



# Challenges in the utilization of extreme-scale high performance computers by quantum chemistry applications

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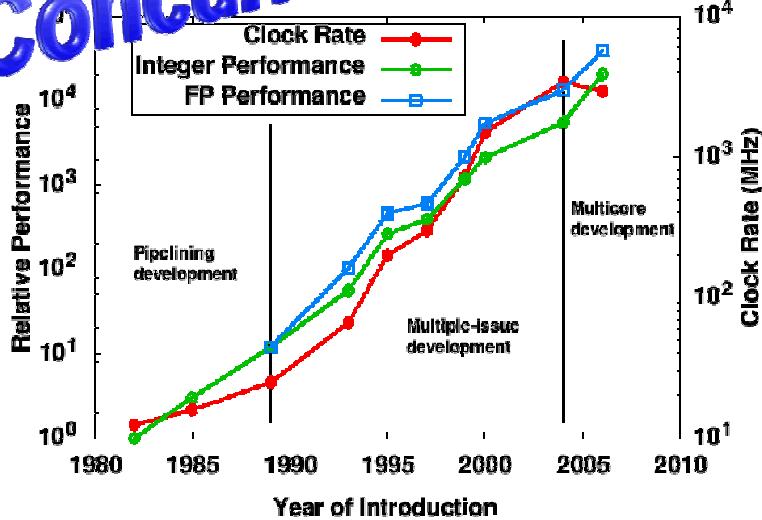
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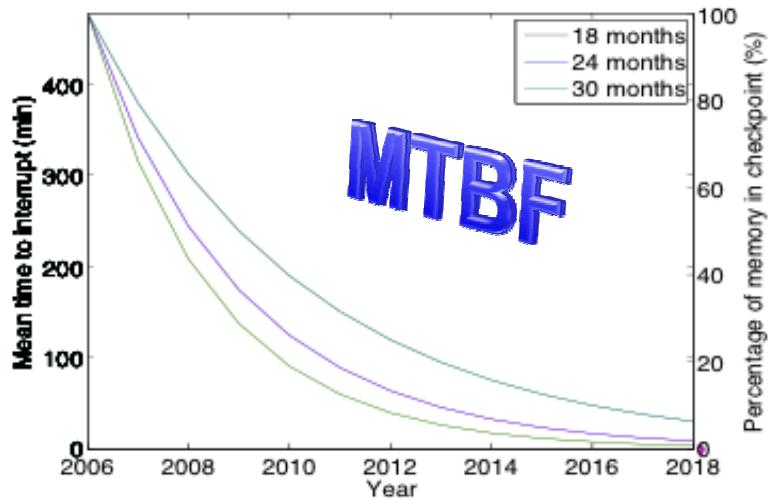
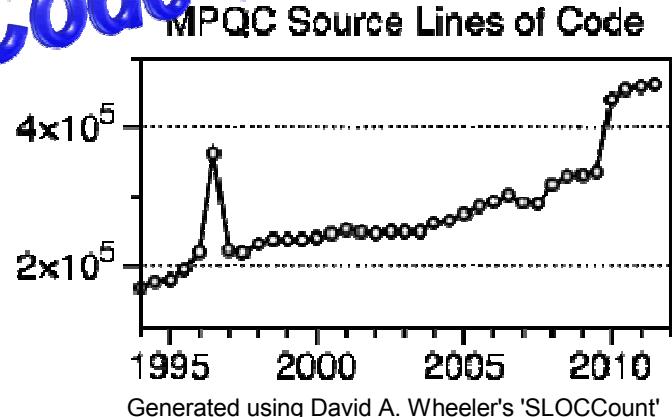
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# Challenges impacting exascale application performance

## Concurrency

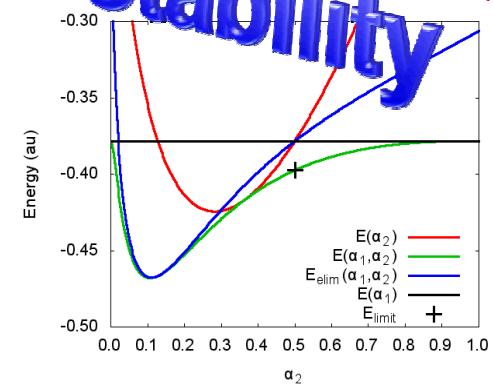
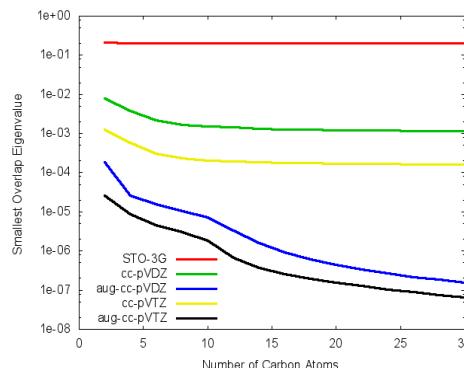


## Code Complexity



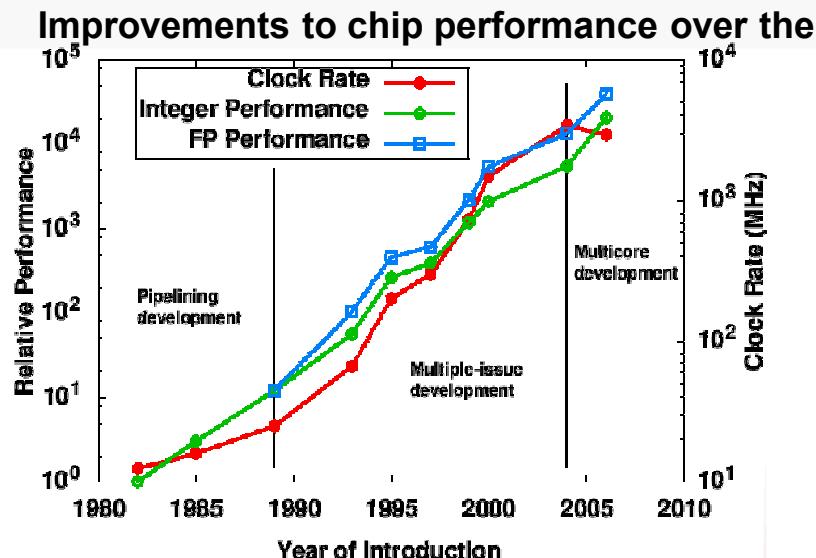
Schroeder and Gibson, Journal of Physics: Conference Series, **78** (2007) 012022, SciDAC 2007 Proceedings.

## Numerical Stability



# Motivation: complexity of parallel machines is accelerating, but tools to manage this are not

- Several complexity issues affect apps:
  - Extreme parallelism
  - More computation power enables more complex/higher fidelity simulations
    - More complex software
    - Numerical issues
  - Dropping mean time between failure
  - Energy enters optimization objective function
- Human effort does not scale easily to such a complex environment
  - Can another approach to programming solve some of these problems?
- Outline of current work:
  - Hartree-Fock theory selected due to its expense and scaling issues
    - Basis for many other electronic structure methods
  - Examine traditional implementation of Hartree-Fock theory
  - Show preliminary results of applying an alternative programming approach to Hartree-Fock and compare this to traditional implementations.

