

# Exascale simulation for high-gradient accelerators

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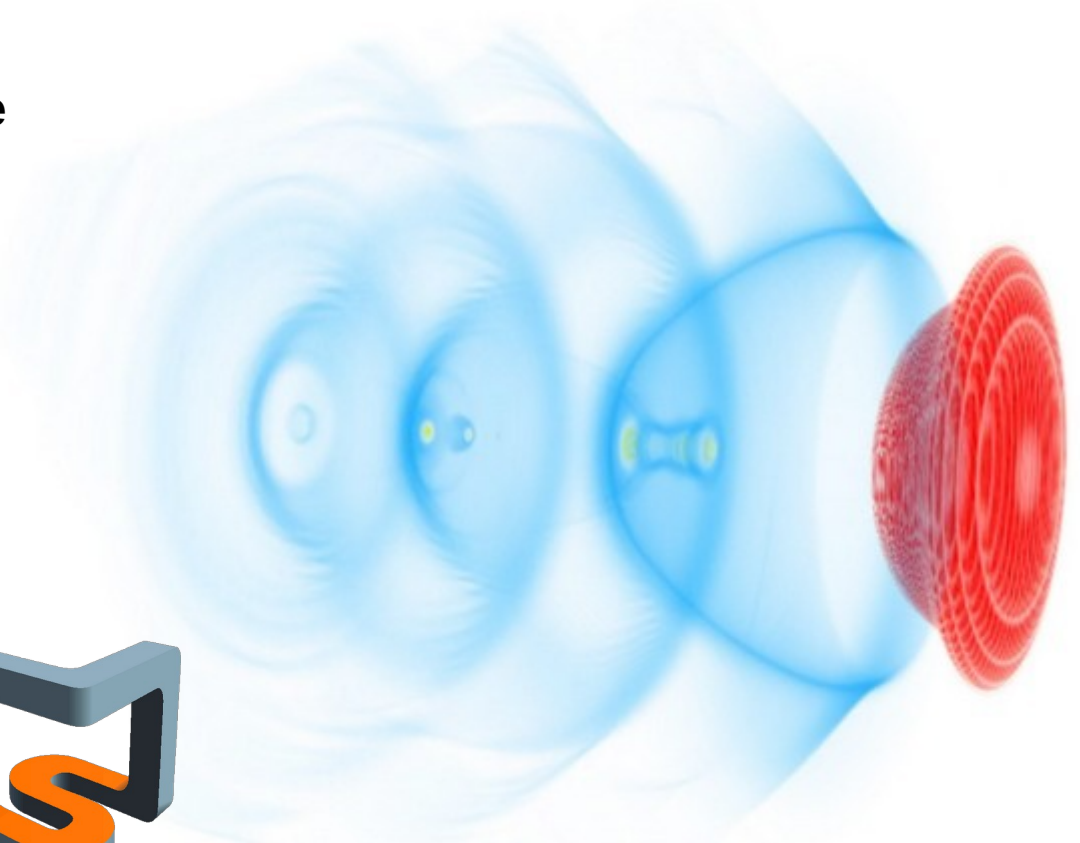
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# What Exascale is NOT

- Not yet another generation of faster super-computer  
For almost 20 years now, processors operate at the same frequency.
- Not a larger version of our current super-computer  
All components of the super-computer (memory, network, computing) do not improve by the same factor.

# Definition of Exascale

Exascale System: “Computing system capable of a theoretical peak performance of  $10^{18}$  floating point operations per second (flop/s)”

- Based on computing only.
- Theoretical peak performance is given by the constructors and is of very little practical value ...

# Performance measure

- TOP 500 uses “Linpack” to measure performances and rank super-computers.
- Problem: Computers are overtrained to Linpack.

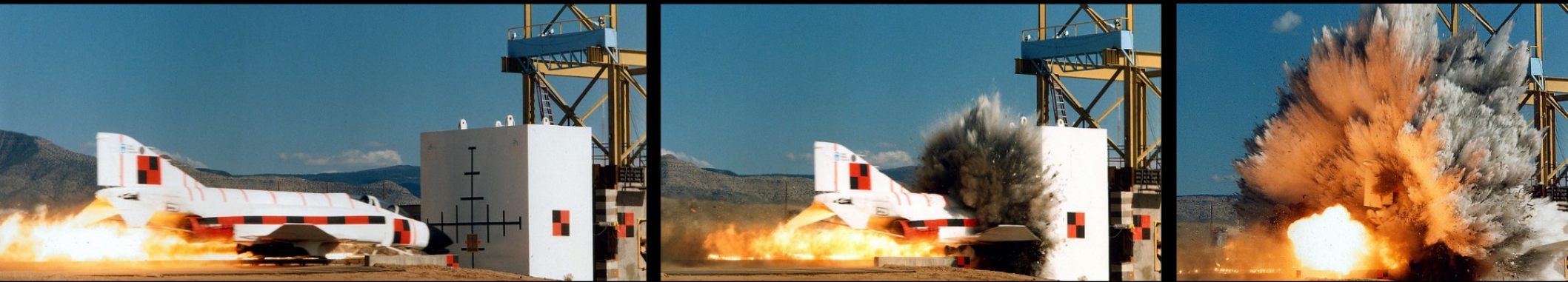
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# Performance measure

- HPCG provides a more realistic measure.
- Only a few percent of the computing power is used !
- Why is it so bad ?

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2nd	SUMMIT	200 Pflop/s	148 Pflop/S	2.9 Pflop/s

*Exceptional service in the national interest*



# Oh, \$#\*@! Exascale!

## The effect of emerging architectures on data analysis software

SOS 17 Panel, March 27, 2013

Kenneth Moreland, Sandia National Laboratories



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# 10 years ago in 2011...

The so called “Slide of Doom” with expectations for exascale in 2018:

Parameter	2011	“2018”	Factor
Peak	2 Pflop/s	1 Eflop/s	500
Power	6 MW	< 20 MW	3
Concurrency	225 k	10 – 100 B	40 000 – 400 000
Memory	0.3 PB	32 - 64 PB	100 - 200
Network	1.5 GB/s	100 - 1000 GB/s	66 - 660

# ... and today

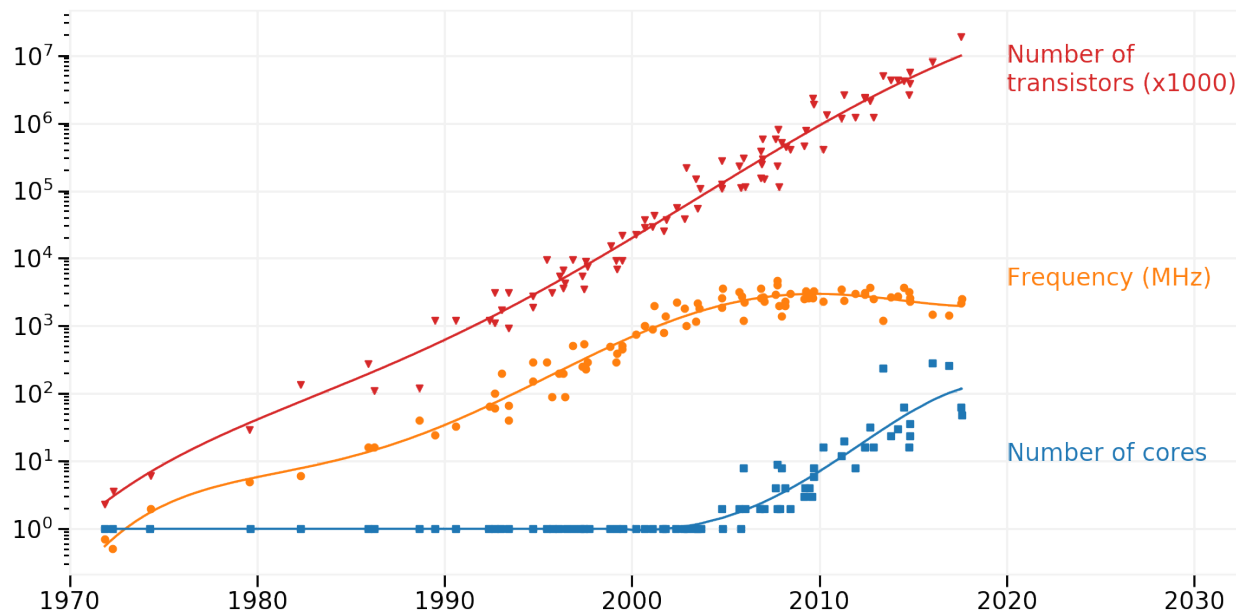
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Memory	0.3 PB	32 - 64 PB	5 PB
Network	1.5 GB/s	100 - 1000 GB/s	40 GB/s



# Power wall

- 30 MW => 30 M€ per year at 0.10€ / kWh
- Power => heat : Expensive cooling systems are necessary
- In the context of global warming, massively power consuming devices should be avoided and probably won't be supported

Transistor Power  $P = C V^2 F$  (Conductive load, Voltage, Frequency)



- Limit Frequency
- More cores
- **More compute** => SIMD, GPU, ...
- **Less of the rest** => Logic, data movement,...

