



Scientific Visualization 210

ParaView: *In Situ Visualization Using Catalyst*

KAUST Visualization Core Lab

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Workshop Site: wiki.vis.kaust.edu.sa/training

Install ParaView 5.11.1: <https://www.paraview.org/download/>



Resources



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User Resources:

- User Guides:
 - <https://docs.paraview.org/en/latest/>
 - <https://catalyst-in-situ.readthedocs.io/en/latest/index.html>

Developer Resources:

- GitLab: <https://gitlab.kitware.com/paraview/parview>



Workshop Setup

- Never logged in to Ibex before?
 - Do so now so that your scratch directory will have time to get setup
 - `ssh -X <username>@glogin.ibex.kaust.edu.sa`
- Local installation of ParaView 5.11.1
- Download example data/slides
 - <https://download.vis.kaust.edu.sa/pub/workshops/2024/SciVis210-Catalyst/>
- That's all for now, we'll be using a module to access the sim, so no building required



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Visualization Core Lab

Overview of Facilities & Services

The Team



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- VISUAL ANALYTICS
- INFORMATION VIS
- STATISTICAL ANALYSIS



Thomas Theussl
SCIVIS

- SCIENTIFIC VISUALIZATION
- LARGE DATA ANALYSIS
- DISTRIBUTED VISUALIZATION



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HPC SCIVIS

- VISUALIZATION SOFTWARE
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- DISTRIBUTED VISUALIZATION



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- VR DEVELOPMENT
- 3D RECONSTRUCTION



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- DATA SCIENCE
- MACHINE LEARNING
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Data Scientist

- Data Science
- Machine Learning
- Deep Learning

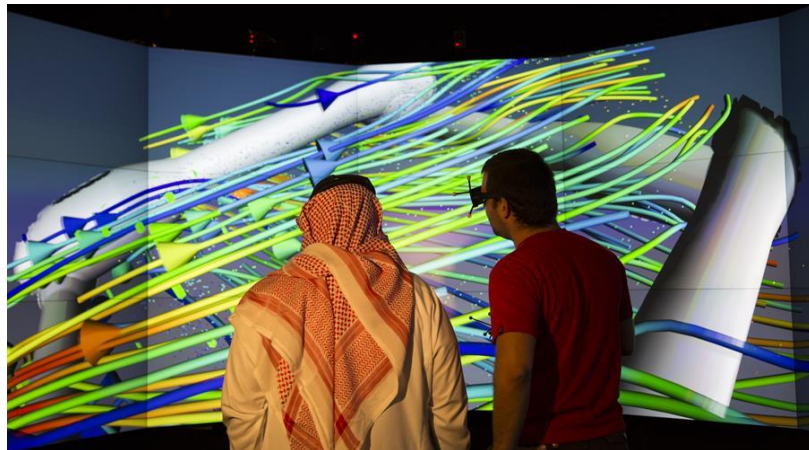
FACILITIES AND SPACES



ZONE 1/2 DISPLAY WALLS: 2D/3D Analytics



HMD's



CUBES VR



ZONE 5 VR



MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM



Z2 Visualization and Collaboration

- **ParaView & VisIt on Z2**
 - Connect to Ibox for compute or other networked storage



- **Sage3 collaboration boards**
 - Software to enable teams of collaborators to work together with data in the form of data visualizations
 - <https://sage3.sagecommons.org/>



Accessing KVL Facilities

- Book here (requires Portal Credentials):
 - <https://wiki.vis.kaust.edu.sa/booking>

Facility Booking Form

Once you click **Send Request** you can refresh this page to see your booking appear in the **bookings calendar**. All bookings are provisional until approved by KVL.

