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The purpose of this thesis was to introduce high performance computing and cloud computing. The purpose was also to describe how to apply high performance computing to cloud computing as well as its possibilities and challenges.

There were two case studies in the thesis project to present the application of cloud computing. Both quantitative and qualitative methods were used in this research. The majority of materials were from books and Internet resources.

The thesis may be useful to students, teachers, and people who are interested in information technology, mathematics and science.

Key words

high performance computing, cloud computing, cluster

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

Nowadays, high performance computing is more and more important for the economic and technological development. The high performance computing also becomes an indicator to measure the power of a country. Therefore, it is important and meaningful to improve the performance and universality of high performance computing.

In addition, cloud computing can provide users with easier computing service through various hardware devices. Applying high performance computing to cloud computing become a meaningful challenge for many scientists and professional talents. The current research results are listed in the thesis.

The purpose of the thesis is to introduce high performance computing and cloud computing. The architecture and performance of high performance computing are described in the Chapter 2. The definition of cloud computing and its typical technologies are presented in the Chapter 3. There are two case studies in the thesis project, as the examples of application of cloud computing. Quantitative as well as qualitative analysis methods are used to the research.

## 2 HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPUTING

### 2.1 Background of High Performance Computing

#### 2.1.1 Overview of High Performance Computing

High performance computing (HPC) refers to the computing system, including several processors as part of a single machine or a cluster of several computers as an individual resource. High performance computing owes its feature of high speed computing to its great ability to process information. Therefore the main methodology that is currently applied to high performance computing is parallel computing. In short, high performance computing is legendary for its processing capacity. For instance, it is shown by the latest analysis that machines can perform  $10^{15}$  floating point operation per second. (Jones 2011.)

In a mesh network, the structure of systems can improve the speed of host communication by shortening the physical and the logical distance between the network nodes. Although the network topology and hardware play a necessary role in the high performance computing system, it is the operating system and application software that makes the system so effective and usable. A control node, the interface between system and client computers, manages the distributed computing workload. (Gerber 2012.)

There are two models for task execution in high performance computing environments: SIMD (Single Instruction Multiple Data) and MIMD (Multiple Instruction Multiple Data). SIMD will execute the same computing instructions and operations across multiple processes at the same time. MIMD uses multiple processors to asynchronously control multiple instructions, achieving space parallelism. However, no matter which model is employed, the principal of a high performance system is consistent. The operation of a high performance unit (referring to several processors as part of a single machine or a cluster of several computers) is treated as a single computational resource, putting requests to various nodes. The high performance computing solution is an

independent unit that is specifically designed and deployed as powerful computing resource. (Gerber 2012.)

### 2.1.2 History of High Performance Computing

The birth of high performance computing can be traced back to the start of commercial computing in the 1950's. At that time, the only type of commercially available computing was mainframe computing. One of the main tasks required was billing, a task that almost every type of business needs to perform and is conveniently run as a batch process. Batch processing allows a sequence of several programs or "jobs" to be run without manual intervention. Thus once a job has completed, another job would then immediately start. Since no interaction with the administrator is required, jobs are executed in sequence without the delays created by human interaction. Batch processing saves processing time that is normally wasted with human interaction. The second benefit of batch processing is that jobs can be processed in shifts, allowing the more interactive or urgent processes to run during the day shift and billing or non-interactive jobs to be run during the night shift. The computer language used to control batch processing is referred to as JCL (Job Control Language). (E-sciencecity. org. 2015.)

In the 1970's, the manufacturers of supercomputers shifted computer models into personal computing, increasing the performance of personal computers. After the advent of the CRAY-1 super computer in 1976, vector computing took over the high performance marketplace for 15 years. CRAY-1 used RISC (Reduced Instruction Set) processors and vector registers to perform vector computing. In the late 1980's, IBM connected RISC microprocessors by using the butterfly interconnection network. This allowed developers to create systems with consistent shared memory caches for both processing and data storage. (E-sciencecity. org. 2015.)

DASH (Dual Access Storage Handling) was proposed by Stanford University in the beginning of the 1990's. DASH achieved consistency of distributed shared memory cache, by maintaining a directory structure for data in each cache



location. Since then, several major architectures have begun to be mixed together. Today, more and more parallel computer systems use commercial microprocessors and the interconnection network structure. This distributed memory parallel computer system is known as clustering. Parallel computers have entered a new era where there is currently unprecedented development. (E-sciencecity.org, 2015.)

## 2.2 High Performance Computing Architecture

### 2.2.1 Five Major Parts of High Performance Computing System

There are five elements of a high performance computing: CPUs, memory, nodes, inter-node network and non-volatile storage (disks, tape). Currently, single-core CPUs (processors) are not used any more. So far, the unit (multiple 'cores' on a single 'chip') that is used on the motherboard constitutes all CPUs (processors). The trend of even more 'cores' per unit will increase for several reasons. The node plays a significant role in physically interconnecting CPUs, memory, interfaces, devices and other nodes. Distributed memory is also important for a high performance computing system. Switched and mesh, are two main network types used in high performance computing systems. Figure 1. Illustrates the five parts of the system and the relationship between each other. (Gerber 2012.)

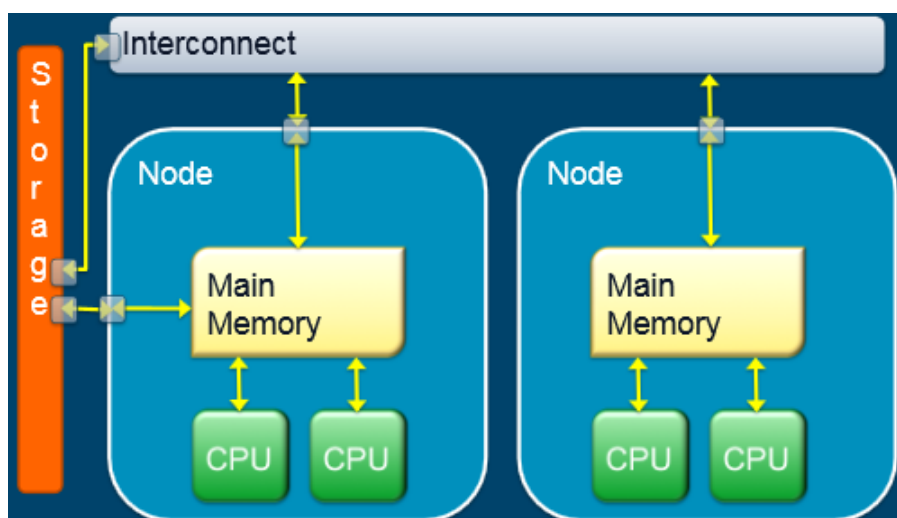


Figure 1. Five Major Parts in Distributed-Memory High Performance Computing System (Gerber 2012)

### 2.2.2 Building High Performance Computing Cluster

An application, running on a high performance cluster, usually uses parallel algorithm. To be specific, a large task will be divided into several sub-tasks, computing on different nodes within the Cluster. The processed data, resulting from the sub-tasks, is incorporated into the end result of the original task. Since these small sub-tasks generally can be done in parallel, the processing time will be greatly shortened. In order to build a high performance computing cluster, careful consideration should be given to the design of several elements. These elements are namely, node deployment, network interconnection and cluster management. Their characteristics should be tailored to the specific application requirements. (Buyya 1999.)

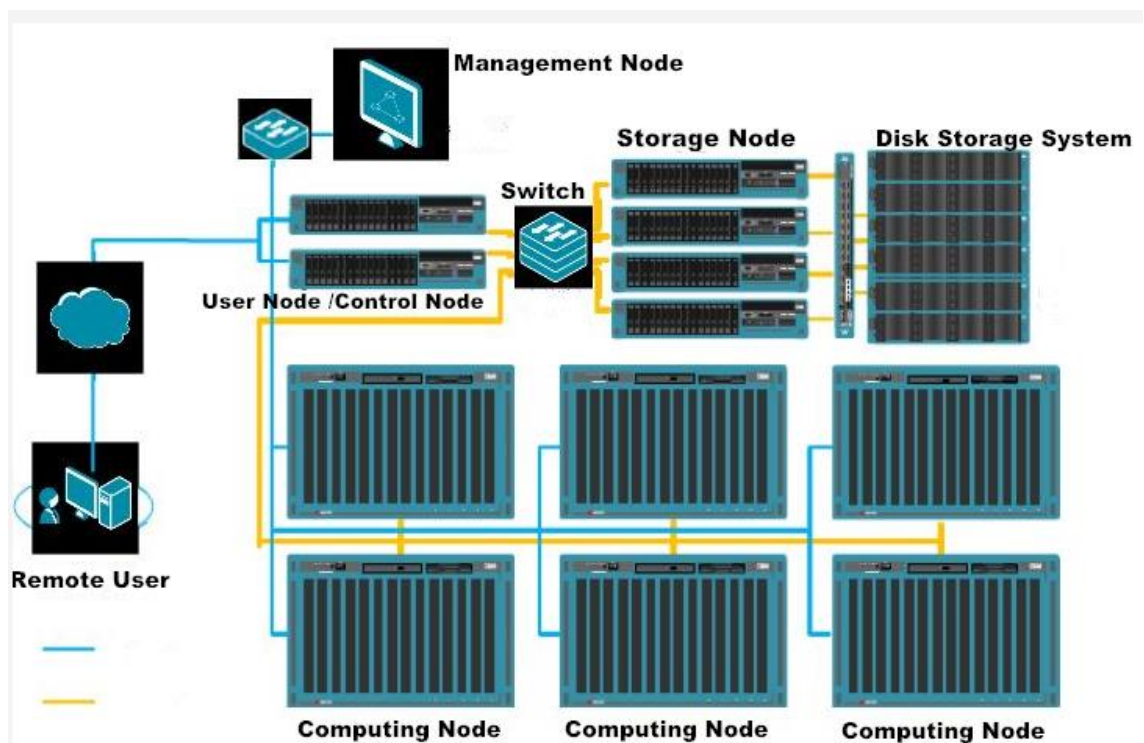


Figure 2. Building High Performance Computing Cluster

There are five different types of nodes: user node, control node, management node, storage node and computing node. The user node is the only gateway for

outsiders to access to cluster system. Users usually need to log in from the node to compile and run the tasks. Fault-tolerant design is achieved with hardware redundancy which should be designed into the system to ensure high availability of the user node. Control node mainly takes responsibility of supplying computing node with basic network services, such as DHCP (Dynamic Host Control Protocol), DNS (Domain Name Service), NFS (Network File Service), and dispatching tasks to the computing node. For example, the cluster job scheduler is normally run on this node. Moreover, the control node decides availability of the network. If the control node suffers a catastrophic failure, all the computing nodes will also be out of operation. (Kalcher 2007.)

