Parallel Computing
& Accelerators

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Purpose of this talk

This is the 50,000 ft. view of the parallel computing landscape. We want to orient you a bit before parachuting you down into the trenches to deal with OpenACC. The plan is that you walk away with a knowledge of not just OpenACC, but also where it fits into the world of High Performance Computing.
**FLOPS we need: Climate change analysis**

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<td>• Cloud resolution, quantifying uncertainty, understanding tipping points, etc., will drive climate to exascale platforms</td>
<td>• “Reanalysis” projects need 100× more computing to analyze observations</td>
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<td>• New math, models, and systems support will be needed</td>
<td>• Machine learning and other analytics are needed today for petabyte data sets</td>
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<td>• Combined simulation/observation will empower policy makers and scientists</td>
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Courtesy Horst Simon, LBNL
Exascale combustion simulations

- Goal: 50% improvement in engine efficiency
- Center for Exascale Simulation of Combustion in Turbulence (ExaCT)
  - Combines M&S and experimentation
  - Uses new algorithms, programming models, and computer science

Courtesy Horst Simon, LBNL
The list is long, and growing.

- Molecular-scale Processes: atmospheric aerosol simulations
- AI-Enhanced Science: predicting disruptions in tokomak fusion reactors
- Hypersonic Flight
- Modeling Thermonuclear X-ray Bursts: 3D simulations of a neutron star surface or supernovae
- Quantum Materials Engineering: electrical conductivity photovoltaic and plasmonic devices
- Physics of Fundamental Particles: mass estimates of the bottom quark
- Digital Cells

These and others are in an appendix at the end of our Outro To Parallel Computing talk.
And many of you doubtless brought your own immediate research concerns. Great!
Welcome to The Year of Exascale!

\[
\text{exa} = 10^{18} = 1,000,000,000,000,000,000 = \text{quintillion}
\]

64-bit precision floating point operations per second
in very little time. Performing a billion operations, on the other hand, could take minutes or hours, though it’s still possible provided you are patient. Performing a trillion operations, however, will basically take forever. So a fair rule of thumb is that the calculations we can perform on a computer are ones that can be done with about a billion operations or less.
Where are those 10 or 12 orders of magnitude?

How do we get there from here?

BTW, that's a bigger gap than

IBM 709
12 kiloflops
Moore's Law abandoned serial programming around 2004
But Moore’s Law is only beginning to stumble now.

Intel process technology capabilities

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Transistor for 90nm Process

Source: Intel

Influenza Virus

Source: CDC
And at end of day we keep using getting more transistors.
That Power and Clock Inflection Point in 2004… didn’t get better.

Fun fact: At 100+ Watts and <1V, currents are beginning to exceed 100A at the point of load.
Not a new problem, just a new scale...

Cray-2 with cooling tower in foreground, circa 1985
And how to get more performance from more transistors with the same power.

A 15% Reduction In Voltage Yields

RULE OF THUMB

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A 15% Reduction In Voltage Yields

SINGLE CORE

Area = 1
Voltage = 1
Freq = 1
Power = 1
Perf = 1

DUAL CORE

Area = 2
Voltage = 0.85
Freq = 0.85
Power = 1
Perf = ~1.8

RULE OF THUMB

Frequency Reduction

Power Reduction

Performance Reduction

15%
45%
10%
Parallel Computing

One woman can make a baby in 9 months.

Can 9 women make a baby in 1 month?

But 9 women can make 9 babies in 9 months.

First two bullets are Brook’s Law. From The Mythical Man-Month.

A must-read for serious project programmers that includes many other classics such as: "What one programmer can do in one month, two programmers can do in two months."
Prototypical Application: Serial Weather Model
First Parallel Weather Modeling Algorithm: Richardson in 1917

Courtesy John Burkhardt, Virginia Tech
Four meteorologists in the same room sharing the map.

Fortran:

```
!$omp parallel do
    do i = 1, n
        a(i) = b(i) + c(i)
    enddo
```

C/C++:

```
#pragma omp parallel for
    for(i=1; i<=n; i++)
        a[i] = b[i] + c[i];
```
call MPI_Send( numbertosend, 1, MPI_INTEGER, index, 10, MPI_COMM_WORLD, errcode)

call MPI_Recv( numbertoreceive, 1, MPI_INTEGER, 0, 10, MPI_COMM_WORLD, status, errcode)

call MPI_Barrier(MPI_COMM_WORLD, errcode)
Weather Model: Accelerator (OpenACC)

```
#pragma acc kernels
for (i=0; i<N; i++)  {
    double t = (double)((i+0.05)/N);
    pi += 4.0/(1.0+t*t);
}
```

```
__global__ void saxpy_kernel( float a, float* x, float* y, int n ){
    int i;
    i = blockIdx.x*blockDim.x + threadIdx.x;
    if( i <= n ) x[i] = a*x[i] + y[i];
}
```
The pieces fit like this…

OpenMP

OpenACC

MPI
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**N.B.**
- **Frontier** is the fastest supercomputer in the world as of June 2023.
- **TaihuLight** is the largest supercomputer with 10,649,600 cores.
- **Summit** has the highest peak performance of 2,414,592 Petaflops.
- **Perlmutter** is the most powerful with 761,304 Cores.
- **Tiahne-2A** has the highest power consumption of 18.4 MW.
The word is *Heterogeneous*

And it's not just supercomputers. It's on your desk, and in your phone.

How much of this can you program?
We can do better. We have a role model.

- We hope to "simulate" a human brain in real time on one of these Exascale platforms with about 1 - 10 Exaflop/s and 4 PB of memory.
- These newest Exascale computers use 20+ MW.
- The human brain runs at 20W.
- Our brain is a million times more power efficient!
Why you should be (extra) motivated.

- This parallel computing thing is no fad.
- The laws of physics are drawing this roadmap.
- If you get on board (the right bus), you can ride this trend for a long, exciting trip.

Let’s learn how to use these things!