



# CFD Applications in the DOE Exascale Computing Project

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# Components of the DOE Exascale Program

- **Exascale Computing Initiative (ECI)**

- The ECI was initiated in FY 2016 to support research, development and computer system procurements to deliver an exascale ( $10^{18}$  ops/sec) computing capability by the early to mid-2020s.
- It is a partnership between SC and NNSA, addressing science and national security missions.
- In the FY 2018 President's Budget request, ECI includes the SC/ASCR and NNSA/ASC facility investments in site preparations and non-recurring engineering activities needed for delivery of early to mid-2020s exascale systems.

- **Exascale Computing Project (ECP)**

- Beginning in FY 2017, the ASCR ECI funding was transitioned to the DOE project (ECP), which is managed according to the principles of DOE Order 413.3B.
- The ECP subprogram in ASCR (SC-ECP) includes only support for research and development activities in applications, and in partnership with NNSA, investments in software and hardware technology and co-design required for the design of capable exascale computers.
- The NNSA/ASC Advanced Technology Development and Mitigation (ATDM) program supports the development of applications and, in collaboration with SC/ASCR, investments in software and hardware technology and co-design required for the design of exascale capable computers.

# Relevant DOE Pre-Exascale and Exascale Systems for ECP

## Pre-Exascale Systems

2013



Argonne  
IBM BG/Q  
Open



ORNL  
Cray/NVidia K20  
Open

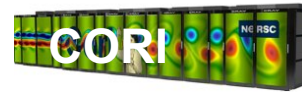


LLNL  
IBM BG/Q  
Secure

2016



Argonne  
Intel/Cray KNL  
Open



LBNL  
Cray/Intel Xeon/KNL  
Open



LANL/SNL  
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Secure

2018



ORNL  
IBM/NVidia  
P9/Volta  
Open



LLNL  
IBM/NVidia  
P9/Volta  
Secure

2020

NERSC-9

LBNL  
TBD  
Open

Crossroads

LANL/SNL  
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Secure

## Exascale Systems

2021-2023



Argonne  
Intel/Cray TBD  
Open

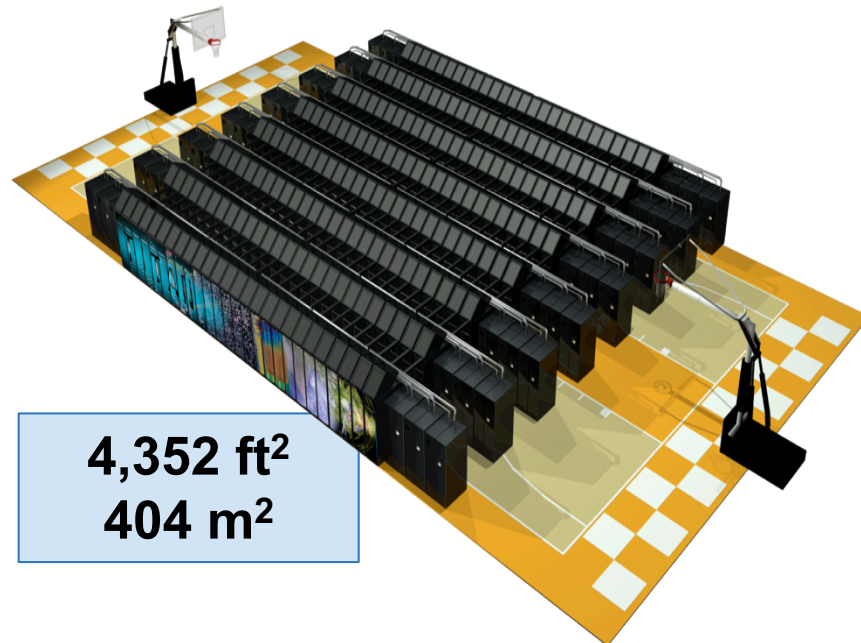
Frontier

ORNL  
TBD  
Open

El Capitan

LLNL  
TBD  
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# ORNL's "Titan" Hybrid System: Cray XK7 with AMD Opteron and NVIDIA Tesla processors



## SYSTEM SPECIFICATIONS:

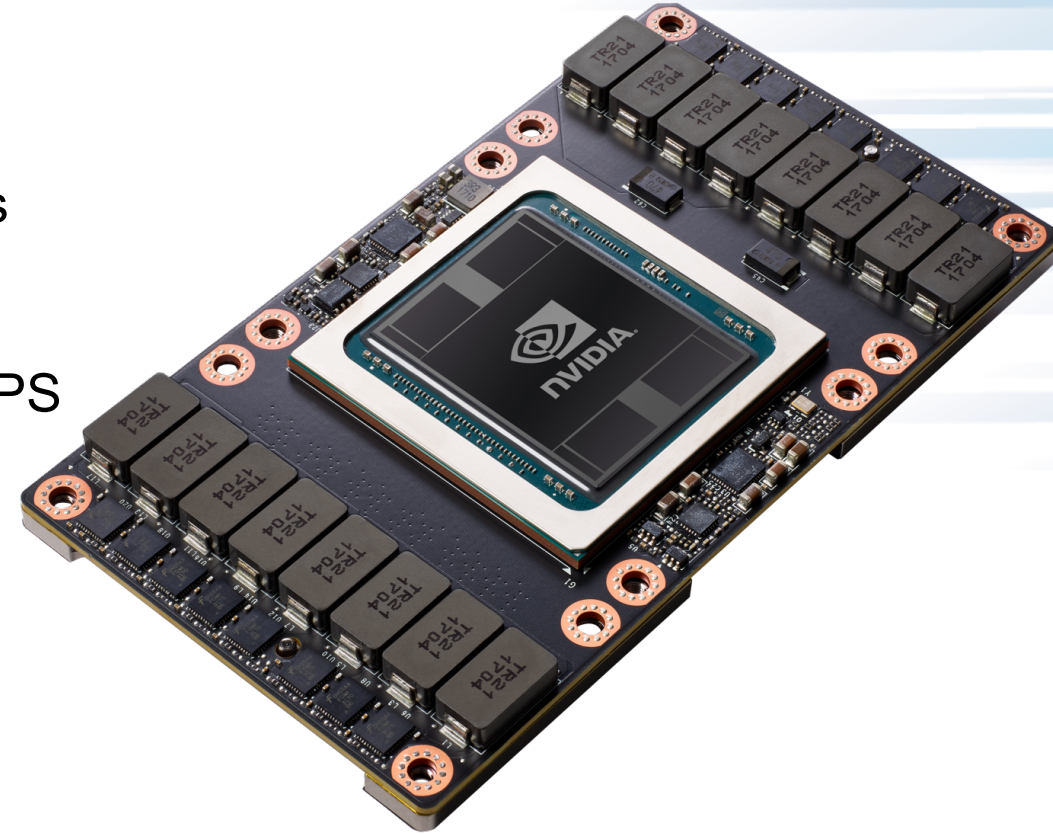
- Peak performance of 27.1 PF (24.5 & 2.6)
- 18,688 Compute Nodes each with:
- 16-Core AMD Opteron CPU (32 GB)
- NVIDIA Tesla "K20x" GPU (6 GB)
- 512 Service and I/O nodes
- 200 Cabinets
- 710 TB total system memory
- Cray Gemini 3D Torus Interconnect

# Summit vs Titan

Feature	Summit	Titan
Application Performance	5-10x Titan	Baseline
Number of Nodes	~4,600	18,688
Node performance	>40 TF	1.4 TF
Memory per Node	512 GB (HBM + DDR4)	38GB (GDDR5+DDR3)
NV Memory per Node	1600 GB	0
Node Interconnect	NVLink (5-12x PCIe 3)	PCIe 2
System Interconnect (node injection bandwidth)	Dual Rail EDR-IB (23 GB/s)	Gemini (6.4 GB/s)
Interconnect Topology	Non-blocking Fat Tree	3D Torus
Processors	2 IBM POWER9™ 6 NVIDIA Volta™	AMD Opteron™ NVIDIA Kepler™
File System	250 PB, 2.5 TB/s, GPFS™	32 PB, 1 TB/s, Lustre®
Peak power consumption	15 MW	9 MW

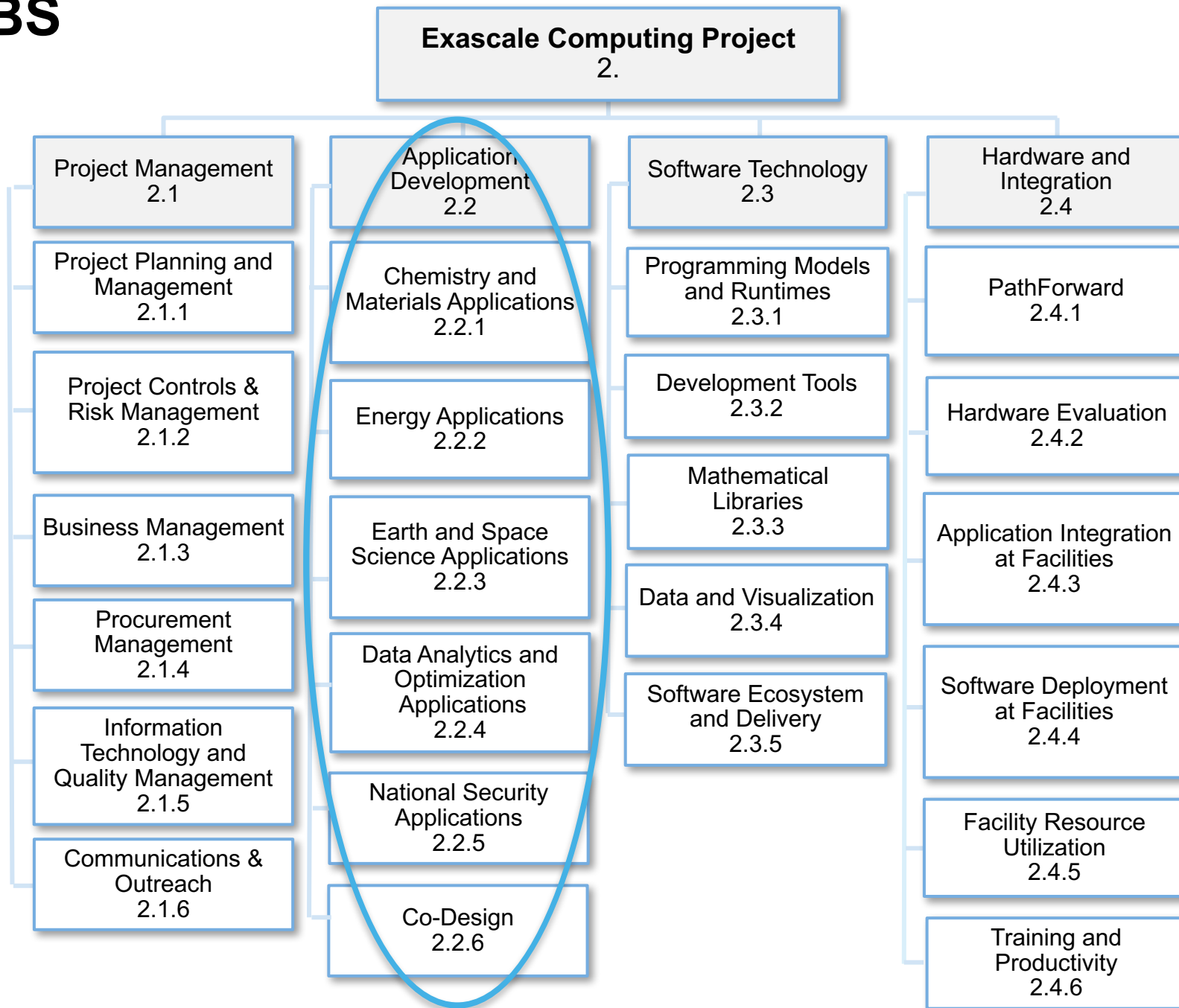
# NVIDIA's Tesla V100

- 5,120 CUDA cores (64 on each of 80 SMs)
- 640 NEW Tensor cores (8 on each of 80 SMs)
- 20MB SM RF | 16MB Cache | 16GB HBM2 @ 900 GB/s
- 300 GB/s NVLink
- 7.5 FP64 TFLOPS | 15 FP32 TFLOPS | 120 Tensor TFLOPS



**~57 times faster in 64-bit peak floating point performance than the CM-5 I worked on 25 years ago**

# ECP WBS



# ECP Applications Target National Problems

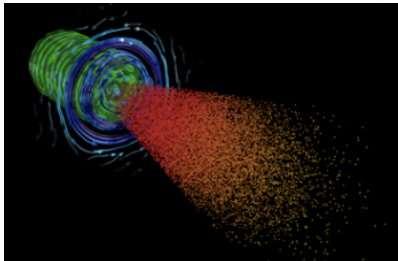
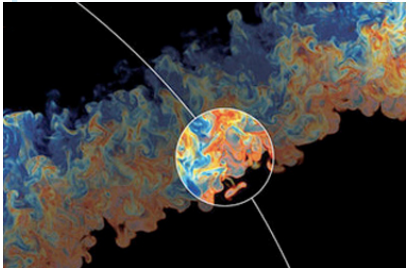
## National security

### Stewardship of the nuclear stockpile

Material properties under extreme and energetic conditions

Nuclear forensics

**Next-generation virtual flight testing for hypersonic re-entry vehicles**



## Energy security

### Turbine wind plant efficiency

### Design and commercialization of SMRs

Nuclear fission and fusion reactor materials design

**Subsurface use for carbon capture, petroleum extraction, waste disposal**

**High-efficiency, low-emission combustion engine and gas turbine design**

**Carbon capture and sequestration scaleup**

Biofuel catalyst design

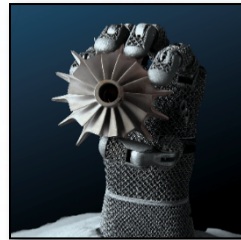
## Economic security

### Additive manufacturing of qualifiable metal parts

### Urban planning

Reliable and efficient planning of the power grid

Seismic hazard risk assessment



## Scientific discovery

### Cosmological probe of the standard model of particle physics

Validate fundamental laws of nature

Plasma wakefield accelerator design

Light source-enabled analysis of protein and molecular structure and design

Find, predict, and control materials and properties

Predict and control stable ITER operational performance

**Demystify origin of chemical elements**

## Earth system

### Accurate regional impact assessments in Earth system models

Stress-resistant crop analysis and catalytic conversion of biomass-derived alcohols

