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I. INTRODUCTION

Research Institute for Advanced Computer Science

JOSEPH OLIGER
Director

The Research Institute for Advanced Computer Science (RIACS) was established by the Universities Space Research Association (USRA) at the NASA Ames Research Center (ARC) on June 6, 1983. RIACS is privately operated by USRA, a consortium of universities with research programs in the aerospace sciences, under a cooperative agreement with NASA.

The primary mission of RIACS is to provide research and expertise in computer science and scientific computing to support the scientific missions of NASA ARC. The research carried out at RIACS must change its emphasis from year to year in response to NASA ARC's changing needs and technological opportunities. A flexible scientific staff is provided through a university faculty visitor program, a post doctoral program, and a student visitor program. Not only does this provide appropriate expertise but it also introduces scientists outside of NASA to NASA problems. A small group of core RIACS staff provides continuity and interacts with an ARC technical monitor and scientific advisory group to determine the RIACS mission. RIACS activities are reviewed and monitored by a USRA advisory council and ARC technical monitor.

Research at RIACS is currently being done in the following areas:

- Parallel Computing
- Advanced Methods for Scientific Computing
- Learning Systems
- High Performance Networks and Technology
- Graphics, Visualization and Virtual Environments

In the past year, parallel compiler techniques and adaptive numerical methods for flows in complicated geometries were identified as important problems to investigate for ARC's involvement in the Computational Grand Challenges of the next decade. One of RIACS staff scientists, Dr. Robert Schreiber, has devoted most of his time to parallel compilers, and a senior visitor, Professor Marsha Berger, who works on adaptive grid methods, was invited to visit RIACS from September 1, 1991 through August 31, 1992.

During the past six months Professor Petter Bjorstad, of the University of Bergen, has begun a visit to RIACS (7/1/92 - present). He will work on domain decomposition techniques for PDEs for use on parallel computers. Dr. Pelle Olsson, from the University of Uppsala, joined RIACS as a post doctoral scientist in November 1993. He is working on the derivation of boundary conditions for the Navier-Stokes equations which are stable for nonsmooth boundaries and their efficient implementation on parallel computers.

We concluded a summer student visitors program during this six months. We had six visiting graduate students that worked on projects over the summer and presented seminars on their work at the conclusion of their visits.

RIACS technical reports are usually preprints of manuscripts that have been submitted to research journals or conference proceedings. A list of these reports for the period July 1, 1992 through December 31, 1992 is in the Reports and Abstracts section of this report.

II. RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

A. PARALLEL COMPUTING

HIGH PERFORMANCE FORTRAN FORUM
Robert S. Schreiber

Schreiber is an active participant in the High Performance Fortran Forum (HPFF), an academic, government, industry group that is designing a portable language based on Fortran 90 for programming distributed memory parallel machines. The Forum has approximately 40 participants. The group has met every six weeks throughout 1992 in order to complete its work and present a draft of the language at the Supercomputing '92 Conference. Schreiber has been working on the issues of language compatibility with Fortran 77, on the semantics of the data distribution directives, and on the library of new intrinsic functions. He has been chairman of the Intrinsics Committee.

HPFF is completing its work on schedule. A draft version was presented at Supercomputing '92 and is now available for public comment via *ftp*. A final meeting in March 1993 will be used to finish the final draft.

A number of hardware and software vendors have announced their intention to develop and market HPF compilers. It appears that HPF will be accepted by the parallel computer industry and become a *de facto* standard. If this happens, the Forum's work will have been a success.

RESEARCH IN HIGHLY PARALLEL MATRIX COMPUTATION
Robert S. Schreiber

Robert S. Schreiber, with Sid Chatterjee and Edward Rothberg, is continuing to investigate scalable methods for sparse Cholesky factorization on distributed memory machines. These methods must use block distribution (rather than row or column distribution) of the sparse matrices. Load balance, communication load, and scheduling are all important issues in achieving high performance on highly parallel machines.

With Elizabeth Jessup, they are also looking into scalable methods for the dense, symmetric eigenvalue problem. To date, there has been no satisfactory method implemented for the reduction of such a matrix to tridiagonal form with orthogonal similarity transformations. Such a method could be the basis for a standard highly parallel eigenvalue solver, since parallel methods for the tridiagonal eigenvalue problem are now available.

