

# The Sparse Grid Combination Technique for Resilient Extreme-scale Simulations

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# 1 Sparse Grid Combination as a Innovative Computational Method

- a set of techniques from applied mathematics (the robust sparse grid combination technique)

is combined with various aspects of parallel computing ( $d$ -dimensional parallel algorithms, resilient middleware)

to make extreme-scale physical simulations:

- faster (for a given accuracy)
- and resilient (or fault-tolerant)

The scalability of the simulation will also be enhanced



HPCS 2015 Outstanding Paper: the GENE gyrokinetic plasma application was made fault-tolerant using the SGCT

## 2 Talk Overview

- background: why FT, solving PDEs via sparse grids with the combination technique, hierarchical surplus representation
- parallel sparse grid combination technique (SGCT) algorithms
  - mappings for the block distribution in  $d$ -dimensional space
  - direct SGCT algorithm: idea, components, overall
  - hierarchical surplus algorithm: forming surpluses, coalescing surpluses, direct SGCT extensions
  - limitations and extensions
- analysis & experimental results (on Raijin cluster, NCI National Facility)
- making real-world applications fault tolerant using the SGCT
  - general methodology
  - process recovery using ULFM MPI
  - GENE gyrokinetic plasma, Taxila Lattice Boltzmann method, Solid Fuel Ignition
- conclusions and future work

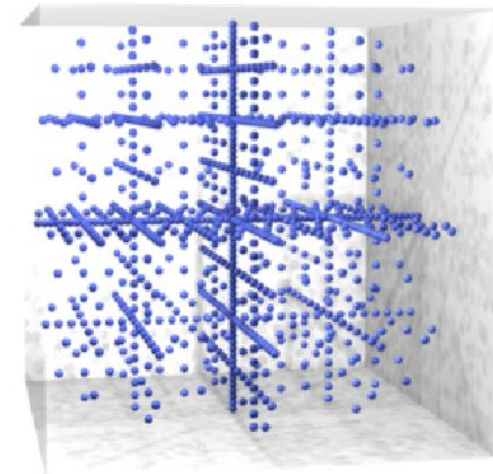
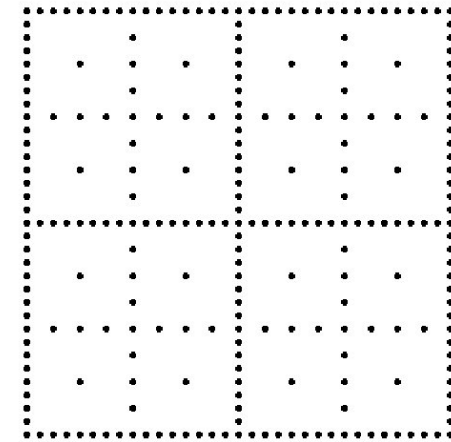
### 3 Background: Why Fault-Tolerance is Becoming Important

- exascale computing: for a system with  $n$  components, the mean time before failure is proportional to  $1/n$ 
  - a sufficiently long-running application will *never* finish!
  - by 'failure' we usually mean a transient or permanent failure of a component (e.g. node) – this is called a hard fault
- cloud computing: resources (e.g. compute nodes) may have periods of scarcity / high costs
  - for a long-running application, may wish to shrink and grow the nodes it is running on accordingly – this scenario is also known as elasticity
- low power or adverse operating condition scenarios may cause failures even with moderate number of components
  - of typical interest are 'bit-flips' in memory or logic circuitry
  - these are termed as soft faults



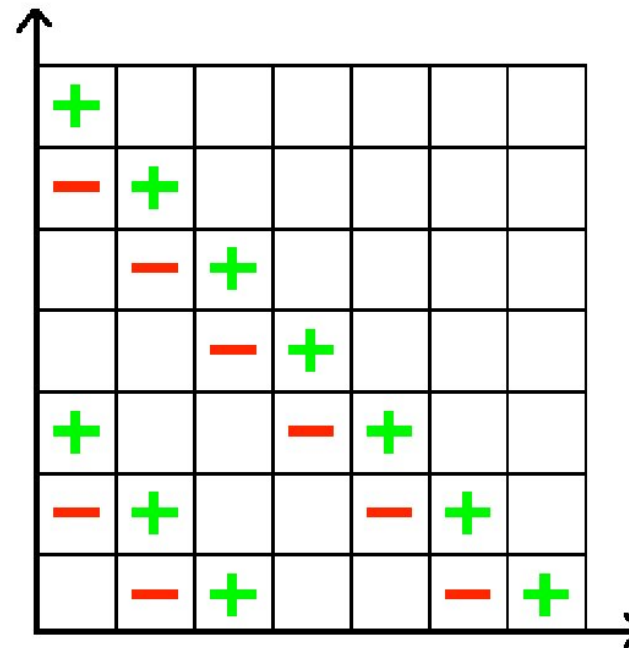
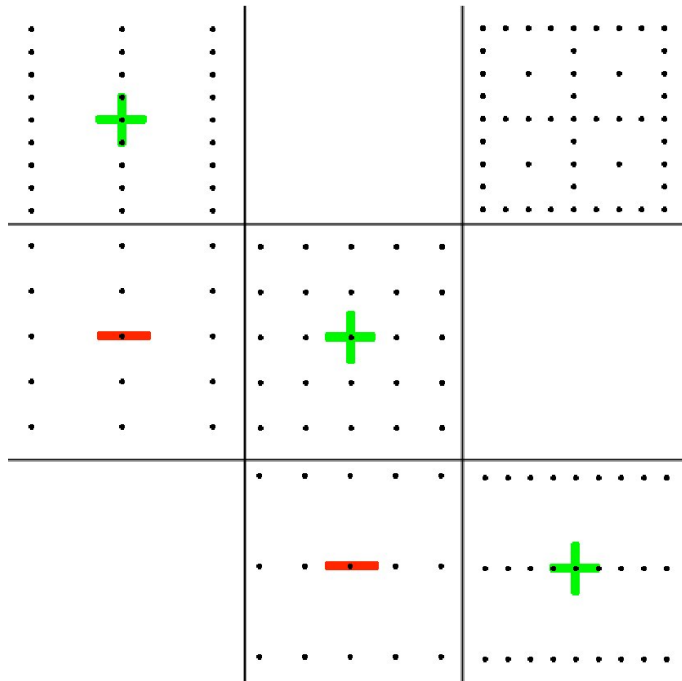
## 4 Background: Sparse Grids

- introduced by Zenger (1991)
- for (regular) grids of dimension  $d$  having uniform resolution  $n = 2^l + 1$  in all dimensions, the number of grid points is  $n^d$ 
  - known as the *curse of dimensionality*
- a sparse grid provides fine-scale resolution
- can be constructed from regular sub-grids that are fine-scale in some dimensions and coarse in others
- has been proven successful for a variety of different problems:
  - good accuracy for given effort ( $O(n \lg(n)^{d-1})$  points)
  - various options for fault-tolerance!



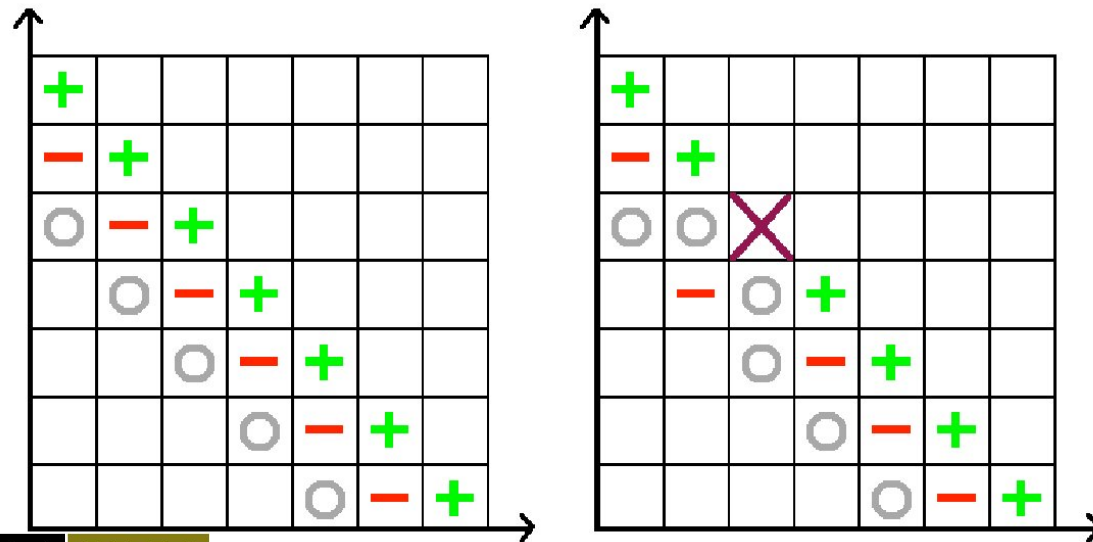
## 5 Background: Combination Technique for Sparse Grids

- computations over sparse grids may be approximated by being solved over the corresponding set of regular sub-grids
  - overall solution is from ‘combining’ sub-solutions via an inclusion-exclusion principle (complexity is still  $O(n \lg(n)^{d-1})$  where  $n = 2^l + 1$ )
- for 2D at ‘level’  $l = 3$ , combine grids  $(3, 1)$ ,  $(2, 2)$   $(1, 3)$  minus  $(2, 1)$ ,  $(1, 2)$  onto (sparse) grid  $(3, 3)$  (interpolation is required)



## 6 Robust Combination Techniques

- uses extra set of smaller sub-grids
  - the redundancy from this is  $< 1/(2(2^d - 1))$
- for a single failure on a sub-grid, can find a new combination formula with an inclusion/exclusion principle avoiding the failed sub-grid
- works for many cases of multiple failures (using a 4th set covers all)
- a failed sub-grid can be recovered from its projection on the combined sparse grid