Metagenomics for analysis of biogeochemical cycles, climate change, environmental remediation

## Health care

Accelerate and translate cancer research





# Addressing Simulation Gaps a Key Part of ECP Mission Need

Simulation Gap	Needed to Address the Gap	Impact of Gap Remaining
<b>Simplified or incomplete physics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Higher fidelity models for all relevant physical phenomena</li> <li>Compute memory and speed necessary to accommodate their numerical solutions and their non-linear coupling requirements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cleaner, more efficient combustion engine designs delayed, or not discovered</li> <li>Inefficient agriculture &amp; energy production planning - insufficient regional water cycle assessments</li> <li>Fewer (likely more expensive) options for CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration, petroleum extraction, geothermal energy, due to lack of understanding long-term reservoir-scale behavior</li> <li>Astrophysics discoveries (origin of elements in the universe, gravity waves) remain elusive</li> </ul>
<b>Simulation detail insufficient</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Larger simulation domain</li> <li>Finer partitioning of the simulation domain</li> <li>Computing speed, memory and I/O to accommodate larger simulation domains with finer partitioning</li> <li>Workflows integrating an advanced technology and software toolset</li> <li>Data streaming methods to steer simulation partition real time</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conservative earthquake retrofits more costly and over-designed</li> <li>Inability to predict and control material properties at the quantum level precludes advances in high temperature superconductivity</li> <li>Higher power grid operating margins and lost cost savings potential</li> <li>Wind plant efficiencies lag theoretical energy extraction potential by 20-30%</li> <li>Delays in scale-up of new chemical looping reactors for clean fossil fuel combustion</li> <li>Key cosmology and nuclear physics discoveries – dark matter/energy, standard model of particle physics, inflation of the universe – remain elusive</li> </ul>
<b>Can only simulate subset of scenarios of interest</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Robust and fast algorithms for the numerical solution of coupled multi-physics systems that expand limits of applicability</li> <li>Workflow tools to analyze simulation ensembles</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continued high rejection rates of additively manufactured metal alloy parts with tight specifications, increasing waste and cost</li> <li>Tools for retrofitting &amp; improving urban districts remain empirical</li> <li>Limited ability to influence ITER design decisions and ultimately operations</li> </ul>
<b>Uncertainty insufficiently quantified</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High fidelity in situ data analytic techniques for reliable quantification of simulation uncertainties and sensitivities</li> <li>Workflow tools to analyze simulation ensembles</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Protracted deployment of small &amp; advanced nuclear reactors</li> <li>Delays in design of small, low cost, and ultra high intensity plasma wakefield accelerators</li> <li>Engineering &amp; materials design requires more expensive &amp; time-consuming physical experiments</li> </ul>
<b>Unable to intersect to design cycle</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improved computer throughput to shorten simulation turn-around times</li> <li>Large ensembles of calculations to enable optimization thru rigorous exploration of design space</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deploy materials for extreme environments with a cumbersome make-test cycle rather than by atomistic design</li> <li>Efficient in silico design of new chemical catalysts not realized</li> </ul>
<b>Inadequate analysis and knowledge discovery in big data</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scalable AI (deep learning) networks of large size and complexity for efficient training on big datasets.</li> <li>Efficient computational workflows seamlessly integrating simulation, data analytics, and big datasets</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New cancer biology treatment options missed or delayed due to unrealized understanding of precision oncology</li> <li>Analysis and reduction of data deluge from experimental science facilities requires weeks to months</li> <li>Manufacture of new products and chemicals delayed or missed because microbiome DNA sequencing unable to keep up with available data</li> <li>Inability to quantify uncertainties via a nexus of simulation and experimental facility data</li> </ul>

# Application Co-Design (CD)

Application	Monte Carlo	Particles	Sparse Linear Algebra	Dense Linear Algebra	Spectral Methods	Unstructured Grid	Structured Grid	Comb. Logic	Graph Traversal	Dynamical Program	Backtrack & Branch and Bound	Graphical Models	Finite State Machine
Combustion S&T													
Free Electron Laser													
Data Analytics													
Microbiome Analysis													

Essential to ensure that applications effectively utilize exascale systems

- Pulls software and hardware developments into applications
- Pushes application requirements into software and hardware RD&D
- Evolved from best practice to an essential element of the development cycle

Executed by several CD Centers focusing on a unique collection of algorithmic motifs invoked by ECP applications

- Motif: algorithmic method that drives a common pattern of computation and communication
- CD Centers must address all high priority motifs invoked by ECP applications, including not only the 7 “classical” motifs but also the additional 6 motifs identified to be associated with data science applications

Game-changing mechanism for delivering next-generation community products with broad application impact

- Evaluate, deploy, and integrate exascale hardware-savvy software designs and technologies for key crosscutting algorithmic motifs into applications

# Application Motifs\* (what's the app footprint?)

Algorithmic methods that capture a common pattern of computation and communication

## 1. Dense Linear Algebra

- Dense matrices or vectors (e.g., BLAS Level 1/2/3)

## 2. Sparse Linear Algebra

- Many zeros, usually stored in compressed matrices to access nonzero values (e.g., Krylov solvers)

## 3. Spectral Methods

- Frequency domain, combining multiply-add with specific patterns of data permutation with all-to-all for some stages (e.g., 3D FFT)

## 4. N-Body Methods (Particles)

- Interaction between many discrete points, with variations being particle-particle or hierarchical particle methods (e.g., PIC, SPH, PME)

## 5. Structured Grids

- Regular grid with points on a grid conceptually updated together with high spatial locality (e.g., FDM-based PDE solvers)

## 6. Unstructured Grids

- Irregular grid with data locations determined by app and connectivity to neighboring points provided (e.g., FEM-based PDE solvers)

## 7. Monte Carlo

- Calculations depend upon statistical results of repeated random trials

## 8. Combinational Logic

- Simple operations on large amounts of data, often exploiting bit-level parallelism (e.g., Cyclic Redundancy Codes or RSA encryption)

## 9. Graph Traversal

- Traversing objects and examining their characteristics, e.g., for searches, often with indirect table lookups and little computation

## 10. Graphical Models

- Graphs representing random variables as nodes and dependencies as edges (e.g., Bayesian networks, Hidden Markov Models)

## 11. Finite State Machines

- Interconnected set of states (e.g., for parsing); often decomposed into multiple simultaneously active state machines that can act in parallel

## 12. Dynamic Programming

- Computes solutions by solving simpler overlapping subproblems, e.g., for optimization solutions derived from optimal subproblem results

## 13. Backtrack and Branch-and-Bound

- Solving search and global optimization problems for intractably large spaces where regions of the search space with no interesting solutions are ruled out. Use the divide and conquer principle: subdivide the search space into smaller subregions (“branching”), and bounds are found on solutions contained in each subregion under consideration

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Subsurface													
Materials (QMC)													
Additive Manufacturing													
Chemistry for Catalysts & Plants													
Climate Science													
Precision Medicine Machine Learning													
QCD for Standard Model Validation													
Accelerator Physics													
Nuclear Binding and Heavy Elements													
MD for Materials Discovery & Design													
Magnetically Confined Fusion													

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SMR Core Physics													
Next-Gen Engine Design													
Urban Systems													
Seismic Hazard Assessment													
Systems Biology													
Biological Neutron Science													
Power Grid Dynamics													

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Excited State Material Properties													
Light Sources													
Materials for Energy Conversion/Storage													
Hypersonic Vehicle Design													
Multiphase Energy Conversion Devices													

# AMReX Co-Design Center Project Goals

- Develop and deploy software to support block-structured adaptive mesh refinement on exascale architectures
  - Core AMR functionality
  - Particles coupled to AMR meshes
  - Embedded boundary representation of complex geometry
  - Linear solvers
  - Supports two modalities of use
    - Library support for AMR
    - Framework for constructing AMR applications
- Provide direct support to ECP applications that need AMR for their application
- Evaluate software technologies and integrate with AMReX when appropriate
- Interact with hardware technologies / vendors

# Applications Using AMReX

- A wide range ECP applications are using AMReX to provide parallel AMR capability
  - Accelerators -- **WarpX**
  - Combustion – **PeleC, PeleLM**
  - Multiphase flow -- **MFIX-Exa**
  - Cosmology -- **Nyx**
  - Astrophysics – **Castro**
- Disparate applications have a number of common elements:

	Particles	ODE's	Linear Solvers	EB
Combustion	X	X	X	X
Multiphase	X		X	X
Cosmology	X	X	X	
Astrophysics	X	X	X	
Accelerators	X			

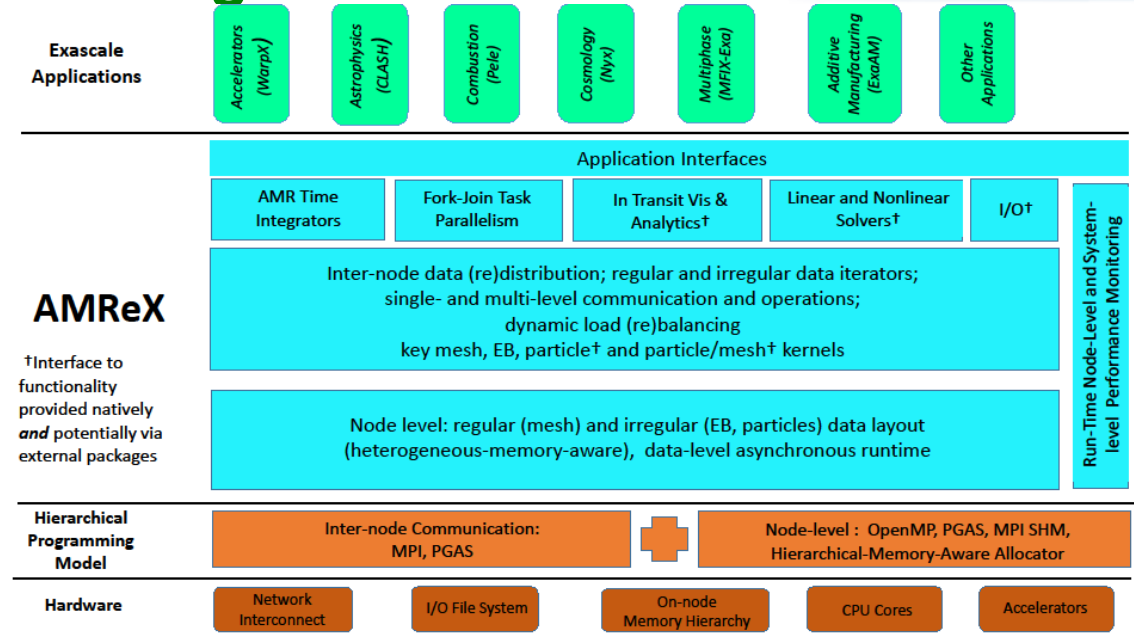


# Release of New Infrastructure for Block-Structured Adaptive Mesh Refinement Developed by AMReX Co-Design Center

PI: John Bell, LBNL  
Members: LBNL, ANL, NREL

## Scope & Objectives

- Develop infrastructure to enable block-structured adaptive mesh refinement on exascale architectures
  - Core mesh, particle & particle-mesh operations on adaptive mesh hierarchy
  - Support for multiple time-stepping approaches
  - Linear solvers for AMR grids
  - Embedded boundary representation of complex geometry
  - Performance portability for different architectures
- Current milestone focused on:
  - Establishing support for core AMR functionality including documentation and tutorial examples



## Impact

- Established a next-generation framework for developing block-structured adaptive mesh refinement algorithms for current and emerging architectures
- Provides a common framework for multiple ECP applications that use AMR
- Provides a common focal point for software technology, hardware technology and vendors to leverage activities over multiple applications
- Broad constituency within Office of Science and NNSA

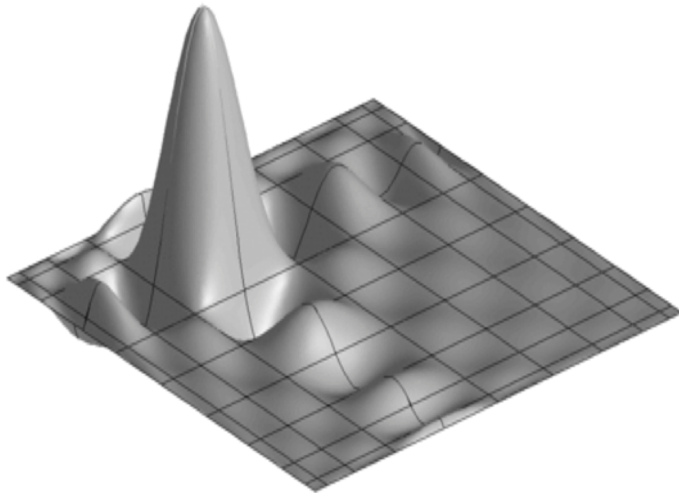
## Project Accomplishment

- Designed and implemented basic mesh data structures and iterator interface to support tiled execution model
- Implemented particle data containers that provide alternative approaches to representing particle data to support different application requirements
- Developed initial documentation and tutorial examples
- AMReX code framework publicly released on github

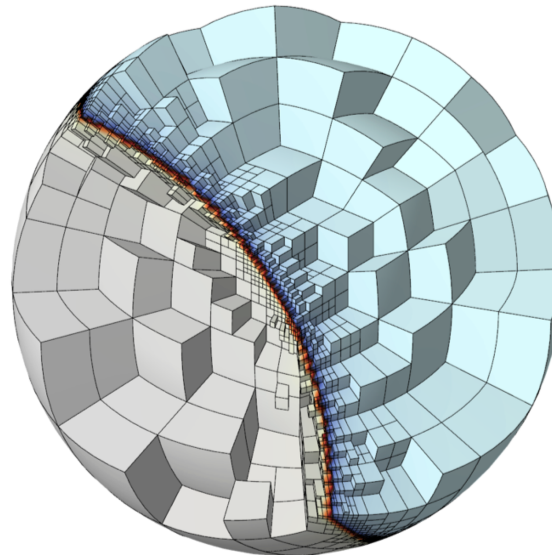
**Deliverables:** AMReX software available at <https://github.com/AMReX-Codes/amrex>

