

Innovative use of High Performance Computing through the Modeling of Particle Accelerators.

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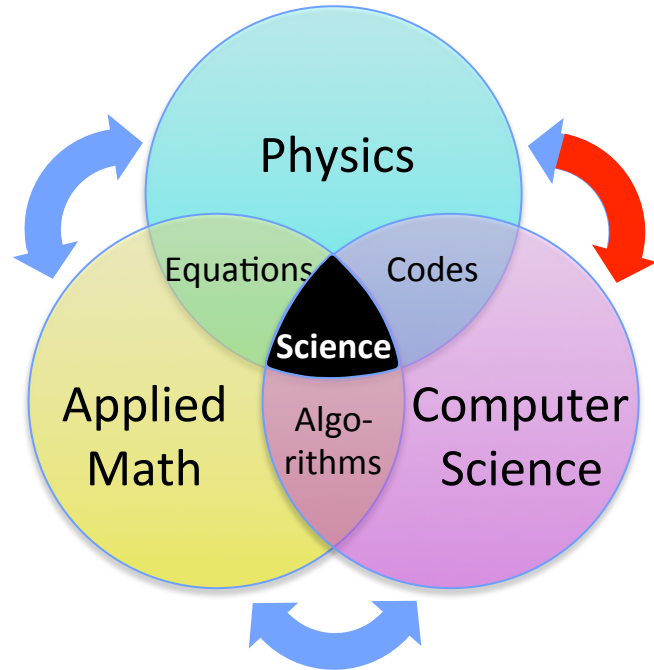
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Using physics to influence HPC accelerator modeling

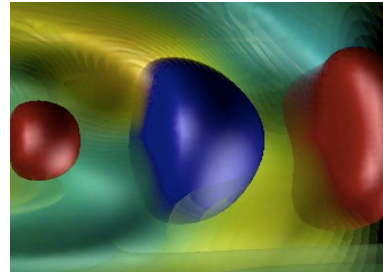
Conventional wisdom assumes serial process for building codes:



but reality is much more complex, w/ physics even being used to alter algorithms & codes.

Examples

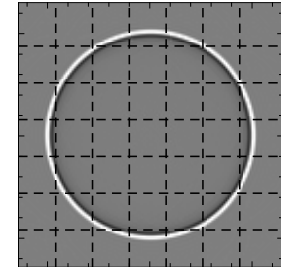
Lorentz boosted frame



Uses special relativity to speedup simulations by orders of magnitude.

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Parallel spectral solver



Uses finite speed of light to enable direct scaling to many cores.

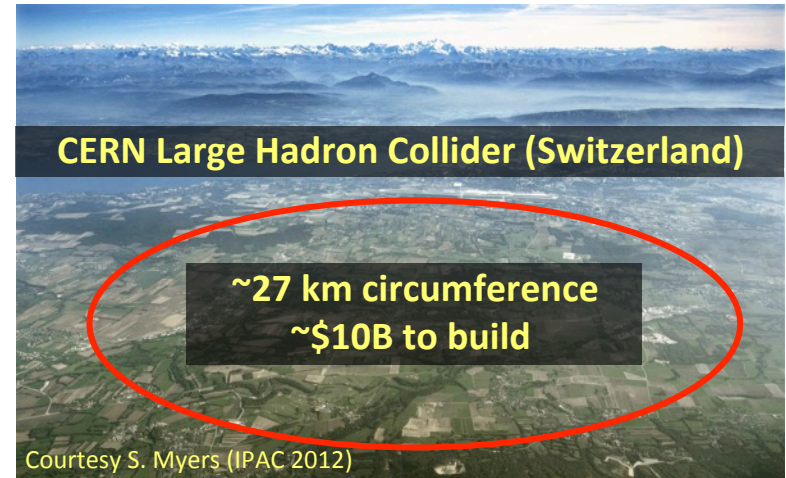
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Accelerator modeling at the crossroad of 2 mutations

Supercomputers



Accelerators



In each case, scaling w/ current technologies is not sustainable:
→ need for change in paradigm.

One limiting factor of accelerators based on standard technologies:
metallic electrical breakdown limit of ~50-100 MV/m.

Plasma based accelerators - i.e. Berkeley Lab Laser Accelerator (BELLA):
electric fields >50 GV/m → shorter, cheaper accelerators!

Laser plasma acceleration (LPA)