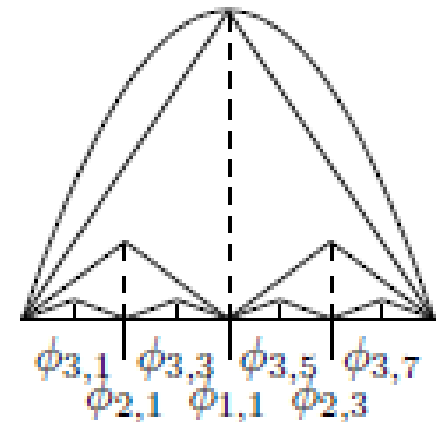
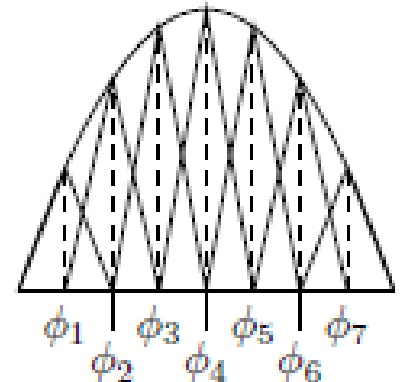


## 7 Background: Hierarchical Surplus Representation of Grids

- normally use a nodal representation: the value at point  $x_k$  is  $v_k = f(x_k)$
- we can also use a hierarchical representation: the value at  $x_{i,k} = x_{2^{l-i},k}$  is the difference between  $x_{i,k}$  and the average of its hierarchical neighbours

$$v_{i,k} = \begin{cases} f(x_{i,k}) - \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} f(x_{i-1,(k-1)/2}) \\ + f(x_{i-1,(k+1)/2}) \end{pmatrix} & \text{for } i > 0 \\ f(x_{i,k}) & \text{for } i = 0 \end{cases}$$

- we can perform the combination algorithm on each of the component grid's common hierarchical surpluses (a grid of index  $(i, j)$  has  $(i + 1)(j + 1)$  surpluses)
- ✓ this reduces communication (surpluses corresp. to the upper diagonal are unique) and avoids interpolation



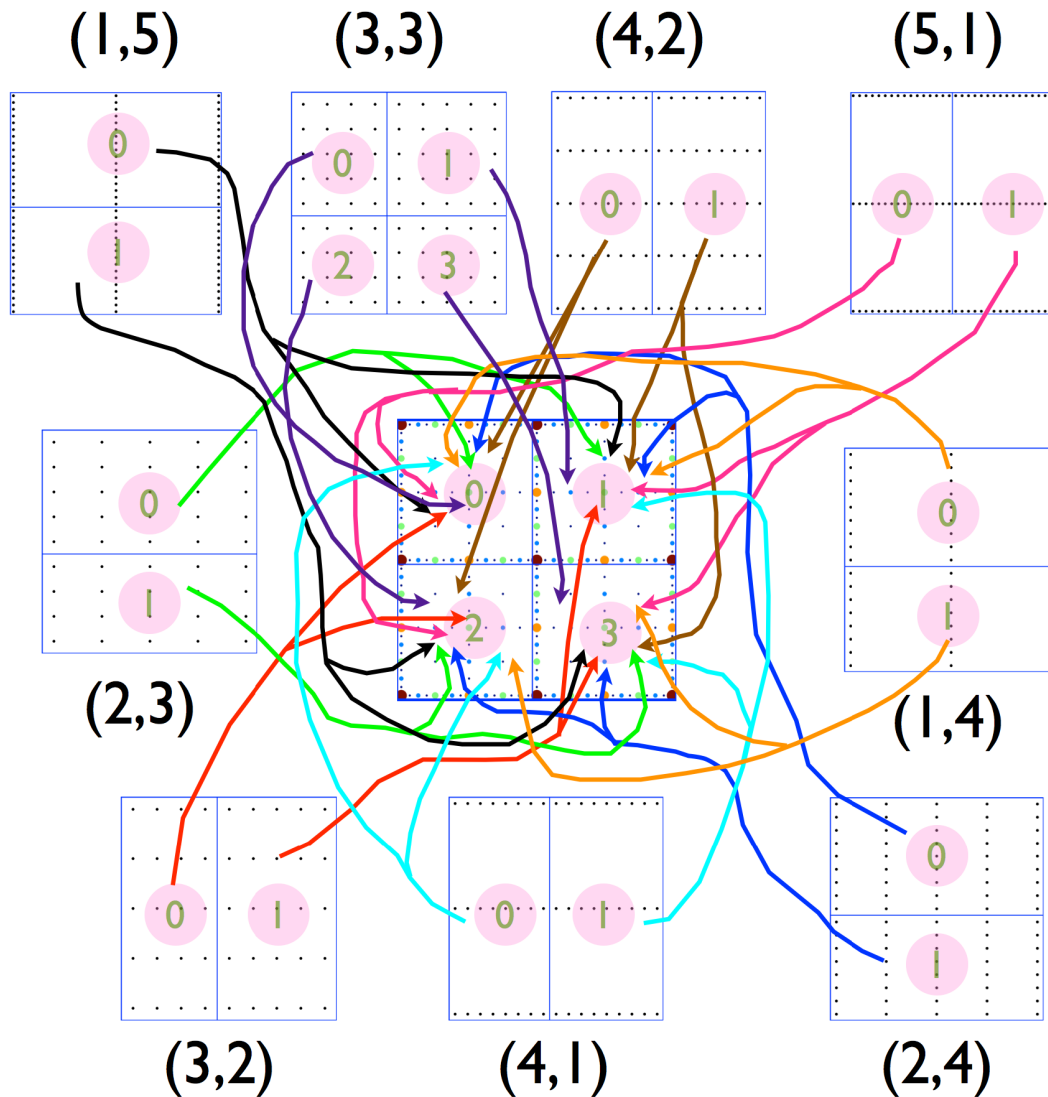
## 8 Background: Hierarchical Surplus Formation

- on a component grid ( $G_i$ ), each element will correspond to a hierarchical surplus of index  $j$ , where  $j \leq i$
- e.g. for  $i = (3, 3)$

00	30	20	30	10	30	20	30	00
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02	32	22	32	12	32	22	32	02
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02	32	22	32	12	32	22	32	02
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- the hierarchization process occurs in-place, with the surpluses computed from the initial grid values
- note that the size of surplus of index  $j$  is  $2^j$  – independent of  $G_i$
- hierarchical surpluses contain common information across different component grids

## 9 Direct SGCT Algorithm: the Gather-Scatter Idea



- evolve independent simulations over time  $T$  on a set of component grids, solution is a  $d$ -dimensional field (here  $d=2$ )
- each grid is distributed over a process grid (here these are  $2 \times 2$ ,  $2 \times 1$  or  $1 \times 2$ )
- gather: combine fields on a sparse grid (index (5,5)), here on a  $2 \times 2$  process grid
- scatter: sample (the more accurate) combined field and redistribute back to the component grids

## 10 Mappings for the $d$ -dimensional Block Distribution

- can be succinctly expressed in terms of  $d$ -dimensional vector arithmetic

- for  $d = 2$ ,  $M = (M_x, M_y)$ ,  $N = (N_x, N_y) \in \mathbb{N}^2$ , and  $a \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$M \leq N \equiv (M_x \leq N_x) \wedge (M_y \leq N_y); \quad a \leq N \equiv (a \leq N_x) \wedge (a \leq N_y)$$

$$M * N \equiv (M_x * N_x, M_y * N_y); \quad a * N \equiv (a * N_x, a * N_y)$$

$$\Pi(N) = N_x * N_y$$

- we have the following mappings for the block-distribution of a global length  $N \in \mathbb{N}^d$  over a process grid  $P \in \mathbb{N}^d$ ,

for a process of id  $p \in \mathbb{N}^d$ ,  $0 \leq p < P$ ,

and for a global index  $\hat{N} \in \mathbb{N}^d$ ,  $0 \leq \hat{N} < N$ :

$l(N, p, P) = n + (p == P - 1) * (N \% P)$  : local length of  $N$  at process  $p$

$g_0(N, p, P) = p * n$  : global index of local index 0 at  $p$

$p(\hat{N}, N, P) = \min(\hat{N}/n, P - 1)$  : id of process holding global index  $\hat{N}$

$o(\hat{N}, N, P) = \hat{N} \% n$  : local offset within this process corresponding to  $\hat{N}$

where  $n = N/P$



## 11 Direct SGCT Algorithm: Gather Stage

- for component grid of size  $N$  on process grid  $P$ ; sparse grid is of size  $N'$  on process grid  $P'$  ( $r = (N' - 1)/(N - 1)$ ): sending part is:

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 $\hat{N}' = r * g_0(N, p, P);$  // scaled global starting index on  $P'$ 
 $p' = p(\hat{N}', N', P'); \hat{o}' = o(\hat{N}', N', P');$  // process id & local offset on  $P'$  ...
// ... for 1st message

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 $i=0; n = l(N, p, P);$ 

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while  $i_x < n_x$ 

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    while  $i_y < n_y$ 

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         $o' = \hat{o}' * (i==0);$  // local offset @  $p'$ 

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         $n' = l(N', p', P') - o';$  // local size @  $p'$ 

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         $dn = \min(n'/r, n - i);$  // local size here

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        send local points  $i : i + dn$  of  $u$  to  $p'$ ; // extra points for interpolation

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         $i_y += dn_y; p'_y ++;$ 

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         $i_x += dn_x; p'_x ++;$ 

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- receiving part is similar, except each component grids' message is performed serially & received points are interpolated into the sparse grid

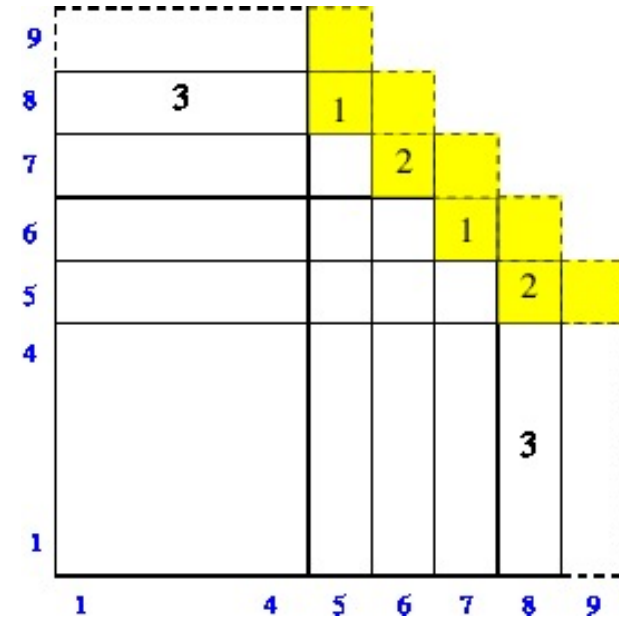
## 12 Direct SGCT Algorithm

- scatter stage, similar to gather (in reverse)
  - send stage on sparse grids' process grid *down-samples* respective points for each component grid
- for fault tolerance, a 3rd (smaller) diagonal of component grids is utilized
  - if a process on a component grid fails, a revised set of combination coefficients are supplied to the SGCT (with 0 for the failed grid)
  - the algorithm (and implementation) are otherwise unaffected
- only limitation in terms of process grid size of algorithm is that  $P'$  must be a power of 2
  - can be overcome if we send extra points to left for interpolation
- current implementation supports  $d \leq 3$ 
  - main complexity for extending to larger  $d$  is in enumerating the component grids and the interpolation function
  - can deal with  $d' > 3$  dim. fields if only  $d$  dims. are used for the SGCT
  - the gather is performed on a (partial) sparse grid data structure

### 13 Hierarchical Surplus-Based SGCT Algorithm

Overall algorithm:

1. hierarchize each component grid, in-place (independently)
  - involves  $\Pi(\lg_2 N)$  send-receive stages
2. apply the (direct) SGCT over each hierarchical sub-space common to  $> 1$  process grids
  - in each, only the process grids involved need participate
  - note that interpolation is *not* required as each surplus is the same size on each grid
3. un-hierarchize the surpluses to recover the original grids



A 2D  $l = 5$  SGCT on a sparse grid of index  $(9, 9)$ .

