

Using AI/ML to Accelerate Engineering Simulations for Asset Design and Optimization

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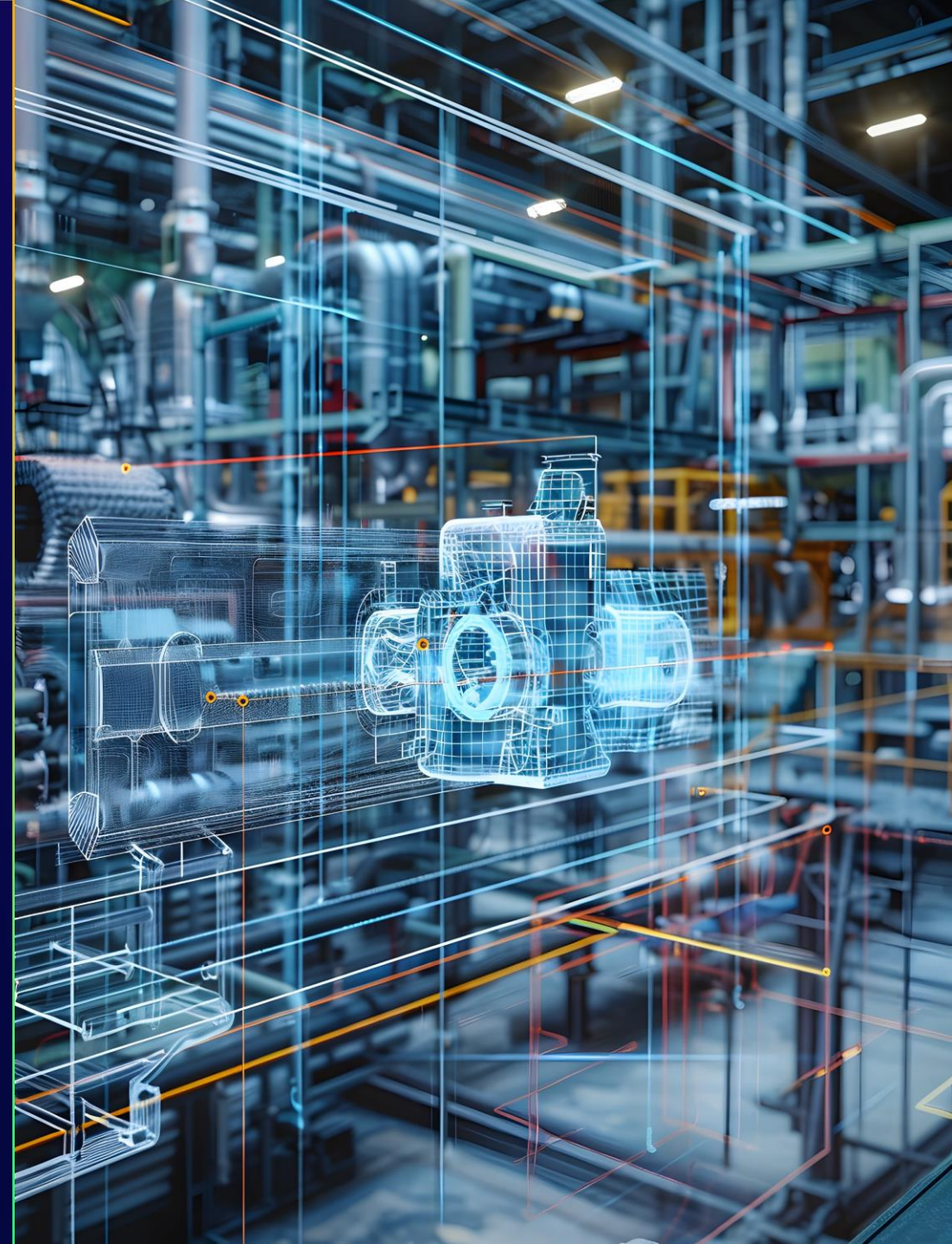
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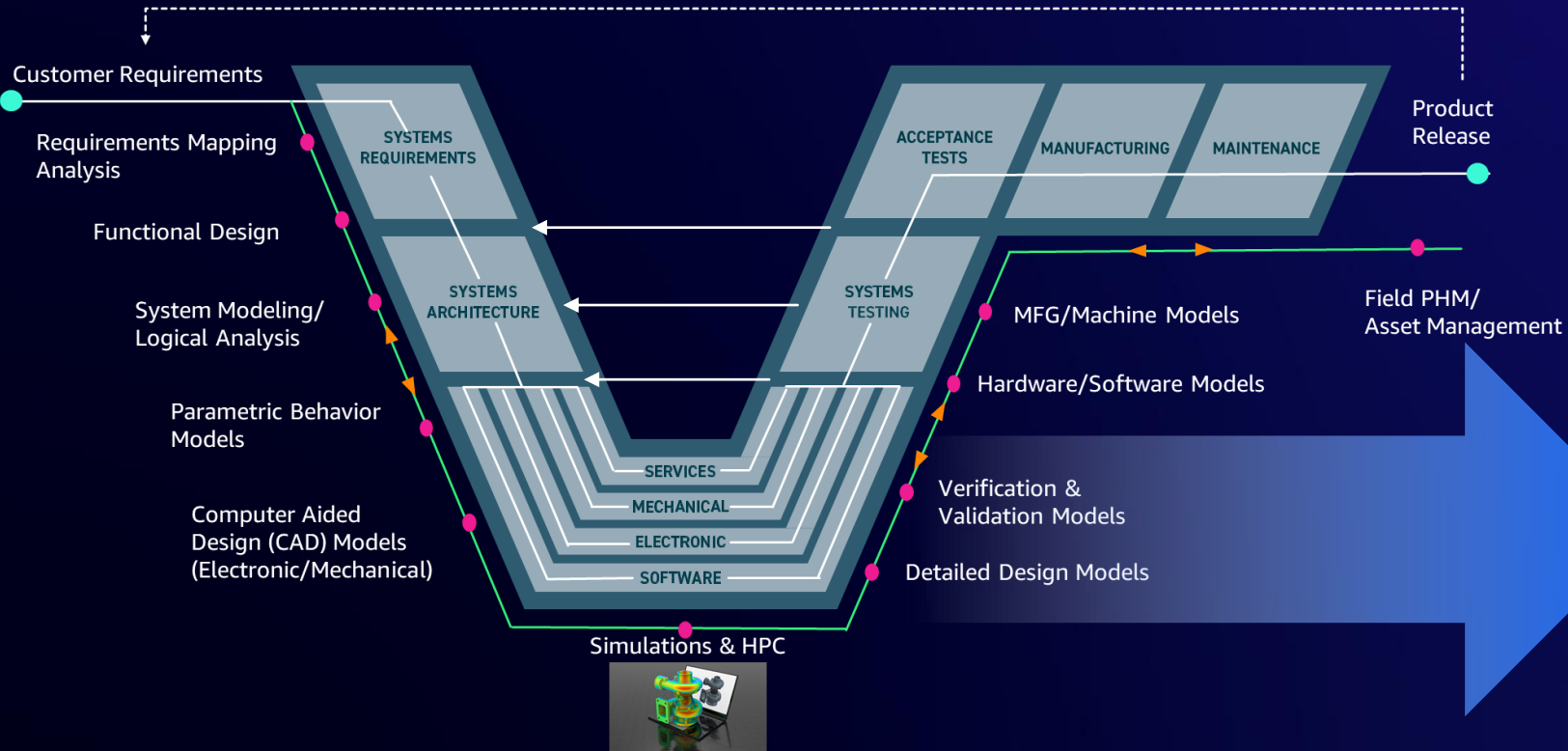
Agenda

