

# Введение в вычислительную физику экстремальных световых полей

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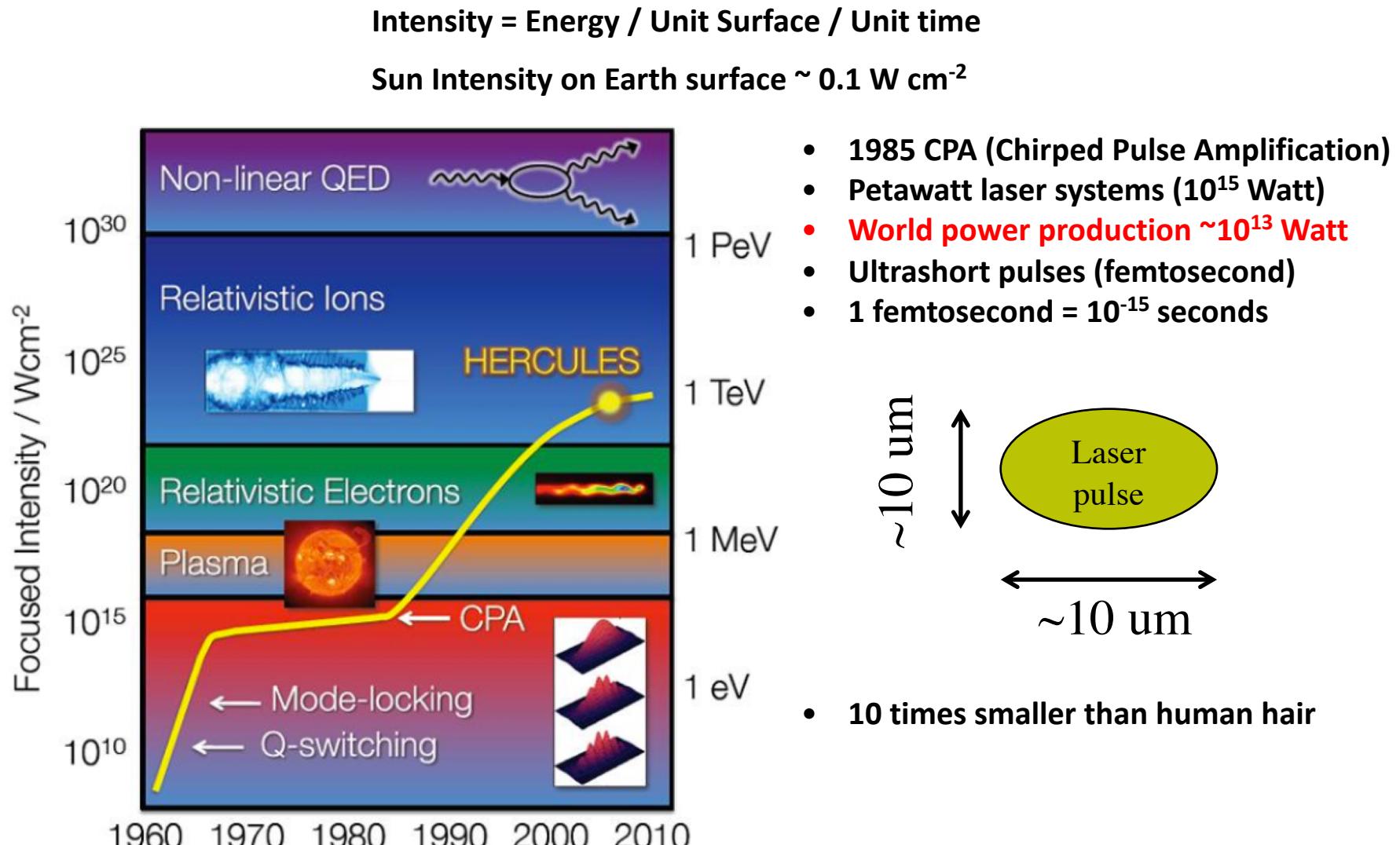
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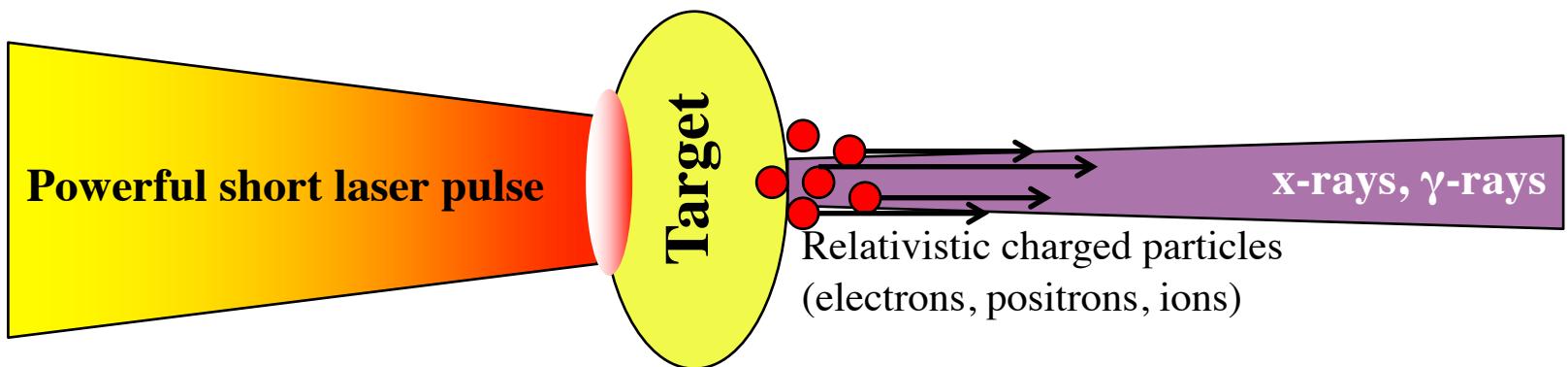
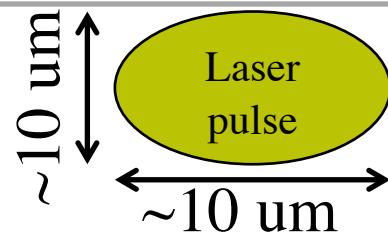
# Quest for more intense laser pulses



