

Algorithms and Parallelization Approaches for Scaling to 23,000 Processors in Nanoelectronic Modeling (NEMO)

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- NEMO 3-D
 - » Physics motivation – multimillion atom simulation
 - » Basic algorithms
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- **OMEN**
 - » OMEN proposal team
- **Alternative Algorithms**
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 - » Cauley – Purdue
 - » Sameh - Purdue

Overcoming barriers to quantum mechanics simulations in physics, chemistry, biology, and materials to migrate nano-science to nano-technology.

Algorithms, Computing,
Middleware, Service

Open, available,
usable
by real users

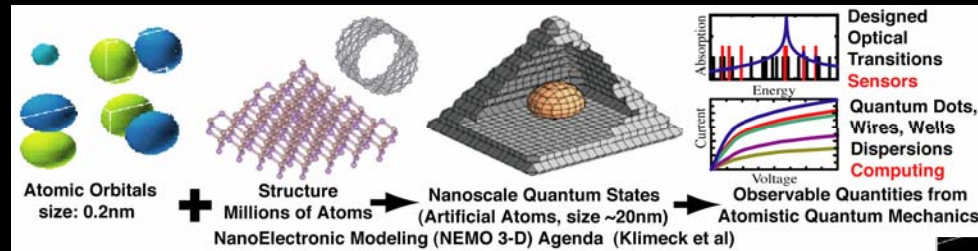
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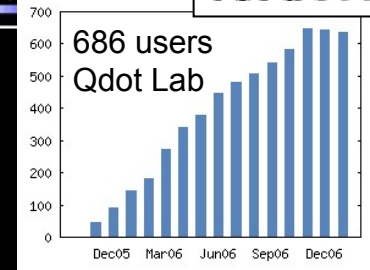
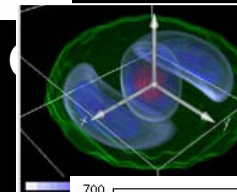
Impact on Research

Impact on Education

Example: NEMO3D - Nanoelectronic Modeling

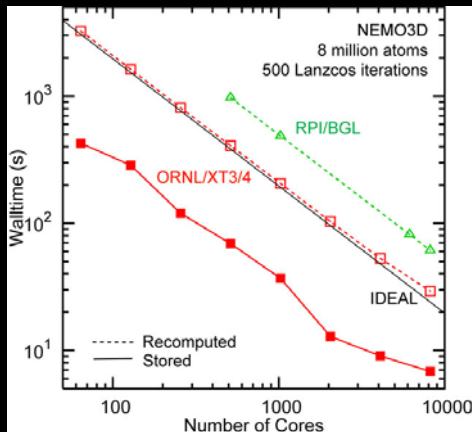


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Towards Peta-Apps
each atom on
nanoHUB H/W

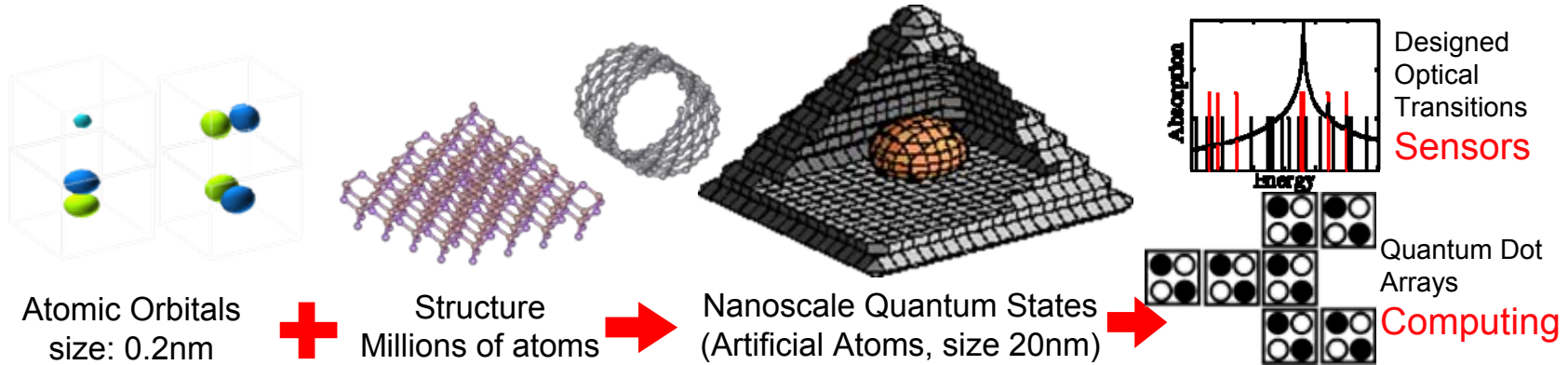
- 1,000 CPUs IBM B/G
- 4,096 CPUs Cray XT3

Impact on



NEMO 3-D at 7 tutorials
SC05, SC06, TG06, TG7,
Nano06, NMDC06, NEMS07,
>130 educators

NEMO 3-D Technical Approach



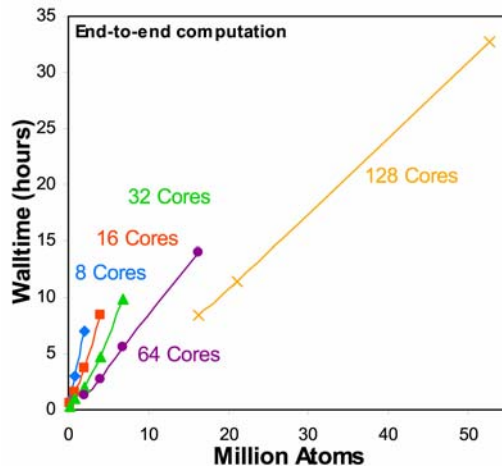
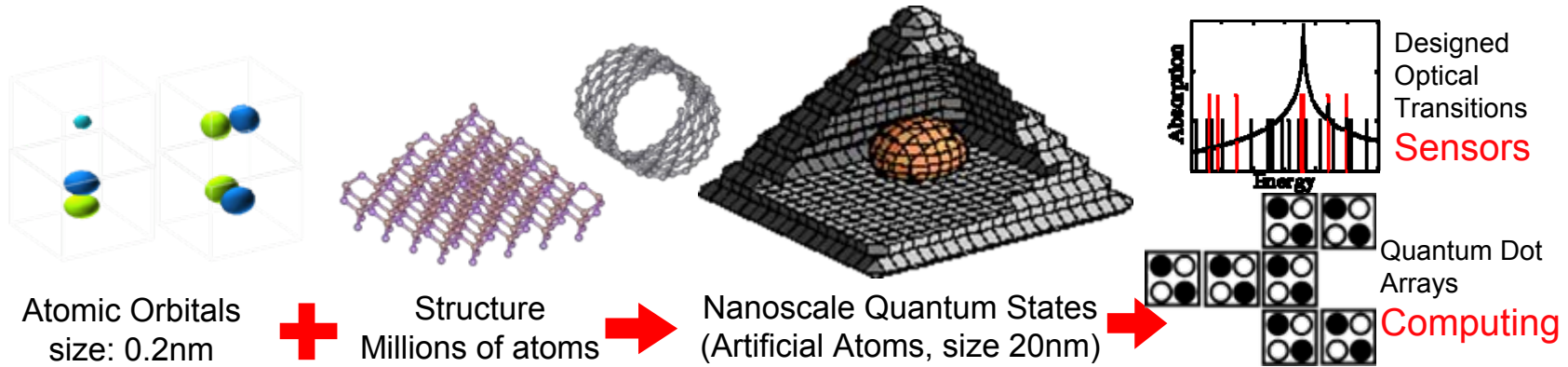
Problem:

Nanoscale device simulation requirements:

- Cannot use bulk / jellium descriptions, need description of the material atom by atom
=> use pseudo-potential or local orbitals
- Consider finite extend, not infinitely periodic
=> local orbital approach
- Need to include about one million atoms.
=> need massively parallel computers
- The design space is huge: choice of materials, compositions, doping, size, shape.
=> need a design tool

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 - Use s, p, and d orbitals.
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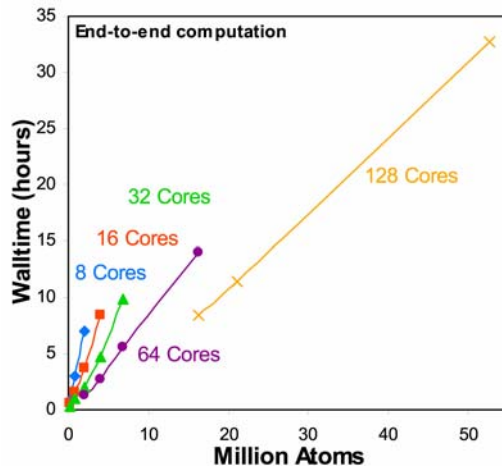
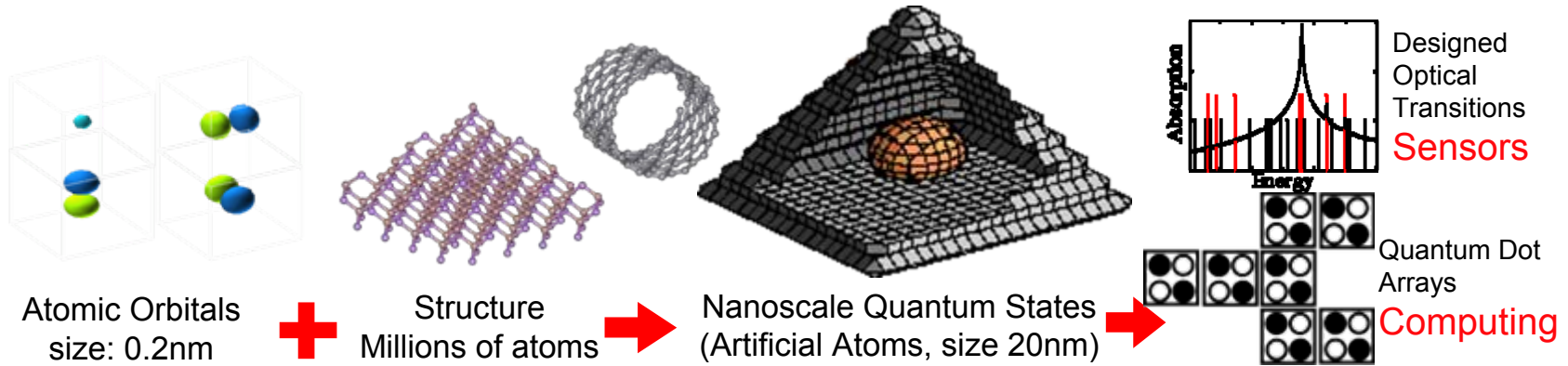


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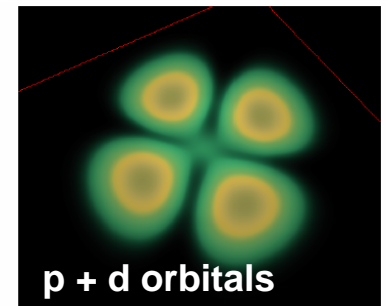
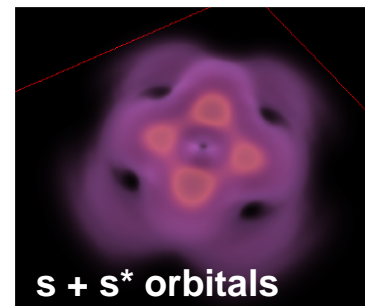
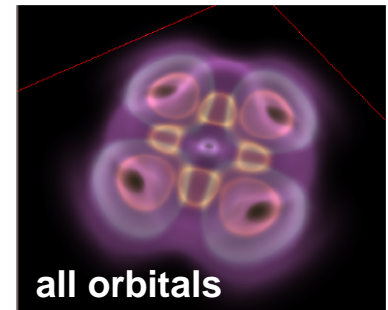


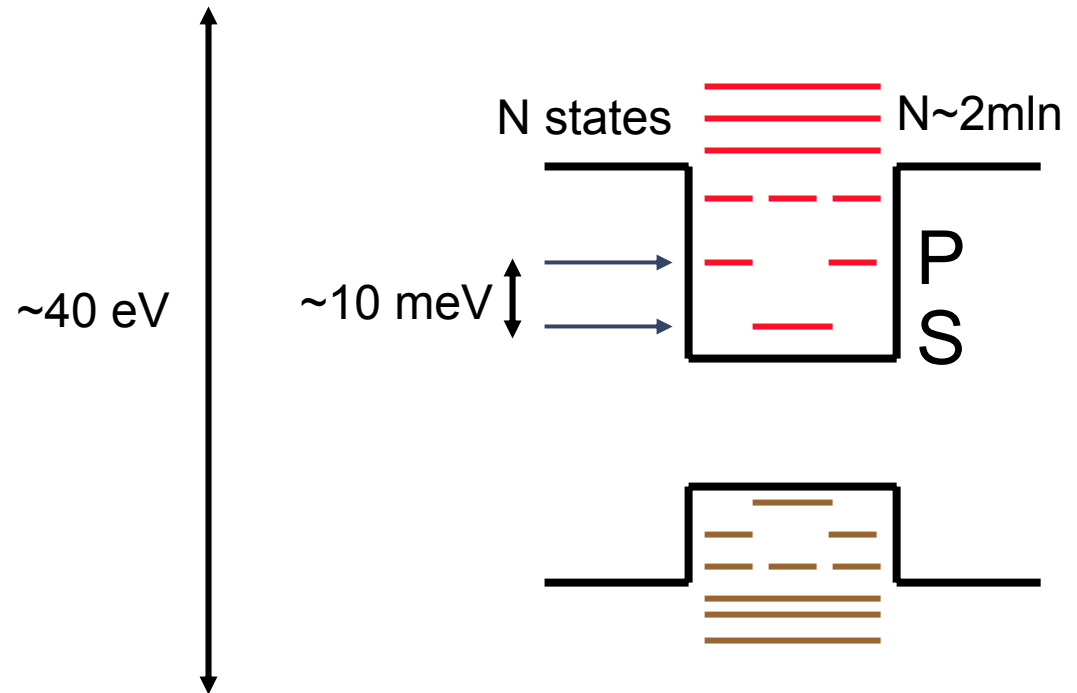
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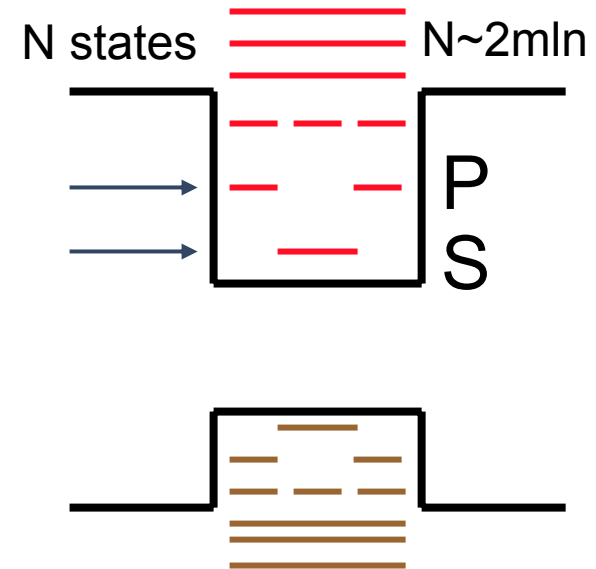
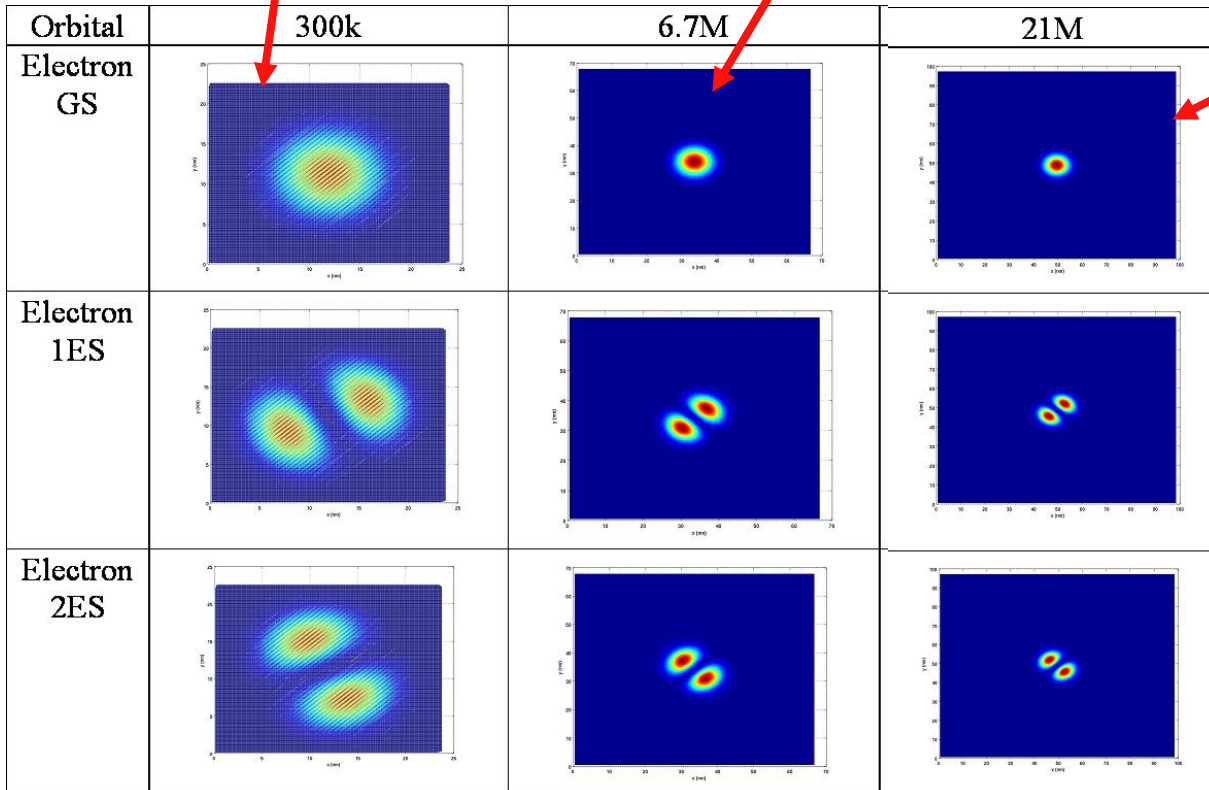
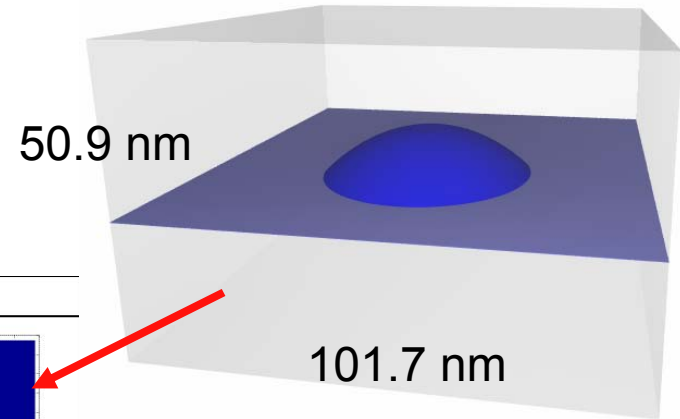
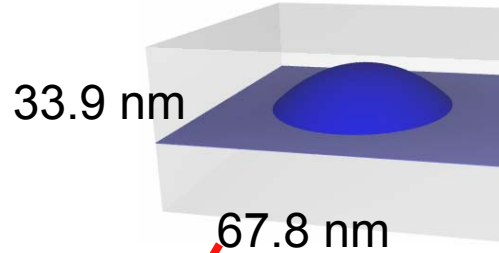
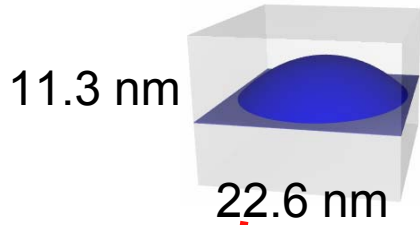
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Visualization on a single GPU:

- How to visualize 21 million atoms on a zincblende lattice?
- Zincblende is not a space-filling mesh!!!
- => VoIQD
- Baseline for nanoHUB nanoVIS server

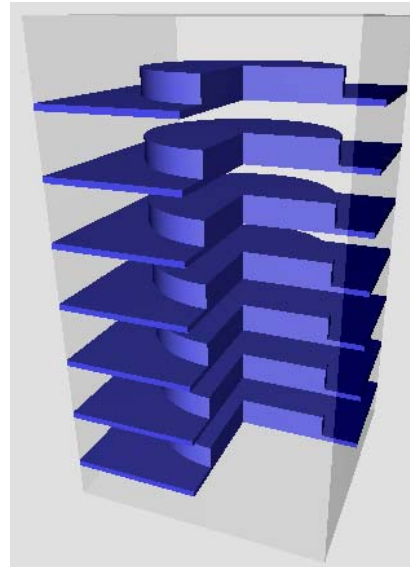
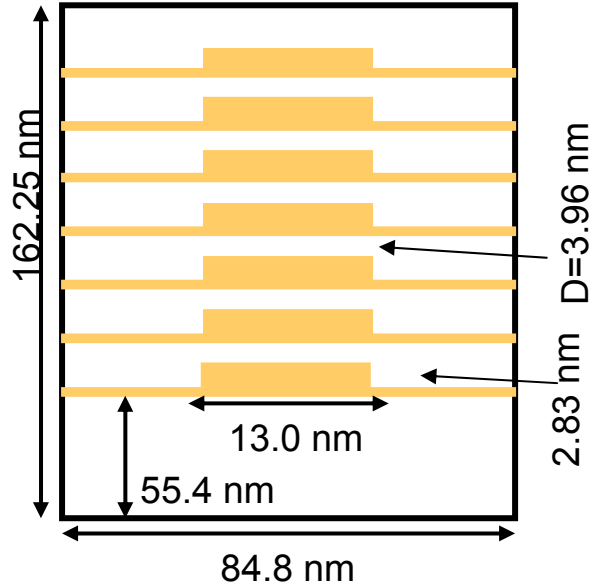