- Background and Challenges
- AI/ML for Engineering Simulations
- Applications & Demonstrations
- Next Steps



Product Lifecycle: Design, Development & Operations

Product Lifecycle Stages



Optimal asset design needs to cover large trade space studies consistent with the requirements



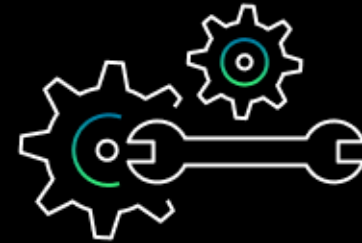
Challenges in traditional design space exploration



Can't explore sufficient design iterations to find an optimal performance



Time-consuming and costly to run high fidelity physics-based simulations



Leverage existing data for simulation intelligence

AWS Engineering Simulation Tech Stack



1. ENVIRONMENT

VPC, VPN, AWS DIRECTCONNECT, SUBNETS, GATEWAYS, COST MANAGEMENT, GOVERNANCE

2. COMPUTE

COMPUTE INSTANCES, AWS NITRO, ELASTIC FABRIC ADAPTER

3. STORAGE

AMAZON FSX, AMAZON EBS, AMAZON S3, AMAZON EFS

4. ORCHESTRATION

AWS PARALLELCLUSTER, BATCH

5. VISUALIZATION

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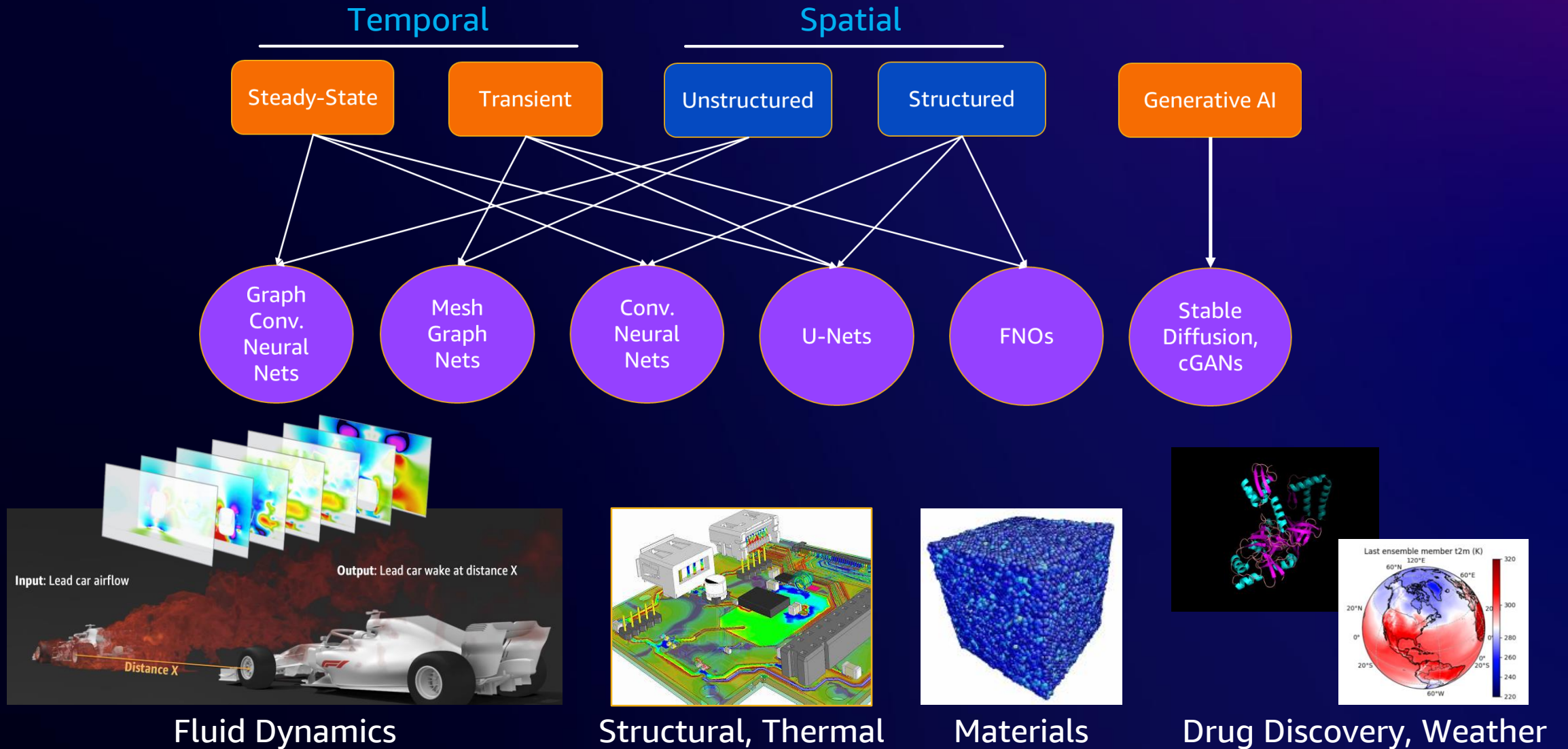
6. USER PORTAL

AWS RESEARCH AND ENGINEERING STUDIO

7. AI/ML

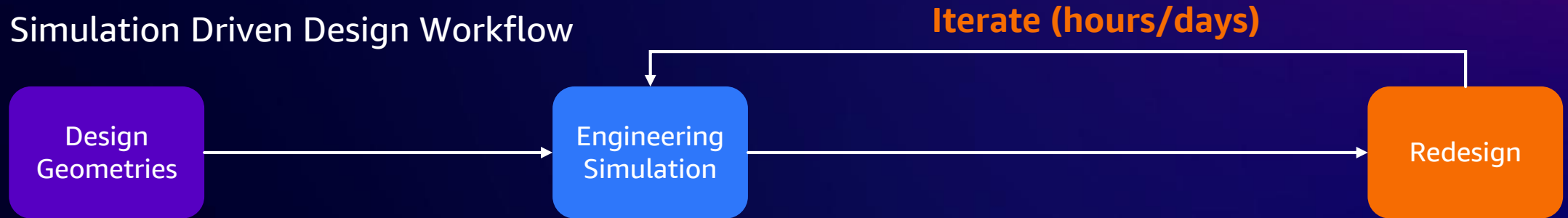
AI/ML – UNET, MESHGRAPHNET, PHYSICS INFORMED NEURAL NETWORKS (PINN)
GenAI – DIFFUSION TRANSFORMER LLMs

