Early Science at the OLCF on Titan

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ORNL’s “Titan” System

- Upgrade of Jaguar from Cray XT5 to XK6
- Cray Linux Environment operating system
- Gemini interconnect
  - 3-D Torus
  - Globally addressable memory
  - Advanced synchronization features
- AMD Opteron 6274 processors (Interlagos)
- New accelerated node design using NVIDIA multi-core accelerators
  - 2011: 960 NVIDIA x2090 “Fermi” GPUs
  - 2012: 14,592 NVIDIA K20 “Kepler” GPUs
- 20+ PFlops peak system performance
- 600 TB DDR3 mem. + 88 TB GDDR5 mem

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<td>Compute Nodes</td>
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<td>Memory per node</td>
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WL-LSMS
Illuminating the role of material disorder, statistics, and fluctuations in nanoscale materials and systems.

LAMMPS
A molecular description of membrane fusion, one of the most common ways for molecules to enter or exit living cells.

S3D
Understanding turbulent combustion through direct numerical simulation with complex chemistry.

CAM-SE
Answering questions about specific climate change adaptation and mitigation scenarios; realistically represent features like precipitation patterns / statistics and tropical storms.

NRDF
Radiation transport – important in astrophysics, laser fusion, combustion, atmospheric dynamics, and medical imaging – computed on AMR grids.

Denovo
Discrete ordinates radiation transport calculations that can be used in a variety of nuclear energy and technology applications.
## CAAR Algorithmic Coverage

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<th>Science Area</th>
<th>Algorithm(s)</th>
<th>Grid type</th>
<th>Programming Language(s)</th>
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<td>Denovo</td>
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<td>wavefront sweep, GMRES</td>
<td>structured</td>
<td>C++, Fortran, Python</td>
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<td>WL-LSMS</td>
<td>nanoscience</td>
<td>density functional theory, Monte Carlo</td>
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Early Science on Titan

• Six CAAR applications
  – Early Titan dev speedups of 1.5x to 3x relative to a dual-socket CPU node (XE6)
  – Performance with Kepler is expected to be 3-12X a dual-socket CPU node

• Other important community codes
  – Ported by user community – often in collaboration with NVIDIA – are realizing 1.5x to 6x speedups

• We will provide these code teams access to Titan following acceptance via one or more of our allocation programs
  – INCITE
    • Computational readiness review explicitly designed to ID “early science” codes
  – ALCC
  – DD
Transition to Operations (T2O)

- CAAR applications are key for early impact on Titan
  - Central to acceptance
  - Heavy users in Q4 2012 for Kepler port and tune

- T2O: period between acceptance and full-user operations
  - Harden machine using mature codes running big jobs
  - CAAR apps will be initial codes to run in T2O
  - Other very ready codes may also run in T2O
  - Ramp up INCITE & ALCC over few-week period
  - Realized time table depends upon machine stability
  - Assurance of early impact in Q1-Q2 2013
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<th>Application</th>
<th>First Titan Science Problem</th>
<th>Titan Core-Hours Needed</th>
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<td>S3D</td>
<td>3-dimensional DNS of HCCI combustion in a high-pressure stratified turbulent ethanol/air mixture using detailed chemical kinetics (28 chemical species)</td>
<td>120M</td>
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<td>Denovo</td>
<td>Neutron transport in reactor core, using 128 million spatial grid cells, 16 energy groups, 256 discrete ordinates; steady-state solution in less than 12 wall clock hours</td>
<td>14M</td>
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<td>LAMMPS</td>
<td>Biological membrane fusion in coarse-grained MD within 5 wall clock days; 850,000,000 coarse-grained particles, roughly 1000 in particle number and spatial extent than current standard.</td>
<td>40M</td>
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<td>WL-LSMS</td>
<td>Both the magnetization and the free energy for a single 250-atom iron supercell. magnetic materials. (5 million CPU-hours are required on Jaguar today to calculate only the free energy)</td>
<td>10M</td>
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<td>CAM-SE</td>
<td>CCSM simulation w/ Mozart tropospheric chemistry with 101 constituents at high spatial resolution (1/8 degree); 100-year climate simulation @ 3.8 simulated years per wall clock day.</td>
<td>150M</td>
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S3D
Direct Numerical Simulation of Turbulent Combustion

