

Four collaborative competence centers for enabling software co-design

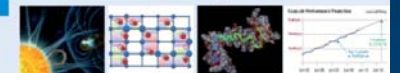
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Exascale Challenges

- Exploiting massive parallelism

- How will existing applications scale?
- Will there be new apps or models using new algorithms?
- Data transfer (memory, interconnect) will become relatively more expensive
- Requirements on (hierarchical) programming models, schedulers, languages, ...



- Reducing power requirements

- Must reduce the power requirement by a factor of at least 100
- Is a challenge also for SW (middleware and applications)
- Optimize for performance and power



- Coping with run-time errors

- Frequency of errors will increase, identification and correction will become more difficult
- HPC middleware has to include resiliency
- Redesign applications to embed resiliency?



Intel European Exascale Labs

Role

- Understand requirements for Exascale applications
- Provide feedback to Intel HW architects
- Provide guidance to application developers
- Build Exascale HW and SW prototypes
- Contribute to European and national projects

Status

- Started 2010/2011 as co-design centers
- With leading European HPC R&D organizations
- In total ~70 researchers
- Joint R&D program with partners
- Part of Intel Labs Europe network with >1,500 R&D professionals



Intel Exascale Labs — Europe

Strong Commitment To Advance Computing Leading Edge:
Intel collaborating with HPC community & European researchers
4 labs in Europe - Exascale computing is the central topic

ExaScale Computing
Research Lab, Paris



Performance and scalability of
Exascale applications
Tools for performance
characterization

ExaCluster Lab,
Jülich



Exascale cluster scalability
and reliability

ExaScience Lab,
Leuven



Comms avoiding algorithms
Architectural simulation
Scalable kernels and RT

Intel and BSC Exascale
Lab, Barcelona



Scalable RTS and tools
New algorithms

www.exascale-labs.eu

Signed Collaboration agreement



France: Exascale Computing Research Center



Application
Scalability

Application Performance
Characterization/Optimization
- from Core to Platform level

