
Introduction to Domain Science

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 - Atomistic** - Metropolis Monte Carlo (MC): Random Movement Generation
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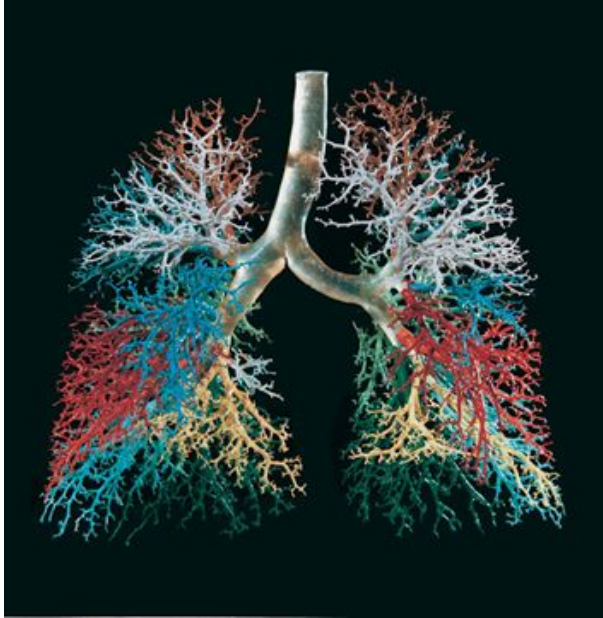
Spatial & Temporal Problem Scales

Length (m)	Phenomena
10^{-18} - 10^{-15}	quarks, strings
10^{-15} - 10^{-12}	proton, neutron
10^{-12} - 10^{-9}	gamma rays, X rays, hydrogen atom
10^{-9} - 10^{-6}	DNA, virus, optical light
10^{-6} - 10^{-3}	bacteria, fog, human hair
10^{-3} - 10^0	mosquito, golf ball, football
10^0 - 10^3	people, football field, Eiffel tower
10^3 - 10^6	Mt. Everest, Panama Canal, asteroid
10^6 - 10^9	Moon, Earth, light-second
10^9 - 10^{12}	Sun, light-minute, Earth's orbit
10^{12} - 10^{15}	Solar System
10^{15} - 10^{18}	light-year, nearest star
10^{18} - 10^{21}	galactic arm
10^{21} - 10^{24}	Milky Way, distance to Andromeda galaxy
10^{24} - 10^{26}	visible universe

Time Scale (s)	Phenomena
10^{-44}	Planck time
10^{-24}	light crosses nucleus
10^{-15}	atomic vibration, visible light
10^{-12}	IBM SiGe transistor
10^{-9}	1 Gz CPU
10^{-6}	protein folding, lightning bolt
10^{-3}	hard disk seek time, blink of an eye
10^0	earthquakes
10^2	tornadoes
10^5	hurricanes
10^7	year
10^9	human life span
10^{10}	deep ocean mixing time
10^{12}	first homo sapiens
10^{15}	Milky Way rotation period
10^{17}	age of universe

Direct Human Experience

Why Modeling: Real Problems are Complex...



Lung Airways



Brain Vasculature

Why Modeling: Analytical Solutions are Limited!

As an example, let's consider the equations that describe *fluid flow*:

$$\rho g_x - \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \mu \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} \right) = \rho \frac{Du}{Dt}$$

$$\rho g_y - \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + \mu \left(\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial z^2} \right) = \rho \frac{Dv}{Dt}$$

$$\rho g_z - \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} + \mu \left(\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial z^2} \right) = \rho \frac{Dw}{Dt}$$

Navier-Stokes Equation

They are **Coupled, Nonlinear, Partial Differential Equations ...**

Can YOU solve them?

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{V}) = 0$$

Continuity

Exact solutions are only available for **simple** geometries: like flow in a *Channel, Duct, Pipe, Annulus*; or around *Steps / Cavity, Cylinders, Spheres*.

