

Simulation of reflectometry using Finite-Difference Time-Domain Codes

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- Brief contextualization of reflectometry
- The requested sort of tutorial on FDTD
- Maxwell FDTD
- **REFMUL**: O-mode code
 - *Example of a forward scattering simulation*
- **REFMULX**: X-mode code
 - *Example of a synthetic diagnostic with GEMR input*
- **REFMULF**: Full polarization code
 - *Example of the first tests*
- First new areas of application

Reflectometry in a nutshell

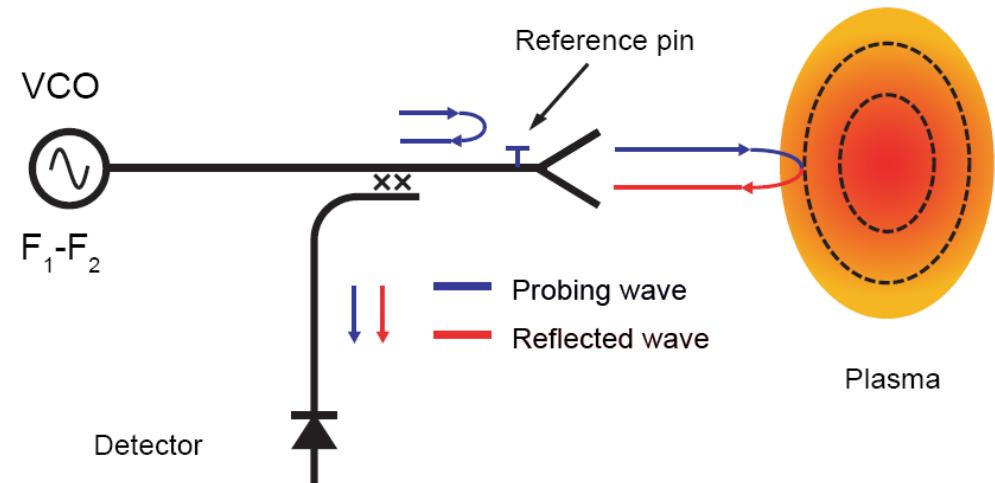
- Signal sent to the plasma

$$s_{src}(t) = A_{src} \cos(\omega t)$$

- It propagates being reflected at the cutoff position r_c

$$s_{rcv}(t) = A_{ant} \cos(\omega t + \varphi)$$

- The reflected wave shows a phase shift φ due to the microwave circuit φ_μ , propagation in a vacuum φ_0 and in the **plasma** φ_p .



$$\varphi = \varphi_0 + \varphi_\mu + \varphi_p$$

$$\varphi_p = \frac{4\pi f}{c} \int_0^{r_c} N(r) dr - \varphi_k$$

- The phase φ_p reflects the propagation of the wave along a path described by a refraction index $N(r)$ and contains information about **electronic density n_e**

- O-mode $\varphi_p = \varphi_p[f, N_O(n_e)]$

- X-modo $\varphi_p = \varphi_p[f, N_X(n_e, B_0)]$



Altar-Appleton (Appleton-Hartree) equation

💡 Solving the dispersion equation in N^2

$$N^2 = 1 - \frac{X(1-X)}{1-X - 1/2Y^2 \sin^2 \theta \pm \left[(1/2Y^2 \sin^2 \theta)^2 + (1-X)^2 Y^2 \cos^2 \theta \right]^{1/2}}$$

💡 Of interest to reflectometry is the case with $\theta=\pi/2$, which gives 2 expressions:

$$N^2 = 1 - X$$

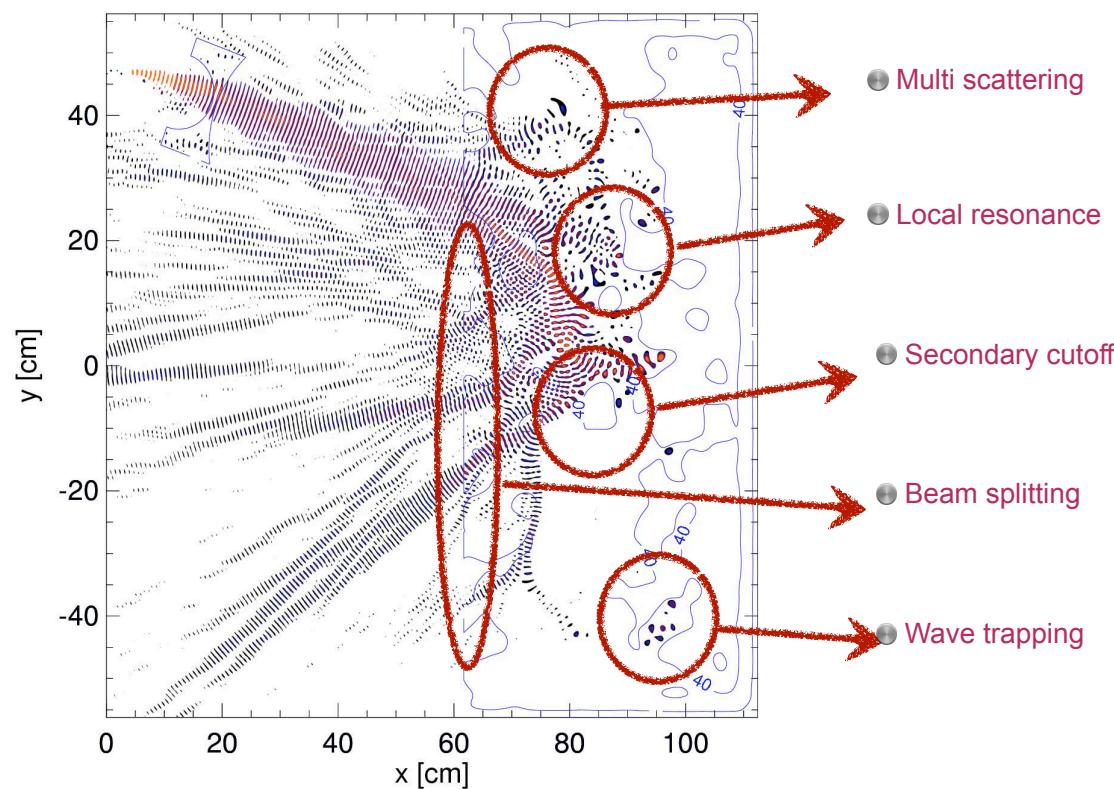
💡 **O-mode** - linear polarization with $\mathbf{E}/\!/ \mathbf{B}_0$

$$N^2 = 1 - \frac{X(1-X)}{1-X - Y^2}$$

💡 **X-mode** - elliptic polarization with $\mathbf{E} \perp \mathbf{B}_0$

Propagation on plasma far from trivial

Plasma is in reality an extremely complex, non-homogeneous, non-stationary, anisotropic, where waves suffer the effects of turbulence, MHD, Doppler shifts, absorption, diffusion, mode conversion. It requires a numerical full-wave treatment based on a simplified model which retains the fundamental physics.



Several CEM techniques have been used to tackle this problem such as screen-phase, ray-tracing, Helmholtz, TML, FEM, paraxial approximation and wave-equation solver but all present limitations.

The technique most up to the job is FDTD.

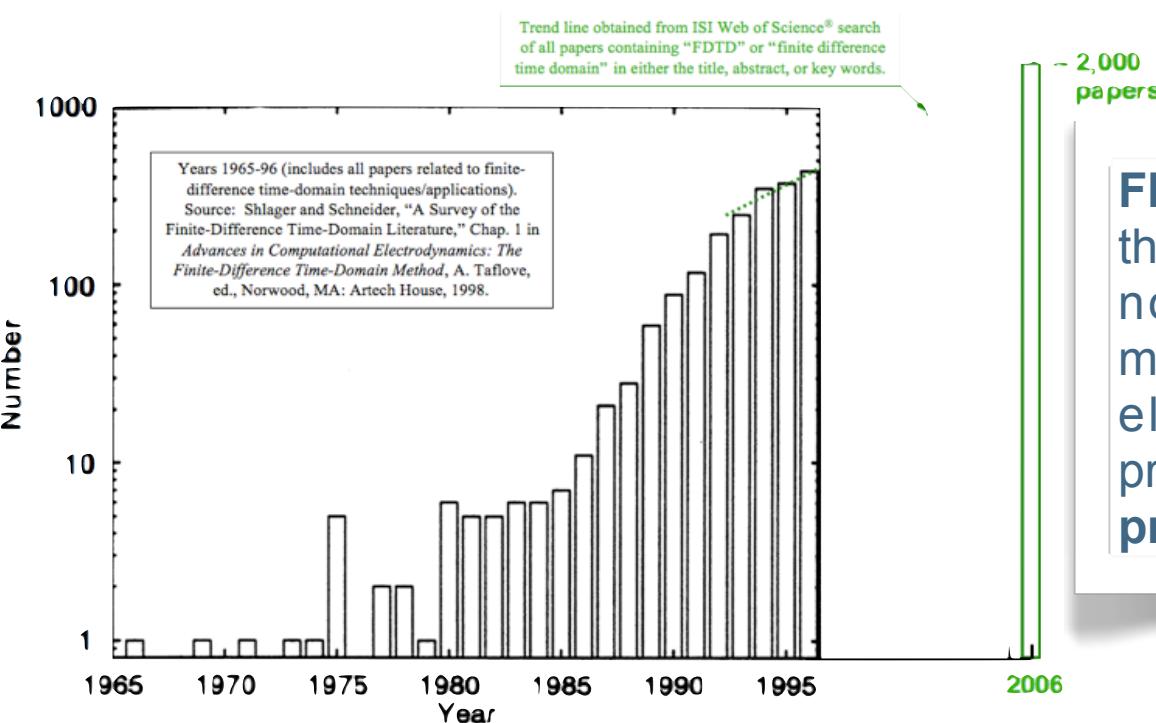
Finite-difference time-domain (FDTD) is a numerical analysis technique used in computational electrodynamics.

Finds approximate solutions to the associated system of differential equations.

As a time-domain method, covers a wide frequency range in a single run.

Treats nonlinear material properties in a natural way.

Yearly FDTD-Related Publications



FDTD has become, in the past thirty years, one of the major, if not the principal numerical method to solve problems of electromagnetism, including problems in the area of **wave propagation**.



Propagating-wave solution

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \quad u(x, t) = F(x + ct) + G(x - ct)$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \underbrace{\frac{dF(x+ct)}{d(x+ct)}}_{F'} \cdot \underbrace{\frac{\partial(x+ct)}{\partial t}}_c + \underbrace{\frac{dG(x-ct)}{d(x-ct)}}_{G'} \cdot \underbrace{\frac{\partial(x-ct)}{\partial t}}_{-c}$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = cF'(x + ct) - cG'(x - ct)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 F''(x + ct) + c^2 G''(x - ct)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = F''(x + ct) + G''(x - ct)$$

$$c^2 F''(x + ct) + c^2 G''(x - ct) = c^2 [F''(x + ct) + G''(x - ct)]$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \quad u(x, t) = F(x + ct) + G(x - ct)$$

expanding $u(x, t)$ about a space point x_i to $x_i + \Delta x$, keeping time t_n fixed:

$$u(x_i + \Delta x) \Big|_{t_n} = u \Big|_{x_i, t_n} + \Delta x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \Big|_{x_i, t_n} + \frac{(\Delta x)^2}{2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \Big|_{x_i, t_n} + \frac{(\Delta x)^3}{6} \frac{\partial^3 u}{\partial x^3} \Big|_{x_i, t_n} + \frac{(\Delta x)^4}{24} \frac{\partial^4 u}{\partial x^4} \Big|_{\xi_1, t_n}$$

expanding $u(x, t)$ about a space point x_i to $x_i - \Delta x$, keeping time t_n fixed:

$$u(x_i - \Delta x) \Big|_{t_n} = u \Big|_{x_i, t_n} - \Delta x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \Big|_{x_i, t_n} + \frac{(\Delta x)^2}{2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \Big|_{x_i, t_n} - \frac{(\Delta x)^3}{6} \frac{\partial^3 u}{\partial x^3} \Big|_{x_i, t_n} + \frac{(\Delta x)^4}{24} \frac{\partial^4 u}{\partial x^4} \Big|_{\xi_2, t_n}$$

summing: $u(x_i + \Delta x) \Big|_{t_n} + u(x_i - \Delta x) \Big|_{t_n} = 2u \Big|_{x_i, t_n} + \frac{(\Delta x)^2}{2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \Big|_{x_i, t_n} + \frac{(\Delta x)^4}{12} \frac{\partial^4 u}{\partial x^4} \Big|_{\xi_3, t_n}$

Second-order accurate central-difference approximation to the second partial space derivative of u

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \Big|_{x_i, t_n} = \left[\frac{u(x_i + \Delta x) - 2u(x_i) + u(x_i - \Delta x)}{(\Delta x)^2} \right]_{t_n} + O[(\Delta x)^2]$$

$$u(x_i, t_n) = u(i\Delta x, n\Delta t) = u_i^n$$

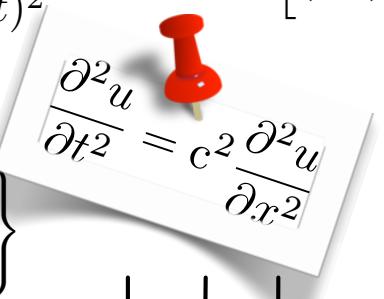
space derivative:

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \Big|_{x_i, t_n} = \frac{u_{i+1}^n - 2u_i^n + u_{i-1}^n}{(\Delta x)^2} + O[(\Delta x)^2]$$

time derivative:

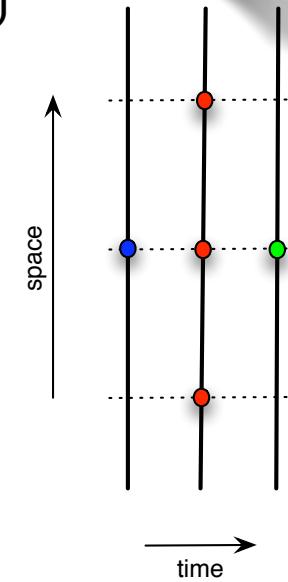
$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} \Big|_{x_i, t_n} = \frac{u_i^{n+1} - 2u_i^n + u_i^{n-1}}{(\Delta t)^2} + O[(\Delta t)^2]$$

$$\frac{u_i^{n+1} - 2u_i^n + u_i^{n-1}}{(\Delta t)^2} + O[(\Delta t)^2] = c^2 \left\{ \frac{u_{i+1}^n - 2u_i^n + u_{i-1}^n}{(\Delta x)^2} + O[(\Delta x)^2] \right\}$$



fully explicit 2nd-order accurate expression for u_i^{n+1} :

$$u_i^{n+1} \cong (c\Delta t)^2 \frac{u_{i+1}^n - 2u_i^n + u_{i-1}^n}{(\Delta x)^2} + 2u_i^n - u_i^{n-1}$$



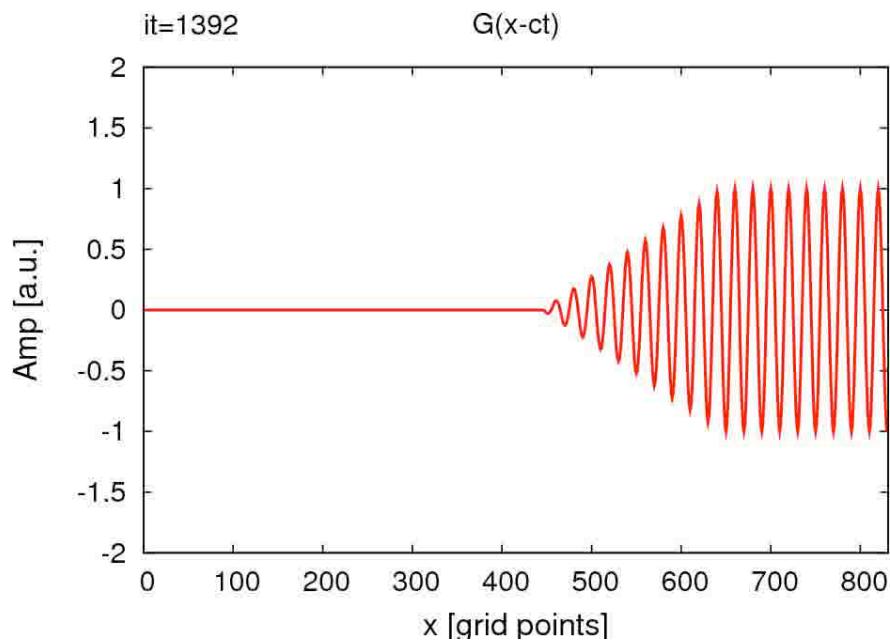
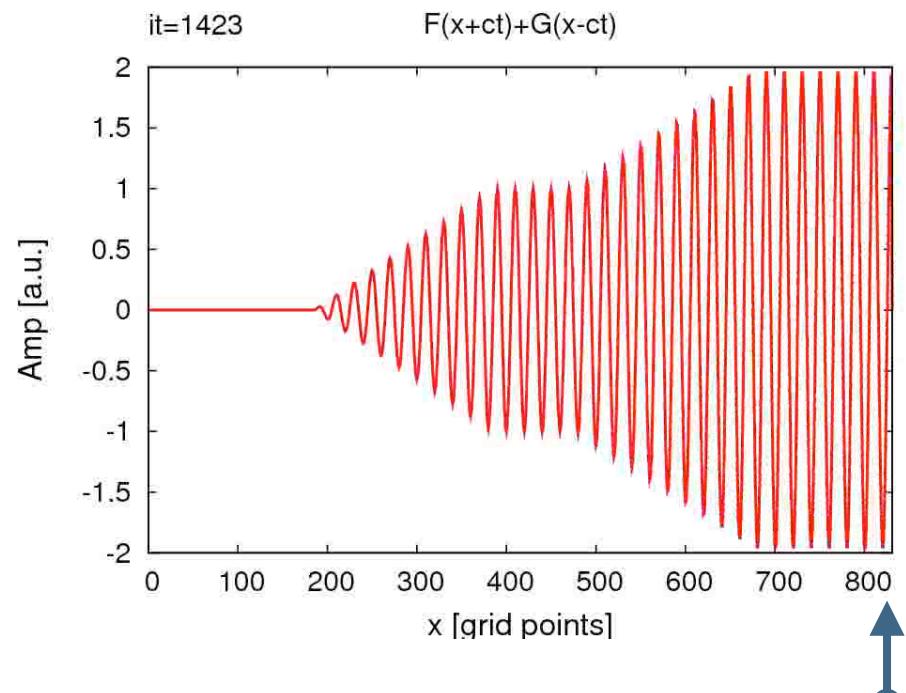
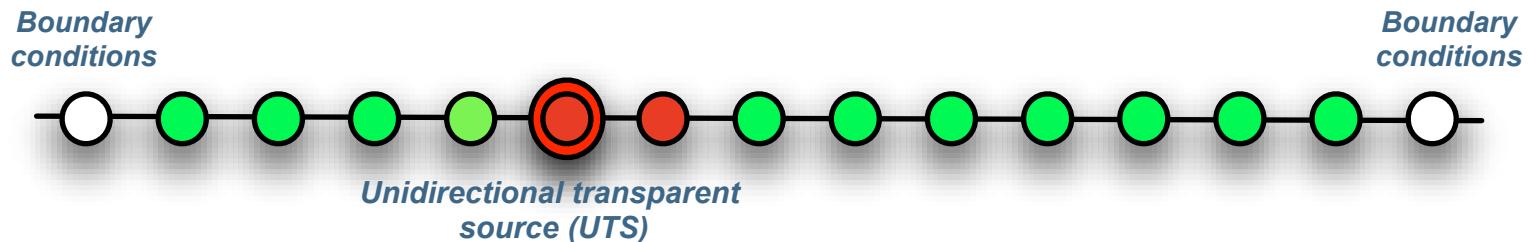
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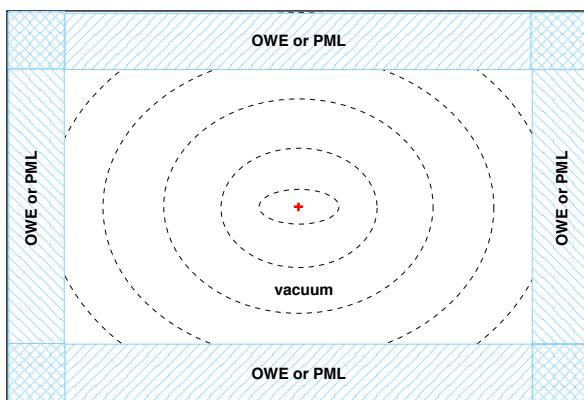
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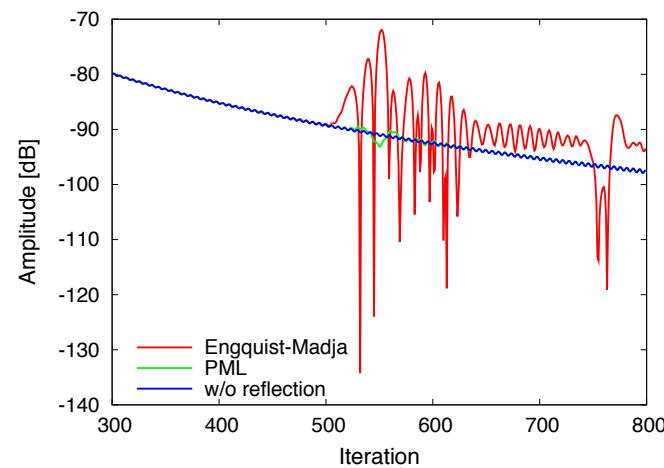
Example of a sinusoidal excitation



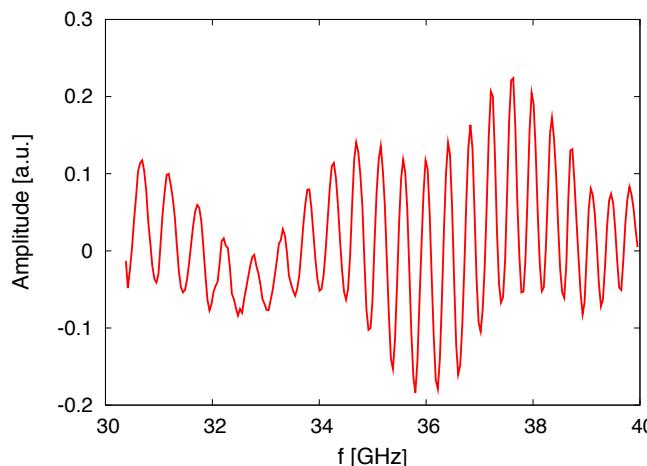
Calculation domain



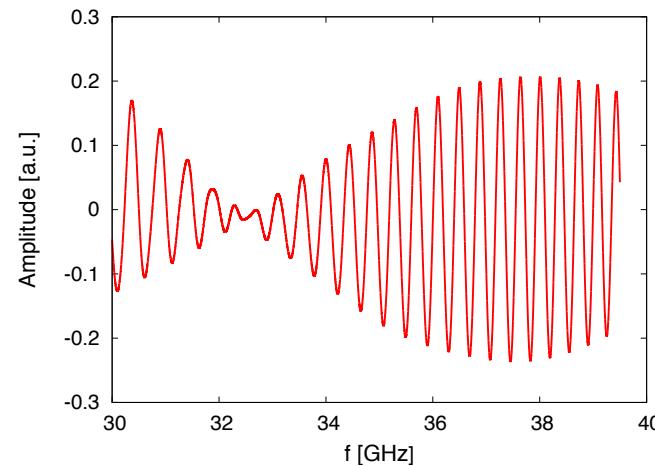
Response from boundary

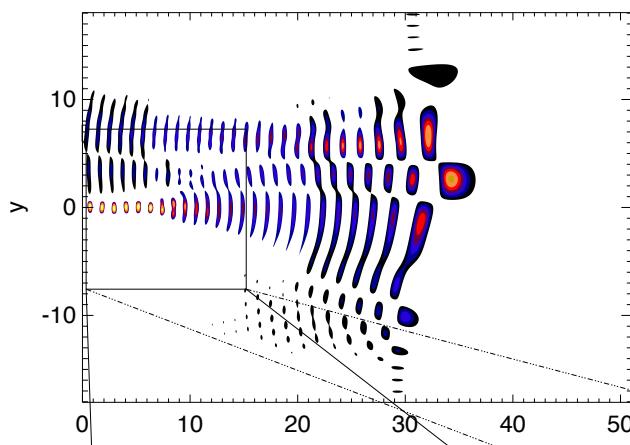


One-way equation

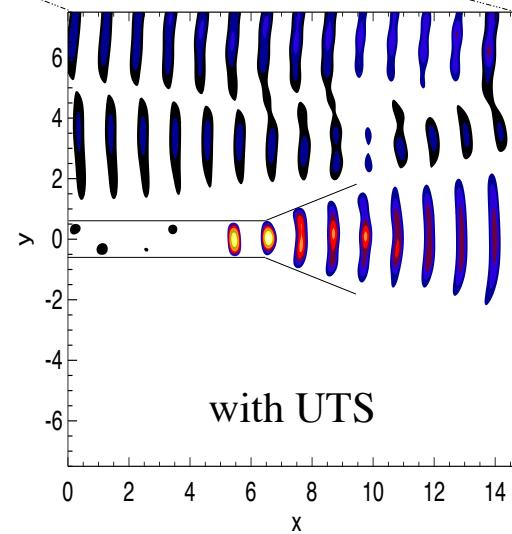
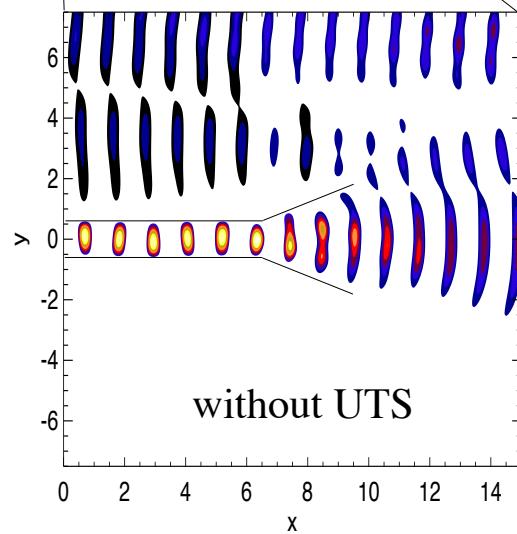


