

MSA for Polymer Simulations: Optimizing GPU and CPU Simulations of MExMeMo

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Motivation and Introduction

MExMeMo: Combine continuum and particle dynamic methods to create a super-simulation using Modular Supercomputing Architecture (MSA).

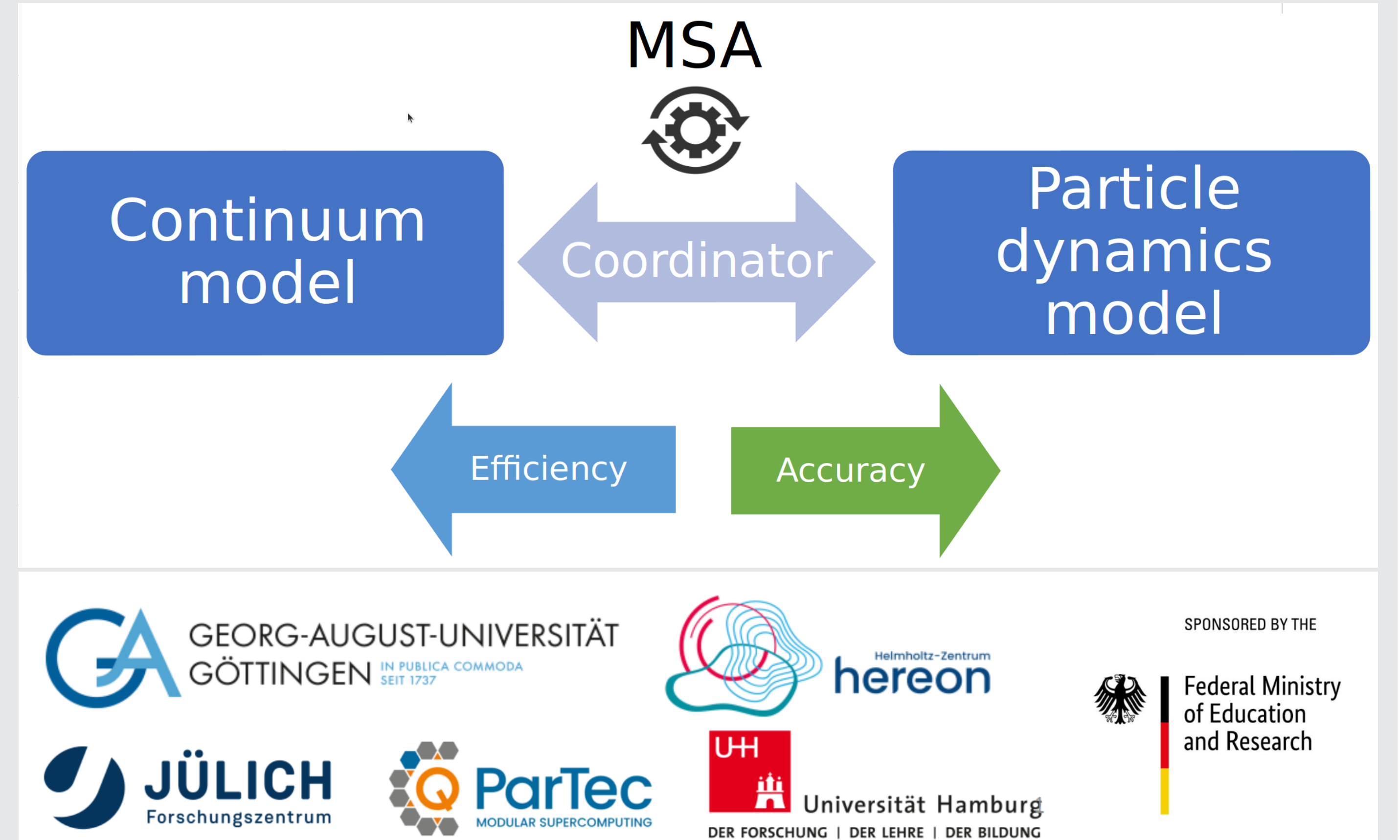
- Particle dynamic methods: tracking individual particles → **high-accuracy**; however, computationally demanding, limited scalability!
 - Continuum methods: averaged results → **efficiency and scalability**; however, loss of accuracy.
- ⇒ Couple both methods for **best of both worlds**!
- Providing a **digital twin** for the fabrication and optimization of polymers.

