Scalable and Distributed DNN Training on Modern HPC Systems: Challenges and Solutions

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# Understanding the Deep Learning Resurgence

- Deep Learning is a sub-set of Machine Learning
  - But, it is perhaps the most radical and revolutionary subset
  - Automatic feature extraction vs. hand-crafted features
- Deep Learning
  - A renewed interest and a lot of hype!
  - Key success: Deep Neural Networks (DNNs)
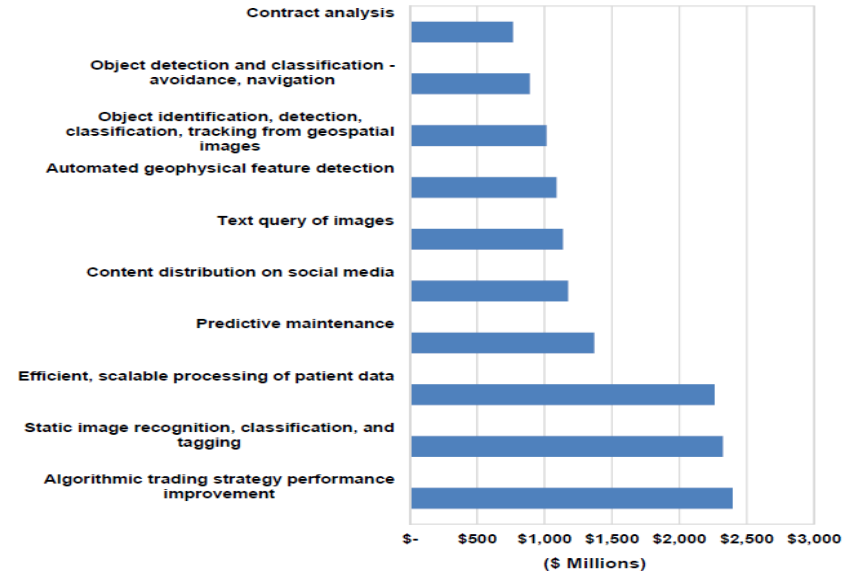 - Everything was there since the late 80s except the "**computability of DNNs**"

Courtesy: http://www.deeplearningbook.org/contents/intro.html
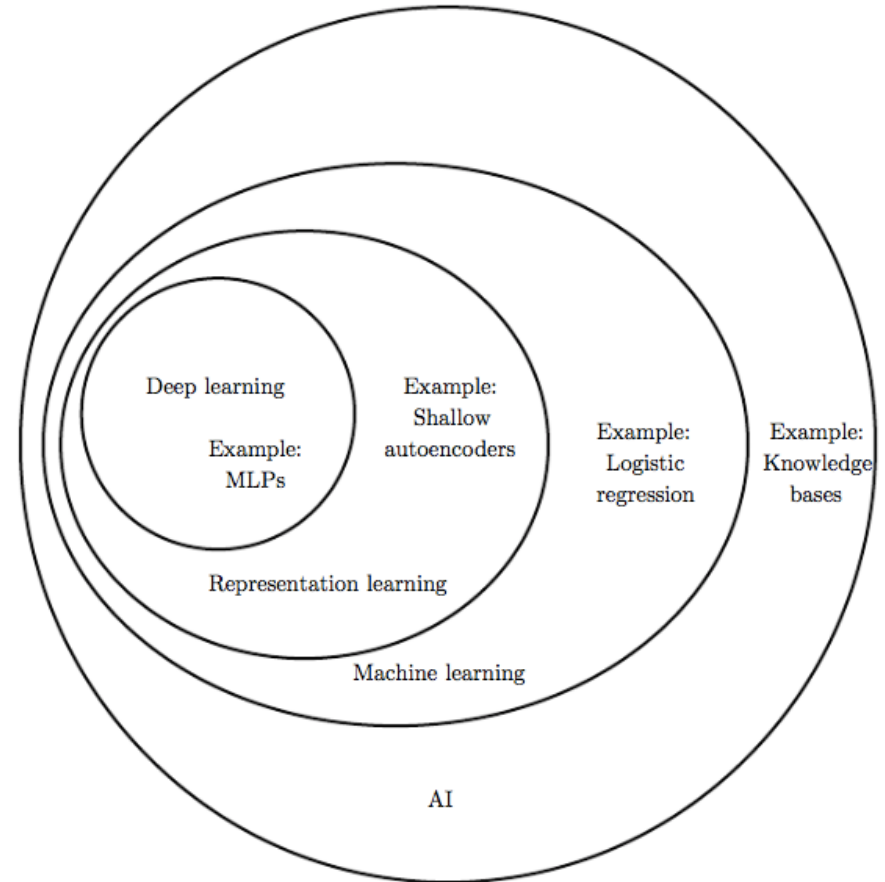
Deep Learning Use Cases and Growth Trends

1.1 Artificial Intelligence Revenue, World Markets: 2016-2025
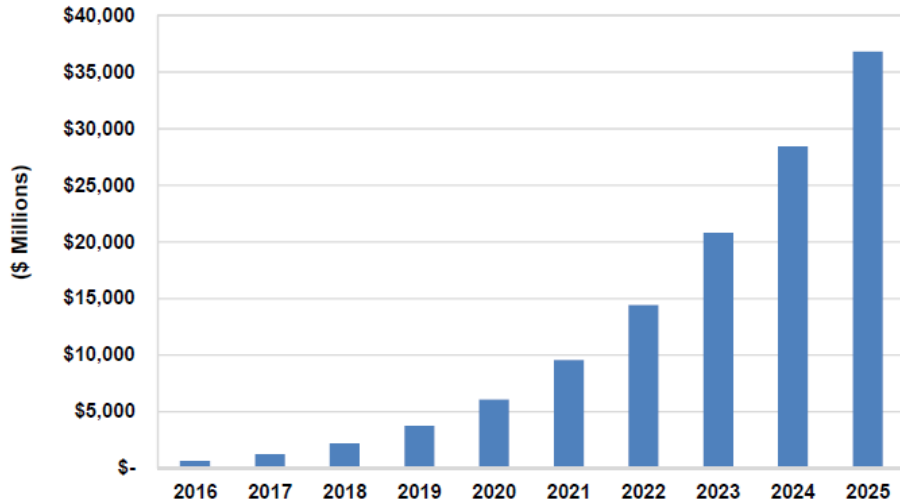
1.2 Artificial Intelligence Revenue, Top 10 Use Cases, World Markets: 2025

Increasing Usage of HPC, Big Data and Deep Learning

HPC
(MPI, RDMA, Lustre, etc.)

Big Data
(Hadoop, Spark, HBase, Memcached, etc.)

Deep Learning
(Caffe, TensorFlow, BigDL, etc.)
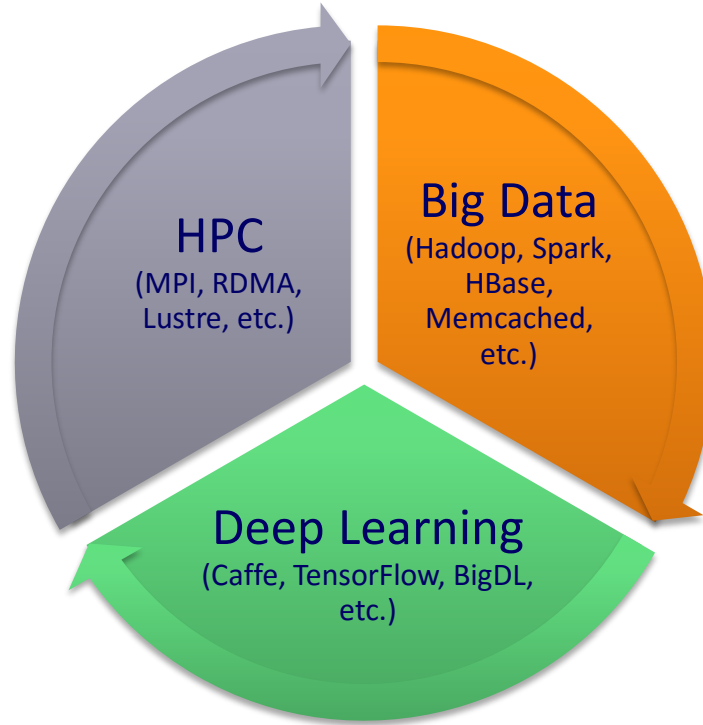
Convergence of HPC, Big Data, and Deep Learning!

Increasing Need to Run these applications on the Cloud!!

Newer Workflows - Deep Learning over Big Data (DLoBD)

- Deep Learning over Big Data (**DLoBD**) is one of the most efficient analyzing paradigms

- More and more deep learning tools or libraries (e.g., Caffe, TensorFlow) start running over big data stacks, such as Apache Hadoop and Spark

- **Benefits** of the DLoBD approach

  - Easily build a powerful data analytics **pipeline**

    - E.g., Flickr DL/ML Pipeline, "*How Deep Learning Powers Flickr*", http://bit.ly/1KIDfof
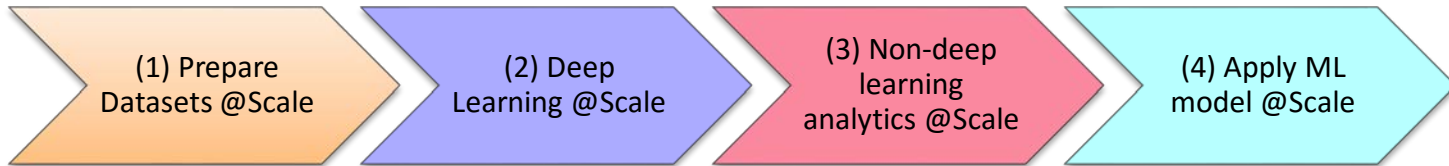
  - Better data **locality**

  - Efficient resource sharing and **cost effective**

Drivers of Modern HPC Cluster Architectures

Multi-core Processors

High Performance Interconnects - InfiniBand
<1usec latency, 200Gbps Bandwidth>

**Accelerators / Coprocessors
high compute density, high
performance/watt
>1 TFlop DP on a chip**

SSD, NVMe-SSD, NVRAM

- Multi-core/many-core technologies

- Remote Direct Memory Access (RDMA)-enabled networking (InfiniBand and RoCE)

- Solid State Drives (SSDs), Non-Volatile Random-Access Memory (NVRAM), NVMe-SSD

- Accelerators (NVIDIA GPGPUs and Intel Xeon Phi)

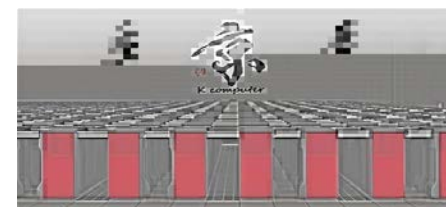- Available on HPC Clouds, e.g., Amazon EC2, NSF Chameleon, Microsoft Azure, etc.

Summit   *Sierra*   *Sunway TaihuLight*   *K - Computer*

Key Phases of Deep Learning

- Deep Learning has two major tasks

    1. Training of the Deep Neural Network

    2. Inference (or deployment) that uses a trained DNN

- DNN Training

    – Training is a compute/communication intensive process – can take days to weeks

    – Faster training is necessary!

- Faster training can be achieved by

    – Using Newer and Faster Hardware – But, there is a limit!

    – Can we use more GPUs or nodes?

