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I use BW to:
develop a new
GPU-accelerated
ODE solver

# Galaxy formation and interstellar chemistry (on FIRE)

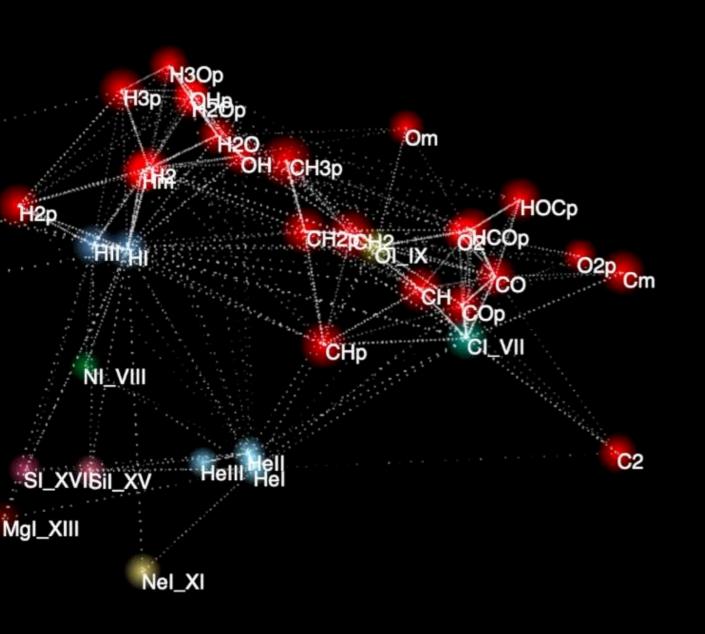
#### CURRENT:

- Gravity
- Hydrodynamics
- Star formation
  - feedback

NEW: time-dep. chemistry

- Informs gas cooling rate
- Predicts observations
  - abundances/masses
  - emission/absorption spectra

# The CHIMES time-dependent chemistry network



- Reaction network of 157 coupled "stiff" ODEs
  - includes metal ions & molecules
  - CO, H<sub>2</sub>, OVI, etc...
  - many different timescales
- Prohibitively expensive, up to ~90% of work

### How to integrate ODEs

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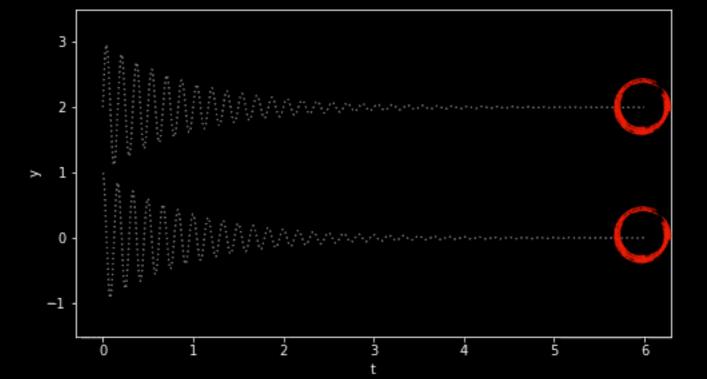
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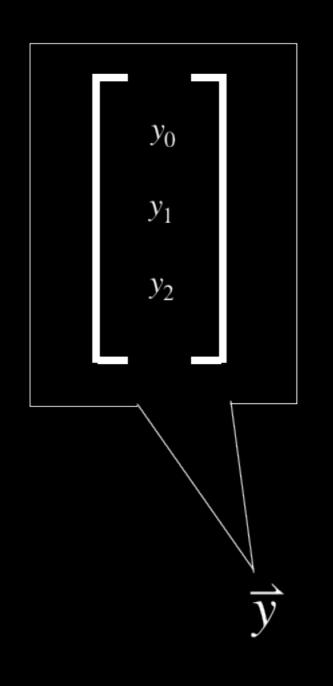
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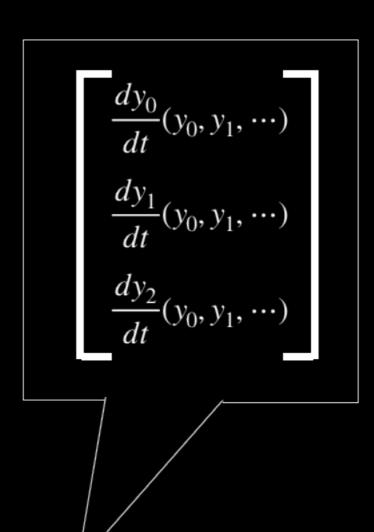
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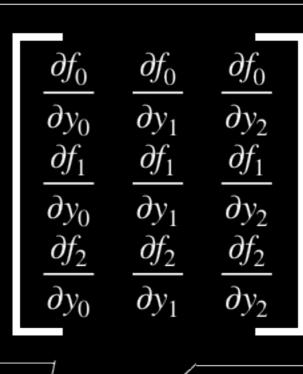


