

# **High-Performance Computing Software Relevant to Wind Energy Applications**

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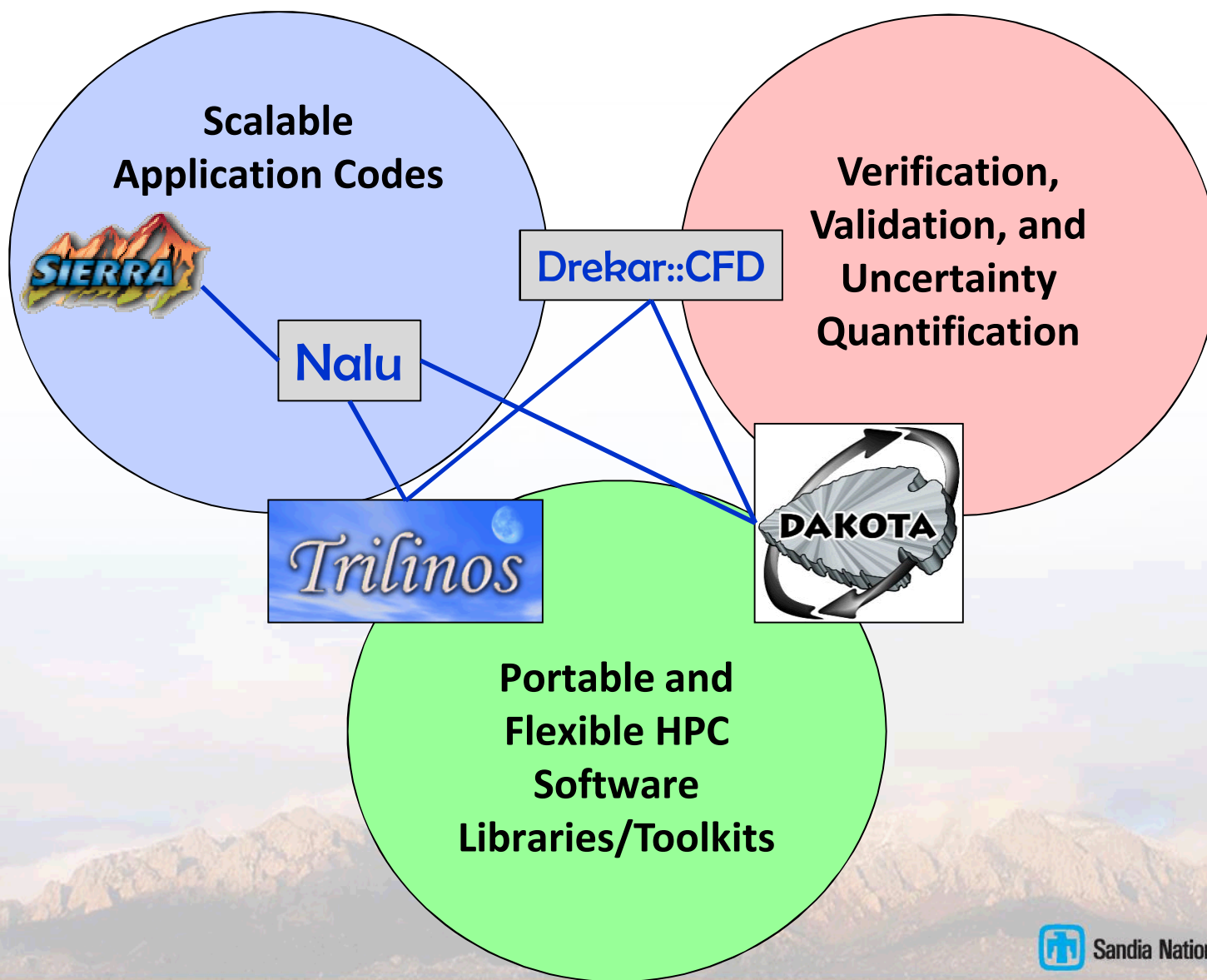


