

Our Road to Exascale:

Particle Accelerator & Laser-Plasma Modeling



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Outline

- **Intro** - particle accelerator modeling
- **Then (<2016)** - Warp
- **The journey** - from Warp to WarpX (2016-2023)
- **Now (2023+)** - WarpX + ecosystem
- **Conclusion**

Particle Accelerators are Essential Tools in Modern Life

Medicine



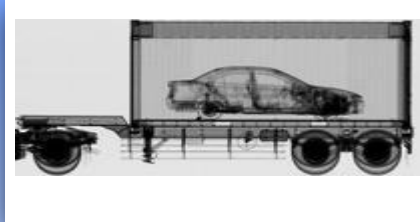
- **~9,000 medical accelerators** in operation worldwide
- 10's of millions of patients treated/yr
- 50 medical isotopes, routinely produced with accelerators

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



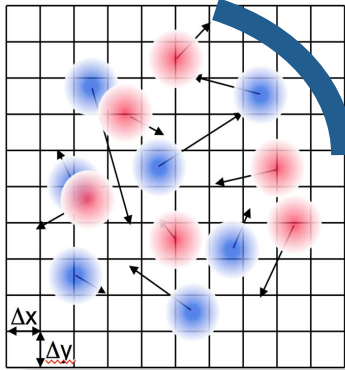
- **~30% of Nobel Prizes** in Physics since 1939 enabled by accelerators
- 4 of last 14 Nobel Prizes in Chemistry for research utilizing accelerator facilities

Opportunity for much bigger impact by reducing size and cost.

Modeling: Exploration → Understanding → Design

The Modeling of Particle Accelerators is Very Complex

Macroparticles Surfaces



electromagnetic (EM)
fields on a grid

Involves the modeling of the intricate interactions of

- **relativistic particles:** beams, plasmas, halo, stray electrons
- **EM fields:** accelerating/focusing fields, beam self-fields, laser/plasma fields
- **structures:** metals, dielectrics.

Typical computer representations:

- **particles:** macroparticles representing each $1-10^6$ particles
- **fields:** electromagnetic, on a grid
- **structures:** surfaces interacting with grid and macroparticles

Many space and time scales to cover:

- from **μm** (e.g., plasma structures, e^- -surface interactions) to **km** (e.g., LHC)
- from **ns** (beam passing one element) to **seconds or more** (beam lifetime)

⇒ **needs best algorithms on largest & fastest computers**

AMP has pioneered algorithms to cut on

- # of meshes: adaptive mesh refinement for beams & plasmas¹
- # of time steps: Lorentz boosted frame method²

¹ J.-L. Vay *et al*, *Phys. Plasmas* **11**, 2928 (2004)

² J.-L. Vay, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **98**, 130405 (2007)

All Accelerators in the World Rely on Modeling and Increasingly on *High-Performance Computing (HPC)*

HEP Accelerator and Beam Physics Grand Challenges*

#1 beam intensity: Increase beam intensities by orders of magnitude.

⇒ increase # of particles by orders of magnitude.

#2 beam quality: Increase beam phase-space density by orders of magnitude.

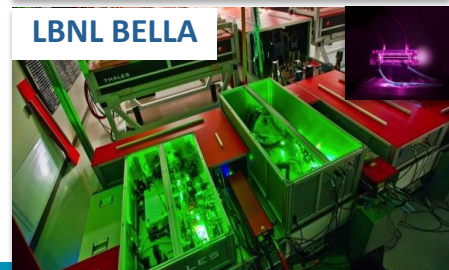
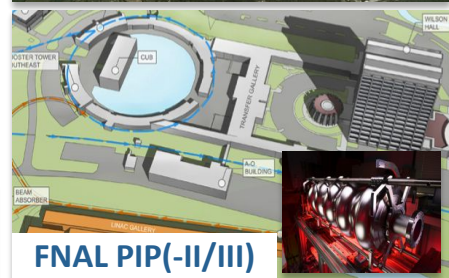
**Next generation of accelerators needs
next generation of HPC modeling tools!**

#3 beam simulation: ⇒ simulate all the particles.

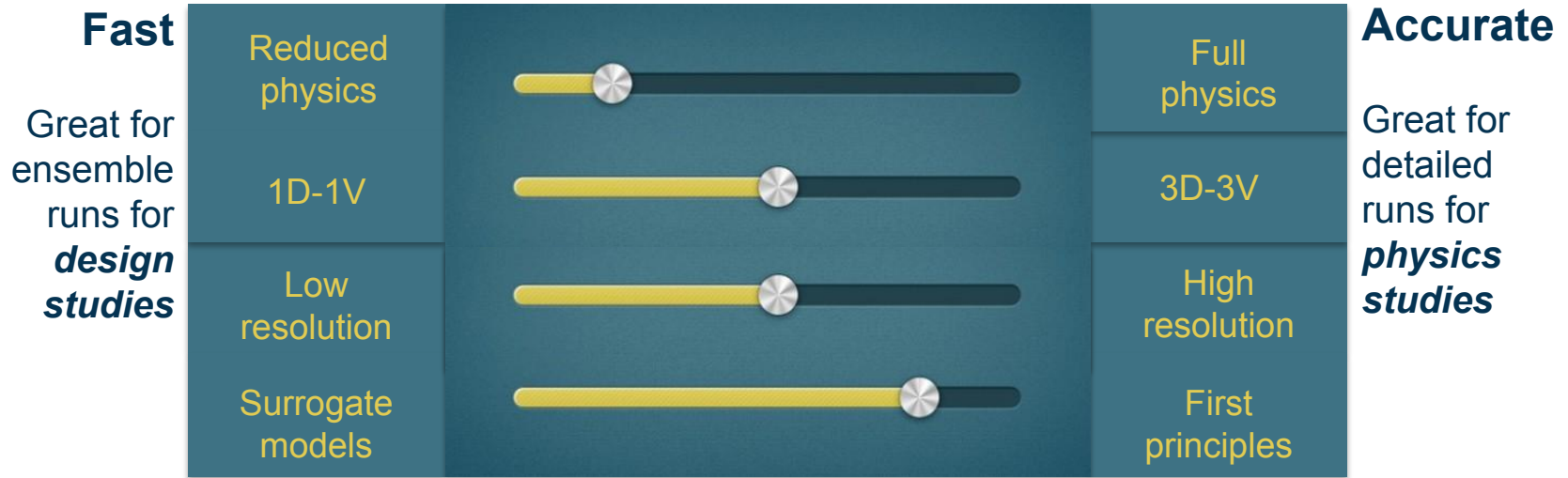
#4 beam prediction: Develop predictive “virtual particle accelerators”?

⇒ simulate everything: all the particles, conductors,
dark currents, many turns, ...

*S. Nagaitsev et al., “Accelerator and Beam Physics: Grand Challenges and Research Opportunities,” Snowmass 2021 LOI



Ultimate goal: *virtual accelerator with on-the-fly tunability* of physics & numerics complexity to users



