

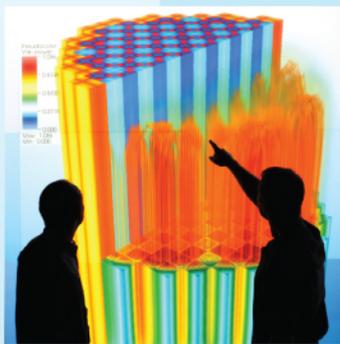
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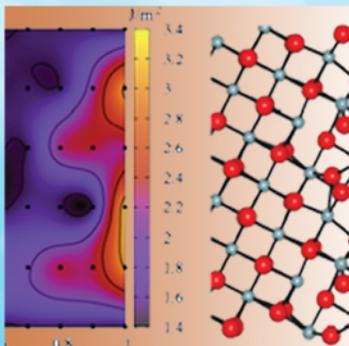
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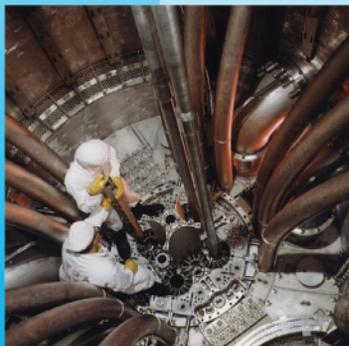
Cranberry, PA

December 3, 2013

Fundamental science



Plant operational data



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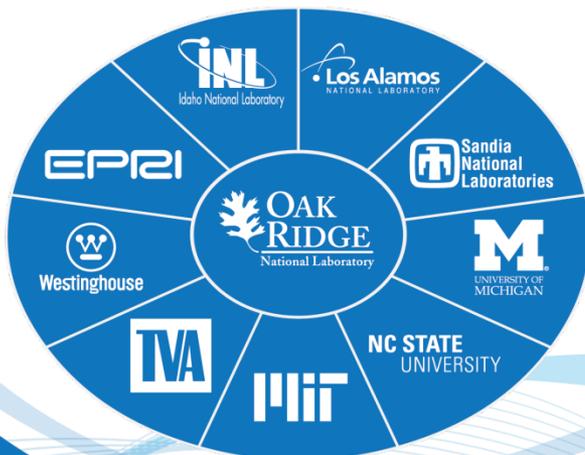
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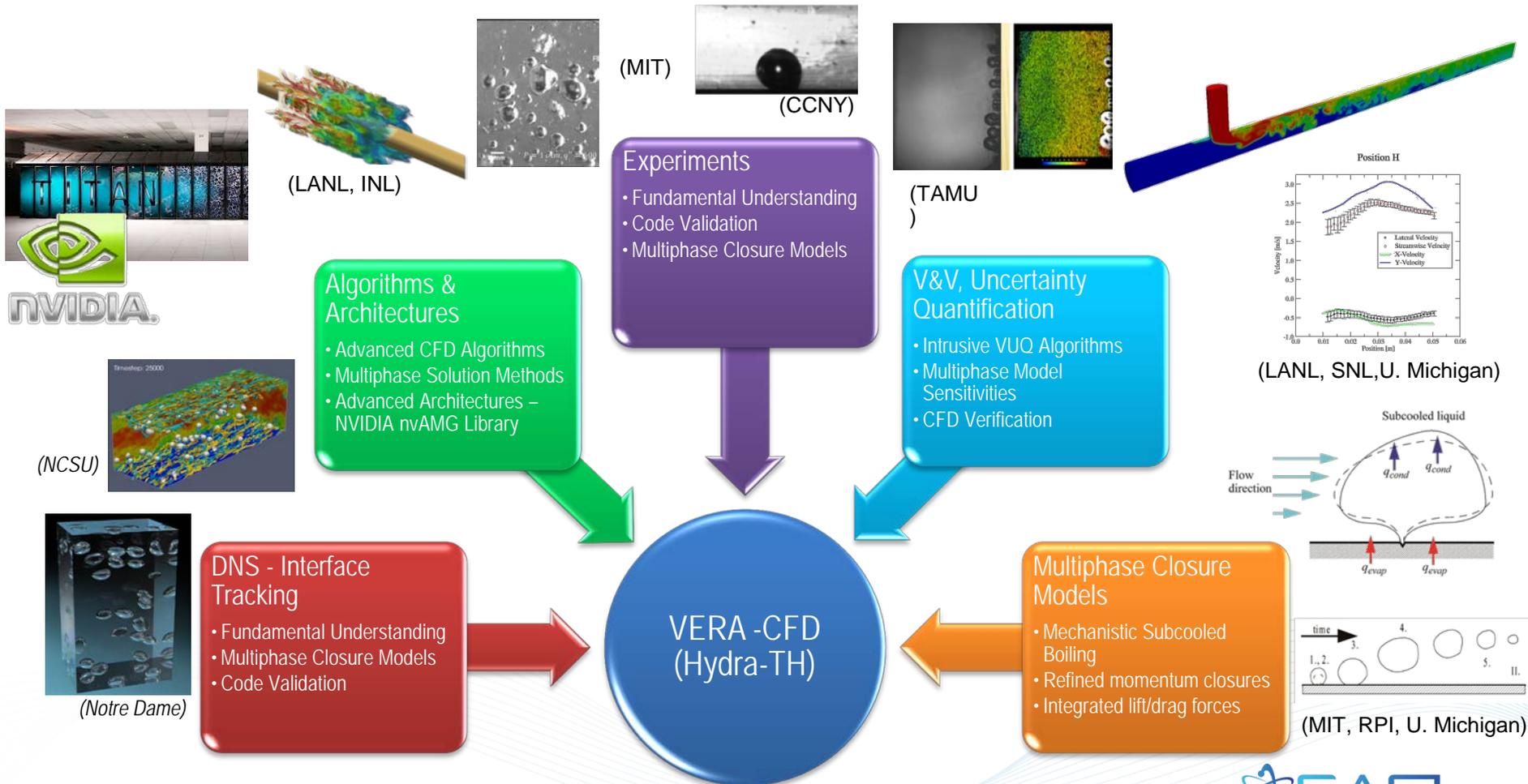


# Overview

- CASL Thermal-Hydraulics Focus Area Overview
- Hydra-TH Status and Plans
- Closure Modeling Status and Plans
- Meshing Challenges and Plans
- Future Directions

