

# Future Data Centers for Energy-Efficient Large Scale Numerical Simulations

## ***On the need for a combination of Hardware-oriented Numerics with Unconventional HPC***

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# Outline

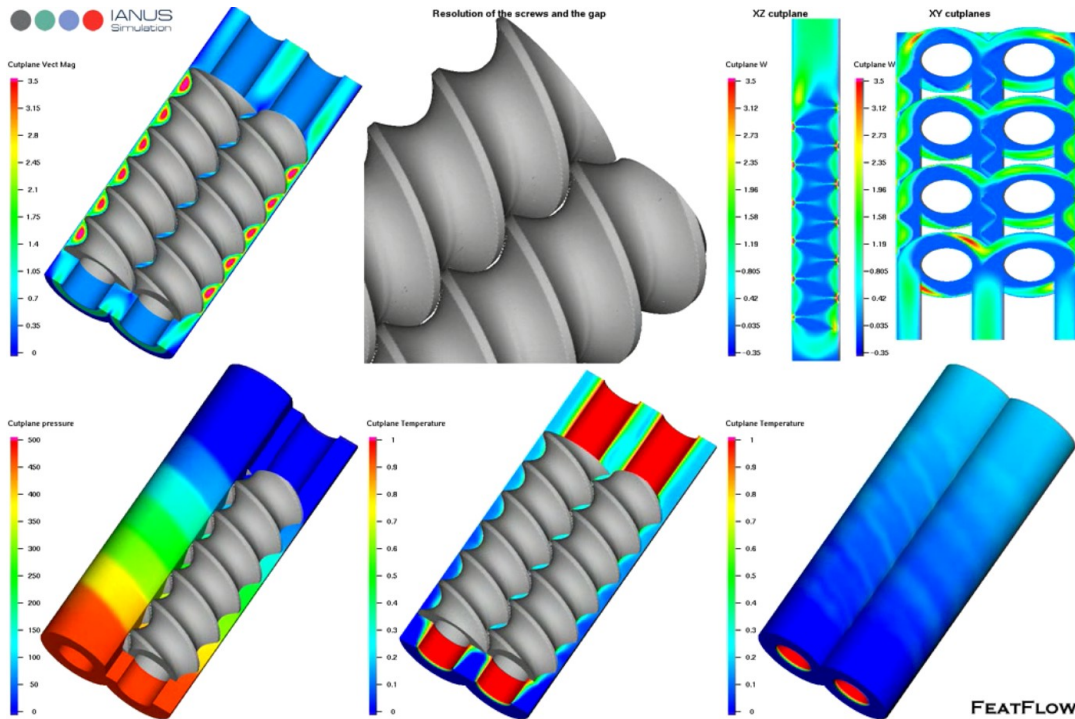
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## Roughly three parts:

- **Hardware-oriented Numerics** in *Energiewende* (or: why do Mathematicians build a supercomputer?)
  - Our perspective on Energiewende
  - **Green computing, Hardware-oriented Numerics and Unconventional HPC**
  - Simulation w.r.t. hardware-, numerical-, and energy-efficiency
- A prototype for future Data Centers
  - Preliminary work with ARM-based clusters
  - the I.C.A.R.U.S experimental cluster based on NVIDIA Tegra K1 and a minimum energy data storage system
- Performance engineering for unconventional hardware with focus on energy efficiency in the **FEAT software family**

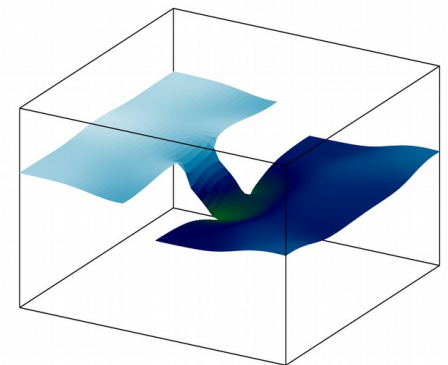
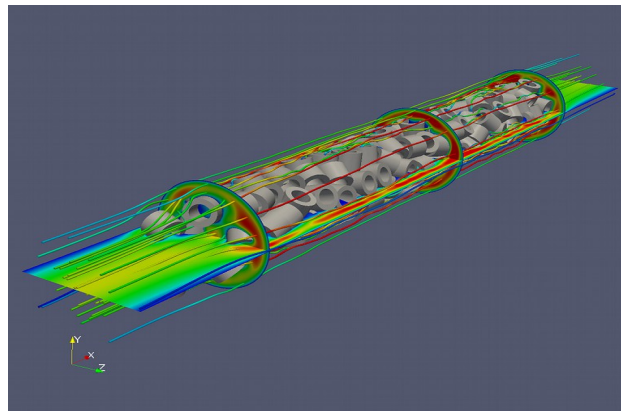
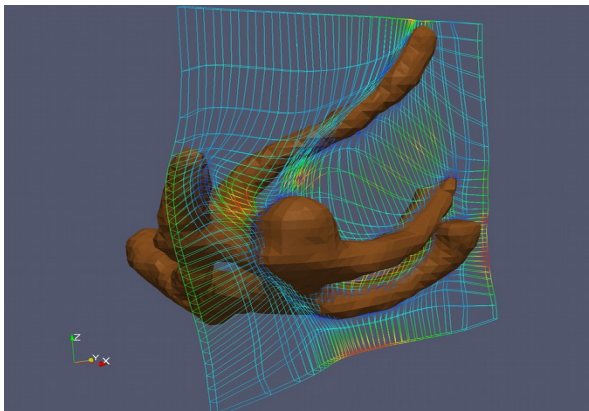
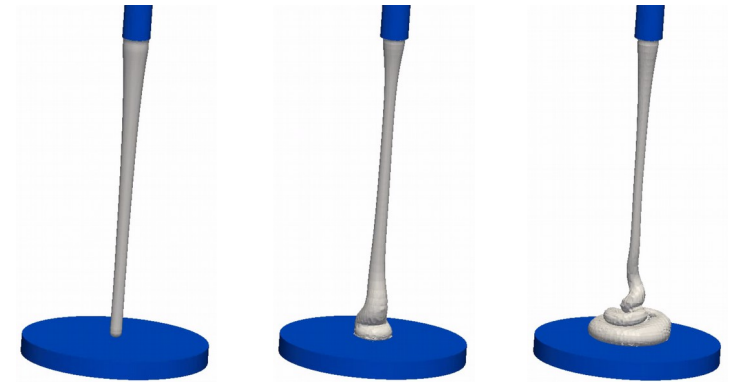
# Motivation: where it all leads...

## Simulation of technical flows



### characteristics:

- high end modelling, numerics
- huge requirements: computation, storage



# Our perspective on *Energiewende*

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## **Applied Mathematics is also on the 'user'-side!**

- Energy Production based on renewables and better grids are crucially needed
- But also *energy consumers* have to adapt → **Energy Efficiency (EE) increase is needed ('output up, consumption down')**
- MSO are rightfully considered offering powerful tools for conserving energy in industrial processes
- But: **How energy-efficient can simulation be performed?**

**How can the mathematical community increase EE in what we do?**

# Green HPC and Hardware-oriented Numerics

## Current supercomputers / data centers aren't green

RANK	SITE	SYSTEM	CORES	RMAX (TFLOP/S)	RPEAK (TFLOP/S)	POWER (KW)
1	National Super Computer Center in Guangzhou China	<b>Tianhe-2 (MilkyWay-2)</b> - TH-IVB-FEP Cluster, Intel Xeon E5-2692 12C 2.200GHz, TH Express-2, Intel Xeon Phi 31S1P NUDT	3,120,000	33,862.7	54,902.4	17,808
2	DOE/SC/Oak Ridge National Laboratory United States	<b>Titan</b> - Cray XK7 , Opteron 6274 16C 2.200GHz, Cray Gemini interconnect, NVIDIA K20x Cray Inc.	560,640	17,590.0	27,112.5	8,209
3	DOE/NNSA/LLNL United States	<b>Sequoia</b> - BlueGene/Q, Power BQC 16C 1.60 GHz, Custom IBM	1,572,864	17,173.2	20,132.7	7,890
4	RIKEN Advanced Institute for Computational Science [AICS] Japan	K computer, SPARC64 VIIIfx 2.0GHz, Tofu interconnect Fujitsu	705,024	10,510.0	11,280.4	12,660
5	DOE/SC/Argonne National Laboratory United States	<b>Mira</b> - BlueGene/Q, Power BQC 16C 1.60GHz, Custom IBM	786,432	8,586.6	10,066.3	3,945
6	Swiss National Supercomputing Centre [CSCS] Switzerland	<b>Piz Daint</b> - Cray XC30, Xeon E5-2670 8C 2.600GHz, Aries interconnect , NVIDIA K20x Cray Inc.	115,984	6,271.0	7,788.9	2,325
7	King Abdullah University of Science and Technology Saudi Arabia	<b>Shaheen II</b> - Cray XC40, Xeon E5-2698v3 16C 2.3GHz, Aries interconnect Cray Inc.	196,608	5,537.0	7,235.2	2,834
8	Texas Advanced Computing Center/Univ. of Texas United States	<b>Stampede</b> - PowerEdge C8220, Xeon E5-2680 8C 2.700GHz, Infiniband FDR, Intel Xeon Phi SE10P Dell	462,462	5,168.1	8,520.1	4,510
9	Forschungszentrum Juelich [FZJ] Germany	<b>JUQUEEN</b> - BlueGene/Q, Power BQC 16C 1.600GHz, Custom Interconnect IBM	458,752	5,008.9	5,872.0	2,301
10	DOE/NNSA/LLNL United States	<b>Vulcan</b> - BlueGene/Q, Power BQC 16C 1.600GHz, Custom Interconnect IBM	393,216	4,293.3	5,033.2	1,972

Mflop/s / W

1902

2143

2177

830

2 – 17 MW of power!

Simulation comes at huge cost!

