

# Du mésocentre HPC régional au centre de calcul européen Tiers-0 Prace : Analyse des performances HPC de NEPTUNE\_CFD pour la simulation numérique d'un réacteur à lit fluidisé gaz-particule réactif à l'échelle industrielle (de 1 à 64 milliards de mailles)



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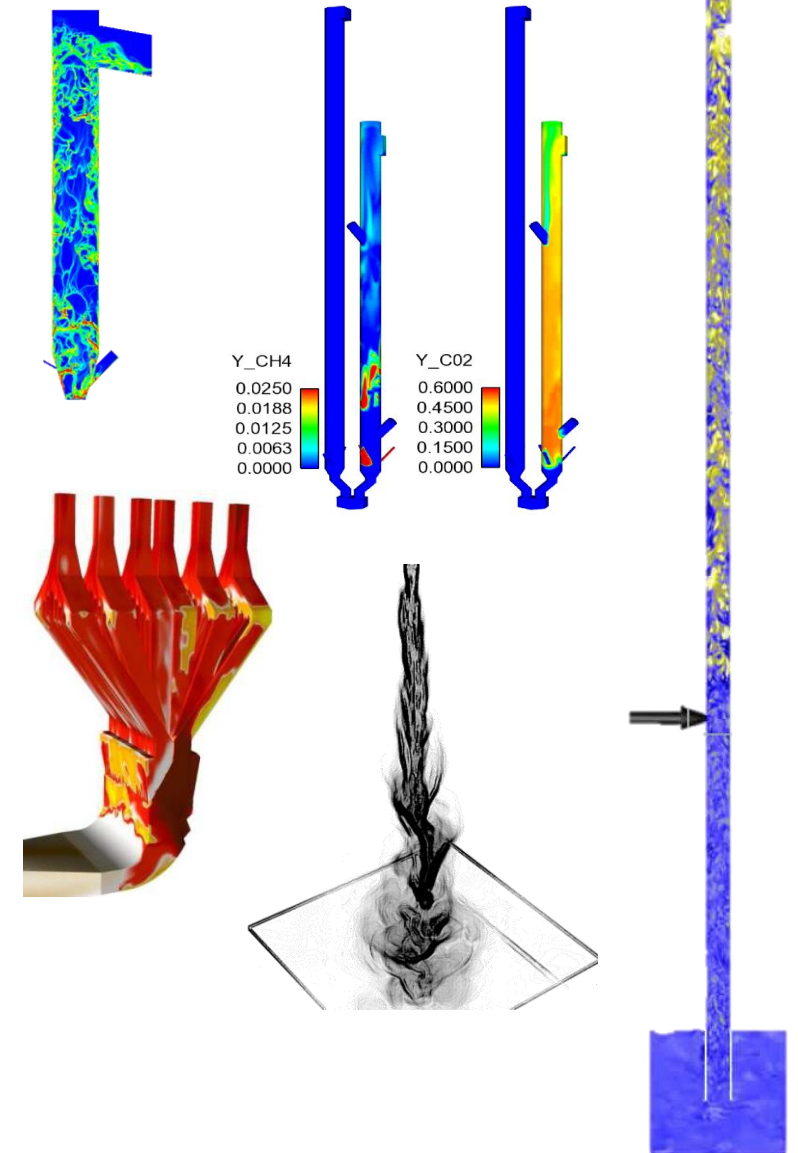
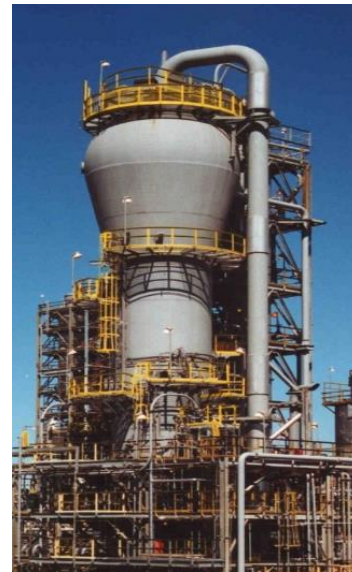
## Modeling, Computational Fluid Dynamic, HPC, Experimentations

- Simulation from laboratory scale up to industrial scale
- Industrial applications

Polymerization reactor, Chemical looping combustion, coal-fired furnaces, Transport of solid, Concentrated solar power system, Biomass gasifier, FCC riser, Deposition of droplets or particles, Zircon chlorination reactor, Uranium oxide fluorination reactor, ...

## 25 years of research on Polyethylene fluidized bed reactor at IMFT/LGC

- Scale-up studies
- Hydrodynamic studies
- Reactive studies: heat and mass transfers
- HPC studies  $\Rightarrow$  setting an industrial polydispersed reactive case to evaluate HPC capabilities of solvers since 1995



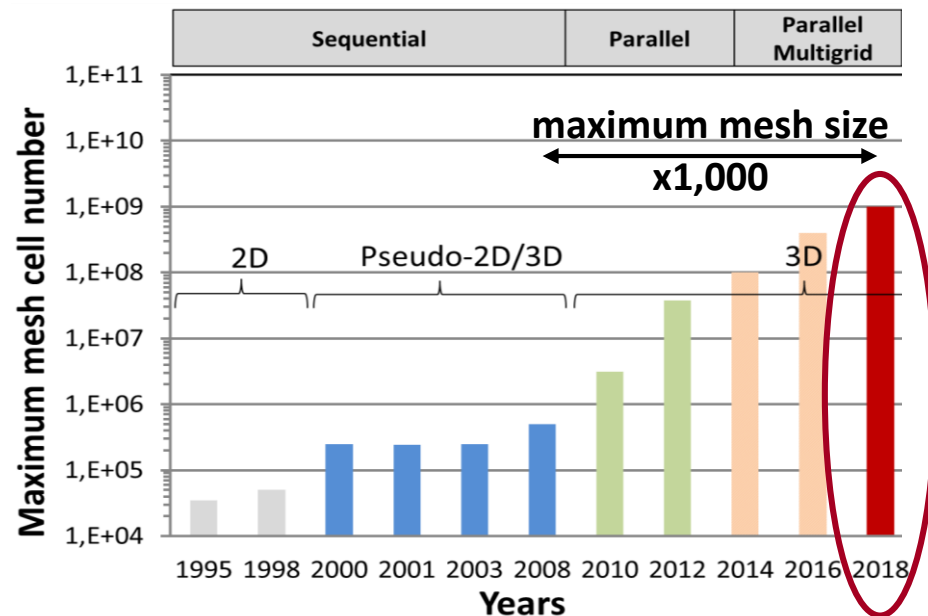
## State of art for NEPTUNE\_CFD HPC capabilities

Euler/Euler modeling approach for industrial-scale geometries  $\Rightarrow$  strong sensitivity with respect to mesh size

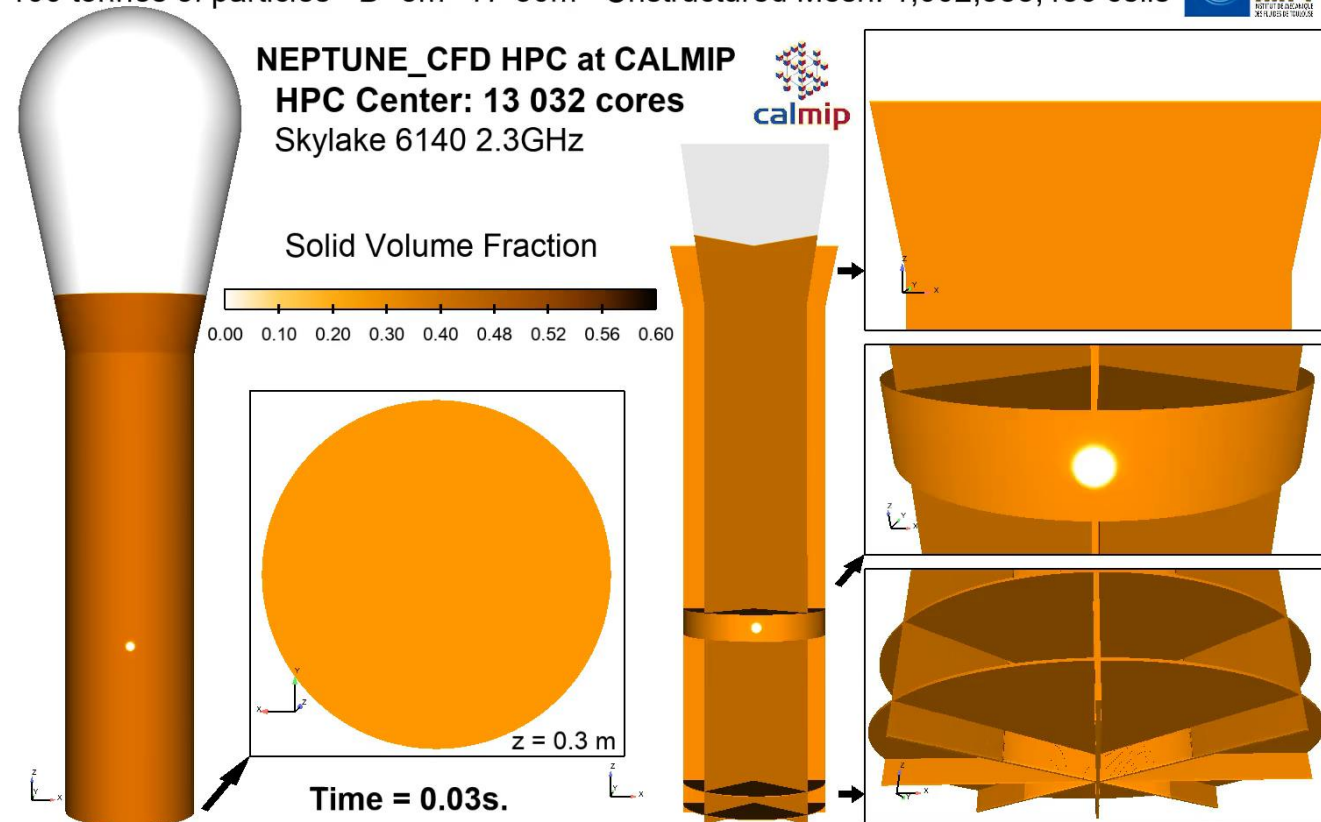
Maximum mesh size for { - 20 s of simulation of a reference industrial Fluidized Bed  
- max simulation duration: 15 days