Mean toward goal

Open software ecosystem with tunable physics & numerics

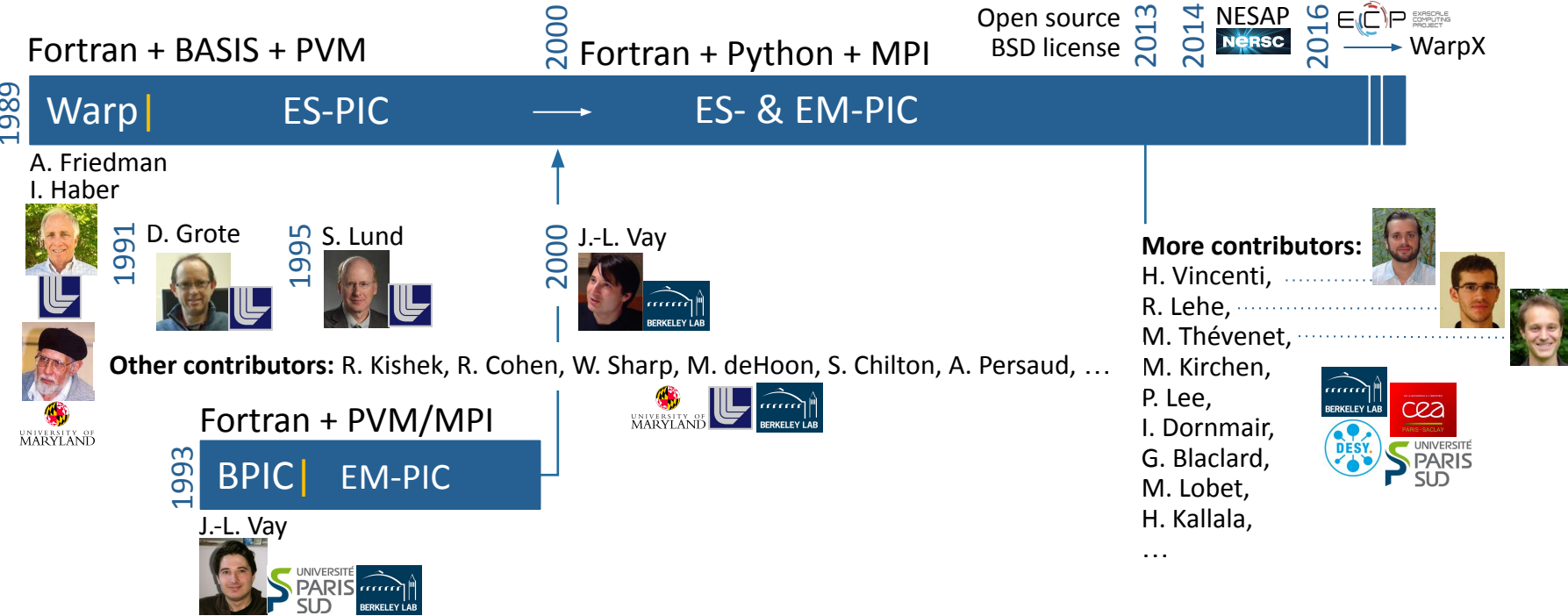


Start-to-End Modeling R&D

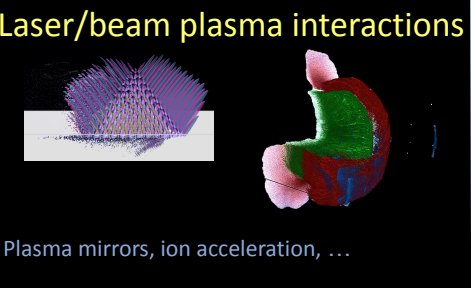
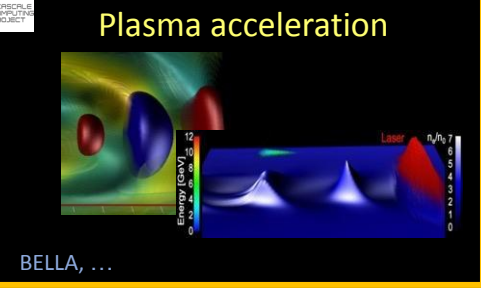
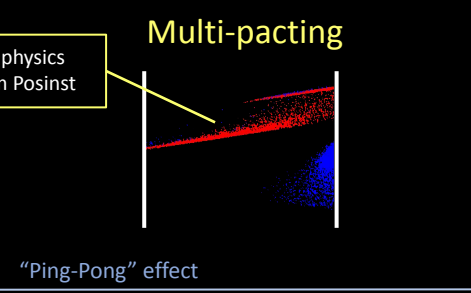
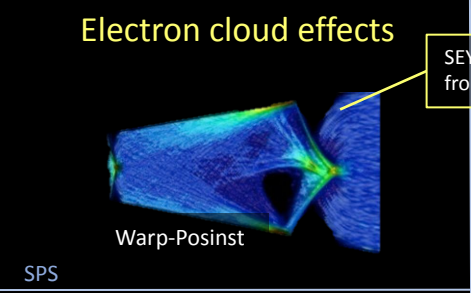
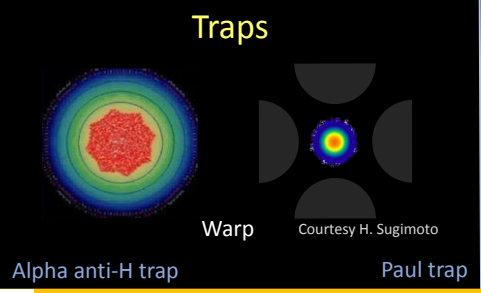
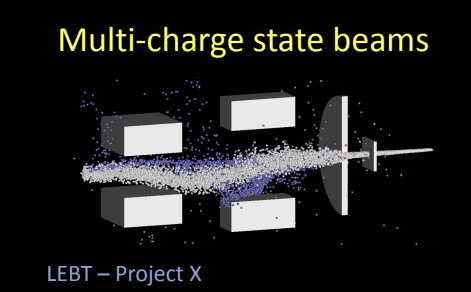
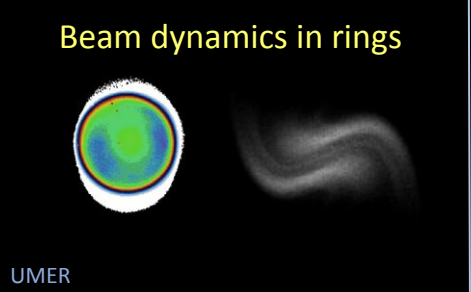
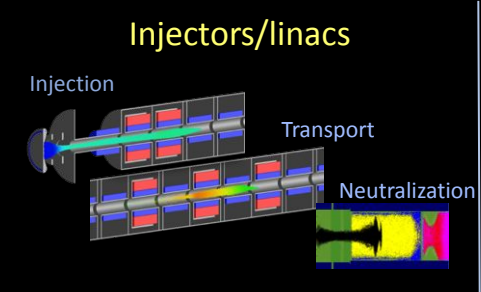
- advanced models: numerics, AI/ML surrogates
- speed & scalability: team science with computer sci.
- flexibility & reliability: modern software ecosystem

Then:
Warp prior to 2016

Warp: historical roadmap & funding

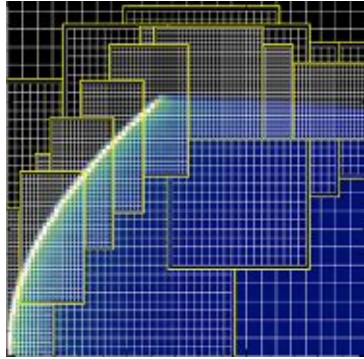


Warp had become a PIC framework with many applications



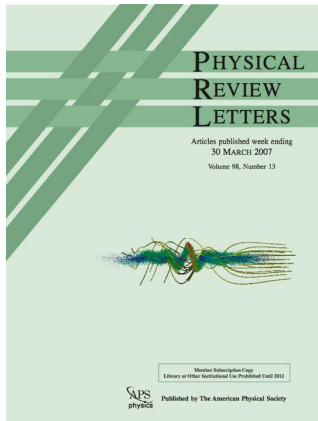
What made Warp unique: algorithmic innovation

Particle-In-Cell with Adaptive Mesh Refinement



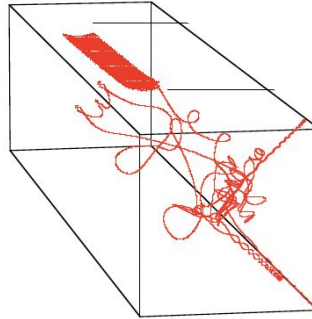
J.-L. Vay, et al, *Comput. Phys. Comm.* **164**, 171 & 297 (2004)

Use of special relativity to slash # time steps by orders of magnitude



J.-L. Vay, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **98**, 130405 (2007)

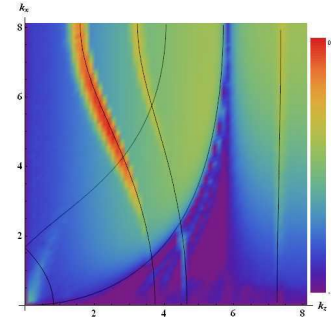
Novel particle pushers



R. Cohen, et al, *Phys. Plasmas* **12**, 056708 (2005)

J.-L. Vay, *Phys. Plasmas* **15**, 056701 (2008)

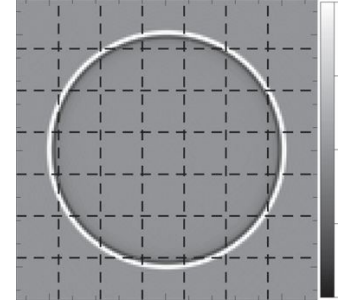
Control of numerical Cherenkov instability



B. Godfrey, et al, *J. Comp. Phys.* **248**, 33 (2013)

R. Lehe, et al, *Phys. Rev. E* **94**, 053305 (2016)

Scalable spectral Maxwell solvers w/ domain decomposition



J.-L. Vay, et al, *J. Comp. Phys.* **243**, 260 (2013)

H. Kallala, et al, *Comp. Phys. Comm.* **244**, 25 (2019)

Sample algorithm innovations pioneered in Warp (some adopted in other codes)

Warp: limitations as of 2016

- **Half code in Fortran + half in Python**

- Python: difficulty scaling on large supercomputers (>1 hour start time at scale)
- Complicating transition to new hardware: manycore, GPUs, etc.