The management node controls various management tasks in the cluster system. Thus, the management software of the cluster is also running on this node. The storage node refers to the data storage and data server for the cluster system. A single storage node is not enough when the data levels are in the TB (Terabyte) range. Thus, storage networks are also required. Storage nodes typically require the following configuration: RAID (Redundant Array of Independent Disks) server to guarantee data security, and high-speed network to ensure adequate speed for data transmission. Computing nodes are the core of the cluster computing system, and their functions are to compute. The kind of configuration depends on the application requirements and also the fiscal budget. A Blade server (a thin electronic circuit board module) is the ideal choice of computing nodes because of its low physical height, which permits a high stacking density in an air conditioned machine room cabinet. Also blade servers have low power consumption, simple installation, as well as many other favorable characteristics. (Kalcher 2007.)

Since the network directly affects the capacity and performance of the entire high performance system, the network is the most significant part of the cluster. According to the survey, the key characteristics of a high speed network are: low latency and high bandwidth between all nodes. InfiniBand draws HPC industry's attention with high-bandwidth and low latencies. InfiniBand is a technology developed by InfiniBand Association. The InfiniBand solution includes multiple independent processors which are interconnected with the

system network of I/O devices. InfiniBand system can build small processors with only a few I/O devices, as well as large-scale parallel supercomputers. It is a scalable solution. (Kalcher 2007.)

Products of the Norwegian company Scali, are cluster management applications based upon the Linux operation system, which utilize a graphical management interface. The library of high performance communication and the integrated software tools from third-parties, allows the system to easily allocate tasks and monitor the workload on each node in the cluster. Developing their own application software through a range of software interfaces will reduce development time and cost of the entire system, and ensure the system configuration and upgrade flexibility. The most significant feature of their products is the support of a variety of high speed interconnection networks, from Gigabit Ethernet, SCI (Serial Communication Interface), Myrinet, to InfiniBand. (Kalcher 2007.)

Table 1. Example of Hardware and Software Configuration (Based on 168-Node IBM Server)

Hardware			
No.	Subject	Type	Quantity
1.	Computing Node	IBM BCH	12
2.		IBM HS22	168
3.	Control Node	IBM X3650M3	2
4.	Storage Node	IBM X3650M3	4
5.	Disk Array	IBM DS3500	1
6.	High-speed Network	IS5035	1
7.	Server Cabinet	IBM T42	5
8.	Switch	DGS-3200-24	1
9.	FC Storage Switch	Brocade-300	1
Software			
1.	Operation System	RHLE 5	168
2.	IBM Cluster Management Software	XCAT	1
3.	IBM Network Management	Director	1
4.	Job Scheduling Management Software	Open PBS	1
5.	Parallel file system	Lustre	1

## 2.3 Performance and Optimization

### 2.3.1 Peak Performance

All kinds of high performance computing facilities ought to be based on the different needs of enterprises. Also every high performance computing application must be specially optimized, which is completely different to traditional data center requirements. This method of optimization achieves high performance computing combined with application peak performance. (Jones 2011.)

*“The theoretical maximum performance (usually measured in terms of 64-bit (double precision, on most architectures) floating point operations per second) is achievable by a computing system.”*  
(Jones 2011.)

The peak performance of a system is measured by multiplying the clock rate by floating point operations completed per clock cycle. For example, 2.5 GHz multiplied by 4 FLOPS (floating-point operations per second) per clock equals to 10 Giga FLOPS per clock cycle, which is rarely achieved. The theoretical peak performance can limit the unrealistic value. And it additionally offers the reference way to compare the various platforms. (Jones 2011.)

### 2.3.2 Performance Improvements

Firstly, an appropriate memory ought to be chosen. There are types of DIMM (Dual In-line Memory Module) available: UDIMM (Unbuffered Dual In-line Memory Module), RDIMM (Registered Dual In-line Memory Module), and LRDIMM (Load-Reduced Dual In-line Memory Module). UDIMM memory is for handling large-scale workloads with high speed, low cost, non-stable features. RDIMM memory is stable with reasonable extensibility, but expensive. And it is conjointly used with several traditional servers. LRDIMM memory is a good replacement for DIMM with high speed of memory, reducing the load of sever memory bus and lower dissipation. (Kohlmeyer 2010.)

Secondly, pipelining should be introduced for upgrading the performance of a

high performance computing system. Within a central computing processor, functional units consist of 'Inst Fetch', 'Inst Decode', 'Execution', 'Memory', and 'Write back' (See Figure 3). Using a pipeline can improve their service efficiency, allowing them to be clocked faster. Figure 3 describes the pipeline stage within the clock cycles. An instruction is completed in five cycles, followed by the second one. As is shown below in Figure 3, five clock cycles are required to execute each instruction; with pipelining one instruction is completed per clock cycle. (Kohlmeyer 2010.)

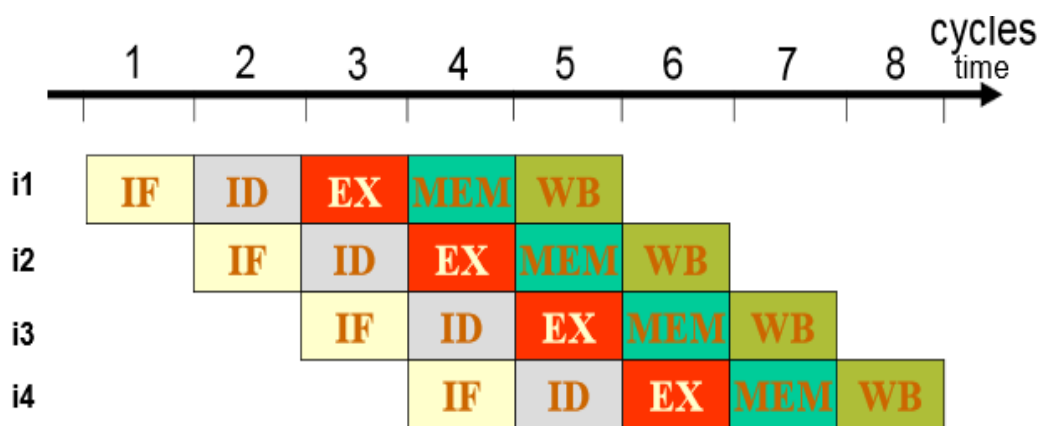


Figure 3. Processor Pipelining (Jacob 2015)

When the delay time of each stage is the same, the acceleration of pipeline can be analyzed. Pipeline acceleration equals the time (non-pipelined) divided by time (pipelined). Assume the time that each CPU takes to run a program instruction be  $N$ , therefore non-pipeline processor ought to be  $5N$  cycles, and the pipelined processor should be  $4+cycles$ . The calculation is defined as  $(5N) / (4+N)$ , approximately equal to 5, as  $N$  tends to infinity. A program within  $P$  stage may run  $P$  times faster compared to a non-pipelined processor. (Jacob 2015.)

Thirdly, one distinction between high performance computing systems and traditional data center infrastructure is choosing ready-made tools or customized system. A ready-made system will not necessarily be fully extendable, limiting future development. On the other hand, custom systems maintain an open trend, making enterprises extend better in the future. However, custom systems can develop the additional functionality at additional cost, something not usually possible with a ready-made system, than buying a ready-

made system. (Jacob 2015.)

Fourthly, there are some other ways to improve the performance. Dividing information flow into the parallel flow also contributes to increase running speed. Once multiple-core implemented, the pipelined and super-scalar CPUs of a processor, remove the maximum CPU clock rate limitations. Moreover, the enterprise ought to take responsibility for maintaining the system consistency. When inconsistency appearing within the cluster, the administrator may recognize some abnormal changes, affecting application performance. Considering the potential performance, the IT department requires considered strategies to confirm the kind of application that runs in the high performance computing system. Furthermore, efficient data architecture and cooling system become important attributes because of the high density.