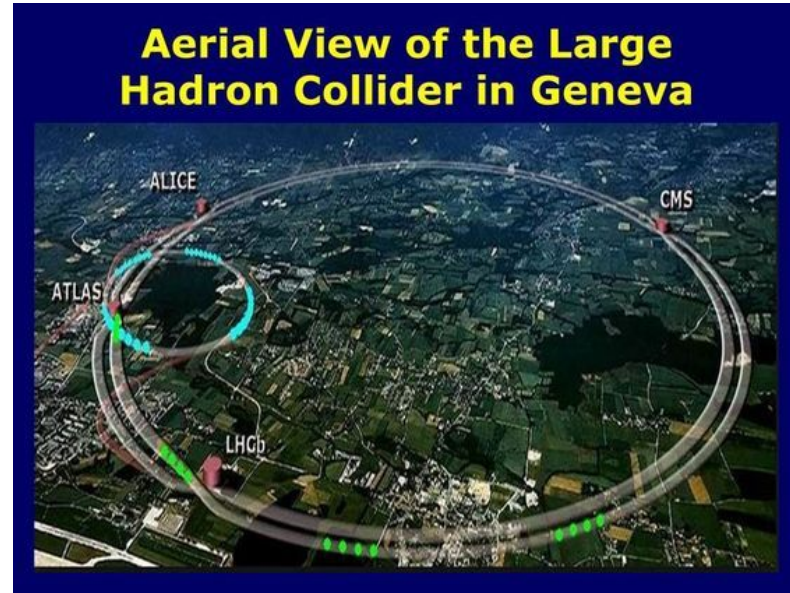
It is a “**Millennium Prize**” problem → You get **\$1 million** for the **general** solution!

<https://www.claymath.org/millennium-problems/navier%E2%80%93stokes-equation>

Why Modeling: Experiments can be VERY expensive!



James Webb Telescope
(\$10 billion USD, 2016)



Large Hadron Collider, CERN (\$4.75 billion +
and \$1billion /yr operating cost, 2010)

Why Modeling: Political / Ethical / Safety Reasons

- Human Embryonic Stem Cell research bans (was federal, now by state)
- Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty → Department of Energy built large supercomputers to simulate nuclear weapons:
Summit Supercomputer was No. 1 in the World
June 2018 to November 2019
- Chemical Plant Safety Simulations

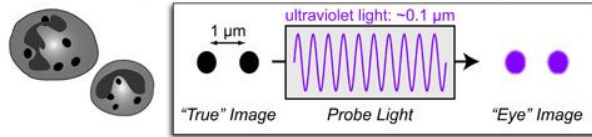


<https://www.energy.gov/science-innovation/science-technology/computing>

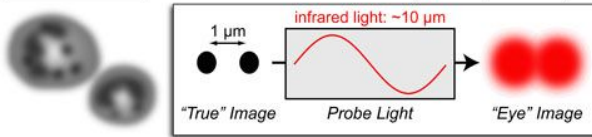
Why Modeling: Inherent Technology Limitations

For example, Optical Microscopy has a limit:

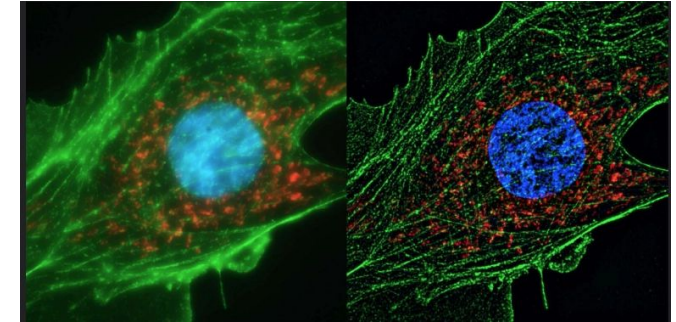
Good resolution: diffraction limit **NOT** exceeded ($\lambda < \text{length-scale}$)



Poor Resolution: diffraction limit **IS** exceeded ($\lambda > \text{length-scale}$)

