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Energy efficiency in Data Reduction for Imaging in a Radio Astronomy pipeline

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The effective exploitation of modern architecture is a key factor to achieve best performances in terms of both energy efficiency and run-time reduction.

We bring a specific example of this, by discussing the W-stacking gridder, an algorithm that tackles Radio imaging in massively parallel systems; its performance is limited by an all-to-all data reduction needed to pass from time-domain decomposition to space-domain decomposition.

To overcome this limitation, we have implemented a customized reduce operation built on explicitly numaawareness.

We have found inside each computing node an increase in both performance and energy efficiency by a factor of 4 to 7 on different architectures.

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