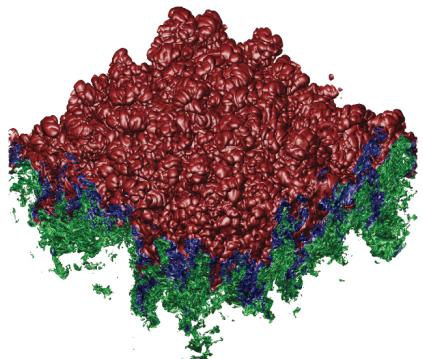
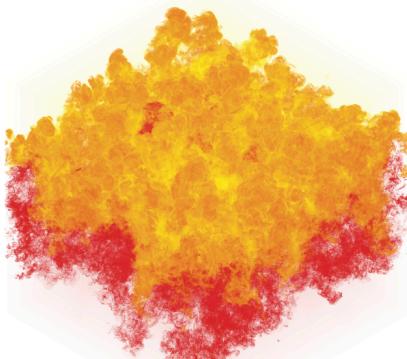


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1 Billion Triangles (30GB)



Isosurface Extraction



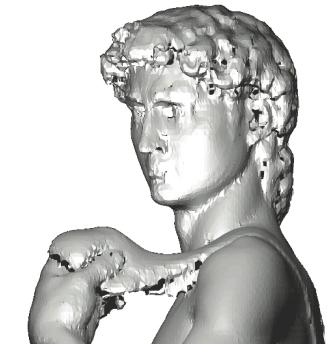
Volume Rendering



Translucency Rendering



Gigapixel Rendering



Simplification

# Parallel Visualization on Large Clusters Using MapReduce

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# Why Cloud?

- Multi-tenancy, cost-effective platform
- Simple programming model (MapReduce)
- Scalable computing
- Data-intensive
- Works great in the web and database community

# Objectives

- Can we use cloud computing for Vis?
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Evaluation with 3 core visualization algorithms

# Outline

- MapReduce and Hadoop overview
- Core visualization algorithms in MapReduce
  - Rendering, Isocontouring, Simplification
- Performance results
  - Hadoop baseline
  - Visualization algorithms

# What is MapReduce?

- A lightweight parallel framework
  - Two data-parallel phases: Map & Reduce
- Fault-tolerance
- I/O Scheduling

