

# VINDDkanaltunnel

**A virtual, interactive numerical wind-tunnel  
with GPU acceleration, real time visualization  
and real time interaction**

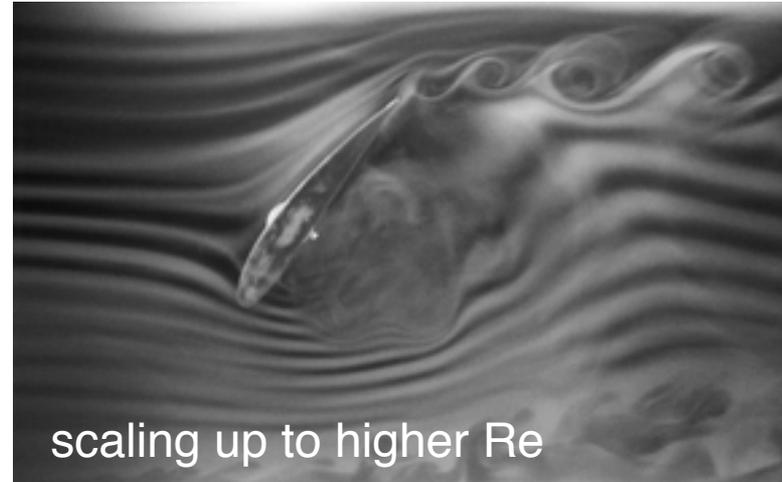
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Supersonic Wind Tunnel - Arnold Engineering Development Center, Tennessee, 1960



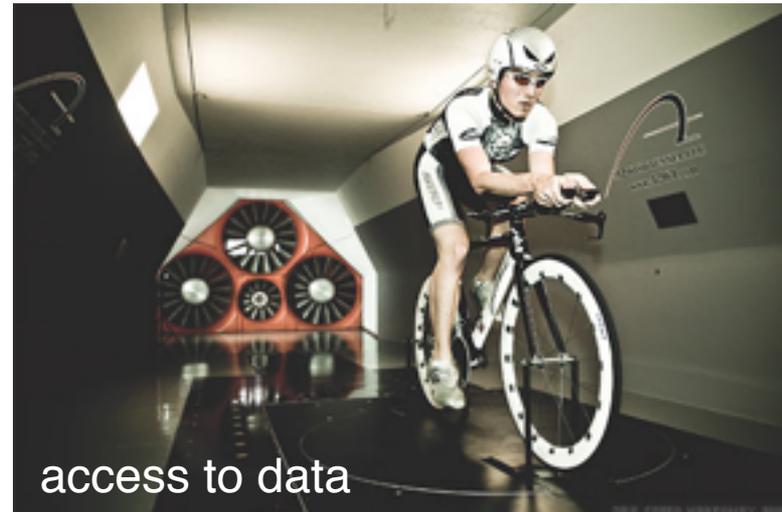
scaling up to higher  $Re$

Fog (water particles) wind tunnel visualization of a NACA 4412 airfoil at a low  $Re=20.000$



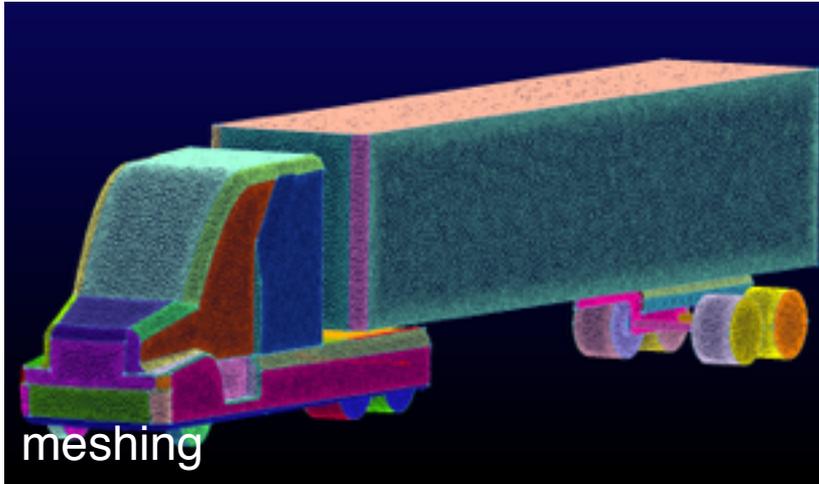
interaction/motion

Car in a windtunnel



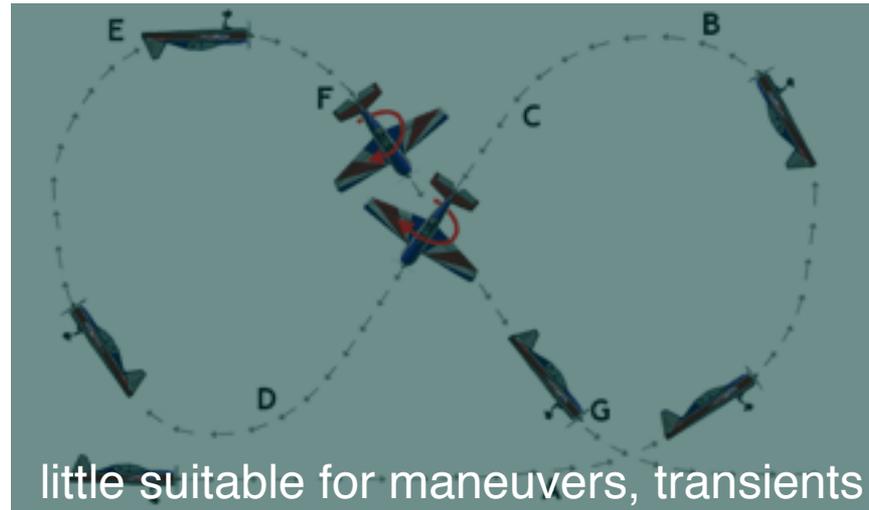
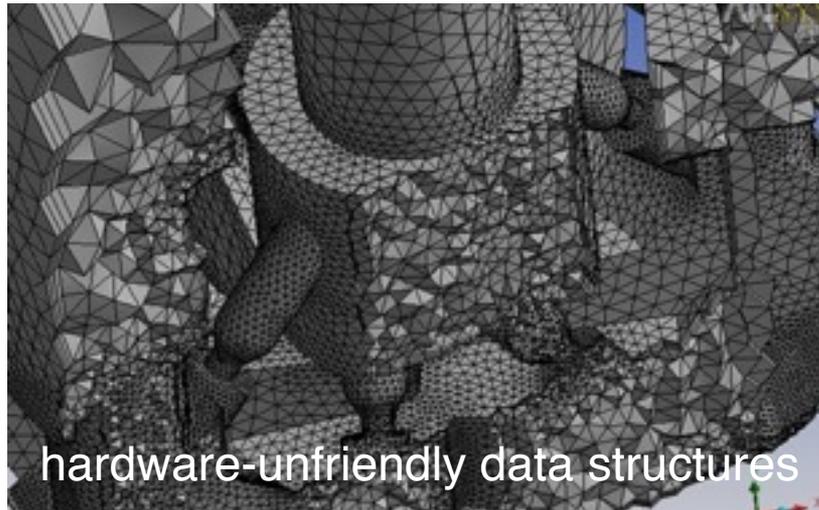
access to data

