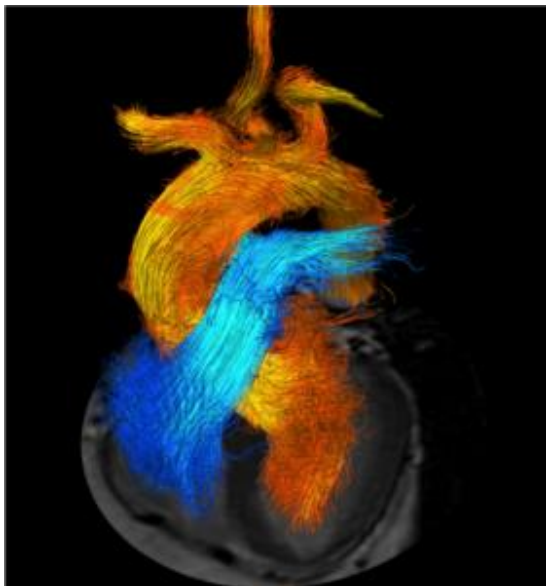


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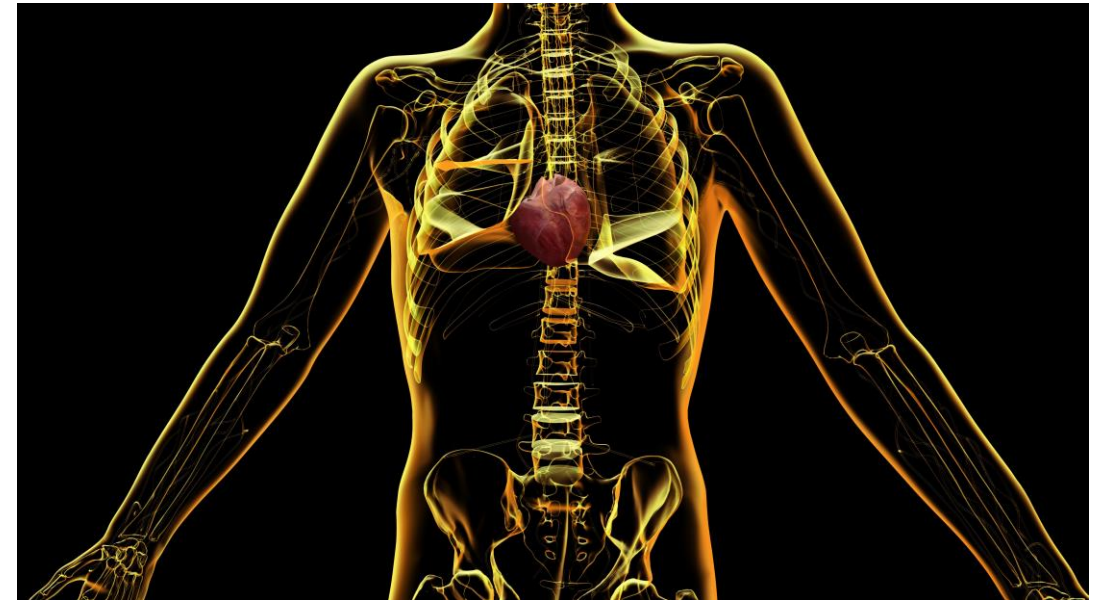


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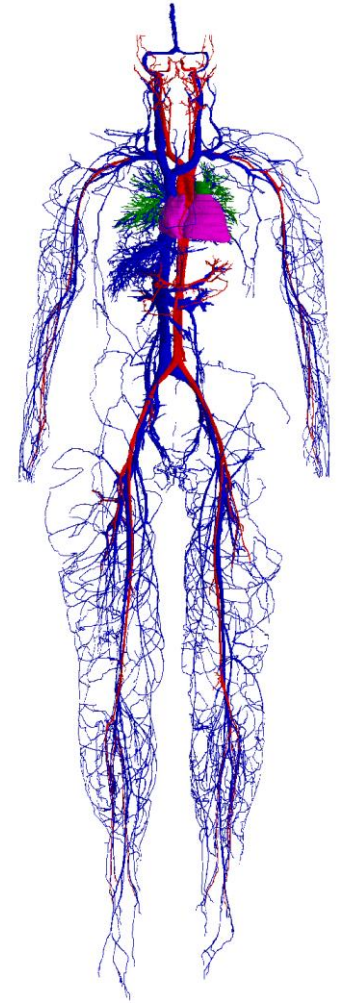
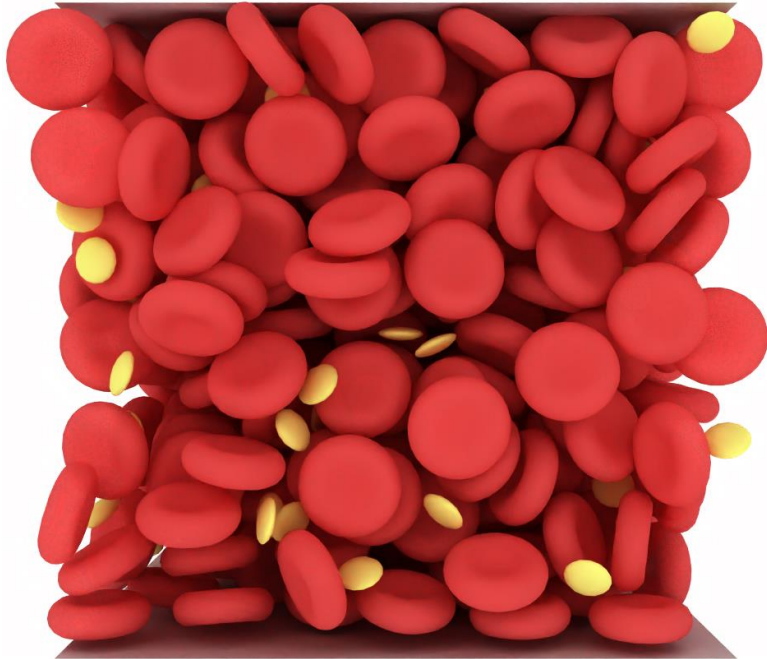


- European Commission H2020 funded Centre of Excellence in two stages: 2016-2019 and 2019-2023
- Consortium of academic institutions, supercomputing centres and industrial partners from across Europe and USA led by Prof. Peter Coveney (UCL)
- Supporting collaborations with associate partners across the globe



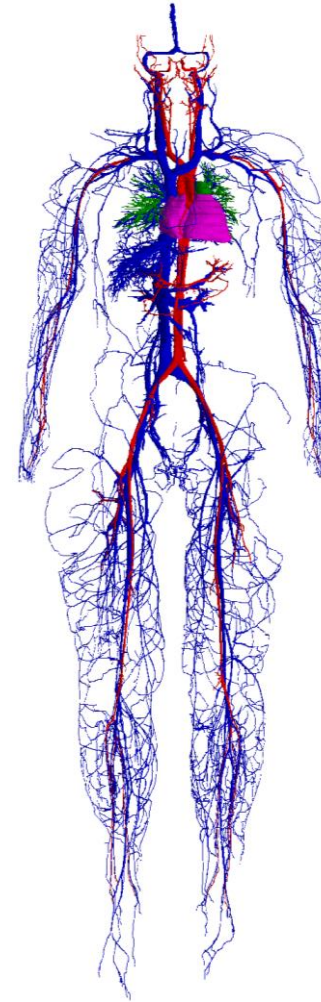
- *Modus operandi* – Development and use of HPC for applications in computational biomedicine
- Four national level supercomputing centres are core partners – EPCC (UK), SurfSARA (NED), Barcelona Supercomputing Centre (ESP) and Leibniz Supercomputing Centre (GER)
- Research applications in the fields of cardiovascular simulations, molecular modelling, and neuro-musculoskeletal analysis
- HPC support and innovation – identifying and ensuring exascale readiness of codes in computational biomedicine

Cardiovascular Exemplars



HemeLB:

- 3D lattice Boltzmann code in C++ with MPI parallelism
- Optimised for sparse geometries seen in vascular networks
- Developing full human flow models of coupled arterial and venous flow
- GPU version in development



Current model:

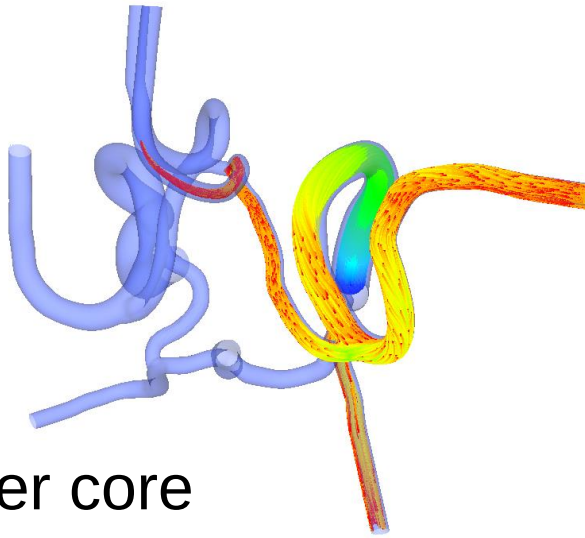
- 60 μ m resolution
- Systemic arteries ~5e8 sites
- Systemic veins ~1.5e9 sites
- Geometry generation is challenging

