



OpenFOAM on POWER8

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OpenFOAM Overview

OpenFOAM Overview

- Open Source **F**ield **O**peration and **M**anipulation
- C++ Toolbox for Simulation of Mechanical Problems
 - Solvers
 - pre-/post processing utils
 - MPI parallelized
 - NO OpenMP
 - NO vector intrinsics
- Widely used in industry and academics
 - Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD)
 - Aerodynamics simulations
 - Pharmaceutical industry
 - Electromagnetism
 - Combustion
 - ...
- Many different modules
 - simpleFoam – static analysis
 - pisoFoam – dynamic analysis
- Known to be memory bandwidth limited

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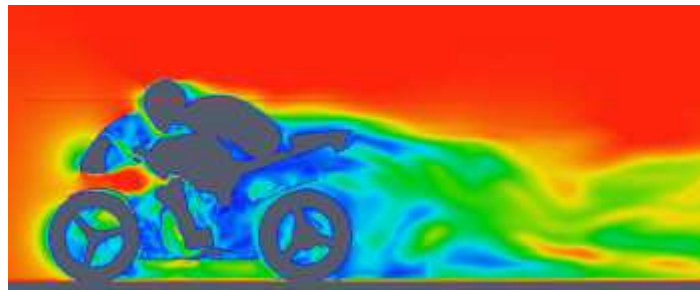
<http://www.openfoam.com>



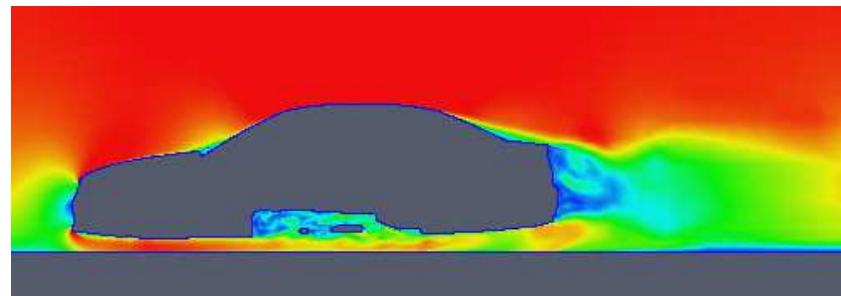
The Benchmarks

OpenFOAM on POWER8

- OpenFoam 2.3.0 Compiled on x86 and POWER8
 - Only minor configuration changes to compile on POWER8
 - Optimizations see next slide
- Benchmark 1: Motorbike Example
 - provided with OpenFoam examples: incompressible/simpleFoam
 - Different problem sizes by changing grid: 1k – 100M points



- Benchmark 2: Car
 - Car model
 - Morphed from two real cars
 - Only few problem sizes



Hardware Configurations

All values per socket

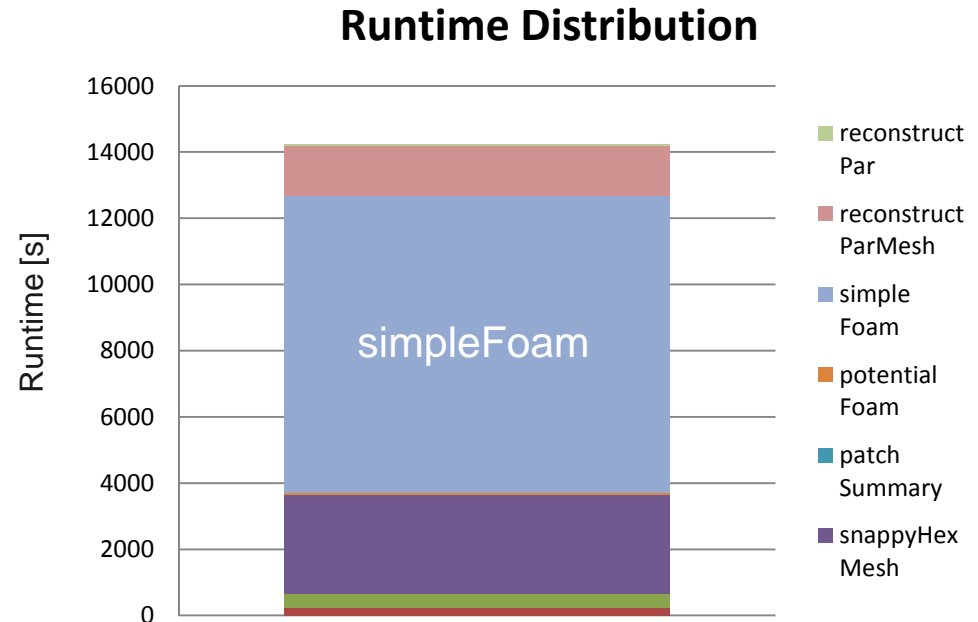
	IBM	Intel Ivybridge	Intel Haswell
Processor	P8	E7-4890V2	E5-2699V3
Clock	3.4GHz	2.8Ghz	2.3GHz
Cores / Threads (max)	10 / 80	15 / 30	18/36
Memory	128 GB	96 GB	384 GB
Memory BW	230 GB/s	85 GB/s	68 GB/s
Caches L1 / L2 / L3 / L4	640k / 5M / 80M / 128M	480k / 3.75M / 37.5M / n/a	576k / 4.6M / 45M / n/a
Linux	Ubuntu 14.04	Red Hat 6.5	Red Hat 7.1
Compiler	GCC 4.8.2	GCC 4.7.2	GCC 4.8.3