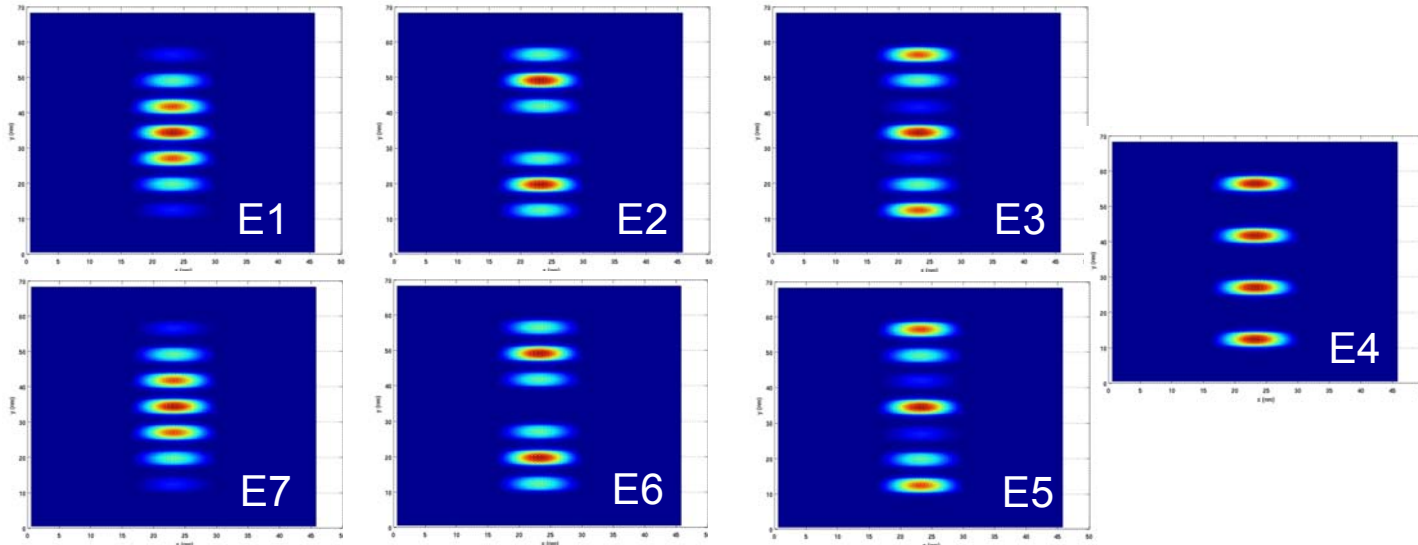


Unique and targeted eigenstates of correct symmetry
can be computed in all electronic computational domains

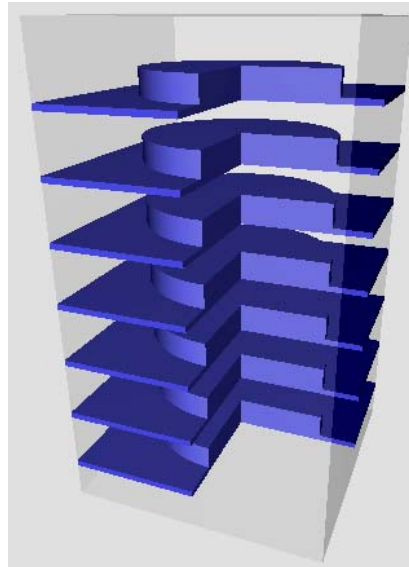
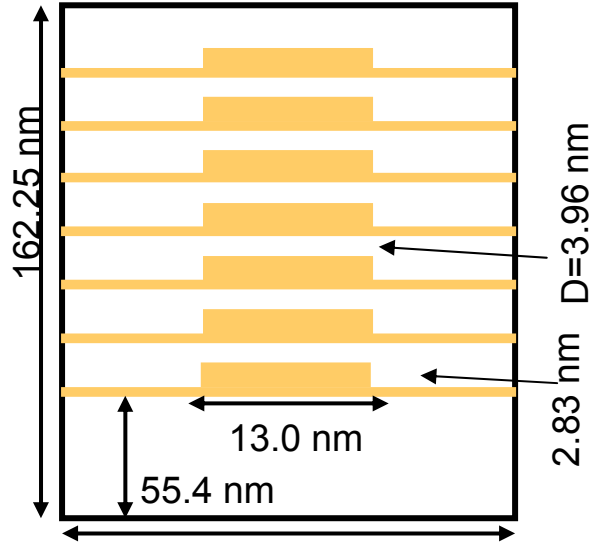
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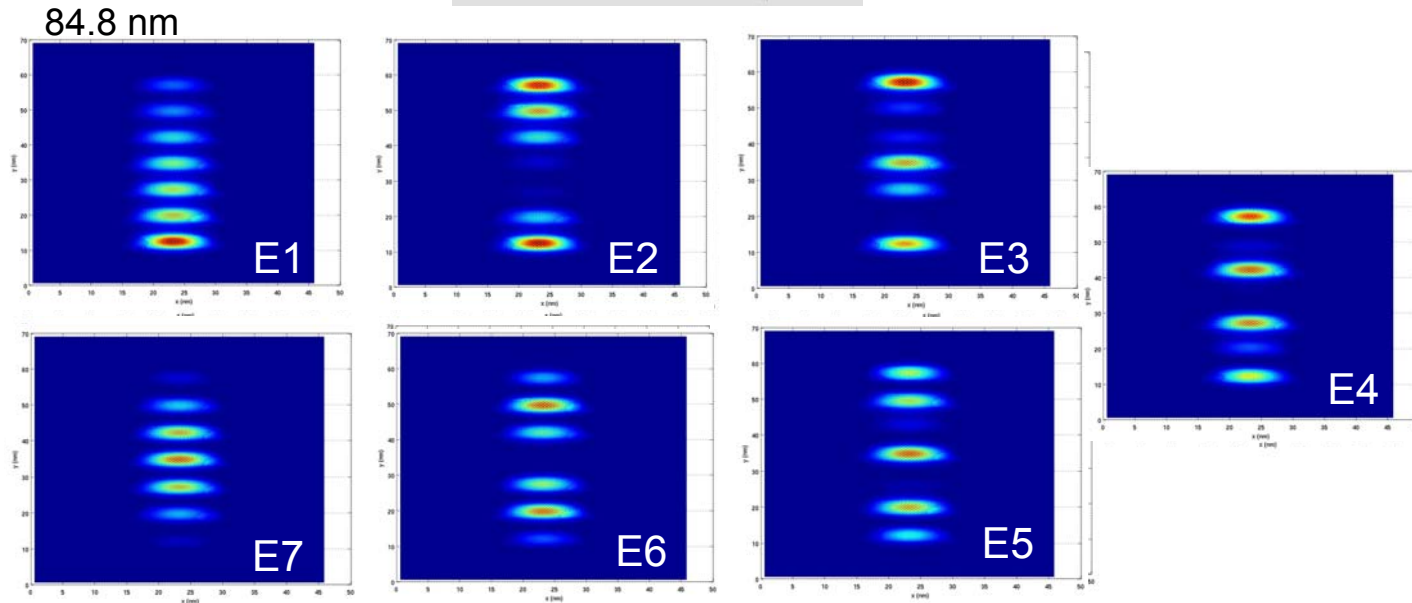
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- Electronics: 6.1 Ma
- 7 Identical dots, without strain
=> symmetric miniband
with 7 states
- Can derive this analytically from
1 dot simulations



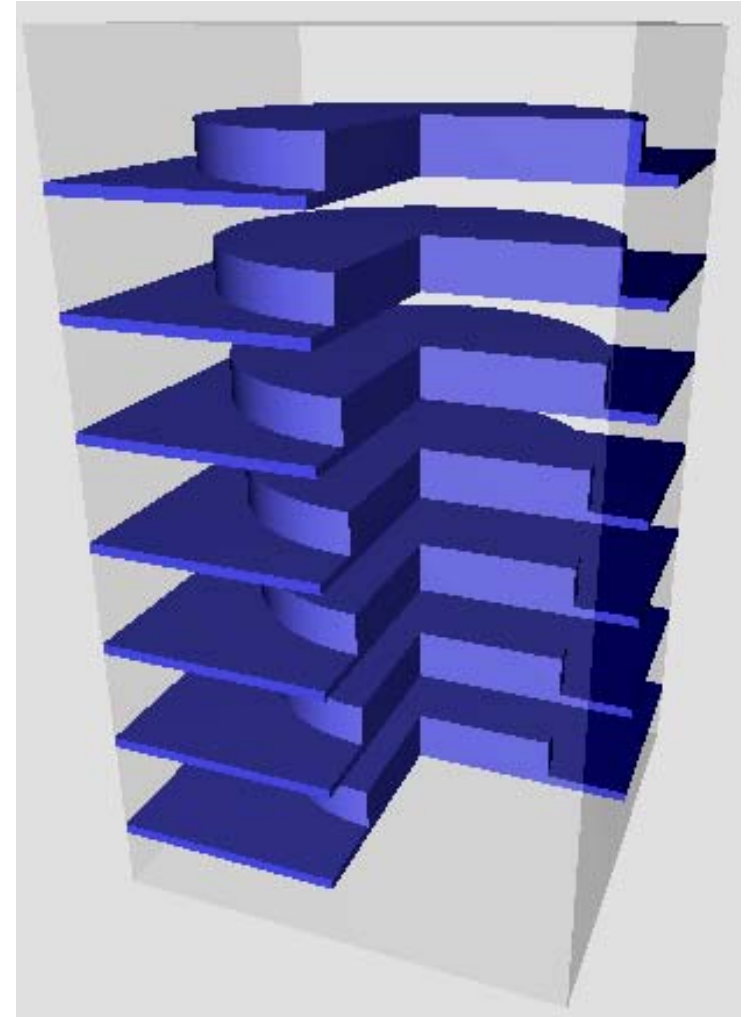
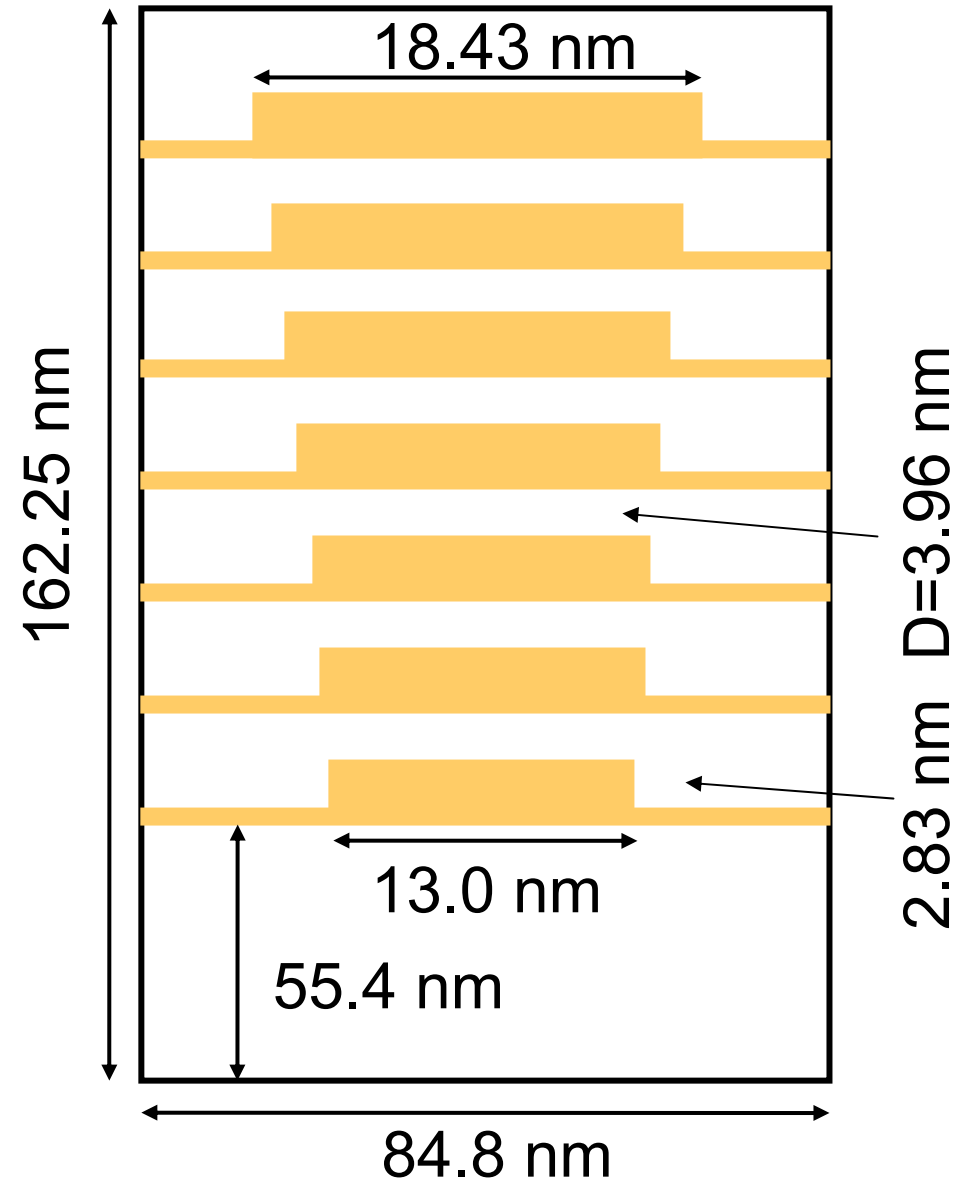
Vertically Coupled Seven-Dot Molecule Strain asymmetry with identical dots



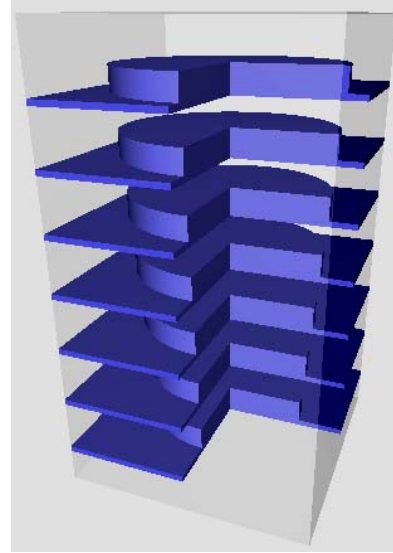
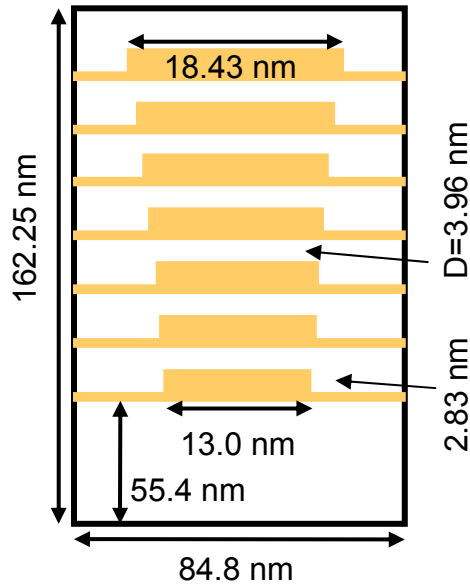
- Application in lasers
- Strain: 44.7 Ma
- Electronics: 6.1 Ma
- 7 Identical dots, with strain => asymmetric miniband
- Ground state in the BOTTOM!
- Cannot derive this analytically!



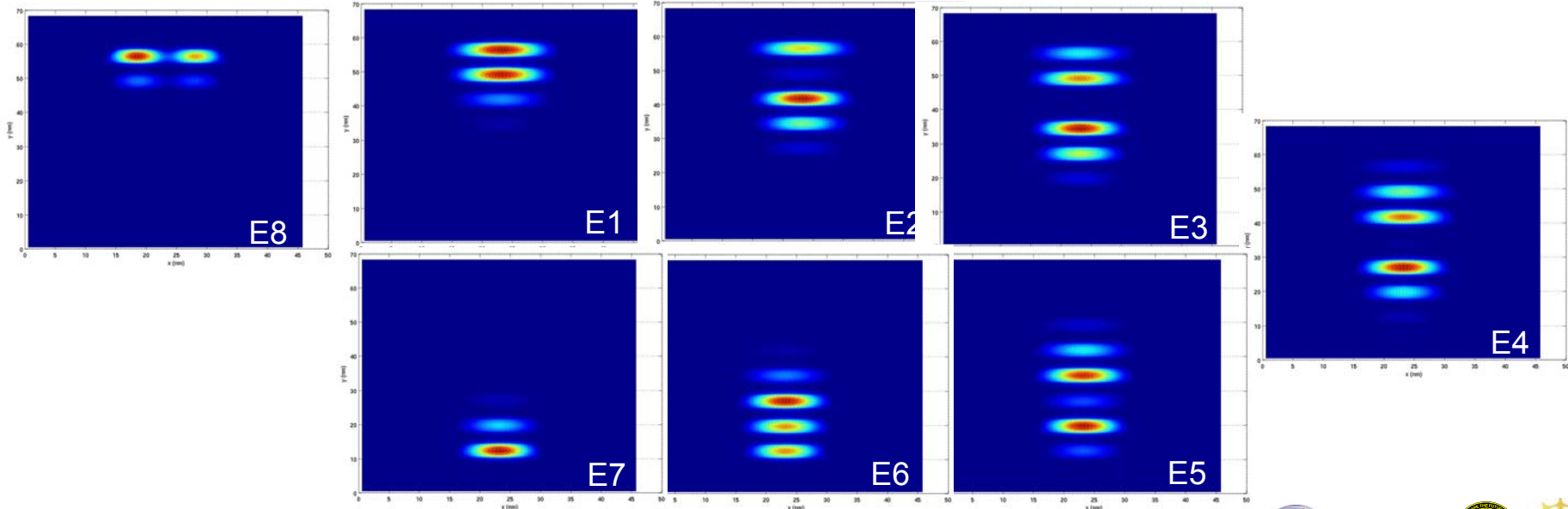
Vertically coupled QD molecule composed of nonidentical dots



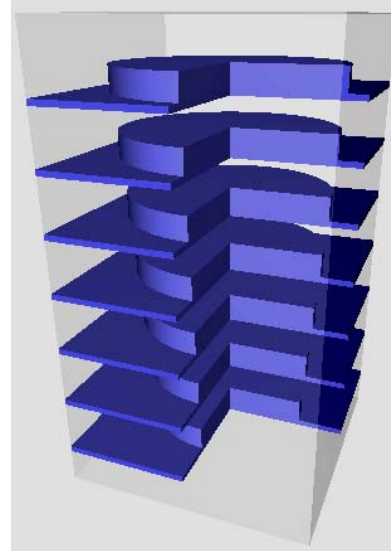
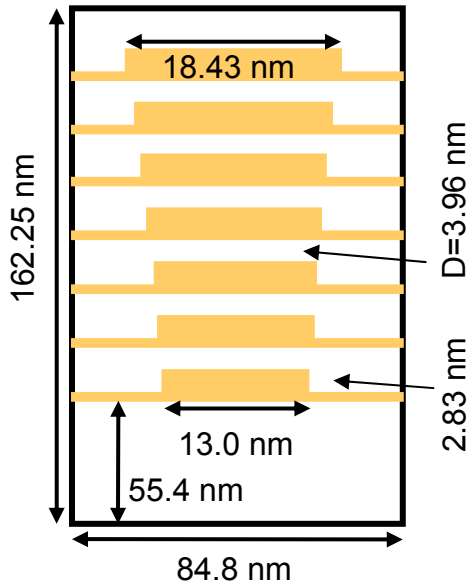
Vertically Coupled Seven-Dot Molecule Growth asymmetry => non-identical dots



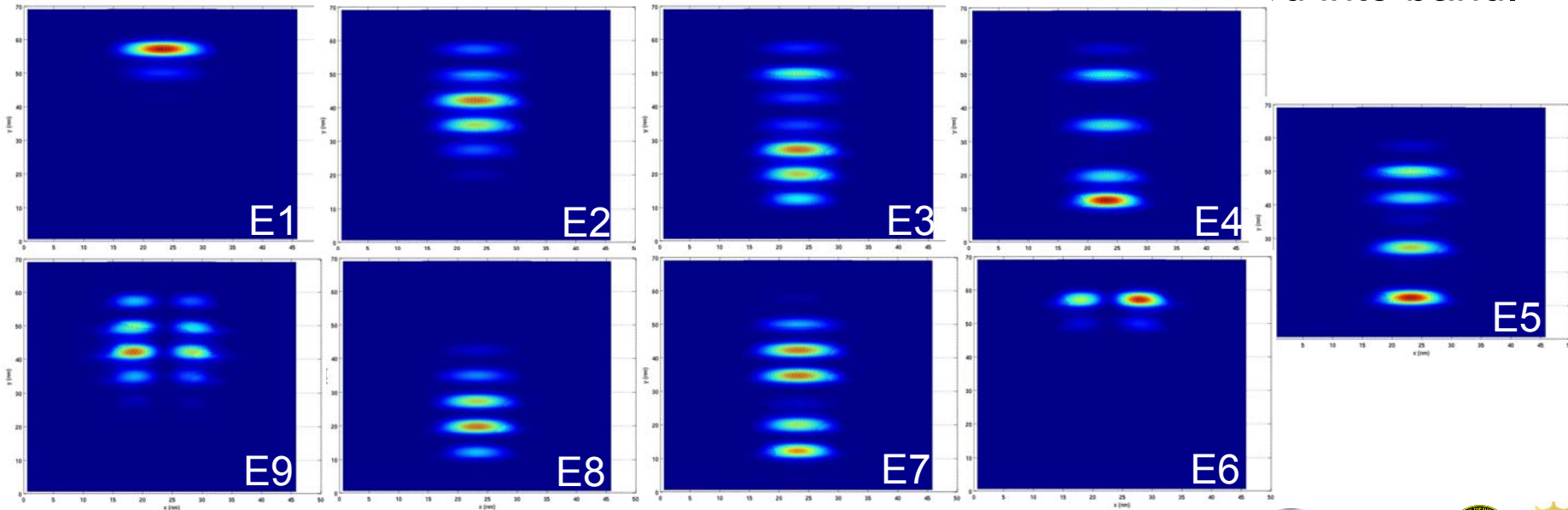
- Application in lasers
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- 7 non-identical dots,
WITHOUT strain
=> asymmetric miniband
- Ground state at the TOP!
- First 7 states s-like.

