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Advanced Methods for Transport Simulation

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Objectives: Advanced Methods for Transport Simulation

Focus:

- High-order methods for challenging DOE science and engineering applications
- State-of-the-art iterative solvers
- Deployment to petascale architectures, $P > 10^6$ (algorithms <u>and</u> software)
- Test and develop through extensive interactions with DOE and university collaborators on cutting-edge science problems



SEM-based simulation of magnetorotational instability. P=32K BGW Simulation. Obabko, Cattaneo, Fischer.



Outline

Provide a quick overview of advances/concerns in

- scalability
- accuracy
- stability
- solvers

for convective transport problems with examples interwoven throughout.



Algorithms & Software: Targeting 1 Million Processors

- Algorithmically:
 - Minimally dispersive discetizations: high-order, high accuracy per pt.
 - Important for long-time integrations undertaken at Petascale
 - Scalable iterative solvers:
 - Schwarz/MG preconditioners
 - Low communication parallel coarse grid solvers (all-to-all in sublinear complexity)
- Architecturally (where software meets reality)
 - No P² storage (i.e., no P-sized arrays per proc.)
 - No P² anything
 - locally structured data $SEM \rightarrow N \times N \times N$ sized blocks
 - use BLAS3 wherever possible favorable work/data-access ratio
 - quad data alignment for "instruction-issue" challenged processors
 - e.g., early Weitek chips, Intel i860, BGL double hummer, ... more in future
 - etc. etc.



A high-order example: Spectral Element Method

(Patera 84, Maday & Patera 89)

- Variational method, similar to FEM, using *GL* quadrature.
- Domain partitioned into *E* high-order quadrilateral (or hexahedral) elements (decomposition may be nonconforming - *localized refinement*)
- Trial and test functions represented as N th-order tensor-product polynomials within each element. ($N \sim 4 15$, typ.)
- **E** N^3 gridpoints in 3D, EN^2 gridpoints in 2D.
- Converges *exponentially fast* with *N* for smooth solutions.





Accuracy & Cost



Spectral Element Convergence:



Exponential for smooth solutions:

For nonsmooth (e.g., under-resolved) problems, good transport achieved because resolved modes are propagated accurately.



Can show that most of the benefit is realized with $N \sim 8-16$.

Key is to have a stable formulation.



Model Problem: convection-diffusion $u_t + \mathbf{c} \cdot \nabla u = \nu \nabla^2 u$

Find
$$u \in X_0^N \subset H_0^1$$
 such that
 $(v, u_t)_N + (v, \mathbf{c} \cdot \nabla u)_M = \nu (\nabla v, \nabla u)_N \quad \forall v \in X_0^N,$
• $(f, g)_M := \sum_{j=0}^M \rho_j^M f(\xi_j^M) g(\xi_j^M), \quad (1-D, \Omega = [-1, 1])$

• ξ_j^M , ρ_j^M —*M*th-order Gauss-Legendre points, weights.





Fast Operator Evaluation

Local tensor-product form (2D),

$$u(r,s) = \sum_{i=0}^{N} \sum_{j=0}^{N} u_{ij}h_i(r)h_j(s), \quad h_i(\xi_p) = \delta_{ip}, \ h_i \in \mathsf{P}_N$$

allows derivatives to be evaluated as matrix-matrix products:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial r}\Big|_{\xi_i,\xi_j} = \sum_{p=0}^N u_{pj} \frac{dh_p}{dr}\Big|_{\xi_i} = \sum_p \underbrace{\hat{D}_{ip} u_{pj}}_{m \times m} =: D_r \underline{u}$$

Work for SEM operators in 3D is reduced from O(N⁶) to O(N⁴) Orszag 80
 Data access requirements are equivalent to centered finite-differences

Cost vs. Accuracy:

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SE-DG method for Maxwell's equations: •nanophotonics

•accelerator modeling



Periodic Box; 32 nodes, each with a 2.4 GHz Pentium Xeon



Stability



Filter-Based Stabilization

(Gottlieb et al., Don et al., Vandeven, Boyd, ...)

