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Parallel Algorithms for the Materials Modelling code CRYSTAL

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CRYSTAL code: Theoretical background

CRYSTAL code: Numerical implementation

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- a) Miniaturisation of devices and advance in current technology, requires material description at atomistic level and detailed quantum mechanical knowledge of its properties.
- b) New materials can not be described from empirical method because lack of parameters. Experimentally too expensive or “parameter space” is too big to be completely examined.
- c) Ab-initio model (parameter free) is the only option then
- d) Community that I support is interested in very big (computationally) systems:
 1. bulks with dilute level of impurities (supercells) as a new materials, a building blocks, for the active region of novel PV or optoelectronics devices
 2. Band alignments (offsets) at the surface interfaces: new materials, transport properties
 3. Electronic structure of the QD (nano-clusters) from the first principles: new materials, PV, chemistry, biology
- e) The (1-3) are very challenging task and NEW algorithms are needed now!



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For any legal wave-function (anti-symmetric and normalised)

$$E[\Psi] = \int \Psi^* \hat{H} \Psi d\mathbf{r} = \langle \Psi^* | \hat{H} | \Psi \rangle$$

The total energy is functional of Ψ

$$E[\Psi] > E_0$$

Search all Ψ (3N-coordinates) to minimize E in order to find ground state E_0 !!!

Theorem 1: External potential and the number of electrons in the system are uniquely determined by the density $\rho(\mathbf{r})$, so that the total energy is a unique functional of density: $E=E[\rho(\mathbf{r})]$

Theorem 2: The density that minimises the total energy is the ground state density and the minimum energy is the ground state energy, $\min\{E[\rho(\mathbf{r})]\}=E_0$



$$\left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \sum_i \nabla_i^2 + \sum_{i,j} \frac{1}{|r_i - r_j|} + \sum_{i,\alpha} \frac{Z_\alpha}{|r_i - R_\alpha|} \right\} \Psi(r_1, \dots, r_N) = E \Psi(r_1, \dots, r_N)$$

For the ground state energy and density there is an *exact* mapping between many body system and *fictitious* non-interacting system

$$\left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \nabla^2 + \int \frac{\rho(r')}{|r - r'|} dr' + \sum_\alpha \frac{Z_\alpha}{|r - R_\alpha|} + V_{xc} \right\} \psi_i(r) = E_i \psi_i(r)$$

- § The *fictitious* system is subject to an unknown potential V_{xc} derived from exchange-correlation functional
- § In LDA the energy functional can be approximated as a local function of density:

$$V_{xc}[\rho(r)] = \frac{\delta E_{xc}[\rho]}{\delta \rho} \quad \text{and} \quad \rho(r) = \sum_i |\psi_i(r)|^2$$

The DFT Eq. describe non-interacting electrons under the influence of a mean field potential consisting of the classical Coulomb potential and local exchange-correlation potential



Specific structure of HF WF: $\Psi_{\text{HF}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N!}} \det[\psi_1 \psi_2 \dots \psi_N]$

$$E_{\text{HF}} = \int \psi_i^*(r) \left(-\frac{1}{2} \nabla^2 + \sum_{\alpha} \frac{Z_{\alpha}}{|r - R_{\alpha}|} \right) \psi_i(r) dr + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} \int \frac{\psi_i^*(r_1) \psi_i(r_1) \psi_j^*(r_2) \psi_j(r_2)}{|r_1 - r_2|} dr_1 dr_2}_{\text{Coulomb energy}} - \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} \int \frac{\psi_i^*(r_1) \psi_j(r_1) \psi_j^*(r_2) \psi_i(r_2)}{|r_1 - r_2|} dr_1 dr_2}_{\text{Exchange energy}}$$

Coulomb energy

Exchange energy

After application of the variation theorem and under: $\langle \psi_i | \psi_j \rangle = \delta_{ij}$

The ground state Hartree-Fock Equation:

$$\left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \nabla^2 + \int \frac{\rho(r')}{|r - r'|} dr' + \sum_{\alpha} \frac{Z_{\alpha}}{|r - R_{\alpha}|} \right\} \psi_i(r) + \underbrace{\int v_X(r, r') \psi_i(r') dr'}_{\text{Exchange potential}} = E_i \psi_i(r)$$

Exact non-local exchange potential: $= - \sum_j \frac{\psi_j(r) \psi_j^*(r')}{|r - r'|} \psi_i(r')$