Perfectly matched layer





- *Forward signal injection*
- *Isolates return signal*
- *Recovers minute signals*



(O)UTS @ Backup slides



Some important concepts

Numerical dispersion

$$\tilde{k} = \frac{1}{\Delta x} \cos^{-1} \left\{ 1 + \left(\frac{\Delta x}{c \Delta t} \right)^2 \left[\cos(\omega \Delta t) - 1 \right] \right\}$$

Numerical stability

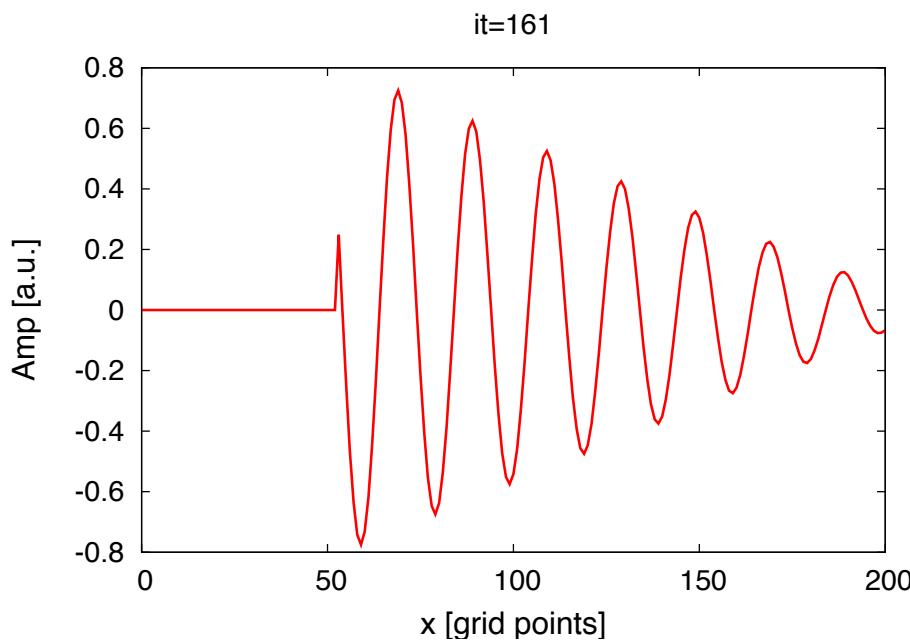
$$u_i^n = e^{j(\tilde{\omega}_{real} n \Delta t - \tilde{k} i \Delta x)}$$

$$u_i^n = \left(\frac{1}{-\xi - \sqrt{\xi^2 - 1}} \right)^{nth \text{ power}} e^{j[(\pi/\Delta t) n \Delta t - \tilde{k} i \Delta x]}$$

(Un)Stability example...

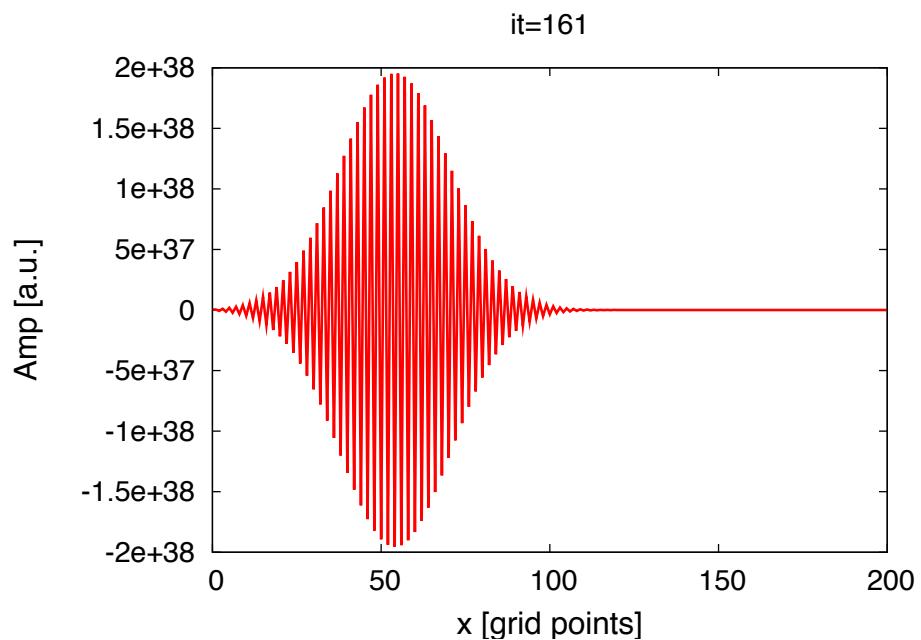
$$S = c\Delta t / \Delta x = 1.00$$

$$u_i^n = e^{j(\tilde{\omega}_{real}n\Delta t - \tilde{k}i\Delta x)}$$



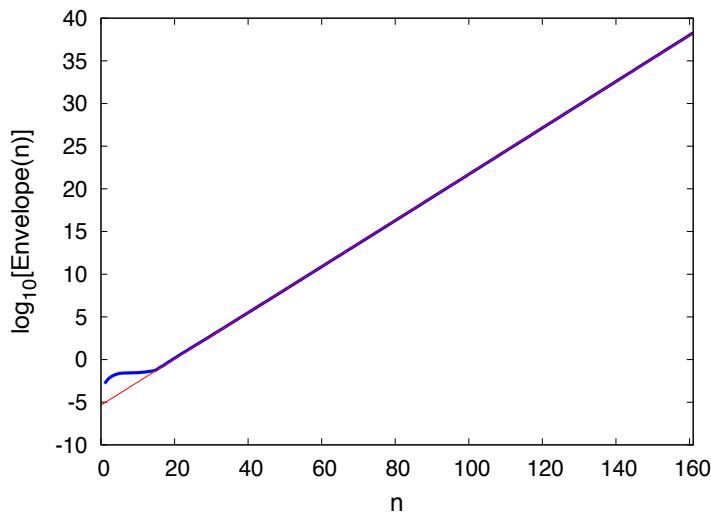
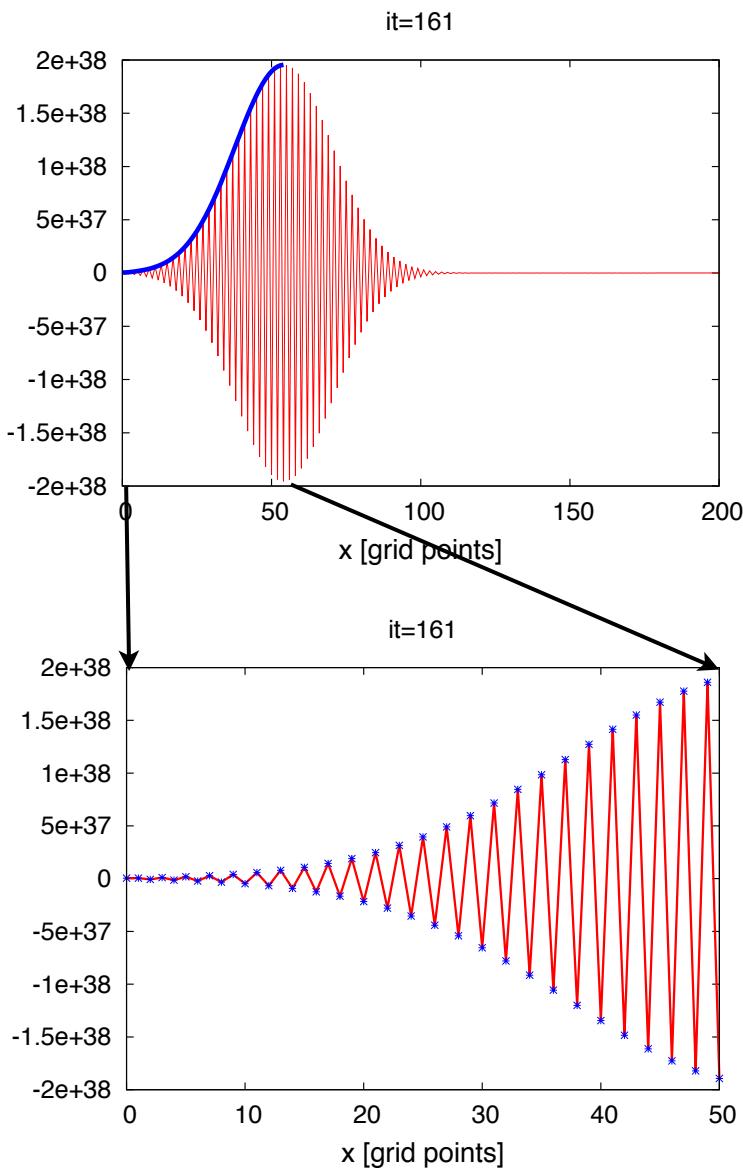
$$S = c\Delta t / \Delta x = 1.05$$

$$u_i^n = \left(\frac{1}{-\xi - \sqrt{\xi^2 - 1}} \right)^{nth \text{ power}} e^{j[(\pi/\Delta t)n\Delta t - \tilde{k}i\Delta x]}$$



Looking into the instability results...

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$$\left(\frac{1}{-\xi - \sqrt{\xi^2 - 1}} \right) = 1.865 \quad \xi = -1.2$$

$$1 - 2S^2 = -1.205 < -1.2 = \xi$$

$$\omega = \frac{\pi}{\Delta t}$$

- FDTD most commonly applied to Maxwell's curl equations
- Usual to write the curl equation in a vacuum (with ϵ_0 and μ_0)
- Condense the *plasma physics* in the density of current \mathbf{J}
- This results in a system coupling Maxwell equations with a LDE for $\mathbf{J} = \sigma \mathbf{E}$

$$-\epsilon_0 \partial_t \mathbf{E} + \nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J}$$

$$\mu_0 \partial_t \mathbf{H} + \nabla \times \mathbf{E} = 0$$

$$\partial_t \mathbf{J} = \epsilon_0 \omega_p^2 \mathbf{E} - \nu \mathbf{J} + \omega_c \mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{J}$$

- The curl equations are discretized following Yee schema
- A time integrator is used to solve \mathbf{J} — the sensitive part...



Field components

$$\frac{\partial E_x}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{\varepsilon_0} \left(\frac{\partial H_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial H_y}{\partial z} \right) - \frac{\sigma}{\varepsilon_0} E_x - \frac{1}{\varepsilon_0} J_x$$

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$$\frac{\partial H_x}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{\mu_0} \left(\frac{\partial E_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial z} \right) - \frac{\sigma^*}{\mu_0} H_x$$

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Field components Bérenger PML formulation

$$\frac{\partial E_{xy}}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{\varepsilon_0} \frac{\partial(H_{zx} + H_{zy})}{\partial y} - \frac{\sigma_y}{\varepsilon_0} E_{xy} - \frac{1}{\varepsilon_0} J_{xy}$$

$$\frac{\partial E_{xz}}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{\varepsilon_0} \frac{\partial(H_{yz} + H_{yx})}{\partial z} - \frac{\sigma_z}{\varepsilon_0} E_{xz} - \frac{1}{\varepsilon_0} J_{xz}$$

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$$\frac{\partial H_{xy}}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{\mu_0} \frac{\partial(E_{zx} + E_{zy})}{\partial y} - \frac{\sigma_y^*}{\mu_0} H_{xy}$$

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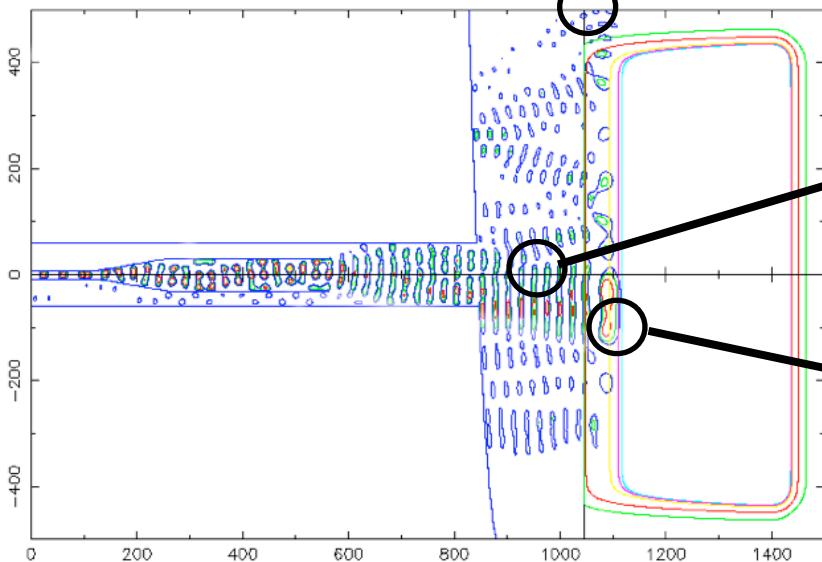
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Maxwell Curl Equations+LDE



PML

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} + \sigma \mathbf{E}$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\mu_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{H}}{\partial t} - \sigma^* \mathbf{H}$$

Vacuum

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t}$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\mu_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{H}}{\partial t}$$

Plasma

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{J}$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\mu_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{H}}{\partial t}$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} + \sigma \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{J}$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\mu_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{H}}{\partial t} - \sigma^* \mathbf{H}$$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{J}}{dt} = \epsilon_0 \omega_p^2 \mathbf{E} - \nu \mathbf{J} + \omega_c \times \mathbf{J}$$

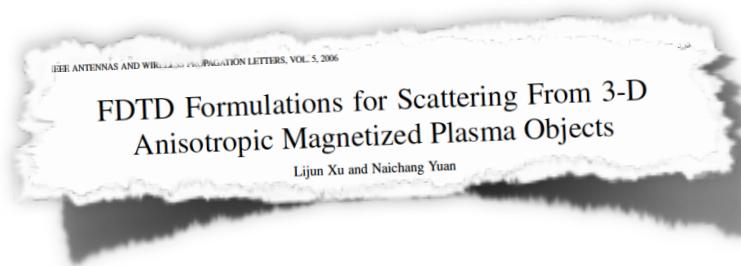
NB.: With plasma movement, a correction is formally needed

$$\begin{aligned}\varepsilon_0 \frac{\mathbf{E}^{n+1} - \mathbf{E}^n}{\Delta t} - \nabla \times \mathbf{H}^{n+1/2} &= -\mathbf{J}^{n+1} \\ \mu_0 \frac{\mathbf{H}^{n+1/2} - \mathbf{H}^{n-1/2}}{\Delta t} + \nabla \times \mathbf{E}^n &= 0 \\ \frac{\mathbf{J}^{n+1/2} - \mathbf{J}^{n-1/2}}{\Delta t} &= \varepsilon_0 \omega_p^2 \mathbf{E}^n + \omega_c \mathbf{b} \times \frac{\mathbf{J}^{n+1/2} + \mathbf{J}^{n-1/2}}{2}.\end{aligned}$$

To be solved with an **efficient** and **stable** numerical schema...

A kernel, proposed by Lijun Xu and Naichang Yuan provides efficiency and *stability*

Lijun Xu and Naichang Yuan, IEEE Antennas and Wireless Propagation Letters, Vol. 5, 2006, pp 335-338



For **REFMULX** and **REFMULF** the XY kernel was modified by us: **MXYK**

Implementing a new kernel proposed by B. Després and M. Campos Pinto

- Changes time centering of \mathbf{J}
- Relates \mathbf{J} and \mathbf{E} in a Crank-Nicolson way

$$\begin{aligned}\varepsilon_0 \frac{\mathbf{E}^{n+1} - \mathbf{E}^n}{\Delta t} - \mathbf{M} \mathbf{H}^{n+1/2} &= -\frac{\mathbf{J}^{n+1} + \mathbf{J}^n}{2} \\ \mu_0 \frac{\mathbf{H}^{n+1/2} - \mathbf{H}^{n-1/2}}{\Delta t} &= -\mathbf{M}^T \mathbf{E}^n \\ \frac{\mathbf{J}^{n+1} - \mathbf{J}^n}{\Delta t} &= \varepsilon_0 S^n(\omega_p^2) \frac{\mathbf{E}^n + \mathbf{E}^{n+1}}{2} + S^n(\omega_c) \mathbf{b} \wedge_h^n \frac{\mathbf{J}^{n+1} + \mathbf{J}^n}{2},\end{aligned}$$

- Operators \mathbf{M} and \mathbf{M}^T implement $\nabla \times \mathbf{H}$ and $\nabla \times \mathbf{E}$ on a Yee cell.
- $S(u)$ an operator implements the multiplication of a vectorial field by a scalar u
- $\mathbf{b} \wedge_h$ an operator approximating the cross product $\mathbf{b} \times$ on staggered grids

Plasma stationary on wave-time reference ($\tau_{plm} \gg T_{wav}$)

Ions considered motionless ($\omega_{ci} \ll \omega_{wav}$)

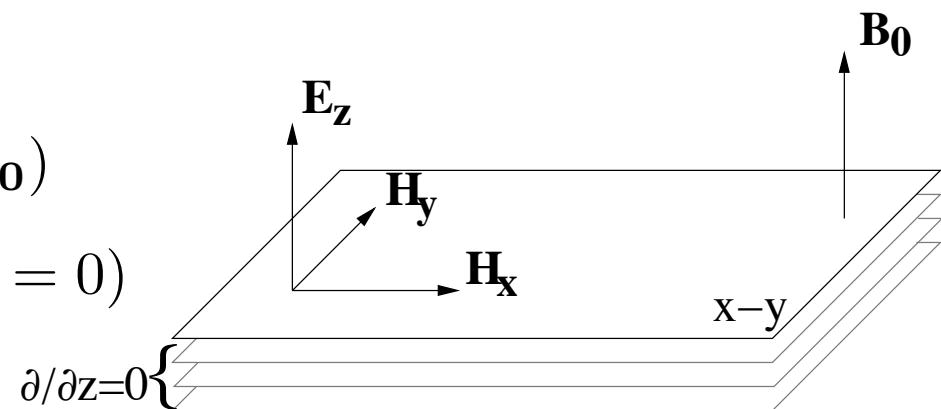
Thermal electron velocity smaller than phase velocity ($v_{th} \ll v_{ph}$)

Propagation in $x-y$ plane

Static magnetic field along z (\mathbf{B}_0)

No gradients along z axis ($\partial/\partial z = 0$)

O-mode propagation ($\mathbf{E}/\mathbf//\mathbf{B}_0$)



$$\partial/\partial z = 0$$

For the TMz mode (O-mode)

$$\mu_0 \frac{\partial H_x}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial E_z}{\partial y}$$

$$\mu_0 \frac{\partial H_y}{\partial t} = +\frac{\partial E_z}{\partial x}$$

$$\varepsilon_0 \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial H_x}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial H_y}{\partial x} - J_z$$

$$\frac{dJ_z}{dt} + \nu J_z = \varepsilon_0 \omega_p^2 E_z$$

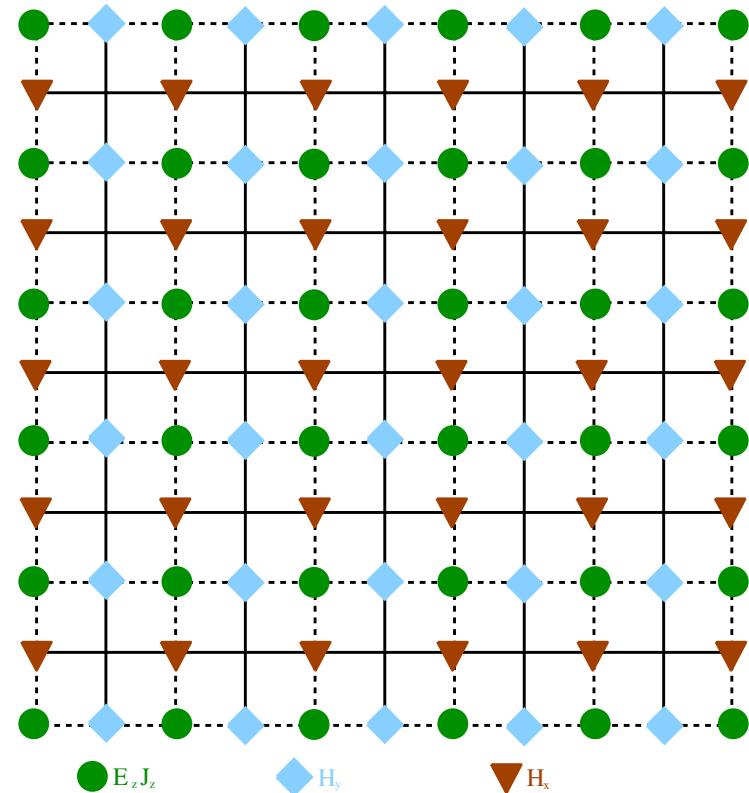
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For the TMz mode (O-mode) in the PML

$$\mu_0 \frac{\partial H_x}{\partial t} + \sigma^* H_x = -\frac{\partial E_z}{\partial y}$$

$$\mu_0 \frac{\partial H_y}{\partial t} + \sigma^* H_y = +\frac{\partial E_z}{\partial x}$$

$$\varepsilon_0 \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial t} + \sigma E_z = -\frac{\partial H_x}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial H_y}{\partial x}$$

TMz grid (O-mode)





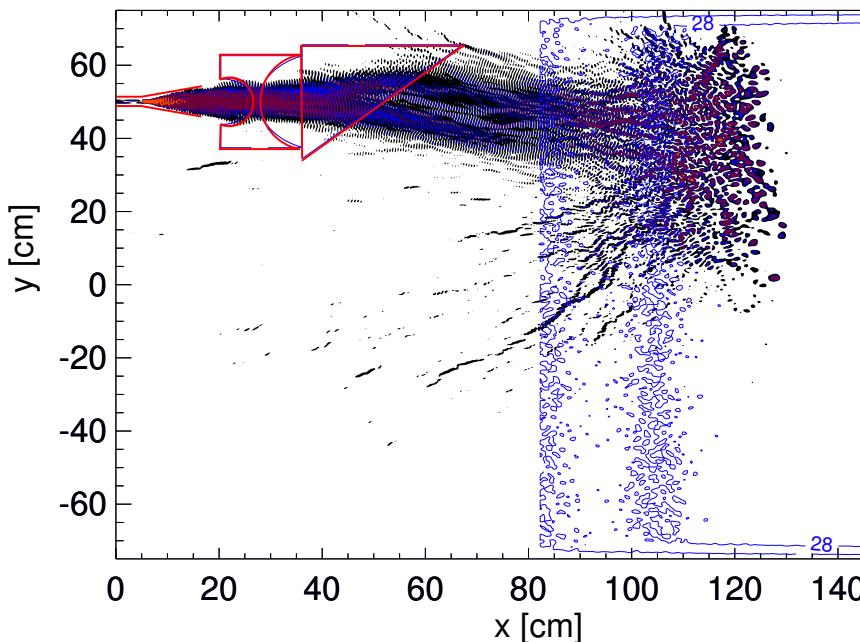
Example of a REFMUL simulation

Forward Scattering

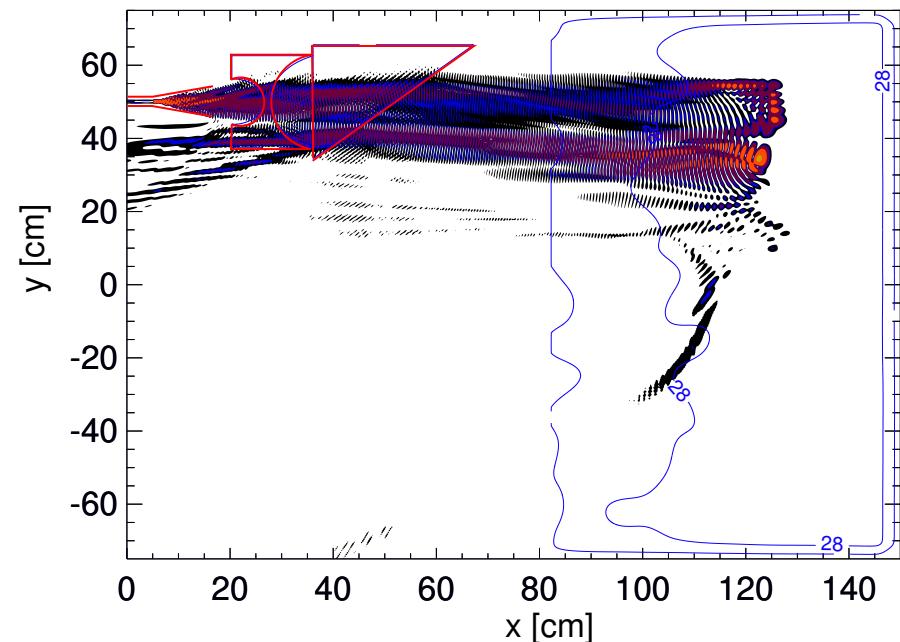


Forward-scattering under high level of turbulence or long propagation paths can induce significative effects and impose a signature on the Doppler reflectometry response.