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Computing and concurrency grows much more than memory

- Less memory per thread.
- Managing the memory becomes the dominant problem.
- End of weak scaling. Focus on strong scaling.
- Very fine grain parallelism is mandatory.

# Exascale fundings

**USA:** Massive fundings since 2016.

- Exascale Computing initiative => exascale supercomputer expected **within a year**. \$475 million for year 2021.
- Exascale Computing Project => applications and software stack. \$250 million for year 2021. Plasma wakefield accelerator is listed as an objective and it supports the development of the American code WarpX.

**Europe:** Just starting to invest.

- EuroHPC: 8 Billion € for 2021-2030. It is not clear how this will be shared between system, software stack and applications.
- 2 Exascale systems announced for 2023/2024. Scientific fields and pilot applications relevant to exascale are being identified just now. **It is important that plasma acceleration is recognized as eligible for European exascale as it has been in the US.**

# Smilei)

Open-source  
PIC code

**Collaborative, user-friendly**

GitHub • Python interface

**Educational resources**

Online documentation • Tutorials

**High-performance**

MPI-OpenMP • Load balancing • vectorization

**Physics**

Ionisation • Collisions • Strong-field QED

**Advanced solvers**

Spectral solvers • Multi-geometries • Laser  
envelope

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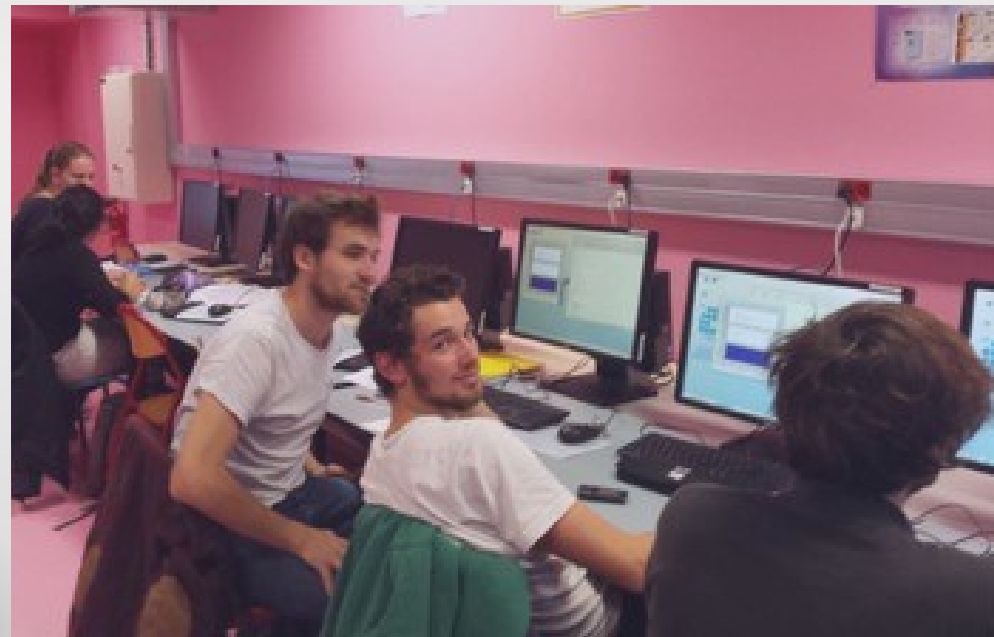


*Derouillat et al., CPC 222 (2018)*

# Sharing knowledge

Next SMILEI Workshop March 2022  
Registration starting soon at  
<https://indico.math.cnrs.fr/event/6911/>

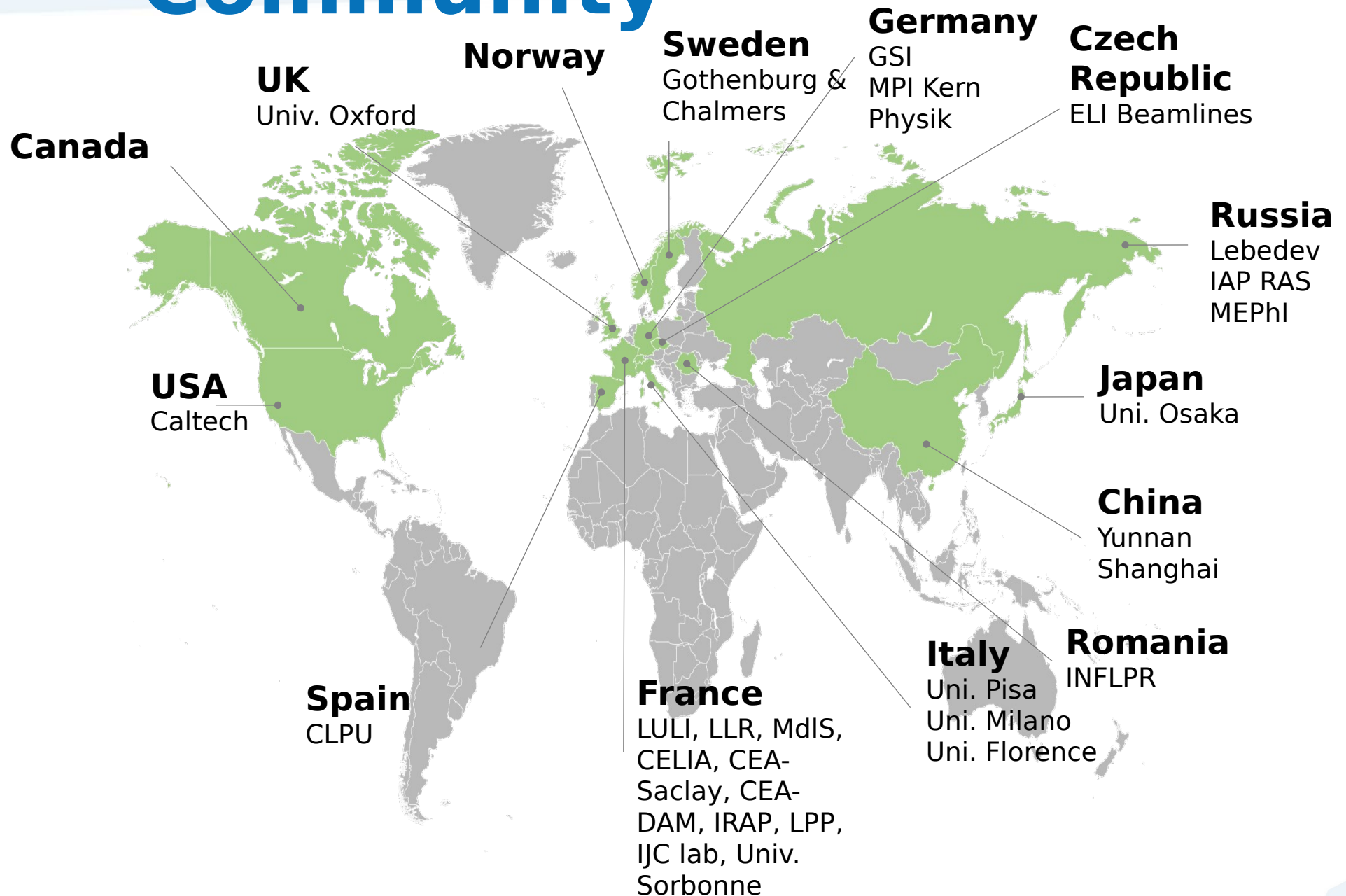
Practicals for  
master students



User training  
& workshop

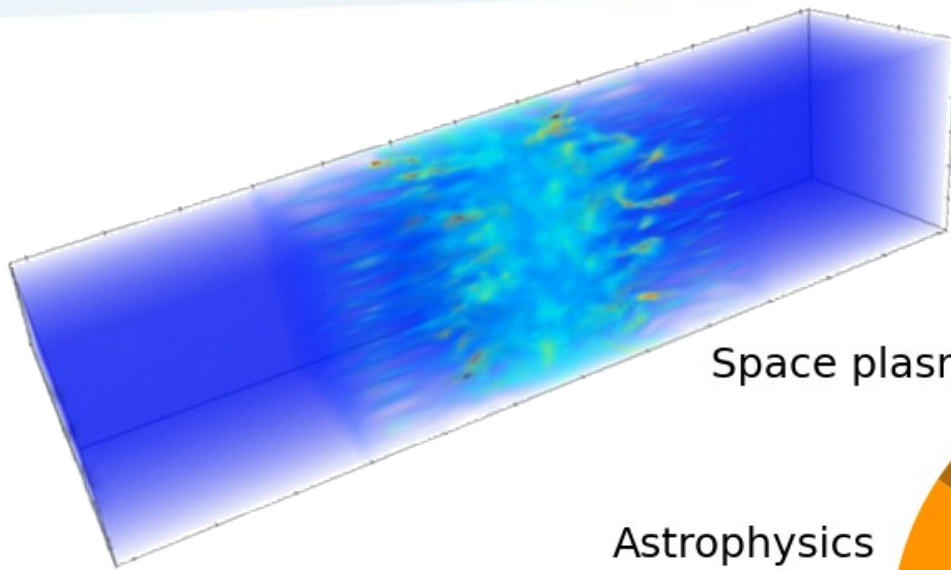
Tutorials available at  
[smileipic.github.io/tutorials](https://smileipic.github.io/tutorials)

