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Introduction to Applied Mathematics --- Numerical Methods for Differential Equations

MATH 3014

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Purpose

To provide an introduction to **finite difference methods** and **finite element methods** for solving **ordinary** and **partial differential equations** of **initial and boundary value problems**.

Emphasis

- Classical finite difference schemes
- Classical finite element schemes
- Implementation using Matlab codes
- Mathematical theory: consistency, stability, convergence

Prerequisite

- Calculus
- Linear algebra
- Numerical analysis
- Ordinary differential equations
- Partial differential equations

Outline

Part I

Finite difference methods for ordinary differential equations

- Explicit and implicit methods
- Local/global truncation error
- Stability, convergence

Part II

Finite difference methods for partial differential equations

- One-dimensional boundary value problems
- Two-dimensional elliptic partial differential equations
- Parabolic partial differential equations
- Hyperbolic partial differential equations

Part III

Finite element methods for partial differential equations

- One-dimensional boundary value problems
- Two-dimensional elliptic partial differential equations



Some Abbreviations

ODE: Ordinary differential equation

PDE: Partial differential equation

IVP: Initial value problem

BVP: Boundary value problem

1D: One-dimensional

2D: Two-dimensional



Initial Value Problems (IVP)

Examples of ODE

$$\frac{d\mathbf{y}}{dt} = \mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{y}), \quad \mathbf{y}(t_0) = \mathbf{y}_0; \quad (1.1)$$

A single higher-order differential equation may be rewritten as a first-order system.

Example Convert the following IVP to a first-order system of ODEs of an IVP.

$$\begin{aligned} u''(t) + a(t)u'(t) + b(t)u(t) &= f(t), \\ u(0) = u_0, \quad \boxed{u'(0) = v_0}. \end{aligned} \quad (1.2)$$

An ODE IVP can often be solved using Runge–Kutta methods, with adaptive time steps. In Matlab, there is the ODE-Suite which includes ode45, ode23, ode23s, ode15s.

Boundary Value Problems (BVP)

ODE BVP: $u''(x) + a(x)u'(x) + b(x)u(x) = f(x), \quad 0 < x < 1,$

$$u(0) = u_0, \quad \boxed{u(1) = u_1}; \quad (1.3)$$

PDE BVP: $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = f(x, y), \quad (x, y) \in \Omega,$

Linear elliptic type $u(x, y) = u_0(x, y), \quad (x, y) \in \partial\Omega,$

$$(1.4)$$

Eigenvalue problems: $u''(x) = \lambda u(x),$

$$u(0) = 0, \quad u(1) = 0. \quad (1.6)$$

Mixed BVP and IVP

$$\begin{aligned}u_t &= au_{xx} + f(x, t), \\u(0, t) &= g_1(t), \quad u(1, t) = g_2(t), \quad \text{BC} \\u(x, 0) &= u_0(x), \quad \text{IC},\end{aligned} \tag{1.5}$$

Diffusion and reaction equations

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \underbrace{\nabla \cdot (\beta \nabla u)}_{\text{Diffusion term}} + \underbrace{\mathbf{a} \cdot \nabla u}_{\text{Advection term}} + \underbrace{f(u)}_{\text{Reaction term}}$$

The incompressible Navier–Stokes equations

$$\begin{aligned}\rho (\mathbf{u}_t + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u}) &= \nabla p + \mu \Delta \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{F}, \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

A linear second-order PDE has the following general form:

$$a(x, y)u_{xx} + 2b(x, y)u_{xy} + c(x, y)u_{yy} \\ + d(x, y)u_x + e(x, y)u_y + g(x, y)u(x, y) = f(x, y)$$

Linear: the coefficients are independent of $u(x, y)$

The classification of the PDE

- Elliptic if $b^2 - ac < 0$ for all $(x, y) \in \Omega$,
- Parabolic if $b^2 - ac = 0$ for all $(x, y) \in \Omega$, and
- Hyperbolic if $b^2 - ac > 0$ for all $(x, y) \in \Omega$.

Analytic methods

- Too few differential equations can be solved exactly in terms of elementary functions such as polynomials, $\log x$, ex , trigonometric functions ($\sin x$, $\cos x$, ...), etc.
- Considerable effort and sound mathematical theory are often needed.
- The closed form of the solution may even turn out to be too messy to be useful.

Numerical methods

- Discrete numerical values may represent the solution to a certain accuracy.
- Obtained using computers.
- Provide effective solutions of many problems that were impossible to obtain before.