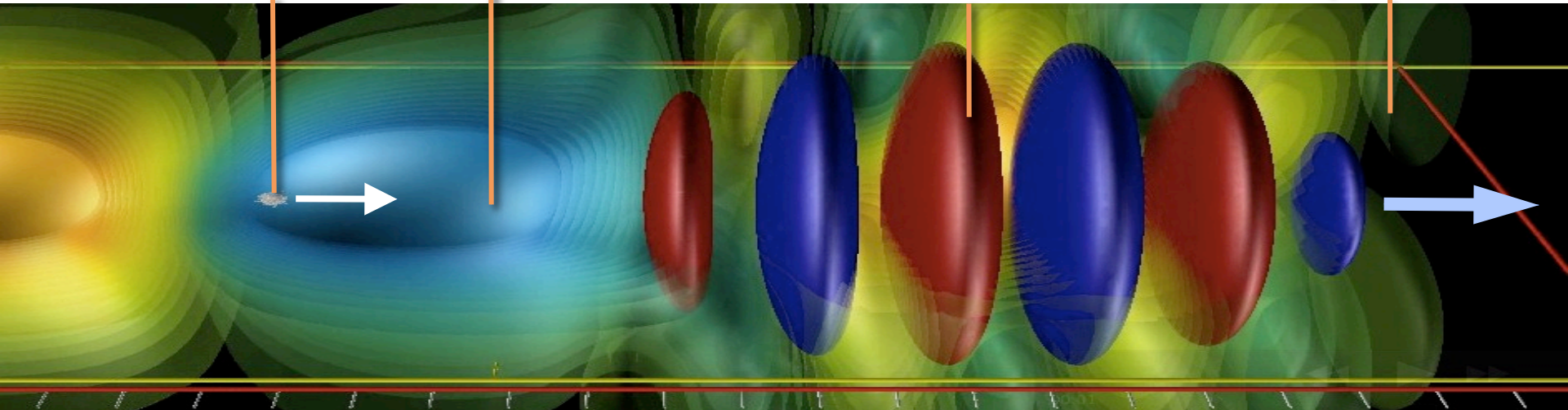


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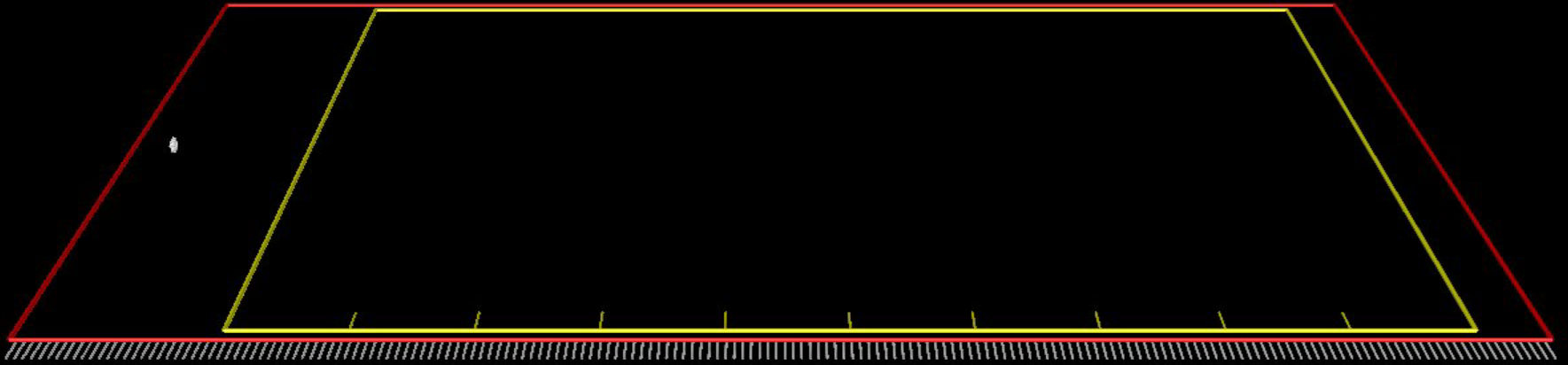
wake

boat
laser

water
plasma



Modeling from first principle is very challenging

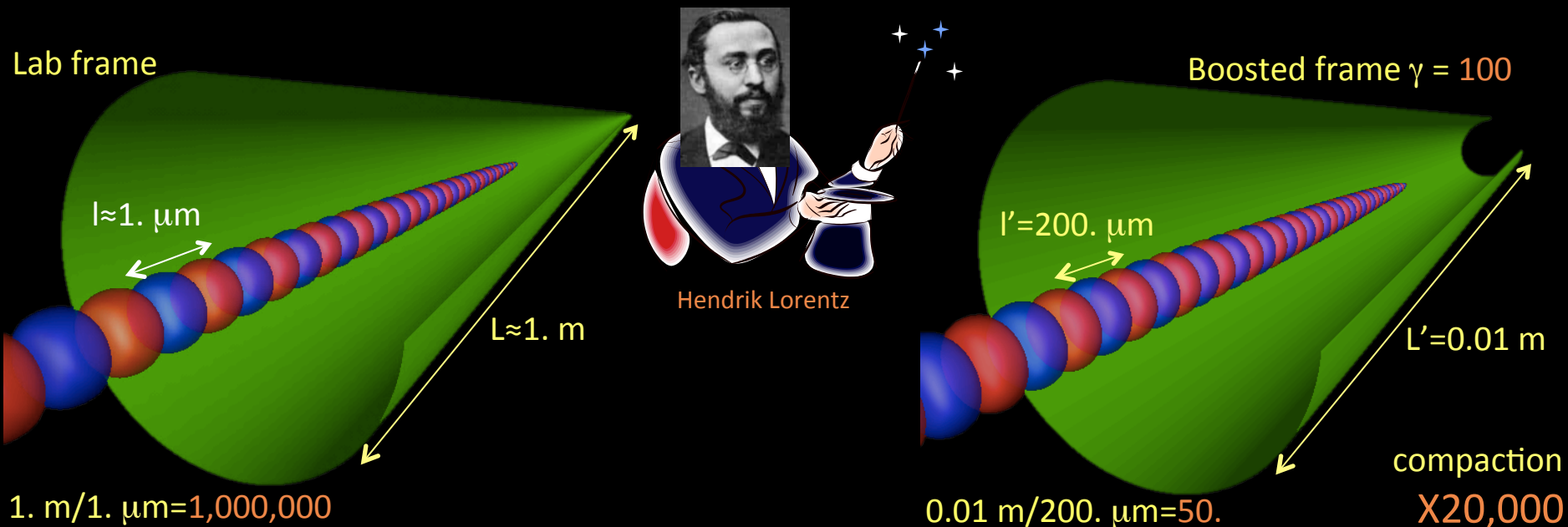


For a 10 GeV scale stage (e.g. BELLA):