Testing of bicycle rims



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24799: Det = 0.70583E-05 Tprobl = 0.18046E+00
MTV OUTPUT (TVWrap)
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missing interactivity  
(results are known late)



Numerical Wind Tunnel - Japan  
TOP500 1993-1995

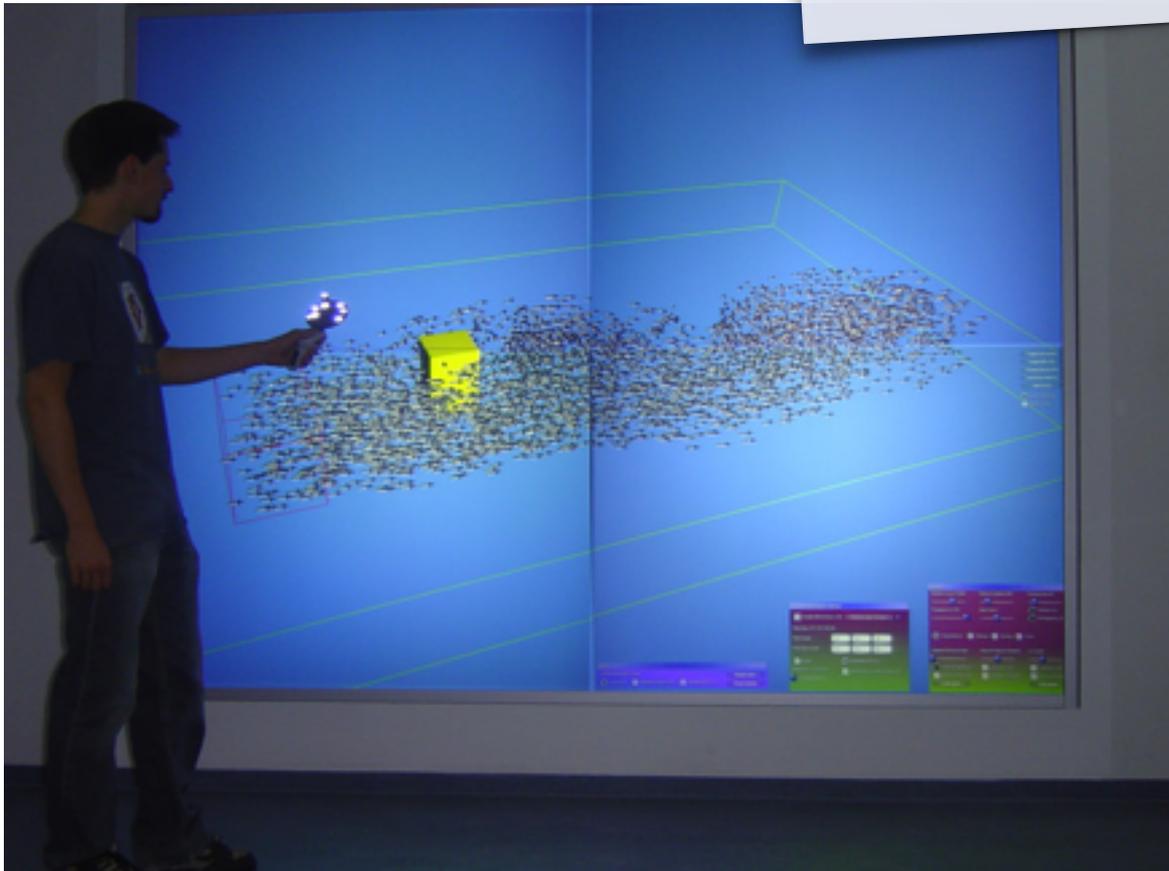


<b>Processing elements (PE) nodes</b>	166
<b>Control processor (CP) nodes</b>	2
<b>Network</b>	Two 421 MB/s crossbar networks
<b>PE memory</b>	256 MB
<b>Total performance</b>	280gigaFLOPS 45GB
<b>Programming languages</b>	Fortran, C
<b>Parallel libraries</b>	PVM, PARMACS, MPI



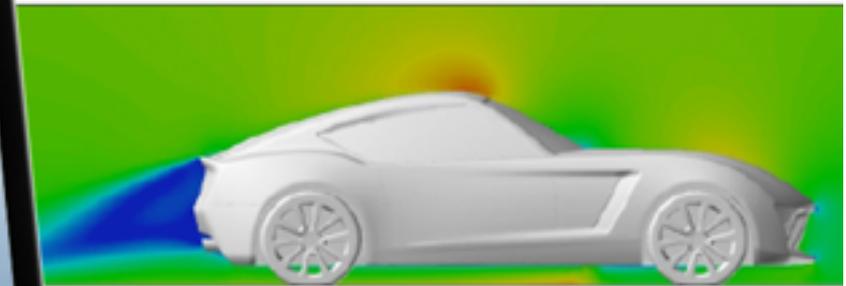
Numerical Wind Tunnel - TUM 2005

- Interactive visualisation of flow-fields
- Focus on post-processing



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## HyperWorks Virtual Wind Tunnel Better Technology. Better Solution.



- *Interaction?*
- *Instantaneous meshing?*



- Build a virtual wind tunnel
- Achieve fast CFD solver using parallel GPU programming
- Interact with the simulation in real time
- Interact with real wind tunnel?
- Receive feedback immediately via real time visualization
- Represent complex geometries in simple manner

Filtered Navier-Stokes equations:

$$\frac{\partial \bar{\rho}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \bar{\rho} \tilde{u}_j}{\partial x_j} = 0$$

