

Graph repartitioning with scotton and other on-going work

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Summary of the talk

- The **Scotch** project
- Parallel partitioning: weak scalability results
- Parallel static mapping: overview
- Dynamic repartitioning: early results





The **Scotch** project

- Devise robust parallel graph partitioning/mapping methods
 - Initial roadmap: should handle graphs of more than a billion vertices distributed across one thousand processors
- Provide graph repartitioning methods
- Improve sequential graph partitioning methods if possible
- Investigate alternate graph models (meshes/hypergraphs)
- Provide a software toolbox for scientific applications
 - Scotch sequential software tools
 - PT-Scotch parallel software tools



Parallel partitioning: weak scalability results

- Since version 5.1.10, Scotch is now fully 64-bit
 - Can handle graphs above 2 billion vertices
 - But less than 2 billion edges by processing element, because of MPI interface limitations
 - Not really a problem for us on many-core machines
- Several weak scalability experiments performed
 - Up to 8192 processors on the Hera machine at LLNL, with graphs above 2 billion edges
 - Up to 30k cores on BG/L at LLNL



Architectural considerations matter

- Upcoming machines will comprise very large numbers of processing units, and will possess NUMA/heterogeneous architectures
- Impacts on our research:
 - Target architecture has to be taken into account
 - Static mapping and not only graph partitioning
 - Reduces number of neighbors and improves communication locality, at the expense of slight increases in message sizes
 - Dynamic repartitioning capabilities are mandatory

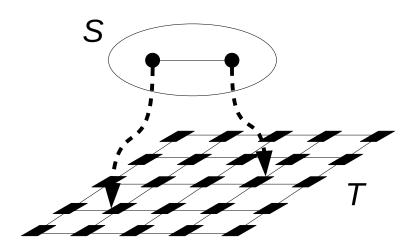


Static mapping

- Compute a mapping of V(S) and E(S) of source graph S to V(T) and E(T) of target architecture graph T, respectively
- Communication cost function accounts for distance

$$f_C(au_{S,T},
ho_{S,T}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{e_S \in E(S)} w(e_S) \left|
ho_{S,T}(e_S) \right|$$

- Static mapping features are already present in the sequential Scotch library
 - We have to go parallel





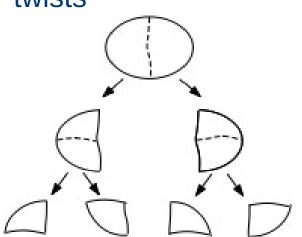
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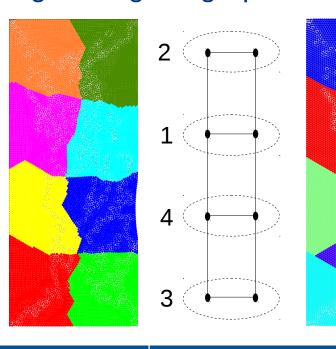
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"twists"



Sequential processing only!





New roadmap

- To be able to map graphs of about a trillion vertices spread across a million processing elements
 - Use direct k-way static mapping algorithms
 - Focus on scalability problems related to the large number of processors
 - Asynchronous algorithms to reduce latency induced by collective communication
- Parallel dynamic repartitioning capabilities is mandatory



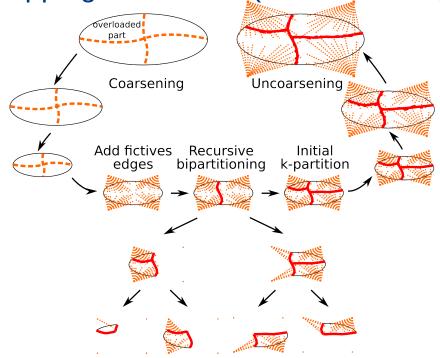
Dynamic repartitioning

- Recompute a balanced partition while minimizing the number of migrated vertices
- Modeling of migration costs by fictive edges that induce an increase of the cut size when a vertex changes of part
- Use of fractional migration costs in graphs with integer weights by multiplication of the original edge loads
- Adaptation of the existing algorithms to account for these extra edges
 - Recursive bipartitioning, k-way partitioning, multilevel framework, FM heuristic, diffusion-based method

Dynamic repartitioning

- Multilevel framework adapted for repartitioning
 - Coarsening mates only vertices belonging to the same part
 - Initial mapping by sequential recursive bi-mapping (with fictive edges)

K-way mapping refinement (with fictive edges)