Cardiovascular – HemeLB: Full Human Blood Flow

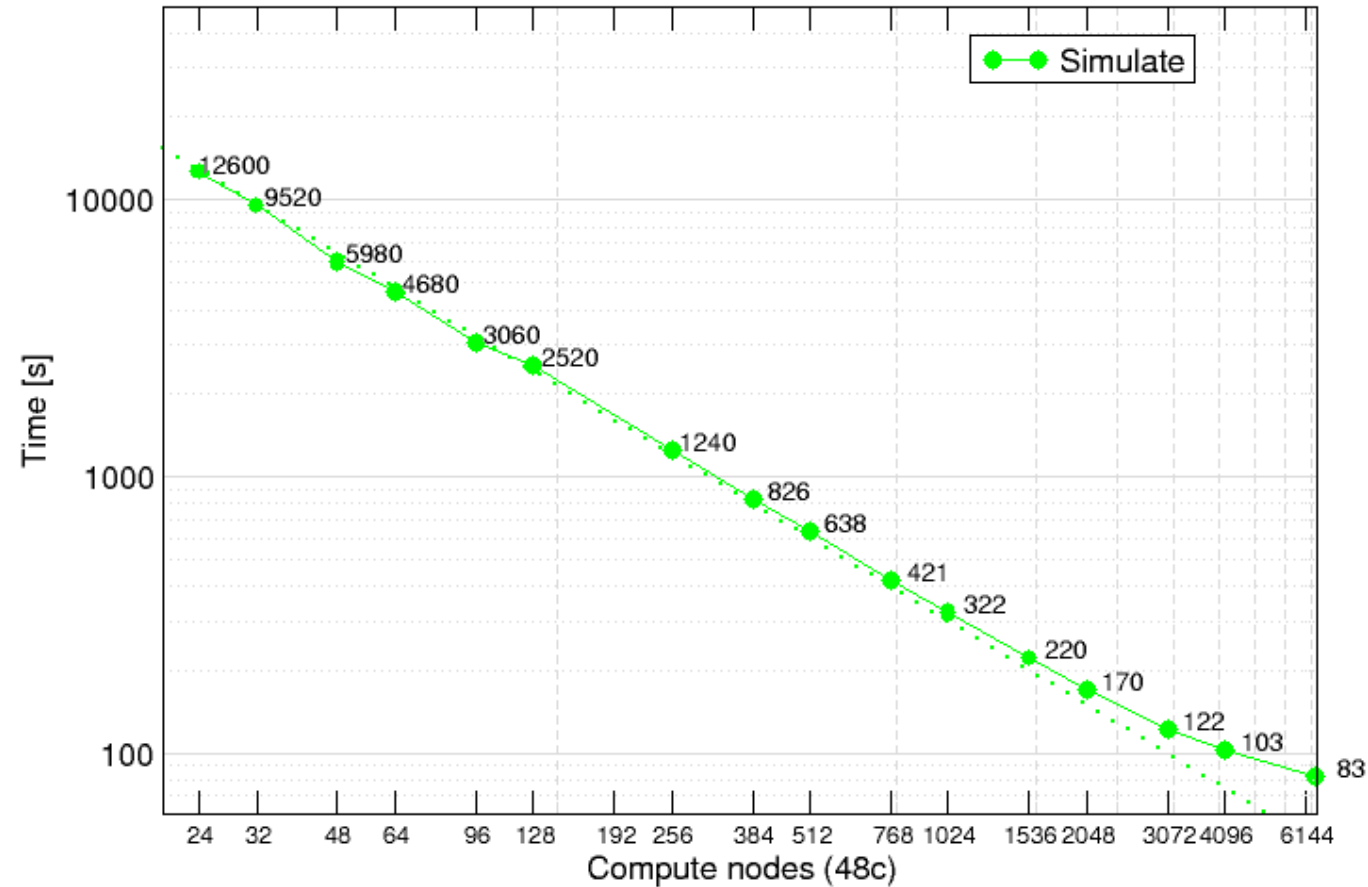


Strong scaling to full machine level on
SuperMUC-NG (309,696 cores) –
thanks to Dr Brian Wylie (FZJ) via POP

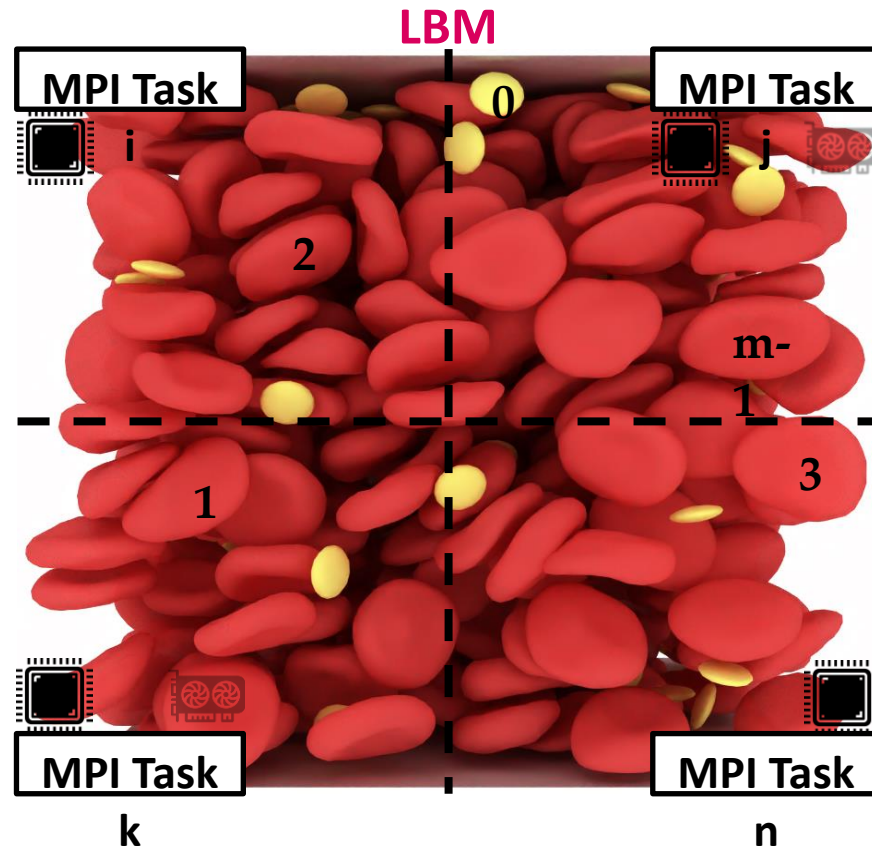
5000 steps
of circle of
Willis geometry
– over $1e10$
sites



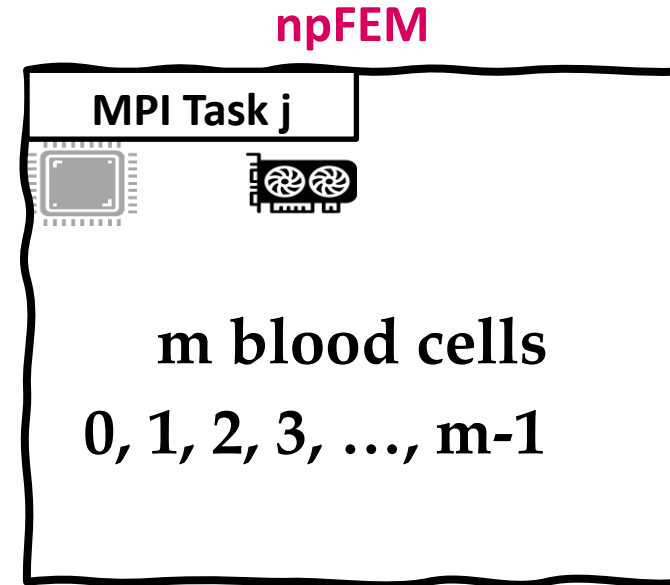
Expanding to higher core
counts – geometry generation,
scaling for coupled versions



Cardiovascular – Palabos: Resolved Blood Cells



Straightforward to partition a static homogeneous grid
CPUs deal with grid points (LBM) & Lagrangian points (IBM)



The blood cells are distributed
once at the beginning to the
available GPUs

They can be spatially
everywhere

MPI
point-to-point
communication

 The fluid solver sends
forces & collision
data to the solid
solver

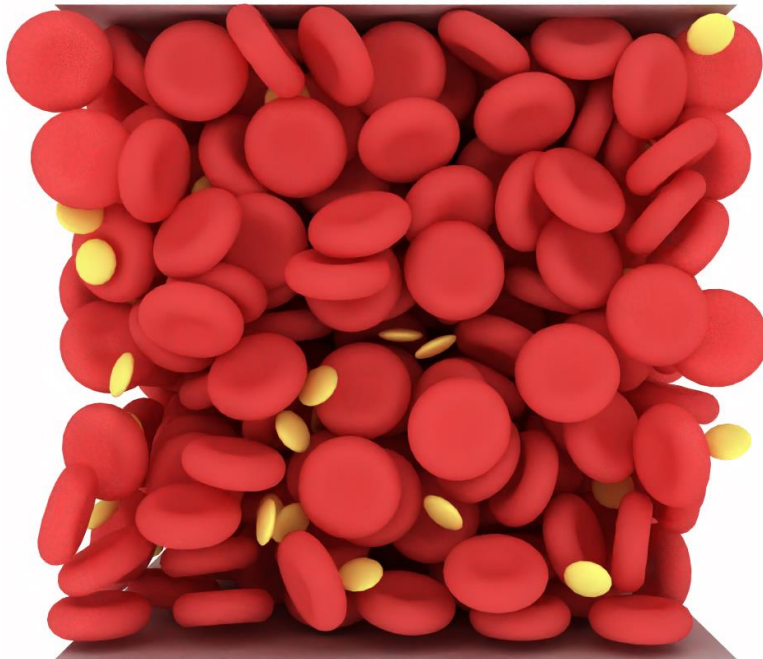
 The solid solver
communicates the
state at $t+1$