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# ***SNL HPC Software and Expertise***



# Nalu - Leveraging the NNSA CFD Code Base

<http://nnsa.energy.gov/asc>

- Low-Mach fluids capability within the Sierra/Fluid Dynamics (FD) ASC IC project
  - Massively parallel computing
    - Sierra Toolkit + Trilinos => scalable solvers, support for new architectures
    - Successfully scaled to 10 billion element+ unstructured hex meshes on >130k cores
  - Low dissipation (unstructured) finite volume numerics
  - Detailed SQE plan to insure code quality
  - **Nalu – CFD code for open distribution**



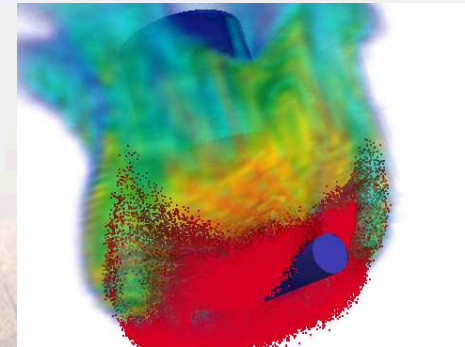
400 million dof object in fire



Turbulent jet (17mil-10 billion DOF)



Propellant fire

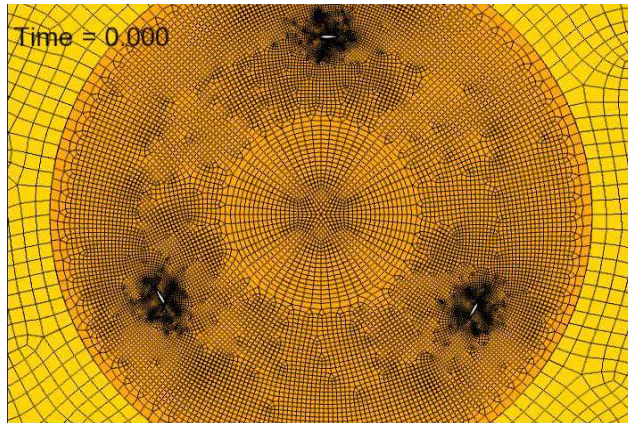


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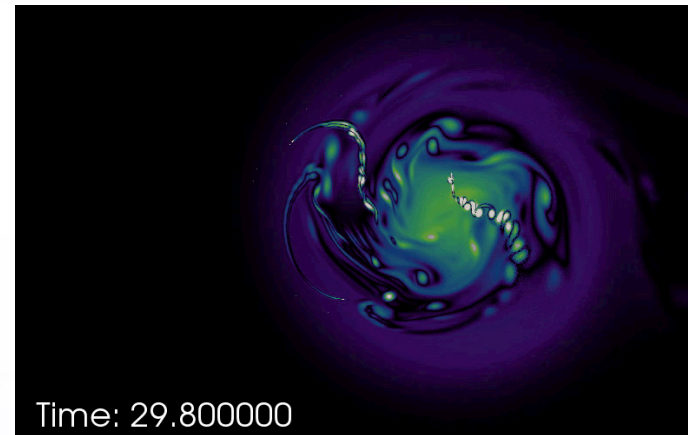


# ***Nalu: Scalable Code for Unstructured-Mesh Large Eddy Simulation (LES)***

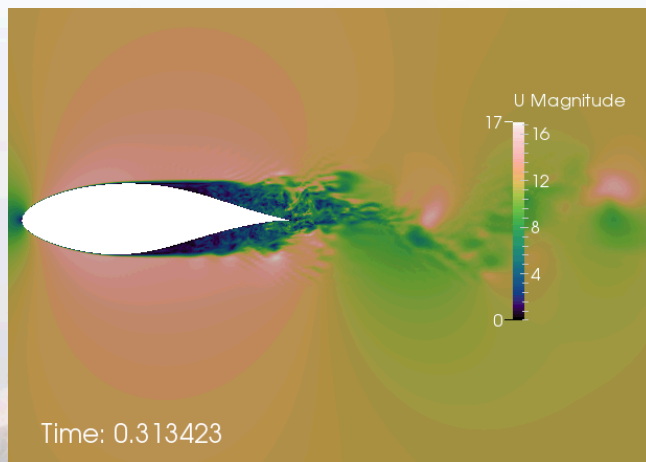
**Sliding Mesh for 2D VAWT Rotor Simulation**