Vis Lab Home **Booking** Hosts 188 Logged in as kressjm

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Request a booking

Purpose Description of booking

Reservation Maintenance Cornea MPR Vis Cubes Vive Zone 1 **Zone 2** Zone 5

Every 0 weeks Full day Start 2023-07-27 11:36 End 2023-07-27 11:36 **Send Request**

Upcoming Training Events



Scientific Visualization Workshop Series Spring 2024

Date	Training Event	Speaker	Registration
February 19, 2024	Scientific Visualization 101: Virtual Reality for Data Visualization	Ronell Sicat	Register Now
February 20, 2024	Scientific Visualization 210: ParaView ~ In Situ Visualization using Catalyst	James Kress	Register Now
February 27, 2024	Scientific Visualization 101: Virtual Reality for Data Visualization	Ronell Sicat	Register Now

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Avizo Workshop Series By Thermofisher and KVL, Spring 2024

Date	Training Event	Speaker	Registration
March 4, 2024	Scientific Visualization 101: Avizo (Day 1) ~ Introductory Level	Sarawuth Wantha	Register Now
March 5, 2024	Scientific Visualization 210: Avizo (Day 2) ~ Intermediate Level	Sarawuth Wantha	Register Now
March 6, 2024	Scientific Visualization 210: Avizo (Day 3) ~ Advanced Level	Sarawuth Wantha	Register Now

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Hands-on AI Tools and Techniques Workshop Series (Arabic version) Spring 2024

Date	Training Event	Speaker	Registration
Sunday April 14, 2024	Introduction to Machine Learning	Abdelghafour Halimi	Closed
Thursday April 18, 2024	Introduction to Deep Learning	Abdelghafour Halimi	Closed



What is In Situ?

Why do we want/need it?

In Situ Visualization

- What is in situ?
 - Produce visualization & analysis during an active simulation
 - Multiple ways in situ can be accomplished
- My application already does this, right?
 - Some applications do have visualizations built-in
- However,...
 - The goal of in situ visualization is to make visualization more adaptive, resilient, and familiar than coding in every possible visualization into a simulation
 - In situ is especially relevant to **HPC applications**

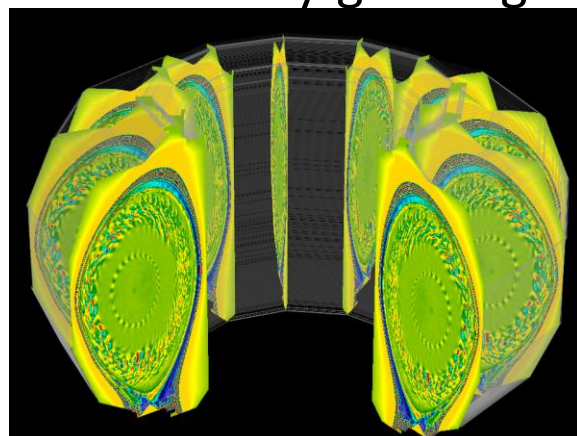




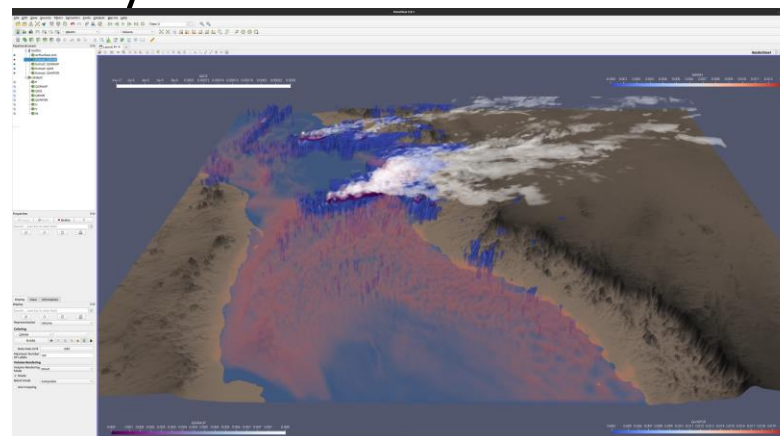
What is High Performance Computing (HPC)?

