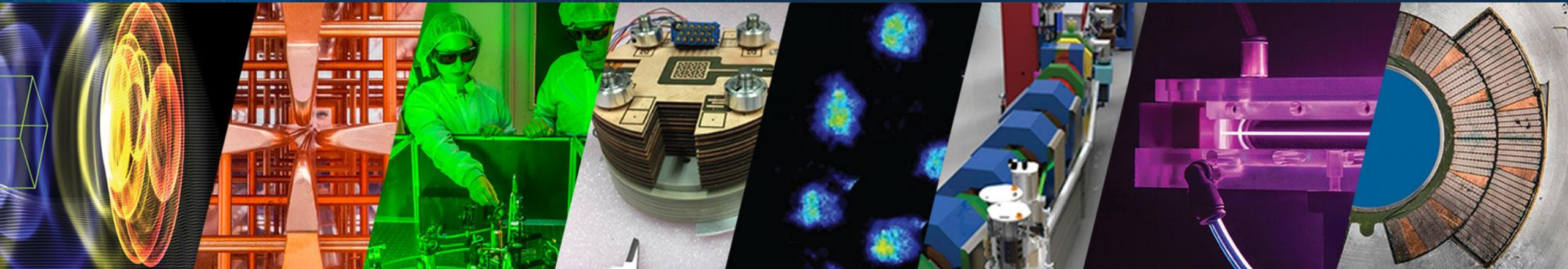


Faster! Faster! Highlights in Particle Accelerator Research @ NERSC

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Faster! Faster!

A parallel between particle acceleration and computing

Particle accelerators

Goals (some):

- as many **particles** as possible
- **going** as fast as possible
- in an orderly fashion
- as cheaply as possible

Largest accelerators

Name	Cost (\$B)	Power consumption (MW)
LHC (CERN)	~5	~120
FCC-ee* (CERN)	12-18	~290
FCC-hh* (CERN)	30-50	~560
HE-ILC* (Japan)	18-30	~400
CEPC* (China)	12-18	~340

*Planned

Supercomputers

Goals (some):

- as many **calculations** as possible
- **performed** as fast as possible
- in an orderly fashion
- as cheaply as possible

Largest supercomputers

Name	Cost (\$B)	Power consumption (MW)
Perlmutter (NERSC)	~0.146**	~3
Frontier (OLCF)	~0.6	~23
Aurora (ALCF)	~0.5	~39
Fugaku (Japan)	~1.2	~30
EI Capitan (LLNL)	~0.6	~30

**Construction + operation

➔ can be very expensive and power consumption has become a limiting factor

**Quick (very incomplete) intro on particle
accelerators & colliders**

Particle Accelerators are Essential Tools in Modern Life

Medicine



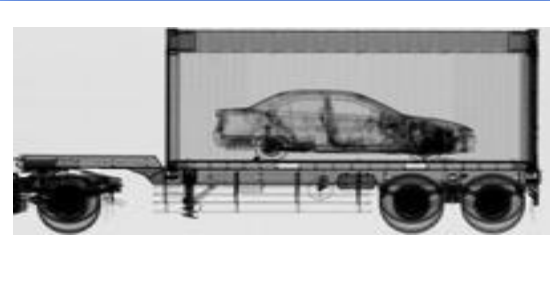
- ~**9,000 medical accelerators** in operation worldwide
- 10's of millions of patients treated/yr
- 50 medical isotopes, routinely produced with accelerators

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



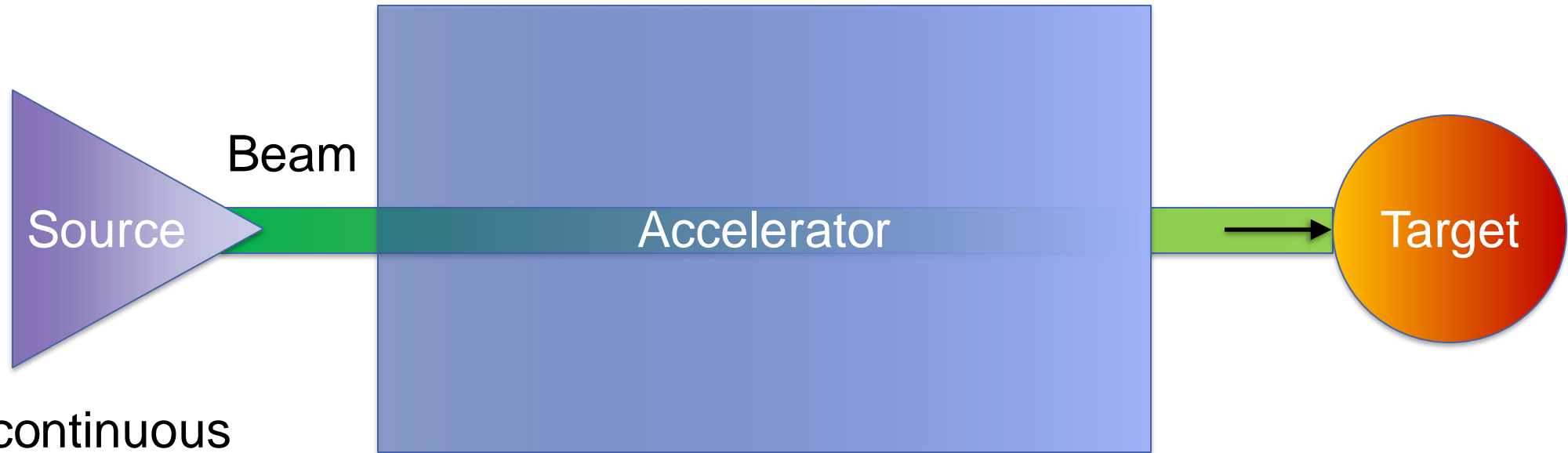
- **Cargo** scanning
- Active interrogation
- **Stockpile stewardship:** materials characterization, radiography, support of non-proliferation

Discovery Science

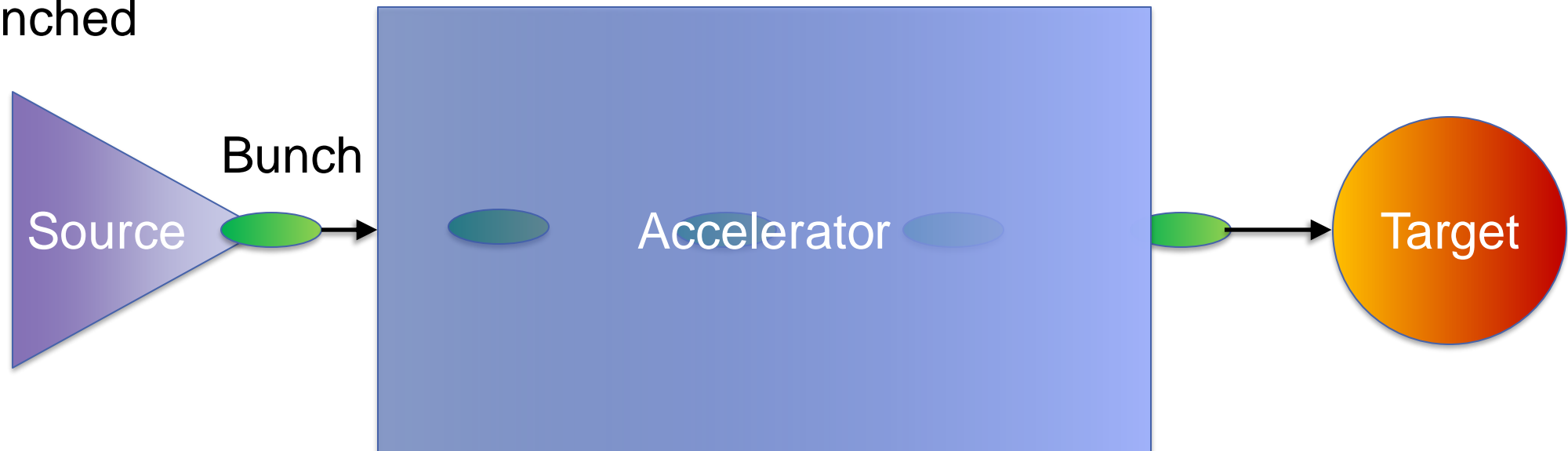


- ~**30% of Nobel Prizes** in Physics since 1939 enabled by accelerators
- 4 of last 14 Nobel Prizes in Chemistry for research utilizing accelerator facilities

Particle accelerators: the basics



Beam is continuous
or bunched

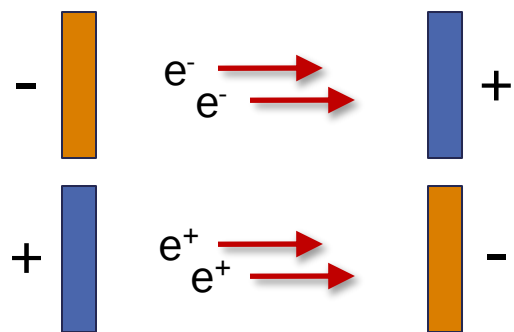


Particle accelerators: building blocks & typical configurations

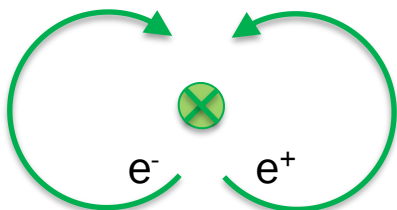
Charged particles:

e^- , e^+ , p , \bar{p} , Au^{n+} , ...

Electric fields to accelerate:

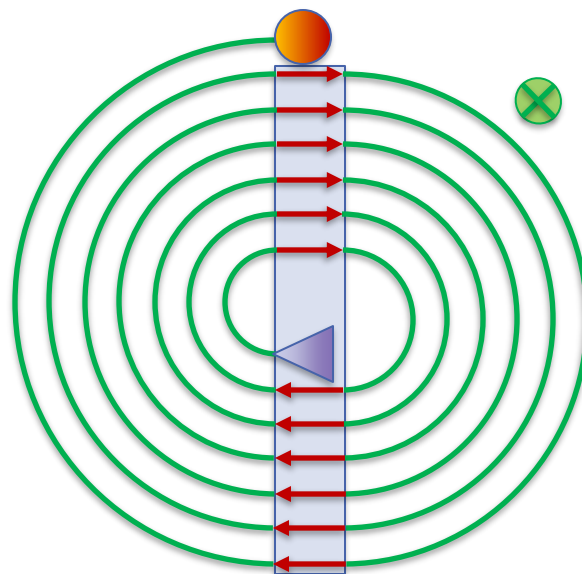


Magnetic fields to bend:

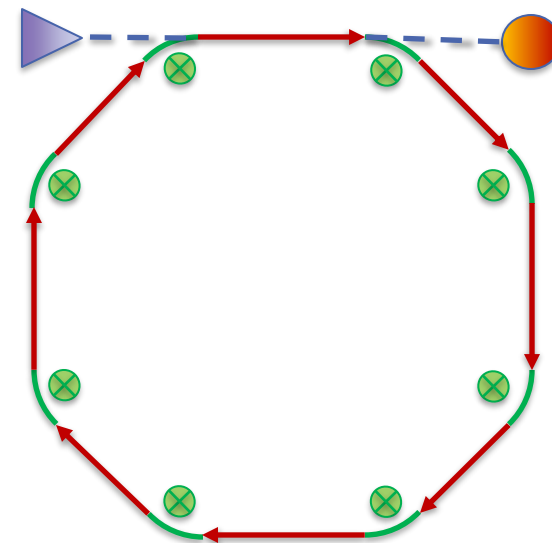


Circular

Cyclotron

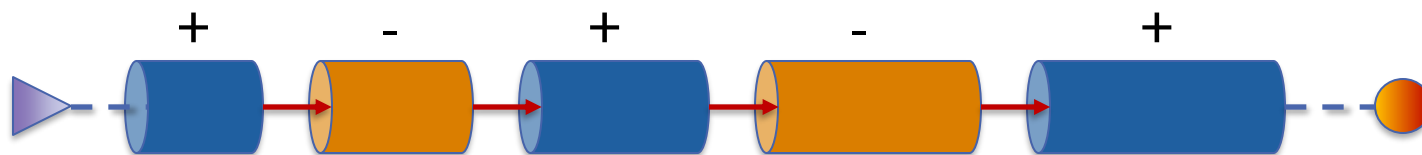


Synchrotron



Linear

RF Linac



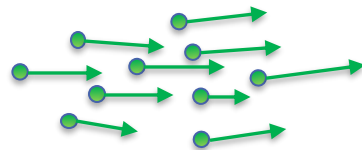
Each has pros/cons. Choice based on needs, size, cost, etc.

Keeping the beam together

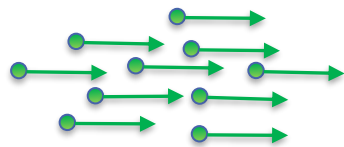
- Accelerating one particle at a time is one thing. Accelerating many particles in a beam and keeping them together is another.