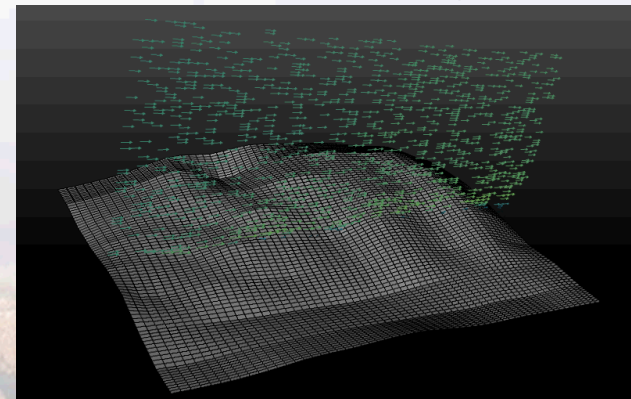
**Vortical Gust Passing through VAWT rotor**



**LES of a Thick Wind Turbine Airfoil**



**Complex Topography:  
1.6 km x 1.6 km section of Angel Fire, NM**

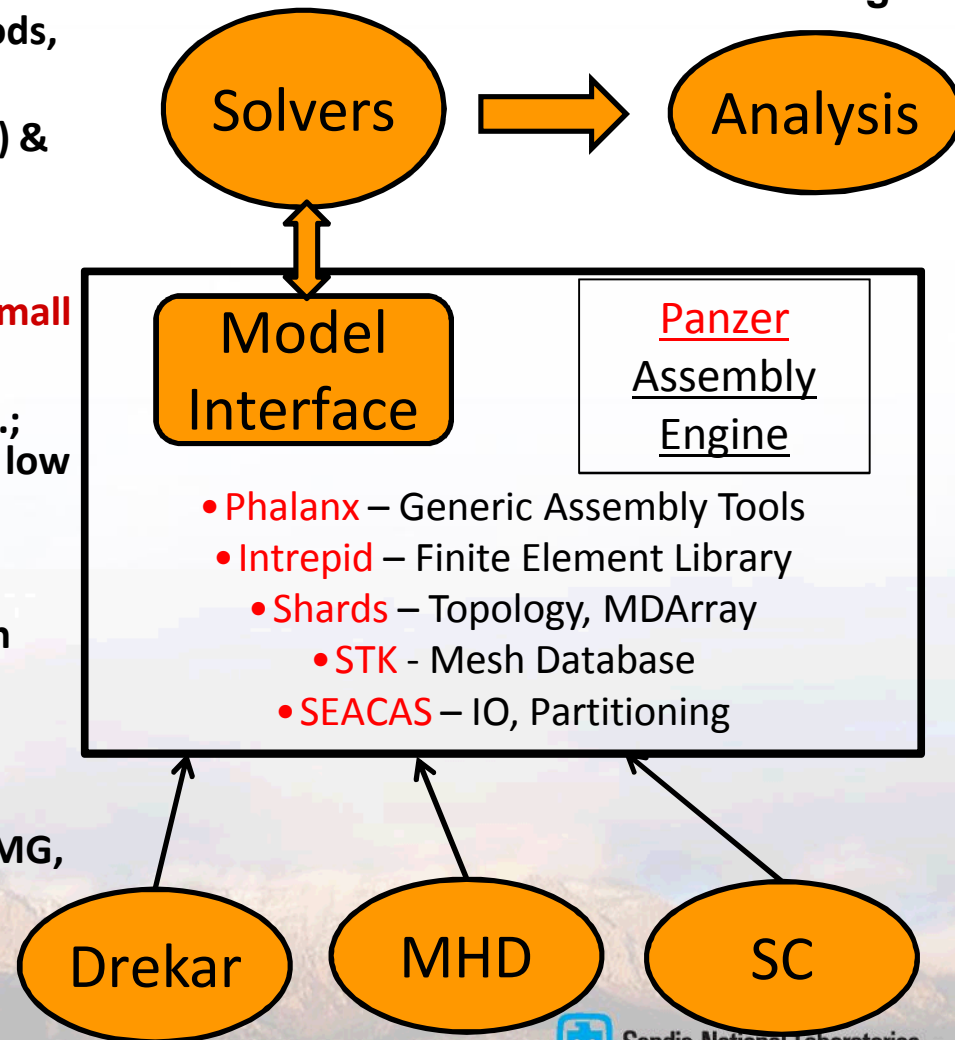


# Drekar::CFD



trilinos.sandia.gov

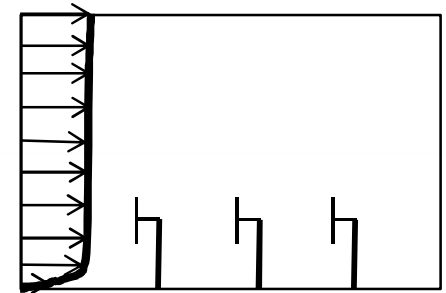
- Massively Parallel: MPI
- 2D & 3D Unstructured Stabilized Finite Elements
- Edge/face based elements, high-resolution methods, ...
- Fully-implicit: 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> variable order BDF (**Rythmos**) & TR
- Direct-to-Steady-State (**NOX**)
- **Semi-implicit, IMEX, etc. under investigation for small time scale transients**
- Eq. of State: Constant density; Bousinessq approx.; variable density: low flow Mach number approx., low flow Mach number compressible;
- Fully Coupled Globalized Newton-Krylov Solver
  - Template-based Generic Programming with Automatic Differentiation (**Sacado**) for NK, JFNK, Sensitivities, UQ, etc.
  - GMRES (**AztecOO**, **Belos**)
- Scalable preconditioners: Fully-coupled system AMG, physics-based (e.g. SIMPLEC)
- Adjoints



# Rapid Development Example

## Drekar::CFD + DAKOTA

- Drekar::CFD is an open source CFD code built from Trilinos components. It uses an unstructured finite element discretization. Problems can be