Cardiovascular – Palabos: Resolved Blood Cells



Reference case study

Ht 35%, Box 50x50x50 μm^3



RBCs **258** surface vertices
PLTs **66** surface vertices

box50x50x50 : **1**
on **5** GPUs
RBCs: 476
PLTs: 95

box50x100x50 : **2**
on **10** GPUs
RBCs: 953
PLTs: 190

box50x500x50 : **10**
on **50** GPUs
RBCs: 4765
PLTs: 953

box50x1000x50 : **20**
on **100** GPUs
RBCs: 9531
PLTs: 1906

box100x1000x100 : **80**
on **400** GPUs
RBCs: 38126
PLTs: 7625

Piz Daint @CSCS

No. 6 Worldwide

No. 1 Europe



5704 Hybrid GPU+CPU nodes
(NVIDIA P100 + Intel Xeon)

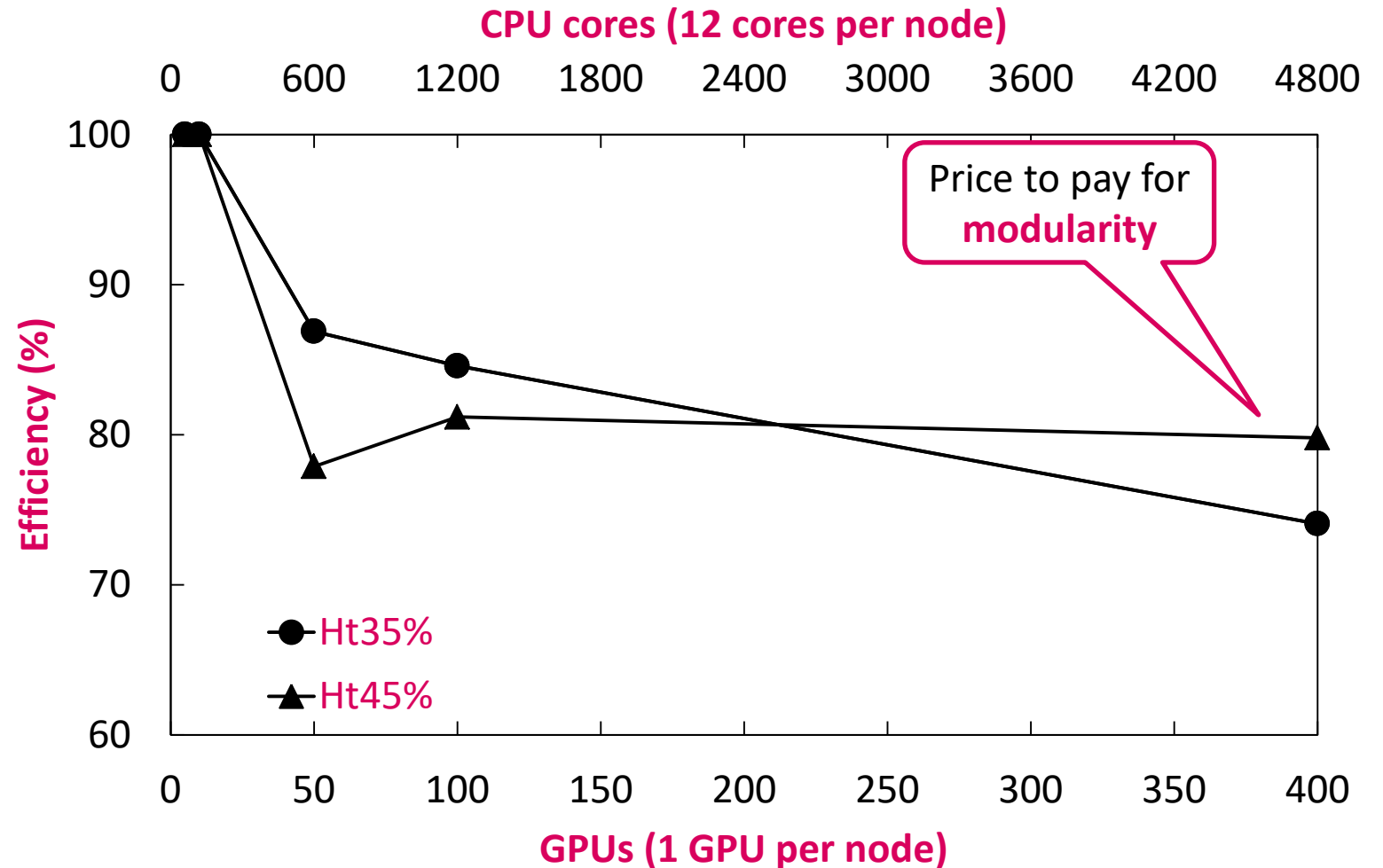
1813 CPU nodes (Intel Xeon)

Cardiovascular – Palabos: Resolved Blood Cells



Weak Scaling –
Hybrid Version on Piz Daint

$$\text{Efficiency}_{weak} = \frac{t_{N_0}}{t_N} \times 100 \%$$

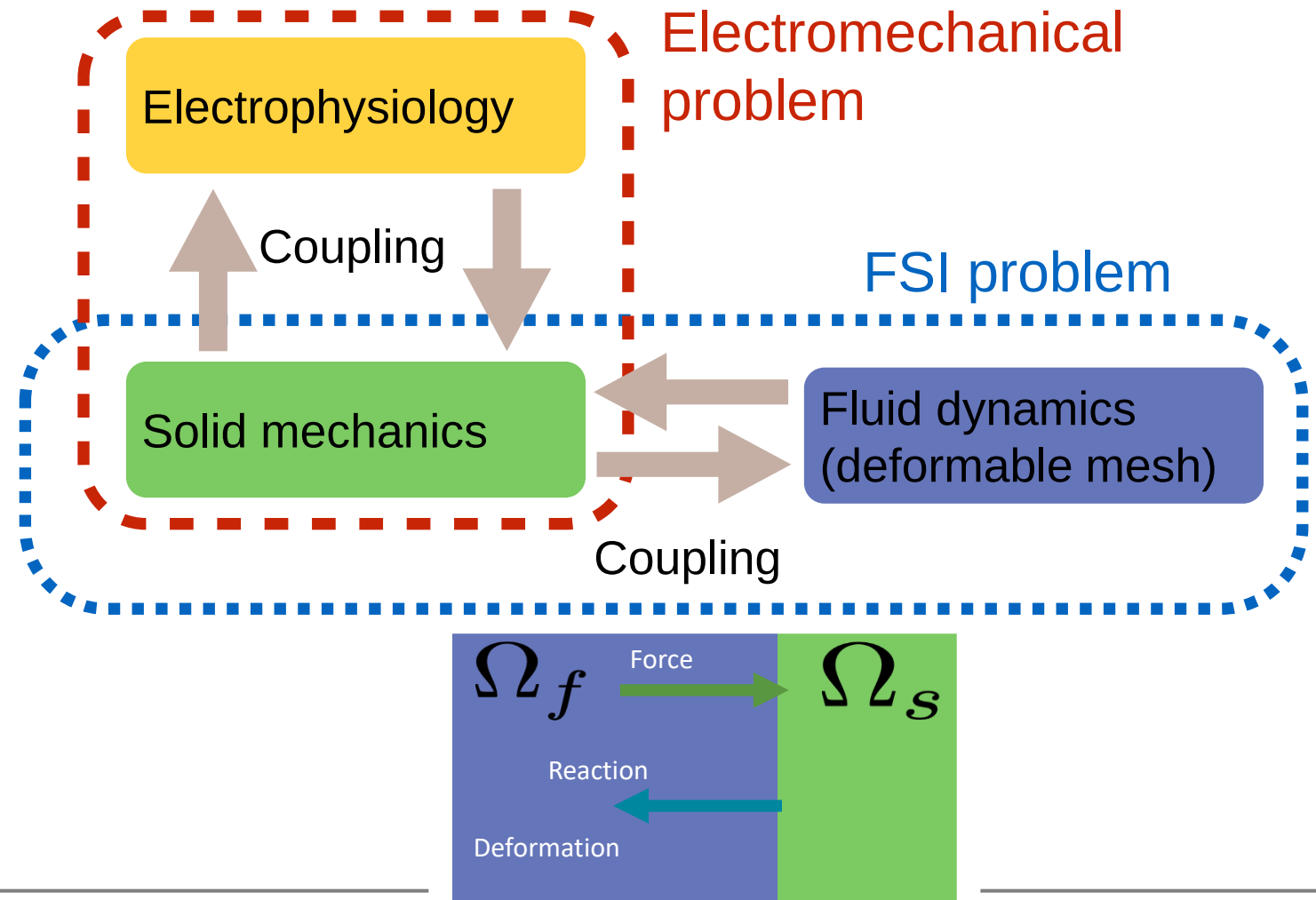


Cardiovascular – Alya: Heart Multiphysics



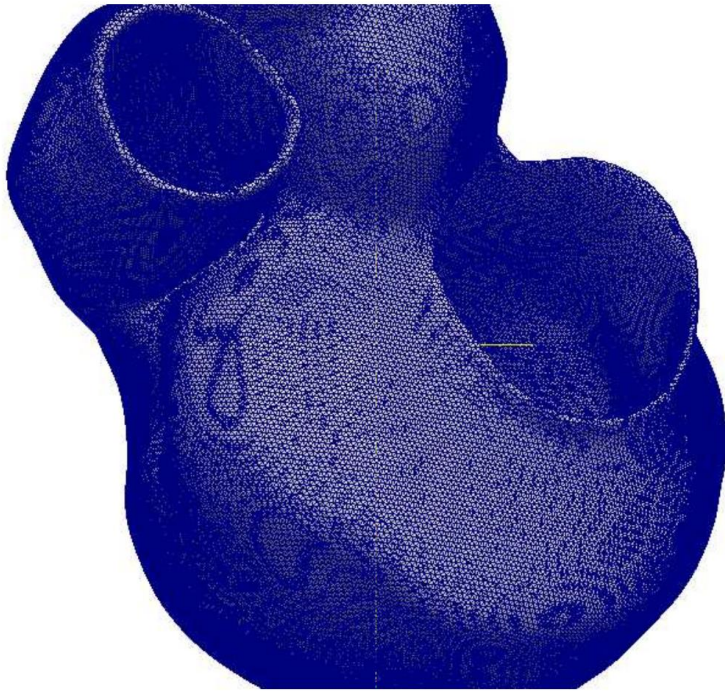
The heart as an electro-mechanic-flow (tri-physics) system:

1. Electrophysiology
2. Computational Solid Mechanics
3. Computational Fluid Dynamics



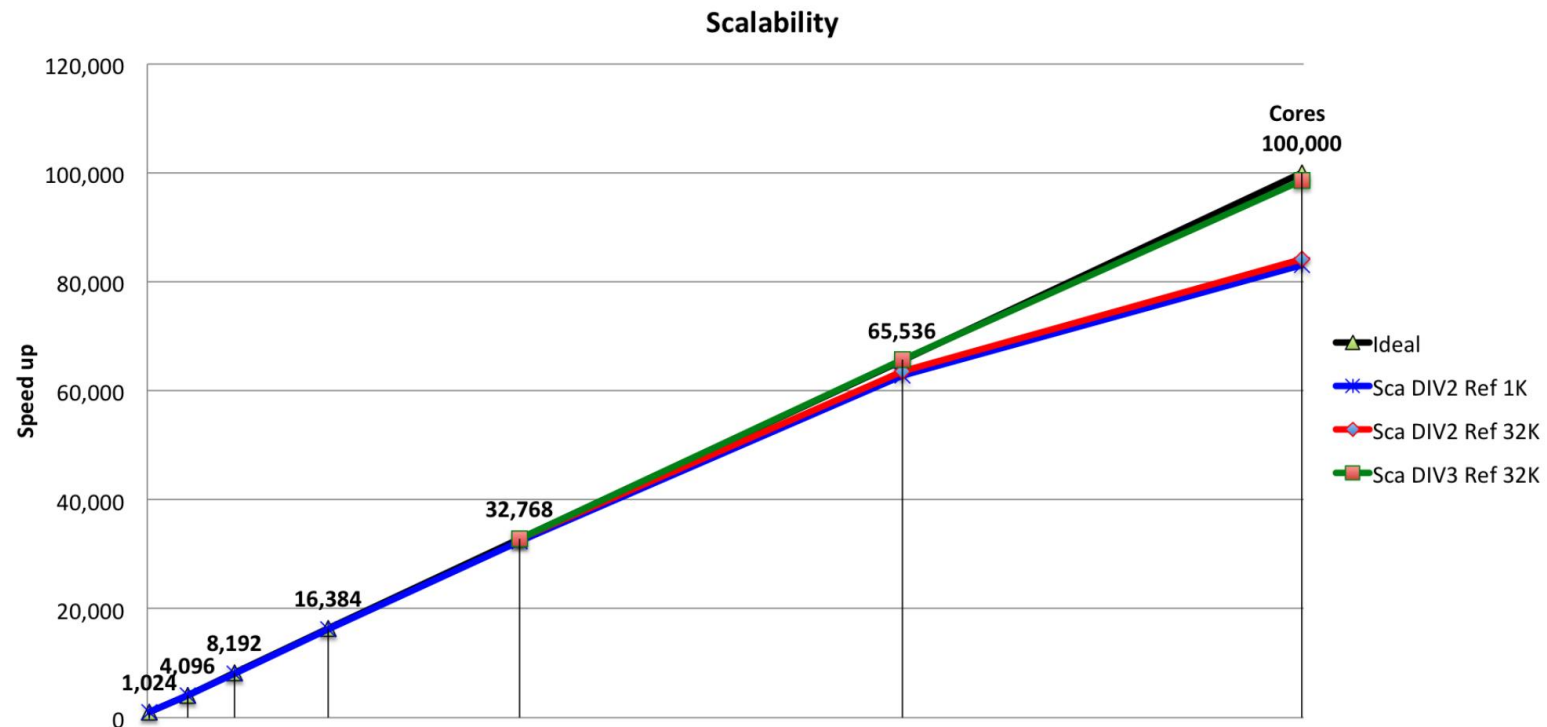
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Results: Electrophysiology simulation scalability



