

Lessons-learned developing performance portable QMCPACK

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Outline

- Brief introduction to Quantum Monte Carlo & QMCPACK
- Performance portability goals
- Challenges of using GPUs
- Development approach
- Summary

Aim: illustrate for other developers & code owners what has been productive for us and our ongoing pain points.



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EXASCALE COMPUTING PROJECT

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Quantum Monte Carlo

- The most accurate, general approach for solving Schrodinger's equation for "real" materials. [Foulkes RMP 2001]
- The few approximations in QMC can be tested, unlike standard methods. Nominally N³. Tradeoff: large computational cost.
- Not exact, but very accurate today, can treat "strong" electron correlation, applicable to metals, insulators & molecules.
- For details and tutorials, see QMCPACK YouTube channel & <u>https://github.com/QMCPACK/qmc_workshop_2021</u>





$$|\psi(\delta\tau)\rangle = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} c_i e^{-\epsilon_i \delta\tau} |\phi_i\rangle$$





Performance Portability Goals

- 1. Run performantly on the full range of hardware, from laptops through to the #1 HPC machine and all 3 main vendor GPUs.
- 2. Use a single code path on all architectures, to the extent possible. Minimize maintenance burden, increase quality.
- 3. Retain ability to use specialized hardware & software, where merited.



QMCPACK

QMCPACK.org & GitHub.com/QMCPACK

- Open source, openly developed on GitHub, ~quarterly releases. Contributors credited on citation papers.
- C++17, HDF5, OpenMP+optional CUDA/HIP/SYCL+vendor dense linear algebra libraries. Highly vectorized, mixed precision supported.
- O(2x10⁵) source lines.
- Science production using OpenMP target offload on NV GPUs with release versions of LLVM.
- New design has flexible dispatch, solves data movement and CPU fallback problem. Will always run unlike "legacy" GPU version.
- Code has undergone several major transitions: AoS to SoA CPU code for KNL, removal of "legacy" GPU version, ongoing removal of old CPU code paths.

IOP Publishing J. Phys.: Condens. Matter 30 (2018) 195901 (29pp https://doi.org/10.1088/1361-648X/a QMCPACK: an open source ab initio quantum Monte Carlo package for the electronic structure of atoms, molecules and solids Jeongnim Kim¹⁽ⁱ⁾, Andrew T Baczewski², Todd D Beaudet³, Anouar Benali^{4,} M Chandler Bennett⁶, Mark A Berrill⁷, Nick S Blunt⁸, Edgar Josué Landinez Borda⁹, Michele Casula¹⁰, David M Ceperley¹¹, Simone Chiesa¹ Brvan K Clark¹¹, Raymond C Clay III², Kris T Delanev¹², Mark Dewing⁵, Kenneth P Esler¹³, Hongxia Hao¹⁴, Olle Heinonen^{15,16}, Paul R C Kent¹⁷ Jaron T Krogel¹⁹, Ilkka Kylänpää¹⁹, Ying Wai Li²⁰, M Graham Lopez⁷, Ye Luo^{4,5}0, Fionn D Malone⁹0, Richard M Martin¹¹, Amrita Mathuriya¹ Jeremy McMinis⁹, Cody A Melton⁶, Lubos Mitas⁶, Miguel A Morales⁹, Eric Neuscamman^{21,22}, William D Parker²³, Sergio D Pineda Flores²¹ Nichols A Romero^{4,5}, Brenda M Rubenstein¹⁴, Jacqueline A R Shea² Hyeondeok Shin⁵, Luke Shulenburger², Andreas F Tillack²⁰ Joshua P Townsend², Norm M Tubman²¹, Brett Van Der Goetz² Jordan E Vincent¹¹, D ChangMo Yang²⁴©, Yubo Yang¹¹, Shuai Zhang and Luning Zhao Sign in Sign up OMCPACK / amenack Publi 🔾 Code 📀 Issues 371 📫 Pull requests 16 🖓 Discussions 🕞 Actions 🗄 Projects 🖽 Wiki P develop - P 5 branches O 21 tags Aain repository for QMCPACK, an ope Image: proceent Merge pull request #4589 from ye-luo/relax-tol bc391ce 2 minutes ago 325,376 commit source production level many-body at nitio Quantum Monte Carlo code for computing the electronic structure of ules, and solids with ful CMake Introduce -fdisable-host-devmem option for AOMF build Add empty build directory config upgrade clang to clang 16 last wee docs update github_actions.rst doxyger Remove macro HAVE_LIBHDF5 9 months ago example 2 months ag Cleanup remaining QMC_CUDA external code Merge commit '82298509916e23accd2d25639519fdbbb63fda17' as 3 months ac labs nexu: schema 5 years ag 126 forks 1 hour ago tests update run script to account for updated c last wee utils Update python v3.16.0 release Cmake-forma cmake change subdirs to add subdirector 2 years ago C .aitianor Use std::filesystem::pat 7 months ago CHANGELOG.m Remove legacy CUDA related text in docs 2 months ag CMakeLists.tx Detect amdgpu using gfx instead amdgcr 2 months ago LICENSE cleanit 2 years ago README.md Update docs 2 months ago 🗋 build.sh In case anyone actually runs the build script without reading furthe Contributors 63 Codecov.yam notify_after_2_builds 🗒 🔱 😭 i 🜔 🌔 😤 🔂 🔞 🌚 = README.m



