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# Partnership Center for High-fidelity Boundary Plasma Simulation (HBPS)

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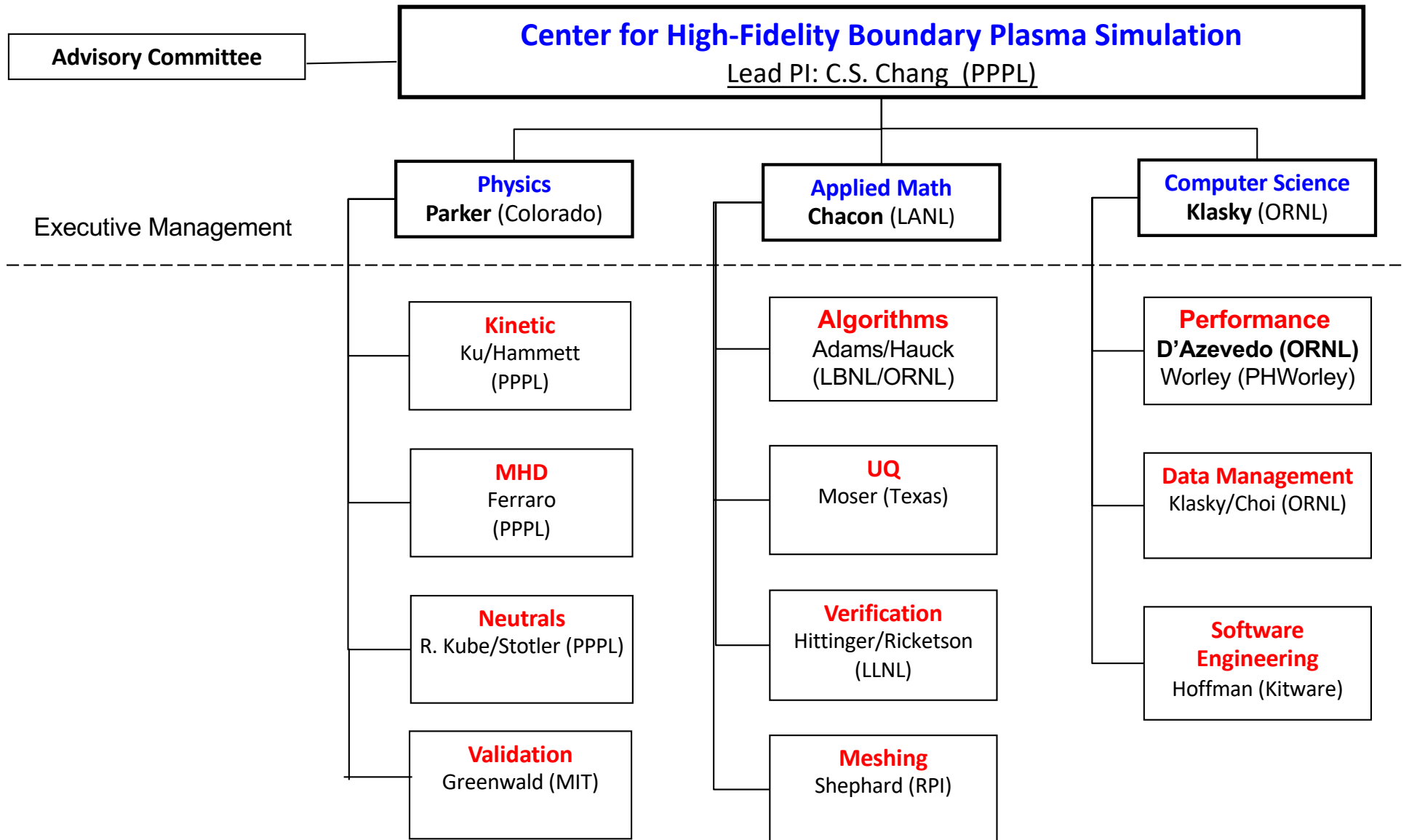
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- **HBPS team leaders and the project OV**
- **The XGC gyrokinetic code**
  - Performance enhancement
- **Example scientific discoveries last year**
  - Turbulence interaction with external magnetic perturbation
  - Further investigation of ITER's divertor heat-flux width
- **Getting ready for WDM integration**
- **Collaboration with FASTMath and RAPIDS**
  - FASTMath: M. Shephard, J. Hittinger
  - RAPIDS: S. Klasky, W. Hoffman
- **Conclusion and discussion**

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# Leadership in HBPS



# Center for High-fidelity Boundary Plasma Simulation

(High-fidelity gyrokinetic simulation of the global BD plasma)

## ASCR's Enabling Technology

**XGC + DEGAS2\* + M3D-C1+ + hPIC#**

L-H transition  
Pedestal shape  
+ELM control  
Divertor heat-flux width  
Neutral particles and Impurities  
#Sheath physics and integration with PMI

production component

**GEM + GENE**

E&M turbulence in  
omnigeneous B

cross-verification &  
instruction component

Continuum GK edge code  
**Gkeyll**

developmental component

BD plasma module for  
high-fidelity WDM on  
exascale computers

reduction ↓

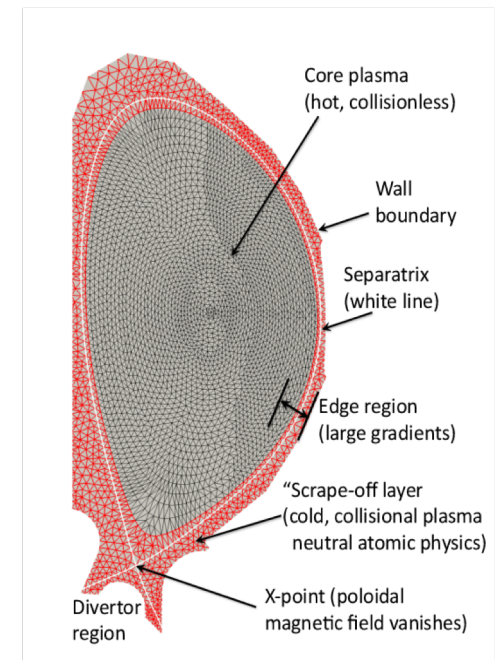
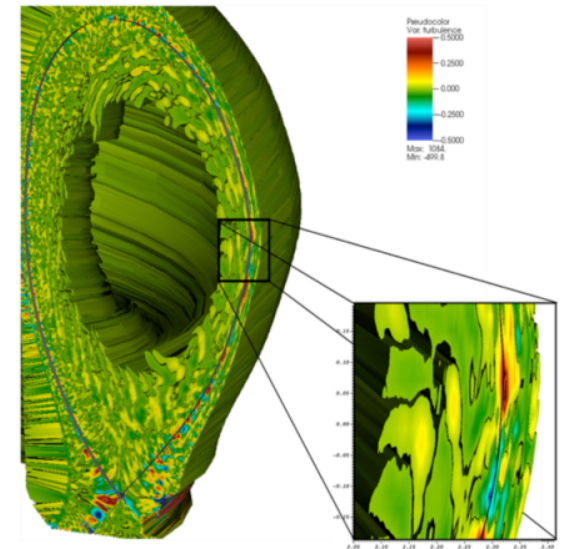
BD plasma module for  
Reduced WDMs

\*DEGAS2 is coupled into XGC as a subroutine.

# The XGC Gyrokinetic Code

- **Particle-in-Cell, with added continuum technology**
- **In contact with material wall**
  - Far-from-equilibrium (non-Maxwellian)
  - Neutral recycling, impurity sputtering
- **Magnetic X-point and separatrix (one poloidal B winding  $\rightarrow$  infinite distance)**
  - Unconfined X-point orbit loss from pedestal
- **Multi-scale, multiphysics in space-time**
- **Unstructured triangular mesh**
- **PETSc (only  $\sim 2\%$  of total compute time if done right)**
- **Large simulation-size ( $\geq 10k$  particles per grid-vertex) per time-step  $\rightarrow$   $\sim$  trillion particles for ITER**
- **Total-f XGC has been developed to study this kind of plasma**
- **XGC is not only a SciDAC code, but also an ECP code**
- **Summit-ESP, Aurora-ESP, NESAP, and INCITE**

XGC1

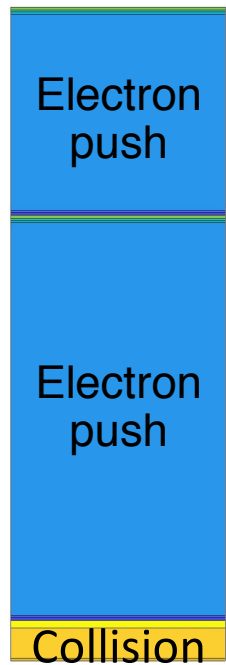


# XGC performs well on world #1 Summit

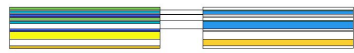
[E. D’Azevedo, A. Scheinberg, P. Worley, S. Ku, R. Hager, S. Slattery]

- XGC utilizes Kokkos for “future proofing,” a programming model written in C++
  - Fortran interface has been developed for XGC via Cabana particle library
- Single version XGC can be performance portable not only to Summit and KNL, but also to different future architectures: Permuter, Aurora, Frontier

