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#### ABSTRACT

Benchmarking of computers for performance evaluation and procurement purposes is an ongoing activity of the Research and Applications Group (Group C-3) at the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory (LASL). Compile times, execution speeds, and comparison histograms are presented for a representative set of benchmark programs and the following computers: Cray Research, Inc. (CRI) Cray-1; Control Data Corporation (CDC) 7600, 6600, Cyber 73, Cyber 760, Cyber 750, Cyber 730, and Cyber 720; and IBM 370/195 and 3033.

#### I. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

This is the second annual report summarizing the benchmarking activities undertaken by the Research and Applications Group (Group C-3) at the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory (LASL). Performance evaluation of both internal and external (non-LASL) computers of interest to the Laboratory is an ongoing project at LASL [1].

The purpose of the study is twofold. By benchmarking all the major computers in the LASL Central Computing Facility (CCF), performance evaluation of current operating systems and computers can be obtained. As a guide for future trends and procurement of computers for the Laboratory, benchmarking of new machines at external sites is performed wherever possible.

Table I describes the operating systems and compilers used in the benchmarking, Table II lists the computers used and their characteristics, Table III gives the compilation times, and Table IV gives the execution times. The benchmark programs are described in Appendix A, and histograms comparing the performance of the various computers on the codes are given in Appendix B.

#### II. SELECTION OF THE BENCHMARK PROGRAMS

In selecting benchmark programs, the intent is to include problems that typify the workload at the Laboratory. The programs are all coded in ANSIstandard FORTRAN to facilitate portability. All programs are self-contained and self-checking. Most of the codes are compute-bound. Two of them (Programs 2 and 21) have extensive I/O activity, constituting up to half the total execution time on some of the computers tested. Programs 16 and 23 are linear system solvers requiring over 600000 words of storage. These can be executed only on computers allowing a field length of this size; they measure performance of a fully-utilized memory. Programs 1-18 comprise the original benchmark set. During the past year, three additional programs (21, 22, and 23) were added to the existing set. Although some programs have been phased out, the original program numbers have been retained; 15 codes are currently being used.

In a representative set of benchmark programs, some will be highly affected by optimization and vectorizing techniques, others little or not at all. On computers with vector capability, the codes were run in both vectorized and nonvectorized mode to determine the degree to which vectorization affected execution speed.

#### III. COMPUTERS USED IN THE STUDY

The results in this report were obtained by executing the codes on the following LASL computers: a Cray Research, Inc. (CRI) Cray-1, a Control Data Corporation (CDC) 7600, a CDC 6600, and a CDC Cyber 73. Other computers in the study are: Cray-1s at various installations with different operating systems, a CDC 7600 outside LASL, an IBM 370/195, an IBM 3033, and several members of the CDC 700 series computers.

#### IV. NOTES ABOUT THE RESULTS

Because the programs are written in ANSI-standard FORTRAN, few modifications were needed to execute them on various computers. An exception to this is the handling of I/O. Program 2 required such extensive changes that it could not be modified within the time constraints imposed and therefore was not run in some cases.

Another serious consideration involves the timing measurement used on various systems. It is important to understand precisely what an installation's timing routine measures. Almost all timing routines that were used in this benchmark study accurately measured CPU times; exceptions to this have been noted in Table III.

In a minority of cases, programs executed more slowly on computers with a known faster cycle time. This can be attributed to the optimizing capability of the compiler used on the faster runs. An example of this is Program 6, a linear system solver that achieves its fastest execution time on the CDC 7600. This program contains long-used but outdated algorithms for solving linear systems. It should be noted that this program does not vectorize and is included primarily for comparison purposes.

To determine the extent to which execution was affected by compiler modifications and operating systems, runs were made on the same model computer at various installations whenever possible. All the execution time results are presented as raw data in Table IV and as histograms of execution times in Appendix B.