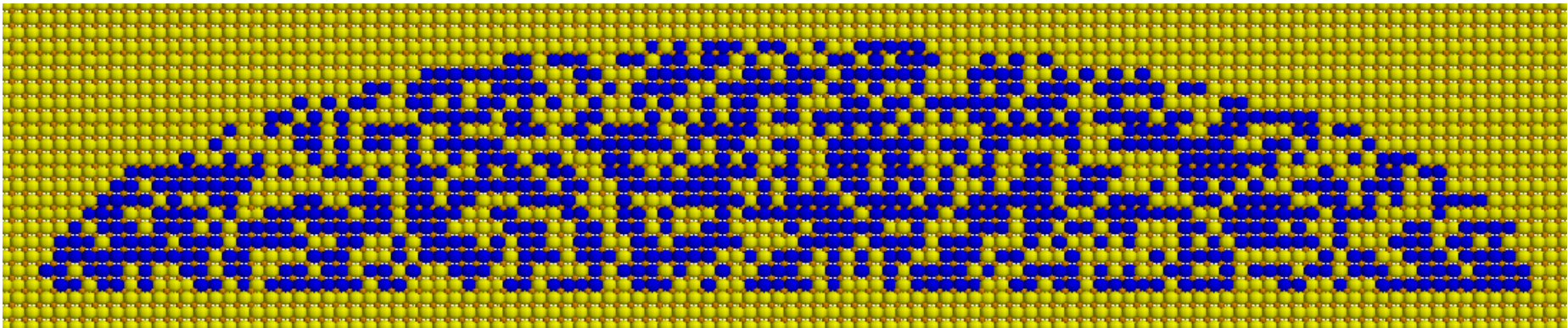


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=> competing asymmetries
- Large dot->top, strain->bottom
- p-like states mixed into band.

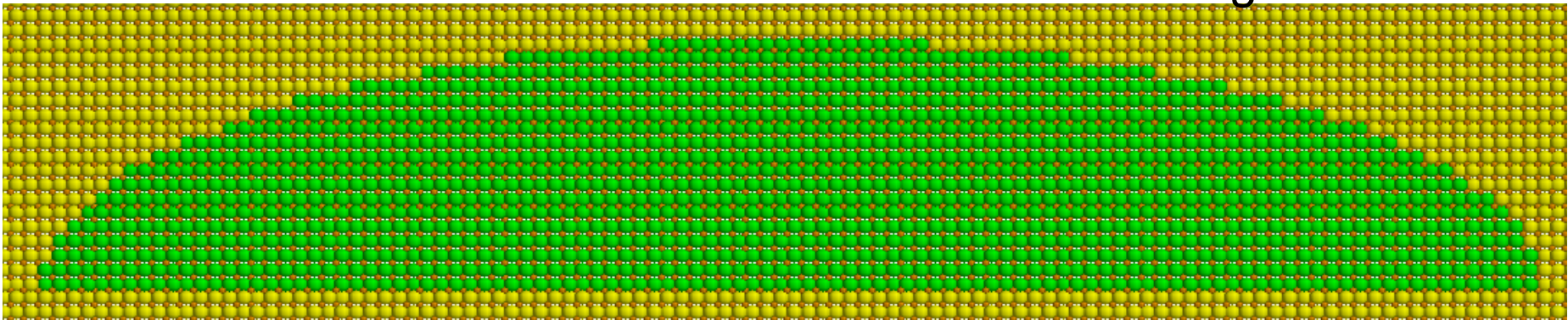




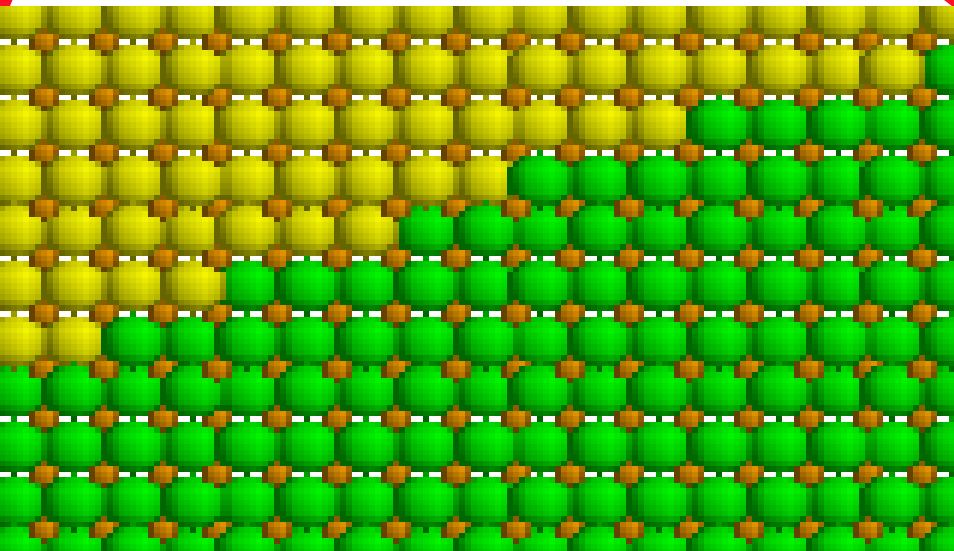
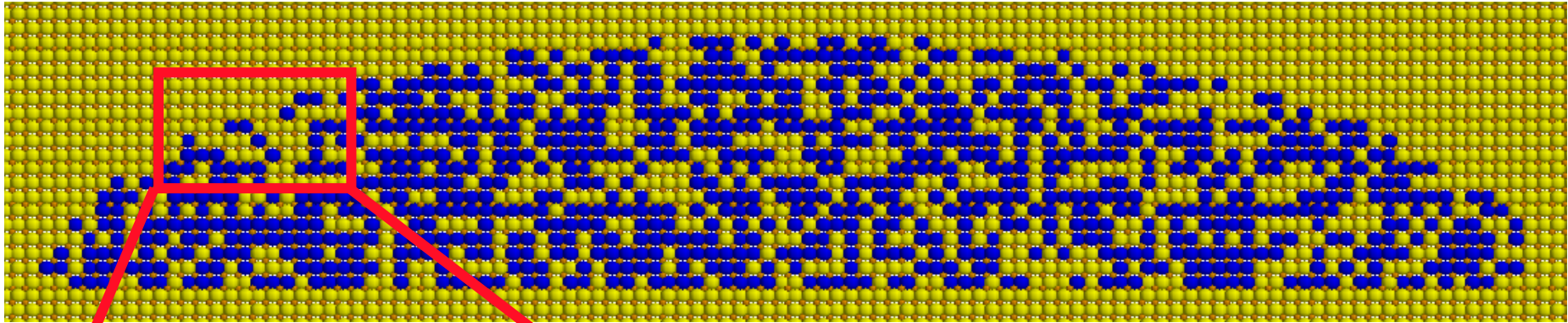
- In and Ga atoms are randomly placed
- Real alloys are spatially disordered
- Different samples “look” different
=> statistical properties

Typical approach: VCA

- average over In and Ga
- create an “average atom” “InGa”



What do interfaces REALLY mean now?



In/Ga atoms are randomly placed

- Interface is rugged in 3-D
=> Confinement changes!
- Material not homogeneous
=> fluctuations in material!
- VCA ignores all that!

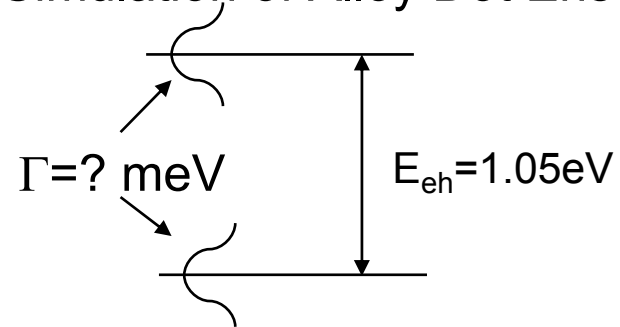
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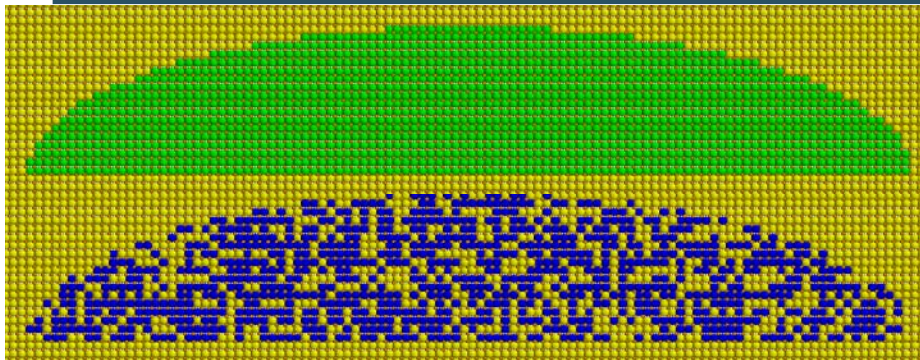
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Simulation of Alloy Dot Ensemble

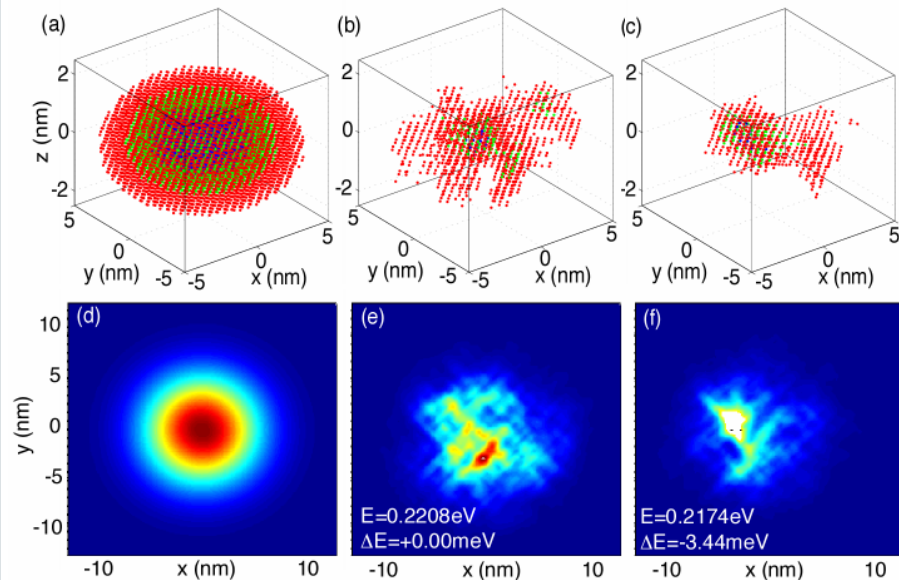


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In and Ga atoms are randomly distributed
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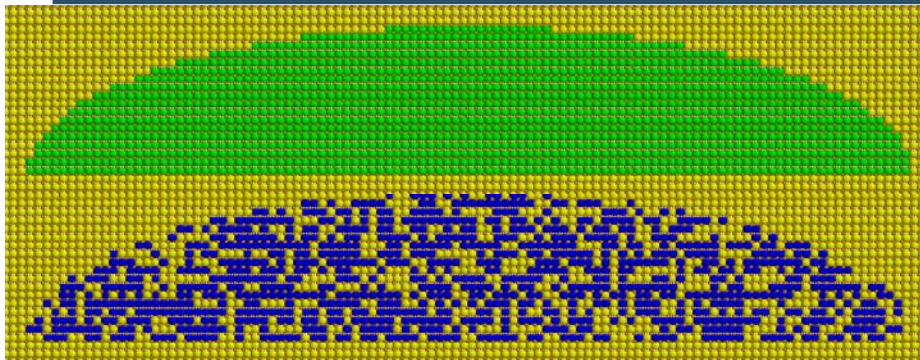


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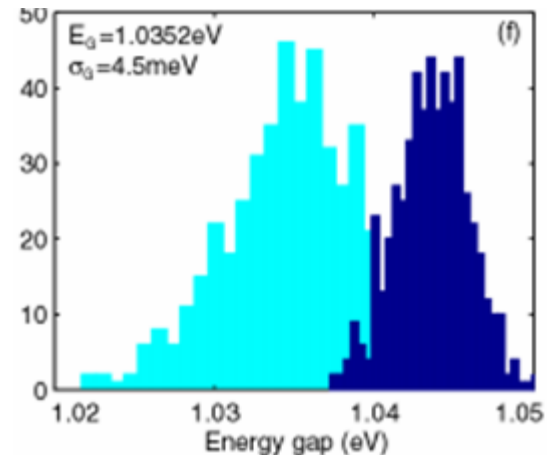
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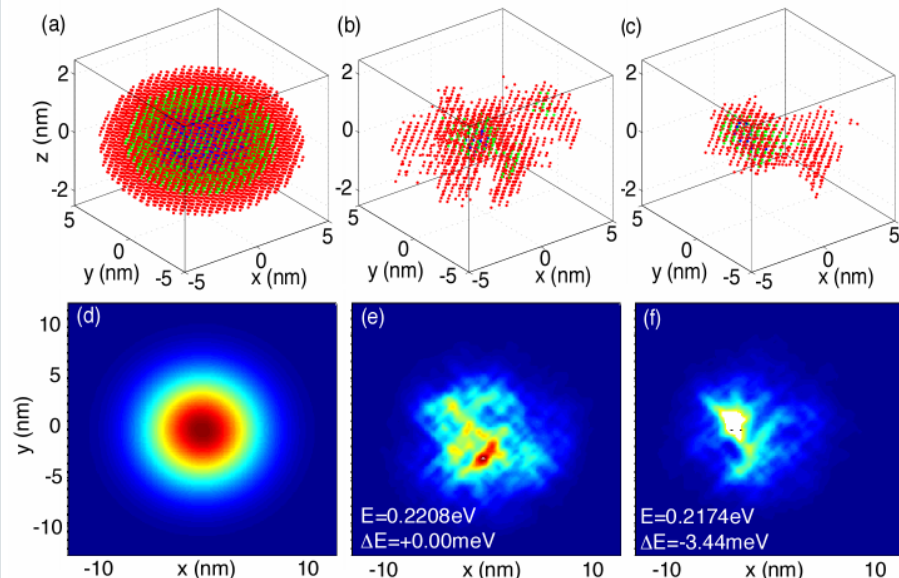
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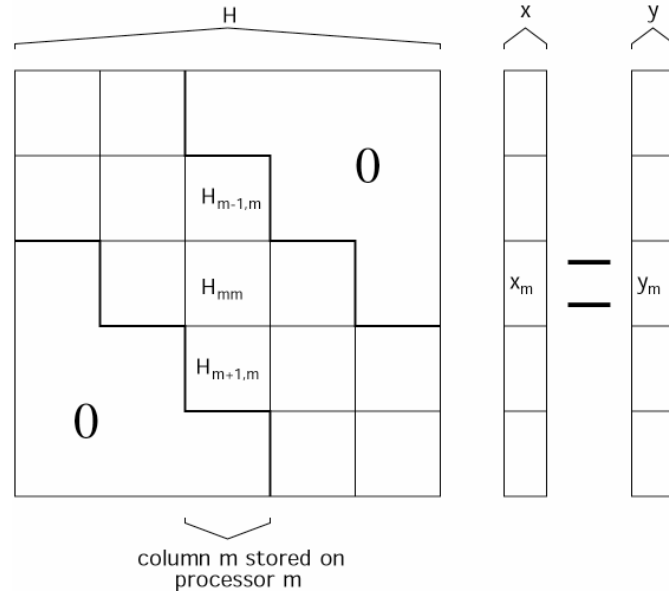
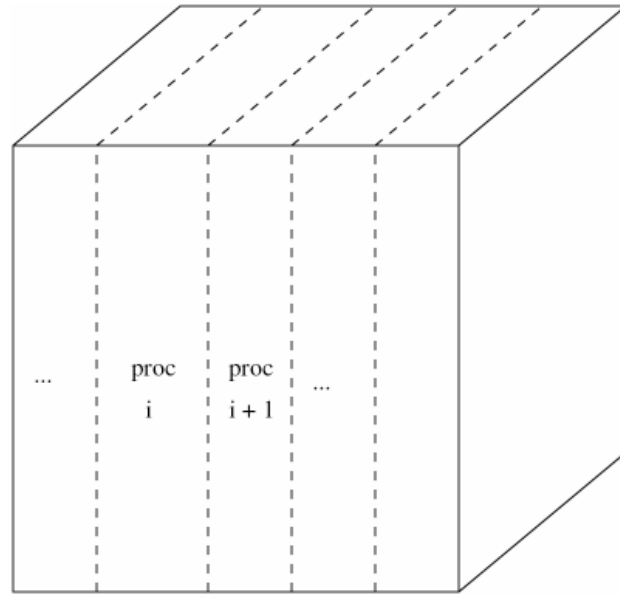


Simulated
 $\Gamma=1 - 5\text{meV}$

No size or shape
fluctuations

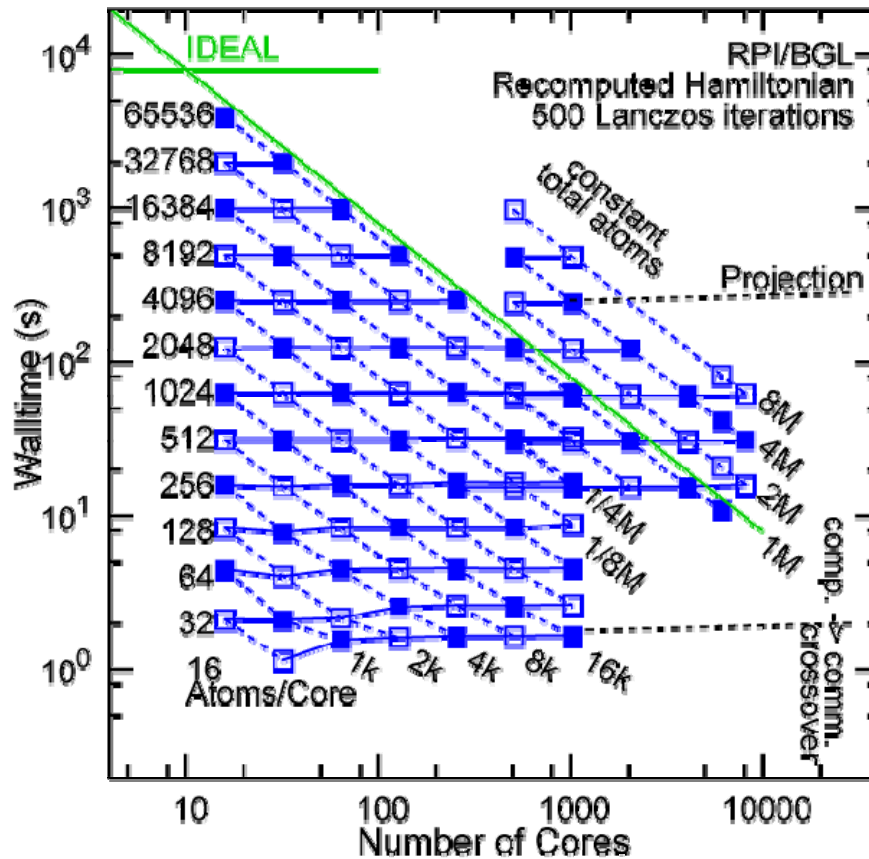
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- Divide Simulation domain into slices.
- Communication only from one slice to the next (nearest neighbor)
- Communication overhead across the surfaces of the slices.
- Limiting operation: complex sparse matrix-vector multiplication
- Enable Hamiltonian storage or re-computation on the fly.
- Strain computed in open source CG algorithm
- Electronic structure needs eigenvalues and eigenvectors. Matrix is Hermitian
- Released NEMO 3-D methods:
 - Standard 2-pass Lanczos
 - PARPACK about 10x slower
 - Folded Spectrum Method (Zunger), also typically slower than Lanczos
 - Block Lanczos
 - Tracemin

- IBM Blue Gene L – RPI
- June 2007 - #7 / TOP500

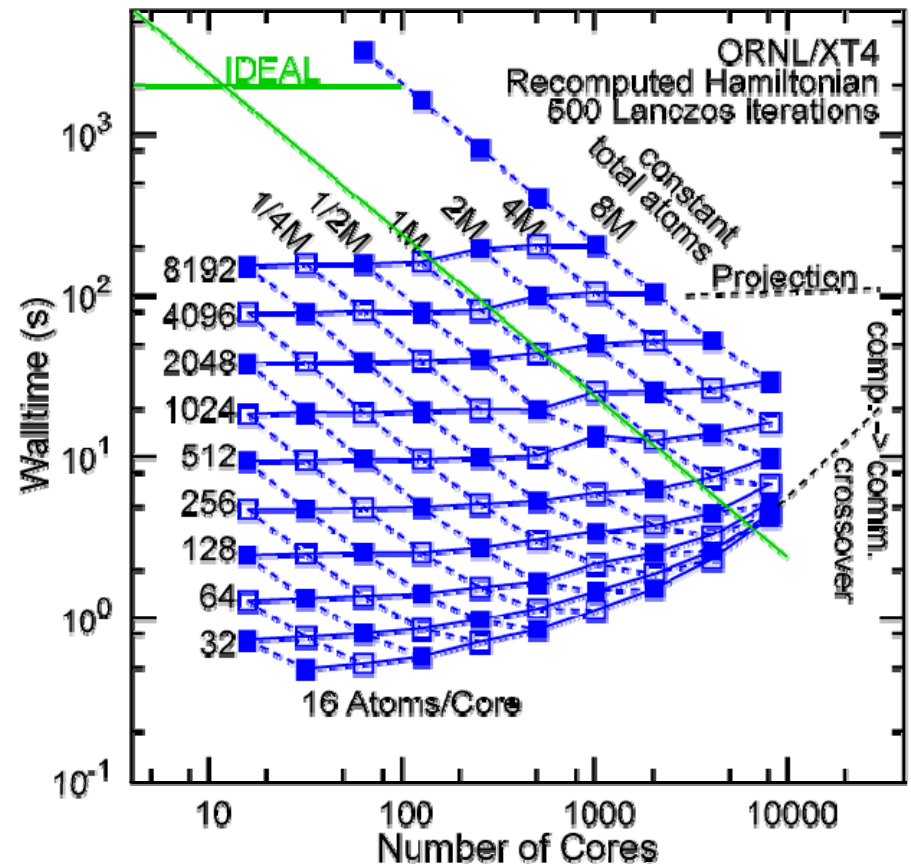
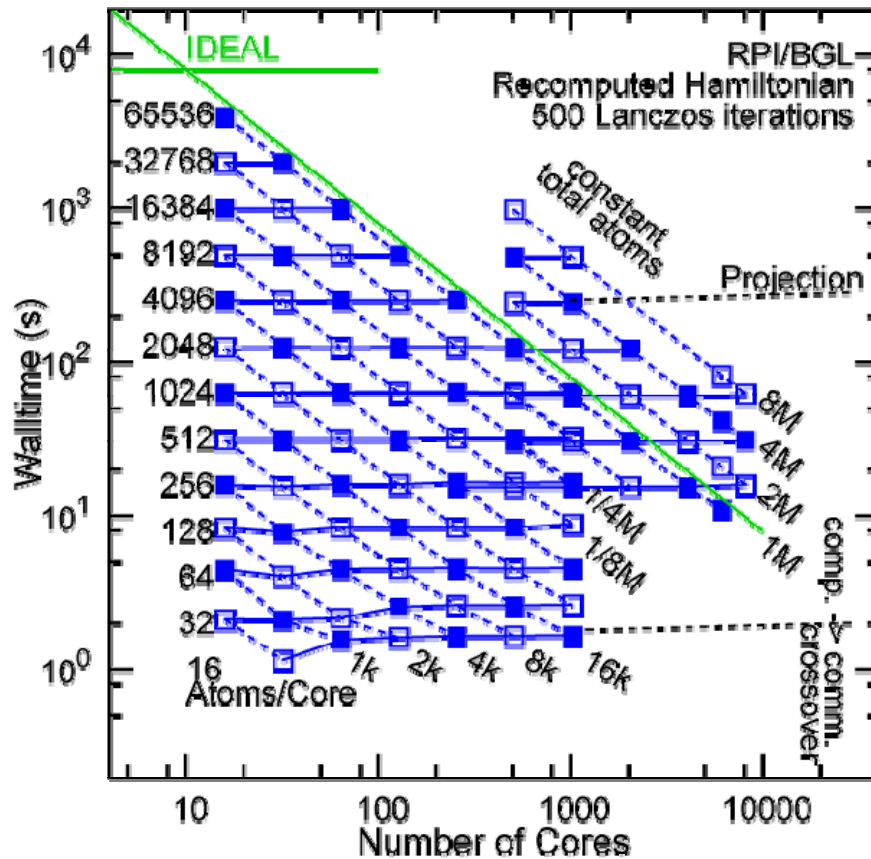


- Almost perfect scaling !

