

# Interactive Computing with Julia in JupyterLab

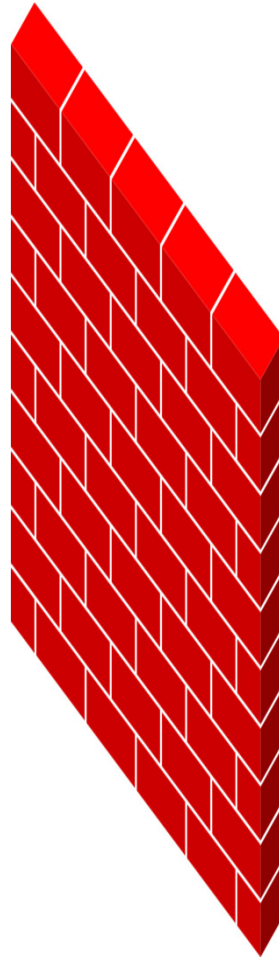
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## Prototype

```
P = rand(4,3)
```



## Production code

```
float* P;  
P = malloc(...);  
rand(P,...);
```

# The two language problem

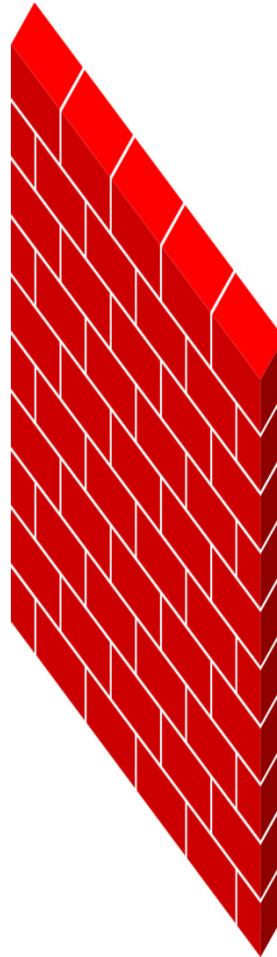
## Prototype (MATLAB / Python /...)