#### V. CONCLUSIONS

No significant changes were observed from last year's results for CDC 7600 computers at LASL or LLL [1]; however, there were some differences for the Cray-1. The CFT compiler showed some speed-up, most significantly a reduction of the run time of the particle-in-cell code (Program 11). Most of the nonvectorizing codes, however, still run 10 to 30% slower than when compiled with the XFC cross-compiler (which now is no longer available).

Both the IBM 370/195 and the IBM 3033 show little difference in execution speeds for single- and double-precision floating point arithmetic. The new optimizing H compiler is a great improvement over the older version G, speeding up execution of some programs by factors of up to 7. Although the results of Program MFLOPS indicate similar megaflop rates for the IBM 370/195 and the CDC 7600, many programs of the LASL benchmark set run considerably slower on the IBM machine, indicating that simple comparisons can be misleading.

Run times for the new Cyber 760 are from 30 to 40% longer than those for the CDC 7600; those for the Cyber 750 are longer by 70 to 100%.

We wish to reiterate two of the conclusions drawn in last year's report:

- 1. With the arrival of vector, parallel, and multiple processor architectures, it is no longer sufficient to define workloads in terms of number of operations and their frequency.
- 2. The design of algorithms that exploit particular features of an architecture has profound effects on execution speeds.

As in the 1978 benchmarking, we used a set of representative programs that implement both new and old algorithms for our study. It is evident from the tabulated results that speed depends not only on algorithm design and architecture but on the quality of compiler optimization.

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## TABLE I

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### OPERATING SYSTEMS AND COMPILERS USED IN THE BENCHMARKING PROGRAM

Installation	Operating Systems	Compilers
Argonne National Laboratory (ANL)	<b>OSMVT</b> (Operating System Multiple Variable Task). A batch operating system used with IBM computers.	ANL G, H. The FORTRAN language in-house compilers used on IBM computers at ANL. The G compiler is non-optimizing; the H compiler has three levels of optimization.
Control Data Corporation (CDC)	NOS (Network Operating System). A time-sharing system developed by CDC for their 6600 computers.	FTN. A CDC compiler designed to comply with American National Standards Institute as described in the X3.9-1966 document.
Lawrence Livermore Laboratory (LLL)	CTSS (Network Operating System). The time-sharing system developed for the Cray-1 computers at LLL. LTSS (Livermore Time-Sharing System). The time- sharing system developed for the CDC 7600 computers at LLL.	CFT (CrayFortran). The FORTRAN language compiler developed by CRI for the CRI Cray-1 computer. FTN (FORTRAN Extended). A CDC-supplied compiler designed to comply with the American National Standards Institute as described in the X3.9-1966 document.
Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory (LASL)	ALAMOS (A Los Alamos Modular Operating System). The LASL-designed operating system developed for the CRI Cray-1 computer in the Central Computing Facility (being replaced by CTSS). CTSS (CRAY Time-Sharing System). The time- sharing system developed for the Cray-1 computers at LLL and adapted for the Cray-1 computers at LASL. LTSS (Livermore Time-Sharing System). The time-sharing system used on the CDC 7600s in the Central Computing Facility. NOS (Network Operating System). The CDC time-sharing system used on the CDC 6600 and CDC Cyber 73 computers in the Central Computing Facility.	FTN (FORTRAN Extended). A CDC-supplied compiler (see above) with local modifica- tions as documented in LASL Programmer's Information Manual, Volume 3, LA-5525-M. XFC (FORTRAN cross-compiler). A compiler developed at LASL to produce code on the CDC 7600 that can be assembled by CAL (the Cray-1 assembly language) and executed.

