



# OpenLB

*Open source Lattice Boltzmann code*

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## ***OpenLB -- Fluid Flow Simulation and Control on High Performance Computers***

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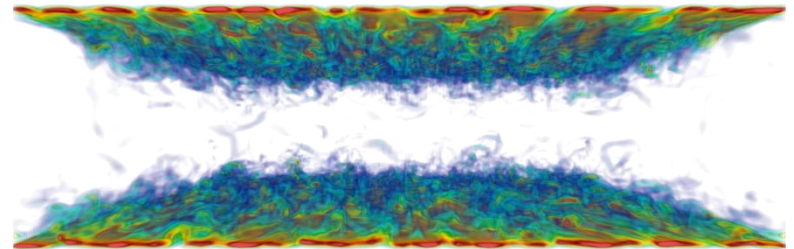
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# Challenges in (Computational) Fluid Mechanics

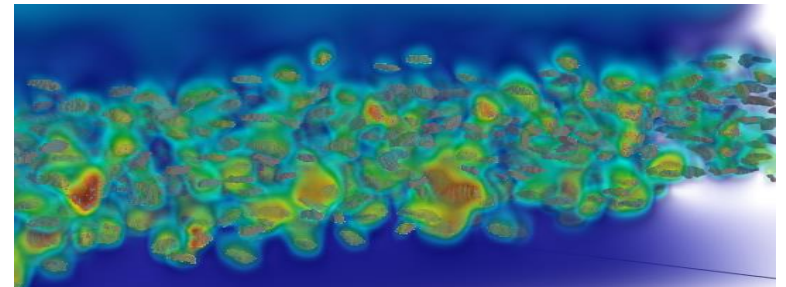
## Challenge 1: Turbulence

- capture small scales
- models inaccurate or **expensive**



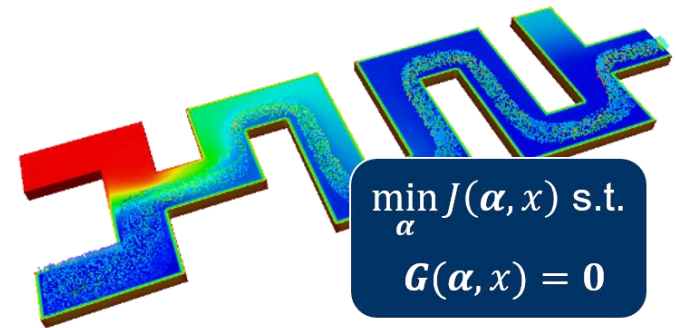
## Challenge 2: Suspensions

- capture effects of small particles
- models inaccurate or **expensive**



## Challenge 3: Optimal Control / Optimization

- enable model calibration & optimization
- formulation problem dependent, **expensive**



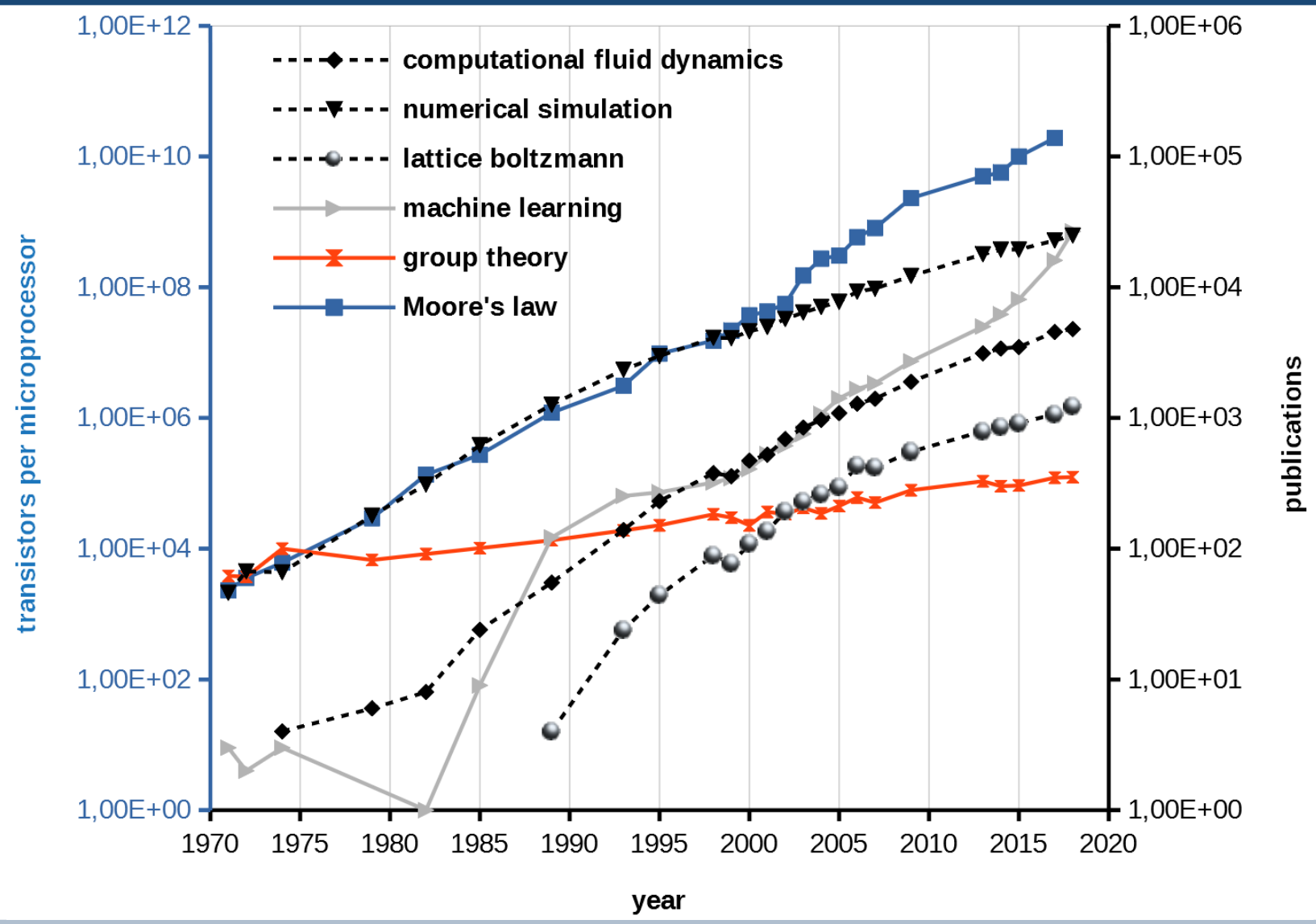
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# Facing the Challenges: Compute Power Available





# Facing the Challenges: LBRG's Solution Approach

## Parallel Lattice Boltzmann Methods (LBM)

- physical mesoscopic model
- algorithmic properties / parallelism
- LB approach as PDE solver

## Sustainable Research & Education

- beyond one PhD cycle
- open (source) community
- method AND application view
- interdisciplinary
- modern C++, CI, GIT, ..

### Challenge 1:

DNS/LES instead of RANS

### Challenge 2:

resolve particles' shape, force, ...

### Challenge 3:

algorithmic differentiation & adjoints, combine measurement & simulation

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**Challenge I -- Turbulence**

**Challenge II -- Suspensions**

**Challenge III -- Optimization**

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# Modelling Flows of Incompressible Newtonian Fluids

*macroscopic:*

**Navier-Stokes equation**

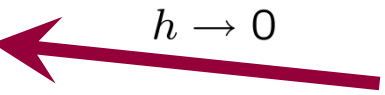
$u, p$  in  $I \times \Omega$

*mesoscopic:*

Boltzmann equation /

**BGK-Boltzmann equation**  $h \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$

$f$  in  $I \times \Omega \times \mathbb{R}^d$



$h \rightarrow 0$

[Saint-Raymond 2003]

$\omega \sim h^2, l_f \sim h, c_s \sim 1/h$

consistent discretisation: LBM



$\Delta t = h^2, \Delta r_k = h, v_i \sim 1/h$

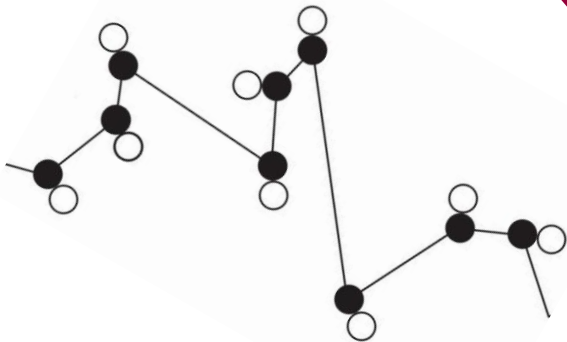
**lattice Boltzmann equation**

$f_i$  in  $I_h \times \Omega_h \times Q$

- explicit scheme
- efficient parallelisation

[Junk et al. 2005]