- There are two main causes for the beam to expand:

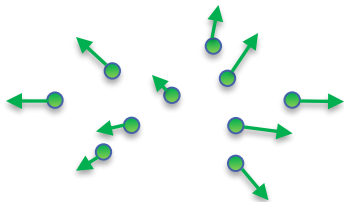
- Velocity spread (“temperature”)



a “cold” beam has no velocity spread

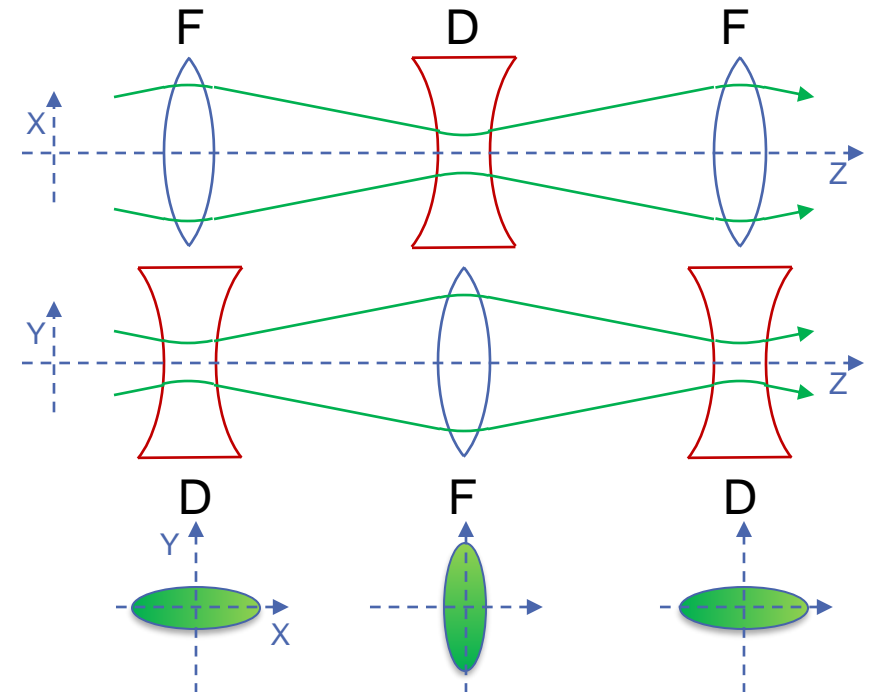


- Repulsion from particles with same charge



→ need for periodic confinement

Transversally, it is usually done using Focusing-Defocusing (FODO) quadrupole

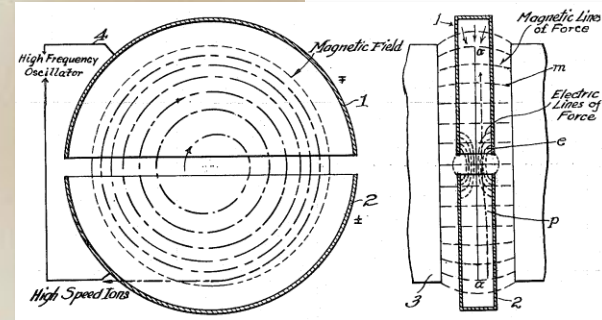
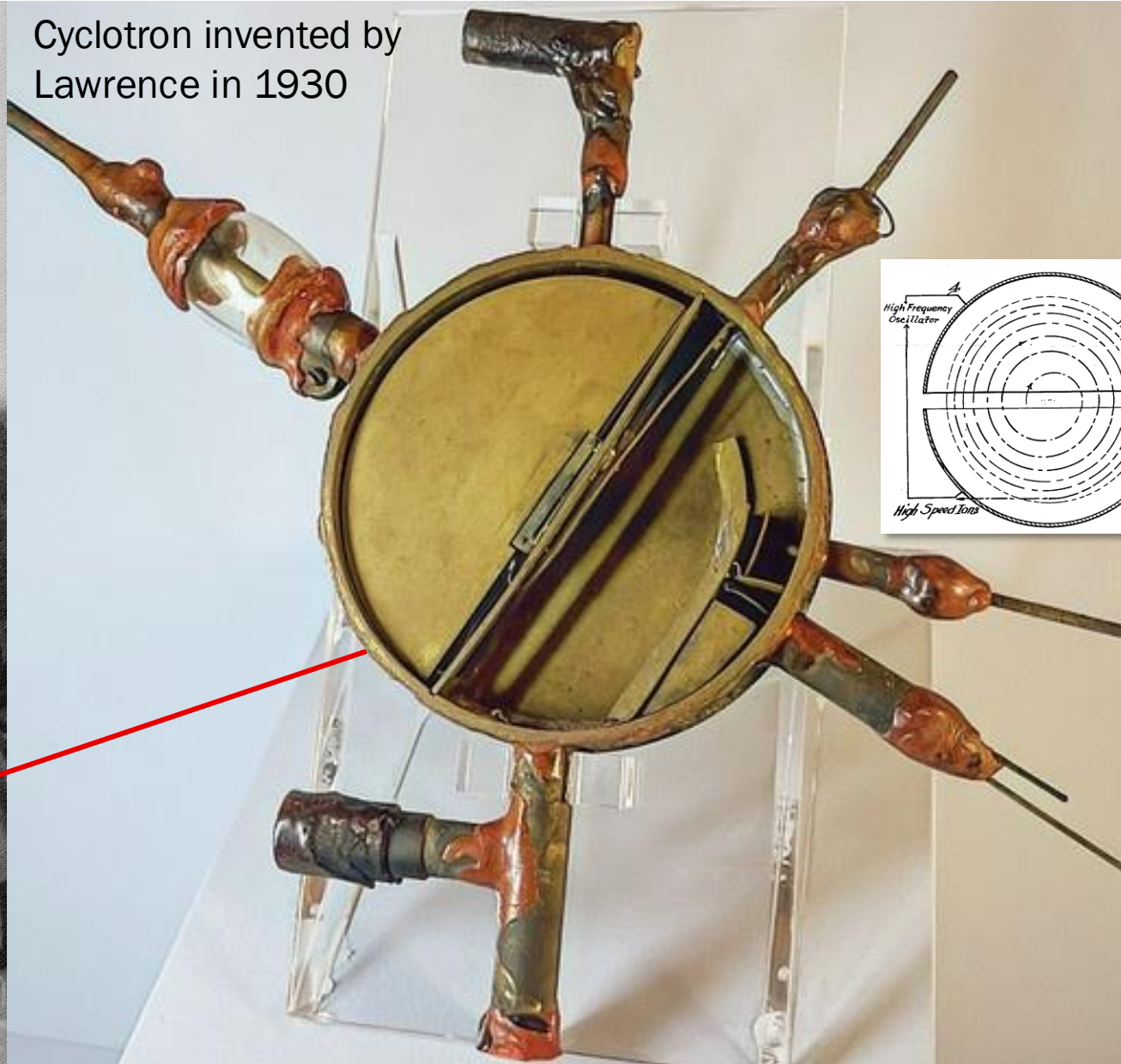


Particle accelerators started small

E. O. Lawrence



Cyclotron invented by Lawrence in 1930



1938



Luis Alvarez
Nobel 1968

Edwin McMillan
Nobel 1951

Robert
Oppenheimer



Ernest Lawrence
Nobel 1939

Magnet of 60"
cyclotron

E. Lawrence
founded
RadLab
at
UC Berkeley
in 1931

where he
pioneered
“team science”
aka
“big science”

for particle
accelerator
research &
applications



Particle accelerators can be very large & expensive

Example 1: Large Hadron Collider (circular accelerator)

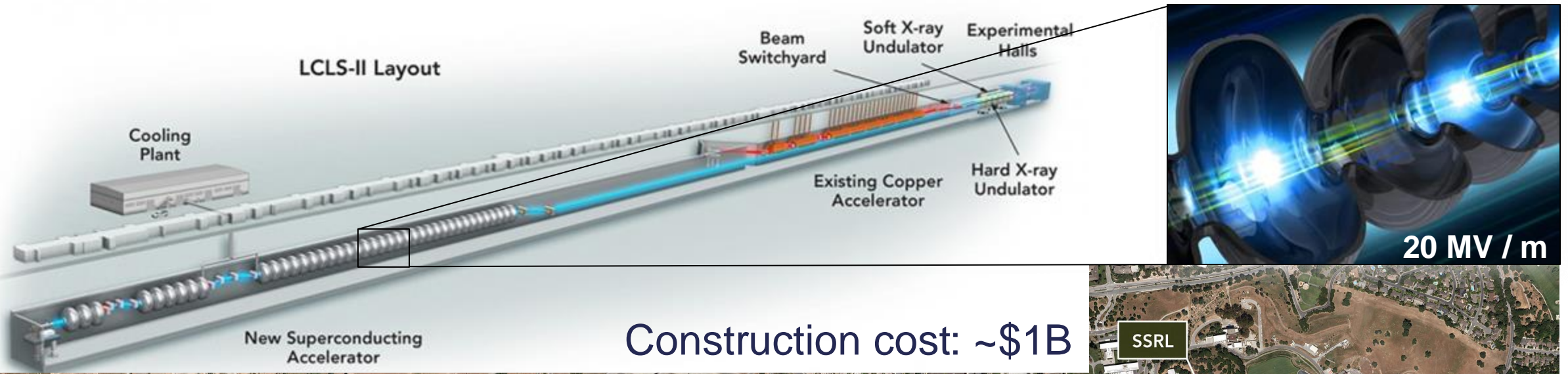


- Circumference: ~27 kms
- Construction cost: ~\$5B
- Consumption: ~200MW
(total CERN complex)



Particle accelerators can be very large & expensive

Example 2: LCLS-II light source (linear accelerator)



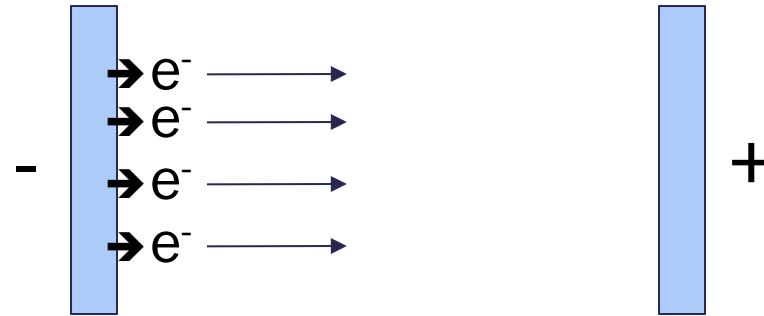
Construction cost: ~\$1B



Why are particle accelerators so large?

Particle accelerators typically involve a metallic pipe with vacuum inside.

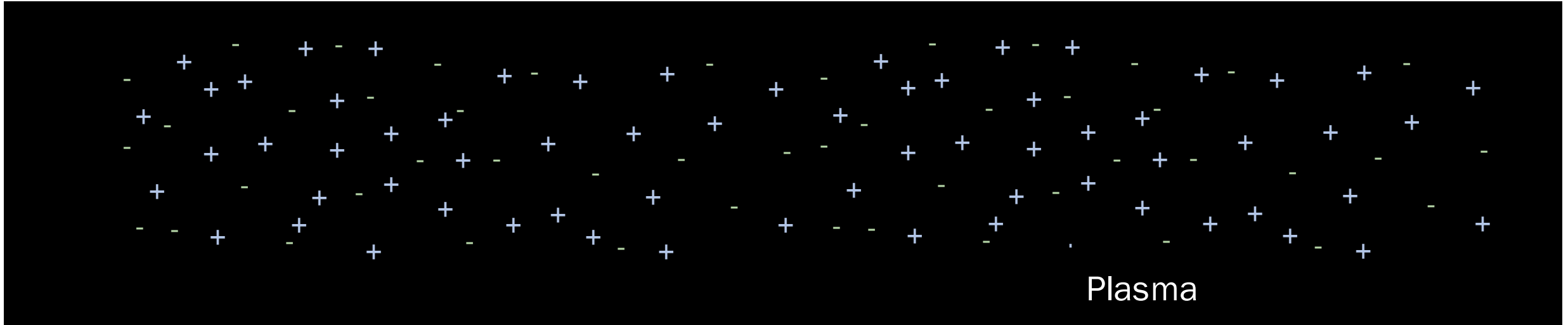
⇒ breakdown occurs if electric field is too high!



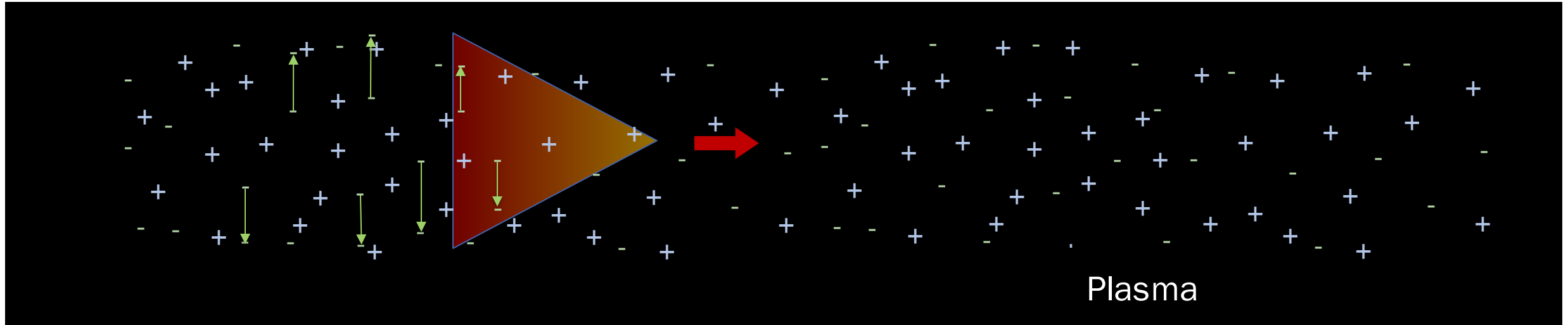
Possible solution to reach higher accelerating fields?

⇒ **plasmas.**

Plasma as a solution to shrink plasma accelerators



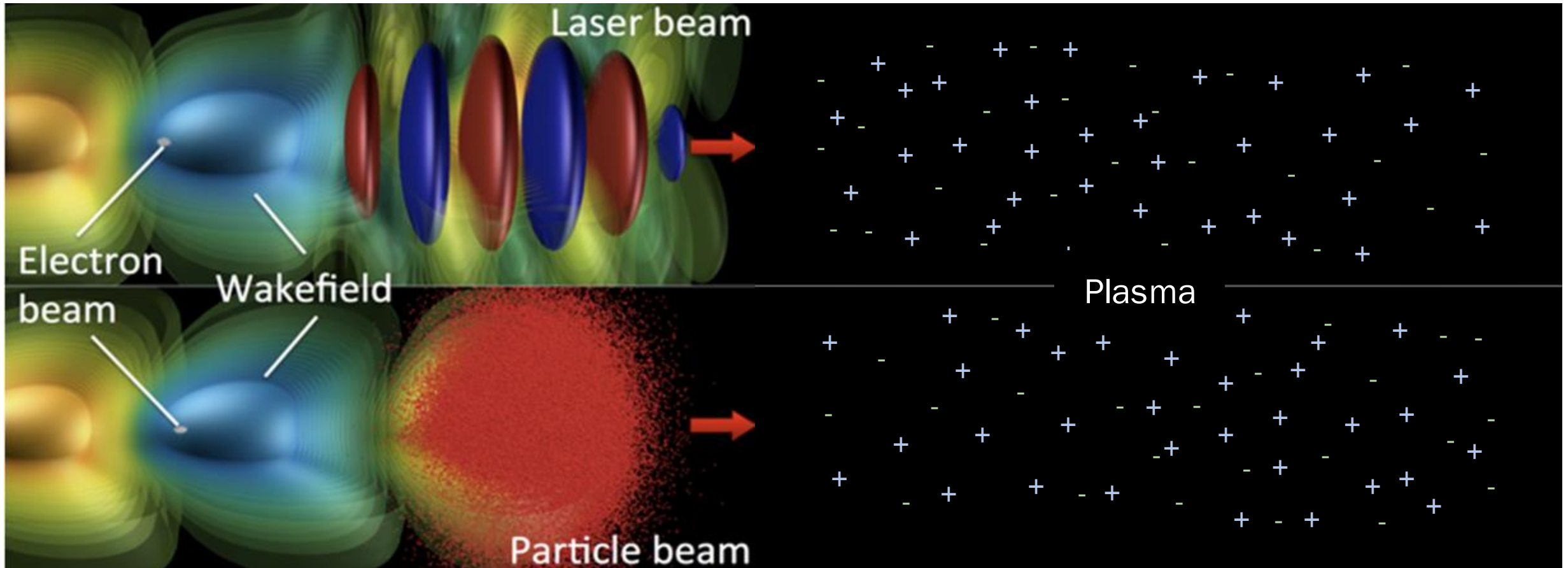
Plasma as a solution to shrink plasma accelerators



The separation of electrons and protons creates electric fields **orders of magnitude larger** than in conventional particle accelerators

→ opportunity to accelerate (and guide) charged particle beams **over much shorter distances**

Particle Accelerators can be Very Large - Can We Shrink Them?