~1 μ m wavelength laser propagates into ~1m plasma

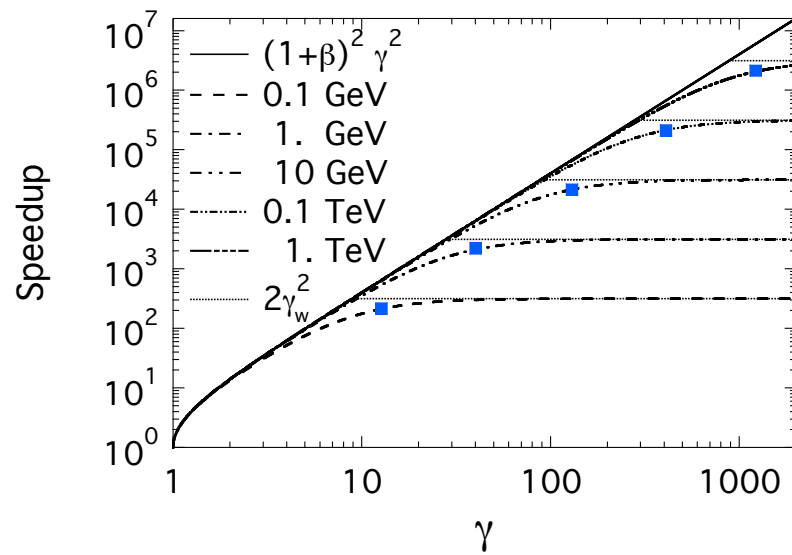
→ tens of millions of time steps needed!

Solution: model in frame moving near the speed of light*



Predicted speedup:

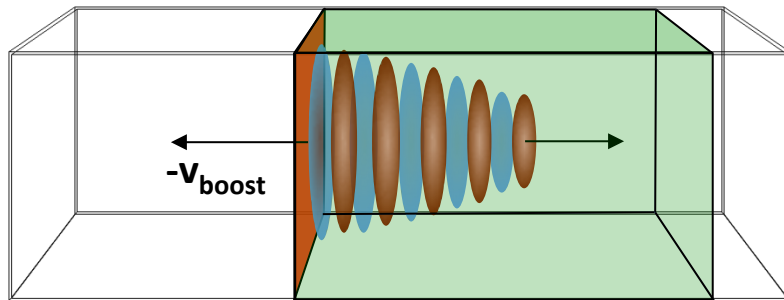
- **> 10,000** for single **10 GeV** (BELLA) stage,
- **> 1,000,000** for single **1 TeV** stage.



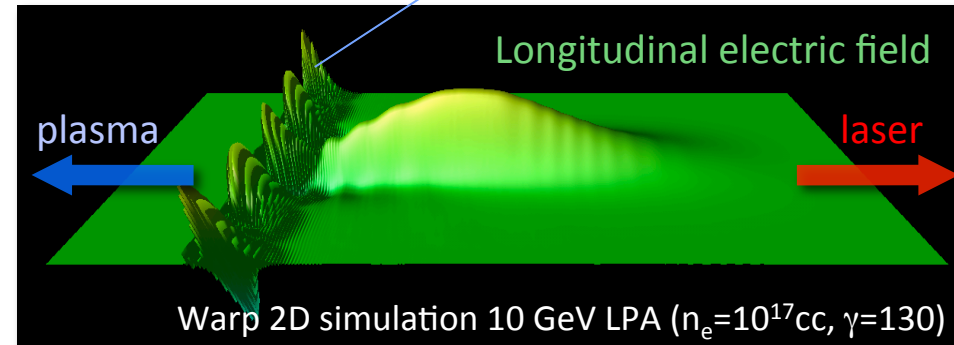
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Concept simple but application not straightforward

- New algorithm for laser injection using moving antenna¹



- Short wavelength instability at large γ (≥ 100)²



- Various solutions developed to mitigate instability

- discovered a “magical time step” with ultra low instability growth rate²
- developed efficient wideband parallel filtering using strides²
- determined that hyperbolic rotation of laser from Lorentz tr. enabled wideband filters³
- understood instability and developed better solutions^{4,5}

¹J.-L. Vay, C. Geddes, E. Cormier-Michel, D. Grote, *Phys. Plasmas* **18**, 123103 (2011)

