

Connecting HDF5 to the Proactive Data Containers

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Storage Systems and I/O: Current status

Hardware

Memory

Node-local storage

Shared Burst Buffer

Disk-based storage

Campaign storage

Tape storage

Software

High-level lib (HDF5, etc.)

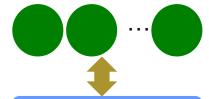
MPI-IO POSIX-IO

IO forwarding

Parallel file systems

Usage

Applications



Data (in memory)

Tune middleware

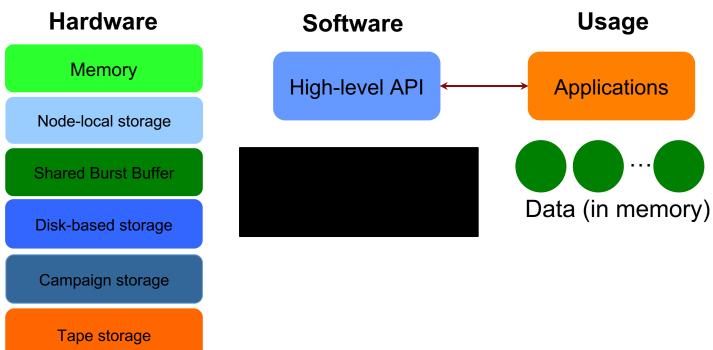
Tune file systems



Files in file system



Storage Systems and I/O: Next Generation





Storage Systems and I/O: Next Generation

Transparent, autonomous, and proactive data management

- Automatic object placement and data movement across storage layers.
- Proactive data transformation and analysis.

Data management beyond POSIX restrictions

- Tunable consistency semantics.
- Relaxed consistency provides more optimization opportunities.

Object-centric

- Direct data access without files.
- Rich data and metadata accessible through queries.



Proactive Data Containers

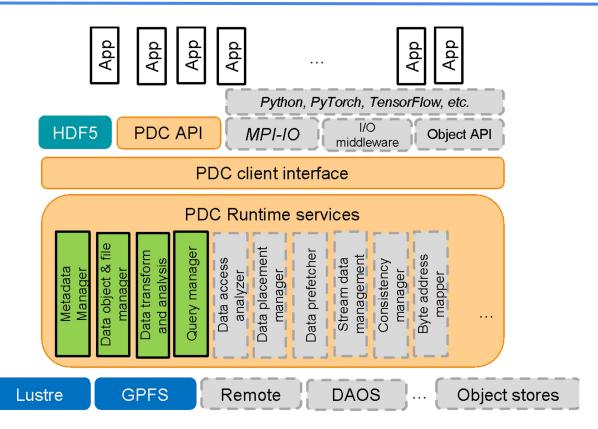
Data + Metadata + Data products + Transformation and analysis operations



Proactive Data Containers (PDC)