CPU only

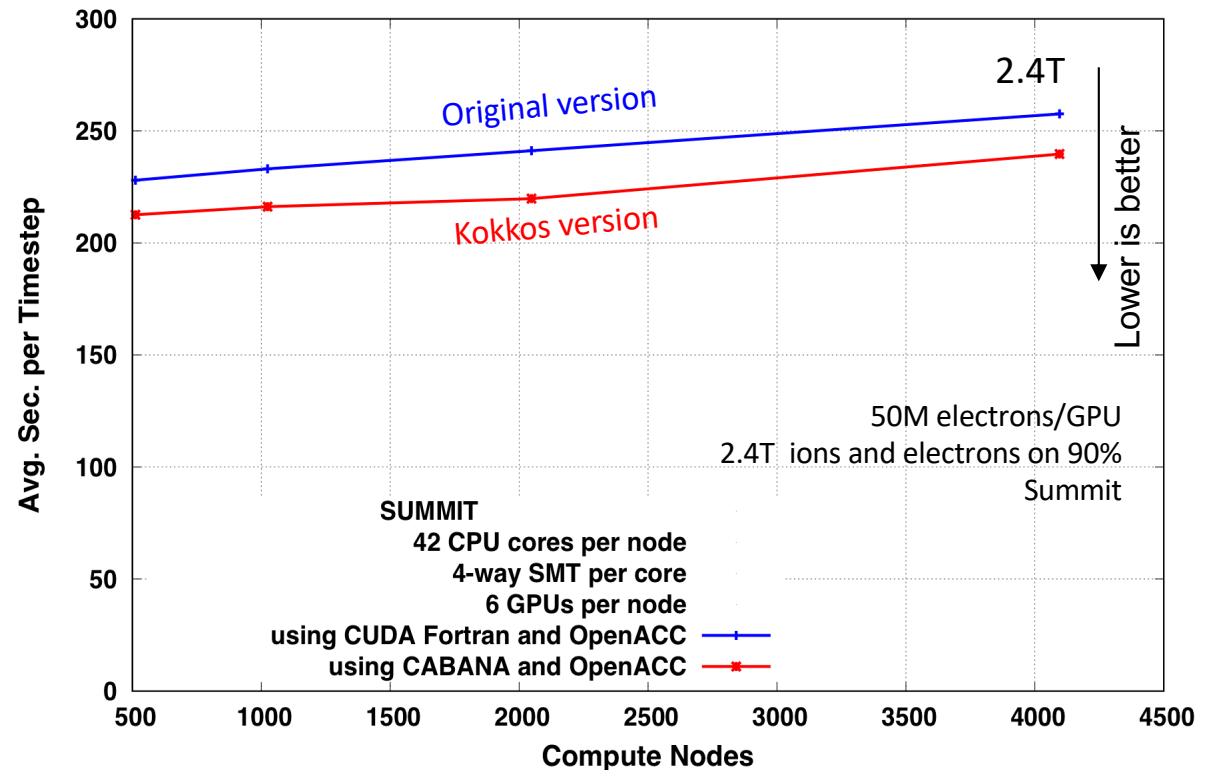


CPU + GPU



Asynchronous  
Work-load split:  
15X faster

XGC1 Performance: Weak scaling by number of planes using 1M vertex mesh (9.7K ions, 9.7K electrons per cell; 32 Summit nodes per plane)



**Example Scientific Discoveries last year  
enabled by  
SciDAC Institute collaborations**

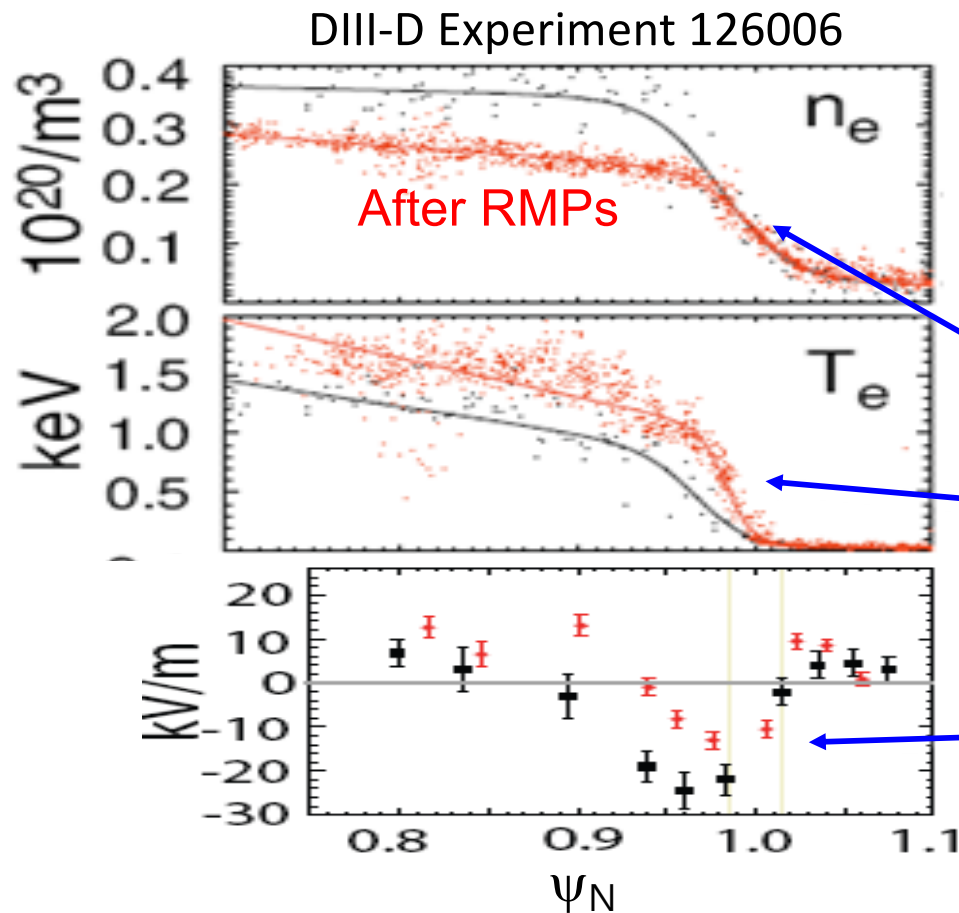
# For the first time, the XGC code enabled total-f gyrokinetic simulation of RMP-neoclassical-turbulence-neutral interaction in diverted geometry

[R. Hager, 2019 APS-DPP Invited Talk]

Two big puzzles seen in the experimental RMP-driven edge transport:

1. Why is there the density pumpout?
2. How could an electron heat-barrier co-exist with density pumpout?

Puzzle 3: These two experimental observations are completely opposite to the existing “well-established” analytic model on stochastic transport [Rechester-Rosenbluth].



1. Convective density loss

2. Confinement in diffusion channel

3. Shallowing of  $E_r$  well

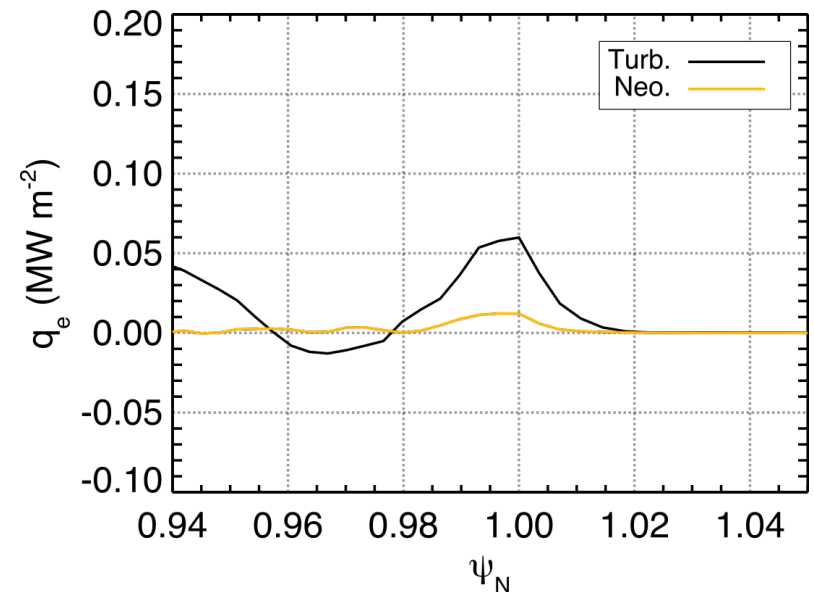
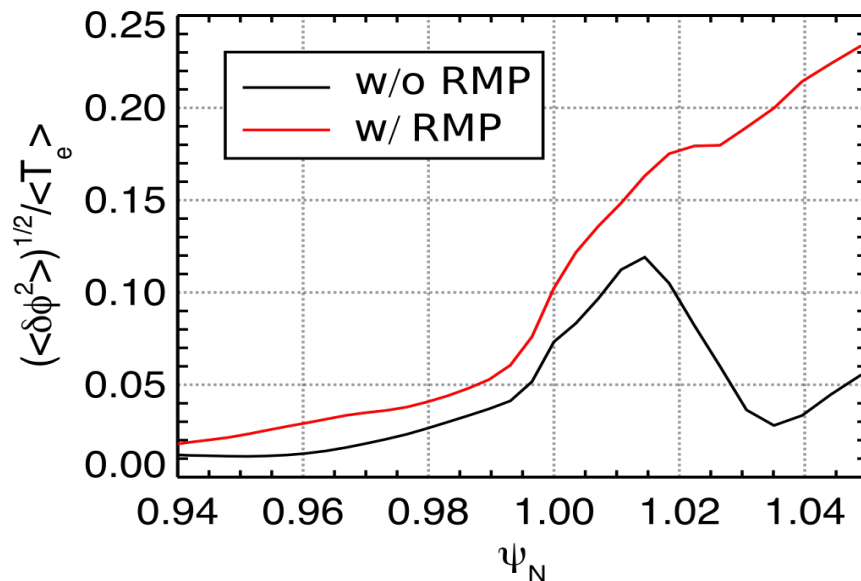
**All three need to be explained together.**