[K. 2010]



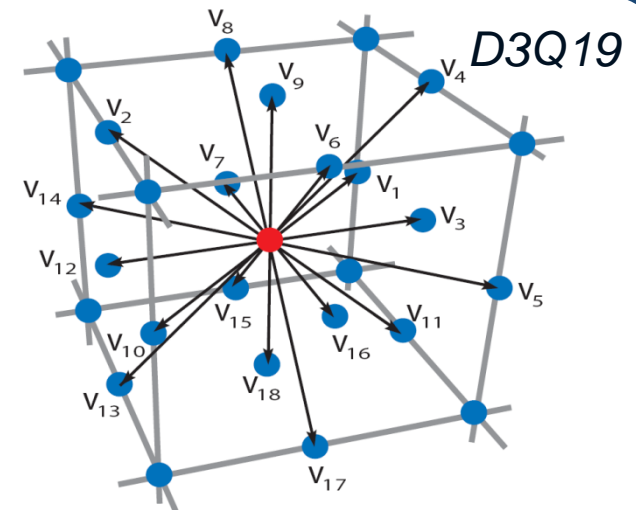


# Lattice Boltzmann Methods (LBM)

Idea: coupling model parameter  $h \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$  with  
discretisation parameter: *Lattice DdQq*

Macroscopic moments:

$$\text{density } \rho = \sum_{i=0}^{q-1} f_i, \text{ velocity } \rho \mathbf{u} = \sum_{i=0}^{q-1} \mathbf{v}_i f_i$$



Time loop  $t = t_0, t_0 + h^2, t_0 + 2h^2, \dots, t_1$

Position space loop  $\mathbf{r} \in \Omega_h$

(1) Collision 
$$\tilde{f}_i(t, \mathbf{r}) = f_i(t, \mathbf{r}) - \frac{1}{3\nu + 1/2} \left( f_i(t, \mathbf{r}) - M_{f_i}^{eq}(t, \mathbf{r}) \right)$$

(2) Streaming 
$$f_i(t + h^2, \mathbf{r} + h^2 \mathbf{v}_i) = \tilde{f}_i(t, \mathbf{r})$$



# Facts and Figures

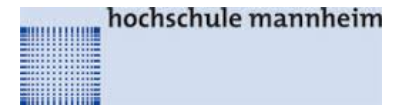
2D and 3D fluid flow and transport simulations based on LBM

## Realization

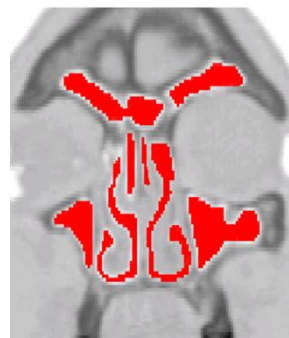
- Started in 2006 by Jonas Latt & Mathias J. Krause
- Open source (GPL2)
- C++, object oriented, template-based, modular, extensible
- **Hybrid parallelization (MPI & OpenMP)**

## Features in latest release 1.4

- Various lattice types: D2Q9, D3Q15, D3Q19, ...
- Local, non-local, on- and off-lattice boundary conditions
- Collision models: BGK, MRT, LES, multiphase, thermal
- **Build-in pre-processing from e.g. STL-files**
- Unit conversion for problem set-up in SI-units
- XML interface for input parameters
- Visualization (built-in and VTK)



# Built-in Geometry Creation and Meshing



CT/MRT

**Step 1a):**  
Segmentation,  
Smoothing

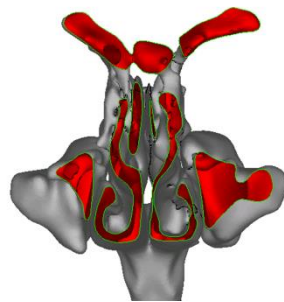


VMTK, ITK, ...

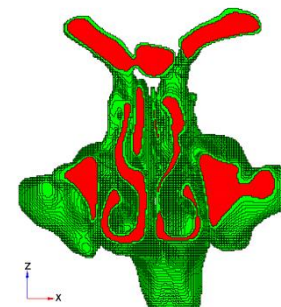
CAD  
**Step 1b):**  
Import

Indicator Functors

**Step 1c):**  
Built-in



STL Surface Mesh **and/or**  
Geometry Primitives

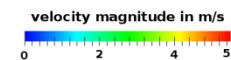


Voxel  
Mesh

**Step 2:**  
Built-in voxelizing



**Step 3:**  
Setting of  
material-  
dependent  
boundary  
conditions

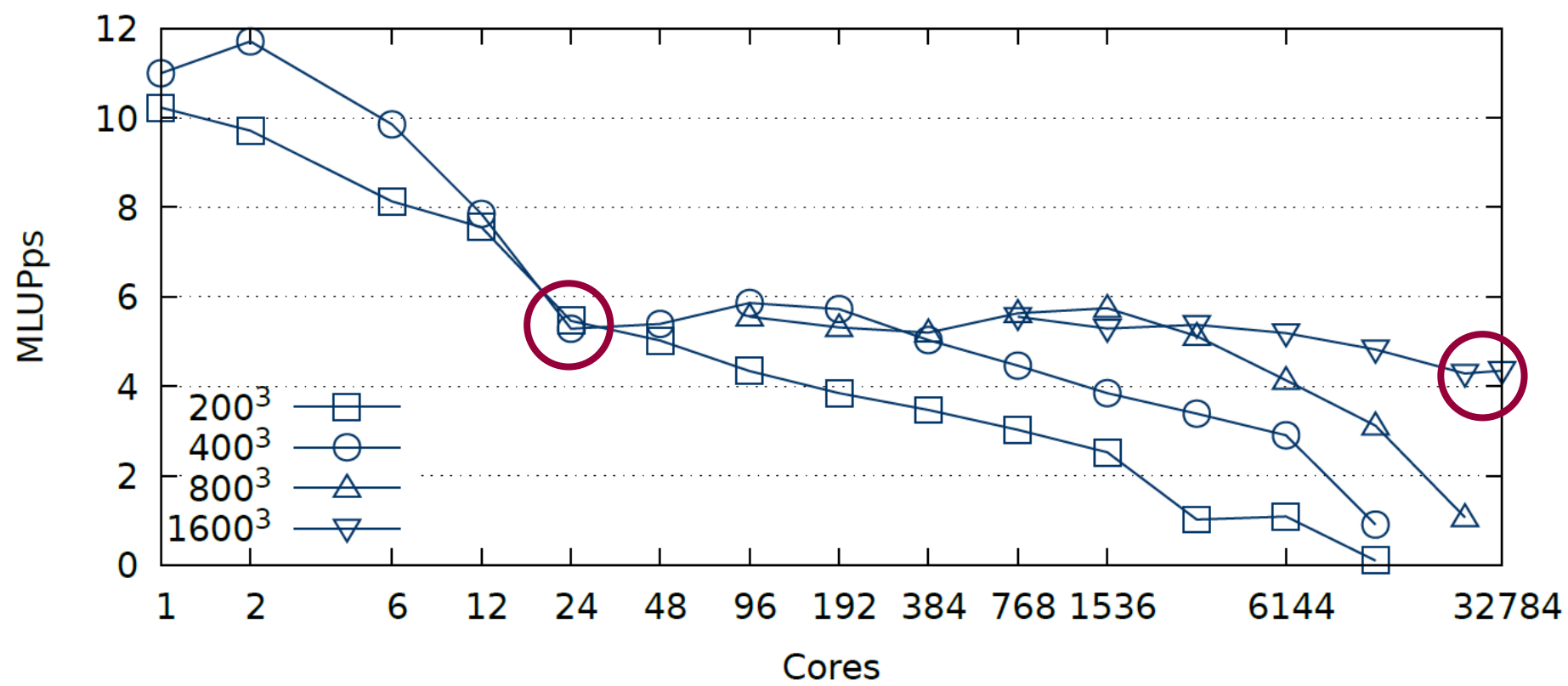


Simulation  
Results



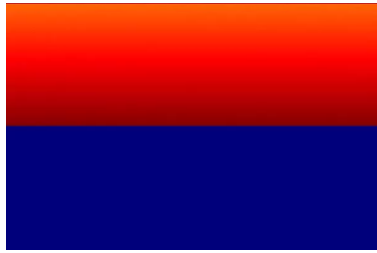
# Parallel Performance @ Magnus, Curtin, Australia

