

# Modeling of Advanced-Concepts of Particle Accelerators at the Exascale



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# Outline

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- Who we are
- Intro - particle accelerator modeling
- Exascale project WarpX
  - Overview & advanced algorithms
  - Preparing WarpX for the world's largest supercomputers
  - Open Science in HPC
  - 2022 Gordon Bell Prize
  - Machine Learning
- Outlook

# Who we are

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## Accelerator Modeling Program (AMP)

in Accelerator Technology & Applied Physics Division (ATAP)  
in Physical Sciences Area (PSA)

@ Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL, aka Berkeley

Lab)



**Jean-Luc Vay**

Senior Scientist

- Head of AMP
- PI of ECP project WarpX
- PI of SciDAC Collaboration on Advanced Modeling of Particle Accelerators (CAMPA)
- >30 years experience in Particle-in-Cell codes development & application



**Axel Huebl**

Research Scientist

- Lead software architect of WarpX & BLAST
- Lead developer of PICongPU, first Particle-in-Cell code at scale on Titan (OLCF)
- >14 years of experience in SWE of HPC, FOSS, data sci.; laser-plasma modeling

# Particle Accelerators are Essential Tools in Modern Life

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## Medicine



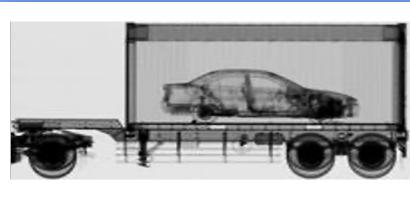
- ~9,000 medical accelerators in operation worldwide
- 10's of millions of patients treated/yr
- 50 medical isotopes, routinely produced with accelerators

## Industry



- ~20,000 industrial accelerators in use
  - Semiconductor manufacturing
  - cross-linking/ polymerization
  - Sterilization/ irradiation
  - Welding/cutting
- Annual value of all products that use accel. Tech.: \$500B

## National Security



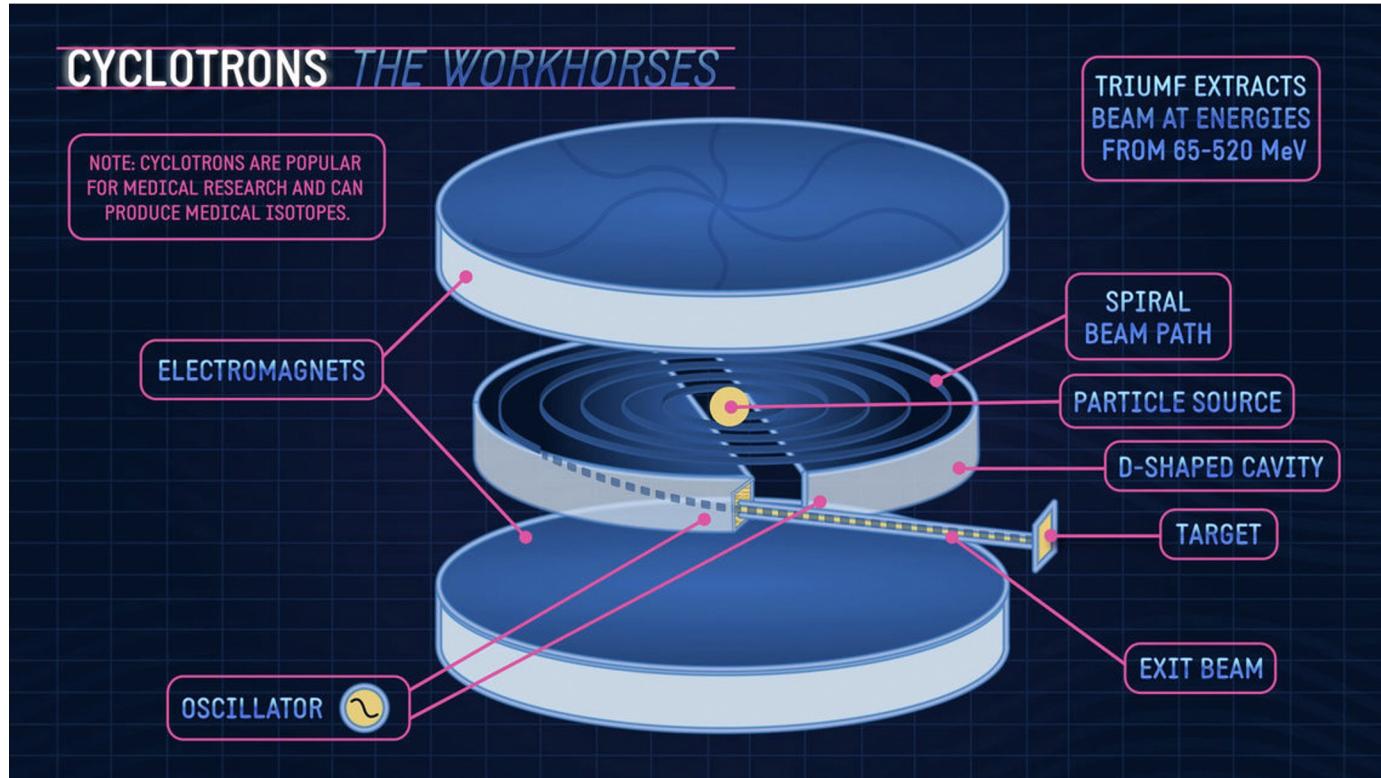
- Cargo scanning
- Active interrogation
- **Stockpile stewardship:** materials characterization, radiography, support of non-proliferation

## Discovery Science



- ~30% of Nobel Prizes in Physics since 1939 enabled by accelerators
- 4 of last 14 Nobel Prizes in Chemistry for research utilizing accelerator facilities

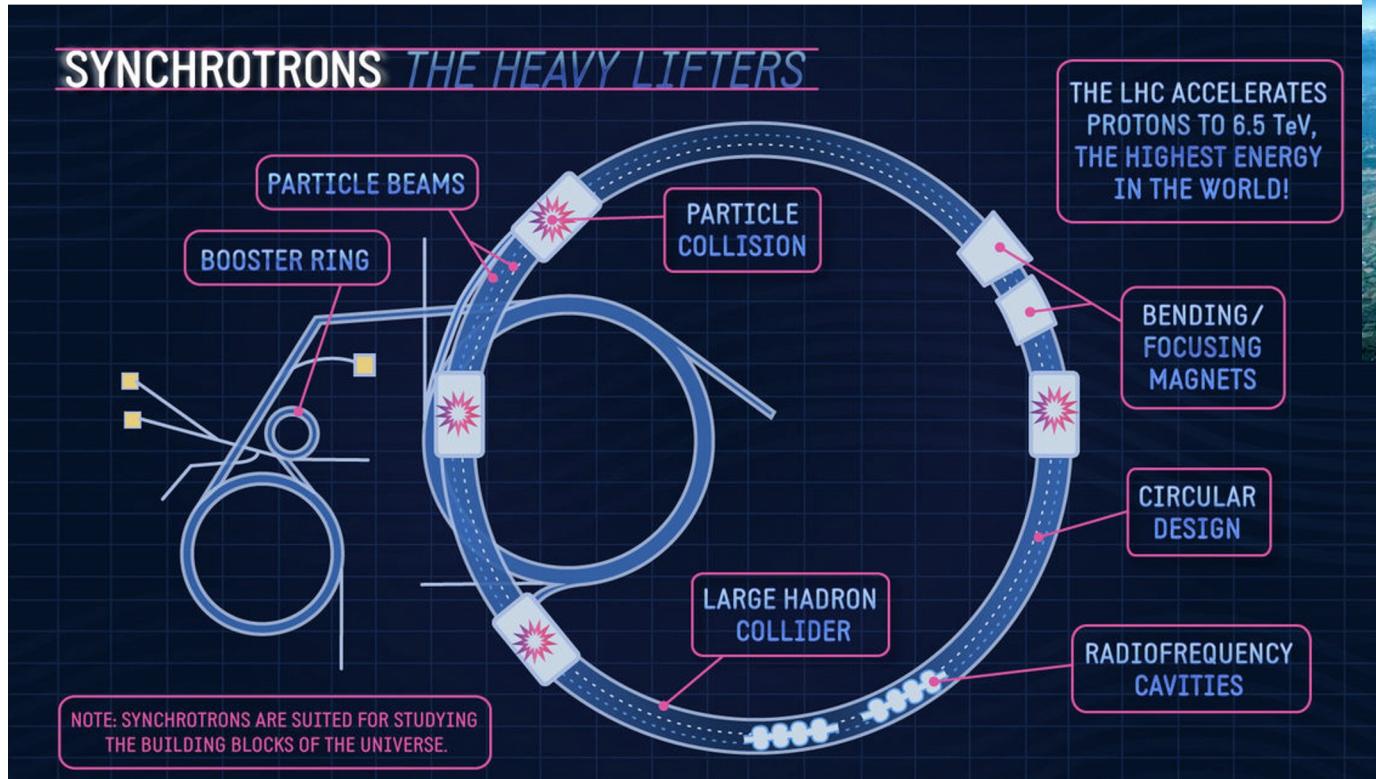
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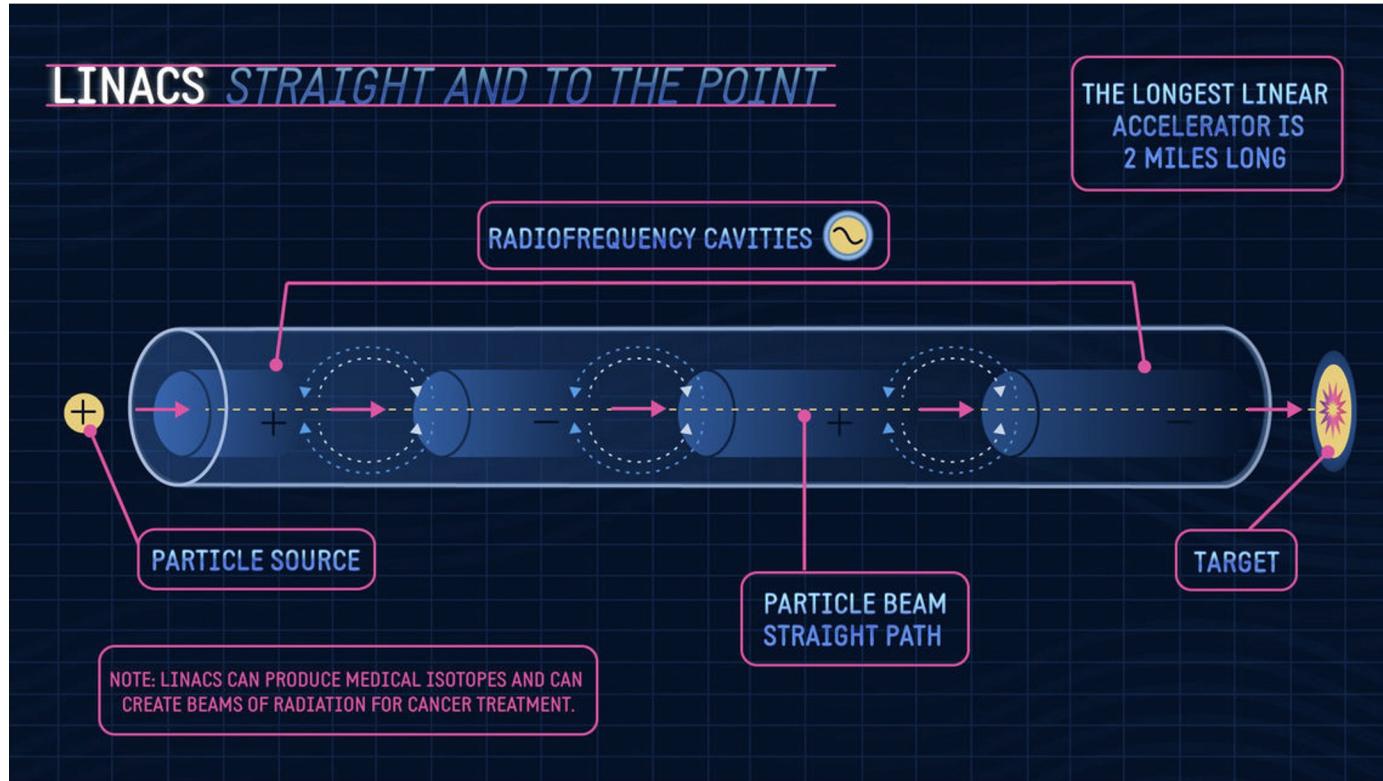
"A primer on particle accelerators", Signe Brewster, Symmetry Magazine 07/12/2016

# There are many types of particle accelerators: synchrotrons



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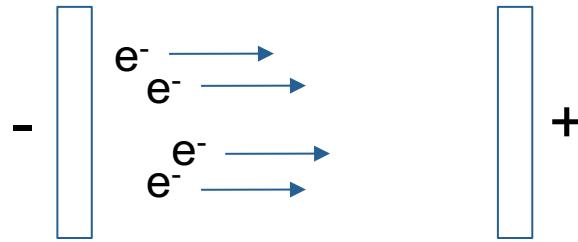
# There are many types of particle accelerators: linacs



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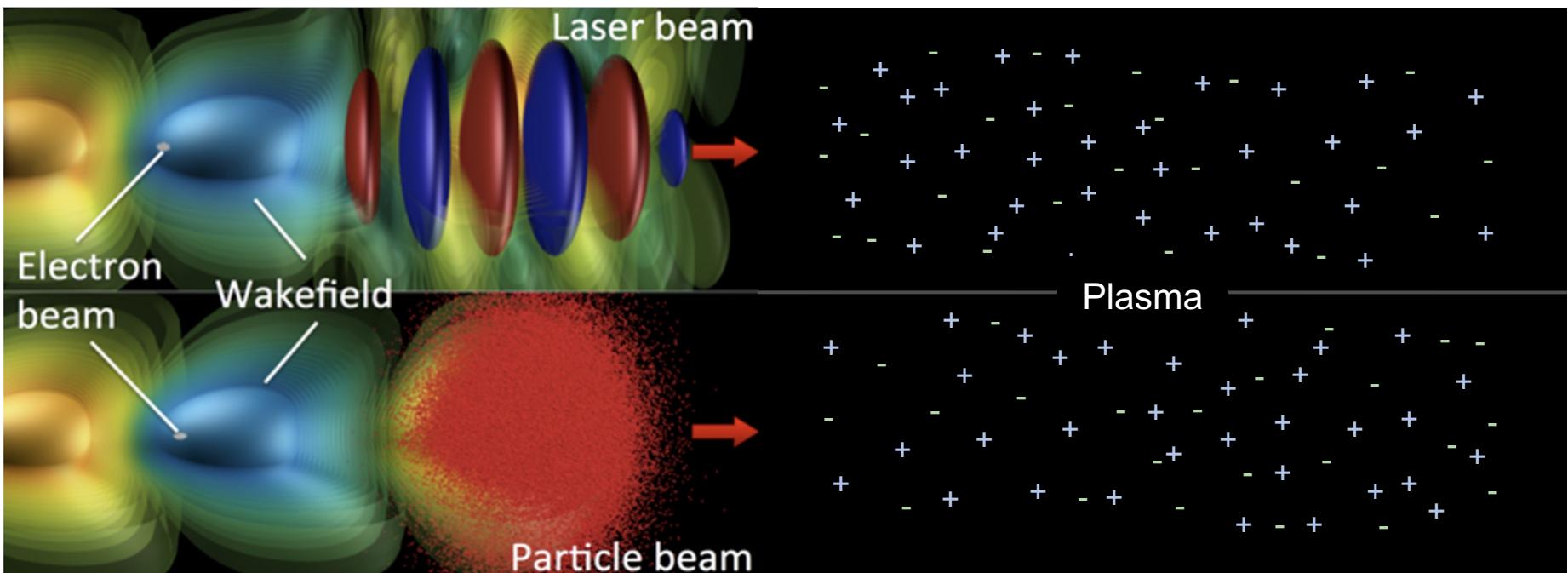
All these types of “conventional” accelerators involve a metallic pipe with vacuum inside.  
⇒ breakdown occurs if electric field is too high!



Possible solution  
to reach higher accelerating fields?  
⇒ plasmas.

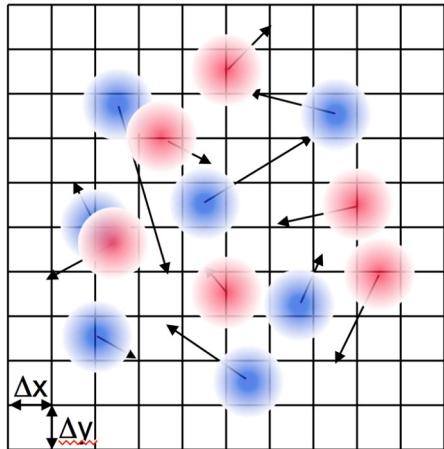
In plasma accelerators, a driver beam displaces plasma electrons

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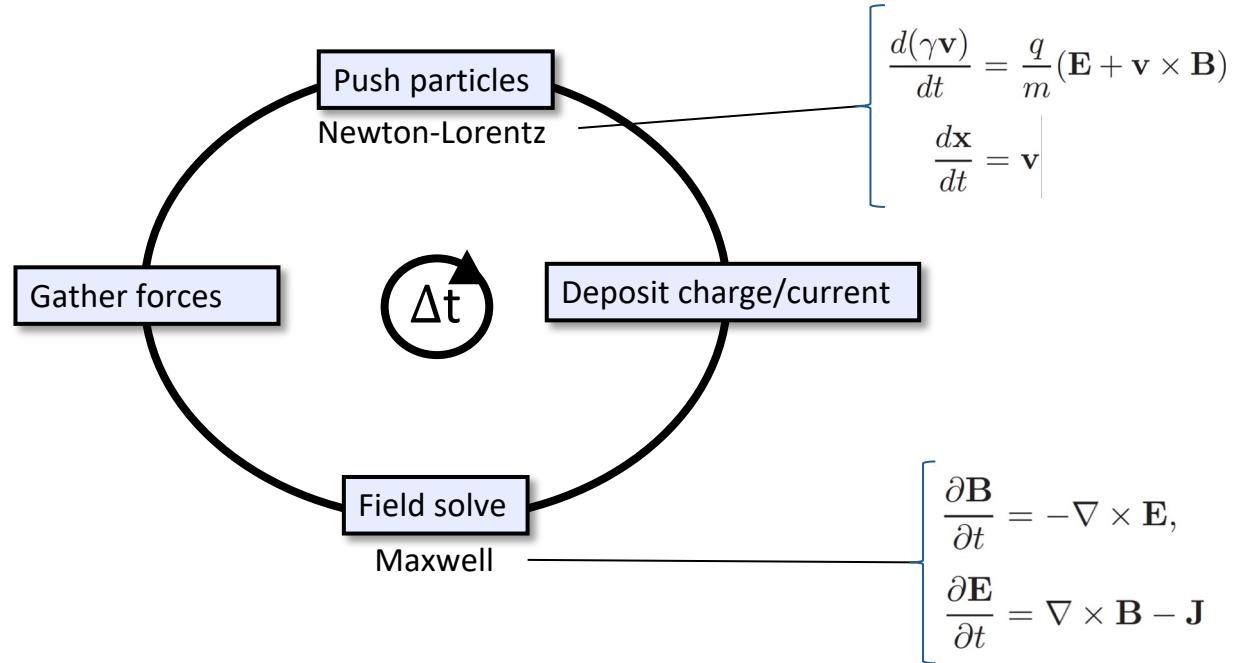


# Most used modeling approach is based on the Particle-In-Cell method

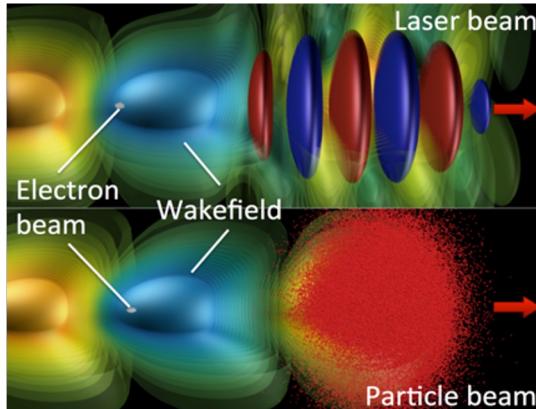
Lagrangian macro-particles



Eulerian fields on grids  
(usually Cartesian)



# Plasma accelerators are challenging to model



Short driver+wake propagates through long plasma

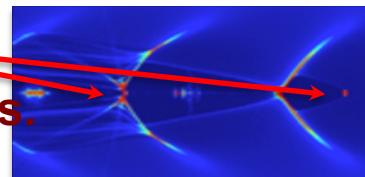


E.g., for a 10 GeV LPA scale stage:

~ $1\mu\text{m}$  wavelength laser propagates into ~ $1\text{m}$  plasma  
millions of time steps needed (even with moving  
window)

Very small features:

Many grid cells.