- **Small core team (2+ physicists w/ science projects) made it difficult to**

- Transition to new hardware
- Keep up performance optimization with fast pace of algorithmic innovation
- Support growing users (& developers) base
- Maintain documentation, test suite

- **SciDAC funding**

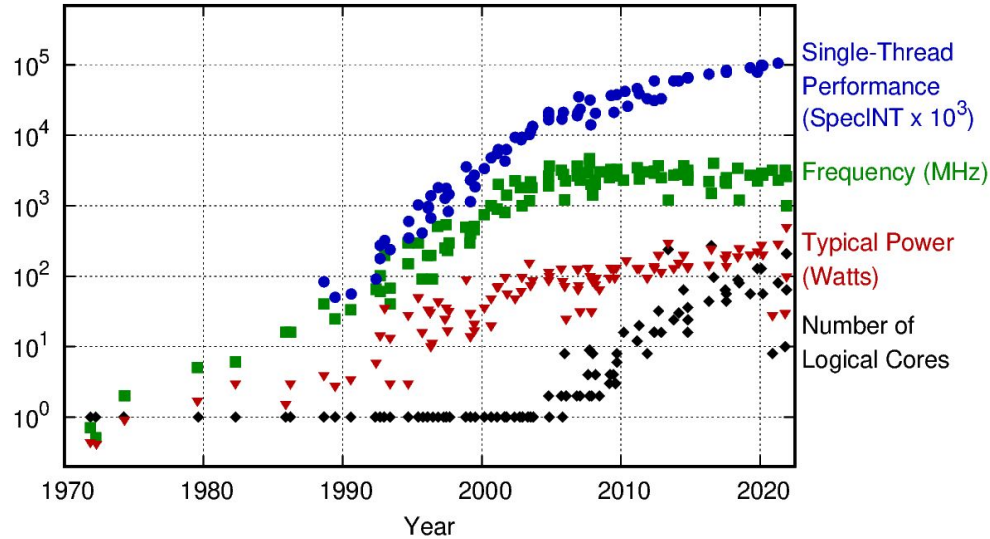
- Supported a project that included 6+ (independent) Particle-In-Cell codes/frameworks with diverse science targets: dilution

⇒ **ECP provided opportunity for focused effort with sufficient critical mass, & more...**

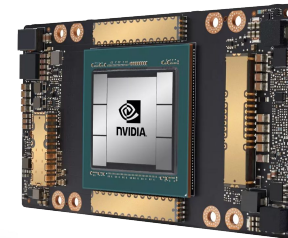
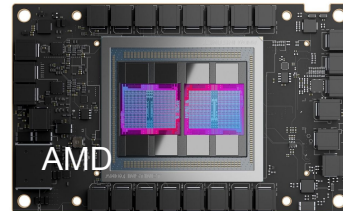
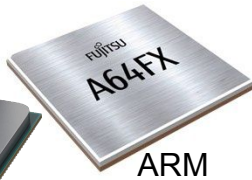
The Journey:
from Warp to WarpX (2016-2023)

Power-Limits Seed a *Cambrian Explosion* of Compute Architectures

50 Years of Microprocessor Trend Data



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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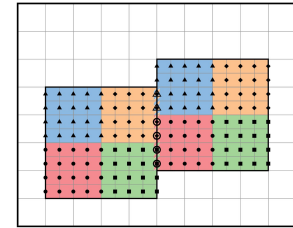
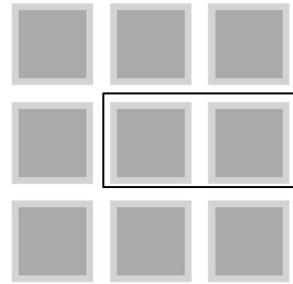
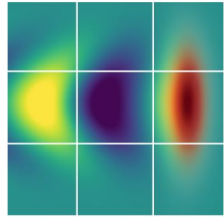
distribute *one* simulation

over

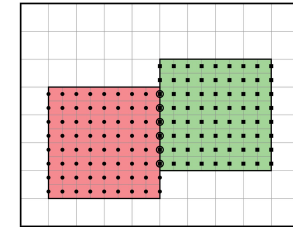
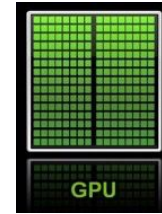
10,000s of computers

for

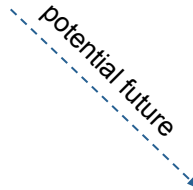
millions of cores



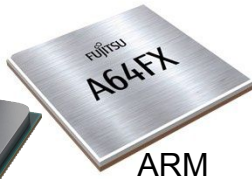
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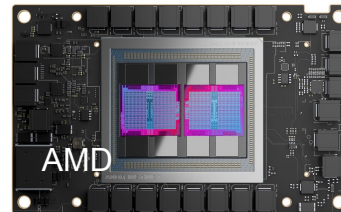
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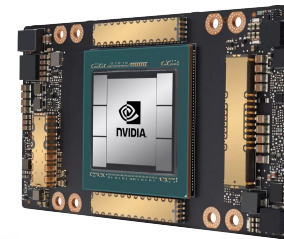
- Field-Programmable Gate Array (FPGA)
- Application-Specific Integrated Circuit (ASIC)
- Quantum-Circuit



ARM



AMD

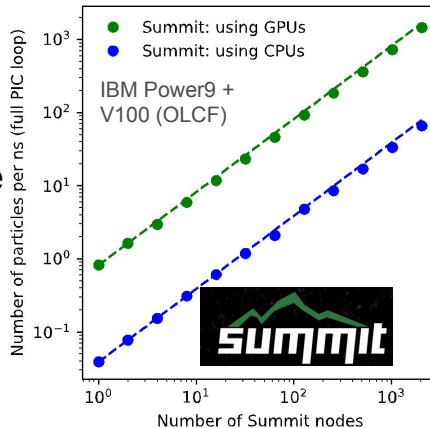
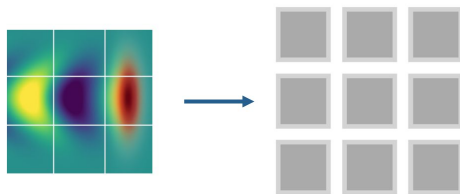


Portable Performance through Exascale Programming Model

AMReX library



- Domain decomposition & MPI communications: MR & load balance



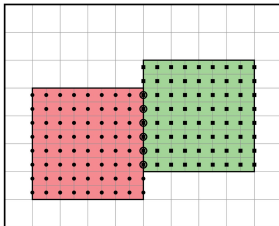
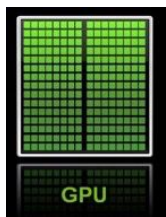
- Write the code once, specialize at **compile-time**

ParallelFor (/Scan/Reduce)

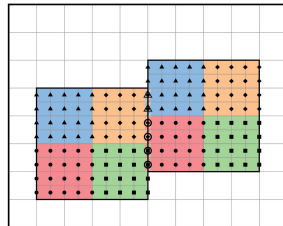
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        UpdatePosition( x[i], y[i], z[i],
            ux[i], uy[i], uz[i], dt );
    });
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- Performance-Portability Layer: GPU/CPU/KNL