MotorBike Benchmark Overview (1)

9 Steps

1. surfaceFeatureExtract
2. blockMesh
3. decomposePar
4. snappyHexMesh
5. patchSummary
6. potentialFoam
7. **simpleFoam**
8. reconstructParMesh
9. reconstructPar



- simpleFoam dominates runtime
- other steps not always required
- concentrate on simpleFoam



MotorBike Benchmark Overview (2)

OpenFoam Example

① Start

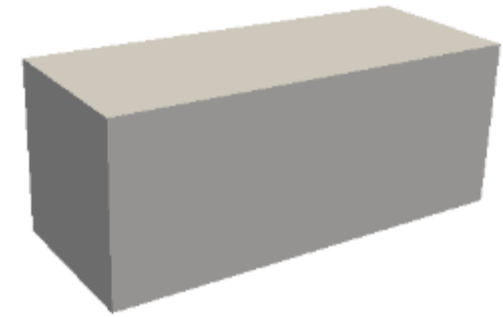
② blockMesh

Mesh the 3D space

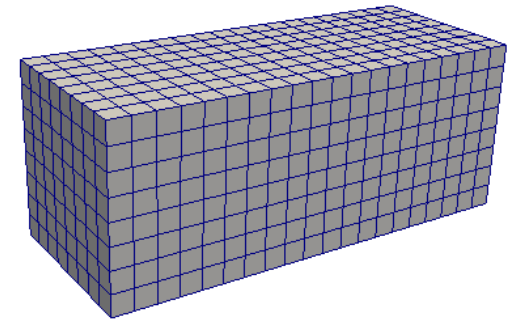
- $20 \times 8 \times 8 = 1280$ cells (default)
- ...
- $857 \times 343 \times 343 = 100\text{M}$ cells