# Green HPC and Hardware-oriented Numerics

## Greenmost supercomputers are 'unconventional'

	Green500 Rank	MFLOPS/W	Site*	Computer*	Total Power (kW)
Japan	1	7,031.58	RIKEN	Shoubu - ExaScaler-1.4 80Brick, Xeon E5-2618Lv3 8C 2.3GHz, Infiniband FDR, PEZY-SC	50.32
Japan	2	6,842.31	High Energy Accelerator Research Organization /KEK	Suiren Blue - ExaScaler-1.4 16Brick, Xeon E5-2618Lv3 8C 2.3GHz, Infiniband PEZY-SC	28.25
Japan	3	6,217.04	High Energy Accelerator Research Organization /KEK	Suiren - ExaScaler 32U256SC Cluster, Intel Xeon E5-2660v2 10C 2.2GHz, Infiniband FDR, PEZY-SC	32.59
Germany	4	5,271.81	GSI Helmholtz Center	ASUS ESC4000 FDR/C3S, Intel Xeon E5-2690v2 10C 3GHz, Infiniband FDR, AMD FirePro S9150	57.15
Japan	5	4,257.88	GSIC Center, Tokyo Institute of Technology	TSUBAME-KFC - LX 1U-4GPU/104Re-1G Cluster, Intel Xeon E5-2620v2 6C 2.100GHz, Infiniband FDR, NVIDIA K20x	39.83
USA	6	4,112.11	Stanford Research Computing Center	XStream - Cray CS-Storm, Intel Xeon E5-2680v2 10C 2.8GHz, Infiniband FDR, Nvidia K80	190.00
USA	7	3,962.73	Cray Inc.	Storm1 - Cray CS-Storm, Intel Xeon E5-2660v2 10C 2.2GHz, Infiniband FDR, Nvidia K40m	44.54
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Germany	9	3,614.71	TU Dresden, ZIH	Taurus GPUs - Bull bullx R400, Xeon E5-2680v3 12C 2.5GHz, Infiniband FDR, Nvidia K80	58.01
USA	10	3,543.32	Financial Institution	iDataPlex DX360M4, Intel Xeon E5-2680v2 10C 2.800GHz, Infiniband, NVIDIA K20x	54.60

<http://www.green500.org/lists/green201506>

Accelerators rule the field, unconventional design is leading,  
Germany could potentially do better



# Green HPC and Hardware-oriented Numerics

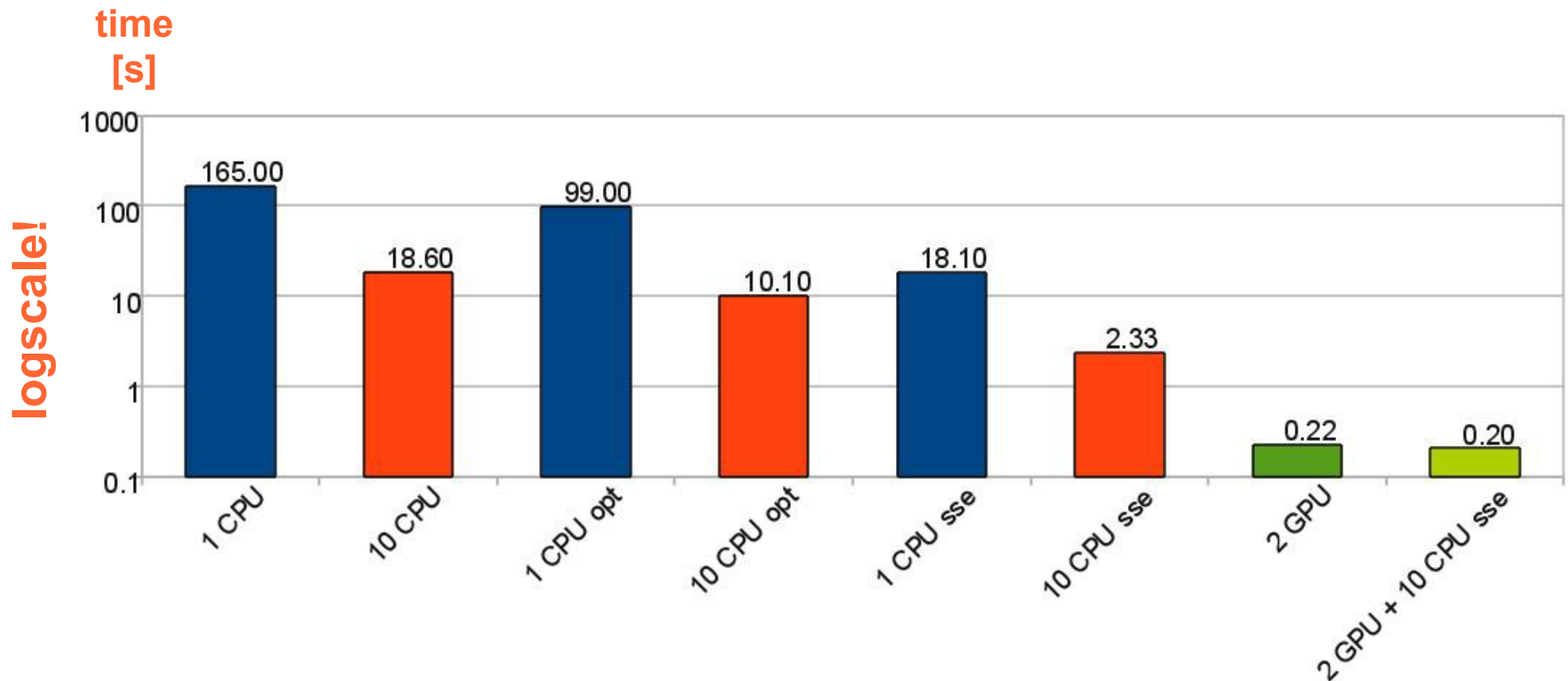
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Still not developed under the premise  
of EE, power source not included in  
thinking yet

# Hardware-oriented Numerics

(I) : Hardware Efficiency: apply 'classical' roofline models until optimal



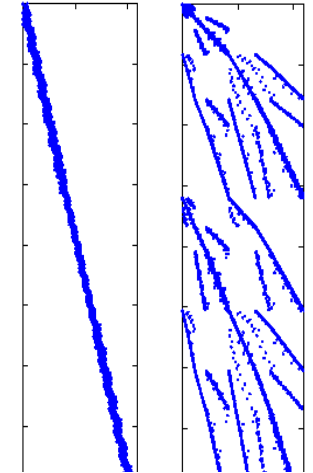
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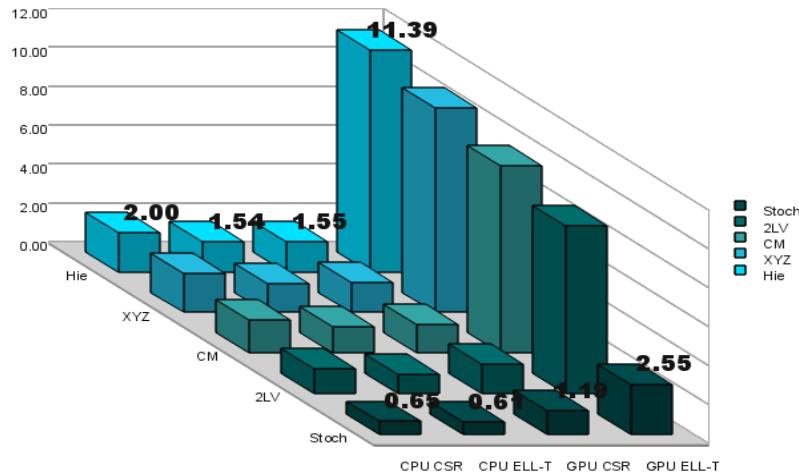
# Hardware-oriented Numerics

## (I) Hardware Efficiency: kernel-based optimisation: SpMV

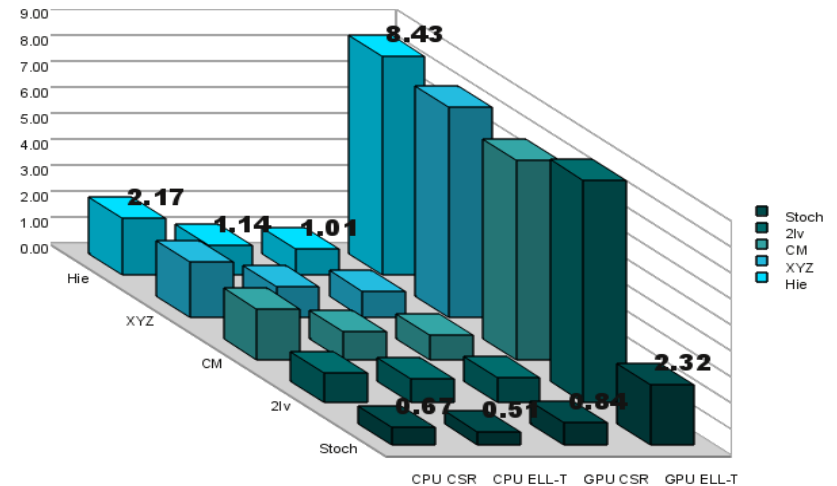
- one of the most prominent kernels in solving PDEs with high-end FEM
- memory access matters a lot
- hardware efficiency considerations start early: DOF numbering
- hardware-efficiency requires different matrix storage
- FE space matters



Performance  
[Gflop/s]



