

Thursday, Feb. 15:

Recap of 6-dot-perfect  
N-Body Simulations (Homework Prep.)

Friday, Feb. 16:

Matrix Multiplication

Histograms (from Jason Sanders' book; see our webpage link)

Timing and Debugging

Wrap-Up of CUDA/Outlook

# Before we start N-Body...

## Some nice ideas:

/home/Tit4/lecture60/gpu-course/00\_error/

(ERR\_CHECK instead of HANDLE\_ERROR)

/home/Tit4/lecture60/gpu-course/4\_dot/dot-special-new.cu

(dynamic vector size allocation in kernel through <<<n,m,size>>>)

## Recap of 6: dot\_perfect.cu :

Fat Threads! New variable gridDim.x !

Use of gridDim.x \* blockDim.x to get size of grid,

Relation to <<<n,m>> in kernel launch

Block Reduction on Host instead of AtomicAdd!

Also used for histogram later.

Note nice profiling nvprof used in 7\_matmul/gpu\_script.sh

<https://docs.nvidia.com/cuda/profiler-users-guide/index.html>

# Astrophysical Particle Simulations (N-Body)

- **Cosmological Structure Formation**

several billions of particles, approximate potential, short time (in terms of number of orbits, orbit one Gyr)

- **Galaxies**

$10^8 - 10^9$  particles, approximate potential, thousands of orbits, orbit  $10^8$  yrs)

- **Star Clusters and Galactic Nuclei**

$10^6 - 10^8$  particles, particle-particle potential,  $10^4 - 10^5$  orbits, orbit  $10^6 - 10^5$  yrs), Direct N-Body

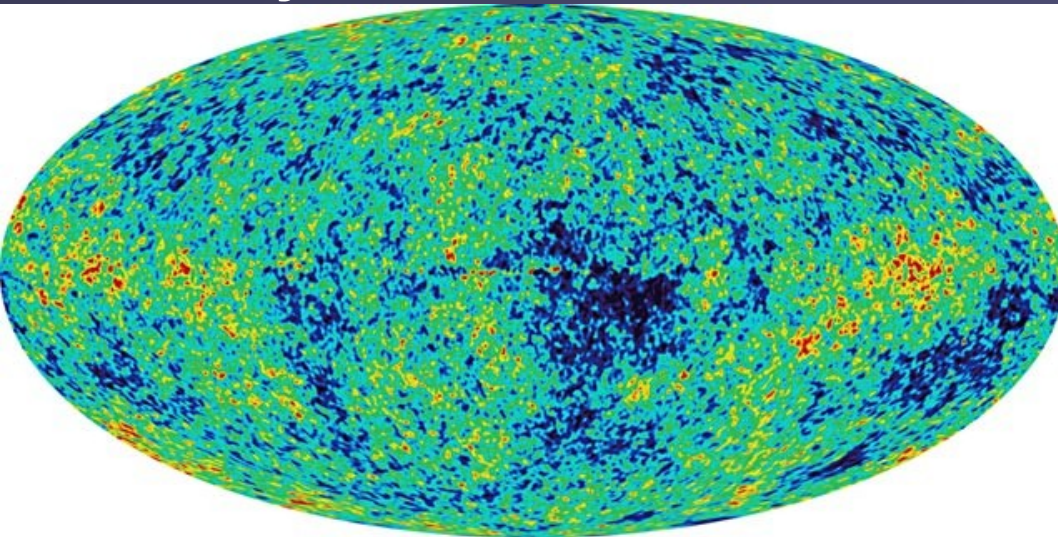
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Cosmology

# Computer Physics – Astrophysics

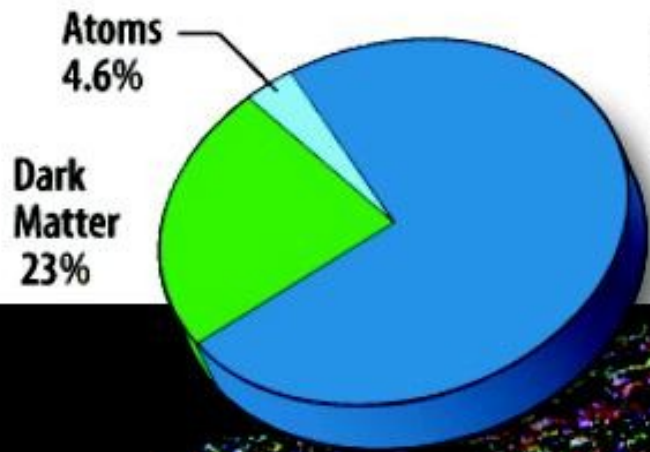
## ● Structure Formation in the Universe

In the year 100.000....



● Wilkinson Microwave Anisotropy Probe (WMAP)  
(Cosmic Microwave Background)

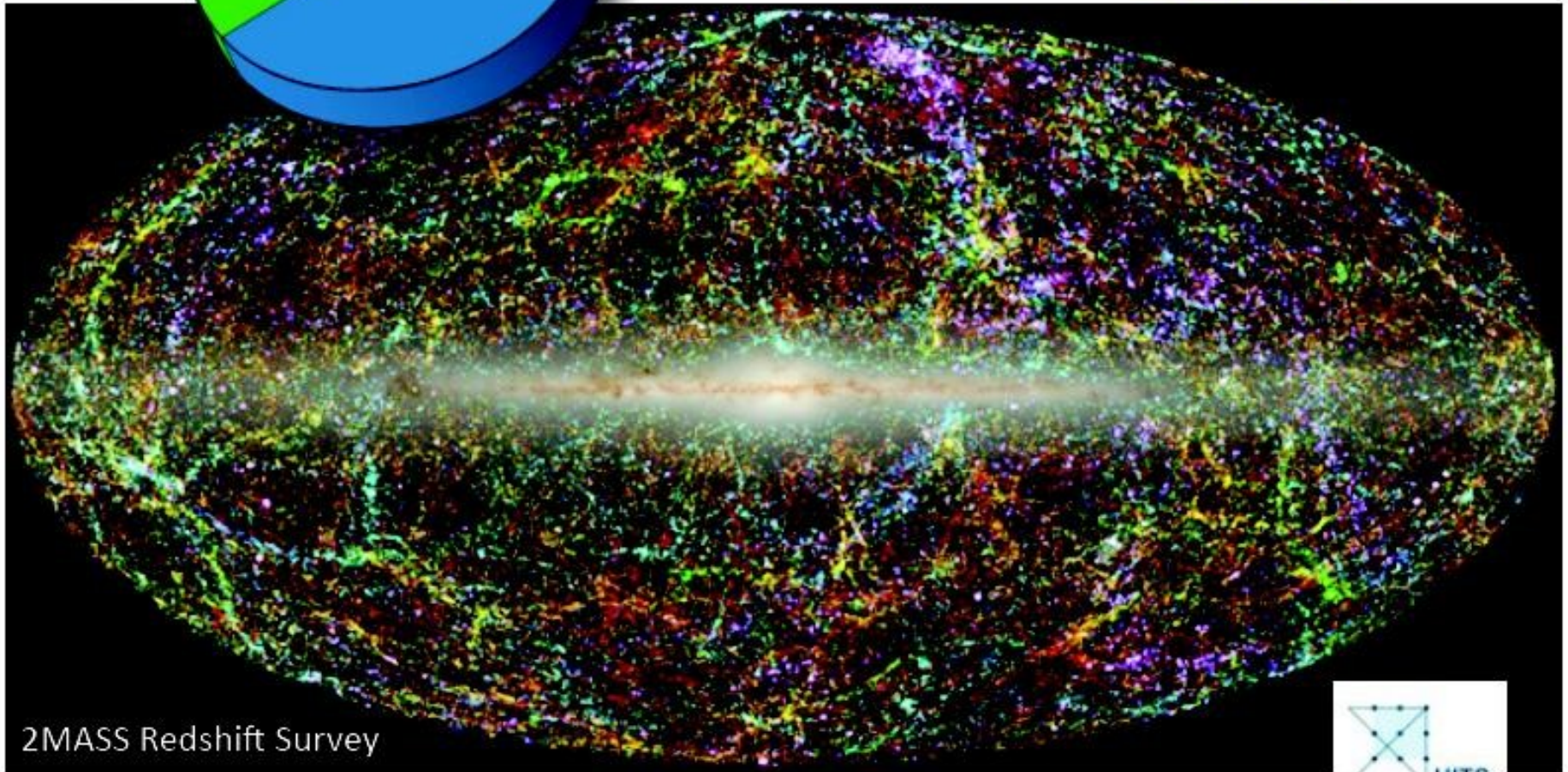
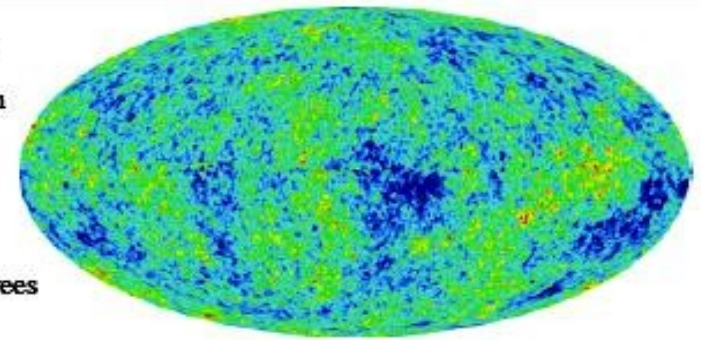
...and ``today``



**Dark Energy**  
72%

**WMAP**  
2.725 Kelvin

0.0002 degrees



2MASS Redshift Survey

(Image: T.H. Jarrett (IPAC/SSC))



A visualization of the Millennium Simulation, showing a dense field of particles in shades of blue and purple. A horizontal scale bar at the top indicates 1 Gpc/h. The text 'Millennium Simulation' and '10,077,696,000 particles' is overlaid on the image. A grey box in the lower right contains text about the simulation's use as an example and a link to the TNG project website. The redshift value '(z = 0)' is in the bottom left corner.