simple & high-level

interactive

low development cost

slow



## Production code (C / C++ / Fortran / ...)

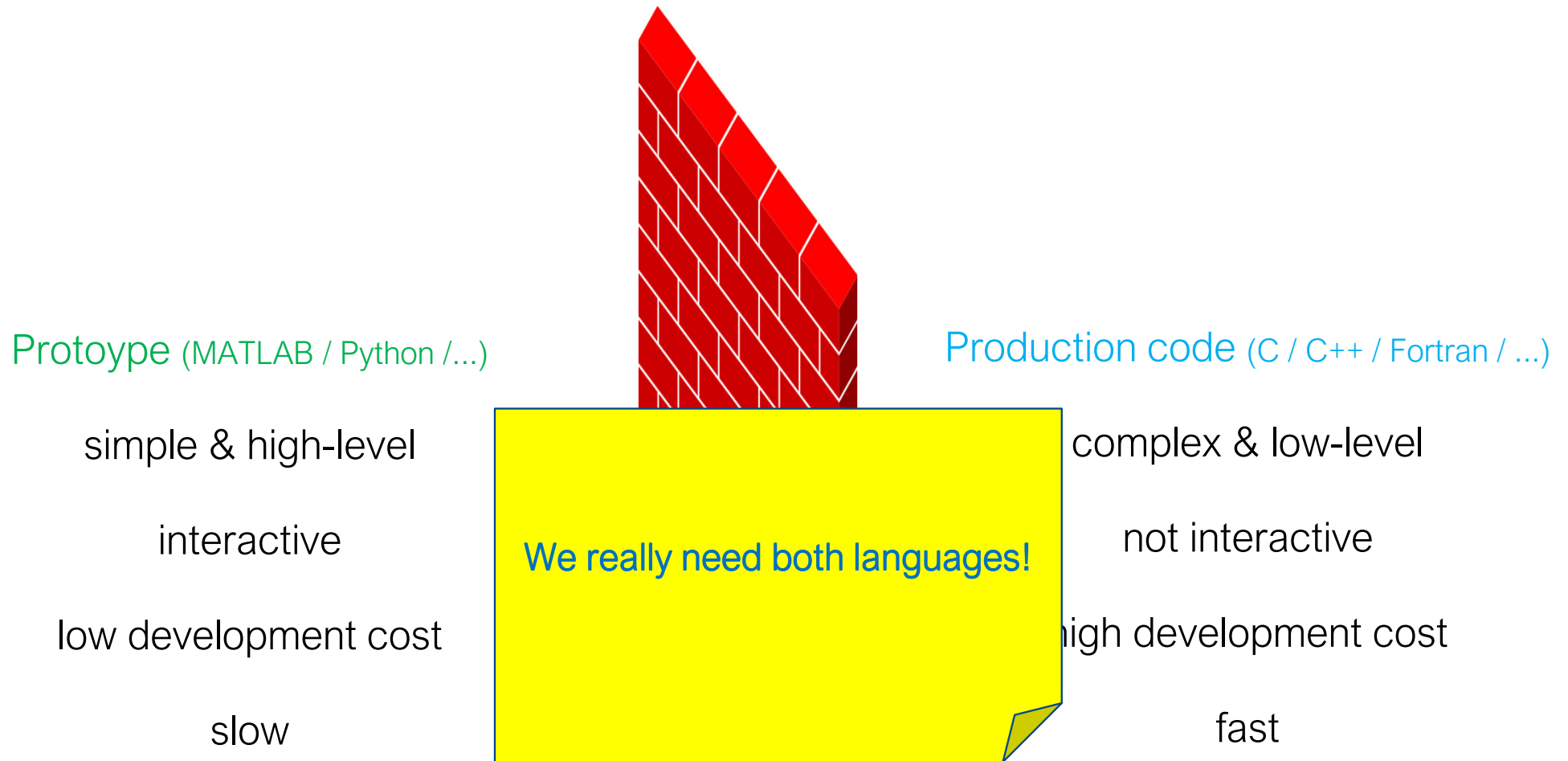
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not interactive