Recent QMC studies using QMCPACK

Crl₃ monolayers Staros JCP **156** 014707 (2022), H phase diagram Niu PRL **130** 076102 (2023), >10³ molecules Huang JCTC **19** 1712 (2023). We aim to support and accelerate all of these calculations.

O(10³) electrons

O(10²) electrons

The Journal of Chemical Physics ARTICLE scitation.org/journal/jcp A combined first principles study of the structural, magnetic, and phonon properties of monolayer Crl₃ Cite as: J. Chem. Phys. 156, 014707 (2022); doi: 10.1063/5.0074844 Ċ. Submitted: 11 October 2021 • Accepted: 7 December 2021 • Published Online: 7 January 2022 Daniel Staros, 💿 Guoxiang Hu, 😳 Juha Tiihonen, 💿 Ravindra Nanguneri, I Jaron Krogel, 🇐 M. Chandler Bennett,⁺ Olle Heinonen,^{5,6} 💿 Panchapakesan Ganesh,^{3,4} 回 and Brenda Rubenstein^{1,4} 回 AFFILIATIONS Departmen ²Department 11367. USA Cro lo ³Center for Na 51, USA Material Sci ⁵Materials Sci 08, USA Note: This pape Authors to w ABSTRACT The first magn e ferromagnetisn However, because I3's structural, elec tronic, and magne Monte Carlo (DMC simulations to p CrI3. We exploit a recently develope racy, vielding lattic parameters in go variability in previous DFT-derived ML CrI3's magnetic revealed by more spin moments : iodine, both larger accurate DMC. I s I-p orbital suggest in its 2D limit. We than previous DF a ligand superexc also find that ML any of ML CrI3's key properties, w etic and other 2D materials Published under FIG. 1. Geometry of monolaver Crl3 cleaved from the bulk structure reported in I. INTRODUCTIO d just by stacking.8 Ref. 45. (a) Top view depicting a lattice constant of $a_0 = 6.867$ Å and the bond them. This versatilit angles θ_1 and θ_2 computed in this work. (b) Side view depicting the Cr₁-I bond 2D material esigner materials with als research.1 Due distance of 2.726 Å (purple) and the Cr1-Cr2 bond distance of 3.965 Å (blue). and ordering of their als tend to exhibit than their 3D counterparts that give rise to exotic new physi An exciting recent development in this regard is the discover of new magnetic 2D materials.20 While the Mermin-Wagnet and phase behavior, including Moiré patterns,23 two-dimensional superconductivity.4 and exotic spin and charge density waves 5 theorem^{21,22} prohibits finite-temperature magnetism for the J. Chem. Phys. 156. 014707 (2022): doi: 10.1063/5.007484 156. 014707-Published under an exclusive license by AIP Publishing <u>ÎN NIDGI</u>

