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Advanced IO Implementation & Performances for Seismic Applications

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Summary

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As a matter for fact, efficiently managing parallel IO at scale can be very complex due to the various kinds of IO accesses that applications must manage: reading and writing big structured files, accessing small files, contiguous data and non-contiguous data. When considering other objectives such as code portability and stability, maintaining performance IO libraries can quickly become a daunting task. For this reason, advanced IO libraries such as the Adaptable IO System (ADIOS) library are considered as candidates to overcome those challenges. Indeed, the advantages of ADIOS is to provide a simple, yet powerful, interface to manage IO while preserving performances at scale.

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