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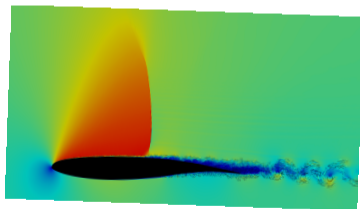
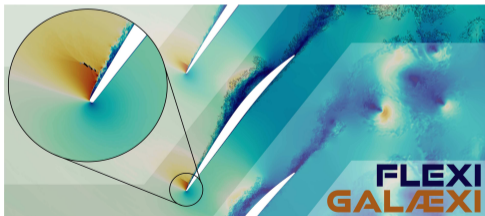
# CFD Software Framework FLEXI/GALÆXI

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- **OpenSource** HPC solver for the **unsteady compressible** Navier–Stokes equations
- **High order Discontinuous Galerkin Spectral Element Method (DGSEM)**
- FLEXI is part of the Center of Excellence for CFD (CEEC)

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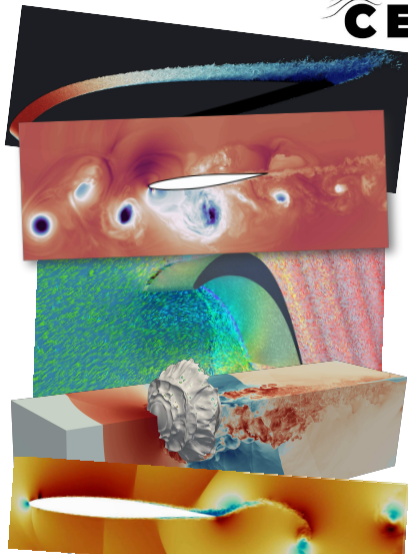


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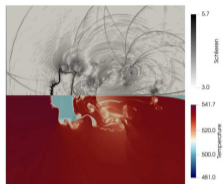


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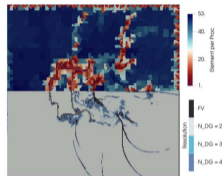
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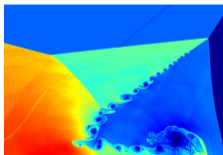
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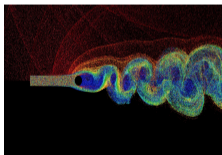
Shock-drop interaction



hp-refinement with DBL



FV subcell shock capturing



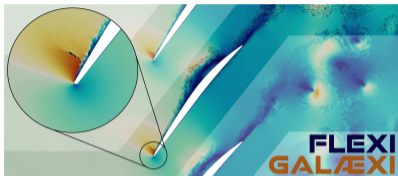
Euler-Lagrange particle tracking

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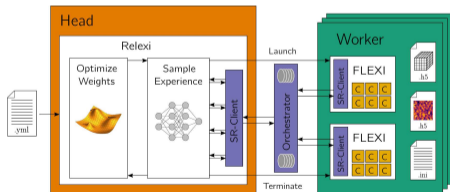
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- GALÆXI: **GPU accelerated** using CUDA aware MPI
- Relexi: HPC reinforcement learning framework
- **Excellent scaling** on various European Supercomputers
- Performs comparable to other CFD codes, e.g., CODA [J.B. Chapelier, A. Beck et al., Physics of Fluids, 2024.]



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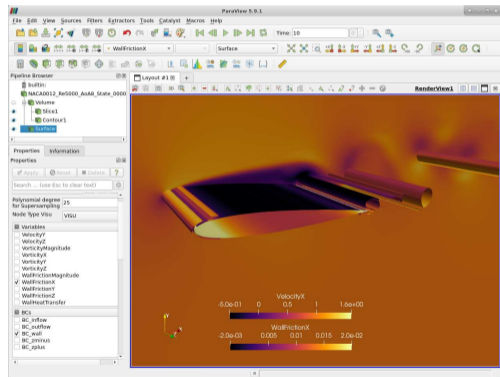
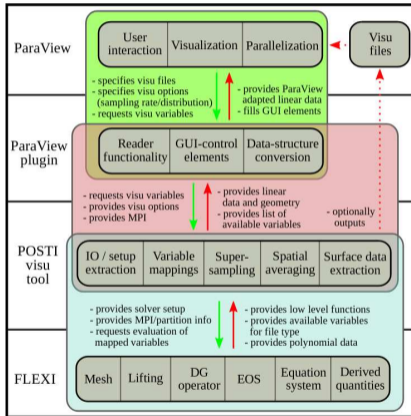
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# CFD Software Framework FLEXI/GALÆXI

Complete High-Order Toolchain Including Pre- and Post-Processing



Open source mesh generator HOPR for unstructured, high-order meshes: <https://github.com/hopr-framework/hopr>