③ decomposePar

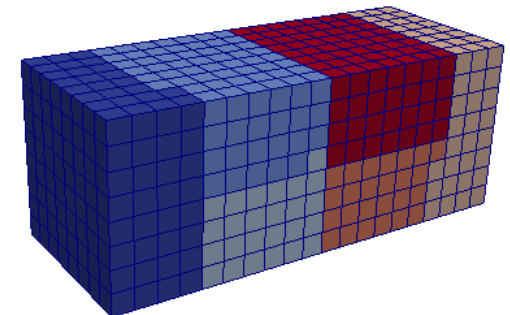
- Divide into submeshes



blockMesh

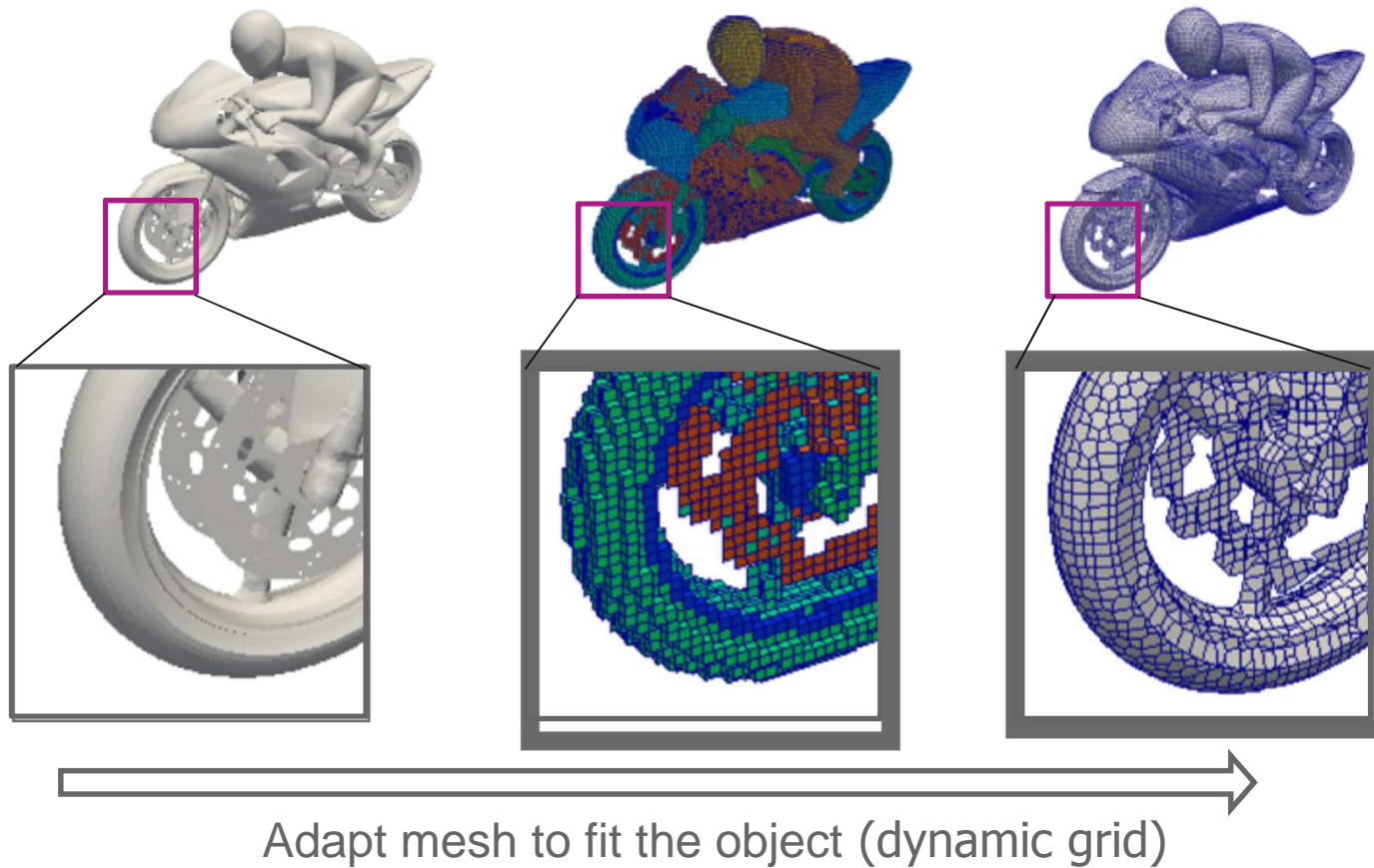


decomposePar



MotorBike Benchmark Overview (3)