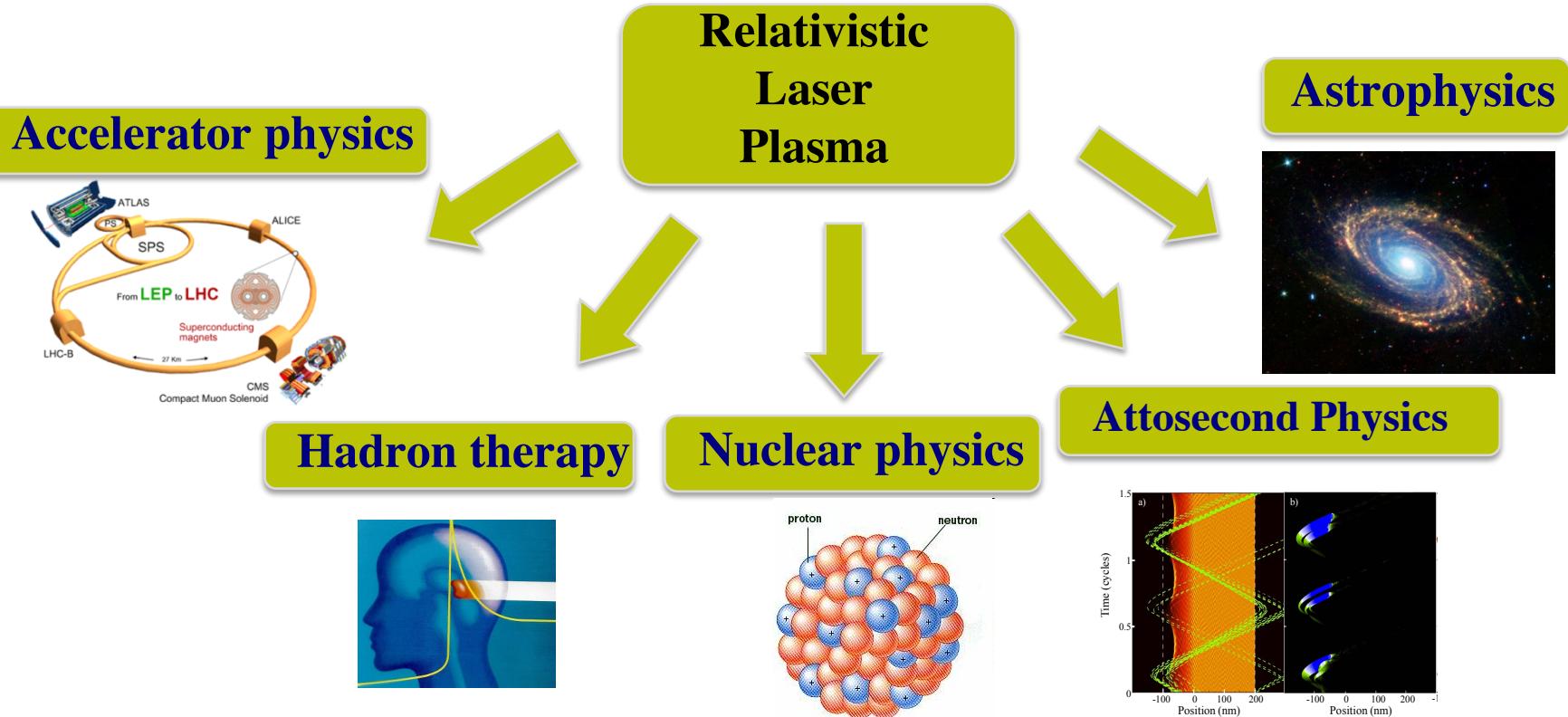
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# What can one do with powerful lasers?

- Extremely intense small light bullets
- So intense, they can ionize materials and create plasma



# Relativistic Laser Plasma – new and extremely promising area of physics



Интенсивность лазерных импульсов:  $>10^{18}$  Вт/см<sup>2</sup>

## 1. Experiment



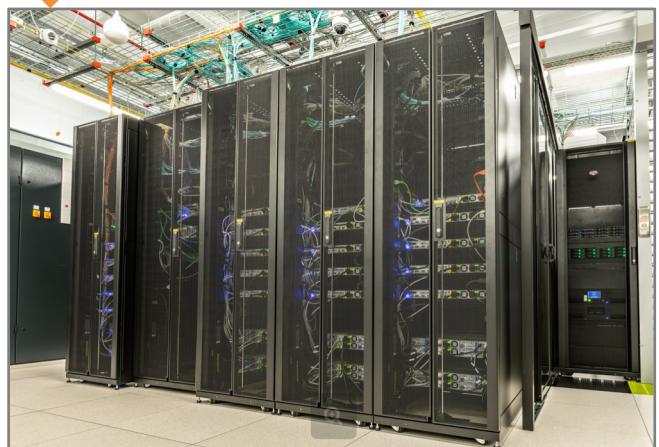
## 2. Theory

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Psi = \hat{H} \Psi$$

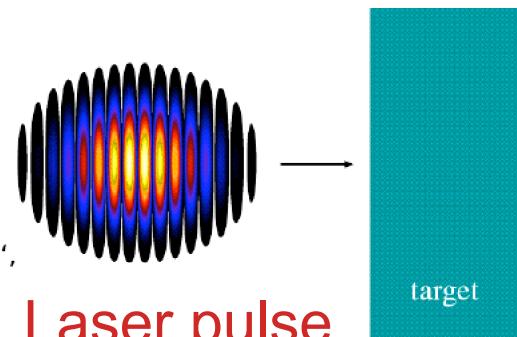
## 3. Modeling



## 4. Big Data and AI



# Petawatt focused into small spot leads to extreme conditions



**Example for a laser pulse:**

$E=40$  Joules

$\tau=40$  fs ( $40 \cdot 10^{-15}$  s)

focused to  $\sim$ um spotsizes



$I \sim 10^{22}$  W/cm<sup>2</sup>

**Typical wavelength:** 1um (Nd:Glass), 0.8 um (Ti:Sa), 10um (CO2)

**Typical targets:**

- gases (Hydrogen, Hydrogen+Helium, etc);
- solid state targets (Glass, aluminum, plastic targets);
- advanced targets (nanostructured, liquid jets etc).

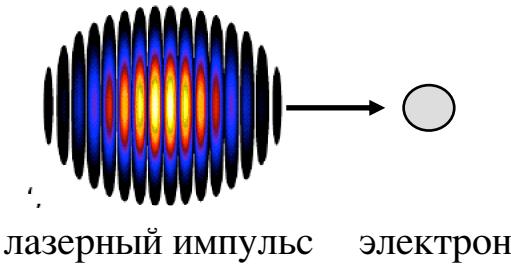
Targets are almost immediately **ionized** → interaction with **plasmas**

Laser pulse **electric field**:  $E \sim 10^{13}$  V/m

**Radiation pressure**:  $P_{rad} = I/c \sim 30$ Gbar

# Движение электрона в Э-М волне

## Основа основ



$$\frac{d\vec{p}}{dt} = -e\vec{E} - \frac{e}{c}\vec{v} \times \vec{B}$$

$$p = mv\gamma$$

$$\frac{du^\mu}{d\tau} = -\frac{e}{c}F^{\mu\nu}u_\nu$$

$$\gamma = \sqrt{1 + \frac{p^2}{m^2 c^2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$$

