

# Parallel Implementation of a Kernel-Independent Barycentric Lagrange Treecode Algorithm

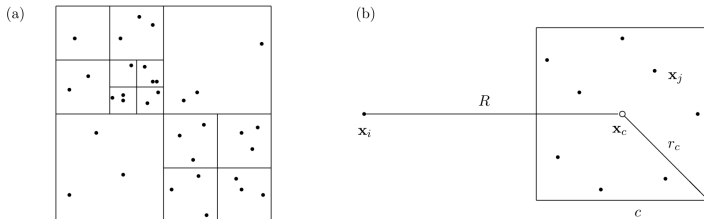
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# Electrostatic Potential and Kernel



- The **electrostatic potential** due to a set of charged particles,

$$\phi(x_i) = \sum_{j=1}^N K(x_i, y_j) q_j, \quad i = 1, \dots, N$$

Where  $K(x_i, y_j)$  is the interaction between a target particle  $x_i$  and a source particle  $y_j$  with charge  $q_j$ .

- The kernel  $K(x, y)$  is the **screened Coulomb** (Yukawa) potential:

$$K(x, y) = \frac{e^{-\kappa|x-y|}}{|x-y|}$$

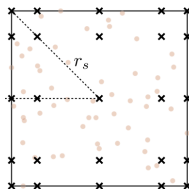
# Barycentric Lagrange Interpolation

## Polynomial Interpolation for N-Body Acceleration:

$$p_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n f(s_k) L_k(x), \quad L_k(x) = \left( \frac{\omega_k}{x - s_k} \right) / \left( \sum_{k'=0}^n \frac{\omega_{k'}}{x - s_{k'}} \right)$$

where weights are given by:

$$\omega_k = \frac{1}{\sum_{\substack{j=0 \\ j \neq k}}^n (s_k - s_j)}$$



**Chebyshev Interpolation Points:** For the interval  $[-1, 1]$ ,

$$s_k = \cos \theta_k, \quad \theta_k = \frac{\pi k}{n}, \quad k = 0, \dots, n$$

with weights:

$$\omega_k = (-1)^k \delta_k, \quad \delta_k = \begin{cases} 1/2, & k = 0 \text{ or } n \\ 1, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

# Kernel-Independent Treecode

- The kernel  $K(x, y)$  is approximated using Chebyshev points  $s_k = (s_{k1}, s_{k2}, s_{k3})$  then,

$$K(x, y) \approx \sum_k K(x, s_k) L_{k1}(y_1) L_{k2}(y_2) L_{k3}(y_3), \quad k_l = 0, \dots, n$$

- In a treecode, particles  $\{y_j\}$  are clustered hierarchically. The potential at  $x_i$  due to a **particle-cluster** interaction is:

$$\phi(x_i, C) = \sum_{y_j \in C} K(x_i, y_j) q_j$$

Using kernel interpolation, this simplifies to:

$$\phi(x_i, C) \approx \sum_k K(x_i, s_k) \hat{q}_k$$

where the modified weights are:

$$\hat{q}_k = \sum_{y_j \in C} L_{k1}(y_1) L_{k2}(y_2) L_{k3}(y_3) q_j$$

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**Algorithm 1** computation of modified weights in (4.4)

