

# Task 4: Machine Learning to Accelerate CFD Models

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# Project Objective

## Research Goal

Build an advanced collaborative framework specifically targeted towards CFD on the most advanced HPC/AI hardware with native support for AI and ML algorithms

## Aligned with FE Objectives

Increasing computational speed without sacrificing accuracy will directly supports:

- Modernization of existing coal plants
- development of coal plants of the future
- Reduction of the cost of carbon capture, utilization, and storage (CCUS)



# Project Origins

## Driving Question



# + TensorFlow

Can we write MFiX in TensorFlow so that we can create a single, unified framework for doing both CFD and AI/ML on emerging hardware designed for AI/ML?

- TensorFlow is the most used AI/ML framework
- TensorFlow has a simple API and allows for both surface level hardware agnostic coding and the ability to deeply optimize hardware specific implementations if needed
- Get speed boosts from AI/ML hardware
- Get speed boost from AI/ML accelerated algorithms
- Simplify implementation of AI/ML models in MFiX

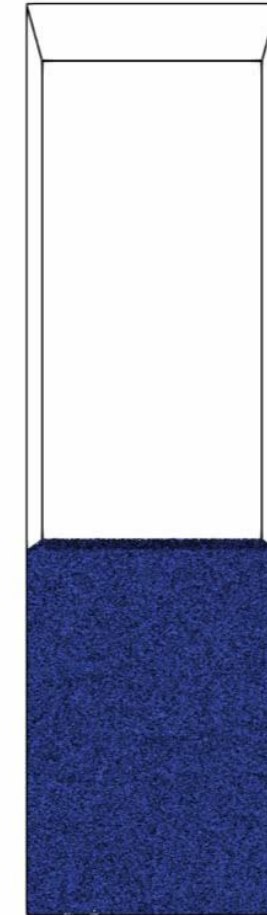
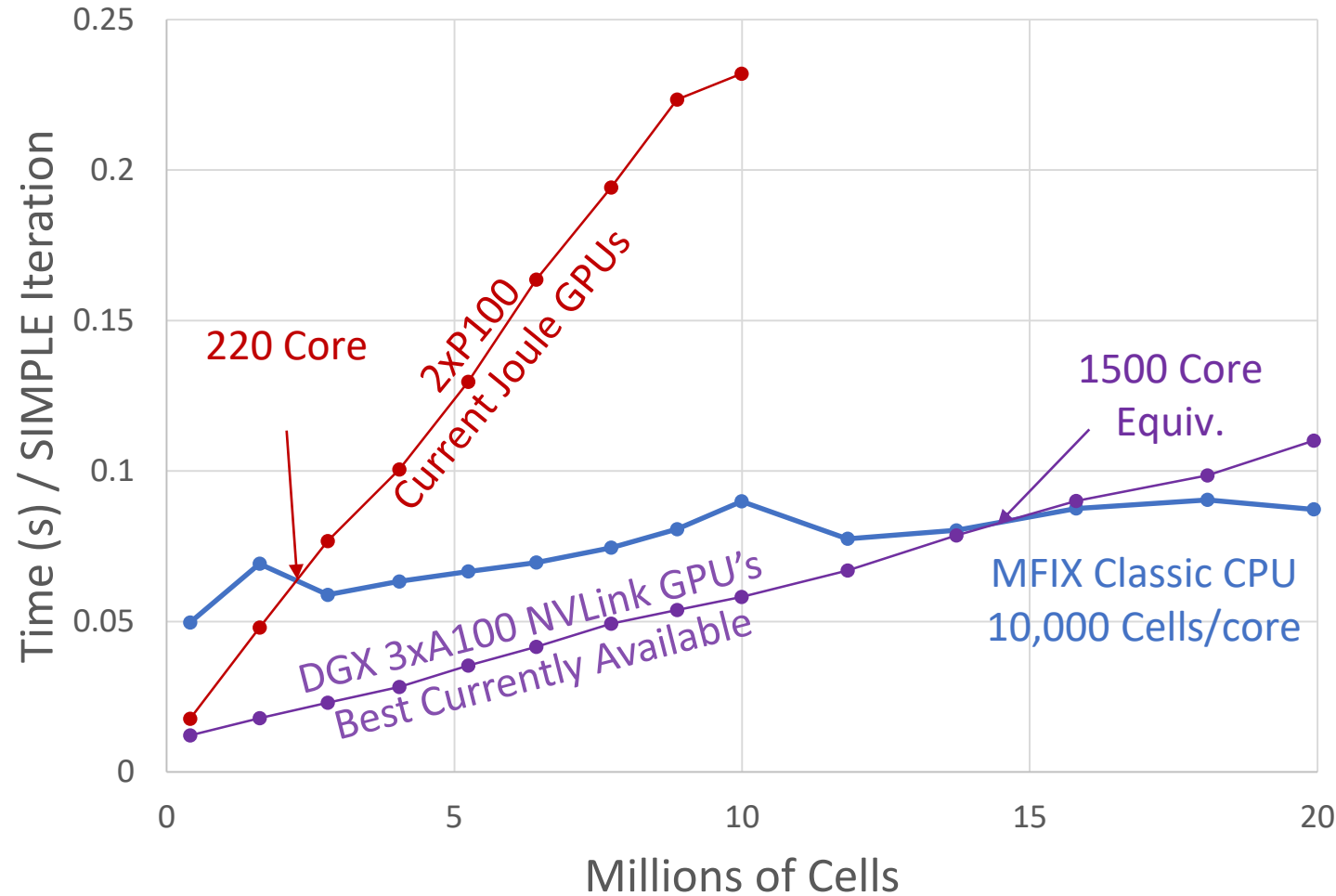
# Current Status