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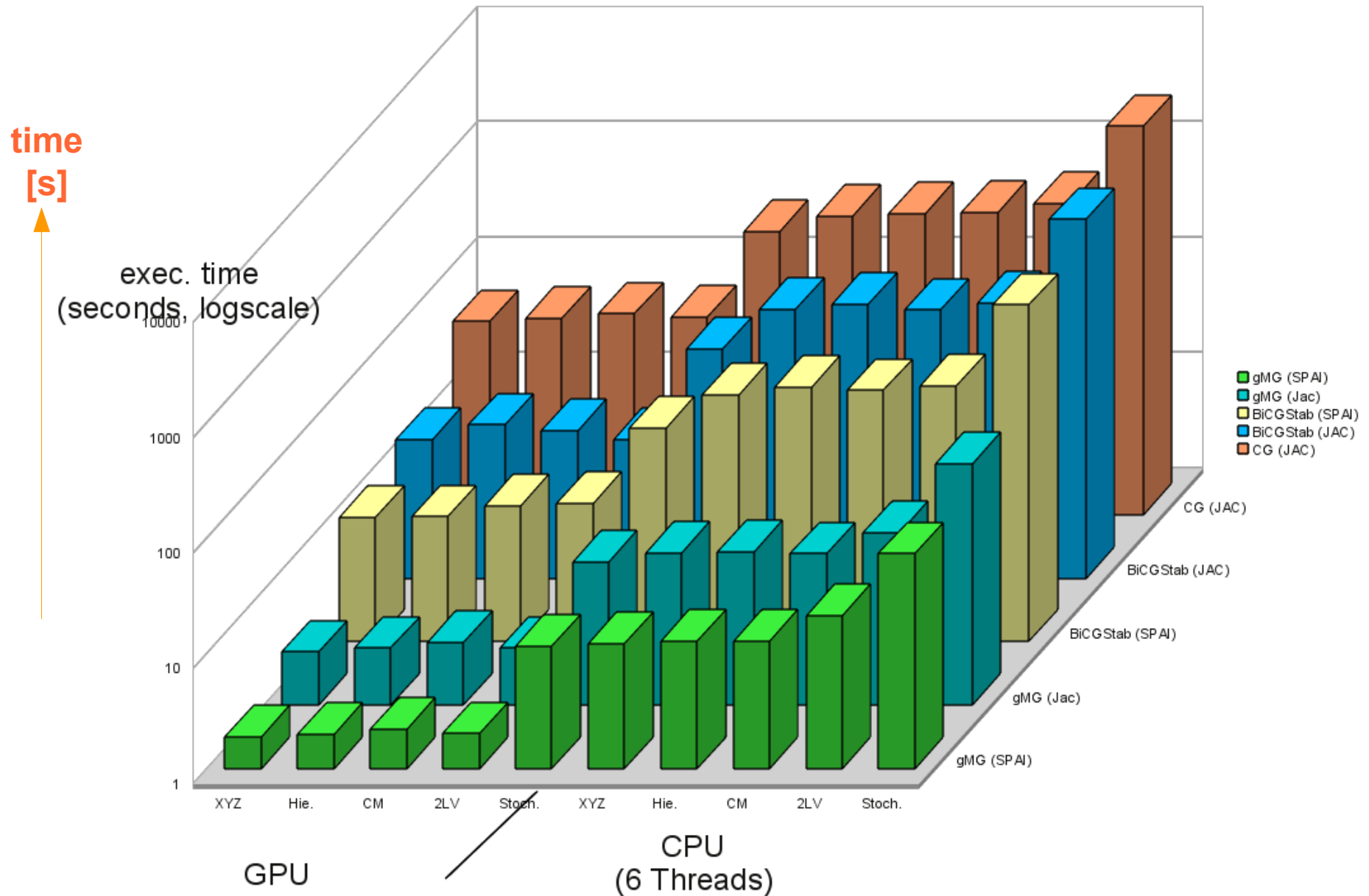


Q2

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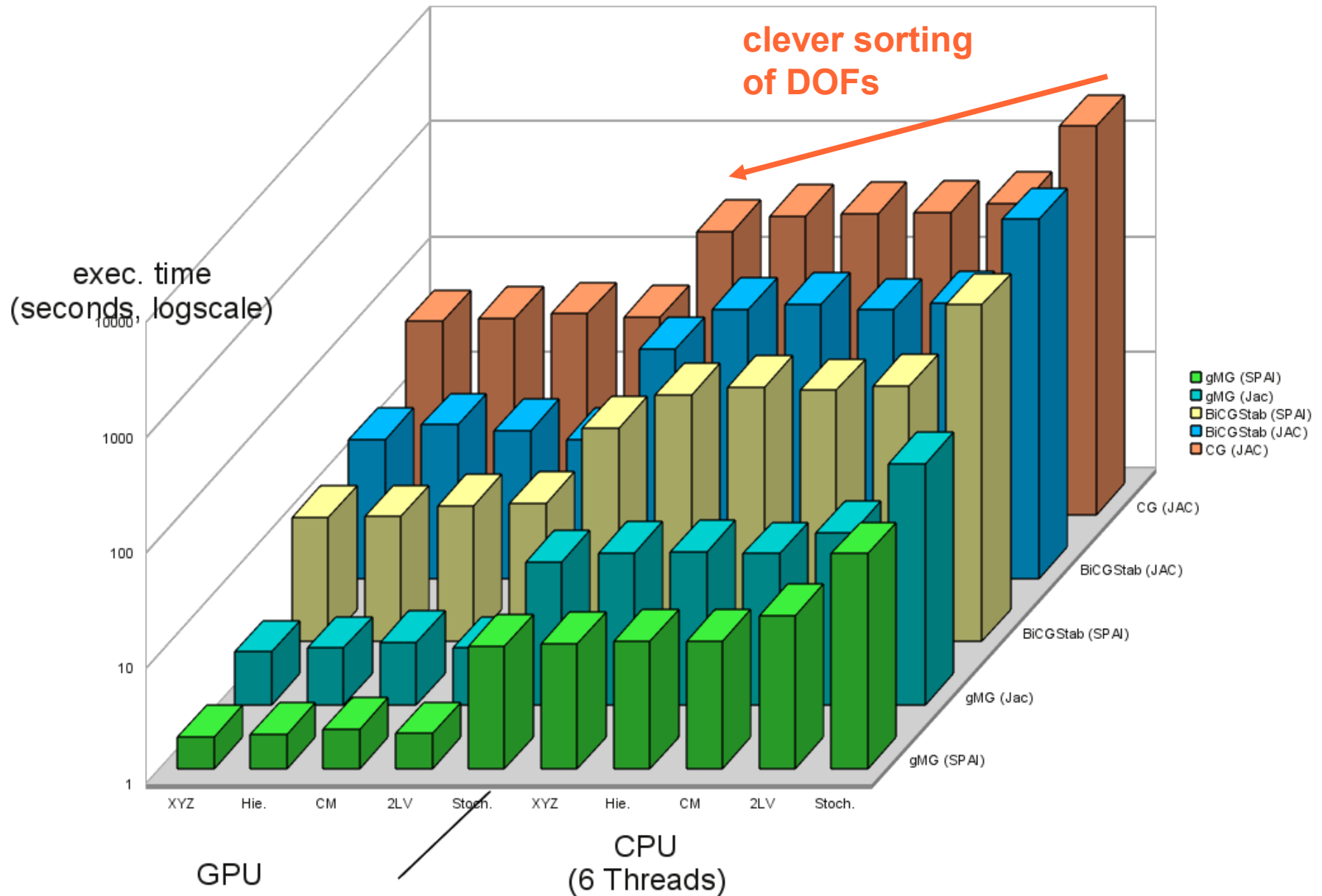
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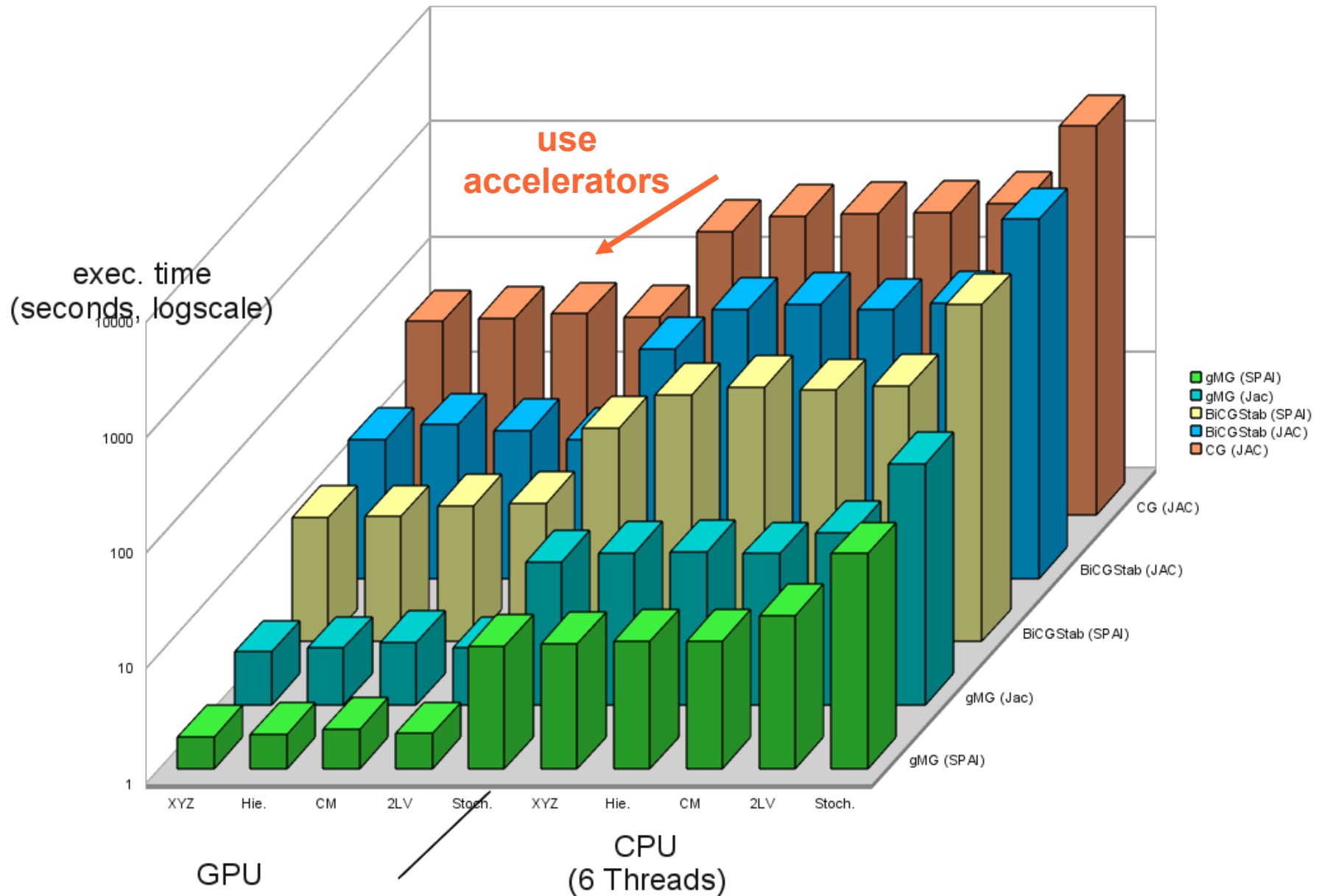
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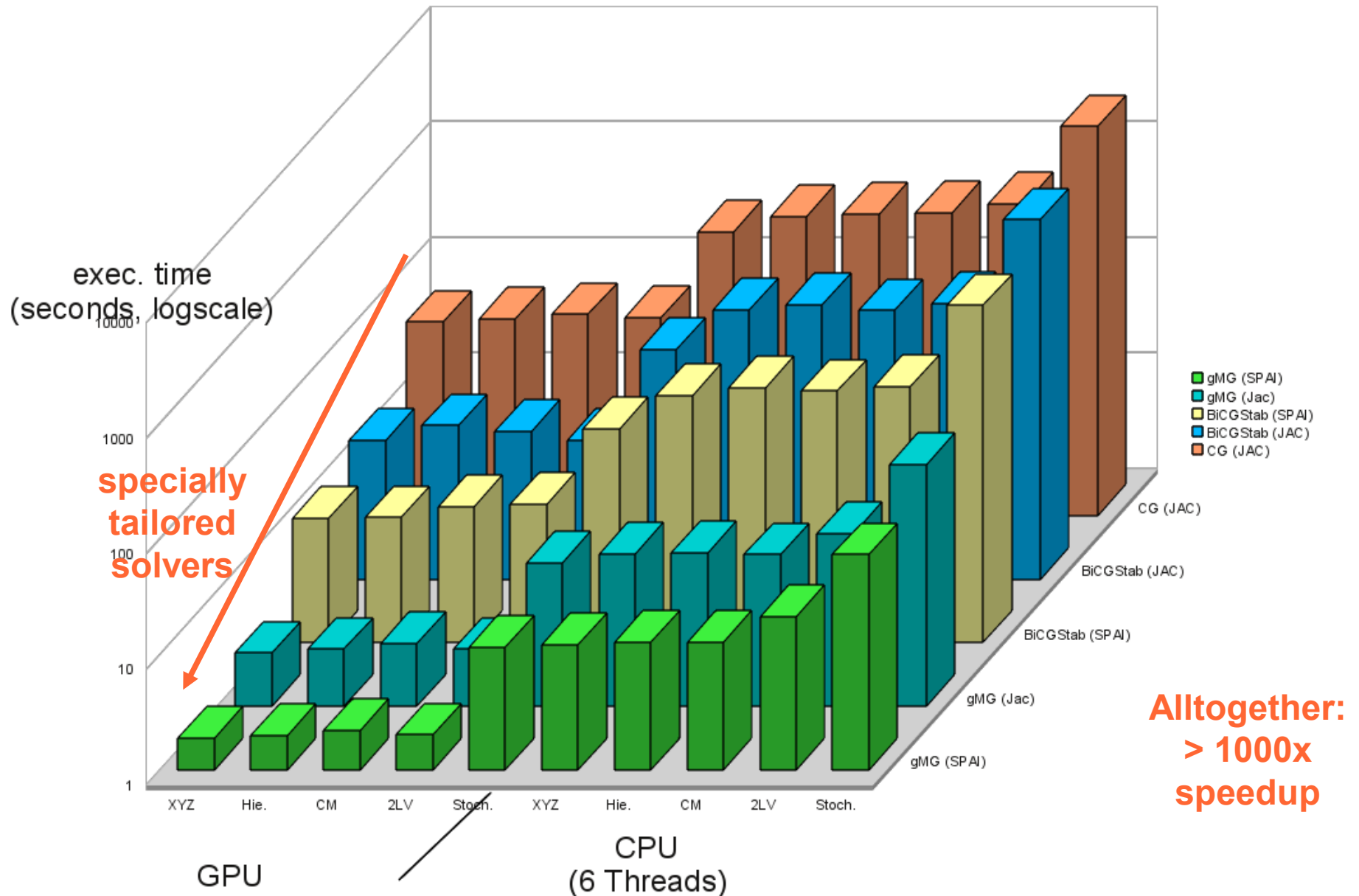
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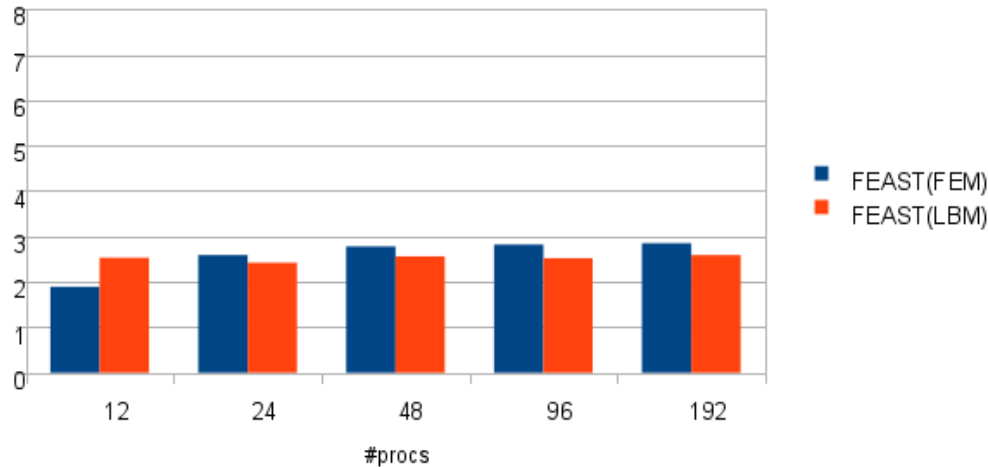