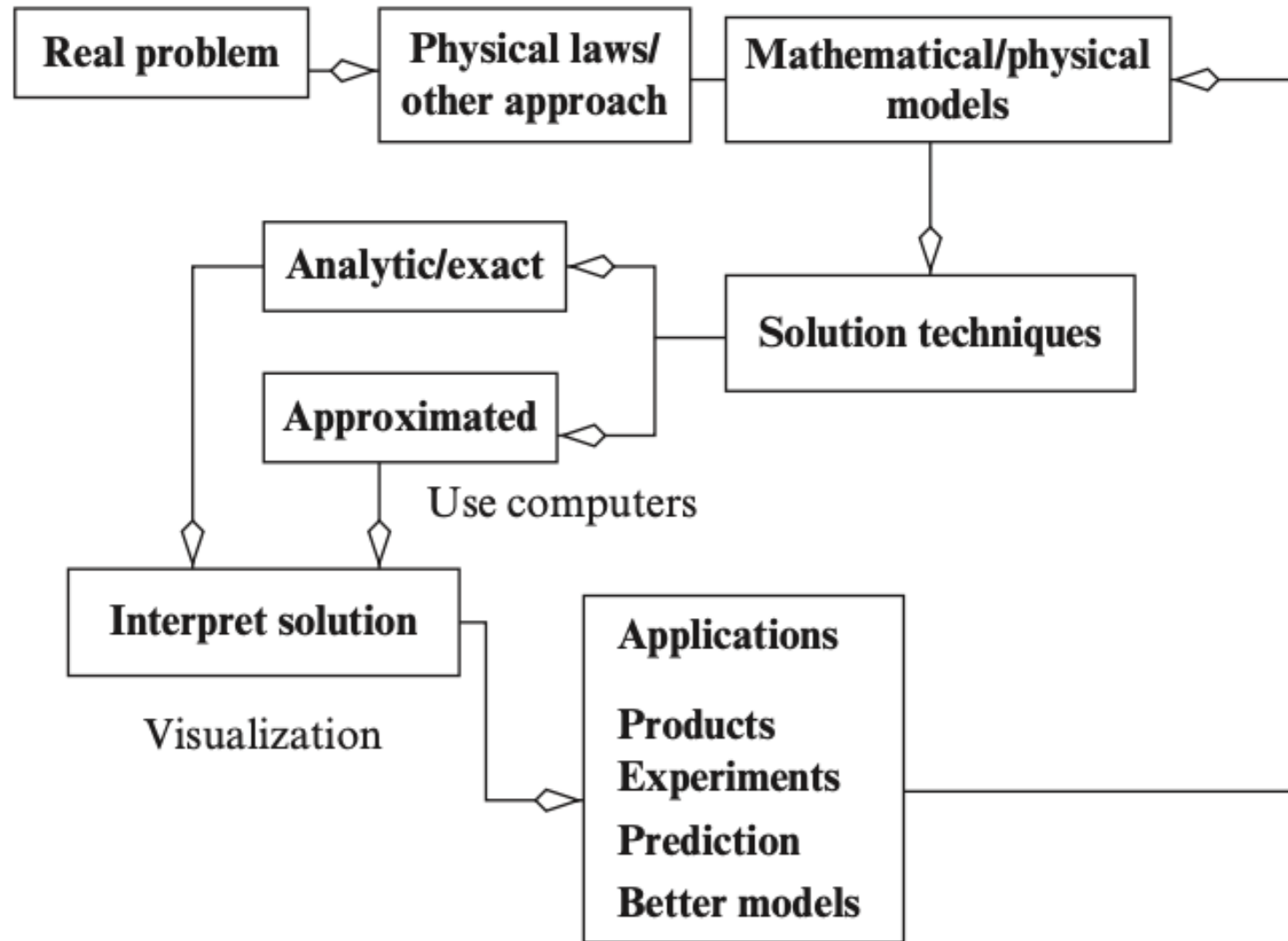


Figure 1.1. A flowchart of a problem-solving process.

Finite difference methods

- Easy to implement for **regular** domains, e.g., rectangular domains in Cartesian coordinates, and circular or annular domains in polar coordinates.
- Their discretization and approximate solutions are pointwise, and the fundamental mathematical tool is the **Taylor expansion**.
- There are many **fast solvers** and packages for regular domains.
- Difficult to implement for **complicated geometries**.
- Requires the existence of high-order derivatives

Finite element methods

- Very successful for **elliptic** type problems
- Suitable approach for problems with **complicated boundaries**
- Sound **theoretical foundation** especially for elliptic PDE
- **Less regularity** requirements.
- Many **commercial packages**, e.g., Ansys, Matlab PDE Tool-Box, Triangle.

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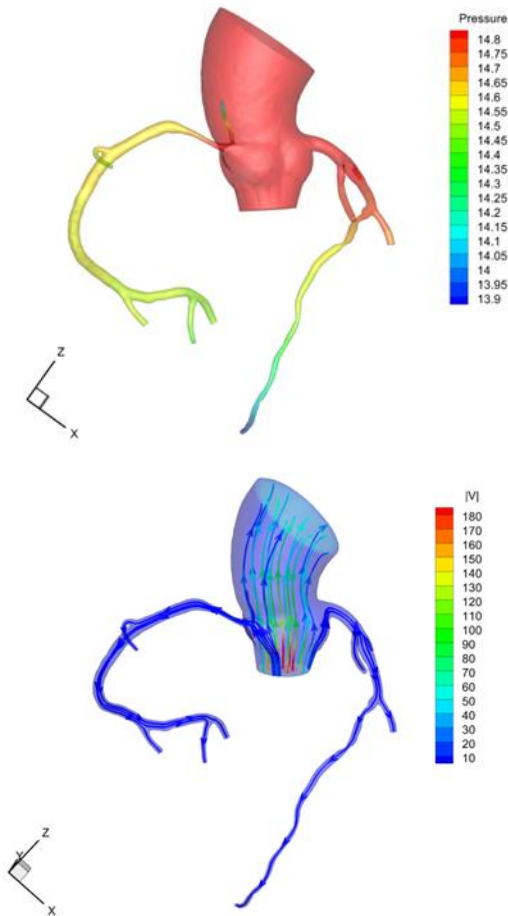
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Biofluid Dynamics

- Prediction of stroke/myocardial infarction: non-invasive, personalized, flexible



The incompressible Navier-Stokes equation with initial and boundary conditions

$$\rho \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} \right) - \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} = \rho \mathbf{f}, \quad \text{in } \Omega,$$
$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0, \quad \text{in } \Omega.$$

$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}, \quad \text{on } \Gamma_W,$$