# International Users Community

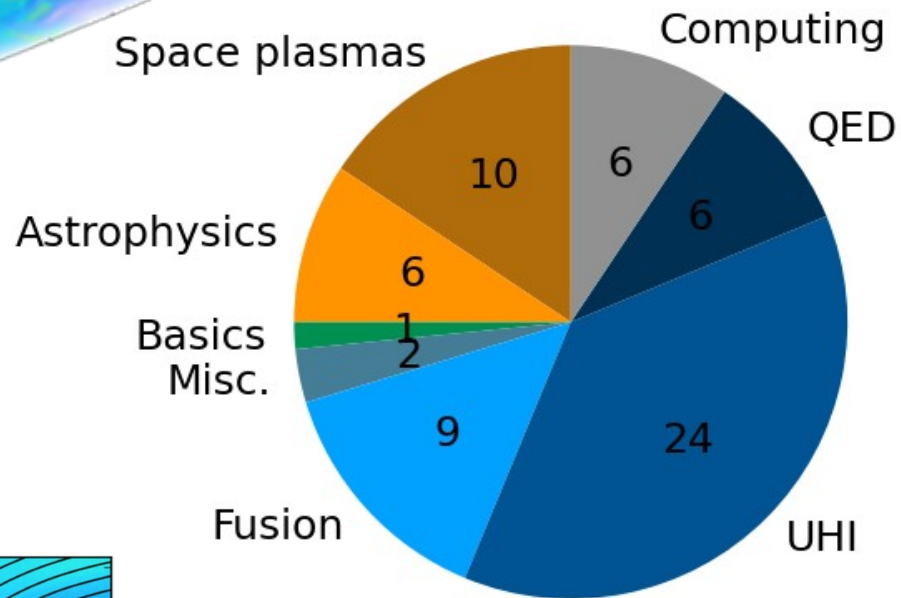




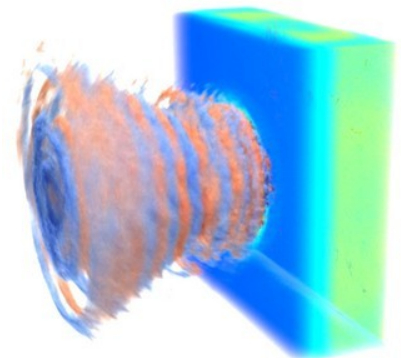
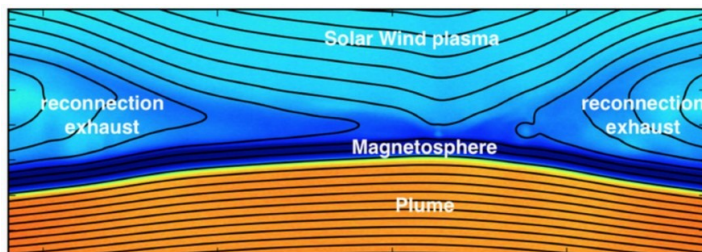
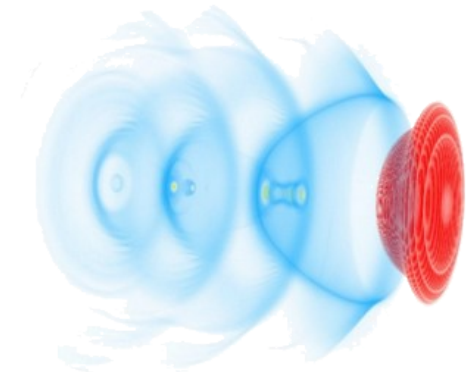
# Joint effort between communities



Space plasmas



Publications distribution



# Features relevant for plasma acceleration

Physics	Numerics	HPC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ionization</li><li>• QED</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dispersion free solver</li><li>• Envelope</li><li>• Moving window</li><li>• Azimuthal Decomposition</li><li>• PML boundaries</li><li>• Dynamic Load Balancing</li><li>• Arbitrary laser/plasma profiles</li><li>• Particles injection</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• MPI</li><li>• OpenMP</li><li>• Taskification</li><li>• GPU support</li><li>• Vectorization</li><li>• ARM support</li></ul>

Towards fast and reliable simulations

- 1) Numerical methods and High Performance Computing are key.
- 2) Combining all features is the challenge => **Software engineering**



# Smilei) HPC Developments

2019 - 2022

New architectures

- GPU : OpenACC + Thrust
- ARM



2019 - 2022

Asynchronism

- Asynchronism, overlapping, heterogeneous computing
- OpenMP task, Eventify (JSC)



2017 - 2018

Vectorization

- Data structure adaptation
- OpenMP SIMD pragmas
- Better cache efficiency

2015 - 2017

Load balancing

- Hilbert curve patch exchange

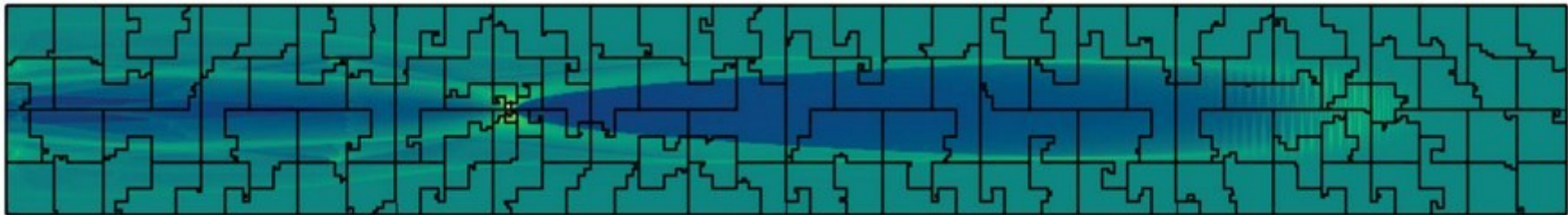
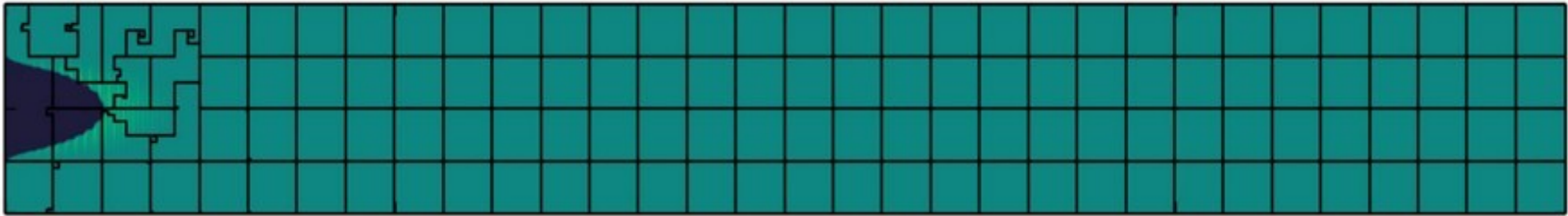
2015 - 2017

Multithreading



# Balance the workload between processors

Domains automatically adapt to the simulation evolution



Laser wakefield simulation  $\sim 2x$  faster

# GPU

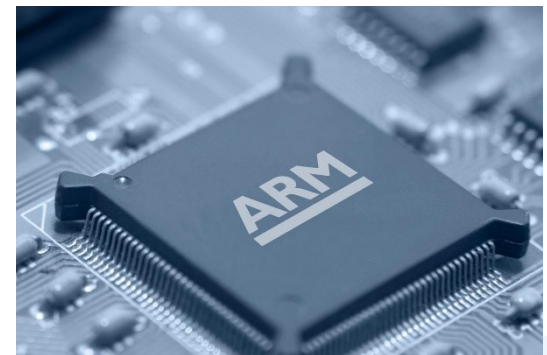
Graphical Processing Unit: compute intensive accelerator. A probable path to exascale.