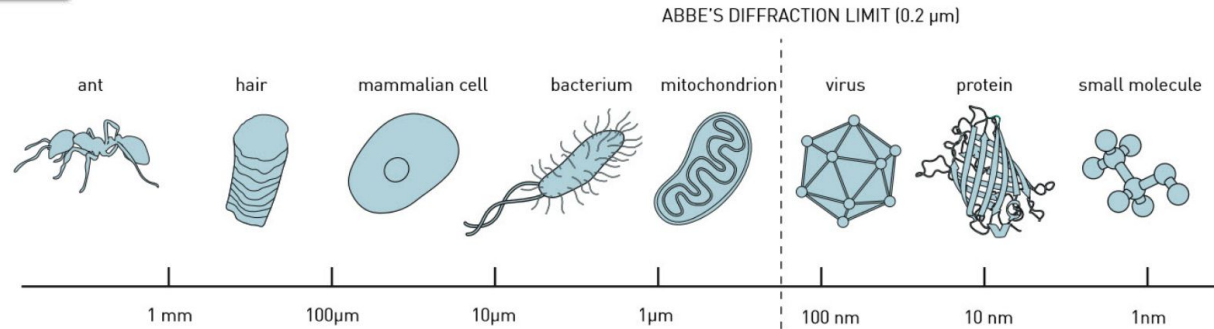


2014 Nobel Prize
in Chemistry For
Super-Resolution
→ nm Range



Difference between confocal and super resolution view of a human cell. Credit: Dr. Dr. Kandasamy Biomedical Microscopy Core University of Georgia.

But still limited to
>nm objects and
cannot image deeper
than ~100 μm



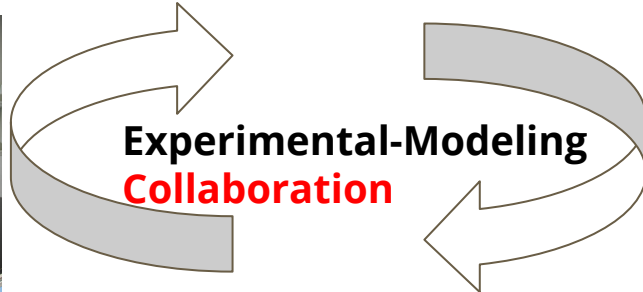
Ultimate Goal: Experiments + Modeling Together

Joke: "Only the person who coded the simulation believes its results, while everybody but the person who worked in the lab believes the experiment."

Experiment

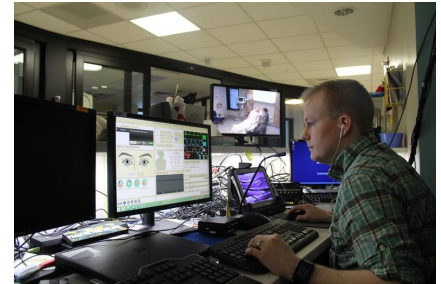


Empirical Validation

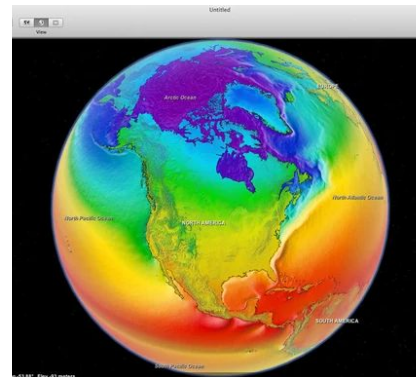
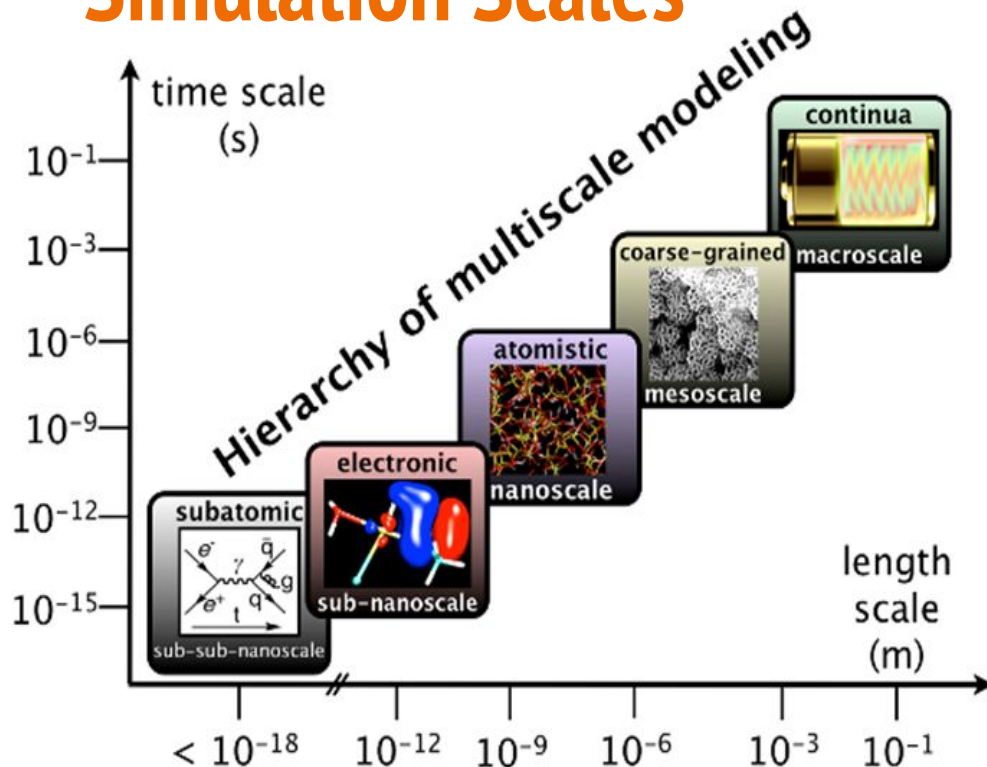


