

A massively parallel solver for multi-physics fluid dynamics

From primary atomization to pollutant prediction in complex geometries

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High-fidelity and multi-physics CFD

• A wide range of scientific and application domains



The challenge

• High-fidelity and multi-physics CFD is a multi-disciplinary science



The YALES2 network

- Developed by CORIA, the French Combustion Community and others
 - 350+ researchers/engineers trained at CORIA since 2009
 - 150+ articles (Google Scholar)
- A unique network to ease collaboration and disseminate numerics, algorithms and models to the community

HPC centers





Frontier finite-rate chemistry LES of PRECCINSTA burner

- LES with Sankaran scheme (17 species, 73 reactions) and heat loss [1]
- 878 millions cells, 150 microns in the flame region
- CPU hours from CRIANN and FIRELES PRACE project, 16384 cores on Curie, CEA



Application to the PRECCINSTA burner

- Volume/surface adaptation with MMG5.3 and YALES2 2018.11
- Metric definition based on a calculated progress variable gradient
- Same resolution as 110M (300 microns) but with 38M cells: **global x3 speed-up**



Application to gas/liquid interfaces

- Kerosene jet-in-cross flow at 10 bar, $We_{aero} = 60$ to 400 [1]
- Accurate Conservative Levelset [2], up to 1.6 billion tets on 8192 cores [3]



Application to gas/liquid interfaces

- Simulation of oil churning by M. Cailler, SAFRAN TECH [1,2]
- Real fluid properties, 206 million tets on 1250 cores (Cobalt, CEA)



Some studies with YALES2 Wind turbines

- Impact of yaw on wake development behind offshore wind turbines
- Collaboration with SIEMENS/GAMESA Renewable Energies

The parallelism paradigm

- Many solvers \rightarrow many different ways to deal with parallelism
 - Euler description for the fluid phase
 - Lagrangian description for particles
 - Parallelism on spectral band and directions for radiation
 - Dynamic load balancing for chemistry
- Full MPI since 2009
- Working on hybrid OpenMP / MPI (coarse grain) since 2017
- Attempts to use GASPI
- Attempts to port a Mini-App on GPU with HPE and IDRIS
- Domain decomposition: the domain is partitioned (METIS/Scotch) and distributed among processors
- Two main parallel tasks:
 - Exchange data between neighbouring subdomains (P2P)
 - Perform dot products (reduce / allreduce)

The key numerical ingredients

- For classical use 80% of CPU spent in solving Poisson equation for pressure (elliptic problem) by Conjugate Gradient algorithm
- Preconditioning does the performance...
- For combustion applications the load balancing does the performance...
 - In-house MPI dynamic scheduler for work-sharing
 - TITUS_DLB library with E. Petit for work-stealing
 - Both use small world approach
 - Highly scalable up to 100'000 cores
- Dynamic mesh adaptation: interpolation and P2P communications do the performance

CPU or Memory bound?

- YALES2 uses unstructured meshes
 - Only non-sequential access...
 - Poor vectorization
 - Low arithmetic intensity
 - Low reusability (depend on connectivity)
 - Sparse Matrix-Vector product + dot products
- Double domain decompostion
 - We partition the mesh a second time on each core to have « groups » of cells
 - These are small enough to fit in L2
 - Cache blocking
 - Also used for our in-house « multigrid » approach to solve the Poisson equation that arises in Low-Mach number Navier-Stokes

Conclusion

- Already a lot of work on code optimization at all levels:
 - Vectorization
 - Alignement
 - Loop improvement for better memory access
 - Algorithm (mesh adaptation is kind of auto-tuning...)
 - Parallelism
- We expect a lot from new hardware:
 - DDR5, HBM, ...
 - ARM, RISC V, ...
- And from software / environment:
 - Auto-tuning
 - Mixed precision for preconditioning
 - Loop specialization (ndim=1, 2 or 3),