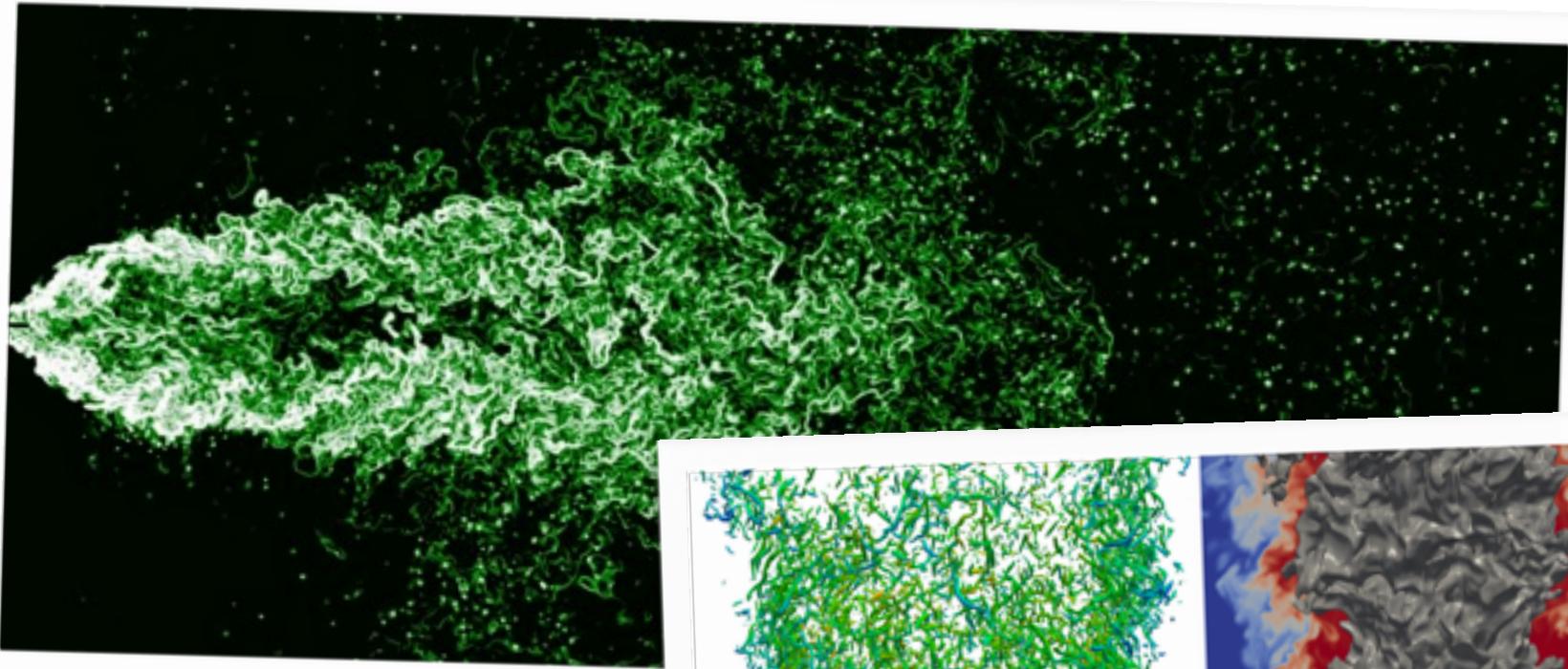
$$\frac{\partial \bar{\rho} \tilde{u}_i}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \bar{\rho} \tilde{u}_j \tilde{u}_i}{\partial x_j} = -\frac{\partial \bar{p}}{\partial x_i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left[ \bar{\rho} \tilde{\nu} \left( \frac{\partial \tilde{u}_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial \tilde{u}_j}{\partial x_i} \right) - \frac{2}{3} \bar{\rho} \tilde{\nu} \frac{\partial \tilde{u}_k}{\partial x_k} \delta_{ij} - \bar{\rho} \tau_{ij}^{sgs} \right]$$

$$\frac{\partial \bar{\rho} \tilde{e}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial (\bar{\rho} \tilde{e}) \tilde{u}_j}{\partial x_j} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left( \kappa \frac{\partial \tilde{T}}{\partial x_j} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (\tilde{u}_i \tilde{\sigma}_{ij}) - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (\kappa_{ij}^{sgs})$$

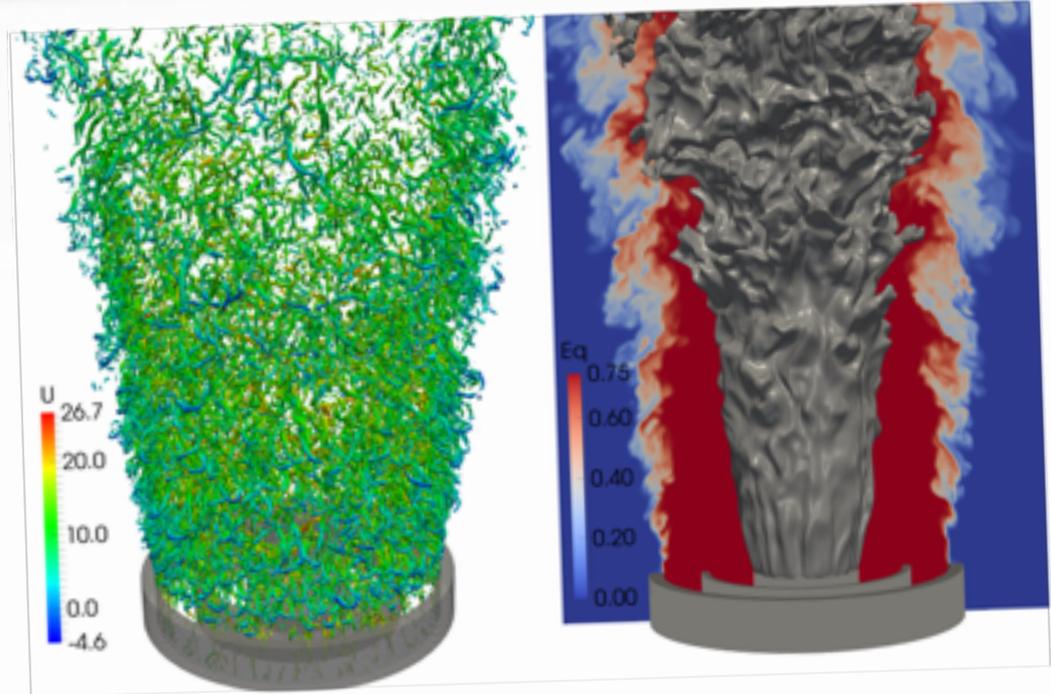
$$\frac{\partial \bar{\rho} \tilde{\phi}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \bar{\rho} \tilde{\phi} \tilde{u}_i}{\partial x_i} = \overline{\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left( \rho D \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_i} \right)}$$

The equation of state

$$p = \rho R T, c_v = \frac{R}{\gamma - 1}, c_p = c_v + R$$



scalable from PC to vHPC  
LES, DNS  
coal, spray, gas flames  
radiation  
(in-) compressible  
moving geometries  
 $10^1$ - $10^2$  faster than unstructured

