



Magritte

A **modern** software library for **3D radiative transfer**

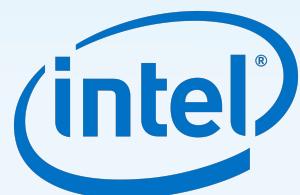
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Solving Radiative Transfer problems using Math and Technology



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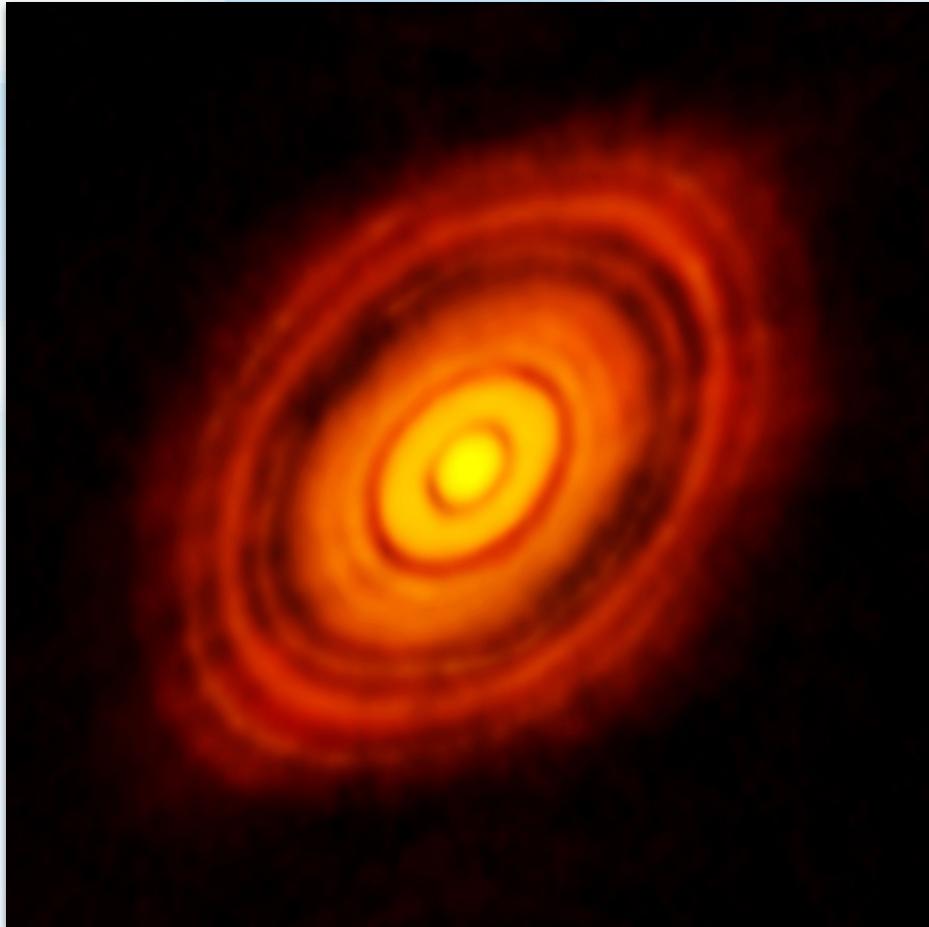
Atacama Large Millimetre Array





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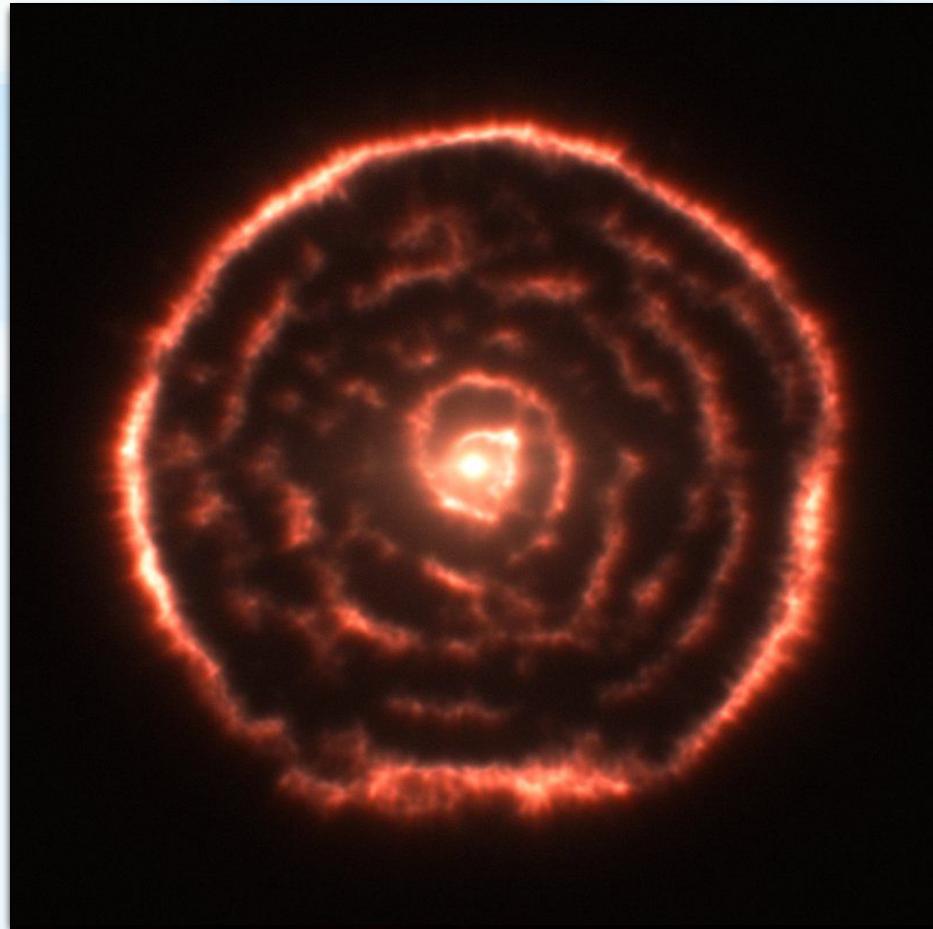
(ALMA et al. 2015)

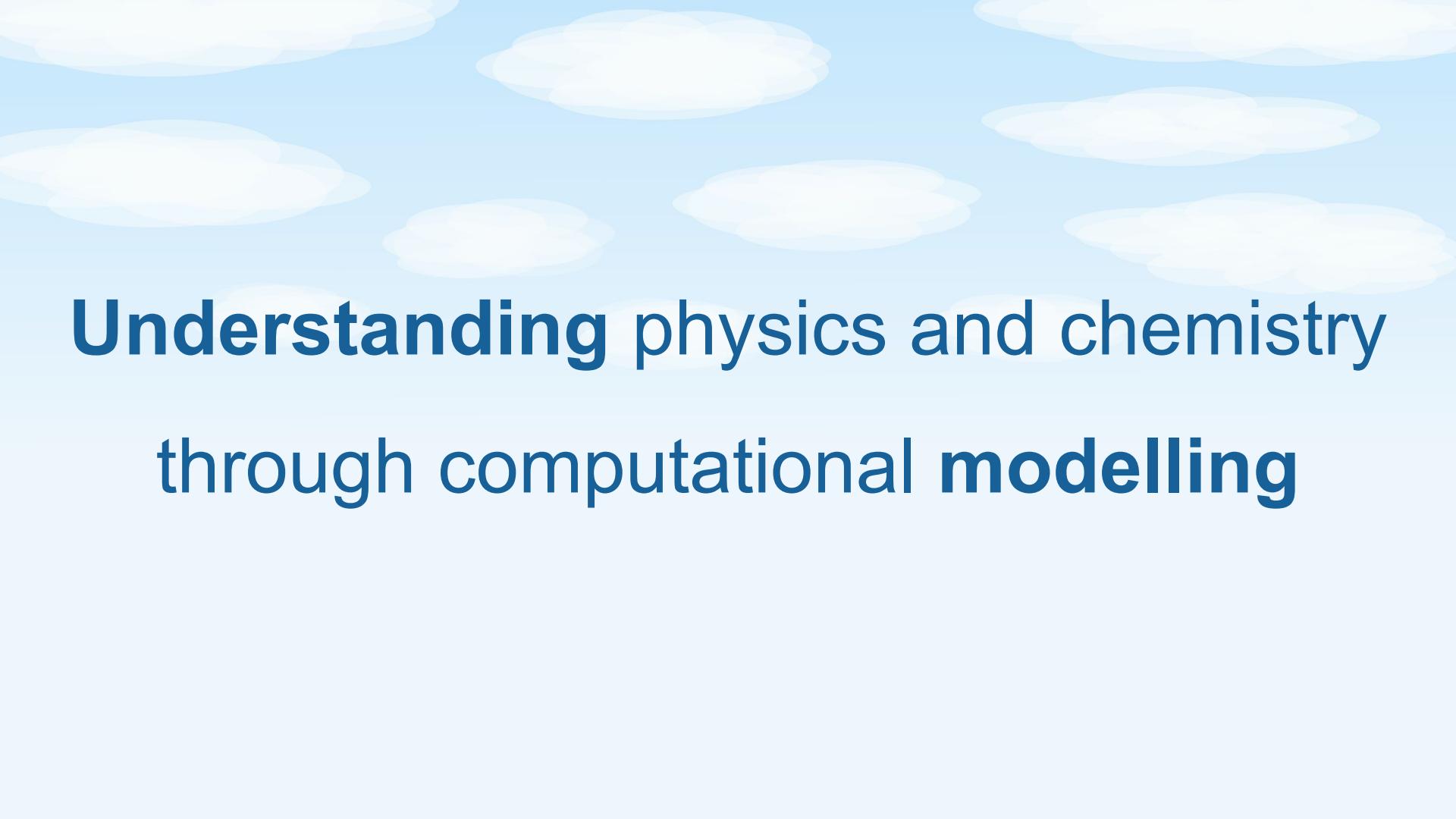




Spiral R Sculptoris

(Maercker et al. 2012)





**Understanding physics and chemistry
through computational modelling**



Magritte's Radiative Transfer solver

Most Radiative Transfer solvers

Most Radiative Transfer solvers: Monte Carlo

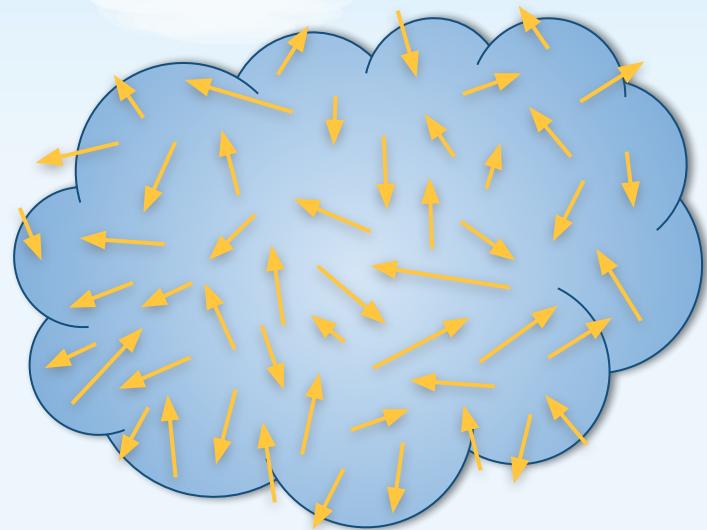
“Propagate photon packets through the medium”

Noebauer & Sim (2019)

(+) Fast & Intuitive

(-) Photon trapping

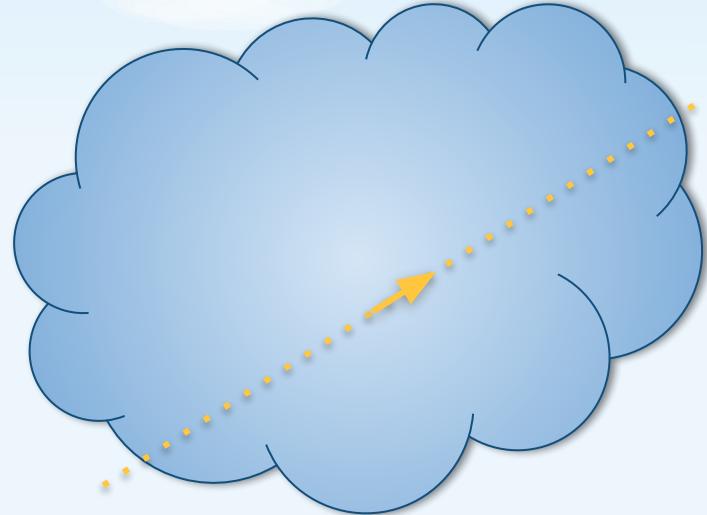
Camps & Baes (2018)





Magritte's Radiative Transfer solver

“Solve the radiative transfer equation along a ray”





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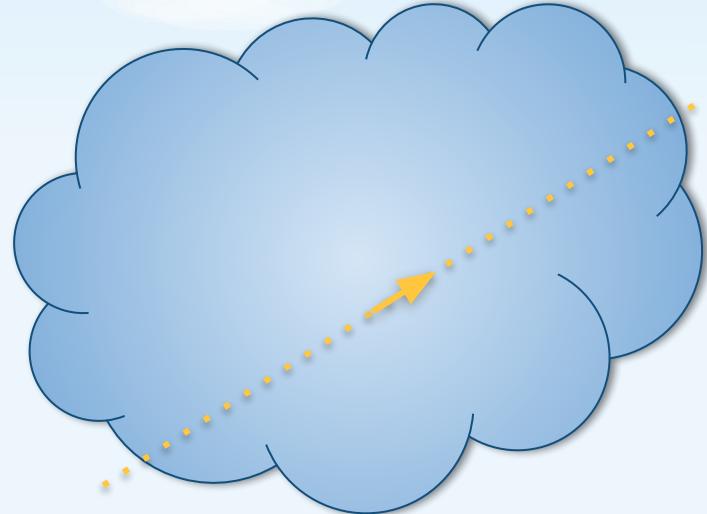
“Solve the radiative transfer equation along a ray”

What is a ray?

Straight line through the model

How to trace a ray?