Meso-Challenge CALMIP 2018  $\Rightarrow$  Presentation JCAD 2018

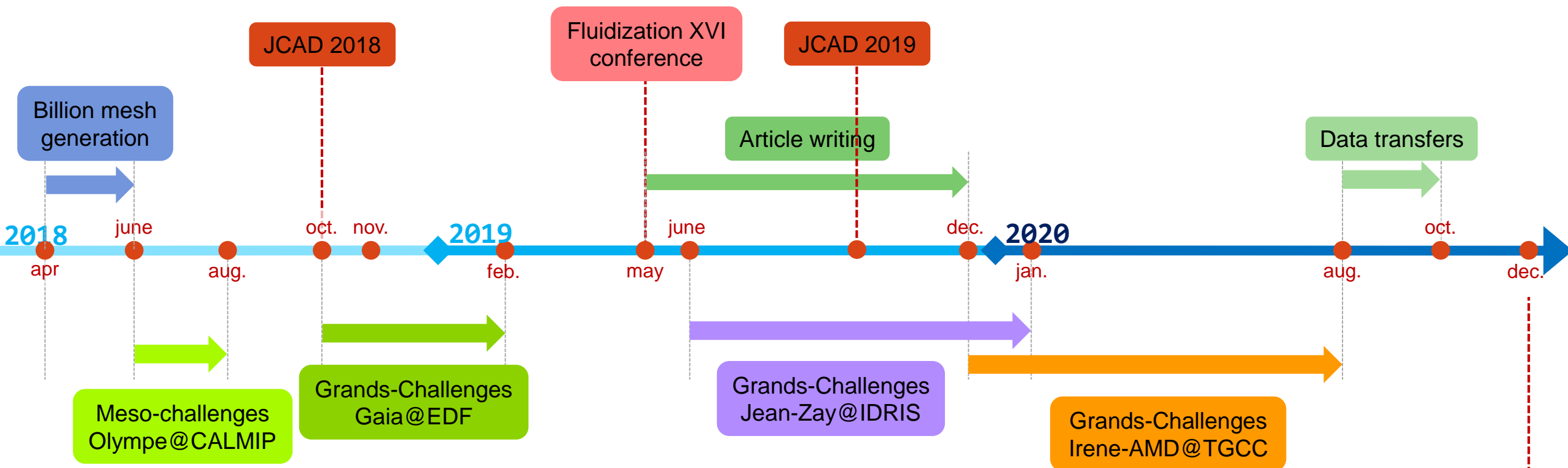
1 002 355 456 hexahedrons (mesh file: 195 GB)



Industrial Scale Bidispersed Reactive Fluidized Bed Reactor  
100 tonnes of particles - D~5m - H~30m - Unstructured Mesh: 1,002,355,456 cells



## 2018-2020: A continuation of NEPTUNE\_CFD Meso- and Grands-Challenges at CALMIP, EDF, IDRIS and TGCC



- **Powder Technology:** H. Neau et al., *Massively parallel numerical simulation using up to 36,000 CPU cores of an industrial-scale polydispersed reactive pressurized fluidized bed with a mesh of one billion cells*, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.powtec.2020.03.010>, 2020

- **Fluidization XVI:** H. Neau et al., *Massively Parallel Numerical Simulation of Hydrodynamics and Transfers in a Polydispersed Reactive Gas-Particle Fluidized Bed at Industrial Scale with a Very Fine Mesh, over One Billion of Cells*, Guilin, Chine, 2019

- **JCAD'18:** H. NEAU et al., *Massively Parallel Numerical Simulation of Hydrodynamics and Transfers in a Polydispersed Reactive Gas-Particle Fluidized Bed at Industrial Scale*, Lyon, France, 2018

- Feedback of these 3 years
- 1<sup>st</sup> results and analysis



## Tiers-2 ⇒ Tiers-1 ⇒ Tiers-0: from regional academic computing center up to European supercomputer

### Olympe at CALMIP (2018)

Perf. Peak: 1.37 Pflop/s	Atos Bull SEQUANA X1000 cluster
13,392 cores (2.3 GHz)	RAM: 192 GB/n
360 CPU nodes	2x18c/n - Intel® Xeon® Gold Skylake 6140
Lustre	Infiniband EDR (100 Gb/s)

### Gaïa at EDF R&D (2018)

Perf. Peak: 3.05 Pflop/s 244 <sup>th</sup> Top 500 11/2020	Atos Bull Cluster
42,912 cores (2.3 GHz)	RAM: 192 GB/n
1,192 CPU nodes	2x18c/n - Intel® Xeon® Gold Skylake 6140
GPFS	Intel OPA v1

### Jean-Zay at IDRIS (2019)

Perf. Peak: 16 Pflop/s 108 <sup>th</sup> Top 500 11/2020	HPE SGI 8600
61,120 cores (2.5 GHz)	RAM: 192 GB/n
1,528 CPU nodes	2x20c/n - Intel® Cascade Lake 6248
IBM spectrum scale (ex-GPFS)	Intel OPA (100 Gb/s)

### Joliot-Curie Rome Irene-AMD at TGCC (2020)

Perf. Peak: 11.75 Pflop/s 38 <sup>th</sup> Top 500 11/2020	Bull Sequana XH2000
293,376 (2.6 GHz)	RAM: 256 GB/n
2,292 CPU nodes	2x64c/n – AMD Rome (Epyc) 7H12
Lustre	Infiniband HDR100



## 2018 CALMIP Meso-Challenge / EDF Grands-Challenges: A First Worldwide numerical simulation

**Finite Volume Solver: NEPTUNE\_CFD\*: 3D reactive turbulent unsteady multiphase flows (C/C++, MPI, QT-Python GUI)**

- **Massively Parallel** code: **MPI**, parallel mesh reading, parallel partitioning, pressure **parallel multigrid** solver, MPI I/O
- **Unsteady Multi-Fluid Modeling approach (N-Euler)**
- **NEPTUNE\_CFD is proprietary** and powered by the open-source software **Code\_Saturne** very high HPC capabilities ⇒ <http://code-saturne.org>

\* NEPTUNE\_CFD is developed jointly by EDF and CEA with financial support of IRSN and FRAMATOME in the framework of the NEPTUNE project for nuclear applications

**Results: Olympe CALMIP: 16 s of physical time, Gaïa EDF: 25 s of physical time with the same 1 billion cells mesh**

- Runs from 35 nodes (1,260 cores) up to 1,000 nodes (36,000 cores)
- 15 millions CPU hours
- **NEPTUNE\_CFD HPC capabilities assessed up to 36,000 cores** on a fluidized bed at industrial scale
- **Proof of feasibility of computations with more than one billion cells using the whole supercomputer capabilities!**

⇒ **First hand experience of massively computation on the full supercomputer scale**

⇒ **Key experience to attempt a more refined case on Tiers-1 facilities**

# Grands-Challenges IDRIS: Jean-Zay – Refining the industrial case to 8 billion-cells mesh (2019)

## Goals of this challenge:

- **Implement splitting the 1 billion-cells mesh into a 8 billion-cells mesh: from 215 GB to 1.6 TB**

- Native **Code\_Saturne** functionality: divide each cell by 2 in each direction: 1 hexa  $\Rightarrow$  8 hexa
- Splitting job uses at least **250 nodes, i.e. 10,000 cores**  
 $\Rightarrow$  **new mesh file: 8 018 843 648 hexahedrons**

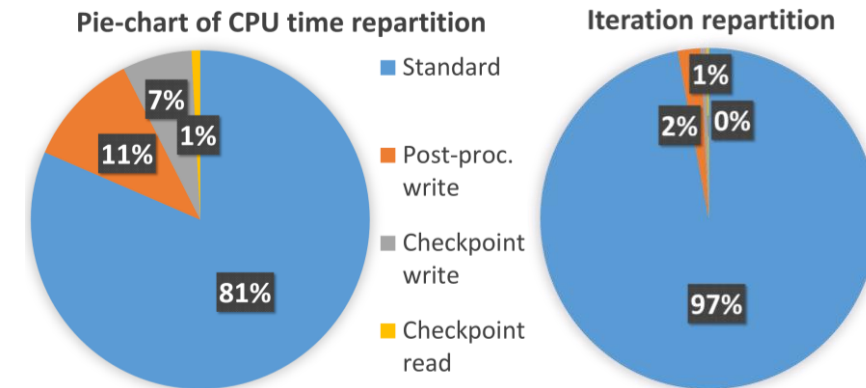
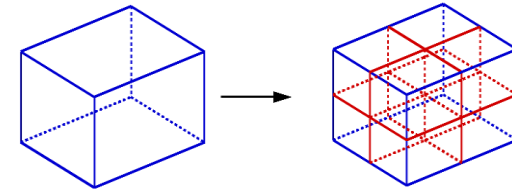
$$\Delta_x \sim \Delta_y \approx 3 \text{ mm} - \Delta_z \approx 5 \text{ mm} - V_{cell} \approx 45 \text{ mm}^3 - \phi \sim 1\,500 \text{ cells}$$

- **Implement interpolation** of the 1 billion-cells restart file at 25 s onto the 8 billion-cells mesh using native **NEPTUNE\_CFD** functionality:  
at least **300 nodes, i.e. 12,000 cores**

$\Rightarrow$  **new restart file: 9.8 TB**

- **Computations with the 8 billion-cells mesh:**

- Continue computation from 25 s up to 26.7 s: **1.7 s of physical time  $\Leftrightarrow$  31 M CPU h**
- **Extremely long computations with “short” walltime (20h)**  $\Rightarrow$  53 parts and restart files of 9.8 TB each
- **53 post-processing data sets** (binary insight gold): **57 TB**
- **HPC assessment: speed-up, efficiency, sensibility studies** (IO, process CPU binding)
- Runs using **240 nodes up to 1,500 nodes (98.2% Jean-Zay)**, i.e. 9,600 up to **61,120 cores**





