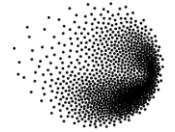


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# Cosmological Structure Formation with IPPL

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# Thesis Objective

- Implement a **Mini App for Cosmological simulations** using IPPL
  - addition to Alpine for plasma physics
- Motivation: take advantage of similarities in the nature of the physical equations
- Demonstrate versatility of IPPL

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# Expansion of the Universe ( $\Lambda$ CDM)



Physical vs. Comoving Coordinates:

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = a(t)\mathbf{x}(t)$$

Hubble parameter (expansion rate):

$$H(t) = \frac{1}{a(t)} \frac{da(t)}{dt}$$

First Friedmann equation:

$$H^2(t) = H_0^2 \left( \Omega_{m,0} \frac{1}{a^3} + \Omega_{\Lambda,0} \right)$$

$$\Omega_{\Lambda,0} = \frac{\rho_{\Lambda,0}}{\rho_0} \approx 0.7 \quad \Omega_{m,0} = \frac{\rho_{m,0}}{\rho_0} \approx 0.3$$

# Physical Equations for $\Lambda$ CDM



## Electrostatic

$$\Delta\Phi(\mathbf{r}) = -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) = -\frac{\rho(\mathbf{r})}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{r}_i}{dt} = \mathbf{v}_i$$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{v}_i}{dt} = -\nabla\Phi(\mathbf{r}_i)$$



## Gravity

$$\Delta\Phi(\mathbf{x}) = 4\pi G a^2 \rho(\mathbf{x})$$

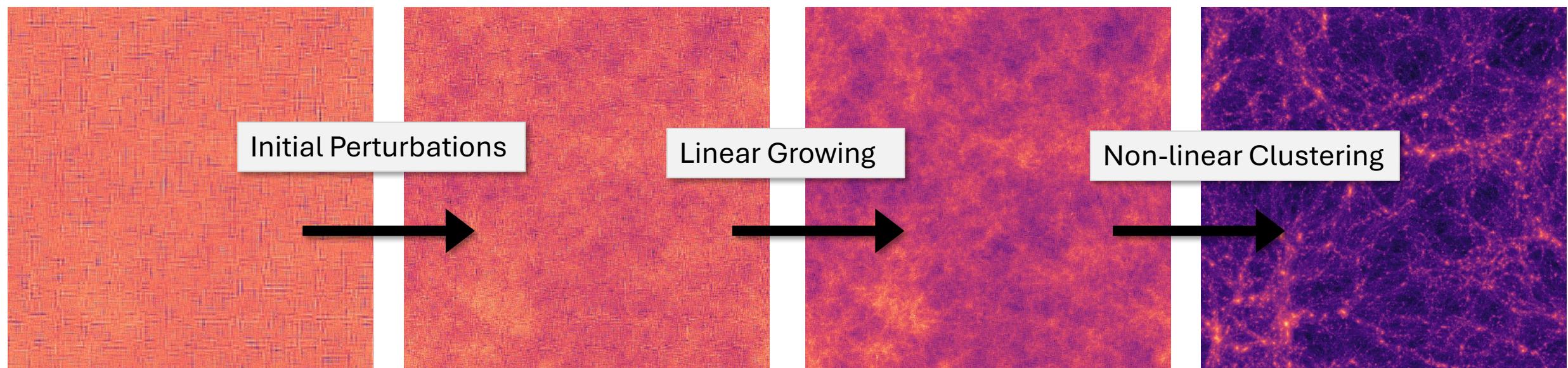
$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}_i}{dt} = \frac{1}{a^2} \mathbf{u}_i$$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{u}_i}{dt} = -\nabla\Phi(\mathbf{x}_i)$$

# Structure Formation

- Small perturbations in initially homogeneous density field grow over time. The overdensity is modelled as **Gaussian random field**.
- Linear growing at early times
- Later non-linear clustering due to **gravitational collapse**
  - Formation of Dark Matter haloes and Galaxies

# Structure Formation



Scale Factor:  $a = 0.019$

Redshift:  $z = 50.9$

$a = 0.036$

$z = 26.86$

$a = 0.067$

$z = 13.93$

$a = 0.53$

$z = 1.29$

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# Initial Conditions

- Perturbations from a homogeneous density field.
- Generation with **N-GenIC** code (developed by the Max-Planck-Institute)
  - particle positions and velocities
- Saved as one CSV file and read into Mini App. Assignment of particles to corresponding processor domain.