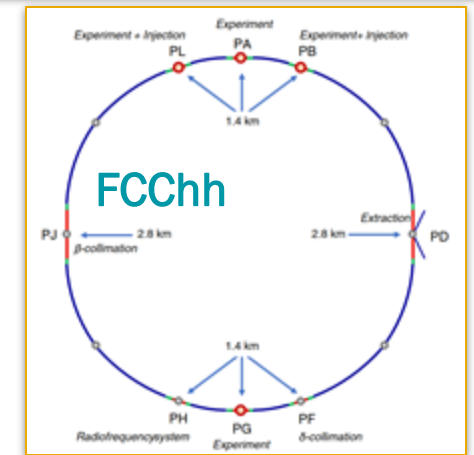
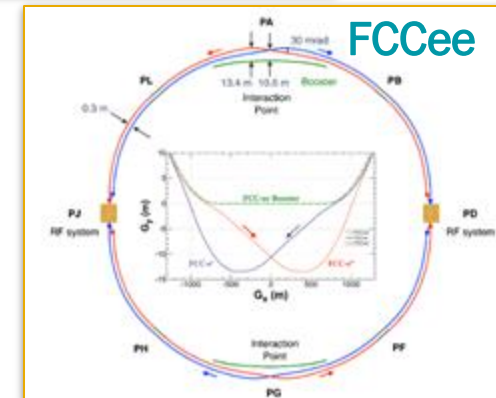
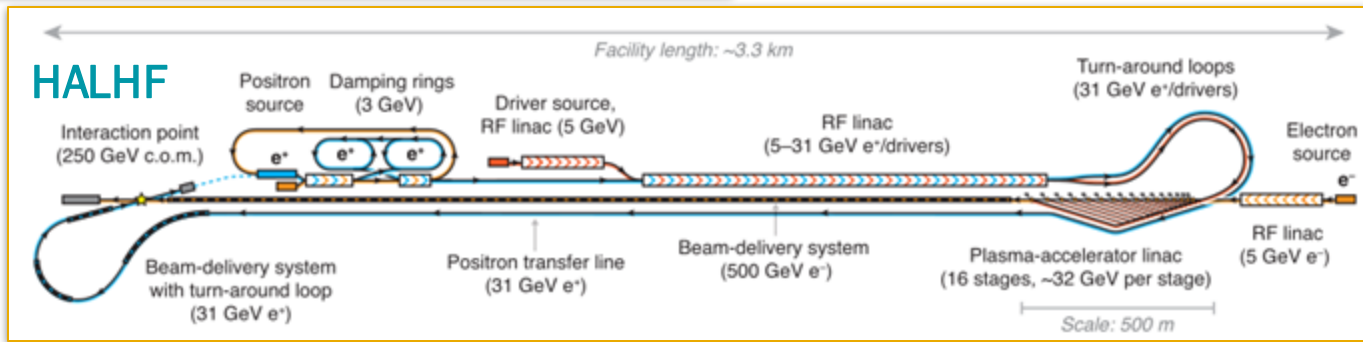
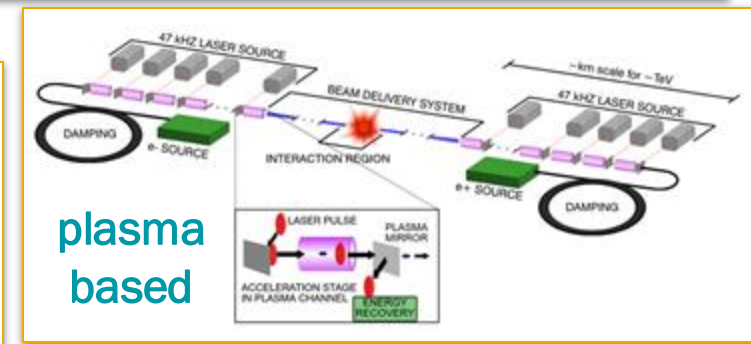
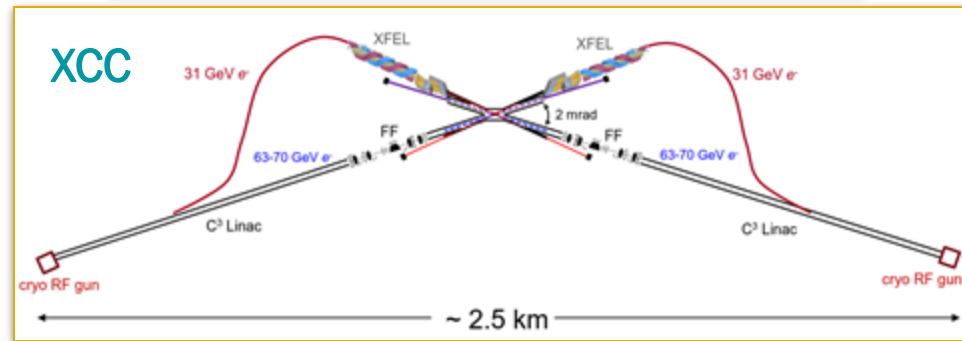
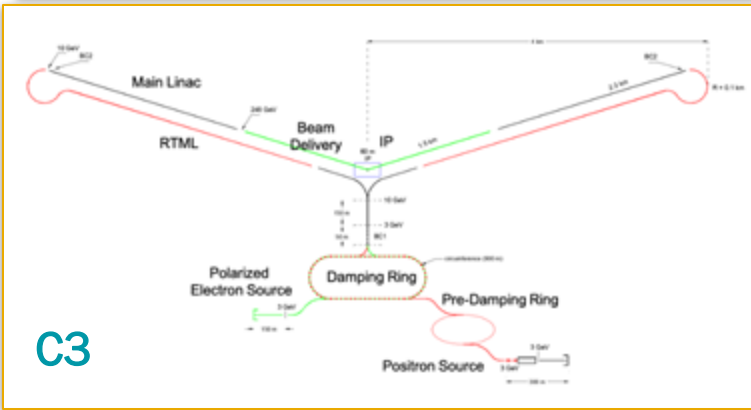
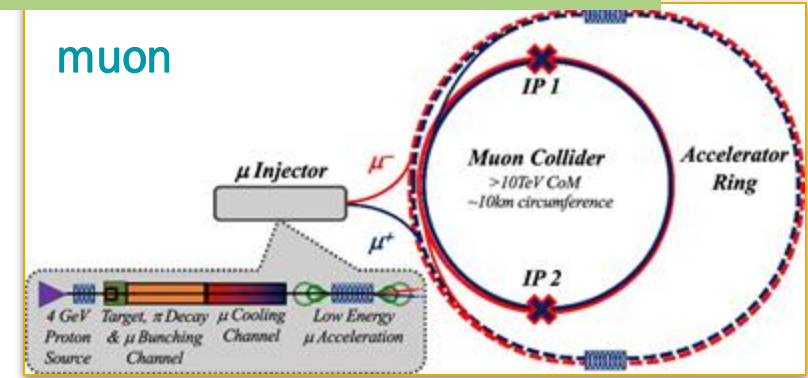
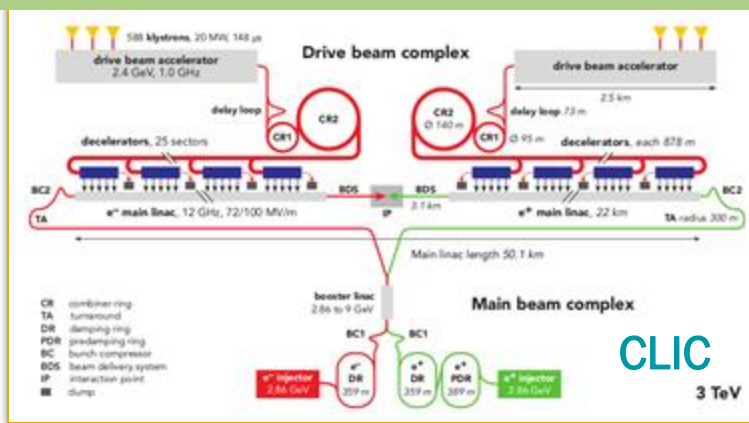
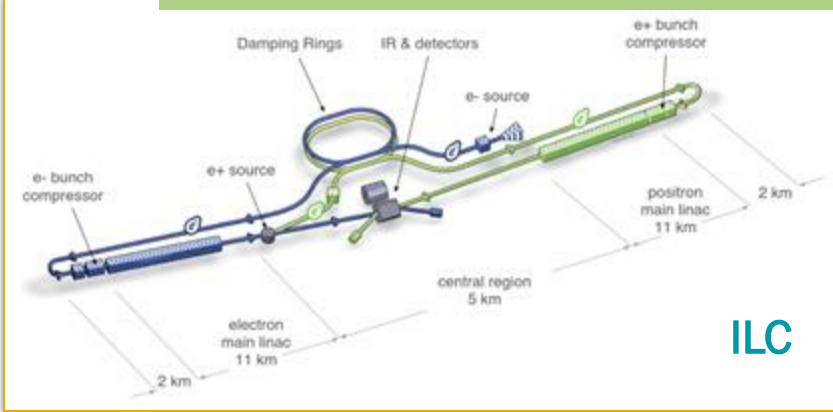


T. Tajima & J. M. Dawson, "Laser Electron Accelerator", *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **43**, 267 (1979)

There are many designs & ideas for future Higgs factories and 10 TeV colliders

kms < length/circumference < 90kms | \$5B < construction cost < \$50B | 100MW < consumption < 500MW*

Computer simulations is essential to particle accelerator R&D to minimize size, cost & consumption



*T. Roser, et al, "On the feasibility of future colliders: report of the Snowmass'21 Implementation Task Force", arXiv 2208.06030 (2023)

Accelerator Modeling is Very Complex

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.
- **periodic structures & motion:** resonant coupling, instabilities.

Typical computer representations based on the Particle-In-Cell method:

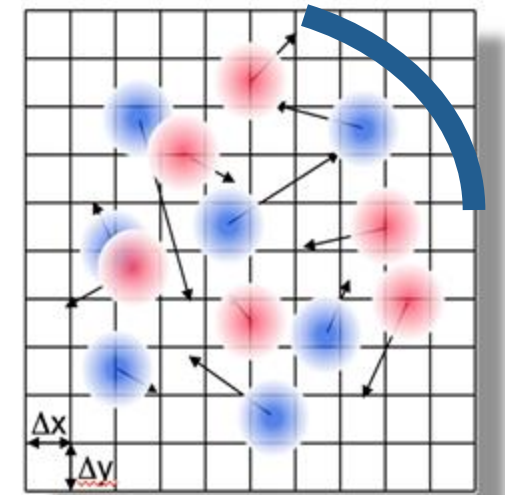
- **particles:** macro particles representing each $1-10^6$ particles
- **fields:** electromagnetic, on a grid
- **structures:** surfaces interacting with grid and macroparticles

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**

Macroparticles Surfaces



electromagnetic (EM)
fields on a grid

Modeling of Particle Accelerators @ NERSC: Examples

2004

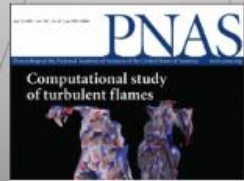


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INCITE Grows Due to Success at NERSC

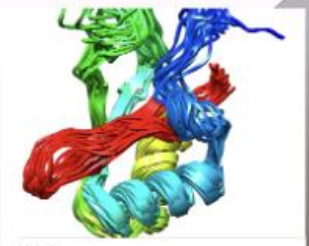
2005
NERSC Connects to MAN at 20-30G



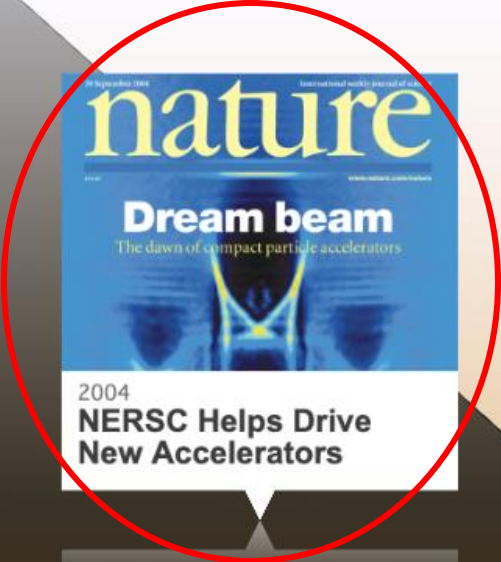
2005
Jacquard Opens for Small, Medium Runs



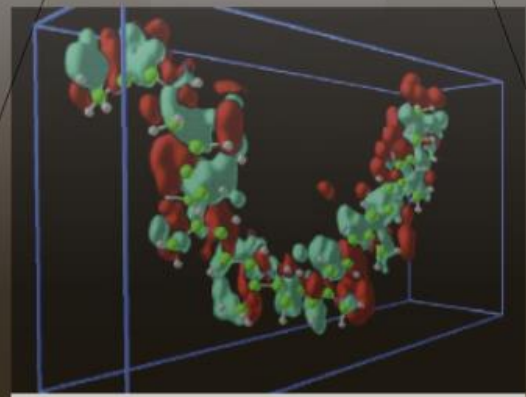
2005
First Simulation of Lab-Scale Combustion



2005
INCITE Awards 6.5 M Hours in Second Year



2004
NERSC Helps Drive New Accelerators

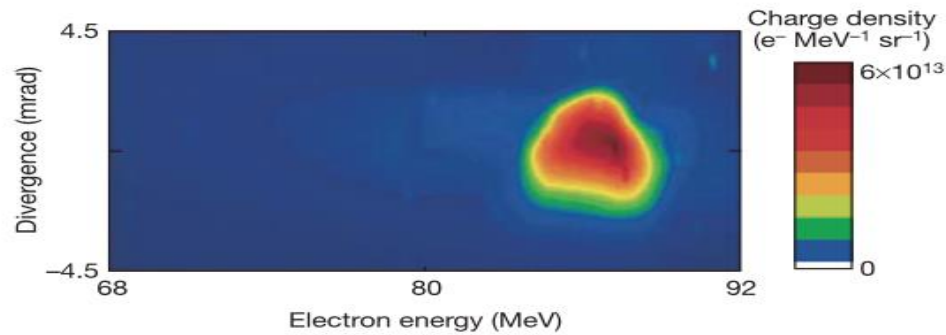


2004
INCITE Program Makes First Awards

1985 1989 1994 1998 2002 2006 2010 2013

NERSC simulations unveiled the physics of narrow energy spread in high-gradient plasma-based particle accelerators transforming the field

Simulations provided key support to 2004 experimental observation at BELLA of beams with particles near a single energy – critical to applications –



- BELLA (LBNL)
- Code: Vorpal
- NERSC computer: Seaborg
- Qualitative picture: 16-64 cores
- Accurate 3D trapping (INCITE): 1024 cores



