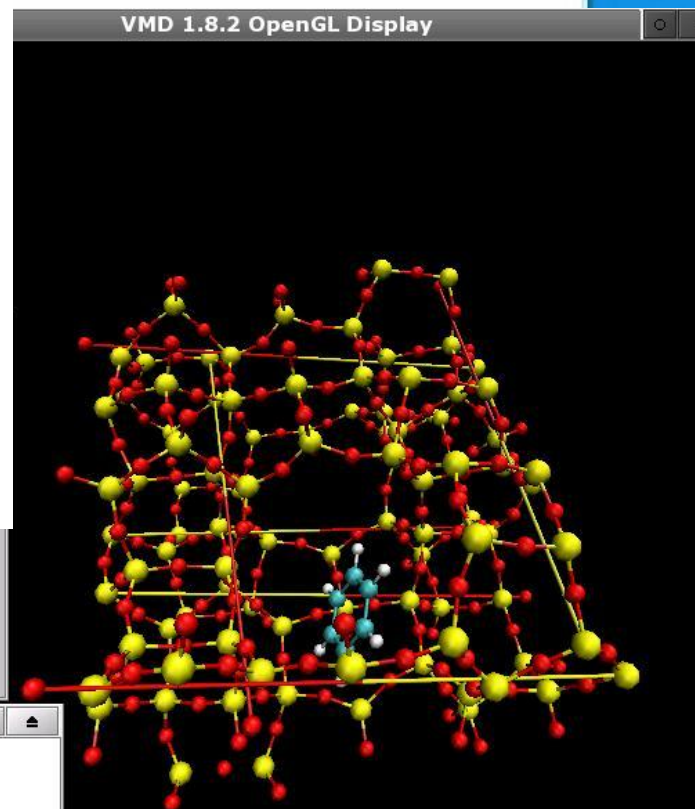
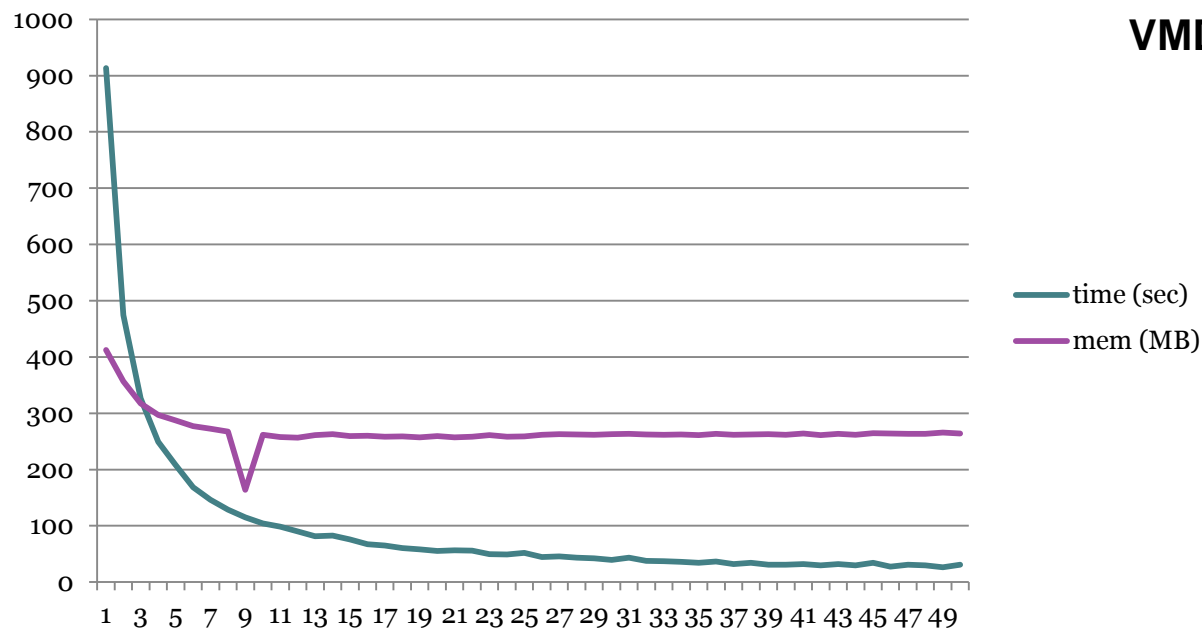




