



ECLIPSE Best Practices

Performance, Productivity, Efficiency

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 - Provide application designers with the tools needed to enable parallel computing
 - Strengthen the qualification and integration of HPC system products

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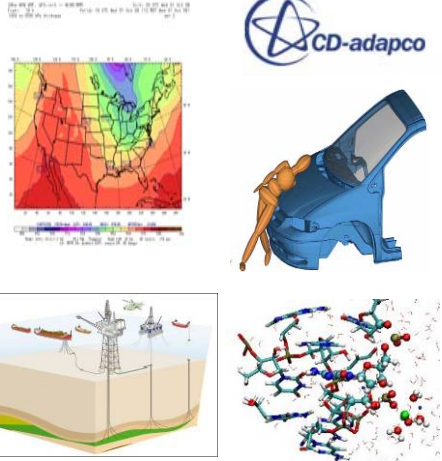
HPC Outreach and Education



Cluster Center
End-user applications benchmarking center



WRF - THE WEATHER RESEARCH & FORECASTING MODEL



HPC Technology Demonstration

40Gb/s InfiniBand Distributed Visualization over SCinet

40Gb/s InfiniBand SCinet Participants

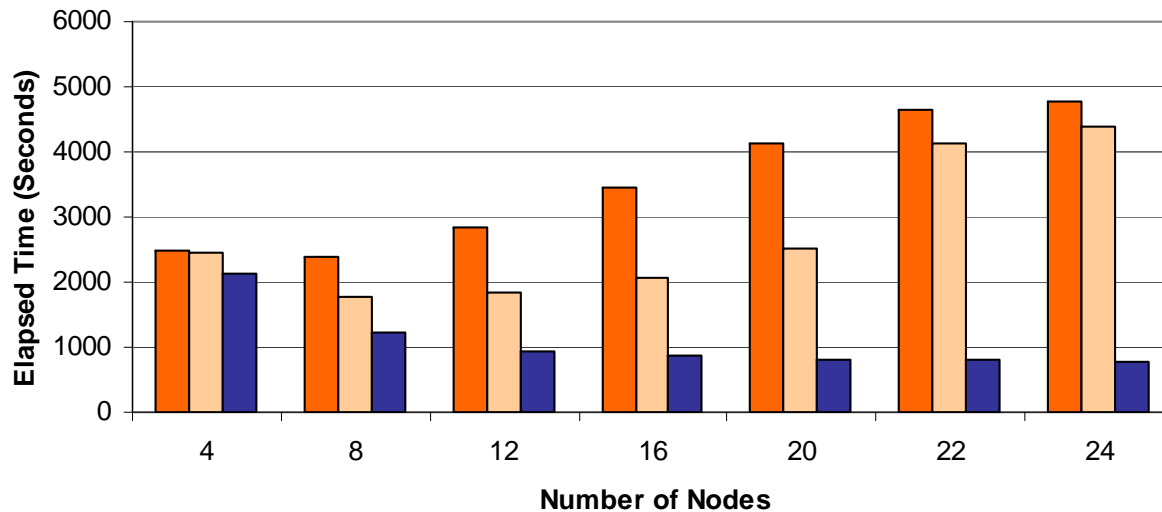
- **Ways to improve performance, productivity, efficiency**
 - Knowledge, expertise, usage models
- **The following presentation reviews:**
 - ECLIPSE performance benchmarking
 - Interconnect performance comparisons
 - ECLIPSE productivity
 - Understanding ECLIPSE communication patterns
 - Power-aware simulations

- **Dell™ PowerEdge™ SC 1435 24-node cluster**
 - Dual socket 1-U rack server supports 8x PCIe and 800MHz DDR2 DIMMs
 - Energy efficient building block for scalable and productive high performance computing
- **Quad-Core AMD Opteron™ Model 2382 processors (“Shanghai”)**
 - Industry leading technology that delivers performance and power efficiency
 - Opteron™ processors provide up to 21 GB/s peak bandwidth per processor
- **Mellanox® InfiniBand ConnectX® DDR HCAs and Mellanox InfiniBand DDR Switch**
 - High-performance I/O consolidation interconnect – transport offload, HW reliability, QoS
 - Supports up to 40Gb/s, 1usec latency, high message rate, low CPU overhead and zero scalable latency
- **Application: Schlumberger ECLIPSE Simulators 2008.2**
 - ECLIPSE is the market leading reservoir simulator
 - Has become the de-facto standard for reservoir simulation in the oil and gas industry
- **Benchmark Workload**
 - 4 million cell model (2048 200 10) Blackoil 3 phase model with ~ 800 wells

