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Integration of Reverse Monte-Carlo Ray Tracing within Uintah

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Deliverables

- Year 1: Proof-of-concept design for solving the RTE using RMCRT within ARCHES
- Year 2: Demonstration of a fully-coupled problem using RMCRT within ARCHES.
 Scalability demonstration.
- Year 3: Full burner scale V&V/UQ demonstration using RMCRT.

Background

• Reverse Monte-Carlo Ray Tracing is an *all-to-all* method.

 All geometry information and radiative properties for the entire domain must reside in each processor's memory*.
 Very restrictive

* Xiaojing Sun. Reverse Monte Carlo Ray-Tracing For Radiative Heat Transfer in Combustion Systems. PhD Dissertation, University of Utah, 2009.

Approach

- Utilize AMR infrastructure.
- Multiple levels at different grid resolutions.
- RMCRT calculations on the coarse regions or levels.

(3 double precision arrays on a 250³ domain = 375 Mbytes 500^3 domain = 3 Gbytes)

Approach

CFD: Always computed on the finest level, uniform cell spacing

RMCRT:

2 Level: RMCRT on a coarse level, CFD on a fine level.

"Data Onion": RMCRT & CFD on fine level, data accessed from other coarse levels.



2 Levels





Advantages:

- Simple
- Multi-level infrastructure already exists.
- Previous work suggests that this may be sufficient accurate for pool fires*.

Disadvantages:

• Accuracy (maybe).

Gautham Krishnamoorthy. Predicting Radiative Heat Transfer in Parallel Computations of Combustion. PhD Dissertation, University of Utah, 2005.



Data Onion

1D



User inputs:

- Number of levels
- Refinement ratio between levels
- Step size
- Size of fine level patch

Data Onion

Advantages:

Increased accuracy over 2 levels

Disadvantages:

- Increased complexity
- Coarsening data multiple times
- More expensive (maybe?).

Implementation Plan

Develop in a light weight testbed component.

Advantages

- Rapid testing of 2-level and *data onion* schemes.
- Scalability/performance studies focus on RMCRT tasks.
- Encapsulate verification code, no pollution in ARCHES
- Forces RMCRT tasks to be portable.

Status: Completed

- ✓ RMCRT tasks within the test-bed (single level, multipatch patch)
- ✓ 90% Complete: Implementation of coarsening & refining code
- Improved portability of RMCRT tasks.
- ✓ 95% Complete: Integration of RMCRT tasks within ARCHES (single level, multipatch)

Status: Work in Progress

RMCRT: Single Level

- Verification
- Serial performance
- Scalability studies
- New: Testing hybrid MPI-threaded task scheduler.

Benchmark Problem

Benchmark Test: Initial Condition, Absorption Coefficient, 41^3



S. P. Burns and M.A Christon. Spatial domain-based parallelism in large-scale, participating-media, radiative transport applications. Numerical Heat Transfer, Part B, 31(4):401-421, 1997.

Verification



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Verification



Serial Performance 1 Level

- Cost = f(#rays, Grid Cells^{1.4-1.5} communication....)
- Linear with number of rays, as expected.
- Doubling the grid resolution (8 X grid cells) = 20ish X increase in cost.



Serial Performance 1 Level





Hybrid MPI-threaded Task Scheduler

Leverage the scalability work of Dr. Berzin's team*.

Default MPI Task Scheduler:

Data duplication on each MPI process. (neighboring patches, neighboring tasks and ghost data) 1 MPI process per core.

*Q. Meng, M. Berzins, and J. Schmidt, *Using hybrid parallelism to improve memory use in uintah*, Proceeding of the Teragrid 2011.



Hybrid MPI-threaded Task Scheduler

Hybrid MPI-threaded Task Scheduler*:

- MPI and threads.
- 1 MPI process per node.
- 1 thread/core and threads can share data.
- Meng et al., showed a memory reduction of

13.5Gb -> 1GB per node (12 cores/node).

2 material CFD problem, 2048³ cells, on 110592 cores of Jaguar

• Interconnect drivers and MPI software must be threadsafe.

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Status: Pending

- Head to head comparison of RMCRT with Discrete Ordinates Method.
 Accuracy versus computational cost.
- Grid convergence study.
- Implement 2-L RMCRT in test-bed component (easy)
 Accuracy versus refinement ratio studies
 Scalability Studies



Status: Pending

- Implement 2-L RMCRT in ARCHES.
- Implement RMCRT with a *data onion* in the test-bed.
 Accuracy versus number of levels, refinement ratio, size of fine patch.
 Scalability Studies



Summary

Year 1: Proof-of-concept design for solving the RTE using RMCRT within ARCHES/Uintah framework.

Year 2: Demonstration of a fully-coupled problem using RMCRT within ARCHES.

Scalability demonstration.