

GPU-accelerated Immersed Boundary Method for the efficient simulation of biomedical fluid-structure interactions

Background: the AV-FLOW Project

High-Performance Numerical Simulation of Fluid-Structure Interaction in the aortic heart valve system.

Crucial role in medical device implantation in case of aortic valve disease.

Challenging due to pulsatile turbulent blood flow and elastodynamical behaviour of soft tissue.

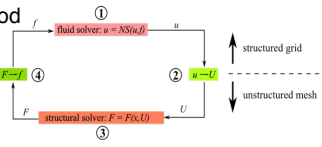
Immersed Boundary Method is widely used to avoid expensive mesh-fitting operation of the fluid domain.



Scalable highly accurate incompressible flow solver (IMPACT) simulates the complex blood flow. The elastodynamic deformation of soft tissue is simulated in a dedicated parallel FEM solver (PASSO).

Continuous Immersed Boundary Method

Transfer operations between the fluid grid and the FE mesh are targeted to be accelerated on GPGPUs.



- fluid solver: computes flow velocity u due to force density field f
- compute nodal velocities F at fluid-structure interface from fluid velocities u
- structural solver: computes nodal forces F due to nodal displacements
- compute field force density field f from nodal forces F

General Purpose Graphical Processing Units(GPGPU)

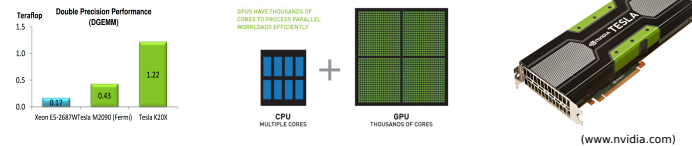
Accelerating floating point operations in shared memory paradigm.

Thousands of parallel threads can be executed on GPU.

Maximum GPU capacity should be utilized to hide the memory-latency.

Tesla K20x GPUs on Cray XC30 machine(CSCS-Piz Daint):

- 14 multiprocessors
- 5.6GB GDDR5 memory
- max 2048 threads per multiprocessor
- max 1024 threads per block



Implementation (CUDA FORTRAN by PGI)

CUDA vs. OpenACC

Strong scaling (vs. pragma)

More programming effort

Knowledge of hardware

Tuned choice of thread blocks

Higher speedup!

```
attributes(global) subroutine GPU_Sharp_IB_Method(grid, DOF, IB_geom)
  real, double, texture :: coord(*)
  real, double :: DOF(:, :, :), IB_geom
  real, value :: shared :: IB_geom
  integer :: i, j, k
  i = (blockIdx%x-1)*blockDimx + threadIdxx
  j = (blockIdx%y-1)*blockDimy + threadIdxy
  k = blockIdx%z
  if (k.eq.0) then
    !on discrete DOF - Staggered Levels
    //GPU search kernel
  end if
end subroutine GPU_Sharp_IB_Method
//declaring device memory
//CUDA memory allocation
call GPU_Sharp_IB_Method<<<Grid,Block>>>(grid,DOF,IB_geom)
//Transfer data back to the CPU
!CPU kernel do (2) <<<(" ", N1p, N2p)>>>
do i=1, N1p
  do j=1, N2p
    do k=1, 3
      ! (k .eq. 1) call __staggered_ib_reductions()
    enddo
  enddo
enddo
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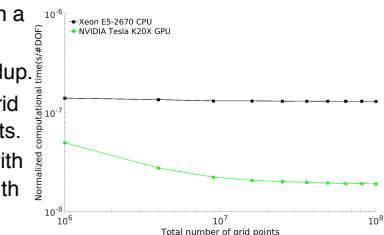
Speedup Measurement

GPU kernels are instructed on a NVIDIA Tesla K20x GPU.

2000x kernel execution speedup.

10x overall speedup for the grid resolutions up to 10⁸ grid points.

Hiding the host-device bandwidth latency by loading the GPU with max threads at a time.

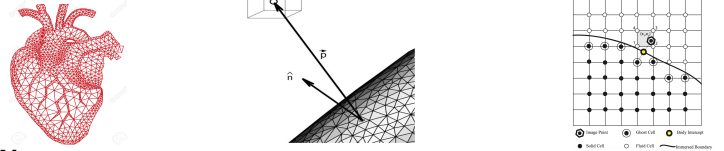


Sharp Interface Immersed Boundary Method

Flow simulation in moving 3D complex geometries on a Eulerian fluid mesh

Sharp-Interface Method is extensively used for biomedical FSI simulations

Ghost Cell Methodology for Immersed Boundary treatment^a

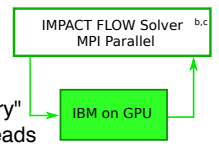


No need for conforming mesh, but the IB treatment is still expensive!

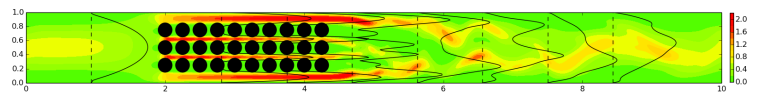
Remedy: Computational Geometry operations can be accelerated on GPUs.

Considerations:

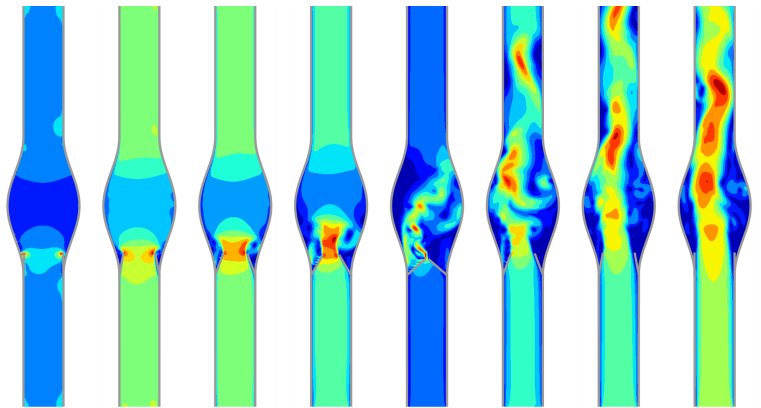
- CPU-GPU data bandwidth is limited
- More operation on staggered grid
- Dynamic allocation is crucial for moving boundaries
- Parallel reduction is restricted by the "shared memory"
- Double precision accuracy not achievable on all threads



Results



Turbulent incompressible flow through an array of 30 rigid cylinders (Re=10000).



Multi-beat simulation of turbulent incompressible flow through a mechanical valve (Re=3000).

Extensive IB computations due to:

High-resolution grid for resolving the turbulent flow

Large and discrete solid-fluid interface

Staggered grid in the flow solver

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