# MapReduce Programming Pipeline

INPUT: list of key-value pairs of  $(k1, v1)$

MAP:  $(k1, v1) \rightarrow [\text{list of } (k2, v2)]$

SHUFFLE: combine  $(k2, v2) \rightarrow (k2, [\text{list of } v2])$

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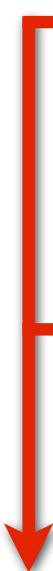
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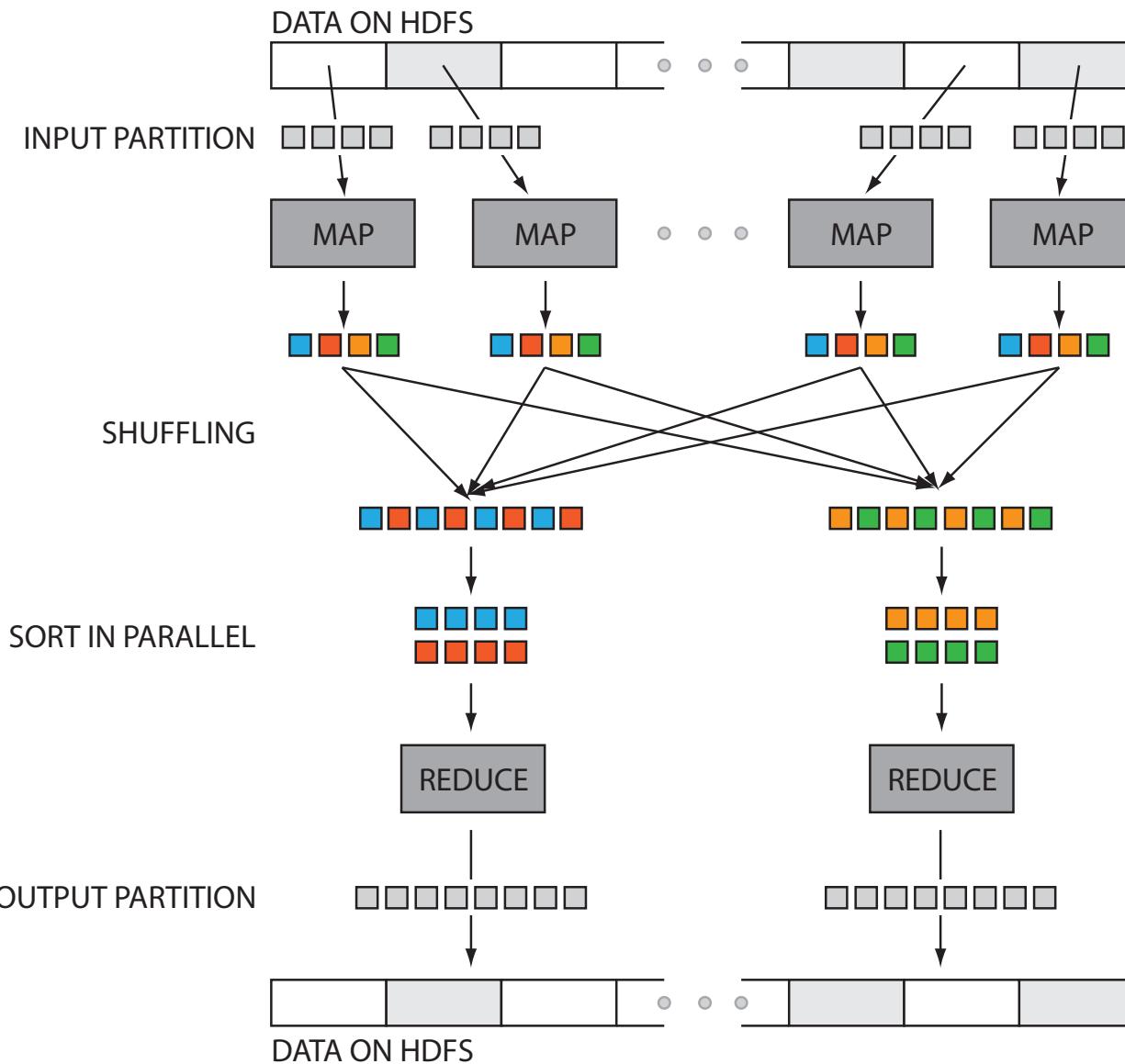


User-defined and run in parallel

# Hadoop is MapReduce + HDFS

- MapReduce implementation from Yahoo
- With its own distributed filesystem (HDFS)
- Java-based but support C++ map and reduce functions
- Can incorporate C++ libraries

# Hadoop Architecture



# Visualization Algorithms with MapReduce

- Surface and volume rendering
- Regular grids isosurface extraction
- Triangular mesh simplification
- Can be chained together
- **LARGE DATA!**

# Rendering: Rasterization vs. Ray Tracing

- Rasterization!
- Hadoop platform → graphics card  
(MapReduce pipeline → graphics pipeline)
- Mapper: rasterizer and geometry shader
- Reducer: fragment shader and composition
- Full pipeline control → rendering effects