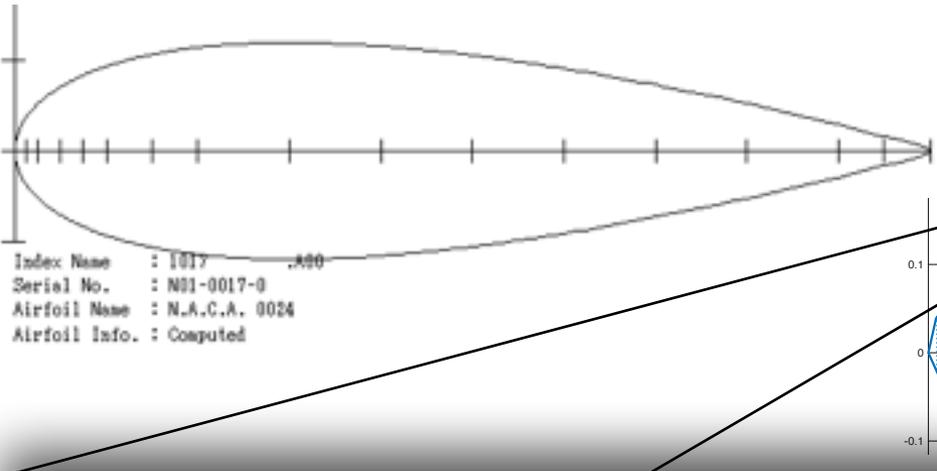


<b>Grid</b>	Equidistant Cartesian grids
<b>Mesh motion</b>	Immersed boundaries- Lagrangian particles
<b>Flow solver</b>	Fully compressible (explicit)
<b>Inlet - Outlet Top &amp; Bottom Left &amp; Right</b>	NSCBC at inlet and outlet Wall bounded BC Periodic BC
<b>Time stepping Convection Diffusion</b>	Explicit $O(<3)$ low storage RK TVD CDS

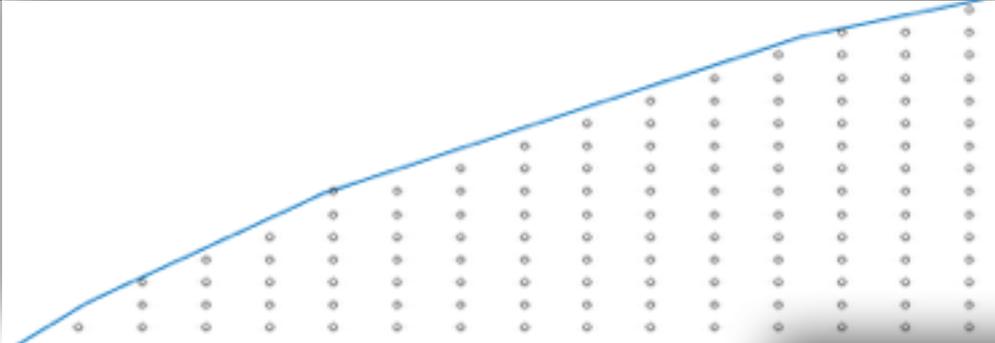
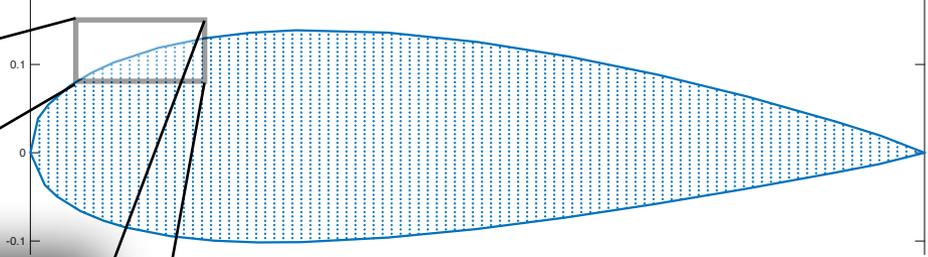
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SUBROUTINE FlxAddCDS(Field, Vel, Flux) !#####
!----- modules -----
  USE pnet; IMPLICIT NONE
!----- variables -----
  REAL,INTENT(IN)   :: Field(Imap2, Jmap2, Kmap2)
  REAL,INTENT(IN)   :: Vel(Imap2,Jmap2,Kmap2,Dma)
  REAL,INTENT(INOUT) :: Flux(Imap2,Jmap2,Kmap2,Dma)
!-----
  ! FlxAddCDS adds convective flux from central differencing (CDS) to flux.
!----- BEGIN CODE -----
  Flux(Ifim:Ila,Jfim:Jlap,Kfim:Klap,1) = Flux(Ifim:Ila,Jfim:Jlap,Kfim:Klap,1) &
    + Vel(Ifim:Ila,Jfim:Jlap,Kfim:Klap,1) &
    *0.5*(Field(Ifim:Ila,Jfim:Jlap,Kfim:Klap)+Field(Ifi:Ilap,Jfim:Jlap,Kfim:Klap))
  Flux(Ifim:Ilap,Jfim:Jla,Kfim:Klap,2) = Flux(Ifim:Ilap,Jfim:Jla,Kfim:Klap,2) &
    + Vel(Ifim:Ilap,Jfim:Jla,Kfim:Klap,2) &
    *0.5*(Field(Ifim:Ilap,Jfim:Jla,Kfim:Klap)+Field(Ifim:Ilap,Jfi:Jlap,Kfim:Klap))
  Flux(Ifim:Ilap,Jfim:Jlap,Kfim:Kla,3) = Flux(Ifim:Ilap,Jfim:Jlap,Kfim:Kla,3) &
    + Vel(Ifim:Ilap,Jfim:Jlap,Kfim:Kla,3) &
    *0.5*(Field(Ifim:Ilap,Jfim:Jlap,Kfim:Kla)+Field(Ifim:Ilap,Jfim:Jlap,Kfi:Klap))
END SUBROUTINE FlxAddCDS !=====
  
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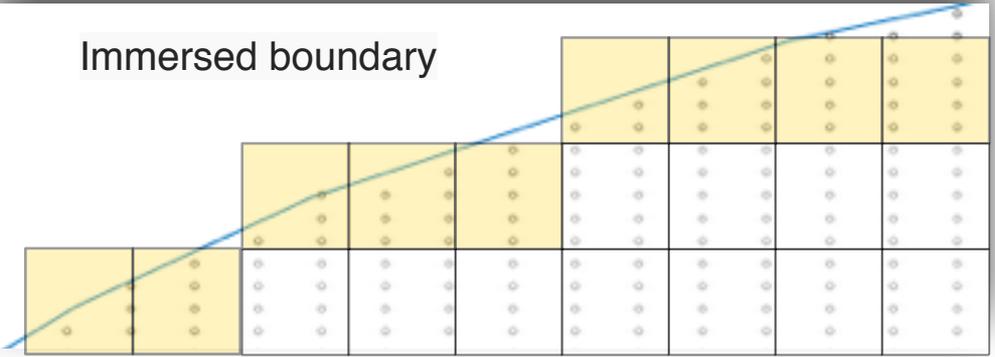
Clouds of Lagrangian particles



$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial x_i} = - \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{Nnb} \rho_j}{N_{nb}} a_{pi}$$

$$V_{si} = 2 V_{pi} - \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{Nnb} V_{fij}}{N_{nb}}$$

Immersed boundary





Initialization on CPU

Allocate Memory for GPU Data Structures

Copy Data to GPU



Loop

Simulation Step

Postprocessing/  
Online-Visualization

PsiPhi-Cuda-kernel1<<<blocks,threads>>>()