3.46 Billion elements

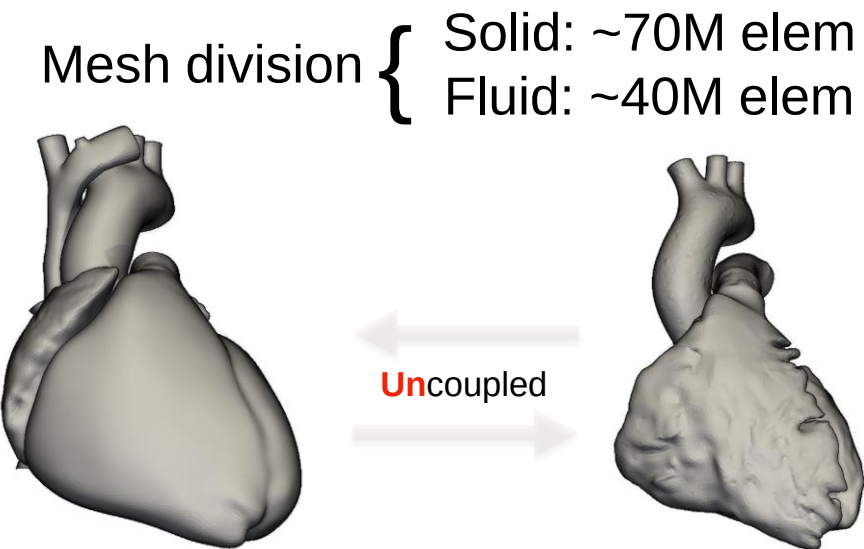
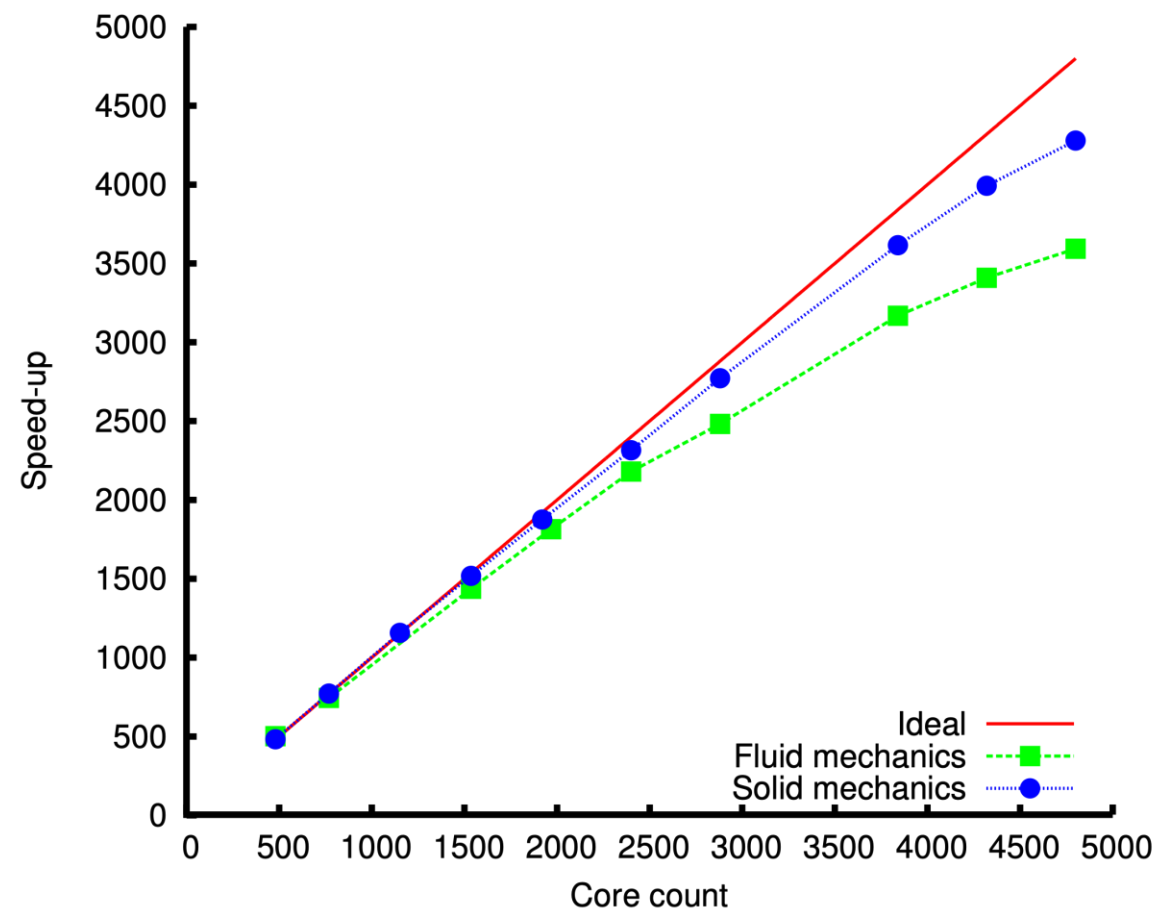
100,000 cores (Blue Waters, USA)



Cardiovascular – Alya: Heart Multiphysics



Results: Uncoupled parallel performance

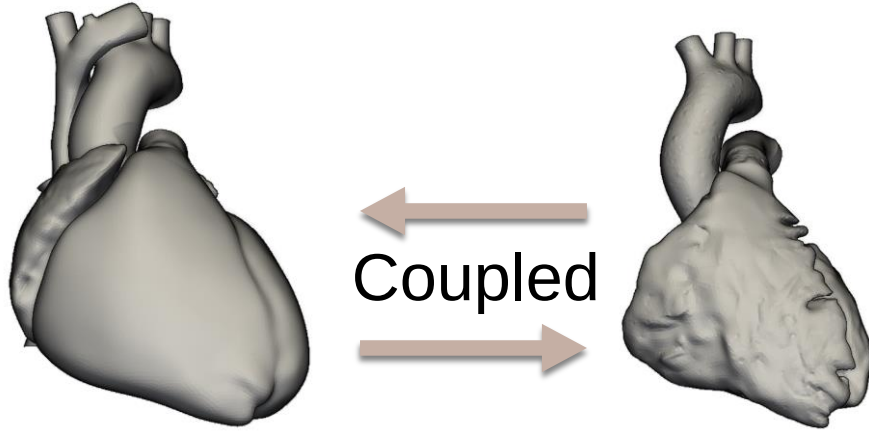


Core count	CFD elem./core	CFD eff.	CSM elem./core	CSM eff.
768	52k	1.00	91k	1.00
1536	26k	0.97	46k	0.99
2880	15k	0.89	25k	0.96
4800	8k	0.77	14k	0.92

