

# IXPUG SDVis In-Situ Workshop

Welcome and Intel SDVis Update

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# SDVis Quick Recap

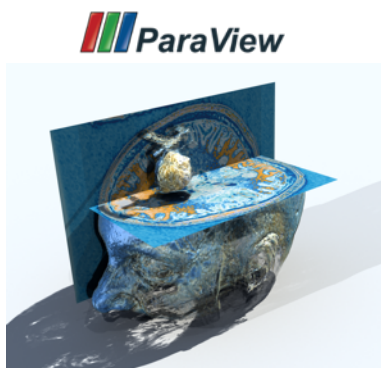
<http://software.intel.com/sdvis>

[www.sdvis.org](http://www.sdvis.org)

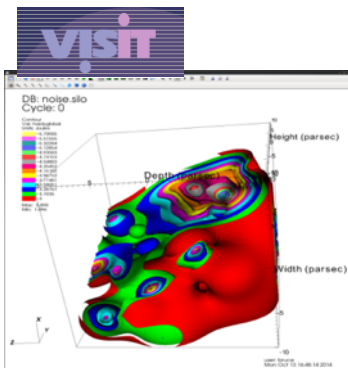
Intel supported community effort enabling high performance, high fidelity and in-situ CPU based rendering

- High, interactive performance for even very large (TB+) datasets
- Fully Open Source with liberal Apache 2 and MIT License
- Single Node and Cluster-wide Scalability in 1) Render Time; 2) Render Quality; 3) 3D Model Data Size
- OpenGL and Ray Tracing Support with shadows, ambient occlusion, up to photorealistic quality

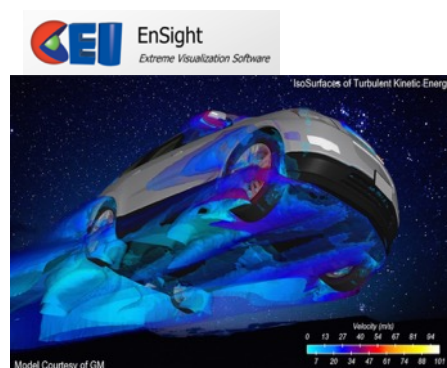
Now broadly Integrated and tested with both general and targeted domain applications



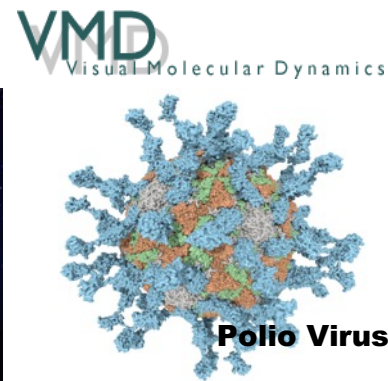
Data courtesy Kitware.  
Visualization, Carson Brownlee,  
Intel



Courtesy Hank Childs, U Oregon, Jian  
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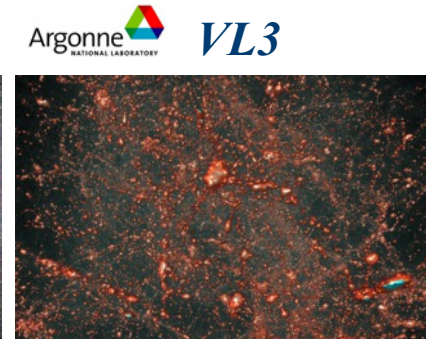
Courtesy Sean Ahern, CEI and General  
Motors



Courtesy John Stone, Beckman  
Institute, Univ. Illinois at Urbana-  
Champaign



Data and Visualization courtesy  
Cyrille Favreau, EPFL



Data: Salman Habib, Katrin Heitmann, and  
the HACC team.  
Visualization: Joe Insley, Slivio Rizzi, ANL

# Mesa/OpenSWR overview

OpenGL compatibility

- Compatibility profile 3.0
- Core profile 3.3
- ES profile 3.0

Drop-in replacement, no code changes or recompilations needed

- Set a couple environment variables (`LD_LIBRARY_PATH`, `GALLIUM_DRIVER`) and run!

