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# The EPFL Advanced Computing Hub

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# A campus-wide EPFL team led by the SPC



Support center for HPC applications and provider of advanced computing platforms (~15 people)

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Virtual, augmented, mixed reality, through advanced computer science and state-of-the-art visualization facilities (~10 people)

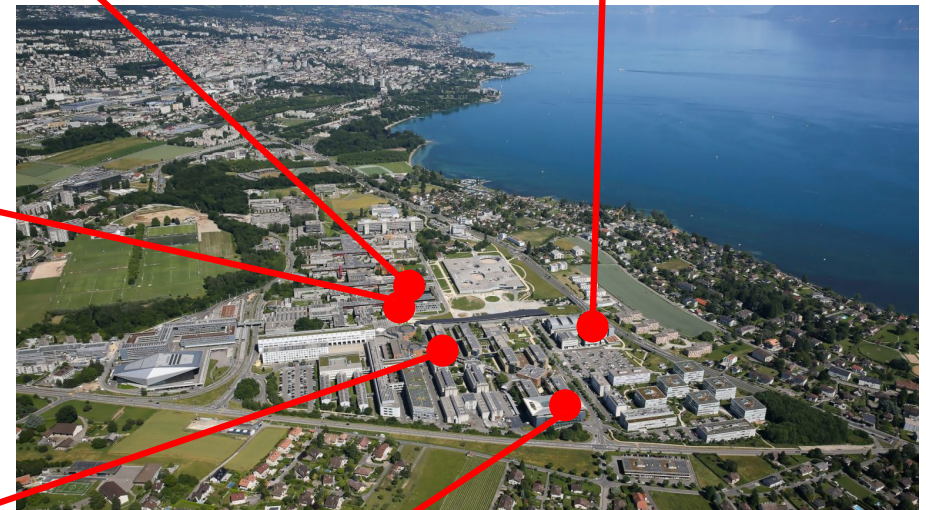


Computational Science and Engineering Mathematics group (~70 people)



Swiss Data Science Center, national institute for artificial intelligence and machine learning techniques (~50 people)

Swiss Plasma Center (~ 150 people, theory group: ~ 30 people)



# A comprehensive support, from HPC code design to visualization

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We will act as competence center for

- methods, providing support to specific needs
- applications, developing and maintaining EUROfusion software

Proximity of developers, users, experimentalists fostered culture of tight development loops, key to meet EUROfusion needs

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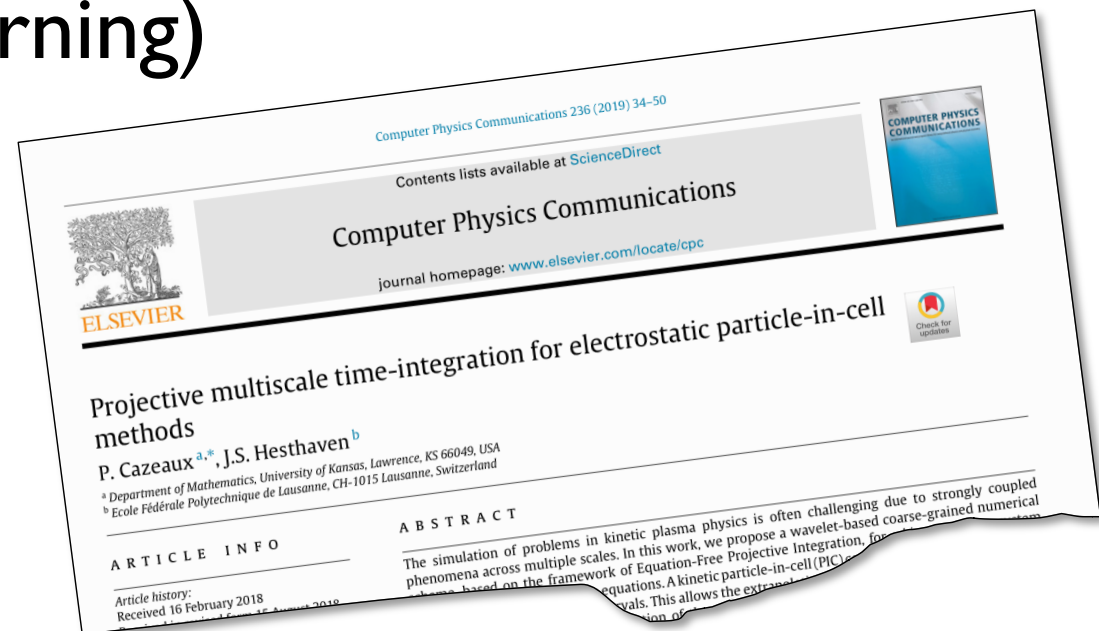
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# Code design with state-of-the-art algorithms