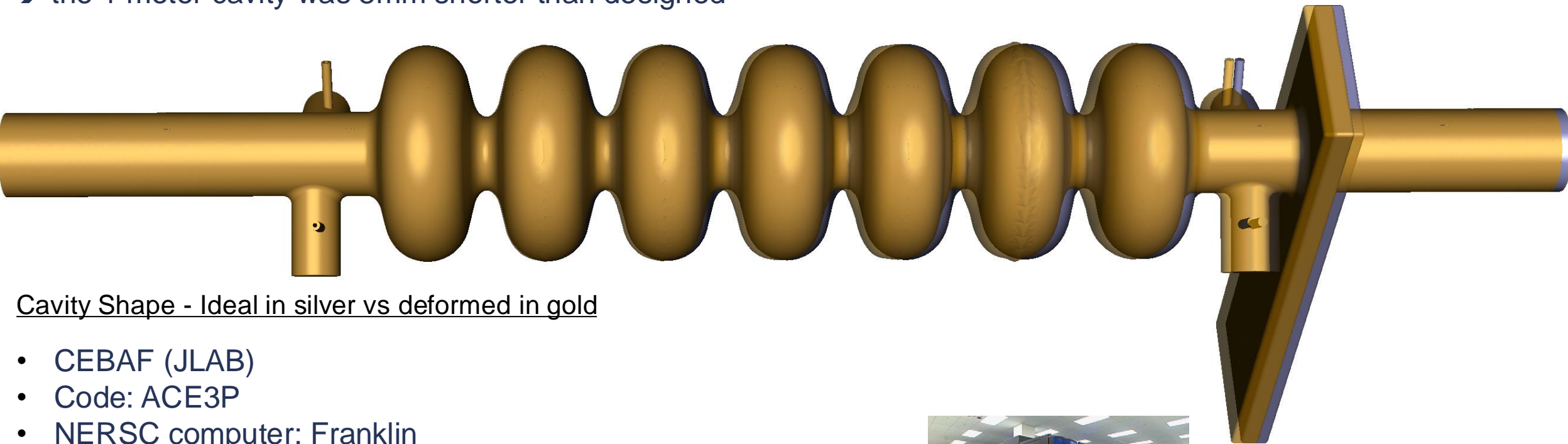
An intense laser excites a wave in electron density in a plasma



Laser
Wave
e- bunch

2009: Simulations uncover default of fabrication

2009: Simulations + UQ uncovered reasons for acceleration cavity measurements that were off specs & observed Beam Breakup (BBU) instability in operation
→ the 1 meter cavity was 8mm shorter than designed



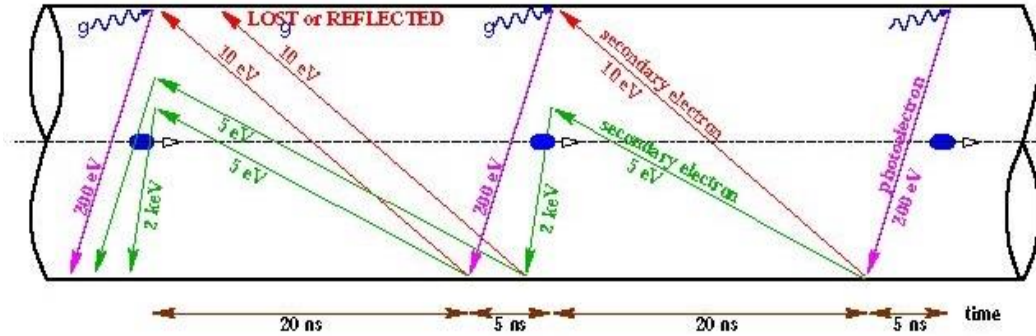
Cavity Shape - Ideal in silver vs deformed in gold

- CEBAF (JLAB)
- Code: ACE3P
- NERSC computer: Franklin
- Individual runs used 256 cores
- 37k CPU hours needed to obtain solve the inverse problem from measured data & recover the deformed cavity



2010: Simulation of electron cloud (e-cloud) effects in CERN SPS

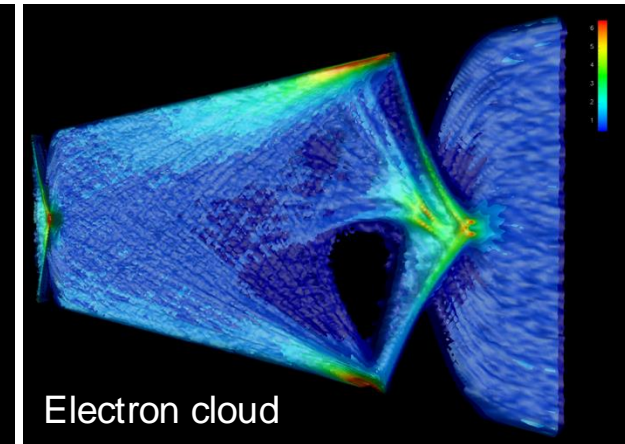
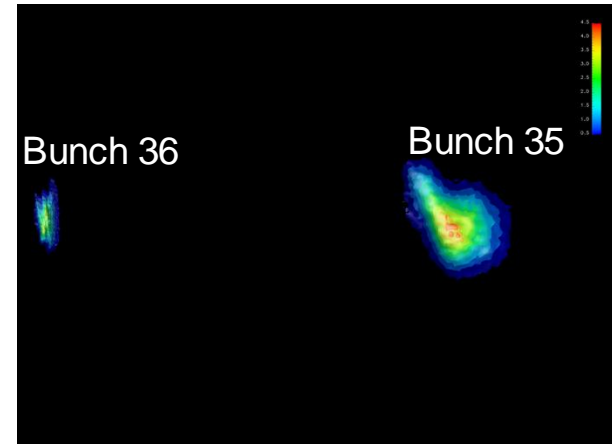
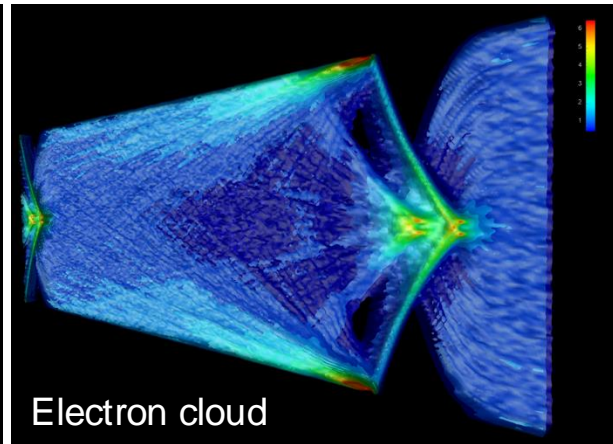
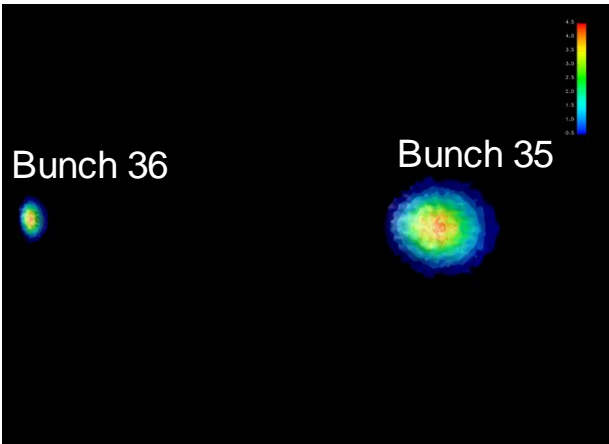
Electrons can interact with beam & beam pipe:
 → Multiply → enter a resonant “headtail” instability
 → spoils the beam quality



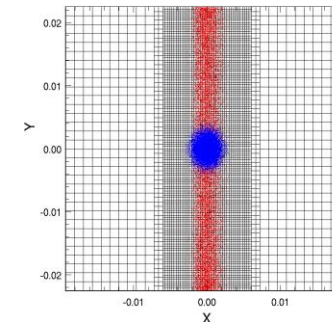
2010:
 first fully self-consistent coupled (Warp+Posinst) simulations of e-cloud build w/ beam interaction

Turn 1

Turn 500



- SPS (CERN); circumference=6.9km
- 3 batches of 72 bunches/batch (=216 bunches)
- 1000 turns (w/ 10 stations/turn)
- Code: Warp; # cores: 9,600
- NERSC computer: Franklin

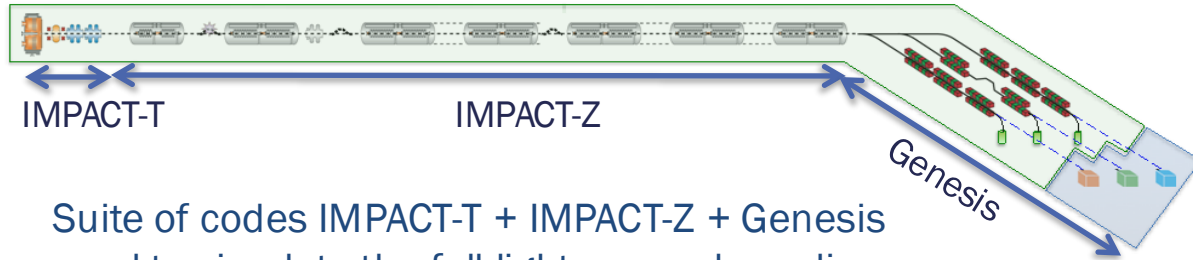


Mesh refinement enabled simulations in reasonable time (~10h)

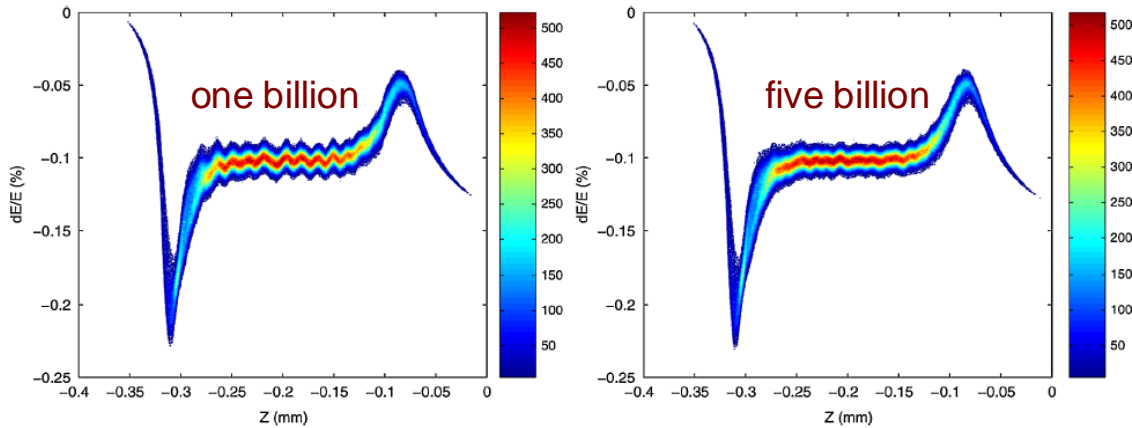


2013: simulations started to use the physical number of particles

2017: application to modeling of LCLS with excellent agreement w/ expt



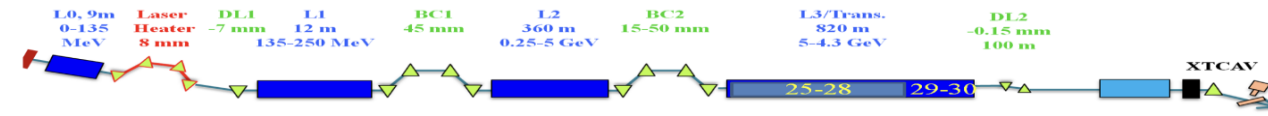
Suite of codes IMPACT-T + IMPACT-Z + Genesis used to simulate the full light source beamline



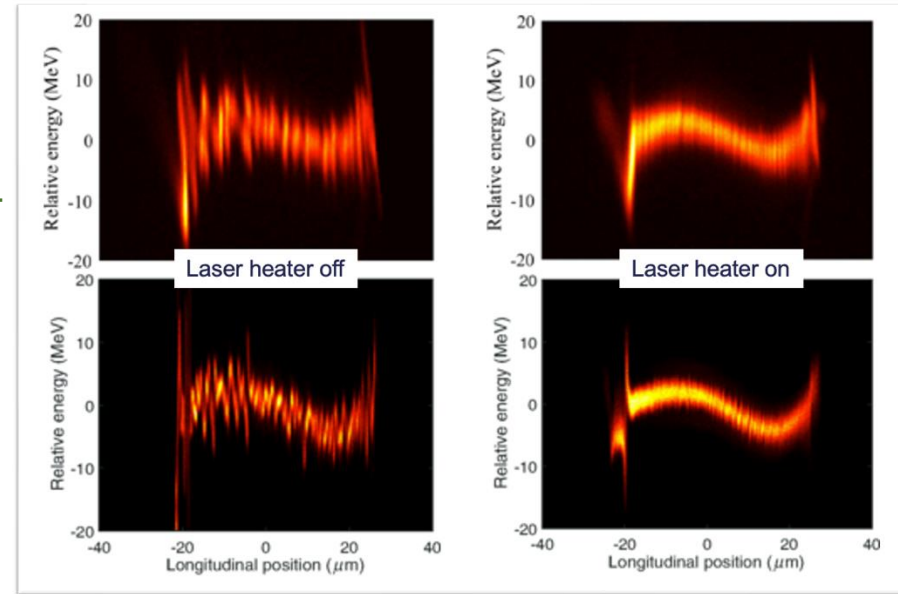
Using (for the first time) the real number of electrons matters to get the shot noise right!

J. Qiang *et al.*, *Phys. Rev. Accel. Beams* **17**, 030701 (2013)

- LCLS (SLAC);
- # cores: 2,048 for 14h
- NERSC computers: Hopper



Experiments
Simulations



Start-to-end, one-to-one modeling reproduces microbunching in the LCLS X-ray FEL.