   - The need for Parallel and Distributed Training

Scale-up and Scale-out

- **Scale-up**: Intra-node Communication
  - Many improvements like:
    - NVIDIA cuDNN, cuBLAS, NCCL, etc.
    - CUDA 9 Co-operative Groups
- **Scale-out**: Inter-node Communication
  - DL Frameworks – most are optimized for single-node only
  - Distributed (Parallel) Training is an emerging trend
    - **OSU-Caffe – MPI-based**
    - Microsoft CNTK – MPI/NCCL2
    - Google TensorFlow – gRPC-based/MPI/NCCL2
    - Facebook Caffe2 – Hybrid (NCCL2/Gloo/MPI)
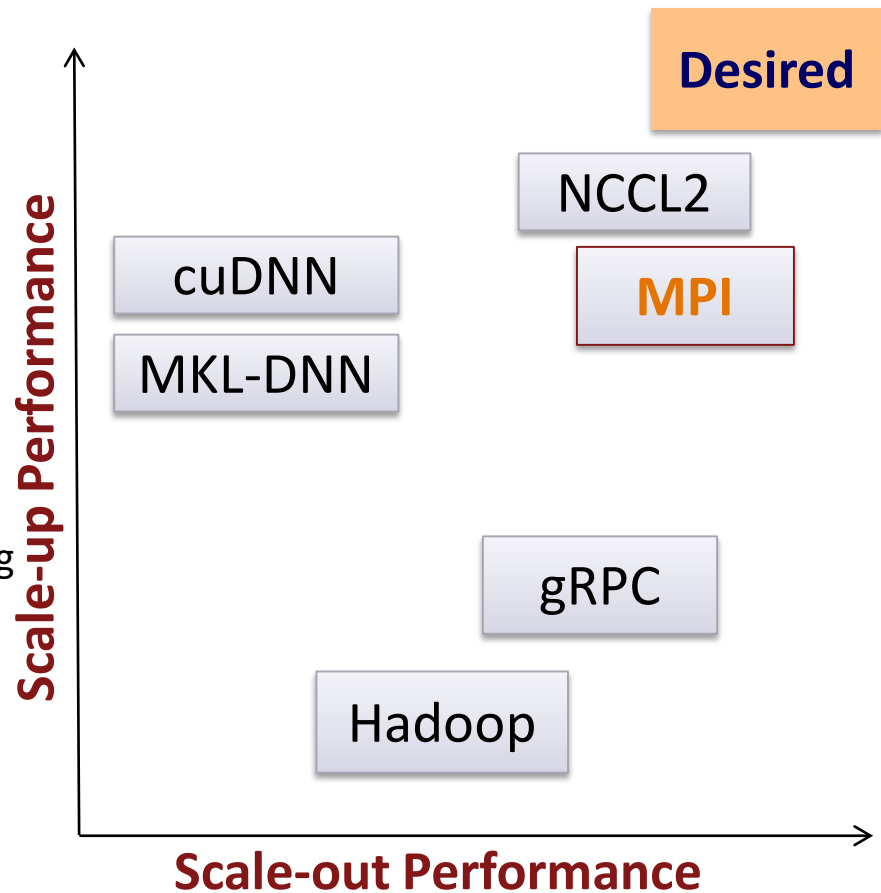
Holistic Evaluation is Important!!

- My framework is faster than your framework!

- This needs to be understood in a holistic way.

- Performance depends on the entire execution environment (the full stack)

- Isolated view of performance is not helpful
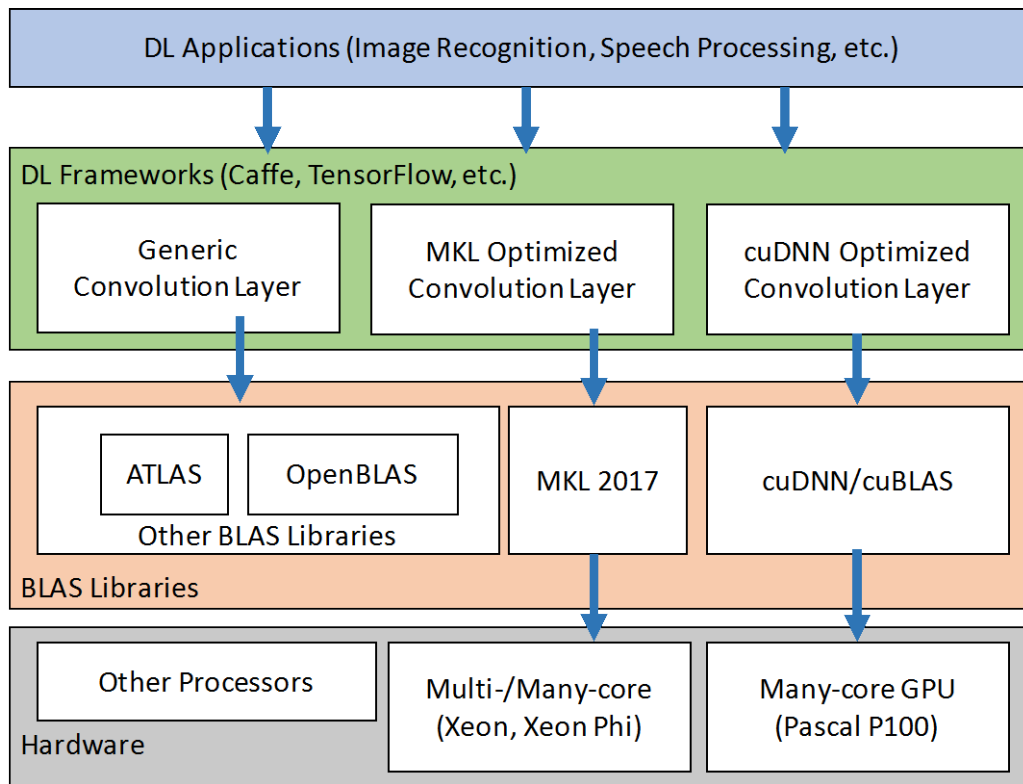
A. A. Awan, H. Subramoni, and Dhabaleswar K. Panda. "An In-depth Performance Characterization of CPU- and GPU-based DNN Training on Modern Architectures", In Proceedings of the Machine Learning on HPC Environments (MLHPC'17). ACM, New York, NY, USA, Article 8.

Broad Challenge: Exploiting HPC for Deep Learning

How to efficiently scale-out a

Deep Learning (DL) framework and take advantage of heterogeneous

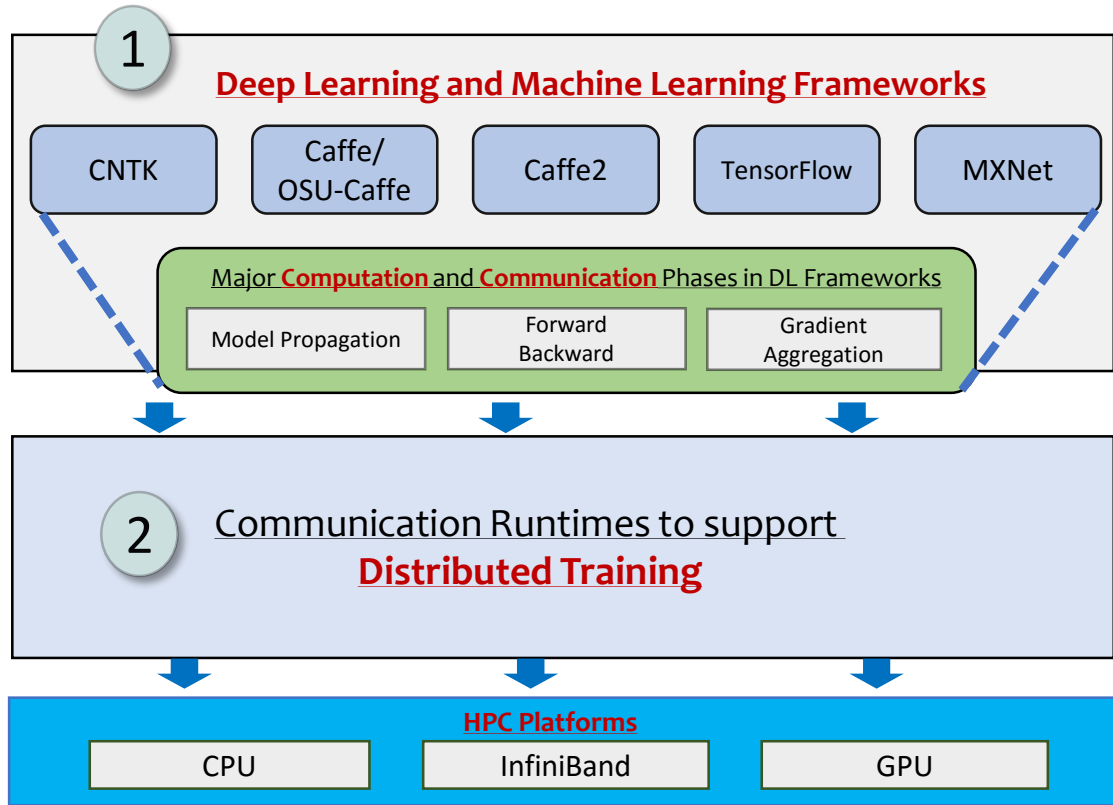*High Performance Computing (HPC) resources?*

Research Challenges to Exploit HPC Technologies

1. What are the fundamental issues in designing **DL frameworks**?

   – Memory Requirements

   – **Computation** Requirements

   – **Communication** Overhead

2. Why do we need to support **distributed training**?

   – To overcome the limits of single-node training

   – To better utilize hundreds of existing HPC Clusters

1 **Deep Learning and Machine Learning Frameworks**

| CNTK | Caffe/ OSU-Caffe | Caffe2 | TensorFlow | MXNet |

Major **Computation** and **Communication** Phases in DL Frameworks

| Model Propagation | Forward Backward | Gradient Aggregation |

2 Communication Runtimes to support **Distributed Training**

**HPC Platforms**

| CPU | InfiniBand | GPU |

Research Challenges to Exploit HPC Technologies (Cont'd)

3. What are the **new design challenges** brought forward by DL frameworks for Communication runtimes?

- Large Message **Collective Communication** and Reductions

- GPU Buffers (**CUDA-Awareness**)

4. Can a **Co-design** approach help in achieving Scale-up and Scale-out efficiently?

- **Co-Design** the support at **Runtime level** and Exploit it at the **DL Framework level**

- What performance benefits can be observed?

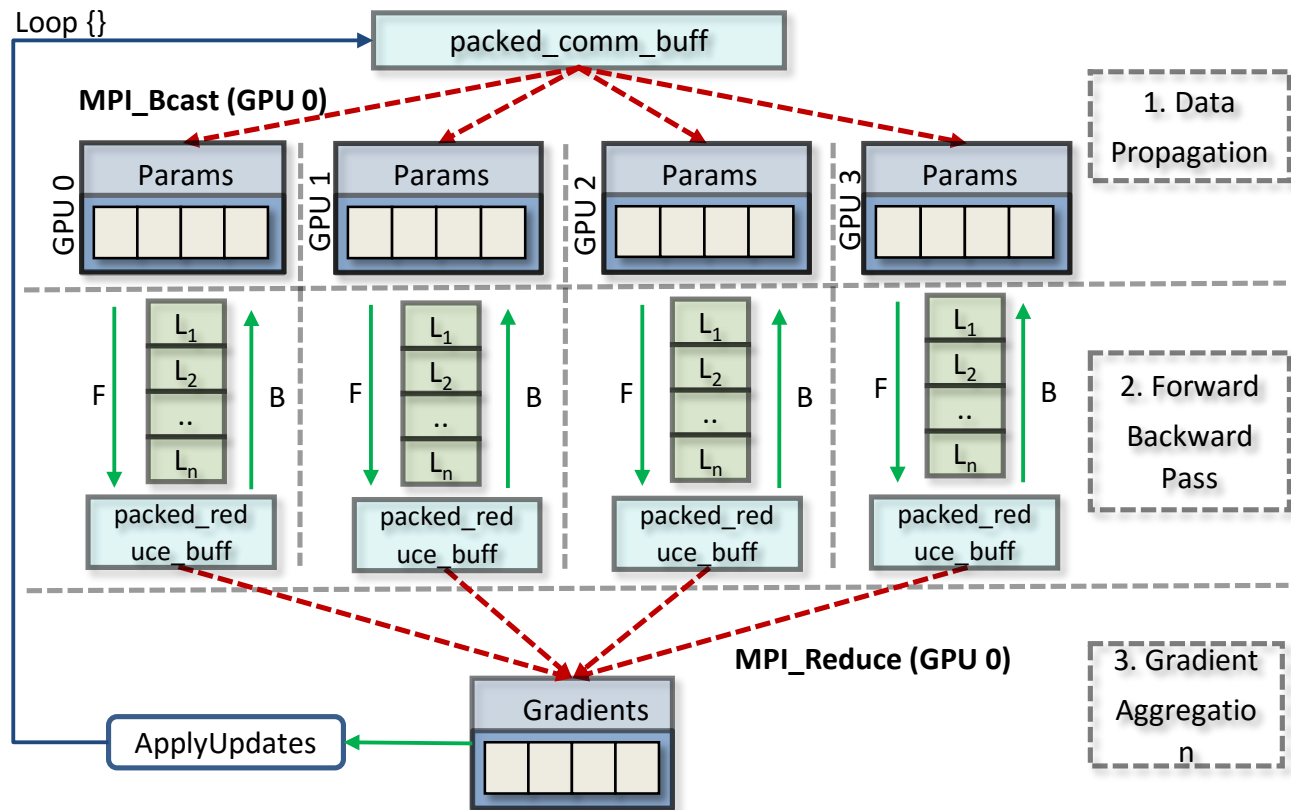- What needs to be fixed at the **communication runtime** layer?
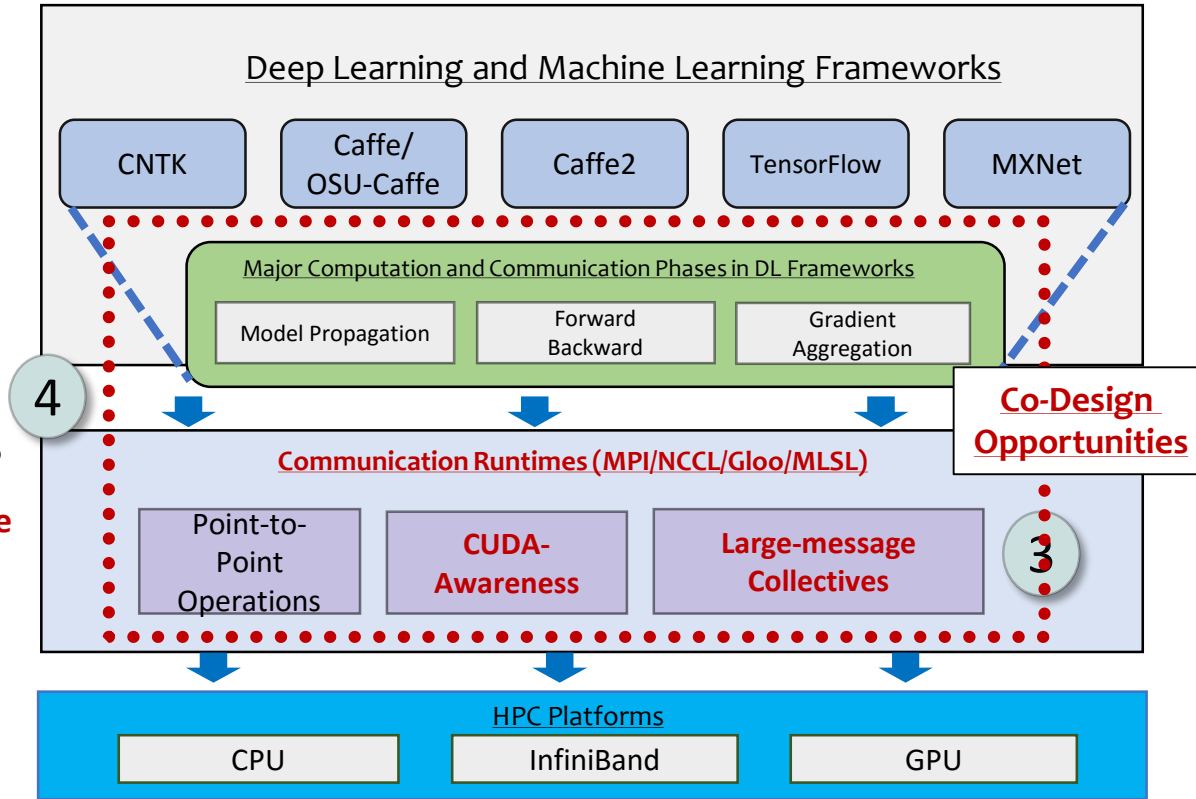
Multiple Approaches taken up by OSU