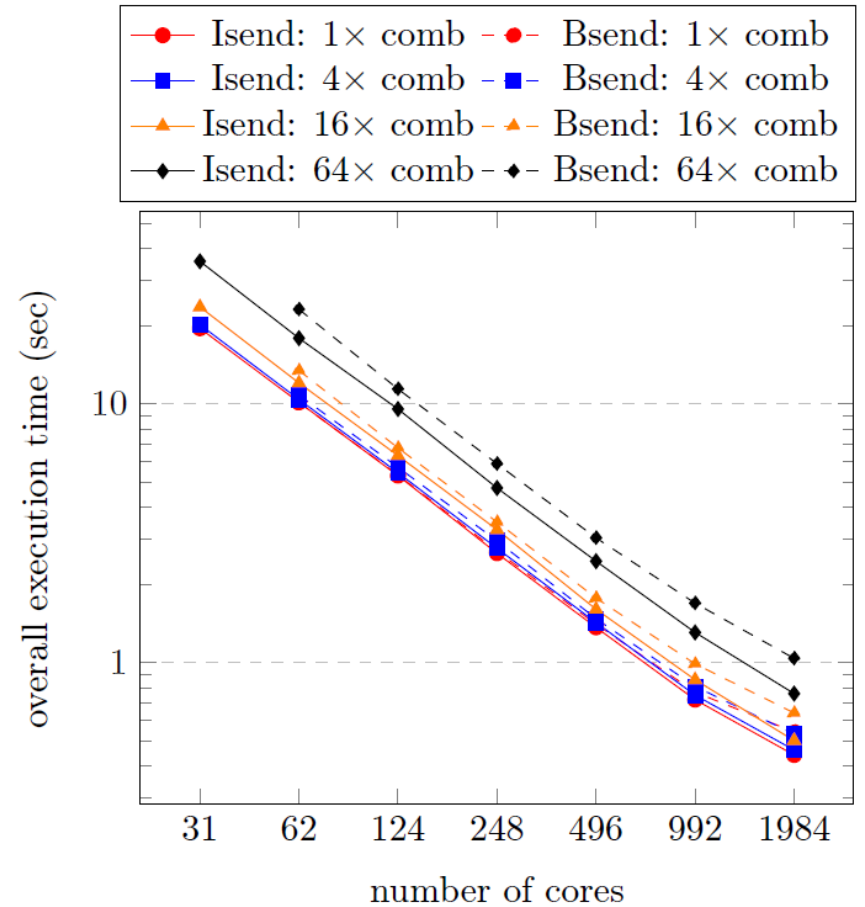
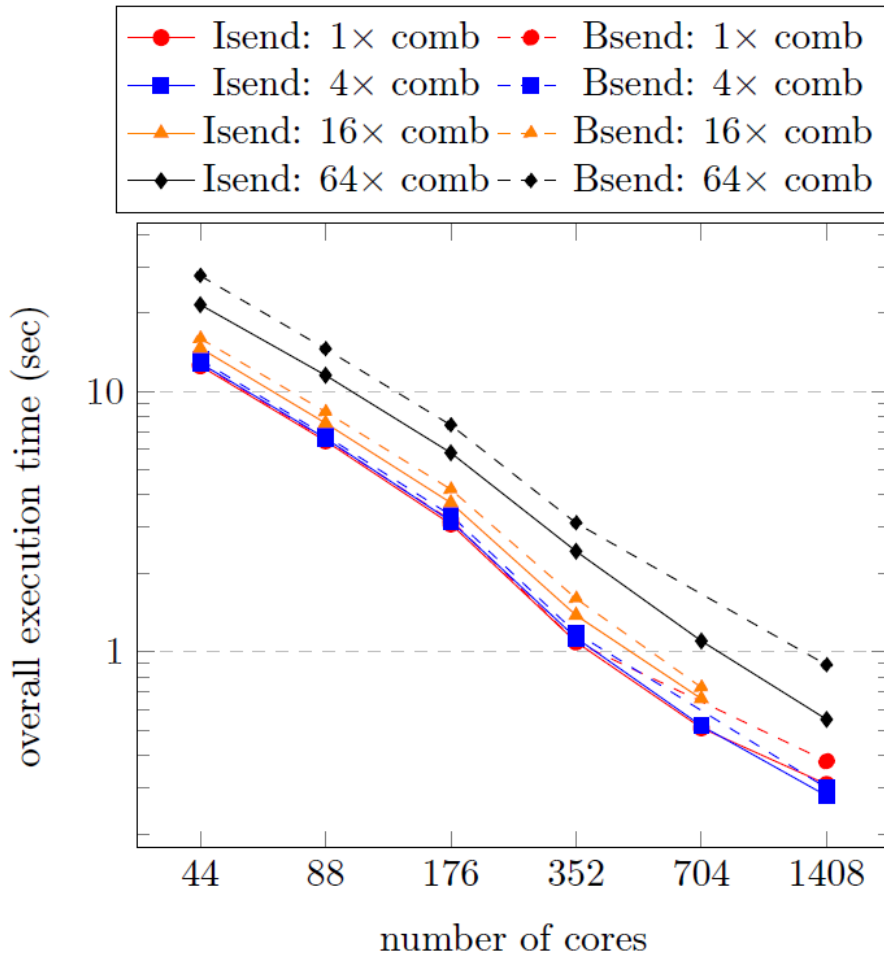
Indices of component grids are in yellow.

Can coalesce SGCT over sub-spaces to reduce overheads.

## 14 Analysis

- typical operating conditions of the SGCT:
  - the sparse grid's process grid  $P'$  comprises of a subset of processes from the process grids of the components ( $P_i$ )
  - assume  $P_i, P'$  are powers of 2 (required for hierarchical algorithm)
  - each sub-grid on a lower diagonal has half the processes as that above
- let  $g = g(d, l) = O(l^{d-1})$  be the number of sub-grids involved,  $m$  denote the number of data points per process
- direct SGCT, each process in  $P'$  will receive  $< 2m$  points, each process in each  $P_i$  sends and receives  $\Pi(P'/P_i) \leq g$  messages
  - total cost is then  $t \leq 2g\alpha + 3m\beta$
  - should be efficient for large  $m$ , but not for large  $g$
- hierarchical SGCT avoids communication of  $\frac{1}{2^d}$  of the surpluses
  - will have more startups even if coalesced, partially offset by a  $\approx 30\%$  lower average effective value of  $g$
  - average degree of ||ization  $\approx 2/3$ , but a load imbalance factor of  $\approx 2^d$

# 15 Results: SGCT Advection Performance



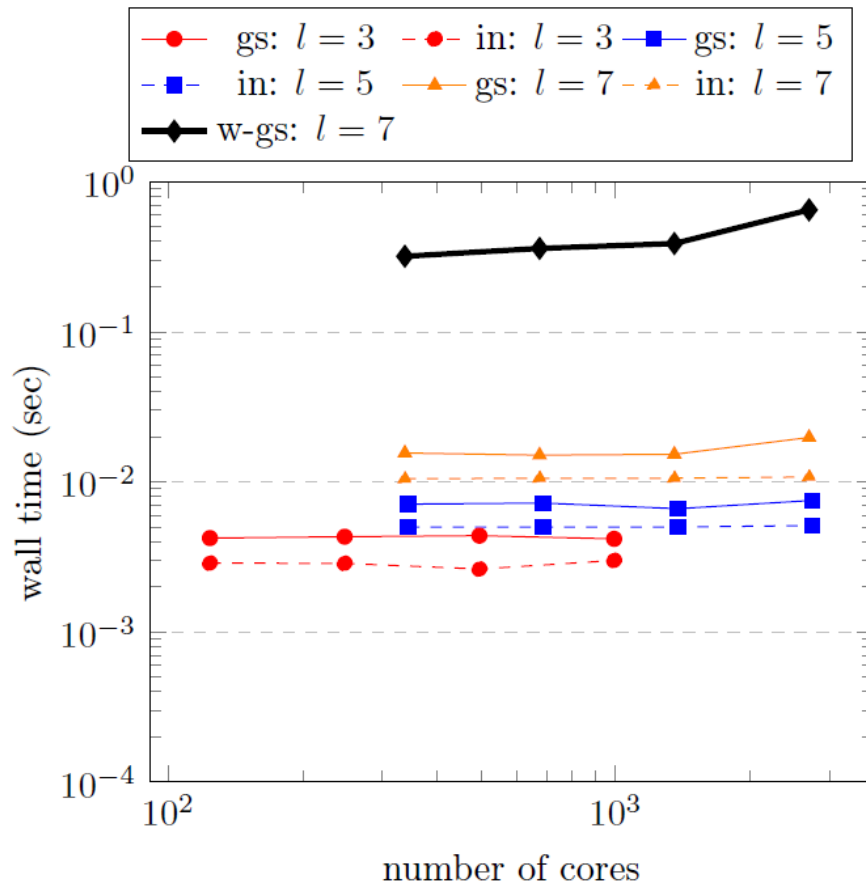
(a) 2D problem with  $l = 4$  and a  $2^{13} \times 2^{13}$  (sparse) grid, 1024 timesteps.