# Hardware-oriented Numerics

## (III) *Energy Efficiency* (?)

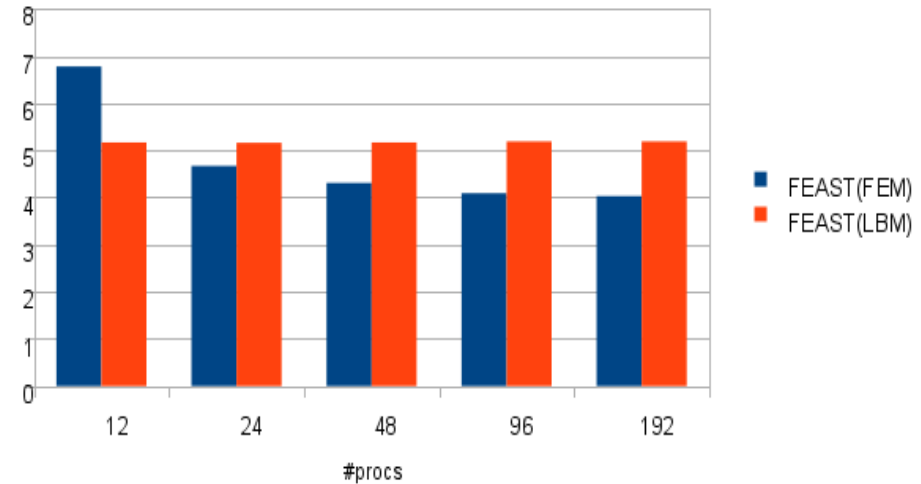
- energy consumption/efficiency is one of the major challenges for future supercomputers
- we can not afford to go all 'macho-flops' any more
- in 2012 we proved: we can solve PDEs for less energy 'than normal'
- simply by switching computational hardware from commodity to embedded
- Tegra 2 (2x ARM Cortex A9) in the Tibidabo system of the MontBlanc project
- tradeoff between energy and wall clock time (like powering down your x86)

energy down ARM vs x86



~3x less energy

speedup x86 vs ARM



but: also ~5x  
more time!



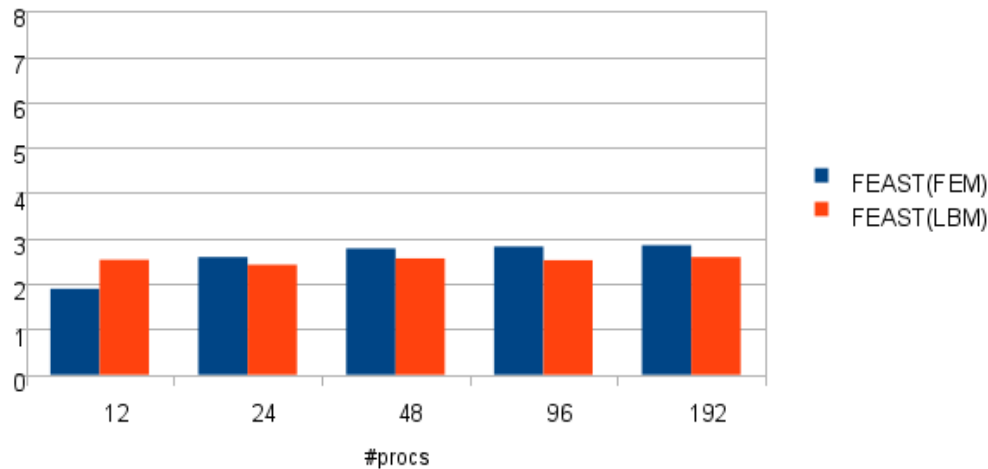
# Hardware-oriented Numerics

## (III) *Energy Efficiency* (?)

To be more energy efficient with different computational hardware, this hardware would have to use *less energy* at the *same performance* as the other!

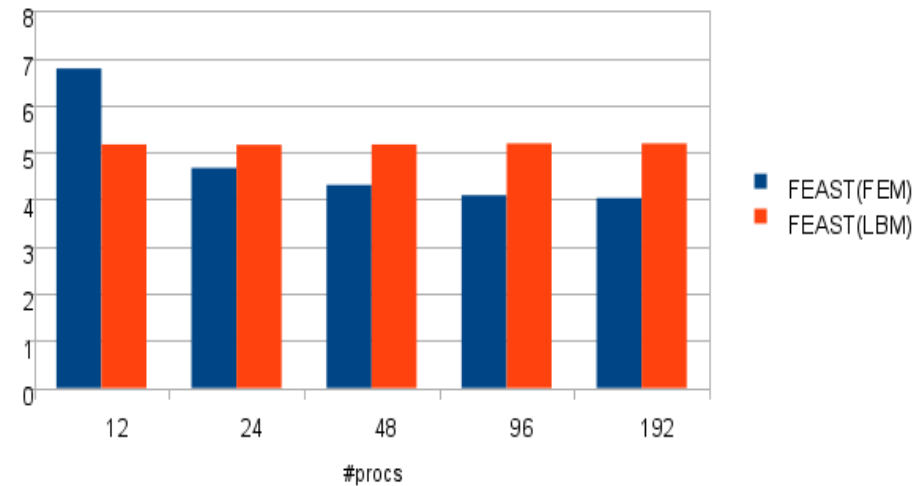
→ More performance per Watt!

energy down ARM vs x86



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speedup x86 vs ARM



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# Hardware-oriented Numerics

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## (III) *Energy Efficiency*: technology of ARM-based SoCs since 2012

**Something has been happening in the mobile-computing hardware evolution:**

[one word in advance: there are many more SoC designs (like from TI, Qualcomm, ...)]

