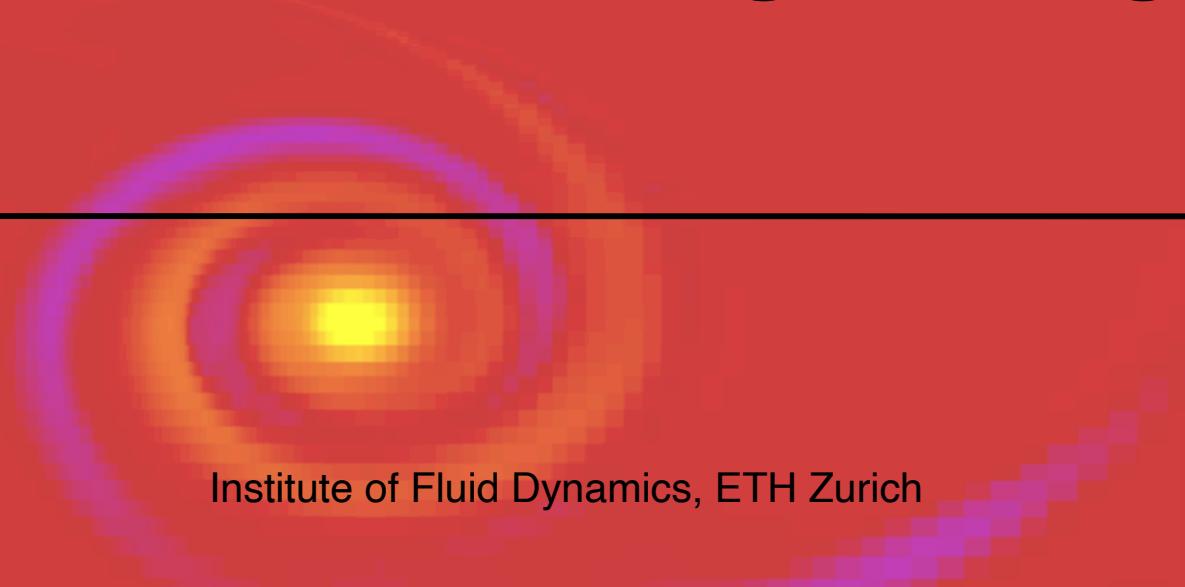


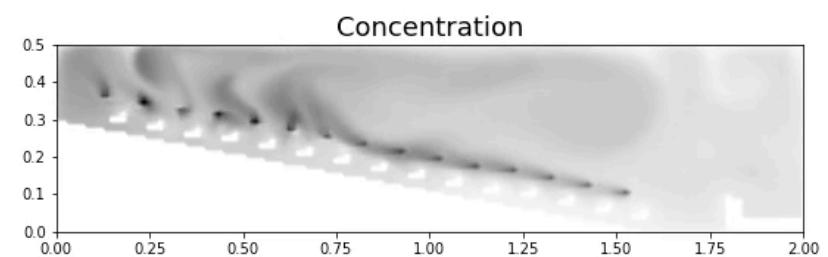
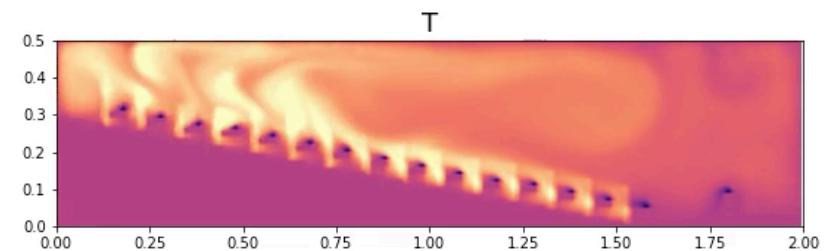
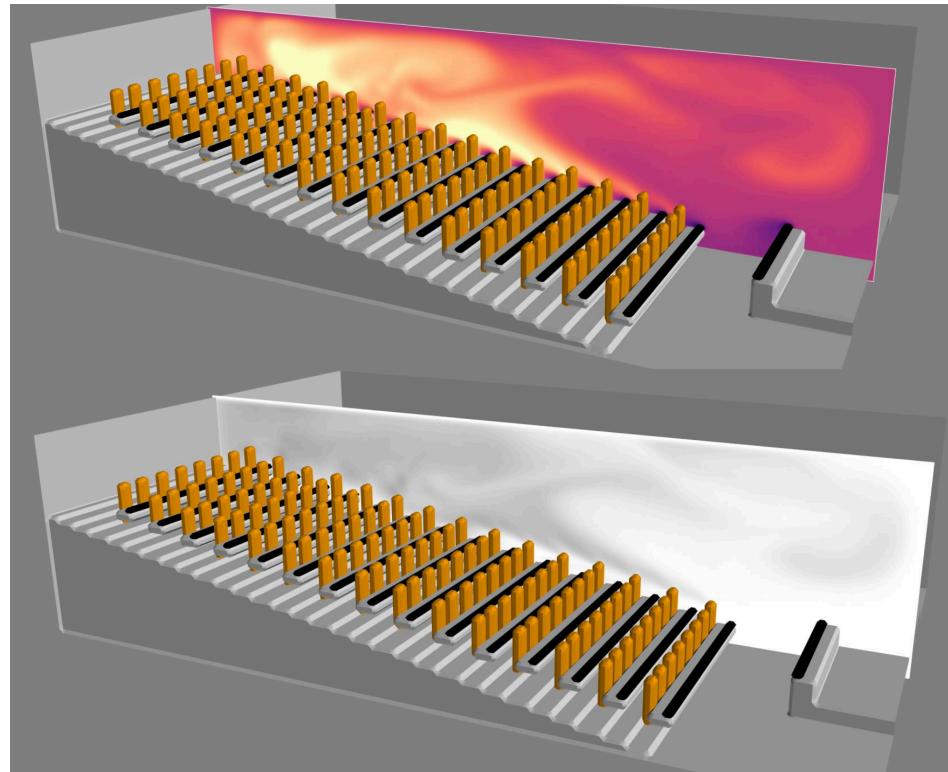
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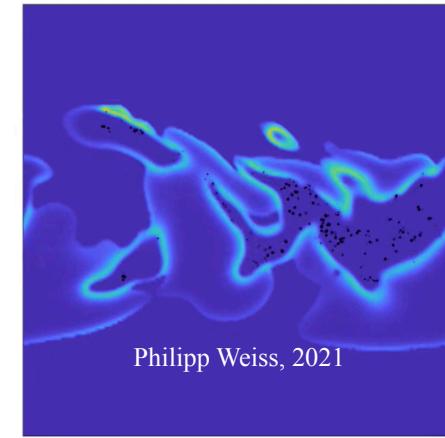
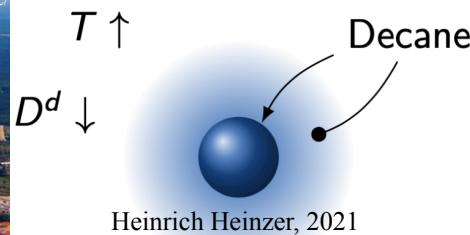
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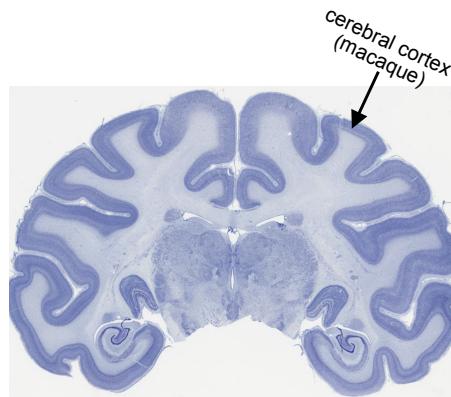
Outline