Simulations (in 2D) can take days for 1 stage (at insufficient resolution for collider beam quality).

For multi-TeV collider, need for  $\times 10\text{s}-1000\text{s}$  stages  $\times 10\text{s}-1000\text{s}$  (high res. 3D)  $\times 10\text{s}$  (ensembles)!

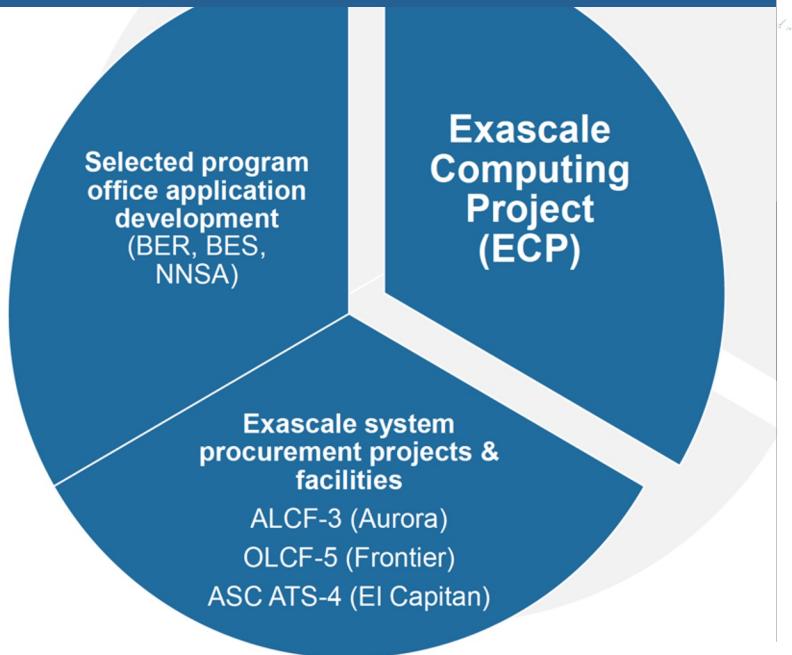
***Need for advanced algorithms and supercomputing!***

# The Exascale Computing Project

## WarpX

# U.S. DOE Exascale Computing Initiative (ECI) – 2016-2023

## Exascale Computing Initiative



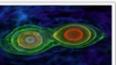
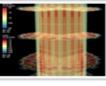
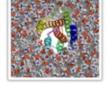
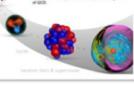
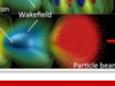
Delivers 5x performance of 200 petaflop Summit (ORNL)

Software stack for broad spectrum of apps & workloads

Wide range of apps that deliver high-fidelity solutions faster to more complex problems

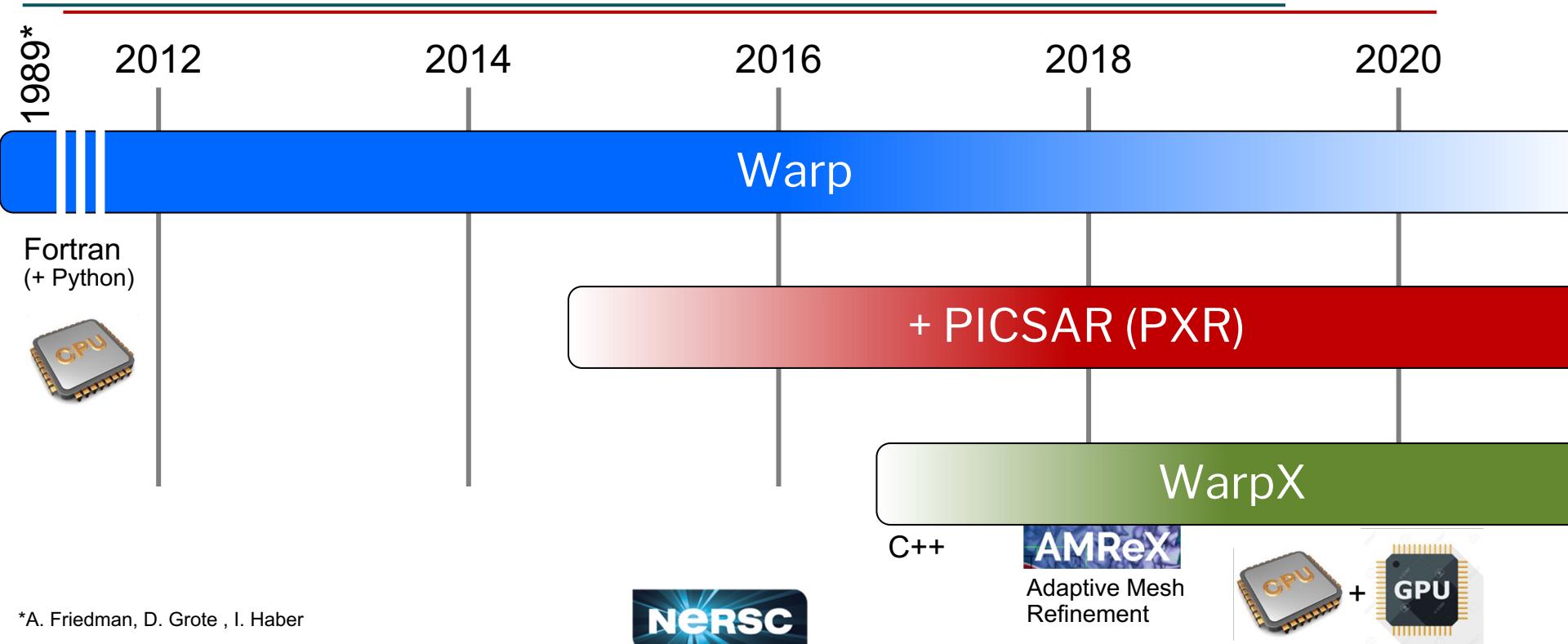
D. Kothe – April 30, 2019

# WarpX among 21 applications selected to cover broad range of science

<b>ExaWind</b>  Turbine Wind Plant Efficiency (Mike Sprague, NREL) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Harden wind plant design and layout against energy loss susceptibility</li><li>• Increase penetration of wind energy</li></ul> <b>Challenges:</b> linear solver perf in strong scale limit; manipulation of large meshes; overset of structured & unstructured grids; communication-avoiding linear solvers 	<b>ExaAM</b>  Additive Manufacturing (AM) of Qualifiable Metal Parts (John Turner, ORNL) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Accelerate the widespread adoption of AM by enabling routine fabrication of qualifiable metal parts</li></ul> <b>Challenges:</b> capturing unresolved physics; multi-grid linear solver performance; coupled physics 	<b>EQSIM</b>  Earthquake Hazard Risk Assessment (David McCallen, LBNL) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Replace conservative and costly earthquake retrofits with safe purpose-fit retrofits and designs</li></ul> <b>Challenges:</b> full waveform inversion algorithms 	<b>MFIx-Exa</b>  Scale-up of Clean Fossil Fuel Combustion (Madhava Syamali, NETL) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Accelerate the scale-up of transformational energy technologies – cutting CO<sub>2</sub> emissions at fossil fuel power plants by 2030</li></ul> <b>Challenges:</b> load balancing; strong scaling thru transients 	<b>GAMES</b>  Biofuel Catalyst Design (Mark Gordon, Ames) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Design more robust and selective catalysts orders of magnitude more efficient at temperatures hundreds of degrees lower</li></ul> <b>Challenges:</b> weak scaling of overall problem; on-node performance of molecular fragments 	<b>EXAALT</b>  Materials for Extreme Environments (Mike Perez, LANL) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Simultaneously address time, length, and accuracy requirements for predictive microstructural evolution of materials</li></ul> <b>Challenges:</b> SNAP kernel efficiency on accelerators; efficiency of DFTB application on accelerators 	<b>ExaStar</b>  Demystify Origin of Chemical Elements (Dan Kasen, LBNL) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What is the origin of the elements?</li><li>• How does matter behave at extreme densities?</li><li>• What are the sources of gravity waves?</li></ul> <b>Challenges:</b> delivering performance on accelerators; delivering fidelity for general relativity implementation 
<b>ExaSMR</b>  Design and Commercialization of Small Modular Reactors (Steve Hamilton, ORNL) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Virtual test reactor for advanced designs via experimental-quality simulations of reactor behavior</li></ul> <b>Challenges:</b> existing GPU-based MC algorithms require rework for hardware less performant for latency-bound algorithms with thread divergence; performance portability with OCCA & OpenACC not achievable; insufficient node memory for adequate CFD + MC coupling 	<b>Subsurface</b>  Carbon Capture, Fossil Fuel Extraction, Waste Disposal (Carli Steefel, LBNL) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reliably guide safe long-term consequential decisions about storage, sequestration, and exploration</li></ul> <b>Challenges:</b> performance of Lagrangian geomechanics; adequacy of Lagrangian crack mechanics + Eulerian (reaction, advection, diffusion) models; parallel HDF5 for coupling 	<b>QMCPACK</b>  Materials for Extreme Environments (Paul Kent, ORNL) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Find, predict and control materials and properties at the quantum level with unprecedented accuracy for the design novel materials that rely on metal to insulator transitions for high performance electronics, sensing, storage</li></ul> <b>Challenges:</b> minimizing on-node memory usage; parallel on-node performance of Markov-chain Monte Carlo 	<b>ExaSGD</b>  Reliable and Efficient Planning of the Power Grid (Henry Huang, PNNL) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Optimize power grid planning, operation, control and improve reliability and efficiency</li></ul> <b>Challenges:</b> parallel performance of nonlinear optimization based on discrete algebraic equations and possible mixed-integer programming 	<b>WDMApp</b>  High-Fidelity Whole Device Modeling of Magnetically Confined Fusion Plasmas (Amritava Bhattacharjee, PPPL) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Optimize ITER experiments and increase ROI of validation data and understanding</li><li>• Prepare for beyond-ITER devices</li></ul> <b>Challenges:</b> robust, accurate, and efficient code-coupling algorithm; reduction in memory and I/O usage 	<b>Combustion-PELE</b>  High-Efficiency, Low-Emission Combustion Engine Design (Jackie Chen, SNL) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reduce or eliminate current cut-and-try approaches for combustion system design</li></ul> <b>Challenges:</b> performance of chemistry ODE integration on accelerated architectures; linear solver performance for low-Mach algorithm; explicit LES/DNS algorithm not stable 	<b>ExaFEL</b>  Light Source-Enabled Analysis of Protein and Molecular Structure and Design (Amadeo Perazzo, SLAC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Process data without beam time loss</li><li>• Determine nanoparticle size and shape changes</li><li>• Engineer functional properties in biology and materials science</li></ul> <b>Challenges:</b> improving the strong scaling (one event processed over many cores) of compute-intensive algorithms (ray tracing, M-TIP) on accelerators 
<b>E3SM-MMF</b>  Accurate Regional Impact Assessment of Earth Systems (Mark Taylor, SNL) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Forecast water resources and severe weather with increased confidence; address food supply changes</li></ul> <b>Challenges:</b> MMF approach for cloud-resolving model has large biases; adequacy of Fortran MPI+OpenMP for some architectures; support for OpenMP and OpenACC 	<b>NWChemEx</b>  Catalytic Conversion of Biomass-Derived Alcohols (Thom Dunning, PNNL) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Develop new optimal catalysts while changing the current design processes that remain costly, time consuming, and dominated by trial-and-error</li></ul> <b>Challenges:</b> computation of energy gradients for coupled-cluster implementation; on- and off-node performance 	<b>ExaBiome</b>  Metagenomics for Analysis of Biogeochemical Cycles (Kathy Yelick, LBNL) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discover knowledge useful for environmental remediation and the manufacture of novel chemicals and medicines</li></ul> <b>Challenges:</b> inability of message injection rates to keep up with core counts; efficient and performant implementation of UPC, UPC++, GASNet; GPU performance; I/O performance 	<b>ExaSky</b>  Cosmological Probe of the Standard Model of Particle Physics (Kathy Yelick, LBNL) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Unravel key unknowns in the dynamics of the Universe: dark energy, dark matter, and inflation</li></ul> <b>Challenges:</b> subgrid model accuracy; OpenMP performance on GPUs; file system stability and availability 	<b>LatticeQCD</b>  Validate Fundamental Laws of Nature (Andreas Kronfeld, FNAL) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Correct light quark masses; properties of light nuclei from first principles; &lt;1% uncertainty in simple quantities</li></ul> <b>Challenges:</b> performance of critical slowing down; reducing network traffic to reduce system interconnect contention; strong scaling performance to mitigate reliance on checkpointing 	<b>WarpX</b>  Plasma Wakefield Accelerator Design (Jean-Luc Vay, BNL) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Virtual design of 100-stage 1 TeV collider; dramatically cut accelerator size and design cost</li></ul> <b>Challenges:</b> scaling of multiple FFT-based solver; maintaining efficiency of large timestep algorithm; load balancing 	<b>CANDLE</b>  Accelerate and Translate Cancer Research (Rick Stevens, ANL) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Develop predictive preclinical models and accelerate diagnostic and targeted therapy through predicting mechanisms of RAS/RAF driven cancers</li></ul> <b>Challenges:</b> increasing accuracy of optimization for model search; effectively exploiting HP16; preparing for any data management or communication bottlenecks 



# WarpX is the new version of previous code Warp



\*A. Friedman, D. Grote , I. Haber

# Timeline for Exascale project WarpX

From initial code coupling to ensemble of chains of multi GeV-scale stages

2030 -

Collider designs

Modeling of chain of **50-100** multi-GeV-scale plasma accelerator stages

2023

Modeling chain of **20-50** multi-GeV-scale plasma accelerator stages

2022

Modeling chain of **10-20** multi-GeV-scale plasma accelerator stages

2021

Modeling chain of **5-10** multi-GeV-scale plasma accelerator stages

2020

2019

Modeling chain of **3** multi-GeV-scale plasma accelerator stages

2018

Modeling a **single** multi-GeV-scale plasma accelerator stage

2017

Modeling of single plasma accelerator stage with static mesh refinement

2016

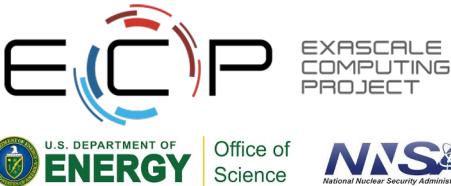
Initial coupling of AMReX and Warp/PICSAR

Frontier (ORNL)  
Aurora (ANL)  
>1 ExaFlops

All C++  
Port to GPUs.

EXASCALE COMPUTING PROJECT

# WarpX: conceived & developed by a multidisciplinary, multi-institution team



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# Advanced algorithms are needed in addition to supercomputing

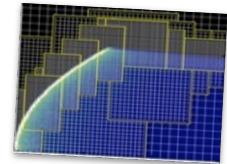
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- optimal Lorentz boosted frame



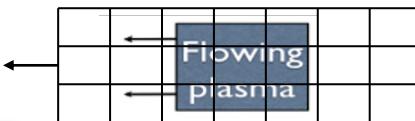
## Higher accuracy

- (Adaptive) Mesh Refinement
- Spectral (FFT-based) Maxwell solvers (PSATD)



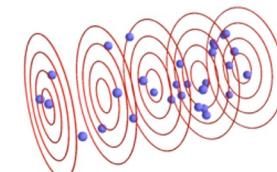
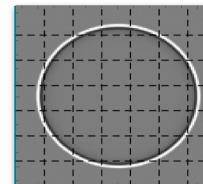
## Higher stability

- Galilean PSATD suppresses Numerical Cherenkov Instability (NCI)



## Higher scalability

- PSATD: FFT on local subdomains

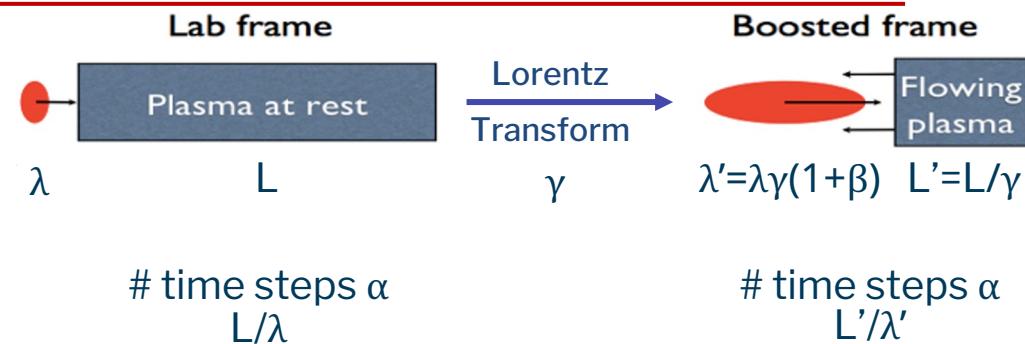


## Lower dimensionality, reduced physics

- Axisymmetric solver with azimuthal Fourier decomposition
- Envelope laser solvers

