

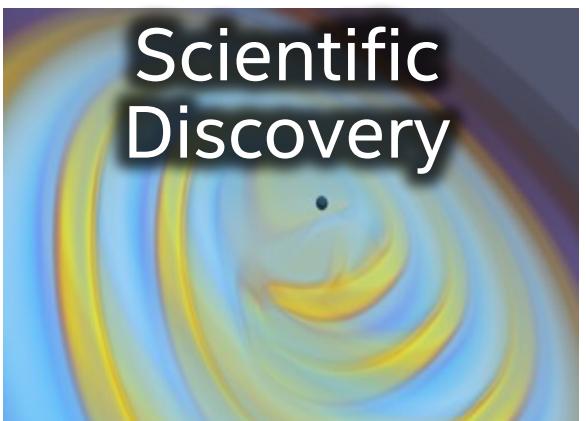


# High Performance, High Fidelity, or Lower Cost Visualization – Pick ~~ONE~~ THREE!

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Principal Engineer, Manager  
SW Defined Visualization  
Intel Corporation

# HPC is Foundational to Insight

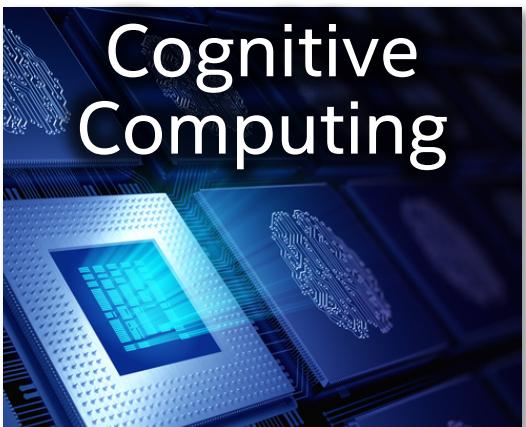
## Scientific Discovery



## Business Innovation



## Cognitive Computing



## Advancing Science

And Our Understanding  
of the Universe

## High ROI: **\$515**

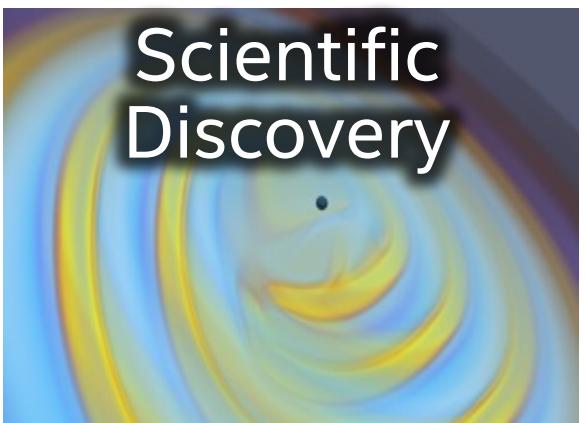
Average Return Per \$1  
of HPC Investment<sup>1</sup>

## Machine Learning

Joins Computational  
Learning Theory with HPC

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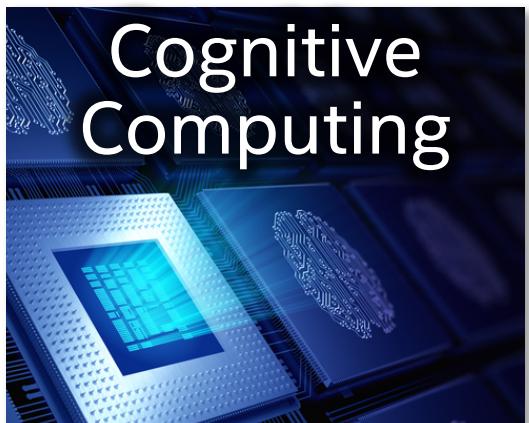
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## ***Visualization* is often the key!**

And Our Understanding  
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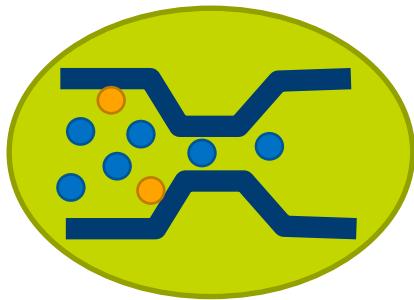
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Learning Theory with HPC

Pharmacology Particle Physics Metallurgy Manufacturing / Design Life Sciences Government Lab Geosciences / Oil & Gas Genomics Fluid Dynamics



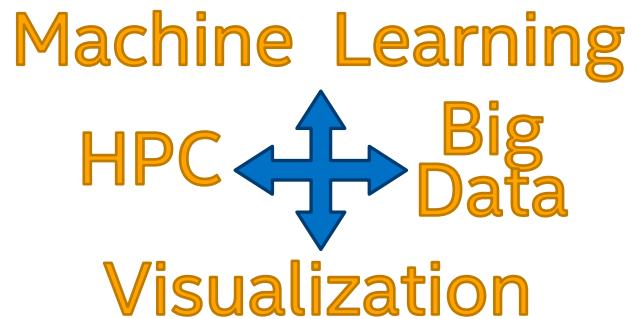
# Growing Challenges in HPC

## System Bottlenecks “The Walls”



Memory | I/O | Storage  
Energy Efficient Performance  
Space | Resiliency |  
Unoptimized Software

## Divergent Workloads



Resources Split Among  
Modeling and Simulation | Big  
Data Analytics | Machine  
Learning | Visualization