PsiPhi-Cuda-kernel2<<<blocks,threads>>>()

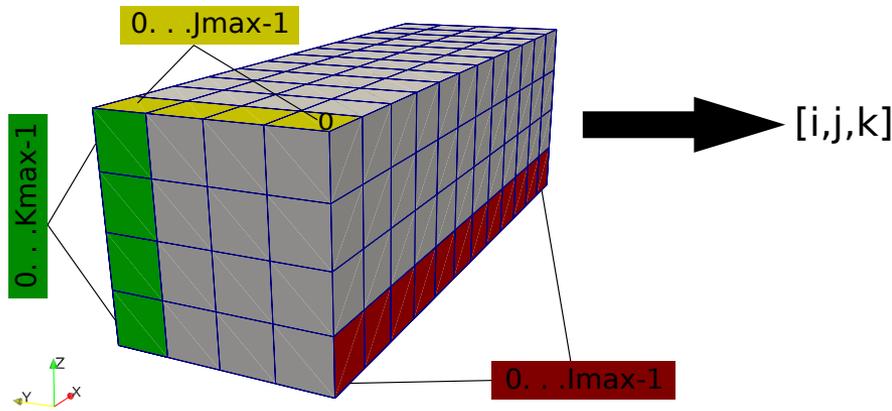
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PsiPhi-Cuda-kerneln<<<blocks,threads>>>()

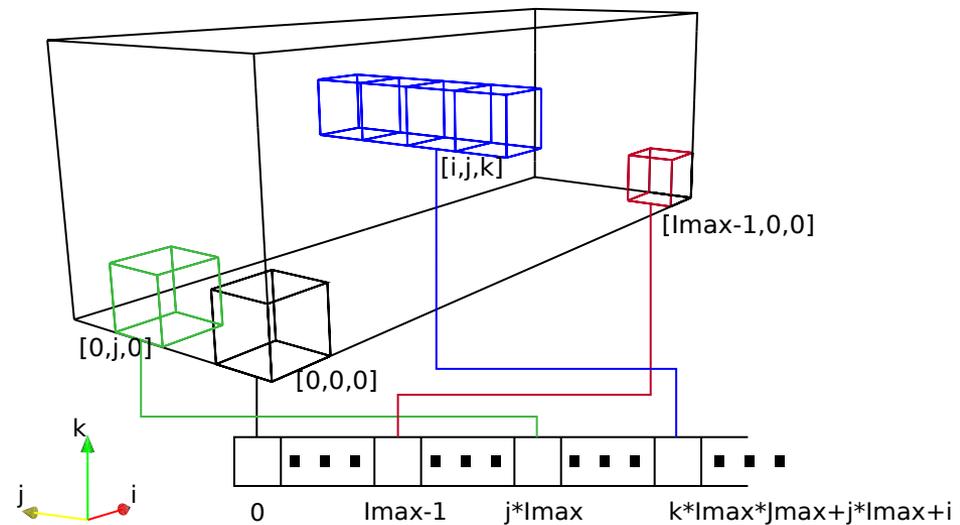
FORTRAN routines replaced by CUDA kernels

## GPU support best for 1D arrays

Standard memory mapping of cell coordinates to 3D array index on CPU

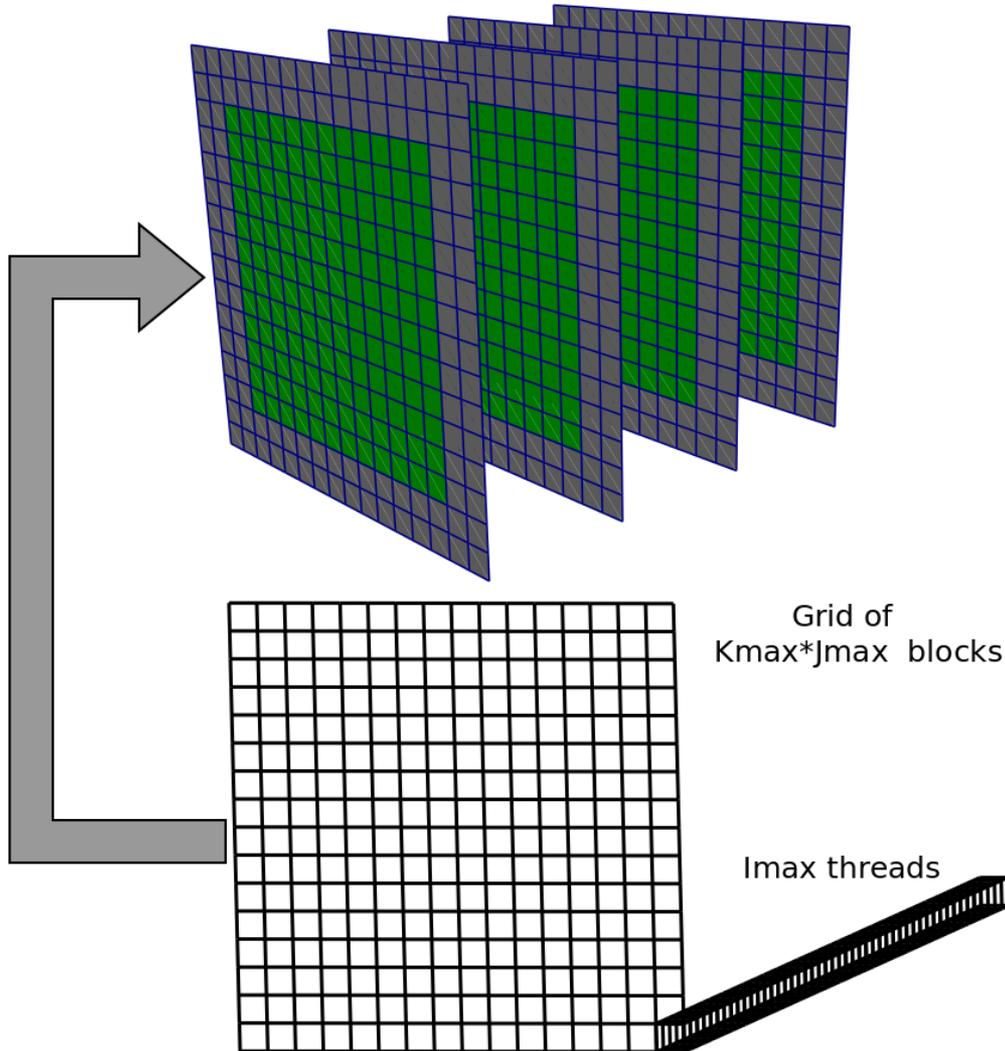


Mapping of cell coordinates to array index for 3D to 1D array mapping



$$(i, j, k) \mapsto k \cdot I_{max} \cdot J_{max} + j \cdot I_{max} + i,$$

$$(i, j, k) \in [1, \dots, I_{max}] \times [1, \dots, J_{max}] \times [1, \dots, K_{max}]$$