solved direct-to-steady-state, pseudo-transient to steady-state and time accurate. UQ, error estimation and parameter sensitivity studies are enabled by automatic differentiation and an embedded adjoint solver. Optimization problems can be solved using Dakota driving Drekar as a black box or using adjoints. Using the ML solver library, Drekar demonstrated scalability on 5e5 cores on problems containing 1.8e8 unknowns.



Schematic of 2D wind farm

### Rapid development example: Wind farm optimization

- **Wind farm model details**
  - 2D turbulent BL with 1/7 power inflow velocity profile, Spalart-Allmaras RANS turbulence model
  - Reynolds number,  $Re_D = 10,000/m$
  - Actuator Disc Rotor model: constant thrust coefficient, momentum source
- **Optimization Problem**
  - Dakota drives optimization treating Drekar as a black box
  - Nonlinear conjugate gradient method with line searching
  - Objective: maximize total power ( $V \cdot T$ )
  - Allow the rotors to move vertically subject to practical constraints:  $3 \leq \text{height} \leq 8$
- **Outcome**
  - **Actuator Disc code development time: three days**
  - **Optimization problem development and run time: two days**
  - Initial heights: [5.0, 5.0, 5.0] - Initial Power: 250.0 (W/m)
  - Final heights: [8.0, 6.5, 5.2] - Final Power: 602.3 (W/m)