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O(10¹⁻²) electrons

	Article	
Toward DMC Accuracy Across Chemical Space with Scalable $\Delta\text{-QML}$		
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ABSTRACT: In the past decade, quantum diffusion Monte C. admonstrated to successfully predict the energetics and properti- molecules and solids by numerically solving the electronic m- equation. With O(N) scaling with the number of electrons N, DM be a reference method for larger systems that are not accessful show that when CCSD(T). Assessing the accuracy of DMC becomes the stepping stone in making the method a reference (qQMC) shows clear potential to undergird the formation of hig- across chemical space. We discuss three crucial approximations n- this: the fred-node approximation, nurversal and accurate reference dissociation energies, and scalable minimal anons-set-based QJ Numerical evidence presented includes converged DMC resulto organic molecules with up to five heavy atoms used as amonta validate the AQML predictions. Numerical evidence collected f training data sets of amons suffice to predict total energies with	iss of a wide range of mys-body Schrödinger (Chas the potential to les to more traditional to for singer systems of Mult. (AQML) models. Is for ver 1000 small and 50 medium-sized organic molecules with nine heavy atoms to or A-AQML models suggests that already modelsty sized QMC	
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The predictive accuracy of quantum machine learning (QML) models trained on quantum chemistry data and used for the anzigation of chemical compound space (CCS) is inherently limited by the predictive accuracy of the approximations used within the underlying quantum theory. Consequently, in order for QML models to achieve the coveted threshold of chemical accuracy (~1 kc4/mol average deviation of calculated values from experimental measurements of atomization energies), it is necessary to rely on training data generated at least the post- Hartree-Pock level, e.g., CCSD(T)/CBS, Unfortunately, the "gold standard" in the field, CCSD(T)/CBS, Unfortunately, the routine generation of large high-quality quantum data sets has remained leaview, even for relatively small organic molecules with only four	boundary condition, etc. Among the most widely used flavors fo electronic structure are variational Monte Carlo (VMC) ⁵⁴ and diffusion Monte Carlo (DMC) ⁵ . Both VMC and DMC arr variational methods and allow the energy and properties of given trial wavefunction to be estimated without requiring computation of the matrix elements, posing no restriction on it functional form. Using the VMC algorithm, through a stochasti numerical integration scheme, the expectation value of the energy for any form of the trial wavefunction can be estimated by averaging the local energy over an ensemble of configuration distributed as ψ^2 , sampled during a random walk in the configuration space using the Metropolis" or Langevin algorithm. The fluctuations of the local energy depend on the quality of the trial wavefunction, and they are zero if the exac wavefunction is used (zero-variance principle). The DMC	

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foundation for the study of larger databases. Our numerical evidence indicates the possibility to routinely train QML models that achieve predictive power similar to QMC but at much reduced computational cost. QMC approaches solve the many-body electronic Schrö-

usefulness of recently implemented and numerically more

efficient quantum Monte Carlo (QMC) methods for computing

QML training data. The subset is then used to assess the quality

of the approximations used in the method, setting the

dinger equation stochastically. QMC is general and applicable to



based method. Any initial state $|\psi\rangle$ that is not orthogonal to the

ground state $|\phi_0\rangle$ will evolve to the ground state in the long-time

Challenge of exploiting GPUs

- Exascale-generation GPUs from NVIDIA, AMD, and Intel have >10⁴ compute elements. Need >10⁶ similar operations in flight for optimum performance.
- If we only have 10^{2-4} electrons, there naively will not be enough work.
- Generally, no single hot kernel. Kernels are both compute & memory bound.
- Few proven designs. QMC less mature than, e.g., quantum chemistry and classical molecular dynamics where multiple performant implementations are available.



NVIDIA A100 GPUs & AMD Milan CPUs



AMD GPUs and AMD CPUs



Intel Xe GPUs and Xeon CPUs

Parallel Scalability

Despite needing communications every timestep, scalability is high due to high computational cost/step, careful MPI implementation.

See Kim et al. JPCM (2018) 10.1088/1361-648X/aab9c3





Key operations

Real space QMC uses both particle-based and dense linear algebra operations. Particle counts + matrix sizes can be small (10²-10⁴), requiring different choices to standard classical molecular dynamics or quantum chemistry techniques.

Particle operations movement, interparticle distances, functions of position, minimum image when periodic

Dense vector, matrix operations

Spline and Gaussian basis set evaluation, determinant update, wavefunction optimization, BLAS1-3





Example Qs: Is it worth maintaining neighbor lists? Benefits, tradeoffs from sparsity?



Miniqmc miniapp for design & performance experiments

- https://github.com/QMCPACK/miniqmc
- Order of magnitude smaller than QMCPACK
- Resulted in new design of QMCPACK with revised internal APIs and flexible runtime dispatch.
- Picked OpenMP target offload as default implementation route, supplemented if needed by vendor specific optimized code.
- Miniapp requires ongoing effort to maintain and update to keep synced with main application. => Unfortunately, miniqmc is currently out of date...



Profile validated vs main app ("proxy not imposter")



Easier profiling of miniapp aids in testing multithreaded offload strategy



Algorithmic Challenge – How to map QMC to GPUs?



- Works well on CPUs. Usually, 1 CPU thread per Monte Carlo walker.
- For GPUs, simply offloading the compute for each walker is not efficient since there is not enough numerical work.



Previous GPU approach: Batching many independent walker moves

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Batched Metropolis QMC Algorithm, M walkers/node do time step i [1K-100K]
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do electron k [ N=10<sup>2</sup>-10<sup>4</sup> ]
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propose M new positions \{\underline{\mathbf{r}}_{k}'\}_{M} [O(~M-MN<sup>2</sup>) cost ]
evaluate \{\Psi(\underline{\mathbf{r}}_{k}')\}_{M} [O(~MN-MN<sup>2</sup>) cost ]
accept/reject using ~ |\Psi'|^{2}/|\Psi|^{2}
if (accept) update \{\Psi\}_{M} [O(MN<sup>2</sup>) cost ]
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end k

evaluate Hamiltonian, Observables for all M walkers

spawn/kill walkers, load balance

end i

- Batch (group) all operations over M walkers (Markov chains), now operations are O(MxN) or O(MxN²). Choose M large enough to saturate GPU, typically 10-1000.
- CUDA version runs very efficiently, Esler et al. CISE 14 40 (2012)

New approach: multithreaded offload Batching smaller "crowds" of walkers



Use multiple smaller batches ("crowds") launched from different host threads, not a single large batch.

