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Computational Biomedicine at the Exascale

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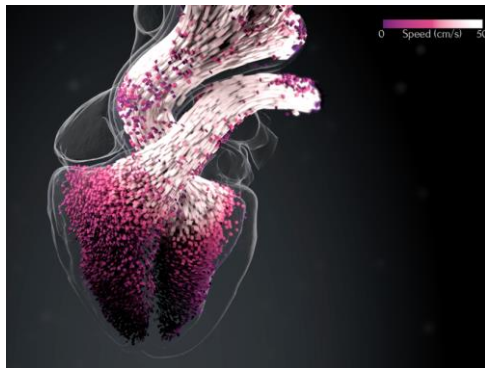
Project Overview

Participants and partners

Key areas of computational biomedicine



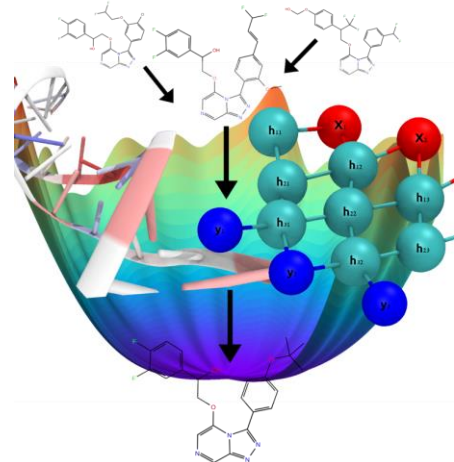
Digital Twin of Human



Cardiac Simulations



Vascular Modelling



Accelerated Drug Discovery and Personalised Medicine

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Project Status

HemeLB meet Frontier

- Lattice Boltzmann solver
- Massively paralleled high-performance code
- Available on both CPU and GPU (CUDA/Hipified)
- Designed for sparse geometry, ideal for hemodynamics simulations



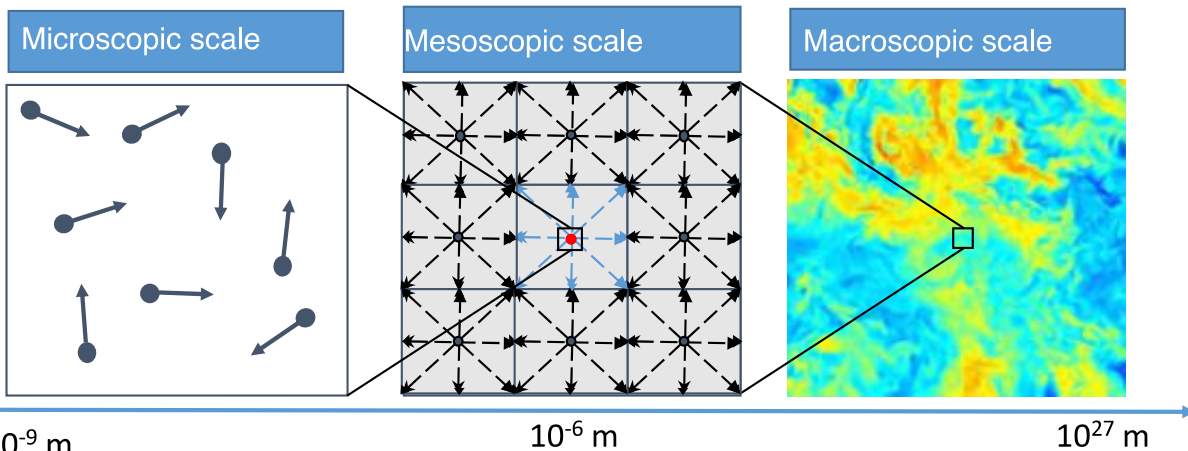
The world's only exascale machine. Access to it, a pathway that has gone via Titan, BlueWaters, and then Summit.

Frontier strong scaling plots

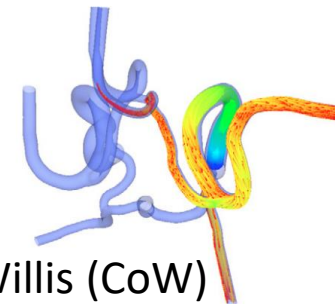
Full-human scale simulation requirements

- 140 billion lattice sites (1.4×10^{10})
- Full deployment on Frontier (Exascale computing)
- A few cardio cycles to produce a high-fidelity simulation