A100 gives additional ~< 2x



without tiling



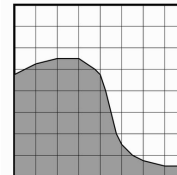
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Data Structures

- Parallel linear solvers (e.g. multi-grid Poisson solvers)

- Embedded boundaries



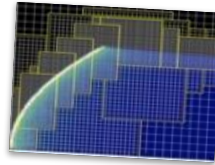
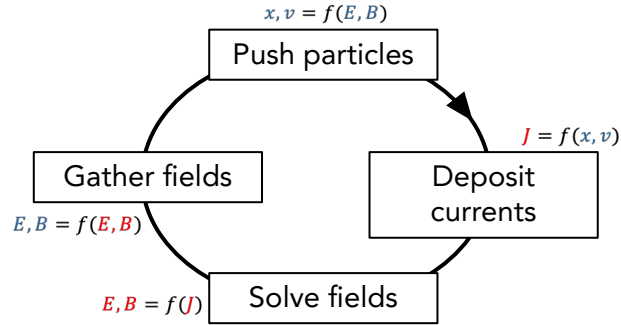
- Runtime parser for user-provided math expressions (incl. GPU)



WarpX is a GPU-Accelerated PIC Code for Exascale

Available Particle-in-Cell Loops

- electrostatic & electromagnetic (fully kinetic)



Advanced algorithms

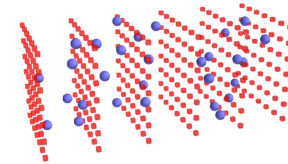
boosted frame, spectral solvers, Galilean frame, embedded boundaries + CAD, MR, ...

Multi-Physics Modules

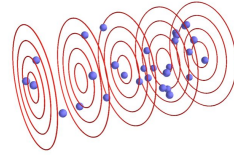
field ionization of atomic levels, Coulomb collisions, QED processes (e.g. pair creation), macroscopic materials

Geometries

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



3D Cartesian grid



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



Developed by a multidisciplinary, multi-institution team



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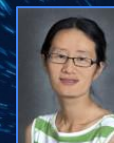
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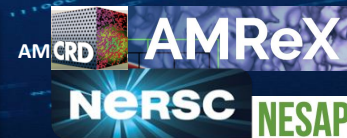
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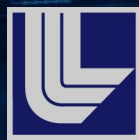


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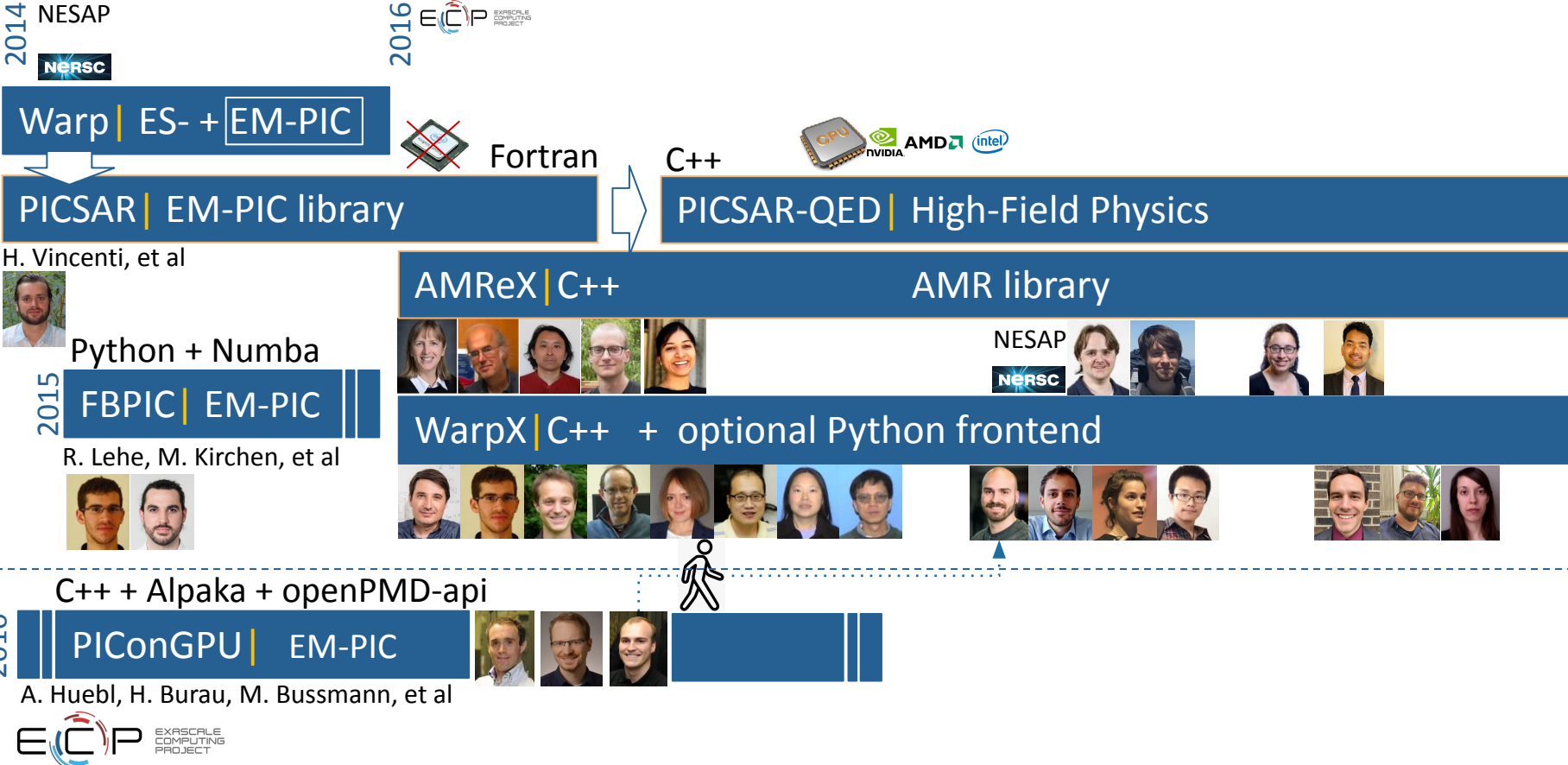


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... & private sector



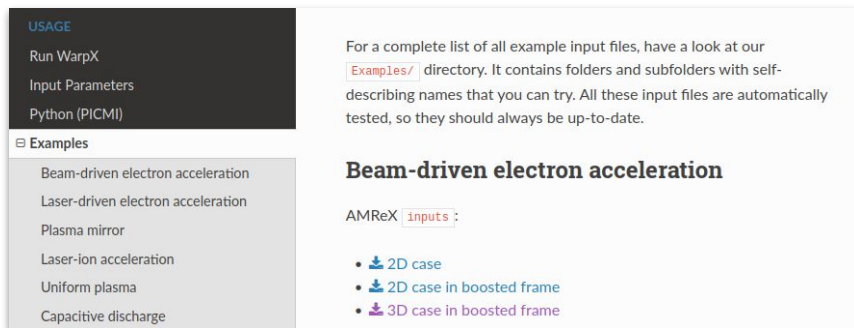
Warp to WarpX: the journey



Sustainable *documentation/knowledge*, *code* and *maintenance* (e.g., testing)

Online Documentation:

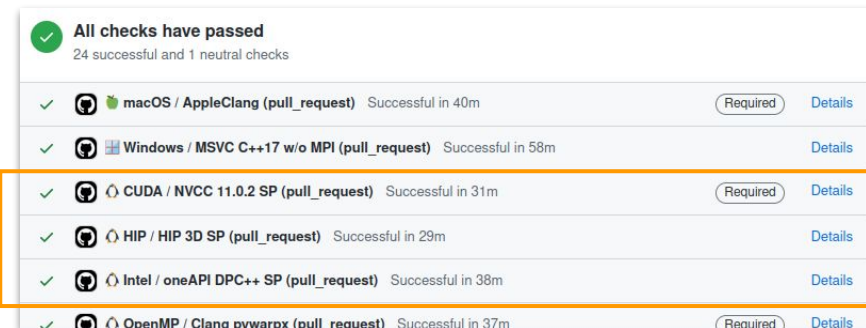
warpX|hipace|impactx.readthedocs.io



The screenshot shows the WarpX documentation website. On the left, there is a navigation menu with sections for 'USAGE' (Run WarpX, Input Parameters, Python (PICMI)) and 'Examples' (Beam-driven electron acceleration, Laser-driven electron acceleration, Plasma mirror, Laser-ion acceleration, Uniform plasma, Capacitive discharge). The main content area is titled 'Beam-driven electron acceleration' and includes a section for 'AMReX inputs' with a list of links: '2D case', '2D case in boosted frame', and '3D case in boosted frame'. Above this, there is a paragraph of text explaining that the 'Examples/' directory contains folders and subfolders with self-describing names that are automatically updated.

