

Saving Energy in Data Centers Using Real-Time Simulation

(and other engineering applications)

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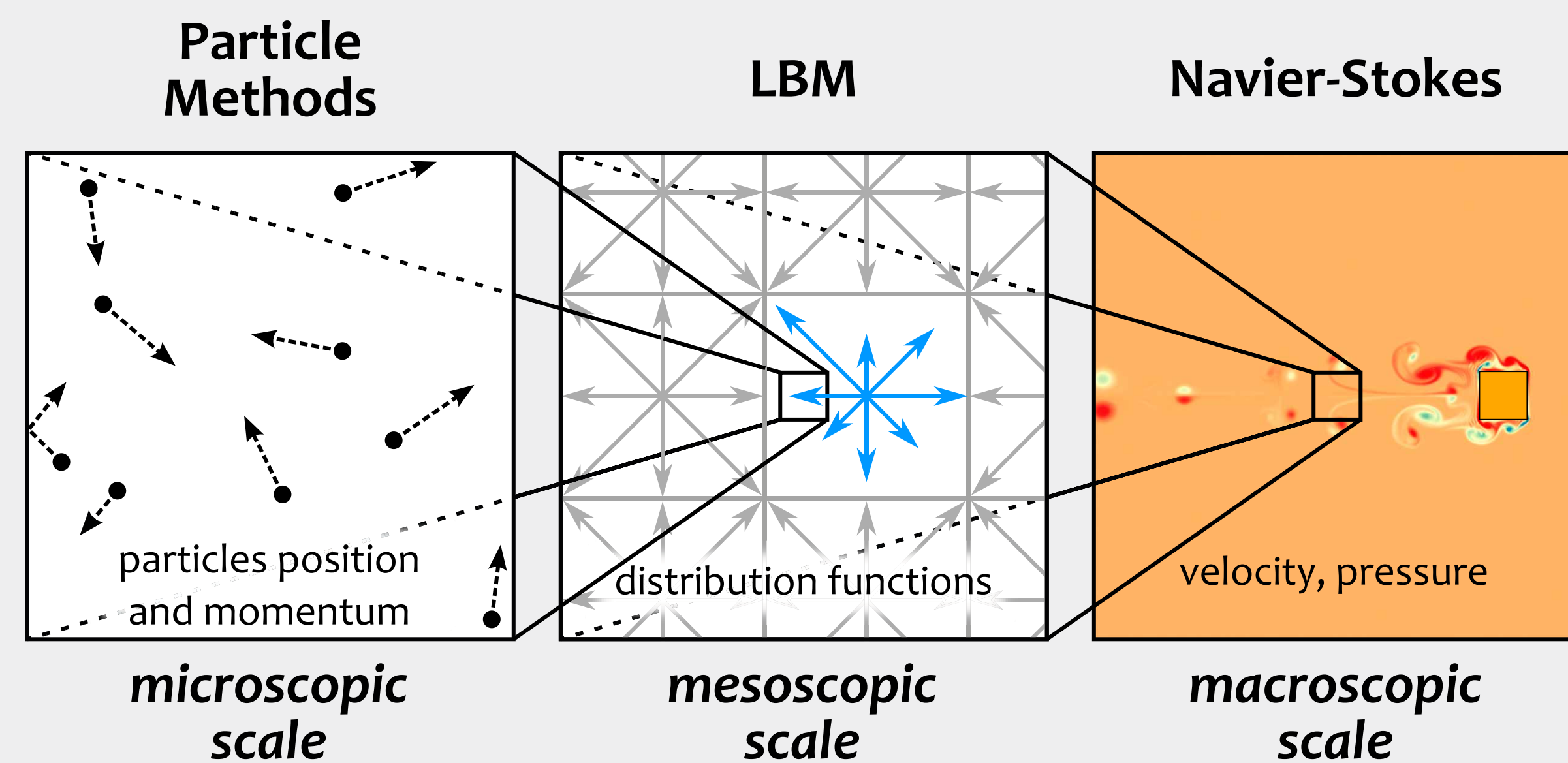
Motivations

Context: up to 40% of the energy spent in Data Centres is on cooling.

Objective: to develop a real-time indoor airflow simulation tool allowing:

- optimisation of ventilation system design,
- control and prediction of thermal loads.