- Tegra 3 (late 2012) was also based on A9 but had 4 cores
- Tegra 4 (2013) is build upon the A15 core (higher frequency) and had more RAM and LPDDR3 instead of LPDDR2
- Tegra K1 (32 Bit, late 2014) CPU pretty much like Tegra 4 but higher freq., more memory

**More importantly: TK1 went GPGPU and comprises a programmable Kepler GPU on the same SoC!**

- the promise: 350+ Gflop/s for less than 11W
- for comparison: Tesla K40 + x86 CPU: 4200 Gflop/s for 385W
- 2.5x higher EE promised
- interesting for Scientific Computing! Higher EE than commodity!

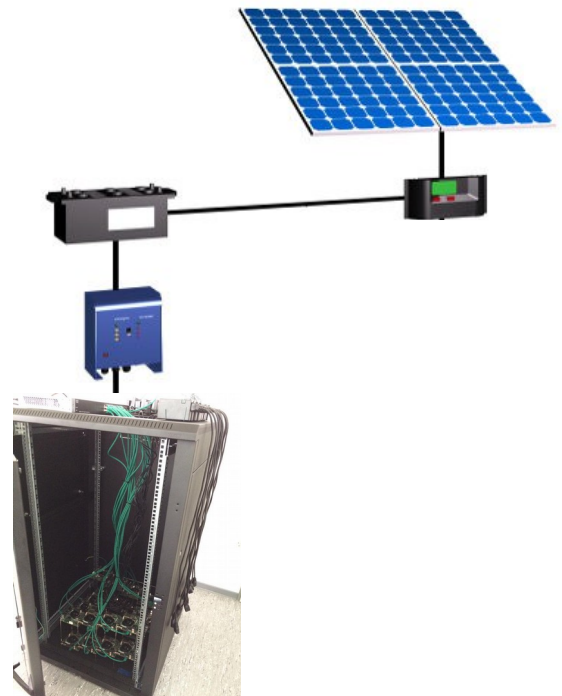
# Unconventional HPC for EE

## Bring together the two pillars of Energiewende for HPC

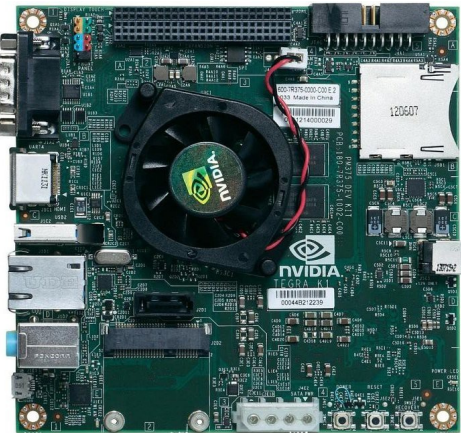
- Renewable power source
- Energy Efficiency

→ Design the hardware for EE!

→ Design the software for the hardware by using HWON!



x60



x1



x1

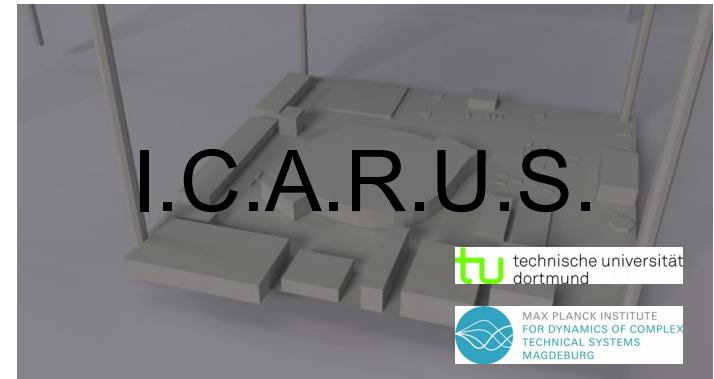


# A compute center of the future (?)

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## Vision

- Insular
- Compute-center for
- Applied Mathematics with
- Renewables-provided power supply based on
- Unconventional compute hardware empaired with
- Simulation Software for Technical Processes



## Motivation

- **system integration** for Scientific HPC
  - high-end unconventional compute hardware
  - high-end renewable power source (photo-voltaic)
  - **specialy tailored numerics and simulation software: high end Mathematics**
- **no future spendings due to energy consumption**
- **SME-class resource: <80K€**
- **Scalability, modular design**
- (simplicity)
- (maintainability)
- (safety)
- ...

# I.C.A.R.U.S.

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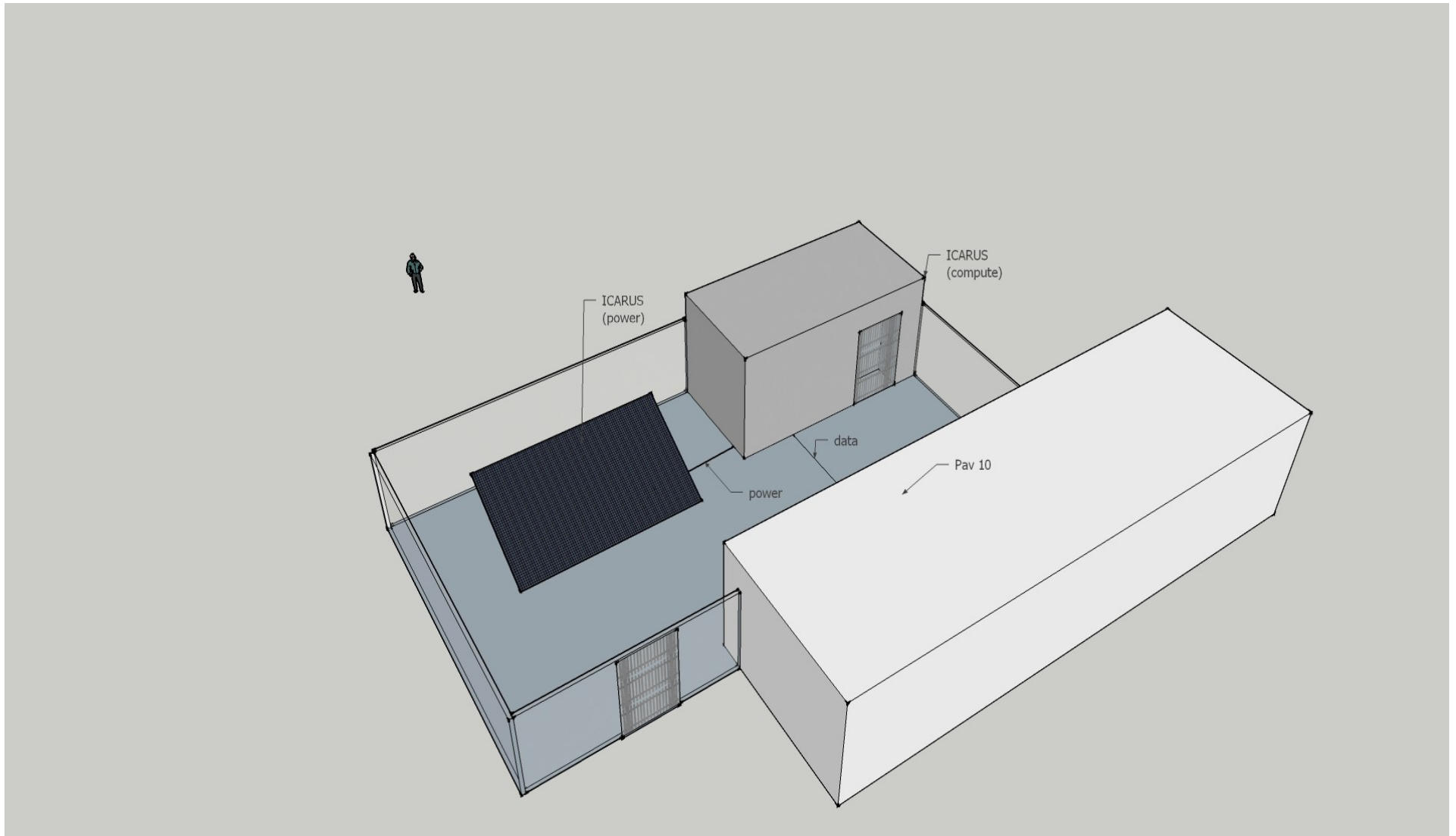
## Whitesheet

- **nodes:** 60 x NVIDIA Jetson TK 1
- **#cores** (ARM Cortex-A15): 240
- **#GPUs** (Kepler, 192 cores): 60
- **RAM/core:** 2GB LPDDR3
- **switches** (GiBit Ethernet): 3xL1, 1xL2
- **cluster theoretical peak perf:** ~20TFlop/s SP
- **cluster peak power (including cooling/heating):** < 2kW, provided by PV
  
- **storage:** 10+1 BananaPI Boards comprising:
  - 1 TB Western Digital Eco HDD
  - 2 Dual Core ARM (1 GHz, 1 GB RAM)
  - GigabitEthernet networking
  - SATA
  - plus 16 GB eMMC internal (OS) and 128 GB SD swap / scratch per node
  
- **Software:** FEAT (optimised for Tegra K1): [www.featflow.de](http://www.featflow.de)

# I.C.A.R.U.S construction site

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**solar modules delivering 6kWp, cluster built into container**