ECLIPSE Performance - Interconnect

- **InfiniBand enables highest performance and scalability**
 - Performance accelerates with cluster size
- **Performance over GigE and 10GigE is not scaling**
 - Slowdown occurs beyond 8 nodes

**Schlumberger ECLIPSE
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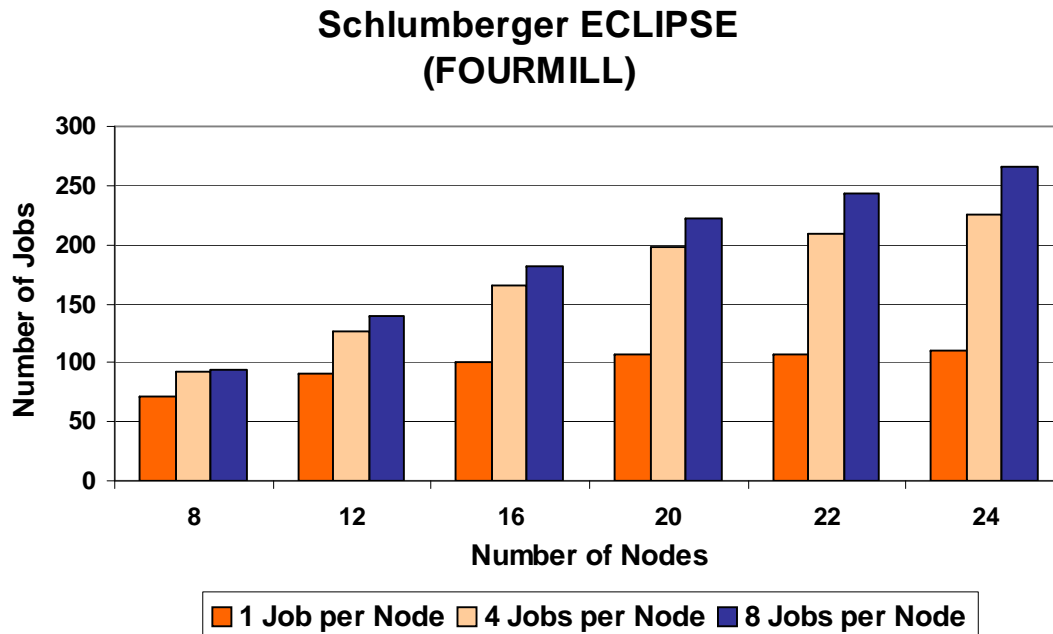


Lower is better

■ GigE ■ 10GigE ■ InfiniBand

Single job per cluster size

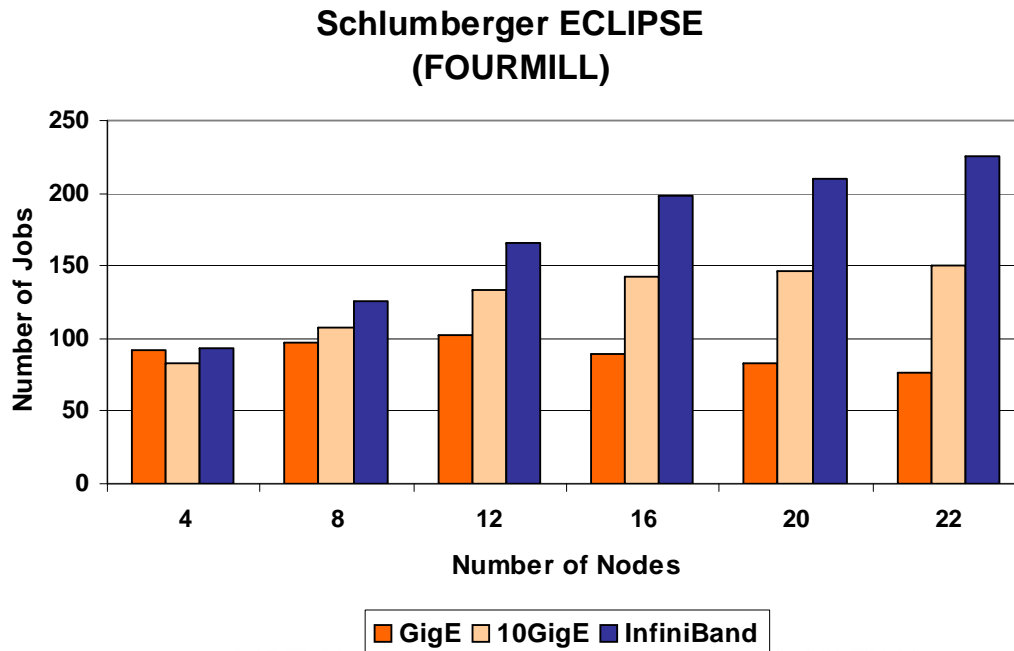
- **By allowing multiple jobs to run simultaneously, ECLIPSE productivity can be increased**
 - Maximum gain with one job per core, maximum % improve with 1 job per 2 cores
- **Three cases are presented**
 - Single job over the entire systems
 - Four jobs, each on two cores per CPU per server
 - Eight jobs, each on one CPU core per server
- **Eight jobs per node increases productivity by up to 142%**