More info...

- [www.mesa3d.org](http://www.mesa3d.org); [www.openswr.org](http://www.openswr.org) ; [openswr@googlegroups.com](mailto:openswr@googlegroups.com)

# OpenSWR Releases

## Mesa 12.0.0

- 8 July 2016
- Initial officially integrated upstream OpenSWR release

## Mesa 13.0.0

- 1 November 2016
- Initial tuning of SWR integration for HPC workloads
- SWR core optimizations

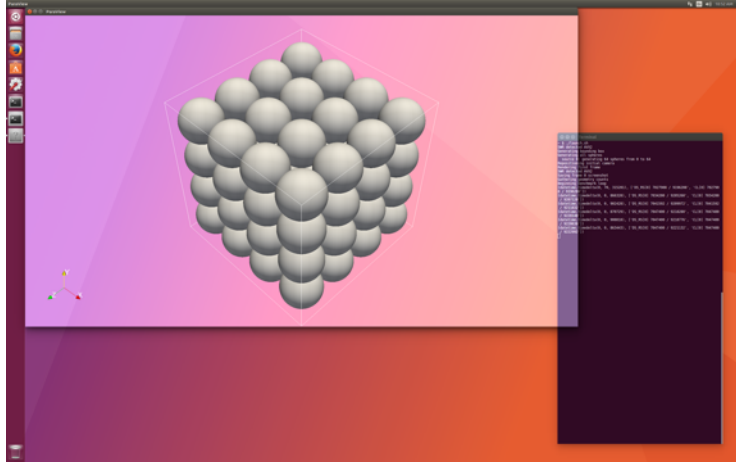
## Mesa 17.0.0

- 13 February 2017
- OpenGL conformance fixes

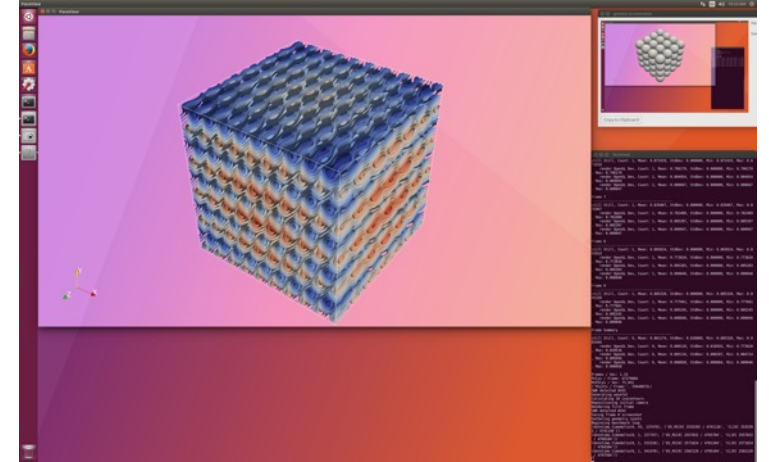
## Mesa 17.1.0

- *Just Released 9 May 2017*
- **Geometry shader support**
- **True MSAA available as an experimental feature**