1 Gpc/h

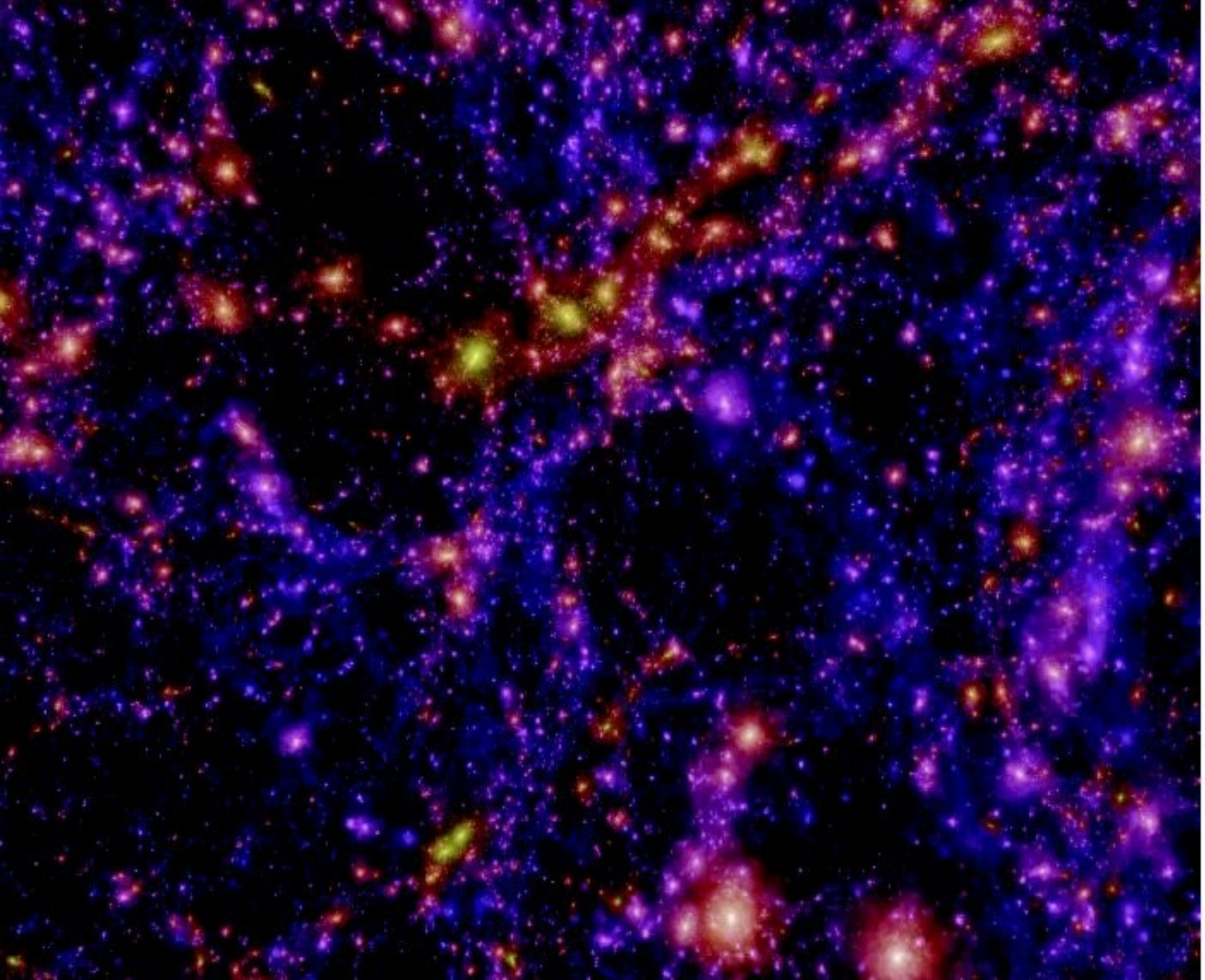
Millennium Simulation

10,077,696,000 particles

Serves as example here;  
for current project see  
<https://www.tng-project.org/>

( $z = 0$ )

Millennium Simulation (Springel et al.)





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# Galaxies

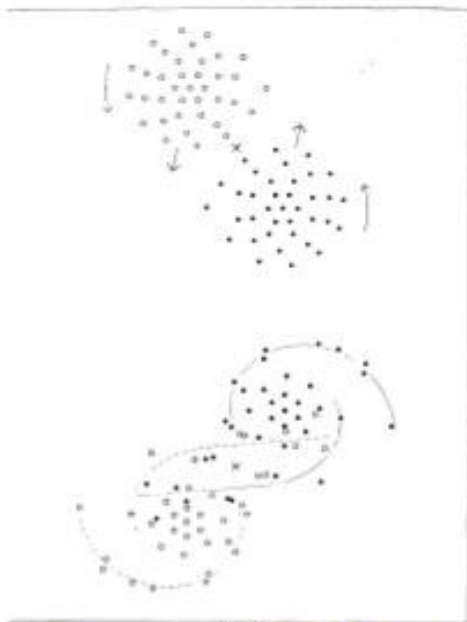
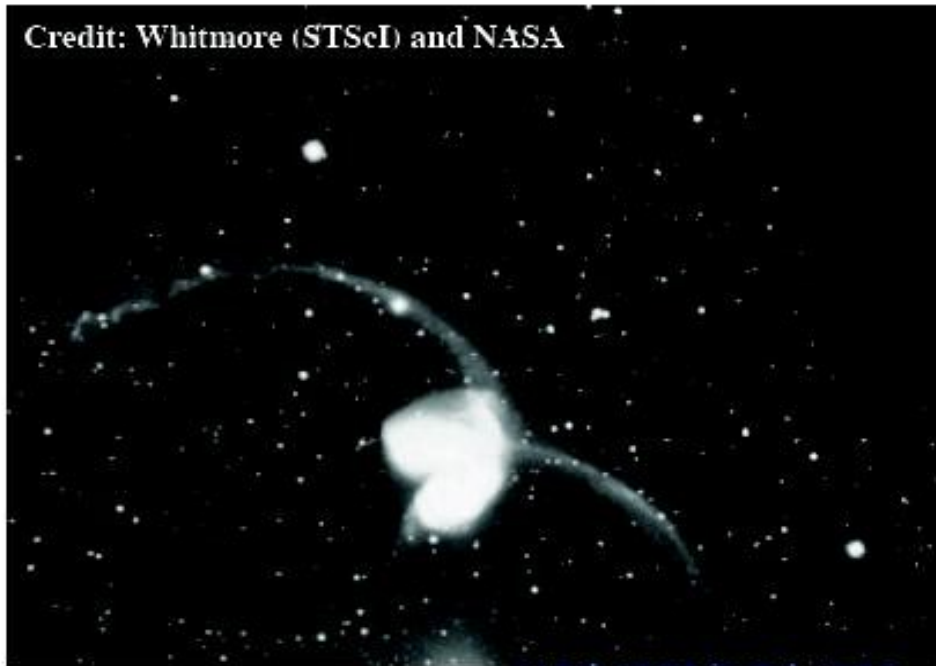


FIG. 4b

Holmberg, 1937/1941

Credit: Whitmore (STScI) and NASA



NGC 4038/NGC 4039

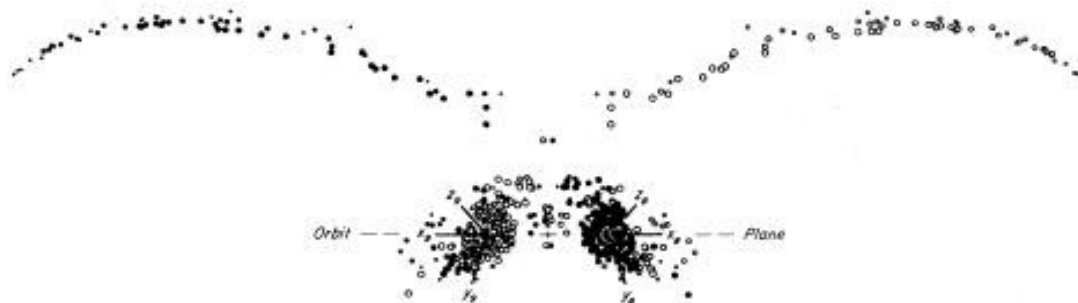


FIG. 23.—Symmetric model of NGC 4038/9. Here two identical disks of radius  $0.75R_{\text{min}}$  suffered an  $e \approx 0.5$  encounter with orbit angles  $i_0 = i_9 = 60^\circ$  and  $\omega_0 = \omega_9 = -30^\circ$  that appeared the same to both. The above all-inclusive views of the debris and remnants of these disks have been drawn exactly normal and edge-on to the orbit plane; the latter viewing direction is itself  $30^\circ$  from the line connecting the two pericenters. The viewing time is  $t = 15$ , or slightly past apocenter. The filled and open symbols again disclose the original loyalties of the various test particles.

Toomre & Toomre, 1972, ApJ, 178, 623



# Computer Physics - Astrophysics

## Star Clusters

# On the Evolution of Stellar Systems

*V. A. Ambartsumian*

(George Darwin Lecture, delivered on 1960 May 13)

<http://cdsads.u-strasbg.fr/abs/1960QJRAS...1..152A>

**I**N THIS lecture we shall consider some aspects of the problem of the evolution of stellar systems. We shall concentrate chiefly on *galaxies*. However, at the same time we shall treat here some questions connected with *star clusters* as component members of galaxies.



## Concepts discussed:

Total Energy of grav. star clusters NOT additive

No thermodynamical equilibrium

Statistical Theory of Gases to be used with care

(large mean free path)

Locally truncated Maxwellian distribution.