Detailed Scaling Benchmarks Recomputed System Matrix

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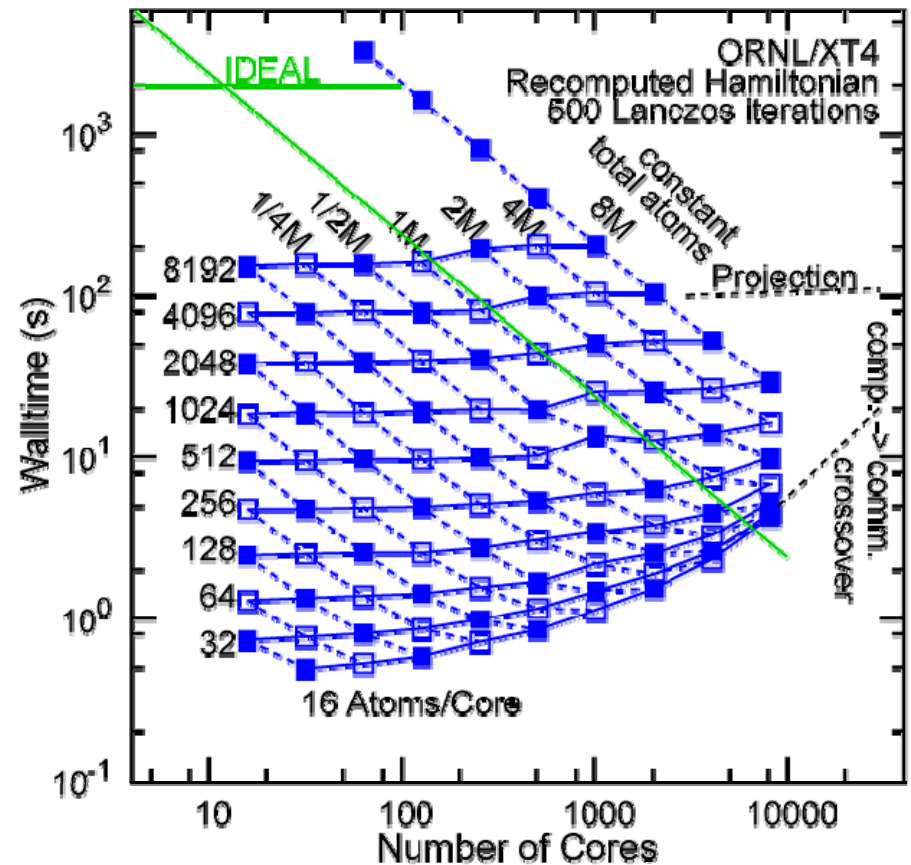
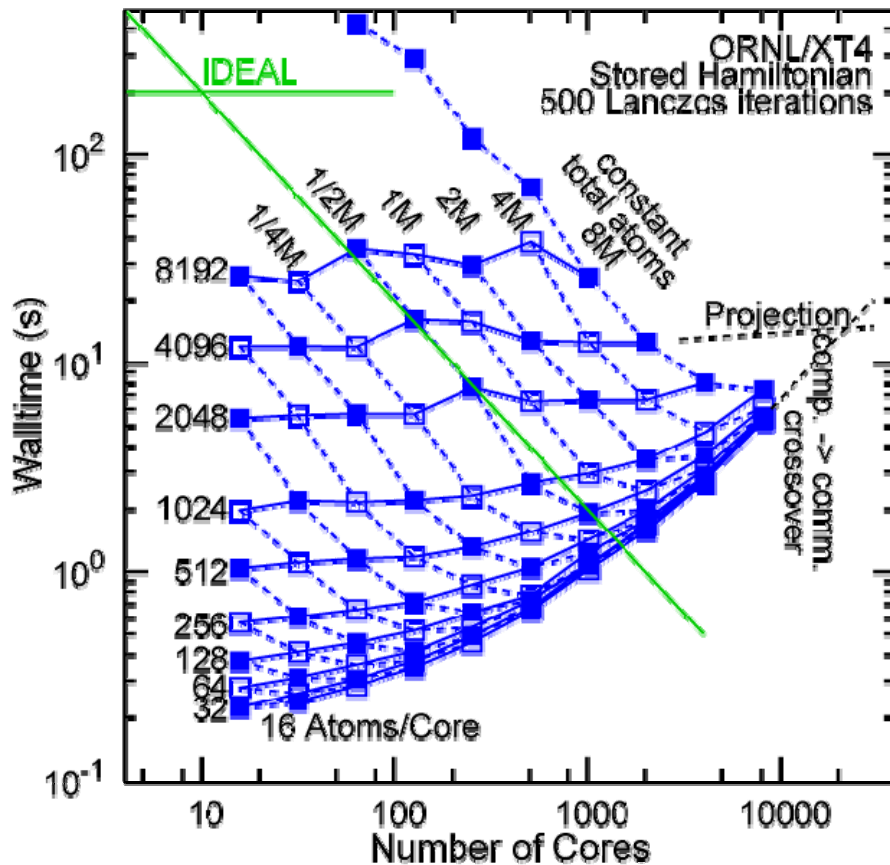
- Cray XT3/4 – Oak Ridge Natl. Lab
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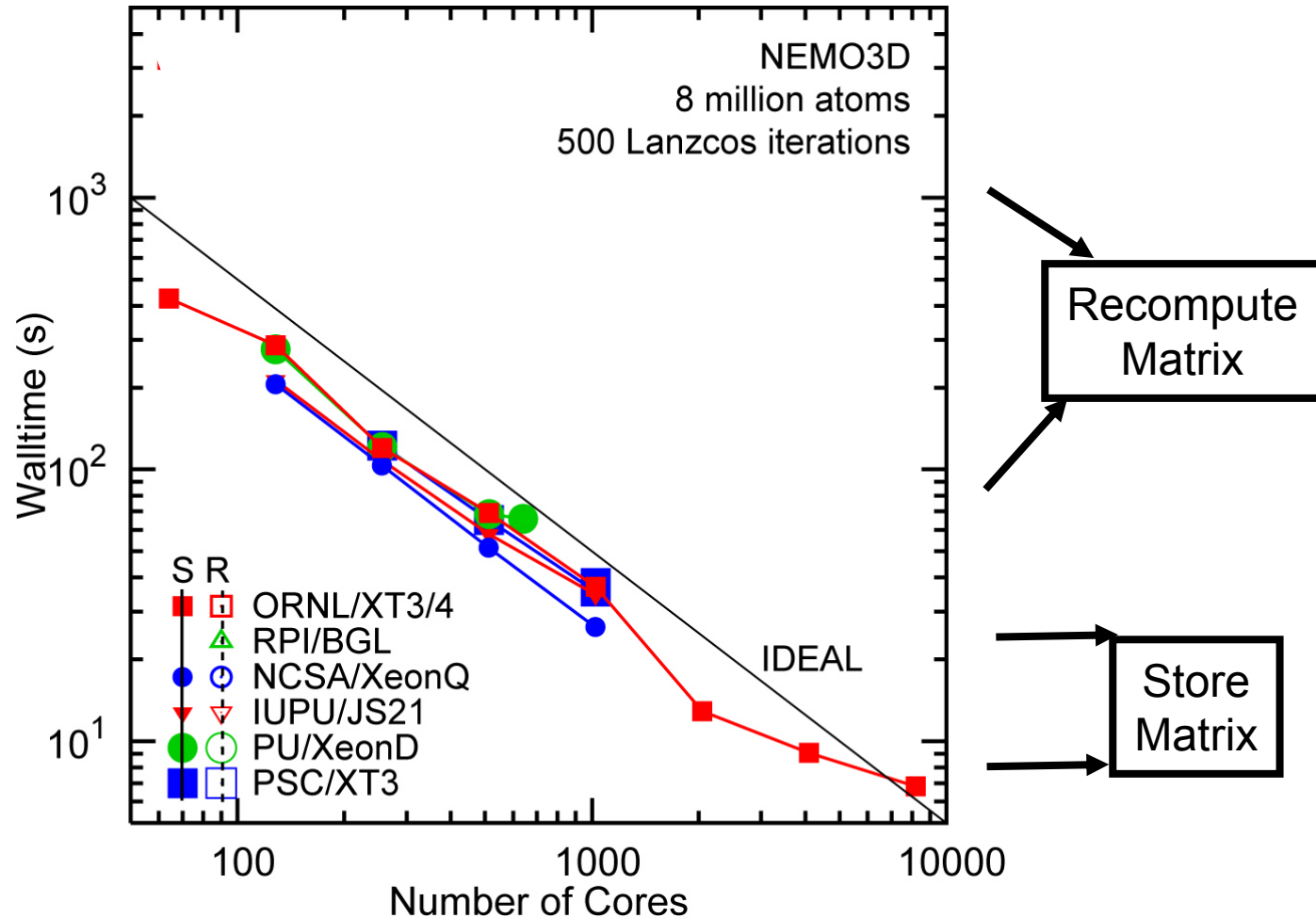


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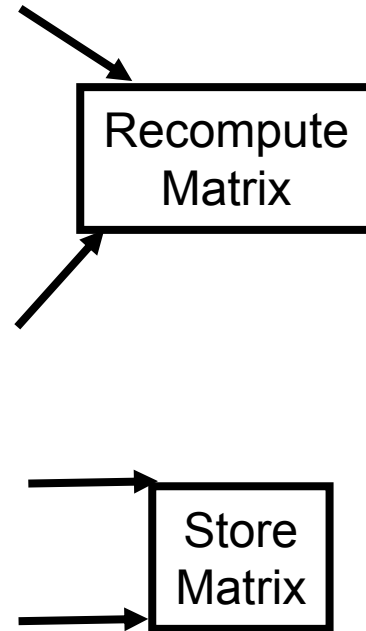
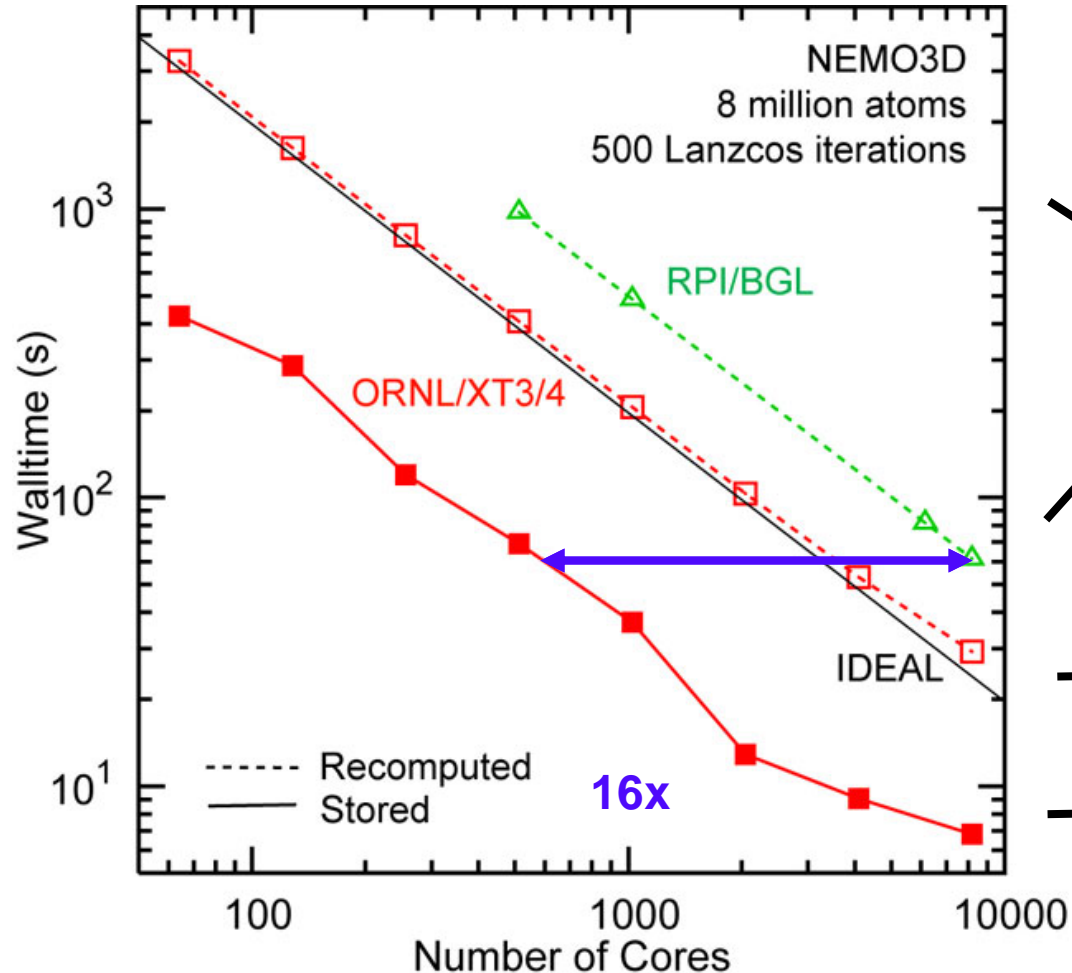




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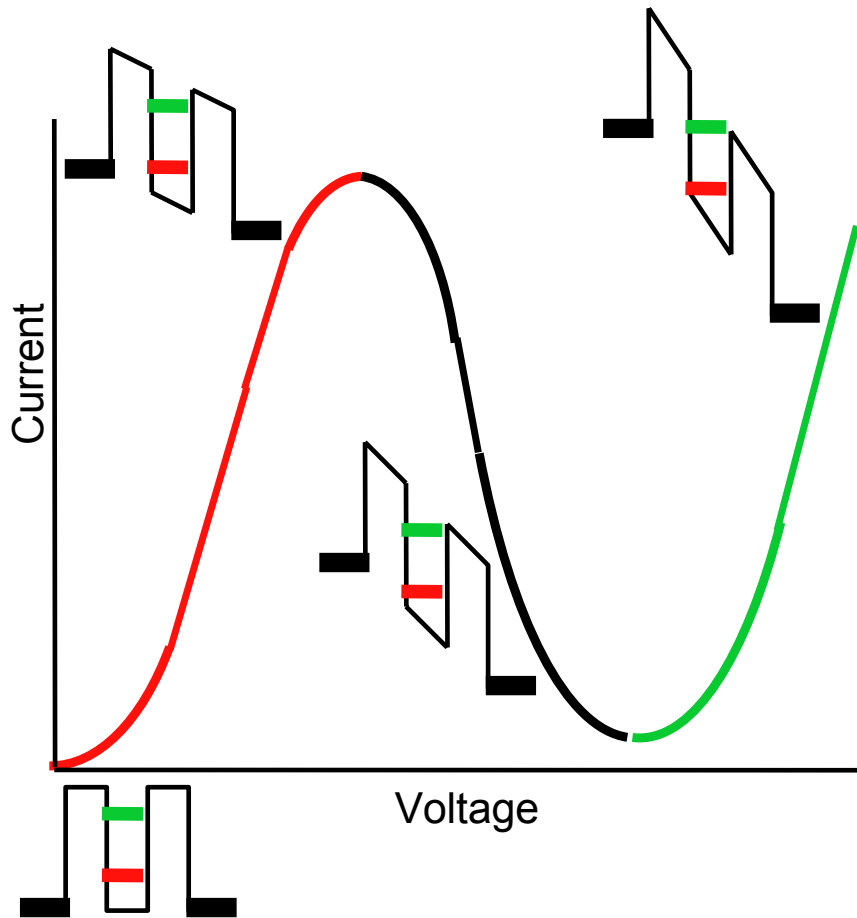
Should I ask my CIO or NSF to buy:

1,000 XT4 cores?
 or
 16,000 BG/L cores

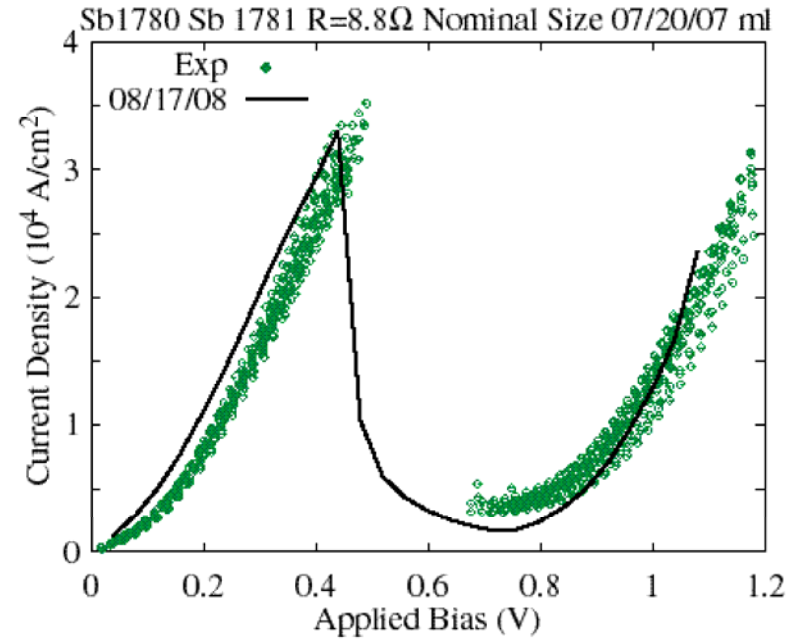


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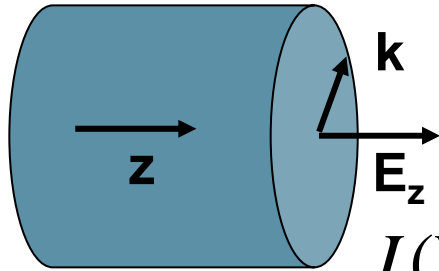


Conduction band diagrams
for different voltages
and the resulting current flow.



12 different I-V curves: 2 wafers, 3
mesa sizes, 2 bias directions

50nm	1e18	InGaAs
7 ml	nid	InGaAs
7 ml	nid	AlAs
20 ml	nid	InGaAs
7 ml	nid	AlAs
7 ml	nid	InGaAs
50 nm	1e18	InGaAs



2D integral for many bias points!