Dynamic repartitioning — Test graphs

Graphs considered during experimentation:

| Graph | Vertex number | Edge number | Average degree |
|--------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|
| altr4 | 26089 | 163038 | 12.5 |
| oilpan | 73752 | 1761718 | 47.8 |
| bmw32 | 227362 | 5030634 | 48.7 |
| audikw1 | 943695 | 38354076 | 81.3 |
| conesphere1m | 1055039 | 8023236 | 15.2 |
| coupole8000 | 1768161 | 41656975 | 47.1 |

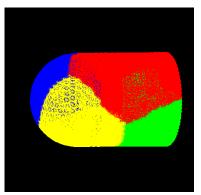
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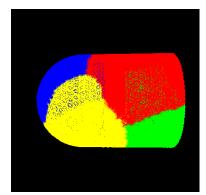
- oilpan, bmw32 and coupole8000:
 same characteristics, with increasing graph size
- audikw1: lots of edges, highest degree
- conesphere1m: 1 million vertices

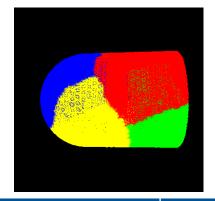
Dynamic repartitioning — Experimentation protocol

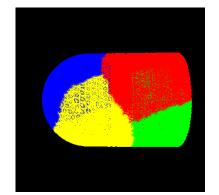
- Protocol:
 - Original partition:
 - -4 parts
 - Vertex loads are equal to 1
 - First vertex load changes from 1 to total vertex load / 10
 - Scotch runs on 1 processor, ParMetis on 2 processors
 - Migration cost from 0.01 to 50

0.1 1 10 original partition

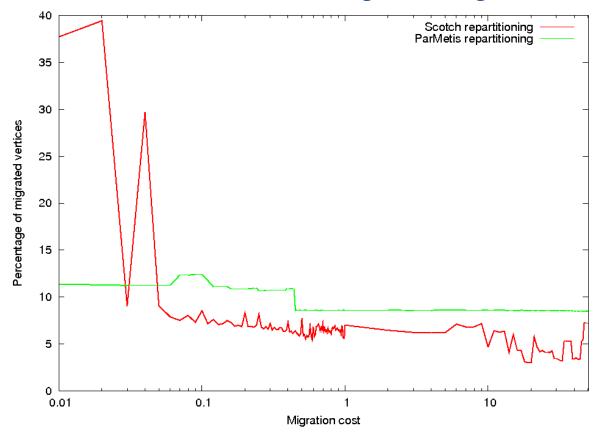








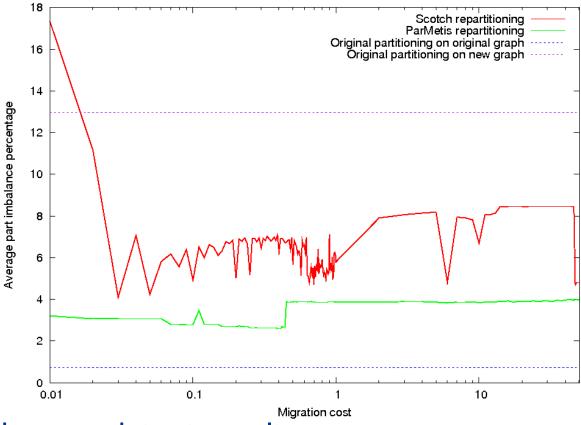
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• Scotch is more sensitive to the migration cost parameter



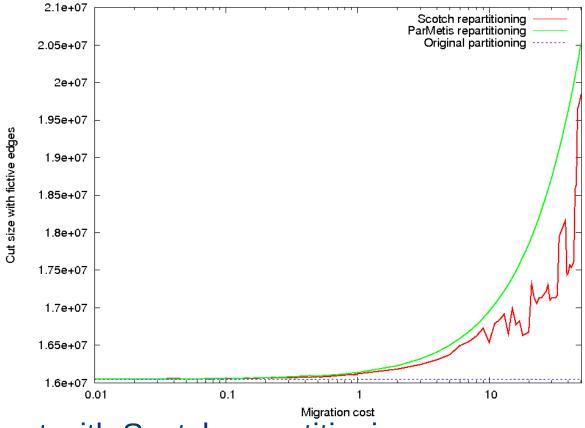
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- Both give consistent results
- ParMetis keeps a better balance (with our configuration)



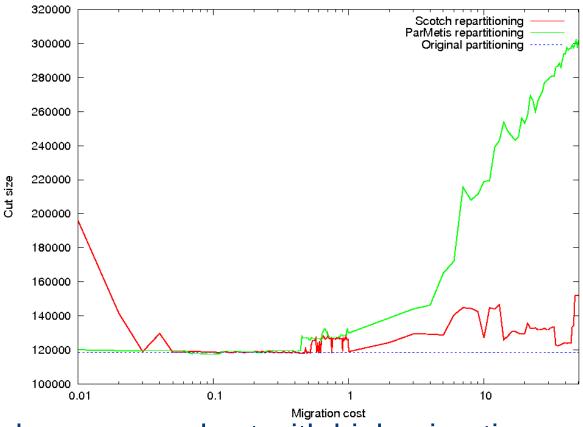
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- Better cut with Scotch repartitioning
- This is consistent: lower constraint on part imbalance



