Deploying AI Frameworks on Secure HPC Systems with Containers.

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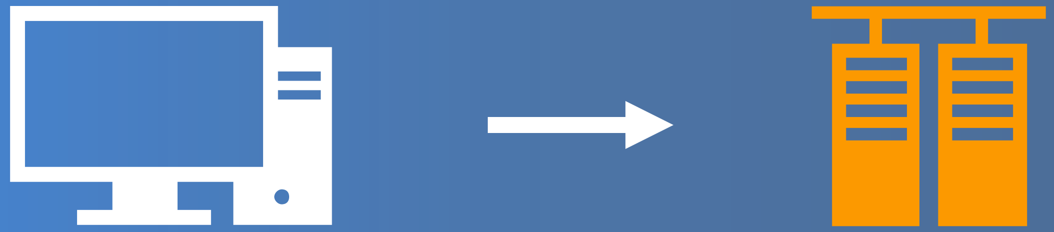
High Performance AI (HPAI) in a **Container**

Transition AI algorithms from the
laptop to supercomputer
with minimal effort



“It just works”

HPAI =

M&S

- Equation based on model
- Computing driven
- Numerically intensive
- Creates simulations
- Monte Carlo
- Larger problems
- Iterative methods
- PDE

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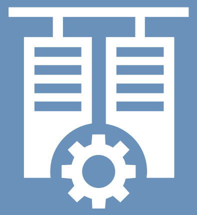
- Linear algebra
- Matrix operations
- Iterative methods
- Compute intensive
- Data transfer
- Predictive
- Probabilities
- Stencil codes
- Calculus
- Pattern recognition
- Graphs

Analytics

- Finds patterns
- Correlations in data
- Logic driven
- Creates inferences
- Knowledge discovery
- Graphs
- Data-driven science
- Predictions
- CNN
- RNN

Requirements for AI on HPC

Compute intensive hardware



Optimized AI frameworks
TensorFlow, PyTorch, Caffe

Optimized software
numerical libraries, Python

HPC specific software
distributed computing, workload manager

Method of deploying the AI software
in a simple, straight-forward and flexible way

Need to get to: “It just works”

Key Challenges

Package Management

Frameworks have conflicting dependencies

The frameworks & their dependencies need to be combined in a single module

Rapid update cycles

Provide a mechanism for users to build there own frameworks

Dynamic Programming Environment

Python dependencies

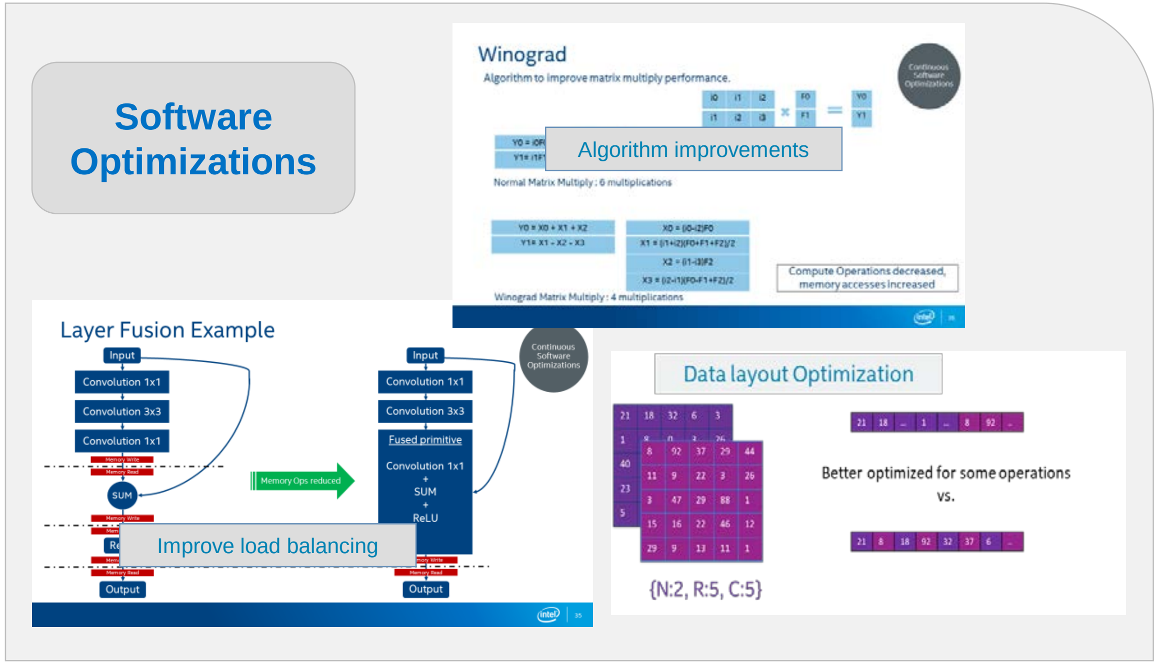
Each unique framework needs its own Python instance