Total energy "E"

Momentum "k" accounts for transverse freedom

$$I(V) \propto 2\pi \int k dk \int dE T(E, k) (f_L(E, V) - f_R(E, V))$$

Loop over all bias points

Get a guess for the charge in the device

Loop Poisson charge-selfconsistency

Compute the potential

Compute the charge

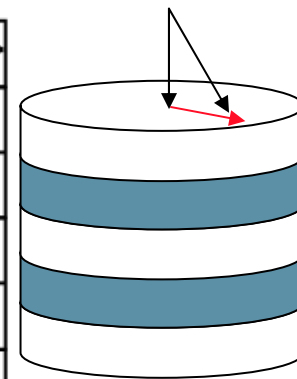
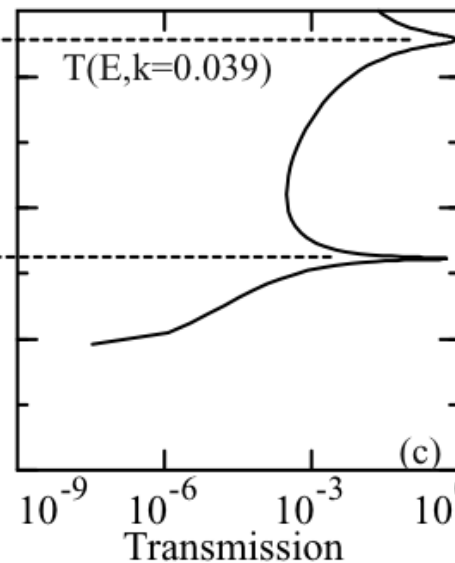
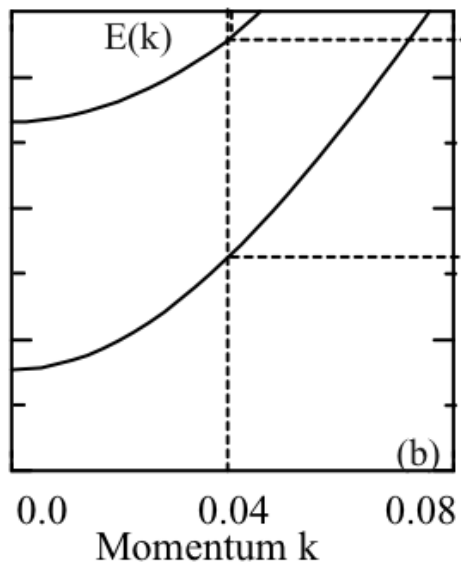
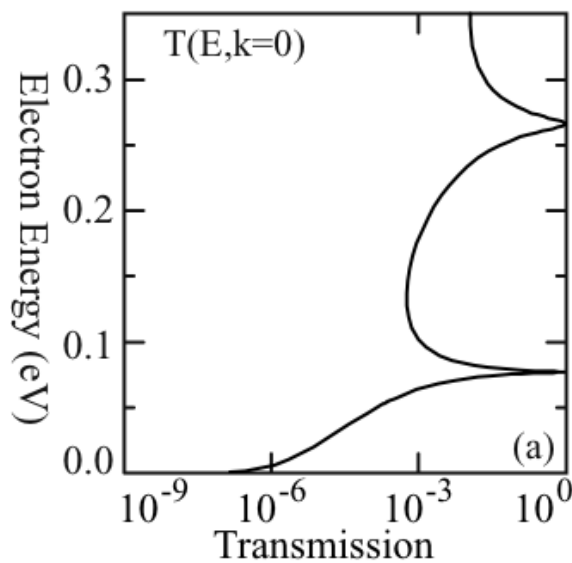
Loop over all transverse momenta

Compute energy integral

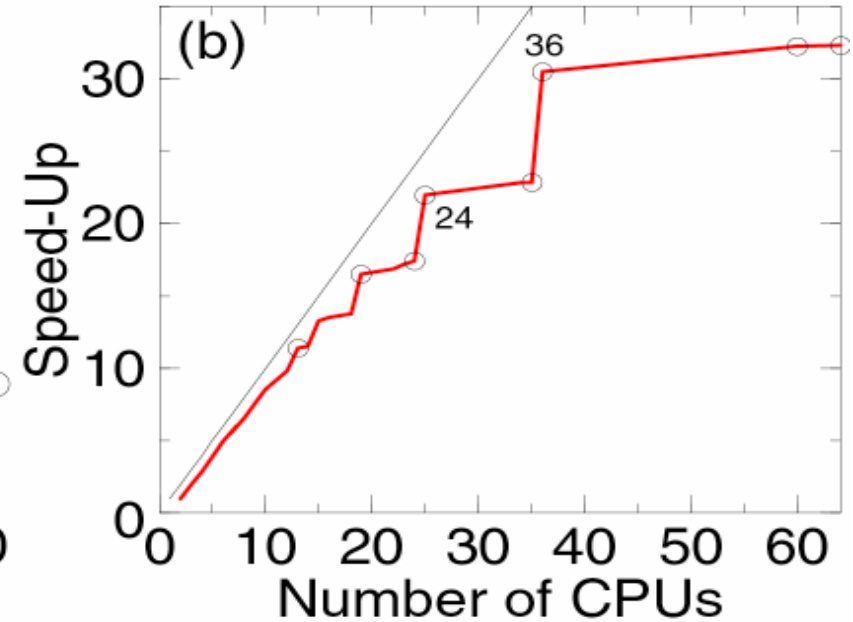
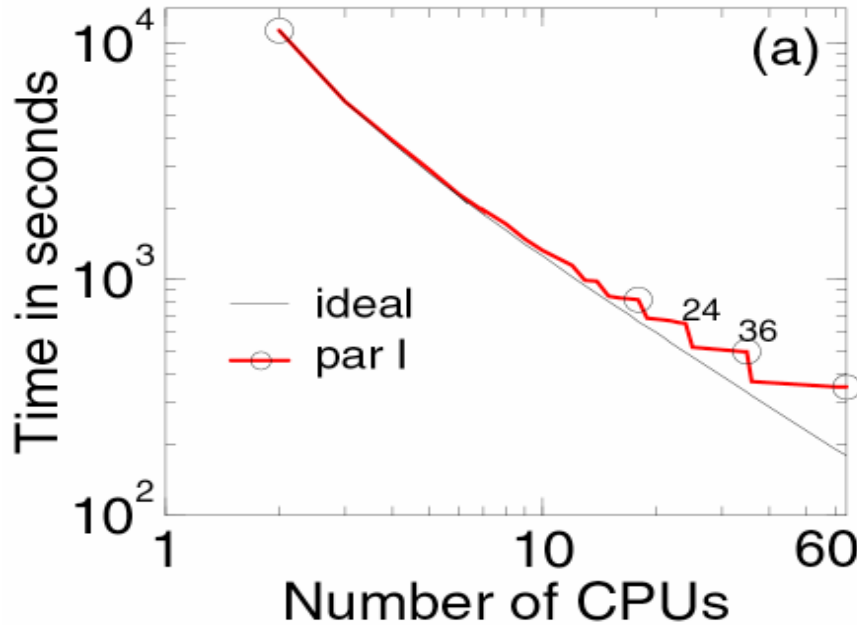
Have three levels of possible parallelization:

- Loop over bias points coarse grain
- Loop over momentum points medium grain
- Loop over energy points fine grain

Dispersion in the Transverse Direction Electron vs. Hole Subbands



- Electron:
- Dispersion "simple", almost parabolic
 - Transmission simple "replica"

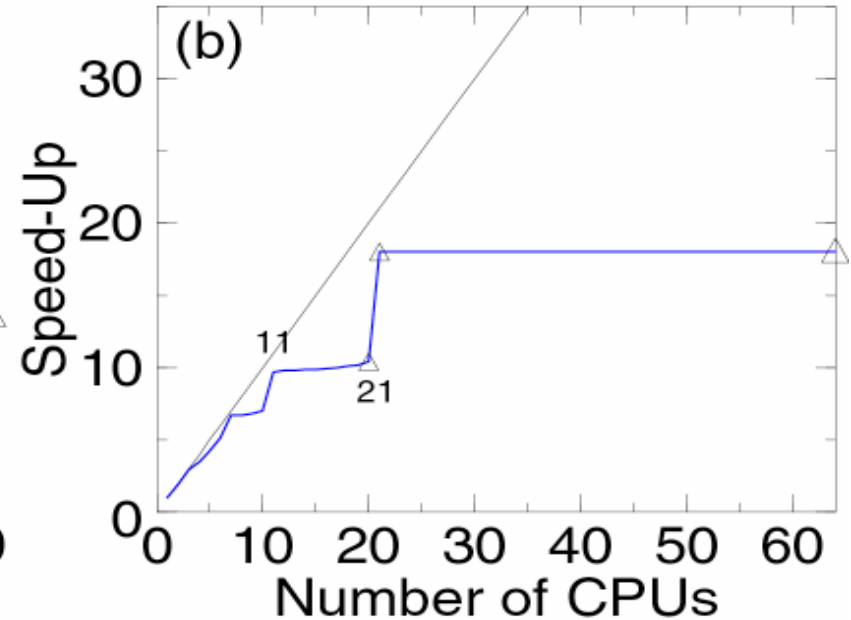
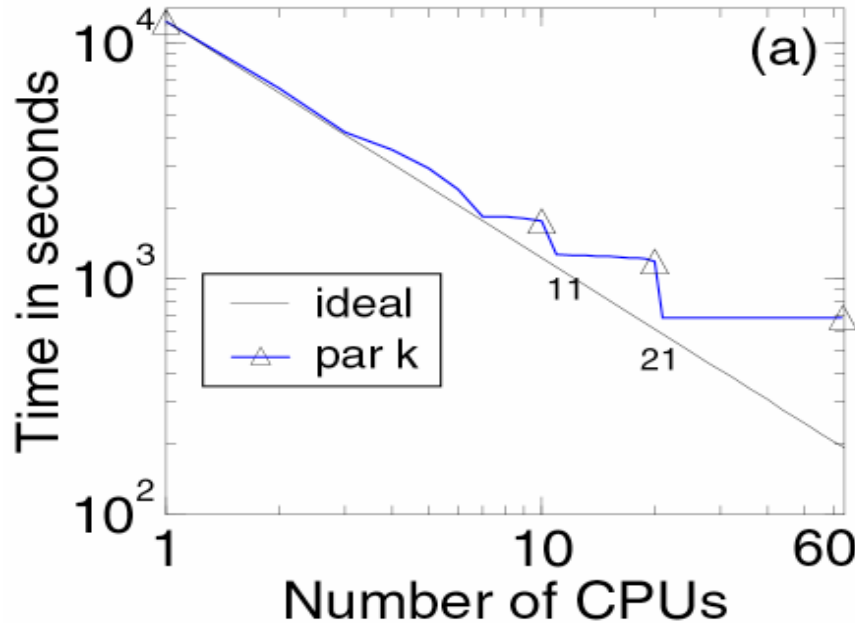


- Master-Slave approach
 - » master only distributes and gathers individual bias points
- This I-V has 70 bias points:
 - » Good scaling up to 15 CPUs, Strong steps at 36 and 24 CPUs / Load imbalance

✓ Max speed-up: 21 at 24 CPU 87% efficiency
30 at 36 CPU 83%

efficiency

✓ Large CPU speed-up: 32 at 64 CPU 50% efficiency



- K-grid has 21 points:
- Even bin distribution in one communication step.
- Results:
 - » Good scaling up to 8 CPUs, Strong steps at 11 and 21 CPUs

✓ Load imbalance

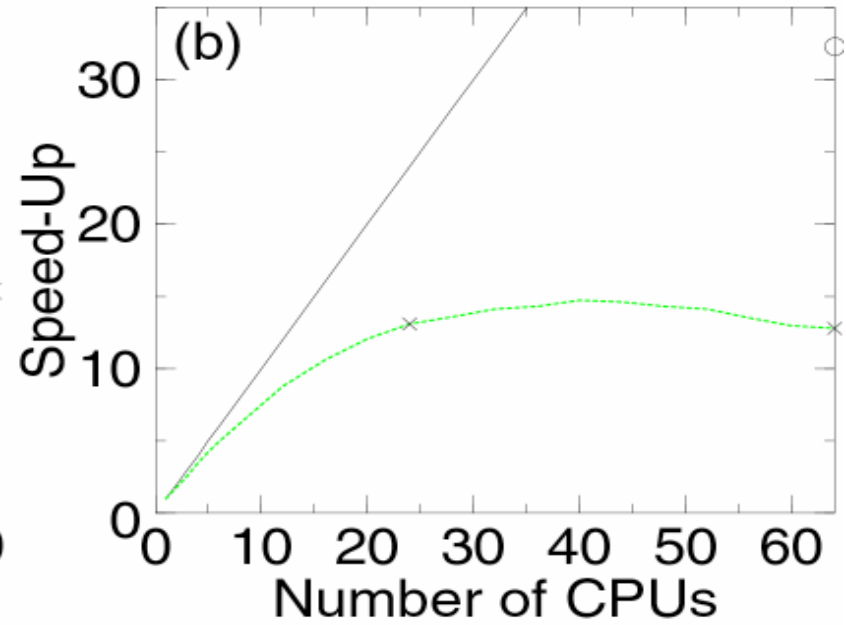
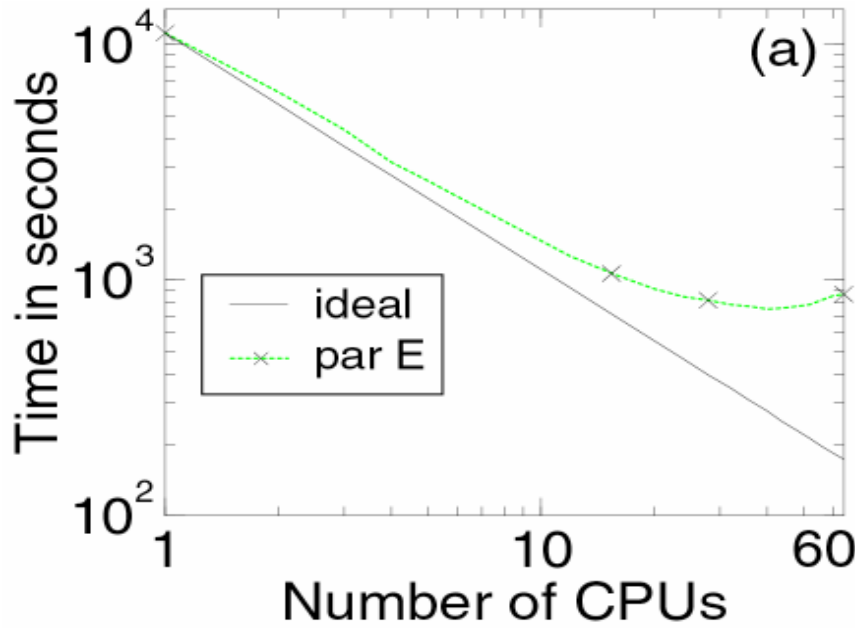
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10 at 11 CPU 91% efficiency

18 at 21 CPU 86% efficiency

✓ Large CPU Speed-up:

18 at 64 CPU 28% efficiency

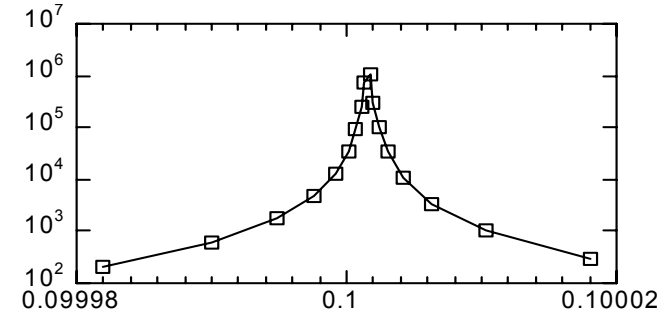


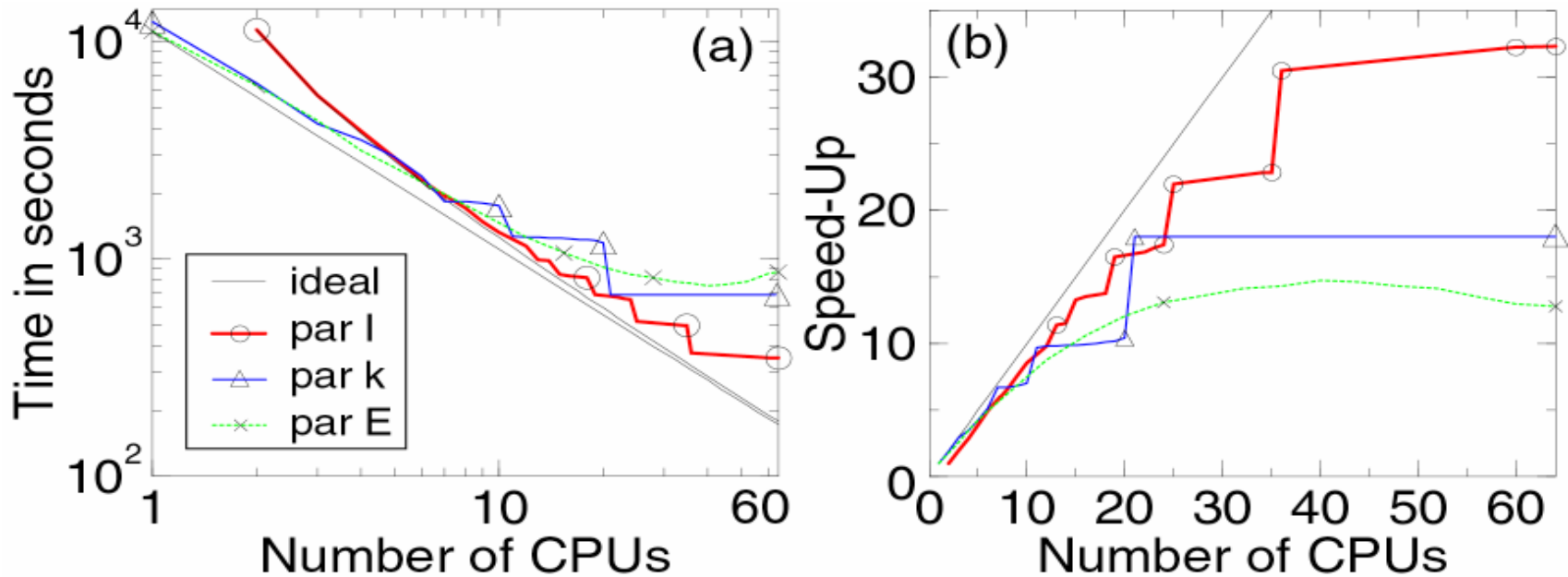
- Adaptive mesh refinement starting from 50-200 nodes
- Refinement ends on 2 nodes at a time for 1 resonance
- Energy grid is at the lowest level
-> communication overhead
- Maximum speed-up: 7.5 at 10 CPU efficiency

15 at 40 CPU 38%

efficiency

- Large CPU speed-up: 13 at 64 CPU 20%

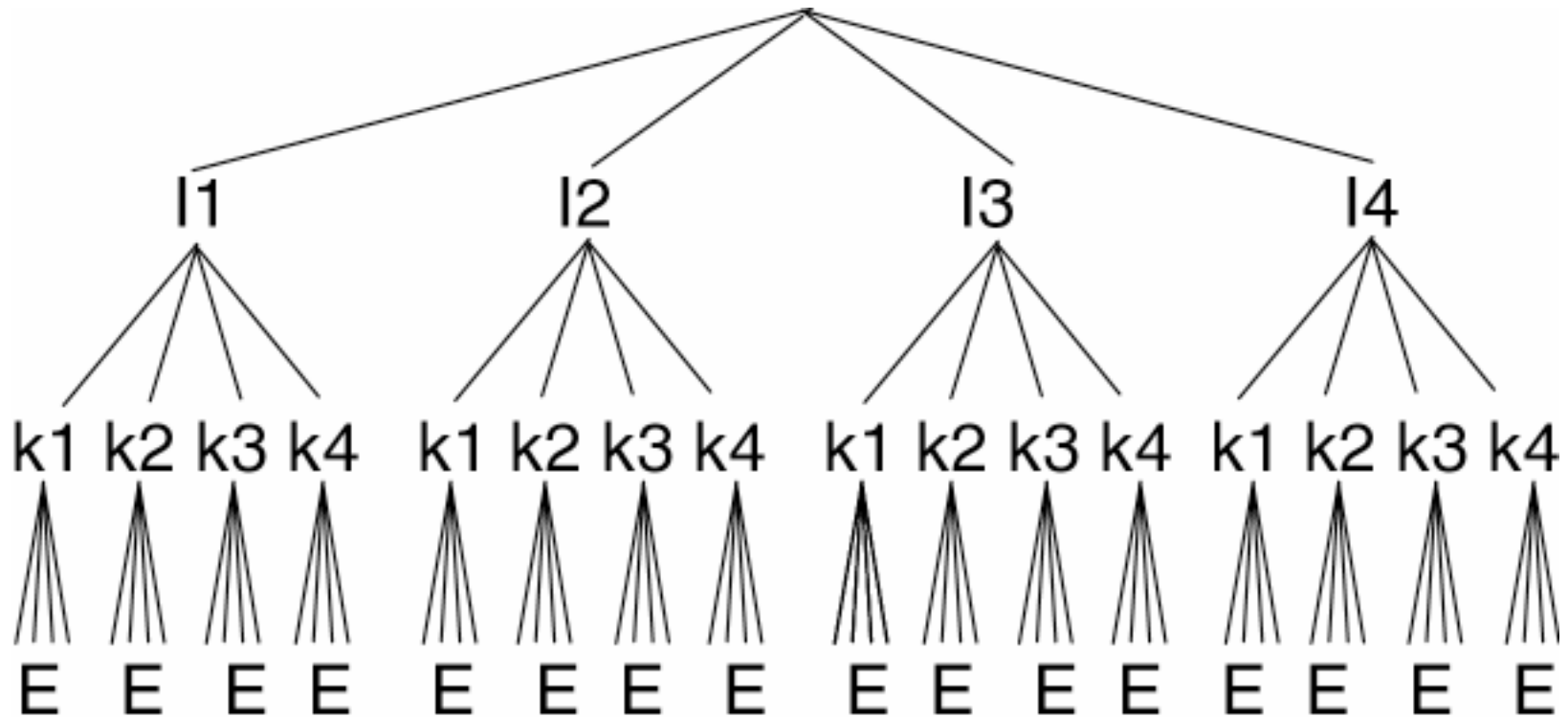




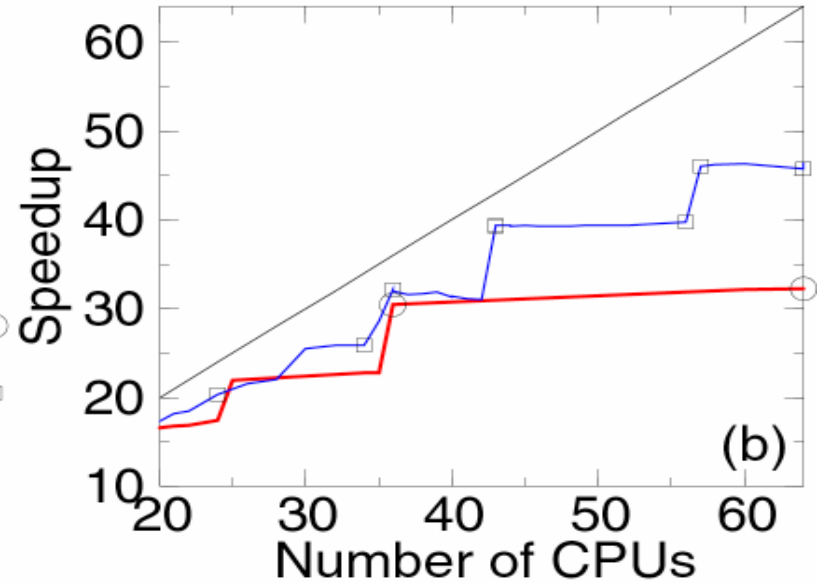
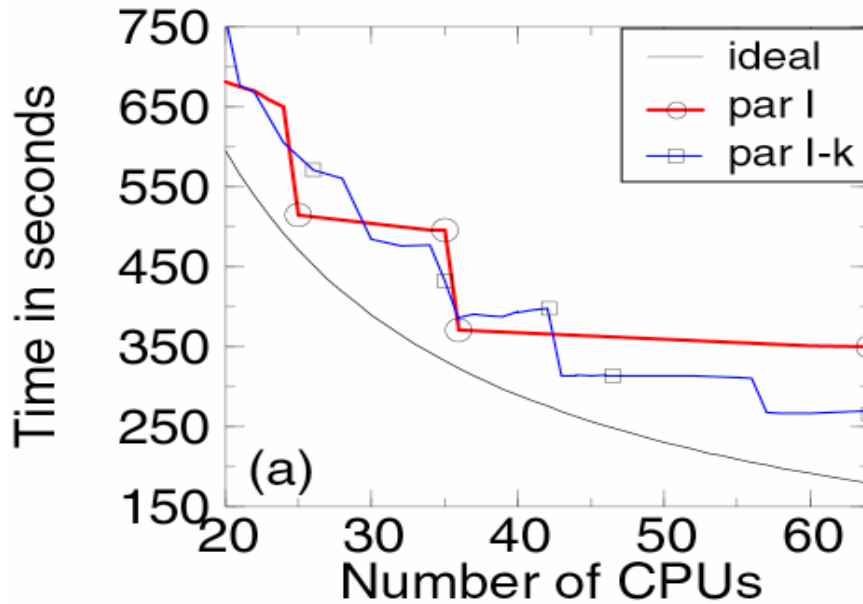
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» For this particular benchmark - typical for electron RTD computation