Open-Source Development & Benchmarks:

github.com/ECP-WarpX



The screenshot shows a GitHub Actions workflow status page. At the top, it says 'All checks have passed' with a green checkmark and '24 successful and 1 neutral checks'. Below this is a list of jobs. One job, 'CUDA / NVCC 11.0.2 SP (pull_request)', is highlighted with an orange box. Other jobs include 'macOS / AppleClang (pull_request)', 'Windows / MSVC C++17 w/o MPI (pull_request)', 'HIP / HIP 3D SP (pull_request)', 'Intel / oneAPI DPC++ SP (pull_request)', and 'OpenMP / Clang on warpX (pull_request)'. Each job entry shows a green checkmark, the job name, the platform, and the success time, along with 'Required' and 'Details' buttons.

PSIP processes: onboarding, etc.

Productivity and Sustainability Improvement Planning

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188 physics benchmarks run on every code change of WarpX
13 physics benchmarks + 32 tests for ImpactX

Automated Performance on Targets

- OLCF Ascent: IBM w/ V100
- NERSC GitLab: Cray w/ A100

Continuous Deployment

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



cmake -S . -B build
cmake --build build
--target install



module load warpx
module load py-warpx

WarpX

Azure Pipelines **succeeded** | nightly packages **succeeded** | docs **passing** | spack **v23.01** | conda-forge **v23.01** | chat **on gitter**

platforms **linux | osx | win** | commits since 23.01 **10** | supported by **ECP** | language **C++17** | language **Python**

license **BSD-3-Clause-LBNL** | DOI (source) **10.5281/zenodo.4571577** | DOI (paper) **10.1016/j.parco.2021.102833**

Summary

Jobs

Name

- ✓ Ubuntu pip from dev w/ OpenMPI
- ✓ Ubuntu pip from dev
- ✓ Ubuntu conda
- ✓ Ubuntu conda w/ OpenMPI
- ✓ Ubuntu mamba
- ✓ Ubuntu mamba w/ OpenMPI
- ✓ Ubuntu spack
- ✓ Ubuntu spack CUDA
- ✓ Ubuntu spack w/o MPI
- ✓ macOS pip from dev w/ OpenMPI
- ✓ macOS pip from dev w/o OMP
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Now (2023+):
WarpX + Ecosystem

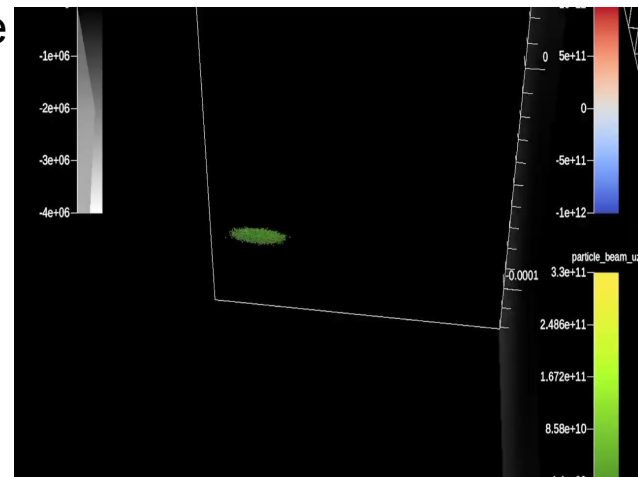
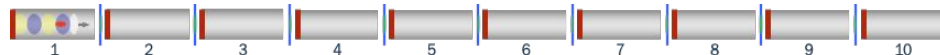
WarpX in ECP: Staging of Laser-Driven Plasma Acceleration

Goal: deliver & scientifically use the nation's first exascale systems



- **ExaFLOP:** a quintillion (10^{18}) calculations per second
- ensure *all* the necessary pieces are *concurrently* in place

Our DOE science case is in **HEP**, our methods are **ASCR**:
first 3D simulation of a chain of plasma
accelerator stages for future colliders



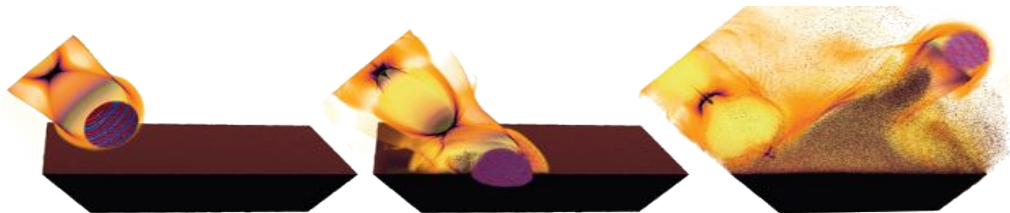
First-of-their-kind platforms: NERSC (Intel, then Nvidia) → Exascale: OLCF (AMD), ALCF (Intel)



2022 ACM Gordon Bell Prize: using the First Exascale Supercomputer

April-July 2022: WarpX on **world's largest HPCs**

L. Fedeli, A. Huebl et al., *Gordon Bell Prize Winner at SC'22, 2022*



**modeling of novel
plasma e- beam injection
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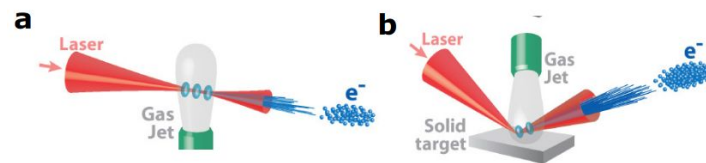
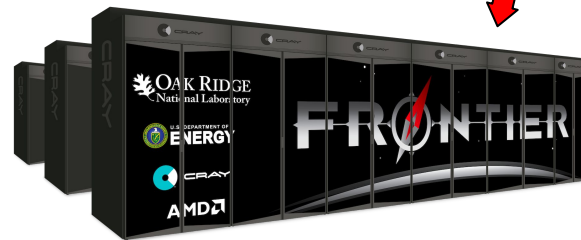


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A success story of a multidisciplinary,
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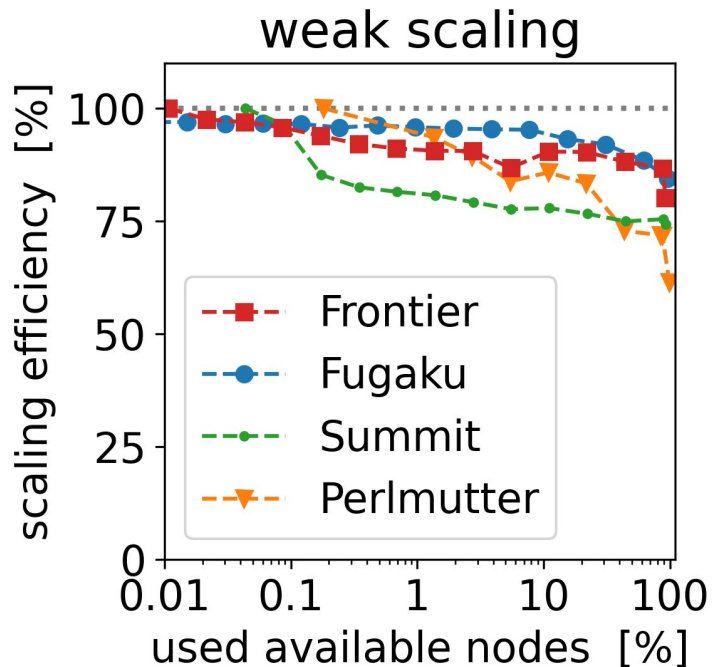
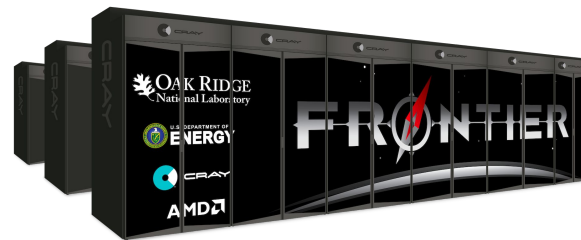