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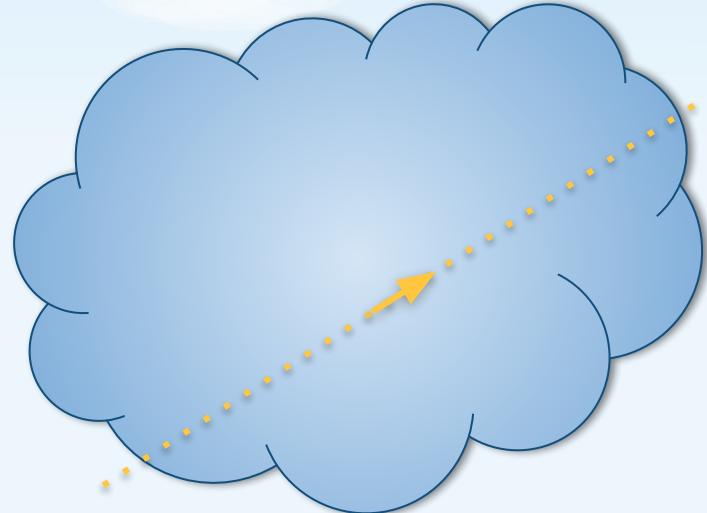
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η = emissivity

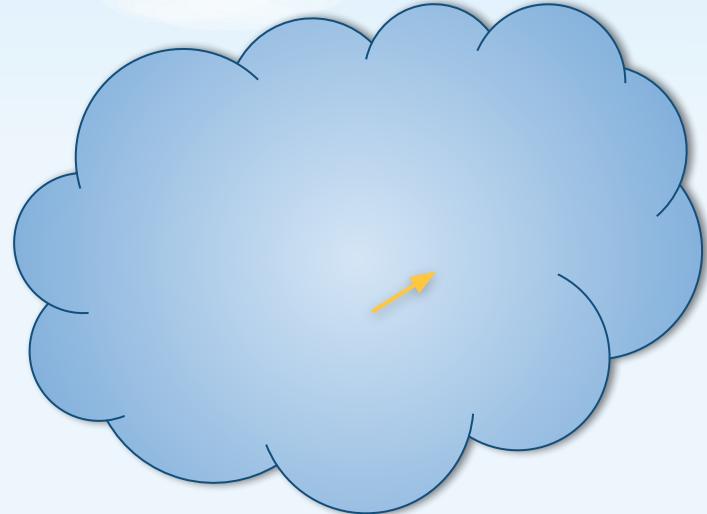
χ = opacity





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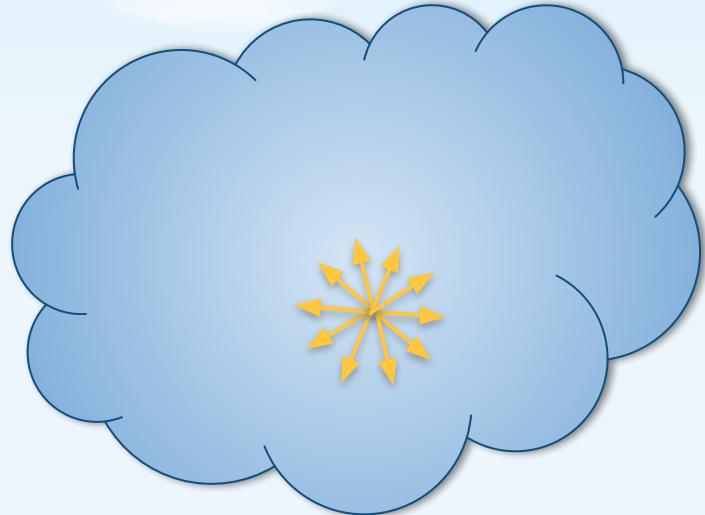




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“Solve the radiative transfer equation **along a ray**”

- *for each direction*

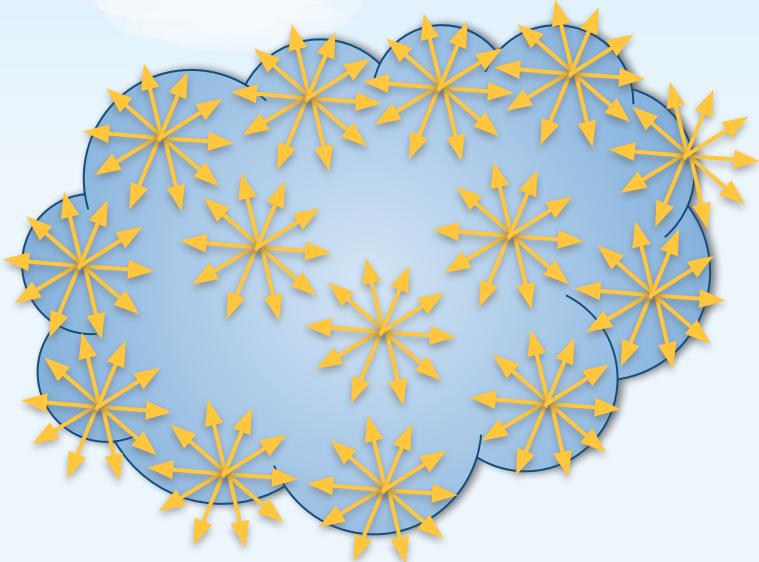




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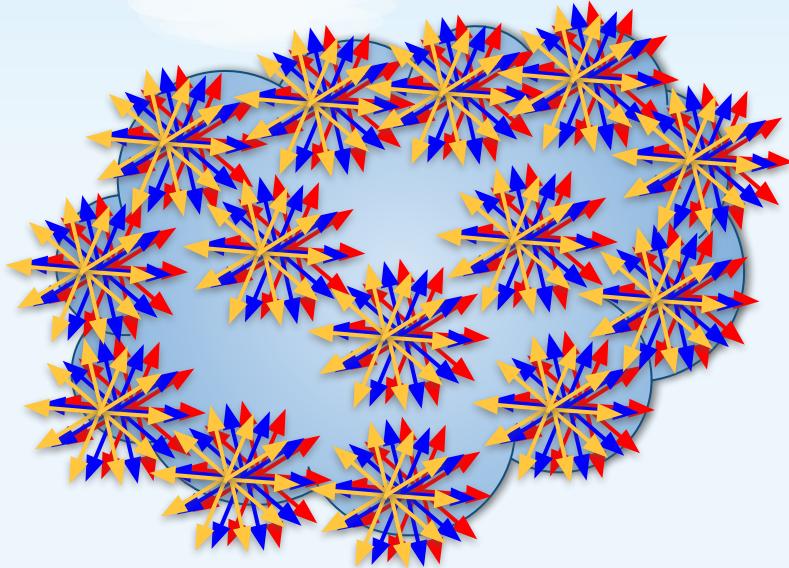




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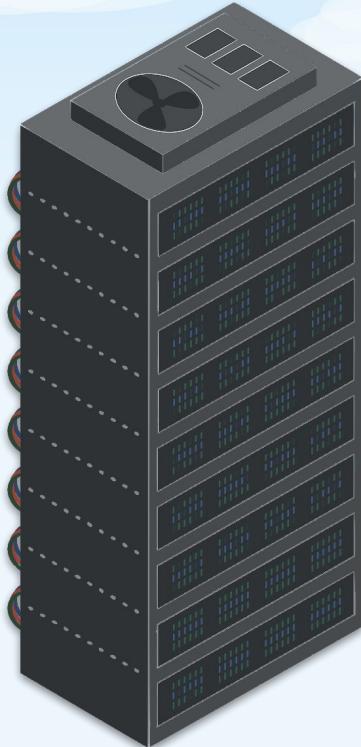
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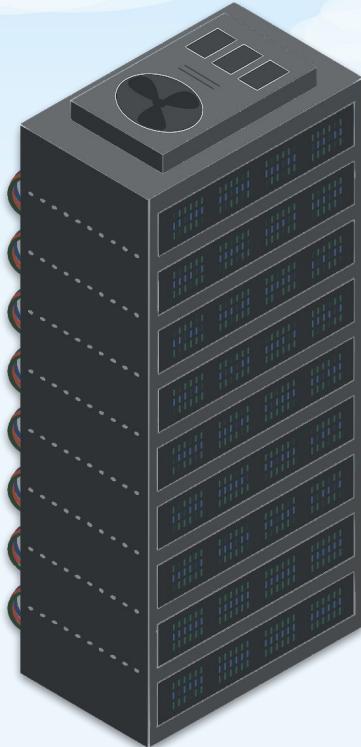
Technology to the rescue!

Modern high-performance architecture



- Layers of **parallelism**
- Hardware **accelerators**

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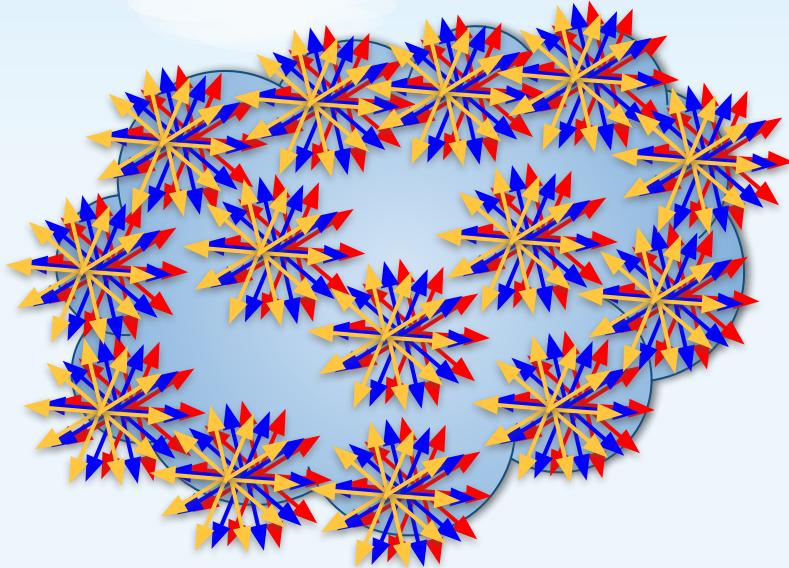
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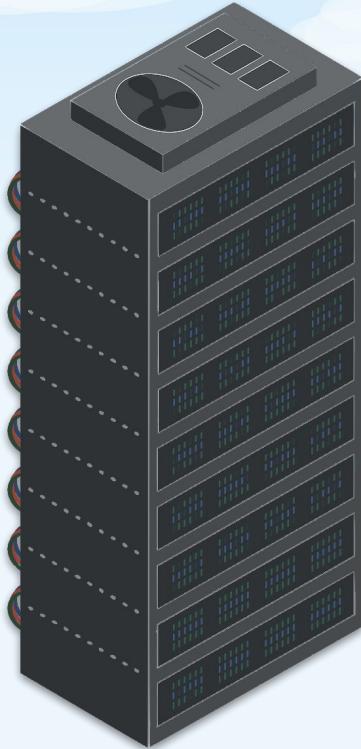


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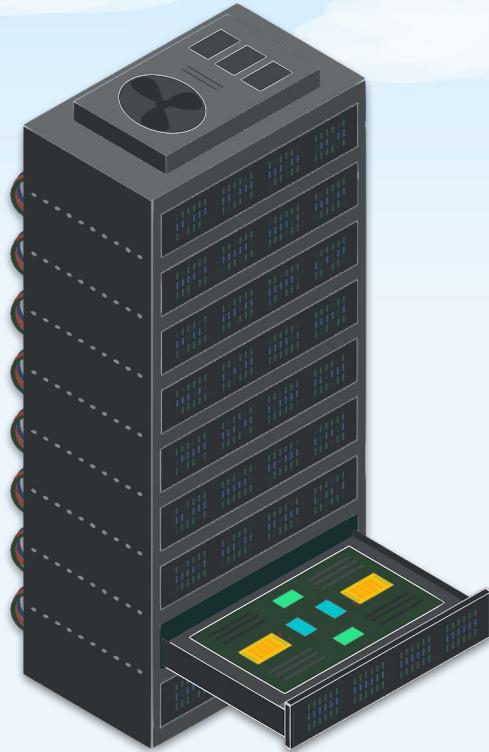
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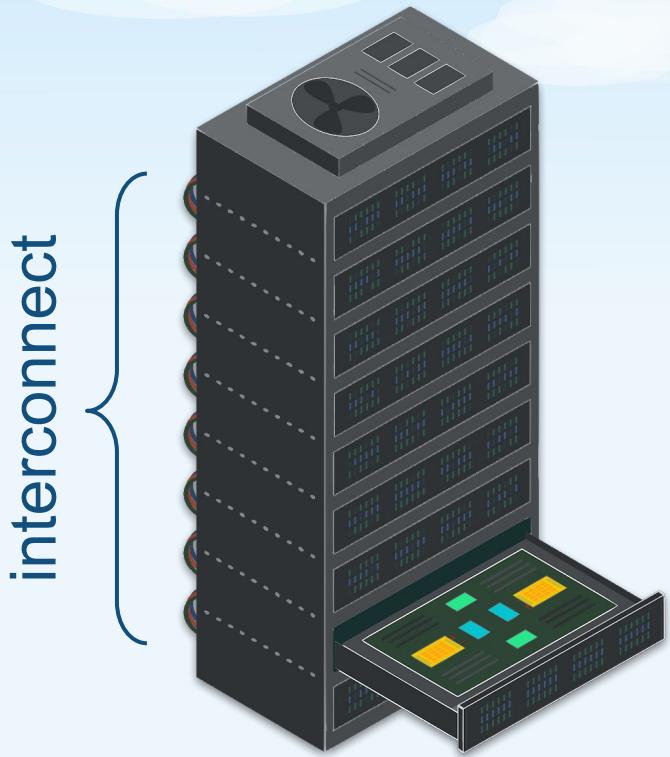
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Node-level parallelism

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- **Distributed memory**
- Communication via **message passing (MPI)**
- Relatively slow