# For the first time, XGC succeeded in the total-f gyrokinetic simulation of RMP-neoclassical-turbulence-neutral interaction in diverted geometry

[R. Hager, 2019 APS-DPP Invited Talk]

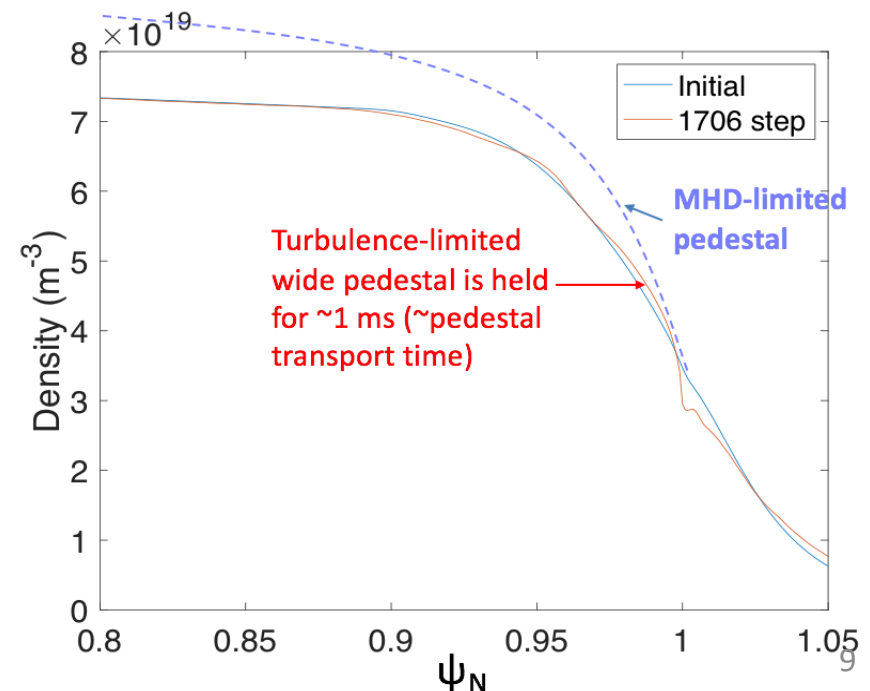
- Finds enhanced micro-turbulence is responsible for the density pump-out in the M3D-C1 RMP field, not neoclassical as conjectured previously.
- Finds that the RMP-interacted turbulence preserves the electron heat barrier around  $\Psi_N \approx 0.96-0.98$ .
- Finds that the  $E_r$ -well shallows.
- Finds that the divertor heat-flux width widens by  $\sim 30\%$  by RMPs, as seen in experiments.



# Answering the critical question on the (non)existence of pedestal in the target ITER plasma

- ITER's goal of achieving 10-fold energy production relies on the existence of high enough edge pedestal (H-mode), as ubiquitously obtained in today's tokamak experiments
- There is a concern that, due to the much greater physical size, the background ExB flow may be too weak to shear away the edge turbulence
  - Edge turbulence could become too strong to support the edge pedestal
- We find that the (electrostatic) turbulence self-organization with the background slope, in the presence of X-point orbit-loss, keeps ITER's edge pedestal still high

- We will continue the big runs (computing time could be an issue).
- Next question: How will the pedestal be modified by electromagnetic turbulence?



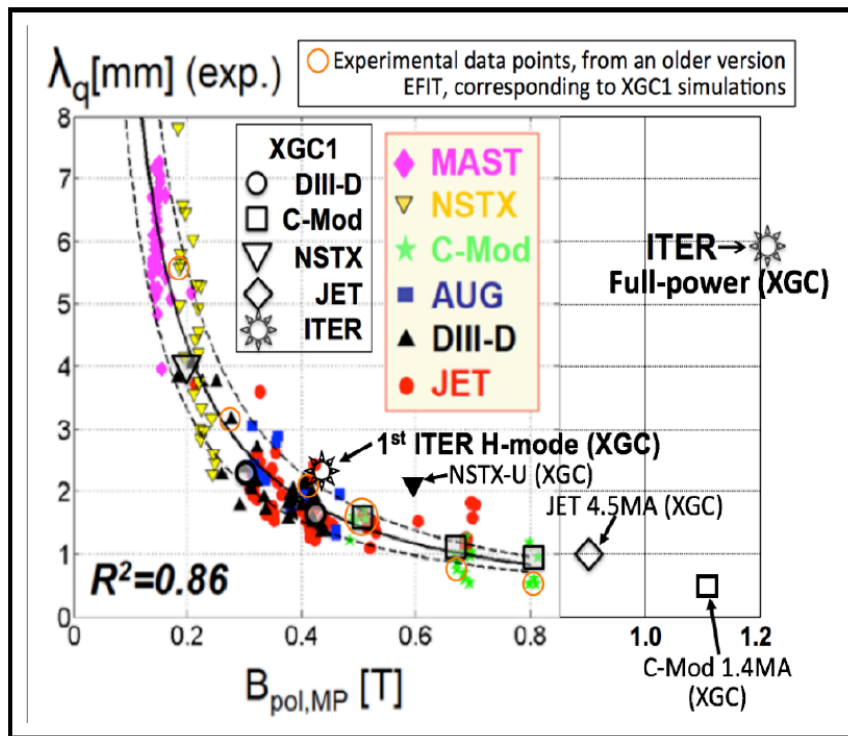
# Further investigation of the ITER divertor heat-flux width

Shot	R (cm)	a (cm)	I <sub>P</sub> (MA)	B <sub>pol,OM</sub> (T)
NSTX 132368	85	57	0.7	0.20
DIII-D 144977	169	55	1.0	0.30
DIII-D 144981	169	55	1.5	0.42
C-Mod 1100223026	66	24	0.5	0.50
C-Mod 1100223012	66	24	0.8	0.67
C-Mod 1100212023	66	24	0.9	0.81
<b>C-Mod (high B)</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.11</b>
JET 79692	303	91	4.5	0.89
ITER	620	199	15	1.21

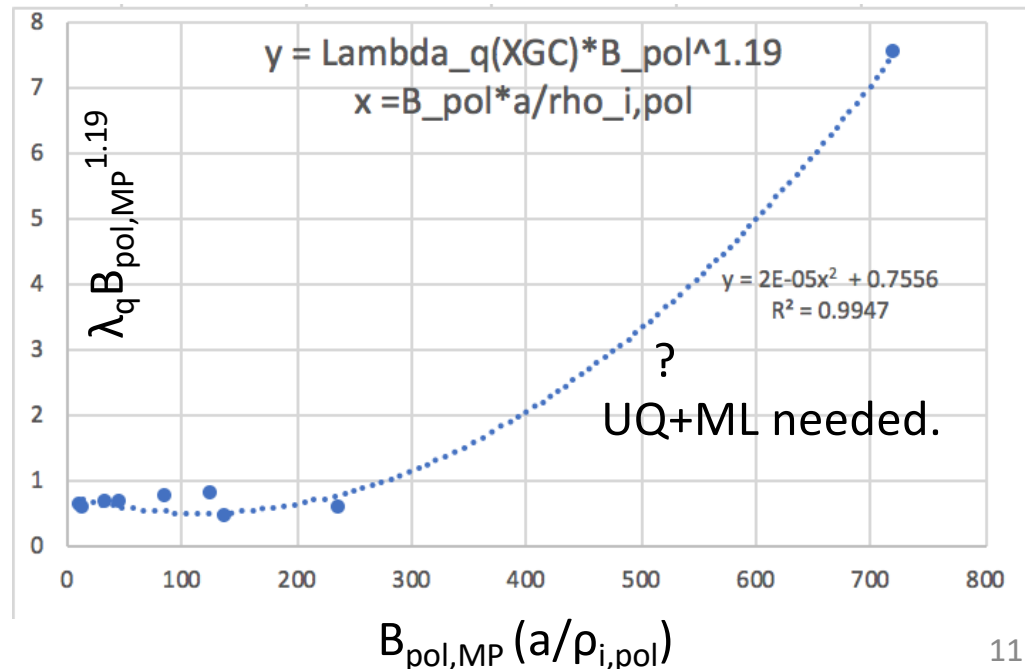


## Further investigation of the ITER divertor heat-flux width

- The XGC-predicted divertor heat-flux width  $\lambda_q$  has been well-validated
- Why  $\lambda_q(\text{XGC, ITER}) > 6\text{X}$  wider than  $\lambda_q(\text{Eich})$ ?
  - To check if it is a pure size effect or  $B_{\text{pol}}$  effect, a lower  $B_{\text{pol}}$  ITER and a highest  $B_{\text{pol}}$  C-Mod case simulated  $\rightarrow$  No is the answer.
- Community question: How come such a strong difference at similar  $B_{\text{pol}}$ ?
- The suspect “ $\rho_i/a$  effect” remains: Texas [Kotschenreuther], PPPL [Chang]
  - If we correct the  $B_{\text{pol}}$  dependence to  $B_{\text{pol}}(a/\rho_i)$  dependence, there is a long distance between the high  $B_{\text{pol}}$  C-Mod to full current ITER.

