



# Oceananigans.jl

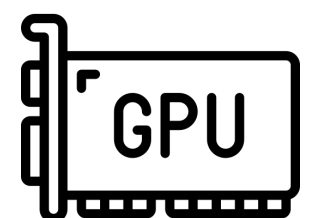
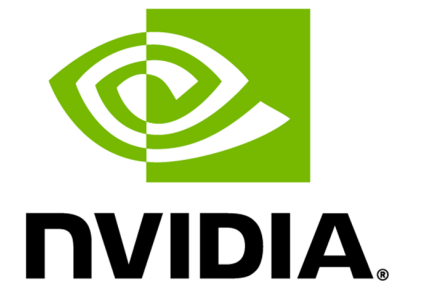
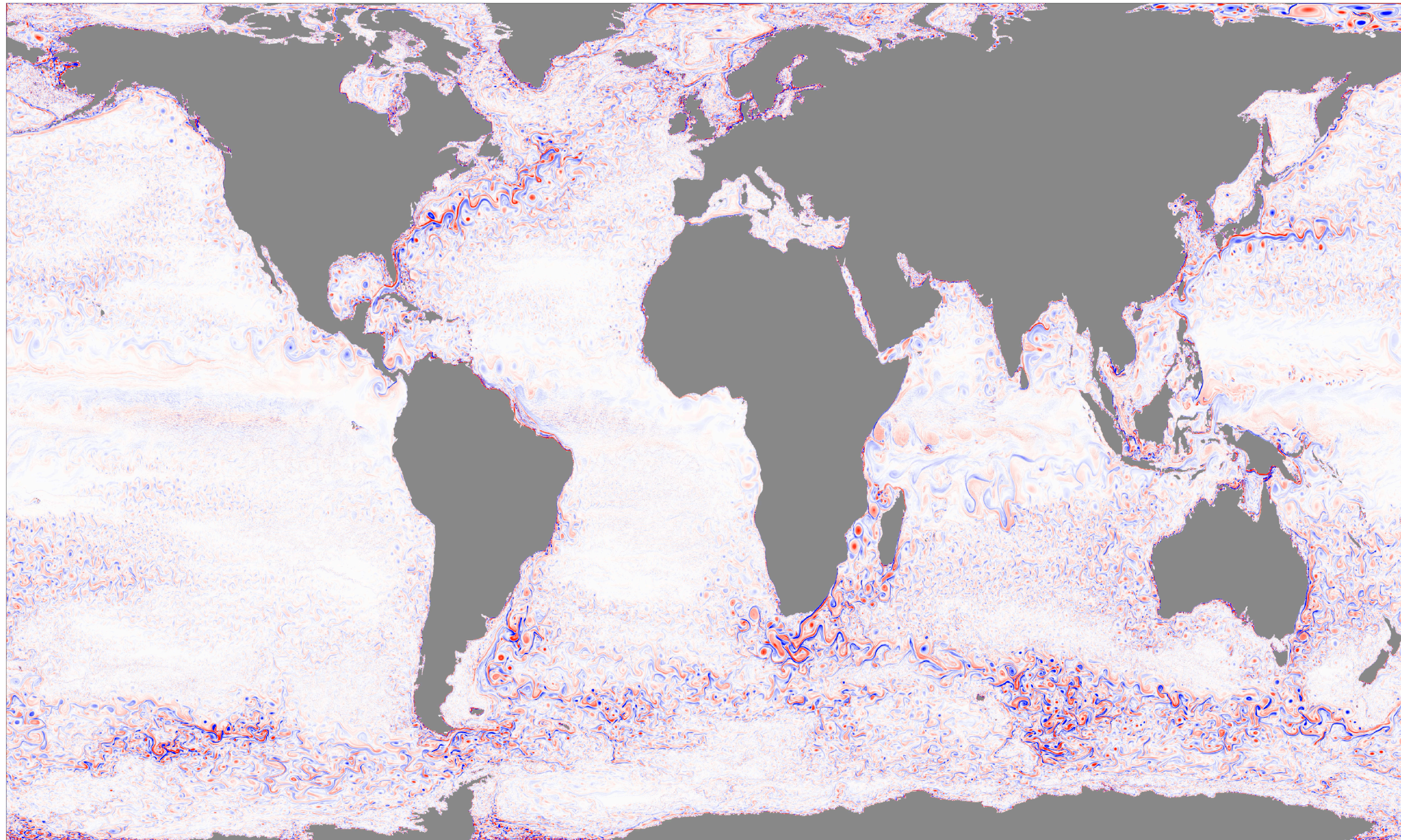
## an ocean-flavoured fluid dynamics library