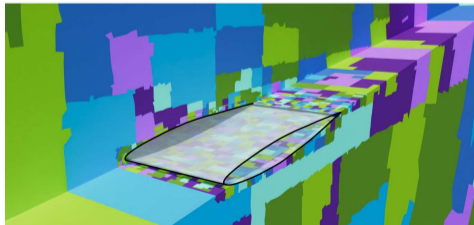
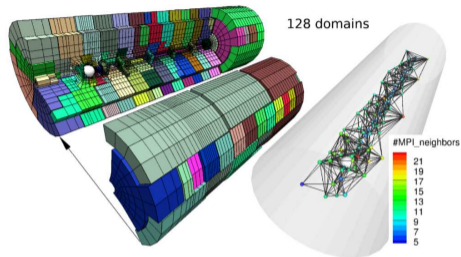


# Parallel Performance

- Parallelization with the MPI paradigm
  - **Domain decomposition** using a space-filling curve
  - Communication latency hiding by local work
  - DGSEM operator requires only communication of surface fluxes

⇒ **Small communication stencil**

  - **Parallel I/O**, small memory footprint
  - **Efficient cache usage** at about 4000 DOF/core
  - Efficiency still intact for combined FV/DG calculations

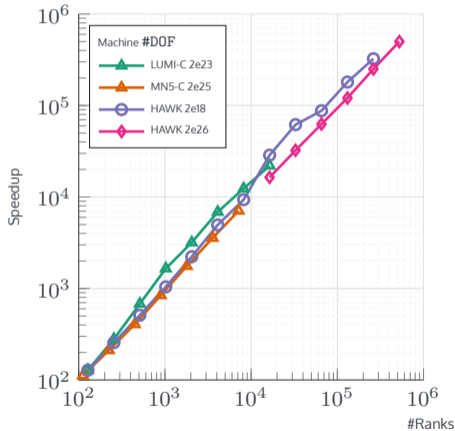


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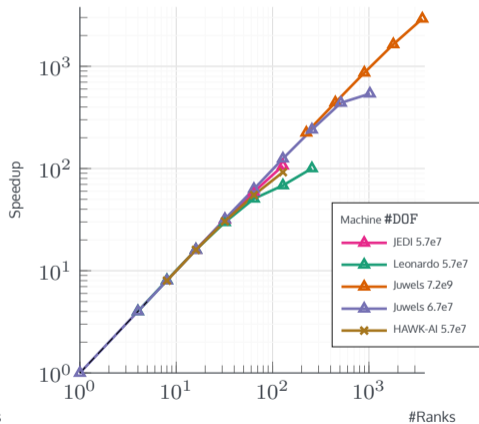
FLEXI CPU / GALÆXI GPU



### FLEXI CPU



### GALÆXI NVIDIA GPU

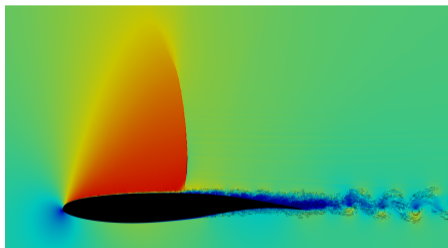




# Applications

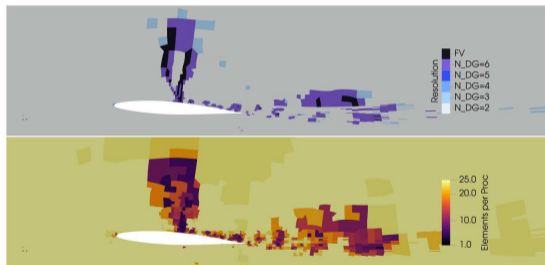
Wall-Modeled LES of Shock Buffet around NACA airfoil

Transonic NACA airfoil at  $M = 0.73$  and  
 $Re = 930000$  using 118 Mio DOFs



M. Blind, A. Beck, et al. Numerical and Experimental Investigation of a NACA 64A-110 Airfoil in Transonic Flow Regime, 2023.

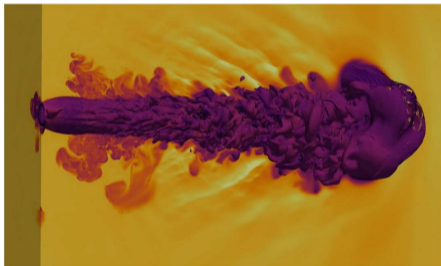
using **hp-refinement**, **dynamic load balancing** and FV  
subcell shock capturing



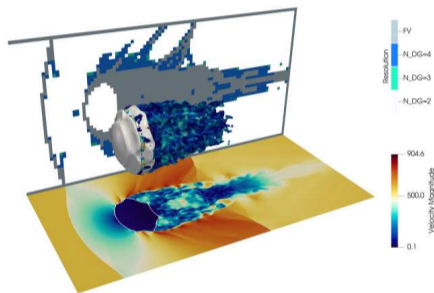
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Multiphase Flow: Diffuse and Sharp Interface

