

# Visualization at the Oak Ridge Leadership Computing Facility

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# We provide data analysis and visualization services for ORNL's HPC users

- **Many application domains**

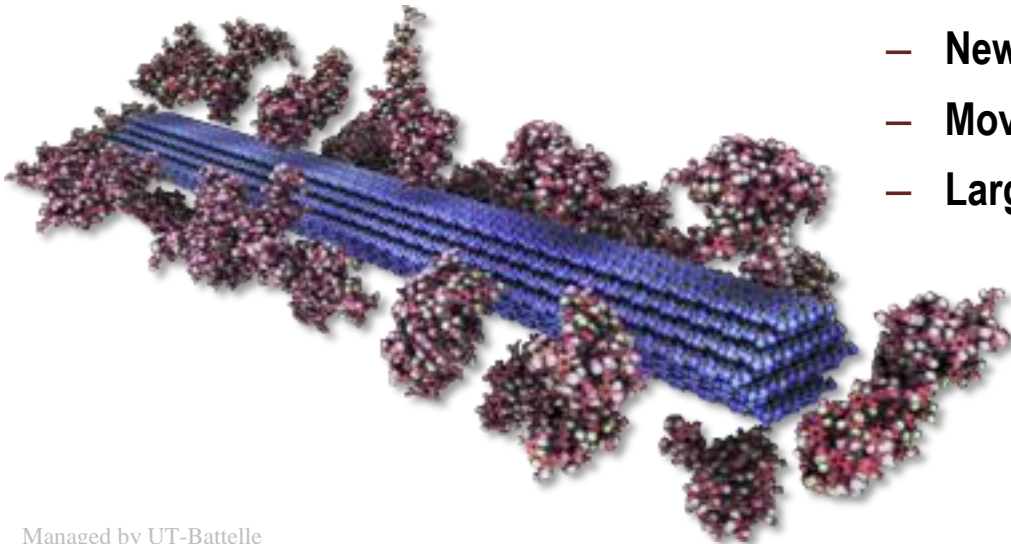
- Magnetic confinement fusion
- Climate
- Material science
- Nuclear energy
- Astrophysics
- Geographic information systems
- ...

- **Focus on large data**

- Large, distributed analysis systems
- Parallel tools: VisIt, Paraview, EnSight
- Core competency in remote visualization

- **Production visualization development team**

- Custom tools
- New data exploration techniques
- Movie/image generation
- Large display support



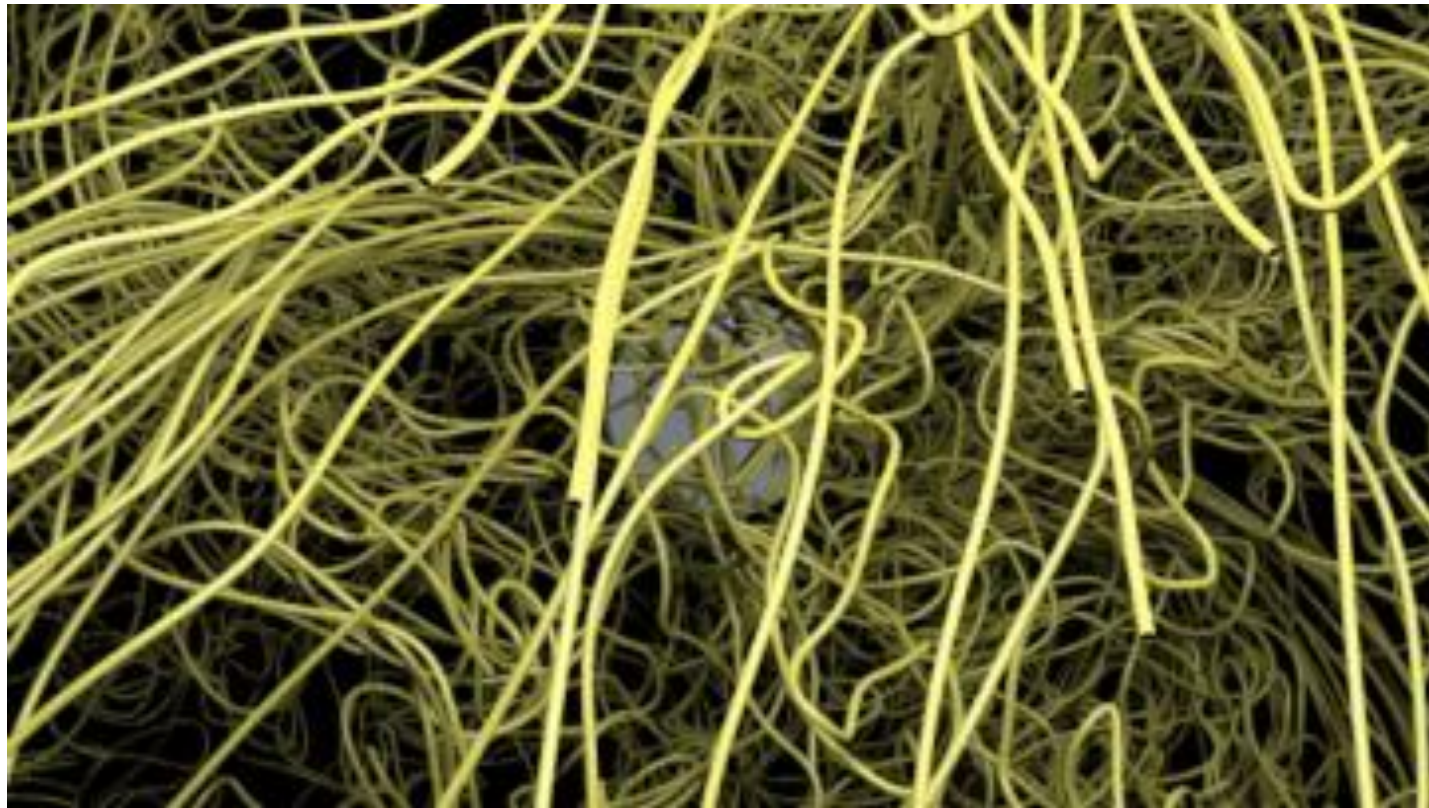
# Preparing for Visualization and Analysis at the Exascale

- ORNL Vis team member Sean Ahern organized the “Scientific Discovery at the Exascale” workshop
- The two day workshop explored the implications of exascale architectures on the data management, analysis and visualization communities
- Recommendations include a focus on:
  - in situ processing frameworks
  - I/O middleware systems
  - fine grained algorithms to exploit future architectures
  - co-scheduling of analysis and simulation
- Full report available at <http://science.energy.gov/ascr/news-and-resources/program-documents>

# Magnetic Fields in Core-Collapse Supernovae

Simulations performed on Jaguar by Eirik Endeve, Christian Cardall, Reuben Budiardja, and Anthony Mezzacappa

