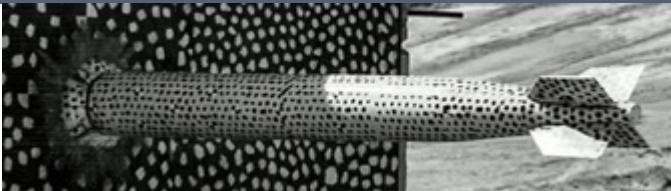
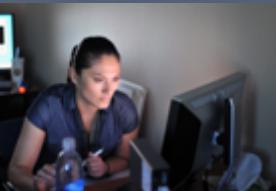




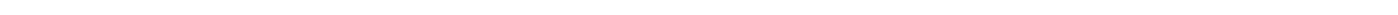
# Sandia ATDM: Performance and Portability Accomplishments

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The Sandia ATDM Strategy was defined at the beginning of 2015, we continue with it today

***Vision:*** In partnership with Sandia's weapon engineers, the ATDM project will help usher in a new era of computational analysis for *weapon life-cycle engineering* by demonstrating *embedded analysis* and *exceptional application performance* on next-generation and exascale high-performance computing systems.

# Sandia ATDM Major Technical Themes



ATDM will provide capabilities utilizing next-generation computing to assess and mitigate these scenarios:

- Hostile survivability
- Reentry environments

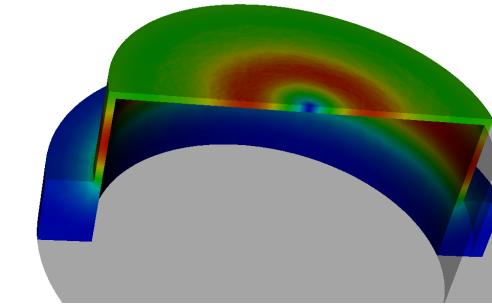
## ATDM priorities:

- NW applicability
- Exascale performance
- Flexible software components & abstractions

## ATDM Applications

Component Software      Performance Abstractions      Embedded Analysis

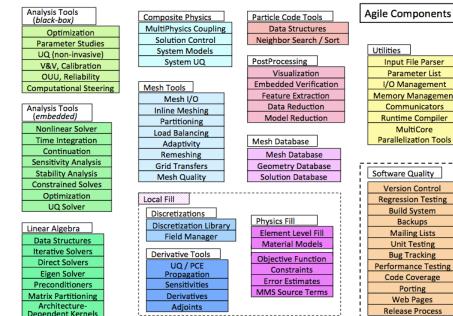
ATS Computing Platforms



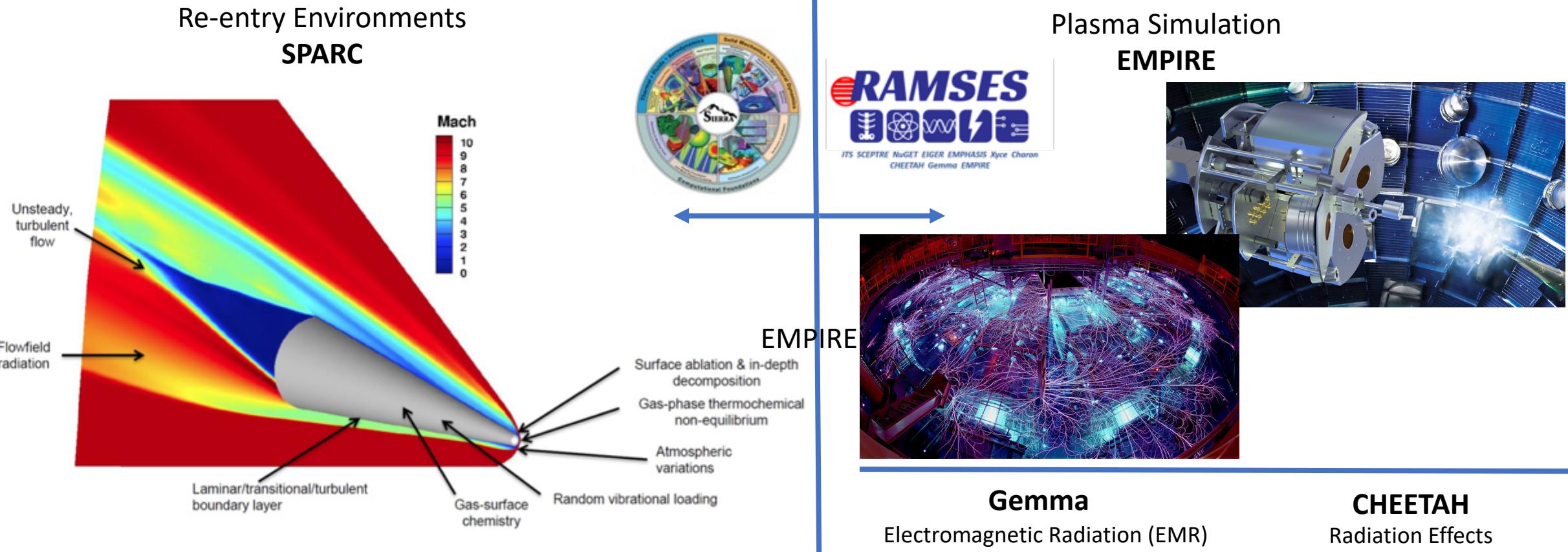
Sierra



## Agile Components



# Overarching Goal Credible and Accurate Predictions and Assessments



- Productionize ATDM codes (transition to Integrated Codes)
- Develop key combined environments simulation capabilities (new physics + coupling)
- Follow-through on production code preparation for Next-Generation Platforms
- Leverage Strategic Partnership Programs (SPP) where possible

# SPARC Basics

- State-of-the-art reentry simulation on next-gen platforms

- Continuum compressible CFD (Navier-Stokes), hypersonic gas dynamics
- Hybrid structured-unstructured finite volume methods. R&D: high order unstructured disc. collocation element methods
- Perfect and thermo-chemical non-equilibrium gas models
- RANS and hybrid RANS-LES turbulence models; R&D: Direct Numerical Simulation

- Enabling technologies/components

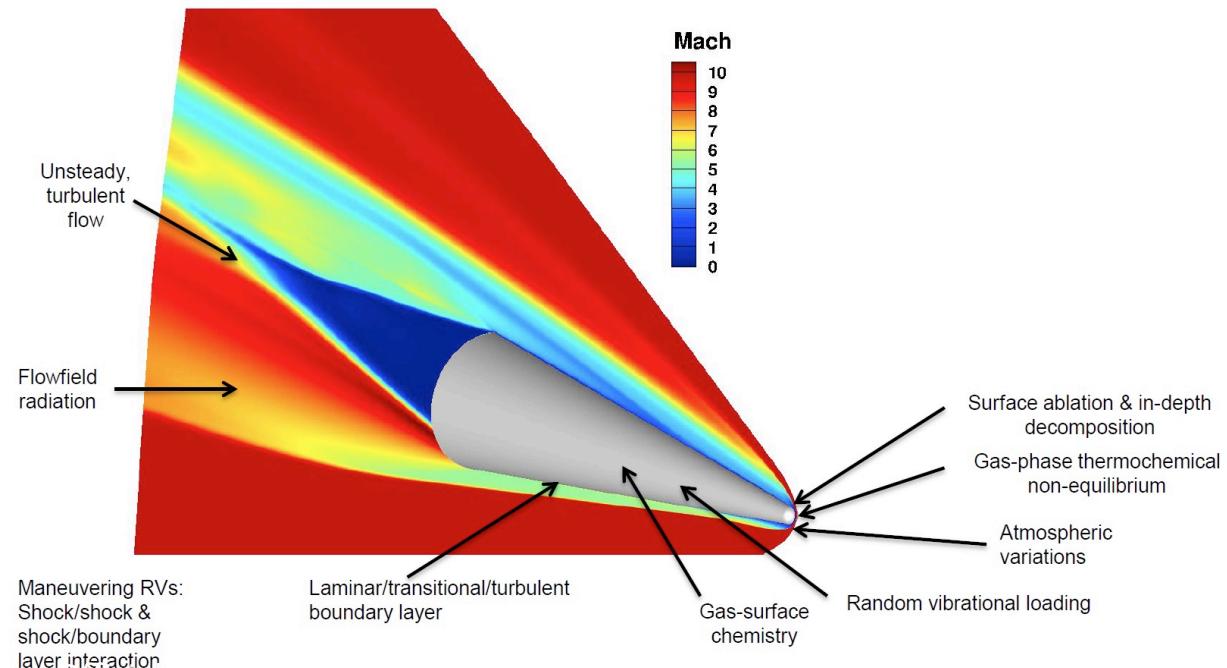
- Performance portability through Kokkos
- Scalable solvers
- Embedded geometry & meshing
- Embedded UQ and model calibration