Approximately 80% efficiency  
1 node ~ 1 cluster (1366 nodes)  
46 days ~ 1 hour



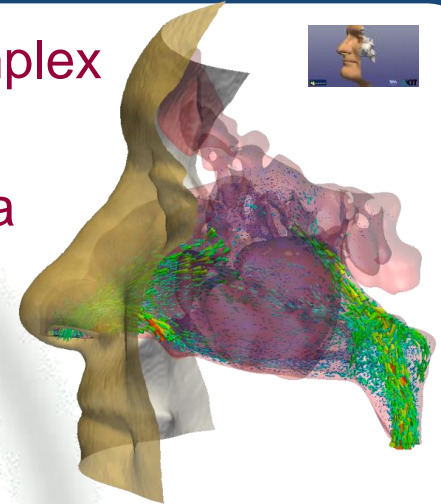


# Applications

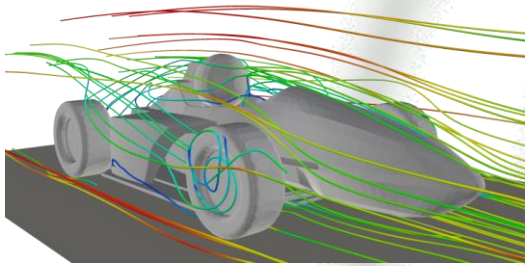


Multiphase flows

Flows in complex geometries, porous media

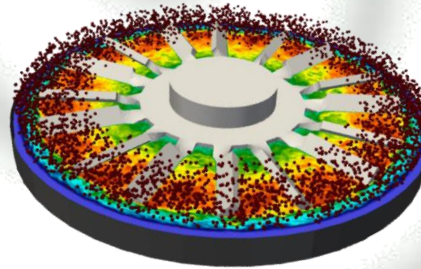


Turbulent flows

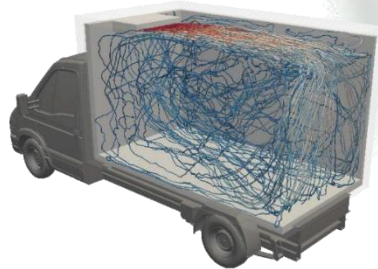
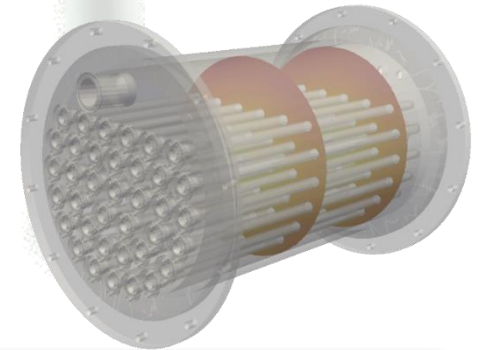


## OpenLB Applications

Particle flows



Radiative transport



Thermal flows



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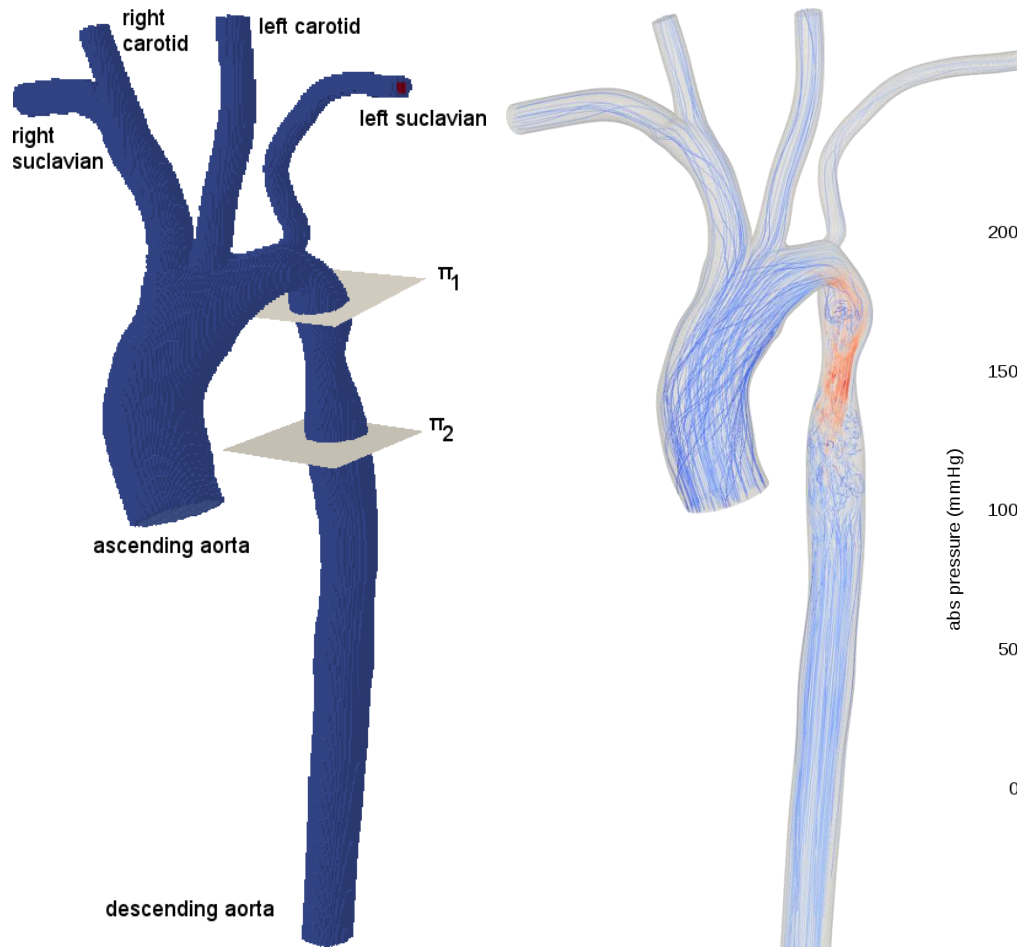
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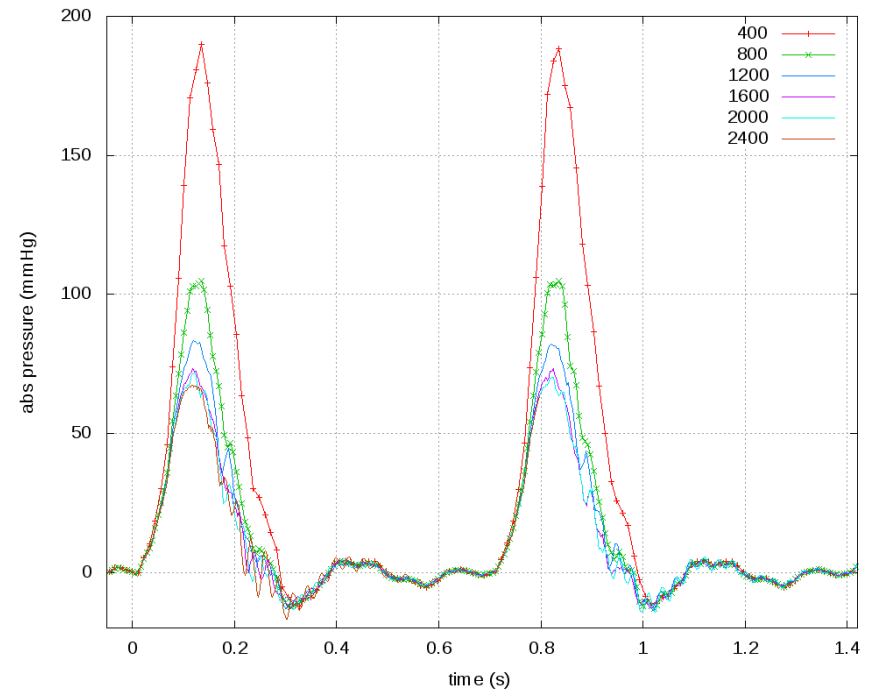
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# Aorta Benchmark, DNS