## Where are we now?

- In Second Full Year of Development, First year in CARD
- Ahead of schedule with Milestones
  - EY20.4.A A demonstration of a multidevice linear solver relative to the existing single device solver (9/30/2020)
  - EY20.4.B A demonstration of a granular simulations using the TensorFlow based solver. (9/30/2020)
  - EY21.4.C A demonstration of a simple fluid bed simulation in the TensorFlow based solver. (3/30/2020)
- Have a functioning, coupled MP-PIC code implemented in TensorFlow
  - Solves all transport equations on available devices followed by a multi-device solve of continuity
  - Ready to accept AI/ML models
  - Does not yet support complex geometries
  - Does not yet support energy, species, or reactions

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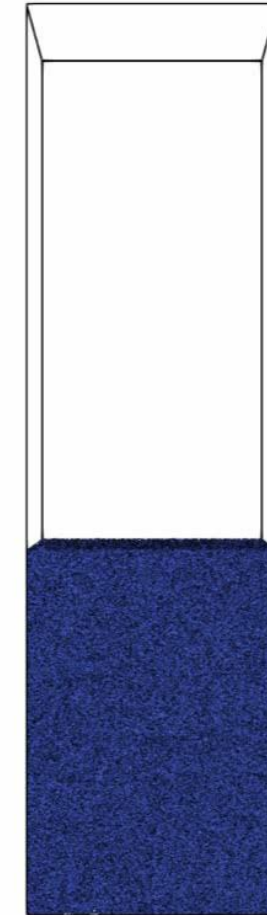
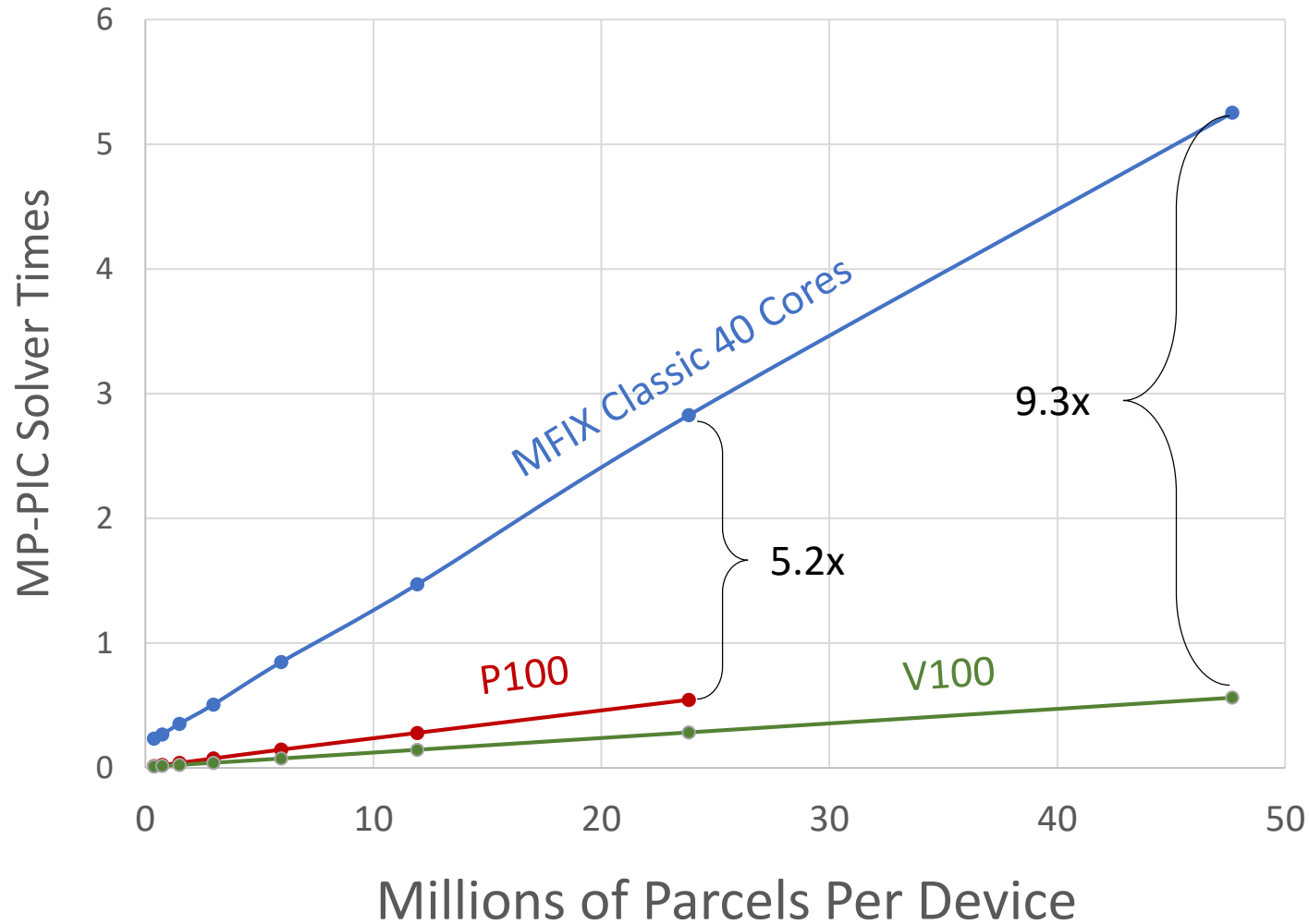
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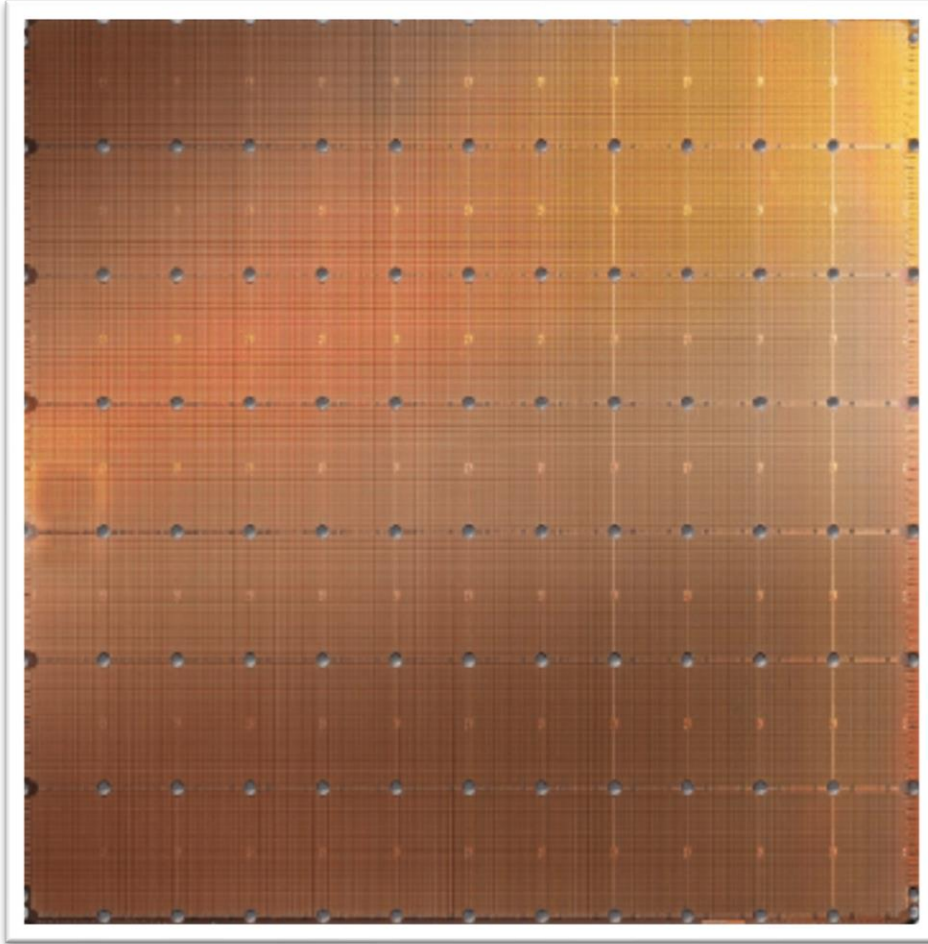
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# CFD on Emerging Hardware

