

# Trame

An Open Source Framework for  
Efficiently Building Interactive  
Visualization and Analysis Applications

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# Who am I - Patrick Avery

## ◆ **Ph. D. in Computational Chemistry from University at Buffalo**

- 2019 - Research on Crystal Structure Prediction

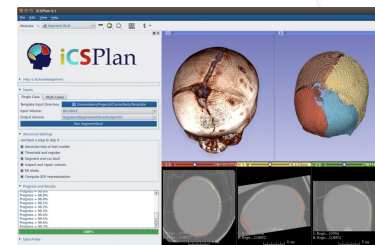
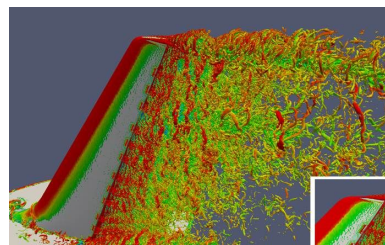
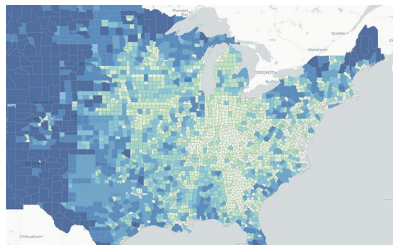
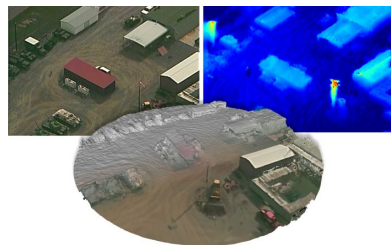
## ◆ **Staff R&D Engineer at Kitware**

- 2019 - Present
- Lead a variety of materials science and chemistry projects in the scientific computing team
- Helped Sebastien Jourdain develop trame

# Kitware

What we do?

# Areas of expertise / Built on open source



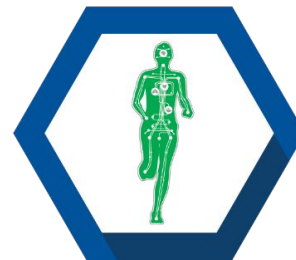
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Data and  
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Scientific  
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Medical  
Computing



Software  
Solutions

# Customers / Various fields of application

## Academics

70+ academic institutions worldwide

## Government agencies

50+ government agencies and national laboratories

## Commercial companies

Over 500 commercial customers

## Medical

Image processing, multimodal visualization, image registration & segmentation, assisted surgery, custom software...

## Energy

HPC, in-situ simulation, scientific visualisation, particle flow, fluid mechanics, ground exploration...

## Intelligence

Scene analysis, big data analysis, scientific visualization, flow analysis...





Getting more with less

Test and Release passing

pypi package v3.11.0

downloads 162k/month

conda 7k/month

Stars 583

Used by 536



Contributors 28



[+ 14 contributors](#)



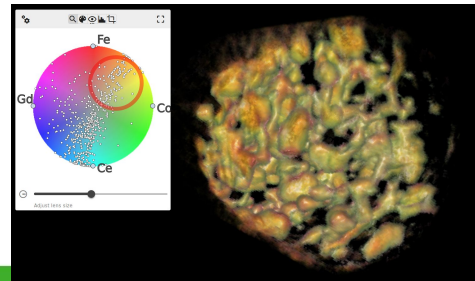
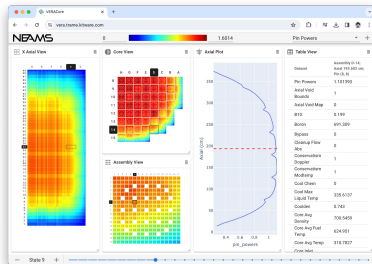
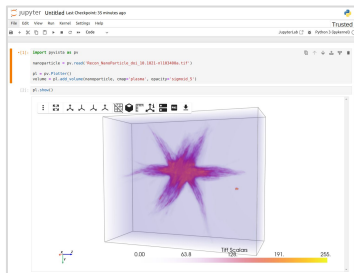
Let's add  
some stars

<https://kitware.github.io/trame/>

# What is trame? (1/2)



- Open Source Python framework to create Web UI for applications
- Runs locally, in the cloud, in Jupyter or on HPC
- Seamless integration with VTK and ParaView
- Seamless integration with any Python and Vue.js libraries
- A French word - the weft or framework of a woven fabric



## What is trame? (2/2)

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- # Simple

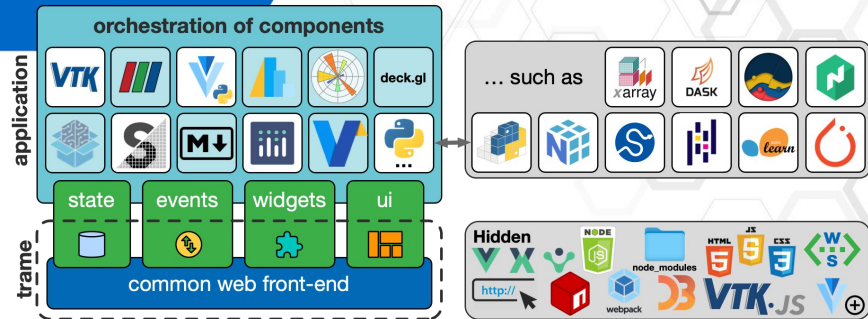
## All logic and UI definitions can be done in plain Python

- 
- Powerful**

Python offers scientific and information data visualization with capable data processing (numpy, scipy, PyTorch, Matplotlib, VTK, ParaView...)

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- Ubiquitous

Runs on laptops, desktops, clusters, and the cloud while displaying everywhere (phone, tablet, laptop, workstation)



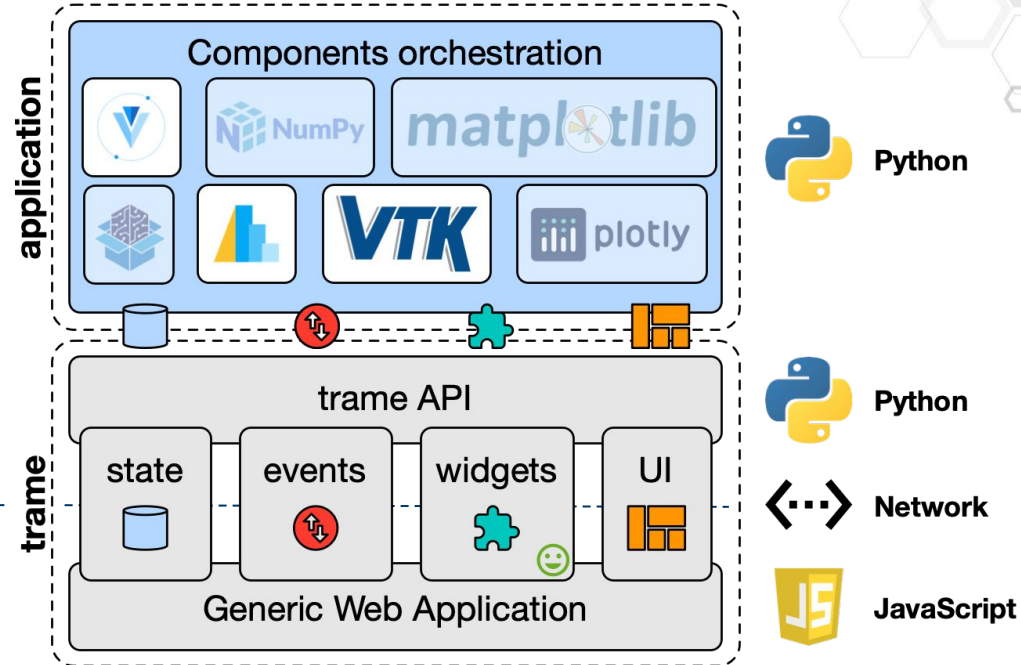
# Architecture

## Server

- Application logic
- Data & processing
- Work like everything is local

## Client

- Presentation layer and user input



# How to set up UI?

You have access to all of Vuetify in Python!!

Make a slider

Bind widget value to this state variable

Default value for state variable

Set other widget properties

Define callback function for when state variable is modified

```
vueify.VSlider(  
  v_model=('sigma', 0),  
  min=0,  
  max=10,  
  step=0.05,  
  hide_details=True,  
  dense=True,  
  style='max-width: 300px',  
)  
  
@state.change('sigma')  
def sigma_changed(sigma, **kwargs):  
  ...
```

Lots of trame examples available: [github.com/Kitware/trame/tree/master/examples](https://github.com/Kitware/trame/tree/master/examples)

Alternative UI frameworks like “Quasar” and “Tweakpane” also available



Look up API on Vuetify website

Convert names to trame/Python syntax (“-” becomes “\_”)

<https://vuetifyjs.com/en/api/v-slider/#props>

Prop	Type	Description
label	string	Sets the text of the <code>v-label</code> or <code>v-field-label</code> component.
max	string   number	Sets the maximum allowed value.
max-errors	string   number	Control the maximum number of shown errors from validation.
max-width	string   number	Sets the maximum width for the component.
messages	string   string[]	Displays a list of messages or a single message if using a string.
min	string   number	Sets the minimum allowed value.