- At end of each time step:
 - Interpolate u onto GLL points for P_{N-1}
 - Interpolate back to GLL points for P_N

 $F_1(u) = I_{N-1} u$



- Results are smoother with linear combination: (F. & Mullen 01) $F_{\alpha}(u) = (1-\alpha) u + \alpha I_{N-1} u$ ($\alpha \sim 0.05 - 0.2$)
- Post-processing no change to existing solvers
- Preserves interelement continuity and spectral accuracy
- Equivalent to multiplying by $(1-\alpha)$ the N th coefficient in the expansion
 - $u(x) = \sum u_k \phi_k(x); \quad \phi_k(x) := L_k(x) L_{k-2}(x)$ (Boyd 98)



Numerical Stability Test: Shear Layer Roll-Up (Bell et al. JCP 89, Brown & Minion, JCP 95, F. & Mullen, CRAS 2001)



Figure 1: Vorticity for different (K, N) pairings: (a–d) $\rho = 30$, $Re = 10^5$, contours from -70 to 70 by 140/15; (e–f) $\rho = 100$, Re = 40,000, contours from -36 to 36 by 72/13. (cf. Fig. 3c in [4]).



Error in Predicted Growth Rate for Orr-Sommerfeld Problem at Re=7500

Spatial and Temporal Convergence (FM, 2001)						
$\Delta t = 0.003125$		N = 17	2nd Order		3rd Order	
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0.00455	0.01114	0.05000	0.00910	0.00911	161.134	0.00040
0.00004	0.00074	0.02500	0.00238	0.00238	1.04463	0.00012
0.00010	0.00017	0.01250	0.00065	0.00066	0.00008	0.00008
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Base velocity profile and perturbation streamlines



Filtering provides a convergent path to resolving difficult flows.

Low-speed streaks and log-law velocity profiles for Re=30,000 simulation of turbulent flow in a reactor core coolant passage.





Rod Bundle Validation: Nek5000 Comparison w/ Experimental Data

(F. & Tzanos, 05)



Why Does Filtering Work ? (Or, Why Do the Unfiltered Equations Fail?)

Double shear layer example:





Why Does Filtering Work ? (Or, Why Do the Unfiltered Equations Fail?)

Consider the model problem:

j

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = -\mathbf{c} \cdot \nabla u$$

Weighted residual formulation: $B\frac{d\underline{u}}{dt} = -C\underline{u}$

$$B_{ij} = \int_{\Omega} \phi_i \phi_j \, dV = \text{symm. pos. def.}$$

$$C_{ij} = \int_{\Omega} \phi_i \mathbf{c} \cdot \nabla \phi_j \, dV$$

= $-\int_{\Omega} \phi_j \mathbf{c} \cdot \nabla \phi_i \, dV - \int_{\Omega} \phi_j \phi_j \nabla \cdot \mathbf{c} \, dV$
= skew symmetric, if $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{c} \equiv 0$.

 $\longrightarrow B^{-1}C$ = skew symmetric

Discrete problem should never blow up.



Why Does Filtering Work ? (Or, Why Do the Unfiltered Equations Fail?)

Weighted residual formulation vs. spectral element method:

This suggests the use of over-integration (dealiasing) to ensure that skew-symmetry is retained

$$C_{ij} = (J\phi_i, (Jc) \cdot J \nabla \phi_j)_M$$

 $J_{pq} := h_q^N(\xi_p^M)$ interpolation matrix (1D, single element)



Aliased / Dealiased Eigenvalues: $u_t + \mathbf{c} \cdot \nabla u = 0$

- Velocity fields model first-order terms in expansion of straining and rotating flows.
 - Filtering / dealiasing attacks the leading unstable mode in straining field.
 - Rotational case is skew-symmetric.





Solvers

Incompressible Navier-Stokes equations imply a Poisson-like solve at each time step to impose divergence-free constraint.

This solve is the leading-order computational bottleneck.



Two-Level Overlapping Additive Schwarz Preconditioner

(Dryja & Widlund 87, Pahl 93, PF 97, FMT 00)



Local Overlapping Solves: FEM-based Poisson problems with homogeneous Dirichlet boundary conditions, A_e .

Coarse Grid Solve: Poisson problem using linear finite elements on entire spectral element mesh, A_0 (GLOBAL).

SEMG: Overlapping Additive Schwarz Smoother

$$\diamond M_{\text{Schwarz}} = \sum R_e^T A_e^{-1} R_e \qquad \text{Dryja \& Widlund 87,...}$$

 \diamond Fast tensor-product solvers for A_e^{-1} Rice et al. '64, Couzy '95

♦ Bypasses cell aspect-ratio problem





Importance of edge weighting

Lottes & F 04



Error after coarse-grid correction



• Weighting the additive-Schwarz step is essential

(Szyld has recent analysis)



3D Unsteady Navier-Stokes Examples ~10⁶ dofs

Hybrid Schwarz/MG:

F. & Lottes 05

- twice as fast as std. 2-level additive Schwarz
- more robust in the presence of high-aspect ratio cells



F. & Lottes 05



Scalability: Nek5000 on P=32K

Magneto-rotational instability (Obabko, Cattaneo & F.)

