

INAM²: InfiniBand Network Analysis and Monitoring with MPI

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Current Trends in HPC

- Supercomputing systems scaling rapidly
 - Multi-core architectures and
 - High-performance interconnects
- InfiniBand is a popular HPC interconnect
 - 205 systems (41%) in Jun'16 Top500
- MPI used by vast majority of HPC applications



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Motivation

- IB clusters and the MPI-based applications complex
- Challenging to identify interaction between and impact of underlying IB network on performance of HPC application
- Such knowledge critical to maximize efficiency and performance of HPC applications
- Rely on a plethora of MPI level and IB level tools to analyze and understand an HPC system to answer questions like
 - Why is my application running slower than usual now?

Limitations of Existing IB Fabric Monitoring Tools

- Several tools exists to analyze and inspect the IB fabric
 - e.g.: Nagios, Ganglia, Mellanox Fabric IT, INAM, BoxFish
- Lack of interaction with & knowledge about MPI library
 - Cannot classify traffic based on MPI primitives
 - e.g.: Point-to-point, Collective, RMA
 - Cannot correlate of network level and MPI level behavior
- Lack of interaction with the job scheduler
 - Cannot classify network traffic as belonging to a particular job
 - Cannot pin point source of conflict at finer granularity

Limitations of Existing MPI Profiling Tools

- Several tools exists that allow to profile MPI library
 - TAU, HPCToolkit, Intel Vtune, IPM, mpiP
- Lack of interaction with & knowledge about IB fabric
 - Cannot correlate network level and MPI level behavior
- Unable to provide deep insights into MPI library
 - Recently proposed MPI_T interface enables deep introspection
 - e.g.: MPIAdvisor No knowledge about the underlying IB fabric

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Broad Challenge

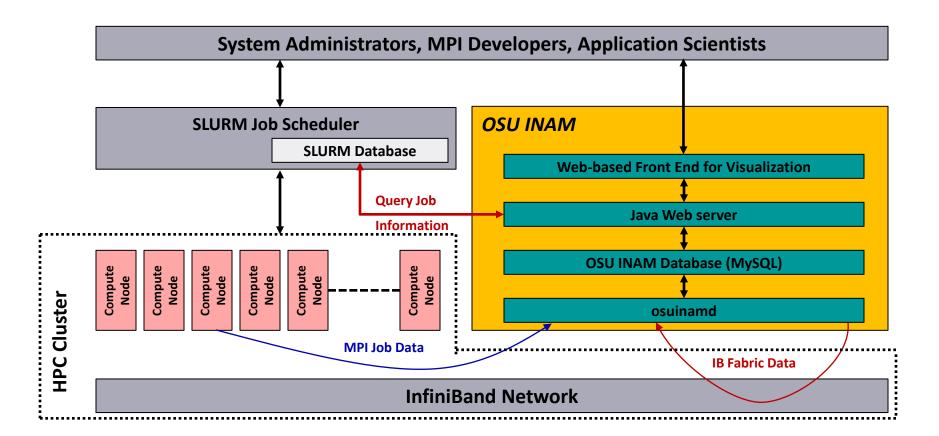
How can we design a tool that enables indepth understanding of the communication traffic on the InfiniBand network through tight integration with the MPI runtime?

Contributions

- Design and develop INAM²
 - A network monitoring and analysis tool capable of analyzing traffic on IB network with inputs from the MPI runtime
 - http://mvapich.cse.ohio-state.edu/tools/osu-inam/
- INAM² provides the following major features
 - Analyze and profile network-level activities with many metrics (data and errors) at user specified granularity
 - Capability to analyze and profile node-level, job-level and process-level activities for MPI communication
 - Capability to profile and report several metrics of MPI processes at node-level, job level and process-level at user specified granularity in conjunction with the MPI runtime
 - Capability to analyze and classify the traffic flowing in a physical link into those belonging to different jobs in conjunction with the MPI runtime
 - Capability to visualize the communication map at process level and node level granularities in conjunction with the MPI runtime
 - "Job Page" to display jobs in ascending/descending order of various performance metrics in conjunction with the MPI runtime

