GPU TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE

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GPU and the Computational Microscope



Investigation of drug (Tamiflu) resistance of the "swine" flu virus demanded **fast response!**

Accuracy • Speed-up • Unprecedented Scale



Computational Microscope Views at Atomic Resolution...













GPU Solution 1: Time-Averaged Electrostatics

- Thousands of trajectory frames
- 1.5 hour job reduced to 3 min
- GPU Speedup: 25.5x
- Per-node power consumption on NCSA GPU cluster:
 - CPUs-only: 448 Watt-hours
 - CPUs+GPUs: 43 Watt-hours
- Power efficiency gain: 10x





Science 2: How Nature Harvests Sun Light

95% of the energy in the biosphere comes from this energy source





GPU Solution 2: Multilevel Summation Method for Electrostatics on the GPU



Multilevel summation method has linear time complexity well suited for GPUs; more flexible than other methods

Science 3: How Proteins are Made from Genetic Blueprint

- Ribosome Decodes genetic information from mRNA
- Important target of many antibiotics
- Static structures of crystal forms led to 2009 Nobel Prize
- But one needs structures of ribosomes in action!

new protein



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GPU Solution 3: Molecular Dynamics Simulations



GPUs reduced time for simulation from two months to two weeks!

Science 4: Nanopore Sensors





GPU Solution 4: Computing Radial Distribution Functions

- 4.7 million atoms
- 4-core Intel X5550 CPU: 15 hours
- 4 NVIDIA C2050 GPUs: 10 minutes
- Fermi GPUs ~3x faster than GT200 GPUs: larger on-chip shared memory





Science 5: Quantum Chemistry Visualization

- Chemistry is the result of atoms sharing electrons
- Electrons occupy "clouds" in the space around atoms
- Calculations for visualizing these "clouds" are costly: tens to hundreds of seconds on CPUs – non-interactive
- GPUs enable the dynamics of electronic structures to be animated interactively for the first time



Taxol: Cancer Drug

VMD enables interactive display of QM simulations, e.g. Terachem, GAMESS

Science 5: Quantum Chemistry Visualization

quickly as you see this movie! CPUs: One working day! day Simulation: Terachem Interactive Visualization: VMD Courtesy T. Martinez, Stanford minute

Rendering of electron "clouds" achieved on GPUs as

GPU Solution 5: Computing C₆₀ Molecular Orbitals



Science 6: Protein Folding

- Protein **misfolding** responsible for diseases:
 - -Alzheimer's
 - -Parkinson's
 - -Huntington
 - -Mad cow
 - -Type II diabetes



Observe folding process in unprecedented detail

Science 6: Protein Folding

- Some simulations still fail to fold proteins due to inaccurate modeling of interatomic forces!
- Protein folding demands more accurate model which leads to more expensive computation



WW domain 3 months on 329 CPUs

GPU Solution 6: Computing More Accurate Simulation Models

- Atomic polarizability increases computation by 2x...
- ...but, the additional computations are perfectly suited to the GPU!
- For now, NAMD calculates atomic polarizability on CPUs only...soon we will also use GPUs



Atomic polarizability of water, highly accurately simulated through additional particles (shown in green)





Genetic activity of E. coli bacteria

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Calculation	FX5600			2
	Time	%	Performance [†]	
	(ms)			
Load lattice block	5.2	20	13 GB/s	
Random number generation [‡]	7.0	27	48 GOPS	
Particle movement decision	7.7	29	109 GOPS	
Particle propagation	3.6	13	94 GOPS	
Store lattice block	2.9	11	23 GB/s	
Total	26.4	100		
	GTX280			
Load lattice block	2.2	16	30 GB/s	
Random number generation [‡]	3.8	28	88 GOPS	
Particle movement decision	4.4	33	191 GOPS	2
Particle propagation	1.6	12	209 GOPS	
Store lattice block	1.5	11	44 GB/s	
Total	13.5	100		

mRNA • LacY

Zan Luthey-Schulten and Elijah Roberts

Since our technique is a native GPU algorithm, no optimized CPU version exists by which to measure its performance..

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2010 Workshop on GPU Computing for Molecular Modeling

- Spread the benefits of GPU computing to solve new problems in molecular modeling
- Intensive 2-day workshop after 1-week GPU workshop at NCSA
- Participants present their work and exchange ideas and GPU solutions



Three of our GPU Heroes

Our GPU Biomedical Science Computing Goals:

- More accurate simulations
- Speed-up: simulations now take minutes instead of weeks
- Make previously unreachable scales accessible



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