

# OPAL: From Today to Tomorrow

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# Object Oriented Parallel Particle Library (OPAL)

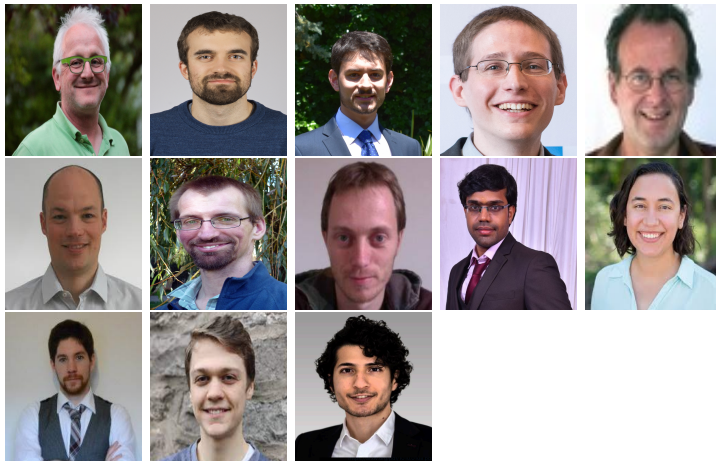


<https://gitlab.psi.ch/OPAL/src/wikis/home>

**OPAL is a versatile open-source tool for charged-particle optics in large accelerator structures and beam lines including 3D EM field calculation, collisions, radiation, particle-matter interaction, and multi-objective optimisation**

- OPAL is built from the ground up as an HPC application
- OPAL runs on your laptop as well as on the largest HPC clusters
- OPAL uses the MAD language with extensions
- OPAL is written in C++, uses design patterns,
- The OPAL Discussion Forum:  
<https://psilists.ethz.ch/sympa/info/opal>
- International team of 13 active developers and a user base of  $\mathcal{O}(100)$
- The OPAL **sampler** command can generate labeled data sets using the largest computing resources and allocations available

# The Active OPAL Developer Team



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- Common features
  - 3D space charge: in unbounded, and bounded domains
  - particle Matter Interaction (protons)
  - parallel hdf5 & SDDS output
  - sampler & multi-objective optimisation
  - from e, p to Uranium (q/m is a parameter)
- OPAL-CYCL (+ FFAs + Synchrotrons)
  - neighbouring turns
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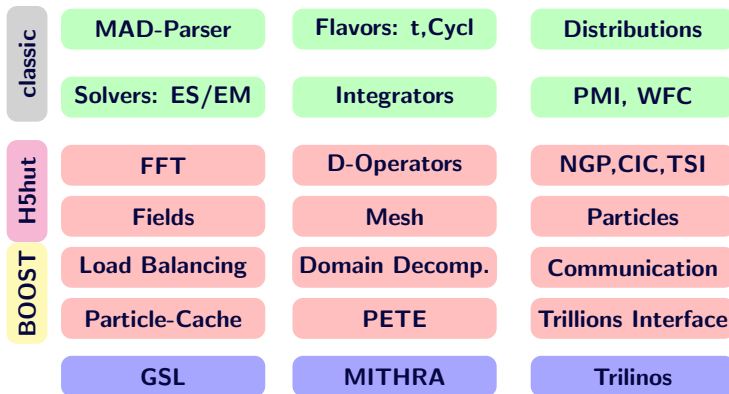
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# Software Architecture

MPI based

## OPAL





## Collision-less (non relativistic) Vlasov-Maxwell equation

$f_s \subset (\mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3), \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $s$  are the species.

$$\frac{\partial f_s}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla_x f_s + \frac{q_s}{m_s} (\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}) \cdot \nabla_v f_s = 0,$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \partial_t \mathbf{E} - c^2 \mathbf{curl} \mathbf{B} &= \frac{\mathbf{J}}{\epsilon_0}, & \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} &= \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}, \\ \partial_t \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{curl} \mathbf{E} &= 0, & \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} &= 0, \end{aligned} \right\} \text{Maxwell's equations}$$

where the source terms are computed by

$$\rho = \sum_s q_s \int f_s d\mathbf{v}, \quad \mathbf{J} = \sum_s q_s \int f_s \mathbf{v} d\mathbf{v}.$$

In some cases Maxwell's equations can be replaced by a reduced model like **Poisson's** equation. The electric and magnetic fields  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  are superpositions of external fields and self-fields (space charge),

$$\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{E}_{\text{ext}} + \mathbf{E}_{\text{sc}}, \quad \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{B}_{\text{ext}} + \mathbf{B}_{\text{sc}}.$$

# A Direct Fast FFT-Based Poisson Solver

Assume you know  $G$  the Green's function

The solution of the Poisson's equation

$$\nabla^2 \phi = -\rho/\epsilon_0,$$

for the scalar potential,  $\phi$  can be expressed as:

$$\phi(x, y, z) = \int \int \int dx' dy' dz' \rho(x', y', z') G(x - x', y - y', z - z'), \quad (1)$$

where  $G$  is the Green function and  $\rho$  is the charge density.