# Globular Cluster 47 Tucanae

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



Ground • AAT

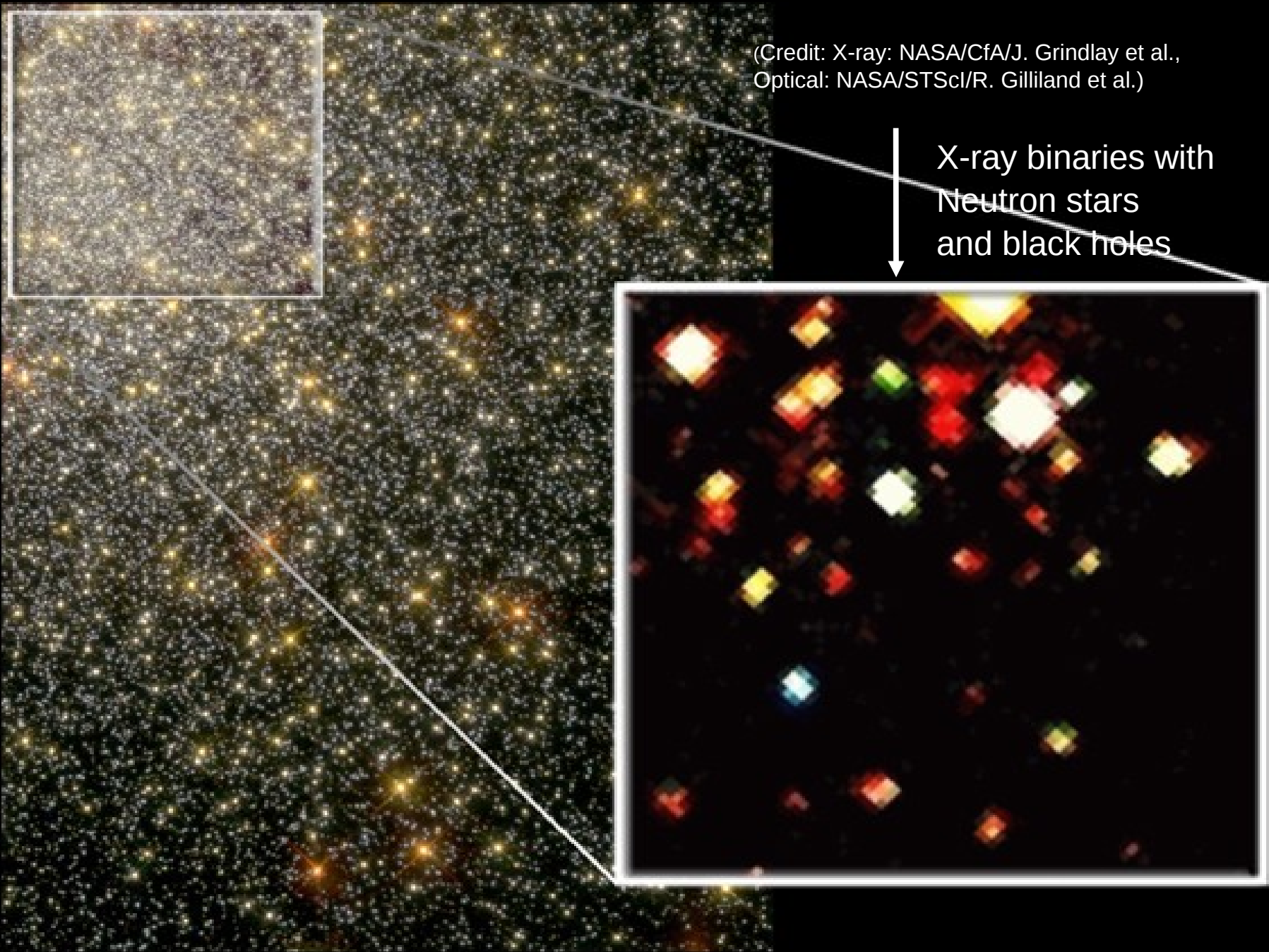
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Hubble Space Telescope • WFPC2

(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



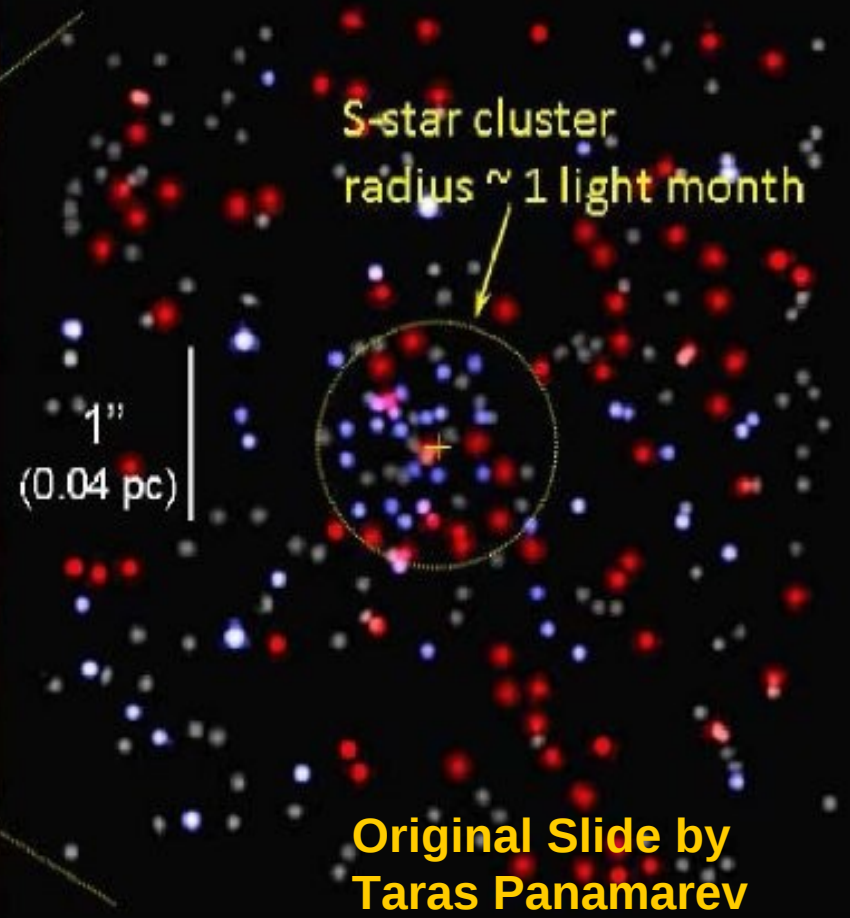
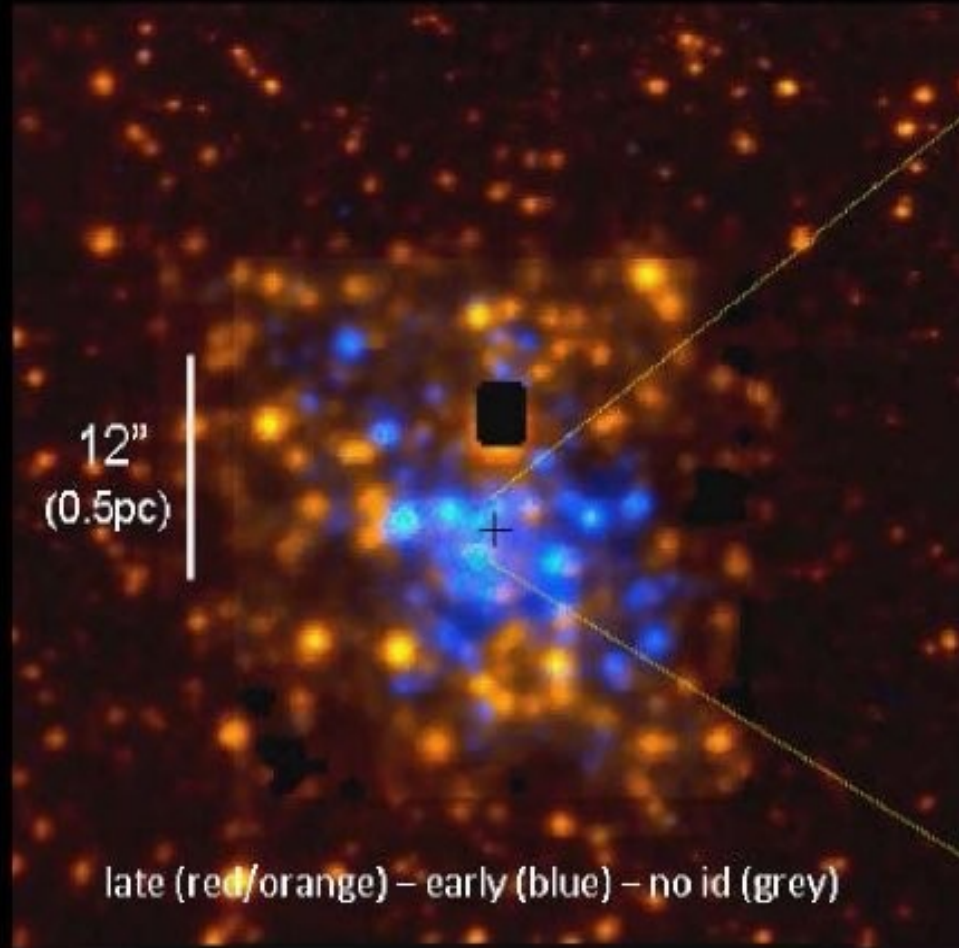


**30 Doradus in the Large Magellanic Cloud  
Hubble Space Telescope • WFPC2**

NASA, N. Walborn (STScI), J. Maíz-Apellániz (STScI), and R. Barbá (La Plata Observatory, Argentina) • STScI-PRC01-21

# Distribution of stars

## Galactic Center



Panamarev, Just, Spurzem, et al. 2019, MNRAS, Direct N-Body Simulation of The Galactic Center: <https://ui.adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2019MNRAS.484.3279P/abstract>



# 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

<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).

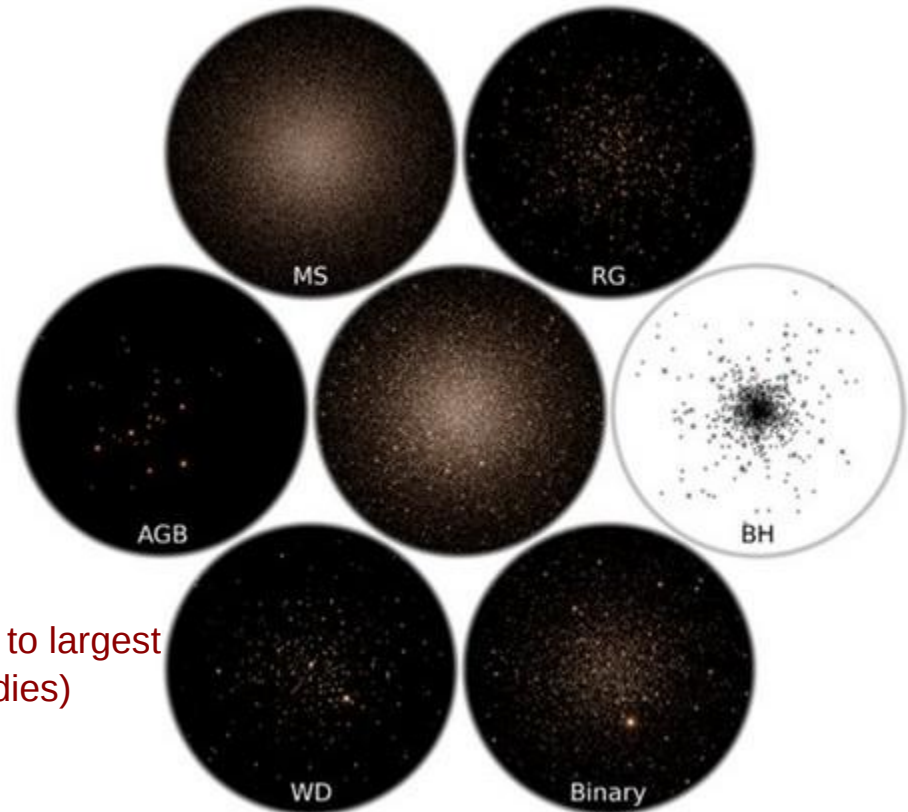
**(NAOC/Silk Road/MPA collaboration).**

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

Wang, Spurzem, Aarseth Naab, et al.  
MNRAS 2016

Number of Floating Point Operations (~1M bodies) similar to largest  
Cosmological simulations (Millennium, Illustris, ~100M bodies)

奥-201



# 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)

The million-body problem at last!