Simulated Prediction

Theory and Computation



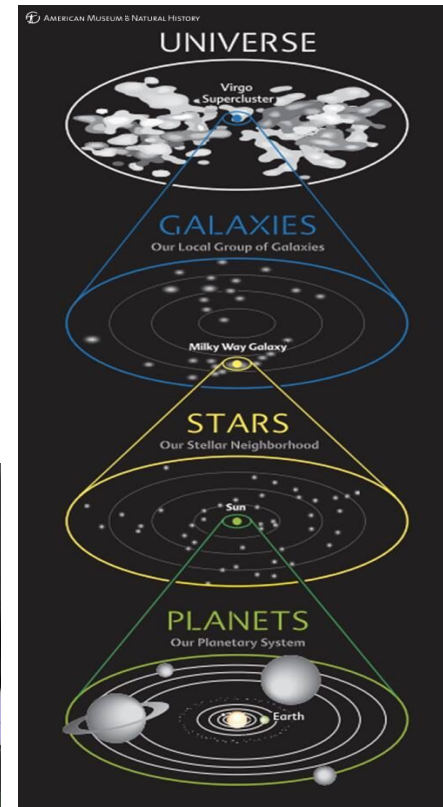
Simulation Scales



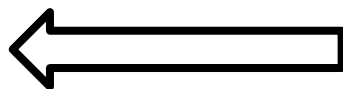
Global Weather



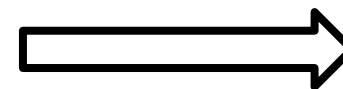
Tornado



Astrophysics



MULTI-SCALE MODELING



Electronic Structure: Density Functional Theory (DFT)

Nobel Prize in Chemistry 1998

Common Applications: Condensed-matter physics,
Computational physics and chemistry (e.g., catalysis)

How it Works: Solves the **Schrödinger** Equation

What it Calculates: Electron Density Around Atoms → Force
Fields / Interactions between Atoms

Popular Codes:

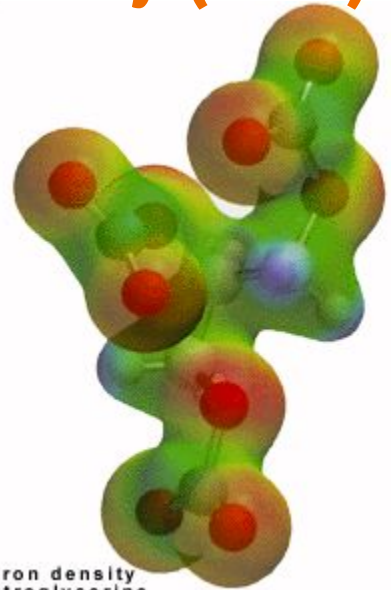
GAMESS



Expanding the limits of
computational chemistry



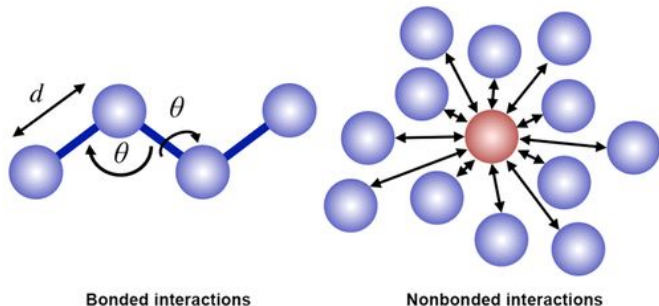
The electron density
of nitroglycerine



Atomistic Simulations: Molecular Dynamics (MD)

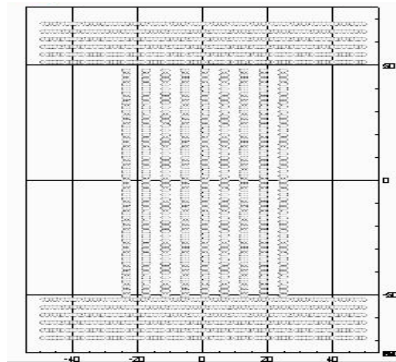
Common Applications: Anything w/ atoms (**high p**) - Drug Design, Material Science...