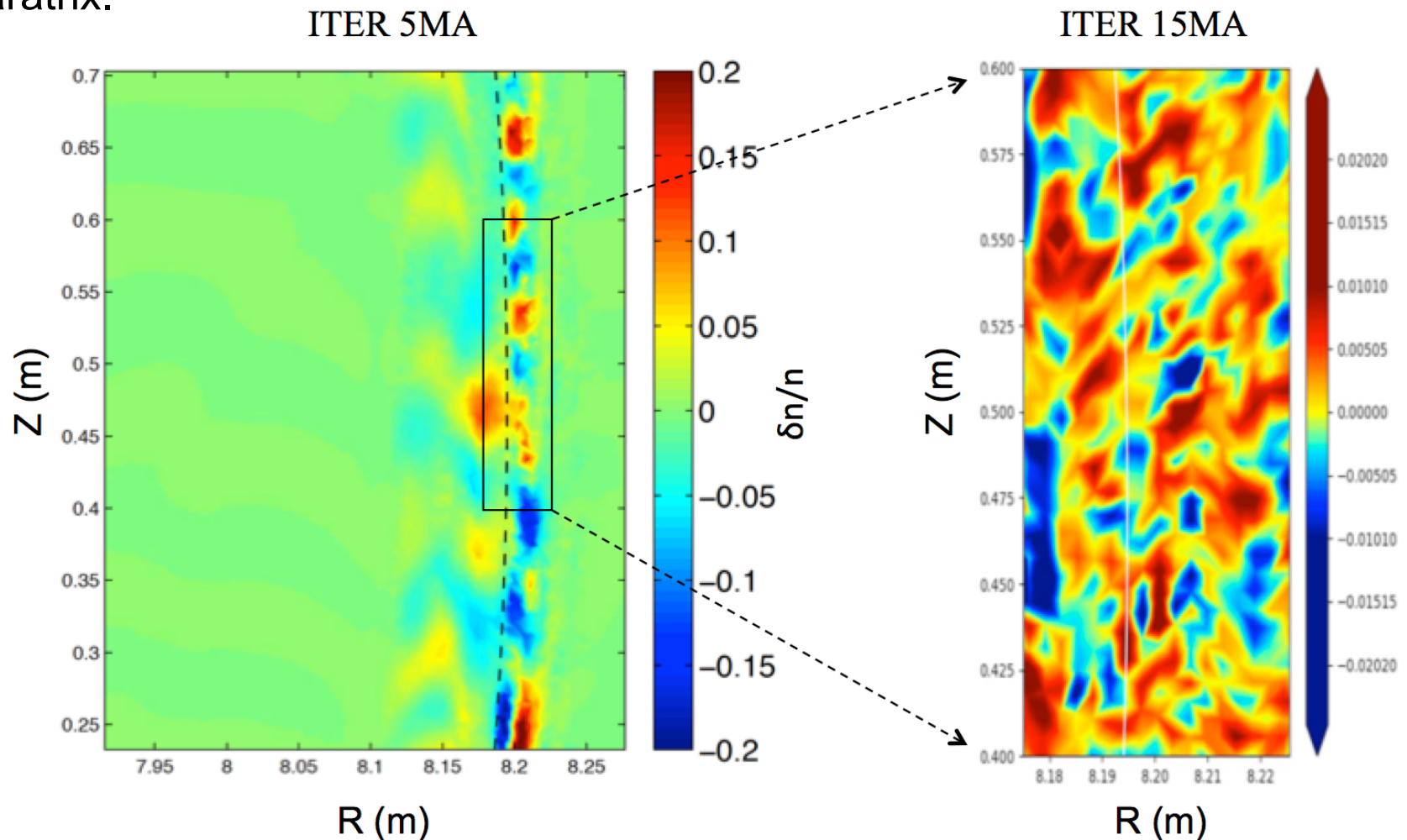


If we include the  $a/\rho_i$  effect, there is a long distance between C-Mod and ITER



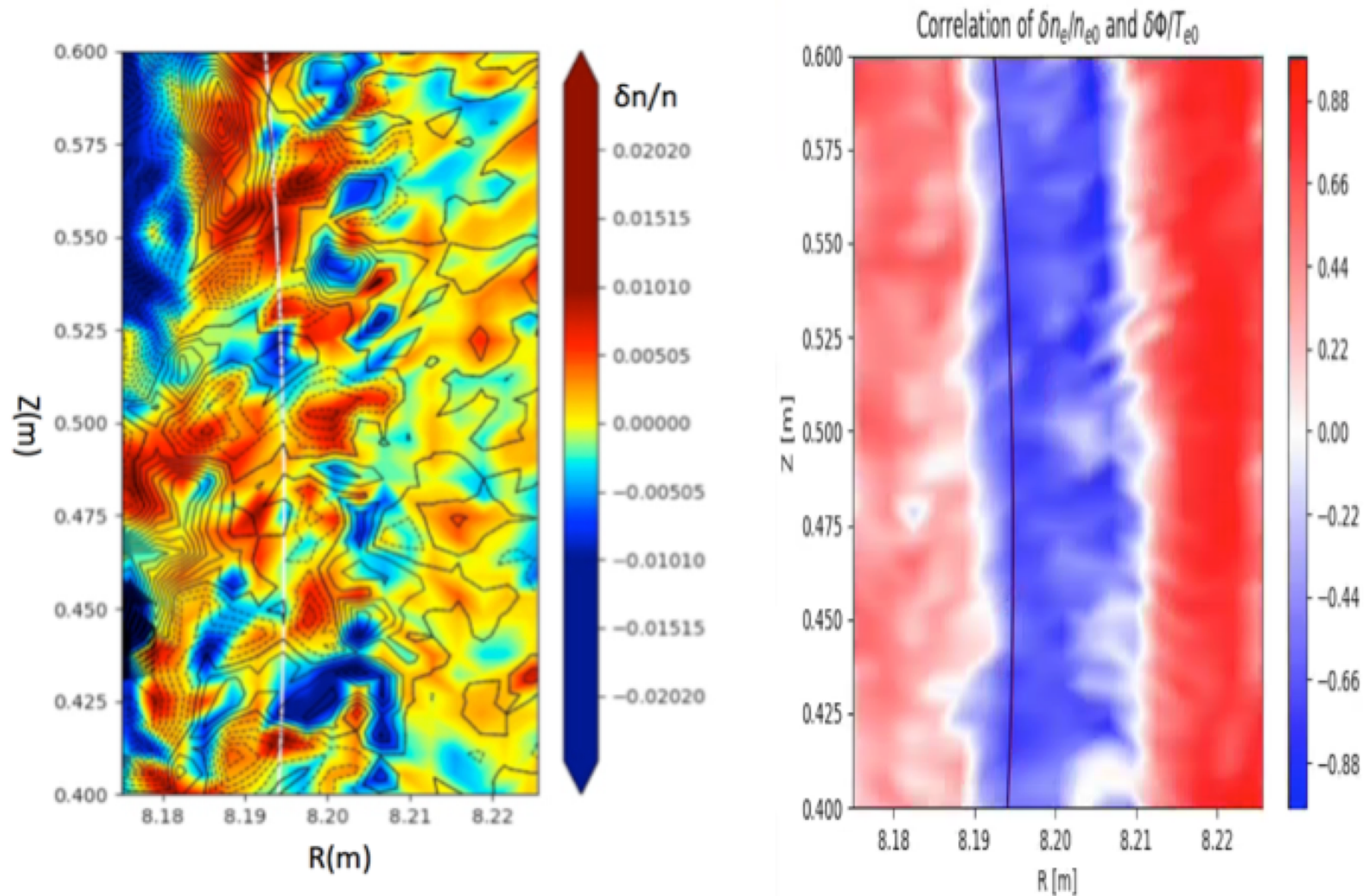
# Evidence for different edge physics between higher and lower $\rho_i/a$ values.

In all the higher  $\rho_i/a$  tokamaks, including low-current ITER, edge turbulence across the separatrix is blob type and the ExB shearing rate is high. In the high-current ITER, the turbulence is streamer type and the ExB shearing rate is low across the separatrix.