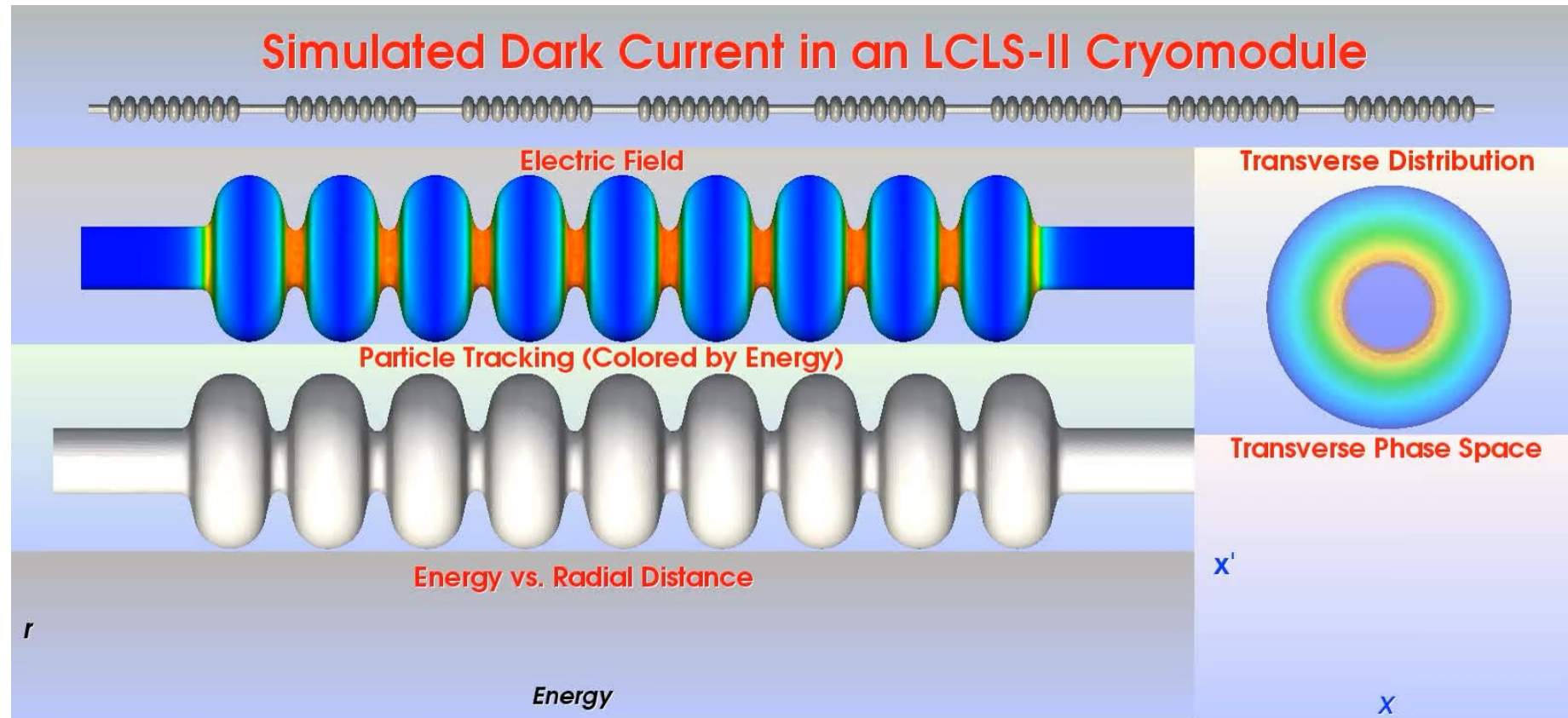
J. Qiang *et al.*, *Phys. Rev. Accel. Beams* **20**, 054402 (2017).

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2016: Modeling of (unwanted) dark currents in LCLS-II cryomodule

2016

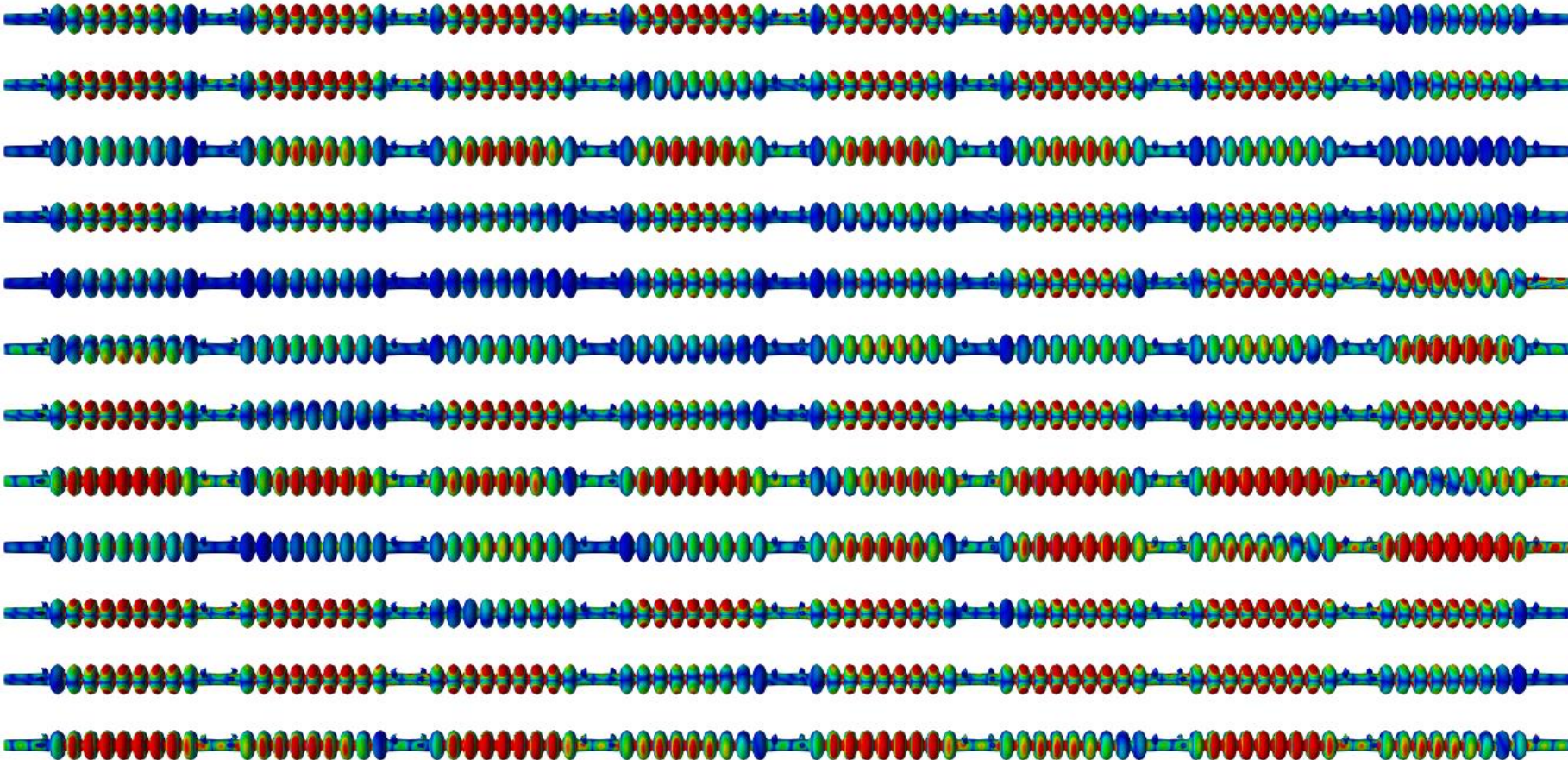


- LCLS-II (SLAC)
- Code: ACE3P (Track3P)
- NERSC computer: Edison
- Individual runs used 240 cores (10 nodes)



2007-2017: ~2 orders of magnitude speedup in cryomodule modeling

Higher-order modes in TESLA cryomodules



- *1 hour per mode* using 1500 cores on Seaborg in 2007
- *< 1 minute per mode* using 960 cores on Edison in 2017
- Speedup from advances in hardware **and** algorithms

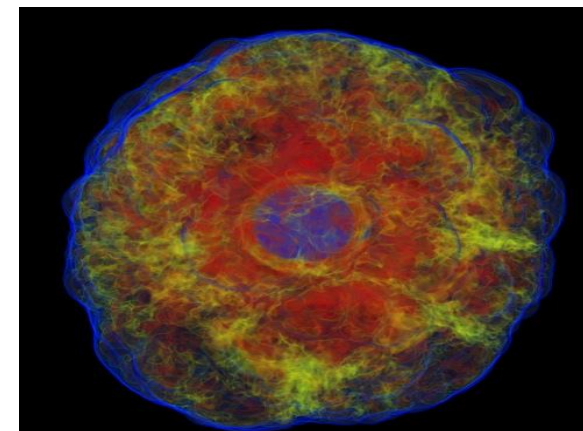
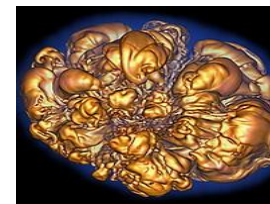
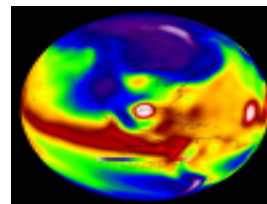
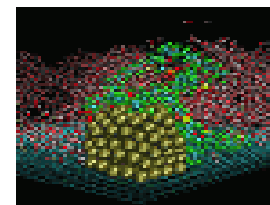
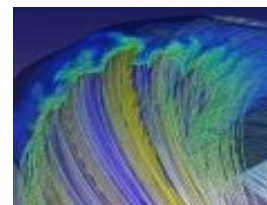
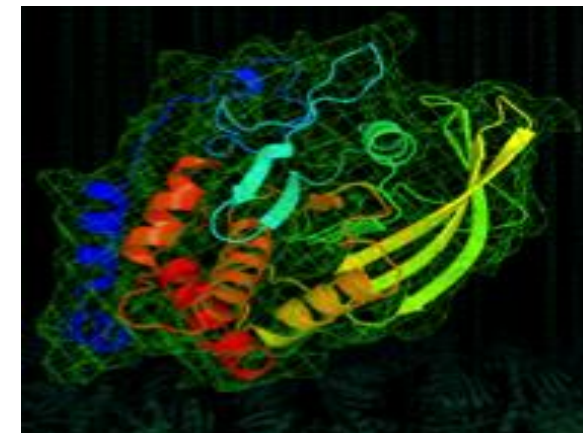
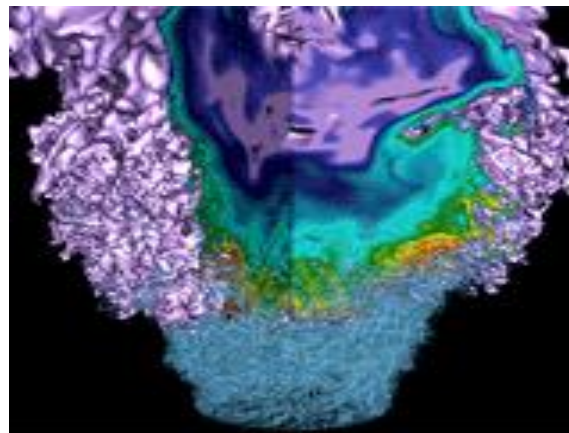


Seaborg



Helping the transition to Exascale with NESAP

Getting Started in NESAP



NERSC App Readiness Team

NESAP PI Briefing
September 15, 2014



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20 NESAP Codes

ASCR (2)

Almgren (LBNL) – **BoxLib AMR Framework**
used in combustion, astrophysics

Trebotich (LBNL) – **Chombo-crunch** for subsurface flow

BES (5)

Kent (ORNL) – **Quantum Espresso**
Deslippe (NERSC) – **BerkeleyGW**
Chelikowsky (UT) – **PARSEC** for excited state materials
Bylaska (PNNL) – **NWChem**
Newman (LBNL) – **EMGeo** for geophysical modeling of Earth

BER (5)

Smith (ORNL) – **Gromacs** Molecular Dynamics
Yelick (LBNL) – **Meraculous** genomics
Ringler (LANL) – **MPAS-O** global ocean modeling
Johansen (LBNL) – **ACME** global climate
Dennis (NCAR) – **CESM**

HEP (3)

Vay (LBNL) – **WARP & IMPACT**-accelerator modeling
Toussaint (U Arizona) – **MILC** Lattice QCD
Habib (ANL) – **HACC** for *n*-Body cosmology

NP (3)

Maris (U. Iowa) – **MFDn** *ab initio* nuclear structure
Joo (JLAB) – **Chroma** Lattice QCD
Christ/Karsch (Columbia/BNL) – **DWF/HISQ** Lattice QCD

FES (2)

Jardin (PPPL) – **M3D** continuum plasma physics
Chang (PPPL) – **XGC1** PIC plasma

NESAP Postdocs



Taylor Barnes
Quantum ESPRESSO



Brian Friesen
Boxlib



Andrey Ovsyannikov
Chombo-Crunch



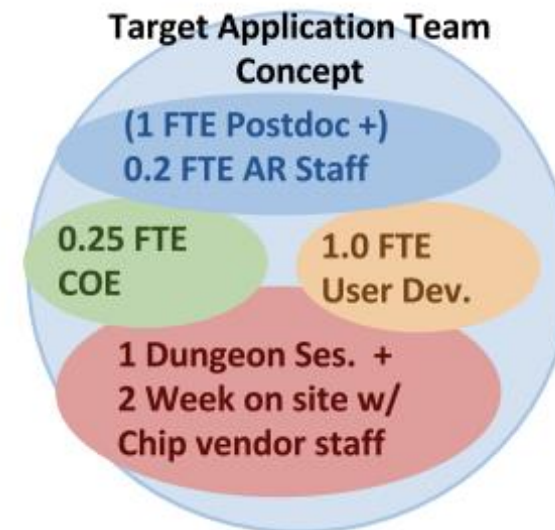
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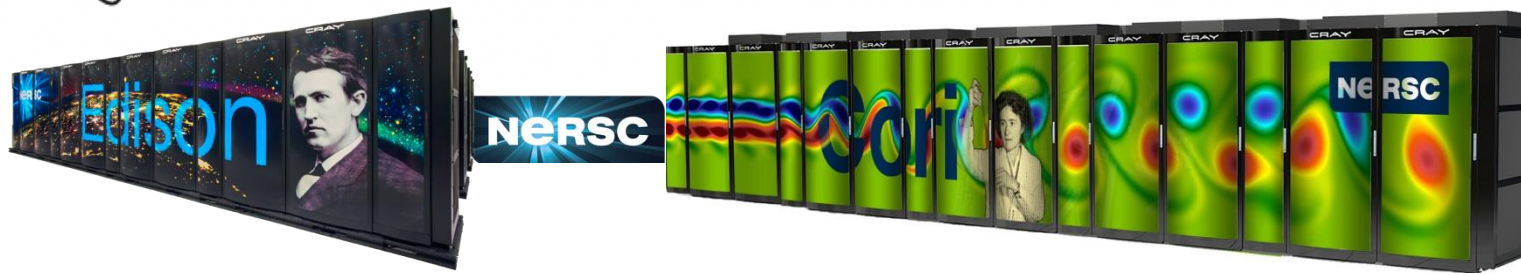
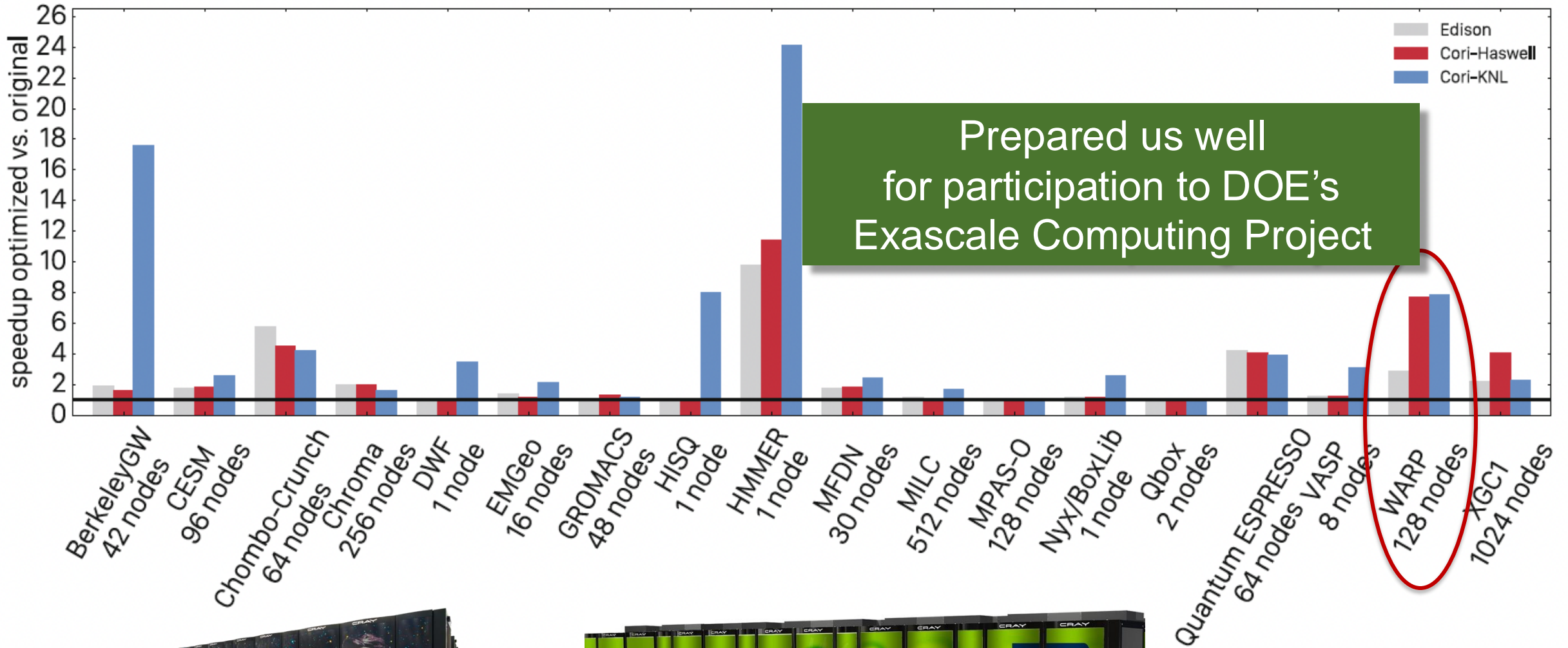
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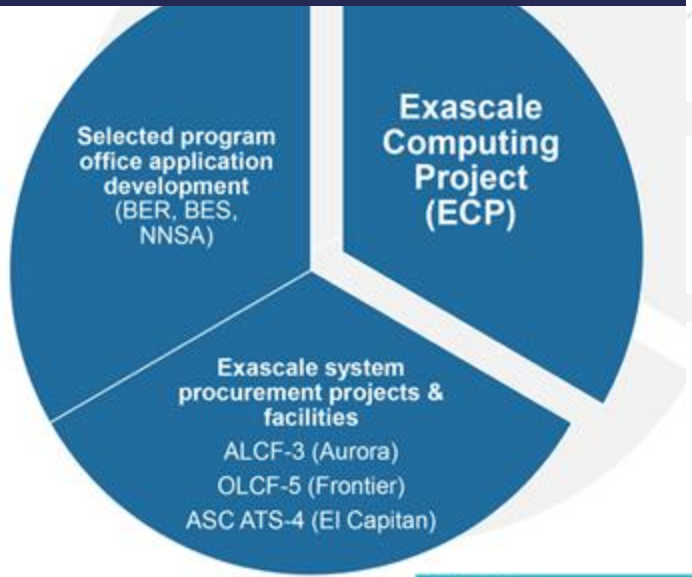
2016: Performance of optimized vs original code demonstrated 3-8X speedup for Warp