Geoscience, Life sciences, Energy/Environment



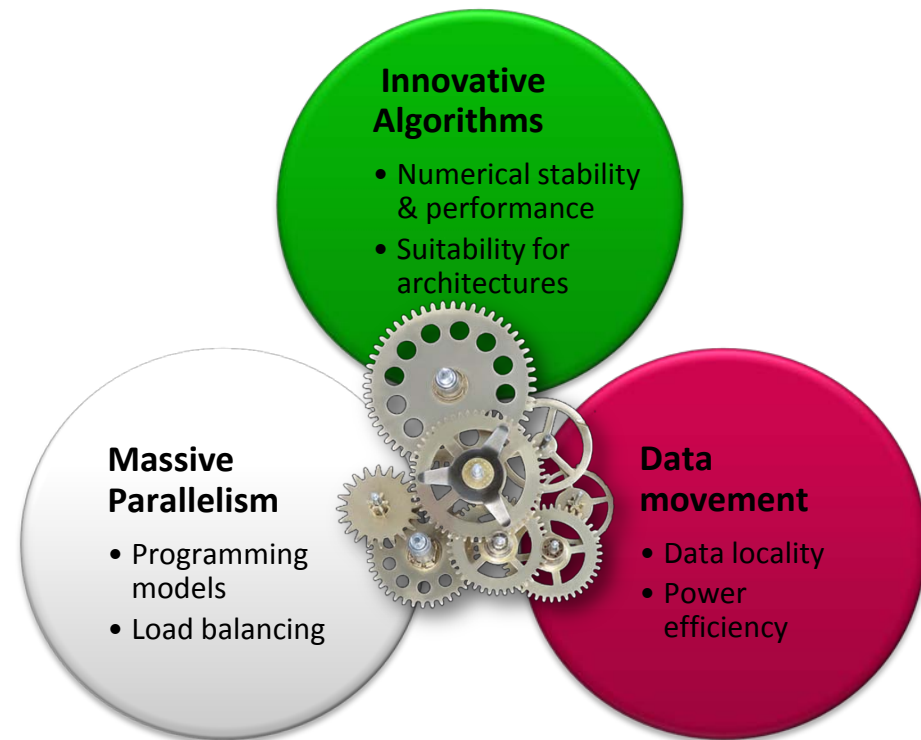
Application co-Design at ECR

Pave the way for Exascale science

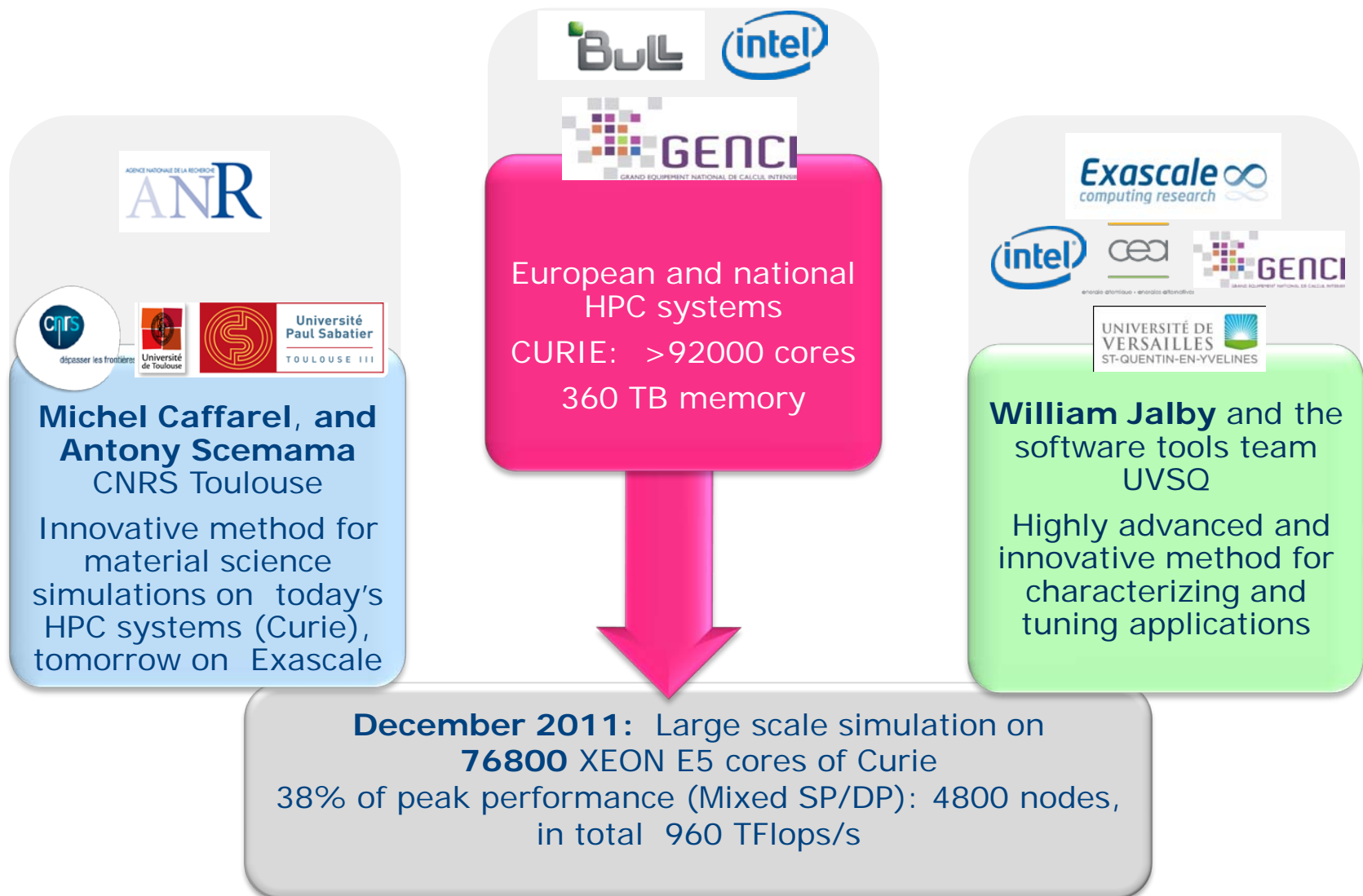
- Work with external scientists and partners
- Reach out to the community through Exascale app design guidelines

Approach at ECR

- Understand the **scientific trends** from today to 2018
- Characterize **relevant mini-apps** on existing HPC hardware and prototype
- Provide projections according to hardware trends
- Identify algorithm-specific bottlenecks for performance, power, resiliency, programmability, ...