# Co-design Motifs

- PDE-based simulations on **unstructured grids**
- **high-order** and **spectral** finite elements
  - ✓ *any order space on any order mesh*
  - ✓ *curved meshes,*
  - ✓ *unstructured AMR*
  - ✓ *optimized low-order support*



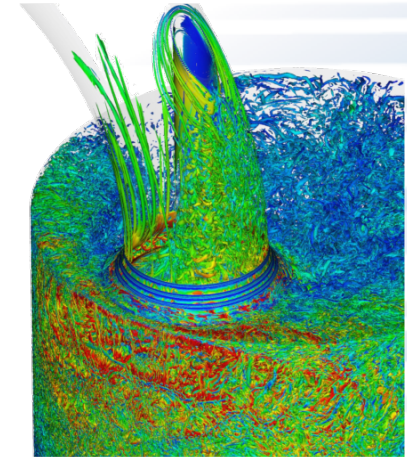
10<sup>th</sup> order basis function



non-conforming AMR, 2<sup>nd</sup> order mesh

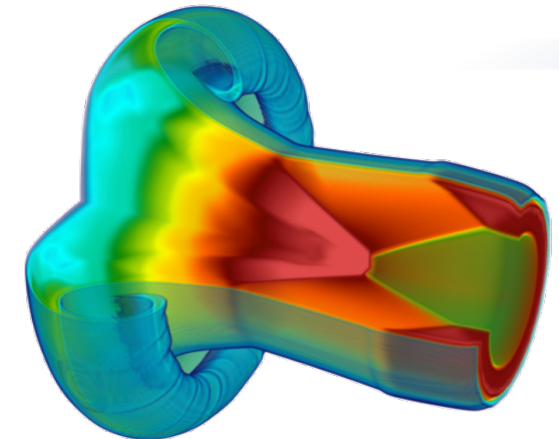
## Project Overview

incompressible SEM / SC



6<sup>th</sup> order DNS turbulence (Nek)

compressible FEM / NNSA

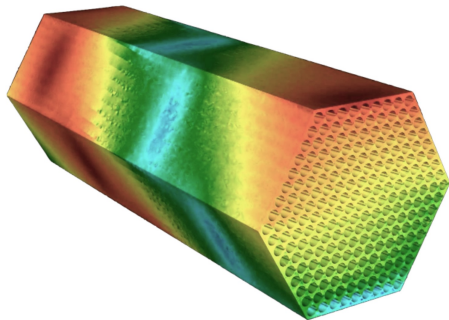


2<sup>nd</sup> order compressible shock hydro (MFEM)

## CEED Software Products

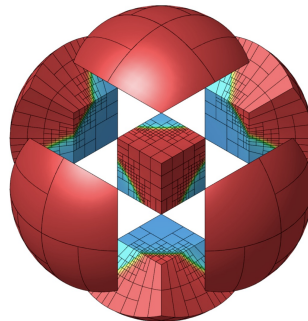
CEED's library model enables ECP apps to easily take advantage of the new discretization technologies

- state-of-the art CEED **discretization libraries**
  - ✓ better exploit the hardware to deliver significant performance gain over conventional methods
  - ✓ based on MFEM/Nek, low & high-level APIs



nek5000.mcs.anl.gov

High-performance spectral elements



mfem.org

Scalable high-order finite elements

CEED's proxies and general purpose libs target ECP vendors, STs, broader community

- **Ceedlings** - CEED kernels, bake-off probs & miniapps
  - ✓ main tools to engage vendors & external projects
- CEED **broadly applicable libraries**

MAGMA

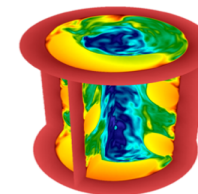
icl.cs.utk.edu/magma

LAPACK for GPUs, multi/many-core



libocca.org

Lightweight performance portability



GSLIB

PUMI

Parallel Unstructured Mesh Infrastructure

Holmes

PETSc

**Main deliverable:** all CEED software freely available on GitHub at <https://github.com/CEED>

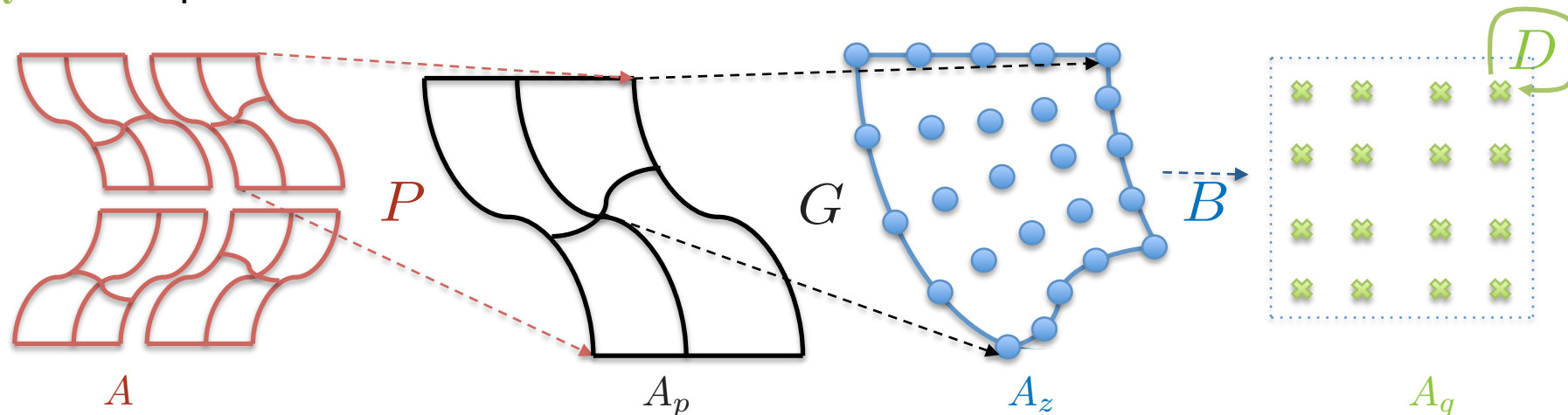
**New releases:** mfem-3.3, gslib, Laghos and NekCEM ceedling, ...

# Efficient Operator Evaluation

Mathematical framework for our computational motif

$$A = P^T G^T B^T D B G P$$

Finite element operators (matrices) can be decomposed into **parallel**, **mesh topology**, **basis**, and **geometry/physics** components:



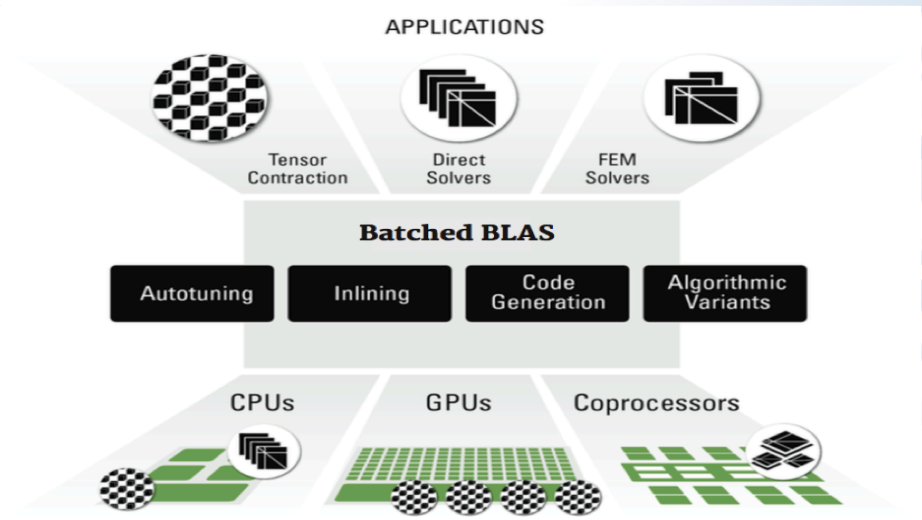
- **partial assembly** = store only  $D$ , evaluate  $B$  (tensor-product structure)
- better representation than  $A$ : *optimal memory, near-optimal FLOPs, hierarchical parallelism*
- *better mathematical algorithms trump code optimizations*

## Batched Computing Technology

- Matrix-free basis evaluation needs efficient tensor contractions, e.g.,

$$C_{i1,i2,i3} = \sum_k A_{k,i1} B_{k,i2,i3}$$

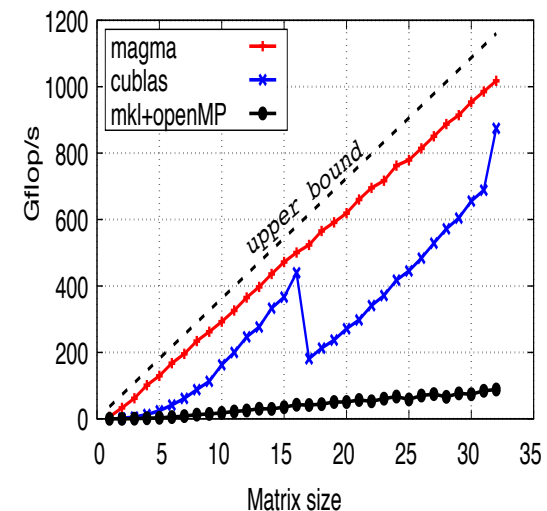
- CEED/MAGMA** designed batched methods to split the computation in many small high-intensity GEMMs, grouped together (batched) for efficient execution:



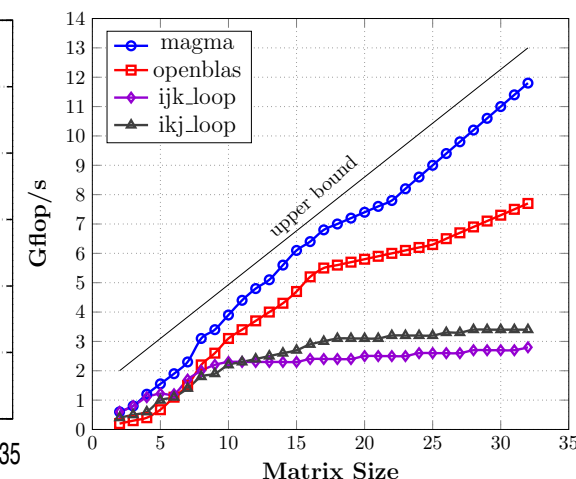
**Batch\_{ C\_{i3} = A^T B\_{i3}, for range of i3 }**

- Developed techniques needed for autotuning, code inlining, code generation (reshapes, etc.), algorithmic variants for different architectures.
- Achieve 90+% of theoretically derived peaks.
- Significantly outperform vendor libraries.
- Released through MAGMA.

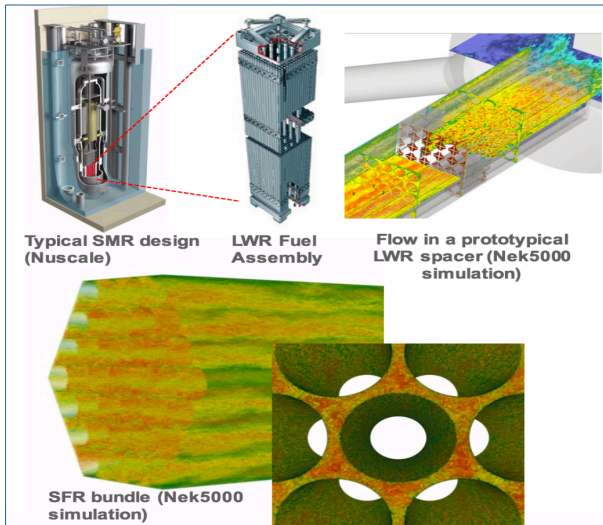
Batched DGEMMs on GPU (P100, 100K)



Batched DGEMMs on ARM (Tegra X1 : 4-core Cortex A57)

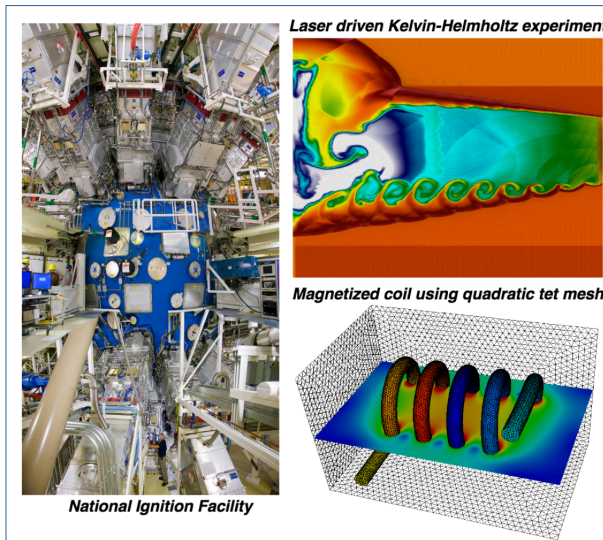


# Engaged First Wave ECP/CEED Applications



**ExaSMR:** Coupled Monte Carlo Neutronics and Fluid Flow Simulation of Small Modular Reactors.

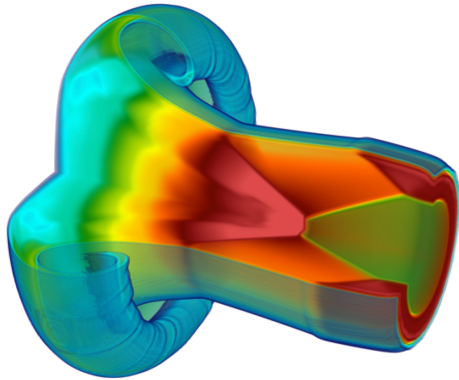
- ❑ Goal: Coupled thermal-hydraulics/neutronics analysis
- ❑ Require scalable simulations up to one billion spectral elements and trillions of grid points; complex mesh structures, external and internal fluid mixing, advanced RANS/LES models, efficient time stepping, and improved parallel mesh I/O support.
- ❑ *Application liaison: Elia Merzari (ANL)*
- ❑ **Shared milestone: Nek5000 porting on GPUs, KNL performance**



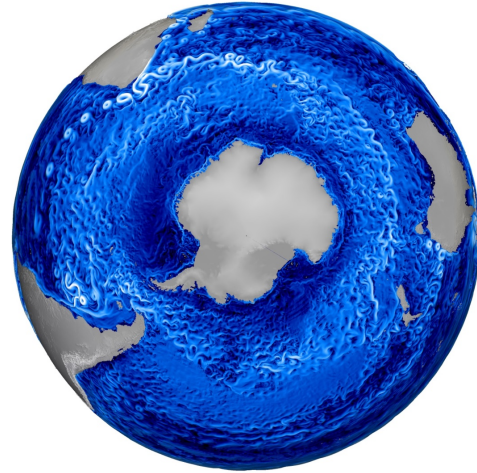
**MARBL:** Next-gen Multi-physics Simulation Code.