**Code Description**

- Compressible Navier-Stokes equations
- 3D Cartesian grid, 8th-order finite difference
- Explicit 4th-order Runge-Kutta integration
- Fortran, 3D Domain decomposition, non-blocking MPI

**Porting Strategy**

- Hybrid MPI/OpenMP/OpenACC application
- All intensive calculations can be on the accelerator
- Redesign message passing to overlap communication and computation

**Early Performance Results on XK6**

- Refactored code was 2x faster on Cray XT5
- OpenACC acceleration with minimal overhead
- XK6 outperforms XE6 by 1.4x

**Science Target (20 PF Titan)**

Increased chemical complexity for combustion:

- Jaguar: 9-22 species (H₂, syngas, ethylene)
- Titan: 30-100 species (ethanol, n-heptane, iso-octane)
DENOVO  
3D Neutron Transport for Nuclear Reactor Design

**Code Description**

- Linear Boltzmann radiation transport
- Discrete ordinates method
- Iterative eigenvalue solution
- Multigrid, preconditioned linear solves
- C++ with F95 kernels

**Porting Strategy**

- SWEEP kernel re-written in C++ & CUDA, runs on CPU or GPU
- Scaling to over 200K cores with opportunities for increased parallelism on GPUs
- Reintegrate SWEEP into DENOVO

**Early Performance Results on XK6**

- Refactored code was 2x faster on Cray XT5
- XK6 performance exceeds XE6 by 3.3x

**Science Target (20PF Titan)**

- 3-D, Full reactor radiation transport for CASL challenge problems within 12 wall clock hours. This is the CASL stretch goal problem!
LAMMPS
Large-scale, massively parallel molecular dynamics

Code Description

- Classical N-body problem of atomistic modeling
- Force fields available for chemical, biological, and materials applications
- Long-range electrostatics evaluated using a "particle-particle, particle-mesh" (PPPM) solver.
- 3D FFT in particle-mesh solver limits scaling

Porting Strategy

- For PPPM solver, replace 3-D FFT with grid-based algorithms that reduce inter-process communication
- Parallelism through domain decomposition of particle-mesh grid
- Accelerated code builds with OpenCL or CUDA

Early Performance Results on XK6:

- XK6 outperforms XE6 by 3.2x
- XK6 outperforms XK6 w/o GPU by 6.5x

Science Target (20PF Titan)

- Simulate biological membrane fusion in coarse-grained MD within 5 wall clock days

Insights into the molecular mechanism of membrane fusion from simulation.
Stevens et al., PRL 91 (2003)
Wang-Landau LSMS
First principles, statistical mechanics of magnetic materials

Code Description

- Combines classical statistical mechanics (W-L) for atomic magnetic moment distributions with first-principles calculations (LSMS) of the associated energies.
- Main computational effort is dense linear algebra for complex numbers.
- F77 with some F90 and C++ for the statistical mechanics driver.

Porting Strategy

- Leverage accelerated linear algebra libraries, e.g., cuBLAS + CULA, LibSci_acc.
- Parallelization over (1) W-L Monte-Carlo walkers, (2) over atoms through MPI process, (3) OpenMP on CPU sections.
- Restructure communications: moved outside energy loop.

Early Performance Results on XK6:

- XK6 outperforms XE6 by 1.6x
- XK6 outperforms XK6 w/o GPU by 3.1x

Science Target (20PF Titan)

- Calculate both the magnetization and the free-energy for magnetic materials.
CAM-SE
Community Atmosphere Model – Spectral Elements

Code Description
- Employs equal-angle, cubed-sphere grid and terrain-following coordinate system.
- Scaled to 172,800 cores on XT5
- Exactly conserves dry mass without the need for ad hoc fixes.
- Original baseline code achieves parallelism through domain decomposition using one MPI task per element.

Porting Strategy
- Using realistic “Mozart” chemical tracer network, tracer transport (i.e., advection) dominates the run time.
- Use hybrid MPI/OpenMP parallelism.
- Intensive kernels are coded in CUDA Fortran.
- Migration in future to OpenACC.

Early Performance Results on XK6:
- Refactored code was 1.7x faster on Cray XT5.
- XK6 outperforms XE6 by 1.5x.
- XK6 outperforms XK6 w/o GPU by 2.6x.