- Credibility

- Validation against wind tunnel and flight test data
- Visibility and peer review by external hypersonics community

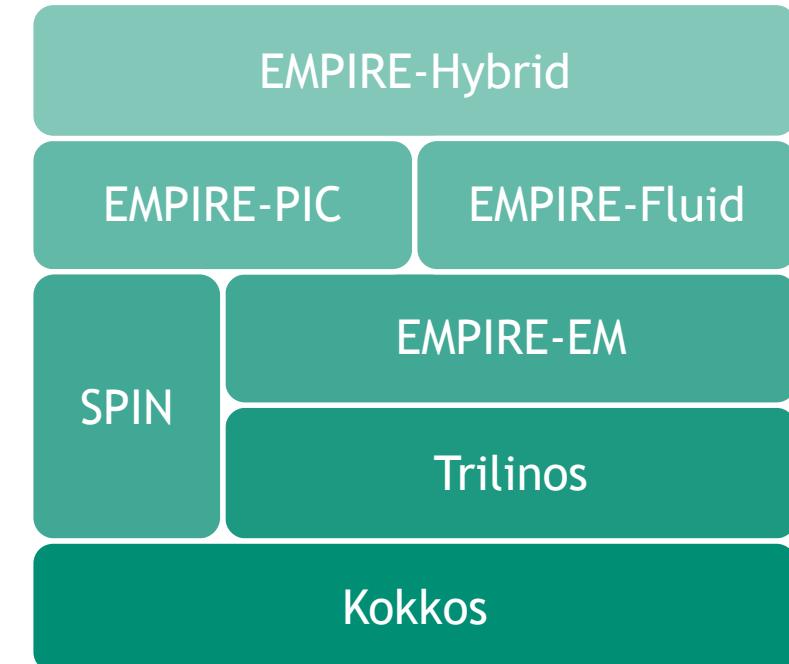
- Software quality

- Rigorous regression
- V&V
- Performance testing



# Advancing Plasma Physics Modeling

- EMPIRE leverages the opportunity from ATDM to advance plasma simulation capability on two fronts:
  - Component-based software design for portability across next-generation hardware architectures
  - New fluid and hybrid kinetic/fluid algorithms for validity and performance across a wider range of plasma density regimes
- EMPIRE is built upon Trilinos components:
  - Panzer: FEM discretization infrastructure
  - Tempus: General time integration package
  - Uses the modern Tpetra-based linear solver stack
  - Kokkos: Portable threading library
- EMPIRE will enable:
  - Higher fidelity modeling of critical plasma applications
  - Towards exascale simulation



# Overview of Productivity, Portability, and Performance

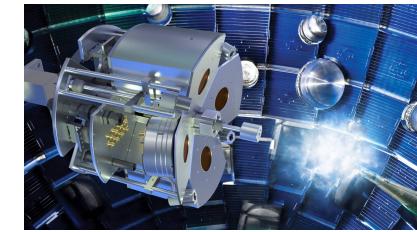
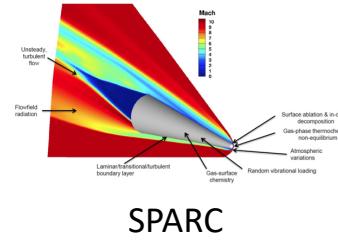


- Developer Productivity
  - ... Relative to large, complex scientific software
  - ... Relative to advanced parallel programming models for new computer architectures
- Portability and Performance
  - ... Relative to various computer architectures (CTS-1, Trinity/KNL, and Sierra)

# Agile Component Strategy



- Sandia has decades of software development experience using component strategy
- Start from current Agile Components (Trilinos)
- Design new components/APIs based on ATDM requirements
- Explore new technologies
- Deep integration of ATDM technologies
- Deep integration of ATDM application and component teams



Engineering Mechanics  
Code Suite



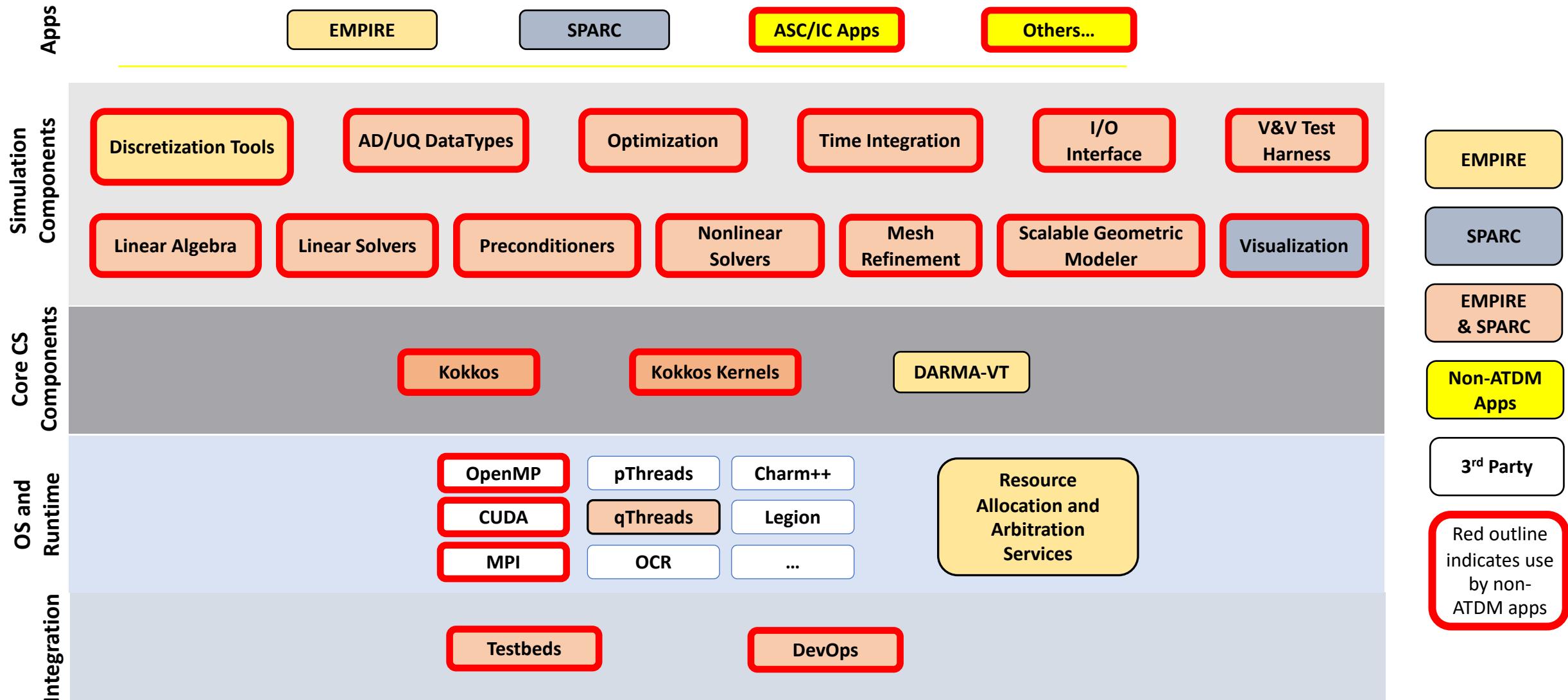
Electromagnetics, Radiation, and  
Electrical Code Suite



Agile Components

ATDM applications benefit as well as setting a broad foundation for other applications - ***“Write once, use many”***