Bragg backscattering (a) mainly in the vicinity of the oblique cutoff for fluctuations having a resonant wavenumber given by $k_{\text{Bragg}} = 2k_0 \sin(a)$.

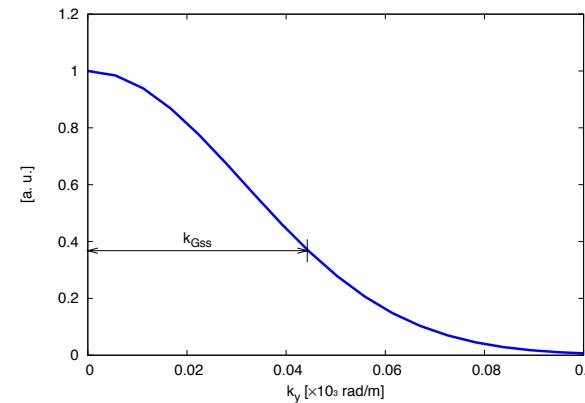
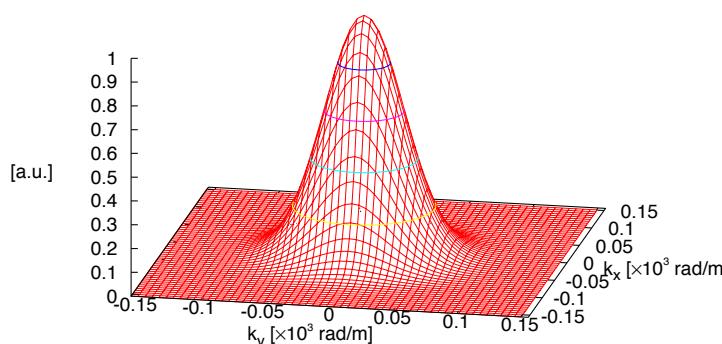


Cumulative forward-scattering (b), which becomes efficient for $k_{\text{FS}} < 2k_{\text{Airy}}$

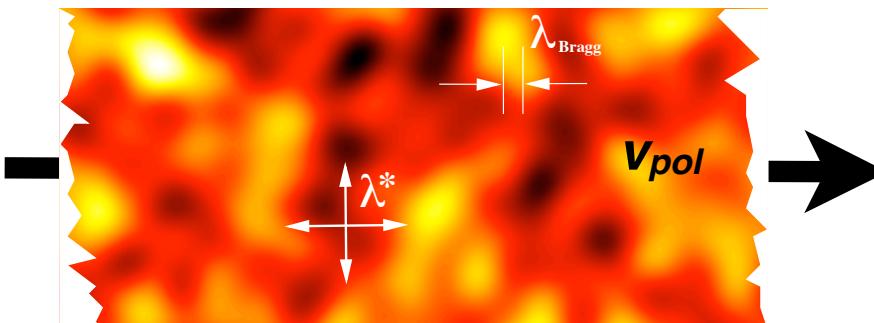


Model for turbulence

$$\delta n_{e_{TRB}} = \sum_{i=i_m}^{i_M} \sum_{j=j_m}^{j_M} A(i,j) \times \cos [k_x(i)x + k_y(j)y + \varphi(i,j)]$$



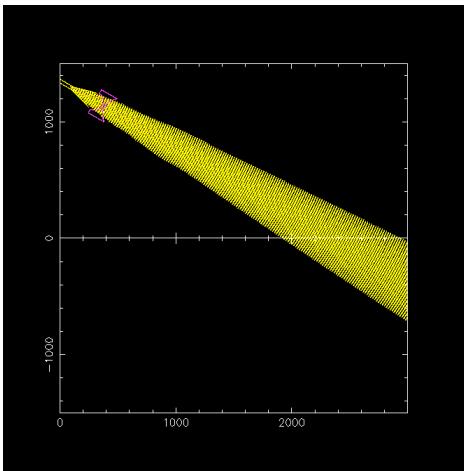
The amplitude spectrum modeling plasma turbulence was chosen to allow only forward scattering. There are no *structures* with a Bragg resonant size λ_{Bragg} .



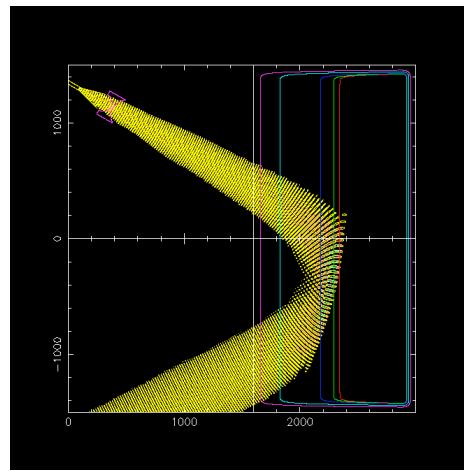
Plasma slab model $1,353 \times 3,000$ grid points
 $f = 40 \text{ GHz}$ ($n_c \approx 2 \cdot 10^{19} \text{ m}^{-3}$)
 RMS (@35 GHz. $\delta n_e/n_e(x_{35\text{GHz}}) \times 100\%$)
 $v_y = 22.5 \cdot 10^6 \text{ m} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$, i.e. $v_y/c = 7.5\%$.
 $L_m = 30,000$ grid points
 $N = 800,000$ iterations

Snapshots of runs ($\alpha=30^\circ$)

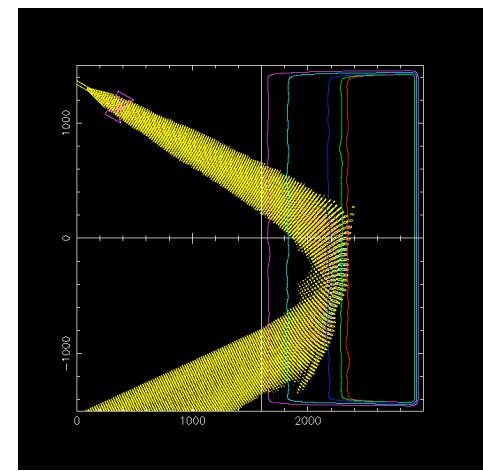
vacuum



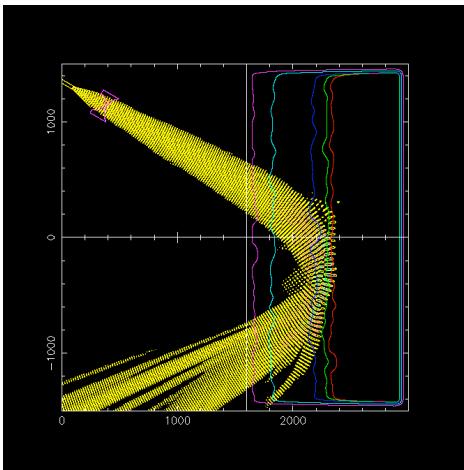
$\delta n_e = 0$



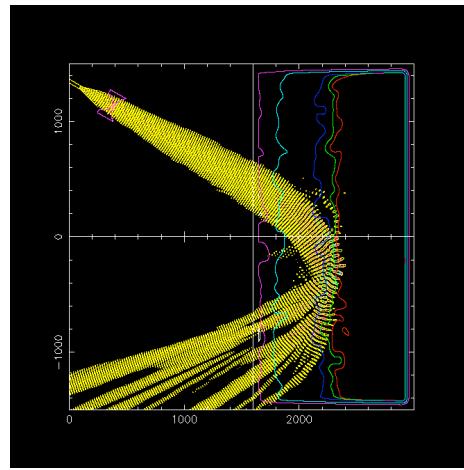
$\delta n_e = 1.0\%$



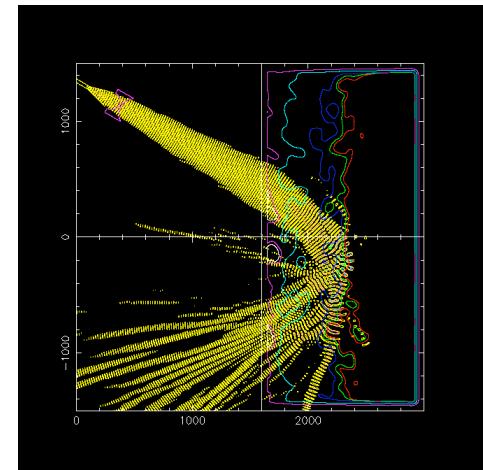
$\delta n_e = 2.5\%$



$\delta n_e = 5.0\%$

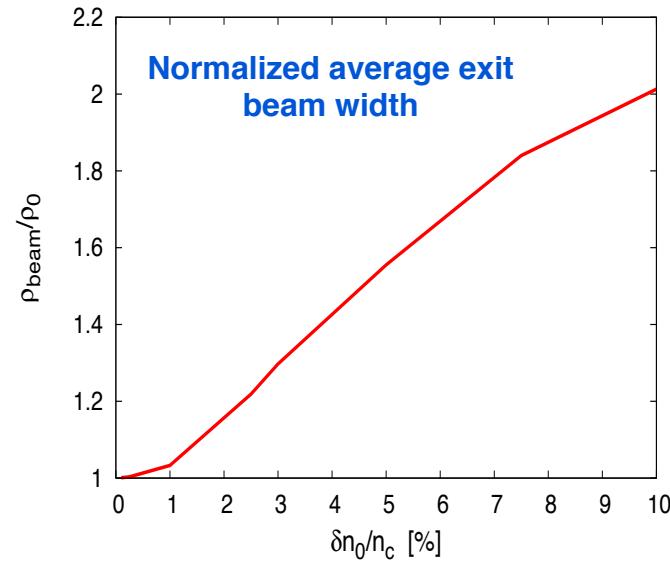
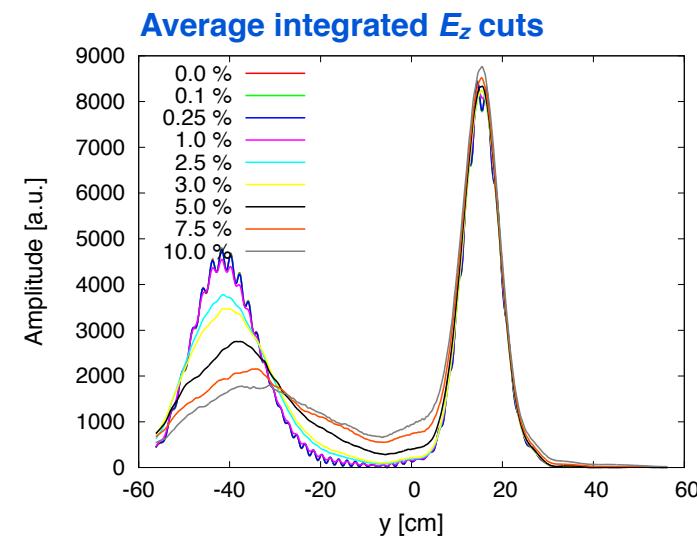
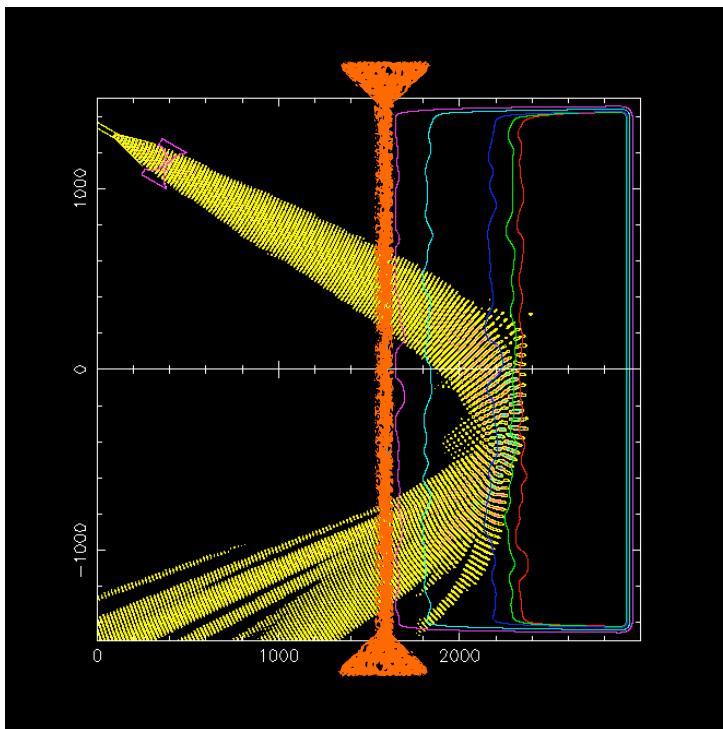


$\delta n_e = 10.0\%$



Beam enlargement

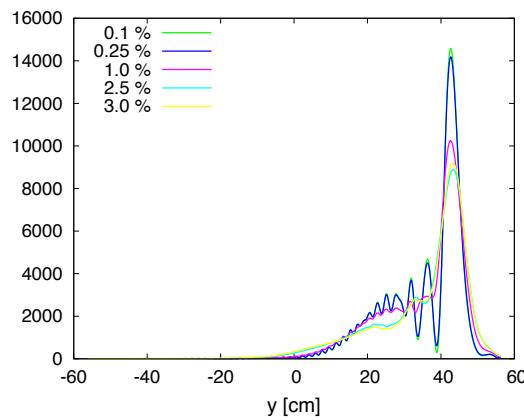
$$\int |E_{z_{edge}}|^2 dt$$



Runs at different angles

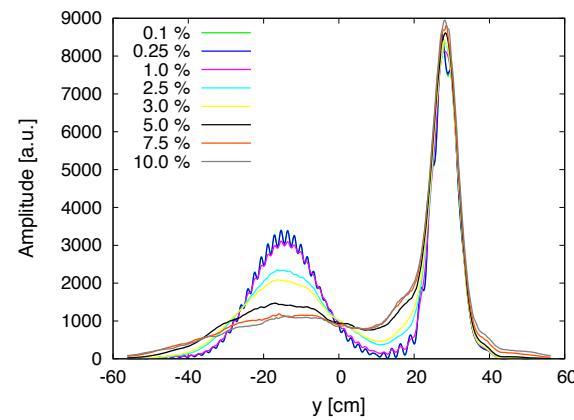
Average integrated E_z cuts $\alpha=7^\circ$

Amplitude [a.u.]



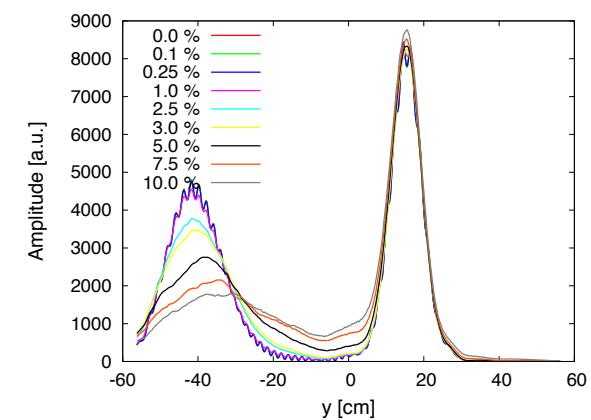
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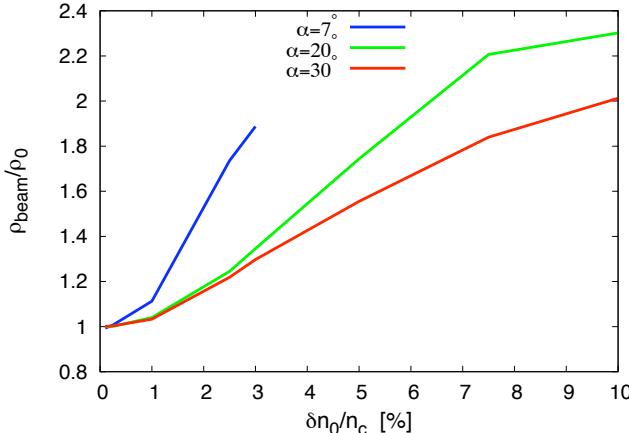


Average integrated E_z cuts $\alpha=30^\circ$

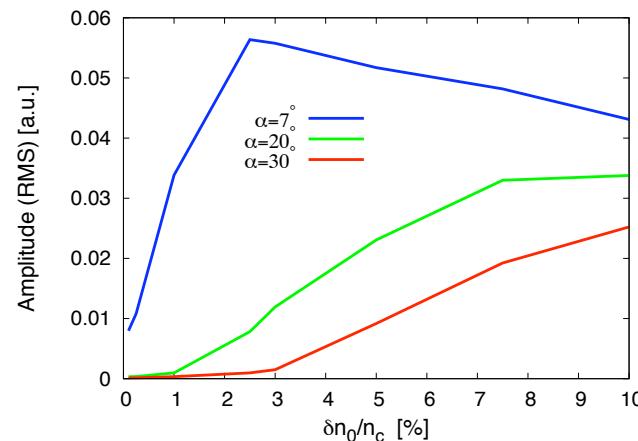
Amplitude [a.u.]



Normalized average exit beam width



RMS at the antenna



Plasma stationary on wave-time reference ($\tau_{plm} \gg T_{wav}$)

Ions considered motionless ($\omega_{ci} \ll \omega_{wav}$)

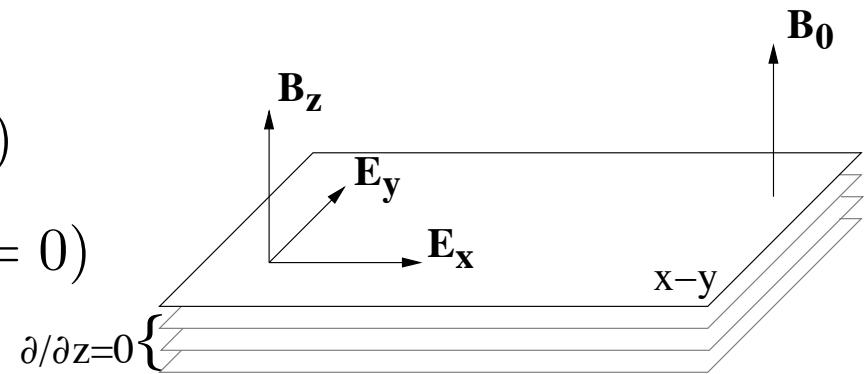
Thermal electron velocity smaller than phase velocity ($v_{th} \ll v_{ph}$)

Propagation in $x-y$ plane

Static magnetic field along z (\mathbf{B}_0)

No gradients along z axis ($\partial/\partial z = 0$)

X-mode propagation ($\mathbf{H}/\parallel \mathbf{B}_0$)



For the TEz mode (X-mode)

$$\varepsilon_0 \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial y} - J_x$$

$$\varepsilon_0 \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial H_z}{\partial x} - J_y$$

$$\mu_0 \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial x}$$

 $\frac{dJ_x}{dt} + \nu J_x = \varepsilon_0 \omega_p^2 E_x - \omega_z \times J_y$

$$\frac{dJ_y}{dt} + \nu J_y = \varepsilon_0 \omega_p^2 E_y + \omega_z \times J_x$$

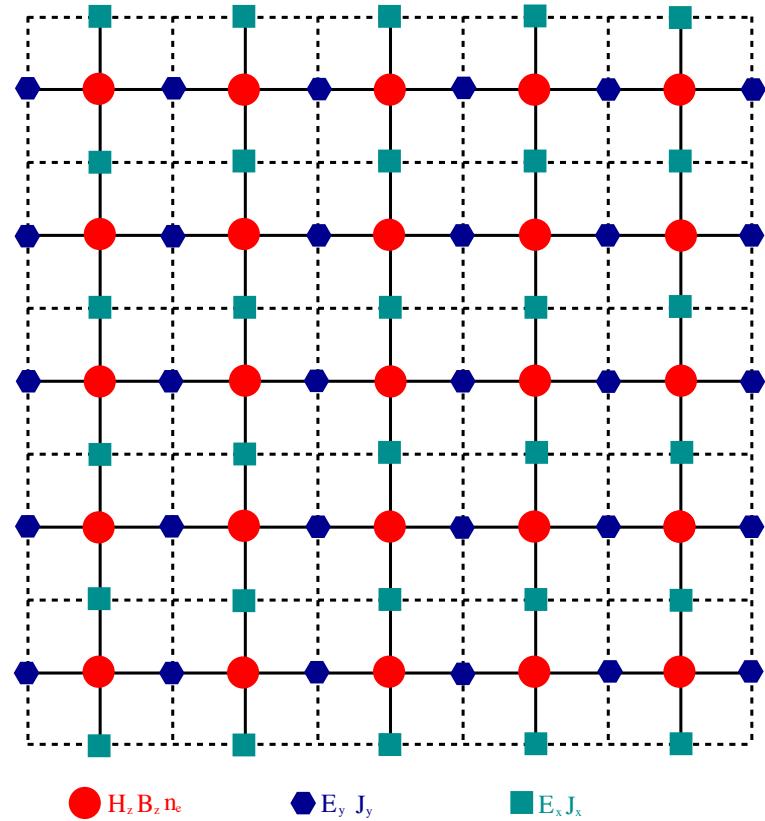
For the TEz mode (X-mode) in the PML

$$\varepsilon_0 \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial t} + \sigma E_x = \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial y}$$

$$\varepsilon_0 \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial t} + \sigma E_y = -\frac{\partial H_z}{\partial x}$$

$$\mu_0 \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial t} + \sigma^* H_z = \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial x}$$

TEz grid (X-mode)





