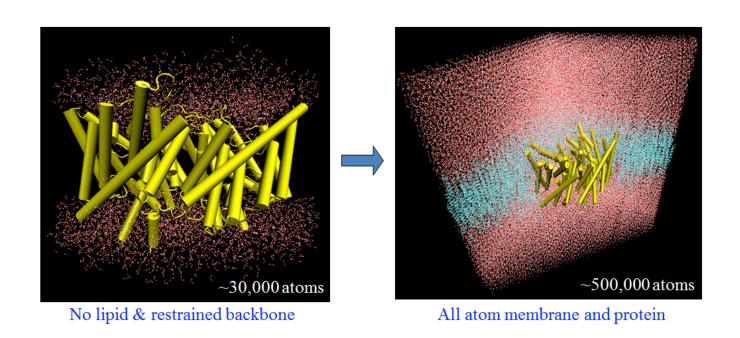
Efficient and Accurate Multiscale Reactive Molecular Simulations



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A) Project Overview

The project

Implementation of multiple program algorithms for multistate simulations.

Science goals

- Fundamental understanding of charge transport processes and multiscale phenomena
- The participants, description of team
 - Graduate students and postdocs at U. Chicago and ANL.

History

- Reactive methodology in development since early 90's
- Current code is about 3 years old.

Goals

Scale a single simulation (~1 million atoms) to leadership scale

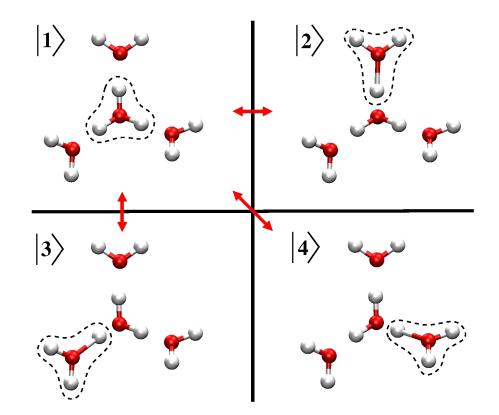
B) Science Lesson

 Construct linear combination of chemical bond topologies

$$\mathbf{H} = \begin{pmatrix} V_{11} & V_{12} & V_{13} & V_{14} \\ V_{12} & V_{22} & 0 & 0 \\ V_{13} & 0 & V_{33} & 0 \\ V_{14} & 0 & 0 & V_{44} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{F}_{j} = \sum_{mn} c_{m} c_{n} \mathbf{F}_{j}^{mn}$$

Integrate Newton's EOM

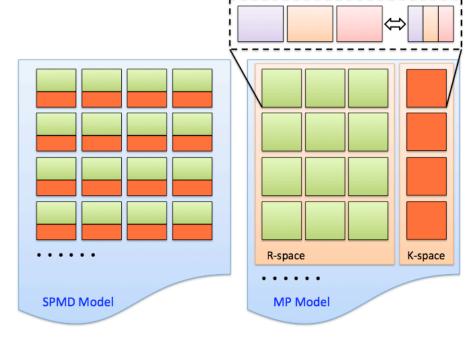


C) Parallel Programming Model

- LAMMPS & RAPTOR (developed in our group)
 - http://lammps.sandia.gov/
- Hybrid MPI + OpenMP (now w/ a flavor of multiple program)
 - Also supports GPU (Cuda and OpenCL)
- Highly portable C++ and only requires FFTW
- What platforms does the application currently run on?
 - All popular platforms.
- Current status & future plans for the programming model
 - Focusing heavily on multiple program parallelization

D) Computational Methods

- Spatial domain-decomposition
- Rely heavily on FFTs for calculation of electrostatic interactions.
- We are currently working on extending to N > 2 partitions.
- Extensions to multiple reactive species (multiple Hamiltonian matrices).



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E) I/O Patterns and Strategy

- One set of output files per job
 - Everyone sends data to rank 0
- Approximate sizes of inputs and outputs
 - Inputs < 1 GB</p>
 - Outputs ~100s GB in binary format (dcd, xtc,...)
- Checkpoint / Restart capabilities:
 - Coordinates, velocities, etc... (< 1 GB) in binary format
- Current status and future plans for I/O
 - Contemplating strategy for n ranks to write output (n < N)

F) Visualization and Analysis

- How do you explore the data generated?
 - Molecular visualization typically w/ VMD (also serves as tool)
 - At larger scales, might need to switch to parallel visualization program
 - Reduce resolution (coarse-graining)
 - Analysis of 1-D and 2-D distribution functions

- Current status and future plans for your viz and analysis
 - Port analysis codes to GPUs

G) Performance

- What tools do you use now to explore performance?
 - TAU and HPCToolkit
- What do you believe is your current bottleneck to better performance?
 - We know that the current bottleneck is FFTs and electrostatic calculations.
- What do you believe is your current bottleneck to better scaling?
 - Multiple Program strategy to simultaneously evaluate matrix elements
- Current status and future plans for improving performance
 - Multiple Program + OpenMP
 - approximate electrostatic algorithms (currently in develoment)

H) Tools

- How do you debug your code?
 - gdb, totalview
- What other tools do you use?
 - VMD w/ Tcl scripts
- Current status and future plans for improved tool integration and support

I) Status and Scalability

- How does your application scale now?
 - First time ever, we've recently run reactive simulations at 16K cores
- Where do you want to be in a year?
 - Multiple racks of Mira...
- What are your top 5 pains? (be specific)
 - 1-5: Cost of FFTs for accurate electrostatics
- What did you change to achieve current scalability? (replaced algorithms, data structures, math library, etc)
 - Multiple program, Multiple program,
- Current status and future plans for improving scaling
 - ditto...

J) Roadmap

- Where will your science take you over the next 2 years?
 - Efficient and accurate simulation of arbitrary chemical reactions in condensed phases over multiple time and length scales.
- What do you hope to learn / discover?
 - Fundamental understanding of charge transport processes and multiscale phenomena

Exact Energies & Forces
Approximate Off-Diagonal Couplings
All matrix elements approximated.