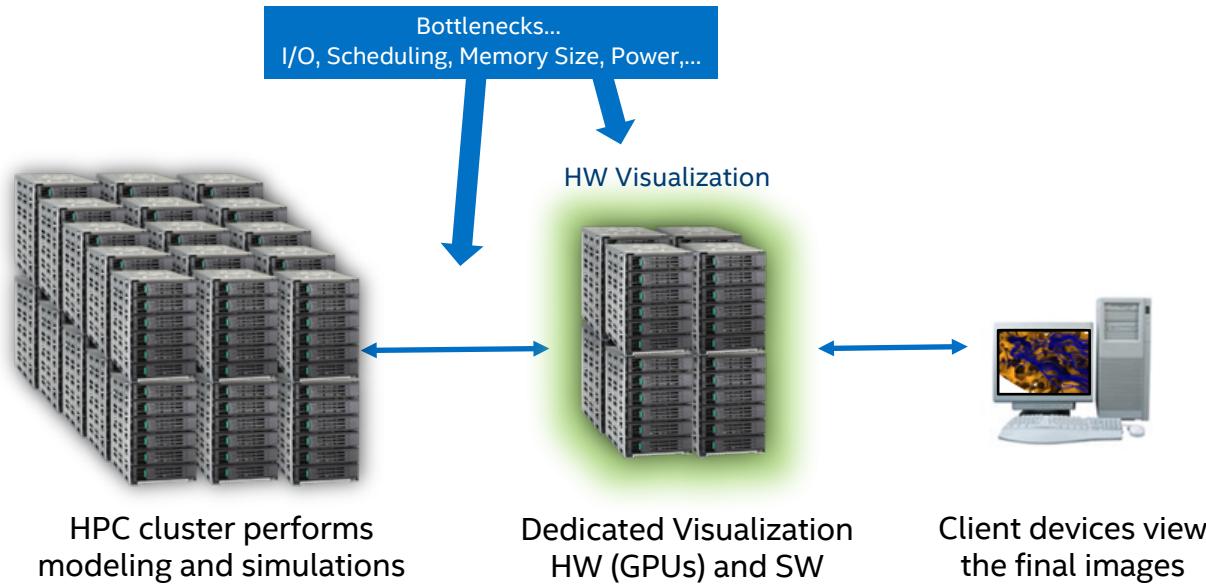
## Barriers to Extending Usage



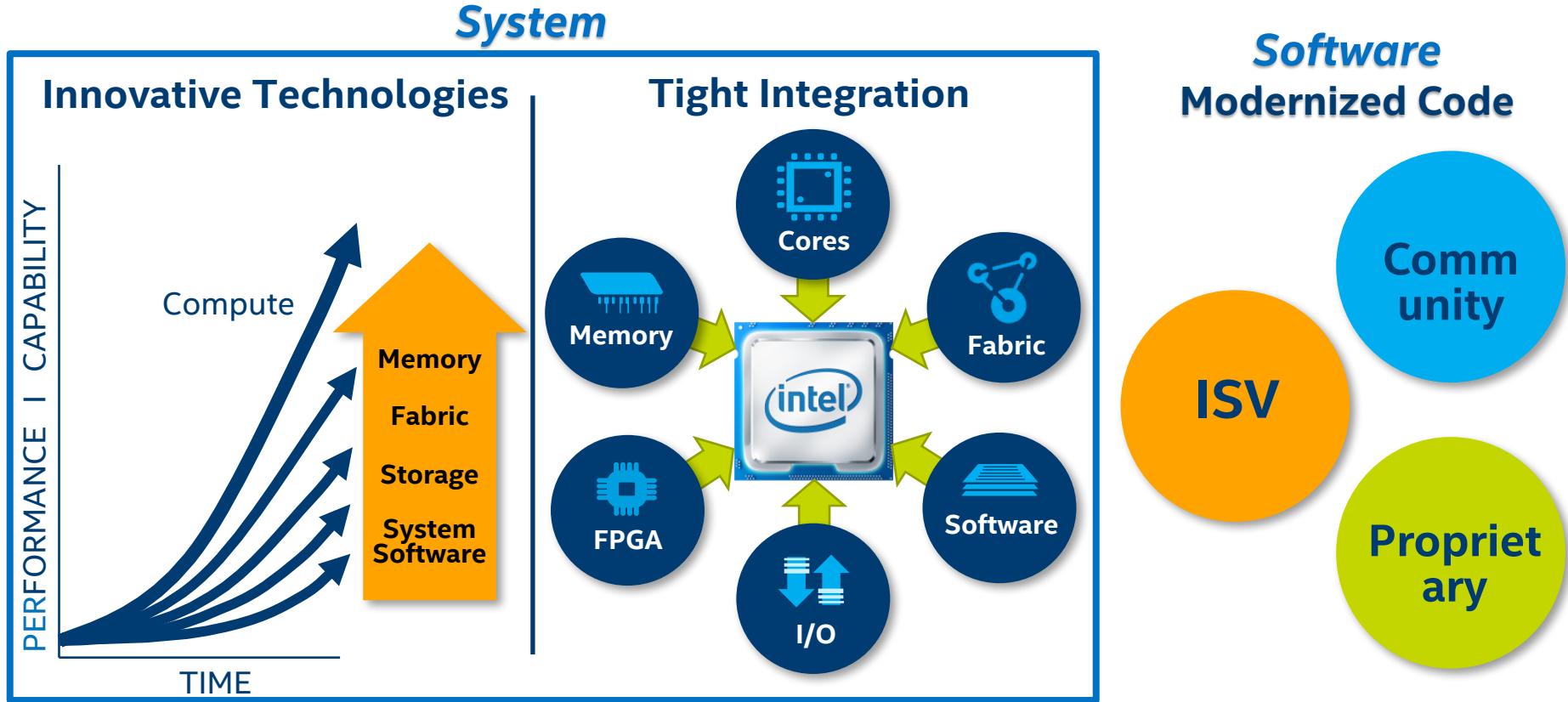
Democratization at Every  
Scale | Cloud Access |  
Exploration of New Parallel  
Programming Models

# Challenges for '*Traditional*' Large Scale Visualization

Using Dedicated hardware and specialized software



# A Holistic Architectural Approach is Required



# Intel® Scalable System Framework

Modeling & Simulation



HPC Data Analytics



Machine Learning

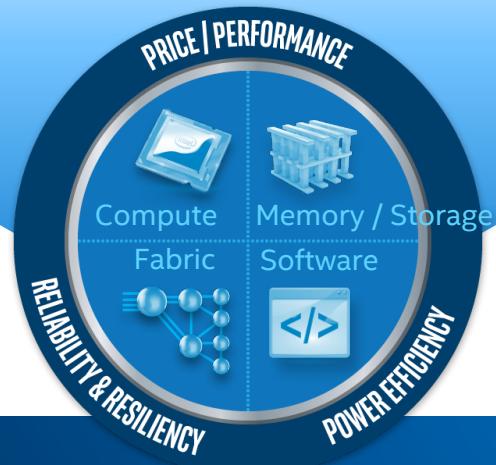


Visualization



Many Workloads – one Framework

A Flexible  
Framework for  
Today & Tomorrow



Enabling  
Breakthrough  
System Performance

# Intel® Scalable System Framework

## A Holistic Solution for All HPC Needs



**Small Clusters Through Peta and Exascale**  
**Compute and Data-Centric Computing**  
**Standards-Based Programmability**  
**IA and HPC Ecosystem Enabling**  
**On-Premise and Cloud-Based**