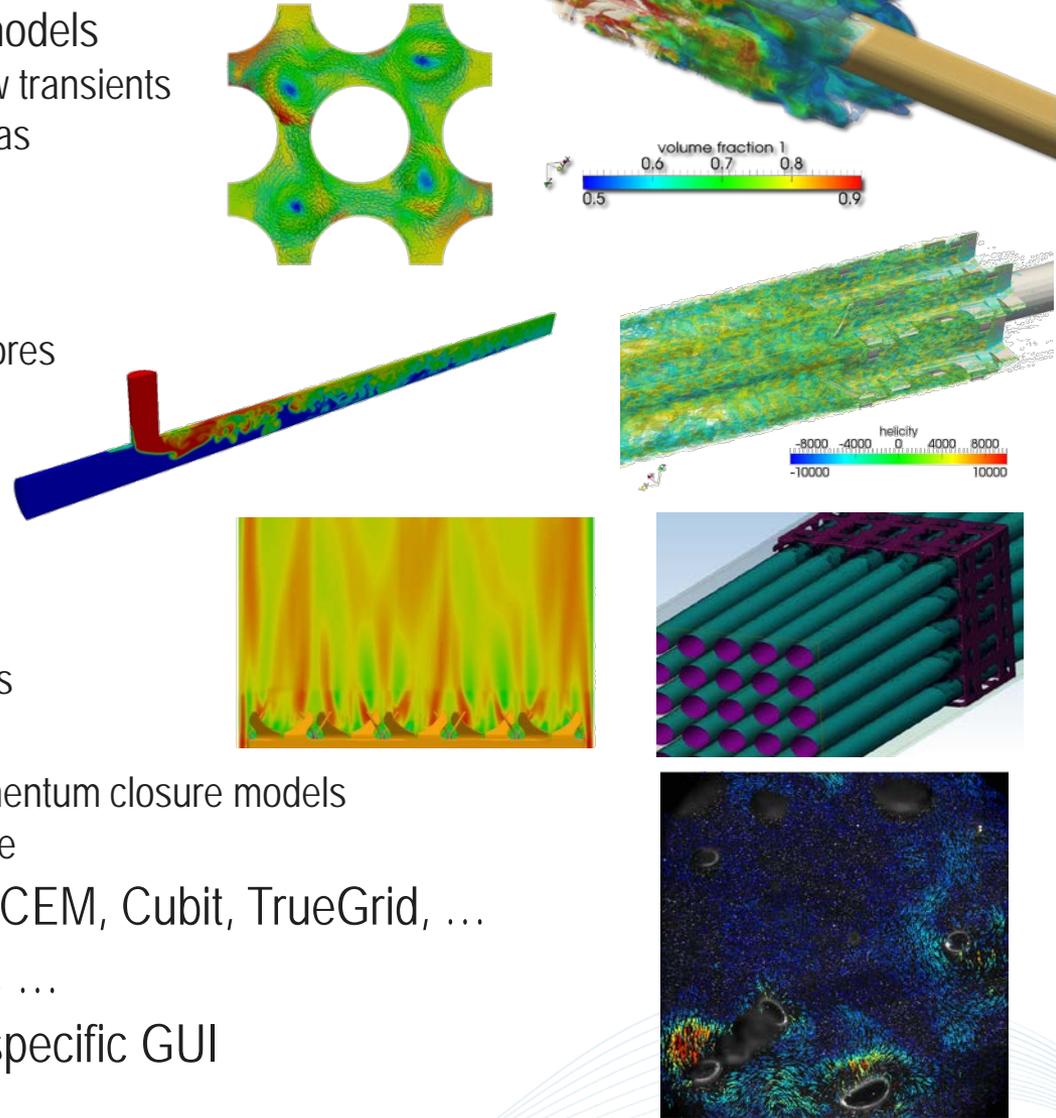
# The Thermal-Hydraulics Focus Area is Using a Combined Experimental/Theoretical/Computational Approach

- Objective: Deliver next-generation Thermal-Hydraulics simulation tools to VERA, interfaced with the latest VUQ technologies, and accommodating tight coupling with other physics



# Hydra-TH for Thermal-Hydraulics

- Single-phase flow w. multiple turbulence models
  - Projection for transients, fully-implicit for slow transients
  - ILES, WALE, DES, RNG k- $\epsilon$ , Spalart-Allmaras
- Multi-phase (N-field) code base in place
  - Fully-implicit under development
  - Beginning to integrate closure terms
  - Scaled to 192M 3x3 rod bundle on 36,000 cores
- Advanced Closure Models
  - Mechanistic multiphase boiling models
  - Integrated drag/lift forces
- Experimentally Supported Closure Models
  - Closure model development and validation
  - Single and multiphase validation experiments
- ITM/DNS
  - Single/multi-bubble databases used for momentum closure models
  - Assessment of multiphase turbulence closure
- Meshing: Hexpress/Hybrid, GridGen, ICEM, Cubit, TrueGrid, ...
- Visualization: ParaView, Enight, VisIt, ...
- GUI: Kitware SimBuilder – Hydra-TH specific GUI



# The Hydra-TH Development Path

Hybrid Parallel Meshing of V5H.  
3x3 and 5x5 V5H meshes up to  
192M cells

Development of a priori mesh  
assessment based on  $y^+$

Runtime turbulence statistics

Parallel Visualization (ParaView)

L1 Milestone: Determine  
sensitivity of structural response  
to GTRF RMS forces

Investigate sensitivity of GTRF  
forces to URANS and LES  
models

Validation LES calculations with  
5x5 V5H TAMU Data

Direct integration of Hydra-TH  
forces using WEC VITRAN code.  
Less than 1.7% difference  
compared to STAR-CCM+ "gold  
standard"

Development of Hydra-TH  
Multiphase development  
roadmap

FY2011 - 2012

Hydra-TH Assessment on THM  
Benchmark Problems

Development of Hydra-TH  
V&V/Benchmark Problems and  
Documents

General-purpose Steam Property  
Library (IAPWS-95/97)

Fully-implicit single-phase

Initial (anelastic) multiphase flow  
demonstration

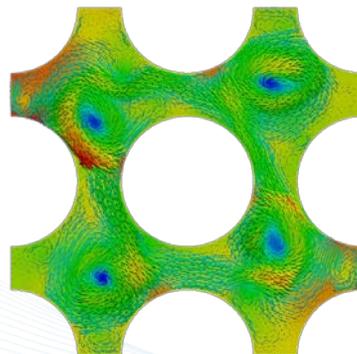
Integration of asymmetry preserving  
drag model

