

Optimizing a Boundary Elements Method for Stationary Elastodynamic Problems Implementation with GPUs



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Introduction

- ► The Boundary Element Method (BEM) is a very efficient alternative for modeling unlimited domains.
- ► This method can be used for numerically modeling the stationary behavior of 3D wave propagation in the soil. [1]
- ▶ It can be used for analyzing the vibration created by heavy machines, railway lines, or earthquakes.

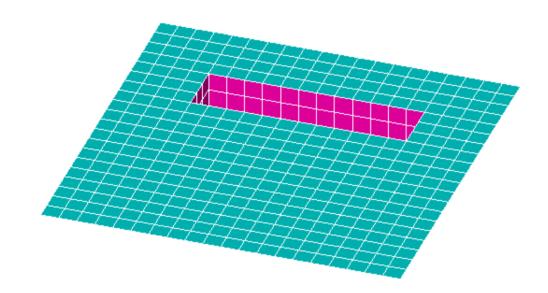


Figure: Example of a surface.

BEM Formulation Background

► Boundary Integral Equation for Stationary Elastodynamic Problems [2]:

$$c_{ij}u_{j}(\xi,\omega) + \int_{S} t_{ij}^{*}(\xi,x,\omega)u_{j}(x,\omega)dS(x) =$$

$$= \int_{S} u_{ij}^{*}(\xi,x,\omega)t_{j}(x,\omega)dS(x)$$

- After performing the geometry discretization, above equation can be represented in matrix form as Hu = Gt.
- Numerically, these integrals can be computed using the Gaussian quadrature.

Objectives

- Bring a legacy implementation of BEM for Estationary Elastodynamics Problems to a contemporary computing scenario, enabling the usage of multicore processors and GPUs.
- Accelerate the overall performance to simulate surfaces with a higher number of mesh elements

Results

We applied the paralelization approach described in [3] together with MAGMA's LU decomposition.

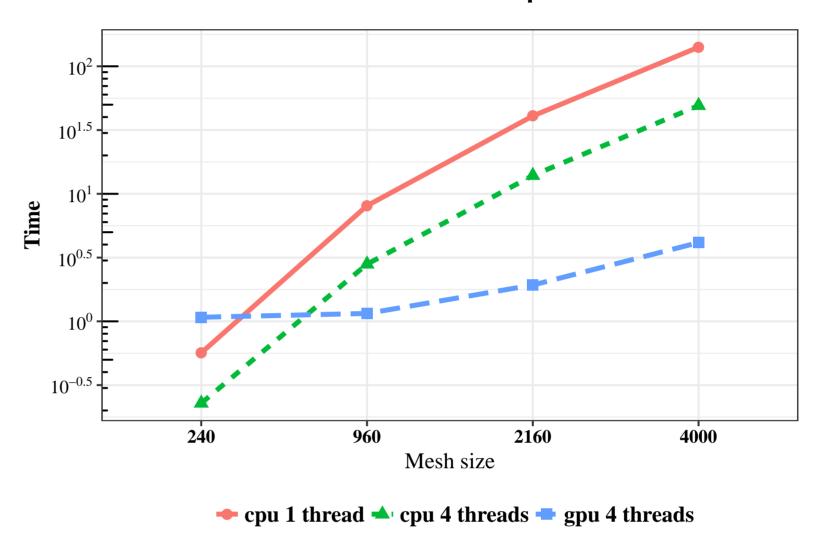


Figure: Total elapsed time in a AMD A10-7700K paired with a GeForce GTX 980

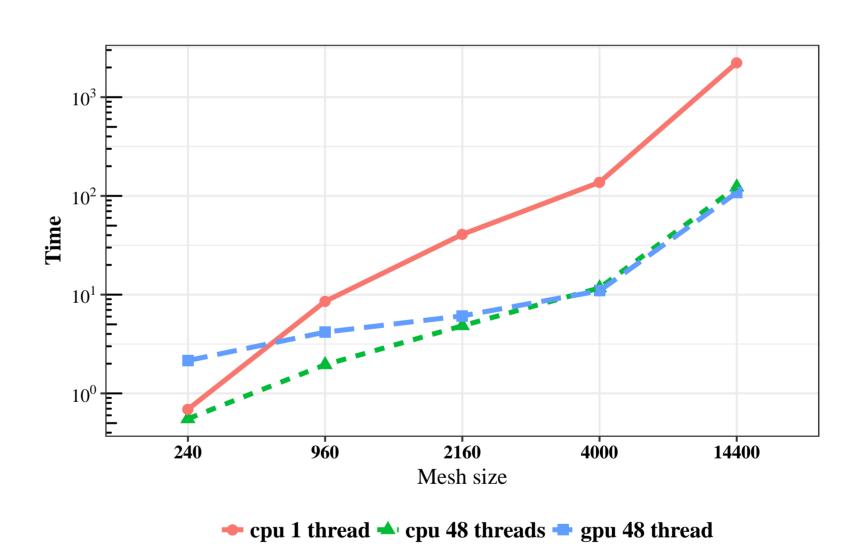


Figure: Total elapsed time in a 2× Xeon E6-2650 v4 paired with a Tesla K40

Conclusions

Better speedups can be obtained if a load balancer is implemented. The current implementation does not use both CPU and GPU simultaneously.

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