

Challenges: Star Clusters

Globular Star Clusters contain Millisecond Pulsars, „Blue Stragglers“ (probably merger remnants), neutron star binaries

Dynamic range in time scales 10^{18} !

(Density Range in Star Formation 10^{24} !)

Scales are coupled in complex way!

Globular Cluster 47 Tucanae

$$\vec{a}_0 = \sum_j Gm_j \frac{\vec{R}_j}{R_j^3} ; \quad \vec{a}_0 = \sum_j Gm_j \left[\frac{\vec{V}_j}{R_j^3} - \frac{3(\vec{V}_j \cdot \vec{R}_j)\vec{R}_j}{R_j^5} \right]$$



Ground • AAT

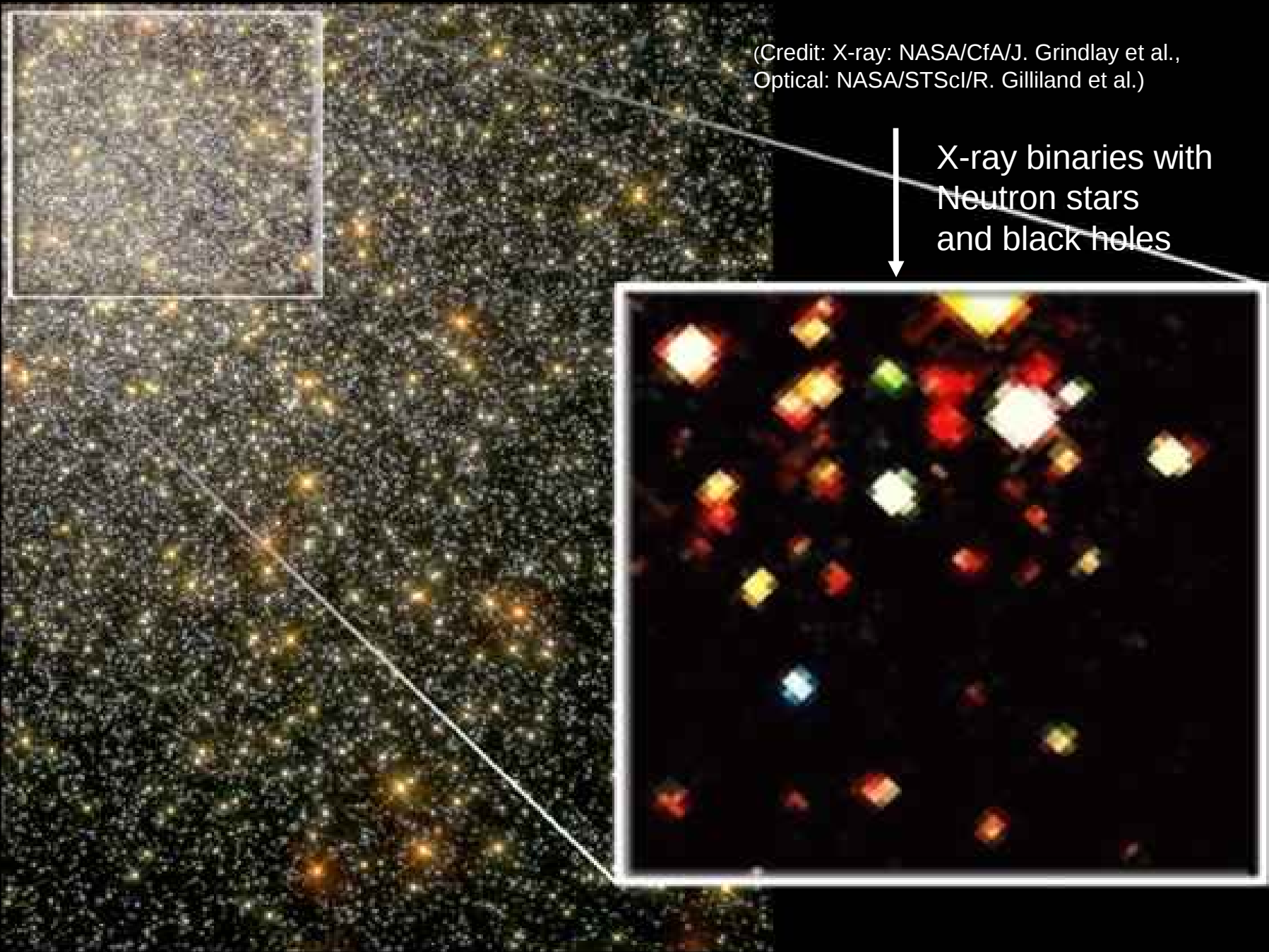
NASA and R. Gilliland (STScI)
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Hubble Space Telescope • WFPC2

(Credit: X-ray: NASA/CfA/J. Grindlay et al.,
Optical: NASA/STScI/R. Gilliland et al.)

X-ray binaries with
Neutron stars
and black holes



You cannot shield gravity...

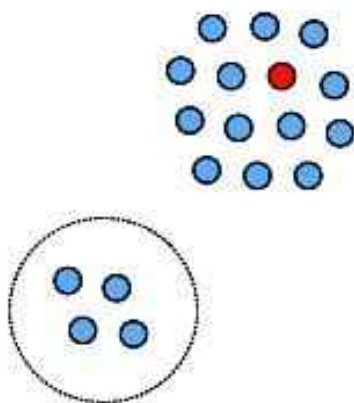


Newton's law of gravity

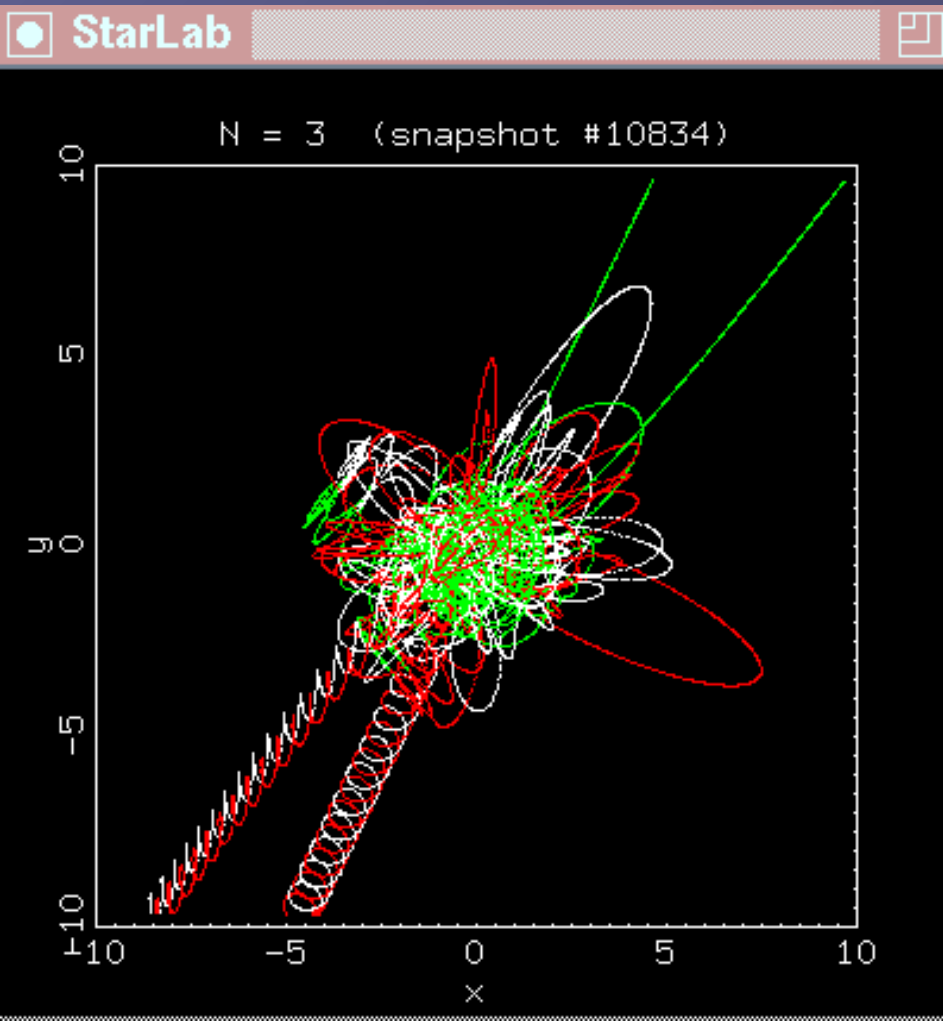
$$\vec{a}_i = \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{Gm_j}{|\vec{x}_j - \vec{x}_i|^3} \cdot (\vec{x}_j - \vec{x}_i)$$

full problem scales with $O(N^2)$
caveat: hierarchical time-steps

- hardware accelerators
- approximation methods ($O(N \log N)$)
- or both !!



