



Porting LAMMPS to the Titan Supercomputer

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LAMMPS

- Large-scale Atomic/Molecular Massively Parallel Simulator
 - o http://lammps.sandia.gov
- General Purpose Classical Molecular Dynamics Software
 Simulations for biology, materials science, granular, mesoscale, etc.
- Open source (GPL), with a user community
 - o 1700 Citations
 - o 100K downloads, 25K mail list messages
 - 100 contributors to code base
- Flexible and extensible:
 - $\circ~$ 80% of code-base is add-ons by developers and users
 - o styles: atom, pair, fix, compute, etc

Force Fields

- Biomolecules: CHARMM, AMBER, OPLS, COMPASS (class 2), Gromacs, long-range Coulombics via PPPM, point dipoles, ...
- Polymers: all-atom, united-atom, coarse-grain (bead-spring FENE), bond-breaking, bond-forming, ...
- Materials: EAM/MEAM for metals, Buckingham, Morse, Yukawa, Tersoff, COMB, AI-REBO, ReaxFF, GAP, ...
- Mesoscale: granular, DPD, SPH, PD, colloidal, aspherical, triangulated, ...

Hybrid Models

- Water/proteins on metal/silica surface
- Metal-semiconductor interface
- Metal islands on amorphous (LJ) substrate
- Specify 2 (or more) pair potentials:
 - A-A, B-B, A-B, etc
- Hybrid in two ways:
 - potentials (pair, bond, etc)
 - atom style (bio, metal, etc)



Spatial Decomposition

- Physical domain divided into 3d boxes, one per processor
- Each proc computes forces on atoms in its bo
 - using info from nearby procs
- Atoms "carry along" molecular topology
 - as they migrate to new procs
- Communication via
 - nearest-neighbor 6-way stencil
- Advantages:
 - communication scales
 - sub-linear as (N/P)2/3
 - (for large problems)
 - memory is optimal N/P



Developing a Strategy for Porting LAMMPS

• The primary developer of LAMMPS is Steve Plimpton at SNL

(**307**) Debugging is at least twice as hard as writing the program in the first place. So if your code is as clever as you can possibly make it, then by definition you're not smart enough to debug it. -- Brian Kernighan

- Goal is to get efficient acceleration without modifying the LAMMPS core
 - Acceleration will be maintained with the main LAMMPS package
 - Compatibility with all of LAMMPS features

Classical Molecular Dynamics

- Time evolution of a system of particles
- Calculate the force on a particle due to other particles in the system as the gradient of the potential energy
 - 2-body and many-body potentials
 - Short-range forces are calculated using only particles within a spherical cutoff
 - For some models, additional long range calculations must be performed
 - For molecular models, additional forces due to bonds
- Apply constraints, thermostats, barostats
- Do statistics calculations, I/O
- Time integration to find new position of particles at next time step



PPPM (Particle-Mesh Ewald)

- Long range coulombics needed for many systems (charged polymers (polyelectrolytes), Organic & biological molecules, Ionic solids, oxides
- Hockney & Eastwood, Comp Sim Using Particles (1988).
- Darden, et al, J Chem Phys, 98, p 10089 (1993).
- Same as Ewald, except integral evaluated via:
 - interpolate atomic charge to 3d mesh
 - solve Poisson's equation on mesh (FFTs)
 - interpolate E-fields back to atoms



Molecular Force Fields (Class 1 & 2)

$$E(r) = K(r - r_0)^2$$

$$E(\theta) = K(\theta - \theta_0)^2$$

$$E(\phi) = K(1 + d\cos(n\phi))$$

$$E(\psi) = K(\psi - \psi_0)^2$$

- Higher-order cross terms
- Originated by
 - − BioSym \rightarrow MSI \rightarrow Accelrys
 - www.accelrys.com
- Parameters available in their
 - commercial MD code



Rhodopsin model

units neigh_modify	real delay 5 every 1	
<pre>atom_style bond_style angle_style dihedral_style improper_style pair_style pair_modify kspace_style</pre>	charmm harmonic lj/charmm/coul/long 8.0 10.0 mix arithmetic	
read_data	data.rhodo	
fix fix	1 all shake 0.0001 5 0 m 1.0 a 232 2 all npt temp 300.0 300.0 100.0 & z 0.0 0.0 1000.0 mtk no pchain 0	
tchain 1		
special_bonds	charmm	
thermo thermo_style timestep	50 multi 2.0	
run	100	

