

In-pulse analysis at ITER:

workflow managers and 3D visualization tools

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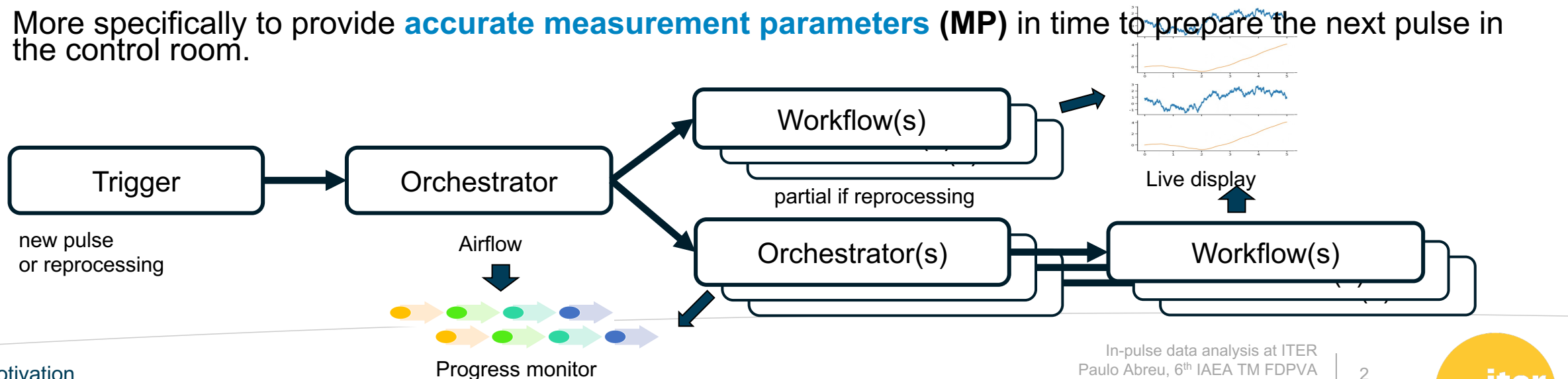
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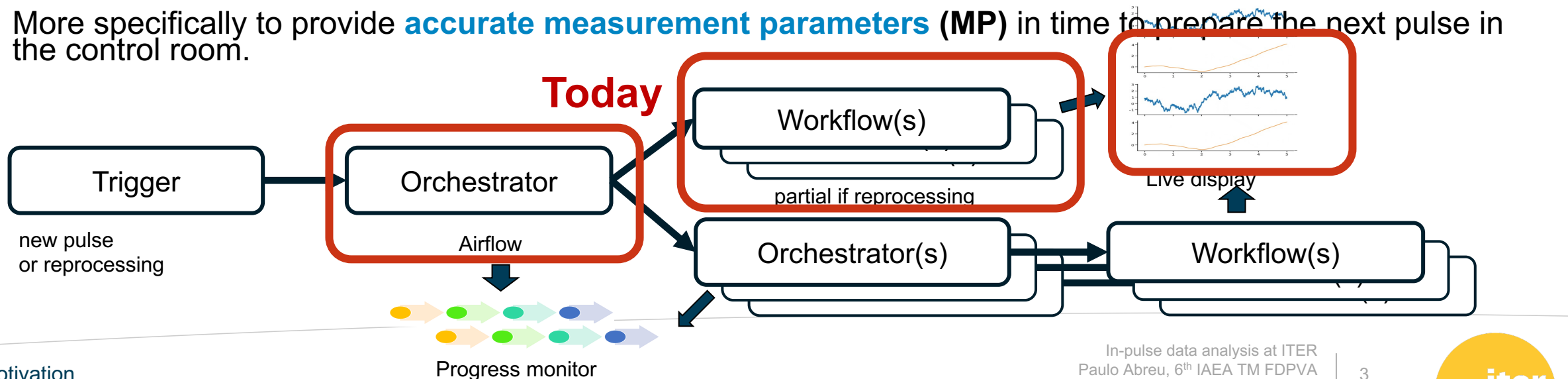
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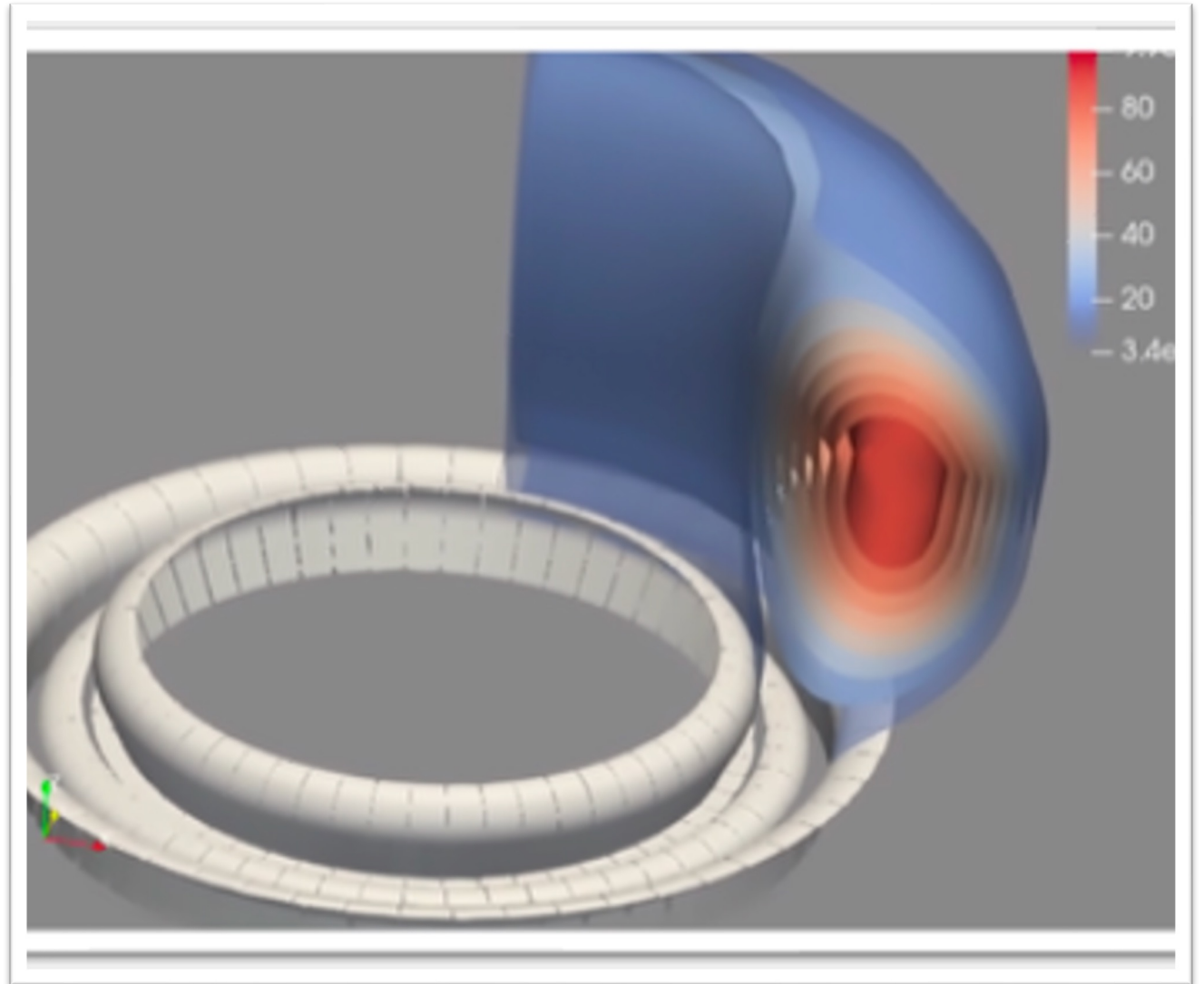
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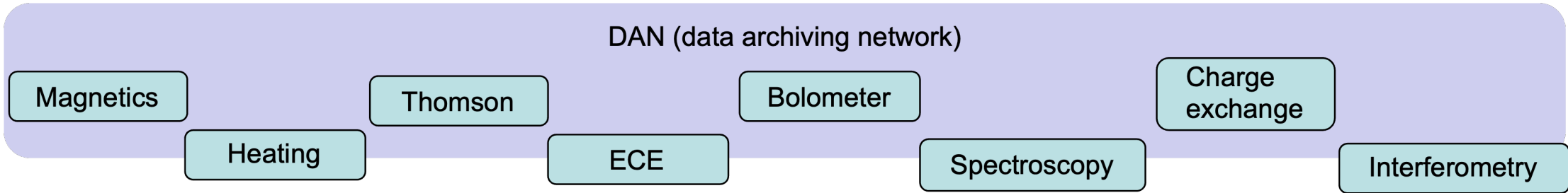
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C. 3D visualization