*The Hartree-Fock Eq. describe non-interacting electrons under the influence of a mean field potential consisting of the classical Coulomb potential and **NON-LOCAL** exchange potential*



- § In DFT-LDA each individual electron contributes to the total density
- § An electron in an occupied orbital interacts with N electrons, when it should interact with $N-1$ — this is the *self interaction*
- § DFT-LDA: all occupied bands are pushed up in energy by this interaction — consequence of an on-site/diagonal Coulomb/Exchange repulsion. DFT-LDA band gap are TOO SMALL
- § Hartree-Fock theory: Coulomb and exchange interactions cancels exactly, i.e. $J_{ii} = K_{ii}$, no self interaction, + absent of correlations: HF band gaps TOO BIG
- § Hybrid functional — 20% HF and 80% DFT \Rightarrow
Energy gaps appear to be good!!!



Hybrid Functional: An exchange-correlation functional in DFT that incorporates portion of exact exchange from HF ($E_x^{HF} \equiv exact$) with exchange and correlation from other sources (LDA, GGA, etc.)

PBE0 = Perdew-Burke-Ernzerhof

$$E_{xc}^{PBE0} = E_{xc}^{GGA} + 0.25(E_x^{HF} - E_x^{GGA})$$

B3LYP = Becke exchange + (Lee-Yang-Parr + Vosko-Wilk-Nusair) correlation

$$E_{xc}^{B3LYP} = E_{xc}^{LDA} + a_1(E_x^{HF} - E_x^{GGA}) + a_2(E_x^{LDA} - E_x^{GGA}) + a_3(E_c^{LDA} - E_c^{GGA})$$

$$E_x^{B3LYP} = 0.8E_x^{LDA} + 0.2E_x^{HF} + 0.72(E_x^{B88(GGA)} - E_x^{LDA})$$

$$E_c^{B3LYP} = 0.19E_c^{VWN3(LDA)} + 0.81E_c^{LYP(GGA)}$$

$$E_x^{HF} \equiv exact \quad E_{xc}^{LDA} = \int d^3\mathbf{r} f[\rho(\mathbf{r})] \quad E_{xc}^{GGA} = \int d^3\mathbf{r} f[\rho(\mathbf{r}), \nabla\rho(\mathbf{r})]$$



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Anti-symmetric many body wave function

$$\Phi_N = \hat{A} \prod_{i=1}^N \psi_i(\mathbf{r}_i, \mathbf{k})$$

One-electron wave-function=LC of Bloch functions

$$\psi_i(\mathbf{r}_i, \mathbf{k}) = \sum_{\mu} a_{\mu,i}(\mathbf{k}) \chi_{\mu}(\mathbf{r}_i, \mathbf{k})$$

needs to be found

Bloch function=LC of Atomic Orbitals

$$\chi_{\mu}(\mathbf{r}_i, \mathbf{k}) = \sum_{\mathbf{R}} \varphi_{\mu}(\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_{\mu} - \mathbf{R}) e^{i\mathbf{k}\mathbf{R}}$$

Atomic Orbitals = LC of n_G Gaussian type functions (orbitals) (GTO)

$$\varphi_{\mu}(\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_{\mu} - \mathbf{R}) = \sum_{j=1}^{n_G} d_j \mathcal{G}(\alpha_j, \mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_{\mu} - \mathbf{R})$$

coefficients

exponents

$$\mathcal{G}(\alpha_j, \mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_{\mu}) = \exp[-\alpha_j (\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_{\mu})^2] (x_i - x_{\mu})^l (y_i - y_{\mu})^m (z_i - z_{\mu})^n$$

$$\mathcal{G}_{\mathbf{r}} = \mathcal{G}_x \cdot \mathcal{G}_y \cdot \mathcal{G}_z$$



Typically Gaussian Atomic Orbitals, $\varphi(r_i - r_\mu - R)$, are localized and
non-orthogonal !!!

Very “diffused” Gaussians (very small exponent α_j) can cause
“linear dependency problem” and trouble SCF cycles !!!