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Resonant 3-Body Encounter

Starlab Simulation
by
S.L.W. McMillan

<http://www.physics.drexel.edu/~steve/>
-> Three-Body-Problem

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Chaos in the 3-Body Problem (by S.L.W. McMillan)

1 pixel in image =
1 simulated 3-body
encounter

X-axis: initial phase of binary

Y-axis: impact parameter

Colour: angle by which escaping star
leaves the system.

Fortunately there exist statistical averages
for cross sections

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So we need (among others):

- 2-body Regularization (Kustaanheimo & Stiefel 1965)
- 3-body Regularization (Aarseth & Zare 1974)
- Hierarchical Subsystems (Chain, Aarseth & Mikkola)

Quaternions....

Physical and Numerical Methods: Modelling the Dynamics

$$\vec{a}_0 = \sum_j Gm_j \frac{\vec{R}_j}{R_j^3} ; \quad \dot{\vec{a}}_0 = \sum_j Gm_j \left[\frac{\vec{V}_j}{R_j^3} - \frac{3(\vec{V}_j \cdot \vec{R}_j) \vec{R}_j}{R_j^5} \right]$$

• $N = \infty$

negative specific Heat

gravothermal Collapse

gravothermal Oscillations

• $N = 3$ ($N = 2, \dots, \approx 100$)

History

Exponential Instability

Chaos and Resonance

Regularisation

• $N = 10^6$ ($N = 10^4, 10^5$)

Post-Kollaps-Evolution

Binaries

Globular Clusters

Why N -body Simulations?

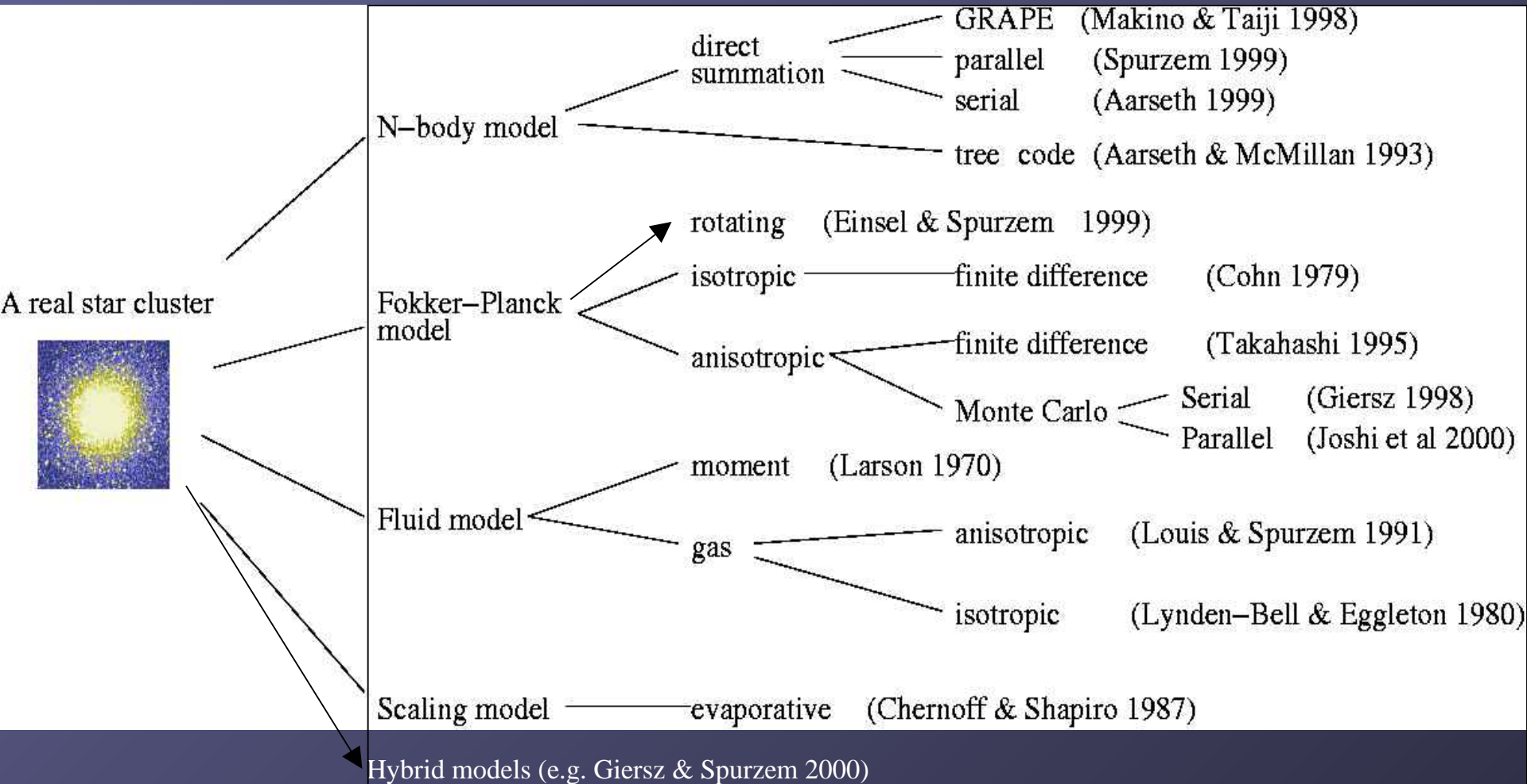
1. N too small for safe thermodynamics
2. $\lambda \gg R$

Why “brute force”?

1. Multiple Time Scales
2. Granularity of Potential
3. Special Purpose Hardware

Physical and Numerical Methods: Modelling the Dynamics

Some methods for studying the evolution of globular clusters (by D.C.Heggie)



Physical and Numerical Methods: Direct Simulations

The Hermite Scheme: 4th Order on two time points

$$\vec{a}_0 = \sum_j Gm_j \frac{\vec{R}_j}{R_j^3} ; \quad \vec{\dot{a}}_0 = \sum_j Gm_j \left[\frac{\vec{V}_j}{R_j^3} - \frac{3(\vec{V}_j \cdot \vec{R}_j)\vec{R}_j}{R_j^5} \right] ,$$

$$\vec{x}_p(t) = \frac{1}{6}(t - t_0)^3 \vec{\dot{a}}_0 + \frac{1}{2}(t - t_0)^2 \vec{a}_0 + (t - t_0)\vec{v} + \vec{x} ,$$

$$\vec{v}_p(t) = \frac{1}{2}(t - t_0)^2 \vec{\dot{a}}_0 + (t - t_0)\vec{a}_0 + \vec{v} ,$$

Repeat Step 1 at t_1 using predicted $x, v \rightarrow a_1, \dot{a}_1$

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$$\frac{1}{2}\vec{a}^{(2)} = -3\frac{\vec{a}_0 - \vec{a}_1}{(t - t_0)^2} - \frac{2\vec{a}_0 + \vec{a}_1}{(t - t_0)}$$

$$\frac{1}{6}\vec{a}^{(3)} = 2\frac{\vec{a}_0 - \vec{a}_1}{(t - t_0)^3} - \frac{\vec{a}_0 + \vec{a}_1}{(t - t_0)^2},$$

The Hermite Step
Get Higher Derivatives

$$\vec{x}(t) = \vec{x}_p(t) + \frac{1}{24}(t - t_0)^4\vec{a}_0^{(2)} + \frac{1}{120}(t - t_0)^5\vec{a}_0^{(3)},$$

$$\vec{v}(t) = \vec{v}_p(t) + \frac{1}{6}(t - t_0)^3\vec{a}_0^{(2)} + \frac{1}{24}(t - t_0)^4\vec{a}_0^{(3)}.$$

The Corrector Step – this is not time symmetric!