**Goal: Validate DNS LBM**

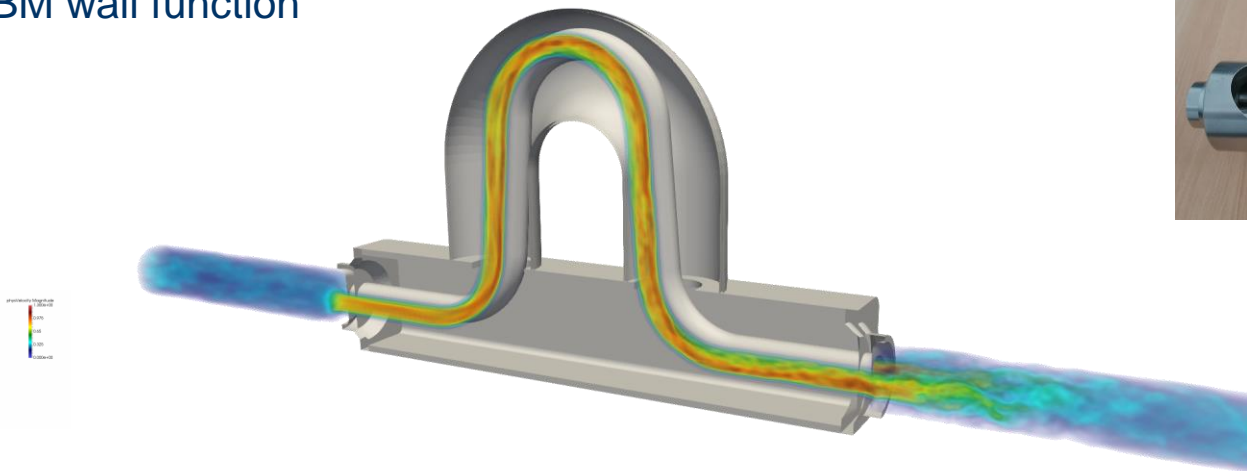
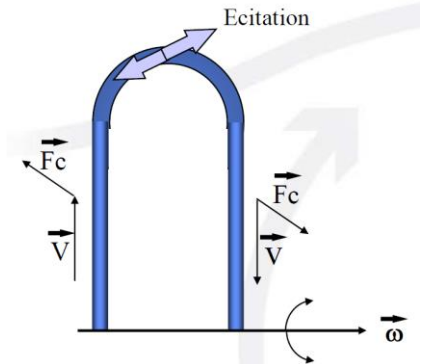



Henn, T., Krause, M. J. et al. (2012). In proceedings MICCAI12 STACOM12 7746, 34.

# Coriolis Mass Flowmeter Simulation, LES

## Goal: Improve measurement accuracy

- Investigation of pressure drop
  - Comparison with experimental data
- Investigation of vortex phenomena
  - LBM Large Eddy Simulation Smagorinsky model
  - LBM wall function



 [Haussmann, M., Reinshaus, P., Simonis, S. et al. \(2020\). Preprint arXiv:2005.04070 \[physics.comp-ph\].](#)

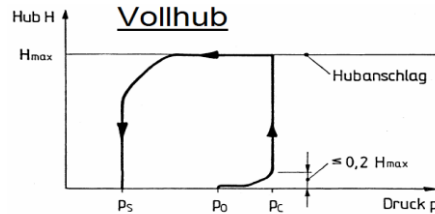
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# Safety Valve Simulation, LES

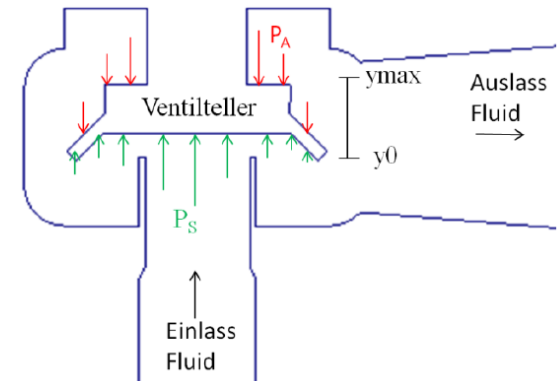
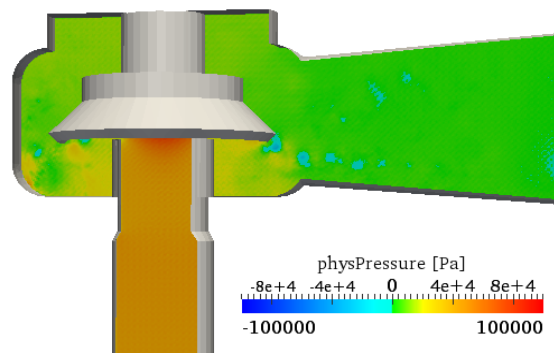
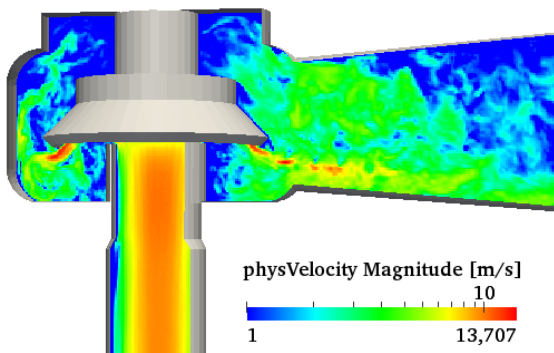
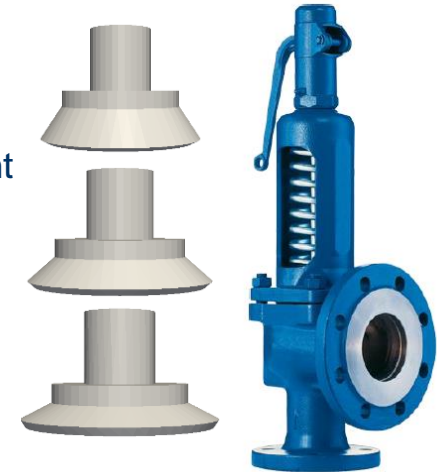
## Goal: avoid chatter

→ vary shape of disk

- 3D transient turbulent simulation
- 1 billion degrees of freedom
- parallelization: 30 days → 1 day  
64 cores → 2.048 cores
- optimize shape of disk



different  
disk  
angle





# Thermal Flow for Thermal Comfort, LES

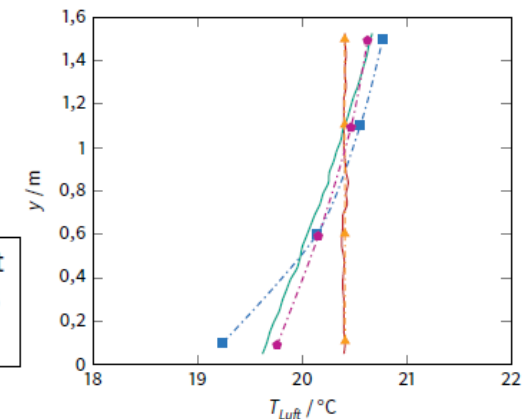
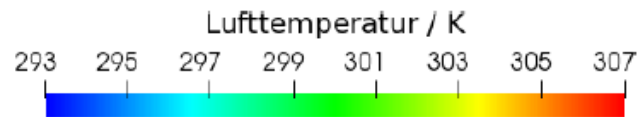
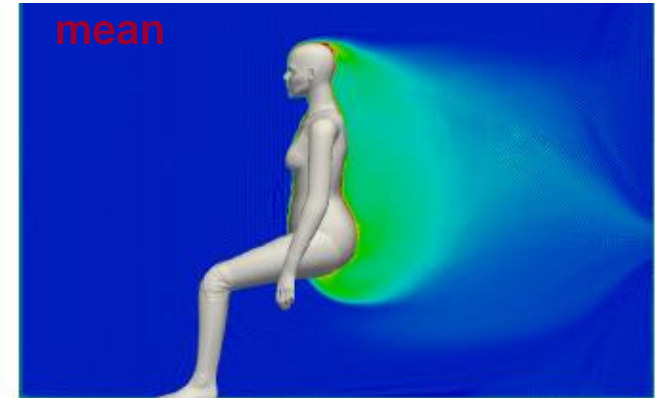
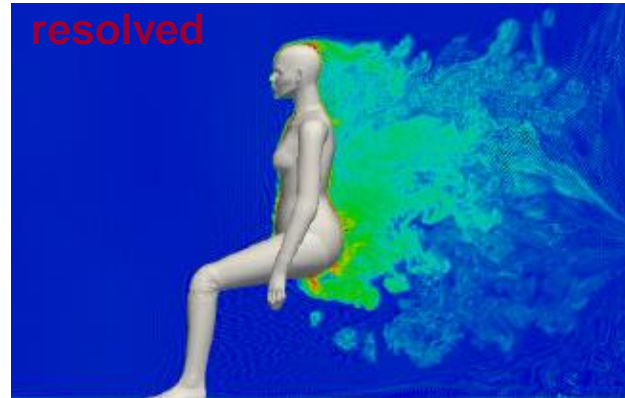
## Goal: Improve thermal comfort