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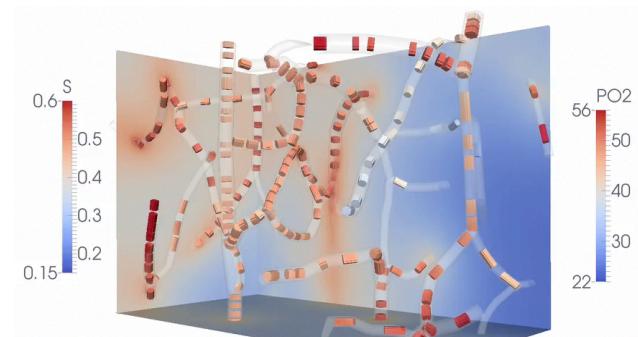
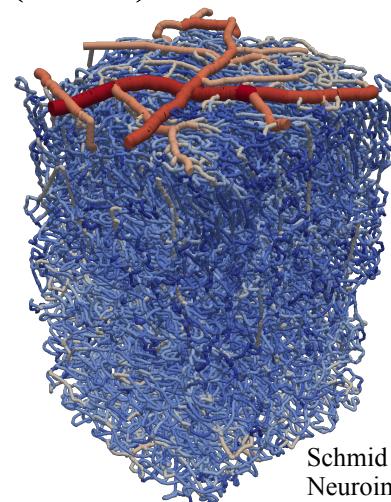
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Purpose and Challenges of Computational Science

Some application areas

- chemistry and chemical engineering
- biology and medicine
- meteorology, climate and environment
- astronomy
- geology
- power generation
- finance
- aerospace and automotive
- ...

Purpose and Challenges of Computational Science

Advantages compared to experiments

- often cheaper
- less time consuming
- suited for parameter studies
- suited for optimization
- systematic isolation of effects
- takes advantages of ongoing rapid development of computers and algorithms

Purpose and Challenges of Computational Science

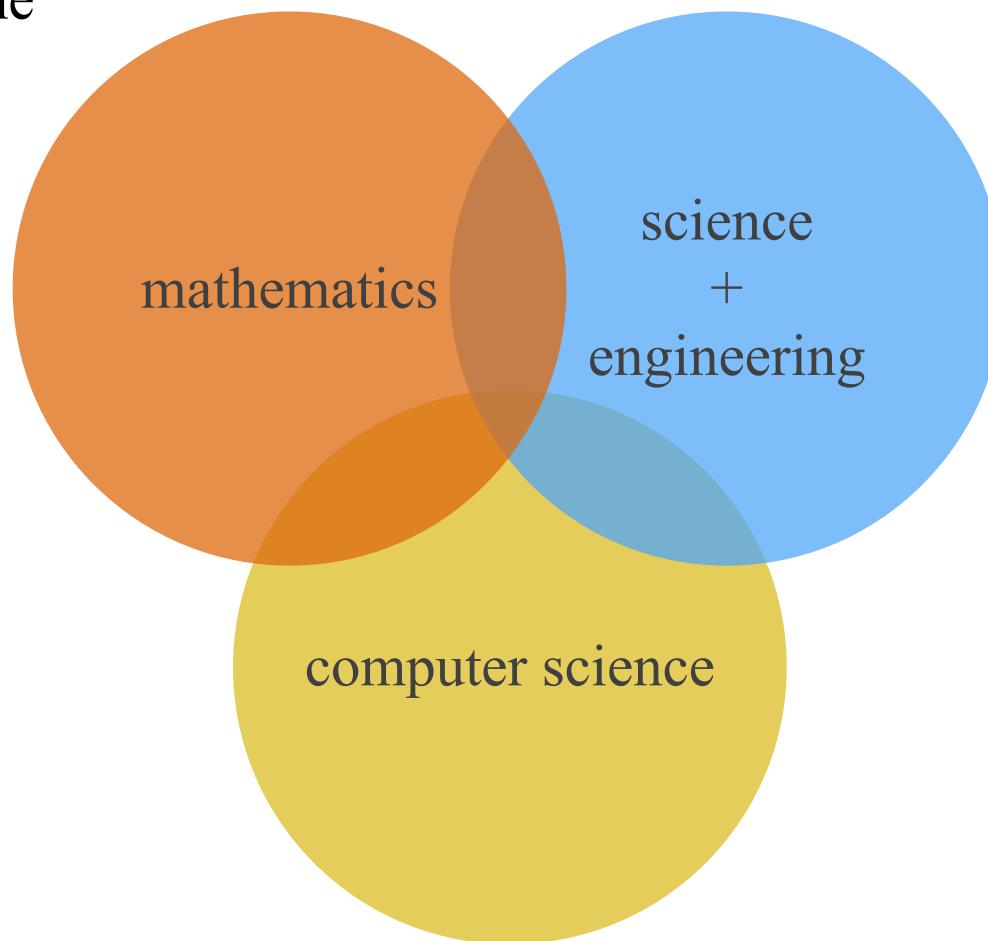
Challenges

- multi-physics → tight coupling
- flexibility, e.g. complex and dynamic geometries
- data structure, implementation and parallelization
- closure of equations
- huge range of length and time scales → many degrees of freedom (DoF)
- uncertainty and inverse modeling
- ...