# ATDM Components



# Overview for EMPIRE: Context for the developer challenge

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**Clean slate approach with designed-in flexibility  
to meet the ATDM challenge**

## Mission Impact

Enable new Hybrid plasma simulation capability

## Portability

Enable built-in use of Kokkos for portability

## Performance

Enable new algorithms and implementations

## EMPIRE

SPIN

PIC

Fluid

Electromagnetics

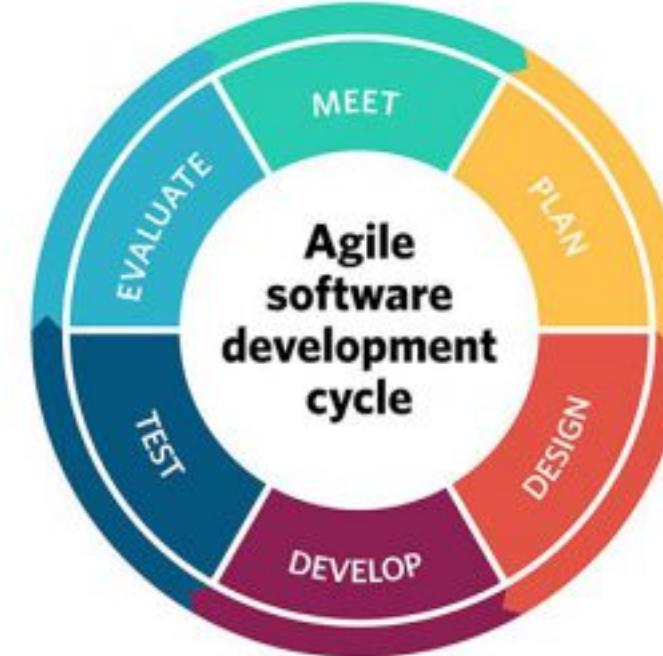
Trilinos

Kokkos

# Agile Software Development



- Iterative software development
- Engagement with stakeholders
- Regular team meetings
- Team retrospectives
- Team practices & knowledge
- Readable and maintainable code
- Address technical debt



**Agile software development and strong team practices support developer productivity.**



# Performance Portability has an Impact on Developer Productivity

## Development Environment

Long Compile Time

Poor debugging and profiling tools

More testing per feature

Less developer experience

## Performance Portability

Undetermined Loop Order

Abstract Data Layout

Language Features Disallowed/Slow

Poor TPL support

Can feel like someone threw a wrench into the gears!



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- Some of these are mitigated by components and the ecosystem
- Some of these are mitigated at the team level.

**There is a cost to performance portability but we have strived to minimize it.**

# SNL Strategy for New Computer Architectures

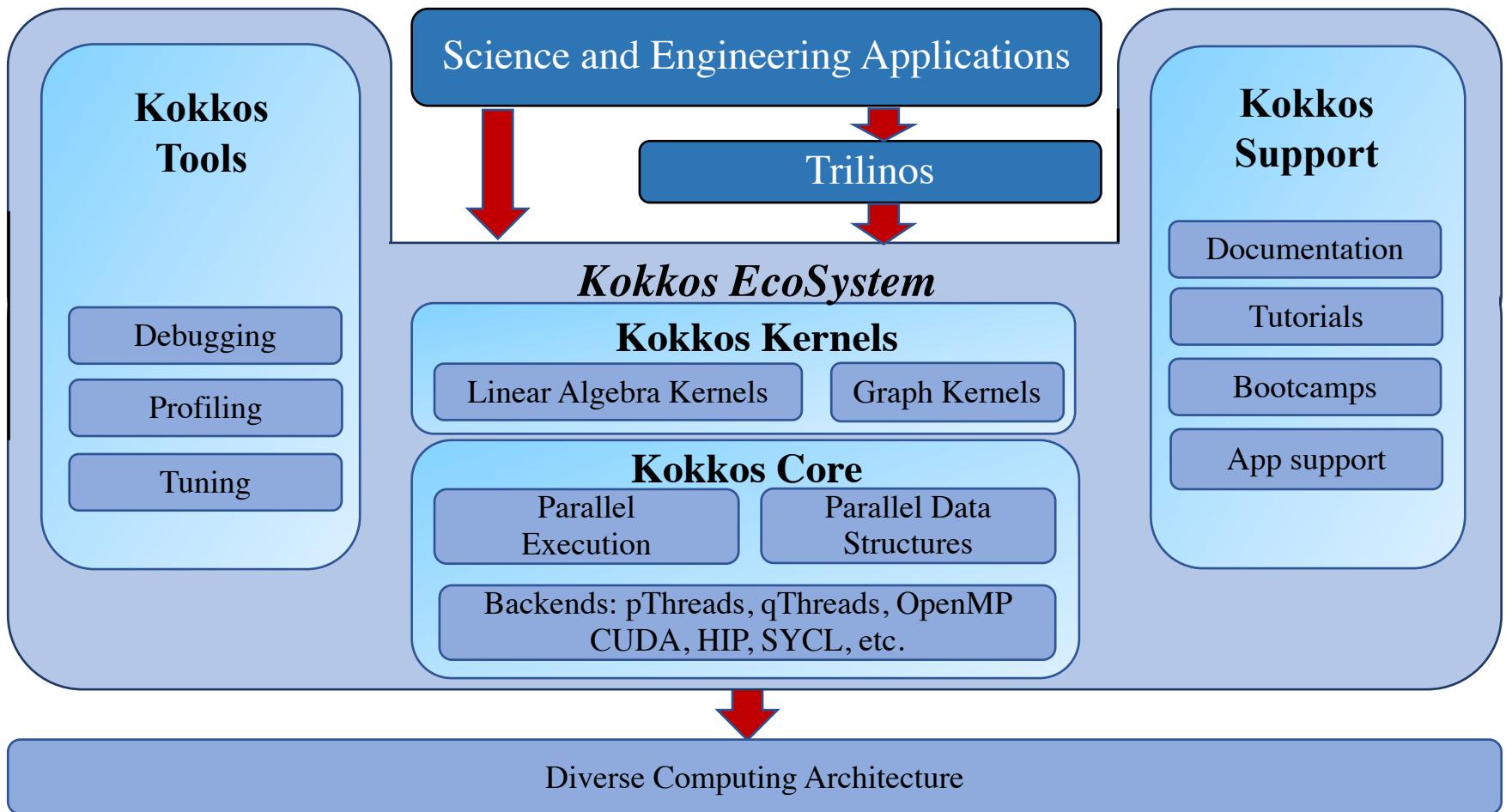


# kokkos

- New computer architectures increase the cognitive load on developers
  - Significant increase concurrency
  - New programming models
  - Different memory spaces
  - Hardware differences
- We seek to reduce this load on developers with an abstraction layer – Kokkos
  - Componentized software libraries
    - Deep subject matter expertise consolidated in these components instead of being required on all teams
  - Abstraction layer provides a common programming API – full spectrum of vendor abstraction
    - Hides hardware differences and performance approaches
    - CoDesign interactions
    - Software stack improvements
  - Provides memory management
  - Push programming concepts into the C++ language standard
- Adopted by all ASC codes targeting new HPC architectures, not just ATDM components and applications

**Use of the Kokkos abstraction layer significantly reduces the cognitive load on developers for supporting new computer architectures.**