Overview – AI/ML Techniques and Applications

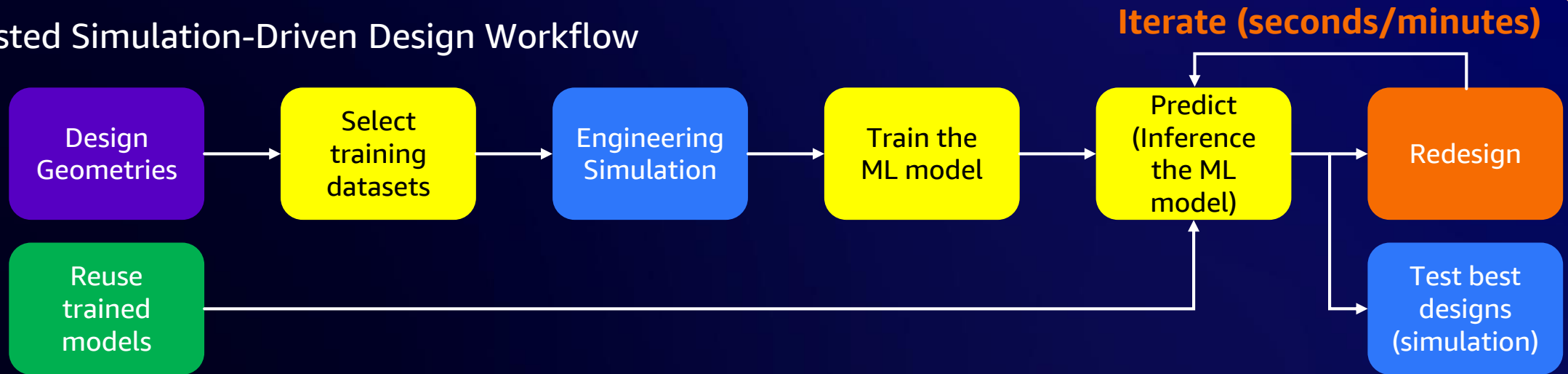


AI/ML for Engineering Simulation Workflows

Traditional Simulation Driven Design Workflow



AI/ML Assisted Simulation-Driven Design Workflow



Asset Design: Fluid Injection Application

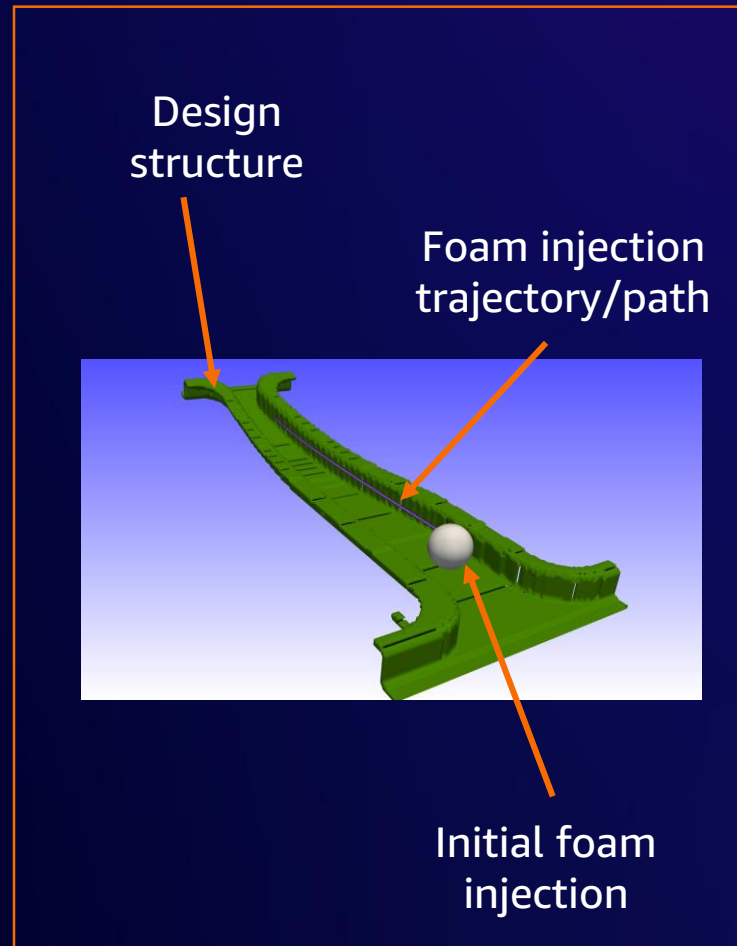
ML ASSISTED TRANSIENT SIMULATIONS

Scenario: Foam injection use case involves injecting a liquid which hardens into a foam to provide structural strength for panels.

Challenge: Find optimal injection trajectory to maximize contact surface and minimize void formation and foam wastage

Approach: Optimize the foam injection path to maximize foam volume using a genetic algorithm

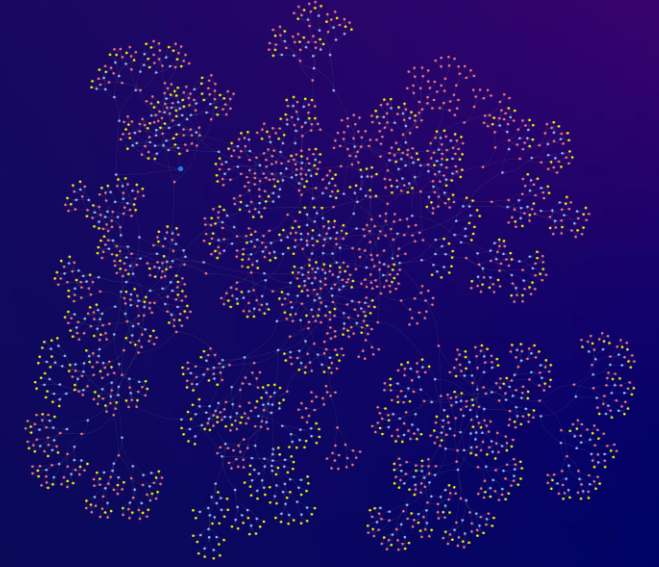
Outcome: reduced total amount of foam injected by 8% while maximizing contact surface to 15%



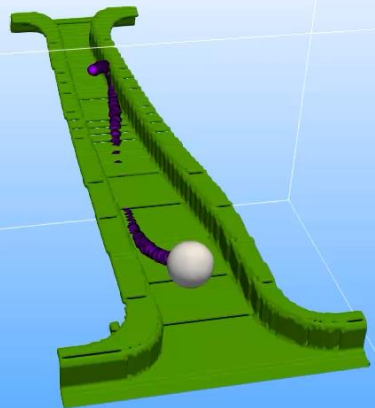
Asset Design & Optimization: Fluid Injection

Simulation Optimization Details

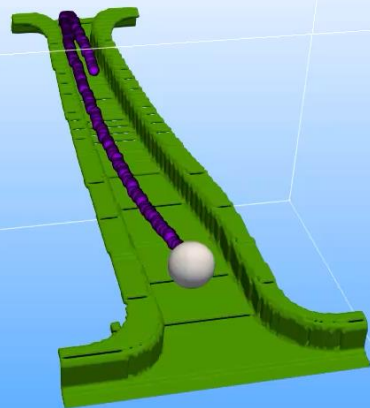
- 10 design iterations, each with 128 simulations (1280 foam growth simulations)
- Best of 128 was used to seed next design iteration (Genetic Algorithm)
- Structured grid 16.7M cell count
- Runtime per simulation (9-11.5 min: ~5min simulation, ~5-6min post-processing)