- External science application on BGW:
 - E=140000, N=9 (n = 112 M)
 - *P*=32768
 - ~ 1.2 sec/step
 - ~ 8 iterations / step for U & B
 - − Speed up of 1.96 for $P=16K \rightarrow 32K$









Vascular Flow Simulations

Seeking to understand hemodynamics & vascular disease

- turbulence in AV grafts associated w/ graft failure (Fillinger 93, Loth et al. 03)
- understanding why/how transition occurs can lead to improved designs
- also provides an excellent opportunity for validation



Coherent structures in AV graft at Re=1200; λ_2 criterion of Jeong & Hussein (JFM95)



Subassembly analysis of wire wrap fuel pins

Interchannel cross-flow is principal convective transport mechanism

- Uniformity of temperature controls peak power output
- A better understanding of flow distribution (interior, edge, corner) will lead to improved designs and design tools





Preliminary analysis of wire-wrapped fuel pins



- Single pin in a periodic array:
 - Spectral element computation
 - Re=20000, 8.7 M gridpoints, 5 hours on P=2048 of IBM BG/L
 - Predicts interchannel velocity distributions in a large bundle system
- 7-pin configuration currently under study





Concluding Remarks

 \blacksquare P = 100K is certainly within reach (and on the horizon in 08)

- **P** = 10^6 should be tractable, with care
 - multigrid might be only solution for coarse-grid solves at this scale
- Robust high-order methods
 - can be effectively applied in a variety of engineering and science applications
 - offer the potential to efficiently span a broad range of scales
- Many of the techniques described here can be extended to simplices.





Magneto-Rotational Instabilities

w/ Fausto Cattaneo (ANL/UC) and Aleks Obabko (UC)

- Spectral element discretization of MHD Taylor-Couette flow
 - similar to expt. configuration of Goodman & Ji (PPPL)





- •Distributions of turbulent angular momentum transport at inner, mid, and outer radii
- •Computations using 16K & 32K processors on BGW
 - •Predicts: - MRI
 - sustained dynamo















Filtering permits Re_{*δ*⁹⁹} > 700 for transitional boundary layer calculations





Figure 1: Principal vortex structures identified by $\lambda_2 = -1$ isosurfaces at $Re_k = 760$: standing horseshoe vortex (a), interlaced tails (b), hairpin head (c), and bridge (d). Colors indicate pressure. (K=1021, N=15).



High Anisotropy Favors High-Order Methods

Anisotropy in fusion applications, model problem:

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} - \nabla \cdot \mathbf{K} \cdot \nabla T = f \qquad \text{in } \Omega,$$

$$\mathbf{K} = \kappa_{||} \mathbf{b} \mathbf{b}^T + \kappa_{\perp} \mathcal{I}$$

$$\kappa_{||}/\kappa_{\perp}pprox 10^9$$

b – normalized *B*-field, helically wrapped on toroidal surfaces
thermal flux follows **b**.





High degree of anisotropy creates significant challenges

- For $\kappa_{\parallel}/\kappa_{\perp} \gg 1$, this problem is more like a (difficult) hyperbolic problem than straightforward diffusion.
- $\blacksquare A = \kappa_{//}A_{//} + A_I$
- A_I controls *radial* diffusion
 - $A_{||}$ must be accurately represented when $\kappa_{||} >> 1$
 - Error must scale as ~ $1 / \kappa_{||}$







Significant advances enabled through DOE Applied Mathematics Program

- Stabilization for spectral element methods
 - Filtering
 - Dealiasing
 - Most significant advance in SEM since its development
 - Has enabled simulation of convection dominated flows that were previously inaccessible
- Spectral element multigrid

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- Most significant advance in SEMG in 15 years
- First practical SEMG method



Heat Transfer in an fcc Lattice of Spheres at Re_D = 30,000



void-centric view

Max temperature fluctuation: ~ 14 x mean temperature change. E=1536 elements of order N=14

10 hours on 64 nodes for 1 flow-through time

sphere-centric view





MRI & Origins of Accretion Disks Cattaneo & Obabko

- Accretion onto a central compact object is believed to power some of the most energetic phenomena in the universe
- If angular momentum is conserved, matter just orbits the central object
 - Accretion rate is determined by the <u>outward</u> transport of angular momentum
 - Frictional or viscous transport too inefficient to explain observed luminosities
 - Something many orders of magnitude more efficient is needed
- Turbulence has been suggested as momentum transport mechanism
 - Yields reasonable disk structures and accretion rates
 - Most astrophysical disks are Rayleigh stable
 - What is the physical origin of the turbulence?