(b) 3D problem with  $l = 3$  and  $2^9 \times 2^9 \times 2^8$  grid, 1024 timesteps.

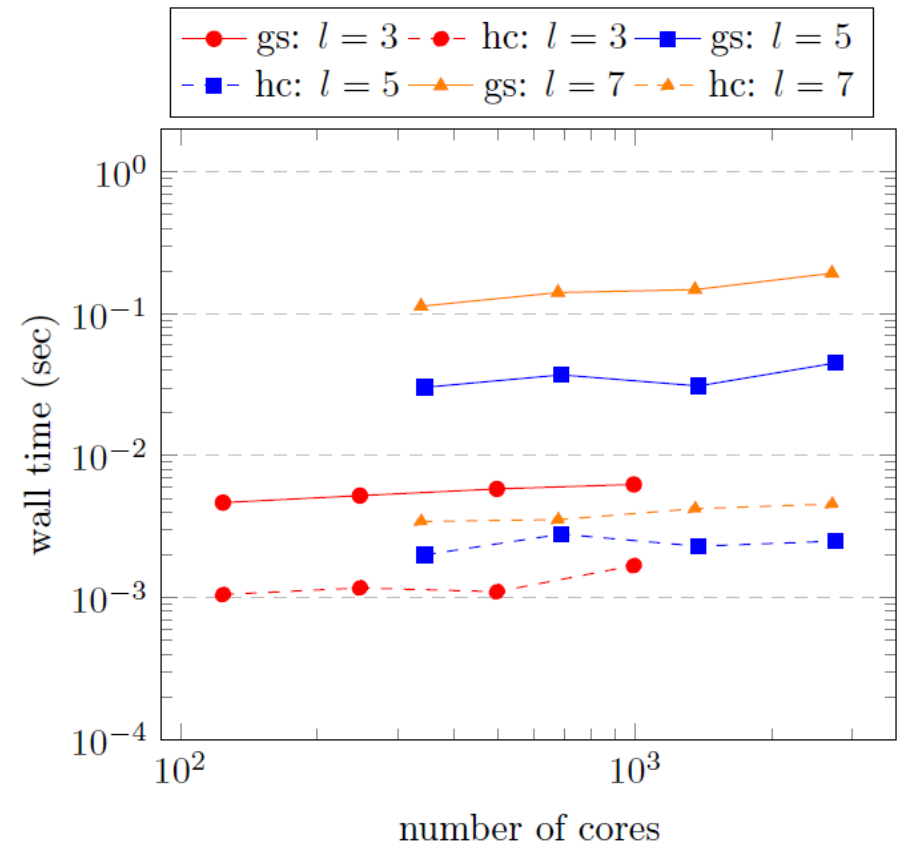


# 17 Results: 3D SGCT Algorithm Performance

Weak scaling with  $m = 2^{14}$  points per process for 3D SGCT performance (after a warmup run) with SGCT level  $l$ :



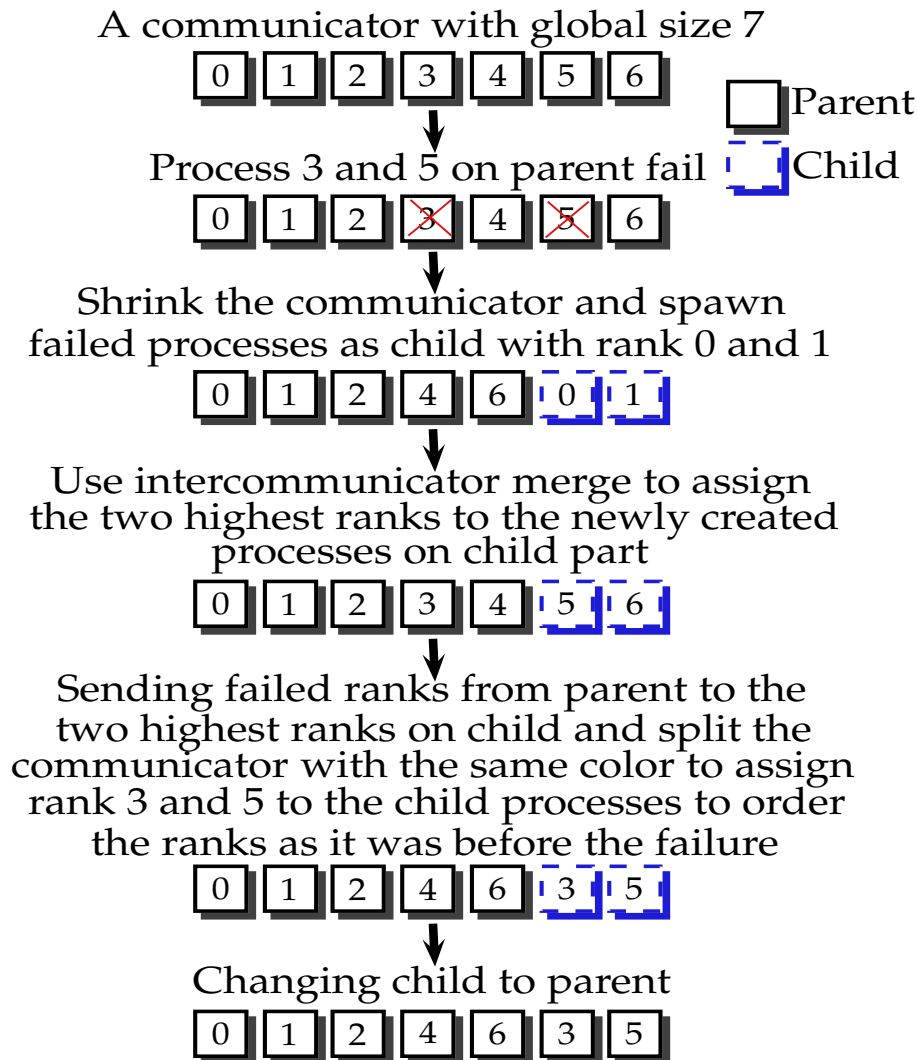
(a) direct algorithm



(b) hierarchical algorithm



# 18 Fault Recovery Procedure: Detect Failed Processes



- can detect failed processes in ULFM MPI as follows:
  - attach an error handler ensuring failures get acknowledged on (original) communicator comm
  - call `MPI_Barrier(comm)`; if fails:
  - revoke it via `MPI_Comm_revoke(comm)` and create shrunken communicator via `OMPI_Comm_shrink(comm, &scomm)`
  - use `MPI_Group_difference(..., &fg)` to make a globally consistent list of failed processes



## 19 Fault Recovery Procedure: Process and Data

- process recovery in ULFM MPI:
  - use `MPI_Group_translate_ranks(fg, ..., comm, ...)` to re-rank remaining processes
  - spawn required number of failed processes via `MPI_Comm_spawn_multiple()`
    - these are called *child processes* and have own communicator
  - use `MPI_Intercomm_merge()` to merge child's comm. with parent's with `MPI_Comm_split()` to order the ranks
  - finally, `OMP_Comm_agree()` used to synchronize child and parent processes
- data recovery using the SGCT:

must be done on whole of grid where a process has failed (data on non-failed process will be out-of-date)

  - identify lost grids; assign combination coefficient of 0 (do not participate in gather stage of SGCT)
  - receive down-sample of combined grid on the scatter stage

## 20 Methodology for Integrating the SGCT into an Application

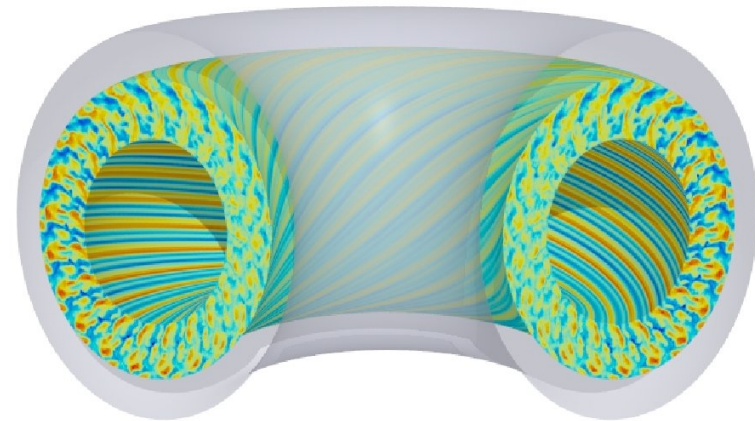
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1  $G = \{G_i\}$ : set of sub-grids;
2  $C = \{C_i\}$ : set of sub-grid communicators created from  $W$ ;
3  $g = \{g_i\}$ : set of fields returned from the application computed on  $G$ ;
4  $u = \{u_i\}$ : corresponding set of sub-grid solutions;
5  $u_I^c$ : combined solution of the SGCT;
6 for each  $C_i \in C$  do in parallel
7    $u_i \leftarrow \text{null}$ ; //will make runApplication() initialize  $g_i$ 
8 for each required combination do
9   for each  $C_i \in C$  do in parallel
10    $g_i \leftarrow \text{runApplication}(u_i, G_i, C_i)$ ;
11    $u_i \leftarrow g_i$ ; //on their common points
12    $\text{updateBoundary}(u_i, C_i)$ ;
13  $\text{reconstructFaultyCommunicator}(W)$ ; //using ULFM MPI
14  $u_I^c \leftarrow \text{gather}(u, W)$ ; //reconstructed grids don't participate
15  $u \leftarrow \text{scatter}(u_I^c, W)$ ;