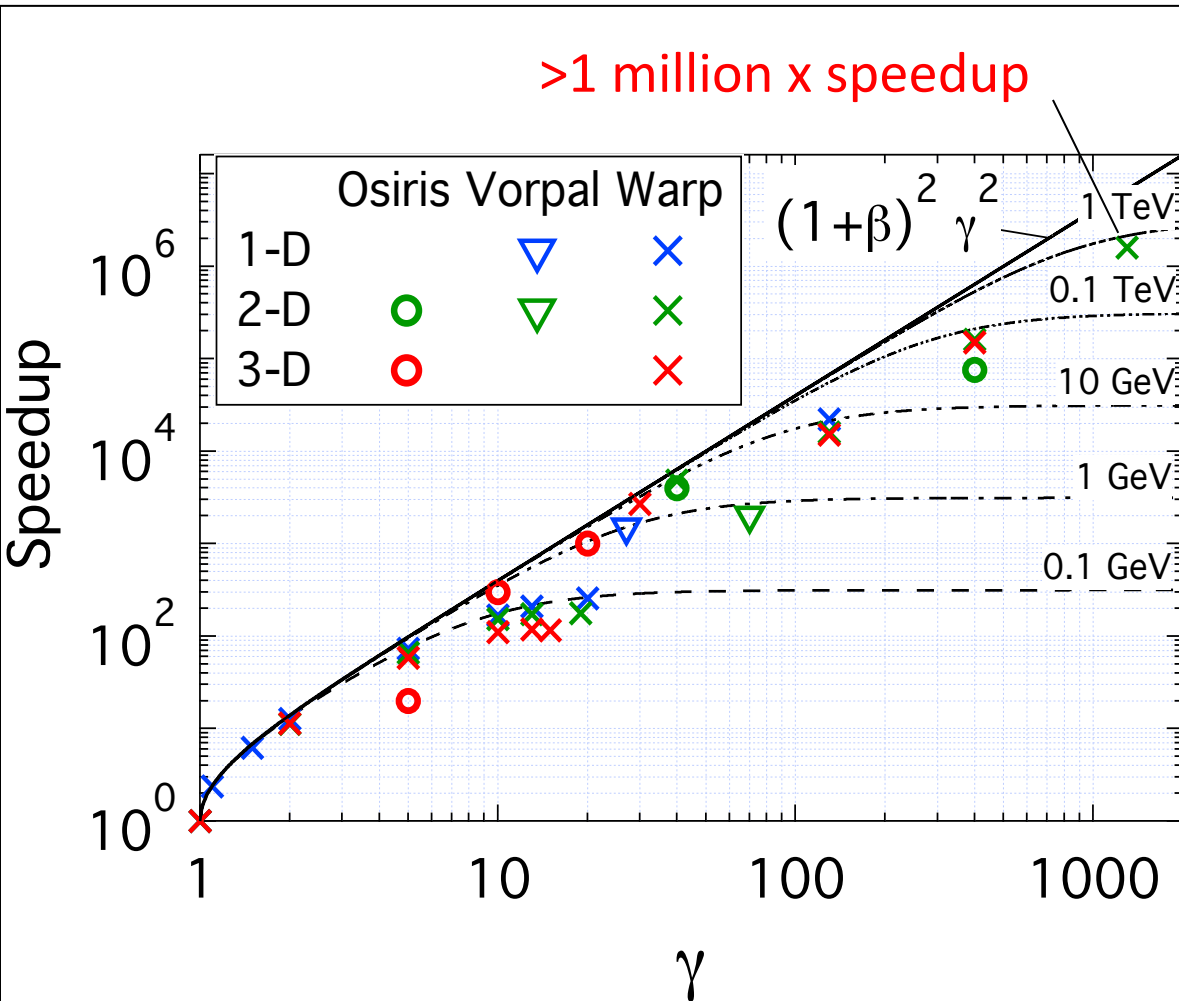
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⁴B. Godfrey, J.-L. Vay, *J. Comput. Phys.* **248**, 33 (2013).

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Speedup verified by us and others to over a million



Warp:

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Osiris:

1. S. Martins, et al., *Nat. Phys.* **6** 311 (2010)
2. S. Martins, et al., *Comput. Phys. Comm.* **181** 869 (2010)
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Vorpal:

1. D. Bruhwiler, et al., *AIP Conf. Proc* **1086** 29 (2009)

Enabled simulations previously untractable (e.g. 10 GeV BELLA stage):

2006 (lab) in 1D: ~ 5k CPU-hours → 2011 (boost) in 3D: ~ 1k CPU-hours

Speed & accuracy required for ultra high quality beams

Electromagnetic solvers

Finite-Difference Time Domain

Warp (LBNL/LLNL/U. Maryland),
Osiris (UCLA), V-sim (Tech-X), etc.

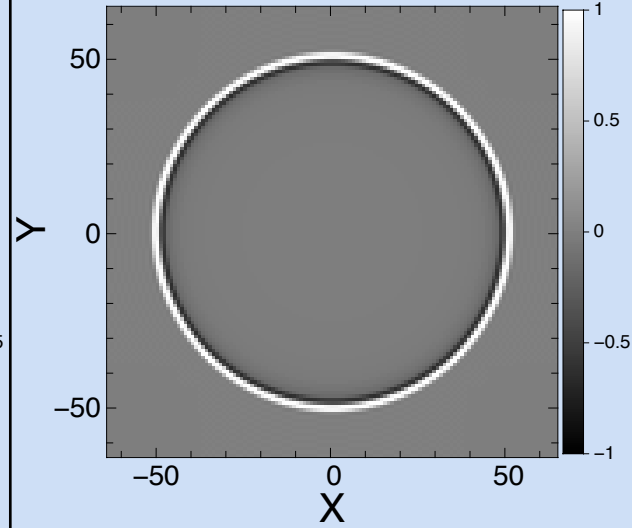
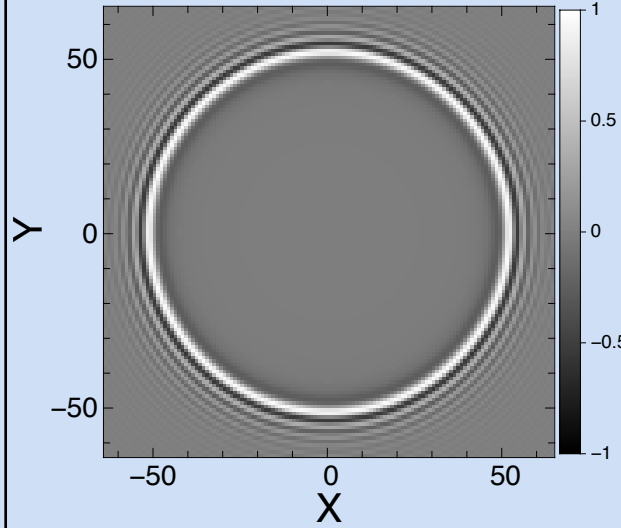
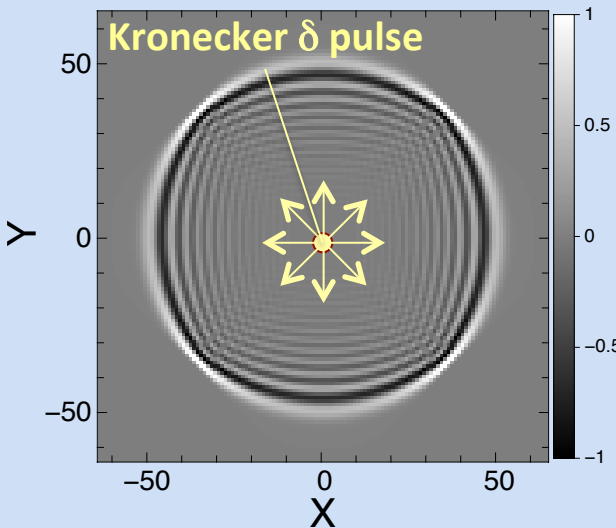
Pseudo-Spectral Time Domain