# The Kokkos EcoSystem



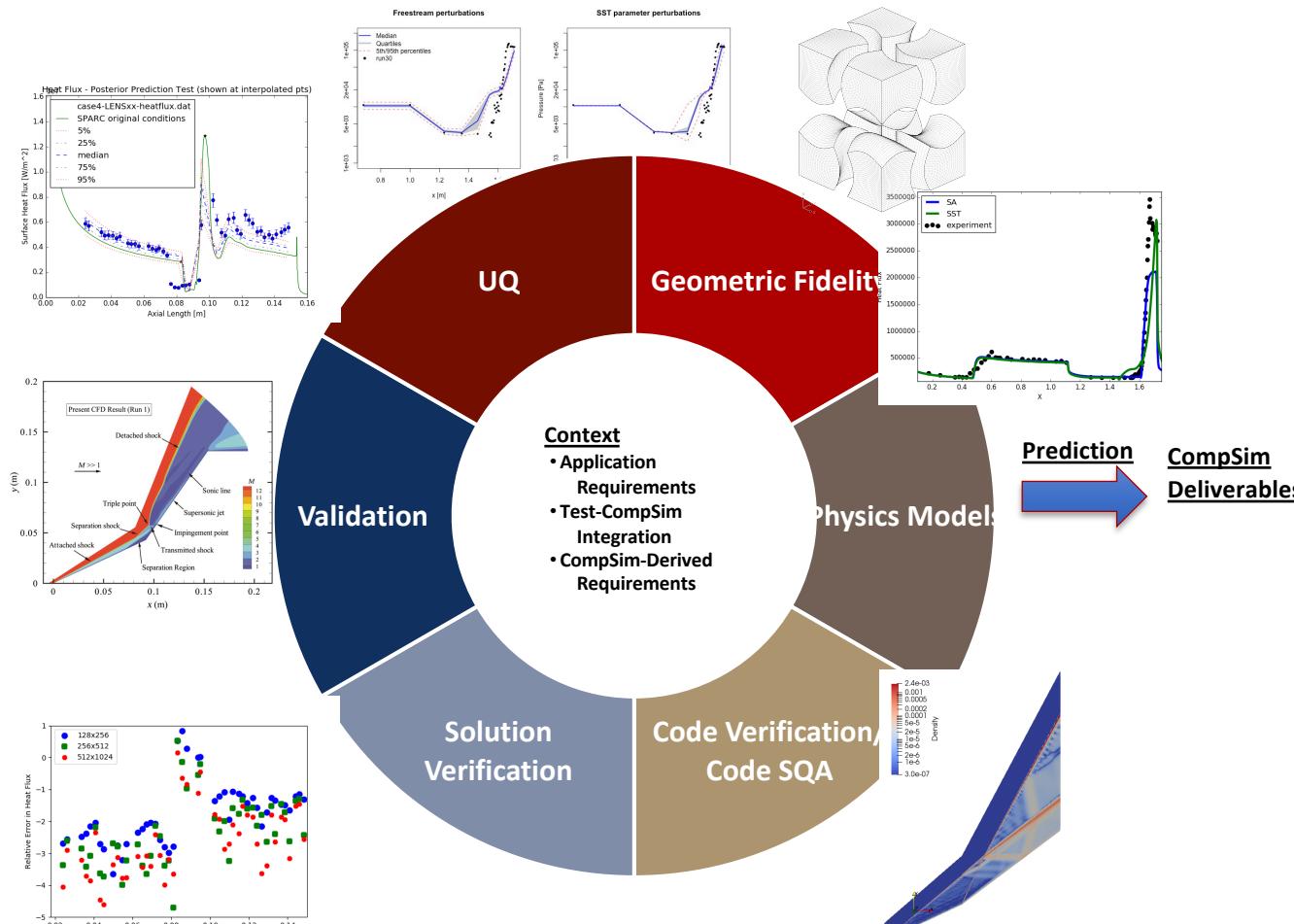
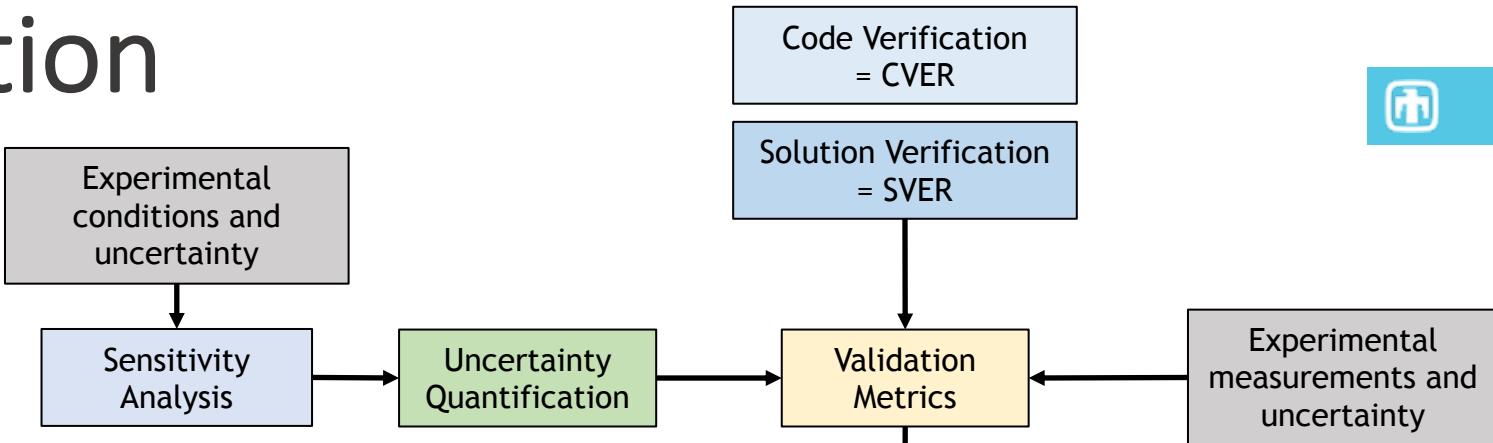
**Kokkos Core:** parallel patterns and data structures; supports several execution and memory spaces

**Kokkos Kernels:** performance portable BLAS; sparse, dense and graph algorithms

**Kokkos Tools:** debugging and profiling support

**Kokkos enables performance portability and the complexity of supporting numerous architectures that are central to DOE HPC enterprise**

# Approach: Verification & Validation / UQ Workflow



# A Word on Performance and Portability



Relative node performance (measured against CTS systems)

Courtesy of Si Hammond, SNL

		CTS1	Trinity		Sierra		Astra
		Broadwell	Haswell	KNL	POWER9	V100 GPU	ThunderX2
LINPACK FLOP Rates (per Node)	Perf	1.09 TF/s	~0.86 TF/s	~2.06 TF/s	~1 TF/s	~21.91 TF/s	~0.71 TF/s
	Rel	1.00X	0.79X	1.89X	0.91X	20.01X	0.65X
Memory Bandwidth (STREAM) (per Node)	Perf	~136 GB/s	~120 GB/s	~90 GB/s / ~350 GB/s	~270GB/s	~850 GB/s x 4 = ~3.4 TB/s	~250 GB/s
	Rel	1.00X	0.88X	0.66X	1.99X	25.00X	1.84X
Power (TDP, per Node)	Perf	120W x 2 = 240W	135W x 2 = 270W	~250W	190W x 2 = 380W	~300W x 4 = 1.2kW	~180W x 2 = 360W
	Rel	1.00X	1.13X	1.04X	1.58X	5.00X	1.50X

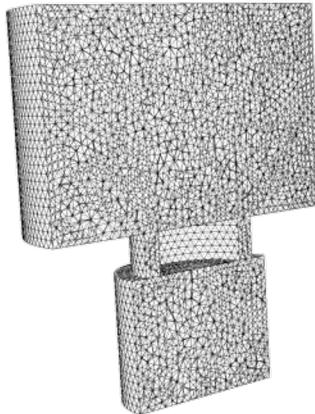
# Defining the performance measurement cases



Defined surrogate problems to measure and track performance

## Simple Cavity

- Simplified physics in similar configuration to B-dot experimental geometry.
- Preloaded particles.
- Run for nominal 100 time-steps to gather metrics.



## Complex Cavity

- Complex geometry.
- Preloaded particles for scaling studies, representative of physical emission drive.
- Run for nominal 100 time-steps for scaling studies.