- Leveraging of interconnected processing units (Top500)
 - 50-billion-fold increase in computing power in 70 years
 - Performance measured in FLOPS (*floating-point operations per second*)
 - Human brain: 1-2 FLOPS
 - Smartphone: > 1 TeraFLOP (10^{12})
 - Frontier (top supercomputer in the world): 1.194 Exaflops (10^{18})
- Scientific simulations are large users of HPC
 - Constantly growing in complexity

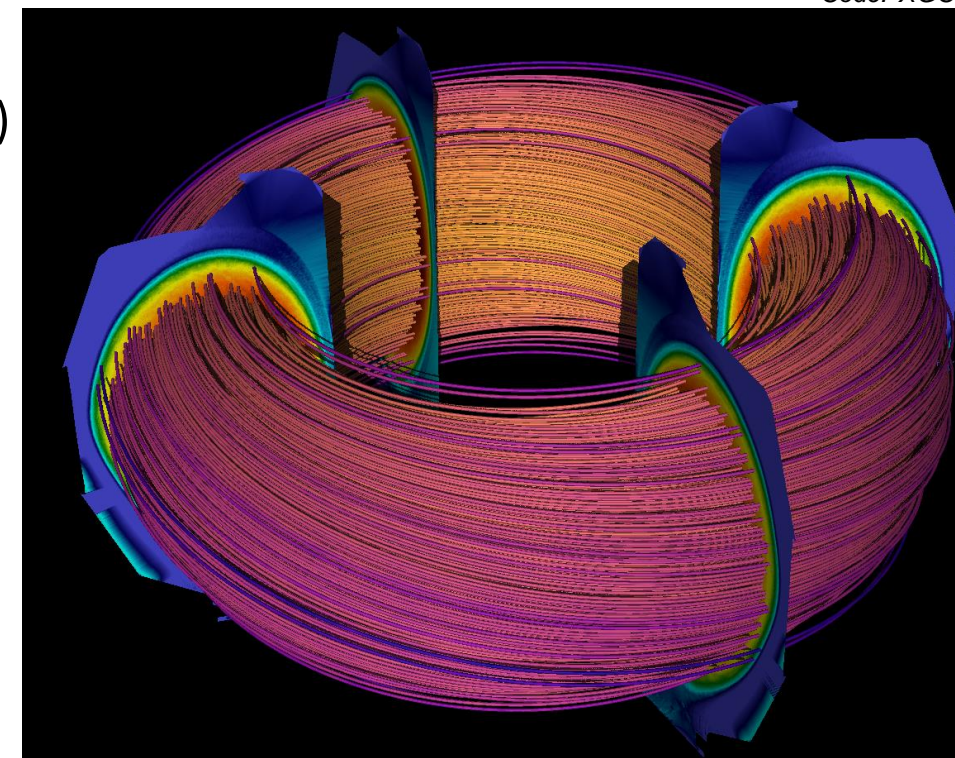
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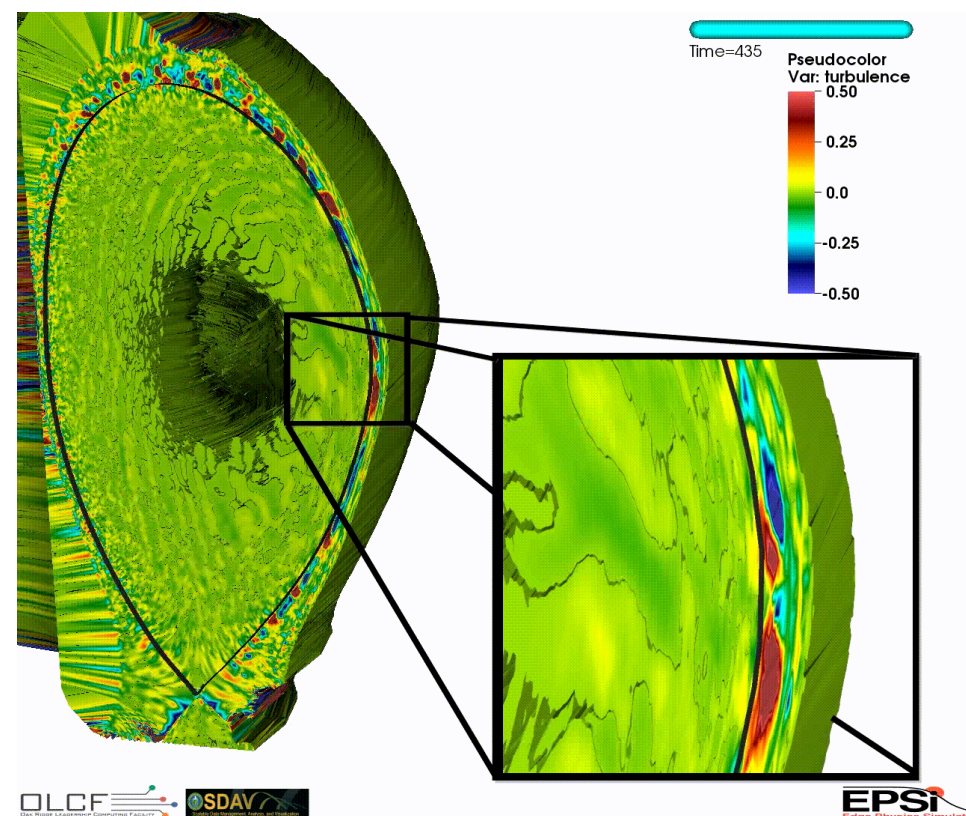