UPIC-EMMA (UCLA)

Pseudo-Spectral Analytic

Time Domain^{1,2}

Warp (LBNL/LLNL/U. Maryland)



- Numerical dispersion,
- anisotropy,
- Courant condition:

$$c\Delta t \leq 1 / \sqrt{\frac{1}{\Delta x^2} + \frac{1}{\Delta y^2} + \frac{1}{\Delta z^2}}$$

- Numerical dispersion,
- isotropy,
- Courant condition:

$$c\Delta t \leq 2/\pi \sqrt{\frac{1}{\Delta x^2} + \frac{1}{\Delta y^2} + \frac{1}{\Delta z^2}}$$

- Exact dispersion,
- isotropy,
- Courant condition:

None

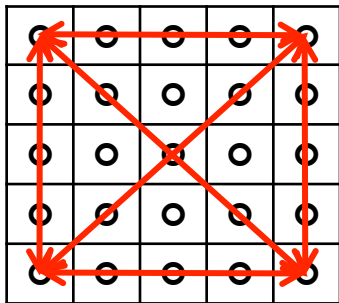
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But spectral solvers hard to scale to large # of cores

Spectral

**global
communications**

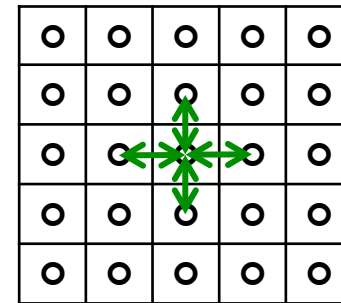


Hard/costly to scale

vs

Finite Difference

**local
communications**



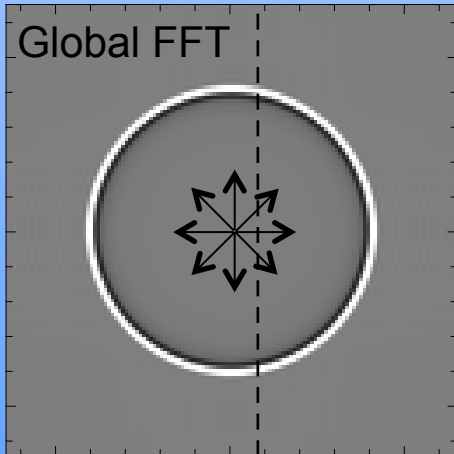
Easy/cheap to scale

**But thanks to finite speed of light,
Maxwell update is local during finite time interval ΔT .**

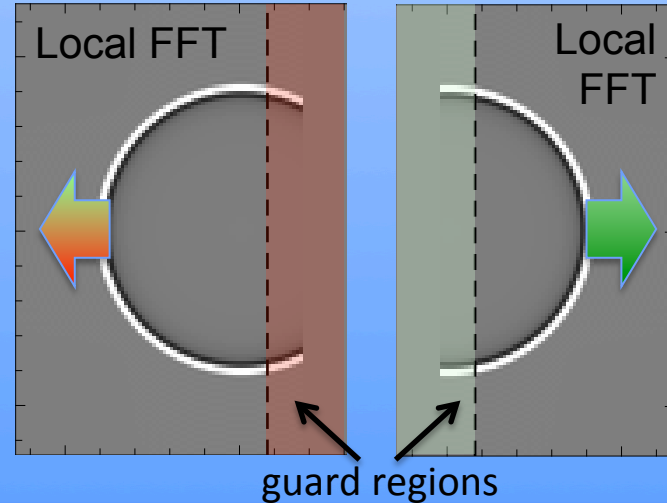
→ local communications may be used with spectral Maxwell.