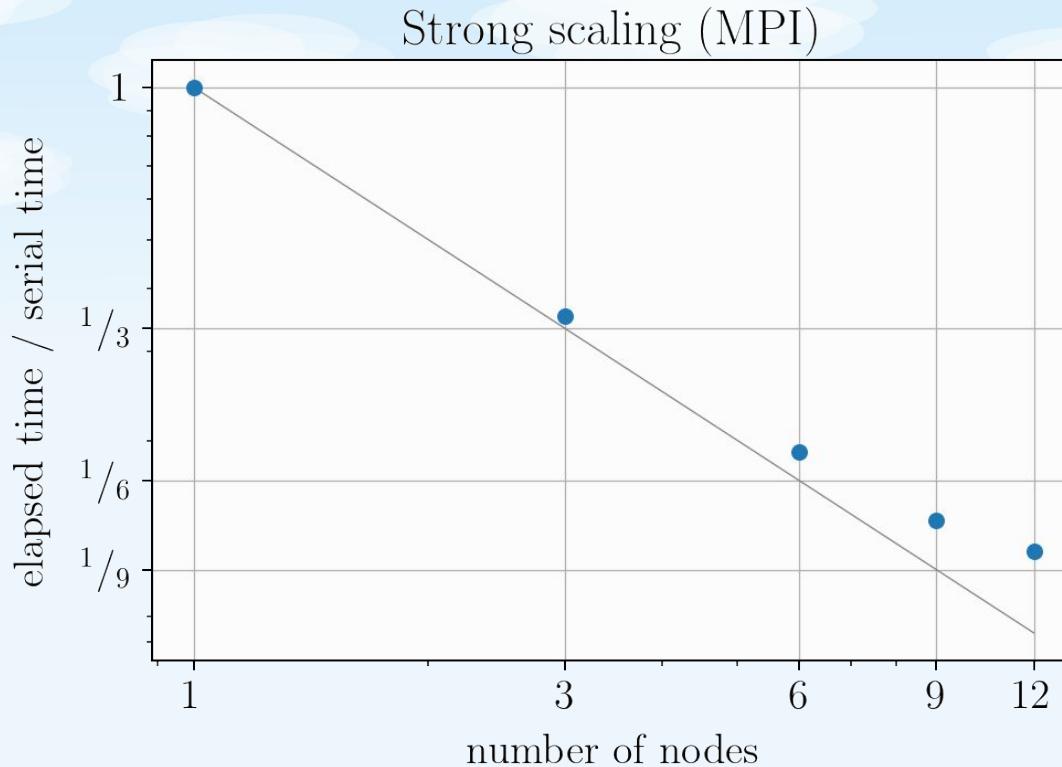
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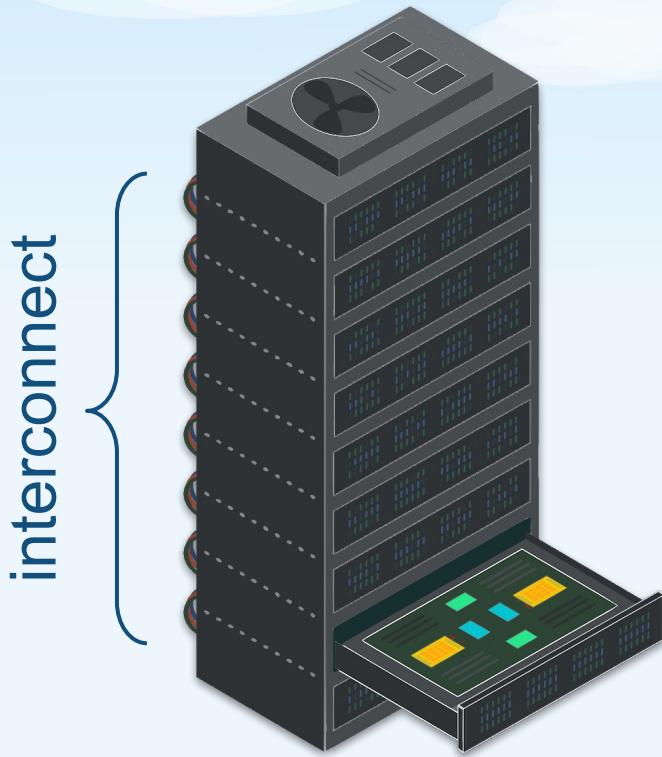
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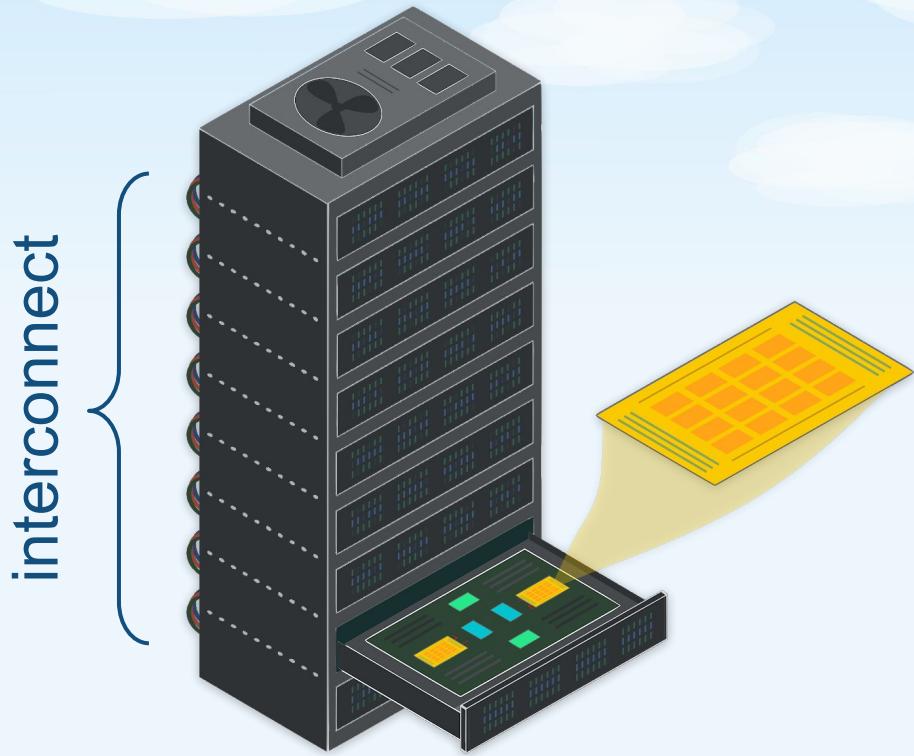
Magritte's MPI parallelisation



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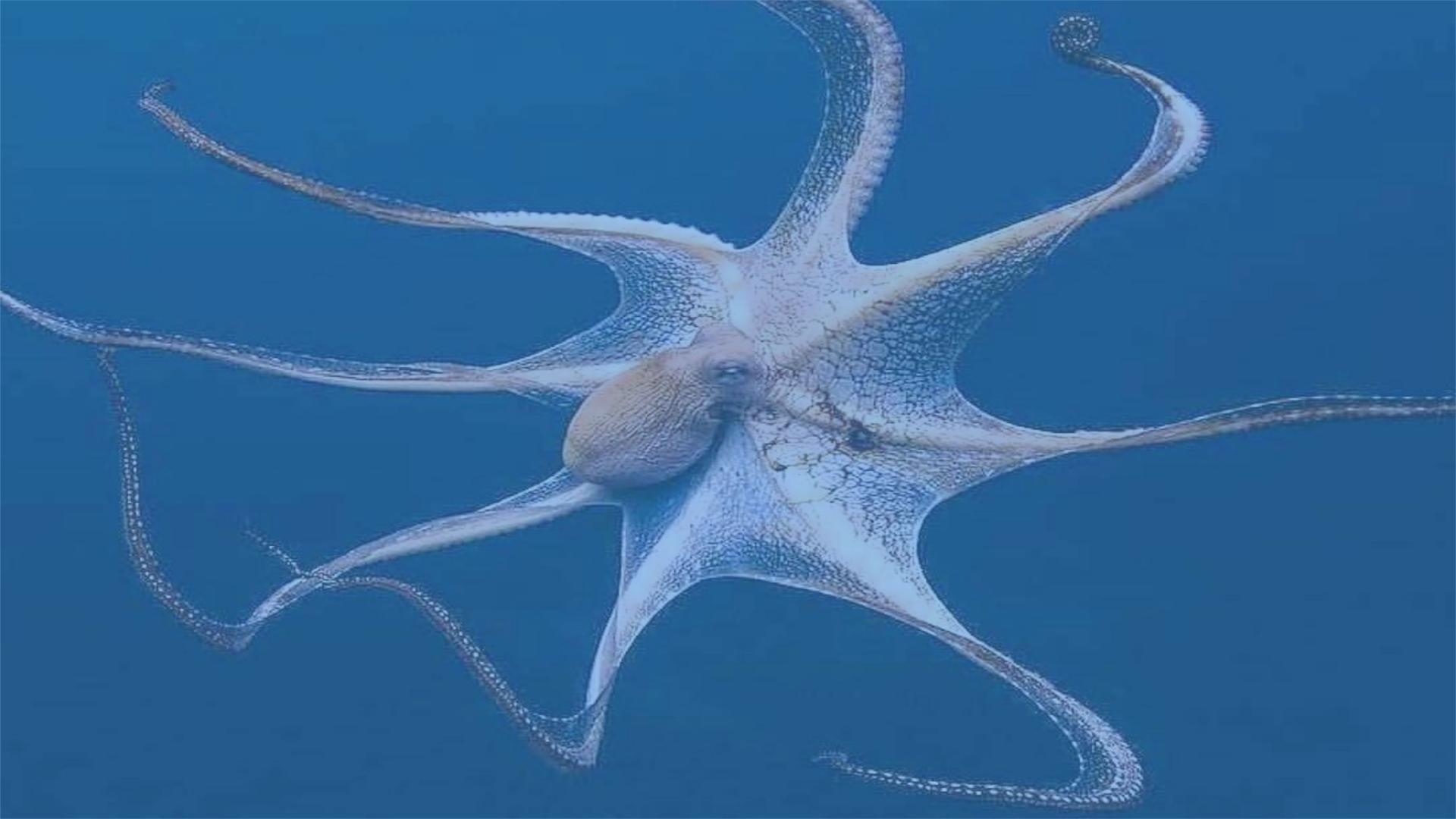


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A close-up photograph of an octopus's tentacles against a blue background. The tentacles are textured and have suckers at their tips. They are spread out in various directions, creating a sense of movement and parallelism.

Thread-level parallelism



- Shared memory
- Communication via **memory** (OpenMP)
- Relatively **fast**



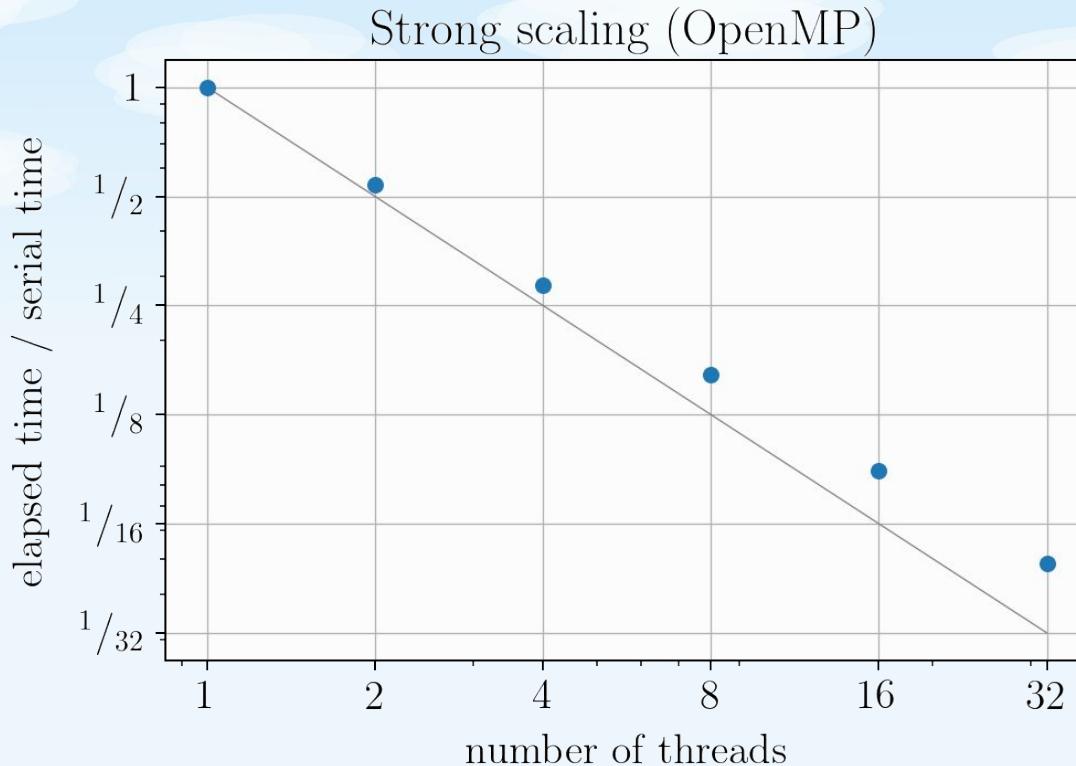
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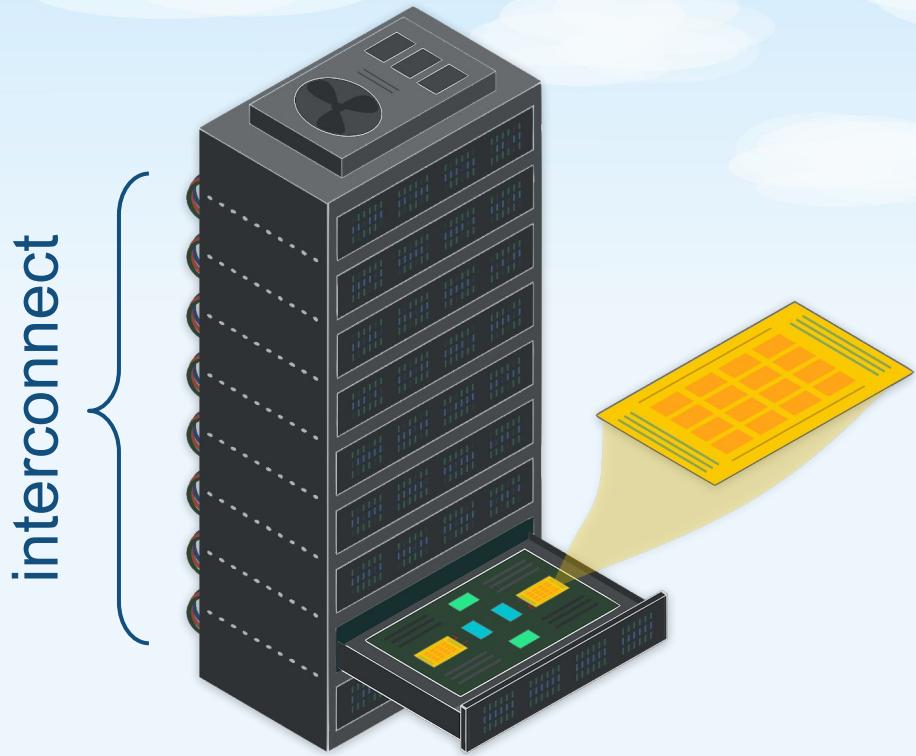
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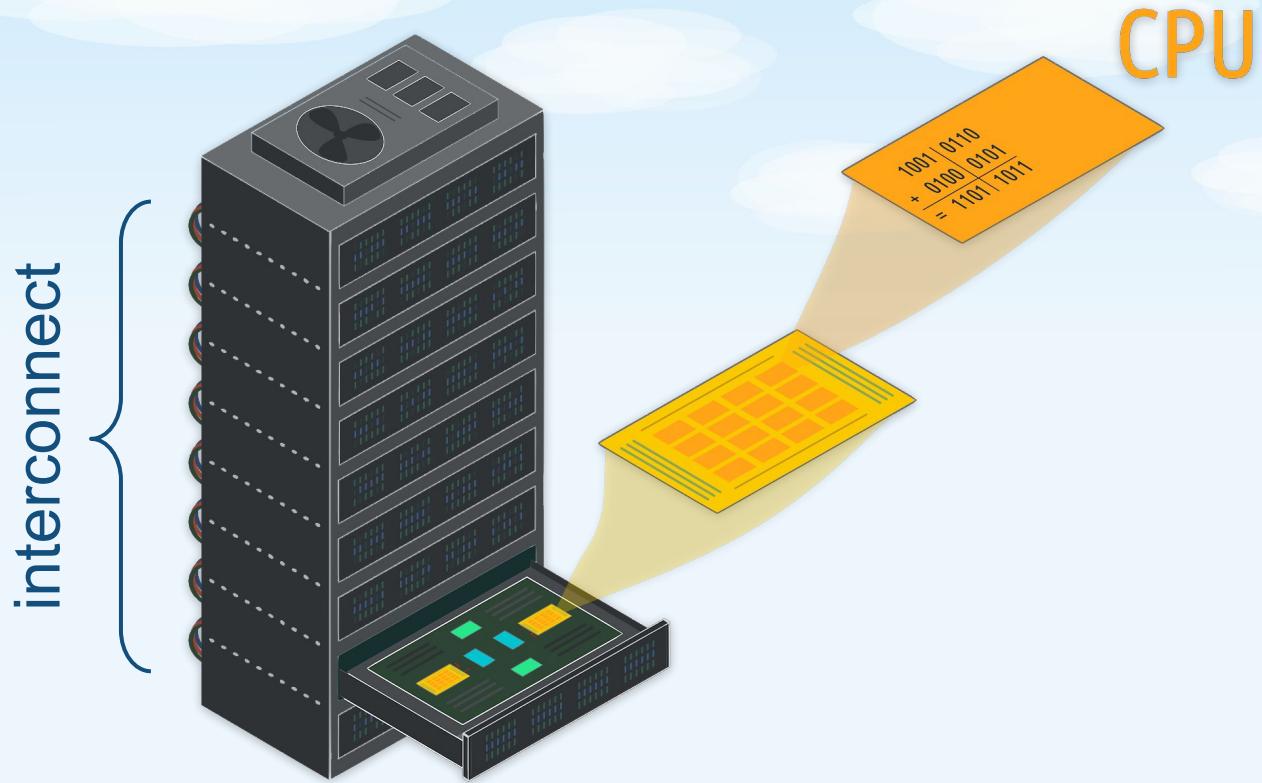
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Vectorisation