Higher is better

InfiniBand

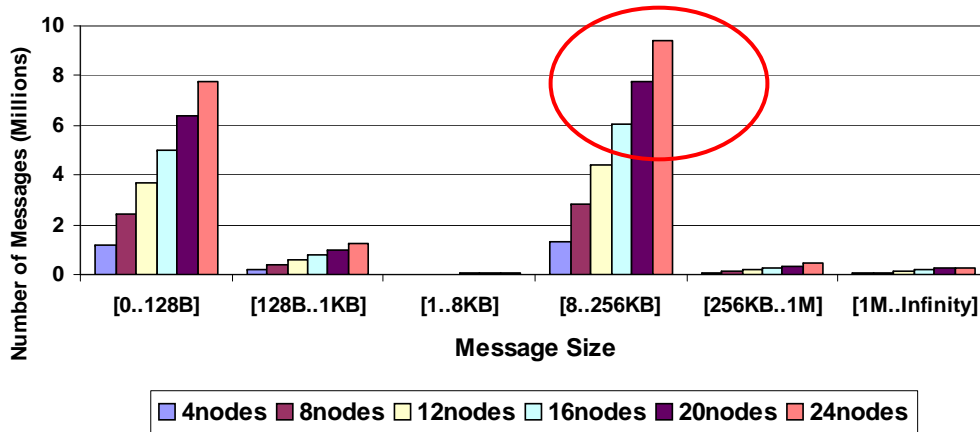
- **Productivity improvement depends on the cluster interconnect**
 - As number of job increases, I/O becomes the system bottleneck
- **InfiniBand demonstrates scalable productivity compared to Ethernet**
 - GigE shows performance decrease beyond 8 nodes
 - 10GigE demonstrates no scaling beyond 16 nodes