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INAM² Framework



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MPI Data Collection Thread

- Collect data specific to each MPI process and pushes it to OSU INAM Database
 - Allows analysis and visualization job/node/process level granularities
- Thread is a listener accepts data from remote MPI processes
 - Avoid bottlenecks that arise where thread actively polls each MPI process
- INAM² communication requirements
 - Small messages; High performance; High scalability, Low latency and no requirement for absolute reliability
- IB based communication to achieve high performance and low latency
 - Uses interrupt driven mode in IB
 - Reduce CPU utilization by eliminating the need to continually poll
- Design choices for IB transport protocol
 - IB supports several transport protocols RC, XRC, DC, UD
 - UD / DC transport protocols have significant benefits for scalability and memory footprint
 - UD protocol as the IB transport protocol for the MPI data collection thread

Co-design of MPI and INAM²

- Enhance MPI_T based profiling in MVAPICH2-X
 - CPU utilization of each process; Memory utilization of each process; Inter-node and intra-node communication buffer utilization; Intra-node, Inter-node and total bytes sent/received and, Total bytes sent for RMA operations
- MVAPICH2-X collects information via MPI_T and transmits updates to the MPI data collection thread via UD Queue Pairs (QP) at user specified intervals
 - Default value: 30 seconds
- Each packet sent has some meta data information used later to retrieve the data from the database
- MPI data collection thread dumps the UD QP and Local Identifier (LID) that it is listening on to a file
- This location of this file is passed through environment variables to MPI runtime by the system administrator

Fabric Discovery Thread & Database Thread

Fabric Discovery Thread

- Responsible for discovering the IB fabric and extracting data from selected components
- Identify the various IB devices present in the network and their current status and stores in DB
- Computes network path between each pair of hosts and stores in DB
- Monitor the network for any changes at a user specified interval
- Queries performance counters from selected components at user specified intervals
- Queues up the message in FIFO to the database thread for eventual insertion into the database

Database Thread

- Responsible for receiving information from the MPI data collection and the FD threads
- Create the tables in schema that the tool expects
 - Automatically update tables used by earlier versions of tool

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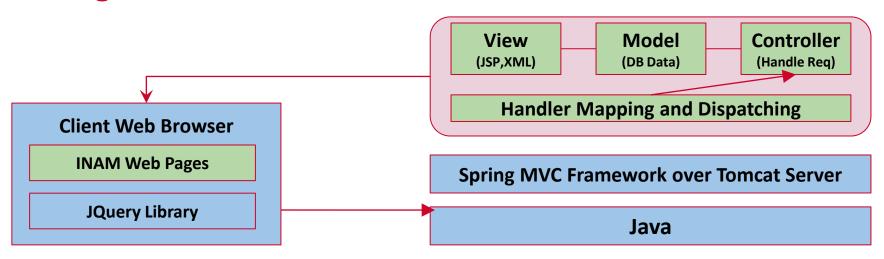
Design of OSU INAM Database

- Consists of multiple tables to enable various features of INAM²
 - Tables to hold InfiniBand network infrastructure related data
 - "route", "links", "nodes", "port data counters", and "port errors"
 - Hold data for links, nodes, ports and routes
 - Tables to keep track of MPI process communication characteristics
 - "process info", "process comm main", and "process comm grid"
- Allows INAM² to
 - Analyze and profile node-level, job-level and process-level activities for MPI
 - Profile and report parameters/counters of MPI processes at the node-, job- and process-level
 - Visualize the communication map at process-level and node-level granularities
 - Analyzing and classifying InfiniBand network traffic flows in a physical link