# M&M 2024 Interactive Demos (Toolbar UI)

with SinglePageLayout(server) as layout:

with layout.toolbar:

```
html.Div("Sigma: {{ sigma }}")
```

```
vuetify.VSpacer()
```

```
vuetify.VSlider()
```

```
  v_model=('sigma', 0),
```

```
  min=0,
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  max=10,
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  hide_details=True,
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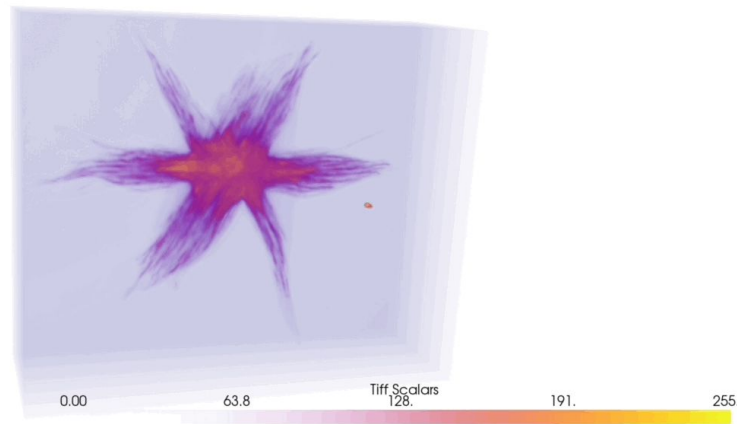
```
  style='max-width: 300px',
```

```
)
```

```
vuetify.VDivider(vertical=True, classes='mx-2')
```

≡ Trame application

Sigma: 0



[github.com/psavery/mm2024\\_trame\\_demo](https://github.com/psavery/mm2024_trame_demo)

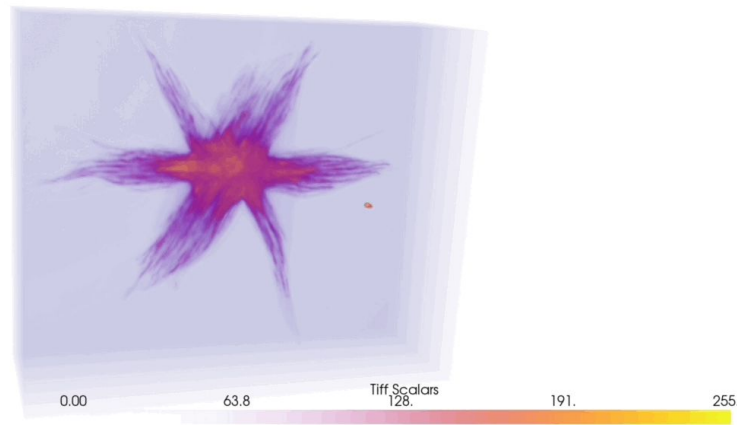
# M&M 2024 Interactive Demos (Slider Callback)

```
@state.change('sigma')
def sigma_changed(sigma, **kwargs):
    shape = np_data.shape
    np_data[:] = scipy.ndimage.gaussian_filter(
        original_data.reshape(shape[:-1]),
        sigma,
    ).reshape(shape)

