



Parallel Discrete Event Simulation: A Pedestrian View

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PDES



Overview

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4 Sample PDES



Proof Types

- ① Simulation Types
- ② Vernacular
- ③ Tidbits



PDES Types

CONSERVATIVE
OPTIMISTIC



Sources

- ① Academic papers
- ② Books
- ③ Unpublished



Bryant: 1977

MIT/LCS/TR-188

SIMULATION OF PACKET COMMUNICATION ARCHITECTURE COMPUTER SYSTEMS

by

Randal Everitt Bryant

November, 1977

Bryant 1977



Bryant: 1977

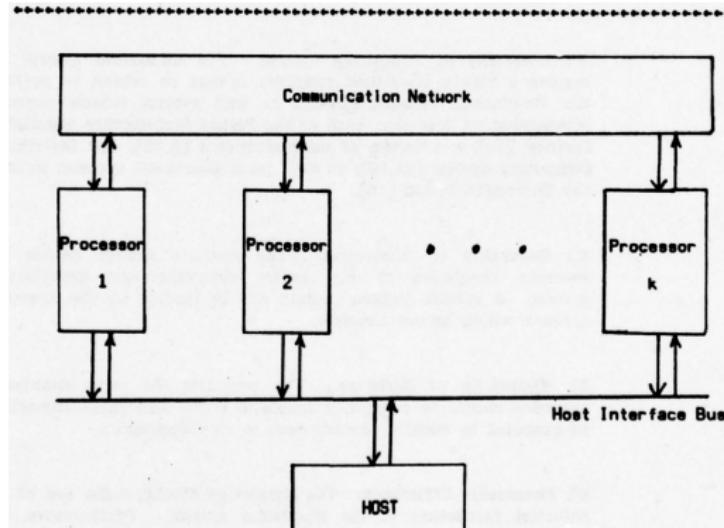


Figure 1.2 - Structure of Simulation Facility



Chandy & Misra: 1979

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IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON SOFTWARE ENGINEERING, VOL. SE-5, NO. 5, SEPTEMBER 1979

Distributed Simulation: A Case Study in Design and Verification of Distributed Programs

K. MANI CHANDY AND JAYADEV MISRA, MEMBER, IEEE

Chandy and Misra 1979



Chandy & Misra: 1979

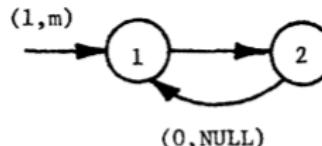


Fig. 2. A simulation that never terminates.

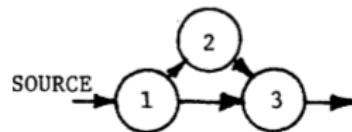


Fig. 3. An acyclic network that may deadlock.



Battlefield Simulations

- ① Gilmer Jr 1988
- ② The performance of a **distributed combat simulation** with the time warp operating system Wieland, Hawley, Feinberg, et al. 1989
- ③ Implementing a **distributed combat simulation** on the time warp operating system Wieland, Hawley, and Feinberg 1989

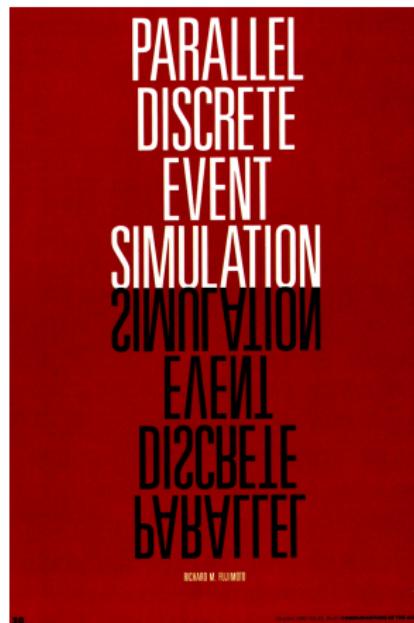


Hierarchical Decompositions

- ① Gilmer Jr 1988
- ② Ziegler, Hu, and Rosenblit 1989



Fujimoto: Parallel discrete event simulation



Fujimoto 1990



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Fujimoto, Again: Parallel discrete event simulation

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FEATURE ARTICLE



Parallel Discrete Event Simulation: Will the Field Survive?