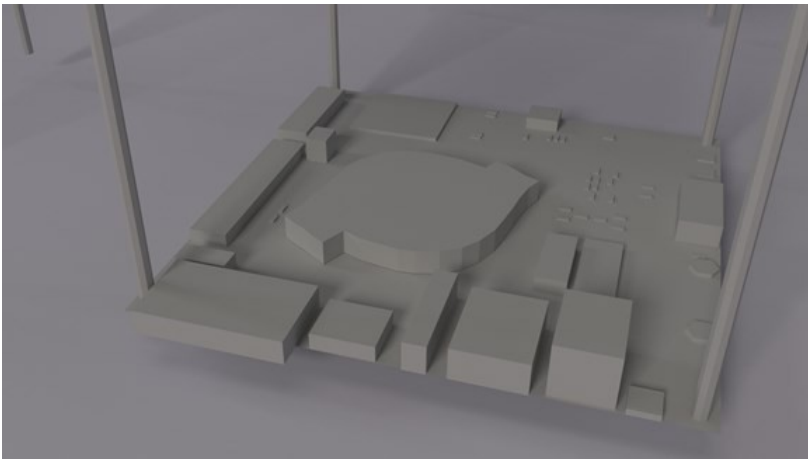
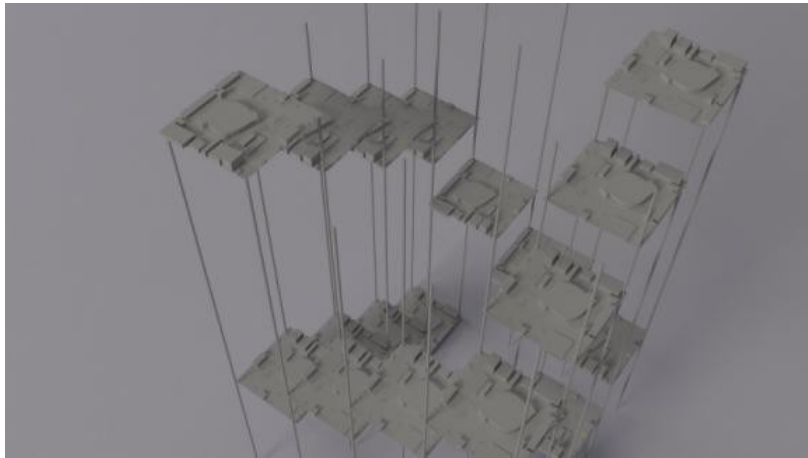




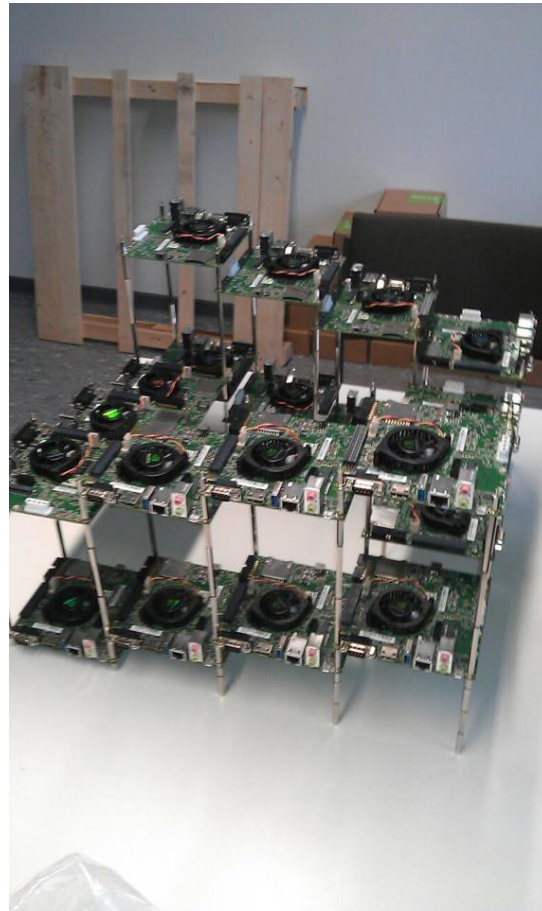
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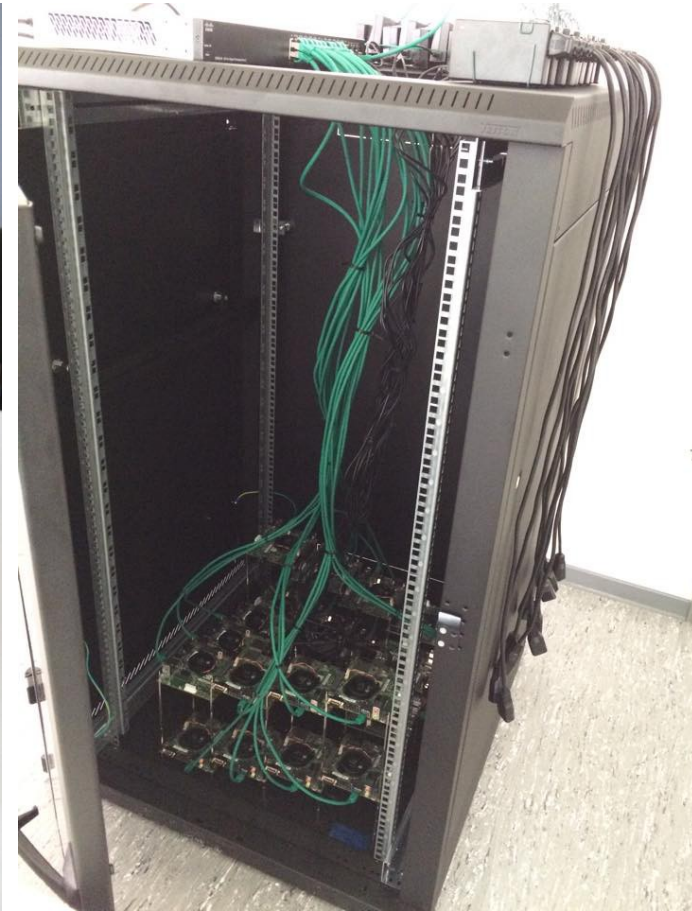
**Two student projects Technomathematik @TU Do  
(Bachelor's and Master's levels) are on board (18 students)**



...from heat- and airflow  
optimisation computer  
models...



...and first test  
configurations...



...to fully operational rack  
with all hand-made  
compounds.

# Progress

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## Storage subsystem completely operational @ MPI Magdeburg



...fully portable, self-contained max. 10 TB storage...



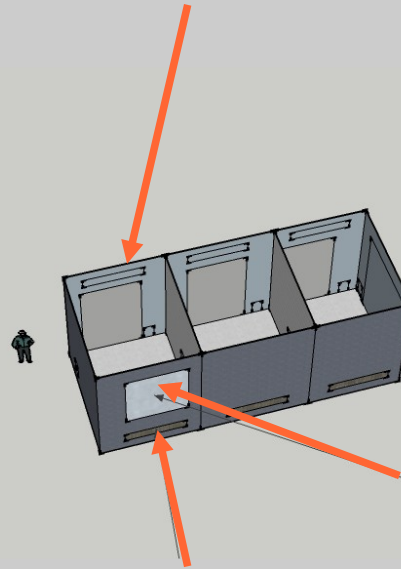
...all storage BananaPi elements on self-made, 3D-printed mounts.