With Petter Bjorstad, a software message routing system for grid and toroidal machines has been developed in order to assess their usability for solving PDEs with unstructured meshes. This work will continue during the coming six-month period.

Also, in progress: *Efficient, Massively Parallel Eigenvalue Computation*, with Yan Huo (Electrical Engineering Department, Princeton University).

MASSIVELY PARALLEL COMPUTERS AND COMPUTATIONAL ELECTROMAGNETICS

Niel K. Madsen

Madsen has completed the parallelization of the preprocessor, PREDSI3D, for the time domain electromagnetic modeling code DSI3D. Initial performance tests have indicated that some parts of the preprocessor perform well on the Intel iPSC/860 computer, while other parts perform less well. A number of the subroutines in PREDSI3D are required to perform disk read and write operations and we have found that disk i/o can be a real bottleneck on this particular computer. As there are only ten i/o nodes, when more than ten nodes need to perform i/o linear speedup with the number of processors does not occur. Methods are currently being investigated to minimize the i/o problems.

The basic data allocation scheme used to distribute the work among the processors has been changed. Previously, the actual problem field component variables were distributed. This led to the need to solve very large partitioning problems. Now the problem grid cells are distributed among the processors. As there are as many as six field component variables associated with each cell, this strategy reduces the magnitude of the partitioning problem by a corresponding factor of six. This change of partitioning strategy required relatively minor changes to the preprocessor.

As replacements for the existing parallel machines are imminent, the DSI3D codes will be ported to these new machines - which will in principle provide a significantly greater 3D modeling capability. As in the past, it is expected to challenge these new machines with unstructured grid electromagnetic problems which are larger than have been solved heretofore.

B. ADVANCED METHODS FOR SCIENTIFIC COMPUTING

ITERATIVE METHODS FOR NON-HERMITIAN LINEAR SYSTEMS

Noël M. Nachtigal

Nachtigal, together with Roland Freund at AT&T Bell Labs, continued work in the area of iterative methods for non-Hermitian linear systems. In particular, they were interested in developing an alternate implementation of the quasi-minimal residual (QMR) method, based on a coupled two-term recurrence version of the underlying nonsymmetric Lanczos algorithm, rather than the classical three-term Lanczos recurrence. The motivation behind this work is that, in finite precision arithmetic, algorithms based on coupled two-term recurrences seem to have better numerical properties than the mathematically equivalent algorithms based on three-term recurrences.

They succeeded in developing a coupled version of the Lanczos process, complete with a look-ahead strategy that is necessary to avoid breakdowns. They have then applied the quasi-minimal residual approach, obtaining a new implementation of the QMR algorithm. Preliminary numerical experiments indicate that the new version does indeed have numerical properties that are superior to those of the original QMR algorithm.

Work is in progress on writing a software package that implements the new version of the QMR algorithm for the solution of non-Hermitian linear systems. When finished, it is planned to make this software available to the scientific community, as has been done in the past with the original QMR implementation. As an aside, Thinking Machines Corporation has ported the codes made available with the original QMR algorithm to the Connection Machine and has incorporated this version in their CM Scientific Software Library.

and refinement algorithm is the key to the success of this procedure. The data structure for this algorithm is implemented in *C* and consists of a series of linked lists. These linked lists allow the mesh connectivity to be rapidly reconstructed when individual mesh points are added and/or deleted. It also allows for anisotropic refinement of the mesh.

Aerodynamics calculations performed on structured-grids have difficulties resolving localized flowfield features such as shocks, vortices, and acoustic waves. Unstructured-grid models can make use of localized mesh refinement to resolve these flow features. However, this mesh refinement is only effective if it can be performed efficiently in three dimensions. This new procedure for dynamic mesh adaption directly addresses this problem by using an innovative data structure that is well suited for large-scale computations. When coupled with a 3-D unstructured-grid Euler solver, the mesh adaption scheme will provide accurate solutions for complex aerodynamic flowfields.