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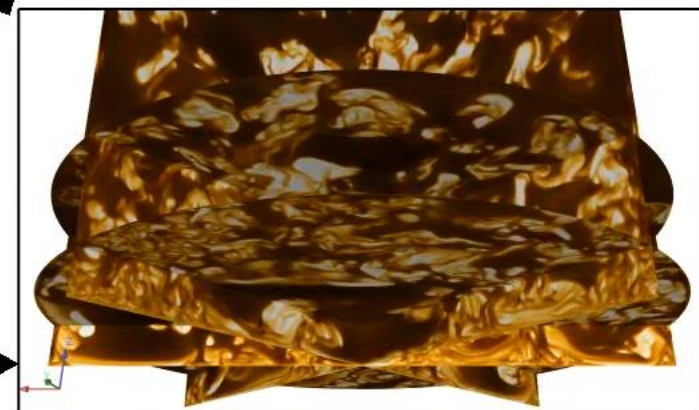
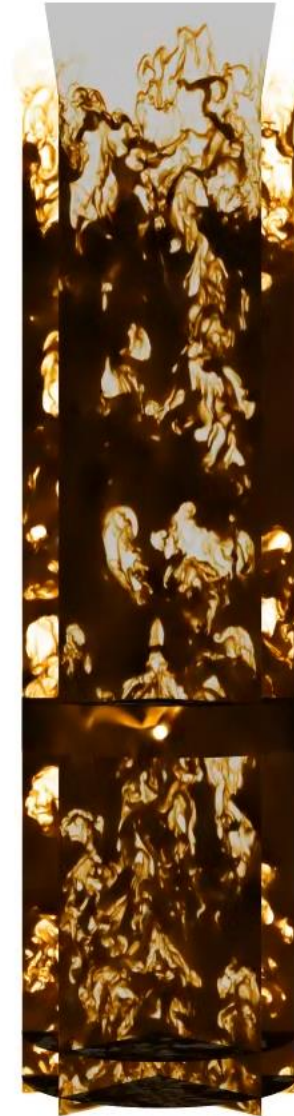
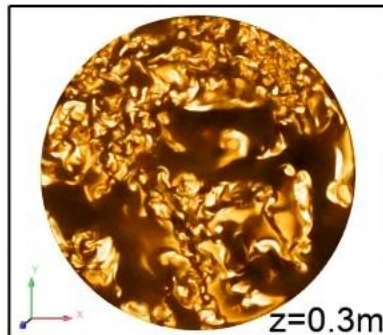
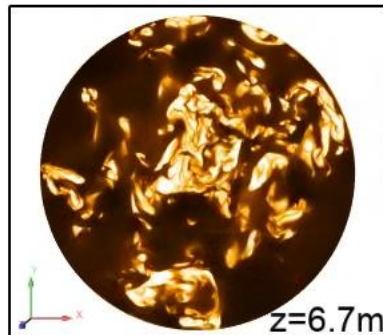
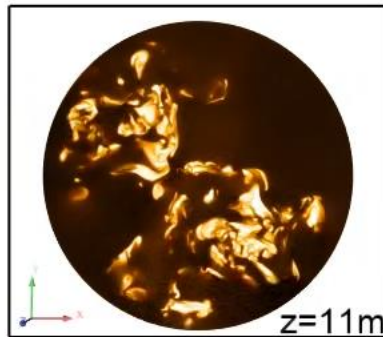
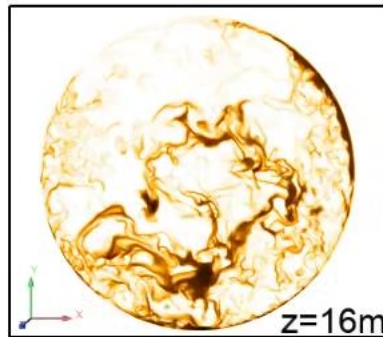


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8,560 to 51,840 MPI processes

Time = 26.2168s.

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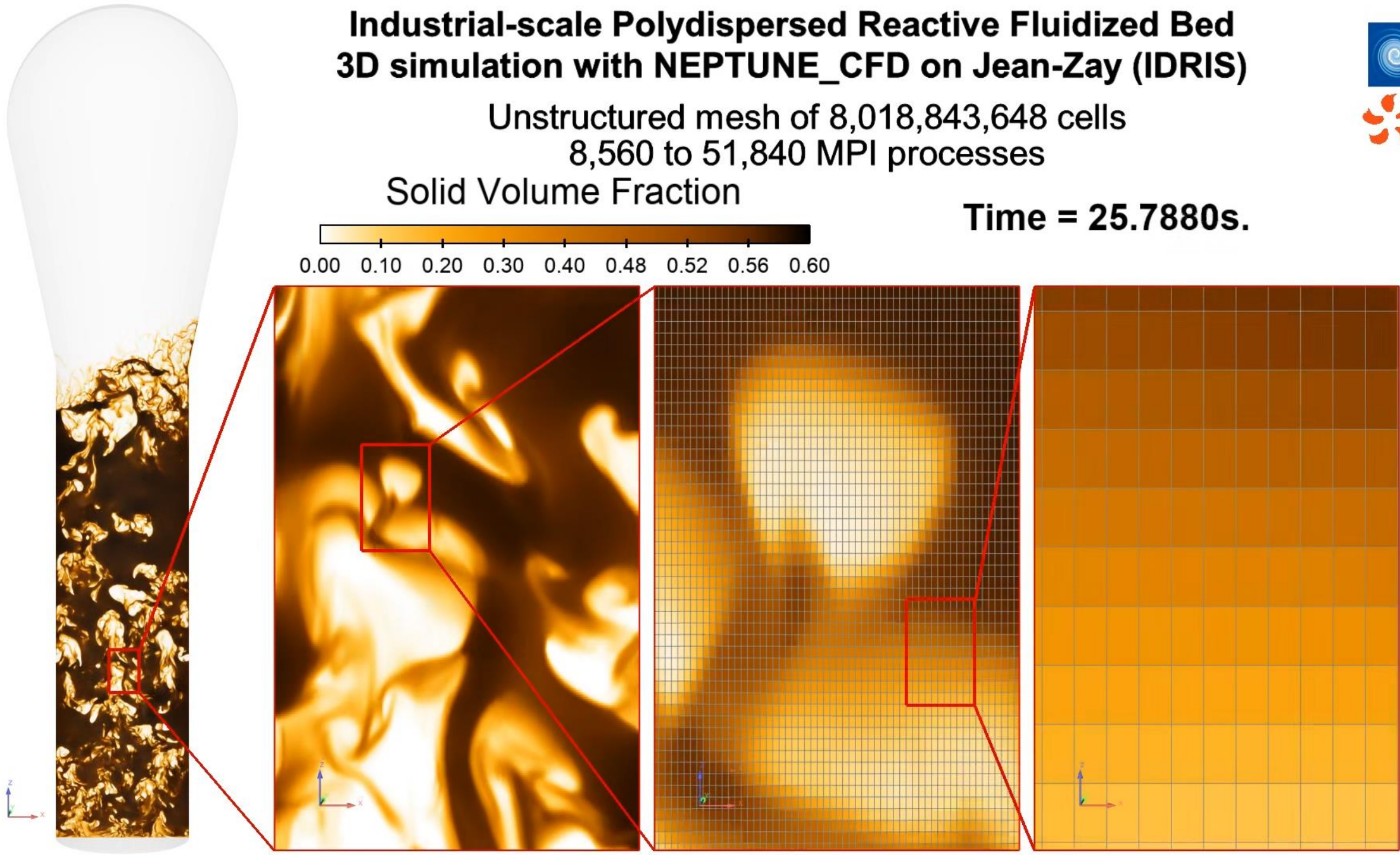
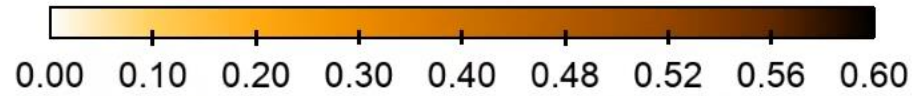


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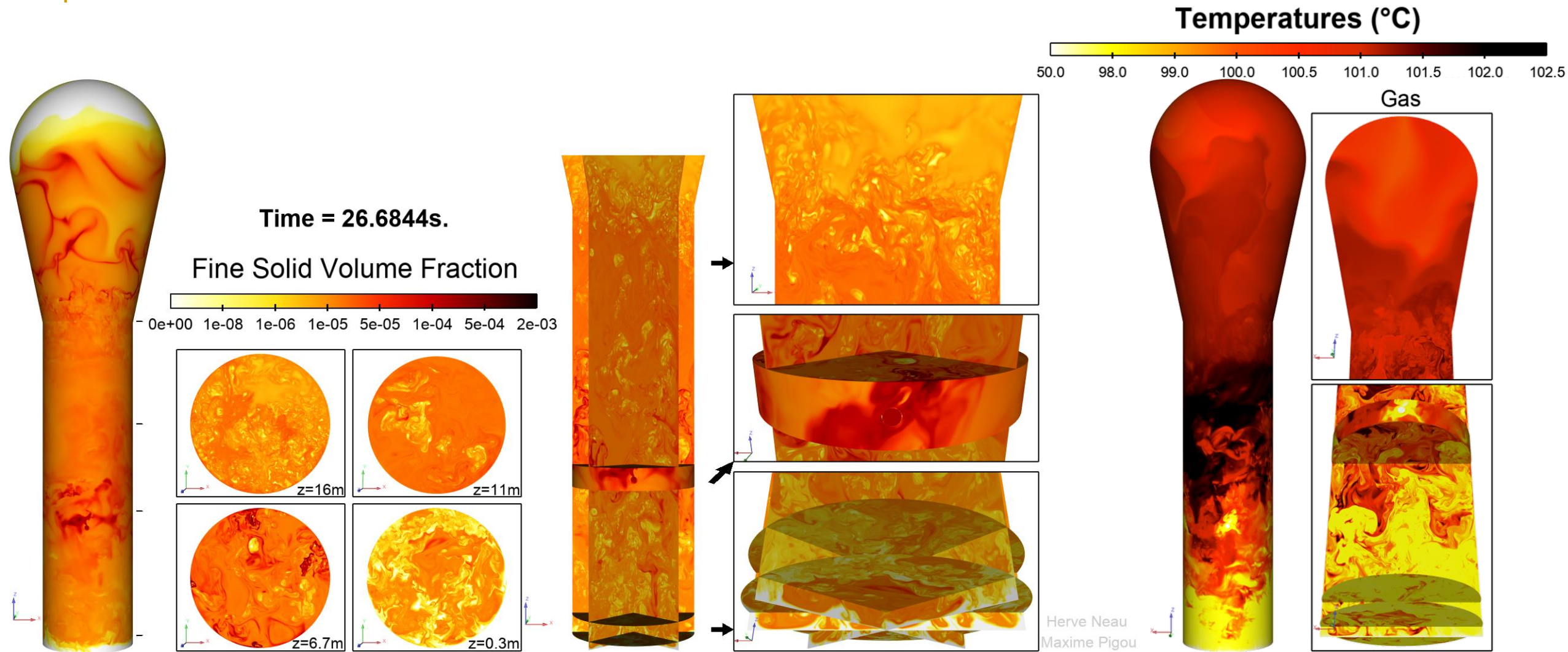
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Time = 25.7880s.