Purpose and Challenges of Computational Science

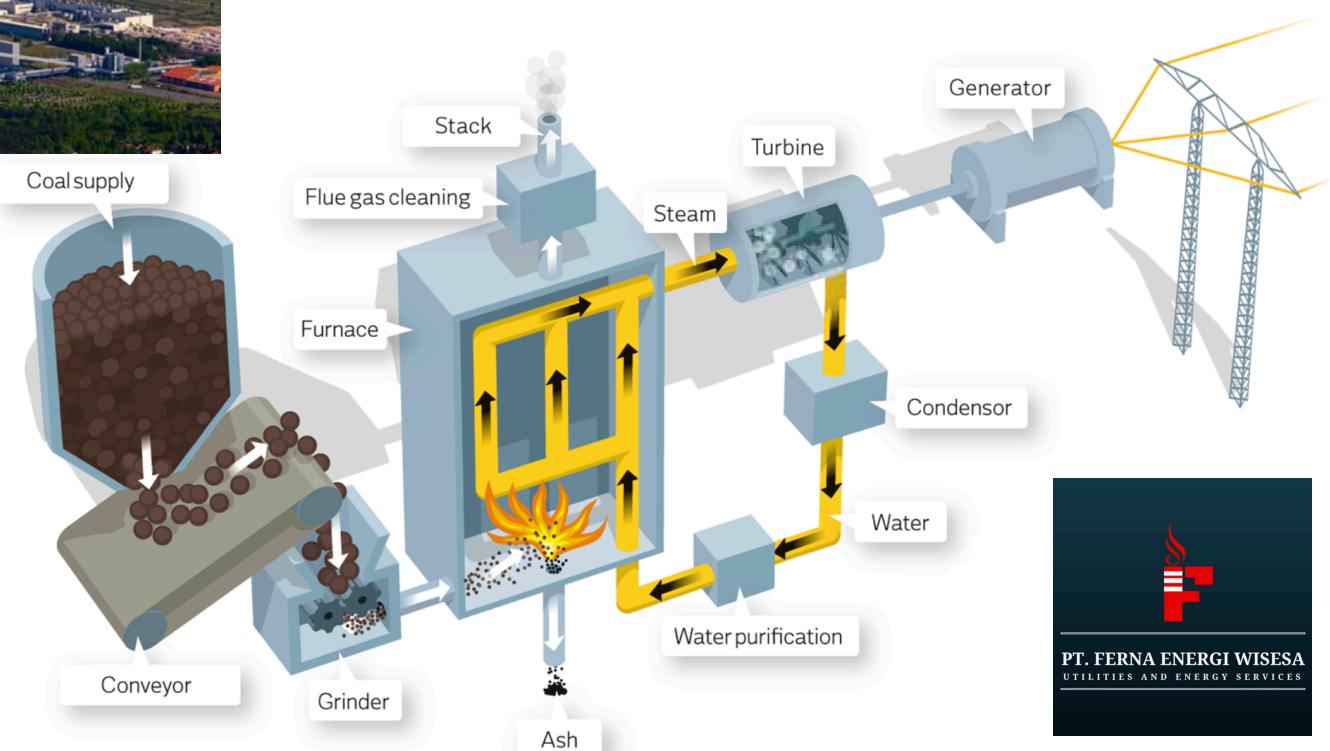
Basic requirements

- simulation time
- accuracy
- flexibility
- robustness



1st Example: Pulverized Coal Combustion (PCC)

Why PCC?



<http://fernaenergi.com/2017/10/02/coal-power-plant/>

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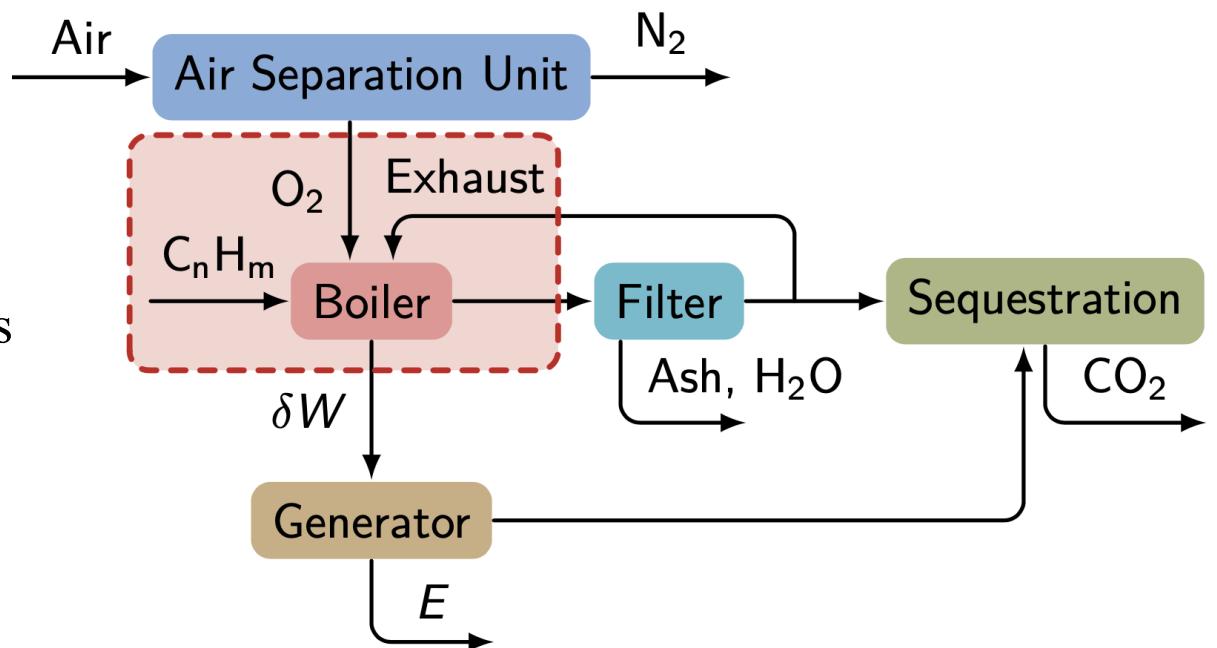
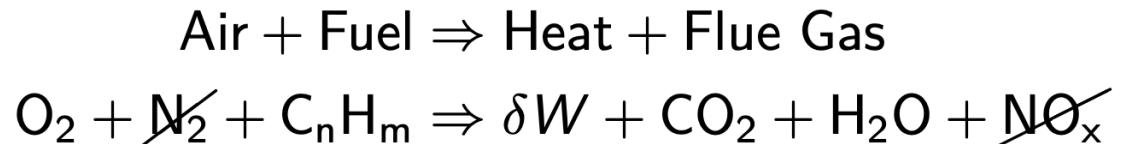
Why PCC?

- climate change is a global challenge
 - efforts to lower carbon emissions
- growing energy demand
- coal is abundant, cheap, and reliable
 - remains a main power source
- how to use it in a clean way?
 - oxy-fuel combustion + CO₂ sequestration
- improvement
 - big impact

1st Example: Pulverized Coal Combustion (PCC)

Oxy-fuel combustion

- burn fuel in pure oxygen
 - nitrogen in air not heated
 - reduced fuel consumption
 - higher flame temperatures
 - reduced NOx production
 - produce a CO₂ rich flue gas
- CO₂ capture and storage
- retrofit existing power plants



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1st Example: Pulverized Coal Combustion (PCC)

Particles

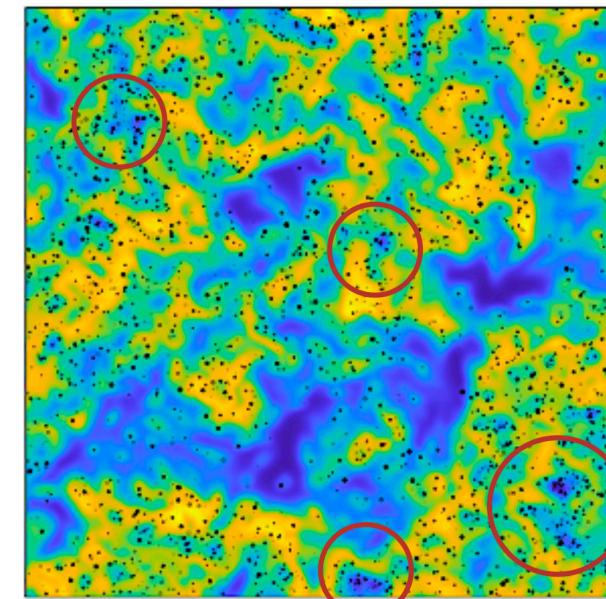
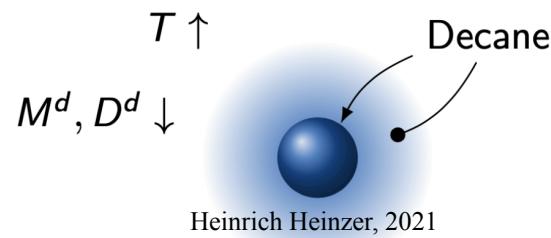
- release gas
- burn
- radiate