Figure-of-Merit: weighted updates / sec

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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
3/21	WarpX	Summit	2.0e8	4 263	2.9e12
6/21	WarpX	Summit	2.0e8	4 263	2.7e12
7/21	WarpX	Perlmutter	2.7e8	960	1.1e12
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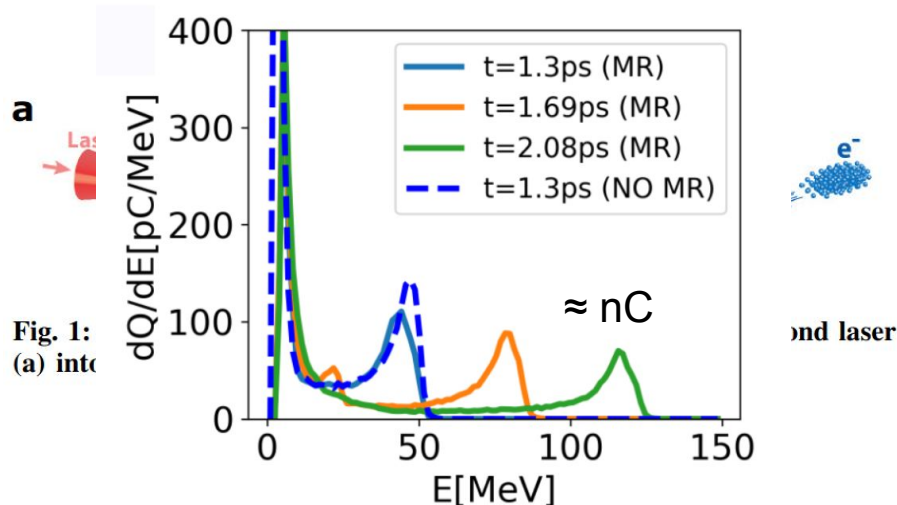
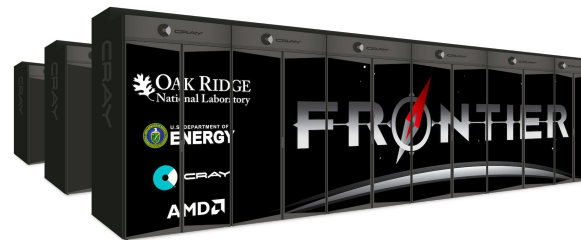


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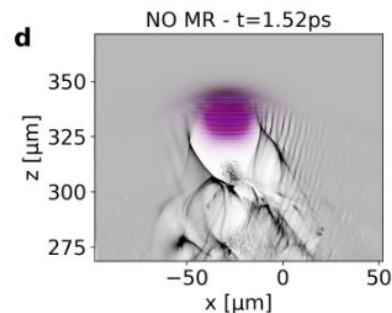
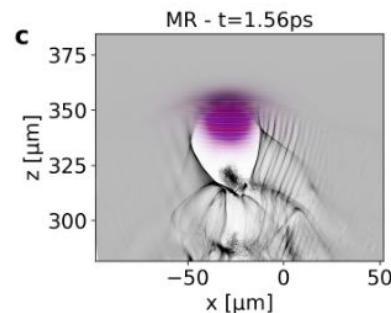
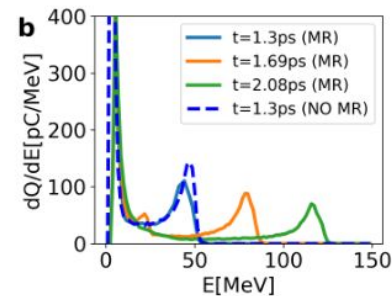
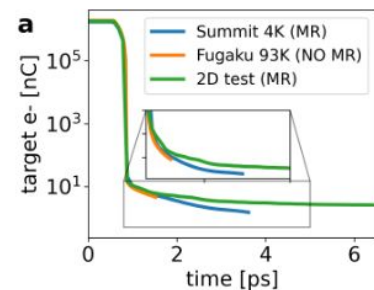
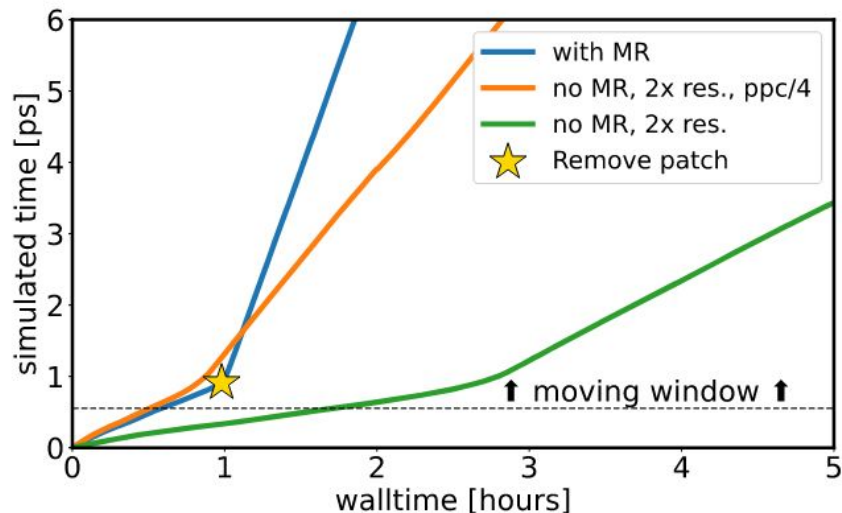
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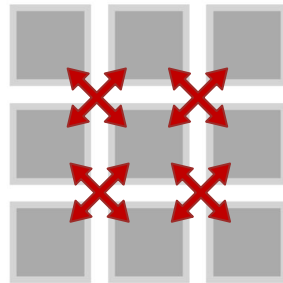
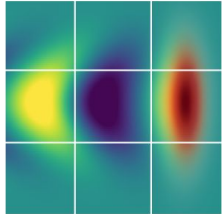
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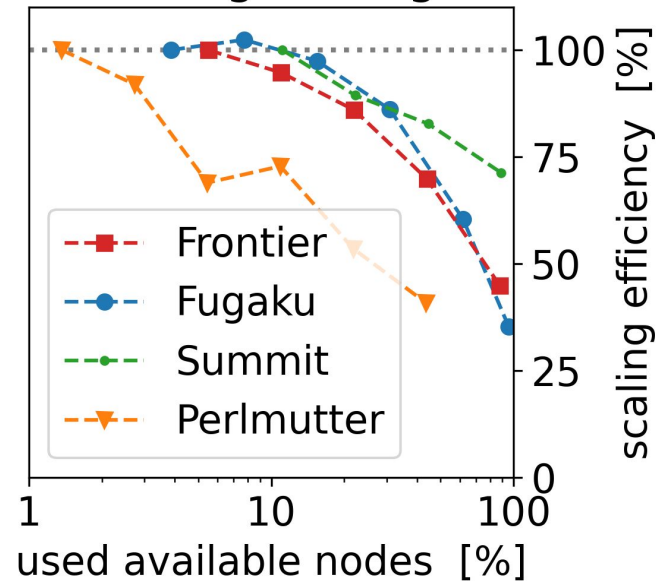
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Data Communication

strong scaling



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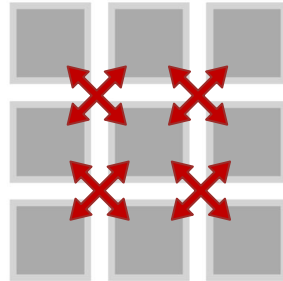
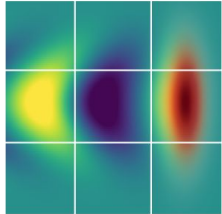
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We now have **more parallelism!**
Let's model **more physics:**