Lattice Boltzmann Method



Coupled Model

$$\frac{\partial \vec{v}}{\partial t} + (\vec{v} \cdot \nabla) \vec{v} = -\nabla p + \nu \nabla^2 \vec{v}$$

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \vec{v} \cdot \nabla T = \mathcal{D} \nabla^2 T$$

Velocity \longleftrightarrow **Temperature** (via Boussinesq advection)

$$f_i(\vec{x} + \vec{c}_i \Delta t, t + \Delta t) = f_i(\vec{x}, t) - \frac{f_i - f_i^{(eq)}}{\tau}$$

$$T_i(\vec{x} + \vec{c}_i \Delta t, t + \Delta t) = T_i - \frac{T_i - T_i^{(eq)}}{\tau_T}$$

$$f_i^{(eq)} = \rho \omega_i \left(1 + 3 \frac{\vec{c}_i \cdot \vec{v}}{c^2} + \frac{9}{2} \frac{(\vec{c}_i \cdot \vec{v})^2}{c^4} - \frac{3}{2} \frac{v^2}{c^2} \right)$$

$$T_i^{(eq)} = \frac{T}{6} (1 + 2 \frac{\vec{c}_i \cdot \vec{v}}{c^2})$$

Boussinesq forcing term:

$$\vec{F}_B = -\vec{g} \beta (T - T_0)$$

Turbulence Model: Smagorinsky LES

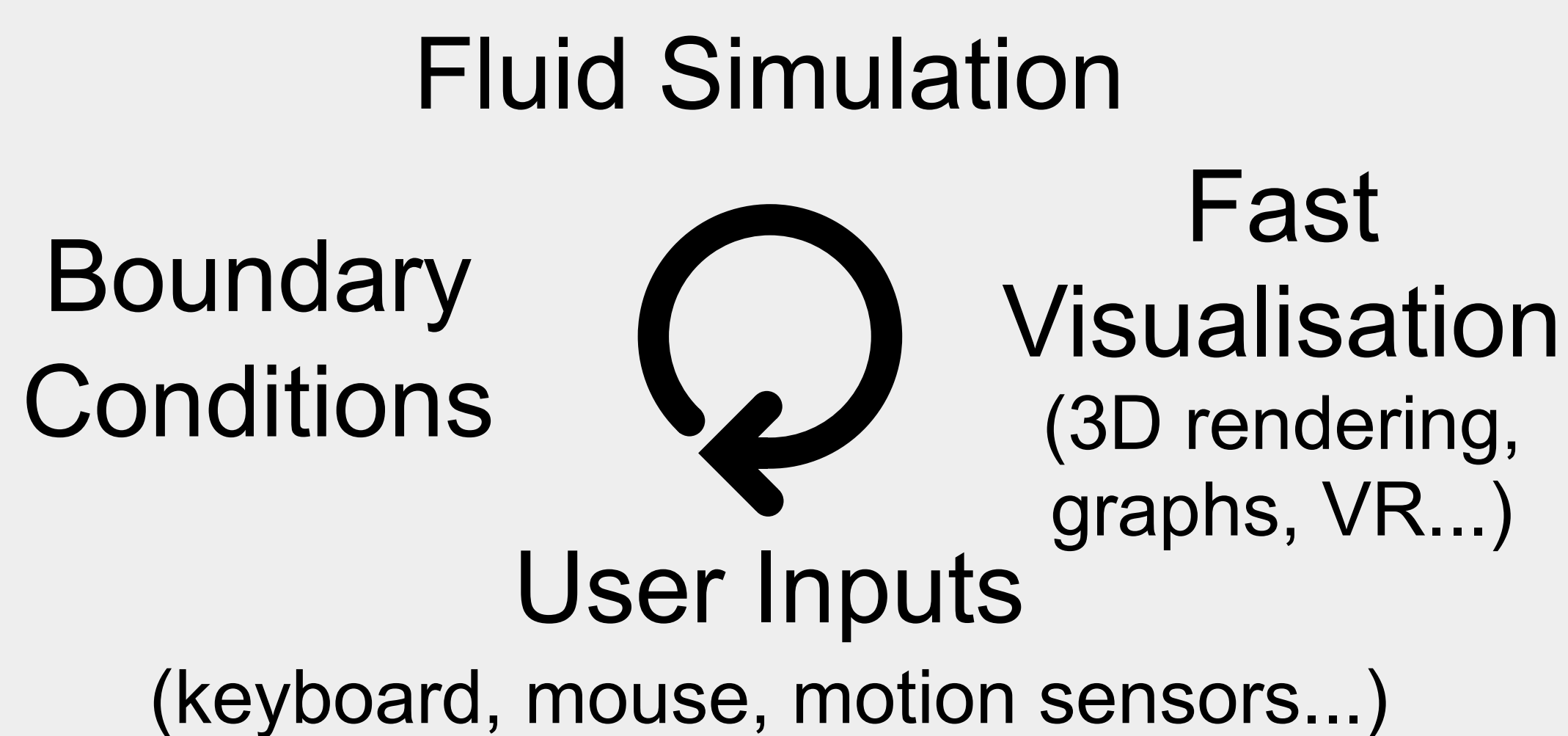
$$\Pi_{\alpha, \beta} = \sum \tilde{e}_{i\alpha} \tilde{e}_{i\beta} (f_i - f_i^{(eq)})$$