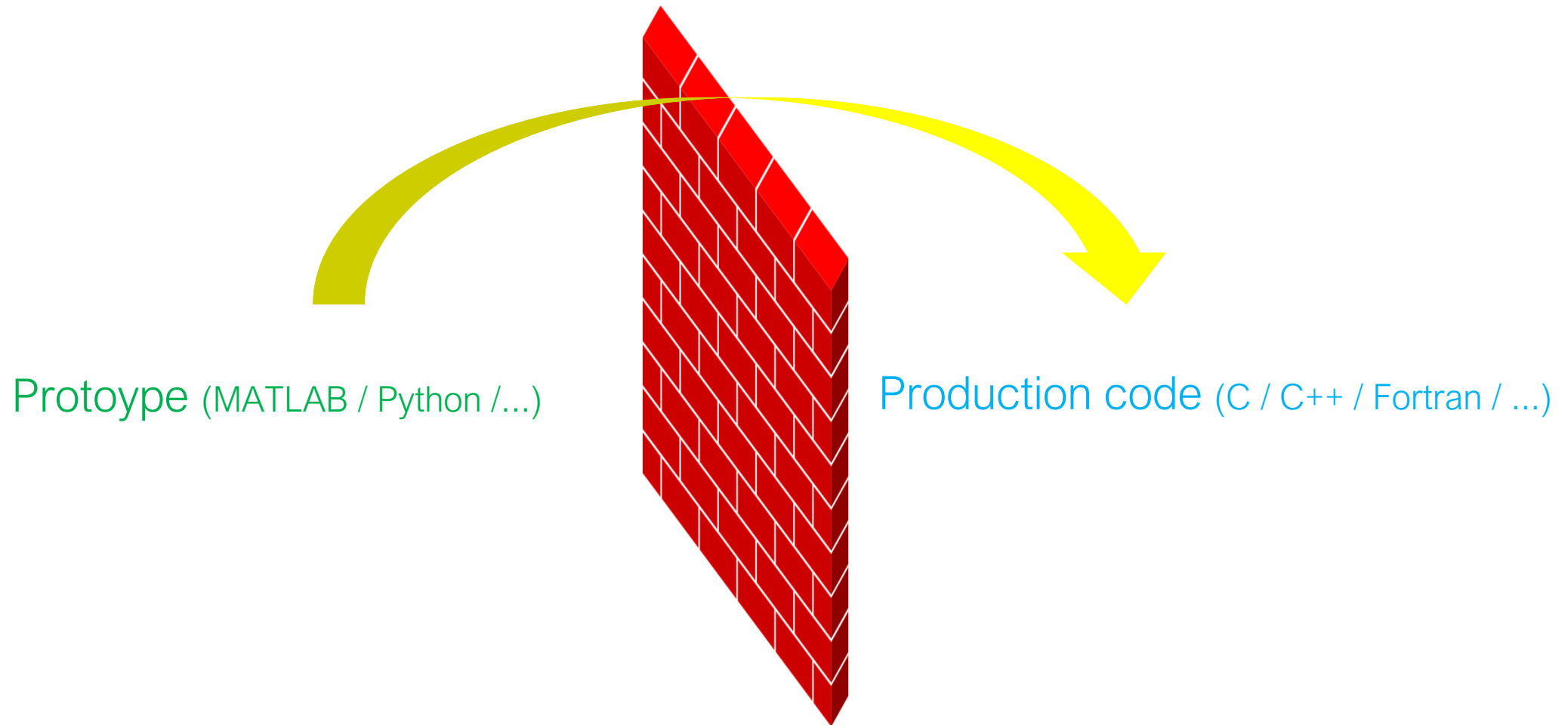
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