HECToR DCSE Workshop

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DCSE Application Areas

- Hartree-Fock / density functional theory
- Atomistic and molecular dynamics simulations
- Quantum mechanics with ab initio models
- R-matrix theory

- DNS of turbulent multiphase combustion
- Multi-scale LES of fractal objects
- LES of aircraft noise
- Non-hydrostatic ocean modelling
- Quasigeostrophic ocean modelling
- Surface water / sediment modelling

- Climate and seasonal forecasting
- Global atmospheric studies
- Plasma simulation
- Statistics for bioscience
- Structural modelling





HECToR Distributed CSE Evaluations

- CSE Performance Working Group
 - EPSRC, Cray, Rolls Royce, HECToR User, NAG
- Scores completed projects on extent to which objectives met, and "impact":
 - CASTEP: Improved efficiency and scalability, saving £2M in HECToR resource
 - DL_POLY_3: Implemented parallel I/O leading to 20x speed-up in application studying egg-shell formation, making running on HECToR feasible
 - CARP: Time to simulate 1s of human heartbeat reduced from 75 minutes to 5 minutes, opening up possibilities of use in clinical applications
- 23 projects evaluated to date:



Average Scores 4.7/5, 4.5/5



Common Themes

- Mixed mode parallelism OpenMP / MPI
- Structured data decompositions, e.g. FFTs
- Unstructured data decompositions improving load balancing/communications
- I/O MPI I/O and dedicated I/O nodes
- Inter node communications optimising MPI point-to-points and collectives