Intel® Xeon® Processors  
Intel® Xeon Phi™ Processors  
Intel® FPGAs and Server Solutions

Intel® Solutions for Lustre\*  
Intel® Optane™ Technology  
3D XPoint™ Technology  
Intel® SSDs

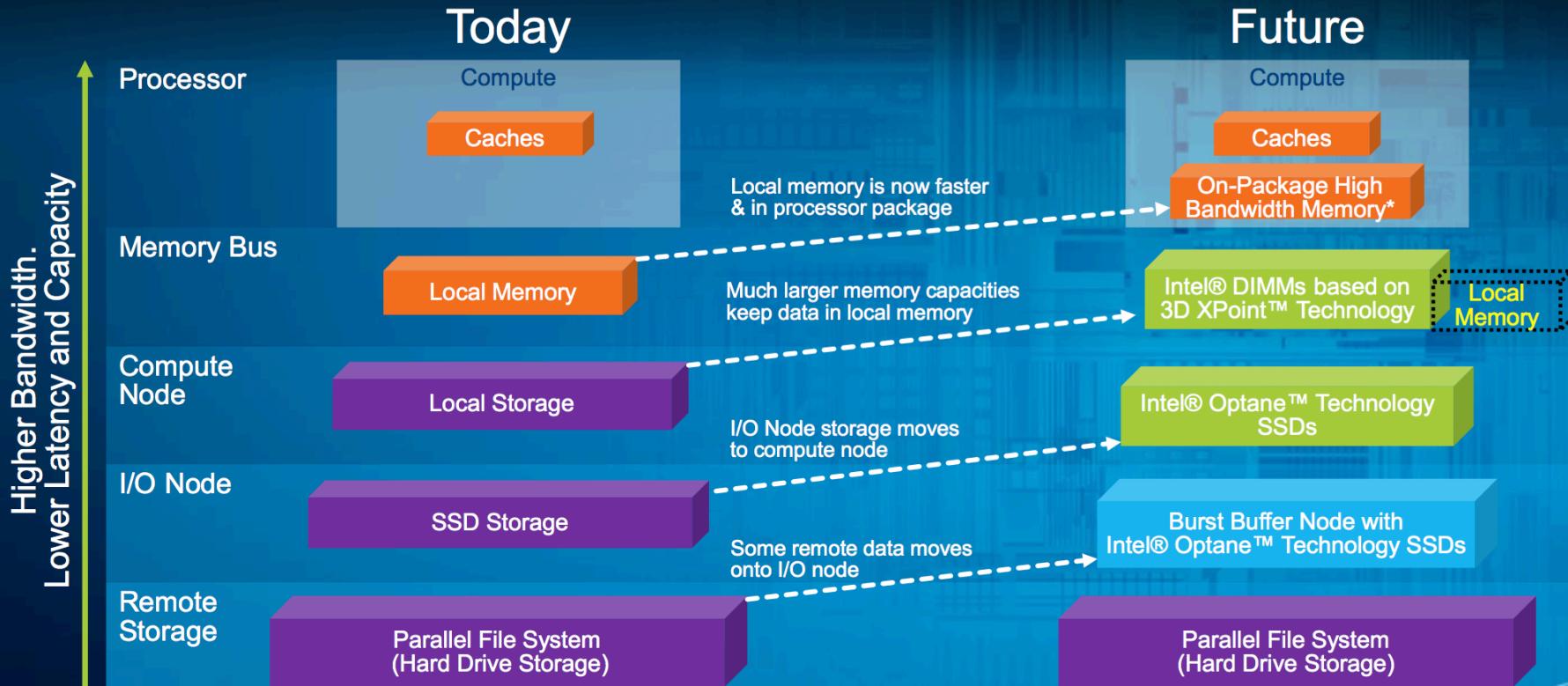
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Intel® Silicon Photonics  
Intel® Ethernet

Intel® HPC Orchestrator  
Intel® Software Tools  
Intel® Cluster Ready Program  
Intel Supported SDVis



# Tighter System-Level Integration

## Innovative Memory-Storage Hierarchy



\*cache, memory or hybrid mode

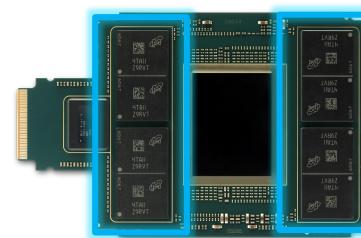


# Intel® Xeon Phi™ Processors

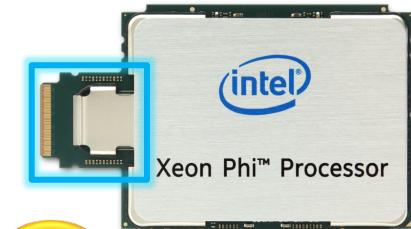
Your path to deeper insight (64, 68, 72 cores – AVX-512 SIMD)

1<sup>st</sup>

**Bootable, Host CPU  
for Highly-Parallel  
Workloads\***

1<sup>st</sup>

**Integrated  
Memory\***

1<sup>st</sup>

**Integrated  
Fabric\***

vs. GPU Acceleration

## Leadership Performance<sup>1</sup>



...with all the benefits of a CPU

- ✓ Run x86 Workloads
- ✓ Programmability
- ✓ Power Efficient
- ✓ No PCIe\* Bottleneck
- ✓ Large Memory Footprint
- ✓ Scalability & Future-Ready

\* Claims of 1st integrated fabric; bootable, host CPU for highly-parallel workloads; and integrated memory refer to Intel® Xeon® processors.