Higher is better

4 Jobs on each node

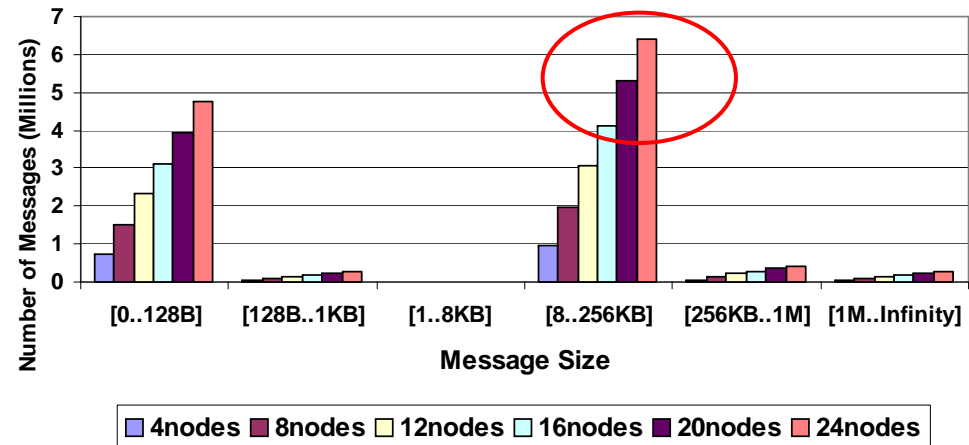
ECLIPSE MPI Profiling
MPI_Isend



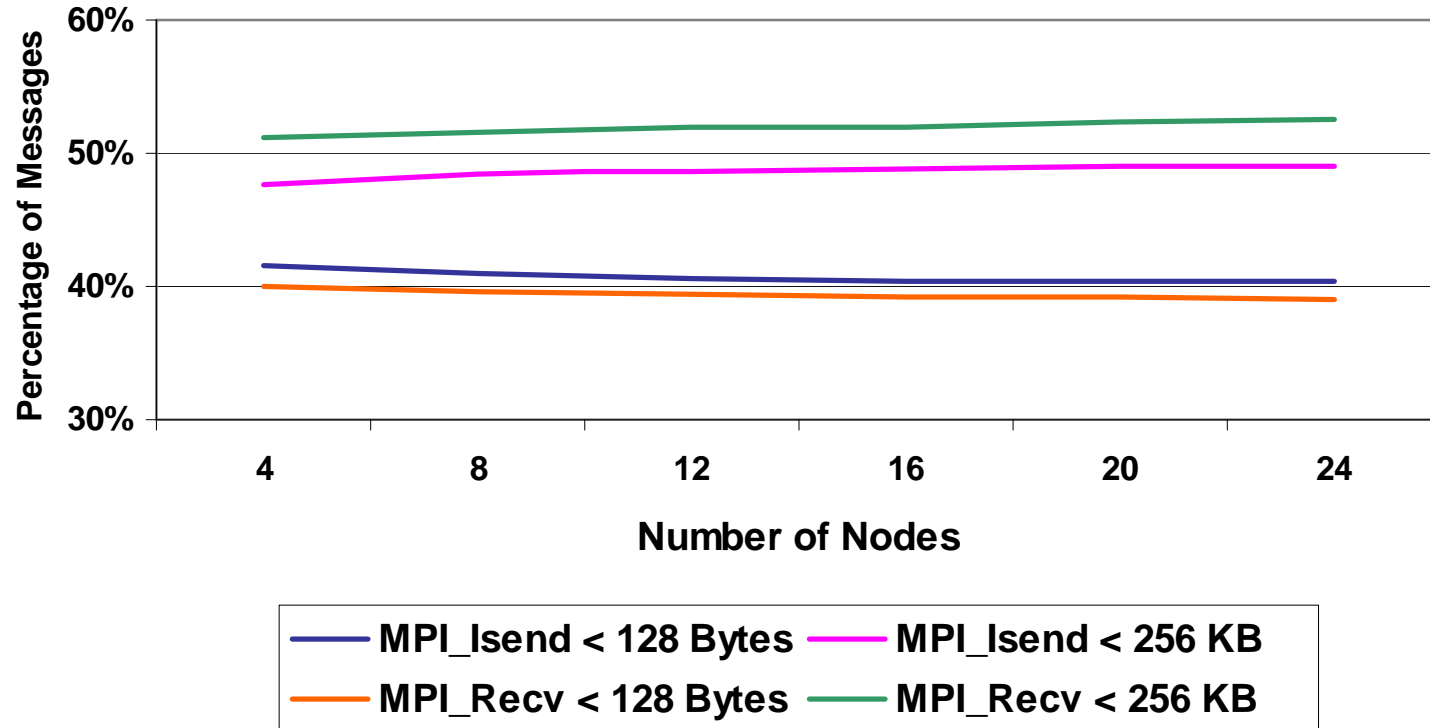
- MPI message profiling
- Determine Application sensitivity point
 - Both Send and Receive

- Sensitivity points:
 - 8K-256KB messages
 - Relate to data communications
 - 0-128B messages
 - Relate to data synchronizations