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near-global (75°S–75°N) ocean simulation at 1/12° horizontal resolution, 48 vertical levels  
@ 68 Nvidia A100 achieving 10 simulated years per day



# requirements for a climate/ocean model

Computational  
efficiency

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Flexibility and  
ease of use

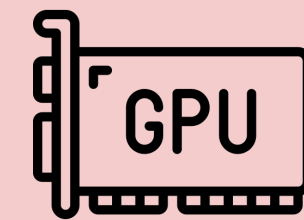
- ◆ Necessary for global calibration
- ◆ Possibility of high-resolution

- ◆ Simulate physics from meters to global-scale
- ◆ Support rapid prototyping of parameterizations

*“A fast model can be a good model,  
but a good model must be a fast model!  
Computational efficiency is crucial...”*

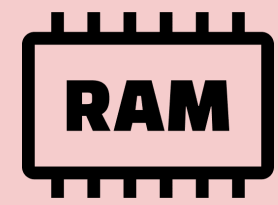


# Oceananigans: Fast and Efficient



## fast compute

written from scratch for GPUs



## memory leanness

minimize temporary array creations

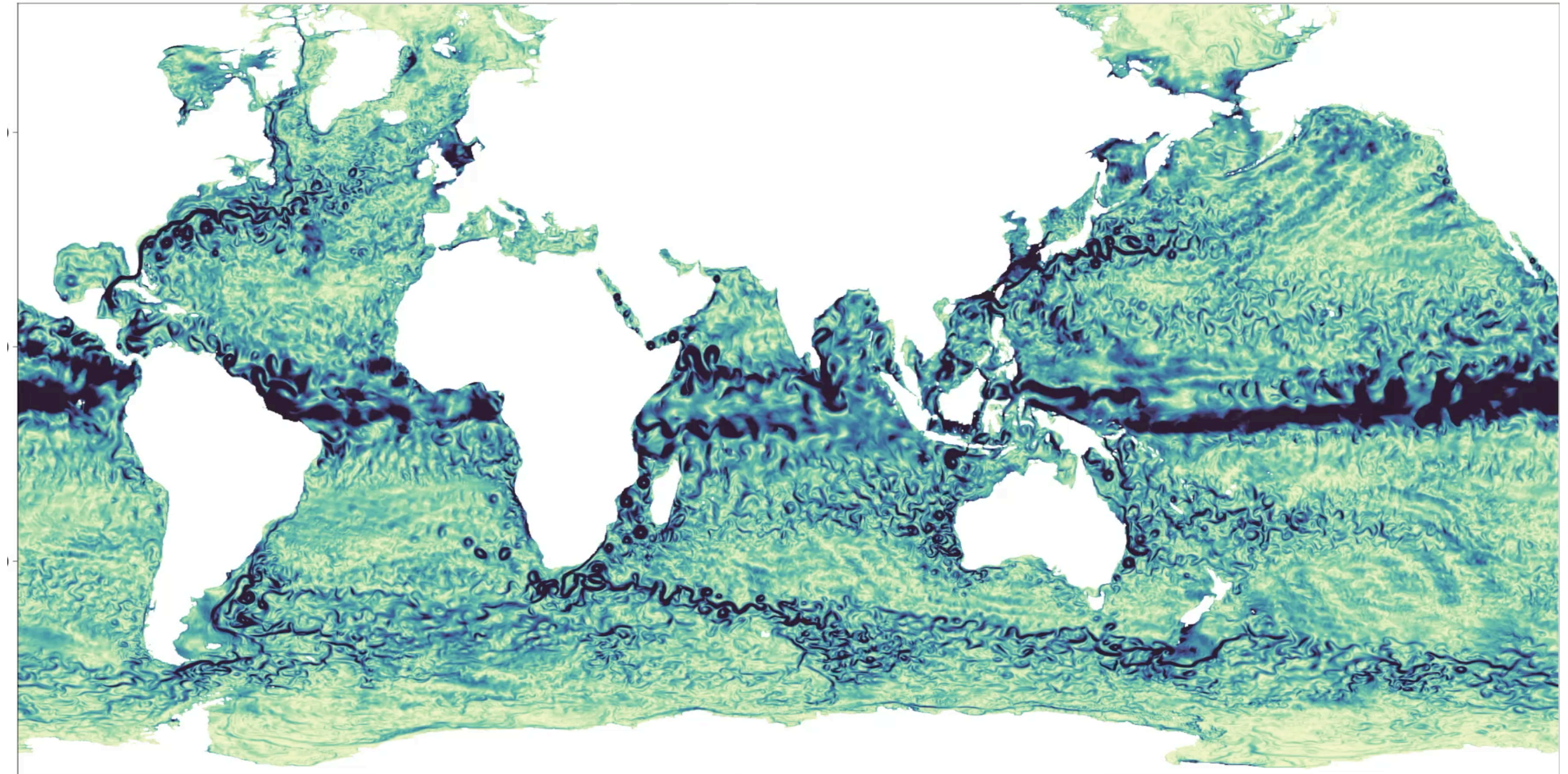


## scalability

overlap communication & computation

10 Simulated years per day (SYPD):  
threshold for climate projections

global ocean simulation forced with atmospheric JRA55 reanalysis



**16 km** horizontal resolution: **10** SYPD on **8** GPUs

**8 km** horizontal resolution: **10** SYPD on **64** GPUs

**2 km** horizontal resolution: **>1** SYPD on **512** GPUs



# Oceananigans: Easy to use and Accessible

all written in 

Faster than interpreted languages  
(Python, Matlab)

More flexible than compiled languages  
(C, Fortran)

Easy portability to virtually any  
architecture/systems

```
1 using Oceananigans
2 using GLMakie
3
4 grid = RectilinearGrid(CPU(),
5                         size = (64, 64),
6                         x = (-5, 5),
7                         y = (-5, 5),
8                         topology = (Bounded, Bounded, Flat))
9
10 model = NonhydrostaticModel(grid=grid, tracers=:c, advection=WENO())
11
12 gaussian(x, y) = exp(-(x^2 + y^2))
13 set!(model, c=gaussian)
14
15 c = model.tracers.c
16
17 ∇c² = ∂x(c)^2 + ∂y(c)^2
18 ∇c² = Field(∇c²)
19 compute!(∇c²)
```

try changing CPU() to GPU()

initial conditions

diagnostics

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used in *more* than 20 scientific papers

55+ contributors to the codebase

*"...I have never experienced getting a useful calculation done as easily as I was able to do with Oceananigans. It not only has a sophisticated interface, but it is remarkably fast..."*