## 2.4 Quantitative Analysis of Performance of Linux High Performance Computing Cluster

### 2.4.1 Metrics

Performance, performance/Watt, performance/ Square foot, performance/dollar are obviously important to high performance computing cluster. Running such a system is usually restricted by energy consumption (watts) and volume (square feet) of the server. Therefore, these two elements, energy consumption and volume, are calculated in the total cost of ownership (TCO). It will create more economic profits under control of the total cost of ownership. In addition, performance density (performance showing in a cluster with certain volume) and TCO will be attached great importance in practice. (Barragy 2007.)

Here the performance is defined as a sort of calculating rates, such as the workload completed per day, FLOPS (Floating-point Operations per Second). The time to complete a given workload is directly related to the speed. Thus, performance is measured by running workload, which is regenerated to the required speed in calculating. (Barragy 2007.)



### 2.4.2 Arithmetical Operation Analysis of Linux Cluster System

In the view of a qualitative level, advanced processors, high capacity memory, excellent network and input/output disk subsystem can realize the best performance optimization. However, once involved purchasing Linux cluster facilities under the certain TCO (total cost of ownership), quantitative analysis should be conducted. The model of Linux high performance computing cluster includes four types of major hardware components. (Barragy 2007.)

1. Computing nodes or servers to run the workload
2. A head node for cluster management
3. Interconnecting cables and GBE (Giga Bit Ethernet)
4. Some global storage system

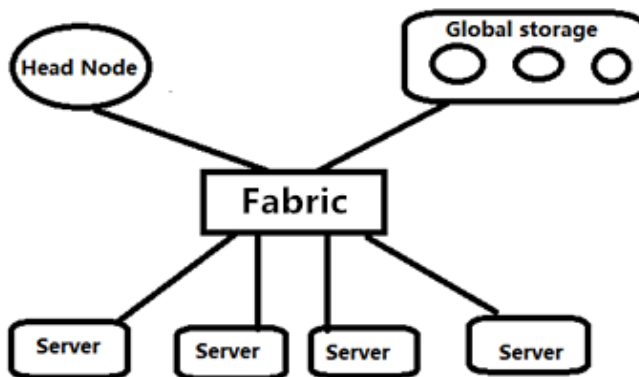


Figure 4. Prototypical Linux Cluster

$$\text{Time} = T_{\text{node}} + T_{\text{fabric}} + T_{\text{storage}} \quad (1)$$

The time to complete a given workload approximately equals to the time to run on an independent subsystems. Time here refers to the time of completing a given workload.  $T_{\text{node}}$  refers to the completion time spent on computing nodes.  $T_{\text{fabric}}$  refers to the completion time of the nodes interconnection.  $T_{\text{storage}}$  refers to the completion time of access to the LAN (local area network) and the global storage system. (Barragy 2007.)

$$T_{node} = T_{core} + T_{memory} \quad (2)$$

The completion time on computing nodes equals to the time spent on the independent subsystem.  $T_{core}$  refers to the completion time on the computing nodes of a microprocessor.  $T_{memory}$  refers to the completion time of access to main memory. This model is really useful for single CPU computing nodes, and might be simply extended to symmetrical multiprocessing computing nodes. The completion time of the subsystem associated with physical configuration parameters of computing nodes, for example, the speed of processors, and memory speed, can make this model more useful. (Barragy 2007.)

$$CPI = CPI_0 + MPI * PPM \quad (3)$$

CPI refers to the cycle of the processors, executing an instruction under the workload status.  $CPI_0$  means the core of CPI. MPI here refers to the number of errors that appear under each instruction of cache memory where workload status is. PPM refers to the number of errors of each instruction in a unit that is measured by the processor clock ticking. Assume the number of instructions is  $P$  and  $(1 / f_{core})$  be the processor frequency (the cycle of the processor per second). Multiplying expression (3), expression (4) will be derived. (Barragy 2007.)

$$T_{node} = (CPI_0 * P) * (1 / f_{core}) + (MPI * P) * PPM * (1 / f_{core}) \quad (4)$$

$(CPI_0 * P)$  treats the running period of a processor in each task allocation instruction as a unit. The given workload running on a microprocessor is usually a constant named as  $\alpha$ . It is same to  $(MPI * P)$  named as  $M$  (MBcache) that depends on volume of memory cache when given workload and system architecture are the constant. PPM is the cost of access to memory. Usually, the given workload is named  $C$ . PPM, multiplied by  $(f_{core} / f_{bus})$ , turns bus cycles to processor cycles. (Barragy 2007.)

$$PPM = C * f_{core} / f_{bus}$$

$$T_{\text{node}} = \alpha * (1 / f_{\text{core}}) + M * (1 / f_{\text{bus}}) \quad (5)$$

$$T_{\text{node}} = \alpha * (1 / f_{\text{core}}) + \beta \quad (6)$$

These expressions demonstrate the bus frequency is a constant.  $T_{\text{core}} = \alpha * (1 / f_{\text{core}})$  and  $T_{\text{memory}} = \beta = M * (1 / f_{\text{bus}})$  can be used as a conclusion. It is the system core and bus frequencies that decide the system performance, see the expression (5) and (6). (Barragy 2007.)

## 2.5 Top 500 List

The Top 500 project is the international ranking and therefore is the introduction of the most powerful computing system. It has been published twice every year since 1993. The ranking is released in June for the first time of every year, on the international super-computing conference in the Germany. In November, the second one is released at super-computing conference in the United States. This project aims to provide with the reliable foundation to trace the development tendency of high performance computing. (TOP500.org. 2014.)


Rank ↕	Rmax Rpeak ↕ (PFLOPS)	Name ↕	Computer design Processor type, interconnect ↕	Vendor ↕	Site Country, year ↕	Operating system ↕
1	33.863 54.902	<i>Tianhe-2</i>	<b>NUDT</b> Xeon E5-2692 + Xeon Phi 31S1P, TH Express-2	NUDT	National Supercomputing Center in Guangzhou  China, 2013	Linux (Kylin)
2	17.590 27.113	<i>Titan</i>	<b>Cray XK7</b> Opteron 6274 + Tesla K20X, Cray Gemini Interconnect	Cray Inc.	Oak Ridge National Laboratory  United States, 2012	Linux (CLE, SLES based)
3	17.173 20.133	<i>Sequoia</i>	<b>Blue Gene/Q</b> PowerPC A2, Custom	IBM	Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory  United States, 2013	Linux (RHEL and CNK)
4	10.510 11.280	<i>K computer</i>	<b>RIKEN</b> SPARC64 VIIIx, Tofu	Fujitsu	RIKEN  Japan, 2011	Linux
5	8.586 10.066	<i>Mira</i>	<b>Blue Gene/Q</b> PowerPC A2, Custom	IBM	Argonne National Laboratory  United States, 2013	Linux (RHEL and CNK)
6	6.271 7.779	<i>Piz Daint</i>	<b>Cray XC30</b> Xeon E5-2670 + Tesla K20X, Aries	Cray Inc.	Swiss National Supercomputing Centre  Switzerland, 2013	Linux (CLE)
7	5.168 8.520	<i>Stampede</i>	<b>PowerEdge C8220</b> Xeon E5-2680 + Xeon Phi, Infiniband	Dell	Texas Advanced Computing Center  United States, 2013	Linux
8	5.008 5.872	<i>JUQUEEN</i>	<b>Blue Gene/Q</b> PowerPC A2, Custom	IBM	Forschungszentrum Jülich  Germany, 2013	Linux (RHEL and CNK)
9	4.293 5.033	<i>Vulcan</i>	<b>Blue Gene/Q</b> PowerPC A2, Custom	IBM	Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory  United States, 2013	Linux (RHEL and CNK)
10	3.577 6.132		<b>Cray CS</b> Xeon E5-2660v2 10C and Nvidia K40, Infiniband	Cray Inc.	 United States, 2014	Linux

Figure 5. Top 10 Ranking (Wikimedia Foundation, Inc. 2015)

Rank in the list is ranked according to their Rmax value first, then the Rpeak value if two machines have equal Rmax value. Rmax value is calculated by LINPACK. The Jack Dongarra introduced the LINPACK (Linear system package) that is a method to evaluate the performance of high performance computing. For implementation of LINPACK, the number of processors and the cores are also required to be listed in the ranking. The operation system normally is the Linux system. (Wikimedia Foundation, Inc. 2015.)

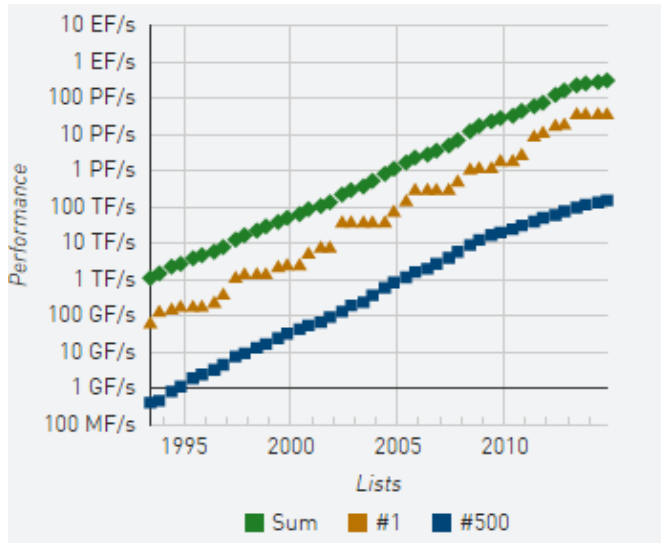


Figure 6. Performance Development (TOP500.org. 2014)

According to the Top 500 organization latest reports, the sum of computing performance of the Top 500 reached 308.9 PFlops announced in November 2014, whereas it was only 1.1 TFlops in 1993. In addition, the latest report, ranked in the Top 500, reached 154.4 TFlops now while it was 1.2TFlops based on statistics in June 2005. However, the leader in the field, Tianhe-2 from P. R. China, remained the same performance (33.9 PFlops) from 2013. (TOP500.org. 2014.)