# Use Lorentz boosted frame of reference cuts simulation times drastically

Use Lorentz boosted frame instead of Lab frame\*



$$\text{Speedup} = (L'/\lambda')/(L/\lambda) = \gamma^2(1+\beta)$$

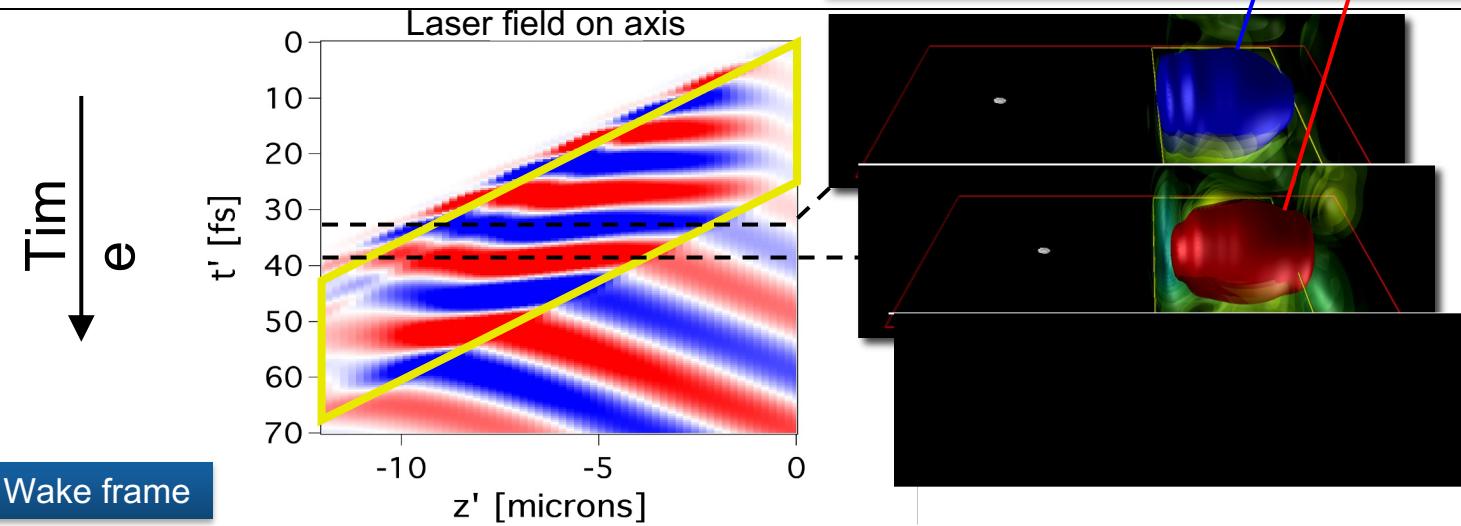
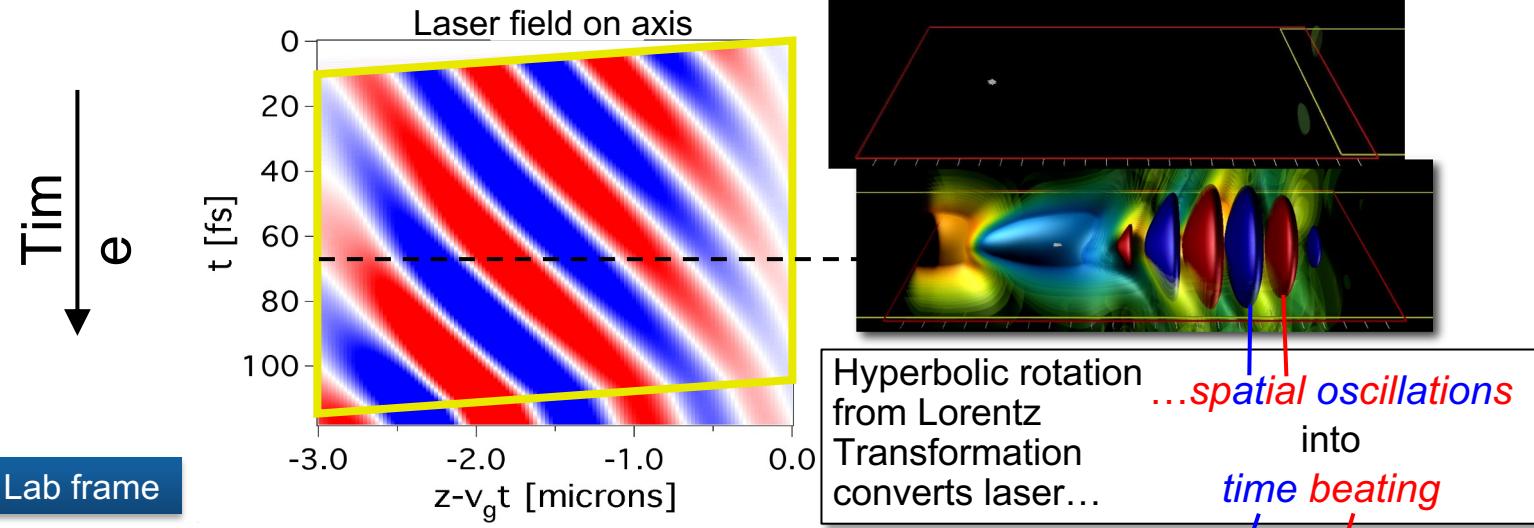
10,000!

For  $\gamma=100$ , speedup >

## Price to pay:

- Physics looks different in boosted frame and lab frame  $\Rightarrow$  need to transform between boost & lab frame.
- Potential numerical instabilities (numerical Cherenkov)  $\Rightarrow$  solve Maxwell in Galilean frame (see below).

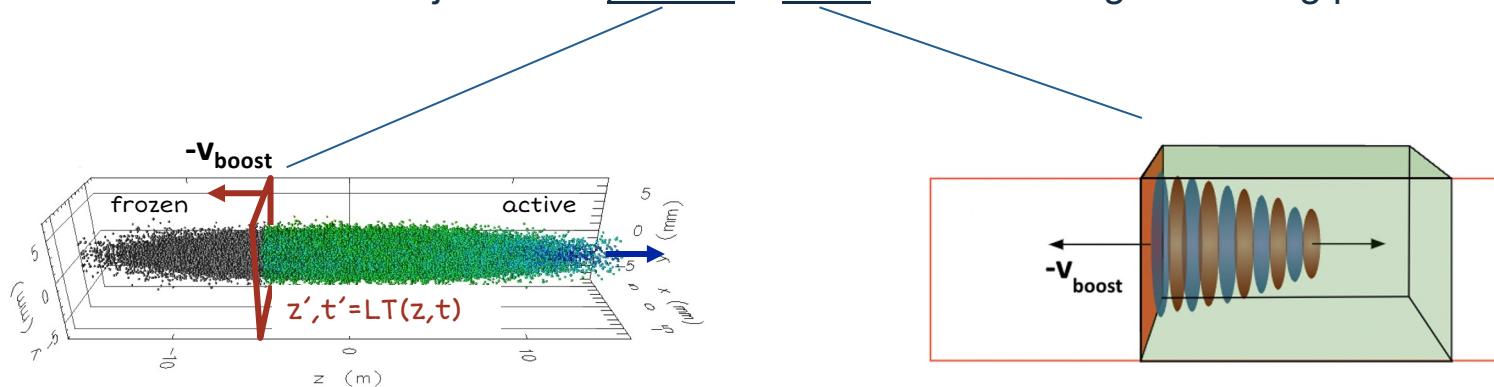
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# Care needed to ensure frame-independent initial conditions

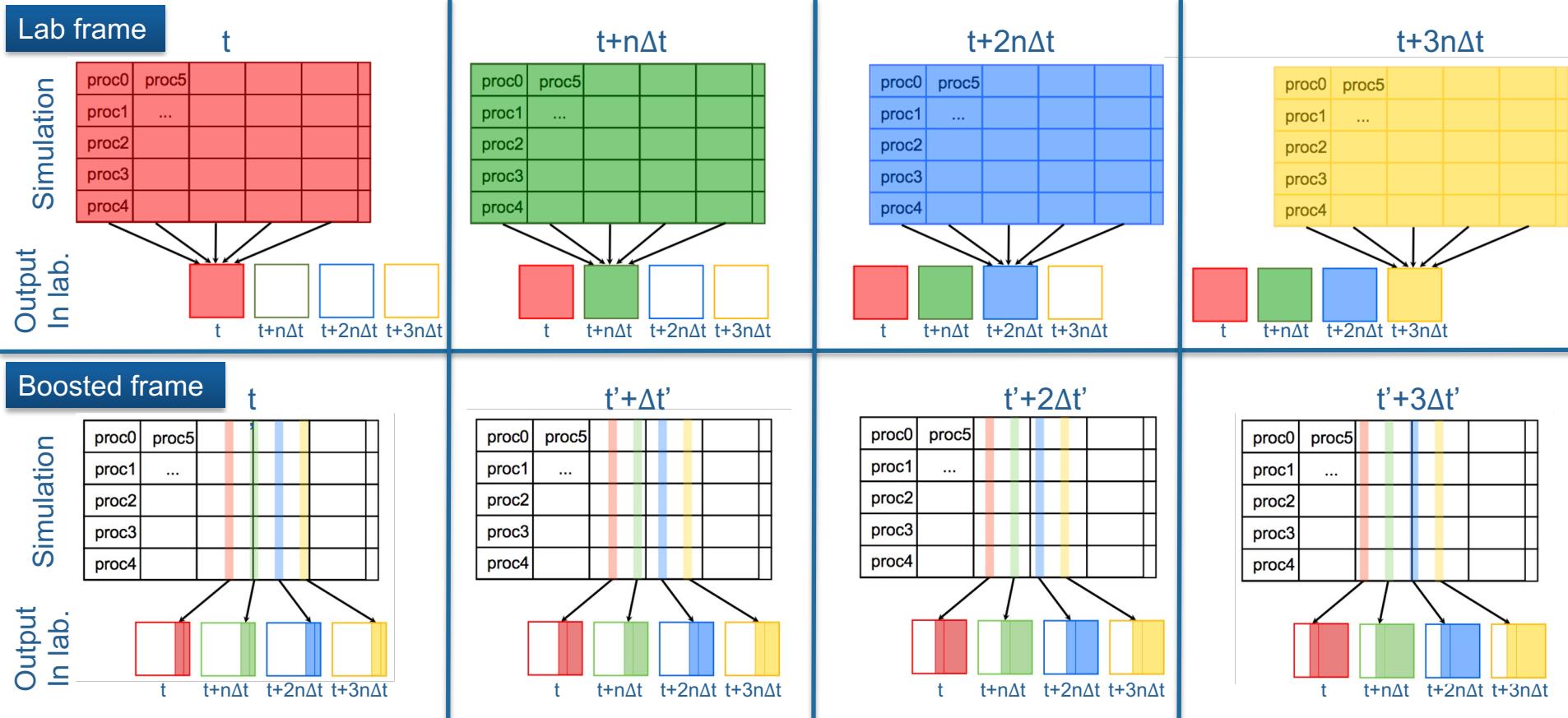
Initial conditions known in lab frame:

1. Lorentz transform to boosted frame.
2. Perform injection of particle & laser beams through a moving plane.



Also need to reconstruct output data in lab frame.

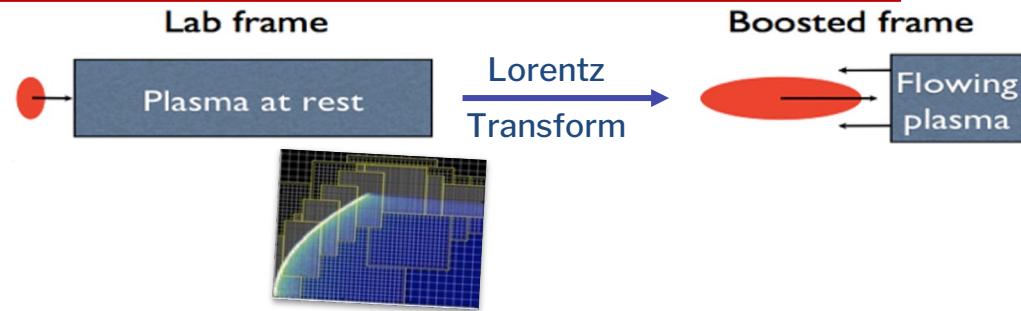
# Reconstruction of output data from boosted frame to laboratory frame



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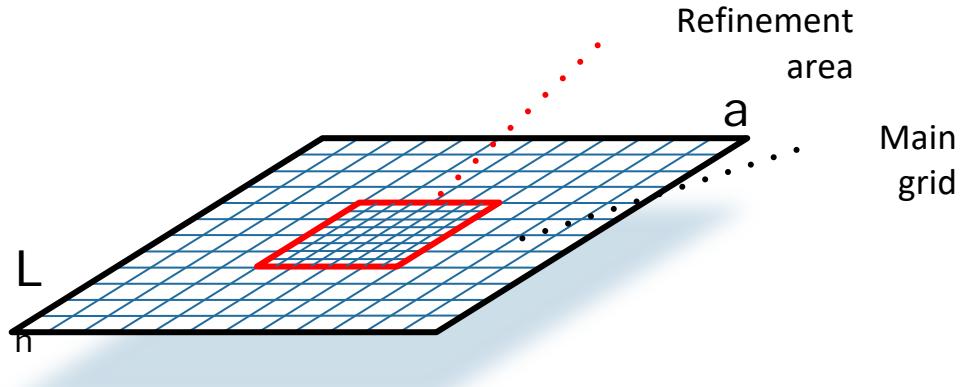
- (Adaptive) Mesh Refinement

# Mesh refinement requires special care

Jump of resolution can induce various side effects.

Need to avoid spurious:

1. self-forces<sup>1</sup>
2. wave reflections<sup>2</sup>
3. Numerical dispersion mismatch<sup>2</sup>
4. Numerical transition radiation



<sup>1</sup>J.-L. Vay, P. Colella, P. McCorquodale, B. Van Straalen, A. Friedman, D. P. Grote, *Laser & Particle Beams* **20**, 569 (2002)

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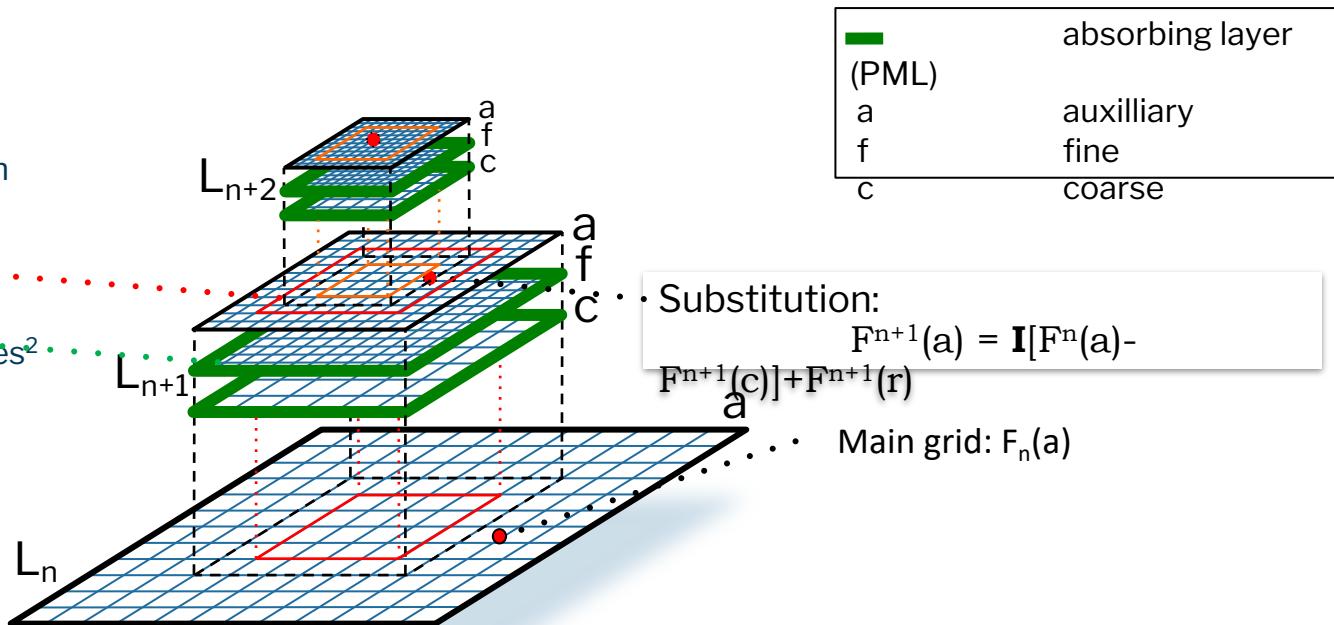
# Hence mesh refinement requires special algorithm

Need to avoid spurious:

1. self-forces
2. wave reflections
3. dispersion mismatch

⇒

1. buffer regions<sup>1</sup> • • • •
2. multiple grids with PMLs around patches<sup>2</sup> • •
3. pseudo-spectral solvers<sup>3</sup>



<sup>1</sup>J.-L. Vay, D. P. Grote, R. H. Cohen, & A. Friedman, *Computational Science & Discovery* **5**, 014019 (2012).

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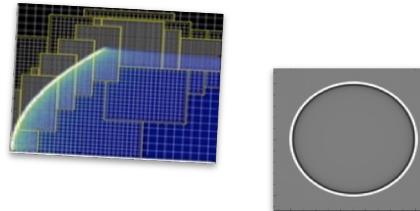
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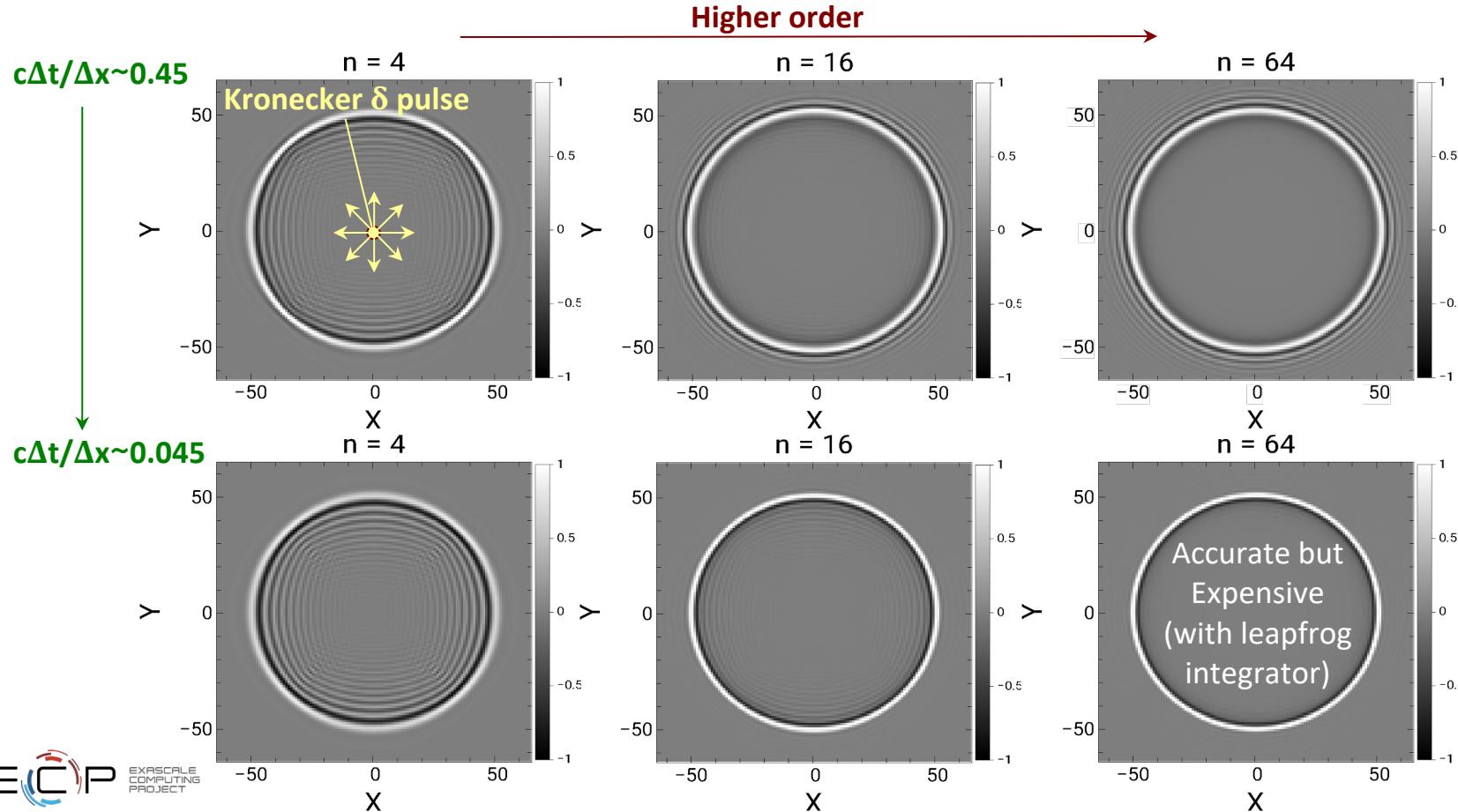


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# Arbitrary-order Maxwell solver offers flexibility in accuracy

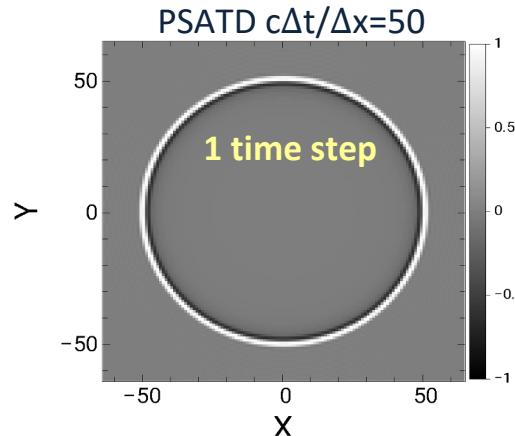


# Analytical integration in Fourier space offers infinite order

## Pseudo-Spectral Analytical Time-Domain<sup>1</sup> (PSATD)

$$B_z^{n+1} = \mathcal{F}^{-1} \left( C \mathcal{F} (B_z^n) \right) + \mathcal{F}^{-1} \left( iS k_y \mathcal{F} (E_x) \right) - \mathcal{F}^{-1} \left( iS k_x \mathcal{F} (E_y) \right)$$

with  $C = \cos(kc\Delta t)$ ;  $S = \sin(kc\Delta t)$ ;  $k = \sqrt{k_x^2 + k_y^2}$



Easy to implement arbitrary-order  $n$  with PSATD ( $k=k^{\circ\circ} \square k^n$ ).