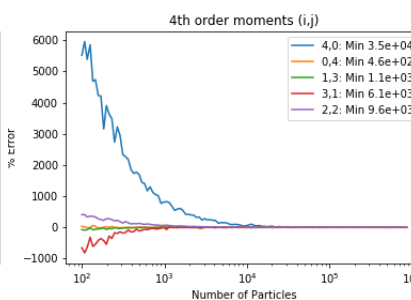
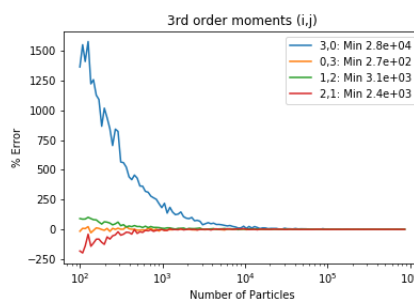
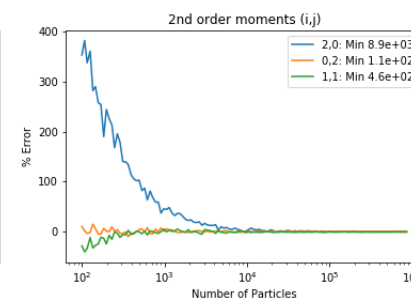
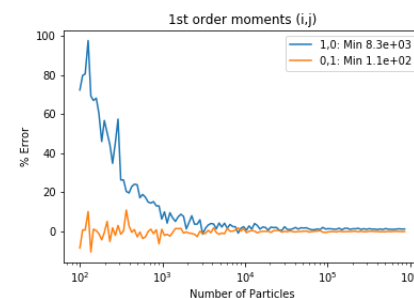
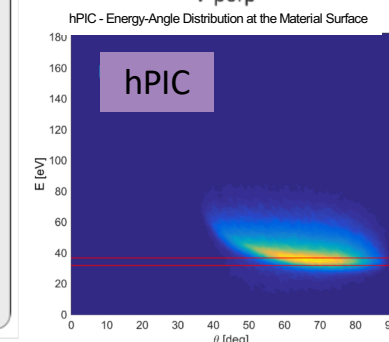
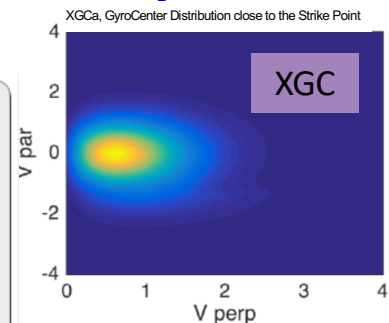
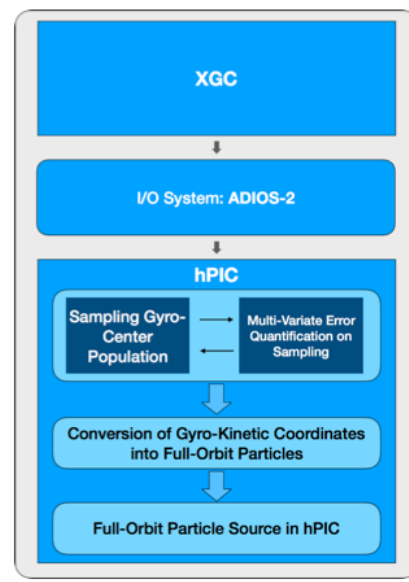
# Unlike the blobby turbulence, the full-current ITER contains a strong non-adiabatic electron response across the magnetic separatrix,

as evidenced by a large phase difference between density and potential fluctuations ( $\gtrsim \pi/2$ ) and a strong de-correlation between their amplitudes.



# XGC-hPIC Coupling: enabling WDM integration with material codes (U. Illinois, PPPL, ORNL, RAPIDS, FASTMath)

- Coupling via ADIOS-2/EFFIS
- hPIC (6D full-orbit PIC) allows to account for gyro-orbits near material surface, where a plasma sheath and a magnetic presheath are formed
- The 5D Gyro-Center distributions provided by the XGC code are converted into full 6D distributions and fed in as input to hPIC
- hPIC provides the Energy-Angle distributions of the ions across the sheath before they impact on the surface, a necessary input for material codes evaluating sputtering and reflection of the plasma particles at the surface (e.g. Fractal-TRIDYN, etc.)
- Next Steps: Porting to GPUs and Testing of coupled codes on HPC



# Collaboration with FASTMath

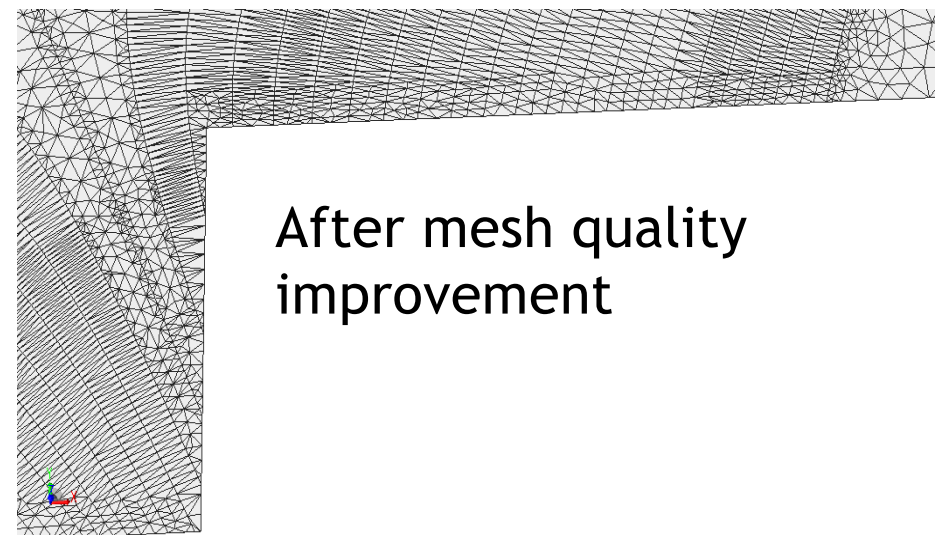
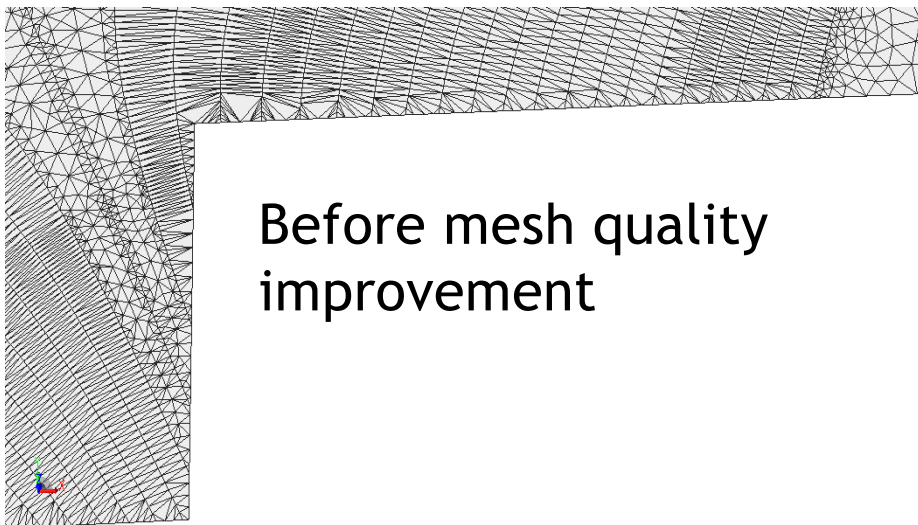


# FASTMath(1): Meshing tool (M. Shephard)

- XGC uses unstructured triangular mesh due to separatrix and wall:
  - Mesh quality affects the simulation quality
  - Before the meshing by FASTMath, the meshing was performed manually. One case took a few days, but still overlooking details at many areas
  - M. Shephard developed an automated tool, by working with physicists

Last year, FASTMath enabled more accurate XGC solution by

- Improving mesh quality where flux curves interact with reactor wall
- Improving mesh gradation around the magnetic x-point
- Reordering mesh data for better memory access

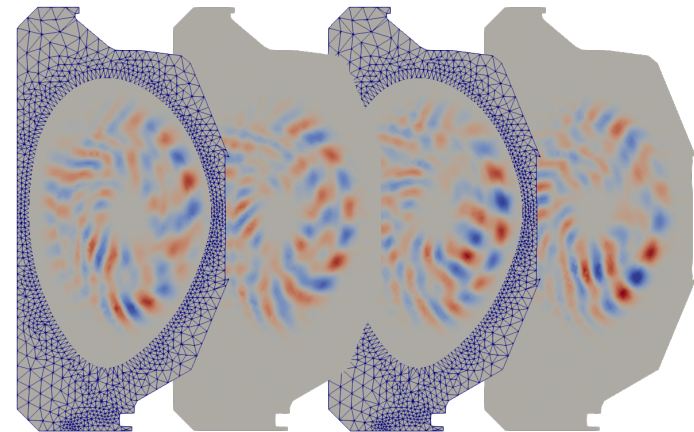


# FASTMath (2): XGC-PUMIpic (M. Shephard)

## PUMIpic: Parallel Unstructured Mesh PIC

- Mesh centric – no independent particle structure
- Particle migration and load balancing between pushes
- Focused on structures for execution on GPUs
  - Omega GPU-ready mesh-topology being integrated
- Since most of data structures are changed, XGC is rewritten in C++
- Test shows on-par performance using less memory