Initial rotor placement,  
velocity magnitude



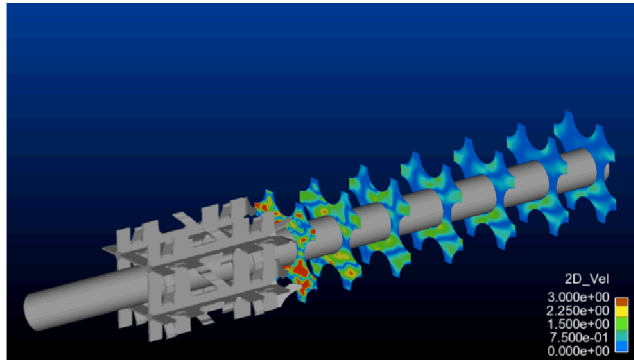
Final rotor placement,  
velocity magnitude



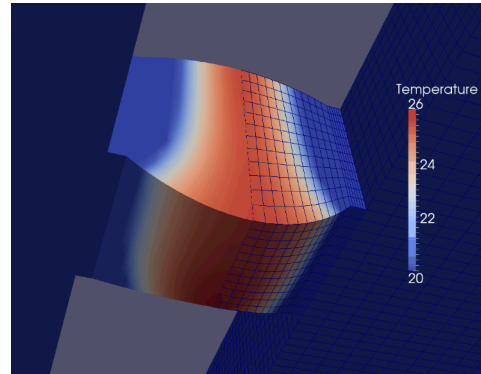


# Component-Based Code Design Maximizes the Leveraging of Foundational Technologies

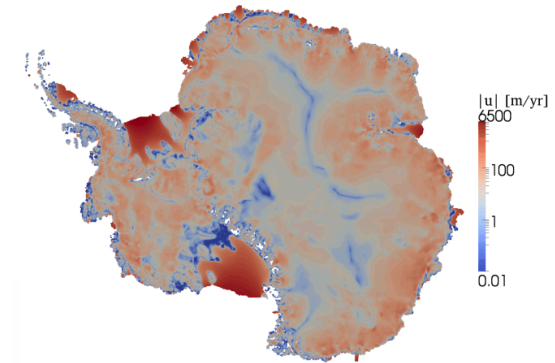
-- Codes are Born with Sophisticated Design Capabilities



LES calculation to Analyze Vibrations of Fuel Rods



Shape Optimization of Contactor



Calibration of Antarctic Ice Sheet Flow Model



(Open Source Components)

Parallelization Tools
Data Structures
Partitioning
Load Balancing
Architecture-Dependent Kernels

Linear Solvers
Iterative Solvers
Direct Solvers
Eigen Solver
Preconditioners
Multi-Level Algs

Analysis Tools
Nonlinear Solver
Time Integration
Stability Analysis
Optimization
UQ Algorithms
Reduced Order Models