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# TABLE II

Computer ]	Installation	Word Size (bits)	Operating System(s)	Compiler	Available Memory (Words)	Cycle Time (ns)	Disks Used
CDC Cyber 73	LASL	60	NOS	FTN	100 000	100	CDC 844
CDC 6600	LASL	60	NOS	FTN	100 000	100	CDC 844
CI)C 7600	LASL	60	LTSS	FTN; SLOPE2	54 000 SCN <sup>a</sup> 430 000 LCM <sup>b</sup>	27.5	CDC 819 dual- density
Cray-1	LASL	64	ALAMOS; CTSS	XFC;CFT	800 000 900 000	12.5	Cray DD-19
Cray-1	LLL	64	CTSS	CFT	900 000	12.5	Cray DD-19
IBM 370/19	5 ANL	32	OSMVT	ANL G,H	500 000		IBM 3330
IBM 3033	ANL	32	OSMVT	ANL G,H	750 000	57	IBM 3350; IBM 3350, Mod 11
CDC 720	CDC	60	NOS	FTN	270 000	50	CDC 844
CDC 730	CDC	60	NOS	FTN	270 000	50	CDC 844
CDC 750	CDC	60	NOS	FTN	270 000	25	CDC 844
CDC 760	CDC	60	NOS	FTN	270 000	25	CDC 844

# CHARACTERISTICS OF COMPUTERS USED IN THE BENCHMARKING PROGRAM

<sup>a</sup>Small Core Memory <sup>b</sup>Large Core Memory

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COMPILE	TIME	-	IN	SECONDS
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				CR1 CRAY-1						CDC	7600		
			LASL			<u>LL</u>	L		LA	SL		1	LL
Program	ALAMOS XFC/Non- Vect	ALAMOS CFT 1.05 Vector1zed	ALAHOS CFT 1.05 Non-Vect	CTSS CFT 1.06 Vectorized	CTSS CFT 1.06 Non-Vect	CTSS CFT 1.06 Vectorized	CTSS CFT 1.06 <u>Non-Vect</u>	LTSS FTN/OPT1	LTSS FTN/OPT2	LTSS SLOPE2 FTN/OPT1	LTSS SLOPE2 FTN/OPT2	LITSS PTN/OPT1	LTSS FTN/OPT 2
1	0.612			0.215	0.205	0.217	0.216	0.461	0.656	0.521	0.715	0 :486	0.644
2	11.507			4.003	3.793	4.055	4.045	9.327	12.975	10.176	12.917	10.393	14.020
4	0.432			0.176	0.165	0.179	0.173	0.392	0.537	0.488	0.638	0.388	0.510
5	1.336			0.429	0.416	0.434	0.432	0.901	1.267	1.053	1.318	1.005	1.361
6	0.492			0.198	0.191	0.199	0.199	0.389	0.518	0.367	0.464	0.420	0.531
8	0.268		ш 	0.129	0.122	0.131	0.127	0.276	0.349	0.229	0.279	0.270	0.327
11	1.324	10	E A	0.596	0.533	0,601	0.575	1.259	1.359	1.307	1.345	1.399	1.467
14	0. 397	z	Ē	0.200	0.193	0,203	0.200	0.356	0.490	0.331	0.420	0.330	0.476
15	0.456			0.205	0.198	0.207	0.205	0.404	0.542	0.392	0.487	0.437	0.549
16	0,460		Ĭ	0.203	0.195	0.205	0.204	-	-	-	-	-	-
18	0, 193			0.103	0.097	0.103	0.101	0.233	0.296	0.181	0.218	0.212	0.267
21	0, 506			0.186	0.177	-	-	0.428	0.568	0.414	0.502	-	-
22	0,441			0.207	0.199	0.209	0.207	0.466	0.618	0.436	0,586	0.441	0.559
23	0.412			0.195	0.187	0.197	0.195	-	-	-	-	-	-
MFLOPS	0.834			0, 377	0.354	0.381	0.372	0.823	1.028	0.778	0.938	0.823	1.052