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P(EC)ⁿ Scheme, n=1, Kokubo et al. 1998, Hut et al. 1995

$$\mathbf{x}_{p,j} = \mathbf{x}_j + \mathbf{v}_j(t - t_j) + \frac{\mathbf{a}_j}{2}(t - t_j)^2 + \frac{\dot{\mathbf{a}}_j}{6}(t - t_j)^3,$$

1 higher order in
x-prediction

$$\mathbf{v}_{p,j} = \mathbf{v}_j + \mathbf{a}_j(t - t_j) + \frac{\dot{\mathbf{a}}_j}{2}(t - t_j)^2,$$

$$\mathbf{x}_1 = \mathbf{x}_0 + \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_0)\Delta t - \frac{1}{10}(\mathbf{a}_1 - \mathbf{a}_0)\Delta t^2 + \frac{1}{120}(\dot{\mathbf{a}}_1 + \dot{\mathbf{a}}_0)\Delta t^3$$

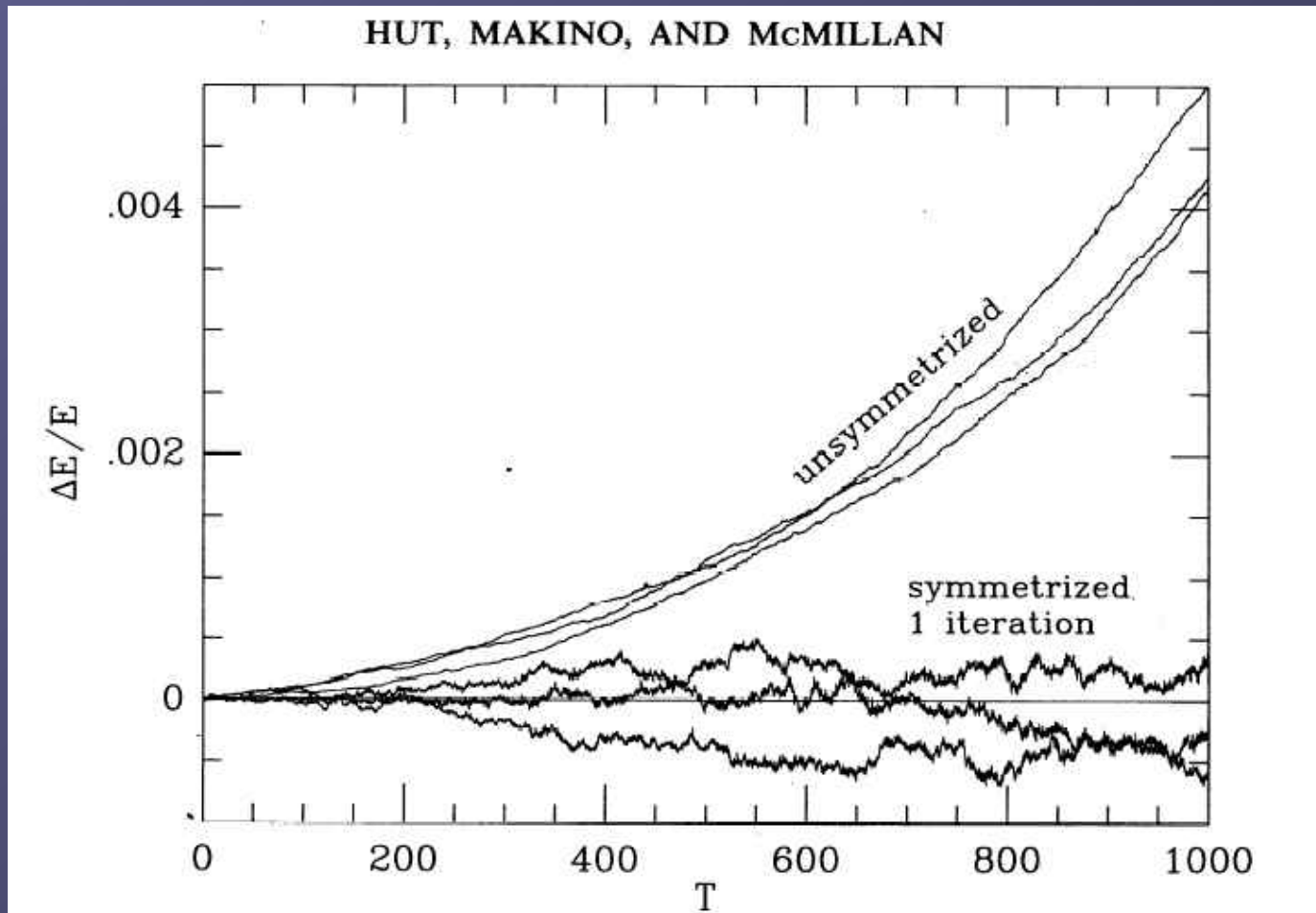
$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \mathbf{v}_0 + \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{a}_1 + \mathbf{a}_0)\Delta t - \frac{1}{12}(\dot{\mathbf{a}}_1 - \dot{\mathbf{a}}_0)\Delta t^2.$$

This is time-symmetric (exchange 0,1, change sign(v),sign(ā))!

(But pred/corr diff. in x,v of field particles neglected)

By iteration n>1 it improves further.