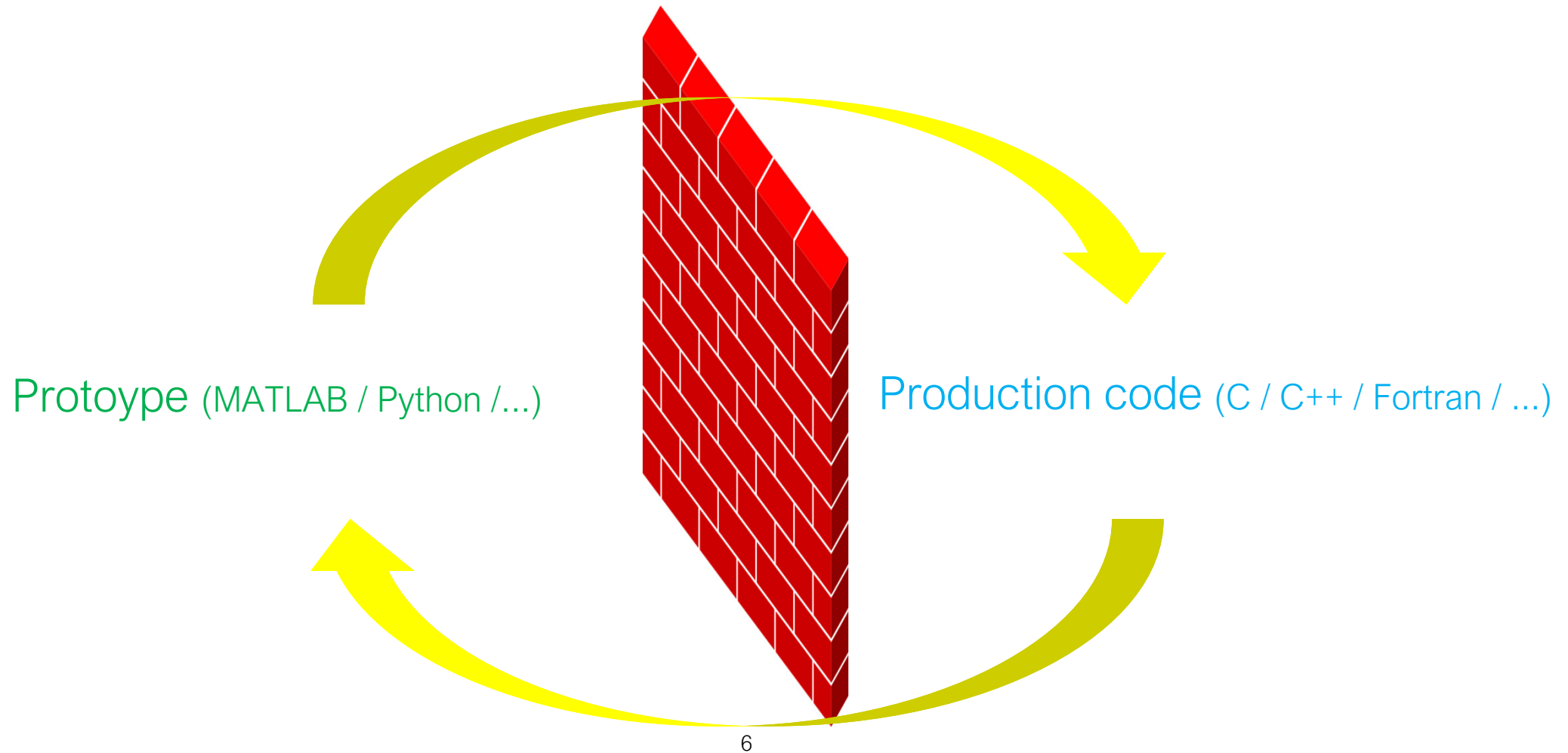
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Fast and interactive???

