ATOM Advancing Mission-Critical Tokamak Modeling Workflows on HPC Systems

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Summary

Supporting and enhancing integration use cases

 Physics Motivation: To extend multi-code integrated simulation of the core plasma to include the pedestal and plasma edge regions.

Approach :

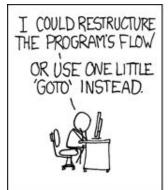
- Modernize & modularize update legacy (non-extensible) / missioncritical capability to utilize HPC resources and extend via including HPC capable component codes.
- Usability templatizing IPS to enable dynamic construction from a GUI (OMFit) and improve usability and adoption.
- Other example integration workflows :
 - Recalibration of the TGLF turbulent transport model for ITER,
 - Parareal event driven parallel in time algorithm.



Legacy Integrated Simulation

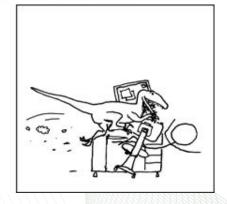
Risks loss of capability in the longer term

- Much of the existing mission critical use cases of integrated simulation for fusion rely on legacy / non-extensible code bases, e.g.,
 - Device design and
 - Scenario / shot development.
- Such single executable, all-physics-in-one approaches hinder advancing state of the art.
- Limits community contribution, swapping components for different fidelity options, maintainability, etc ...











A Modern, Modular Approach

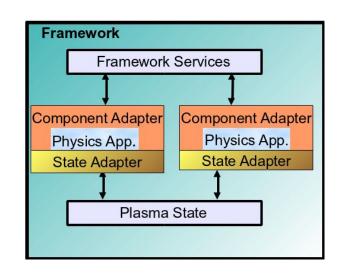
The IPS framework + OMFit interface

- The basis for production scenario development simulation in magnetically confined fusion is an <u>equilibrium solver</u>, plus slow timescale <u>transport solver</u> with various <u>source components</u> ...
- A maintainable, extensible, and HPC capable tool that can be contributed to by the community requires that these pieces be modular.
- We provide a framework (IPS), communication method (filebased at present), and a top-level transport solver for community components.
- Usability is often overlooked in physics codes, leading to reduced impact of advanced physics models in scenario development simulation. By driving simulations through a standard interface (OMFit) we are addressing this.

IPS: Framework Basics

Integrated Plasma Simulator

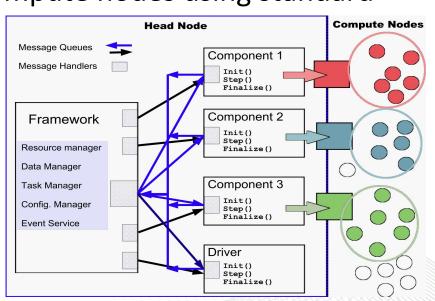
- Python-based component framework.
- Components are python-wrapped binaries.



- Framework runs in a single batch allocation, manages resources for components.
- Components launch tasks on compute nodes using standard

system mechanisms, i.e. mpiexec, aprun ...

- "Plasma State" holds primary data for exchange.
 - "Reader-makes-right" model.



IPS: Component Architecture

What the framework provides ...

Framework Services

- Configuration manager.
- Task manager ...
 - Launch underlying applications,
 - Blocking or non-blocking.
- Resource manager ...
 - Nodes allocated to batch job.
- Event service ...
 - Asynchronous pub/sub events.
- Data manager ...
 - File staging (per timestep),
 - Mediate concurrent access to state,
 - Checkpoint/restart (framework level).
- Monitoring via web portal.

Components

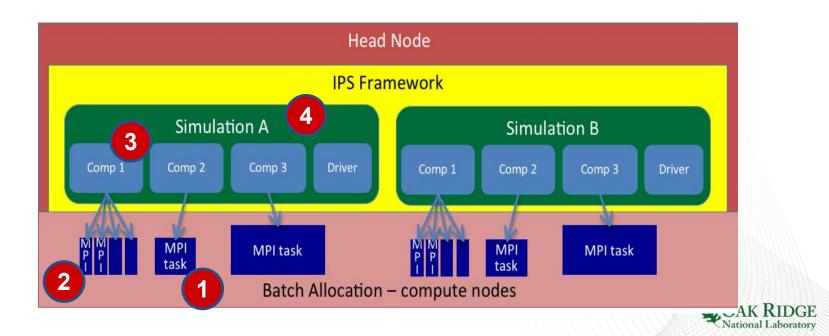
- Components characterized by ports (class) and implementation (instance).
 - All implementations of a port are expected to be fundamentally equivalent in their interactions with other components.
- Primary component interface ...
 - o init()
 - o step()
 - o finalize()
- Distinguished components ...
 - Driver
 - Monitor