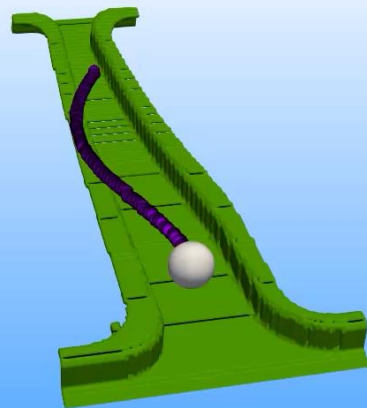
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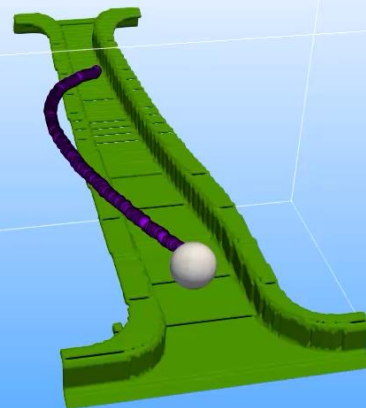
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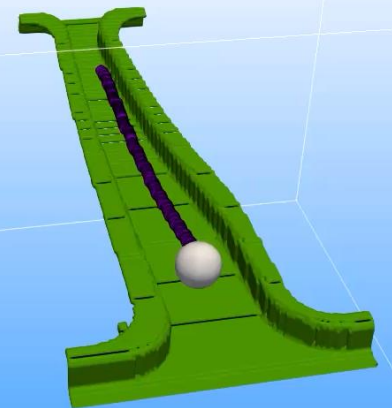
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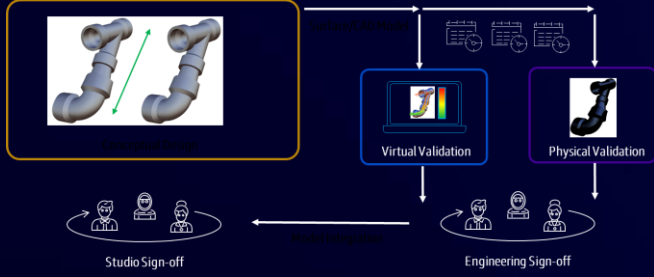
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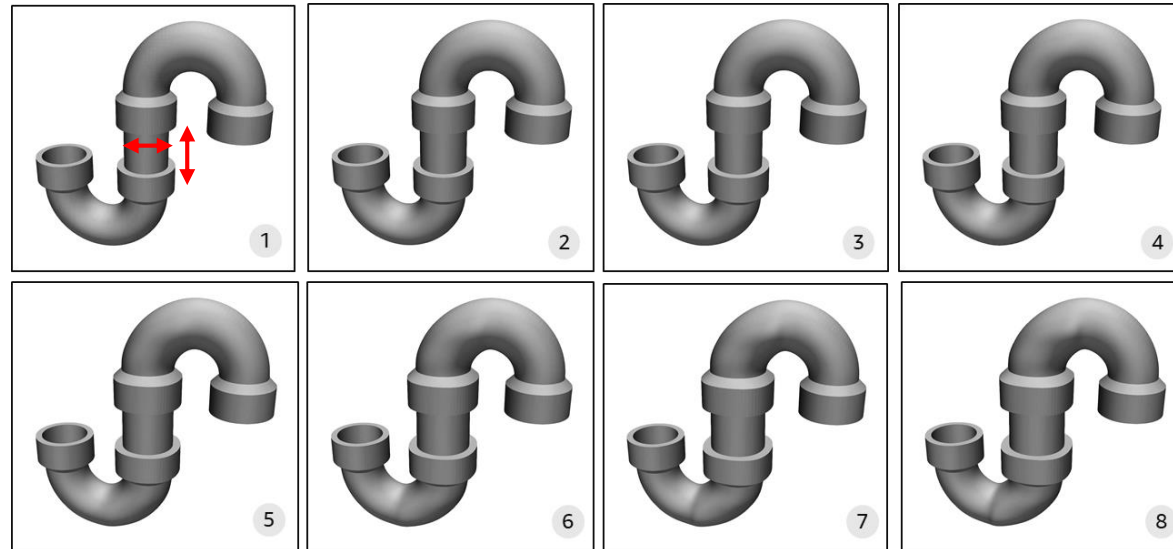
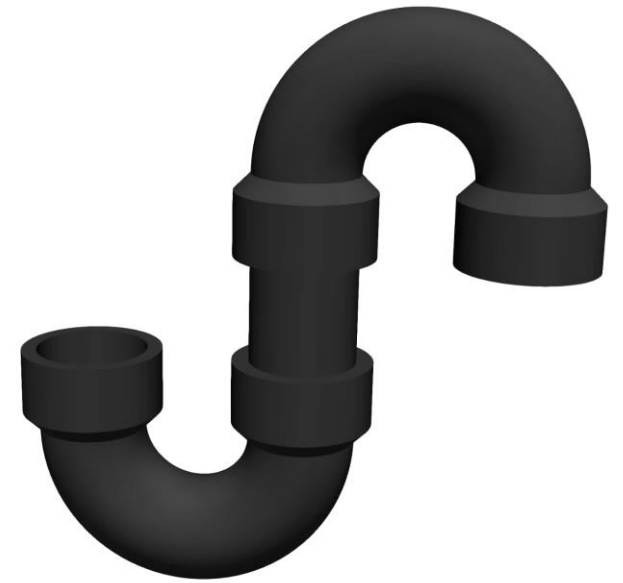
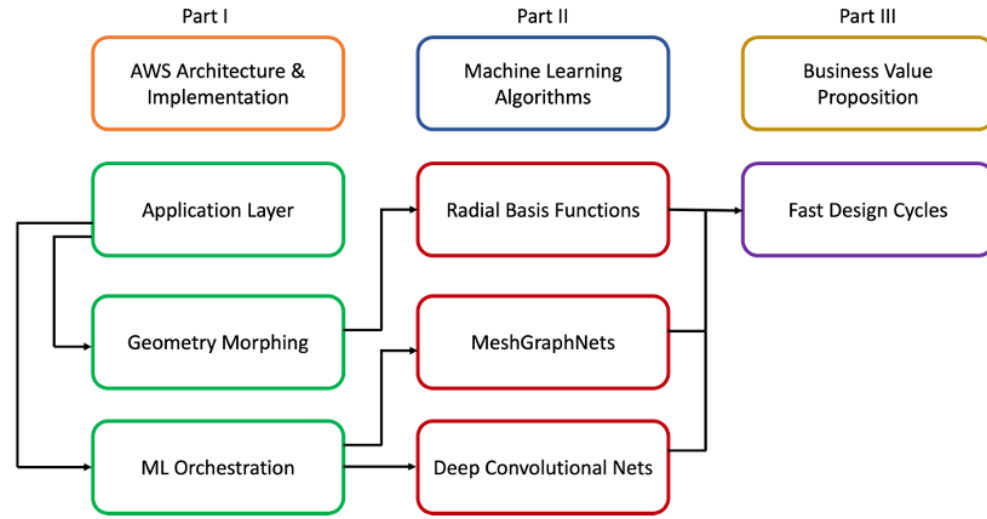
AI Driven Design



