Introduction to Parallel and Distributed Systems

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Use Case 1 - Fluid Simulation Visualization

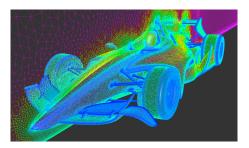
Fluid Simulation

- In a fluid dynamics lab, visualization of fluid circulation.
- Need: from the numerical simulation data, render one particular instant of the simulation (10⁷ points, 8 GB data in RAM)



Use Case 1 - Car Model

- In the car industry, a R&D department works on CAD models.
- Need: compute the heat transfer from the engine to the rest of the vehicle on a 10⁸ cell mesh (100 GB of data in mesh).



Use Case 2 - Scene Rendering

- In the film industry, produce an animated cartoon based on digital images.
- Need: compute the scene rendering for 10⁵ images



Use Case 3 - RC5-72

Breaking a Ciphering Key

- Find the cryptographic key used to cipher a message.
- Need: scan all possible keys using brute force and find which one matches.
- See for example the RSA Secret-Key Challenge



Use-Case 4: Social Network

- Compute properties on the graph
- Need: Recommend a user new connections, i.e people he/she may know by transitivity. Do it for 10⁶ users.

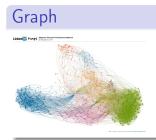


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Multi Threaded

• key technologies: OpenMP - CUDA - OpenCL

architecture : single host

Message-passing

key technologies: MPI

 architecture: multi-hosts connected through fast network (clusters)

Bag-of-tasks

• key technologies: BOINC - Globus derivatives

 architecture: distributed hosts connected through LANs or WANs. Grids, Clouds, Internet Computing

MapReduce

• key technologies: Google MapReduce - Hadoop

 architecture: multi-hosts connected through fast network (clusters)