- ❑ Goal: Modular physics simulation capabilities with increased performance portability and flexibility.
- ❑ Require single-fluid multi-material hydrodynamics and radiation/magnetic diffusion simulation; inertial confined fusion, pulsed power experiments, and equation of state/material strength analysis
- ❑ *Application liaison: Vladimir Tomov (LLNL)*
- ❑ **Shared milestone: Developing Lagrangian hydro miniapp**

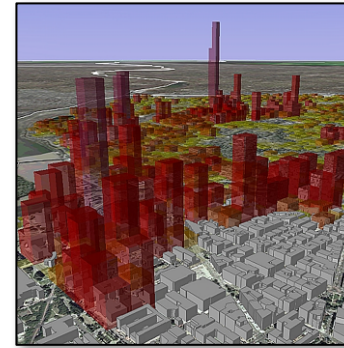
# 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wave of Applications



Compressible flow (MARBL)



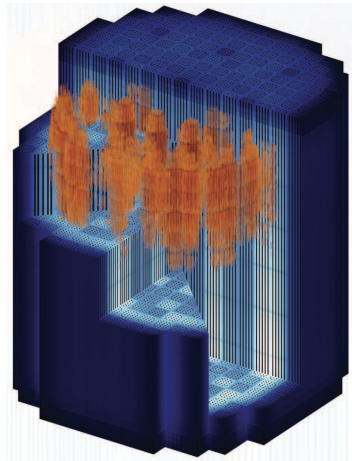
Climate (ACME)



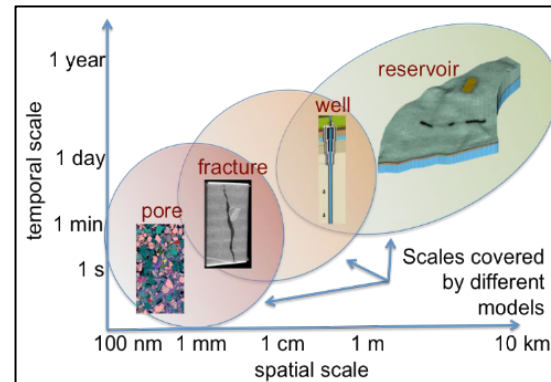
Urban systems (Urban)



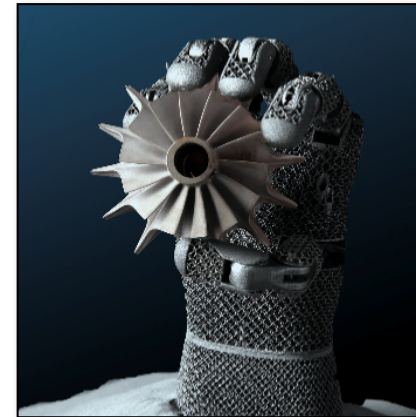
Wind Energy (ExaWind)



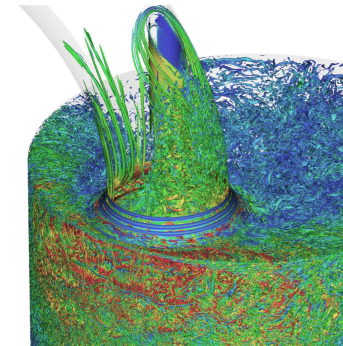
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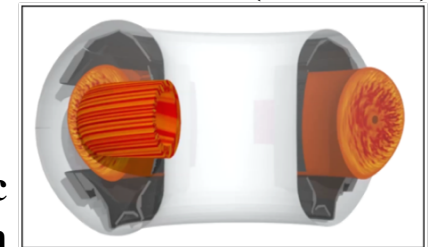
Subsurface (GEOS)



Additive Manufacturing (ExaAM)



Combustion (Nek5000)



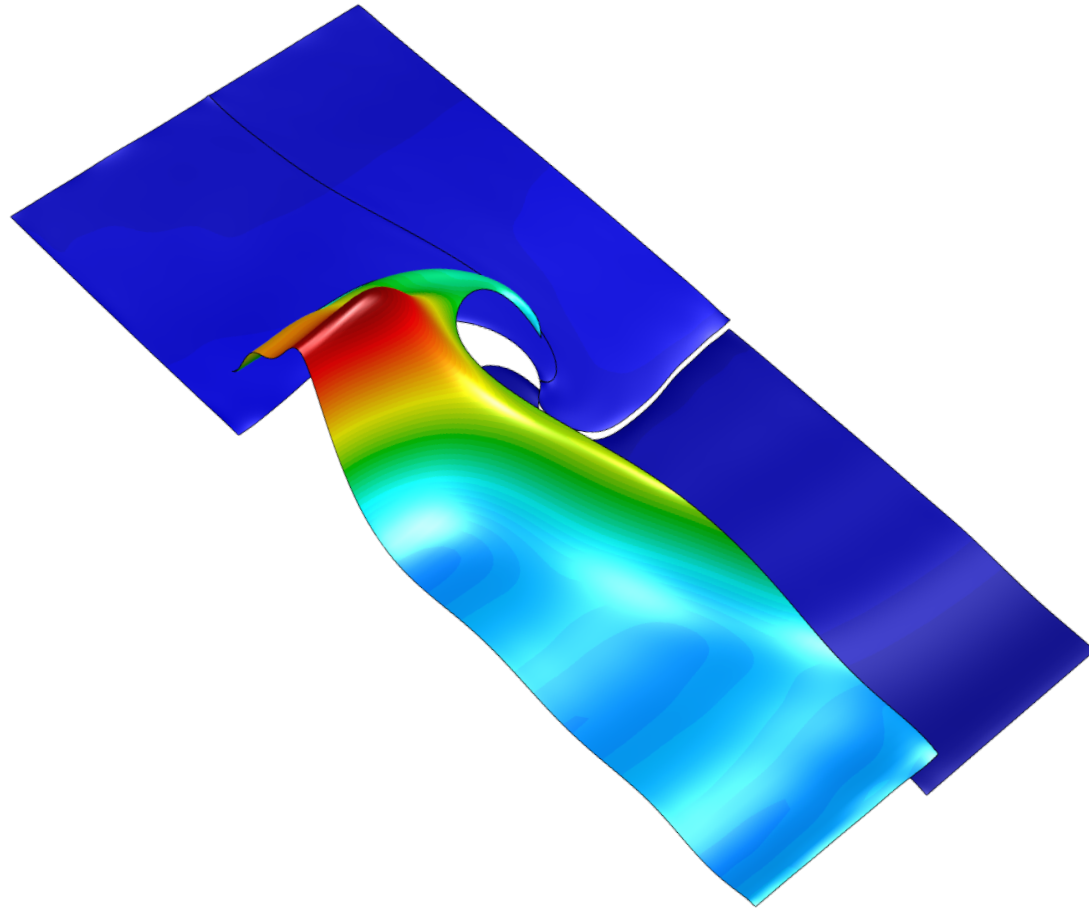
Magnetic Fusion (WDMApp)

## Benefits

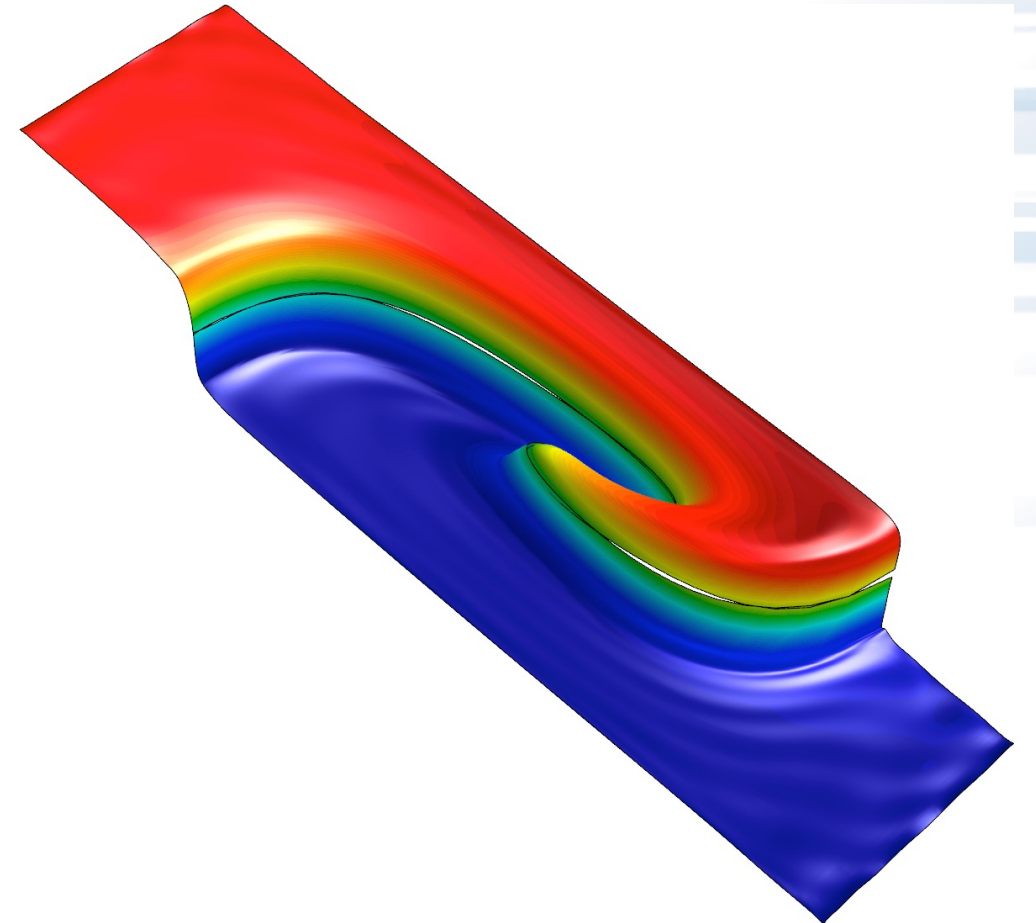
- Backed by well-developed theory.
- Naturally support unstructured and curvilinear grids.
  - Triangular, quadrilateral, tetrahedral and hexahedral; volume and surface meshes
  - Unstructured AMR
  - NURBS geometries and discretizations
- Increased accuracy for smooth problems
- Sub-element modeling for problems with shocks
- Bridge unstructured/structured grids
- Bridge sparse/dense linear algebra
- FLOPs/bytes increase with the order
- Demonstrated match for many applications: compressible, incompressible flow, ...



# Benefits – Coarse Meshes



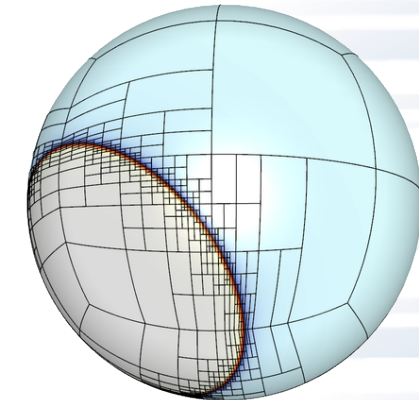
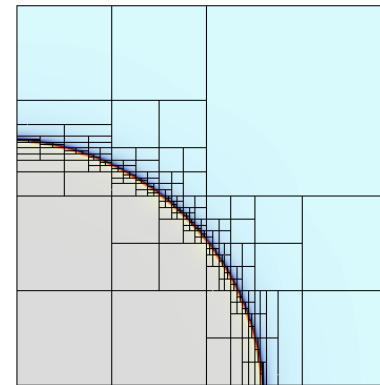
**Shock triple-point interaction (4 elements)**



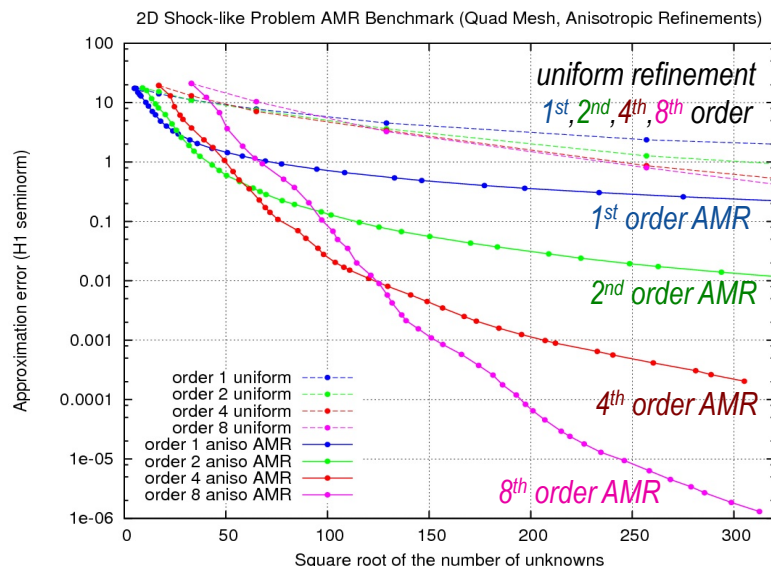
**Smooth RT instability (2 elements)**

# Benefits – Unstructured AMR

- We support both conforming (simplices) and non-conforming AMR (quad/hexes).
- Powerful and general:
  - any (high-order) finite element space on any (high-order) curved mesh
  - anisotropic refinement
  - serial and parallel