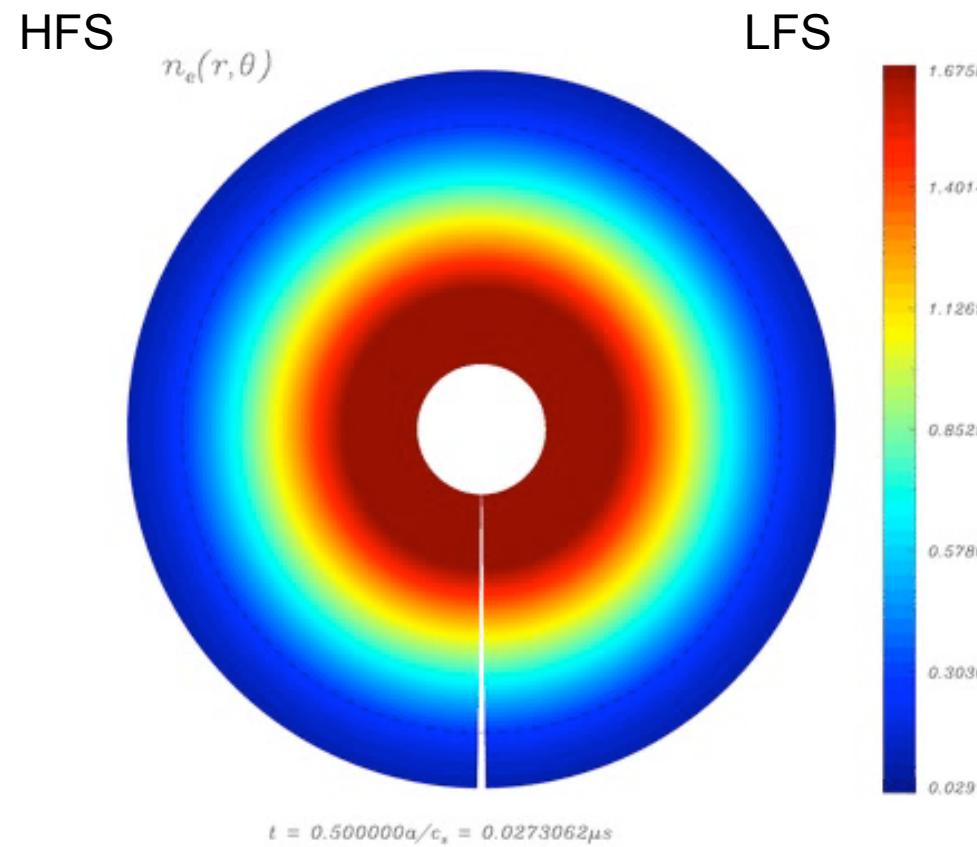
Example of a REFMULX simulation

- ➊ 6-moment electromagnetic gyrofluid model for each plasma species:
 - density and || velocity
 - || and ⊥ temperature and heat flux
- ➋ Polarisation and induction: field equations
- ➌ Dependent variables include the zonal profile:
 - e.g. $n_e \rightarrow \tilde{n}_e + n_0(x)$
- ➍ Includes a scrape-off layer (SOL) next to the edge region
- ➎ Dependent variables include the zonal profile:
 - radial (x) dependence retained (no flux tube approximation)
 - reduced-MHD equilibrium part: self consistent Shafranov shift

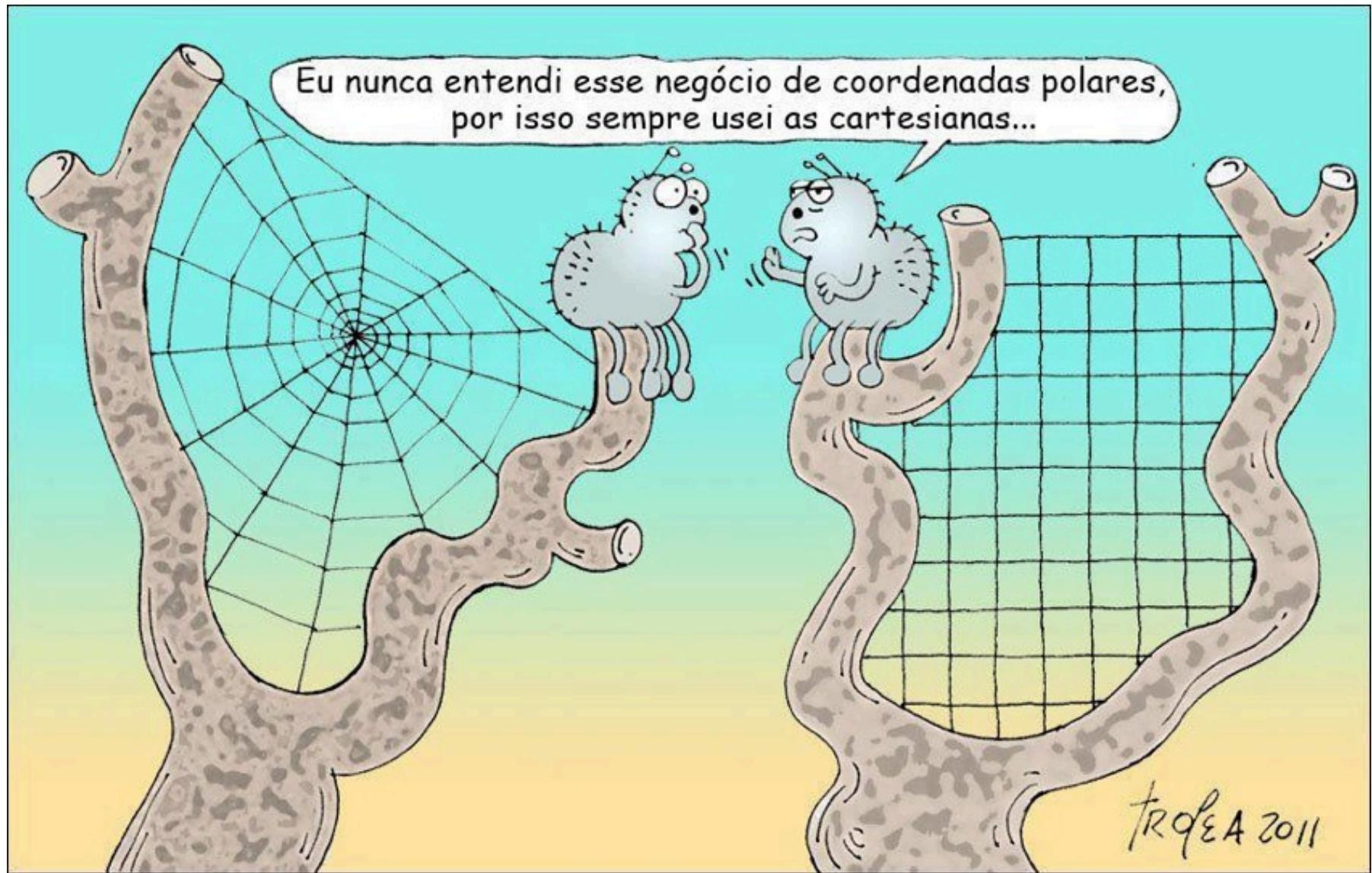


Gyrofluid models are suitable to study tokamak turbulence while demanding moderate computational resources

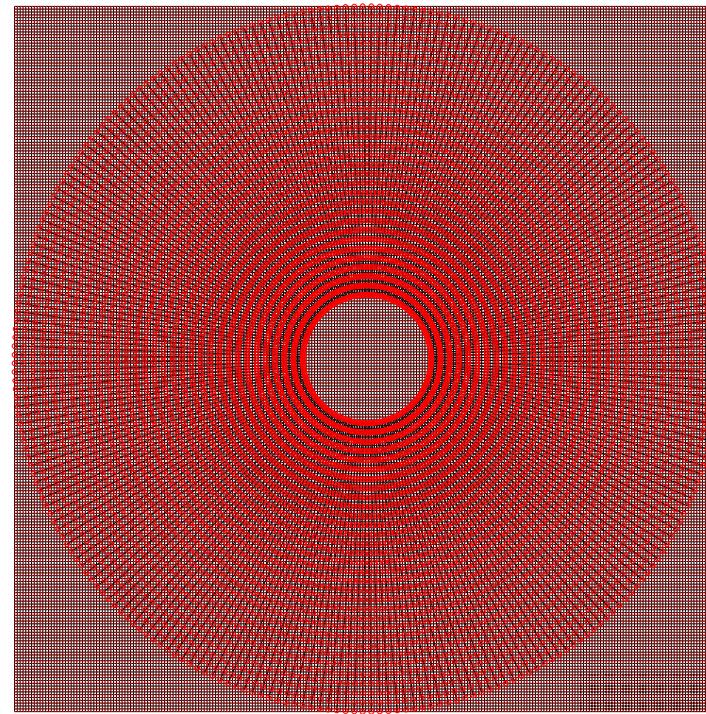
An illustrative case



Much smaller sized than ASDEX Upgrade

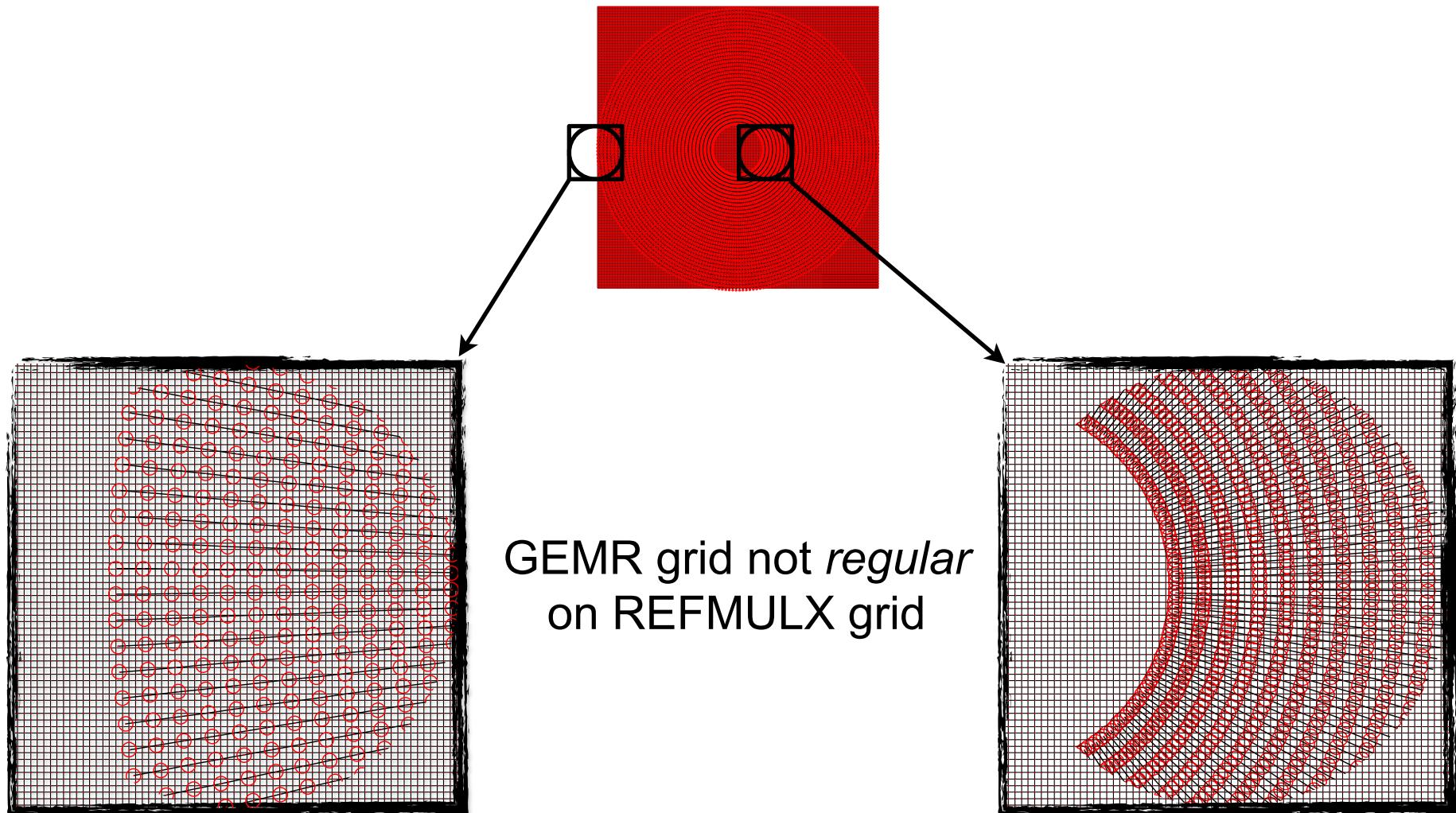


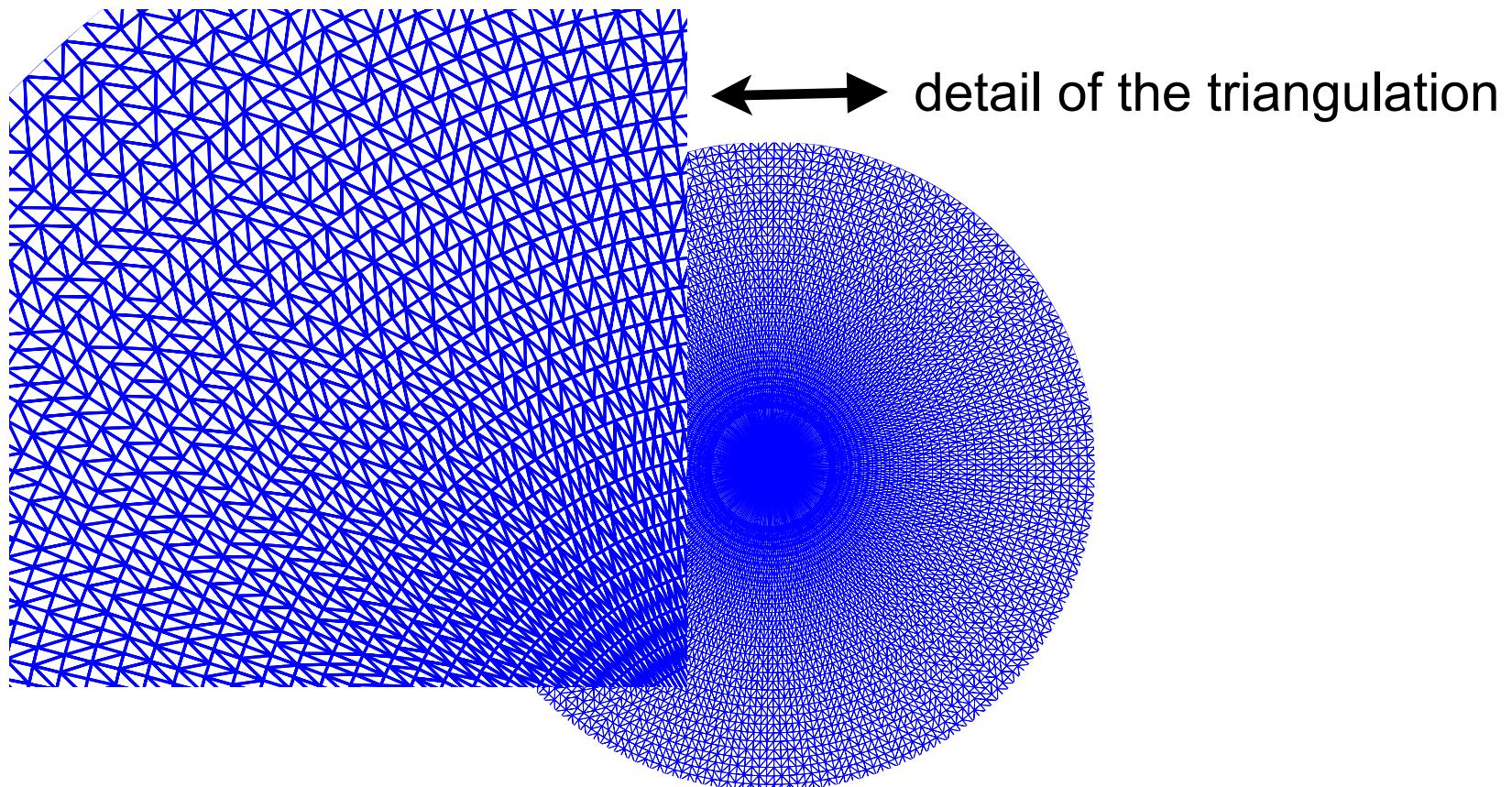
GEMR defined in polar coordinates (r, θ)



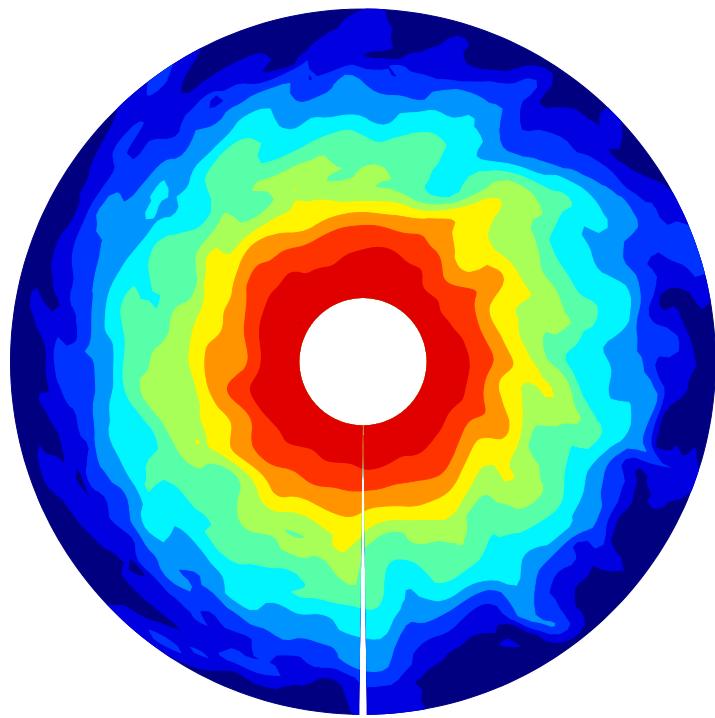
REFMULX defined in Cartesian coordinates (x, y)

Different code domains

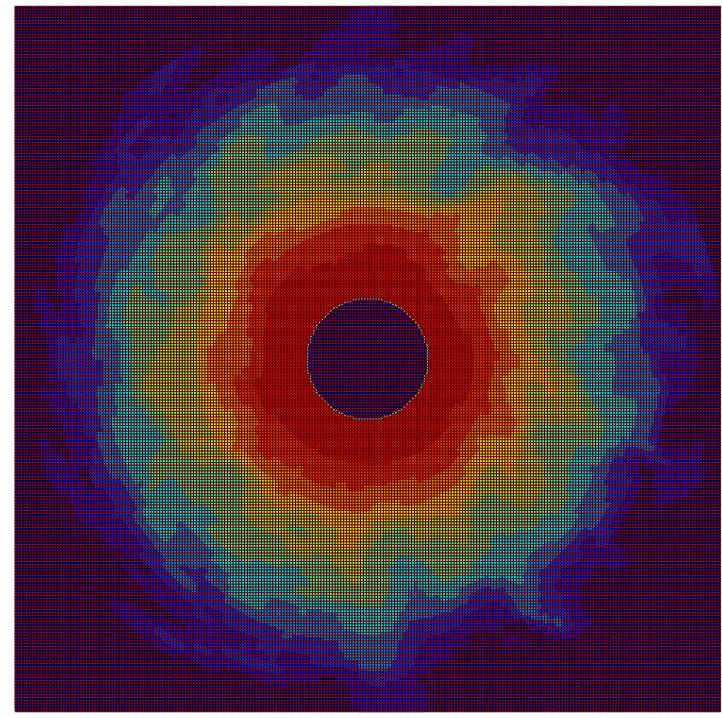
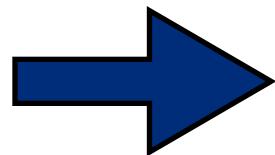




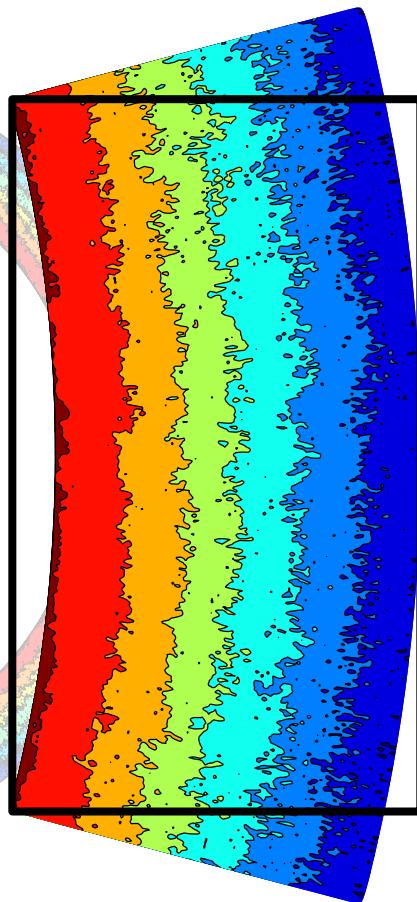
A Delaunay interpolation technique is used



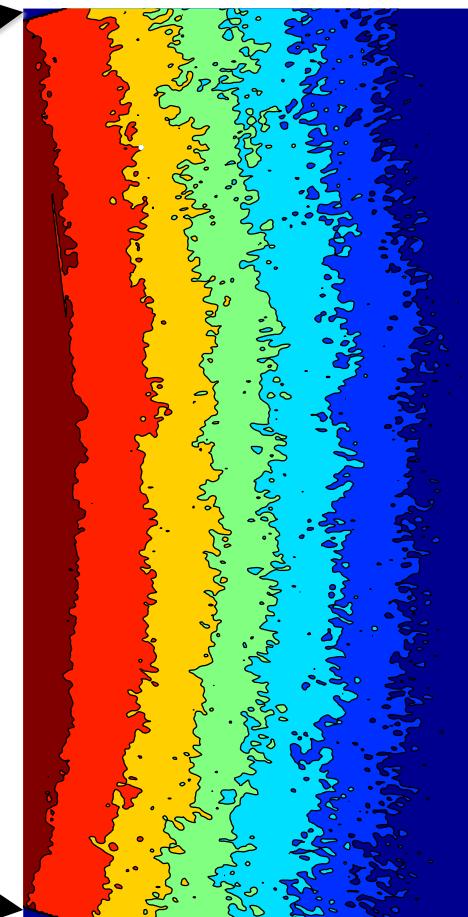
GEMR output



REFMULX input



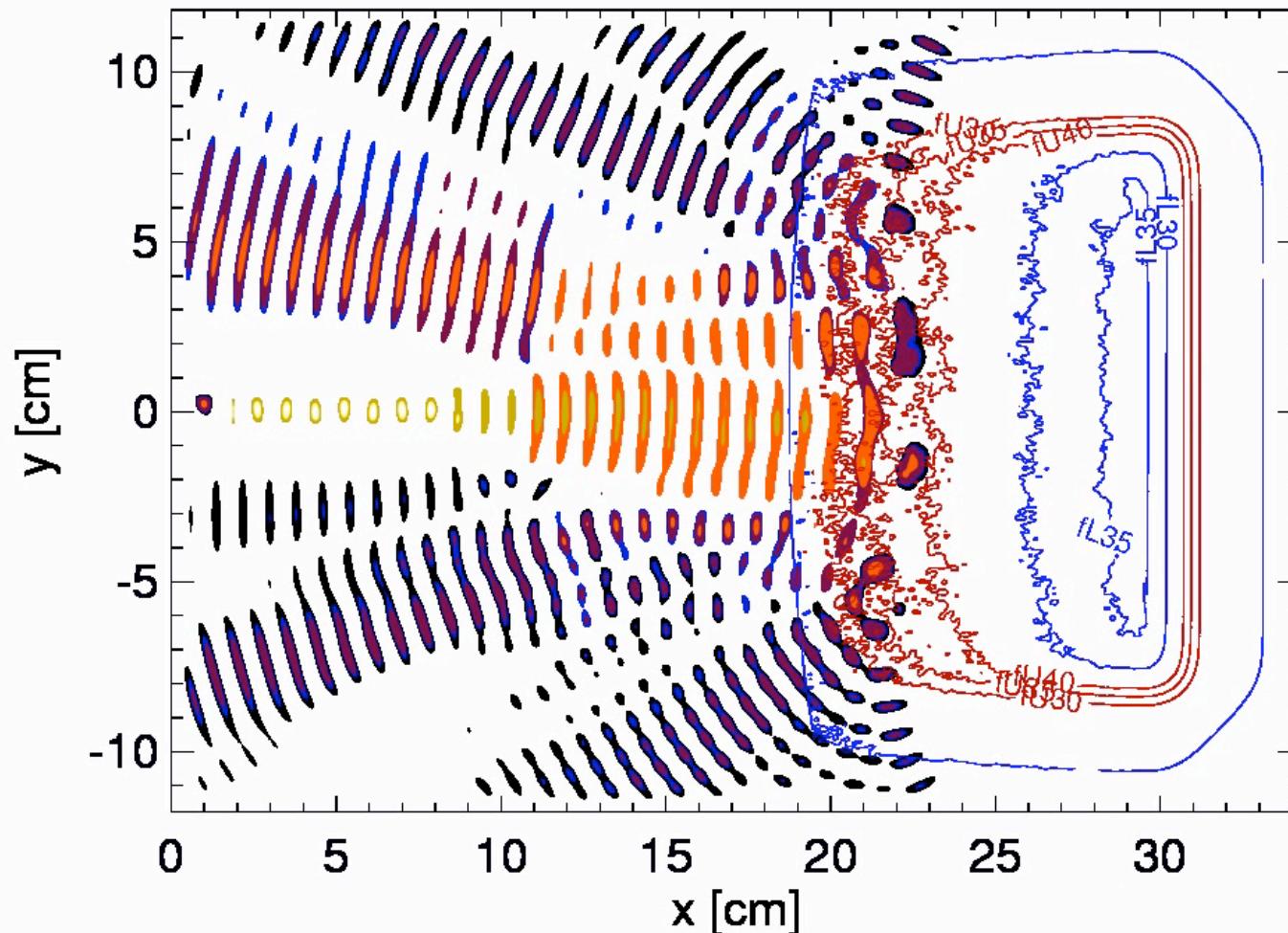
Delauney interpolation



Local set of physical quantities: typical ASDEX Upgrade edge (L-mode)

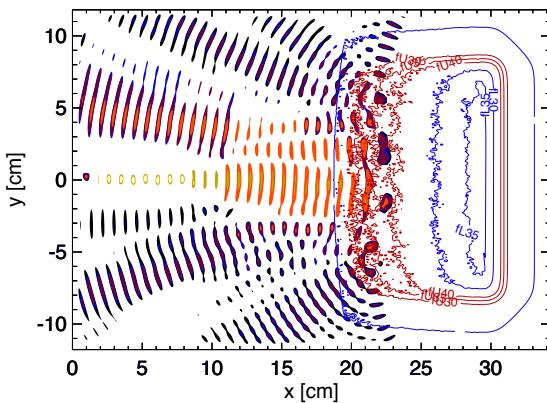
A run sample...

