

Mixed-Precision GPU-Multigrid Solvers with Strong Smoothers and Applications in CFD and CSM

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Reprise: Hardware-oriented numerics

Conflicting situations

- Existing methods no longer hardware-compatible
- Neither want less numerical efficiency, nor less hardware efficiency

Challenge: New algorithmic way of thinking

- Balance these conflicting goals

Consider short-term hardware details in actual implementations, but long-term hardware trends in the design of numerical schemes

- Locality, locality, locality
- Communication-avoiding (-delaying) algorithms between all flavours of parallelism
- Multilevel methods, hardware-aware preconditioning

Grid and Matrix Structures

Flexibility $\leftrightarrow$ Performance

Grid and matrix structures

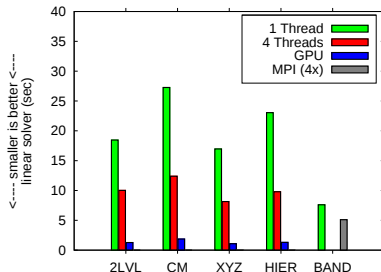
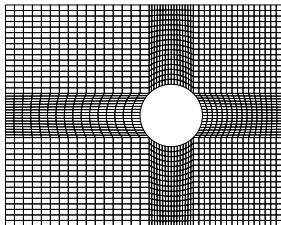
General sparse matrices (unstructured grids)

- CSR (and variants): General data structure for arbitrary grids
- Maximum flexibility, but during SpMV
 - Indirect, irregular memory accesses
 - Index overhead reduces already low arithm. intensity further
- Performance depends on nonzero pattern (grid numbering)

Structured sparse matrices

- Example: Structured grids, suitable numbering $\Rightarrow$ band matrices
- Important: No stencils, fully variable coefficients
- Direct regular memory accesses, fast independent of mesh
- 'FEAST patches': Exploitation in the design of strong MG components

Example: Poisson on unstructured mesh



- Nehalem vs. GT200, $\approx$ 2M bilinear FE, MG-JAC solver
- Unstructured formats highly numbering-dependent
- Multicore 2–3x over singlecore, GPU 8–12x over multicore
- Banded format (here: 8 ‘blocks’) 2–3x faster than best unstructured layout and predictably on par with multicore

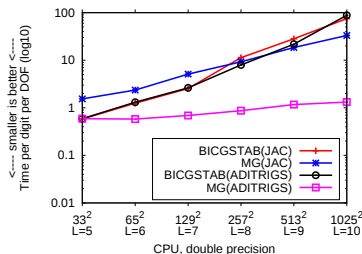
Strong Smoothers

**Parallelising Inherently
Sequential Operations**

Motivation: Why strong smoothers?

Test case: Generalised Poisson problem with anisotropic diffusion

- $-\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{G} \nabla \mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{f}$ on unit square (one FEAST patch)
- $\mathbf{G} = \mathbf{I}$: standard Poisson problem, $\mathbf{G} \neq \mathbf{I}$: arbitrarily challenging
- Example: $\mathbf{G}$ introduces anisotropic diffusion along some vector field



Only multigrid with a strong smoother is competitive

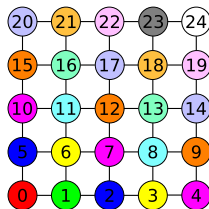
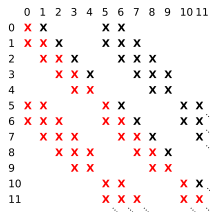
Gauß-Seidel smoother

Disclaimer: Not necessarily a good smoother, but a good didactical example.

Sequential algorithm

- Forward elimination, sequential dependencies between matrix rows
- Illustrative: Coupling to the left and bottom

1st idea: Classical wavefront-parallelisation (exact)

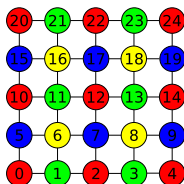


- Pro: Always works to resolve *explicit* dependencies
- Con: Irregular parallelism and access patterns, implementable?