JSC: Enable workloads on heterogeneous architecture, build **coordinator**

SOMA Particle dynamic method, uses GPUs, JUWELS Booster.

DCAT Continuum model, uses the CPUs, JUWELS Cluster.

⇒ Optimize the different applications; enable standard data exchange protocol for coupled applications.



1) MExMeMo Simplified Model

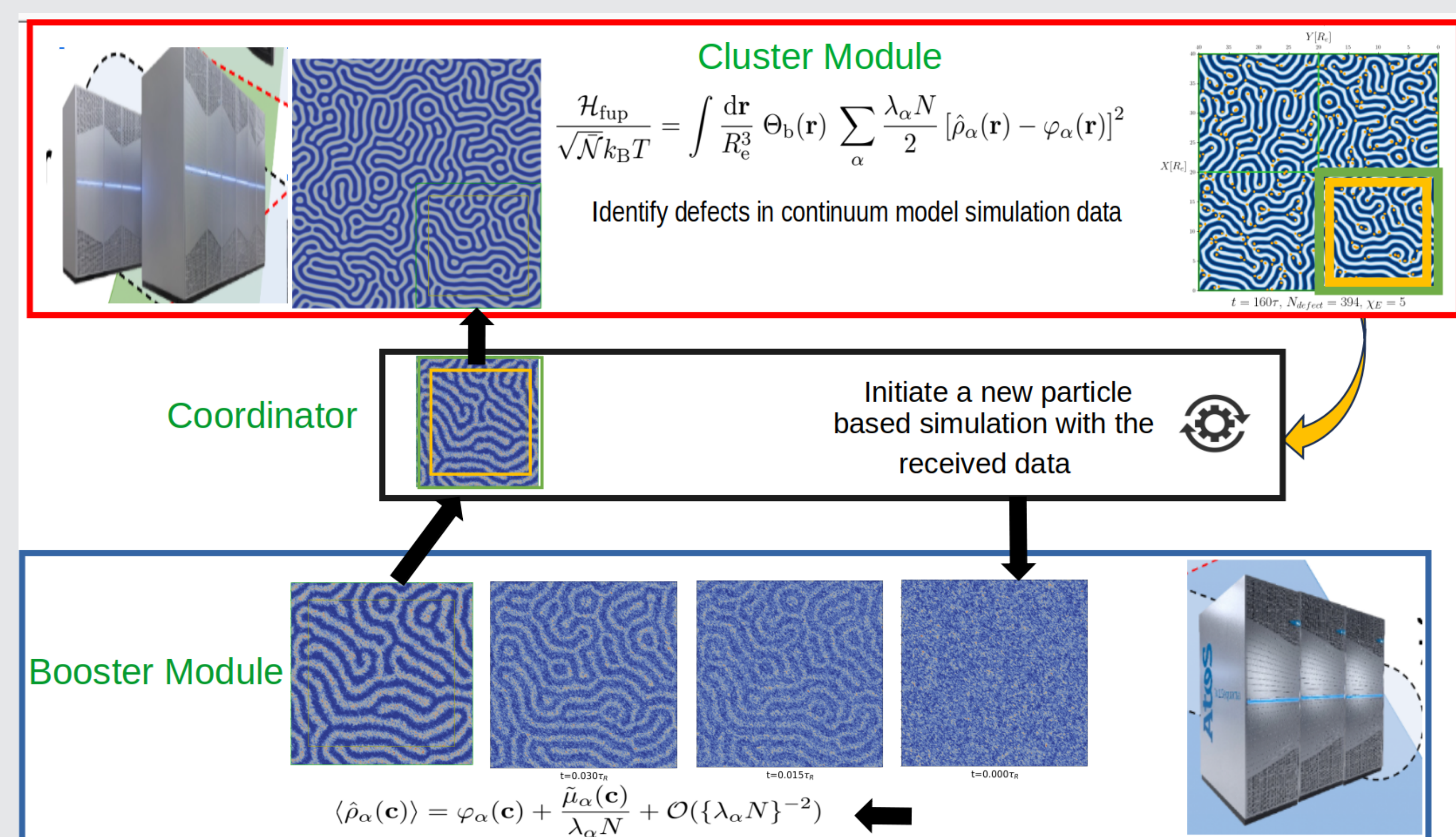


Figure 1: Basic MExMeMo model with one particle-based model instance on JUWELS booster.