80,000 — 80,800 iterations shown

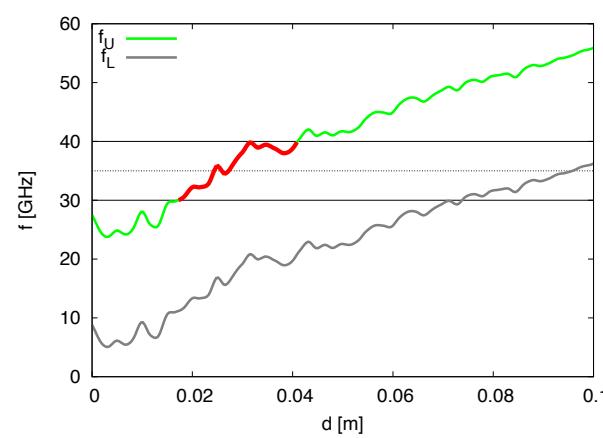


Results of the swept run:

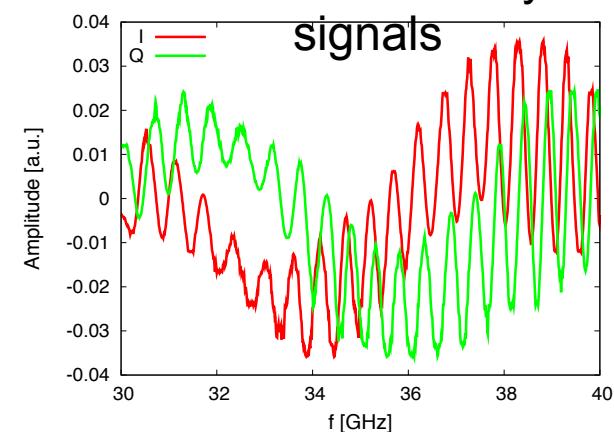
Field map



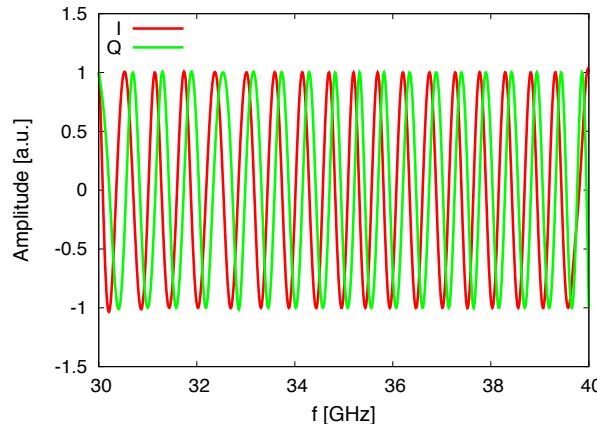
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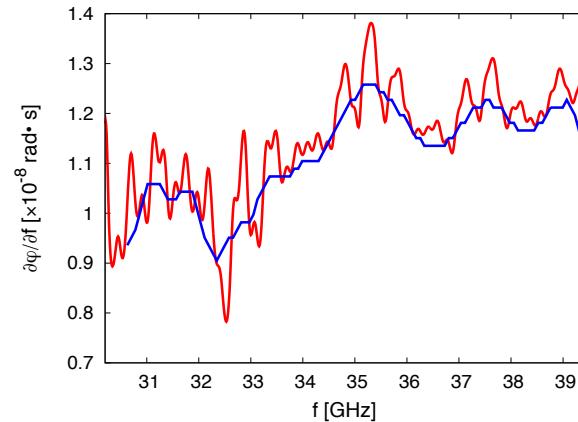
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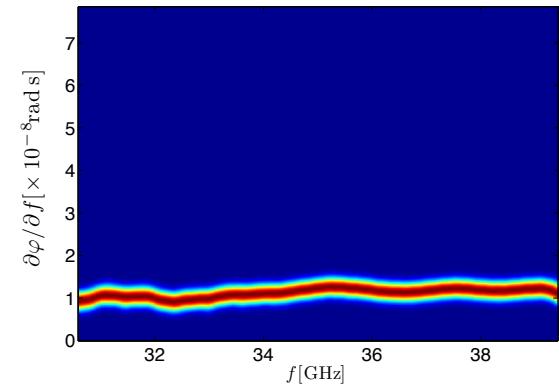
I/Q normalized signals



Phase derivative



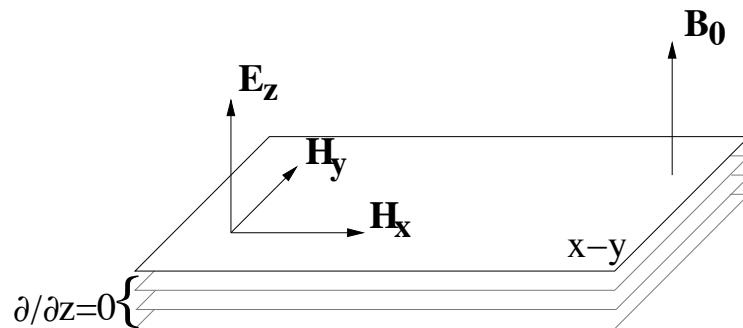
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Propagation in 2D (x-y plane)

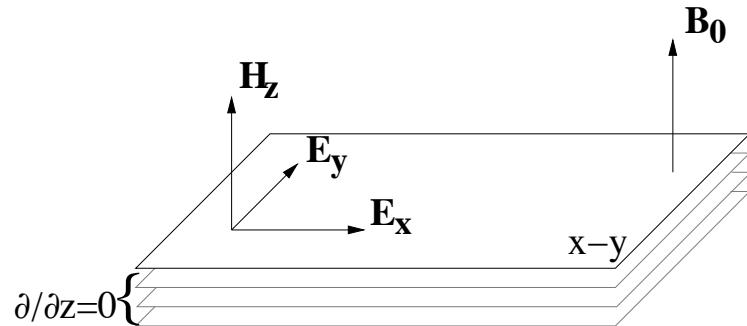
External magnetic field, \mathbf{B}_0 along z

No gradients along z axis ($\partial/\partial z=0$)



Transverse magnetic mode TM_z (E_z, H_x, H_y)

O-mode propagation ($\mathbf{E}/\mathbf//\mathbf{B}_0$)



Transverse electric mode TE_z (H_z, E_x, E_y)

X-mode propagation ($\mathbf{H}/\mathbf//\mathbf{B}_0$)



Recalling equations for TMz and TEz modes

For the TMz mode (O-mode)

$$\mu_0 \frac{\partial H_x}{\partial t} = - \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial y}$$

$$\mu_0 \frac{\partial H_y}{\partial t} = + \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial x}$$

$$\varepsilon_0 \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial t} = - \frac{\partial H_x}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial H_y}{\partial x} - J_z$$

$$\frac{dJ_z}{dt} + \nu J_z = \varepsilon_0 \omega_p^2 E_z$$



For the TEz mode (X-mode)

$$\varepsilon_0 \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial y} - J_x$$

$$\varepsilon_0 \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial t} = - \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial x} - J_y$$

$$\mu_0 \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial x}$$

$$\frac{dJ_x}{dt} + \nu J_x = \varepsilon_0 \omega_p^2 E_x - \omega_z \times J_y$$

$$\frac{dJ_y}{dt} + \nu J_y = \varepsilon_0 \omega_p^2 E_y + \omega_z \times J_x$$



For the TMz mode (O-mode) in the PML

$$\mu_0 \frac{\partial H_x}{\partial t} + \sigma^\star H_x = - \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial y}$$

$$\mu_0 \frac{\partial H_y}{\partial t} + \sigma^\star H_y = + \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial x}$$

$$\varepsilon_0 \frac{\partial E_z}{\partial t} + \sigma E_z = - \frac{\partial H_x}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial H_y}{\partial x}$$

For the TEz mode (X-mode) in the PML

$$\varepsilon_0 \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial t} + \sigma E_x = \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial y}$$

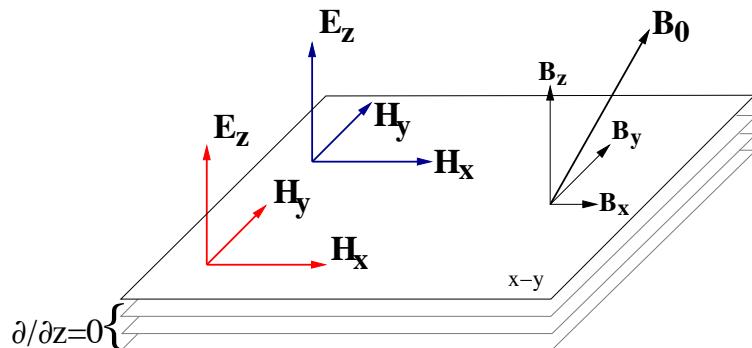
$$\varepsilon_0 \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial t} + \sigma E_y = - \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial x}$$

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Propagation in 2D (x-y plane)

General external magnetic field, $\mathbf{B}_0 = \mathbf{B}_x + \mathbf{B}_y + \mathbf{B}_z$

No gradients along z axis ($\partial/\partial z = 0$)



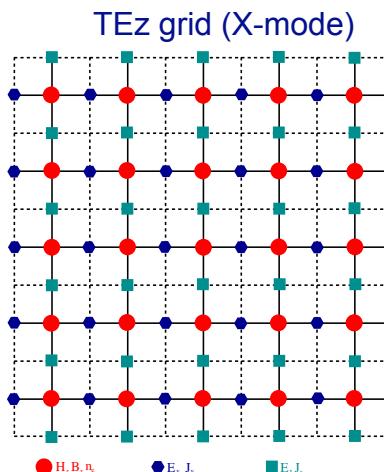
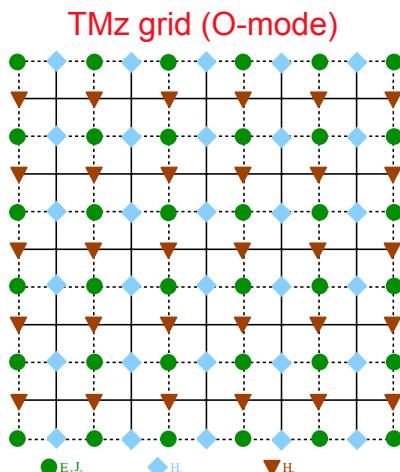
Transverse magnetic mode **TM_z** (E_z, H_x, H_y)

O-mode propagation ($\mathbf{E} // \mathbf{B}_0$)

Transverse electric mode **TE_z** (H_z, E_x, E_y)

X-mode propagation ($\mathbf{H} // \mathbf{B}_0$)

Maxwell curl equations can only couple TM_z and TE_z modes through $\partial/\partial z$



BUT



Coupling through J is possible

$$\frac{d\mathbf{J}}{dt} = \varepsilon_0 \omega_p^2 \mathbf{E} - \nu \mathbf{J} + \omega_c \times \mathbf{J}$$

$$\frac{dJ_x}{dt} + \nu J_x = \varepsilon_0 \omega_p^2 E_x + \omega_y J_z - \omega_z J_y$$

B_x or B_y couples TMz plane to TEz

$$\frac{dJ_y}{dt} + \nu J_y = \varepsilon_0 \omega_p^2 E_y + \omega_z J_x - \omega_x J_z$$

$$\frac{dJ_z}{dt} + \nu J_z = \varepsilon_0 \omega_p^2 E_z + \omega_x J_y - \omega_y J_x$$

B_x or B_y couples TEz plane to TMz



Xu & Yu expression for J_x

$$\begin{aligned} C_{0x} &= 1 + \frac{\omega_x^2 \Delta t^2}{4} \\ C_{1x} &= 1 + \frac{\omega_y^2 \Delta t^2}{4} - \left(\frac{\omega_x^2 \omega_y^2 \Delta t^4}{16C_{0x}} - \frac{\Delta t^2 \omega_z^2}{4C_{0x}} \right) \\ J_x^{n+1/2}(i, j + 1/2) &= \frac{1}{C_{1x}} \left[1 - \frac{\omega_y^2 \Delta t^2}{4} + \left(\frac{\omega_x^2 \omega_y^2 \Delta t^4}{16C_{0x}} - \frac{\Delta t^2 \omega_z^2}{4C_{0x}} \right) \right] J_x^{n-1/2}(i, j + 1/2) + \\ &+ \frac{\varepsilon_0 \omega_p^2 \Delta t}{C_{1x}} \left[E_x^n(i, j + 1/2) + \left(\frac{\omega_x \omega_y \Delta t^2}{4C_{0x}} - \frac{\Delta t \omega_z}{2C_{0x}} \right) E_y^n(i + 1/2, j) \right] + \\ &+ \frac{\varepsilon_0 \omega_p^2 \Delta t^2}{2C_{1x}} \left[\omega_y - \left(\frac{\omega_x^2 \omega_y \Delta t^2}{4C_{0x}} - \frac{\Delta t \omega_z \omega_x}{2C_{0x}} \right) \right] E_z^n(i - 1/2, j - 1/2) + \\ &+ \left(\frac{\omega_x \omega_y \Delta t^2}{4C_{1x}} - \frac{\Delta t \omega_z}{2C_{1x}} \right) \left[1 + \left(\frac{1}{C_{0x}} - \frac{\omega_x^2 \Delta t^2}{4C_{0x}} \right) \right] J_y^{n-1/2}(i + 1/2, j) + \\ &+ \frac{1}{C_{1x}} \left[\omega_y \Delta t - \frac{\omega_x \Delta t}{C_{0x}} \left(\frac{\omega_x \omega_y \Delta t^2}{4} - \frac{\Delta t \omega_z}{2} \right) \right] J_z^{n-1/2}(i - 1/2, j - 1/2) \end{aligned}$$



Xu & Yu expression for J_y

$$\begin{aligned} C_{0y} &= 1 + \frac{\omega_y^2 \Delta t^2}{4} \\ C_{1y} &= 1 + \frac{\omega_z^2 \Delta t^2}{4} - \left(\frac{\omega_y^2 \omega_z^2 \Delta t^4}{16C_{0y}} - \frac{\Delta t^2 \omega_x^2}{4C_{0y}} \right) \\ J_y^{n+1/2}(i + 1/2, j) &= \frac{1}{C_{1y}} \left[1 - \frac{\omega_z^2 \Delta t^2}{4} + \left(\frac{\omega_y^2 \omega_z^2 \Delta t^4}{16C_{0y}} - \frac{\Delta t^2 \omega_x^2}{4C_{0y}} \right) \right] J_y^{n-1/2}(i + 1/2, j) + \\ &+ \frac{\varepsilon_0 \omega_p^2 \Delta t}{C_{1y}} \left[E_y^n(i + 1/2, j) + \left(\frac{\omega_y \omega_z \Delta t^2}{4C_{0y}} - \frac{\Delta t \omega_x}{2C_{0y}} \right) E_z^n(i - 1/2, j - 1/2) \right] + \\ &+ \frac{\varepsilon_0 \omega_p^2 \Delta t^2}{2C_{1y}} \left[\omega_z - \left(\frac{\omega_y^2 \omega_z \Delta t^2}{4C_{0y}} - \frac{\Delta t \omega_x \omega_y}{2C_{0y}} \right) \right] E_x^n(i, j + 1/2) + \\ &+ \left(\frac{\omega_y \omega_z \Delta t^2}{4C_{1y}} - \frac{\Delta t \omega_x}{2C_{1y}} \right) \left[1 + \left(\frac{1}{C_{0y}} - \frac{\omega_y^2 \Delta t^2}{4C_{0y}} \right) \right] J_z^{n-1/2}(i - 1/2, j - 1/2) + \\ &+ \frac{1}{C_{1y}} \left[\omega_z \Delta t - \frac{\omega_y \Delta t}{C_{0y}} \left(\frac{\omega_y \omega_z \Delta t^2}{4} - \frac{\Delta t \omega_x}{2} \right) \right] J_x^{n-1/2}(i, j + 1/2) \end{aligned}$$

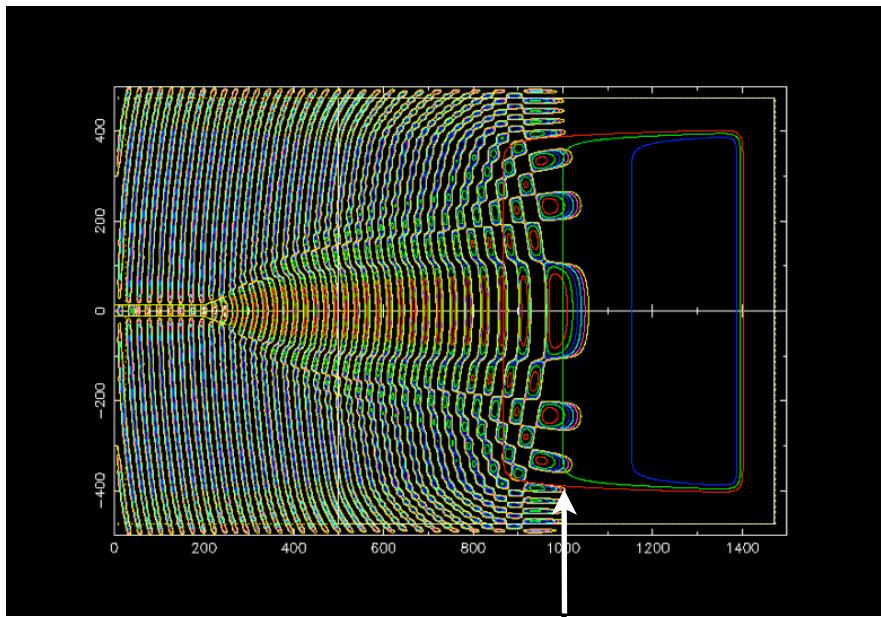


Xu & Yu expression for J_z

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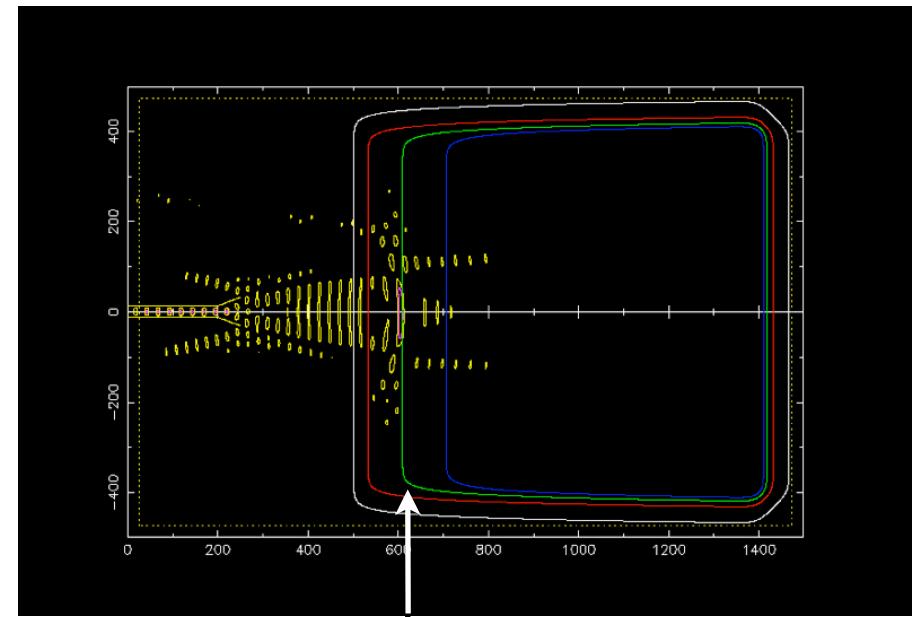
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O-mode probing, E_z field



