

Introduction to Computational Fluid Dynamics in High Performance Computing



Running simulation and visualization





Plan

- Ateles
 - CFD software based on discontinuous Galerkin method
 - <u>https://geb.inf.tu-dresden.de/doxy/ateles/page/index.html</u>
- Test case: Flow over square geometry
- Exercise
 - Editing configuration file
 - Submitting job
 - Convert data into vtk files (tomorrow)
- Data visualization in CFD
- Exercise
 - Using Paraview (with provided vtk files)





Ateles, Part of APES

- APES:
 - Simulation framework for large scale parallel computations
 - Based on Octree meshes
 - Includes tools for pre- and post-processing
- Ateles:
 - High order discontinuous Galerkin solver
 - Distributed memory parallel

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CFD simulation pipeline







Configuration files and submission of batch scripts

FLOW AROUND SQUARE GEOMETRY





Description of the Simulation

- A square obstacle is located in the middle of the domain and the flow is coming from the lower left
- 3 meshes with different resolution are provided for you.
- We will
 - Set parameters (today)
 - Submit job (today)
 - Convert results into visualization files(tomorrow)







Setting of the inflow speed

- The inflow speed is the velocity with which the fluid enters the domain at the boundaries.
- This velocity is also used as the initial condition for the entire domain at t=0.
- We specify the velocity via the Mach number
 - Mach = flow velocity / speed of sound
 - Flow velocity = Mach * speed of sound
- Angle of attack
 - V_x = vel * cos(alpha)
 - V_y = vel * sin(alpha)







Configuration file for ateles

- It contains simulation parameters which are to be read by ateles:
 - Discretization scheme in space and time
 - Equation system
 - Simulation time
 - Location of mesh files
 - Initial and boundary condition (IC, BC)
 - Tracking (output results)
 - Restart (data of the whole simulation domain)
 - Restart simulation or output results





Example of configuration file

- Text file with Lua script
 - Arithmetic operations
 - User defined functions
 - Fits well with batch jobs
- Solver reads in values from certain variables
 - scheme, equation, ...
- Lines starting with -- are comments
- Be careful:
 - Variables are case sensitive
 - Commas according to Lua syntax may be required

```
-- Scheme definitions --
scheme = {
  -- the spatial discretization scheme
  spatial = {
    name = 'modg 2d',
    m = degree
  },
  temporal = \{
    name = 'explicitSSPRungeKutta',
   steps = 2,
    -- how to control the timestep
    control = {
     name = 'cfl', -- adaptive timesteps
                     -- Courant factor
      cfl = 0.8
}
-- Equation definitions --
equation = \{
        = 'euler 2d',
  name
}
```





Output from the simulation

- There are three types of output:
 - Output logs slurm-JOBID.out
 - Restart files (*.lua and *.lsb)
 - Tracking files (not used this time)
 - timing.res (ignore it)
- The restart-files are of special interest since they are the basis for later visualization.





Job script

- In your job-script you need to start the application (here: Ateles)
- You might also do some preparation tasks beforehand (loading modules, creating paths, define variables...)

```
square_dd.job
```

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH --time=02:00:00
#SBATCH --nodes=1
```

```
## And here goes the number of tasks per
node,
## which usually is the number of
## cores per cpu die times the number of cpu
dies ## per node.
## On Barnard this is 52. We want to use 8
here.
#SBATCH --ntasks-per-node=8
## Provide the amount of memory to use in MB
on Barnard the available memory
```

```
## on each node is 515 000 MB. The default
limitation is 300 MB per core.
#SBATCH -mem-per-cpu=8000
```

srun \$KURS/bin/ateles ateles.lua





Exercise:

- Vary the following parameters and submit the appropriate jobs
 - Alpha: 0° , 30° , 45° (maybe anything between 0° and 90°)
 - Mach number: 0.3; 0.8; 1.3
 - Mesh-resolution: 40, 100, 200 (elements in each direction, only these 3 are available for this task)
- Examples:
 - Vary resolution: Alpha: 45°, Mach: 0.8, Mesh: 40, 100, 200
 - Vary Ma: Alpha: 45°, Mach: 0.3, 0.8, 1.3, Mesh: 100
 - Vary angle of attack: Alpha: <u>0°, 30°, 45</u>°, Mach: 0.8 Mesh: 100





Workflow

- Copy the exercise data: cp -r \$KURS/exercises/hpcfdx4 \$MYWS
- Change into the directory: cd \$MYWS/hpcfdx4
- Create a directory for your set of parameters: mkdir n40_m0.8_a45
- Copy the necessary files into that directory: cp ateles.lua square.job n40_m0.8_a45
- Change into the directory: cd n40 m0.8 a45
- Edit ateles.lua (alpha, m, nelems): vim ateles.lua
- Create directories for restart: mkdir restart
- Submit job: sbatch --reservation=YOUR-RESERVATION square.job
- Change back to the parent directory, set up further simulations as you like

Directories containing meshes are named: mesh 40

mesh 100 mesh 200

To check the job status: squeue --me





Editor gedit

- For viewing and editing the configuration file *ateles.lua* we need a text editor
- If you are not familiar with textbased editors like vim or emacs we suggest to use **gedit**
- The file can be opened using vim ateles.lua





Note on compute time

- Use 10 cores for 40 elements,
- 20 cores for 100 elements
- and 40 cores for 200 elements