Visualization and Analysis in HPC

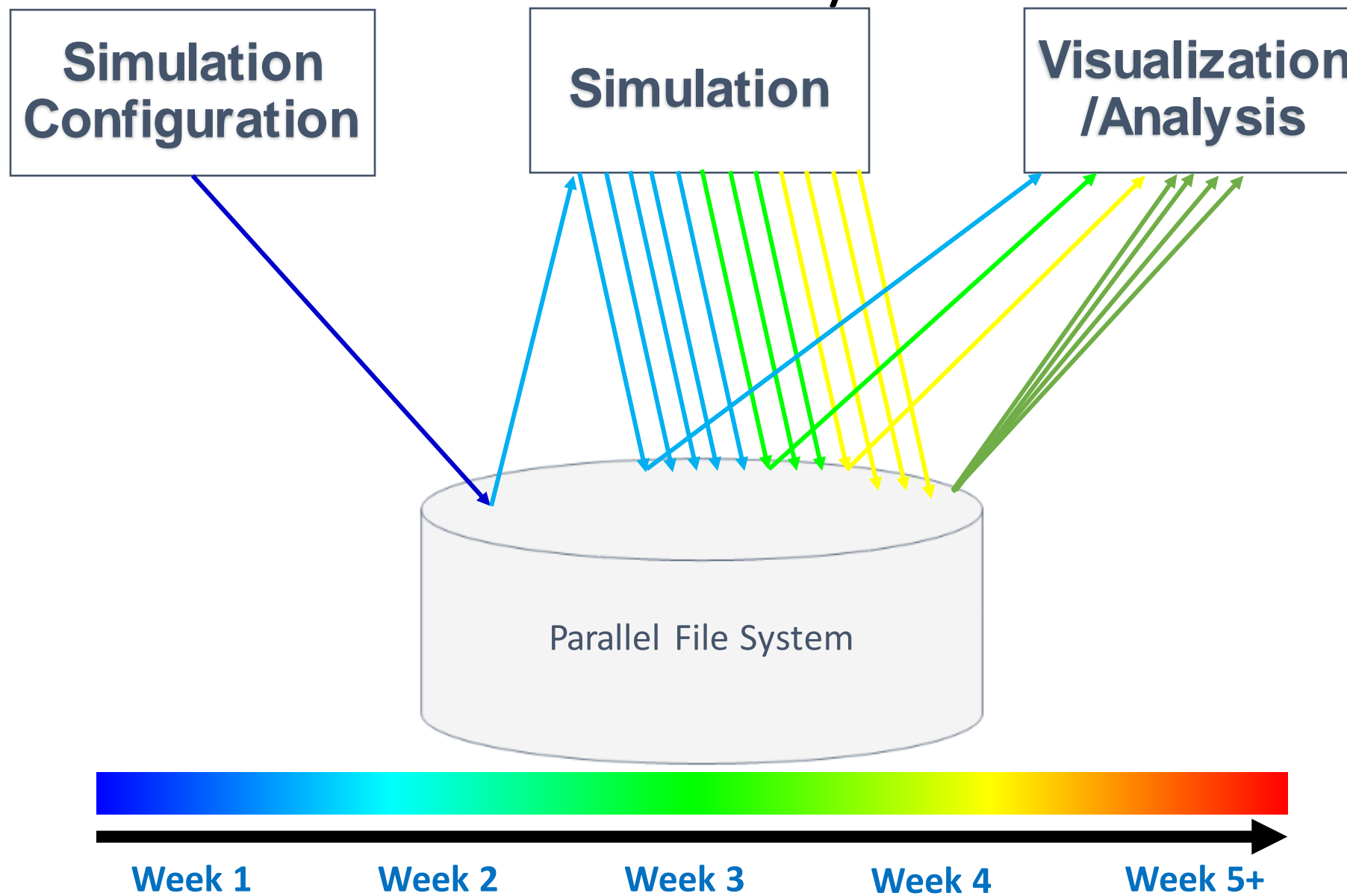


- Visualization enables:
 - Analytics
 - Locating the real physics
 - Public communication
 - and more