IPS: Multi-Level Parallelism

Maximal resource utilization via hierarchical concurrency

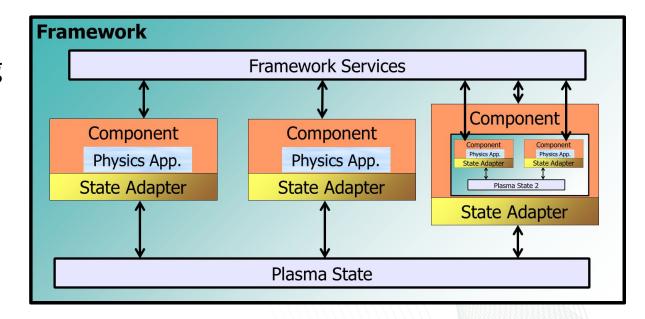
- 1. Individual "tasks" (physics executables) can be parallel.
- 2. Components can launch multiple tasks.
- 3. Multiple components can run concurrently.
- 4. Multiple independent simulations can run concurrently.



IPS: Nested Workflows

To enable workflow re-use

- Embed (one or more) "sub-workflow" into top-level master workflow.
- Sub-workflows execute in a separate context, bridged to the parent simulation via a bridge component.
- No limit on the number of nesting levels.
- Entire hierarchy executes using a single resource allocation, mediated via the



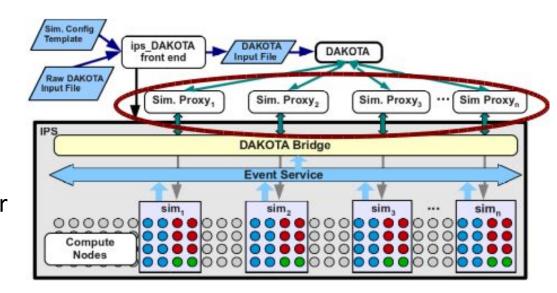
IPS task and resource managers.



IPS: Embedded optimizer

IPS-DAKOTA

- DAKOTA toolkit from SNL
 - Toolkit for design
 optimization, parameter
 estimation, UQ,
 sensitivity analysis, ..

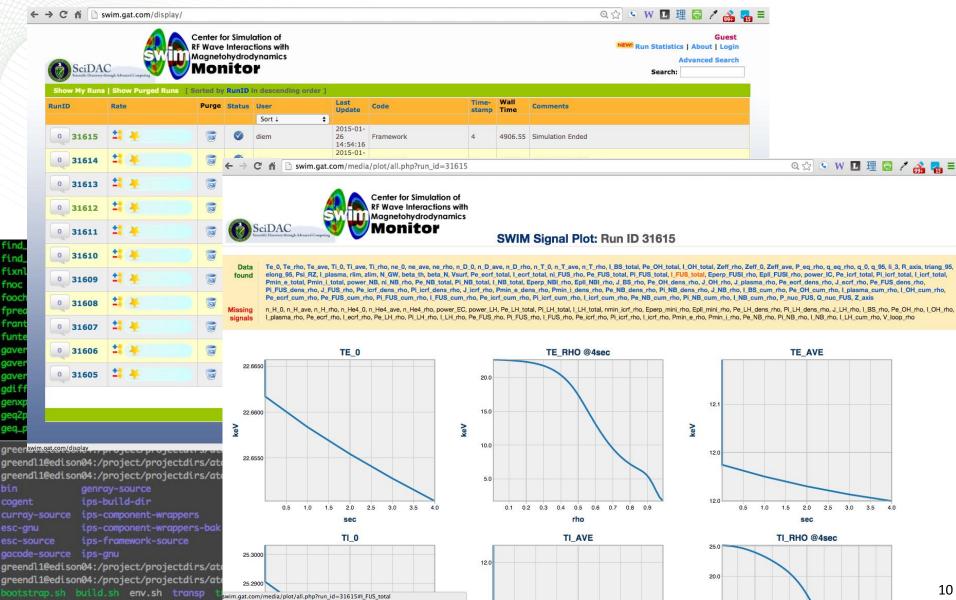


- IPS-DAKOTA integration
 - Single IPS framework instance
 - Manage many, dynamically created DAKOTA (coupled) simulations.
- ATOM use cases, so far these are simple parameter scans ...
 - Core-pedestal coupling (IPS-EPED).
 - TGLF ITER calibration (IPS-GYRO).