Plasma frequency cutoff f_p

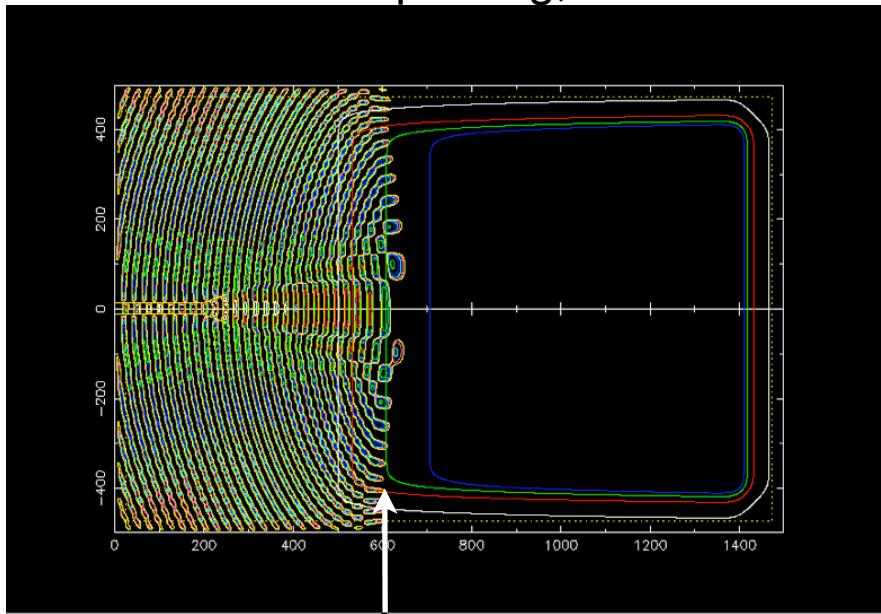
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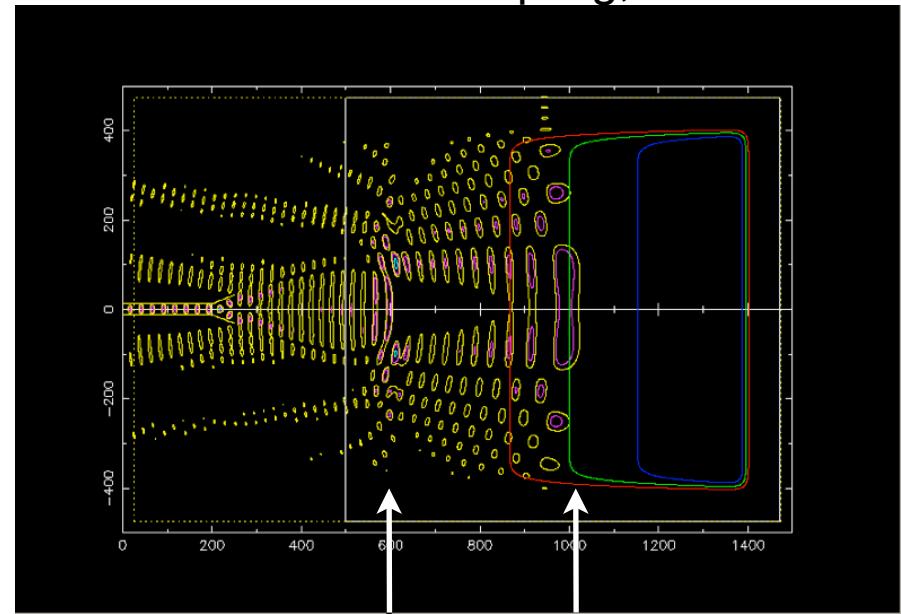
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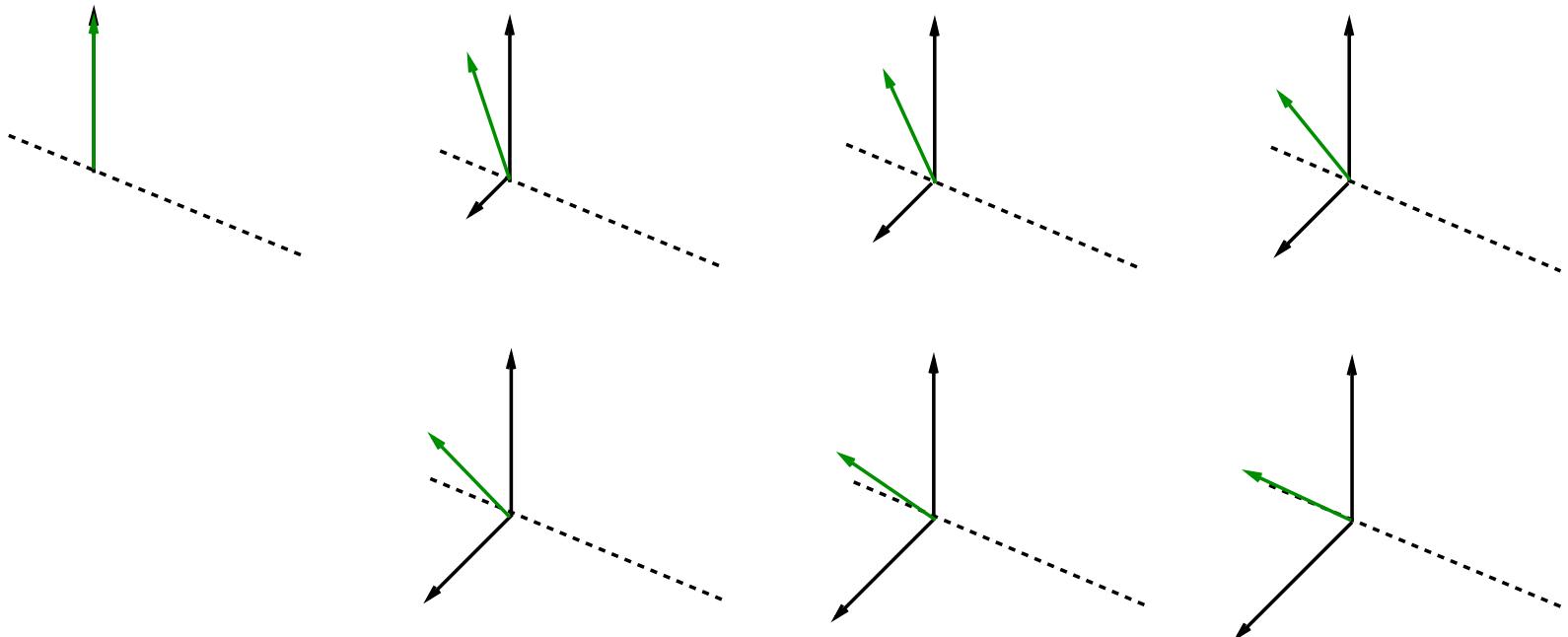


Upper cutoff f_U

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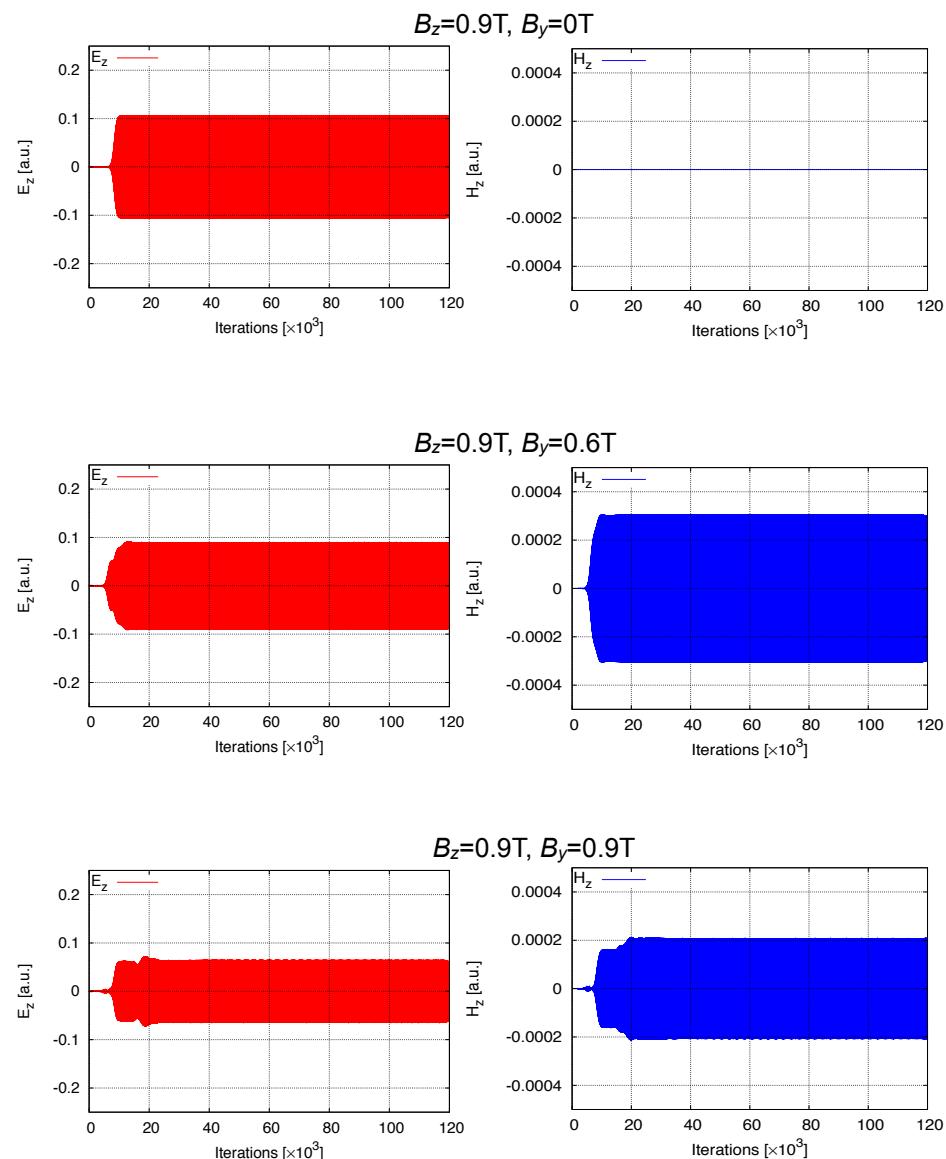
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O-mode excitation E_z and x-mode coupled H_z signals

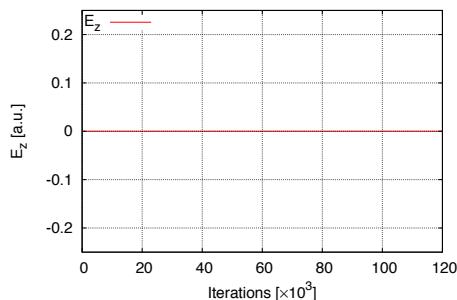


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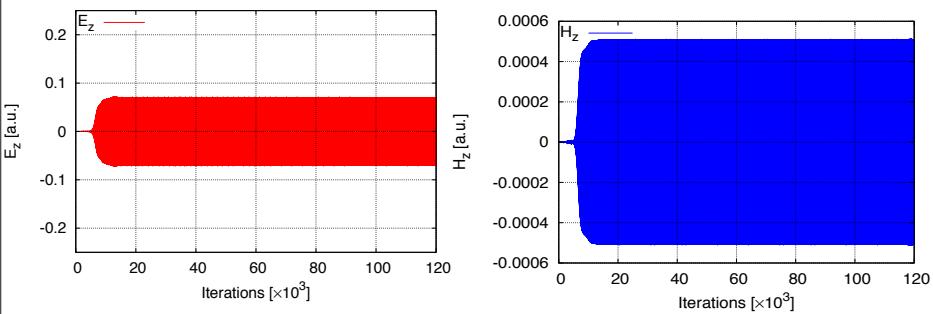


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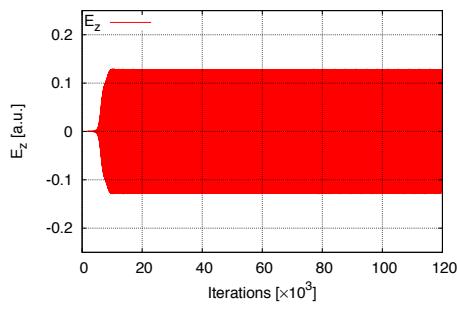
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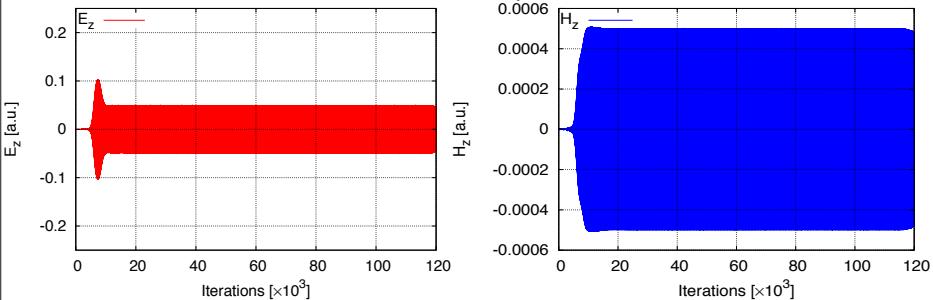
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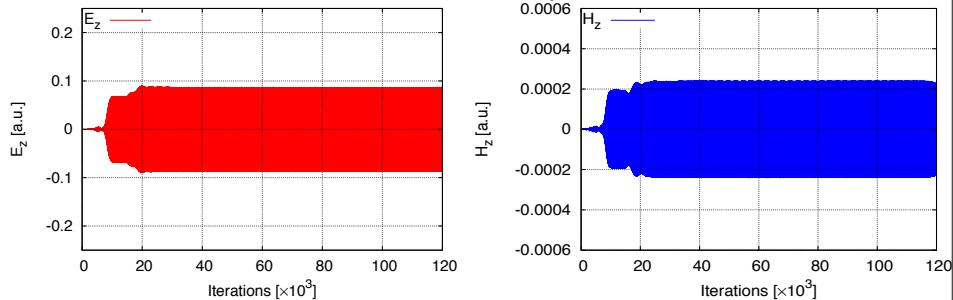
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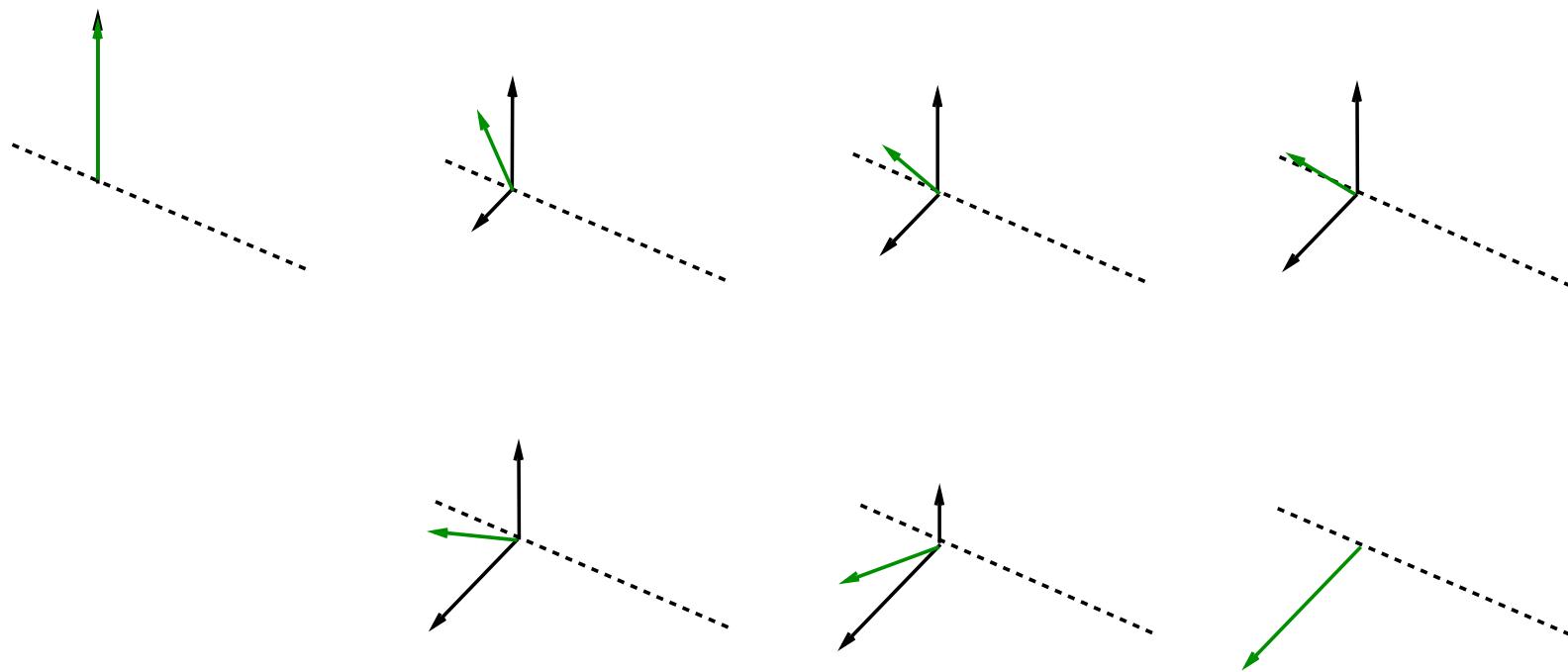
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$$|\mathbf{B}| = 0.9 \text{ T}$$

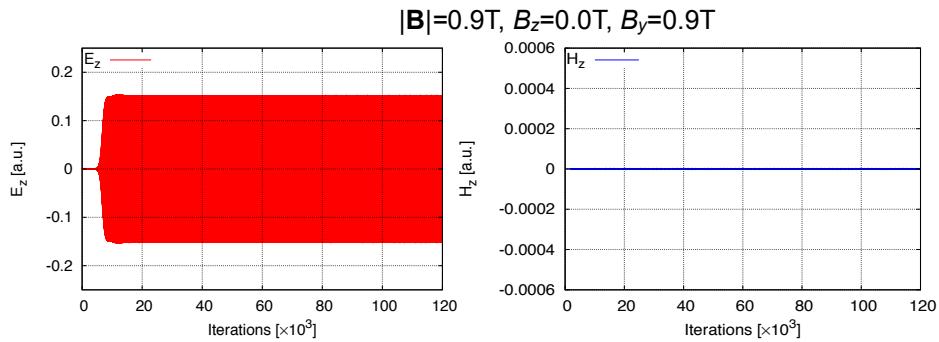
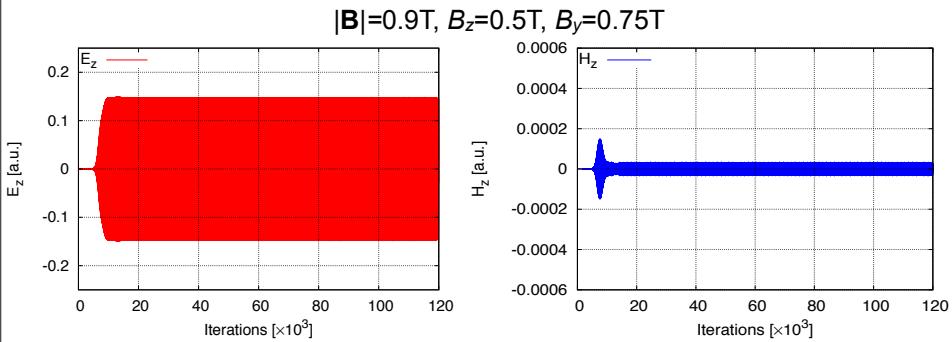
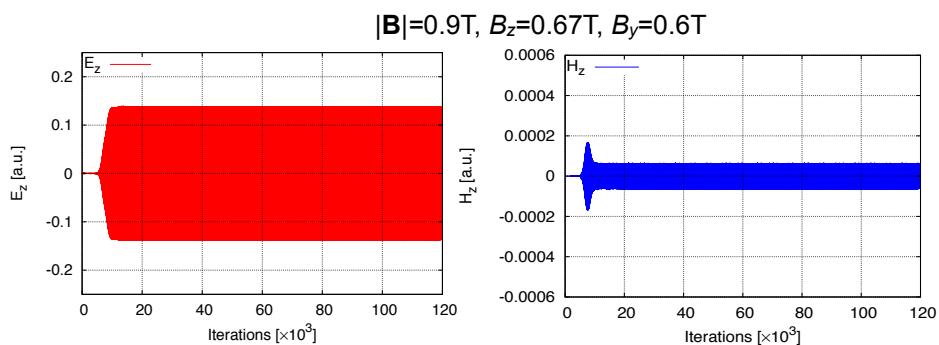
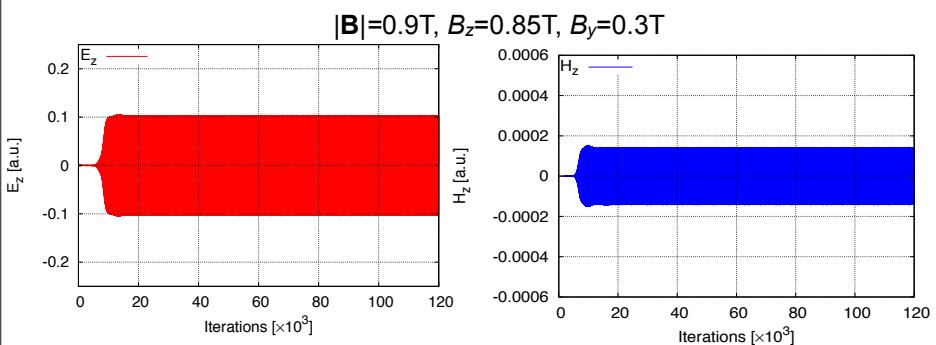
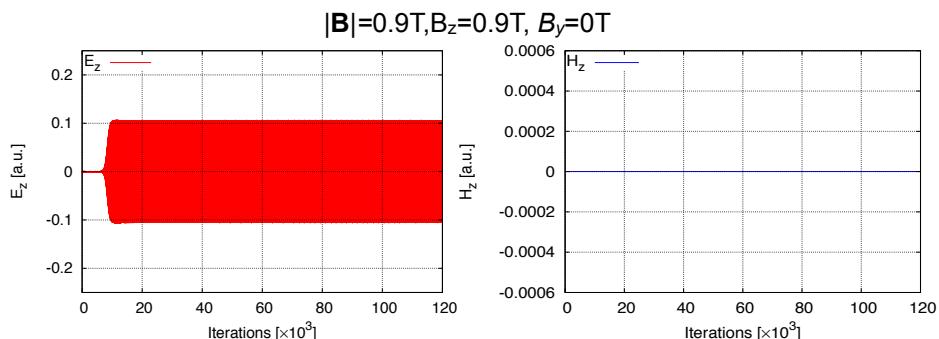
$$B_z = 0.9, 0.89, 0.85, 0.78, 0.67, 0.50, 0.0 \text{ T}$$

$$B_y = 0.0, 0.15, 0.30, 0.45, 0.60, 0.75, 0.9 \text{ T}$$





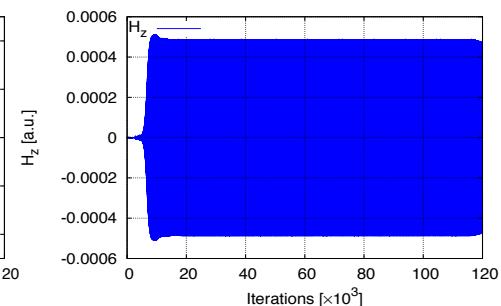
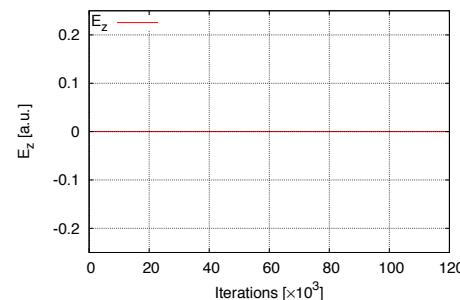
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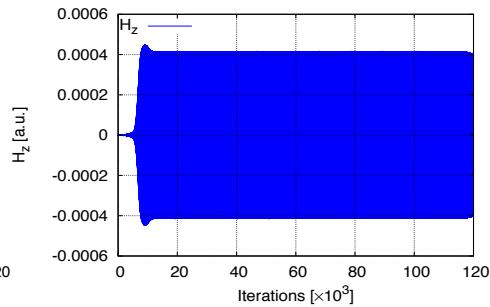
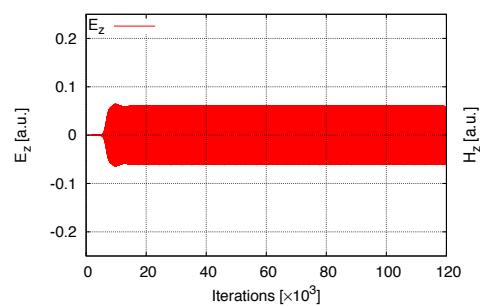