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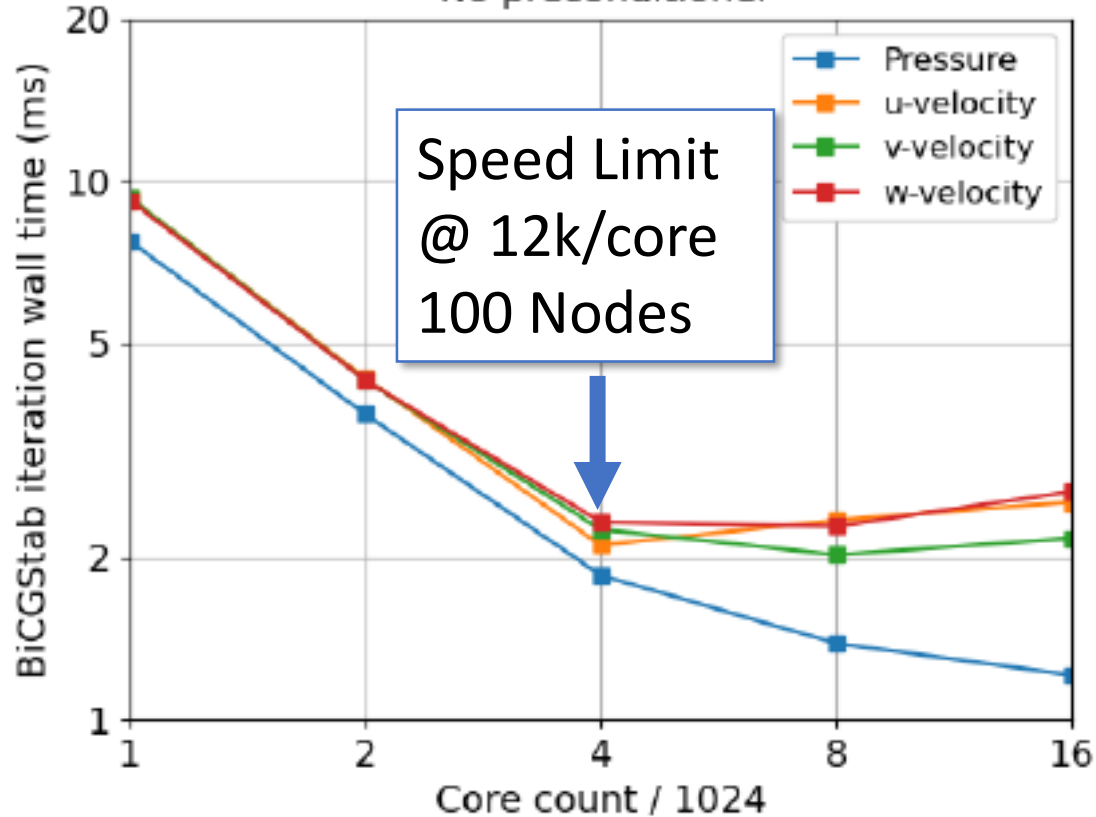
[cerebras.net](https://cerebras.net)

Size	462 cm <sup>2</sup>
Cores	400,000
Transistors	1.2T
Memory Band Width	9.6 PB/s
Interconnect Bandwidth	100 Pb/s
Memory	18GB
Power	20kW

