



CCA Status and Plans

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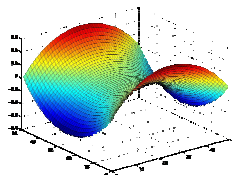
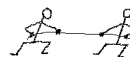
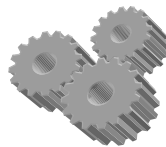


CCTTSS Research Thrust Areas and Main Working Groups

- Scientific Components
 - Scientific Data Objects
Lois Curfman McInnes, ANL (curfman@mcs.anl.gov)
- “MxN” Parallel Data Redistribution
 - Jim Kohl, ORNL (kohlja@ornl.gov)
- Frameworks
 - Language Interoperability / Babel / SIDL
 - Component Deployment / Repository
Scott Kohn, LLNL (skohn@llnl.gov)
- User Outreach
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Scientific Components

- Abstract Interfaces and Component Implementations
 - Mesh management
 - Linear, nonlinear, and optimization solvers
 - Multi-threading and load redistribution
 - Visualization and computational steering
- Quality of Service Research
- Fault Tolerance
 - Components and Frameworks



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Scientific Components Extended R&D Agenda

- Complete development of abstract interfaces and base component prototypes
- Advanced component development
 - Second-level component extensions
 - Application-specific components for chemistry and climate
- Implement fault tolerance and recovery mechanisms
- Develop quality of service models for numerical components
 - Integrate QoS system into repository
- Develop interfaces and implementations for multi-level nonlinear solvers and hybrid mesh management schemes
 - Collaboration with TOPS and TSTT centers

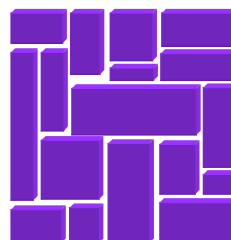
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Scientific Data Objects & Interfaces



- Define “Standard” Interfaces for HPC Scientific Data
 - Descriptive, Not (Necessarily) Generative...
- Basic Scientific Data Object
 - David Bernholdt, ORNL
- Structured & Unstructured Mesh
 - Lori Freitag, ANL
 - Collaboration with SciDAC TSTT Center
- Structured Block AMR
 - Phil Colella, LBNL
 - Collaboration with APDEC & TSTT



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Scientific Data Interfaces

- Low Level, Raw Data
 - Supports high performance access to memory
 - Based on IOVec
 - Assumes a contiguous memory block
 - Supports basic data types such as integer, float, double
 - No topology information
- Local & Distributed Arrays
 - Abstract interfaces for higher-level data description
 - 1D, 2D, 3D dense arrays
 - Various distribution strategies
 - HPF-like decomposition types (Block/Cyclic...)

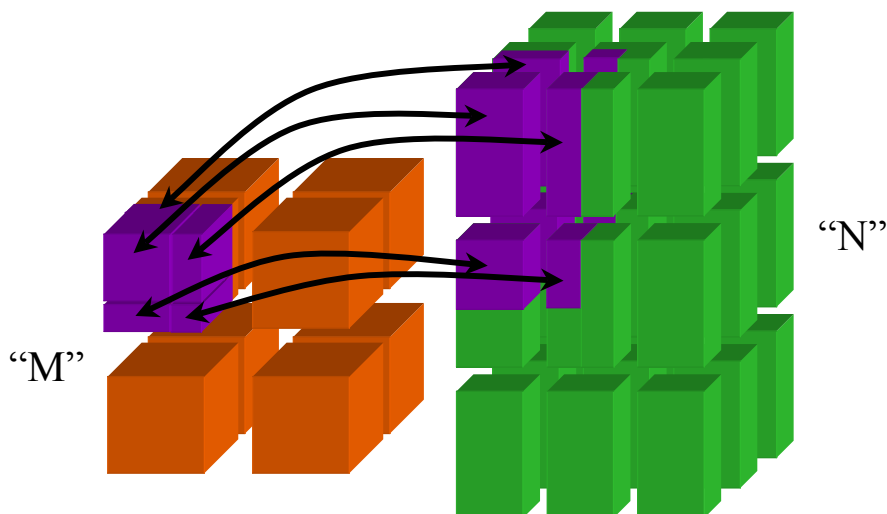
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Mesh Interfaces

- Unstructured Meshes
 - Abstract interfaces for mesh and geometry access and modification
 - Supports geometry and topology access via iterators, arrays, worksets
 - Separates structured and unstructured mesh access for performance
- Block Structured AMR
 - Abstract interfaces for allowing block structured AMR packages to exchange data

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“MxN” Parallel Data Redistribution: The Problem...