Design of Java-based Web Server

- Queries OSU INAM and SLURM databases to obtain MPI, Network and Job specific information
 - Users can modify frequency of query
- Validates and correlates results of different queries and presents data to the user in an unified fashion
- Based on the Spring MVC (Model, View and Controller) architecture
- Client side uses light-weight JQuery library to send HTTP requests through AJAX
- INAM² can send data to and retrieve responses from the server asynchronously
 - Dramatically improves user experience by hiding data processing / page rendering in the background

Design of Web-based Front-end Visualization



- 1. HTTP request by users action sent to server side by Web browser / JQuery library with AJAX
- 2. Tomcat server receives the request, passes it to Spring framework
- 3. Spring framework dispatches request to the corresponding controller
- 4. Selected controller queries the model for some information in database
- 5. After processing, the Spring framework receives response to build the view through JSP, XML, etc.
- 6. HTTP response will be sent back to the browser at the client side and the Web page will get updated

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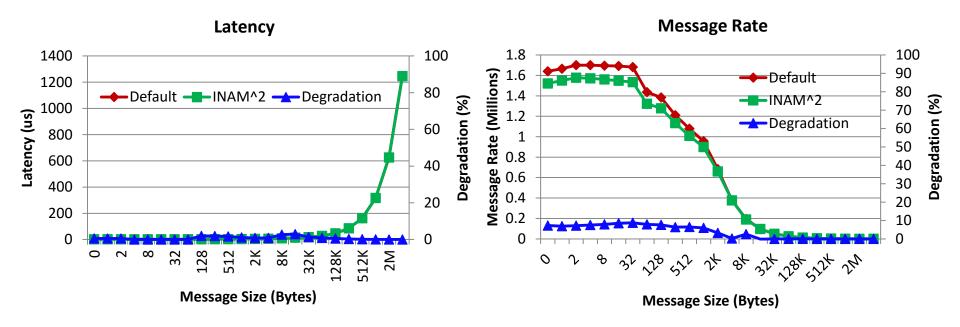
Experimental Setup

- Each node of our 184 node testbed has eight Intel Xeon cores running at 2.53 Ghz with 12 MB L3 cache; 12 GB of memory and Gen2 PCI-Express bus
- Equipped with MT26428 QDR ConnectX-2 HCAs
- Interconnected using Mellanox MTS3610 QDR switch, with 11 leafs, each having 16 ports.
- The operating system used is Red Hat Enterprise Linux Server release
 6.5 (Santiago), with the 2.6.32-431.el6.x86 64 kernel version
- Mellanox OFED version 2.2-1.0.1 is used on all machines.

Overview of the MVAPICH2 Project

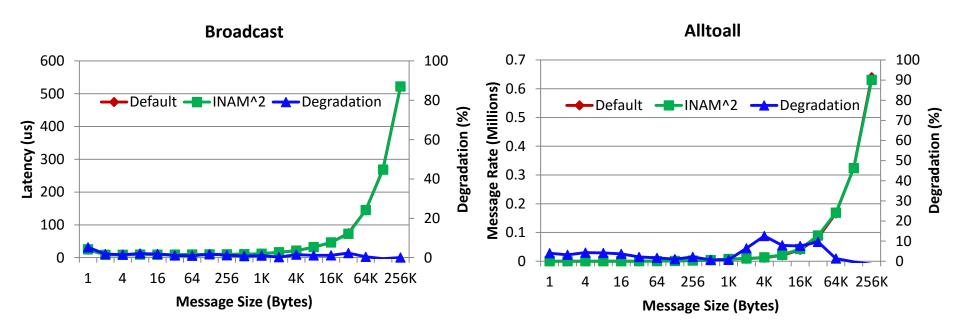
- High Performance open-source MPI Library for InfiniBand, 10-40Gig/iWARP, and RDMA over Converged Enhanced Ethernet (RoCE)
 - MVAPICH (MPI-1), MVAPICH2 (MPI-2.2 and MPI-3.0), Available since 2002
 - MVAPICH2-X (MPI + PGAS), Available since 2011
 - Support for GPGPUs (MVAPICH2-GDR) and MIC (MVAPICH2-MIC), 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 2,600 organizations in 81 countries
 - More than 379,000 (> 0.37 million) downloads from the OSU site directly
 - Empowering many TOP500 clusters (Nov '15 ranking)
 - 12th ranked 519,640-core cluster (Stampede) at TACC
 - 15th ranked 185,344-core cluster (Pleiades) at NASA
 - 31st ranked 76,032-core cluster (Tsubame 2.5) at Tokyo Institute of Technology and many others
 - Available with software stacks of many vendors and Linux Distros (RedHat and SuSE)
 - http://mvapich.cse.ohio-state.edu
- Empowering Top500 systems for over a decade
 - System-X from Virginia Tech (3rd in Nov 2003, 2,200 processors, 12.25 TFlops) ->
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Impact of Profiling on Performance of Point-to-point Operations