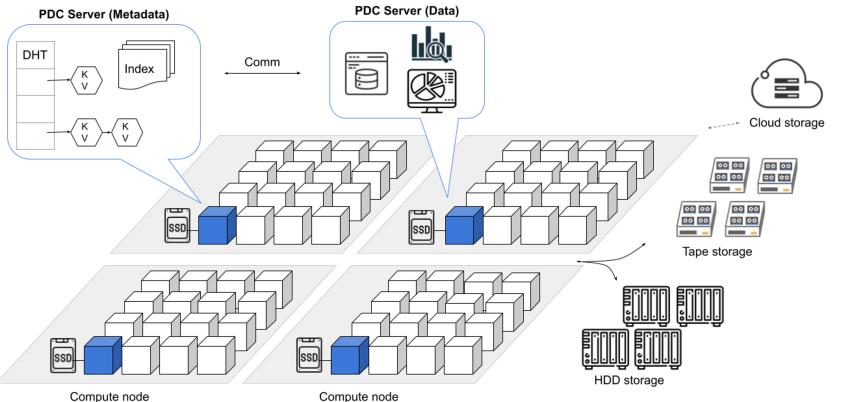
PDC Components





Ceph

PDC Runtime System



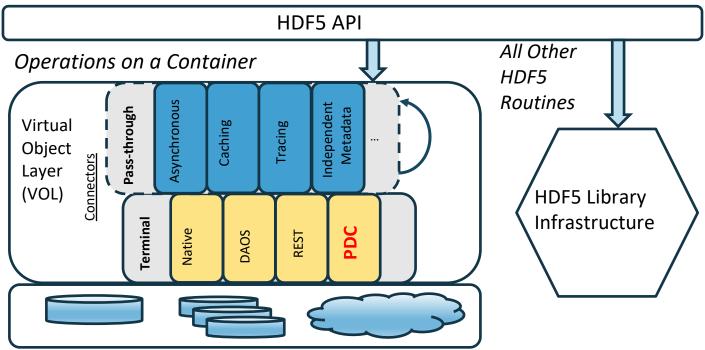


PDC Interfaces

- HDF5 PDC VOL Connector
 - Allows HDF5 applications to utilize PDC as a storage backend without code changes.
 - https://github.com/hpc-io/vol-pdc
- PDCpy provides a Python interface to utilize PDC
 - Uses NumPy array syntax that can be directly integrated with existing Python applications.
 - Currently support all PDC core functions, such as container, object, region, kvtag operations.
 - https://github.com/hpc-io/PDCpy
- PDC command line tools
 - pdc_ls displays all objects and their metadata in JSON format, with filter capability.
 - pdc_import/export imports and exports existing HDF5 files into the PDC system.
 - https://github.com/hpc-io/pdc/tree/stable/tools



HDF5 PDC VOL Connector





Mapping HDF5 to PDC

HDF5	PDC
File	- (in metadata)
Group	Container
Dataset	Object
Attribute	Metadata
Data (selection, chunk)	Data (region)
Property	Property

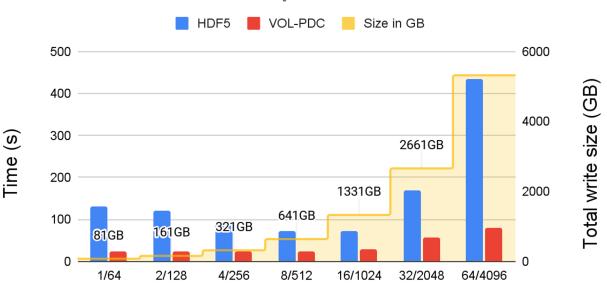


HDF5 PDC VOL Connector Implementation

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H5Fcreate()
H5Gcreate(...)
                         cont_id = PDCcont_create(...)
                         obj_id = PDCobj_create(cont_id, ...)
H5Dcreate(...)
H5Screate_simple(...)
                         local_reg = PDCreg_create(local_offset, local_count)
                                                                                                   Local metadata
                                                                                                   copy only
H5Screate_simple(...)
                         remote_reg = PDCreg_create(remote_offset, remote_count)
H5Dwrite()
                         xfer_id = PDCtransfer_request_create(buf, acc_type, obj_id, local_reg, remote_reg);
                         PDCregion_transfer_start(xfer_id);
                                                                              Start async data transfer, server
                                                                                returns immediately after receiving
                         PDCregion_transfer_wait(xfer_id);
                                                                                requests
                         PDCregion_transfer_close(xfer_id);
                                                                                Wait for data transfer to
H5Sclose(...)
                         PDCreg_close(local_reg);
                                                                                be finished
                         PDCreg_close(remote_reg);
H5Sclose(...)
H5Dclose(...)
                         PDCobj_close(obj_id);
                         PDCcont_close(cont_id);
H5Gclose(...)
H5Fclose()
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Evaluation on Perlmutter with VPIC-IO

VPIC-IO 5 Timesteps Write Performance





Conclusion and Future Work

- PDC is an object-centric data management system that provides data and metadata optimizations.
- HDF5 PDC VOL connector enables HDF5 applications to utilize PDC optimizations automatically and transparently. Performance benefits shown with the VPIC-IO benchmark.

- Future Work
 - Support HDF5 Asynchronous I/O APIs.
 - Extract hints from HDF5 properties and apply in PDC.
 - Performance evaluation on scientific workflows and applications.