# Progress

## Housing and PV under construction in Dortmund



airflow in/out: cooling from  
north side

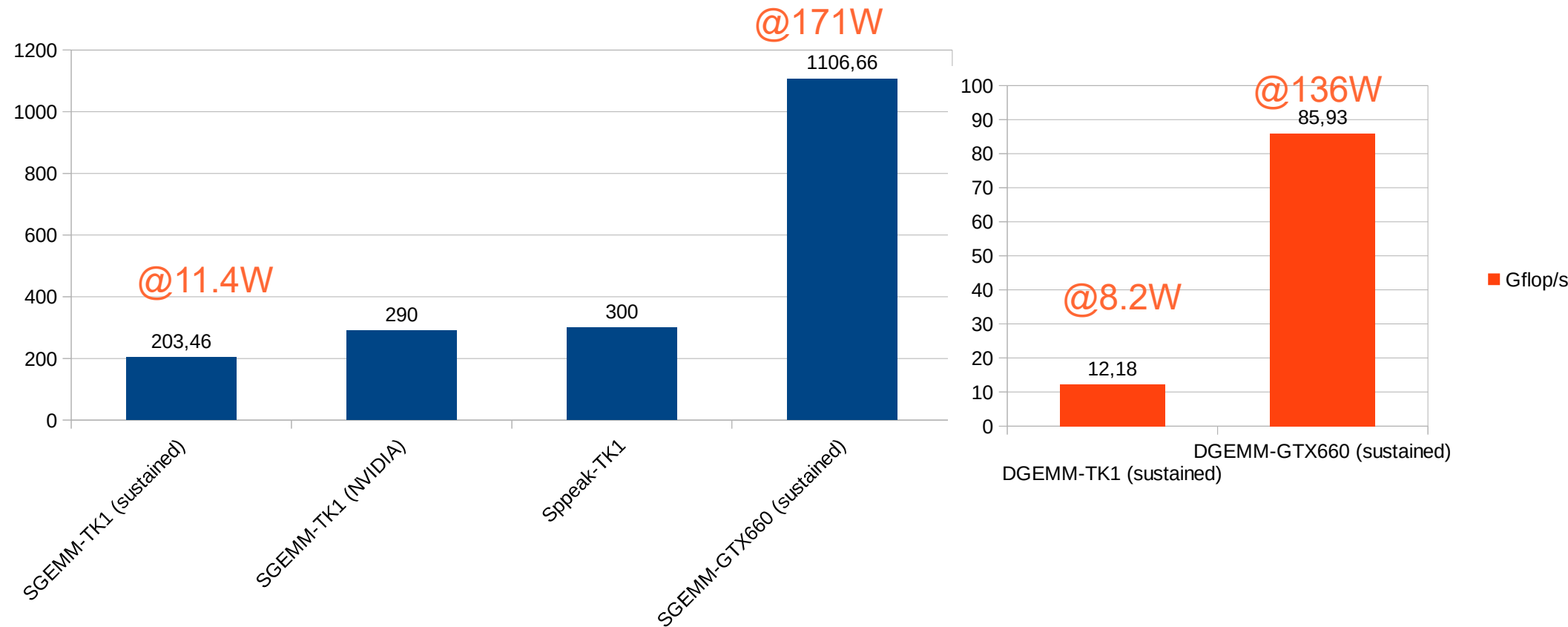


solar module for heating /  
cooling only

airflow in/out: heating at  
south side

# Power consumption and performance of basic kernels

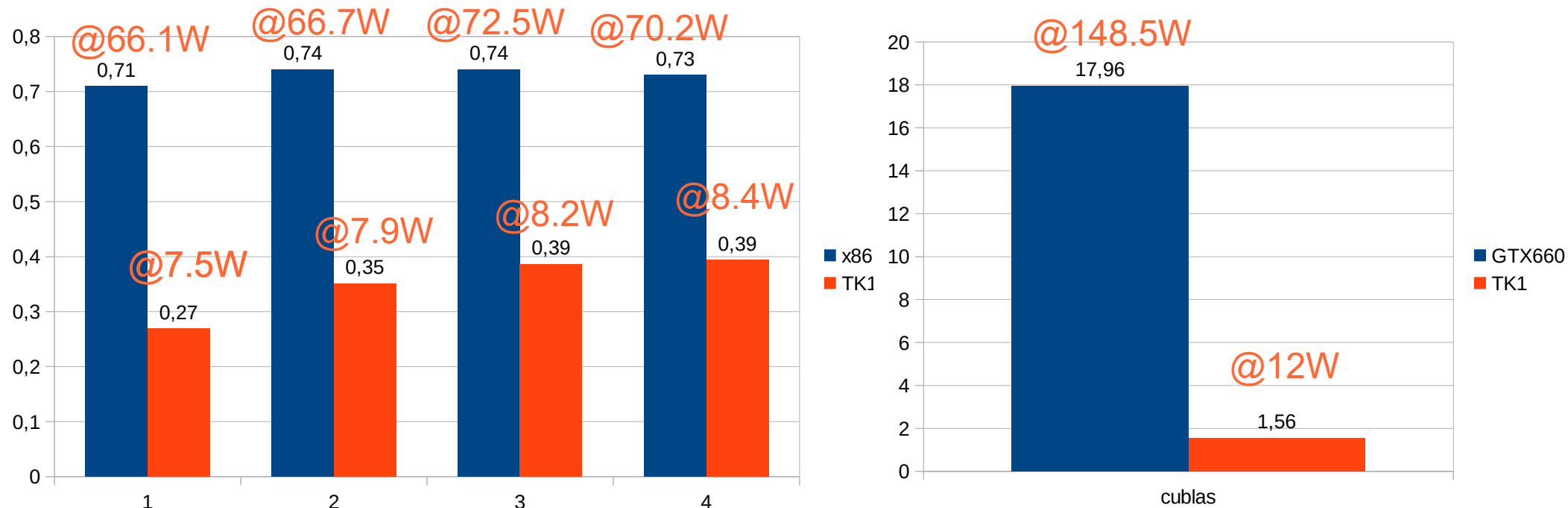
## S/DGEMM on the GPUs



- TK1 Kepler: 17.85 Gflop/s/W SP, 1.49 Gflop/s/W DP
- GTX660: 6.47 Gflop/s/W SP, 0.631 Gflop/s/W DP
- why SP matters: we can use **mixed precision methods** on a node
- (Jetson) TK1 is 2-3 times better in this metric

# Power consumption and performance of basic kernels

## SAXPY (triad) (float from now: mixed precision)




- core occupancy can be seen in power consumption
- Cortex-A15: **0.05 Gflop/s/W**
- IvyBridge: **0.01 GFlop/s/W**
- TK1-Kepler: **0.13 Gflop/s/W**
- GTX660: **0.12 Gflop/s/W**

# Energy cost

## SAXPY (triad) E[Ws]

embedded vs commodity **GPU**: x3



#DOFs	534144			
	TK1 CPU 4	TK1 GPU	IvyBridge 4	GTX660
WCT	0,01	0,0027	0,0057	0,00059
P	9,1	11	70,2	148,5
E	0,09	0,03	0,40	0,09
E / DOF	1,75E-007	5,56E-008	7,49E-007	1,64E-007



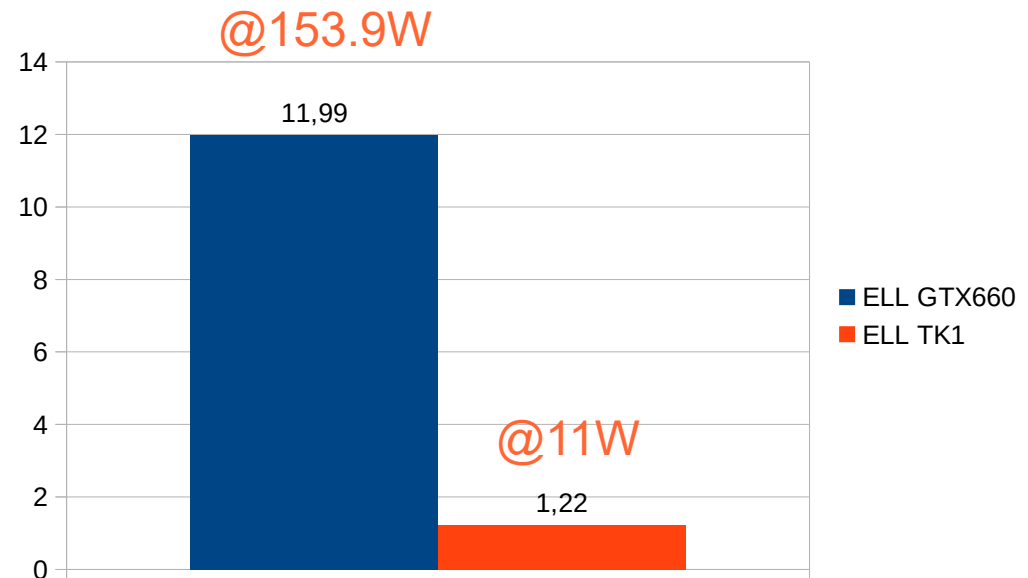
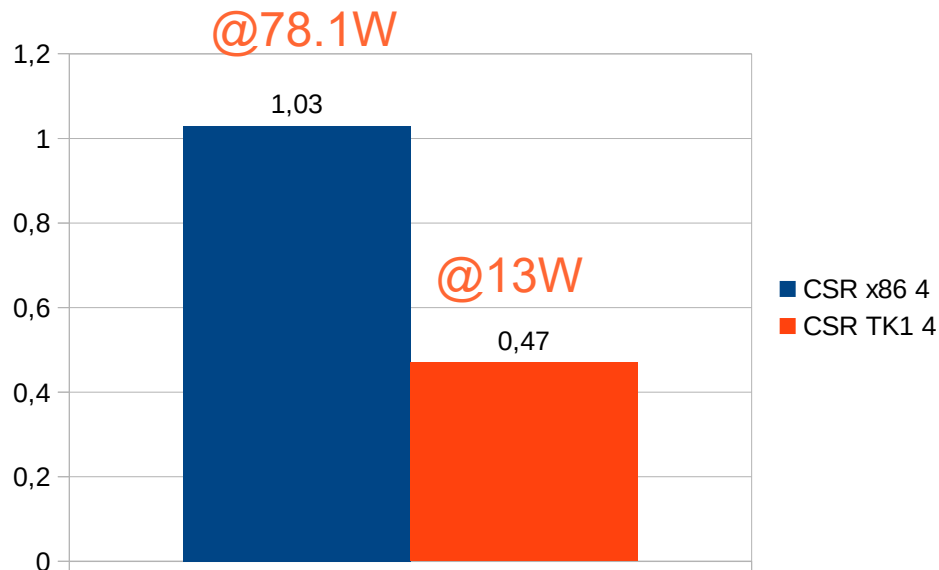
embedded vs commodity **CPU**: x3 - x4

→ Note: Perf.-Engineering for EE is complicated: **higher performance per Watt, less energy consumption, larger WCT, larger speeddown than E-down** at the same time



# Power consumption and performance of basic kernels

## SpMV SP



- Cortex-A15: 0.036 Gflop/s/W
- IvyBridge: 0.013 GFlop/s/W
- TK1-Kepler: 0.11 Gflop/s/W
- GTX660: 0.077 Gflop/s/W

# Multigrid

## Poisson Problem, 8x10E6 unknowns, 4/4 smoother steps, CSR/ELL, DP

			CPU			
		#iters	WCT	speeddown	P	P-down
Ivy + GTX660	Jac	10	6.58		88.90	
	SPAI	6	4.10		87.80	
Jetson TK1	Jac	10	15.90	2.42	8.10	10.98
	SPAI	6	10.10	2.46	8.10	10.84

All based on SpMV: coarse grid solver: PCG, smoother: Richardson, grid transfer:

$$(P_{2h}^h)_{ij} = \varphi_{2h}^{(j)}(\xi_h^{(i)})$$

$$R_h^{2h} = (P_{2h}^h)^T$$

GPU			
WCT	speeddown	P	P-down
0.55		151.50	
0.37		150.30	
4.70	8.55	9.40	16.12
2.80	7.57	9.50	15.82

