

Towards Petaflop simulations of core collapse supernovae

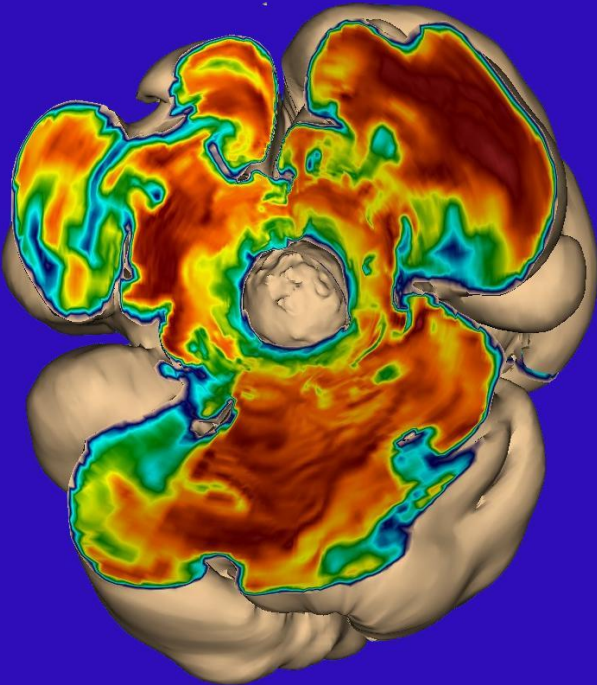
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How to understand them...

Theorists' Tools for Verification



CURIE at CEA/Saclay,
JUROPA at NIC



SuperMUC at LRZ

Supercomputers are
“microscopes” and
slow-motion cameras
for looking deep into the
cores of exploding stars!

Supernova modeling

Support by Computer Time Grants through:



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Support by Research Grants from:



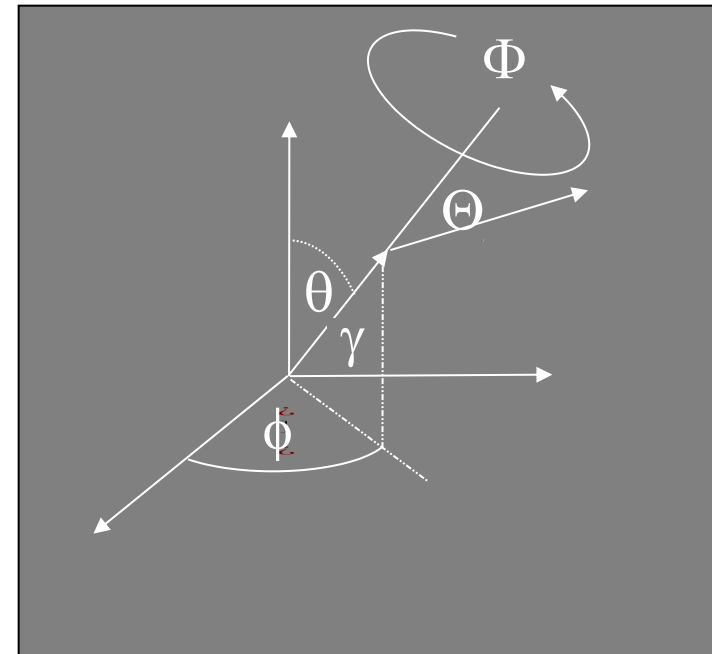
The challenges: The curse of dimensions

- **Boltzmann equation determines the neutrino distribution function**

$$f(r, \theta, \phi, \Theta, \Phi, \varepsilon, t)$$

- **Integration in momentum space: source terms for hydrodynamics**

$$Q(r, \theta, \phi, t), dY_e(r, \theta, \phi, t)/dt$$



Solution approach

- ▶ **3D** hydro + **6D** direct discretization of Boltzmann Eq. (code development by Sumiyoshi & Yamada 2012)
- ▶ **3D** hydro + two-moment closure of Boltzmann Eq. (next feasible step to full 3D; cf. Kuroda et al. 2012)
- ▶ **2D or 3D** hydro + “**ray-by-ray-plus**” variable Eddington factor method (MPA, RZG)

Required resources

$\geq 10 - 100$ PFlop/s (sustained!)