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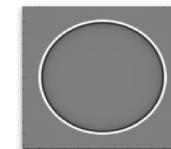
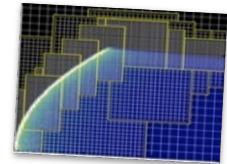
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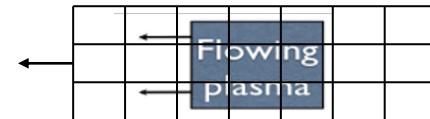
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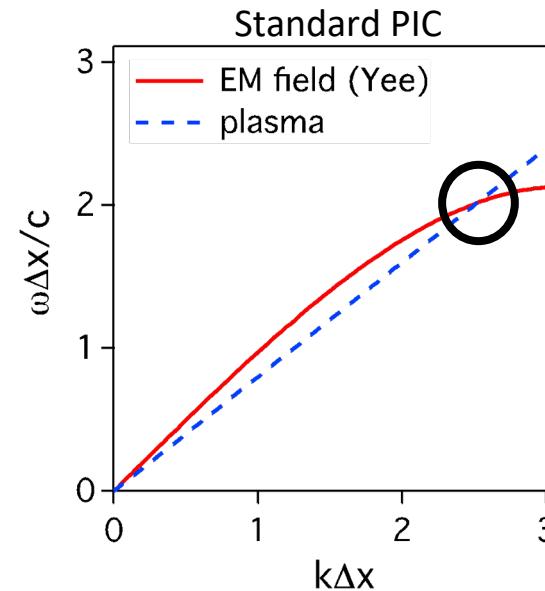
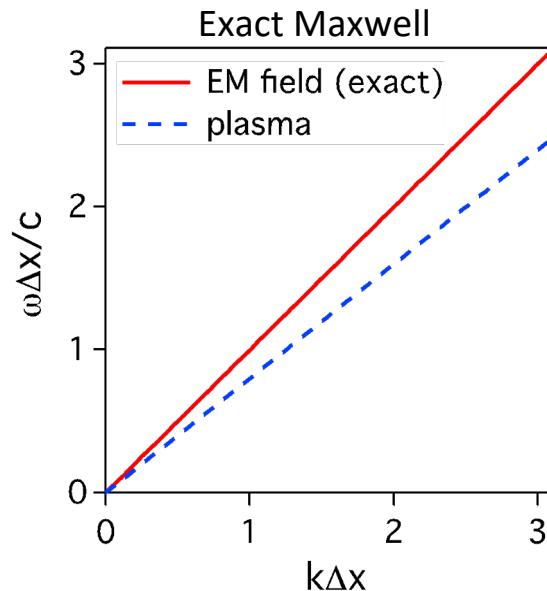
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# Relativistic plasma PIC subject to numerical Cherenkov instability (NCI)

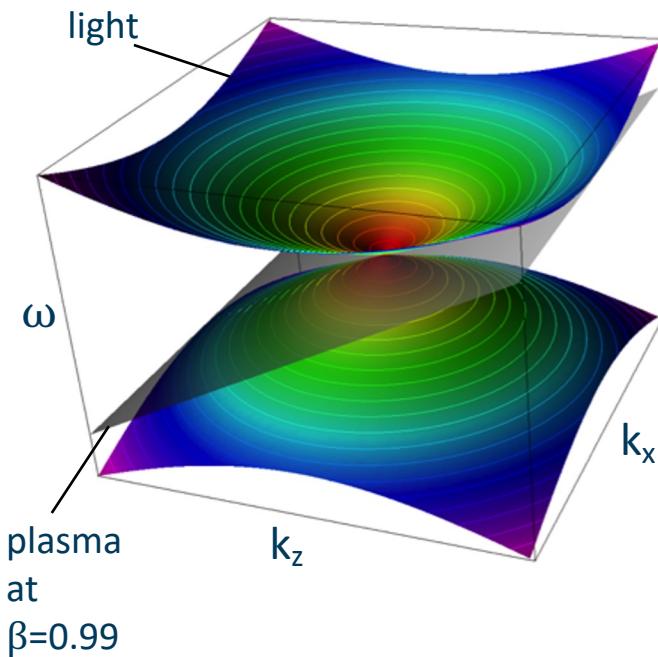
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Numerical dispersion leads to crossing of EM field and plasma modes -> instability.

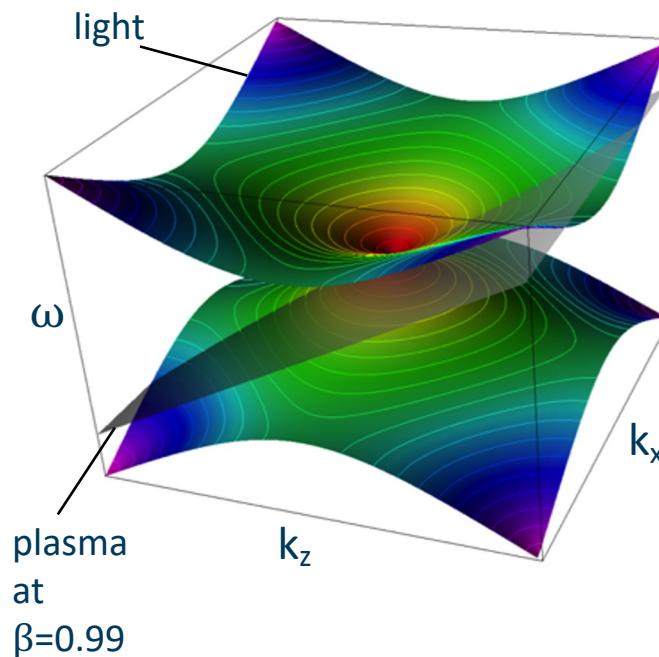


# Situation slightly more complex in 2D & 3D

Exact Maxwell

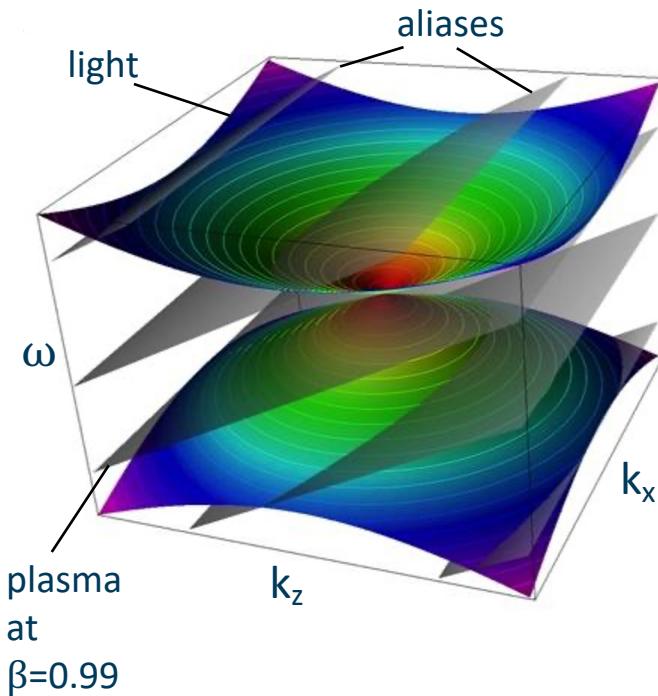


Standard PIC

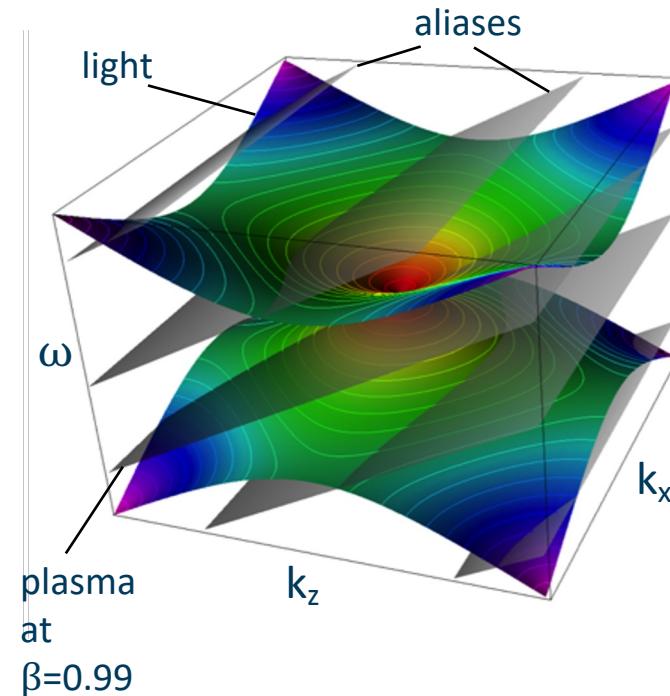


# Aliases lead to more crossings in 2D & 3D

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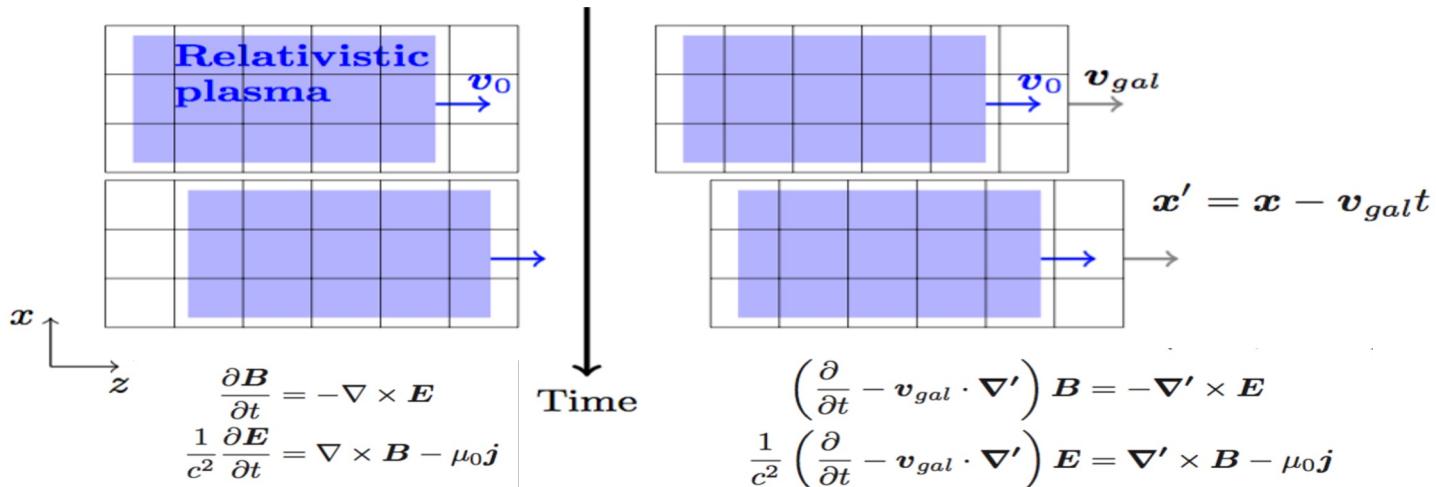
Standard PIC



# Elegant solution: use PSATD for time integration in Galilean frame

~~Standard PSATD PIC~~  
Plasma moves through fixed grid.

Galilean PSATD PIC  
Grid follows the relativistic plasma.



+ integrate analytically, assuming  $\mathbf{j}(\mathbf{x}, t)$   $\mathbf{j}(\mathbf{x}', t)$  is constant over one timestep.



Original idea by Manuel Kirchen (U. Hamburg)

Concept and applications: [Kirchen et al., Phys. Plasmas 23, 100704 \(2016\)](#)



Derivation of the algorithm by Rémi Lehe (Berkeley Lab):

[Lehe et al., Phys. Rev. E 94, 053305 \(2016\)](#)

# Advanced algorithms are needed in addition to supercomputing

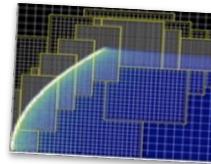
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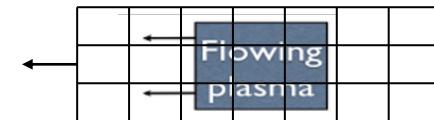
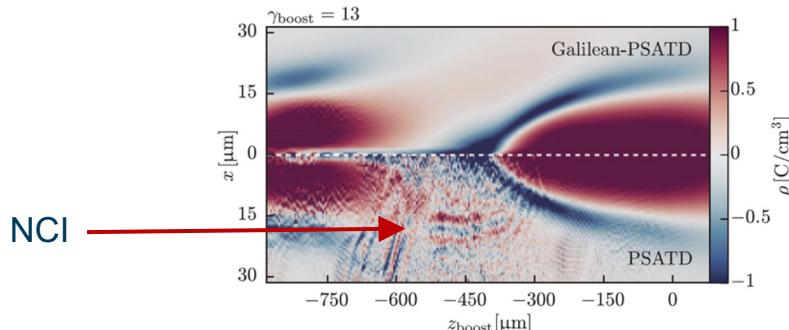
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PSATD enables analytical integration of Maxwell in Galilean frame following the plasma<sup>2,3</sup>.

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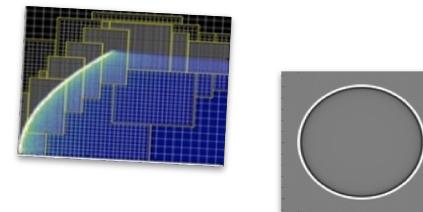
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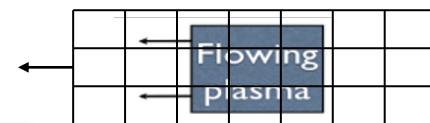
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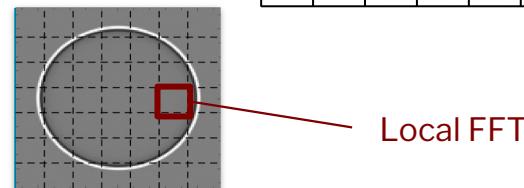
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## Higher scalability

- PSATD: FFT on local subdomains



**Finite speed of light/arbitrary order  $\Rightarrow$  local FFTs  $\Rightarrow$  spectral accuracy + FDTD scaling!**

J.-L. Vay, I. Haber, B. B. Godfrey, *J. Comput. Phys.* **243**, 260–268 (2013).

H. Vincenti, J.-L. Vay, *Comput. Phys. Comm.* **200**, 147 (2016).

Jalas, S. and Dornmair, I. and Lehe, R. and Vincenti, H. and Vay, J.-L. and Kirchen, M. and Maier, A. R., *Phys. Plasmas* **24**, 033115 (2017).

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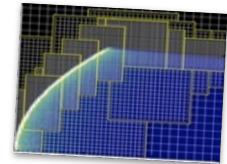
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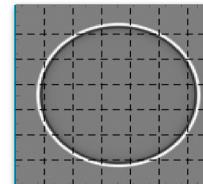
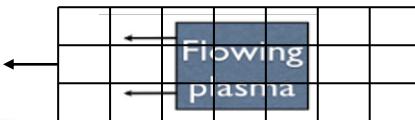
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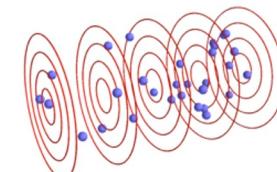


## Higher scalability

- PSATD: FFT on local subdomains

## Lower dimensionality, reduced physics

- Axisymmetric solver with azimuthal Fourier decomposition
- Envelope laser solvers



# Exascale

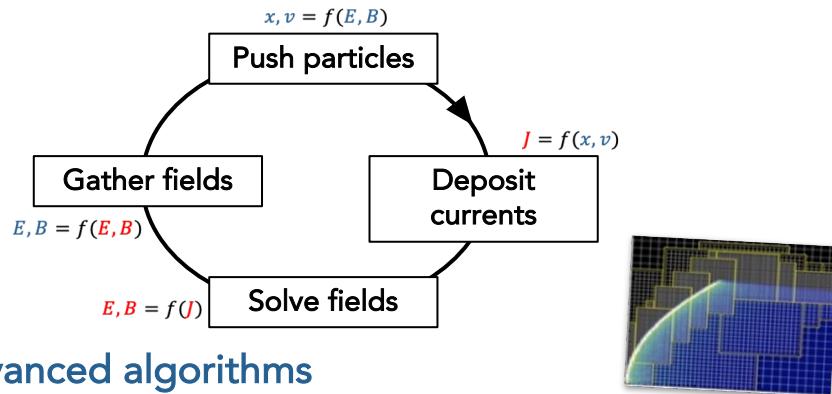
## Preparing WarpX for the World's Largest Supercomputers

# WarpX is a GPU-Accelerated PIC Code for Exascale



## Available Particle-in-Cell Loops

- electrostatic & electromagnetic (fully kinetic)



## Advanced algorithms

boosted frame, spectral solvers, Galilean frame, embedded boundaries + CAD, MR, ...