1. For comparison and configuration details see slide 12. Results based on Intel estimates.

# Intel® Xeon Phi™ Processor Configurations

Results based on Intel estimates. Configurations:

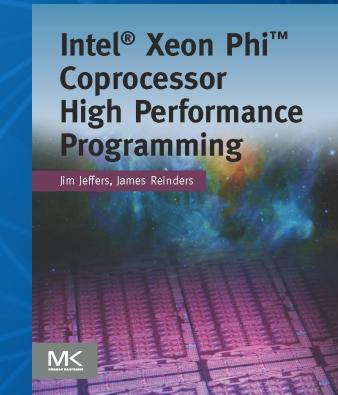
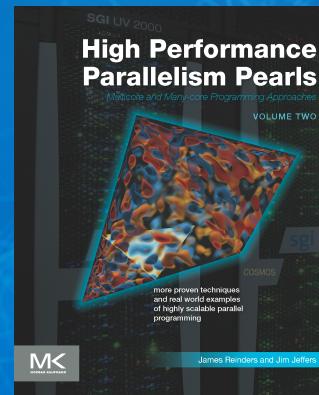
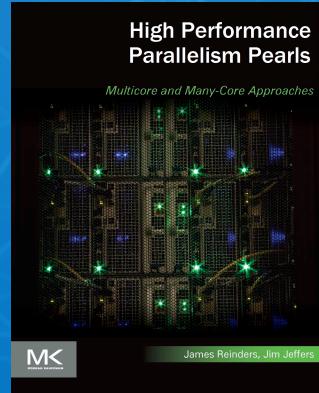
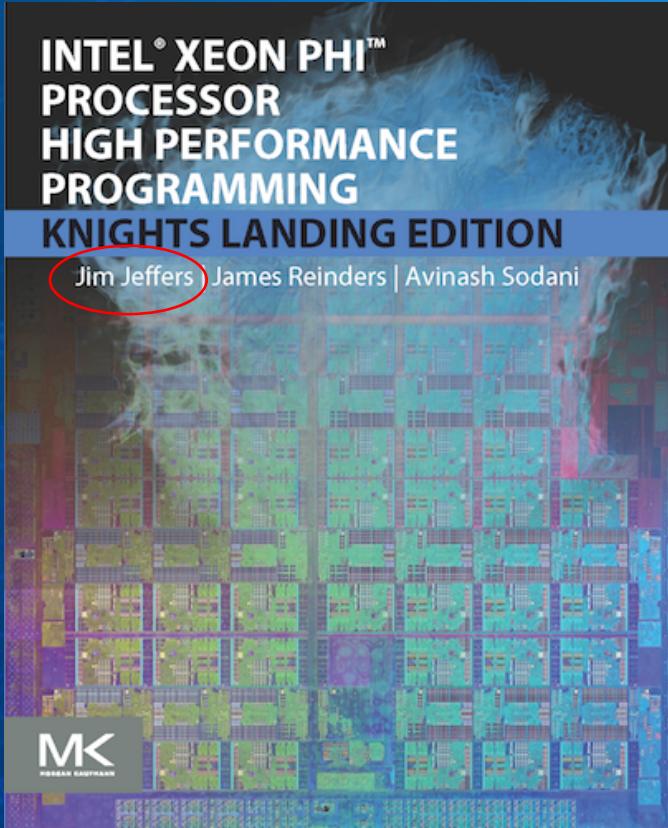
1. Intel measured results as of June 2016. Up to 5x more timesteps per second, 8x higher performance per watt and 9x better performance per dollar claims based on LAMMPS\* Course-Grain Water Simulation using Stillinger- Weber\* potential comparison of the following:

BASELINE CONFIGURATION: Dual Socket Intel® Xeon® processor E5-2697 v4 (45 M Cache, 2.3 GHz, 18 Cores) with Intel® Hyper-Threading and Turbo Boost Technologies enabled, 128 GB DDR4-2400 MHz memory, Red Hat Enterprise Linux\* 6.7 (Santiago), Intel® Omni-Path Host Fabric Interface Adapter 100 Series 1 Port PCIe\* x16, Intel® Server Board S2600WT2R, BMC 1.33.9832, FRU/SDR Package 1.09, 1.0 TB SATA drive WD1003FZEX-00MK2A0 System Disk + one NVIDIA Tesla\* K80 GPUs, NVIDIA CUDA\* 7.5.17 (Driver: 352.39), ECC enabled, persistence mode enabled. Number of MPI tasks on host varied to give best performance. CUDA MPS\* used where possible. Mean Benchmark System Power Consumption: 683W. Estimated list price including host: \$13,750 source <http://www.colfax-intl.com/ND/Servers/CX1350s-XK6.aspx>.

NEW CONFIGURATION: One node Intel Xeon Phi processor 7250 (16 GB, 1.4 GHz, 68 Cores) in Intel® Server System LADMP2312KXXX41, 96GB DDR4-2400 MHz, quad cluster mode, MCDRAM flat memory mode, Red Hat Enterprise Linux\* 6.7 (Santiago) running Intel® Compiler 16.0.2, Intel® MPI 5.1.2.150, Optimization Flags: "-O2 -fp-model fast=2 -no-prec-div -qoverride-limits", Intel® Omni-Path Host Fabric Interface Adapter 100 Series 1 Port PCIe x16, 1.0 TB SATA drive WD1003FZEX-00MK2A0 System Disk. Mean Benchmark System Power Consumption: 378W. Estimated list price: \$7300 source Intel Recommended Customer Pricing (RCP).

Tests document performance of components on a particular test, in specific systems. Differences in hardware, software, or configuration will affect actual performance. Consult other sources of information to evaluate performance as you consider your purchase. For more complete information about performance and benchmark results, visit [www.intel.com/benchmarks](http://www.intel.com/benchmarks)

# Shameless Plug!



# So What About Visualization?

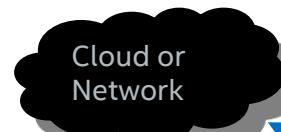
# Our Vision: Scalable, Flexible Vis Rendering that Runs Anywhere!