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## 21 The GENE Application

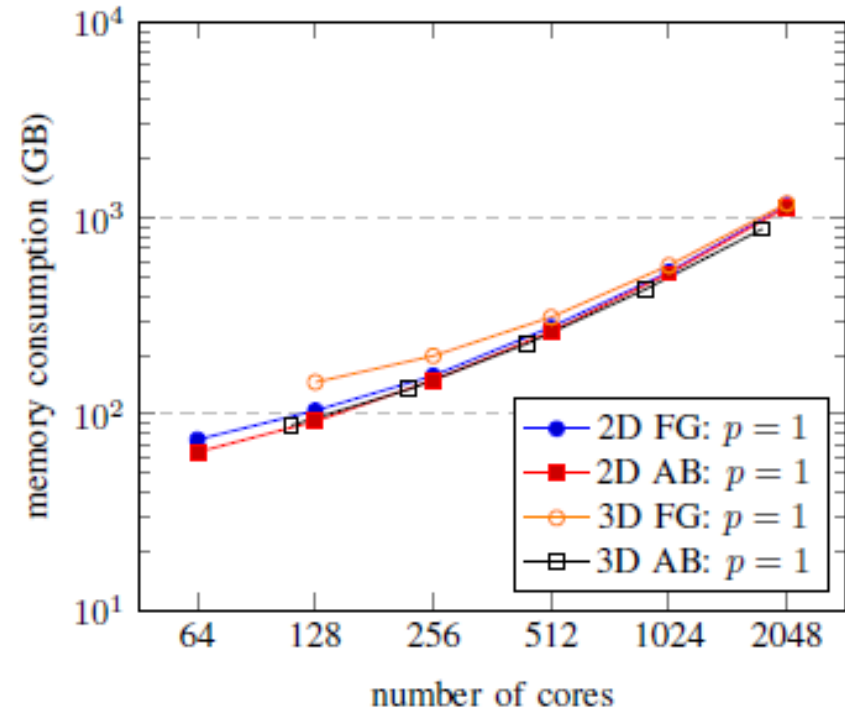
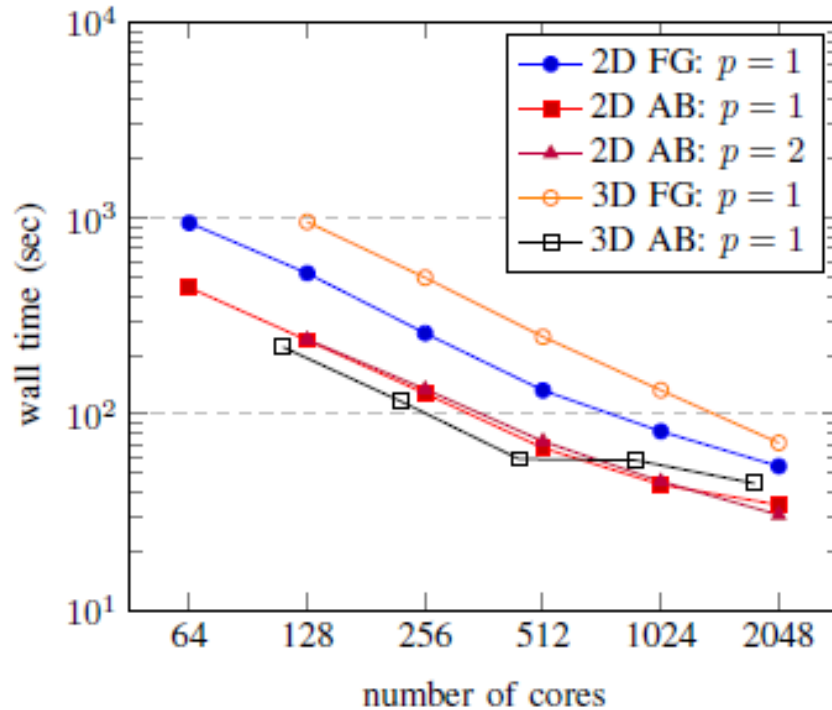
- GENE: Gyrokinetic Electromagnetic Numerical Experiment
  - plasma micro-turbulence code
  - multidimensional solver of Vlasov equation
  - fixed grid in five-dimensional phase space  $(x_r, x_\perp, x_\parallel, v_\perp, v_\parallel)$
- computes gyroradius-scale fluctuations and transport coefficients
  - these fields are the main output of GENE
- hybrid MPI/OpenMP parallelization – high scalability to 2K cores
- dimensions are limited to powers of two
- sparse grid combination technique has yielded good results!
  - physical system is relatively homogeneous



## 22 Incorporating the SGCT into GENE

- computes a density field  $g_{-1}$ , stored in a double-precision array of dimensionality  $(2, N_x, N_y, N_z, N_v, N_u, s)$ ,  $s$  is the number of ‘species’
- the SGCT can be applied in any 2 or 3 contiguous dimensions  
e.g. for a 2D SGCT on  $N_v$  and  $N_u$  dimensions, we pass a block factor of  $B = 2N_xN_yN_z$  to the SGCT algorithm, and iterate over  $s$
- must pad dimensions of size  $2^N$  to  $2^N + 1$  for the SGCT: zero for  $v, u$ ; for  $z$ , a ‘shift’ is required (using GENE routines)
- a parallelization of  $p$  over the non-SGCT dimensions is possible: perform  $p$  SGCT calculations in parallel
- a script creates different directories for each component grid to run in, and places an appropriately modified `parameters` file there
- `ISO_C_BINDING` & C wrappers to interface Fortran to C++ SGCT code
- small modifications to `rungene()` to pass down MPI communicator created by the SGCT constructor
- in `initial_value()`, code is added to pass  $g_{-1}$  to the SGCT code

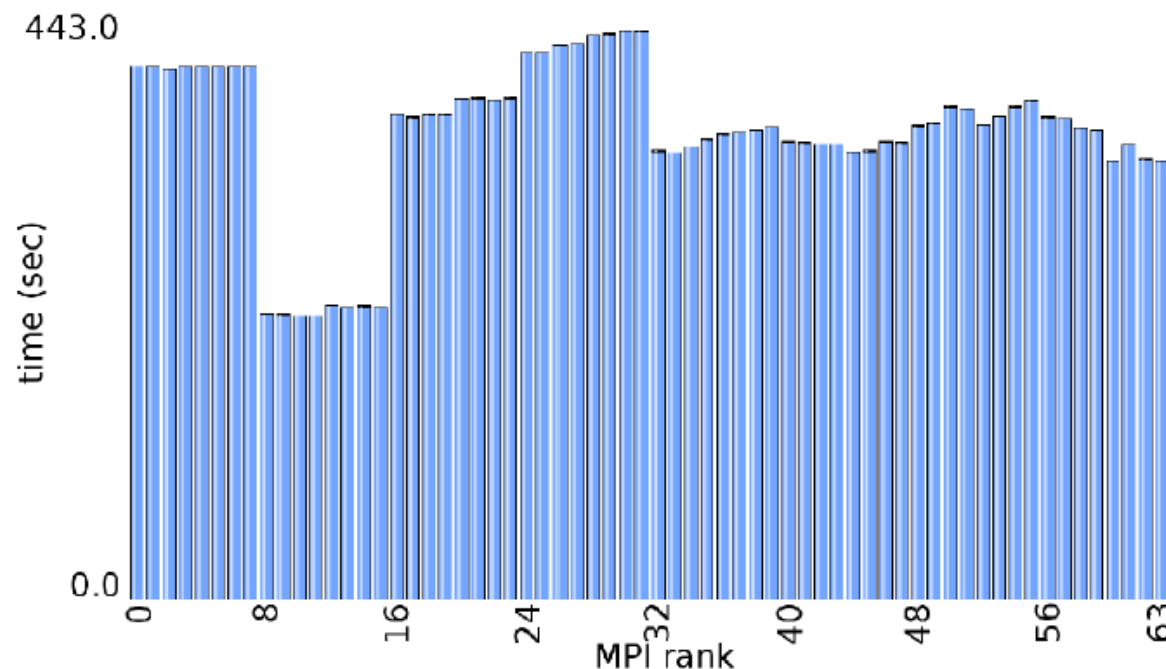
## 23 SGCT GENE Performance



- used `2d_big_6` with an  $l = 5$  2D SGCT over  $(N_v, N_u) = (2^8, 2^8)$  and  $N_x = 64, N_y = 4, N_z = 16, s = 1$ , and `3d_big_6` with an  $l = 4$  3D SGCT over  $(N_z, N_v, N_u) = (2^6, 2^8, 2^8)$  and  $N_x = 32, N_y = 4, s = 1$ . Run for 100 timesteps.
- SGCT (AB) has less work & storage than the corresp. full grid (FG)

## 24 Load Balance for SGCT GENE

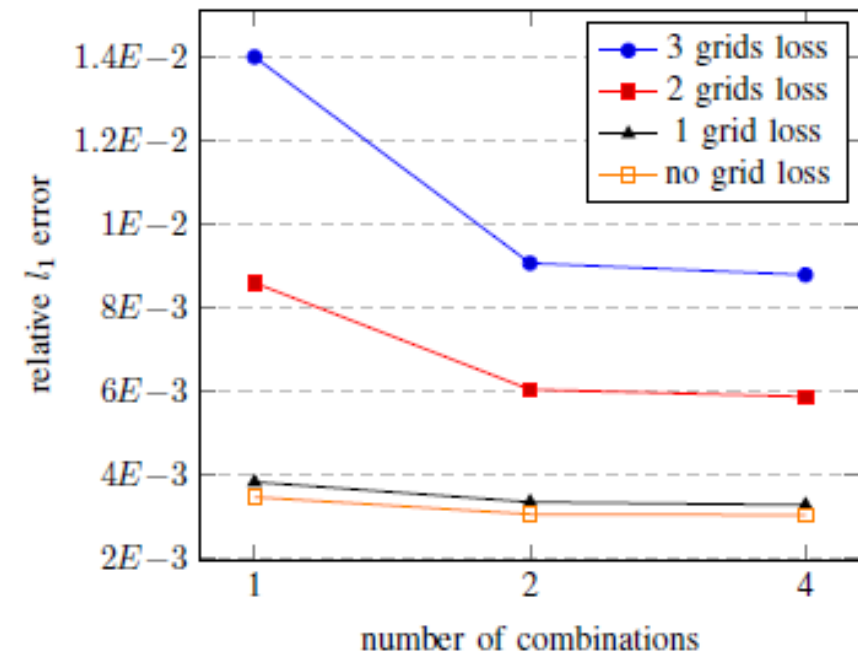
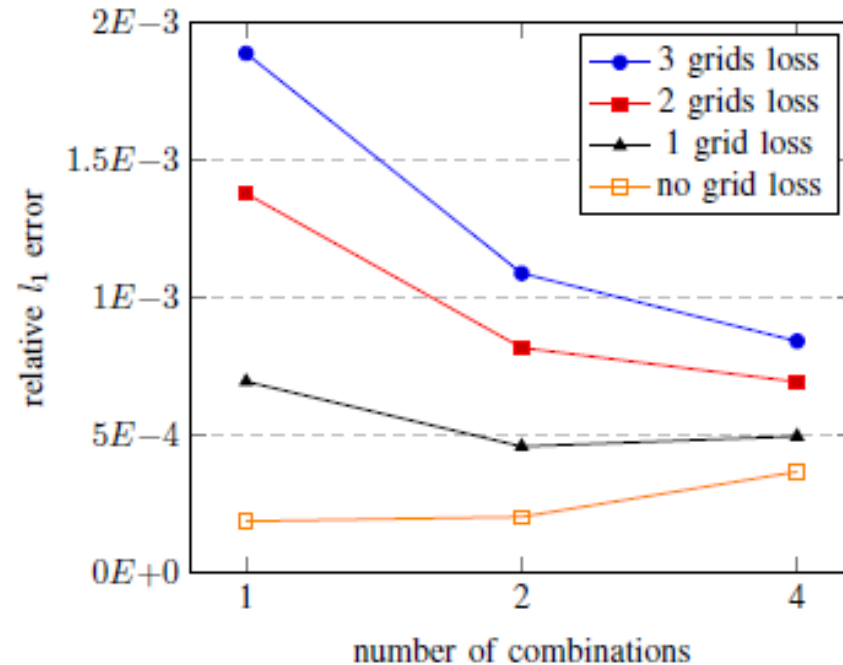
- general SGCT strategy to load balance across component grids
  - allocate  $p$  processes to uppermost diagonal grids,  $\lceil \frac{p}{2} \rceil$  to next diag.
  - thus, no. of data points (hence work) per process should be equal
- however, data and process grid shape may affect computation and communication performance