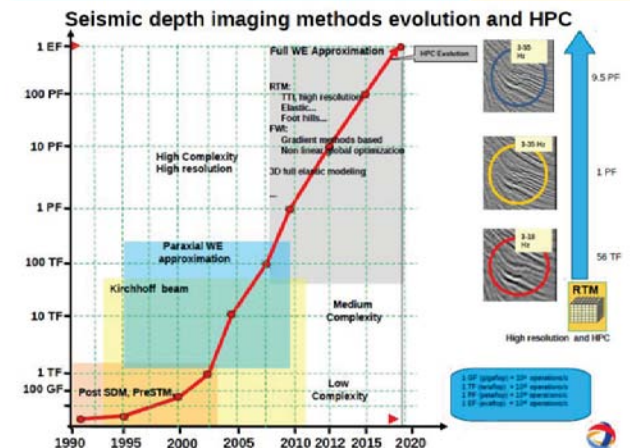
Case study performance tuning



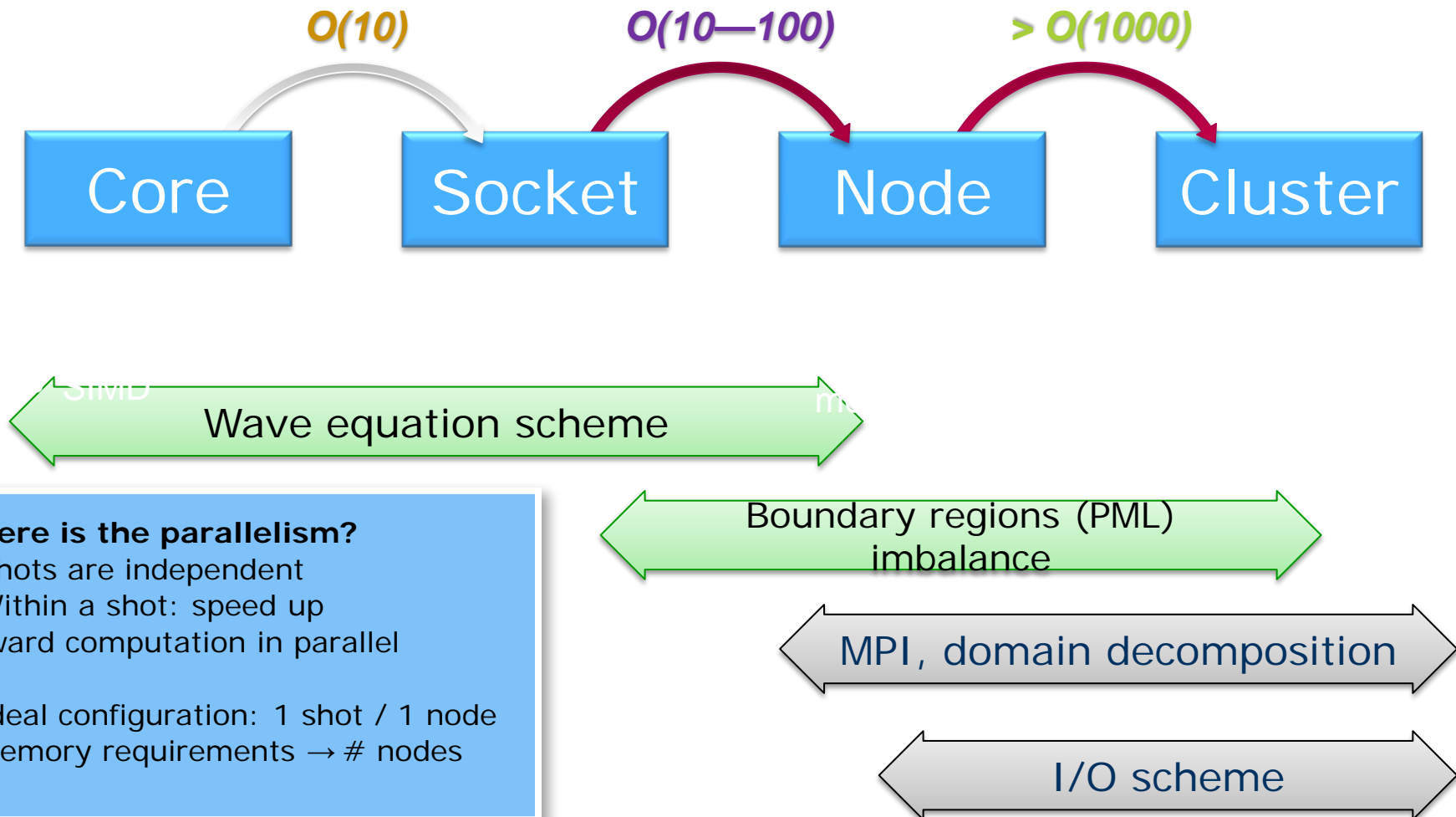
Seismic Imaging at ECR

- Trends in seismic imaging
 - Tackle geophysical complexity
 - Exploit increasingly extensive amount of data from seismic acquisitions
 - Quantify uncertainty
- Collaboration goals
 - Characterize performance of seismic imaging kernels on current architectures
 - Help prepare for the future