control flow patterns by change of design and flow conditions of

- Heating
- Air condition
- Ventilator

## Benchmark study:

- $Re=29,000$
- $Pe=20,600$
- LES - Smagorinsky type
- 130 mio. grid cells



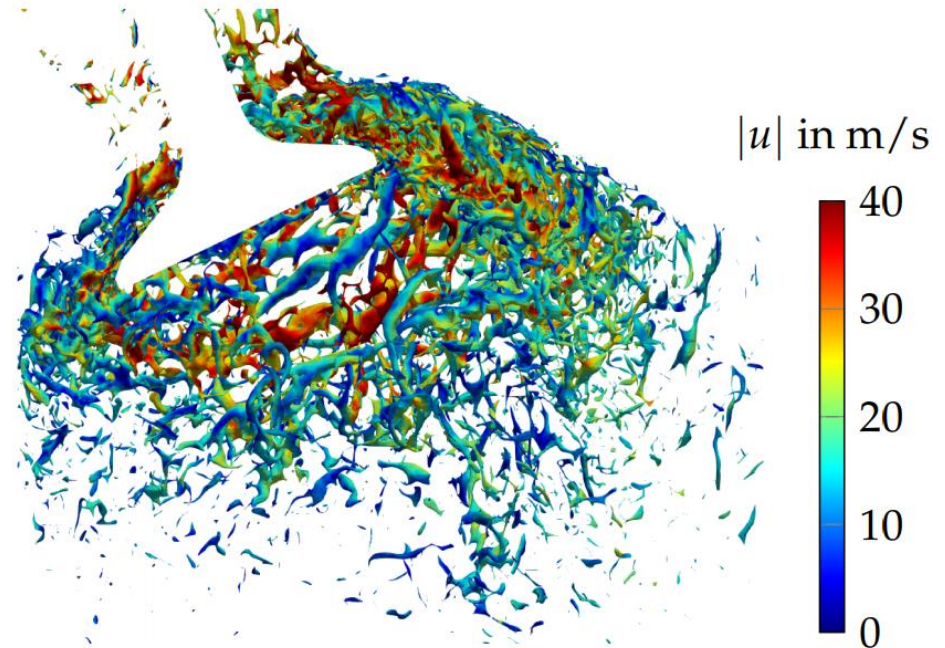
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# Turbulent Flows with LBM LES: Applications

- **Wall models** for LBM LES, e.g.:  
Near-wall-models (NWM)  
with SRT LBM

- **NWM-LES LBM for  
Complex turbulent flows**  
relevant to  
internal combustion engines

- **Comparison of OpenFOAM and OpenLB w.r.t.:**  
capability of **prediction accuracy, computational cost, ease of use.**

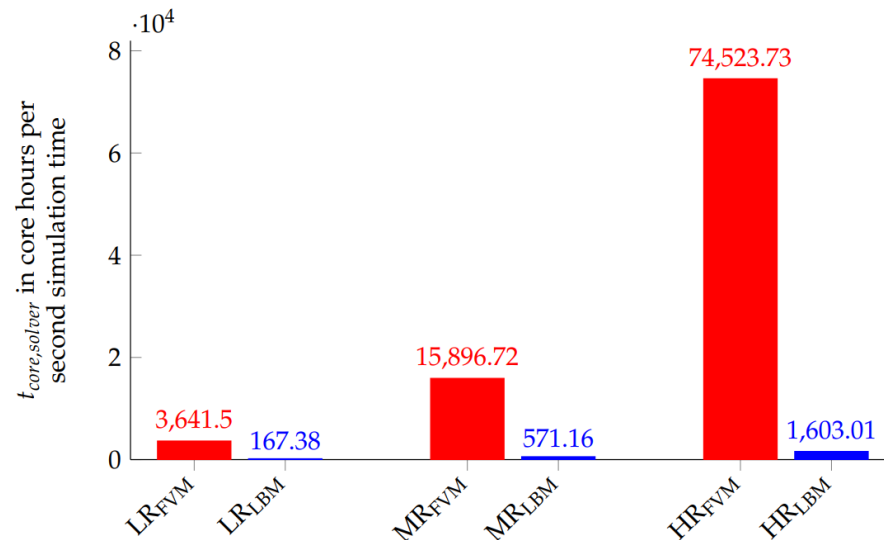
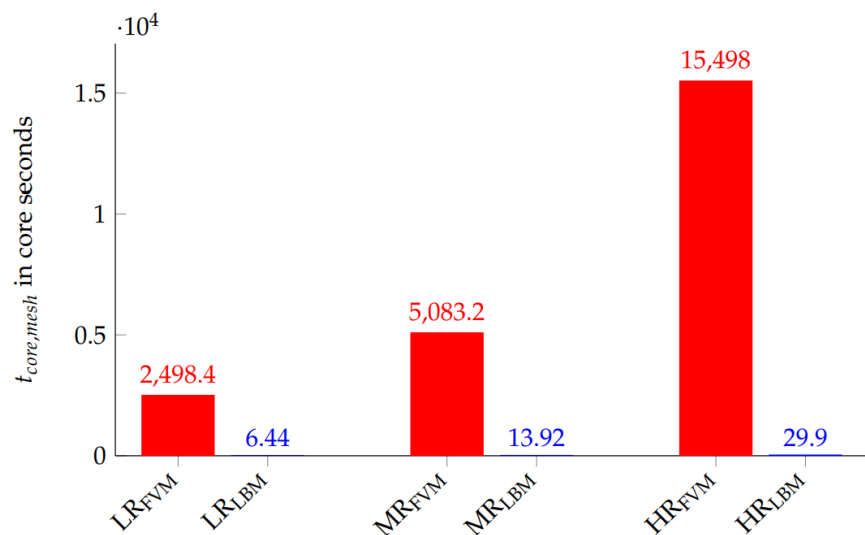


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# OpenLB (LBM) vs OpenFOAM (FVM)



- **Similar NWM-LES:**  
Smagorinsky–Lilly, van Driest damping, Musker wall function
- **Similar prediction accuracy**
- **computational cost for the present setup:**  
meshing with OpenLB is 424x faster than with OpenFOAM  
simulation with OpenLB is 32x faster than with OpenFOAM



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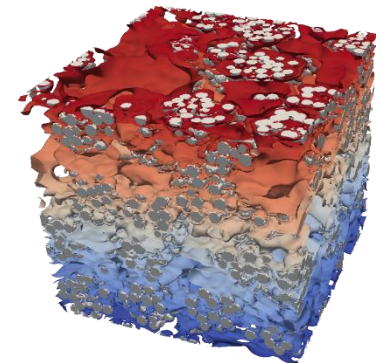
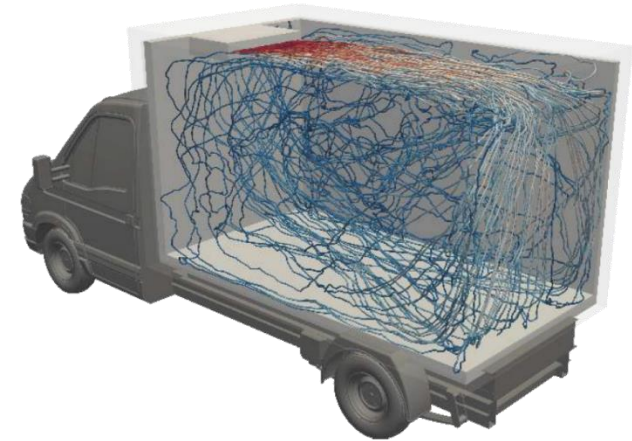
# Thermal Flow in Refrigerated Vehicles, LES

## Goal: Improve the insulation efficiency

- exchange insulation material
  - extruded polysterol (XPS) by
  - vacuum insulation panels (VIP)

## Convection in vehicle's cooling chamber:

- Air conditioning volume flow of  $990 \frac{m^3}{h}$
- Turbulent free jet,  $Re = 28,000$
- Large eddy simulation (LES) Smagorinsky
- Resolved heat flux through insulation walls
- Utilizing conjugated heat transfer implementation



 [Gaedtke, M., Wachter, S., Kunkel, S. et al. \(2019\). Heat and Mass Transfer, 1-13.](#)

 [Gaedtke, M., Wachter, S., Raedle, M. et al. \(2018\). Comput. Math. with Appl., 76\(10\), 2315-2329.](#)

