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Aspects of Next-Generation Parallel Computers

Experience with CP-PACS

• How much more?

• How?

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CP-PACS

- Machine specifications:
 - 2048PU+128IOU
 - 614GFLOPS peak
 - 64+256GByte memory
 - 1058GByte disk



- Operation:
 - full operation started in October 1996
 - already 3 years ago.....

Lattice QCD Projects on CP-PACS

- The first year: October 1996 October 1997
 Quenched light hadron spectrum
- The next two years: September 1997 present Two-flavor full QCD

CP-PACS Performance (ratio to peak):

50% for quenched run64^3 x 1122048PU34% for full QCD24^3 x 48512PU

Quenched Light Hadron Spectrum

- concentrated effort to pin down the quenched spectrum
- could borrow on accumulated wisdom from previous studies



• clear observation of quenching effects

Selected Two-Flavor Results

Meson hyperfine splitting



Eta meson mass



Strange quark mass



B meson decay constant



Two-Flavor Full QCD

multi-fauceted attempt toward realistic simulation of QCD examining

- light to heavy quarks
- spectra to matrix elements
- zero to high temperatures

largely unexplored territory in spite of many attempts since middle of 80's

more trial & errors involved

 several encouraging results emerging showing importance of sea quark effects

Partitioned use of CP-PACS

Quenched light hadron spectrum

- 32^3 x 56 256PU
- 40^3 x 70 51
- 48^3 x 84
- 64^3 112 2048
- 512PU 1024PU 2048PU



• 12^3 x 24	64PU
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- 16^3 x 32 256PU
- 24^3 x 48 512PU



Monthly CPU time usage of CP-PACS

CP-PACS JOBS Used Time

Impact of the Two Projects - personal view

 have manifested the limitation of quenched QCD by explicitly showing the discrepancy

 have ushered in the era of full QCD by explicitly finding sea quark effects

future is in full QCD

Next Step of Lattice QCD

Realistic dynamical quark spectrum, *i.e.*, 2 (*up* & *down*) + 1 (*strange*)
Lighter *up* & *down* quarks, *i.e.*, pi/rho=0.6 --> 0.4
Larger spatial size, *i.e.*, L=2.4 fm --> 3.0 fm

 Better chiral behavior use of domain wall/overlap formalism

An Estimate of CPU Time:method

Assumptions

- RG -gauge + clover quark for 2 dynamical flavors
- HMC algorithm
- BiCGStab solver

FLOP analysis

$$FLOP = (A + B \cdot N_{inv}) \frac{V}{\Delta \tau} \times 10^{-12} \ TFLOPS \cdot \sec/trajectory$$

CP-PACS experience

- A = 45600, B=8800
- Ninv= 31+10.7/mq
- Dt = (0.223mq 0.620mq^2)x 24/L (mq in GeV)

similar analysis for communication

An Estimate of CPU Time: Results

physical system	target	current		
 physical size quark mass #trajectory 	3 fm 15 MeV (pi/rho=0.4) 25000	2.5fm 44 MeV (0.6) 2000		
simulation	conventional	domain wall		
 lattice spacing 	3 GeV	2 GeV		
 lattice size 	48^3 x 96	32^3 x 64 x 10		
CPU time	409 days	343 days		
 ratio of commun. 	25%	20%		

machine parameters:

- 32Gflops/PU , 16^3 = 4096PU
- 131 Tflops total
- 16GBvte/sec/channel

O(100Tflops) needed

Road to O(100Tflops)

- full QCD to everyone's satisfaction will require O(100Tflops)
- similar requirement from many other fields in computational science and engineering

- When will it become technologically feasible?
- What are the architectural issues?

Advance of Processor Technology

SIA roadmap on semiconductor technology

Year	1999	2001	2003	2006	2009	2012
rule (um)	0.18	0.15	0.13	0.10	0.07	0.05
clock(MHz)	1250	1500	2100	3500	6000	10000
tr. in MPU	21M	40M	76M	200M	520M	1.4B
power(W)	90	110	130	160	170	175

- 2GHz clock / 4 pipelines of add&mult = 16Gflops not a dream around 2003
- e.g. Earth Simulator (2001)
 - 8Gflops vector CPU x 8 = 64 Gflops / node
 - 64 Gflops x 640 nodes = 40Tflops

Processor with on-chip Memory

 FPU's will be running much faster than data can be fed from off-chip memory

 use SRAM memory on-chip to secure the bandwidth (data repeatedly used are kept on-chip in a controlled way) Research for the Future Program (JSPS) at CCP

R&D of key technologies for next-generation MPP

 processor architcture with memory on-chip

parallel I/O and visualization

Research for the Future Program (RFTF*)

Challenge to the New Generation High Performance Parallel Processing

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Conclusions

 O(1Tflops) turned out sufficient to yield convincing results for quenched QCD and first systematic results of sea quark effects in full QCD

 probably time to start thinking seriously about O(100Tflops) which will be required for convincing results in full QCD