How it Works: Calculates Force Interactions (i.e, solves $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{m} \cdot \mathbf{a}$) between many atoms. No explicit electrons are modeled, the forces between "atoms" are *assumed*:

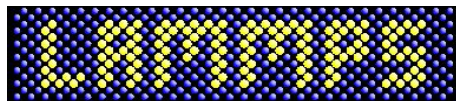


- Van der Waals (i.e., Covalent)
 - Coulomb Electrostatic
 - Hydrogen Bonds
 - Intramolecular Interactions
 - Hybrid MD/DFT is possible
- (MD = atom motion / DFT = forces)

What it Calculates: Atom **Trajectories** → Animations, Statistical Averages (Pressure, Density, etc), Protein Folding Confirmations.



Popular Codes:



<https://lammps.sandia.gov/>

GROMACS
FAST. FLEXIBLE. FREE.



<http://www.gromacs.org/>

Formation of a Liquid Droplet

Video from Voronov et. al

<https://doi.org/10.1021/ie0712941>

Atomistic: Metropolis Monte Carlo (MC)

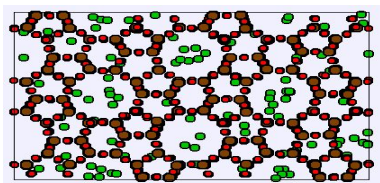
Common Applications: Like MD → Anything with atoms (**Low ρ**)

How it Works: Atoms are Moved **Randomly** Over Tiny Distances.

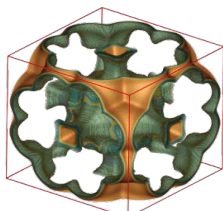
Each move is then EITHER **Accepted** OR **Discarded** based on how *likely* it is to occur in nature (Interaction Forces + Boltzmann Distribution)! The forces are either assumed (e.g., MD) or calculated via DFT.

What it Calculates: Statistical Averages (Pressure, Density, etc), Likely Protein Folding Confirmations... but **NOT** Atom **Trajectories!!** → Time Sequence is **LOST!**

Popular Codes:



https://www.ccp5.ac.uk/DL_MONTE



<https://wiki.iraspa.org/index.php/RASPA>



MCCCS
<http://towhee.sourceforge.net/>

Towhee



Cassandra
Monte Carlo
SOFTWARE

<https://cassandra.nd.edu/>



Monte Carlo, Monaco
("Las Vegas" of Europe)

Mesoscopic: Coarse Grained MD/MC Simulations

Common Applications: **Simple** Representation of Complex systems (e.g. Proteins).

“United Atom” Model:

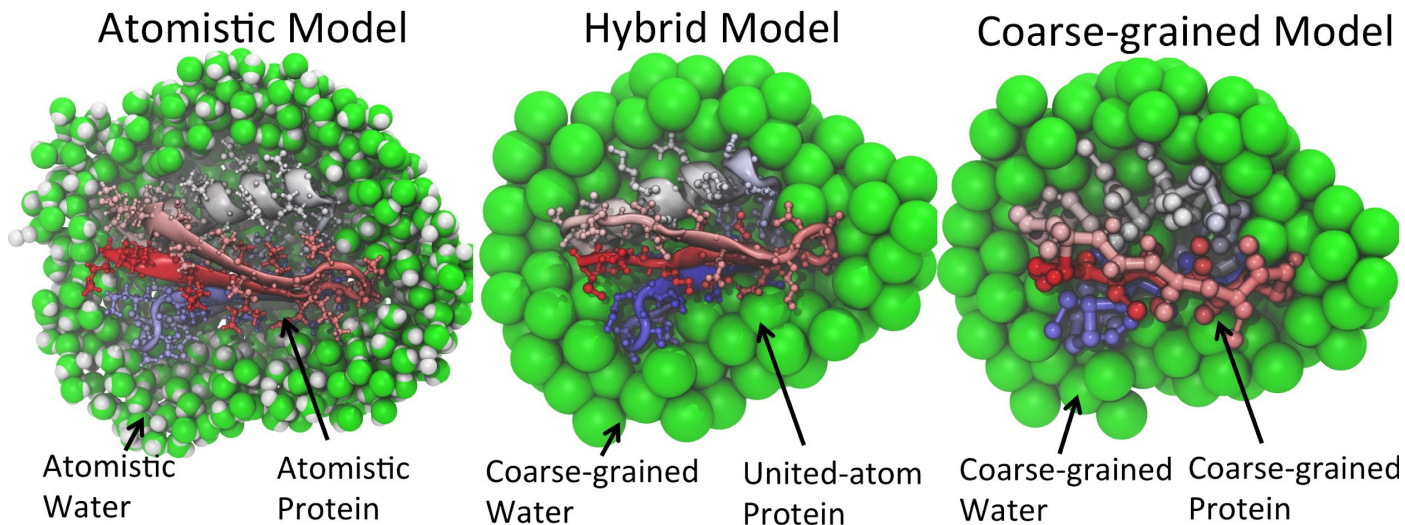
A group of atoms
(e.g., CH_2 , CH_3 , etc.)
are considered to be
a **single** unit.

“Coarse Grained” Model:

Several united atoms
are taken as one “bead”.

Codes:

Typically Same as MD & MC



**Representation of a solvated protein at different levels of details.
Protein G (PDB ID: 3GB1) is chosen for the illustration.**

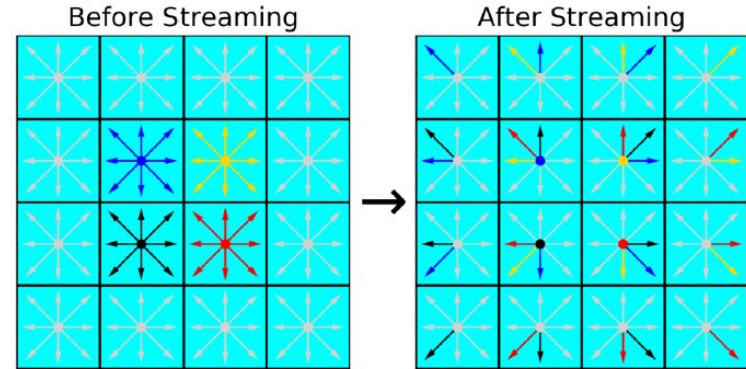
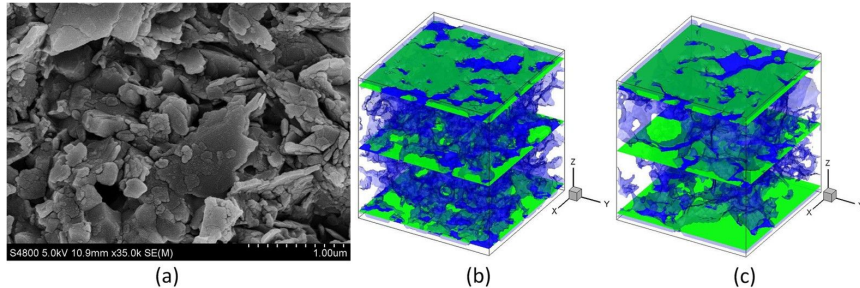
Mesoscopic: Lattice Boltzmann / Gas Automata

Common Applications: Very Scalable on Supercomputers → Very **Large** Problems
Also, handles **Complex Boundaries** Easily → **Non-Ideal** Geometries (e.g., Porous Media)

How it Works: Instead of Discrete Particles their **Densities** move on a fixed **Lattice**.

The Molecular Nature of the “Fluid” is **Hidden** within the Streaming “Collisions”

Application Example:



The inner four cells are consistently colored to visualize the propagation.