$$\tau \rightarrow \tau_S(\vec{x}, t)$$

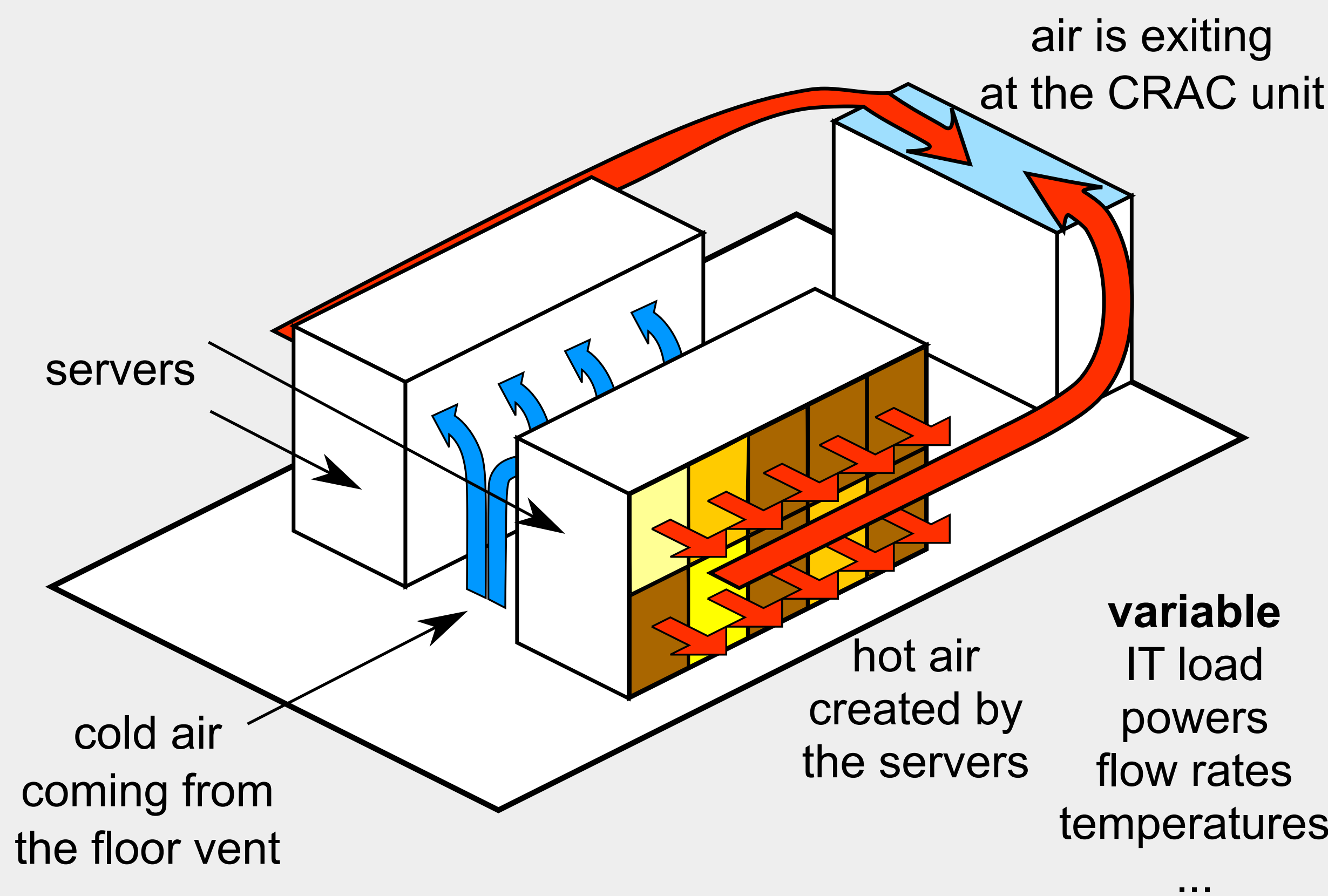
$$S = \frac{1}{6C^2} \left(\sqrt{\nu^2 + 18C^2 \sqrt{\Pi_{\alpha, \beta} \Pi_{\alpha, \beta}}} - \nu \right)$$