# Time Evolution

## Particle-Mesh method from IPPL

- No. of grid points = No. of particles ( $16^3 - 512^3$ )
- Poisson equation solved on the grid (heFFTe) with periodic boundary conditions.
- Leapfrog for position and velocity updates of the particles

# Leapfrog

- Timestep

$$\Delta t = \frac{1}{H} \Delta(\log a)$$

with fixed  $\Delta(\log a)$  (smaller steps during fast expansion)

- Kick-Drift-Kick Scheme

$$\mathbf{u}_i^{(k+1/2)} = \mathbf{u}_i^{(k)} + \mathbf{a}_i^{(k)} \frac{\Delta t}{2} = \mathbf{u}_i^{(k)} - \nabla \Phi|_{\mathbf{x}_i^{(k)}} \frac{\Delta(\log a)}{2H(t_k)}$$

$$\mathbf{x}_i^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{x}_i^{(k)} + \frac{1}{a^2(t_{k+1/2})} \mathbf{u}_i^{(k+1/2)} \Delta t = \mathbf{x}_i^{(k)} + \frac{1}{a^2(t_{k+1/2})} \mathbf{u}_i^{(k+1/2)} \frac{\Delta(\log a)}{H(t_{k+1/2})}$$

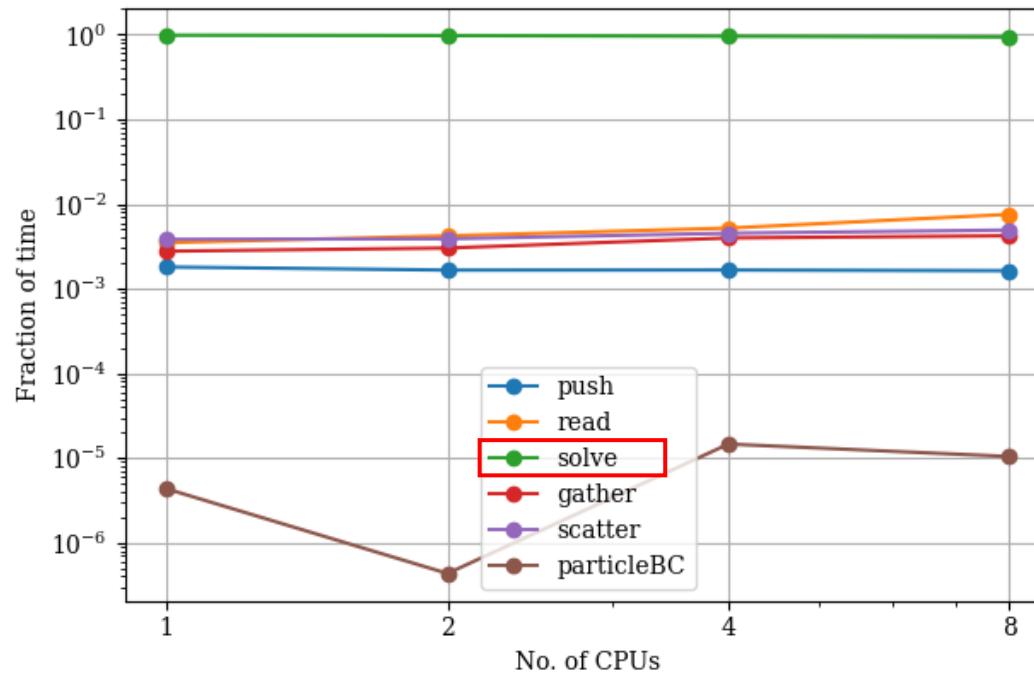
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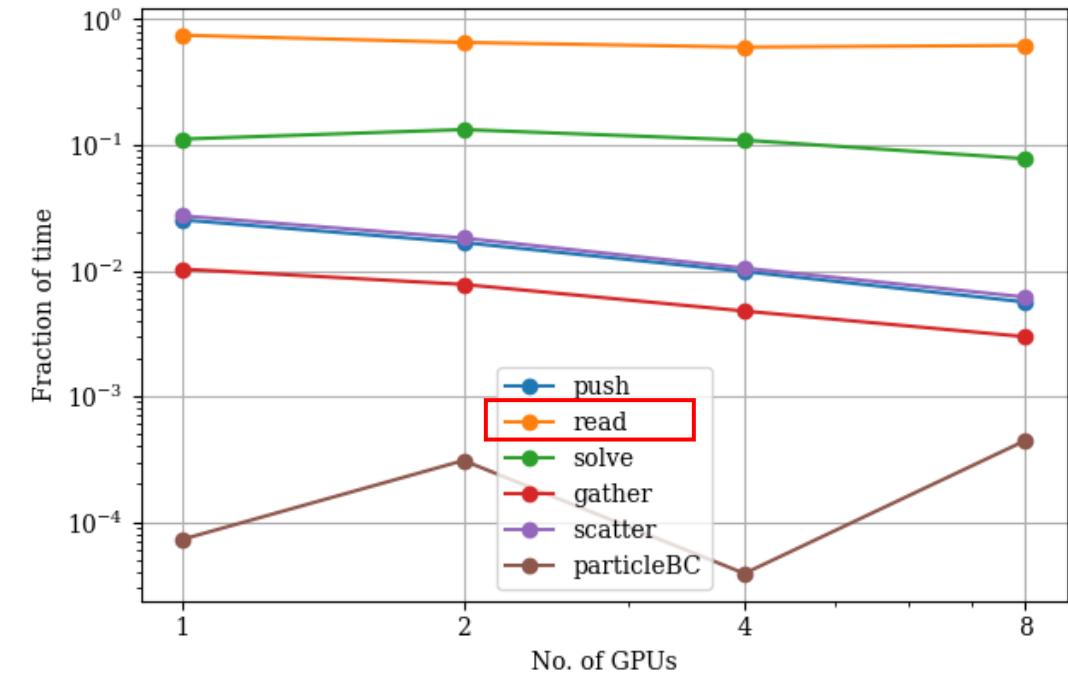
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# Timing Contributions

