



ANSYS Fluent Performance Benchmarking and Profiling

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Note

The following research was performed under the HPC Advisory Council activities

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The following was done to provide best practices

- ANSYS Fluent performance overview over AMD EPYC based platforms
- Understanding Fluent communication patterns

More info on ANSYS Fluent

https://www.ansys.com/products/fluids/ansys-fluent





ANSYS Fluent

Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD)

- Enables the study of the dynamics of things that flow
- Enable better understanding of qualitative and quantitative physical phenomena in the flow which is used to improve engineering design.

CFD brings together a number of different disciplines

Fluid dynamics, mathematical theory of partial differential systems, computational geometry, numerical analysis, Computer science.

ANSYS FLUENT is a leading CFD application from ANSYS lacksquare

Widely used in almost every industry sector and manufactured product.



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Cluster Configuration

- Venus cluster
 - Supermicro AS -2023US-TR4 8-node cluster
 - Dual Socket AMD EPYC 7551 32-Core Processor @ 2.00GHz
 - Mellanox ConnectX-5 EDR 100Gb/s InfiniBand
 - Mellanox Switch-IB 2 SB7800 36-Port 100Gb/s EDR InfiniBand switch
 - Memory: 256GB DDR4 2677MHz RDIMMs per node
 - 240GB 7.2K RPM SSD 2.5" hard drive per node

Software

- OS: RHEL 7.5, MLNX_OFED 4.4
- MPI: HPC-X 2.2
- ANSYS Fluent v19.0









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Fluent Performance – Summary



■ 1 Node ■ 2 Nodes ■ 4 Nodes ■ 8 Nodes

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ANSYS Fluent Application Profile on "Combustor 71m"



• 27.64% MPI and WallClock of 1074 seconds

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ANSYS Fluent Application Profile

• Sparse Communication between the ranks



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ANSYS Fluent Summary

- Fluent performance testing over AMD EYPC based platform
 - An average of 88% scaling was achieved from 4 to 8 nodes among all 15 different input files

Fluent MPI profiling on "combustor 71m"

- MPI communication accounts for 27.64% of overall wall clock time at 8 nodes
- MPI_Waitall is 57% of MPI, MPI_Recv is 38% of MPI and MPI_Allreduce is 2% of MPI
- Most communication is sparse, among all nodes





MPI Launch command

ANSYS Fluent

mpirun -report-bindings -display-map -x UCX_NET_DEVICES=mlx5_0:1 -x HCOLL_ALLREDUCE_ZCOPY_TUNE=off -mca btl_openib_if_include mlx5_0:1 -bind-to core -map-by node -mca ras_base_launch_orted_on_hn true -prefix /global/software/centos-7/modules/AOCC/1.2.1/hpcx/2.2.0/ompi --x LD_LIBRARY_PATH -x KMP_AFFINITY=disabled -x FLUENT_PROD_DIR=/global/software/centos-7/modules/apps/cfd/ansys_inc/v190/fluent//fluent19.0.0 np \$nproc --hostfile /tmp/fluent-appfile.gerardo.15302 /global/software/centos-7/modules/apps/cfd/ansys_inc/v190/fluent//fluent19.0.0/lnamd64/3d_node/fluent_mpi.19.0.0 node -mpiw openmpi -pic infiniband -mport 192.168.4.1:192.168.4.1:33449:0







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