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Fujimoto 1993



Kunz: Modeling and tools for network simulation

8. Parallel Discrete Event Simulation

Georg Kunz (RWTH Aachen University)

8.1 Introduction

Ever since discrete event simulation has been adopted by a large research community, simulation developers have attempted to draw benefits from executing a simulation on multiple processing units in parallel. Hence, a wide range of research has been conducted on Parallel Discrete Event Simulation (PDES). In this chapter we give an overview of the challenges and approaches of *parallel simulation*. Furthermore, we present a survey of the parallelization capabilities of the network simulators OMNeT++, ns-2, DSIM and JiST.

Kunz 2010



Stathopoulos: Personal Web Page

Parallel Discrete Event Simulation

PDES: the execution of a single DES program on a parallel computer

Why PDES?

large simulations consume enormous amounts of time on sequential machines

- engineering
- computer science
- economics
- military applications

Stathopoulos n.d.



Massively Parallel Discrete Event Simulation I

- ① Towards parallelization of large-scale Ada simulations using time warp Carothers, Hybinette, and Fujimoto 1998¹
- ② Optimistic parallel discrete event simulation based on multi-core platform and its performance analysis Su et al. 2009
- ③ Multithreading for optimizing pdes on multicore platforms Jagtap 2012

¹THAAD Integrated System Effectiveness Simulation, (TISES) Horn et al. 1997



Massively Parallel Discrete Event Simulation II

- ④ A fast implementation of parallel discrete-event simulation on gpgpu Sang et al. 2013
- ⑤ Parallel Discrete Event Simulation for Multi-Core System Wang et al. 2014
- ⑥ Optimization of parallel discrete event simulator for multi-core systems Wang et al. 2014 ♦
- ⑦ Parallel Discrete Event Simulation for Multi-Core System Wang et al. 2014
- ⑧ Experiences with implementing parallel discrete-event simulation on GPU Sang et al. 2019
- ⑨ An efficient multi-threaded memory allocator for PDES applications Li et al. 2020



Parallelization Tools

- 1 File systems (Lustre)**
- 2 Performance Analysis Tools (Vampir, Tau, NVIDIA)**
- 3 Data formats (HDF)**
- 4 Parallel databases**



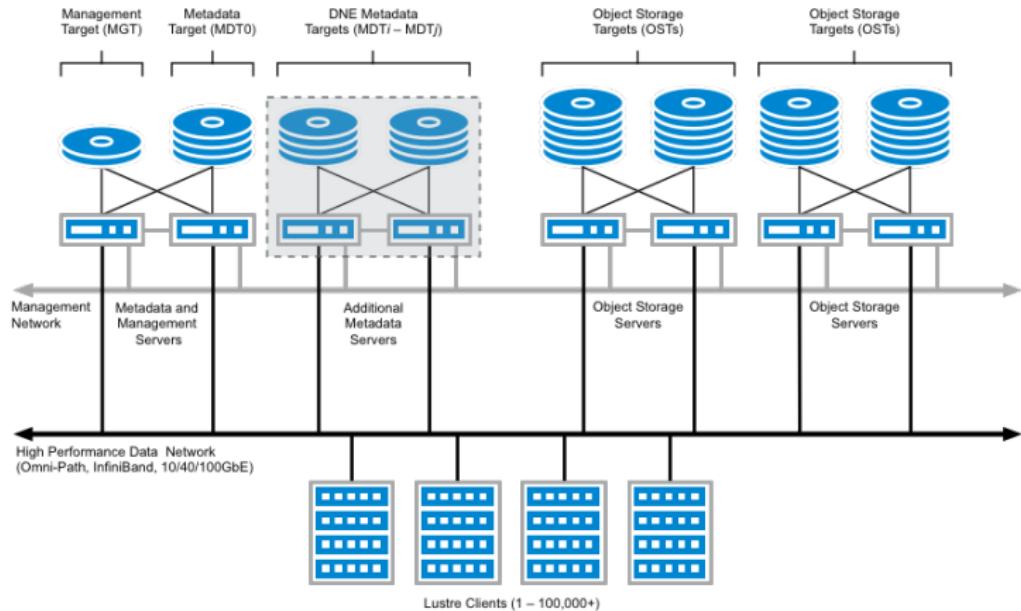
Lustre File System



Open-source, parallel file system



Lustre File System Wiki





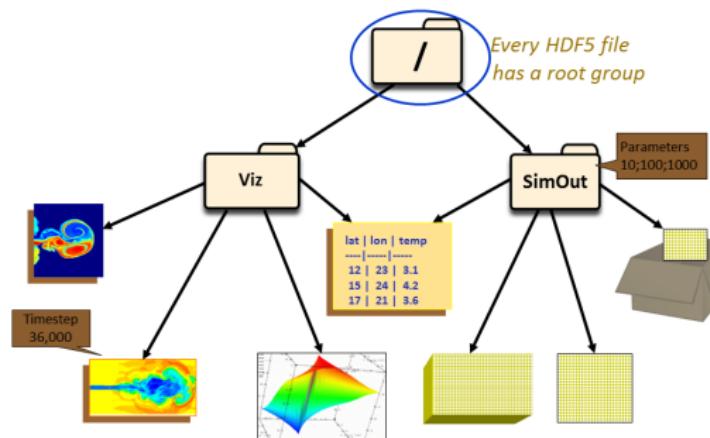
Hierarchical Data Format (HDF)