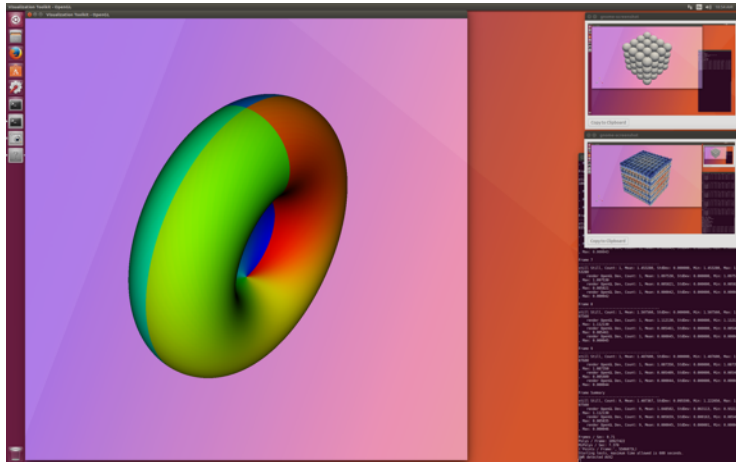
# Benchmarks



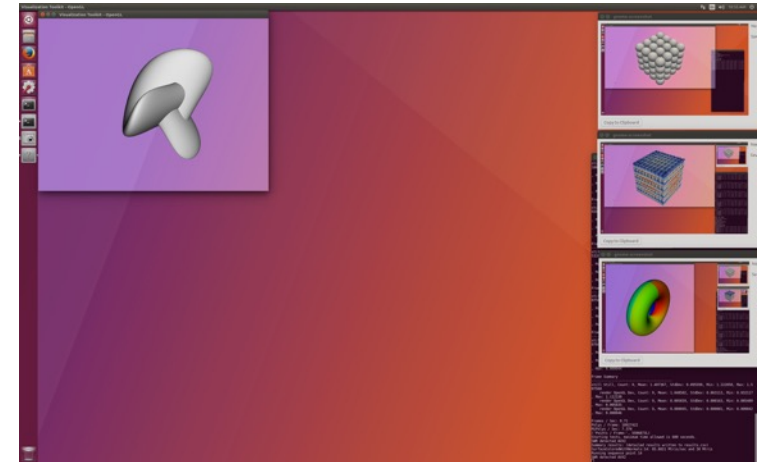
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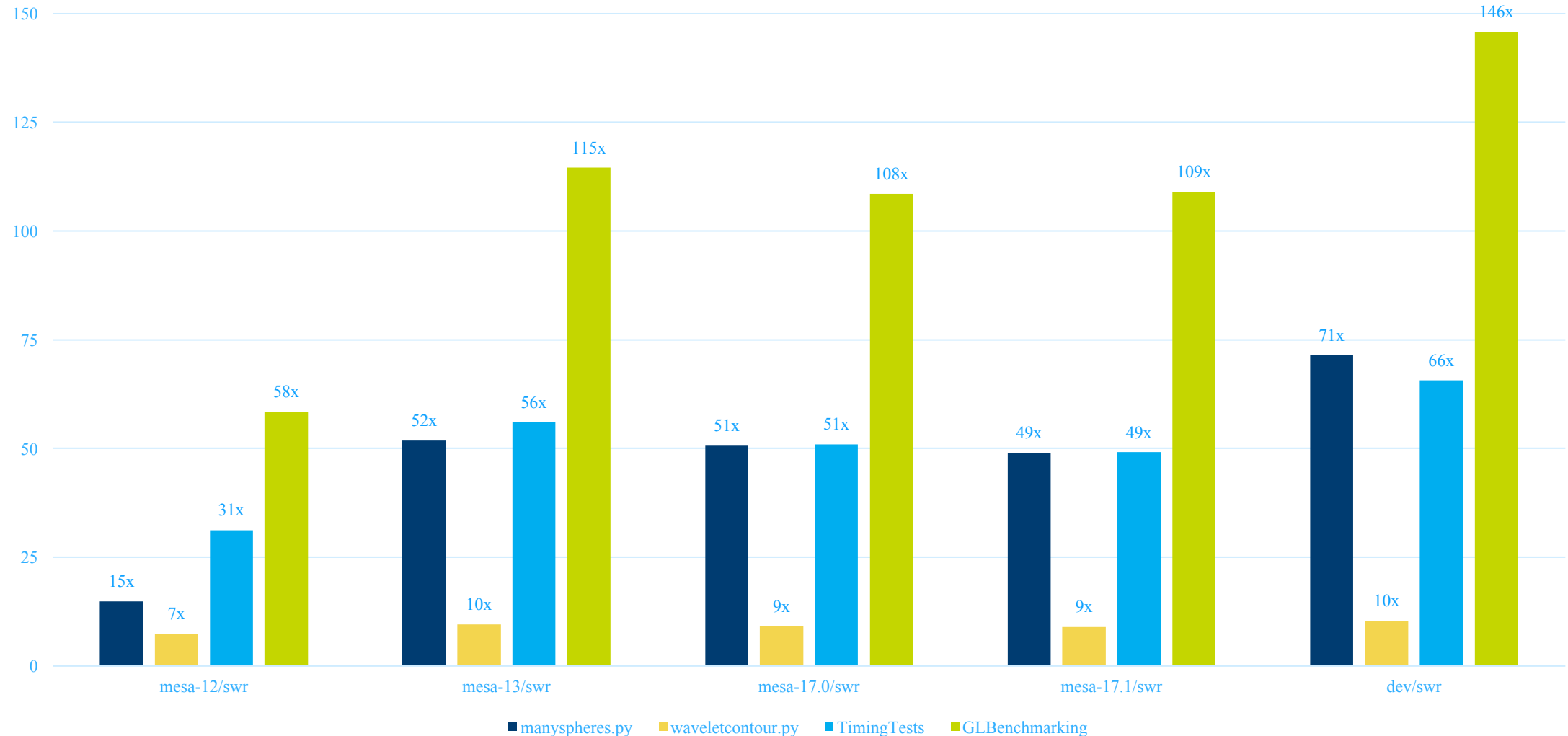