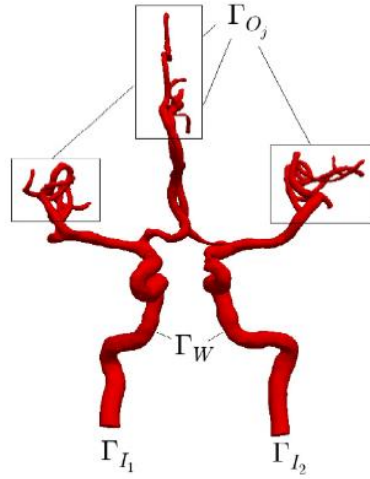
$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{v}_{I_i}, \quad \text{on } \Gamma_{I_i}, \quad i = 1, 2.$$

$$p = R_j Q_j, \quad \text{on } \Gamma_{O_j}, \quad j = 1, \dots, m.$$

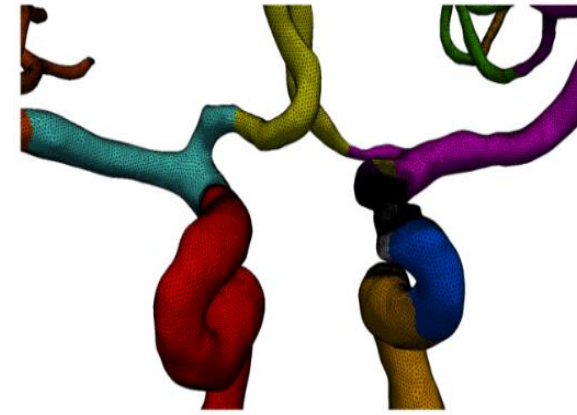
$$Q_j = \int_{\Gamma_{O_j}} \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n}_j d\Gamma, \quad j = 1, \dots, m$$



The physical problem



Extraction of geometry



Mesh generation



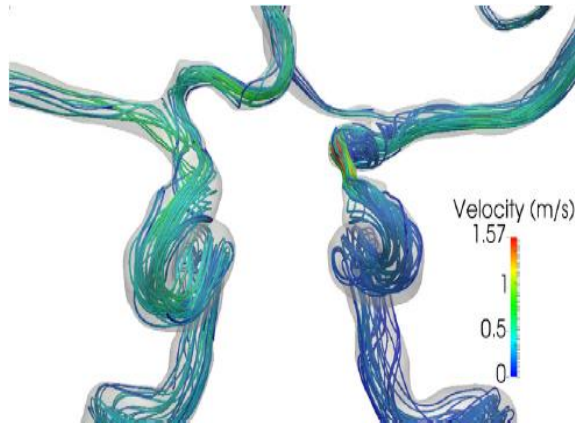
$$\int_{\Omega} \rho \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} \cdot \mathbf{w} d\Omega + \int_{\Omega} \rho (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{w} d\Omega - \int_{\Omega} p \nabla \cdot \mathbf{w} d\Omega + \int_{\Omega} \mu (\nabla \mathbf{u} + \nabla \mathbf{u}^T) : \nabla \mathbf{w} d\Omega + \int_{\Omega} (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}) q d\Omega - \int_{\Omega} \rho \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{w} d\Omega + \sum_{j=1}^m \int_{\Gamma_{O_j}} (R_j Q_j \mathbf{n}_j \cdot \mathbf{w} - \mu \mathbf{n}_j \cdot (\nabla \mathbf{u} + \nabla \mathbf{u}^T) \cdot \mathbf{w}) d\Gamma = 0$$