- Asset model
 - Images* / Scans
 - CAD / DWG
- Requirements
 - KPI (Mfg, Cost, CTQs..)
 - 2D/3D Sim. Fidelity
- Existing results
 - Simulation
 - Testing
 - Field operations



**Image to 3D model through Stable Diffusion pipeline*



Accelerated Non-Linear Design Convergence

Geometry modification based on inputs

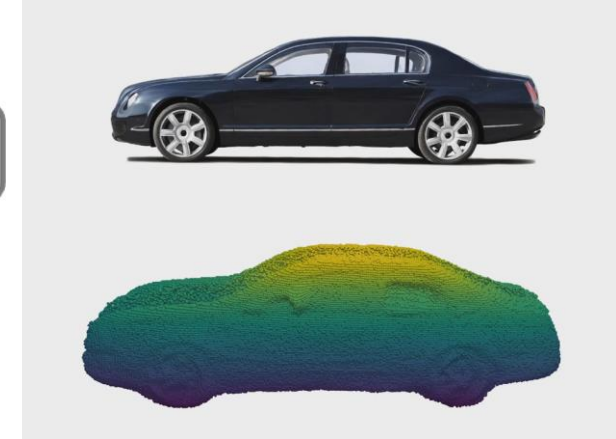
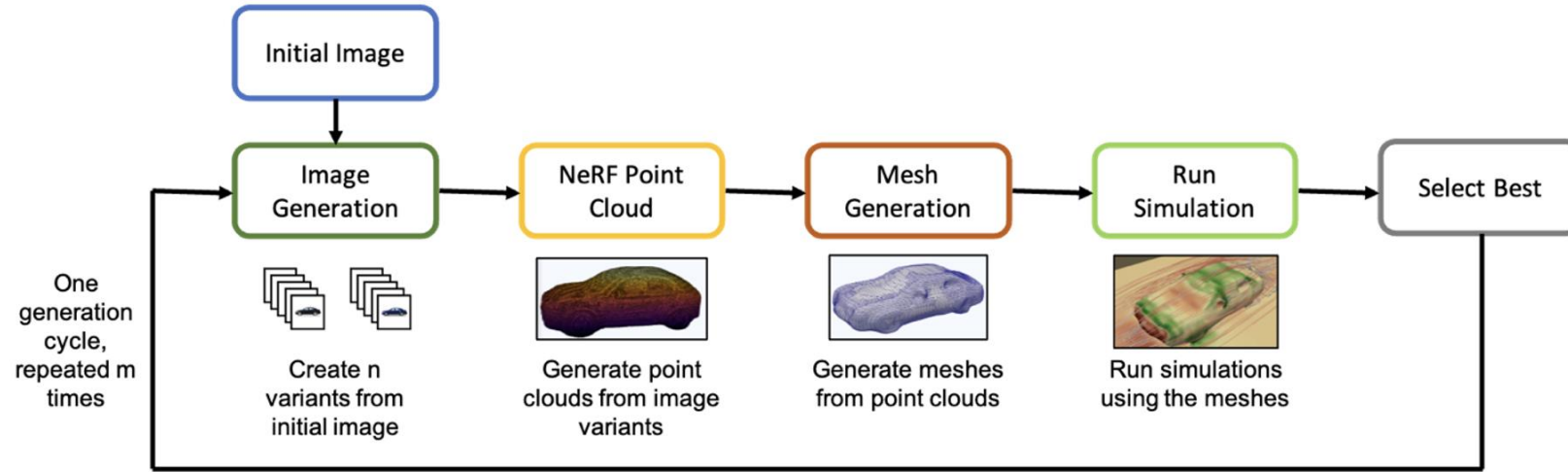


Seamless extract design options based on KPI (Performance (ΔP , Mixing ratio), Cost, Material..)

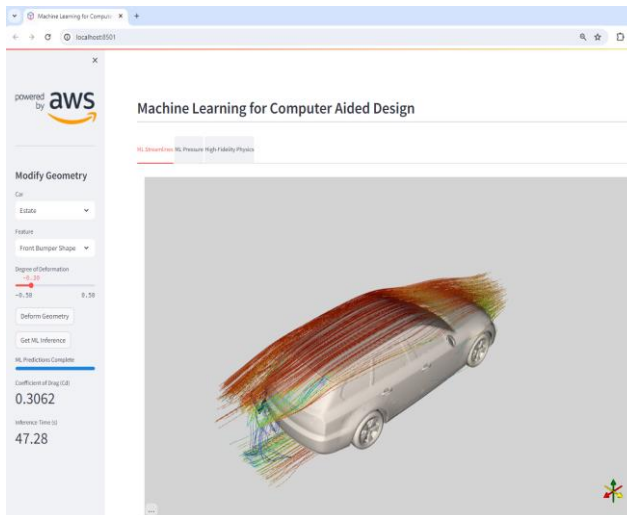


Generative AI for Design Iterations

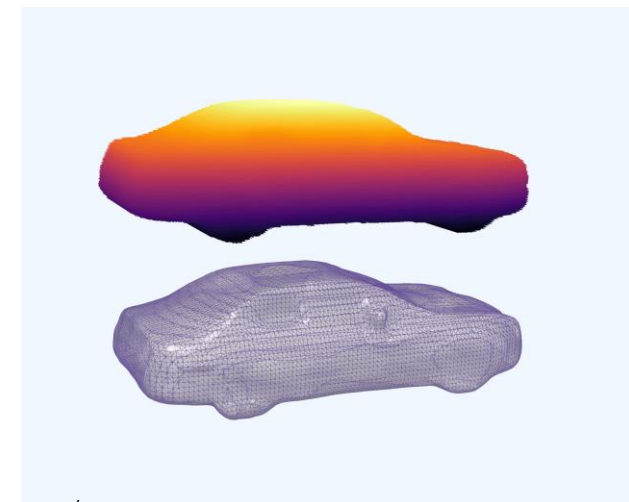
WORKFLOWS AND SIMULATION PREPARATION



Neural Radiance Fields (NeRF)



User Centric Workflows



Neural Kernel Surface Reconstruction (NKSR)