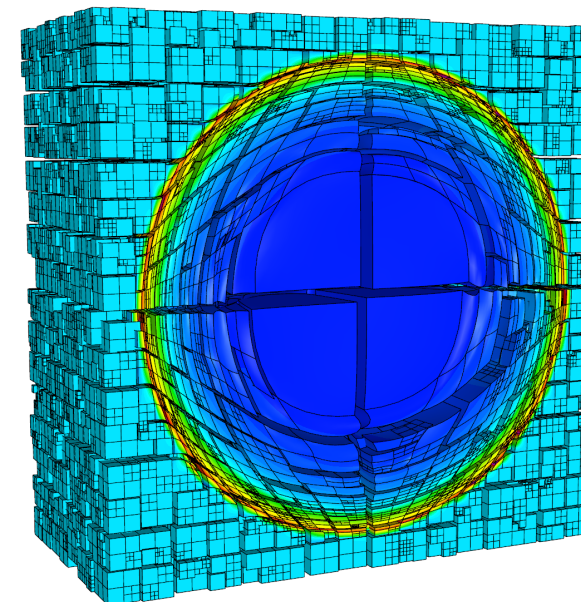


Adaptation to shock-like solution in 2D and 3D



2D AMR error improves significantly with order

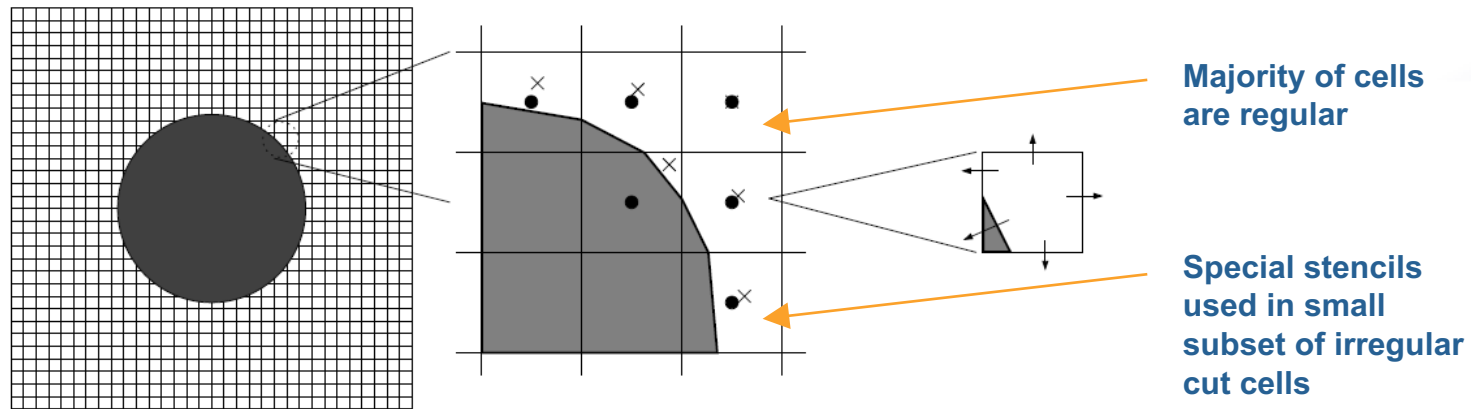
Tzanio Kolev (PI, LLNL)



Shock propagation without mesh artifacts, 4096 cores

# Finite volume/embedded boundary approach to complex geometry/interfaces is a cut cell method

Finite volume, embedded boundary (EB) method where irregular boundaries are represented intersecting domain with Cartesian grid:



Incompressible Navier-Stokes flow

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial t} + U \cdot \nabla U = -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p + \nu \Delta U$$

$$\nabla \cdot U = 0$$

Fixed time divergence theorem

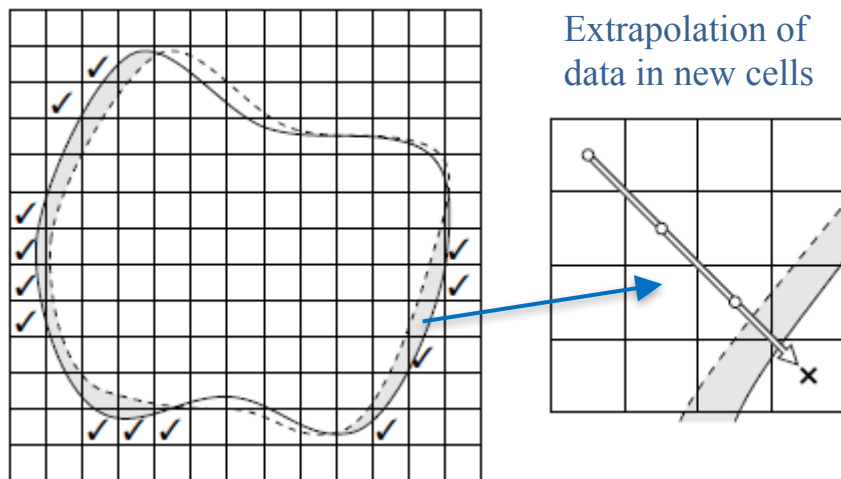
$$D(\vec{F})_v = \frac{1}{h\kappa_v} \left( \sum_{d=1}^D (\alpha_{i+\frac{1}{2}\hat{e}^d} \tilde{F}_{i+\frac{1}{2}\hat{e}^d}^d - \alpha_{i-\frac{1}{2}\hat{e}^d} \tilde{F}_{i-\frac{1}{2}\hat{e}^d}^d) + \alpha_v^B F_v^B \right)$$

Small cell problem avoided by volume-weighted scheme

(Trebotich and Graves, CAMCoS, 2015)

- EB is amenable to gridding of complex geometry and moving interfaces
- Fast stencil operations in cut cells

# Moving embedded boundary method is based on level set method and conservative volume of fluid



- Consistent approach for interface tracking
  - fluid-solid interface (e.g., reactions)
  - fluid-fluid interface (e.g., multiphase)
- Space-time divergence theorem
  - inherently conservative (FV)
  - sharp interface (LS)

Space-time divergence theorem

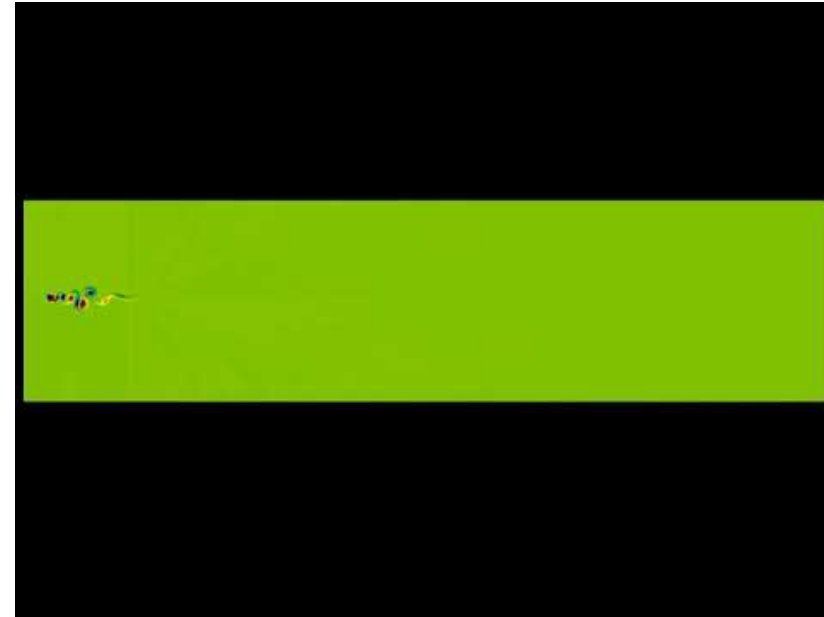
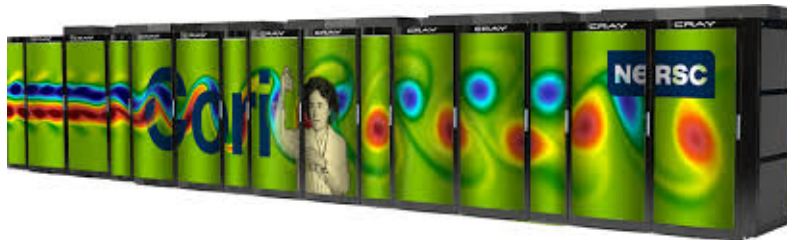
$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &= \int_{t^n}^{t^{n+1}} dt \int_{\Omega_i(t)} dV \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t}, \nabla \right) \cdot (\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{F}) \\
 &\approx \kappa_i^{n+1} h^D \mathbf{u}_i^{n+1} - \kappa_i^n h^D \mathbf{u}_i^n \\
 &\quad + \Delta t h^{D-1} \sum_d \left( \alpha_{i+1/2 \mathbf{e}_d} \mathbf{F}_{d,i+1/2 \mathbf{e}_d} - \alpha_{i-1/2 \mathbf{e}_d} \mathbf{F}_{d,i-1/2 \mathbf{e}_d} \right) + A_{i,EB} \mathbf{n}_{i,EB} \cdot (\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{F})_{i,EB},
 \end{aligned}$$

# A general capability for high performance CFD in complex geometries

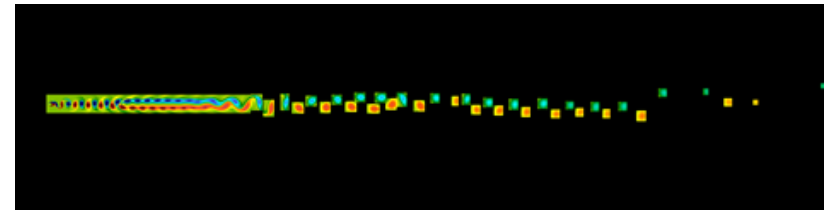
## Chombo-based CFD solver

Incompressible Navier-Stokes (INS) solver in complex geometries

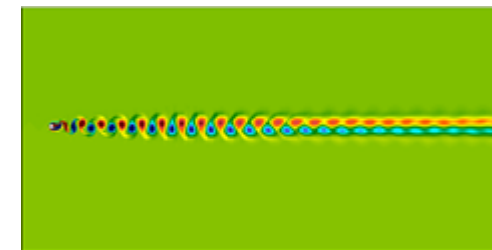
- Embedded boundary (EB) method
  - Structured Cartesian grid
  - Sharp interface
  - Finite volume approach
  - Robust for wide range of flows
  - Dynamic local refinement (AMR)
  - AMG elliptic solvers (PETSc)
  - DNS from image data
  - HDF5 I/O
  - VisIt visualization/analytics



2D



AMR

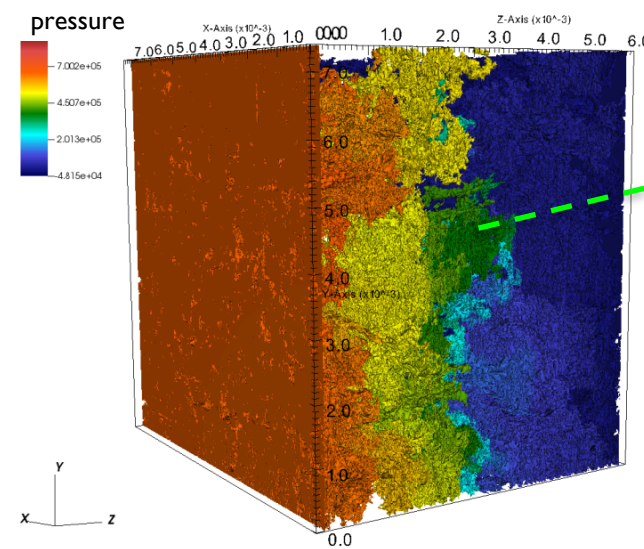


3D

# Resolved flow in fractured Marcellus shale

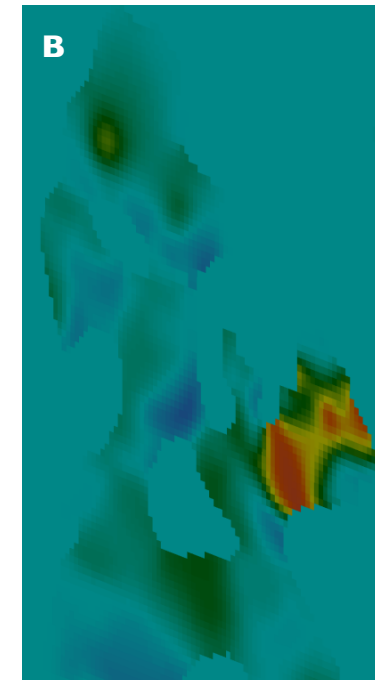
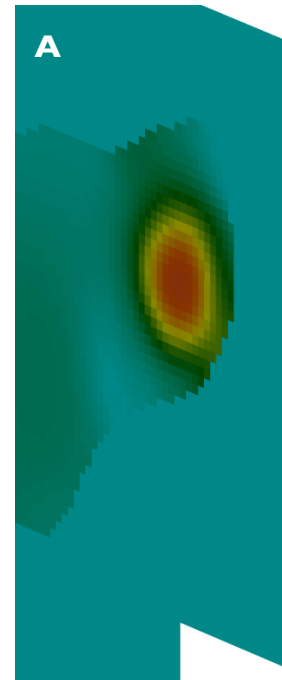
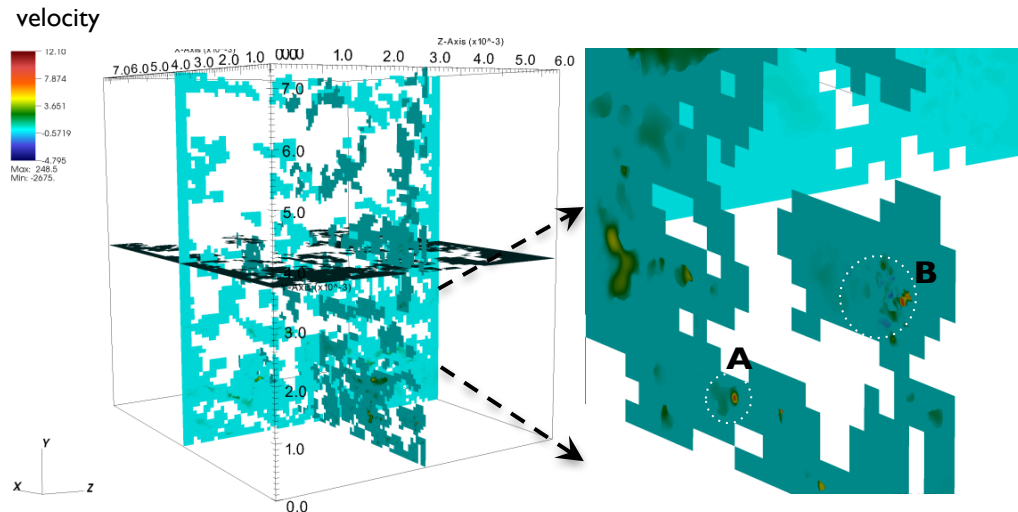
## “Big Kahuna”