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

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



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# Black Holes in Star Clusters



## Detectors / L-shaped laser interferometers

### Name/Location/Arm Length

Virgo – near Pisa: 3km

LIGO – Livingston, LA: 4 km

Hanford, WA: 4 km

KAGRA – Japan: 3 km

(fully underground)

GEO600 – Hannover 600 m  
(Technology Development)

<http://www.ligo-la.caltech.edu/>

<http://www.ego-gw.it>

<https://www.geo600.org/>

<https://gwcenter.icrr.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/>

Outreach to giga-light years  
(Black Holes)

EUROPEAN GRAVITATIONAL OBSERVATORY

EGO



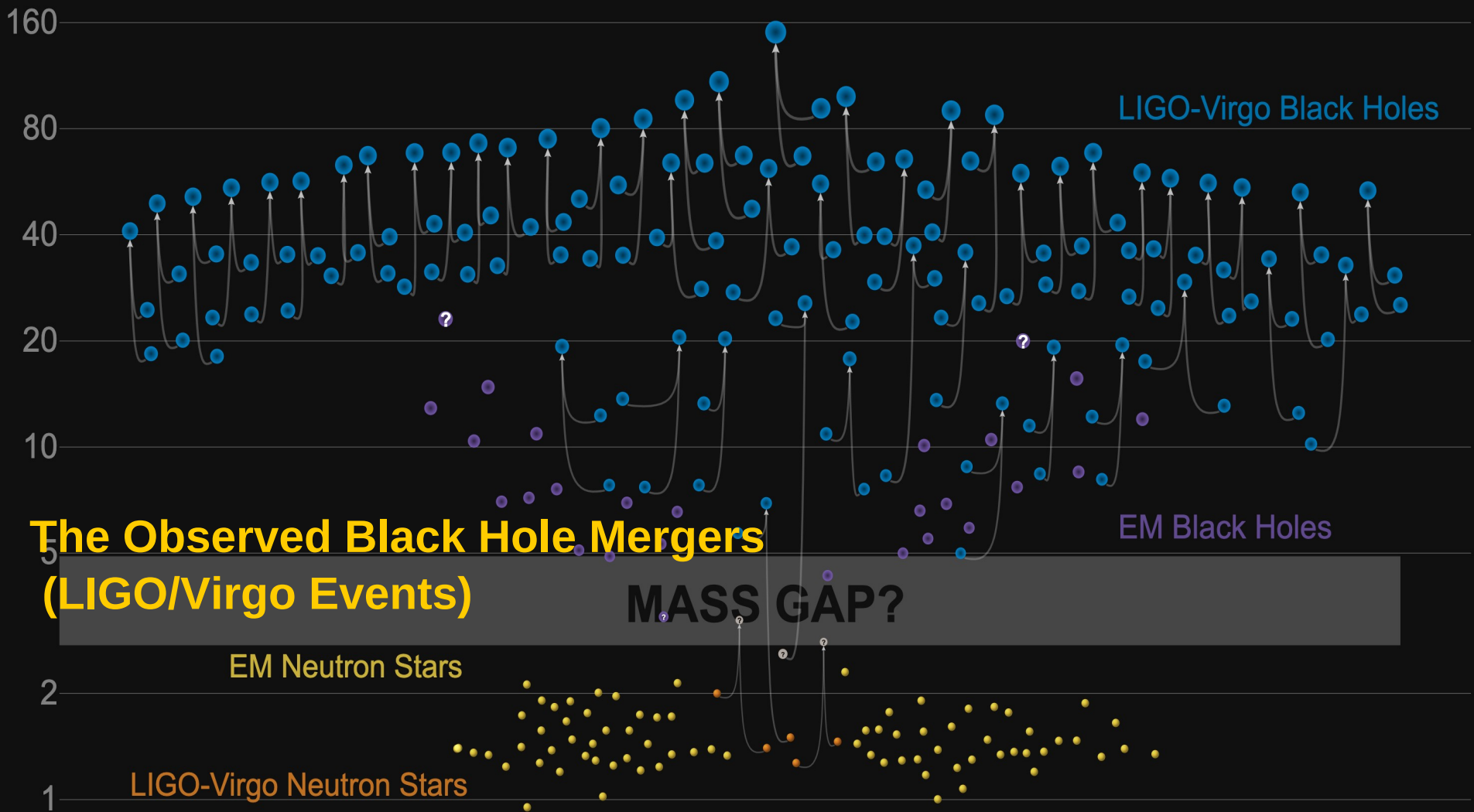
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Example: VIRGO Detector in Cascina near Pisa, Italy



# Masses in the Stellar Graveyard

*in Solar Masses*

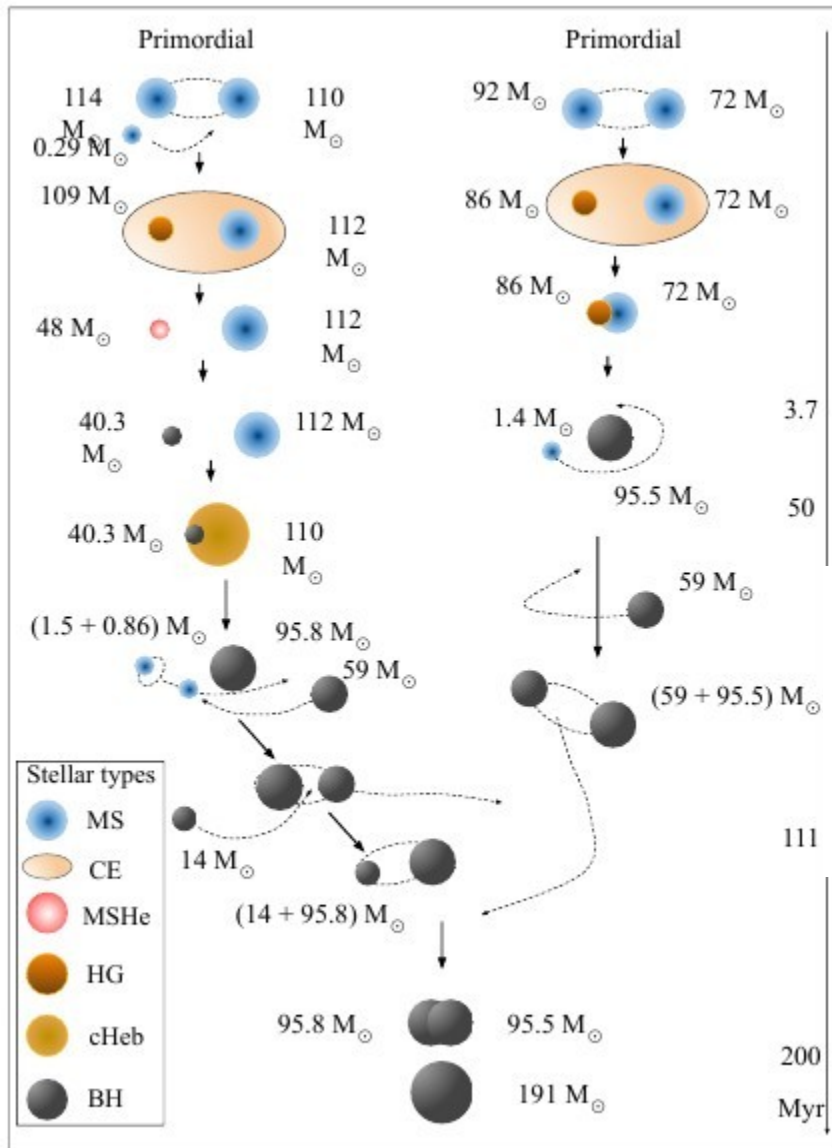


GWTC-2 plot v1.0

LIGO-Virgo | Frank Elavsky, Aaron Geller | Northwestern

# DRAGON-II Simulations – Paper II

## using NBODY6++GPU



*Arca Sedda et al. 2023abc:  
(MNRAS):*

*19 models, up to 1 million stars, up  
to 33% initial hard binaries*

*Including GR kicks for mergers!*

**Figure 2.** Formation of an IMBH in simulation with  $N = 120k$ ,  $R_{\text{HM}} = 1.75$  pc, and  $f_b = 0.2$ , realization ID 0. Two massive primordial binaries undergo common envelope that eventually lead to the formation of two nearly equal mass BHs ( $m_{\text{BH}} \sim 95 M_{\odot}$ ) that eventually find each other via a complex series of binary-binary interactions. The binary eventually merge and builds-up an IMBH with mass  $m_{\text{IMBH}} \simeq 191 M_{\odot}$ . The color-coded legend is ent colors correspond to different evolutionary stages: main sequence (MS), common envelope (CE), naked main sequence He star (MSHe), Hertzsprung gap (HG), core He burning (cHeb), and black hole (BH).