Cardiovascular – Alya: Heart Multiphysics

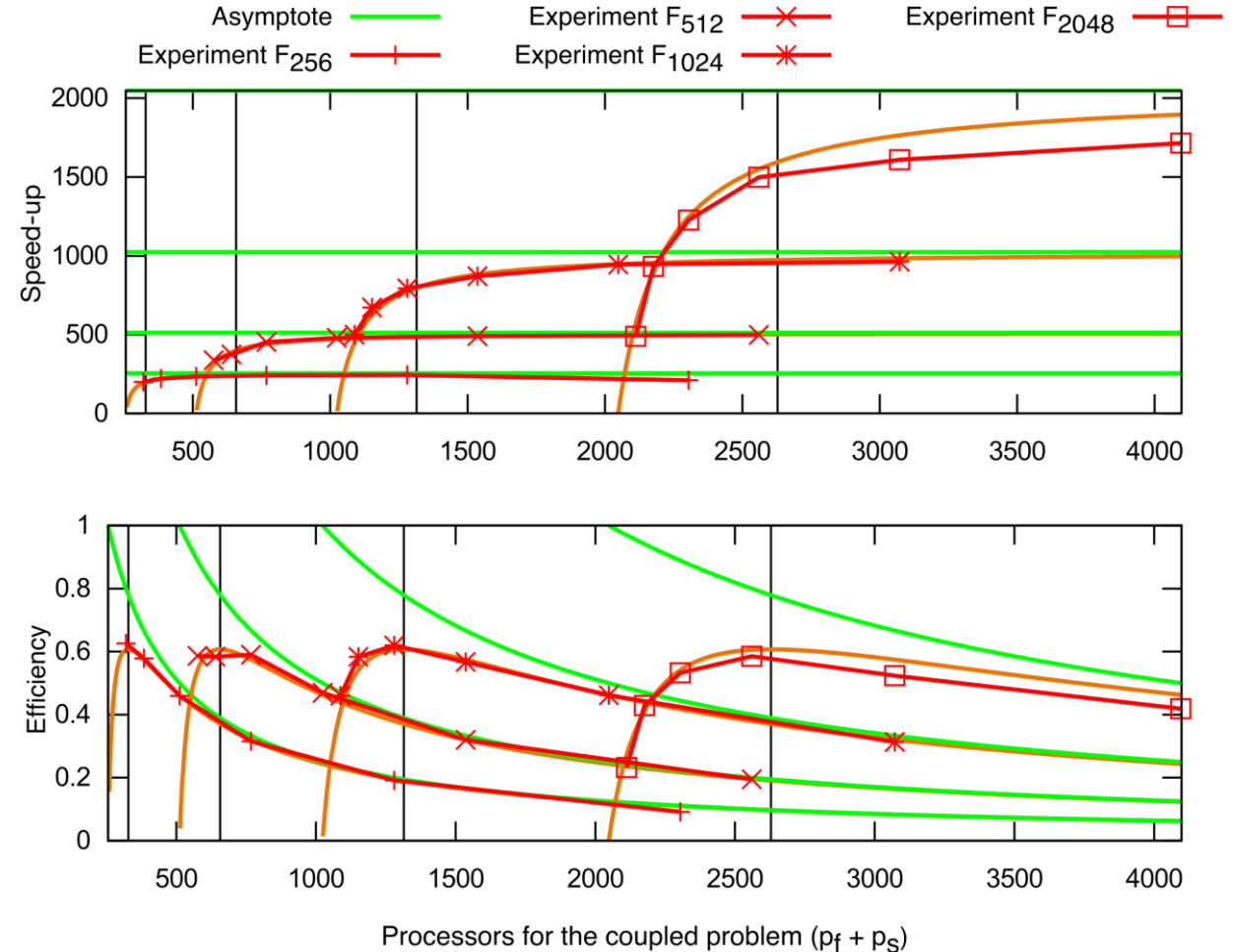


Results: Coupled parallel performance

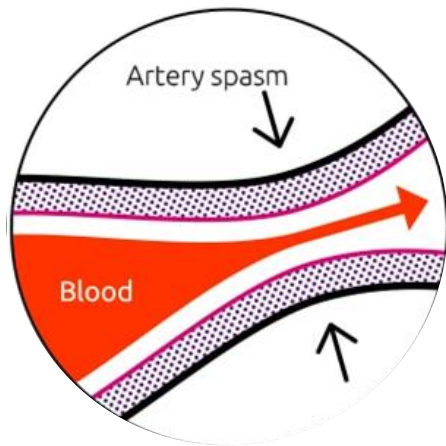


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while Time loop do
   $d_\alpha = d_\alpha^{ini}$ 
  while Coupling loop do
     $f_\alpha = \text{NSI}(d_\alpha)$ 
     $d_\alpha = \text{SLD}(f_\alpha)$ 
     $d_\alpha^{I+1} = \varphi_{GS}(d_\alpha)$ 
  end
end
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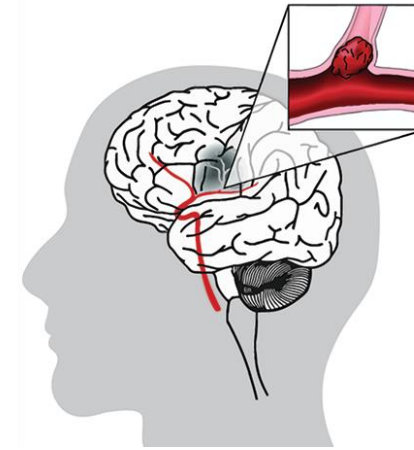
Gauss-Seidel scheme



Cerebral vasospasm vs Ischaemic stroke



Progressive
narrowing of lumen
of brain arteries



Reduction of blood
supply due to a clots
that obstructs the
artery

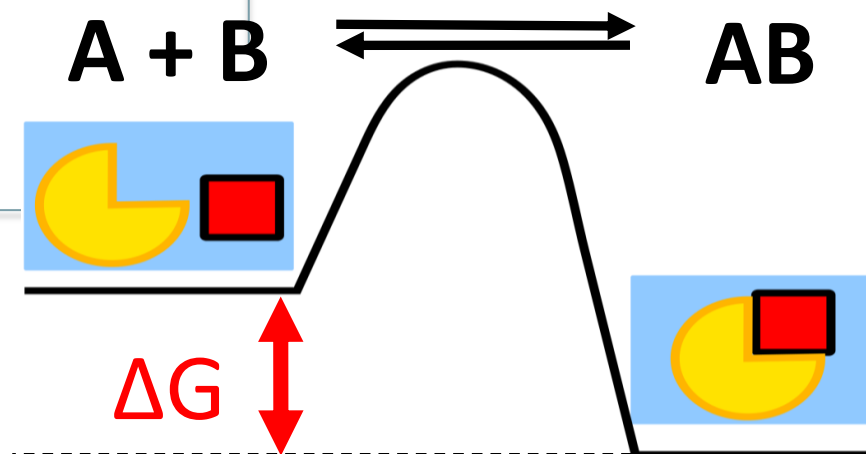
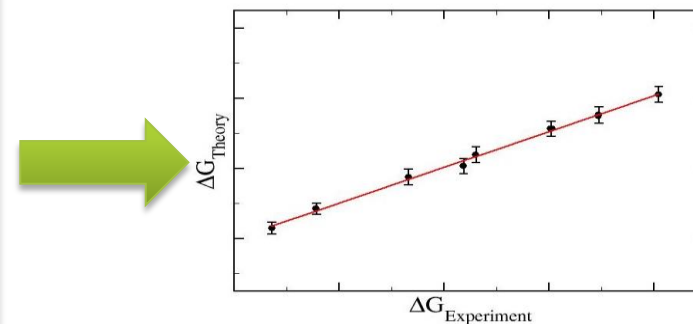
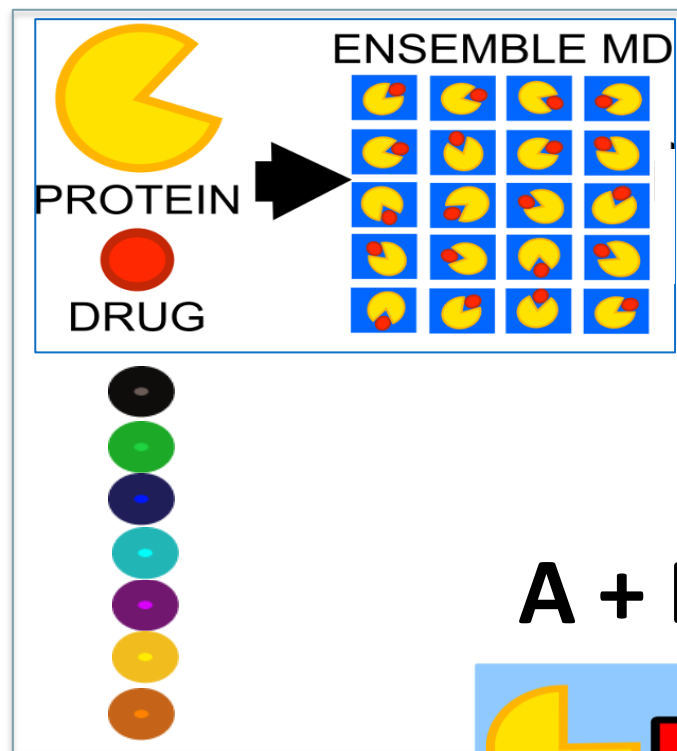
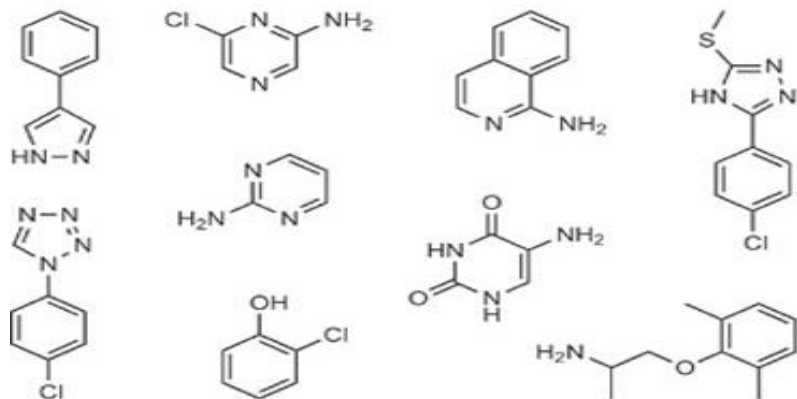
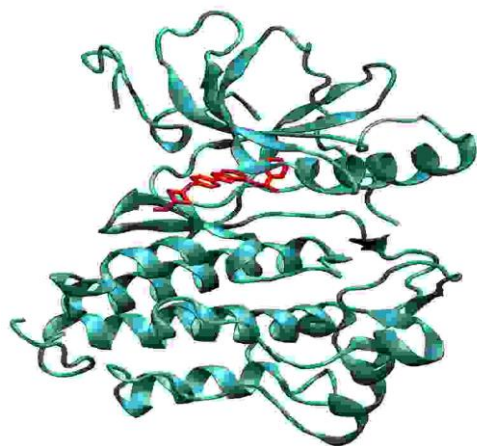
The two pathologies give similar reading on the Transcranial Doppler, but the treatment strategies are considerably different, making an early and clear differentiation between the two fundamental.

This is done by means of cardiovascular modelling and sensitivity analysis.

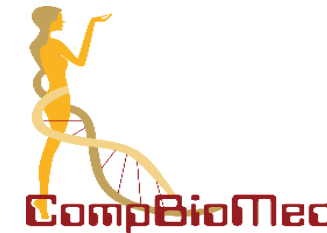
Use of Sobol sensitivity analysis and Gaussian process emulators to identify biomarkers for early differentiation between cerebral vasospasm and ischaemic stroke.

- 1D fluid structure simulations of the brain circulation
- 150 input parameters
- Train and verify emulator: 500 and 5000 simulations, 3 minutes per simulations → Parallel jobs on ShARC, Tier3 HPC system @ USFD
- Sobol sensitivity analysis: 150,000 emulated simulations, few minutes to run

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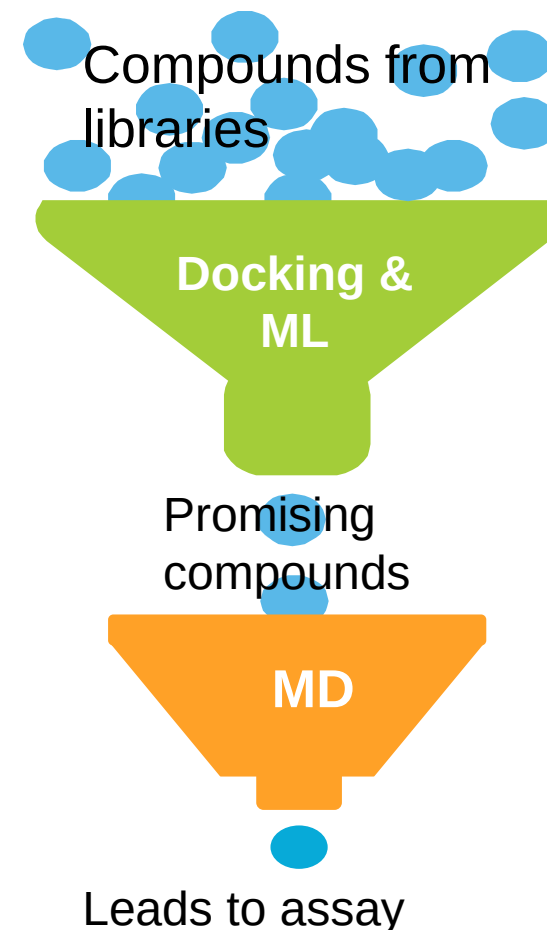


Use **molecular dynamics (MD) simulation** and **machine learning (ML)** to guide drug development.