- MPI-driven Deep Learning
  - CPU-based Deep Learning
  - GPU-based Deep Learning
- Co-designing Deep Learning Stacks with High-Performance MPI
- Out-of-core DNN training
- Accelerating TensorFlow on HPC Systems
- Accelerating Big Data Stacks
- Efficient Deep Learning over Big Data

Data Parallel Deep Learning and MPI Collectives

- Major **MPI Collectives** involved in Designing distributed frameworks

- **MPI_Bcast** – required for DNN parameter exchange

- **MPI_Reduce** – needed for gradient accumulation from multiple solvers

- **MPI_Allreduce** – use just one Allreduce instead of Reduce and Broadcast

Loop {}

packed_comm_buff

MPI_Bcast (GPU 0)

1. Data Propagation

GPU 0 | Params
GPU 1 | Params
GPU 2 | Params
GPU 3 | Params

F | L_1 L_2 .. L_n | B   F | L_1 L_2 .. L_n | B   F | L_1 L_2 .. L_n | B   F | L_1 L_2 .. L_n | B

2. Forward Backward Pass

packed_reduce_buff   packed_reduce_buff   packed_reduce_buff   packed_reduce_buff

MPI_Reduce (GPU 0)

3. Gradient Aggregation

ApplyUpdates ← Gradients

A. A. Awan, K. Hamidouche, J. M. Hashmi, and D. K. Panda, S-Caffe: Co-designing MPI Runtimes and Caffe for Scalable Deep Learning on Modern GPU Clusters. In *Proceedings of the 22nd ACM SIGPLAN Symposium on Principles and Practice of Parallel Programming* (PPoPP '17)

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 3,000 organizations in 88 countries**

  – **More than 539,000 (> 0.5 million) downloads from the OSU site directly**

  – Empowering many TOP500 clusters (Nov '18 ranking)

    - 3rd ranked 10,649,640-core cluster (Sunway TaihuLight) at NSC, Wuxi, China

    - 14th, 556,104 cores (Oakforest-PACS) in Japan

    - 17th, 367,024 cores (Stampede2) at TACC

    - 27th, 241,108-core (Pleiades) at NASA and many others

  – Available with software stacks of many vendors and Linux Distros (RedHat, SuSE, and OpenHPC)

  – **http://mvapich.cse.ohio-state.edu**

- Empowering Top500 systems for over a decade

Partner in the upcoming TACC Frontera System

Architecture of MVAPICH2 Software Family

High Performance Parallel Programming Models

Message Passing Interface (MPI)	PGAS (UPC, OpenSHMEM, CAF, UPC++)	Hybrid --- MPI + X (MPI + PGAS + OpenMP/Cilk)

High Performance and Scalable Communication Runtime

Diverse APIs and Mechanisms

Point-to-point Primitives	Collectives Algorithms	Job Startup	Energy-Awareness	Remote Memory Access	I/O and File Systems	Fault Tolerance	Virtualization	Active Messages	Introspection & Analysis

Support for Modern Networking Technology (InfiniBand, iWARP, RoCE, Omni-Path)

Transport Protocols

RC	XRC	UD	DC

Modern Features

UMR	ODP	SR-IOV	Multi Rail

Support for Modern Multi-/Many-core Architectures (Intel-Xeon, OpenPower, Xeon-Phi, ARM, NVIDIA GPGPU)

Transport Mechanisms

Shared Memory	CMA	IVSHMEM	XPMEM*

Modern Features

| MCDRAM*	NVLink*	CAPI*

* Upcoming

MVAPICH2 Software Family (CPU-Based Deep Learning)

High-Performance Parallel Programming Libraries	
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MVAPICH2-EA	Energy aware and High-performance MPI
MVAPICH2-MIC	Optimized MPI for clusters with Intel KNC
Microbenchmarks	
OMB	Microbenchmarks suite to evaluate MPI and PGAS (OpenSHMEM, UPC, and UPC++) libraries for CPUs and GPUs
Tools	
OSU INAM	Network monitoring, profiling, and analysis for clusters with MPI and scheduler integration
OEMT	Utility to measure the energy consumption of MPI applications

Performance of CNTK with MVAPICH2-X on CPU-based Deep Learning

- CPU-based training of AlexNet neural network using ImageNet ILSVRC2012 dataset

- Advanced XPMEM-based designs show up to 20% benefits over Intel MPI (IMPI) for CNTK DNN training using All_Reduce

- The proposed designs show good scalability with increasing system size

CNTK AlexNet Training
(B.S=default, iteration=50, ppn=28)
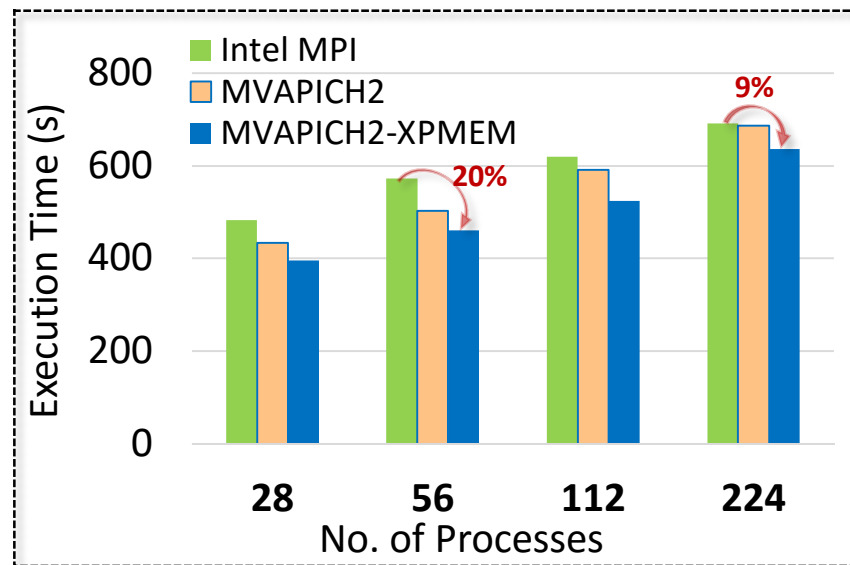
Available since MVAPICH2-X 2.3rc1 release

Designing Efficient Shared Address Space Reduction Collectives for Multi-/Many-cores, J. Hashmi, S. Chakraborty, M. Bayatpour, H. Subramoni, and DK Panda, 32nd IEEE International Parallel & Distributed Processing Symposium (IPDPS '18), May 2018

Performance of TensorFlow with MVAPICH2-X on CPU

- CPU-based distributed TensorFlow Benchmarks (TF) benchmark
  - tf_cnn_benchmark tests
- AlexNet model training
  - ImageNet ILSVRC2012 dataset
- Advanced SALaR and XPMEM based designs in MVAPICH-X showed good scalability
- Up to **15%** and **35%** improvements in number of images per second at 448 and 896 processes, respectively.
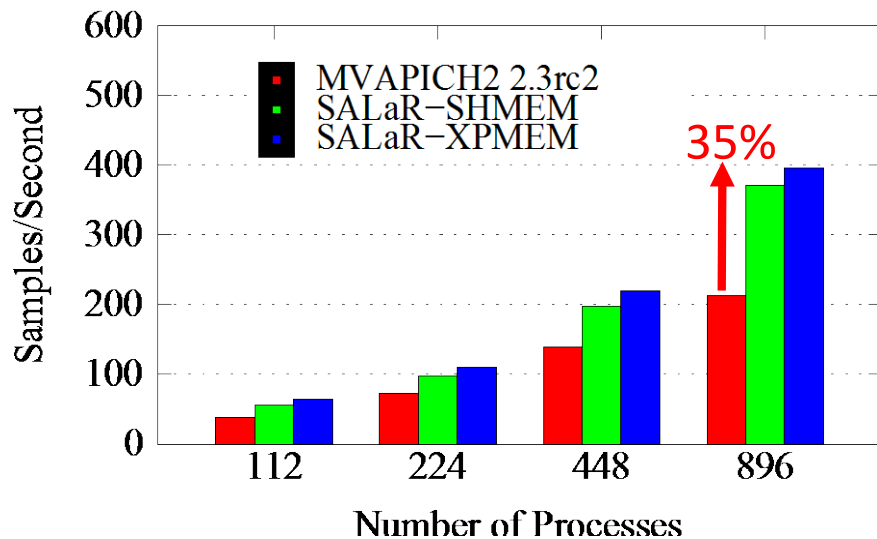
TensorFlow Images per Second

(higher is better)

Will be available in future MVAPICH2-X releases

SALaR: Scalable and Adaptive Designs for Large Message Reduction Collectives, M. Bayatpour, J. Hashmi, S. Chakraborty, H. Subramoni, P. Kousha, and DK Panda IEEE Cluster 2018, Sep 2018 [Best Paper in Architecture Track]

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MPI + CUDA - Naive

- Data movement in applications with standard MPI and CUDA interfaces

At Sender:

cudaMemcpy(s_hostbuf, s_devbuf, . . .);

MPI_Send(s_hostbuf, size, . . .);

At Receiver:

MPI_Recv(r_hostbuf, size, . . .);

cudaMemcpy(r_devbuf, r_hostbuf, . . .);
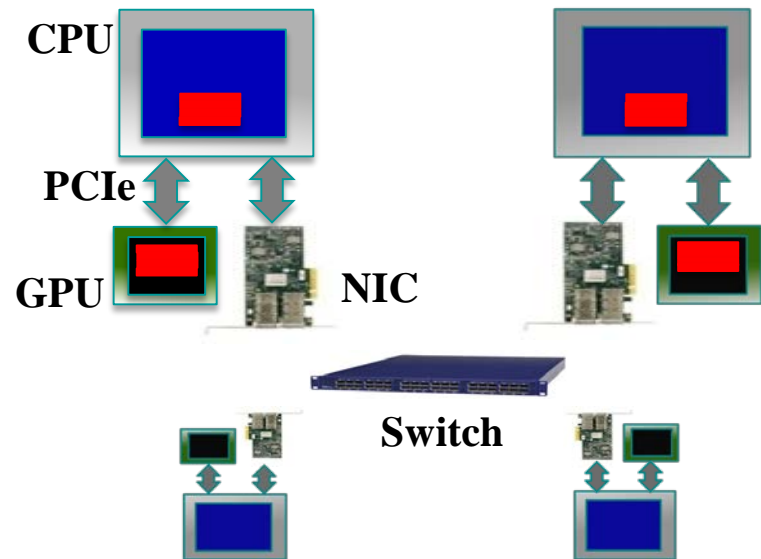
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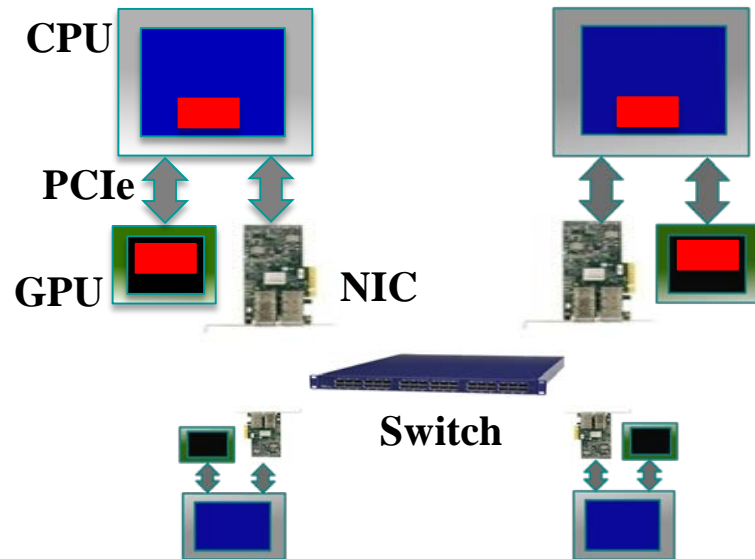
MPI + CUDA - Advanced

- Pipelining at user level with non-blocking MPI and CUDA interfaces

At Sender:

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for (j = 0; j < pipeline_len; j++)
    cudaMemcpyAsync(s_hostbuf + j * blk, s_devbuf + j *
        blksz, …);
for (j = 0; j < pipeline_len; j++) {
    while (result != cudaSucess) {
        result = cudaStreamQuery(…);
        if(j > 0) MPI_Test(…);
    }
    MPI_Isend(s_hostbuf + j * block_sz, blksz . . .);
}
MPI_Waitall();
```

<<Similar at receiver>>

Low Productivity and High Performance

CPU

PCIe

GPU   NIC

Switch

GPU-Aware (CUDA-Aware) MPI Library: MVAPICH2-GPU

- Standard MPI interfaces used for unified data movement

- Takes advantage of Unified Virtual Addressing (>= CUDA 4.0)

- Overlaps data movement from GPU with RDMA transfers

At Sender:

MPI_Send(s_devbuf, size, …);

At Receiver:

MPI_Recv(r_devbuf, size, …);

High Performance and High Productivity

inside MVAPICH2
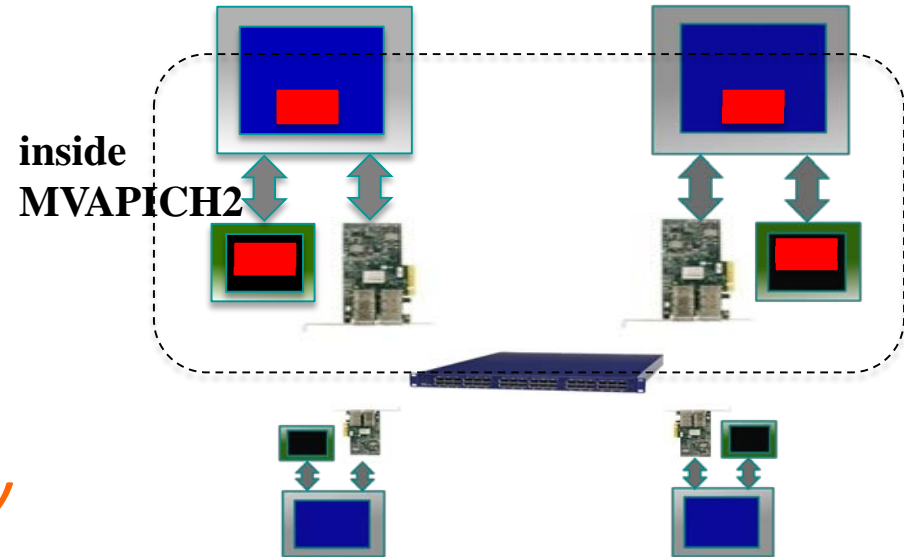
CUDA-Aware MPI: MVAPICH2-GDR 1.8-2.3.1 Releases

- Support for MPI communication from NVIDIA GPU device memory
- High performance RDMA-based inter-node point-to-point communication (GPU-GPU, GPU-Host and Host-GPU)
- High performance intra-node point-to-point communication for multi-GPU adapters/node (GPU-GPU, GPU-Host and Host-GPU)
- Taking advantage of CUDA IPC (available since CUDA 4.1) in intra-node communication for multiple GPU adapters/node
- Optimized and tuned collectives for GPU device buffers
- MPI datatype support for point-to-point and collective communication from GPU device buffers
- Unified memory

MVAPICH2-GDR 2.3.1

- Released on 03/16/2018

- Major Features and Enhancements
  - Based on MVAPICH2 2.3.1
  - Enhanced intra-node and inter-node point-to-point performance for DGX-2 and IBM POWER8 and IBM POWER9 systems
  - Enhanced Allreduce performance for DGX-2 and IBM POWER8/POWER9 systems
  - Enhanced small message performance for CUDA-Aware MPI_Put and MPI_Get
  - Support for PGI 18.10
  - Flexible support for running TensorFlow (Horovod) jobs
  - Add support for Volta (V100) GPU
  - Support for OpenPOWER with NVLink
  - Efficient Multiple CUDA stream-based IPC communication for multi-GPU systems with and without NVLink
  - Leverage Linux Cross Memory Attach (CMA) feature for enhanced host-based communication
  - InfiniBand Multicast (IB-MCAST) based designs for GPU-based broadcast and streaming applications
  - Efficient broadcast designs for Deep Learning applications

Optimized MVAPICH2-GDR Design

GPU-GPU Inter-node Latency

1.85us — 10x

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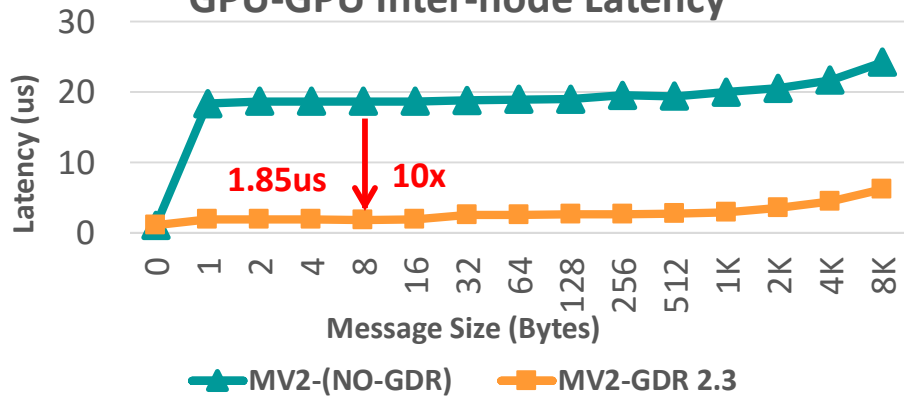
GPU-GPU Inter-node Bi-Bandwidth

11X

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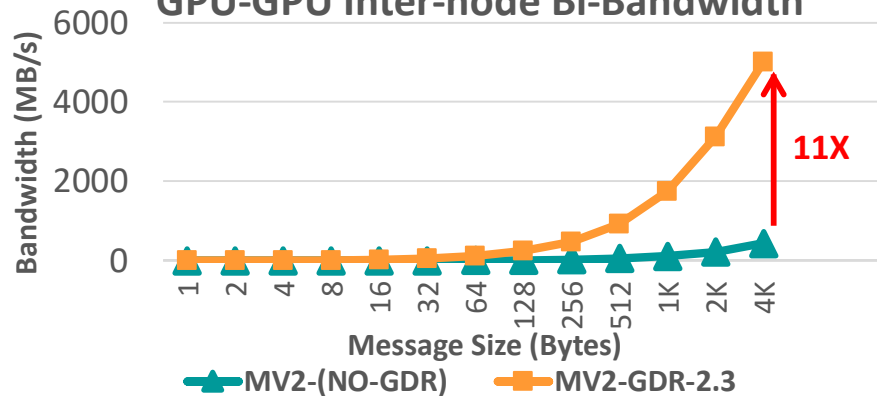
GPU-GPU Inter-node Bandwidth

9x

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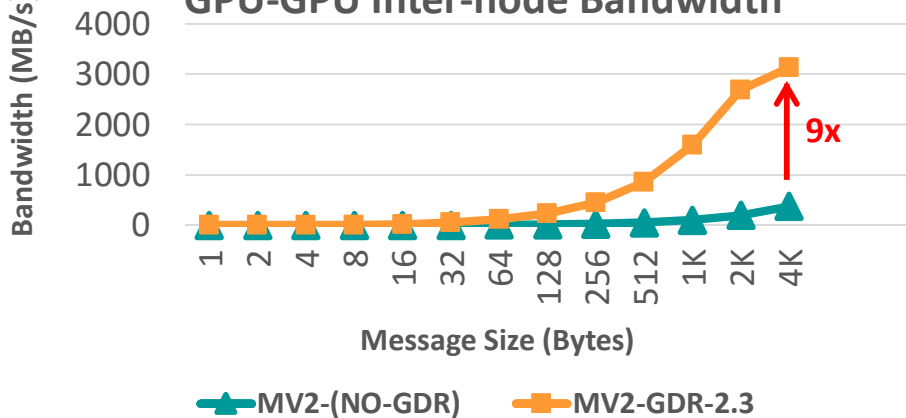
MVAPICH2-GDR-2.3
Intel Haswell (E5-2687W @ 3.10 GHz) node - 20 cores
NVIDIA Volta V100 GPU
Mellanox Connect-X4 EDR HCA
CUDA 9.0
Mellanox OFED 4.0 with GPU-Direct-RDMA

Distributed Training using TensorFlow (TF)

- TensorFlow is the most popular DL framework

- gRPC is the official distributed training runtime
  - Many problems for HPC use-cases

- Community efforts - Baidu and Uber's Horovod have added MPI support to TF across nodes

- Need to understand several options currently available →
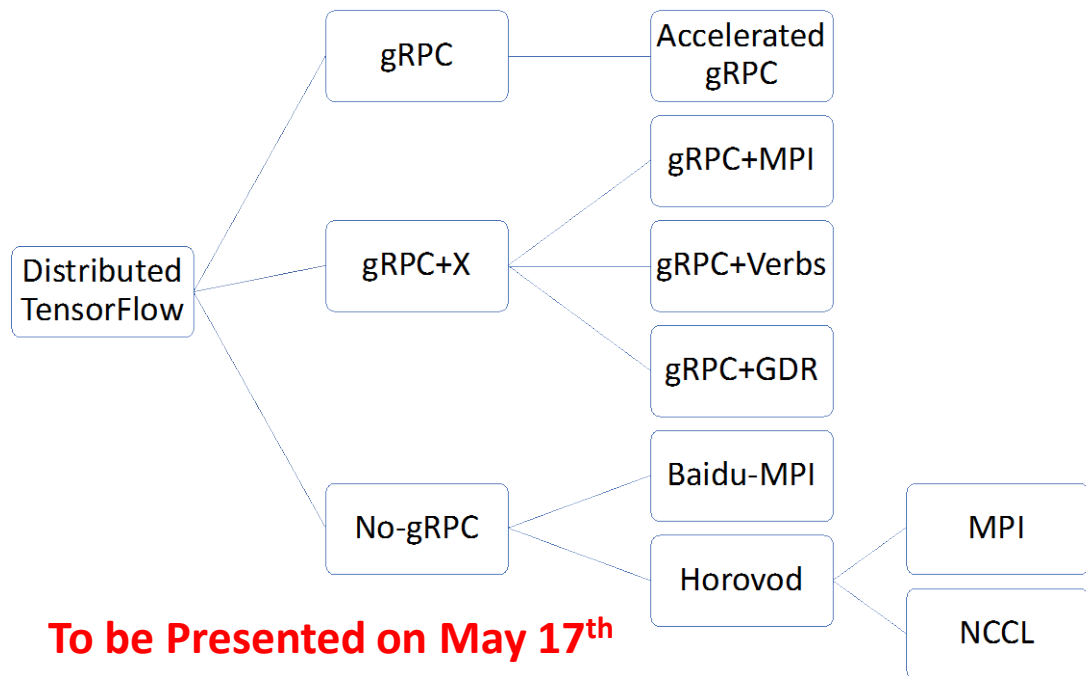
To be Presented on May 17th (Session 7 B)

Awan et al., "Scalable Distributed DNN Training using TensorFlow and CUDA-Aware MPI: Characterization, Designs, and Performance Evaluation", CCGrid '19. https://arxiv.org/abs/1810.11112

Scalable TensorFlow using Horovod, MPI, and NCCL

- Efficient Allreduce is crucial for Horovod's overall training performance
  - Both MPI and NCCL designs are available
- We have evaluated Horovod extensively and compared across a wide range of designs using gRPC and gRPC extensions
- MVAPICH2-GDR achieved up to **90%** scaling efficiency for ResNet-50 Training on 64 Pascal GPUs