$$A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$$

Numerical method

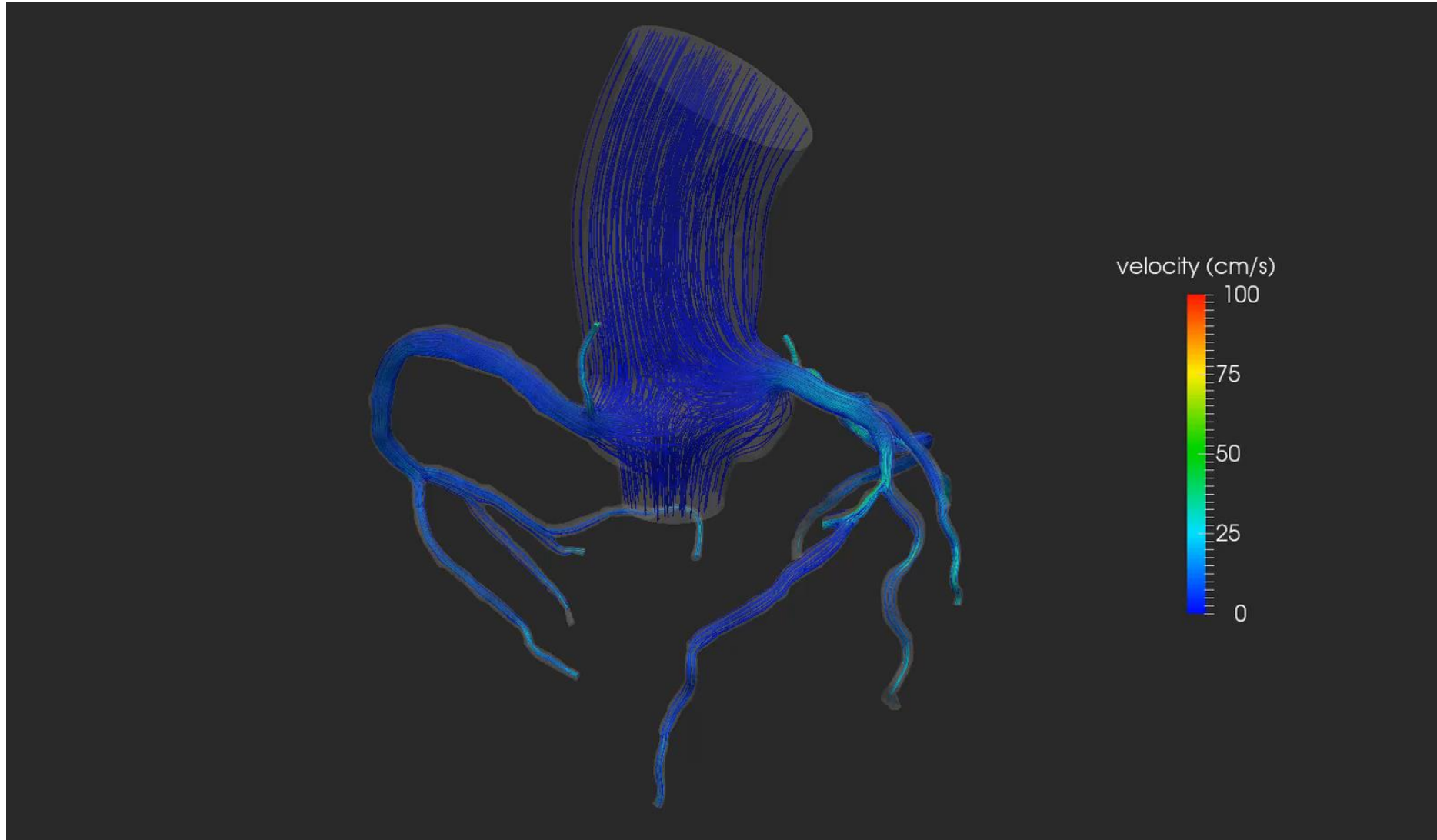


High-performance computing



Visualization of results

A **non-invasive** assessment for heart artery disease:
personalized, accurate, low cost, and easy-to-implement

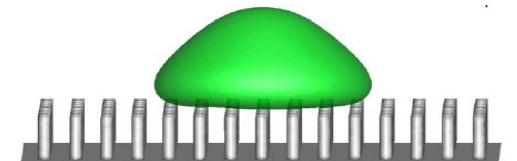
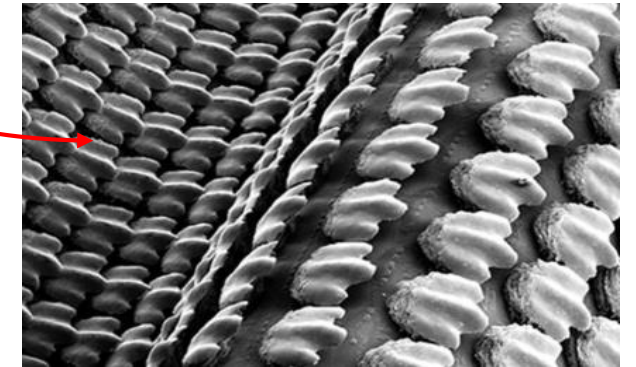


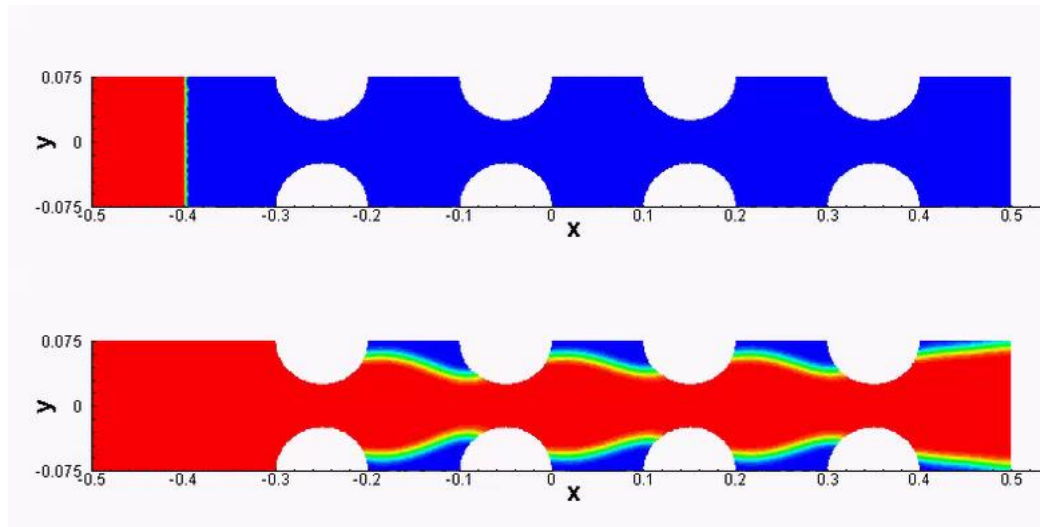
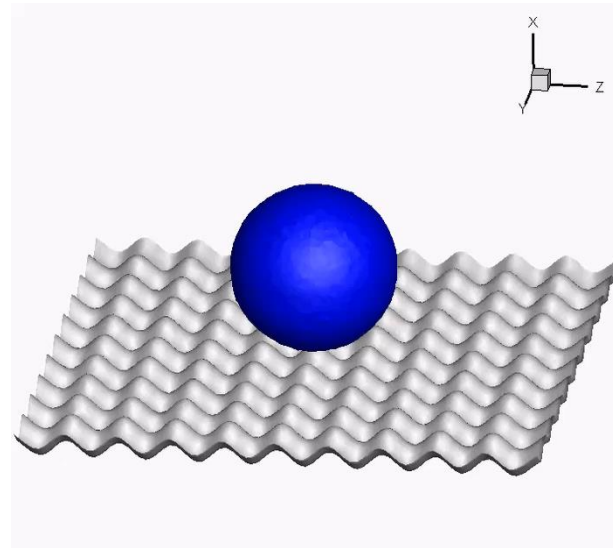
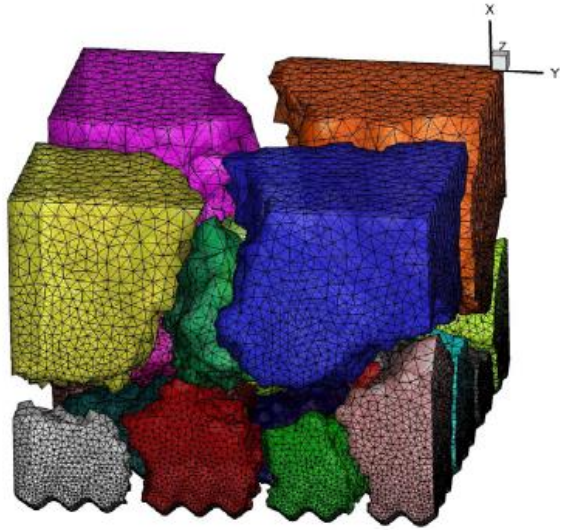
Microfluidics