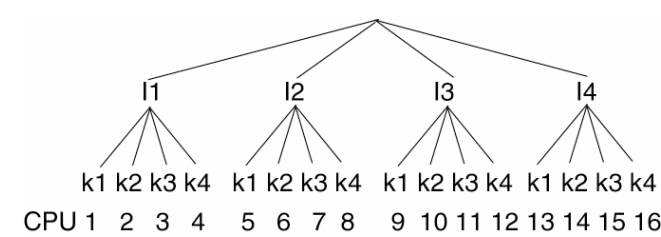
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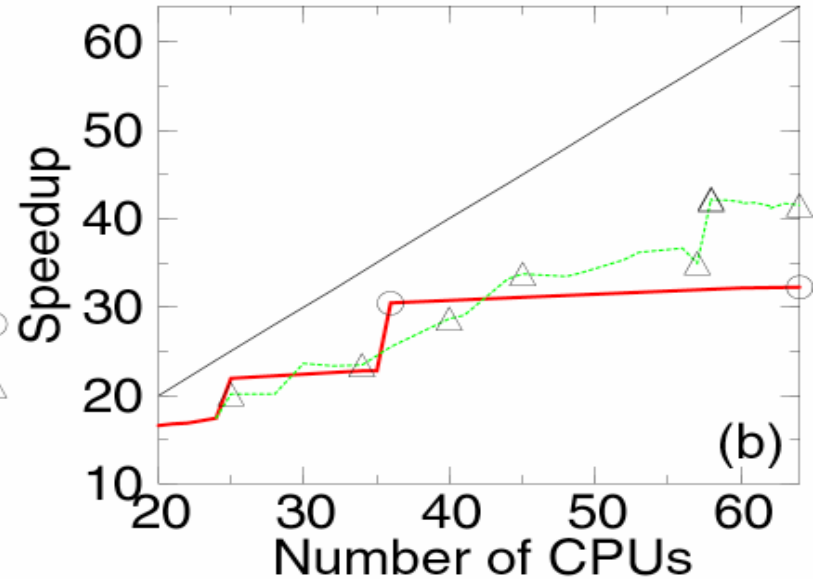
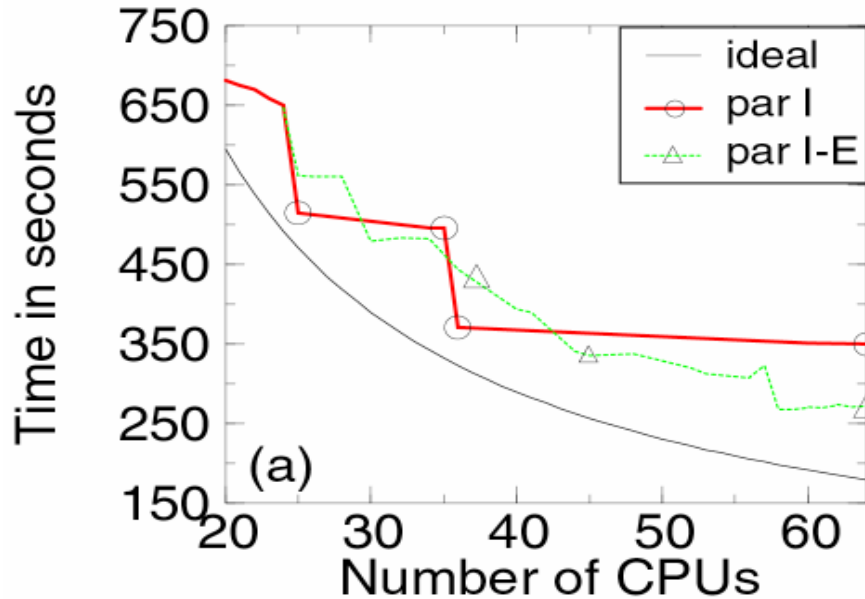


- Parallelization on 64 CPUs is unsatisfactory in all one level algorithms!
- How about parallelization on multiple levels?
 - » 4 possibilities: I-K, I-E, K-E, I-K-E all of them implemented
 - » Try to maximize number of CPUs in the coarser grids

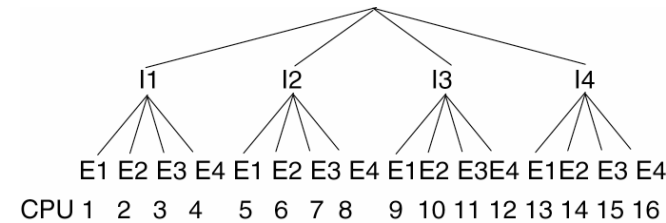


- Still see some load imbalance problems
- Maximum speed-up: 40 at 43 CPU efficiency 93%
- Maximum speed-up: 46 at 57 CPU efficiency 81%
- Large CPU speed-up: 45 at 64 CPU efficiency 70%

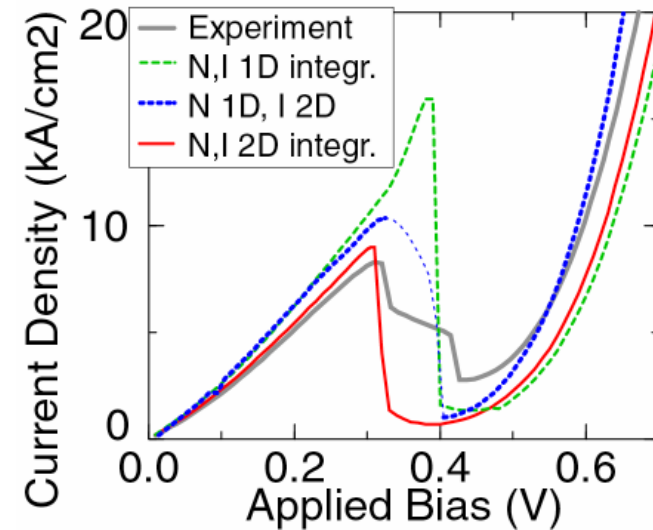
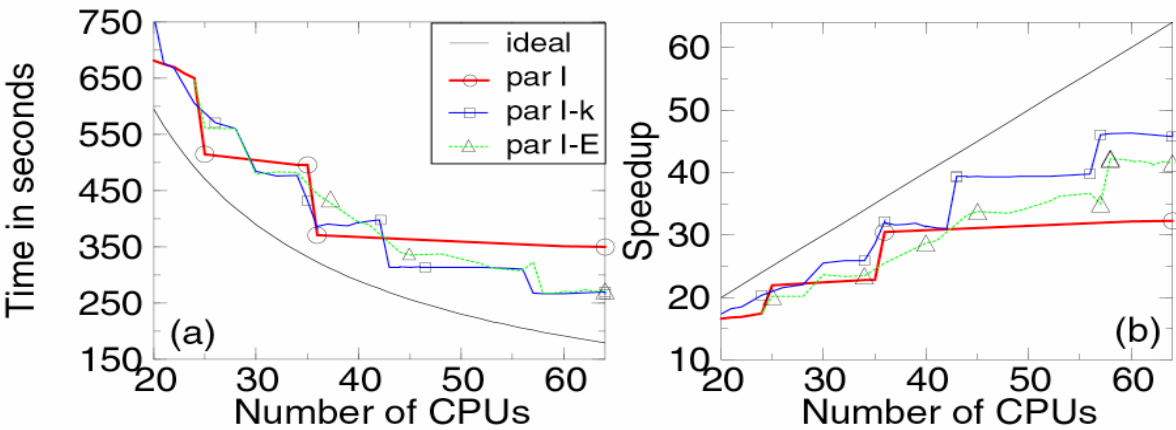




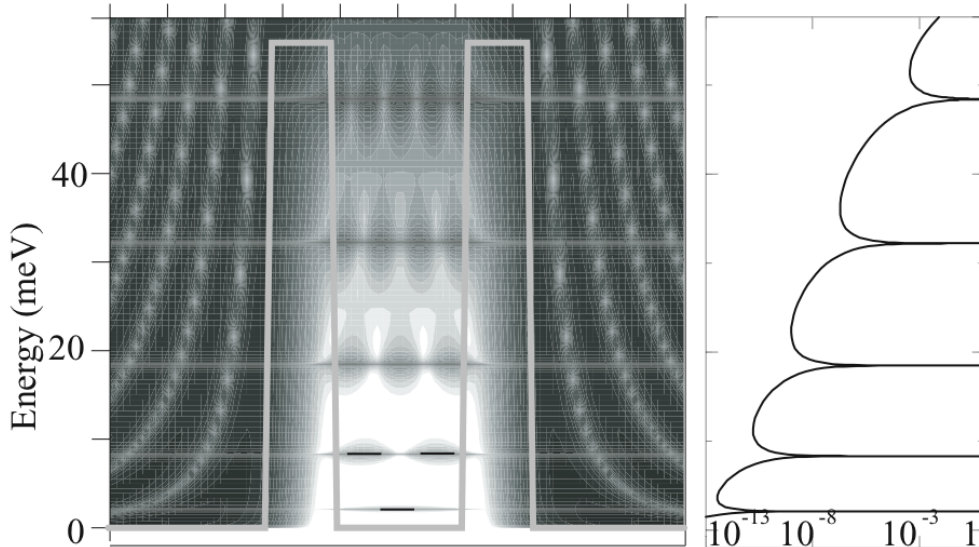
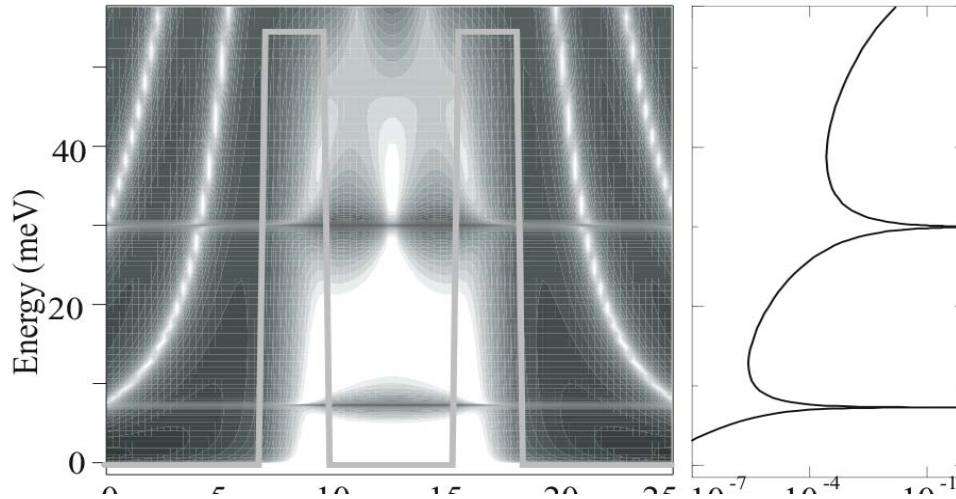
- Much fewer load imbalance problems
- Maximum speed-up: 43 at 58 CPU efficiency 74%
- Large CPU speed-up: 42 at 64 CPU efficiency 65%
- Compared to I parallelism only:



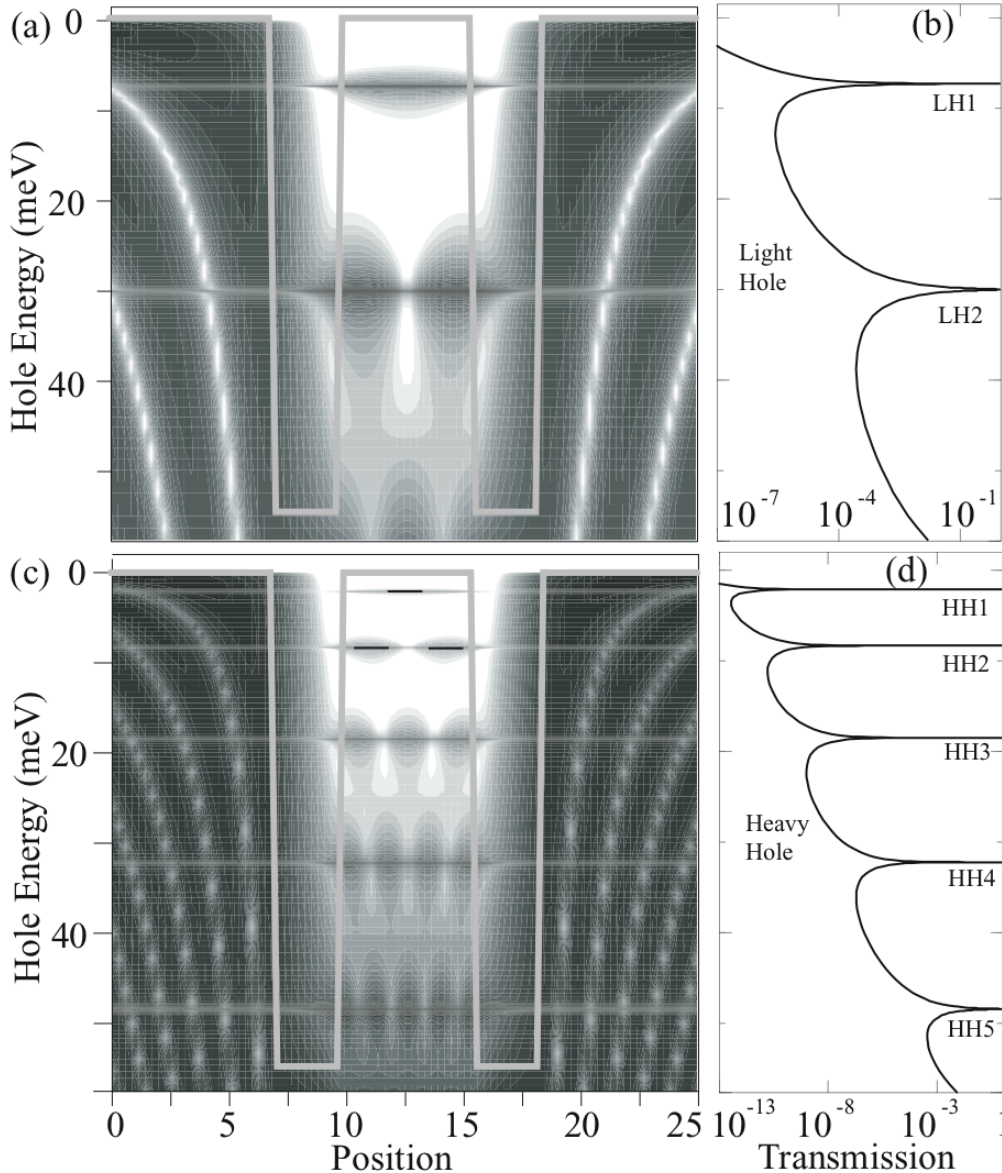
Large CPU speed-up: 32 at 64 CPU efficiency 50%



- Efficient parallelization for realistic RTD simulations is non-trivial.
- Parallelization on multiple levels:
 - » Flexibility to tackle different problems
 - » Enabled simulation of fully charge self-consistent simulations
- ✓ Reduced compute time from 14 days to 6 hours.
YEAR 2002 – 64 node cluster
- Beowulf clusters are affordable and useful for computational electronics.



- Density of States:
Shows the spatial and energetic “location” of possible states
- Transmission:
shows spikes where the DOS is strong in the central RTD
- Small effective mass:
large state separation
- Large effective mass:
“heavy” electrons
 - » small state separation
 - » Sharp peaks - strong confinement
weak coupling to outside
 - » Deep background/peak ratio: 10^{13}
strong confinement
weak coupling to outside



- Holes

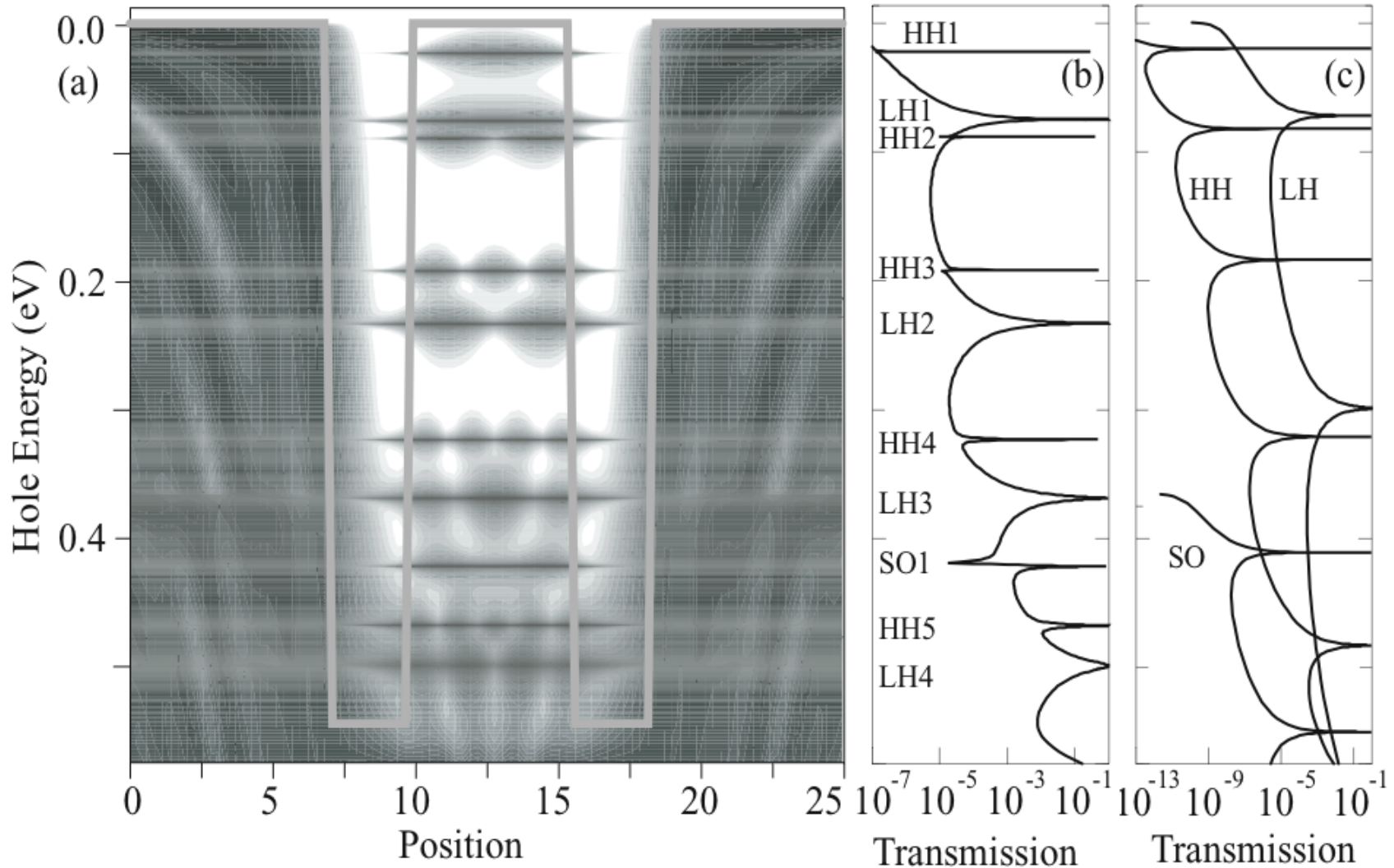
Are just electrons

upside-down????

- Not quite!

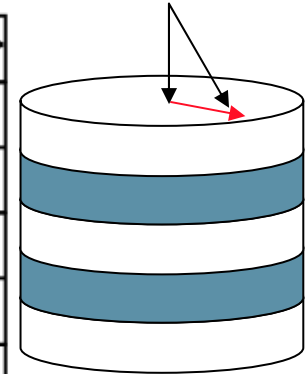
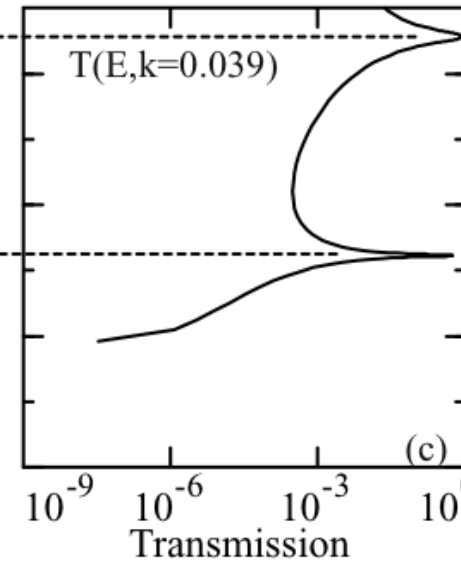
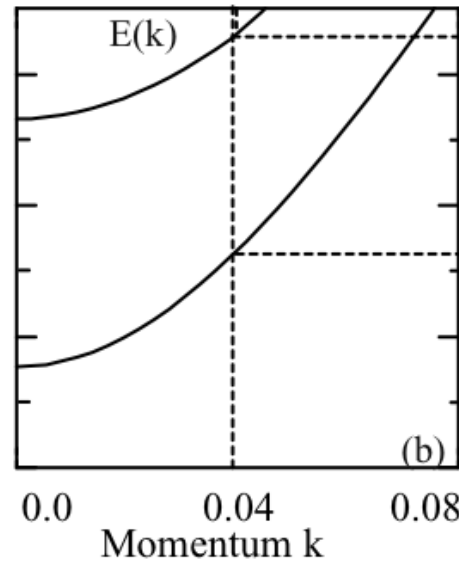
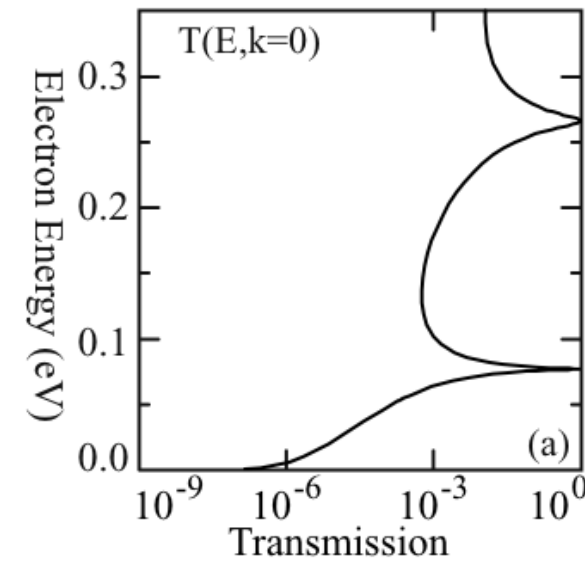
- » LH and HH are coupled
- » Highly non-parabolic dispersion
- » Highly anisotropic dispersion

- Very unintuitive transport behavior!

