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2 >>Dr. Garrison: Let's get started today.

3 I want to introduce our speaker, Steven
4 Fitzgerald. He's from intuitive machines. I
5 didn't really know a lot about intuitive
6 machines but one of our former adjuncts, Tim
7 prey(ph), who worked at NASA and US physics
8 department for quite a while, he worked with
9 intuitive machines. If any of you know he's
10 over there, they are doing interesting stuff.
11 And so there was one person, can't remember his
12 name off the top of my head, who was here last
13 customers as part of our college seminar series
14 about the stuff they dominant I found it pretty
15 fascinating. So for the next three weeks we
16 have got three different talks, each is going
17 to be from somebody from that company, and they
18 are all going to talk about some of the things
19 they are doing. You will notice that as a
20 group they are actually doing some very
21 different work but it's all fascinating stuff.
22 So with that I want to keep in mind this is a
23 local company, one of the situations if you
24 have questions they are here to answer and if
25 you want to learn more about what they are

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1 doing, we have the speakers right here. Thank
2 you, Dave. I was asking David about the
3 course, what the course is, and I love the
4 framework. How many undergrads wait here?
5 Excellent. I expect hard questions from you.
6 Graduate students. Y'all can't ask questions.
7 (LAUGHTER). I'll tell you about intuitive
8 machines and myself first. Actually graduated
9 just across the street back in 1980 --
10 (indiscernible). I left here and had a
11 bachelors in masters in aerospace engineer of
12 Texas A&M and through a co-op worked at NASA
13 Johnson space center. Retired after 30 years
14 in my technical background and specialty really
15 qualified as physics. It's built on that and
16 in particular aero thermic dynamics, which
17 react the flows for vehicles. So reacting
18 chemistry and reacting aero thermic chemistry.
19 In addition I moved my career every three years
20 I did a specialty. Started with the jets and
21 went to space shuttle with the space station
22 which is basic kinetic theory and statistical
23 mechanics. And came back from that and during
24 that time had a couple of space flight
25 experiments where I was a JC plume expert,

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1 which is basically space shuttle fire and you
2 get long plumes and they go every where
3 including the space station. So we got
4 involved and modified the models for the space
5 station. And then from there I went on to
6 other things. I worked Columbia
7 (indiscernible) investigation team. I was a
8 branch chief and moved up to the constellation
9 program where I was in charge of technical
10 integration. We put together a grand plan to
11 go back to the moon that's the on again off
12 again plan that we are working towards right
13 now. And then essentially I retired as senior
14 technical advisers for (indiscernible)
15 division. In addition to that about that time
16 I joined the aerospace advisory panel and I had
17 a huge interest in the education and the growth
18 of: Students in college. I contributed to
19 that at A&M. And I have a real soapbox here
20 about appropriate utilization of tools. You
21 guys as undergrads and graduate students of the
22 university, we have companies throwing software
23 at you. Engineering program you get thrown
24 software for 3-D CAD and analysis and stress,
25 fluids, and you can use it. My soapbox if you

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1 will is just because you have a hammer doesn't
2 mean everything is a nail. One of the things
3 an engineer which scientist and
4 (indiscernible). But the key thing is
5 understanding the problem, what level of
6 fidelity, what level of rigor is required to
7 give you a useful answer to the problem being
8 asked. So you don't always have to go to the
9 Nth degree. I'll show a lot of Nth degree
10 stuff but more basic fundamental engineering
11 that goes into answering the questions.
12 Because that's ultimately my job. My job is
13 and the job of intuitive machines is to gauge
14 for the customers and solve the most difficulty
15 challenges with the framework division, the
16 approach we learned at NASA. We have 40
17 engineers. The idea was we come out and take
18 our years of experience and lessons learned and
19 apply it to aerospace and medicine in the
20 Houston area. Employee number five in the
21 company, I've been there a while. I brought
22 one of my customers with me and we have been
23 doing work in really chasing interesting
24 problems. I made my career solving problems
25 that other people think are impossible or