Two ways to cure this problem:

1. To limit basis set to less diffused Gaussians: typically up to $\sim 0.1 \text{ Bohr}^{-1}$
2. To **project out** several smallest eigenvalues of the overlap matrix $S(k)$ that enters Fock equation: $F(k)A(k) = S(k)E(k)A(k)$. In this way possible singularities in Fock matrix $F(k)$ are avoided during SCF cycles



Solution of secular equation in \mathbf{k} - space gives: $a_{\mu,i}(\mathbf{k})$

$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{k})\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{k}) = \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{k})\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{k})\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{k})$$

While we have basis functions (Gaussians) in \mathbf{r} - space

$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{k}) = \sum_{\mathbf{g}} \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{g}) e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{g}}$$

Fock matrix sum of one- and two- electron contributions

$$F_{i,j}(\mathbf{g}) = H_{i,j}(\mathbf{g}) + B_{i,j}(\mathbf{g})$$

One electron contributions: kinetic & nuclear

$$H_{i,j}(\mathbf{g}) = T_{i,j}(\mathbf{g}) + Z_{i,j}(\mathbf{g}) = \langle i | \hat{T} | j \rangle + \langle i | \hat{Z} | j \rangle$$

Two electron contribution: Coulomb and exchange

$$B_{i,j}(\mathbf{g}) = C_{i,j}(\mathbf{g}) + X_{i,j}(\mathbf{g}) = \sum_{k,l} P_{k,l} [\langle i, j | k, l \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \langle i, k | j, l \rangle]$$

NON-LOCAL term



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Test 1: Bulk material (periodic solid) with dilute amount of impurities (1.62%): $\text{Ga}_{432}\text{Sb}_{426}\text{N}_6$

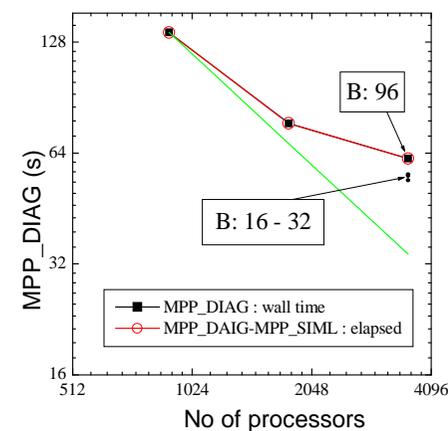
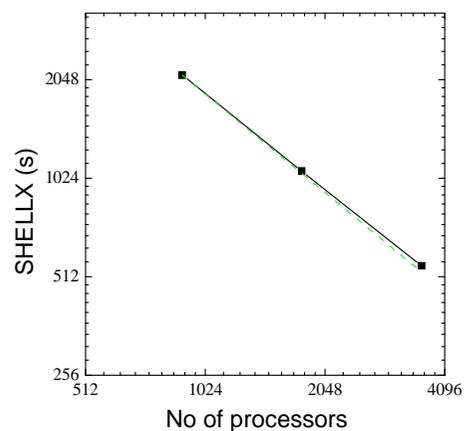
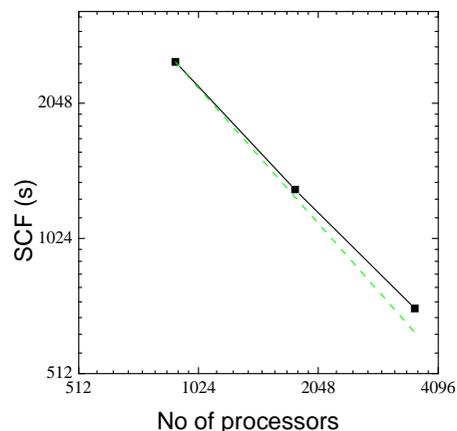
No of atoms: 864

Basis sets: m-pVDZ-PP relativistic eff. core for Ga, Sb; and m-6-311G for N

No of AO: 19837

Symmetry : 1

K-points: 1 X R + 1 x C



Problem identified: system run only when: #PBS -l mppnppn=1

Bad memory management => unnecessary expensive to run



Test 1:

New command is implemented in CRYSTAL:

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MPP_BLOCK

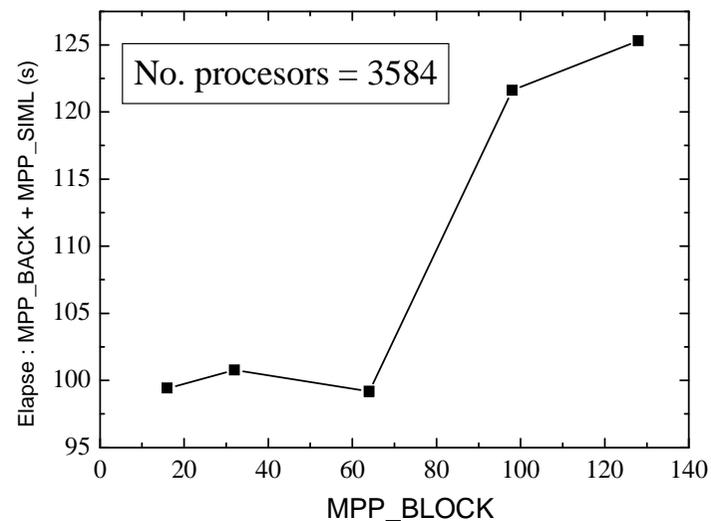
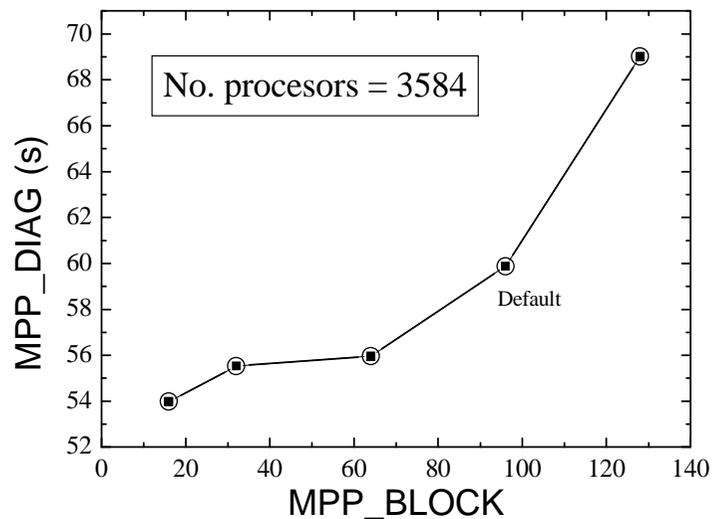
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if omitted in INPUT file

“block” is calculated in

CRYSTAL code





Test 2: Slab CdSe/ZnS

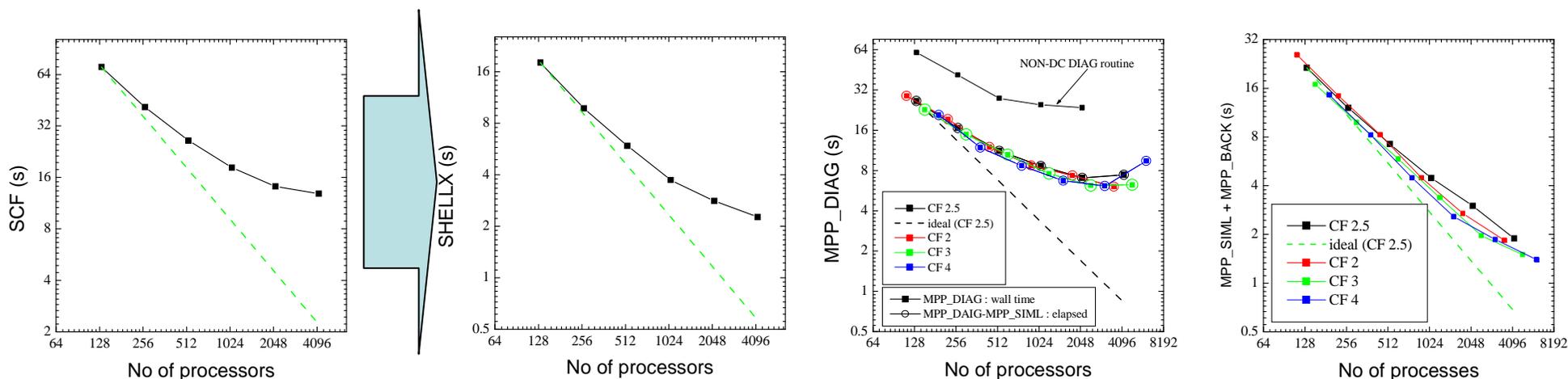
No of atoms: 128

Basis sets: All electron basis sett for all: Cd, Se, Zn, and S

No of AO: 4024

Symmetry : 2

K-points: 4 X R + 5 x C



CMPLXFAC was changed in order to find optimal load balance
between complex and real k-points diagonalization