	no sorting	full sorting
ptcls (Ki)	time (s)	time (s)
128	2.298661	3.642041
256	2.895464	3.415048
512	3.79263	3.851178
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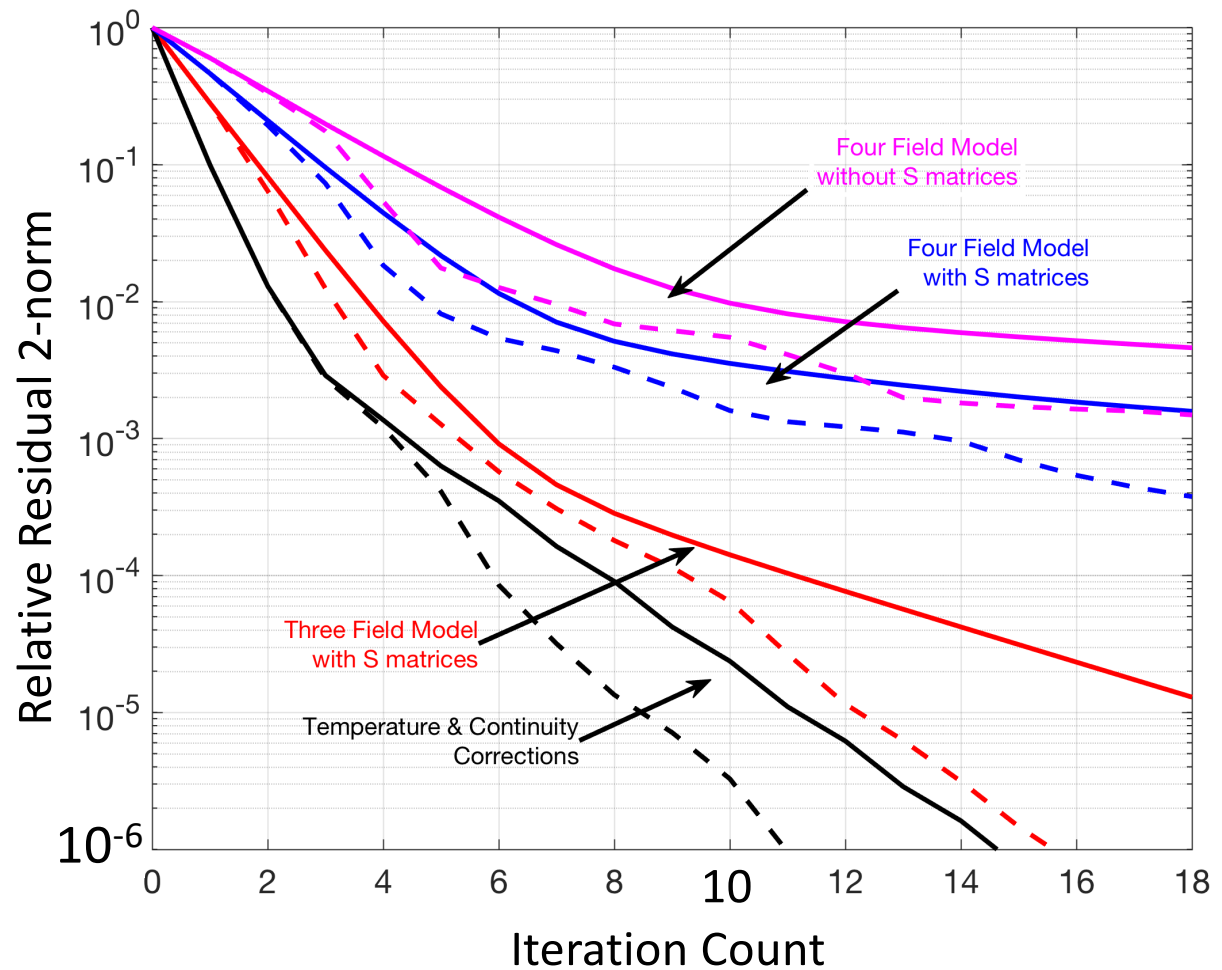


Ion turbulence from XGC-PUMIpic in tokamak geometry on a highly coarse-grained mesh

# FASTMath(3): New 3D solver (M. Adams)

Chacon's fully implicit electromagnetic scheme implemented in XGC

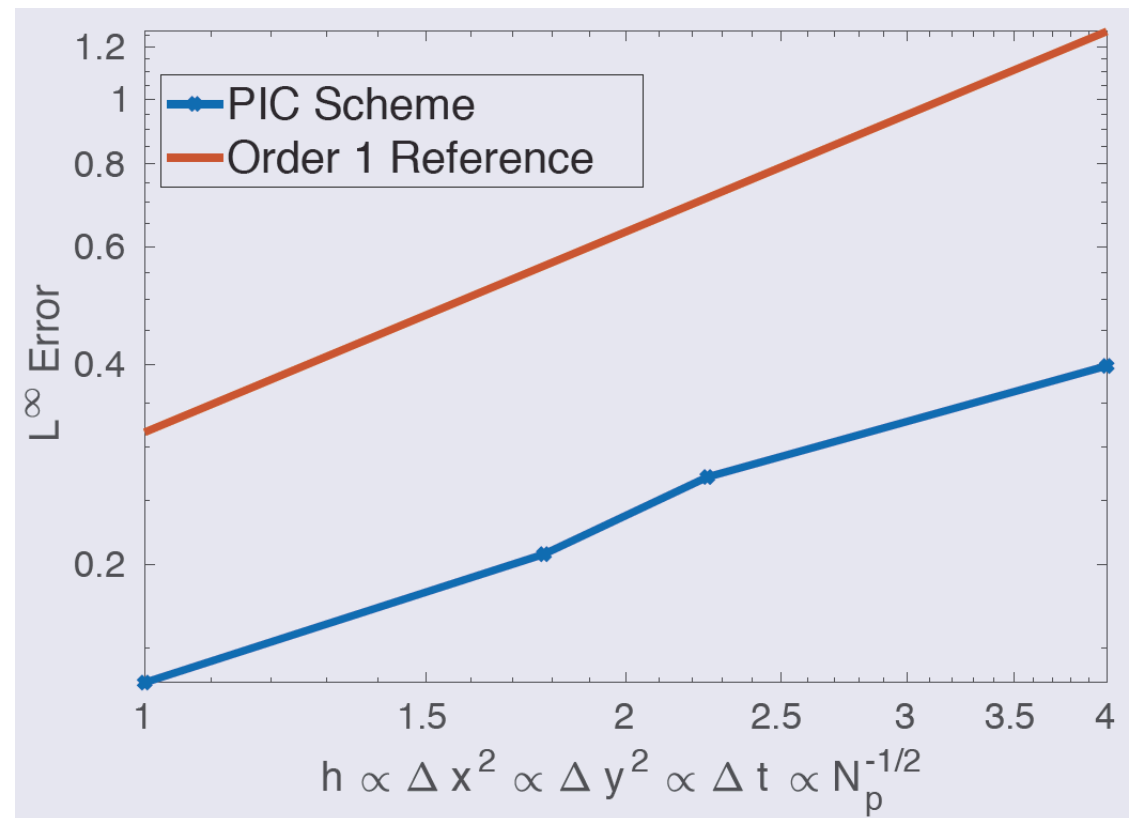
- All the previous production runs were with electrostatic turbulence
  - Summit is now powerful enough for electromagnetic simulation
- For electrostatic turbulence XGC used 2D solver + finite differencing in the third direction
  - The EM scheme requires fully 3D solver
    - Implicit iteration requires efficient solver
    - PETSc/GMRES is used
  - Significant effort invested in reducing iteration #
  - Machine learning is being explored to optimize the preconditioner [J. Hittinger, R. Archbald ]



*Iteration count is low enough for production on Summit [B. Studervant, L. Chacon]*<sub>18</sub>

# Other on-going collaborations with FASTMath

- Machine learning for preconditioner: *J. Hittinger and R. Archbald*
- Nonlinear Fokker-Planck collision operator that is more efficient and WDM-ready than the  $N^2$  operation currently used in XGC: *Mark Adams*
- Method of Manufactured Solution for PIC solution to Vlasov-Poisson equation: *J. Hittinger, L. Ricketson, P.J. Tranquilli*
  - Expanded and corrected previous work by Riva et al. [Phys. Plasmas 2017]
  - Demonstrated implementation with 2D Vlasov-Poisson