- 0.12 porosity, 0.00247242 cm<sup>2</sup> RSA
- 104 μm x 97 μm x 65 μm sample
- 48 nm image resolution (FIB/SEM)
- 24 nm grid resolution ⇒ O(TBs)/plot
- domain decomposes into >1M boxes (32<sup>3</sup> grid cells each)
- prune to 350,000 boxes/ KNL cores
- *100B degrees of freedom*



**Computed permeability**  
 **$7.8 \times 10^{-17} \text{ m}^2$**

74 μm x 74 μm x 65 μm cut for visualization



Carl Steefel (PI, LBNL), David Trebotich (LBNL)

# Transforming Combustion Science and Technology with Exascale Simulations

## Exascale Challenge Problem

- First-principles (DNS) and near-first principles (DNS/LES hybrids) AMR-based technologies to advance understanding of fundamental turbulence-chemistry interactions in device relevant conditions
- High-fidelity geometrically faithful simulation of the relevant in-cylinder processes in a low temperature reactivity controlled compression ignition (RCCI) internal combustion engine that is more thermodynamically favorable than existing engines, with potential for groundbreaking efficiencies yet limiting pollutant formation
- Also demonstrate technology with hybrid DNS/LES simulation of a sector from a gas turbine for power generation burning hydrogen enriched natural gas.
- High-fidelity models will account for turbulence, mixing, spray vaporization, low-temperature ignition, flame propagation, soot/radiation, non-ideal fluids

## Risks and Challenges

- Risks with application performance portability –consider alternative PM's for tasking models for particles and for thermochemistry
- Chemistry DSL SINGE for performance portability, need NRE software PathForward for nVidia to develop DSL backend to emit fast kernels for GPU's
- Uncertainties in chemistry/thermo/transport in relevant turbulent environments – perform embedded UQ in Pele or S3D to assess uncertainties of rate constants
- Nonequilibrium chemistry effects on ignition delay – embed molecular dynamics/DSMC to study competing thermalizing collisions with collision partners determined from local heterogeneity
- Semi-structured algebraic multi-grid may be a missing element
- Sensitivity of ignition to spray atomization in Pele

## Applications, Motifs, PM, HPC systems

- **Physical Models:** turbulence, chemical kinetics, polydisperse spray, soot, thermal radiation, non-ideal fluids
- **Codes:** A new suite of compressible and low-Mach block-structured AMR codes, PeleC and PeleLM, with geometry capability will be developed based on petascale DNS codes: S3D, LMC, and the BoxLiB AMR framework.
- **Motifs:** Partial differential equations, AMR, method-of-lines, sparse iterative linear solvers, finite volume, spectral deferred correction implicit-explicit schemes, ODE's, linear algebra
- **PM's:** C++, Fortran, Python, MPI, PGAS, OpenMP (gpu support in 2 yrs), Kokkos (particles), Legion (in S3D as proxy for physics in Pele)
- **HPC:** Cori, Edison, Titan, Summit

## Milestones

**FY17:(Completed)** Released of baseline code suite (PeleC, PeleLM, PelePhysics) ADSE14-1; Implemented capability for combustion of non-ideal gas mixtures ADSE14-2; Developed Lagrangian spray capability in PeleC code and demonstrate it in a non-AMR setting ADSE14-3; Developed capability to simulate complex geometry using embedded boundary (cut cell) ADSE14-4; Developed capability to automatically predict the thermochemical properties for combustion of syngas, natural gas, and butane ADSE14-57; Performance assessment of task-based physics ADSE14-5.

**FY18-20: (Planned)** Lagrangian spray implementation with AMR in Pele; Implement soot I and thermal radiation models, Benchmark linear solvers on Summit, Perform end of year Pele performance benchmarks, simulate turbulent flame with complex geometry; Simulate gas turbine sector with real geometry

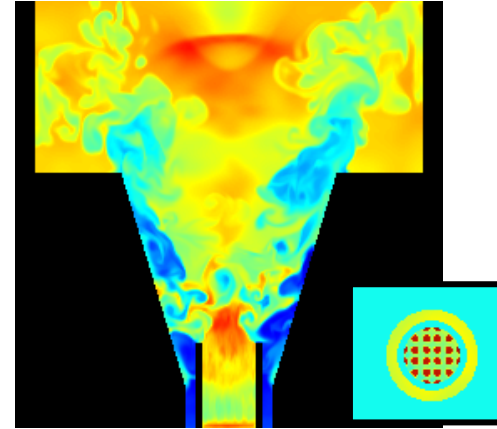


# PeleC Embedded Boundary Capability

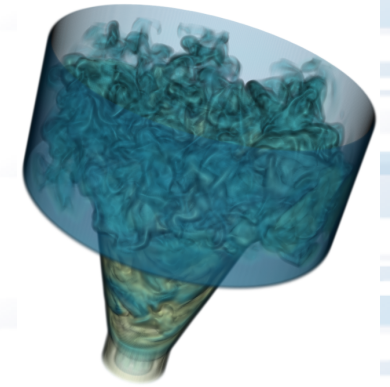
PI: Jackie Chen, SNL  
ADSE14-3 Owner: Ray Grout (NREL)  
Contributors: Jon Rood (NREL), John Bell, Marc Day, Dan Graves (LBNL).

## Scope & Objectives

- The goal of this project is to provide a simulation capability for first-principles (DNS) and near-first principles (DNS/LES hybrids) simulations of turbulence-chemistry interactions in conditions relevant to practical combustion devices, including turbulence, mixing, spray vaporization, low-temperature ignition, and flame propagation.
- In this milestone, we developed the capability to simulate complex geometry using embedded boundary (cut cell)



Z-momentum on cutting plane through center of combustor geometry (body cells not blanked, inlet velocity through central pipe in inset)



Volume rendering of density field matching image at left

## Impact

- Accurate simulation of combustion at high pressure such as conditions in a diesel engine requires modeling non-ideal fluid behavior, particularly for large hydrocarbons
- Four year demonstration problem is a single sector of a gas turbine combustion; the geometry of the flame holder is needs to be captured to generate recirculation zones that anchor the flame.

## Project Accomplishment and Next Steps

- Cartesian cut cell implementation in PeleC allows simulation of complex geometry using explicit diffusion treatment and method of lines approach to hyperbolic treatment
- Capability demonstration is ~30x faster than start of project baseline and 5x slower than proof of concept created by AMReX and tailored for gamma-law gas dynamics
- Calculation of diffusive and advective fluxes needs to be coordinated to improve computational throughput and reduce memory usage
- Performance engineering of initial code for more general cases (multivalued, vector potential) is next major step

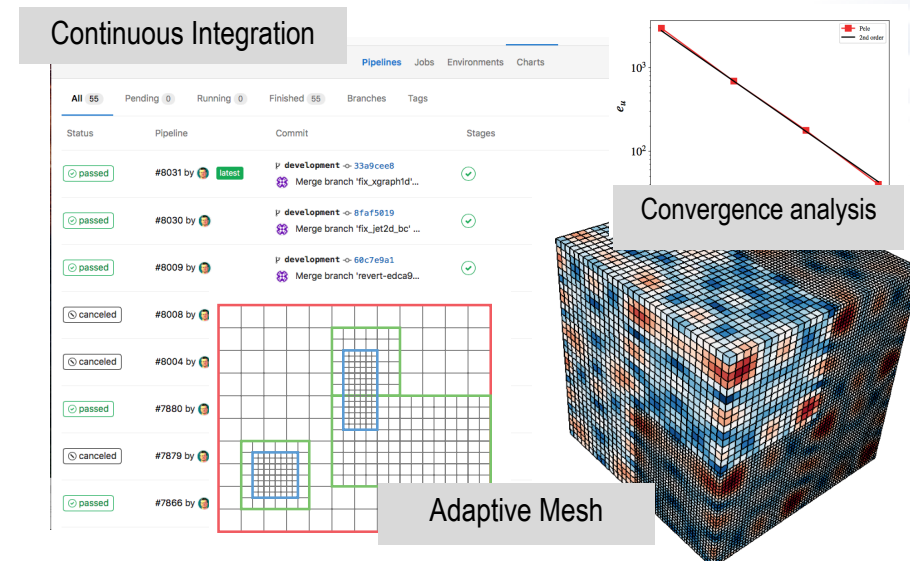


# Initial Release of the Pele Code Suite, Utilizing Block-Structured Adaptive Mesh Refinement Based on AMReX

PI: Jackie Chen, SNL  
Members: SNL, LBNL, NREL, ORNL, ANL

## Scope & Objectives

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- In this milestone, we released the code suite, Pele, consisting of the compressible code PeleC and the low Mach number code, PeleLM, and supporting physics implementations.



## Impact

- Established unified interface code to incorporate multiphysics for evaporating liquid sprays, and embedded boundary geometry algorithms
- Baseline code for evaluating figures-of-merit as new multi-physics capabilities and algorithms are implemented
- Enables closer ties with ST and co-design centers on refactoring algorithmic component for performance portability

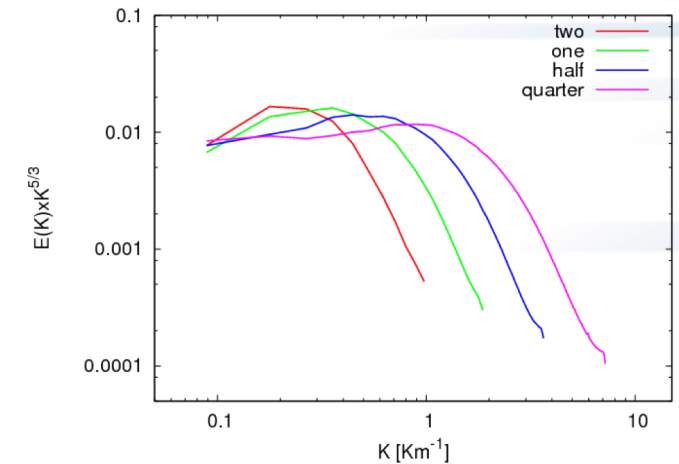
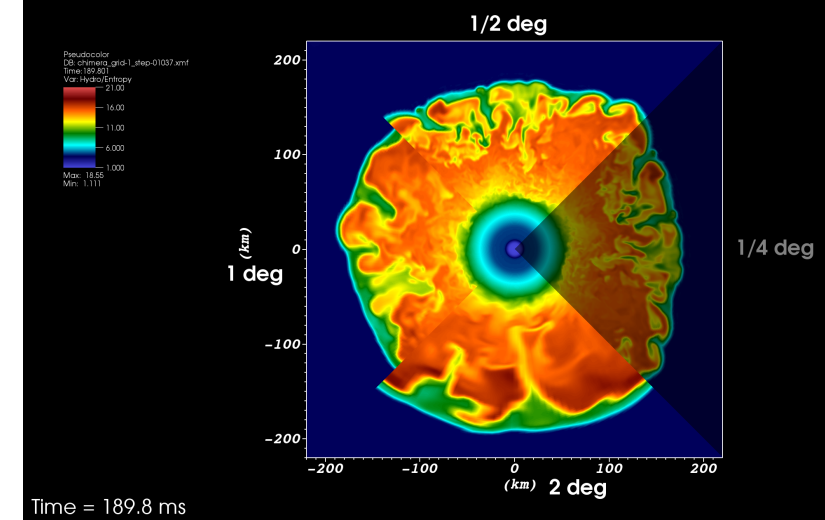
## Project Accomplishment and Next Steps

- The release includes an agile development model, a portable build system, and a flexible testing framework with an automated continuous-integration strategy
- Deployed automated code generation for cross-platform evaluation of combustion kinetics, transport coefficients and thermodynamics models.
- Generated holistic performance benchmark data for low Mach and compressible baseline application scenarios
- Next: Add real-gas effects, demonstrate PeleC with sprays, integration with AMReX for non-trivial geometry capabilities