Test 3: Cluster (QD) $\text{Cd}_{159}\text{Se}_{166}$

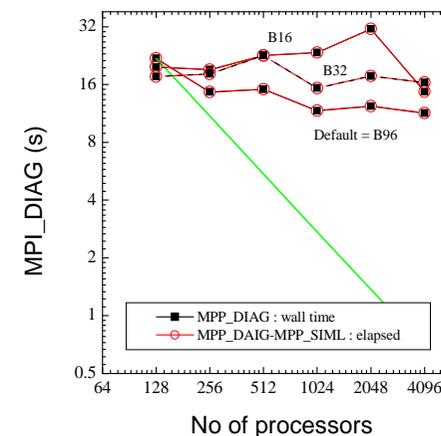
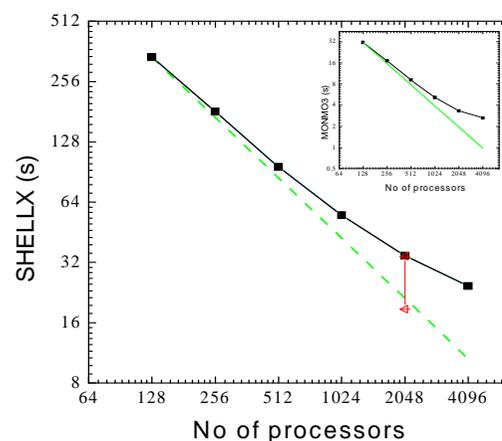
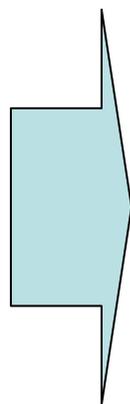
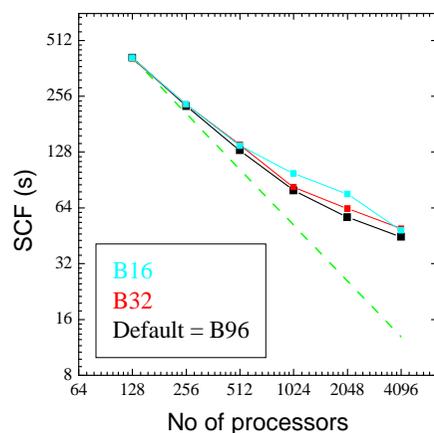
No of atoms: 325

Basis sets: m-pVDZ-PP relativistic eff. core for Cd and Se

No of AO: 8747

Symmetry : 6

K-points: 1 X R





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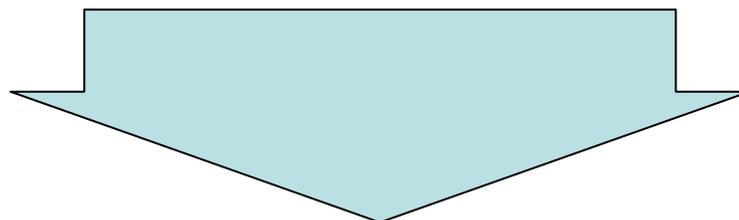
No of atoms: 864

No of AO: 19837

Symmetry : 1

Problem identified: system run **ONLY** when: #PBS -l mppnppn=1

Bad memory management => unnecessary expensive to run !!!



Solution: Replicated data structure of the Fock and density matrices is replaced with direct space **IRREDUCIBLE** representation of the Fock and density matrices for all class of SCF calculations



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st53@nid00015:~/work/Bulk_GaSbN/896_sym> grep CYC mppnppn_1/out.dat
INFORMATION **** MAXCYCLE **** MAX NUMBER OF SCF CYCLES SET TO      2
MAX NUMBER OF SCF CYCLES      2 CONVERGENCE ON DELTAP      10**-16
CYC  0 ETOT(AU) -2.147182650300E+05 DETOT -2.15E+05 tst 0.00E+00 PX 0.00E+00
CYC  1 ETOT(AU) -2.145996462515E+05 DETOT 1.19E+02 tst 0.00E+00 PX 0.00E+00
CYC  2 ETOT(AU) -2.146025490714E+05 DETOT -2.90E+00 tst 1.60E-04 PX 0.00E+00
== SCF ENDED - TOO MANY CYCLES      E(AU) -2.1460254907141E+05 CYCLES  2
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#PBS -l mppwidth=896