Gauß-Seidel smoother

2nd idea: Decouple dependencies via multicolouring (inexact)

- Jacobi (red) – coupling to left (green) – coupling to bottom (blue) – coupling to left and bottom (yellow)



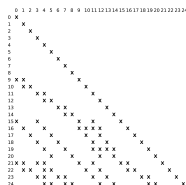
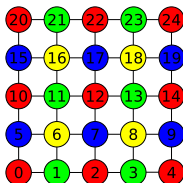
Analysis

- Parallel efficiency: 4 sweeps with $\approx N/4$ parallel work each
- Regular data access, but checkerboard pattern challenging for SIMD/GPUs due to strided access
- Numerical efficiency: Sequential coupling only in last sweep

Gauß-Seidel smoother

3rd idea: Multicolouring = renumbering

- After decoupling: 'Standard' update (left+bottom) is suboptimal
- Does not include all already available results

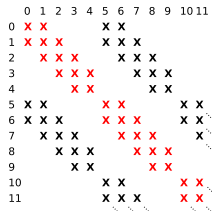


- Recoupling: Jacobi (red) – coupling to left and right (green) – top and bottom (blue) – all 8 neighbours (yellow)
- More computations than standard decoupling
- Experiments: Convergence rates of sequential variant recovered (in absence of preferred direction)

Tridiagonal smoother (line relaxation)

Starting point

- Good for 'line-wise' anisotropies
- '*Alternating Direction Implicit (ADI)*' technique alternates rows and columns
- CPU implementation: Thomas-Algorithm (inherently sequential)



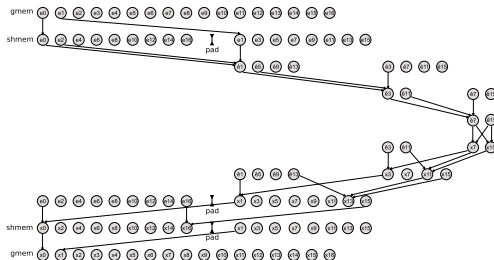
Observations

- One independent tridiagonal system per mesh row
- $\Rightarrow$ top-level parallelisation across mesh rows
- Implicit coupling: Wavefront and colouring techniques not applicable

Tridiagonal smoother (line relaxation)

Cyclic reduction for tridiagonal systems

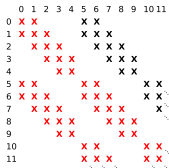
- Exact, stable (w/o pivoting) and cost-efficient
- Problem: Classical formulation parallelises computation but not memory accesses on GPUs (bank conflicts in shared memory)
- Developed a better formulation, 2-4x faster
- Index challenge, general idea: Recursive padding between odd and even indices on all levels



Combined GS and TRIDI

Starting point

- CPU implementation: Shift previous row to RHS and solve remaining tridiagonal system with Thomas-Algorithm
- Combined with ADI, this is the best general smoother (we have) for this matrix structure



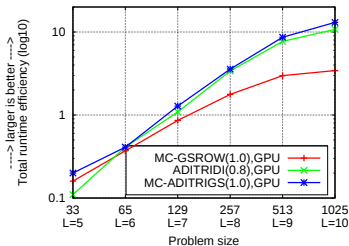
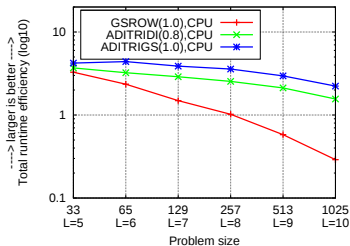
Observations and implementation

- Difference to tridiagonal solvers: Mesh rows depend sequentially on each other
- Use colouring ($\#c \geq 2$) to decouple the dependencies between rows (more colours = more similar to sequential variant)

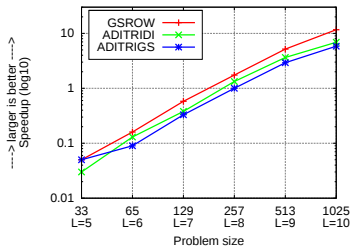
Evaluation: Total efficiency on CPU and GPU