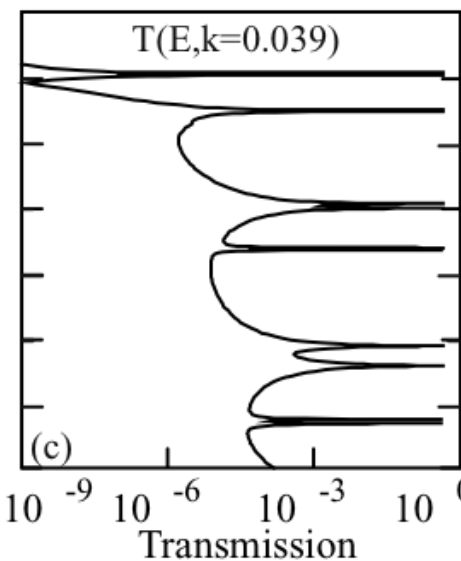
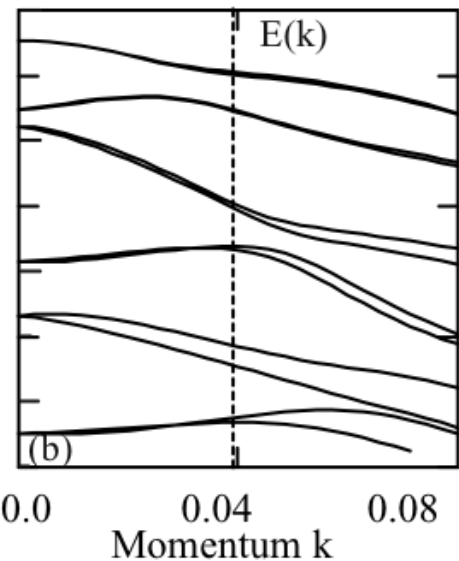
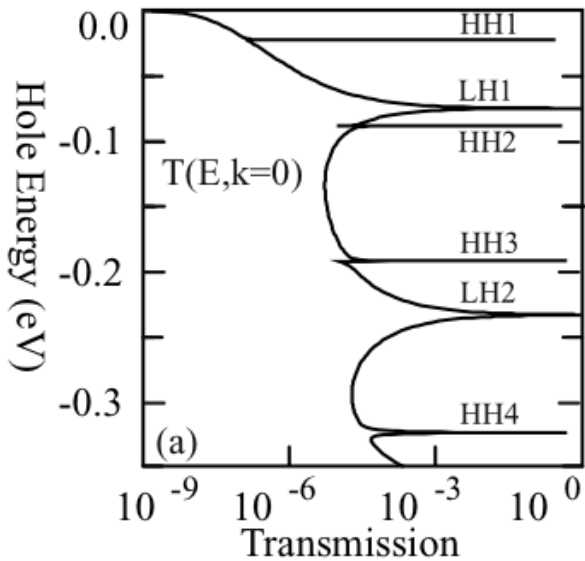


- Transmission coefficient at $k_x=0$
- sp³s* represents all bands simultaneously. Can identify LH, HH, and SO features

Dispersion in the Transverse Direction Electron vs. Hole Subbands



- Electron:
- Dispersion "simple", almost parabolic
 - Transmission simple "replica"

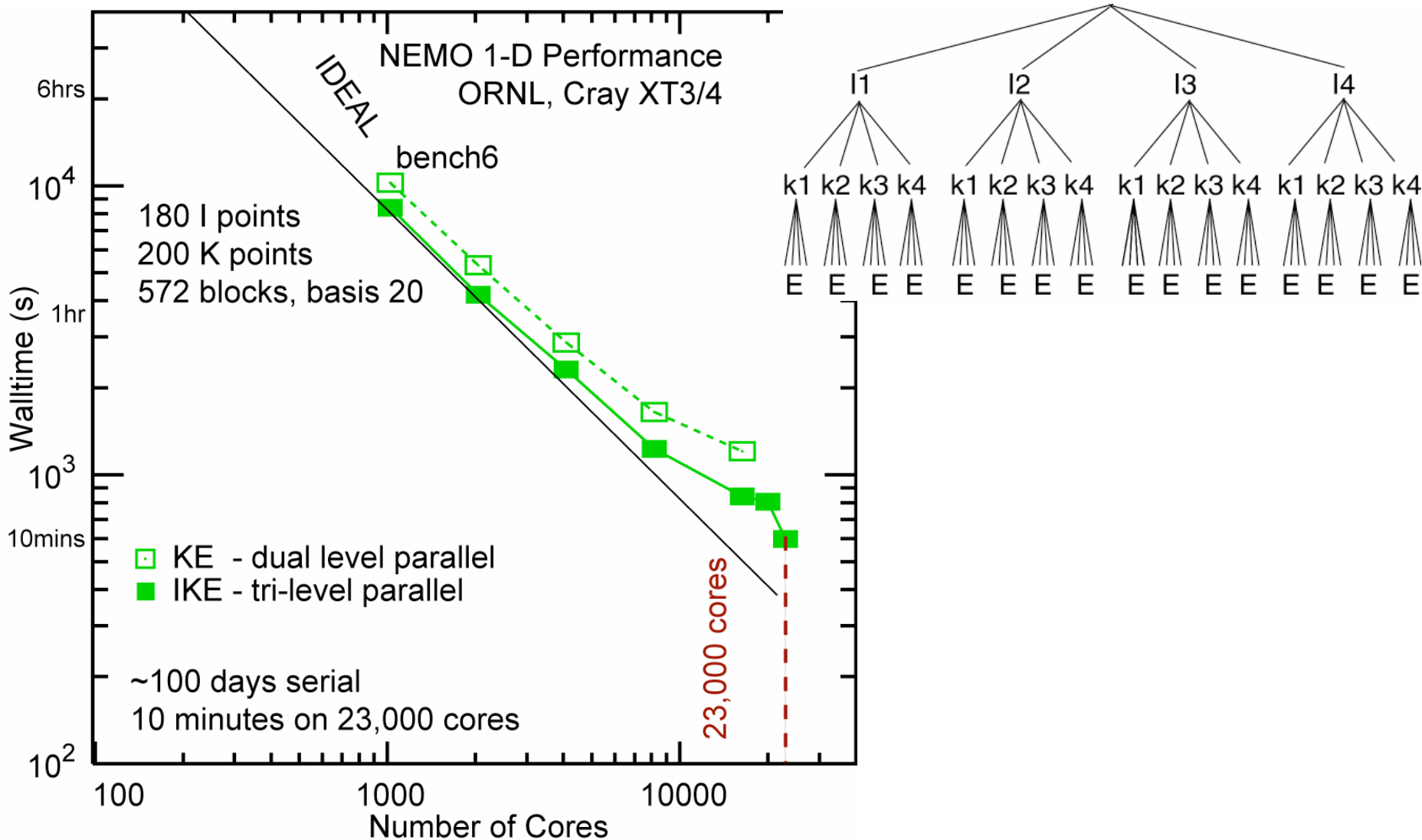


- Holes:
- Dispersion "complicated"
 - Transmission dramatically altered

NEMO 1-D on ORLN Cray XT3/4

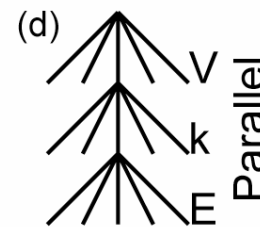
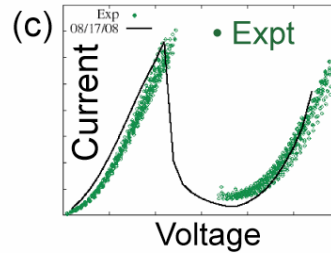
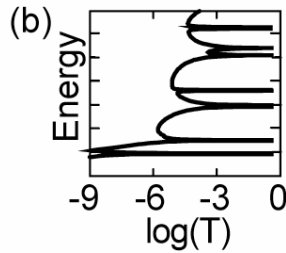
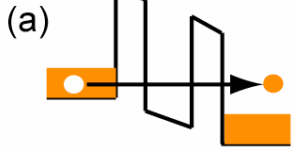
Almost Perfect scaling to 23,000 cores!

$$I(V) \propto 2\pi \int k dk \int dE T(E, k) (f_L(E, V) - f_R(E, V))$$

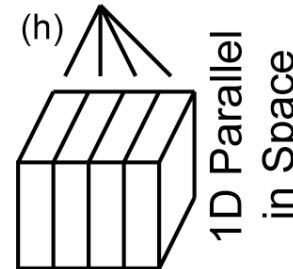
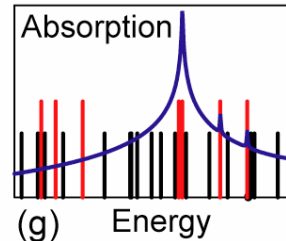
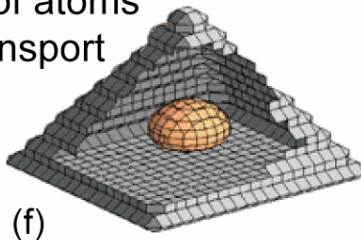
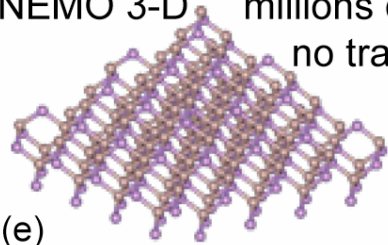


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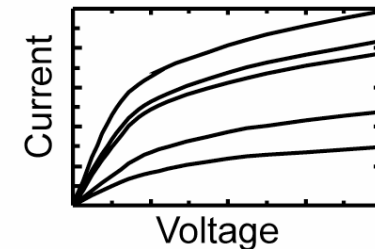
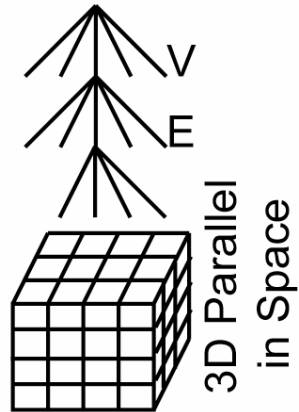
NEMO 1-D NEGF Transport



NEMO 3-D millions of atoms no transport

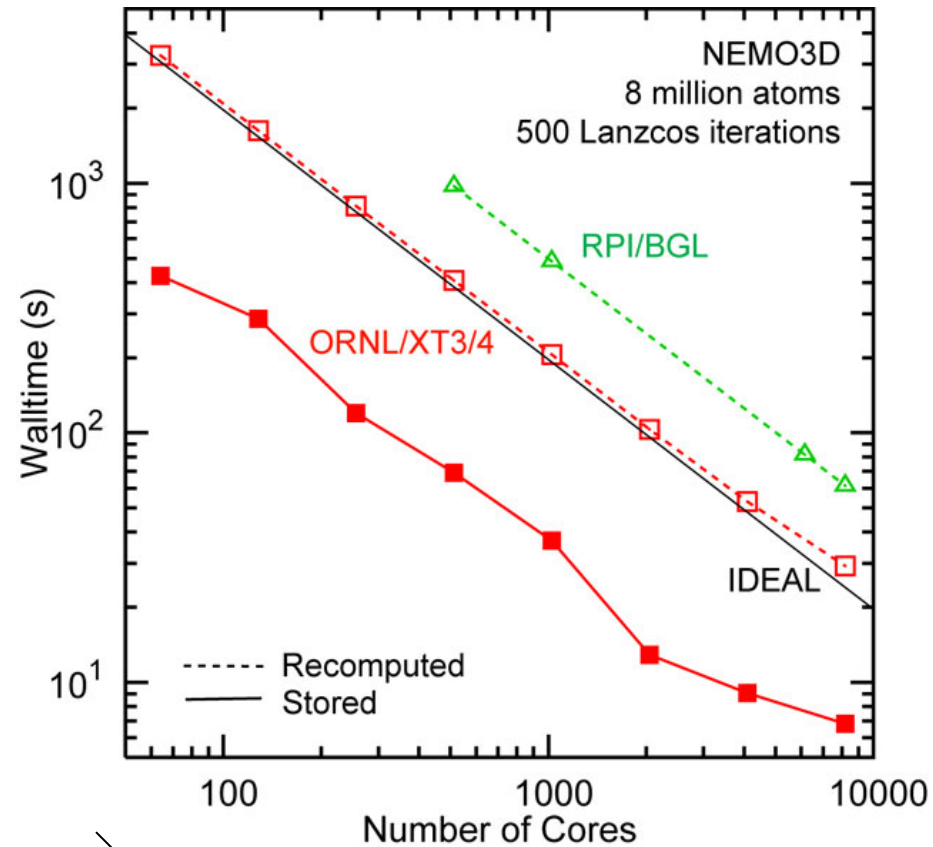
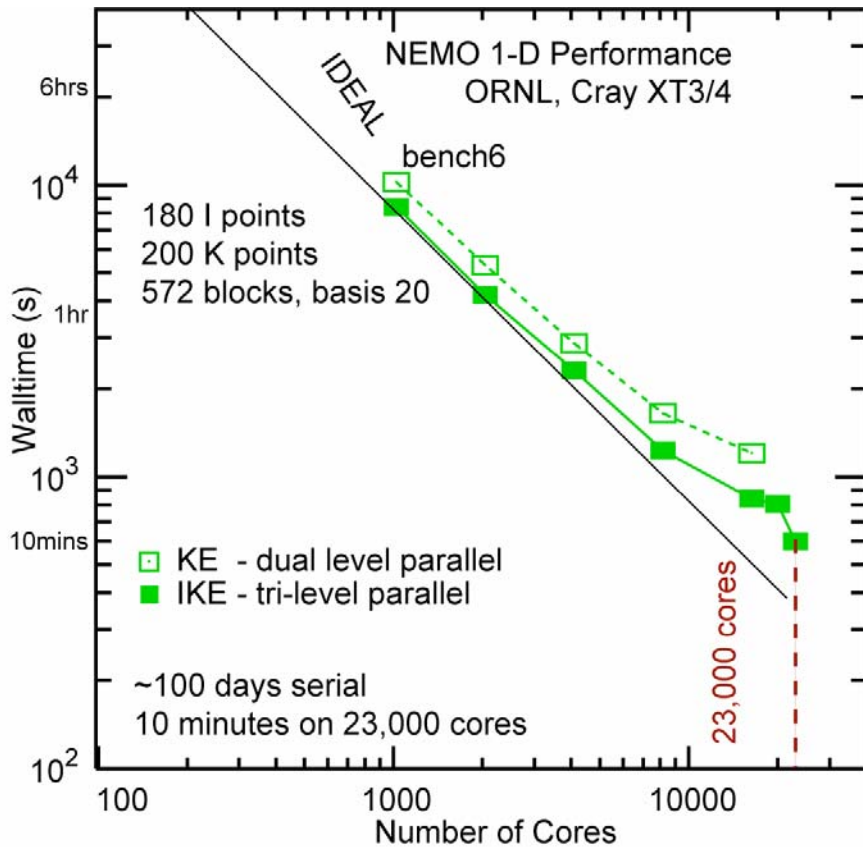


(i) OMEN NEMO one more time! 3-D NEGF transport

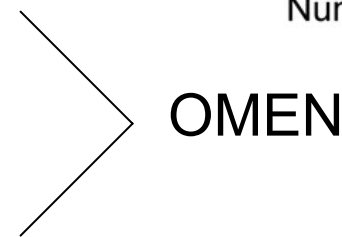


Other Proposal Elements

- Calibrating Tight binding through ab-initio
- Calibrating Valence Force Fields through ab-initio
- Build in fault tolerance through virtualization
- Computing on specialized hardware, SSE3, CELL, GPU
- 3-D OMEN prototype
- Alternative algorithms
- Avail. develop. machines



NEMO 1-D with NEGF
NEMO 3-D with millions of atoms



Algorithms and Parallelization Approaches for Scaling to 23,000 Processors in Nanoelectronic Modeling (NEMO)

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What is the NEGF method?

- Non Equilibrium Green's Function method
- 1960s: Developed by the theoretical physicists
- 1990: Vision to use the NEGF as a quantum mechanical method to model nanodevices
- 2000s: Considered state-of-the-art modeling method to predict performance of emerging nanodevices
- Why work on Computational Algorithms?

Typical matrix equation

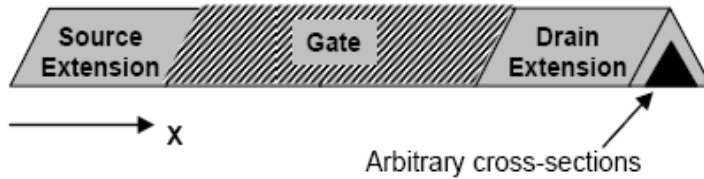
$$\begin{bmatrix} A \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b \end{bmatrix}$$

Find column vector x

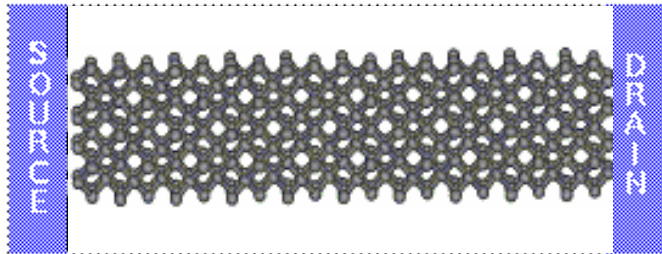
NEGF matrix equation

$$\begin{bmatrix} A \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} G \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} I \end{bmatrix}$$

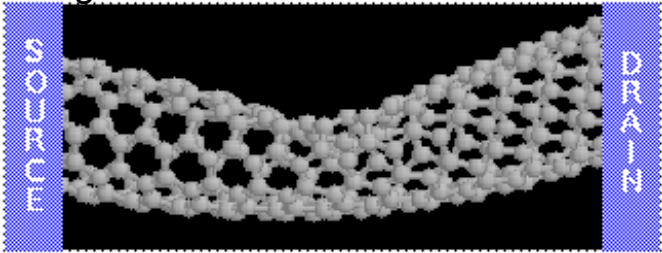
Find diagonal elements of G



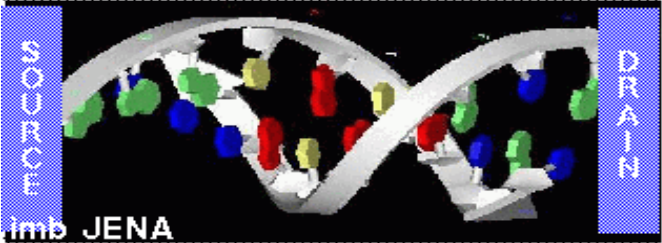
Nanowire



Organic Molecules / Carbon Nanotube



Biomolecule



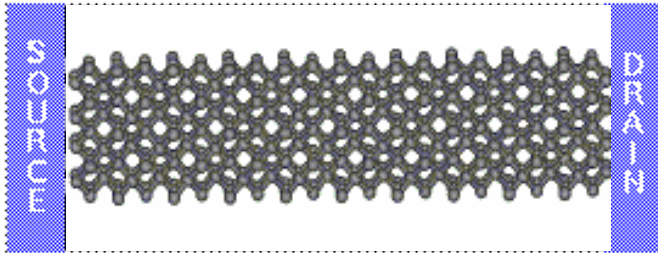
- Most devices can be decomposed into a predominant transport direction
- Device structures are very different but underlying equations and computational algorithms are very similar

