Power-aware scheduling for Large-scale Supercomputers

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Abstract

Power is a critical problem as the supercomputing community ventures toward exascale. Several system, hardware and application-level challenges to power management make it challenging to schedule jobs effectively with high throughput and utilization on large-scale supercomputers. In this talk, I will present two power-aware scheduling strategies that are being developed at LLNL. The first is an algorithm implemented within the popular resource manager, SLURM, and the second is a variation-aware scheduling algorithm implemented within LLNL's new hierarchical scheduling framework, Flux. Using real-world datasets from large supercomputers at LLNL and University of Tokyo, I will demonstrate the effectiveness of these power-management scheduling algorithms, and discuss how other flow resources (such as network, IO, etc) in HPC clusters can leverage similar techniques.