The dynamic mesh adaption scheme is currently being tested for large problems on a Cray Y-MP computer. Particular attention is focused on CPU time and memory requirements. Future work will test the performance of the mesh adaption scheme and 3-D Euler solver on a massively parallel computer system.

RESEARCH IN DOMAIN DECOMPOSITION

Petter Bjorstad
Barry Smith (UCLA)

This work consists of two main lines of development. Petter Bjorstad and Barry Smith (UCLA), are writing up a more complete description and discussion of various algorithms that have been published over the years (this work takes the form of a book manuscript). A significant part of this work is to recast algorithms into a consistent form and describe them such that their implementation on parallel computers becomes feasible for non-experts in the field. This is important in order to get this powerful class of algorithms used in real application work. Along with this work is also actual software engineering and parallel implementations, in particular targeted towards problems from CFD calculations (this research is also joint with Eric Grosse and Bill Coughran of Bell Labs).

State of the art iterative methods for the solution of large scale discrete systems of equations arising from the discretization of partial differential equations are the so called Krylov Space Methods. These methods require the efficient application of a preconditioner as well as the discrete operator acting on a vector. Large scale computations in 3 dimensions often make use of highly unstructured grids. It is, therefore, of interest to investigate if the necessary communication in a parallel computer can be carried out without a large extra cost in this case. This research is joint with Robert Schreiber and considers the development of a communication compiler for 2-D, mesh interconnected parallel computers. In particular, data parallel (SIMD-style) machines like the MasPar, are considered.

RESEARCH IN HIGHLY PARALLEL COMPUTATION

Petter Bjorstad
Rob Schreiber
Erik Boman (Stanford)

Petter Bjorstad and Rob Schreiber, have developed a software message routing system for grid and toroidal machines, in order to assess their usability for solving PDEs with unstructured meshes. They will be continuing this work during the coming six-month period.

Bjorstad, with Erik Boman and Rob Schreiber, has also initiated the development of a high performance, modular implementation of the important BLAS-module DGEMM for parallel, distributed memory computers.

images of Ganymede, where the curvature of the planetary surface must be taken into account.

The development of a procedure for combining multiple image information required the solution to a number of difficult problems. It was particularly important to find very accurate registrations of the individual images to the composite, correct for nonuniform gain in the camera, learn and correct for the point-speed function within the camera, and other corrections related to noisy pixels. Algorithms were found for solving these problems and also for taking into account the neighbor correlations. The results of this work are reported in a NASA tech note, and have been submitted for presentation at a conference.

AUTOCLASS - AN AUTOMATIC CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

Peter Cheeseman
John Stutz (NASA Code FIA)
Robin Hanson (NASA/Sterling)
Will Taylor (NASA/Sterling)

For several years, this group has been developing probabilistic techniques for the automatic classification of data. This is a useful technique for exploratory data analysis. This research has been implemented and tested in the AutoClass program. AutoClass accepts as input a set of independent data cases, each described by the same set of attributes. Then, using appropriate prior expectations and a likelihood model describing possible attribute relationships, AutoClass seeks the most probable classification given the data. It does not need to be told how many classes are present-it infers this from the data.

Recent AutoClass developments include models for full and partial correlation, hierarchical interclass relationships, and angular data. These developments, and the mathematics behind them, are described in a detailed NASA Tech Report and a conference paper. Copies of this experimental AutoClass version have been distributed to a number of researchers. A production version is currently distributed by NASA's COSMIC software center. A massively parallel version is now running on the NAS Connection Machine. AutoClass continues to provide a useful tool both for internal use, and externally.

AutoClass was applied to LandSat image data. It was found that AutoClass gives reasonable looking classifications and that some classes have obvious interpretations. A NASA Tech Report was prepared describing AutoClass and a classification of an intensively studied area in Kansas (First ISILCP Field Experiment), and collaborators familiar with the area are being sought. This LandSat work did not use spatial correlations among adjacent pixels and was unable to integrate information from successive images. These limitations led to the most recent project-surface reconstruction from multiple images.

SPARSE DISTRIBUTED MEMORY

Pentti Kanerva

This is long-term basic research into the engineering principles by which the brain and the rest of the nervous system organize and process information. Uncovering these principles serves dual purposes: Building of machines with skills, and designing of systems to fit human operators. The resulting technology will have wide use in aviation and in manned and unmanned space exploration.