- Applications: waterproof materials, inkjet printheads, coatings

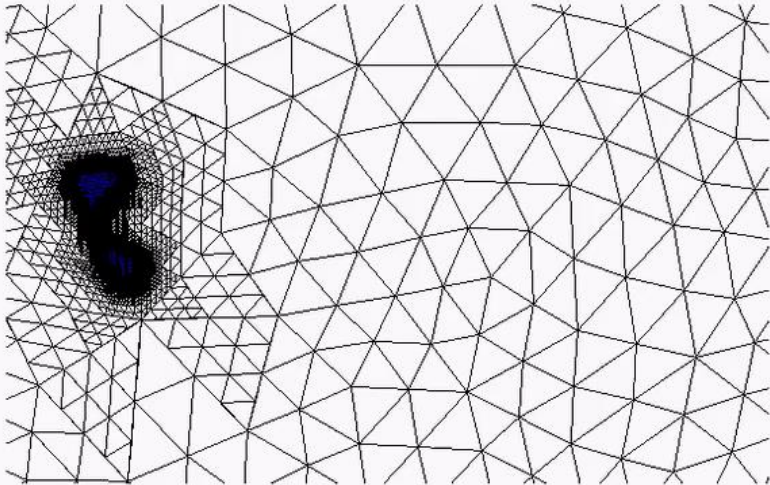
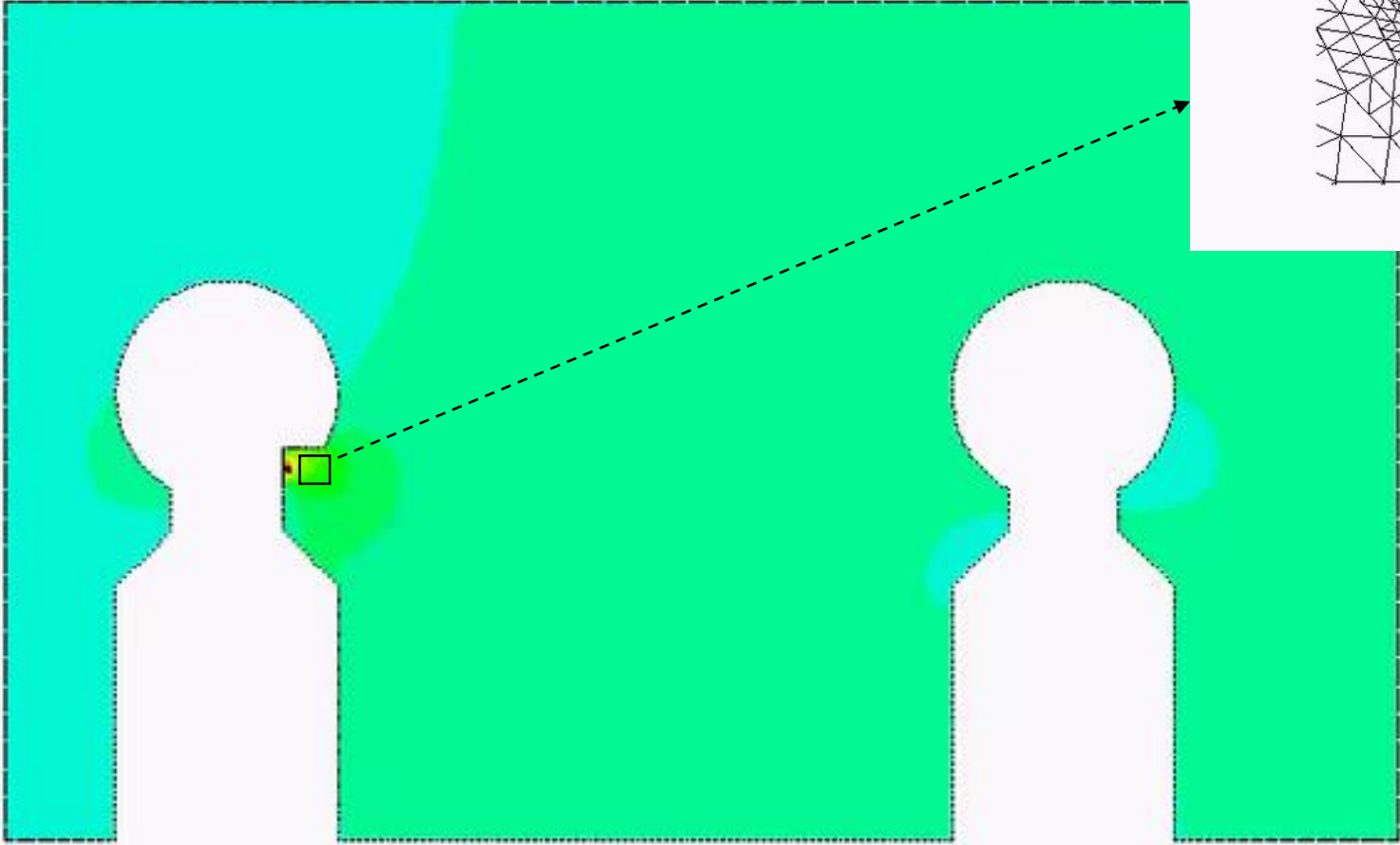
A coupled Cahn-Hilliard and Navier-Stokes equations