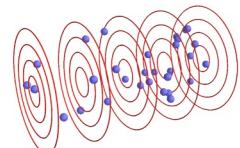
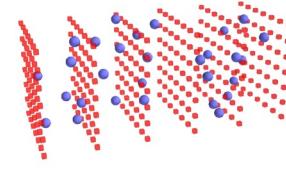
## Multi-Physics Modules

field ionization of atomic levels, Coulomb collisions, QED processes (e.g. pair creation), macroscopic materials



## Geometries

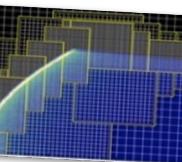
- 1D3V, 2D3V, 3D3V and RZ (quasi-cylindrical)



Cylindrical grid (schematic)

## Multi-Node parallelization

- MPI: 3D domain decomposition
- dynamic load balancing



## On-Node Parallelization

- GPU: CUDA, HIP and SYCL
- CPU: OpenMP

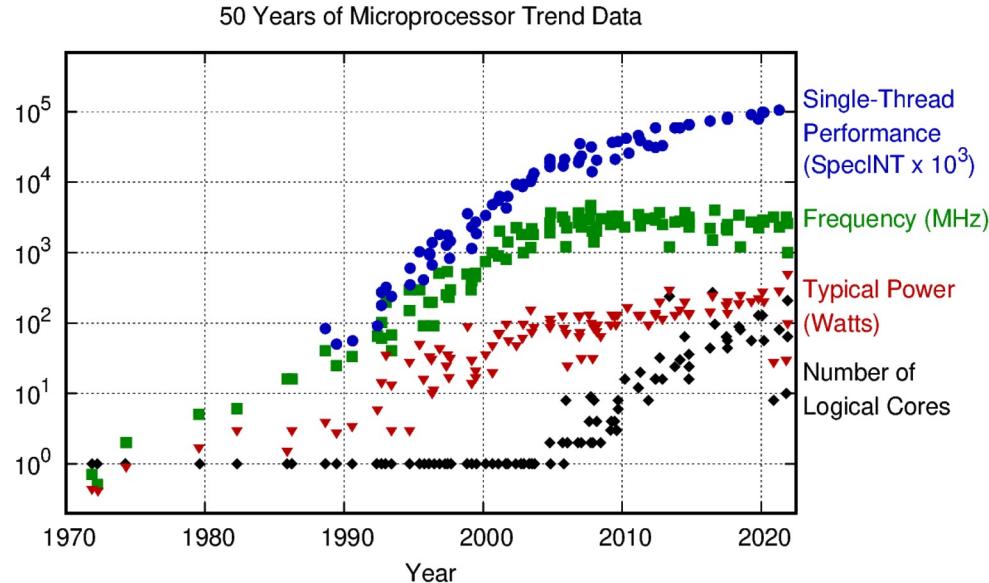


## Scalable, Standardized I/O

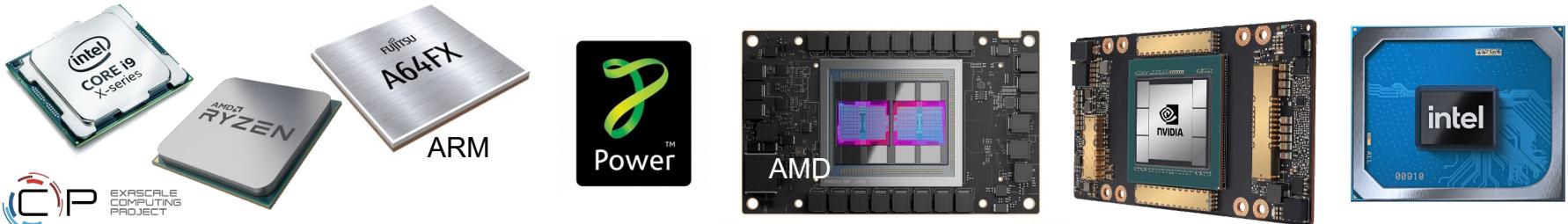
- PICMI Python interface
- openPMD (HDF5 or ADIOS)
- in situ diagnostics



# Power-Limits Seed a Cambrian Explosion of Compute Architectures



Original data up to the year 2010 collected and plotted by M. Horowitz, F. Labonte, O. Shacham, K. Olukotun, L. Hammond, and C. Batten  
New plot and data collected for 2010-2021 by K. Rupp



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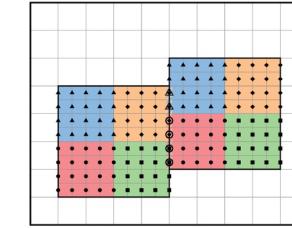
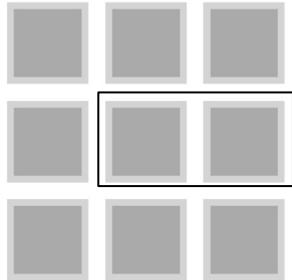
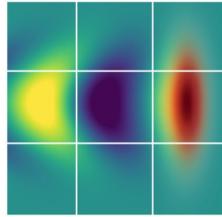
distribute one simulation

over

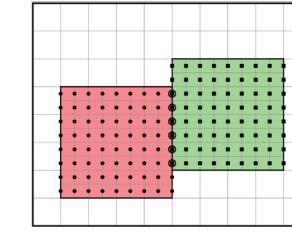
10,000s of computers

for

millions of cores



with tiling



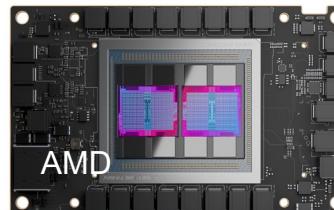
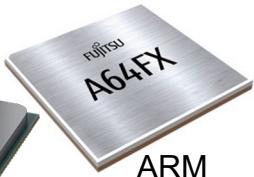
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potential future

Field-Programmable Gate Array (FPGA)

Application-Specific Integrated Circuit (ASIC)

Quantum-Circuit



# Software Stacks, Standardization & Reuse Opportunities



## Applications

Scripting & Language Bindings

Applications & Physics Modules

## Libraries



I/O

Math

Containers and Algorithms

PIC Algorithms

Communication

Performance Portability

In-Node Acceleration

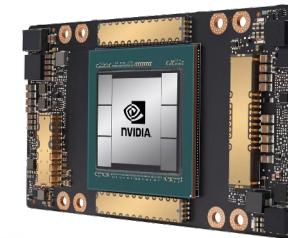
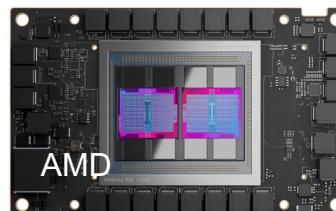
Message-Passing

H.C. Edwards, C.R. Trott et al., JPDC (2014); B. Worpitz, MA (2015); E. Zenker, A. Huebl et al., IPDPSW (2016)  
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## Programming Models



## Hardware



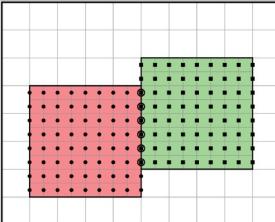
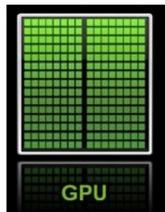
# Portable Performance through Exascale Programming Model

AMReX library

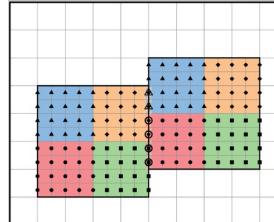


## Performance-Portability Layer in C++17 GPU/CPU/KNL

- **algorithms** and
- **data structures** for block-structured mesh-refinement: fields & particles



without tiling



with tiling

**Write the code once, specialize at *compile-time***

ParallelFor (/Scan/Reduce)

```
amrex::ParallelFor( n_particles,  
[=] AMREX_GPU_DEVICE (long i) {  
  
    UpdatePosition( x[i], y[i], z[i],  
                    ux[i], uy[i], uz[i], dt );  
  
};
```

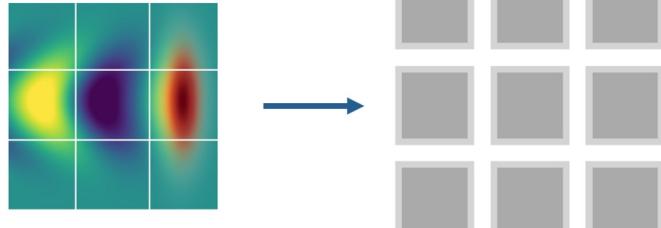
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Domain decomposition & MPI  
Communications:

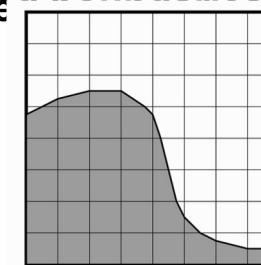
- domain decomposition
- boundary updates, particle moves,  
load balancing



## Parallel linear solvers

e.g., multi-grid Poisson solvers

## Embedded

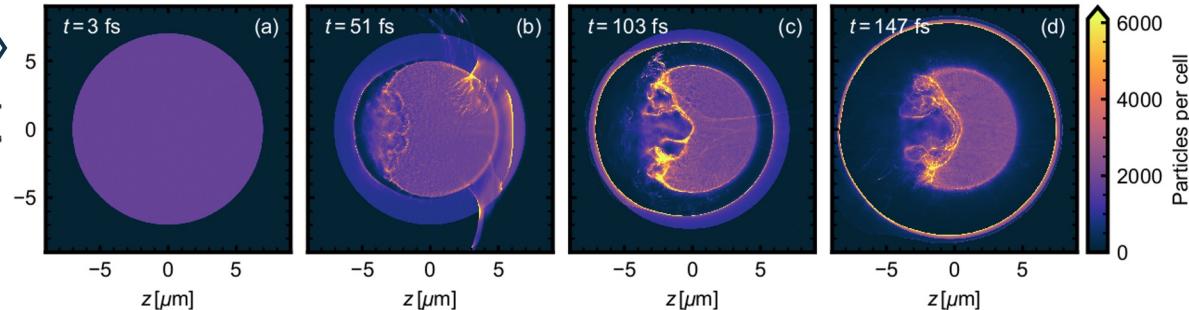


Runtime parser for user-provided  
math expressions (incl. GPU)

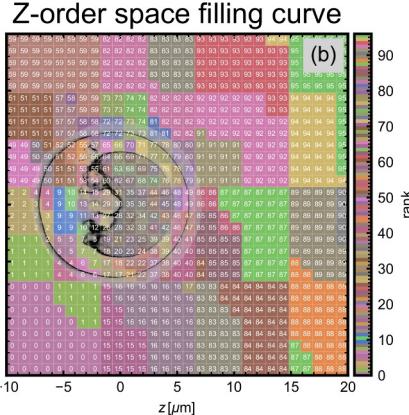
# GPU Computing at Scale Requires Advanced Load Balancing

## Application Challenges

- Plasma Mirrors & Laser-Ion Acceleration: moving front
- Laser Wakefield Accelerator: Injected Beam Particles



domain decomposition example:

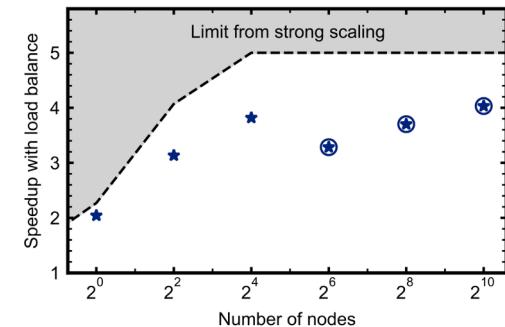


## In Situ Cost Analysis

- basis for distribution functions
- realistic cost: kernel timing

Result: 3.8x speedup!

- production-quality, easy-to-use
- larger simulation: mitigate local memory spikes

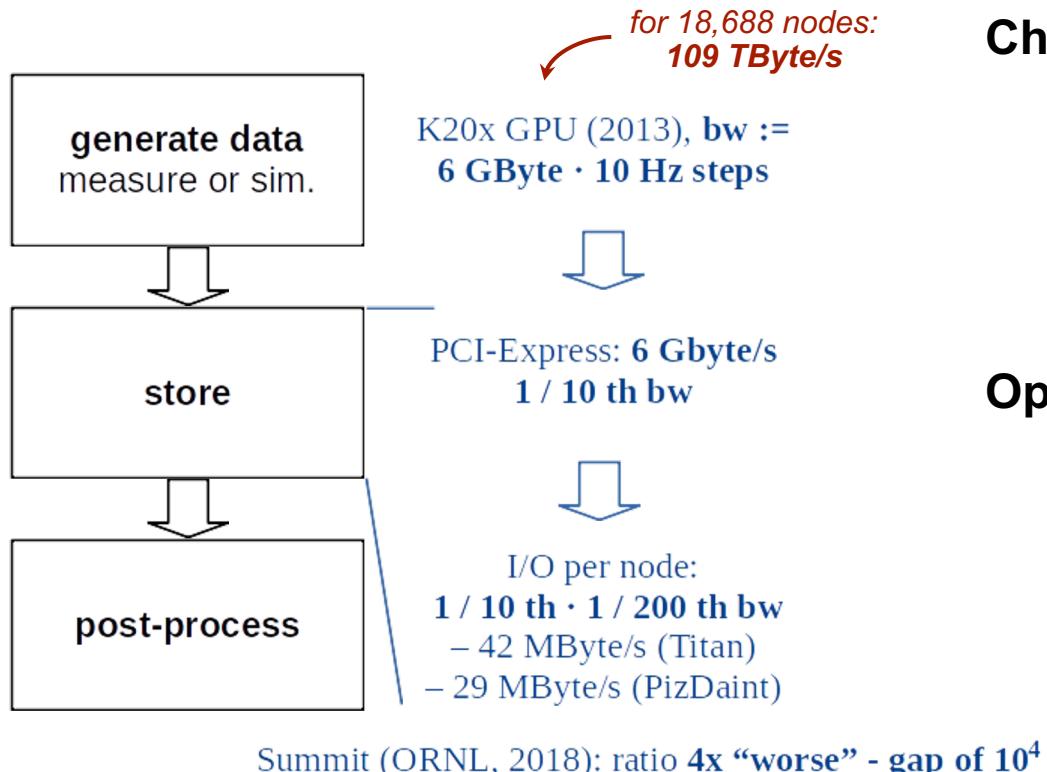


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# Open Science

In HPC, we collaborate across domains and  
work with many specialists

# Common Data Challenges in HPC



## Challenges

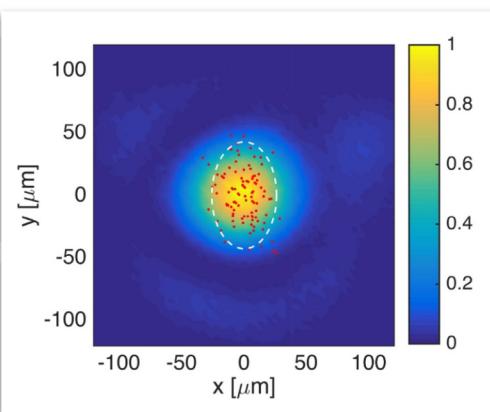
- **3 orders of magnitude gap** between producing devices and storage
- “store & analyze everything” is *unaffordable*

## Opportunities

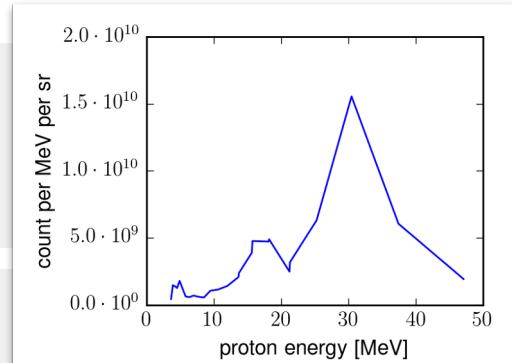
- analysis tasks have varying **fidelity** needs
- many common tasks can be done **in situ**
- manual steps: limit the sampling of raw data to **setup phase**

# Data Processing & Reduction Examples

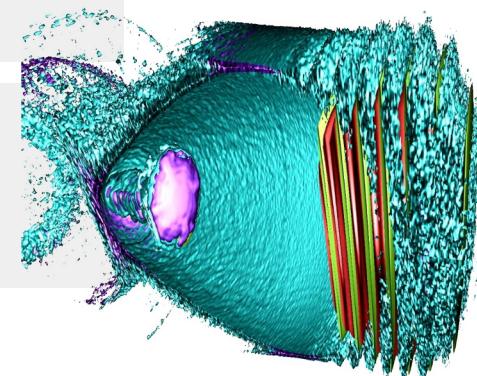
Binning of a **spectrogram**  
Fitting of an **ellipsoid**



**Compression** (lossless/lossy)



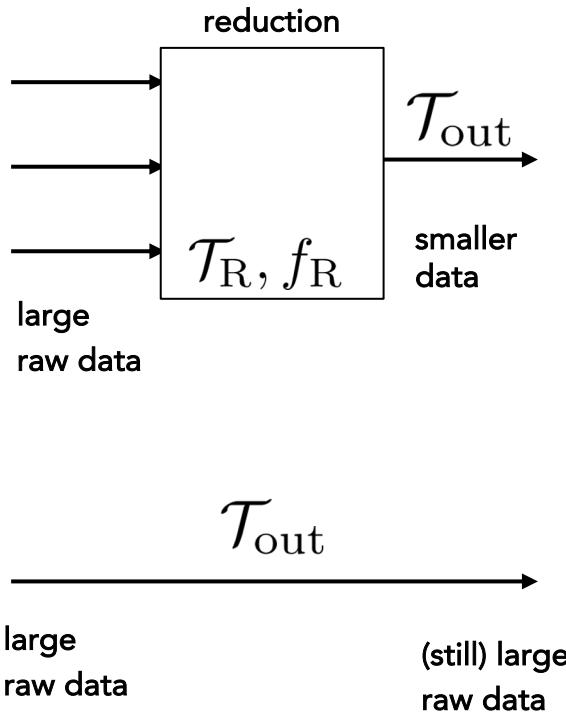
**Ray-casting** 3D data,  
training a neural network, etc.