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1: input: source particles and weights for a given cluster,  $\mathbf{y}_j, f_j$ 
2: input: Chebyshev points mapped to the cluster,  $s_k$ 
3: output: modified weights,  $\hat{f}_k$ 
4: initialize all  $\hat{f}_k = \hat{f}(k_1, k_2, k_3) = 0$ 
5: % loop over source particles
6: for  $j = 1 : N_c$ 
7:   initialize  $\text{flag}(1:3) = -1$ ,  $\text{sum}(1:3) = 0$ 
8: % loop over coordinate indices and Chebyshev points to compute  $a_{j,\ell,k_\ell}$ 
9:   for  $\ell = 1:3$  and  $k_\ell = 0:n$ 
10:    if  $|y_{j\ell} - s_{k_\ell}| \leq \text{DBL\_MIN}$ ,  $\text{flag}(\ell) = k_\ell$ 
11:      else  $a(j, \ell, k_\ell) = w_{k_\ell} / (y_{j\ell} - s_{k_\ell})$ ,  $\text{sum}(\ell) += a(j, \ell, k_\ell)$ 
12:    end if
13:  end for
14: % if a flag was set, adjust  $\text{sum}(\ell)$  and  $a(j, \ell, k_\ell)$  to handle removable singularity
15:   for  $\ell = 1:3$ 
16:    if  $\text{flag}(\ell) > -1$ ,  $\text{sum}(\ell) = 1$ ,  $a(j, \ell, 0:n) = 0$ ,  $a(j, \ell, \text{flag}(\ell)) = 1$ , end if
17:  end for
18:    $\text{denom} = \text{sum}(1) \cdot \text{sum}(2) \cdot \text{sum}(3)$ 
19: % loop over tensor product of Chebyshev point indices as in (4.4)
20:   for  $(k_1, k_2, k_3) = (0:n, 0:n, 0:n)$ 
21:     $\hat{f}(k_1, k_2, k_3) += (a(j, 1, k_1) \cdot a(j, 2, k_2) \cdot a(j, 3, k_3) / \text{denom}) \cdot f_j$ 
22:   end for
23: end for
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**Algorithm 2** kernel-independent treecode

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- 1: input: particle coordinates and weights  $\mathbf{x}_i, f_i, i = 1, \dots, N$
  - 2: input: treecode MAC parameter  $\theta$ , polynomial degree  $n$ , maximum leaf size  $N_0$
  - 3: output: particle velocities  $u_i, i = 1, \dots, N$
  - 4: program **main**
  - 5:   build tree of particle clusters
  - 6:   compute modified weights  $\hat{f}_k$  in (4.4) for each cluster
  - 7:   for  $i = 1, \dots, N$ , **compute\_velocity**( $\mathbf{x}_i$ , root), end for
  - 8: end program
  - 9: subroutine **compute\_velocity**( $\mathbf{x}$ ,  $C$ )
  - 10:   if MAC is satisfied
  - 11:     compute particle-cluster interaction by approximation (4.3)
  - 12:   else
  - 13:     if  $C$  is a leaf, compute particle-cluster interaction by direct sum (4.2)
  - 14:   else
  - 15:     for each child  $C'$  of  $C$ , **compute\_velocity**( $\mathbf{x}$ ,  $C'$ ), end for
  - 16: end subroutine
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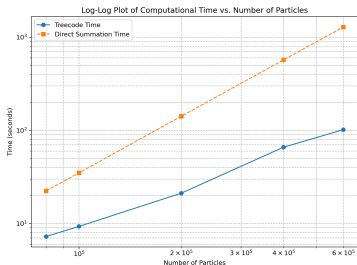
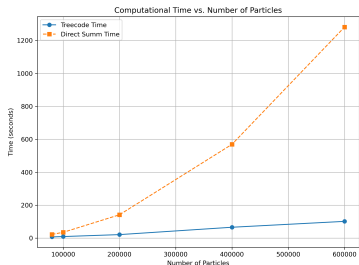
# Performance Comparison: Treecode vs. Direct Summation

Table: Treecode vs Direct Summation Performance

Number of Particles	Treecode Time	Direct Sum Time	L <sub>inf</sub> Error	L2 Error
80 K	7.26	22.40	4.42E-06	1.04E-05
100 K	9.31	34.98	3.59E-06	9.9E-06
200 K	21.16	141.52	3.79E-06	1.03E-05
400 K	65.89	569.58	3.09E-06	1.17E-05
600 K	101.59	1281.86	2.99E-06	1.27E-05

## • Computational Cost:

- Direct Summation:  $\mathcal{O}(N^2)$
- Treecode:  $\mathcal{O}(N \log N)$

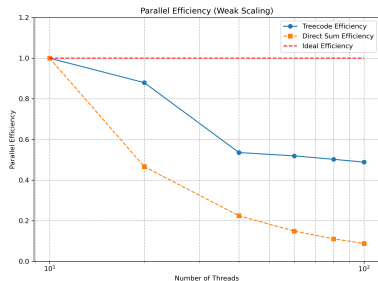


# Parallel Performance Using OpenMP

## Weak Scaling

Table: Parallel Performance (Weak Scaling)