ordinary
differential
equation



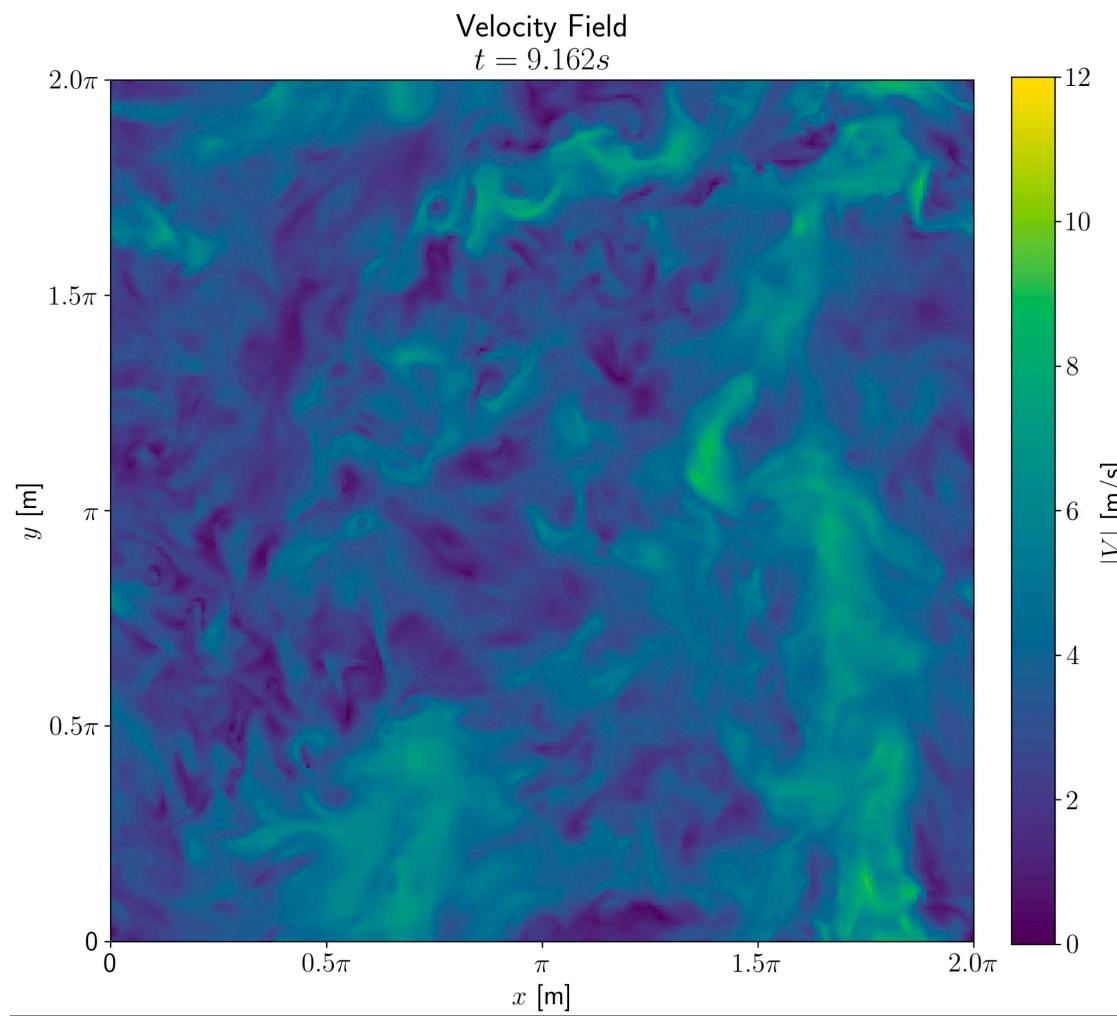
Gas phase

- convection
- diffusion
- mixing
- chemical reactions



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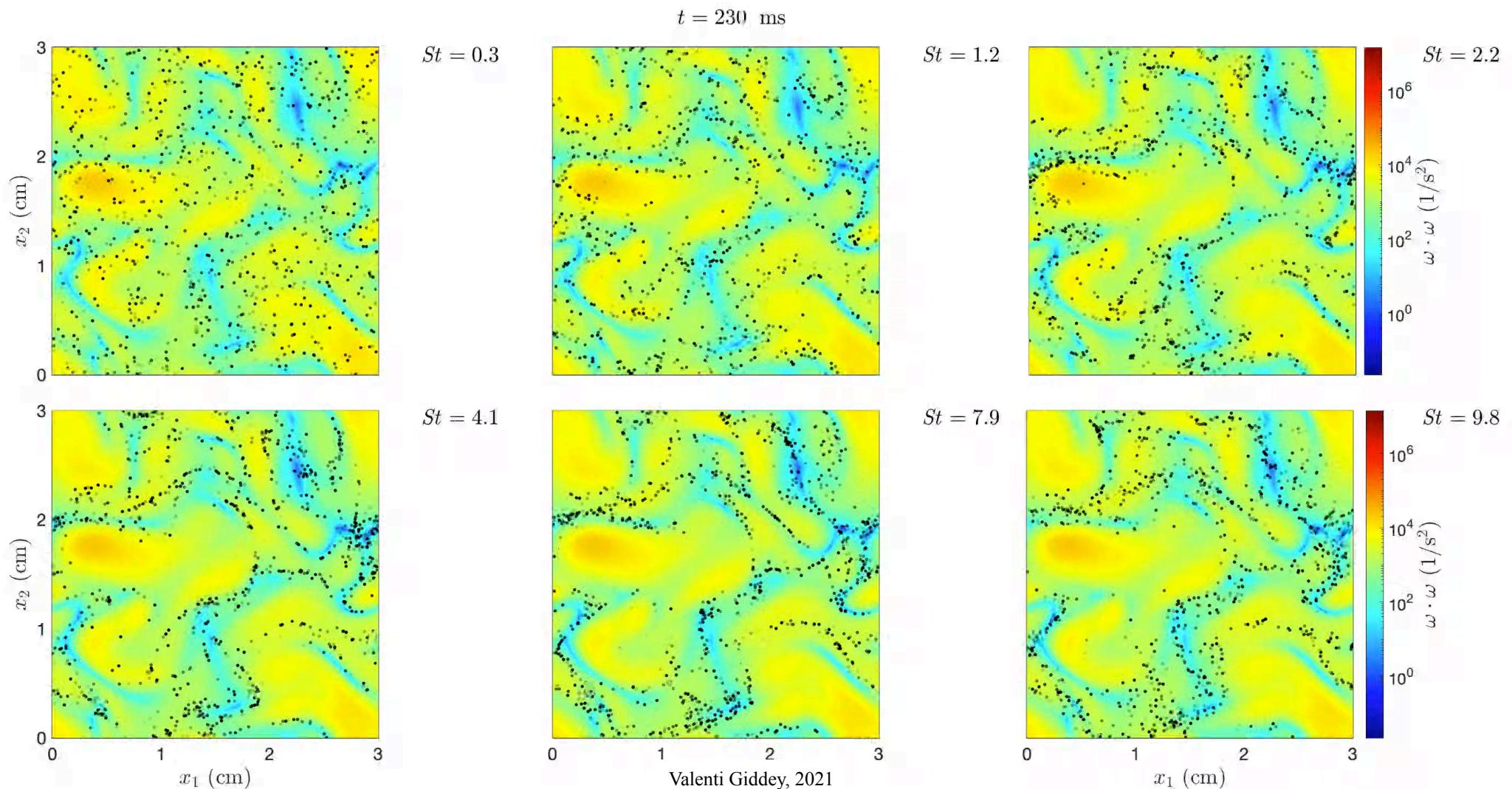
multiscale problem