# The storage system by MPI Magdeburg

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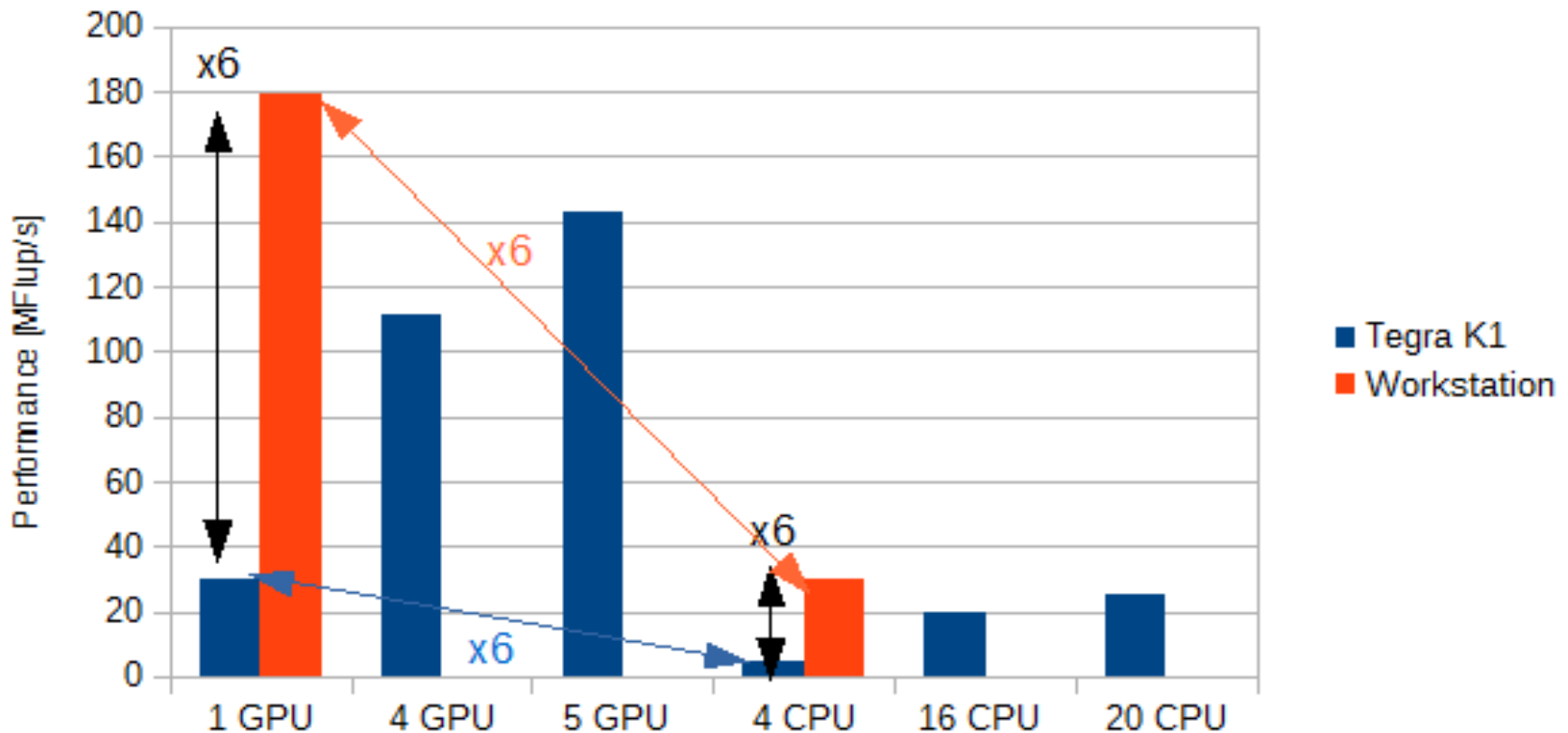
## Results



- **Power dissipation at idle** (HDDs 'idle', no data access): 23W
- **Maximum power dissipation at full operation:** 37W
- **Average power dissipation: 30 Watt , 0.003W/GB (vs. 500W, 0.01W/GB commodity)**
  
- **Configuration as RAID 0+1:**
  - 20 volumes with 250 GB each, 2x5 RAID 0 with 500 GB each + same as mirror (RAID 1) => 2.5 TB usable
  - max. write rate (single threaded): **55MB/s (vs. 130MB/s commodity)**
  - max. read rate (single thread): **71MB/s (vs. 130MB/s commodity)**
  
- **Configuration as RAID 0:**
  - 20 volumes with 250 GB each, 2x10 RAID 0 with 500 GB each + same as mirror (RAID 0) => 5 TB usable
  - max. write rate (single threaded): **90MB/s (vs. 140MB/s commodity)**
  - max. read rate (single thread): **69MB/s (vs. 140MB/s commodity)**

# Going multi-node

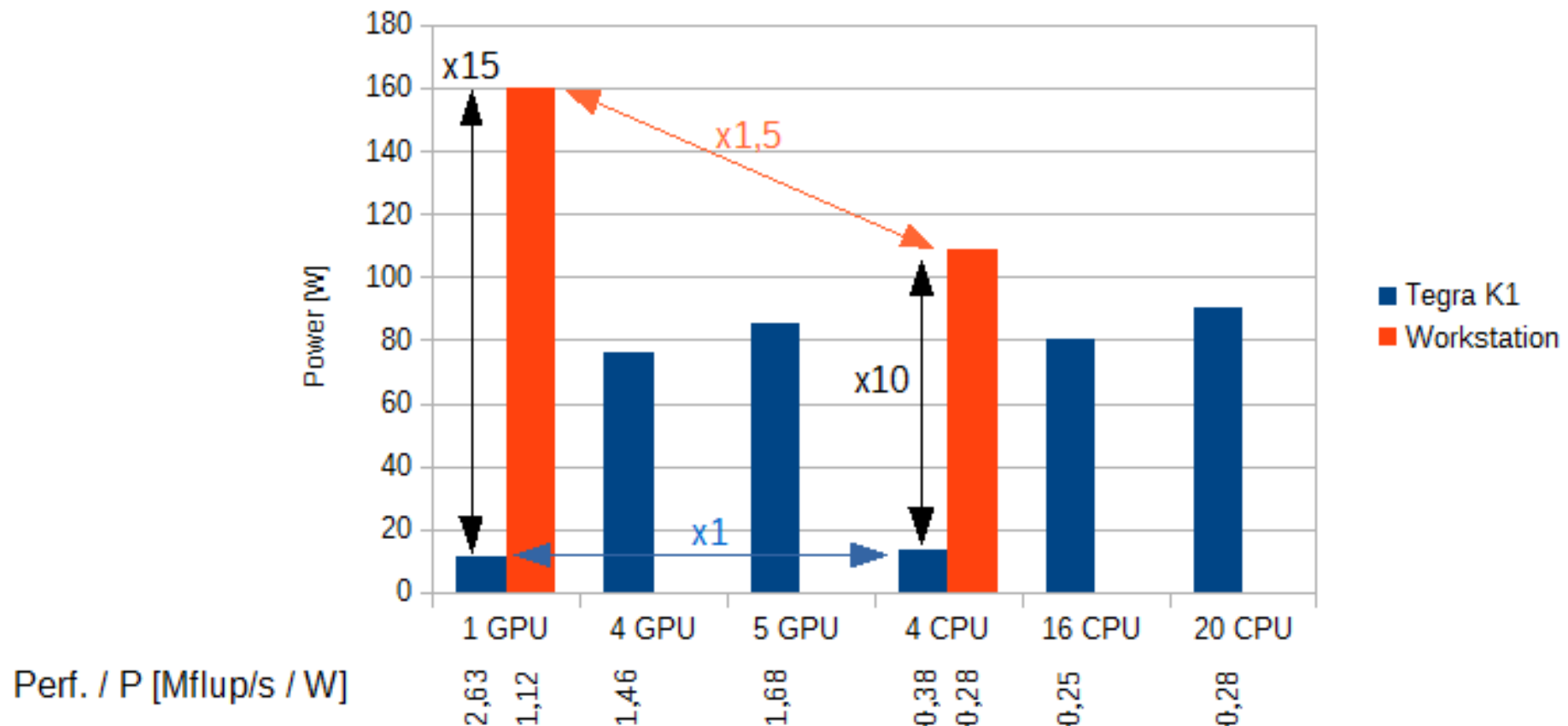
## Flow solver on I.C.A.R.U.S. (Tier-0), FEAT software family



→ result: with 7 Jetson boards, we can beat this GPU,  
even taking the whole storage cluster (30W average)

# Going multi-node

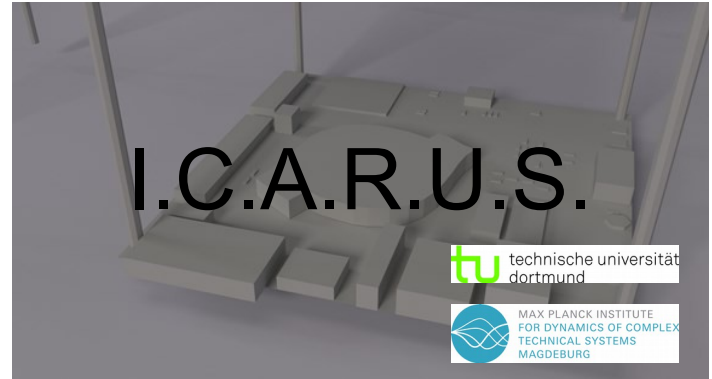
## Flow solver on I.C.A.R.U.S. (Tier-0), FEAT Software Family



- result: with 7 Jetson boards + switch, we can beat this GTX GPU even taking the whole storage cluster (30W average)
- this would take 123W (153W with storage) (switches, storage increase baseline)
- EE can be transported to the cluster level when combining UCHPC, HWON

# Conclusion

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- EE requires us to rethink simulation from the energy-consumers' point of view
- HWON is threefold now: EE comes into play
  - smaller power dissipation alone is not the deal
  - performance modelling/-engineering of software for EE is needed
- Hardware-/Software Co-Design can be a starting point:
  - Embedded tech has a different history than commodity hardware
  - Energy Efficiency is just starting to arrive in HPC
  - System Integration with state-of-the-art PV tech (or other renewables) is promising
- The I.C.A.R.U.S. computer and its housing/energy-source plus the FEAT software together offers a valuable resource aiming at SMEs/University departments

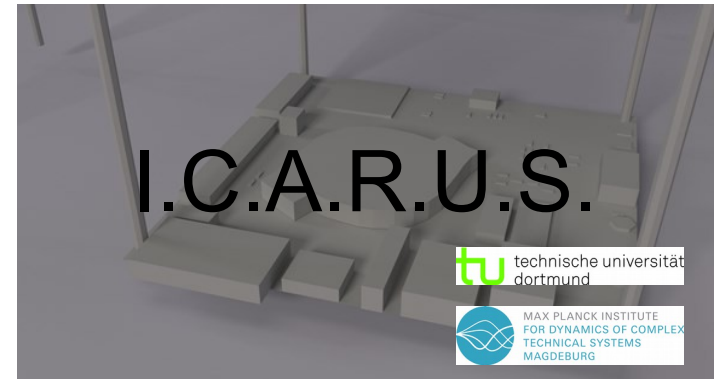
**Bringing together high-end Mathematics / HWON with Unconventional HPC can ease the energy consumption of simulation.**



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