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1 intractable and I love doing that because it's
2 high expectations. It's an impossible problem.
3 And two we have to be creative. So that's what
4 this is about. The level of work we are doing
5 in the oil and gas industry is ground breaking.
6 On the NASA side I grew up with the development
7 of CFD. It's the solution of governing
8 equations of fluid. In the Euler, viscous,
9 Navier-Stokes equations, you have the boundary
10 stokes equations and thermal chemical equations
11 that are difficult to solve. Those are the
12 equations we solve on super computers and have
13 gotten good at it. The statement I made
14 earlier about you getting thrown tools is you
15 can go right now out to the Internet and
16 identify your search for CFD codes and type in
17 source. Download and see cases all day long.
18 If you have access to commercial tools they are
19 designed to give you an answer. Even if you
20 give it garbage. The challenge of doing this
21 type of work is knowing is it right. How do
22 you know your solution is correct when no one
23 ever solved that problem before. That's one of
24 the challenges we face. What we do these cases
25 you are seeing you will hear a lot about, some

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1 of these, the idea is these are full scale real
2 world problems being attacked with high
3 fidelity engineering tools and being applied by
4 people dedicating themselves to understanding
5 the tools and the assumptions that go into the
6 tool and how to use the tool and validate to
7 get a correct answer. Within our scope, within
8 our ability. So everything we do is full
9 scale. On the NASA side we have
10 (indiscernible) facilities, wind tunnels, but
11 we don't call it done until we got the flight
12 data, which gets me to my favorite quote of all
13 times. We are talking about models.
14 Challenging problems. George Box who was on
15 the faculty of Wisconsin, all models are wrong
16 but some are useful. This is important for
17 physics. For students to understand. This is
18 important for engineers to understand and pair
19 rents. We think we are right all the time but
20 sometimes we are not. From an engineering
21 standpoint I can sit and solve a problem with a
22 Navier-Stokes equations if people think I'm
23 using a high fidelity tool I'll get the right
24 answer. However, the Navier-Stokes equations
25 are an approximation. Turbulence, closer,

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1 models are an approximation. Breakdown you get
2 more into verified flow. They no longer apply
3 because the assumes they were built upon which
4 is the stress strain relationship breakdown.
5 So what is key we do an analysis, we get handed
6 a challenging problem you first have to
7 understand the problem and then pick your tool.
8 You have to understand what assumptions you can
9 safely make about solving your problem, which
10 variables are well known, which ones are
11 unknown and choose wisely. That's my soapbox.
12 But I love Einstein's quote and I believe he
13 quoted this as simple as possible but no
14 simpler. In other words, have a model if you
15 know was wrong, it's good enough when you
16 simplify it down to the critical fundamental
17 thing that has to be modeled and no simpler.
18 You can go too far on both sides, you want the
19 sweet spot in the middle. Our young guys hear
20 from me all the time. Just because you have a
21 (indiscernible) code doesn't mean you have a
22 solution or the tool that it's a right way. So
23 the problem we are talking about is
24 hydrocarbon. Back in 2010 we were familiar
25 with on the news everyday BP blowout and

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1 5,000 feet of water. Basically had a kick they
2 lost mud flow and essentially they lost the
3 platform lives were lost and last account was
4 \$57 billion it cost them. Oil flowed for about
5 70 days. Last number I calculated it cost BP
6 \$30 million for every hour the oil was flowing
7 in the Gulf of Mexico. What I want to do is
8 saying with some engineering analysis on the
9 front end, if I save you one week, a day that's
10 three quarters of a billion dollars. If I save
11 you a week I save you a billion. It's about
12 understanding the value of the work we do. In
13 order to get that kind of funds they have not
14 yet given me my billion or I wouldn't be giving
15 my talk. But it's not just a big BPs or
16 blowout you see everyday. One of my customers
17 had an ongoing response in the Gulf of Mexico
18 for decades. There's sheens everyday and he
19 gets hammered by the government. The resource
20 center receives 20,000 calls a day which is
21 reporting of environmental releases. A guy at
22 the gas stations could be pouring gas and
23 spilling out that's a release. Or it could be
24 a pipeline in the Gulf of Mexico had a failure
25 of a valve and it's leaking and the customer

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1 knows it and they can't shut it down. Or maybe
2 they have shut it down but there's oil out
3 there. If you take a vote and you see a sheen
4 on the surface and you report it, it gets
5 reported. The challenge is how do you
6 attribute these releases. Who is responsible?
7 That's one of the things that I'll get to when
8 I talk about my customer. This is an example
9 and I'm going to make sure this is
10 (indiscernible). Hydrocarbons can be oil, gas,
11 and basically mixtures of solutions in between,
12 typically multi-phase. Reservoir liquid form
13 and it comes up to the surface pressure drop
14 gas come out of solution. And in this case
15 this is (indiscernible), in this -- this is
16 basically 600 million cubic feet of gas per day
17 flowing from a depth of 800 feet and getting to
18 the surface. Edge to edge that's about
19 600 yards. The hydrodynamic jump from the
20 middle is this high. Enough momentum in the
21 fluid coming up it raised the sea level. I
22 have tools for doing this Texas A&M oil spill
23 calculator, it's open source and you can
24 download it. If you are interested it come
25 talk to me about a job. Here's a simulated