NAMD & VMD Using Charm++

NAMD = NotAnother Molecular Dynamics

VMD = Visual Molecular Dynamics



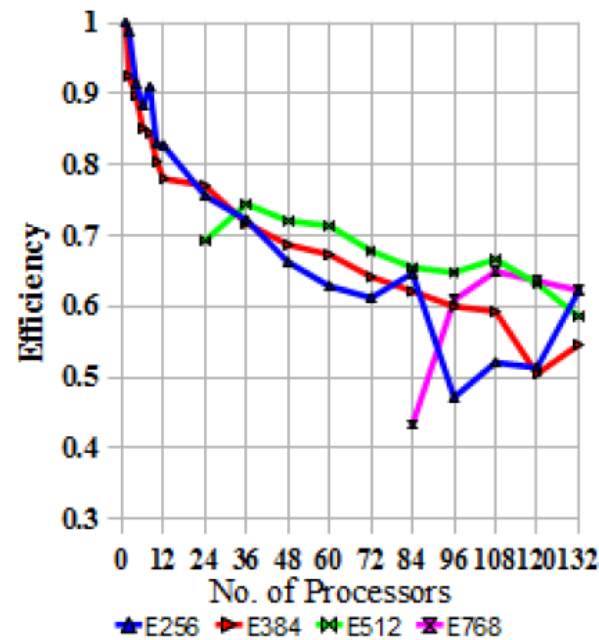
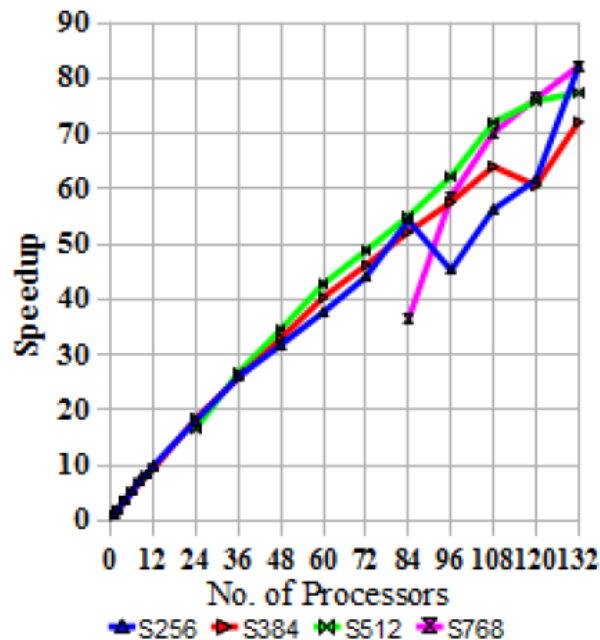
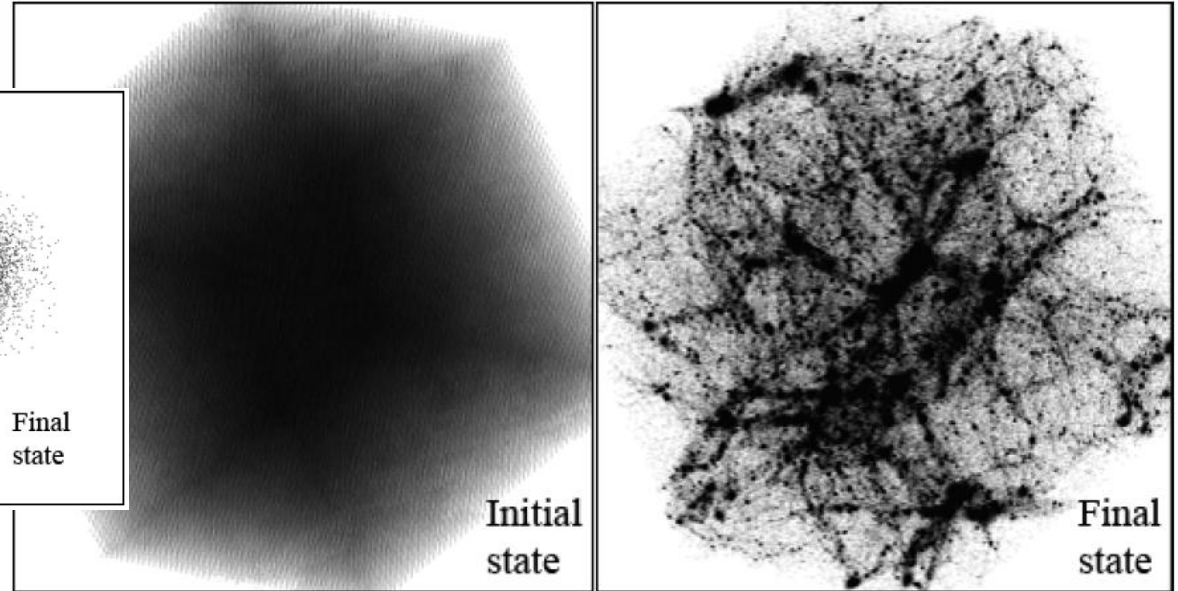
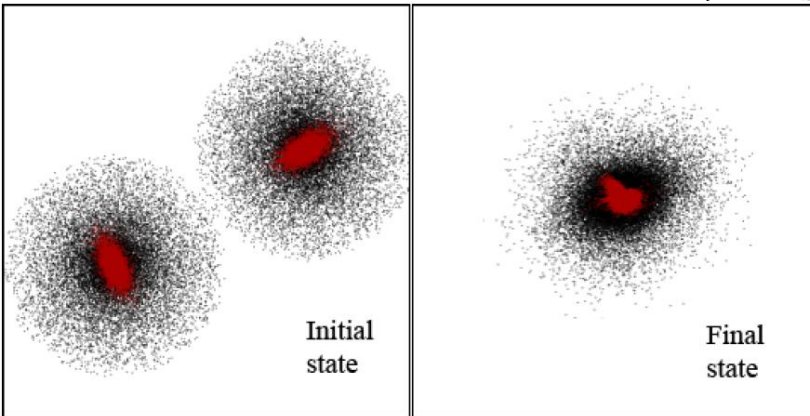
Total Speedup:
37.5x / 4x cores