Large Dataset to Screen

- Existing chemical libraries:
 - ZINC: 230 million purchasable compounds
 - DrugBank: 13,551 drug entries
 - PubChem: 103 million compounds
 - Enamine: 188,734 building blocks
- Machine learning generated virtual compound libraries:
 - vastness of chemical space
 - all possible compounds that might be synthesised

Quick Turnaround is required, especially in an urgency to find effective drug treatment like Covid-19



CompBioMed – Molecular Modelling

Docking performance on Frontera

- pilot startup (~1 min) + master startup (~3 min) + worker startup (~2 min)
- single node:
 - 2 docks / min / core
 - 110 docks / min / node ~ 95% efficiency
- scaling:

16 cores:	~ 90% efficiency
32 cores	~ 85% efficiency
64 cores	~ 80% efficiency
128 cores	~ 70% efficiency
256 cores	~ 50% efficiency

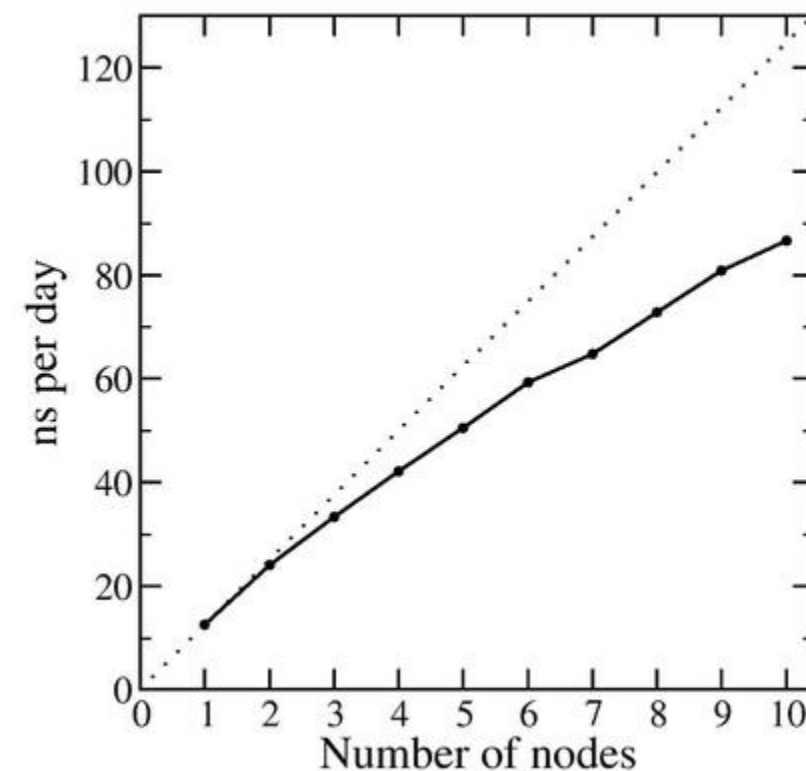
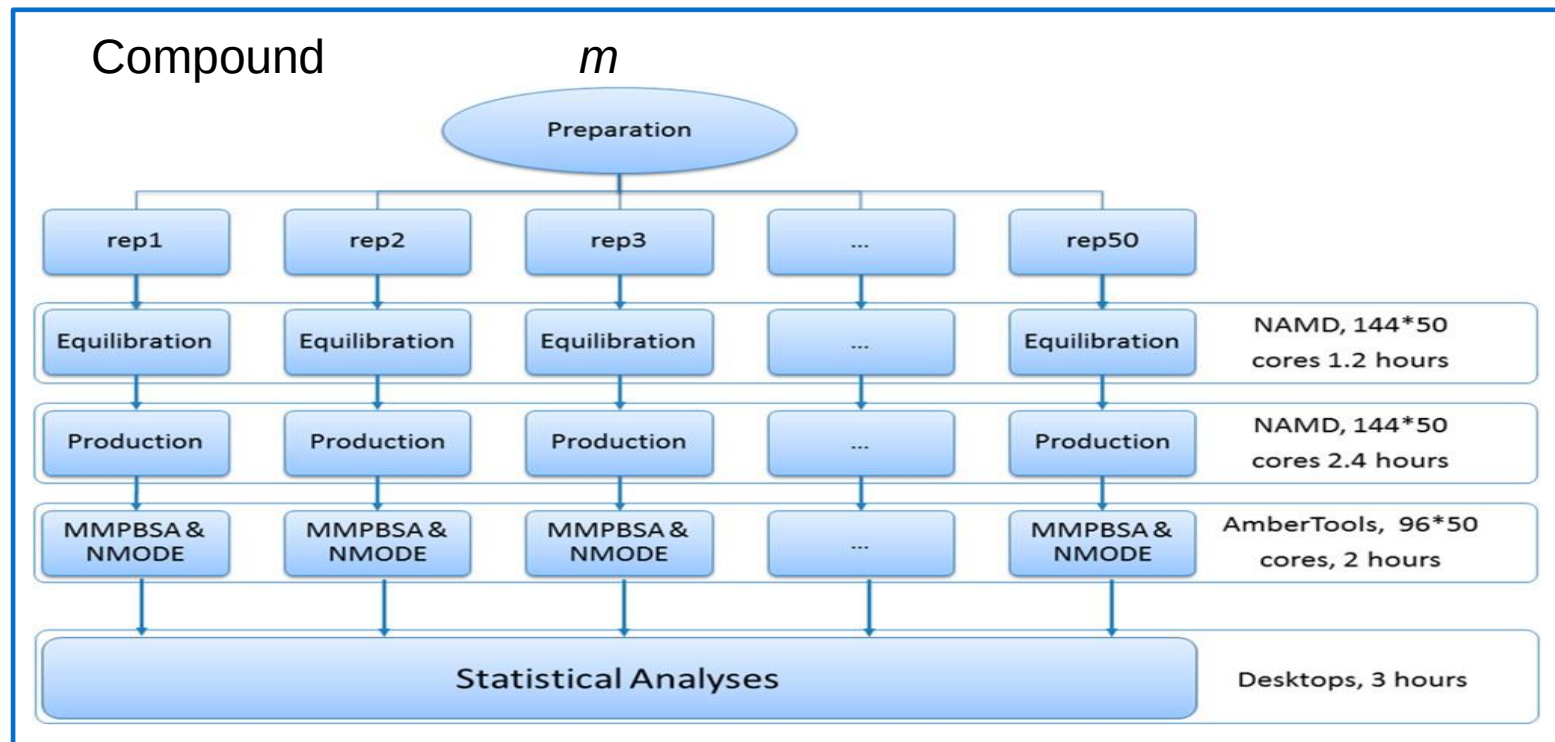
numbers are rough values (vary with different configuration)
- scaling bottleneck is not yet identified

CompBioMed – Molecular Modelling



Small molecule *hits* from docking and machine learning are further evaluated to identify promising *lead* compounds.

- Investigations conducted for m compounds, each consisting of n replicas
- Simulations on Covid-19 targets show that 300 compounds can be studied within 20 hours using 3000 nodes on SuperMUC-NG

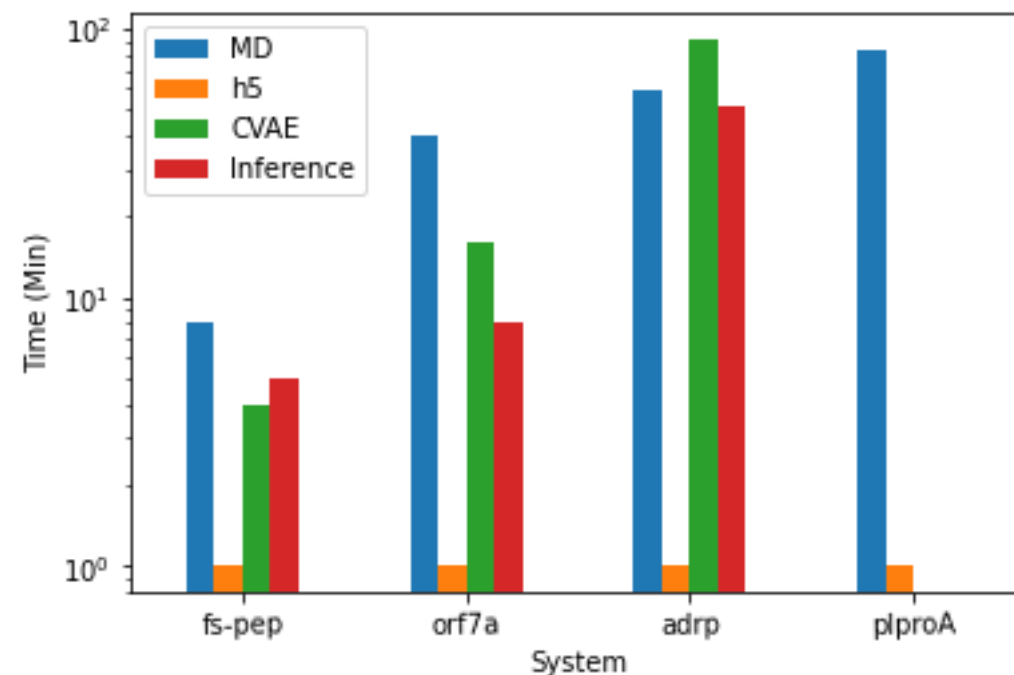


MD Performance Results

- fs-peptide (66 backbone atoms, 23 residues) : 18 mins
- orf7a (198 backbone atoms, 66 residues): 65 mins
- adrp (495 backbone atoms, 168 residues): 204 mins
- plproA (942 backbone atoms, 314 residues): 84 mins*

Settings:

- Time value is only for 1 iteration
- 10 ns simulation time



* plproA does not include CVAE/Inference elapsed time as it fails loading samples onto GPU memory, horovod-enabled performance results will be added, instead.