D. Conclusions & future work



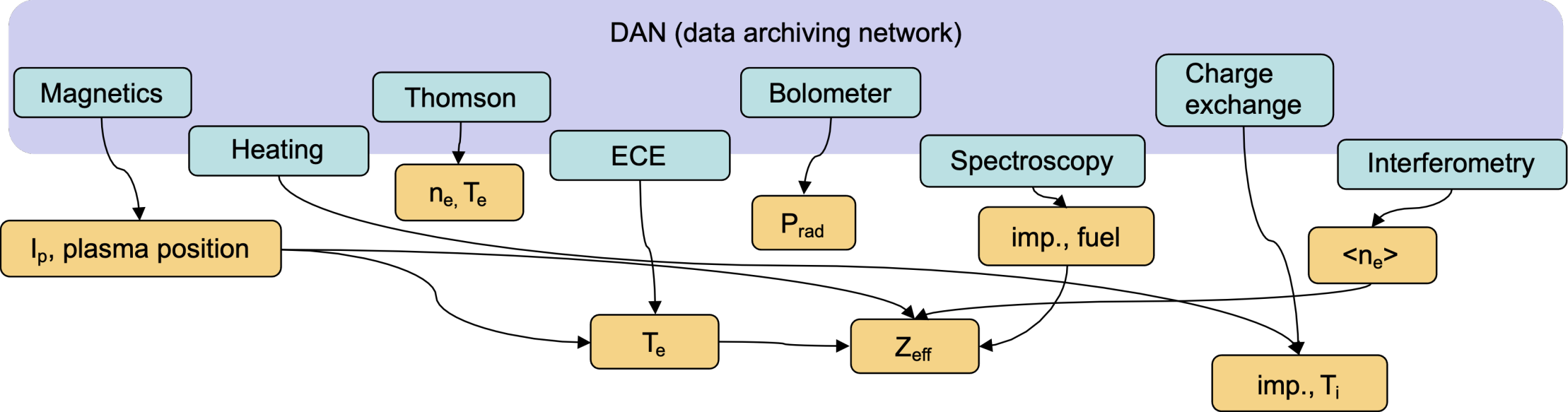
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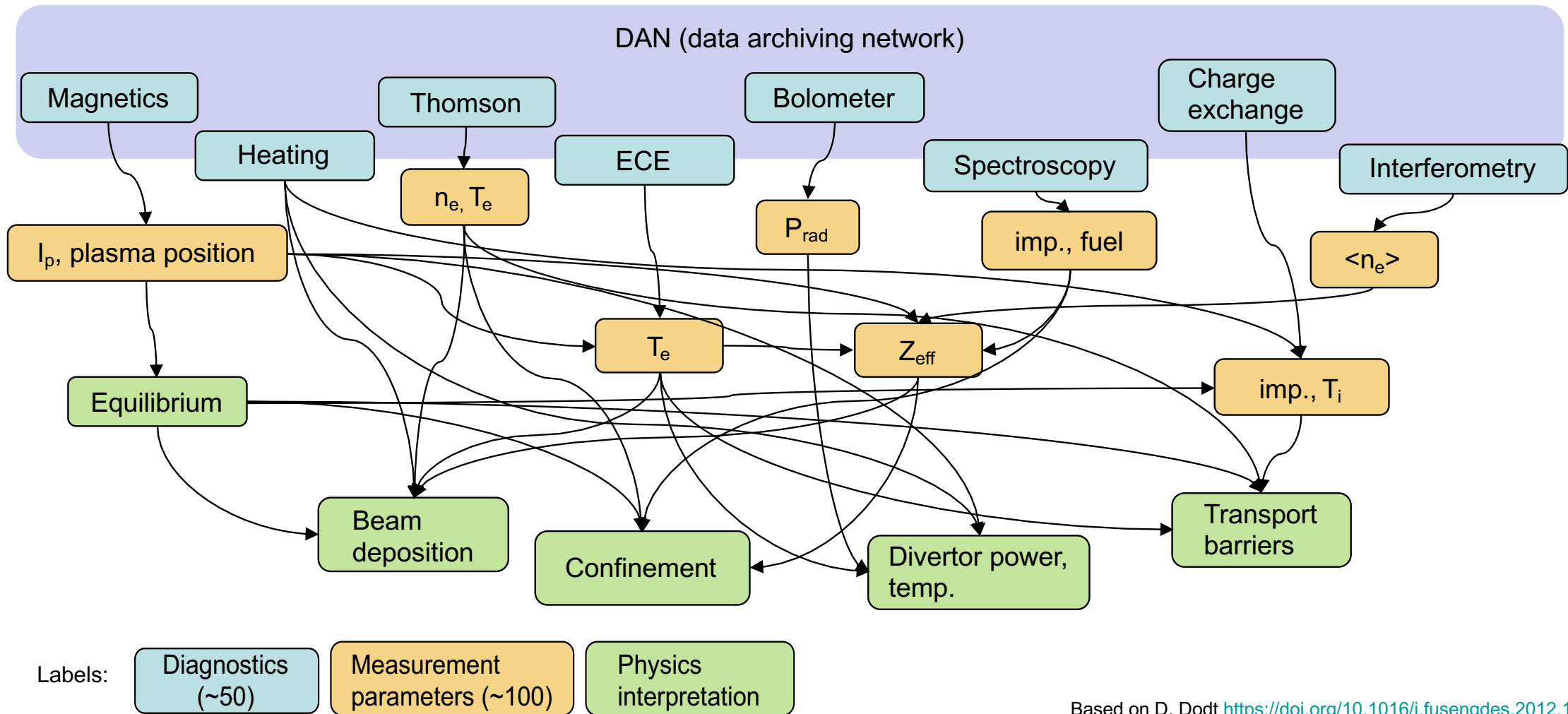
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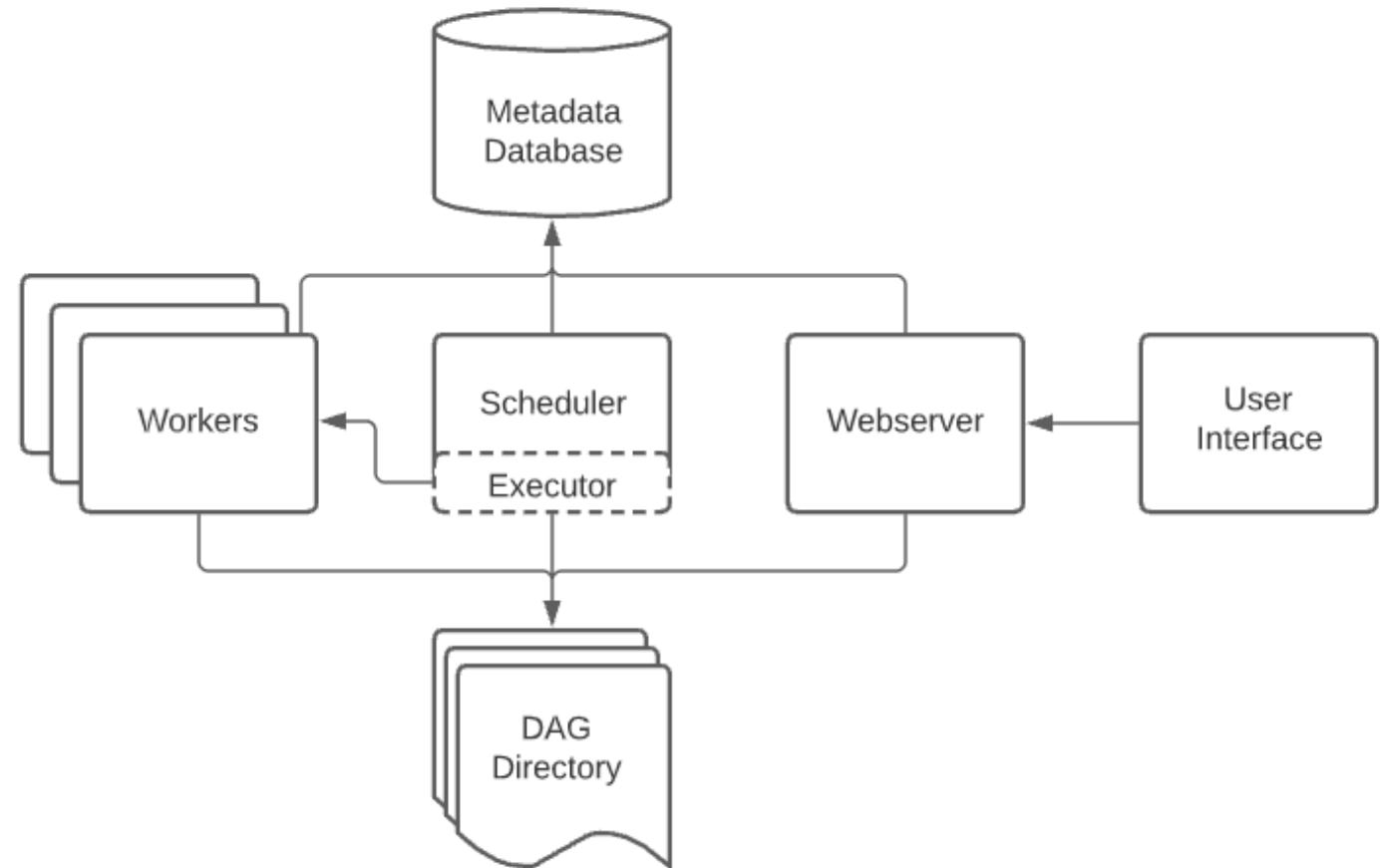
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Apache Airflow as the workflow manager

- Open source
- Python
- DAG
- Web and CL interfaces
- Scalable (built-in task parallelism)
- Operators can have introspection into actors:
 - Fault detection
 - Restart
 - Replace



Airflow features at a glance

1. Retry Mechanism:

- Automatically retries failed tasks to enhance reliability.