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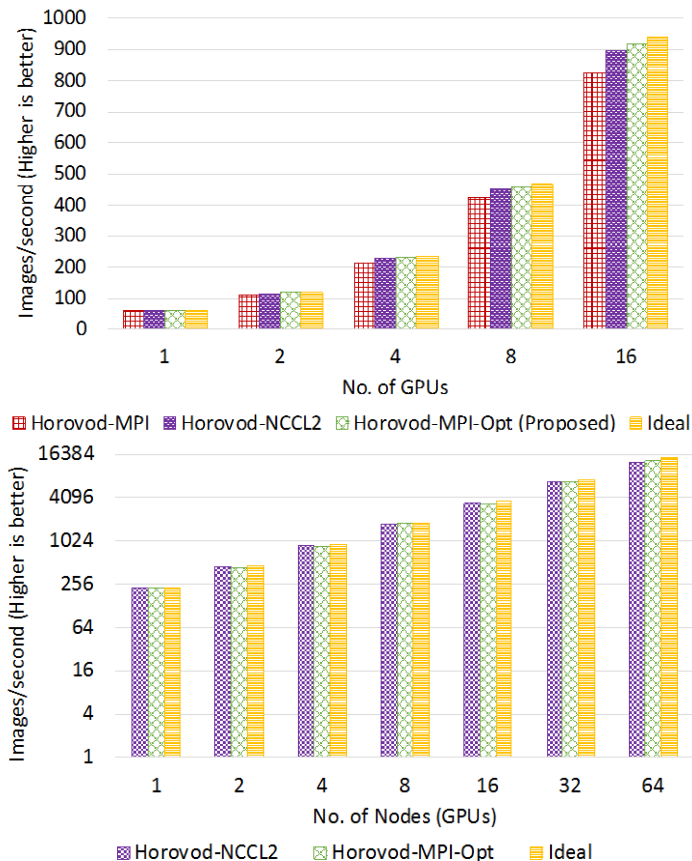
MVAPICH2-GDR: Allreduce Comparison with Baidu and OpenMPI

- 16 GPUs (4 nodes) MVAPICH2-GDR vs. Baidu-Allreduce and OpenMPI 3.0
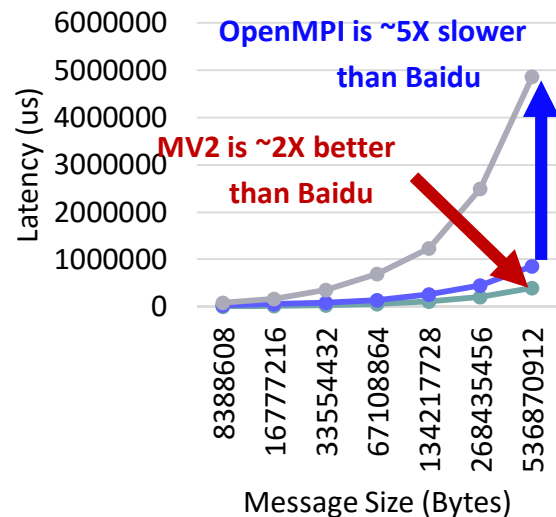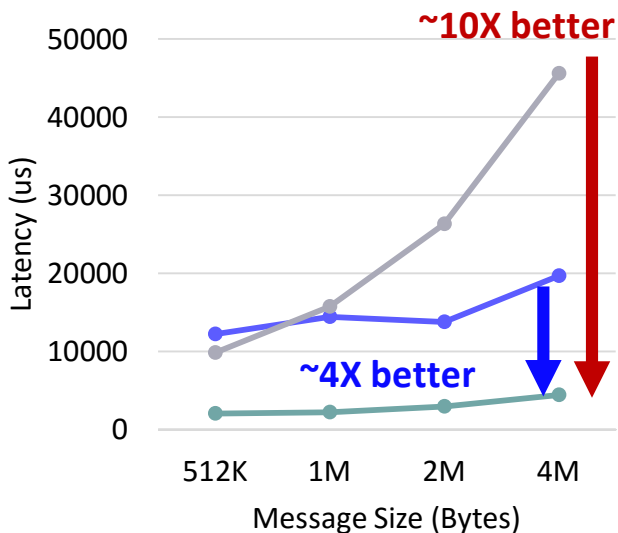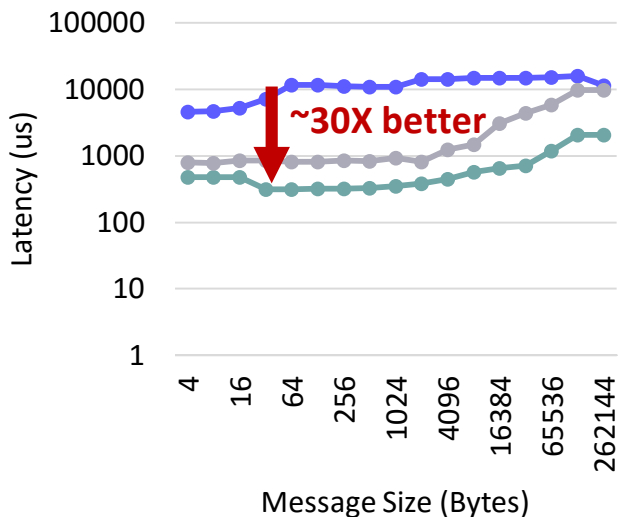
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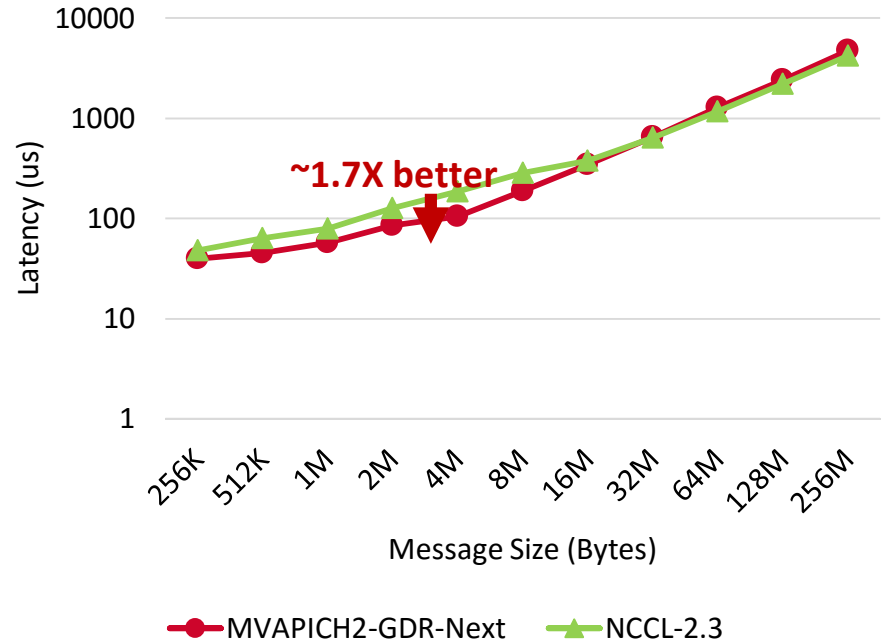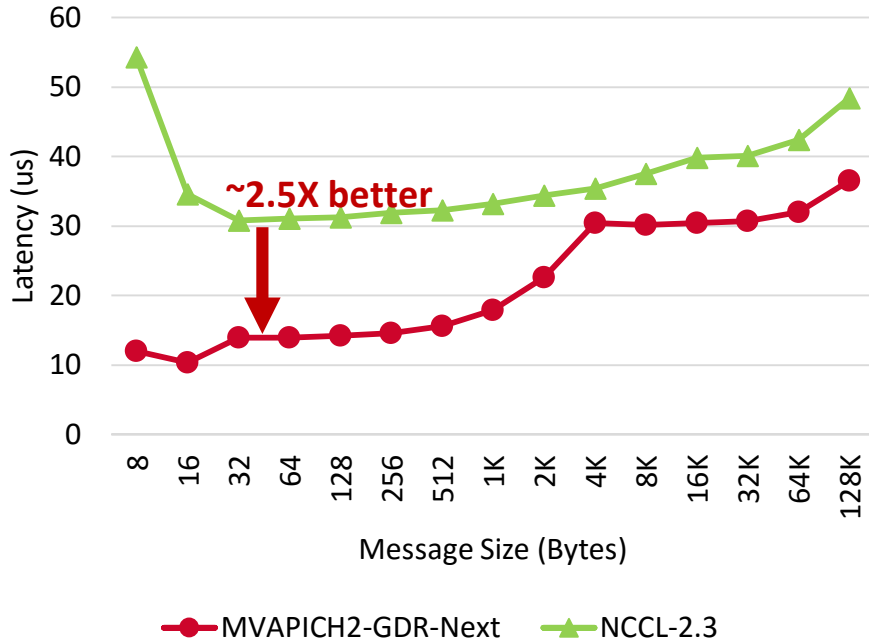# MVAPICH2-GDR vs. NCCL2 – Allreduce Operation

- Optimized designs in MVAPICH2-GDR 2.3 offer better/comparable performance for most cases

- MPI_Allreduce (MVAPICH2-GDR) vs. ncclAllreduce (NCCL2) on 16 GPUs
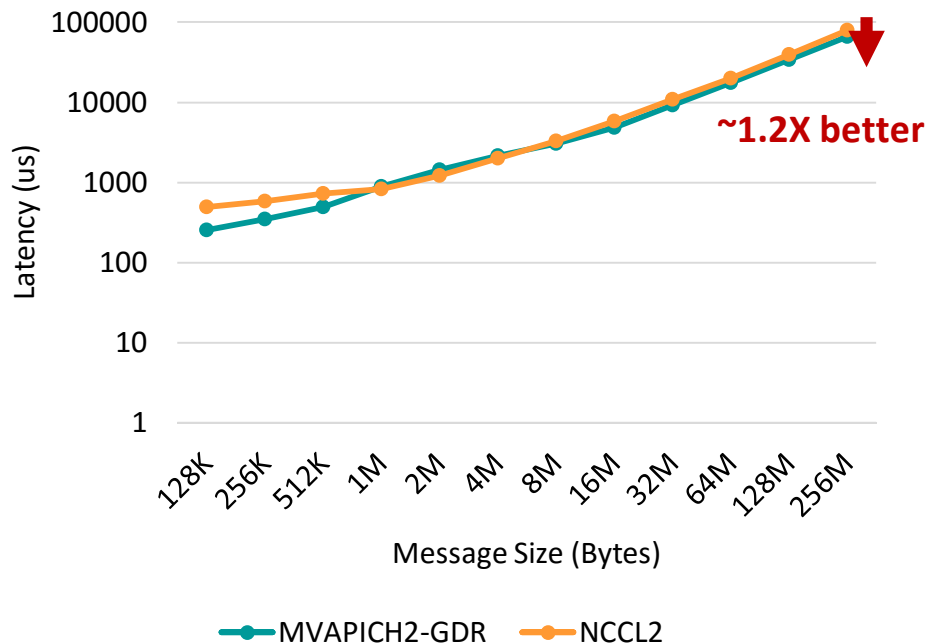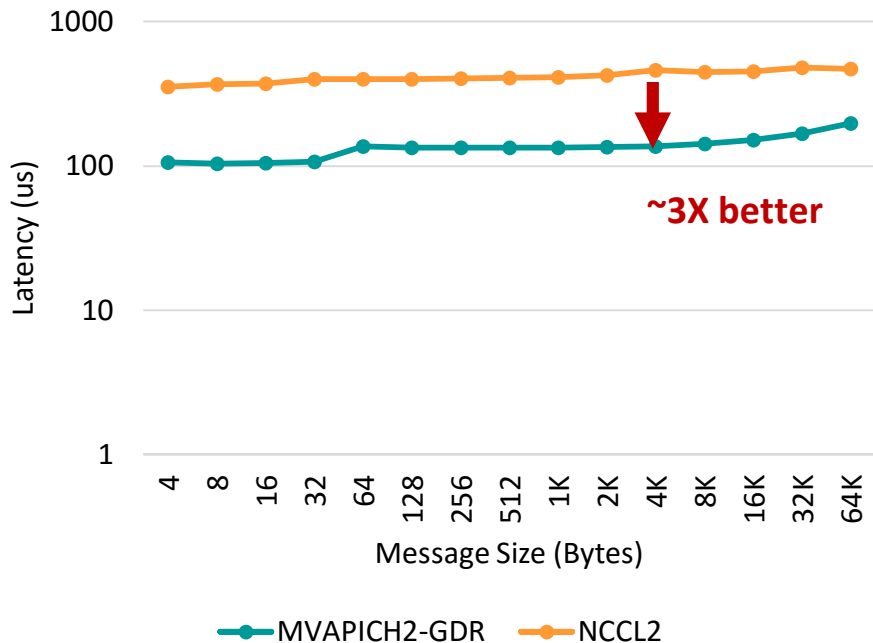
Platform: Intel Xeon (Broadwell) nodes equipped with a dual-socket CPU, 1 K-80 GPUs, and EDR InfiniBand Inter-connect

MVAPICH2-GDR vs. NCCL2 – Allreduce Operation (DGX-2)

- **Optimized designs in upcoming MVAPICH2-GDR offer better/comparable performance for most cases**

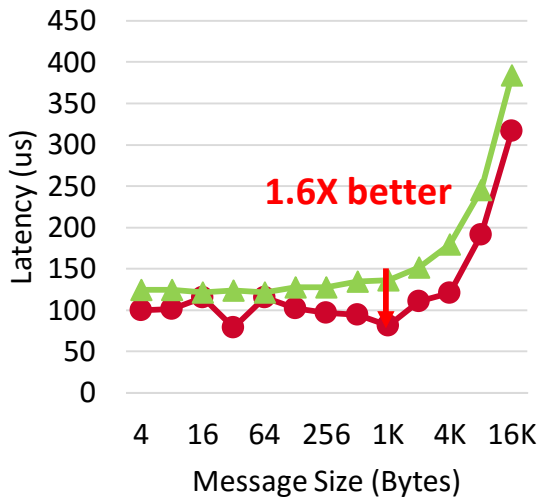- **MPI_Allreduce (MVAPICH2-GDR) vs. ncclAllreduce (NCCL2) on 1 DGX-2 node (16 Volta GPUs)**

Platform: Nvidia DGX-2 system (16 Nvidia Volta GPUs connected with NVSwitch), CUDA 9.2
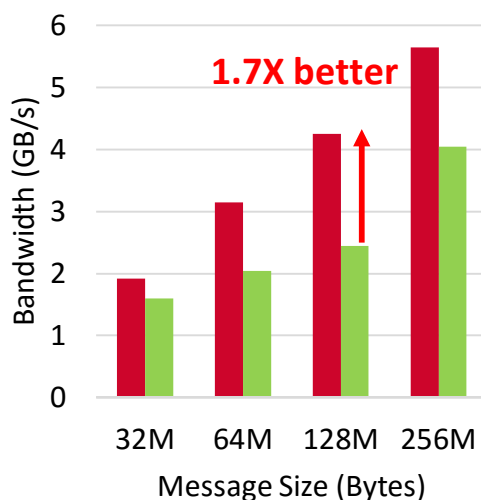
MVAPICH2-GDR: Enhanced MPI_Allreduce at Scale

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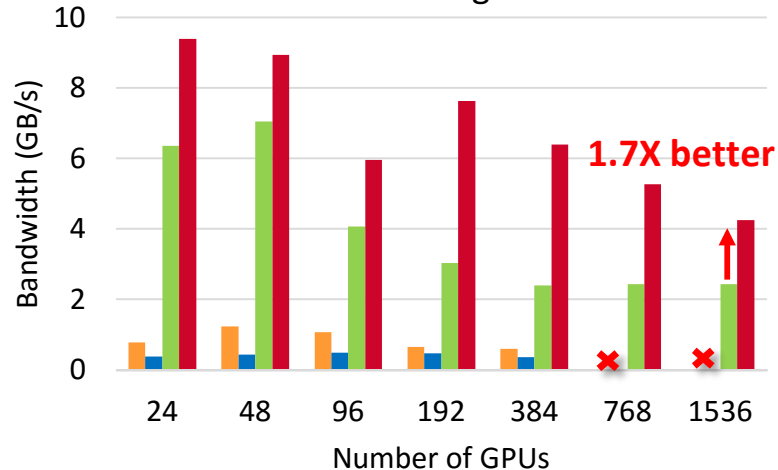- **MPI_Allreduce (MVAPICH2-GDR) vs. ncclAllreduce (NCCL2) up to 1,536 GPUs**

Platform: Dual-socket IBM POWER9 CPU, 6 NVIDIA Volta V100 GPUs, and 2-port InfiniBand EDR Interconnect

Distributed Training with TensorFlow and MVAPICH2-GDR

- **ResNet-50 Training using TensorFlow benchmark on 1 DGX-2 node (8 Volta GPUs)**
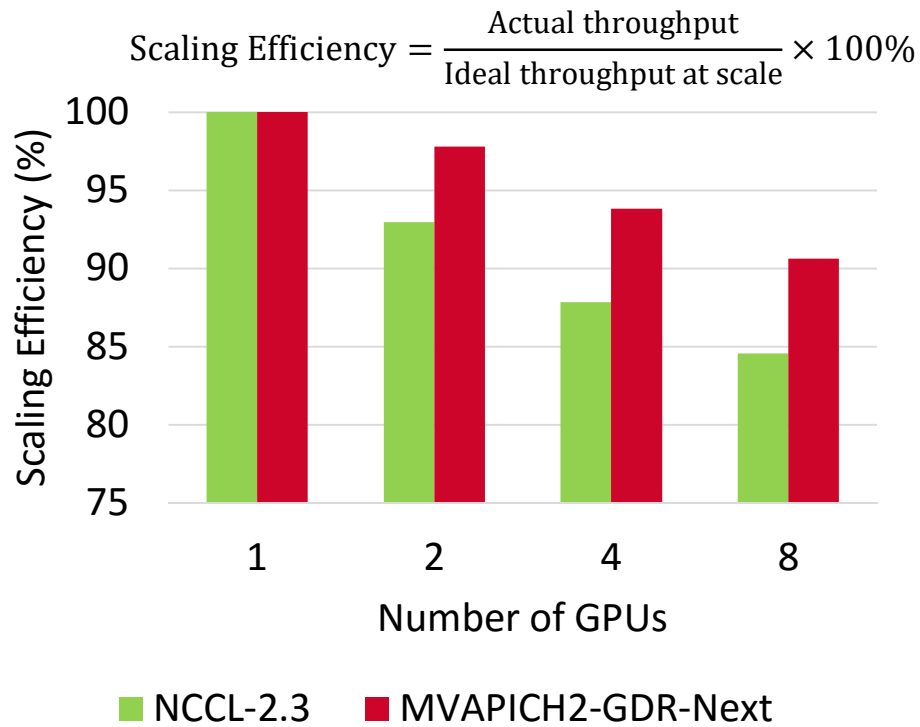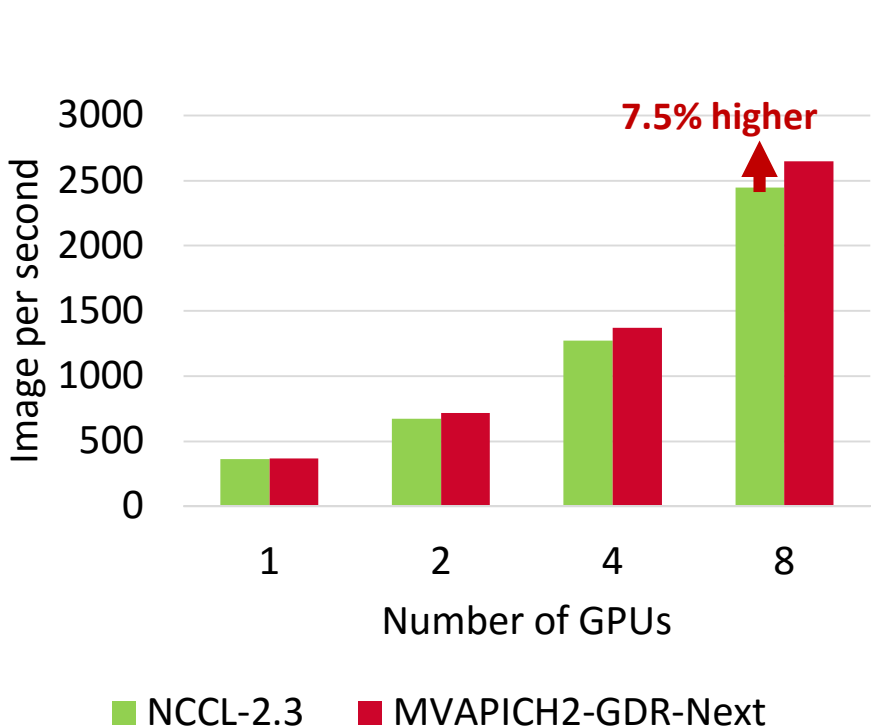
$$\text{Scaling Efficiency} = \frac{\text{Actual throughput}}{\text{Ideal throughput at scale}} \times 100\%$$

Platform: Nvidia DGX-2 system (16 Nvidia Volta GPUs connected with NVSwitch), CUDA 9.2

MVAPICH2-GDR: Pre-requisites for OpenPOWER & x86 Systems

- MVAPICH2-GDR 2.3.1 requires the following software to be installed on your system:
  1. Mellanox OFED 3.2 and later
  2. NVIDIA Driver 367.48 or later
  3. NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit 7.5 and later
  4. NVIDIA Peer Memory (nv_peer_mem) module to enable GPUDirect RDMA (GDR) support

- Strongly Recommended for Best Performance
  5. GDRCOPY Library by NVIDIA: https://github.com/NVIDIA/gdrcopy

- Comprehensive Instructions can be seen from the MVAPICH2-GDR User Guide:
  - http://mvapich.cse.ohio-state.edu/userguide/gdr/

MVAPICH2-GDR: Download and Setup on OpenPOWER & x86 Systems

- Simple Installation steps for both systems

- Pick the right MVAPICH2-GDR RPM from Downloads page:

  - http://mvapich.cse.ohio-state.edu/downloads/

  - e.g. http://mvapich.cse.ohio-state.edu/download/mvapich/gdr/2.3/mofed4.5/mvapich2-gdr-mcast.cuda10.0.mofed4.5.gnu4.8.5-2.3-1.el7.x86_64.rpm (== <mv2-gdr-rpm-name>.rpm)

$ wget http://mvapich.cse.ohio-state.edu/download/mvapich/gdr/2.3/<mv2-gdr-rpm-name>.rpm

Root Users:

$ rpm -Uvh --nodeps <mv2-gdr-rpm-name>.rpm

Non-Root Users:

$ rpm2cpio <mv2-gdr-rpm-name>.rpm | cpio – id

- Contact MVAPICH help list with any questions related to the package

  mvapich-help@cse.ohio-state.edu

OSU-Caffe: Scalable Deep Learning

- Caffe : A flexible and layered Deep Learning framework.

- Benefits and Weaknesses

  - Multi-GPU Training within a single node

  - Performance degradation for GPUs across different sockets

  - Limited Scale-out

- OSU-Caffe: MPI-based Parallel Training

  - Enable Scale-up (within a node) and Scale-out (across multi-GPU nodes)

  - Scale-out on 64 GPUs for training CIFAR-10 network on CIFAR-10 dataset

  - Scale-out on 128 GPUs for training GoogLeNet network on ImageNet dataset

OSU-Caffe publicly available from