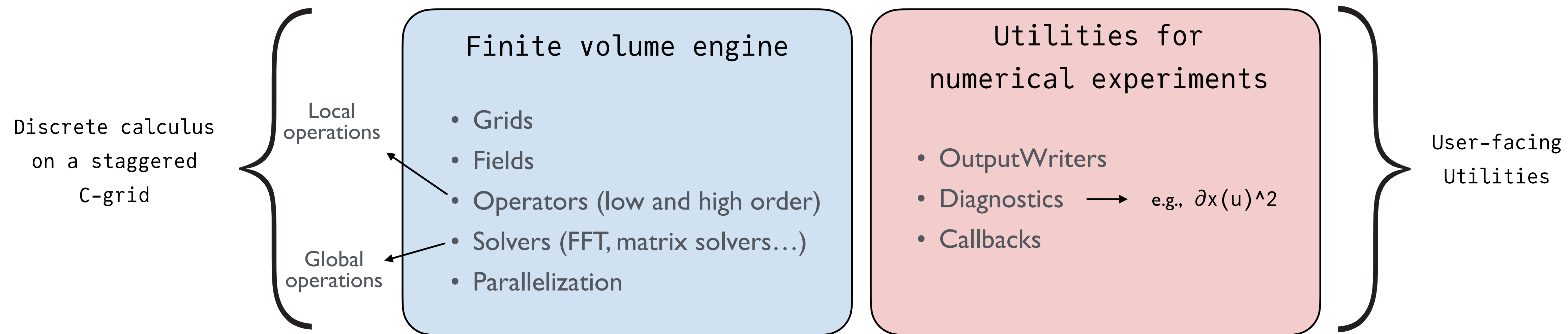
*Linux magazine*

User interface:

- Designed so code “reads like a paper”
- Should not require comments



# Oceananigans: Flexible





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Discrete