Test problem: Generalised Poisson with anisotropic diffusion

- Total efficiency: $(\mu s \text{ per unknown per digit})^{-1}$
- Mixed precision iterative refinement multigrid solver
- Intel Westmere vs. NVIDIA Fermi



Speedup GPU vs. CPU



Summary: Smoother parallelisation

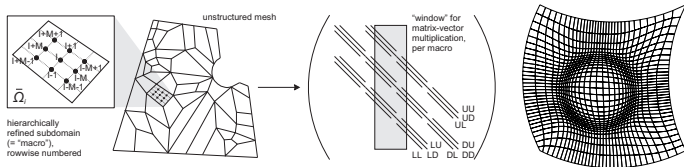
- Factor 10-30 (dep. on precision and smoother selection) speedup over already highly tuned CPU implementation
- Same numerical capabilities on CPU and GPU
- Balancing of numerical and parallel efficiency (hardware-oriented numerics)

CSM and CFD on GPU-Accelerated Clusters

ScaRC Solvers in FEAST

Combination of structured and unstructured advantages

- Global macro-mesh: Unstructured, flexible, complex domains
- Local micro-meshes: Structured (logical TP-structure), fast
- Important: Structured $\neq$ simple meshes!



Hybrid multilevel domain decomposition method

- Multiplicative between levels, global coarse grid problem (MG-like)
- Additive horizontally: block-Jacobi / Schwarz smoother (DD-like)
- Local GPU-accelerated MG hides local irregularities

Linearised elasticity

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A}_{11} & \mathbf{A}_{12} \\ \mathbf{A}_{21} & \mathbf{A}_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u}_1 \\ \mathbf{u}_2 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{f}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} (2\mu + \lambda)\partial_{xx} + \mu\partial_{yy} & (\mu + \lambda)\partial_{xy} \\ (\mu + \lambda)\partial_{yx} & \mu\partial_{xx} + (2\mu + \lambda)\partial_{yy} \end{pmatrix}$$

global multivariate BiCGStab

block-preconditioned by

Global multivariate multilevel (V 1+1)

additively smoothed (block GS) by

for all Ω_i : solve $\mathbf{A}_{11}\mathbf{c}_1 = \mathbf{d}_1$
by

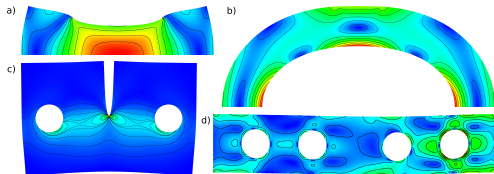
local scalar multigrid

update RHS: $\mathbf{d}_2 = \mathbf{d}_2 - \mathbf{A}_{21}\mathbf{c}_1$

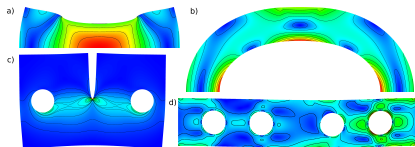
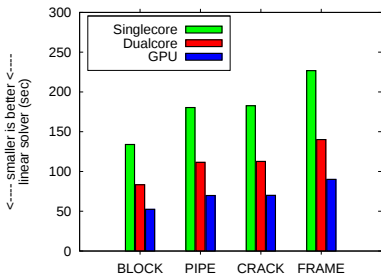
for all Ω_i : solve $\mathbf{A}_{22}\mathbf{c}_2 = \mathbf{d}_2$
by

local scalar multigrid

coarse grid solver: UMFPACK



Speedup



- USC cluster in Los Alamos, 16 dualcore nodes (Opteron Santa Rosa, Quadro FX5600)
- Problem size 128 M DOF
- Dualcore 1.6x faster than singlecore (memory wall)
- GPU 2.6x faster than singlecore, 1.6x than dualcore

