Theia Primer

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Modeling Gaussian beams

- General astigmatic Gaussian beam in an orthogonal basis (k, e_1, e_2):

$$E(\vec{r}, t) = \exp[i\eta(z) - i\frac{k}{2}{}^t(x, y)Q(z)(x, y)]e^{i(\omega t - kz)}$$

- (x, y) is the transversal coordinate in the (e_1, e_2) basis, Q is a symmetrical tensor:

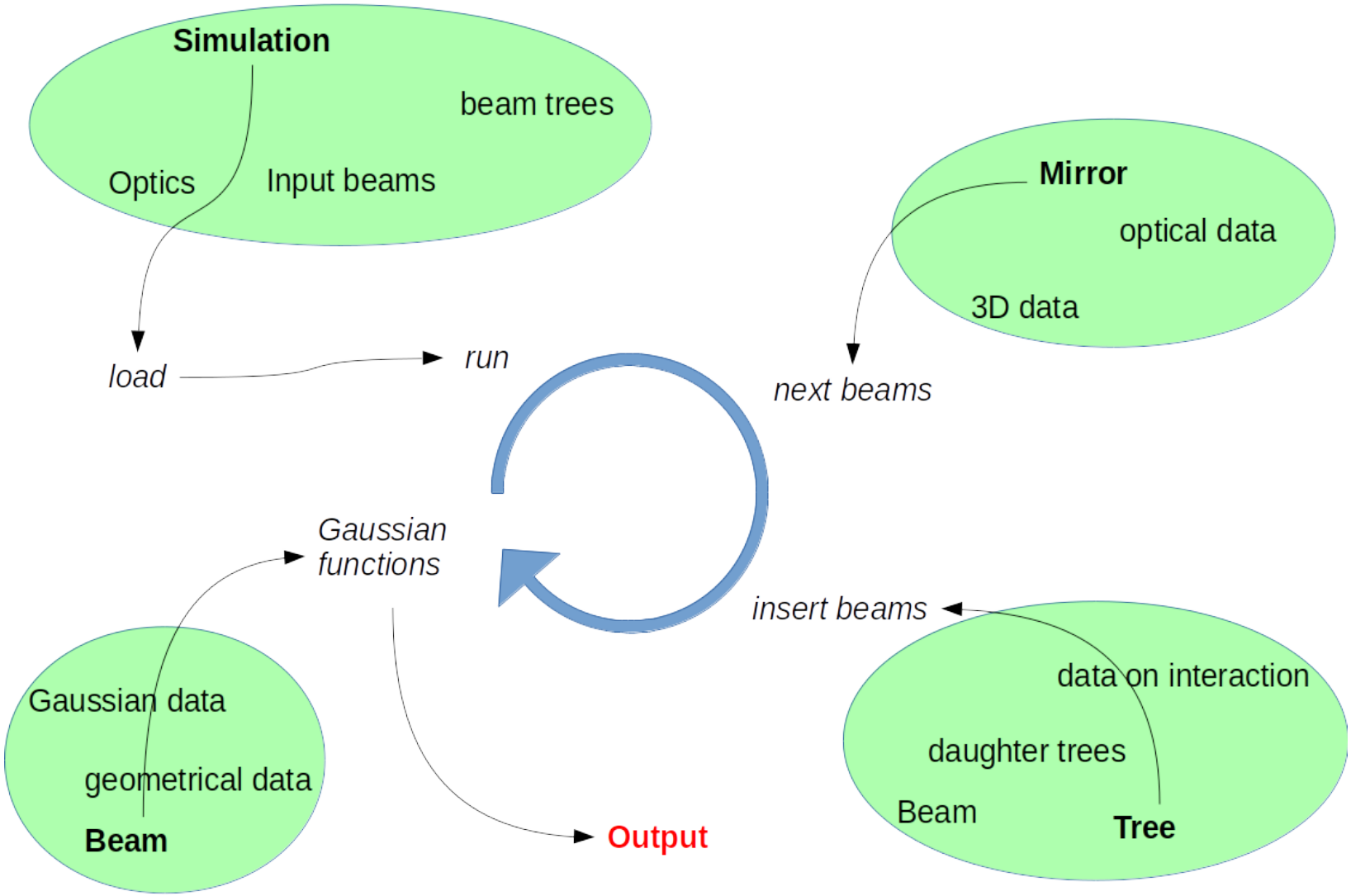
$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\cos^2\theta}{q_x(z)} + \frac{\sin^2\theta}{q_y(z)} & \frac{1}{2}\sin 2\theta\left(\frac{1}{q_x(z)} - \frac{1}{q_y(z)}\right) \\ \frac{1}{2}\sin 2\theta\left(\frac{1}{q_x(z)} - \frac{1}{q_y(z)}\right) & \frac{\sin^2\theta}{q_x(z)} + \frac{\cos^2\theta}{q_y(z)} \end{pmatrix}$$

