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GPU implementation of multigrid solver of Stokes equation with strongly variable viscosity

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 - Geodynamic Processes: Mantle Convection, Lithospheric Deformation, Lava Flow ...

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Viscous Constitutive Relationship

$$\sigma'_{ij} = 2\mu \,\dot{\varepsilon}_{ij} = \mu \left(\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} \right) \tag{3}$$

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- Because coupled with continuum equation Stokes flow problem is hard to solve even with constant viscosity for the saddle-point problems. What's worse is with the strongly variable coefficients the matrix becomes very ill-conditioned and there are not many proven methods for solving it.

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- Multigrid method can speed up the iteration because of the fast convergence of the part of high frequency residuals. Generally multigrid method can be used as a preconditioner of Krylov subspace method which we want to implement later.

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- Using Red-Black Gauss-Seidel (RBGS) iteration technology for the smoother can avoid the disordered threads when executing the GPU kernels. Figure 3 shows the RBGS technology which can be divided into two parts:
 - Set the boundary condition and ghost points around the nodal points (blue points);
 - Update the red and black points in different kernels (red and blue points).

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Figure: V-cycle mulgrid

Figure: Red-Black Gauss-Seidel

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Testing Model

We set a testing model showing as figure 4 to check the solver's ability of dealing with variable viscosity in which the viscosity has a contrast of 10^6 . All the boundary nodes are set with free slip velocity so the force of this model is only gravity. 2D and 3D codes are implemented on GPU to compute the result of the testing model.





Figure: Testing model

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- Conservative finite difference methods and staggered stencil are used.
- A disordered smoother's performance is actually between the Jacobi and Gauss-Seidel iteration.
- We compare the codes without multigrid and the 2-level grids under 128*128 resolution.



Figure: Comparison of iterations on CPU and GPU

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We also compared the running time on different GPUs including Tesla 1060c (GT200) and GTX 480 (Fermi) architecture with the same cycles (10^5 iterations).

Platform	Single Precision	Double Precision
GPU(Tesla 1060C)	303 sec	619 sec
GPU(GTX 480)	160 sec	245 sec

Table: Comparison o	f different platform	s with different	precision
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Stokes equation in 3D

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial \left(2\mu \frac{\partial u_{x}}{\partial x}\right)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \left(\mu \left(\frac{\partial u_{x}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u_{y}}{\partial x}\right)\right)}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \left(\mu \left(\frac{\partial u_{x}}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial u_{z}}{\partial x}\right)\right)}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} + \rho g_{x} = 0\\ \frac{\partial \left(\mu \left(\frac{\partial u_{x}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u_{y}}{\partial x}\right)\right)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \left(2\mu \frac{\partial u_{y}}{\partial y}\right)}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \left(\mu \left(\frac{\partial u_{y}}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial u_{z}}{\partial y}\right)\right)}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} + \rho g_{y} = 0\\ \frac{\partial \left(\mu \left(\frac{\partial u_{x}}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial u_{z}}{\partial x}\right)\right)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \left(\mu \left(\frac{\partial u_{z}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u_{y}}{\partial z}\right)\right)}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \left(2\mu \frac{\partial u_{x}}{\partial x}\right)}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial z} + \rho g_{z} = 0\\ \frac{\partial u_{x}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u_{y}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u_{z}}{\partial z} = 0\end{cases}$$

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Discrete scheme with staggered grid



Figure: Discrete scheme with staggered grid

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It's difficult to use multi-dimensional array in global memory on GPU. Instead we defined a series of macros to translate 3D to 1D array:

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RBGS on GPU



Figure: RBGS on GPU

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kernel codes: taking x-direction velocity in red points for example

```
#include "Index h"
   __global__ void rb_vx_r( ... )
                 int i=blockldx.x:
                 int i=blockldx.v:
                 int k=threadIdx.x:
                 i + = 2; i + = 2; k + = 2;
                 //+2 means start from 1 and skip the boundary points
                 if ((i+i+k))%2!=0) return:
                 //decide if it's the red nodes
               double resxcur, kfxcur;
               resxcur=RX(i, j, k) + (pr(i-1, j, k-1)-pr(i-1, j-1, k-1)) / xstp;
                 resxcur = resxcur - (xkf2*(etan(i-1,i,k-1)*(vx(i,i+1,k)-vx(i,i,k))) - etan(i-1,i-1,k-1)*(vx(i,i+1,k)-vx(i,i,k)) - etan(i-1,i-1,k-1)*(vx(i,i+1,k)-vx(i,i,k)) - etan(i-1,i-1,k-1)*(vx(i,i,k)) - etan(i-1,i-1,k-1)*(vx(i,i-1,k)) - etan(i-1,i-1,k-1)*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1)*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k-1))*(vx(i,i-1,k
                                                        vx(i,i,k)-vx(i,i-1,k)));
                 resxcur=resxcur - (etaxy(i,j,k-1)*(ykf*(vx(i+1,j,k)-vx(i,j,k))+xykf*(vy(i,j+1,k)-vy(i,j+1,k))
                                                           (i - 1, j + 1, k) = -1, i + 1, i + 
                                                         i = 1, i, k)))):
                 resxcur=resxcur-(etaxz(i-1,j,k)*(zkf*(vx(i,j,k+1)-vx(i,j,k))+xzkf*(vz(i,j+1,k)-vz(i,j,k))
                                                           , j, k)))-etaxz(i-1,j,k-1)*(zkf*(vx(i,j,k)-vx(i,j,k-1))+xzkf*(vz(i,j+1,k-1)-vz)
                                                         i, j, k-1))));
                 kfxcur = -xkf2 * (etan(i-1,j,k-1)+etan(i-1,j-1,k-1)) - ykf * (etaxy(i,j,k-1)+etaxy(i-1,j,k-1)) + (k-1) + (k-
                                                         (-1))-zkf*(etaxz(i-1,i,k)+etaxz(i-1,i,k-1));
               vx(i,j,k)=vx(i,j,k)+resxcur/kfxcur*krelaxs;
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Result of 3D codes



Figure: Velocity-X Unit: m/s



Figure: Velocity-Z Unit: m/s



Figure: Velocity-Y Unit: m/s



Figure: Pressure Unit: Pa

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Comparison of time and iterations on different platforms

Table: Comparison of time and iterations on different platforms

Platform	Model: 32*32*32	Model: 64*64*64
CPU iterations	85	141
GPU iterations	148	106
CPU time	10min	96 min
GPU time	8min	31 min
Speedup	1.2x	3.1x

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Model	CPU Time	GPU time	Speedup
32*32*32	1.2s	0.3s	4.0x
64*64*64	10.5s	2.2s	4.8x
128*128*128	101.6s	21.4s	4.7x
256*256*256	787.3s	202.8s	3.9x

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- Use it to model the real large-scale geodynamic problems is our object.

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