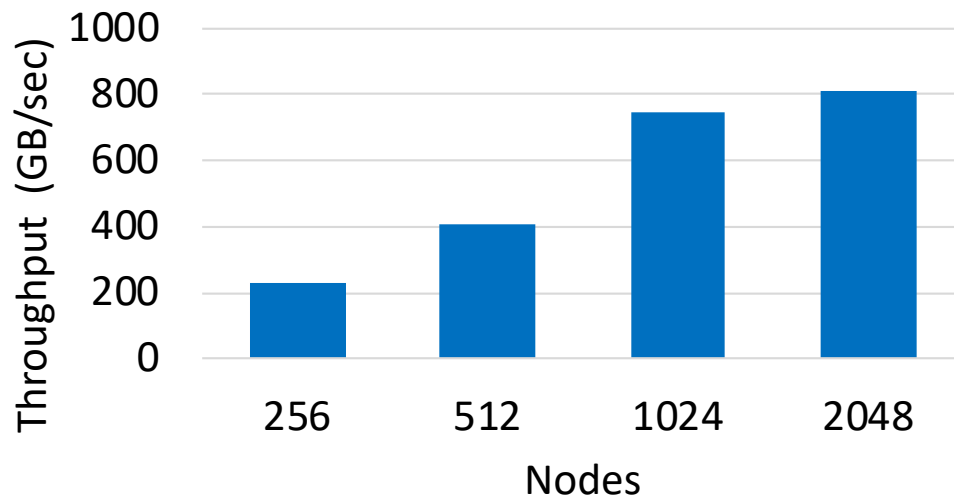
# Collaboration with RAPIDS

# RAPIDS(1): Big data I/O (S. Klasky)

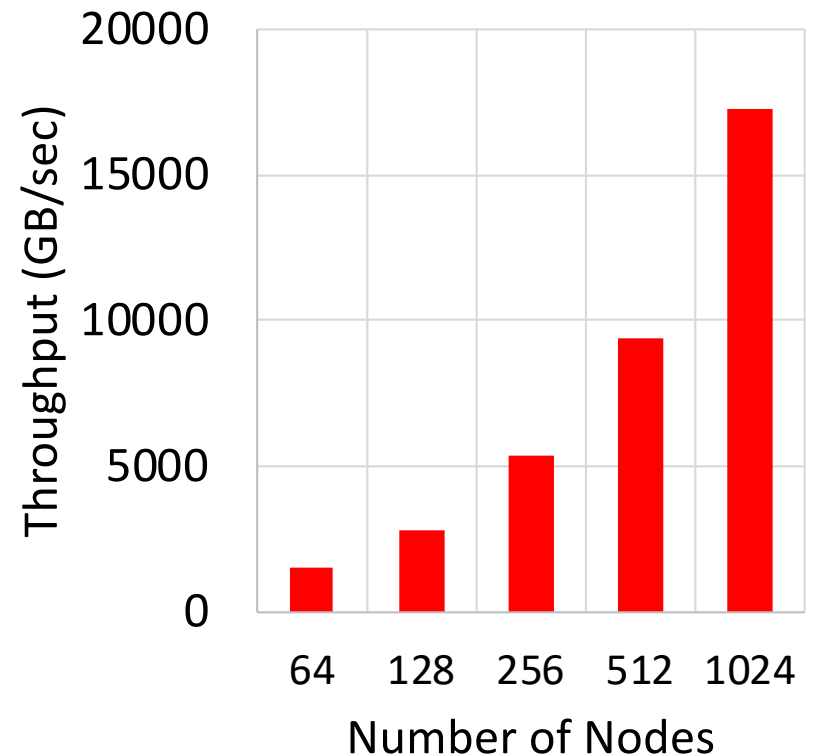
I/O was a big concern for XGC. ADIOS changed it to “No Concern.”

- ITER simulation produces ~20TB restart data per hour using ½ Summit.
  - Takes < 1 minute for writing on GPFS
  - Takes ~ 1 sec for writing on NVMe
- ADIOS is fast enough to write out 50PB a day for XGC, but way too big for GPFS → In situ, streaming data analysis is in progress.

XGC Checkpoint Writing on Summit  
GPFS with I/O aggregation

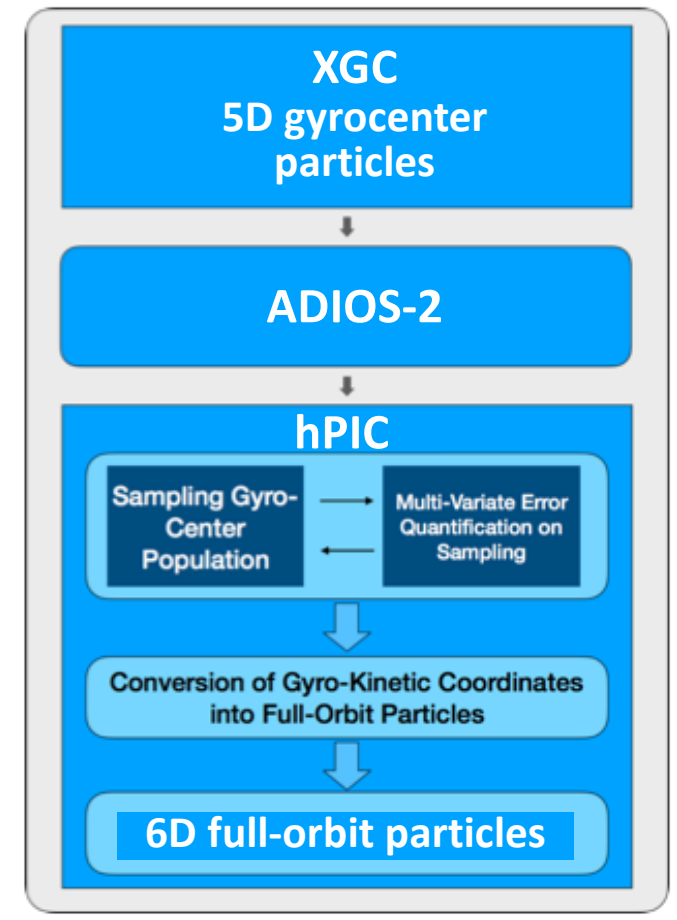


Summit NVMe



# RAPIDS(2): Code coupling (S. Klasky)

- XGC is coupling with
  - the MHD code M3Dc1 for
    - magnetic equilibrium reconstruction as pedestal buildup
    - edge localized mode crash of the pedestal
  - the plasma-wall interaction code hPIC for
    - Plasma influx to the surface
    - Particle outflux from the surface
    - As described in the physics slides
- ADIOS enables code couplings
  - Coupling manager
  - In-situ staging
  - In-situ visualization
  - Coupling performance monitoring
  - Heterogeneous memory/process utilization

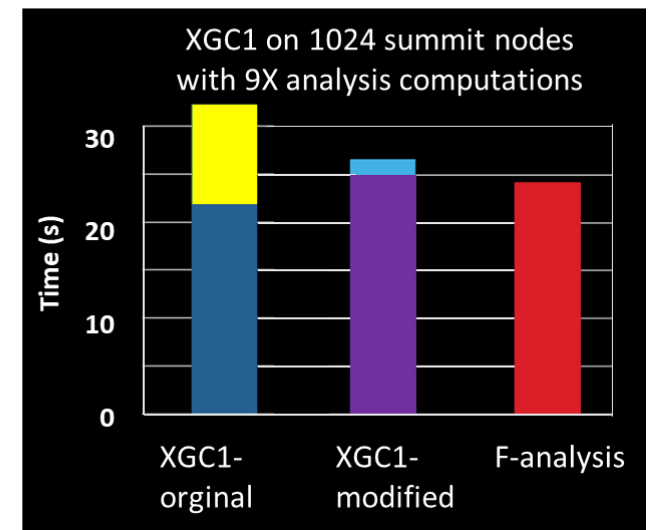
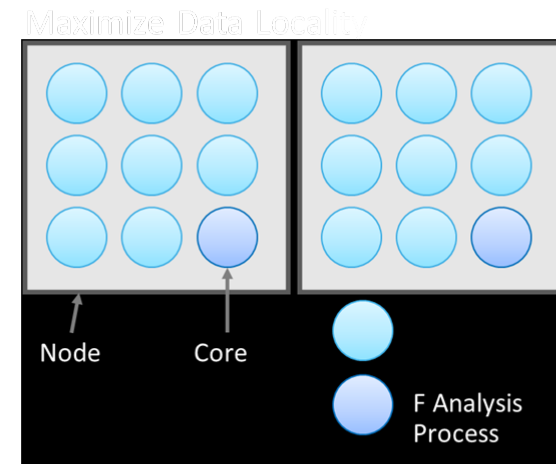
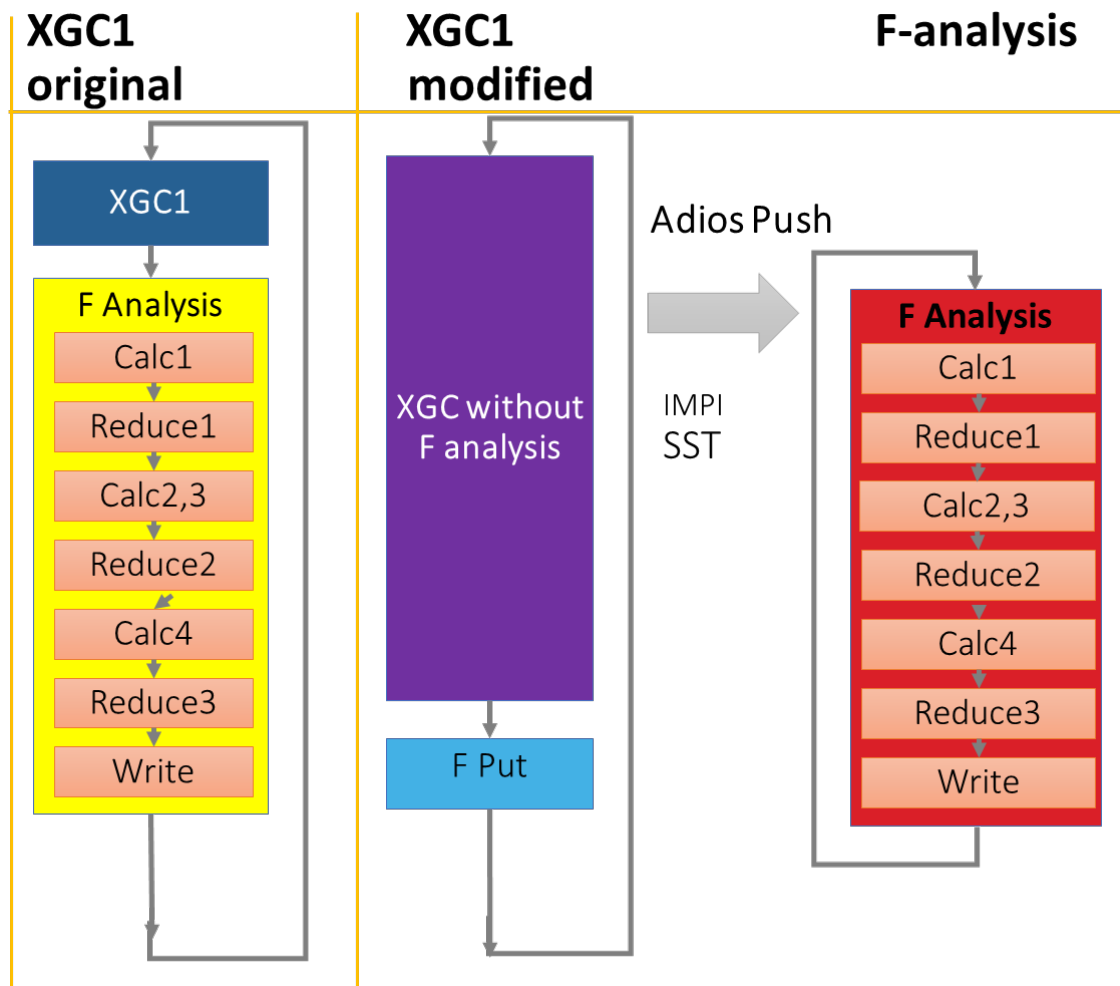