- Specification parameters: $\theta, q_{x,y} \in \mathbb{C}$, (e_1, e_2) basis.
- **Approximations:** ROC(beam) $\gg$ ROC(surface) (+ paraxial)
- Geometric optics: no approximation

What can it do?

Yes	**No**	**Not yet**
Non-sequential propagation	Higher order modes	Cavities
Sequential propagation	Beam saving	Interferences
General astigmatic beams	Surface action specification	Export to CAD software
	Grating surfaces (Polarization)	

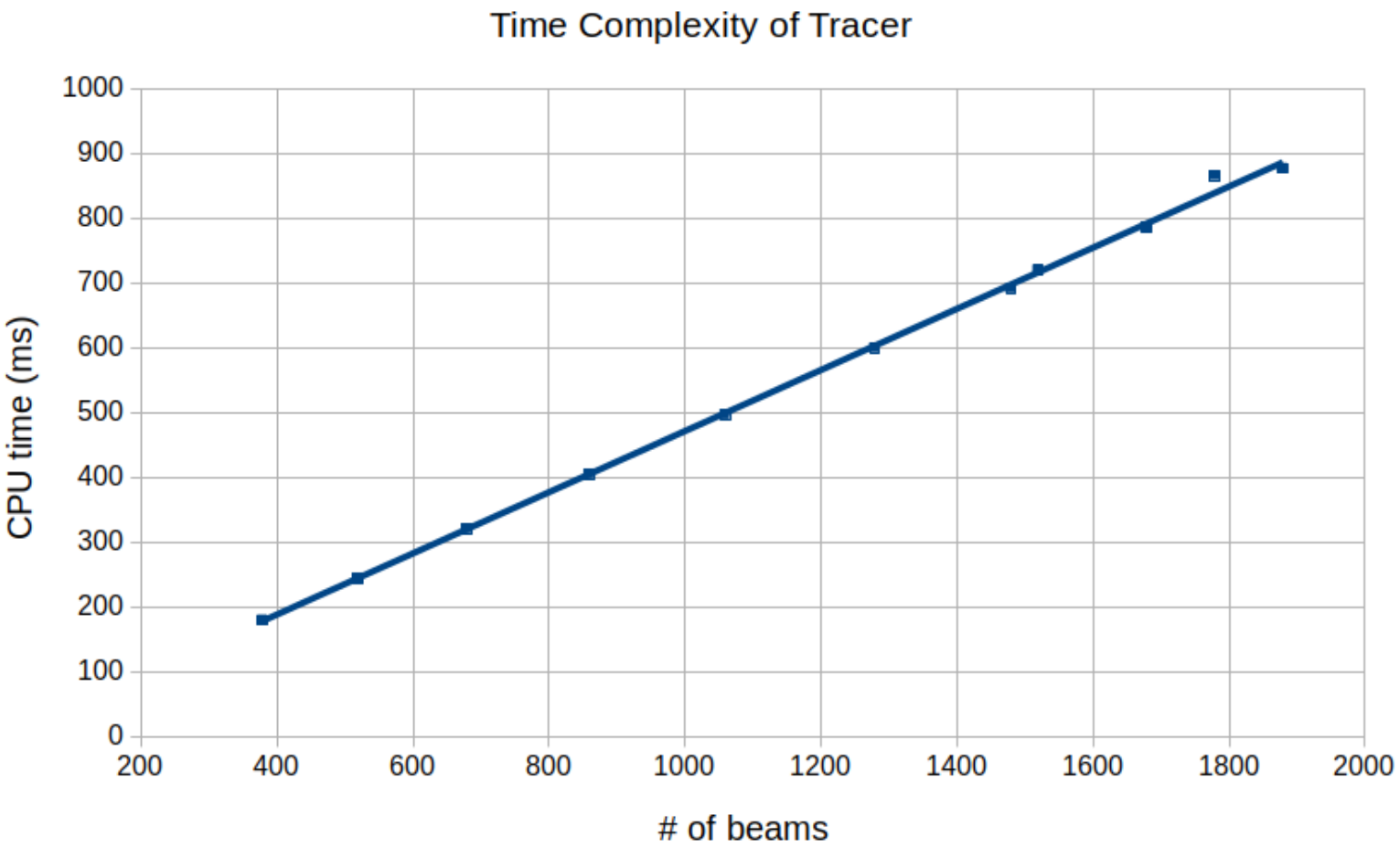
Data structures/algorithm/approximations