# Polydispersed and reactive flows: $\alpha_i$ , $T_i$ , $U_i$ , ...



# TGCC Grands-Challenges on Joliot-Curie AMD Irene ROME: scaling further up from 8 to 64 billion cells (2020)

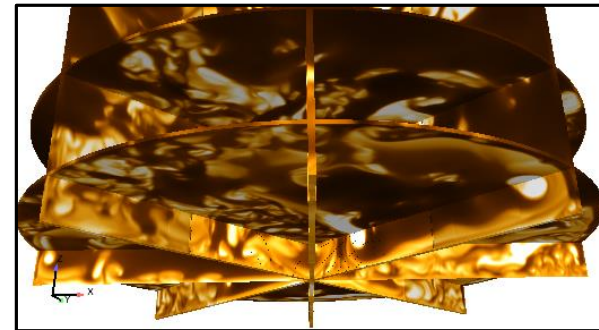
## Initial goals (5 million CPU-h requested):

- Test NEPTUNE\_CFD on **AMD hardware architecture** while still using **Intel compiler and MPI library: v18.2**
- Complete **HPC scaling curve for 1 and 8 billion-cells** at higher core count: 30 up to **2 250 nodes**, *i.e.* **288 000 cores**
- Attempt generating a 64 billion-cells mesh and restart binary files
- **Mesh: single file of 12 TB - 64 150 749 184 hexahedrons**  $\Delta_x \sim \Delta_y \approx 1.5 \text{ mm} - \Delta_z \approx 2.5 \text{ mm} - V_{cell} \approx 5.6 \text{ mm}^3$
- **Restart: single file of 80 TB** with double precision scalar and vector fields at  $t = 26.6 \text{ s}$
- Only **performance measurements and profiling on few iterations**, no significant time advancement

## Additional goals (31 million CPU-h total):

- Many **sensitivity studies**: I/O tuning on Lustre filesystem (striping, MPI IO collective vs non-collective, ...), CPU binding of MPI processes, network topology of selected computation nodes, node depopulation, ...
- Attempt generating a **512 billion cells mesh**: **100 TB** of expected size
- Advanced **ARM MAP profiling**
- Comparison of NEPTUNE\_CFD v4.1 and v6.0 performances

Generated data:  $\Rightarrow$  a few large binary files: mesh + restart in v4 and v6 formats: **400 TB**  
 $\Rightarrow$  valuable data sets: **300 GB**  
 $\Rightarrow$  many small files of high value with profiling results: **2 GB**





## A focus on some challenges faced during this series of Grands-Challenges

### Many steps and parameters to control – A human-error prone environment:

- **Job configuration errors:** wrong cpu binding (64 process on 16 cores), option mix between different studies, symlink (to prevent file duplication) sometime broken, job walltime too short, ...
- **rm -Rf ./** performed wrongfully by support staff in root of our SCRATCH storage instead of theirs
- Jobs cancelled by error before or during run

### Data management and transfer in a multi-site project:

- **High volume of data to manage:** CALMIP  $\Rightarrow$  15 TB, EDF  $\Rightarrow$  20 TB, IDRIS  $\Rightarrow$  150 TB, TGCC  $\Rightarrow$  350 TB
- **Slow transfers:** often limited to **at best 1 Gbps** and sometime at most 1Mbps
- **No robust transfer method** for files of such a large size: **manual file splitting + checksum** proved to be the most efficient method (but induced temporary data duplication)
- **Data Management Plan** required for long-term storage of high-value files
- Two examples of data transfers:
  - EDF  $\Rightarrow$  IMFT: 16 TB transferred through... **hard-drive mailing**  $\Rightarrow$  **1 week**
  - Post TGCC Grands-Challenges: 300 TB transferred toward other project (200 TB), IDRIS (50 TB), CALMIP (50 TB) and IMFT (30 TB) **over 2 months**

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### Implication of running jobs on thousand of nodes:

- **Waiting for jobs to start:** resources not always available, jobs often ran during night, week-ends and vacations, job failure if stayed in queue for too long, overlap Grands-Challenges/Production, ...
- **Once started, issues with MPI library:**
  - “Having large MPI runs with multiple thousands of ranks, these MPI\_INIT and MPI\_FINALIZE operations can consume a huge part of the MPI initialization phase time” (IntelMPI doc.)  
⇒ **Up to 60 minutes just to start the preprocessing steps on biggest jobs**
  - **MPI communication buffers could exceed available RAM thus crashing the simulation**
- **During run: hardware failure highly likely to occur when more than 1 000 nodes are used**

### From 1 to 512 billion-cells meshes:

- **Code Saturne interpolation** works for any two meshes of the same geometry with a robust but slow algorithm  
⇒ **A tailor-made algorithm** has been implemented **by EDF for split-hexahedrons meshes (x40 speed-up)**
- **More than  $2^{32}$  elements** on some processes ⇒ **overflow on uint32 typed index**
- **By default, max file-size of 4 TB on Irene AMD:** `ulimit -f unlimited` to lift this constraint
- Due to RAM requirements, **2 000 computes nodes** required to attempt generating the **512 billion-cells mesh**

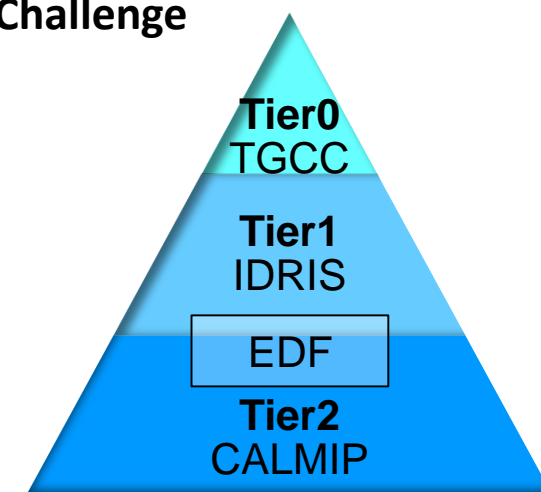
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### Many more challenges:

- **COVID impact** (part of supercomputers reserved: 2 000 nodes max, remote working)
- **Different software environments:** recompilation of NEPTUNE\_CFD dependencies ⇒ homogeneous software stack
- **Need to pre-define the post-processing:** EnSight Gold binary data files for 717 time steps on 12 selected thick planes, 1 cylinder and 1 external surface saving 20 variables on Jean-Zay
- **Post-processing and visualization of 53 TB of data:** data transfers, use of HPC resources, ParaView in client/server
- **Human challenge:** constant work since 2018 - need of expert at each step: mesh, partitioning, splitting, interpolate, run

### To tackle all these issues along the way:

- **Climbing the HPC Pyramid** was only possible with the experience from **initial CALMIP Meso-Challenge**
- **Really tight collaboration with EDF Software Engineers** to adapt some tools to this scale
- **Strong support from supercomputing centers teams** whose help was required on very specific questions (hardware architecture, profiler usage, MPI environment tuning, ...)
- **Direct help and strong interest from Heads of computing centers** who offered:
  - Supplementary allocations of computation time
  - Help to increase jobs priority when possible





## First Irene-AMD study: tuning I/O for file reading

- **Out-of-the-box input data read times:**

	Jean-Zay	Irene ROME
1 billion cells case: 200 GB mesh + 1.2 TB checkpoint	2 min	6 min
8 billion cells case: 1.6 TB mesh + 9.8 TB checkpoint	6 min	55 min

- **Jean-Zay SCRATCH** uses a **General Parallel File System** (GPFS)
  - ⇒ Data is **automatically distributed** and accessed in parallel among multiple storage nodes
  - ⇒ **Transparent and turn-key solution** for users, though maybe not with optimum tuning for all users
- **Irene SCRATCH** relies on a **Lustre Filesystem with 42 storage nodes** (OST)
  - **By default**, data is **not “stripped”** (distributed) among those 42 OSTs
  - User may **manually** define the **number of stripes**, and the **stripe block size** (support recommended 4 MB)
  - ⇒ Fine-tuning required to reduce simulation preprocessing time