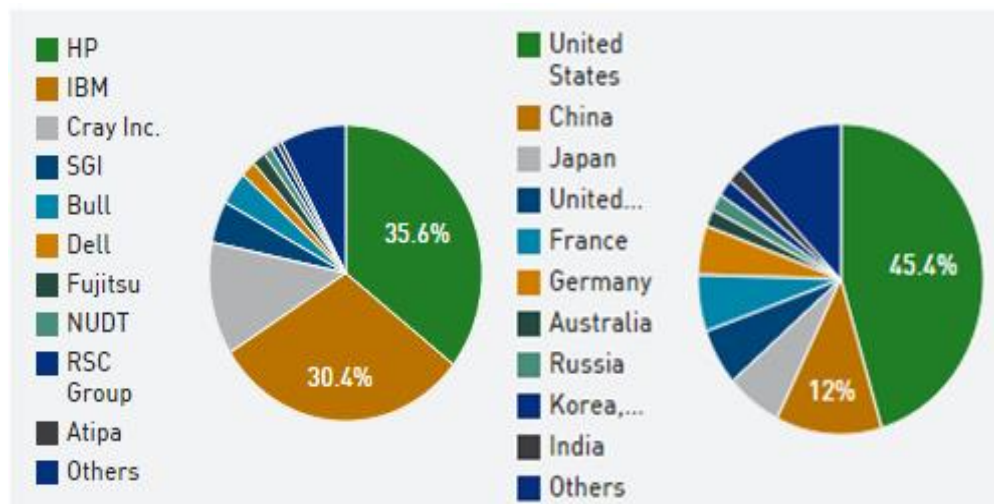


Figure 7. Country System and Vendor System Share (TOP500.org. 2014)

As for national ranking, American still occupies nearly half places of the Top 500, 231 (45.4%). The European countries (United Kingdom, Germany, and France)

make up 16.9% in whole and 5.9%, 5.9%, 5.1% respectively. There are 61 supercomputers in China ranked in the Top 500, accounting for 12%. And the rest of the world, except the countries mentioned above, possess 25.7% of the Top 500. Moreover, HP and IBM are still leaders of vendor system. There are 179 and 153 supercomputers using HP and IBM respectively. However, Cray Inc. is dominant enough to rate a mention here. It has been ranked as for the vendor's system just behind the HP and IBM, making up 12.3%. Furthermore, three supercomputers use Cray Inc. While four supercomputers use IBM and none uses HP in the Top 10. (TOP500.org. 2014.)

## 2.6 Parallel Computing

Generally speaking, high performance computing researches the parallel algorithm and develops the application related to parallel computing. Parallel computing is a type of algorithm to execute multiple instructions at a time. Its purpose is to increase the computing speed, solve complex computing tasks. There are two categories of parallelism, time parallelism and space parallelism respectively. Time parallelism refers to pipelining while space parallelism means concurrent computing by multiple processors. (Barney 2014.)

For example, pipelining maybe compared to the assembly line technology in the factory. There are three steps of the assembly line: production, detection, and packaging. If not introduced the assembly line, the next product starts to be produced only after the first product completing all the steps, which costs more time and affects the efficiency. This is the time parallelism. Executing two or more operations at the same time greatly improves computational performance. As for space parallelism, for instance, Tom needs to clean the two rooms, which costs two hours. And if his mother helps him, it only takes 1 hour to clean both rooms. It is the same concept of space parallelism, splitting a large task into multiple same sub-tasks to speed up the problem solving. (Barney 2014.)

There is no unified computing model for parallel computing, but there are several valuable reference models. The most common one ought to be PRAM (parallel random access machine). The PRAM model is a type of model with

shared storage in the SIMD (single instruction stream multiple data) parallel machine. It assumes that there are the infinite capacity of shared memory and shared storage unit that can be accessed at any time by the processors. However, this model is usually used for the theoretical analysis because of the infinite capacity storage does not exist. It also ignores the impact of broadband. (Barney 2014.)

The other model is BSP (bulk synchronous parallel) computing model that is developed by Viliant from Harward University and Bill McColl from University of Oxford. The BSP is carried out as a transition model, researching parallel computing between hardware devices and applications. A parallel computer based on BSP model, consists of a set of memory units linked by the communication network. There are three main elements: a set of distributed processors with local memory, global data communication network, and a mechanism that supports global synchronization between process units. It is a theoretical model for general architectures and scalable parallel performance software development. (Barney 2014.)

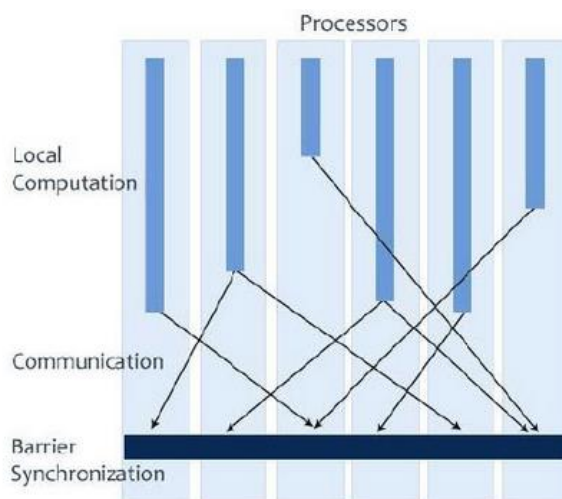


Figure 8. Vertical Structure of a Superstep of Bulk Synchronous Parallel (Wikimedia Foundation, Inc. 2014)

There are some explanations for Figure 8. Processors in the figure refers to the progress of parallel computing. The processors correspond to multiple nodes in the cluster, which means that each node can be corresponding to more than

one processor. Additionally, local computation here is the computing performed by a single processor. Each processor segments nodes in several separate units for computing. It should be noted that each synchronization is also the end of a Superstep (an iteration of the BSP algorithm) and the beginning of the next Superstep. (Barney 2014.)

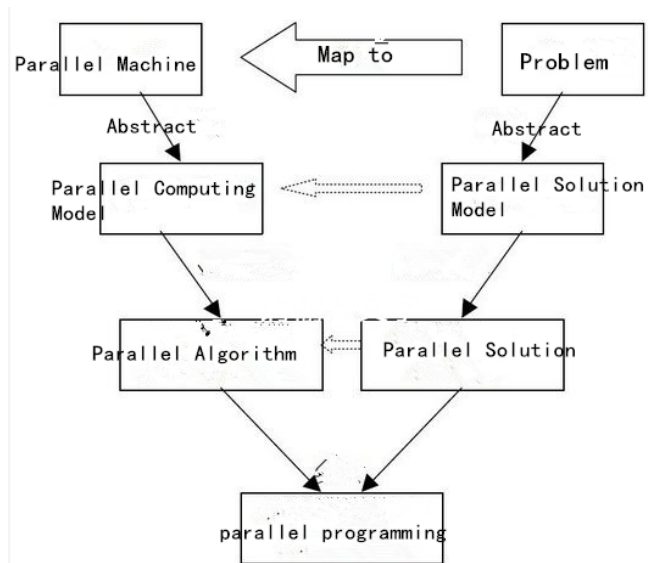


Figure 9. Process of Parallel Solution



## 3 CLOUD COMPUTING

### 3.1 Overview of Cloud Computing

#### 3.1.1 Definition of Cloud Computing

Cloud computing is based on the utility and consumption of Internet services, usually offering visualized resources with dynamic extensible performance through the Internet. According to the definition of the National Institute of Standards and Technology: cloud computing is based upon pay-per-use model, allowing available and required network. It allows convenient network access to configurable shared pool of computing resources. (Sridhar 2009.) These resources include networks, servers, storage, applications and services. The users can access the data center and carry out computing on demand with remote hosts and mobile devices. The users can experience the 10 trillion times per second computing power of cloud computing. (Lewis 2013.)

Cloud computing is the same as a huge resources spool. The cloud computing service here can be billed like the water, electricity, gas. There are five main benefits of cloud computing. First of all, on-demand self-services allows end users to access computing resources and experience computing facilities according to their needs. Such as server services and network storage as and on demand, without additional authorization or the intervention of the system administrator. Secondly, the service scope can be changed automatically to adapt to dynamic change of load services. Overloading or redundancy of the server performance, leading to decrease service quality and waste resource, can be avoided in the cloud computing. Thirdly, all computing resources are managed as a form of the shared resource pooling. The use of virtualization technology, shared resources technology and resource management, are all transparent to the end users. Fourthly, cloud computing allows universal network access. The user can take great advantage of various terminal devices, such as mobile phones, laptops, computers, personal digital assistants, and so on, to access cloud computing via the Internet at any time anywhere. (Smoot-Tan 2012, 8.)

Clouds can be classified as public, private, hybrid deployment models. The public cloud usually refers to the cloud, provided by a third party provider, and is available to the general public. It can be used via the Internet that may be free or low-cost. A core attribute of the public cloud is shared resource services. The private cloud is built for an individual client or company. The company or client can manage the deployment of the application based on the infrastructure. It is one of the most effective methods to control data traffic, data security and service quality. Private clouds can be deployed within the firewall of the enterprise data center, or in a safe place to host. A core attribute of a private cloud is the resource owned. (Smoot-Tan 2012, 9.)