$\geq 1 - 10$ PFlop/s

≥ 0.1 TFlop/s – 1 TFlop/s (2D)

≥ 0.1 Pflop/s – 1 PFlop/s (3D)

Computing requirements for current simulations

2D and 3D supernova modeling

Time dependent simulations: $t \sim 1$ second, $\sim 10^6$ timesteps

CPU-time requirements for one model run

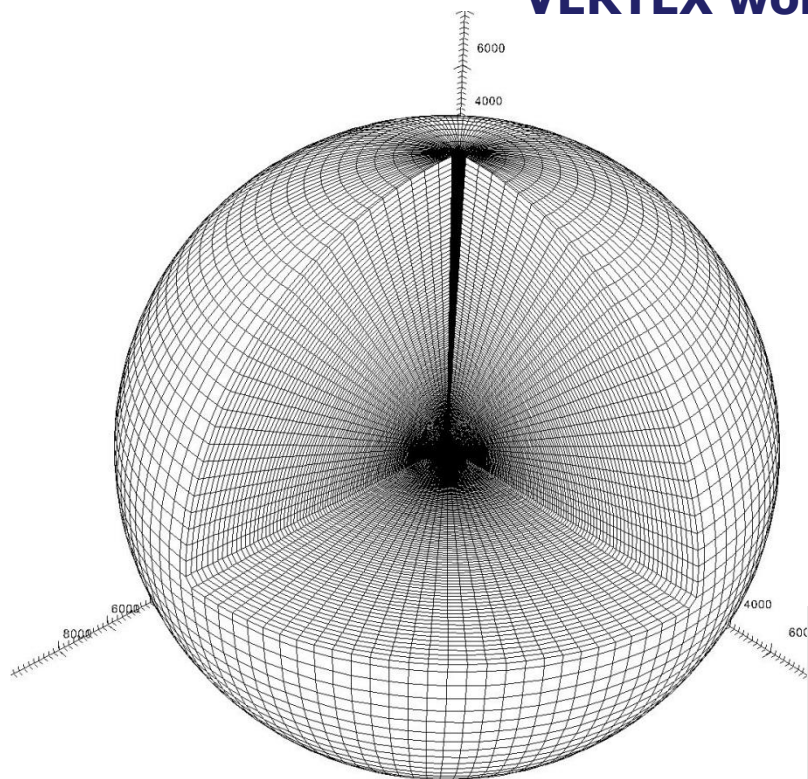
- In 2D with 600 radial zones, 1 degree lateral resolution
 $\sim 3 * 10^{18}$ Flops, about 10^6 processor-core hours
- In 3D with 600 radial zones, 1.5 degree angular resolution
 $\sim 3 * 10^{20}$ Flops, about 10^8 processor-core hours

and in the near future with increased resolution this will be at least 3 times more

The VERTEX code : Setup

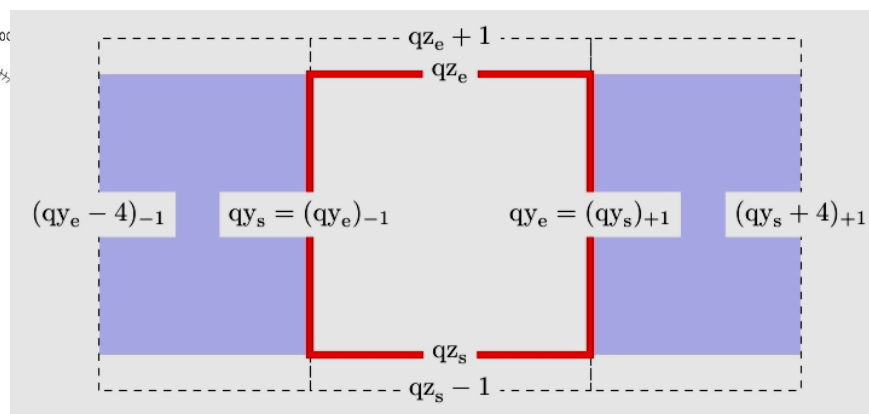
Hybrid MPI/OpenMP parallelized version of VERTEX