	CDC	6600	CDC CY	BER 73	CDC 720	CDC 730	CDC 750	CDC 760		IBM 3033		
	LA	SL	L	ASL	C	DC Benchma	rk Facilit	<u>y</u>	Argonne	Nat'l. La	boratory	
Program	NOS FTR/OPT1	NOS <u>FTN/OPT2</u>	NOS FTN/OPT1	NOS FTN/OPT2	NOS FTN/OPT1	NOS FTN/OPT2	NOS FTN/OPT1	NOS FTN/OPT 2	osmvt <u>H/opt3ª</u>	оѕмут <u>н/орт 3<sup>b</sup></u>	osmvt 	
1	2.040	3.025	2.548	5.415	5.140	3.230	1.051	0.691	1.55	1.66	0.92	
2	48.907	67.709	85.210	122.700	124.544	80.101	24.120	16.260	-	-	-	
4	1.632	2.233	2.804	3.878	3.873	2.410	0.770	0.517	1.38	1.35	0.84	
5	4.523	6.488	7.842	11.470	11.493	7.070	2.307	1.528	2.97	3.23	2.19	
6	1.561	2.074	2.670	3.602	3.574	2.230	0.721	0.473	1.58	1.63	0.86	
8	0.921	1.187	1.567	2.022	1.920	1.190	0.387	0.252	1.21	1.13	0.75	
11	6.776	7.498	11.939	13.235	13.366	8.080	2.746	1.782	3.49	3.67	2.81	
14	1.354	1.924	2.289	3. 309	3.320	2.070	0.670	0.447	1.35	1.38	0.74	
15	1.598	2.200	2.751	3.819	3.792	2.380	0.769	0.502	1.46	1.47	0.86	
16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.46	1.52	0. <b>96</b>	
18	0.701	0.904	1.172	1.523	1.430	0.925	0.298	0.194	1.05	1.00	0.67	
21	1.825	2.408	3.153	4.197	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

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<sup>a</sup>Single Precision Double Precision

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	ALAMOS XFC/Non-	ALAHOS CFT 1.05	ALAMOS CFT 1.05	CTSS CFT 1.06	CTSS CFT 1.06	CTSS CFT 1.06	CTSS CFT 1.06	LTSS	LTSS	LTSS SLOPE2 FTN/OPT1	LTSS SLOPE2 FTN/OPT2	LTSS FTN/OPT1	LTSS FTN/OPT2
Program	Vect	Vectorized	Non-Vec	Vectorized	Non-vect	vectorized	AUL VECC	<u></u>	<u></u>				
1	30.8	58.9	59.2	58.2	75.1	59.0	72.5	48.2	28.9	48.7	29.3	49.9	29.7
2	17.8	30.4	44.6	22.6	24.1	22.7	23.7	37.5	35.2	40.0	39.6	36.4	35.2
. 4	45.3	22.6	30.3	21.8	30.5	22.4	30.6	53.3	51.5	55.6	52.9	57.5	50.2
5	26.0	27.3	27.3	29.2	28.2	28.7	28.5	49.6	48.9	51.9	51.3	50.9	49.8
6	153.3	212.5	212.5	208.7	209.9	210.3	210.2	102.1	86.5	96.9	87.1	104.7	89.8
8	37.0	19.1	36.9	19.0	36.9	19.3	37.2	61.3	41.3	63.2	43.0	62.7	44.3
11	162.2	142.8	178.2	104.2	177.3	104.1	167.0	397.2	361.7	400.U	368.4	398.2	366.8
14	33.7	2.9	15.9	3.0	16.1	2.9	16.3	23.9	20.6	22.7	20.6	24.3	20.9
15	132.4	16.7	65.3	16.3	65.2	16.8	65.4	100.7	84.9	94.0	85.2	103.2	87.5
16	657.0	37.7	298.5	36.3	298.7	36.7	298.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
18	20.3	2.4	20.3	2.4	21.2	2.8	20.7	31.9	23.3	33.1	24.5	33.6	24.6
21	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8	-	-	7.9	6.1	8.1	6.2	-	-
22	120.7	-	-	16.9	64.5	17.0	64.7	84.2	80.6 .	83.6	80.5	101.0	80.5
23	619.6	-	-	32.3	240.4	32.2	240.7	<del>-</del> .	-	-	-	-	-
MFLOPS <sup>a</sup>	6.0	20.5	6.6	23.2	6.6	22.9	7.2	3.3	4.2	3.3	3.9	3.3	4.2
Date Run	4/80	4/80	4/80	2/80	4/80	2/80	2/80	1/80	1/80	1/80	1/80	2/80	2/80