CPUs on Merlin



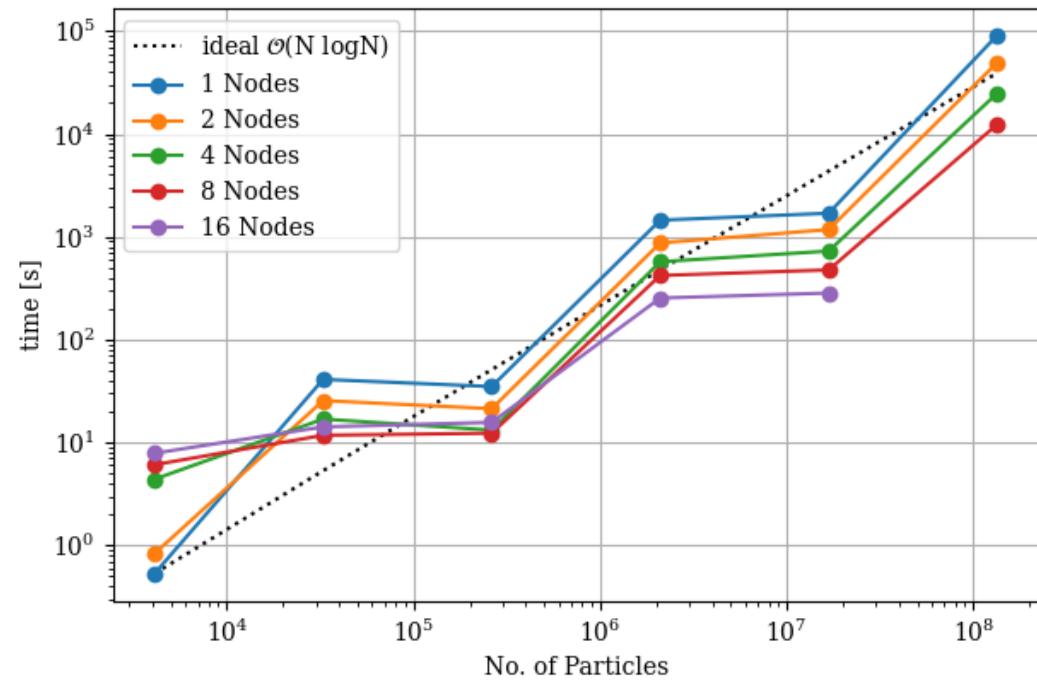
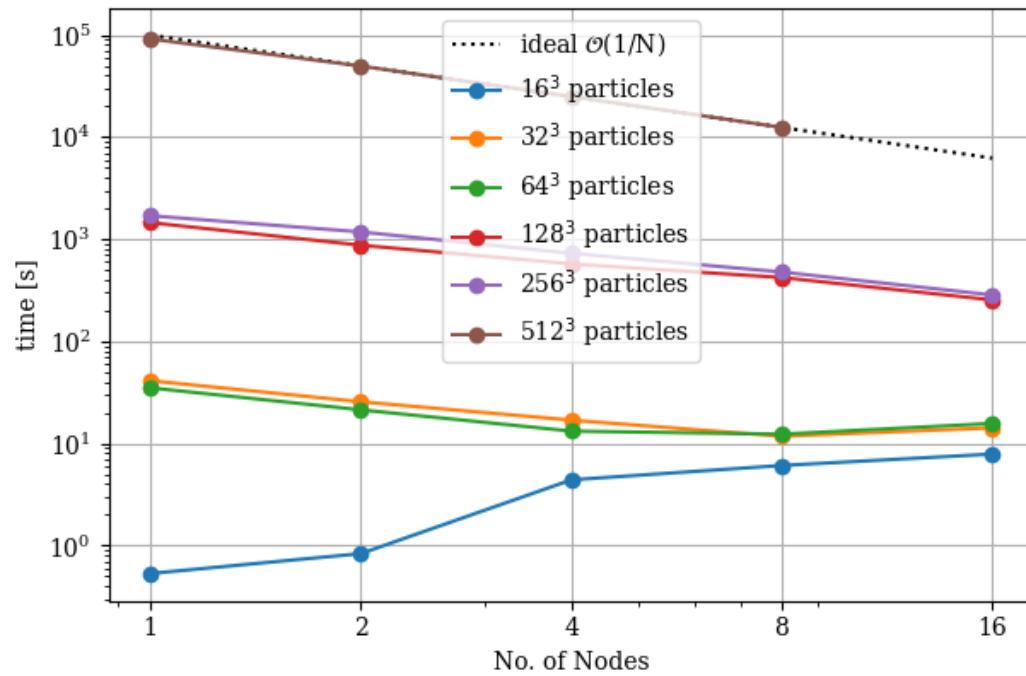
GPUs on Gwendolen