Standalone Laptops or Workstations



Big Memory Nodes or Rendering Focused Clusters



Cloud or Network

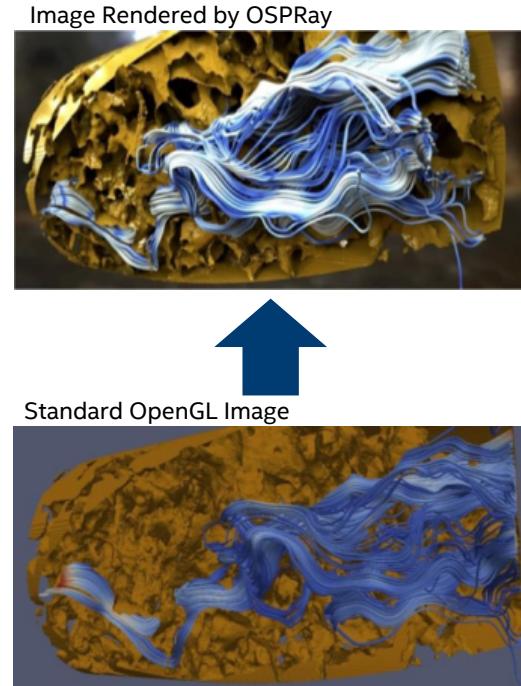
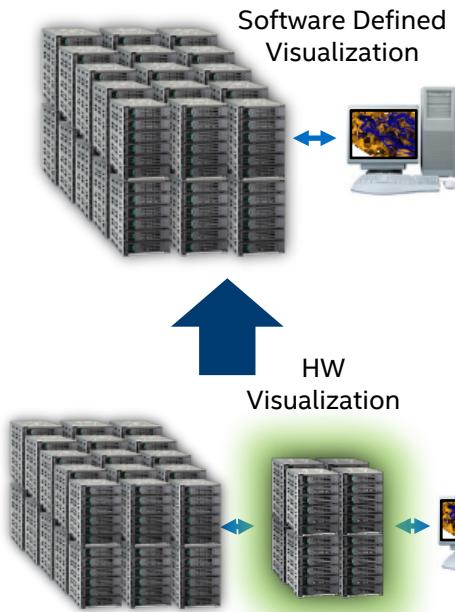


Large Compute+Vis clusters with Local or Remote Clients



# How?

## Intel® SSF and Intel-Supported Software Defined Visualization (SDVis)!



### Embree

- CPU Optimized Ray Tracing Algorithms
- 'Tool kit' for Building Ray Tracing Apps
- Broadly Adopted by 3rd Party ISVs
- More at <http://embree.github.io>

### OSPRay

- Rendering Engine Based on Embree
- API Designed to Ease Creation of Visualization Software
- More at <http://ospray.org>

### OpenSWR

- High Performance CPU Vis Rasterization
- Fully Integrated into MESA v12.0+
- Supports ParaView, Visit, VTK, EnSight, VL3
- More at <http://mesa3d.org>



# Addressing Large-scale, High Performance, and High Fidelity Visualization with SDVis

Gain deeper understanding of data impacting science & discovery

High fidelity, more realistic images even as data sets become increasingly larger, and more complex; no need to compromise data resolution

Solve computing + modeling problem together (in-situ vis)

Essential SW development suite that makes concurrent simulation and visualization efficient – users can work interactively and get results quicker

One system

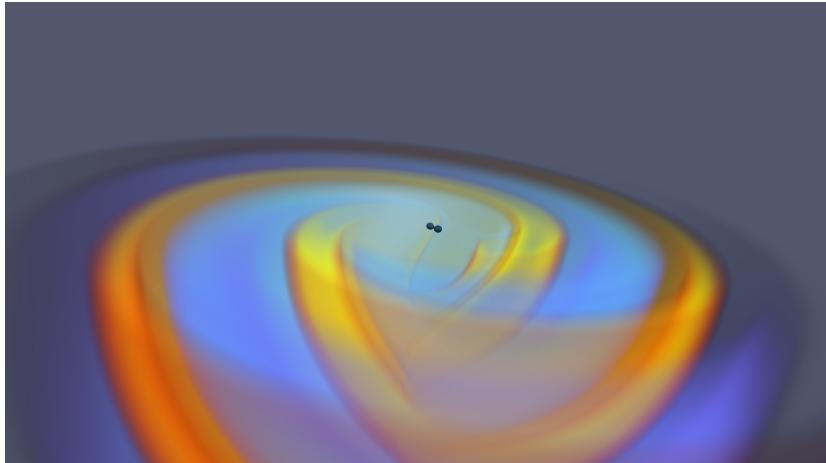
Use same system for both simulation and visualization, avoid data transfer delays and memory size constraints – faster insights for solving toughest problems



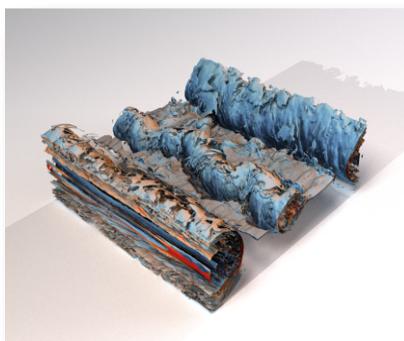
# Benefits of SDVis

- Open-sourced technology delivering vivid visualization of complex, enormous data sets
- Innovative software libraries for visualizing results with *high performance* by unlocking the parallelism already in your system
- *High-fidelity* images for gaining deeper insights in science and industry, faster
- Software Only solution *lowers costs* – no card cost, no card maintenance, lower power bills

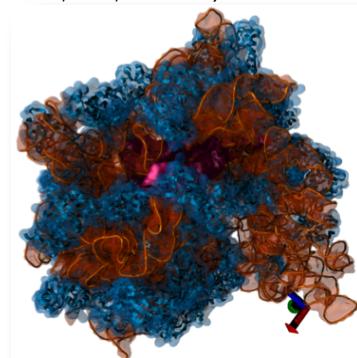
**Your Work. No Compromises.**



Gravitational Waves : GR-Chombo AMR Data, Stephen Hawking CTC, UCambridge; Queens College, London; visualization, Carson Brownlee, Intel, ParaView)



Magnetic Reconnection Model, Courtesy Bill Duaghton(LANL) and Berc Geveci(Kitware)

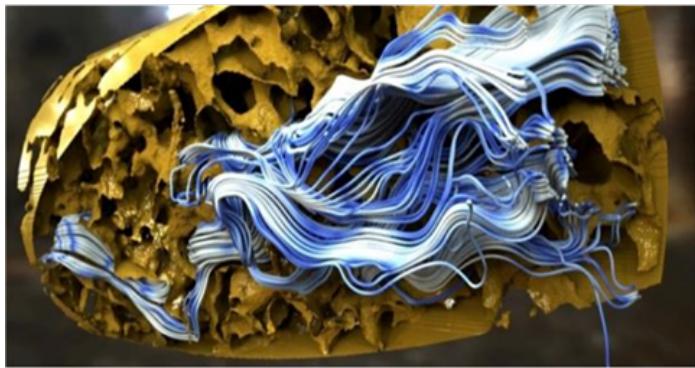
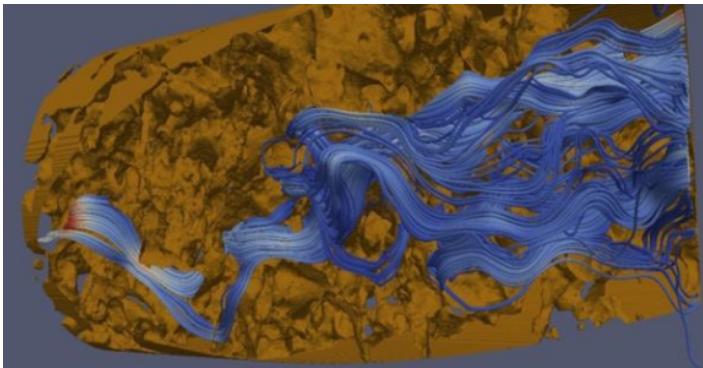