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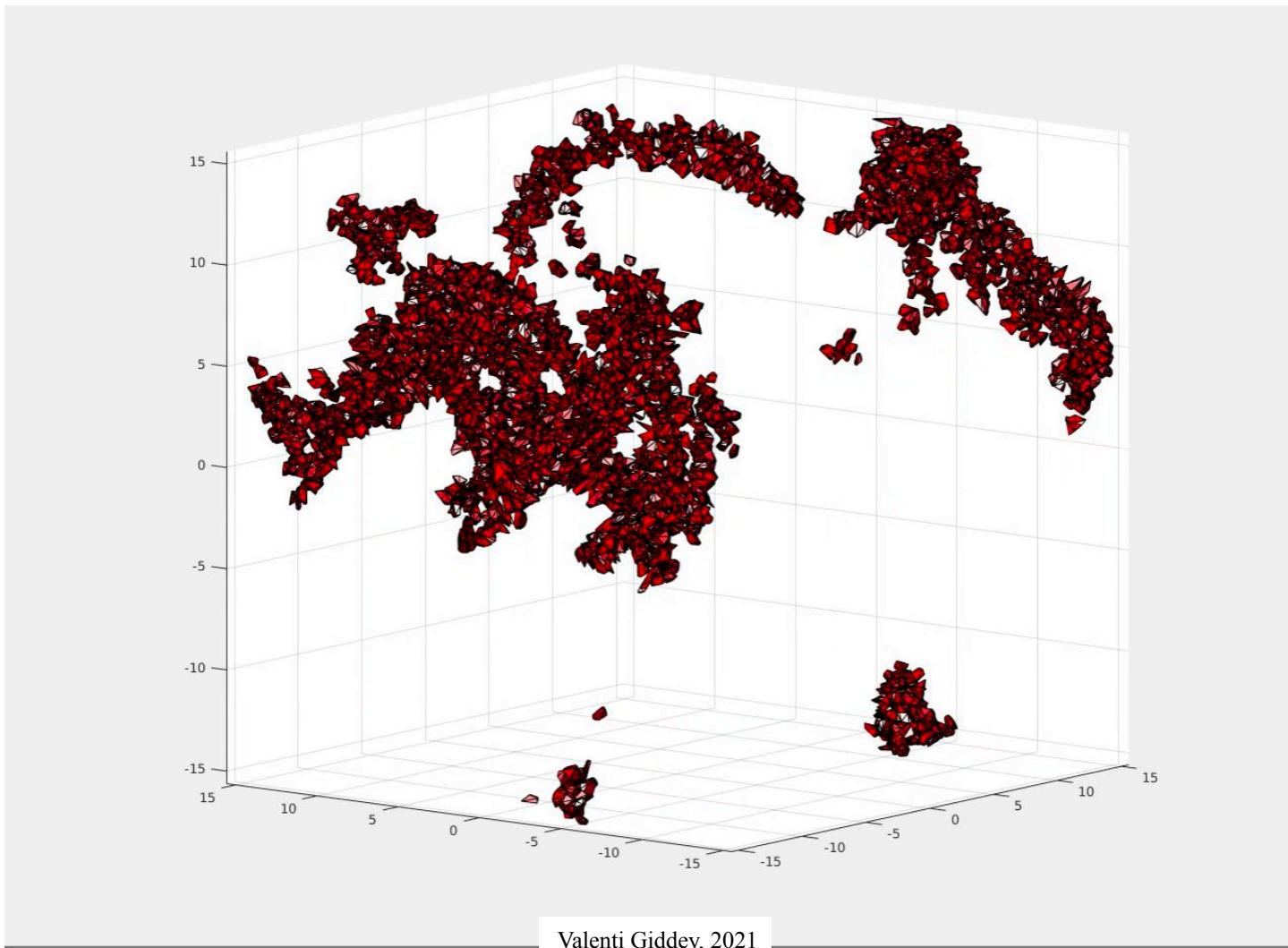
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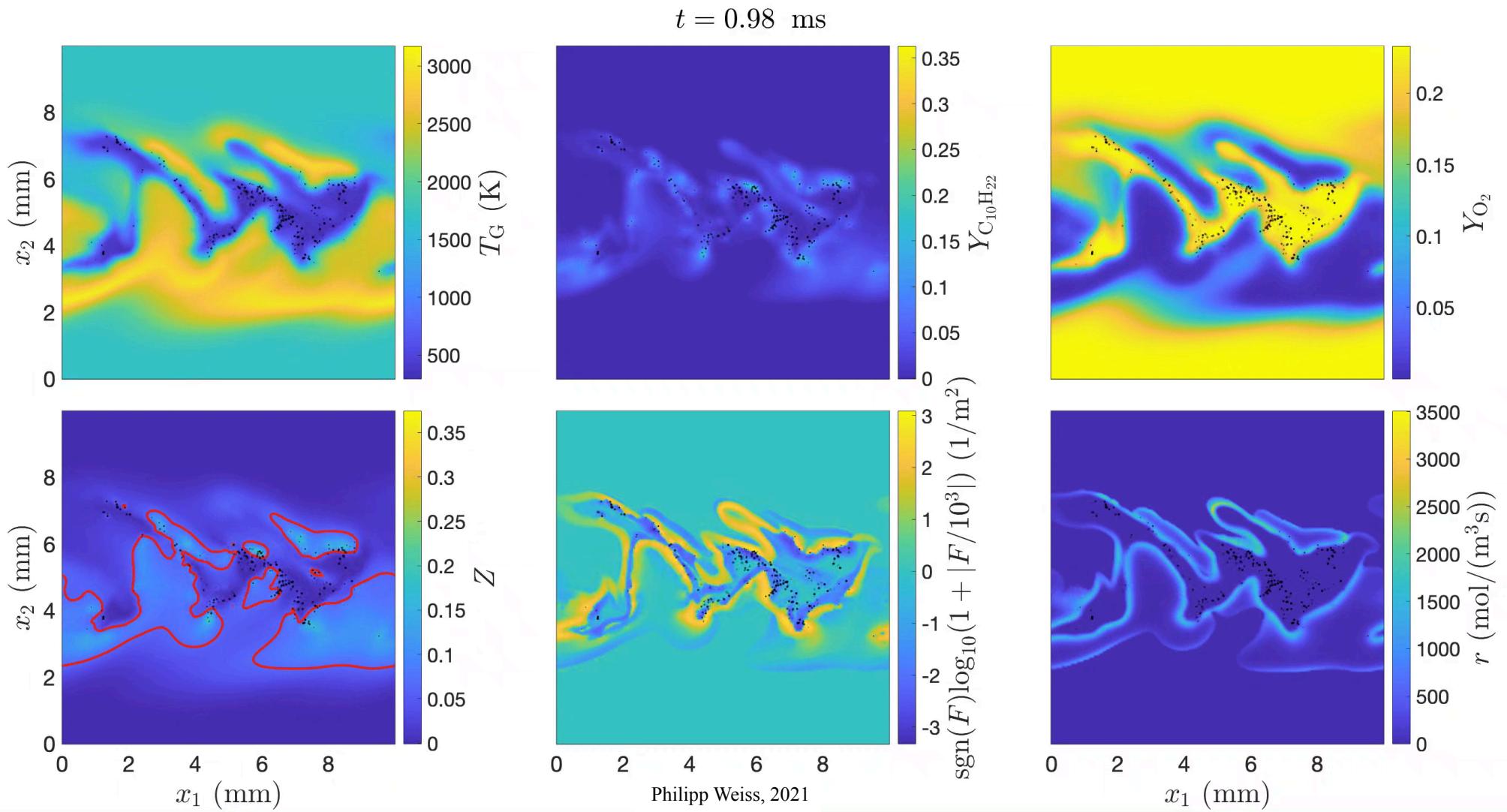
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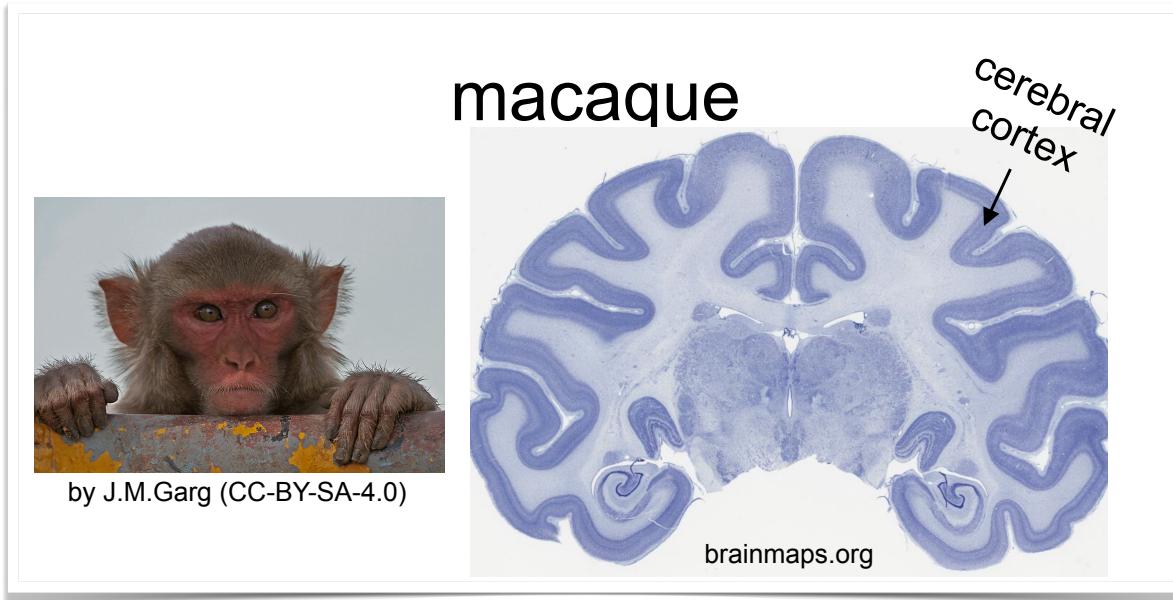