Julia code is compiled, yet only shortly before you use it **the first time**.

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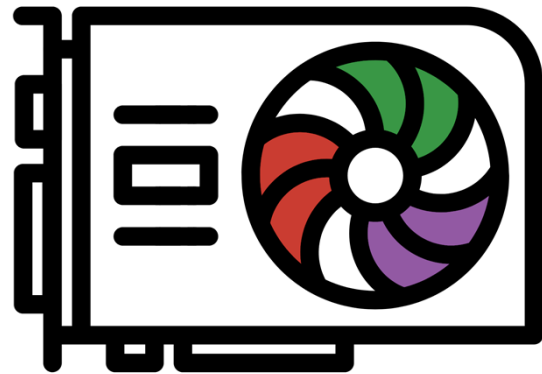


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CUDA.jl

Native Julia Code for GPUs!

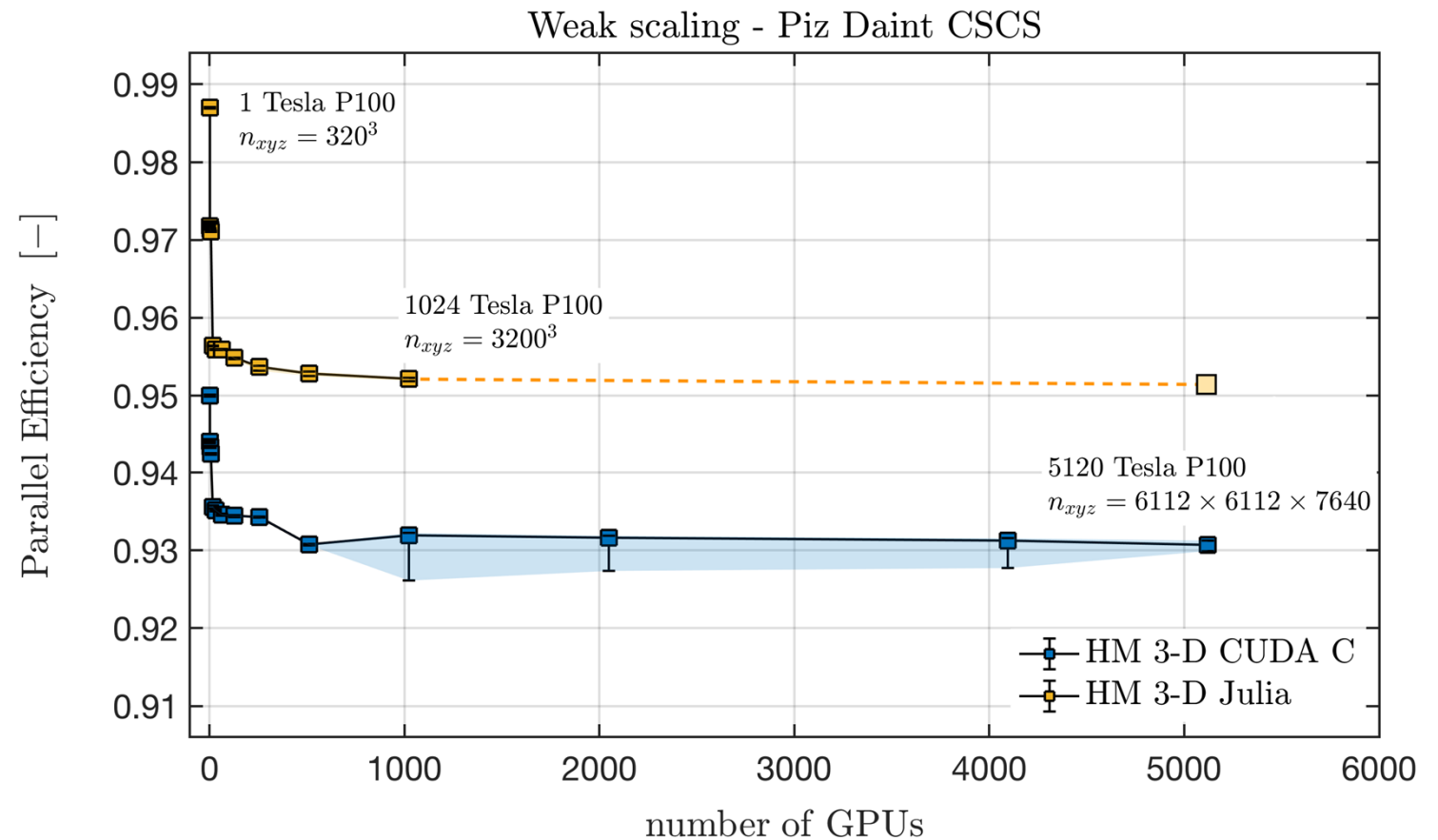


MPI.jl

# Julia suitable for GPU supercomputing

Single GPU  
performance:

93% of the the  
CUDA C code



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user installed packages have  
precedence!

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## Julia in JupyterLab at CSCS

- Accesses the same stacked environment
- The modules `Julia` and `JuliaExtensions` are automatically loaded.
- Currently not set up for usage with MPI (not yet straightforward and well supported): use a single node.

Installing a package from the command line or from JupyterLab gives the exact same result!

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## Notebook 1: using the stacked environment

<https://user.cscs.ch/tools/interactive/jupyterlab/#ijulia>

## Notebook 2: glacier flow using GPU

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Nonlinear diffusion!

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### Numerics

- Iterative algorithm with implicit time stepping
- Pseudo-transient method
- Numerical damping for convergence acceleration

## Notebook 2: glacier flow using GPU

Demo...





Node Type

GPU ▾

Nodes

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Duration (hr)