- TAU profile for 2D problem with  $p = 8$
- 3D problem & other apps were similar

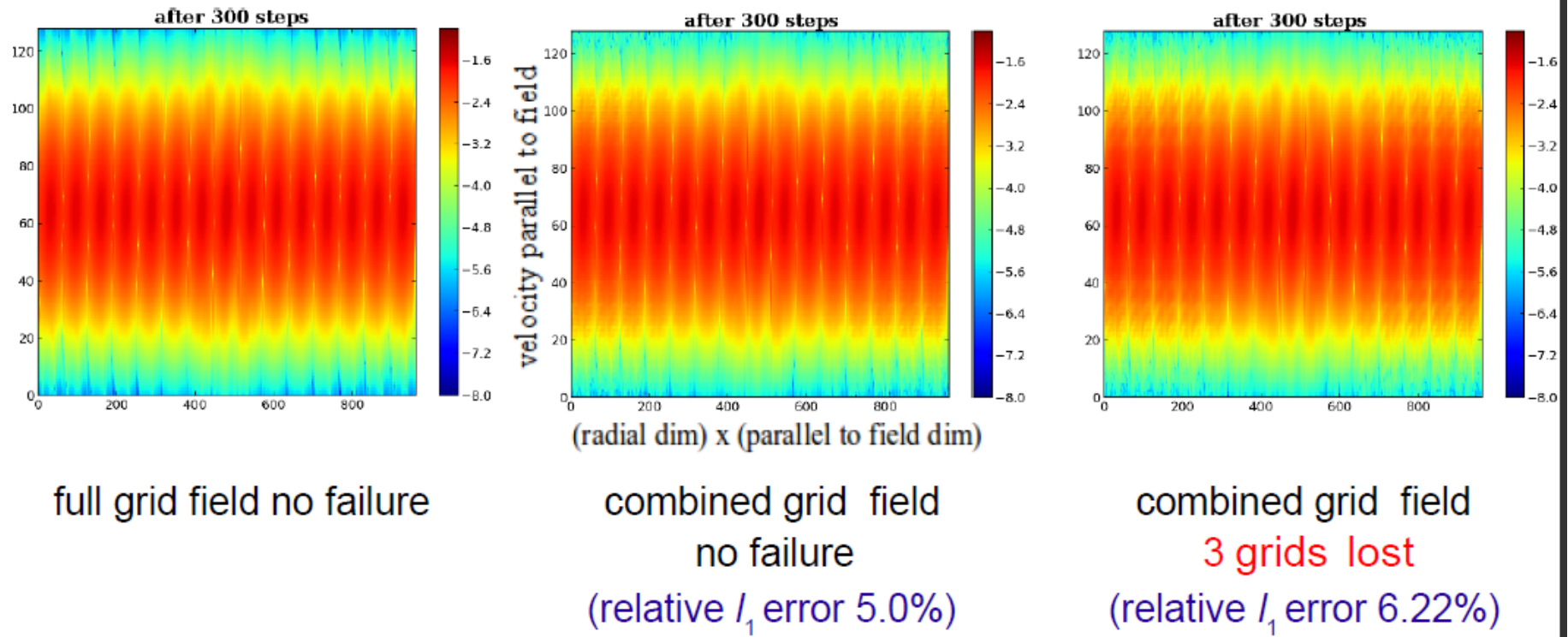


## 25 SGCT GENE Accuracy



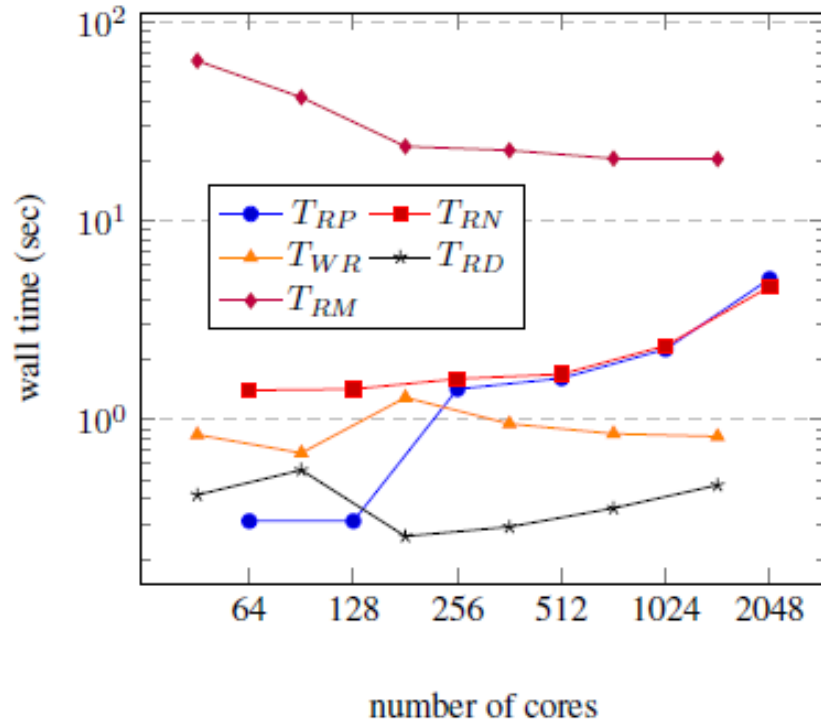
- relative 1-norm error over full grid solution for 2D (left) and 3D (right)
- deemed 'acceptable'
- multiple applications of the SGCT can reduce the error

## 26 SGCT GENE Accuracy - Visualization

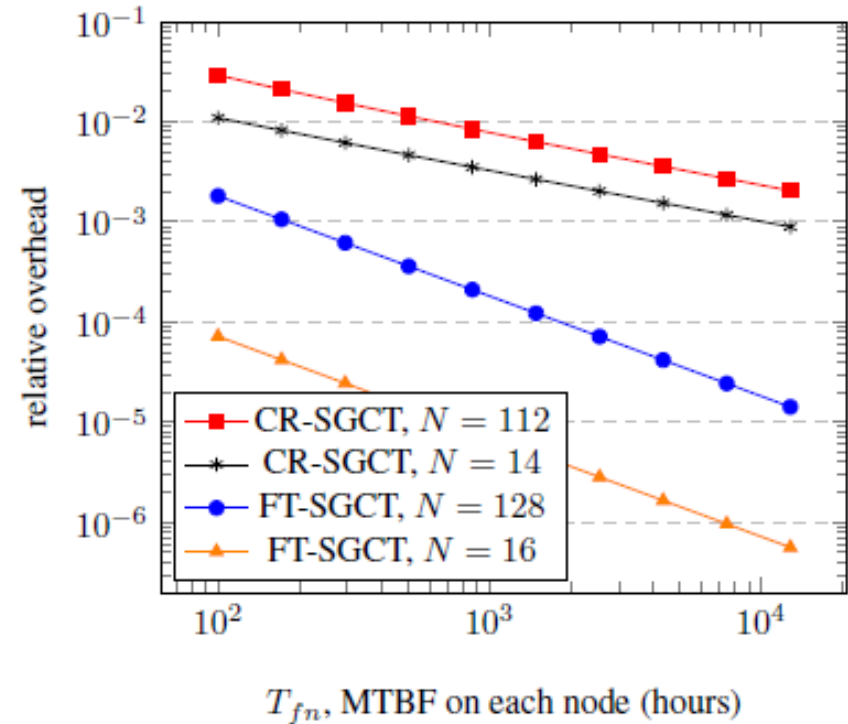


- little discernible difference with or without faults

## 27 SGCT GENE Fault Recovery



(a) recovery overhead of a single occurrence of failure for shorter computation



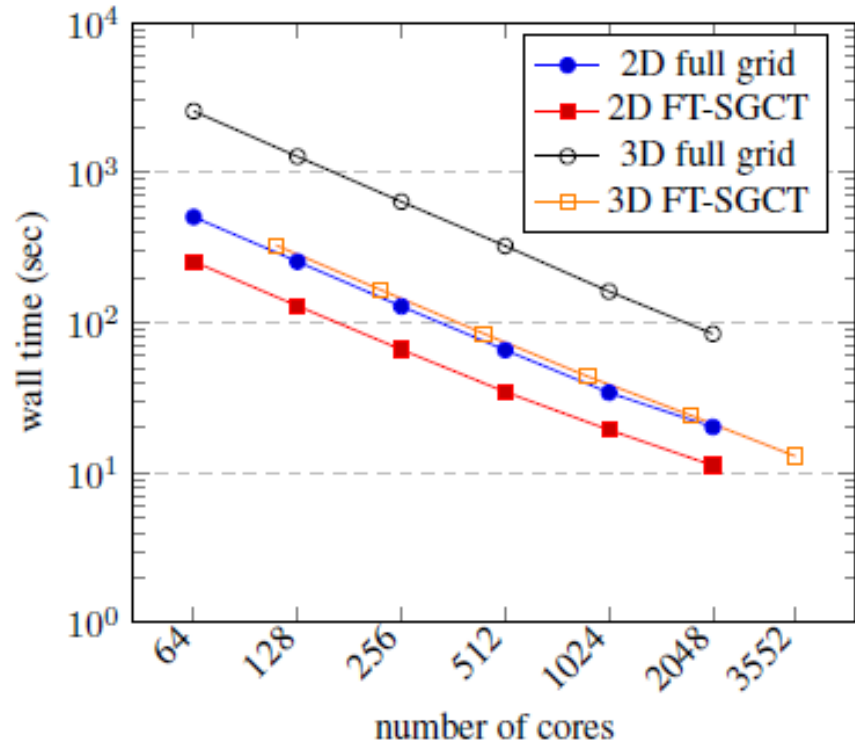
(b) expected relative recovery overhead for longer computation