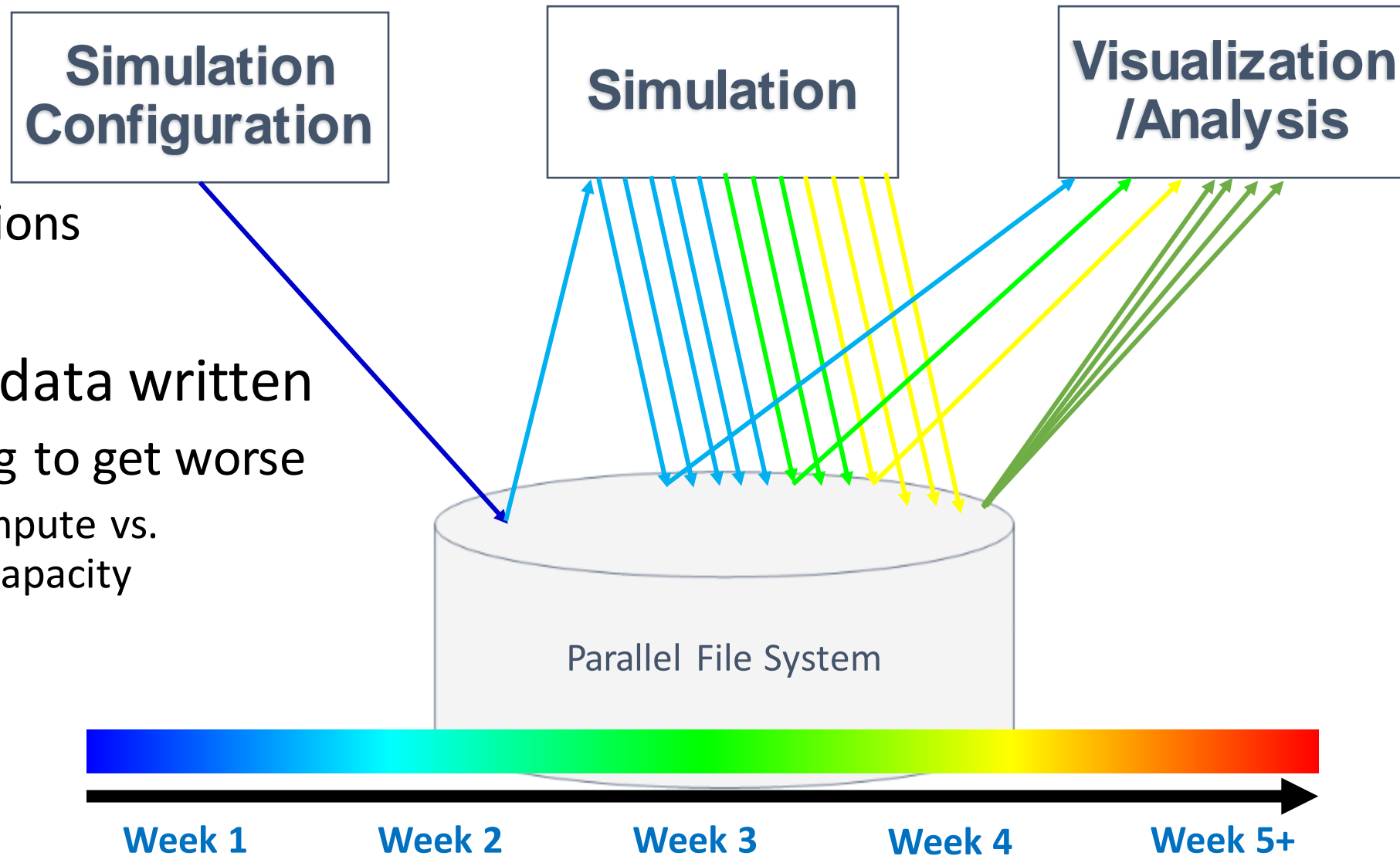
Traditional Post-hoc Analysis





Problems with the Post-hoc Paradigm

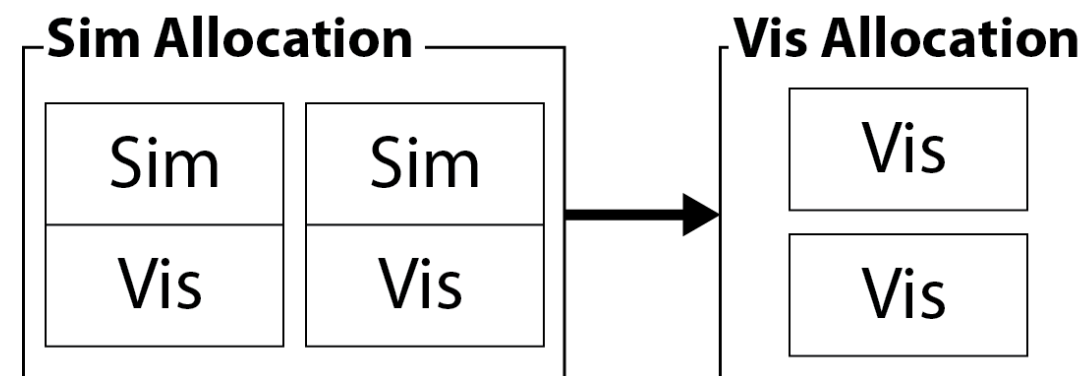
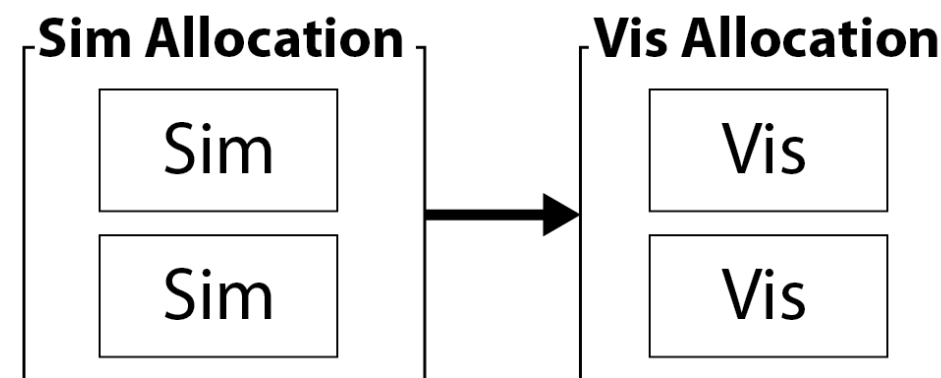
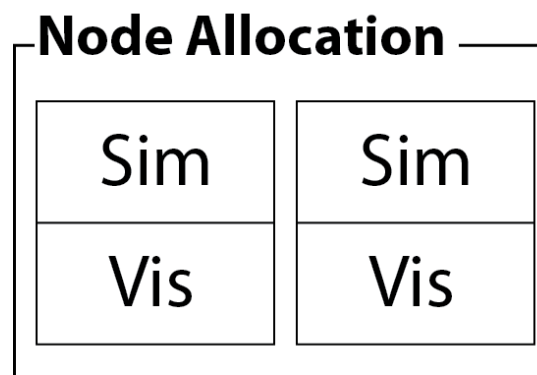
- Missing discovery
 - Missing data
 - Infrequent visualizations
- Time and amount of data written
 - IO bottleneck is going to get worse
 - 500X increase in compute vs. 60X increase in I/O capacity