# Update the view
data.Modified()
ctrl.view_update()
```

≡ Trame application

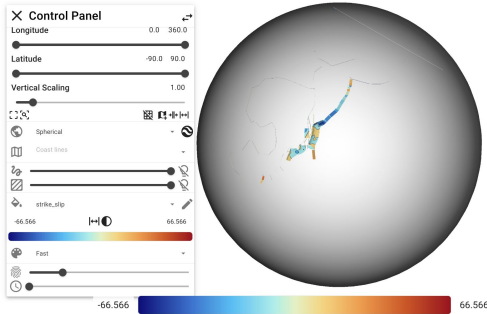
Sigma: 0



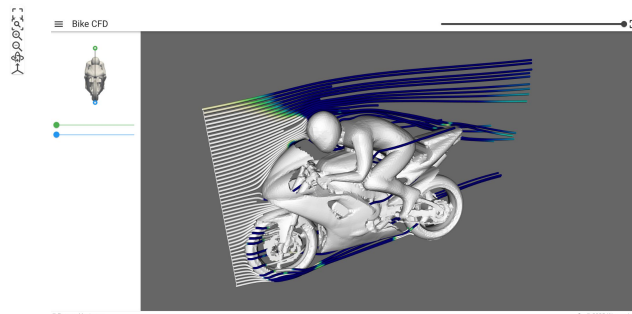
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# Try it out?

- Easiest way to try out a trame app is through uv
  - Install uv: [docs.astral.sh/uv/getting-started/installation](https://docs.astral.sh/uv/getting-started/installation)
    - Easiest way might be `pip install uv`
- Run the command below the app you want to try

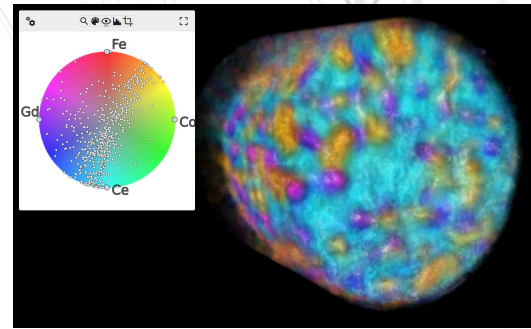


*uvx parsli*

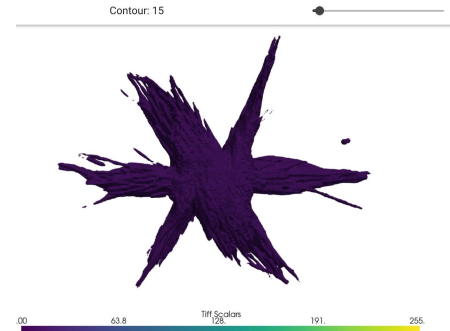


*uv run*

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*uvx multivariate-view*



*uv run*