# Electron in the plane e-m wave: important problem!

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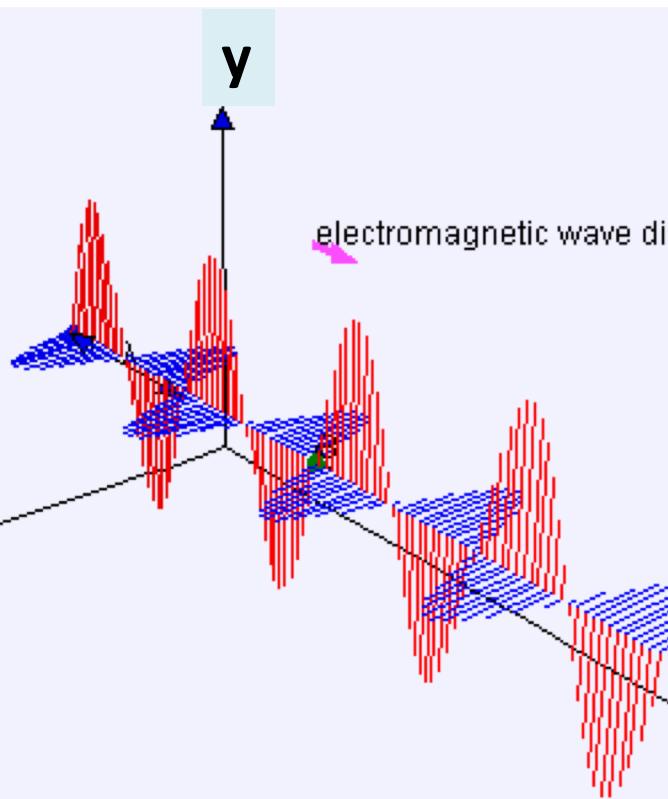
$$\vec{B} = \text{rot} \vec{A}$$

$$\omega^2 = c^2 k^2$$

E-m dispersion relation  
in vacuum

$$\phi = t - \frac{x}{c}$$

Lightcone coordinate



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$$B_z = -\frac{1}{c} \frac{dA_y}{d\phi}$$

$$E_y = B_z = \frac{\omega A_0}{c} g(\phi) \sin(\omega\phi)$$

\* assuming  $g(\phi)$  is slowly varying

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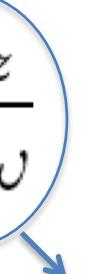
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$$\tilde{E}_y \quad \tilde{B}_z$$

# Normalized e-m wave strength

If we know electric or magnetic field amplitude:

$$a_0 = \frac{eE_{\max}}{mc\omega}$$

If we know vector potential amplitude:

$$a_0 = \frac{eA_{\max}}{mc^2}$$

$$\tilde{E}_y = \tilde{B}_z = -\frac{d\tilde{A}_y}{d\tilde{\phi}}$$

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(1) – (2):

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$$\tilde{\phi} = \tilde{t} - \tilde{x}$$

$$d\tilde{\phi} = \frac{d\tilde{t}}{\gamma} = d\tau$$

$\tau$  - proper time

$$(3) \quad \frac{du_y}{d\tilde{t}} = -\tilde{E}_y + \beta_x \tilde{B}_z \quad \longrightarrow \quad \text{replace t to phi}$$

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$$u_y = \tilde{A}_y$$

for electron initially @ rest

$$p_y = \frac{e}{c} A_y$$

We have found two integrals of motion: problem solved

$$\gamma - u_x = 1$$

$$u_y = \tilde{A}_y$$



$$u_x(\tilde{\phi}) = \frac{\tilde{A}_y^2(\tilde{\phi})}{2}$$

$$u_y(\tilde{\phi}) = \tilde{A}_y(\tilde{\phi})$$

$$\gamma(\tilde{\phi}) = 1 + \frac{\tilde{A}_y^2(\tilde{\phi})}{2}$$

## Примеры на языке Python:

<https://colab.research.google.com/drive/1QrVb7iY0zuaPdZYMFKif8P-fzZ3V5TUP?usp=sharing>

[shorturl.at/mnvN0](http://shorturl.at/mnvN0)

# Plasma models: Vlasov equation

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$$\frac{\partial f_e}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v}_e \cdot \nabla f_e - e \left( \mathbf{E} + \frac{\mathbf{v}_e}{c} \times \mathbf{B} \right) \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}_e}{\partial \mathbf{p}} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial f_i}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v}_i \cdot \nabla f_i + Z_i e \left( \mathbf{E} + \frac{\mathbf{v}_i}{c} \times \mathbf{B} \right) \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}_i}{\partial \mathbf{p}} = 0$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \frac{4\pi \mathbf{j}}{c} + \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t}$$

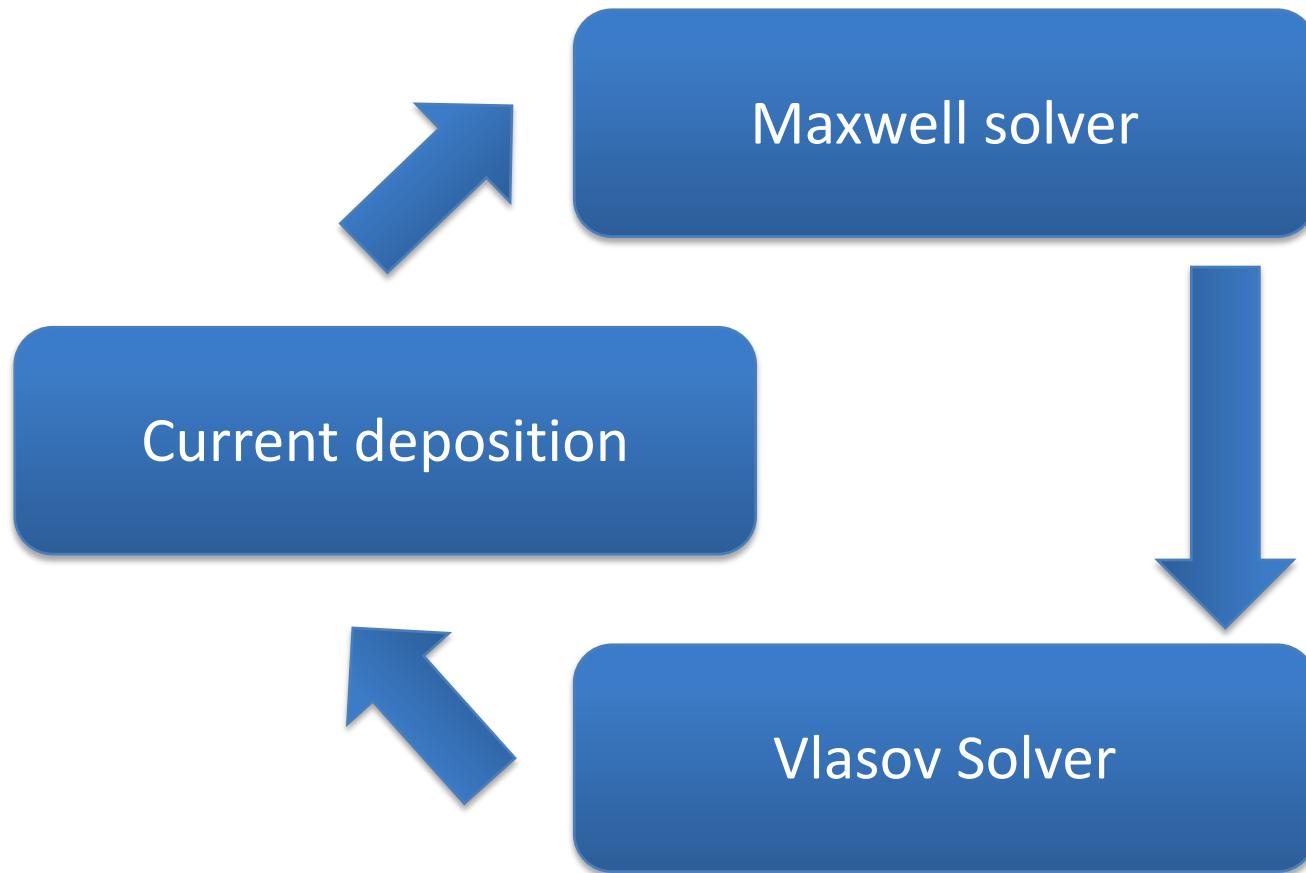
$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = 4\pi\rho$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$$