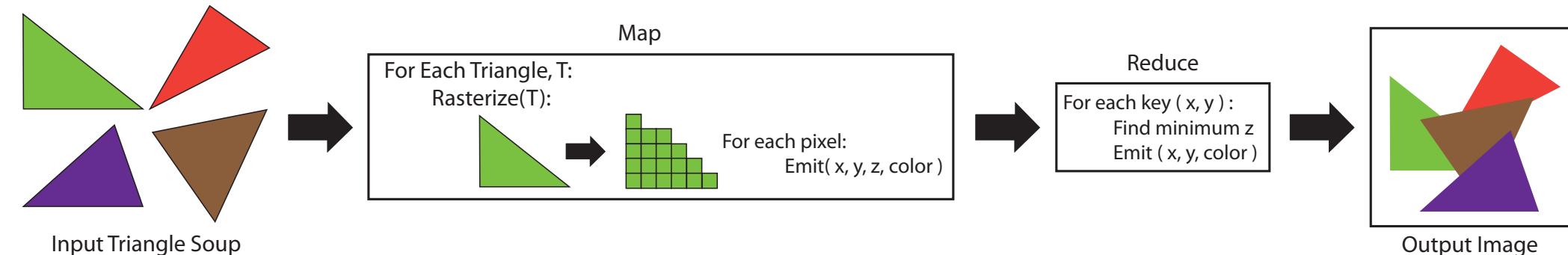
# MapReduce Surface Rendering

INPUT:  $k1=N/A$ ,  $v1=$ triangle vertices

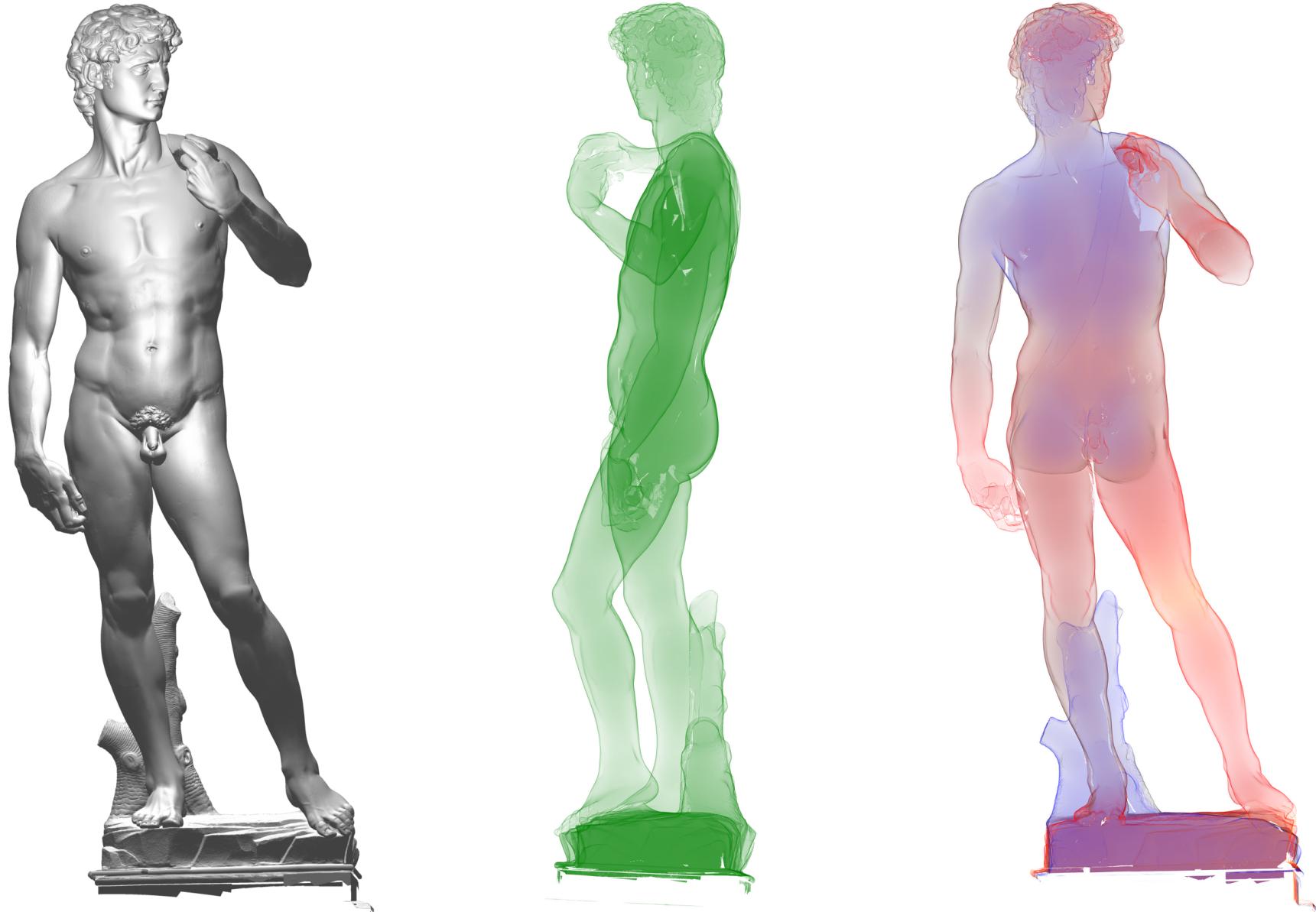
MAP:  $k2=$ pixel location,  $v2=($ depth, color $)$