VERTEX works on a spherical grid

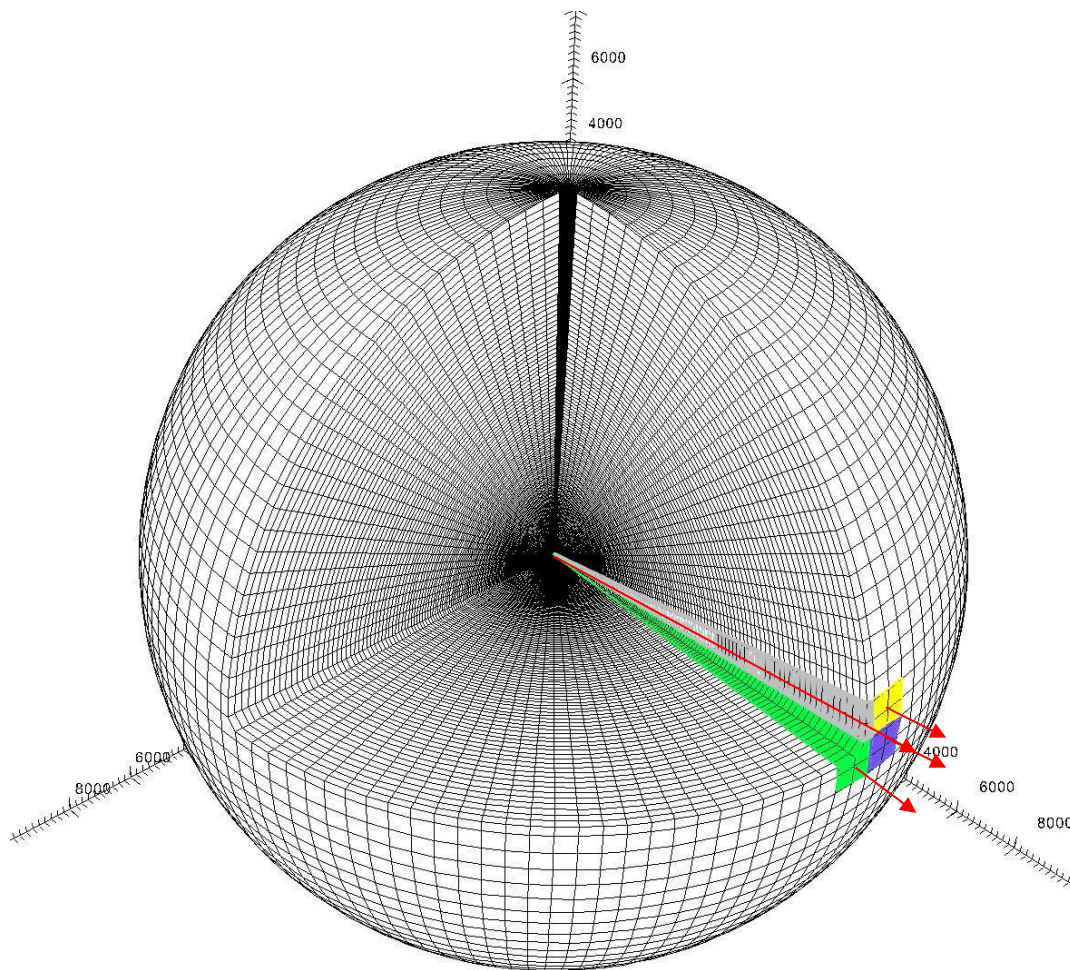


- Hydro module
fully MPI parallelized
- Transport module
**MPI + OpenMP coarse grain parallelization along
``angular rays``**

