



Deployment, Heterogeneity and Dynamic Adaptation



- Overall picture
- Core technologies
 - ALDL Application description
 - GEA-based deployment
 - Support of Heterogeneity
 - Support for Dynamic Adaptive behaviour
 - Reconfiguration at run time
 - Repeated Deployment
 - Extension to component models

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Multi-language support and application structure



- ASSIST **astcc** is a front-end compiler
 - Employs several other compilers as back-ends
 - Run-time support code, and final linker: C++
- Compiler and sub-compiler configuration
 - The **ast_rc** XML file defines paths, flags, compilers, linker to exploit
- Compiled application is a set of executables
 - Application structure is a directory tree
 - Compact form (**.aar** archive)
 - Structure encoded in a flexible XML format

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Application Description




ALDL=Application Level Description Language

- Application-level information
 - Structure and parameters (e.g. degree of parallelism)
 - Application executables
 - Run-time support processes
- Process-level information
 - Architecture, OS
 - HW/SW resources: memory, CPU, libraries...
 - Input and output files
- Run-time parameters
 - E.g. TCP ports, or network configuration

All information gathered by the compiler

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(simple) ALDL fragment



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<?xml version="1.0" ?>
<ald:application xmlns = "urn:ald:assist" xmlns:xsi = "http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance" xmlns:ald = "http://www.isti.cnr.it/schemas/ald/" xmlns:ns1 = "http://www.isti.cnr.it/schemas/assist/" xmlns:tns = "urn:ald:assist" targetNamespace = "urn:ald:assist" xsi:schemaLocation = "http://www.isti.cnr.it/schemas/ald/ xml/ald.xsd http://www.isti.cnr.it/schemas/assist/ xml/assist.xsd">
  <ald:requirement name = "libraries">
    <ns1:lib fileName = "libACE.so.5" fileName = "libACE.so.5" fileSystemName = "/tmp" arch = "i686" executable = "no">
      <ns1:source url = "file:///home/pascucci/Assist/utlis/ACE-5.5/lib/libACE.so.5"/>
    </ns1:lib>
    <ns1:lib fileName = "libm.so.6" fileSystemName = "/tmp" arch = "i686" executable = "no">
      <ns1:source url = "file:///lib/libm.so.6"/>
    </ns1:lib>
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  </ald:requirement>
</ald:application>
    
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Generic execution requirements

Process spec.

Platform/OS run-time support configuration

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Deployment : the GEA loader



- Exploits the ALDL description
- Deploys structured parallel programs on top of diverse platforms
- Support adaptivity (partial re-deployment)
- GEA slides included from a separate presentation, some duplication of concepts

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ASSIST deployment issues



- Parallel modules
 - Reconfigure exploiting QoS models and goals
- Run-time support of the language
 - Multi-architecture (heterogeneous OS, HW)
 - On physical system (no virtual machine)
- Deployment on clusters and Grids
 - SSH, Globus
- Extendable to a component model
 - Grid.it project

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GEA, the Grid Execution Agent



- Tool to automatically deploy ASSIST application
 - Implemented in Java for maximum portability
- Provides abstraction of a Grid computing platform (GAM) together with the ASSIST run-time
- Applications = multi-architecture "parallel executable" archives
 - Executable availability directs matchmaking and staging
- Essential use of the ALDL application description language
 - ALDL descriptors are compiler generated
 - do not depend on the source language

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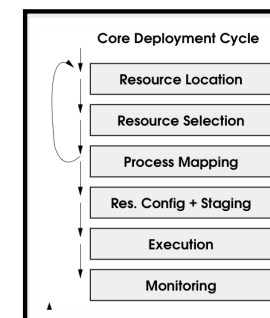
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GEA Core Deployment Schema



- Deploy ASSIST applications
- Exploit High-level, structured ALDL application description
- Satisfy resource constraints
 - Static and Dynamic
 - HW, SW
 - Aggregate
- Several translation steps
- Finally exploit middleware
 - broker, allocation, staging, network configuration
- GEA provides
 - Filtering, matchmaking, mapping



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Dynamic Adaptivity

- Change resource configuration
 - Relocate processes and/or computations
 - According to environment changes
- Complex task:
 - Stop/synchronize processes
 - Exchange status / change configuration
 - Restart
- Hard to do with low-level MPI_Send() ...
- Easy with ASSIST high-level code
 - Compiler knows relevant program properties (structure!!)
 - All necessary protocols are built into the run-time