Can we scale to P > 100,000 ?

- Robust performance estimates for various Poisson solvers:
 - Jacobi iteration scales, but will not scale algorithmically _
 - The inner-products for conjugate gradient do not pose a significant difficulty, on BGL





Example: SEM solution of turbulent MHD

Scaling observations on BG/L and XT3, n=10.7 M



- Communication pattern is important only in small n/P limit.
- Currently running on P=32K BGL at Watson
 - No significant difficulties; efficiencies agree w/ model
 - Some software rewrite req'd particularly wrt I/O (e.g., MPI-I/O)





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SEM + DG for computational electromagnetics

- Objective

- Develop high-order EM code with significantly reduced PPW
- Target applications:
 - nanophotonics
 - accelerator design
 - long domain lengths
 - high accuracy required for post-processed analysis
 - Ideal for SEM



NEKCEM simulation of plane wave interacting with nanospheres



Accelerator applications

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- Wakefield computations for *psec* bunches require high accuracy and propagation of signals over long distances
- High-order methods offer a potential gridpoint reduction of 5x, per space dimension, for tera- and petascale applications of interest to accelerator designers



Spectral element mesh of APS beam chamber



Performance of SEDG Approach



Periodic Box; 32 nodes, each with a 2.4 GHz Pentium Xeon

Reactor thermal hydraulics

- Key element of GNEP is to recycle spent fuel
 - reduce geological repository requirements by 100-fold
- Unlike LWRs, recycling reactors are not industry standard
 - major design and safety regulation effort required
 - Petascale computing is a major advantage for the U.S. over competing nations, who in many cases have more current expertise
 - Reactor design software is ~ 30 years old new software development effort is called for to reflect advances in algorithms and architectures
- Thermal hydraulics for recycling reactors is governed by single-phase weakly compressible turbulent flow:
 - LES, RANS, subchannel modeling will be principal analytical tools

Ideal application for Nek5000



Thermal Hydraulic Basics: core coolant problem

- Liquid metal coolant, pumped through the core consisting of hundreds of subassemblies:
 - Closed hexagonal canisters, open at top and bottom.
 - Contain 217 fuel pins, .8 cm diameter, in a hexagonal array.
 - Coolant passes vertically through *subchannels* (2 per pin) within subassembly
 - Fuel pins are separated by spacers and fluid can pass between subchannels
 CORE (100s of subassemblies)
 SUBASSEMBLY





University Projects / Collaborators

- Provides excellent opportunities for
 - detailed validation
 - extension of physics
 - new features
- Active projects:
 - Transition in vascular flows
 - Loth and Bassiouny (UIC, UC, NIH funded)
 - Gravity currents in oceanic overflows
 - Ozgokmen, Iliescu, Duan (U. Miami, V. Tech., IIT; NSF funded)
 - Fundamental forces in particulate flows
 - Balachandar, Najjar, Restrepo, Leaf (U. Fla., UIUC, U. Az., ANL)
 - Others:
 - Combustion (ETH), spatiotemporal chaos (Caltech), stenotic flows (Purdue),...



Ongoing / Future Developments

Aim:

- Ensure that our high-order-based research codes are in a position to solve challenging DOE problems ranging from desktop to Petaflop.
- Algorithmic efforts:
 - Fast spectral semi-Lagrangian methods
 - Solvers / software scaling to $P > 10^6$
 - Fully-implicit DIRK schemes
 - Performance-optimized high-order HOMs for hybrid meshes
 - tet, prism, hex
 - DG methods for fluids / CEM
- DOE focus application areas
 - Fast reactor thermalhydraulics (DNS/LES/RANS/...)
 - Incompressible MHD
 - Accelerator/nanophotonics modeling
 - Liquid metal simulations (fusion applications)

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Extension to 2D

Nodal bases on the Gauss-Lobatto-Legendre points:

$$u(x,y) = \sum_{i=0}^{N} \sum_{j=0}^{N} u_{ij} h_i(x) h_j(y), \qquad h_i(\xi_p) = \delta_{ip}, \ h_i \in \mathbb{P}_N$$





Matrix-Matrix Based Derivative Evaluation

Local tensor-product form (2D),

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allows derivatives to be evaluated as matrix-matrix products:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial r}\Big|_{\xi_i,\xi_j} = \sum_{p=0}^N u_{pj} \frac{dh_p}{dr}\Big|_{\xi_i} = \sum_p \underbrace{\hat{D}_{ip} u_{pj}}_{m \times m} =: D_r \underline{u}$$