- Solution of large scale linear systems
- Methods for multiscale models
- Error estimation and control
- Tuning parameters in algorithmic optimization (e.g. using machine learning)
- Complex geometries

~ 1.5 person, starting 2022



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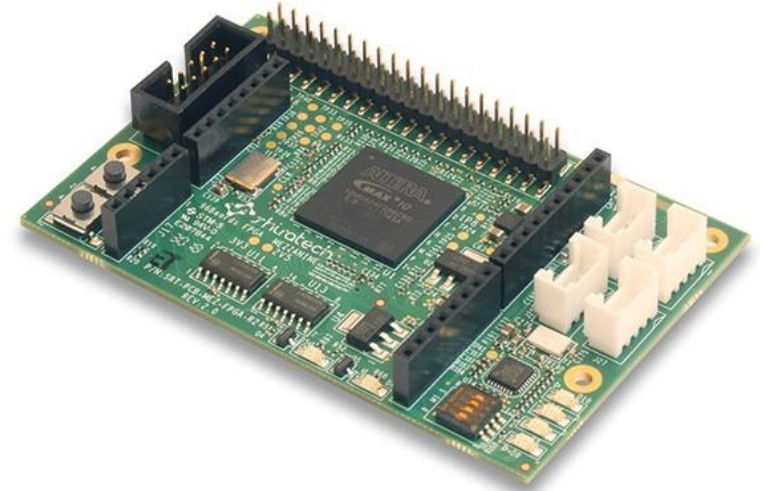
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# Support to code implementation

- Code optimization
- Hybrid architectures (GPU, FPGA, ...)

~ 3 people, starting on 2021



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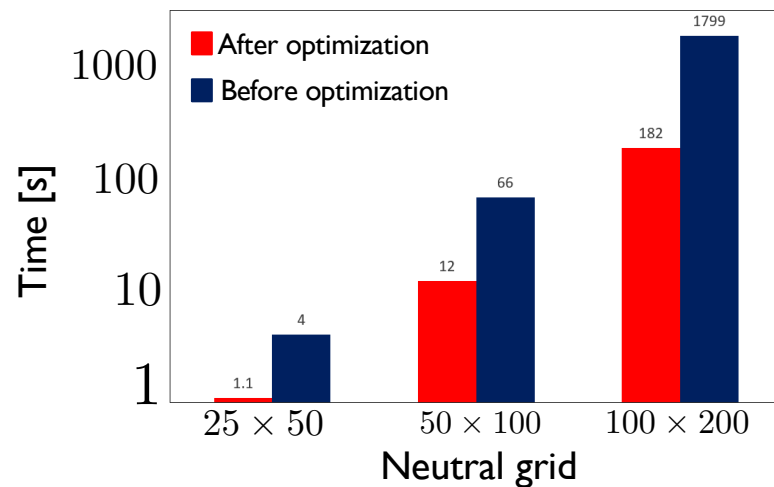
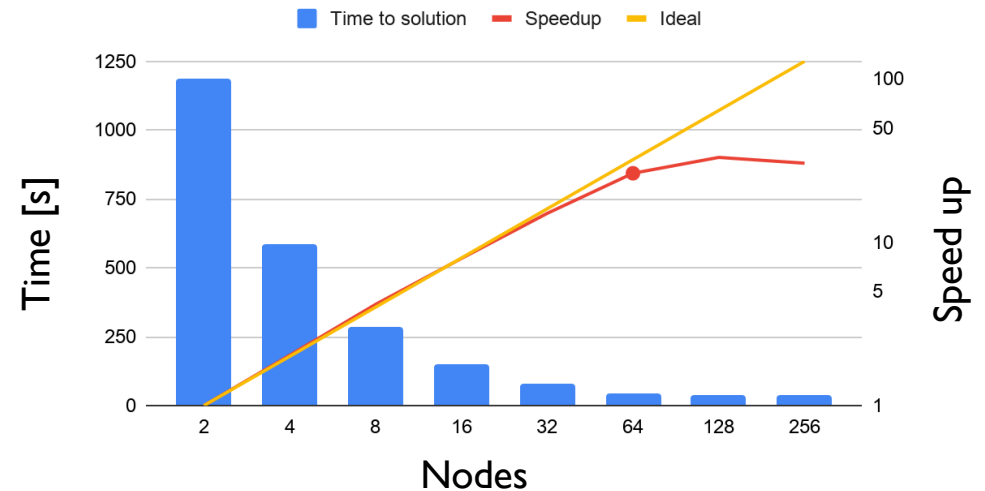
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# Significant progress in TSVV-3 during pilot phase (turbulent fluid simulation of the boundary)