The hybrid cloud is a blend of the public and private cloud. In recent years, the hybrid computing is the main model of development. (Webnotwar 2014.) For data security reasons, companies are more willing to store data in a private cloud. At the same time, companies expect to gain access to the public cloud computing resources. The private cloud and public cloud maintain the distinctive entities, but are mixed and matched by standardized or proprietary technology in the hybrid cloud to achieve the best performance. Furthermore, the hybrid cloud breaks through the limitations of the hardware of the private clouds. Using the extensible ability of public cloud, the hybrid cloud can obtain higher computing power. When enterprises transfer the non-confidential data to public clouds, the needs and pressure of the internal private clouds can be reduced. Moreover, the hybrid cloud can effectively reduce the cost. The enterprise applications and data will be placed on the most appropriate platform to obtain more interests in the combination method. (Smoot-Tan 2012, 9.)

### 3.1.2 Service Models

Generally speaking, it is currently recognized that cloud computing is organized into several service models: IaaS (Infrastructure as a Service), PaaS (Platform as a Service), SaaS (Software as a service). (Webnotwar 2014.) IaaS (Infrastructure as a Service) mainly contains computer servers, communication devices, storage devices, and so on. The services of the infrastructure layer are

there to provide customers with capability of computing, storage and network services required. Nowadays, virtualization is the core technology to develop the IaaS. Virtualization technology can virtualize all kinds of computing devices, storage devices, and network devices into computing resources of the virtual resource pool. When the user places an order for these resources, the data manager directly offers packages to the user. The Amazon EC2 service is a typical example of the IaaS. (Smoot-Tan 2012, 10.)

PaaS (Platform as a Service) aims to provide users with a set of platforms and the operation system applications which also cover the database application and the server application to develop. Thus the PaaS can make a great contribution to the development of the SaaS, and the building of enterprise applications based on SOA (Service Oriented Architecture) model. Users do not need to manage and maintain the cloud infrastructure that contains the network, servers, operating systems, and storage. But, the users do not have rights to control the application deployment. Windows Azure of Microsoft and GAE of Google are the most popular products of the PaaS platform. (Smoot-Tan 2012, 10.)

In addition, SaaS is a type of model to offer software services through Internet application, like Google Gmail. SaaS, using some effective technical measures, protects data security and confidentiality of each company. SaaS takes flexible ways to lease the service. Companies can add and delete the user account according to requirements. At the same time, the companies pay account fees according to the quantity and duration of the service. Due to reduced costs, the rental cost of SaaS is lower than traditional models. The SaaS model to end users is indistinguishable from the private enterprise built system. However, it reduces the cost, which significantly reduces the threshold at which a company is willing to take the investment risk. (Smoot-Tan 2012, 10-11.)

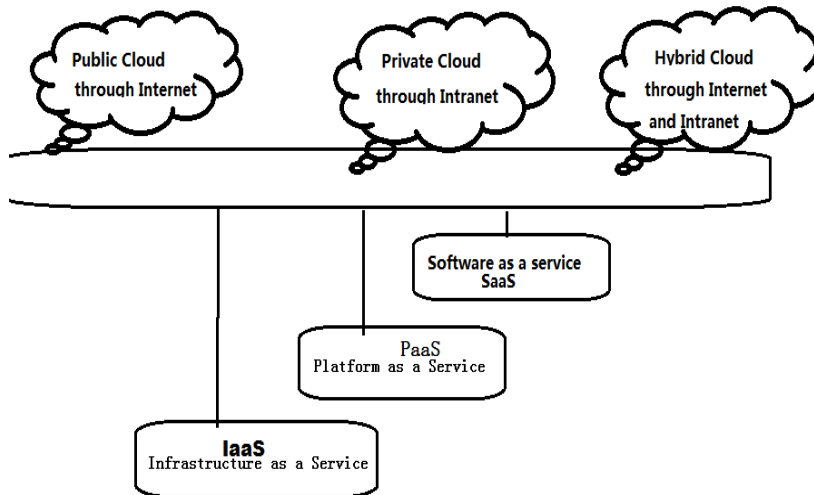


Figure 10. Deployment and Service Models of Cloud Computing

### 3.2 Service-Oriented Infrastructure of Cloud Computing

#### 3.2.1 Service-Oriented Infrastructure Framework

SOI (Service-Oriented Infrastructure), providing an infrastructure framework as a service, is the important foundation of cloud computing service.

*“The top layer supplies various kinds of fantastically powerful, incredibly flexible services to end-users. The bottom layer is a collection of off-the-shelf hardware of various kinds-servers, storage, networking routers and switches, and long-distance telecom services. The intervening layers use the relatively crude facilities of the lower layers to build a new set of more sophisticated facilities.” (Smoot-Tan 2012, 3.)*

The layer, located above the layer of existing enterprise hardware resources, takes the responsibility of virtualization. The layer of virtualization technology reduces or eliminates the limitations related to the utilization of explicit hardware devices. Then the upper layer focus on the management and maintenance, which links the virtual resource provided by the higher layer with the user demands. The layer on top of these controls the exports. Automatic optimization technology permits the resources to be used equally for the SaaS and IaaS through all types of network interfaces. (Smoot-Tan 2012, 3-4.)

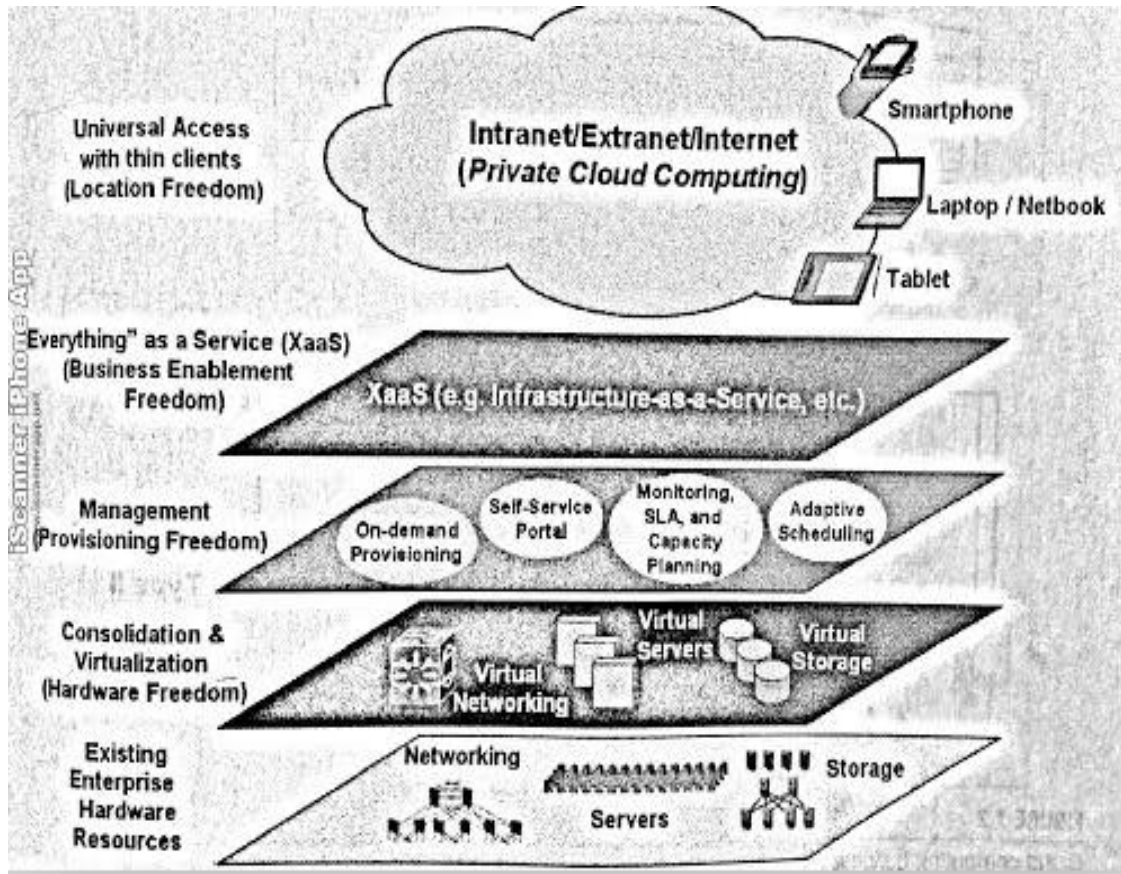


Figure 11. Service-Oriented Infrastructure Framework (Smoot-Tan 2012)

The basic characteristics of the SOI are listed as follows. First of all, SOI offers a solution to define the dependent relationship between high level services, low-level infrastructure services and the actual physical resource. Obviously, changes of higher layer will cause changes in the lower layer. SOI also defines the service function and the method to achieve it. Moreover, the use of infrastructure service is transparent to users for the diagnostic problems and the analysis cause. Besides that, SOI is a kind of demand-supply model. The risk of providing, maintenance and management is transferred from the consumer to the supplier. Suppliers need to ensure the necessary infrastructure to meet demands. (Smoot-Tan 2012, 3-4.)

