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Sample Applications

- Climate modeling.
- Biology: spread/analysis of diseases; phylogenetics.
- Nano/materials: simulate from first principles a transistor/quantum computer.
- Chemistry: beyond Born-Oppenheimer.
- Economic/behavioral models: Baghdad in faster than real-time.
- Cognitive models of brain: vision; mapping out functions.
- Medical applications: personalized medicine.
- Astrophysics.

Sample Applications, Cont.

- Engineering: crash modeling.
- Decision support.
- Calibration of large instruments (LHC, LIGO).
- HEP and nuclear physics.
- Real-time weather: storms, tornados, icing; disaster planning.
- Combustion.
- Nuclear energy: fission; fusion.
- Stockpile stewardship (ASC).
- Oil&gas exploration.
- Earth tomography.
- Math research.



"I think you should be more explicit here in step two."

Exascale Application Characteristics



Application characteristics from Group B7 Mathematics and Algorithms, David Bailey, et.al.

Climate Modeling

- Application and impact on society
 - Provide projections of future climate to policy makers to support decisions on energy, mitigation and adaptation strategies.
 - Require accurate models of both physical and biogeochemical climate system.
 - Require projections at regional spatial scales.
- Algorithms
 - Coupled multi-model application.
 - Wide variety of algorithms.
 - Largely explicit forward integration of PDEs.
 - Future needs: implicit time, efficient methods for large tracer counts, more efficient strategies for grids, discretizations and decomposition.

Computing Needs (10¹⁰-10¹²)

Resolution (10³-10⁵)

- x10 each x&y, x10 timestep, x5-10 z
- Regional prediction (10km)
- Eddy resolving ocean (10km)

Completeness (10²)

- Biogeochem (30-100 tracers, interactions)
- Ice sheets

Fidelity (10²)

Better cloud processes, dynamic land etc.

Increase length/number of ensembles (10³)

- Run length (x100)
- Number of scenarios/ensembles (x10)
- Data assimilation (3-10x)



Storage/Data Requirements

- Currently 10 GB/year output
 - Similar multipliers (min x1000).
 - Staged migration to archival systems.
 - 2x to move initially, recall many times.
 - At 24 years/day => 10 GB/hour I/O rates.
 - Much higher data input rates if data assimilation required.
- Analysis
 - Requires large memory systems.
 - Need lots of intermediate disk (don't want to analyze from archival systems).
 - Distributed data (IPCC multi-model analyses).

Personalized Medicine

- Personalized Medicine Identifying genomic predictors of disease from individual human genomes.
- Resources: Possible sets of mutation sets of size 6 (e.g. typical for cancer) in the human genome ~ 10^{55.}
 - Thus, we will need significant computational resources and efficient approximation algorithms to best deliver on personalized medicine (e.g. for cancer).
 - For even a simple binary classification, would thus need >> 185 individual genomes to begin to have hopes of separating signal from noise – i.e. to believe good patterns that are found (i.e. 10⁵⁵ ~ 2¹⁸⁵) (and this assumes simplistic yes/no model selection).
 - But there is also a decreasing probability of finding good patterns as number of classifications is done.

Phylogenomics

- Phylogenomics learning about the origin and history of life.
- Resources: Phylogenomic calculations are NP-complete; approximate solutions get better with increased computational power, as more accurate but computationally intensive algorithms are used O(N,NlogN, N^{2,}...).



Fusion Code Characteristics



- Multi-physics, multi-scale computations.
- Numerous algorithms and data structures.
- Regular and irregular access computations.
- Adaptive mesh refinement.
- Advanced nonlinear solvers for stiff PDEs.

Tokamak turbulence (GTC) - For ITER experiment, etc:

- Grid size: 10,000 x 4000 x 256, or about 10¹⁰ gridpoints.
- Each grid cell contains 8 particles, for total of 8 x 10¹⁰.
- 200,000 time steps required.
- Improved plasma model (increases by 10-100X).
- Total cost: 6 x 10²¹ flop = 1 hours on 1 Eflop/s system; 10 Pbyte main memory.

All-Orders Spectral Algorithm (AORSA) - to address absorption of RF electromagnetic waves in plasmas.

Present Day:

- 120,000 x 120,000 complex linear system requires 230 Gbyte memory, 1.3 hours on 1 Tflop/s.
- 300,000 x 300,000 linear system requires 8 hours.

Future (ITER scale):

 6,000,000 x 6,000,000 system = 1 hour on 1 Eflop/s system; 1 Pbyte memory.

Supernova Physics

Supernova shock wave instability from 3D core collapse supernova simulation.

[K.L. Ma (viz) and J.M. Blondin]



Astrophysics Code Characteristics

- Undergoing a transformation from a data-starved discipline to a dataswamped discipline.
- Large effort in experimental data analysis (microwave background and supernova)
- Typical simulation applications: supernova hydrodynamics, energy transport, black hole simulations.
- Multi-physics and multi-scale phenomena.
- Large dynamic range in time and length.
- Requires adaptive mesh refinement.
- Dense linear algebra.
- FFTs and spherical harmonic transforms.
- Operator splitting methods.