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \phi = \mathcal{L}_d \Delta \mu, & \text{in } \Omega, \\ \mu = -\epsilon \Delta \phi - \frac{\phi}{\epsilon} + \frac{\phi^3}{\epsilon}, & \text{in } \Omega, \\ Re \rho \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} \right) = -\nabla p + \nabla \cdot (\eta D(\mathbf{u})) + \mathcal{B} \mu \nabla \phi + \mathbf{g}_{ext}, & \text{in } \Omega, \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0, & \text{in } \Omega, \\ \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + u_\tau \partial_\tau \phi = -\mathcal{V}_s L(\phi), \quad \partial_n \mu = 0, & \text{on } \Gamma_w, \\ u_\tau := \mathbf{u} \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau} = \mathcal{L}_s B L(\phi) \partial_\tau \phi / \eta - \mathcal{L}_s \mathbf{n} \cdot D(\mathbf{u}) \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}, & \text{on } \Gamma_w, \\ u_n := \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0, & \text{on } \Gamma_w. \end{array} \right.$$

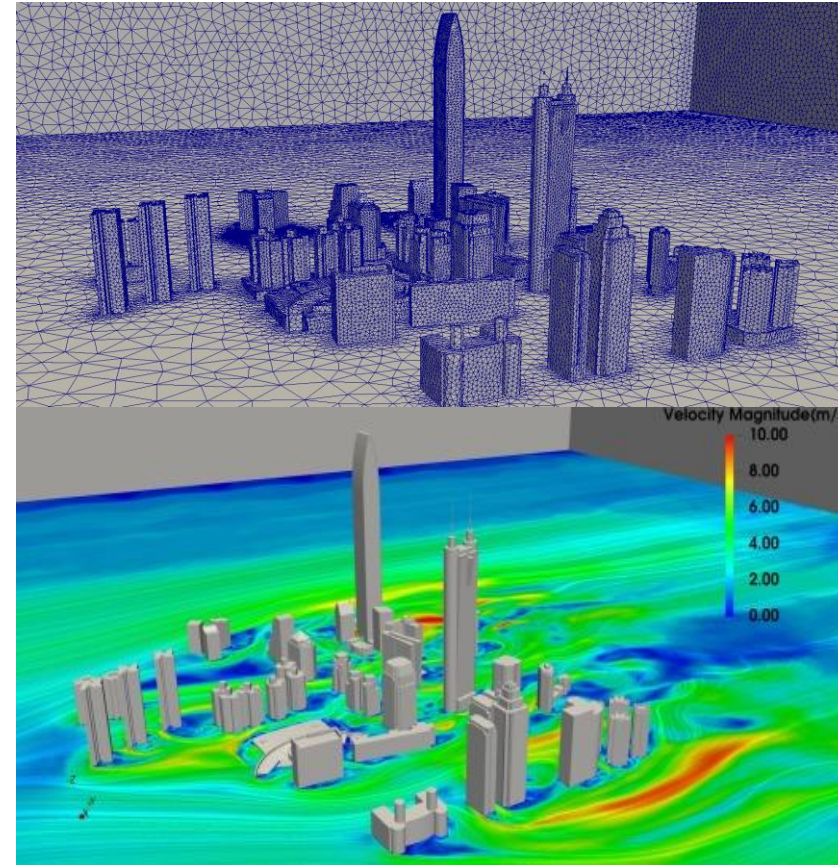
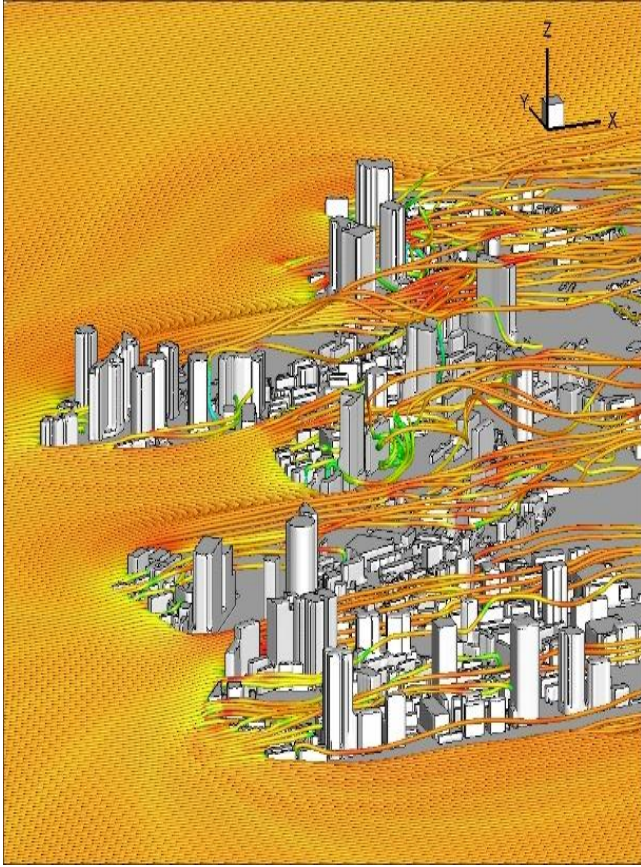