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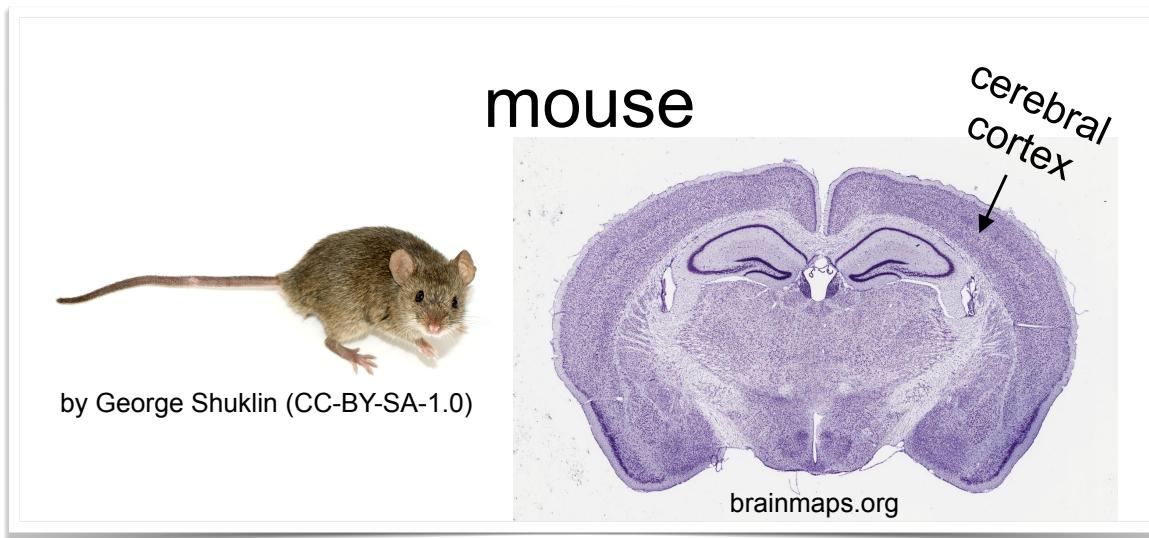


2nd Example: Cerebral Blood Flow (CBF)



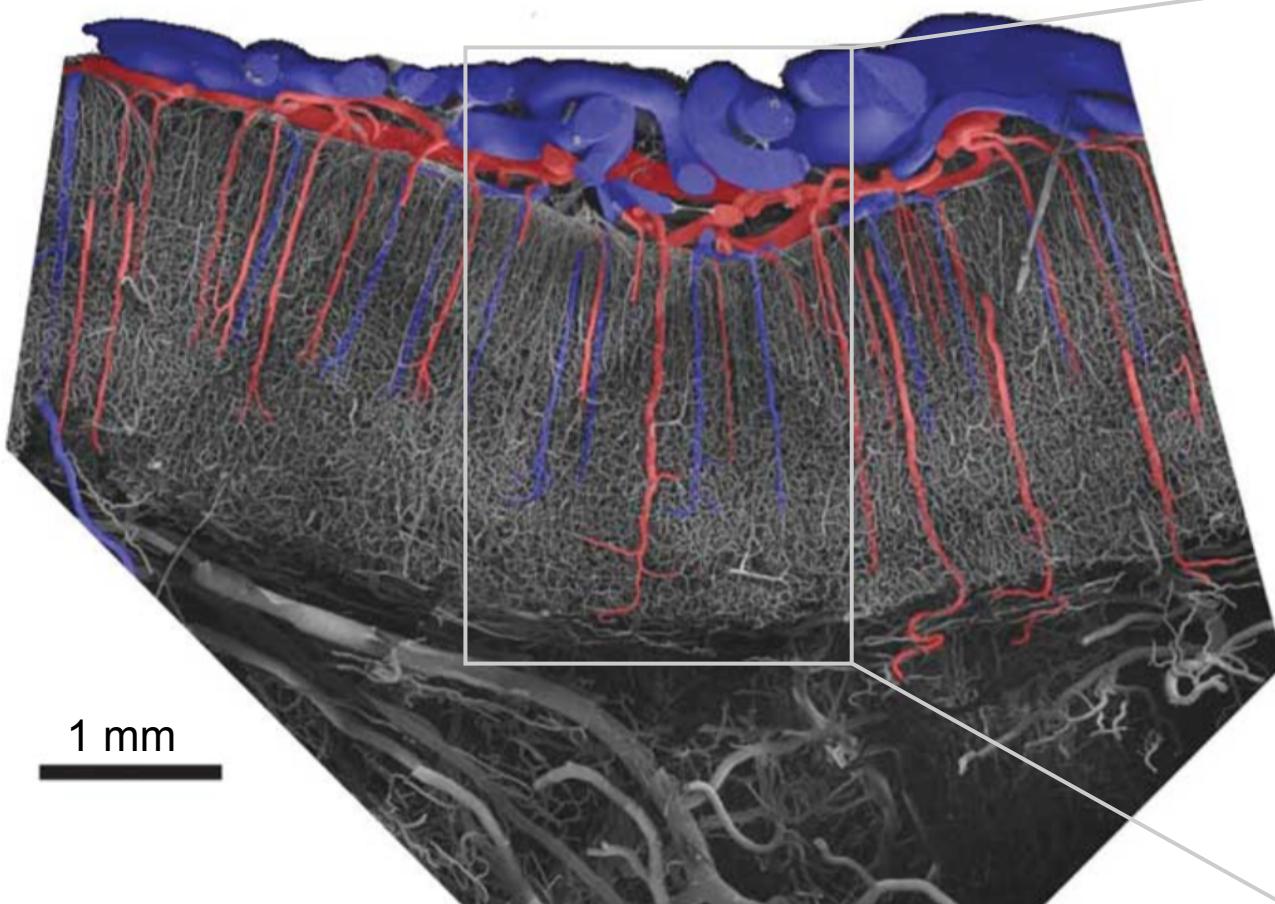
Main functions

- receiving and processing **sensory input**
- **controlling muscles** and movements