Common In Situ Configurations

- **In-line** (*Co-processing, tightly coupled*)
 - Simulation and visualization run in the same process using the same resources (*on-node*)
- **In-transit** (*Concurrent-processing, loosely coupled*)
 - Simulation transfers data to a separate set of visualization nodes (*off-node*)
- **Hybrid coupling**
 - Utilizing aspects of both in-line and in-transit



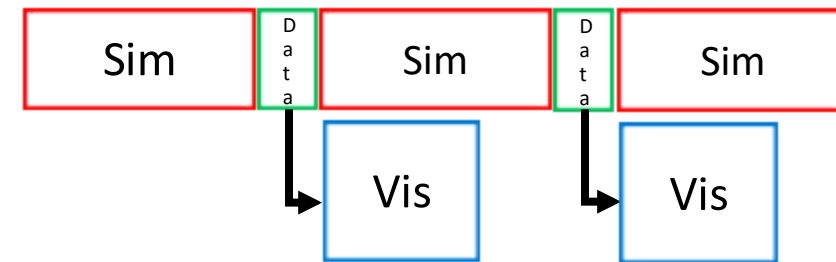


In-Line Vs. In-transit Visualization

In-line



In-transit





Introduction to Catalyst



Catalyst History

- Starting with ParaView 5.9, Catalyst was revamped
 - Catalyst was split off to its own project (Catalyst API)
 - Catalyst is an API specification developed for simulations (and other scientific data producers) to analyze and visualize data in situ
 - ParaView has an implementation of the Catalyst API (ParaView Catalyst)
 - ParaView Catalyst exposes a simulation's in-memory data, without writing data to disk, then uses interactive Python pipelines to create visualization and analysis
 - Can modify pipelines without recompiling simulation
 - Other implementations exist that we are integrating into our miniapp
 - ADIOS2, Ascent



Catalyst

- The Catalyst API uses [Conduit](#) for describing data and other parameters which can be communicated between a simulation and Catalyst.
 - Conduit
 - Simplified Data Exchange for HPC Simulations
 - Conduit is an open source project from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory that provides an intuitive model for describing hierarchical scientific data in C++, C, Fortran, and Python. It is used for data coupling between packages in-core, serialization, and I/O tasks.