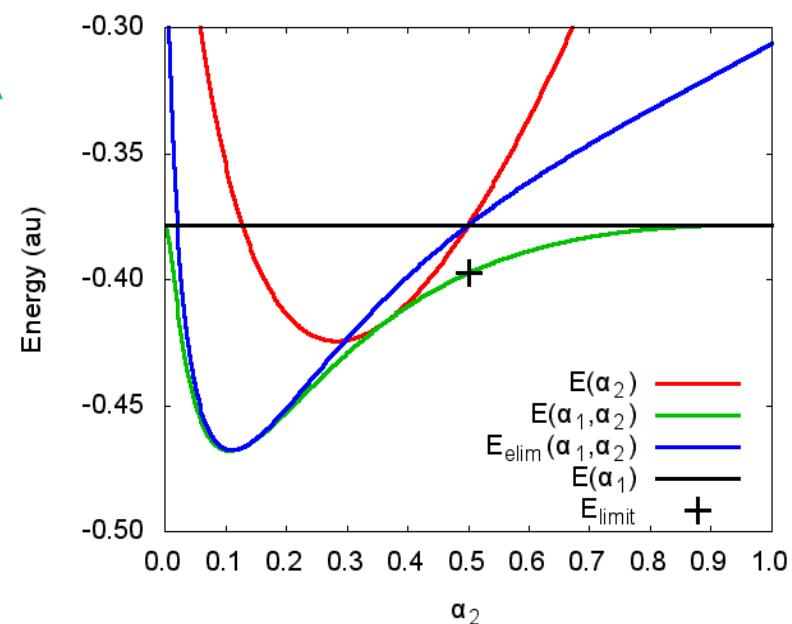
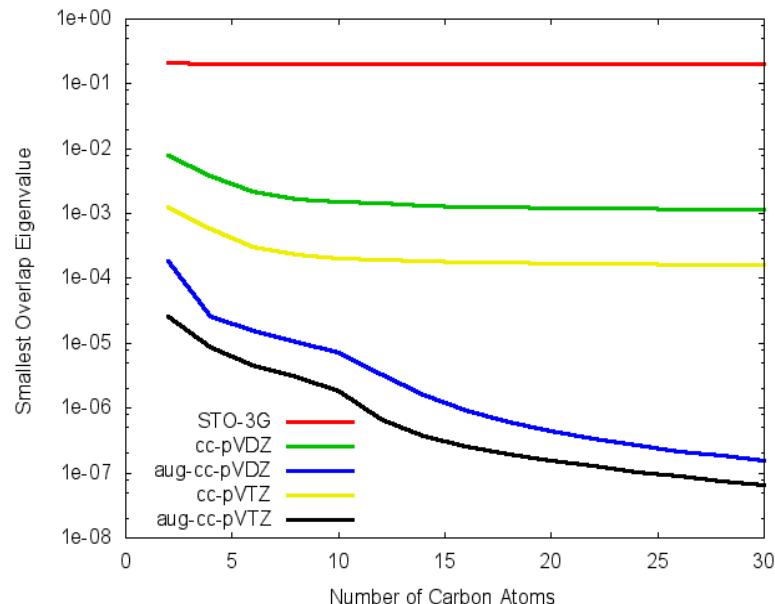


# Illustration of numerical issues using Hartree-Fock theory as an example

Large systems are ill-conditioned:  
smallest overlap eigenvalue for  
linear alkane rapidly decrease as  
system grows for diffuse basis sets

Eliminating near linear dependencies  
can change energies—even in the  
limit of an exact linear dep.

Errors due to keeping the nearly linear  
dep. functions grow like  $s_1^{-3}$ , and we  
need the difference between large  
numbers:



# Example application: Hartree-Fock theory

- Approximate solution to Schrödinger's equation

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i^n \nabla_i^2 - \sum_i^n \sum_a^N \frac{q_a}{r_{ia}} + \sum_{i < j}^n \frac{1}{r_{ij}} + \sum_{a < b}^N \frac{q_a q_b}{r_{ab}}$$

- Electron interact with average field of other electrons, giving rise to a generalized eigenvalue problem
- Major steps (assuming spin restricted closed shell):

– Integral computation:

$$S_{pq} = \int \chi_p(\mathbf{r}) \chi_q(\mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r} \quad H_{pq} = \int \chi_p(\mathbf{r}) \left( \nabla^2 - \sum_a^N \frac{q_a}{r_A} \right) \chi_q(\mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r}$$

$$G_{pqrs} = \int \chi_p(\mathbf{r}_1) \chi_q(\mathbf{r}_1) \frac{1}{r_{12}} \chi_r(\mathbf{r}_2) \chi_s(\mathbf{r}_2) d\mathbf{r}_1 d\mathbf{r}_2$$

– Fock matrix formation:

$$F_{pq} = H_{pq} + P_{rs} \left( v_{pqrs} + \frac{1}{2} v_{prqs} \right)$$

– Diagonalization:

$$\mathbf{FC} = \mathbf{SCe} \quad \mathbf{CSC}^T = \mathbf{1}$$

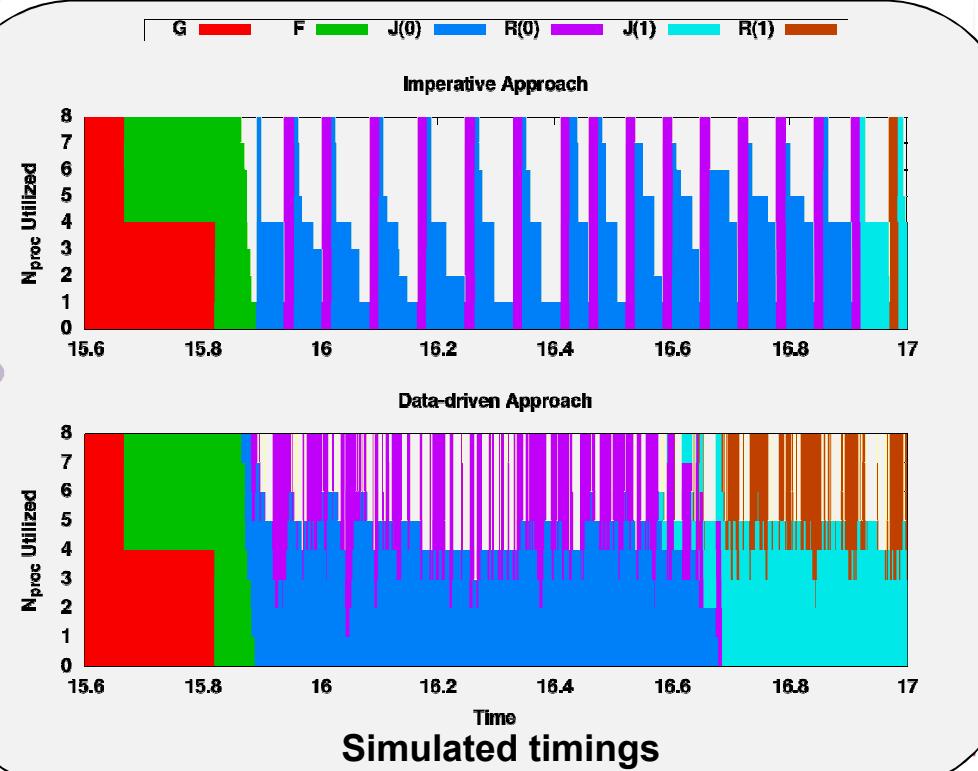
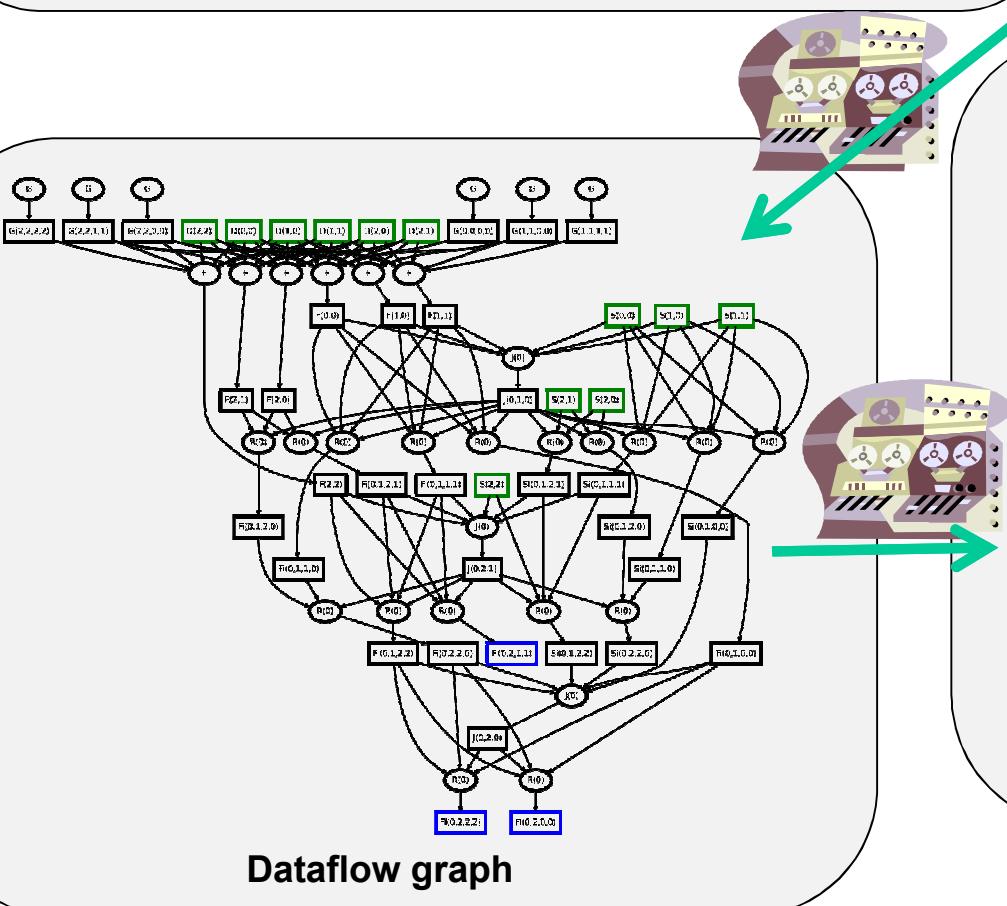
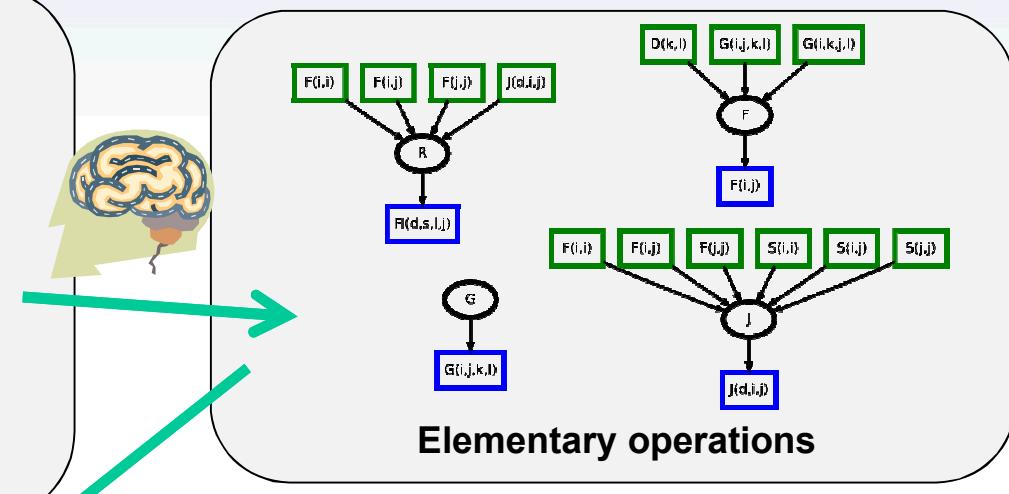
– Density computation:

$$P_{pq} = 2 \sum_a^{N/2} C_{pa} C_{qa}$$

# Unteasing concurrency from applications

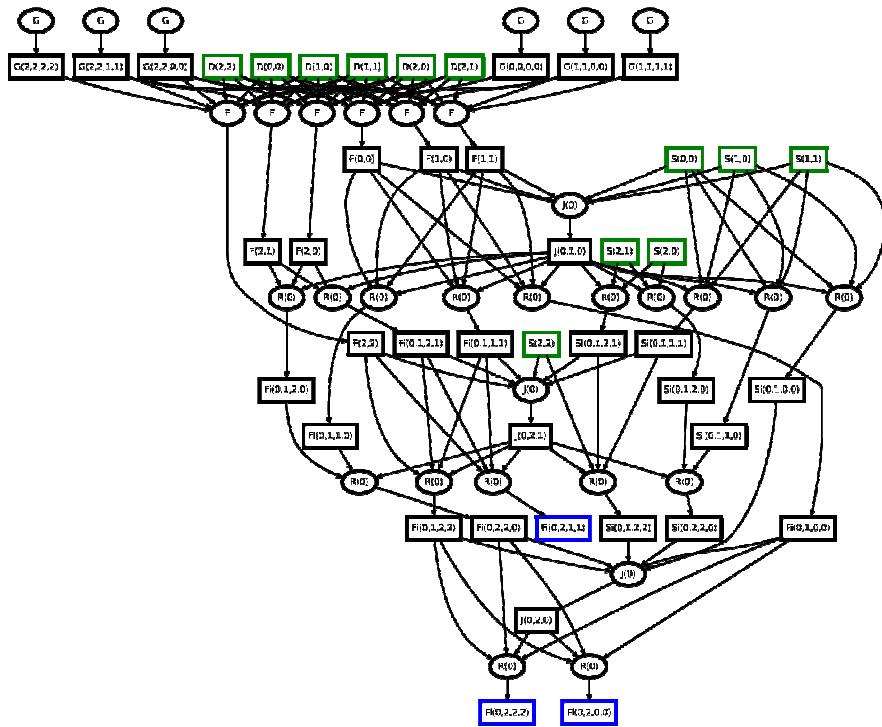
Form the atomic orbital Fock,  $F$ , and overlap,  $S$   
 Synchronize so that  $F$  is complete on all nodes  
 Begin iterative eigensolver  
 For each set of independent shell pairs  
 Compute the rotation matrix  
 Synchronize so rotation matrix is complete  
 Rotate  $F$  and  $S$   
 Synchronize so that  $F$  and  $S$  are complete  
 End loop over independent shell pairs  
 End eigensolver iterations