Ribosome: Data: Max-Planck Institute for Biophysical Chemistry



# Hi-Fidelity Visualization with...

- ... scalable image quality
- ... scalable model size
- ... scalable in rendering cost



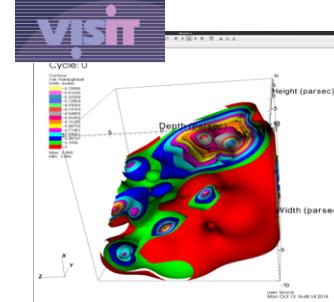
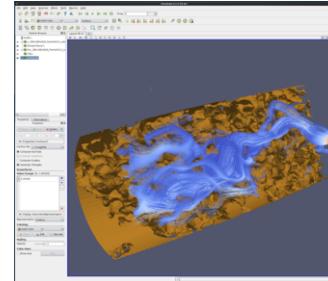
Data set provided by Florida International University

# OpenSWR Software Rasterizer

([www.mesa3d.org](http://www.mesa3d.org)  
[www.openswr.org](http://www.openswr.org))

- High performance open source software implementation of OpenGL\* rasterizer
  - Fully multi-threaded and vectorized for Intel® processors
  - Can access full system memory - highest resolution data
  - Leverages community development effort (MESA)
- Drop in replacement for OpenGL library
- Available since July'16 in Mesa v12.0+ targeting features and performance for leading SciVis Apps

 Paraview



 EnSight  
Extreme Visualization Software



Argonne  VL3



# Ray Tracing Foundation: Embree Ray Tracing Kernel Library

Provides highly optimized and scalable ray tracing kernels

- Acceleration structure build and ray traversal
- Single Ray, Ray Packets(4,8,16), Ray Streams(N)

Targets up to photorealistic professional and scientific rendering applications

Highest ray tracing performance on CPUs

- 1.5–6× speedup reported by users

Support for latest CPUs / ISAs

- Intel® Xeon Phi™ Processor (codenamed *Knights Landing*) – AVX-512

API for easy integration into applications

Free and open source under Apache 2.0 license

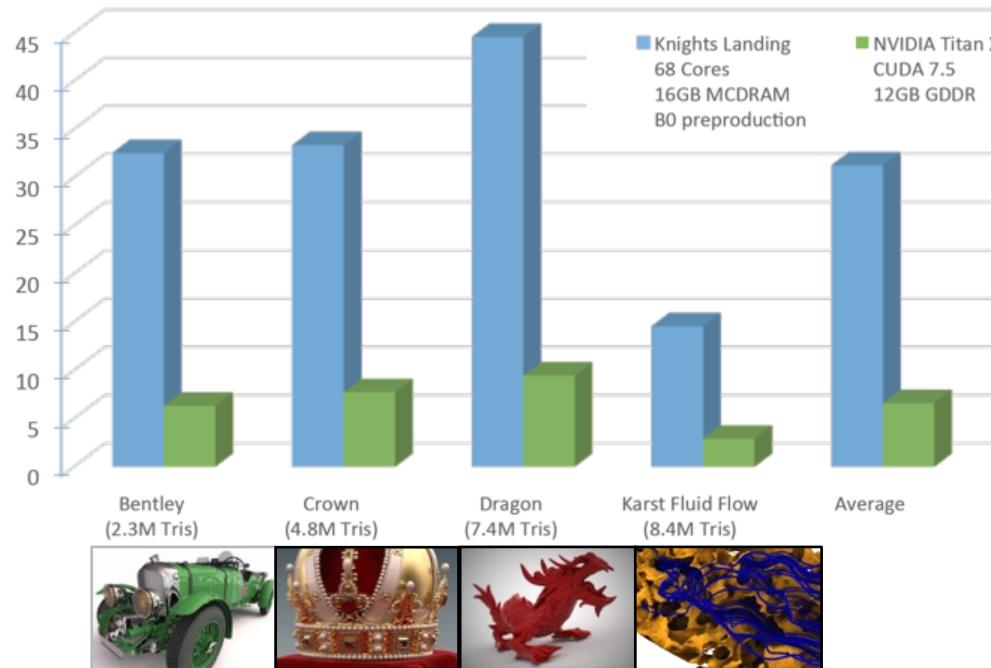
- <http://embree.github.com>



# High Performance: Embree (Knights Landing) v. NVIDIA\* OptiX\* (Titan X)

## Intel Embree v2.9.0 vs. NVIDIA Optix v3.9.0

Frames Per Second (Higher is Better), 1024x1024 image resolution



Embree 2.9.0, Intel® SPMD  
Program Compiler  
(Intel® SPC) 1.9.0  
Intel C/C++ Compiler 16.0.1  
Intel® Xeon Phi™ Processor Preproduction

NVIDIA\* OptiX\* 3.9.0, CUDA\* 7.5  
Intel Xeon E5-2699 2x18 cores, 2.3 Ghz  
NVIDIA Titan X (Maxwell)

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“Intel® Xeon Phi™ Processor – Knights  
Landing Edition” – Jeffers, Reinders, Sodani,  
Morgan Kaufman (2016)

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# OSPRay: A Ray-Tracing based Rendering Engine for *High-Fidelity* Visualization

- Build on top of Embree; Launched June 2016
- Scalable Visualization targeted features
  - Surfaces (both polygonal and non-polygonal)
  - Volumes, and volume rendering
  - *High-Fidelity* rendering/shading methods
  - Scalable Cluster Wide Rendering
- Packed it up in an 'easy-to-use' rendering library for visualization
  - Same "spirit" as OpenGL, but different API