Enthalpy and Internal Energy form  
of Energy Equation

Enhanced surface/statistics output  
Direct nightly code integration into  
VERA

Addition of ~ 60-70 licensed users

FY2013



Expose Native CHT Capabilities

Release porous drag for simplified  
meshing

Single-phase validation for fuel  
applications

Improved parallel linear algebra

Enhanced turbulence  
single/multiphase turbulence  
models

Fully-implicit multiphase

Boiling closure models

Single/multiphase V&V

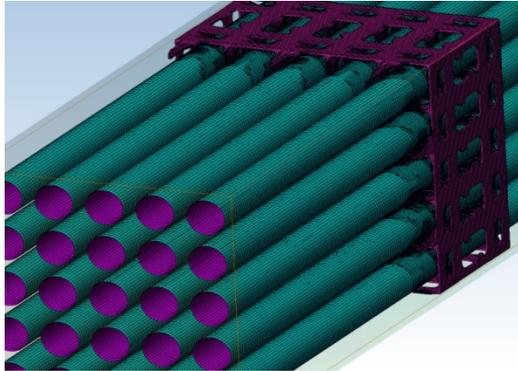
Hydra-Mamba direct coupling

Expanded "open" Hydra  
development model

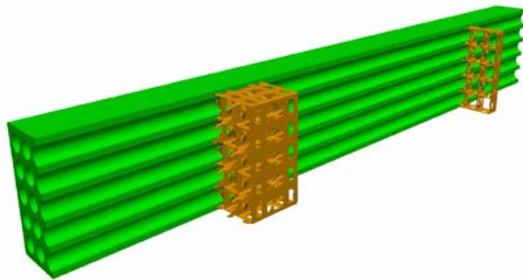
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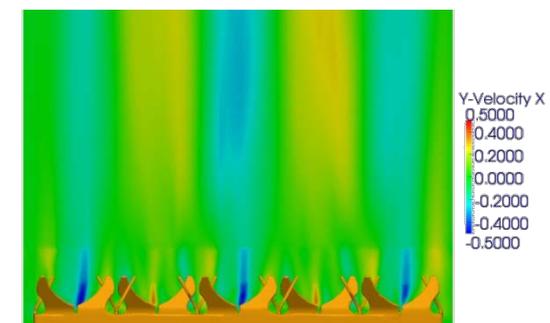
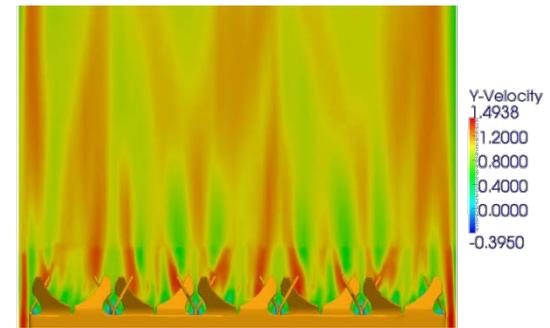
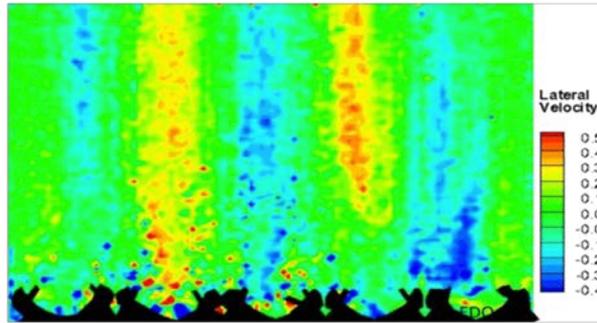
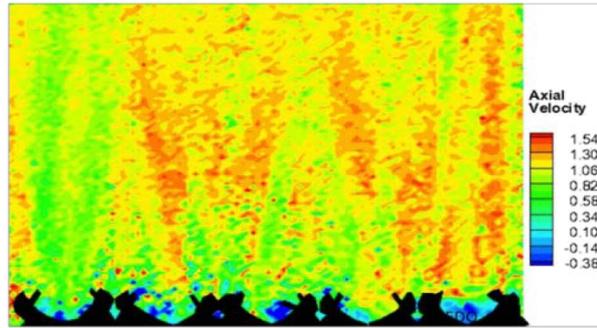
# 5x5 V5H study shows good agreement with experimental data



- Predicted mean peak velocities within 5% of experiments



- Time-averaged velocity profiles downstream of mixing vanes (96M mesh)

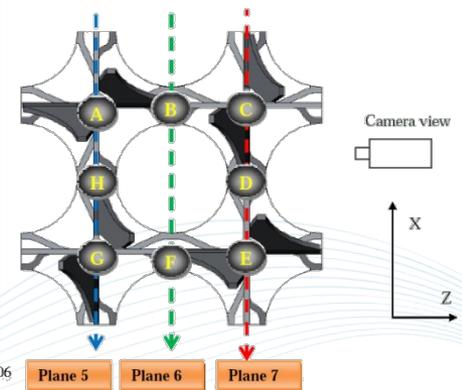
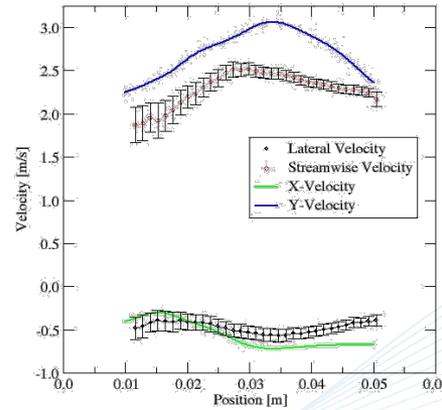
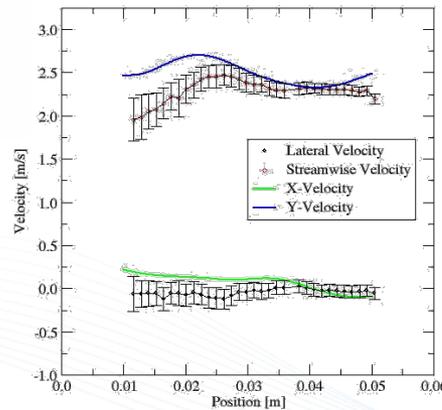