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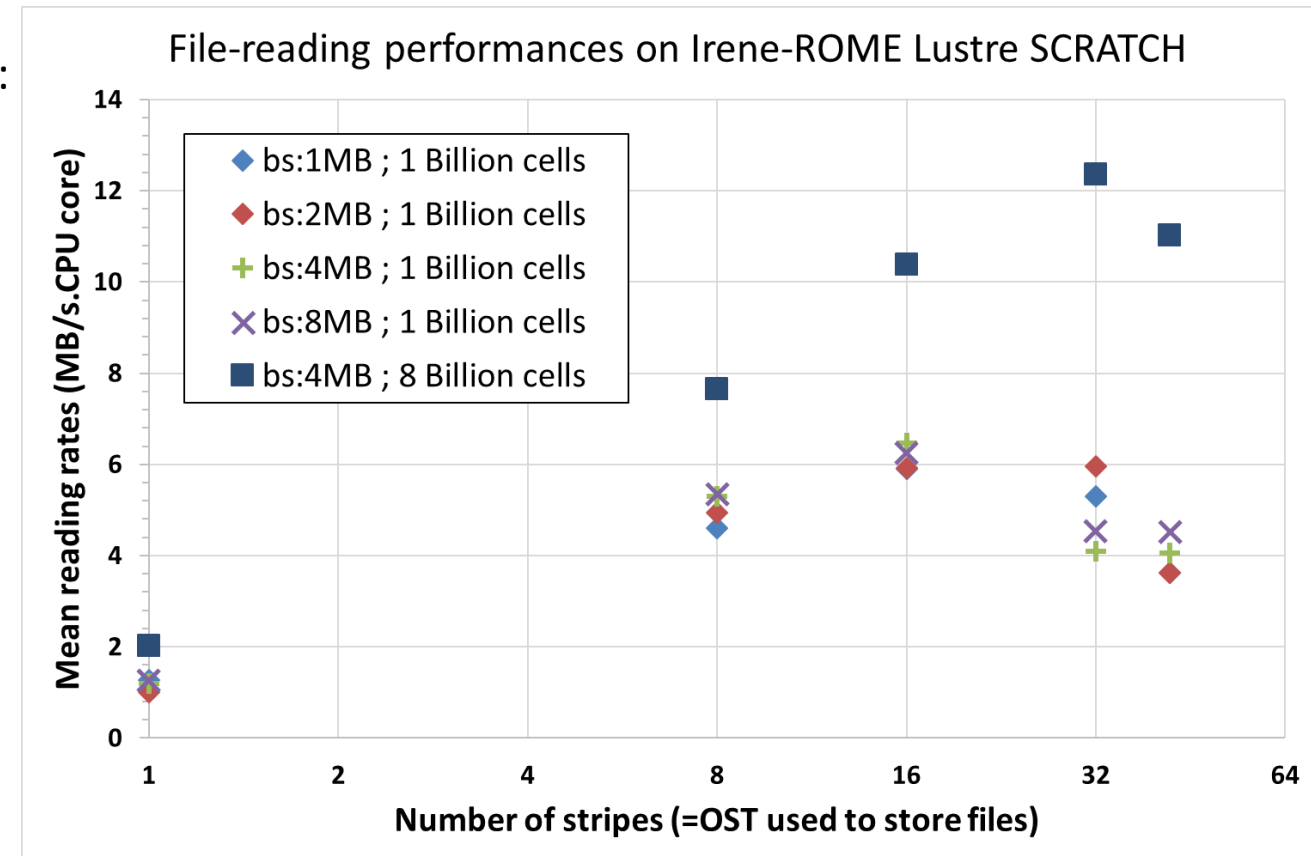
- Multi-variable parametric study: **mesh and checkpoint read times** vs
  - Lustre number of stripes
  - Lustre block-size
  - Number of nodes
  - Proximity of nodes on the network topology
  - NEPTUNE\_CFD reading method (standard sequential/parallel, MPI IO collective/non-collective)

⇒ **Extensive results database to analyze.** Quick summary:

- Low impact of Lustre block-size
- Good scalability when increasing number of stripes ... but loss of performances when using all 42 OSTs

⇒ **With correct tuning, speedup of**  
**x22 for mesh (1.6 TB)**  
**x15 for checkpoint (9.8TB)**

⇒ **From 55 min of read-time down to 4min30!**



## Joliot-Curie Irene-AMD: How many cores to use?

**Irene Rome:** AMD Rome  
(Epyc) 7H12

- 128 cores per node: 2x64
- 4 cores  
x 4 (L3 cache)  
x 4 groups  
x 2 sockets
- Which MPI placement  
apply?



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Core P#48 - P#63

Core P#64 - P#79

Core P#80 - P#95

Core P#96 - P#111

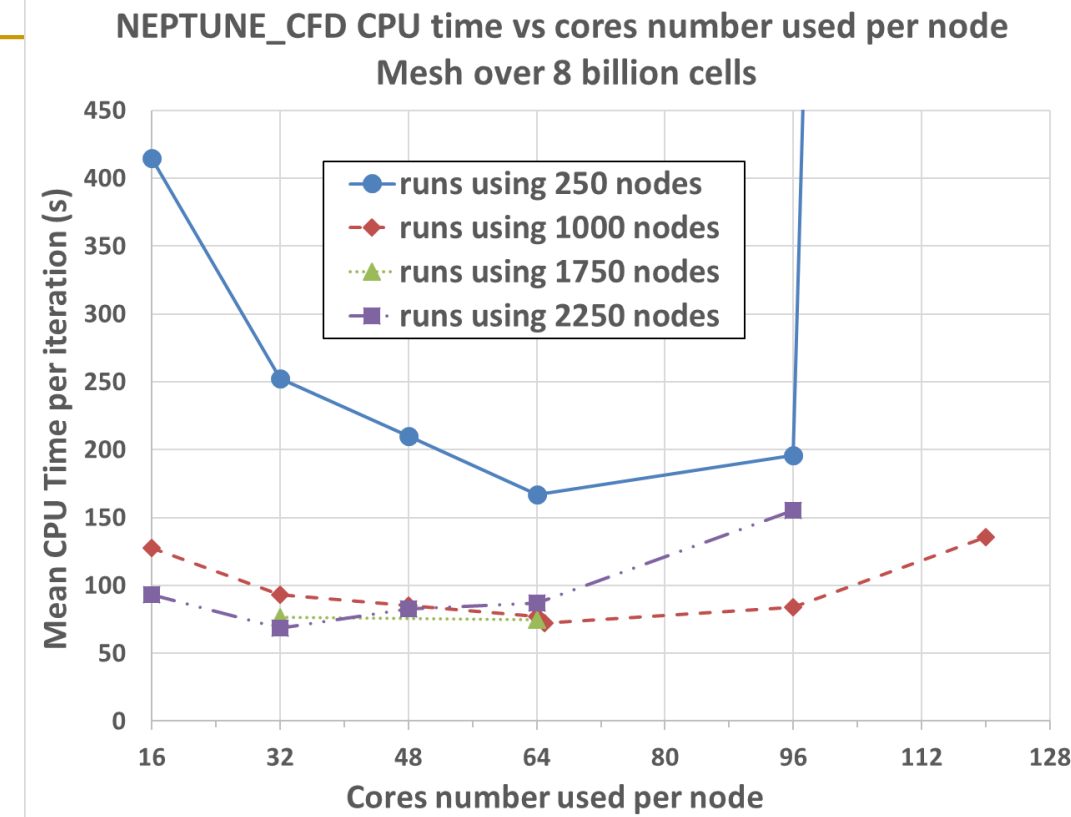
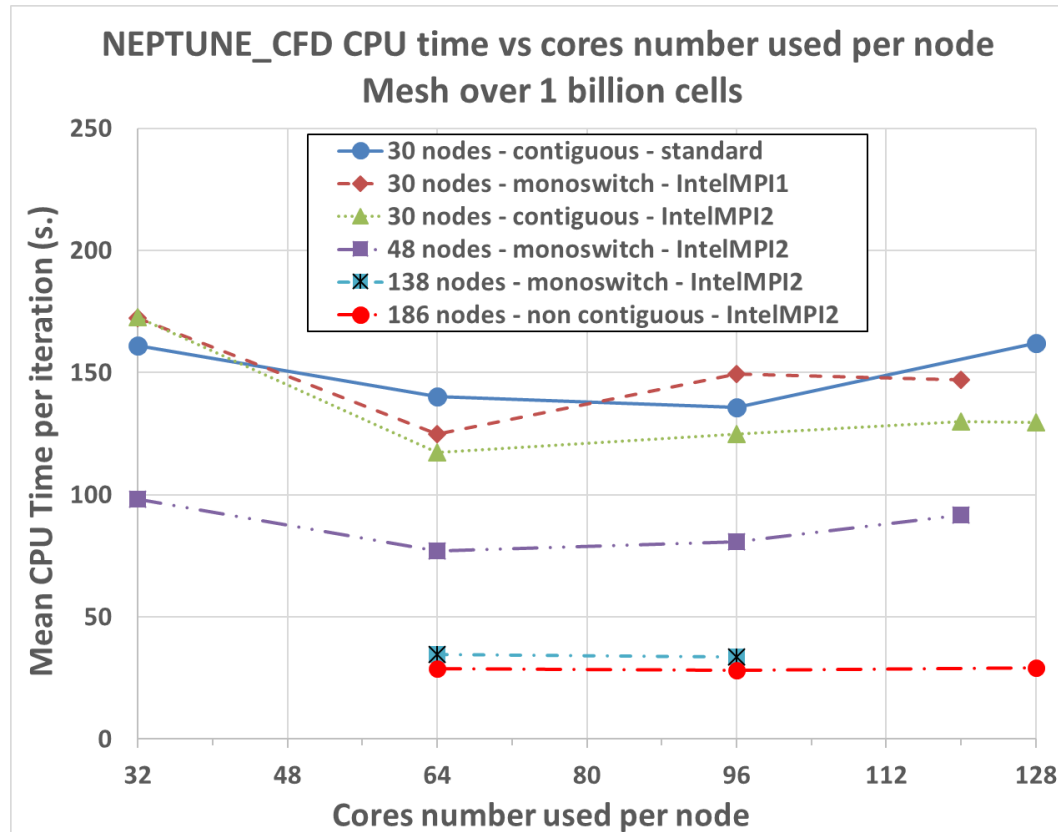
Core P#112 - P#127



## Sensitivity to the number of cores used per node

Strong sensitivity to node depopulation

120 and 128 cores  $\Rightarrow$  lower performances when using all cores  
 $\Rightarrow$  computation often hanged at startup