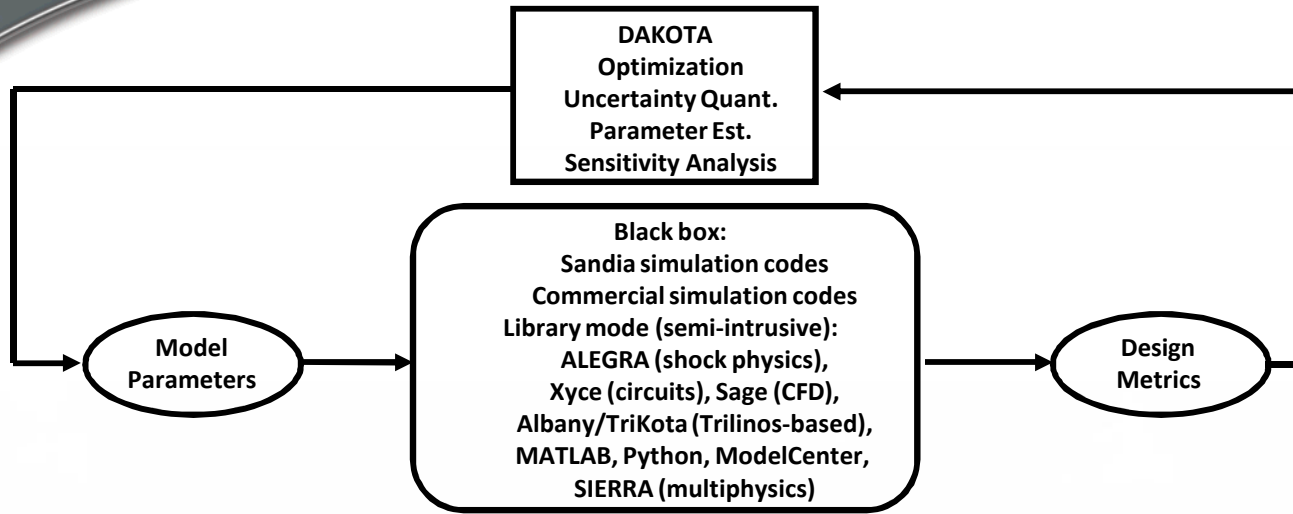
Software Quality
Version Control
Regression Testing
Build System
Verification Tests
Bug Tracking
Web Documentation

Codes are written quickly with robust and scalable solvers, embedded analysis capabilities, and modern software tools. → Continued leveraging of ongoing projects (e.g. port to GPUs).



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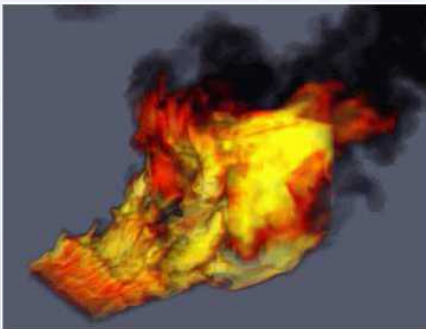
# **DAKOTA: Research, development, & deployment of advanced iterative algorithms for simulation-based assessment and design**



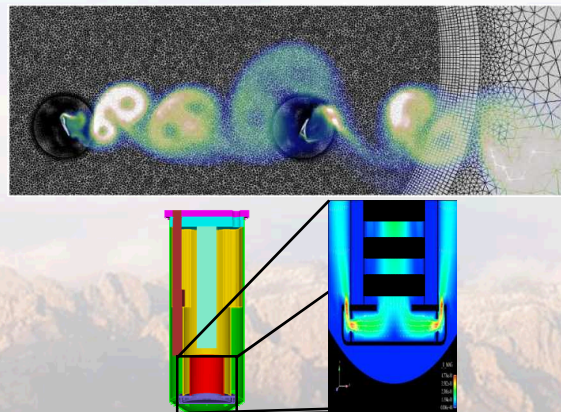
*Iterative systems analysis*  
*Multilevel parallel computing*  
*Simulation management*

## **Impact across a variety of DOE mission areas**

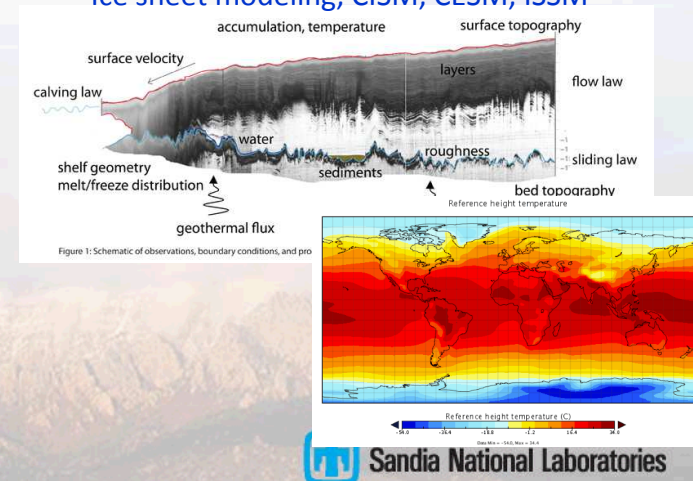
**Stockpile** (NNSA ASC)  
Abnormal environments