Rhodopsin Simulation





Geryon Library

- Allows same code to compile with CUDA Runtime, CUDA Driver, and OpenCL APIs
- Simple classes allow for more succinct code than CUDA-Runtime
 - Change from one API to another by simply changing the namespace
 - Use multiple APIs in the same code
 - Lightweight (only include files no build required)
 - Manage device query and selection
 - Simple vector and matrix containers
 - Simple routines for data copy and type casting
 - Simple routines for data I/O
 - Simple classes for managing device timing
 - Simple classes for managing kernel compilation and execution



http://users.nccs.gov/~wb8/geryon/index.htm

Accelerating Force Calculation

- Add a new "pair_style" in the same manner that new force models are added (e.g. lj/cut/gpu vs lj/cut)
- Copy the atom data, neighbor list from the host
- Assign each particle to a thread, thread accumulates the force for all of its neighbors
- Repack the neighbor list on the GPU for contiguous memory access by threads
 - On CPU, only need to calculate the force once for both particles in the pair
 - For shared memory parallelism, must handle memory collisions
 - Can avoid this by calculating the force twice, once for each particle in the pair
 - Doubles the amount of computation for force
 - Doubles the size of the neighbor list



Accelerating Force Calculation

- Random memory access is expensive!
 - Store atom type with the position in a 4-vector
 - Better data alignment, reduces the number of random access fetches
 - Periodically sort data by location in simulation box in order to improve data locality
- Mixed precision perform computations in single precision with all accumulation and answer storage in double precision
- 50x M2070 speedup versus single Istanbul core



Accelerating Force Calculation

- 512 Compute Cores on Fermi
- Want many more threads than this to hide latencies
- With thread per atom decomposition, need lots of atoms per GPU
- Increase parallelism with multiple threads per atom
 - Tradeoff between increased parallelism and increased computation/synchronization
 - For NVIDIA and AMD, accelerators can avoid synchronization for *n* threads if *n* is a power of 2 and *n<C*.
 - *n* depends on the model and the number of neighbors LAMMPS will guess this for you
 - Need to change neighbor list storage in order to get contiguous memory access for an arbitrary number of threads
 - Can increase the time for neighbor stuff, but generally a win



Accelerated Non-bonded Short-Range Potentials

- Single, mixed, and double precision support for:
 - lj/cut
 - lj96/cut
 - lj/expand
 - lj/cut/coul/cut
 - lj/cut/coul/long
 - lj/charmm/coul/long
 - lj/class2
 - lj/class2/coul/long
 - morse
 - cg/cmm
 - cg/cmm/coul/long
 - coul/long
 - gayberne
 - resquared
 - gauss
 - morse

- buck/cut
- buck/coul/cut
- buck/coul/long
- eam
- eam/fs
- eam/alloy
- table
- yukawa
- born
- born/coul/long
- born/coul/wolf
- colloid
- coul/dsf
- coul/long
- dipole/cut
- dipole/sf
- lj/cut/coul/debye
- lj/cut/coul/dsf
- lj/expand

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read_data	data.rhodo	
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tchain 1		
special_bonds	charmm	
thermo thermo_style timestep	50 multi 2.0	
run	100	

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Neighbor List Builds

- CPU time for neighbor list builds can now become dominant with GPU acceleration
- Build neighbor lists on the GPU
 - In LAMMPS, neighbor lists are requested by the "pair_style" – just don't request a neighbor list and you are free to do it on the GPU
 - This is optional for several reasons
- First calculate cell list on GPU
 - Requires binning
 - Atomic operations or sort
 - LAMMPS uses radix sort to get determinism or optionally performs the binning only on the CPU
- Calculate verlet list from cell list
- Copy and transpose data for 1-2, 1-3, 1-4 interactions
- 8.4x M2070 Speedup vs Single Core Istanbul (Memory)







Particle-Particle Particle-Mesh

- Most of the time spent in charge spreading and force interpolation
 - Field solve is 3D FFT
 - Communication intensive
 - Can run with an arbitrary FFT library, including cuFFT
 - Generally, not enough work to be worth it
- Charge spreading
- Can't use the CPU algorithm (efficiently)
 - First, map the particles to mesh points
 - Requires atomic operations to count number of atoms at each point
 - Problem, since the particles are sorted spatially
 - Reindex the particles accessed by each thread to reduce the probability of memory collisions
 - Reduces kernel time by up to 75%