$$\rho = e \int (Z_i f_i - f_e) d^3 p, \quad \mathbf{j} = e \int (Z_i f_i \mathbf{v}_i - f_e \mathbf{v}_e) d^3 p, \quad \mathbf{v}_\alpha = \frac{\frac{\mathbf{p}}{m_\alpha}}{\left(1 + \frac{p^2}{(m_\alpha c)^2}\right)^{1/2}}$$

# Vlasov-Maxwell equations

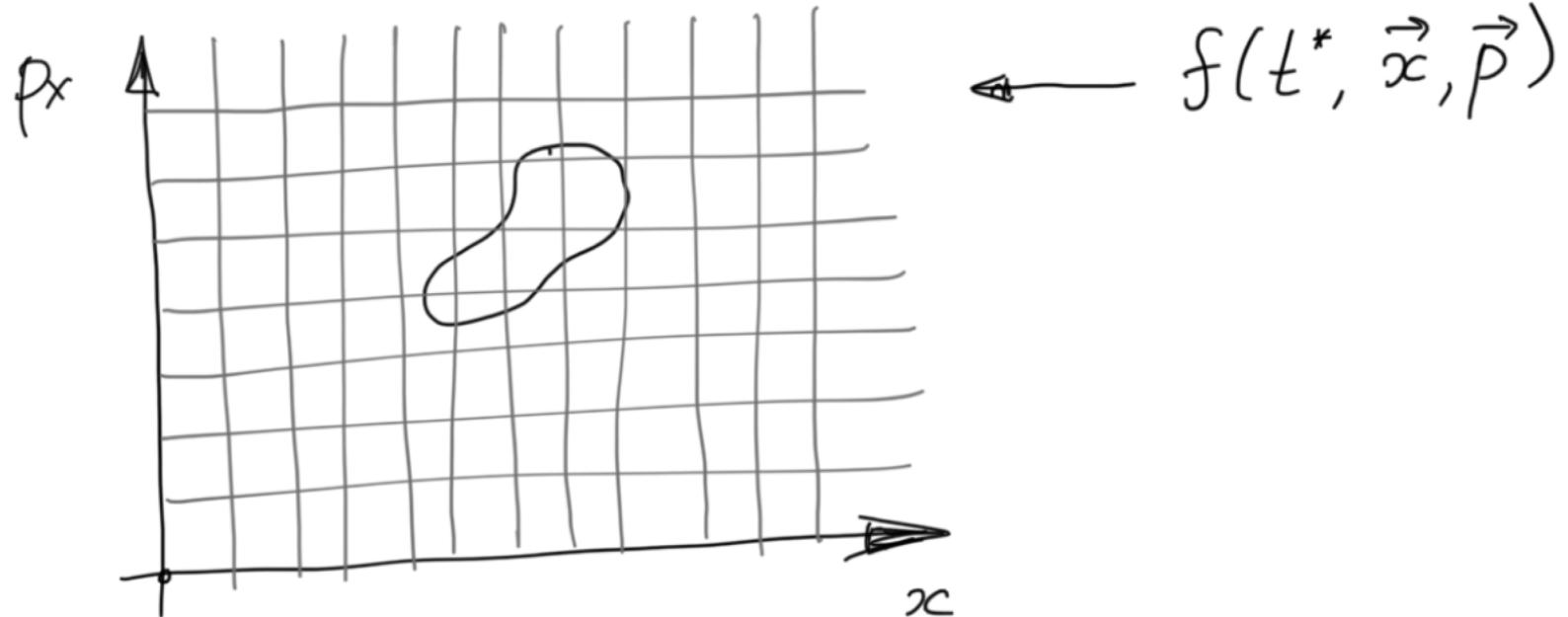


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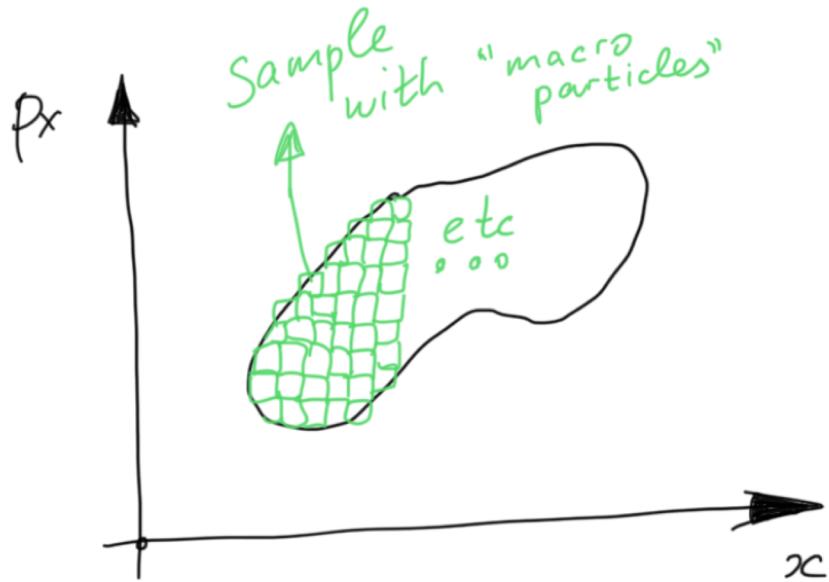
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Cons:

- 6D space (3r 3p)
- even 1D tasks require 3-4 dimensions
- most of the simulation space is empty (i.e. cold thin plasma layer)