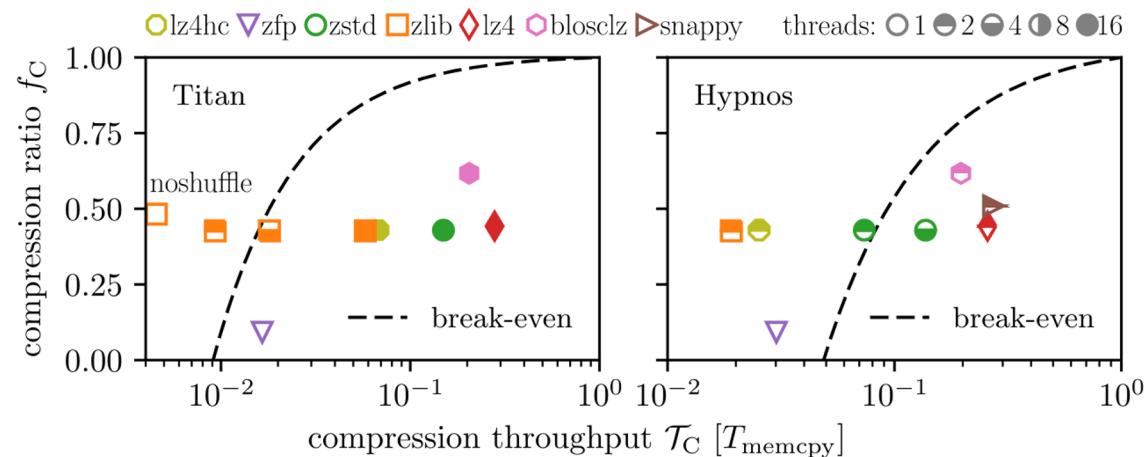
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## Avoid Backlog: Design Criteria for Data Reduction Pipelines



$$\frac{\mathcal{T}_R \times (1 - f_R)}{1 - \mathcal{T}_R} > \mathcal{T}_{out}$$

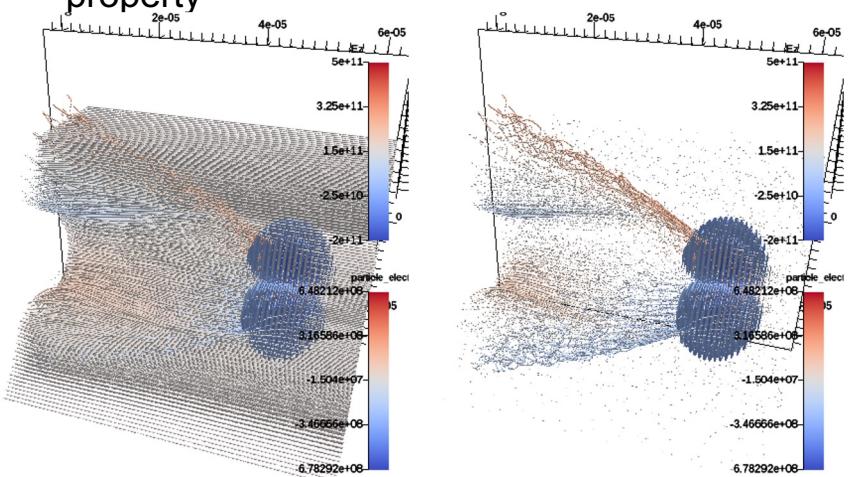


Result: **trade compute for throughput**, >100 GByte perceived application throughput and **280 GByte/s** peak parallel filesystem throughput

# Reduce Particle I/O with Novel In Situ Visualization

## Particle Adaptive Sampling

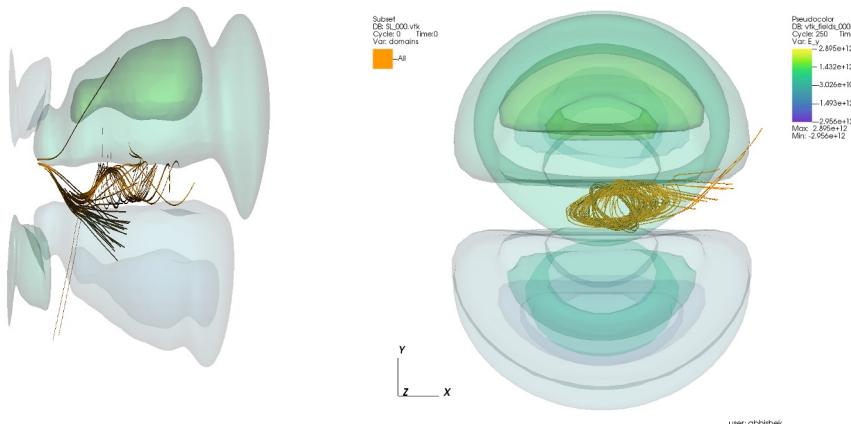
- **emphasis** on “uncommon” properties
- inverse sampling to incidence of a property



A. Biswas et al., “In Situ Data-Driven Adaptive Sampling for Large-scale Simulation Data Summarization,” ISAV18 @SC18 (2018)

## Physics-Informed Flow Tracelines

- traditional flow vis. depends only on *local field values*
- plasma particles:
  - **inert**: track *relativistic momentum* on a traceline
  - **Lorentz-Force**: 6 fields (electromag.), leap-frog
- chance to **significantly reduce particle I/O** in real-life workflows through savinas on **temporal fidelity**

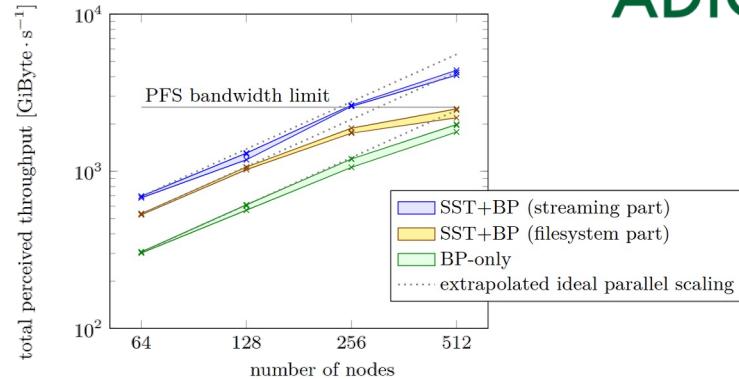


# openPMD: Share Data and Cutting-Edge Optimizations



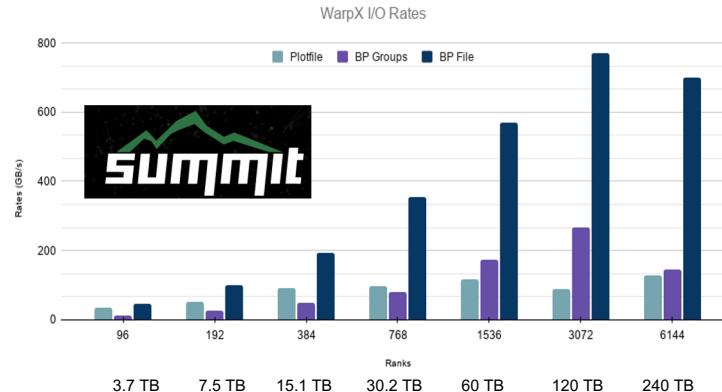
## Application Challenges

- R&D in: scalable techniques, data layouts, libraries
- scientific data analysis & sharing

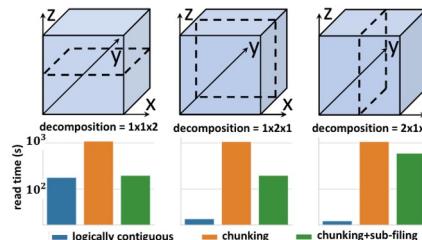
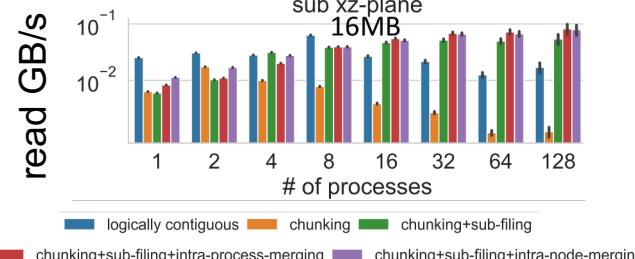


Streaming Data Pipelines: [arXiv:2107.06108](https://arxiv.org/abs/2107.06108)  
by F Poeschel, A Huebl et al., SMC21 (2021)

Online Data Layout Reorganization:  
[DOI:10.1109/TPDS.2021.3100784](https://doi.org/10.1109/TPDS.2021.3100784)  
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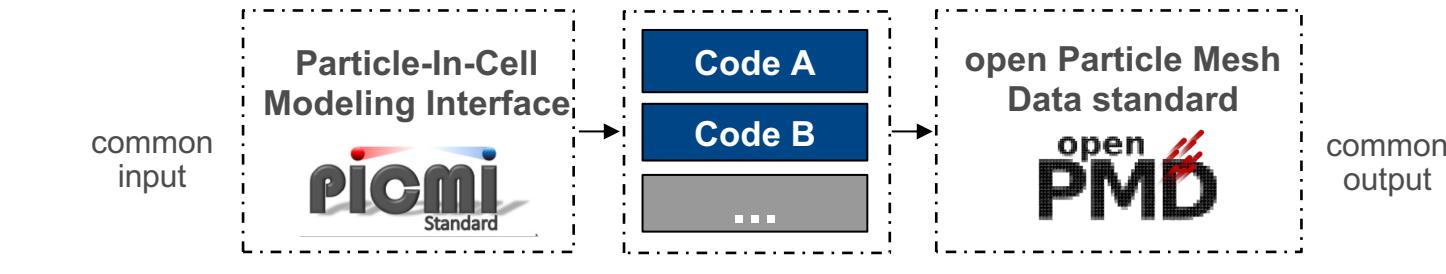
Write: plotfiles → ADIOS BP per rank & step → append to files



Impact of decomposition schemes when reading

# We are Establishing an Open Community Ecosystem with Standards

In accelerator modeling, we use **specialized codes** for different science questions.  
**Code usage and data exchange must become easier to be productive.**



```
class picmistandard.PICMI_Simulation(solver=None, time_step_size=None, max_steps=None,  
max_time=None, verbose=None, particle_shape='linear', gamma_boost=None, cpu_split=None,  
load_balancing=None, **kw) [source]
```

Creates a Simulation object

#### Parameters

- **solver** (object) – An instance of one of the PICMI field solvers ; see [Field solvers](#) This is the field solver to be used in the simulation
- **time\_step\_size** (float) – Absolute time step size of the simulation [s] (needed if the CFL is not specified elsewhere)
- **max\_steps** (int) – Maximum number of time steps (Specify either this, or **max\_time**, or use the **step** function directly)
- **max\_time** (float) – Maximum physical time to run the simulation [s] (Specify either this, or **max\_steps**, or use the **step** function directly)
- **verbose** (int) – Verbosity flag (A larger integer results in more verbose output.)

- **markup / schema for arbitrary hierarchical data formats**
- **scientifically self-describing**
- **basis for open data workflows**

## Example in the Open Particle Mesh Data Standard

- electric field       $\vec{E}(\vec{r})$

/ ... / meshes / E /

x      y      z

- temperature       $T(\vec{r})$

/ ... / meshes /

T

- electron position       $\vec{r}$

/ ... / particles / electrons / position /

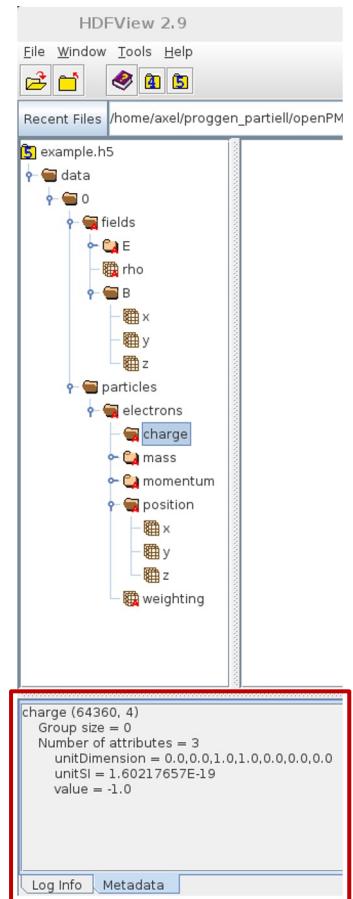
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group

data

attributes

extensions to the  
base standard  
define additional,  
compatible, domain-  
specific conventions



# We Develop Openly with the Community



Online Documentation:  
[warpx|hipace|impactx.readthedocs.io](https://warpx|hipace|impactx.readthedocs.io)

The screenshot shows the WarpX documentation interface. On the left, a sidebar lists various examples: USAGE, Run WarpX, Input Parameters, Python (PICML), Examples (selected), Beam-driven electron acceleration, Laser-driven electron acceleration, Plasma mirror, Laser-ion acceleration, Uniform plasma, and Capacitive discharge. The main content area displays the 'Beam-driven electron acceleration' example under the AMReX inputs section. It includes a list of input files: 2D case, 2D case in boosted frame, and 3D case in boosted frame. A note states: "For a complete list of all example input files, have a look at our Examples/ directory. It contains folders and subfolders with self-describing names that you can try. All these input files are automatically tested, so they should always be up-to-date."

Open-Source Development & Benchmarks:  
[github.com/ECP-WarpX](https://github.com/ECP-WarpX)

The screenshot shows the GitHub Actions CI status page for WarpX. It displays a list of build jobs: macOS / AppleClang (pull\_request) - Successful in 40m (Required, Details), Windows / MSVC C++17 w/o MPI (pull\_request) - Successful in 58m (Details), CUDA / NVCC 11.0.2 SP (pull\_request) - Successful in 31m (Required, Details), HIP / HIP 3D SP (pull\_request) - Successful in 29m (Details), Intel / oneAPI DPC++ SP (pull\_request) - Successful in 38m (Details), and OpenMP / Clang pwwarpx (pull request) - Successful in 37m (Required, Details). An orange box highlights the CUDA, HIP, and Intel builds.

Rapid and easy installation on any platform:



`conda install  
-c conda-forge warpx`



`spack install warpx  
spack install py-warpx`



`python3 -m pip install .`



`brew tap ecp-warpx/warpx  
brew install warpx`



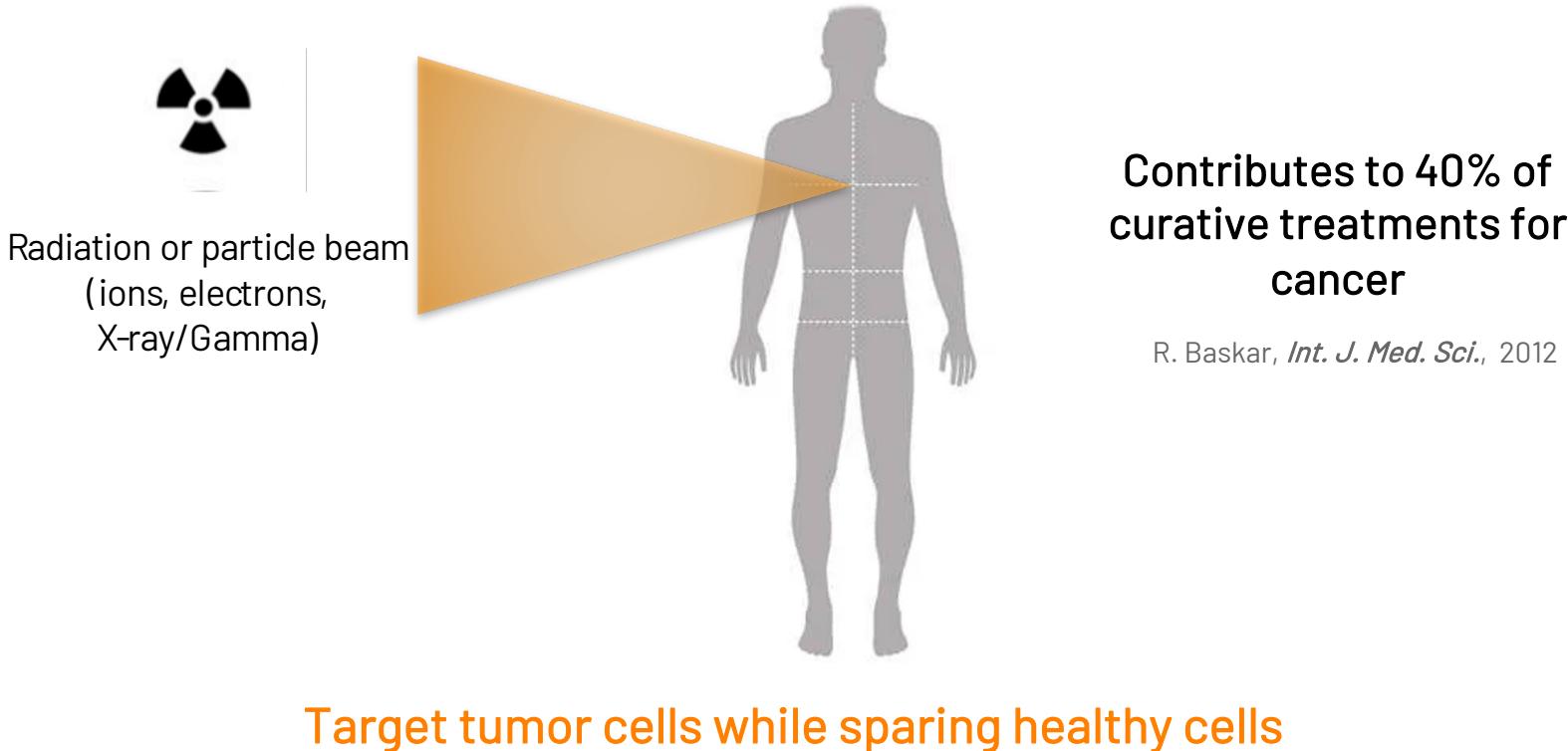
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install`



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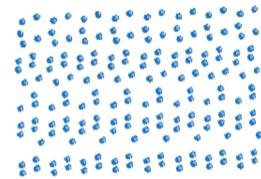
# Our Science Case in the 2022 ACM Gordon Bell Prize

# Context: radiation therapy techniques for medical treatments



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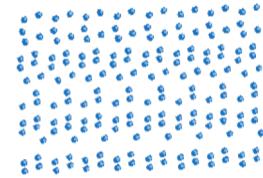
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Bourhis *et al*, **Radiotherapy and Oncology**, 2019

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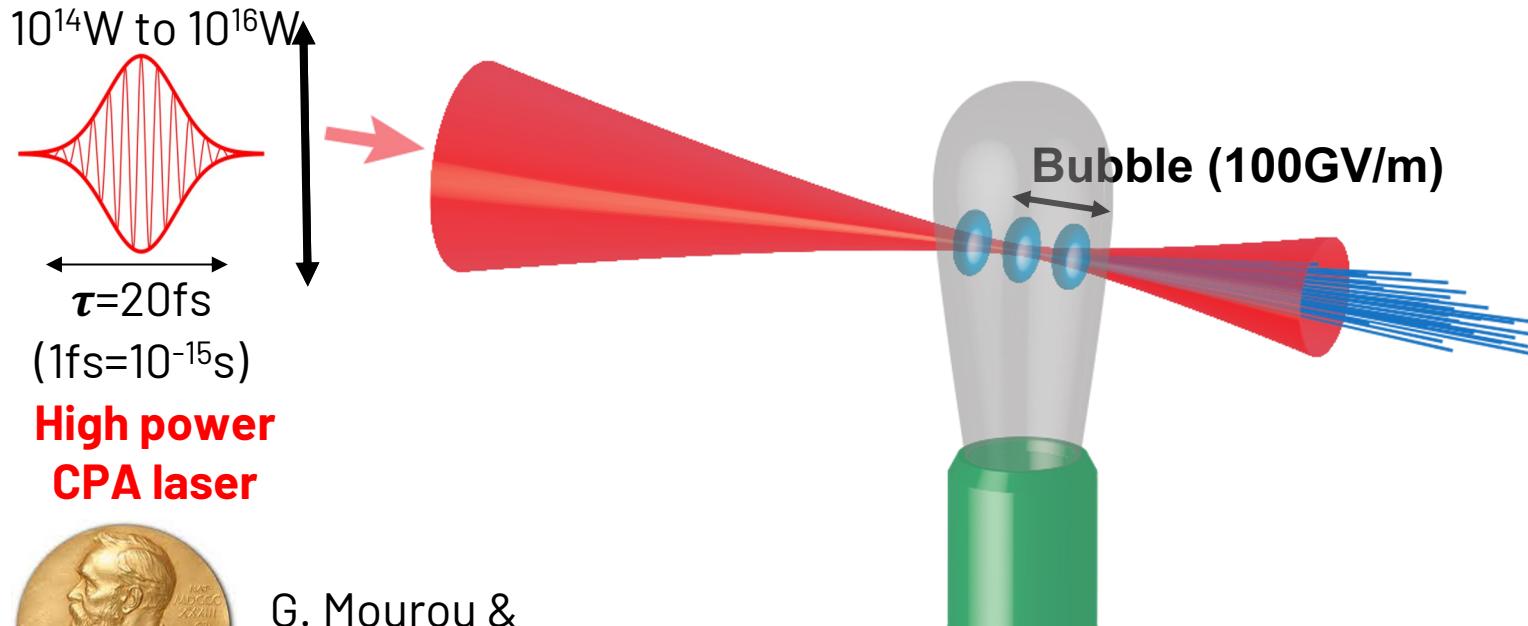
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## *The challenge with FLASH-RT*