# DRAGON-II Simulations – Paper III

## using NBODY6++GPU

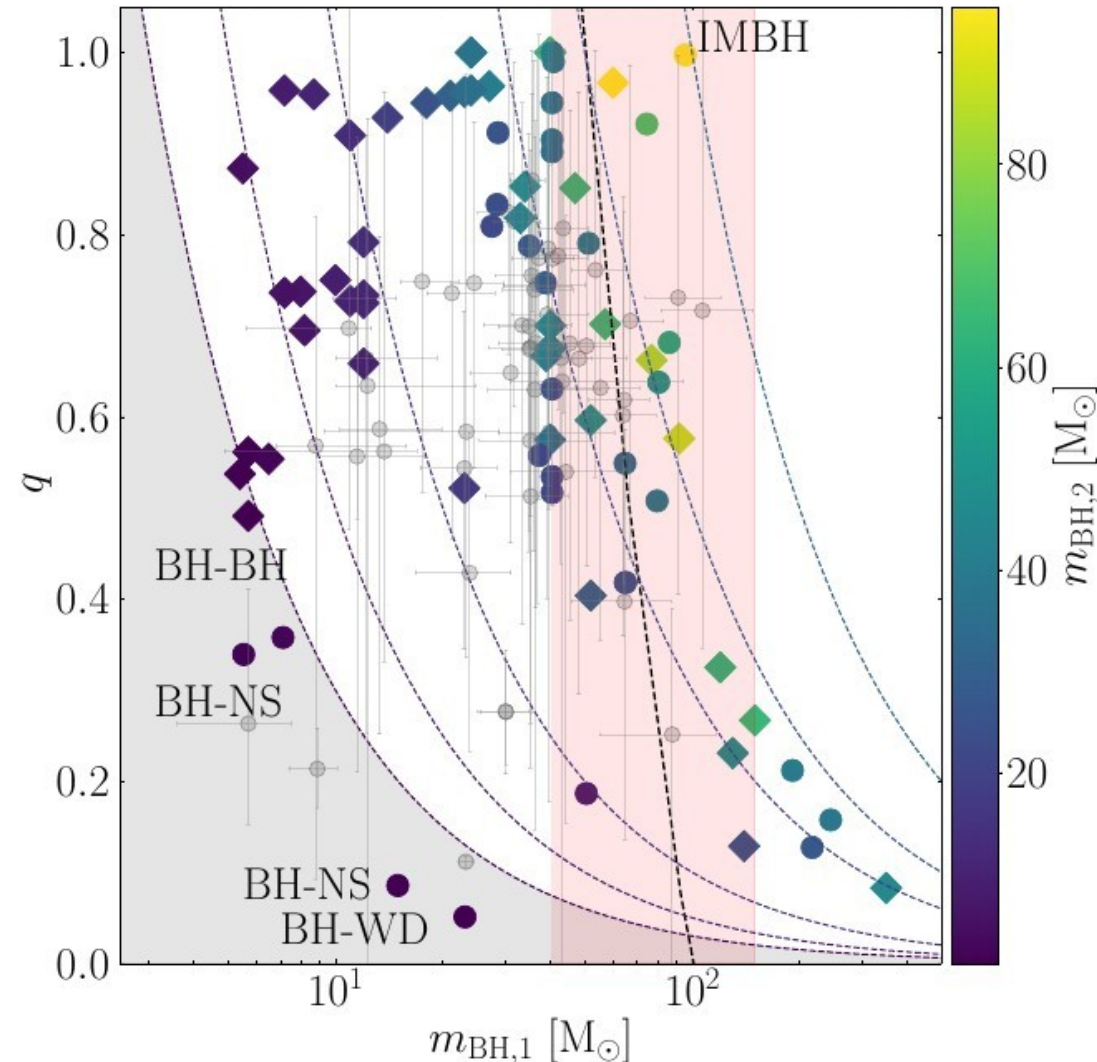
*Arca Sedda et al. 2023c:  
Submitted to MNRAS:  
19 models, up to 1 million  
stars, up to 33% initial hard  
binaries*

Compact Object Mergers  
Compared with LIGO-Virgo  
GWTC-3 catalogue (grey  
symbols)

Mass ratio  $q$  vs. primary  
mass  $m_1$ ; colour code:  
secondary mass  $m_2$

grey shade: neutron star  
involved

red Shade: mass gap





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## Direct N-Body Code

NBODY6++GPU

# Direct N-Body Simulations



## The Hermite Scheme: 4th Order on two time points

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

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

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

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

# Direct N-Body Simulations

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

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

The Hermite Step  
Get Higher Derivatives

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

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

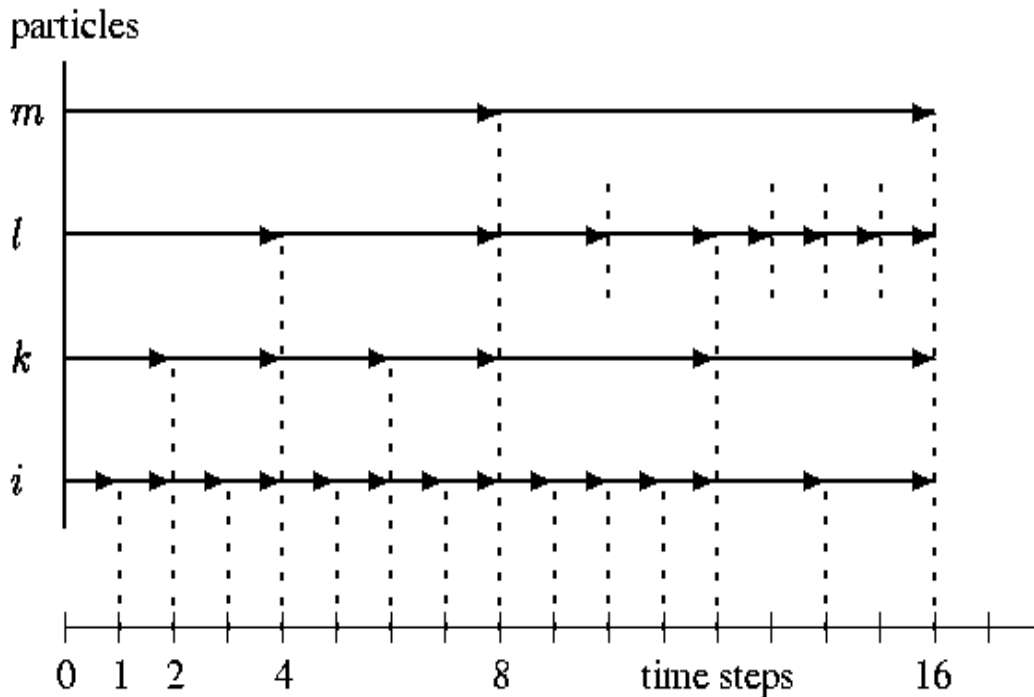
The Corrector Step – this is not time symmetric!

# Direct N-Body Simulations

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

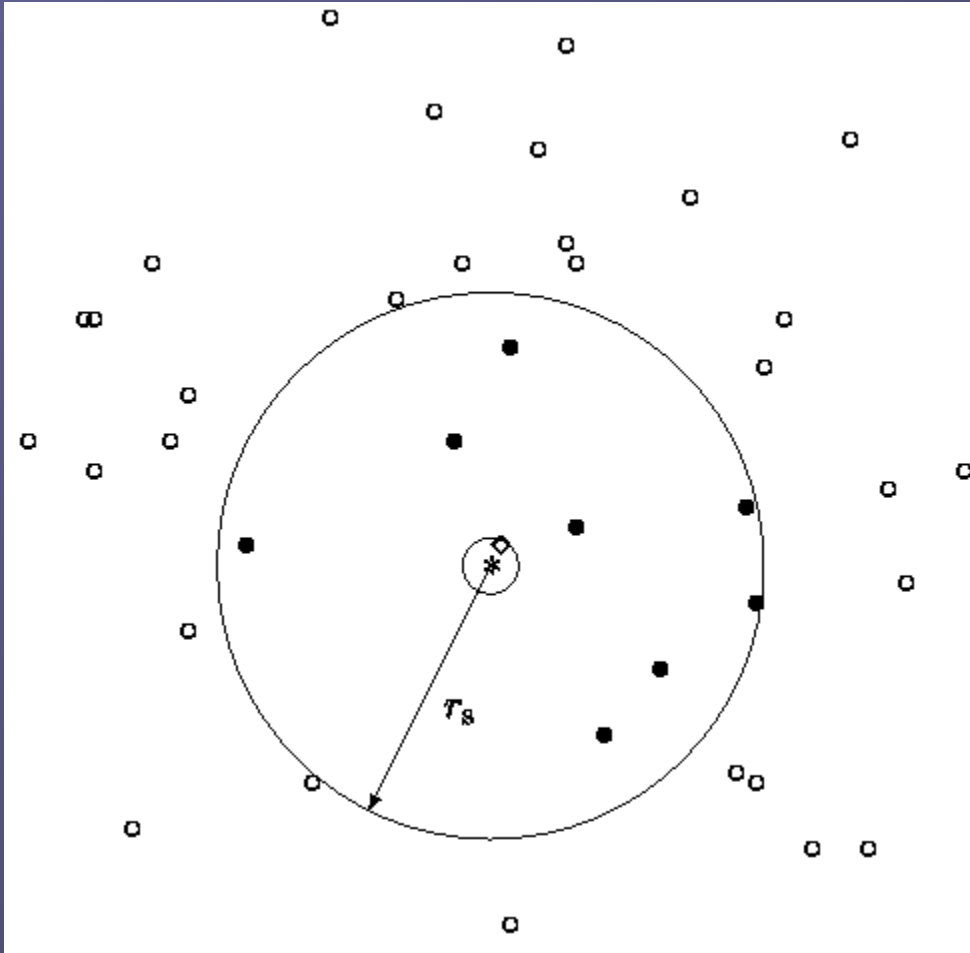


$$\Delta t = \sqrt{\eta \frac{|\vec{a}| |\vec{a}^{(2)}| + |\vec{a}|^2}{|\vec{a}| |\vec{a}^{(3)}| + |\vec{a}^{(2)}|^2}}$$

4th<sup>th</sup> order Hermite scheme

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

# Direct N-Body Simulations



Ahmad-Cohen  
Neighbour Scheme

(Double Volume for  
Incoming Particles)

Special Care for fast  
Particles

New Developments  
in progress!

# Direct N-Body Simulations

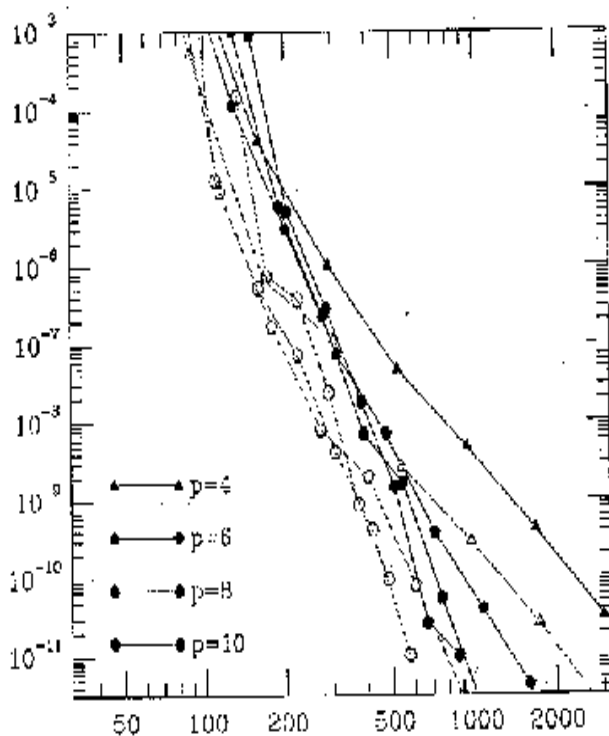


Fig. 1. The relative energy error as the function of the number of steps. A time-step criterion using differences between predicted and corrected values is used, different from Eq. 43. Dotted curves are for Hermite schemes, solid curves for Aarseth schemes. The stepnumber  $p$  denotes the order of the integrator. From [37].