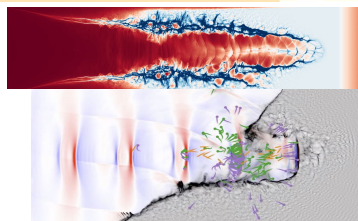
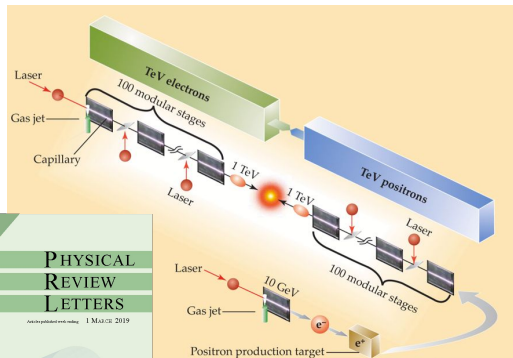
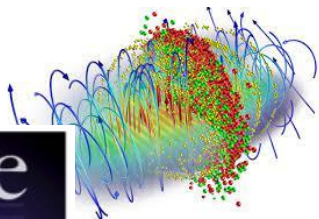
- higher grid resolution
- more particles
- resolve ion motion & collisions
- resolve emittance growth from collisions
- 2D → 3D
- long-term stable, advanced solvers
- add high-field effects
- ...

HEP Science Drivers Require Exascale

AAC Linear collider design: PBA & LWFA

PBA XFELs design
Extreme field science

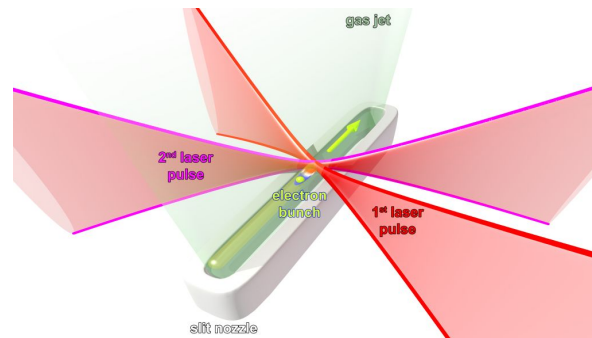
High-Field Physics
Advanced ion sources



Energy-scalable plasma accelerators

Traveling-wave electron acceleration (TWEAC) simultaneously circumvents the LWFA limitations of diffraction, dephasing and depletion.

- non-rotationally symmetric 3D geometry
- long acceleration lengths



UCLA



+ LLE, Beijing Normal, Tsinghua



Plasma-PEPSC
Centre of Excellence

Exascale PIC Modeling Benefits Plasma Science Beyond HEP

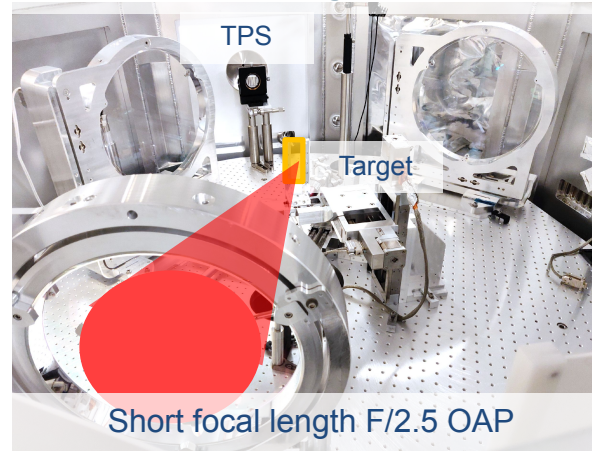
Light Sources for Basic Energy Science & National Security