Particle-Particle Particle-Mesh

- Second, spread the charges on the mesh using splines
 - Difficult stencil problem
 - Can't tile due to shared/local memory limitations
 - Use a pencil decomposition (on the GPU within each subdomain assigned to the process)
 - Avoid atomic operations for charge spreading (still slower even with hardware support for floating point atomics)
 - Contiguous memory access for particle positions and charges mapped to mesh
 - Tradeoff is that a significant amount of recomputation is required compared to the naïve and CPU algorithms
 - Assign multiple pencils to each multiprocessor to improve strong scaling performance
 - This requires an increase in the number of global memory fetches, so there are limits
- 13.7X M2070 speedup versus single core Istanbul (small number of mesh points)

Particle-Particle Particle-Mesh

- Force Interpolation
 - Use same algorithm as CPU
 - Thread per atom
 - No memory collisions, etc.
- 27.8x Speedup versus 1 core Istanbul

Rhodopsin model newton off

units neigh_modify	real delay 5 every 1	
angle_style dihedral_style improper_style	charmm harmonic lj/charmm/coul/long/gpu 8.0 10.0 mix arithmetic	
read_data	data.rhodo	
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CPU/GPU Concurrency

- Can compute short-range, bond, angle, dihedral, improper, k-space contributions to the forces, energies, and virials independently of each other.
- Run the calculations not ported to the accelerator simultaneously
 - In some cases, there is no possible gain from porting additional routines
- Can also divide the force calculation between the CPU and the accelerator with dynamic load balancing
- Can run hybrid models with one model calculated on the CPU and the other on the accelerator
- Add a new "fix" to LAMMPS with a hook to block and move accelerator data to the host before proceeding with time integration, etc.

Rhodopsin model
newton off
fix gpu force/neigh 0 0 1

units neigh modify	real delay 5 every 1	
atom_style bond_style		
angle_style		
dihedral_style		
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Rhodopsin Simulation







But we have 16 cores on the Interlagos chip and LAMMPS scales well...

Need to parallelize code not ported for the accelerator on the CPU cores:

- Example: Rhodopsin Benchmark on a box with 12 CPU cores and 1 GPU
 - Here, only the non-bonded "pair" force calculation is accelerated for an example
 - Speedup on 1 CPU core with a GPU is only 2.6x with this approach (M2070 vs Istanbul)
 - Speedup vs 12 CPU cores is still > 2x because we use all 12 cores in addition to the GPU
 - MPI Processes Share the GPU



Host-Accelerator Concurrency

(- PPPM Acceleration) Not to scale

GPU	CPU Core 1	CPU Core 2	CPU Core 3	CPU Core 4
Nbor Core 1 Nbor Core 2 Nbor Core 3	Neighboring is not p timestep. 1 in 10-20	•	solvent on GPU)	not ported to GPU dels ported to GPU (e.g.
Nbor Core 4	Adjusts split of non-bonded force			
Data Transfer In	Pair	Pair	Pair	Pair
Pair Core 1				
Pair Core 2	Bond	Bond	Bond	Bond
Pair Core 3	Long Range Electrostatics	Long Range Electrostatics	Long Range Electrostatics	Long Range Electrostatics
Pair Core 4				
Data Transfer Out	Other	Other	Other	Other

Host-Accelerator Concurrency (+PPPM Acceleration)

GPU	CPU Core 1	CPU Core 2	CPU Core 3	CPU Core 4	
Nbor Core 1					
Nbor Core 2	 Can run multiple kernels at the same time on some accelerators 				
Nbor Core 3					
Nbor Core 4					
Data Transfer In	Pair	Pair	Pair	Pair	
Pair Core 1					
Pair Core 2					
Pair Core 3					
Pair Core 4	Bond	Bond	Bond	Bond	
Charge Spread Core 1					
Charge Spread Core 2					
Charge Spread Core 3					
Charge Spread Core 4					
	Poisson <mark>So</mark> lve	Poisson Solve	Poisson Solve	Poisson Solve	
Force Interp Core 1					
Force Interp Core 2					
Force Interp Core 3	K				
Force Interp Core 4					
Data Transfer Out					
	Other	Other	Other	Other	