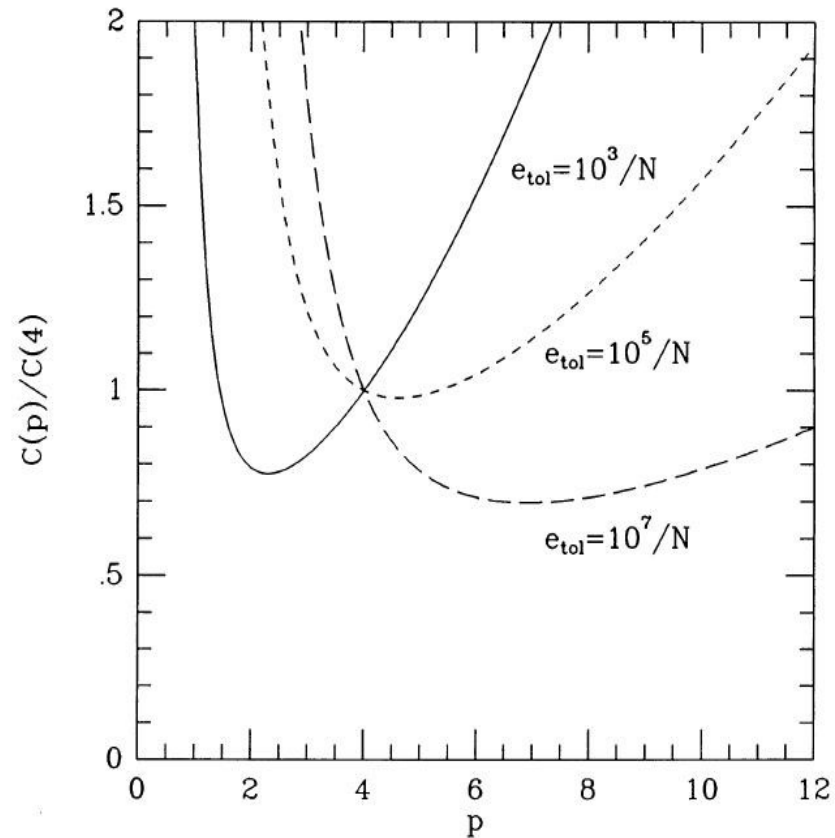


FIG. 6.—The theoretical estimate of the calculation cost relative to that for the standard Aarseth scheme with  $p = 4$ , plotted as the function of the stepnumber.

# Direct N-Body Simulations

So we need (among others):

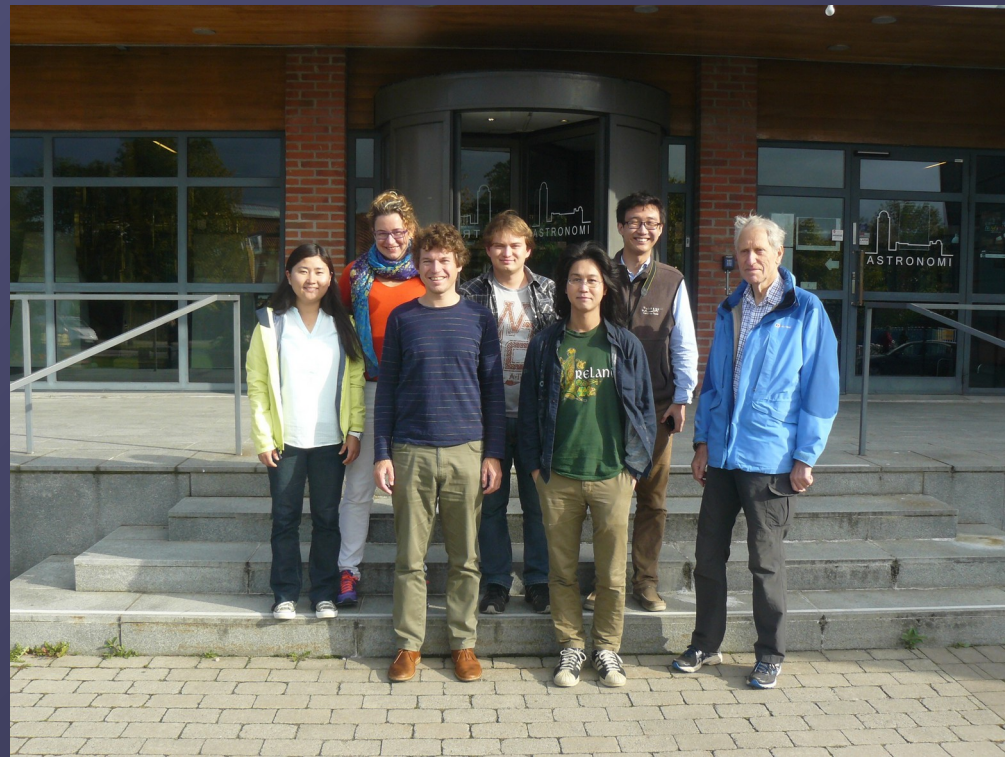
- 2-body Regularization (Kustaanheimo & Stiefel 1965)
- 3-body Regularization (Aarseth & Zare 1974)
- Hierarchical Subsystems (Chain, Aarseth & Mikkola)
- Our GPU implementation: Keigo (Nitadori & Aarseth 2012)

## Quaternions....

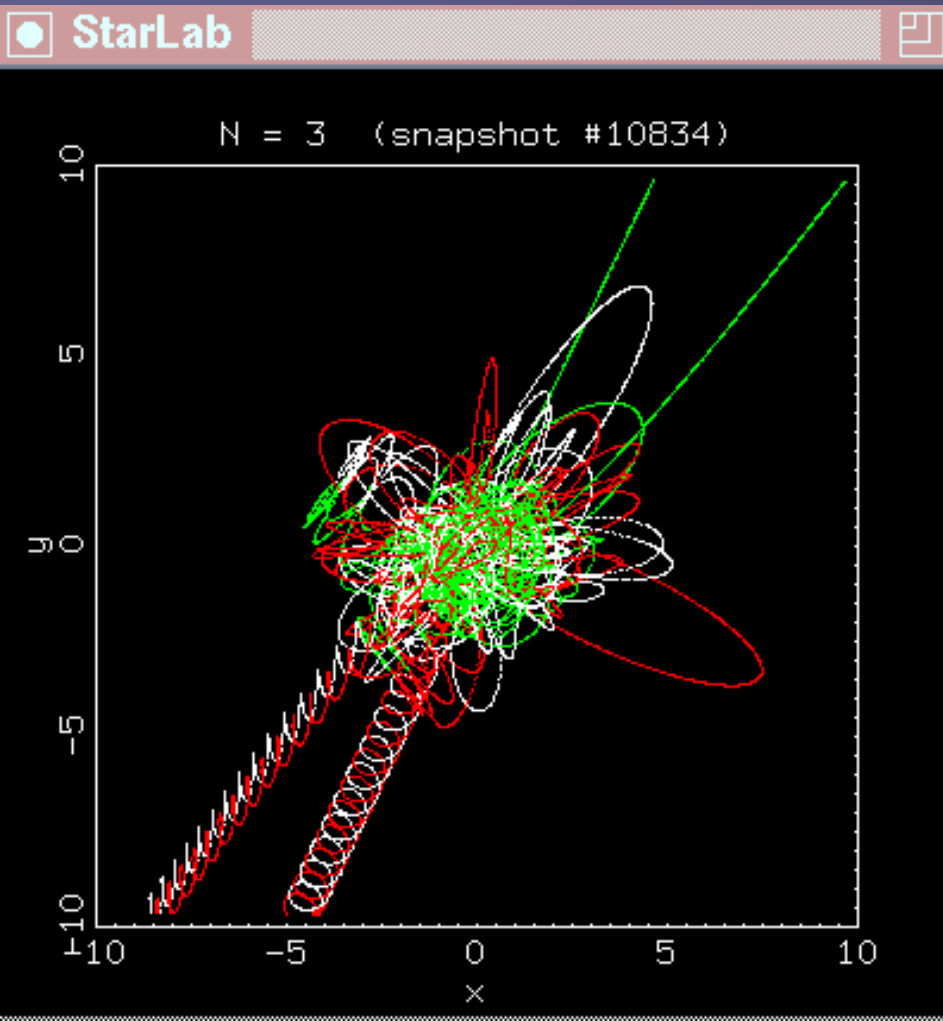
18 September 2015: some participants at the N-body workshop in Lund

From the left: Seungkyung Oh, Anna Sippel, Mark Gieles, Taras Panamarev, Keigo Nitadori, Long Wang, Sverre Aarseth

Keigo: RIKEN Inst. Japan (→ Fugaku)



# Direct N-Body Simulations



## Resonant 3-Body Encounter

Starlab Simulation by  
S.L.W. McMillan

<http://www.physics.drexel.edu/~steve/>

-> Three-Body-Problem



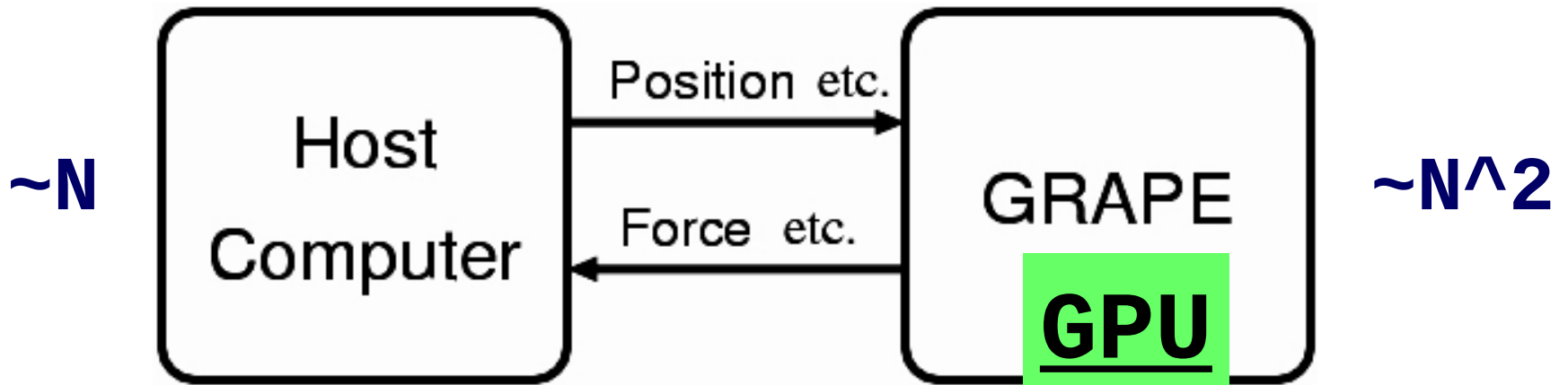
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# N-Body Parallelization