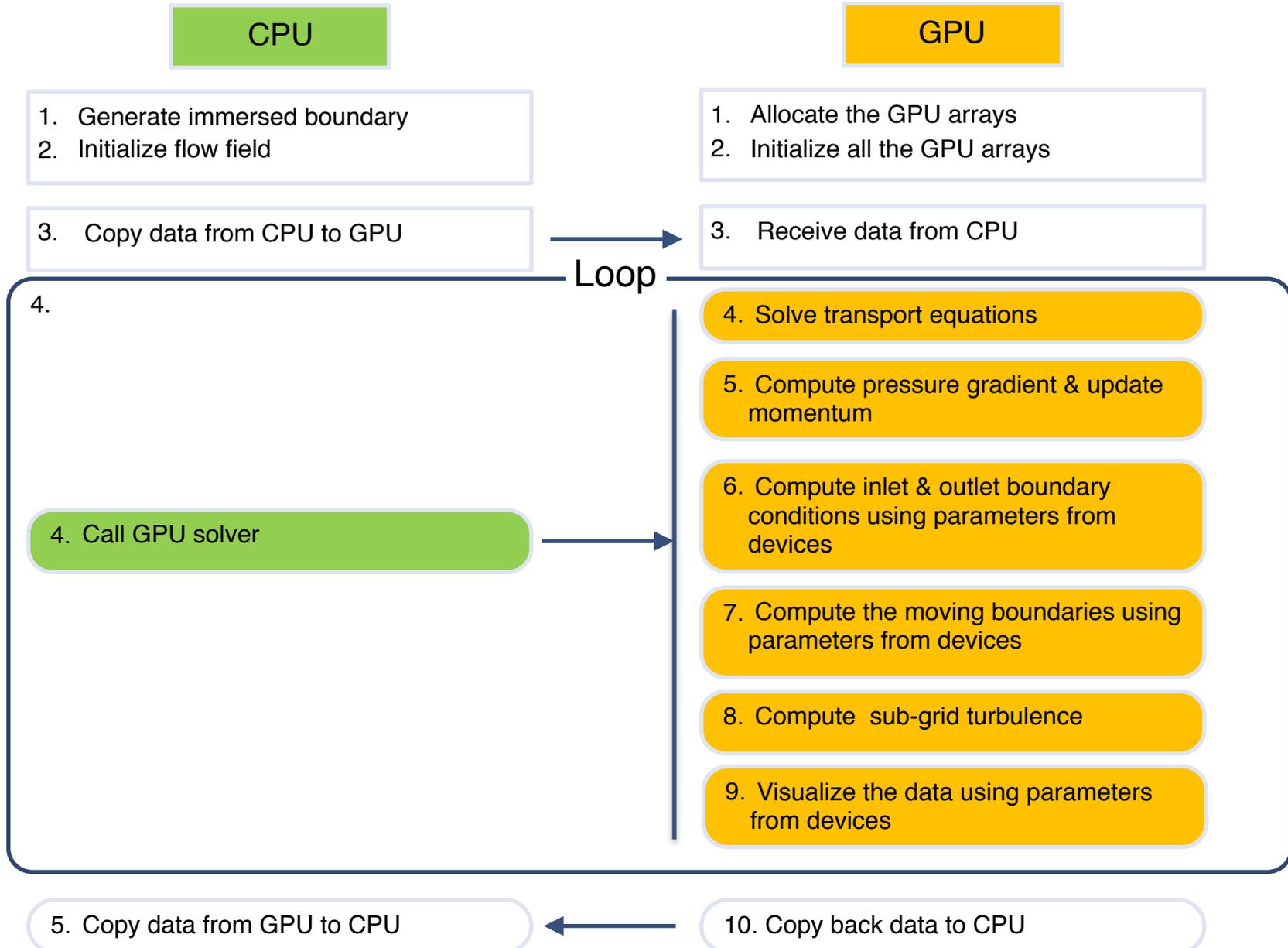
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PsiPhi-Cuda-kernel2<<<blocks,threads >>>()
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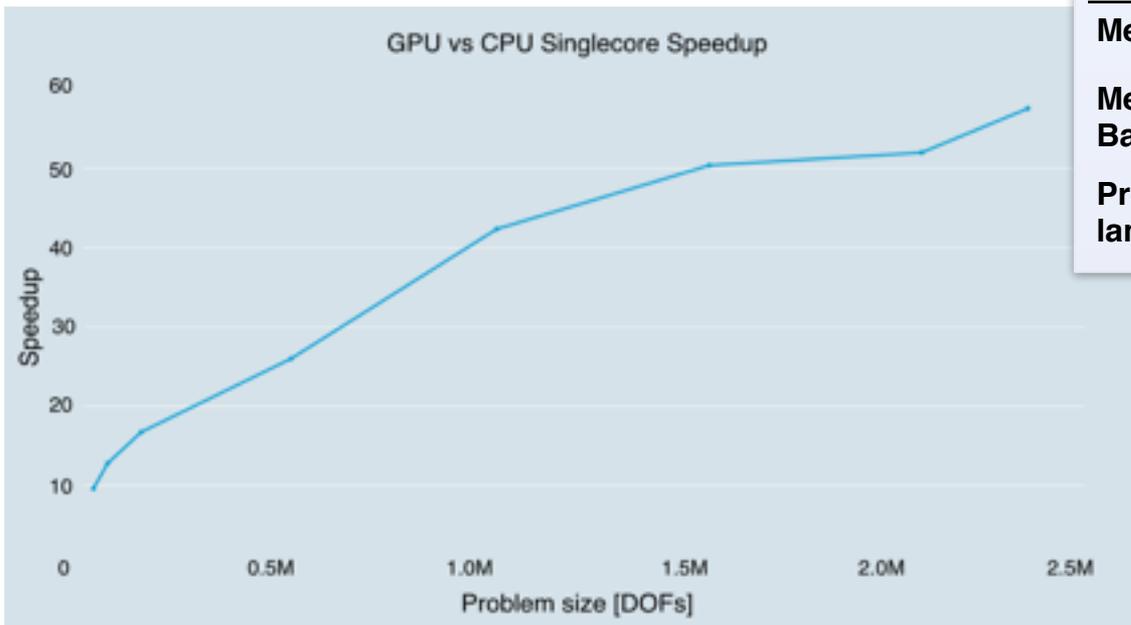
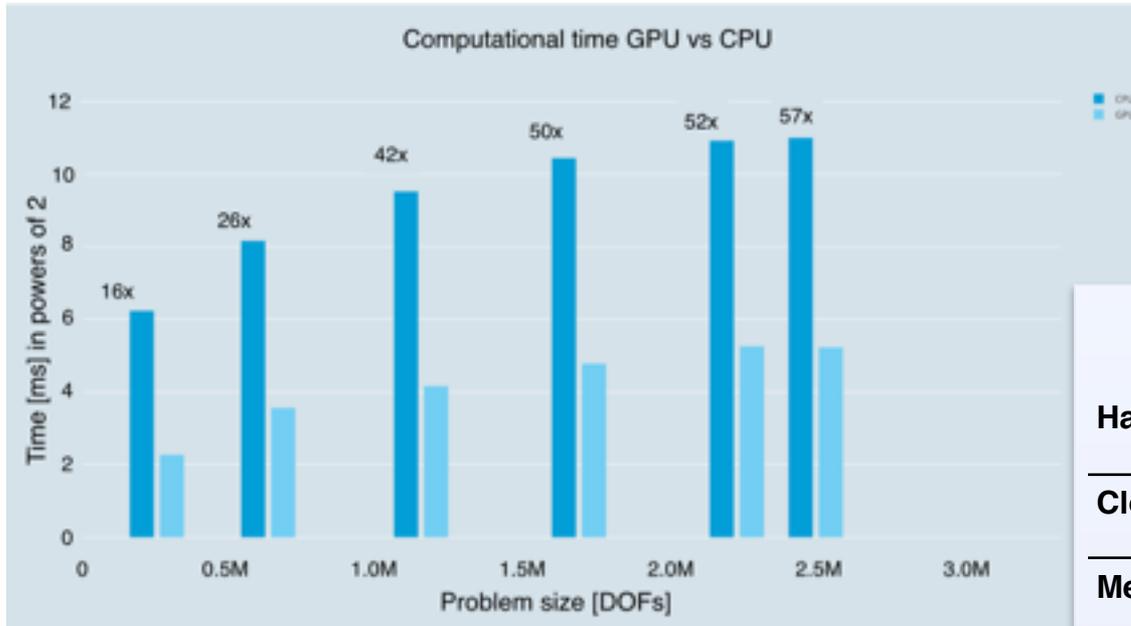
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# Coupling between CPU and GPU