- GENE has in-built checkpointing of  $g_{-1}$  (note: very fast file system here!)
- WR/RD: read/write checkpoint, RM: relaunch MPI application
- RP/RN: recover process on same/different node
  - we should have  $T_{RN} \ll T_{RM}$  (may improve in future ULFM MPI)

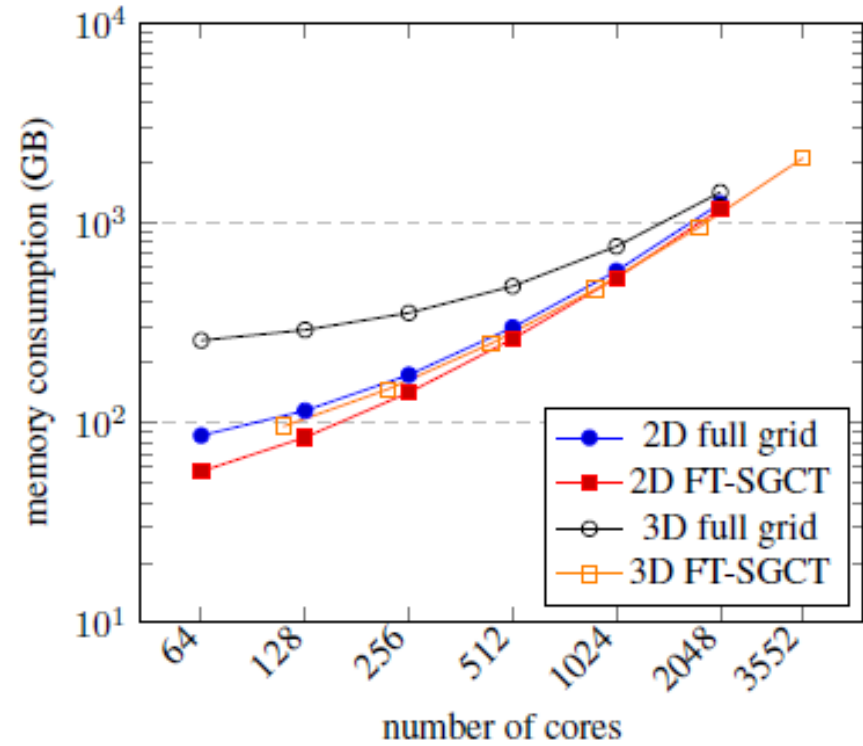
## 28 The Taxilla Lattice Boltzmann Method Application

- Taxila LBM is open source software for the LBM simulation of flow in porous and geometrically complex media
- highly scalable Fortran 90-based Petsc modular implementation
- chose a *bubble test*, in which one partially miscible fluid forms a bubble inside the other
- the density field is chosen for the output and used for the SGCT
- incorporating the SGCT similar to GENE, with  $\{u_i\}$  corresponding to the `rho` array
  - default global communicators in `LBMCreate()` are replaced with  $C_i$
  - process and data grid sizes are also passed in as parameters
  - local `rho` field extracted for SGCT after running `LBMRun()` using a shared pointer
  - periodic boundary conditions are used

## 29 SGCT Taxilla LBM Performance and Accuracy



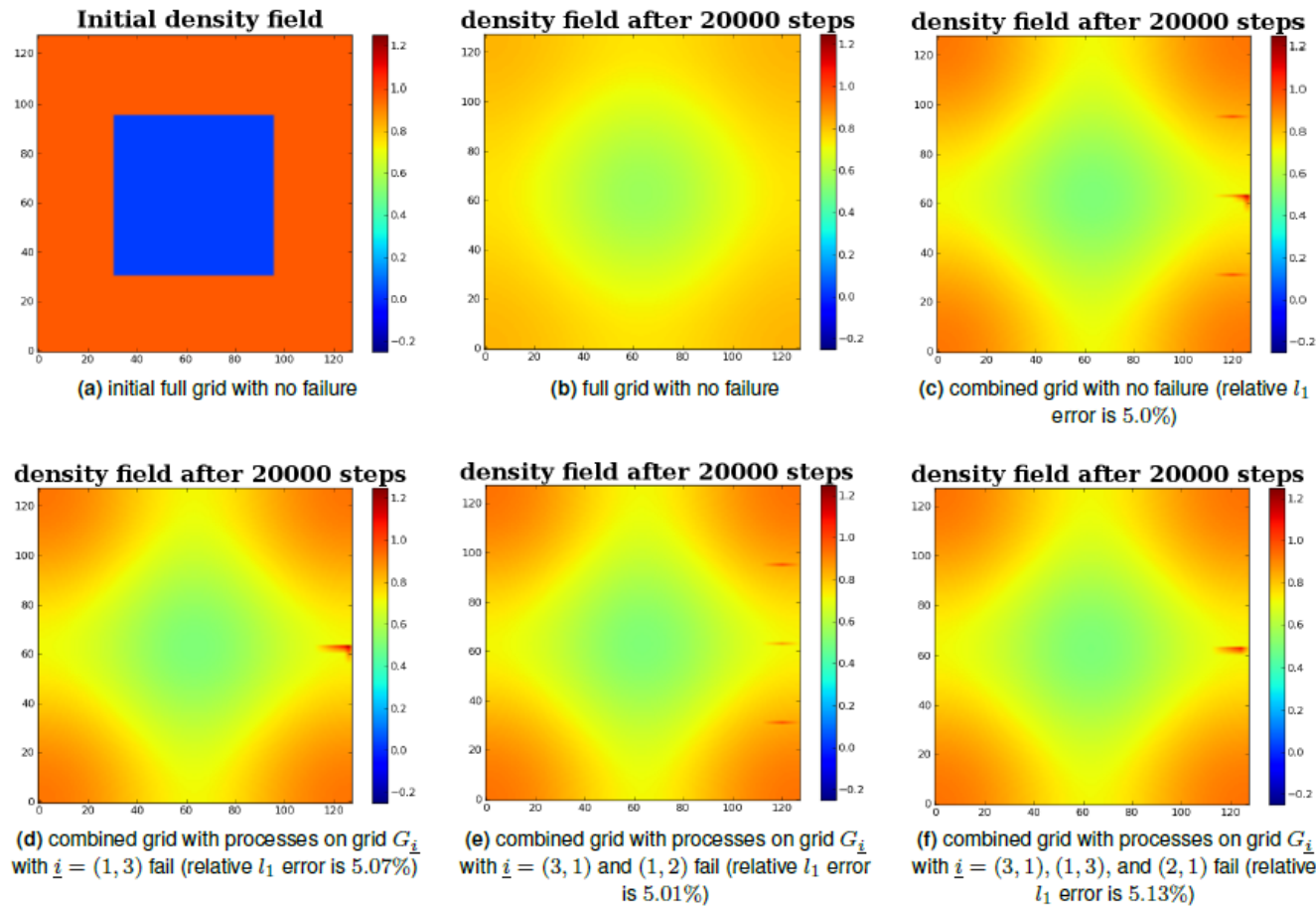
(a) overall execution time



(b) overall memory usage

- 2D problem has  $2^{13} \times 2^{13}$  full grid size with  $l = 5$ ; 3D has  $2^9 \times 2^9 \times 2^9$  and  $l = 4$ . 200 timesteps.
- accuracy (relative 1-norm difference to full grid) is  $1.13E^{-2}$  and  $3.98E^{-2}$ , respectively

# 30 Taxilla Accuracy - Visualization



- comparison of density field for a  $2^7 \times 2^7$  grid for an  $l = 5$  SGCT
- smaller grid is used due to expense of computation

## 31 The Solid Fuel Ignition Application

- involves solving the Bratu problem

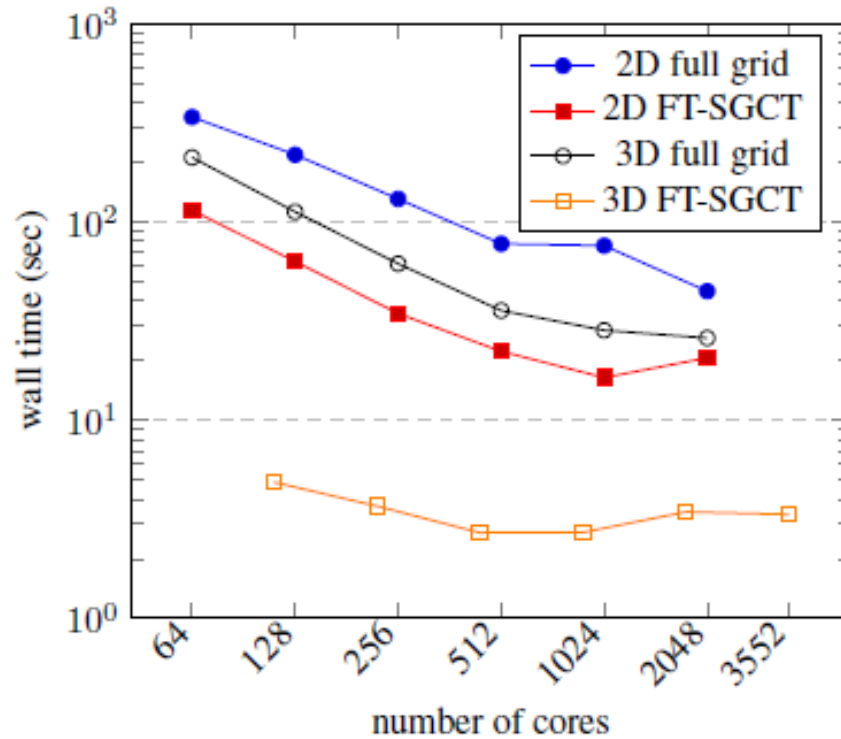
$$-\Delta u(x, y, z) - \lambda \exp^{u(x,y,z)} = 0, 0 < x, y, z < 1$$

where  $\Delta$  is the Laplace operator and  $\lambda$  defines the degree of non-linearity