MPI couples rays



Mapping onto the processor grid



Example: BG/P

Node 1

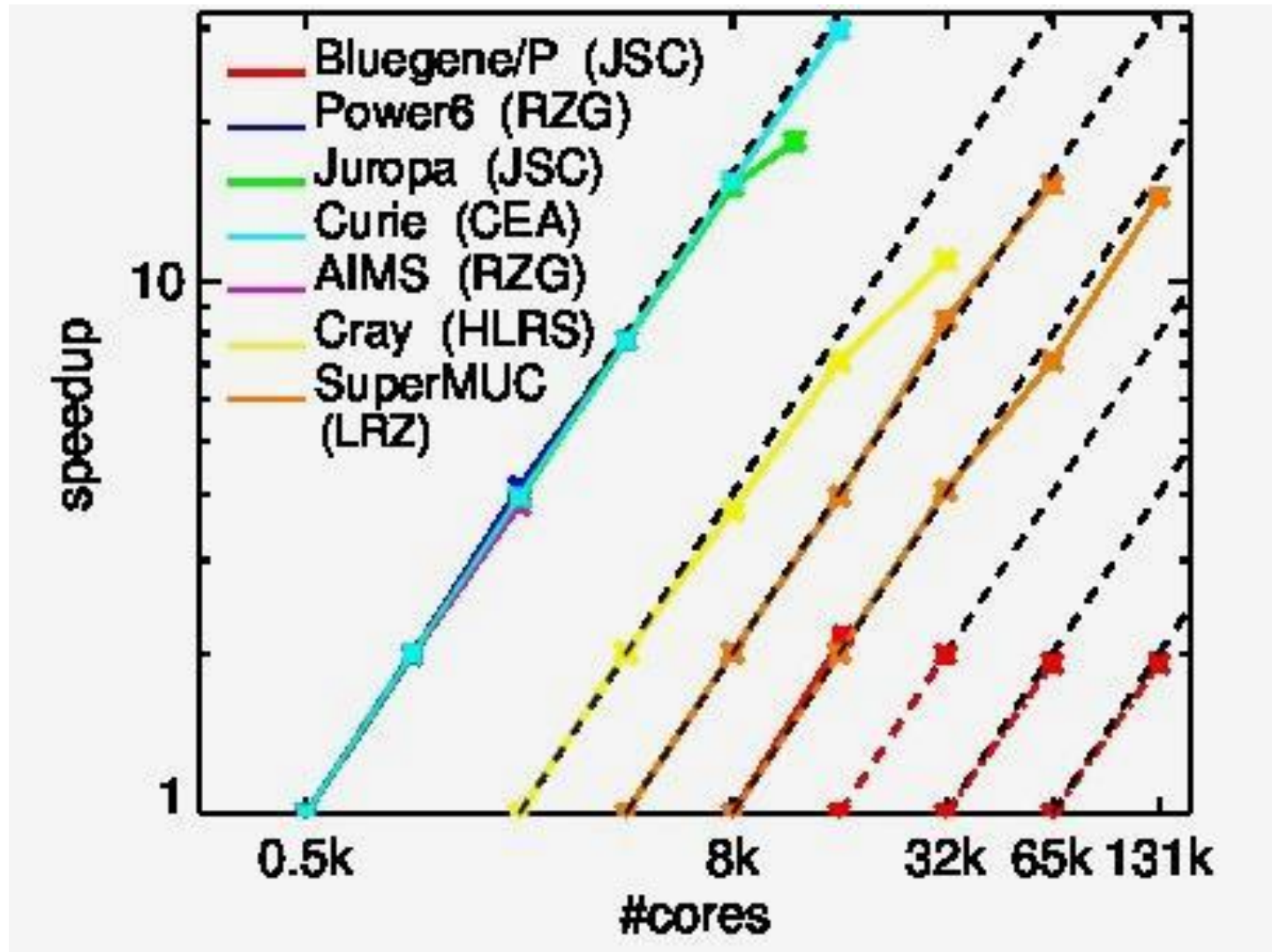
1 MPI-Task



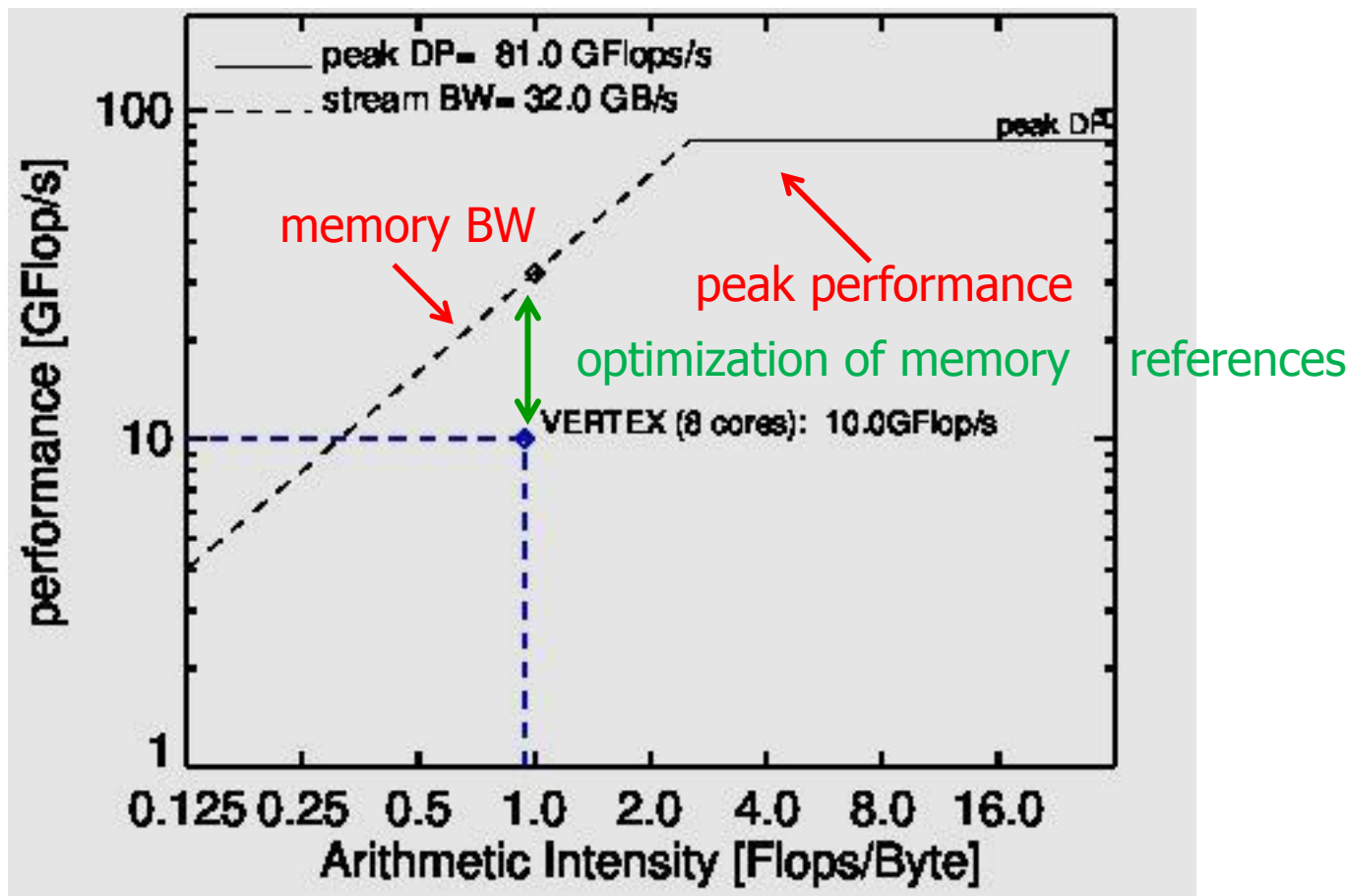
4 Threads

in the node: 1 angular ray per Core

Scaling



Performance Estimate: Roofline model



Measurement: Intel Nehalem node, 8 cores @ 2.53 GHz, SSE4.2
done with the ``likwid``, ``perflib``, and ``PAPI``
=> VERTEX is ``memory bound`` runs ~ 12.5% of peak performance

Performance: SandyBridge cores

Performance on 131k cores of SuperMuc:

➤ 8192 nodes

=> ~ 0.245 PFlop/s on LRZ's SuperMUC

~ 9 % of peak performance

Scaling: development

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Challenges of for the future

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- in the future data movement will be the problem for good scaling
 - problem of MPI at large scales ?
 - memory per cores will still decrease
 - data transfer within a node (scaling within a “traditional node”)
 - OpenMP scaling (e.g. Xeon PHI)
 - data transfer to accelerator cards (Xeon PHI, GPU)

**=> think of (and rewrite) memory layout that it scales
on many core nodes as well as 10000 -100000 s of nodes**

- **Other issue: robustness of machines**

Further Code development

Even **stronger scaling capability** needed:

- The next or next-next supernova models will need even more computing power!