Sparse distributed memory provides natural entry into the research. It was developed as a mathematical and engineering model of human long-term memory, and it is at once an associative memory, a random-access memory, a sequence memory, an artificial neural network, and a model of the cerebellum. The memory stores long (e.g., 1,000-bit) words that need not be precise, and it is also addressed by such words. An object or a scene or a moment of experience can be represented in the memory by a single word that contains a large amount of information about the object or the scene or the moment, and the word can serve equally as data and as a memory pointer. Memory pointers with high information content are at least partly high data-rate requirements and also because the project office is conveniently located at NASA Ames.

During the past six months M. Johnson has developed a model of the end-to-end Space Station communications system, using the simulation package Network II.5. The performance of the end-to-end system is dependent on such factors as network protocols, scheduling restrictions, limitations on uplink bandwidth, commanding procedure, space-to-ground communication outages, anticipated level of interaction between a scientist and his spaceborne experiment, and safety considerations. During the next six months, M. Johnson will refine the model and use it to determine the effects of the above factors on system performance.

The sponsor for this activity is Space Station Headquarters. The work is being conducted in collaboration with the Spacecraft Data Systems Research Branch of the Information Sciences Division, which is involved in analyzing broader data-management issues and conducting testbed activities in support of Space Station Freedom. Information about the CFP is being provided by project personnel.

RIACS NATIONAL SOFTWARE EXCHANGE (NSE) PROJECT

Mike Raugh

The RIACS NSE Project continues supporting the HPCC Software Exchange. The Software Exchange (SE) Project, led by Barry Jacobs at Goddard Space Flight Center is near the end of its second year. Participants representing the major HPCC Program agencies -- DARPA, DOC/NIST, DOE, and NSF, as well as NASA -- are cooperating to make information of interest and relevance to HPCC Program software developers available on-line through a shared SE infrastructure. RIACS is working with Jacobs to further develop and apply the GSFC Logical Library and Logical Books systems as prototypes for an on-line library and an experimental uniform interface, respectively. The Logical Library and its main catalogue permit easy lookup and access of major information resources on the Internet, such as RECON, Netlib, GAMS, WAIS, Cugdus, and CASRD, to name a few. Approximately forty-five such resources are available at this time, about a dozen of which are available in the "books" format.

The SE Project, and the RIACS supporting role, undergoes continual revision as strategies evolve rapidly for improving and populating the Library. The basic structure of the Library and Books systems have begun to stabilize, while the tools themselves are developing at a quickening pace. Beta versions of client/servers for both Books and the Library are nearing completion and multimedia capabilities have been incorporated and demonstrated. The assigned role for RIACS in this period has been to continue work on Books as a uniform access mechanism, in particular to develop the initial version of the Library main catalogue and publish it as a Book, to continue developing tools ingesting published materials into the Books format, and to develop tools for Library maintenance functions. Once these tools themselves have stabilized, they will be reported and made available to other HPCCP scientists and programmers who wish to publish Books.

The primary objective for RIACS in this half-year has been to work with the DAVID Publishing Group at GSFC to refine the process of publishing on-line Books, to seek additional resources that are relevant to workers in the HPCC, and to develop a first edition of the Library's catalogue of major resources. The term "Books" in this context refers to a particular way of representing information in both VT100 and, most impressively, X-Windows formats.

Such Books are proving to be a versatile and powerful means of representing widely differing categories of data in a consistent format, including software, textual information, images, recorded sound, and bibliographies. Books are being used even to describe hierarchies of information, leading from the more general levels of a taxonomy to more particular levels. A secondary objective for RIACS throughout the project has been to develop software for Books publishing.

1. DISTRIBUTED PROCESSING:

a) A master process runs on a host workstation running an X11 server. This process initiates the slave and provides a medium speed operator's user interface to the slave process via a socket connection.

b) A slave process runs on the high performance SGI SkyWriter that polls time critical user input devices (head tracker and 6 DOF joystick), responds to operator messages sent via the socket connection, and continuously draws animation frames. This process provides the rapid (10 to 30 Hz) video update for viewing in a stereoscopic, head-mounted display.