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1 release. Gas velocity, gets to the top of the
2 surface and per second if you do ρGH you get
3 the appropriate hydraulic jump. For main core
4 plume rising at the surface, that sphere,
5 that's right in here. This little area right
6 here surfacing, that's 80 meters. That's why
7 this is so large. What are those other rings.
8 What else is happening? Because they are not
9 part of the simple model. So the model I
10 choose to model this problem with was too
11 simple. So I understand it. So I went to
12 another methodology and got this solution here
13 on the left. All this is, is me trying to
14 understand what those rings are and what they
15 represent, what's going on. A fluid coming to
16 the surface and then also (indiscernible). If
17 I'm watching this what happens is fluid which
18 has a mixture of the gas methane and water
19 because when it comes out it's
20 (indiscernible). You get a mixture of gas and
21 water. When it breaks the surface most of the
22 gas is released. So now the fluid that falls
23 back is less fluid than the fluid coming up.
24 So it dives under and sea water is more buoyant
25 and it comes up and releases more gas again.

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1 You get a ring of concentric -- basically dives
2 and dips and rises. Each time it's more gas.
3 The shape is influenced by the seascape. You
4 get a trailing out at the edge which when I
5 take this we see this in the field. What I've
6 done is used three tools, neither which are
7 highest fidelity to understand the problem.
8 Because the application is where can I safely
9 position ships on the surface to do an
10 intercession with that well. They need to know
11 where to safely position people, how far away.
12 This is that key to understanding the problem,
13 this is not numerically correct but represents
14 enough of the physics to allow me to understand
15 the fundamentals and now I can take it to
16 engineering. And so the interesting thing is,
17 if you are a company drilling a well in the
18 Gulf of Mexico, they assume they can do a BP
19 type intervention. Big ship directly overhead
20 and I can lower my (indiscernible) -- cap my
21 intervention of flow and drill pipe straight
22 down. Maybe, maybe not. It depends on ocean
23 conditions, currents. One of the things our
24 tools did is went into predictions for the
25 ocean. High fidelity Gulf of Mexico model

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1 around the world I can extract predictions and
2 simulate this case six years of a release from
3 one location and every dot you see is a
4 simulation. That's the same release. The
5 difference left, right, north, south, is the
6 whole function of the current and the salinity
7 and the temperatures of the environment. If
8 I'm a customer and I'm trying to get that well
9 and look at this picture in the right very
10 seldom I'll be directly over the well because
11 that's where the plume is. Again informing our
12 customers without having to go to great length
13 to pull the highest fidelity tool this tool is
14 now useful for making decision. If I have a
15 customer like this one, if you thought three
16 and a half billion, this is a simulation of
17 three and a quarter billion cubic feet being
18 released. Difference is 5,000-foot depth.
19 This is compressed at those depths. Has a
20 density lower than oil but it's still liquid.
21 When it comes out it screams. Because it's
22 giving out so quickly it's turbulent. It
23 generates terabytes of data for one second
24 simulation in order to capture the fluid
25 dynamics we have to have a high resolution

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1 grid. It takes a long time to run. But if we
2 need to do engineering analysis with this, how
3 much force if I put a stack, a piece of
4 hardware in this flow how much force is
5 generated on average? well, this is not the
6 one that's going to directly give me the
7 answer. I can put a piece of hardware and you
8 will see one later, if you are trying to design
9 an operation, make decisions about how to do
10 it, you make decisions quickly. Out there in
11 the field you need to know if tomorrow is
12 better than today. This hardware the right one
13 to apply today. You make quicker decisions.
14 So we develop case specify engineering models.
15 When I say that it sounds like it's less than
16 the complete physics model which it is. All
17 models are wrong but some are useful.
18 Engineering models we develop for fidelity that
19 useful for us and the problem. This case we
20 are focused where the force is the highest and
21 so we do high fidelity fits to the flow field.
22 This is two, three equations that I can put
23 into a program to do simulations very easily.
24 That's great for the high velocity gas, but I
25 have to adjust my model because one of my