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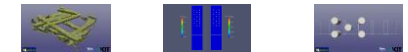
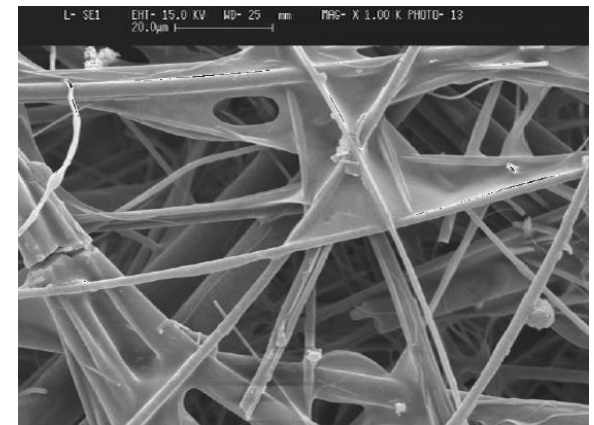
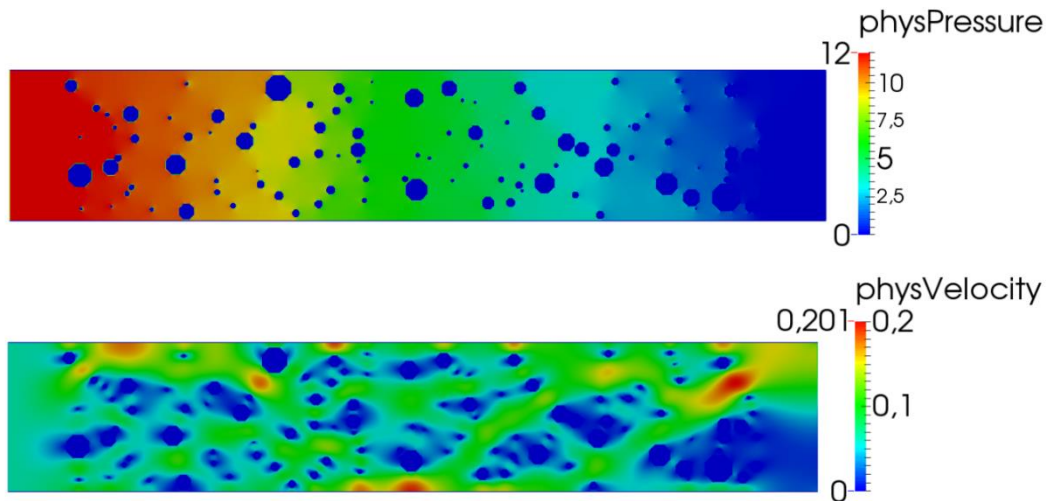
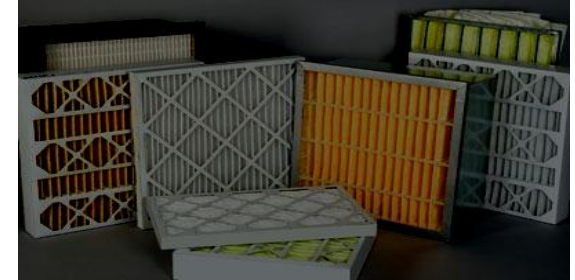
**Challenge III -- Optimization**

**Summary**

# Micro Filtration, Particle

## Goal: design of an efficient filter

- vary shape of filter and flow conditions
- geometry from  $\mu$ CT scans
- 2D and 3D transient simulation slip flow
  - particles (Lagrange)
  - air as density (Euler)



 [Augusto, L. D. L. X., Ross-Jones \*et al.\* \(2018\). Commun Comput Phys, 23, 910-931.](#)



# Fine Particle Fractionation, Particle

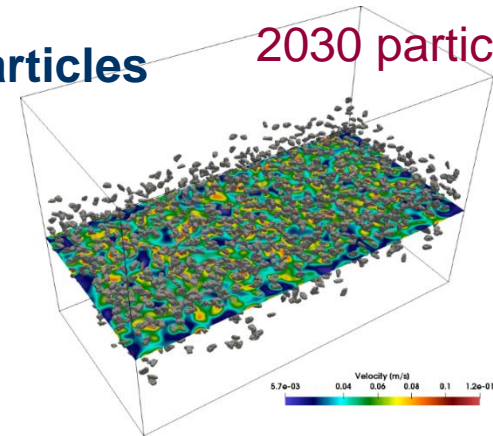
**Challenge:** Low selectivity in the range from  $100\text{ nm}$  to  $10\text{ }\mu\text{m}$

**Goal: Improvement of separation processes**

→ Simulation of a large number of **arbitrary shaped particles**

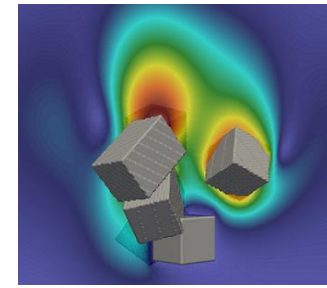
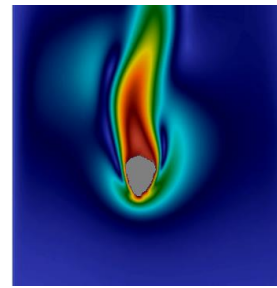
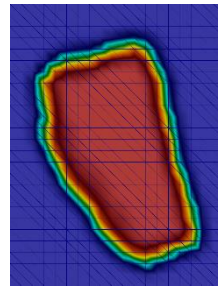


2030 particles



Method needs to account for surface structure

Contact treatment for non-spherical particles is complex



[Trunk, R., Marquardt, J., Thäter, G. \*et al.\* \(2018\). \*Comput Fluids\*, 172, 621-631.](#)



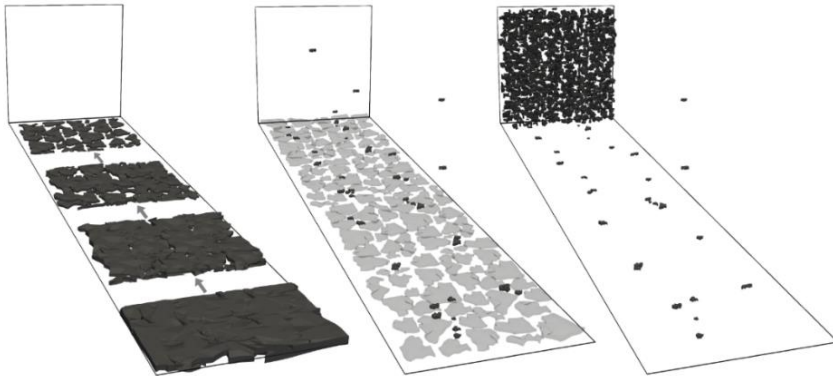
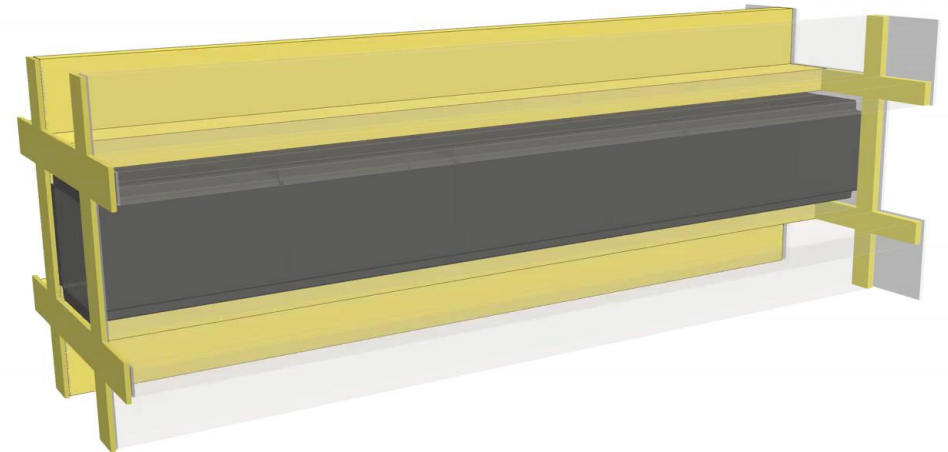
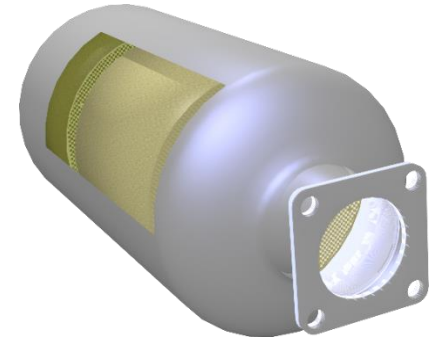
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# Exhaust Treatment by Wall-flow Filters, Particle

## Goal: Investigation of particle-layer rearrangement

→ simulation of resolved particulate flows

- Ash accumulates, forms specific deposition patterns
- Patterns evolve due to oxidation during the filter regeneration
- Effect of deposition patterns:
  - change in filter efficiency
  - increase of pressure loss



 Hafen, N., Dittler, A., Krause, M. J. (2020). Submitted to Philos. Trans. R. Soc. A.