SIMD-parallelism



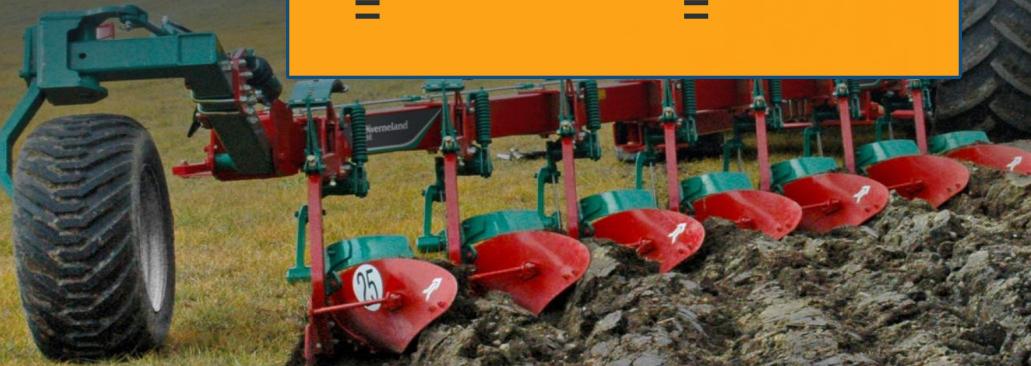
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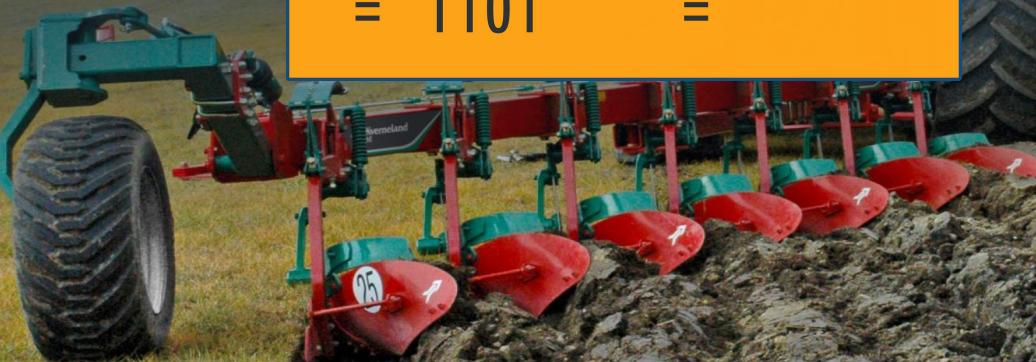
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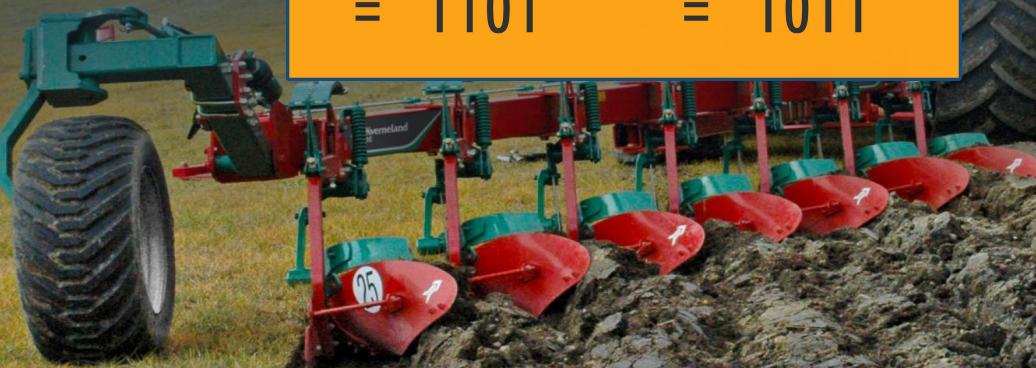
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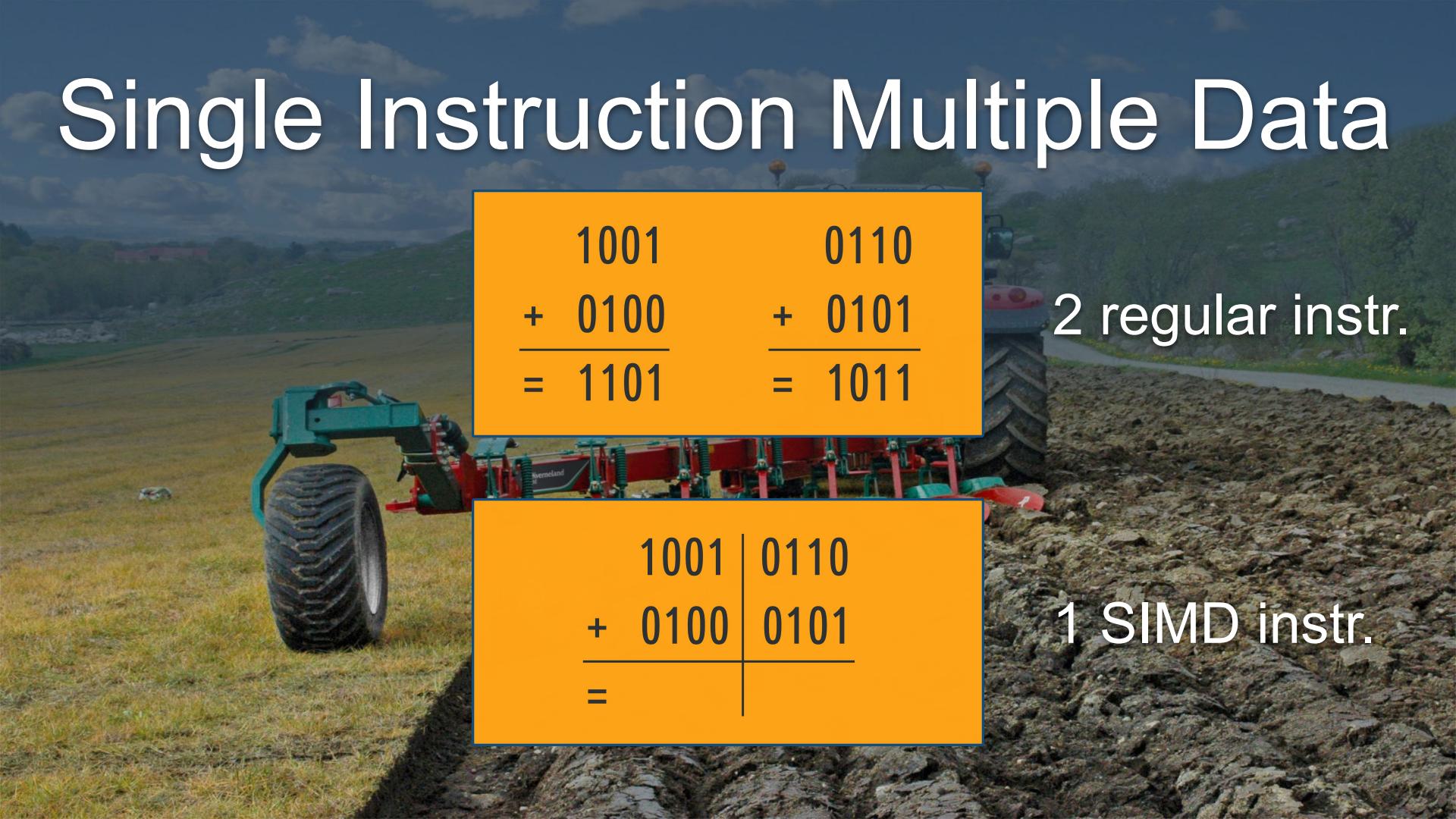
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Single Instruction Multiple Data

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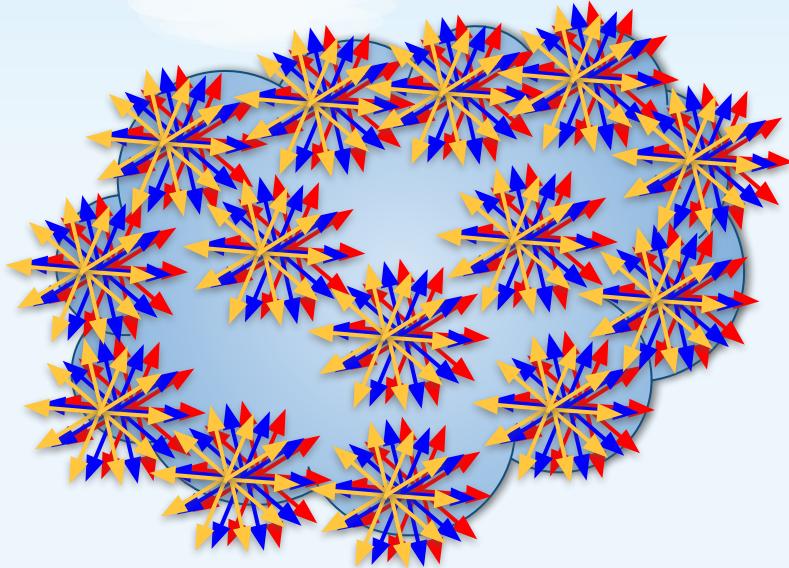
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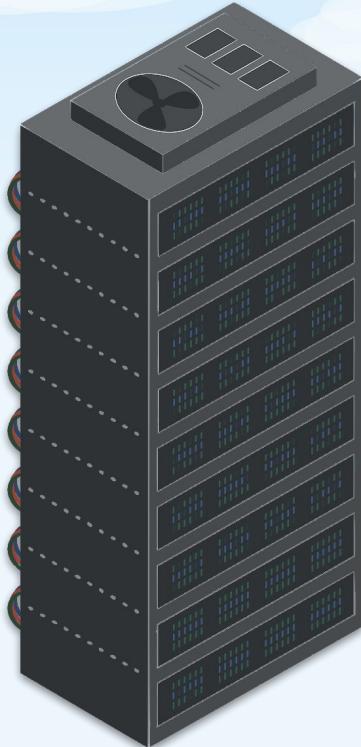