**Energy** (ASCR, EERE, NE)  
Wind turbines, nuclear reactors



**Climate** (SciDAC, CSSEF)  
Ice sheet modeling, CISM, CESM, ISSM

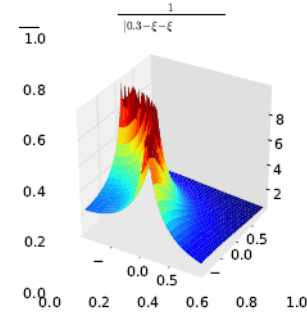




# DAKOTA: Emphasis on Scalable Methods for High-fidelity UQ on HPC

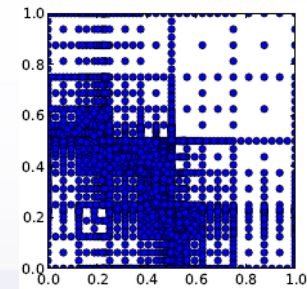
## Key Challenges:

- **Severe simulation budget constraints** (e.g., a handful of high-fidelity runs)
- **Moderate to high-dimensional** in random variables:  $O(10)$  to  $O(100)$
- **Compounding effects:**
  - Mixed aleatory-epistemic uncertainties ( $\rightarrow$  nested iteration)
  - Requirement to evaluate probability of rare events (e.g., safety criteria)
  - Nonsmooth responses ( $\rightarrow$  difficulty with fast converging spectral UQ methods)



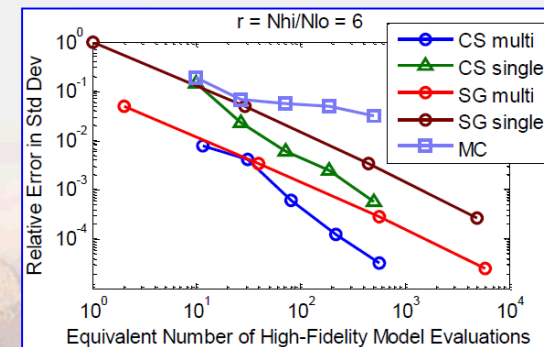
## Core UQ Capabilities:

- **Sampling methods:** LHS, MC, QMC, incremental
- **Reliability methods:** local (MV, AMV+, FORM), global (EGRA, GPAIS, POFDarts)
- **Stochastic expansion methods:** polynomial chaos, stochastic collocation
- **Epistemic methods:** interval estimation, Dempster-Shafer evidence



## Research Thrusts:

- **Compute dominant uncertainty effects** despite key challenges above
- **Scalable UQ foundation**
  - Adaptive refinement, Adjoint enhancement, Sparsity detection
- Leverage this foundation within **component-based meta-iteration**
  - Mixed UQ, Model form UQ, Multifidelity UQ, Bayesian methods



# Overview of Hardware Available to SNL Users

## Tri-Lab Capability Computers

### Cielo

- 1.3 Pflops\*
- 142,000 cores
- LANL/SNL/LLNL resource (NNSA)



### Sequoia

- 20 Pflops
- 1.5 million cores
- LANL/SNL/LLNL resource (NNSA)



New **Trinity** and **Tri-Lab Cluster** in the works

- **Trinity** ~ 30 Pflops



## SNL Institutional Clusters

### Red Sky/Red Mesa

- 444 Tflops\*
- 37,888 cores
- Red Mesa allocated to SNL energy work FY14



### Unity/Glory/Whitney

- 114 Tflops
- 13,056 cores
- Available for non-NW work Q4 FY2013



### New HP Cluster 4Q FY2013

- 150 Tflops

**Next Generation Institutional Computers** based on **Trinity** and **Tri-Lab** architectures

\*1 Petaflop = 1,000 Teraflop