Application of lattice Boltzmann methods for large-eddy simulation of wind turbine rotor wake aerodynamics

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A Chapman-Enskog expansion $(f_{lpha} = f_{lpha}(0) + \epsilon f_{lpha}(1) + \epsilon^2 f_{lpha}(2) + ...)$ shows that

$$\partial_t \rho + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{0}, \qquad \partial_t \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} = -\nabla \rho + \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{F}$$

are recoverd to $O(\epsilon^{2,3})$ [Hou et al., 1996] and also $\omega_L = \tau_L^{-1} = \frac{c_s^2}{\nu + \Delta t c_s^2/2}$

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Block-structured adaptive mesh refinement (SAMR)

- Refinement in all spatial directions and time by same factor
- Refined blocks overlay coarser ones
- Most efficient LBM implementation with patch-wise for-loops
- LBM implemented on finite volume grids
- AMROC V3.0 with significantly enhanced parallelization [Deiterding and Wood, 2015, Deiterding, 2011, Deiterding et al., 2007, Deiterding et al., 2006]

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3D SRT-lattice Boltzmann scheme: flow over rough surface of $19\times13\times2$ spheres



CPUs

 $360\times240\times108$ base grid, 2 additional levels with factors 2, 4; uniform $1440\times1920\times432=1.19\cdot10^9$ cells

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 τ_t can be obtained as [Yu, 2004, Hou et al., 1996]

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Simulation of the SWIFT array

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Modeled geometry

Vorticity development – inflow at 0°, u = 8 m/s, 33 rpm



- Refinement of wake up to level 2 ($\Delta x = 25 \text{ cm}$).
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Vorticity – inflow at 30°, u = 8 m/s, 33 rpm



- Top view in plane in z-direction at 30 m (hub height)
- Turbine hub and inflow at 30° yaw leads to off-axis wake impact.
- 160 cores Intel-Xeon E5 2.6 GHz, 33.03 h wall time for interval [50, 60] s (including gathering of statistical data)
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Levels – inflow at 30°, u = 8 m/s, 33 rpm



- At 63.8 s approximately 167M cells used vs. 44 billion (factor 264)
- $\blacktriangleright \sim 6.01 \, {\rm h}$ per revolution (961 ${\rm h}$ CPU) $\longrightarrow \sim 5.74 \, {\rm h}$ CPU/1M cells/revolution

Level	Grids	Cells
0	2,463	10,752,000
1	6,464	20,674,760
2	39,473	131,018,832
3	827	4,909,632

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Blade element modeling



Transformation into blade coordinate system:

$$U_{tang} = wr(1+a')$$

 $U_o = U_\infty(1-a)$
 $J_{rel} = \sqrt{w^2 r^2 (1+a')^2 + U_\infty^2 (1-a)^2}$

where a is the axial and a' the tangential induction factor

Local aerodynamic forces on a 2D blade profile:

$$L = \frac{1}{2}\rho U_{rel}^2 cC_l \partial r$$
$$D = \frac{1}{2}\rho U_{rel}^2 cC_d \partial r$$

Axial and radial force:

 $F_T = L\cos\theta + D\sin\theta, \quad F_Q = L\sin\theta - D\cos\theta$



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Actuator line model

Gaussian spreading function [Sørensen et al., 1998]

$$f(d) = rac{1}{arepsilon^3 \pi^{rac{3}{2}}} \, \exp \Big(- rac{d}{arepsilon} \Big)^2$$

Distance d between cell midpoint and ith actuator point





Appropriate choice of ε and dr is essential:



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S825 airfoil – $\alpha = 13.1^{\circ}$, Re = $2 \cdot 10^{6}$



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