

# Mark R. Petersen

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## Education

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- 2004 Ph.D., Applied Mathematics, University of Colorado, Boulder, 2004.  
Dissertation title: *A study of geophysical and astrophysical turbulence using reduced equations.*
- M.S., Atmospheric and Oceanic Science, University of Colorado, Boulder, 2002
- M.S., Mathematics and Statistics, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2000
- B.A., Environmental Engineering, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1995

## Experience

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- 2007-present: Research Scientist, Computational Physics and Methods (CCS-2)  
Climate, Ocean, and Sea Ice Model Team (COSIM)  
Los Alamos National Laboratory
- 2005-2007: Postdoctoral Researcher, Computational Physics and Methods (CCS-2)  
Climate, Ocean, and Sea Ice Model Team (COSIM)  
Los Alamos National Laboratory
- 1996–1998: Project Engineer, U.S. Filter, San Diego

## Responsibilities

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- Ocean model developer for the Model for Prediction Across Scales-Ocean (MPAS-Ocean), 2010–2016
- Lead MPAS-Ocean Developer, 2016–present. Responsible for algorithms, code repository, verification and validation, and training new researchers.
- Leadership team, DOE Energy, Exascale, Earth System Model (E3SM), Co-lead of Cryosphere simulation campaign, 2018–present
- PI for ASCR Leadership Computing Challenge (ALCC) award of 87 million CPU hours, 2017-2019, "Understanding the Role of Ice Shelf-Ocean Interactions in a Changing Global Climate".
- Mentor or co-mentor for 10 post-doctoral researchers (three currently)
- Mentor or co-mentor for 15 LANL students (three currently)
- Mentor and instructor in the LANL Parallel Computing Summer Research Institute
- Regular speaker and recruiter at university mathematics and engineering departments, about careers in computational fluid dynamics at DOE. Recently includes Stanford, UC-Berkeley, CU-Boulder, Montana State, and LANL summer internship programs.

- Peer reviewer for Nature, Nature Communications, J. Comp. Physics, Physics of Fluids, Quarterly J Royal Met Soc, Ocean Modelling, J. Phys. Oceanography, Climatic Change, European J. of Physics, J. of Advances in Modeling Earth Systems, J. Geophysical Res., J. Marine Sciences, J. Turbulence, Oceanography Magazine, Remote Sensing of the Environment, NSF research proposals
- Data visualization and scientific communication with public for LANL, e.g. <http://www.lanl.gov/newsroom/picture-of-the-week/pic-week-9.php> and 2016 National Lab Science Day on the Capitol Hill, Washington D.C.

## Community Service

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- Mentor students yearly in science fair and computer programming projects, ranging from grades 5 to 12. Several students progress to state and international levels.
- Science fair judge at county, regional, state, and international levels, and for New Mexico Supercomputing Challenge. Four-time judge at Intel International Science and Engineering Fair.
- Speaker for youth groups on science, computing, and climate modeling, including fifth grade to high school classrooms, New Mexico Supercomputing Challenge, and high school students and teachers at Intel International Science and Engineering Fair.
- Children's choir director, 2005–2018
- Foster parent, adoptive parent of three children from New Mexico Social Services

## Awards

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- Best Scientific Visualization & Data Analytics Showcase, Supercomputing Conference 2015, "Visualizing Ocean Currents and Eddies in a High-Resolution Global Ocean-Climate Model", Samsel, F., Petersen, M., Abram, G., Turton, T.L., Rogers, D., Ahrens, J. <https://vimeo.com/145875477>
- AAAS Science Data Stories Finalist, 2016, "Ocean Currents and Climate Change", Petersen, M. and Samsel, F. <http://www.sciencemag.org/projects/data-stories/finalists/2016>
- Finalist, Scientific Visualization & Data Analytics Showcase, Supercomputing Conference 2014, "In Situ MPAS-Ocean Image-Based Visualization", Ahrens, J., Jourdain, S., O'Leary, P., Patchett, J., Rogers, D., Fasel, P., Bauer, A, Petersen, M., Samsel, F., Boeckel, B.

## Publications

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- Hoch, K. E., Petersen, M. R., Brus, S. R., Engwirda, D., Roberts, A. F., Rosa, K. L., Wolfram, P. J., 2020. MPAS-Ocean simulation quality for variable-resolution North American coastal meshes. Journal of Advances in Modeling Earth Systems, 12, e2019MS001848. <https://doi.org/10.1029/2019MS001848>

- Lee, D.Y., Lin, W., Petersen, M.R., 2020. Wintertime Arctic Oscillation and North Atlantic Oscillation and their impacts on the Northern Hemisphere climate in E3SM. *Clim Dyn*, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00382-020-05316-0>
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- Larios, A., Petersen, M.R., Titi, E.S., Wingate, B., 2018. A computational investigation of the finite-time blow-up of the 3D incompressible Euler equations based on the Voigt regularization. *Theor. Comput. Fluid Dyn.* 32, 23–34. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00162-017-0434-0>
- Berres, A.S., Turton, T.L., Petersen, M., Rogers, D.H., Ahrens, J.P., 2017. Video Compression for Ocean Simulation Image Databases. The Eurographics Association. <https://doi.org/10.2312/envirvis.20171104>
- Lee, D., Lowrie, R., Petersen, M., Ringler, T., Hecht, M., 2016. A high order characteristic discontinuous Galerkin scheme for advection on unstructured meshes. *Journal of Computational Physics* 324, 289–302. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jcp.2016.08.010>
- Samsel, F., Klaassen, S., Petersen, M., Turton, T.L., Abram, G., Rogers, D.H., Ahrens, J., 2016a. Interactive Colormapping: Enabling Multiple Data Ranges, Detailed Views of Ocean Salinity 10.

- Samsel, F., Petersen, M., Abram, G., Turton, T.L., Rogers, D., Ahrens, J., 2016b. Visualization of Ocean Currents and Eddies in a High-Resolution Global Ocean-Climate Model 4. Supercomputing Conference Proceedings 2015
- Ware, C., Rogers, D., Petersen, M., Ahrens, J., Aygar, E., 2016. Optimizing for Visual Cognition in High Performance Scientific Computing. *Electronic Imaging 2016*, 1–9. <https://doi.org/10.2352/ISSN.2470-1173.2016.16.HVEI-130>
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