REDUCE:  $v3=$ composed pixel color

OUTPUT: pixel colors



# I GigaPixel of I Billion Tris



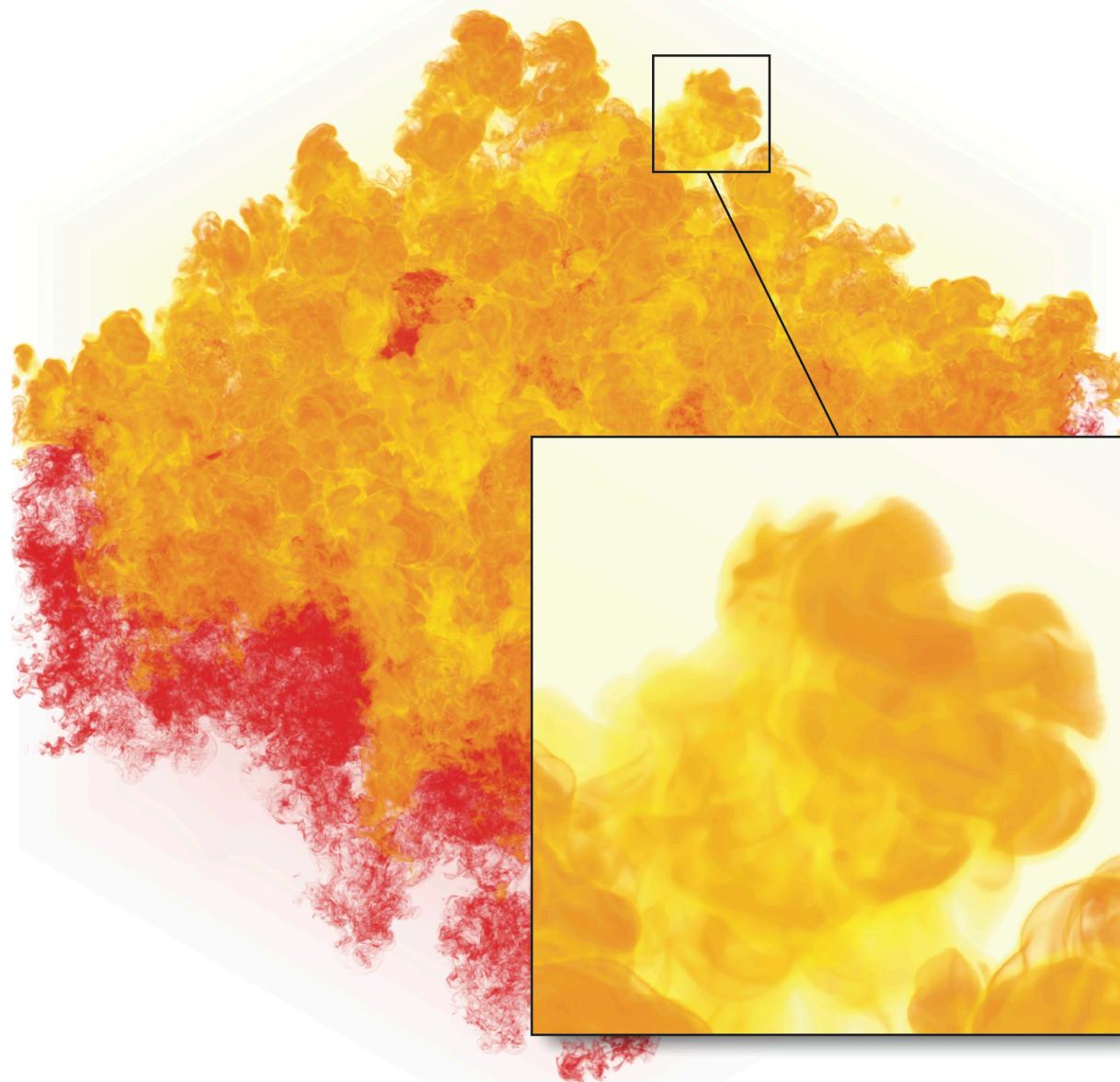
# MapReduce Volume Rendering

Decompose primitives into triangles

MAP:  $v2=(\text{depth}, \text{scalar})$

REDUCE: perform integration and color  
lookup before composition

# 27 Billion Voxels Rendering



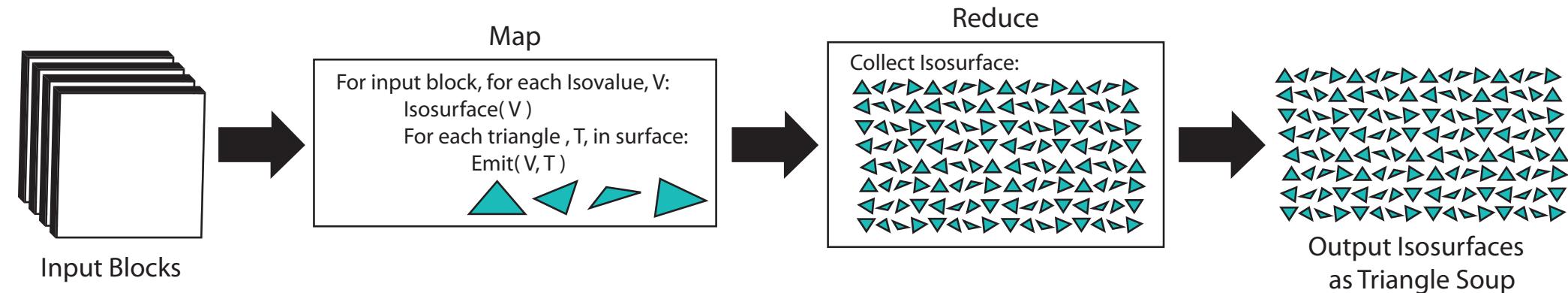
# MapReduce Isosurface Extraction

Marching Cube on regular grids