- + Compute intensive, power efficient
- Bad for logic and data movement
- Needs to be addressed specifically: SMILEI uses openACC + Thrust

# ARM based architecture

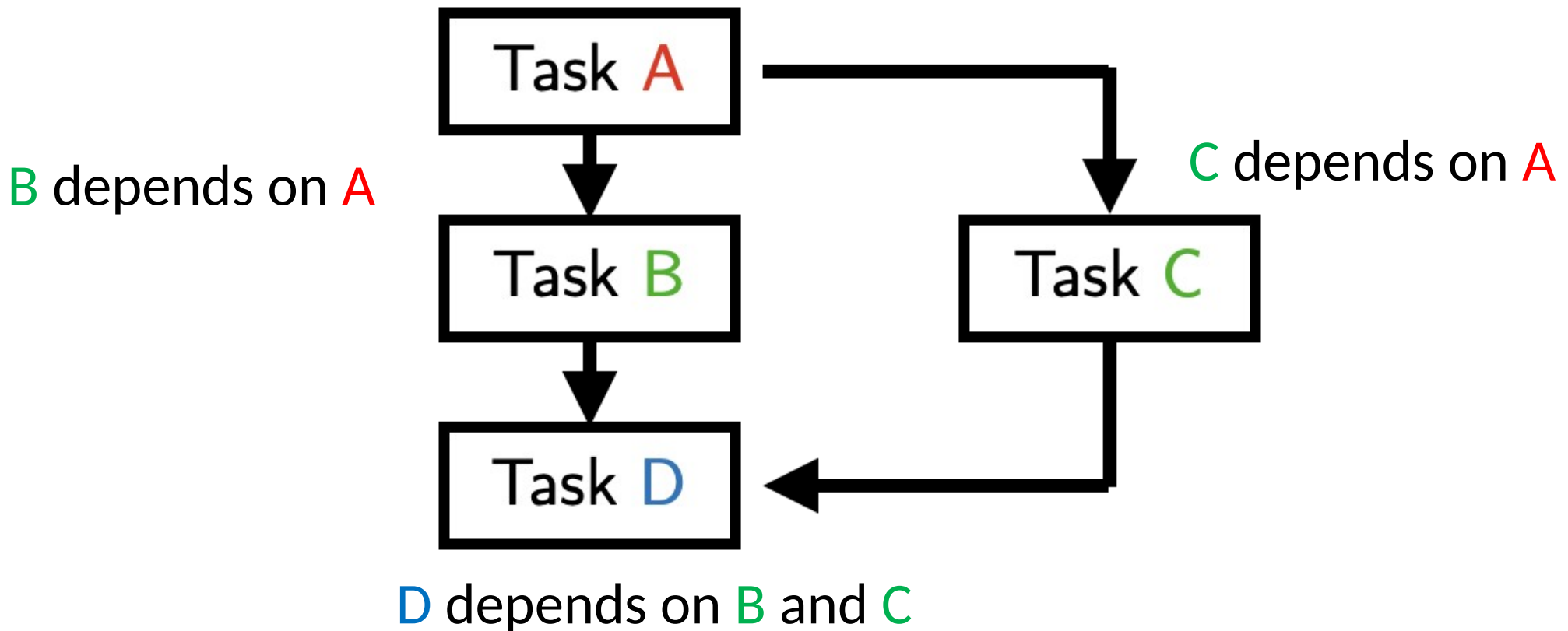
- ARM was initially designed for embedded and mobile applications. Europe and Japan are now pushing the development of ARM super-computers.
- On-going work to make SMILEI efficient on ARM-based architecture (FUGAKU and soon in European exascale).
- Optimization and vectorization efficiency enabled and ensured with many compilers (GNU, LLVM, ARM compiler, Fujitsu compiler).
- Public release early 2022



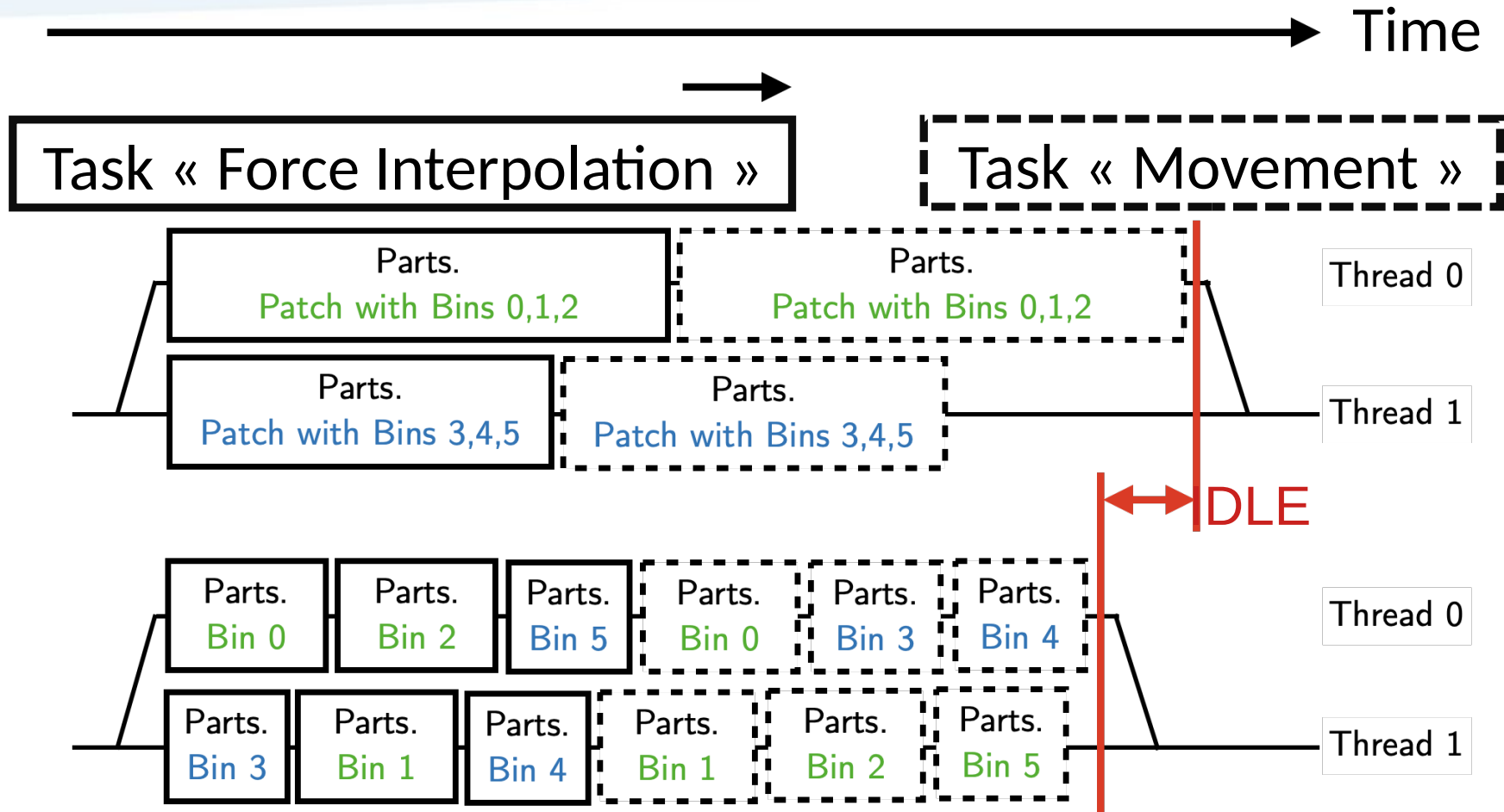
# Task Based Asynchronism

Task = Instructions + Data scope + Dependencies (if any)

Task dependency graph:



# Scheduling Tasks



- Improves Load Balance
- Covers latencies
- Helps “Strong scaling” (massive concurrency)

# Exascale task scheduler

At the exascale, too many threads and tasks for any developer to explicitly build an optimal graph. The computer must do it at runtime.

- Implemented in SMILEI with openMP tasks.
- It is planned to use the task library “**Eventify**” developed at Jülich Forschungszentrum in the frame of a European cooperation



- Explore the possibility of tasks on GPU

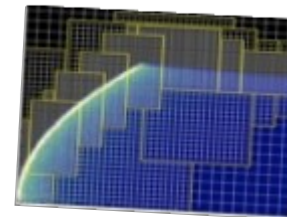
# Other efforts toward exascale

OSIRIS, developed in Portugal and in the U.S. (IST and UCLA)

WarpX, one of 21 apps of the U.S. DOE Exascale Computing Project (ECP)  
Development coordinated by LBNL

Similar trends, different technical approaches:

- Task based approach in OSIRIS based on ompSs-2
- Support for ARM architecture in OSIRIS
- Support for GPU in OSIRIS (Cuda) and WarpX (Cuda/HIP/DPC++)
- Mesh Refinement proposed by AMRex implemented in WarpX helps avoiding the memory wall when increasing the resolution





# Real Time Simulations

Demand for simulations running at a timescale on par with experiments

- Experimental design
- Experiment monitoring

Today this is approached with reduced models.