Traditional imperative formulation

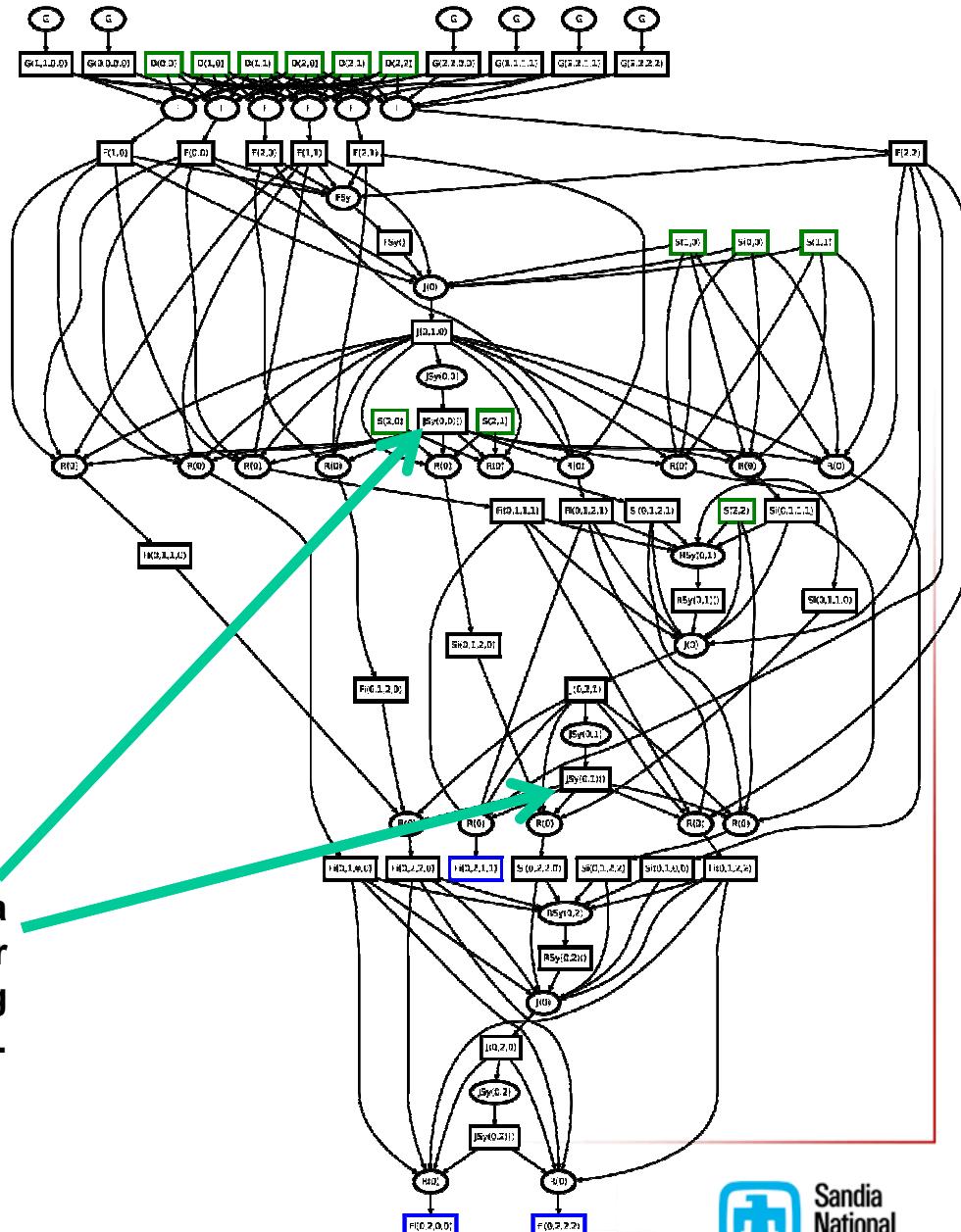


# Comparison of data dependencies with and without synchronization

Without synchronization:



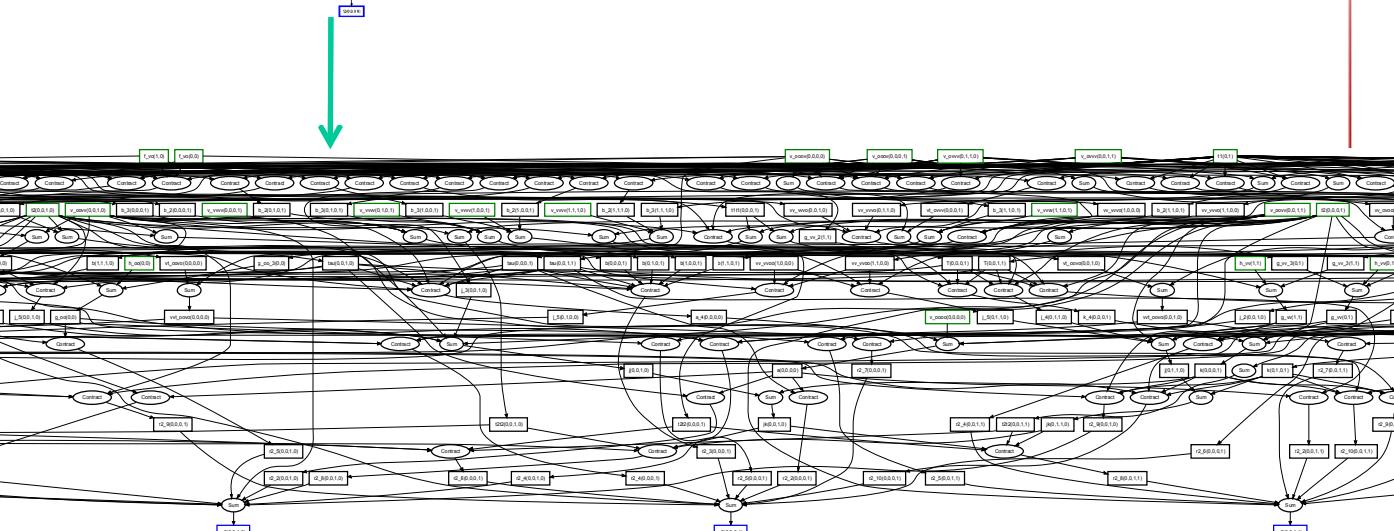
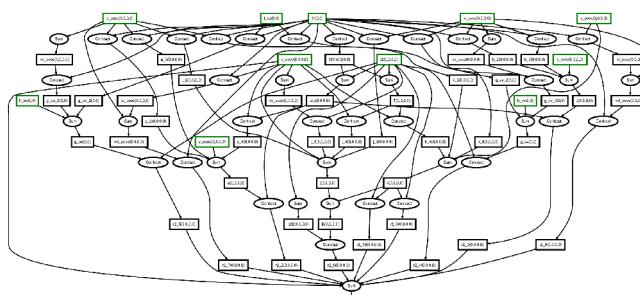
With synchronization:



Synchronization increases the number of data dependencies. Thus, the overall potential for parallelization is reduced by synchronizing operations such as barriers and collectives.

# Hierarchical decomposition needed for locality and scalability

- Hierarchical in terms of operations
  - Eigenvectors constructed from Fock matrix constructed from integrals
- Hierarchical in terms of data
  - Large blocks containing small blocks, etc.
  - Map data hierarchy to memory hierarchy
  - CCSD example:



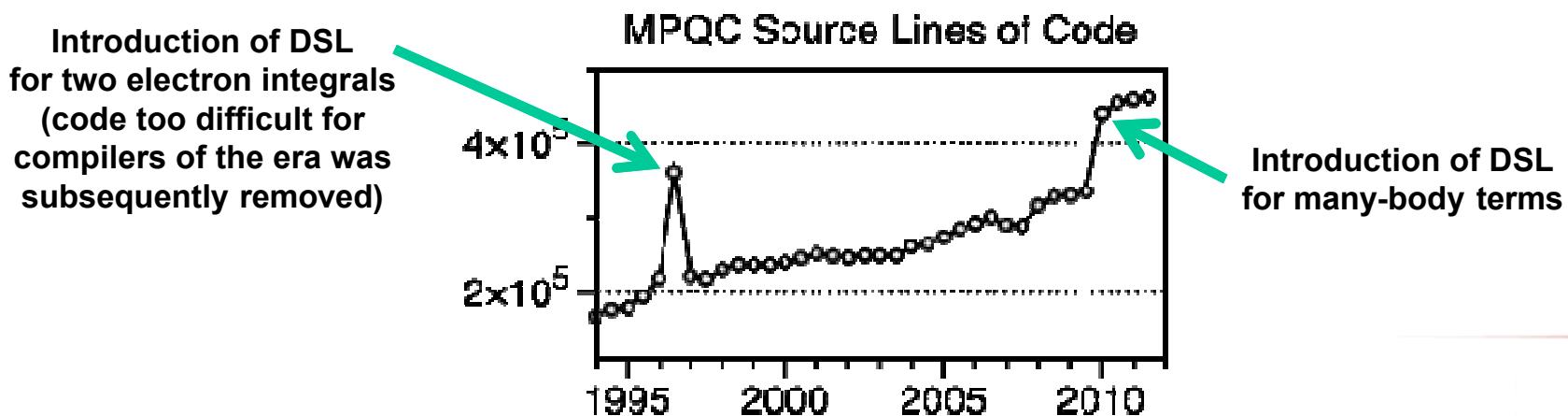
# Be careful for what you ask ...