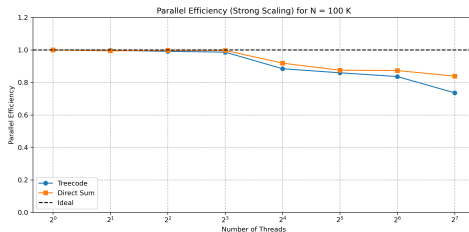
Particles	Threads	Treecode Time	Direct Sum Time	Treecode Efficiency	Direct Sum Efficiency
100 K	10	2.56	7.83	1.00	1.00
200 K	20	2.91	16.79	0.88	0.47
400 K	40	4.77	34.87	0.54	0.22
600 K	60	4.92	52.61	0.52	0.15
800 K	80	5.09	70.71	0.50	0.11
1 M	100	5.23	88.75	0.49	0.09



## Strong Scaling

Table: Parallel Performance (Strong Scaling) for N = 100,000

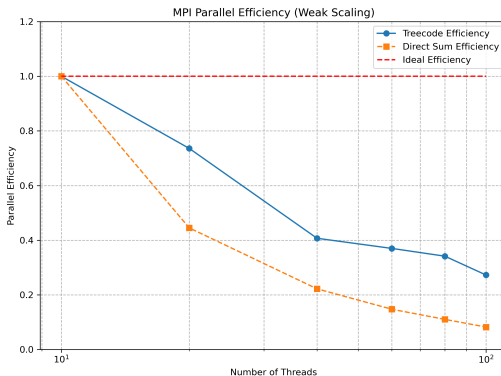
Threads	Treecode Time	Treecode Speedup	Treecode Efficiency (%)	Direct Time	Direct Speedup	Direct Efficiency (%)
1	23.50	1.00	100.00	76.50	1.00	100.00
2	11.77	2.00	99.81	38.45	1.99	99.49
4	5.92	3.97	99.18	19.17	3.99	99.78
8	2.98	7.89	98.68	9.59	7.98	99.75
16	1.86	14.15	88.47	5.20	14.70	91.90
32	0.85	27.51	85.98	2.73	28.02	87.55
64	0.44	53.54	83.65	1.37	55.91	87.36
128	0.25	94.25	73.63	0.71	107.42	83.92



# Parallel Performance Using MPI (Weak Scaling)

Table: MPI Parallel Performance (Weak Scaling)

Particles	Threads	Treecode Time (s)	Direct Sum Time (s)	Treecode Efficiency	Direct Sum Efficiency
100000	10	2.61	9.02	1.00	1.00
200000	20	3.55	20.25	0.74	0.45
400000	40	6.42	40.61	0.41	0.22
600000	60	7.06	61.19	0.37	0.15
800000	80	7.65	81.78	0.34	0.11
1000000	100	9.58	109.65	0.27	0.08



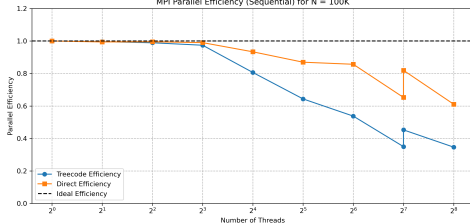
# Parallel Performance Using MPI (Sequential)

## 100K Particles

Table: MPI Parallel Performance (Sequential) for N = 100,000

Number of Threads	Treecode Time (s)	Direct Time (s)	Treecode Speedup	Direct Speedup	Treecode Efficiency	Direct Efficiency
1	23.57	88.36	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
2	11.83	44.44	1.99	1.99	1.00	0.99
4	5.96	22.20	3.96	3.98	0.99	1.00
8	3.03	11.16	7.79	7.92	0.97	0.99
16	1.83	5.92	12.90	14.94	0.81	0.93
32	1.14	3.18	20.59	27.82	0.64	0.87
64	0.69	1.61	34.41	54.84	0.54	0.86
128	0.53	1.06	44.77	83.53	0.35	0.65
128	0.41	0.84	57.97	104.89	0.45	0.82
256	0.27	0.57	88.72	156.36	0.35	0.61