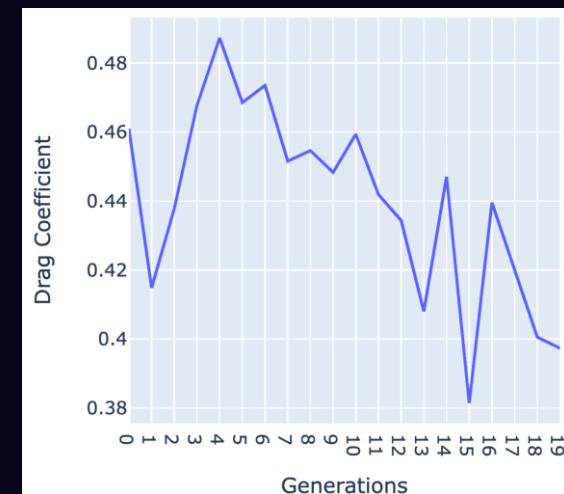
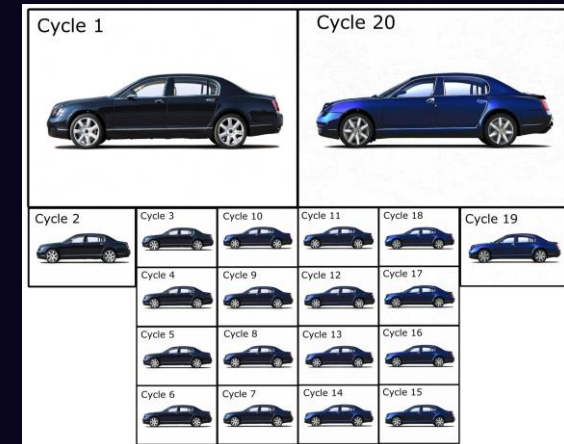
Physics Enabled GenAI Design Acceleration



“make the car sporty and aerodynamic”

400 OpenFoam Simulation
(375 training, 25 validation)

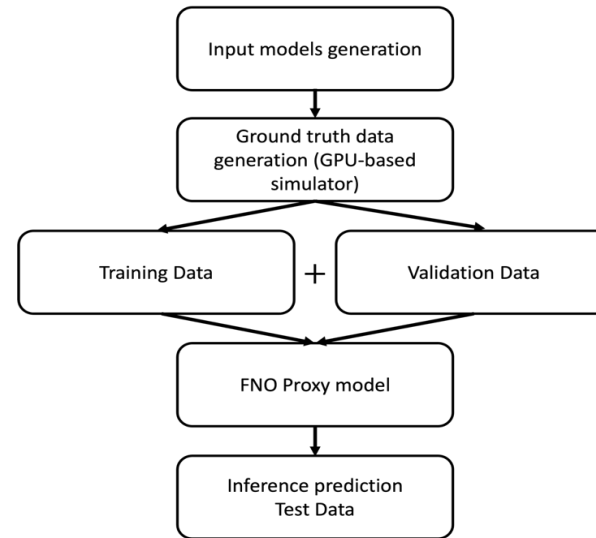
Training: p5.48xlarge instance with 8 H100 GPUs (28 hours)



Accelerating Reservoir Modeling with GPU-based Full-Physics Simulations

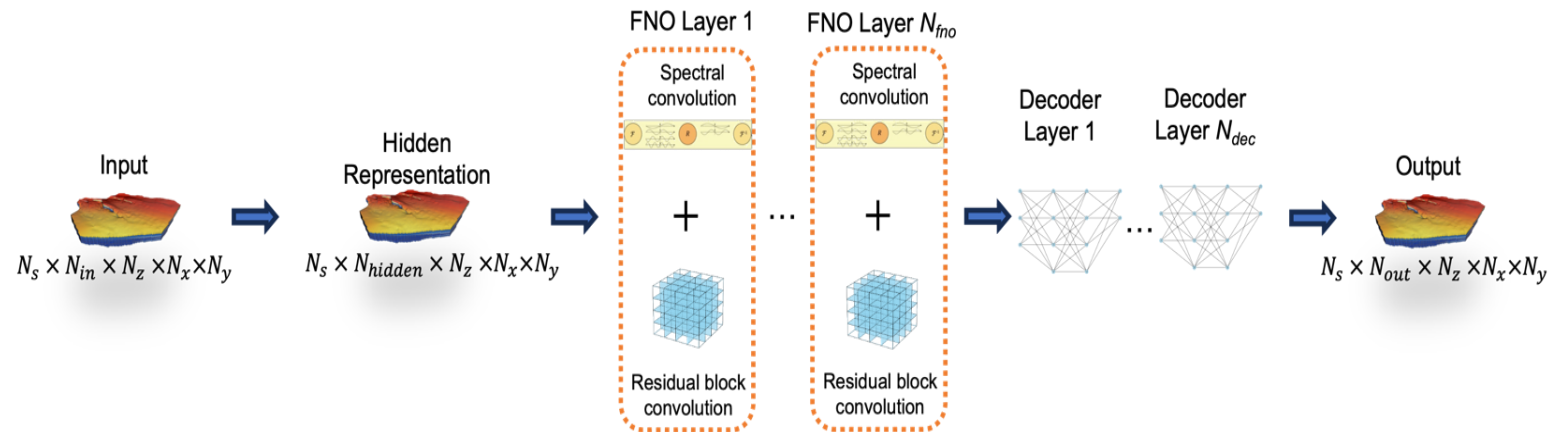
Generating full-field proxy models for predicting the time-evolving state variables for reservoir flows

Collaborators: Stone Ridge Technology & NVIDIA



Workflow

- ✓ Generate ensembles through statistical variation of well locations
- ✓ GPU based reservoir simulator for forward simulation (ground truth) data
- ✓ 80/15/5 rule for training/validation/testing



- N_s denotes the number of samples used for training/validation/testing
- N_{in} is the number of input features (permeability, porosity, initial conditions of state variables, well positions)
- N_x, N_y, N_z are the spatial dimensions of the reservoir, N_{fno} is the number of FNO layers
- N_{dec} is the number of decoder layers, and N_{out} is the number of output channels (time snapshots of the state variables, pressure and saturations)

AI/ML for Subsurface Flows

Collaborators: Stone Ridge Technology & NVIDIA

TRAINING LARGE 3D MODELS FOR HISTORY MATCHING, WELL PLACEMENT, INJECTION RATE OPTIMIZATION

Input features used for the FNO ML model

Static permeabilities in all three spatial dimensions (3 channels)

Porosity (1 channel)

Initial conditions of the state variables (pressure and water saturation) (2 channels)

Binary encoding of well positions (1 for location of producers, -1 for injectors) (1 channel)

Grid 64 x 64 x 64 orthogonal grid

Grid spacing 30 ft. x 30 ft. x 30 ft.