## Am I asking for a monolithic runtime system?

- No – this is the problem with MPI. Need a lightweight, portable, and low-level interface for fast messaging. Includes active messages and fault notification primitives.
- Varying levels of sophistication can be built upon this low-lying interface.

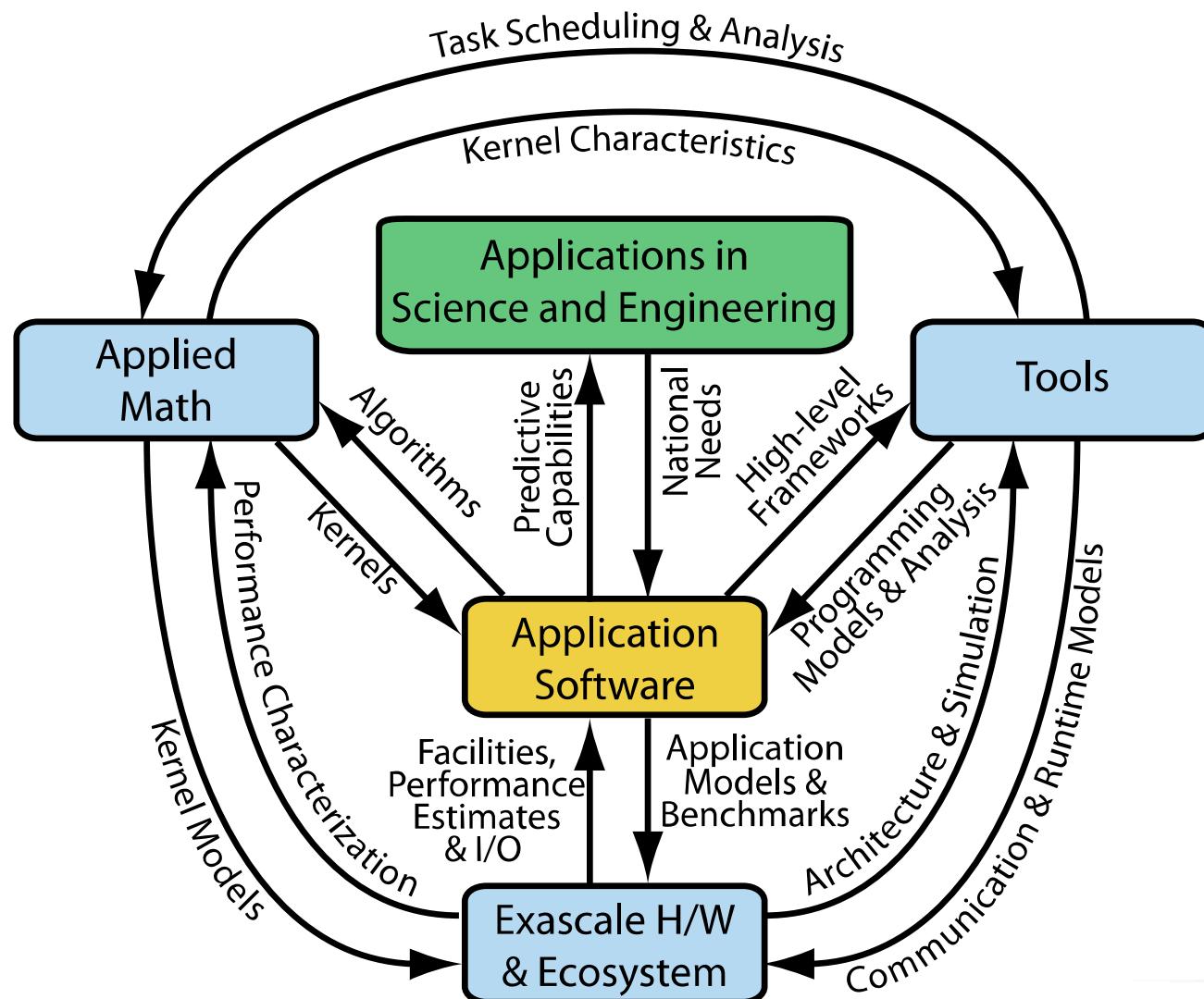
## Am I asking for new languages?

- Yes and no – general purpose languages spoken and developed by a wide community will always play a role. Libraries, DSLs (to generate the underlying code), and embedded DSLs (to supplement the underlying language) will be essential to hide machine complexity.



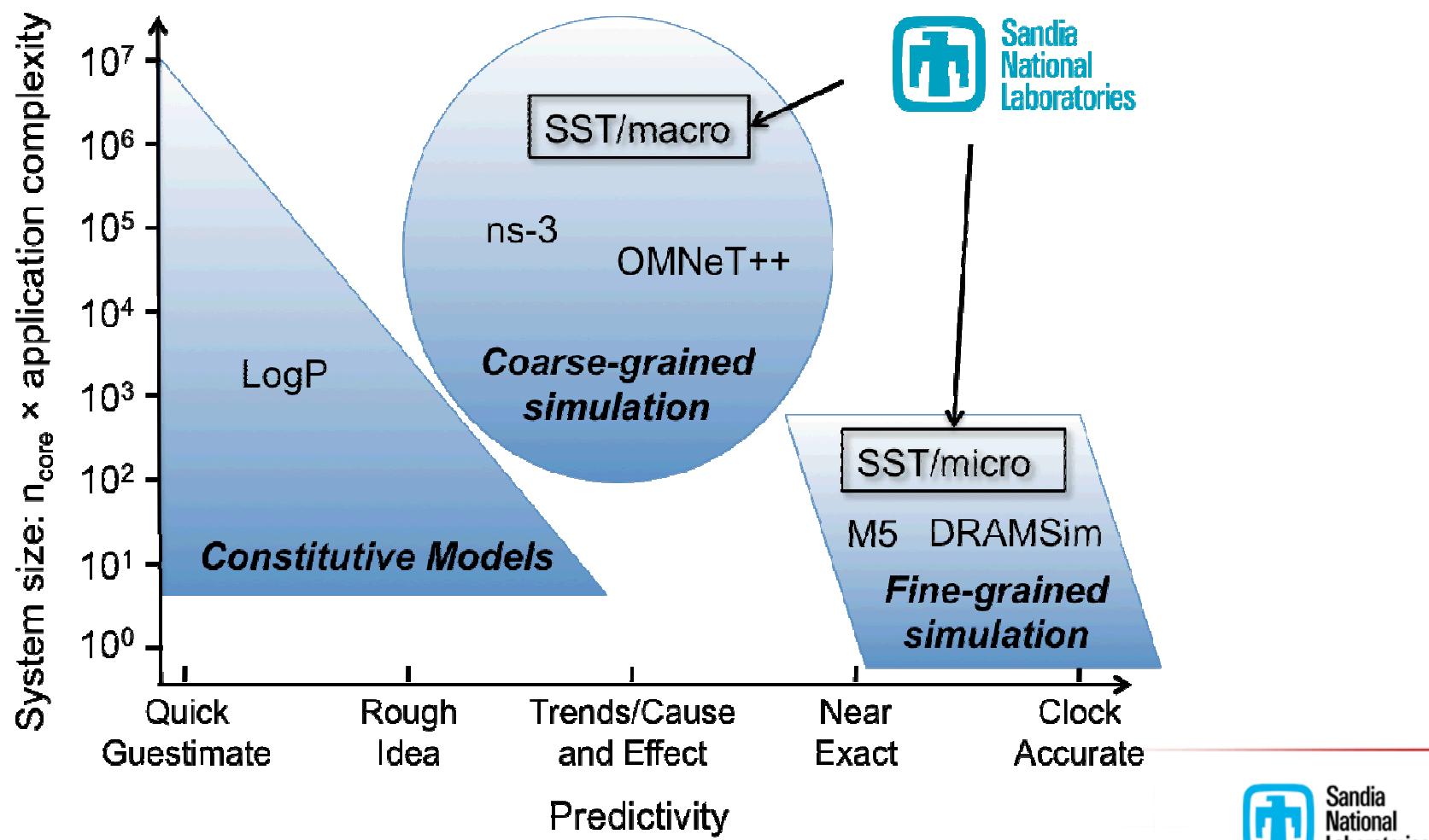
# Software isn't everything ...