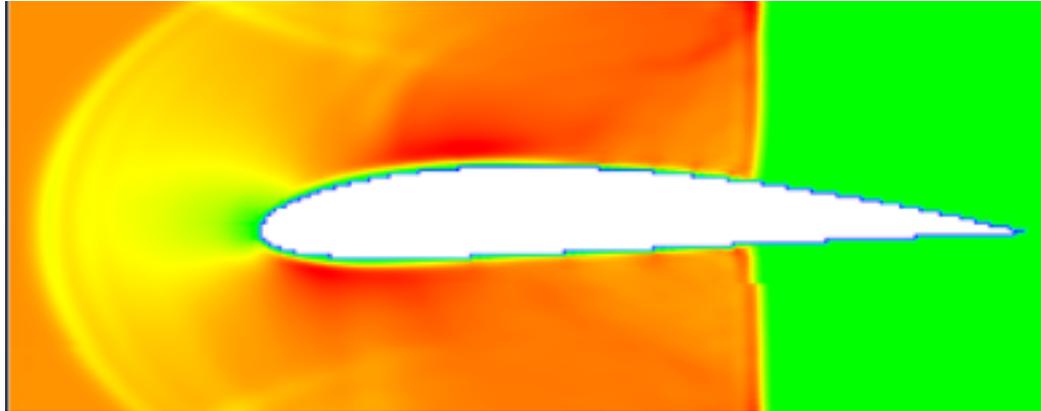


# Benchmark GPU vs CPU

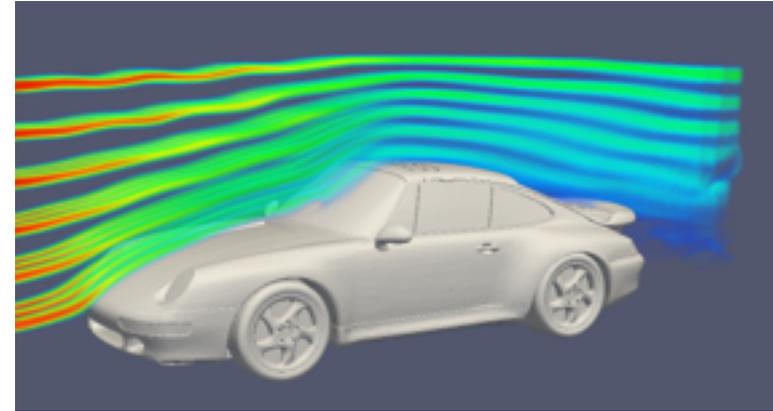


	GPU	CPU
<b>Hardware</b>	NVIDIA Tesla K20Xm	Intel Xeon E5-260
<b>Clock speed</b>	732 MHz	3.3 GHz
<b>Memory clock</b>	1300 MHz	1600 MHz
<b>Memory size</b>	6GB (GDDR5)	64 GB
<b>Memory Bandwidth</b>	250GB/s	
<b>Programming languages</b>	C CUDA	Fortran 90

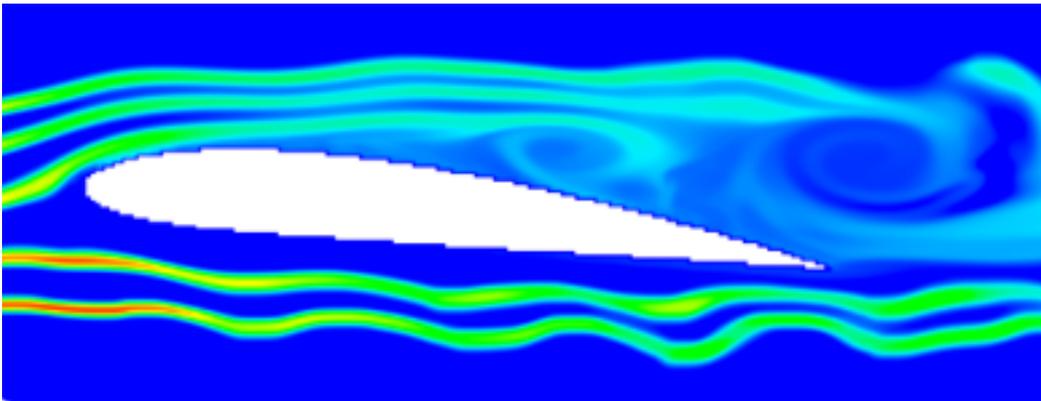
Pressure wave (Airfoil NACA 4415)



