

Mark R. Petersen

Education

- 2004 Ph.D., Applied Mathematics, University of Colorado, Boulder, 2004.
Dissertation title: *A study of geophysical and astrophysical turbulence using reduced equations.*
- M.S., Atmospheric and Oceanic Science, University of Colorado, Boulder, 2002
- M.S., Mathematics and Statistics, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2000
- B.A., Environmental Engineering, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1995

Experience

- 2007-present: Research Scientist, Computational Physics and Methods (CCS-2) and the Climate, Ocean, and Sea Ice Model (COSIM) Team
Los Alamos National Laboratory
- 2005-2007: Postdoctoral Researcher, Computational Physics and Methods (CCS-2) and the Climate, Ocean, and Sea Ice Model (COSIM) Team
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- 1996–1998: Project Engineer, U.S. Filter, San Diego

Responsibilities

- MPAS-Ocean Developer, 2010–2016
- Lead MPAS-Ocean Developer, 2016–present
- E3SM leadership team, 2018–present
- PI for ASCR Leadership Computing Challenge (ALCC) award of 87 million CPU hours, 2017-2019, "Understanding the Role of Ice Shelf-Ocean Interactions in a Changing Global Climate", includes managing training, reports, and compute allocation amongst ten researchers.
- Mentor or co-mentor for eight post-doctoral researchers
- Mentor or co-mentor for 12 LANL students
- Mentor for graduate students in the LANL Parallel Computing Summer Research Internship
- Peer reviewer for Climatic Change, European J. of Physics, J. of Advances in Modeling Earth Systems, J. Comp. Physics, J. Geophysical Res., J. Marine Sciences, J. Turbulence, Nature, Nature Communications, Ocean Modelling, Oceanography Magazine, Physics of Fluids, Quarterly J Royal Met Soc, Remote Sensing of the Environment, NSF research proposals

- Data visualization and scientific communication with public for LANL, e.g. <http://www.lanl.gov/newsroom/picture-of-the-week/pic-week-9.php> and 2016 National Lab Science Day on the Capitol Hill, Washington D.C.

Publications

- Petersen, M., Asay-Davis, X., Berres, A., Feige, N., Jacobsen, D., Jones, P., Maltrud, M., Ringler, T., Streletz, G., Turner, A., Van Roekel, L., Veneziani, M., Wolfe, J., Wolfram, P., Woodring, J., 2019. An evaluation of the ocean and sea ice climate of E3SM using MPAS and interannual CORE-II forcing. *Journal of Advances in Modeling Earth Systems*, 11, 1438–1458. <https://doi.org/10.1029/2018MS001373>
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- Berres, A.S., Turton, T.L., Petersen, M., Rogers, D.H., Ahrens, J.P., 2017. Video Compression for Ocean Simulation Image Databases. The Eurographics Association. <https://doi.org/10.2312/envirvis.20171104>
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- Samsel, F., Petersen, M., Abram, G., Turton, T.L., Rogers, D., Ahrens, J., 2016b. Visualization of Ocean Currents and Eddies in a High-Resolution Global Ocean-Climate Model 4. *Supercomputing Conference Proceedings* 2015
- Ware, C., Rogers, D., Petersen, M., Ahrens, J., Aygar, E., 2016. Optimizing for Visual Cognition in High Performance Scientific Computing. *Electronic Imaging* 2016, 1–9. <https://doi.org/10.2352/ISSN.2470-1173.2016.16.HVEI-130>

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- Wolfram, P.J., Ringler, T.D., Maltrud, M.E., Jacobsen, D.W., Petersen, M.R., 2015. Diagnosing Isopycnal Diffusivity in an Eddying, Idealized Midlatitude Ocean Basin via Lagrangian, in Situ, Global, High-Performance Particle Tracking (LIGHT). *J. Phys. Oceanogr.* 45, 2114–2133. <https://doi.org/10.1175/JPO-D-14-0260.1>
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Awards

- Best Scientific Visualization & Data Analytics Showcase, Supercomputing Conference 2015, "Visualizing Ocean Currents and Eddies in a High-Resolution Global Ocean-Climate Model", Samsel, F., Petersen, M., Abram, G., Turton, T.L., Rogers, D., Ahrens, J. <https://vimeo.com/145875477>
- AAAS Science Data Stories Finalist, 2016, "Ocean Currents and Climate Change", Petersen, M. and Samsel, F. <http://www.sciencemag.org/projects/data-stories/finalists/2016>

- Finalist, Scientific Visualization & Data Analytics Showcase, Supercomputing Conference 2014, "In Situ MPAS-Ocean Image-Based Visualization", Ahrens, J., Jourdain, S., O'Leary, P., Patchett, J., Rogers, D., Fasel, P., Bauer, A, Petersen, M., Samsel, F., Boeckel, B.

Community Service

- Science Fair Judge for many years at county, regional, state, and international levels. Three-time judge at Intel International Science and Engineering Fair.
- Mentor in science and computer programming to numerous students, ranging from grades 5 to 12.
- Speaker for youth groups on science, computing, and climate modeling, ranging from fifth grade classrooms, New Mexico Supercomputing Challenge, to high school students at Intel International Science and Engineering Fair
- Children's choir director, 2005–2018
- Foster parent, adoptive parent of three children from New Mexico CYFD