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

WarpX among 21 applications selected to cover broad range of science




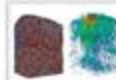
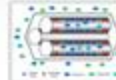


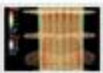






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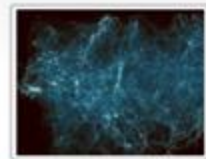
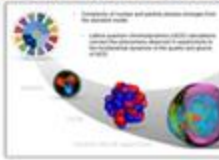
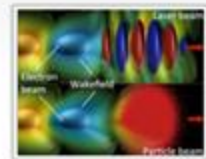



Hardware
5x Summit=1EF

Software

Applications
50x performance

ExaWind Turbine Wind Plant Efficiency (Mike Toropov, NREL) • Harden wind plant design and layout against energy loss susceptibility • Increase penetration of wind energy Challenges: linear solver perf in strong scale level; manipulation of large meshes; overlap of structured & unstructured grids; communication-avoiding linear solvers 	ExaAM Additive Manufacturing (AM) of Qualifiable Metal Parts (John Turner, ORNL) • Accelerate the widespread adoption of AM by enabling routine fabrication of qualified metal parts Challenges: capturing unresolved physics; multi-grid linear solver performance; coupled physics 	EQSIM Earthquake Hazard Risk Assessment (David McClellan, LBNL) • Replace conservative and costly earthquake retrofits with safe • Commercial-scale demonstration of transformational energy technologies - curbing CO ₂ emissions at fossil fuel power plants by 2030 Challenges: full waveform inversion algorithms 	MFCN-Exa Scale-up of Clean Fossil Fuel Combustion (Mathieu Spagnol, NETL) • Commercial-scale demonstration of transformational energy technologies - curbing CO ₂ emissions at fossil fuel power plants by 2030 Challenges: load balancing; strong scaling thru transients 	GAMES5 Biofuel Catalyst Design (Mark Gordon, Ames) • Design more robust and selective catalysts orders of magnitude more efficient at temperatures hundreds of degrees lower Challenges: weak scaling of overall problem; on-node performance of molecular dynamics 	EXAALT Materials for Extreme Environments (Darryl Percik, LANL) • Simultaneously address time, length, and accuracy requirements for predictive microstructural evolution of materials Challenges: SNAP kernel efficiency on accelerators; efficiency of DFTB application on accelerators 	ExaStar Demystify Origin of Chemical Elements (Dan Kasen, LBNL) • What is the origin of the elements? • How does matter behave at extreme densities? • What are the sources of gravity waves? Challenges: delivering performance on accelerators; delivering fidelity for general relativity implementation 
ExaSMR Design and Commercialization of Small Modular Reactors (Steve Hendon, ORNL) • Virtual test reactor for advanced designs via experimental-quality simulations of reactor behavior Challenges: existing GPU-based MC algorithms require rework for hardware-less performance for latency-bound algorithms with thread divergence; performance portability with OCCA & OpenACC not achievable; insufficient node memory for adequate CFD + MC coupling 	Subsurface Carbon Capture, Fossil Fuel Extraction, Waste Disposal (Carl Steeb, LBNL) • Reliably guide safe long-term consequential decisions about storage, sequestration, and expiration Challenges: performance of Lagrangian geomorphics; adequacy of Lagrangian track mechanics; Eulerian reaction, advection, diffusion models; parallel HDF5 for coupling 	QMCPACK Materials for Extreme Environments (Paul Kent, ORNL) • 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 Challenges: minimizing on-node memory usage; parallel on-node performance of Markov-chain Monte Carlo 	ExaSGO Reliable and Efficient Planning of the Power Grid (Henry Huang, PNNL) • Optimize power grid planning, operation, control and improve reliability and efficiency Challenges: parallel performance of nonlinear optimization based on discrete algebraic equations and possible mixed-integer programming 	WDMApp High-Fidelity Whole Device Modeling of Magnetically Confined Fusion Plasmas (Arnauze Ghazizadeh, PPPL) • Prepare for ITER experiments and increase ROI of validation data and understanding • Prepare for beyond-ITER devices Challenges: robust, accurate, and efficient code-coupling algorithm; reduction in memory and I/O usage 	Combustion-PELE High-Efficiency, Low-Emission Combustion Engine Design (Jackie Chen, SNL) • Reduce or eliminate current cut-and-try approaches for combustion system design Challenges: performance of chemistry ODE integration on accelerated architectures; linear solver performance for low-Mach algorithm; explicit LES/ONS resolution not viable 	ExaFEL Light Source-Enabled Analysis of Protein and Molecular Structure and Design (Arnauze Ghazizadeh, SLAC) • Process data without beam-time loss • Determine nanoparticle size and shape changes • Engineer functional properties in biology and materials science Challenges: improving the strong scaling (one event processed over many cores) of compute-intensive algorithms (ray tracing, M-TIP) on accelerators 

E3SM-MMF Accurate Regional Impact Assessment in Earth Systems (Mark Taylor, SNL) • Forecast water resources and severe weather with increased confidence; address food supply changes Challenges: MMF approach for cloud-resolving model has large biases; adequacy of Fortran MPI+OpenMP for some architectures; Support for OpenMP and OpenACC 	NWChemEx Catalytic Conversion of Biomass-Derived Alcohols (Thom Dunning, PNNL) • Develop new optimal catalysts while changing the current design processes that remain costly, time consuming, and dominated by trial-and-error Challenges: computation of energy gradients for coupled-cluster implementation; on- and off-node performance 	ExaBiome Metagenomics for Analysis of Biogeochemical Cycles (Kathy Yelick, LBNL) • Discover knowledge useful for environmental remediation and the manufacture of novel chemicals and medicines Challenges: inability of message injection rates to keep up with core counts; efficient and performant implementation of UPC, UPC++, GASNet; GPU performance; I/O performance 	ExaSky Cosmological Probe of the Standard Model of Particle Physics (Salman Habib, ANL) • Unravel key unknowns in the dynamics of the Universe: dark energy, dark matter, and inflation Challenges: subgrid model accuracy; OpenMP performance on GPUs; file system stability and availability 	LatticeQCD Validate Fundamental Laws of Nature (Andreas Kronfeld, FNAL) • Correct light quark masses; properties of light nuclei from first principles; <1% uncertainty in simple quantities Challenges: performance of critical slowing down; reducing network traffic to reduce system interconnect contention; strong scaling performance to mitigate reliance on checkpointing 	WarpX Plasma Wakefield Accelerator Design (Jean-Luc Vay, LBNL) • Virtual design of 100-stage 1 TeV collider; dramatically cut accelerator size and design cost Challenges: scaling of Maxwell FFT-based solver; maintaining efficiency of large timestep algorithm; load balancing 	CANDLE Accelerate and Translate Cancer Research (Rick Stevens, ANL) • Develop predictive preclinical models and accelerate diagnostic and targeted therapy through predicting mechanisms of RAS/RAF driven cancers Challenges: increasing accelerator utilization for model search; effectively exploiting HP16; preparing for any data management or communication bottlenecks 
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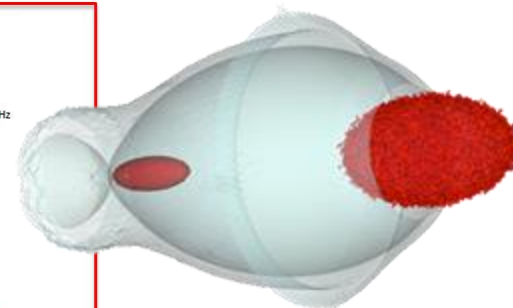
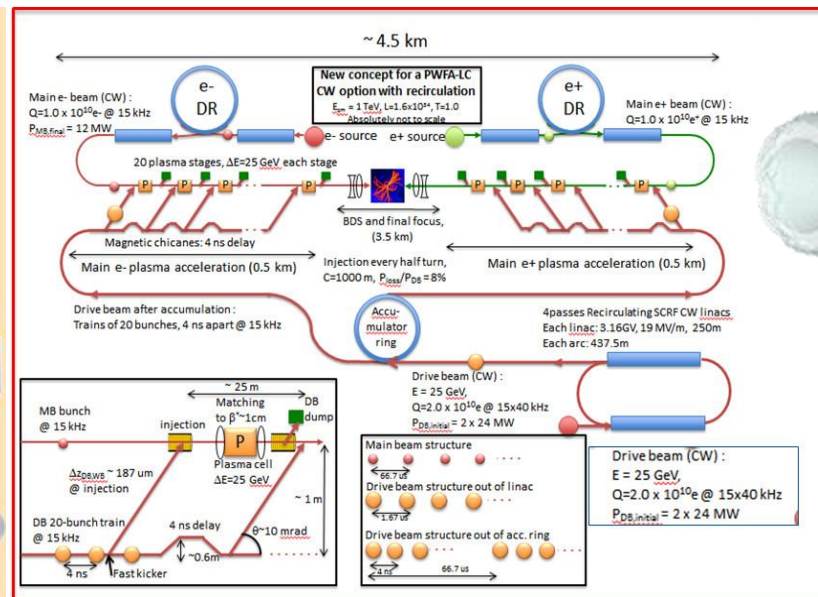
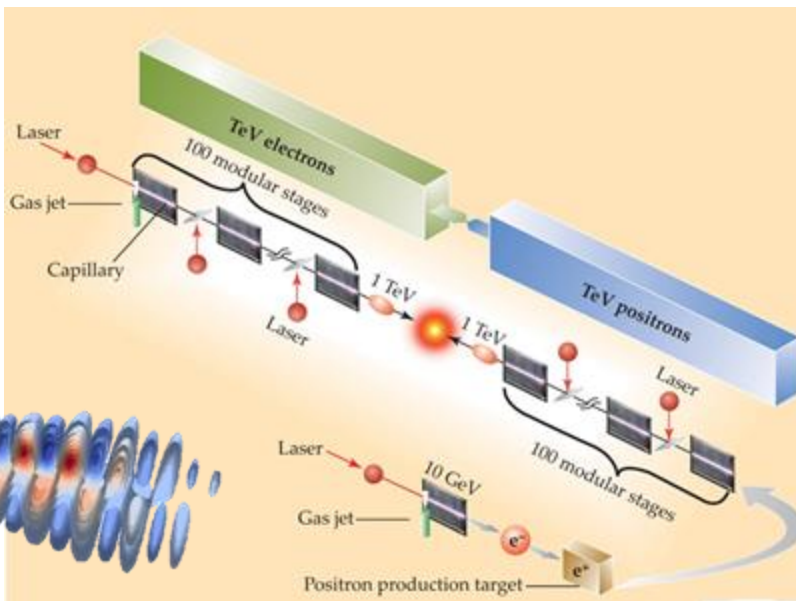
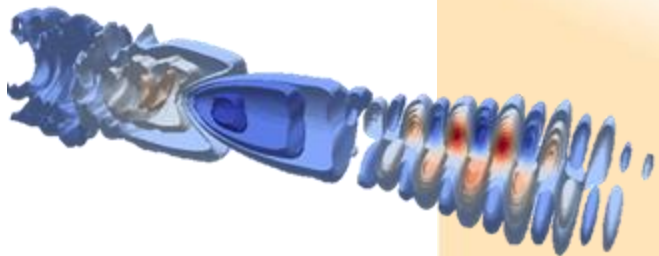


Years of collaboration with NERSC + NESAP were key to selection

Challenge of the ECP WarpX Project

Go from modeling 1 or 2 plasma stages to tens of stages in 3D from first principles for plasma collider R&D and design

Laser driven



Particle driven

→ advanced algorithms on fastest/largest supercomputers

Key partnership with AMReX



3 labs collaboration



Welcome to NESAP for Perlmutter

NERSC
March 28/29, 2019



(liaison)
Kevin Gott
NERSC (staff)
WarpX



2019-2021

Michael Rowan
NERSC (postdoc)
WarpX



2023-2024

Muhammad Haseeb
NERSC (postdoc)
WarpX

NESAP led to significant WarpX FOM increase on Perlmutter

also increase efficiency of dynamic load balancing & binary collisions kernel

FOM ~ # particles/runtime

Date	Machine	Nodes	FOM
3/19	Cori (Warp)	6625	2.2e10
3/19	Edison	4 694	6.7e10
3/19	Cori	6 625	1.0e11
7/21	Perlmutter	960	1.1e12



4x speedup of Coulomb collision module

New kernel:

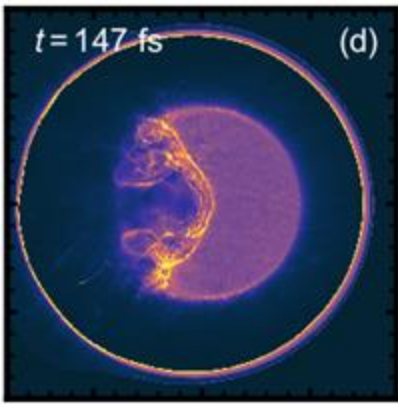
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MultiParticleContainer::doCollisions()
Avg. per step = 0.1375590809 s
Total Time : 14.58777054
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WarpX dev branch:

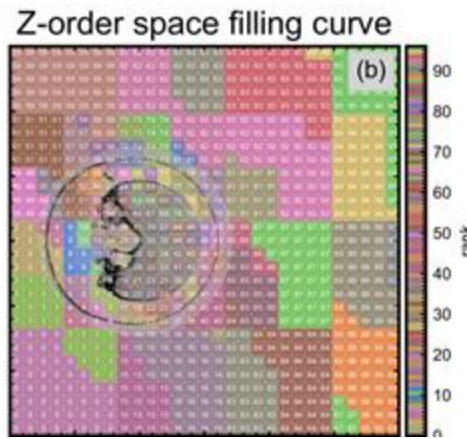
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MultiParticleContainer::doCollisions()
Avg. per step = 0.6979252147
Total Time : 70.43095279
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Applied to other binary collisions modules in WarpX (nuclear fusion, DSMC, etc.)