goal is to find final value

# Solving (coupled) ODEs simultaneously with linear algebra







# Why GPUs?

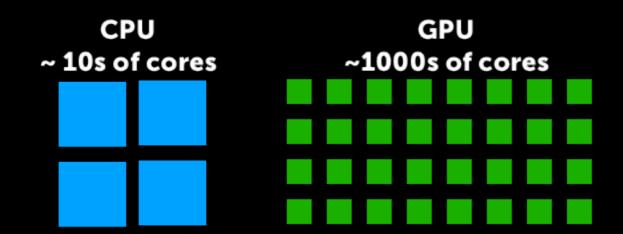
#### How are GPUs and CPUs different?



- Many threads that operate concurrently
  - good for vector operations & linear algebra

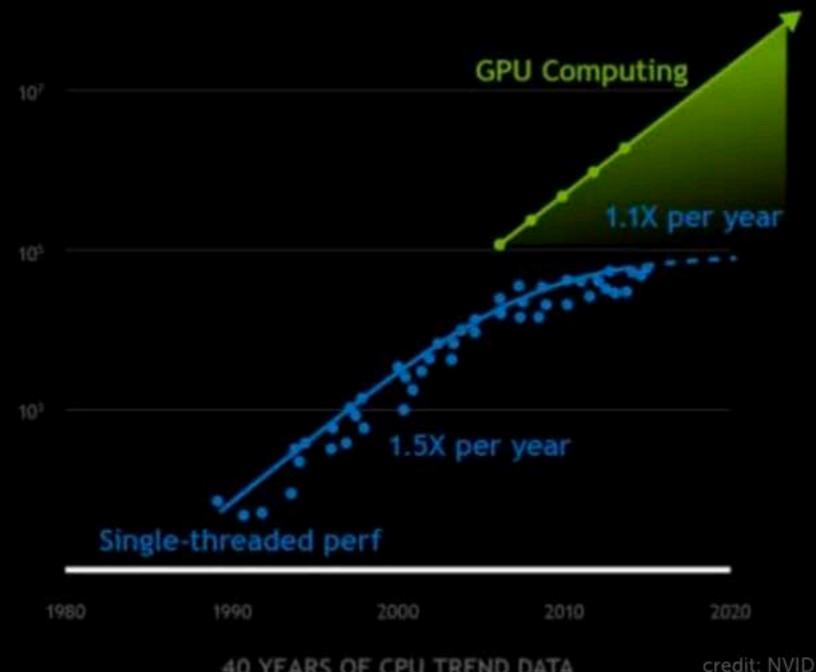


- Memory bandwidth
- Typically requires substantial code/ algorithm rewrite
  - optimal configuration hardware dependent



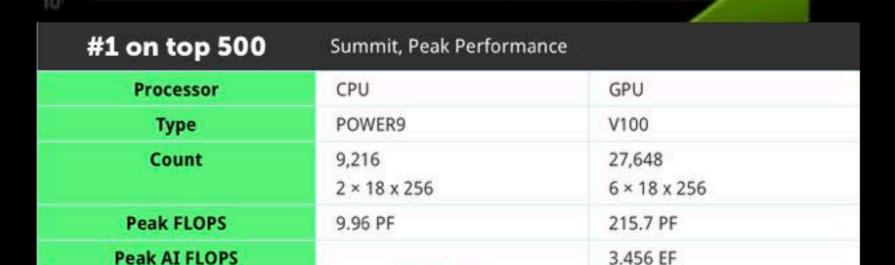
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40 YEARS OF CPU TREND DATA

credit: NVIDIA

**GPU Computing** 

### WIND

Already implemented: 2 solvers, RK2 and SIE on both the GPU and CPU

# How does it perform?

### Using a five species H-He chemical network as a test case

$$R^a = \kappa^a_{\mu\nu} n^\mu n^\nu$$

$$n_e = n_{HI} + n_{HeII} + 2n_{HeIII}$$

$$\begin{split} R^{HI} &= \alpha_{HII} n_e n_H - \left(\alpha_{HII} + \Gamma_{e,HI} + \Gamma_{\gamma,HI} / n_e\right) n_e n_{HI} \\ R^{HII} &= -R^{HI} \end{split}$$