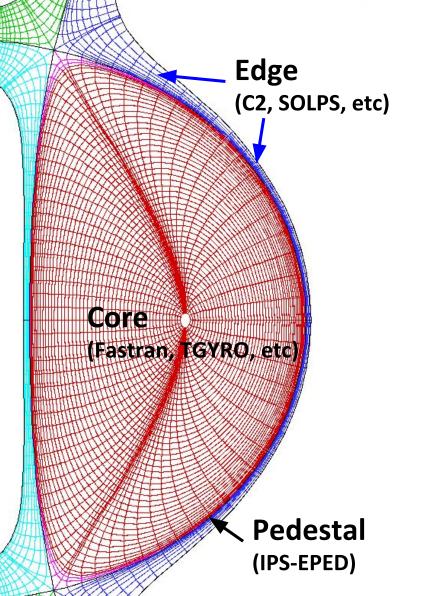
IPS: Web Monitor

Track simulation progress online



Core-Pedestal-Edge Coupling

One of many integrated physics use cases

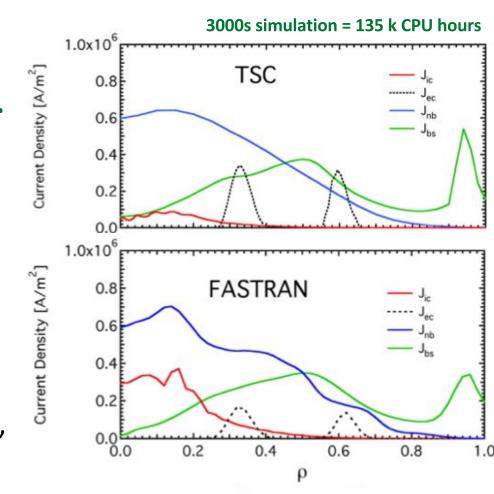


- 1. Validate (with sources) modular core transport solver [FASTRAN vs TSC].
- 2. Couple core region to pedestal [TGYRO + EPED, FASTRAN + EPED].
- 3. Validate (with fluid neutrals to start) edge transport solver [C2 vs SOLPS-ITER].
- 4. Couple edge solver to pedestal [C2 + EPED].
- 5. Couple edge + pedestal + core [FASTRAN + EPED + C2].

Core Plasma

FASTRAN vs TSC Benchmarking.

- Benchmarking monolithic and multi-code component simulations is non-trivial.
- Initial benchmarking of TSC with FASTRAN was plagued with difficulties in matching input settings, input profiles, binary differences, etc.



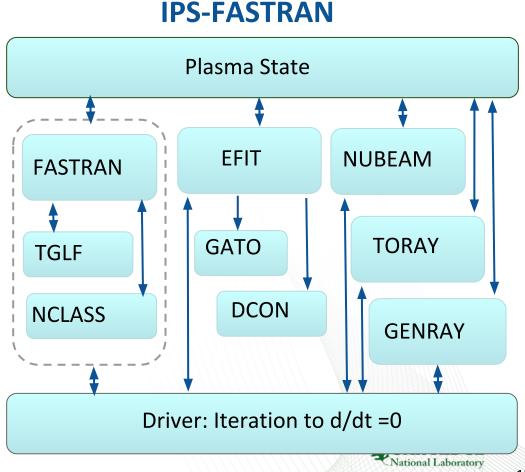
- An IPS-TSC workflow has been constructed to use exactly the same source components (binaries, inputs, profiles, etc).
- The benchmarking should be as simple as running TSC to steady-state, switching a couple of lines in the IPS config file, then letting FASTRAN take over - work in progress.

IPS-FASTRAN

An IPS based modular core transport solver

All component codes are IPS components that communicate via the plasma-state file.