Physical and Numerical Methods: Direct Simulations



1995

$N=100$

1000
orb.times

Physical and Numerical Methods: Direct Simulations

Kokubo et al. 1998

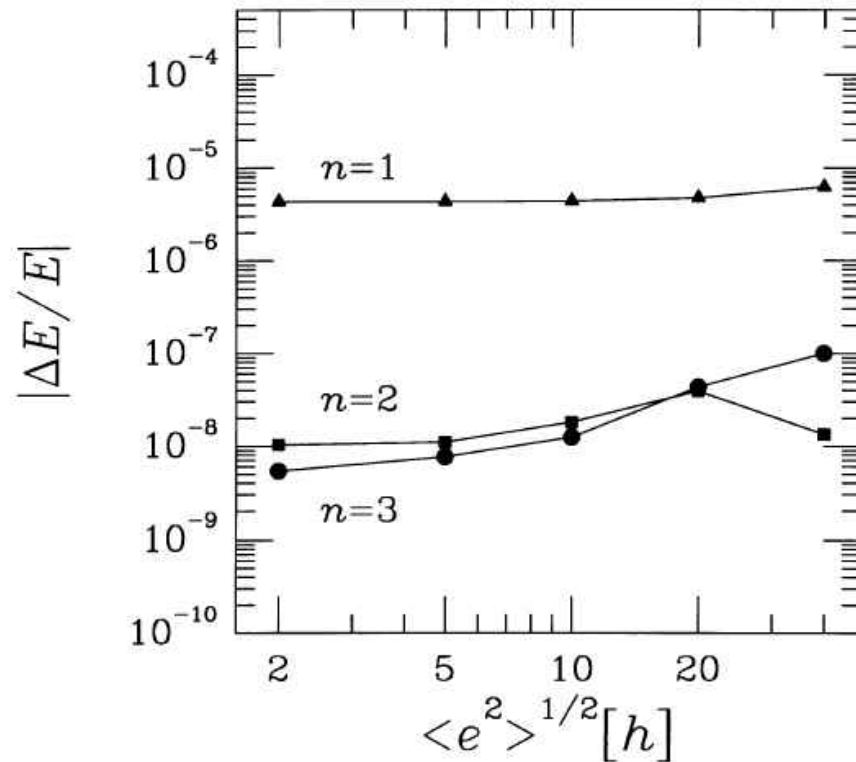
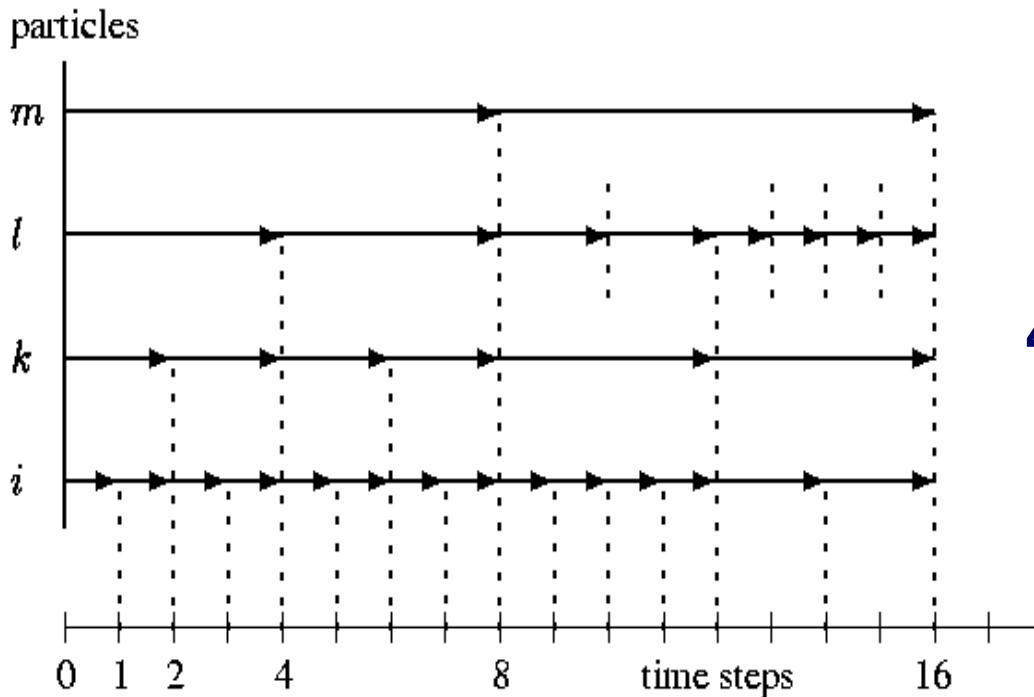


Figure 4. The relative error of the total energy of a planetesimal system that consists of 100 equal-mass ($m = 10^{25}$ g) bodies after $1000T_K$ as a function of the initial $\langle e^2 \rangle^{1/2}$ for the P(EC)ⁿ ($n = 1, 2, 3$) Hermite schemes with the hierarchical time-step scheme. The triangles show the result of the $n = 1$ scheme, the squares $n = 2$ and the circles $n = 3$.

Presently used GPU (GRAPE) N-body code

Harfst, Berczik, Merritt, Spurzem et al, NewA, 12, 357 (2007)
Spurzem et al., Comp. Science Res. & Dev. 23, 231 (2009)

Hierarchical Individual Block Time Steps

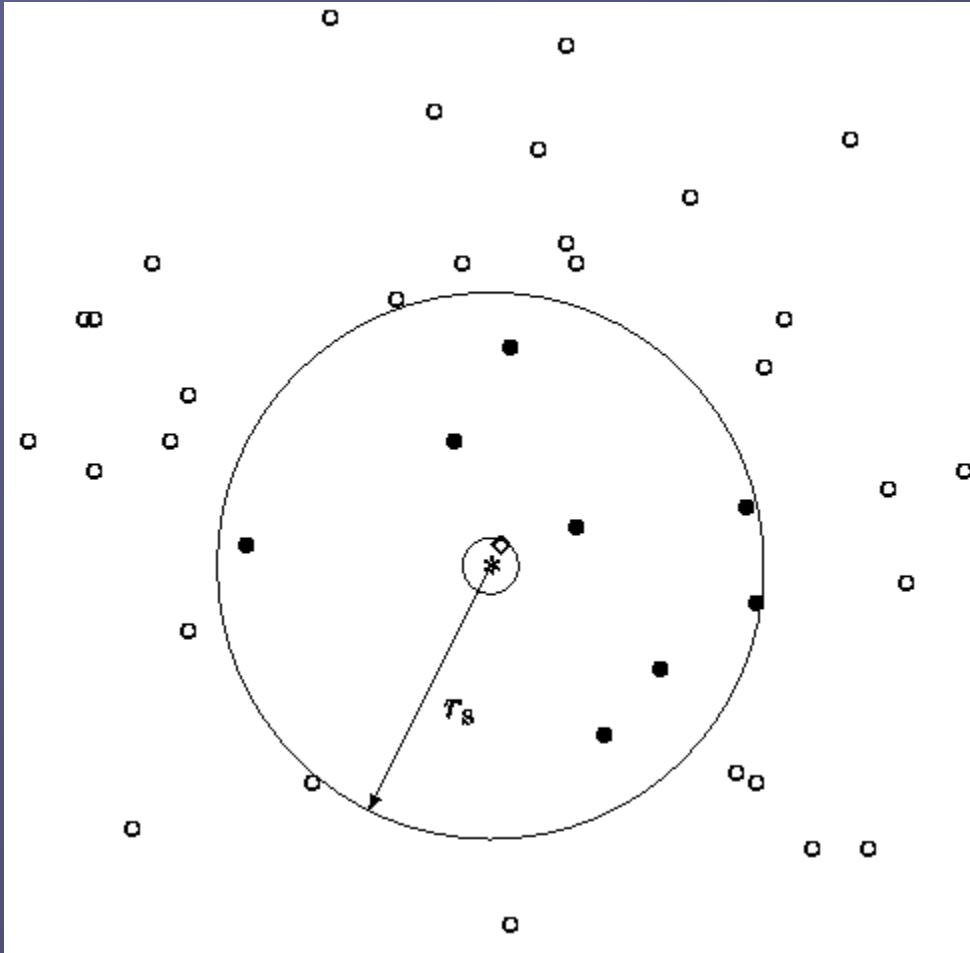


$$\Delta t = \sqrt{\eta \frac{|\vec{a}| |\vec{a}^{(2)}| + |\vec{a}|^2}{|\vec{a}| |\vec{a}^{(3)}| + |\vec{a}^{(2)}|^2}}$$

4th order Hermite scheme

$$\frac{d^2 \vec{r}_i}{dt^2} = \vec{a}_i$$

Physical and Numerical Methods: Direct Simulations



Ahmad-Cohen
Neighbour Scheme

(Double Volume for
Incoming Particles)

Special Care for fast
Particles

New Developments
in progress!