TimingTests  
30 MiTris



GLBenchmarking  
30MiTris

# KNL SWR/LLVMPIPE PERFORMANCE RATIO



# Applications

## Kitware/VTK/ParaView

- Close collaboration
- ParaView ships with OpenSWR (run with “—mesa-swr”)

## VisIt

- OpenSWR works with current version
- Looking forward to them moving to VTK 7.0 or later

## Ensign

- OpenSWR works with current version
- Looking forward to their rendering rewrite

## VL3 (from Argonne National Laboratory)

- Required implementing point sprites, otherwise OpenSWR dropped in

With our OpenGL compatibility, we’re fairly confident in supporting new customers without heroics



# Future development

Features done pending customer/partner requests

MSAA to be finished off and promoted to non-experimental

Build changes

- Improve integration of swr to reduce disk space
- Add KNL and SKX specific swr library builds

Performance, performance, performance

- Dynamically pick the frontend parallelization split based on machine topology
- Widen pipe to 16-wide for AVX512
- Use KNL AVX512ER instructions for shader math
- Add back early rasterization
- Allow early-Z testing to handle z-write shaders (ParaView targeted optimization)
- Optimize MSAA triangle rejection
- Investigate better lane utilization in backend
  - Small triangles (typical HPC visualization workloads) results in tiny triangles = poor lane utilization
  - Quad-packing or pixel-packing triangles (book keeping overhead, render ordering)

# test configuration

KNL: Ninja Developer Platform Pedestal, Intel® Xeon Phi™ CPU 7210 @ 1.30GHz, Ubuntu 17.10, 4.10.0-20-generic, gcc 6.3.0

BDW: Intel® Xeon 2699v4 x 2 (44 cores) @ 2.20GHz, Ubuntu 17.10, 4.10.0-19-generic, gcc 6.3.0

Mesa-12: mesa-12.0.6/llvm-3.9.1

Mesa-13: mesa-13.0.6/llvm-4.0

Mesa-17.0: mesa-17.0.4/llvm-4.0

Mesa-17.1: mesa-17.1.0-rc1/llvm-4.0

Development: mesa-master(April 22)/llvm-4.0, -march=knl, patches scheduled to land, KNOB\_MAX\_DRAWS\_IN\_FLIGHT=256

pvpython manyspheres.py -s 64 -r 726 -v 1920,1080

pvpython waveletcontour.py -d 256 -v 1920,1080

TimingTests -width 1536 -height 1536 -regex SurfaceColoredWithNormals -nochart -ss 14 -se 14

GLBenchmarking --start 14 --end 14



# Ray Tracing Update

Embree and OSPRay

# Ray Tracing Foundation: Embree Ray Tracing Kernel Library

Provides highly optimized and scalable ray tracing kernels

- Acceleration structure build and ray traversal
- Single Ray, Ray Packets(4,8,16), Ray Streams(N)

Targets up to photorealistic professional and scientific rendering applications

Highest ray tracing performance on CPUs

- 1.5–6× speedup reported by users

Support for latest CPUs / ISAs

- Intel® Xeon Phi™ Processor (codenamed *Knights Landing*) – AVX-512
- Intel® Xeon® Processor (codenamed Skylake) - AVX-512 (coming soon!)