Science Target (20PF Titan)
- CAM simulation using Mozart tropospheric chemistry with 106 constituents at 14 km horizontal grid resolution.
## How Effective are GPUs on Scalable Applications?

OLCF-3 Early Science Codes -- Performance Measurements on TitanDev

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Cray XK6: Fermi GPU plus AMD 16-core Opteron CPU
XE6: 2X AMD 16-core Opteron CPUs ([Monte Rosa - 1496 node XE6 @ CSCS](#))
We expect the results to be even better with the GK110 Kepler processor

• Hyper-Q
  – Fermi allows only a single work queue
  – Kepler allows 32 simultaneous work queues, allowing multiple CPU threads to connect to the GPU, removing false serialization.
  – Ameliorates “not enough work” problem

• GPUDirect
  – Enables GPUs within a single computer, or GPUs in different servers located across a network, to directly exchange data without needing to go to CPU/system memory.
  – Reduces CPU-GPU memory copy penalty for many applications

Both features are expected to significantly increase current application performance and to aid further application ports.
We are not going it alone – Hybrid computing is now mainstream
Over 10% of the Top500 systems use accelerators

- ORNL’s Titan – CPU / Nvidia GPU
- NCSA’s Blue Waters – CPU / Nvidia GPU
- TACC’s Stampede – CPU / Xeon Phi
- Georgia Tech’s Keeneland – CPU / Nvidia GPU
- CSCS (Switzerland) Tödi – CPU / Nvidia GPU
- NUDT (China) Tianhe-1a – CPU / Nvidia GPU
- NSCS (China) Nebulae – CPU / Nvidia GPU
- Tokyo Tech (Japan) TSUBAME – CPU / Nvidia GPU
- U. of Tsukuba (Japan) HA-PACS – CPU / Nvidia GPU
- CEA (France) Tera-100 – CPU / Nvidia GPU
### Additional Applications from Community Efforts

**Current performance measurements on TitanDev**

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The Accelerating Computational Science Symposium 2012 (ACSS 2012), held March 28–30 in Washington, D.C.
Sponsored by: OLCF, NCSA, and CSCS with 100 attendees.

Symposium summary at:
http://www.olcf.ornl.gov/media-center/center-reports/
Training: Amplifying the Impact of Early Science

• **Strategy:** Provide conferences, workshops, tutorials, case studies, and lessons learned on tools and techniques for realizing hybrid architecture benefits. **Content will be formulated and field-tested via early-science experiences.**

• **Objective:** Users will be able to expose hierarchical parallelism, use compiler directive-based tools, analyze / optimize / debug codes, and use low-level programming techniques if required

**Planned CY 2013 Training Events**

- West Coast Titan Training Workshop (Jan/Feb 2013)
- East Coast Titan Training Workshop (Feb/March 2013)
- Object Oriented Programming Workshop (Feb 2013)
- 2013 OLCF User Meeting (April 2013)
- Tutorial Series (Spring/Summer)
  - Compilers
  - Performance Analysis Tools
  - Debugging and Profiling
- Fall Titan Training (Fall 2013)
Summary

• CAAR and work by our colleagues at NVIDIA, CSCS, NCSA, and other organizations has produced a set of vanguard GPU-capable applications.

• More than a dozen codes are poised to make immediate use of Titan.

• Strong overlap with INCITE and ALCC awardees, combined with the flexibility afforded by our DD program, will allow us to facilitate first-in-class simulations immediately following Titan acceptance.
CAAR Plan

• Comprehensive team assigned to each app
  – OLCF application lead
  – Cray engineer
  – NVIDIA developer
  – Other: other application developers, local tool/library developers, computational scientists

• Single early-science problem targeted for each app
  – Success on this problem is primary metric for success

• Particular plan-of-attack different for each app
  – WL-LSMS – dependent on accelerated ZGEMM
  – CAM-SE – pervasive and widespread custom acceleration required

• Multiple acceleration methods explored
  – WL-LSMS – CULA, MAGMA, custom ZGEMM
  – CAM-SE – CUDA, directives
  – Two-fold aim
    – Maximum acceleration for model problem
    – Determination of optimal, reproducible acceleration path for other applications