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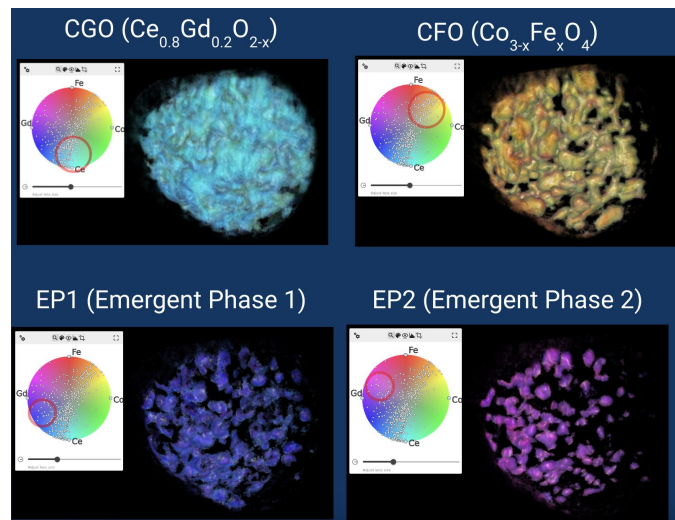
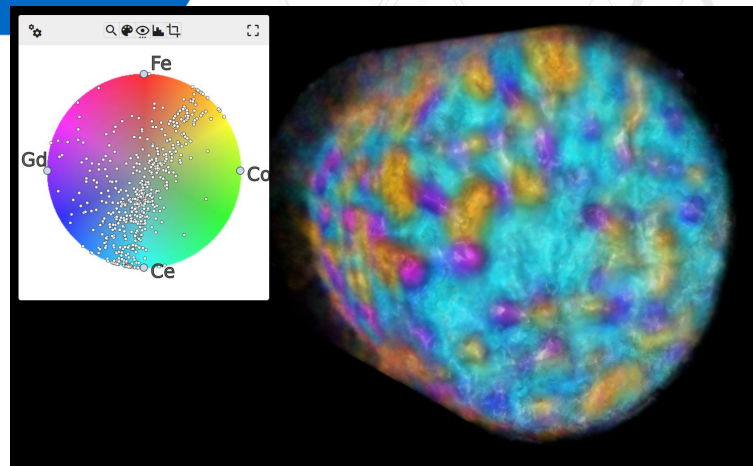
# Multivariate View Example

- **Multivariate Volume Viz**
  - XRF Tomography from BNL

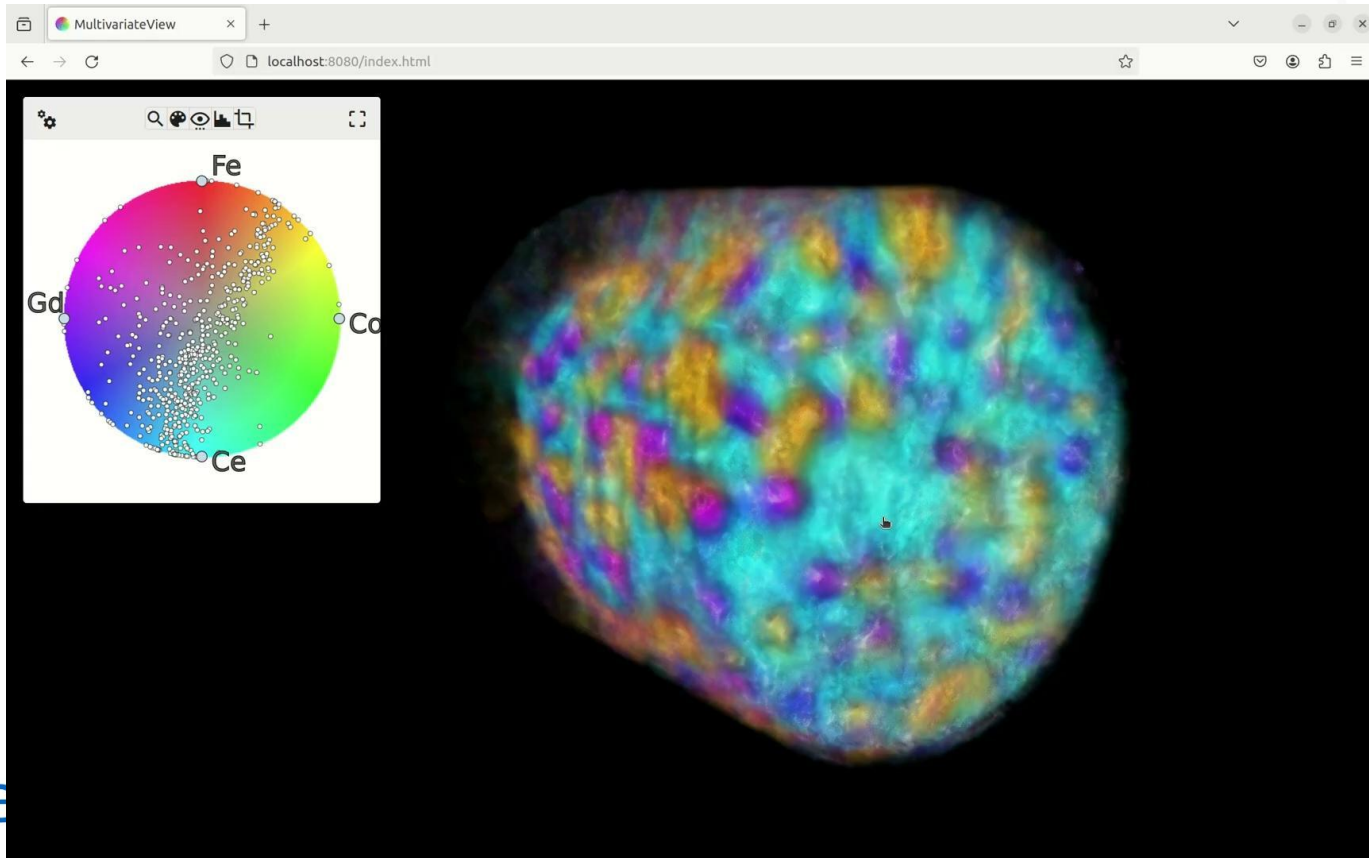
- ~1500 lines of Python
- ~300 lines of JavaScript

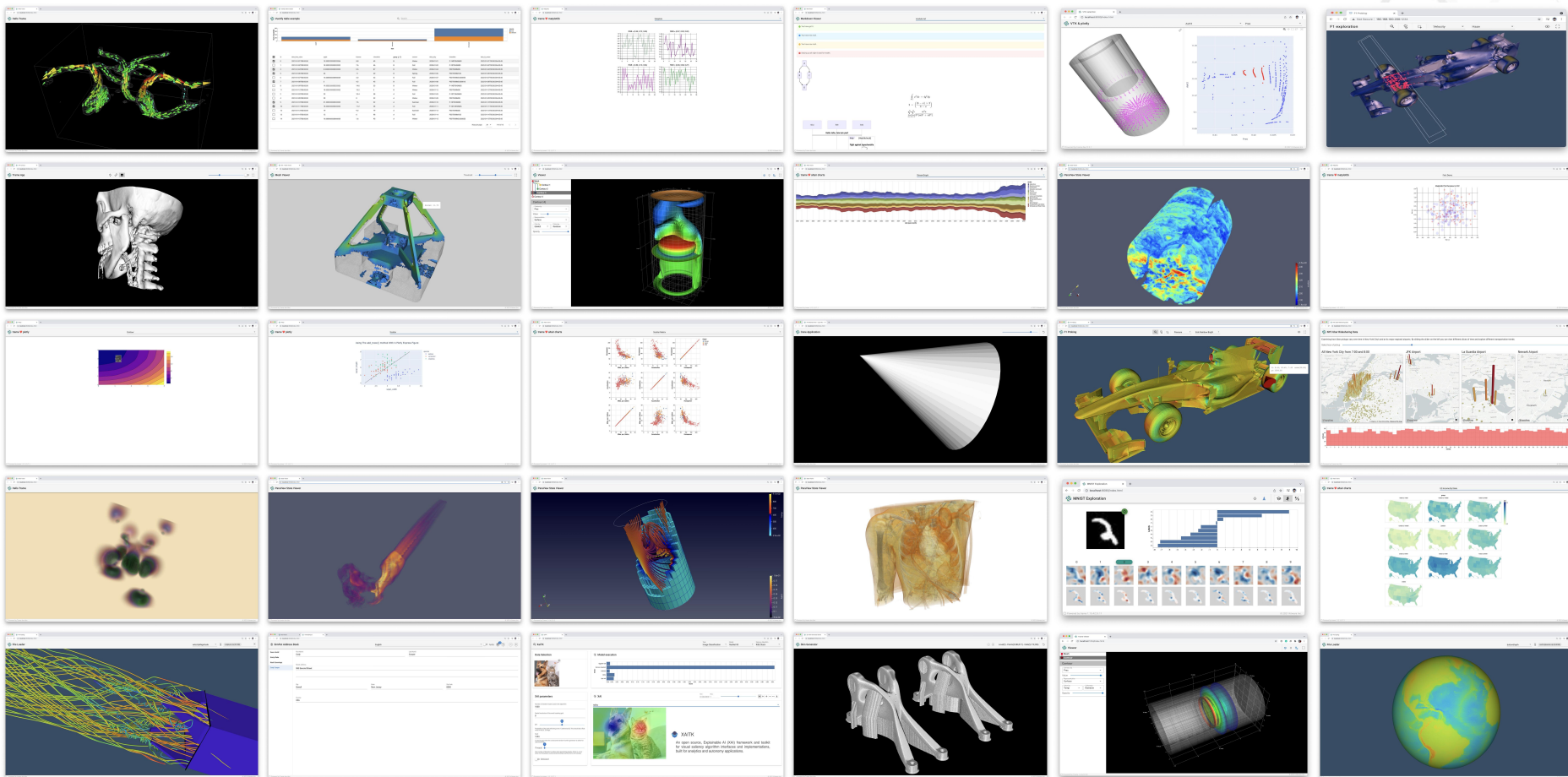
[github.com/Kitware/multivariate-view](https://github.com/Kitware/multivariate-view)

Run: *uvx multivariate-view*

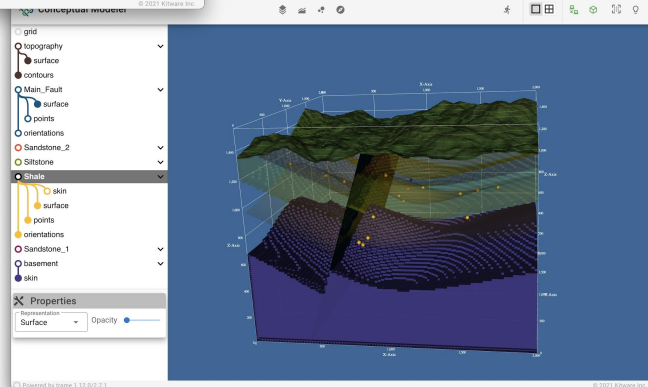
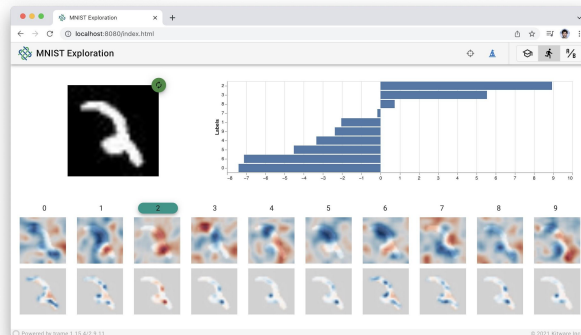
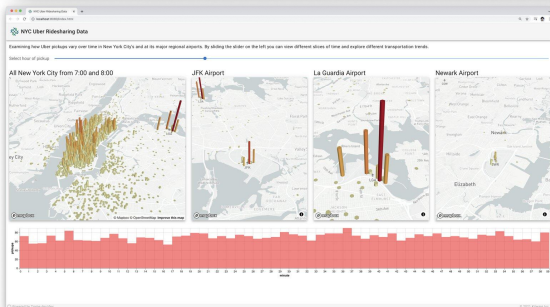
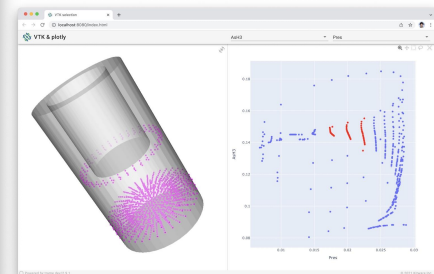
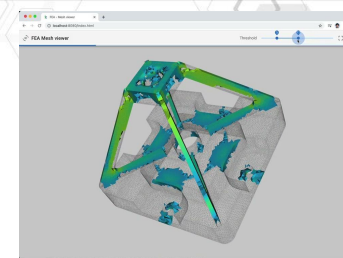
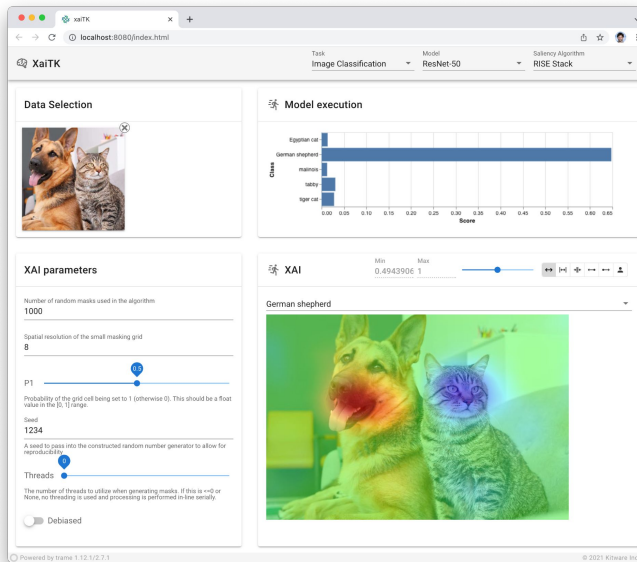
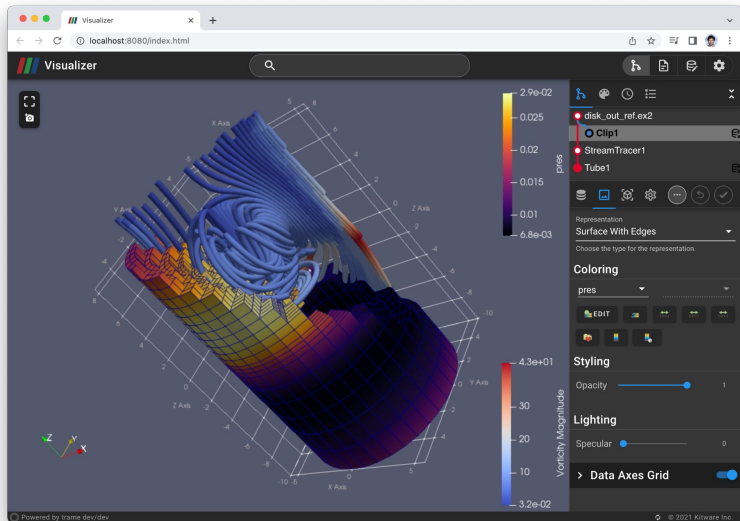