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1 customers had this flow field. whereas the
2 other one was forty meters per second. This is
3 1.5. The challenge is when you look at the
4 simulation you see the blue stringers, that's
5 water going backwards and down. That water is
6 drawn in and down into the flow so this is
7 mixing with the flow in the pipe before it
8 comes out. That invalidates for my approach on
9 the left. So a chance to get creative. So
10 what we did in this case is looked at the exit
11 plane of the blowout. On the right you see
12 clear areas where water is going down. So it
13 pushes the oil off to one side. And it's
14 dynamic as all get out. Let's go play this.
15 So this is a 10 second simulation we did. The
16 dot is the average velocity. The placement is
17 the velocity centroid being. That's where the
18 blowout where the forces are coming from. So
19 now I have got an unsteady solution I can track
20 those things and take, identify what
21 frequencies of the flow are. Evaluate that
22 against engineering, what the natural frequency
23 of the system is and calculate. In this case
24 these are different levels of engineering
25 models we apply. Again, appropriate to the

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1 question at hand and the timeframe you need the
2 answer. All of these are valid models and
3 applications. So back to the fluid structure
4 interaction. Depending on the velocity and the
5 question being asked, I can use an engineering
6 model or go high fidelity. The one on your
7 left, my right, is that gas case you saw
8 surfacing. This is a flow field going over and
9 around and through a capping apparatus. This
10 case they built it for land based staff. Most
11 of the hardware they built has tiny, nicely
12 laid out machinist love, these lines with
13 hydrodynamic lines about a quarter inch in
14 diameter, 10, 12 in a row come out and they
15 flow together. It looks nice. But you have
16 got a thin critical piece of hardware hydraulic
17 lines you can count on that a can't lever in a
18 flow field high frequency oscillation is 100PSI
19 change in pressure. The challenge is you will
20 fatigue your hydraulic lines and they will
21 break. This is critical information to decide
22 how do I design a piece of hardware. Without
23 this information they go with the standard and
24 they -- it doesn't work. Because all of this
25 aerodynamic flutter has fatigued the lines.

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1 The one on the right is the slow case, that's
2 supposed to play and it's not. In this case
3 it's moving around and this was where it was
4 coupled to, the fluid surrounded ho the
5 lowering system frequency so we have to look
6 for other options. The forces were low enough
7 that the damping was there for the motion so it
8 doesn't excite anything. But you have to look
9 and understand the problem within the scope of
10 basic first order physics. The natural
11 frequency of the spring mass amper(ph) system
12 is one equation. You can analyze and look at
13 basic frequency that's first order and accurate
14 to evaluate whether or not you need to look for
15 second-order impacts or not. It's all about
16 what level of fidelity is required to solve the
17 problem. Now the customer that had a release
18 in the Gulf of Mexico. Basically he's being
19 asked about it and what are you going to do
20 about it. It's daily overflight, flights they
21 fly over and everyday is a different place and
22 it looks different. They calculate different
23 volumes. Today we observe 3-barrels of oil on
24 the surface. Two days from now they might
25 observe 100-barrels. The next day it might be

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1 a different place, another mile away and barely
2 be visible. The challenge of this is we are
3 only getting a piece of the picture. So what
4 we are to do is utilize our expertise and
5 simulations and evaluate all of these
6 observations. In this case they went out into
7 the field deployed sensors to measure the
8 environments. Took samples on the surface.
9 Total of 51 observations. We were to say look
10 at all of these observations. So you will see
11 something that looks like this. Simulated
12 release condition and all of these dots which
13 represent different methodology and assumptions
14 using that text oil spill model I used earlier
15 plus another we developed. And in general you
16 will see observation. So this case the
17 observation is the green cycles at the center
18 and then uncertainty with the pilot to be able
19 to locate it. Basically six to four
20 millimeter droplets within this thing and
21 that's great. But we come here now and this is
22 another example, different day. We have
23 different sets of data. ADCP field that's
24 velocity with the flow. CDP is salinity to
25 temperature to density type of information.