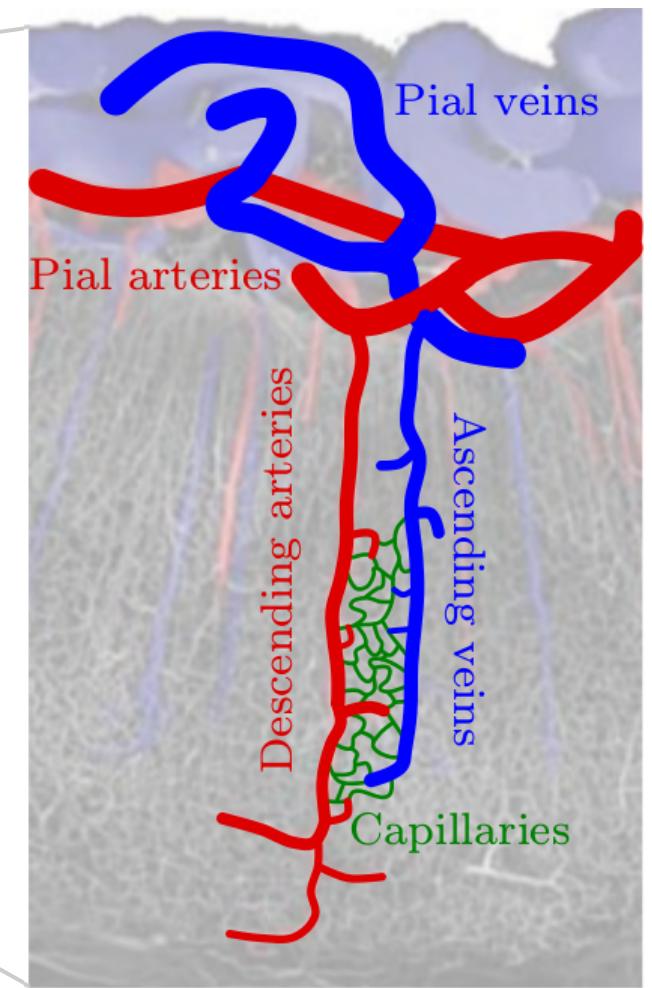


2nd Example: Cerebral Blood Flow (CBF)

vasculature of the monkey visual cortex



schematic of cortical vasculature

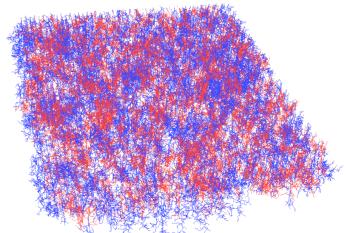


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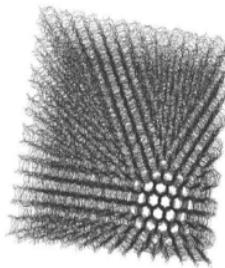
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Compound Network

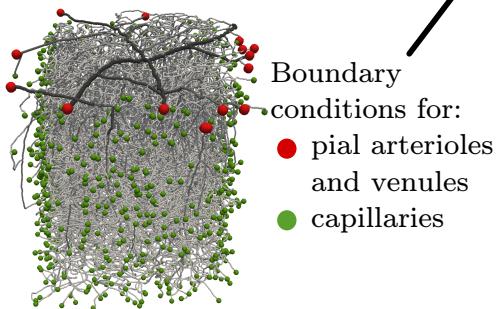
Network of penetrating trees



Artificial capillary bed



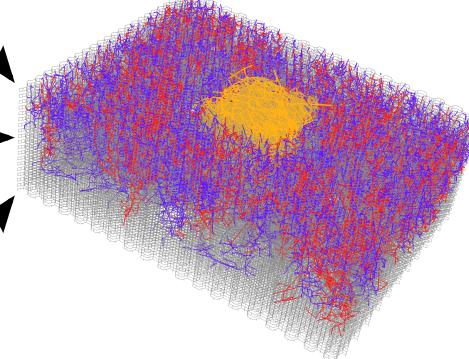
Realistic implant



- Boundary conditions for:
● pial arterioles and venules
● capillaries

Steady state simulation

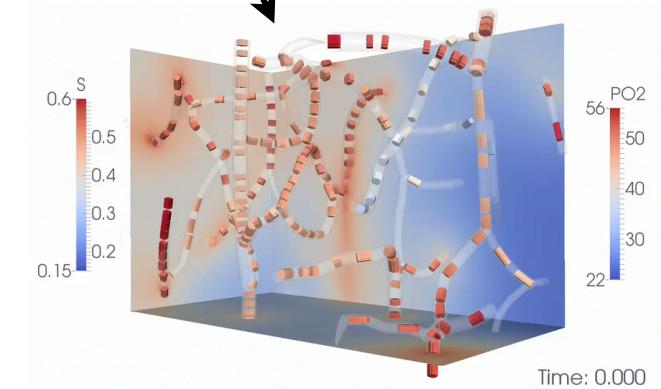
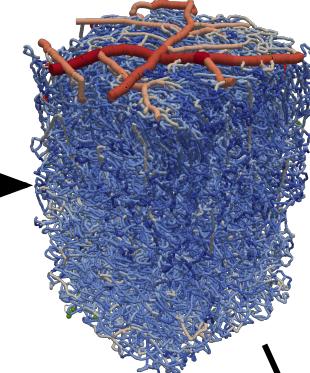
Full compound network with
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Schmid et al., 2017
Neuroimage

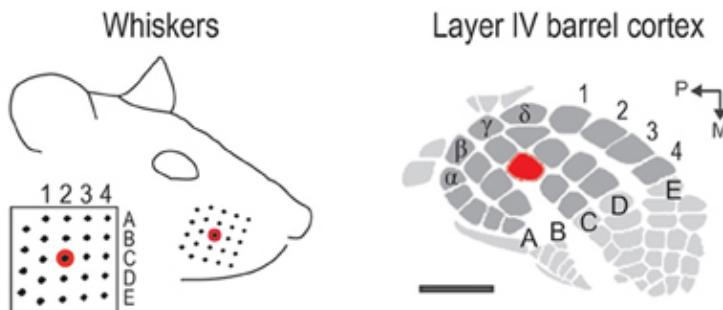
Discrete simulation

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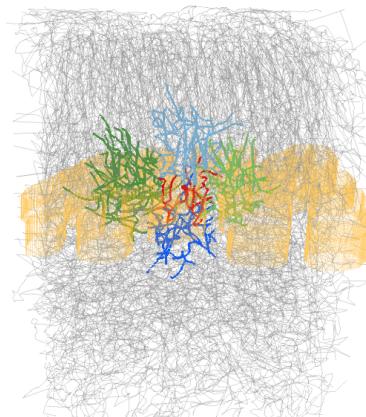


