



GPUs on OpenStack

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Objective

- Allow spawning OpenStack instances with GPUs
- Evaluate possible technologies and use cases
 - > Help from Techlab for resource access and GPU knowledge



Use Cases

Collected a few use cases to understand requirements

| | GPU CPU RAM |
|-----------|-------------|
| CSec | 1 8 60 |
| CMS | 1 2 20 |
| BioDynaMo | 1 2 20 |

- No current use case for multiple GPUs
- Varying, but mostly low CPU requirements



Integration 1: PCI Passthrough

- Exclusive access to GPU by single VM
 - Good tenant isolation
- No performance penalty expected
- No control from the host
 - No monitoring?
 - Direct access to the hardware by end users?



Integration 2: Virtualization

- Share GPU among many VMs
 - Oversubscription of physical resources
- Device visible on host
- Licensing? (nvidia)

Reference: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xs0TJU_sIPc



Provisioning

- First node added from the Techlab pool
- Setup fully puppetized
- Flavors express vendor and other details
- 2 CPU/GPU ratios
- CPU matches our "normal" flavors
- Similar solution to AWS
- New generation for each GPU type

| | GPU | CPU | RAM |
|------------|-----|-----|-----|
| g1.large | 1 | 4 | 8 |
| g1.xlarge | 2 | 8 | 15 |
| g1.2xlarge | 4 | 16 | 30 |

| | GPU | CPU | RAM |
|------------|-----|-----|-----|
| g2.xlarge | 1 | 8 | 15 |
| g2.2xlarge | 2 | 16 | 30 |
| g2.3xlarge | 4 | 32 | 60 |



Benchmark

- SHOC benchmark suite, 3 levels of algorithms
 - Low-level device characteristics, like GPU memory bandwidth
 - Simple calculations, like matrix multiplication
 - More complex programs, like neural network training
 - Not ideal for NN performance measurement!
 - Small sample size
- Test cases
 - Host
 - Small VM
 - Large VM
 - Pinned VM
 - 2x pinned
 - Same NUMA node
 - Different NUMA nodes

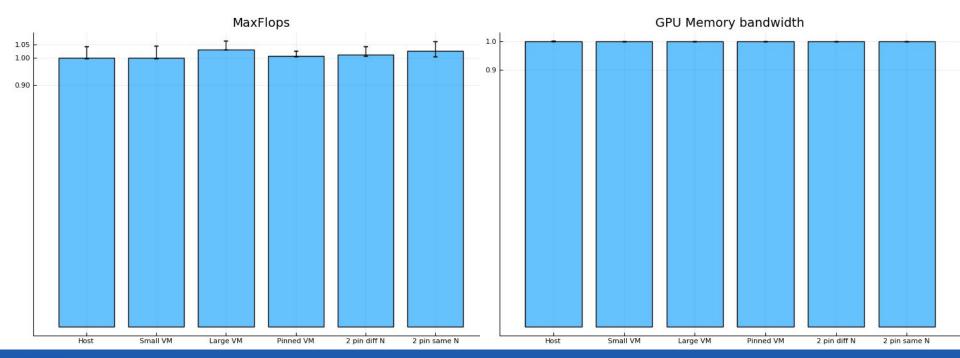
Controlled variables

Kernel: 3.10.0-693.17.1.el7.x86_64

Nvidia driver: 390.25

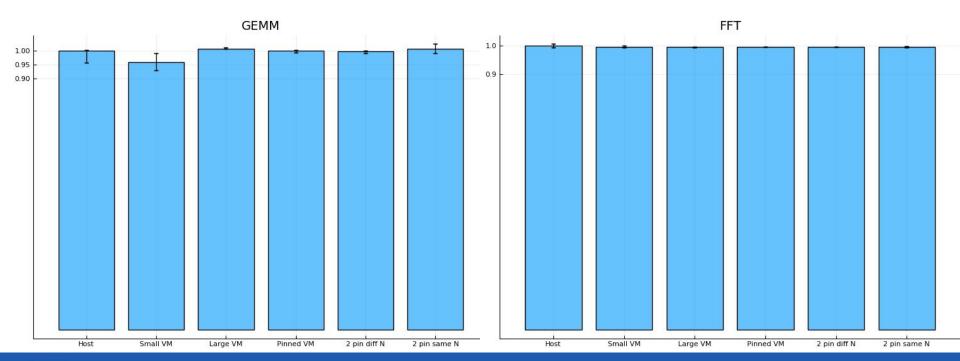


Benchmark Results - Low Level



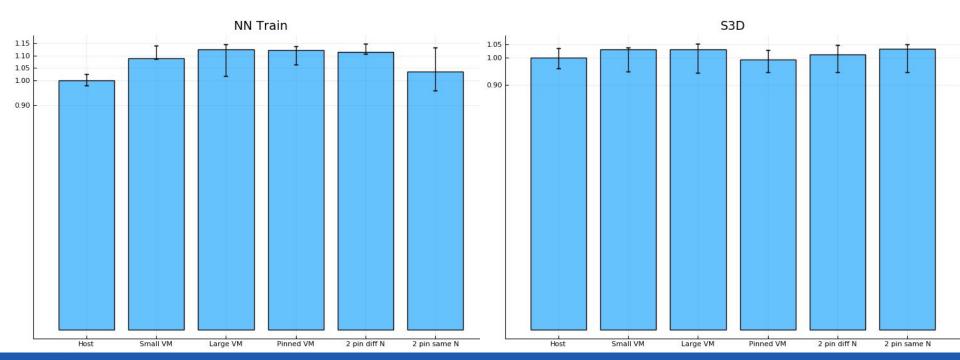


Benchmark Results - Simple algorithms





Benchmark Results - Complex algorithms





Benchmark Observations

- No penalty on most benchmarks
- Minor improvement in some is probably not significant (small sample size)
 - Uncontrolled variable in host: NUMA node for benchmark
- Non-significant performance boost for larger VM
- Non-significant performance boost for pinning
- Larger variability with 2 VMs on the same NUMA node



Open Issues & Future Work

- Open Issues
 - Quota Management
 - Instances with multiple GPU
 - Reset GPU state after each use
- Future Work
 - Integrate more Techlab hardware in OpenStack
 - Investigate GPU virtualization options
 - Graphics? Not evaluated yet
- Timelines
 - Initially only integrating Techlab hardware
 - No timelines for more resources or general availability