NASA



Brayns



VL3



# OSPRay: A Ray-Tracing based Rendering Engine for High-Fidelity Visualization

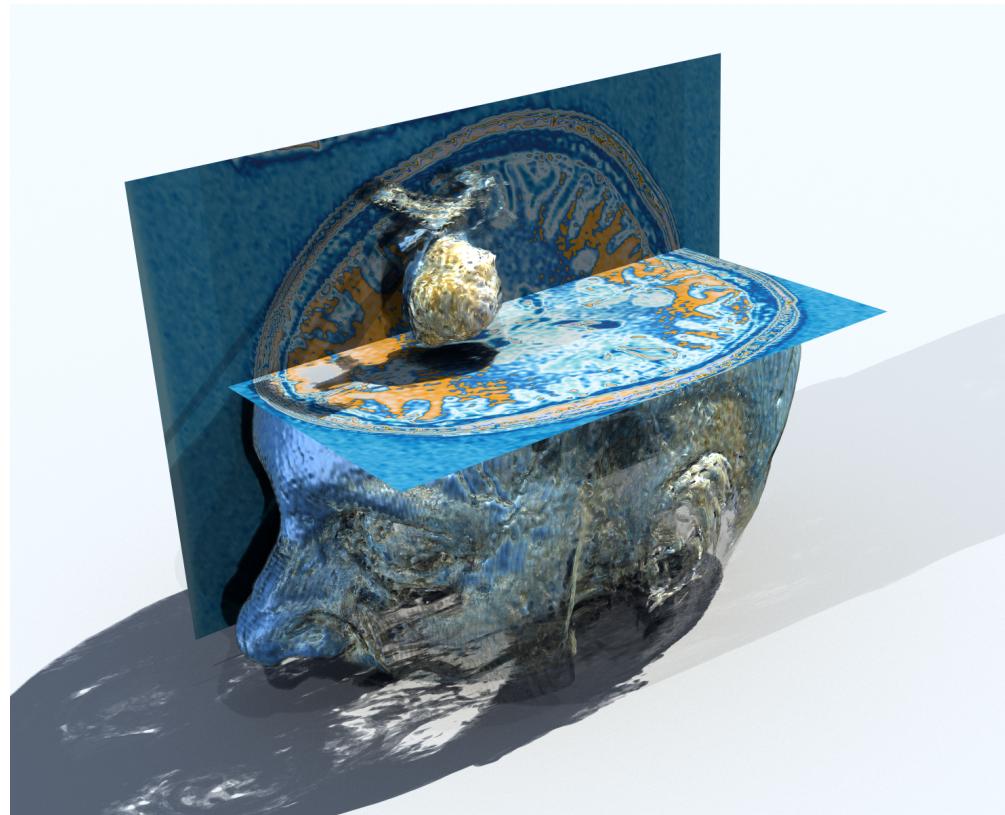


“Deep Dive” OSPRay talk  
by *Ingo Wald, Intel SDVIs Tech Lead and Architect*  
*Aaron Knoll, Vis Researcher, SCI @ Univ. of Utah*  
Thursday 8:30 AM – Key 1+2+5 – SciVis Rendering Papers

# Some SDVis Examples

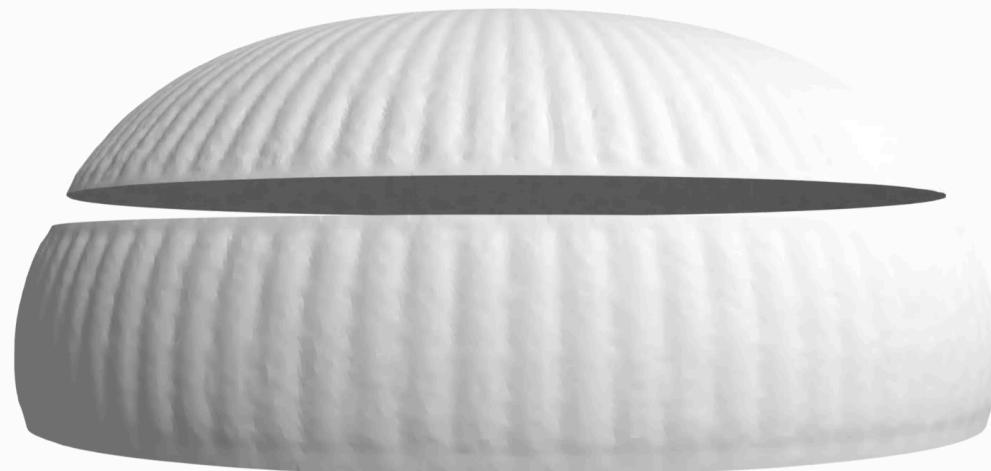
# SC'16 Sneak Peak – ParaView v5.2 with integrated OSPRay and OpenSWR

- Brain Tumor monitoring and treatment
- 3D interactive @ 10-20fps
- Intel® Xeon Phi™ processor cluster
- Ambient occlusion plus shadows
- Stop by the Intel SC'16 booth to see it live!
- Data courtesy Kitware. Visualization, Carson Brownlee, Intel



# NASA – Custom OSPRay App

- Rendered on Pleiades supercomputer attached Vis wall cluster



dataset: parachute; simulation: Dr M. Barad, NASA Ames; visualization: Tim Sandstrom, NASA Ames

# Stephen Hawking Centre for Theoretical Cosmology – ParaView / VTK with OSPRay

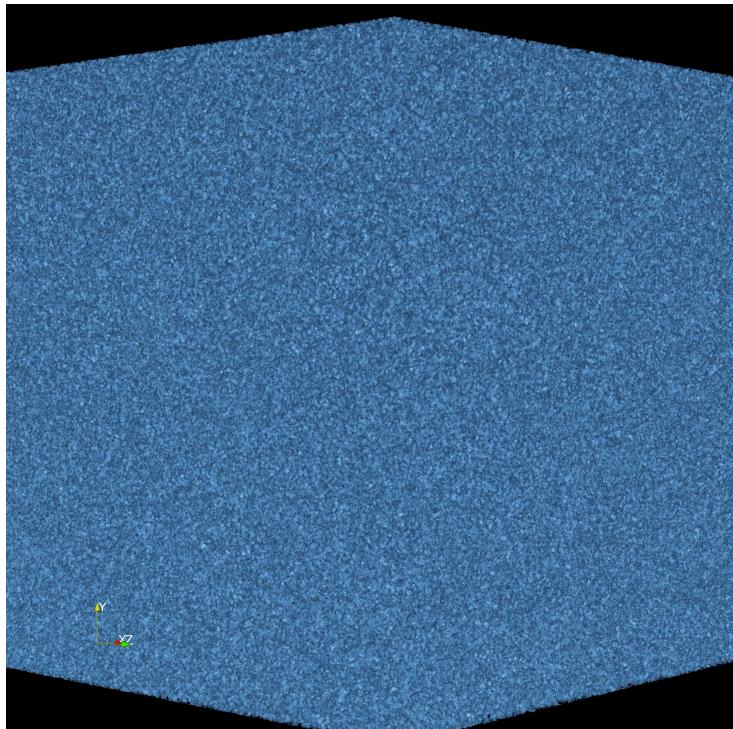
- 600 GB Memory Footprint
- 36 TB Simulation Data Set
- 4 Intel® Xeon Phi™ 7230 Processors
- 1 Intel® Xeon® E5 v4 Dual Socket node
- Intel® Omni-Path Fabric
- ~10 fps