# Plasma models: Particle-in-cell method



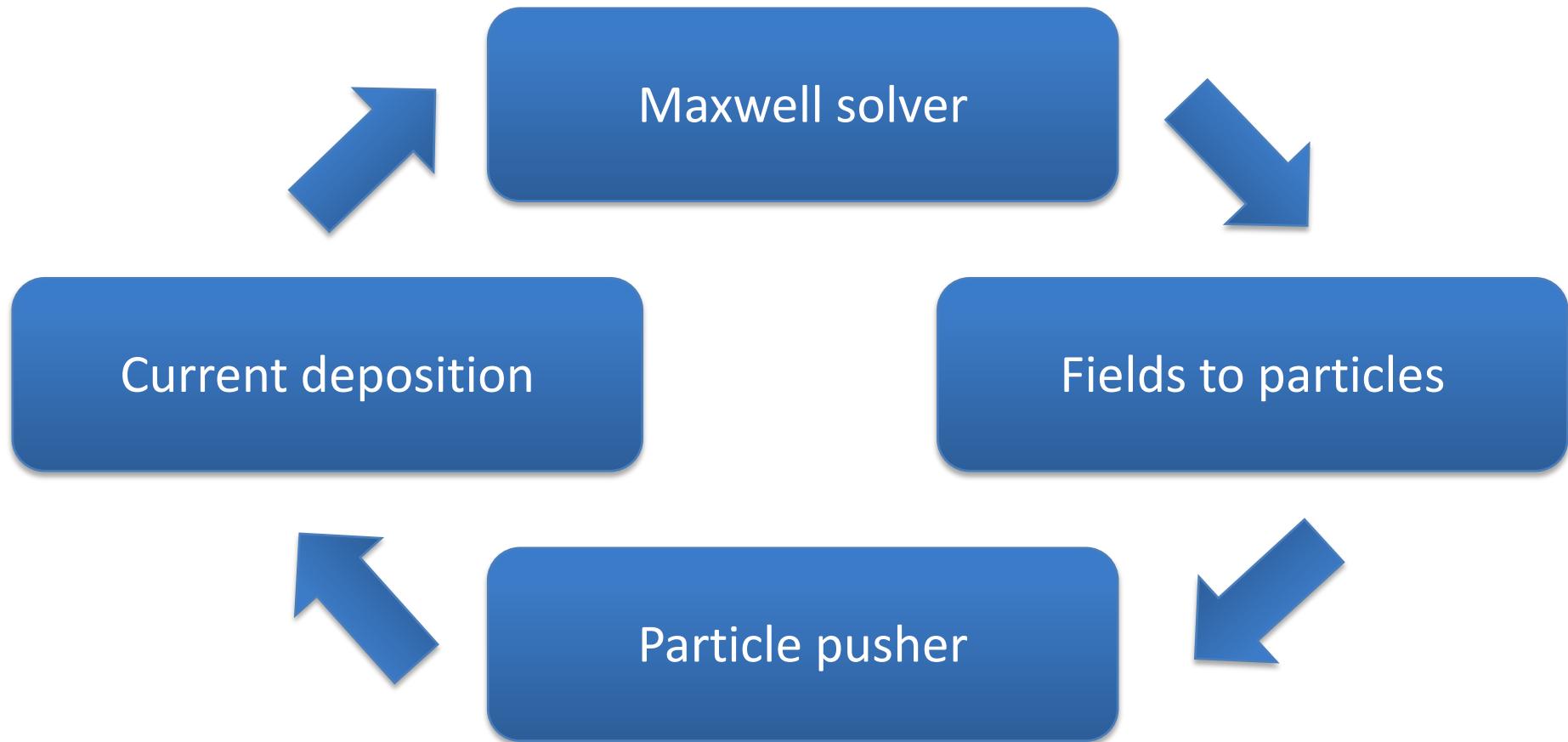
$$f = \sum_{i=1}^{N_p} S_x(\vec{x} - \vec{x}_i) S_p(\vec{p} - \vec{p}_i)$$

Typically:

$$S_p(\vec{p} - \vec{p}_i) = \delta(\vec{p} - \vec{p}_i)$$

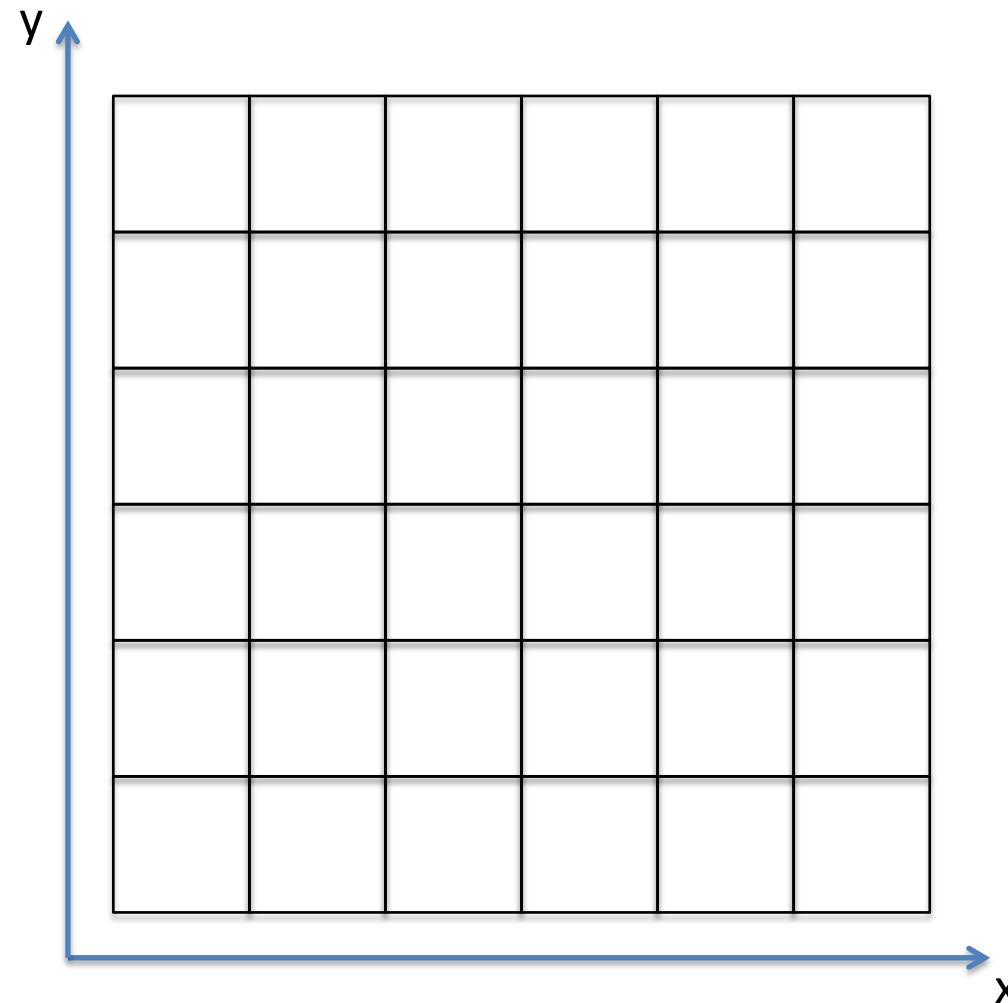
Number of "macro particles"  $\ll$  Number of real particles