MPI Parallel Efficiency (Sequential) for N = 100K

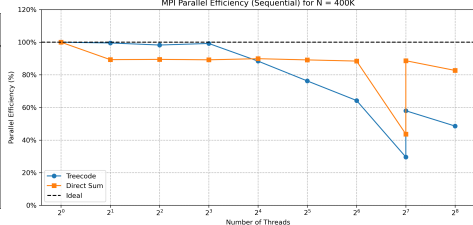


## 400K Particles

Table: MPI Parallel Performance (Sequential) for N = 400 K

Number of Processes	Treecode Time (s)	Direct Time (s)	Treecode Speedup	Direct Speedup	Treecode Efficiency	Direct Efficiency
1	186.58	1443.50	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
2	93.71	808.16	1.99	1.79	1.00	0.89
4	47.46	403.26	3.93	3.58	0.98	0.89
8	23.50	202.25	7.94	7.14	0.99	0.89
16	13.19	100.35	14.14	14.38	0.88	0.90
32	7.65	50.60	24.40	28.53	0.76	0.89
64	4.54	25.50	41.13	56.60	0.64	0.88
128	4.92	25.82	37.89	55.91	0.30	0.44
128 (2h)	2.51	12.72	74.20	113.48	0.58	0.89
256 (4h)	1.50	6.82	124.41	211.71	0.49	0.83

MPI Parallel Efficiency (Sequential) for N = 400K

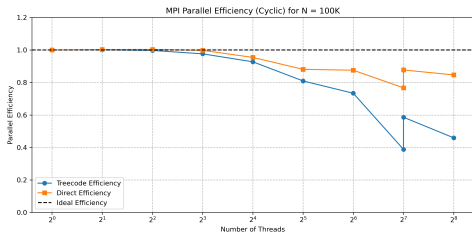


# Parallel Performance Using MPI (Cyclic)

## 100K Particles

Table: MPI Parallel Performance (Cyclic) for N = 100,000

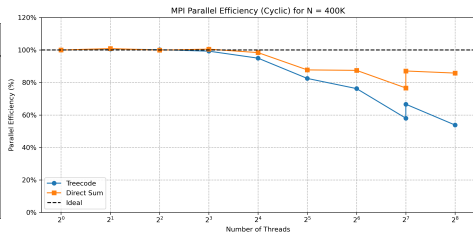
Number of Threads	Treecode Time (s)	Direct Time (s)	Treecode Speedup	Direct Speedup	Treecode Efficiency	Direct Efficiency
1	23.73	91.88	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
2	11.85	45.82	2.00	2.01	1.00	1.00
4	5.95	22.89	3.99	4.01	1.00	1.00
8	3.04	11.51	7.81	7.98	0.98	1.00
16	1.60	6.02	14.84	15.27	0.93	0.95
32	0.92	3.26	25.90	28.19	0.81	0.88
64	0.51	1.64	46.96	56.04	0.73	0.88
128	0.48	0.94	49.71	98.17	0.39	0.77
128	0.32	0.82	75.03	112.29	0.59	0.88
256	0.20	0.42	117.60	216.72	0.46	0.85



## 400K Particles

Table: MPI Parallel Performance (Cyclic) for N = 400 K

Number of Processes	Treecode Time (s)	Direct Time (s)	Treecode Speedup	Direct Speedup	Treecode Efficiency	Direct Efficiency
1	165.46	1489.55	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
2	82.23	728.36	2.01	2.02	1.01	1.01
4	41.28	367.64	4.01	4.00	1.00	1.00
8	20.83	182.71	7.94	8.04	0.99	1.01
16	10.89	93.34	15.20	15.74	0.95	0.98
32	6.27	52.34	26.40	28.08	0.82	0.88
64	3.39	26.25	48.80	55.98	0.76	0.87
128	2.23	14.98	74.26	98.08	0.58	0.77
128 (2n)	1.94	13.18	85.29	111.46	0.67	0.87
256 (4n)	1.20	6.69	137.76	219.65	0.54	0.86



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Any Question

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