2. Configuring Task Scheduling:

- Inbuild scheduling with Airflow.
- External scheduling.

3. Parallel Execution:

- **Parallelism:** Maximum number of tasks running across all DAGs.
- **Concurrency:** Maximum tasks allowed for a single DAG.

4. Task Dependencies:

- Specify execution order explicitly.

```
# Define default_args for the DAG
default_args = {
    'owner': 'airflow',                # Task owner
    'depends_on_past': False,          # Don't wait for previous runs
    'email_on_failure': False,        # Disable email alerts on failure
    'email_on_retry': False,          # Disable email alerts on retry
    'retries': 3,                     # Retry up to 3 times
    'retry_delay': timedelta(minutes=5), # Wait 5 minutes between retries
}

# Initialize the DAG
with DAG(
    dag_id = 'print_time_dag',        # Unique DAG ID
    default_args = default_args,      # Apply default arguments
    description = 'A DAG with key configurations to print the current time',
    schedule_interval = '@hourly',    # Runs every hour
    max_active_runs = 10,             # Limit concurrent runs of this DAG
) as dag:

    # Define the task functions
    def print_time():
        print(f"Current Time: {datetime.now()}")

    def end_message():
        print("Workflow Completed Successfully!")

    # Task 1: Print the current time
    print_time_task = PythonOperator(
        task_id='print_time',        # Task name
        python_callable=print_time,   # Callable function
    )

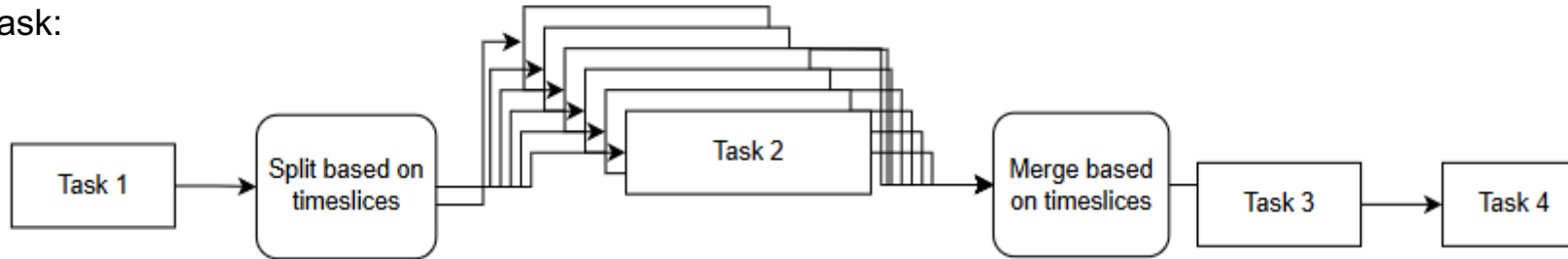
    # Task 2: Print an end message
    end_message_task = PythonOperator(
        task_id='end_message',       # Task name
        python_callable=end_message,  # Callable function
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    # Define task sequence flow
    print_time_task >> end_message_task # Task 1 must finish before Task 2
```

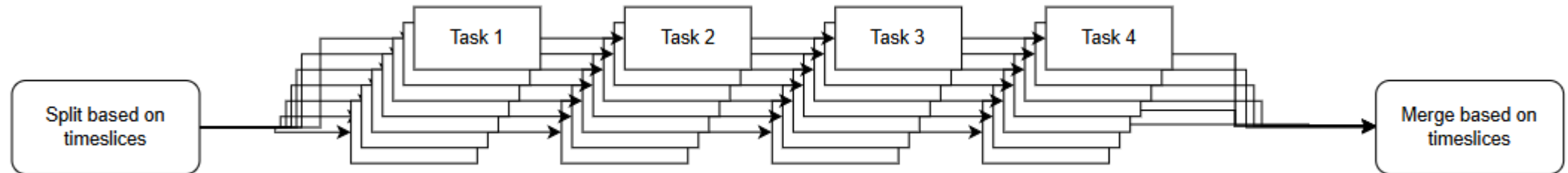
Simple parallelization per time slice

- Most in-pulse actors process single time slices.
- We can process time slices in batches / ranges with simple parallelism

- Per actor / task:



- Or per workflow:



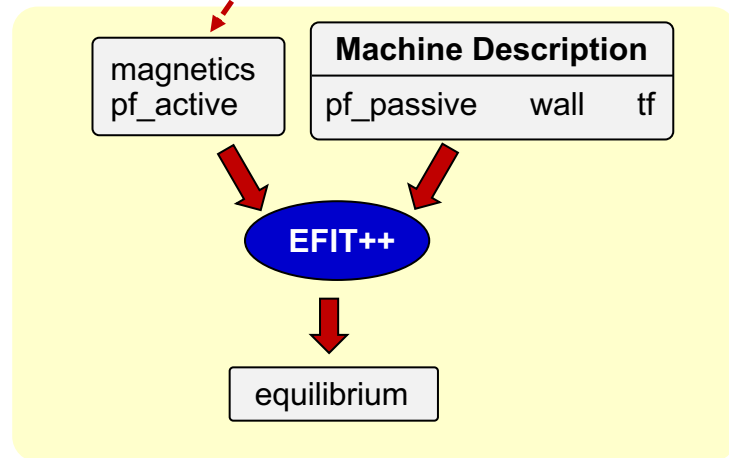
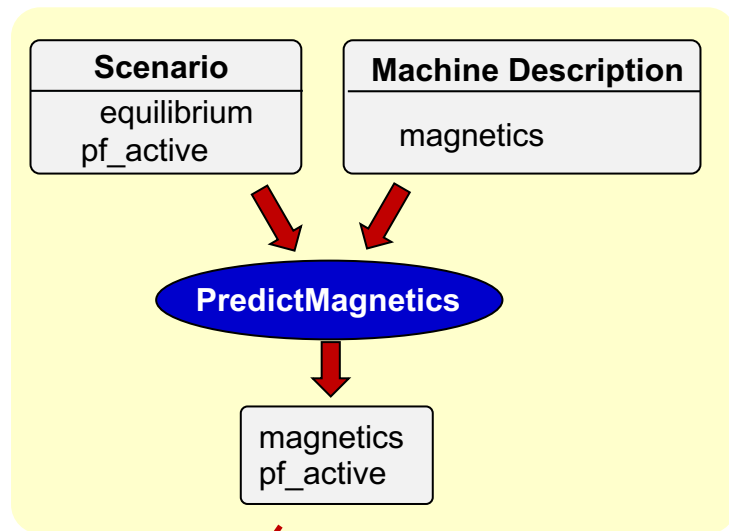
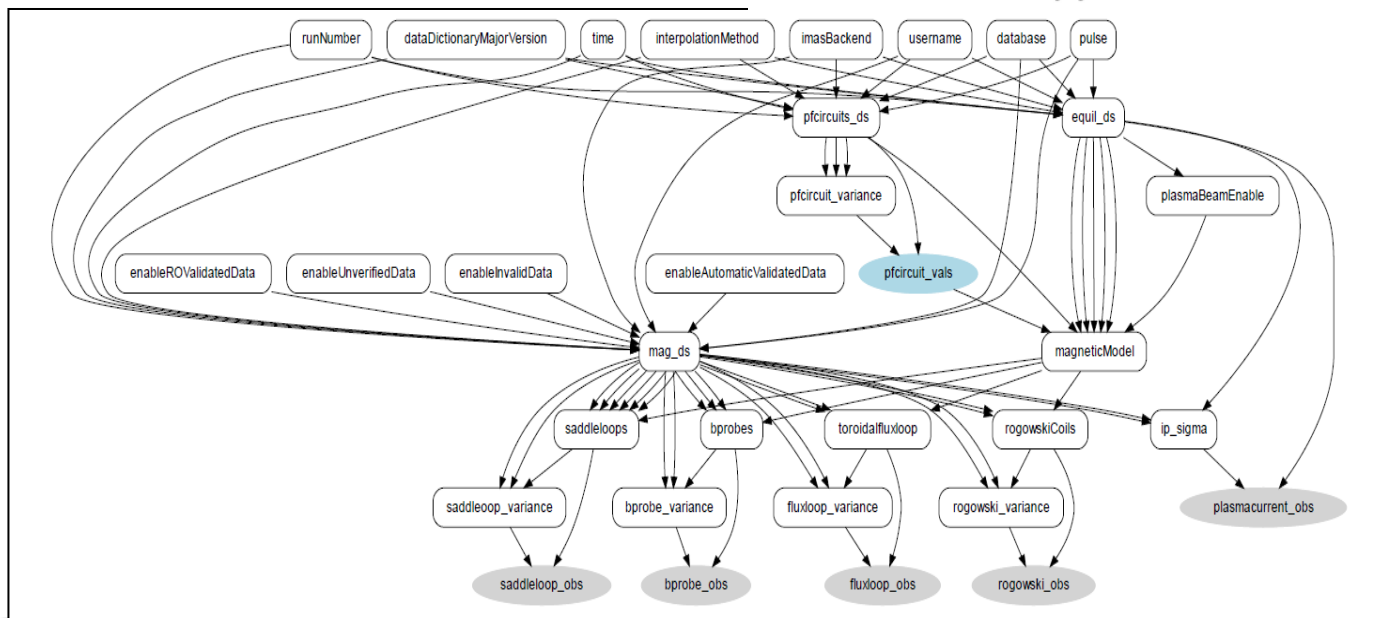
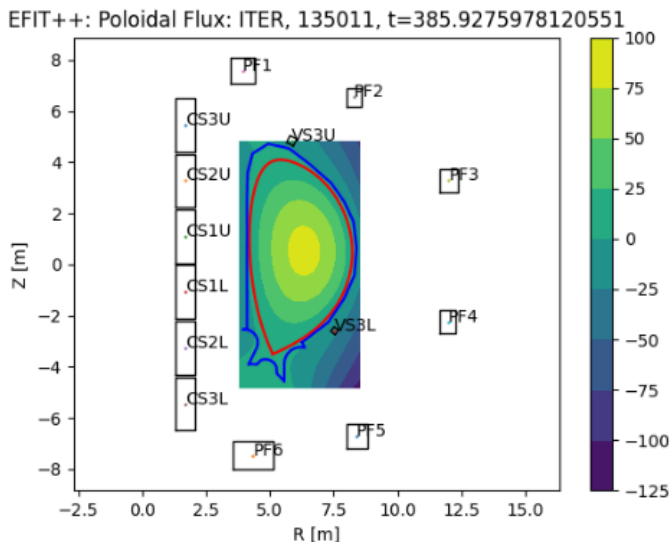
First application: equilibrium reconstruction with synthetic magnetics constraints



