GmshDDM on LUMI: first runs of a new solver for large scale time-harmonic flow acoustics problems

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Provide a sound propagation simulation tool

- suitable to modern computer architectures
- applicable to large, complex industrial problems
- \rightarrow Can serve as basis for optimization routines

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Hybrid model - solve mean flow and acoustic perturbations separately

- We choose the time-harmonic Pierce Equation
- Simple but accurate for single tones of turbofan engine intakes and exhausts

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Mathematical difficulties

- Highly oscillatory solution for large ω
- Complex valued, strongly indefinite with ω
- Unbounded domain
- Convection effects

Does not converge with classical iterative methods

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 $\mathcal{O}(\omega^3)$ scaling in memory & computational time...

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Good fit for distributed memory cluster architectures

Toy example: disk scattering by a plane wave



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Scalability on small/medium-sized problems

	frequency [Hz]	N_{dofs}	nnz	direct solver est. memory	#tetrahedra
Intake	1300	10M	730M	740Gb	890k
Exhaust	2×7497	86M	6.3B	pprox 10Tb	7.7M







Engineering results

Study of the noise reduction thanks to the acoustic lining



Sound pressure level (dB) near field directivity with and without acoustic lining along a semi-circle of radius 2m centered on the spinner tip in the XY plane.

Typical mesh and subdomain partitioning: Intake problem



 $N_{\rm dom} = 512$

Reaching high frequency: Intake problem at f = 6500 Hz (5 BPF!)

#cores (MPI×threads)	N_{dofs}	nnz	peak mem./process	pre-pro	GMRES	#iter.
1024×64	1.1B	167B	70Gb	24min	3h24min	1293



Reaching high frequency: Exhaust problem at f = 40000 Hz

#cores (MPI×threads)	N_{dofs}	nnz	peak mem./process	pre-pro	GMRES	#iter.
4096×16	1.3B	96B	18.4Gb	1min	14min	555



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Future developments

- GPU acceleration of the iteration phase
 - \rightarrow Preliminary tests on LUCIA (expected challenge: moving from NVIDIA to AMD GPUs)
- Ongoing work on new applications: electromagnetic waves and elastic waves

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