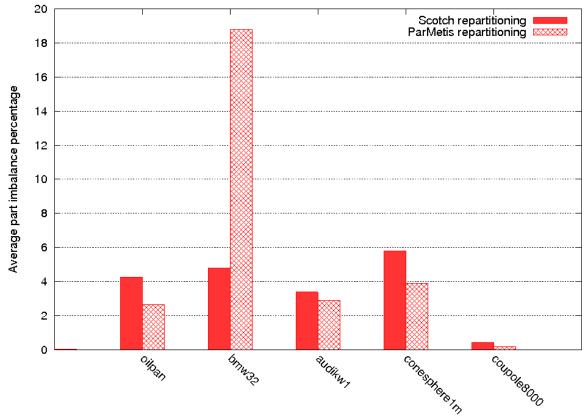
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- Scotch keeps a good cut with high migration costs
 - → Better precision



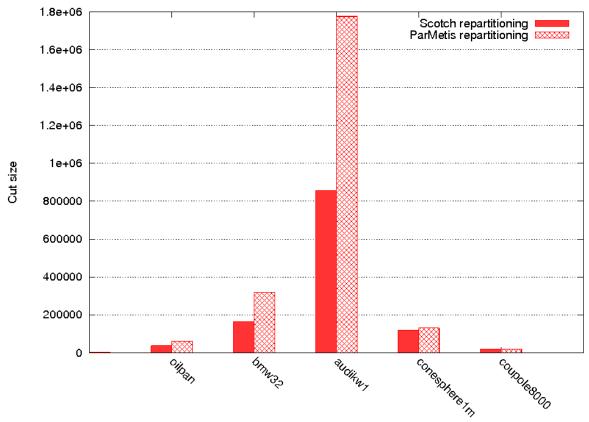
Dynamic repartitioning — Results with mig. cost = 1 ParMetis vs Scotch: Average part imbalance



• In average (without bmw32), ParMetis brings a balance 36.6 % better than Scotch (st. deviation: 18.9 %)



Dynamic repartitioning — Results with mig. cost = 1 ParMetis vs Scotch: Cut size



• In average, Scotch brings a cut size 29.8 % better than ParMetis (st. deviation: 22.8 %)



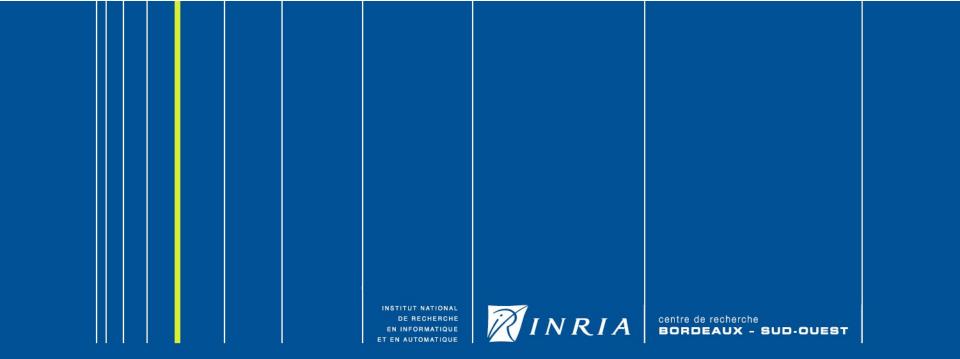
On-going work

- Next steps
 - Efficient parallel methods to refine k-partitions
 - Parallel dynamic repartitioning
 - Dynamic repartitioning with fixed vertices
 - Parallel hypergraph partitioning?
 - Only if gains can be expected over existing works
- Move upwards to application mesh models
- Parallel adaptive remeshing [work with C. Dobrzynski]
 - Take into account the numerical stability of the problem being studied
 - Take advantage of the work done in distributed adaptive graphs









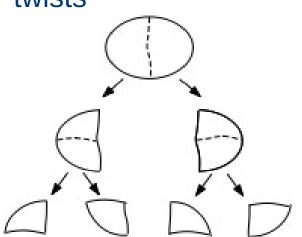
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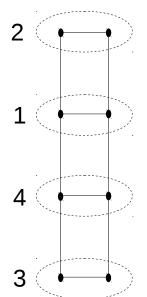
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Sketch of the algorithm