Droplet Travelling in Air



The wind flow around the city affects the safety of buildings. The simulation of urban wind flow plays an important role in typhoon warning and pollution forecasting.



Geophysical Flows

- Applications: prediction of groundwater contamination, protection of submarine tunnels/optical fiber cables

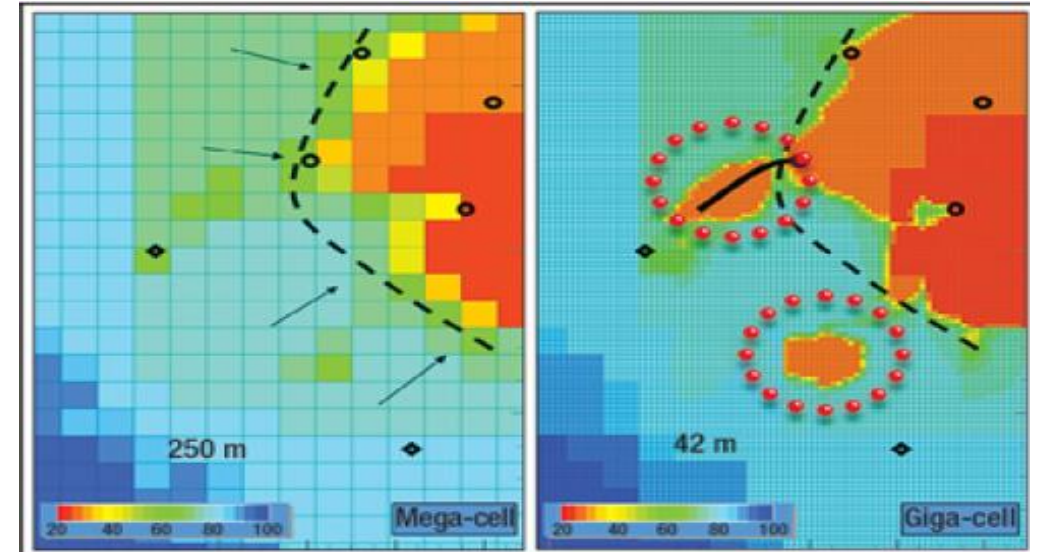
$$-\phi \frac{\partial s_w}{\partial t} - \nabla \cdot (\lambda_n \mathbf{K} (\nabla p_w + \nabla p_c - \rho_n g \nabla D)) = q_n, \quad \text{in } \Omega,$$

$$\phi \frac{\partial s_w}{\partial t} - \nabla \cdot (\lambda_w \mathbf{K} (\nabla p_w - \rho_w g \nabla D)) = q_w, \quad \text{in } \Omega.$$

$$\mathbf{u}_w \cdot \mathbf{n} = f_w^{in}, \quad \mathbf{u}_n \cdot \mathbf{n} = f_n^{in}, \quad \text{on } \Gamma_{in},$$

$$p_w = p_w^{out}, \quad \lambda_n \mathbf{K} \nabla p_c \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0, \quad \text{on } \Gamma_{out},$$

$$\mathbf{u}_w \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0, \quad \mathbf{u}_n \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0, \quad \text{on } \Gamma_0,$$