2. CONCURRENT RENDER PROCESSING:

The SkyWriter rendering operation uses 3 concurrent processes (application, cull, and draw) running on up to 4 CPU's. Each animation frame is pipelined through the three stages such that frame updates (the draw process) always occur as fast as possible with no waiting between updates. In dual channel stereo mode, the cull, draw, graphics hardware, and video output pipeline for each channel run in parallel.

The VPE software was extended to provide multi-resolution terrain modeling using several level-of-detail (LOD) modeling criteria. For each region of terrain several polygon mesh models at many different sampling resolutions are stored in a quad tree. At each update frame analysis of each subregion of the terrain surface determines an appropriate model resolution to use when drawing the terrain. The LOD analysis exploits the quad tree hierarchy and employs three criteria for selecting the appropriate model: range from the viewpoint, angular distance from the center of the field-of-view, and a user specified metric for application related regions-of-interest. The LOD analysis considers all three factors weighted according to user specifications. The analysis/feedback loop can be adjusted to respond to system load and user preferences. This technique provides both a high frame update rate and high level-of-detail for terrain regions important to the user (close to the viewpoint, near the center of field of view, and areas critical to the application) at the sacrifice of low detail in regions of low interest for visual perception and application requirements. The increased performance using this technique has greatly enhanced the VPE system's ability to provide compelling virtual environment simulations. This result of this work is being presented in a conference proceedings in February 1993.

This project is sponsored by the Human Interface Research Branch (Code FLM) of the Aerospace Human Factors Division (Code FL), NASA Ames. Dr. Michael W. McGreevy, Code FLM, is the NASA collaborator.

F. OTHER PROJECTS

GLOBAL CHANGE RESEARCH

Richard Johnson

The Earth Sciences Division (ESD) at NASA Ames Research Center has been exploring the research options that could be appropriate for support by the NASA Office of Commercial Programs (OCP) and various private sector industries. Support has been provided to ESD for the development of an overall strategic plan and a set of project options for discussions with OCP. This plan and project options were presented to and discussed with OCP program managers at NASA Headquarters via a video conference in July. Two follow-up presentations to OCP personnel were made in August at NASA Ames. R. Johnson discussed the opportunities for research and commercialization in the Biogeochemical Dynamics research and technology arena.

III. TECHNICAL REPORTS

AMR on the CM-2
MARSHA J. BERGER
JEFF SALTZMAN (Los Alamos National Laboratory)
TR 92.16 August 1992 (17 pages)

Submitted to Applied Numerical Mathematics

We describe the development of a structured adaptive mesh algorithm (AMR) for the CM-2. We develop a data layout scheme that preserves coarse grids. On 8K of a 32K machine we achieve performance slightly less than 1 CPU of the Cray Y-MP. We apply our algorithm to an inviscid compressible flow problem.

Optimal Evaluation of Array Expressions on Massively Parallel Machines
SIDDHARTHA CHATTERJEE
JOHN R. GILBERT (Xerox Palo Alto Research Center)
ROBERT S. SCHREIBER
SHANG-HUA TENG (Xerox Palo Alto Research Center)
TR 92.17 September 1992 (36 pages)

To appear in the Proceedings of the Second Workshop on Languages, Compilers and Runtime Environments for Distributed Memory Multiprocessors, Boulder, CO., September 30 - October 2, 1992.

We investigate the problem of evaluating Fortran 90-style array expressions on a massively parallel distributed-memory machine. On such machines, an elementwise operation can be performed in unit time for arrays whose corresponding elements are in the same processor. If the arrays are not aligned in this manner, the cost of aligning them is part of the cost of evaluating the expression. The choice of where to perform the operation then affects this cost. We present a dynamic programming technique to solve this problem efficiently for a wide variety of interconnection schemes, including multidimensional grids and rings, hypercubes and fat-trees. We also consider expressions containing operations that change the shape of the arrays, and show that our approach extends naturally to handle this case.