Mesh	Elements	Nodes	Edges	Particles
R0	337k	60.4k	406k	16M
R1	2.68M	462k	3.18M	128M
R2	20.7M	3.51M	24.4M	1.0B
R3	166M	27.9M	195M	8.2B
R4	1.33B	223M	1.56B	66B

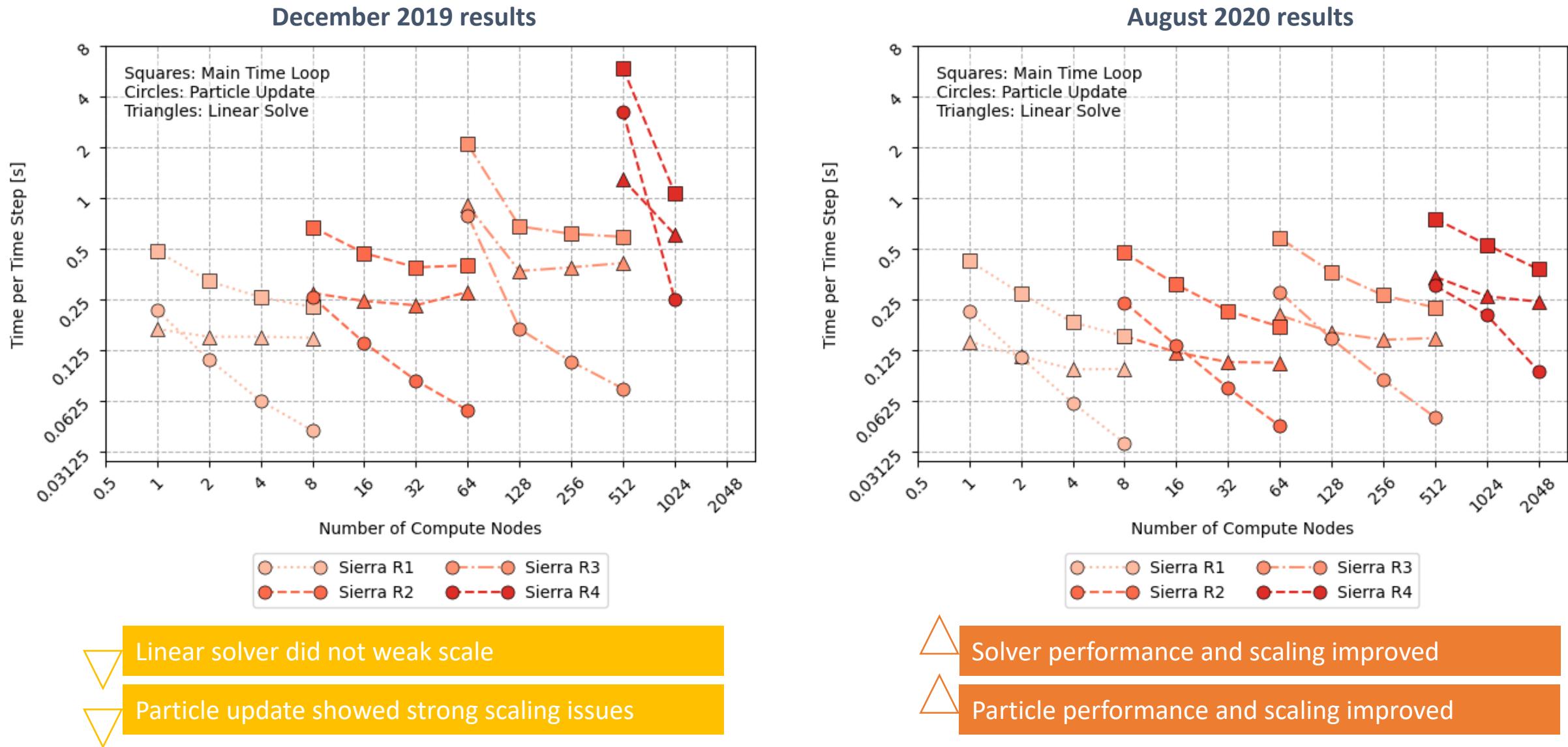
Mesh	Elements	Nodes	Edges	Particles*
R0	3.7M	660k	4.4M	360M
R1	25M	4.4M	30M	2.4B
R2	200M	32M	240M	19B
R3	1.6B	270M	1.9B	160B

\*Scaling runs

For historical comparison and tracking

To meet the criteria with a relevant problem

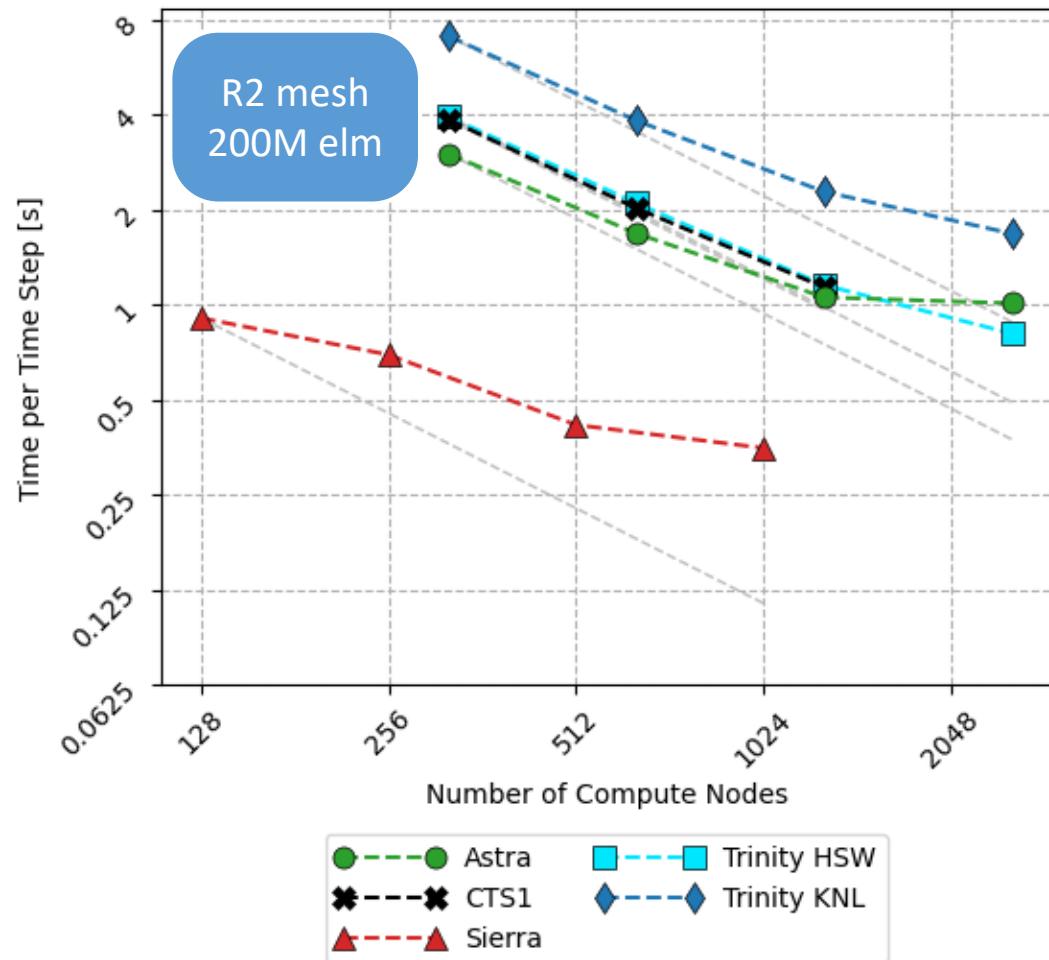
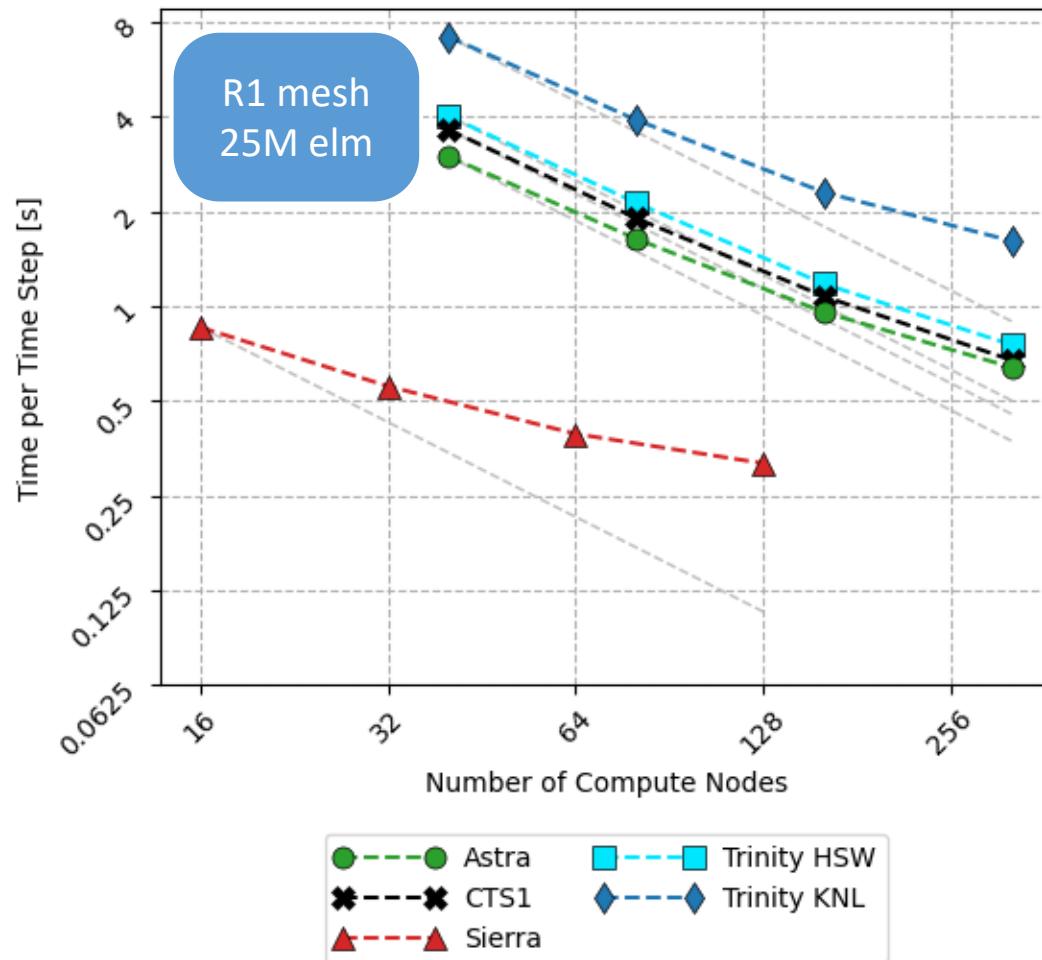
# ATS-2 performance improvements for EMPIRE