# RAPIDS(3): ADIOS Coupling with analysis codes (S. Klasky)

XGC asynchronously offloads the analysis computations to designated processors via ADIOS

ADIOS enables:

- In-memory analysis
- Inter-network analysis
- WAN-coupled analysis





# Example Data Analysis Code of XGC1 Turbulence

I. Keramidias<sup>1</sup>, J. Myra<sup>2</sup>, S. Parker<sup>1</sup>

Univ. of Colorado<sup>1</sup>, Lodestar Corp.<sup>2</sup>

- One XGC1-run requires  $10^{17}$  flop-hrs
- Enormous scientific interest in the data
- Powerful data science tools are widely available

Detailed analysis of neoclassical and turbulent particle fluxes

Turbulent particle flux at the last closed flux surface is shown

[I. Keramidias, et al., *Phys. Plasmas* **25** 072306 (2018)]

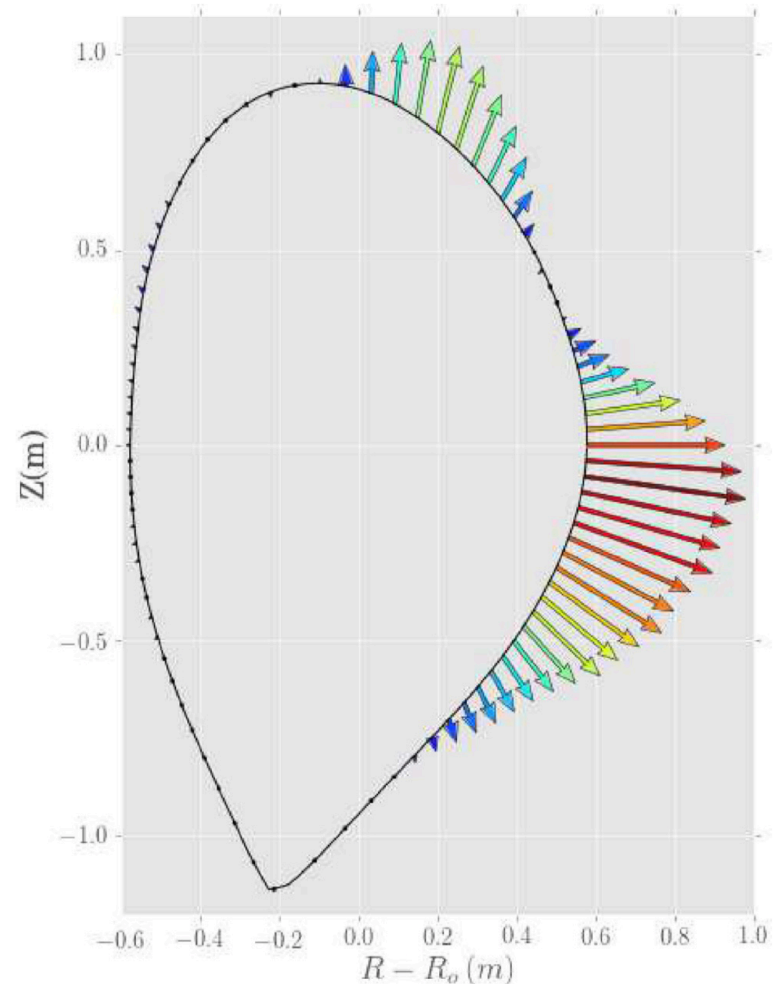
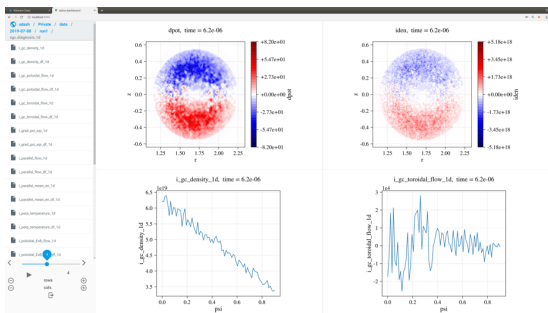
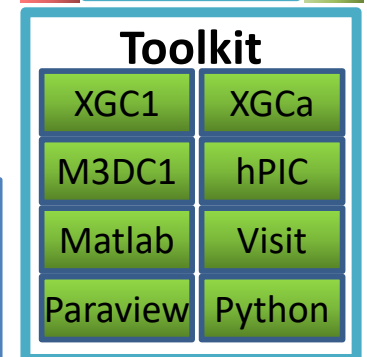
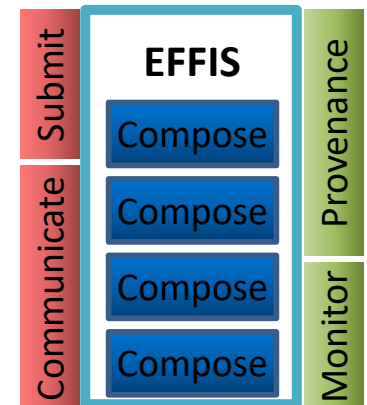
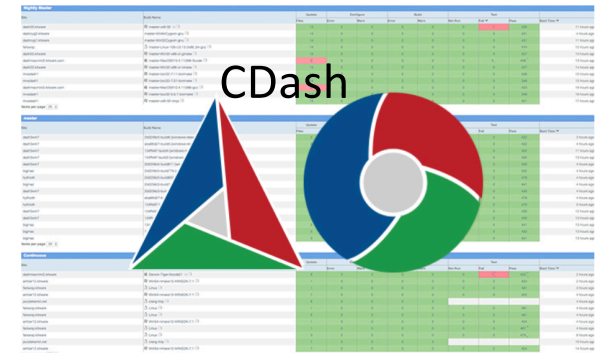


FIG. 5. Poloidal pattern of turbulent radial  $E \times B$  flux [associated dataset available at <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.1230040>] (Ref. 41).

# Other collaborations with RAPIDS

- Software process (Hoffman/Galbreath, Kitware)
  - Continuous Integration (CI) testing system
  - Incorporate a modern CMake build
  - Git workflow incorporated with CI
  - Integrate CDash into github
- EFFIS (Klasky, ORNL): End-to-end Framework for Fusion Integrated Simulation
  - Initial development in SciDAC-2 CPES (PI: Chang)
  - Integrated platform of services to compose, launch, monitor, analyze, and control coupled applications on all leadership HPCs
  - High Performant I/O for coupled codes
  - Process placement (inter or intra node)
  - Online dashboard functionality



Example  
EFFIS  
specification  
file

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run:
  xgc:
    processes: 1024
    processes-per-node: 32
    path: xgc-build/xgc1-es

groups:
  diagnosis_id:
    plot:
      psi-plot:
        x: psi
        y: i_gc_density_id
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Execution Management

Analysis/Visualization Integration

# Summary

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- HBPS is making scientific discoveries that would not have been possible without the SciDAC framework and the US Leadership Class Computers
  - Since last SciDAC Conference
    - Many Invited/Plenary Talks at major scientific conferences, including Smokey Mt 2018, IAEA-FEC 2018, APS-DPP 2019, International Data Driven Plasma Sciences 2019, KSTAR 2019, PACS 2019, + many more
    - 7 SciDAC-funded physics papers + many ASCR papers, (co-authored)
- Strong collaboration with FASTMath and RAPIDS in many subjects
- Other ASCR collaborations outside of SciDAC Institutes also strong
  - **R. Moser** (Texas): UQ, Multifidelity Monte Carlo (MFMC) methods
  - **L. Chacon** (LANL): math leadership
  - **V. Carey** (U. Colorado Denver): particle re-sampling
  - **C. Hauck** (ORNL): super time-stepping
- Preparation for WDM coupling with most Fusion SciDACs
- AI/ML is becoming an important part of the project
  - In-situ data analytics
  - Validation
  - Simulation acceleration
  - Anchored ML for prediction, by adding high-fidelity simulation data