

Visual Analysis of Lagrangian Particle Data from Combustion Simulations

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Direct Numerical Simulations of Combustion

- Energy Efficiency
 - 83% of U.S. energy comes from combustion of fossil fuels
 - Reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 80% by 2050
 - Reduce petroleum usage by 25% by 2020
- Large Combustion Simulations
 - High-fidelity
 - Critical for new engine designs
- Data Analysis Tools
 - Suitable for large data
 - Eulerian field data
 - Lagrangian particle data

(14 million CPU-hours running for 20 days on 30,000 cores; 1.3 billion grid points, 22 species; > 40 million particles per time step)

Large Combustion Simulations

New Designs





Detailed Analysis and Modeling







Background

- Particle Analysis Tasks
 - Select particle trajectories of interest
 - Collect statistical information
 - Assemble particles into time series
- COMPARED System
 - **Com**bined **p**article **a**nalysis, **r**eduction, **e**xploration, and **d**isplay
 - Leverage large heterogeneous systems
 - Interactive evaluation, query, analysis, and visualization
 - Full resolution particle data
 - Run-time calculation for advanced queries
 - Complex derived variables and flow topology classification (that are a priori unknown and cannot be indexed)
 - Performance optimization
 - Store results from individual GPUs in collision-free hash table
 - Explicitly cache primary and computed variables at multiple levels





COMPARED System

Combined particle analysis, reduction, exploration, and display



The core fuel jet (Y_{N2} >0.815) and the region where the flame reaction zone is located (Y_{N2} <=0.815 & Y_{OH} >0.0005)



Interactive demo at SC09



A lifted ethylene-air jet flame stabilized by the interaction between a fuel jet and the surrounding preheated air



Conditional mean of temperature conditional on mixture fraction for the particles where $Y_{N2} > 0.768$

Frequency



Histogram of particle y-position where AGE < 1 μ s, output between t=1.4710ms and t=1.4950ms





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- Dual Space Analysis
 - Categorize particle time series curves in phase space
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- Challenges
 - Analysis based on geometric properties of curves
 - Visual clutter
 - Large data







Our Solution

• Cluster-Label-Classify

























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Model-based Clustering

- What is Model-based Clustering
 - Assume that data can be divided into K groups, and each has a probabilistic model to describe the data within it
 - Recover model parameters from data
 - Assign a data object to a cluster with highest probability
- Why is Model-based Clustering
 - Cluster lines of different lengths
 - Process large data efficiently
- How to Perform Model-based Clustering
 - Polynomial regression model
 - Recover model parameters using Expectation-Maximization algorithm







Parallel Model-based Clustering

- Distribute Line Data to Multiple Compute Nodes
 - Keep workload balanced and minimize communication costs between compute nodes
 - Use a sorted balancing algorithm to ensure the total number of data points on each compute node roughly the same
- Preprocess Line Data on Each Compute Node
 - Smooth and sample local lines on each compute node
 - Use **GPUs** to accelerate the preprocessing





Parallel Model-based Clustering

- Cluster Lines Using Multiple **CPUs**
 - On each compute node, initialize K component model parameters
 - Iterate between two steps
 - Expectation step: on each compute node, estimate local lines' probabilistic membership in different clusters
 - Maximization step: on each compute node, calculate the K model parameters globally
 - Assign each local line to a cluster with highest membership probability on each CPU node





Experiment Settings

- Cluster: 8 computer nodes, each node contains
 - One Intel quad-core 3.00GHz CPU with 4GB of memory
 - One NVIDIA GeForce GTX 285 GPU
- Dataset
 - 1,000,000 time series curves correlating multiple variables generated from a combustion simulation

case	Number of lines	Number of computer nodes								
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
1	10,000	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	
2	100,000	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	
3	1,000,000				Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	

Entries marked with "x" represent experiment runs.





Performance Results

• 10 Thousand Time Series Curves (Speedup)







Performance Results

• 1 Million Time Series Curves (Speedup)



COMBUSTION RESEARCH FACILITY





Performance Results

1 Million Time Series Curves (Workload)



Workloads among 8 nodes. In each plot, the horizontal axis represents the node ID, and the vertical axis represents the running time in second. The percentage number associated with each plot is the difference ratio ($dr = (max_time - min_time)/max_time$) between the maximum and minimum times among the nodes.





Conclusion and Future Work

- Cluster-Label-Classify
 - Incorporate expert domain knowledge
 - Effectively and efficiently process large line data
 - Parallel implementation with multiple CPUs and GPUs
 - Distribute line data for balanced workload
 - Efficiently preprocess line data in CUDA
 - Devise and implement the regression model-based clustering in MPI
 - Support dual space particle analysis
- Future Work
 - Conduct particle data analysis in situ and compress lines as much as possible
 - Explore high dimensional lines





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