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Frames:          Volumetric Datasets
First:  Last:  Stride:
0      -1      1
• Load in background
○ Load all at once

vmd console
Info) Features: STENCIL RN MTX TCM
Info) Textures: 2-D (2048x2048), 3-D (0x0x0), Multitexture (8)
vmd > Info) Using plugin xyz for structure file his.xyz
Info) Using plugin xyz for coordinates from file his.xyz
Info) Determining bond structure from distance search ...
Info) Analyzing structure ...
Info) Atoms: 300
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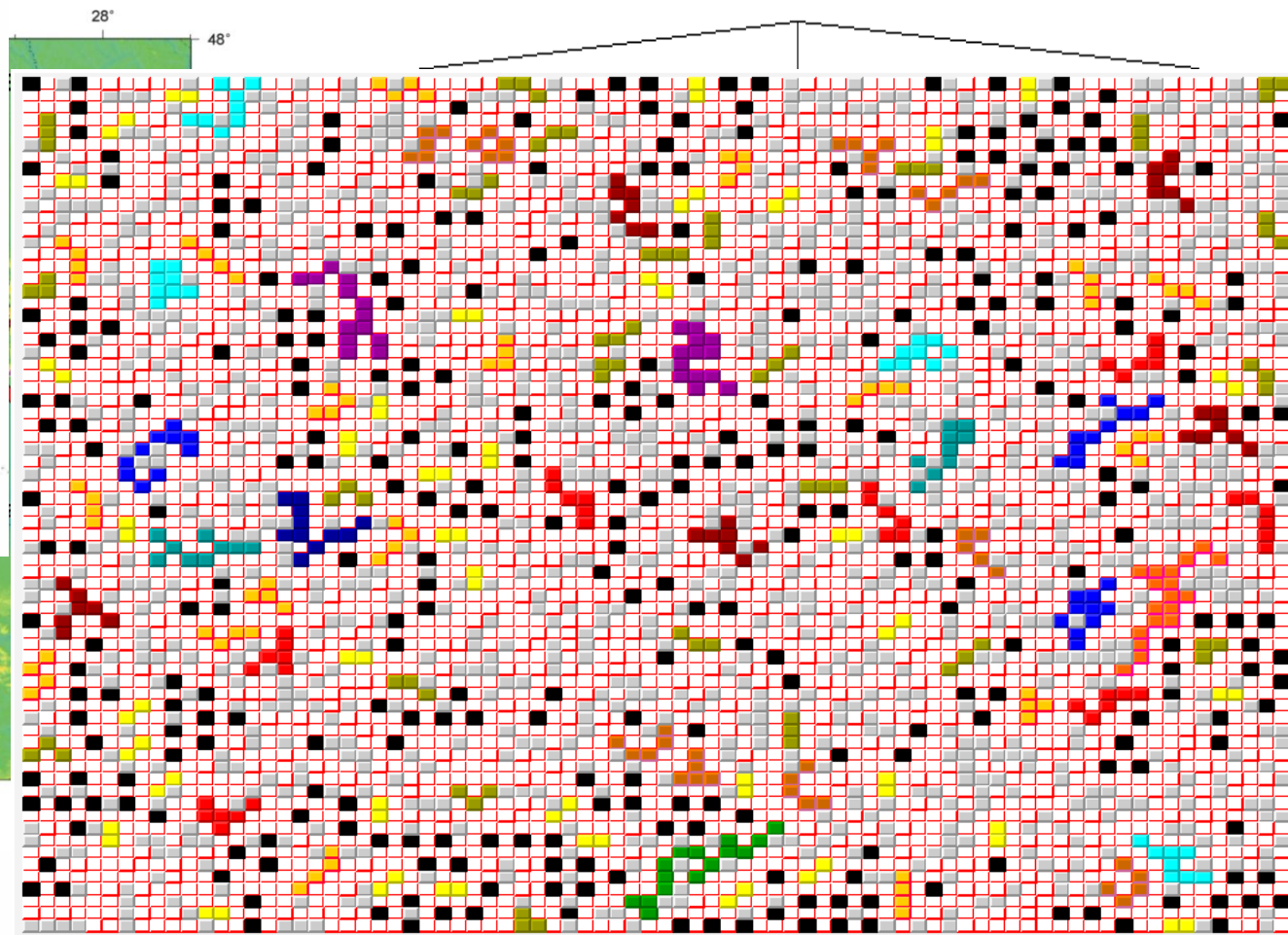
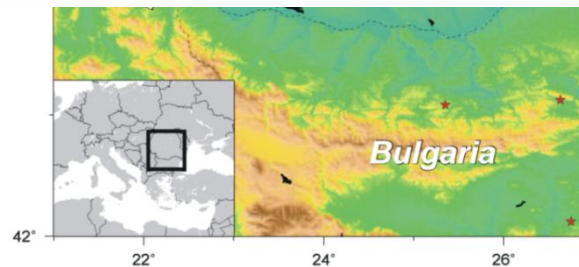
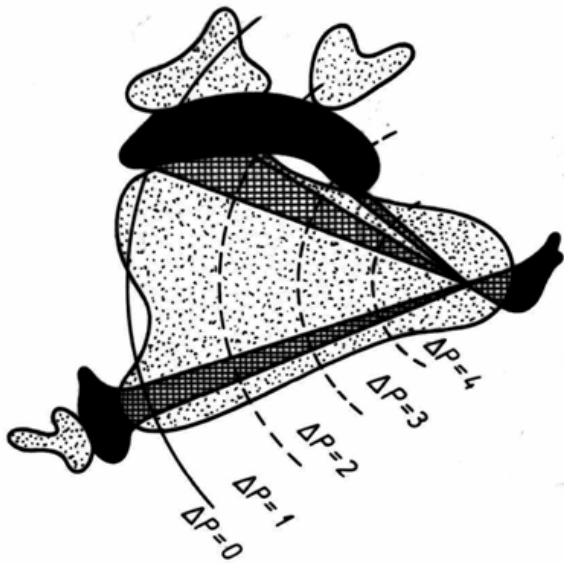
Astrophysics





Numerical Simulations of Earthquakes in the Vrancea Region

1/1974 - 6/1974





HPC Related Lectures & Training @ CS

- Grid/HPC Initiative Summer school:
 - First GridInit was in **2004**
 - Usually debated grid middleware tasks
 - From 2008 the main focus is on developing **HPC Applications** using architectures with **multicore** processors
- Undergraduate Lectures:
 - Parallel Computing Algorithms and Data Structures, (Parallel) Computer Systems Architecture, Distributed Programming Languages
- Graduate Lectures:
 - Distributed Systems, Cluster & Grid Computing, High Performance Computing – Numerical Methods and Programming Techniques, Distributed Algorithms
- HPC Industry Training @cs.pub.ro:
 - Intel Multi-core Programming for Academia – 2007
 - IBM Basic and Advanced Cell Programming – 2008
 - IBM BlueGene Programming – 2009
 - Intel Parallelism Faculty – 2009
 - NVidia Cuda Programming – 2012

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Thank you for your attention

Q & A

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