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Dynamic Adaptivity

- ASSIST exploits structure-information
 - Avoid unnecessary synchronizations
 - Avoid state propagation when not useful
- Farm skeletons do not almost need to synchronise
 - Single stream communication can be controlled
 - Overhead is minimal
- Data parallel is reconfigurable too
 - Need to redistribute the computation
 - Same interface to add/reduce resources, and redistribute the load
- Reconfiguration either
 - User-driven
 - Based on **autonomic** control


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Autonomic control

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Autonomic control (2)

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Execution Support of High Performance Heterogeneous Component-Based Applications on the Grid

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ASSIST deployment with GEA : Overview

- GRID deployment of complex applications
 - What Grid and applications
 - Requirements and methodology
- Hierarchical deployment of Component-based HPC applications
- Concrete case : ASSIST/Grid.it
- Grid Execution Agent architecture
- Conclusions



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Grid scenery

- Geographically distributed
- Heterogeneous:
 - HW, SW,
 - Middleware
 - Multiple Virtual Organizations : authorization...
- Dynamically changing
 - Above reasons
 - Faults and failures
 - Load variations
- No “Standards”: still evolving and variegated
 - Sw components, middleware, brokering ...
- Can we make a Grid “Invisible” to the final user?

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Grid Applications

- Complex, multi-disciplinary applications, High-performance
 - Distributed and parallel sw components
 - Different component frameworks
 - Heterogeneous Grid resources within a VO
 - Access through heterogeneous middleware
- We don't want to “program the middleware”
 - Portability and separation of concern
- We want to exploit existing Grid Infrastructure
- We want predictable execution quality!

Conflicting goals?



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Composite Adaptive Applications

- Exploit QoS models
 - Performance, throughput, latency, bandwidth, fault tolerance, security...
- Application-wide overall QoS model
- User-agreed application QoS contract
- Hierarchically exploit Component-level models
 - Statically and dynamically (deploy vs. autonomic)
- Deep impact on the deployment process



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The target

- High-level user view of the deployment process
 - Independent of mentioned issues
 - Exploits application structure
 - Allows resource tuning/re-deployment at run-time
- As opposed to current
 - low level description of deployment
 - flat SPMD bag-of-tasks
 - fixed workflow description



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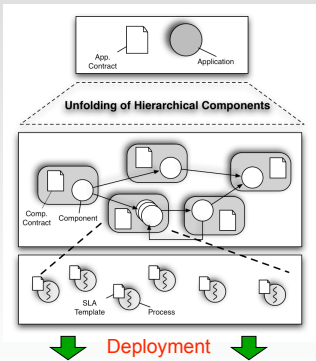
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Hierarchical Deployment (1)

Unfolding translation process



- Application
 - QoS global contract
 - Composite hierarchy of components
- Components
 - Hierarchical and Parallel
 - Parametric Deployment Units
 - QoS specific contracts
- Component QoS models exploit knowledge from
 - Comm. and computation patterns (skeletons)
 - Compile-time and run-time support implementation

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Hierarchical Deployment (2)

- Processes
 - Implement components
 - Single processes, array of processes
 - “Elementary” SLA and resource constraint, supported by middleware
 - Networks: overlay networks, physical network configuration/reservation
- Middleware
 - Further translation
 - Deploy specs (scripts, TXT/XML)
 - Access protocols

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Adaptivity and Deployment

- Deployment is a composition of workflows:
 - Application level × component level × process level
- We exploit this recursive definition
- Adaptivity needs progressive deployment
 - We can re-deploy some sub-structures
 - We accept a good mapping at deployment
 - Improve during execution
- Avoid too large problems in matchmaking/mapping
- Structure, model description provided by compilers

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2. Hierarchical deployment of Component-based HPC applications
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 - ASSIST programming environment
 - GEA tool for deployment
 - Grid.it component model and new requirements
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ASSIST

- Structured parallel language for HPC
- Modular design of applications
- Parallel modules
 - Reconfigure exploiting QoS models and goals
 - Implement well-known parallel skeletons
- Run-time support of the language
 - Multi-architecture (heterogeneous OS, HW)
 - On physical system (no virtual machine)
- Deployment on clusters and Grids
 - SSH, Globus
- Extended to a component model (Grid.it project)