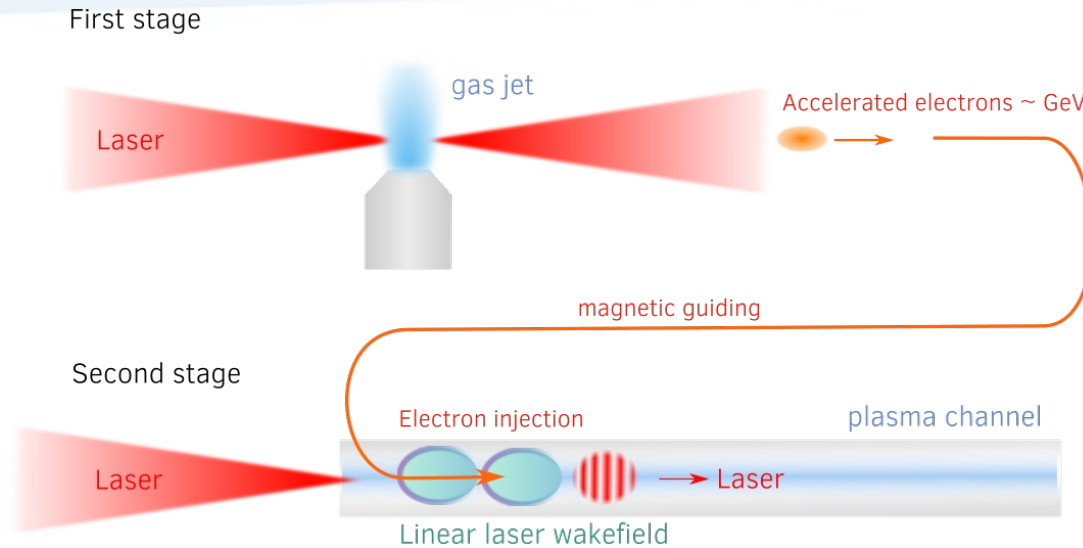
Single stage simulation roughly on the order of 10 min.

Access to exascale systems can increase both speed and accuracy of these simulations provided strong scaling is achieved.

# High Fidelity Simulations

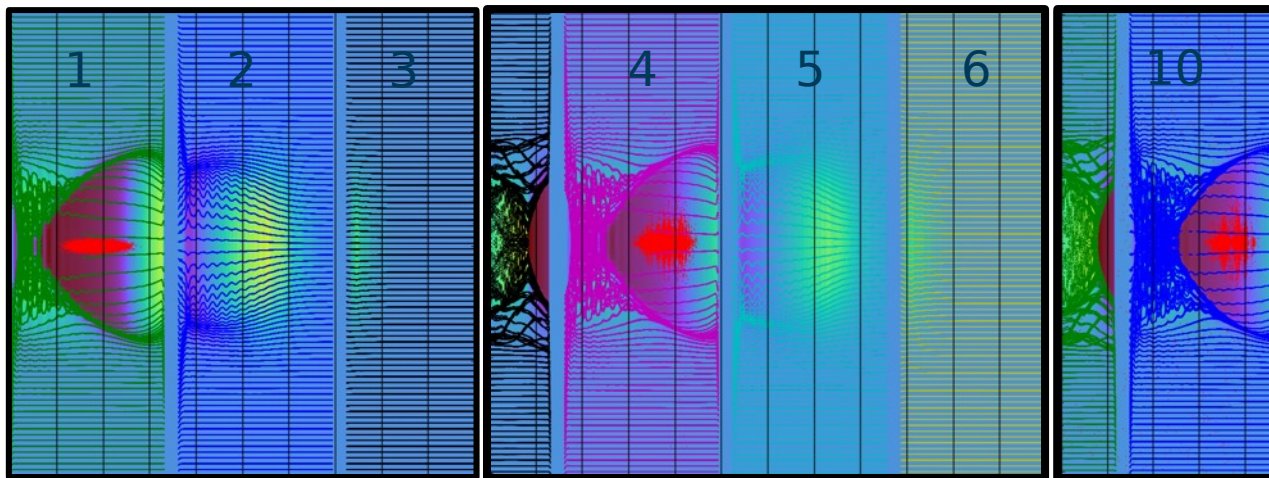
- Ultra High resolution necessary for accurate simulations.
- Detailed features of the laser and target.
- Advanced physics (betatron radiation, QED).
- Danger of hitting the memory wall (refinement might be required).

# Many stages



Stages are sequential so the problem size is constant

=> the problem qualifies for exascale provided strong scaling again.



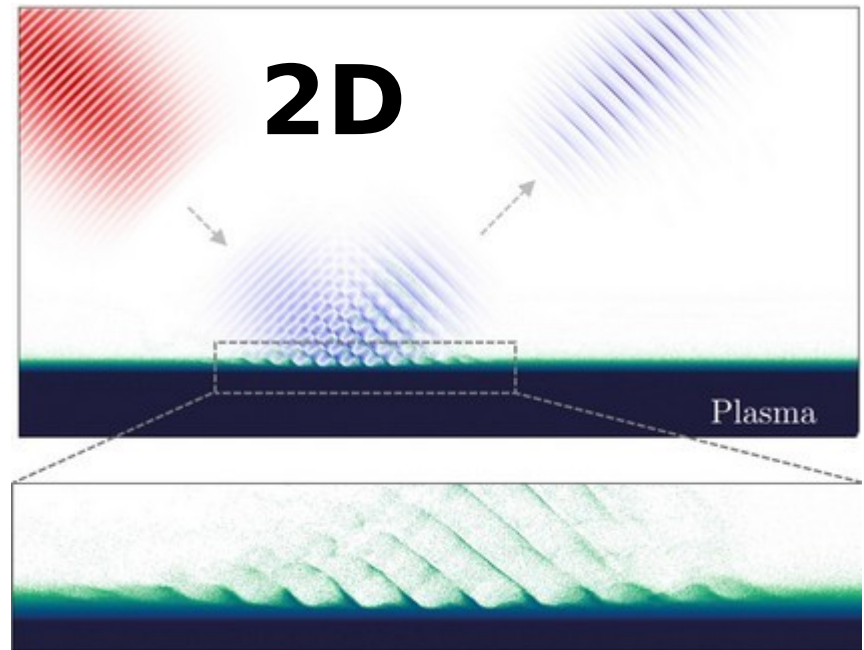
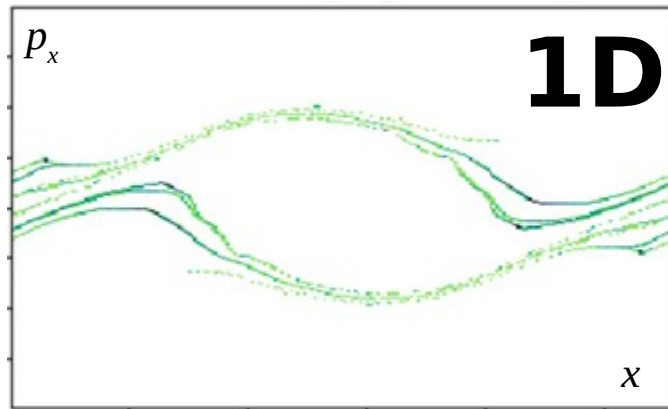
10 stages simulation  
by WarpX

D. Amarin, M. Thevenet,  
A. Huebl

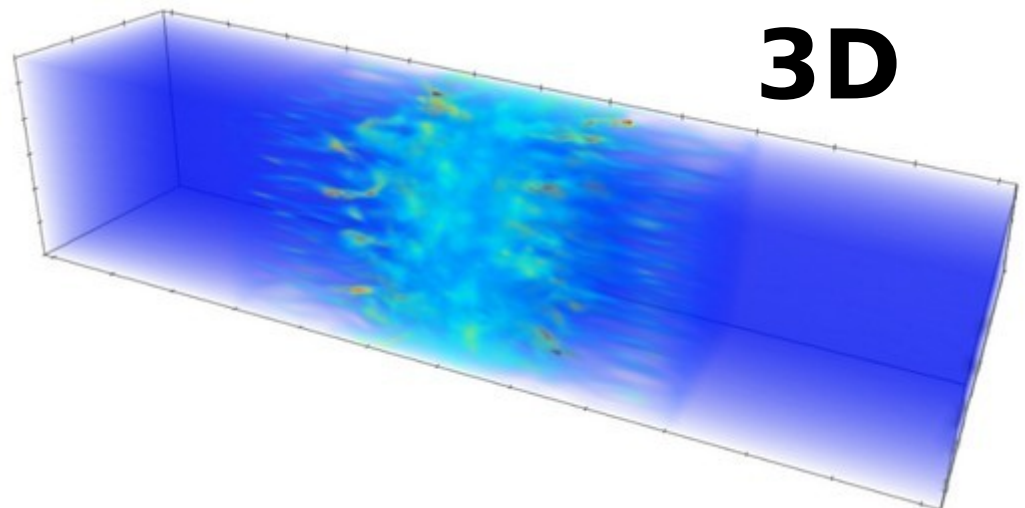
# Conclusion

- Exascale is coming.
- Codes and algorithms adaptations are mandatory.
- High gradient accelerator simulations are good enough candidates for it.
- New developments are underway to support this new incoming technology.
- Software engineering is the key challenge here in order to benefit from it.
- The U.S are a step ahead of Europe thanks to the ECP project so let's not miss the euroHPC opportunity.
- We see SMILEI as a contribution to a European joint effort. We hope to see you at our 3<sup>rd</sup> User & Training Workshop in March 2022 !