# Typical time step of the particle-in-cell method



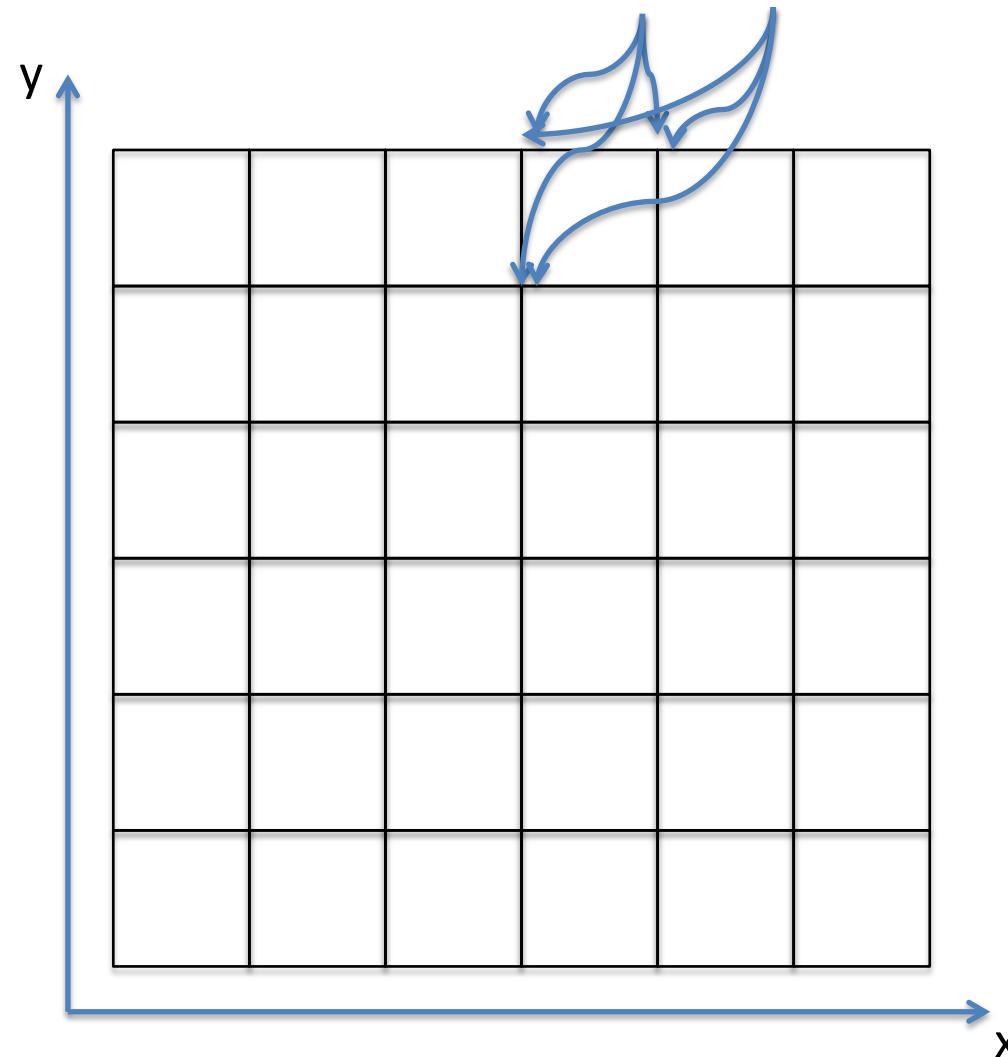
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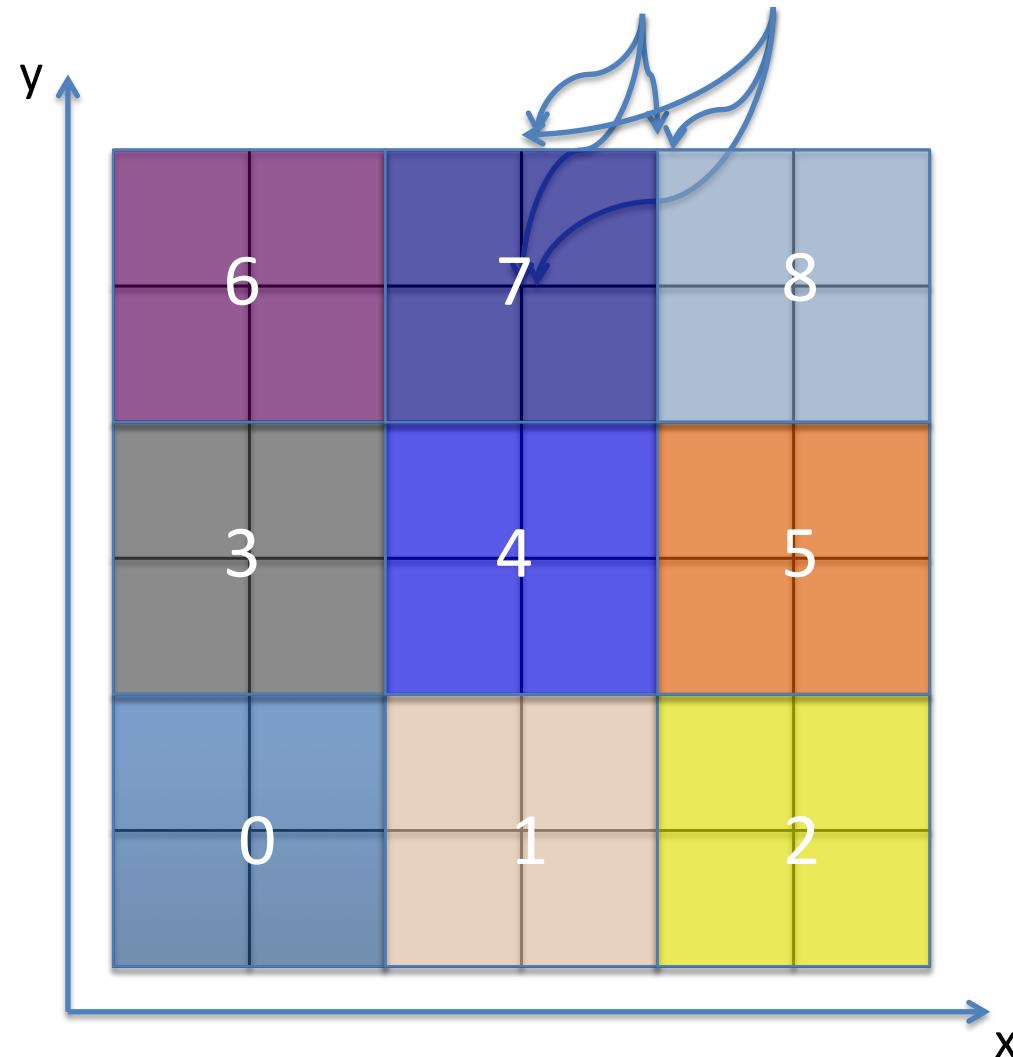
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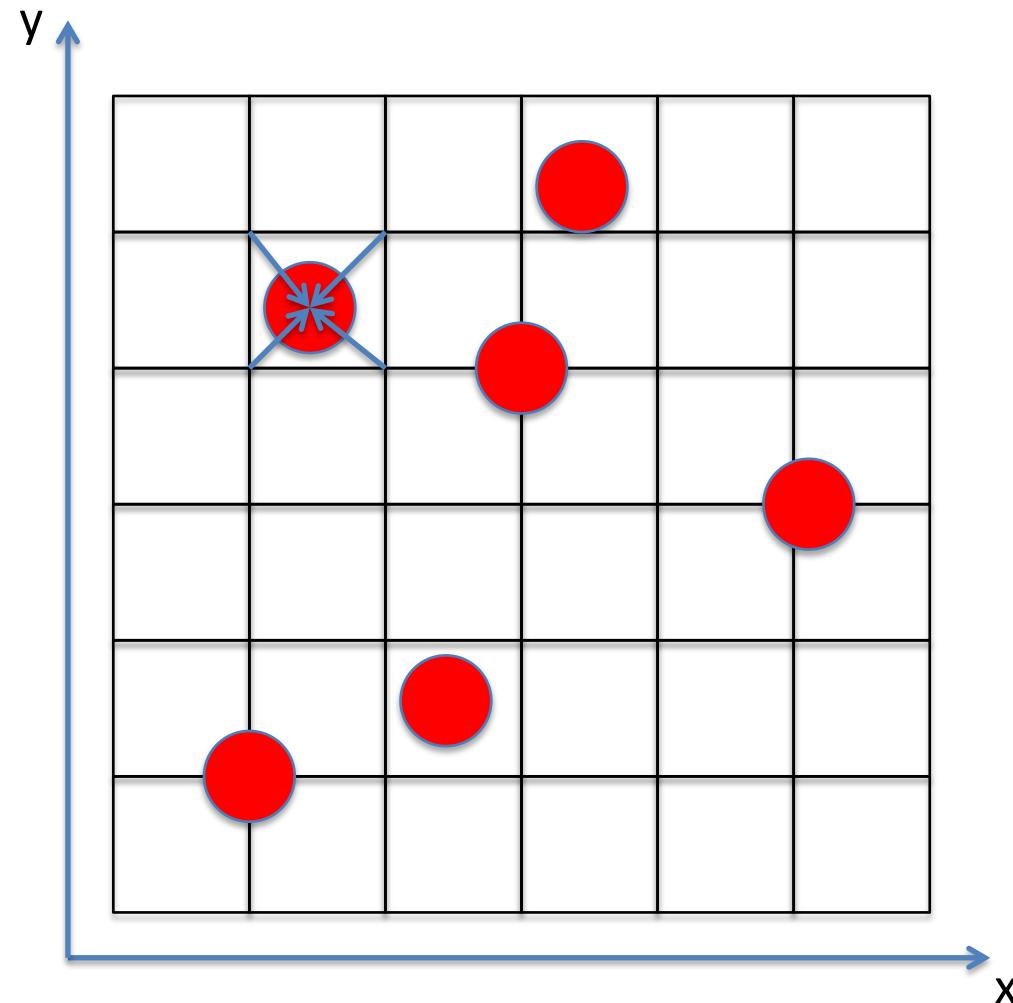
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- parallelization is straightforward (CUDA has implementation of Maxwell solver in examples, MPI between nodes)