 - Intel architectures, programming models
 - Numerical methods towards exascale seismic modeling

2. Oil industry



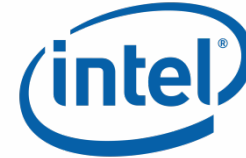
Key Performance Factors for Seismic Inversion



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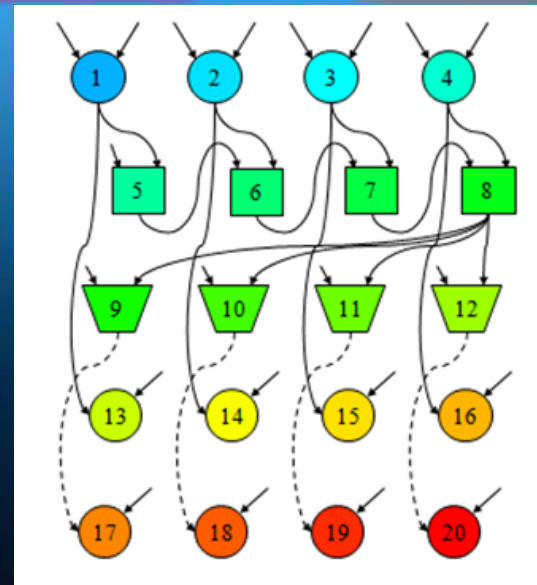
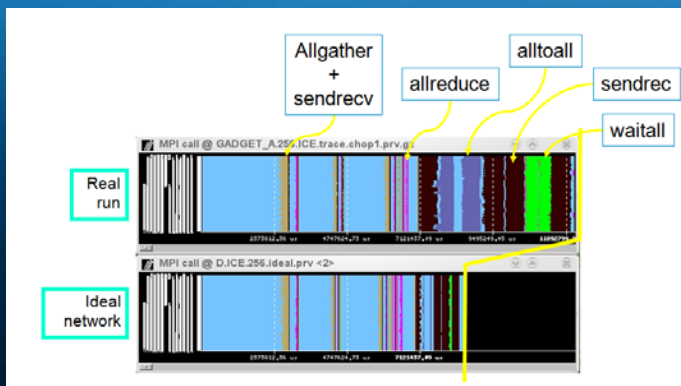
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Scalable
Performance
tools

