Tofu: A 6D Mesh/Torus Interconnect

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- High communication performance
- High system scalability
- High fault-tolerance
Tofu interconnect

- Highly scalable and usable direct network (6D mesh/torus)
  - 10 redundant high BW links, 4 RDMA engines (4x2 simultaneous transfer)
  - Good collective communication performance with Tofu original algorithms
- Tofu barrier for barrier & reduction in H/W
- Direct attached interconnect controller

Tofu realizes scalable systems beyond 100,000 nodes
With low power consumption, low latency, and high BW

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Node Group

- A node group is composed of 12 compute nodes.
- A- and C-Axis connect 4 compute node on a compute board.
- B-Axis connects 3 compute boards.
6D Mesh Topology

- All nodes have an address with six parameters (X,Y,Z,A,B,C).
- Total 6D Mesh is composed of ABC 3D Meshes and the XYZ 3D Mesh.
- ABC 3D Mesh
  - An ABC 3D Mesh connect 12 compute nodes.
- XYZ 3D Mesh
  - The XYZ 3D Mesh connects ABC 3D Mesh groups.
Network construction

- From the other perspectives...
  - Overlaid twelve $xyz$ torus
  - $X \times Y \times Z$ array of $abc$ mesh/torus
- Twelve times higher scalability than the 3D torus network
Network construction cont.

- Each pair of adjacent $abc$ mesh/torus is interconnected with twelve links
Routing algorithm

- Extended dimension order routing
  - Additional $abc$ traversal
  - $b \rightarrow c \rightarrow a \rightarrow x \rightarrow y \rightarrow z \Rightarrow a \rightarrow c \rightarrow b$
  - The first $abc$ traversal is path selection
Multiple Paths

- The proactive routing algorithm allows 12 routing paths.
- Detouring faulty nodes
- Trunking multipath

3 example paths out of 12 possible paths
Detouring faulty nodes

- Multipath routing allows to detour faulty nodes
An application torus is allocated to each job.

An application torus is physically a 6D submesh of a machine.

1D to 3D application tori are supported.

One dimension of an application torus is rendered by folding together several machine dimensions.

Example)
One application dimension rendered on two dimensional slice of a machine.

2 dimensional slice view

4 dimensional slice view
The job management system may run a job on a 6D machine submesh with a faulty node. When a node failure occurs, the running job is force quitted and restarted from the user’s checkpoint.

The 6D submesh can be reused. One of the app-dimensions is degraded by one hop.
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