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1 The CDT, that extra information didn't change
2 our answer. We didn't need that for the
3 simulation. Currents definitely do. So this
4 is nominal for us. We did a good job with this
5 model. When we used the measured data. NGOFS
6 is the Northern Gulf of Mexico operation
7 forecast highest resolution they have high
8 fidelity simulation. It has the highest
9 density and considered the most accurate. It
10 got 45 percent match with the observation.
11 Whereas my tool got 96 percent with the new
12 data. But look at this, one of the things at
13 understanding the problem is sometimes not just
14 physics aspects. My customer's problem was not
15 does he have a release. It was not that he did
16 everything he could to solve it, not that oil
17 was showing up on the surface. It was that
18 people were reacting to the oil showing up on
19 the surface. Because it's an emotional topic.
20 People should care about the environment and
21 should be concerned about whether or not
22 release in the environment will harm life or
23 vegetation and impact our standard of living.
24 So those are emotional answers. People react
25 to what they see. So look at this, in this

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1 case, you might assume that the oil slick is
2 going in that direction. I did initially. But
3 you can measure data and simulate it and it
4 does this. So it comes up and initially goes
5 down south and then takes a right turn. That
6 was something they not observed before. So
7 sometimes it's here, here, but all of it flows.
8 what is happening? why is it important? So to
9 address that we did the volumetric release.
10 You saw the surface from that. All right we
11 said particles and oil droplets are different
12 sizes therefore they get carried farther away
13 or closer to the source. Currents move every
14 where so it's green in the full current data.
15 This case we simulated 250,000 trajectories at
16 100th of a second over hours. It opened a
17 lot of eyes. This is an and makings regions.
18 Notice how dynamic it is. The fluid
19 (indiscernible) is the red of the larger ones.
20 This we did not expect. The current at that
21 location of the Gulf of Mexico are so dynamic
22 they change minute to minute. 180 degrees they
23 will change or in the case you saw 90 degrees
24 in a matter of minutes. They will change at
25 the bottom, at the top, you can have flow going

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1 different directions bottom and top and it was
2 eye opening. But is it good enough? The
3 observation we saw, it's hard to see I tried to
4 get as much contrast. Essentially here's the
5 release point or the source and you see these
6 oscillations. If I recount those I have four,
7 in my simulation I get four and then up here
8 it's hard to see but it takes a right hand
9 turn. So this is 20 minutes after the
10 observation. So with the actual location and
11 now I match the shape and the direction.
12 Here's another example. Our observation
13 simulated prediction. In this it's a very
14 simple model. I had three or four knobs I was
15 are ready to turn to get a better answer but I
16 don't need a better answer. I can explain what
17 we see. And that was the emotional answer that
18 people needed. There was active sonars and
19 they were taking samples, four lines of
20 attribution all released the same conclusion.
21 But the nail on the head is one they have never
22 seen. They have never seen anyone match it.
23 More examples. This is a picture in the
24 announcement. This is the observation and
25 here's the sheen. This case I was able to

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1 adjust the size to match the pattern. Now I
2 have an idea of what size droplets are coming
3 up. This one, same thing but much shorter. A
4 different dynamic. All of these are exactly
5 the same volumes from exactly the same place
6 just different times. All the same depth as
7 well. That is about 460 meters, call it
8 1800 feet, a little more, maybe 2,000. It's
9 got a lot of water coming up. (indiscernible)
10 winds are a phenomenon. They are called
11 Langer(ph) cells. It's an interaction between
12 the low velocity cross wind and perpendicular
13 to current. So it sets up this counter
14 vortices at the surface. I didn't model that
15 in my data or methodology These last are my
16 favorites. Lots of times people will see
17 multiple droplets coming together and never
18 understood it. This looks like a piece of
19 taffy that is twisted. It's moving back and
20 forth like this. And then you can see the same
21 spiral patterns in the observation. In this
22 case it was high wind so it didn't give it much
23 clarity. This case is another one if you look
24 at the observation it has shear and shifts and
25 the edge goes on. In the observation I go

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1 this. But when I plugged in the simulation,
2 minutes, actually an hour past when the pilot
3 said he took the data I got this. So the pilot
4 observation he marked down wrong. So score
5 card, essentially we were the first to match
6 everything the pilots observed. Everyone else
7 cared about location. So we evaluated
8 location, shape, direction, size and compare
9 all of those things and added it with a
10 simplified model. We were able to match
11 96 percent of the observations which I was very
12 satisfied with. Simple, simple model. Simple
13 as possible. Now, this has been out there for
14 decades. We only took data for February 27th
15 until March 15th. They have years of
16 observations. So what can we do, how can we
17 take what we have learned and apply it. Depends
18 on understanding the currents at the site, and
19 understanding what variables you prepare
20 against. And in this case here's the observed
21 sheen and you have the cyclic pattern where it
22 gets longer in the summers. If you understand
23 the Gulf of Mexico if you take the wind speeds
24 in the Gulf of Mexico they get lesser in the
25 summers. Winters are more dynamic. If you