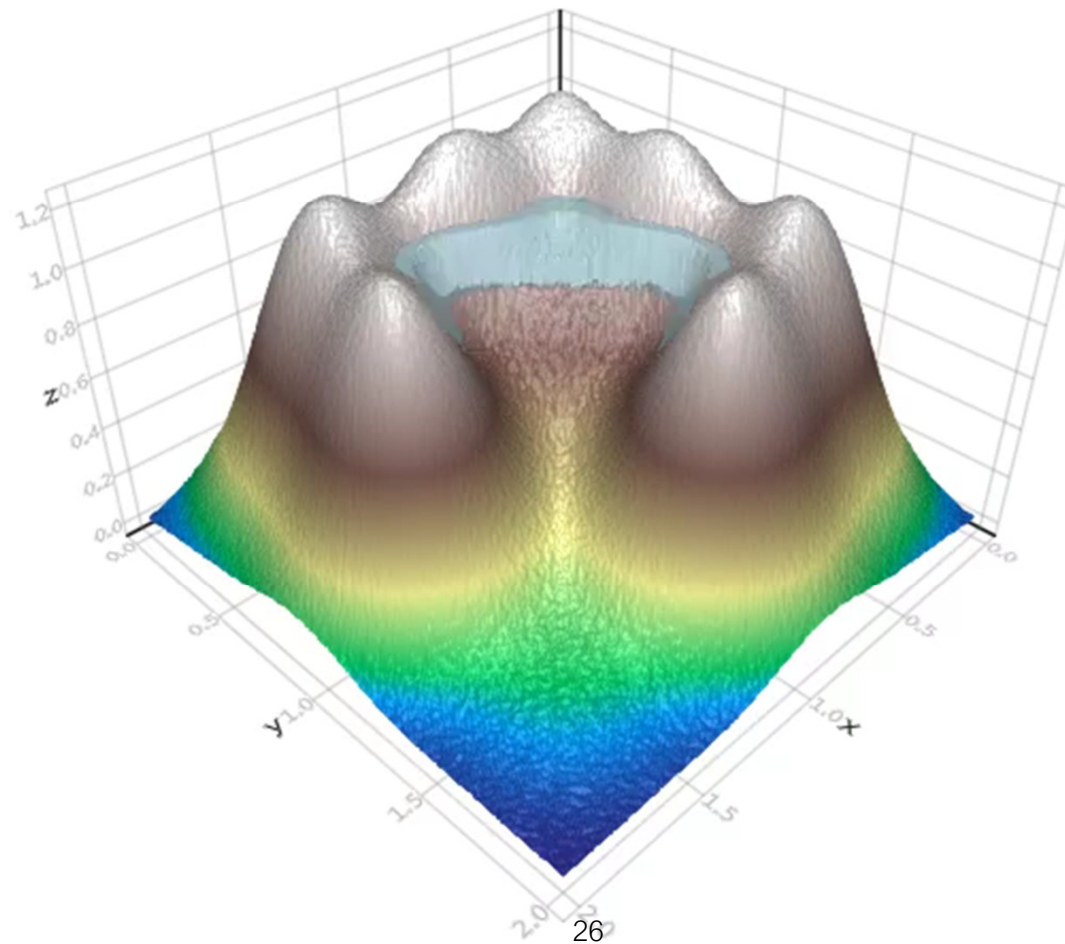
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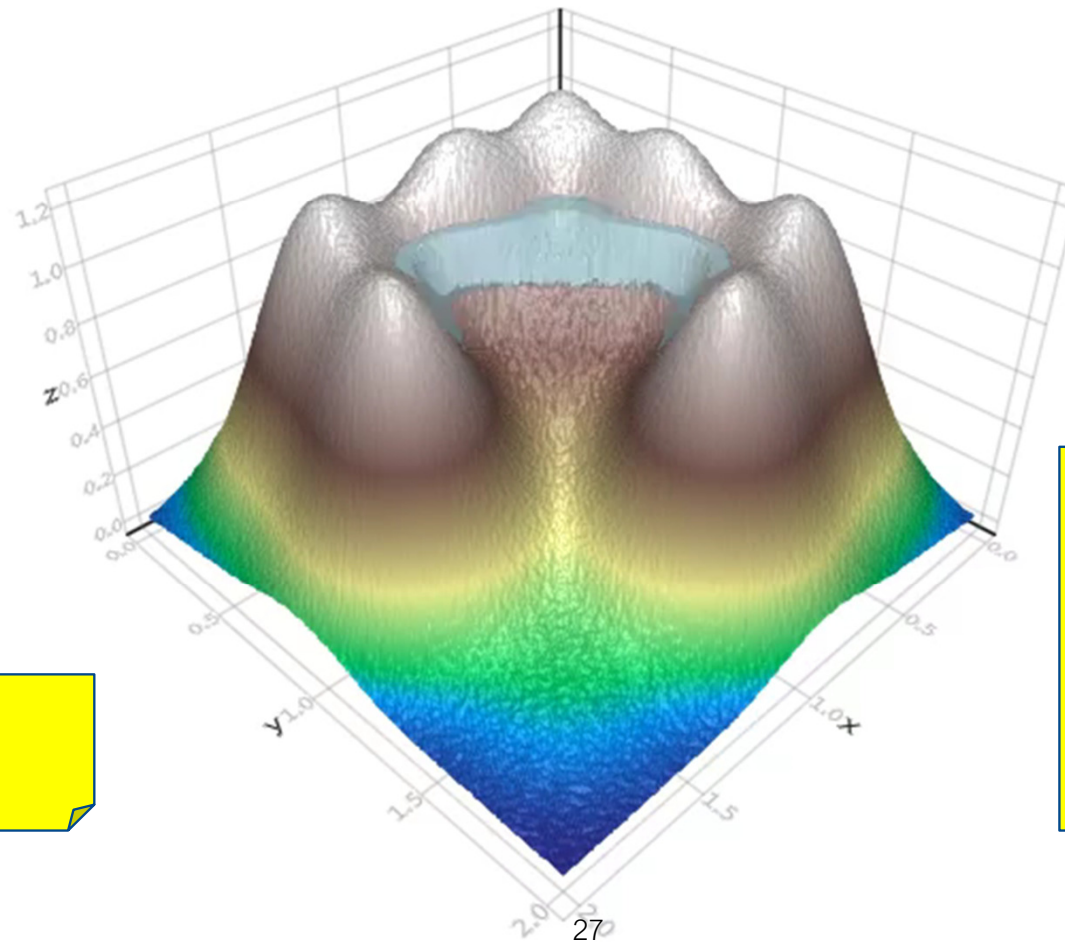
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[+ Advanced options](#)[Launch JupyterLab](#)