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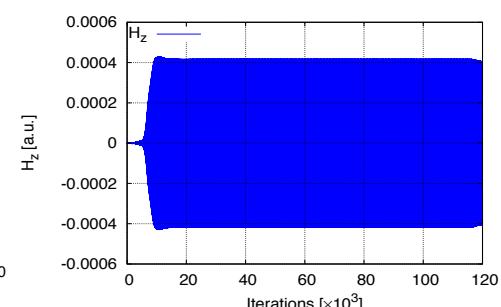
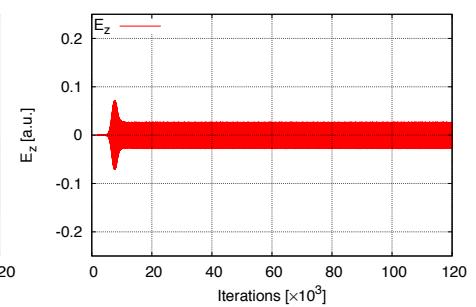
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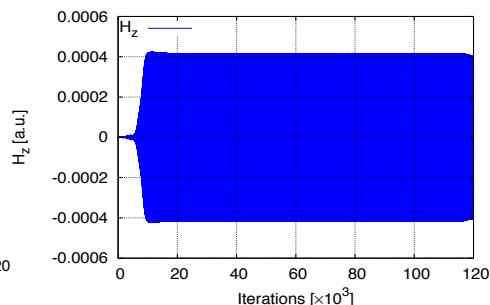
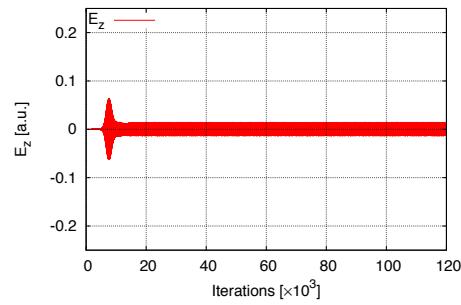
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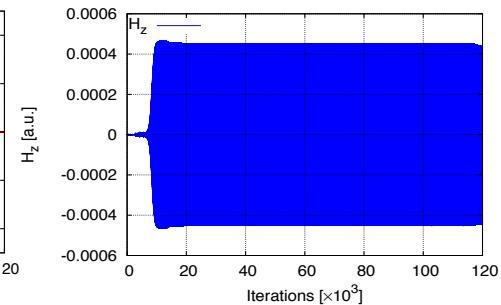
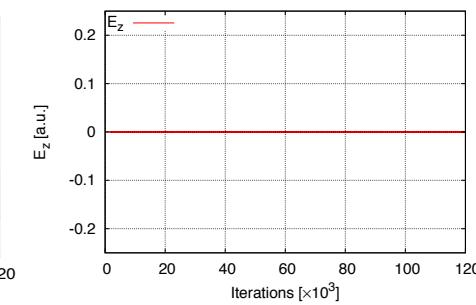
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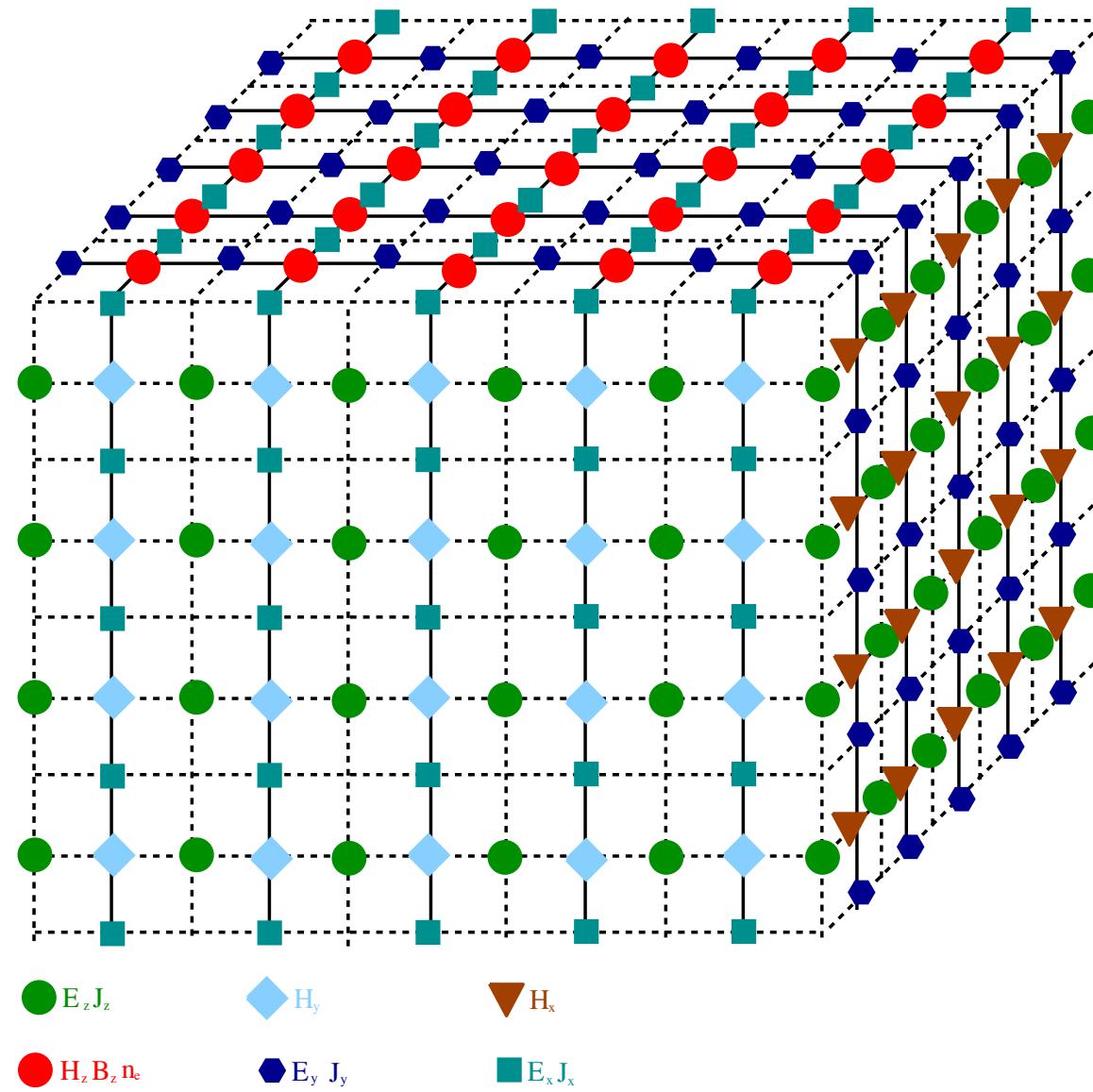


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New areas of application to our codes

From the usual treatment of Maxwell equations used in plasma physics
...and consequently reflected on our codes implementation

$$-\varepsilon_0 \partial_t \mathbf{E} + \nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J}$$

$$\mu_0 \partial_t \mathbf{H} + \nabla \times \mathbf{E} = 0$$

Changing the vacuum permittivity ε_0 to the absolute permittivity $\varepsilon = \varepsilon_0 \varepsilon_r$ permits the modeling of a **general isotropic linear lossless** dielectric

Including a conductivity σ through $\mathbf{J} = \sigma \mathbf{E}$ allows the inclusion of **losses**

$$-\varepsilon \partial_t \mathbf{E} + \nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \sigma \mathbf{E}$$

$$\mu_0 \partial_t \mathbf{H} + \nabla \times \mathbf{E} = 0$$

A new wide range of problems can be treated this way
More complex modifications are possible...



Propagation in a dielectric medium (HDPE)

Propagation through an high-density polyethylene double wedge window $\epsilon_r=2.3$, $\tan\delta=2.5\times10^{-4}$

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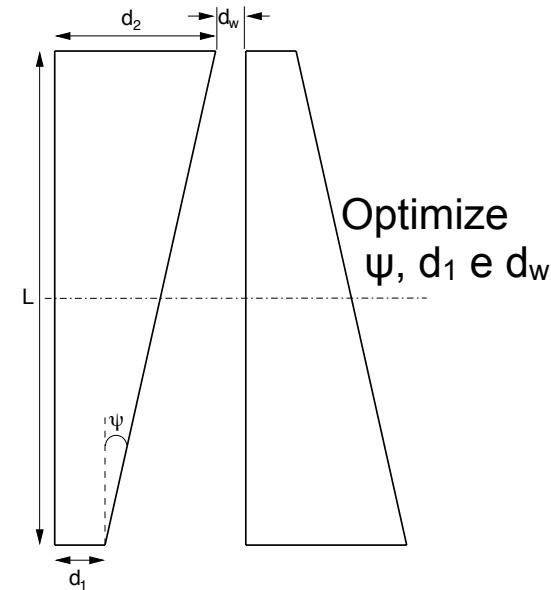
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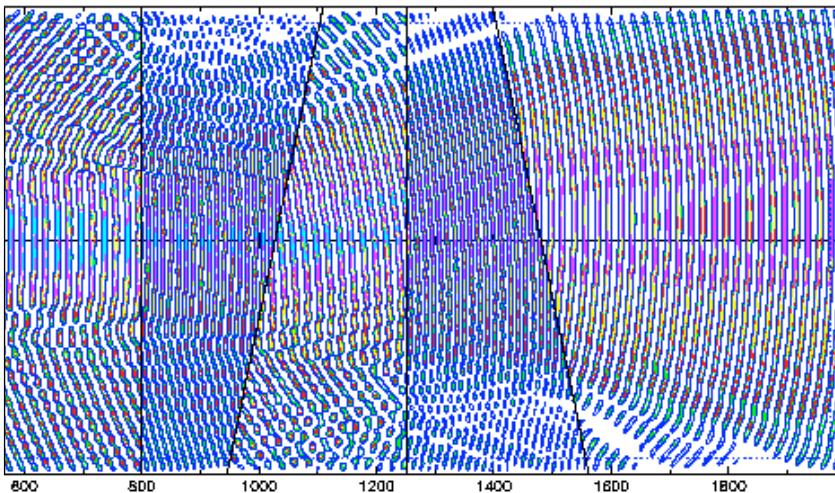
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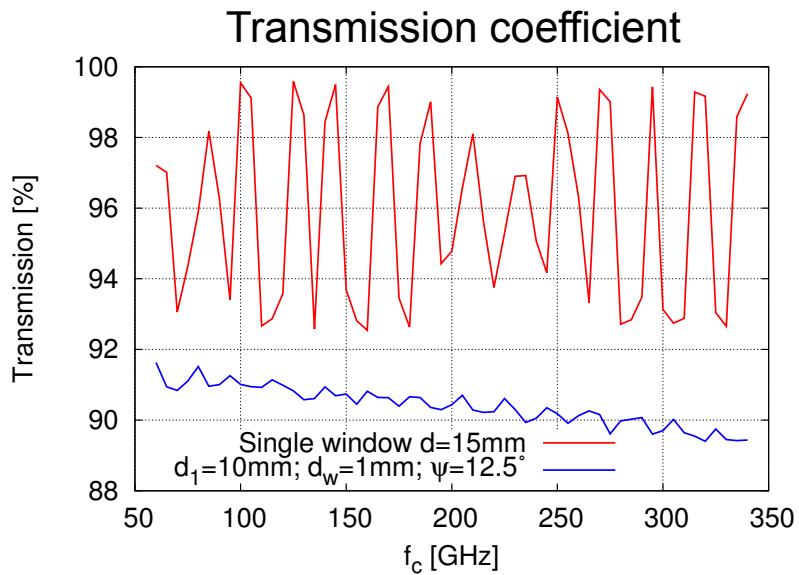
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Snapshot of electric field

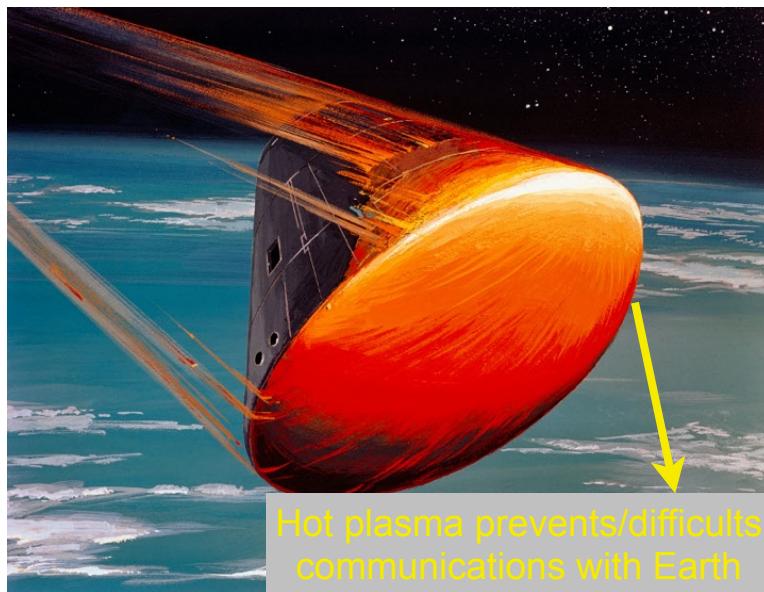


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Mitigation of RF blackout for re-entry vehicles

ESA invitation to Tender (ITT) AO/1-7941/14/NL/MH



Need to transmit data during descent
leads to examine mitigation techniques

- *Antenna placement*
- *Flow movement*
- *Cooling*
- *Promoting recombination*
- *Absorption*
- *Magnetic window*
- *Beam steering*

FDTD codes will be used to assess data transmission feasibility
on the possible mitigation scenarios

How electromagnetic waves interact with biological tissue in general and with the human body in particular

- EM waves used to diagnose and/or to treat
- Effects of exposure of the human body to radiation
- Consequences of EM exposure in the short and long runs

Different tissues have distinct dielectric properties and which can be modeled with our FDTD codes with a region dependent relative permittivity $\epsilon_r(r)$ and conductivity $\sigma(r)$

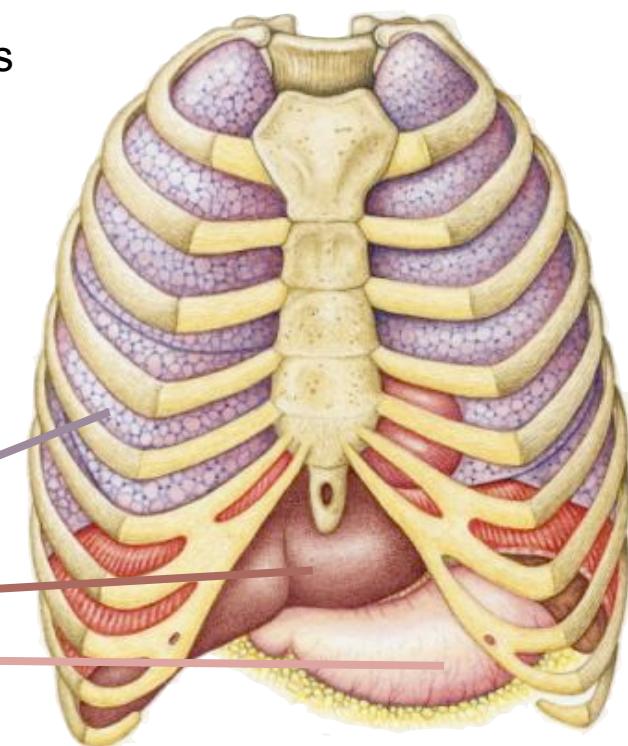
For 40 GHz:

Lungs inflated $\epsilon_r=46.118 \sigma=0.27253 \text{ S/m}$

Liver $\epsilon_r=98.419 \sigma=0.41054 \text{ S/m}$

Stomach $\epsilon_r=99.854 \sigma=0.85592 \text{ S/m}$

source: Instituto di Fisica Applicata Nello Carrara



We are committed to follow this topic since it presents an exciting field of opportunities involve several areas of knowledge such as numerical simulation and computational science, microwave technology or signal processing, IPFN Core Areas



Backup slides

- ✳ Radar e reflectometria
- ✳ Numerical dispersion
- ✳ Numerical stability
- ✳ (O)UTS
- ✳ GEMR (simplified)
- ✳ Correction to J PDE with plasma movement
- ✳ FDTD expressions

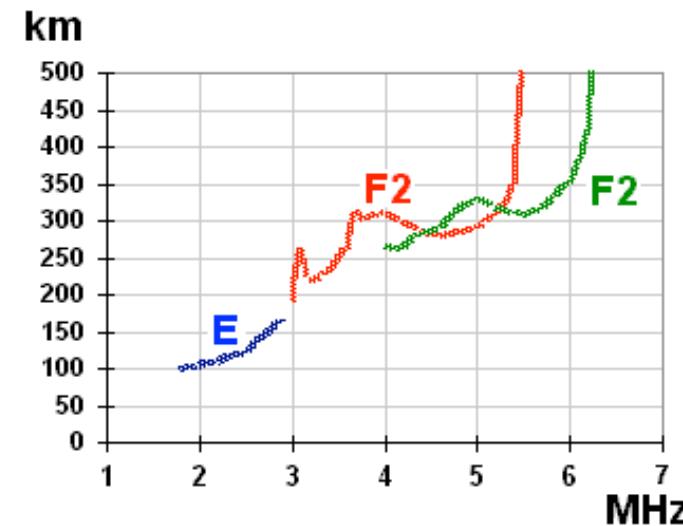
Os sistemas de radar são usados actualmente em variados contextos, tais como:

- Aplicações militares.
 - Controlo do tráfego aéreo.
 - Radio-astronomia.
 - Radares náuticos.
 - Sistemas da anticolisão em aeronaves.
 - Vigilância do espaço exterior.
 - Monitorização meteorológica.
 - Observação geológica.
 - Sistemas vigilância oceânica.
 - (...)
- **Estudos ionosféricos.**

💡 A **ionósfera** é a região exterior da atmosfera terrestre onde há uma elevada concentração de electrões livres e iões, capazes de afectar as ondas de rádio.

💡 No seu estudo usa-se um tipo de radar denominado **ionosonda**.

- Sinal de sondagem enviado verticalmente.
- Varre uma gama de frequências de ~ 0,1 a 30 MHz.
- Sinal propaga-se até ser reflectido.
- Traçados da altura da reflexão versus frequências críticas - **Ionogramas**.

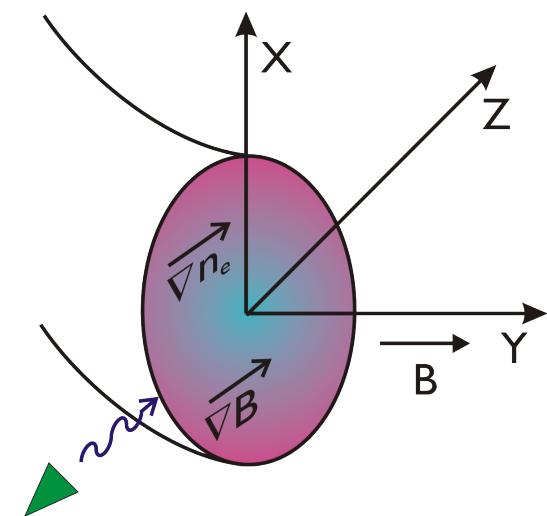


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💡 A reflectometria baseia-se nas técnicas de radar ionosférico.

💡 Sinal lançado perpendicularmente às iso-superfícies de índice de densidade do plasma.

💡 Propaga-se até parte real do índice de refracção se anular (corte) sendo reflectida até ao ponto de partida.



💡 Sinal pode retornar à antena por retrodifusão de Bragg, sem que haja reflexão.

💡 Reflectometria Doppler explora retrodifusão de Bragg injectando a onda num ângulo oblíquo.

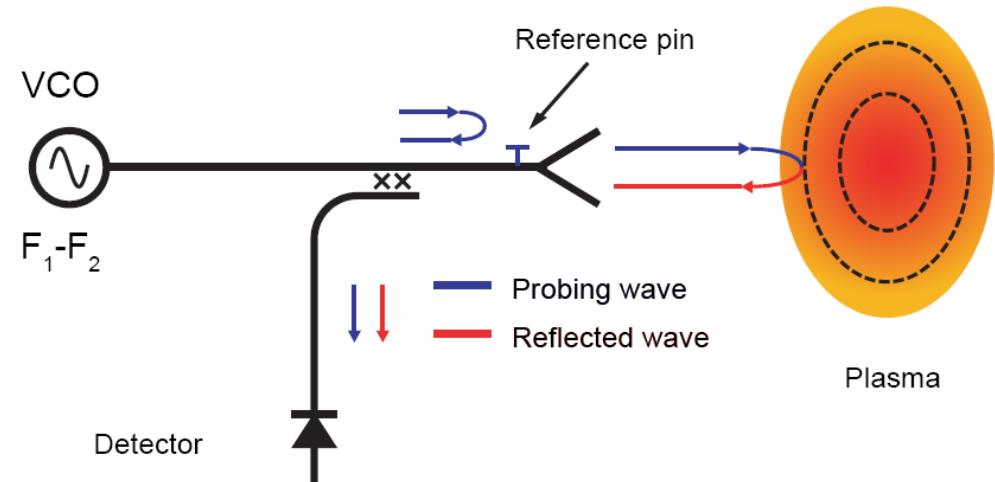


- Sinal enviado ao plasma

$$s_{src}(t) = A_{src} \cos(\omega t)$$

- Propaga-se sendo reflectido na posição de corte r_c

$$s_{rcv}(t) = A_{ant} \cos(\omega t + \varphi)$$



$$\varphi = \varphi_0 + \varphi_\mu + \varphi_p$$

- A onda reflectida apresenta um desfasamento φ devido ao circuito de micro-ondas φ_μ , às propagações no vácuo φ_0 e no plasma φ_p .

$$\varphi_p = \frac{4\pi f}{c} \int_0^{r_c} N(r) dr - \varphi_k$$

- A fase φ_p traduz a propagação da onda ao longo de um percurso descrito por um índice de refração $N(r)$, contendo informação sobre a densidade n_e

- Modo-O $\varphi_p = \varphi_p[f, N_O(n_e)]$

- Modo-X $\varphi_p = \varphi_p[f, N_X(n_e, B_0)]$



Dispersion relation

⌚ Variation of propagating wave's wavelength λ with frequency f

$$k(\omega), \quad k = 2\pi\lambda^{-1}, \quad \omega = 2\pi f$$

phasor form: $u(x, t) = e^{j(\omega t - kx)}, \quad j = \sqrt{-1}$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \implies (j\omega)^2 e^{j(\omega t - kx)} = c^2 (-jk)^2 e^{j(\omega t - kx)} \implies \omega^2 = c^2 k^2$$

dispersion relation

$$k = \pm \frac{\omega}{c}$$

$$\text{phase velocity: } v_{ph} = \frac{\omega}{k} = \pm c \quad \text{group velocity: } v_{gr} = \frac{d\omega}{dk} = \pm c$$



Numerical dispersion relation I

$$u(x, t) = e^{j(\omega t - kx)} \quad \text{at} \quad (x_i, t_n)$$

$$\tilde{k} = \tilde{k}_{real} + j\tilde{k}_{imag}$$

$$u_i^n = e^{j(\omega n \Delta t - \tilde{k} i \Delta x)} = e^{\tilde{k}_{imag} i \Delta x} e^{j(\omega n \Delta t - \tilde{k}_{real} i \Delta x)}$$

Introducing u_i^n in the expression for u_i^{n+1}

$$\frac{e^{j\omega \Delta t} + e^{-j\omega \Delta t}}{2} = \left(\frac{c \Delta t}{\Delta x} \right)^2 \left(\frac{e^{j\tilde{k} \Delta x} + e^{-j\tilde{k} \Delta x}}{2} - 1 \right) + 1$$

$$\cos(\omega \Delta t) = \left(\frac{c \Delta t}{\Delta x} \right)^2 [\cos(\tilde{k} \Delta x) - 1] + 1$$

numerical dispersion relation:

$$\tilde{k} = \frac{1}{\Delta x} \cos^{-1} \left\{ 1 + \left(\frac{\Delta x}{c \Delta t} \right)^2 [\cos(\omega \Delta t) - 1] \right\}$$



Numerical dispersion relation II

Case 1: $c\Delta t = \Delta x$ (*Magical step*):

$$\tilde{k} = k \quad \text{free space wavenumber}$$

“Magic” works just on 1D

M marginally stable

Case 2: $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$ and $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$ (*Very fine sampling in space and time*):

$$\tilde{k} \cong \frac{1}{\Delta x} \cos^{-1} \left[1 - \frac{(k\Delta x)^2}{2} \right] \quad (\omega\Delta t \rightarrow 0)$$

$$\tilde{k} \cong \frac{1}{\Delta x} (k\Delta x) \quad (k\Delta x \rightarrow 0)$$

$$\tilde{k} \cong k \quad \cong \text{free space wavenumber}$$

Case 3: $c\Delta t = \Delta x/2$ $\tilde{k} = \frac{1}{\Delta x} \cos^{-1} \left\{ 1 + 4 \left[\cos \left(\frac{k\Delta x}{2} \right) - 1 \right] \right\}$

$$\Delta x = \lambda_0/10 \quad \tilde{k} = \frac{1}{\Delta x} \cos^{-1}(0.802) = \frac{0.63642}{\Delta x}$$

$$\tilde{v}_{ph} = \frac{\omega}{\tilde{k}} = 0.9873c \quad \epsilon = 1.27\% \text{ less than } c$$

$$10\lambda_0(\text{100 space cells}) \longrightarrow \left[\frac{100 - 98.73}{10} \right] \cdot 360^\circ = 45.72^\circ$$

$$\Delta x = \lambda_0/20 \quad \tilde{k} = \frac{1}{\Delta x} \cos^{-1}(0.9508) = \frac{0.31514}{\Delta x}$$

$$\tilde{v}_{ph} = \frac{\omega}{\tilde{k}} = 0.99689c \quad \epsilon = 0.31\% \text{ less than } c$$

$$10\lambda_0(\text{200 space cells}) \longrightarrow \left[\frac{200 - 199.378}{20} \right] \cdot 360^\circ = 11.20^\circ$$