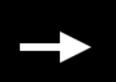
$$\begin{split} R^{HeI} &= (\alpha_{HEII} + \alpha_d) n_e n_{HeII} - \left( \Gamma_{e,HeI} + \Gamma_{\gamma,HeI} / n_e \right) n_e n_{HeI} \\ R^{HeII} &= - \left( R^{HeI} + R^{HeIII} \right) \end{split}$$

$$R^{HeIII} = \left(\Gamma_{e,HeII} + \Gamma_{\gamma,HeII}/n_e\right)n_e n_{HeII} - \alpha_{HeIII} n_e n_{HeIII}$$

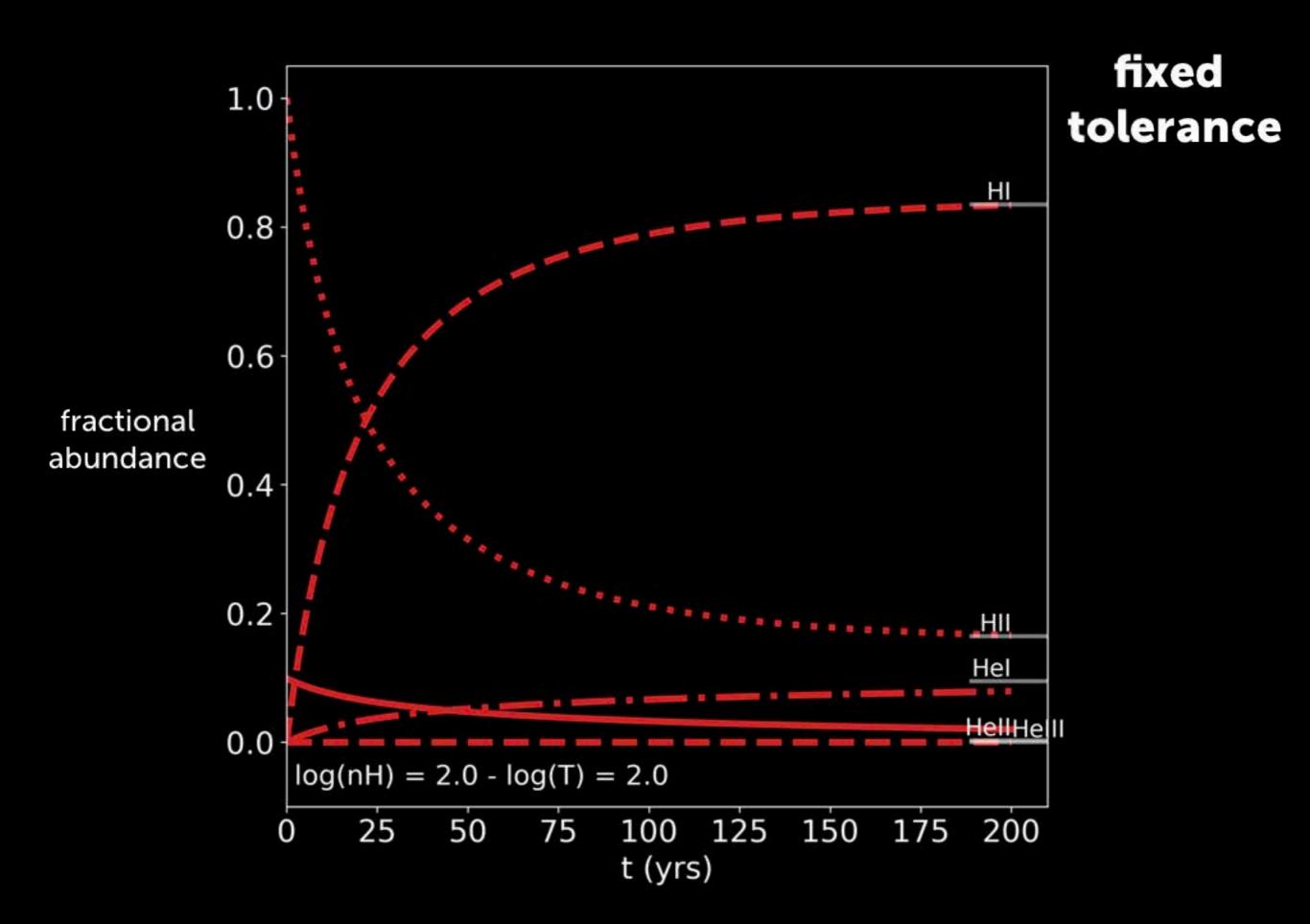
ionization

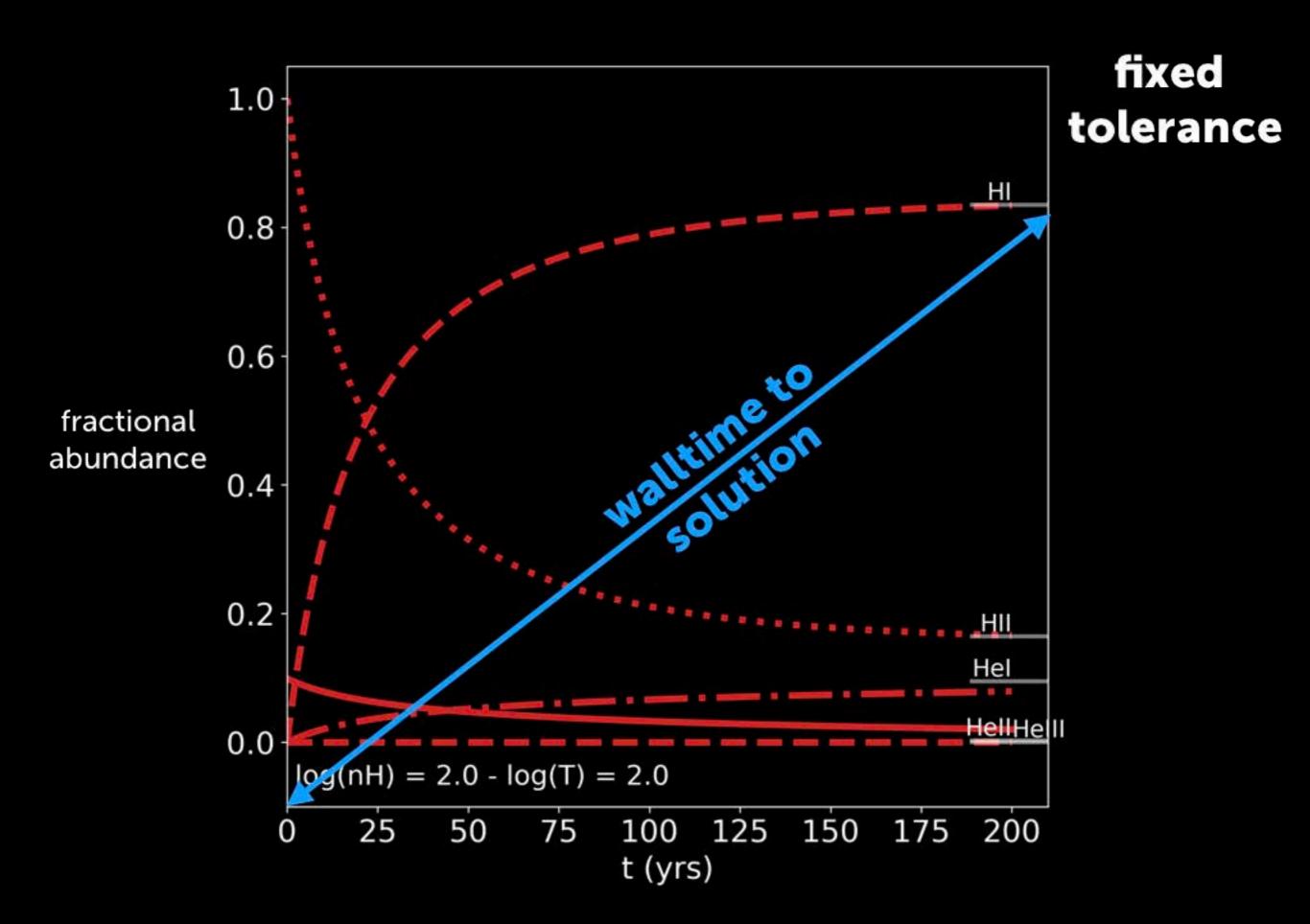
recombination

assume temperature & density is fixed

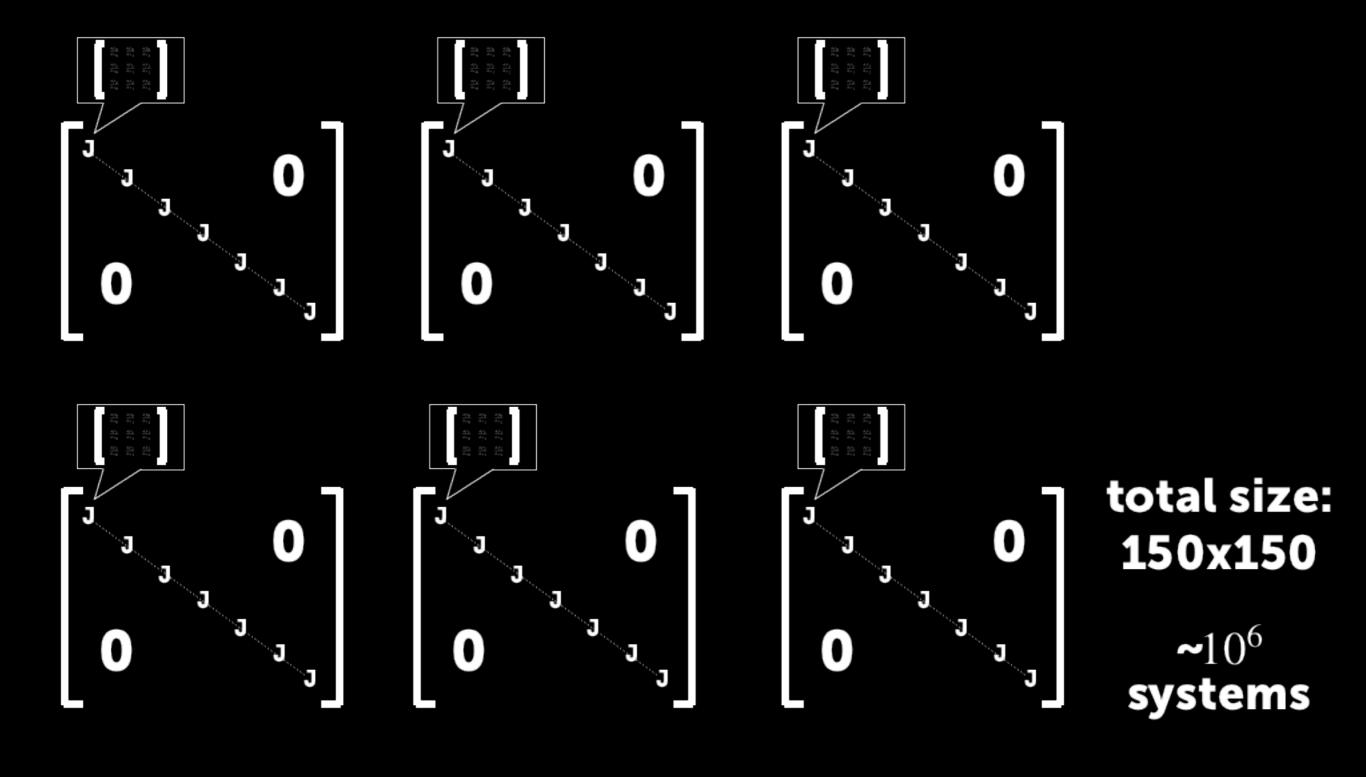