Set of file formats designed to store and organize
large amounts of data



Hierarchical Data Format (HDF)



Sharing data



Hierarchical Data Format (HDF) Weekly Clinic



Tuesday, 11:20 Mountain



NVIDIA Performance Analysis Tools

NVIDIA Nsight Systems

NVIDIA® Nsight™ Systems is a system-wide performance analysis tool designed to visualize application's algorithm, help you select the largest opportunities to optimize, and tune to scale efficiently across any quantity of CPUs and GPUs in your computer; from laptops to DGX servers.

VampirTrace

A performance monitor which comes with CUDA, and PyCUDA support to give detailed insight into the runtime behavior of accelerators. Enables extensive performance analysis and optimization of hybrid programs.

NVIDIA® Nsight™

The ultimate development platform for heterogeneous computing. Work with powerful debugging and profiling tools, optimize the performance of your CPU and GPU code. Find out about the Eclipse Edition and the graphics debugging enabled Visual Studio Edition.

The PAPI CUDA Component

A hardware performance counter measurement technology for the NVIDIA CUDA platform which provides access to the hardware counters inside the GPU. Provides detailed performance counter information regarding the execution of GPU kernels.

NVIDIA Visual Profiler

This is a cross-platform performance profiling tool that delivers developers vital feedback for optimizing CUDA C/C++ applications. First introduced in 2008, Visual Profiler supports all CUDA capable NVIDIA GPUs shipped since 2006 on Linux, Mac OS X, and Windows.

The NVIDIA CUDA Profiling Tools Interface

(CUPTI) provides performance analysis tools with detailed information about GPU usage in a system. CUPTI is used by performance analysis tools such as the NVIDIA Visual Profiler, TAU and Vampir Trace.

TAU Performance System®

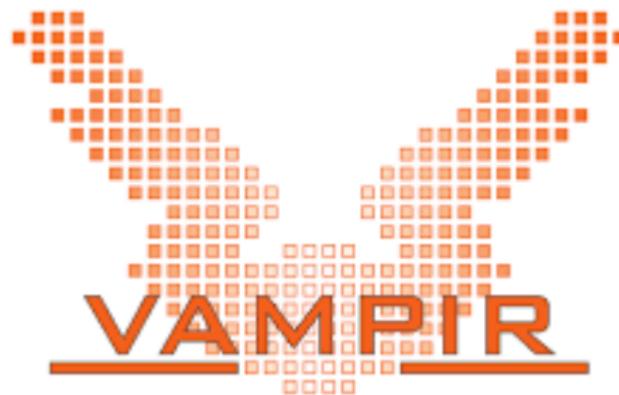
This is a profiling and tracing toolkit for performance analysis of hybrid parallel programs written in CUDA, and pyCUDA, and OpenACC.

NVIDIA Topology-Aware GPU Selection

(NVTAGS) is a toolset for HPC applications that enables faster solve times with high GPU communication-to-application run-time ratios. NVTAGS intelligently and automatically assigns GPUs to message passing interface (MPI) processes, thereby reducing overall GPU-to-GPU communication time.



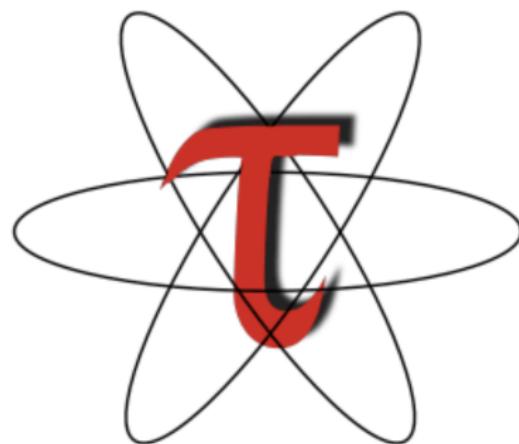
Vampir



Display and analyze arbitrary program behavior
at any level of detail



TAU: Tuning and Analysis Utilities



Portable **profiling** and **tracing** toolkit for performance analysis of parallel programs written in Fortran, C, C++, UPC, Java, Python