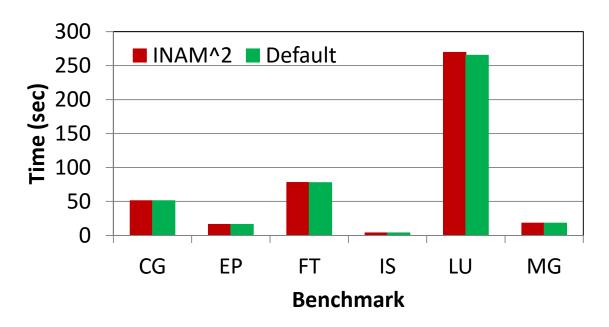
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Impact of Profiling on Performance of Collectives



- Performance of Broadcast and Alltoall at 512 processes
- Data collection adds very less degradation when compared to the native performance

Impact of Profiling on Performance of NAS Parallel Benchmarks



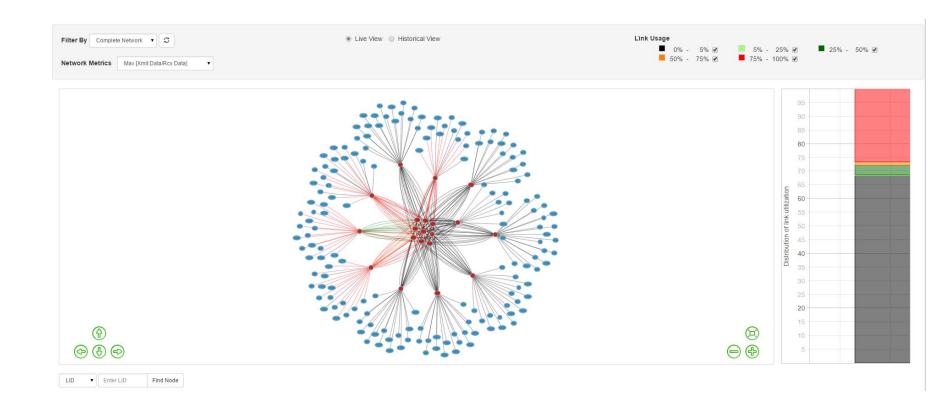
- Performance of NAS parallel benchmarks at 512 processes
- Little to no impact on the performance due to the addition of the data collection and reporting

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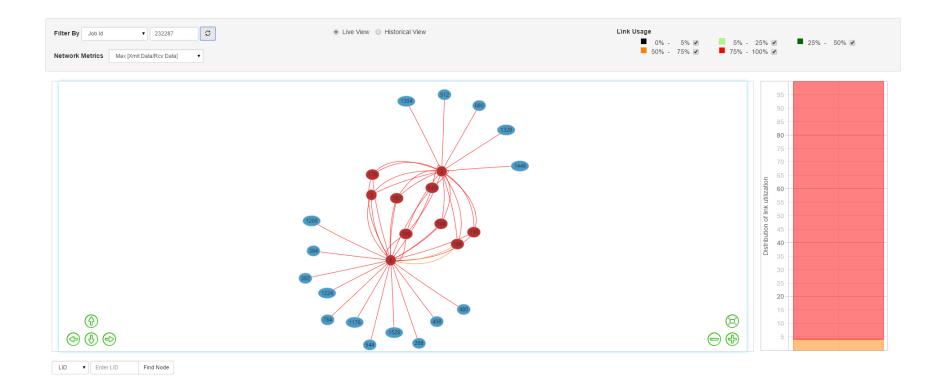
Discussion on Features of INAM²