$$\nabla \cdot (n \nabla \phi) = \omega$$

Scaling up to ~ 6'000 cores



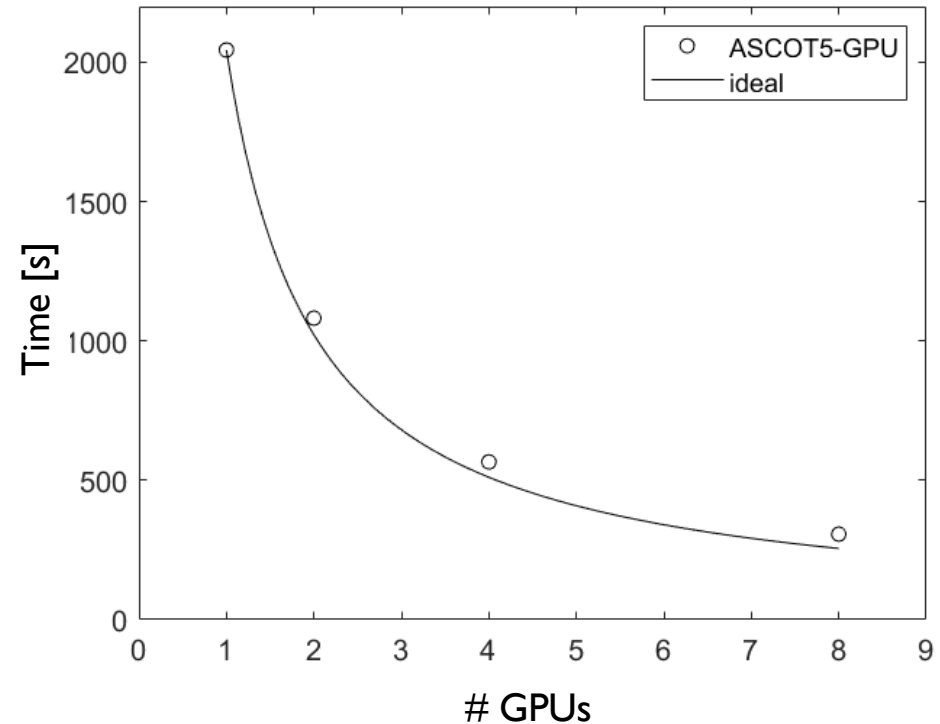
$$\frac{\partial f_n}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = -\nu_{iz} f_n - \nu_{cx} \left( f_n - \frac{n_n}{n_i} \right) + \nu_{rec} f_i$$

10 times faster at TCV scale



# Porting ASCOT5 to GPU

Port to GPU using new  
OpenMP offload (4.5+)