- Trades some kernel efficiency for more asynchronous work and potentially greater throughput. Highly dependent on problem, hw+sw stack.
- Can recover original GPU algorithm with 1 crowd/thread.
- Highly beneficial if there is any significant CPU work remaining

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Results: 128 atoms NiO / 1536 electrons



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Revisiting key algorithms

- We have replaced older algorithms with more compute bound/less memory bound algorithms.
- New delayed update algorithm counterintuitively increases the operation count for higher performance.
- Matrix multiply rich but extra work per step. Uses Sherman-Morrison-Woodbury formula to obtain wavefunction ratios during a delay period *n*, then update inverse. Avoid recalculating intermediates. Improves on our earlier algorithm (McDaniel 2017).
- ~2x faster on GPUs, ~10x faster on CPUs.

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Development approach



General approach

- Focus on making the best use of our time
- Pragmatically adopt "best practices". Refine based on actual data from code review, CI, tools experience.
- Keep barrier for new developers, open-source contributions low.
- Limit required dependencies. Define a support policy for compilers, libraries etc.

E.g. Transitioned documentation to use sphinx & readthedocs. Minimal barrier to doc edits, plus full CI on changes.



Ecosystem challenges: version control of dependencies



Minimal QMCPACK dependencies excluding compilers, many optional python dependencies (spack graph output)

- Even "low dependency" apps have many dependencies. These are all undergoing development... changing GPU support, python module changes, HDF5 API updates etc. can all lead to breakage.
- For nightly testing, "version control" achived via spack package manager (<u>https://spack.io/</u>) to cover a sparse matrix of older/newer software. However, users use ~any combination of versions...



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Testing and Continuous Integration

- Large set of unit, deterministic, & stochastic integration tests built up. Test subset run in CI, plus more extensive sets nightly and weekly for many different compiler, CPU, GPU, library combinations.
- Helps us make large changes to the code, onboard new developers, engage with vendors, contributors.
- Pull requests undergo review, testing, coverage reporting, sanitizer tests. Procedures for reviews developed, e.g., merger can not be at same institution as PR.
- CI uses GitHub actions, plus our own hardware, needed to test GPUs not available in cloud. Aim for O(1h) turnaround. Window for input to vendors for fixes in their next release is small.
- OpenMP target offload "GPU" code partly tested via offload to host CPUs with LLVM. Huge time, \$ savings.



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Many edge case bugs found & resolved

For QMCPACK problems, testing regimen minimizes chance of recurrence. Statistics let us (re)focus testing effort on most critical areas. For external problems, comprehensive testing **allows us to give prompt feedback to the relevant developers**.

<u>Examples</u>

- QMCPACK:
 - State machines associated with efficient Monte Carlo.
 - Handling of optional features via legacy #ifdefs requiring separate builds.
- Wider software stack:
 - Compilers, particularly OpenMP offload. Problems with complex reductions, multithreading... Latest releases of LLVM in production on NV.
 - Libraries. E.g. Numerically incorrect results from GPU dense linear algebra libraries, threading problem in CPU OpenBLAS (fixed promptly).
 - Many transient packaging and compatibility issues associated with specific versions of libraries, compilers, tools. Important to have latest versions promptly in spack, in addition to older versions.



Status

As of LLVM 15.0 (released 9/2022), performance portable version sufficiently close in performance to limited feature legacy GPU implementation for science production, but with full capabilities available.





Ongoing challenges, open questions

- Further maturation of the ecosystem is necessary. Having Frontier, Aurora, Polaris (etc.) in production will help.
- Helpful to have "stable" and "leading edge" machines available for CI. It is not practical for every app team to run their own CI. Lack of access slows development velocity.
- Automated testing at facilities would help catch issues with vendor provided software, MPI, their unique environment etc.
- Can we obtain ~full performance with only OpenMP using newer/revised versions of the standard, or will some CUDA/HIP/SYCL still be required? What is needed in future C++ standards?



Conclusions

- Performance portable QMC is a challenge!
- Performance portable QMCPACK is in science production.
- Next challenges: taming memory usage, science features.
- Modern development practices, particularly testing, has improved code quality, enabled large changes, and increased our efficiency overall. These practices require dedicated resourcing and staff.

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