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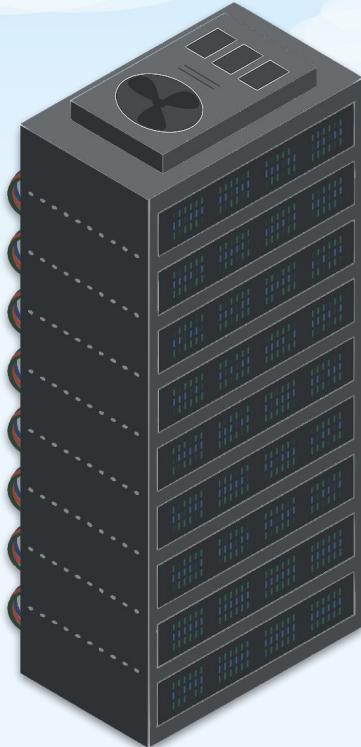
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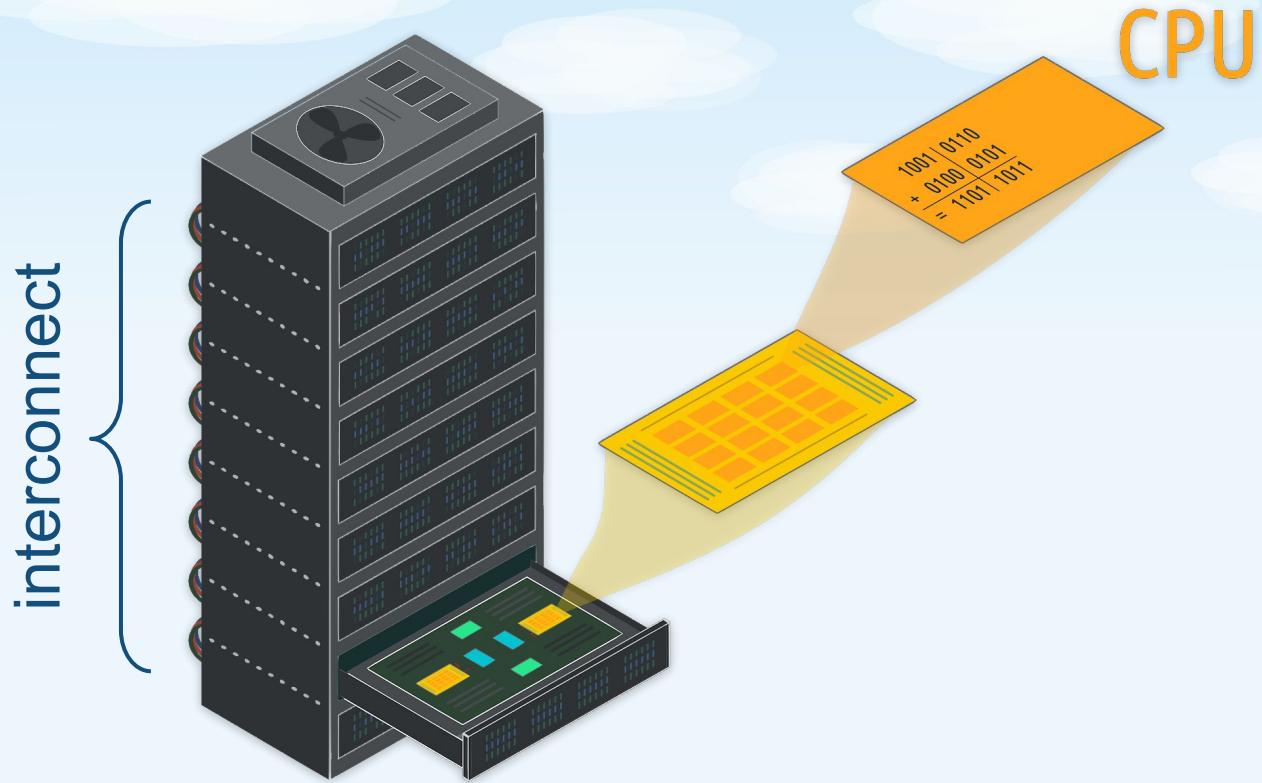
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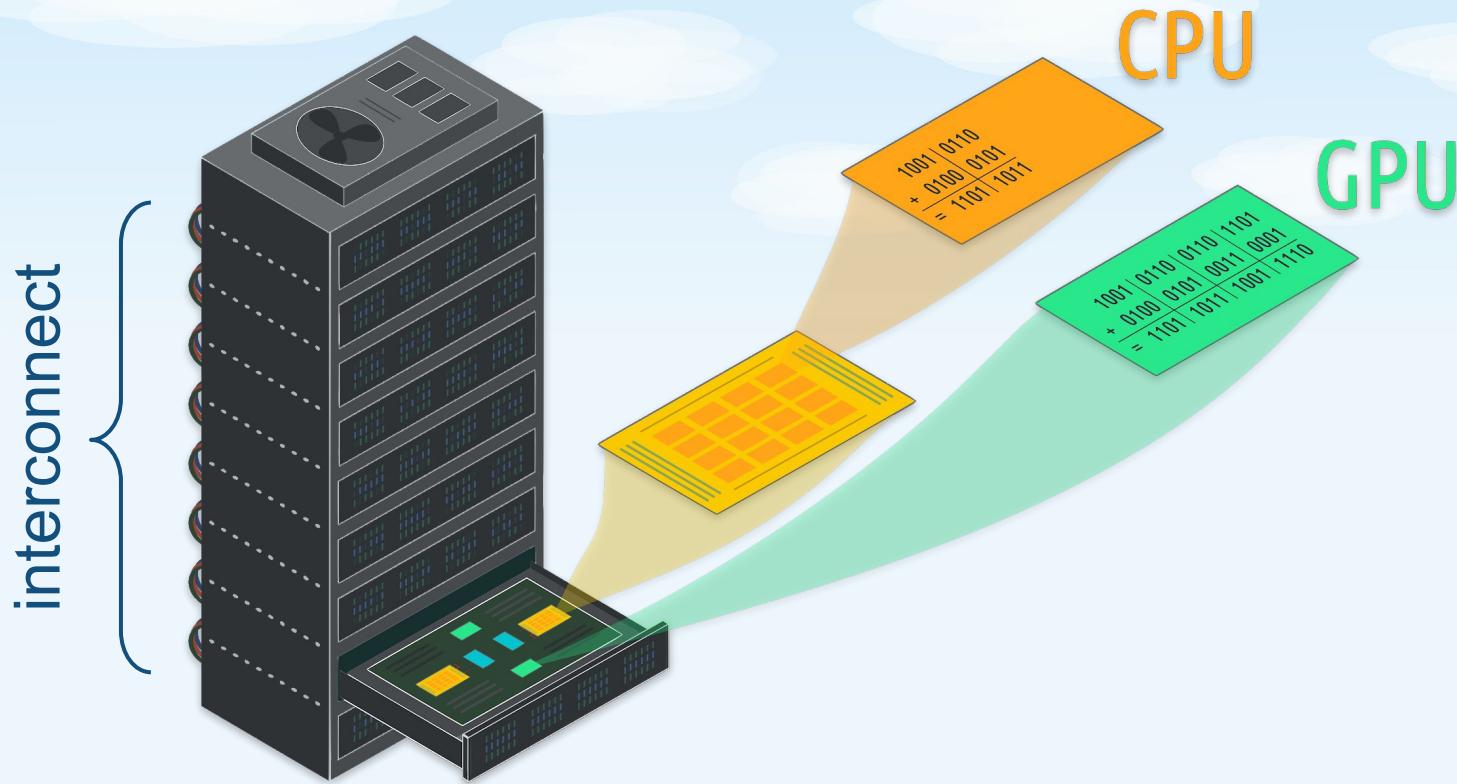


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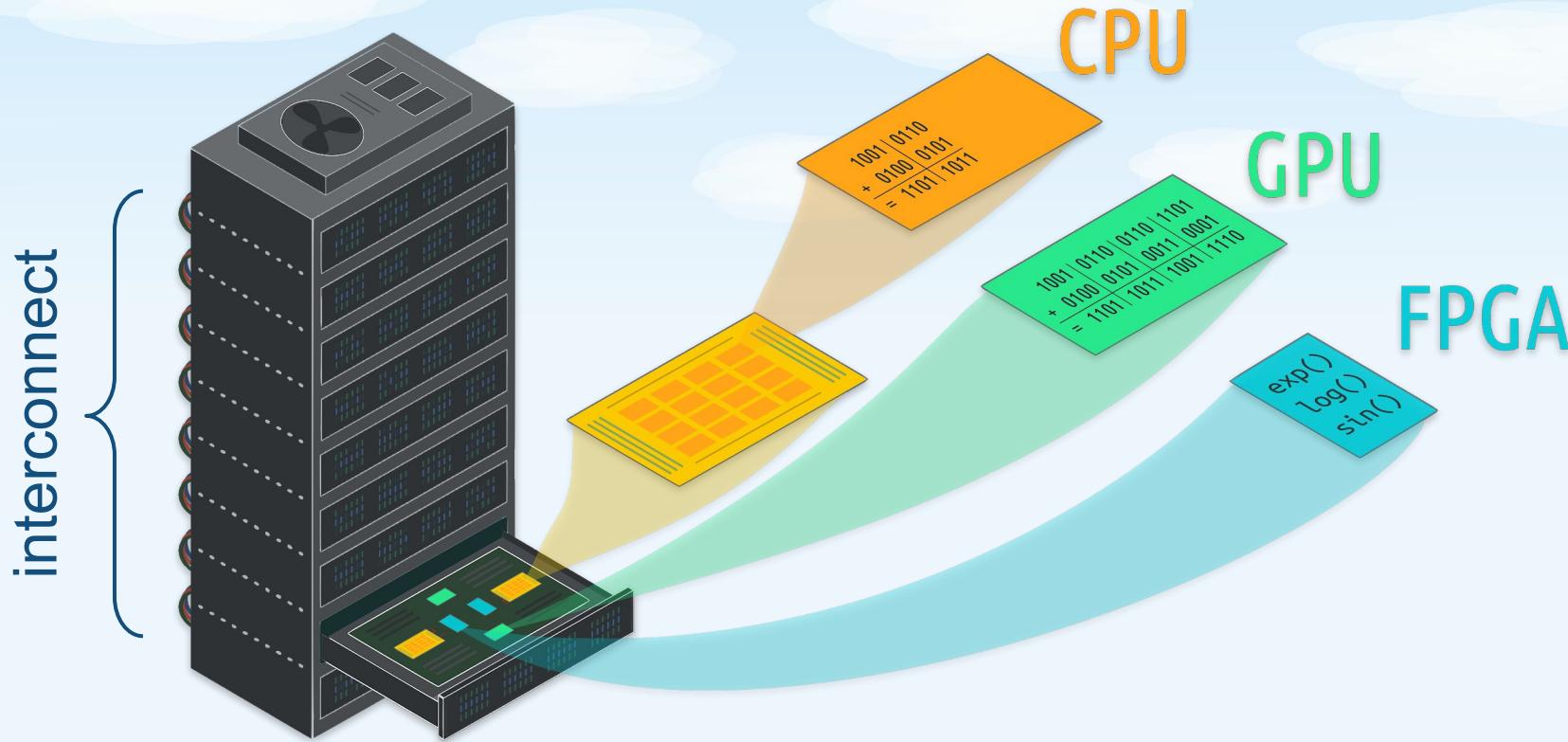
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Magritte's accelerator support

(At least) GPU acceleration for the main solver

	Host (CPU)	Accelerator (GPU)
Setup 1	AMD EPYC Rome	AMD Radeon Instinct MI50
Setup 2	Intel Skylake	Nvidia Tesla V100
Setup 3	Intel Skylake	Nvidia Tesla P100



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RT solver



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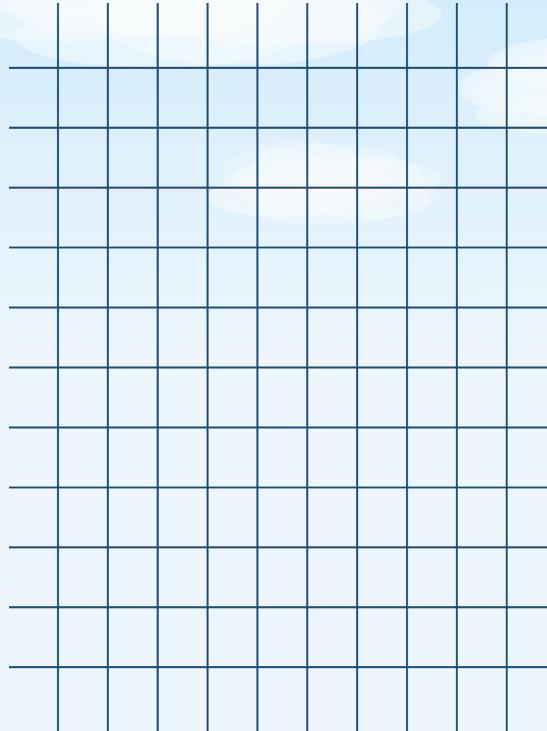
“How to represent the object on a computer?”

Note:

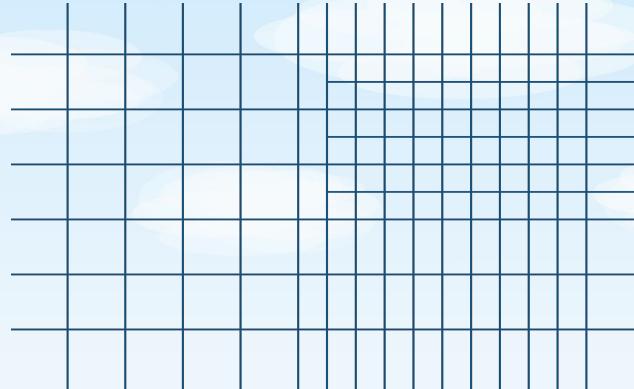
“The representation is the source of numerical errors!”