# Multiple geometries



**Cylindrical  
azimuthal  
modes**  
(3D particles)

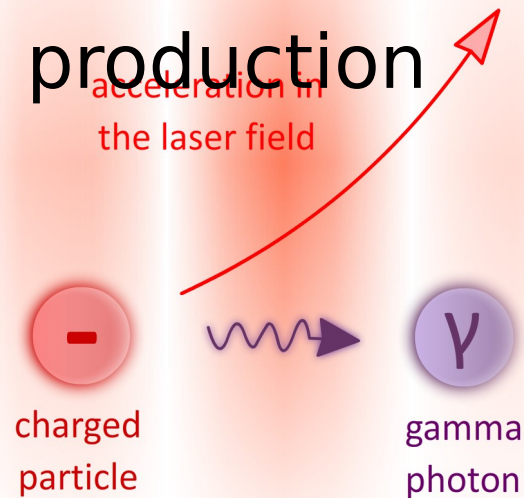


# Additional physics

## Radiation reaction

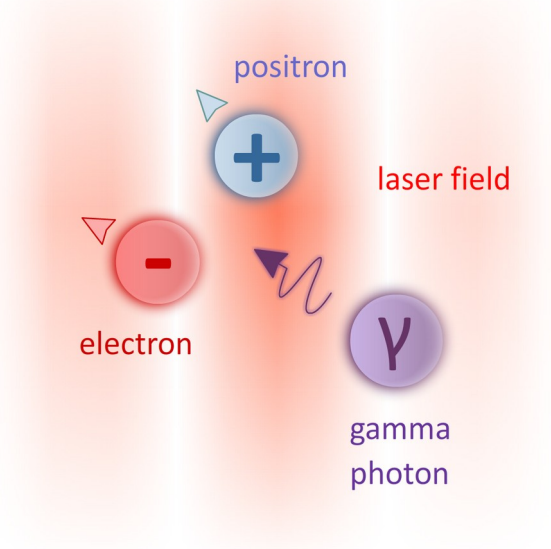
+ photon

production



## Non-linear Breit- Wheeler

pair cascades

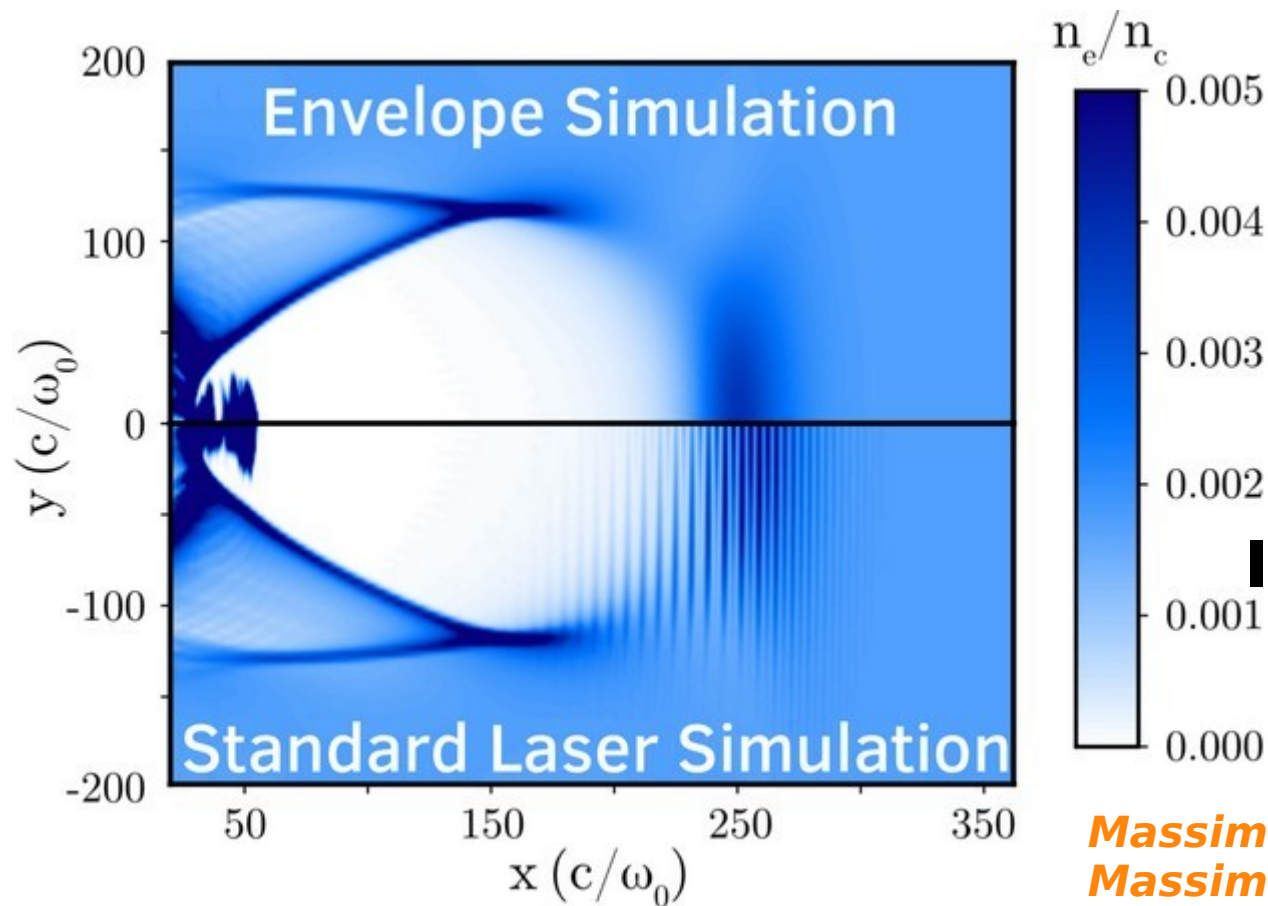


*Lobet et al., JPCS (2016)*  
*Niel et al., PRE 97 (2018); PPCF 60 (2018)*



# Advanced numerical methods

- Full-PIC = resolve the laser wavelength
- Approximation : reduced equations on laser envelope



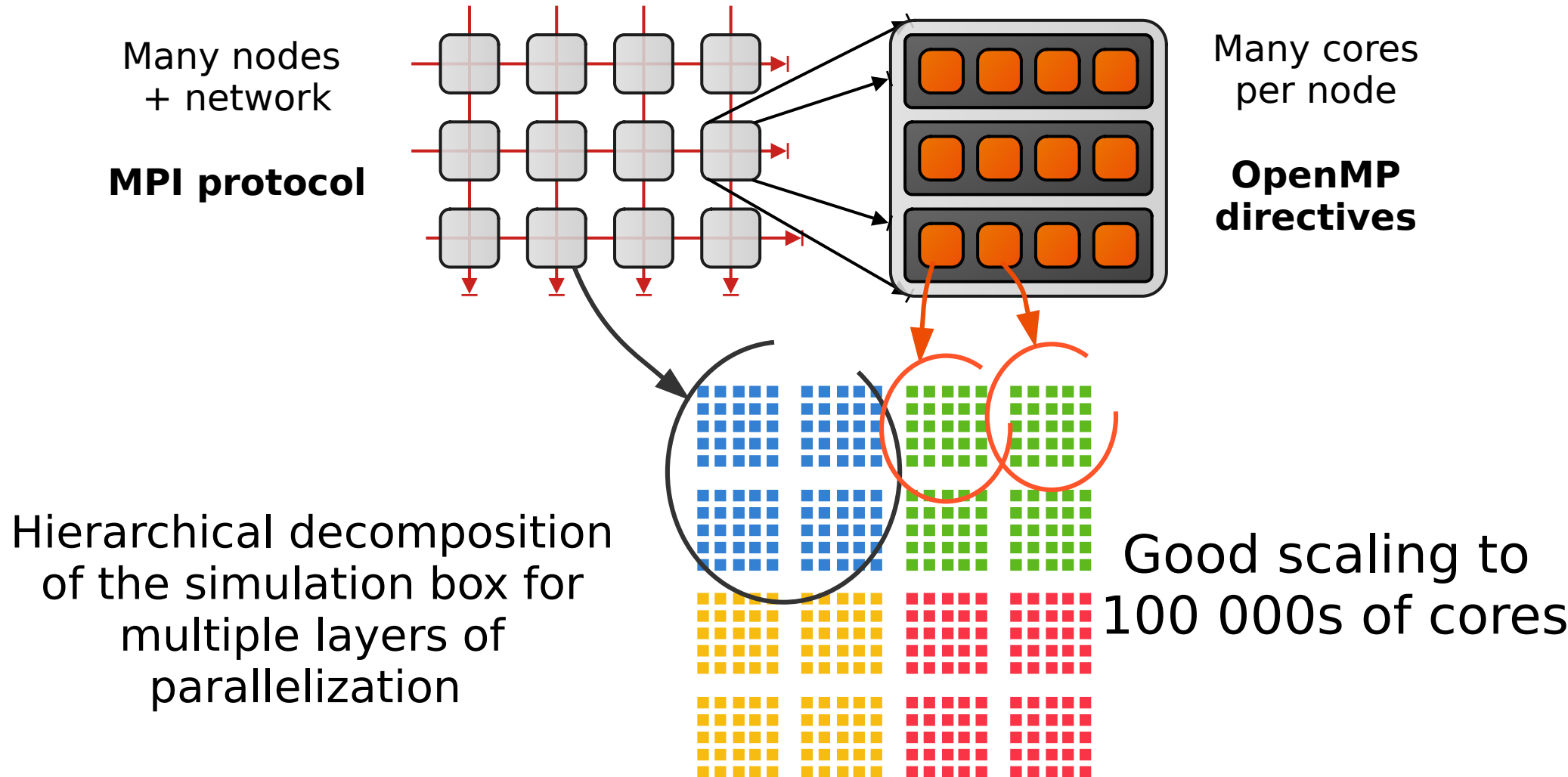
Envelope simulation:  
**20 x faster in 3D**  
**100 x faster in AM**  
**Ionization compatible**