Connecting to external servers

Build frameworks on systems without internet access

Intel Optimized Machine learning Frameworks

Intel AI Software Stack

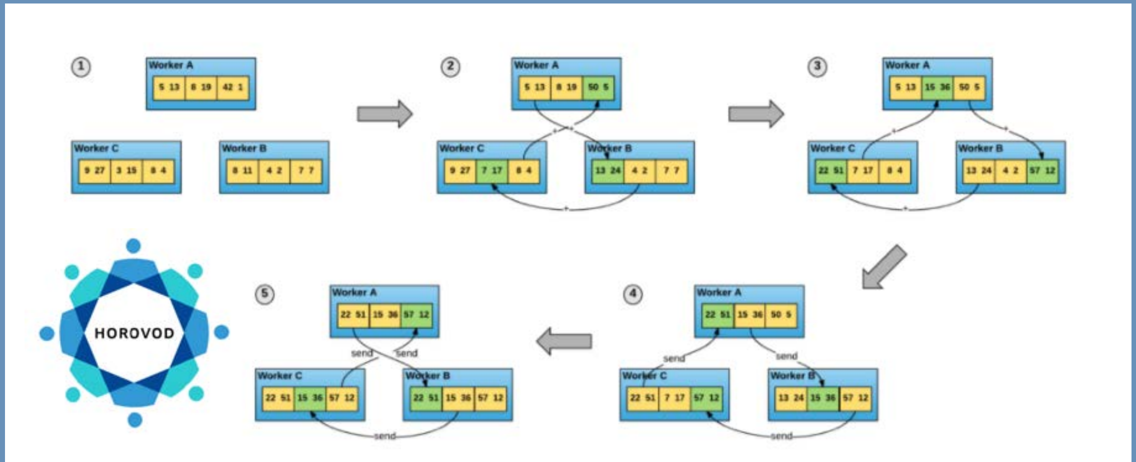


Optimized vs Out of Box Framework Performnce

TensorFlow

ResNet-50	Inception-V3