Parallelization and Software

ϕ GRAPE/ ϕ GPU

P. Berczik, T. Hamada, ...

NBODY6-single GPU

NBODY6++ - MPI parallel

R. Spurzem, S. Aarseth, ...

Acronym	Algorithm	Scaling	Comments
PM	Particle Mesh	$N n_c^3 \log_2 n_c^3$ (1)	fixed geometry
FMP	Fast Multipole	$N n l m$	req. equal Δt
SCF	Self-Consistent Field	$N n l m$	series evaluation (2)
NBODY1	Aarseth	N^2	ITS, softening
<u>NBODY1++</u>	Hermite	N^2	HTS, softening
NBODY2	Aarseth, AC	$NN_n + N^2/\gamma$	ITS, softening, (3)
NBODY3	Aarseth	N^2	ITS, KS-reg.
NBODY4	Hermite	N^2	HTS, KS-reg.
NBODY5	Aarseth, AC	$NN_n + N^2/\gamma$	ITS, KS-reg., (3)
NBODY6	Hermite, AC	$NN_n + N^2/\gamma$	HTS, KS-reg., (3)
<u>NBODY6++</u>	parallel NBODY6	$NN_n + N^2/\gamma$	HTS, KS-reg., (3,4)
KIRA	Hermite	N^2	HTS, (5)
TREE	TREE-code	$N \ln N$	N^2 for high accuracy
P ³ M	Part.-Part. PM	$N_n^2 n_c^3 \log_2 n_c^3$ (1)	fixed geometry (6)

softening: singularity in pairwise potential removed by softening parameter ε

ITS: Individual Time Step Scheme

HTS: Hierarchical Block Time Step Scheme

KS-reg.: KS regularization of perturbed two- and hierarchical N -body motion [48,68]

AC: Ahmad-Cohen neighbour scheme [5]

(1) Discrete FFT on regular 3D mesh with n linear mesh points assumed

(2) Sufficient Accuracy requires appropriate basis function set [37]

(3) γ : ratio of regular to irregular time step

(4) speedup by parallel execution not contained in scaling, see [81]

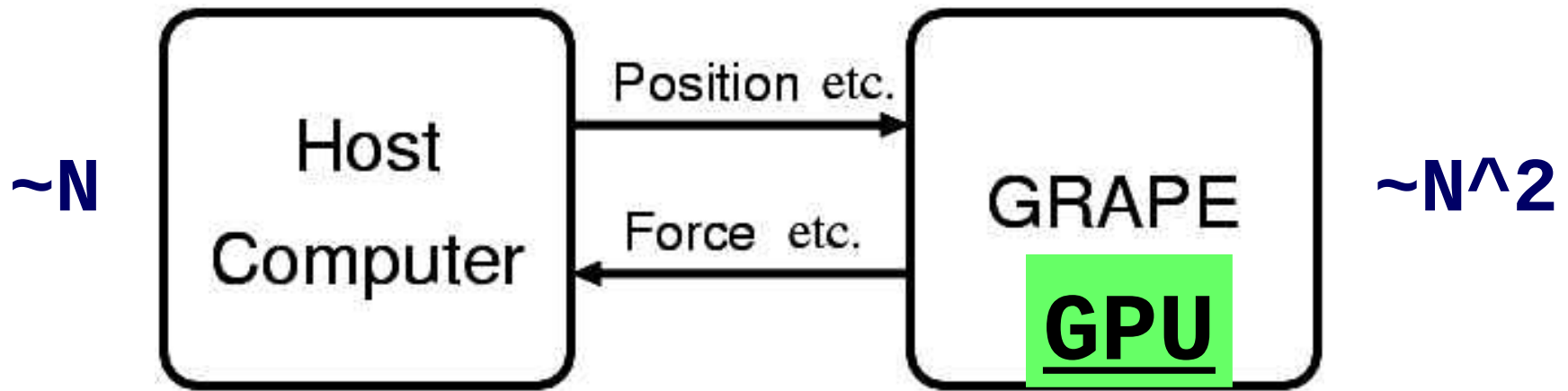
(5) New high accuracy Hermite code based on STARLAB [64,75]

(6) with hierarchically nested adaptive grids used for cosmological simulations [73]

(Spurzem 1999)

Journ. Comp. Appl. Maths.

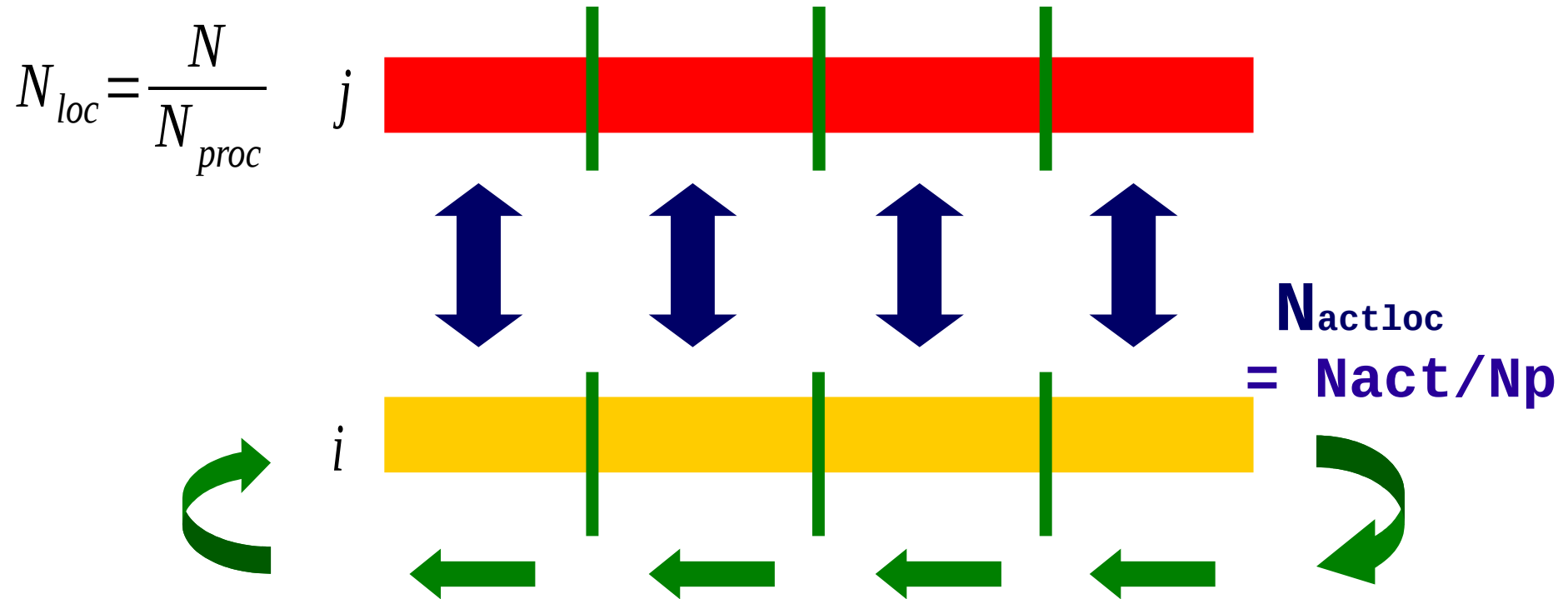
Our own ϕ GRAPE/GPU N-body code



$$\vec{a}_i = \sum_{j=1; j \neq i}^N \vec{f}_{ij} \quad \vec{f}_{ij} = - \frac{G \cdot m_j}{(r_{ij}^2 + \epsilon^2)^{3/2}} \vec{r}_{ij}$$