API for easy integration into applications

Free and open source under Apache 2.0 license

- <http://embree.github.com>



# Embree Adoption\* - 50+ Studios, Professional Rendering, Gaming Tools, and SIM Apps



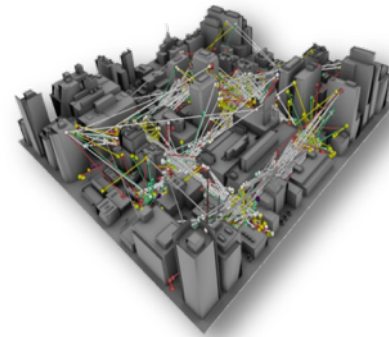
UBISOFT™  
MOTION PICTURES



Courtesy of Jeff Patton, Rendered with Corona Renderer



Image rendered with FluidRay RT



Rendered with StingRay,  
SURVICE Engineering



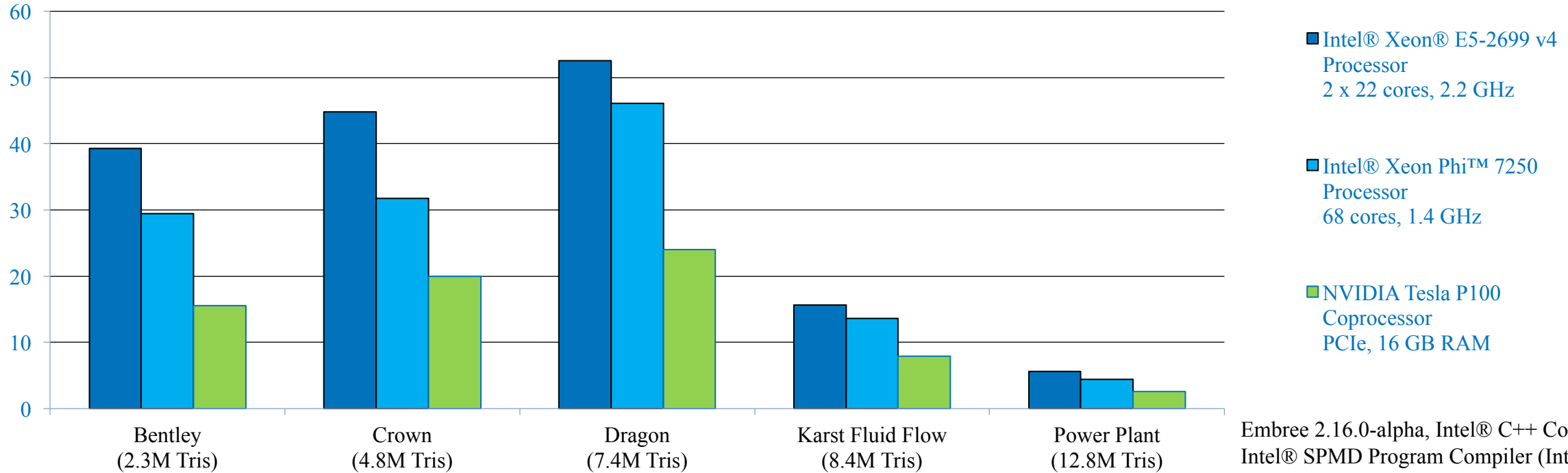
pCon.planner rendered courtesy EasternGraphics

\*Many other announced users incl.: Pixar, Weta Digital, Activision, Chaos V-Ray, Ready At Dawn, FrostBite, EpicGames Unreal, High Moon, Blue Sky, UBISoft MP, Framestore, Illumination, ....