Speedup analysis

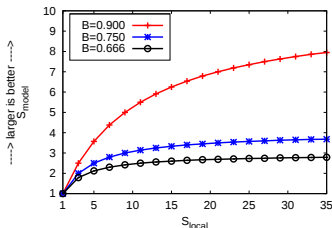
Theoretical model of expected speedup

- Integration of GPUs increases resources
- Correct model: Strong scaling within each node
- Acceleration potential of the elasticity solver: $R_{acc} = 2/3$
(remaining time in MPI and the outer solver)

$$S_{max} = \frac{1}{1-R_{acc}} \quad S_{model} = \frac{1}{(1-R_{acc}) + (R_{acc}/S_{local})}$$

This example

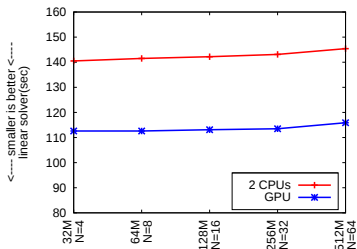
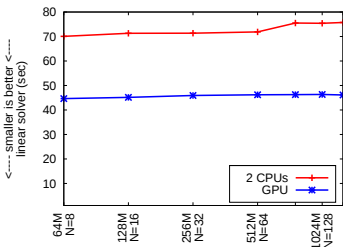
Accelerable fraction R_{acc}	66%
Local speedup S_{local}	9x
Modeled speedup S_{model}	2.5x
Measured speedup S_{total}	2.6x
Upper bound S_{max}	3x



Weak scalability

Simultaneous doubling of problem size and resources

- Left: Poisson, 160 dual Xeon / FX1400 nodes, max. 1.3 B DOF
- Right: Linearised elasticity, 64 nodes, max. 0.5 B DOF



Results

- No loss of weak scalability despite local acceleration
- 1.3 billion unknowns (no stencil!) on 160 GPUs in less than 50 s

Stationary laminar flow (Navier-Stokes)

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A}_{11} & \mathbf{A}_{12} & \mathbf{B}_1 \\ \mathbf{A}_{21} & \mathbf{A}_{22} & \mathbf{B}_2 \\ \mathbf{B}_1^T & \mathbf{B}_2^T & \mathbf{C} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u}_1 \\ \mathbf{u}_2 \\ \mathbf{p} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{f}_1 \\ \mathbf{f}_2 \\ \mathbf{g} \end{pmatrix}$$

fixed point iteration

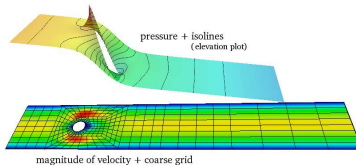
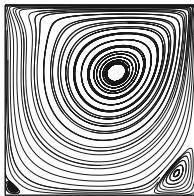
assemble linearised subproblems and solve with
global BiCGStab (reduce initial residual by 1 digit)
Block-Schurcomplement preconditioner

- 1) approx. solve for velocities with
global MG (V 1+0), additively smoothed by

for all Ω_i : solve for $\mathbf{u}_1$ with
local MG

for all Ω_i : solve for $\mathbf{u}_2$ with
local MG

- 2) update RHS: $\mathbf{d}_3 = -\mathbf{d}_3 + \mathbf{B}^T(\mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{c}_2)^T$
- 3) scale $\mathbf{c}_3 = (\mathbf{M}_p^L)^{-1} \mathbf{d}_3$



Stationary laminar flow (Navier-Stokes)

Solver configuration

- Driven cavity: Jacobi smoother sufficient
- Channel flow: ADI-TRIDI smoother required

Speedup analysis

	R_{acc}		S_{local}		S_{total}	
	L9	L10	L9	L10	L9	L10
DC Re250	52%	62%	9.1x	24.5x	1.63x	2.71x
Channel flow	48%	–	12.5x	–	1.76x	–

FE assembly vs. linear solver, max. problem size

DC Re250		Channel	
CPU	GPU	CPU	GPU
12:88	31:67	38:59	68:28

Summary

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Grid and data layouts

- ScaRC approach: locally structured, globally unstructured

GPU computing

- Parallelising numerically strong recursive smoothers
- More than an order of magnitude speedup

Scale-out to larger clusters

- Minimally invasive integration
- Good speedup despite 'Amdahl's Law'
- Excellent weak scalability
- One GPU code to accelerate CSM and CFD applications built on top of ScaRC

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