Winner of SciDAC 2011 Visualization Night People's Choice Award

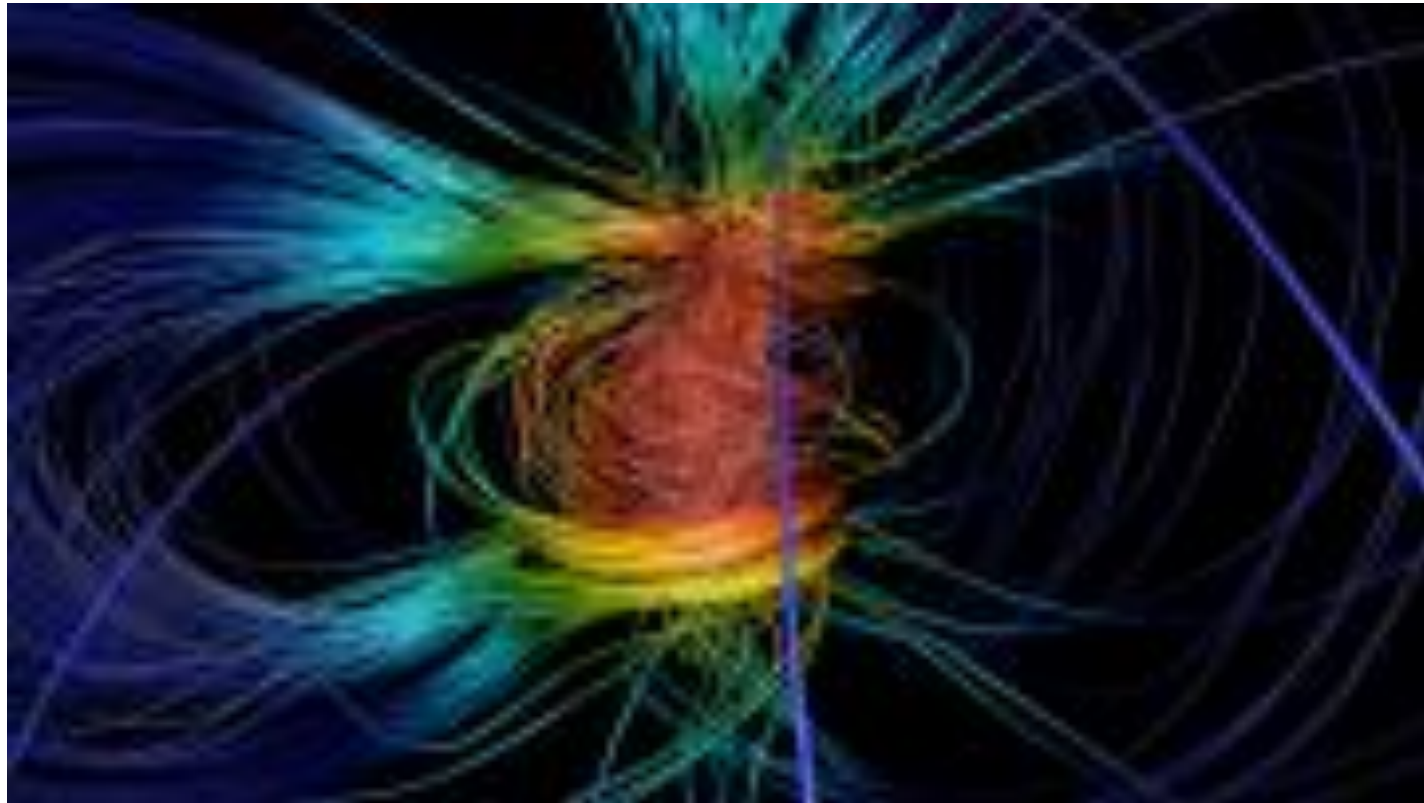


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# Magnetic Outflows from Active Galactic Nuclei

Simulations performed using FLASH by Paul Sutter, Paul Ricker, H.Y. Yang, and G. Foreman

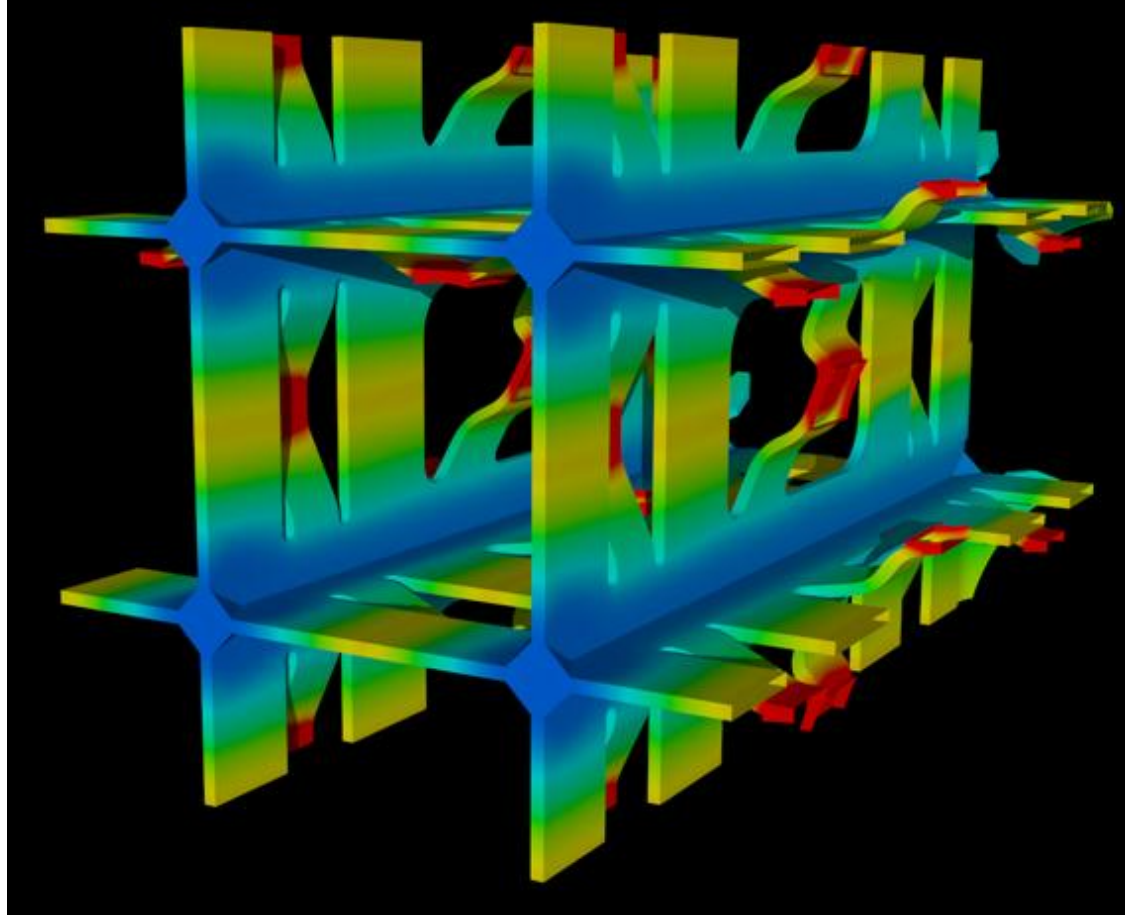
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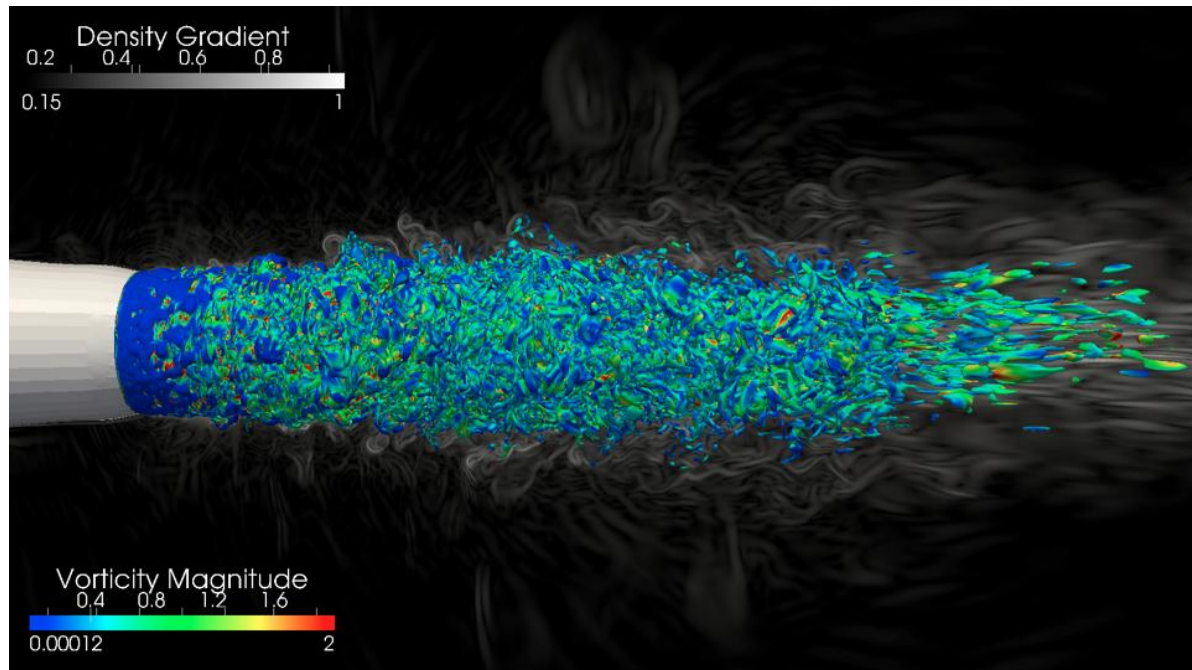
# Visualization and Visualization Infrastructure Support for CASL