Gravitational Waves : GR-Chombo AMR Data, Stephen Hawking CTC, UCambridge; Queens College, London;  
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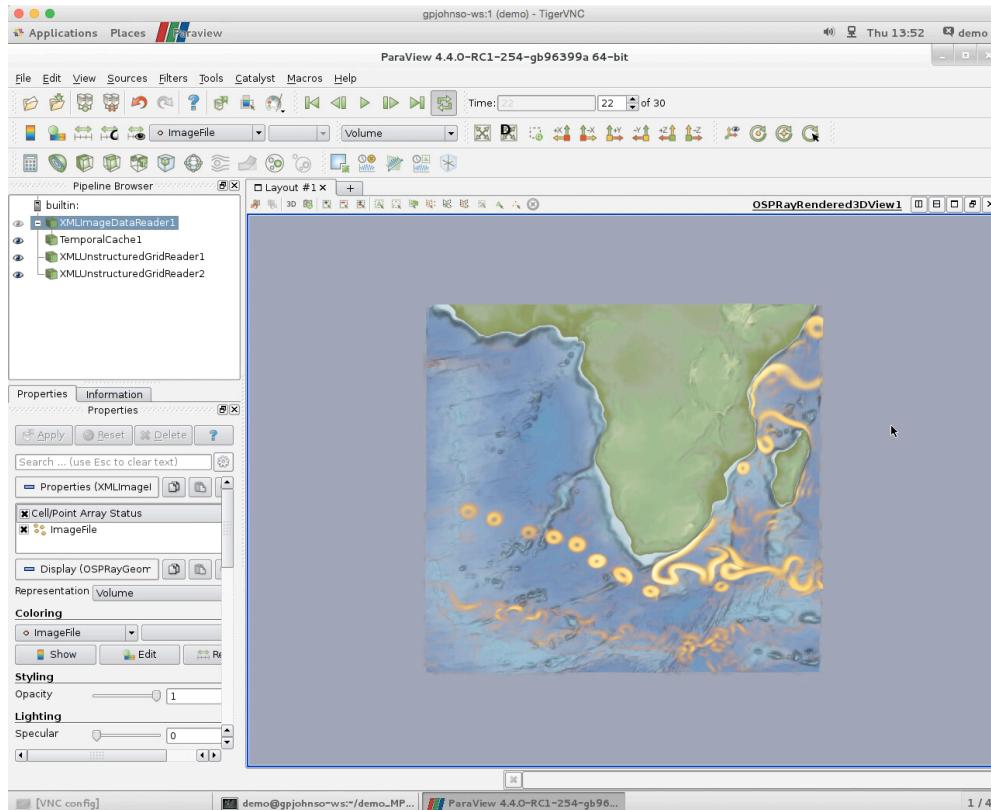
# Stephen Hawking Centre for Theoretical Cosmology – ‘Walls’ in situ with OSPRay Rendering

- 10 TB Memory Footprint
- SGI UV-300 16TB SMP
- >1000 Shared memory Intel® Xeon® E5 v3 processors
- ~15 fps
- Domain Wall formation in the universe from Big Bang to today (13.8 billion years)
- Simulation code by Shellard et al, Visualizaiton by Johannes Gunther (Intel)



# Los Alamos National Lab and Texas Advanced Computing Center – Ocean Climate

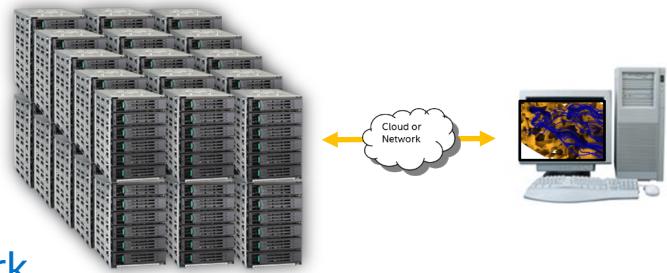
- ParaView v5.0 w/OSPRay and OpenSWR
  - 1.2 TB Memory Footprint
  - 8 node Intel® Xeon Phi™ processor pre-prod cluster
  - Intel® Omni-Path Fabric
  - ~15-20 fps
- 
- Data: MPAS-Ocean/ACME, U.S. Dept. of Energy, Visualization:TACC, UT-CAT



# Summary

## Intel® Scalable System Framework:

- A Holistic, Integrated, System Focused Framework
- Addresses ever-growing HPC challenges for data size, flexibility, reliability and maintainability



## Software Defined Visualization:

- OpenSWR, OSPRay and Embree rendering libraries using CPUs and main memory
- Integrating into prominent Vis tools, ParaView\*, VisIt, EnSight\*, VMD, Brayns, ....
- All freely available (Open Source), developed and maintained by Intel

**Performance, Fidelity and Lower Cost -> *Pick All Three!***

# Want to work with SW Defined Visualization?

## *Post-doc and Grad Student opportunities at:*

- Texas Advanced Computing Center – contact: Paul Navratil
- SCI @ University of Utah – contact: Chris Johnson

## **Going to SC'16 in Salt Lake?**

- Come to the Intel HPC Developer Conference
- SW Defined Visualization Track (Sat. 11/12 PM – Sun 11/13)
- <https://hpcdevcon.intel.com/register/devcon.aspx>
- Contact: [james.L.jeffers@intel.com](mailto:james.L.jeffers@intel.com)

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