④ snappyHexMesh



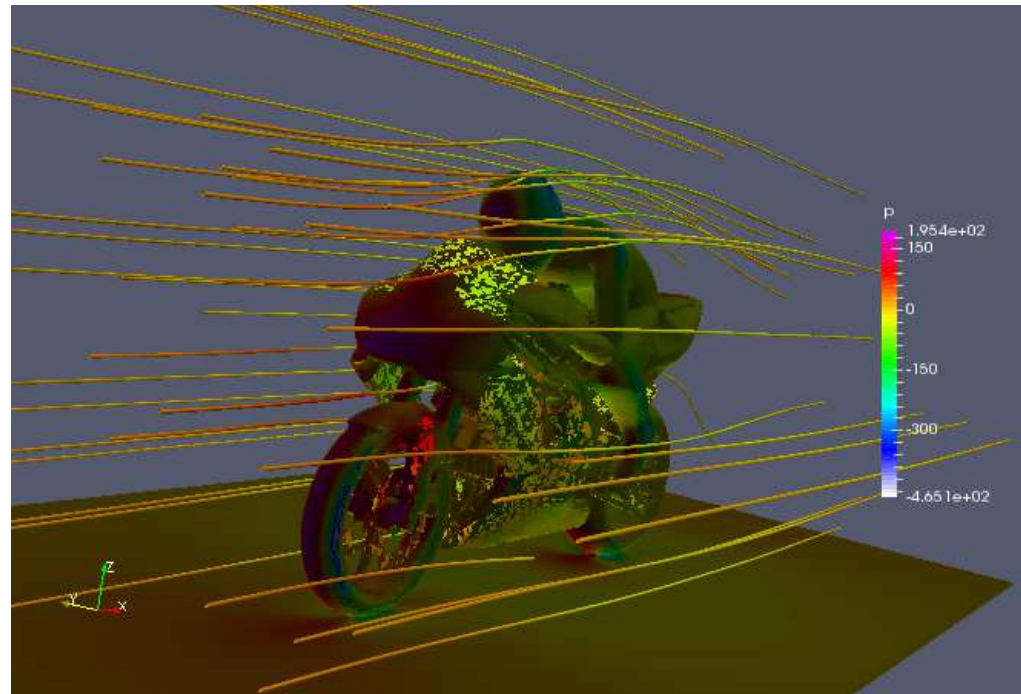
(Reference) <http://www.rccm.co.jp/icem/pukiwiki/index.php?SnappyHexMesh>



MotorBike Benchmark Overview (4)

⑦ simpleFoam

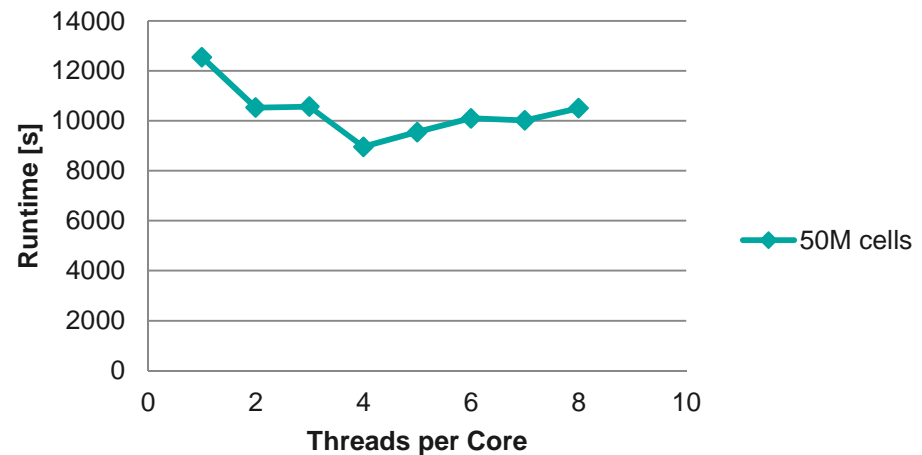
- One of the main solver included in OpenFOAM.
- **Semi-Implicit Method for Pressure-Linked Equation:**
calculate velocity and pressure by iterative calculation
- Benchmark: run 500 iterative steps
- outcome: aerodynamic coefficients



Optimizations for POWER8

- Compiled with `-O3`
- Link with `tc_malloc` instead of standard `malloc`
 - `simpleFoam`: almost no impact
 - `recomposeParMesh`: up to 2x speedup
- Threads per Core
 - P8 offers up to 8 threads per core
 - Runtime impact

P8 Runtime vs. Threads

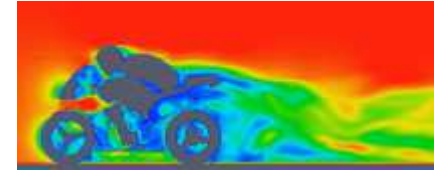


- chose 4 threads per core unless stated otherwise
- x86: little impact on runtime → use 1 thread per core