- **Magnetics Actor**
 - **Magnetics_prep** – Reads machine/diagnostic specific data.
 - **Magnetics** – Synthetic diagnostic modelling for magnetics measurements.
- **Equilibrium Actor**
 - **Equilibrium_prep** – Reads machine/diagnostic specific data for the equilibrium reconstruction.
 - **Equilibrium** – Actor used to reconstruct plasma equilibrium.
- **Machine agnostic**: diagnostic/machine specificities are parameters to the actors.
- **Code agnostic**: actors exchange data in IDS format, easily replaceable by other actors with the same inputs and outputs.
- In this particular exercise:
 - predictMagnetics (from the Minerva framework, L. Appel, UKAEA)
 - EFIT++ (L. Appel, UKAEA)

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- 55.A* magnetic diagnostics
- PredictMagnetics by L. Appel within the Minerva framework
- EFIT++ actor

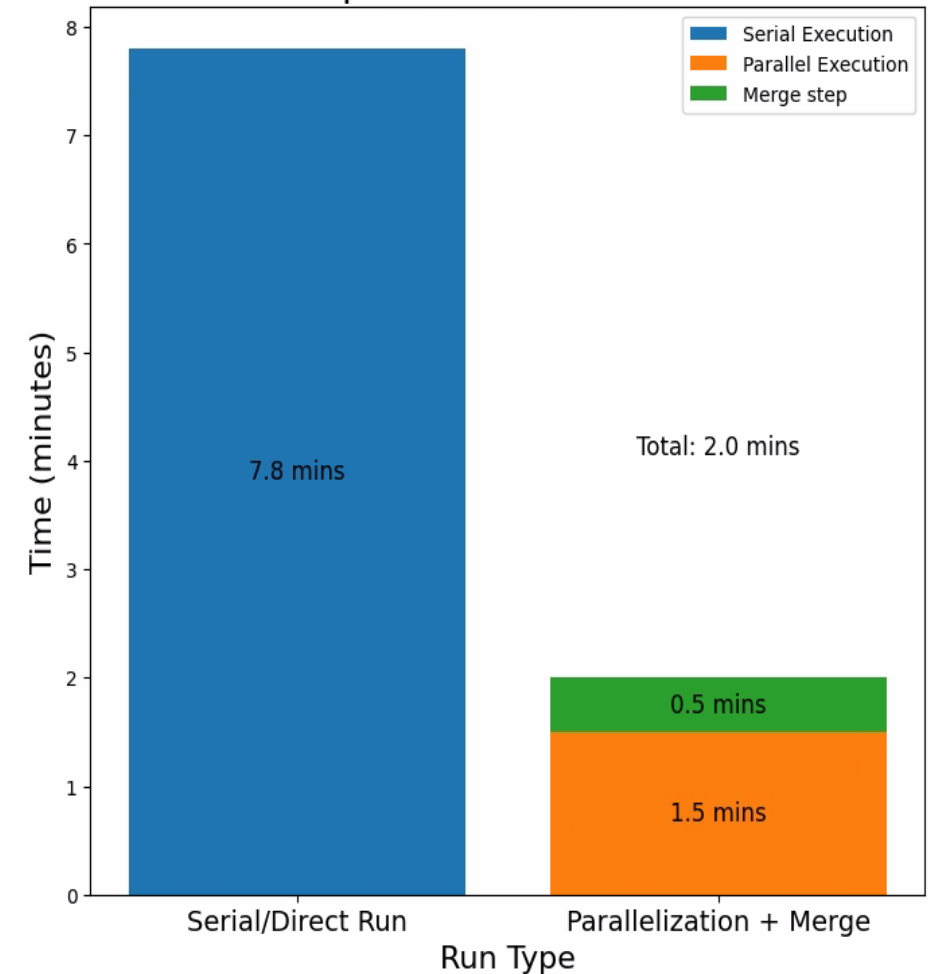


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First application: simple parallelism

- **Workflow info:** the **Magnetics Actor** for IMAS Pulse **105027**, consisting of **614 timeslices**.
- **Serial Execution:**
 - Total execution time: **7.8 minutes**.
 - Tasks were executed sequentially without concurrency.
- **Parallel Execution + Merge:**
 - Average execution time of **5 parallel runs** : 1.5 minutes.
 - Merge operation of the runs : 0.5 minutes.
 - Total execution time reduced to **2.0 minutes** ($1.5 + 0.5$ minutes).
- **Conclusion:**
 - Even with the **overhead of the merge step**, the average execution time of the parallel runs combined is significantly faster than the serial/direct run.