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GEA Core Deployment Schema

- Previous work (Dagstuhl Seminar '04, FGG '06)
- Deploy ASSIST applications
- High-level, structured ALDL application description
- Resource constraints
 - Static and Dynamic
 - HW, SW
 - Aggregate
- Translation steps
- Exploit middleware
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Core Deployment Cycle

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graph TD
    A[Resource Location] --> B[Resource Selection]
    B --> C[Process Mapping]
    C --> D[Res. Config + Staging]
    D --> E[Execution]
    E --> F[Monitoring]
    F --> A
  
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Grid.it components

- Host a self-adapting structured parallel app.
- Host QoS model
- Application support proc.
 - AdHOC sh.mem
 - Reconfig. Managers
 - Framework proxies
- Can wrap / interface to CCM, WS

- ASSIST executable reacts to contracts on Non-functional ports
- Can free/ask resources to deploy tool
- Different process sets require proper synchronization protocols and deploy priorities for components' safe startup and termination

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GEA New Requirements

- Multiple access protocols
 - HTTP, TCP, WS; GUI as well as system-oriented
- Separate deployments of components
- Persistent server for progressive/dynamic deployment of components and additional processes
 - support self-adaptation at run-time
- Flexibility w.r.t. component models
 - to broaden support (CCM, WS ...) and ease experimentation
- Higher scalability
- Crossing of Domain Boundaries (Network, VO ...)

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 - Overall architecture
 - Component, Process Translation Plug-ins
 - Whiteboard and Middleware plug-in
5. Conclusions

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GEA Architecture Overview

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Channel Adaptor

Channel Adaptor
Provides flexible interface
Exposes different Functionalities
Can be used to build a network of GEA servers

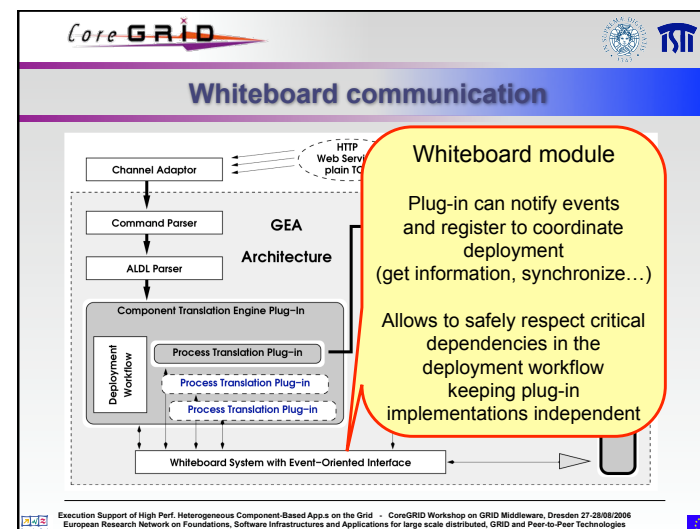
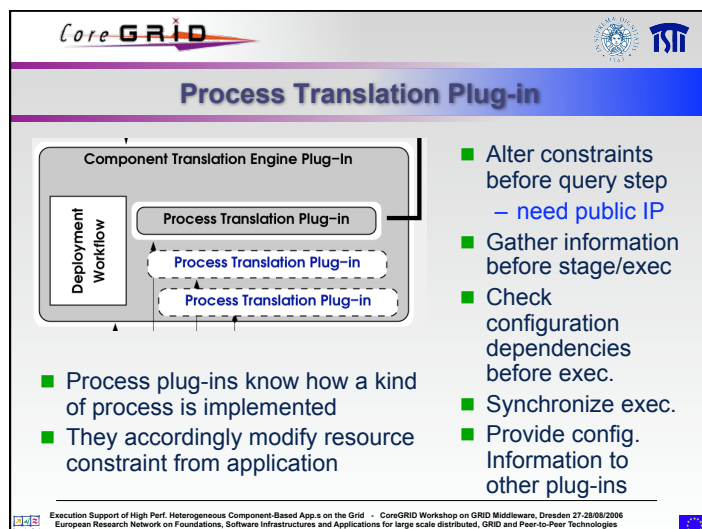
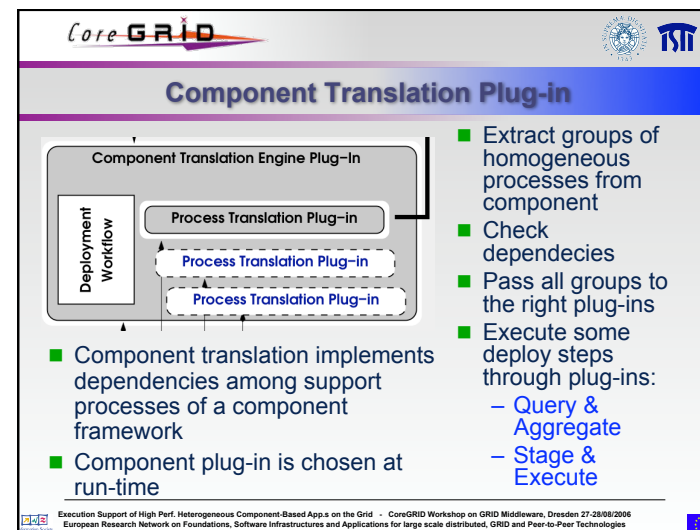
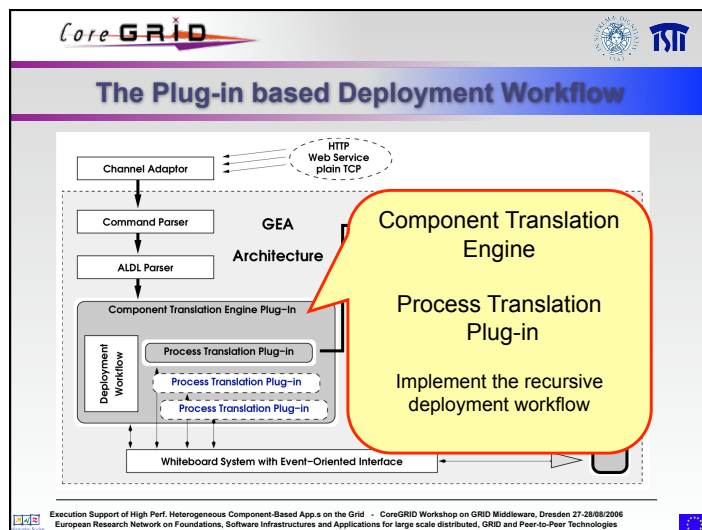
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Parsers