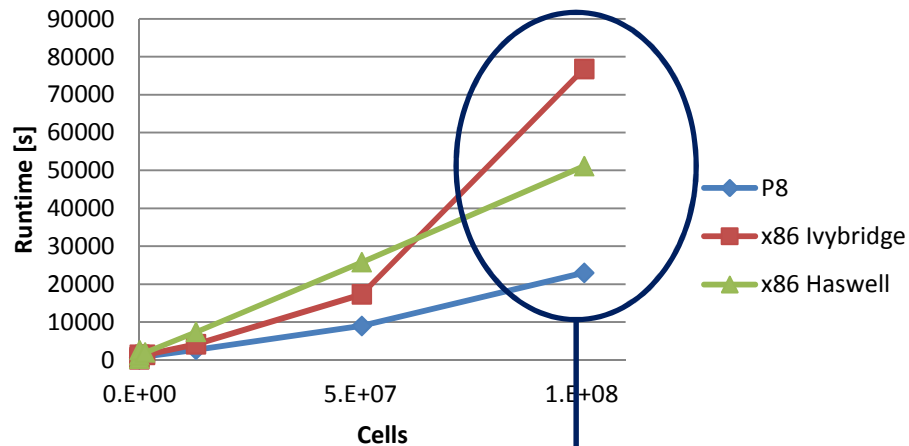
Performance Results

MotorBike Performance



- Running different problem sizes on P8, Ivybridge and Haswell
- Best threads/socket setting used for every data point

Runtimes simpleFOAM



Largest Case (100M Cells):

- Ivybridge seems to reach memory limit (96GB), although not swapping
- Similar but less obvious effect on P8 (128 GB)
- Haswell box has more memory (256GB) → linear behaviour

Smaller Cases

- show memory bandwidth dependence

Conclusion

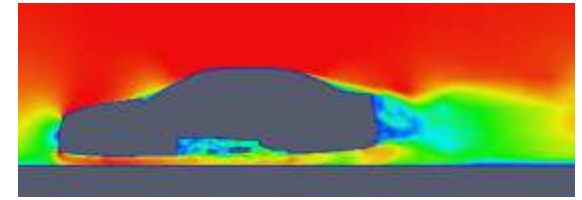
POWER8

- 1.5-3x faster than x86
- likely due to
 - Memory Bandwidth: 3x
 - Caches: 2x
 - SMT

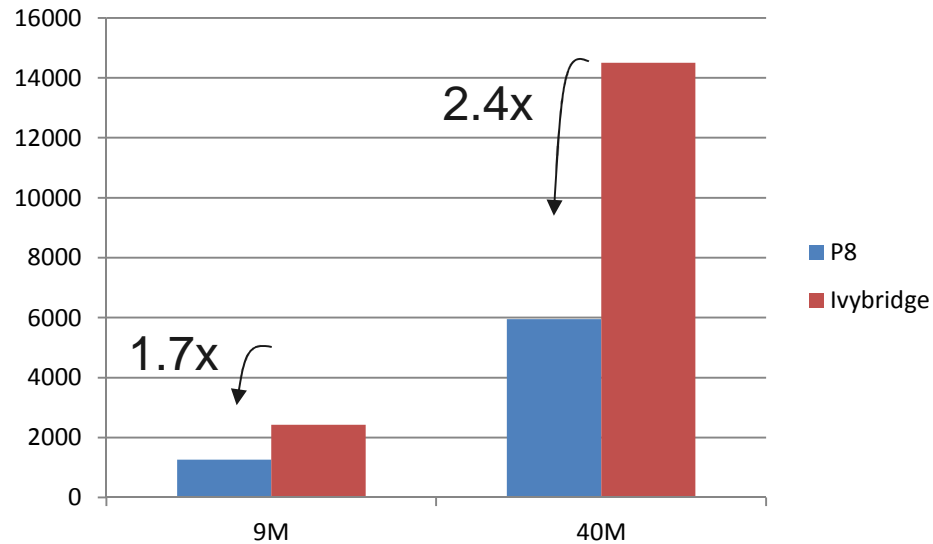


Car Performance

Industrial Testcase



simpleFoam Runtime [s]