MD Performance Results

Previous slide shows CVAE training becomes a bigger proportion of the workflow execution time for larger systems as the matrix size is increasing

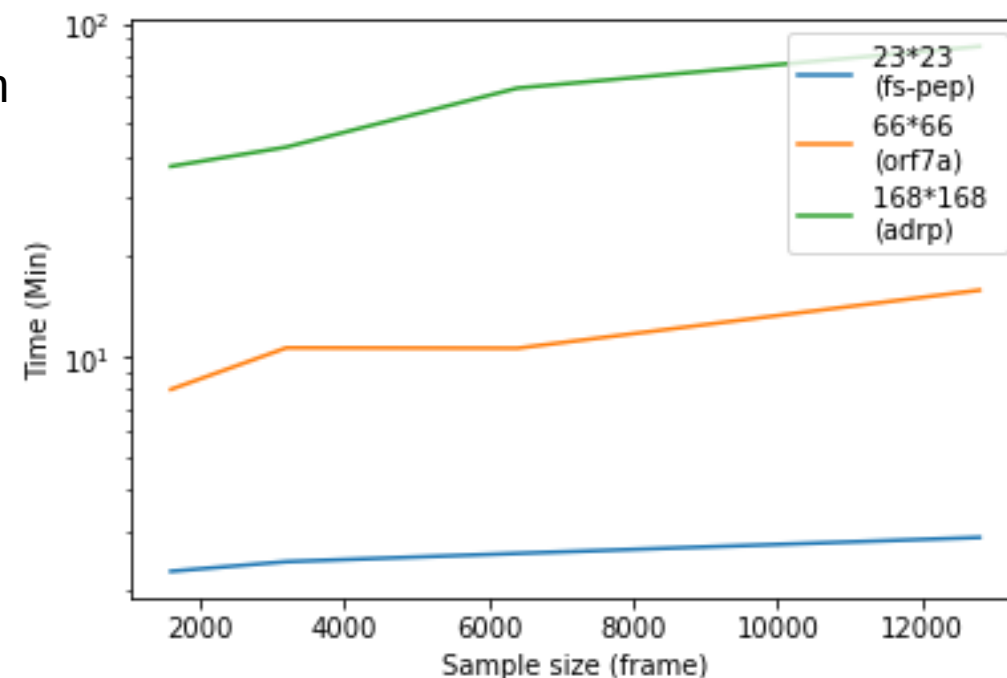
X axis: ensemble size of MD == sample size

Y axis: total time for epochs

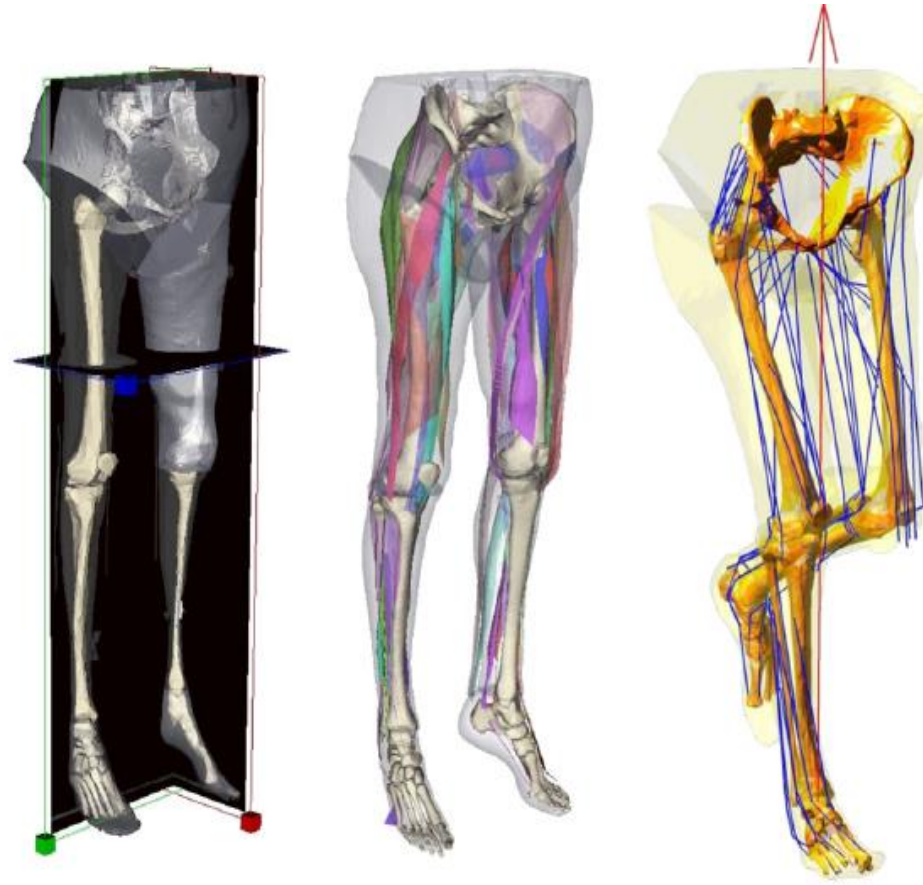
Legend: protein with matrix size multiplied by residue sizes e.g., 23 residues 23*23 matrix

Settings:

- 100 epochs (fixed)
- 10, 20, 40 and 80 MD ensembles == 2000, 4000, 8000 and 16000 samples (frames)



CompBioMed – Neuro-musculoskeletal Analysis

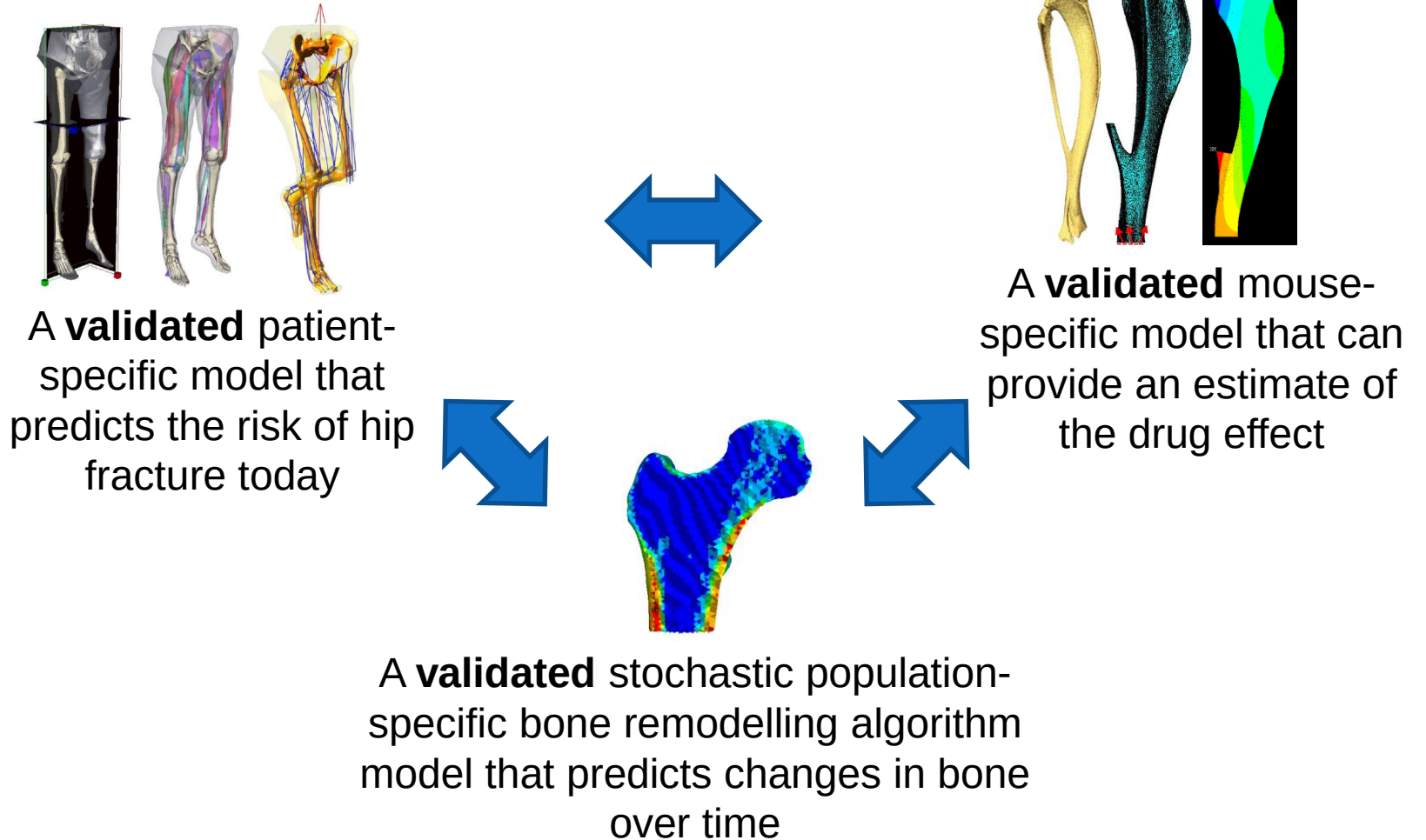


CompBioMed – Hip fracture analysis

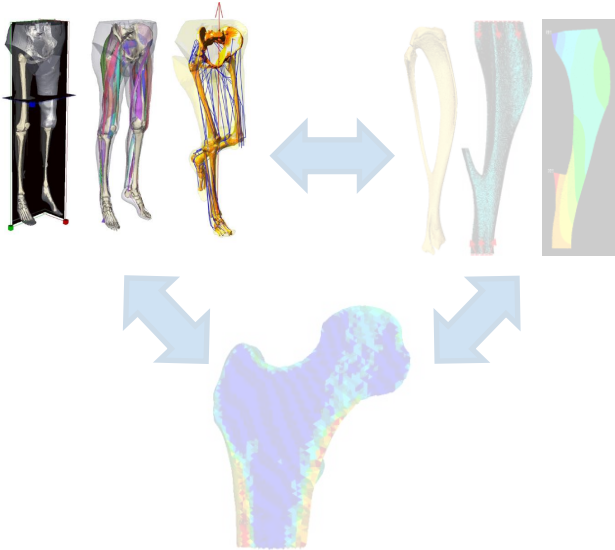


Aim

To develop an *in silico* trials platform to evaluate the efficacy of new bone drugs on human cohorts, from limited pharmacodynamics data on the new drug obtained on mice