Command Parser
ALDL Parser
Extended to components
Cache component descriptions, manage deployment sessions
Accept **incremental** deployment requests

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Middleware Plug-in

Middleware Plug-in

- Provides homogeneous interface toward different middlewares
- Can be as simple as an XML translator
- Emulates missing essential functionalities (e.g. SSH case)
- Many active at the same time

Core Deployment Cycle

- Resource Location
- Resource Selection
- Process Mapping
- Res. Config + Staging
- Execution

Middleware Plug-in

HTTP Web Service

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Work done so far (2006)

- The original GEA tools has been available within the ASSIST 1.3 distribution, supporting GT3, SSH
- Experiments were done with Network reservation middleware (PDCN '06)
- Adapted to deploy Grid.it components
- Experiments in deploying POP-C++ programs
- Comparison, possible integration with other approaches (Adage)
- Design of the GEA plug-in based architecture
- Implementation of the new architecture is ongoing

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Conclusions

- We presented an extension of the deployment process which makes it customizable and exploits application structure for adaptivity
- GEA is a second-generation architecture for deployment of
 - Component-based applications
 - Autonomic self-adapting
- GEA architecture is highly configurable and extendable
- GEA acts as meta-broker
 - Heterogeneous middleware systems

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Heterogeneity and Adaptivity



switch to Marco Danelutto's slides on
Heterogeneity and Adaptivity in ASSIST

(file ASSIST part III B on the course wiki)

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Summing up on ASSIST



- Parallel program made up by modules
 - Declared, data-flow stream interfaces
 - Unconstrained graph
- Seq modules to encapsulate seq code
 - Multi-language, code reuse
- Parmod to express parallel activities
 - High level powerful syntax
 - Skeleton oriented, shared memory available
- Run-time exploits structure information
 - Low-level details hidden to programmers
 - Automatic mapping over platforms
 - Dynamic reconfiguration
 - Portability, performance, efficiency, load balancing...

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