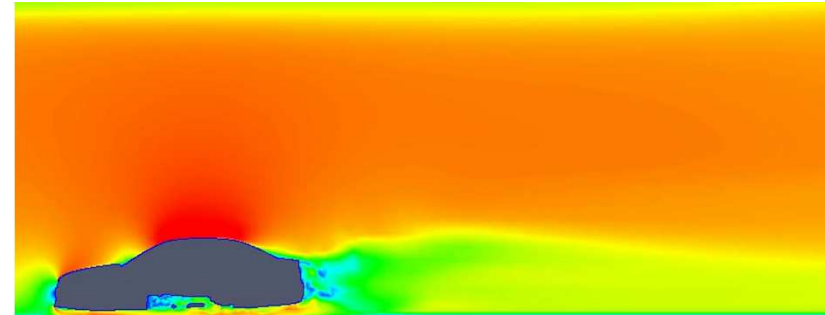
Conclusion

- Similar behaviour than motorBike
- speedup 1.5 – 2.5x
- larger advantage for P8 for larger cases

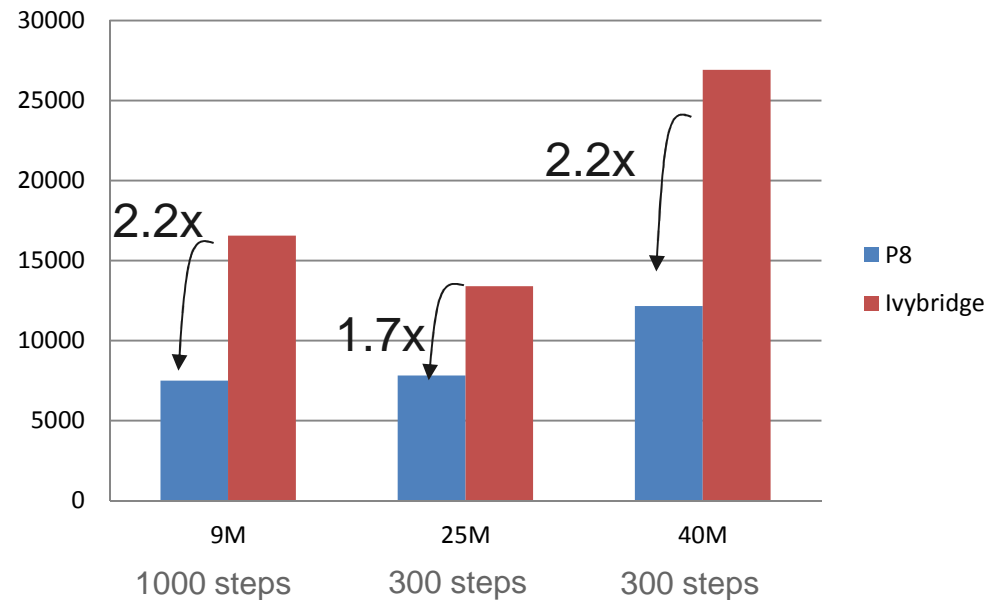


Dynamic Simulation

- pisoFoam: Simulates transient behaviour
- Runtimes even longer than simpleFoam
 - hinders industrial use