LPA beams for light sources

all-optical undulators

Fusion-Energy Sciences

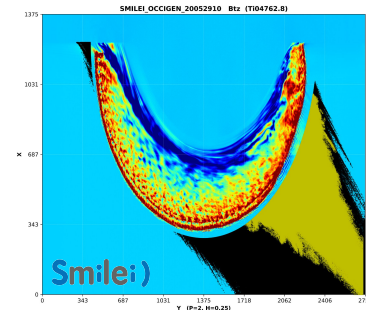
BELLA iP2 target chamber



Life Sciences & Medicine FLASH radio-biology

Astrophysics

origin of strong astrophysical fields & largest energy electrons



em. radiation, turbulence & electron beams from solar flares

magnetic reconnection

Industry

EUV semiconductor lithography

commercial fusion energy research

Our ECP Software Stack

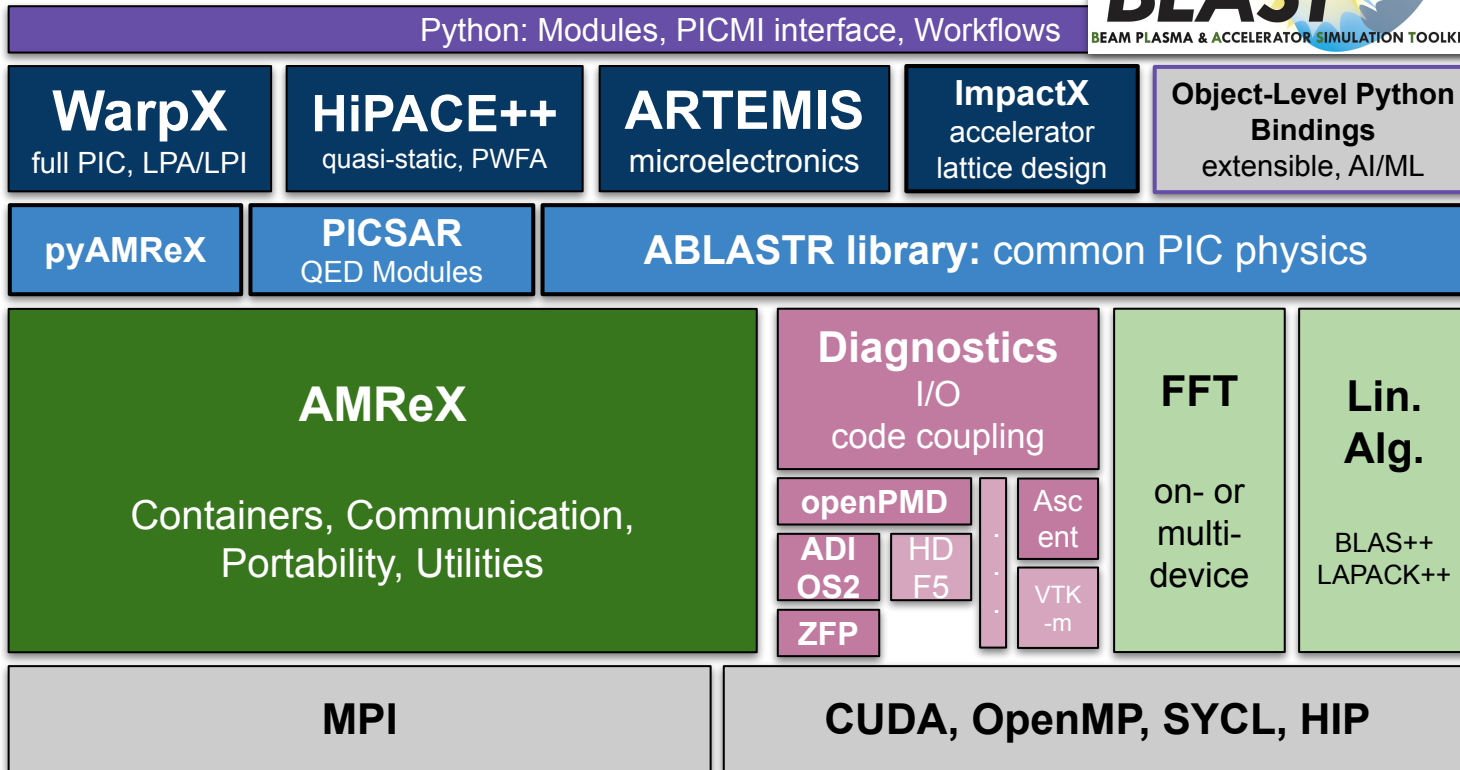


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E4S



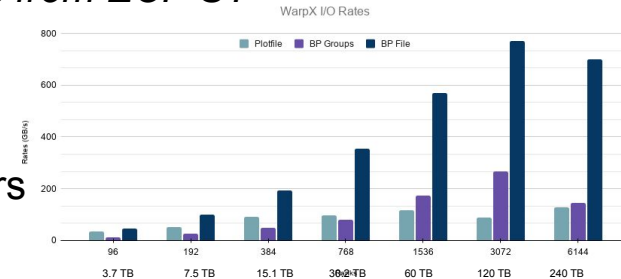
Desktop
to
HPC



Conclusions

The ECP *multi-year* strategy enabled

- **integration:** dependencies on vendors and ST require iteration
 - continuous improvements through **multiple release cycles**
 - coherent, feature-complete, algorithmically innovative **software products**
- **redesigns:** adjustments to technical execution were possible
 - compilers lacked support: decided for a Fortran to C++ migration mid project
 - Python infrastructure overhaul to GPU-capable methods
 - performance optimizations led to redesign of particle data structures
- **risk mitigation:** e.g., replace self-made with better I/O *methods from ECP ST*
 - *Contingency Funding Requests:* efficient process & funds
- **trust & collaboration:** attracted national & internat. contributors
 - trusted us: their FOSS contributions will be maintained
 - enabled us: leveraging of investment in WarpX spin-off/follow-up projects that *contribute back*



Write strategies: plotfiles → ADIOS BP per rank & step → ADIOS BP w/ append to subfiles

Dependencies become “*Team of Teams*”

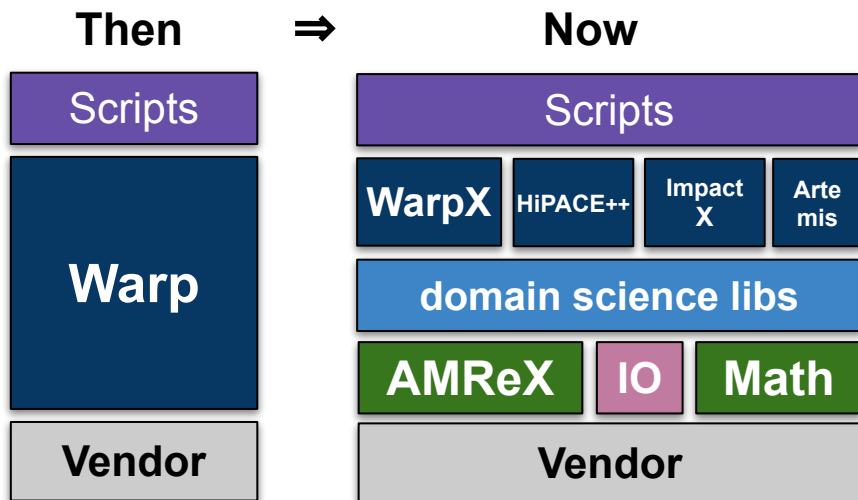
- vendors, ST, centers, ...
- own sub-libs/modules, contributions
- machines & deployed environments

Incentives to integrate at all levels

- part of KPP’s
- aimed at *production level*, not just prototypes

Prioritization of vendor bugs & features

- AMD: CMake scripts, Compiler
- Intel: DPC++ compiler
- Nvidia: compiler bugs, warn host mem access

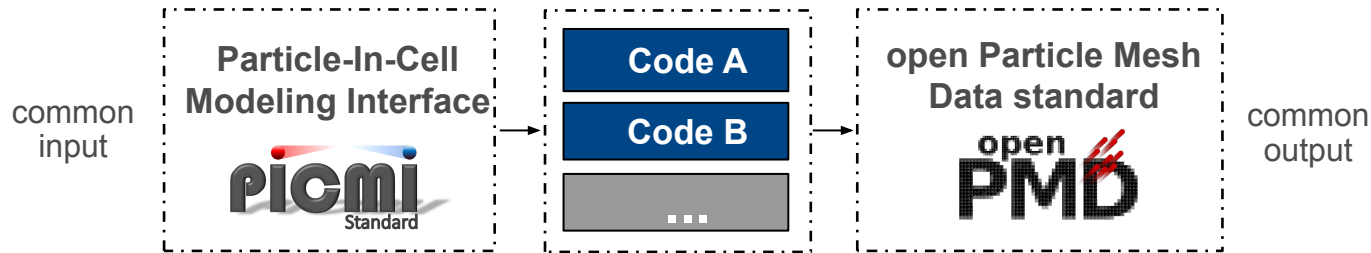


7yrs ECP vs. shorter multi-yr projects:

- **Scalable collaboration:** easy to add partners
- **Multiple iterations** over release cycles with partners
- **Deep SW stack** that is continuously developed together

We are Establishing an Open Community Ecosystem with Standards

Complexities in accelerator modeling require to work together



We established a **leadership role** in our community

- push to **organize**: enhance cooperation, avoid duplication
- **sustainable** development: code ecosystem

We lead the
Consortium for Advanced
Modeling of Particle Accelerators

US



CAMPA DOE HEP GARD - now DOE SciDAC-5



Internationally



Conclusion

- **ECP enabled**

- Complete rewrite of efficient code for CPUs+GPUs for focused area of research
- Ability to combine innovation in algorithms with very efficient implementation
- Collaboration WarpX+AMReX is the best that many of us have experienced

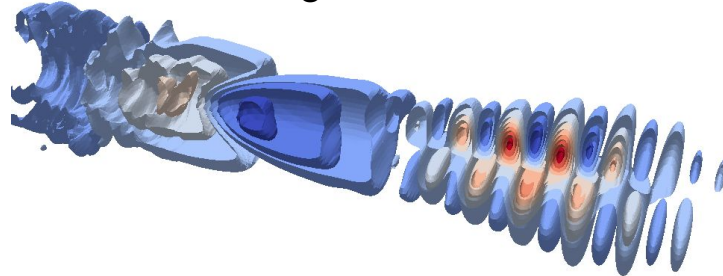
⇒ great outcome: **500x FOM** for Laser-Particle Acceleration; **Gordon Bell Prize '22**

- **Sustainable development over nearly a decade**

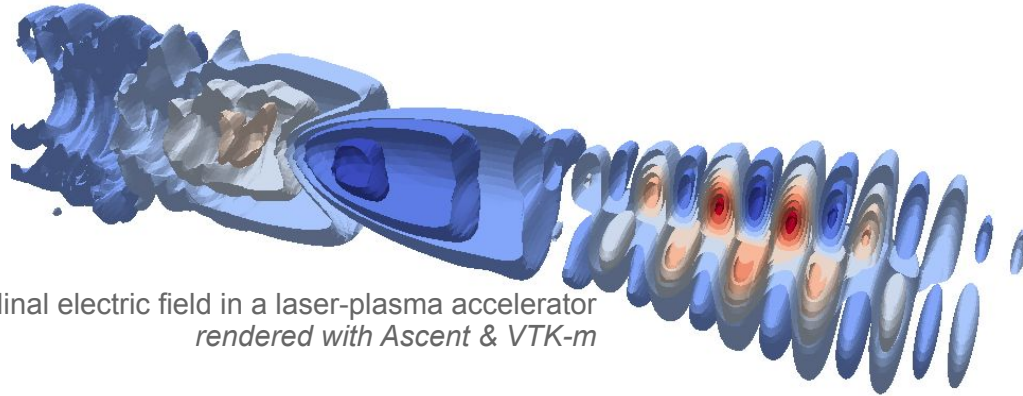
- across teams, labs and technologies: **one “felt” as a part a community**
- integrated teams of comput. phys. + applied math. + comput. sc. + software eng.

- **Management Structure**

- Focused main deliverables, flexibility to correct course, **freedom to innovate**
- Felt a good balance between oversight and overhead



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WarpX: longitudinal electric field in a laser-plasma accelerator
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