Foundational Approaches for End-to-end Formal Verification of Computational Physics

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Challenge:

- Analytical solutions of differential equations are often intractable
- Numerical solvers are unverified, yet trusted by the scientific community for critical infrastructure
- We want to formally **verify** the correctness and accuracy of differential equations solvers

Solution:

- Formal proofs in Coq of correctness, accuracy and convergence results (Lax theorem, iterative solvers)
- Bounds of accuracy for floating-point computations
- Tighter **probabilistic** accuracy bound

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Scientific Impact:

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- End-to-end formal link from paper version to C code and executable
- Mechanically-checked guarantees allow the computational physicist to set and achieve a desired level of accuracy
- Possible FMitF transfers to embedded systems or machine learning applications

Broader Impact and Broader Participation:

- Applications in many science and engineering domains (aviation, climate modeling, nuclear powerplants)
- Tighter rounding uncertainty enables **more** efficient resource allocation



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