# Multivariate View

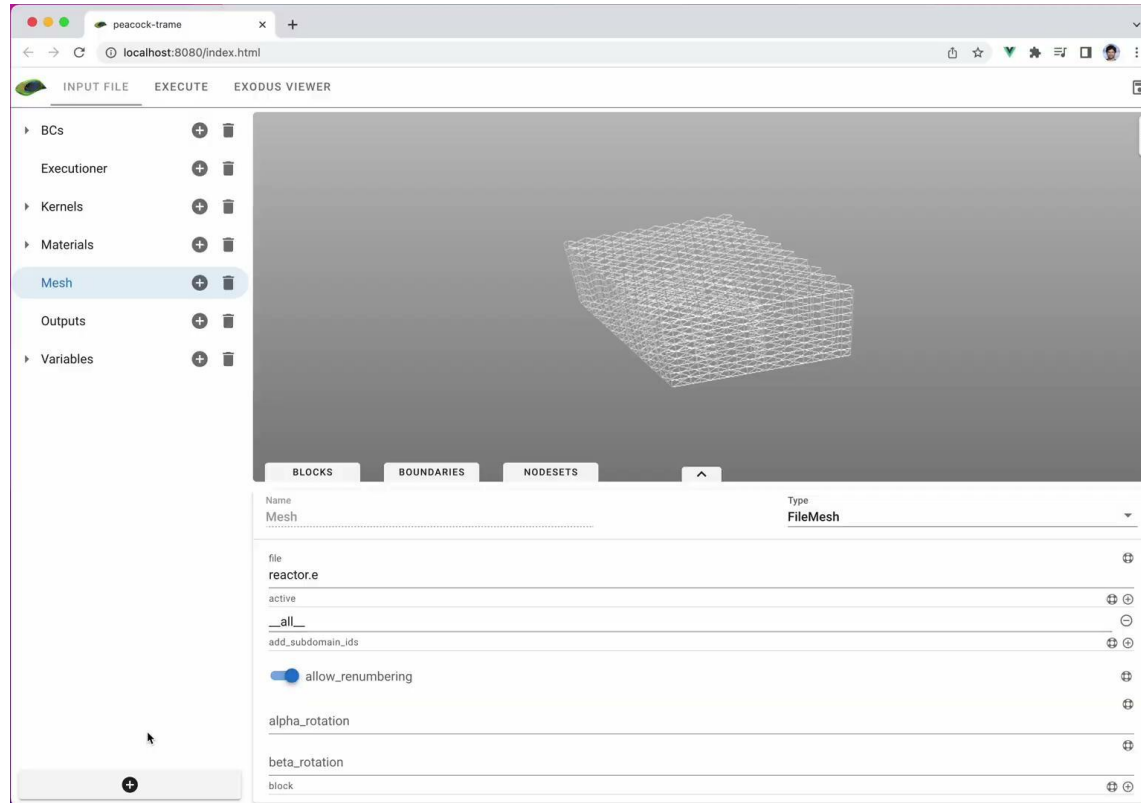




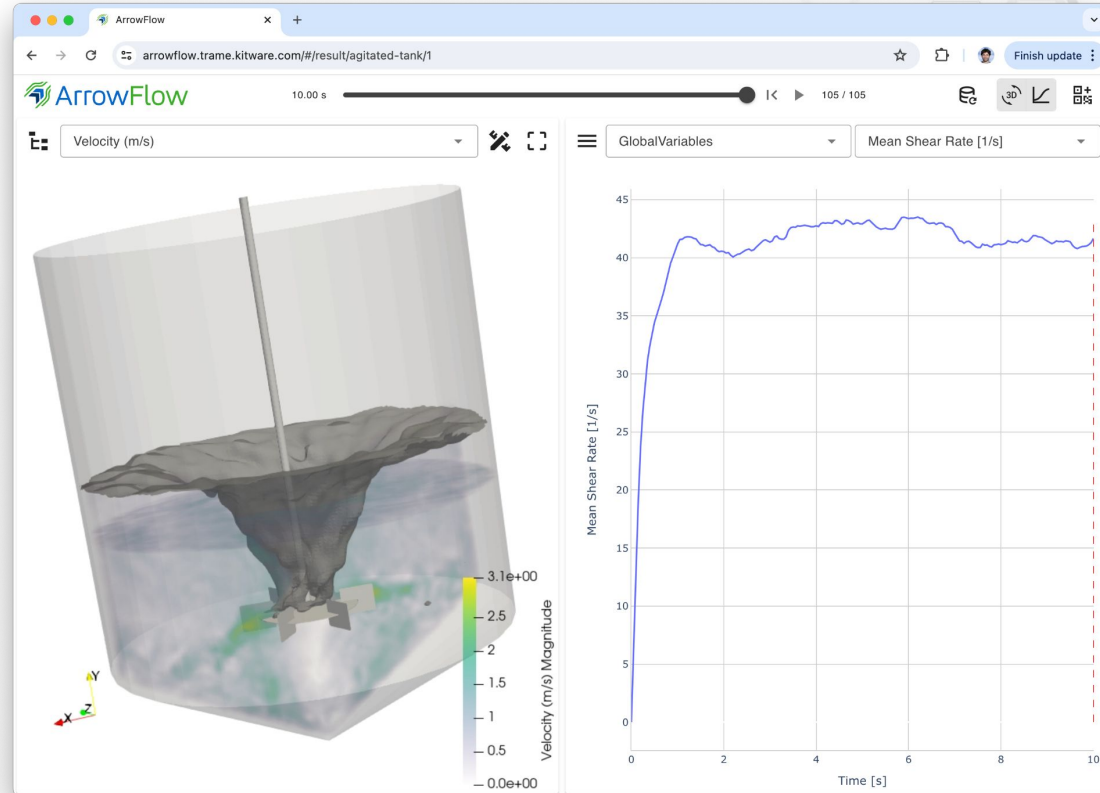
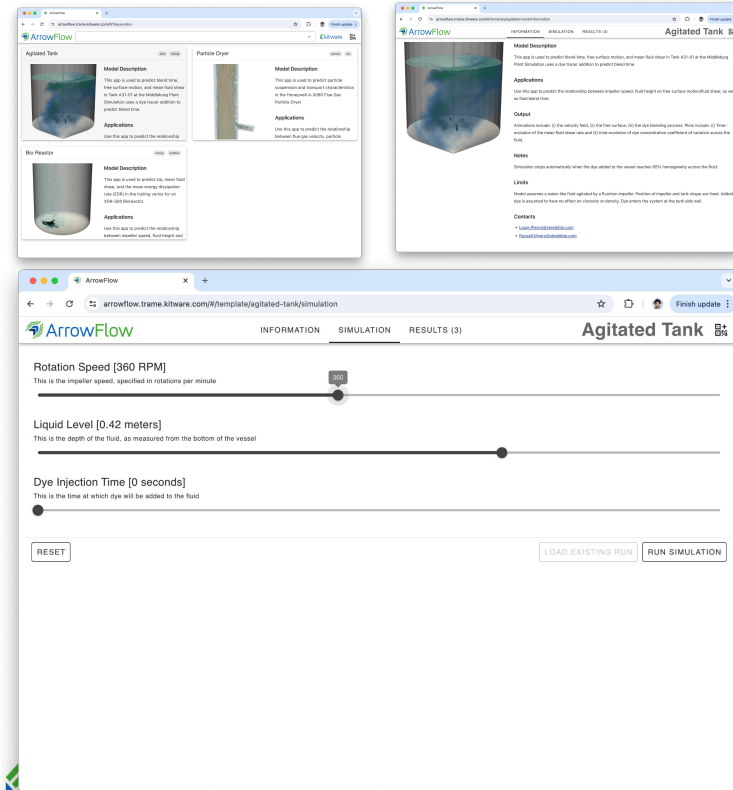
# Many Applications



# Peacock - Idaho National Laboratory

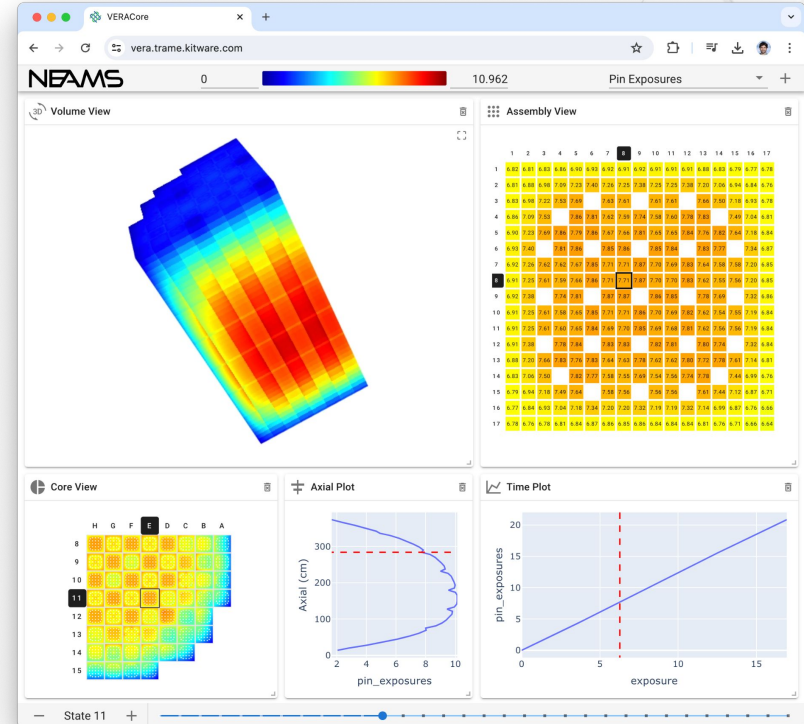
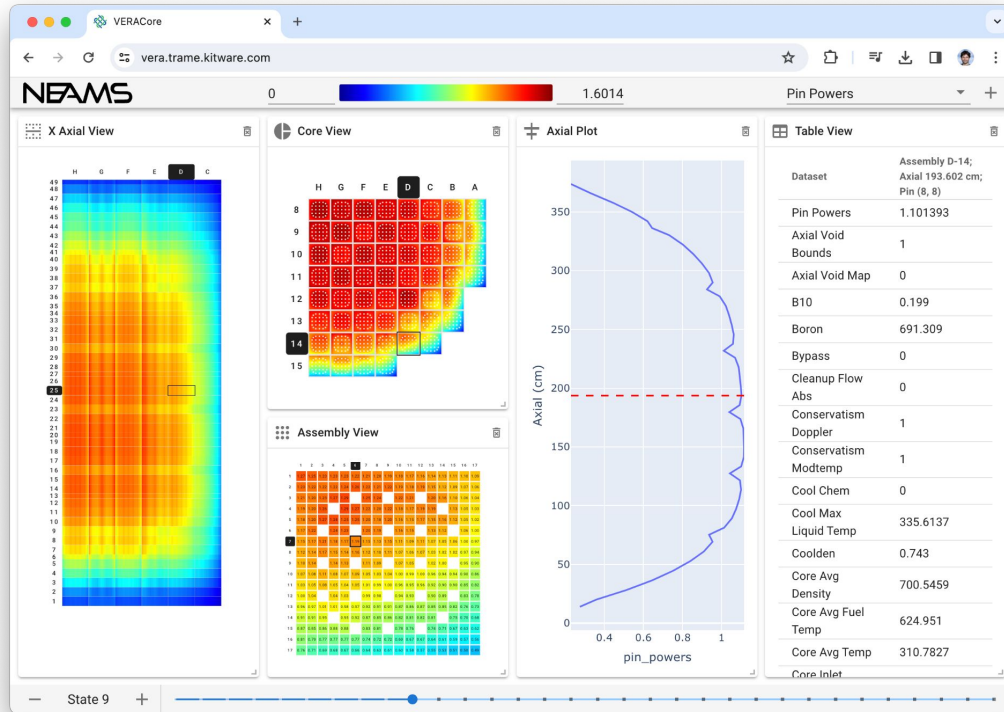


# ArrowFlow - Live and templated CFD workflow

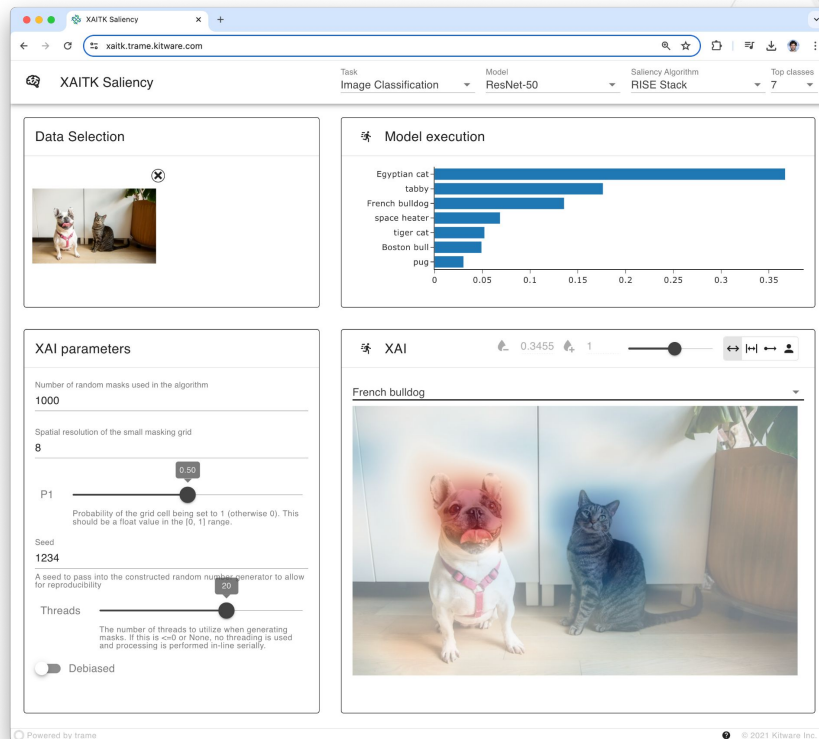
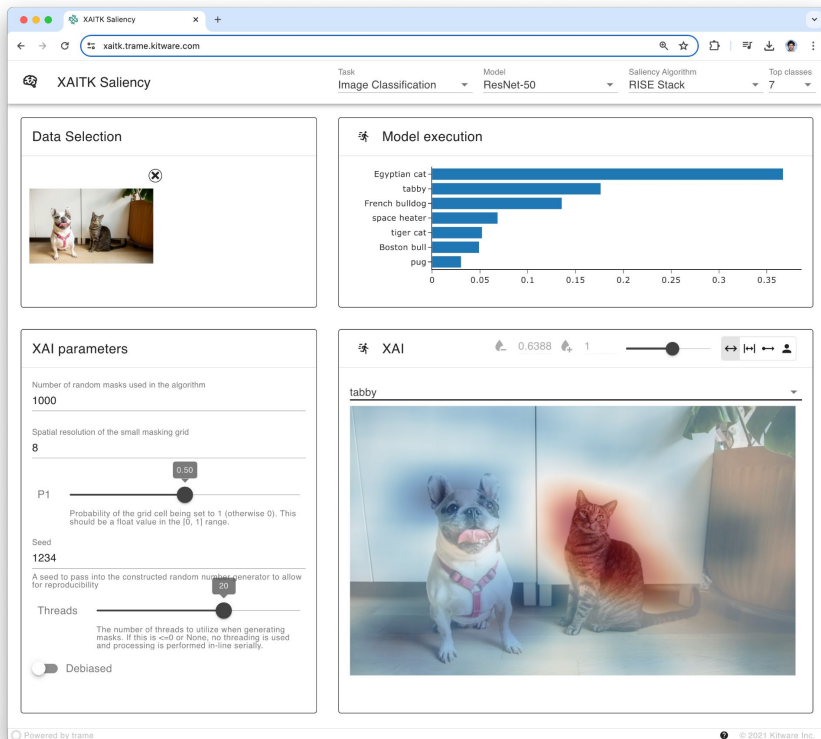


<https://www.kitware.com/arrowflow/>

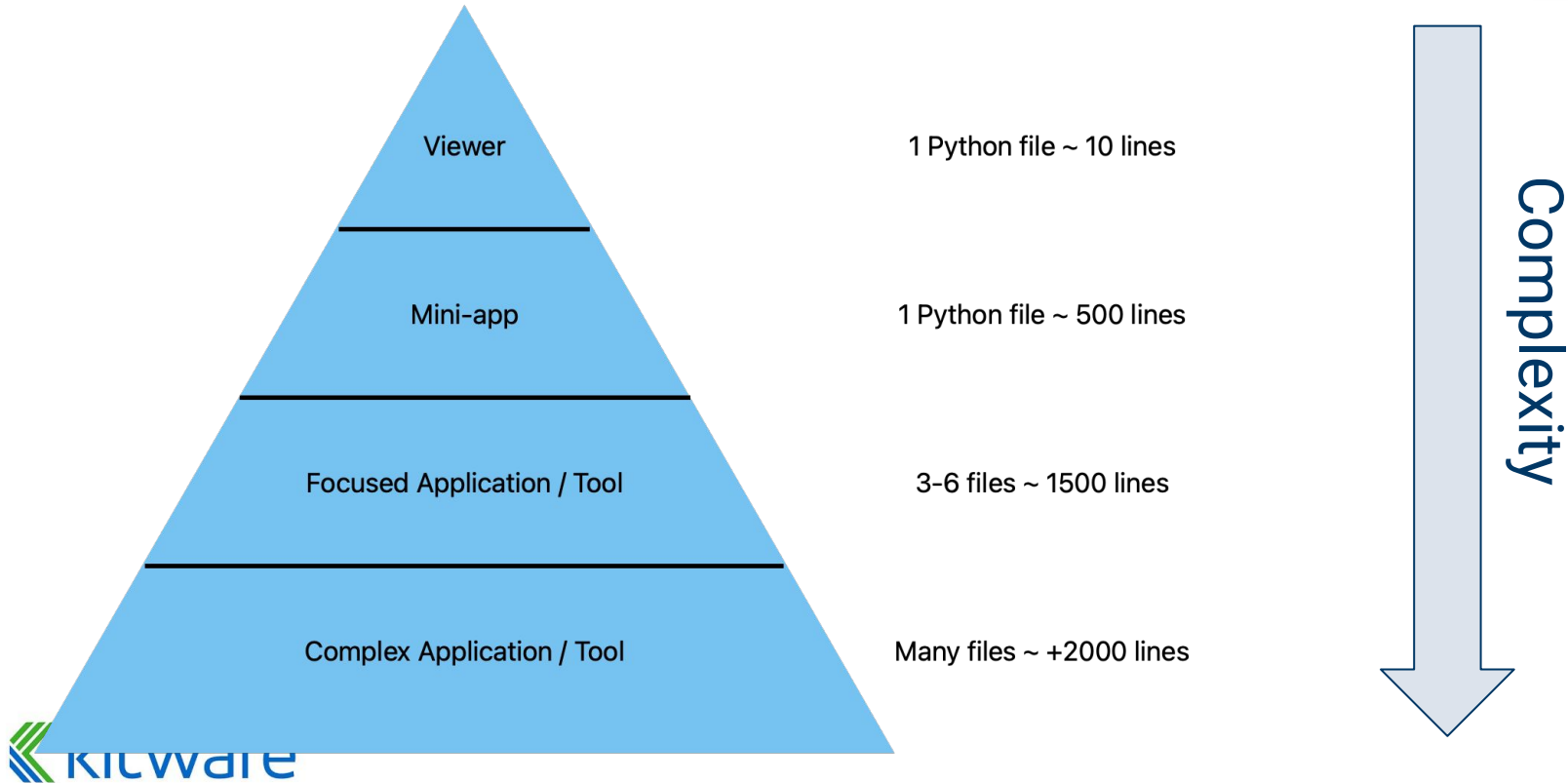
# Example: VeraCore - Simulation result exploration



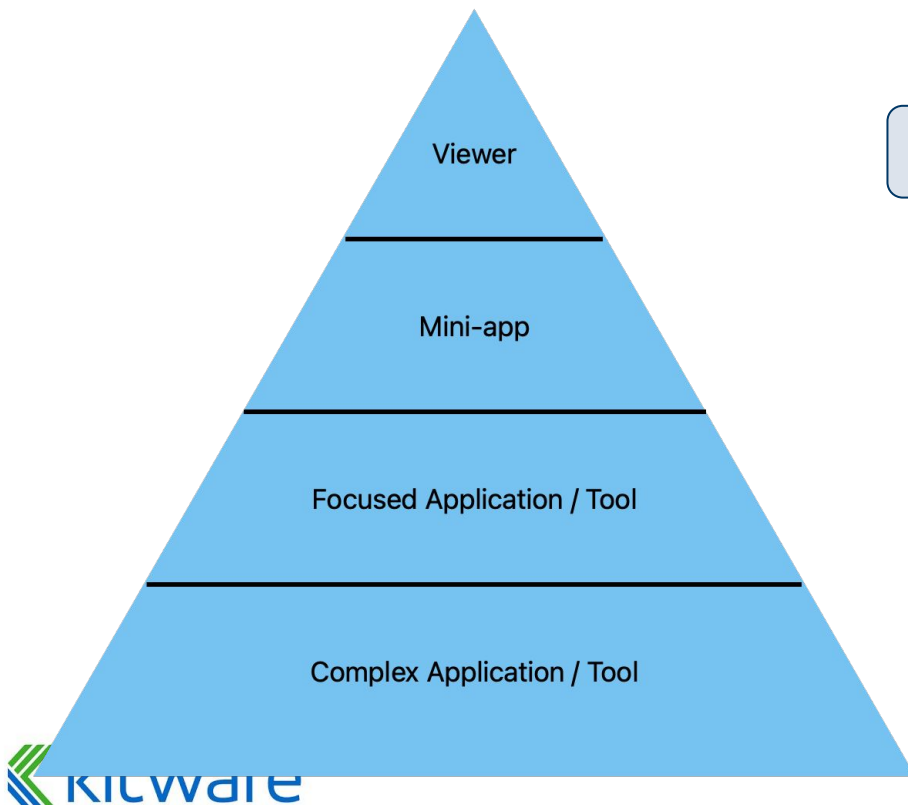
# Example: XAITK - Understanding complex machine learning models



# Usage examples (1/5)



# Usage examples (2/5)



1 Python file ~ 10 lines