Performance Comparison: Serial vs Parallel Execution

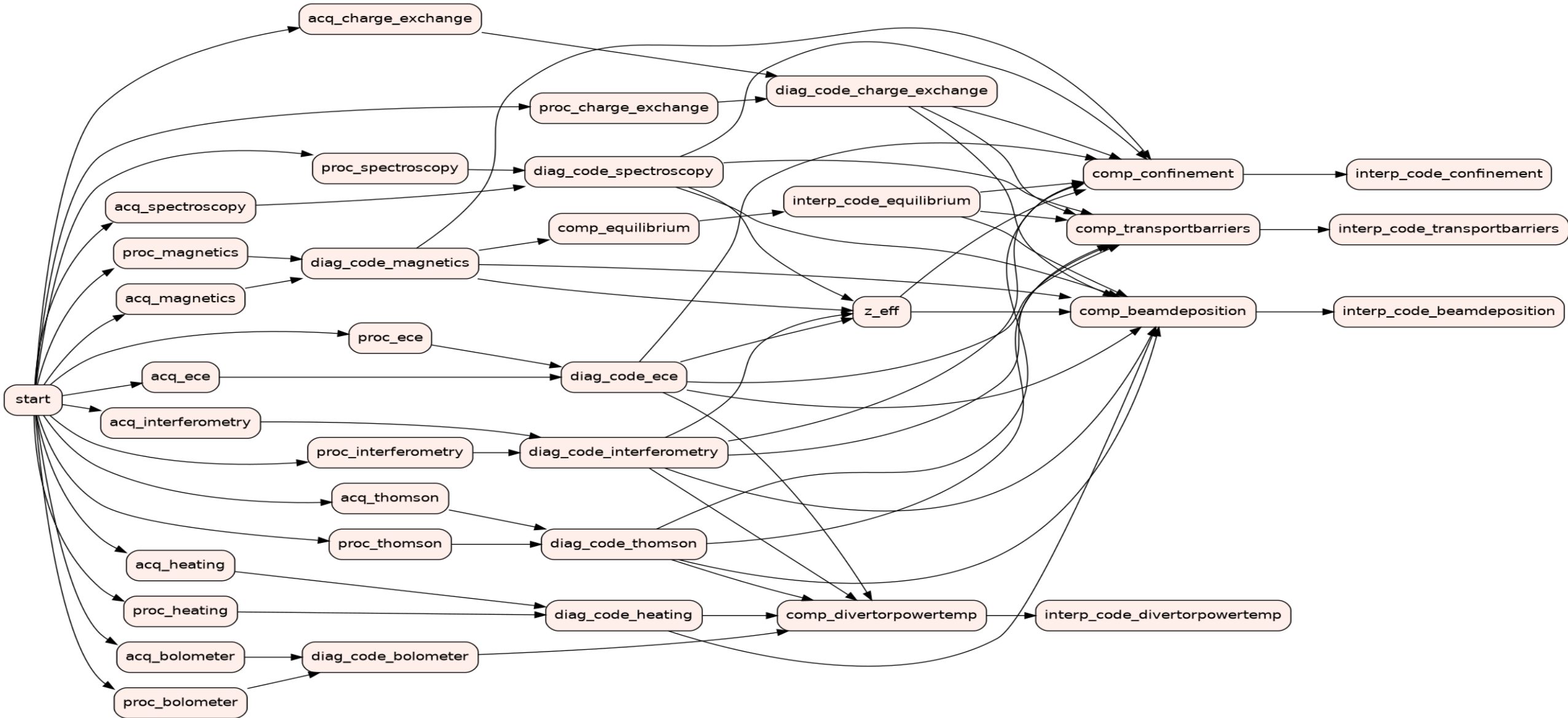


In-pulse Workflow Framework

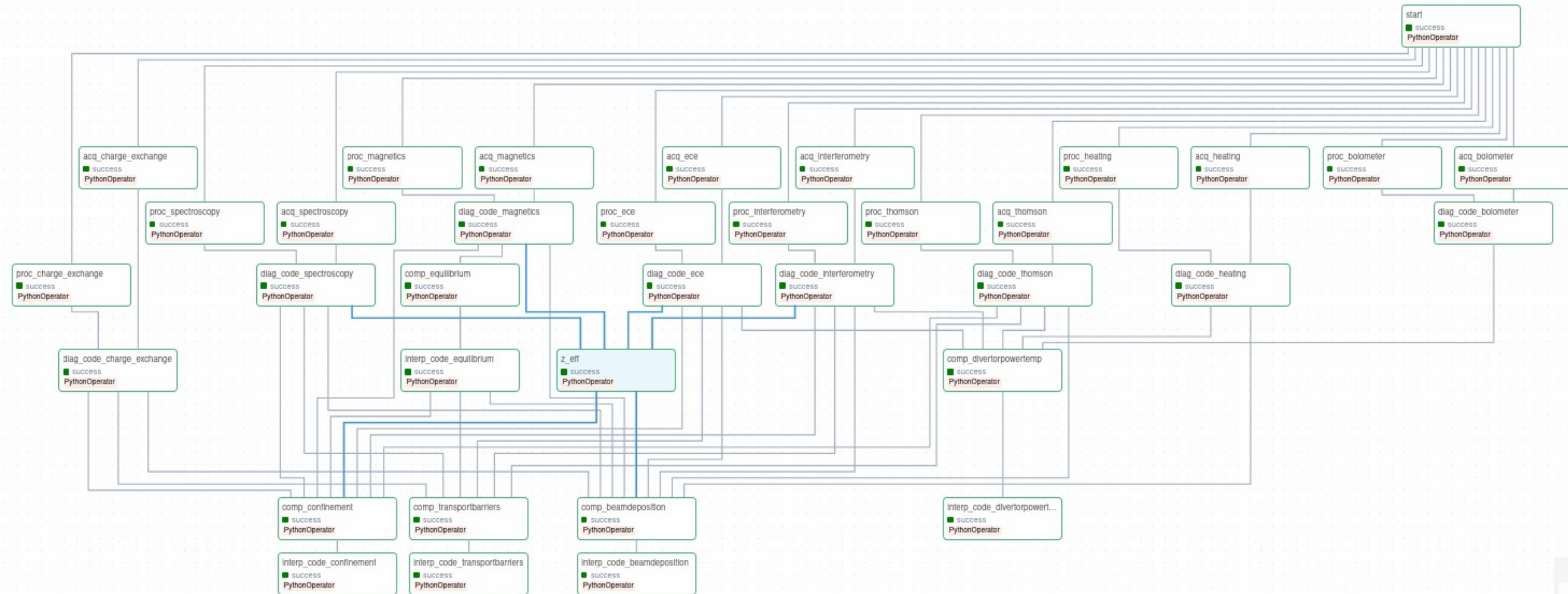
Developed a **mock in-pulse processing workflow** to simulate a complete plasma analysis workflow during a pulse.

- The workflow serves as a **blueprint** for future integration of real physics-based codes in ITER's real-time processing pipeline.
- All computational steps currently use **placeholder actors**, designed to be replaced with validated physics modules in future iterations.
- This **framework** establishes a baseline architecture for modular, scalable in-pulse workflows spanning multiple diagnostics and control loops.

In-pulse Workflow Simulation

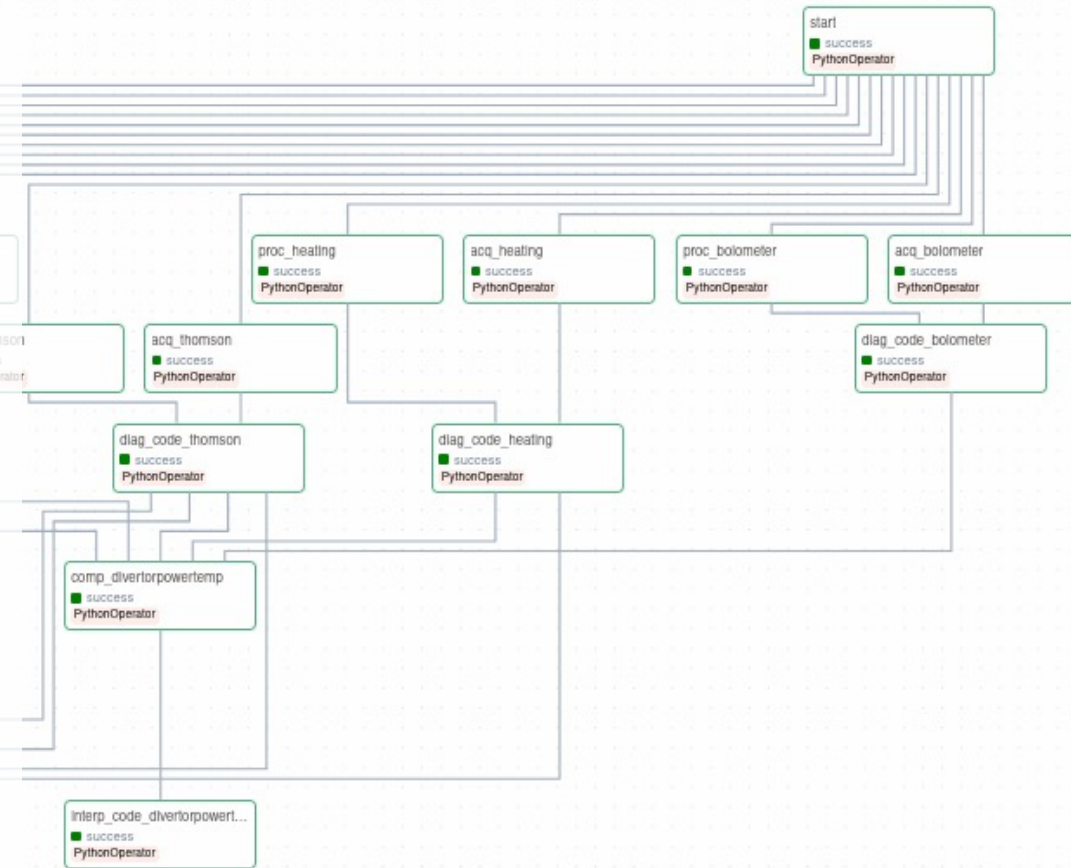


In-pulse Workflow Simulation in Airflow



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- **Failure detection**: detects failures and supports resolution through **retry logic**, **fallback paths**, and **execution monitoring**.
- **Failure resolution**: includes alternative placeholder codes that can be triggered dynamically if a primary actor fails enabling **fault tolerance**.
- The architecture supports **horizontal scaling**, where multiple timeslices can be processed concurrently as they arrive.
- It also enables **vertical scaling**, allowing additional dependent tasks (e.g., diagnostics, post-processing) to be added without disrupting existing workflows.
- The orchestration setup is **modular** and **extensible**, allowing increased complexity and integration over time without changing the core design.