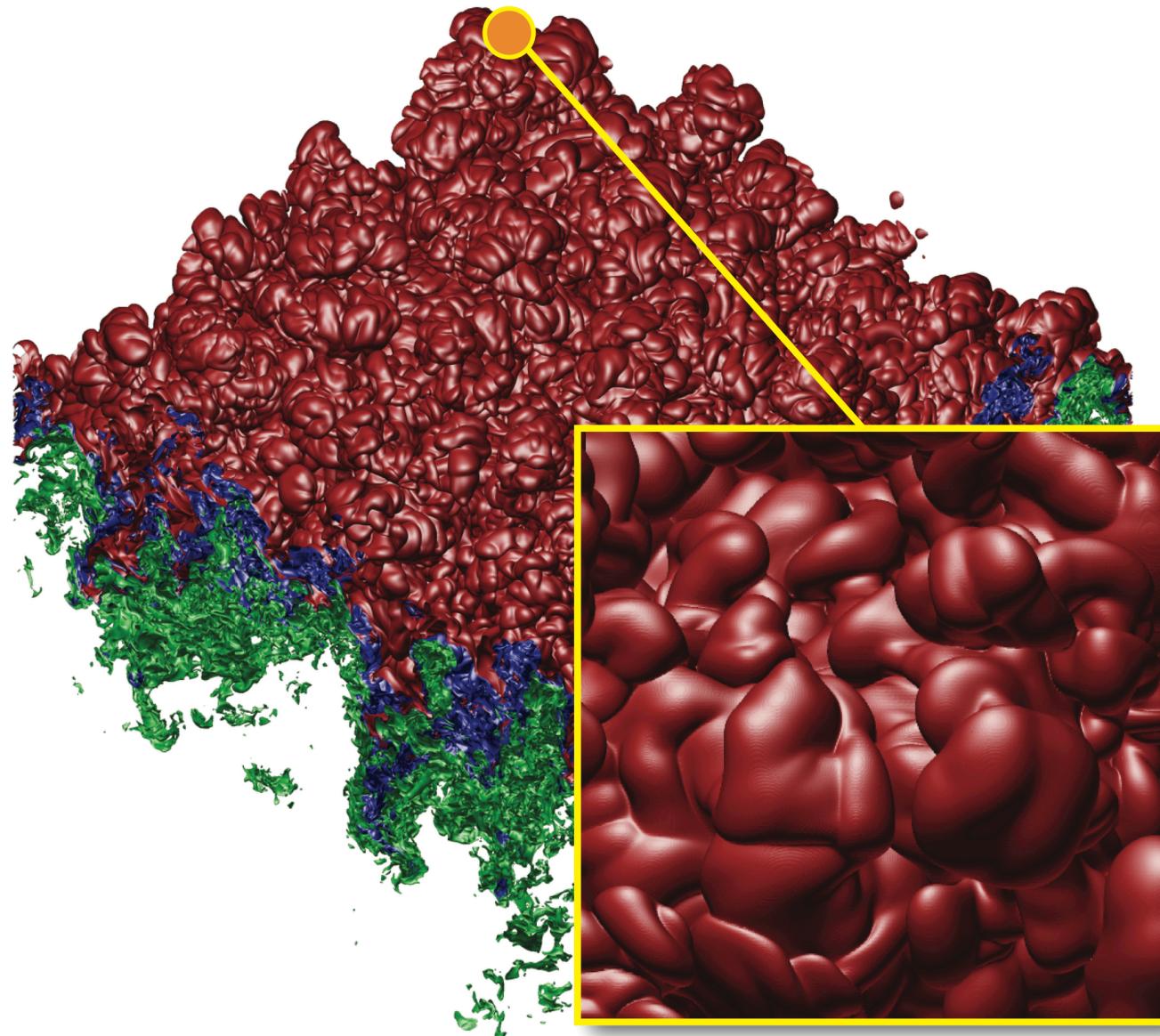
INPUT:  $k1 = \text{slice index}, v2 = \text{slice grid points}$

MAP:  $k2 = \text{iso-value}, v2 = \text{extracted triangles}$

REDUCE:  $k3 = k2, v3 = \text{combined triangles}$



# Isosurface + Rendering



# MapReduce Surface Simplification

- Vertex clustering [Lindstrom and Silva 01]
- Clustering and re-building triangles both require data shuffling → 2 MR Jobs
- JOB1: bins vertices into regular grid and compute representative vertex locations
- JOB2: Creating representative triangles

# Simplification of St. Matthew



$8 \times 8 \times 8$



$64 \times 64 \times 64$



$512 \times 512 \times 512$

# Performance Results

- Hadoop baseline
  - A shared CLuE cluster, shared 768 cores
  - A private cluster: 60 nodes, 240 cores
- Visualization algorithms
  - Only on private cluster machines

# Hadoop Baseline

WEAK-SCALING OF DATASIZE VS. THE NUMBER OF TASKS (on Cluster)

