

# ON THE COMPUTATION OF AIRCRAFT ENGINE FAN NOISE GENERATION USING HIGH ORDER NUMERICAL METHODS ON GRAPHIC PROCESSING UNITS

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# Aircraft engine noise and emission

# Ecological standards are constantly tightened

- Noise sources:
  - Fan rotation
  - Jet nozzle



- Emission source:
  - Non-uniform combustion at the combustion chamber



# **Engineering gas dynamic simulations (1)**

- Currently:
  - Gas flow modeling based on RANS equations with turbulence modeling
  - Low order numerical schemes
  - Steady-state solutions
  - Computation of only part of the domain, exploiting periodicity if possible







# **Engineering gas dynamic simulations (2)**

- Desired:
  - Simulation based on "first principles" (LES, DNS)
  - High order numerical schemes
  - Unsteady solutions
  - Computation of whole domain
  - => High requirements for computational resources







- Full Navier-Stokes equations without <u>explicit</u> turbulence modeling
- Finite differences on structured curvilinear meshes
- DRP schemes for spatial derivatives computation
  (13 points stencil in each direction, 4<sup>th</sup> order –

C. Bogey, C. Bailly)

- Optimized 6-stage low storage explicit Runge-Kutta scheme for time derivatives (4<sup>th</sup> order)
- Selective filtering of high frequency waves which are poorly resolved on the computational mesh (<u>LES-RF</u>)

# GHOST CFD Solver: Capabilities (1)

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial t} + A_x \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} + A_y \frac{\partial U}{\partial y} + A_z \frac{\partial U}{\partial z} = F_v$$

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} \rho & u & v & w & p \end{bmatrix}^T$$





- Shock-Capturing filtering for transonic flows
- Support for multiple gas species (via mass fraction transport equation)
- Overset (CHIMERA) 2-layer meshes with relative mesh components movement support (2<sup>nd</sup> order Lagrangian interpolation)



# GHOST CFD Solver: Capabilities (2)







# **GPU vs CPU: Performance**

### 360 5750 GeForce 780 Ti 5500 GeForce 780 Ti 330 5250 NVIDIA GPU Single Precision 5000 NVIDIA GPU Double Precision 300 4750 Tesla K40 CPU Intel CPU Double Precision 4500 GeForce GTX TITAN 270 Intel CPU Single Precision 4250 GeForce GPU Tesla K20X 4000 240 Tesla GPU 3750 3500 210 3250 GeForce GTX 680 3000 GeForce GTX 480 180 GeForce GTX 680 2750 Tesla M2090 2500 150 GeForce GTX 280 2250 Tesla C2050 2000 120 1750 Tesla K40 GeForce GTX 580 GeForce 8800 GTX Tesla K20X 1500 GeForce GTX 480 90 Tesla C1060 1250 Ivy Bridge GeForce GTX 280 GeForce 7800 GTX Sandy Bridge 1000 Tesla M2090 60 GeForce 8800 GTX Bloomfield 750 Tesla C2050 GeForce 6800 GT 500 Tesla C1060 vy Bridge GeForce 7800 GTX 30 Prescott Woodcrest Harpertov Sandy Bridge GeForce 6800 Ultra GeForce FX 5900 250 Woodcrest Westmere GeForce FX Harpertown 0 0 Pentium Apr-01 Sep-02 Jan-04 May-05 Oct-06 Feb-08 Jul-09 Nov-10 Apr-12 Aug-13 Dec-14 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013

Theoretical GB/s

### Theoretical GFLOP/s

### Performance



## Memory bandwidth



# GHOST CFD Solver: Performance

### Multiple GPU located on multiple cluster nodes supported

# Single GPU speedup: <u>12-20x</u>

(1 Nvidia Tesla M2090 compared to 8 cores of Intel Xeon E5-2680)



Scalability



# Fan noise computation: Outline

- Allows to optimize fan and outlet guide vane blades for noise reduction. Vital due to acoustic norms tightening.
- Approaches:
  - Empirical (estimation based on available experimental data)
    - Pros: Very fast
    - Cons: Requires huge experimental base; Non feasible for new designs.
  - Simplified (2D models, noise sources instead of real blades, generalized periodicity usage etc)
    - Pros: Fast
    - Cons: Non feasible for modern engine designs (Very hard or impossible to implement for inhomogeneous blade rows; Low blade geometry dependence=> hard to optimize blade )
  - Direct (3D computations of blade noise generation followed by the computation of obtained signal propagation)
    - Pros: Robust; Free from heavy empiricism; Allows evaluation of new designs;
    - Cons: Requires huge computational resources and long computational times, which is highly undesirable for engineering;



# Fan noise computation: Current approach

- 1. Computation of noise generation with commercial 3D CFD software (ANSYS Fluent \ CFX)
- 2. Modal decomposition at inlet and outlet planes with commercial MSC Software Actran iTM.
- 3. Noise propagation computation (in axisymmetric setting) with MSC Software Actran TM.
- The approach is currently under verification.
- Typical computational time: about 1.5 months for one variant (not good)





# Fan noise computation: GHOST CFD utilization

### GHOST CFD for computation of noise generation:

- High order schemes, optimized for wave propagation => possibility to use coarser meshes;
- High performance => faster computations (however computational time profit may vary due to explicit scheme timestep size restriction)

### **Sor model problem :**

- ANSYS CFX:
  - 10-15 days \ revolution (2500 timesteps) with fine mesh (~60M cells)
  - 7 days for coarse mesh (~30M cells)
- GHOST CFD:
  - 2 days \ revolution (100000 timesteps!) with coarse mesh (~30M cells)
- 3 revolutions needed for complete computation



# **Fan noise computation: Comparison (Pressure near the fan)**



### ANSYS CFX





# **Fan noise computation: Comparison (Axial velocity near the fan)**









# **EXAMPLE 1** Fan noise computation: **Comparison (Pressure in the domain) (1)**



ANSYS CFX



# **EXAMPLE** Fan noise computation: Comparison (Pressure in the domain) (2)



GHOST CFD



# **Fan noise computation: Comparison (Axial velocity in the domain)**



ANSYS CFX



# Fan noise computation: Comparison (Velocity in the domain)



GHOST CFD



# Fan noise computation: Results(1)

100

Angle, deg

150



SPL for different frequencies and their sum



# Fan noise computation: Results(2)

50

Angle, deg

150



SPL for different frequencies and their sum



# **Conclusions & Future work**

# **Conclusions:**

- Preliminary work for the computation of fan noise generation with GPUbased GHOST CFD solver was done.
- The solver showed acceleration of simulation about 3 times in terms of physical time compared to commercial software and potentially seems more accurate.
- Current results look promising, however indicate that some solver modifications are needed (presumably wall treatment).

# **Future work:**

- Implementation of wall functions (or other wall treatment)
- Further solver improvement for faster computations (better optimization of the algorithms and code)



# Thank you for attention!