Texas A&M experiments

Hydra-TH calculations

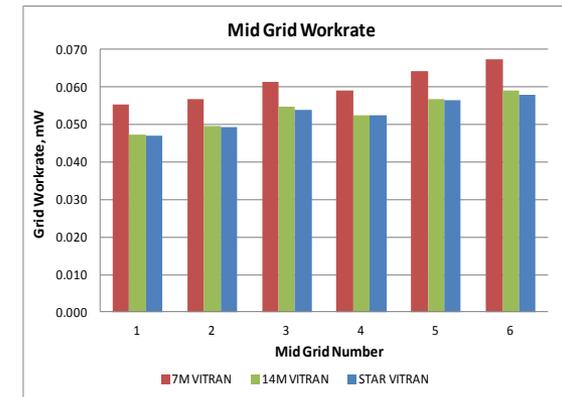
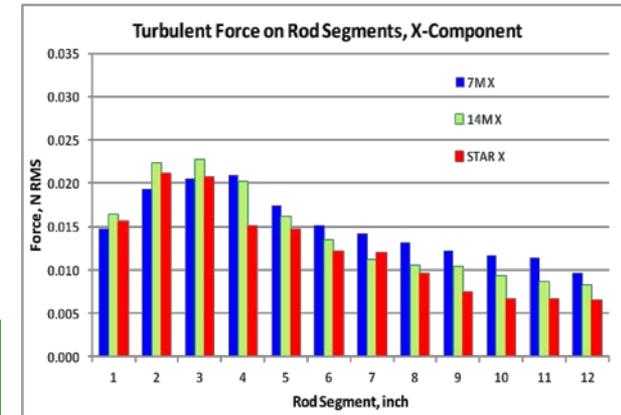
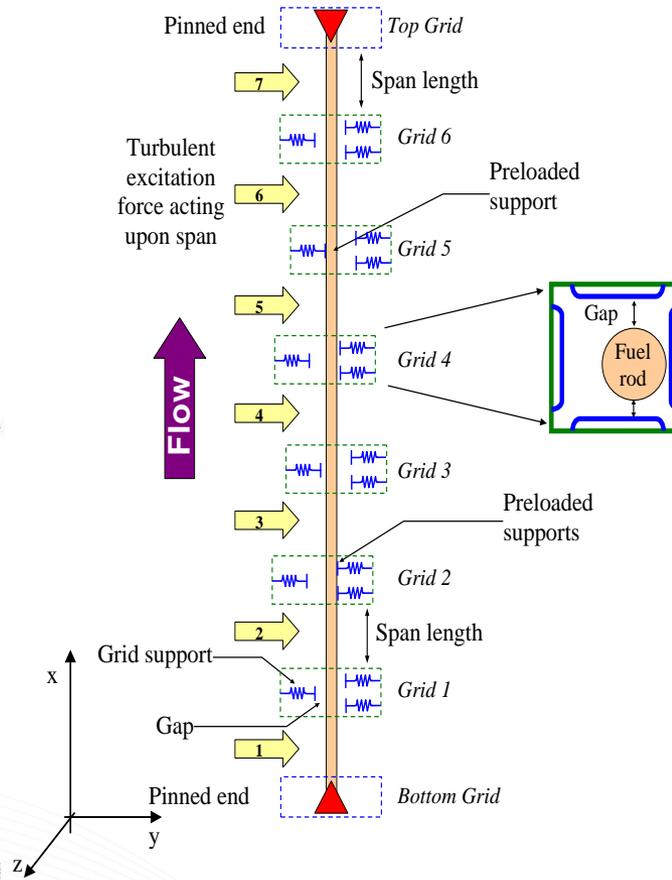
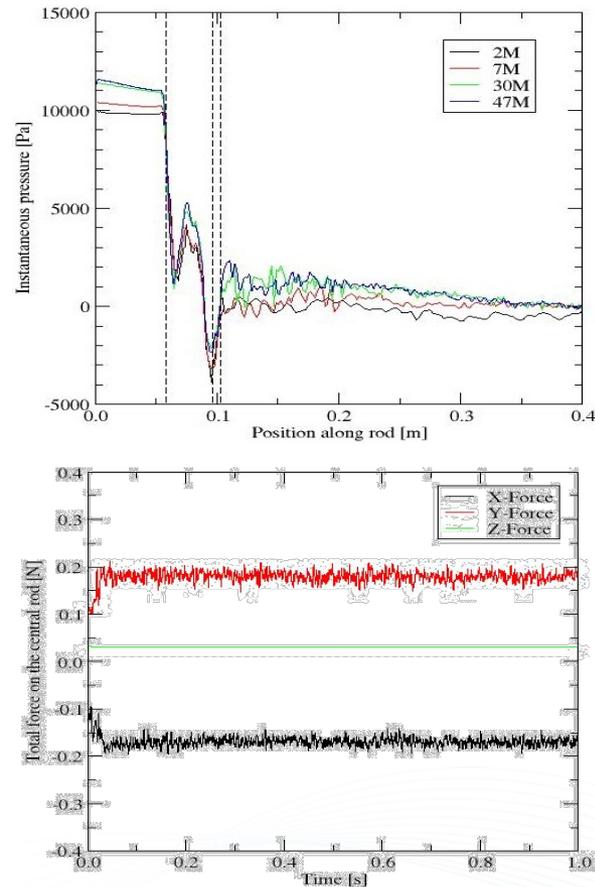
Position A

Position H



# Large-Eddy Simulations Used to Drive Modal Dynamics and Wear Work Rate Calculations using VITRAN

- Pressure Profiles and Rod Forces are extracted from Hydra-TH for the 3x3 Rod Bundle
- The data are used as input to VITRAN to compute rod acceleration/displacement
- 7 to 14M meshes required for reasonable fidelity in design analysis ~ 8 – 24 hour calculations

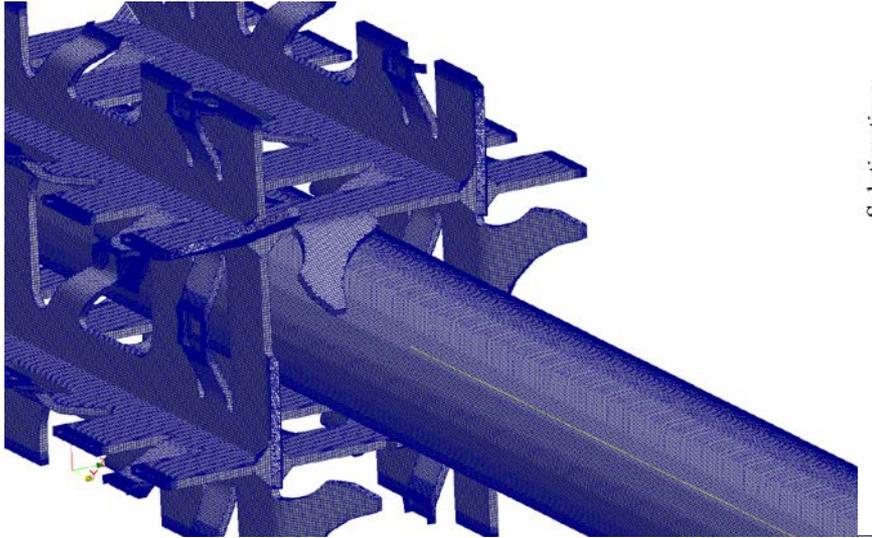


2% difference between CCM+ and Hydra-TH wear work-rates

Force time history data is used for subsequent rod dynamic analysis, e.g., with VITRAN