Discretisation of Eq. (1) on a grid with cell sizes  $h_x$ ,  $h_y$  and  $h_z$  leads to:

$$\phi_{i,j,k} = h_x h_y h_z \sum_{i'=1}^{M_x} \sum_{j'=1}^{M_y} \sum_{k'=1}^{M_z} \rho_{i',j',k'} G_{i-i',j-j',k-k'}, \quad (2)$$

The solution of Eq. (2) can be obtained using FFT based convolution:

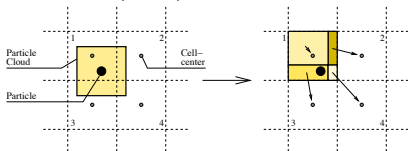
$$\phi_{i,j,k} = h_x h_y h_z \text{FFT}^{-1}\{(\text{FFT}\{\rho_{i,j,k}\}) \otimes (\text{FFT}\{G_{i,j,k}\})\}$$

# A fast Direct FFT-Based PIC Poisson Solver

Assume you know  $G$  the Green's function

Solving for  $\phi$  using  $\phi(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}')\rho(\mathbf{x})d\mathbf{x}'$  is expensive  $\mathcal{O}(N^2)$  with  $N$  number of particles/grid-points.

- Let  $\Omega$  be spanned by a Cartesian structured mesh of  $l \times n \times m$  with  $l = 1 \dots M_x$ ,  $n = 1 \dots M_y$  and  $m = 1 \dots M_z$ . The mesh size is a function of time:  $h_x(t)$ ,  $h_y(t)$  and  $h_z(t)$
- Discretize  $\rho \rightarrow \rho_h$  and  $G \rightarrow G_h$  on a regular grid (PIC)



- Go to Fourier space  $\rho_h \rightarrow \hat{\rho}_h$ ,  $G_h \rightarrow \hat{G}_h$  and convert the convolution into a multiplication  $\hat{\phi}_h = \hat{\rho}_h * \hat{G}_h$  in  $\mathcal{O}(N \log N)$
- Use a parallel FFT, particle and field load balancing

# OPAL Releases I

- Consolidation has begun with V 2.0
  - ✓ major rewrite of OPAL-T, Distribution class
    - major rewrite of OPAL-CYCL, (ongoing)
  - ✓ strong typing, versioning of input files
  - ✓ no multipacting
  - ✓ no envelope model
  - ✓ Manual is converted to Wiki
  - ✓ gitlab and issue tracker
- new features (V. 2.1)
  - ✓ **Sampler - create random samples easily**
  - ✓ GA based MOOP fully integrated
- new features (V. 2.2)
  - ✓ curved multipoles (FFAG and Proton Therapy Modelling)
    - map tracking (experimental)

## OPAL Releases II

- ✓  $\mathcal{M}_{sc}$  based on moments of the distribution
  - AMR-Fieldsolver
- new features (V. 2.4)
  - MultiGauss distribution for microbunched beams
  - SOURCE element can be made TRANSPARENT for backtracking particles
  - many more plus all bug fixes can be found [here](#)

## New Release Numbering since 2021

- **OPAL 2021.1**
  - New Undulator element with its own FDTD electromagnetic solver
  - Energy loss calculation and beam scattering for all light ions
  - ALPHA particles are supported in BEAM command
  - Gas stripping for DEUTERON beams and H2P beams in AIR
- **OPAL 2022.1**
  - Python interface for OPAL

## OPAL Releases III

- P3M solver (Particle-Particle-Particle-Mesh)

Papers and Presentations: <https://gitlab.psi.ch/OPAL/src/-/wikis/OPALPresentations>

## Future Plans for OPAL

⇒ we will release one more “old“ OPAL i.e. OPAL 2023.1

⇒ after that only bugfixes

Expecting for OPAL 2023.1:

- several documented issues are fixed
- pyOPAL is ready for FFA modelling
- more on FFA modelling

# OPAL-X

## Massive Parallelism, Performance, and Portability

- New hardware capabilities:  
**Exascale** ( $10^{18}$  FLOPS)  
⇒ **Massive parallelism.**
- Must **efficiently** use these high operations per second  
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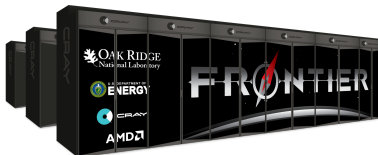




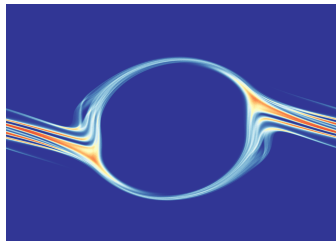
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## Why Exascale Particle-in-Cell?



