Optimising Performance **Through Data** Localisation

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Persistent memory performance



Workflows







I/O Optimisation with persistent memory

- n3d CFD application that uses combined forward/adjoint method
 - DNS used for Navier Stokes forward approach
 - Adjoint method requires full DNS output
 - DNS state is very large
- Medium simulation
 - 72 processes maximum
 - DNS state requires 4TB for storage
- Large simulation
 - 512 processes maximum
 - DNS state requires 40TB for storage
- Filesystem used to store data for the transition between phases

I/O Optimisation with persistent memory

- Assuming compute nodes with 256GB DRAM, to fit in DRAM
 - Medium case would require a minimum of 16 nodes
 - Large scale would require a minimum of 160 nodes
- Using filesystem (Lustre) takes:
 - Medium case using 3 nodes: ~9800 seconds
 - Large case using 22 nodes: ~80000 seconds
- Using persistent memory for I/O on the nodes
 - Medium case using 3 nodes: ~8500 seconds (~15% faster)
 - Large case using 22 nodes: ~9200 seconds (~90% faster)
- Using persistent memory as memory on the nodes
 - Medium case using 3 nodes: ~8300 seconds
 - Large case using 22 nodes: ~9000 seconds

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https://github.com/adrianjhpc/DistributedStream.git

Mode	Min BW (GB/s)	Median BW (GB/s)	Max BW (GB/s)
App Direct (DRAM)	142	150	155
App Direct (DCPMM)	32	32	32
Memory mode	144	146	147
Memory mode (large)	12	12	12



Data access sizes





IOR - Data block sizes







MAD2Bench







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- Each pixel replaced by a weighted average of its neighbours
- weighted by a 2D Gaussian
- averaged over a square region
- we will use:
 - Gaussian width of 1.4
 - a large square region
- then apply a Laplacian
 - this detects edges
 - a 2D second-derivative ∇^2
- Combine both operations
 - produces a single convolution filter
- 4 similar sized arrays, two that are updated and two that are source data



```
address = (int **) malloc(nx*sizeof(int *) + nx*ny*sizeof(int));
fuzzy = int2D(nx, ny, address);
pmemaddr1 = pmem map file(filename, array size, PMEM FILE CREATE | PMEM FILE EXCL,
                           0666, &mapped len1, &is pmem)
fuzzy = int2D(nx, ny, pmemaddr1);
int **int2D(int nx, int ny, int **idata) {
  int i;
  idata[0] = (int *) (idata + nx);
  for(i=1; i < nx; i++) {</pre>
      idata[i] = idata[i-1] + ny;
    }
  return idata;
}
```

• Read-only data in DRAM

Calculation time was 56.175083 seconds Overall run time was 58.261385 seconds DRAM required 285GB

Read-only data in Persistent Memory

Calculation time was 53.992465 seconds Overall run time was 56.385472 seconds DRAM required 170GB

• 2D CFD Stream function kernel

$$\nabla^2 \Psi = \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial y^2} = 0$$

$$\Psi_{i-1,j} + \Psi_{i+1,j} + \Psi_{i,j-1} + \Psi_{i,j+1} - 4\Psi_{i,j} = 0$$

- Jacobi kernel updates the grid
 - Swap update and data arrays at each iterator

```
psinew[i][j] = 0.25*(psi[i+1][j] + psi[i-1][j] +
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psi[i][j+1] + psi[i][j-1])

2GB

}

No persist:

DRAM required:

```
strcpy(totalfilename,"/mnt/pmem fsdax");
      sprintf(totalfilename+strlen(totalfilename), "%d/", socket);
      strncat(totalfilename, filename, strlen(filename));
      sprintf(totalfilename+strlen(totalfilename), "%d", rank);
      // total memory requirements including pointers
      mallocsize = nx*sizeof(void *) + nx*ny*typesize;
      if ((array2d = pmem map file(totalfilename, mallocsize,
                                   PMEM FILE CREATE | PMEM FILE EXCL,
                                   0666, mapped len, &is pmem)) == NULL) {
        perror("pmem map file");
        fprintf(stderr, "Failed to pmem map file for filename: %s\n",totalfilename);
        exit(-100);
    void swap pointers(double*** pa, double*** pb) {
        double** temp = *pa;
        *pa = *pb;
        *pb = temp;
                      DRAM: 7.95 seconds
                                                    B-APM: 9.64 seconds
DRAM required:
                      40GB
Partial persist:
                      DRAM: 7.95 seconds
                                                    B-APM: 10.67 seconds
DRAM required:
                      25GB
Full persist:
                      DRAM: 7.95 seconds
                                                    B-APM: 41.84 seconds
```

Architectural optimisation

- Single application performance key to users and developers
 - Very few systems are application specific
- Multi-purpose, multi-user systems require hardware choices
 - Processor, memory, accelerator, storage
 - Optimising for a range of applications hard
- A64FX one end of the spectrum
 - Small memory footprint for high performance/energy balance
- SGI UV2000 the other end of the spectrum
 - Very large memory footprint for shared memory/non-scaling applications
- Persist memory provides scope to optimise DRAM usage and I/O performance
 - Support low volume high performance memory
 - Support very high performance I/O
 - Enable application specialisation for memory performance
- Multi-tiered memory configurations
 - 3 tier memory structures to be investigated
 - HBM DRAM B-APM