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1 look at the annual flow of the Gulf of Mexico
2 it has a cyclic behavior so we can expect a
3 connection between all of those variables. The
4 thing is if we took just the horizontal
5 velocity at the surface, pick a direction
6 north, turns out the Mississippi River empties
7 close to this site. And if we take within an
8 hour measured window, the Mississippi River
9 outflow volume and we plug it into nothing more
10 than a momentum equation where you say I have a
11 northern velocity 59 my site reacting to the
12 head pressure for the Mississippi River flow,
13 and the Mississippi River flow a 2-D release
14 will spread at a certainly angle, and within
15 the factor of 50 percent theoretically it
16 should be 10,000, that scale factor if you
17 will. If I apply a scale factor of 15,000 I
18 get all of these peaks lining up on the
19 predominant shape. All of the variations in
20 between are fluid dynamic interactions that
21 happen and create vortices when two fluids mix
22 you saw it with cream acknowledge coffee. It
23 may give it dynamics but in general it scales.
24 So that says I can take, Gulf of Mexico and --
25 my Mississippi River flow, make an estimate of

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1 velocity, which direction they are headed at
2 the surface and predictions. So five years of
3 predictions gave me this. This is what the
4 actual possible spread of the observation
5 appeared was. And the color of those dots is
6 by time of year. It's not unreasonable to
7 expect that you have predominantly seasonal
8 currents that are at play. So within the
9 simple model you are able to track all of those
10 releases. Over all of those years to a single
11 point. And we got to within 6 meters of the
12 location on the sea floor what they thought the
13 regions was coming from with simple physics.
14 And that's the end of that presentation. Let
15 me give you a quick -- thank you. (APPLAUSE).
16 So all of my customers have unique and
17 challenging problems. They are not all good
18 stories yet. This one particular customer the
19 government is holding three quarters of a
20 billion dollars of his money and the conclusion
21 we reached from the team any intervention will
22 make it worse. So he's trying to work with the
23 government. In that case every bit of money
24 returned will go to the City of New Orleans to
25 fund inner city programs because that's what

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1 the company dedicated itself to. Other
2 customers more business related drilling in the
3 Gulf of Mexico and put together a model. The
4 government spent \$2.5 million trying to prove
5 it wrong. Peer reviews got good answers and
6 he's still trying to get the government
7 approval to drill. So in all of those cases I
8 know that I have done everything I needed to
9 do. I've given my customer the best answer I
10 can. I've given him understanding for problems
11 he didn't have initially. It helps him with
12 his discussion with the interested parties and
13 all we did is apply physics. That's it.
14 That's all I got. Now, questions. Undergrads
15 waits, come on.

16 >>Audience Member: (inaudible).

17 >>Dr. Fitzgerald: I would like to say
18 it's the dinosaur program I started with. But
19 probably not. Actually we have seen all of
20 this work we have done with tools we created
21 with open source tools. I love the open source
22 environment. The reason is not because someone
23 else did the work but because they give you the
24 source codes to read it and understand how they
25 did the work. And therefore derive the

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1 assumptions that you need to. C plus plus is
2 strongest fastest piece that we have got. A
3 lot of my tools working with GP computing for
4 years. I have got two titan XPs in my work
5 station at work. But I can get ten, 11 para
6 flux(ph) of data if I program correctly on GP.
7 That's great for particle based solutions.
8 Classical; CFD, super computer based, is a
9 genius program using basically GP for what it's
10 good for and CPU processing large grain, small
11 grain parallelism. And much of that is still
12 sea based. But I call it a cancer, Python is
13 every where. Python is a cancer if you are
14 reading someone else's code but a savior if you
15 are writing someone else's code. It's an
16 interpretive language that I like and tweak the
17 parameters and a lot of the open source,
18 particularly in the data analysis if you pick
19 up a version of anaconda data processing is
20 massive on the machine side Python is coming up
21 but can't keep pace with invidia and GPs are
22 killing it. But C plus plus, any structure
23 object oriented programming, please when you
24 write programs don't make them so overly object
25 oriented. I still do blocks of code. One guy

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1 hates me because he says if it's more than 20
2 lines you put too much in it. But that's what
3 I do. Good question by the way. Any others?

4 >>Audience Member: (inaudible).