```
import pyvista as pv
from pathlib import Path
import numpy as np
import sys

# Create a simple cube
cube = pv.Cube()

# Create a simple sphere
sphere = pv.Sphere()

# Create a simple cone
cone = pv.Cone()

# Create a simple cylinder
cylinder = pv.Cylinder()

# Create a simple box
box = pv.Box()

# Create a simple plane
plane = pv.Plane()

# Create a simple sphere with a grid
sphere_with_grid = sphere.plot(show_grid=True)

# Create a simple cube with a grid
cube_with_grid = cube.plot(show_grid=True)

# Create a simple cone with a grid
cone_with_grid = cone.plot(show_grid=True)

# Create a simple cylinder with a grid
cylinder_with_grid = cylinder.plot(show_grid=True)

# Create a simple box with a grid
box_with_grid = box.plot(show_grid=True)

# Create a simple plane with a grid
plane_with_grid = plane.plot(show_grid=True)

# Create a simple sphere with a grid and a color map
sphere_with_grid_and_cm = sphere.plot(show_grid=True, cm=pv.ColorMap('magma'))

# Create a simple cube with a grid and a color map
cube_with_grid_and_cm = cube.plot(show_grid=True, cm=pv.ColorMap('magma'))

# Create a simple cone with a grid and a color map
cone_with_grid_and_cm = cone.plot(show_grid=True, cm=pv.ColorMap('magma'))

# Create a simple cylinder with a grid and a color map
cylinder_with_grid_and_cm = cylinder.plot(show_grid=True, cm=pv.ColorMap('magma'))

# Create a simple box with a grid and a color map
box_with_grid_and_cm = box.plot(show_grid=True, cm=pv.ColorMap('magma'))

# Create a simple plane with a grid and a color map
plane_with_grid_and_cm = plane.plot(show_grid=True, cm=pv.ColorMap('magma'))

# Create a simple sphere with a grid and a color map and a title
sphere_with_grid_and_cm_and_title = sphere.plot(show_grid=True, cm=pv.ColorMap('magma'), title='Sphere')

# Create a simple cube with a grid and a color map and a title
cube_with_grid_and_cm_and_title = cube.plot(show_grid=True, cm=pv.ColorMap('magma'), title='Cube')

# Create a simple cone with a grid and a color map and a title
cone_with_grid_and_cm_and_title = cone.plot(show_grid=True, cm=pv.ColorMap('magma'), title='Cone')

# Create a simple cylinder with a grid and a color map and a title
cylinder_with_grid_and_cm_and_title = cylinder.plot(show_grid=True, cm=pv.ColorMap('magma'), title='Cylinder')

# Create a simple box with a grid and a color map and a title
box_with_grid_and_cm_and_title = box.plot(show_grid=True, cm=pv.ColorMap('magma'), title='Box')

# Create a simple plane with a grid and a color map and a title
plane_with_grid_and_cm_and_title = plane.plot(show_grid=True, cm=pv.ColorMap('magma'), title='Plane')

# Create a simple sphere with a grid and a color map and a title and a subtitle
sphere_with_grid_and_cm_and_title_and_subtitle = sphere.plot(show_grid=True, cm=pv.ColorMap('magma'), title='Sphere', subtitle='Subtitle')

# Create a simple cube with a grid and a color map and a title and a subtitle
cube_with_grid_and_cm_and_title_and_subtitle = cube.plot(show_grid=True, cm=pv.ColorMap('magma'), title='Cube', subtitle='Subtitle')

# Create a simple cone with a grid and a color map and a title and a subtitle
cone_with_grid_and_cm_and_title_and_subtitle = cone.plot(show_grid=True, cm=pv.ColorMap('magma'), title='Cone', subtitle='Subtitle')

# Create a simple cylinder with a grid and a color map and a title and a subtitle
cylinder_with_grid_and_cm_and_title_and_subtitle = cylinder.plot(show_grid=True, cm=pv.ColorMap('magma'), title='Cylinder', subtitle='Subtitle')

# Create a simple box with a grid and a color map and a title and a subtitle
box_with_grid_and_cm_and_title_and_subtitle = box.plot(show_grid=True, cm=pv.ColorMap('magma'), title='Box', subtitle='Subtitle')

# Create a simple plane with a grid and a color map and a title and a subtitle
plane_with_grid_and_cm_and_title_and_subtitle = plane.plot(show_grid=True, cm=pv.ColorMap('magma'), title='Plane', subtitle='Subtitle')

# Create a simple sphere with a grid and a color map and a title and a subtitle and a legend
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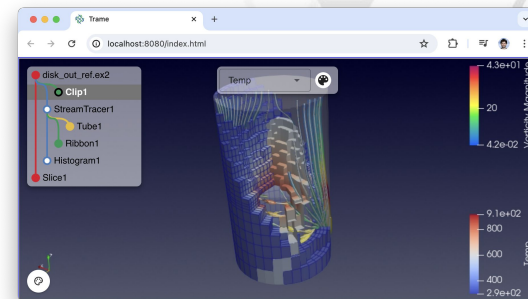
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# Create a simple cone with a grid and a color map and a title and a subtitle and a legend
cone_with_grid_and_cm_and_title_and_subtitle_and_legend = cone.plot(show_grid=True, cm=pv.ColorMap('magma'), title='Cone', subtitle='Subtitle', legend=True)

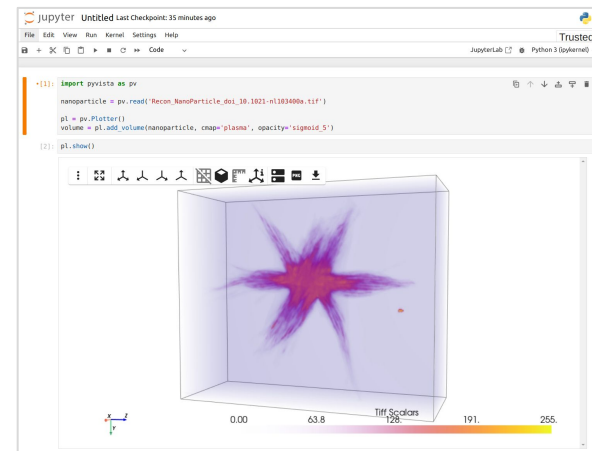
# Create a simple cylinder with a grid and a color map and a title and a subtitle and a legend
cylinder_with_grid_and_cm_and_title_and_subtitle_and_legend = cylinder.plot(show_grid=True, cm=pv.ColorMap('magma'), title='Cylinder', subtitle='Subtitle', legend=True)

# Create a simple box with a grid and a color map and a title and a subtitle and a legend
box_with_grid_and_cm_and_title_and_subtitle_and_legend = box.plot(show_grid=True, cm=pv.ColorMap('magma'), title='Box', subtitle='Subtitle', legend=True)

# Create a simple plane with a grid and a color map and a title and a subtitle and a legend
plane_with_grid_and_cm_and_title_and_subtitle_and_legend = plane.plot(show_grid=True, cm=pv.ColorMap('magma'), title='Plane', subtitle='Subtitle', legend=True)
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1 Python file ~ 500 lines



3-6 files ~ 1500 lines

Many files ~ +2000 lines

# Usage examples (3/5)

Viewer

Mini-app

Focused Application / Tool

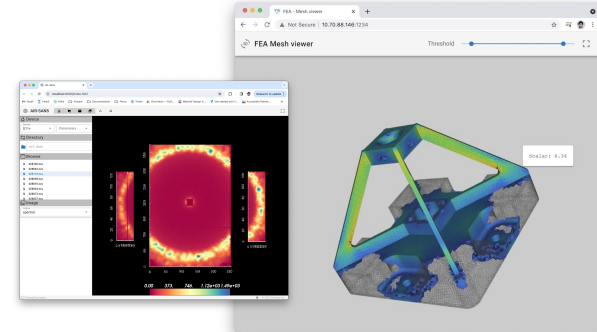
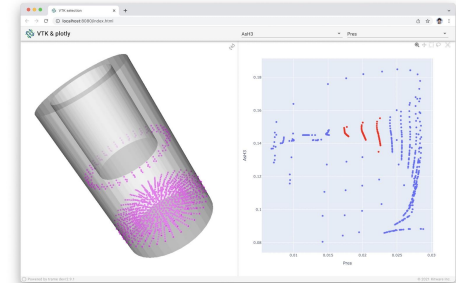
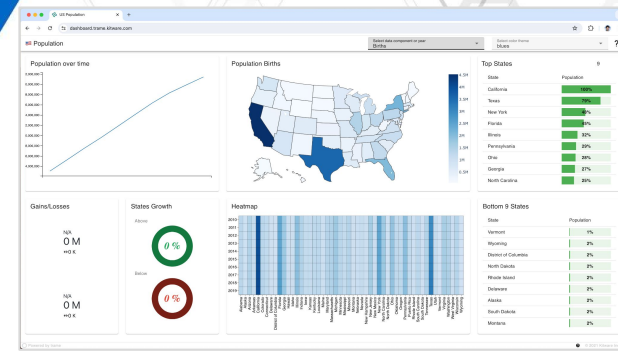
Complex Application / Tool