Scalable
Run-time
System

New
Algorithms



Germany: Jülich ExaCluster Laboratory



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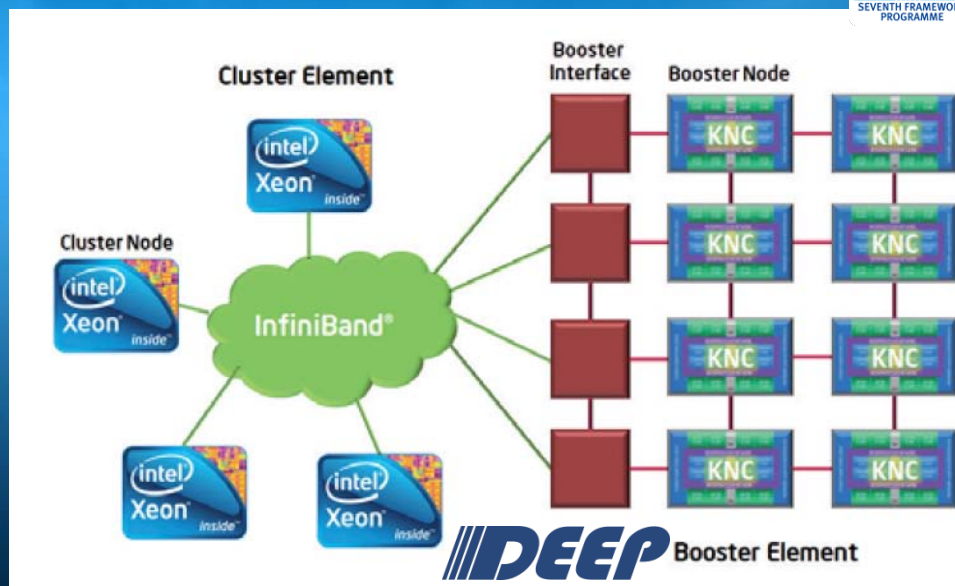
**CLUSTER
COMPETENCE
CENTER**

**SW Scalability and
Resilience**


**Exascale Cluster
Architecture**

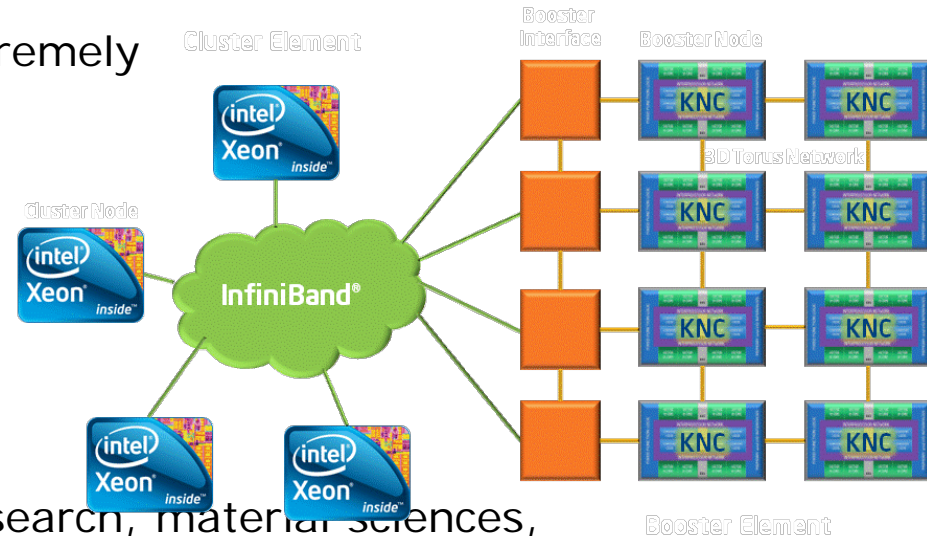
**Exascale Simulation
and Tools**

The DEEP Architecture



DEEP – Dynamic Exascale Entry Platform

- Exascale prototype platform
 - Combine Intel® Xeon Cluster with extremely scalable Cluster of Intel® KNC boards
 - Achieve high packaging and energy efficiency by hot water cooling
 - Runtime system and programming environment
 - Evolution of OmpSS model
 - Six pilot applications
 - Life sciences, astrophysics, climate research, material sciences, engineering
 - <http://www.deep-project.eu>
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- The diagram illustrates the Exascale prototype platform architecture. At the center is a green cloud labeled 'InfiniBand®'. Four 'Cluster Node' units are connected to this cloud; each node contains an Intel Xeon processor and an Intel KNC (Knights Corner) board. To the right, several 'Cluster Element' units (represented by orange rectangles) are also connected to the central InfiniBand network. Labels 'Cluster Element' and 'Cluster Node' are positioned near the top-left and bottom-left nodes respectively.



