

AORSA All ORders Spectral Algorithm

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Some rf Physics



$$-\nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{E} + \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \left(\mathbf{E} + \frac{i}{\omega \epsilon_0} \mathbf{J}_P \right) = -i\omega \mu_0 \mathbf{J}_A$$

- Solves Maxwells equations using a pseudospectral method in the frequency domain
- Uniform, rectangular mesh

(non-local plasma current makes multi-domain patching interesting)

- 2D (sum 2D modes to get 3D)
- e.g., 512x512x3 linear equations



Mode conversion of the fast wave to the slow ion cyclotron wave in ITER scenario 4 at half density, = -27 [Jaeger et al, Phys. Plasmas 15 (2008), 072513]



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The solve

- At scale we have a dense, linear, double complex solve (zgesv) with ~10^6 unknowns
 Wall clock time (min)
- >10 TB required memory
- ScaLAPACK showed some roll off above 10^4 procs, modified HPL seemed to correct this
- However ...
 - this is only the solve
 - post processing and matrix fill are not included
 - poor memory management limits us to <600x600 spatial mesh







- Post processing is of same order runtime as the solve (quasi-linear diffusion coefficient calculation)
- Non-uniform 4D dependence in workload created load balancing issues due to uniform 2D parallelization scheme (random parallelization of 4D work list seems to fix this)
- Matrix fill and post processing are now data parallel and exhibit nice scaling but poor FLOPS/s (Communication is insignificant, so really a serial performance problem)
- 10 years old ... F77 (ick), modernization and kernelization? underway to help understand lack of efficiency
- GPU effort is helpful



Code coupling



A major component of the RF-SciDAC is coupling related physics codes

(e.g., non-Maxwellian, self-consistent ion cyclotron resonant heating requires coupling Full-Wave and Fokker-Planck codes via diffusion coefficients and distribution functions)

- I/O using pNetCDF (F77 bindings only)
- Passing data between small and large codes is becoming a problem (Available memory mismatch)
- Large I/O needing new data compression algorithms (Proper Orthogonal Decomposition in 4D or SVD)



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