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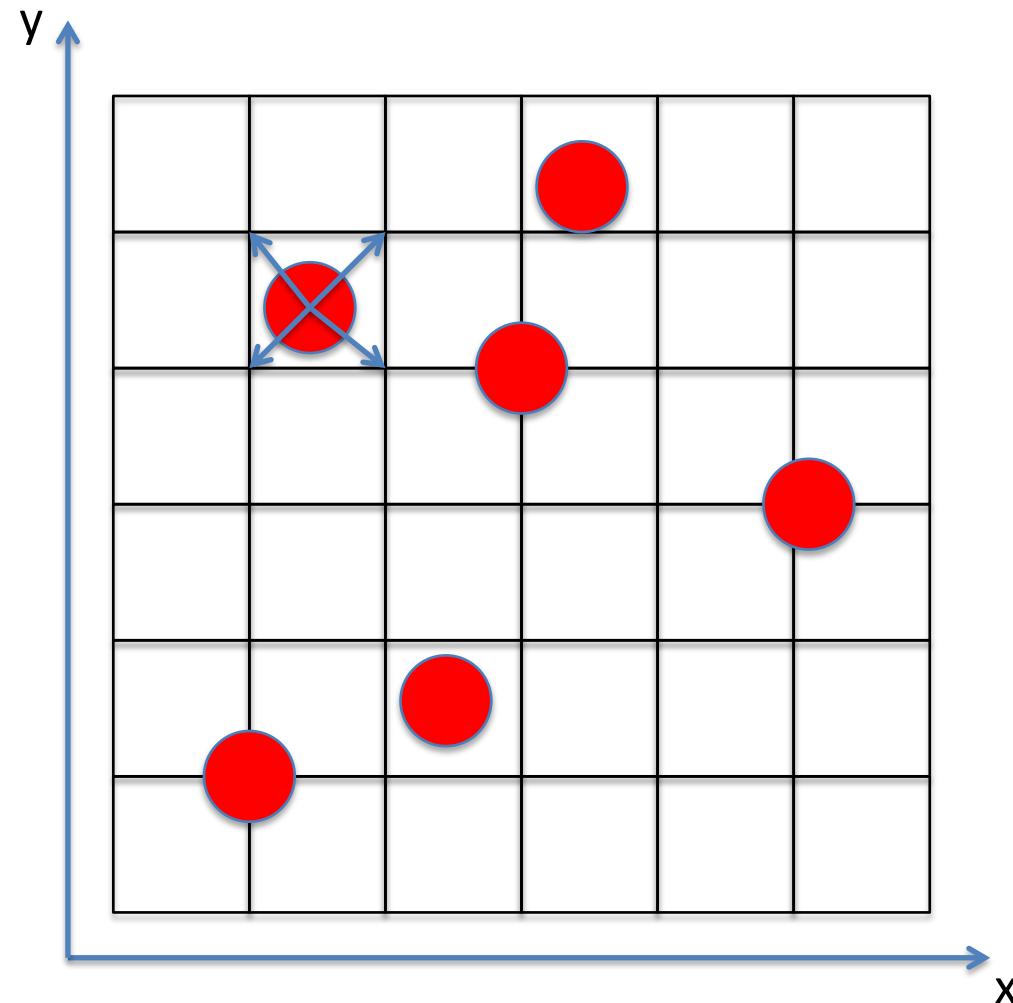
Particles (electrons and ions) can move freely



- Interpolate fields from the nodes to the particle position
- Move the particle (system of ordinary differential equations) one timestep using leapfrog, RK4, etc.