http://hidl.cse.ohio-state.edu/

## GoogLeNet (ImageNet) on 128 GPUs
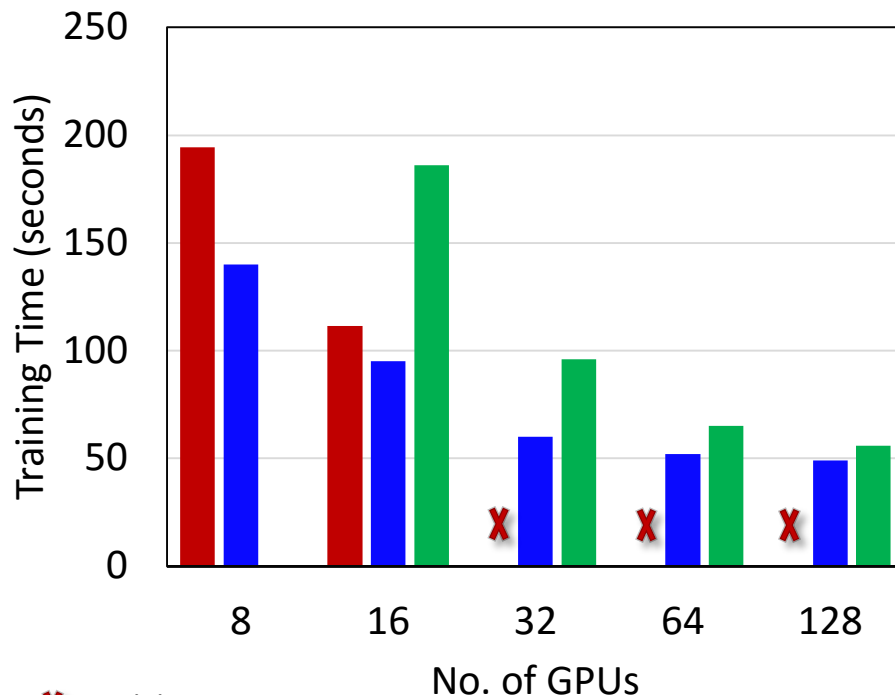
X Invalid use case

■ Caffe ■ OSU-Caffe (1024) ■ OSU-Caffe (2048)

Training Large (Out-of-core) Models

- Large DNNs cannot be trained on GPUs due to memory limitation!

  - ResNet-50 for Image Recognition but current frameworks can only go up to a small batch size of 45

  - Next generation models like Neural Machine Translation (NMT) are ridiculously large, consists of billions of parameters, and require even more memory

  - Can we design Out-of-core DNN training support using new software features in CUDA 8/9 and hardware mechanisms in Pascal/Volta GPUs?

- General intuition is that managed allocations "will be" slow!

  - The proposed framework called **OC-Caffe (Out-of-Core Caffe)** shows the potential of managed memory designs that can provide performance with negligible/no overhead.

- OC-Caffe-Opt: up to **80% better** than Intel-optimized CPU Caffe for ResNet-50 training on the Volta V100 GPU with CUDA9 and CUDNN7

Trainability (Memory Requirements)
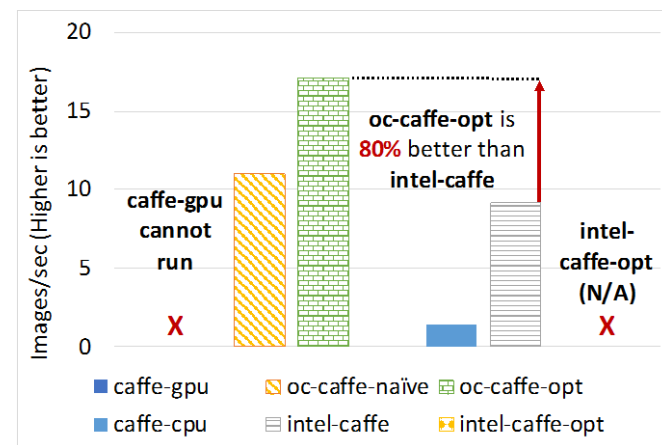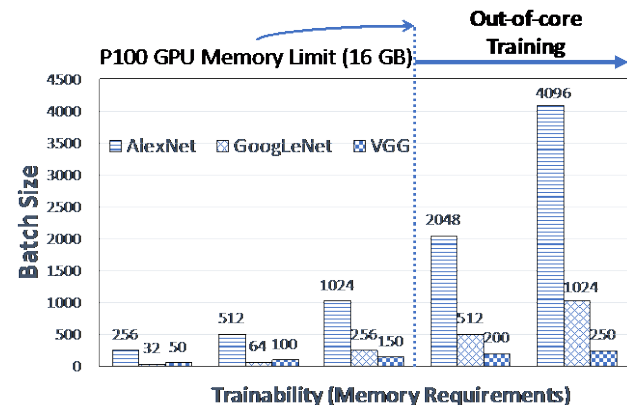
A. Awan et al., OC-DNN: Exploiting Advanced Unified Memory Capabilities in CUDA 9 and Volta GPUs for Out-of-Core DNN Training, HiPC '18

Multiple Approaches taken up by OSU

- MPI-driven Deep Learning

- Co-designing Deep Learning Stacks with High-Performance MPI

- Out-of-core DNN training

- Accelerating TensorFlow on HPC Systems

- Accelerating Big Data Stacks

- Efficient Deep Learning over Big Data

Architecture Overview of gRPC

Key Features:
- Simple service definition
- Works across languages and platforms
  - C++, Java, Python, Android Java etc
  - Linux, Mac, Windows.
- Start quickly and scale
- Bi-directional streaming and integrated authentication
- Used by Google (several of Google's cloud products and Google externally facing APIs, TensorFlow), Netflix, Docker, Cisco, Juniper Networks etc.
- Uses sockets for communication!
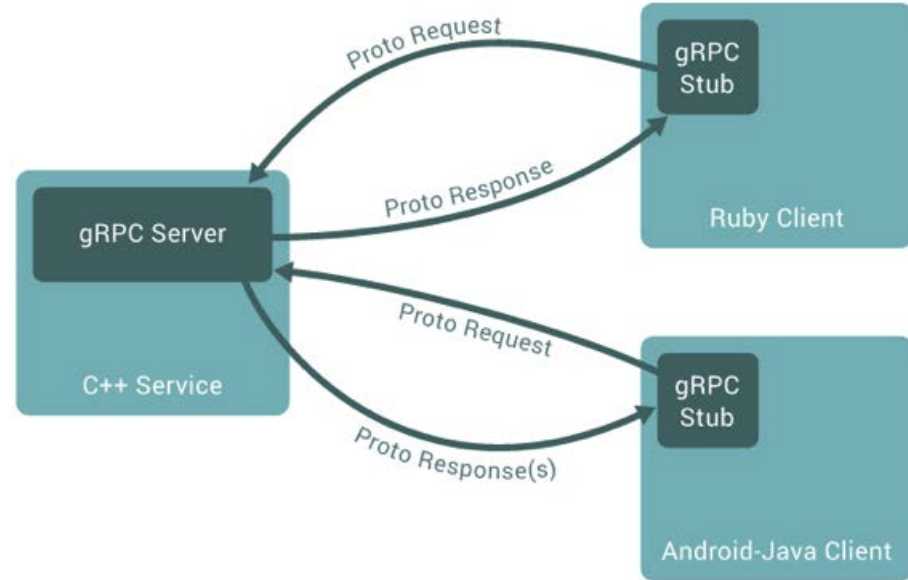
Large-scale distributed systems composed of micro services

Source: http://www.grpc.io/

Performance Benefits for RDMA-gRPC with Micro-Benchmark

RDMA-gRPC RPC Latency
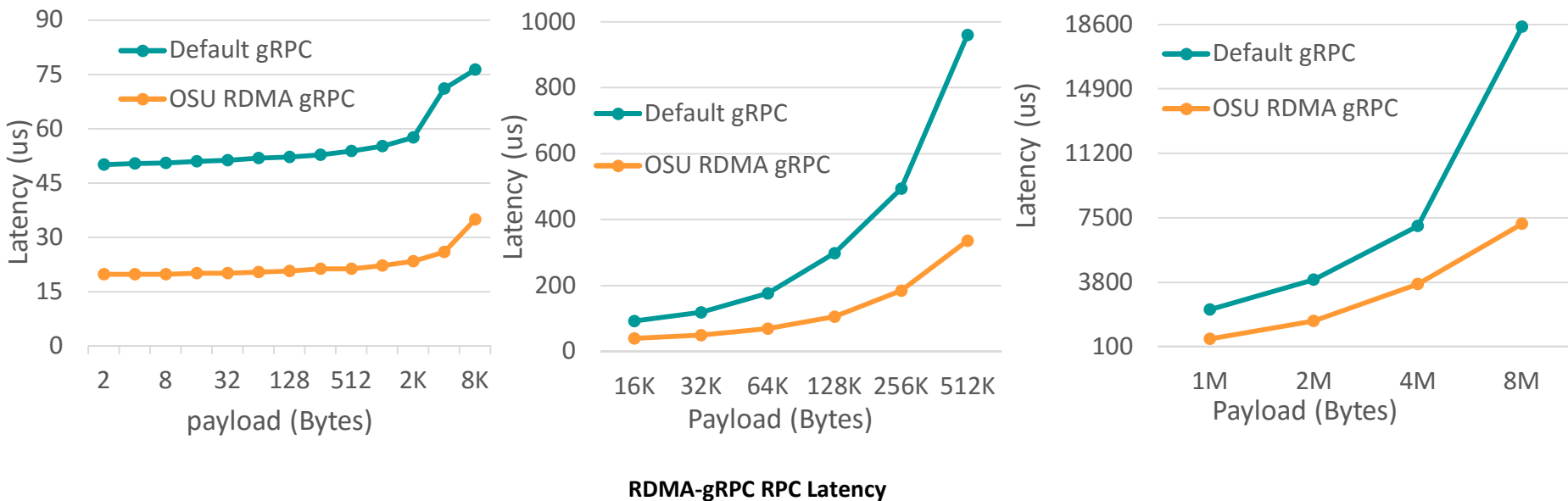
- **gRPC-RDMA Latency on SDSC-Comet-FDR**
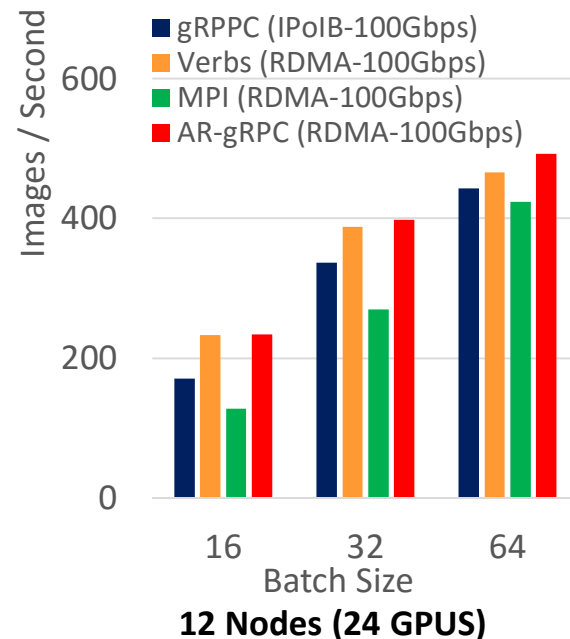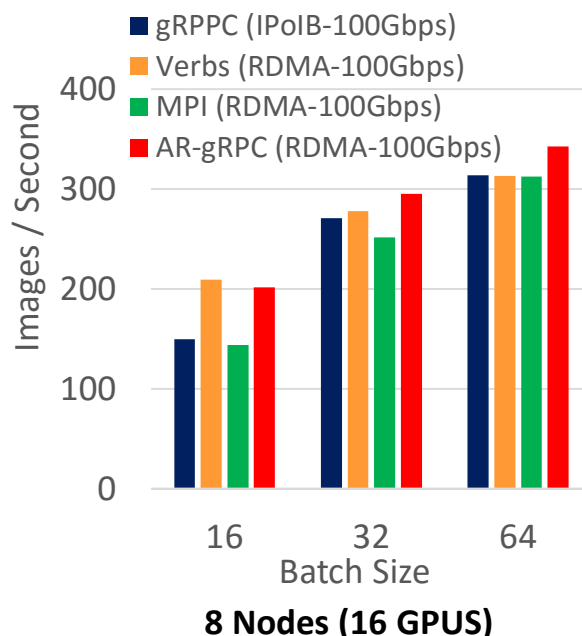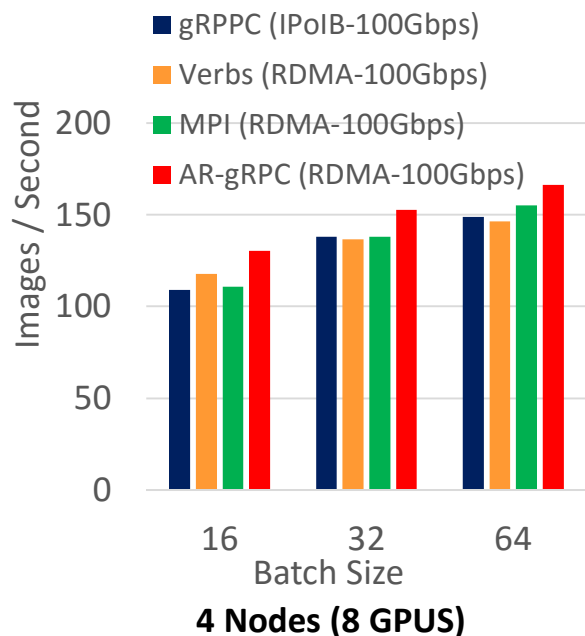 - **Up to 2.7x** performance speedup over IPoIB for Latency for small messages
  - **Up to 2.8x** performance speedup over IPoIB for Latency for medium messages
  - **Up to 2.5x** performance speedup over IPoIB for Latency for large messages

R. Biswas, X. Lu, and D. K. Panda, Accelerating gRPC and TensorFlow with RDMA for High-Performance Deep Learning over InfiniBand, HiPC '18.

Performance Benefit for RDMA-TensorFlow (Inception3)

4 Nodes (8 GPUS)

8 Nodes (16 GPUS)

12 Nodes (24 GPUS)

- TensorFlow Inception3 performance evaluation on an IB EDR cluster
  - Up to 20% performance speedup over Default gRPC (IPoIB) for 8 GPUs
  - Up to 34% performance speedup over Default gRPC (IPoIB) for 16 GPUs
  - Up to 37% performance speedup over Default gRPC (IPoIB) for 24 GPUs

R. Biswas, X. Lu, and D. K. Panda, Accelerating TensorFlow with Adaptive RDMA-based gRPC. HiPC '18

RDMA-TensorFlow Distribution

- High-Performance Design of TensorFlow over RDMA-enabled Interconnects

  - High performance RDMA-enhanced design with native InfiniBand support at the verbs-level for gRPC and TensorFlow

  - RDMA-based data communication

  - Adaptive communication protocols

  - Dynamic message chunking and accumulation

  - Support for RDMA device selection

  - Easily configurable for different protocols (native InfiniBand and IPoIB)

- Current release: 0.9.1

  - Based on Google TensorFlow 1.3.0

  - Tested with

    - Mellanox InfiniBand adapters (e.g., EDR)

    - NVIDIA GPGPU K80

    - Tested with CUDA 8.0 and CUDNN 5.0