14x	3.2x
TRAINING THOUGPUT IMPROVEMENT	INFERENCE THOUGPUT IMPROVEMENT

Distributed Mechanisms



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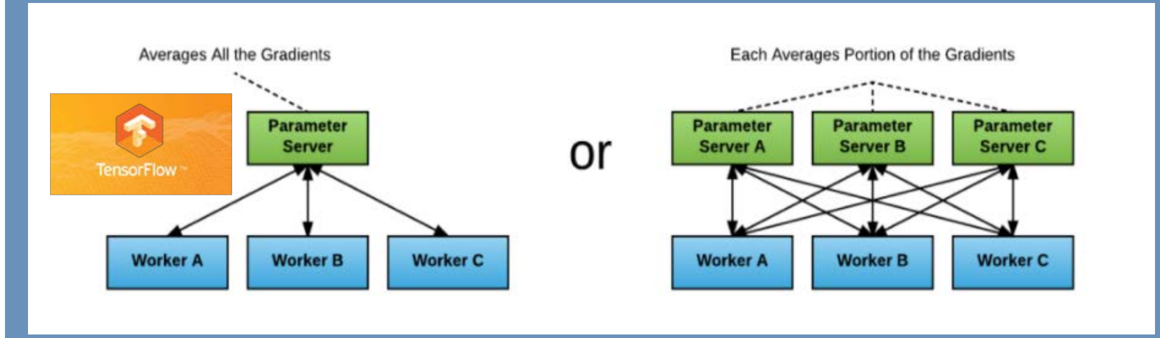
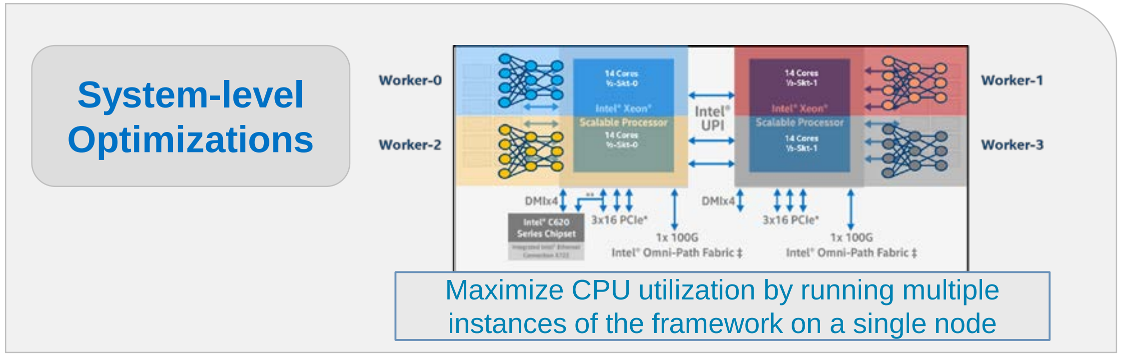
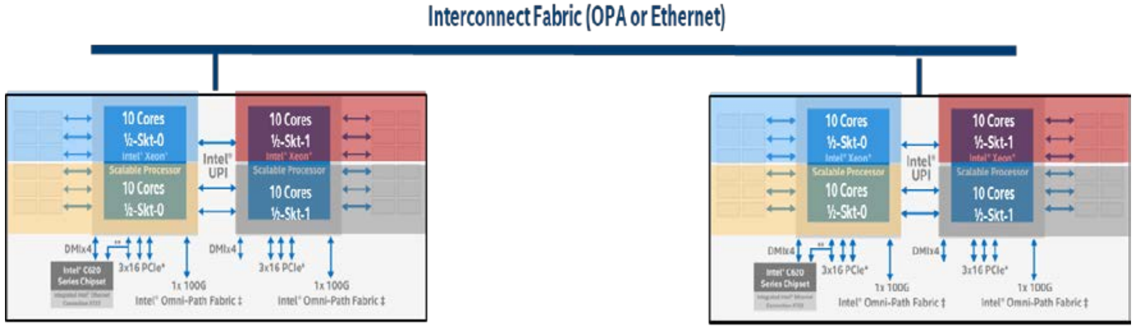