### 3.2.2 Cloud Modules of Service-Oriented Infrastructure Structure

The idea of cloud modules in the SOI structure: the typical infrastructure cloud abstracts into several core modules within the integrated system; each module

has clear functions and the specific interface; two modules that achieve the same function, can replace each other as long as they follow the interface specification of the module. A typical infrastructure cloud can be separated into the following five subsystems: the virtualization environment subsystem, cloud storage subsystem, the virtual network subsystem, and modules interconnected subsystem, users and security management subsystem. (Smoot-Tan 2012, 4-5.)

The virtualization environment subsystem:

*“Server virtualization supports multiple logical servers or virtual machines (VMs) on a single physical server. A VM behaves exactly like a standalone server, but it shares the hardware resources (e.g., processor, disks, network interface cards, and memory) of the physical server with the other VMs. A virtual machine monitor (VMM), often referred to as a hypervisor, makes this possible.”* (Smoot-Tan 2012, 5.)

The virtualized environment subsystem uses virtualization technology to achieve logical abstraction and unified representation of the CPU, memory, hard drives and other physical resources. It abstracts the virtual resource that is formed by one or more virtual machines, in order to achieve unified deployment and management of the physical resources. Virtualized operating environment subsystem provides four functions: resource management, node scheduling, the virtual machine life cycle management, virtual machine monitoring. The cluster controller is responsible for scheduling nodes, monitoring the usage state of the virtual machine, CPU, memory and storage resource on the monitoring platform. The node controller virtualizes physical resources which will be allocated to virtual machines through the virtual machine controller. The node controllers manage and monitor the virtual machines in a virtual machine life cycle. (Marshall-McCrory-Reynolds 2006, 321-369.) The virtual machine controller need to complete the conversion from physical resources to virtual resources, and processes the virtual machine I / O requests. (Smoot-Tan 2012, 17-35.)

Cloud storage subsystem: The cloud storage subsystem takes responsibility of offering the function of data storage for cloud computing. It consist of the SAN

(storage area network) and the storage subsystem, containing RAID, disk arrays, and so on. (Smoot-Tan 2012, 5.) Cloud storage subsystem stores the data for the user via two methods: based on the virtual disk of data interfaces, based on web online storage of file or storage object. The virtual disk server is the actual storage location for the virtual disk. A local virtual disk is mapped to disk device on a physical node through storage network transport protocol (FC-SAN (Fiber Channel Storage Area Network), iSCSI (Internet Small Computer System Interface), AoE (Advanced Technology Attachment over Ethernet) etc.). The virtual disk management controller is mapped the disk device on that node to disk on virtual machine (through storage virtualization from storage space of the virtual disk server). (Smoot-Tan 2012, 35-40.)

In the organization of online storage systems, buckets and objects, the buckets correspond to the file system directory. The objects correspond to the file in the file system. Online storage systems allow users to create, delete, upload, download, and delete files. The online storage systems also provide another mechanism to facilitate data flow in the user management storage system. Firstly, the online storage system receives the storage resource request from the user and other subsystems. Then the file storage system will handle and store files required by the user or other subsystems according to the established method and process, such as encryption, decryption, restructuring. It is convenient for users, administrators, and other subsystem to operate a large number of documents in the file storage system by using metadata storage. (Smoot-Tan 2012, 6-7.)

The virtual network subsystem: virtual network subsystem mainly solves the problem of virtual machines interconnection. Unlike physical machines making up a complex logical physical network, the network of virtual machine is simple to configure. The virtual network subsystem offers four core functions:

1. Configure the communication between the virtual network and virtual machine
2. Define security groups, running virtual machines in the same group with the same rules, such as ping, ssh

3. Achieve flexibility IP functionality, allowing users to set up a virtual machine IP
4. Achieve network isolation, the isolation of network traffic between different security groups (Smoot-Tan 2012, 6-7)

It is worthy to be noticed that isolation, to some extent, ought to be applied to each end-user and computing resource. Thus, one of the core necessities is to set up separate logical traffic paths based on a shared physical network infrastructure. Virtualization of the IP layer supplies end-to-end network segmentation and separate connections for end users. Network virtualization will be achieved by VRF (virtual routing forwarding) and MPLS (multi-protocol label switching) technology. The principle of network virtualization is the logical separation of company physical network infrastructure into different isolated sub-networks. However, these sub-networks cannot be recognized the distinction of the physical network by the end users. (Smoot-Tan 2012, 6.)

Modules interconnection subsystem plays different roles of different modules and subsystems in cloud systems. Modules interconnected subsystems are responsible for the exchange information through the subsystem interconnection. First of all, interconnection and integration with other subsystems constitute a complete cloud infrastructure. Secondly, the subsystem interconnection module ensures to keep balance with user access and client load balancing. At last, the subsystem interconnection module supplies several channels of information flow and control flow in the entire infrastructure cloud system. A typical cloud infrastructure provides two user-level access interfaces, the front end of infrastructure cloud interface and web-based online storage system interface. The former is responsible for receiving and processing requested services for other users, recording the information needed by running the whole system. The latter receives, processes and responds to web-based online storage service request that the user submitted. (Smoot-Tan 2012, 8-9.)

User and security management subsystem:



Table 2. Example of Security Policy of Infrastructure Cloud

System Name	Cloud Internal Security	Cloud Access Security Policy
Eucalyptus	WS-Security + SSH	X509 + SSL + SSH
OpenStack	SSL + SSH	X509 + SSL
Enomalism	SSL	X509 + SSL + SSH
Nimbus	WS-Security + SSH	X509 + SSL + SSH
XenXCP	SSL	LDAP + SSL + SSH
Ganeti	SSL+SSH	X509 + LDAP + SSH
OpenNebula	WS-Security + SSH	X509 + LDAP + SSH

Table 2 lists the current popular security mechanisms. WS-Security develops the extension based on SOAP and creates a safe web service. Its security policy is applied to the message itself through signing, encryption, securing implement message transmission. And SSL puts the security policy into the data segment of the transport layer, thus indirectly implementing secure transmission based upon messages. In addition, IaaS nodes verify the legitimacy of communication by using SSH public key authentication. The IaaS cloud system usually uses X509 for the user identity authentication. Furthermore, XCP, Ganeti and OpenNebula also have an LDAP authentication mechanism, establishing the session permission for client through the certification process.

### 3.3 Typical Technologies

#### 3.3.1 Data Storage Technology

Distributed storage technology consists of the distributed file storage system, the distributed object storage systems and distributed database technology. Distributed file storage system: Google comes up with GFS (Google File System) to solve the problem of the mass data storage and management in

systems. The object storage system is an extension of the traditional block device with added intelligent functions. The higher layers access the object via object ID, instead of knowing the specific space distribution of the object. The S3 system of Amazon can be classified into the object storage technology. Under the cloud computing environment, most applications do not require the full SQL statement but need query statements as a form of Key-Value. BigTable of Google belongs to the data storage service type. (Leng-Wang 2012, 863-866.)

Cloud computing systems store the data by using distributed technology, and guarantee the availability by using redundant storage, guaranteeing the practicality and economic efficiency. Furthermore, cloud computing should meet the requirements of great many users and serve customers, which leads to the data storage technology having higher throughput and transmission rate. Future development of data storage technology will focus on cloud computing large scale data storage, data encryption, security assurance and improvement of I/O rates. (Song-Wu-Yao 2011, 320-324.)

For instance, GFS is an extensible distributed file system to manage large scale distributed data-intensive computing. It uses a low-cost hardware to build a system and provide a large number of users with high performance, fault-tolerant service. The differences of GFS and the general distributed file system are listed as follows:

Table 3. Differences of Google File System and the General Distributed File System

File System	Component Failure Management	File Size	Data Flow And Control Flow
GFS	Not Exception Handling	A Few Large Files	Separate
Traditional Distributed File System	Exception Handling	Lots Of Small Files	Combine

The GFS system consists of a Master and block servers. All metadata of the Master file system contains namespace, storage control, file information block and location information. GFS files are cut into blocks as 64MB of storage. Each set of data saves more than three backups in the system. All the modification needs to be conducted on complete backups of all the data. And the version number should be in the same marked method to ensure that all backups are in a consistent state. The client-ends read data not through Master, avoiding a lot of reading operations that lead to a bottleneck of the system. After obtaining the location information of data block from the Master, the client-ends directly conducts reading operations with block server. (Lu-Zeng 2014, 650-661.)

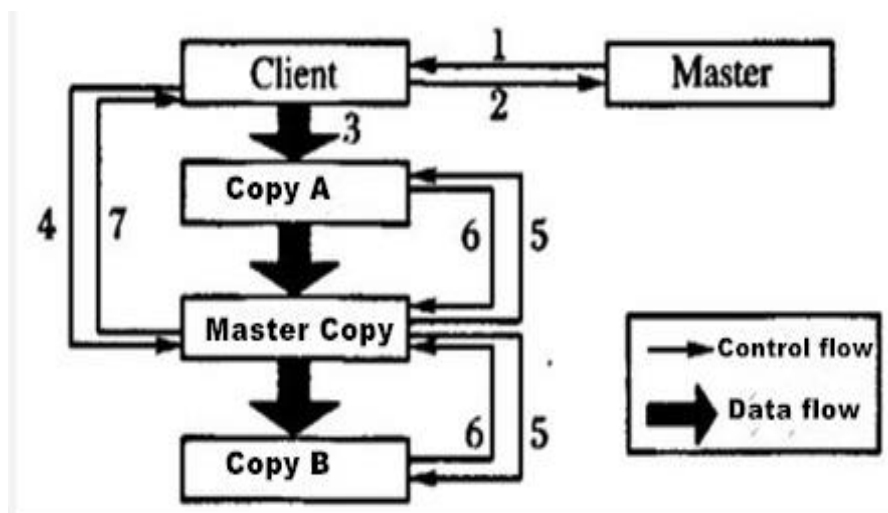


Figure 12. The Control Flow and the Data Flow

The control flow and data flow are separate, as shown in Figure 11 above. After gaining the written authorization from the Master, the client-ends transmits the data to all copies of the data. The client can issue a write request control signal after all the data copies receiving modified data. After all the data copies finishing the update, the master copy issues a control signal of written operation completed to the client-ends. (Lu-zeng 2014, 650-661.)