- Analyzing and Understanding Inter-node Communication Buffer Allocation and Use
- Identifying and Analyzing Sources of Link Congestion
- Monitoring Jobs Based on Various Metrics
- Capability to Profile and Report Several Metrics of MPI Processes at Different Granularities

Live Network Level View



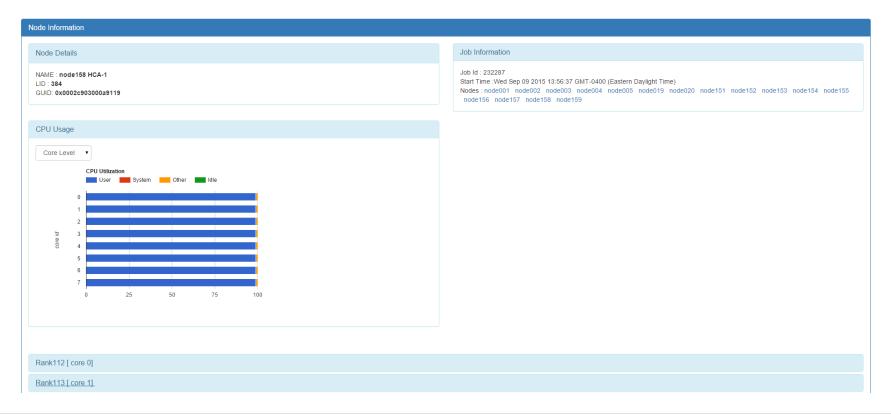
Live Job Level View



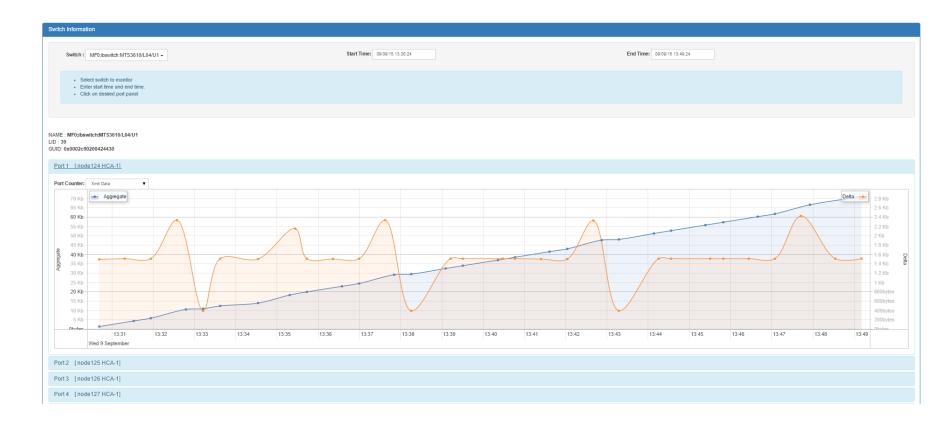
Live Node Level View



Live Node Level View (Cont.)