2) Scalability of Continuum Model (DCAT)

- DCAT** Large-scale simulation framework for polymer fabrication process (JUWELS Cluster).
- Enabling FMA instructions for FFT libraries.
- Generate training data for the machine-learning model.
- Using a standard format for exchanging data with the particle-based model.

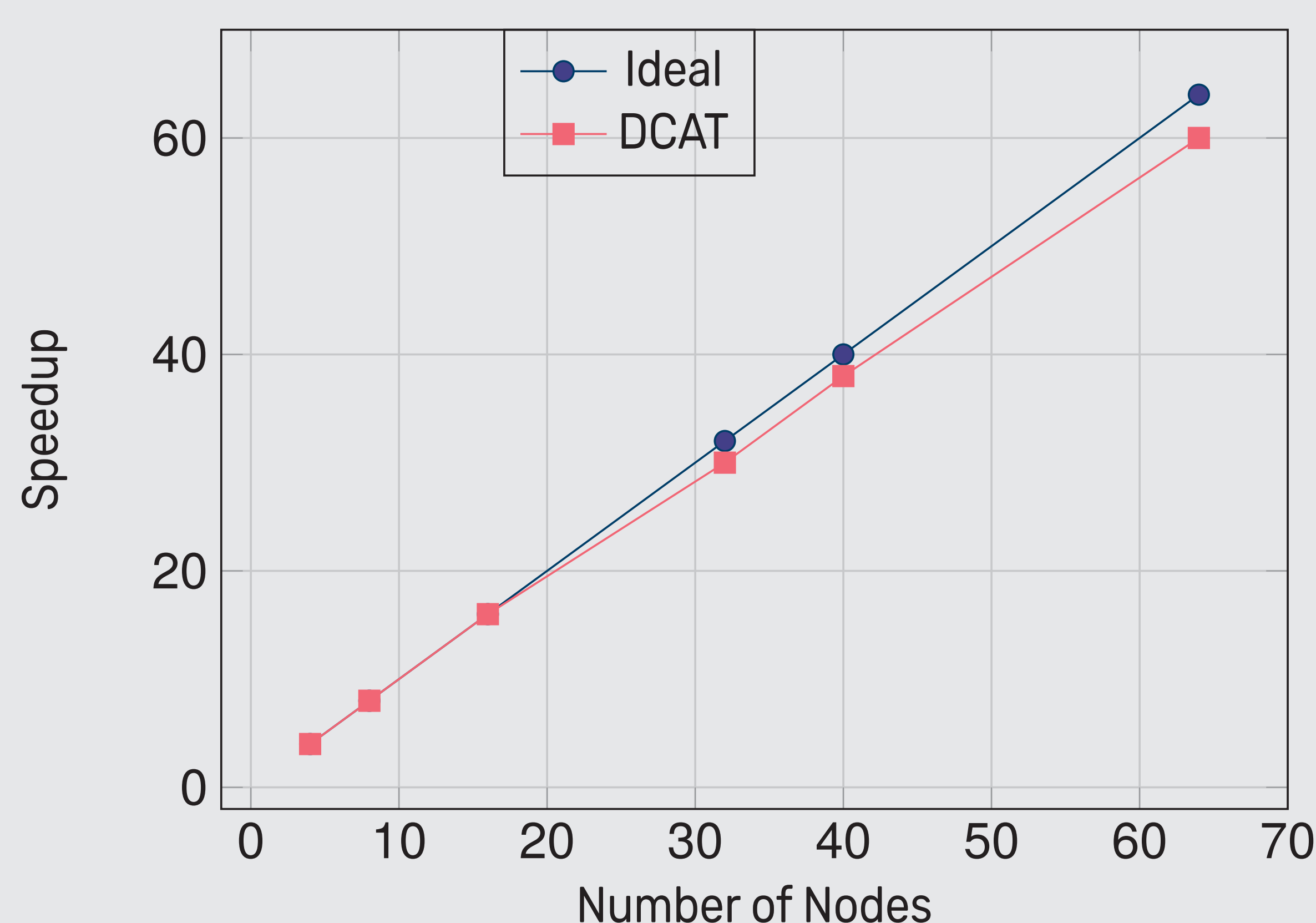


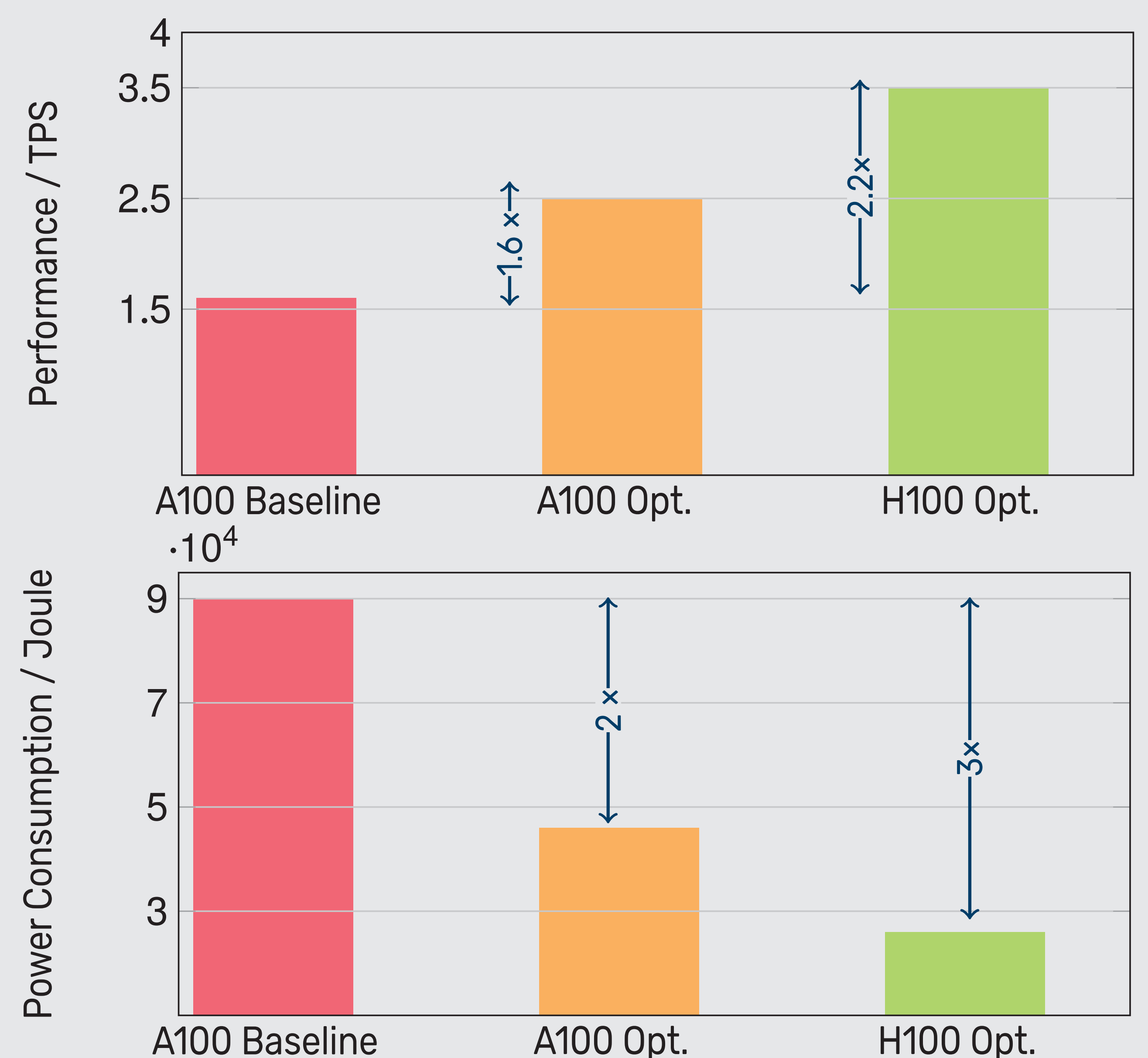
Figure 2: Good scalability of continuum model (DCAT) with number of nodes of JUWELS Cluster.

3) Performance Optimization of SOMA

SOMA GPU-based particle simulation developed at Uni Göttingen [1, 2]

- SOMA performance is limited by memory throughput, which we improved 2×.
- Time-to-solution improved 1.6× (**Timesteps per Second, TPS**).
- New hardware technology (H100): 2.2× (vs. SOMA baseline).
- Power consumption reduced 3×, 95 000 J → 26 000 J.

⇒ 18 TPS/MJ → 135 TPS/MJ (7.5×)



4) Future Road-map

- Design of a machine-learning solution for defects detection.
- Decision framework for scheduling and monitoring compute resources
⇒ Reduce time-to-solution/energy-to-solution.
- Vertical integration of simulation results with membrane fabrication.

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