Workflow Simulation: in-pulse and reprocessing

1. In-Pulse Workflow (Simulated):

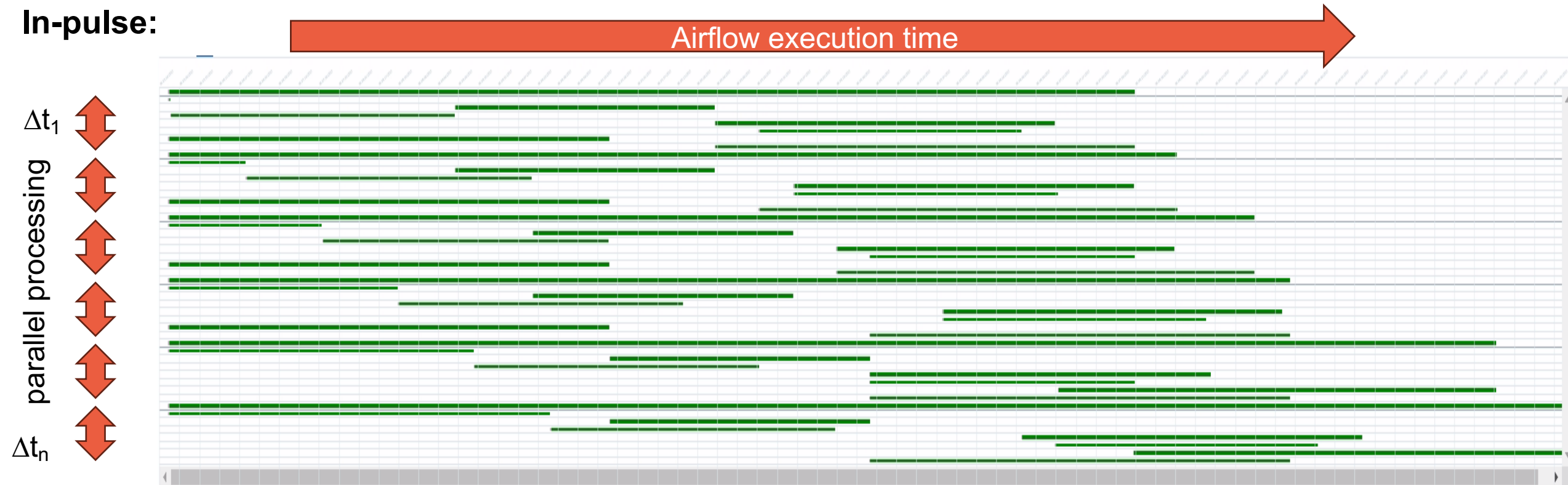
Mimics online timeslice-by-timeslice processing during an active pulse. Tasks triggered sequentially as new timeslices arrive.

2. Reprocessing Workflow (Simulated):

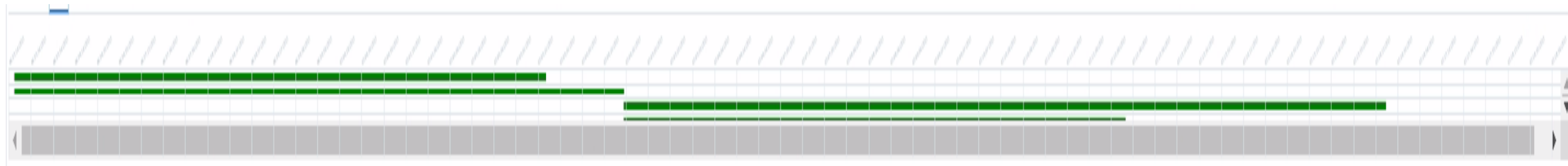
- Executes after pulse completion using full data availability. Represents a traditional, serial processing pipeline.
- Both workflows use identical placeholder actors and input conditions, isolating orchestration behaviour for easier comparison.
- Each actor had randomized processing times, generated deterministically using the component's name as a seed.

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In-pulse:



Reprocessing:



Data visualization and exploration

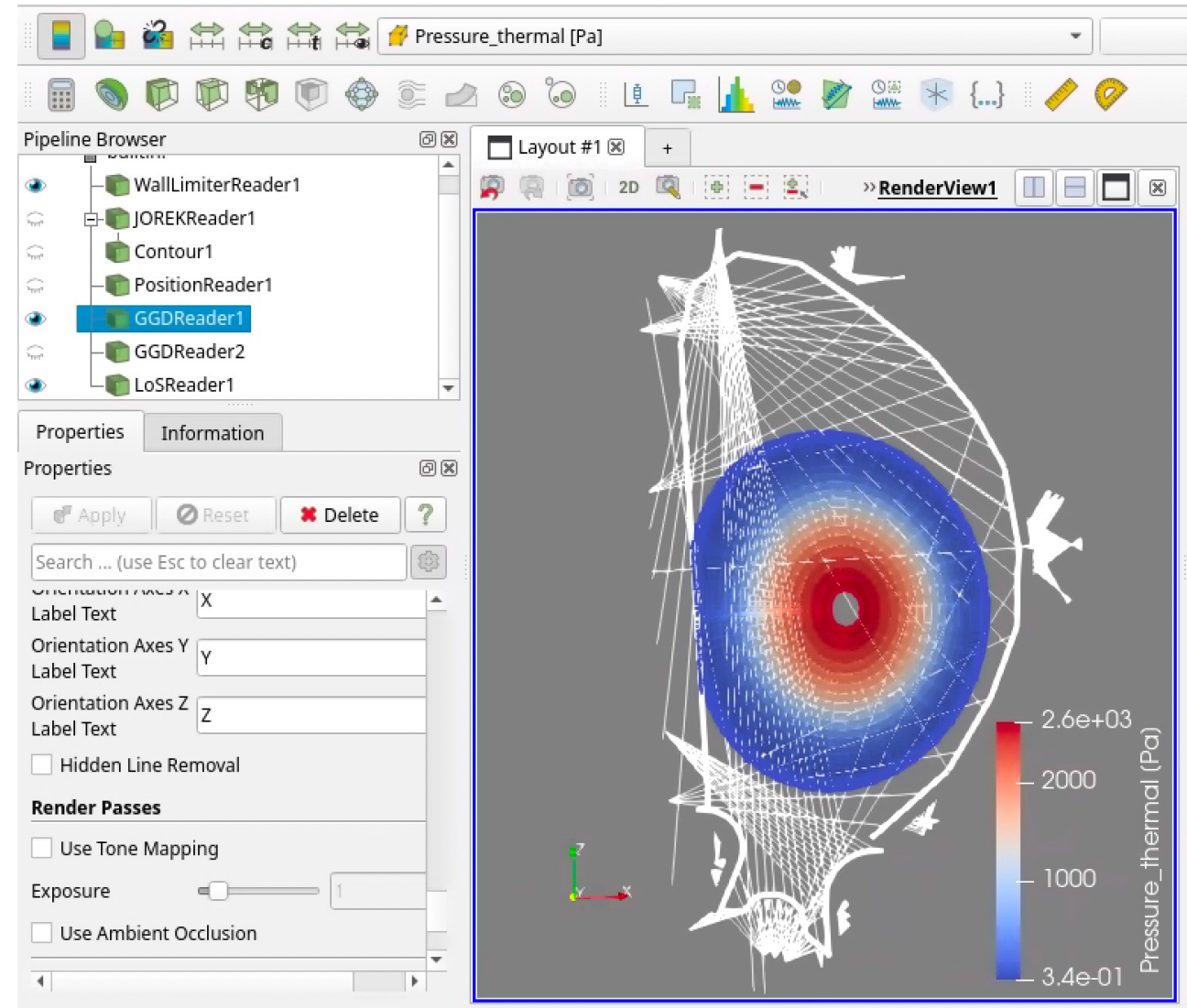
- Data is useless without insight.
- There is an ongoing development of ITER plotting library (L. Abadie):
 - iplot ecosystem and MINT
 - DAN, SDN, IMAS, ...
 - 1D and 2D
 - control room display and user desktop
- 3D scientific data exploration tool was missing:

Kitware Paraview

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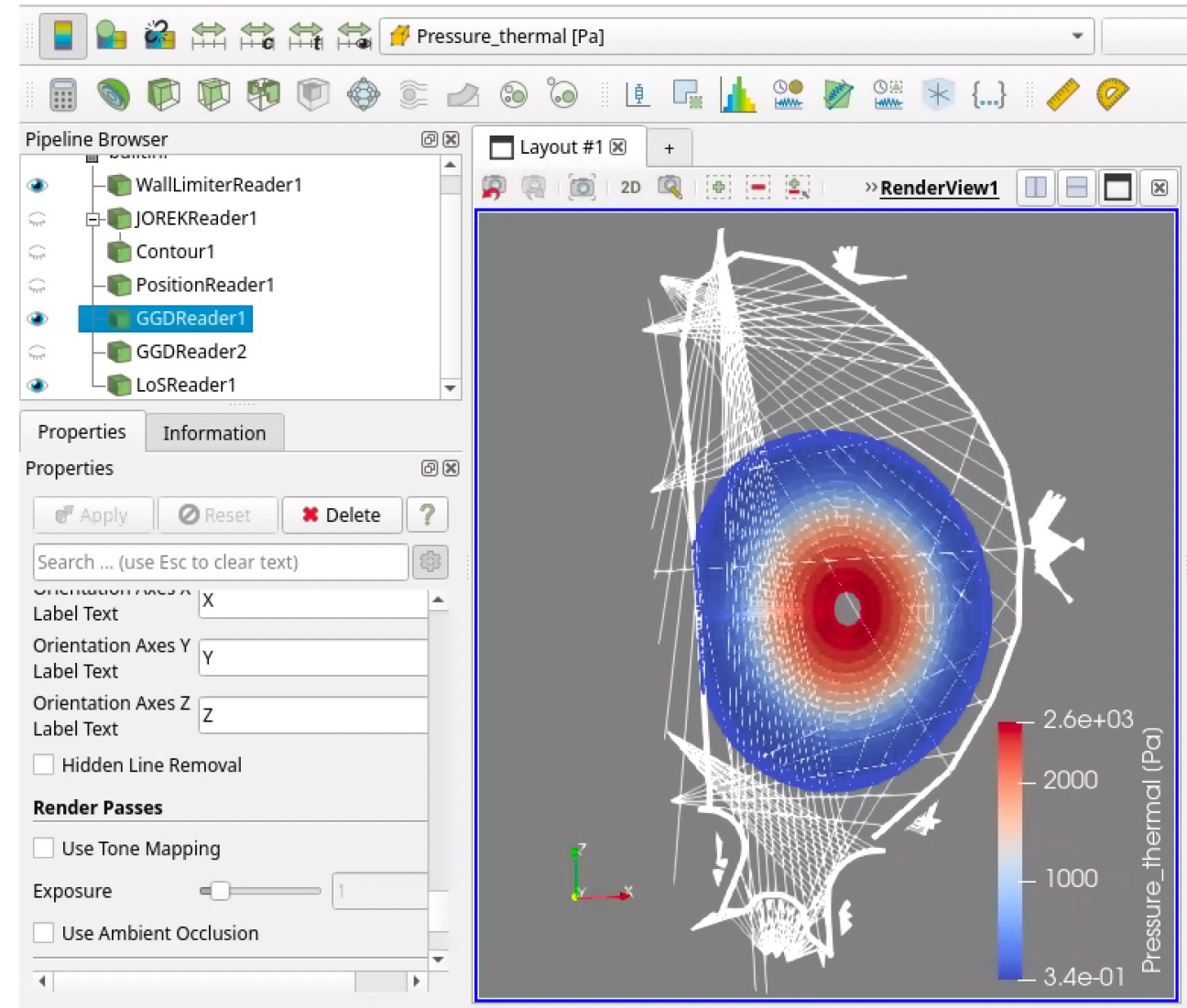
IMAS plugin

SOLPS + Limiter + ECE LOS



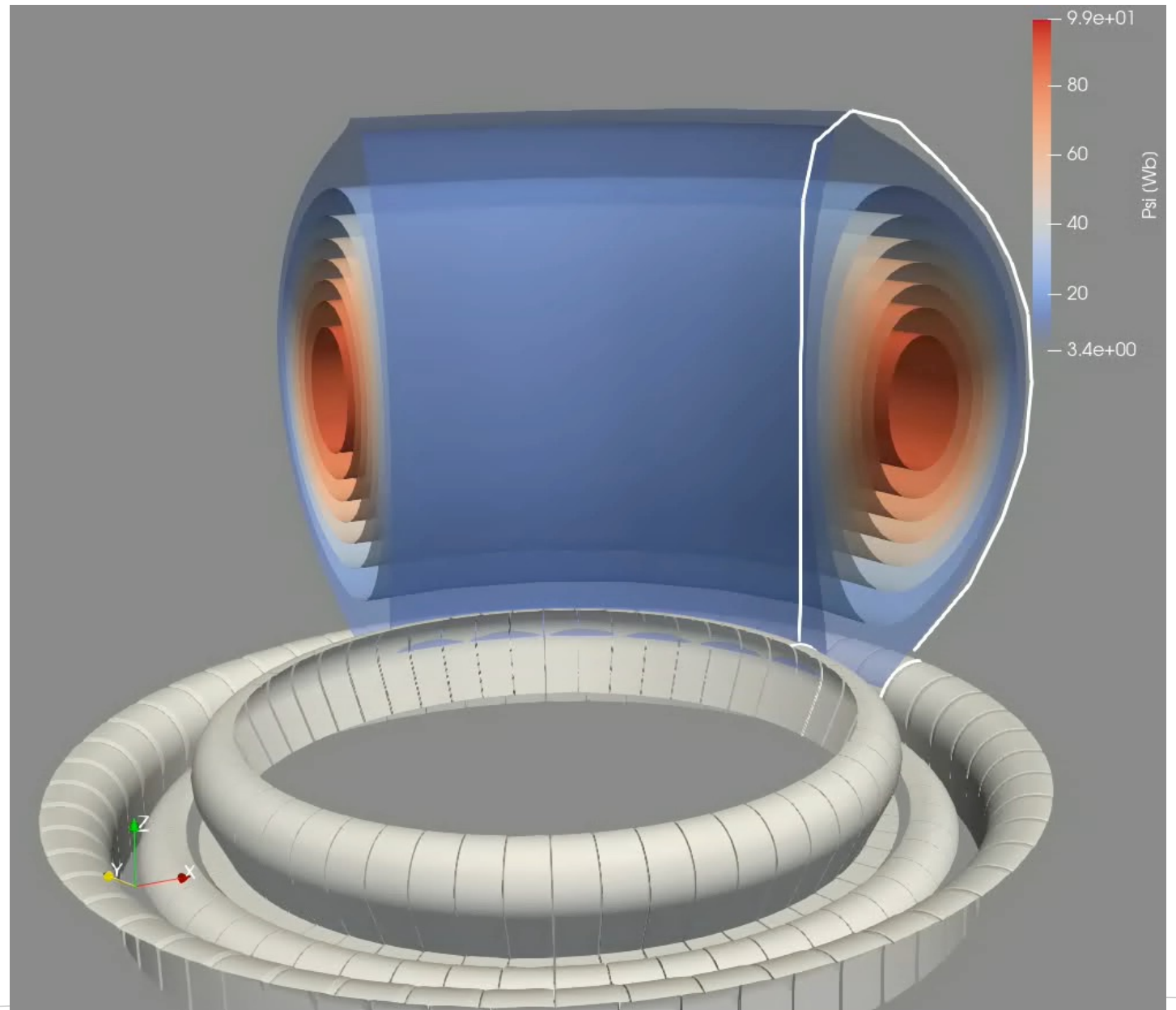
Data visualization and exploration

- See [IMAS-Paraview](#) manual and example.
- [Open source on github](#)
- GUI and CLI (export to VTK)
- GGD data (2D and 3D)
- JOEREK
- 1D profile data:
 - Integrate 1D core with 2D edge
- Machine/diagnostic description data:
 - Divertor
 - Wall
 - LoS
 - Magnetic sensors
 - ...