- Design of F5 CAVE immersive environment
- Development of software infrastructure for parallel visualization of large mesh problems
- Collaborations with project partners for workflow development and utilization of HPC resources



# Visualization for Discretionary and Industrial Sector Projects

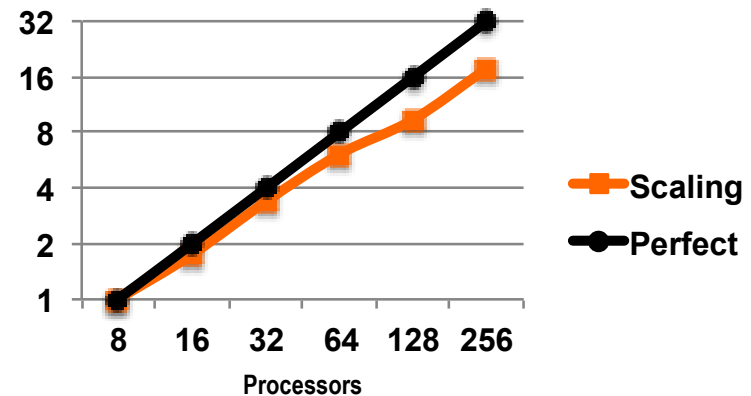
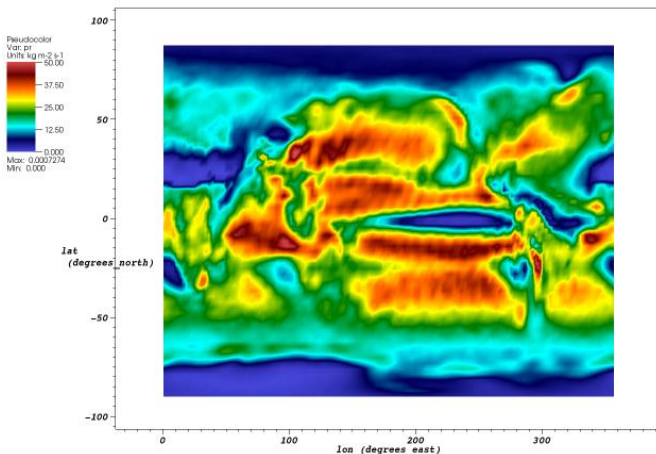
- Problem characterization and workflow planning
- Development of software infrastructure for parallel visualization
- Development of software infrastructure for remote visualization



# Integrating Statistical Tools into VisIt

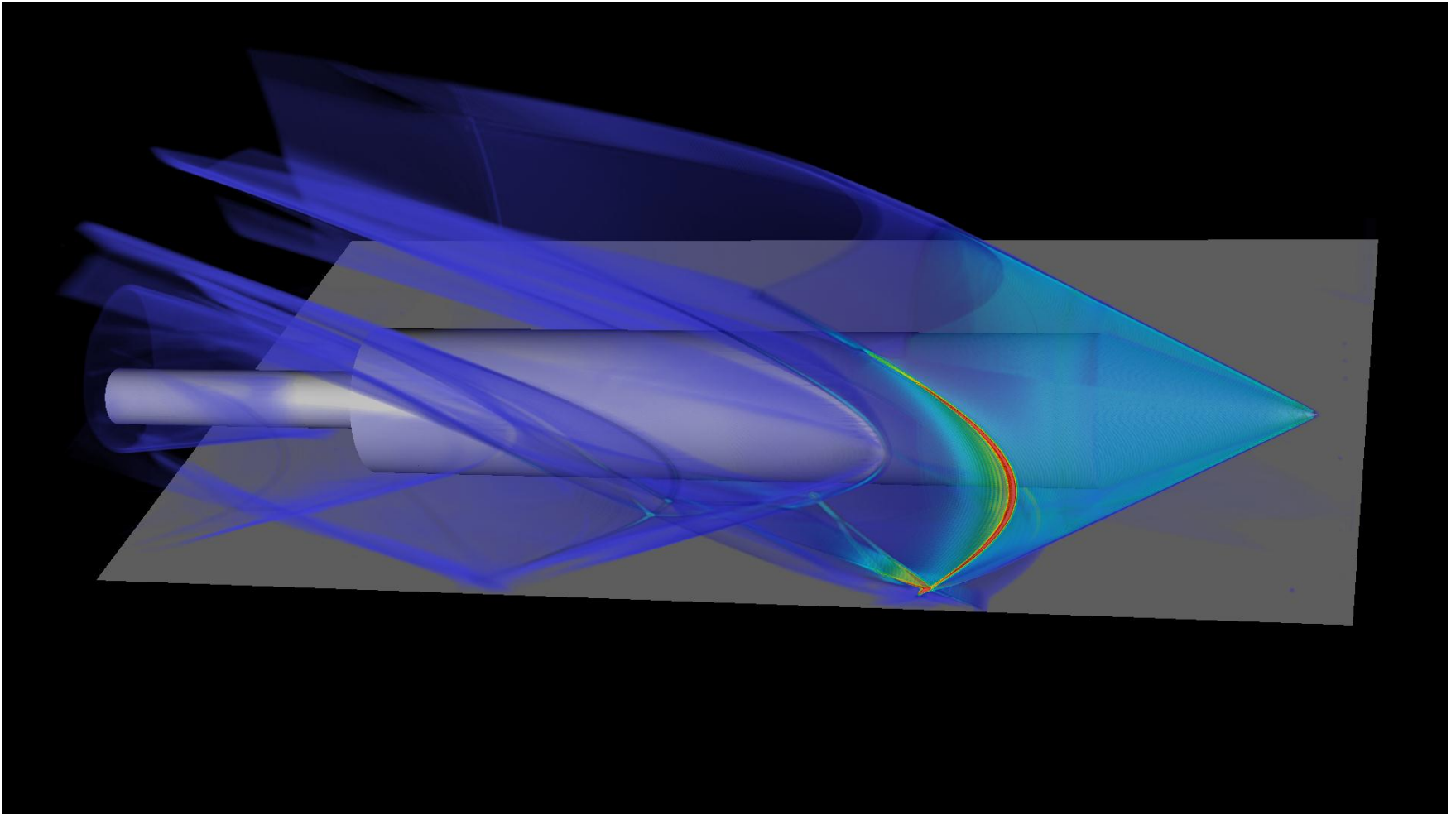
- R is the de facto standard for statistical analysis
- Recently, VTK has provided support for executing R code on VTK data structures
- Through funding from BER, statistical analysis will be made possible within VisIt, in parallel, using R