TAU: Tuning and Analysis Utilities

- ① Sameer S Shende and Allen D Malony. “The TAU parallel performance system”. In: *The International Journal of High Performance Computing Applications* 20.2 (2006), pp. 287–311
- ② Kathleen A Lindlan et al. “A tool framework for static and dynamic analysis of object-oriented software with templates”. In: *SC'00: Proceedings of the 2000 ACM/IEEE Conference on Supercomputing*. IEEE. 2000, pp. 49–49



TAU: Tuning and Analysis Utilities

- ③ A Malony et al. “Performance technology for parallel and distributed component software”. In: Concurrency and Computation: Practice and Experience 17.2-4 (2005), pp. 117–141
- ④ David E Bernholdt et al. “A component architecture for high-performance scientific computing”. In: The International Journal of High Performance Computing Applications 20.2 (2006), pp. 163–202



Thrust



- ① GitHub– Thrust: The C++ Parallel Algorithms Library
- ② GitHub– About CUB
- ③ NVIDIA developer blog: Popular Open Source Thrust and CUB Libraries Updated
- ④ Introduction to CUDA Libraries : Thrust



Proof Types

- ① Naïve expansion**
- ② Dedicated Web Sites**
- ③ Federation of American Scientists**



Network Parallel Discrete Event Simulations

- ① OMNet**
- ② ns-3**
- ③ DSIM**
- ④ JiST**



OMNET++

OMNeT++

Discrete Event Simulator

OMNeT++ is an extensible, modular, component-based C++ simulation library and framework, primarily for building network simulators.

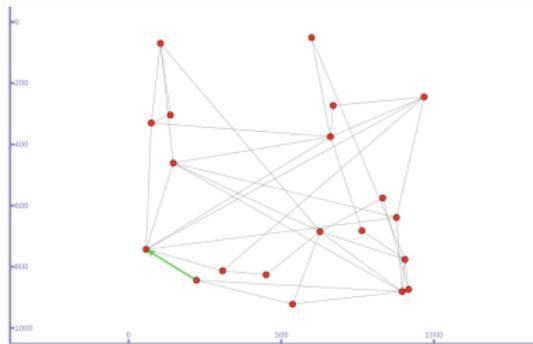
Featured Projects

The image displays a collage of logos for various simulation projects, all set against a background of interlocking puzzle pieces. The projects include:

- INET FRAMEWORK
- SIMUSG
- SIMUte
- Veins
- Artery V2X Simulation Framework
- CoRE
- FiCo
- RSPLIB Project
- SimProTC
- RINASim



ns-3



ns-3 Network Simulator

ns-3 is a discrete-event network simulator for Internet systems, targeted primarily for research and educational use. ns-3 is free, open-source software, licensed under the GNU GPLv2 license, and maintained by a worldwide community.

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DSIM

Open Simulation Solutions

for Research, Development and Training

D-SIM and D-WORLD are the perfect software solutions for **Open** Simulation in which you control all the simulators in one distributed virtual world



D-SIM

Your solution for rapid development in an open simulation framework.



D-WORLD

Your virtual reality render engine for realistic simulations in one distributed world.



Dynamics

Your high-fidelity physics solution for aircraft and vehicle simulations.



DSIM

The screenshot shows the multiSIM IDE interface. The title bar says "multiSIM". The menu bar includes File, Edit, Selection, View, Go, Run, Terminal, Help, and a dropdown for the current file (f35_example.cpp - Visual Studio Code). The toolbar has icons for file operations like Open, Save, and Run. The main area is a code editor with the following content:

```
C:\> D-SIM > C:\> f35_example.cpp > main(int argc, char* argv[])
1 #include "DSim/Variable.h"
2
3 int main(int argc, char* argv[])
4 {
5     DSim::Entity f35("f35_1");
6
7     DSim::Variable<T<double> f35_altitude(f35, "reference_frame/inertial/position/altitude");
8
9     f35_altitude = 1234.; // Writing to a D-SIM variable
10    double altitude = f35_altitude; // Reading a D-SIM Variable
11
12    return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}
```

The status bar at the bottom shows "Ln 10, Col 5" and other file-related information. A red banner at the bottom of the window reads "D-SIM Framework".



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JiST



Java in Simulation Time Scalable Wireless Ad hoc Network Simulator



JiST Swans Network Simulator



**high-performance discrete event simulation engine
over a standard java virtual machine**



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