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# Support EUROfusion V&V efforts

- Verification and validation methodologies, including UQ procedures
- Synthetic diagnostics
- Provision of experimental results for validation

~1 person, starting 2023



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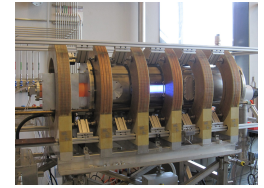
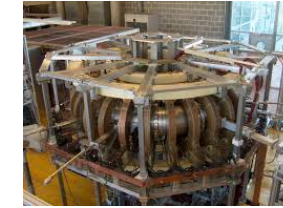
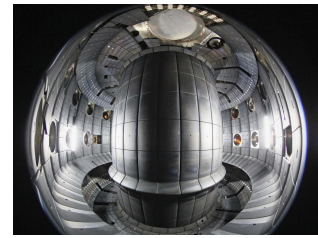
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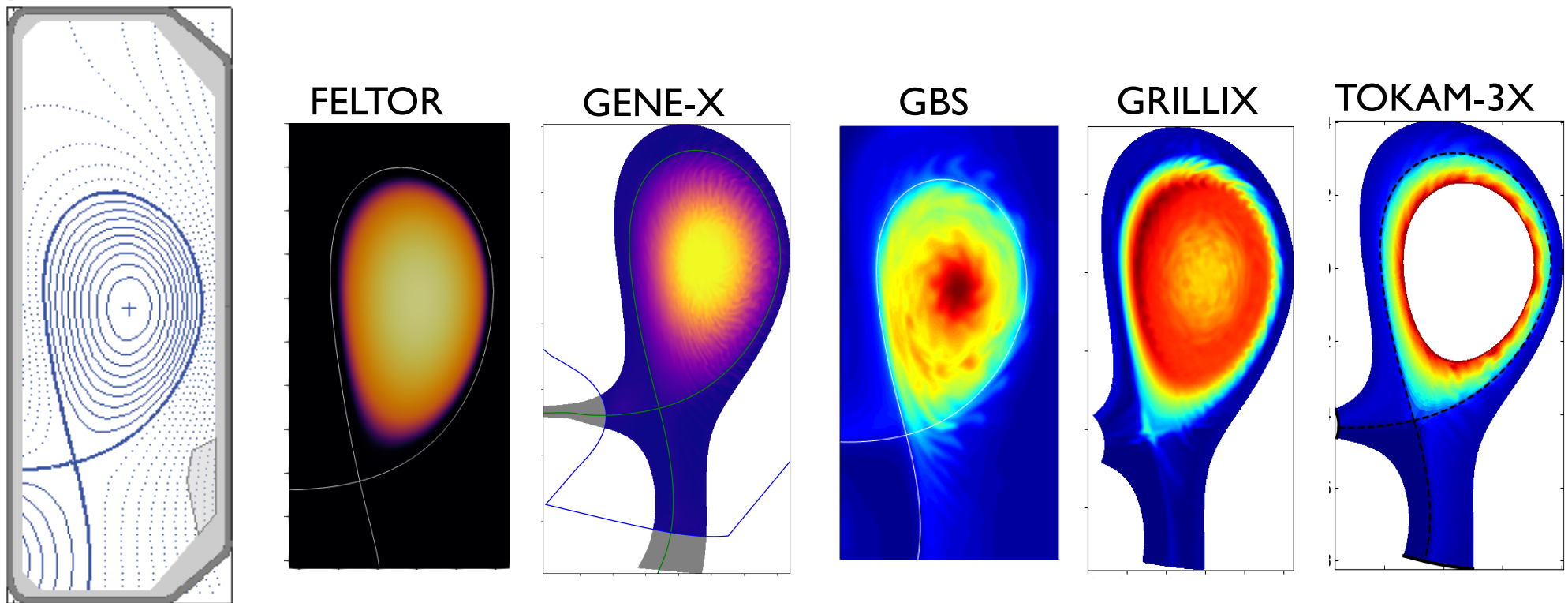
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# Ideally placed to provide experimental results for validation



Example: a fully-diagnosed TCV discharge with parameters ideal for validation



Courtesy of: T. Body, F. Jenko, D. Galassi, E. Laribi, D. Michels, A. Stegmeir, P. Tamain, C. Theiler, P. Uibl, M. Wiesenberger

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# Advanced visualization

- Provision of powerful visualization tools
- Visualization software development (many levels of complexity, integrated modelling, experimental data...)
- Delocalization of immersive visualization



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# EPFL, ideal location for training courses, modelling campaigns,...