Hydrogen injection at a nozzle pressure ratio of 10  
using a mixture model



3D shock-drop interaction using the hp-adaptive  
level-set ghost fluid method



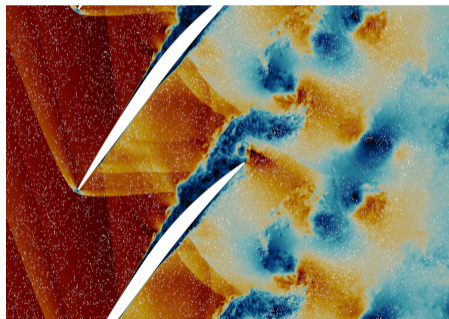
P. Mossier, A. Beck, et al. An Efficient hp-Adaptive Strategy for a Level-Set Ghost-Fluid Method, JSC, 2023.

# Applications

Particle-Laden Flow: 4-way Coupled Euler–Lagrange Method



Particle-laden flow around a compressor cascade with  $M = 1.4$  and  $Re = 1.4e6$



A. Schwarz, High-fidelity particle tracking and impact-induced deformations, Thesis, 2024.

Particle-laden flow around a wall-mounted cylinder at  $M = 0.7$  and  $Re = 32000$

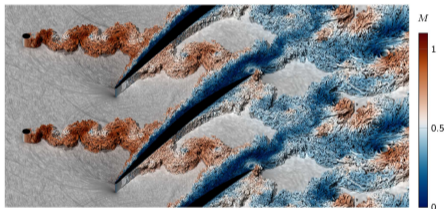


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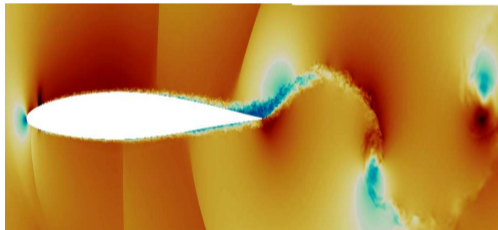
Moving Mesh Methods: Sliding Mesh and Arbitrary Lagrangian-Eulerian (ALE)

Transonic compressor cascade with wake generator using the **sliding mesh method**



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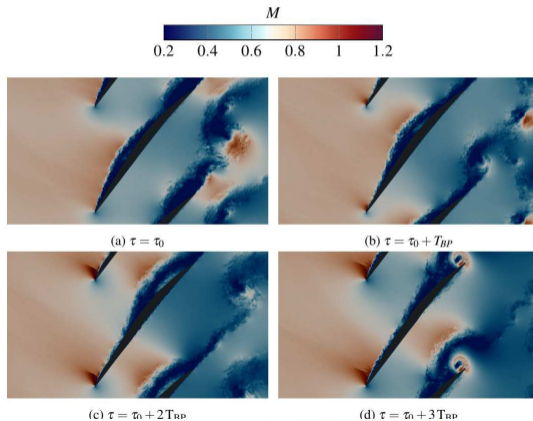
Plunging airfoil with  $M = 0.72$  and  $Re = 9.3e5$  using **ALE**



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Transonic Compressor Cascade

NASA Rotor 37 with  $M = 0.758$  and  $Re = 972550$  for the comparison of FLEXI with GALÆXI



## Performance index:

$$\text{PID} = \frac{\text{total runtime} \times \#\text{procs}}{\#\text{DOFs} \times \#\text{time steps} \times \#\text{RK-stages}}$$

## Energy-normalized PID (EPID):

$$\text{EPID} = \frac{\text{Walltime} \times \text{Power}}{\#\text{RK-stages} \times \#\text{DOF}} = \frac{\text{Power}}{\#\text{Ranks}} \times \text{PID}$$

	Ranks	DOF/Rank	$P_{\text{rank}}$ [W]	PID [s]	EPID [J]	Walltime/ $t^*$ [s]	Energy/ $t^*$ [kWh]
GPU	128	$2.03 \times 10^6$	448	$4.58 \times 10^{-9}$	$2.05 \times 10^{-6}$	9209	147
CPU	32 768	$7.93 \times 10^3$	4.94	$1.02 \times 10^{-6}$	$5.06 \times 10^{-6}$	7538	339
Savings					59.5 %		56.8 %

M. Kurz, A. Beck, et al. GALÆXI: Solving complex compressible flows with high-order discontinuous Galerkin methods on accelerator-based systems, Comput. Phys. Commun., 2024.

⇒ GALÆXI is able of reducing the carbon emission of large-scale flow simulations by more than 55%

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