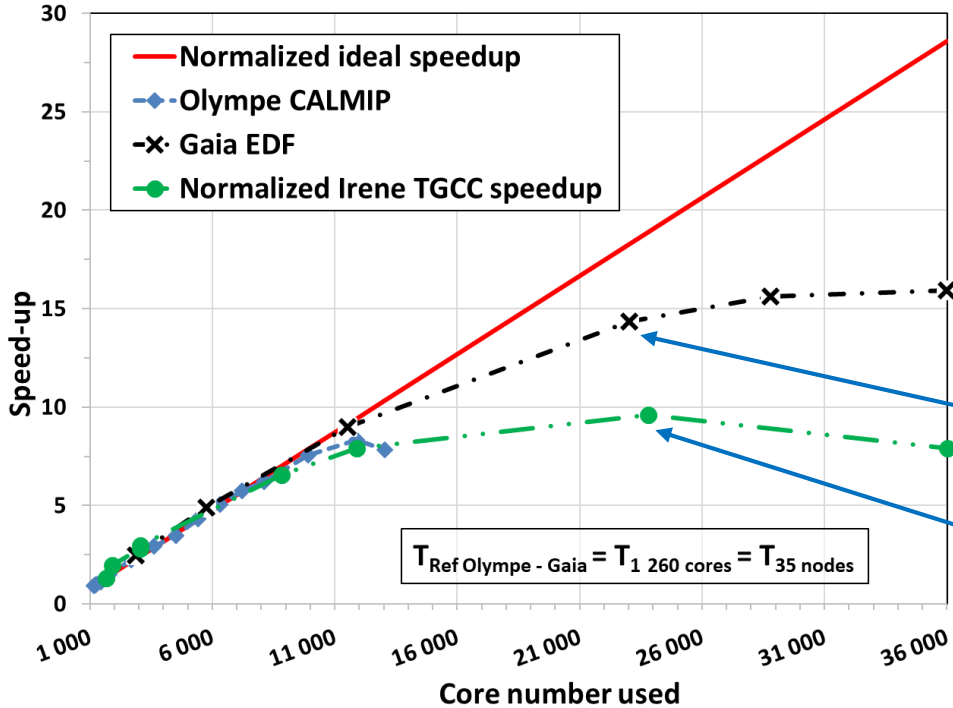
The bigger the simulation the stronger the depopulation

- 96 cores  $\Rightarrow$  1 billion cells - 30 nodes
- 64-96 cores  $\Rightarrow$  1 billion cells - 48-186 n
- 64 cores  $\Rightarrow$  8 billion cells - 250-1500 n
- 32 cores  $\Rightarrow$  8 billion cells - 1500-2250 n

Manual CPU pinning for each core count to maximize  
L3 cache per core

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NEPTUNE\_CFD Speedup - Mesh over one billion cells

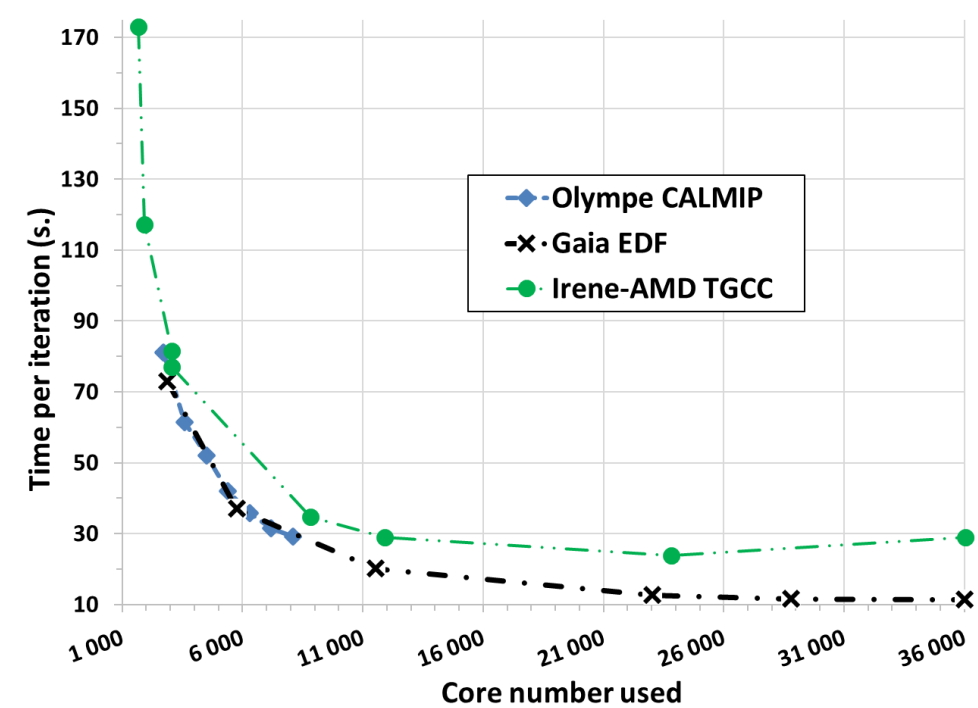


Olympe: 36/36 cores  
Gaia: 35/36 cores  
Jean-Zay: 40/40 cores  
Irene-AMD: 64/128 cores

Efficiency 80% on Gaia  
using 22,000 cores

Efficiency 50% on Irene-AMD

NEPTUNE\_CFD scalability - Mesh over one billion cells



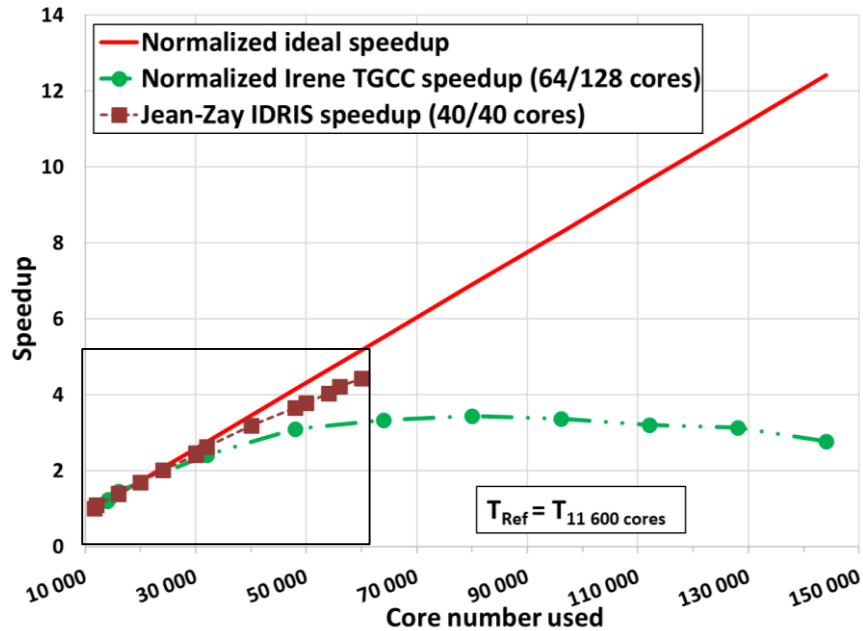
⇒ Ideal speedup up to 12,000 cores (> 70,000 cells/core)

⇒ Excellent speedup up to 22,000 cores on Olympe and Gaia (> 45,000 cells/core)

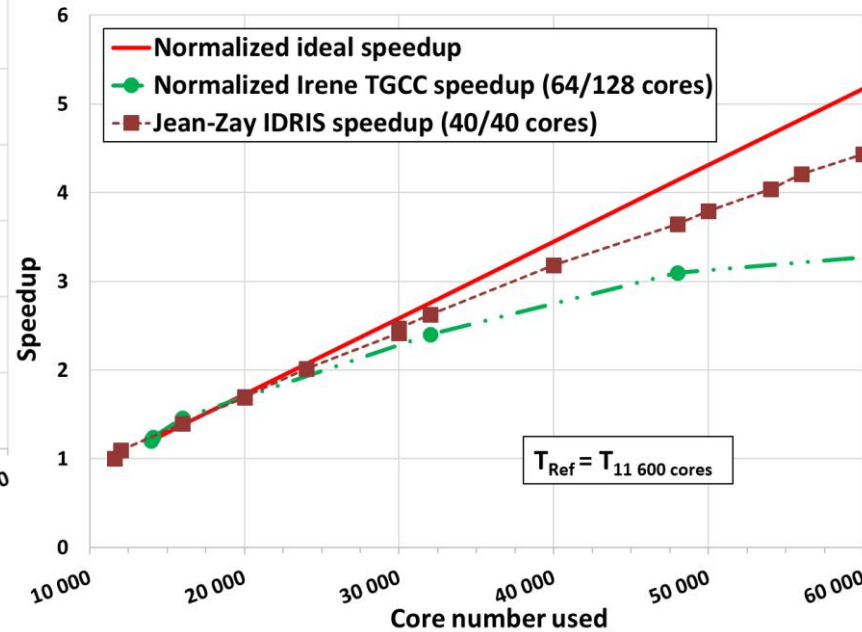
⇒ For NEPTUNE\_CFD with current configuration, for any number of cores: Irene-AMD TGCC < Olympe CALMIP ≤ Gaia EDF

# NEPTUNE\_CFD HPC capabilities demonstrated up to 60,000 cores on a fluidized bed at industrial scale with $8 \times 10^9$ cells mesh

NEPTUNE\_CFD Speedup - Mesh over 8 billion cells



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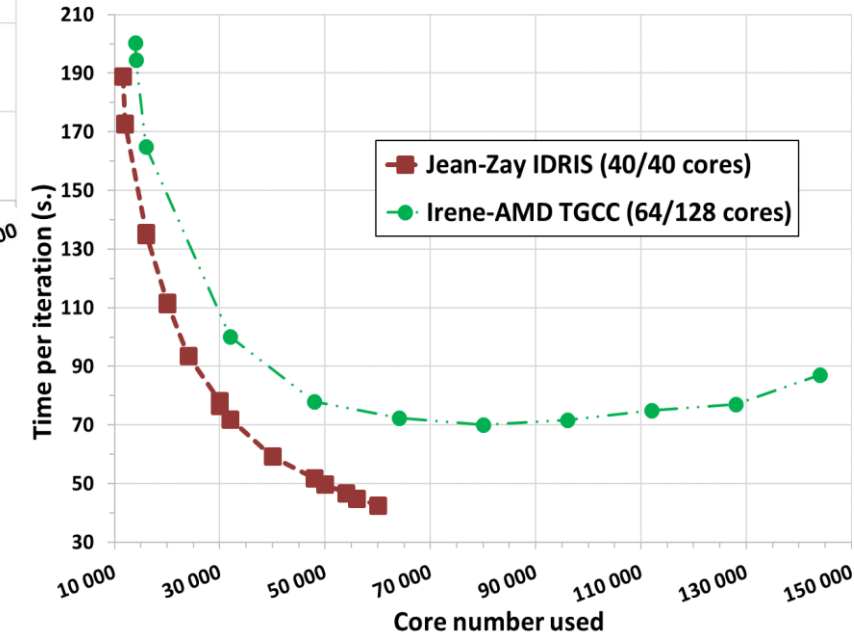