Minimizing the Code Burden

- Focus porting efforts on the routines that dominate the computational time and have high potential for speedup with accelerators
- Use concurrent CPU/GPU calculations where possible and overlap hostaccelerator data transfer with computation
- Parallelize routines that are not ported on the CPU
- Allow a legacy code to take advantage of accelerators without rewriting the entire thing
- In some cases, there is no advantage to porting
 - Multi-Core CPUs can be competitive with GPU accelerators for some routines (latencybound, thread divergence, etc.), especially at lower particle counts
 - If concurrent CPU/GPU calculations are used effectively, there can be no advantage to porting certain routines
 - For some simulations, the upper bound for performance improvements due to porting additional routines and removing data transfer is < 5%.

Optimizations to CPU code for the XK6

- Using MPI-only on multicore nodes can impact performance at scale
 - Increased MPI communication times
 - MPI Cartesian topologies (e.g. MPI_Cart_create) are designed to allow vendors to optimize process mapping for grids
 - Typically do nothing to optimize for multicore nodes
 - Implemented a two-level domain factorization algorithm to minimize off-node communications
 - Increased K-space times for P³M calculations
 - Many processes involved in effectively all-to-all communications for 3D FFTs
 - Use separate process partitions for the K-space calculation
 - Implemented by Yuxing Peng and Chris Knight from the Voth Group at the University of Chicago

X2090 Benchmark Results

- Jaguar upgrade to Titan consisted of:
 - 1. Upgrade XT5 to XK6 blades (AMD Interlagos Processors and Gemini Interconnect)
 - 2. Install *Titan Development Partition* with Fermi+ GPUs on 10 cabinets
 - 3. Upgrade to XK7 nodes (Installation of K20X Kepler II GPUs on all all nodes)
- XK6 Upgrade and Titan Development results are presented first
- Early results with Kepler on Titan presented at end of talk
- Benchmarks with acceleration used mixed-precision as compared to double precision
- Left: Strong Scaling for fixed-size simulations of approximately 256K particles
- Right: Weak Scaling with ~32K particles/node
- XK6 NP results use a new MPI process to grid mapping and a separate partition for long-range electrostatics (as do the GPU results)

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Atomic Fluid

 Atomic fluid - microcanonical ensemble, Lennard- Jones potential, reduced density 0.8442, neighbor skin 0.3σ, cutoffs of 2.5σ and 5.0σ



XK6 Single Node: 1.17X XK6 GPU Single Node: 3.03X, 5.68X XK6 Single Node: 1.04X XK6 GPU Single Node: 1.92X, 4.33X XK6 GPU 512 Nodes: 2.92X, 5.11X NP gives up to 20% improvement

Bulk Copper

- Copper metallic solid in the microcanonical ensemble. The force cutoff is 4.95Å with a neighbor skin of 1.0A.
 - Requires additional ghost exchange during force calculation for electron densities



XK6 GPU Single Node: 3.05X

XK6 Single Node: 1.0X XK6 GPU Single Node: 2.12X XK6 GPU 512 Nodes: 2.90X NP gives up to 12% improvement

Protein

All-atom rhodopsin protein in a solvated lipid bilayer with the CHARMM force field. Isothermal-isobaric ٠ ensemble, SHAKE constraints, 2.0fs timestep. Counter-ions, water, 8Å/ 10Å cutoff



Long range electrostatics are calculated with P3M.

XK6 Single Node: 1.1X XK6 GPU Single Node: 3.3X XK6 Single Node: 1.1X XK6 GPU Single Node: 2.6X XK6 GPU 512 Nodes: 8X NP gives up to 27% improvement

Time (s)

Liquid Crystal

- Liquid crystal mesogens are represented with biaxial ellipsoid particles, Gay-Berne potential, isotropic phase, isothermal-isobaric ensemble, 4 σ cutoff with a 0.8 σ neighbor skin
 - High arithmetic intensity



XK6 Single Node: .9X XK6 GPU Single Node: 6.23X XK6 Single Node: .9X XK6 GPU Single Node: 5.82X XK6 GPU 512 Nodes: 5.65X

XK6 vs XK6+GPU Benchmarks



Example Science Problems 1.