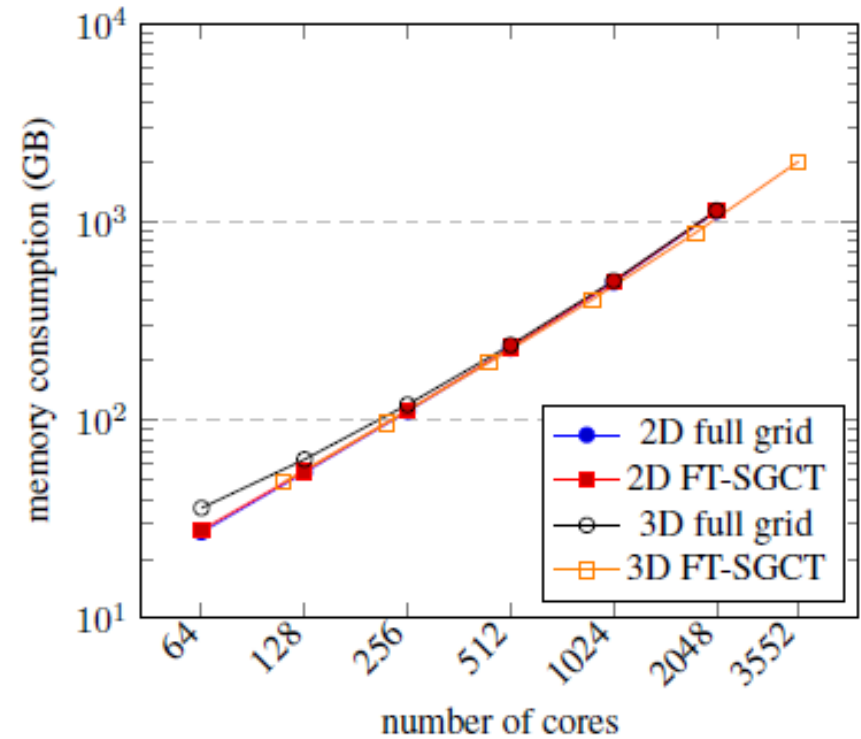
- a simpler application; also Fortran-90 Petsc code base
- incorporating the SGCT similar to Taxilla LBM, with  $\{u_i\}$  corresponding to the `x` array in `SNESolve()`
  - default global communicators in `SNESCreate()` and `DMDACreate2d()` are replaced with  $C_i$
  - process and data grid sizes are also passed in as parameters to `DMDACreate2d()`
  - `c_get_sfi_field()` is called to pass the field to the SGCT codes
  - zero boundary conditions are used
- experiments used  $\lambda = 6$  and Jacobian finite difference approximations



## 32 Solid Fuel Ignition: Performance and Accuracy



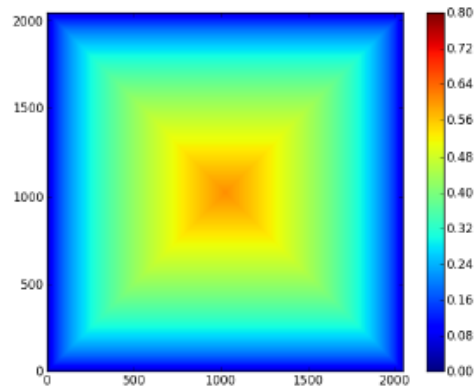
(a) overall execution time



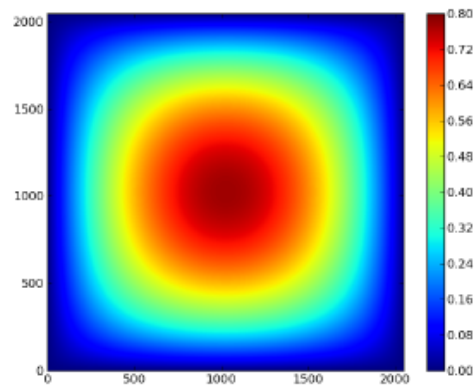
(b) overall memory usage

- 2D problem has  $2^{11} \times 2^{11}$  full grid size with  $l = 5$ ; 3D has  $2^8 \times 2^8 \times 2^8$  and  $l = 4$ . 200 timesteps.
- 2D SGCT is  $\approx 3\times$  faster, 3D  $\approx 9\times$ ; accuracy is  $1.27E^{-3}$  and  $1.28E^{-3}$ , respectively

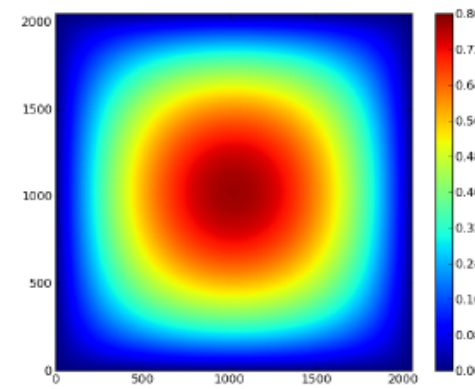
### 33 Solid Fuel Ignition: Accuracy - Visualization



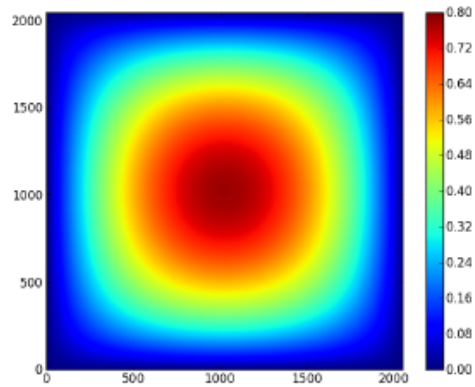
(a) initial full grid field with no failure



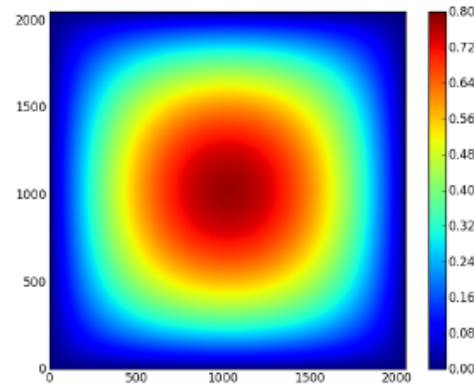
(b) full grid field with no failure



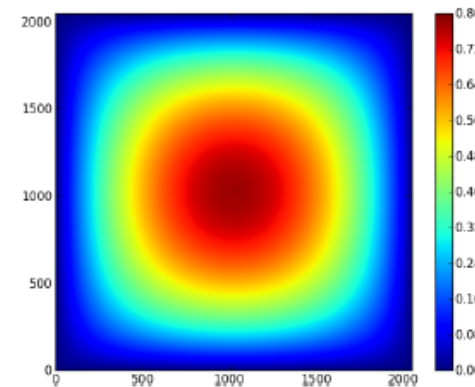
(c) combined grid field with no failure (relative  $l_1$  error is 0.127%)



(d) combined grid field with processes on grid  $G_{\underline{i}}$  with  $\underline{i} = (1, 3)$  fail (relative  $l_1$  error is 0.127%)



(e) combined grid field with processes on grid  $G_{\underline{i}}$  with  $\underline{i} = (3, 1)$  and  $(1, 2)$  fail (relative  $l_1$  error is 0.111%)



(f) combined grid field with processes on grid  $G_{\underline{i}}$  with  $\underline{i} = (2, 2), (0, 4),$  and  $(2, 1)$  fail (relative  $l_1$  error is 0.123%)

- comparison of field for a  $2^{11} \times 2^{11}$  grid for an  $l = 5$  SGCT

## 34 Conclusions (I)

- the SGCT can give good accuracy-performance tradeoffs on a range of PDE simulations
  - with little extra computational cost, it can also be made fault-tolerant!
  - current ULFM MPI infrastructure is sufficient to support this
- the first fully parallel SGCT algorithms have been developed for 2D&3D
  - complexity managed by vector arithmetic description
  - sparse grid data structured needed for direct algorithm, coalescing of surpluses needed for the hierarchical
  - the direct algorithm is faster and is very scalable with core counts; also more scalable with level  $l$  and dimensionality  $d$ 
    - if fields are already hierarchized, recommend de-hierarchizing and using the direct algorithm
  - algorithms designed for high resolution grids on smaller  $l$  and  $d$
  - codes are available from <http://users.cecs.anu.edu.au/~peter/projects/sgct>

## 35 Conclusions (II)

- a methodology to incorporate the SGCT has been proven on 3 complex pre-existing applications
  - relatively modest source code modifications required
  - for GENE, a level of  $l = 5$  ( $l = 4$ ) for 2D (3D) gave  $2\times$  ( $5\text{--}9\times$ ) speed benefit for an 'acceptable' loss of accuracy
  - multiple SGCT can reduce error loss, especially for multiple failures
  - SGCT recovery time compares favourably to checkpointing
  - system is robust to multiple failures and combinations
  - GENE, Taxilla LBM and SFI are successful case studies!
- the SGCT is ready to support exascale computing!

## 36 Future Work

- currently, we *restart* failed processes (on same node or spare nodes).  
An alternate approach is to ‘shrink’ the process grids on failure:  
the SGCT can perform the necessary data distribution for free!
- test the methodology on other applications
  - solution must be ‘smooth’ for the SGCT to be effective
- SGCT algorithm can be extended to higher  $d$  (4D version by Si Xu, 2020)
- apply the SGCT to handle soft faults
  - detection may be challenging: ‘smearing’, application dependence
  - combine point-wise, in blocks or whole grids?
  - the hierarchical algorithm has a major advantage:  
common information in the component grids can be directly compared
  - more challenging time and memory requirements are likely

# Thank You!!

# ... Questions??? Comments???

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