Popular Codes:



OpenLB

<https://www.openlb.net/>



PALABOS

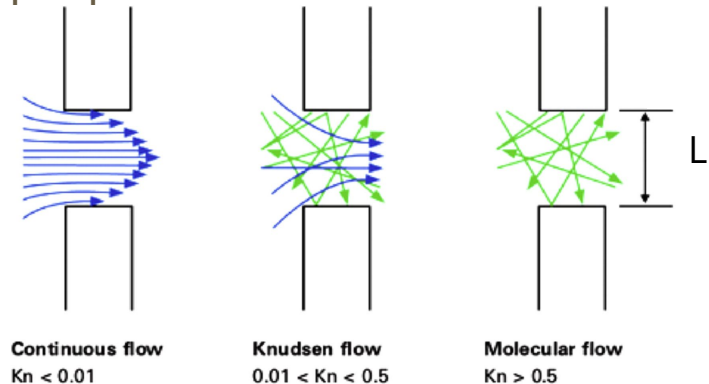
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Natural Gas Transport in Shale Rock

Traditional Continuum Mechanics: Conservation Eqns

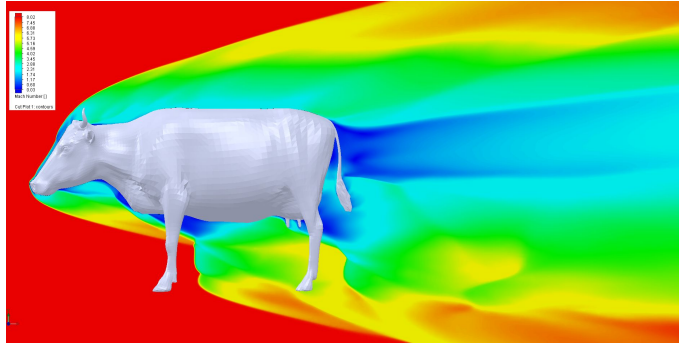
- The **Continuity** Assumption: Matter Has No Discrete Atoms or Molecules
- The Molecular Nature of a Fluid is "**Hidden**" within its Viscosity
- Solid Objects are Accounted for via Boundary Conditions (e.g., No Slip)
- Density, Velocity, Pressure, Temperature are Assumed to Vary **Continuously** with Space and Time → Conservation eqns. (i.e., Mass, Force, and Energy balances, like on Slide 5) of macroscopic properties are solved *numerically*.
- The assumption breaks down at **Knudsen (Kn) number > 0.01**

$$\text{Kn} = \frac{\text{Mean Travel Distance Before Collision}}{\text{Characteristic Length of System}}$$

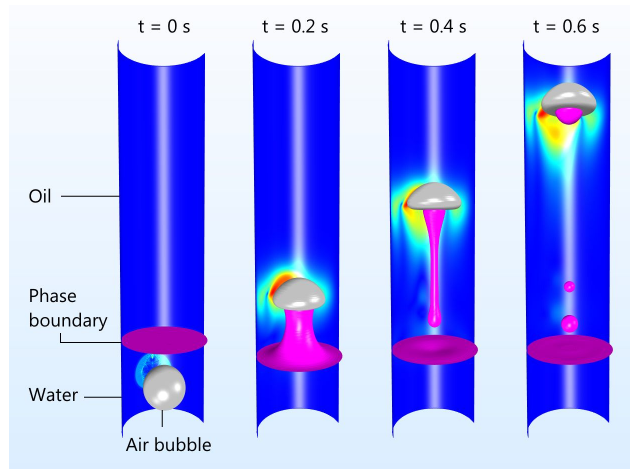


Traditional Continuum Mechanics: Examples & Codes

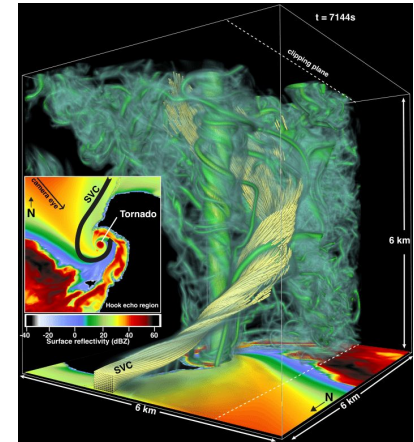
Common Applications: Automotive, Aerospace, Oil & Gas, Pharmaceutical Manufacturing (e.g., Chemical Reactors), Meteorology. Even flow over a cow... :)