calculus  
on a staggered  
C-grid

Local  
operations

Global  
operations

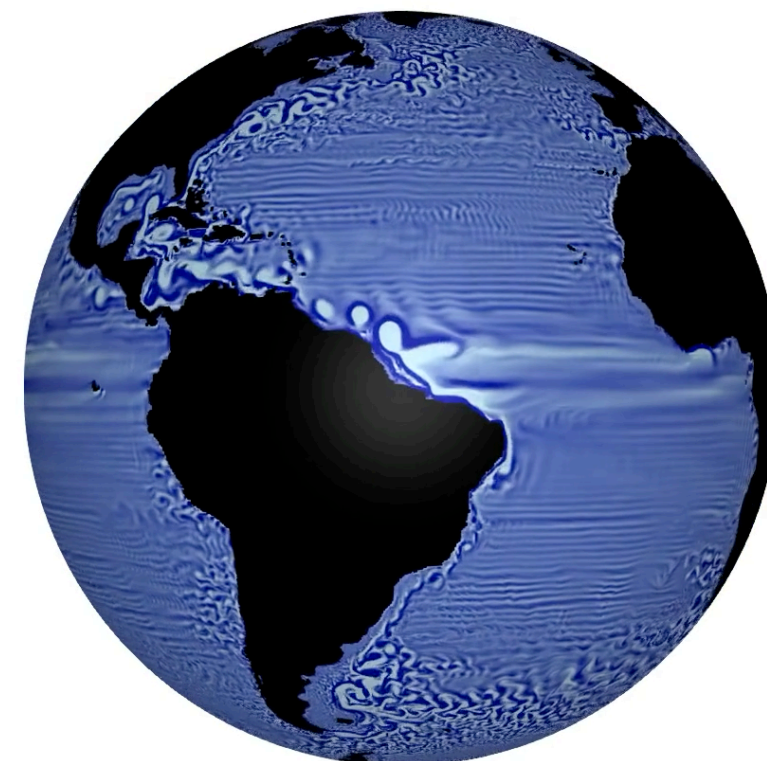
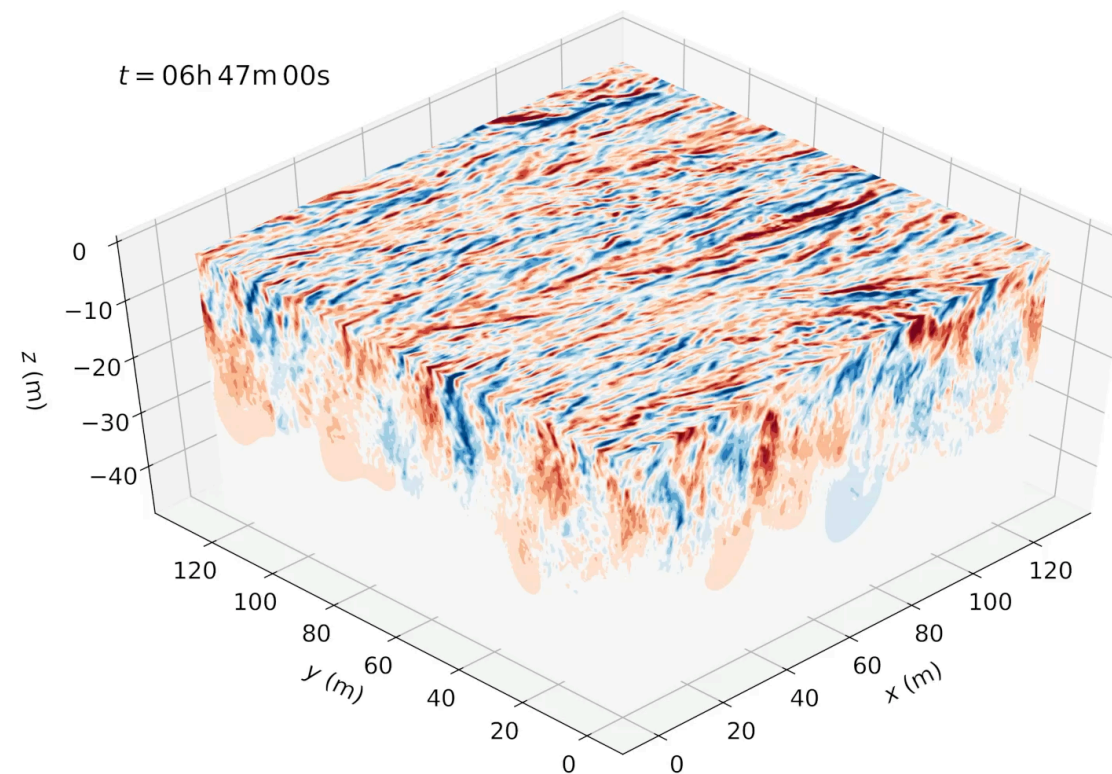
## Finite volume engine