5 >>Dr. Fitzgerald: (inaudible). i talked
6 to (indiscernible) about this. He's my boss.
7 You have a better understanding than me. Beth
8 has moved on to a different country with a
9 facilities contract for GFC. We have people
10 come and go. Beth was part of the originals.
11 I followed close behind. Steve
12 (indiscernible) likes the work we do.

13 >>Audience Member: (inaudible).

14 >>Dr. Fitzgerald: If you are into
15 bitcoin, you can buy a machine that had 8GPs.
16 I have an 8GP plus a 96 core computing box we
17 use on site and it gets it done. But we
18 generate terabytes a day. Anything else?

19 >>Audience Member: (inaudible).

20 >>Dr. Fitzgerald: we have got the
21 challenge in that the customer paid for us to
22 generate the data so we have to store the data
23 and manage the data. So each customer gets a
24 six terabyte drive and that's enough for four
25 solutions. What's interesting in the way they

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1 are going if you know what you are looking for,
2 it's basically concurrent processing. So if
3 I'm looking for the force on a piece of
4 hardware and a complicated solution, if I don't
5 want to move my terabyte data back and forth
6 and coprocess while I'm doing the computation I
7 take a flow field and process the information I
8 want and save that information. But you have
9 to know what you are after. For example, BTA
10 (PH). Kit wear is a company dedicated to open
11 source and they have a product called VTK which
12 is a graphics programming foundation in C plus
13 plus, and they have basically runs on GP. If
14 you have a GP based solver it doesn't have to
15 transfer data. It just changes the owner of
16 the data. Goes to compute mode, changes to the
17 owner to the VTK base process, and generate the
18 data and change it back and the computer goes
19 (inaudible). A lot of people do PETA(ph), X of
20 scale (PH). So the key is what you want from
21 the solution and get that while it's right. We
22 like to use the facility at the University of
23 Texas before. It is Amazon cloud you can use
24 by getting the data. That's where they charge
25 you. So if you know what you are looking for

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1 you build it into your processer.

2 >>Audience Member: (inaudible).

3 >>Dr. Fitzgerald: We do. One the my
4 customers we did a blowout simulation and if
5 you light an oil well on fire was the
6 question how much oil escapes unburned. If it
7 escapes unburned where does it go. Positioning
8 ships on the surface relative to a blowout is
9 the direction of the blowout and most of the
10 models I've used at this point are basically
11 gas and plume models, assume diffusion of a
12 cloud. Basically the national -- they are
13 working with ETA creating tools for large eddy
14 simulations and terrain and depends on the
15 application. Everything we are doing at this
16 point are more simplified models because
17 typically I'll run hundreds of cases. My
18 simplified plume case I ran 150,000 simulations
19 in a matter of three minutes. The volumetric
20 one takes 20 minutes to run because I wrote it
21 in Python because -- I'm still putting it on GP
22 but my boss says let someone else pay for that.
23 A lesson in business right there.

24 >>Audience Member: (inaudible).

25 >>Dr. Fitzgerald: Sorry. Say that again.

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1 >>Audience Member: (inaudible).

2 >>Dr. Fitzgerald: I'll pull up slide
3 three. Slide four. Sometimes you have to
4 build your own sensor. This picture on the
5 right, I went up to Wyoming and there was a
6 drilling pad on fire. It was to me I got a bad
7 reputation because I said it was the most
8 beautiful thing I have seen.

9 (LAUGHTER).

10 >>Dr. Fitzgerald: The guys trying to kill
11 it didn't appreciate at. If Metallica had a
12 pipe organ on stage this is what it would look
13 like. But no one thought to measure a blowout.
14 There's so much unknown about multi-phase in
15 this case supersonic flows when it comes out
16 the atmospheric conditions -- and no one
17 understood what is the momentum at a blowout.
18 So we built a sensor back to take temperature
19 and pressure and it was surprisingly
20 descriptive of the picture on the top is
21 temperature. And you go from here to here, you
22 are going from (indiscernible), which is the
23 liquid. It evaporates. And then goes into
24 (indiscernible). So looking at the temperature
25 and pressure combination you can discriminate