*Massimo et al., PPCF (2019)*

*Massimo et al., IOP Proceedings (2019)*

*Massimo et al., PRE (2020)*

# Parallel computing



Is part of the French national benchmark for supercomputing



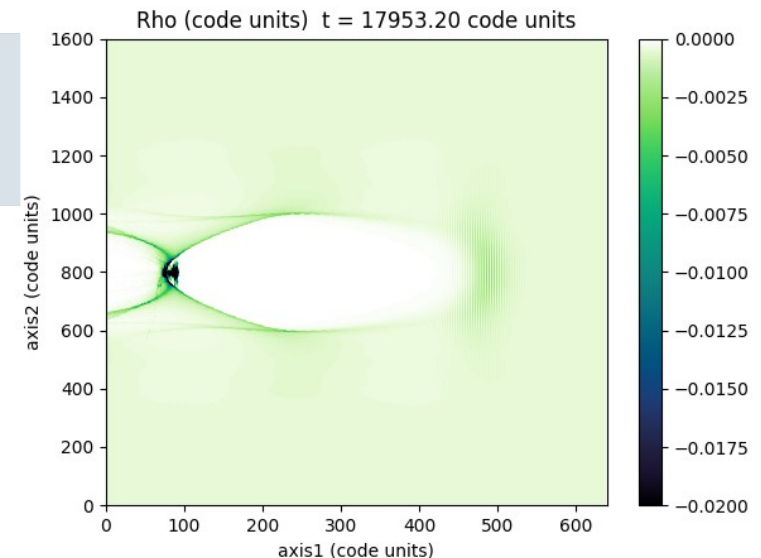
# Happi post-process

- The repository includes a *python* module

```
$ ipython  
In [1]: import happi; S = happi.Open("simulation_directory")
```

- Plot results

```
In [2]: rho = S.Probe(0,"Rho")  
In [3]: rho.plot(timestep=180000, vmin=-0.02)
```



- Data manipulation

```
In [4]: data_array = rho.getData()  
In [5]: rho.toVTK()
```

# Smilei)

Open-source  
PIC code

[maisondelasimulation.fr/smilei](https://maisondelasimulation.fr/smilei)

[github.com/SmileiPIC/Smilei](https://github.com/SmileiPIC/Smilei)

[app.element.io/#/room/#Smilei-users:matrix.org](https://app.element.io/#/room/#Smilei-users:matrix.org)

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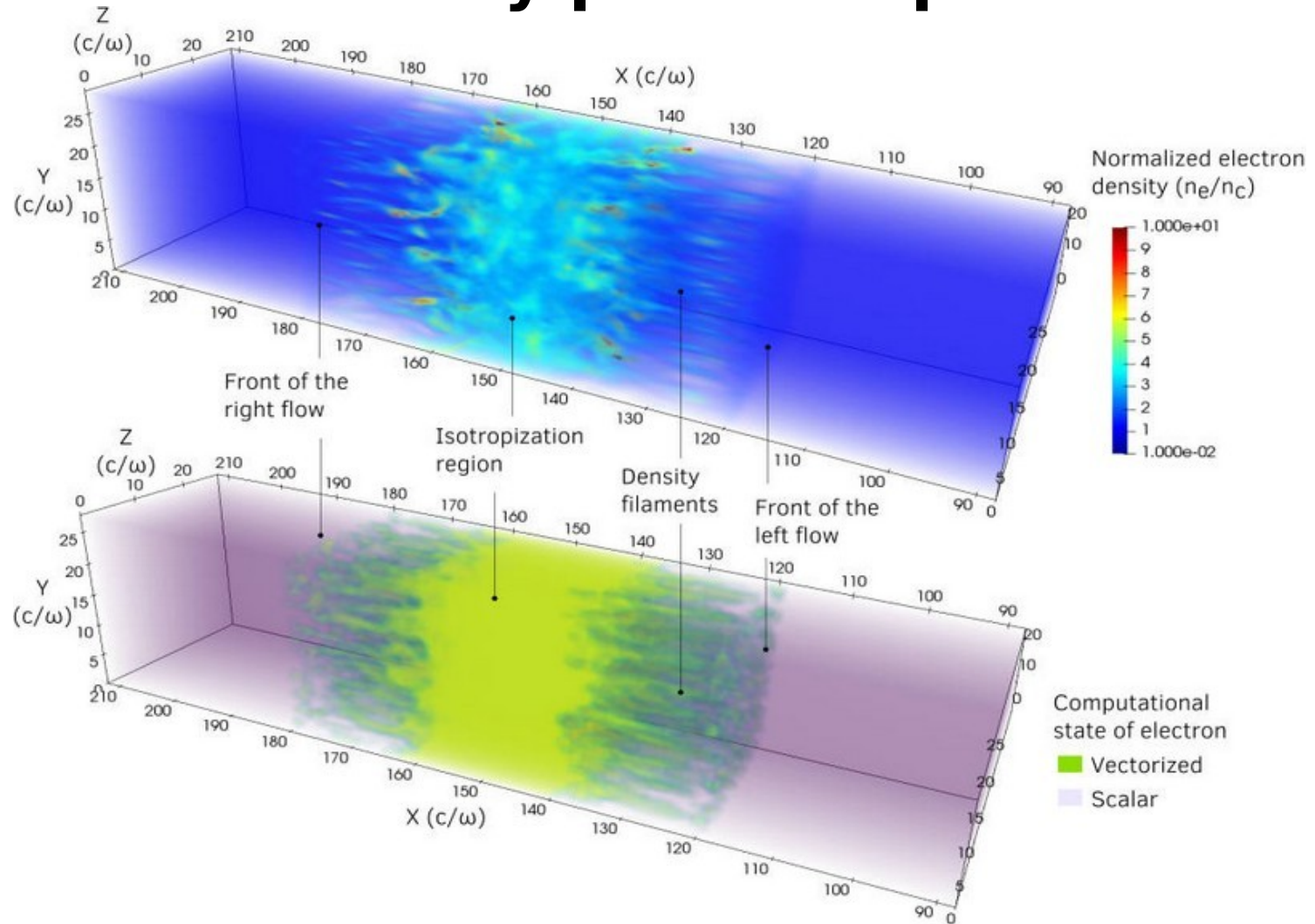


... and many  
more

*Derouillat et al., CPC 222 (2018)*

# High Performance

**Vectorization activated only where there are many particles per cell**



# Many options for solvers

- Charge-conserving current deposition

*Esirkepov, CPC 135 (2001)*

- Orders of interpolation:

2 or 4

(3 or 5 points)

- Several FDTD schemes:

“Yee”, “Cowan”, “Lehe”

*Nuter et al., EPJD 68 (2017)*

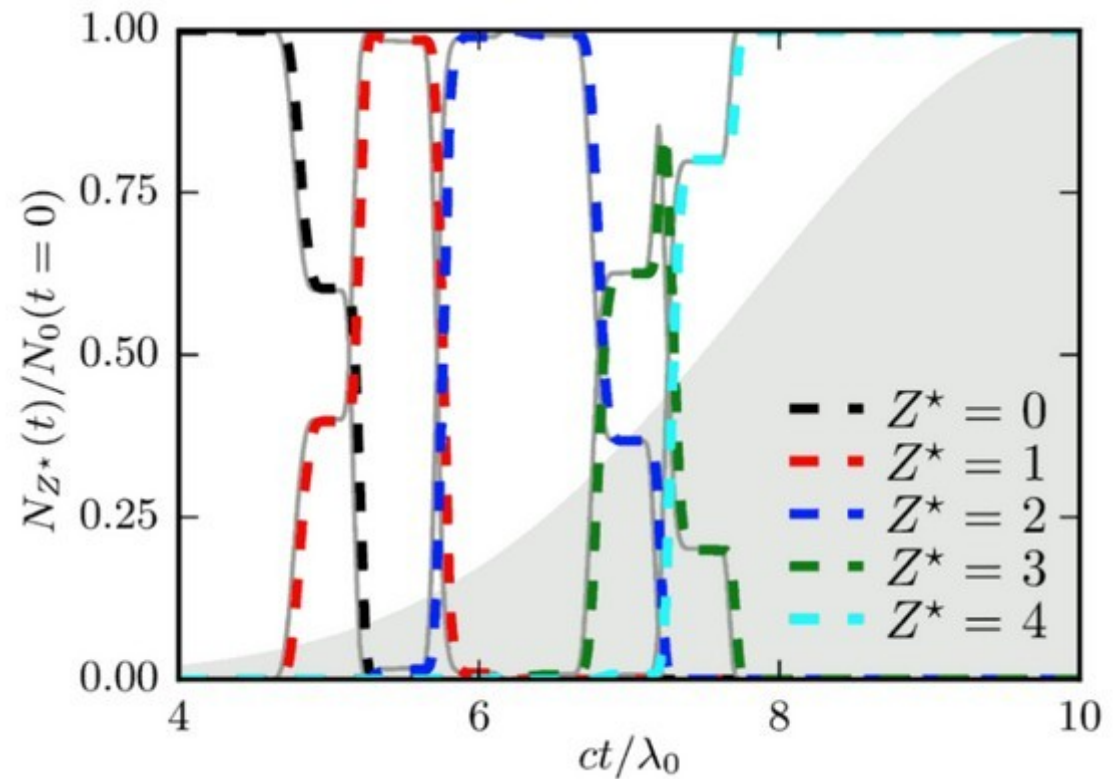
- Spectral solver available via **PICSAR** (*beta*)