System-level Optimizations

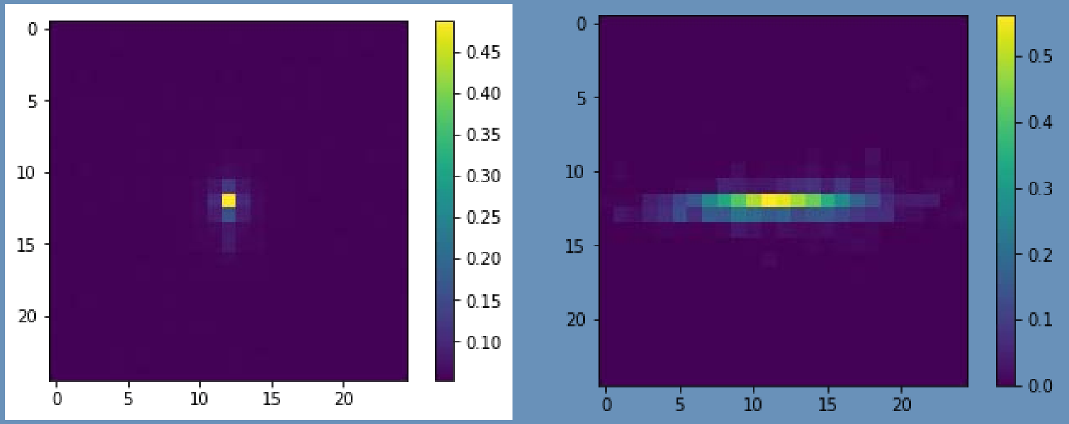


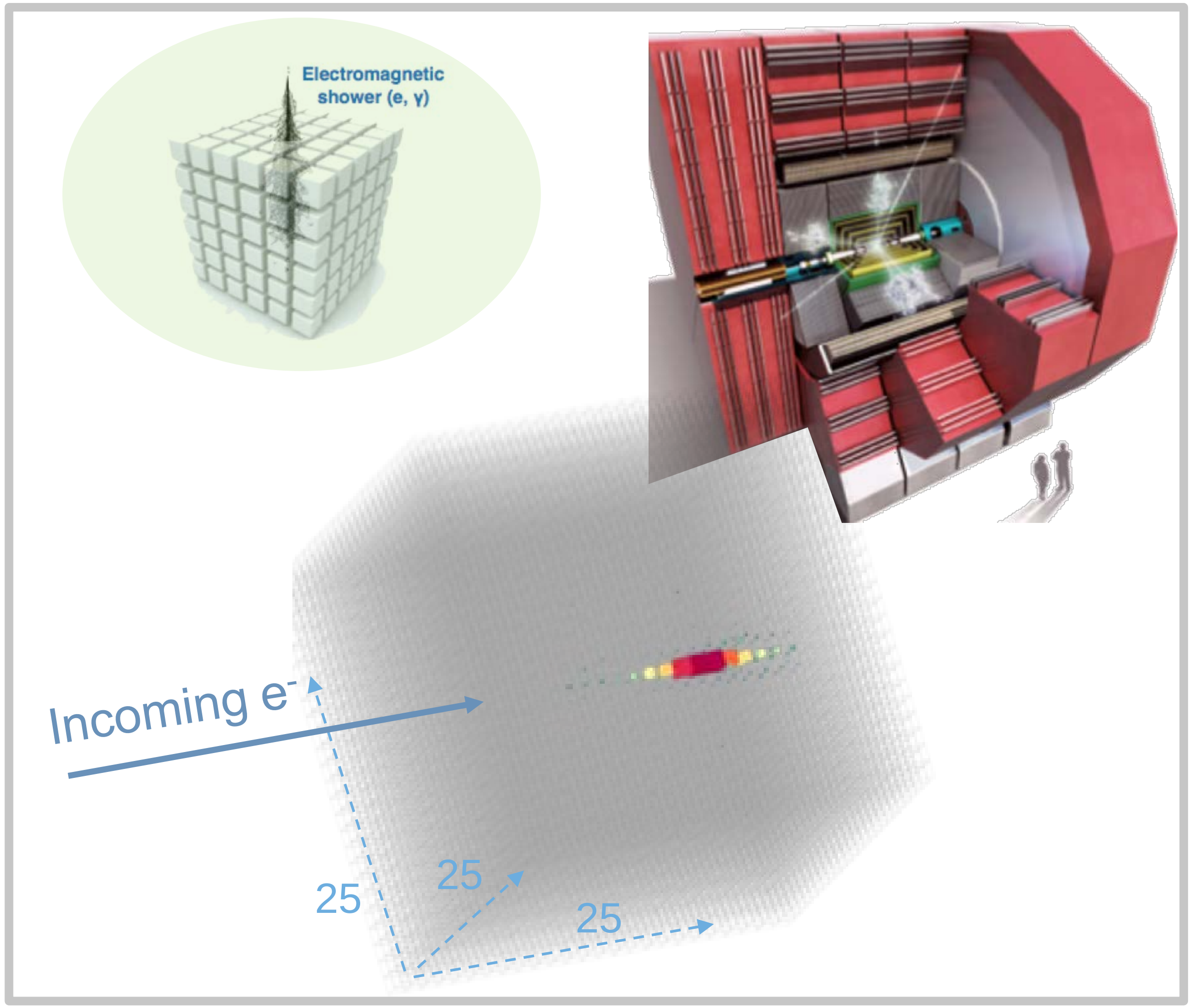


CERN Compact Linear Collider (CLIC)

Detecting and Identifying High Energy Physic Particles

- CLIC Electromagnetic calorimeter
  - Sparse images
  - Highly segmented (pixelized)
  - Large dynamic range
- Segmentation is critical for particle identification and energy determination