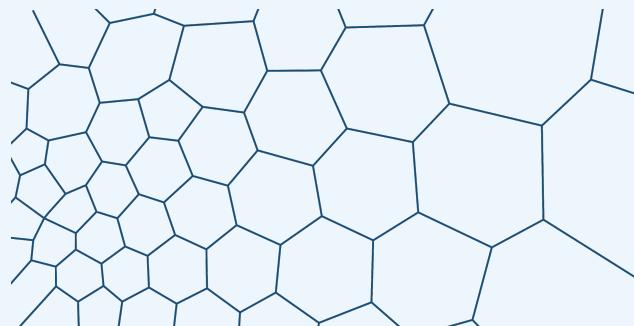
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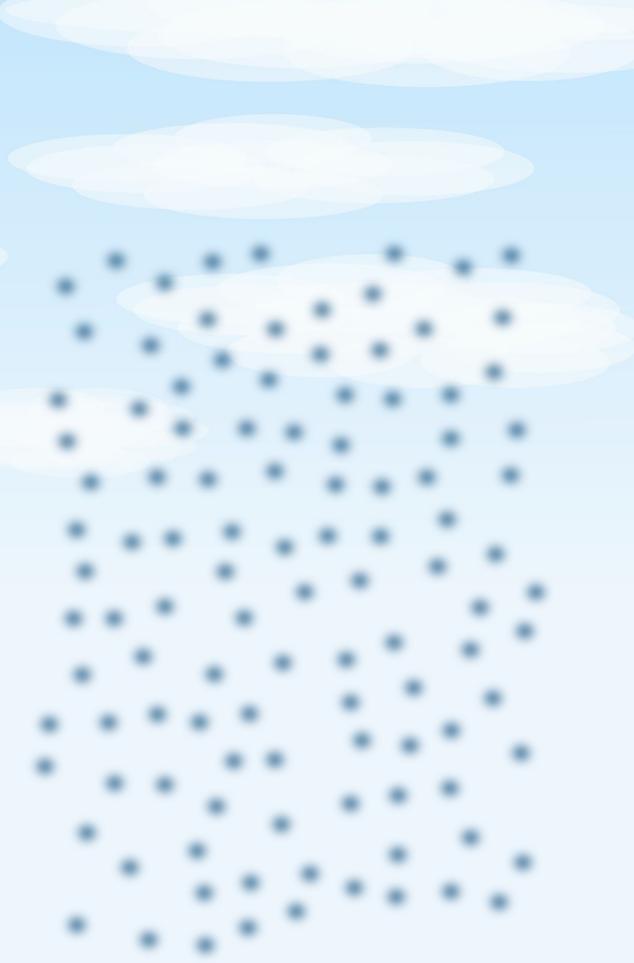
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unstructured



SPH





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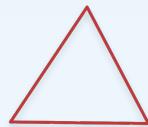
Magritte's **geometric data structure** only contains

- cell / point locations
- nearest neighbour lists



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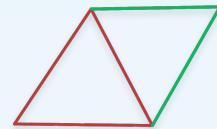
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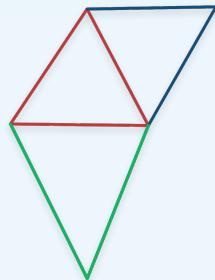
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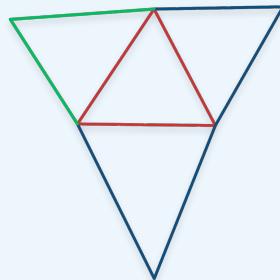
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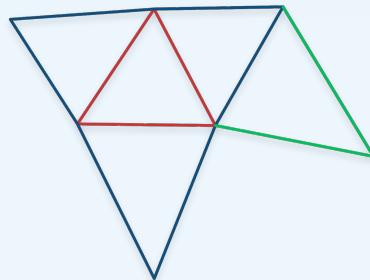
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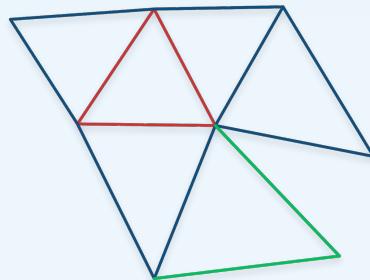
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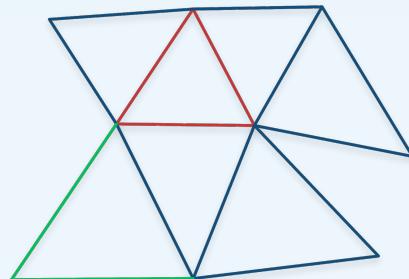
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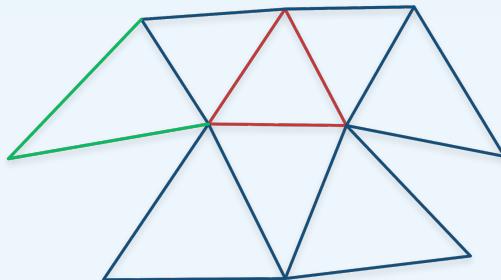
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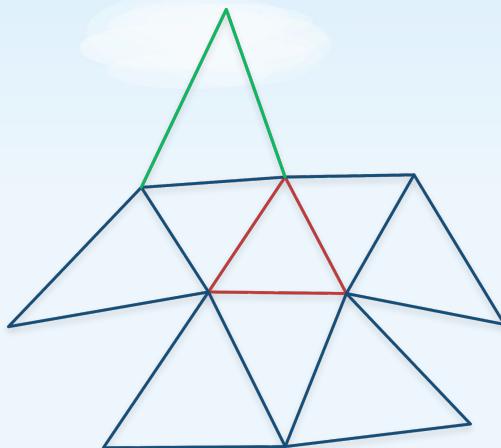
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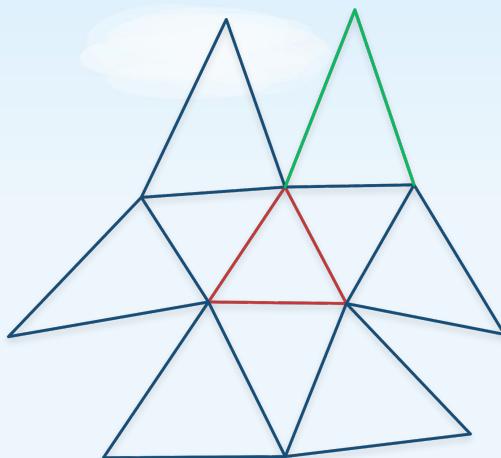
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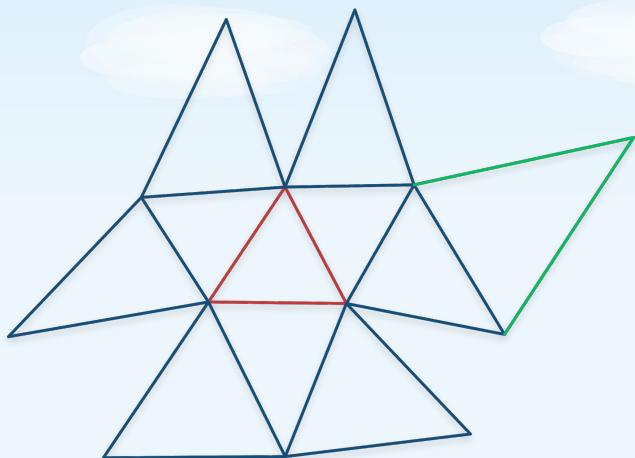
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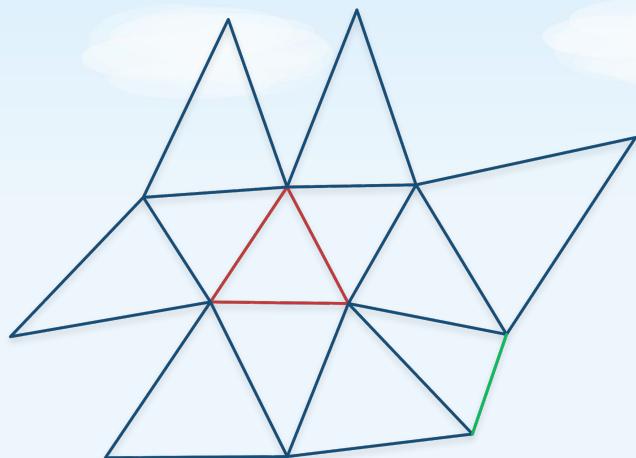
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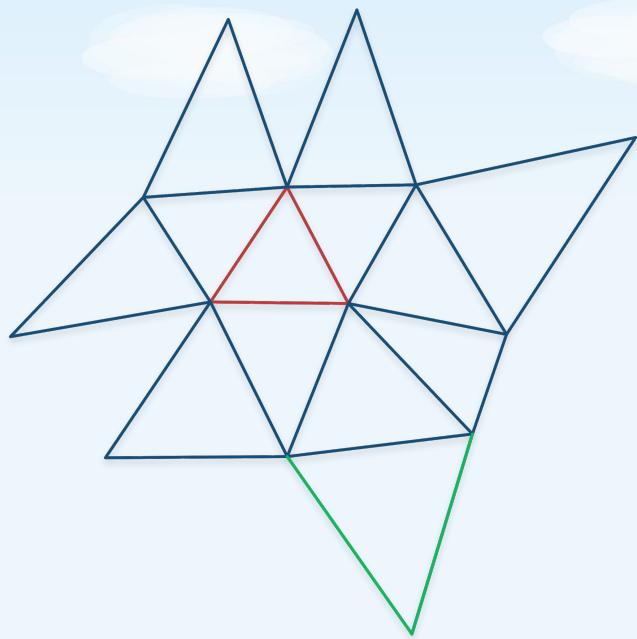
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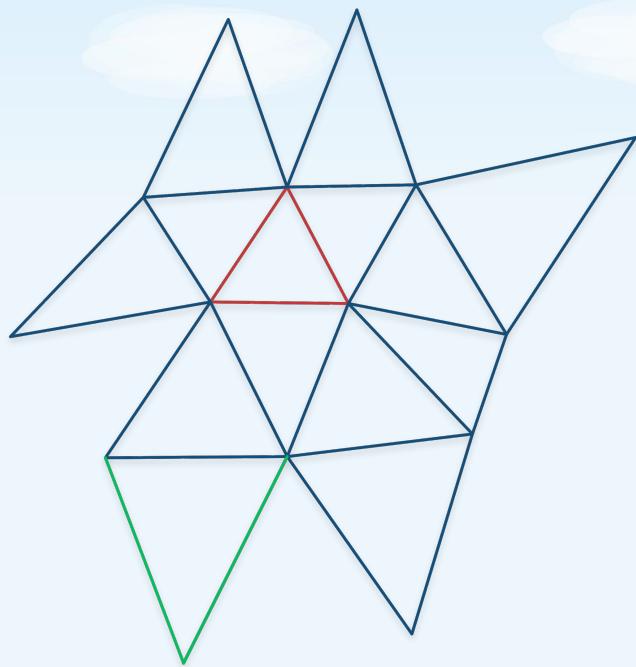
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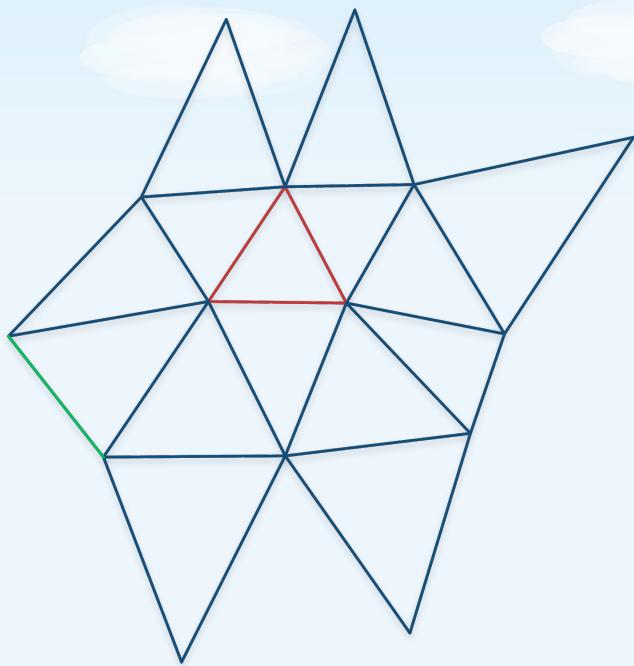
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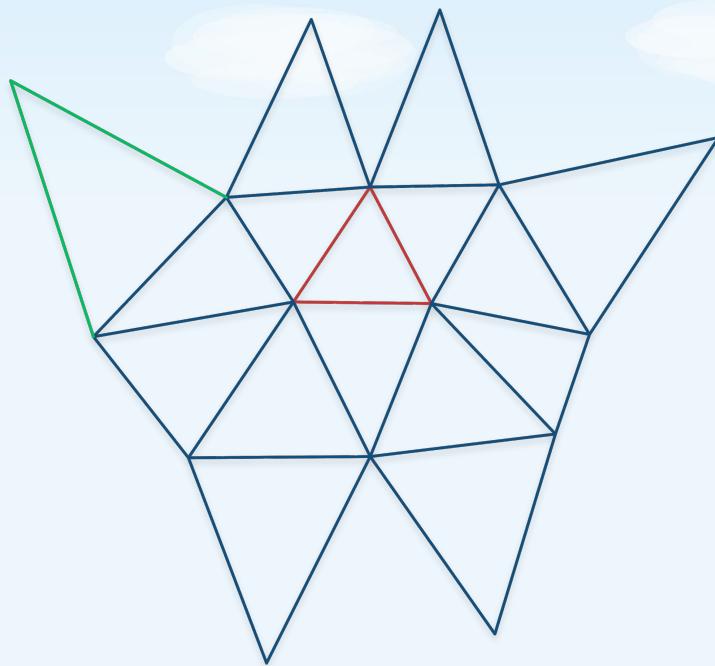
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How to **define the shape** of a new triangle?

- “*Define the desired properties as a **heuristic***”
- “*Determine the triangle by **optimising** the heuristic*”



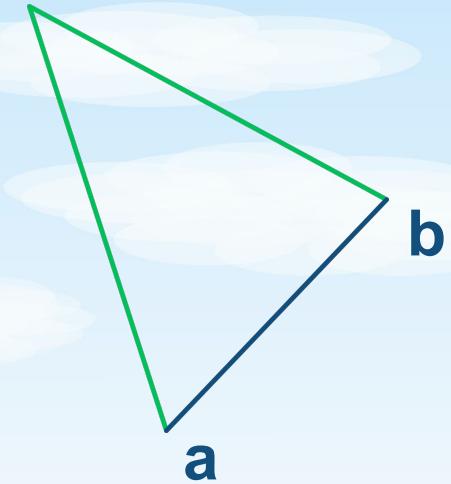
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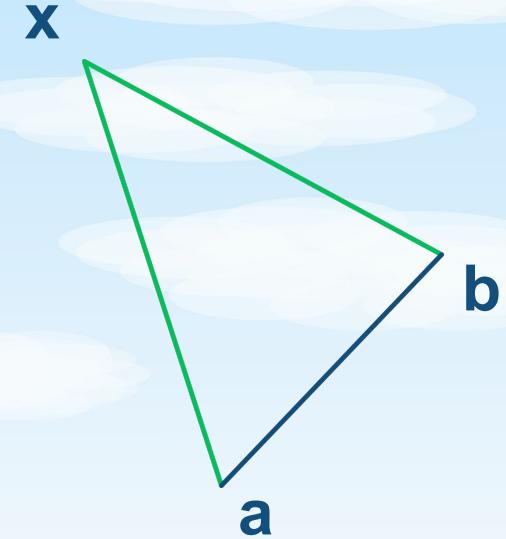
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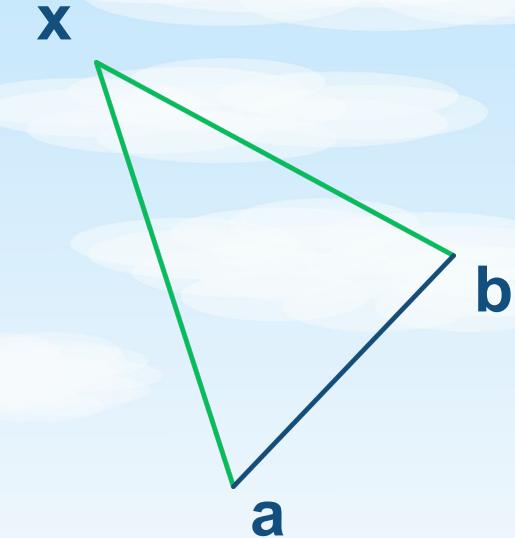
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Desired property edge length $\approx L$