Demonstration

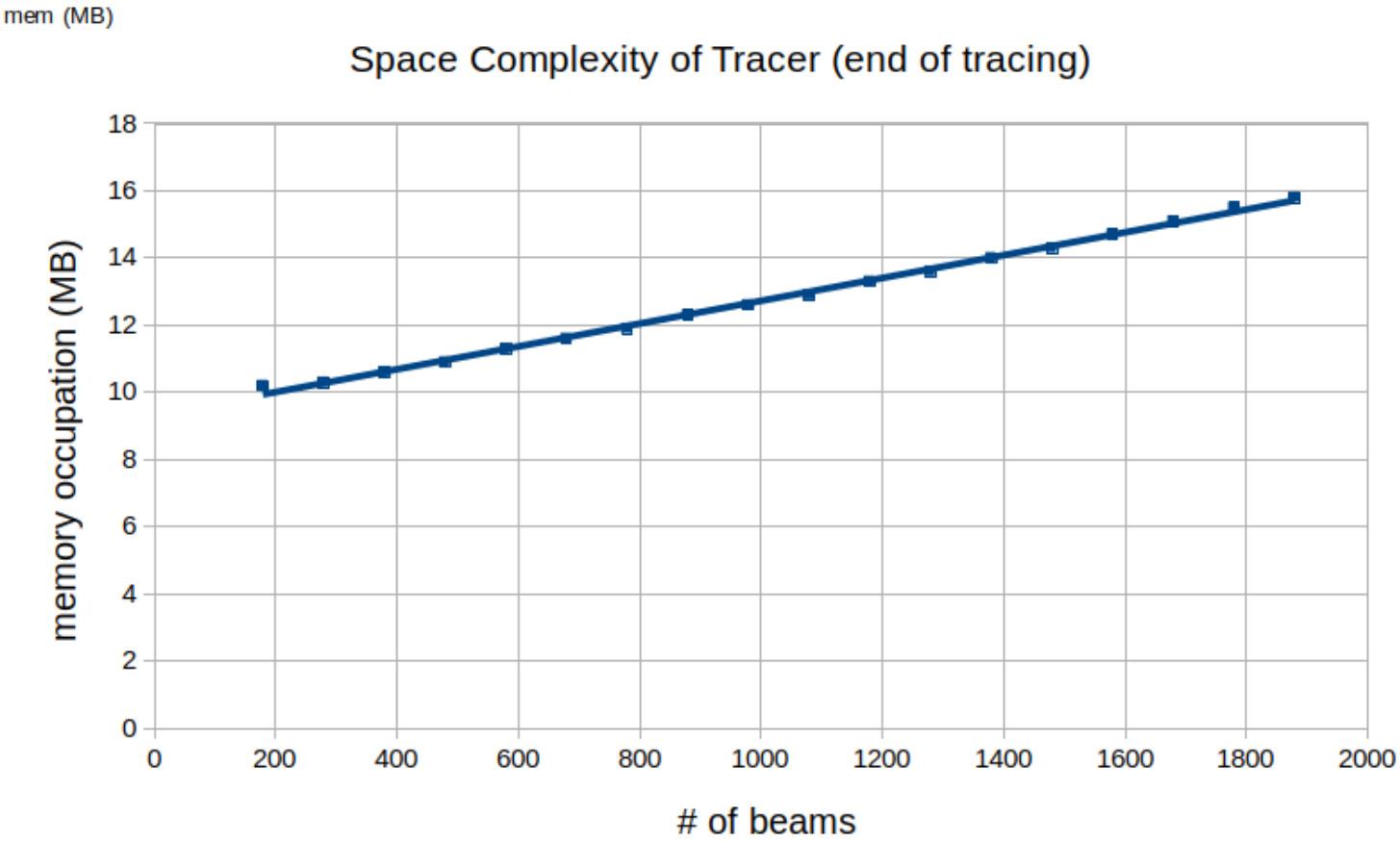
- Comparison with `OptoCAD` for 2D tracing (`telescope.py`)
- An example in 3D with spherical mirrors (`sphere.py`)