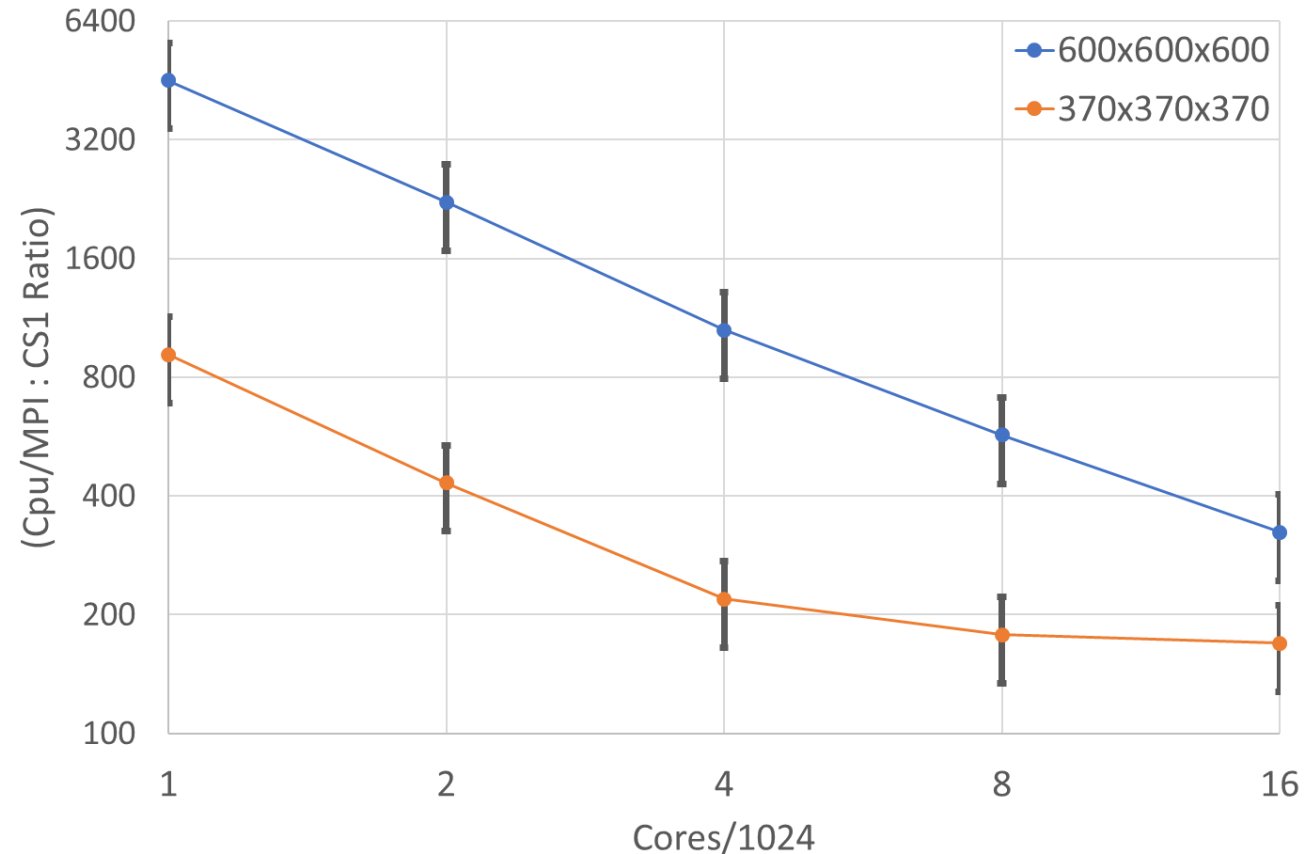
# Cerebras CS1: Unrivaled Speed

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Lid Driven Cavity, 370x370x370 mesh  
No preconditioner



Estimated CFD Speed Gain Potential





# Preparing Project for Next Steps

## Market Benefits/Assessment

- While CFD is very powerful design tool, the extremely high computational cost limits its practical application
  - 9x improvement on PIC, up to 4x on fluid with current gen hardware with TensorFlow
  - >200x on emerging hardware
  - Makes CFD for optimization and UQ tractable
  - Could open up new application areas in real time or faster than real time CFD

## Technology to Market Plan

- Make incremental releases on the existing MFiX platform so existing MFiX users can pick up and run the tools for their FE supported work
- Remaining needs: complex geometry, species/energy, reactions
- Potential New Research: DMP method within TensorFlow, Cerebras CS1
- Existing/Potential Collaborators:
  - Industrial relationships with NVIDIA and Cerebras
  - Chris Guenther with TTNEP FWP leveraging frame work with WVU collaboration
  - FOA 2193 - ML models for non-spherical drag

# Concluding Remarks

## Important Concepts and Next Steps

- The most important thing that this project brings is very high levels of computational speed and efficiency without sacrificing accuracy.
  - Means more work gets done in less time and at lower costs
  - Directly translates to reduced uncertainty, design time, cost, and risk for FE applications
- Project next steps:
  - Explore DMP method in TensorFlow – could significantly improve scaling
  - Deploy the cut cell methodology for complex geometries
  - Formalize a development plan to take advantage of the unique capabilities on the CS1.
  - Species/Energy, reactions (out years)