Automatic Array Alignment in Data-Parallel Programs
SIDDHARTHA CHATTERJEE
JOHN R. GILBERT (Xerox Palo Alto Research Center)
ROBERT S. SCHREIBER
SHANG-HUA TENG (Xerox Palo Alto Research Center)
TR 92.18 October 1992 (13 pages)

To appear in the Proceedings of the Twentieth Annual ACM SIGACT/SIGPLAN Symposium on Principles of Programming Languages, Charleston, SC, January 1993.

Dataparallel languages like Fortran 90 express parallelism in the form of operations on data aggregates such as arrays. Misalignment of the operands of an array operation can reduce program performance on a distributed-memory parallel machine by requiring nonlocal data accesses. Determining array alignments that reduce communication is therefore a key issue in compiling such languages.

We present a framework for the automatic determination of array alignments in dataparallel languages such as Fortran 90. Our language model handles array sectioning, reductions, spreads, transpositions, and asked operations. We decompose alignment functions into three constituents: axis, stride, and offset. For each of these subproblems, we show how to solve the alignment problem for a basic block of code, possi-

IV. PUBLICATIONS

RUPAK BISWAS

Applications of an Unstructured Adaptive-Grid Euler Solver to Helicopter Aerodynamics and Acoustics, R. C. Strawn, R. Biswas, and M. Garceau, Compendium of Abstracts of the NASA Computational Aerosciences (CAS) Conference, NASA Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, CA, August 18-20, 1992, pp. 66-67.

A New Procedure for Dynamic Adaption of Three-Dimensional Unstructured Grids, R. Biswas and R. C. Strawn, to appear in the Proceedings of the 31st AIAA Aerospace Sciences Meeting, Reno, NV, January 11-14, 1993.

PETTER BJORSTAD

Two Different Data-Parallel Implementations of the BLAS (with Tor Sorevik, University of Bergen). To appear in NATO proceedings from a meeting on parallel computing, Cetraro, Italy, June.

Dataparallel BLAS As a Basis for LAPACK on Massively Parallel Computers (with Tor Sorevik, University of Bergen). In NATO Advanced Study Institute, published by Kleuver 1993.

Large Scale Structural Analysis on Massively Parallel Computers (with Jeremy Cook, University of Bergen). In NATO Advanced Study Institute, published by Kleuver 1993.

SIDDHARTHA CHATTERJEE

Optimal Evaluation of Array Expressions on Massively Parallel Machines, by Siddhartha Chatterjee, John R. Gilbert (Xerox PARC), Robert Schreiber, and Shang-Hua Teng (Xerox PARC). Appears in the Proceedings of the Second Workshop on Languages, Compilers, and Runtime Environments for Distributed Memory Multiprocessors, Boulder, CO, September 1992. Also available as RIACS TR 92.17.

Automatic Array Alignment in Data-Parallel Programs, by Siddhartha Chatterjee, John R. Gilbert (Xerox PARC), Robert Schreiber, and Shang-Hua Teng (Xerox PARC). To appear in the Proceedings of the Twentieth Annual SIGPLAN-SIGACT Symposium on Principles of Programming Languages, Charleston, SC, January 1993. Also available as RIACS TR 92.18.

Compiling Nested Data-Parallel Programs for Shared-Memory Multiprocessors, by Siddhartha Chatterjee. Accepted for publication in ACM Transactions on Programming Languages and Systems.

Generating Local Addresses and Communication Sets for Data-Parallel Programs, by Siddhartha Chatterjee, John R. Gilbert (Xerox PARC), Fred J. E. Long (UC Santa Cruz), Robert Schreiber, and Shang-Hua Teng (Xerox PARC). To appear in the Proceedings of the Fourth ACM SIGPLAN Symposium on Principles and Practice of Parallel Programming, San Diego, CA.

Implementation of a Portable Nested Data-Parallel Language, by Guy E. Blelloch (CMU), Siddhartha Chatterjee, Jonathan Hardwick (CMU), Jay Sipelstein (CMU), and Marco Zagha (CMU). To appear in the Proceedings of the Fourth ACM SIGPLAN Symposium on Principles and Practice of Parallel Programming, San Diego, CA.

LEWIS E. HITCHNER

Virtual Planetary Exploration: A Very Large Virtual Environment, ACM SIGGRAPH '92, course notes for tutorial on "Implementing Immersive Virtual Environments," Steve Brsyon, course chair, Chicago, IL; August 1992.