- Grids
- Fields
- Operators (low and high order)
- Solvers (FFT, matrix solvers...)
- Parallelization

## Utilities for numerical experiments

- OutputWriters
- Diagnostics → e.g.,  $\partial_x(u)^2$
- Callbacks

User-facing  
Utilities



## Domain-Specific numerics and physics

- *NonhydrostaticModel*,
- *HydrostaticFreeSurfaceModel*,
- *ShallowWaterModel*
- Coriolis, Equation of State, Parameterizations...
- Pressure / free surface solvers...
- Time stepping schemes

Physics Modules  
Implemented in  
Oceananigans



# Injecting code in a simulation: forcing with a neural net

```
using Oceananigans,
    Oceananigans.Units
using Lux

grid = LatitudeLongitudeGrid(GPU(); kw...)

u_sgs = Field(grid)

model = HydrostaticFreeSurfaceModel(; grid, forcing = (; u = u_sgs), kw...)

simulation = Simulation(model; Δt = 10minutes, stop_time = 10days)

NN = Chain(args...) |> gpu # A neural network that computes u -> u_sgs

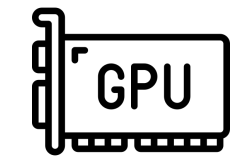
function neural_network_inference(simulation)
    u_sgs = simulation.model.forcing.u
    u = simulation.model.velocities.u

    u_sgs .= NN(u)
end

simulation.callbacks[:apply_nn] = Callback(neural_network_inference,
                                           IterationInterval(1))

run!(simulation)
```

Simple and effective way to add a NN in Oceananigans thanks to:



- Inject the function `neural_network_inference` in the time-stepping loop
- A callback has access to all the variables of the simulation
- Each iteration `u_sgs` is used as forcing and then recalculated





<http://clima.caltech.edu>



*thanks*

[github.com/CliMA/Oceananigans.jl](https://github.com/CliMA/Oceananigans.jl)