#PBS -l mppnppn=1

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st53@nid00015:~/work/Bulk_GaSbN/896_sym> grep CYC mppnppn_2/out.dat
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MAX NUMBER OF SCF CYCLES      2 CONVERGENCE ON DELTAP      10**-16
CYC  0 ETOT(AU) -2.147182650300E+05 DETOT -2.15E+05 tst 0.00E+00 PX 0.00E+00
CYC  1 ETOT(AU) -2.145996462515E+05 DETOT 1.19E+02 tst 0.00E+00 PX 0.00E+00
CYC  2 ETOT(AU) -2.146025490302E+05 DETOT -2.90E+00 tst 1.60E-04 PX 0.00E+00
== SCF ENDED - TOO MANY CYCLES      E(AU) -2.1460254903022E+05 CYCLES  2
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#PBS -l mppwidth=896

#PBS -l mppnppn=2

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st53@nid00015:~/work/Bulk_GaSbN/896_sym> grep CYC mppnppn_4/out.dat
INFORMATION **** MAXCYCLE **** MAX NUMBER OF SCF CYCLES SET TO      2
MAX NUMBER OF SCF CYCLES      2 CONVERGENCE ON DELTAP      10**-16
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CYC  1 ETOT(AU) -2.145996462515E+05 DETOT 1.19E+02 tst 0.00E+00 PX 0.00E+00
CYC  2 ETOT(AU) -2.146025573510E+05 DETOT -2.91E+00 tst 1.60E-04 PX 0.00E+00
== SCF ENDED - TOO MANY CYCLES      E(AU) -2.1460255735103E+05 CYCLES  2
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#PBS -l mppwidth=896

#PBS -l mppnppn=4



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MAX NUMBER OF SCF CYCLES 200 CONVERGENCE ON DELTAP 10**-17
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CYC 1 ETOT(AU) -4.570469348171E+03 DETOT -2.96E+00 tst 0.00E+00 PX 1.00E+00
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== SCF ENDED - CONVERGENCE ON ENERGY E(AU) -4.5705661190498E+03 CYCLES 9
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Old code: replicated
data in memory

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MPP

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[st53@hapu33 test_Si]$ grep CYC sym/out.dat
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MAX NUMBER OF SCF CYCLES 200 CONVERGENCE ON DELTAP 10**-17
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CYC 1 ETOT(AU) -4.570469348171E+03 DETOT -2.96E+00 tst 0.00E+00 PX 0.00E+00
...
== SCF ENDED - CONVERGENCE ON ENERGY E(AU) -4.5705661190498E+03 CYCLES 9
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New code: irreducible
representation

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MPP
LOWMEM

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MAX NUMBER OF SCF CYCLES 200 CONVERGENCE ON DELTAP 10**-17
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CYC 1 ETOT(AU) -4.570469348171E+03 DETOT -2.96E+00 tst 0.00E+00 PX 0.00E+00
...
== SCF ENDED - CONVERGENCE ON ENERGY E(AU) -4.5705661190498E+03 CYCLES 9
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HECToR phase 1

1 core/node = 6 GB/core

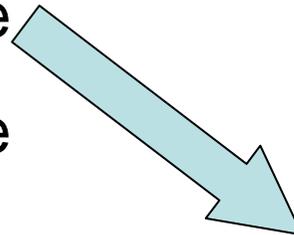
2 core/node = 3 GB/core

HECToR phase 2

1 core/node = 8 GB/core

2 core/node = 4 GB/core

4 core/node = 2 GB/core



Memory economisation achieved: from more than 3 GB/core required to less than 2 GB/core, i.e., the whole node can be used efficiently.



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- 1) Memory bottleneck in the CRYSTAL code caused by replicated data structure of the Fock and density matrix is removed by replacing those data structures with its irreducible representations [saving: $\text{problem size}/(2 \times \text{symmetry of the system})$].
- 2) For big-ish systems the optimal load balance between complex and real k-points is achieved with $\text{CMPLXFAC}=3$, that provide for best scalability of the CRYSTAL code up to 4864 cores on HECToR.
- 3) Implementation of the new command MPP_BLOCK provides for better control of the block size of distributed data. Reducing block size from default value of 96 to 64 or 32 it can be achieved more than 10% speed-up in diagonalisation part and about 20% speed-up in back and similarity transform for the system size $\text{rank}=19837$ run on 3584 cores.
- 4) For systems when integral calculations time prevails (MONMO3 , SHELLX) over diagonalisation time (MPP_DIAG) better synchronisation of integral calculations is needed: possible global or shared counter implementations investigation.
- 5) For systems where diagonalisation (MPP_DIAG) dominates over integral calculations (MONMO3 , SHELLX) careful examination of blocking is needed