The NASA Ames Virtual Planetary Exploration Testbed, Proceedings of IEEE Wescon '92, Anaheim, CA,

V. RIACS SEMINARS AND COLLOQUIA

Justin D. Paola - RIACS/NASA Ames Research Center - University of Arizona — July 29
The Application of Neural Networks in the Classification of Multi-Spectral Satellite Imagery

Shang-Hua Teng - XEROX Palo Alto Research Center — August 11
A Geometric Approach to Mesh Partitioning

Marsha Berger - RIACS/NASA Ames Research Center - New York University — August 25
Issues for Adaptive Mesh Refinement: Parallelism and Geometry

Petter Bjorstad - RIACS/NASA Ames Research Center - University of Bergen — Sept. 8
Benchmarking of Scientific Computers, SLALOM - A Case Study

James M. Strzelec - RIACS/NASA Ames - Stanford University — Sept. 9
Iterative Methods: An Informal Comparison

Bruce Hendrickson - Sandia National Laboratories — October 26
Spectral Octasection for Mapping Parallel Computations

Mike Raugh - RIACS/NASA Ames Research Center — October 30
Towards an HPCC Internet Library -- An Informal Discussion of the HPCC Software Exchange Prototype

LEWIS E. HITCHNER
Co-taught a tutorial on *Implementing Immersive Virtual Environments* at the annual ACM SIGGRAPH conference, Chicago, IL, August, 1992.

Visited the Alpha_1 Graphics Research Group, Computer Science Dept., Univ. of Utah, and presented a seminar on the NASA Ames virtual environment research, Salt Lake City, Utah, September 1992.

MARJORY J. JOHNSON
Member of the program committee and session chair for the 4th IFIP Conference on High Performance Networking, Liege, Belgium, December 1992.

PENTTI KANERVA
Plenary talk on *Associative-Memory Models of the Cerebellum* at the Second International Conference on Artificial Neural Networks (ICANN'92) in Brighton, UK, September 3-7.

NOËL M. NACHTIGAL
Presented *An Implementation of the QMR Method Based on Coupled Two-Term Recurrences*, for a conference at the NATO Advanced Study Institute, Leuven, Belgium, August 3-14, 1992.

Presented *An Implementation of the QMR Method Based on Coupled Two-Term Recurrences*, at the SIAM 40th Anniversary Meeting, Los Angeles, CA, July 20-24, 1992.

Presented *Iterative Methods in Linear Algebra*, at the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA, November 19, 1992.

Presented *An Implementation of the QMR Method Based on Coupled Two-Term Recurrences*, at the University of Karlsruhe, Germany, September 11, 1992.

Presented a seminar, *Iterative Methods for Non-Hermitian Linear Systems*, at the IBM Scientific Center, Heidelberg, Germany, September 10, 1992.

Participated in the five-day course on Large Scale Scientific Computation at the University of Bielefeld, Bielefeld, Germany, August 31 - September 4, 1992.

JOSEPH OLIGER
Elected to the Society of Industrial and Applied Mathematics Board of Trustees, 1993-1996.

Chairman, National Center for Atmospheric Research Scientific Computing Division Advisory Committee.

Member, Organizing Committee for IMA Summer Program on *Modeling, Mesh Generation and Adaptive Numerical Methods for Partial Differential Equations*, 5-23 July 1993.

ROBERT S. SCHREIBER
Presented *High Performance Fortran Intrinsics* at Workshop on High Performance Fortran, Supercomputing '92, November 17, 1992.

Presented *Are Sparse Matrices Poisonous for Highly Parallel Machines* for UNI-C, (Danish Supercomputer Center) Copenhagen, Denmark, July 1992.

Presented *Language and Compiler Grand Challenges*, an invited talk; Gordon Research Conference on Software Tools and Libraries for Concurrent Supercomputing, Plymouth, NH, July 27-31, 1992.

VII. RIACS STAFF

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Evangeline Tanner, Administrative Assistant I (4/5/90 - present).

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parabolic PDEs, numerical methods for PDEs on parallel computers (11/2/92 - present).

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