

Scalable In-Memory Data Indexing and Querying for Scientific Simulation Workflows

Target Application

- S3D combustion simulation (Jacqueline Chen and Hemanth Kolla, Sandia National Laboratory)
- Goal: Identify flamefronts (a transient phenomena) at runtime in combustion simulations

Data Management Challenges

- Develop capabilities for interactive queries with low latency, operating on live simulation results
- Efficient data indexing and querying

Approach

- Parallel in-memory indexing and querying on staging nodes
- Support SQL-like query syntax and simple querying APIs
- Flexible framework that can integrates different index techniques (currently using FastBit compressed bitmap index)

Impact

- Efficiently support online runtime query-driven data analysis for extreme scale scientific simulations
- In-memory approach improves both indexing time (up to 7x) and querying time (up to 35x)