ParaView Catalyst

- The Catalyst API comprises of 5 function calls that are used to pass data and control over to the Catalyst implementation from computational simulation codes:
 - `catalyst_initialize`, `catalyst_execute`, `catalyst_results`, `catalyst_finalize`, and `catalyst_about`
 - Each of these functions is passed a [Conduit Node](#) object.
- This is important if you will be adding Catalyst to a simulation, today however, we will simply be creating and using Catalyst scripts



Creating a Catalyst Script

- Demo
 - Load a representative data set in ParaView (***can.ex2***)
 - Create a pipeline to do your visualization
 - Save a script



KVL Visualization Vignettes



Miniapp (gray-scott simulation)










Visualization Vignettes

KVL > KAUST Visualization Vignettes > Repository

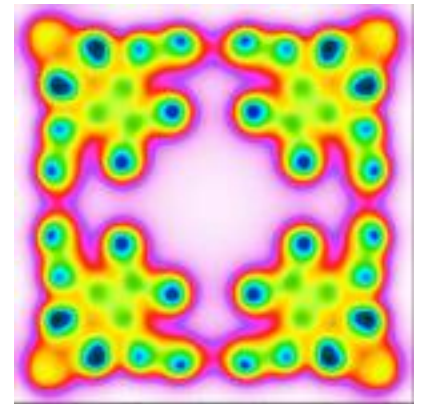
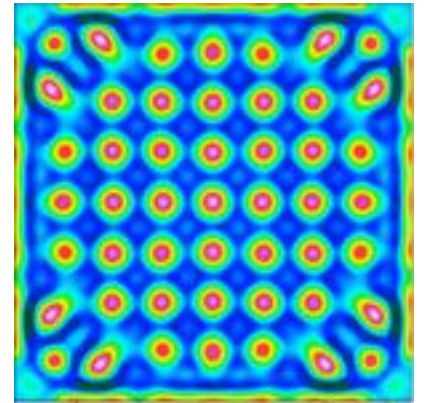
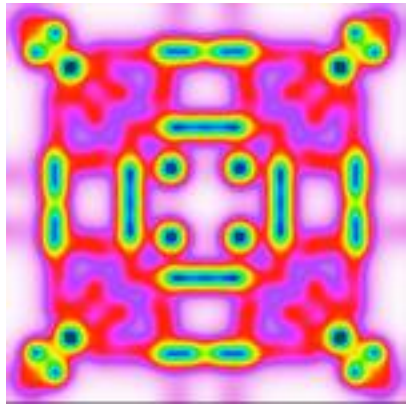
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Gray-Scott — 3D Reaction Diffusion Miniapp





Miniapp Overview

- https://gitlab.kaust.edu.sa/kvl/KAUST_Visualization_Vignettes/-/tree/Add_miniapp/Miniapps/gray-scott

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Demonstration

Catalyst Workflows in Gray-Scott



Demo: Catalyst Workflows in Gray-Scott

- Output data to disk using `catalyst_io`
- Run Catalyst script without human-in-the-loop
- Run Catalyst live
 - Sim runs on Ibex
 - Catalyst runs on user's local computer



Hands-On

Creating Catalyst Scripts and Changing Simulation Parameters



Hands-On Setup

- `cd /ibex/scratch/<username>`
- `cp /sw/vis/ibex-gpu/KAUST_Visualization_Vignettes/Miniapps/gray-scott/configs/miniapp-settings/ibex-settings-catalyst-* .`
- `cp /sw/vis/ibex-gpu/KAUST_Visualization_Vignettes/Miniapps/gray-scott/configs/catalyst_scripts/catalyst-extract-* .`
- `cp /sw/vis/ibex-gpu/KAUST_Visualization_Vignettes/Miniapps/gray-scott/sites/ibex/* .`
- `export CATALYST_CLIENT=<your_IP>`



Hands-On with Catalyst

- Run an existing example and connect live
 - `sbatch run-ibex.sbat`
- Create a new catalyst script and run it
- Change the simulation parameters and run script
- Questions?



Thanks!

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