NBODY6++GPU

# N-body code Acceleration Scheme

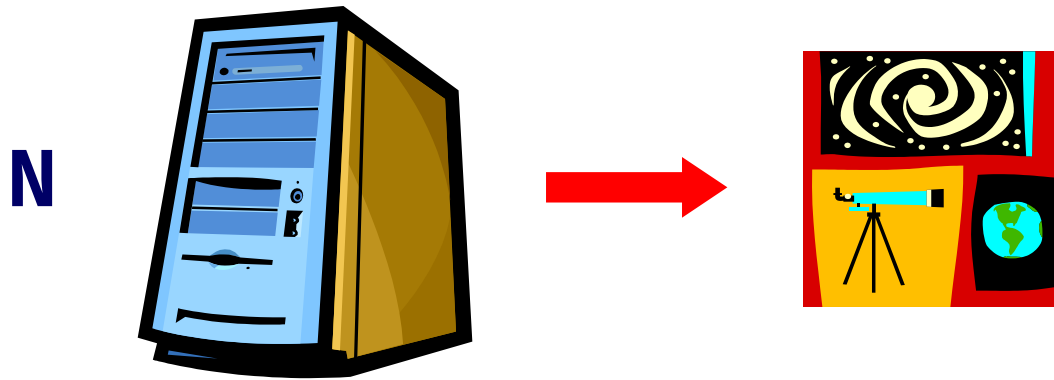
(Single Node)



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

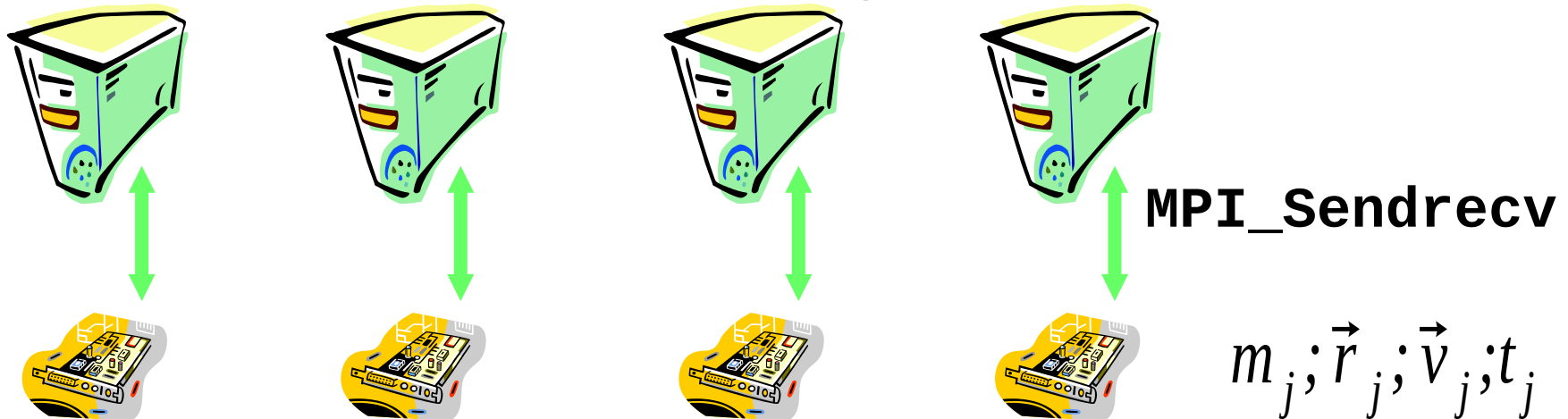
In our code:  $\epsilon=0$

# Parallel code on the cluster



$$m_i; \vec{r}_i; \vec{v}_i; t_i \quad \rightleftharpoons \quad \varphi_i; \vec{a}_i; \dot{\vec{a}}_i$$

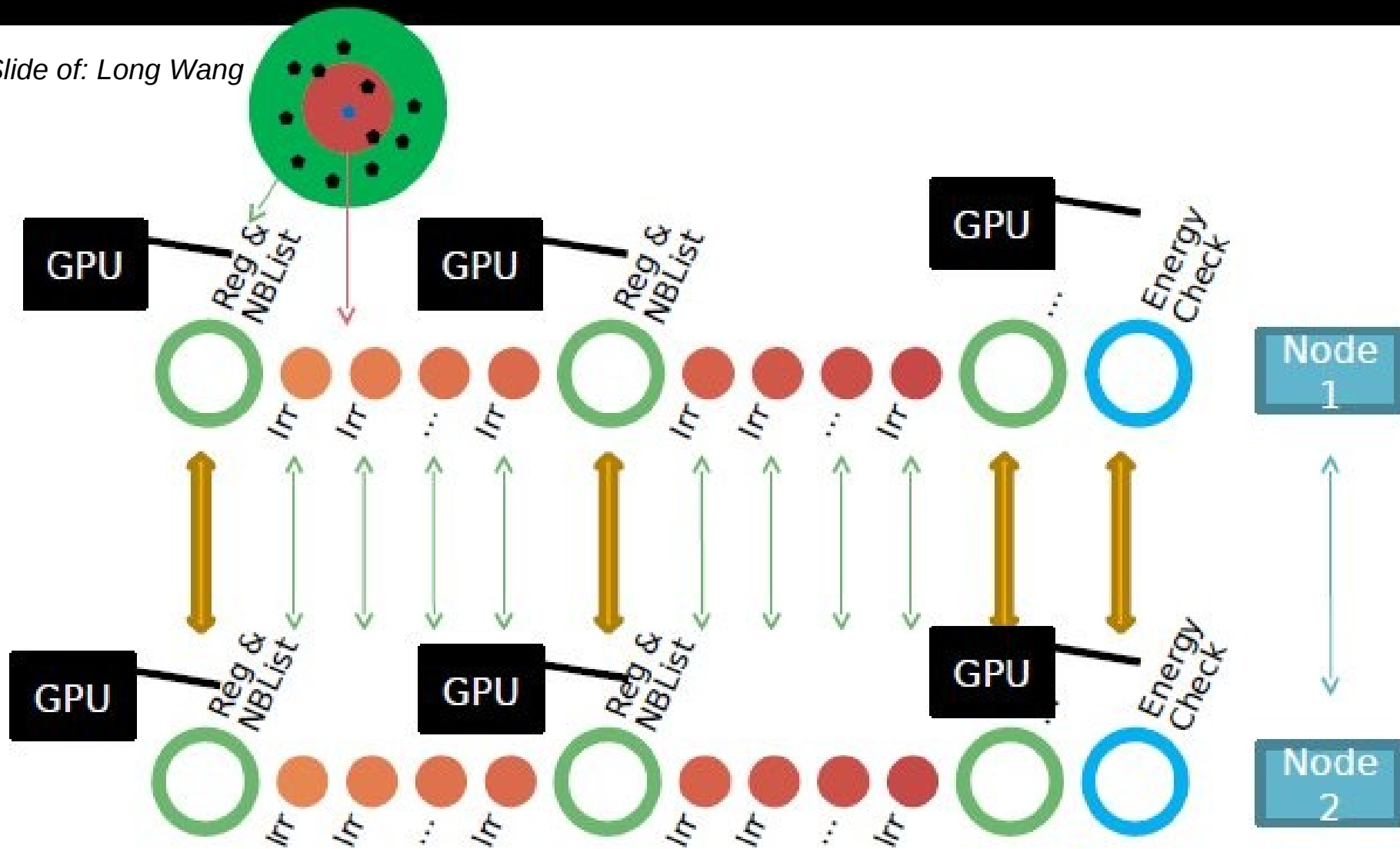
active particles distributed among nodes **N<sub>act</sub>**