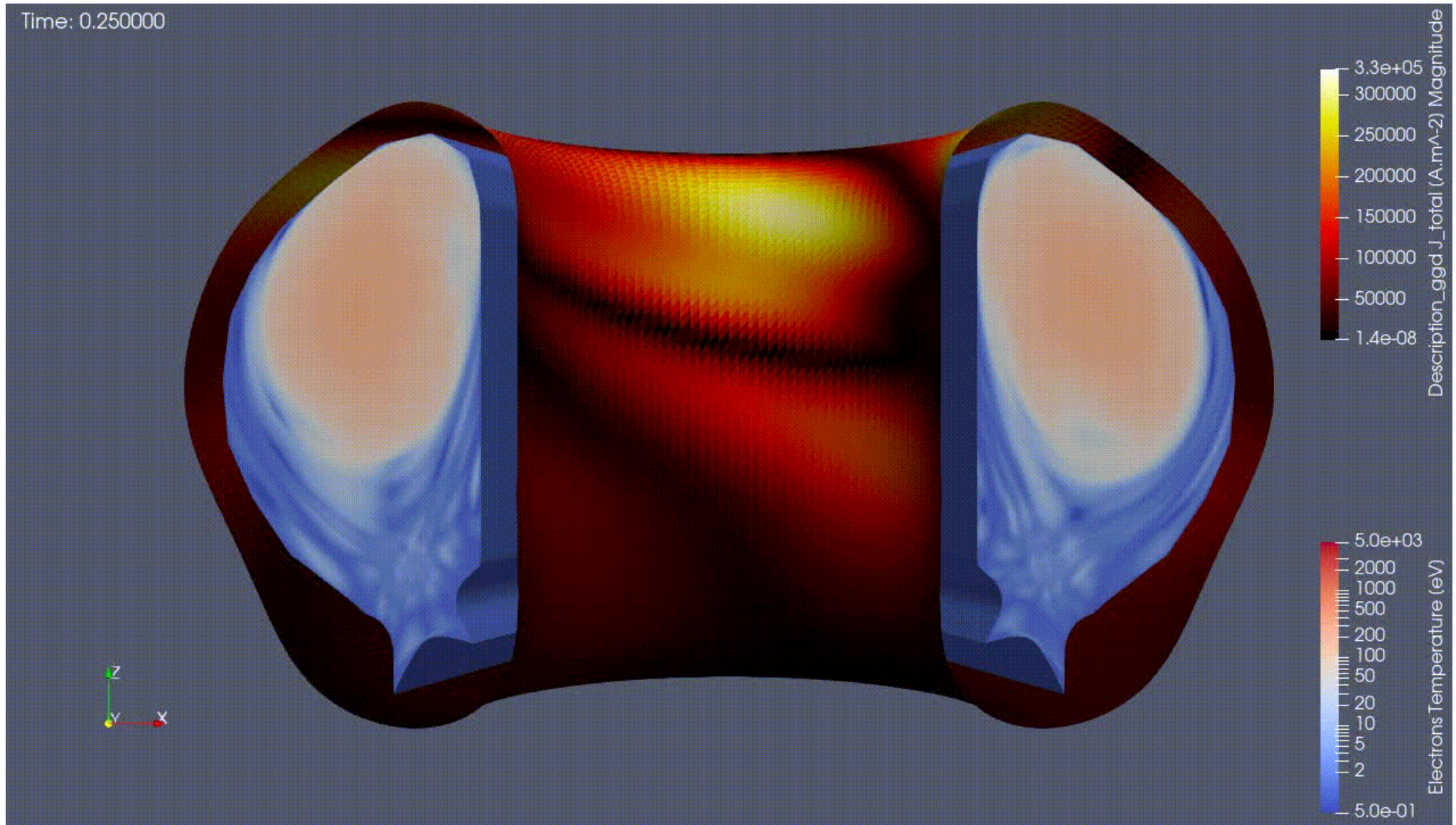
Example:

- JOREK data (psi)
- Divertor
- Limiter



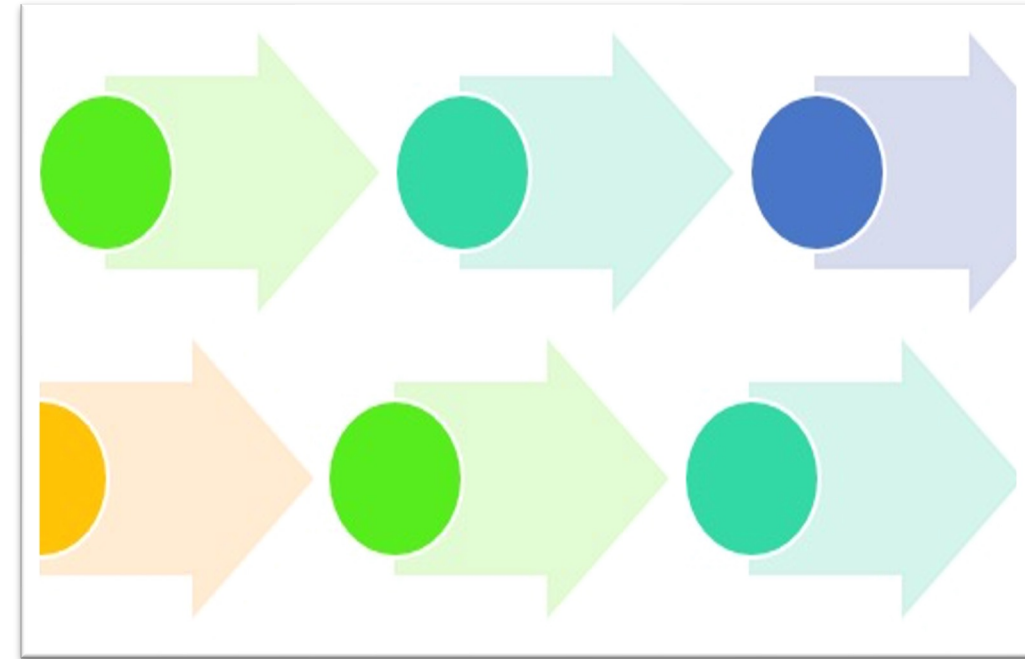
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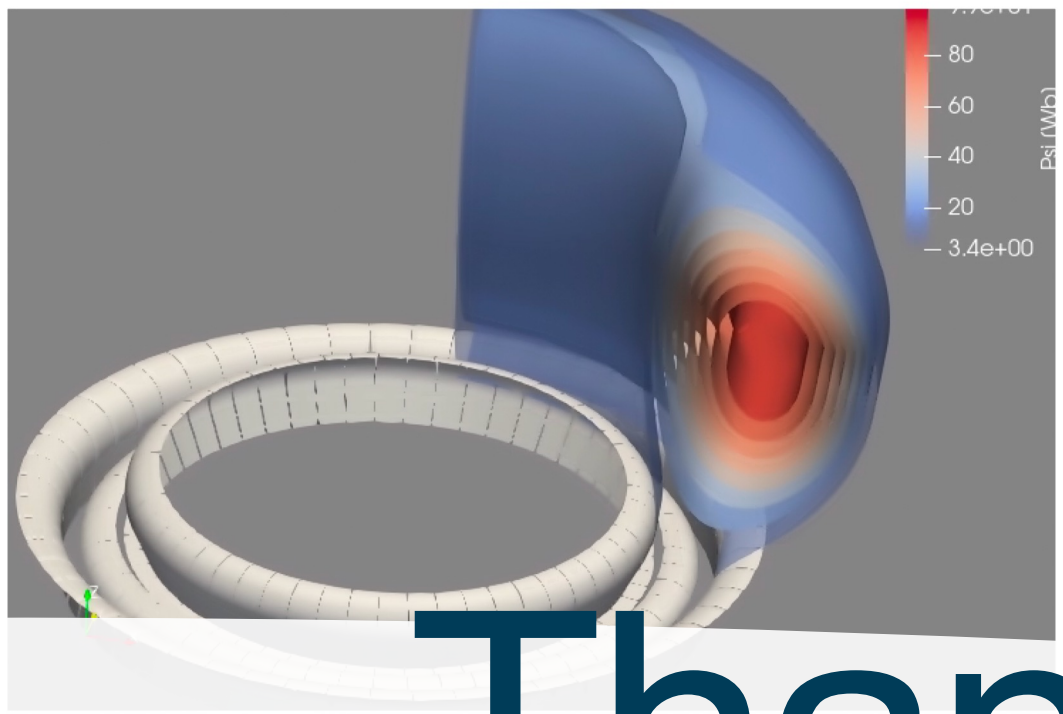
- JOREK data
- Animation of the electron temperature and wall currents.
- Data provided by J. Artola.



Future work

- Workflows:
 - Realistic **input data**:
 - Use **synthetic diagnostic models** as input to the workflows (see presentation from S. Pinches).
 - Use **mapped experimental data** from other devices.
 - Integrate with **MUSCLE3** (persistent actor framework):
 - Work by F. Poli based on the ETS-PAF
 - H&CD workflow by M. Schneider
- 3D visualization: further improvements based on user request





Thank you!

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