Efficiency 85% on Jean-Zay using 60,000 cores

Efficiency 60% on Irene-AMD

- ⇒ Excellent scaling capabilities and efficiency up to 60,000 cores on entirety of Jean-Zay (> 130,000 cells/core)
- ⇒ Excellent speedup up to 32,000 cores on Irene, correct up to 60,000 cores, but no gain at higher core counts
- ⇒ For NEPTUNE\_CFD with current configuration, for any number of cores:  
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# Journey to the Center of the Code: an in-depth profiling of NEPTCFD v4/v6

## Two profiling methods:

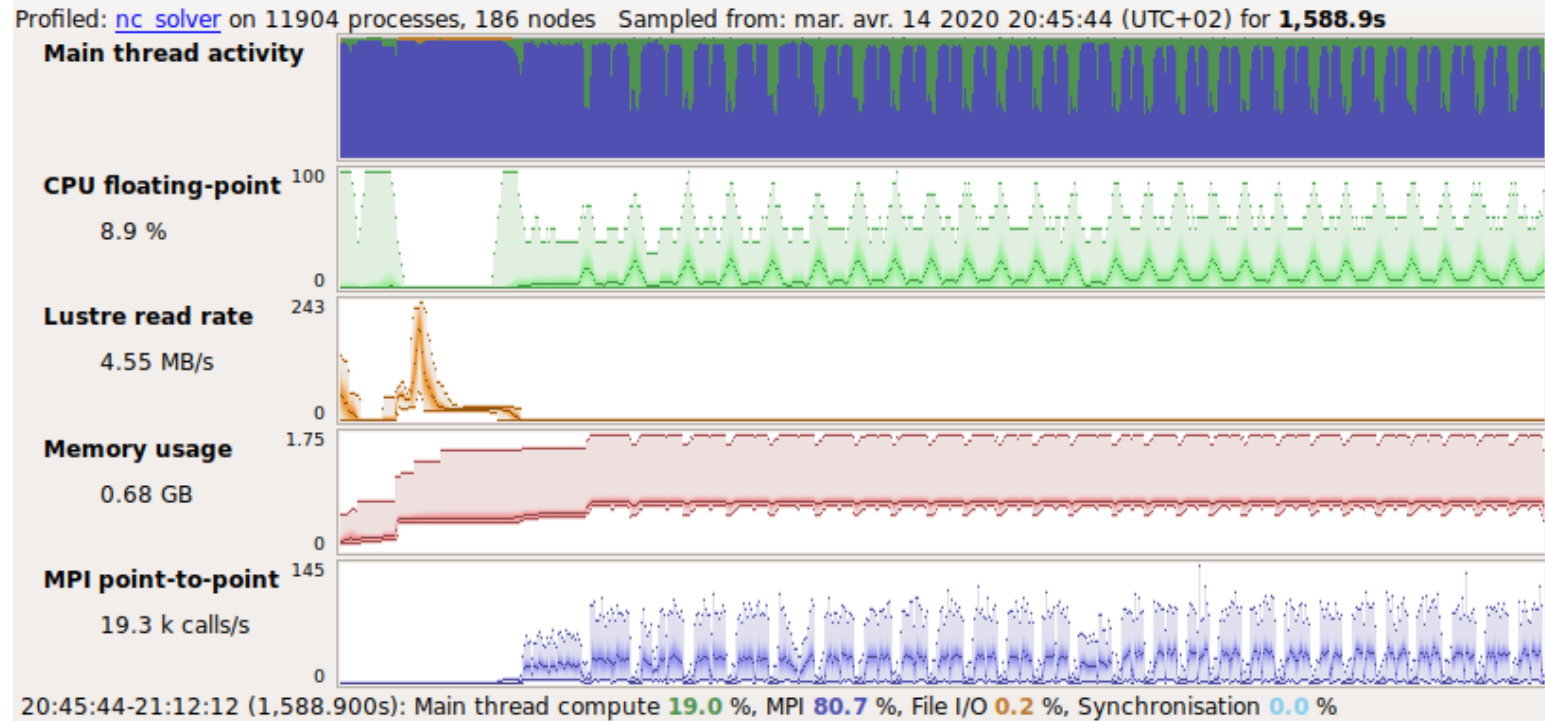
- **NEPTUNE\_CFD internal API**: per-it. timers  
⇒ 200+ CSV tables to analyze

- **Plug-and-play profiling tool: Arm MAP**  
\$ `map --profile srun ./solver.exe`  
(requires compilation **-g** debug flag)

⇒ Min/Max/Mean of **macroscopic metrics**  
(CPU usage, MPI communications, Lustre usage, memory consumption per code/node, ...)

⇒ **Total time spent in subroutines** over time slices

- Used from 960 up to **72 064 MPI processes**
- **5 to 50% performance penalty** with MAP binding  
not due to -g flag which actually improved perfs.



Total core time	MPI	Function(s) on line	Position
66.3%		nc_solver [program]	
17.3%		main	nc_solver.cxx:64
2.4%		Neptune_CFD::TimeStepping::evolve()	nc_solver.cxx:84
7.4%		Neptune_CFD::TimeStepping::compute() [inlined]	nc_timestepping.cxx:1924
2.9%		tridim	nc_timestepping.cxx:1879
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2.5%		nc_wall_distance	tridim.c:302
0.1%		61 others	
0.9%		Neptune_CFD::TimeStepping::initProblem()	nc_timestepping.cxx:1897
		Neptune_CFD::TimeStepping::postProcess() [inlined]	nc_timestepping.cxx:1934
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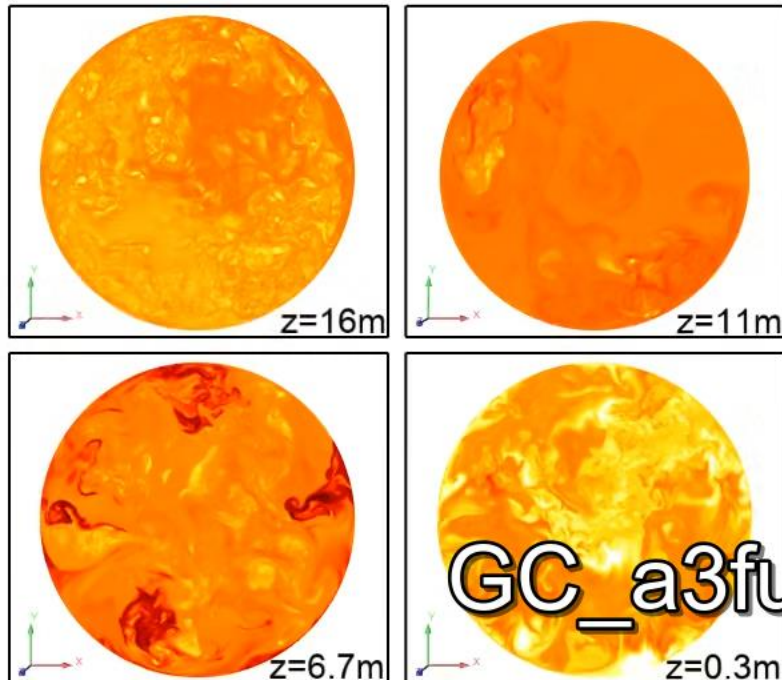
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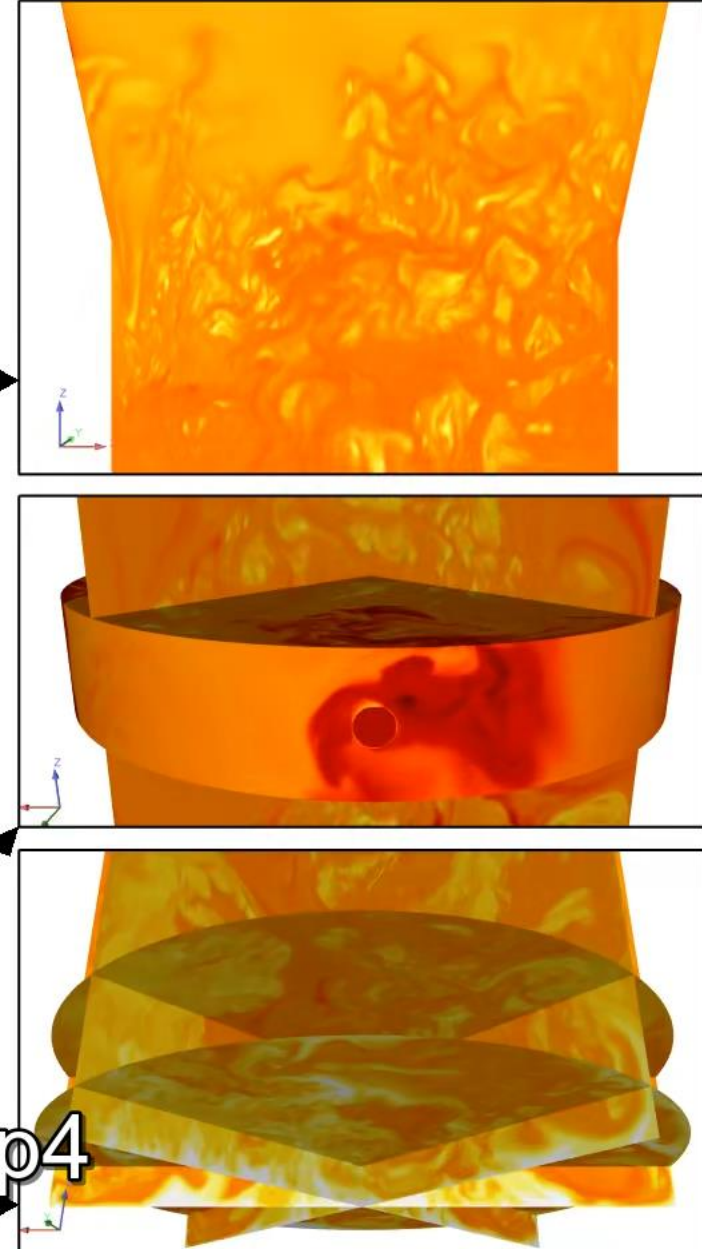
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# Industrial-scale Polydispersed Reactive Fluidized Bed 3D simulation with NEPTUNE\_CFD on Jean-Zay (IDRIS)