ECLIPSE MPI Profiling
MPI_Recv



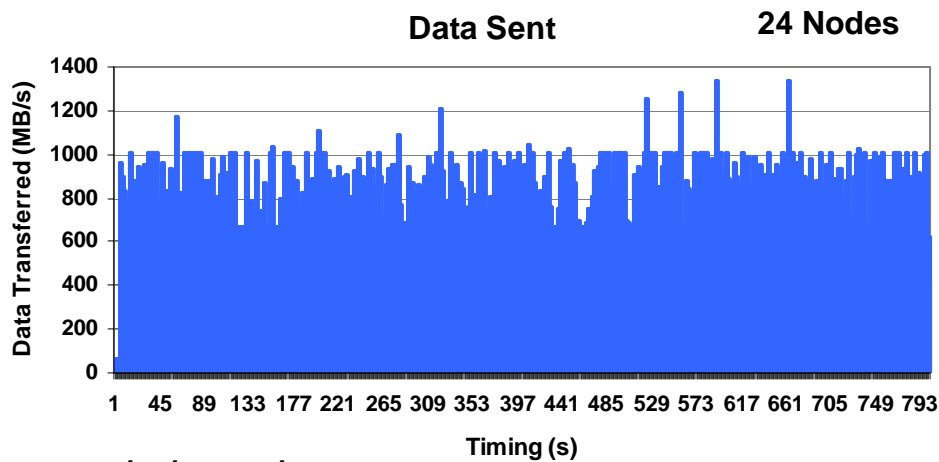
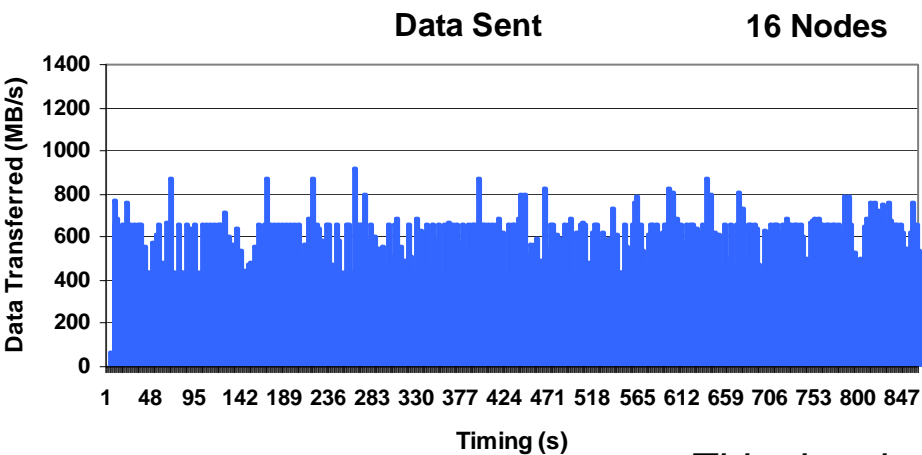
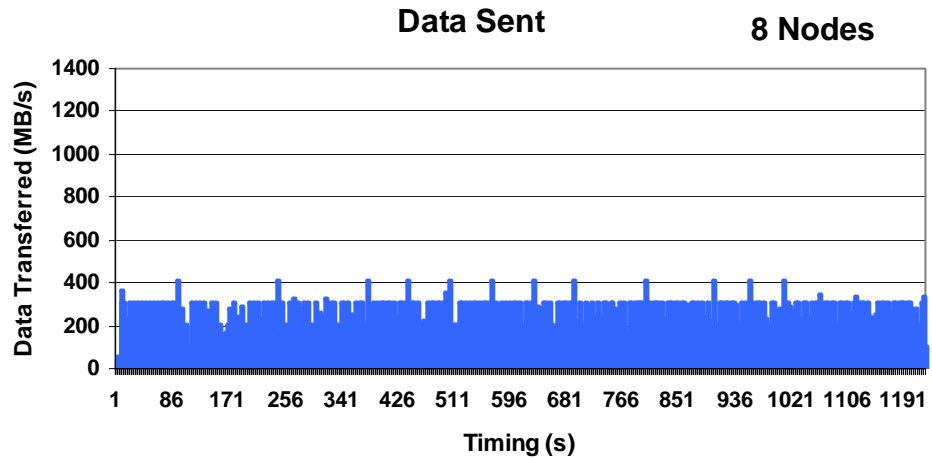
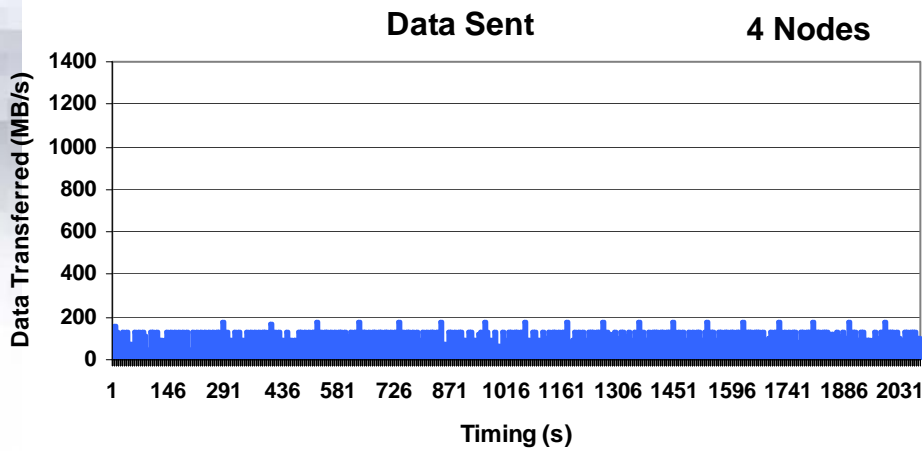
Eclipse MPI Profiling