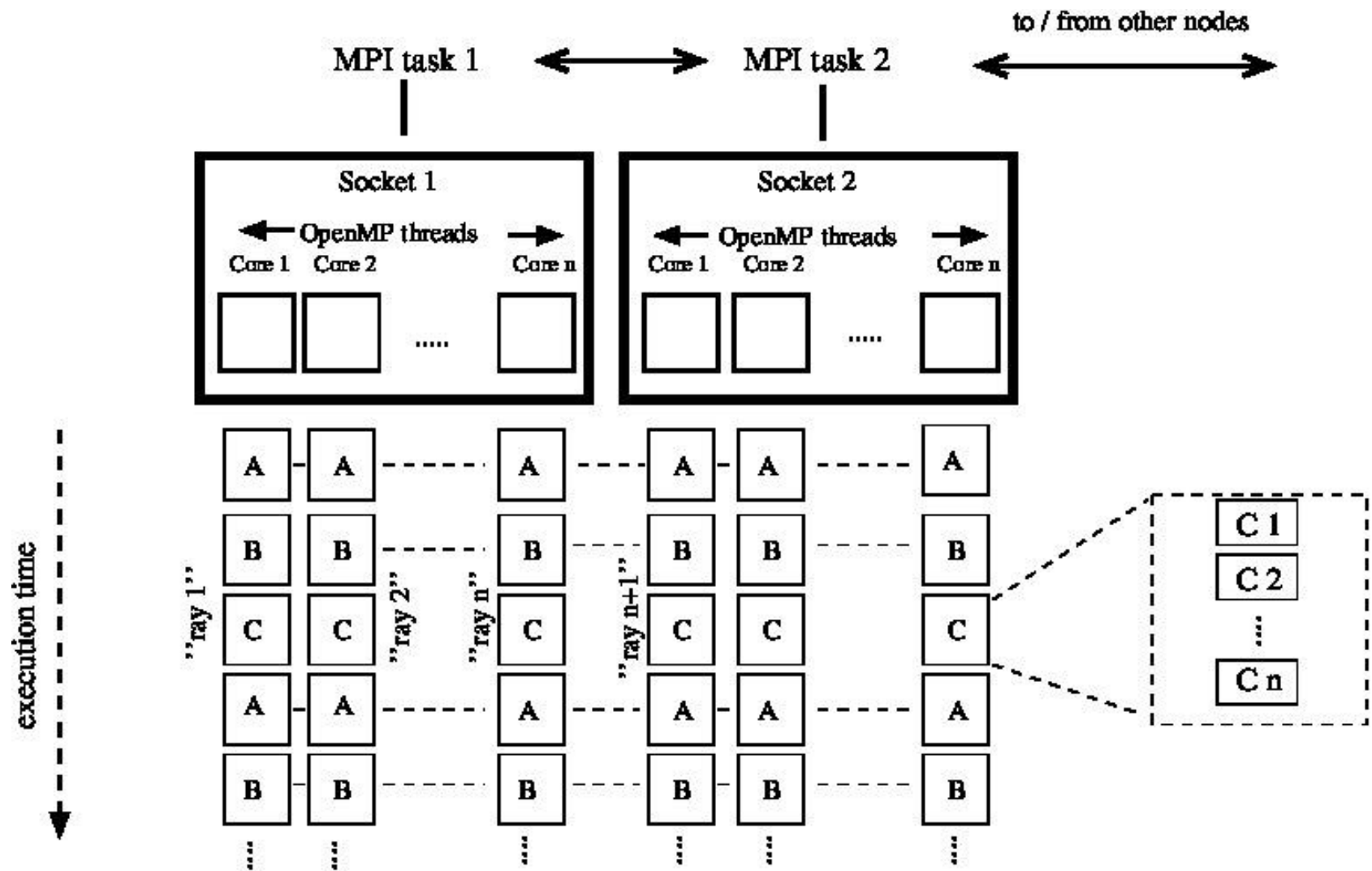
``Traditional`` development: usage of more cores

- at the moment another third parallelization level is implemented
 - => within one ``ray`` a nested OpenMP workload is possible
 - => **use 10 to 20 times more cores**