[picsar.net](http://picsar.net)

# Ionization by fields

- Monte-Carlo
- Multiple events in 1 timestep
- May define a custom ionization rate

Carbon  
ionization state  
vs  
time

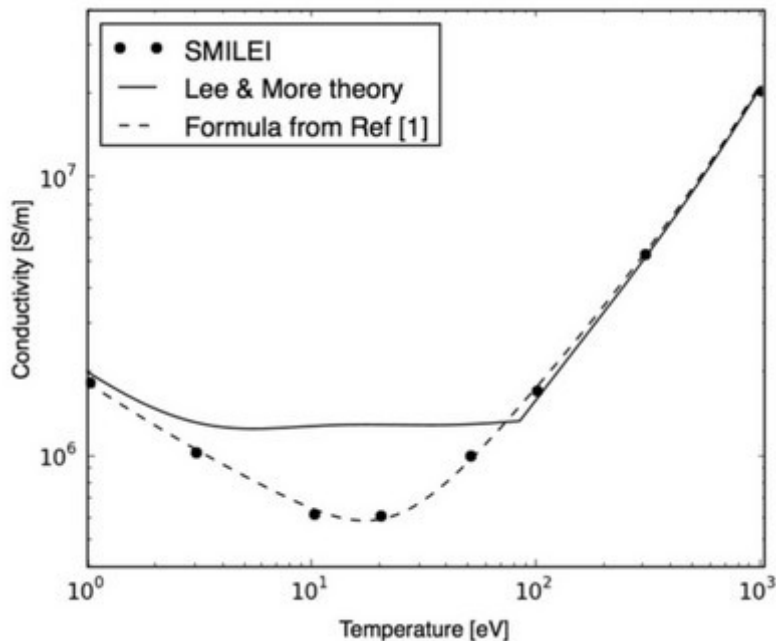


**Nuter et al., POP  
18 (2011)**

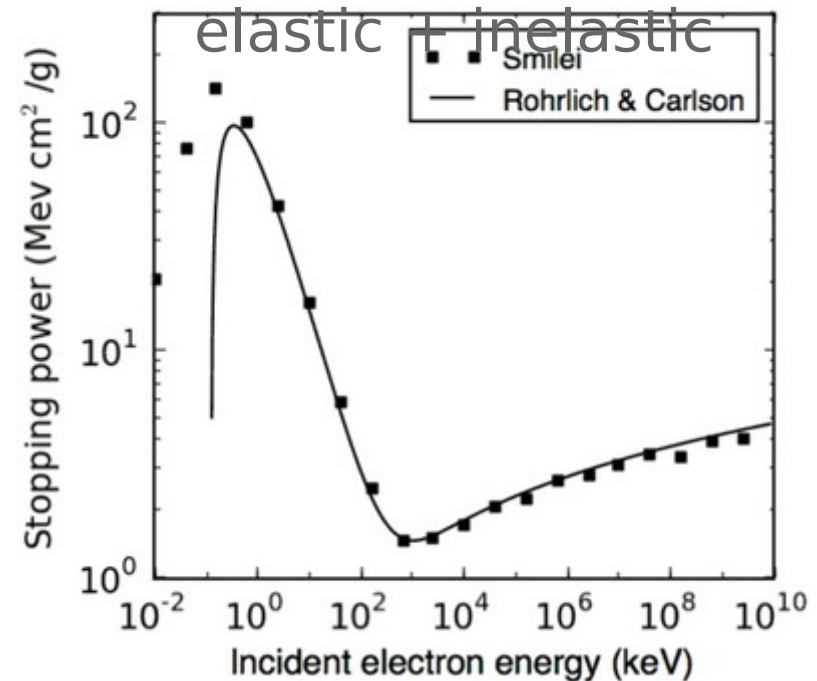
# Processes between pairs of particles

- Collisions
- Collisional ionization
- Nuclear reactions (D-D fusion in progress)

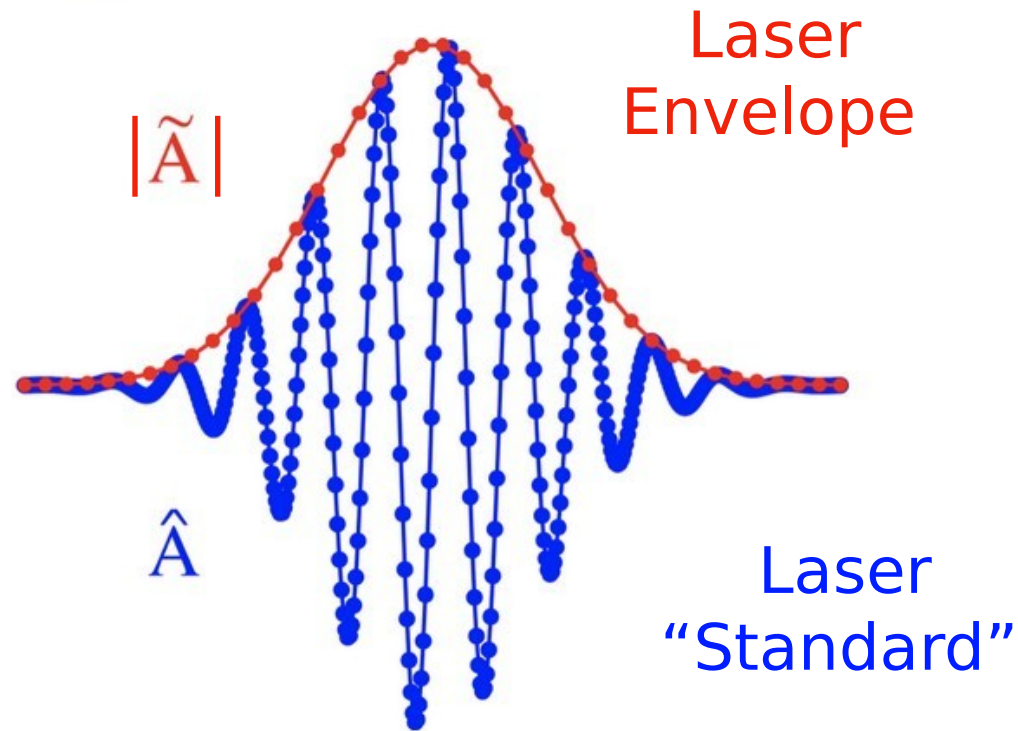
Conductivity of Cu  
in wide temperature range



Electron stopping power in  
Al



# Envelope: wave equation



Terzani and Londrillo,  
CPC (2019)

Laser Complex Envelope

$$\hat{A}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \text{Re} \left[ \tilde{A}(\mathbf{x}, t) e^{ik_0(x-ct)} \right]$$

D'Alembert Equation:

$$+ \quad \nabla^2 \hat{A} - \partial_t^2 \hat{A} = -\hat{J}$$

Envelope Equation:

$$\nabla^2 \tilde{A} + 2i \left( \partial_x \tilde{A} + \partial_t \tilde{A} \right) - \partial_t^2 \tilde{A} = \chi \tilde{A}$$

Plasma  
Susceptibility



# Envelope: particle motion

## Ponderomotive force:

Acts as a radiation pressure on charged particles.  
Expels the electrons from high-intensity zones.

Equations of motion for the macro-particles:

$$\frac{d\bar{\mathbf{x}}_p}{dt} = \frac{\bar{\mathbf{u}}_p}{\bar{\gamma}_p} \quad r_s = q_s/m_s$$
$$\frac{d\bar{\mathbf{u}}_p}{dt} = r_s \left( \bar{\mathbf{E}}_p + \frac{\bar{\mathbf{u}}_p}{\bar{\gamma}_p} \times \bar{\mathbf{B}}_p \right) - r_s^2 \frac{1}{4\bar{\gamma}_p} \nabla \left( |\tilde{A}_p|^2 \right)$$

Lorentz Force  
(plasma fields)

Ponderomotive force  
(laser envelope)



# Smilei) Timeline