Scalability of Global Extreme Value analysis of 100 year precipitation data



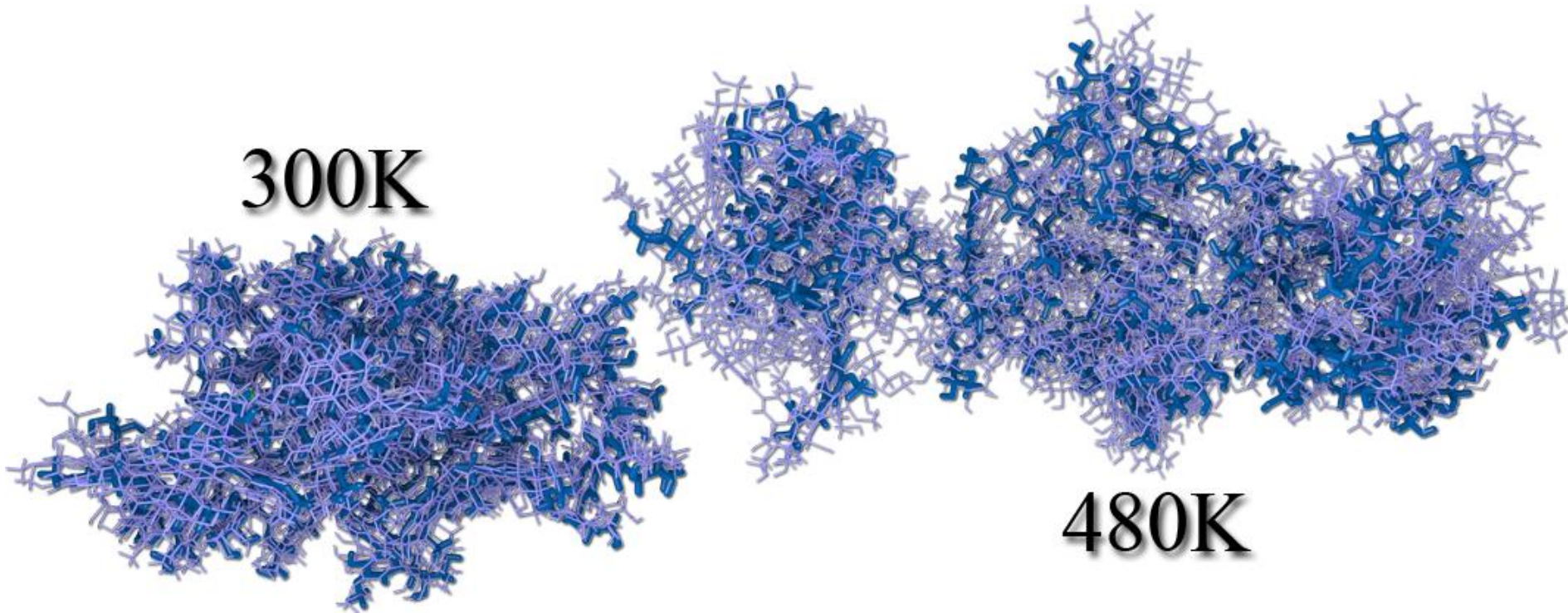


# Methods to determine complex shock patterns in simulations using VisIt



# Time Dependent Molecular Visualization of Cellulosic Ethanol

300K



480K

Molecular structure at two different temperatures

# Particle Tracing and Advanced Rendering in Support of Industrial Partners



# Overview

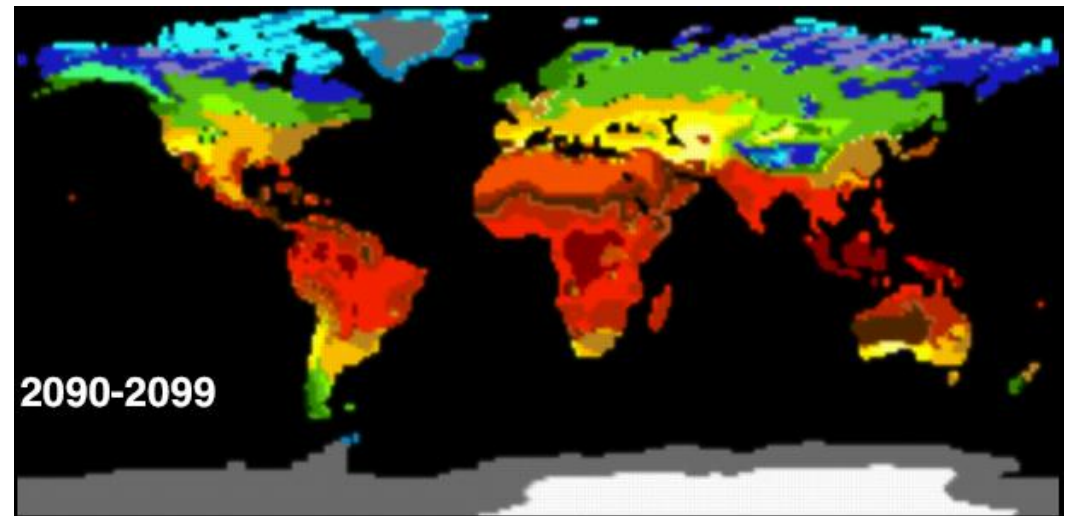
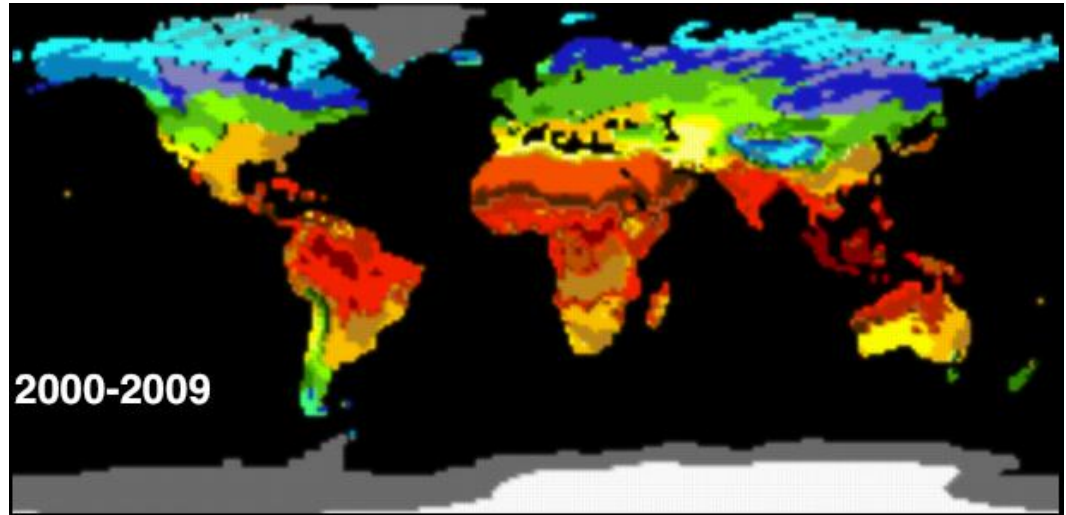
## Visualizations of Multivariate Data via Model-based Classification

Summarize multiple user-defined high-dimensional inter-variable models

Spatial locations classified by distance to these models

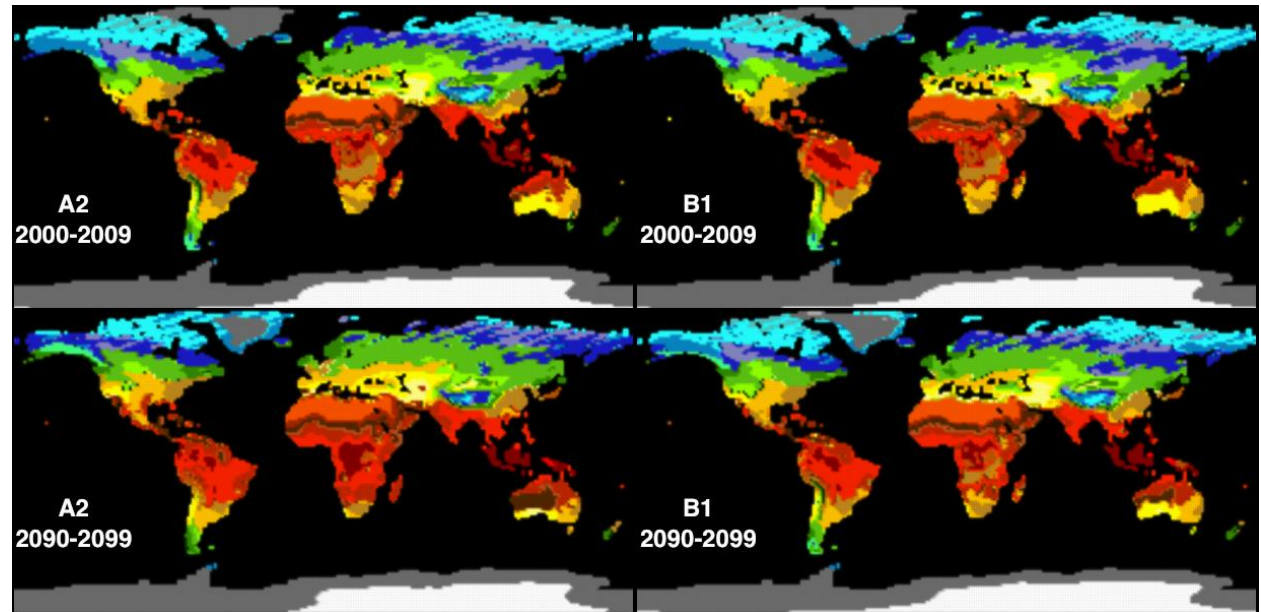
Example use:

1. Ecoregionalization classification of climate data via 3 differentiating factors
2. 33 3-dimensional models specified concurrently
3. Allows for the comparison/analysis of initial and end stages of the simulation
4. Shows regional tendencies toward warmer regions in this particular high emissions scenario

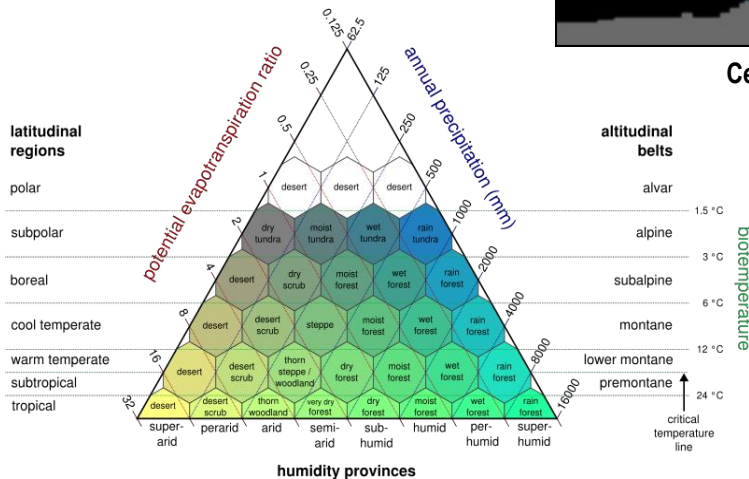


# Multivariate Comparison of Climate Simulations

- A multivariate classification capability as a VisIt plugin
- Demonstrated with Holdridge life zones to compare climate simulations



Century comparison of Holdridge life Zones under climate scenarios A2 and B1

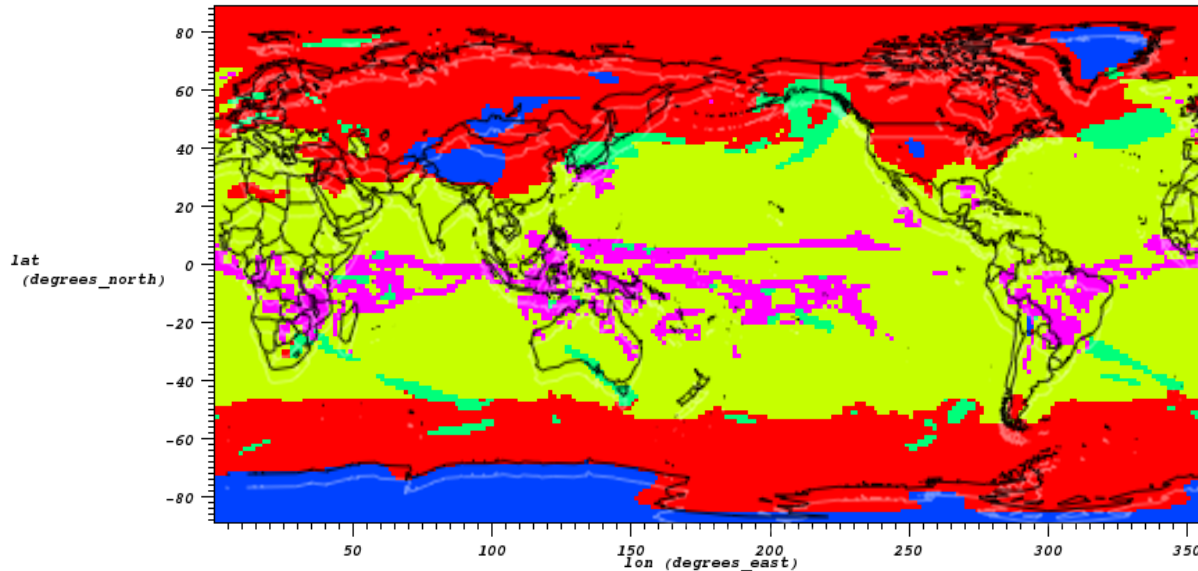


Holdridge Life Zones

- Track changes in multivariate climate that drive changes in ecology
- Compare ecology impact of climate scenarios

R. Sisneros, J. Huang, G. Ostrouchov, and F. Hoffman (2011). *Procedia Computer Science*, Vol. 4, p1582-1591.

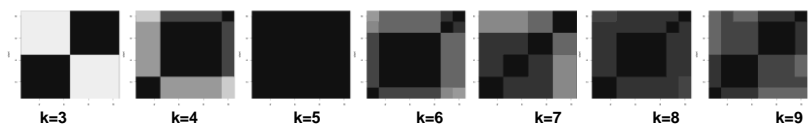
# Clustering in data-parallel R for automated extraction of climate events



10 years of daily data:  
Lat x Lon x Day for 5 variables:  
119,603,200 x 5 matrix (3 GB)

- Cluster in R without lat, lon, and time information (semi-supervised)
- Play resulting clusters as lat by lon in time with VisIt
- Sampling reduces clustering time by order of magnitude (cluster model parameter uncertainty)
- Random start agreement selects number of clusters (classification uncertainty)

Pairwise agreement “max kappa correlation” of 8 starts

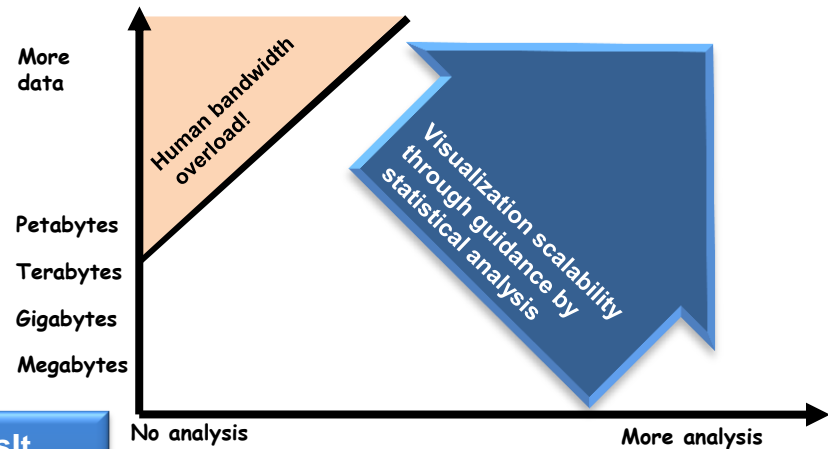


# Building R-VisIt statistical framework for visualization of massive data sets

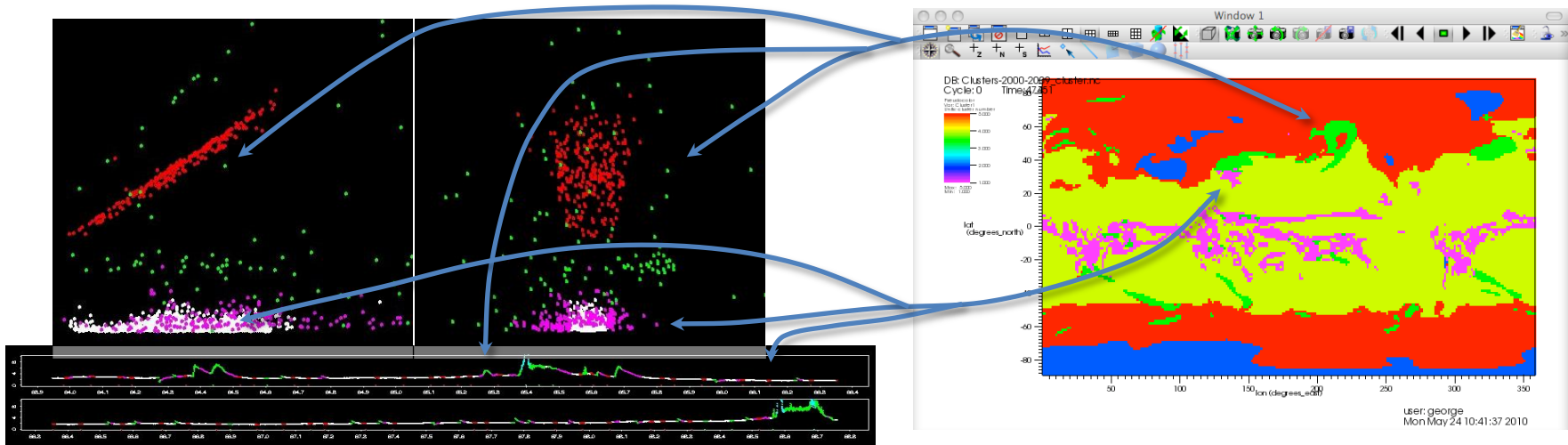
Browse a petabyte? Not humanly possible!