3.8x speedup w/ adaptive load balancing



particles/cell



Domain decomposition



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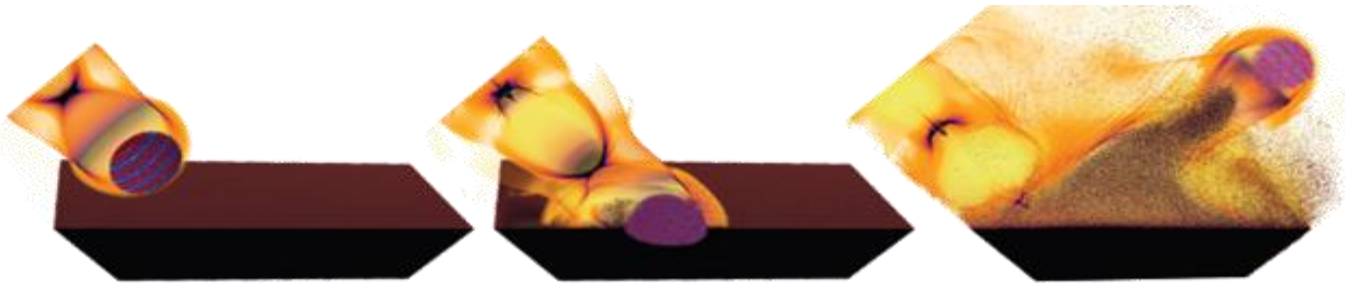


NESAP

ECP WarpX team benefitted from NESAP to win 22 Gordon Bell Prize

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

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



Modeling of novel plasma e- beam injection scheme

- 3 levels of parallelism, scalable & portable
- adaptive mesh refinement
- efficient dynamic load balancing



Figure-of-Merit: weighted updates / sec

Date	Code	Machine	N_c /Node	Nodes	FOM
3/19	Warp	Cori	0.4e7	6 625	2.2e10
3/19	WarpX	Cori	0.4e7	6 625	1.0e11
6/19	WarpX	Summit	2.8e7	1 000	7.8e11
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
12/21	WarpX	Summit	2.0e8	4 263	3.3e12
4/22	WarpX	Perlmutter	4.0e8	928	1.0e12
4/22	WarpX	Perlmutter†	4.0e8	928	1.4e12
4/22	WarpX	Summit	2.0e8	4 263	3.4e12
4/22	WarpX	Fugaku†	3.1e6	98 304	8.1e12
6/22	WarpX	Perlmutter	4.4e8	1 088	1.0e12
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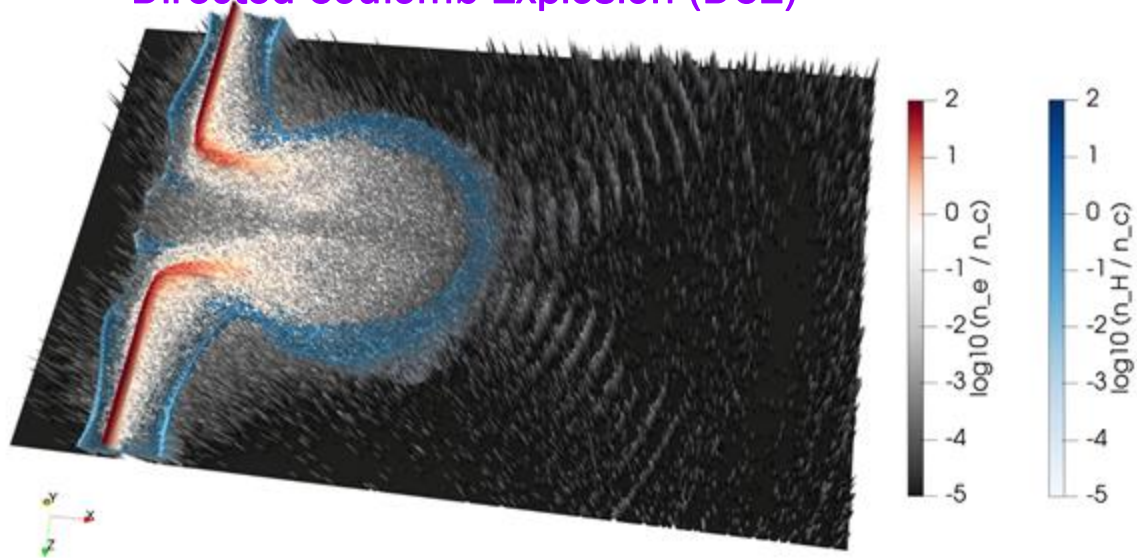


**Looking forward: more HPC
+ superfacilities (aka IRI)
+ workflows**

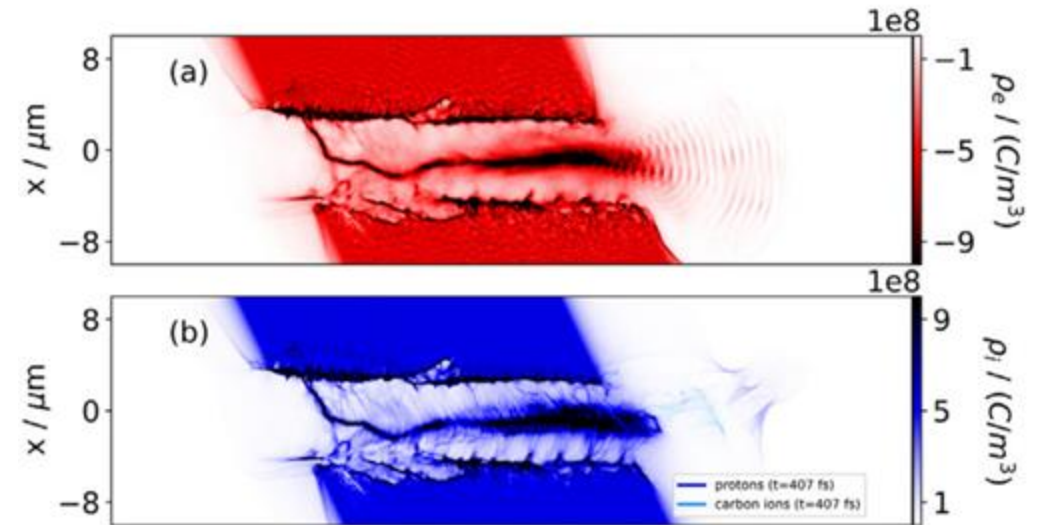
Simulations of Advanced Laser-Plasma Ion Acceleration Mechanisms

3D WarpX simulations supported commissioning of BELLA iP2 beamline in 2022

Directed Coulomb Explosion (DCE)



Magnetic Vortex Acceleration (MVA)



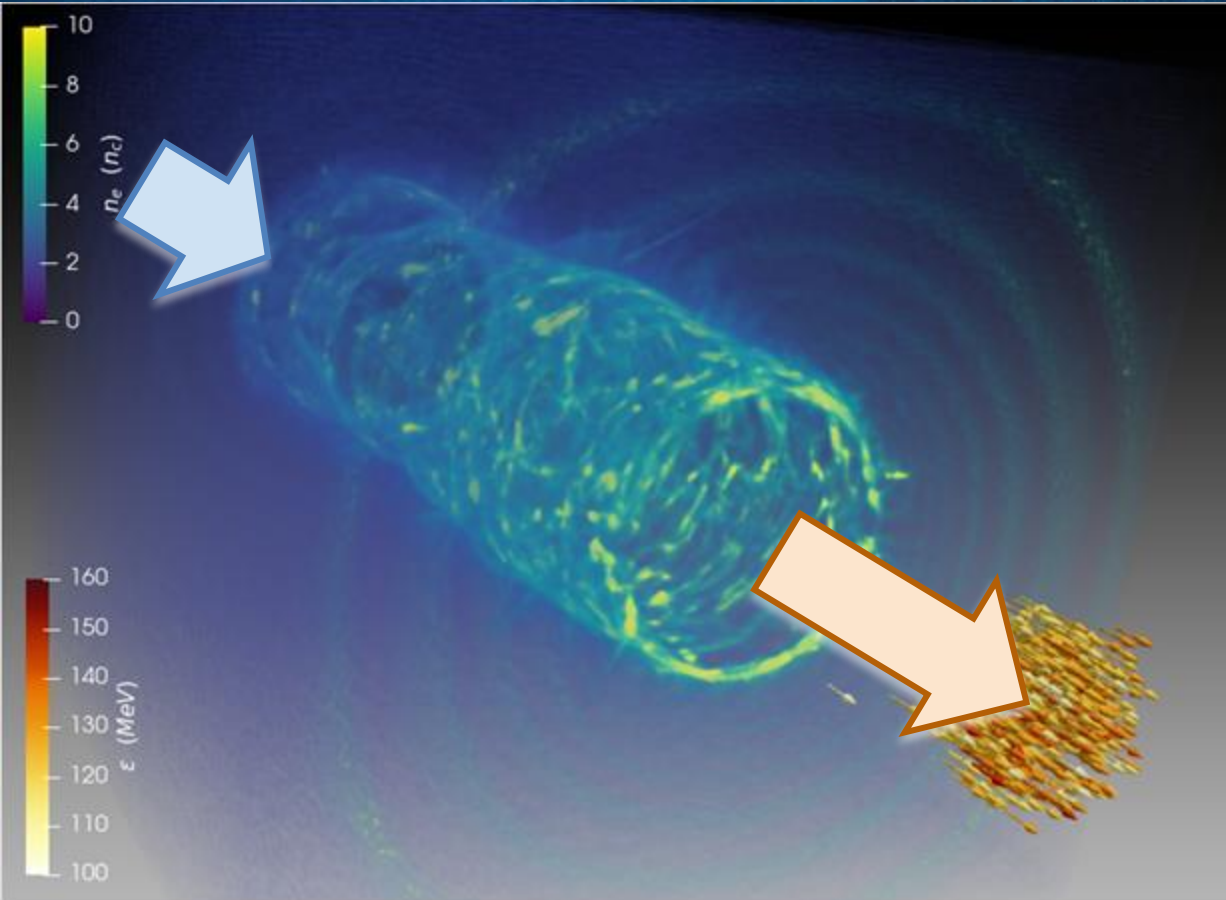
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S. Hakimi et al., Phys. Plasmas **29**, 083102 (2022)

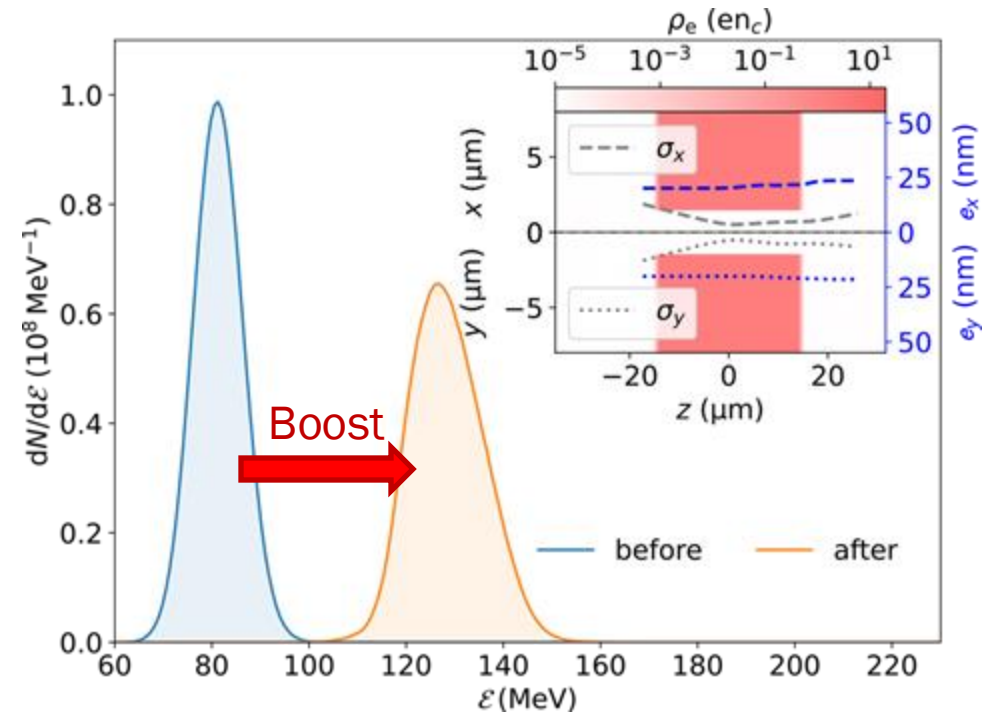
- BELLA iP2 (LBNL)
- Code: WarpX
- NERSC computer: Perlmutter
- # nodes: 100s



Simulations demonstrating Boosting of Intense Ion Beam Energies using New Concept with Hollow-Channel Laser-Plasma Stages



- ✓ Key beam quality parameters are conserved
Charge, energy spread, and emittance are conserved well
- ✓ State-of-the-art PW laser facility parameters are sufficient



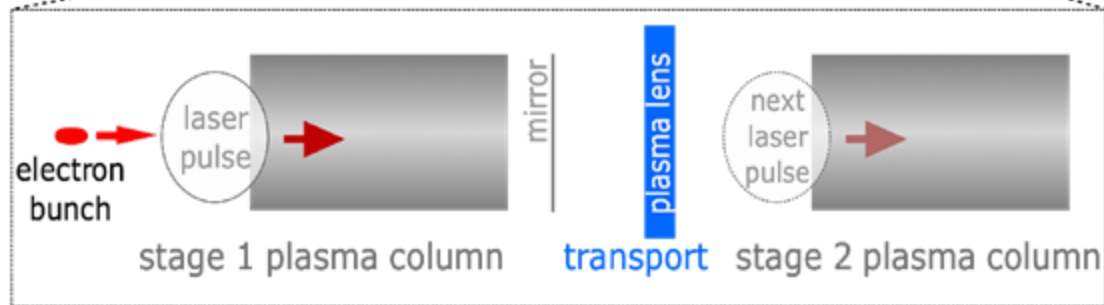
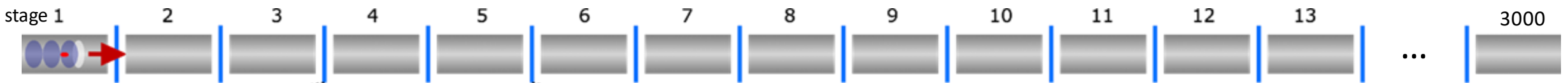
- Code: WarpX
- NERSC computer: Perlmutter
- # nodes: 768 for 8.5h



Exploiting High-Quality HPC Data for ML-Boosted Collider Design

Start-to-end modeling of chain of plasma accelerator stages for colliders can be very expensive with PIC.