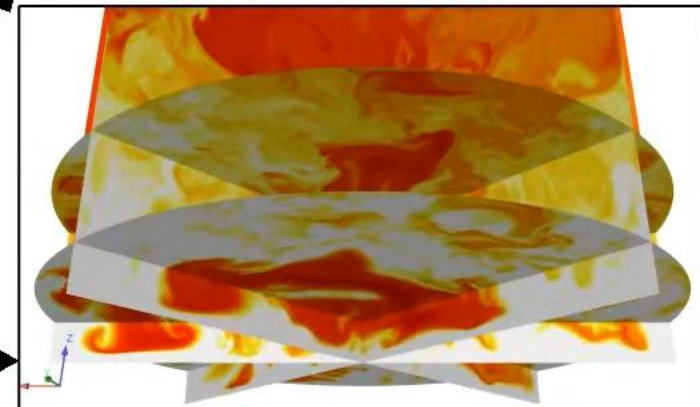
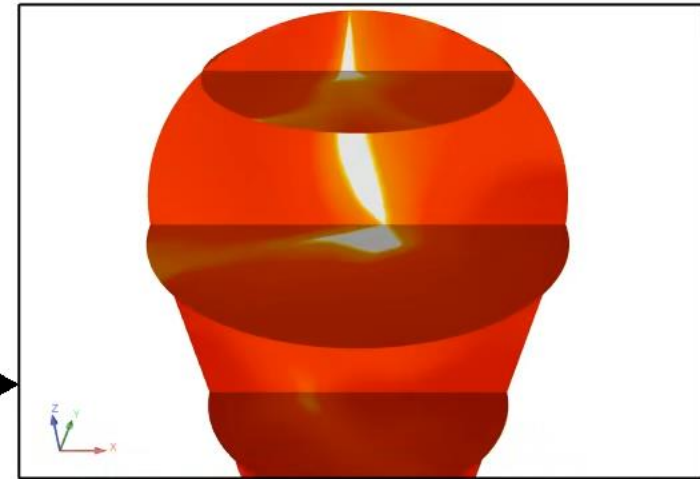
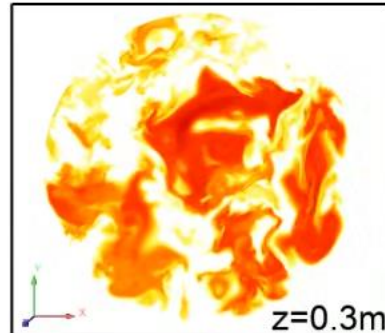
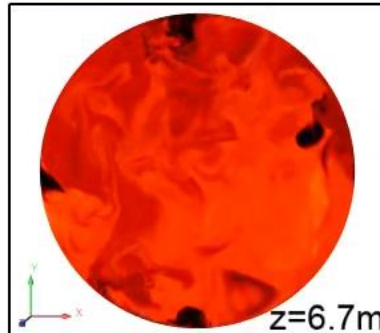
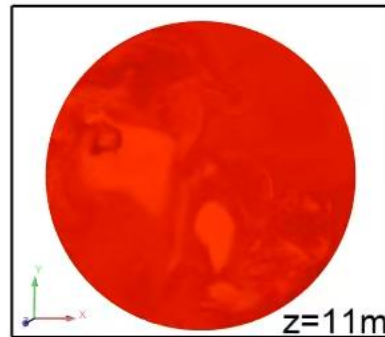
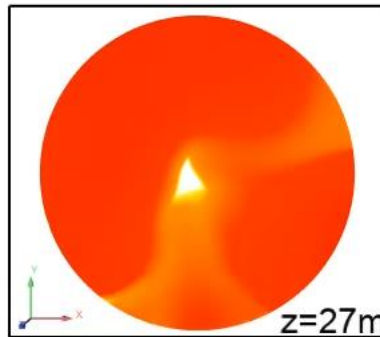


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Unstructured mesh of 8,018,843,648 cells  
8,560 to 51,840 MPI processes

Time = 26.5543s.

Catalyst carrier gas tracer



## Conclusion and prospects: NEPTUNE\_CFD HPC capabilities

### An era of Worldwide Premiere and of frontier simulations

- **CALMIP/EDF: Worldwide Premiere with  $10^9$  cells unstructured mesh**  
⇒ possibility of physical and statistical analysis (25 s simulated)

- **IDRIS: New Worldwide Premiere with 8 times bigger mesh**

- ⇒ Limited physical analysis: 1.7 s simulated
- ⇒ Reaching post-processing limits: storage of 53 TB of data, data transfer limitations, limited toolset for visualization, ...

- **TGCC: Yet again a Worldwide Premiere with  $64 \cdot 10^9$  cells mesh**

- ⇒ No physical analysis possible, only few iterations
- ⇒ Reaching limits of both solver, MPI libraries and supercomputers  
⇒ e.g. failure when attempting to generate 512 billion cells mesh due to these limitations

### Each challenge generated an unprecedented database for multiple kinds of analysis:

- Physical analysis to improve fluidized bed modeling
- Advanced solver profiling to further improve NEPTUNE\_CFD scaling and prepare for upcoming **exascale supercomputer**
- Detect and overcome limits in each part of supercomputers hardware

### Conclusion from JCAD'18

**A Worldwide Premiere highly-detailed numerical simulation of industrial reactive fluidized-bed**

**We have demonstrated we are now able to compute with more than one billion cells using the whole supercomputer capabilities! (up to 36,000 cores ⇔ 1,000 nodes)**

**Challenges tackled thanks to close cooperation between IT, computing and modeling experts**



## Conclusion and prospects

### Exponential growth of simulated case size since 2003

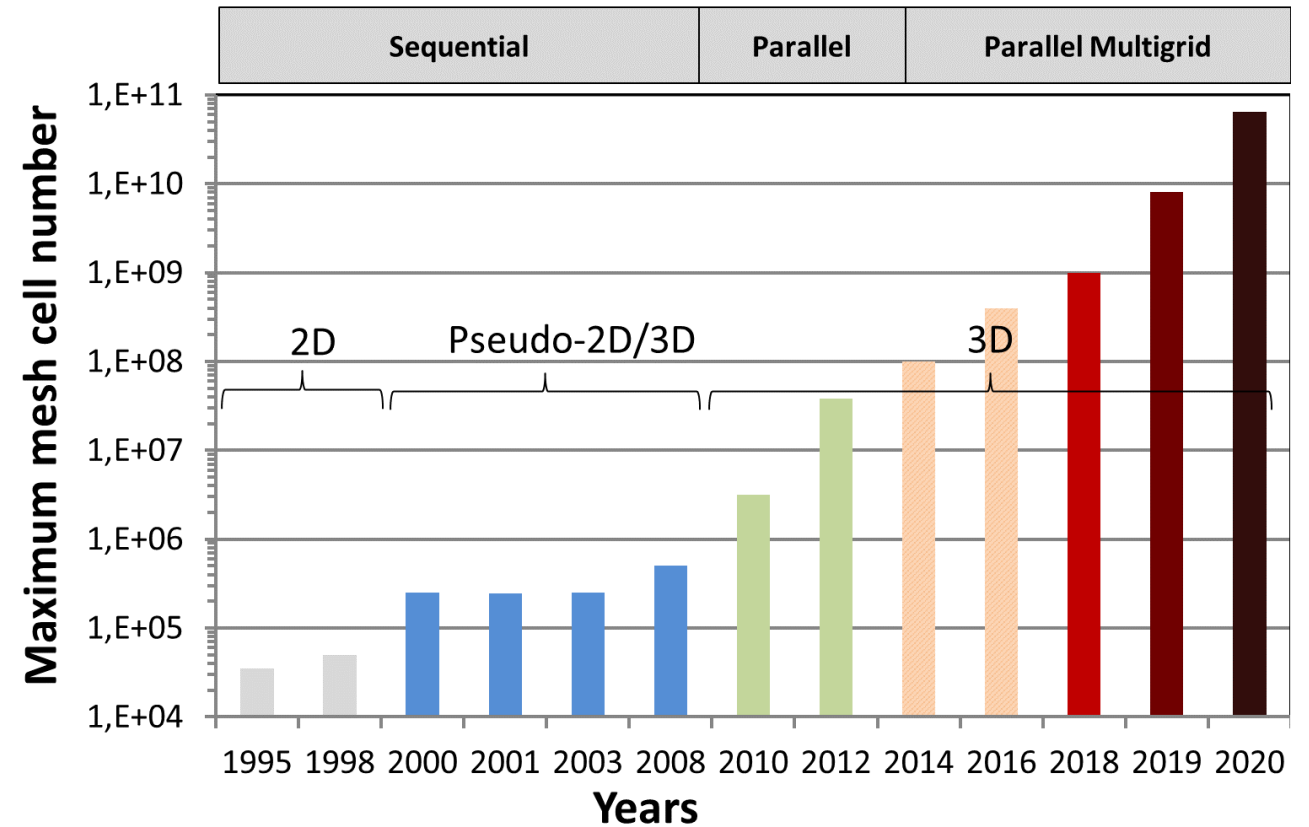
#### Olympe CALMIP, Gaïa EDF, Jean-Zay IDRIS

3 supercomputers with similar CPU architecture

- ⇒ Straightforward experience with good performances
- ⇒ No major impact of interconnects and file systems

**Irene-AMD ROME:** new CPU architecture thrice the core count but same bandwidth and RAM/node

- ⇒ Disputable choice of keeping Intel compiler and MPI
- ⇒ Evaluate OpenMPI library
- ⇒ Necessity to use only 64/128 cores per node
- ⇒ **RAM/core and bandwidth/core to be increased to match Intel-based supercomputers**



If AMD manycore architecture becomes the new standard: heavy code adaptation required to benefit from full computing potential, e.g. **hybrid MPI/OpenMP parallelization**

## From HPC computations to HPC post-processing: ParaView client/server at CALMIP from home

Full packaged and secured script  
to use ParaView from home  
(Linux) using Client/Server  
mode on several CALMIP  
compute nodes