To view a petabyte at 100 MB/s takes 350 8-hour workdays! All year – only 8 weekends off!

Statistical analysis must select views or reduce to quantities of interest in addition to fast rendering

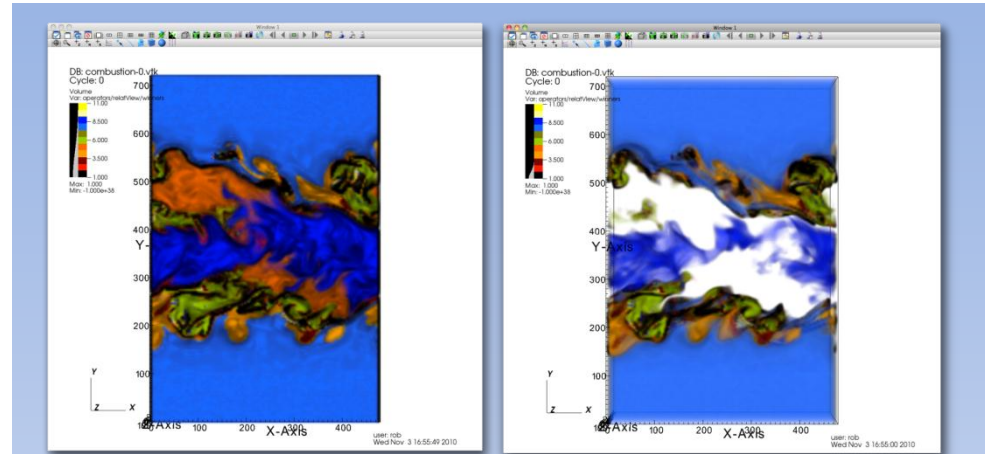


- Fit local models to segmented data with R inside VisIt
- R feature analysis in high-dimensional feature space
- Play statistically selected VisIt views of interest

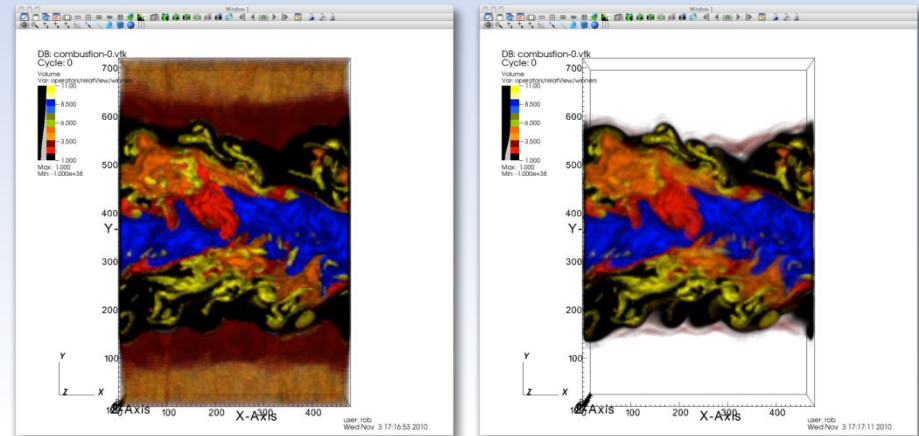


# High-dimensional multivariate analysis

- A method to effectively study interactions between multiple variables by building and verifying hypothetical predictive models
- Multiple candidate models may be specified together, and our system classifies each data point by its distance to each candidate model. We then concurrently view all specified models
- Several distance metrics are considered, and calculations may take place in different analytical spaces



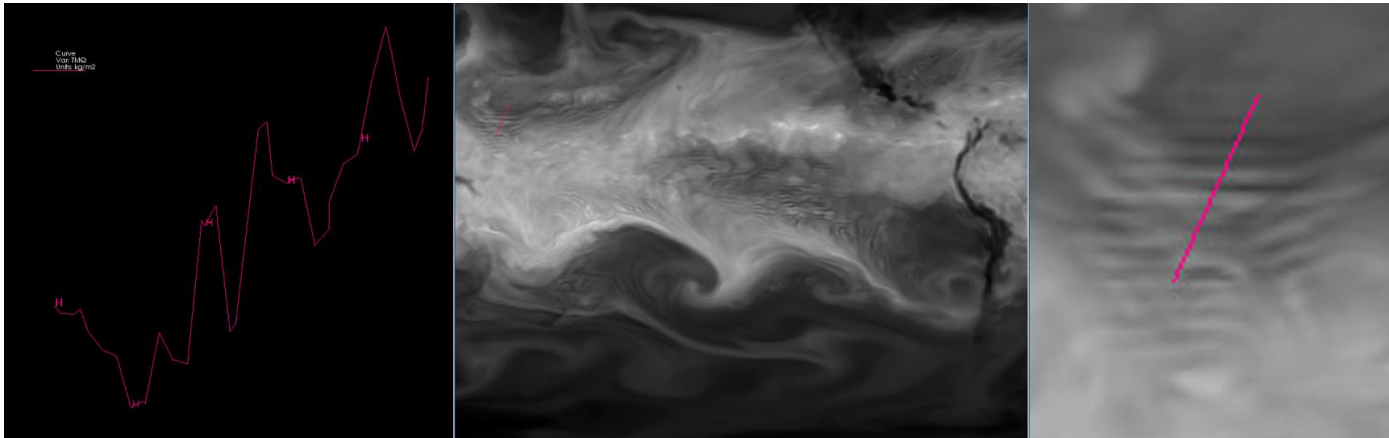
Classifications of a 5-dimensional combustion dataset based on 11 different models. In each pair of images, the rightmost are focused on models with minimal distances. Euclidean distances are calculated in (*top*) normal variable space and (*bottom*) probability density space





# Climate science: Atmospheric water vapor in the Community Atmosphere Model

The T341 version of the Community Atmosphere Model, the atmospheric component of CCSM, runs with a resolution three times finer than typically used for climate simulation in order to resolve local features at the subglobal level (e.g., hurricanes). Scientists used data from a T341 model run to produce high fidelity visualizations; they observed a ringing effect emanating from regions with high values of integrated water vapor. Consulting with Jim Hack, the leader of Oak Ridge's Climate Science Institute and long-time climate model developer, visualization expert Jamison Daniel and climatologist Kate Evans created additional visualizations to determine the source of the problem