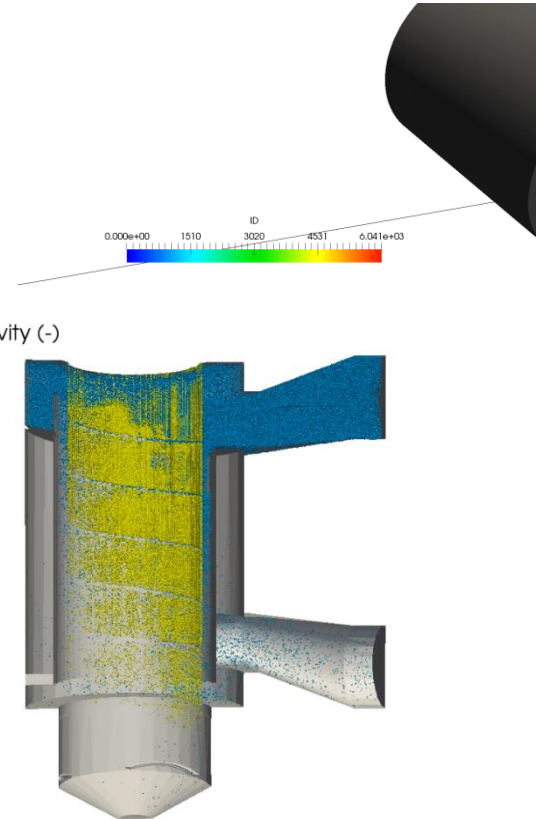
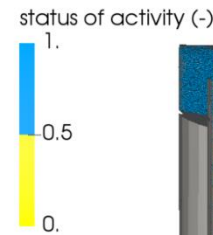
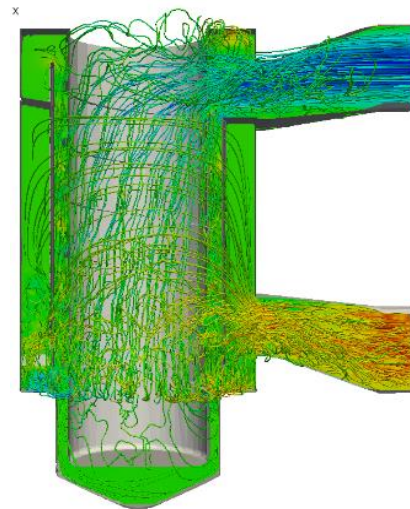
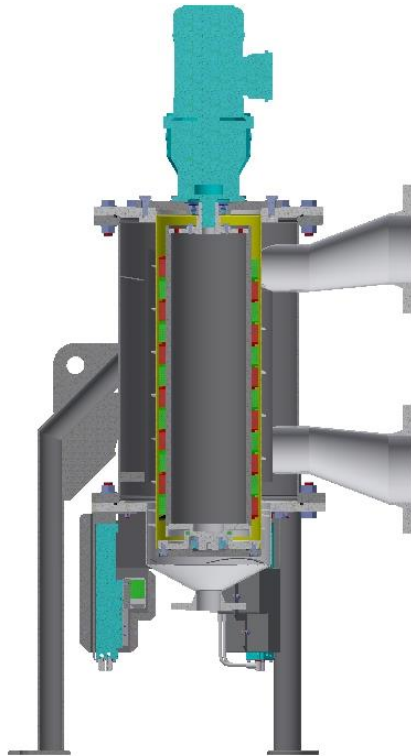
# Magnetic Spiral Separator, Particle



**Goal: basic understanding, increase efficiency**

3D simulation with LBM

- carrier fluid (Euler)
- magnetic field (Euler)
- magnetic particles (Lagrange)



[Maier, M. L., Milles, S. \*et al.\* \(2018\). \*Comput. Math. with Appl.\*, 76\(11-12\), 2744-2757.](#)



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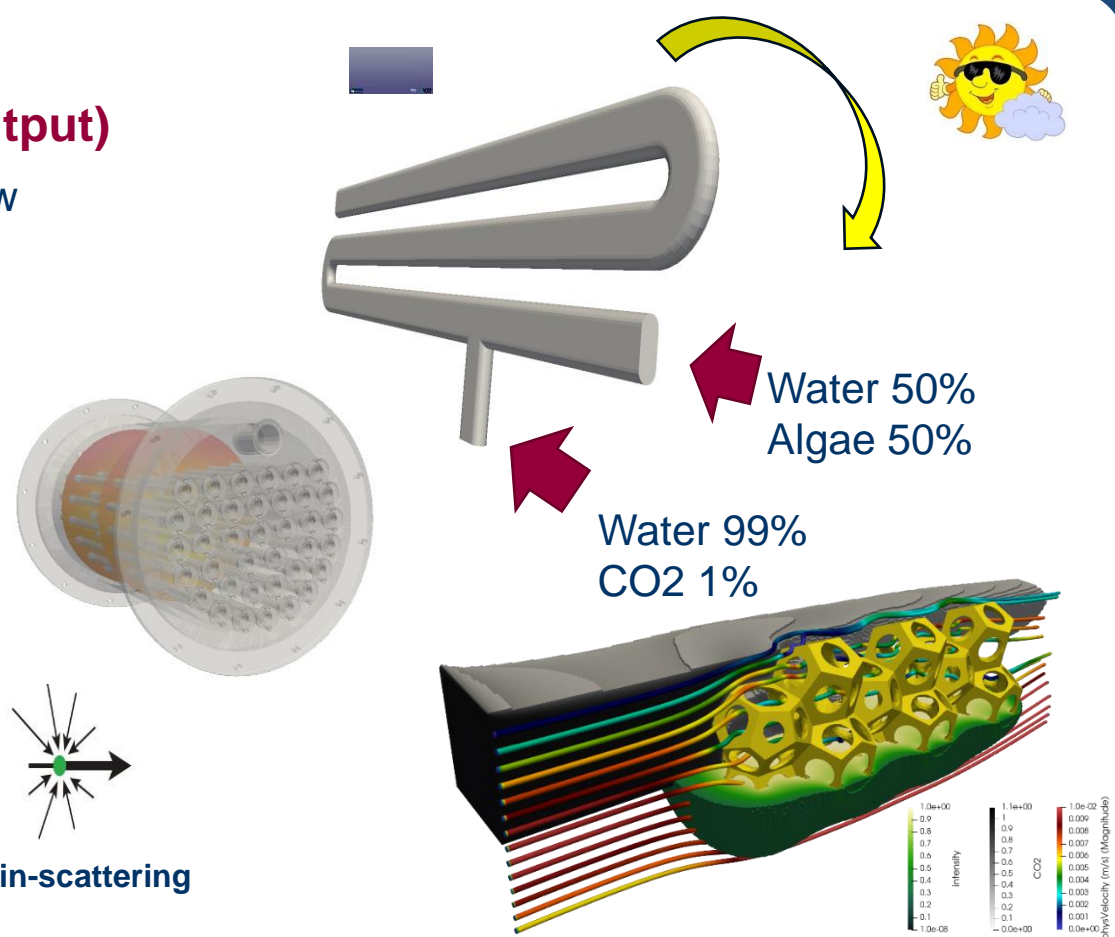
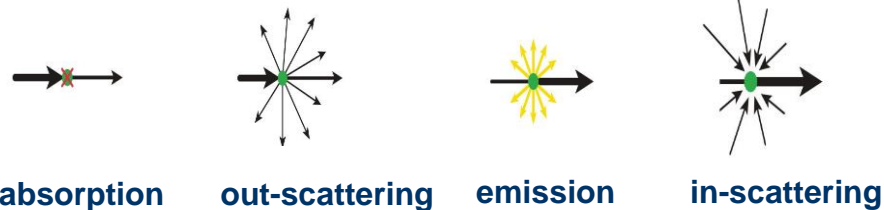
# Photobioreactor Simulation, Complex System

**Goal: optimize energy balance  
(energy input / bio mass output)**

→ change shape, position, inflow

- 3D suspension simulation
  - algae as particles (Lagrange)
  - CO<sub>2</sub> , Water as density (Euler)
  - algae consume CO<sub>2</sub>
- 3D light simulation

next: vary pipe shape, sun position



 [Mink, A., McHardy, C. et al. \(2020\). J Quant Spectrosc Radiat Transf, 243, 106810.](#)

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# Optimal Control Solution Strategies

Problem: find control  $\alpha$  and state  $f$  such that  $J(f, \alpha)$  is minimised and  $G(f, \alpha) = 0$  holds }

Side condition G governed by e.g. a BGK-Boltzmann equation



## Two solution strategies [3]

- Iterative, gradient-based (Steepest Descent, LBFGS)
- Discretization: LBM
- Parallel