Under some conditions (low beam charge, repetition of similar stages), ML surrogate can be trained & replace PIC.



tightly-coupled LPA-neural networks inside ImpactX



WarpX start-to-end simulation
256 GPUs
1 simulation / 5.1 hours

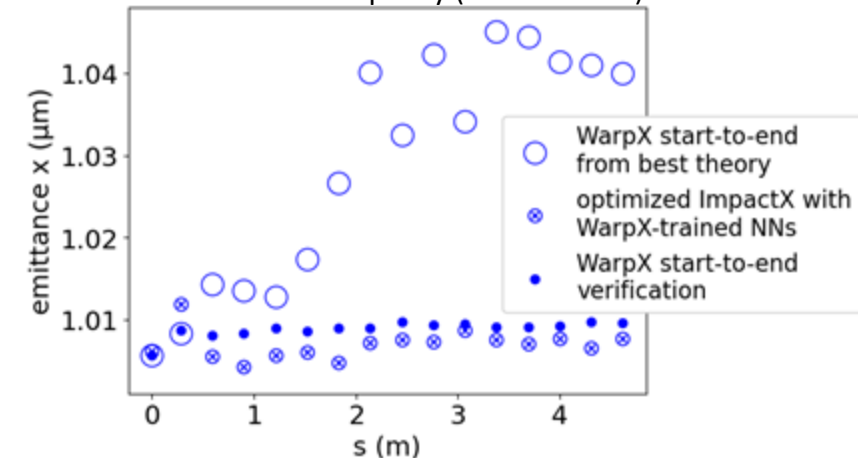


ImpactX with WarpX-trained NNs
1 GPU
2-4 simulations / sec

LPA + Transport Optimization

with 1000s of evaluations

Emittance ~ beam quality (lower = better)



LDRD in collaboration with NERSC to build Superfacility prototype



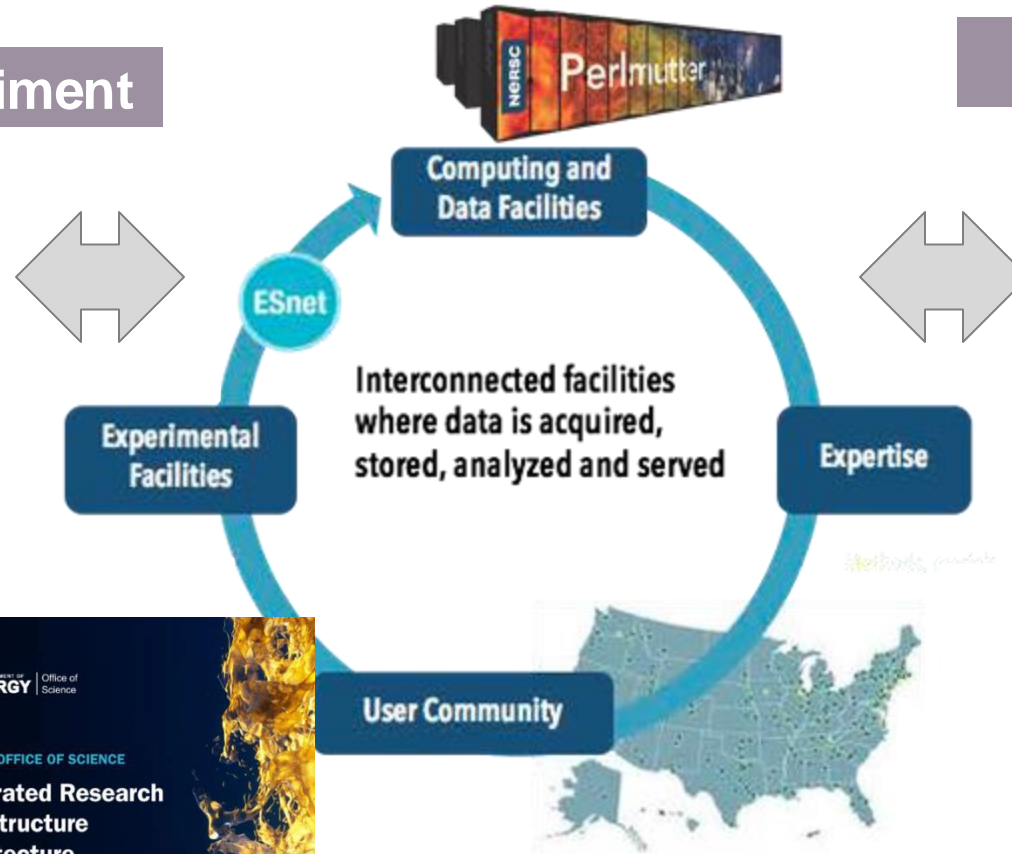
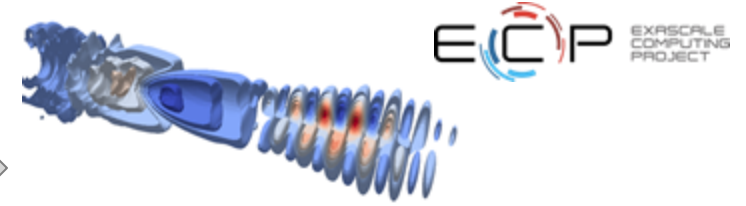
Remi Lehe (PI)

Bella iP2 Experiment



Computing and Data Facilities

Exascale code WarpX



NERSC Superfacility concept and tools

First application for fusion, with applicability to accelerator R&D.

New NESAP project on Integrated Plasma Simulation Workflows



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Storage and I/O Technologies

NERSC proxy suite

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NESAP PATHFINDING PROJECTS FOR 2024

2024 NESAP PATHFINDING TEAMS

Project Name	PI Name	PI Institution	Science Domain	Project proposal salient feature/summary
Oceananigans	Simone Silvestri	MIT	Climate	Julia + LLVM toolchain at scale, multi-gpu
ERF-X	Ann Almgren	LBL	Weather	AMReX toolchain at scale
U.S. CMS SCO: HL-LHC	David Sperka	BU/Fermilab	HEP	AI integration with CMS workflow
MetaHipMer & UPC++/GASNet	Rob Egan	JGI/LBNL	Bio Sciences	GASNet toolchain at scale
SeparationML	Ping Yang	LANL	Chemistry	AI-in-the-loop for hierarchical workflows
WarpX	Axel Huebl	LBL	Plasma science	Integrated Plasma simulation workflows



NESAP Pathfinding Projects

NESAP pathfinding projects are one-year projects intended to prepare for and better use advanced workflow capabilities such as hardware acceleration, reconfigurable storage, advanced scheduling, and integration with edge services, as well as alignment with DOE's [IRI program](#).



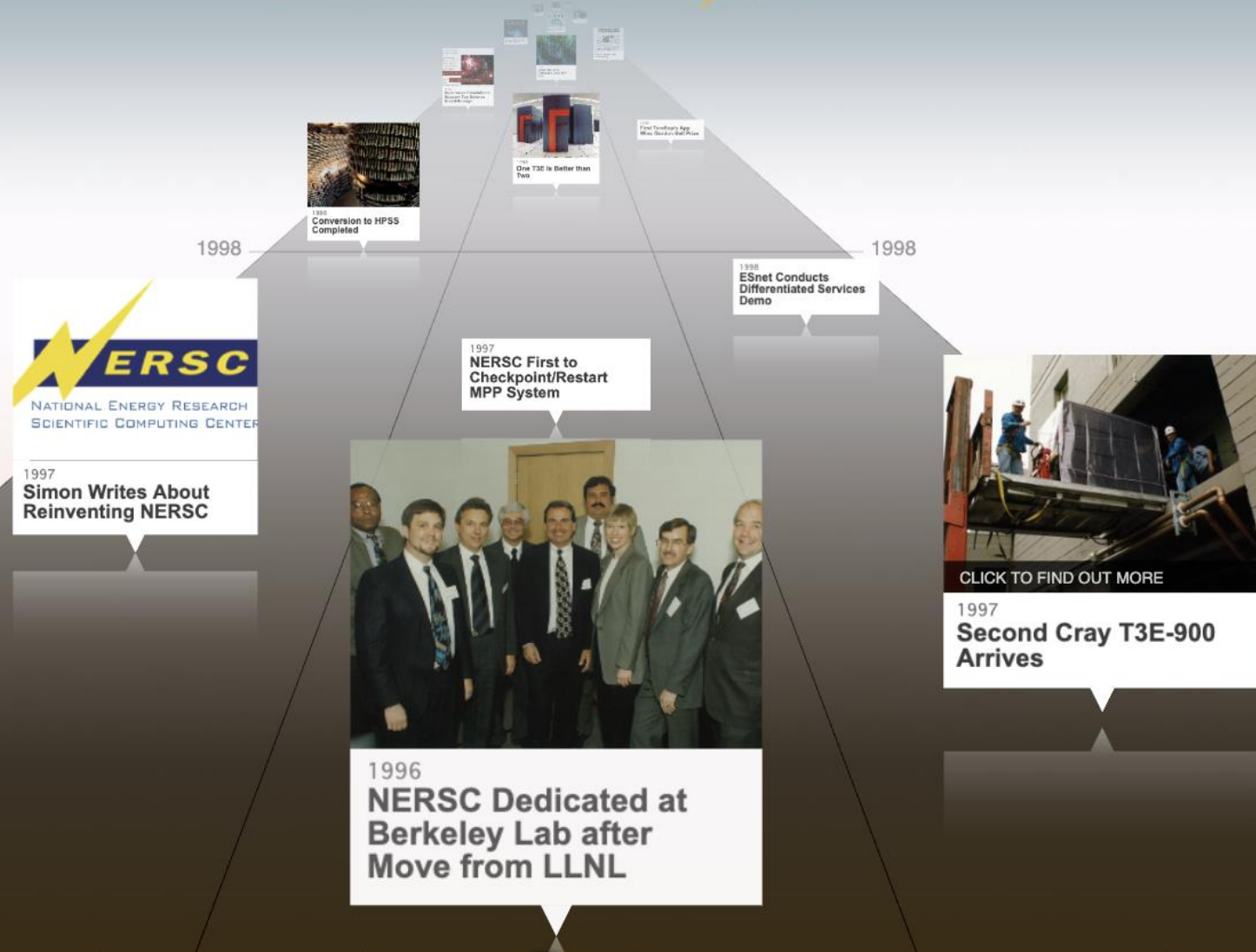
Urjoshi Sinha
HPC Engineer
Data & AI Group
NERSC

Project goals

- **Performance goals**
 - *Scalability* (solvers, ML hybrids, load balancing)
 - *GPU performance* (kernels)
- **Advanced Capability goals**
 - *Containerization & automated performance regression testing*
 - *Jupyter-centric simulation lifecycle*

**A quick note on my own experience
with NERSC**

I joined LBNL shortly after NERSC dedication following move from LLNL



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1996



1998

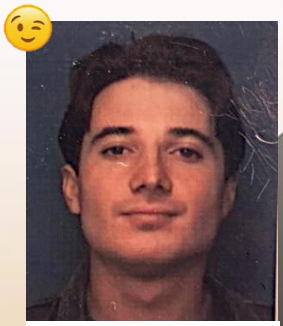


1998

1998
ESnet Conducts
Differentiated Services
Demo



1997
NERSC First to
Checkpoint/Restart
MPP System



1996, Nov. 4
Jean-Luc Vay
starts postdoc
@LBNL

1997
Simon Writes About
Reinventing NERSC



1996
NERSC Dedicated at
Berkeley Lab after
Move from LLNL



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1997
Second Cray T3E-900
Arrives

started using NERSC shortly after...
...needing support...



NERSC has always provided great support!

C Consultants
PVM on T3E
To: jlway@jess.lbl.gov & 1 more
June 25, 1997 at 3:41PM [Details](#)

Jean-Luc,

At the moment we are evaluating how to accommodate users who are requesting the ability to use PVM to spawn remote processes. I'll certainly forward your note to the group who are dealing with this.

On the subject of graphics, we don't anticipate putting any advanced software (such as AVS) on the T3E.

I will keep you informed of our plans.

Jonathan Carter

NERSC User Services

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Jean-Luc Vay writes:

Some subroutines take for ever (>1h) to be compiled on Killeen with f90 while they are compiled in a reasonable time (<10min) on the T3E. The problem may be that the system is swaping with the hard-disk, which is the problem I have when using f90 on the choga.lbl.gov SUN workstation. Is there a way to fix it? thanks.

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NC NERSC Consultants [Arch...Google](#) July 7, 1998 at 10:32 AM
Re: Disk swaping (?) with f90 on J90 [Details](#)
To: Jean-Luc Vay, Cc: NERSC Consulting,
Reply-To: consult@nersc.gov <consult@Nersc.GOV>

Hi,

The Crays do not use virtual memory, so the system is not paging to disk.

There are various possibilities for the behavior you're noticing:

1. The J90 runs at 100 MHz, the T3E at 450 MHz.
2. The two compilers do quite different optimizations on the two architectures; the J90 optimization may be inherently more complicated. Try compiling with -O0 as a test case.
3. There may be a bug in the J90 version of the compiler. I've seen this before, where compiling on one Cray system takes much longer than on another. Cray will fix the compiler if this is the case.

I'd be happy to investigate this myself. If you would send me a sample file or tell me where it is on the system, I can try compiling myself and query our Cray analysts on the matter.

Regards,
Richard Gerber
NERSC User Services

**Thanks to NERSC for all the amazing
computing & support**

**Looking forward to future work
@ & w/ NERSC**

Thank you all for your attention