# Some performance numbers using the V5H 3x3 rod bundle

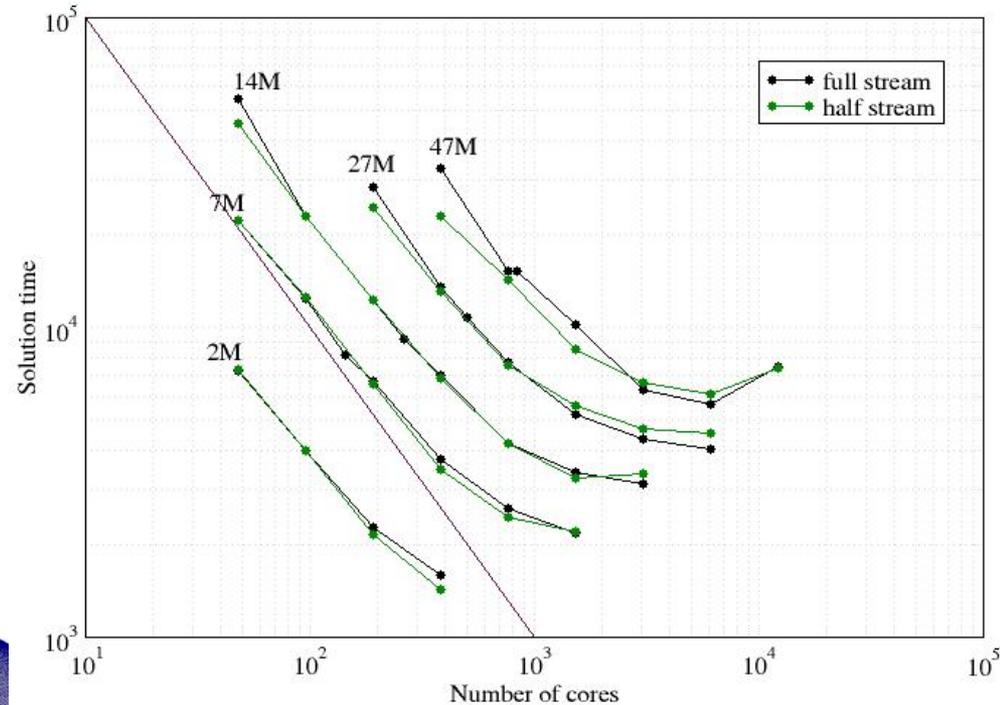
- Mustang – AMD 6176 Opteron  
24 cores per node



Titan early profiling studies

- 1024 nodes, 8 FP cores ea.
- 1.8 – 3.2% of peak FLOPs rate for AMD's

Solution time on mustang in half-, and full-stream

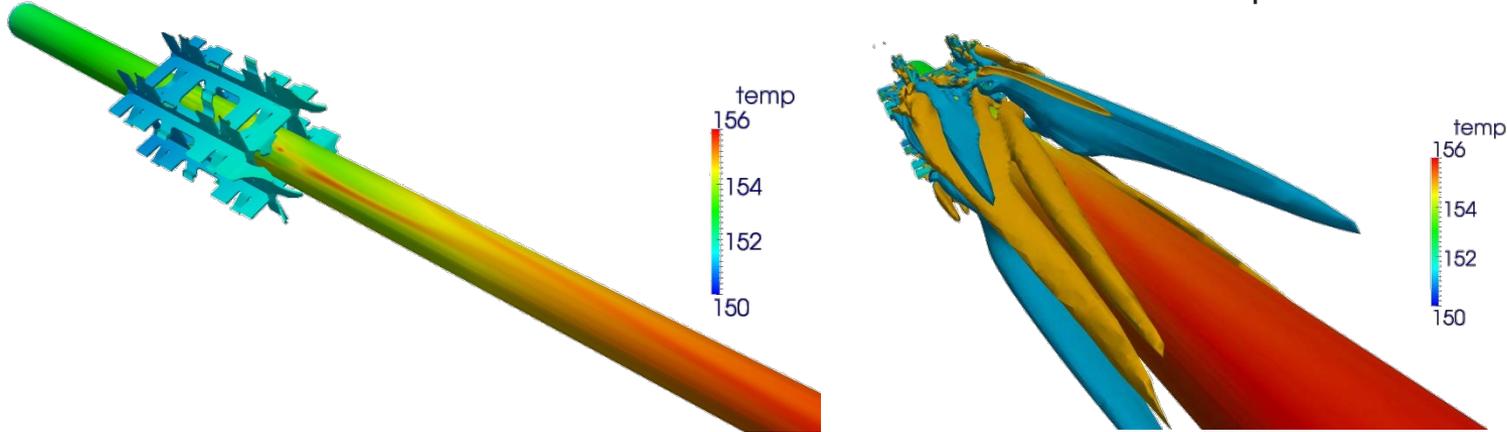


CASL L3 Milestone: Computational Performance Assessment of Hydra-TH

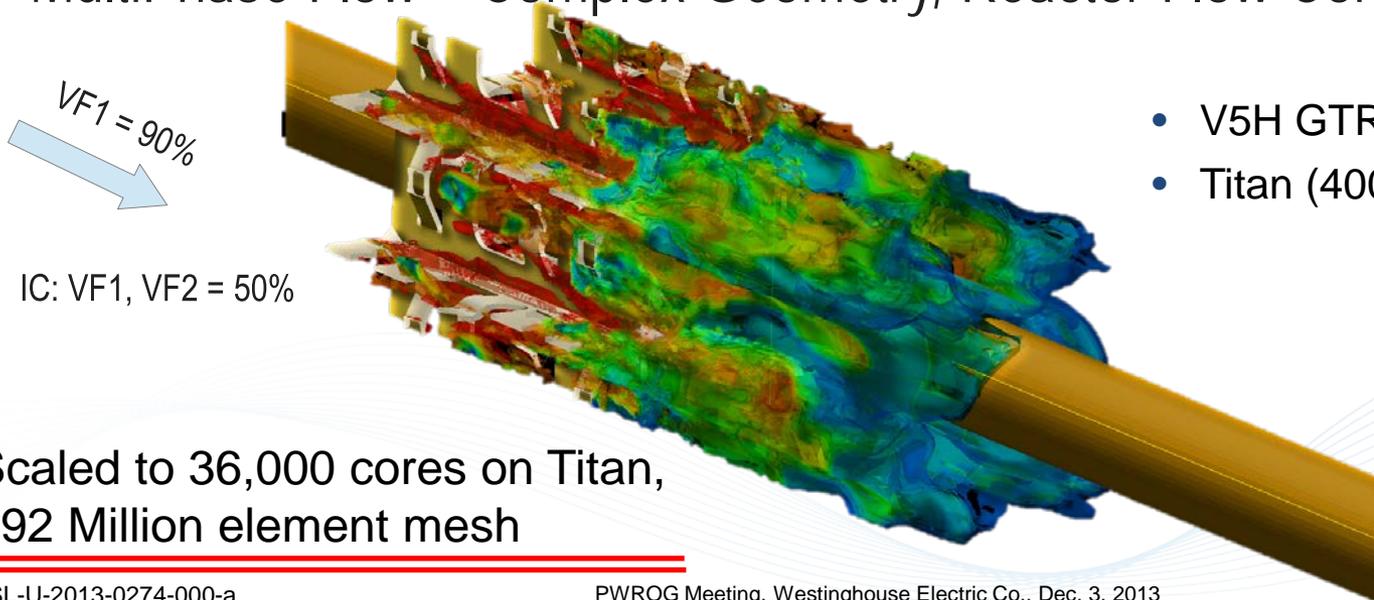
- *NVIDIA Tesla K20s delivered to LANL & ORNL*
- *Beginning to work with NVAMG library*

