

GPU-based high-performance computing for urban seismic damage prediction and visualization

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- Program Framework
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- China is subjected to most serious earthquake disaster threats in the world
- Earthquake occurs in cities will cause tremendous casualties and damage
- Scientific prediction of urban seismic damage is an important task



Beichuan City, 2008



Tangshan City, 1976



Methods for urban seismic damage simulation

- Based on probability matrices
 - ATC-13
- Based on capacity curve and response spectrum
 - HAZUS, AEBM



Spectral Displacement (inches)

ATC-13 Earthquake Damage Evaluation Data for California



- Problems:
- SDOF model
- Pushover analysis
- Demand Spectra

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"Nonlinear Time History Analysis of a City!"







Single structure

- Detailed structural information
- One building

Urban region

- Limited structural information
- Hundreds of thousands of buildings

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 Integrated Earthquake Simulation



- Supercomputer with traditional CPU platform
 - Expensive
 - Complex
 - High maintenance costs



How...

Higher

performance



GPU (Graphic Processing Unit)





Comparison between the CPU and the GPU

CPU: 2~8 cores

GPU: hundreds/thousands of cores

GPU-powered THA of Single Bld.



Fiber beam element + Multi-layer shell element



Collapse simulation of Z15 in Beijing (H=550m)

Collapse simulation of reinforced concrete high-rise building induced by extreme earthquakes, *Earthquake Engineering & Structural Dynamics*, 2013, 42(5)

Collapse simulation of Shanghai Tower (H=630m)

Collapse simulation of a super high-rise building subjected to extremely strong earthquakes. *Science China Technological Sciences*, 2011, 54(10)

GPU-powered THA of Single Bld.



Platform	Hardware		Price	Solver
CPU	Intel Core i7-3970X 3.5GHz (Fastest CPU in the market)		US\$2406	SparseSYM of OpenSees
GPU	Intel Core i7-4770X 3.4GHz &NVIDIA Geforce GTX Titan		US\$2307	CuSPSolver of OpenSees
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Region



The advantages for using GPU

Seismic computing for normal buildings		Computing features of GPU
Simple model, few degree-of freedom in a single building	\Leftrightarrow	Relatively weak performance of a single core
No interaction between buildings	\leftrightarrow	Fewer data exchange
A huge number of buildings	\Leftrightarrow	Suitable for parallel computing







1. Building Models



Building Models



Computational Model

- Multi-story concentrated-mass shear (MCS) model
 - Moderate workload
 - Consider higher-order vibration modes & velocity pulses
 - Damage locations on different stories can be obtained
- Suitable for GPU computing



Building Models



Inter-story hysteretic model

- Backbone curve
 - Trilinear, 5 parameters
- Hysteretic model
 - Modified-Clough
 - Bilinear elasto-plastic
 - Pinching





Building Performance Database



- For Regular Buildings
 - Based on the HAZUS performance database
 - Parameter Set Selection
 - According to building macro-parameters
 Structural types, Numbers of stories, Construction Period
 - 19 building types proposed in HAZUS are adopted



Building Performance Database



For Special Buildings:



Building Performance Database



Validation (six-story RC frame)





Refined FE model



Top displacement





Inter-story drift

Parallel Computing Method





Performance Benchmark



CPU/GPU cooperative vs. CPU only

- 1,024 buildings, numbers of stories and structural types are random generated
- Earthquake record: El Centro, 40 s, PGA: 200 cm/s²
- Time of data input and output is not included

Platforms	Hardware	Compliers
CPU	Intel Core i3 530 @2.93GHz & DDR3 4G 1333MHz.	Microsoft Visual C++ 2008 SP1
GPU/CPU cooperative	Intel Celeron E3200 @ 2.4GHz & NVIDIA GeForce GTX 460 1GB.	Microsoft Visual C++ 2008 SP1 & CUDA 4.2

The two platforms have similar prices

Performance Benchmark

Weak-scaling benchmarks for the two platforms <u>39x</u> speedup when computing 1024 buildings





A medium-sized urban area in China 4,225 buildings







Local view **Desktop Computer** 4,255 buildings Damage on 40 s time-history analysis different stories Accomplished in **216** s Damage state: ■ Slight □ Moderate □ Extensive ■ Complete ■ None



Local view

 Peak acceleration on different stories



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MCS model: velocity pulses can be considered

Visualization problem



- Realistic visualization
 Rescue and transportation planning
- Building collapse
- MCS model cannot simulate process of building collapse.



MCS model (Criterion of collapse) Real earthquake disaster (Include building collapse)

Physics Engine Solutions

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- Physics engine
- A computer program for real-time dynamic calculation, good at multi-body dynamics.
- > Widely used in computer graphics, video games and film.



Example of physics engine

Seismic damage simulation in urban areas based on a high-fidelity structural model and a physics engine, Natural Hazards, 2014

Physics Engine Solutions





Finite element results + physics engine based-debris

Physics engine-driven visualization of deactivated elements and its application in bridge collapse simulation, Automation in Construction, 2013



Integrate MCS model and physics engine



The process of collapse simulation in physics engine

Collapse simulation





High-efficient collapse simulation.

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Conclusions





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With Texture

Fast



Disp. Contour

Cheap

High-fidelity



Damage State

Realistic



Nonlinear time history analysis:

from mega-structures to cities?



Thank you for your attention!