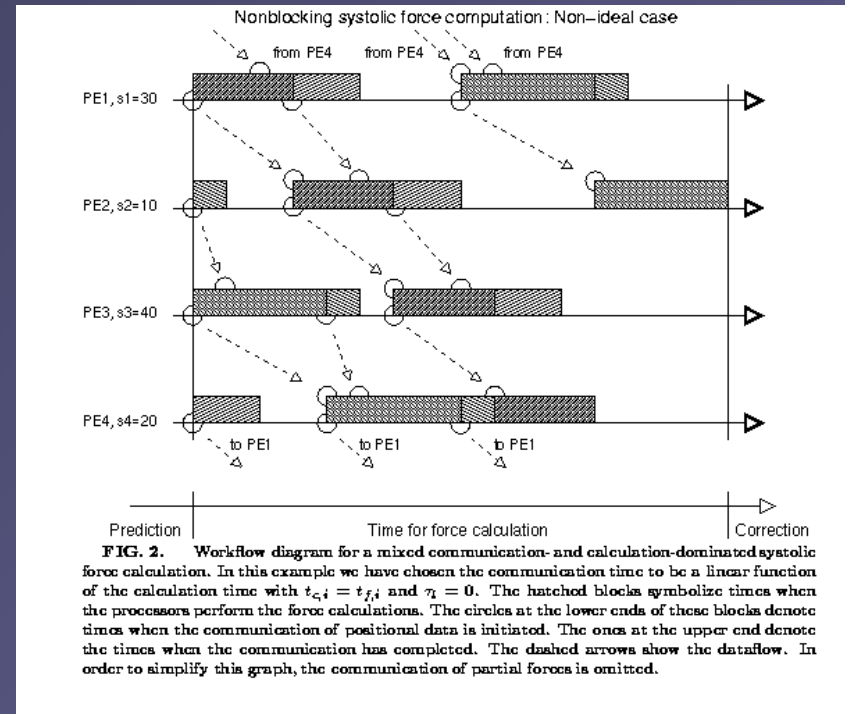
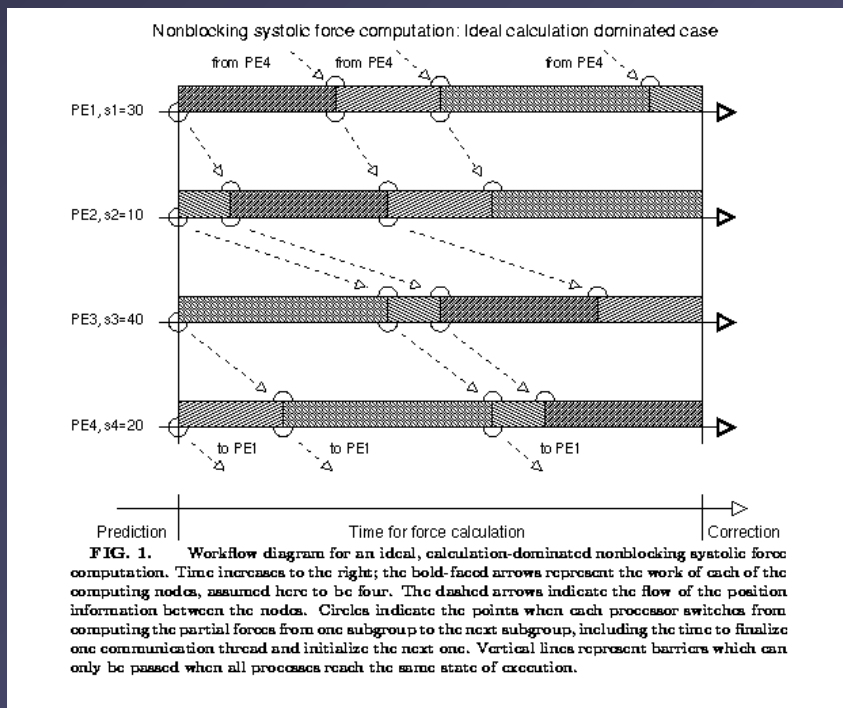
Basic idea of parallel N-body code

i, j - particle

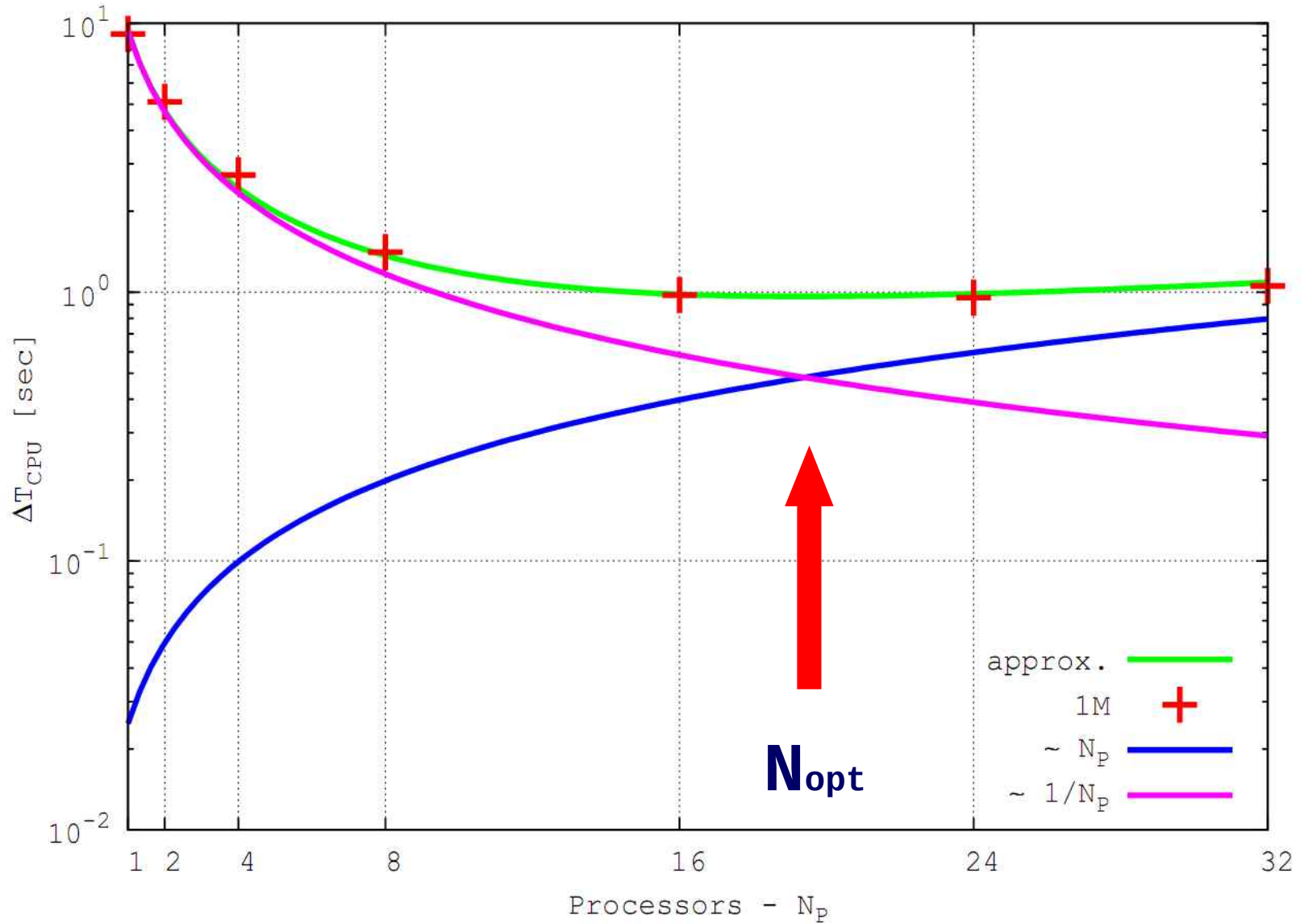


Parallelization and Software

Non-blocking systolic communication... But only simple code yet...



Parallel code on cluster



Parallelization and Software

- **Copy Algorithm**: parallelize work over block members
replicate all data on all processors

Example: NBODY6++, for regular and irregular forces
experimental: for binaries
(Spurzem 1999)

- **Ring Algorithm**: domain decomposition
partial forces shifted
blocking or non-blocking, systolic or hyper-systolic
(Gualandris et al. 2005, Dorband et al. 2003)

- **Mixed Algorithm**: ϕ GRAPE – domain decomposition on GRAPE
memories, copy algorithm for active particles (Harfst et al. 2006)

All scaling: $O(N/p) + O(N^2/p)$

Note: Special hypersystolic quadratic algorithm (Makino 2002):
 $O(N/\sqrt{p}) + O(N^2/p)$

Software

NBODY4, NBODY6, S.J.Aarseth, S. Mikkola, ...