Drive hardware design in tandem with software: co-design



# Simulation permits study of future HPC systems

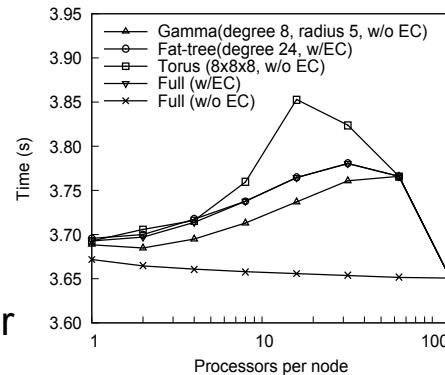
**Structural Simulation Toolkit (SST) – create a multi-scale computer architecture for design and procurement of large-scale parallel machines as well as in the design of algorithms for these machines.**



# Functionality, validation, and quality are key to SST/macro

## Functionality: Permit co-design

- Correctly identify causal relationships
  - Network topology
  - Node configuration
  - Noise/imbalance
  - Bandwidth
  - Latency
  - Resource contention



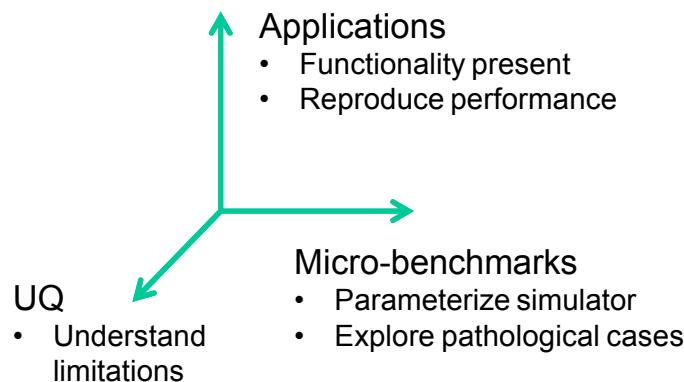
- Play “what if” games

- Implementation effects for communication routines
- Infinite performance in some components to stress others.

- Test changes to application, middleware, or resource management
  - Reordering code blocks, scheduling effects, etc.

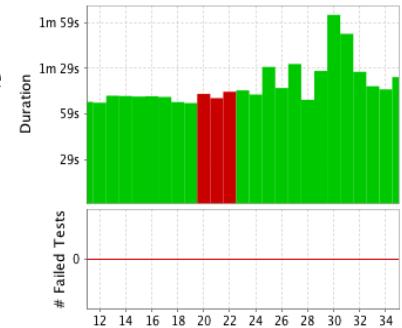
- Test novel programming models
  - Fault-tolerant or fault-oblivious execution models
  - Alternatives to MPI, parallel runtime designs
  - Mixed programming models

## Validation



## Software Quality Assurance

- Issue tracking / DVCS
- Continuous integration
- Automatic generation of documentation and distribution artifacts
- Software Development Plan
- Coordination with Sandia Software Quality Implementation Group (SQIG) on lab-wide Software Quality efforts

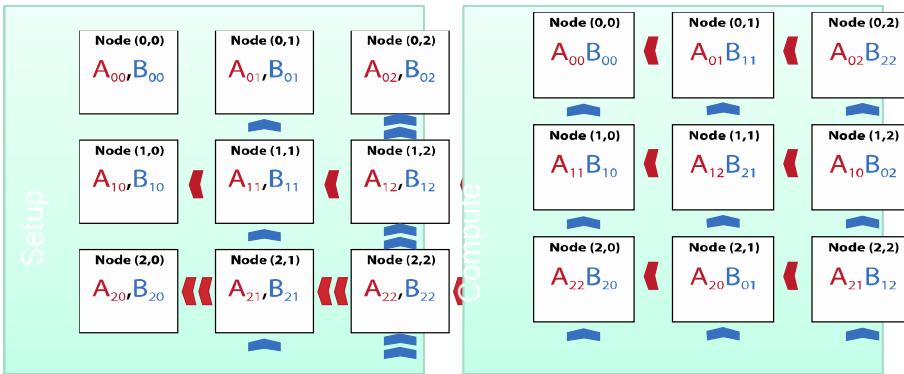




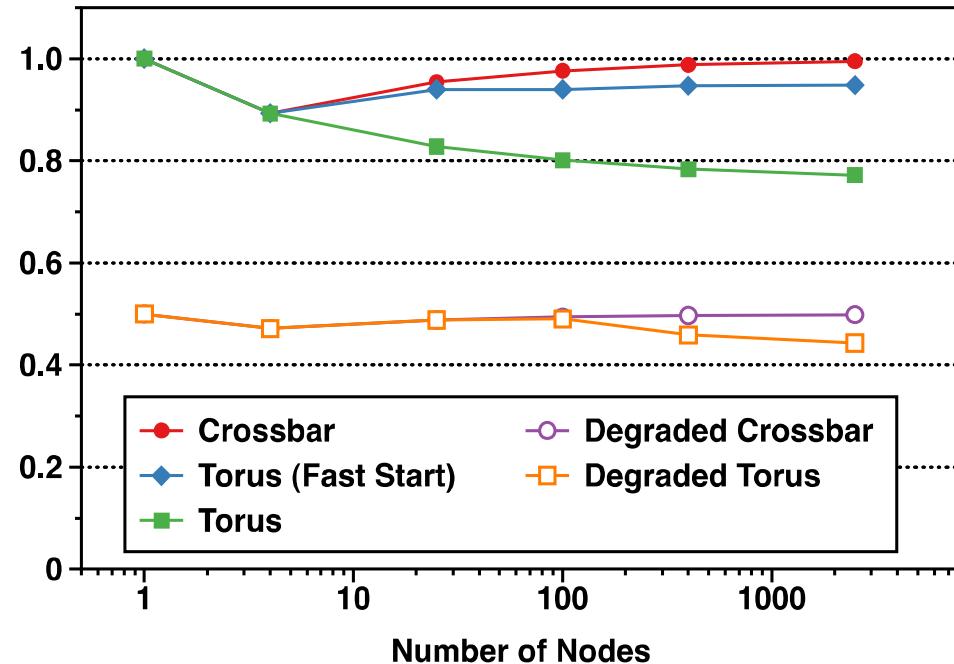
# Multiple instruments are needed for co-design