Two-stream instability.



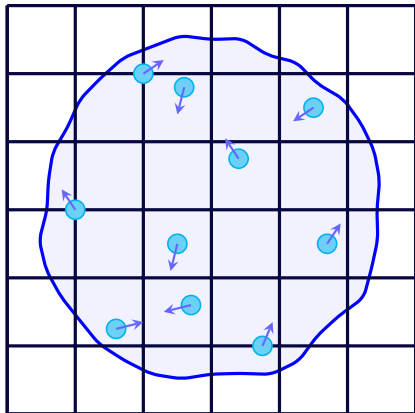
Compute-intensive



High resolution

- Method used in **plasma physics**, **astrophysics**, and **accelerator physics**.
- Lends itself well to parallelization.
- Massive parallelism  
 ⇒ higher resolution simulations.

## The Particle-in-Cell (PIC) method



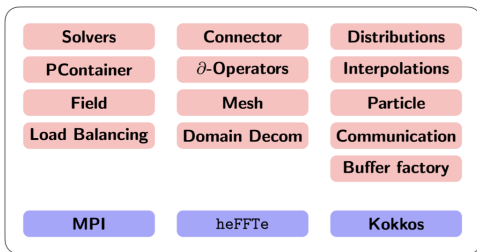
- macro ... real particles.
- Track evolution in phase space, but compute fields on the grid.
- Avoid pairwise computation  $\mathcal{O}(N^2)$ ,  $N =$  no. particles.
- Equations of motion:

$$\frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt} = \frac{\mathbf{p}}{m\gamma}$$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{p}}{dt} = q \left( \mathbf{E} + \frac{\mathbf{p}}{m\gamma} \times \mathbf{B} \right)$$

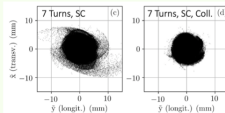
# IPPL the base of OPAL

IPPL V2.0 Open source C++ library for Particle-in-Cell



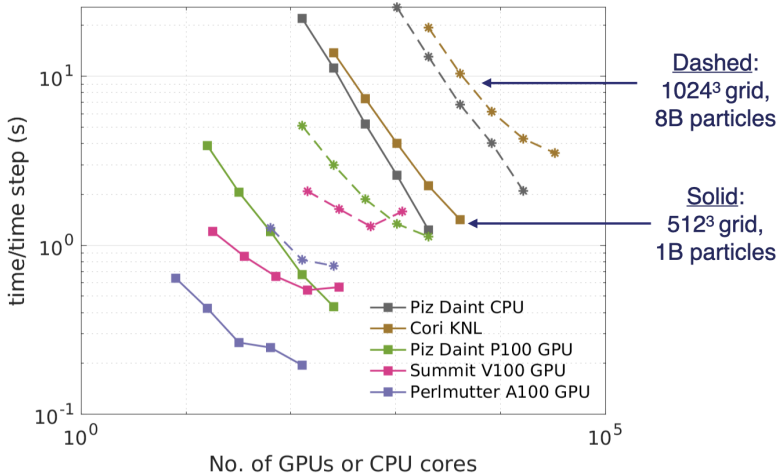
ALPINE: A set of portable plasma physics Particle-in-Cell mini-apps for Exascale

OPAL: Object-Oriented Parallel Accelerator Library



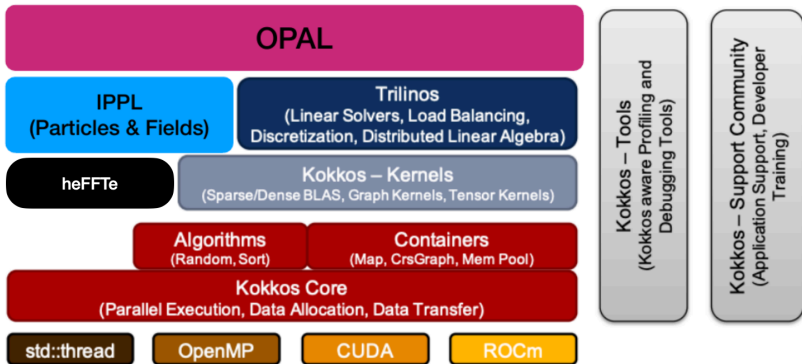
For ALPINE see [preprint](#)

# IPPL: Scaling across architectures



# OPAL-X I

getting getting ready for Exascale



Biggest changes are:

- C++20 (massive reduction of lines of code)

## OPAL-X II

getting getting ready for Exascale

- no more OPAL flavours
- full FEM electromagnetic solver (PhD project)
- new  $2\frac{1}{2}$  dimensional solver for long bunches
- add collisions beyond P3M
- OPAL can be controlled from Python (pyOPAL-X)