Example Problem size:  $512^3$  particles, 500 timesteps

# CPU Solver Scaling

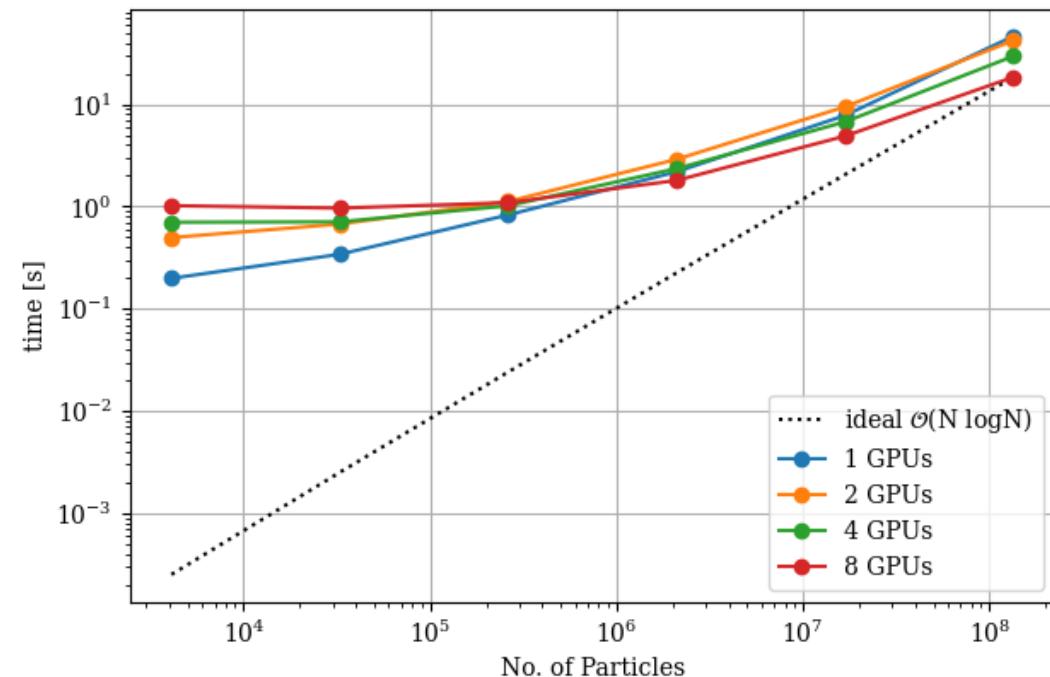
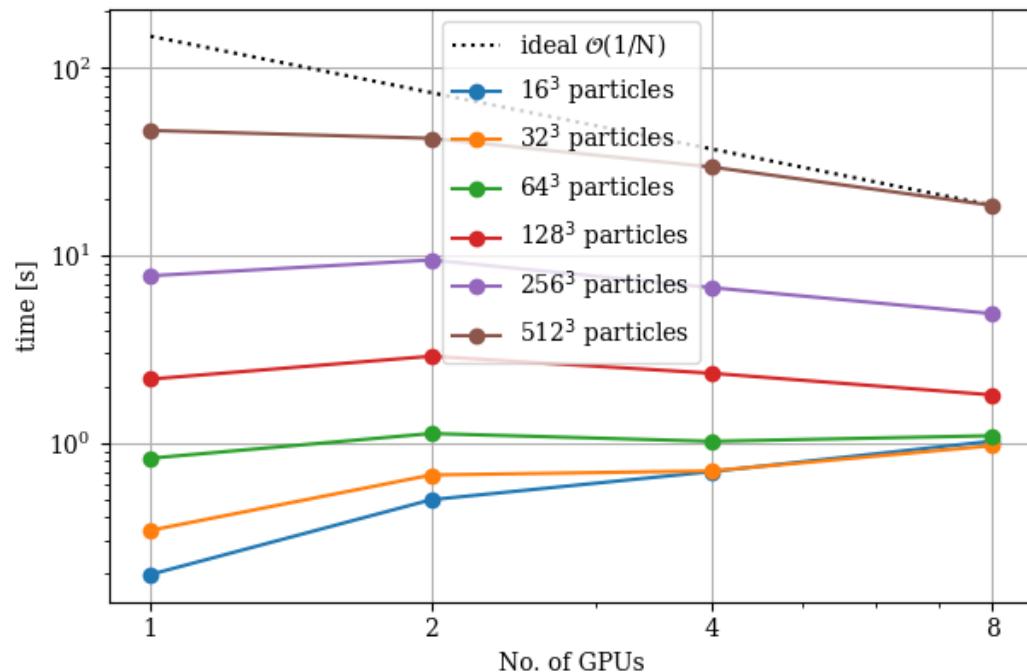
(1 CPU per node)



→ Good scaling performance for large problem sizes ( $\sim 128^3$ )

# GPU Solver Scaling

(on 1 node)