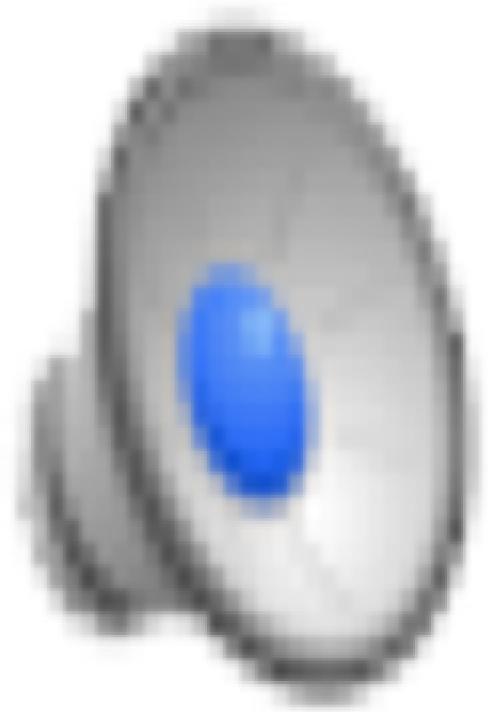
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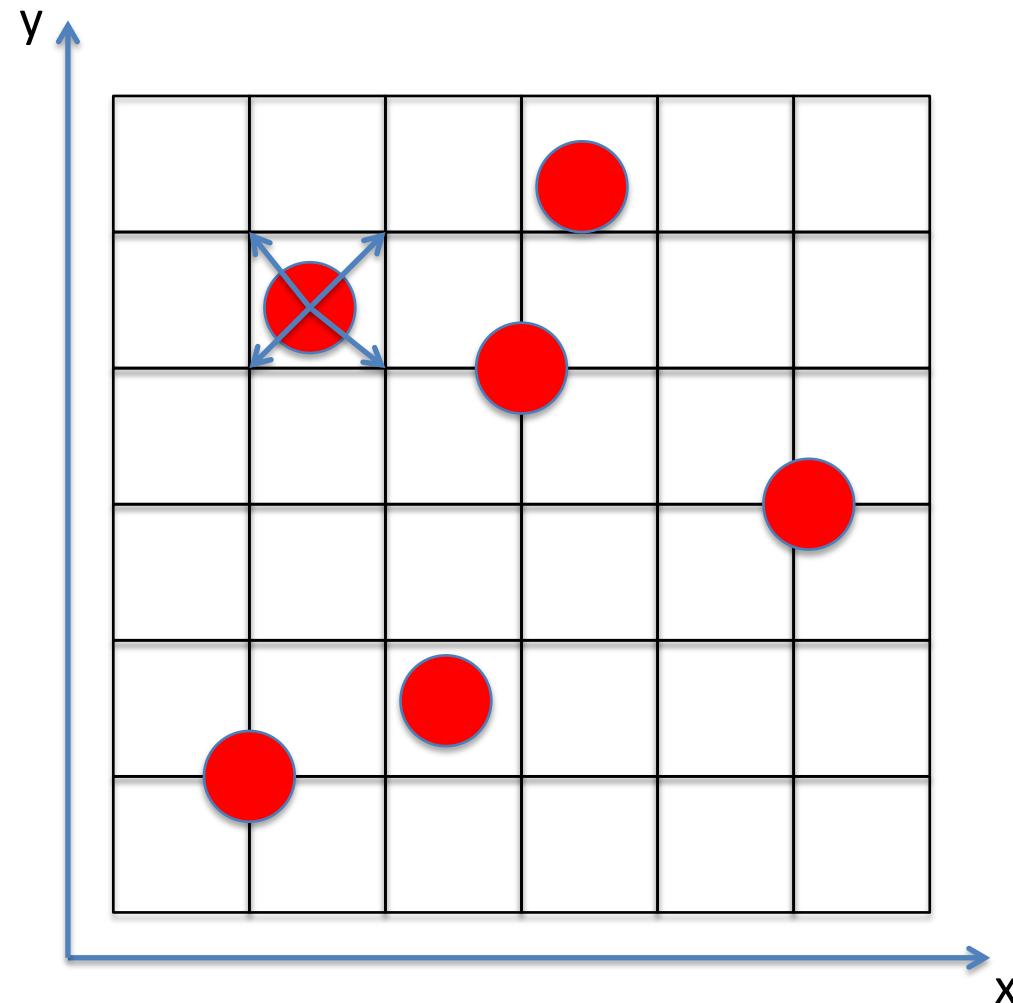
- Distribute currents based on particle motion

# Simulations by S. Kuschel



# Current deposition is easy for homogeneous particle distr.

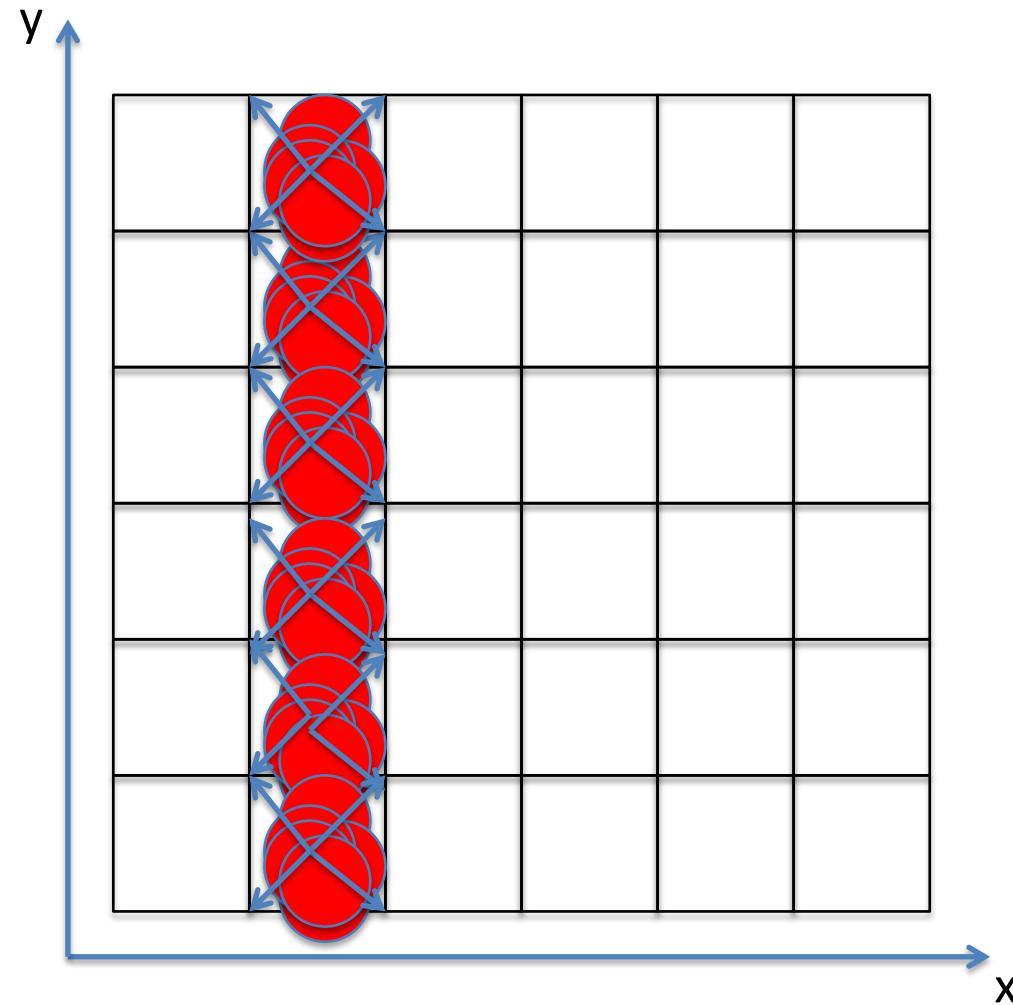
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# Serious bottleneck on SIMD architectures if not equally distr.

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Race condition for accessing the same piece of memory

Even though the code was tested and showed good scalability for homogeneous scaling, simulations of thin plasmas are not effective on SIMD architectures.

# Заключение

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