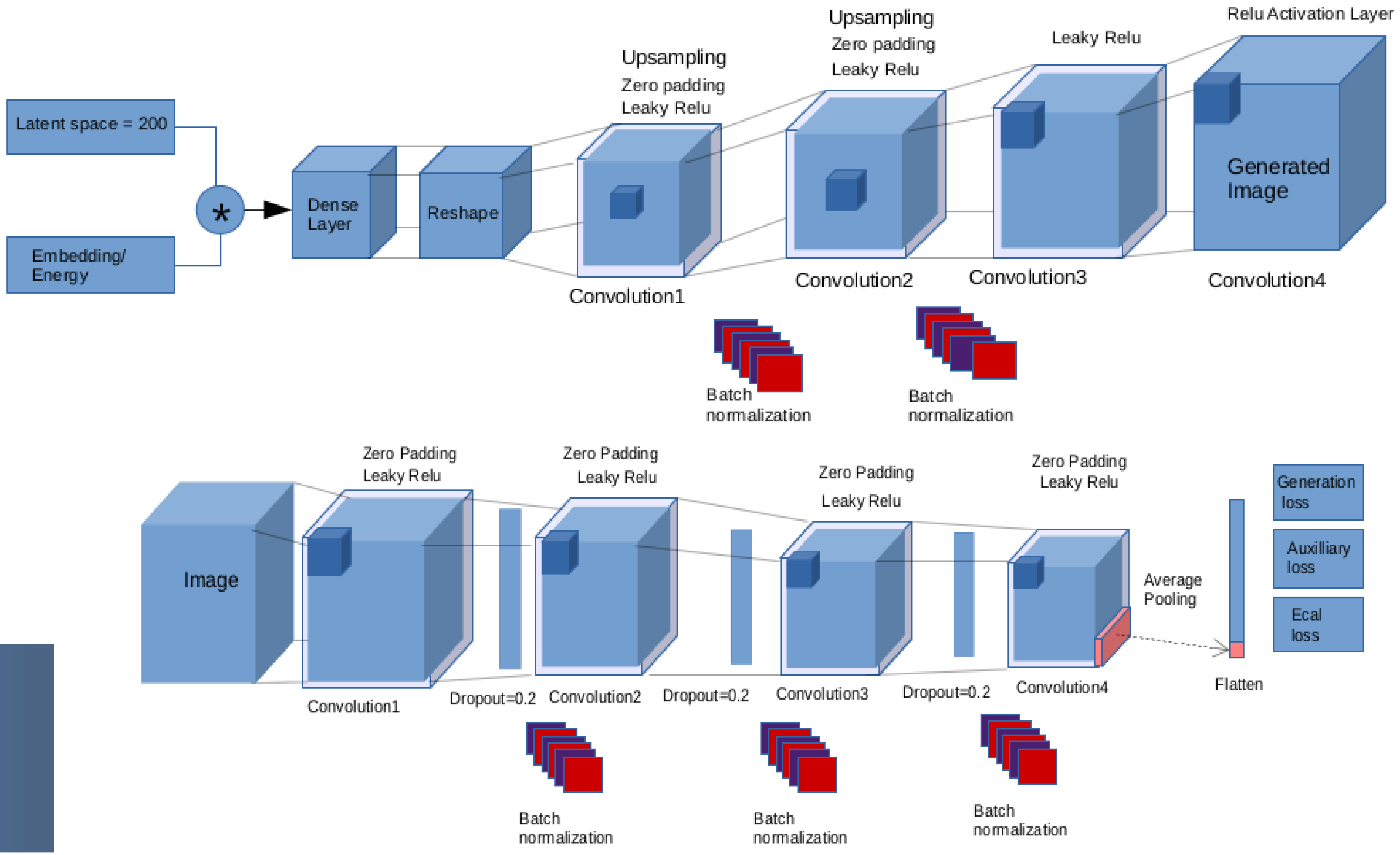
3D Convolutional GAN

Generator

Discriminator

~1M parameters

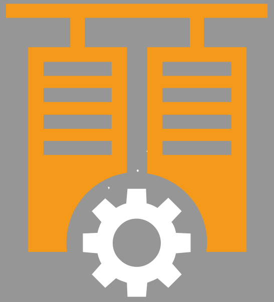
Total model Size: 3.8MB



Charliecloud Containers in HPC

- Easy to install
- Charliecloud was developed to be run on highly secure HPC systems at US government labs
- Charliecloud runs entirely under the User ID
- Ability to run legacy design flows in containers
- Low overhead and ~ 800 lines of code
- LRZ deploys Charliecloud via Spack
- Charliecloud is available in the module system at LRZ