# Performance: Embree vs. NVIDIA\* OptiX\*

Frames Per Second (Higher is Better), 1024x1024 image resolution



Embree 2.16.0-alpha, Intel® C++ Compiler 17.0.2,  
Intel® SPMD Program Compiler (Intel® ISPC) 1.9.1

NVIDIA\* OptiX\* 4.0.2, CUDA\* 8.0.44

Source: Intel



Software and workloads used in performance tests may have been optimized for performance only on Intel microprocessors. Performance tests, such as SYSmark\* and MobileMark\*, are measured using specific computer systems, components, software, operations and functions. Any change to any of those factors may cause the results to vary. You should consult other information and performance tests to assist you in fully evaluating your contemplated purchases, including the performance of that product when combined with other products. For more information go to <http://www.intel.com/performance>.



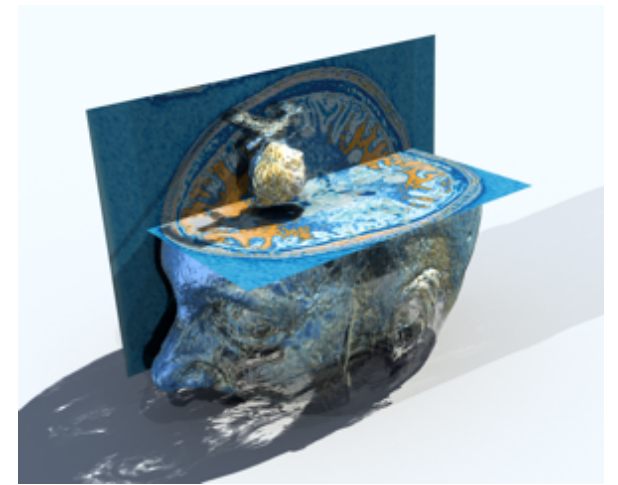
# OSPRay: A Ray-Tracing based Rendering Engine for *High-Fidelity* Visualization

[www.ospray.org](http://www.ospray.org)

- Build on top of Embree; Launched June 2016
- Scalable Visualization targeted features
  - Surfaces (both polygonal and non-polygonal)
  - Volumes, and volume rendering
  - *High-Fidelity* rendering/shading methods
  - *Scalable* Cluster Wide Rendering
- Packed it up in an ‘easy-to-use’ rendering library for visualization
  - Same "spirit" as OpenGL, but different API
- 10+ Application adoption in 9 months, more under development!



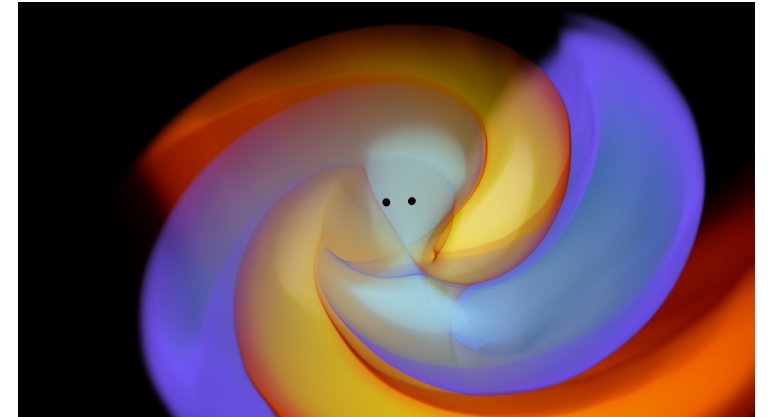
# OSPRA Y FEATURES v1.2



## What OSPRay can do today:

- Ray tracing based scientific visualization
  - Extendable via in-source ‘modules’ and/or installed SDK
  - Great performance on both Intel® Xeon®, Intel® Xeon Phi™ Processors
    - Embree for very fast ray intersections
    - TBB for great thread scalability
    - Intel® SPMD Program Compiler (ISPC) for rendering/shading good vectorization
- Many ‘built-in’ rendering features
  - Geometry types (+instancing): Cylinders, Spheres, Streamlines, Triangles, Implicit isosurfaces
  - Structured volumes (regular grids) with configurable transfer functions
  - Various cameras, lights, materials, etc
  - Ambient Occlusion, Shadows, Progressive Refinement,....
  - Simple renderers (raycast, AO), to more advanced renderers (scivis, pathtracer)
- Multiple ways to scale rendering compute
  - Local rendering (single application’s CPUs + memory)
  - MPI cluster offload (single application offloading to N worker nodes via MPI)