# Some Sample Calculations for FY2013/14 Milestones

- Fully-implicit projection, RNG k-e model,  $Re \sim 4.0 \times 10^5$ ,  $q_w = 10^6 \text{ W/m}^2$ 
  - 2.4M elements, ~18M DoF, ~ 4.75 hours on 16-core Intel Xeon desktop



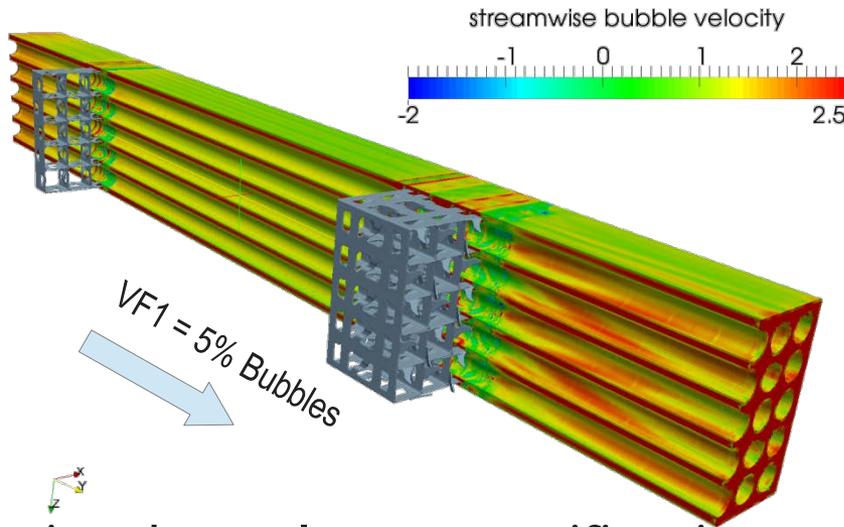
- MultiPhase Flow – Complex Geometry, Reactor Flow Conditions



- V5H GTRF 3x3 2M cells
- Titan (400 CPU cores)

Scaled to 36,000 cores on Titan,  
192 Million element mesh

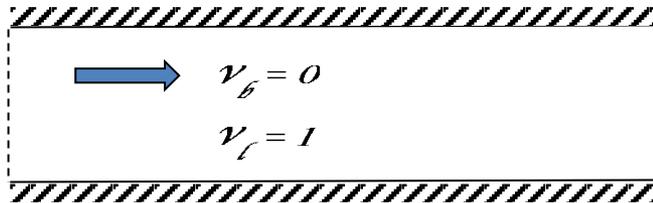
# MultiPhase Flow in 5x5 Rod-Bundle



- "Option-1" Calculation w. Drag
- V5H 5x5 Spacer – 14M Cells
- Re=28,000 (TAMU Exp. Cond.)
- 100:1 water/air density ratio

Verifies force anti-symmetry and momentum conservation!!

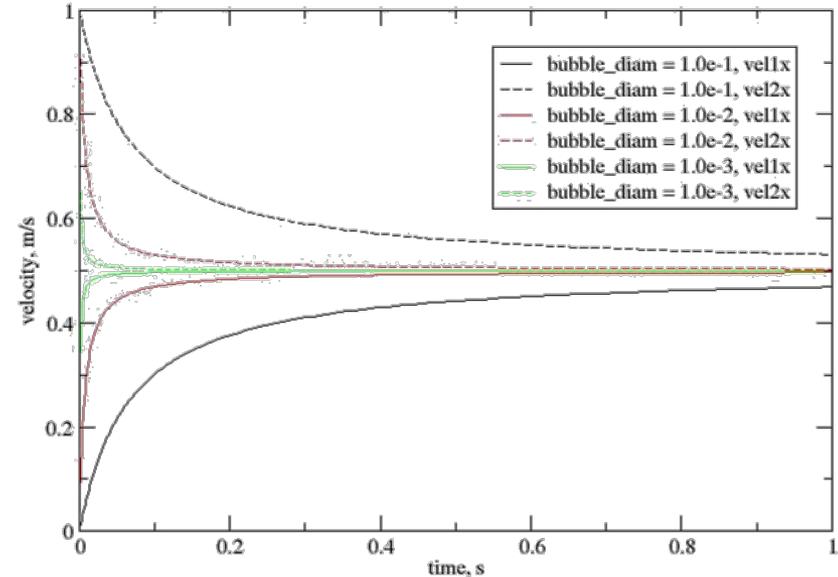
- In-situ drag closure verification



$$F_D = -\frac{3}{4} \frac{C_D}{D_b} \alpha \rho_l \|v_b - v_l\| (v_b - v_l)$$

$$C_D = \begin{cases} \frac{24}{Re_b} [1 + 0.15 Re_b^{0.687}] & 0 < Re_b \leq 1000 \\ 0.44 & Re_b > 1000 \end{cases}$$

The effect of bubble diameter on the velocities  
Smaller bubble diameter = larger drag



# Closure Modeling Status and Plans

Initial experiments intended to validate ITM/DNS studies

ITM/DNS studies probing a number of areas but not focused on closure models

VUQ studies initiated to study boiling model sensitivities

Investigation of 7-equation model for multiphase flows

Demonstration of "upscaling" processes for multiphase

Initial work on refined mechanistic heat flux partitioning

ITM/DNS simulations of nucleate boiling

Mechanistic model for subcooled boiling in PWR assemblies

ITM/DNS database for drag, lift and wall effects

Shake-down of a single baseline set of closures for multiphase using NPHASE and Star-CCM+

Analytic study of near-wall lift effects for an integrated drag/lift model

Microlayer model for heat transfer during nucleate boiling

Experimental database(s) for subcooled boiling

Growth and detachment of vapor bubbles during subcooled boiling

Development of a hardened M-CFD boiling model

ITM/DNS studies in realistic subchannel geometries

Transient evolution of bubbles with new lift/drag models

Experimental study of (synthetic) crud effects on subcooled boiling

Advanced momentum closure models for use in Hydra-TH

Further work on mechanistic subcooled boiling models

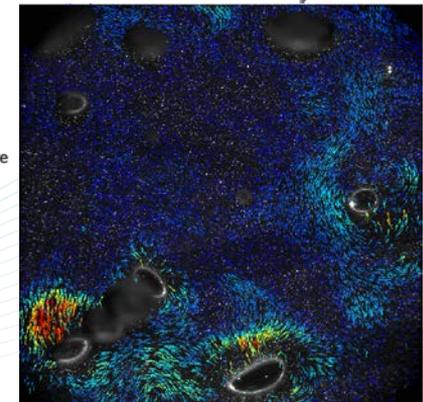
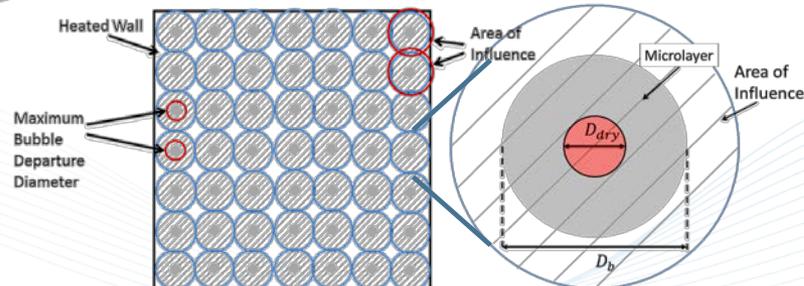
Adiabatic bubbly flow validation data