Co-design Instrument	SST/macro role
<b>Applications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Use SST's DUMPI to collect traces. Use SST/macro to simulate performance on different architectures and validate simulator.</li></ul>
<b>Compact Apps:</b> small program capturing some aspect of full app. Generates a result.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Use to guide development of skeleton app, whether manually or automatically.</li></ul>
<b>Mini Apps:</b> small program capturing simplified aspect of full app. Perhaps no meaningful result.	
<b>Skeleton Apps:</b> captures control flow and communication pattern of app. Runs in simulator.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>SST/macro simulations for machines and algorithms not yet available.</li></ul>
<b>Kernels:</b> Capture node-level aspects of an algorithm.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Generate parameterizations for coarse-grained models.</li></ul>

# Programming model exploration: MPI application



Parallel Efficiency of the Systolic Algorithm



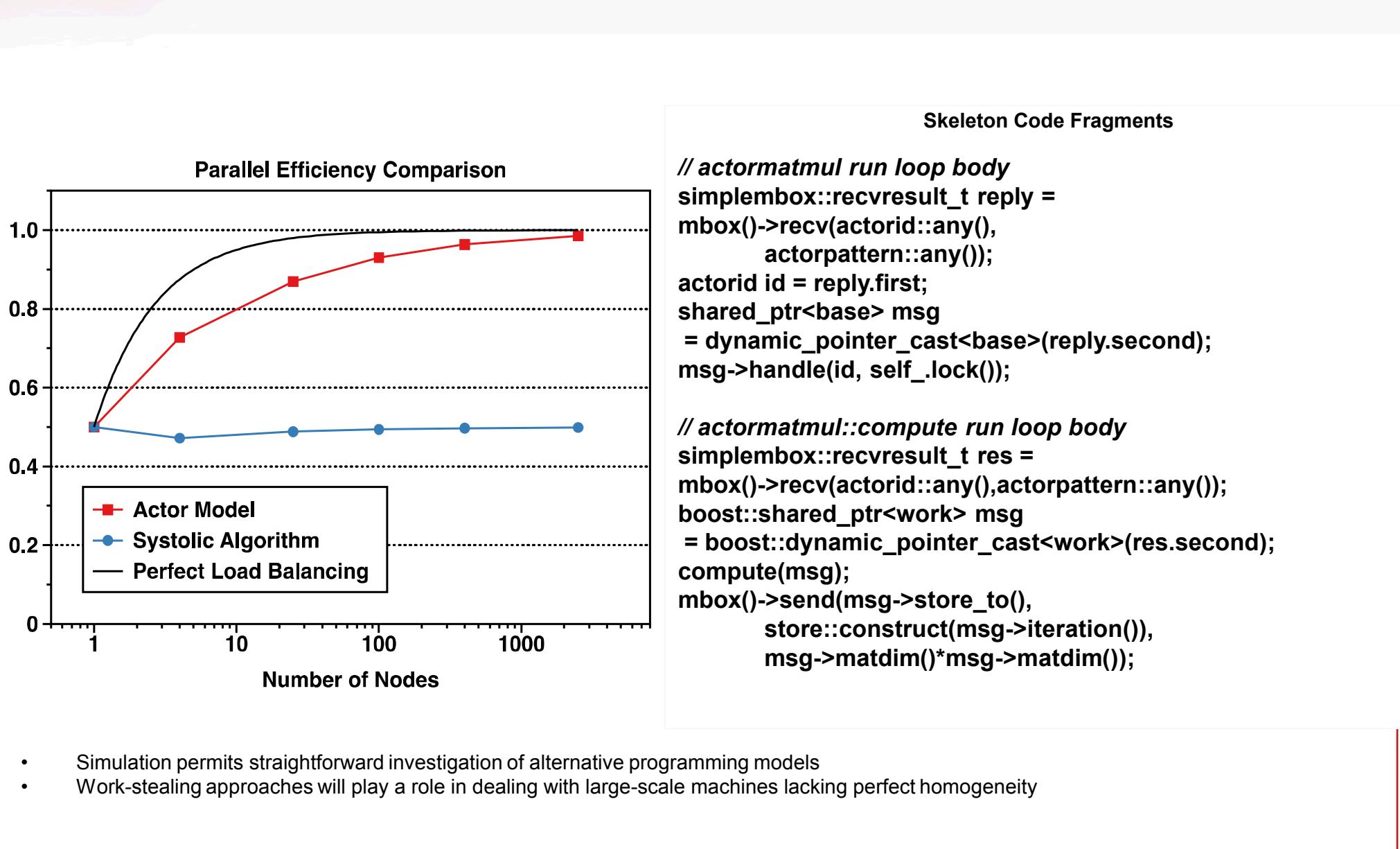
## Skeleton Code Fragment

```

for (int i=0; i<nblocks-1; i++) {
    std::vector<sstmac::mpiapi::mpirequest_t> reqs;
    // Begin non-blocking left shift of A blocks
    sstmac::mpiapi::mpirequest_t req;
    mpi()->isend(blocksize, datatype, myleft,
                   tag, world, req);
    reqs.push_back(req);
    mpi()->irecv(blocksize, datatype, myright,
                   tag, world, req);
    reqs.push_back(req);
    // Likewise for B shifting down ...
    // Simulate computation with current blocks
    compute_api()->compute(instructions);
    mpi()->waitall(reqs, statuses);}
// Finish last block
compute_api()->compute(instructions);
    
```

- The implicitly synchronous systolic algorithm cannot recover from node degradation