# Performance results for the Complex Cavity



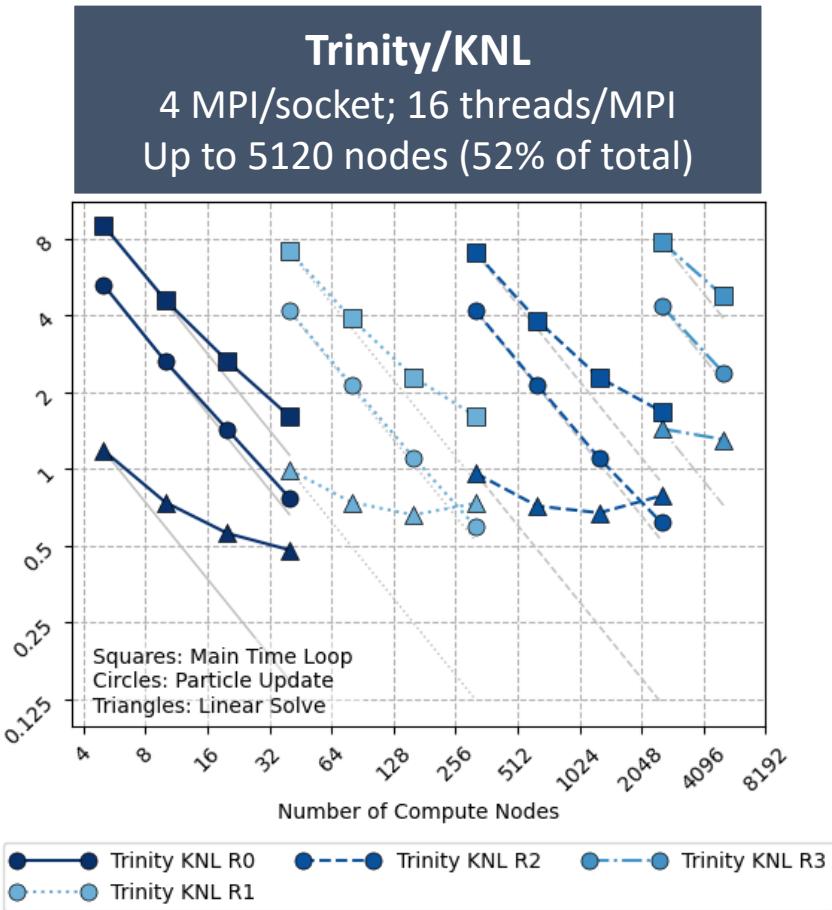
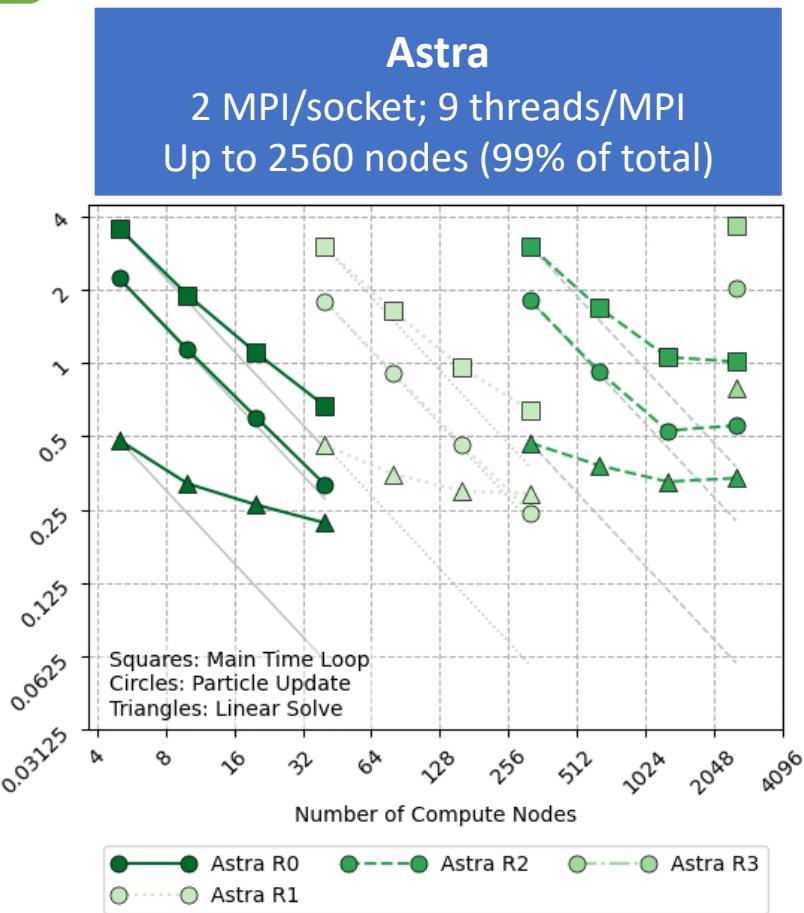
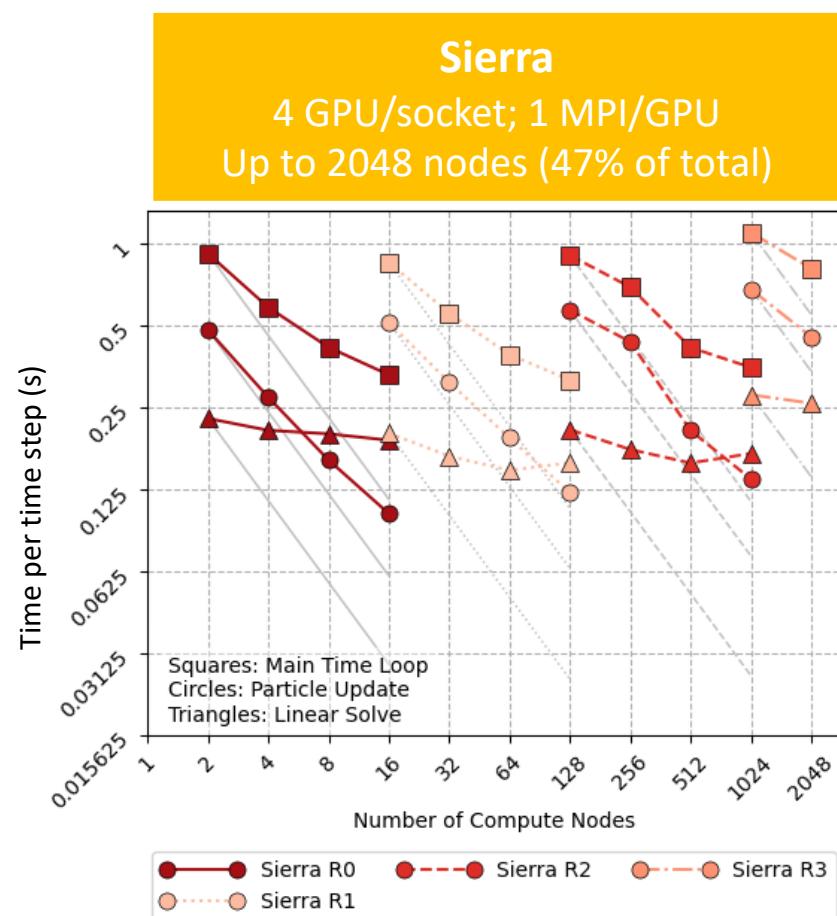
## Cross-platform strong scaling results