Benchmarking: time (i7/8GB)



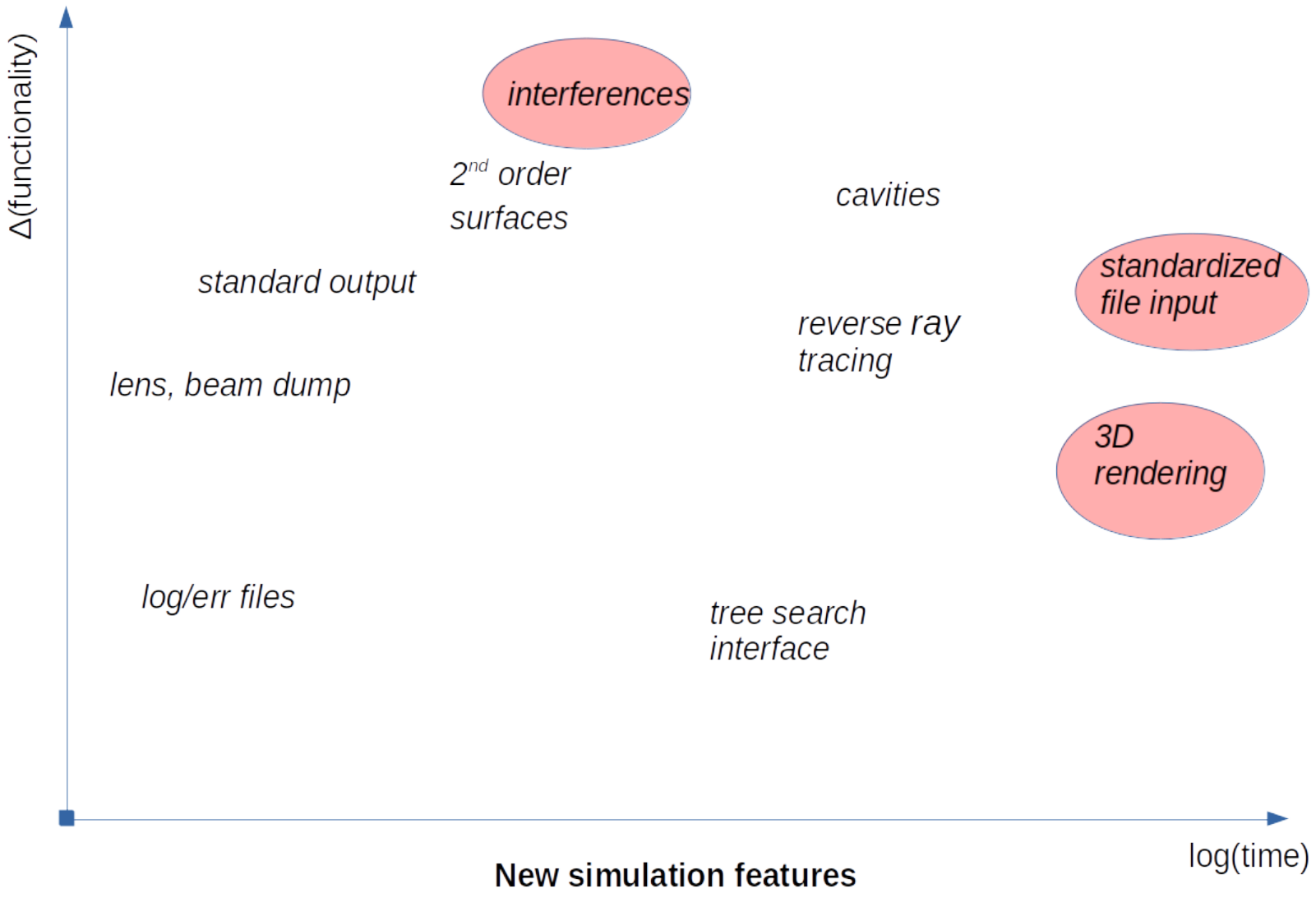
- CPU $= 0.47\text{ms} \times (\#\ \text{beams})$ $(R^2 = 99.95\%)$

Benchmarking: space (i7/8GB)



- Mem. $= 9{,}3\text{MB} + 3{,}4\text{kB/beam}$ ($R^2 = 99.76\%$)

Next steps


Δ(functionality)
interferences
2nd order surfaces
cavities
standard output
standardized file input
reverse ray tracing
lens, beam dump
3D rendering
log/err files
tree search interface
log(time)
New simulation features

References

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