# Programming model exploration: actor model app.

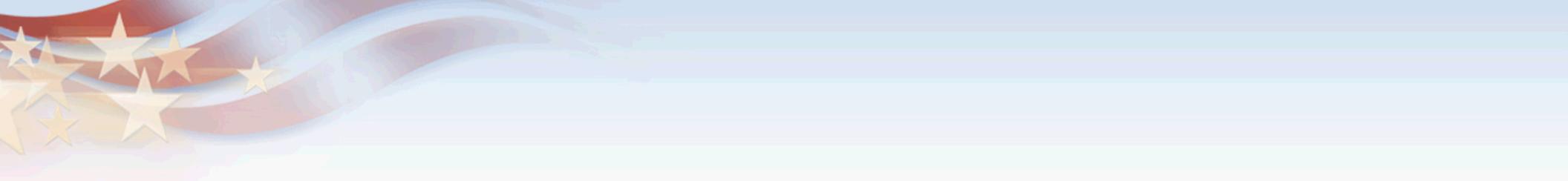




# Summary

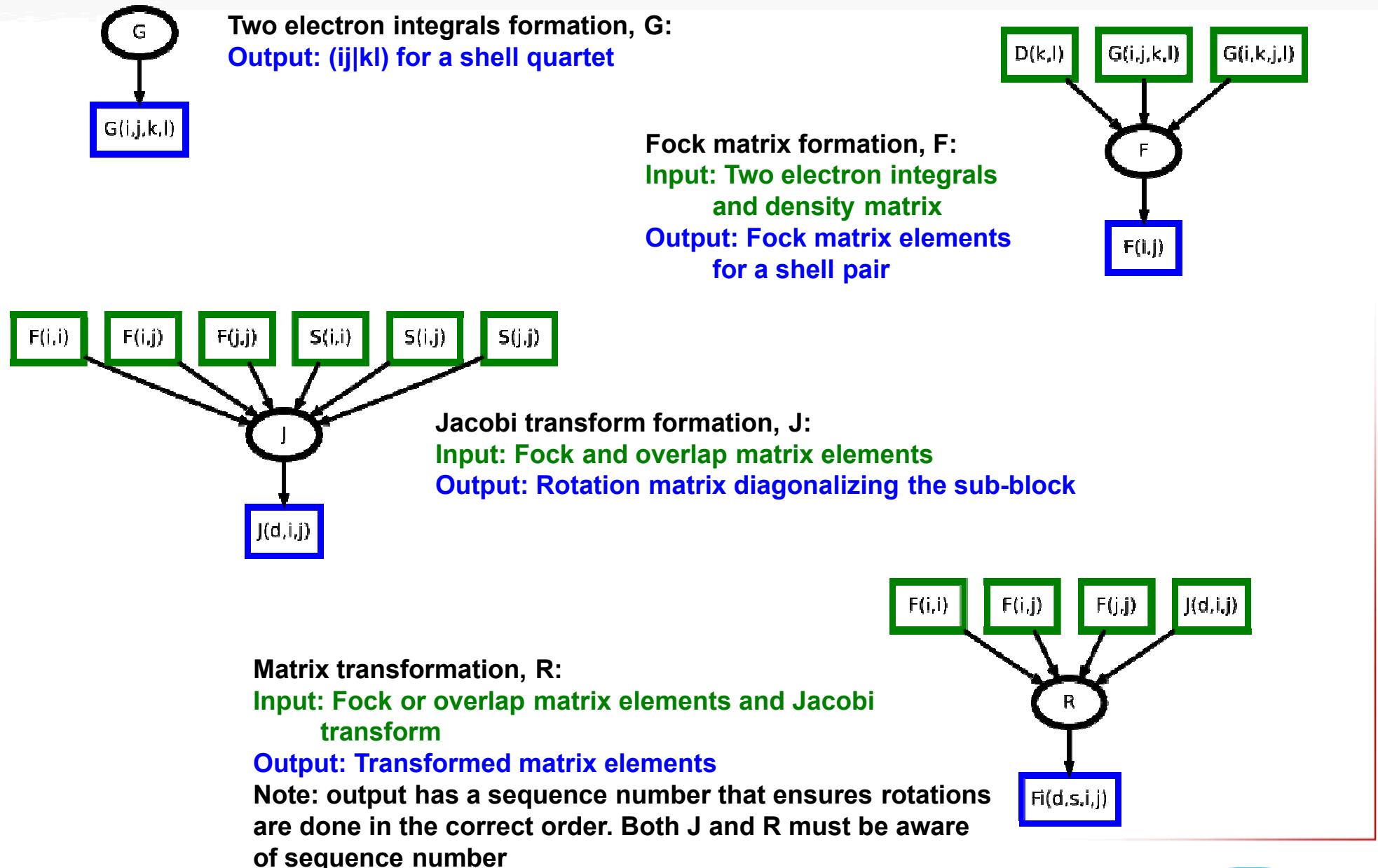
- Supercomputers in 10 years' time will provide fundamental challenges to both software and hardware designers
- Software and hardware must evolve together, in a co-design process, to meet this challenges
- Specialized tools, such as application surrogates and architecture simulators, are needed to implement this process
- More information:

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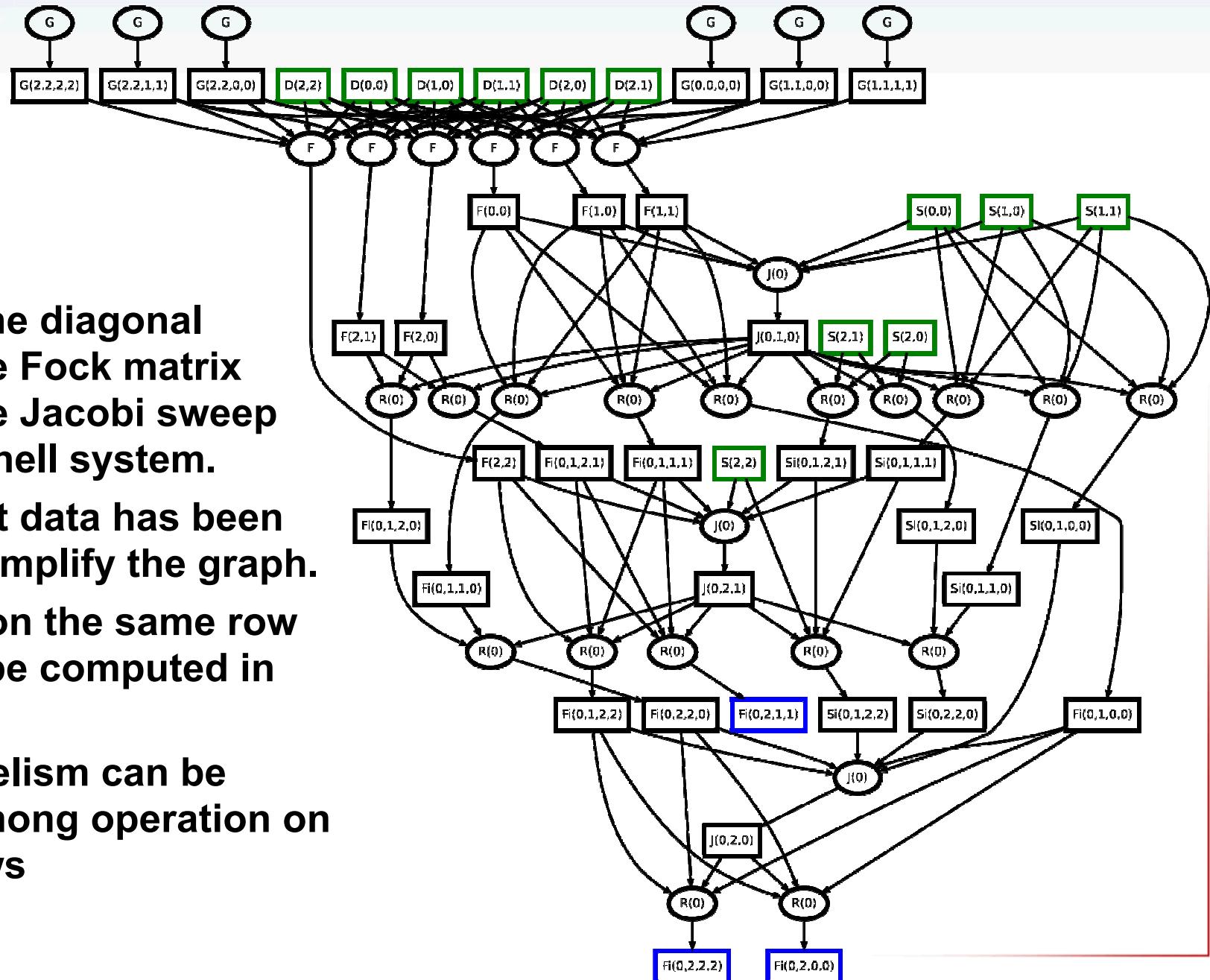


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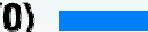
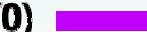
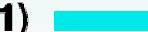
# Elementary operations for Hartree-Fock in terms of data dependencies



# Hartree-Fock data dependencies



# Simulated timings for 16 shells on 8 processors

G  F  J(0)  R(0)  J(1)  R(1) 