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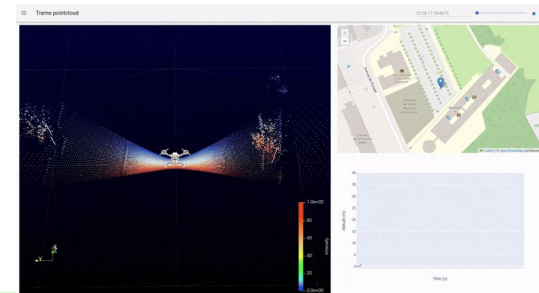
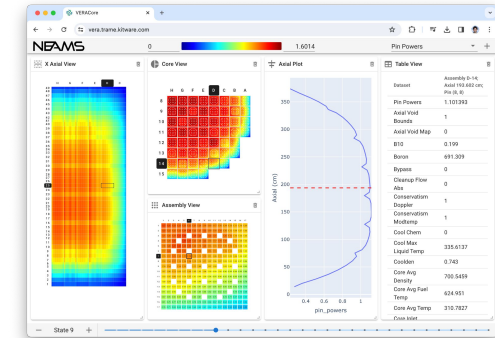
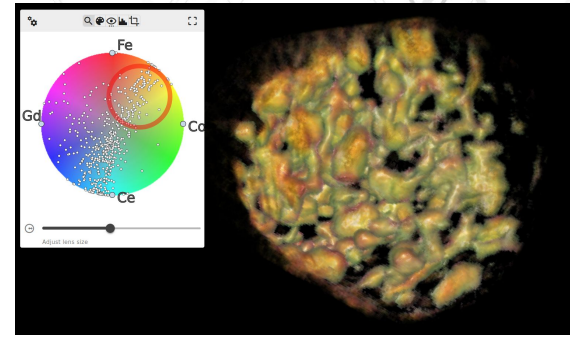
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# Usage examples (5/5)

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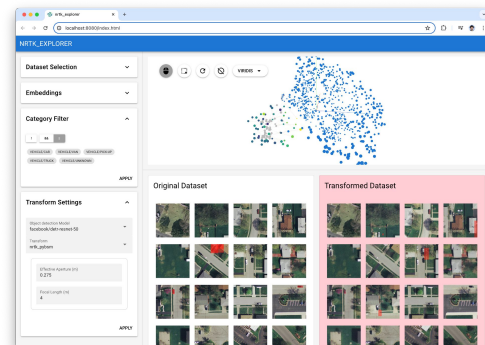
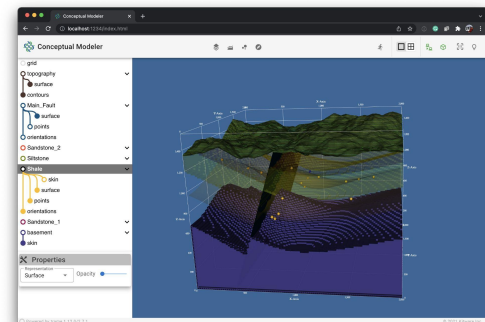
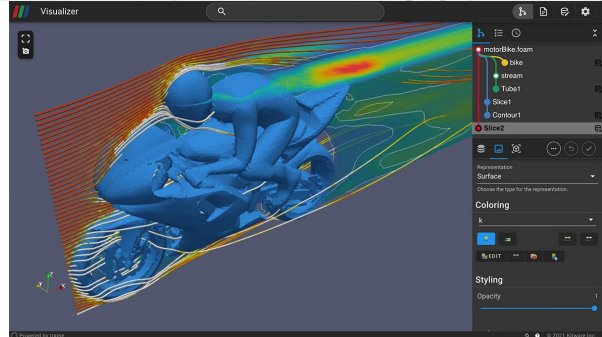
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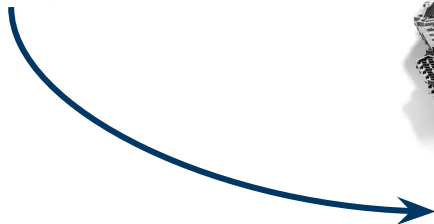
# Nothing is too big or too small for trame

- From visualization to interactive data processing
- Running locally or on HPC
- Within Jupyter or in the cloud
- Trame has you covered

What you do with it is up to you...



# It is like playing with legos...



## Demo Time - Trame with ParaView

- ◆ **Create Python 3.10.13 conda environment**
  - Python 3.10.13 is needed for ParaView later

```
conda create -n trame-examples -y  
conda activate trame-examples  
conda install -y -c conda-forge python=3.10.13 \  
paraview-trame-components paraview=5.13.3
```

*Alternatively, these can be installed with pip.  
These include dependencies needed for the  
ParaView example later.*

## Demo Time - Trame with ParaView (Pip only, external ParaView)

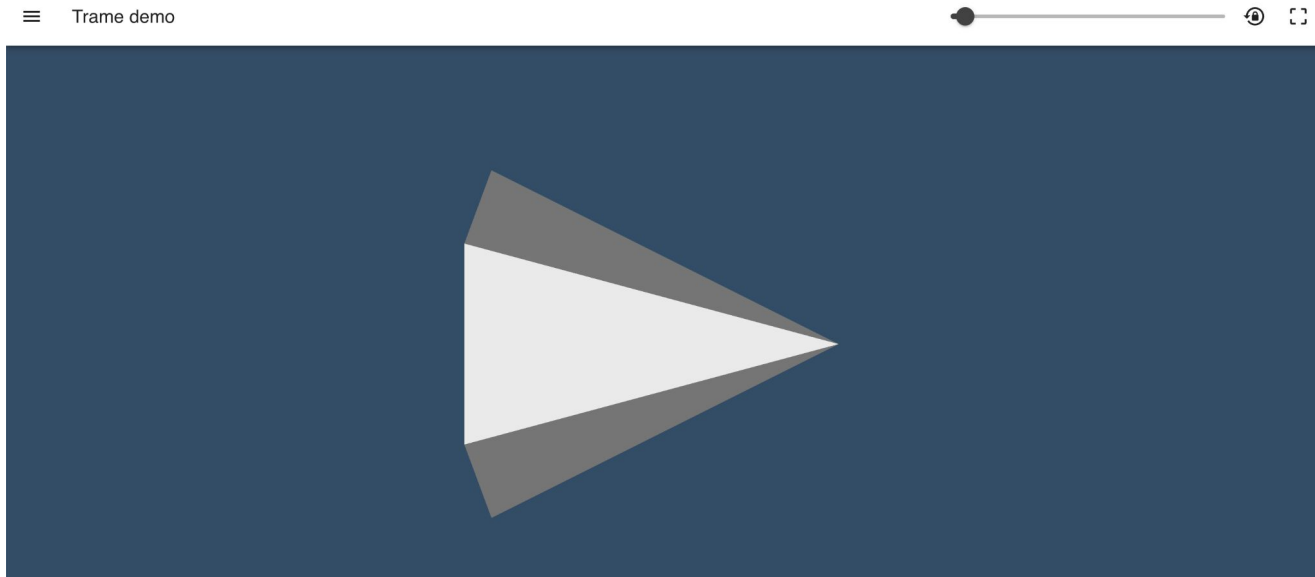
- **Create Python 3.10.13 virtual environment**
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```
pip install \
    trame trame-vtk trame-client trame-components trame-vuetify
```

*These include dependencies needed for the  
ParaView example later.*

# Validate it is working

```
python -m trame.app.demo
```



## Important: differences between remote and local rendering

- It's very easy to switch between remote and local rendering in frame
- **Remote:** all rendering done on the server, images are streamed to the client. Mouse interactions are streamed from the client to the server.
- **Local:** geometry/data is sent from the server to the client. All rendering and interactions are done on the client.
  - Local rendering is usually done with [VTK.js](#). It may not contain all components.
  - When [VTK-WASM](#) is ready (getting close), that will be used for local rendering, and all components will be available.

# Tricks Needed for ParaView

- Using ParaView from conda-forge
  - Everything works out of the box.

```
# conda install -c conda-forge paraview trame ...  
# Then run your trame apps that use ParaView
```

- Using pre-installed ParaView
  - ParaView's pvpython does not come with network capabilities (pip and OpenSSL), making it difficult to install new Python packages
    - This is partly so ParaView can be easily integrated in systems with security concerns
  - Often need to merge our venv with ParaView's venv
    - Requires **identical** version of Python in our venv



# ParaView Demo Time

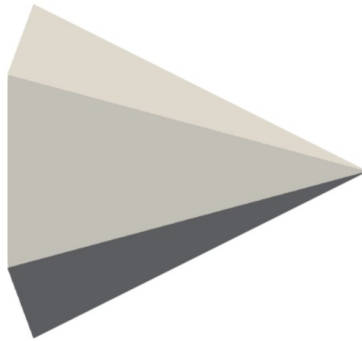
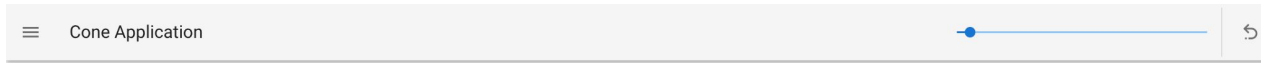
- Ensure your virtual environment is activated
- Download these ParaView [state file examples](#)
- Unzip them somewhere and remember location
- Clone trame. We will run an example script in it.