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“MxN” Parallel Data Redistribution: The Problem...

- Create complex scientific simulations by coupling together multiple parallel component models
 - Share Data on “M” Processors with Data on “N”
 - $M \neq N \sim$ Distinct, Pronounced “M by N”...
 - Model Coupling, e.g. Climate, Solver / Optimizer
 - Collecting Data for Visualization (“Mx1”)
- Define “Standard” Interface
 - Fundamental operations for any parallel data coupler
 - Full range of synchronization and communication options

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Hierarchical MxN Approach

- Basic MxN Parallel Data Exchange
 - Component Implementation
 - Initial Prototypes Based on CUMULVS & PAWS
 - Interface Generalizes Features of Both
- Higher-Level Coupling Functions
 - Units, Time & Grid Interpolation, Flux Conservation
- “Automatic” MxN Service via Framework
 - Implicit in Method Invocations, “Parallel RMI”



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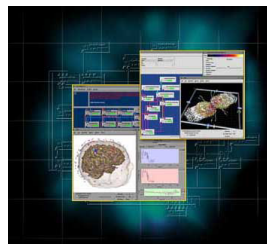
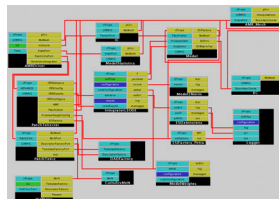
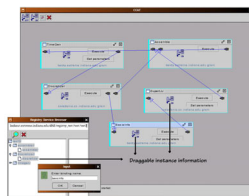
CCA Frameworks

- Component Containers & Run-Time Environments
- Research Areas:
 - Integration of prototype frameworks
 - SCMD/Parallel with Distributed
 - Unify Framework Services & Interactions...
 - Language interoperability tools
 - Babel/SIDL, Incorporate Difficult Languages (F90...)
 - Production-scale Requirement for Application Areas
 - Component deployment
 - Component Repository, Interface Lookup & Semantics

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CCA Framework Prototypes

- CCAFFEINE
 - SPMD/SCMD parallel
 - Direct Connection
- CCAT / XCAT
 - Distributed
 - Network Connection
- SCIRun
 - Parallel, Multithreaded
 - Direct Connection
- Decaf
 - Language Interoperability via Babel



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Outreach and Applications Integration



- Not Just “Thrown Over The Fence”...
- Several Outreach Efforts:
 - General education and awareness
 - Tutorials, Like This One!
 - Papers, Conference Presentations
 - Strong liaison with adopting groups
 - Beyond Superficial Exchanges
 - Real Production Requirements & Feedback
 - Chemistry and Climate work within CCTSS
 - Actual Application Development Work (\$\$\$)
- SciDAC Emphasis
 - More Vital **Applied** Advanced Computing Research!

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Current CCA / CCTSS Status

- CCA Specification at Version 0.5
- Several Working Prototype Frameworks
- Functional Multi-Component Parallel and Distributed Demonstration Applications
- Draft specifications for
 - Basic Scientific Data Objects
 - MxN Parallel Data Redistribution
- Demonstration Software **Available for Download**
 - 4 different “direct connect” applications, 1 distributed
 - 31 distinct components, up to 17 in any single application, 6 used in more than one application

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CCA Tutorial Summary

- Go Forth and Componentize...
 - And Ye Shall Bear Good Scientific Software
- Come Together for Domain Standards
 - Attain True Interoperability & Code Re-use
- Use The Force:
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