New concept on single pulse – part 1

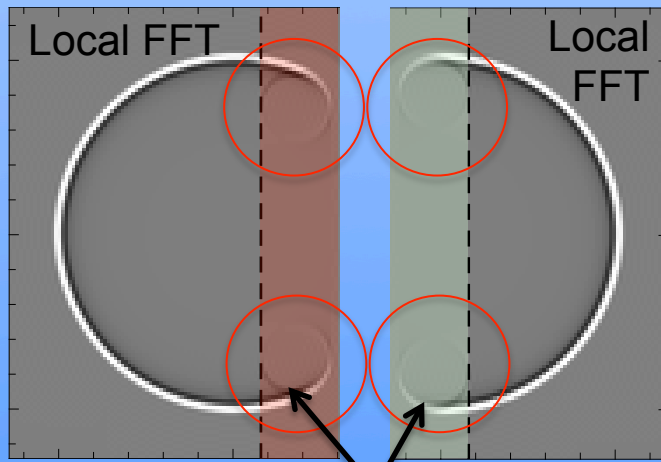
Example: unit pulse expansion at time T



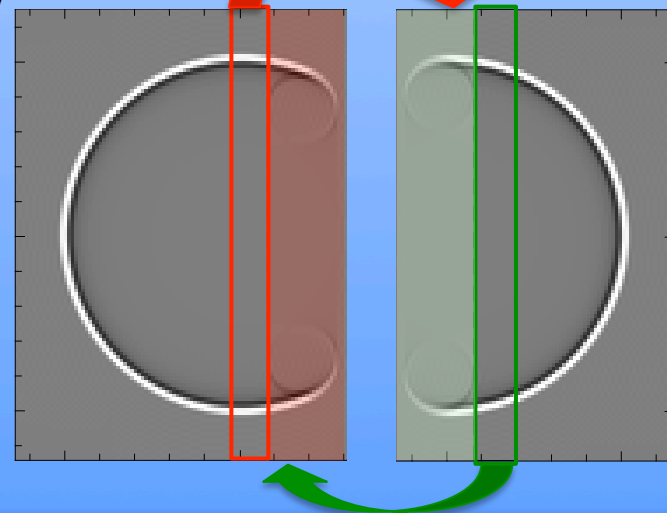
Separate calculation in two domains



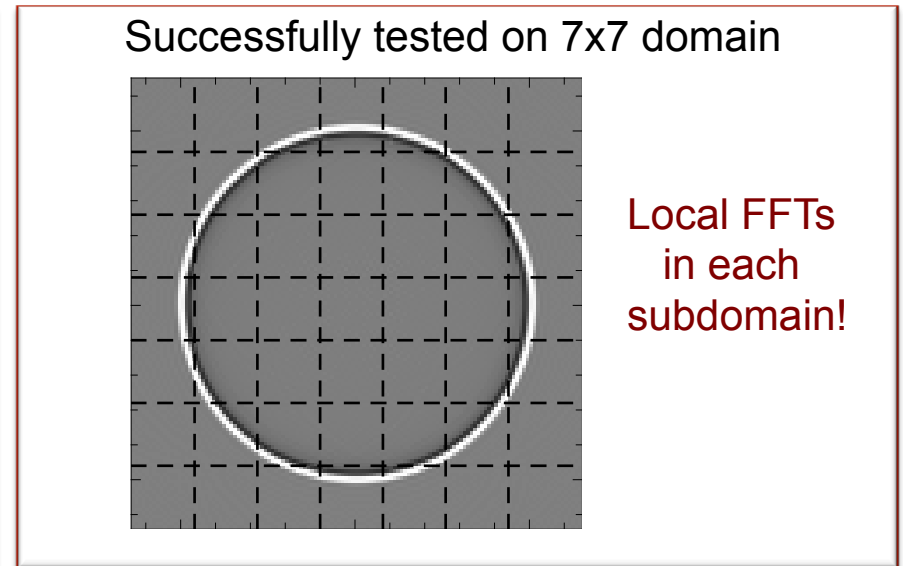
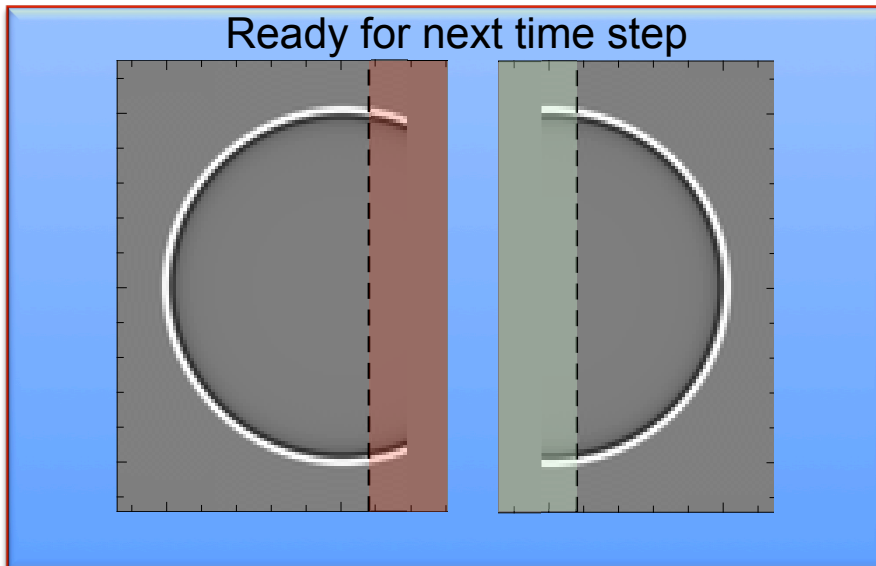
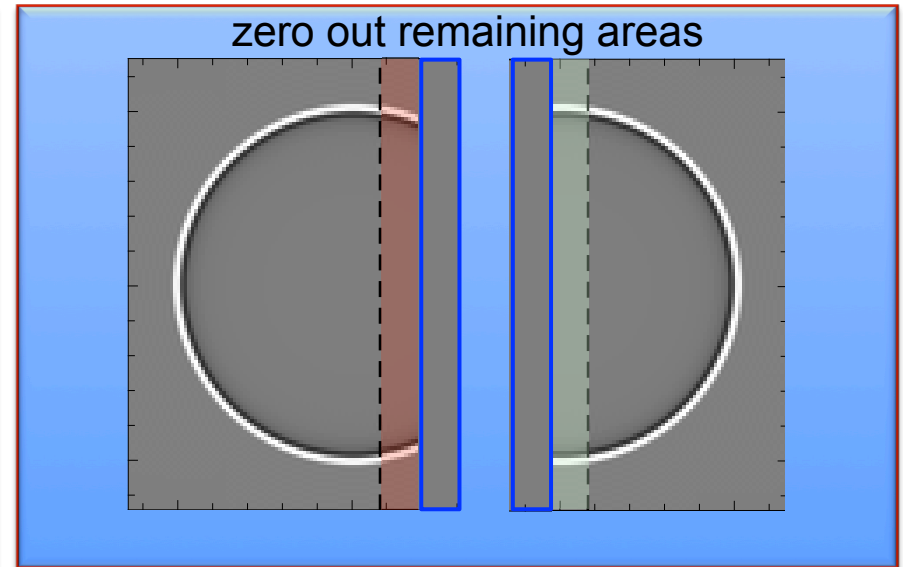
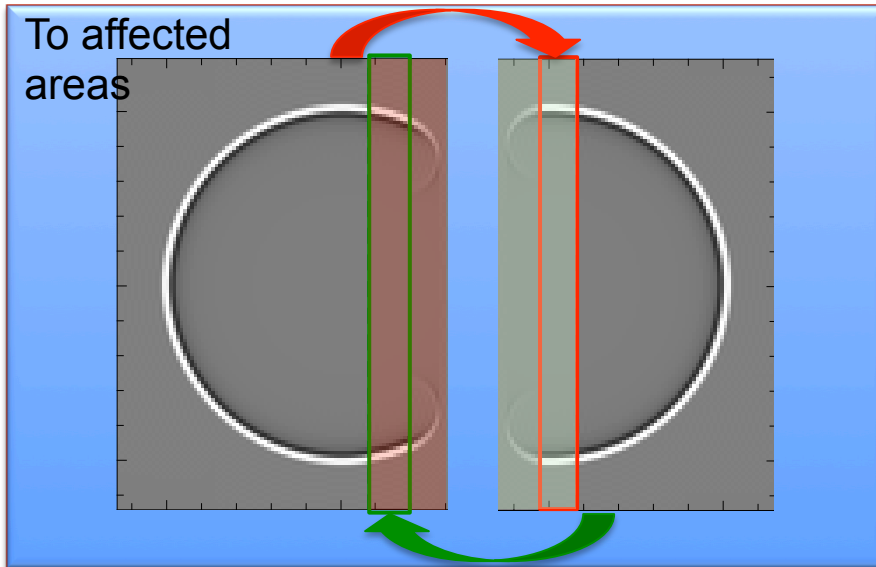
Advance to time $T + \Delta T$