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1 gas, con (indiscernible) and water. Where you
2 have 100 percent water you have a loss of lie
3 frequencies. So in this case we built it,
4 that's an Iphone. For the sensors in the field
5 (indiscernible) are big massive things,
6 sonars, and the data processing is pretty
7 significant. But that can be as simple as
8 pressure (indiscernible) couple. Whatever
9 gets you useful information. How is that for
10 an escape all answer. It's like saying it
11 depends. But whatever you need to get the
12 data. I have gotten as complicated as
13 (indiscernible) velocity measurements that were
14 difficult to take and ease to interpret. So we
15 have to play that balance. That's why
16 university exist to come up with complicated
17 measurement systems to get at the root of what
18 you are trying to measure but you can't always
19 get to that lowest piece you care about. And
20 that's where having the understanding of
21 physics says if I measure temperature here and
22 pressure and I know it's a gas fluid
23 equilibrium system, if I can model that I can
24 make a calculation of what (indiscernible) for
25 example. If the first order physics is correct

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1 I can make measurements and -- you have to go
2 to that higher measuring system. And that's
3 drawing on my NASA experience more than
4 anything else.

5 >>Audience Member: (inaudible).

6 >>Dr. Fitzgerald: It's very similar. So
7 one case gravity is ΔT , change of
8 temperature, change of density, gravity gives
9 you buoyancy. This case you change, there's a
10 thousand and one density between gas and air.
11 As it goes up the density of the fluid gets
12 mixed and more approaches the density of water.
13 If it stayed gas one bubble coming up it would
14 be, you would have a hole in the ocean the time
15 it gets to the surface. So the viscous forces
16 they are fighting to pull the bubble apart is
17 balanced with surface tension trying to keep it
18 together, so there's a maximum size
19 (indiscernible) stable and can stay there.
20 Everything else breaks up as you go up so you
21 wind up with millions or billions little tiny
22 bubbles -- let hitting a surface, or hitting a
23 roof, it hits it and it's cooler and cools the
24 fluid and transfers and comes down and same
25 thing. Very similar. Good application of

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1 fundamental physics. Similar systems.
2 >>Audience Member: (inaudible).
3 >>Dr. Fitzgerald: This media is the
4 actual mixing that takes place in the pipe. So
5 the blue streamers coming in and fluid coming
6 out. Look at the complexity of the mixing.
7 I'm modifying my charts realtime so you can see
8 them better. Flowing in. And the reason is as
9 the gas comes out it only expands at a certain
10 rate. Classical turbulent jet has 22.8-degree
11 angle of spread. That's if it's turbulent and
12 it's a jet. And that cone doesn't fill the
13 full volume and it also doesn't have enough
14 pressure to push all the water out to water
15 streams in. The case in India had a similar
16 problem but higher pressure and that one the
17 water would stream in, but back pressure and
18 the plume, plume would blow it out. So that
19 was like a percolation. Back in the day I woke
20 up to my parent's coffee and percolation, and
21 it generated frequency far apart to that flow
22 that it was just another frequency we had to
23 look at. That was a little more chaotic. But
24 this is, I love this kind of stuff. Mostly I
25 stare at these and looks what is going on and

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1 model it and get the same character of the flow
2 and (indiscernible). That's the fun part for
3 me.

4 >>Audience Member: (inaudible).

5 >>Dr. Fitzgerald: It actually has to do
6 with turbulent shear or growth at the edge. If
7 you have for example the water hose fluid
8 density of a thousand air of typical
9 (indiscernible), the density difference is so
10 small that you get this nice steady stream.
11 But if you design it quickly you can get a
12 laminar stream it will stay coherent and go one
13 place to another. Try to do water to water.
14 So now you have got the shear being built up
15 with the differential velocities and tiny
16 vortices that mix. So what you get is two
17 angles. A shear air mixing here and then a
18 sheen air mixing on the inside. So you get
19 these two cones at the same angles and that is
20 the classical turbulent jet. That's easy to
21 model. You get 90 percent there 80 percent of
22 the time by the equation. In this case I can
23 tell everyone based on the conditions what the
24 maximum force is going to be because momentum
25 is conserved. Momentum is basically the mass

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1 of the flux leaving area times the area that's
2 it's force that it's conserved it will never
3 get higher than that. So I can tell someone if
4 they will successfully lower hardware overflow.
5 I don't tell them that I make them write a
6 contract. But first order boundaries. Back in
7 the envelope. Scoping boundary. Huge, huge
8 tool and that's what a lot of engineers can't
9 do. That's what makes old dinosaurs like me
10 useful. I would include him but he looks
11 tougher than me. Any other questions? I wish
12 you all great luck getting through your studies
13 and find work you are passionate and
14 enthusiastic about for the rest of your life.
15 Thank you.

16 (APPLAUSE).

17 >> (inaudible).

18 (End of session)

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