# A block-structured parallel adaptive Lattice-Boltzmann method for rotating geometries

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- $\blacktriangleright~\sim$  430,000 LOC in C++, C, Fortran-77, Fortran-90.
- Version V2.0 at http://www.cacr.caltech.edu/asc. V1.1 (no complex boundaries) still at http://amroc.sourceforge.net.
- Version used here V3.0 with significantly enhanced parallelization (V2.1 not released).
- Papers: [Deiterding, 2011, Deiterding and Wood, 2013, Deiterding et al., 2009, Deiterding et al., 2007, Deiterding et al., 2006] and at http://www.rdeiterding.de

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Algorithm equivalent to [Chen et al., 2006].

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### Verification - driven cavity

- Re = 1500 in air,  $\nu = 1.5 \cdot 10^{-5} \,\mathrm{m^2/s}$ ,  $u = 22.5 \,\mathrm{m/s}$ .
- Domain size  $1 \text{ mm} \times 1 \text{ mm}$ .
- Reference computation uses 800 × 800 lattice.
- ▶ 588,898 time steps to  $t_e = 5 \cdot 10^{-3} \, \text{s}$ , ~ 35 h CPU.
- Statically adaptive computation uses  $100 \times 100$  lattice with  $r_{1,2} = 2$ .
- > 294,452 time steps to  $t_e = 5 \cdot 10^{-3}$  s on finest level.



Isolines of density. Left: reference, right on refinement at  $t_e$ .

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## Driven cavity - 3d cavity

- Similar setup as in 2d. No-slip wall everywhere except at lid. Re = 1000 in air, u = 15 m/s.
- AMR  $64^3$  base mesh with  $r_{1,2} = 2$ . Regridding and repartition only at every 2nd base level step.
- 95 time steps on coarsest level benchmarked.

• Uniform grid  $256^3 = 16.8 \cdot 10^6$  cells.

Level	Grids	Cells
0	178	262,144
1	668	1,538,912
2	2761	7,842,872

Grid and cells used on 24 cores

Cores	6	12	24	48	96
Time per step	1.82s	0.94s	0.50s	0.28s	0.16s
LBM Update	44.97%	42.83%	39.64%	35.37%	31.10%
Error Estimation	1.37%	1.30%	1.20%	1.07%	0.94%
Regridding	14.59%	14.79%	15.60%	16.75%	19.14%
Fixup	4.18%	3.96%	3.74%	3.42%	3.07%
Interp. Boundaries	9.34%	9.15%	8.30%	7.17%	6.13%
Interp. Regridding	3.53%	3.23%	3.02%	2.73%	2.44%
Sync Boundaries	8.69%	11.20%	14.28%	18.26%	21.07%
Sync Fixup	2.41%	3.41%	4.70%	6.50%	7.99%
Sync Regridding	0.77%	0.72%	0.74%	0.83%	0.99%
Phys. Boundaries	0.69%	0.68%	0.63%	0.56%	0.49%
Clustering	0.55%	0.48%	0.44%	0.40%	0.36%
Misc	8.90%	8.25%	7.72%	6.95%	6.26%

# Driven cavity - 3d cavity

- ▶ Intel Xeon-2.67 GHz 6-core (Westmere) dual-processor nodes with Qlogics interconnect
- Unigrid with 2 ghost cells

Cores	6	12	24	48	96
Time per step	3.44s	1.81s	0.92s	0.47s	0.24s
Par. Efficiency	100.00%	95.04%	93.34%	92.40%	91.38%
LBM Update	74.86%	74.60%	72.48%	70.78%	67.58%
Synchronization	12.42%	13.32%	15.48%	17.35%	20.52%
Phys. Boundary	0.78%	0.74%	0.69%	0.69%	0.65%
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Phys. Boundary	0.69%	0.68%	0.63%	0.56%	0.49%
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Expense for boundary is increased compared to FV methods because the algorithm uses few floating point operations but a large state vector! Introduction O Adaptive LBM ○○○○○○○●○ Realistic computations

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#### Unigrid with 1 ghost cell

Cores	6	12	24	48	96
Time per step	2.80s	1.46s	0.73s	0.37s	0.18s
Par. Efficiency	100.00%	96.09%	95.33%	95.21%	94.82%
LBM Update	78.05%	77.08%	75.85%	74.50%	71.38%
Synchronization	7.25%	8.67%	10.00%	11.32%	14.35%
Phys. Boundary	0.51%	0.46%	0.45%	0.44%	0.44%
Misc	14.19%	13.79%	13.70%	13.73%	13.83%

AMR with 4 ghost cells

Cores	6	12	24	48	96
Time per step	3.32s	1.90s	1.21s	0.54s	0.30s
Par. Efficiency	100.00%	87.42%	68.76%	77.02%	68.19%
LBM Update	43.44%	40.93%	31.33%	34.64%	30.11%
Synchronization	14.13%	18.26%	34.73%	25.76%	30.69%
Phys. Boundary	1.03%	0.98%	0.77%	0.86%	0.77%
Regridding	15.53%	16.02%	13.87%	18.72%	20.82%
Interpolation	16.74%	15.71%	11.95%	13.15%	11.51%
Fixup	2.89%	2.60%	2.02%	2.28%	2.03%
Misc	6.22%	5.50%	5.33%	4.59%	4.08%

Basically linear dependency on number of ghost cells used

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## Level-set method for boundary embedding



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- Then use f<sup>αq</sup><sub>c</sub>(ρ', u') to construct distributions in embedded ghost cells.
- 2nd order improvements possible, cf. [Peng and Luo, 2008].



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- ▶ Systematic side wind investigation with  $0 \ge \beta \ge 30^{\circ}$  to obtain lift, drag and roll moment coefficients
- Instationary, turbulent flow conditions make replacing/supplementing experiments with simulations very challenging. Typical DLR problem and good real-world CFD benchmark.



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LBM Update	5.91	5.61	5.38	4.92	4.50	3.73	3.19
Regridding	15.44	12.02	11.38	10.92	10.02	8.94	8.24
Partitioning	4.16	2.43	1.16	1.02	1.04	1.16	1.34
Interpolation	3.76	3.53	3.33	3.05	2.83	2.37	2.06
Sync Boundaries	54.71	59.35	59.73	56.95	54.54	52.01	51.19
Sync Fixup	9.10	10.41	12.25	16.62	20.77	26.17	28.87
Level set	0.78	0.93	1.21	1.37	1.45	1.48	1.47
Interp./Extrap.	3.87	3.81	3.76	3.49	3.26	2.75	2.39
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