Advanced boiling closure models

FY2011 - 2012

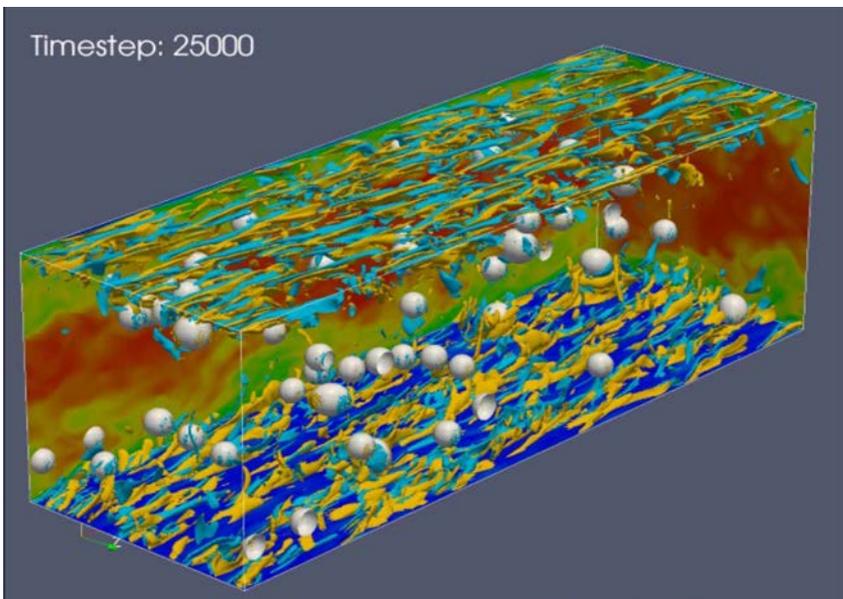
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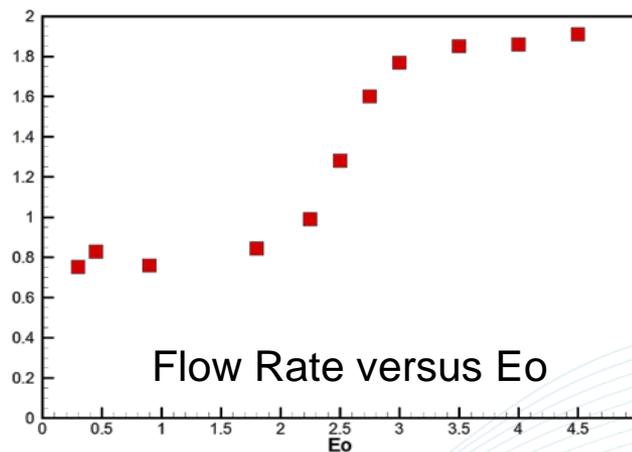


# ITM/DNS Data Changes Closure Model Development in a Fundamental Way

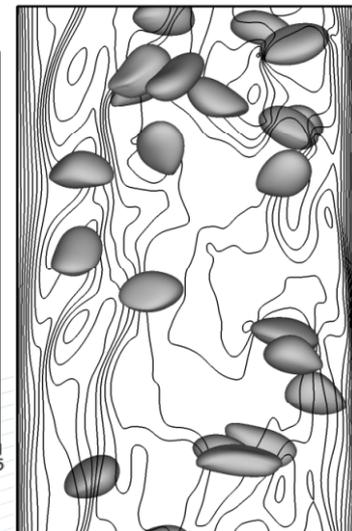
- Permits direct computation of modeled terms at given points in space/time and to assess their mean and fluctuation components
- Approach in single-phase flows has led to significant advances in understanding and developing closure models
- Provides the foundations for more complete multiphase CFD turbulence modeling
- Developing a DNS lift/drag database for integral momentum closure model



### Bubble Deformability Effects



### High Eo



# Meshing Strategies and Challenges

## Meshing Requirements

- Direct CAD – to – Mesh methodology
- Treatment of complex geometry for rod bundles and assemblies
- Hybrid meshes may be used to close complex geometries, but not required by the physics
- Conversion from polyhedral meshes may not be possible at reasonable development cost
- Scaling from desktop to  $O(1)$  billion cell meshes
- Ability to setup set-based node-centered and face-centered boundary conditions
- Common file format for input to CFD and Mechanics calculations, and for visualization is highly desirable
  - ✓ The Exodus-II/HDF format current fits this need with multiple meshers and visualization tools