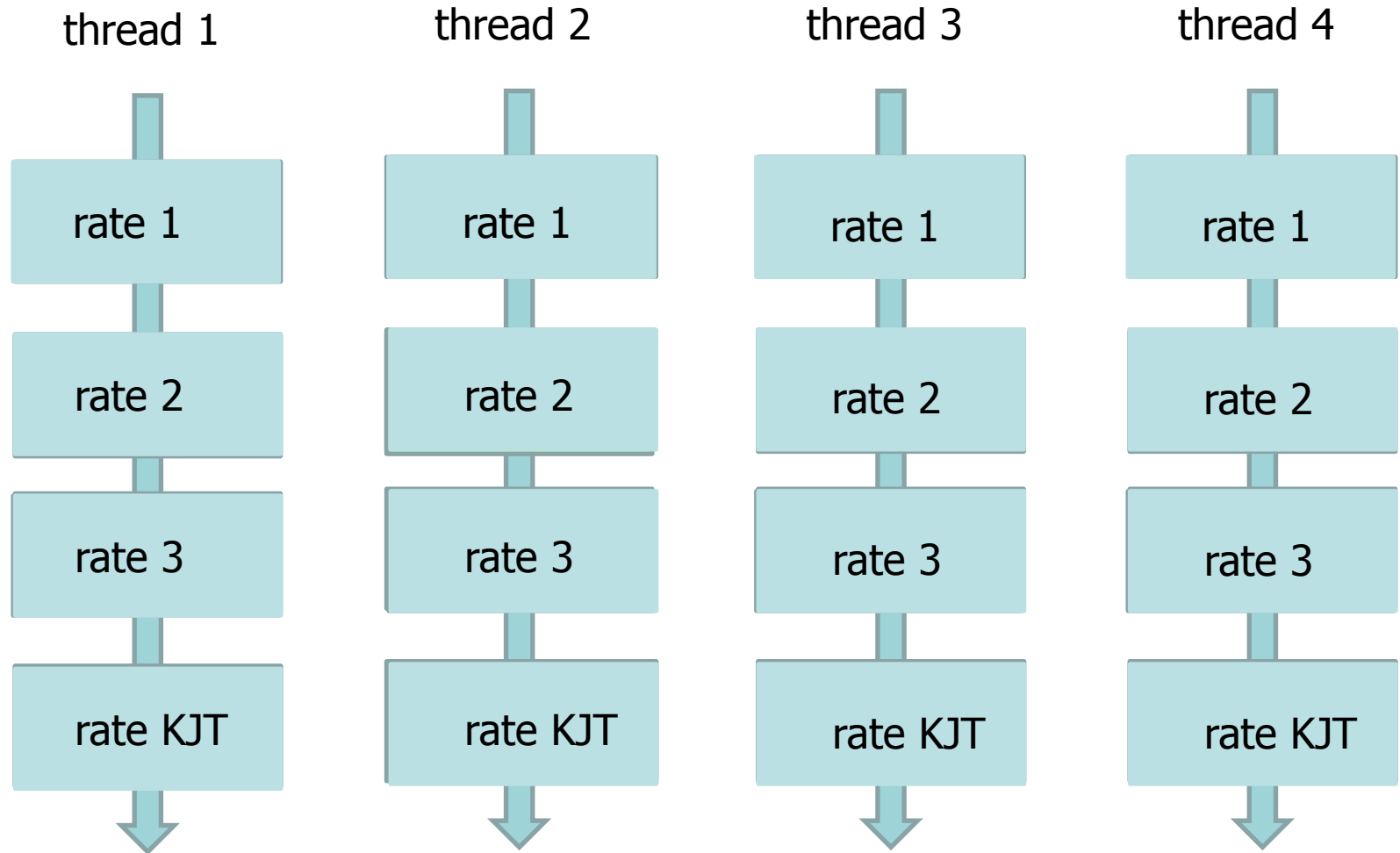
Accelerator cards development:

- the usage of GPUs and Xeon Phi is tested
 - => GPU implementation already shows promising results
 - => **factor 2 achieved, 3 seems possible**