# Performance results for the Complex Cavity



## Single platform scaling results

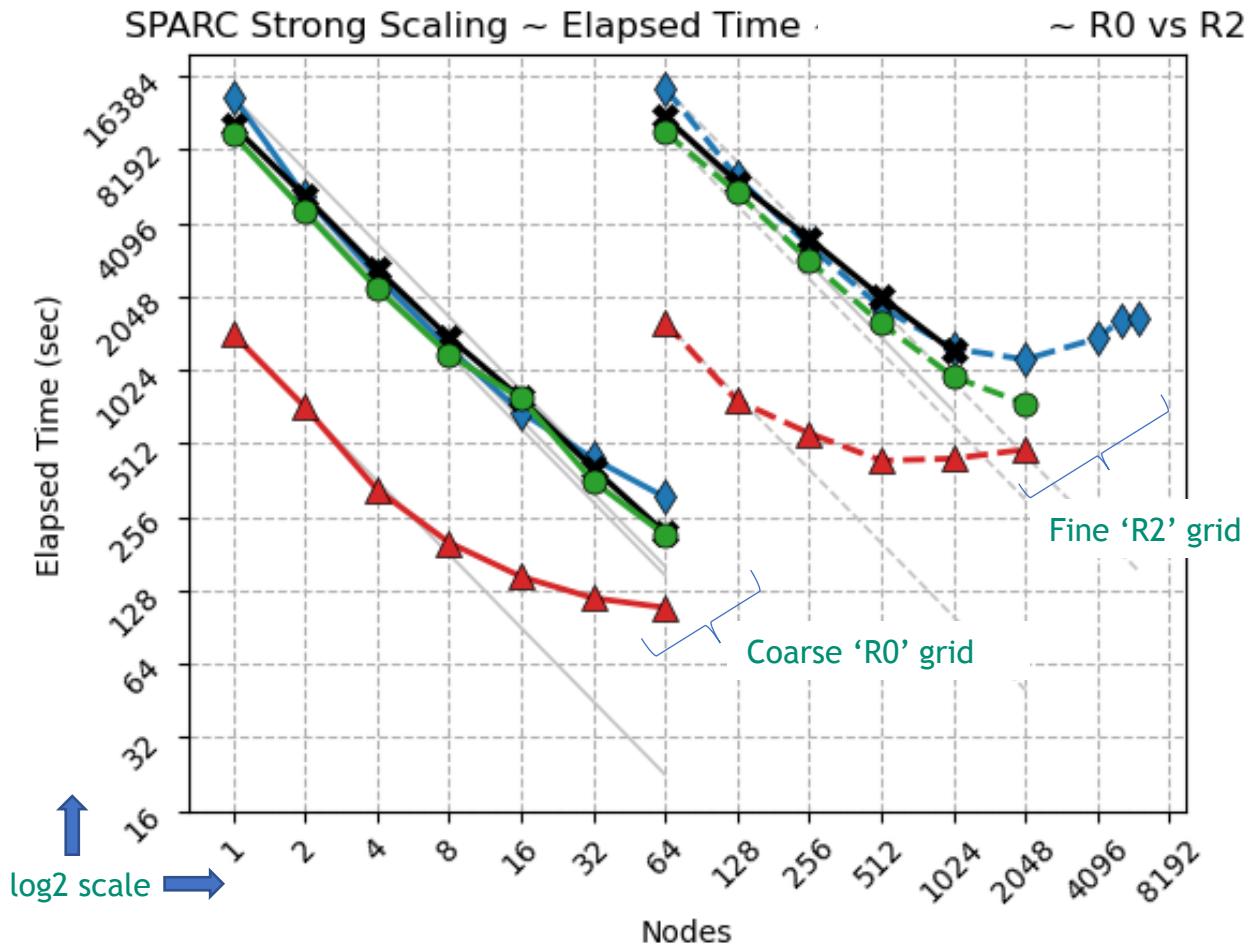


Addresses questions: Performance issues on Trinity/KNL and Kokkos

# SPARC Performance Portability Strategy

- Leverage Trilinos for performance-portable linear solvers and I/O facilities
- Implement domain-specific data structures & mesh iteration abstractions on top of Kokkos
  - Can tune implementation for different platforms to maximize performance
    - Atomics vs graph coloring
    - Memory layouts & iteration patterns
    - SIMD types
  - All physics code remains platform agnostic
  - 96.1% of SPARC code base is platform agnostic

# Hypersonics Performance – Strong Scaling, Overall Runtime



CTS1 as baseline:

Trinity: 0.8-1.2x

Astra: 1.2-1.4x

Sierra: 2-8x

Some increase in elapsed time at largest scales for Trinity and Sierra.