### Approach I

First-discretize-then-optimize

- (Discrete) adjoint-based [1, 2]
- Algorithmic Differentiation [3]



### Approach II [3]

First-optimize-then-discretize

- Adjoint-based



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# CFD-MRI: Basic Algorithm, Optimization



Step 1: Noisy MRI scan velocity  $u^*$ , boundary  $\rightarrow$  start "porosity"  $d_0$

Step 2: CFD simulation  $u(d_i)$

**Goal:**  
Reduce noise,  
identify flow topology



Step 3: Calculate

- a) difference between CFD and MRI  $J = \int_{\Omega} (u(d_i) - u^*)^2$ ,
- b) gradient  $dJ$  and with this,
- c) new parameter for porosity  $d_{i+1}$

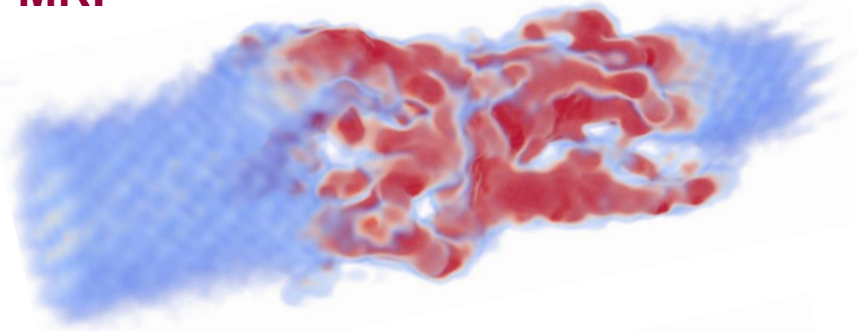
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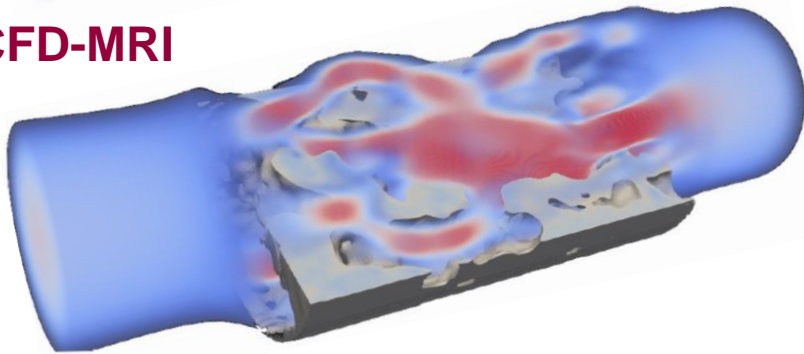
# CFD-MRI: Applications Sponge & Aorta, Optimization

Chemical reaction in sponge

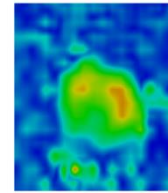
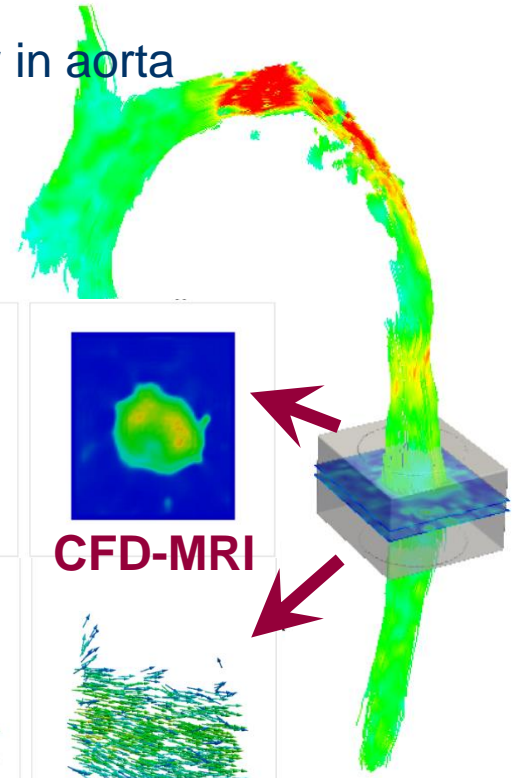
**MRI**



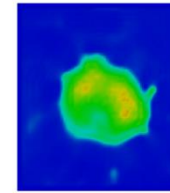
**CFD-MRI**



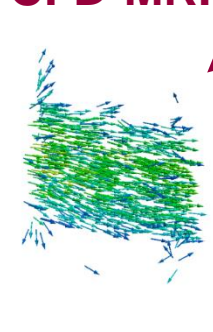
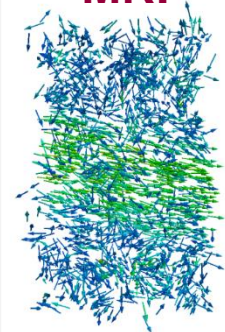
Blood flow in aorta



**MRI**



**CFD-MRI**



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## Facing challenges in CFD:

**Turbulence**

**DNS/LES instead  
of RANS**

**Suspensions**

**Resolve particles  
(shape, force, ...)**

**Optimal Control/  
Optimization**

**Algorithmic  
differentiation,  
adjoints, CFD-MRI**

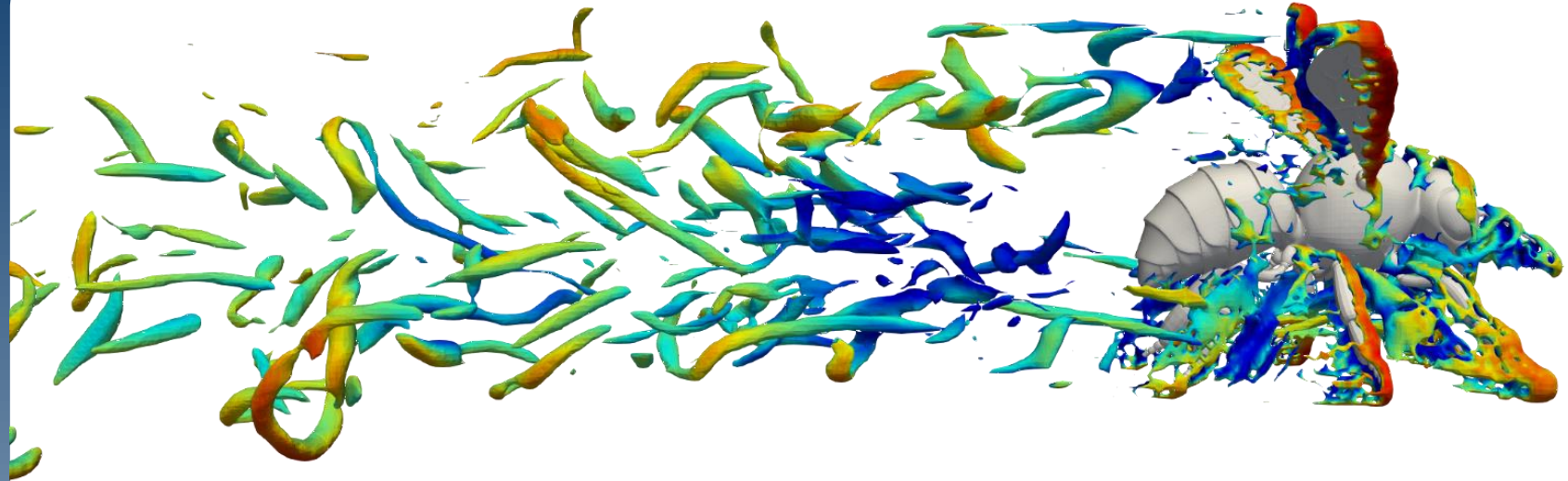
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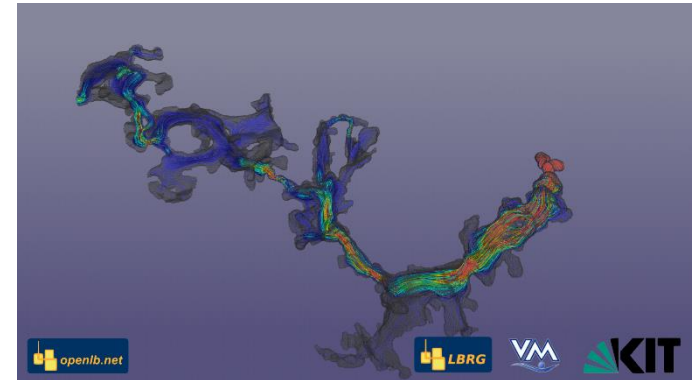
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