# Future development

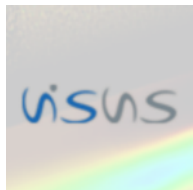
## OSPRay's 2017 Feature Roadmap:

- Distributed API for MPI applications (Q2)
  - Built for in-situ rendering of running simulations
  - Both data-distributed geometry and volumes
- AMR “Chombo” volumes (Q2-early Q3)
  - Native rendering support with ParaView integration
- Unstructured volume support (Q3-Q4)
  - Primarily focused on natively rendering Hex and Tet meshes
- Various ongoing feature requests (and of course bug fixes!):
  - Support for instancing volumes
  - Intel® Xeon® Processor (codenamed Skylake) AVX-512 optimization

*Early Access This Week!*



# Whose Here?



*Sim + Vis Teams Working Together!*

# Addressing Data Visualization with Intel® Solutions



Open Source Libraries  
Optimized by Intel®

Optimized for parallel processing and latest instruction sets  
OpenSWR, Embree, & OSPRay available today!  
Used by ParaView, VisIt, VMD, CEI EnSight and more...



Intel® Xeon Phi™ Provides  
Better Performance for  
Visualization

Provides up to 72 cores / CPU  
Addresses up to 384GB memory vs 16GB GPUs  
AVX-512 Instruction Optimized



Realize  
Compelling Value

Cost of Host vs cost of Host + Card for GPUs  
Plus -> Increased performance for visualization  
Additional use as general purpose compute platform

For in-situ, post-processing, and professional rendering visualization needs

# ANNOUNCING... The Turnkey SDVis Appliance!!

## Appliance Configuration

**Installed Software** Intel® HPC Orchestrator, SDVis Libraries (Embree, OSPRay, Mesa/OpenSWR), Open Source Apps (ParaView, VTK, VisIt, VMD), Intel Parallel Studio Cluster Edition, SW Dev. Tools

**Nodes** 8x Intel® Xeon Phi™ 7250 compute nodes, Intel® Xeon® E5-v4 head node + 6 monitor display card, Intel® Xeon® E5-v4 storage node

**Storage** 32TB Raid

**Network** 24 port Omni-Path & Ethernet switches

*Targeting Launch Mid-Year*

## Ordering & More Info

Ordering: [sales@colfax-intl.com](mailto:sales@colfax-intl.com)  
Information: <http://sdvis.xeonphi.com/>

## SDVis Appliance

### Master Head Node Node + Display Management

**Software:** CentOS 7.3, HPC Orchestrator

**Hardware:** 1 Intel® Xeon® Node  
Intel® Xeon® E5-v4 36 cores, 256GB DDR4, OPA HFI, Up to 6 4K Monitors Display Card, SSD 480GB

### Compute Nodes Compute + Render

**Software:** CentOS 7.3, SDVis Software (ParaView, VTK, VisIt, VMD), Intel Parallel Studio Cluster Edition, SW Dev. Tools

**Hardware:** 8 Intel® Xeon Phi™ Nodes  
Intel® Xeon Phi™ 7250 68 cores, 192GB DDR4, OPA HFI, SSD 150GB

### Storage System

**Software:** CentOS 7.3

**Hardware:** 1 Intel® Xeon® Node  
Intel® Xeon® E5-v4 16 cores, 64GB DDR4, OPA HFI, 32TB RAID

### Networking OPA 100G Ethernet

**Hardware:** 24 Port OPA Edge Switch, 24 Port Ethernet Switch

Pre-configured solution for visualization apps and development needs!



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