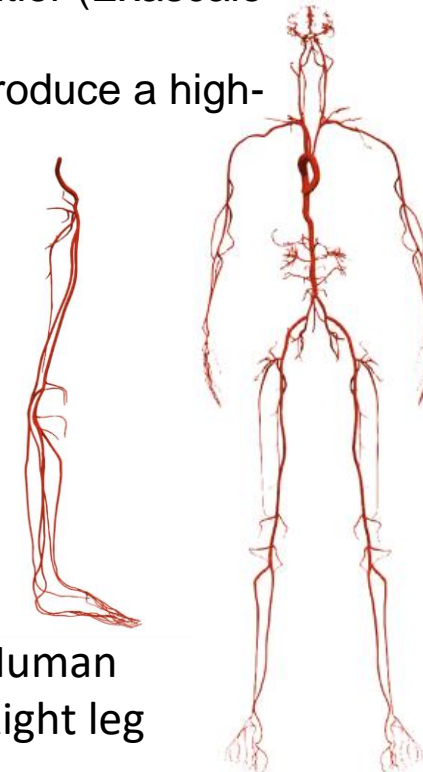
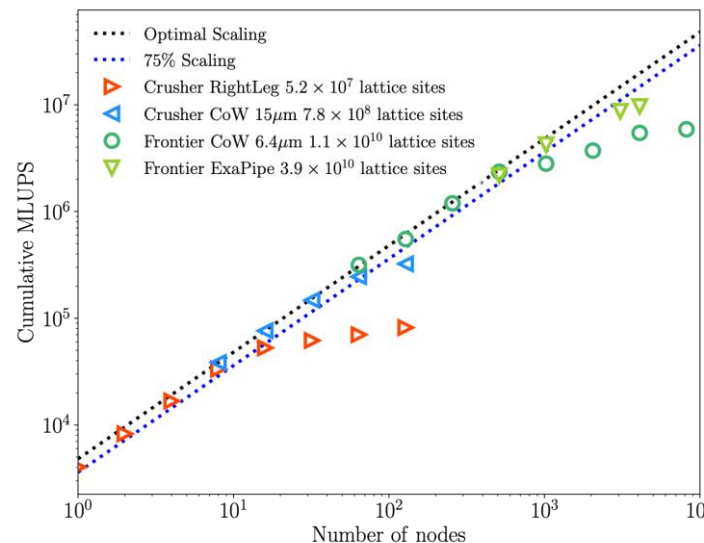
The lattice Boltzmann method



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Circle of Willis (CoW)



Human Right leg

Full-human scale arterial system

Project Status

HemeLB_GPU: Towards a platform agnostic HemeLB_GPU from CUDA to HIP and oneAPI

HemeLB_GPU code – Port to oneAPI

- Single HemeLB collision-streaming CUDA kernel ported to **Intel's oneAPI** (SYCL/DPC++)
- Ongoing efforts to port the full code to **oneAPI**
 - Deploy HemeLB_GPU on NVIDIA, AMD and Intel GPUs
- **Preparing for Aurora** (ALCF's forthcoming exascale system)



Port to oneAPI approach:

- **Both with Intel DCPT Porting tool**
 - Testing on Sunspot (**ALCF** - 2x Intel Xeon CPU Max Series (Sapphire Rapids) and 6x Intel Data Center GPU Max Series (codename Ponte Vecchio or PVC).
 - Compiles – Unstable... Debugging... Step by step approach - Focus on Initialisation and then one kernel at a time...
- **Using factor based approach**
 - Factor out the CUDA-specific parts of the code into back-ends:
 - Single source files – Reduce code duplication
 - Simplifies code maintenance
 - Working for CUDA, HIP
 - **SYCL/DPC++ up and running on Frontier (OLCF)**
 - Unstable on Sunspot... Debugging in progress...

Data Parallel C++ Compatibility Tool

Current Challenges

- **Technical challenges:**

- Implementation Challenge:**

- Full implementation of NAMD on Frontier

- Alchemical kernel not working on GPUs of Frontier (yet)
 - Need one “srun” command for each task to a single GPU
 - The number of “srun” commands in one submission is limited

- Implementation of complex and heterogeneous workflow

- Workload: Task mix varies over campaign
 - Tasks: Run for varying duration

- Algorithm Challenge:** HemeLB – it is challenging to resolve high Reynolds number blood flows coupling sparse geometry interacting with hemodynamic solver

- Computing Challenge:** Current status of Frontier is not fully stabilised yet (jobs may fail randomly after long queue)

- Storage Challenge:** Exascale computing is storage demanding (lack of storage space may lead to failure in running exascale jobs)

- **People barrier:** There is an insufficient number of people available in UK with the right training and skills.
- **Funding barrier:** There is insufficient funding available to sustain the threadbare efforts which we are currently undertaking.