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Uses Makie.jl

Done on Laptop.  
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Questions / advice / feedback / ...

I am the responsible for Julia computing – get in touch with me!

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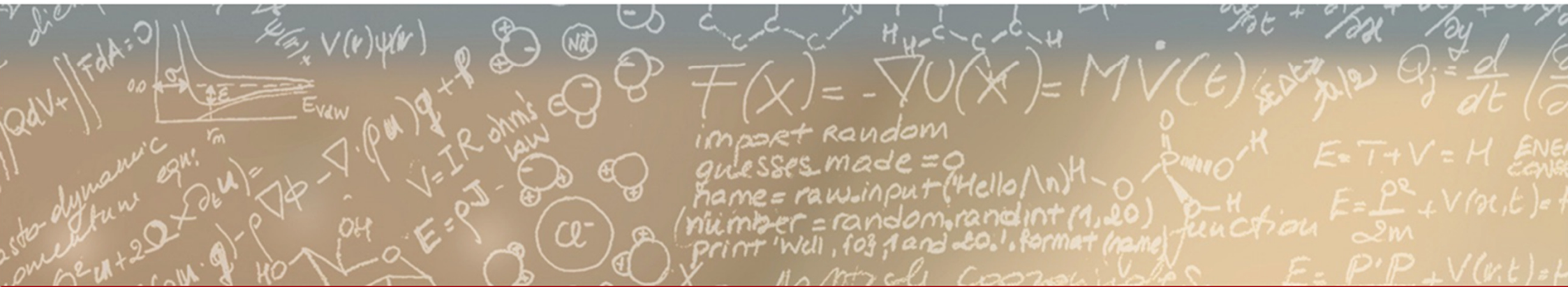
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