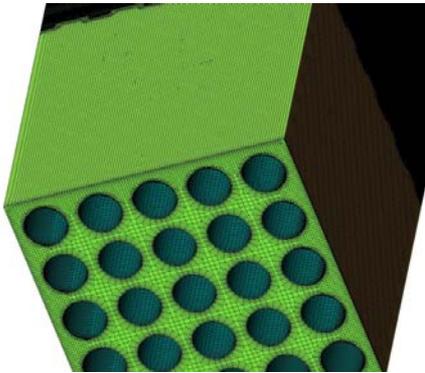
# Meshing Challenges, Status and Plans

## Status: meshing capabilities

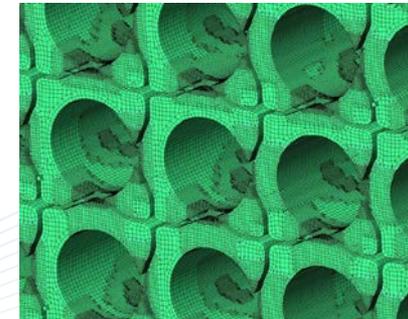
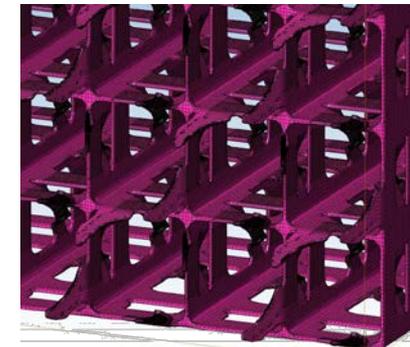
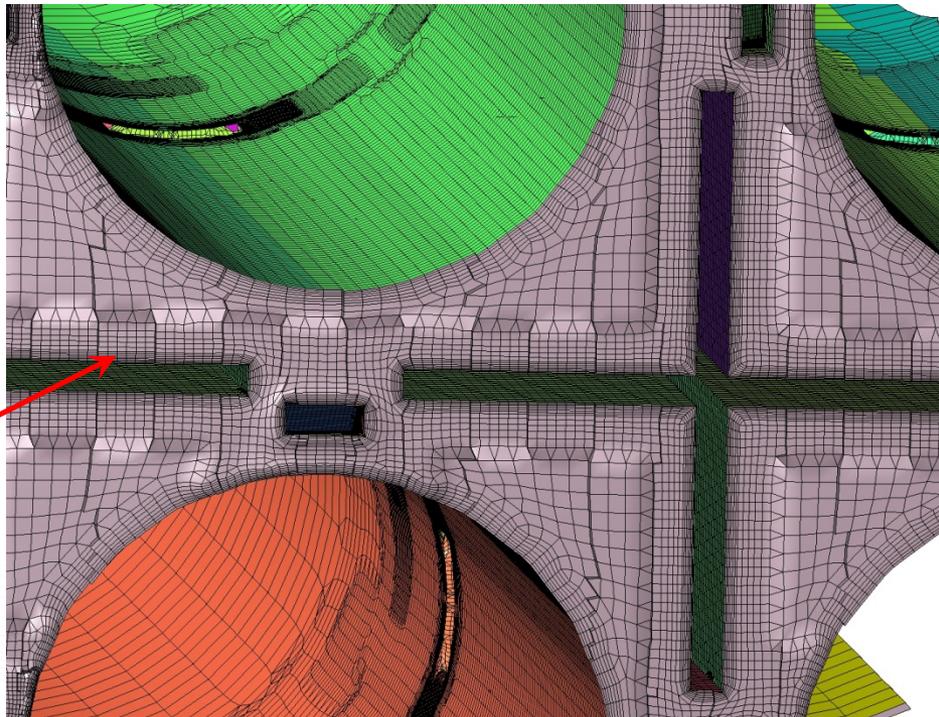
- In collaboration with E. Popov (ORNL), F. Kickingger (CAE Solutions), NUMECA using [HEXPRESS/Hybrid](#) (aka Spider)

- From STL geometry to 90 Million element mesh in ~ 45 minutes
- 1 Billion element mesh using 80-core PGV Super Server, 250 Gbytes of memory

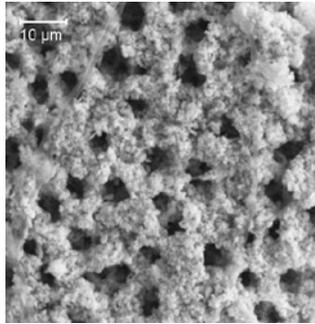
Exceptional Efficiency



Hex-dominant boundary layers



# Hydra-TH <-> Mamba Coupling for CRUD Deposition



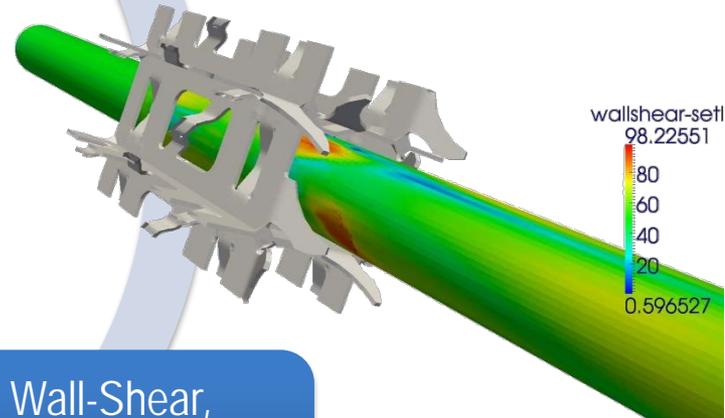
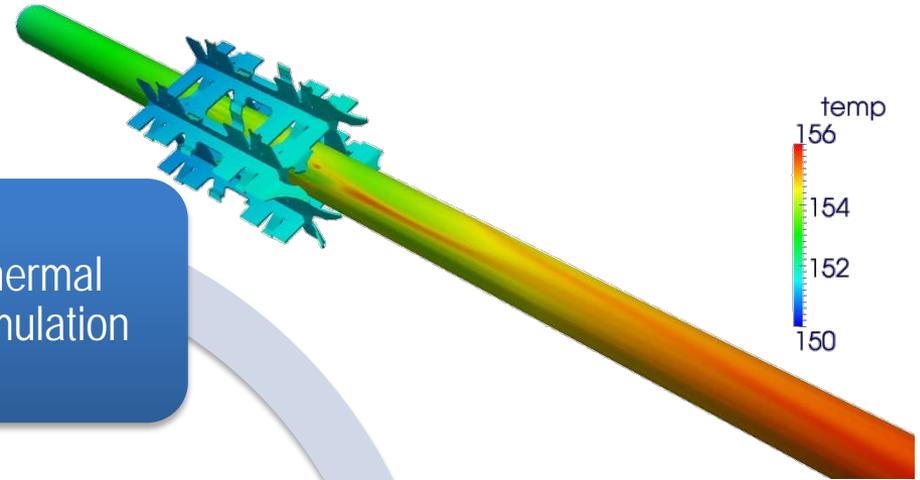
- Local CRUD Chemistry
- Boiling, chimney formation
- CRUD deposition
- Thermal resistance

Hydra-TH Thermal  
Hydraulics Simulation

- **CRUD Induced Power Shift**
- **CRUD Induced Localized Corrosion**

MAMBA Sub-Grid  
Scale Model

Wall-Shear,  
Temperature,  
Heat Flux



# THM FY2014 Hydra-TH Development Milestones

- Demonstration of multiphase boiling flow with Hydra-TH in realistic subchannels with mixing vanes using “vetted” THM closure models
- Expose porous drag capabilities for DNB single-phase “mixing” calculations
  - Currently exercising 250M element model on INL fission machine
- Expose native CHT in Hydra-TH for stand-alone rod-bundle calculations
- Multiphase CFD assessment, verification and validation
- Investigation of FSI coupling approximations for GTRF (is sequential analysis good enough?)
- Single/multiphase CFD assessment, verification and validation
- Advanced turbulence models for multiphase flow (BHR, cascade, etc.)
- ITM/DNS simulations in support of turbulence closures, model development for momentum/boiling closures
  - Simulations of bubbly flow in realistic subchannels and its statistical analysis
- Hydra-Mamba Coupling, i.e., Mamba as a sub-grid scale model
- Extreme-scale computing with Hydra-TH using GPUs on TITAN
- Enhanced fully-implicit projection algorithms using nonlinear Krylov acceleration for both single and multiphase flows