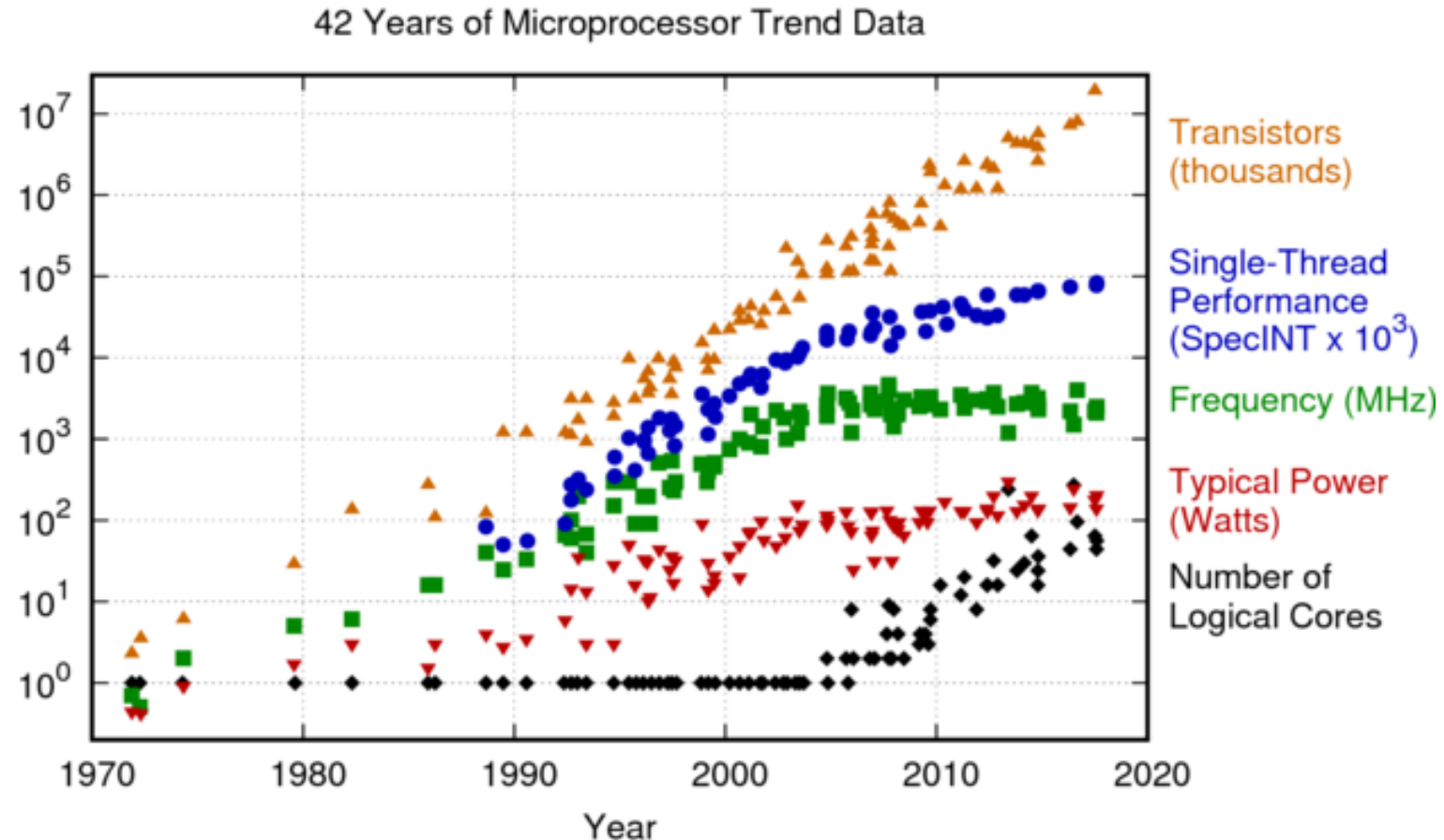


Ali H. Dogru, WorldOil 2010



Submarine tunnel environment

Supercomputing is getting Moore and Moore hot here



Original data up to the year 2010 collected and plotted by M. Horowitz, F. Labonte, O. Shacham, K. Olukotun, L. Hammond, and C. Batten
New plot and data collected for 2010-2017 by K. Rupp

<https://www.karlrupp.net/2018/02/42-years-of-microprocessor-trend-data/>



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Top 1st 06/2013
Cores: 4,981,760
Theor: 100,679 TF/s
Linpack: 61,444.5 TF/s



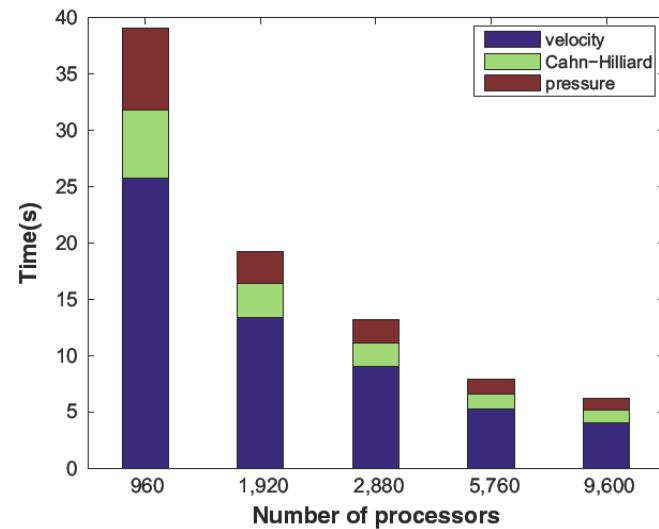
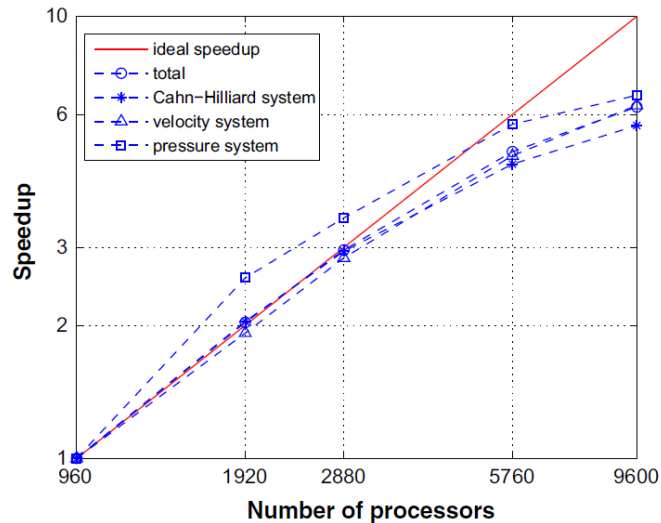
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Top 1st 06/2016
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Theor: 125,436 TF/s
Linpack: 93,014.6 TF/s
HPCG: 480.848 TF/s



SUMMIT
Top 1st 06/2018
Cores: 2,414,592
Theor: 200,795 TF/s
Linpack: 148,600 TF/s
HPCG: 2,925.75 TF/s



FUGAKU
Top 1st 06/2020
Cores: 7,630,848
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