- Large experience in organizing European training courses (Fusetnet)
- Host of MST campaigns
- Infrastructures to create MOOCs



## The PIC method, in practice



Poisson eq.  $\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = -\rho$ ,  $E_x = -\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}$

$$\frac{\phi_{j+1}^n - 2\phi_j^n + \phi_{j-1}^n}{\Delta x^2} = -\frac{\rho_j^n}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$E_j^n = -\frac{(\phi_{j+1}^n - \phi_{j-1}^n)}{2\Delta x}$$

E acting on a superparticle

 $E_j^n \rightarrow E_x^n$

Charge assignment

Newton eq.  $\frac{dx_i}{dt} = v_i$ ,  $\frac{dv_i}{dt} = \frac{q_i}{m_i} E_x^n$

$$\frac{x_i^{n+1} - x_i^n}{\Delta t} = v_i^{n+\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\frac{v_i^{n+1} - v_i^n}{\Delta t} = \frac{q_i}{m_i} E_x^n$$

- We discretize space  $x = x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{j-1}, x_j, x_{j+1}, \dots$  and time  $t = t^0, t^1, t^2, \dots, t^{n-1}, t^n, t^{n+1}, \dots$  (with grid spacing  $\Delta x = x_{j+1} - x_j$ ,  $\Delta t = t^{n+1} - t^n$ )
- Charge density  $\rho_j^n$ , and similarly  $E_j^n$  and  $\phi_j^n$
- Discretize derivatives
 
$$\left. \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \right|_j \approx \frac{\phi_{j+1}^n - \phi_{j-1}^n}{2\Delta x}$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} \right|_j \approx \frac{\phi_{j+1}^n - 2\phi_j^n + \phi_{j-1}^n}{\Delta x^2}$$
- $E_x = E_j$  for  $x_{j-\frac{1}{2}} < x < x_{j+\frac{1}{2}}$ ,  $x_{j+\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{x_j + x_{j+1}}{2}$
- E acting on  $\alpha$ ,  $E_x \cdot \mathbf{j} = E_x \cdot \mathbf{j}$  for  $\alpha$  particle, evaluated assuming  $\mathbf{j}_\alpha = \delta(x - x_\alpha) \delta(x - x_\alpha) \Rightarrow E_x \cdot E_j$  being  $|x_j - x_\alpha| \leq \frac{\Delta x}{2}$
- $\rho_j^n = \frac{1}{\Delta x} \int_{x_{j-\frac{1}{2}}}^{x_{j+\frac{1}{2}}} \rho dx$



The EPFL ACH received a significant cut and will be operated with important financial contribution from EPFL

Severe overbooking denotes large need of our expertise

Most of EPFL hub personnel has already been hired at EPFL and available to start

We are ready to discuss an enhancement of our contributions, if there is interest for EUROfusion, now and in the future

# The EPFL ACH steering committee

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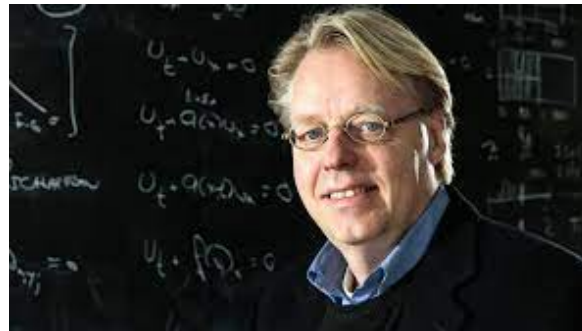
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