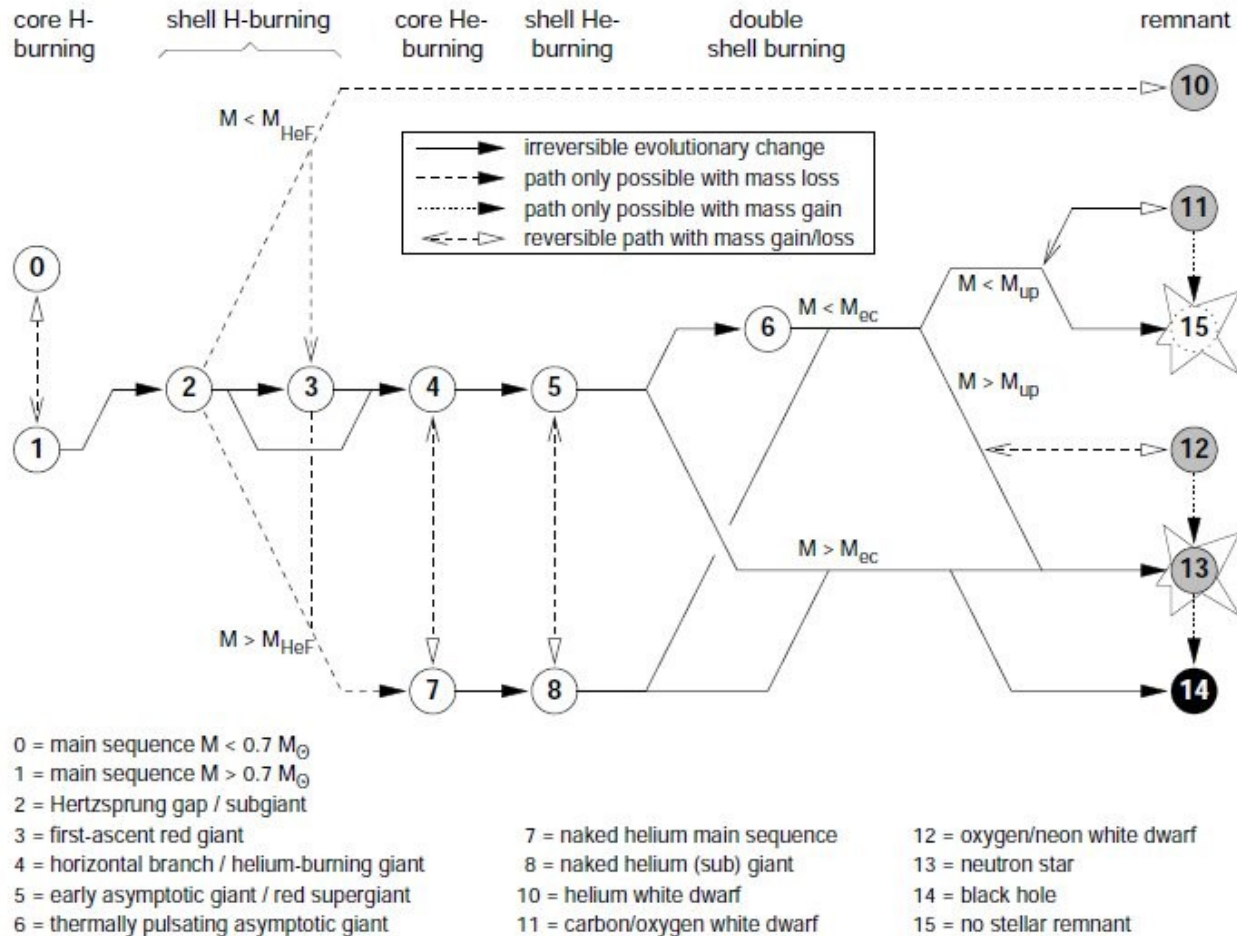
**Full N on every GPU**

# Nbody6++ Structure

Slide of: Long Wang



# Jarrold Hurley's Single Stellar Evolution (SSE) Sketch

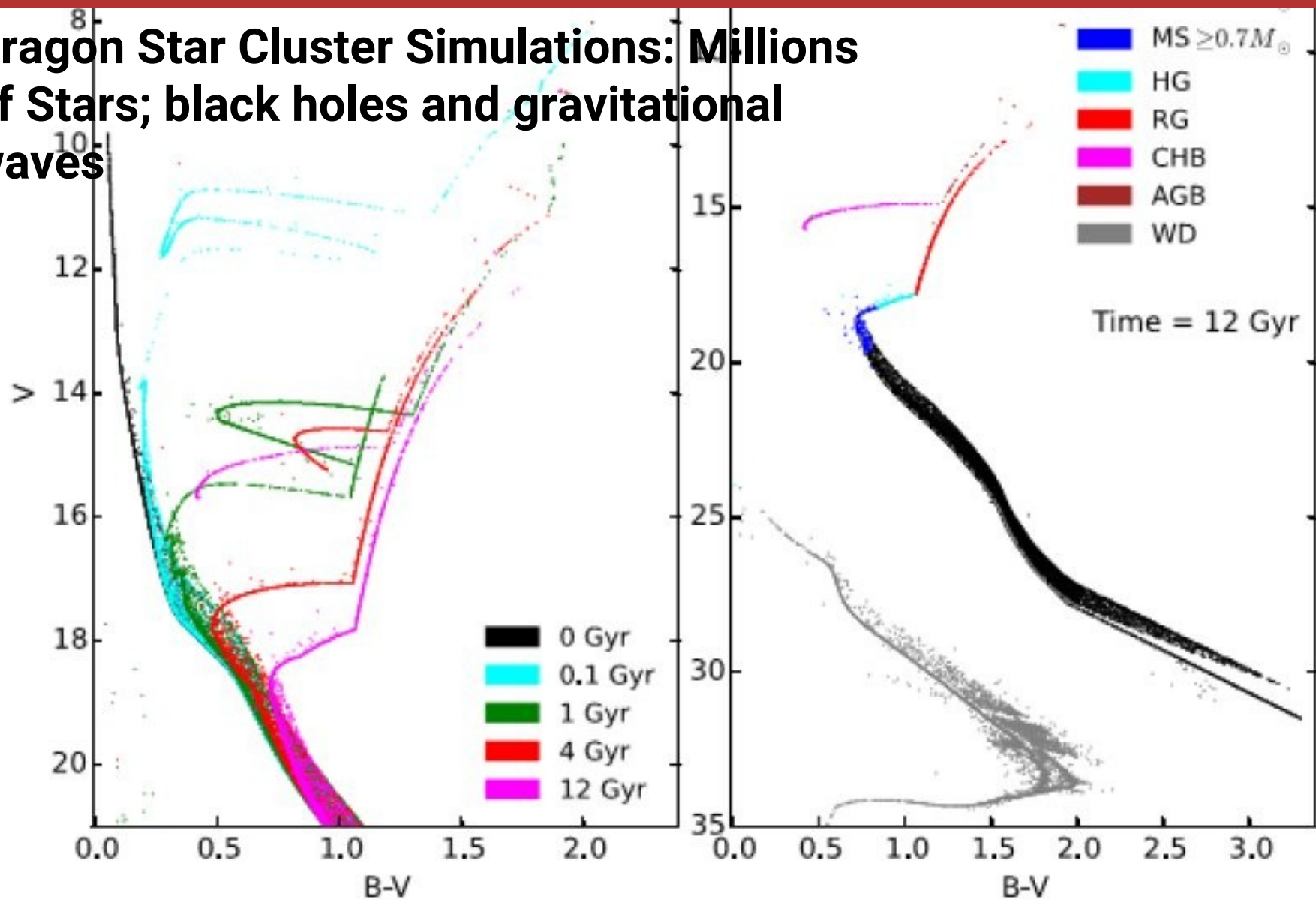


Taken from Jarrod Hurley Ph.D. thesis Cambridge 2001,  
 See also nice application example M67 Hurley, Tout, Aarseth, Pols 2005

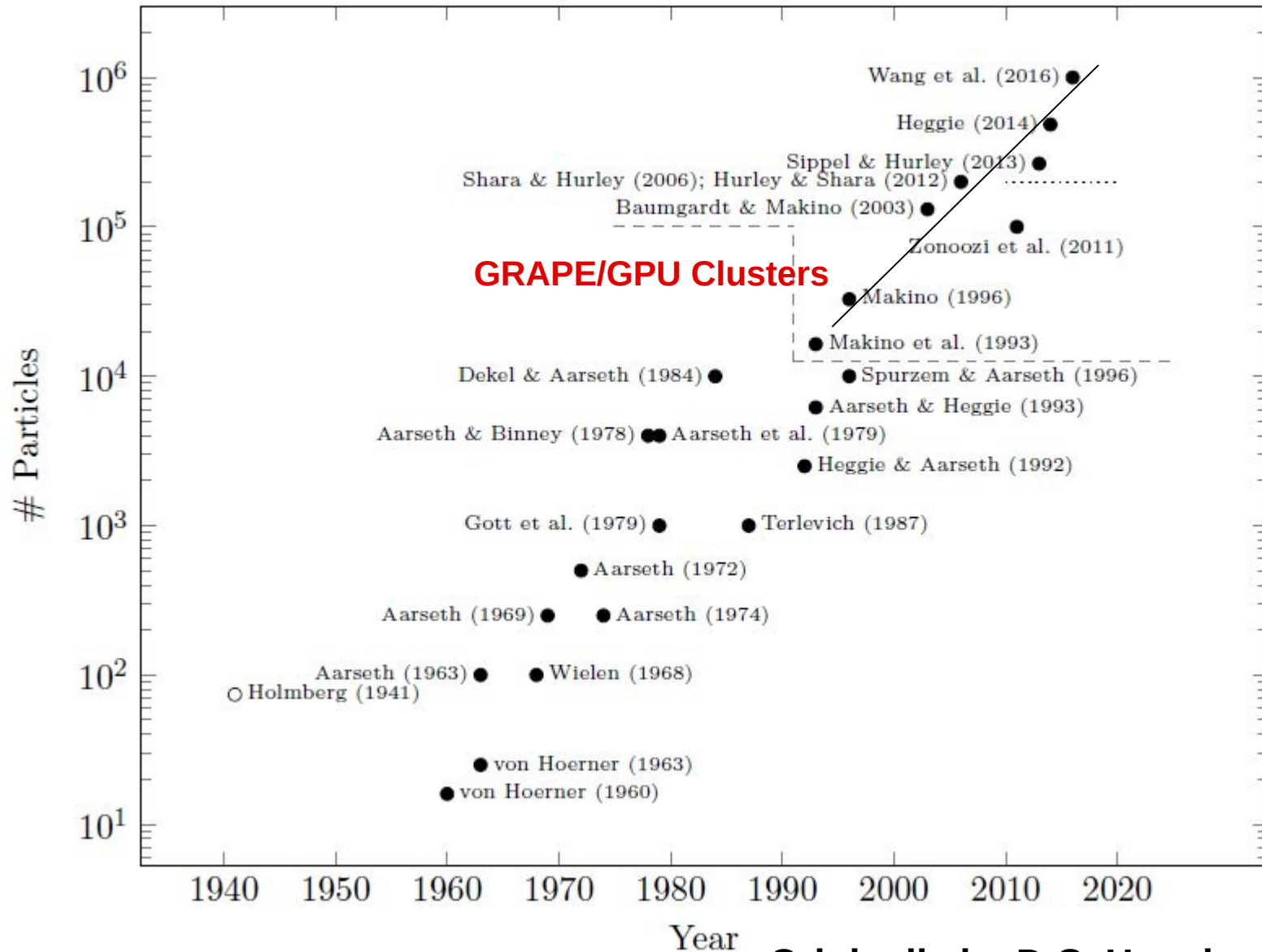
- 0 = deeply or fully convective MS star,  $M \lesssim 0.7$
- 1 = main-sequence (MS) star  $M \gtrsim 0.7$
- 2 = Hertzsprung gap (HG)
- 3 = first giant branch (GB)
- 4 = core helium burning (CHeB)
- 5 = early asymptotic giant branch (EAGB)
- 6 = thermally pulsing asymptotic giant branch (TPAGB)
- 7 = naked helium star MS (HeMS)
- 8 = naked helium star Hertzsprung gap (HeHG)
- 9 = naked helium star giant branch (HeGB)
- 10 = helium white dwarf (HeWD)
- 11 = carbon-oxygen white dwarf (COWD)
- 12 = oxygen-neon white dwarf (ONeWD)
- 13 = neutron star (NS)
- 14 = black hole (BH)
- 15 = massless remnant.

# 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



# “Moore's” Law for Direct N-Body



Originally by D.C. Heggie  
Extended by Anna Sippel