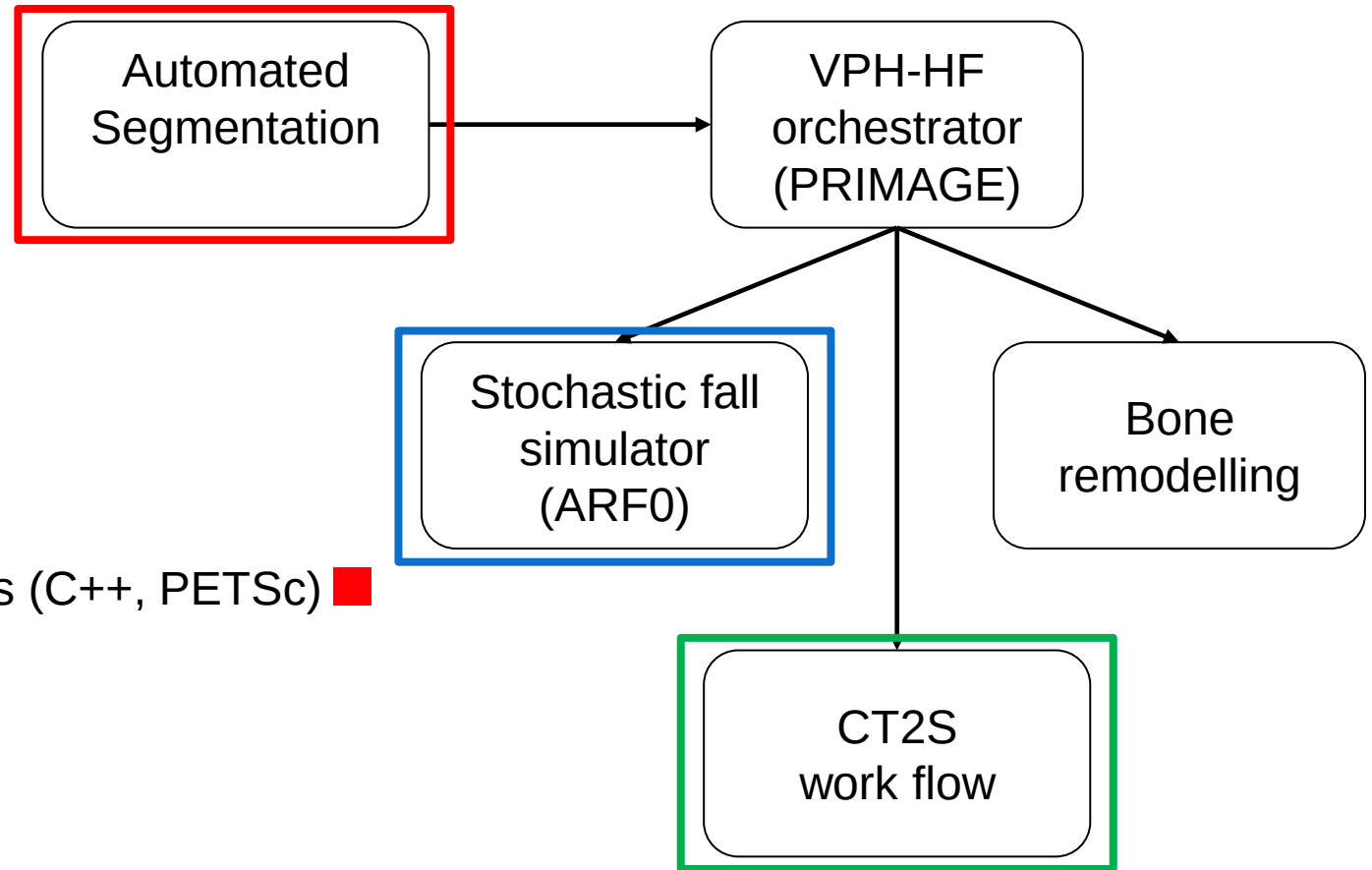


CompBioMed – Hip fracture analysis



Elastic image registration on multiple cores (C++, PETSc) ■
Subject specific finite element model ■ ■

SURFsara HPC system
ShARC, Tier3 HPC system @ USFD
UNIBO HPC Cluster



CompBioMed – Other applications

- Teaching
- Data analysis
- Exascale preparedness
- Application incubation



CompBioMed – Teaching and Education



- To create a new category of users of HPC (“future users”) who will be fluent both computationally and experimentally

Academic year	Medical students	Molecular Biosciences students	Total number of students	Core hours consumed	Core hours allocated	Fold difference (consumed/allocated)
2015-2016	0	20	20	0 (local)	0	-
2016-2017	0	29	29	0 (local)	0	-
2017-2018	40	85	125	17,452	10,500	1.66
2018-2019	20	99	119	49,394	10,900	4.53
2019-2020	20	83	103	97,919*	10,830	9.04*

Teaching Outcomes

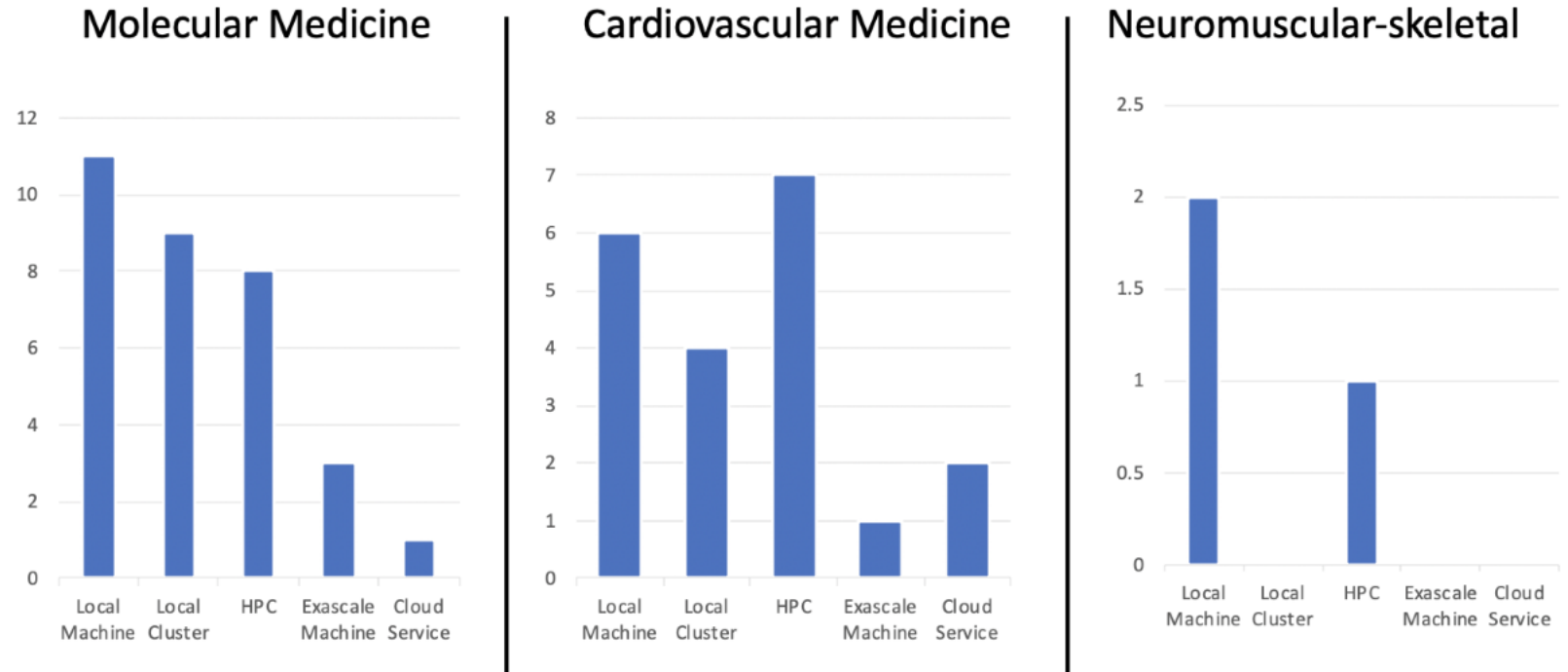
- 100% success rate for students using HPC as part of their degree (2017-2020)
- Improved diversity:
 - >50% female
 - >40% BME
- Employability from embedding computation in the Molecular Biosciences Curriculum

Research Outcomes

- Expansion of the programme:
 - EU funding to deliver medical student HPC teaching at CompBioMed partner institutions
- Engagement with UKRI and EC
 - To provide resource to support training HPC users, including students

- Evaluate current CompBioMed partners use of HPC/ML for data analytics
- Potentially identify options for streamlining of workflows and integration of VVUQ

What computational resources do you use to run the analytics part of your research?



CompBioMed - Collaboration



- Many existing applications are continually developing – potential for POP engagement to assist in making these efficient on large HPC infrastructures
- CompBioMed seeks to identify biomedical applications from academia and industry that could benefit from being made HPC-ready
- Webinars on many topics of HPC in computational biomedicine available on CompBioMed website

- European Commission H2020 funded Centre of Excellence – 2 phases between 2016-23
- Focus on developing applications and exploiting HPC resources for computational biomedicine
- Research applications under main banners of cardiovascular modelling, molecular modelling and neuro-musculoskeletal analysis
 - Several of these are operating on large-scale HPC systems
- Enhancing these and newly identified applications an obvious potential collaboration between POP and CompBioMed

CompBioMed – My thanks



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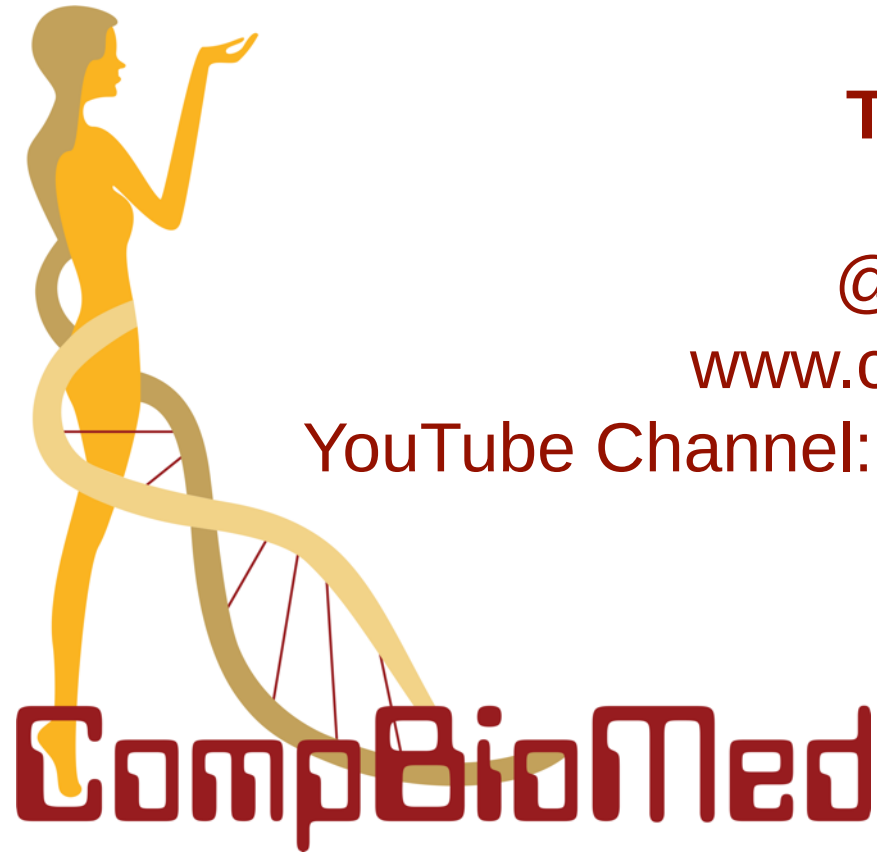
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