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	CDC 6600 LASL		CDC CYBER 73		CDC 720	IBM 370/195			IBM 3033					
Program	FTN/OPT1	FTN/OPT2	FTN/OPT1	FTN/OPT2	FTN/OPT2	FTN/OPT2	FTN/OPT2	FTN/OPT2	<u>ਸ਼/੦₽тз</u>	<u>н/ортз</u> d	G	<u>#/0PT3</u> C	<u>н/ортз<sup>d</sup></u>	G
1	287.3	201.8	744.7	457.0	456.6	297.3	54.9	41.1	96.6	95.2	199.8	60.6	60.7	131.9
2	210.5	209.0	584.7	579.6	486.9	333.1	71.8	50.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	264.1	230.3	867.7	752 -2	633.3	445.3	73.5	52.0	38.8	37.0	147.9	55.3	59.5	123.1
5	248.6	247.5	740.9	731.4	567.1	412.8	97.6	67.1	115.0	108.2	1680	98.1	134.4	137.2
6	583.2	495.9	2326.2	1656.6	1305.6	969.0	155.7	114.3	79.3	82.4	т.о. <sup>е</sup>	146.6	162.2	T.O. <sup>e</sup>
8	341.0	238.0	1353.2	1205.4	853.9	652.0	77.0	58.0	51.4	59.8	163.3	104.1	124.4	154.1
11	2156.0	1940.0	6640.0	6156.0	4684.0	3376.0	733.5	490.6	429.0	T.O. <sup>e</sup>	т.0 <sup>е</sup>	т.о <sup>е</sup>	т.0 <sup>е</sup>	т.0.
14	134.0	119.5	460.0	414.0	326.0	241.4	34.6	26.5	20.8	21.0	142.0	35.9	40.1	113.0
15	547.2	481.5	1854.6	1633.5	1278.6	948.0	148.5	109.6	83.3	82.2	т.о. <sup>е</sup>	140.0	154.1	т.о. <sup>е</sup>
16	-	-	-	-		-	<b>-</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
18	188.9	134.8	777.1	714.8	513.5	397.7	40.8	30.1	25.0	28.6	87.6	58.3	69.1	86.2
21	42.7	37.6	111.9	95.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MFLOPS <sup>a</sup>	0.6	0.8	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	2.7	3.3	4.5	4.2	1.7	-	-	-
Date Run	12/79	12/79	12/79	12/79	12/79	12/79	12/79	12/79	7/79	7/79	7/79	7/79	7/79	7/79

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<sup>a</sup>Results are in megaflops/second.

<sup>b</sup>Double CPU.

<sup>C</sup>Single Precision

d Double Precision

<sup>e</sup>Job did not complete within a 10-minute submittal period and was not rerun.

f Includes I/O time.

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#### APPENDIX A

#### PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Program No. 1 - Monte Carlo -347 source lines. -No I/O. -Code is compute bound and uses integer arithmetic. Computers using 24-bit integer arithmetic will produce incorrect answers. -Output consists of the self-contained "input" values and several statistical computed values, plus execute time. -Field length required to execute: 104000B. Program No. 2 - Two-dimensional Lagrangian hydrodynamics program. -7000 source lines. -Not vectorizable. -Much I/O activity (approximately one-half of running time). In addition 1 to output file, five additional files are used. -Code has a built-in test for error checking of computed variables based on data obtained in a previous run. -Execute time for longer or shorter runs is near linear and is a function of an internal variable. -Output consists of setup data, relative errors of selected output variables, and total execution time. -Field length required to execute: 200000B. Program No. 4 - Fast Fourier Transform code. -230 source lines. -Not vectorizable. -No I/O. -Output consists of the solution array for a subset of the steps computed, plus execution time. -Field length required to execute: 215000B. Program No. 5 - Equation of state kernel. -720 source lines. -Not significantly vectorizable. -No I/O. -Code has built-in test for error checking and accuracy similar to tests in Program 2. Execute time is a linear function of an internal variable. -Output consists of setup data, relative errors of selected output variables, and total execution time. -Field length required to execute: 50000B. Program No. 6 - Linear system solver - solves systems of the order of 100. -320 source lines. -Not vectorizable. -No I/O. -Output consists of the first three elements of the solution vector, the Central Processor Unit (CPU) time in each subroutine for one case, and the total time for execution. -Field length required to execute: 34000B. Program No. 8 - Vector calculations.