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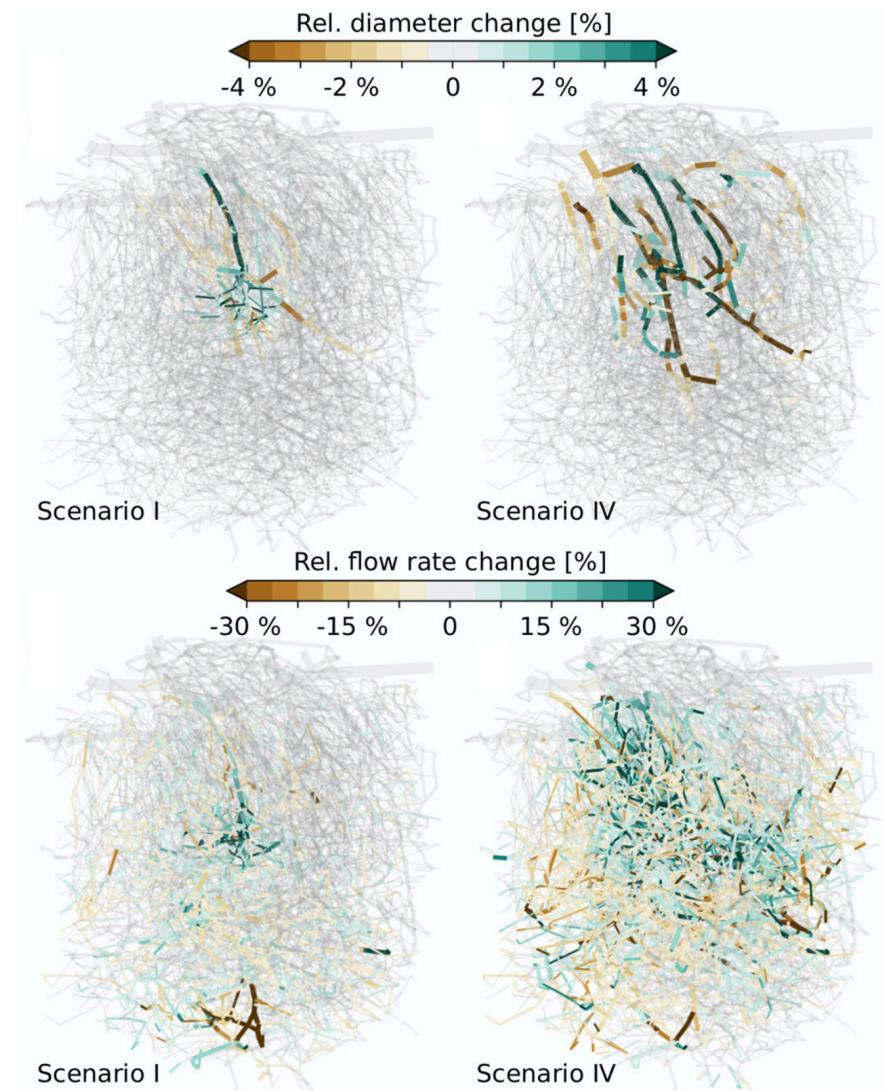
The barrel cortex



From: Chen-Bee et al., *Frontiers in Neural Circuits*, 2012

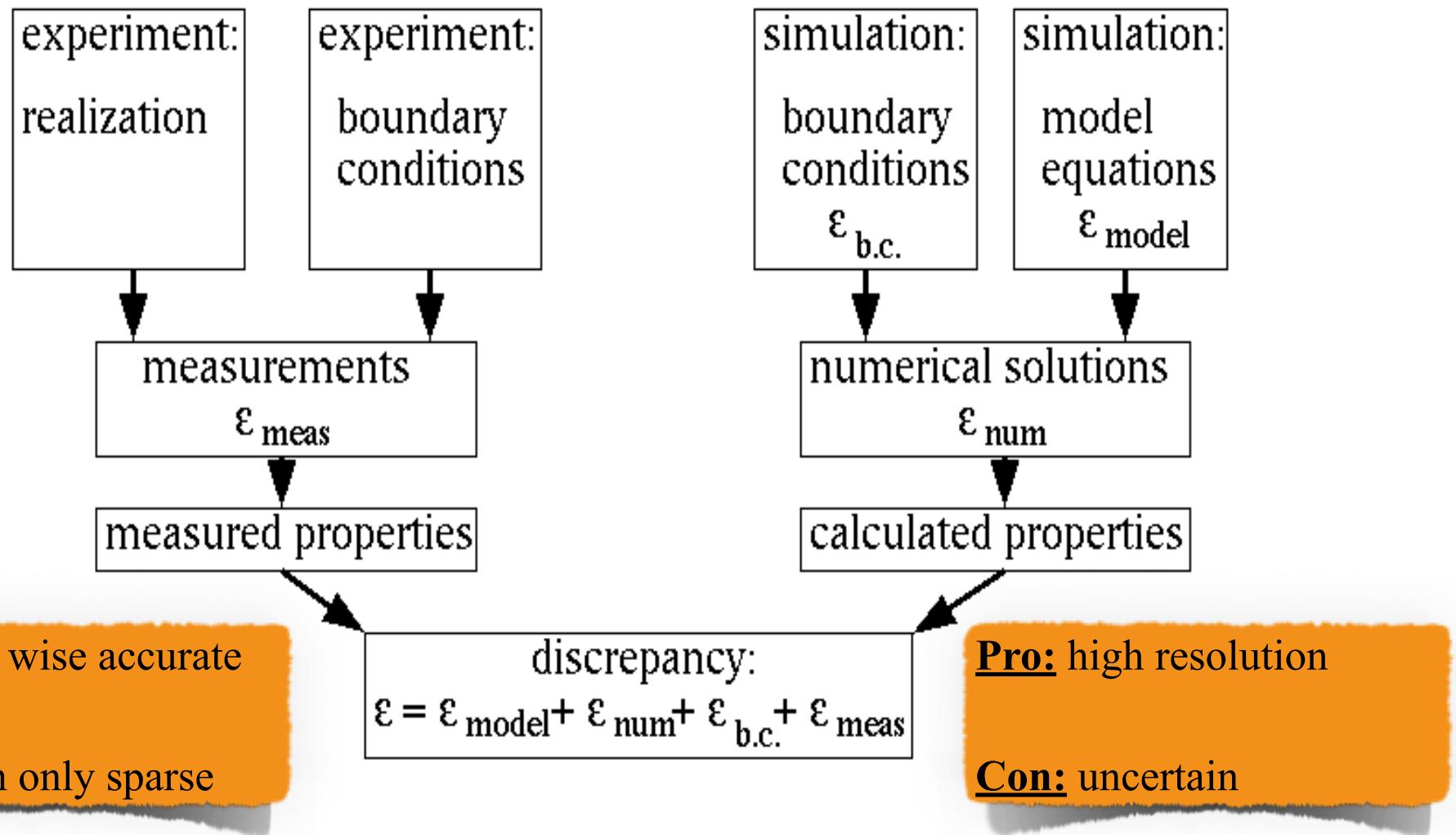


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2nd Example: Cerebral Blood Flow (CBF)

uncertainty problem → data assimilation → inverse modeling



Data Assimilation - Inverse Modeling - Optimization

non-linear forward problem $\mathcal{R}(V, \alpha) = 0$ with the solution V and parameters α

Problem: many parameters

goal: optimal point in parameter space to minimize a cost function $J(V, \alpha)$

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Data Assimilation

Examples:

- meteorology
- computational fluid dynamics
- oil reservoir simulation
- optimization
- control
- ...

Interpretations:

- inverse modeling
- optimization
- rigorous tuning
- empirical model correction
- uncertainty reduction
- learning
- physical inter-/extrapolation