### A SpECTRE With a New 'face

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Charm++ Workshop

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### SpECTRE Goals

#### Physics:

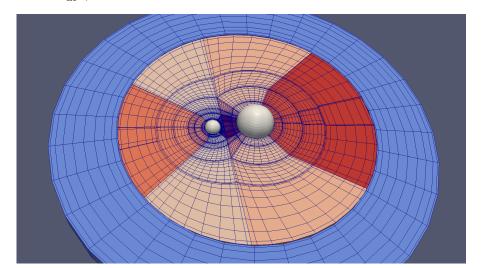
- Multi-scale, multi-physics relativistic astrophysics
- Binary black holes, binary neutron stars
- Core-collapse supernovae with micro-physics
- Multi-disciplinary

#### HPC:

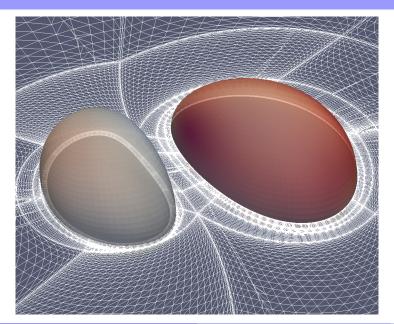
- Open-source, github.com/sxs-collaboration/spectre
- Efficient
- Exascale

### Domain Decomposition and Local Time Stepping

B. Szilagyi, arXiv: 1405.3693



### **Dual Frames**



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# Eliminating Charm++ Interface Files

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# Metaprogramming!

### Important Features

#### We think:

- Reduce user code
- Really easy to use
- Similar to current model: familiarity  $\implies$  faster adoption
- Error-free code generation
- Eliminate runtime errors

Any others??

# Design Steps

- 1 Invoking entry methods
- 2 Creating chares
- 3 Reductions

### Invoking Entry Methods

Entry methods MyEntryMethod0, MyEntryMethod1, and Charm++ proxy my\_proxy.

#### No arguments:

```
charmxx::invoke<MyEntryMethod0>(my_proxy);
```

### Passing arguments:

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- Where is chare member data?

### Entry Method Attributes

### Possible ways of controlling attributes:

• Inside entry method class:

• At call site:

### Member Data

- Chares hold a TaggedTuple i.e. compile-time hash table
- Tags to chare as template parameter, maybe:

• TaggedTuple passed to entry methods

### Passing Member Data To Entry Methods

```
struct MyEntryMethod2 {
  template <class... Tags>
  static void apply(charmxx::TaggedTuple<Tags...>&
                      member_data,
                    const double& delta_time) noexcept {
    const auto& vel =
      charmxx::get<ParticleVelocity>(member_data);
    auto& coord =
      charmxx::get<ParticleCoordinate>(member_data);
    coord += vel * delta time:
```

### Reducing Compilation Time 1/2

#### In MyEntryMethod2.hpp:

```
#include "UpdateCoordinate.hpp"
struct MyEntryMethod2 {
  template <class... Tags>
  static void apply(charmxx::TaggedTuple<Tags...>&
                      member_data,
                    const double& delta_time) noexcept {
    update_coordinate(
      charmxx::get<ParticleCoordinate>(member_data),
      charmxx::get<ParticleVelocity>(member_data),
      delta_time);
```

## Reducing Compilation Time 2/2

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#### In UpdateCoordinate.cpp:

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### Naming/Identifying Chares

Charm++ will supply class templates, need "names"

### Creating Chares

#### Create using:

- create replaces ckNew
- Chare name is also tag!

### Bonus! Custom Array Indices

Can handle custom array indices more easily, e.g.

```
template <size_t VolumeDim>
class ElementIndex {
  public:
    ElementIndex(const ElementId<VolumeDim>& id) noexcept;

  private:
    std::array<SegmentIndex, VolumeDim> segments_;
};
```

ElementId indexes block, x, y, and z in domain

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### Reductions

• Reductions become quite straight forward:

```
charmxx::contribute_to_reduction <
        ProcessReducedProductOfDoublesEntryMethod > (
    receiver_proxy, array_proxy,
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- Reducing custom data also simpler
- Supply generic data structure for custom reductions

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```
charmxx::ReductionMsg* reduce_reduction_data(
    const int number_of_messages,
    charmxx::ReductionMsg** const msgs) noexcept {
    /* custom reduction function*/
}
```

#### Inside an entry method:

### Summary

- Charm++ interface files replaced with basic metaprogramming
- Users do not need to metaprogram
- Large number of errors eliminated
- Most remaining errors compile time
- Integrate into Charm++ v7?