  - http://hidl.cse.ohio-state.edu

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The High-Performance Big Data (HiBD) Project

- RDMA for Apache Spark

- RDMA for Apache Hadoop 3.x (RDMA-Hadoop-3.x)

- RDMA for Apache Hadoop 2.x (RDMA-Hadoop-2.x)

  – Plugins for Apache, Hortonworks (HDP) and Cloudera (CDH) Hadoop distributions

- RDMA for Apache Kafka

- 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

- Users Base: 310 organizations from 35 countries

- More than 29,950 downloads from the project site

Available for InfiniBand and RoCE

Also run on Ethernet

Available for x86 and OpenPOWER

Support for Singularity and Docker

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Performance Numbers of RDMA for Apache Hadoop 2.x – RandomWriter & TeraGen in OSU-RI2 (EDR)
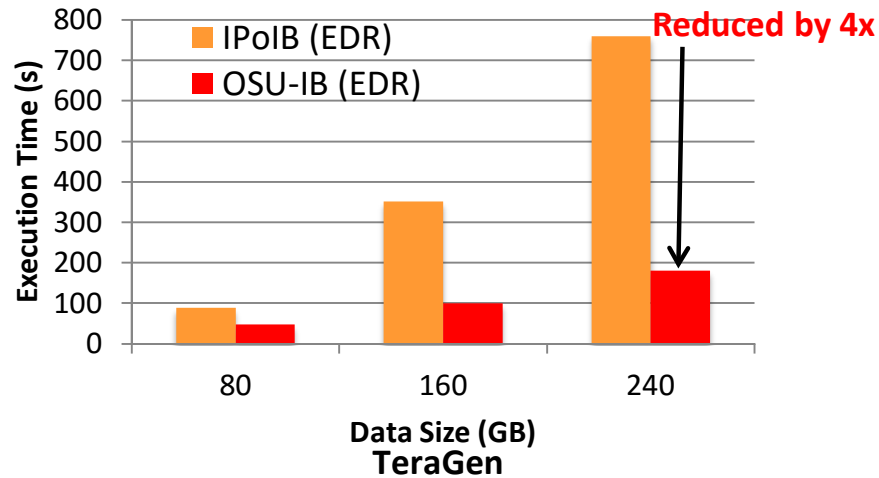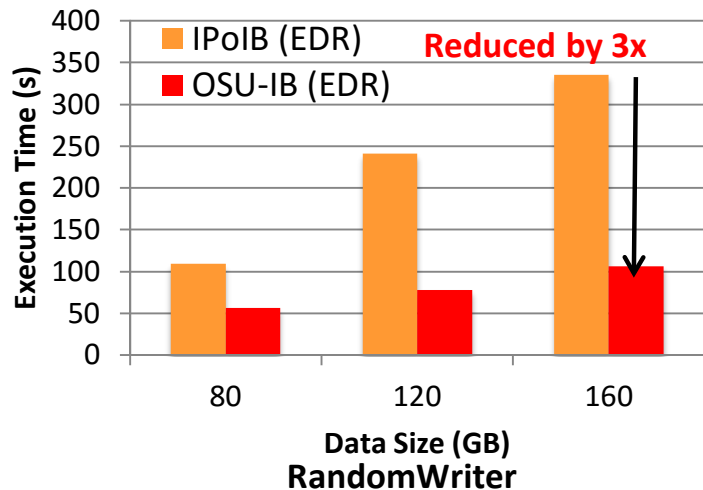
Cluster with 8 Nodes with a total of 64 maps

- RandomWriter

  - **3x** improvement over IPoIB for 80-160 GB file size

- TeraGen

  - **4x** improvement over IPoIB for 80-240 GB file size

Performance Evaluation on SDSC Comet – HiBench PageRank
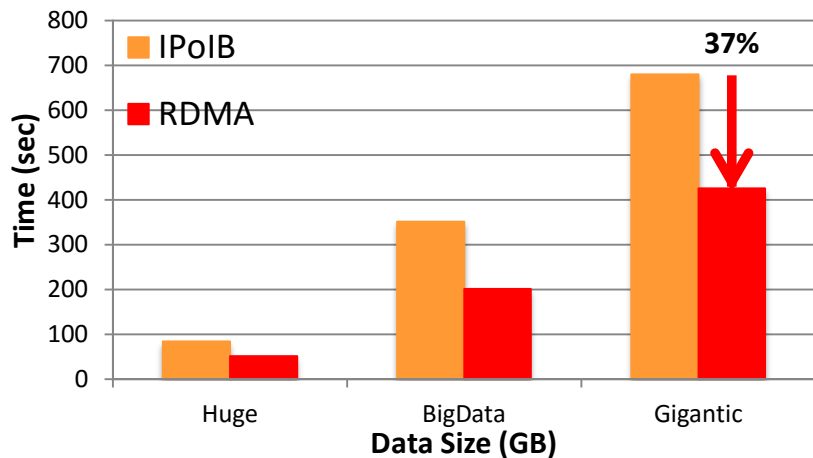
32 Worker Nodes, 768 cores, PageRank Total Time
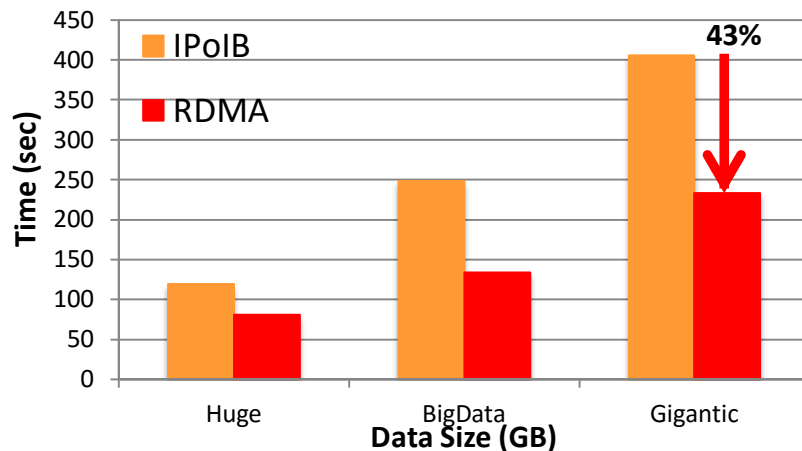
64 Worker Nodes, 1536 cores, PageRank Total Time

- InfiniBand FDR, SSD, 32/64 Worker Nodes, 768/1536 Cores, (768/1536M 768/1536R)

- RDMA-based design for Spark 1.5.1

- RDMA vs. IPoIB with 768/1536 concurrent tasks, single SSD per node.

  – 32 nodes/768 cores: Total time reduced by 37% over IPoIB (56Gbps)

  – 64 nodes/1536 cores: Total time reduced by 43% over IPoIB (56Gbps)

High-Performance <u>D</u>eep <u>L</u>earning <u>o</u>ver <u>B</u>ig <u>D</u>ata (DLoBD) Stacks

- **Challenges** of Deep Learning over Big Data (DLoBD)
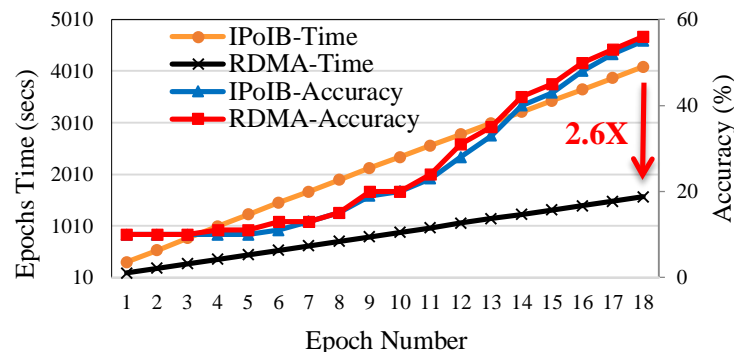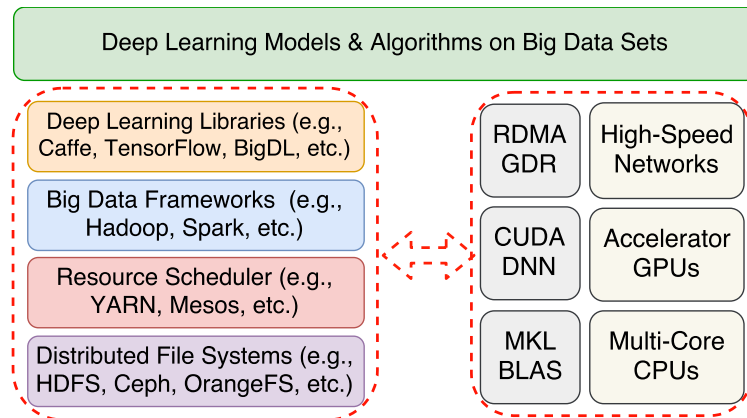 - Can RDMA-based designs in DLoBD stacks improve performance, scalability, and resource utilization on high-performance interconnects, GPUs, and multi-core CPUs?
  - What are the performance characteristics of representative DLoBD stacks on RDMA networks?
- **Characterization** on DLoBD Stacks
  - CaffeOnSpark, TensorFlowOnSpark, and BigDL
  - IPoIB vs. RDMA; In-band communication vs. Out-of-band communication; CPU vs. GPU; etc.
  - Performance, accuracy, scalability, and resource utilization
  - RDMA-based DLoBD stacks (e.g., BigDL over RDMA-Spark) can achieve 2.6x speedup compared to the IPoIB based scheme, while maintain similar accuracy

Deep Learning Models & Algorithms on Big Data Sets

Deep Learning Libraries (e.g., Caffe, TensorFlow, BigDL, etc.)

Big Data Frameworks (e.g., Hadoop, Spark, etc.)

Resource Scheduler (e.g., YARN, Mesos, etc.)

Distributed File Systems (e.g., HDFS, Ceph, OrangeFS, etc.)

RDMA GDR | High-Speed Networks
CUDA DNN | Accelerator GPUs
MKL BLAS | Multi-Core CPUs

X. Lu, H. Shi, M. H. Javed, R. Biswas, and D. K. Panda, Characterizing Deep Learning over Big Data (DLoBD) Stacks on RDMA-capable Networks, HotI 2017.

Conclusions

- Scalable distributed training is getting important

- Requires high-performance middleware designs while exploiting modern interconnects

- Provided a set of different solutions to achieve scalable distributed training

  - Optimized collectives for CPU-based training

  - CUDA-aware MPI with optimized collectives for GPU-based training

  - TensorFlow-gRPC with RDMA support

  - Efficient DL support over Big Data

- Will continue to enable the DL community to achieve scalability and high-performance for their distributed training

More details in Two Tutorials at CCGrid '19

- **High Performance Distributed Deep Learning: A Beginner's Guide**

    – May 15th (Session 1C)

- **Accelerating Big Data Processing on Modern HPC Clusters**

    – May 16th (Session 4C)

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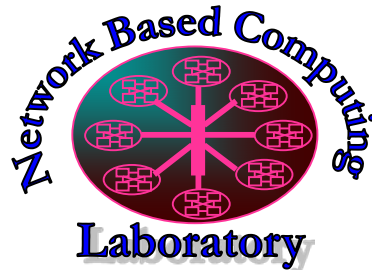
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