Live Switch Level View



List of Supported Switch Counters

- The following counters are queried from the InfiniBand Switches
- Xmit Data
 - Total number of data octets, divided by 4, transmitted on all VLs from the port
 - This includes all octets between (and not including) the start of packet delimiter and the VCRC, and may include packets containing errors
 - Excludes all link packets.
- Rcv Data
 - Total number of data octets, divided by 4, received on all VLs from the port
 - This includes all octets between (and not including) the start of packet delimiter and the VCRC, and may include packets containing errors
 - Excludes all link packets.
- Max [Xmit Data/Rcv Data]
 - Maximum of the two values above

List of Supported MPI Process Level Counters

- MVAPICH2-X collects additional information about the process's network usage which can be displayed by OSU INAM
- Xmit Data
 - Total number of bytes transmitted as part of the MPI application
- Rcv Data
 - Total number of bytes received as part of the MPI application
- Max [Xmit Data/Rcv Data]
 - Maximum of the two values above
- Point to Point Send
 - Total number of bytes transmitted as part of MPI point-to-point operations
- Point to Point Rcvd
 - Total number of bytes received as part of MPI point-to-point operations
- Max [Point to Point Sent/Rcvd]
 - Maximum of the two values above
- Coll Bytes Sent
 - Total number of bytes transmitted as part of MPI collective operations
- Coll Bytes Rcvd
 - Total number of bytes received as part of MPI collective operations

List of Supported MPI Process Level Counters (Cont.)

- Max [Coll Bytes Sent/Rcvd]
 - Maximum of the two values above
- RMA Bytes Sent
 - Total number of bytes transmitted as part of MPI RMA operations
 - Note that due to the nature of the RMA operations, bytes received for RMA operations cannot be counted
- RC VBUF
 - The number of internal communication buffers used for reliable connection (RC)
- UD VBUF
 - The number of internal communication buffers used for unreliable datagram (UD)
- VM Size
 - Total number of bytes used by the program for its virtual memory
- VM Peak
 - Maximum number of virtual memory bytes for the program
- VM RSS
 - The number of bytes resident in the memory (Resident set size)
- VM HWM
 - The maximum number of bytes that can be resident in memory (Peak resident set size or High water mark)

List of Supported Network Error Counters

- The following error counters are available both at switch and process level:
- SymbolErrors
 - Total number of minor link errors detected on one or more physical lanes
- LinkRecovers
 - Total number of times the Port Training state machine has successfully completed the link error recovery process
- LinkDowned
 - Total number of times the Port Training state machine has failed the link error recovery process and downed the link
- RcvErrors
 - Total number of packets containing an error that were received on the port. These errors include:
 - Local physical errors
 - Malformed data packet errors
 - Malformed link packet errors
 - Packets discarded due to buffer overrun
- RcvRemotePhysErrors
 - Total number of packets marked with the EBP delimiter received on the port.
- RcvSwitchRelayErrors
 - Total number of packets received on the port that were discarded because they could not be forwarded by the switch relay

List of Supported Network Error Counters (Cont.)

XmtDiscards

- Total number of outbound packets discarded by the port because the port is down or congested. Reasons for this include:
 - Output port is not in the active state
 - Packet length exceeded NeighborMTU
 - Switch Lifetime Limit exceeded
 - Switch HOQ Lifetime Limit exceeded This may also include packets discarded while in VLStalled State.

XmtConstraintErrors

- Total number of packets not transmitted from the switch physical port for the following reasons:
 - FilterRawOutbound is true and packet is raw
 - PartitionEnforcementOutbound is true and packet fails partition key check or IP version check

RcvConstraintErrors

- Total number of packets not received from the switch physical port for the following reasons:
 - · FilterRawInbound is true and packet is raw
 - PartitionEnforcementInbound is true and packet fails partition key check or IP version check

LinkIntegrityErrors

- The number of time s that the count of local physical errors exceeded the threshold specified by LocalPhyErrors
- ExcBufOverrunErrors
 - The number of times that OverrunErrors consecutive flow control update periods occurred, each having at least one overrun error
- VL15Dropped
 - Number of incoming VL15 packets dropped due to resource limitations (e.g., lack of buffers) in the port

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 - Remotely monitor CPU utilization of MPI processes at user specified granularity
 - Visualize the data transfer happening in a "live" or historical fashion for Entire Network, Particular Job One or multiple
 Nodes, One or multiple Switches
- Future Work
 - Add support to profile and analyze GPU-based communication
 - Capability to profile various PGAS programming languages

Thank you!

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