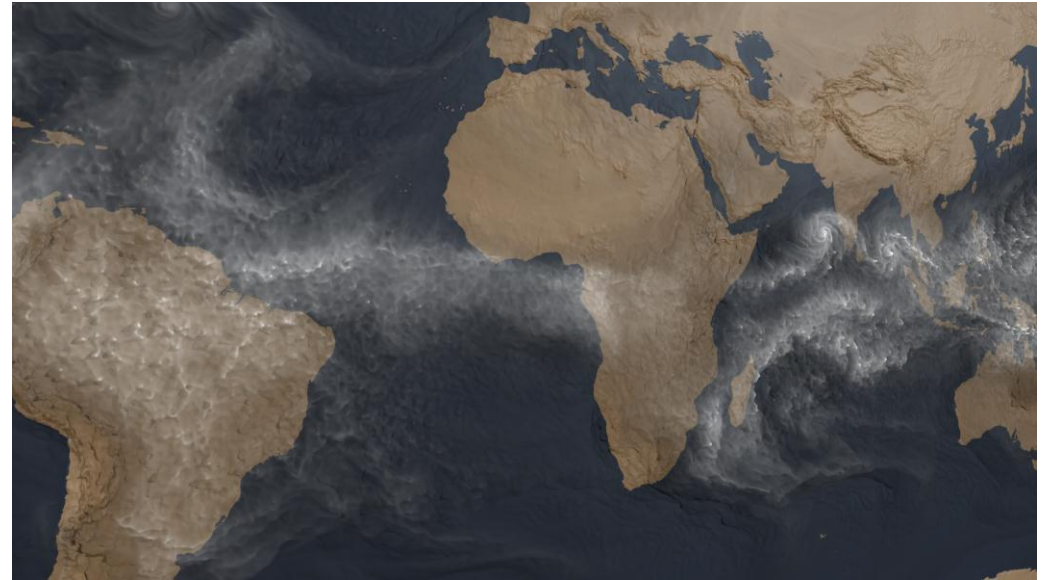
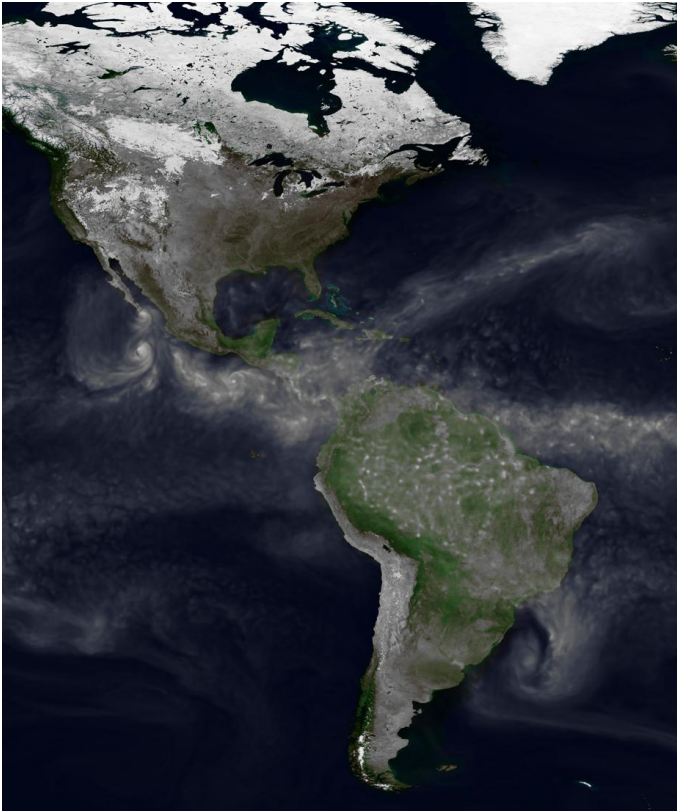
*(Middle)* A snapshot of total precipitable water from a T341 simulation. *(Left)* The level of precipitable water across one wavelike feature evident in the precipitable water field. The region across which the precipitable water is displayed on the left is designated by a purple line in the middle and on the right. This figure illustrates the scale of the wavelike feature and aided in the diagnosis of the “ringing” effects in the model.

# Visualization of CCSM Community Atmospheric Models



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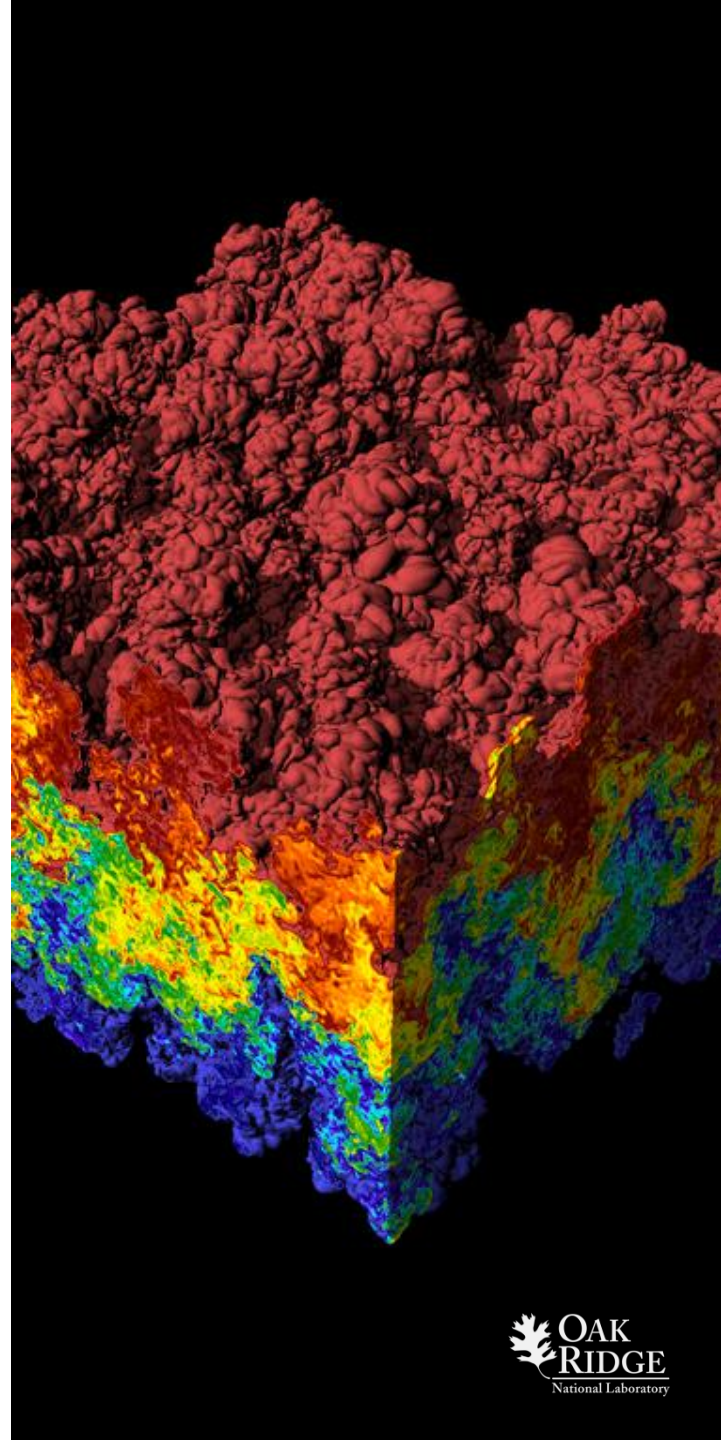
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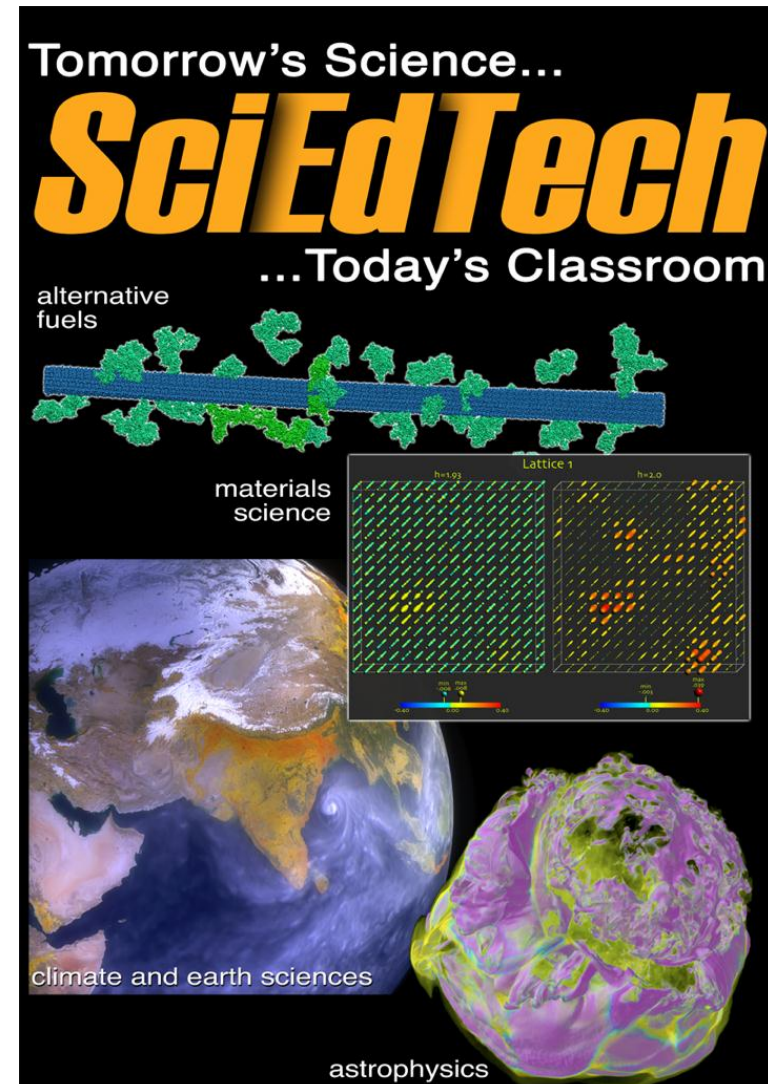
# Co-developers of VisIt: An end user visualization and analysis tool for large data