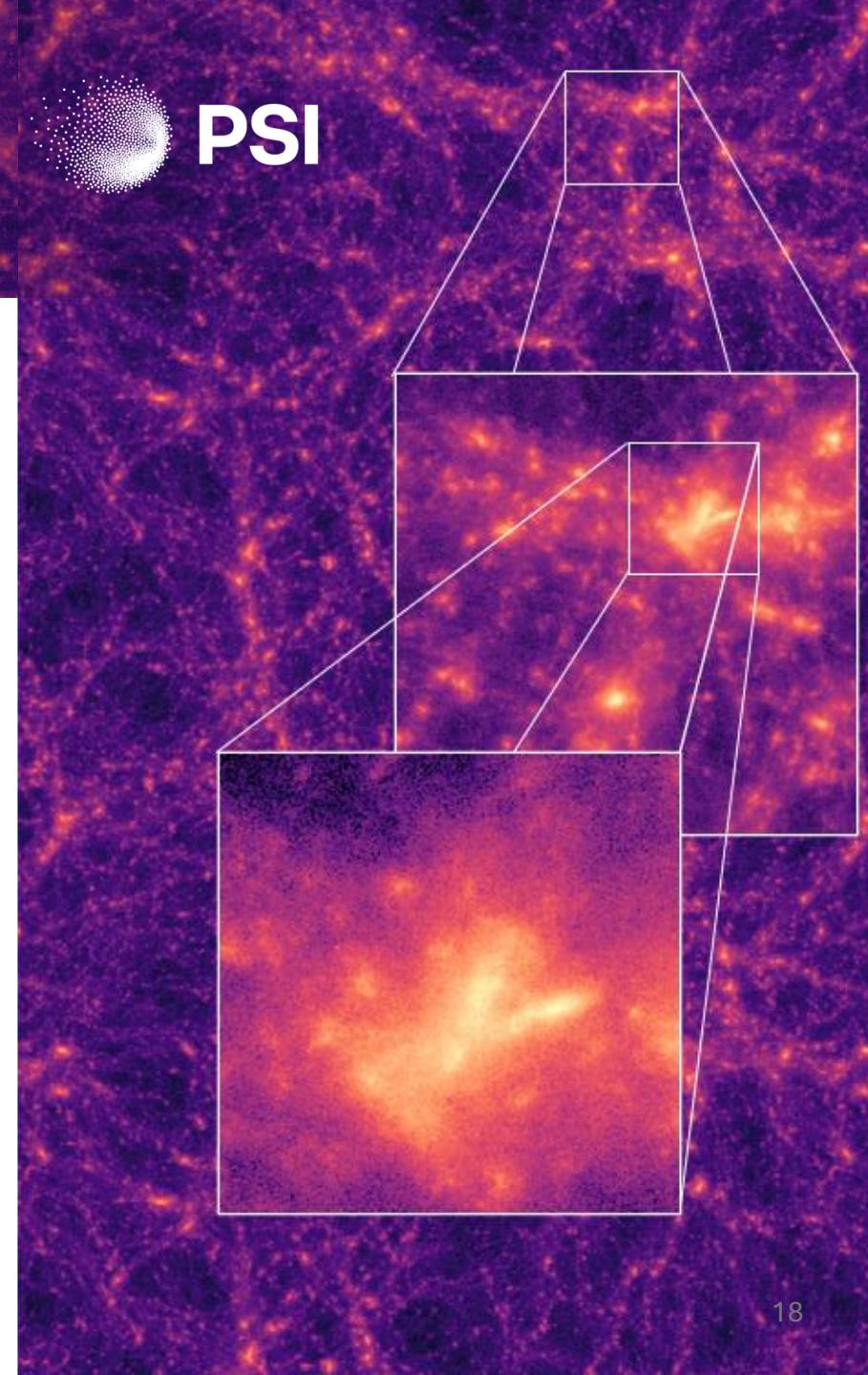
→ Speed-up only at very large problem sizes ( $> 512^3$ ).  
Communication overhead before.

# Conclusion

- Code successfully tested on CPUs on Merlin and Euler and GPUs on Gwendolen.
- Solver scales well on CPUs, on GPUs only for very large problem sizes.
- Read-In is extremely inefficient on GPUs. Improvement required.

# Outlook

- Adaptive Mesh or  $P^3M$  method.  
Cosmological simulations have extremely large density differences.
- Include ICs generation inside Mini App  
Improve efficiency, especially for GPUs.
- Adding Baryonic Matter  
Simulation of Galaxies.
- Usage for Cosmology Research  
Dark matter halo function  
Galaxy formation





Thank you for listening.

Questions?