Permeability - x-, y-directions 200 mD

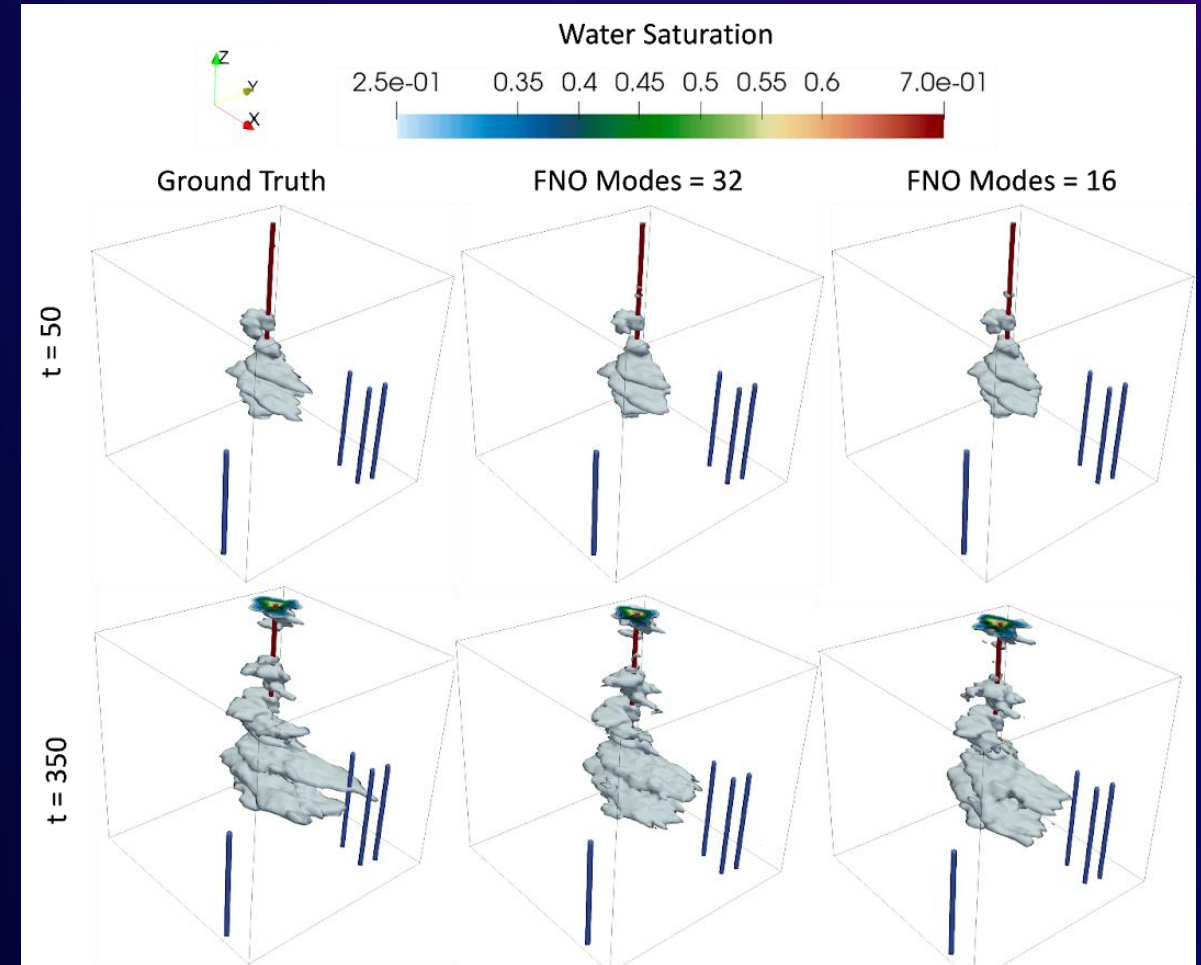
Permeability - z-direction 40 mD

Porosity 0.174

Water injector rate control (1 well) 5000 stb/day

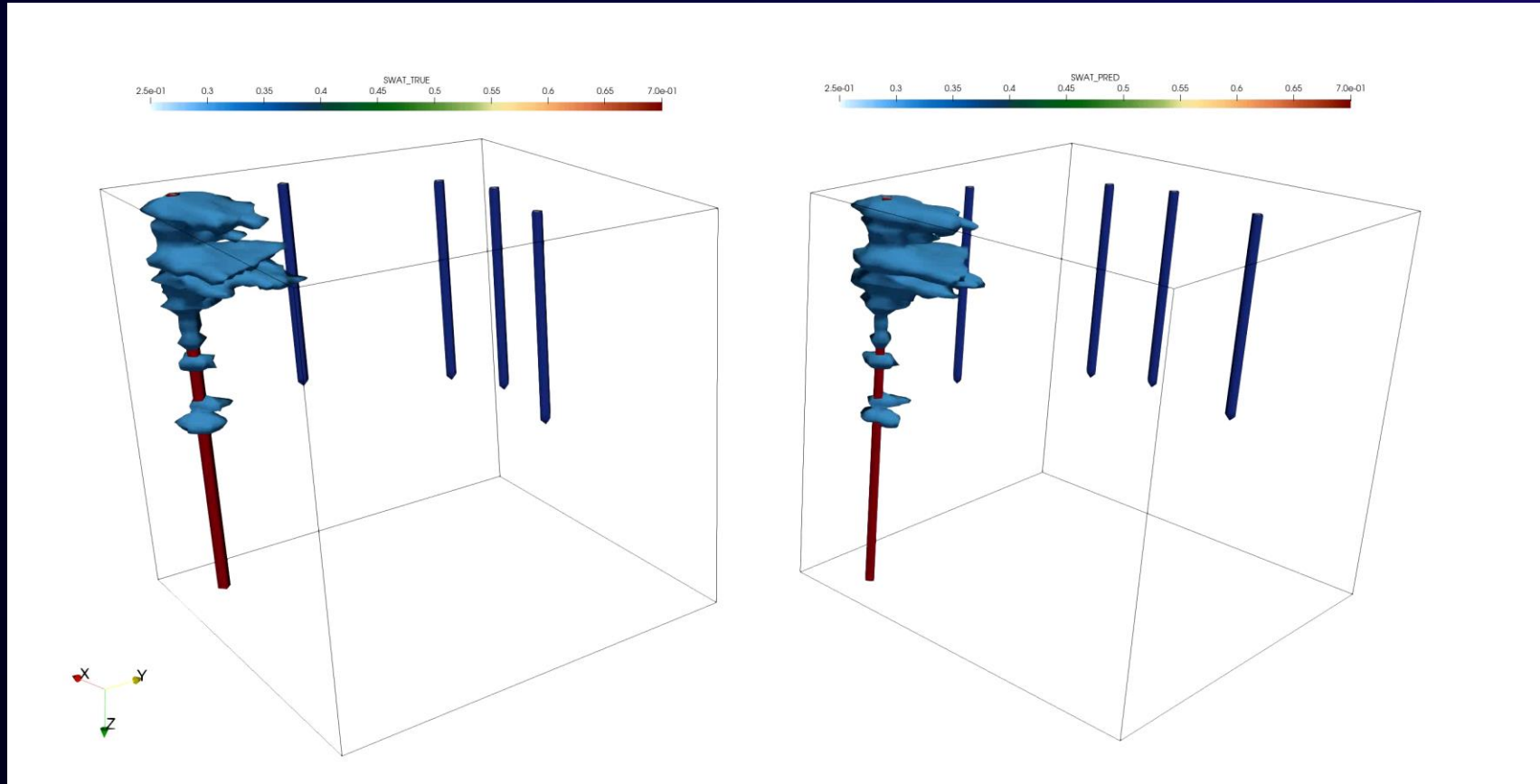
Producer bottom hole pressure (4 wells) 4000 psia

500 samples, 400 are used for training, 75 for validation, and 25 for testing



For visual purposes, wells are pointing up (Z is positive)

AI/ML for Subsurface Flows



Left

- Full physics simulation
- Using MP Porous Media flow simulator
- 1 hr. for full physics

Right

- FNO Surrogate model
- Test on unseen data set
- ~10-15 sec (inference incl. data processing)

- Plot of water front (0 water, 1-100%, contour ~0.25). Water injected from red well into reservoir.
- Channelized behavior captured pretty well across long time horizon