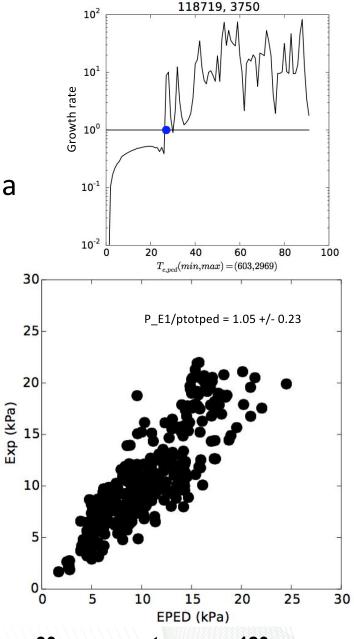
- GENRAY : EC heating
 & current drive
- TORIC : IC heating
 & current drive
- NUBEAM : NBI heating
- TSC models entire plasma startup & evolution.
- FASTRAN iterates on last TSC solution.



Pedestal

IPS-EPED

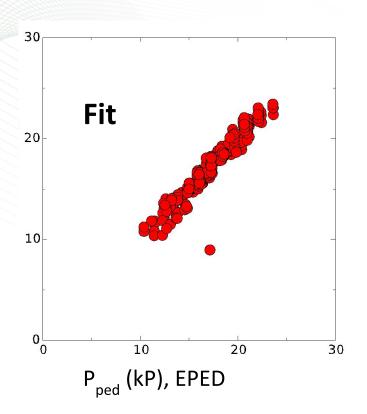
- EPED [Snyder et al.*] is a composite component that has been upgraded to a modular IPS-EPED workflow
 - Model equilibrium component: TOQ
 - Kinetic Ballooning component: BALOO
 - Peeling Ballooning component: ELITE
- IPS-EPED runs in parallel ...
 480 TOQ + 400 BALOO + 5*80 ELITE runs
 - Now fast enough for time dependent simulation.
 - IPS-EPED runs in 2 mins using 700 CPUs.
- Verified successfully against original idl-EPED.

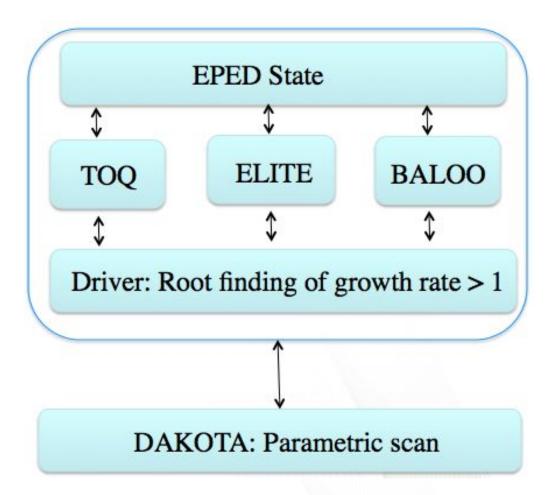


30 concurrent runs on 120 cores each for 1.5 wall OAK RIDGE clock hours.

IPS-EPED

A nested IPS workflow



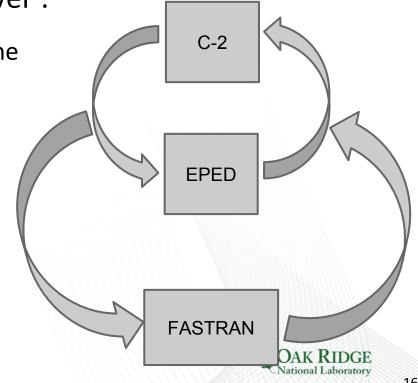


- Parametric fit to 500 EPED results required 1000 CPUs for 24 wallclock hours.
- Ultimately a many parameter scan / fit will be performed to create a reduced model for non-HPC application.

Core Plasma + Pedestal + Edge

Future plans

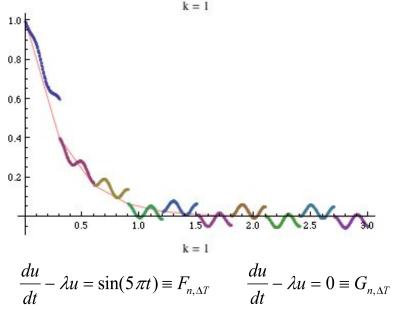
- Presently benchmarking C-2 with SOLPS-ITER (for fluid neutrals only).
- Ultimately iterate edge and core fluid transport solvers to convergence with EPED. Iteration scheme unclear as yet.
- C-2 used as 2-D SOL transport solver :
 - A 2-D multi-fluid model extending the previous formulations of 1-D core and 2-D edge / SOL transports: valid not only in the collisional edge / SOL regions but also in the high temperature core region.
 - Solve plasma continuity, parallel momentum balance, electron / ion energy and add current continuity.