- **Majority of MPI messages are large size**
 - Percentage slightly increase with cluster size
- **Demonstrating the need for highest throughput**

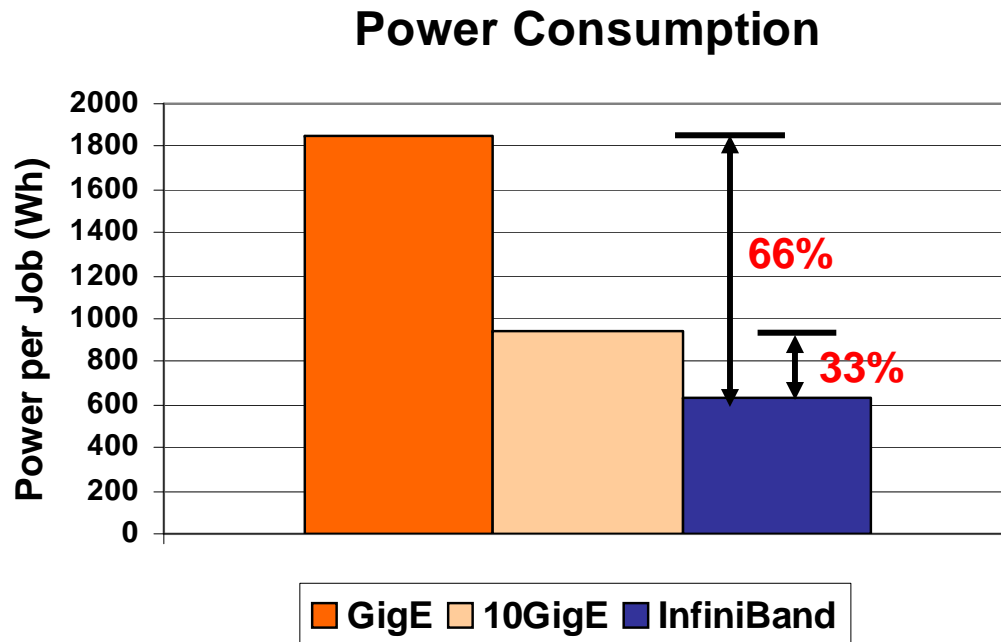
Interconnect Usage by ECLIPSE

- Total server throughput increases rapidly with cluster size



This data is per node based

- By enabling higher productivity on a given system, power/job decreases
- By using InfiniBand power/job consumption decreases by
 - Up to 66% vs GigE and 33% vs 10GigE
 - For productivity case – 4 jobs per node
- With a single job approach, InfiniBand reduces power/job consumption by more than 82% compared to 10GigE



4 Jobs on each node

- **ECLIPSE was profiled to determine networking dependency**
- **Majority of data transferred between compute nodes**
 - Done with 8KB-256KB message size
 - Data transferred increases with cluster size
- **Most used message sizes**
 - <128B messages – mainly synchronizations
 - 8KB-256KB – data transferring
- **Message size distribution**
 - Percentage of smaller messages (<128B) slightly decreases with cluster size
 - Percentage of mid-size messages (8KB-256KB) increases with cluster size
- **ECLIPSE interconnects sensitivity points**
 - Interconnect latency and throughput for <256KB message range
 - As node number increases, interconnect throughput becomes more critical

- **AMD Opteron “Shanghai” versus Opteron “Barcelona”**
 - Overall 20% performance increase
 - Both GFLOP/s and GB/s
 - While sustaining similar power consumption.
- **Memory throughput intensive applications (such as ECLIPSE)**
 - Performance is driven by north-bridge and DDR2 memory frequencies
 - Consume less energy than cache friendly compute intensive applications
- **Power management schemes**
 - Delivers the highest application performance per Watt ratio
 - Critical for low power consumption of the platform while in idle
 - Core frequency drop to as low as 800 MHz

- **Eclipse is widely used to perform reservoir simulation**
 - Developed by Schlumberger
- **ECLIPSE performance and productivity relies on:**
 - Scalable HPC systems and interconnect solutions
 - Low-latency and high-throughput interconnect technology
 - NUMA aware application for fast access to memory
 - Reasonable job distribution can dramatically improve productivity
 - Increasing number of jobs per day while maintaining fast run time
- **Interconnect comparison shows:**
 - InfiniBand delivers superior performance and productivity in every cluster size
 - Scalability requires low-latency and “zero” scalable latency

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