evolve to equilibrium

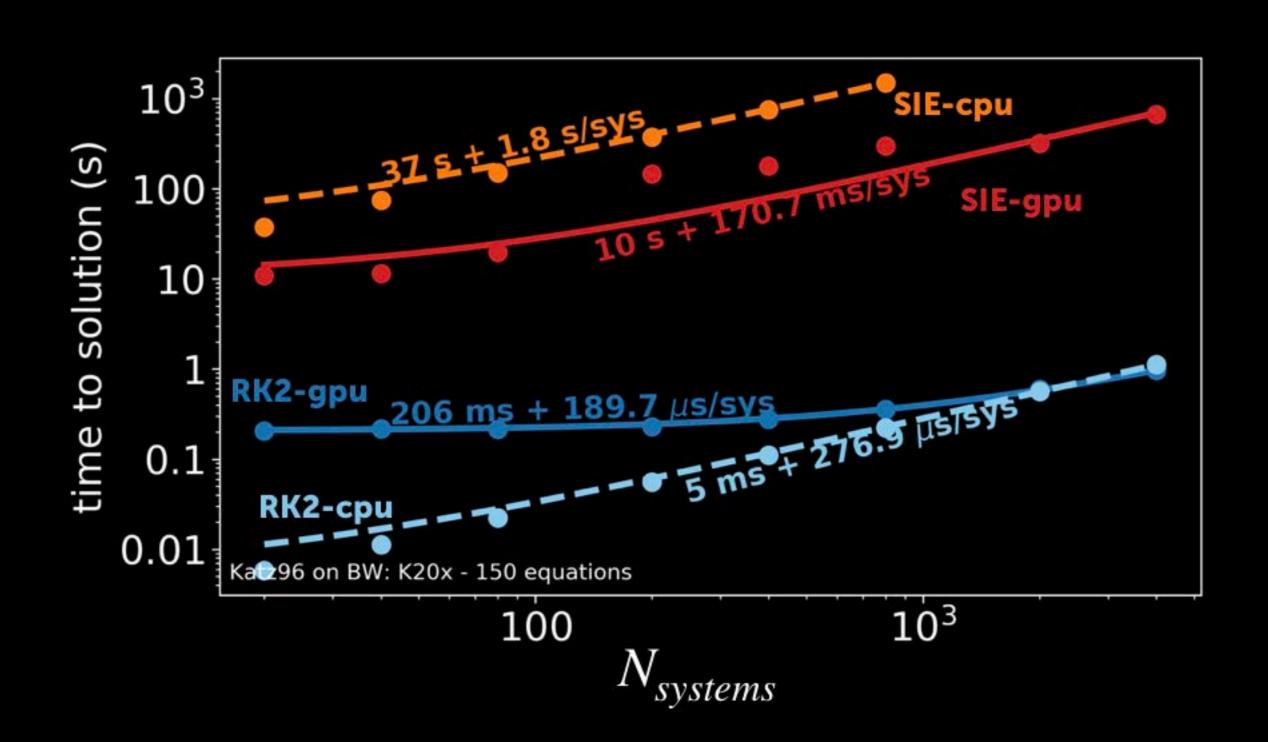




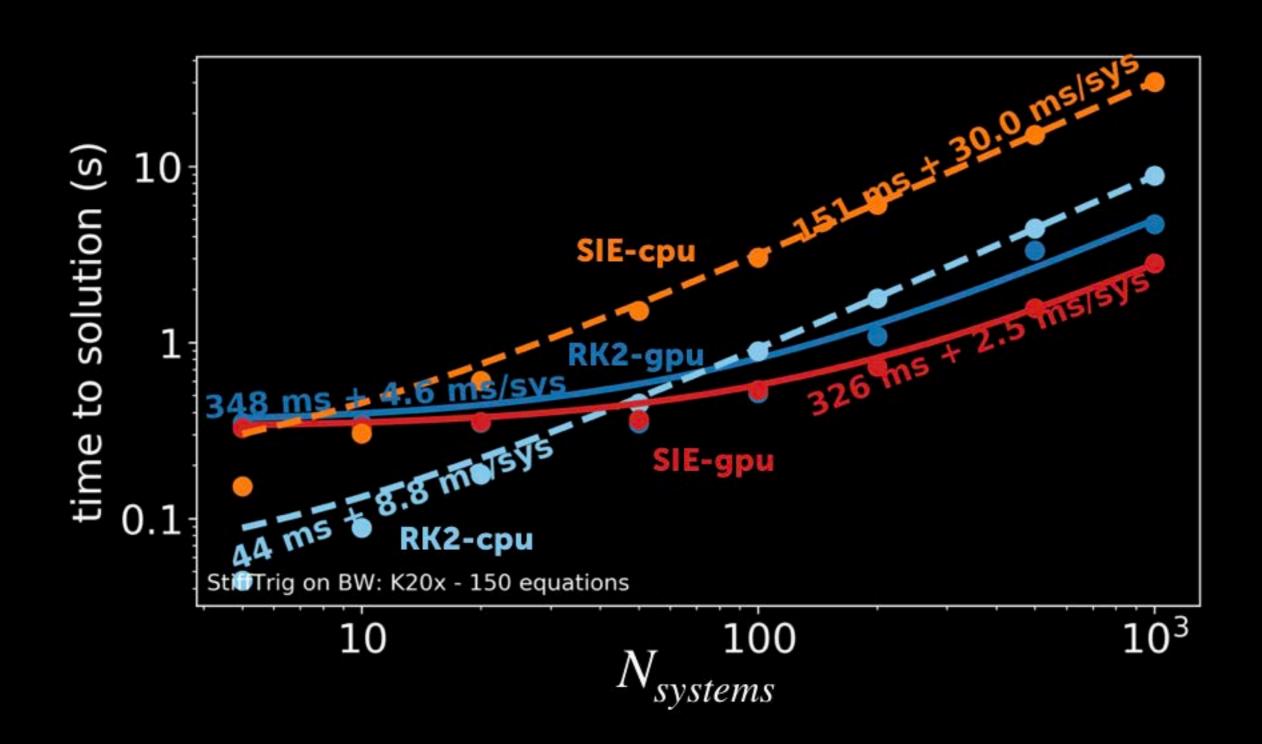
# Mimic the computational challenge of the full CHIMES chemistry network