pisoFoam



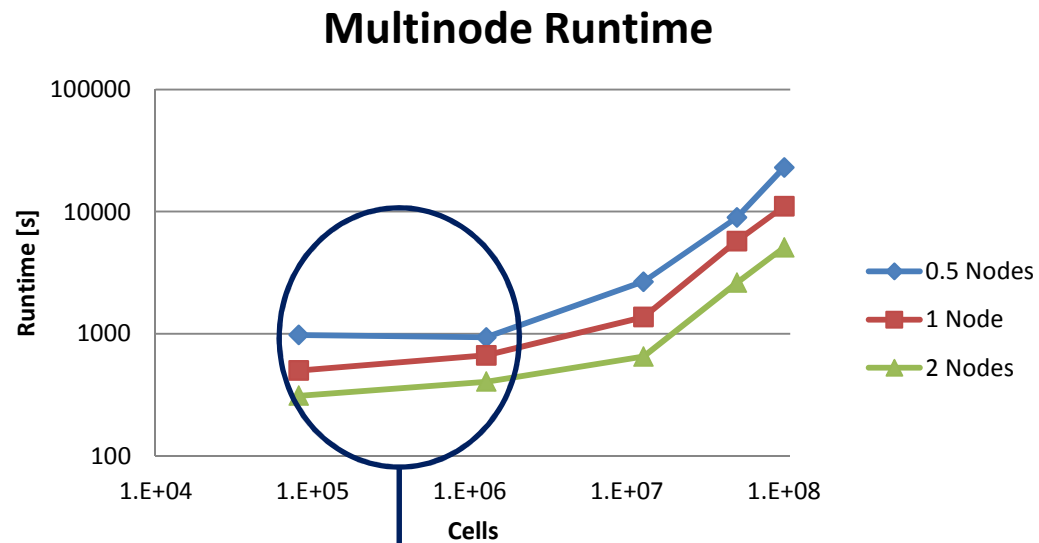
Conclusion

- Similar speedup as simpleFoam



Scaling

- All previous runs on single socket
- Multinode runs with
 - 2 sockets per node
 - 2 threads/socket
 - OpenMPI 1.8.3
 - Infiniband EDR with 100GB/s



Adaptive mesh increases number of cells

Conclusion

- good scaling
 - more nodes to be run in the future



OpenFOAM on GPU

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AeroFluidX: GPU plugin for OpenFOAM

- Developed by FluidDyna
- Ported to POWER8 in collaboration with PADC Boeblingen
- Implements solver & matrix assembly
 - MPI communication by host
 - I/O and data preparation by OpenFOAM
 - Based on AmgX from NVIDIA
- 95% of total runtime on GPU → runtime independent from host
- Still under development
- First results indicate performance of 1 K80 ~ 1 P8 socket

Future Systems

	P8	K80
mem. bandwidth [GB/s]	230	2x240
GPU memory [GB]	n/a	2x12
CPU-GPU bandwidth [GB/s]	16	

CPU	GPU	Improvement
~constant	1TB/s	2x
n/a	32	1.3x
80		5x



Summary

Summary & Outlook

- POWER8: up to 3x better performance than x86 on typical benchmarks
 - Stationary – simpleFoam
 - Instationary – pisoFoam
 - Memory bandwidth
 - Cache sizes
 - SMT
- OpenFOAM scales well on P8 with up to 2 nodes
 - more tests with larger cluster ongoing
- GPU acceleration with POWER8 possible
 - Becomes interesting with future systems
 - Better concepts possible with Pascal and NVLINK
- Looking into further optimizations with XLC
- Evaluation with new 822LC



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OpenFOAM (V2.4.0) Command list

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root@s824101:~/OpenFOAM/OpenFOAM-2.4.0/platforms/linuxPPC64leGccDP0pt/bin# ls
Co combinePatchFaces foamToEnsign nonNewtonianIcoFoam rhoSimpleFoam surfaceHookUp
DPMFoam compressibleInterDyMFoam foamToEnsignParts objToVTK rhoSimplecFoam surfaceInertia
LTSInterFoam compressibleInterFoam foamToGMV orientFaceZone rotateMesh surfaceLambdaMuSmooth
LTSReactingFoam compressibleMultiphaseInterFoam foamToStarMesh pPrime2 sammToFoam surfaceMeshConvert
LTSReactingParcelFoam createBaffles foamToSurface particleTracks sample surfaceMeshConvertTesting
Lambda2 createExternalCoupledPatchGeometry foamToTetDualMesh patchAverage scalarTransportFoam surfaceMeshExport
MPPICFoam createPatch foamToVTK patchIntegrate selectCells surfaceMeshImport
Mach createTurbulenceFields foamUpgradeCyclics pdfPlot setFields surfaceMeshInfo
PDRFoam datToFoam foamUpgradeFvSolution patchSummary pdFPlot setSet surfaceMeshTriangulate
PDRMesh decomposePar gambitToFoam gmshtoFoam pimplyFoam pimplyFoam setsToZones surfaceOrient
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