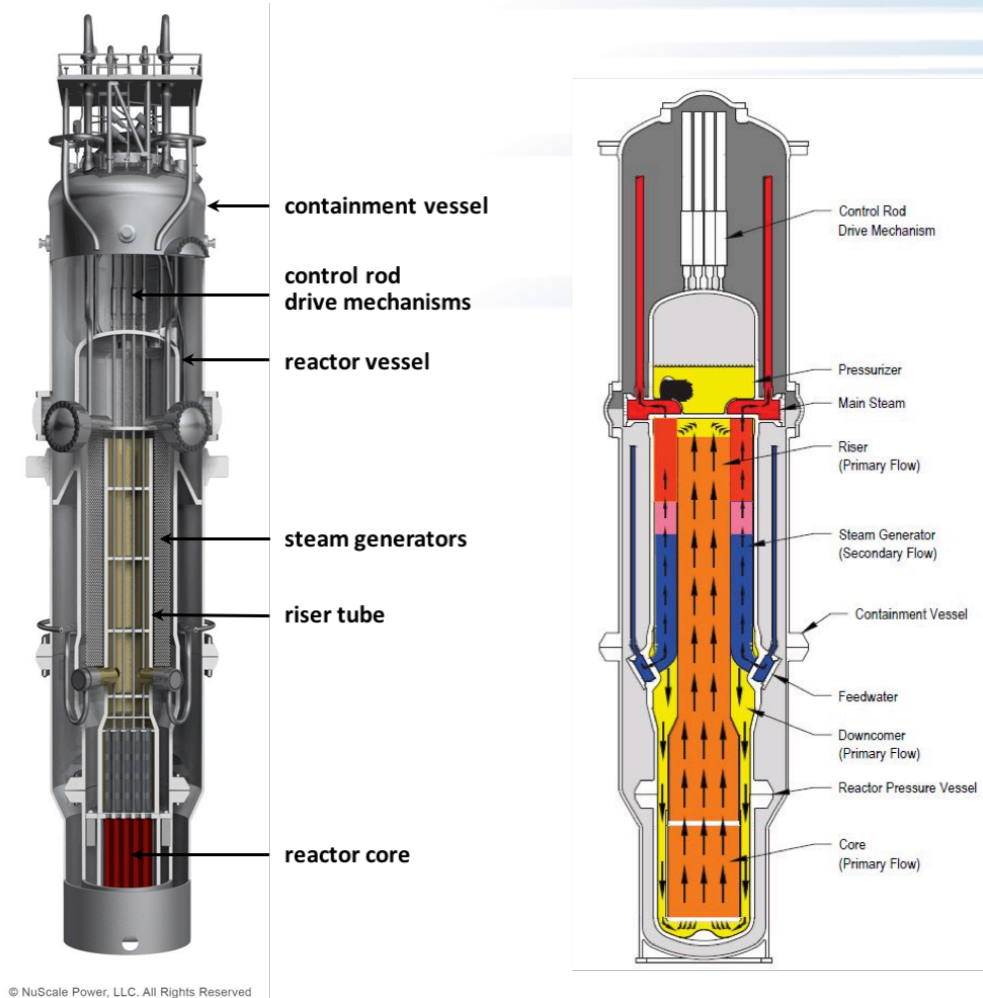
# EXASTAR

- Astrophysical CFD characteristics
  - Very high turbulent Re ( $10^{14}$  for Type Ia supernovae!)
  - Dynamics strongly coupled to small scale instabilities
    - Magneto-rotational instability (MRI; shear induced) in core-collapse supernovae (CCSN) - O(1 meter) resolution required
    - R-T driven turbulence
      - Flamelet burning in white dwarfs
      - Post-shock motion in CCSNe
  - Shocks ubiquitous
  - Complex geometry (e.g. walls, corners, etc.) not found
  - Huge disparity of scales – Red giant radii of several astronomical units (AU) to meters or centimeters
    - AMR key to progress (AMREx)



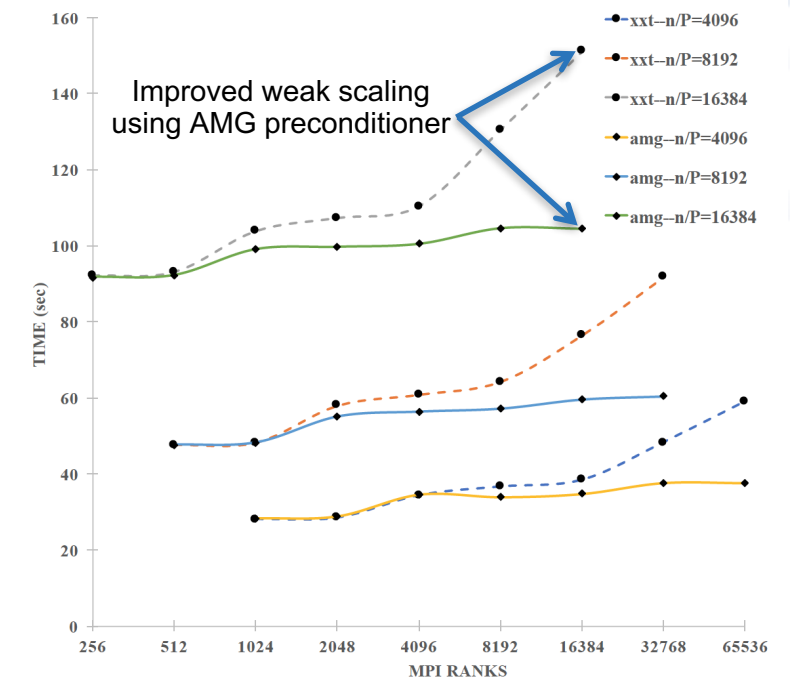
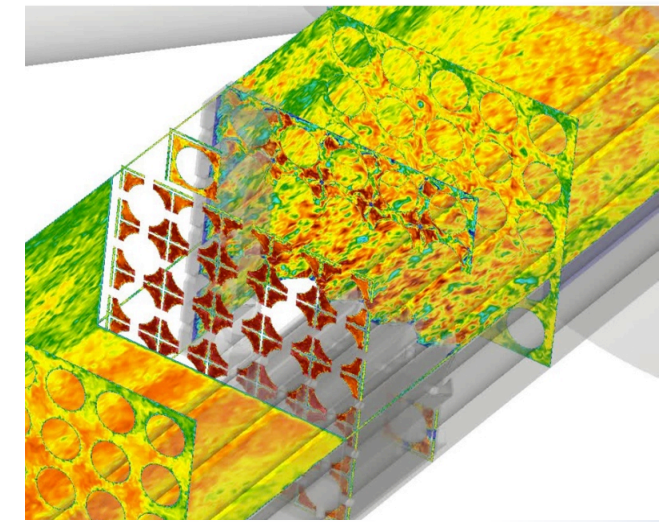
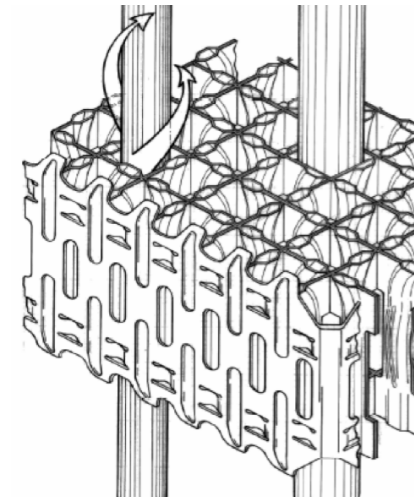
# ExaSMR: Coupled Monte Carlo Neutronics and Fluid Flow Simulation of Small Modular Reactors

- Small modular reactors present significant computational challenges
  - Natural circulation (computing pressure drop across core and steam generator)
  - Fine geometric detail (mixing vanes)
  - High fidelity requires move from RANS to LES
  - Multiphase and transient modeling
  - Tightly coupled to neutronics (determines heat deposition into coolant)
- Nek5000 will provide CFD capability for ExaSMR
  - Spectral finite element
  - Demonstrated scaling to >1 million MPI ranks



# Nek5000 achievements through ECP

- First spectral element CFD code ported to GPU and KNL
  - OpenACC implementation offers portability across architectures
- New ensemble averaging delivers 10x reduction in time to solution
  - Multiple realizations with perturbed initial conditions
  - Allows use of additional computing resources beyond strong scaling limit
- Enhanced algebraic multigrid preconditioner improves weak scaling
  - Pressure Poisson solve is performance limiter in many problem regimes



# Exascale simulation for the design of industrial-scale chemical reactors

Goal: Develop an efficient high-fidelity multiphase flow modeling capability to aid in the design of industrial-scale chemical reactors

Simulation with high-fidelity, physics-based models is essential to scaling up from lab → pilot → commercial scale reactors

- Reduction in cost
- Reduction in time to deployment
- Risk mitigation at large scales

Proposed increase in fidelity will aid in the development of CO<sub>2</sub> capture technology (supported by DOE-FE) as well as unlock the ability to simulate a host of relevant problems in energy, chemical processing and pharmaceutical industries



Lab-scale testing of novel CO<sub>2</sub> capture materials at NETL (<1 kW)



Petra Nova, world's largest post-combustion CO<sub>2</sub> capture plant, began operation in January 2017 (240 MW)

# MFIX-Exa challenge problem

Simulate 1 MWe chemical looping reactor with CFD-DEM

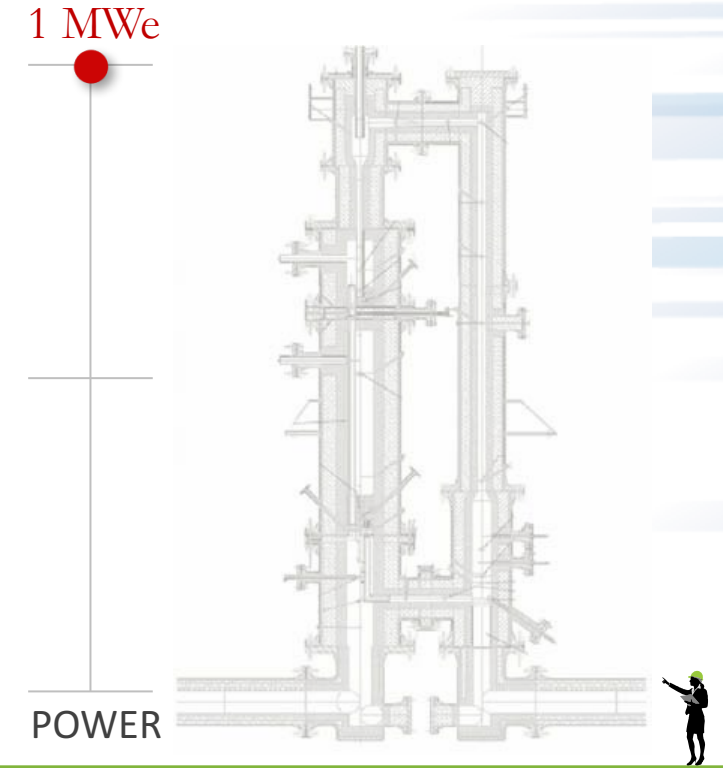
2017



2023



2026



Particle Count:  $60 \times 10^6$   
Time to Solution: 600 days

Particle Count:  $5 \times 10^9$   
Time to Solution: 0.5 days

Particle Count:  $100 \times 10^9$   
Time to Solution: 2 days

Time-to-solution is estimated for 5 minutes of real time in all cases. 2017 estimate is for the Joule computer at NETL; 2023/2026 values are guesstimates for exascale computers.

# MFIX-Exa brings together three teams and two codes



- 60+ years of experience in multiphase modeling and MFiX (NETL and CU)
- 60+ years of experience in large-scale, multiscale multiphysics applications (LBNL)
- 90+ years of experience in high performance computing



- 30+ years of development
- 12 developers at NETL
- 4,000+ registered users
- 175+ downloads per month
- 200+ citations per year
- Applied for reactor design and troubleshooting in fossil, bio, nuclear, and solar energy; chemicals industry; and nuclear waste treatment
- Block-structured AMR software framework supported by ECP Co-Design Center
- Supports multiple DOE codes: accelerator modeling, astrophysics, combustion, cosmology, and subsurface
- Long development history

# MFIX-Exa will be based on MFIX-DEM



## Gas Phase – Navier-Stokes like equations

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\varepsilon_g \rho_g) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}(\varepsilon_g \rho_g U_{gj}) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\varepsilon_g \rho_g U_{gi}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}(\varepsilon_g \rho_g U_{gj} U_{gi}) = -\varepsilon_g \frac{\partial P_g}{\partial x_i} + \frac{\partial \tau_{gij}}{\partial x_j} + f_{gi} + \varepsilon_g \rho_g g_i$$

## Particles – Newton's law

$$\frac{dx_{pi}}{dt} = u_{pi}$$

$$m_p \frac{du_{pi}}{dt} = m_p g_i + f_{pi} + m_p A_{coll}$$

$$I_{ij} \frac{d\omega_{pj}}{dt} = T_{pi}$$

## Advantages CFD-DEM over TFM

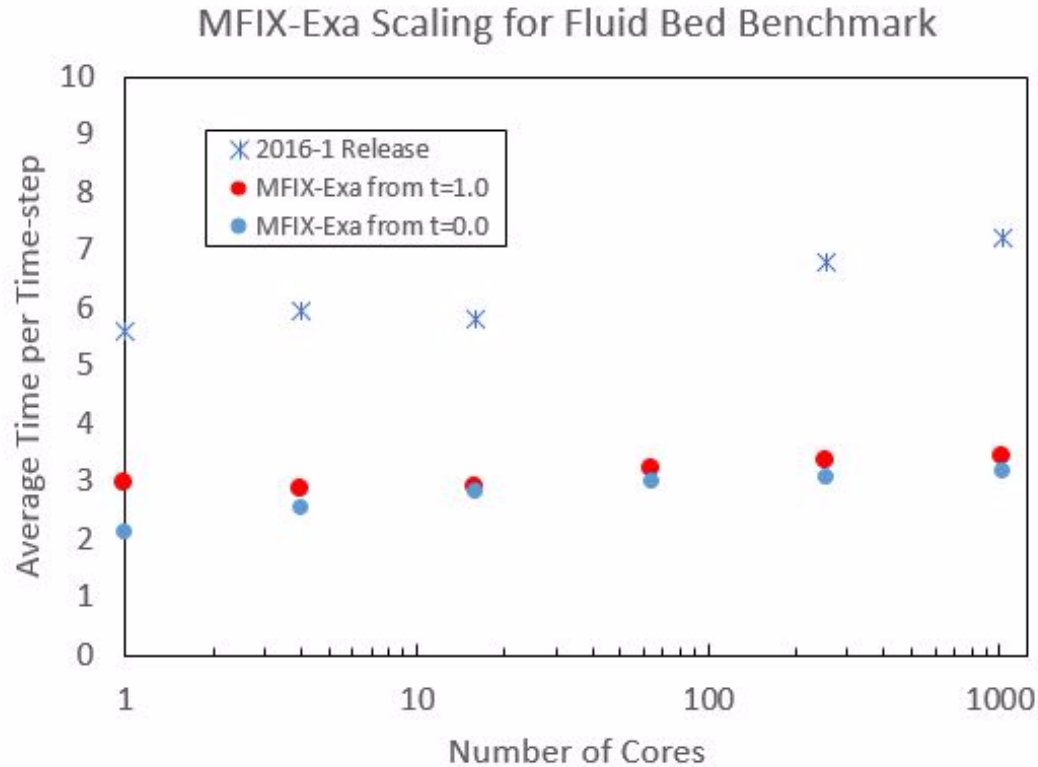
- No numerical diffusion in particle phase
- Does not require (uncertain) constitutive relations for the particle phase
- Able to describe slowly shearing or stagnant regions
- Able to track the evolution of particle-scale properties: size, density, chemical conversion ...