Astrophysics Requirements

Supernova simulation:

 3-D model calculations will require 1M processor-hours per run, on 1 Pflop/s system, or 1000 hours per run on 1 Eflop/s system.

Analysis of cosmic microwave background data:

- WMAP (now)
 3x10²¹ flops, 16 Tbyte mem
 - PLANCK (2007)
 - CMBpol (2015)

 $2x10^{24}$ flops, 1.6 Pbyte mem $1x10^{27}$ flops, 1 Ebyte mem

Note: Microwave background data analysis, and also supernova data analysis, involves mountains of experimental data, not simulation data.

Decision Making Flow



Decision Making

- Any code can be put into a decision making framework to ask
 - Do I believe the model/code? (i.e., V&V)
 - How good? What if? How can I make it better? How can I achieve this through policy? (i.e., design)
- Needs
 - Optimization and uncertainty quantification (includes model building, e.g., setting knobs).
 - sampling-based (need 100x or more computation, capacity computing okay).
 - Intrusive (need 10x computation, need same capability as the application).
 - Policy modeling
 - Looks like discrete event simulation.
 - Based on communication, not computation (need low latency communication and global synchronizations).
 - Data reduction / Prediction / Coupling to experiment
 - Large data sets need large-scale storage.
 - Streaming data need bandwidth and multiple threads.

Nano/Material Science, Chemistry

- Objective:
 - Ab initio million-atom electronic structure simulations.
- Impact:
 - Atomistic simulation and design of nanoscale-, molecular-, quantuminformation processing devices 10⁶ atoms, 1-10 ns timescales.
- Resources (time/mem/disk):
 - Local DFT: N-N²-N³ / N-N² / N-N²
 - Current state of the art: O(10³) atom static, O(50) atoms dynamics.
 - QBOX: 207 Tflop/s.
 - Strategies to avoid orbital basis exist, still require science+algorithms.
 - Hybrid DFT: N-N⁴ time (e.g., LinK)
- Driver for computer architecture:
 - FFT and associated communication bottleneck.
 - Primarily an issue in planewave methods, however, utilized in some O(N) localized orbital methods (but currently small prefactor).
 - Both dense AND sparse linear algebra problems.
 - Global arrays successful in NWChem.

Adaptivity

- Adaptivity will be required even in zettaflops regime
 - Some problems may not require more resolution beyond a certain point, but adaptivity will improve overall efficiency and time-to-solution.
 - Other problems will benefit from localized higher resolution to capture physics, chemistry, other characteristics of the problem.
 - Minimal floating-point ops, mostly conditionals and branching.
 - Merely a tool to increase efficiency and not a goal in itself.
- Adaptivity of two types:
 - hpr-refinement (structured, unstructured, Cartesian grids, overset grids).
 - Domain specific (e.g. add appropriate models at certain resolutions).
- Adaptivity can be done in parallel (has sufficient concurrency), but:
 - Will need synchronization at processor / domain boundaries unless requirements relaxed from mesh consistency and numerical accuracy.
 - Mesh and solution quality issues become more important in zettaflops regime because # of refinement levels expected to increase exponentially.

Adaptivity, Cont.

- Multi-objective dynamic load balancing needed for adaptivity
 - Balance computations (multi-disciplinary, multi-science, multi-physics).
 - Balance communications (inter-processor, processor-to-memory).
 - Will have to do load balancing at a higher level (since #DOF >> #processing units).
- Solution quality
 - Estimating error in the solution generally more expensive than generating solution.
 - Must have built-in sensitivity / uncertainty analyses to generate confidence in numerical solutions.
 - Holy grail is obtaining grid-independent solutions.

Exascale Performance Requirements

A balanced exaflops machine needs:

- Main memory: ~400 PB
- Working storage: 4 to 40 EB
- Archival storage: 40 to 1000 EB
- Bisection Bandwidth: 0.5 to 1 EB/s
 - Climate pushes local bandwidth
 - FFT pushes global bandwidth
- Balanced RandomAccess and HPL performance

Other Exascale Requirements

- Support legacy applications:
 - \$2.5B (just DOE & NSF) MPI software base.
 - 20 year lead time for new programming models.
- Develop new petascale programming environments with exascale in mind:
 - A mere 100,000 threads is difficult too!
 - New algorithms opportunity to use new programming models.
- Fault tolerance (real system throughput):
 - Error checking and notification.
 - System level checkpoint/restart.
- Chip & network performance monitoring

Other Issues

- Extensions to Von Neumann model?
 - Better support for adaptive codes
 - Rick Stevens applications
- Seamless integration with distributed data-rich computing environment.