### 3.3.2 Distributed Programming Technology

The programming model of the cloud must be simple. And the programming model should be transparent to the users and programmers for parallel computing and task scheduling. It offers easier computing services to users with a specific purpose. Generally, cloud computing uses MAP-Reduce programming model. Almost all IT vendors that employ a programming model is based on the idea of MAP-Reduce programming. MAP-Reduce is not just a programming model, but also a high-efficiency task scheduling model. And Map-Reduce programming model is not only suitable for cloud computing, but also suitable for the multi-core processors and clusters. (Yang-Zhao 2014, 2867-2870.)

Map-Reduce is a programming model for processing and generating mass data sets. Programmers specify the sub-block data processing in the Map function. And programmers also specify how to process intermediate results of sub-block data in the Reduction function. Running the Map-Reduce programs on a cluster, programmers need not focus on the input, distribution and scheduling of data. The cluster system also manages communication and fault handling between nodes. Users only need to specify the Map function and the Reduce function to write distributed parallel programs. (Chen-Hu-Huang-Zhu 2012, 1-4.)

There are five steps to execute a Map-Reduce program: input file, the file will be assigned to several workers to execute in parallel, writing intermediate files, multiple workers running at the same time and output. Writing intermediate files

locally reduces the pressure on network bandwidth and time cost. When executing Reduce function, the system will send Reduce request to the node of intermediate file, reducing the bandwidth needs to transfer the intermediate file. (Chen-Hu-Huang-Zhu 2012, 1-4.)

### 3.3.3 Automatic Deployment Technology

Automatic deployment transfers the original computing resources to available resources through the automatic installation and deployment. In the cloud computing, the resources of the virtual resource pool are divided, installed and deployed to provide users with services and applications. The resources refer to hardware resources (servers), software resources (software and configuration that users need), network resources as well as storage resources. The deployment is based on workflow to be employed, shown as follows. (Shang-Zhang-Zhang 2014, 511-518.)

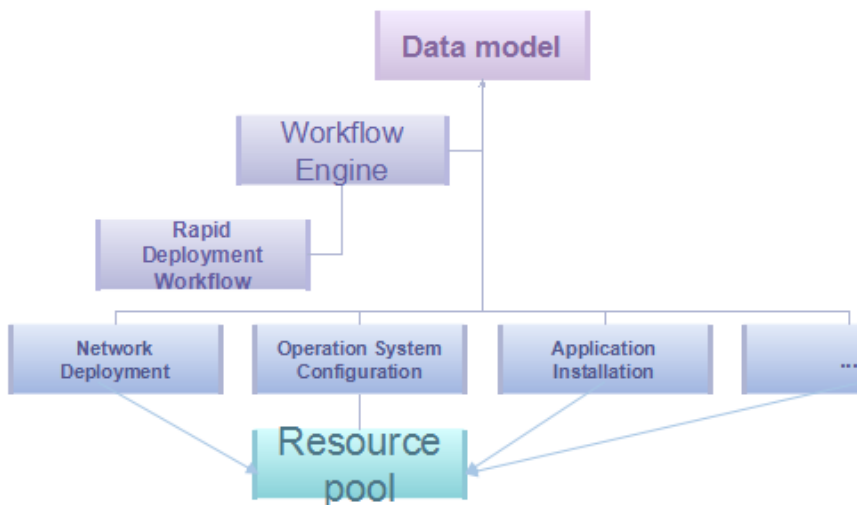


Figure 13. Automatic Deployment Framework

Workflow engine and data model are functional modules of automatic deployment tools. Those tools can identify and schedule the resources to implement sort management. The workflow engine, invoking the workflow, is the core mechanism to implement the automatic deployment. Workflow integrates

different types of scripts in a centralized, reusable database. These workflows can automatically complete configuration of operating systems, applications, and network devices. (Shang-Zhang-Zhang 2014, 511-518.)

### 3.4 Case Study

#### 3.4.1 Cloud Computing to E-Commerce

E-commerce can offer a pleasant shopping experience at a reasonable price to customers. However, the servers will become congested, or even crash when many users log in simultaneously. The enterprise should have sufficient computing capacity and storage capacity to face the situation. Thus, advanced devices of software and hardware are needed to support the enterprise. However, it is very difficult for small and medium sized enterprises to develop their own hardware and software devices. (Wang 2013, 313-318.)

Firstly, developing their own software and hardware requires a big investment, including development cost, maintenance cost and the cost of license of software. Secondly, it takes a long time to develop, investigate and test new software. The earning cycle maybe too long for a return on the cost of the investment. Thirdly, professional talents are lacked. Software development, network maintenance and database process require abundant professional talents. (Wang 2013, 313-318.)

Cloud computing offers a great solution to those problems. The pay-per-use model of the cloud computing is popular for e-commerce service that is designed for small and medium-sized enterprises. The small and medium-sized enterprises can extend the computing sources, according to their business requirements. The use of the cloud computing for the enterprises can greatly avoid resources redundancy and waste. Moreover, online shopping platform based on a cloud computing system can collect the application services of various fields. The cloud computing not only is able to solve the problem of processing data, but also provides with integration services, drawing the attention of e-commerce enterprises. (Wang 2013, 313-318.)

In addition, cloud computing allows more enterprises to implement the business model of e-commerce service. The investment of the e-commerce can be adjusted according to change of the volume of business. Also, cloud computing offers more professional services that are developed by the information technology companies than the services designed by the business companies themselves. (Wang 2013, 313-318.)

There are also some problems existing for cloud computing technology. For example, security management of the cloud computing should be enhanced. The framework of the cloud computing systems has some security flaws, resulting in the increase of the risk of the accessing without authorization and stealing information. The legal systems (laws) related need to be also established to protect information security for users and companies. Furthermore, the rate of return and applicability should be also improved. (Wang 2013, 313-318.)

#### 3.4.2 Information Ecosystem of Cloud Computing

The development of informatization should be the integration of cloud computing and Web 2.0 technologies.

*“Web 2.0 describes World Wide Web sites that emphasize user-generated content, usability, and interoperability. A Web 2.0 site may allow users to interact and collaborate with each other in a social media dialogue as creators of user-generated content in a virtual community, in contrast to Web sites where people are limited to the passive viewing of content.”* (Wikimedia Foundation, Inc. 2015.)

This kind of integration reaches to higher level of cloud computing informatization, called as people services. Cloud computing informatization is created and used by system developers as well as users under the concepts of Web 2.0 technologies. The system developers and users work together to create a more valuable system. Thus, one of building informatization models is the user involvement to build an informatization system under the concepts of

Web 2.0 technologies. This model can make IaaS, PaaS and SaaS cooperate with each other. The SaaS applications, developed by PaaS, can greatly meet the needs of the customers. The relationship between the users, SaaS, PaaS and Web 2.0 technologies (information ecosystem) is shown as follows. (Smoot-Tan 2012, 10-11.)

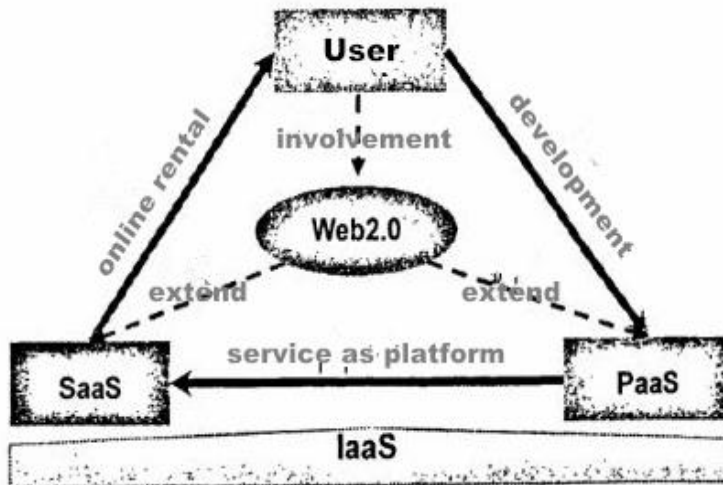


Figure 14. Information Ecosystem of Cloud Computing

Firstly, the business management personnel should be involved in the development of PaaS application. This measure allows business management personnel to customize the configuration of SaaS applications through PaaS platform, according to business requirements. The users can directly communicate with developers in the virtual community of Web 2.0. The communication can make systems more suitable for the needs, such as adding some functions of PaaS. (Smoot-Tan 2012, 10-11.)

Secondly, the development of the SaaS applications, based upon the development platform of PaaS, can adopt the suggestion proposed by the users. That the users can test and feedback to SaaS application through Web 2.0 communities reduces the cost of modification. Using the suggestion proposed by users provides with diverse functions in SaaS application, meeting various needs of the users. (Smoot-Tan 2012, 10-11.)