$$\tau_S = 3(\nu + C^2 S) + \frac{1}{2}$$

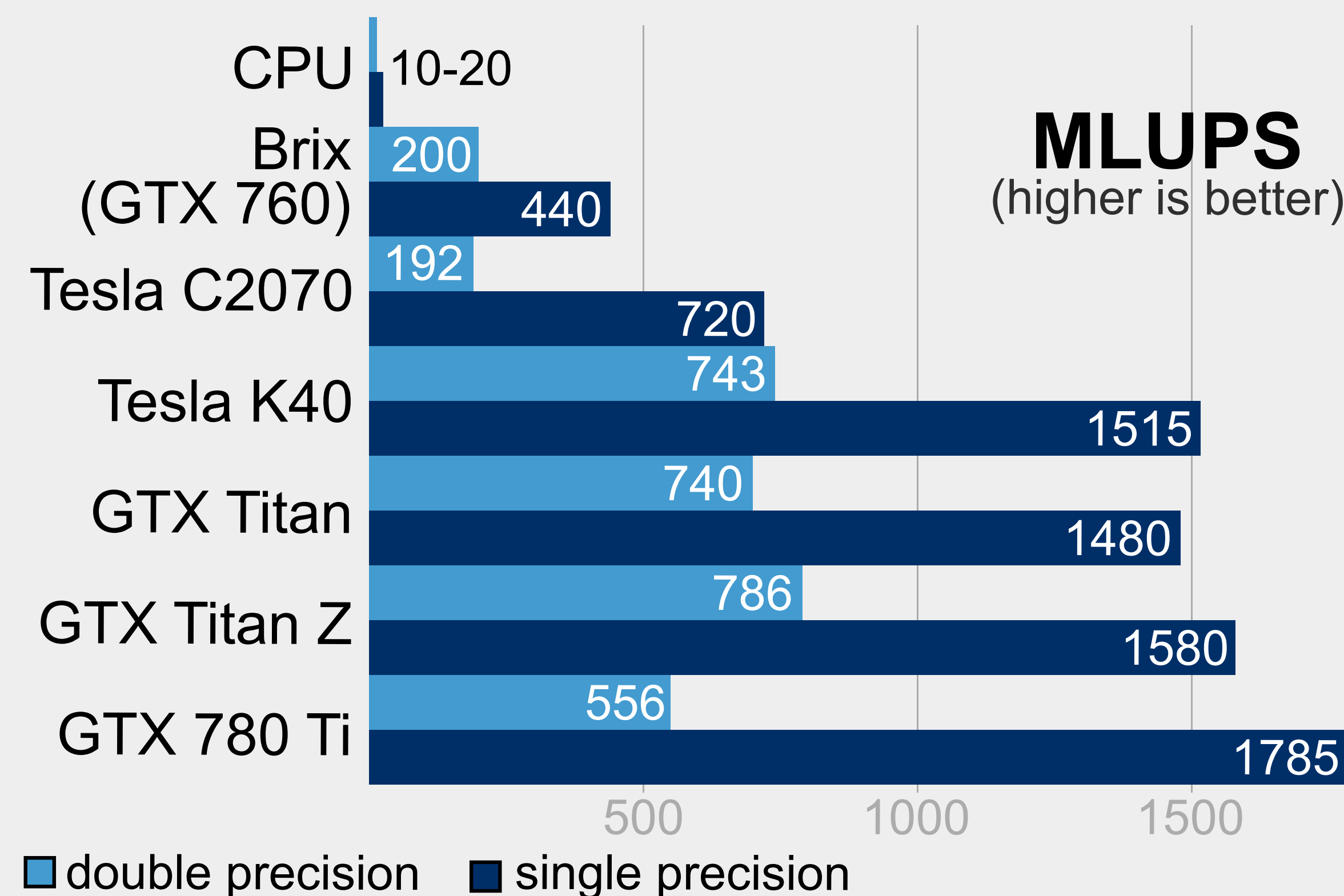
Real-Time CFD Model



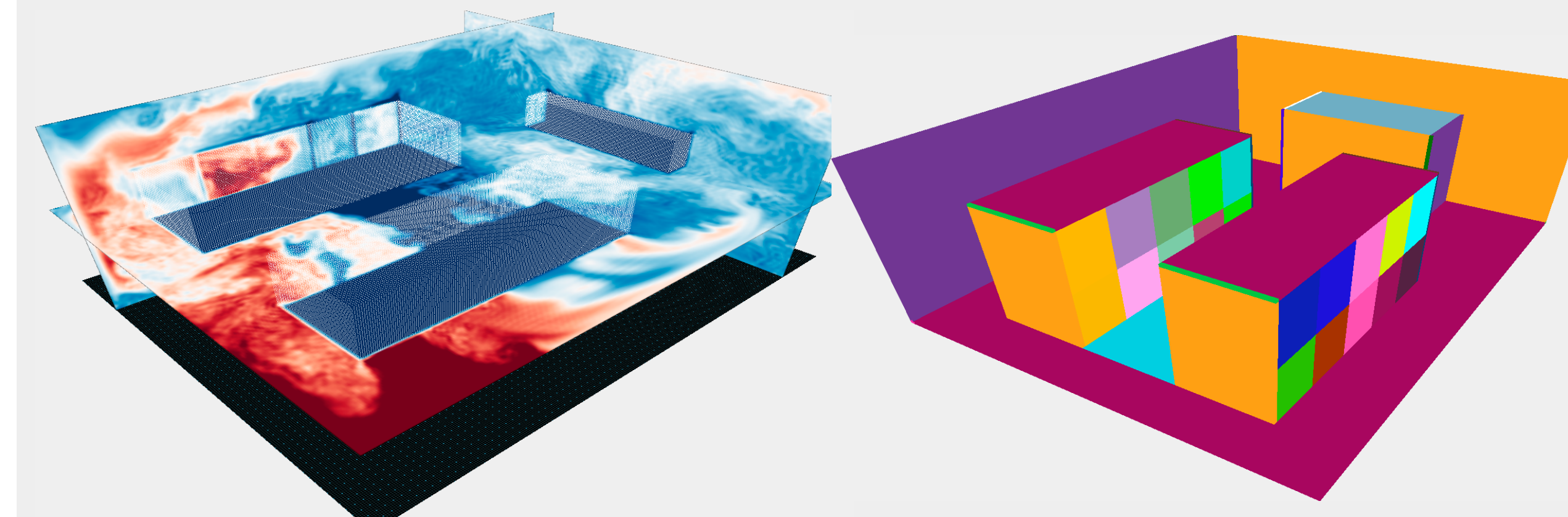
Benchmark Data Center



Performances



Results (live demo)

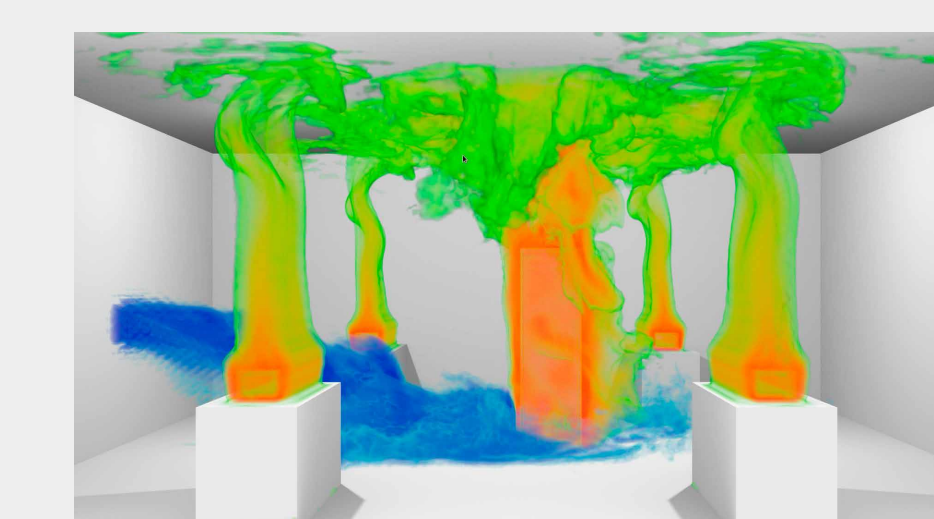


Tricks for the Tesla K40

- disable ECC: (14% faster)
`nvidia-smi -e 0`
- disable GPU boost: (13% faster)
`nvidia-smi -ac 3004,875`
- **combined speed increase: +27%**

Other Applications

The framework can be used for other applications.



example: hospital

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