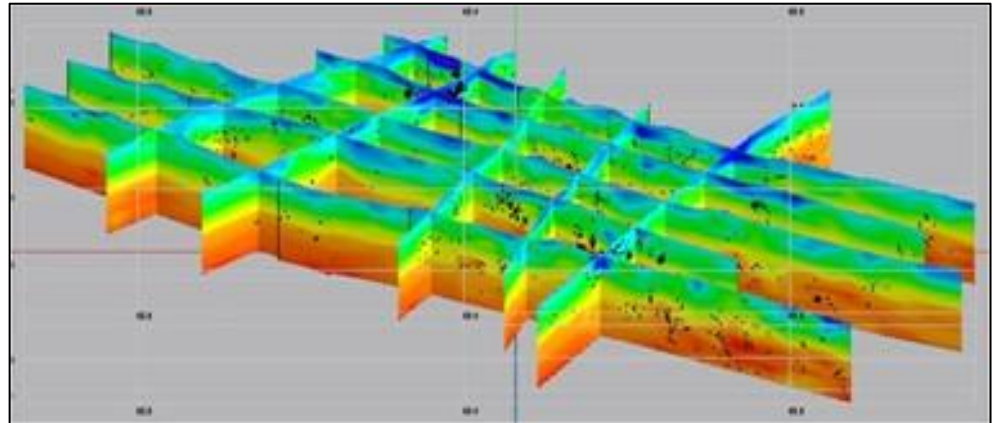




Petrobras Acquires Supernano Servers Integrated by Atos To Reduce Costs and Increase Exploration Accuracy

Supernano Systems Power Petrobras to the #55 Position in the Top500 November 2021 Rankings



INDUSTRY

Energy Exploration

CHALLENGES

- Reduce Costs
- Identify More Accurate Drilling Locations

Introduction

Petrobras is one of the world's largest energy producers, primarily engaged in exploring, extracting, producing, and refining oil and gas products. Petrobras has developed leading-edge exploration techniques with a proven reserve base and the ability to locate energy reserves in ultra-deep-water locations worldwide. In addition, with the use of modern High-Performance Computing technology, Petrobras can reduce costs and speed time to finding hydrocarbon deposits and then extraction

Challenges

The cost of drilling for hydrocarbon deposits in the wrong location, especially offshore, can be extremely high. A dry well wastes valuable capital and uses valuable compute cycles that could be set to better use. Petrobras engineers and scientists are constantly being pressured to use the latest technologies to locate and plan to extract oil and gas. As new CPU and GPU technologies become available, Petrobras engineers quickly modify algorithms to take advantage of new capabilities, which speed up processing times and also enable the development of new HPC solutions.

Most of the HPC applications Petrobras uses are internally developed in the exploration and production area. There are also real-time monitoring systems, which are critical when overseeing hundreds of active wells and thousands of refining and distribution systems.

SOLUTION

Supermicro SuperServer
4029GP-TVRT

BENEFITS

Faster location of energy
deposits

New and innovative
applications

Solution

Petrobras contracted ATOS to upgrade their HPC facility to take advantage of recent CPU and GPU technology advantages. The primary compute nodes chosen are the Supermicro SuperServer 4029GP-TVRT, which contains dual Intel® Xeon® Scalable Processors and eight GPUs from NVIDIA Corporation.



Image 1 – Supermicro SuperServer 4029GP-TVRT

Petrobras worked closely with ATOS to integrate several Supermicro servers for their latest cluster, named DRAGÃO. This large cluster consists of over 188K cores and is ranked #55 on the Top 500 list of the fastest computer systems available in the world today¹. Each computing system contains 768GB of memory and is connected via an InfiniBand EDR networking system, running at 100Gb/s, allowing a wide range of applications to be run that takes advantage of many systems at once.

Benefits

Petrobras' geophysicists are experts at determining where hydrocarbon deposits may lie beneath the surface, relying on a combination of technologies. First, the data from the sonar receivers must be analyzed to create a 3D map of the structure of the sub-surface. Then, with significant amounts of computing power available, higher resolution images can be captured, increasing reliability and locating the deposits more precisely. Newer systems with GPU technology as part of the workload also reduce the time to analyze a given data set. As a result, more data sets can be looked at in a given time frame, increasing the accuracy of drilling in the correct location and extracting the oil or gas. Finally, using powerful servers that are designed to crunch through massive amounts of data, geophysicists can quickly decide where to drill, increasing accuracy and profitability at the same time.

Summary

New technologies enable a wide range of analyses of sound waves to locate oil and gas deposits. Advanced CPUs with more cores at higher frequencies than ever before, combined with GPU processing performance for specific algorithms, are reducing the time to complete an analysis or increasing the resolution to reduce the costs of energy exploration. As a result, Supermicro and ATOS together have enabled Petrobras to build the 55th largest supercomputer globally, reducing risks and increasing profits.

References

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