We need fundamentally new type of particle accelerator technology

- Ultra-short - understand & optimize FLASH effect
- Ultra-compact - democratize access to treatments

# Laser-based sources are very promising candidates for FLASH and beyond....

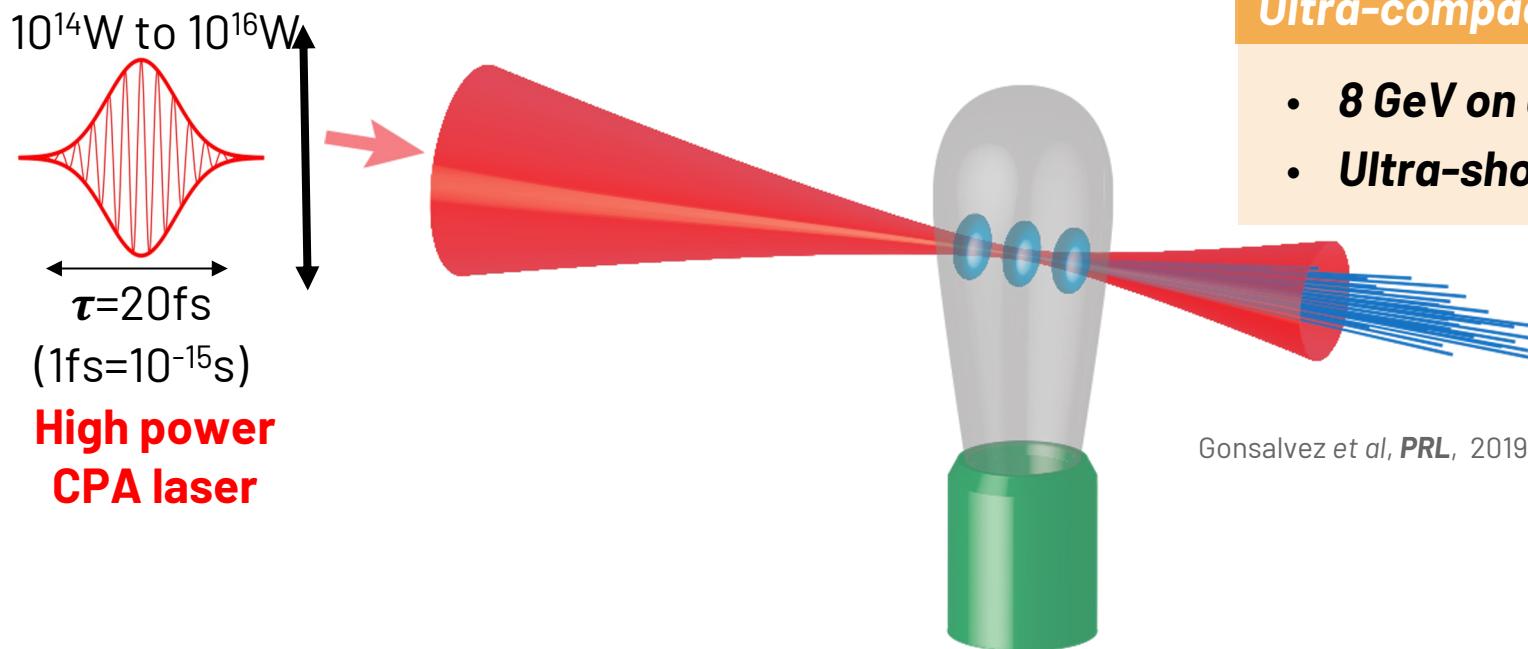


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G. Mourou &  
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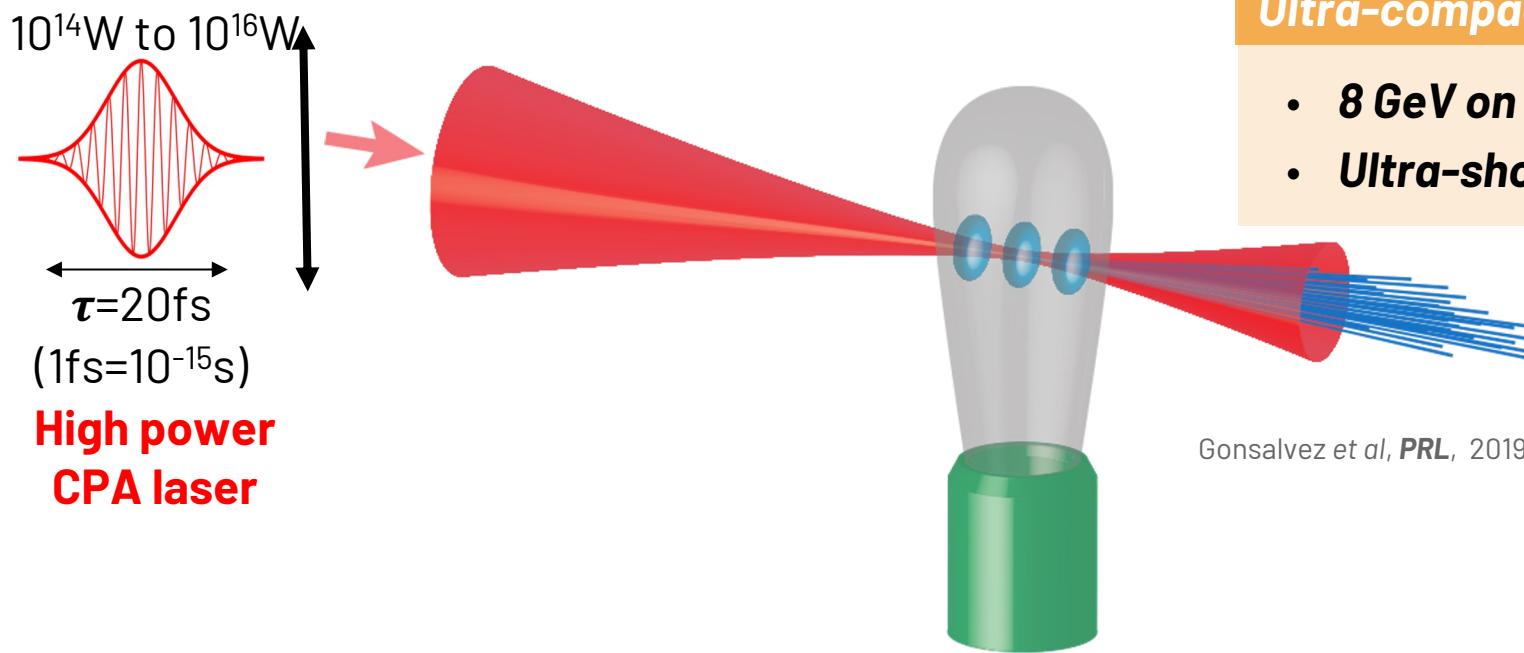
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$10^{14}\text{W}$  to  $10^{16}\text{W}$

*The physical challenge*

# How to level up the charge up to a nC/bunch?

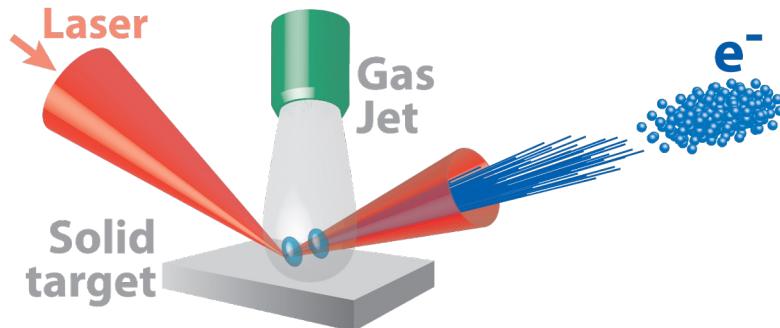
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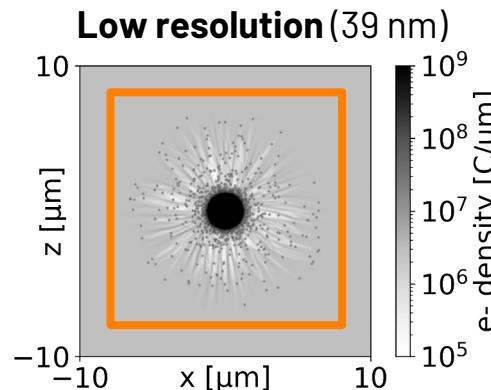
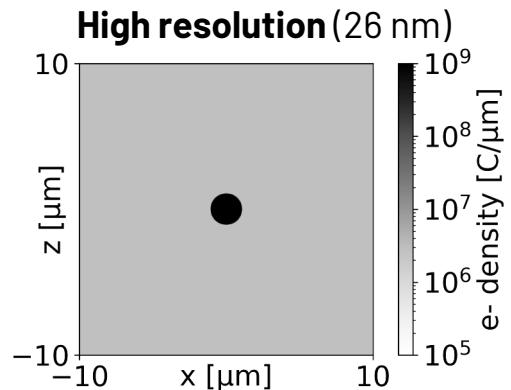
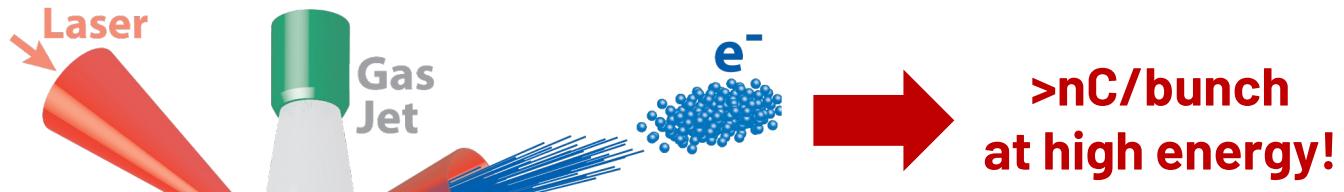
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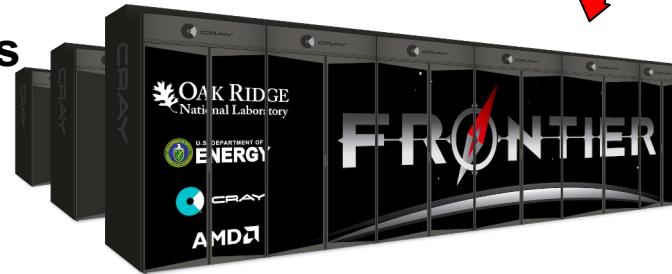
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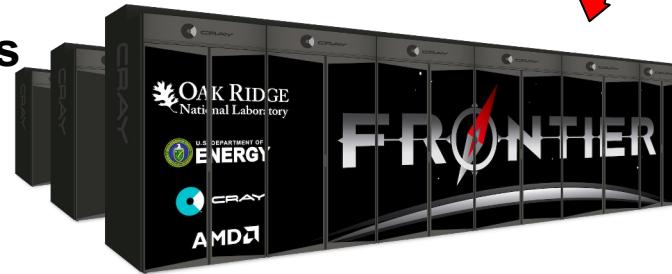


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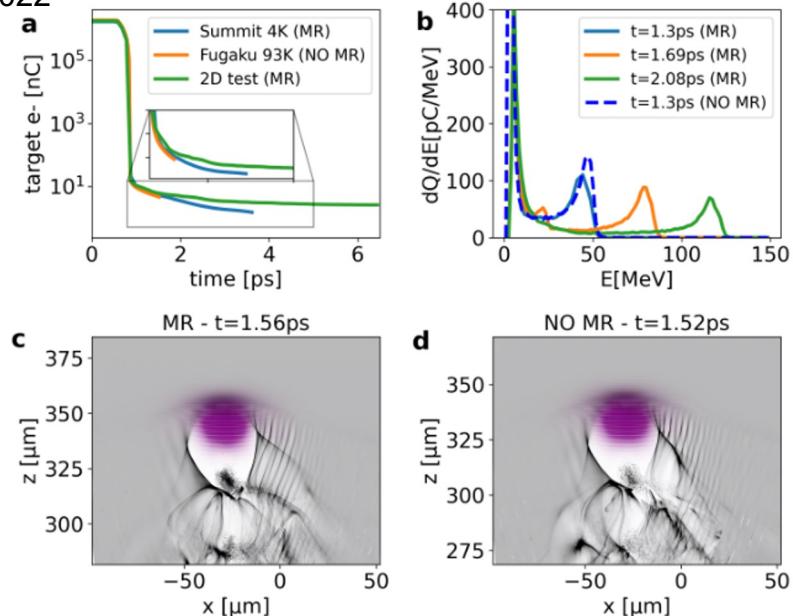
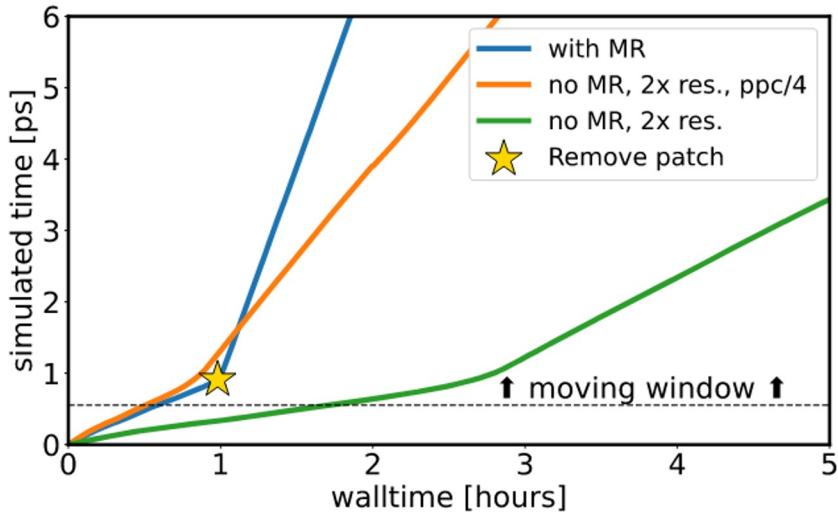


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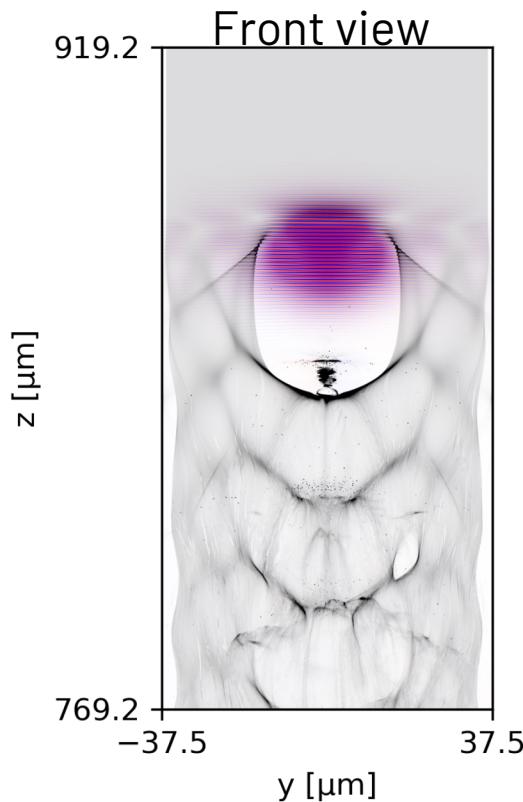
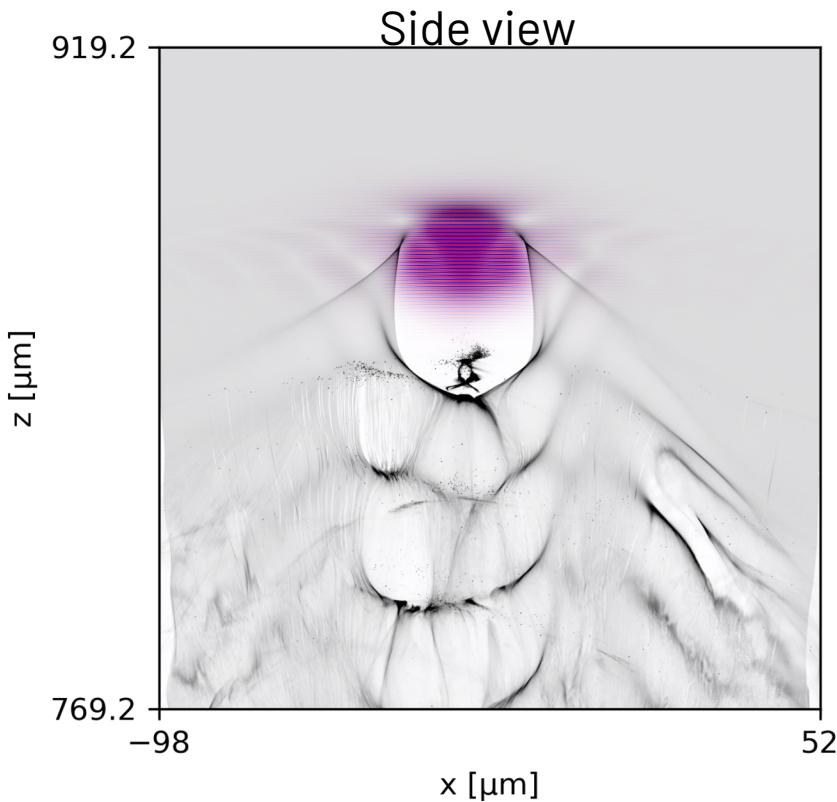
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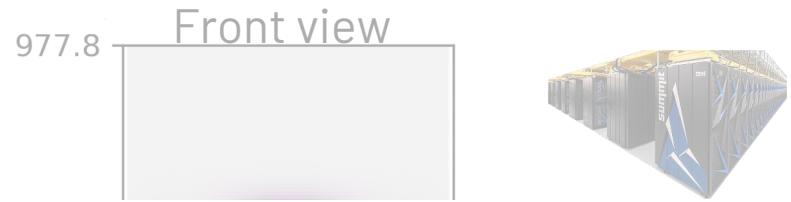
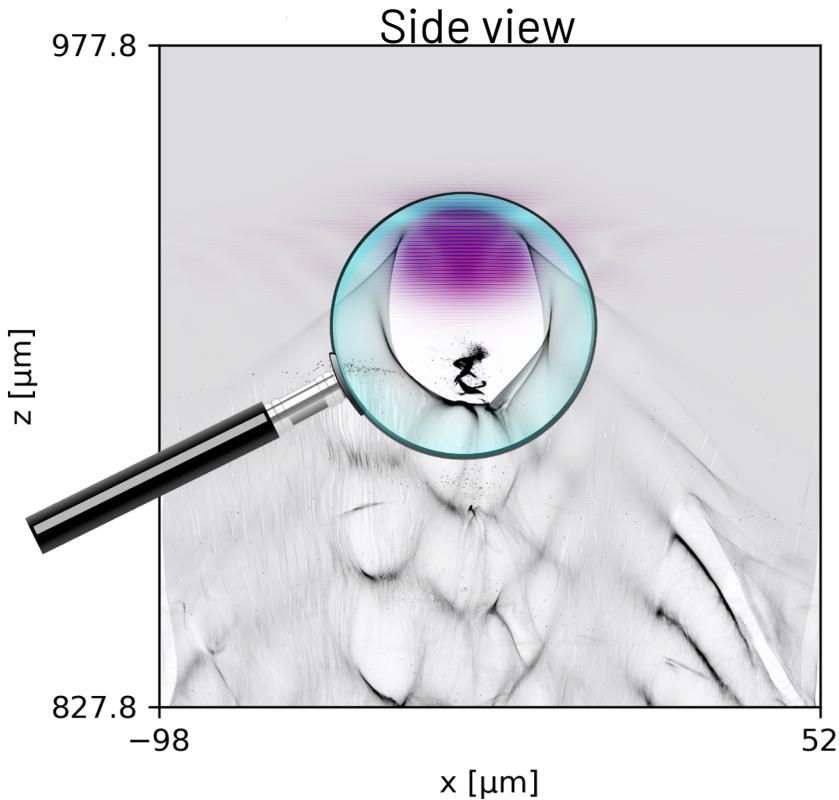
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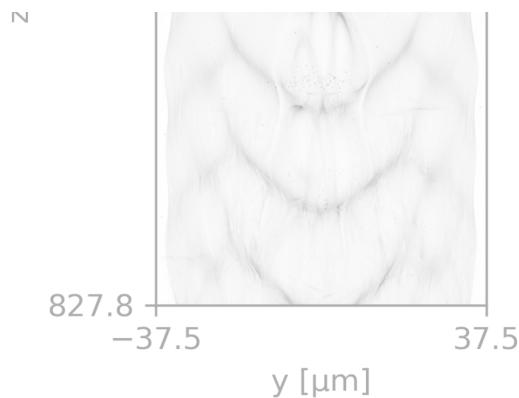