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Find \mathbf{x} by minimising $h(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{x})$ as function of \mathbf{x}





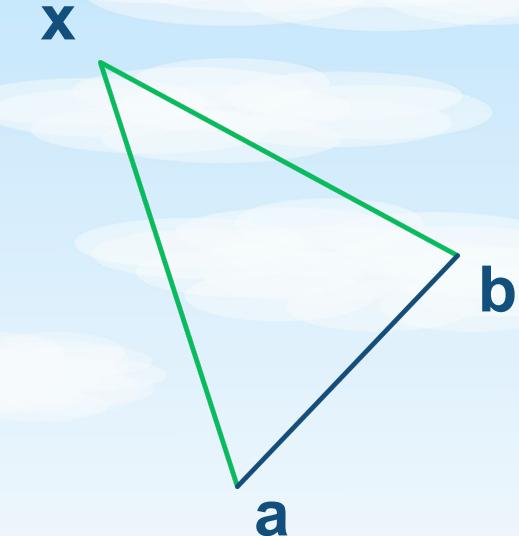
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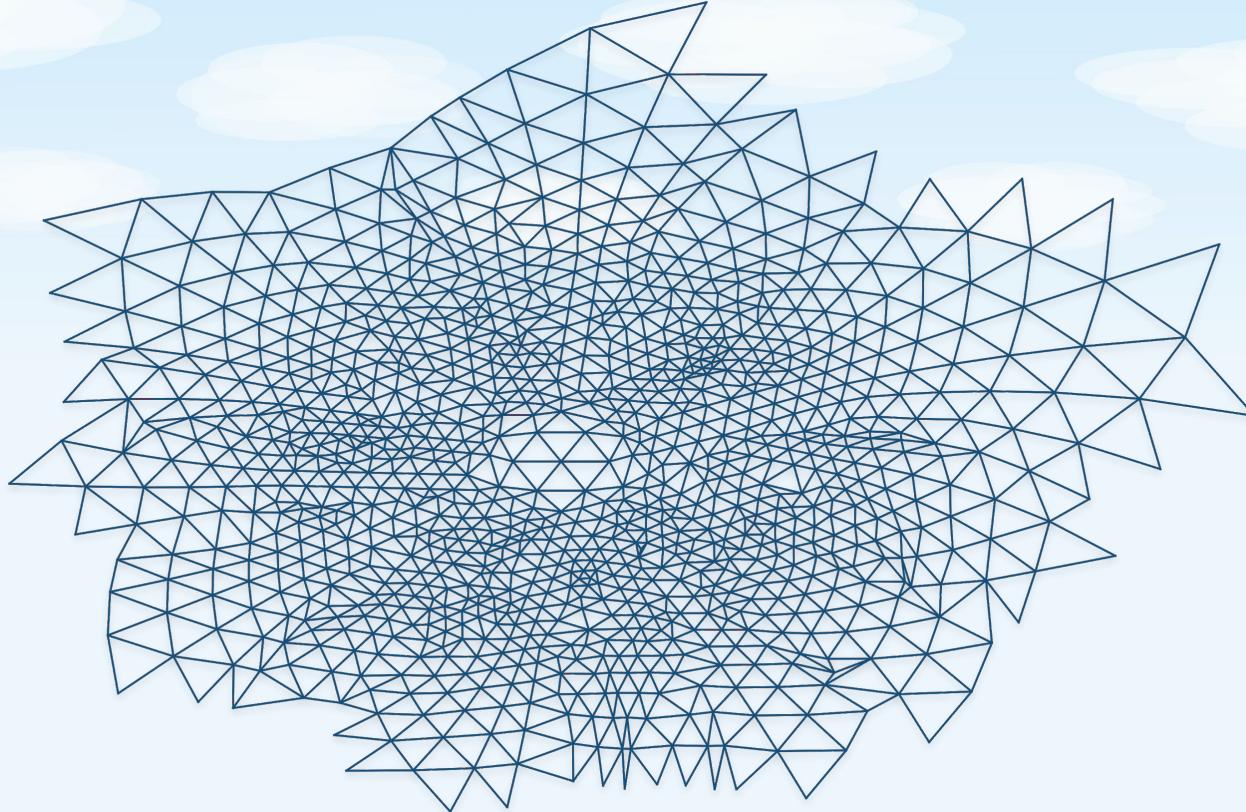
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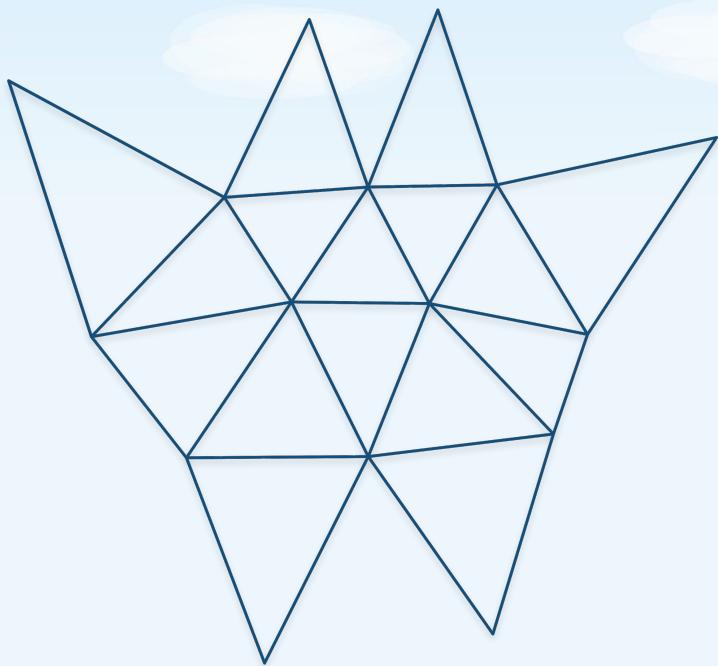
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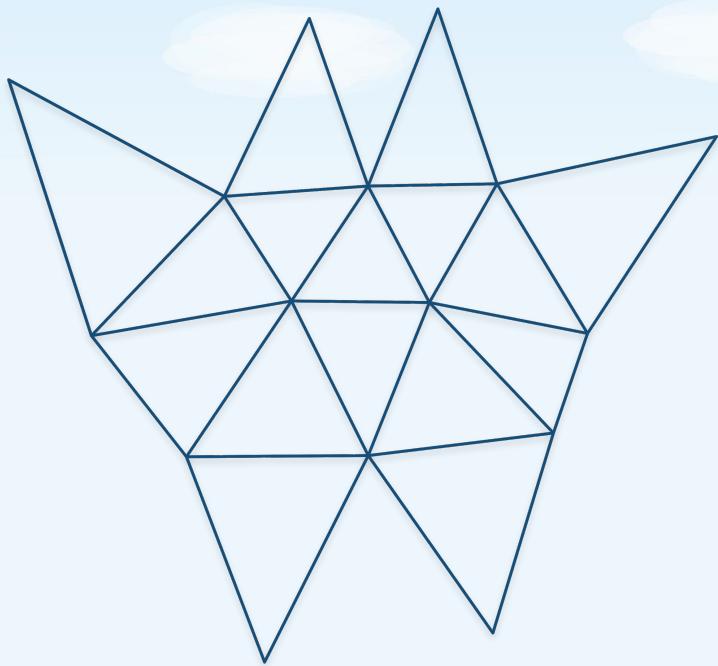
*“How does this help in **constraining numerical errors**? ”*