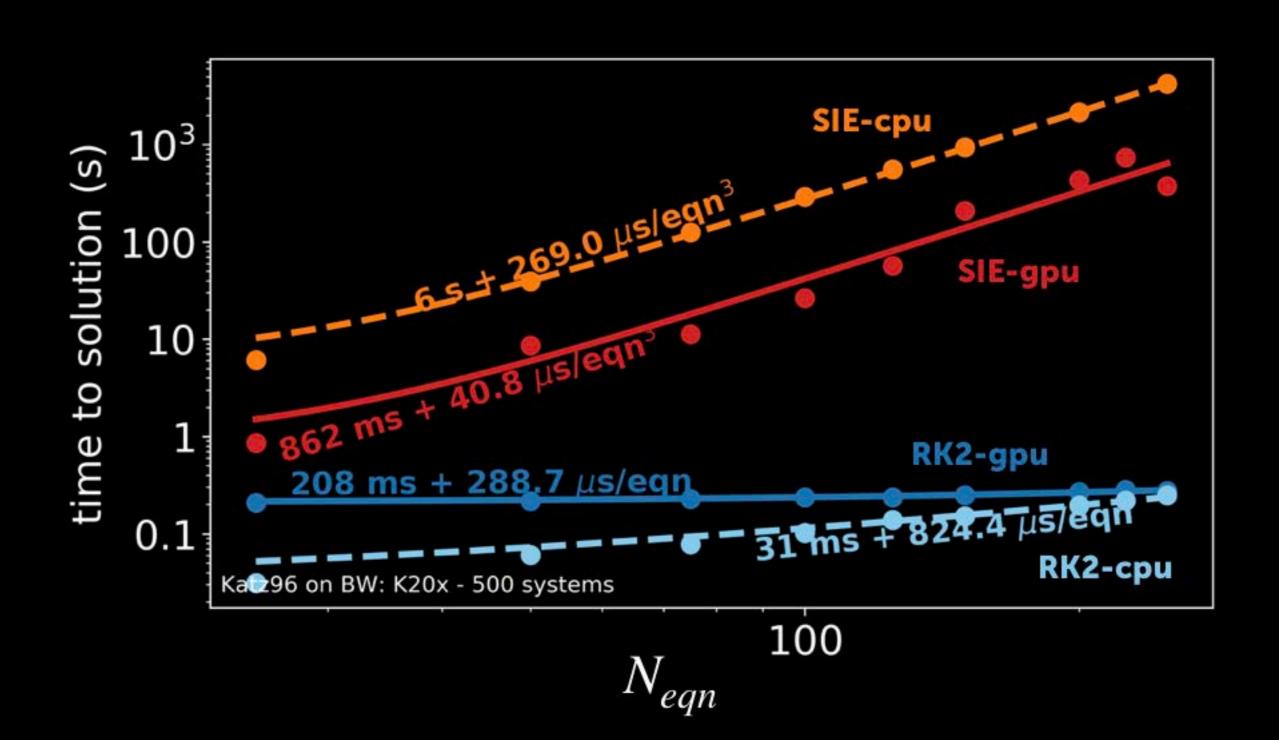
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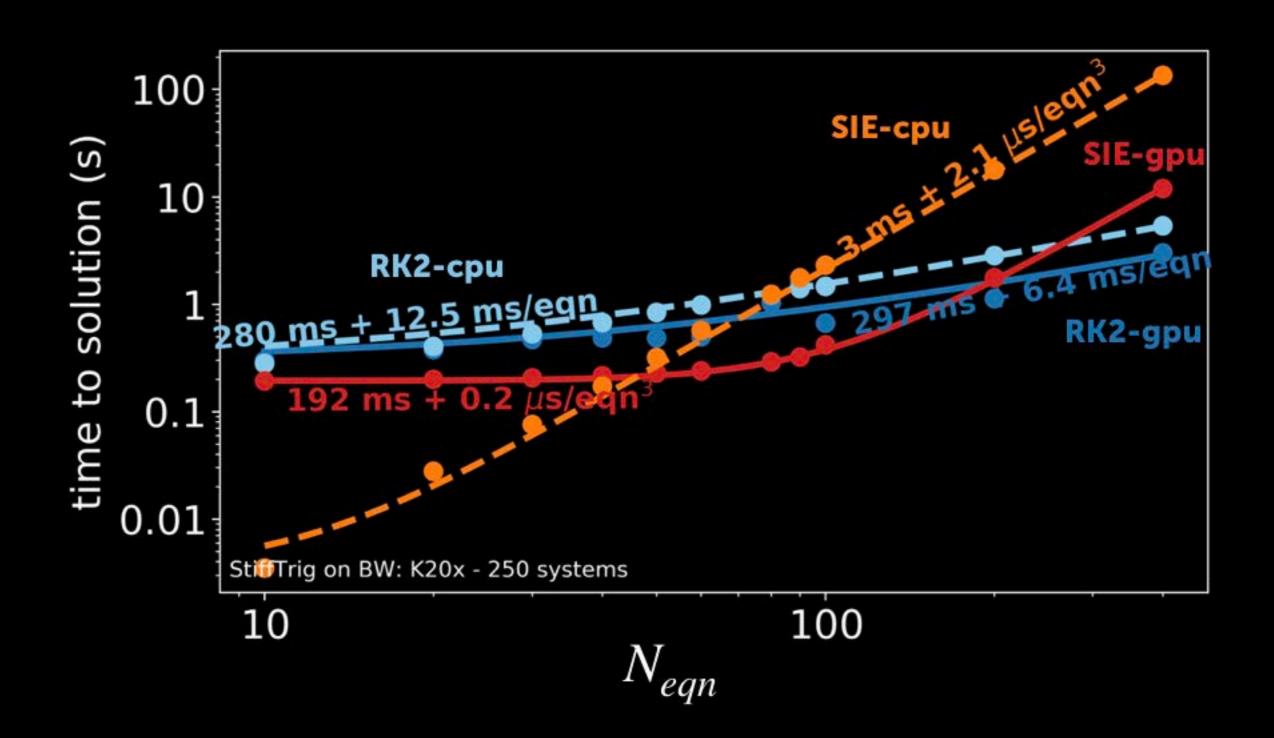
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### **Takeaways**

- We have to adapt to a new computing paradigm to take advantage of the most powerful HPC resources
- WIND is a new general, multi-method, GPUaccelerated ODE solver
  - explicit methods are efficient on smooth problems
  - implicit methods are advantageous for stiff systems such as a more complete chemistry network like CHIMES

### Next steps

- Implement optimized solvers for sparse systems
  - cost scales as  $N^3 \to N$
  - reduces memory footprint from  $N^2 \rightarrow N$
- Testing on more recent GPUs
  - Pascal & Volta
- Encode CHIMES network into WIND and attach to FIRE to run on galaxy simulations

### Thanks to Blue Waters Fellowship