- ✓ 2 H100 GPUs ~10 hours for training
- ✓ Inference run on A10G

GenerativeAI driven Asset Optimization

RESERVOIR SIMULATION ASSISTANT

Model Analysis & Issue

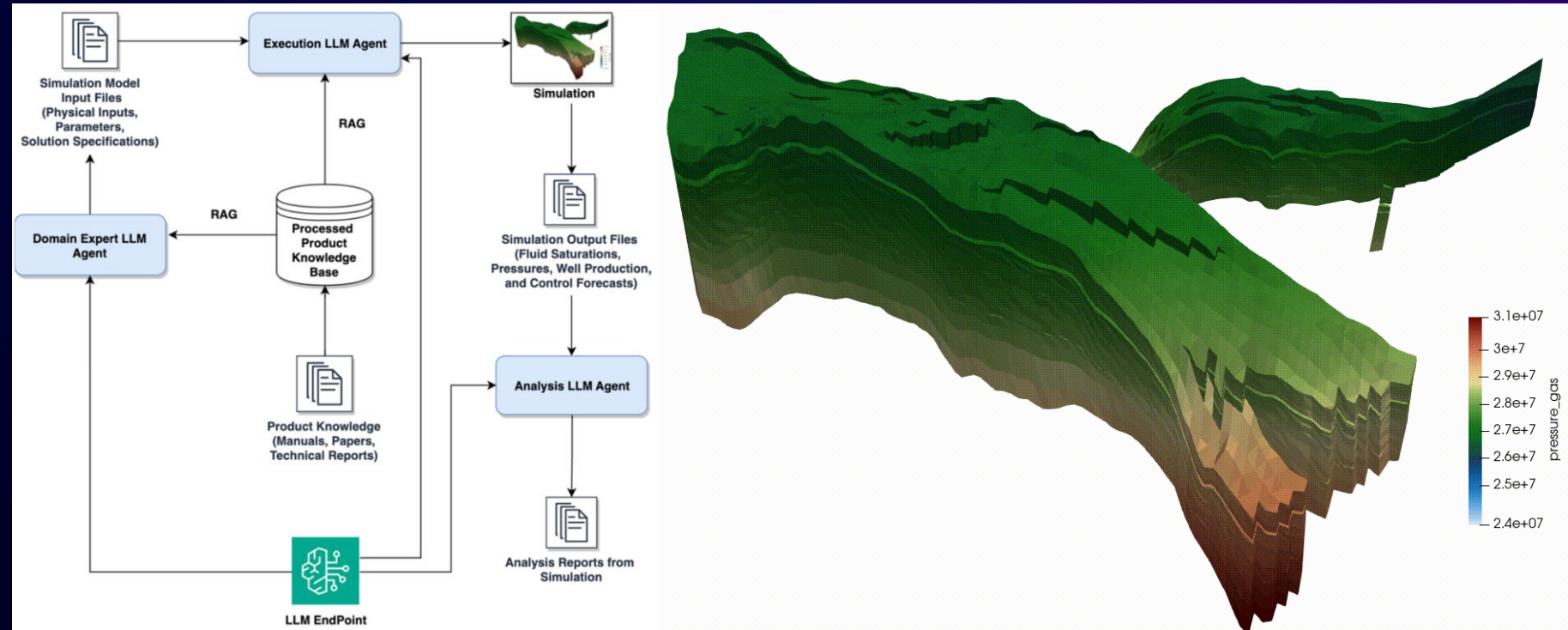
Identification: Analyze simulation input data for inconsistencies and issues | Alert users for potential problems

Simulation Analysis and Optimization:

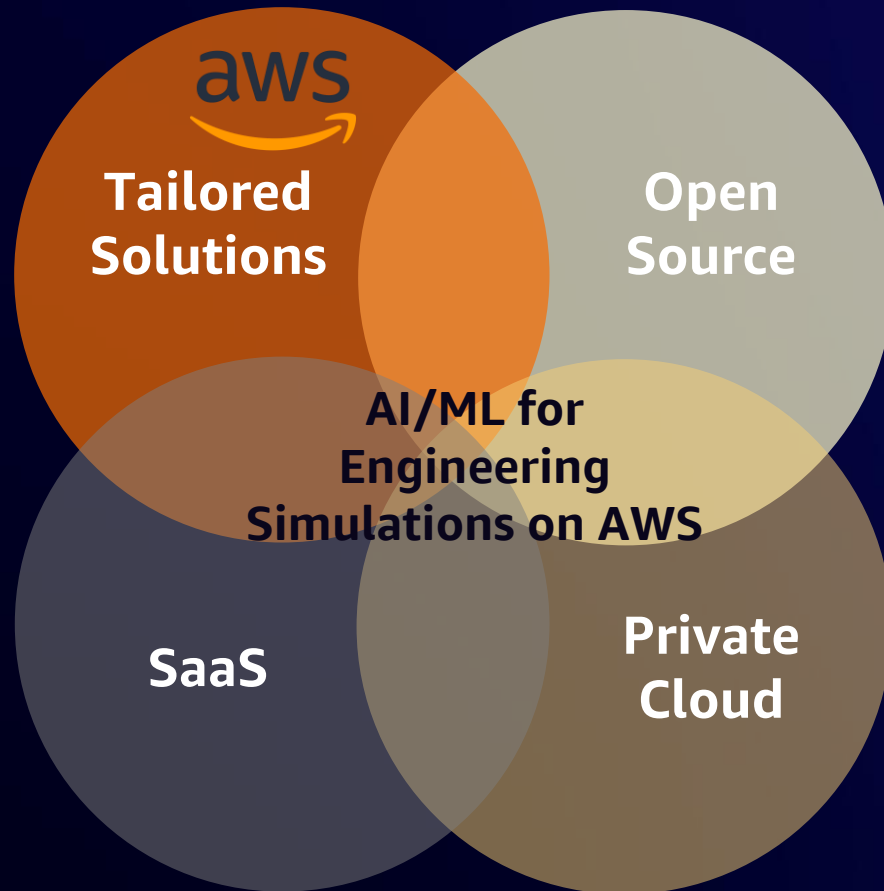
Analyze the logs/results files → Identify bottlenecks and provide recommendations for simulation optimization

Interactive model manipulation/Re-Runs:

Modify simulation models directly | Assistant can initiate and monitor new simulations from updated models



AWS collaborates with solution providers



AWS: Provides advanced compute services and solutions to enable user's ML for Simulation journey on the cloud. Innovates with customers to build tailored solutions.

SaaS: Provides software as a service (SaaS) applications on AWS that are user-friendly for simulation engineers and product designers without AIML expertise.

Private Cloud: Provides API based software solutions that can be deployed into user's own AWS account. It provides the flexibility and capability to preprocess data, train models and make predictions.

Open Source: Provides open-source framework for building, training, fine-tuning, and inferencing Physics-ML models on AWS. Users only pay for the underlying cloud infra/services.

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Accelerating Asset Design & Optimization using AI/ML

ACCESSIBLE RESOURCES FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS



[AWS Engineering Design Solutions Library](#)



[Blog: GenAI enabled Reservoir Assistant](#)



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[Blog: Machine Learning for faster design cycles](#)

Thank you!

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