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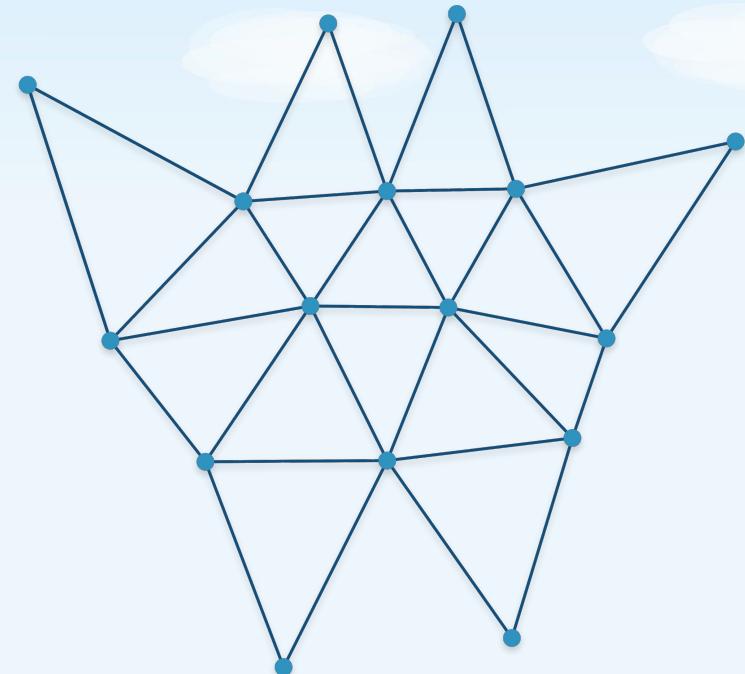
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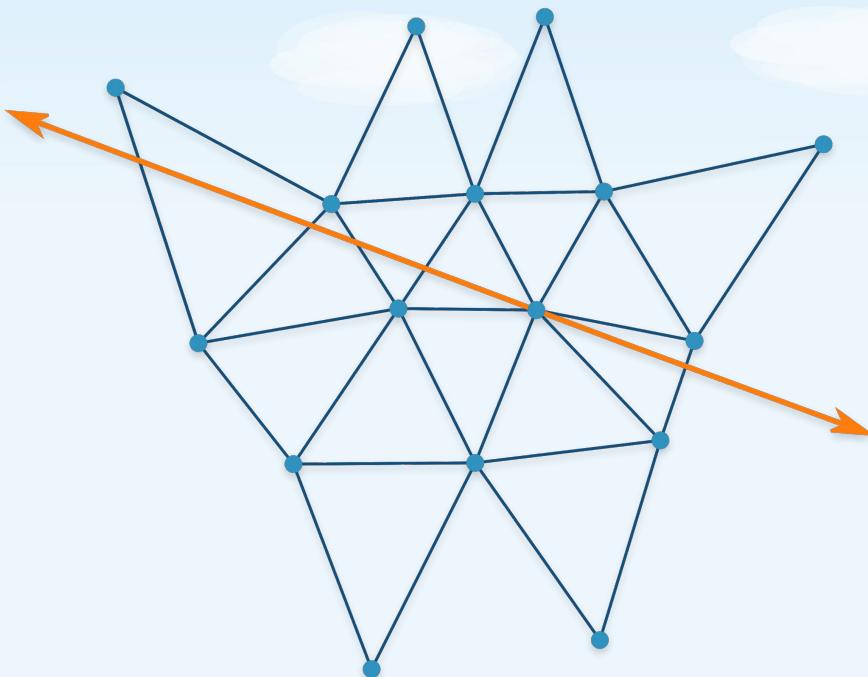
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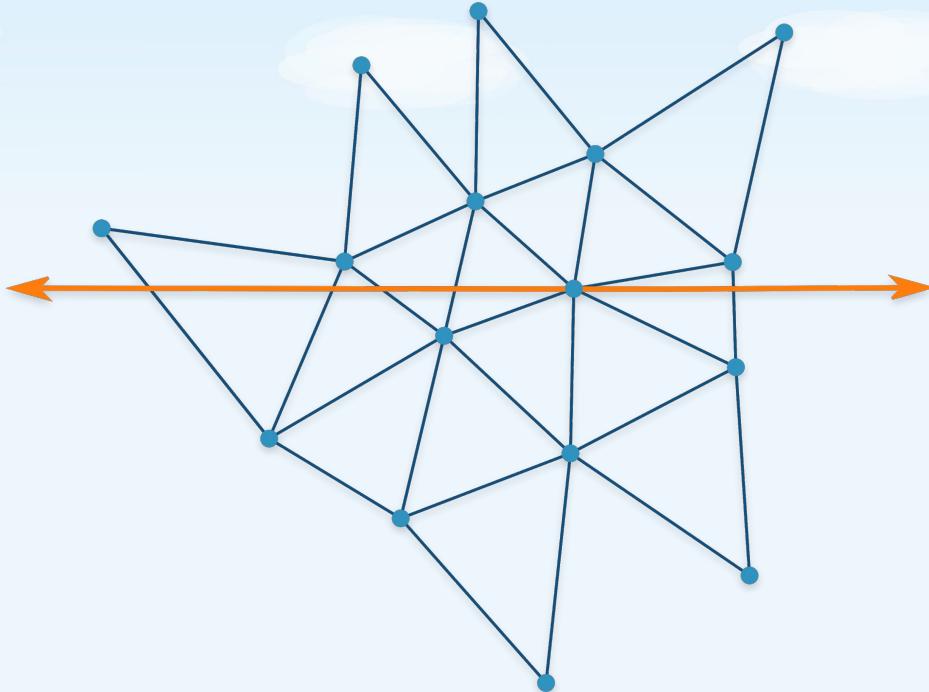
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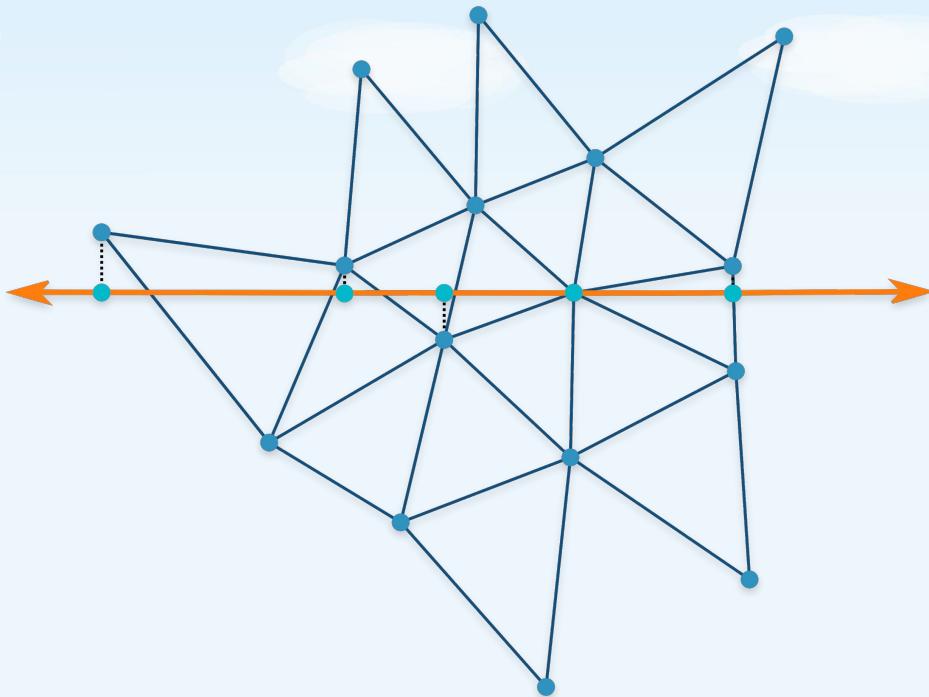
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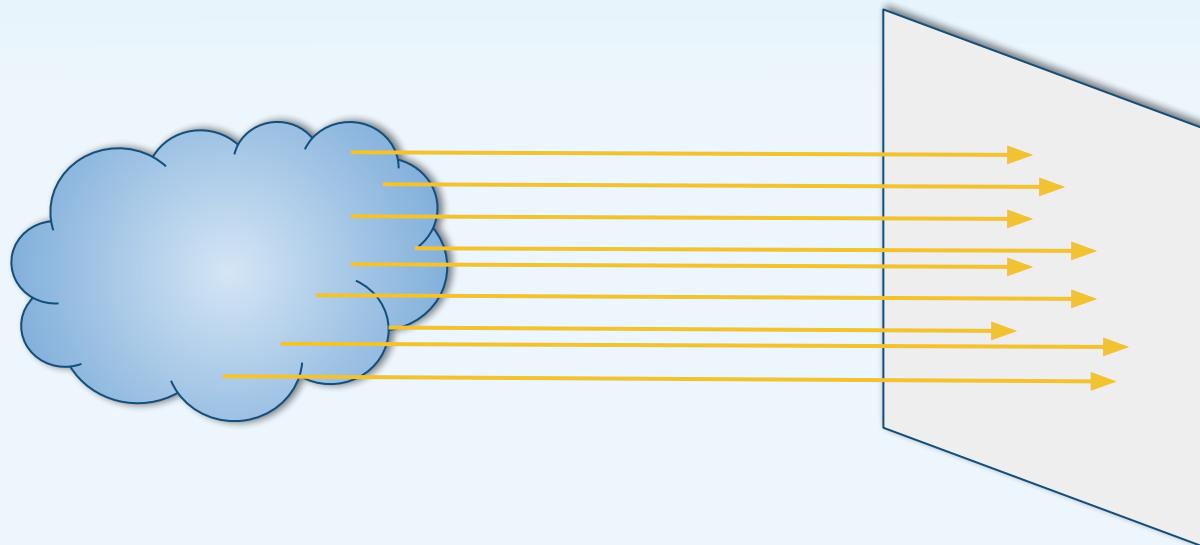
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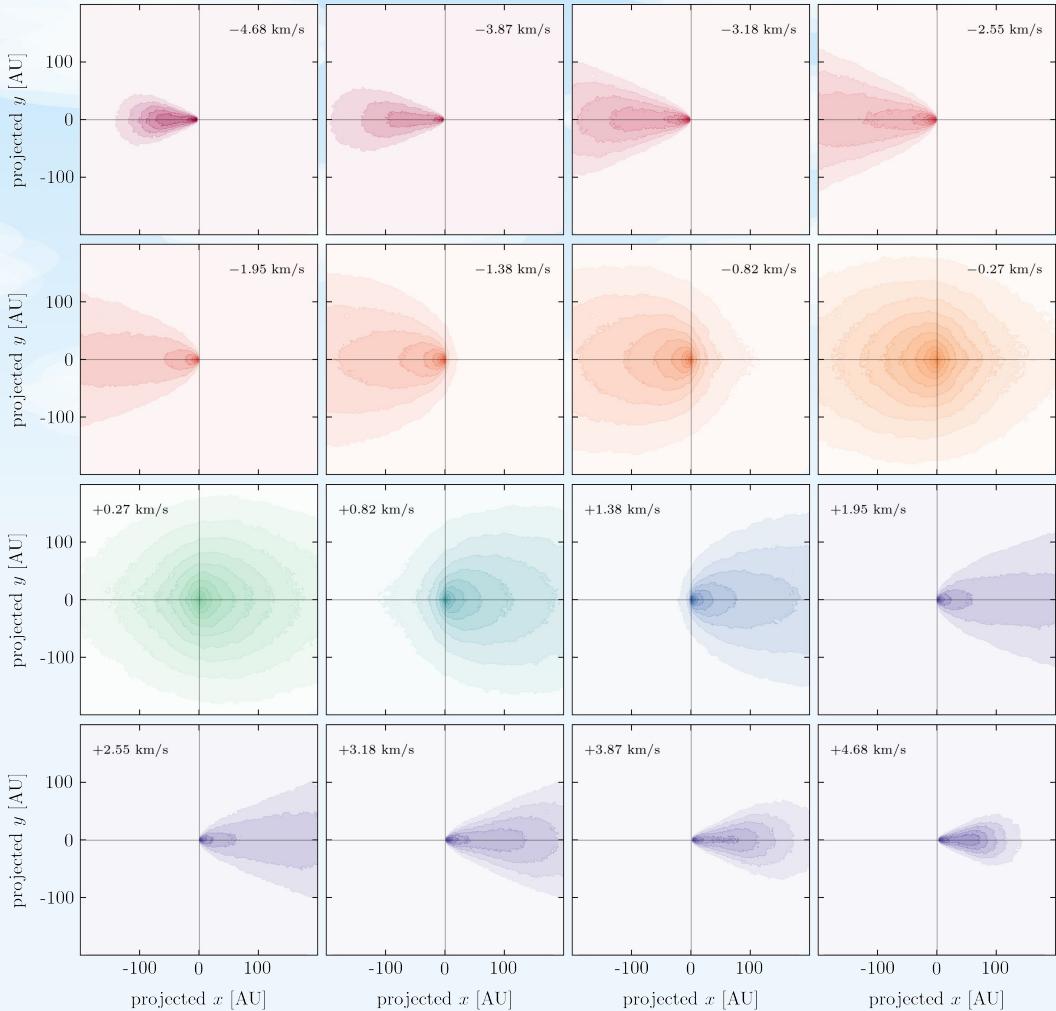
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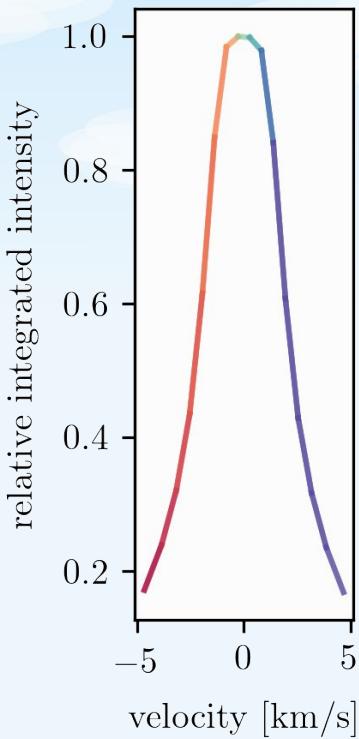
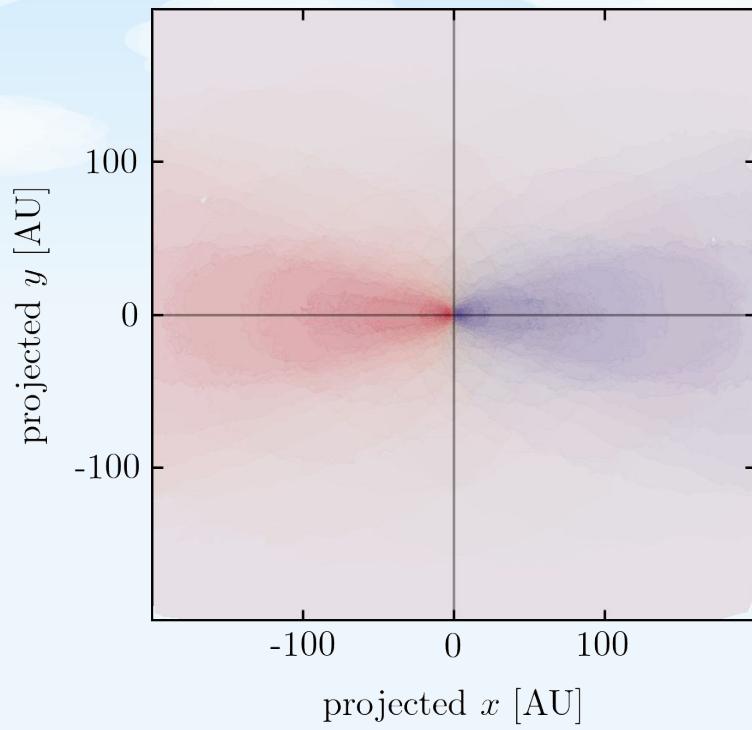
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Channel maps of a Keplerian Disk (CO $J=1-0$ line)





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observation

model + error estimate





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pythonTM





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- Semi-analytic **tests** and cross-code **benchmarks**
- **Application** to a Keplerian disk model



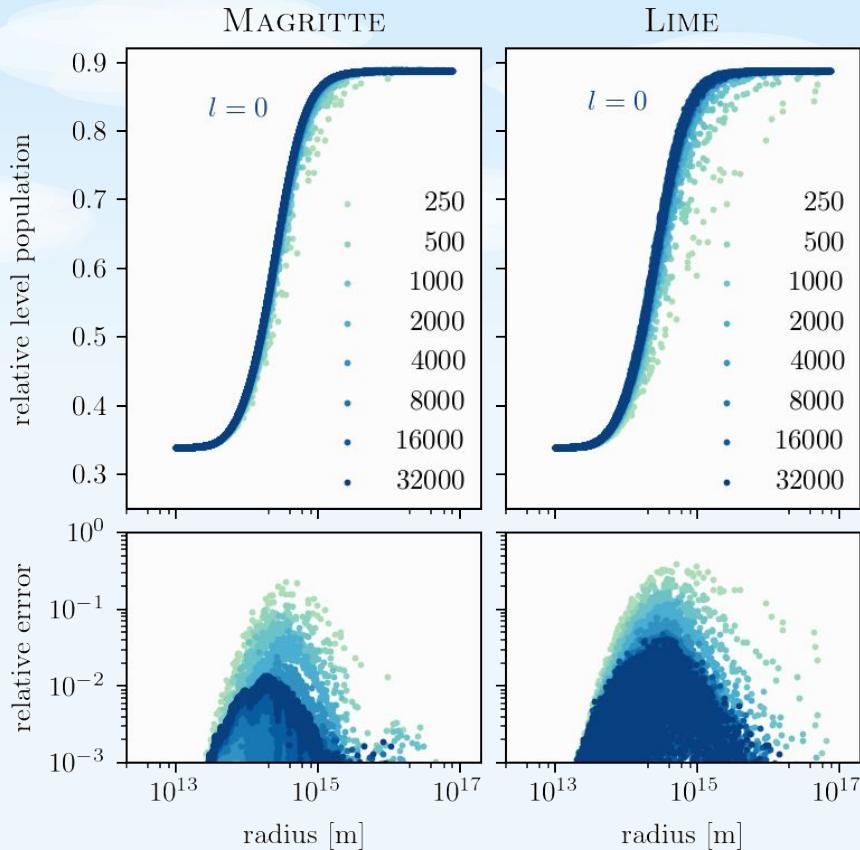
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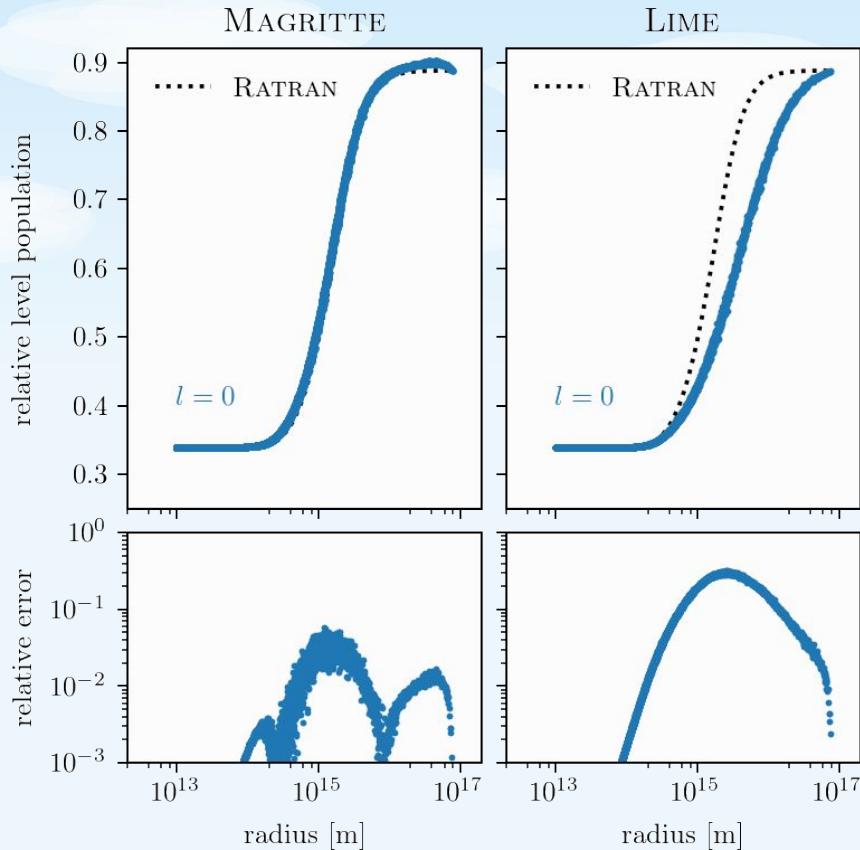
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Design strategy and performance analysis



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