=> Algorithms can be generalized for many configurations and materials

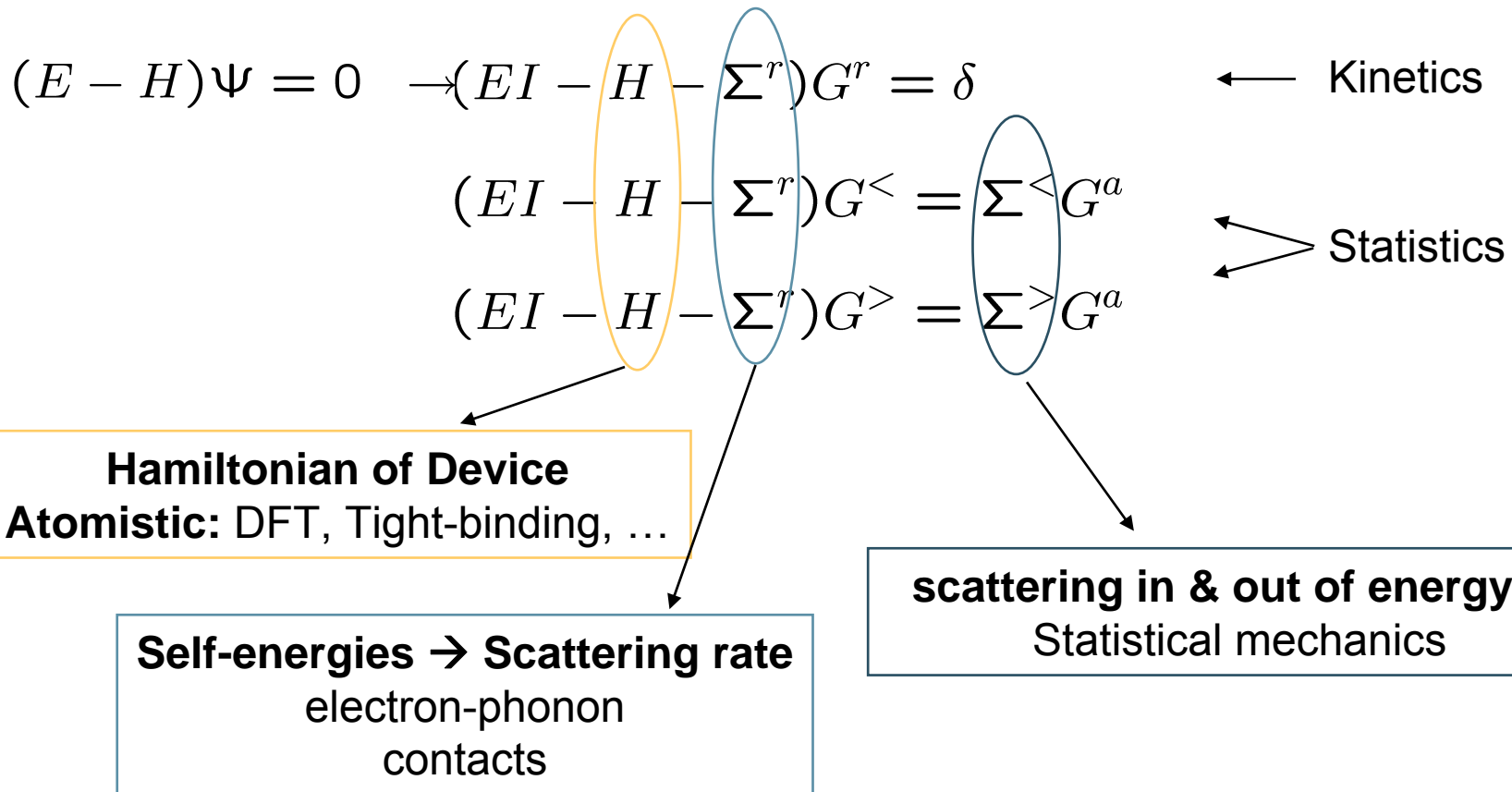
=> choose basis wisely

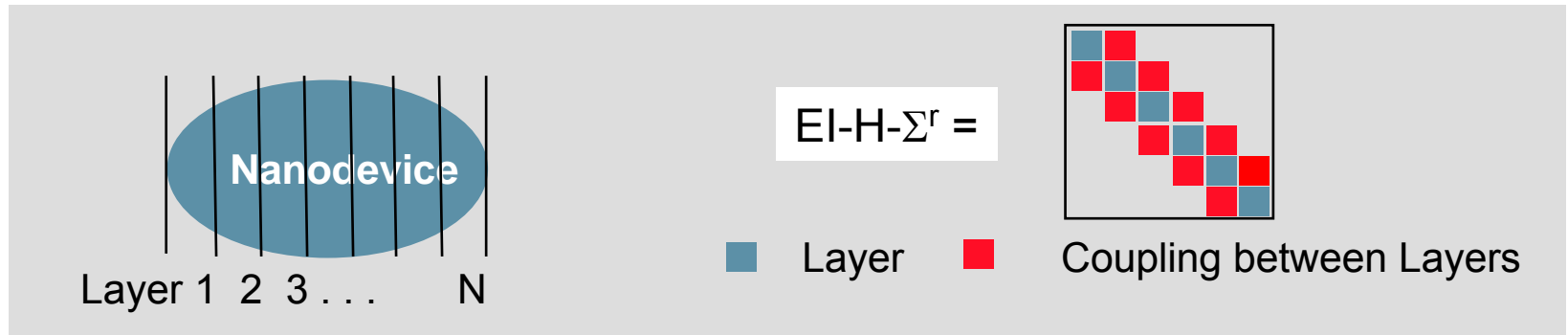
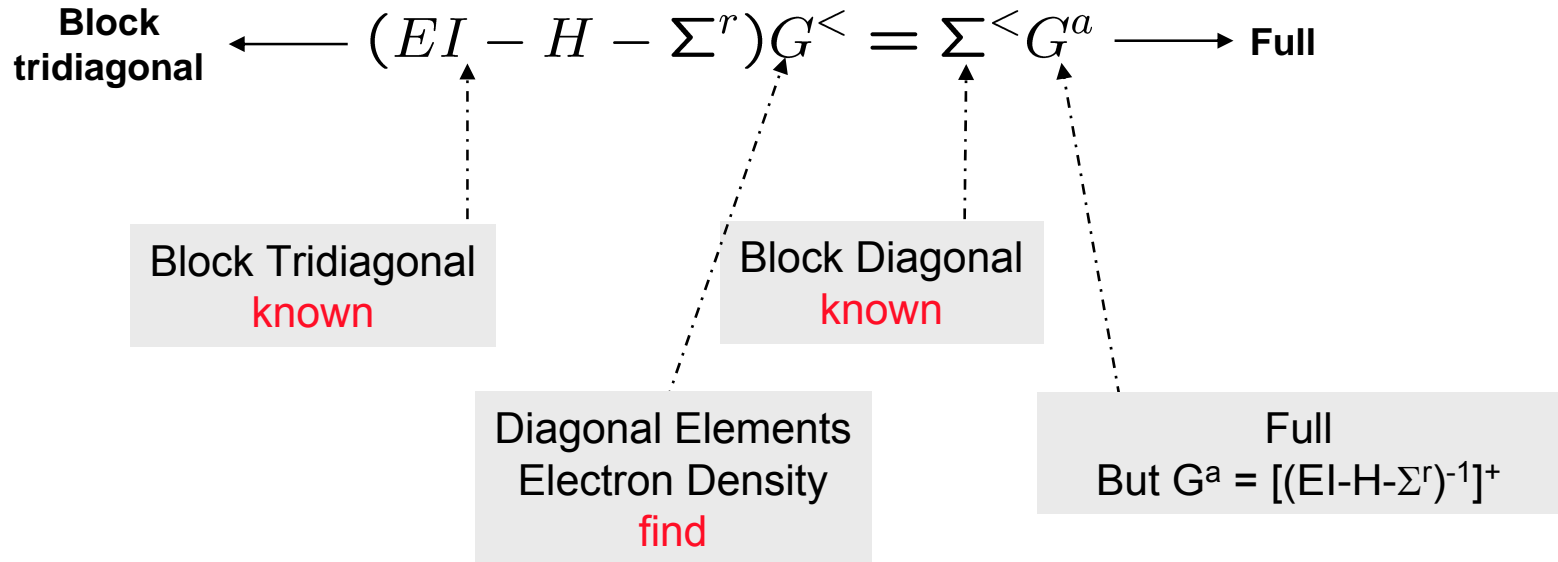
=> compute Poisson smartly

=> design NEGF algorithms independent of geometry and basis



$$\begin{aligned} \text{Density of States} &= -\frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im}[G^r(x, x, E)] \\ \text{Electron Density} &= -iG^<(x, x, E) \\ \text{Current Density} &\propto G^<(x, x + 1, E) \end{aligned}$$

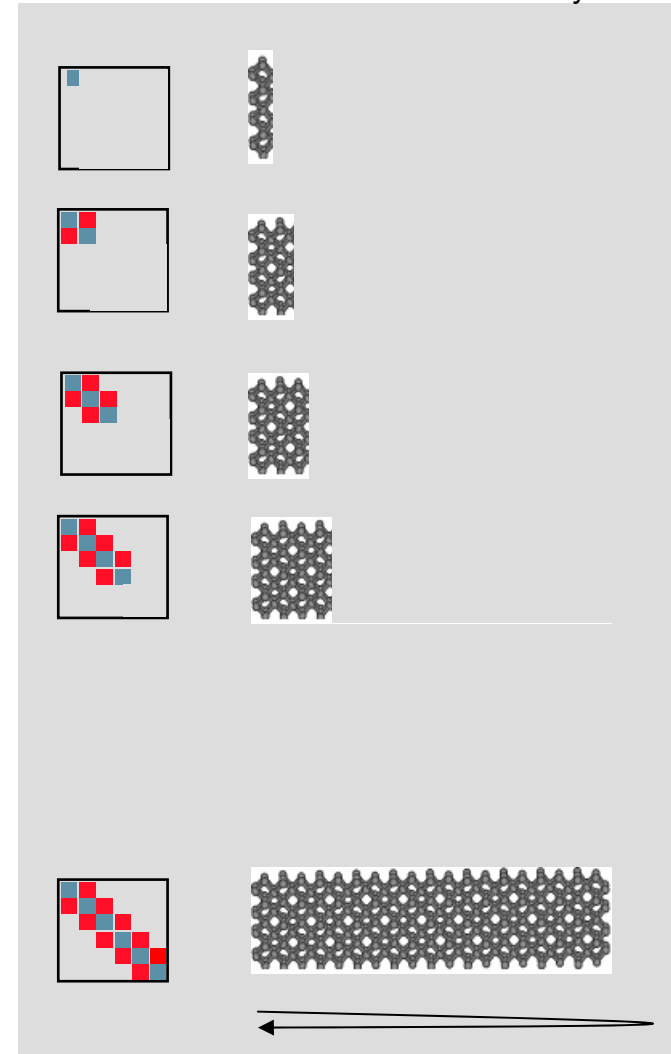


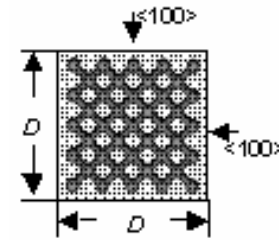
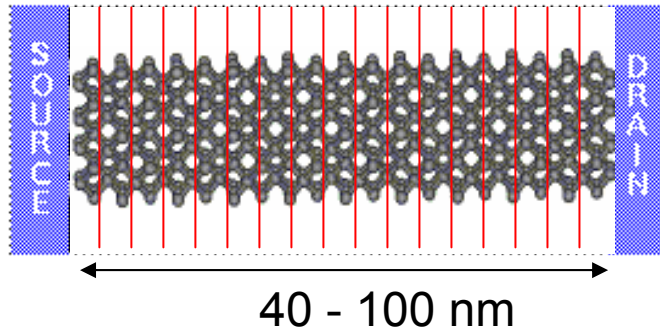


- The **block tridiagonal system** is solved at each energy to obtain electron density (diagonal elements of $G^<$)

- What are we solving for?
Electron Density – Diagonal elements of $G^<$
- Algorithmic flow based on Dyson's equation
 - » Recursive Green's function approach
 - » Serial algorithm at each energy
 - » Highly stable
- Block Size = N_x ; Number of blocks = N_y
- Each step involves a matrix inversion
- Operation Count $\sim 6 N_x^3 N_y$
- Memory $\sim 4 N_x^2 N_y$
- We solve for the diagonal blocks of $G^<$ but we need only the diagonal elements
- Quantum Mechanical Modeling of ...,
J. of Appl. Phys., v. 91, p. 2343-2354 (2002)
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of grid points = $N_x N_y$

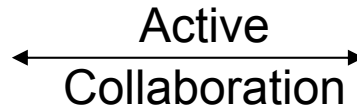




D = 1.5 - 3 nm Nanowire
D = 10 - 30 nm FinFET

- Matrix size of each layer (# of orbitals) ~ 2000+ $(N_x > 2000)$ $(N_y > 700)$ $(N_x > 200,000)$
- Number of layers ~ 700
- Best Available method - RGF:
 - » Operation Count $\sim 6 N_x^3 N_y$
 - » Memory $\sim 4 N_x^2 N_y$
- Memory ~ 100 GB Computational Time ~ 60,000+ hours

NEGF device modelers



Applied Mathematicians

- Benchmark algorithm - RGF

- » Operation count $\sim O(N_x^3 N_y)$
- » Memory $\sim O(N_x^2 N_y)$
- » Fundamentally serial

- New algorithms to solve the NEGF equations have been developed:

- » PDIV - Parallel Divide and Conquer Approach (SRC funded),
Stephen Cauley & Jitesh Jain, Balakrishnan-Koh group, Purdue

- ✓ Operation count $\sim O(N_x^3 N_y / D + N_x^3 \log_2 D)$ reduced by D,
with factor

- ✓ Memory $\sim O(N_x^2 N_y / D + N_x^2 D)$ reduced by D, with
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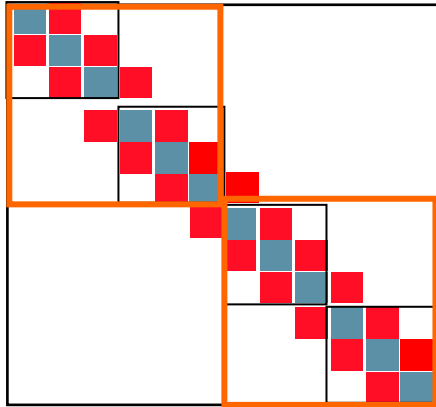
- ✓ Parallel, scales almost linearly with CPUs

- » FIND - Nested Dissection method (NCN funded),
Song Li, Darve group, Stanford

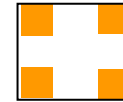
- ✓ Operation count $\sim O(N_x^2 N_y)$ reduced by N_x

- ✓ Memory $\sim O(N_x N_y \log(N_y))$ reduced for large N_x, N_y

- Novel divide and conquer approach based on the matrix inversion lemma



$D = 4$

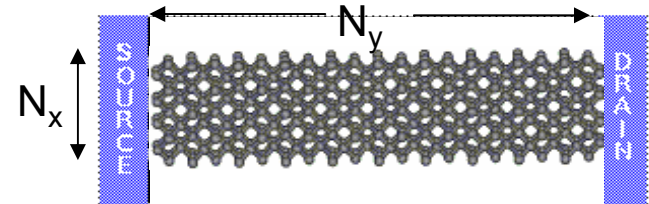


Corner Blocks

- Divide the original matrix into D sub problems (D sub blocks)
- Calculate corner blocks of inverse in each sub problem independently (This step can be efficiently parallelized)
- Form and update matrix maps that capture concatenation of neighboring blocks in a radix 2 fashion
- The matrix map is used to calculate the diagonal elements of inverse (This step can be efficiently parallelized)

Operation count $\sim O(N_x^3 N_y / D + N_x^3 \log_2 D)$ Memory $\sim O(N_x^2 N_y / D + N_x^2 D)$

Better operation count – Better memory usage



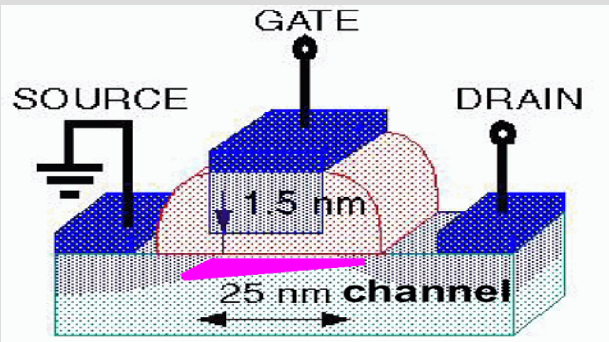
- $N = N_x N_y$ is the number of grid points

- LU decomposition of sparse matrices scales as $O(N)$

$$A G^r = I \rightarrow LU G^r = I \rightarrow G^r(N, N) = 1/U(N, N)$$

- Innovation: Partition the spatial grid in clever ways and keep information about intermediate LU steps to make operation count $O(N_x^2 N_y)$

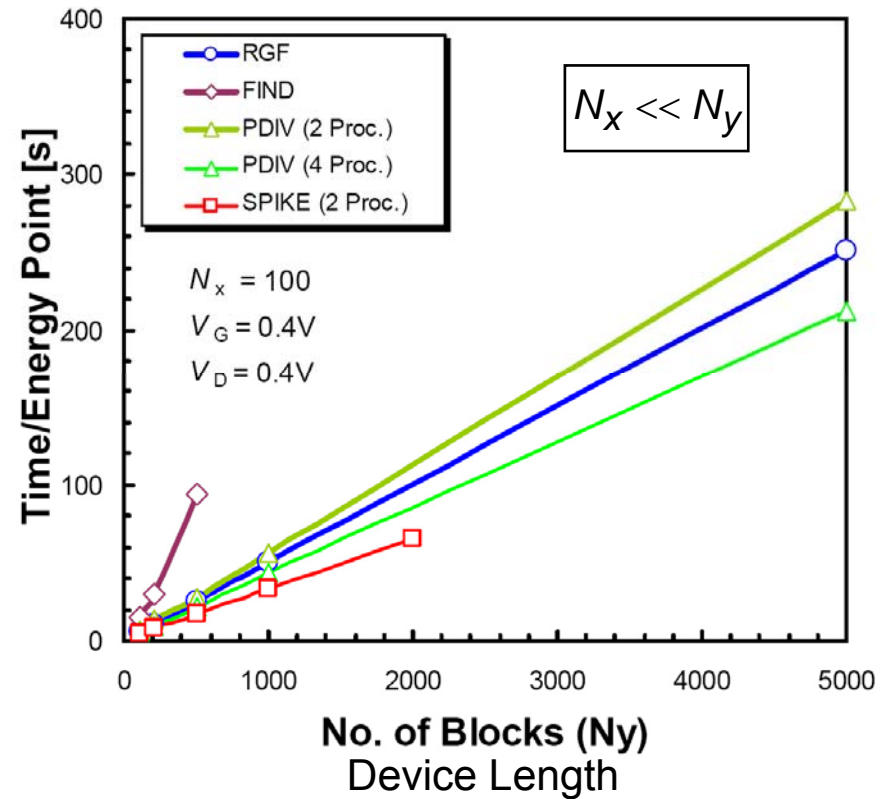
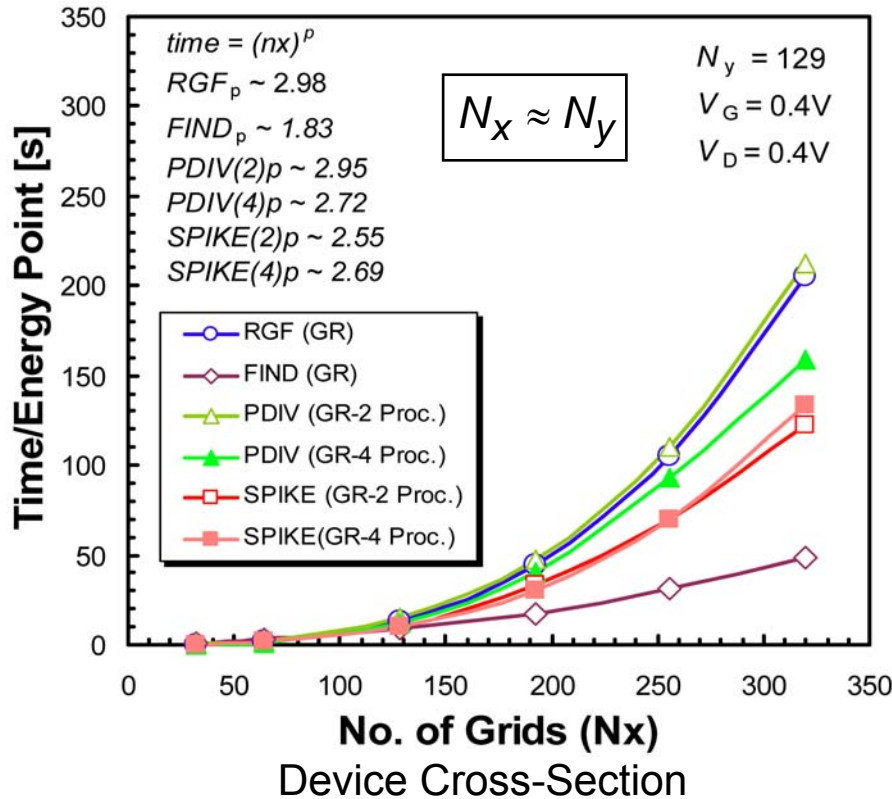
Operation count $\sim O(N_x^2 N_y)$ Memory $\sim O(N_x N_y \log(N_x N_y)) * 1\text{kB}$



MIT 25 nm device

“standard” nano transistor designed by Prof. Dmitri Antoniadis

- Gate Tunneling, Source-drain tunneling
- Computational time for current-voltage characteristics in the ballistic transport limit ~ **6 hours**
 - » 64 processor SGI Origin 2000
 - » $N_x = 100$ and $N_y = 350$
 - » Energy grid points = 512 - 1024
- Accurate models should include scattering mechanisms - phonons, rough interfaces **Modeling of scattering using current algorithms is prohibitively expensive.**



Evident tradeoffs between simulation time, memory, and computation:

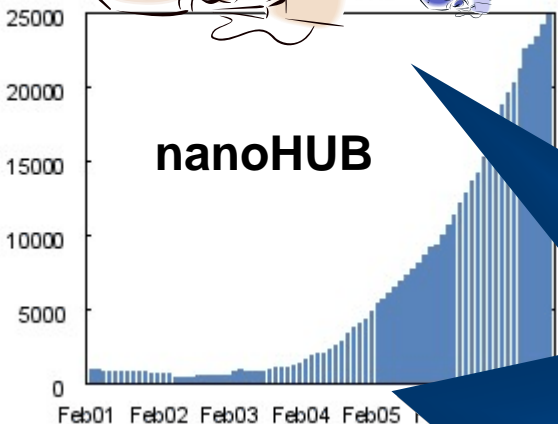
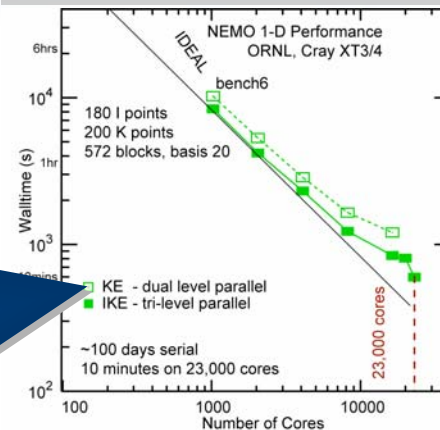
- » FIND: fastest on a single processor for $N_y \approx 130$, $N_x \leq 325$.
- » PDIV: parallelizes RGF style method with little overhead, memory and computation scales gracefully for $N_x \approx 100$, $N_y \gg N_x$.
- » SPIKE: fastest for two processors, medium sized problems ($N_x = 100$, $N_y < 2000$).

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K-12 Education Game

HPC 23,000 cores

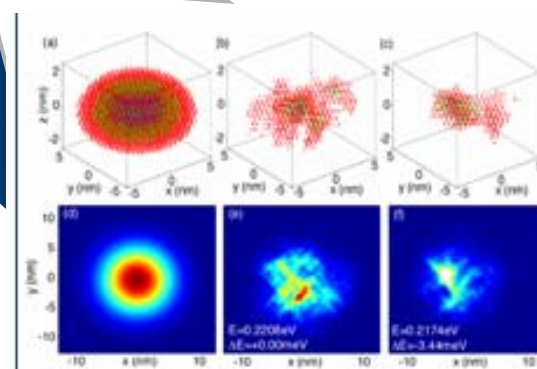
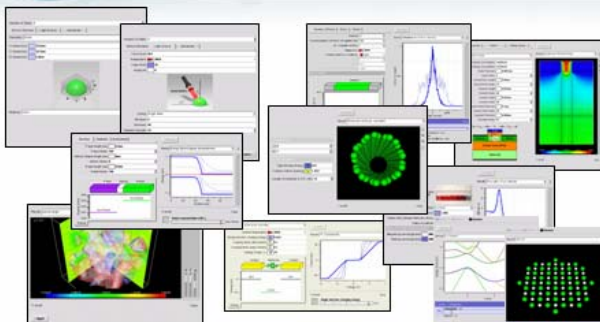


- > 26,000 total users
- > 5,900 simulation users
- > 225,000 simulations

NCN

Rappture

nanoHUB NCN project
Rappture: RAPID Application development
Over 50 tools online in 2 years!



Million Atom Simulations