- Controlling the movement of nanoscale objects is a significant goal of nanotechnology.
- Pulsed laser melting offers a unique opportunity to dictate materials assembly where rapid heating and cooling rates and ns melt lifetimes are achievable
- Using both experiment and theory we have investigated ways of controlling how the breakage occurs so as to control the assembly of metallic nanoparticles
- Here, we illustrate MD simulation to investigate the evolution of the Rayleigh-Plateau liquid instability for copper lines deposited on a graphite substrate
- Simulations are performed with GPU acceleration on Jaguar at the same scales as experiment


Example Science Problems 2.

- Membrane fusion, which involves the merging of two biological membranes in a controlled manner, is an integral part of the normal life cycle of all living organisms.
- Viruses responsible for human disease employ membrane fusion as an essential part of their reproduction cycle.
- Membrane fusion is a critical step in the function of the nervous system
 - Correct fusion dynamics requires realistic system sizes
- Kohlmeyer / Klein INCITE Award



39M Particle Liposome System2.7X Faster than 900 XK6 w/out Accelerators

The "Porting Wall"

- Although you can get performance improvements by porting existing models/algorithms and running simulations using traditional parameterizations...
 - There is a limit to the amount of parallelism that can be exposed to decrease the time-to-solution
 - Increasingly desirable to re-evaluate computational physics methods and models with an eye towards approaches that allow for increased concurrency and data locality
 - Parameterize simulations to shift work towards routines well-suited for the accelerator
 - Methods/models with increased computational requirements can perform better if they can increase concurrency, allow for larger time-steps, etc.
- Computational scientists will play a critical role in exploiting the performance of current and next-generation architectures
- Some very basic examples...

Electrostatics Example with Polyelectrolyte Brushes

- Electrostatics are typically solved by splitting the Coulomb potential into a short-range potential that decays to zero at the cutoff and a long-range potential that converges rapidly in k-space
 - Long-range component is typically solved with discretization on a mesh
 - Poisson solve with 3D FFTs
 - **Communications bottleneck**
 - The traditional parameterizations that work well on older high-performance computers are not necessarily optimal for many simulations
 - Shift the work towards the short-range component
 - Disproportionate performance improvements on accelerator with larger short-range cutoffs
 - Benefits from acceleration improve at larger node counts!



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Electrostatics Example with Polyelectrolyte Brushes

- Eliminate the long-range component?
 - In condensed phase systems, charges can be effectively short-range due to screening from other charged particles in the system
 - Use a large short range cutoff, correct for issues due to non-neutral spherical cutoff regions, and modify cell list calculation to be efficient for large cutoffs in parallel simulations
 - Accurate results with faster time-to-solution for some simulations 100



Nodes

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P³M CPU

Alternative Potential Energy Models?

- Implementation of new models that can exploit high peak accelerator performance to improve accuracy and sampling
 - Computational cost of a single ellipsoidellipsoid interaction can be 15x that for Lennard-Jones on the CPU
 - With GPU acceleration, it is more competitive
 - Higher arithmetic intensity, so better speedup when compared to LJ acceleration
 - Better parallel efficiency *relative* to the CPU
 - Still get performance with fewer threads



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118 atoms

Moore's Law for Potentials



More Creative Examples...

 Advanced time integrators, time parallelism, etc...

Kepler II vs Fermi +

- More cores
 - Efficiently handle larger problems, better performance for complex models
- Improved thread performance
 - Faster time to solution for same problem
- Larger register file
 - Better performance for complex models such as the liquid crystal case
- Warp shuffle
 - Reduced shared memory usage for reductions across threads
- Hyper-Q
 - MPI processes sharing the GPU can share a context
 - Reduced memory overhead per process
 - Concurrent kernel execution from multiple processes

Early Kepler Benchmarks on Titan

32

64 128

4

3

2

1

0

A096

256 2024

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64

Time (s)

Atomic Fluid

32.00

16.00

8.00

4.00

2.00

1.00

0.50 0.25

0.13

0.06 0.03

1

2

4

8

16

Time (s)



→ XK7+GPU

- - - XK7+GPU

Nodes

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Bulk Copper



Protein

Liquid Crystal

Early Titan XK6/XK7 Benchmarks



Ongoing Work

- Implementation and evaluation of alternative algorithms for long-range electrostatics.
 - Multigrid(-like) Methods for Poisson Solve, etc.
 - O(N), no FFTs
- Implementation of complex models well suited for accelerators
- Improvements driven by specific science problems

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