Achieving High Performance AI on Secure HPC Systems



Mechanism for deploying AI at LRZ

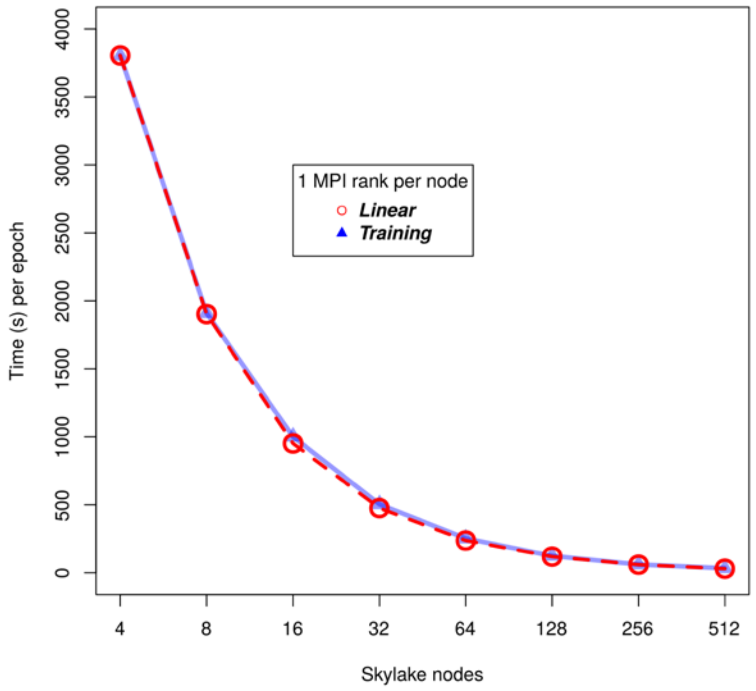
- Download the Intel optimized TensorFlow Docker Image (intelaipg Dockerhub)
- Modify the Linux Docker image for HPC
- Modify Python to enable distributed TensorFlow execution
- Copy the training data and execution scripts to the modified Docker image
- Convert to a Charliecloud UDSS and copy the file to the HPC system
- Load the Charlicloud module
- Execute on SuperMUC-NG via Slurm

Distributed TensorFlow Results LRZ SNG 1 MPI Rank

1 MPI rank & 48 OpenMP threads per node

Intel Skylake Platinum Xeon 8174

Nodes	Training Time(S) per Epoch	Linear Time(S) per Epoch	Scaling Efficiency
4	3806	3806	-
8	1910	1903	99.6%
16	1001	951.5	95.1%
32	504	475.75	94.4%
64	253	237.87	94%
128	124	118.93	95.9%
256	61	59.46	97.5%
512	33	29.73	90.1%



Throughput Overheads

Benchmark	Free System Memory with Charliecloud (GB)	Free System Memory without Charliecloud (GB)
AlexNet with cifar	331.29	331.33
ResNet50 with imagenet	324.47	324.89

Memory Overheads

Benchmark	Free System Memory with Charliecloud (GB)	Free System Memory without Charliecloud (GB)
AlexNet with cifar	331.29	331.33
ResNet50 with imagenet	324.47	324.89

3DGAN Execution with 4 MPI Ranks per Node

Stampede2 @ TACC 11 OpenMP threads per MPI task Intel Skylake Platinum Xeon 8160, Standard horovod + MPI, without Charliecloud

Nodes	Training Time(S) per Epoch	Linear Time(S) per Epoch	Scaling Efficiency
1	17831	17831	-
2	8998	8915.5	99.1%
4	4545	4457.75	98.08%
8	2288	2228.87	97.4%
16	1151	1114.44	96.8%
32	581	557.22	95.9%
64	293	278.61	95.1%
128	148	139.60	94.1%

SuperMUC-NG @ LRZ 12 OpenMP threads per MPI task Intel Skylake Platinum Xeon 8174, Standard horovod + MPI, with Charliecloud

Nodes	Training Time(S) per Epoch	Linear Time(S) per Epoch	Scaling Efficiency
4	959	959	-
8	507	479.5	94.6%
16	264	239.75	90.8%
32	137	119.87	87.5%
64	72	59.93	83.3%
128	39	29.96	76.8%
256	21	14.98	71.4%
512	12	7.49	62.5%

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HPC suitable Intel optimized TensorFlow Docker image
Verified recipes to enable the deployment of AI on HPC systems using secure containers
Github repository https://github.com/DavidBrayford/HPAI

Current Users

DLR German Aerospace Center, PyTorch, inferencing of high resolution satellite images on SuperMUC-NG