Thirdly, the SaaS offers users the possibilities of the online rental. The dynamic extendibility of the hardware infrastructure provides users with flexible service,



allowing users to increase usage according to the change of business. In addition, all the operations of customized PaaS and its extendable applications are achieved by information shared between users, developers, and vendors of SaaS. (Smoot-Tan 2012, 10-11.)

## 4 HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPUTING APPLIED TO CLOUD COMPUTING

### 4.1 Comparison Application Profile of Cloud Computing and High Performance Computing

The application of cloud computing should possess several features:

1. The applications are not the parallel applications, or the thread applications.
2. Almost all applications do not require too much memory bandwidth and CPU usage.
3. The applications rarely execute I/O (input/ output) instructions of computing.
4. The applications can repair itself. In other words, once the failures showing in the applications for any reasons, it can easily restart, not affecting the end-user. (H3C Technologies Co. 2015.)

The application of high performance computing should possess several features:

1. Many applications of high performance computing are the serial applications. There are some kinds of data communication between various processes of the application.
2. Sometimes, the number of transmission data between various processes is small.
3. Sometimes, the number of transmission data between various processes is large.
4. Some applications are the serial applications and thread applications, running on a single node. For example: BLAST (Bell Labs Layered Space time).
5. Some serial applications and parallel applications are able to execute many IO tasks. For example: Ansys, Abaqus or Nastran FEA codes, etc.
6. Some applications can generate a checkpoint that is a snapshot of the calculation process. Once failures showing in the applications for any reasons, it can restart from the last checkpoint, without

having to restart from the beginning. But, not all applications have this feature. (H3C Technologies Co. 2015.)

The cloud computing applications and high performance applications seem to be totally different from each other. However, there are still some common features between the cloud computing applications and high performance applications. For example, the BLAST, an application of high performance computing, is independent of interconnection and communication of the nodes. It also does not require to execute many IO instructions. Those special features are greatly suitable for the cloud computing. It is hard to find such specific applications since the parallel applications can completely run on a single node. As long as the data set can be placed in the nodes without switching, the applications are able to run in a cloud computing environment. (H3C Technologies Co. 2015.)

There are some necessary features of high performance computing to ensure the normal operation for the applications and data sets in the cloud computing environment. Firstly, the high performance computing application must run on a single node and its data set must be located on a single node. Secondly, the high performance computing application must be non-IO intensive. Thirdly, the high performance computing application needs to run fast and can create a checkpoint to solve the system failure. (H3C Technologies Co. 2015.)

#### 4.2 High Performance Computing Deployments in Cloud Computing Environments

The high performance computing can be a kind of special services of the cloud computing to provide computing service to the Internet Users. Thus, the high performance computing can be treated as a portion of the data center of the cloud computing. But the high performance computing is still very different from the cloud computing. The specific requirements of network and security features are listed as follows. The high performance computing is a special application of the server cluster. This application requires the server being a system, showing in as follows. (H3C Technologies Co. 2015.)

Firstly, the isomerism cannot be in the high performance computing cluster system. Secondly, the requirements of communication service quality within the high performance computing cluster is very and strict. Therefore, the system cannot share the business service channel with others. Thirdly, the security level of the high performance computing cluster is very high. It requires logical and physical separation with other systems, from the access area to the computing area. Fourthly, normally, the virtual machine does not exist. Thus, there are not so busy for the communication flow within the high performance computing cluster. At last, the performance of computing nodes needs to be excellent to meet the requirements. (H3C Technologies Co. 2015.)

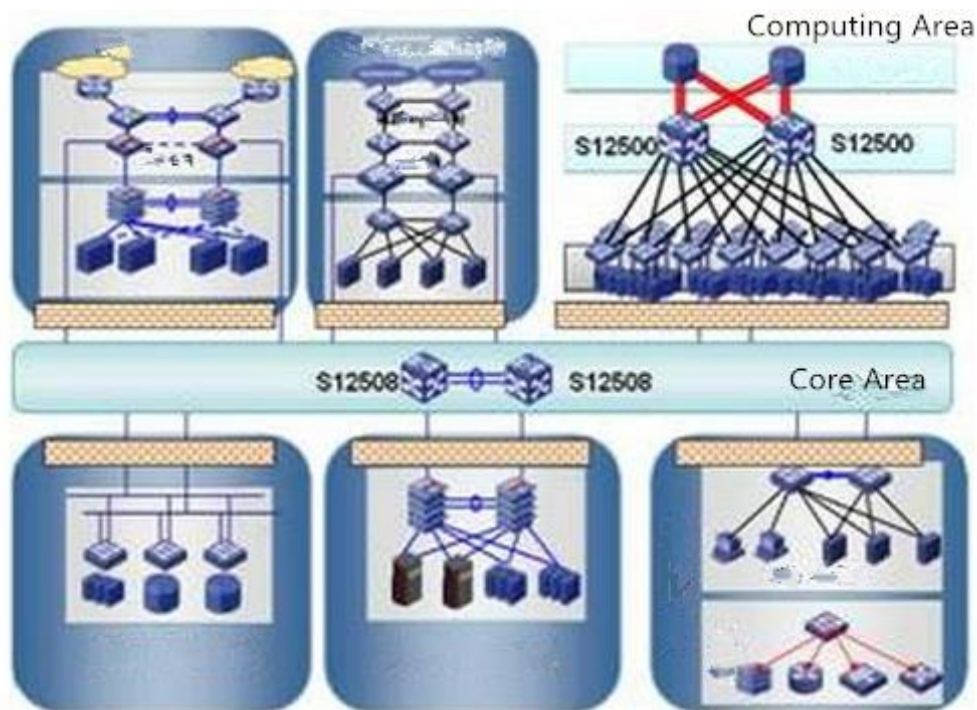


Figure 15. Internet Solution of the Integration of High Performance Computing and Cloud Computing (H3C Technologies Co. 2015)

There are two important techniques for the security solution of the computing system, secure partition plan and the secure deployment of ends to ends. There are different types of tasks and different vulnerable levels of equipment in super-computing center network. The super-computing network is divided into several areas, according to different security policy. The logical isolation between the areas can guarantee the data security and data service of the high

performance computing area. Moreover, security deployment between the ends to ends can maintain the logical isolation, from the access to the super-computing center, for various users. The isolation of ends to ends can further strengthen the security of data center and service quality. (H3C Technologies Co. 2015.)

Using the IRF II (the second generation of Intelligent Resilient Framework) technology can improve the network reliability of super-computing. At the same time, the use of IRF II can reduce configuration and the cost of maintenance. The deployment of IRF II can:

1. Distributed Processing L2 and L3 protocol, greatly improving network performance.
2. Each group being as a logical Fabric. The configuration management is able to be more efficient.
3. Easy to upgrade for the devices software with the cluster
4. For the high-end devices, multiple devices can be treated as a resource to manage, simplifying the network. (H3C Technologies Co. 2015.)

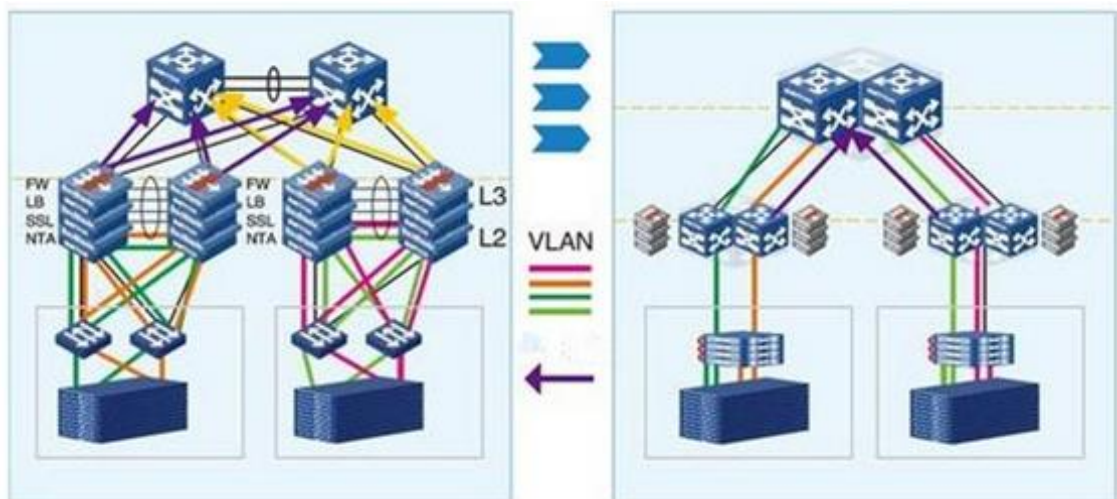


Figure 16. Deployment of the IRF II (The Second Generation of Intelligent Resilient Framework) (H3C Technologies Co. 2015)

## 5 CONCLUSION

This thesis report provides basic knowledge of high performance computing and cloud computing. The feature, high speed computing capacity, can be used to process big data and complicated information. Cloud computing is based upon pay-per-use model, offering visualized resources through Internet service. The idea of integration of the high performance computing and cloud computing comes up for better computing service.

In the thesis, the author compares the application profile of the cloud computing and the high performance computing. After researching, there are still some common features that are important breakthrough for development in the future. Because of the limitations of time and resources, there are several shortages in the thesis. For example, the language expression is not exact. Also, the other super-computing should be researched later.

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