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Application
Frameworks

Exascale
Space-Weather
Prediction

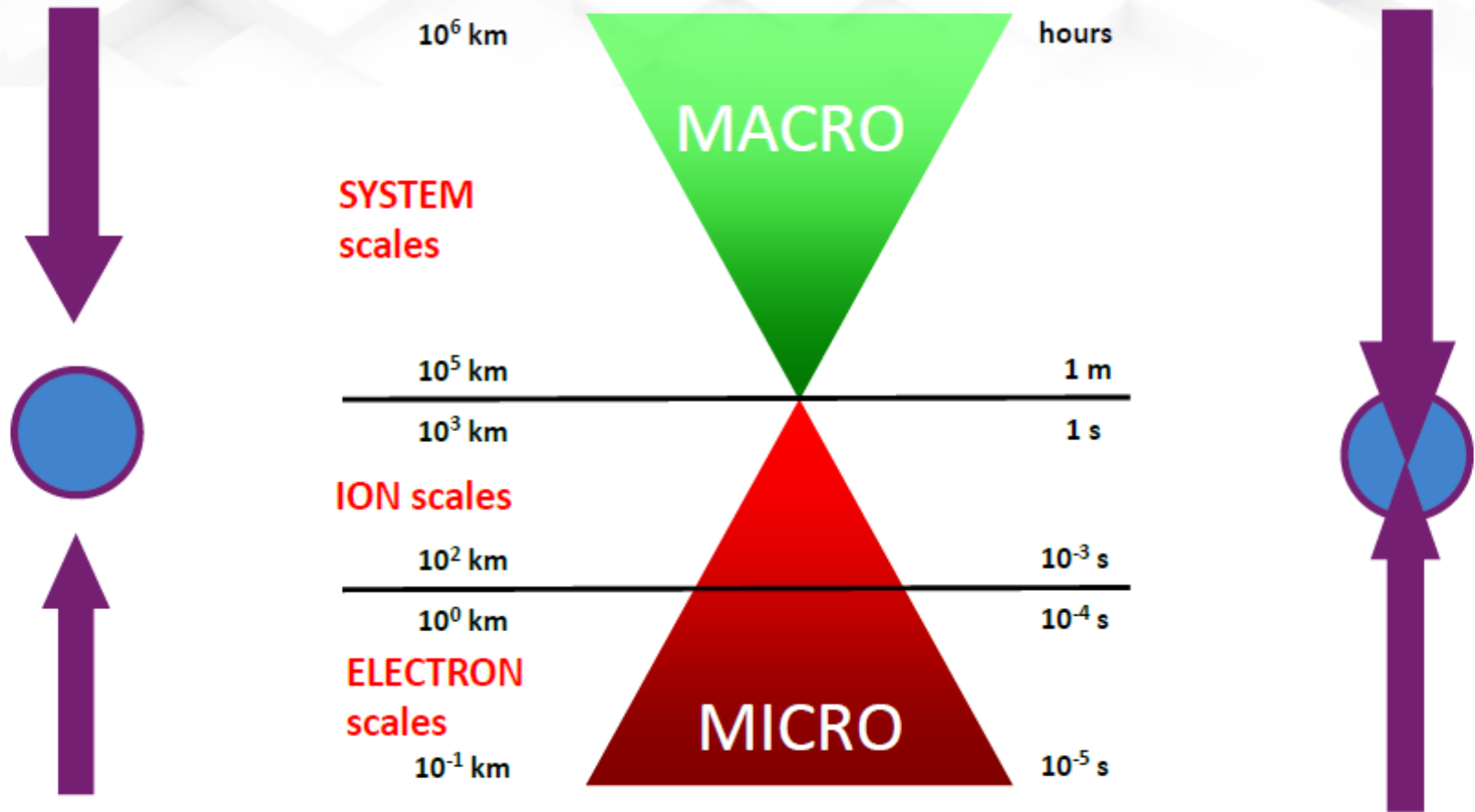
Visualization
Methodologies

Architectural Simulations

Multiscale – Multiphysics – Our Goals

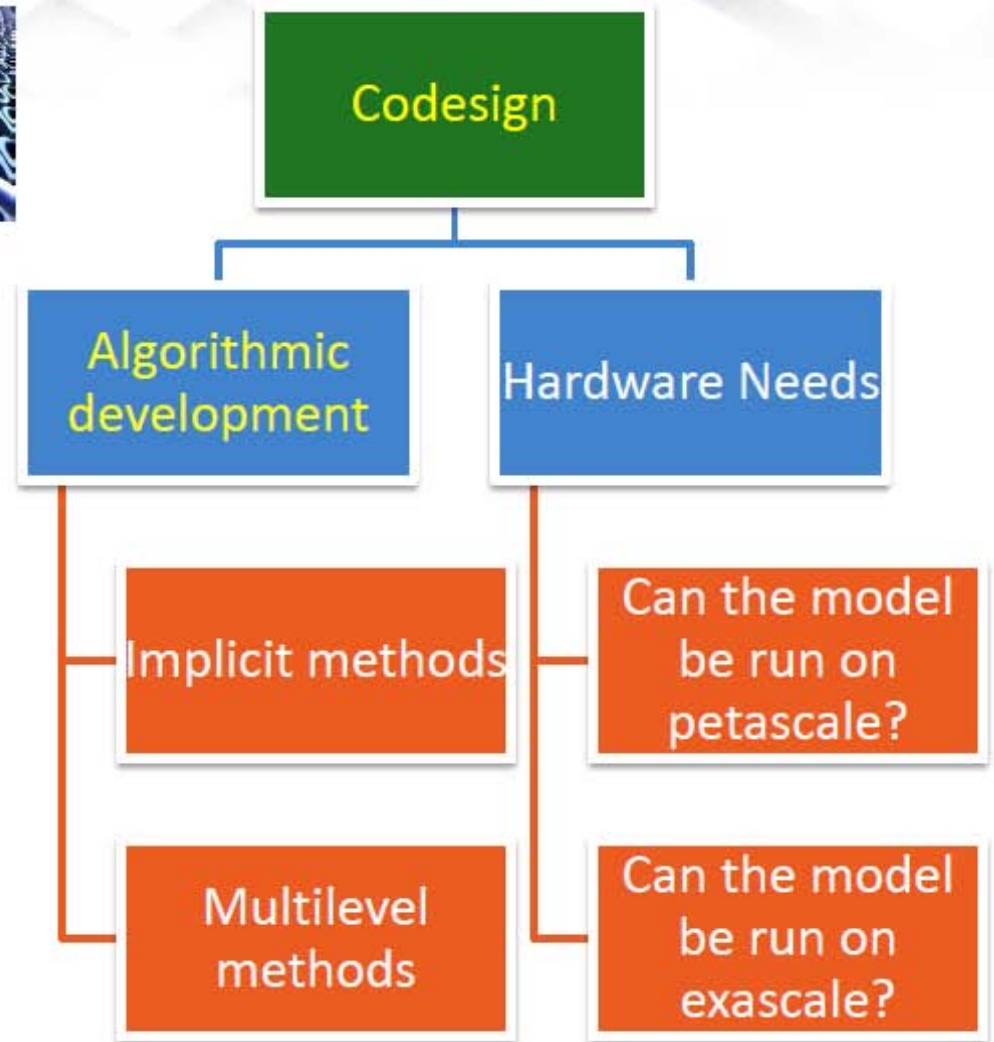
Petascale

Exascale



EXASCALE allows to bridge the micro-macro gap by increasing size and resolution by the needed 3 orders of magnitude

OUTLINE



INFRASTRUCTURE

Application

Particle-In-Cell Simulation

Data Structures

Load Balanced Grid Data Structures

Exascale Communication Library

Runtime Layer

Cobra: Continuator-Based Resilient Workstealing

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