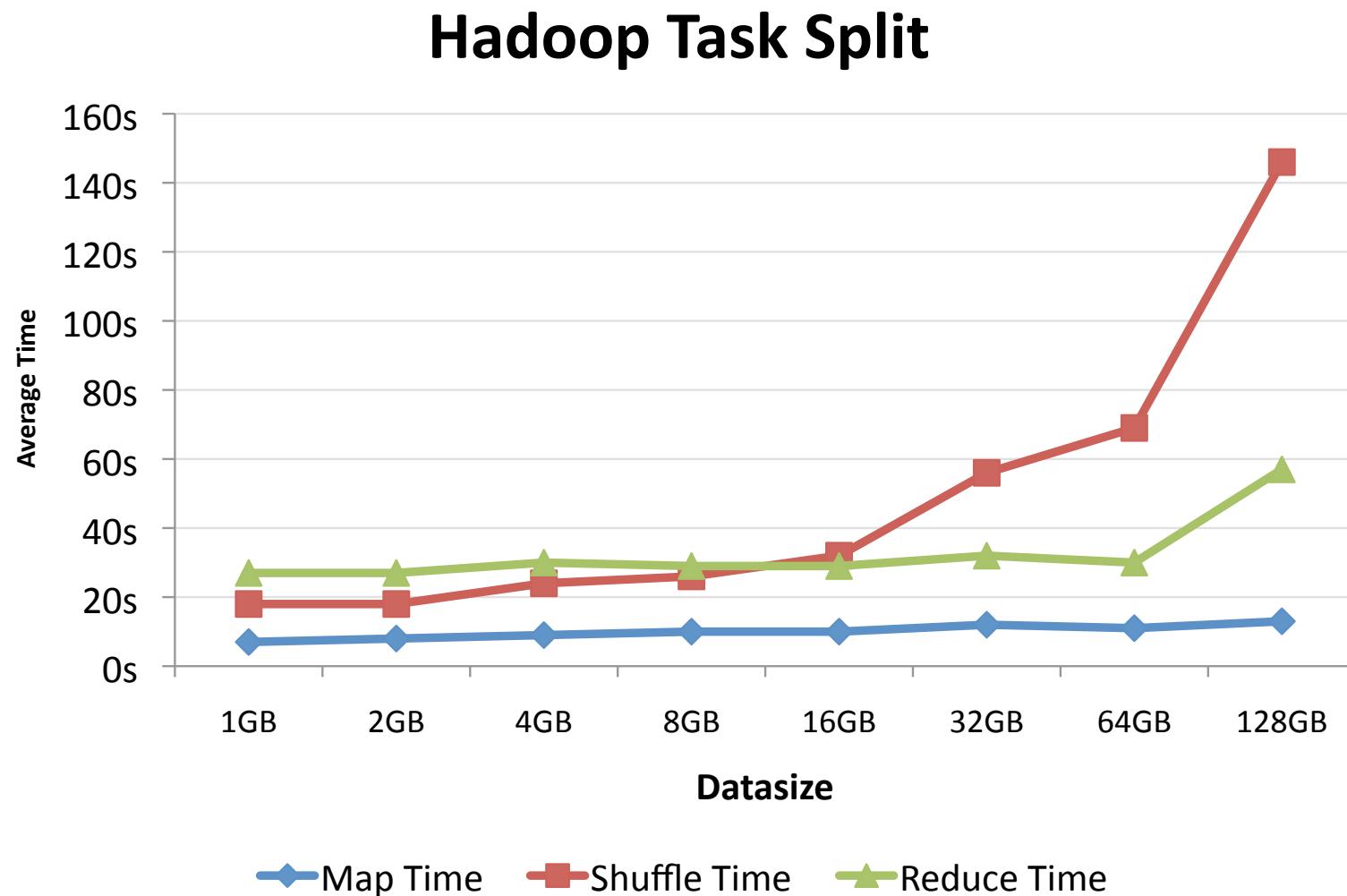
Datasize	#Maps	#Reduces	Map Time	Shuffle Time	Reduce Time	Total Time	I/O Rate	Data Rate
1GB	16	1	7s	18s	27s	63s	84 MB/s	16 MB/s
2GB	32	2	8s	18s	27s	66s	161 MB/s	31 MB/s
4GB	64	4	9s	24s	30s	75s	283 MB/s	55 MB/s
8GB	128	8	10s	26s	29s	78s	545 MB/s	105 MB/s
16GB	256	16	10s	32s	29s	90s	944 MB/s	182 MB/s
32GB	512	32	12s	56s	32s	130s	1308 MB/s	252 MB/s
64GB	1024	64	11s	69s	30s	153s	2222 MB/s	428 MB/s
128GB	2048	128	13s	146s	57s	320s	2125 MB/s	410 MB/s