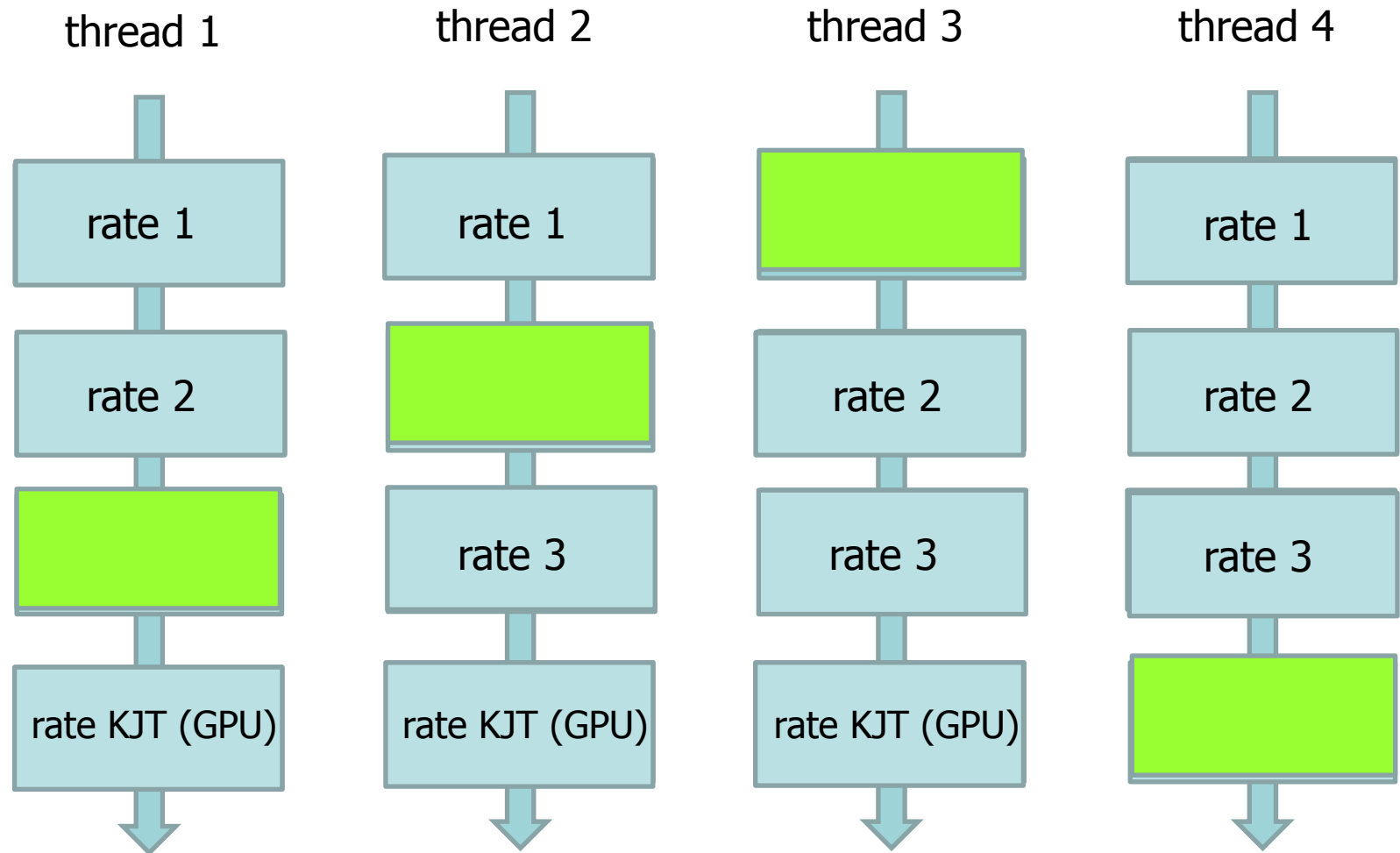
Current Code improvements



Load-Balancing (Host only)



Load-Balancing (HOST + GPU)



Summary

- We have demonstrated the **need** of supernova research for high end **HPC computing**
- at the moment **production runs** are done on **16k -32k cores**, the next generation of models will need about **65k – 100k cores**
- However, we have demonstrated that VERTEX **scales** already now on **131k cores of LRZ`s SuperMuc (and on Bluegene/P)**
- VERTEX operates with **~ 10%** of the peak performance on Intel Sandybridge nodes
- The next generation of VERTEX is already under development
 - nested OpenMP level: about **1 to 2 Mcores** might be used
 - usage of **accelerator cards**:
 - * GPU acceleration: speedup of 2 achieved 3 possible
 - * Xeon PHI: still under investigation

Questions ?

