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# Parallelizing the Mercury-Arxes code using OpenACC

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# **Scientific rationale**

1. Chemical composition of the atmosphere from observations





2. Chemical composition of the whole body from the atmosphere (gas giants)

3. Formation & evolution from chemical composition





4. Understand planetary formation in a cosmic context









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# **Starting point and objectives**

- Mercury (Chambers+99): multipurpose n-body integrator



- Mercury-Arxes (Turrini+21): branched out version tailored to study planetary formation:
  - based on Mercury 6
  - viscous interaction with a time-evolving disk
  - management of merging trees
  - hybrid symplectic integrator to conserve energy and momentum over ~Myr timescales
- Current typical simulation: <10 gravity-source *planets*, >10^4-10^5 non gravity-source *particles*

#### GOAL: have all the *particles* as gravity-sources

- especially important at the beginning of the simulation, when most of the mass is in *particles* 









# Methodology



To achieve our goal, high level of parallelism is needed. In practice we:

- parallelize the main calculations on GPU using OpenACC
- parallelize the rest of the code on CPU using OpenMP

Why? Minimal need for code refactoring with respect to the potential gain









## **Current status: interventions done**



- 1. merged gravitational and nongravitational forces in one routine
- 2. ported force calculation on GPU
- 3. translated the position propagation routines from C to Fortran
- 4. ported position propagation on GPU

(3) needed because of issues in the interaction between OpenACC and the external C routines - solution suggested by G. Lacopo (Univ. of Trieste, INAF-OATs)









# **Current status: missing work**



### Parallelization still incomplete:

- 1. data management has not been optimized
- 2. still managed sequentially → this will be especially evident in the next few slides!
- 3. again, currently managed sequentially (but it's mostly array manipulation)









- marginal speedup from (1) and (3): few % decrease in runtime
- large speedup from (2) and (4): up to a factor of 10 decrease in runtime
- substantially improved serviceability of the code: now it is completely written in fortran

Results affected by not having completed the parallelization process:

- inefficient data management (30-35% of total time are memory transfers)
- inefficient execution of the serial part when compiled with nvfortran (~6-7 times slower wrt the ifort/ifx compiled code)









# Competition btw overhead times (at low no. of bodies) and incomplete parellelization (at high no. of bodies)































**Targets** 

### M9 (oct. '24)

- analysis of interfaces
  & capabilities of
  different OPAL
  models
- identification of final design strategies for the porting of Mercury-Arxes to GPU

### M10 (apr. '25)

- completion of the first part of the OPAL simulation campaign
- full porting of Mercury-Arxes to GPU

### M11 (ago. '25)

- completion of the OPAL simulation campaign
- final release of the parallelized Mercury-Arxes

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**KPIs** 

### <u>M9 (oct. '24)</u>

- initial report on Mercury-Arxes performance
- release of the alpha version of the GPU-parallelized Mercury-Arxes

### M10 (apr. '25)

- first release of OPAL atmospheric models (with the current version of the code)
- release of the beta version of the GPU-parallelized Mercury-Arxes

### M11 (ago. '25)

- full release of OPAL atmospheric models
- final report on Mercury-Arxes performance





















## **Final steps**



- 1. try to parallelize close encounter management - trickier than the rest of the loop, will definitely require refactoring!
- 2. define a data region in order to cut down transfer times btw. host and device
- 3. parallelize collision and ejection management via OpenMP (minor)

ENDPOINT: comparative performance assessment and deployment of the fully parallelized version of the code