- 5 major use cases: data exploration, data analysis, visual debugging, comparison, and presentation
- Demonstrated scaling to >100k cores
- Strong emphasis on building a usable, robust tool for scientists
- Open source project, with direct support from DOE (SciDAC, NEAMS, ASC, BER) and NSF (TeraGrid XD)
- [visitusers.org](http://visitusers.org) wiki with 400+ pages of documentation and over 80,000 page views
- Over 100,000 downloads
- R&D 100 Award in 2005



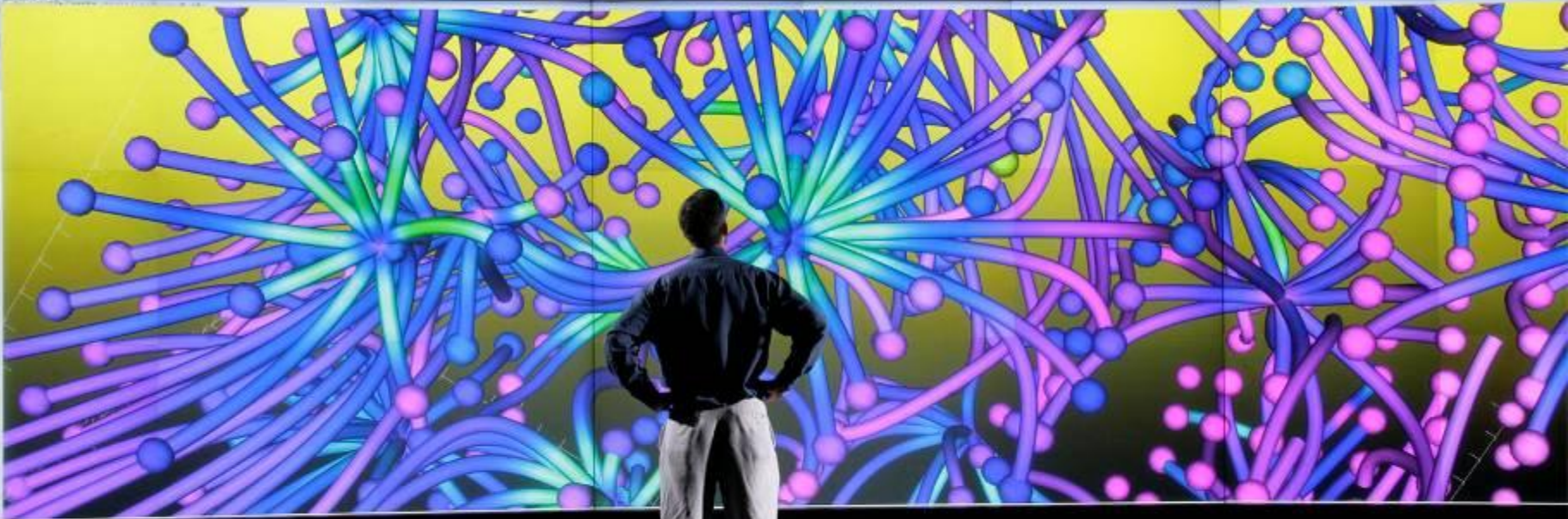
# Visualization as a Tool for Enhancing Middle School Science Education

- Utilization and subsetting of existing open science datasets
- Extension of open source visualization software for younger audiences
- Integration of visualizations with successful modular science curricula
- Collaboration between scientists, science educators, and students
- Quantification of success for augmented curricula



# EVEREST facility

- 35 million pixel, 27-tile PowerWall
- 27 NVIDIA 8800 GTX GPUs, dedicated Linux cluster
- Interactive, large-scale, collaborative data analysis
- 30 feet by 8 feet

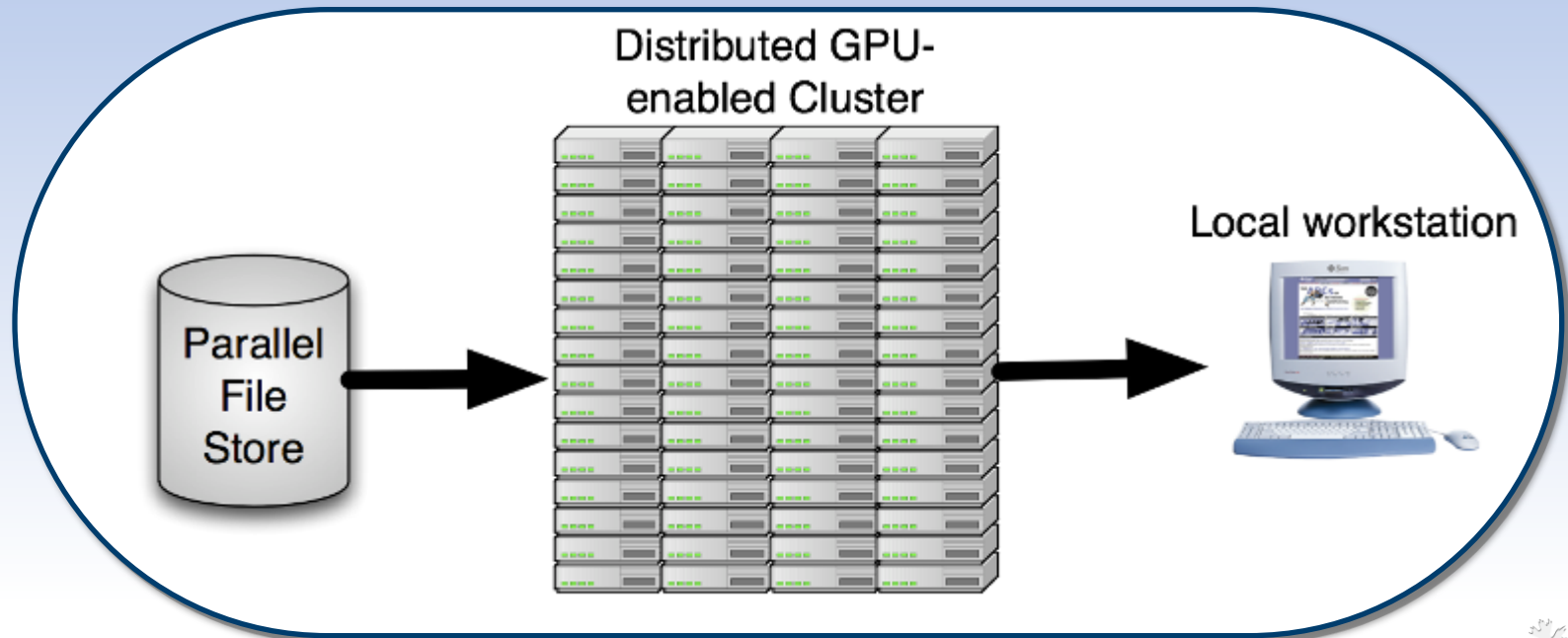


# **ORNL is one of the institutions in the BER LAB 10-05 project**

- **Funded to develop and deliver software**
  - Supports high-throughput visual data analysis of ultra-high resolution data
  - Spatial and temporally high resolution simulation and observational data
  
- **Focus on addressing climate science questions**
  - Better understanding of extreme events and trends in climate change (near term)
  - Regional-scale drivers, attributions and consequences in a changing climate (long term)

# Remote visualization for large data

- Largest datasets require use of institutional resources
- Reduces data movement issues
- Allows exploitation of multiple GPUs
- Provides visualization to remote users
- Exploited by VisIt, ParaView, EnSight





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