Aerodynamics of a Cow



Air Bubble in Oil/Water



Tornado Structure

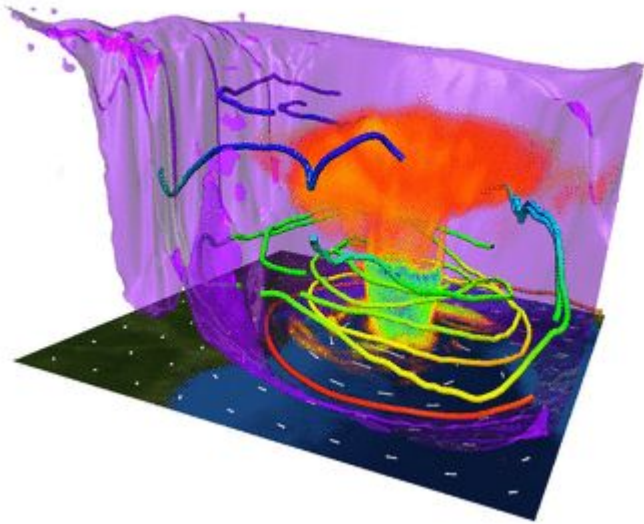
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<https://www.openfoam.com/>

 MFiX

Multiphase Flow with
Interphase eXchanges
<https://mfix.netl.doe.gov/>

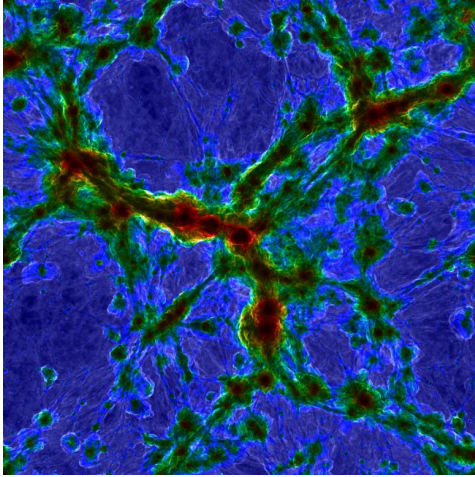
 ANSYS  Fluent
<https://www.ansys.com>

Larger Meteorology and Astrophysics Scales



A 3-D animated image of downscaled Global Forecast System (GFS) model data showing Hurricane Katrina making landfall on August 29, 2005. This image was generated with the Visualization and Analysis Platform for Ocean, Atmosphere, and Solar Researchers (VAPOR) tool and ImageMagick.

Large-Scale Simulation of the Known Universe: TNG50



The centers of massive galaxy clusters are super hot (red), while bright structures show diffuse gas from the intergalactic medium shock heating at the boundary between cosmic voids and filaments.
(Image: © TNG Collaboration)

- **230 million light-years** wide (TNG 300 is even larger!)
- Contains **tens of thousands** of evolving galaxies
- Tracked more than **20 billion** particles
- Dark matter, gases, stars and supermassive black holes
- **13.8-billion-year** period
- **16,000 cores** on a Hazel Hen Supercomputer (Germany):

Peak performance	7420 TFlops
Number of compute nodes	7712
Memory/node	128 GB
Power consumption	~3200 KW

- A single processor would take **15,000 yrs** to compute

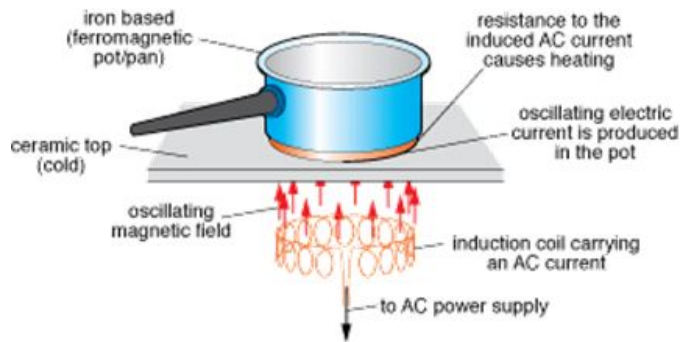
<https://www.space.com/most-detailed-universe-simulation.html>

<https://www.hlr.de/systems/cray-xc40-hazel-hen/>

<https://www.tng-project.org/about/>

Other Types of Modeling: Top-Down (Data Science)

The goal is to use “artificial intelligence” to pick up **patterns** in *large* amounts of *data*, instead of relying on fundamental principles (i.e., the code can make predictions *without knowing how the system actually works*).



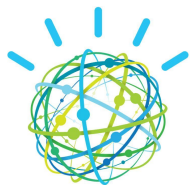
Physics-Based

← **VERSUS** →



By Making Associations
(i.e., Machine Learning)

Prominent Example:



IBM Watson™



[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Watson_\(computer\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Watson_(computer))