```
git clone https://github.com/kitware/trame  
cd trame
```

# ParaView Examples - Cone

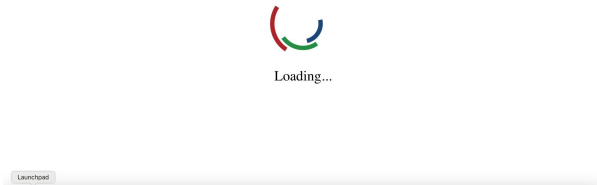
```
python ./examples/07_paraview/SimpleCone/RemoteRendering.py
```

[RemoteRendering.py Link](#)

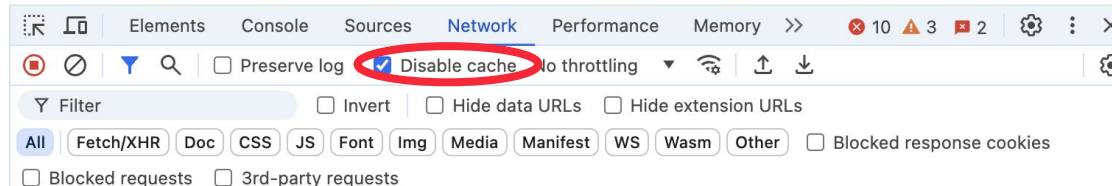


# Caching Issues?

- Modern web browsers do a lot of caching (for improved performance)
- You may occasionally get pages with issues, such as failure to load, due to caching issues, especially when switching between Vue2 and Vue3 frame apps.
- To fix: open dev tools, go to “Network”, check “Disable cache”, and reload web page
  - Note that “Disable cache” only works while dev tools are open. If you close the dev tools, the cache will not be disabled. You must open dev tools and reload again.



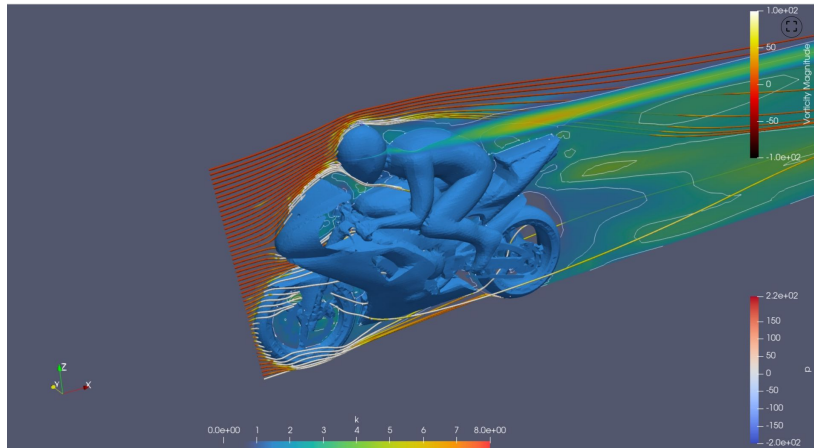
```
Uncaught TypeError: r.a.extend is not a function
    at index-52cf501e.js:23
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    at trame-vuetify.umd.min.js:1745
    at ./src/mixins/themeable/index.ts (trame-vuetify.umd.min.js:1745:398)
    at n (trame-vuetify.umd.min.js:1:546)
    at ./src/components/VApp/VApp.ts (trame-vuetify.umd.min.js:21:130)
    at n (trame-vuetify.umd.min.js:1:546)
    at ./src/components/VApp/index.ts (trame-vuetify.umd.min.js:25:81)
    at n (trame-vuetify.umd.min.js:1:546)
    at ./src/components/index.ts (trame-vuetify.umd.min.js:1369:2344)
    at n (trame-vuetify.umd.min.js:1:546)
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    at n (trame-vuetify.umd.min.js:1:546)
```



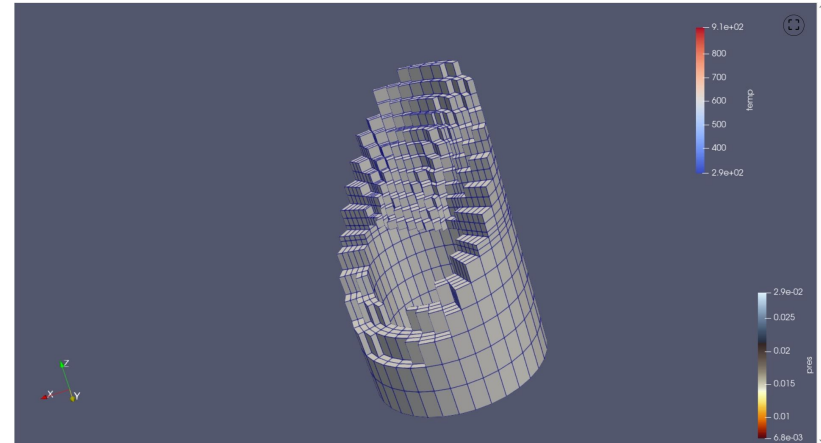
# ParaView Examples - State Viewer

```
ptc-state --state $HOME/Downloads/pv-state/<file>.pvsm
```

motobike2.pvsm

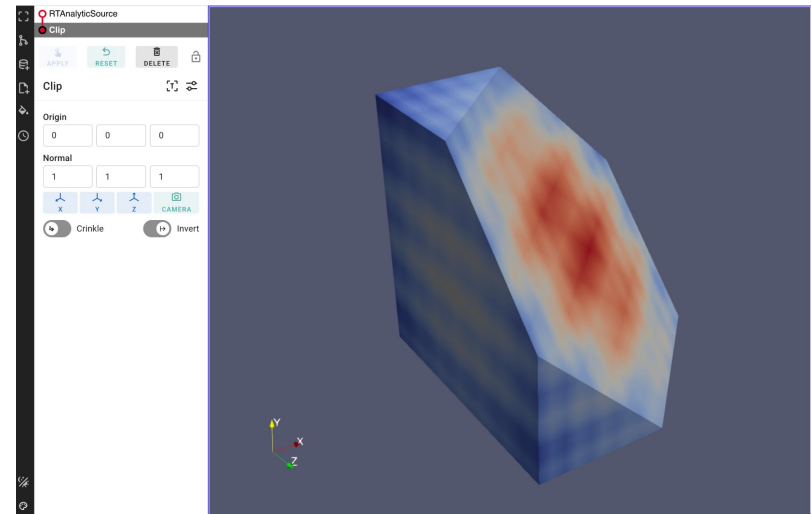
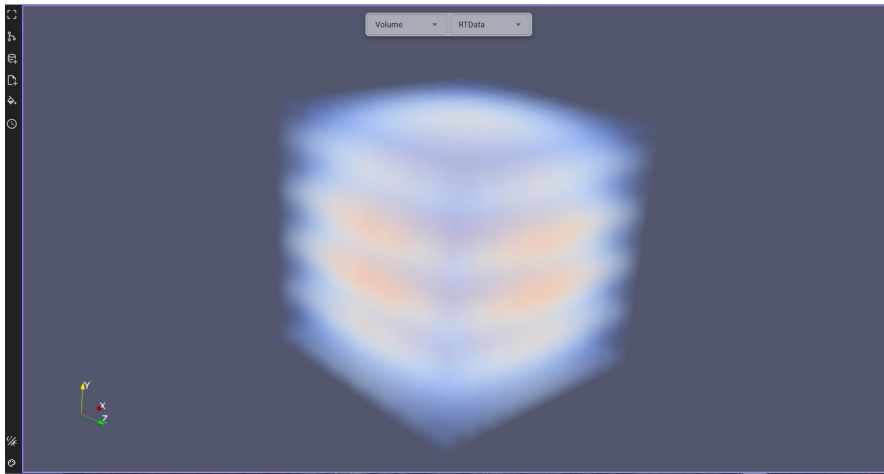


diskout/diskout2.pvsm



# ParaView Trame Components - control ParaView with trame!

ptc-lite



# Using external ParaView

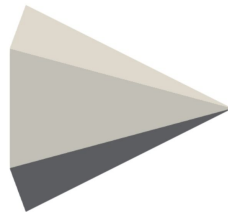
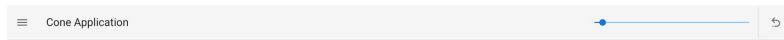
*This was for my Mac*

```
# First, be sure to remove ParaView from the conda environment  
conda remove paraview --force
```

```
/Applications/ParaView-5.13.3.app/Contents/bin/pvpython \  
./examples/07_paraview/SimpleCone/RemoteRendering.py --venv $CONDA_PREFIX
```

## [RemoteRendering.py Link](#)

- Use the path to pvpython on your system.
- On Windows, use %CONDA\_PREFIX%



# Running trame on HPC

- ◆ **ParaView handles the parallelism (i. e., pvbatch)**
- ◆ **Need to connect to the root node from web browser**
- ◆ **Might require a little network configuration/tricks for each HPC cluster**
  - For example, a reversed connection
  - Sebastien can handle it...
    - Infrastructure is available to set it up on any cluster
- ◆ **Already being done at Sandia**

# New Developments

- **WASM for client-side rendering**
  - More robust local rendering (uses the same VTK code locally)
  - Access to more VTK components, including 3D widgets (whatever is serializable in VTK)
  - More user-friendly API for interacting with objects
  - Better performance through access to WebGPU (coming soon)

# Check out the website and the many examples available

- ◆ Website with Great Examples: [kitware.github.io/trame](https://kitware.github.io/trame)

## Live Trame Examples

(might be slow if everyone runs them at once)

- ◆ VERACore: [vera.trame.kitware.com](https://vera.trame.kitware.com)
- ◆ Visualizer: [visualizer.trame.kitware.com](https://visualizer.trame.kitware.com)
- ◆ ArrowFlow: [arrowflow.trame.kitware.com](https://arrowflow.trame.kitware.com)
- ◆ XAITK: [xaitk.trame.kitware.com](https://xaitk.trame.kitware.com)
  - [Example File](#)

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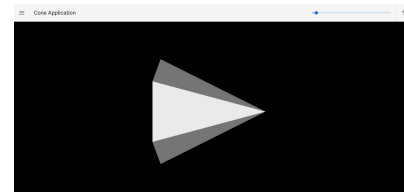
# Questions?

Thank you

# VTK Demo

- ◆ **Do this in a separate conda environment than ParaView**
  - The conda VTK may collide with ParaView's VTK
- ◆ **First, install VTK**

```
conda install -c conda-forge 'vtk>=9.3'
```



- ◆ **Second, run VTK example scripts in trame repo**

```
python ./examples/06_vtk/01_SimpleCone/RemoteRendering.py
```