← 3D simulation  
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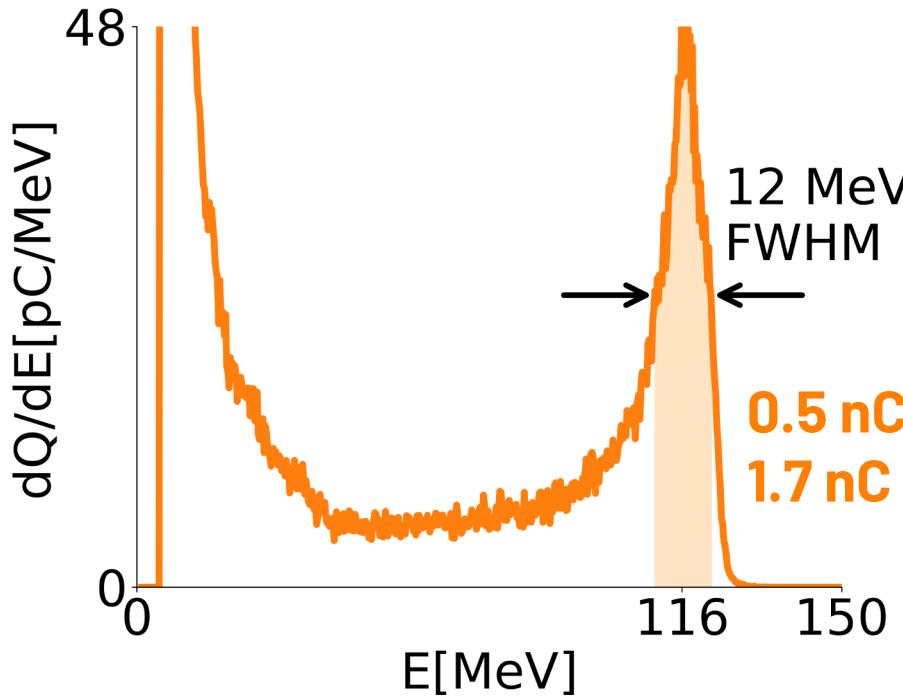
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← We are mainly concerned with the properties of these electrons



Our simulations shows that we can accelerate a substantial amount of charge with high quality



for a PW laser  
Production runs on  
Frontier, Fugaku and Summit

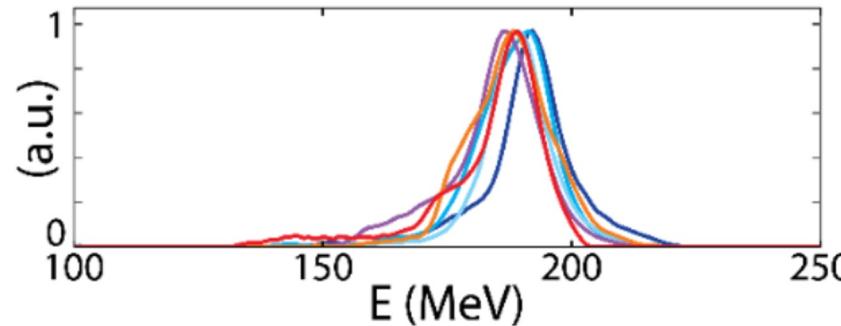
# Exascale simulations informed the design of the first experimental validation of our concept



First proof-of principle experiments in March and October 2022 at LOA (France)



**Electron energy spectrum**



**4X increase** of accelerated charge with respect to conventional techniques for the same laser energy!

# Sustained Flop/s

Note: Frontier & Perlmutter are pre-acceptance machine results

**DP PFlop/s**

3.38

**HPCG**

223%

**WarpX can now do science cases 500x larger than pre-ECP.**

Perlmutter A100



11.79

435%

Summit V100



5.31  
SP: 17.3

35%  
x3.3

Fugaku A64FX



43.45

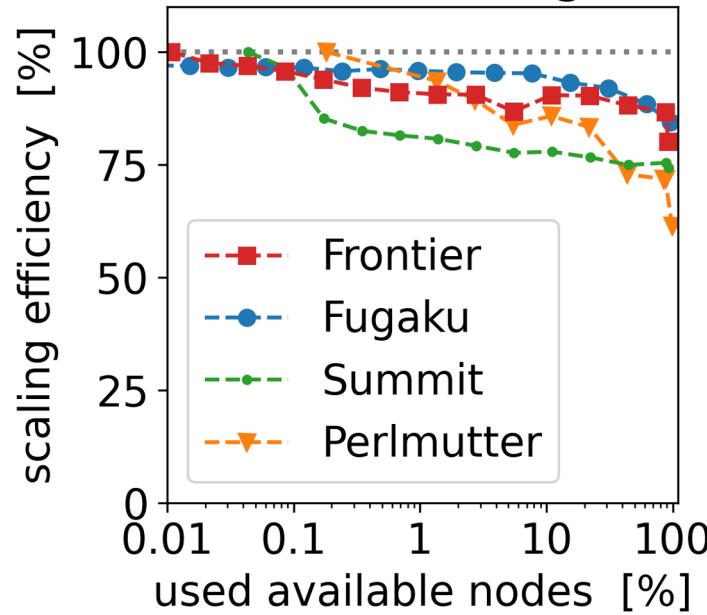
310%

Frontier MI250X



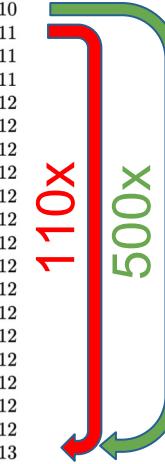
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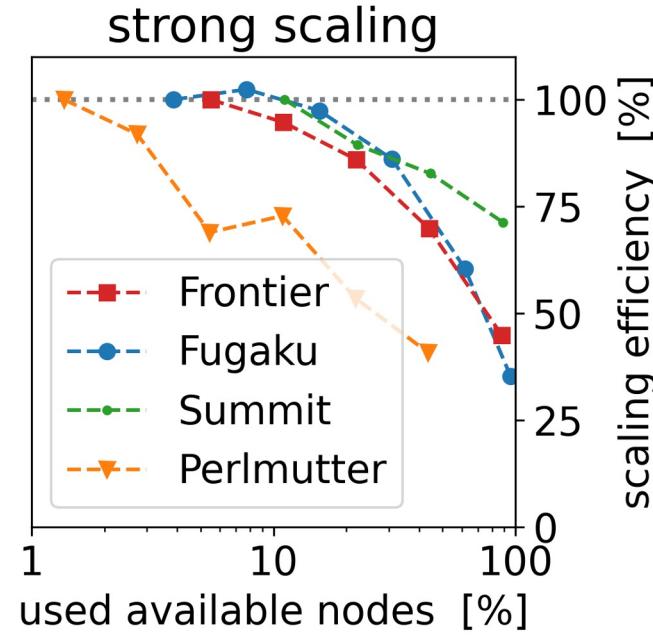
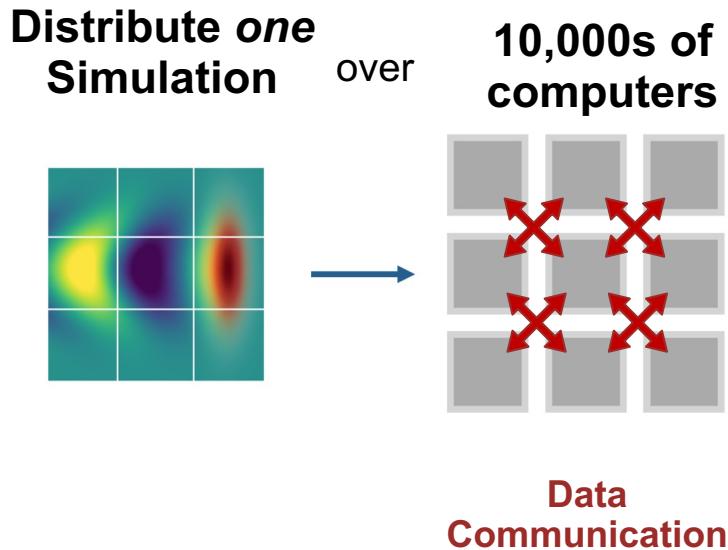
**Figure-of-Merit:** weighted updates / sec

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9/19	WarpX	Summit	2.3e7	2 560	6.8e11
1/20	WarpX	Summit	2.3e7	2 560	1.0e12
2/20	WarpX	Summit	2.5e7	4 263	1.2e12
6/20	WarpX	Summit	2.0e7	4 263	1.4e12
7/20	WarpX	Summit	2.0e8	4 263	2.5e12
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6/21	WarpX	Summit	2.0e8	4 263	2.7e12
7/21	WarpX	Perlmutter	2.7e8	960	1.1e12
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7/22	WarpX	Fugaku	3.1e6	98 304	2.2e12
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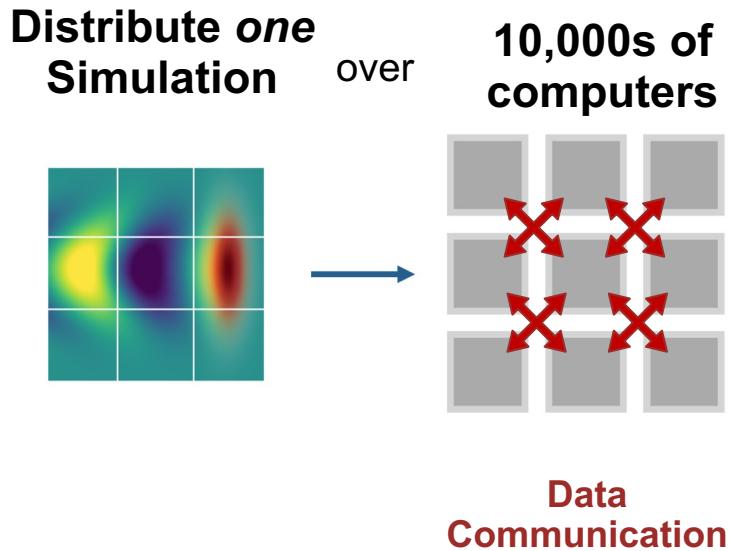
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Let's model **more physics**:

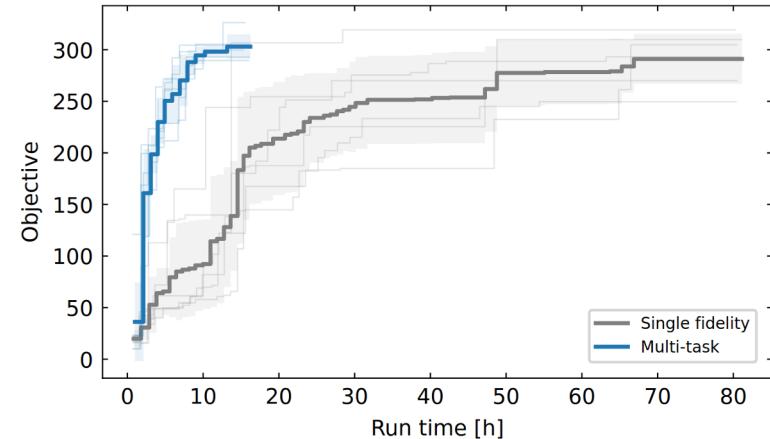
- higher grid resolution
- more particles
- resolve ion motion & collisions
- resolve emittance growth from collisions
- 2D → 3D
- long-term stable, advanced solvers
- add high-field effects
- ...

# The Growing Role of Machine Learning

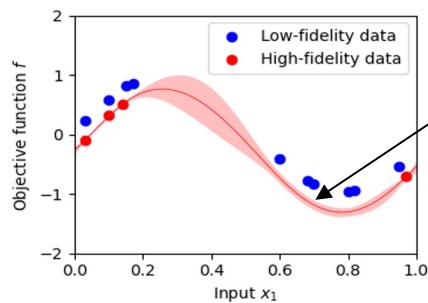
# ML-Guided Optimization: Automate Scans & Design Workflows

## Design Optimization:

- ML finds optima rapidly, e.g. *Gaussian Processes, Bayesian Optimization*
- Multi-Fidelity (think: multi-resolution): Learn trends from fast simulations and add precision with large costly sims

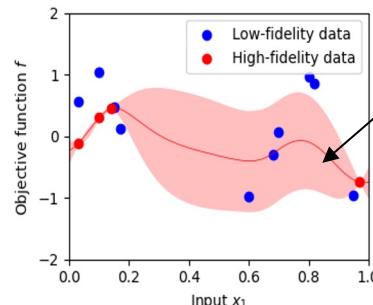


## Strongly-correlated case:



Low uncertainty, despite the absence of high-fidelity data

## Un-correlated case:



High uncertainty; low-fidelity data is ignored

# AI/ML Surrogates: Fast, Advanced Accelerator Elements

## Model Speed: for accelerator elements



For a well-defined parameter range, we want to replace the **expensive** plasma simulation section with pre-trained surrogate models.

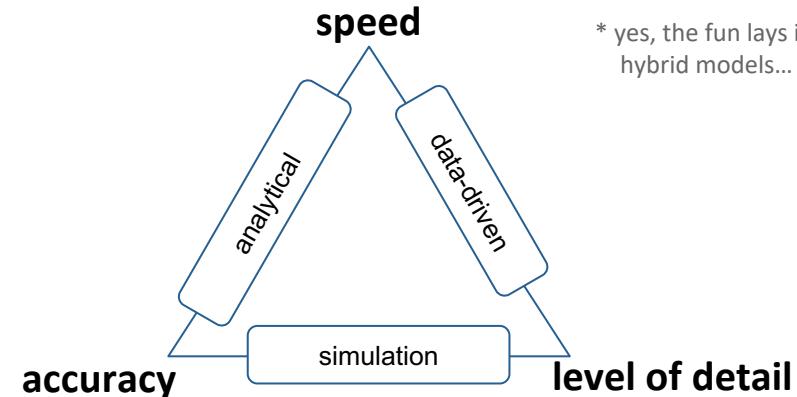
**Fast surrogates:** Data-driven modeling is a potential middle ground between

- analytical modeling and
- full-fidelity simulations

for **beamline design & operations.**

## Model Choice:

for complex, nonlinear, many-body systems  
***pick two\**** of the following



\* yes, the fun lays in hybrid models... :)



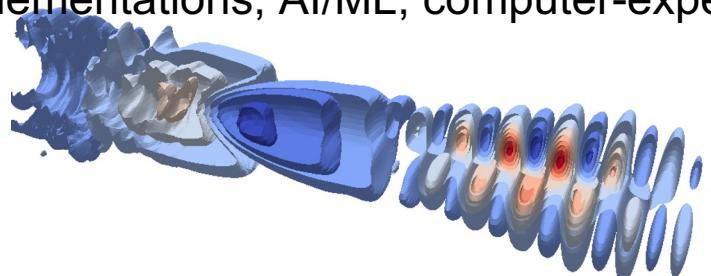
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# Outlook

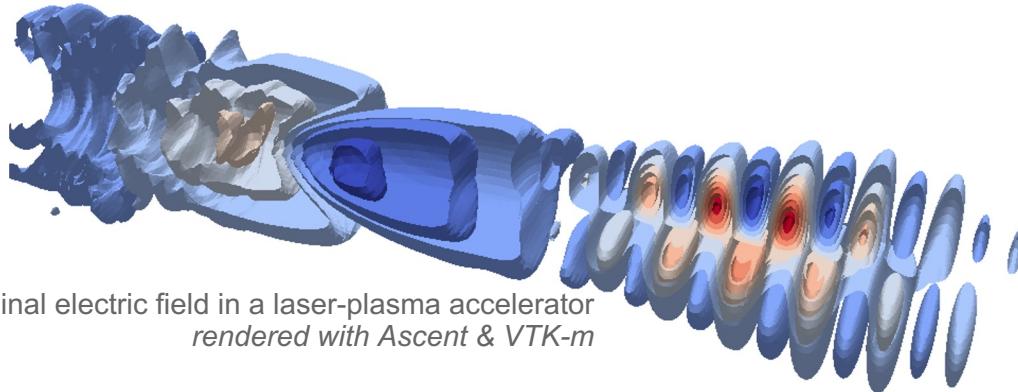
# Outlook

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- **Game changing R&D is on the way to develop smaller & greener, and yet more powerful, particle accelerators**
  - Large impact if successful: in science, health, industry, security, ...
  - HPC is key to enable these progress
- **High-Performance Computing** offers exciting paths at the intersection of
  - Computer & Data Science
  - Olympic motto:  
*Smarter - Together*
  - Applied Mathematics
  - Computational Domain ScienceFree after the
- **Exciting R&D Challenges** in performance tuning for cutting-edge compute hardware, scalability, novel algorithms & implementations, AI/ML, computer-experiment interplay, and more.



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# Backup Slides

# Our C++17 & Python Software Stack



Desktop  
to  
HPC



Python: Modules, PICMI interface, Workflows

**WarpX**

full PIC,  
LPA/LPI

**HiPACE++**

quasi-static, PWFA

**ARTEMIS**

microelectronics

**ImpactX**

accelerator  
lattice design

**Object-Level  
Python Bindings**

extensible, AI/ML

**pyAMReX**

**PICSAR**  
QED Modules

**ABLASTR library:** common PIC physics

**AMReX**

Containers, Communication,  
Portability, Utilities

**Diagnostics**

I/O  
code coupling

**openPMD**

**ADI**  
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**F5**

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on- or  
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BLAS++  
LAPACK++

**MPI**

**CUDA, OpenMP, SYCL, HIP**