Garg R, Galvin J, Li T, Pannala S. Documentation of open-source MFIX-DEM software for gas-solids flows, From URL [https://mfix.netl.doe.gov/documentation/dem\\_doc\\_2012-1.pdf](https://mfix.netl.doe.gov/documentation/dem_doc_2012-1.pdf). (2012)





# MFIX-DEM hydrodynamics migrated to AMReX framework



A preliminary scaling study on Cori at LBL shows a 2X performance improvement over MFIX-2016-1.

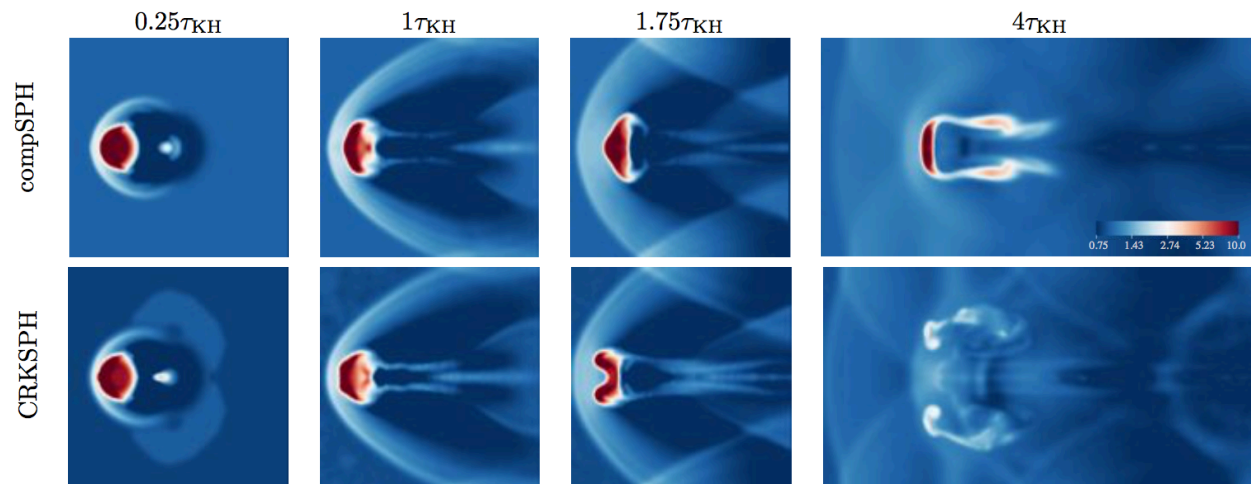


The hourglass simulation demonstrates MFIX-Exa's newly developed (FY18-Q1) capability for embedded boundaries (EB).

MFIX-Exa with hybrid parallelism and dynamic load balancing released to ECP.

# ExaSky: Cosmological Hydrodynamic Simulations with CRK-HACC

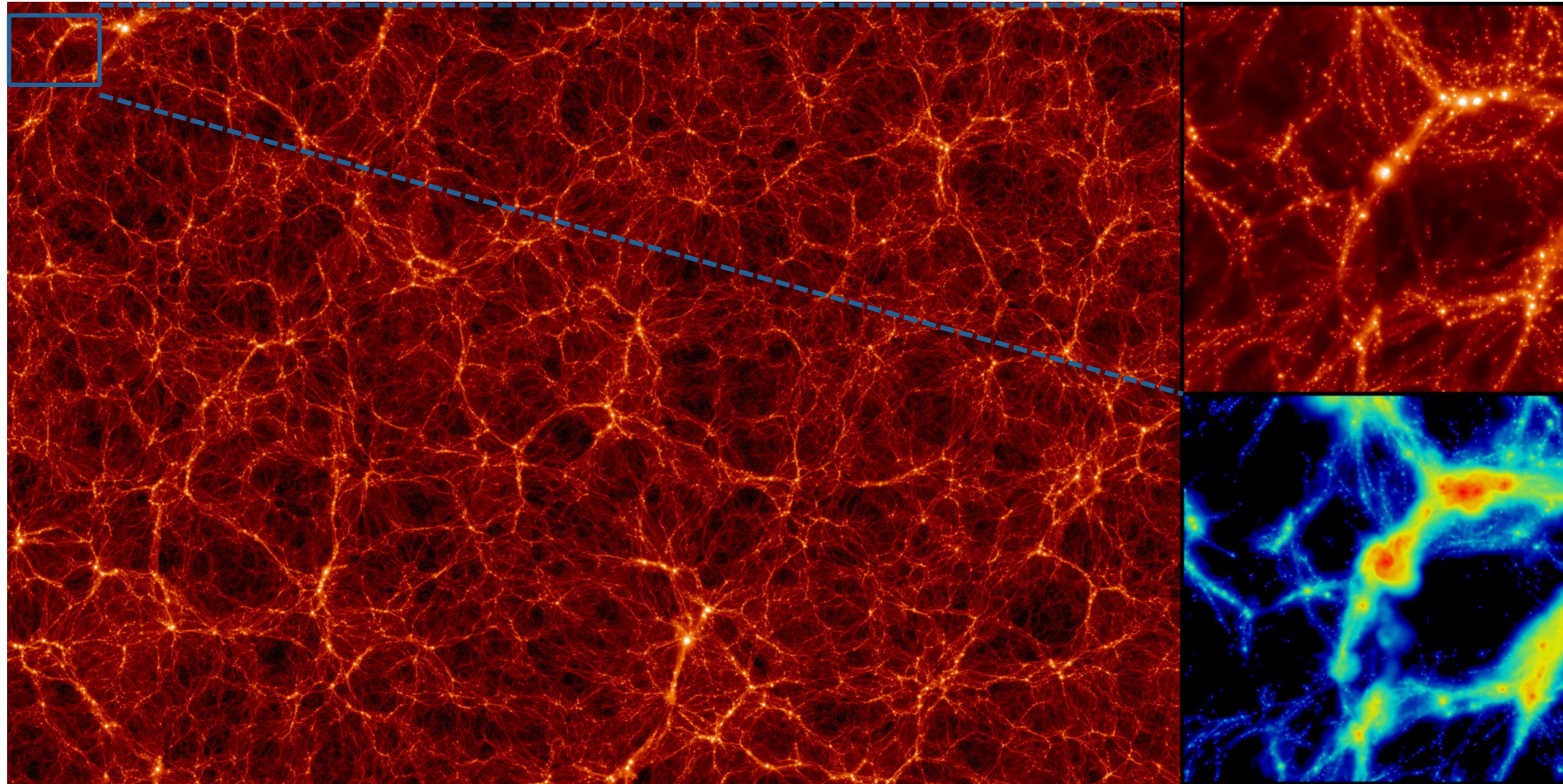
- Next generation ExaSky simulations supplement the highly-tuned, gravity-only version of HACC (Hardware Accelerated Cosmology Code) with baryonic capabilities (CRK-HACC).
  - Multi-species approach with both dark matter (DM) and baryons interacting gravitationally.
  - Baryonic gasdynamics modeled using the Conservative Reproducing Kernel Smoothed Particle Hydrodynamics (CRK-SPH) algorithm.
- CRK-SPH improves upon many aspects of traditional SPH (see Frontiere et al. 2017, J. Comp. Phys.)
  - Uses higher order reproducing kernels which can exactly interpolate constant and linear order fields (removes the “E0 error” of traditional SPH).
  - Uses a conservative reformulation of the dynamic equations that maintain machine precision energy and momentum conservation (a previous problem encountered when using higher order kernels).
  - Uses a new artificial viscosity form that capitalizes on the increased accuracy calculation of the velocity gradients (improves the excessive diffusion normally seen in SPH).



**Blob test:** Traditional SPH (top) artificially suppresses the disruption and mixing of the blob into the background medium. CRK-SPH (bottom) leads to a full evaporation of the blob.

# ExaSky: Cosmological Hydrodynamic Simulations with CRK-HACC

**BorgCube:** First large-scale CRK-HACC simulation containing  $2 \times 2304^3$  DM plus baryonic particles in a cubic volume of side length 800 Mpc/h. Run on 3072 nodes of Theta (KNL system) at ALCF.



Baryonic density (left and top-right panels) and temperature (bottom-right panel) at  $z = 0$ . Left panel is  $600 \times 400$  Mpc/h while the right panels zoom in on a  $50 \times 50$  Mpc/h region. The depth of each slice is 10 Mpc/h.

# ExaWind: Challenge Problem, Motivation, Goals

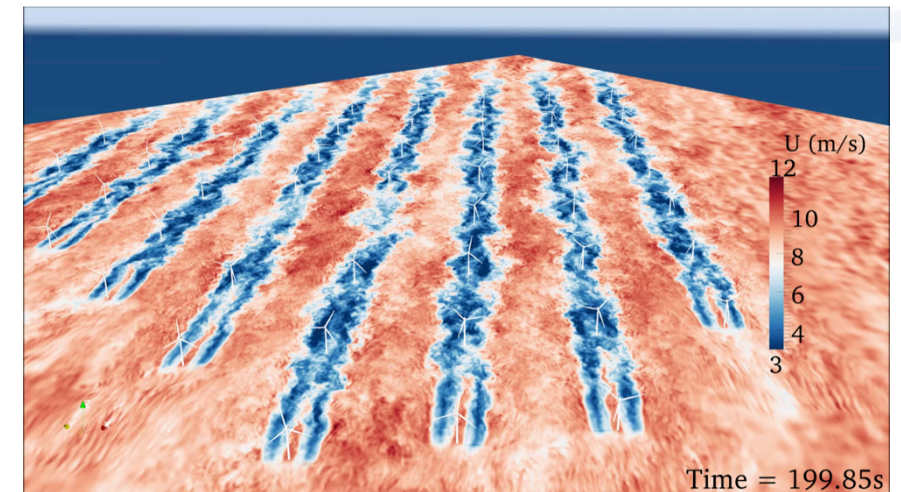
**10-Year challenge problem:** Predictive simulation of the complex flow physics within a wind plant composed of  $O(100)$  multi-MW wind turbines sited within a 10 km x 10 km area with complex terrain, involving simulations with  $O(100)$  billion grid points.

## Goals/motivation for predictive simulations:

- Advance our fundamental understanding of the flow physics governing whole wind plant performance
- Create modeling and simulation capability that will revolutionize the design and control of wind farms
- Advance our ability to predict the response of wind farms to a wide range of atmospheric conditions

## Where are we today with wind farm simulation? State of the art:

- Turbine blades are represented as “line forces” in the fluid domain; based on 2D look-up tables
- Turbulence models are incapable of capturing the complex flow separation and wake generation



SOWFA actuator-line simulation of the  
Lillgrund wind farm (Churchfield)

# Application Metrics: Let's Boil it Down . . .

- 1. Deliver improved and impactful science & engineering (*performance*)**
  - New or improved (ideally step change in) predictability on a problem of national importance (a “challenge problem”)
- 2. As performance portable as possible and reasonable (*portability*)**
  - No “boutique” one-off applications able to only execute on one (and likely ephemeral) system
- 3. Able to make effective use of a capable system (*readiness*)**
  - *Effective* is app specific (weak, strong, ensembles, single-node performance)
- 4. Able to integrate latest relevant software technologies (*modern*)**
  - Needed to demonstrate agility, flexibility, modern architecture; overall app portfolio must apply pressure to all key attributes of the system design characteristics
- 5. High priority (*strategic*)**
  - Some key stakeholder somewhere really cares about using application to make consequential decisions

# How can Applications be “Impactful”?

- **Target development toward a few specific *Challenge Problems (CP)***
  - If you try to be good at everything, you’ll be good at nothing
  - Allows development progress to be measured more easily and objectively
    - E.g.: ability to deliver on yearly “progression problems” capability (marching toward the CP)
- **Yet try to design architecture to be more general**
  - To tackle that next *way cool* problem you’d like to tackle, but . . .
- **A Challenge Problem is one that . . .**
  - Has a solution amenable to M&S and/or data analytic computing
  - Is currently intractable on today’s hardware (requires capable exascale)
  - Matters immensely to a key stakeholders (addresses a top 3 strategic priority)

# Delivering on the Challenge Problem (CP)

- **Define a specific and quantitative (if possible) CP to target**
  - Flow requirements down from business (why?) to functional (what?) to design (how?) to quality (how?) requirements
  - Spec out as much of the CP as possible while still allowing R&D flexibility
- **Measure the application's *rate of executing useful work (W/t) toward addressing the CP***
  - W/t can go up by increasing the quality of the science ( $W\uparrow$ ) or accelerate the return on the science ( $t\downarrow$ )
  - For most applications, increasing W and decreasing t both apply
  - $(W/t)_{\text{exascale}} = N(W/t)_{\text{today}}$
  - What should N be as the target? Probably *not* peak flop ratio, but . . . [sigh]
  - How to best measure (W/t)? What does “today” mean (given the half life)
- **CPs are *very* application specific (and must be)**

# Questions?