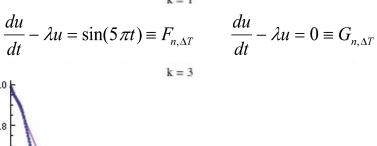


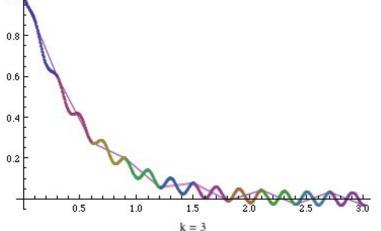
Parallelization over time IPS-PARAREAL

Requires ...

- Accurate (fine) solver F(x, t)
- Fast (coarse) solver G(x, t)
- Convergence criterion for solution x
- Break time domain into a large number of chunks, $N\Delta T$.
- Run fine solver in parallel using coarse solution as starting point for each time chunk.
- Parareal algorithm iteration
 scheme connecting coarse and fine solutions, guaranteed convergence in N iterations, but maybe much faster.



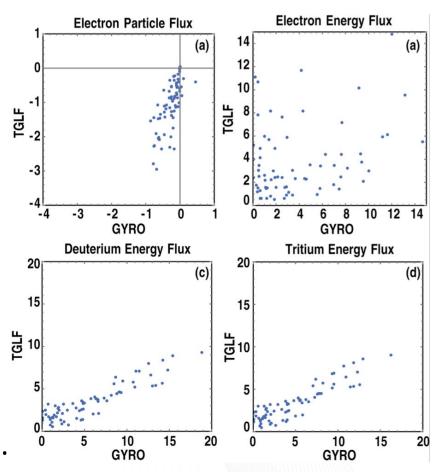




Recalibration of TGLF for ITER

IPS-GYRO & TGYRO

- TGLF is a reduced model of turbulent transport used within transport solvers like FASTRAN, TGYRO, etc. It is based on many HPC runs of the GYRO code (a gyro-kinetic continuum code).
- For use in ITER scenario development, a new set of GYRO runs was completed to expand TGLF to the ITER regime.
- Here we show 72 GYRO runs launched via IPS-DAKOTA requiring 185 k CPU hours.

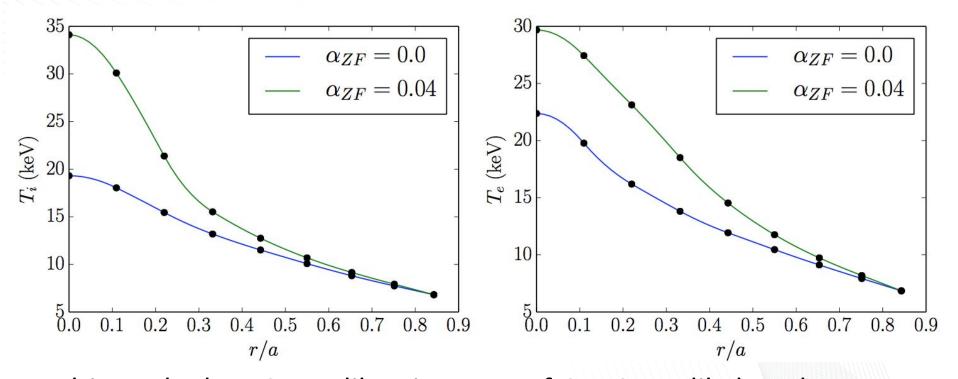


Scatter plot of 72 IPS-GYRO runs comparing TGLF and GYRO fluxes. The spread in electron energy flux was addressed by adding a small amount of collisions to subsequent cases.

Recalibration of TGLF for ITER

IPS-GYRO & TGYRO

Preliminary result: The inclusion of zonal-flow physics required in the ITER regime to TGLF may significantly affect the fusion power.



Ultimately the TGLF calibration runs of GYRO are likely to become an OMFit workflow to further automate this process.

Usability is Paramount

OMFit to drive the IPS

- Setting up an integrated simulation for fusion scenario development is at present a non-trivial task prone to human error in the myriad of parameters, files, inputs, outputs, etc.
- Work towards
 templatization of IPS
 simulation
 configurations is
 continuing to ultimately
 enable HPC based
 workflows to be
 constructed and run
 from the OMFit GUI.