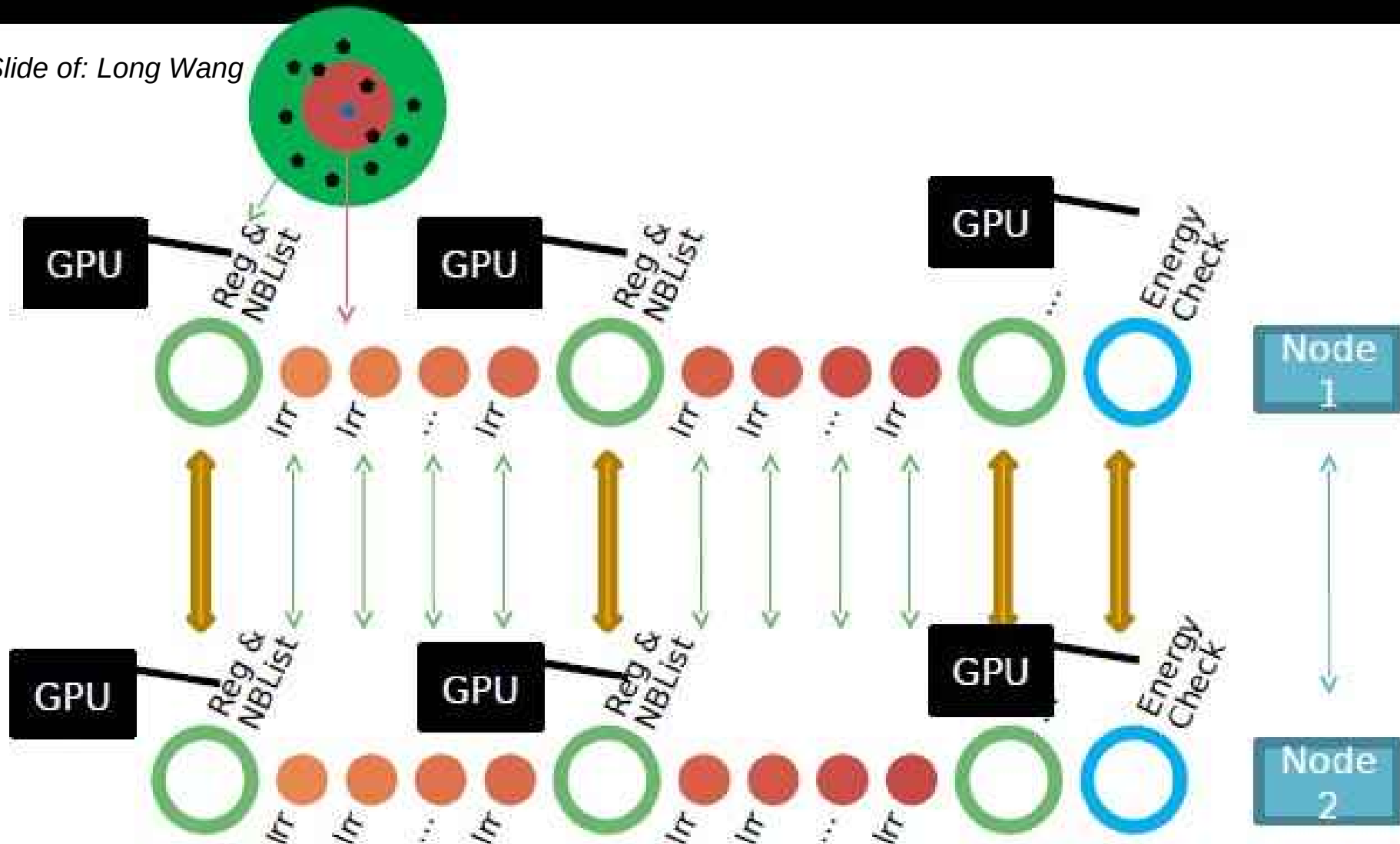
(ca. 20.000 lines, since 1963):

- Hierarchical Individual Time Steps (HITS)
- Ahmad-Cohen Neighbour Scheme (ACS)
- Kustaanheimo-Stiefel and Chain-Regular. (KSREG)
for bound subsystems of $N < 6$ (Quaternions!)
- 4th order Hermite scheme (pred/corr), Bulirsch-Stoer (for Chain)
- Stellar Evolution (single/binary) (w Hurley)

- NBODY6++, ϕ GPU, R. Spurzem, P. Berczik, T. Hamada, K. Nitadori, ...
(massively parallel codes, since 1999):
- NBODY6++ (Spurzem 1999) using MPI
- Parallel ϕ GRAPE / ϕ GPU (Harfst et al. 2006, Spurzem et al. 2009, Berczik, Hamada et al. 2011 in prep.)
- NBODY6++/GPU-MPI (Spurzem, Aarseth, Berczik 2011 in progress...)
- Parallel Binary Integration in Progress (KSREG)

Nbody6++ Structure

Slide of: Long Wang



DRAGON Simulation

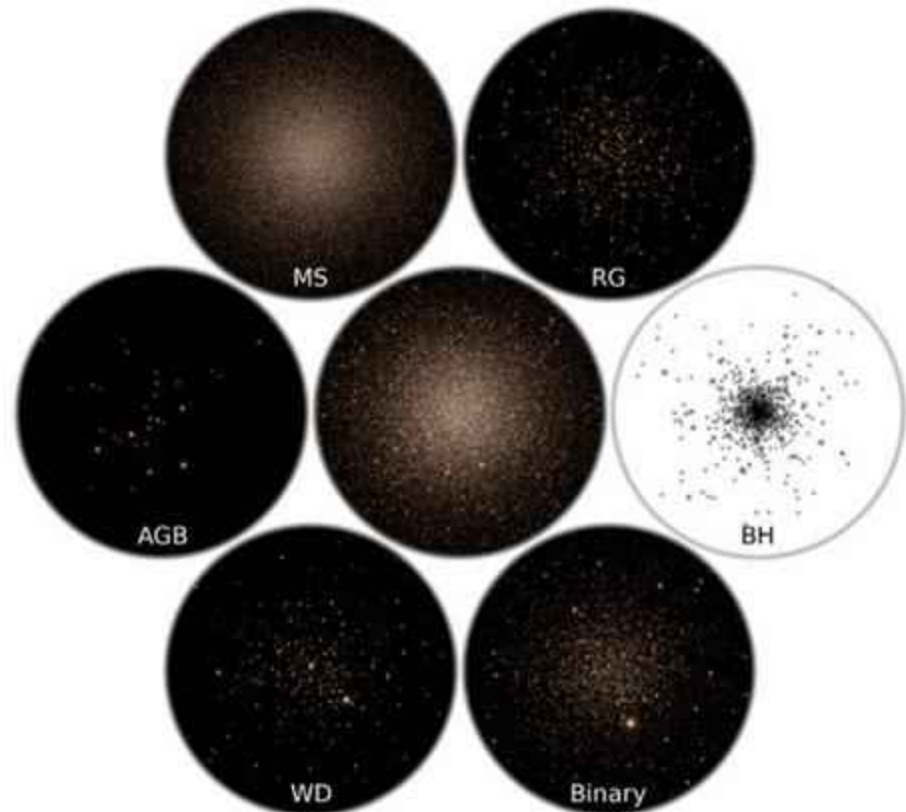
<http://silkroad.bao.ac.cn/dragon/>

One million stars direct simulation,

biggest and most realistic direct N-Body simulation of globular star clusters.
With stellar mass function, single and binary stellar evolution, regularization of close encounters, tidal field (NBODY6++GPU).
(NAOC/Silk Road/MPA collaboration).