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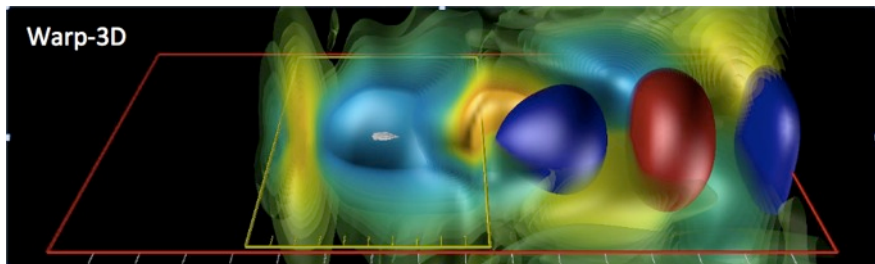


New concept on single pulse – part 2



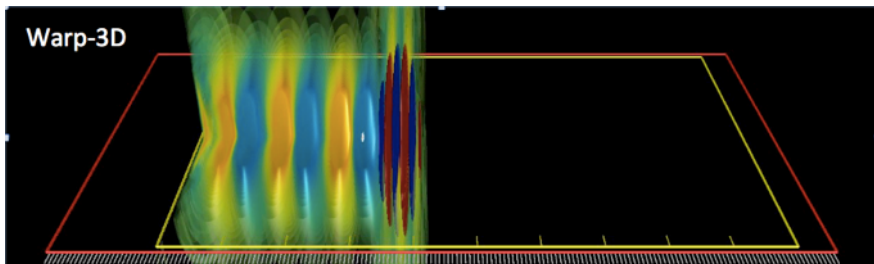
Successfully tested on 2-D modeling of short LPA stages

Lorentz boosted frame (wake)

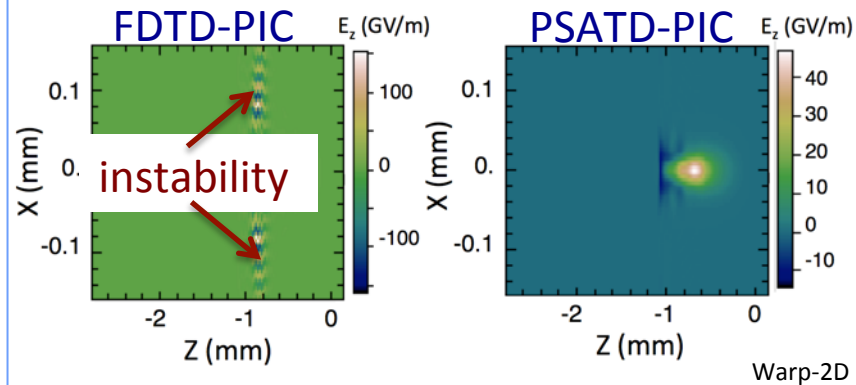


Small proof-of-principle simulations using 8 cores.