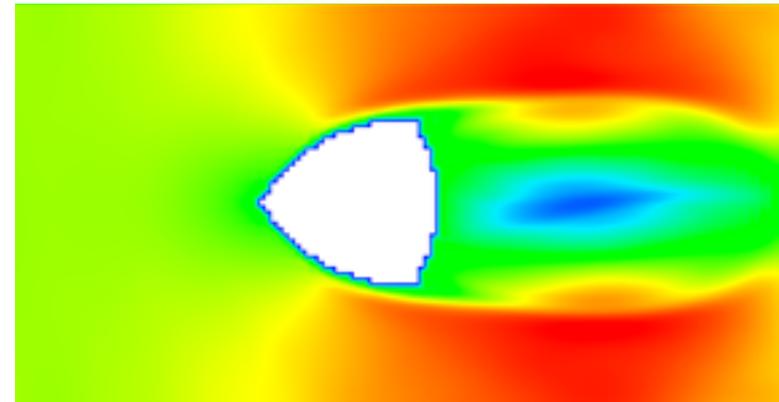
Passive tracer in 3D around a car

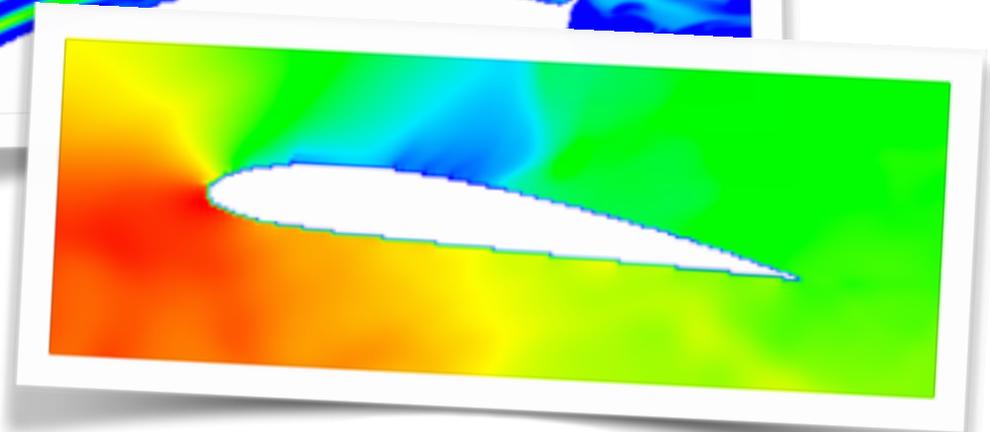
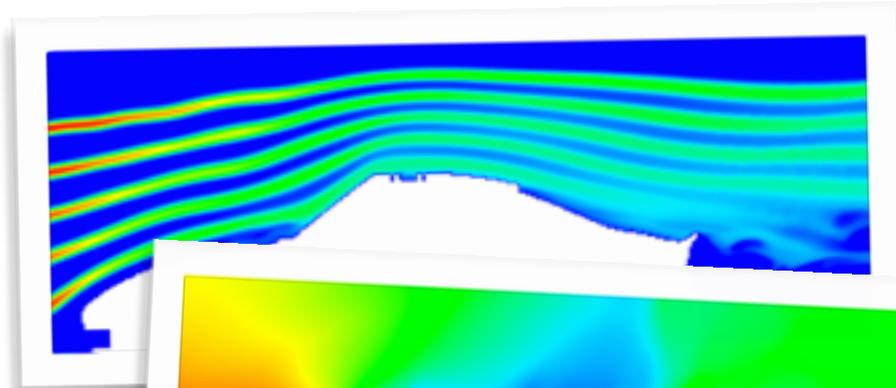
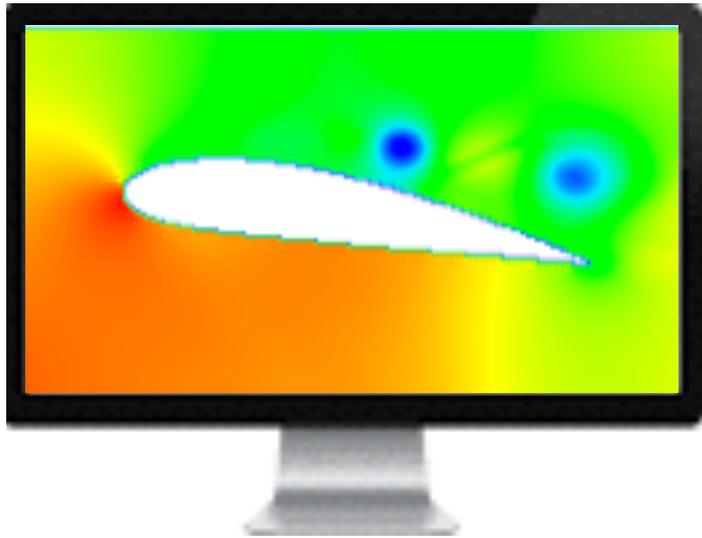


Passive tracer (Airfoil NACA 4415)



Velocities field around a Reuleaux triangle

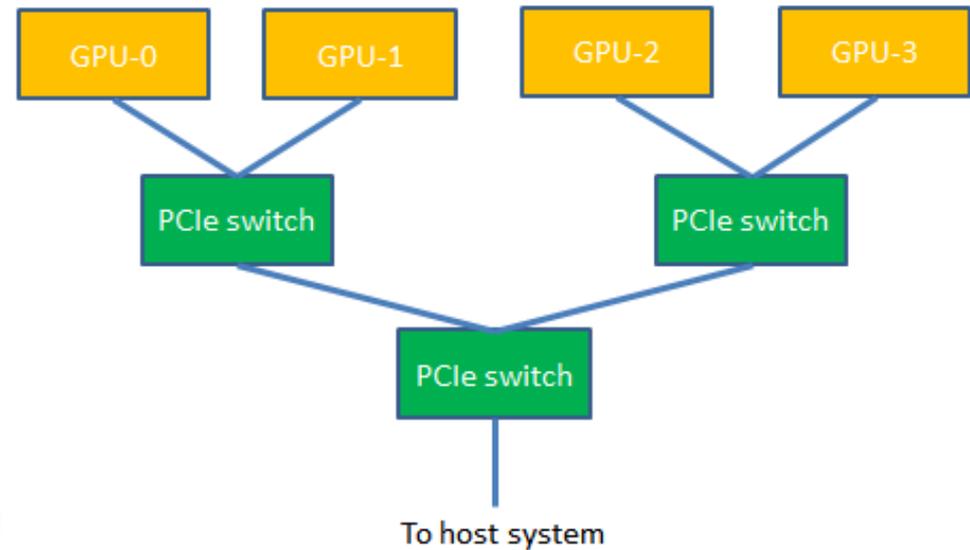




1. Quick access to the aerodynamics of complex geometries
2. „Wind tunnel tests“ can be performed or prepared on small computers
3. Simulated quantities are visualized instantly during the runtime
4. User can interact with the simulation directly
5. Transient processes can be studied effectively

*But: Reynolds number is still the major challenge*

1. Multi CPU & Multi GPU
2. Incompressible solver
3. Local refinement
4. Include more scenarios for
5. Improved In-situ Visualization
6. Improved architecture
7. Non-visual output and evaluation
8. Better turbulence modeling
9. Packaging for engineering, research and education





# Conclusions

- **A fast, efficient solver was implemented on GPUs**
- **Complex geometries are handled in a simple manner**
- **Real time interaction is integrated**
- **Data visualization is available**

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