Wang, Spurzem, Aarseth, Naab et al.
MNRAS, 2015

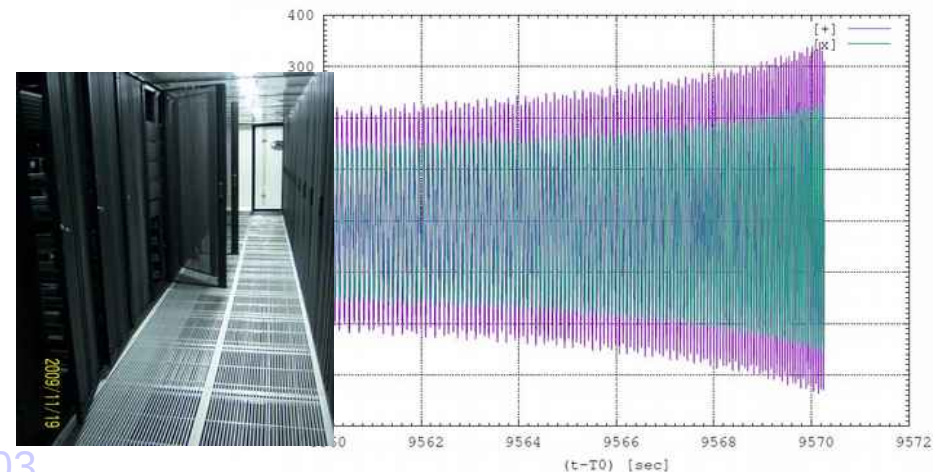
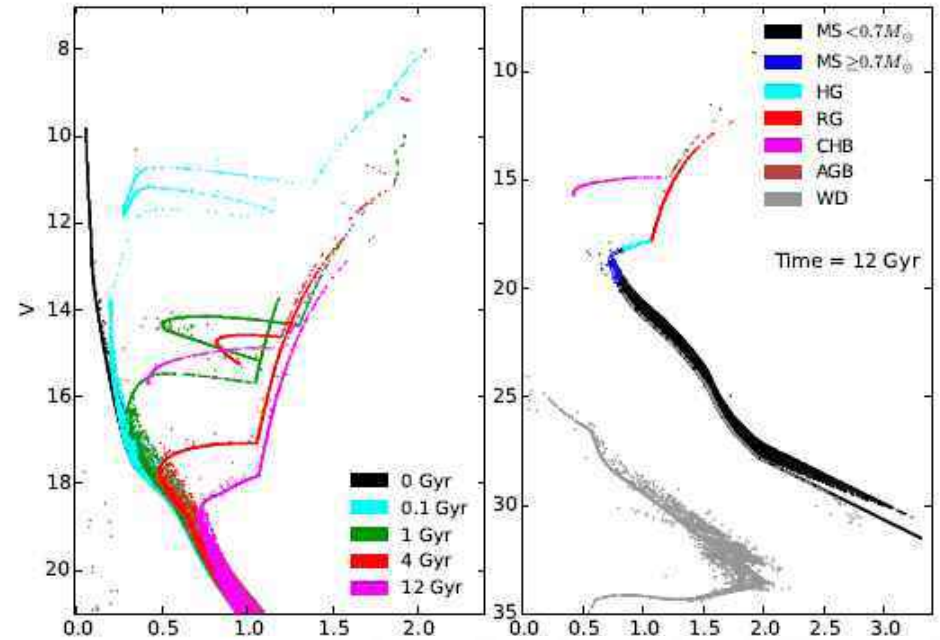
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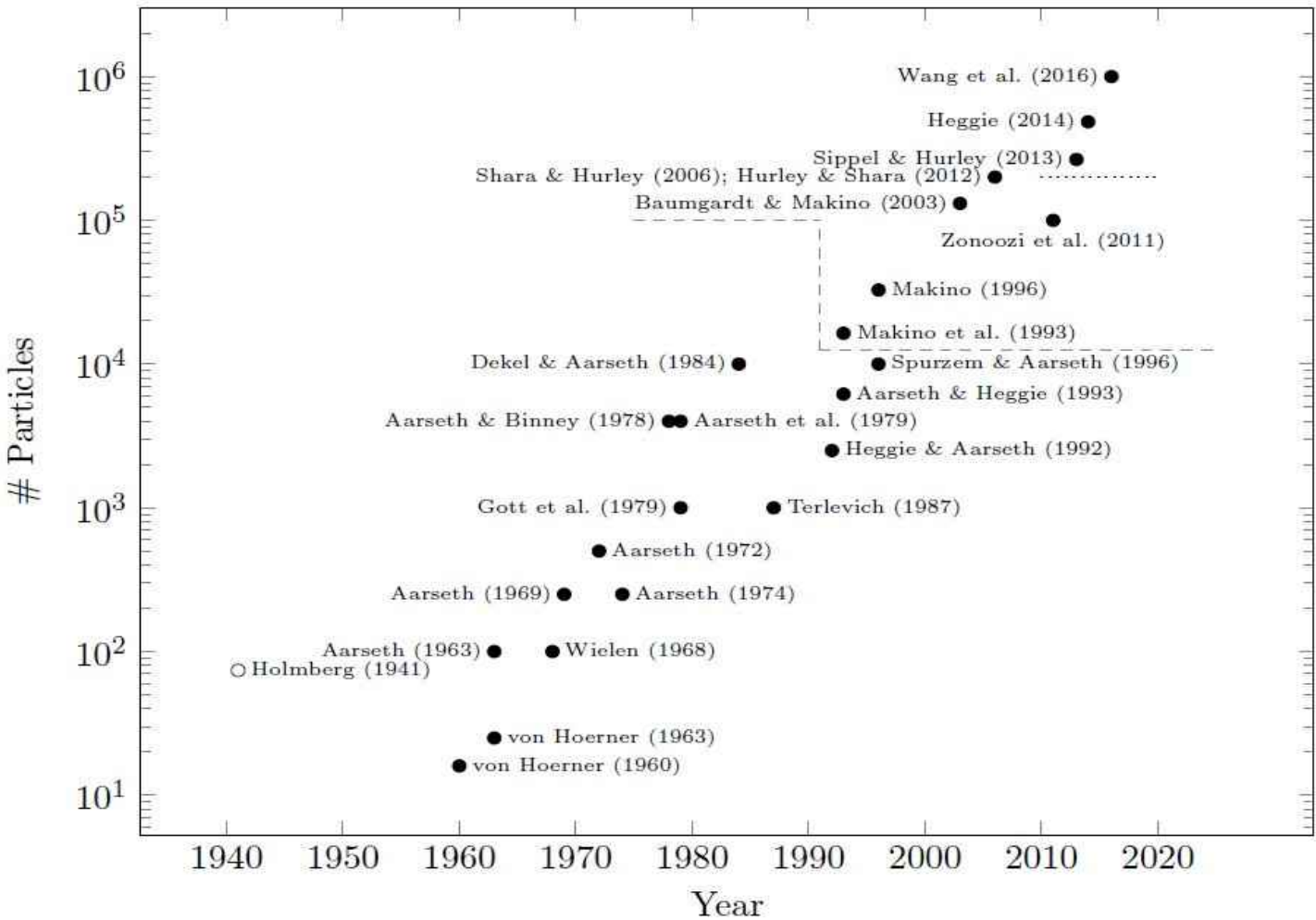
天龙星团模拟：百万数量级恒星、黑洞和引力波

Dragon Star Cluster Simulations: Millions of Stars; black holes and gravitational waves

- First realistic globular star cluster model with million stars (*Wang, Spurzem, Aarseth, ..., Berczik, Kouwenhoven, ... MNRAS 2015, 2016*)
- Synthetic CMD (right side) with zero photometric errors, different ages shown
- Black hole binary mergers occur as observed by LIGO. Our grav. waveforms computed from simulation (right side). (Only inspiral plotted not ringdown.)
- GPU accelerated supercomputers laohu in NAOC and hydra of Max-Planck (MPCDF) in Germany needed!



“Moore's” Law for Direct N-Body



GRAPE/
GPU Clusters

GRAPE
Vector Computers

by D.C. Heggie Via added new cits. Sippel

CPU/GPU **N-body6++**

Key Question 1. When will we see the first star-by-star N -body model of a globular cluster?

- Honest N -body simulation
- Reasonable mass at 12 Gyr ($\sim 5 \times 10^4 M_{\odot}$)
- Reasonable tide (circular galactic orbit will do)
- Reasonable IMF (e.g. Kroupa)
- Reasonable binary fraction (a few percent)
- Any initial model you like (Plummer will do)
- A submitted paper (astro-ph will do)

An inducement: a bottle of single malt Scotch whisky worth €50

The million-body problem at last!



The bottle of whisky is awarded to
Long Wang (Beijing)



CPU/GPU N-body6++