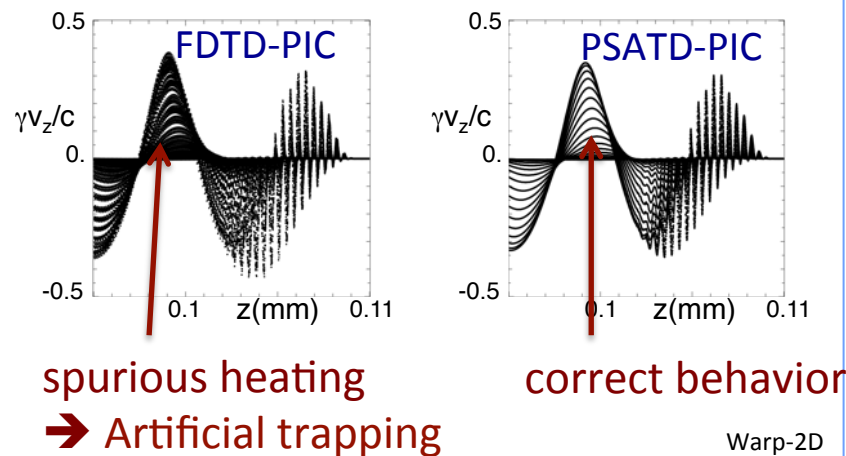
Lab frame



Improved stability



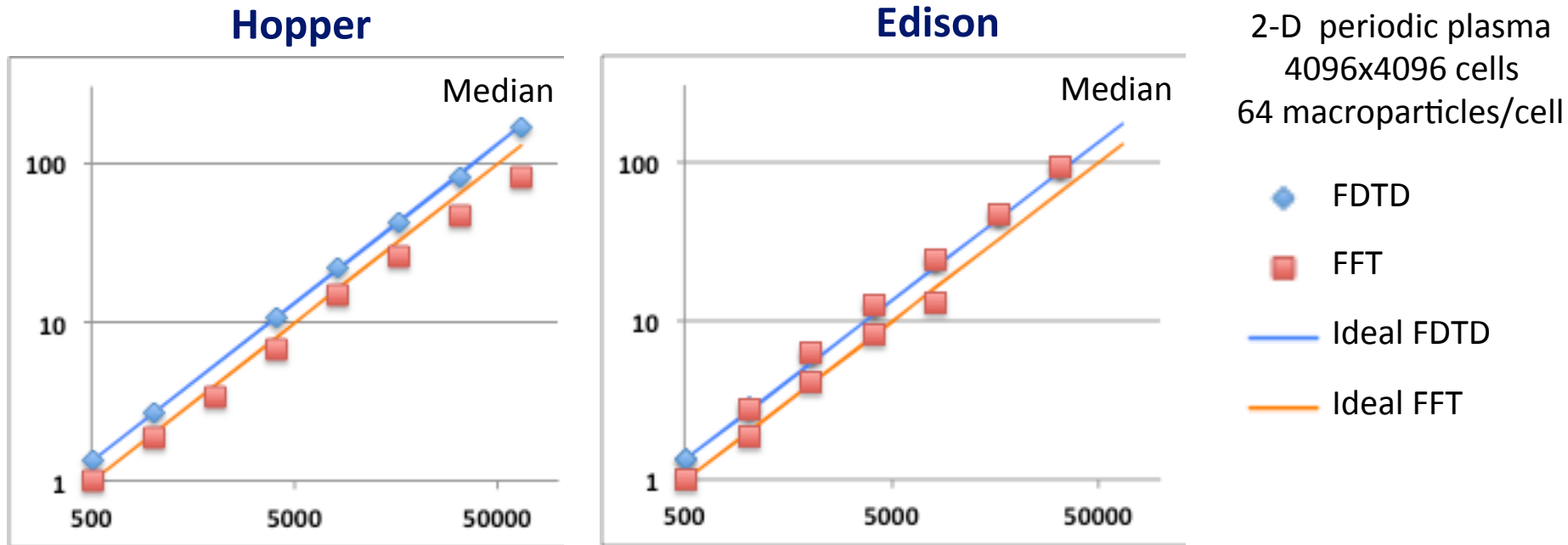
Improved phase space accuracy



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Warp strong scaling on Hopper and Edison

Joint AFRD/CRD/NERSC LDRD on new spectral solver decomposition



Courtesy: A. Koniges, NERSC

- Near linear scaling up-to 65,636 cores on Hopper, 32,768 on Edison.
- Prototype FFT Maxwell solver implemented with numpy & pyMPI.
- Optimized C implementation underway; 3-D to follow (T. Drummond, CRD).

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 - Warp's Python+FORTRAN/C fosters creativity at full speed.
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 - CRD/NERSC: A. Koniges, T. Drummond,
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