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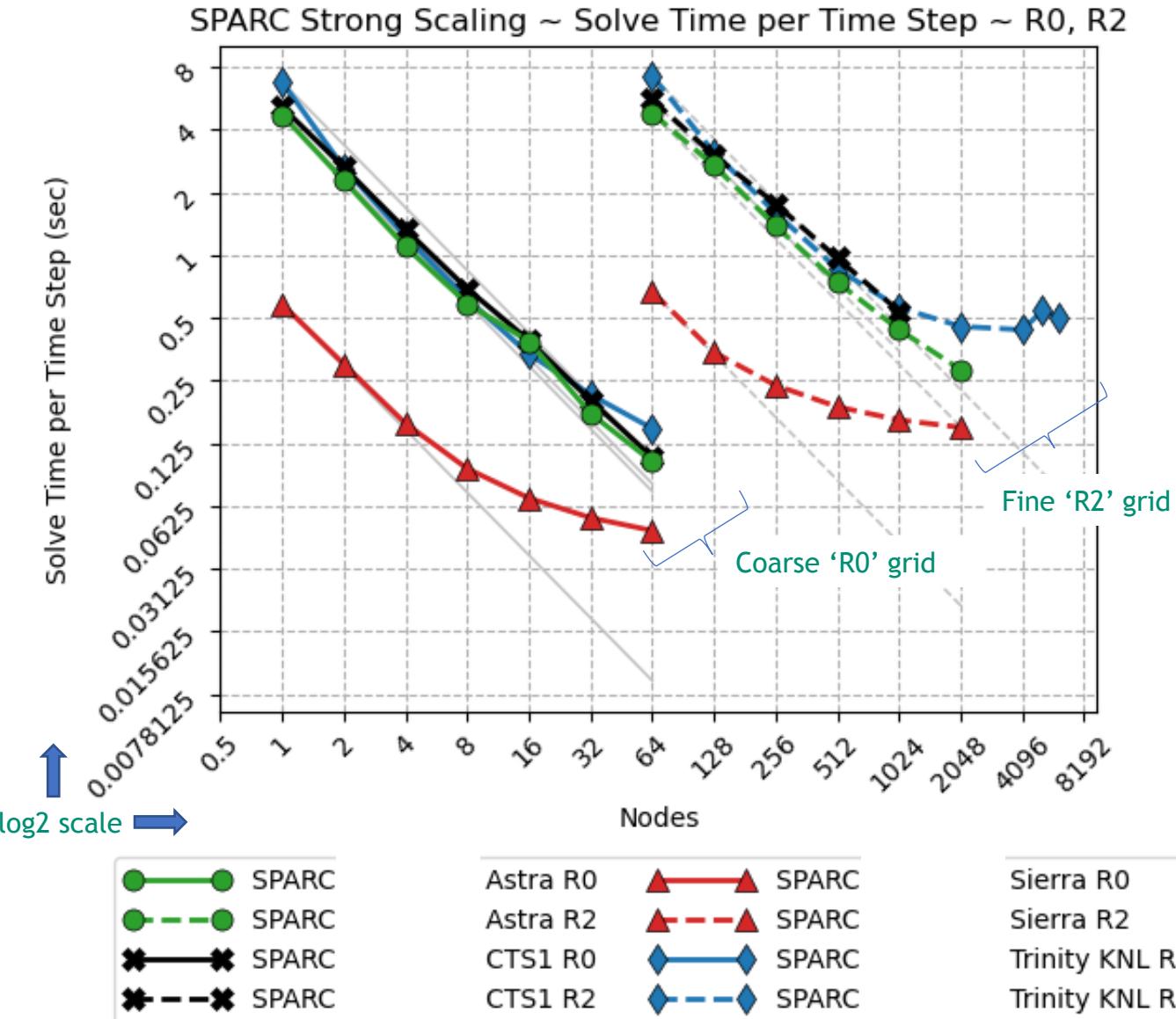
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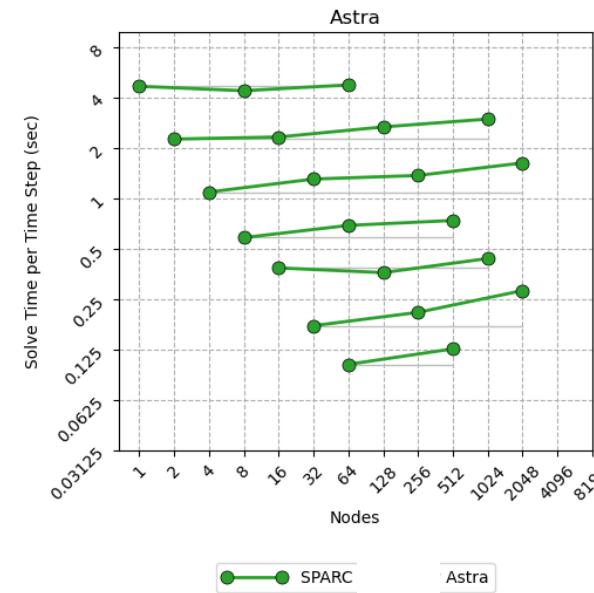
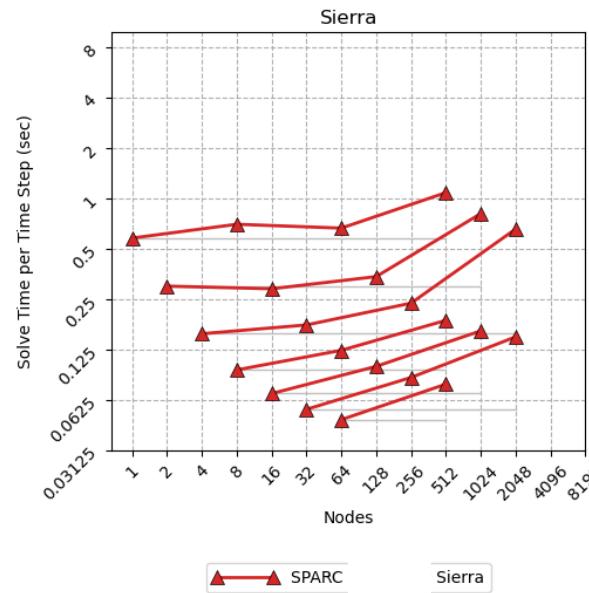
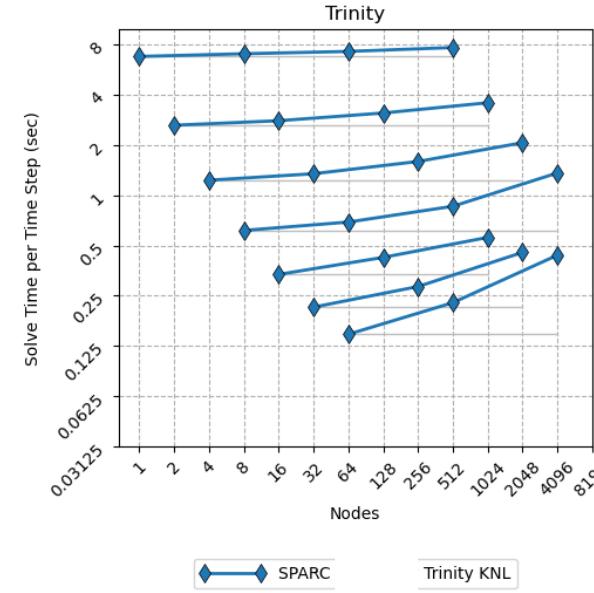
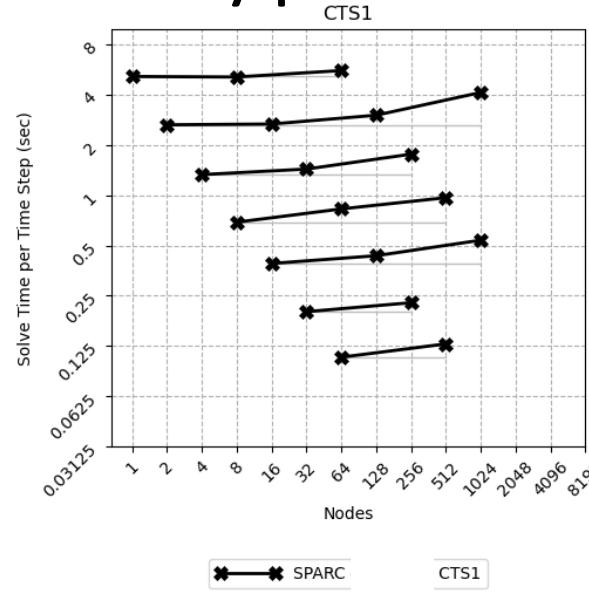
Sierra R0  
Sierra R2  
Trinity KNL R0  
Trinity KNL R2

# Hypersonics Performance – Strong Scaling, Time per Time Step



Time per time step does not show same increase at large scale on [Trinity](#) and [Sierra](#).

# Hypersonic Performance – Weak Scaling



**Trinity & Astra:**  
Good weak scaling with sufficient work per node

**Sierra:**  
More work per node required for good weak scaling

# Understanding Sierra Strong Scaling

SPARC's block tridiagonal linear solver is the primary limiter of strong scaling.

1. Relative cost of compute kernels is much lower than on other platforms
2. Kernel launch latency sets a high floor on kernel runtime
3. Relatively high cost of MPI getting data to/from GPU
4. Exposing sufficient parallelism to occupy GPU

# SPARC Performance Summary

1. Successfully demonstrated SPARC scaling performance at scale on
  - 6144 nodes on Trinity
  - 2048 nodes on Astra
  - 2048 nodes on Sierra
2. SPARC achieves **excellent performance portability and speed-ups of up to**
  - 1.2x on Trinity
  - 1.4x on Astra
  - 8x on Sierra

When compared node to node with CUBLAS
3. SPARC achieves this with a **code base that is >95% platform agnostic**