- High latency/overhead (30s)
- High I/O cost (>5x data size)
- Scale well with data-size

WEAK-SCALING (on CLuE)

Datasize	Total Time	I/O Rate	Data Rate
1GB	971s	5 MB/s	1 MB/s
2GB	946s	11 MB/s	2 MB/s
4GB	986s	22 MB/s	4 MB/s
8GB	976s	44 MB/s	8 MB/s
16GB	1059s	80 MB/s	15 MB/s

# Heavy I/O during Shuffling



# Surface Rendering

## WEAK SCALING (RESOLUTION)

Resolution	St. MATTHEW (13 GB)				ATLAS (18 GB)			
	#M/R	CLuE time	Cluster time	File Written	#M/R	CLuE time	Cluster time	File Written
1.5 MP	256/256	1min 54s	46s	33MB	273/273	1min 55s	46s	41MB
6 MP	256/256	1min 42s	46s	147MB	273/273	2min 11s	46s	104MB
25 MP	256/256	1min 47s	46s	583MB	273/273	2min 12s	46s	412MB
100 MP	256/256	1min 40s	46s	2.3GB	273/273	2min 12s	46s	1.6GB
400 MP	256/256	2min 04s	46s	10.9GB	273/273	2min 27s	47s	5.5GB
1.6 GP	256/256	3min 12s	1min08s	53.14GB	273/273	3min 55s	55s	37.8GB
6.4 GP	256/256	9min 50s	2min55s	213GB	273/273	10min 30s	1min58s	151.8GB

## WEAK SCALING (RESOLUTION AND REDUCE)

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	CLuE	256M	Cluster	480M	CLuE	256M	Cluster	480M
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6 MP	8	1min 18s	15	46s	8	1min 19s	15	45s
25 MP	16	1min 18s	30	46s	16	1min 51s	30	46s
100 MP	32	2min 04s	60	47s	32	1min 52s	60	47s
400 MP	64	2min 04s	120	49s	64	2min 34s	120	46s
1.6 GP	128	4min 45s	240	1min06s	128	5min 06s	240	55s
6.4 GP	256	9min 50s	480	2min14s	256	10min 30s	480	1min41s

## DAVID (1 Billion Triangles, 30GB)

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[Ize et al. 11]

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[Howison et al. 10]

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vs. 250 seconds on  
64 cores by  
[Isenburg et al. 10]

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Size	CLuE Time		Cluster Time		Output Size	CLuE Time		Cluster Time		Output Size
	Job 1	Job 2	Job 1	Job 2		Job 1	Job 2	Job 1	Job 2	
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ATLAS (18 GB)

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Job 2 operates on decimated vertices → much faster

# Hadoop Lessons

- Scale well where data-parallelism fits
- Performance is sensitive to intermediate data size
- Easy to use, but hard to configure
- Lack the ability for chaining jobs
- Data upload cannot be done in parallel

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# Conclusions

- Visualization can operate on the cloud!
  - Efficiency: high overhead but comparable performance (for data-parallelism)
  - Scalability: limit by intermediate data size
- Capable of visualizing LARGE DATA if
  - Interactivity is not required
  - Techniques can be data-parallelized

# Future Work

- Try other MapReduce implementations
  - MapReduce-MPI, Cascading, Piccolo
- Try other programming paradigms
  - DryadLINQ, Sector/Sphere
- Using structured data storage (DBs) back-ends

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# Question?

Thank you!