-189 source lines.

-Code calls five separate routines to perform a variety of vector operations. Vector lengths range from 20 to 5000. -Three of the routines are vectorizable, two are not. -No I/O. -Output consists of total CPU time in each subroutine for each vector length, the average time/element for each routine, and the total time to execute the code. -Field length required to execute: 105000B. Program No. 11 - Particle pusher kernel widely used in particle-in-cell calculations. -740 source lines. -Depending on compiler used, code is vectorizable. XFC, both vectorized and nonvectorized, performed significantly better than CFT on this code. -No I/O. -Output consists of time/particle in each subroutine called. -Field length required to execute: 70000B. Program No. 14 - Matrix calculations including multiplication and transpose. -343 source lines. -Code goes through eight cases of 100 x 100 matrix, with variations of multiplication. -Code uses LINPACK routines and is highly vectorizable. -No I/O. -Output consists of the matrix diagonal and the total execution time for all eight cases. -Field length required to execute: 111000B. Program No. 15 - Linear system solver for systems of the order 100. -399 source lines. -Vectorizable on all compilers. -No I/O. -Output consists of the first three elements of the solution vector, the CPU time in each subroutine, and total execution time. -Field length required to execute: 34000B. Program No. 16 - Linear system solver for matrices of the order of 100 x 100 to 800 x 800. -400 source lines. -Vectorizable on all compilers. -No I/O. -Output consists of the first three elements of the solution vector, the CPU time in each subroutine for one case, and the total time for all cases. -Field length required to execute: 2500000B. Program No. 18 - Vector calculations (a variation of Program 8). -147 source lines. -Vectorizable--consists of the three routines found in Program 8, which vectorize well while eliminating the remaining two, which do not vectorize. Separate cases use vector lengths ranging from 20 to 5000. -No I/O. -Output consists of the total CPU time in each subroutine for each vector length, the average time/element for each routine, and the total time to execute the code. -Field length required to execute: 105000B. Program No. 21 - Integer Monte Carlo. -370 source lines. -Not vectorizable.

-Moderate I/O activity. -Output consists of selected table values, total execution time, and times for individual phases of the program. -Field length required to execute: 30000B. Program No. 22 - Linear system solver for systems of the order 100 (a variation of Program 15). -423 source lines. -Vectorizable on all compilers. -No I/O. -Code has newer algorithms for matrix-solving than Program 15, otherwise is identical to Program 15. -Output consists of the first three elements of the solution vector, the CPU time in each subroutine and total execution time. -Field length required to execute: 34000B. Program No. 23 - Linear system solver for matrices of the order 100 x 100 to 800 x 800 (a variation of Program 16). -447 source lines. -Vectorizable on all compilers. -No I/O. -Code has newer algorithms for matrix-solving than Program No. 16, but is otherwise the same. -Output consists of the first three elements of the solution vector, the CPU time in each subroutine, and total execution time. -Field length required to execute: 2500000B. Program MFLOPS - set of benchmark kernels to measure number of floating point operations/second. 570 source lines. -Vectorizable on all compilers. -Little I/O. -Output consists of the megaflop rate for each kernel, plus average megaflop rate overall.

-Field length required to execute: 21000B.

# APPENDIX B

# COMPUTER PERFORMANCE COMPARISONS



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