Numerical instability is a possibility with explicit numerical differential equation solvers

💡 Spectral technique analysis (von Neumann)

- ➊ Error at any point expressed as a finite spatial Fourier series
- ➋ Each Fourier term with unity-or-less growth factor over one time-step
- ➌ If every term is initially bounded, each term remains bounded

💡 Complex-frequency analysis of numerical dispersion

$$\tilde{k} = \tilde{k}_{real} + j\tilde{k}_{imag}$$

$$\tilde{\omega} = \tilde{\omega}_{real} + j\tilde{\omega}_{imag}$$



Complex-frequency analysis of numerical dispersion

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$$u_i^n = e^{j(\tilde{\omega}n\Delta t - \tilde{k}i\Delta x)} = e^{-\tilde{\omega}_{imag}n\Delta t} e^{j(\tilde{\omega}_{real}n\Delta t - \tilde{k}i\Delta x)}$$

dispersion relation: $\cos(\tilde{\omega}\Delta t) = \left(\frac{c\Delta t}{\Delta x}\right)^2 [\cos(\tilde{k}\Delta x) - 1] + 1$

$$S = c\Delta t / \Delta x \quad (\text{Courant stability factor})$$

$$\tilde{\omega} = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \left[\frac{\pi}{2} - \sin^{-1}(\xi) \right] \quad \text{with} \quad \xi = S^2 [\cos(\tilde{k}\Delta x) - 1] + 1$$

$$1 - 2S^2 \leq \xi \leq 1 \quad \forall \tilde{k} \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$(a) -1 \leq \xi \leq 1 \quad (0 \leq S \leq 1)$$

$$\sin^{-1}(\xi) \in \mathbb{R} \quad \tilde{\omega} \in \mathbb{R} \iff \tilde{\omega}_{imag} = 0$$

$$u_i^n = e^{j(\tilde{\omega}_{real}n\Delta t - \tilde{k}i\Delta x)}$$

$$(b) 1 - 2S^2 \leq \xi \leq -1 \quad (S > 1)$$

$$\sin^{-1}(\xi) \in \mathbb{C}, \quad \sin^{-1}(\xi) = -j \ln \left(j\xi + \sqrt{1 - \xi^2} \right)$$

$$\tilde{\omega} = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \left[\frac{\pi}{2} + j \ln (j\xi + j\sqrt{\xi^2 - 1}) \right] = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \left[\pi + j \ln (-\xi - \sqrt{\xi^2 - 1}) \right]$$

$$\tilde{\omega}_{real} = \frac{\pi}{\Delta t} \quad \tilde{\omega}_{imag} = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \ln (-\xi - \sqrt{\xi^2 - 1})$$

$$u_i^n = \left(\frac{1}{-\xi - \sqrt{\xi^2 - 1}} \right)^{nth \text{ power}} e^{j[(\pi/\Delta t)n\Delta t - \tilde{k}i\Delta x]}$$

A system \mathcal{T} : $x \longmapsto y$ is:

Linear $\mathcal{T}\{ax_1 + bx_2\} = a\mathcal{T}\{x_1\} + b\mathcal{T}\{x_2\}$

Time invariant $\mathcal{T}\{x(t - t_0)\} = (\mathcal{T}\{x\})(t - t_0)$

Impulse response $h(t) = \mathcal{T}\{\delta(t)\}$

In a discrete system $h[n] = \mathcal{T}\{\delta[n]\}$

An input $x[n] = f(n\Delta t)$ is a linear combination of weighted, time translated $\delta[n]$

$$\mathcal{T} : x[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} f(n\Delta t)\delta[n - k] \longmapsto y[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} f(n\Delta t)h[n - k]$$



A system $T : x \longmapsto y$ is:

Linear $T\{ax_1 + bx_2\} = aT\{x_1\} + bT\{x_2\}$

Time invariant $T\{x(t - t_0)\} = (T\{x\})(t - t_0)$

Impulse response $h(t) = T\{\delta(t)\}$

In a discrete system $h[n] = T\{\delta[n]\}$

An input $x[n] = f(n\Delta t)$ is a linear combination of weighted, time translated $\delta[n]$

$$T : x[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} f(n\Delta t)\delta[n - k] \longmapsto y[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} f(n\Delta t)h[n - k]$$

For a causal system ($k=0$)

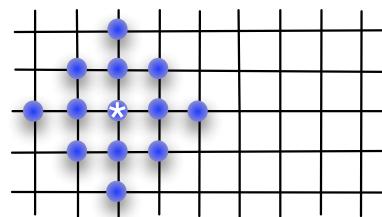
FIR (N-1)
IIR ($\epsilon \neq 0$)

$$y[n] = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} f(n\Delta t)h[n - k] + \epsilon$$

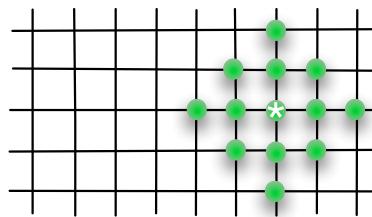


FDTD schema is a LTI

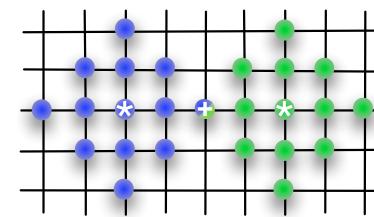
$T\{x_1\}$



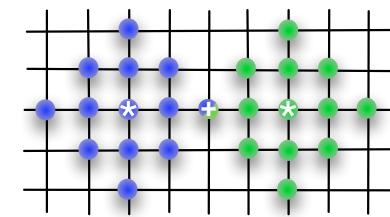
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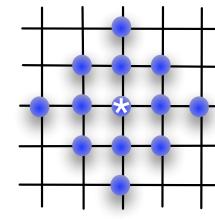
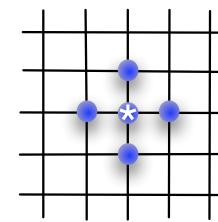
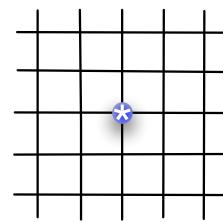
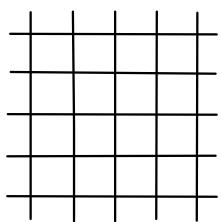
$T\{x_1\} + T\{x_2\}$



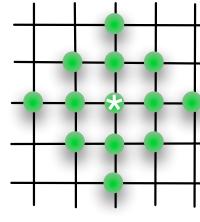
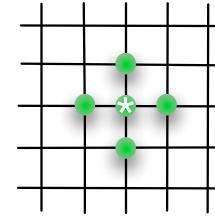
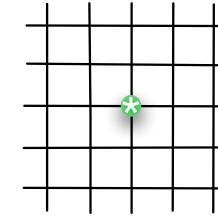
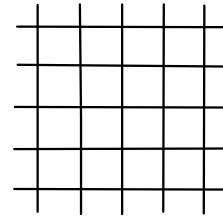
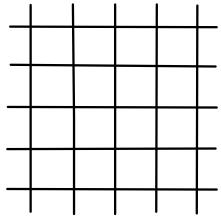
$T\{x_1+x_2\}$

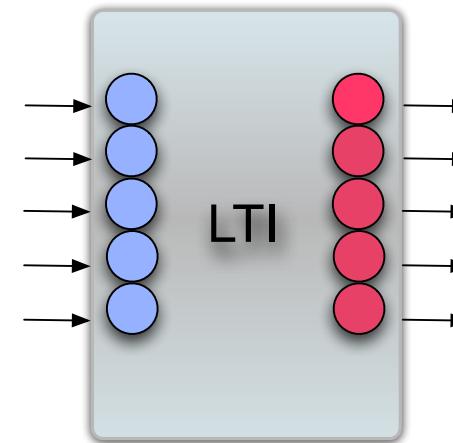
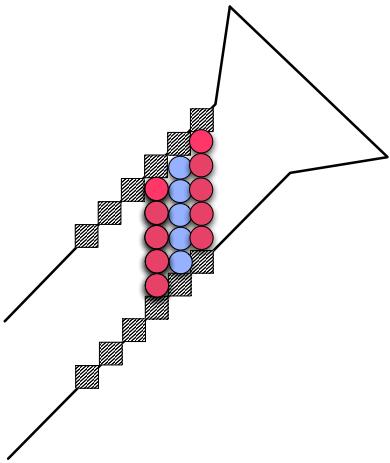


$T\{x[n]\}$



$T\{x[n-n_0]\}$



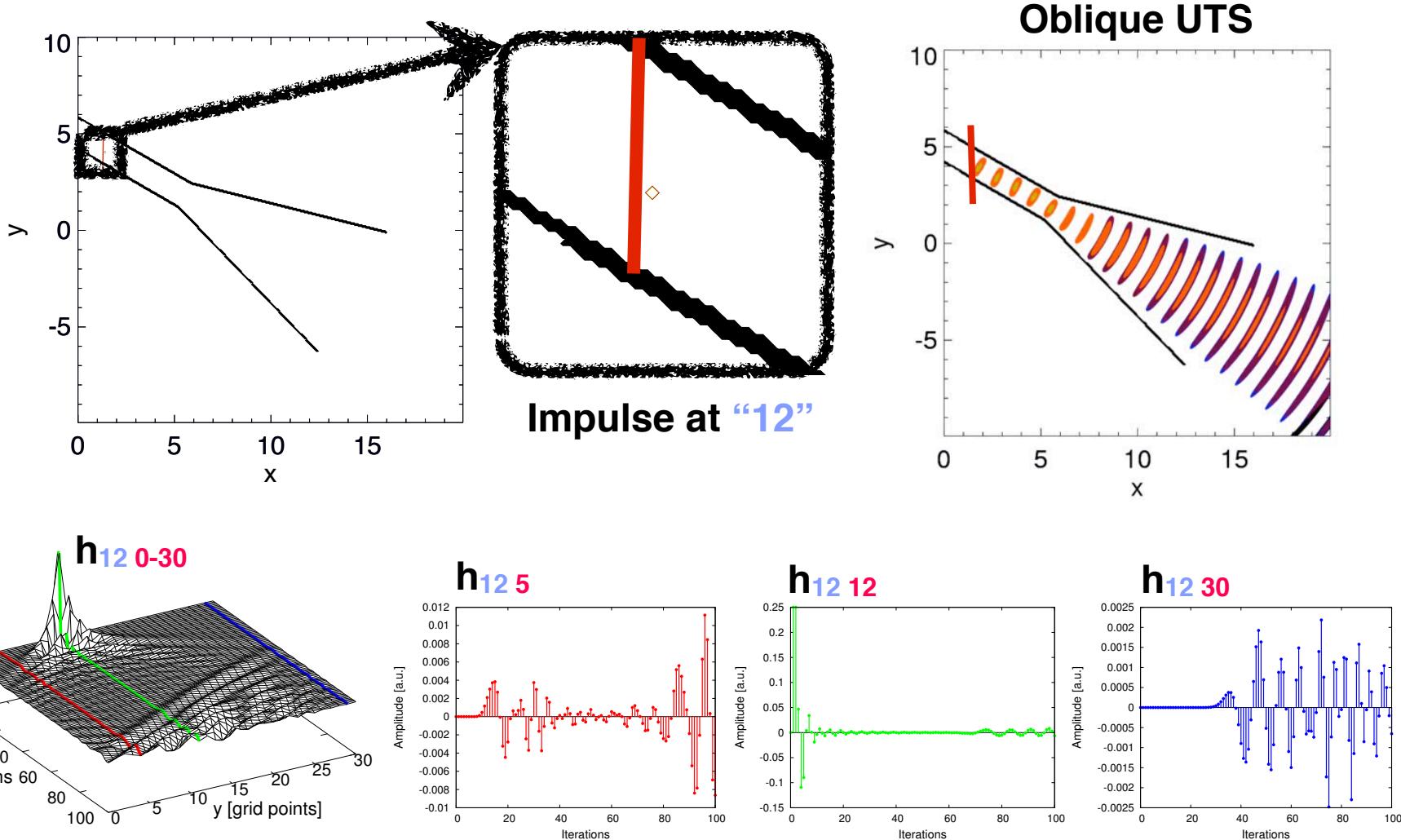


M input N output system

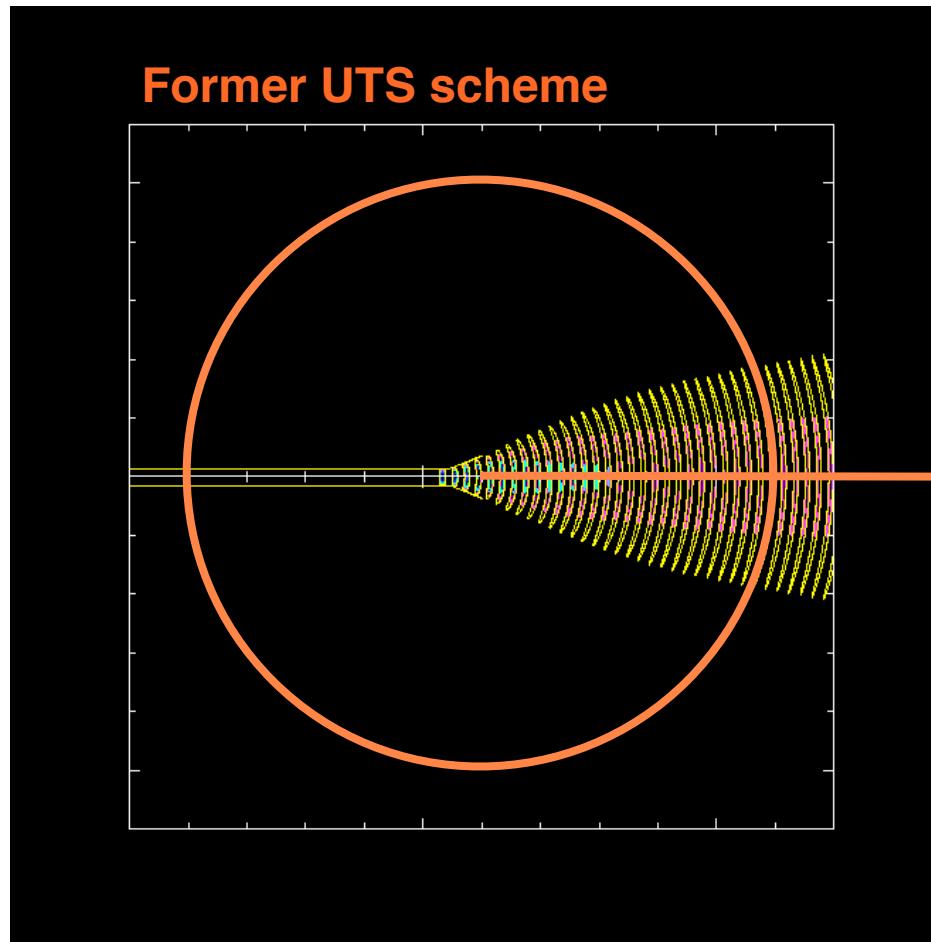
For each output N

$$y_{\textcolor{red}{N}}[n] = \sum_M y_{M\textcolor{red}{N}}[n] = \sum_M \sum_k x_M[n] h_{M\textcolor{red}{N}}[n - k]$$

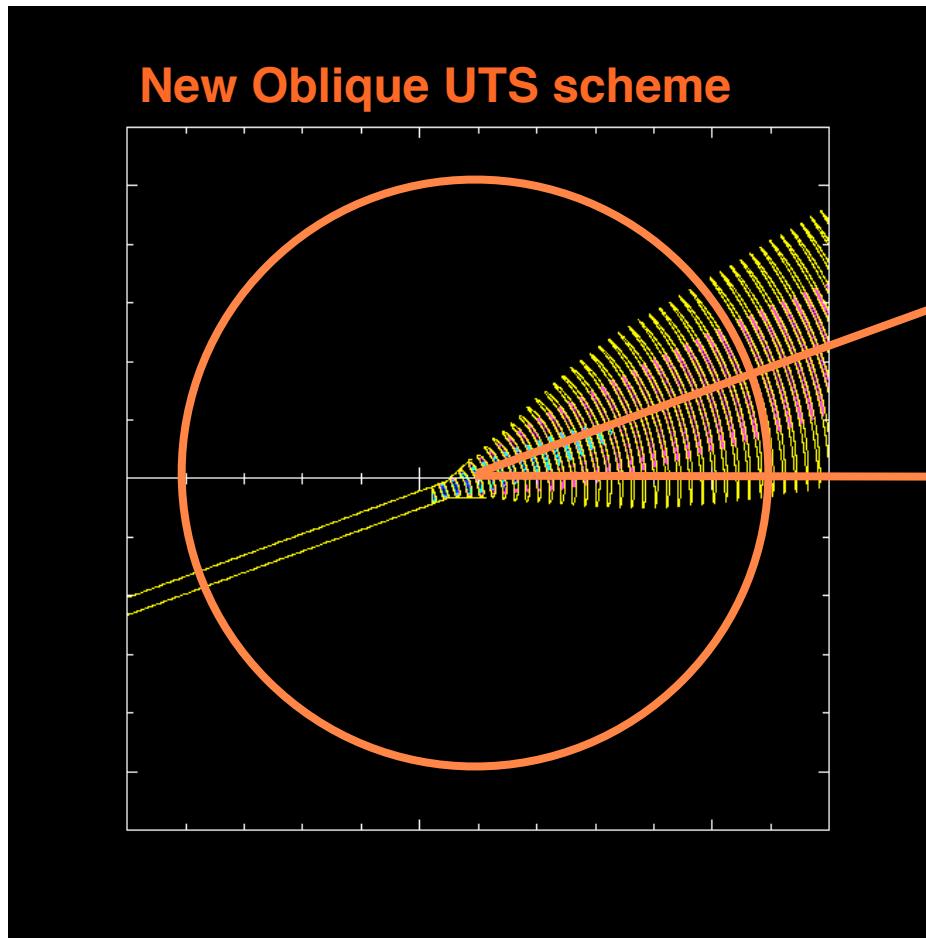
Implementation example



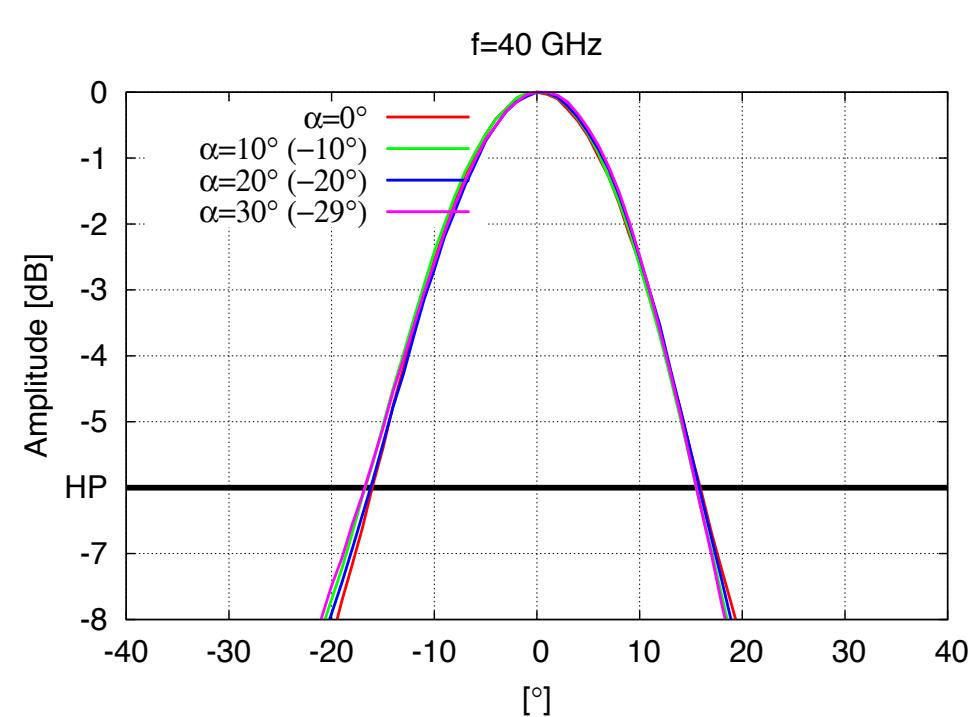
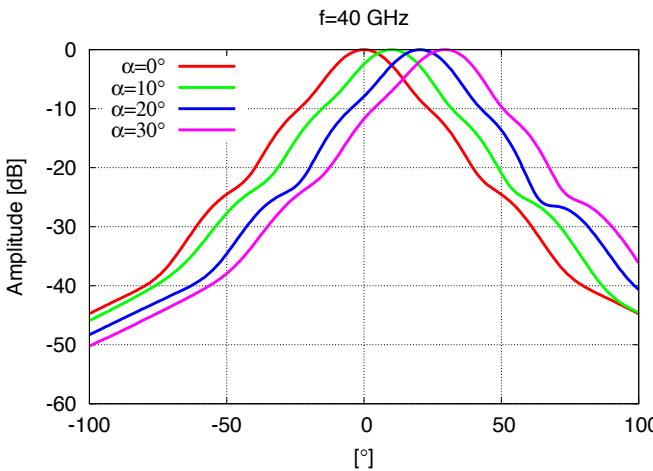
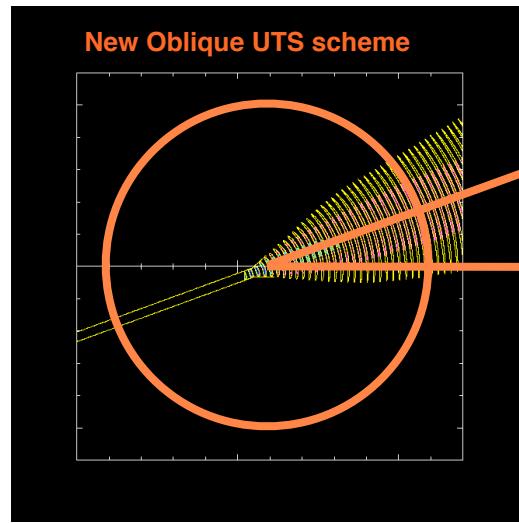
Radiation pattern behavior

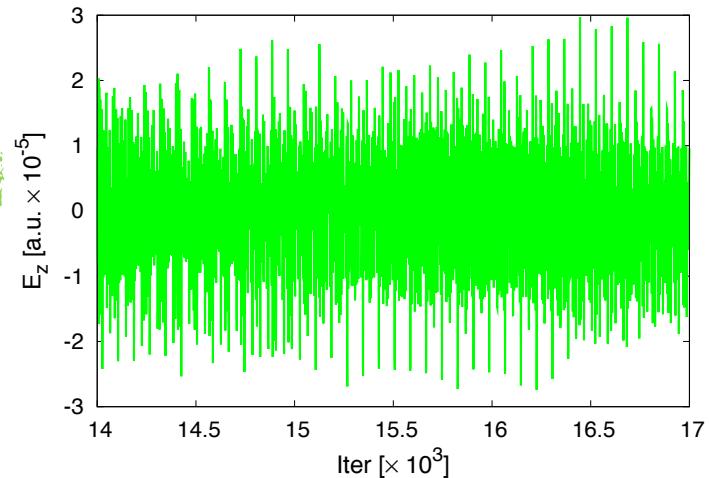
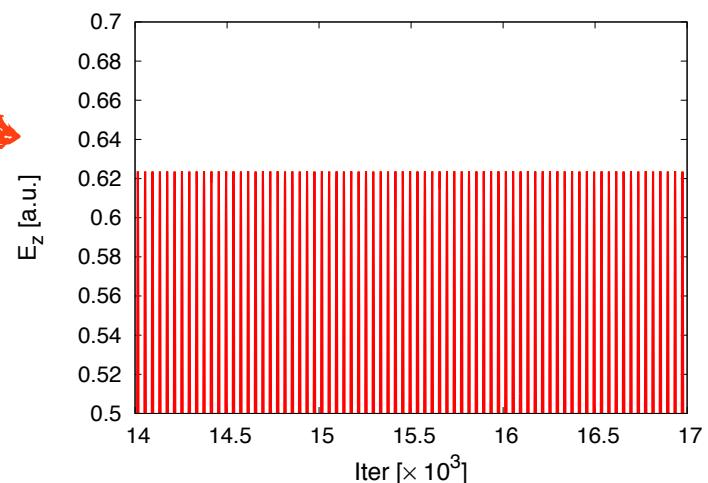
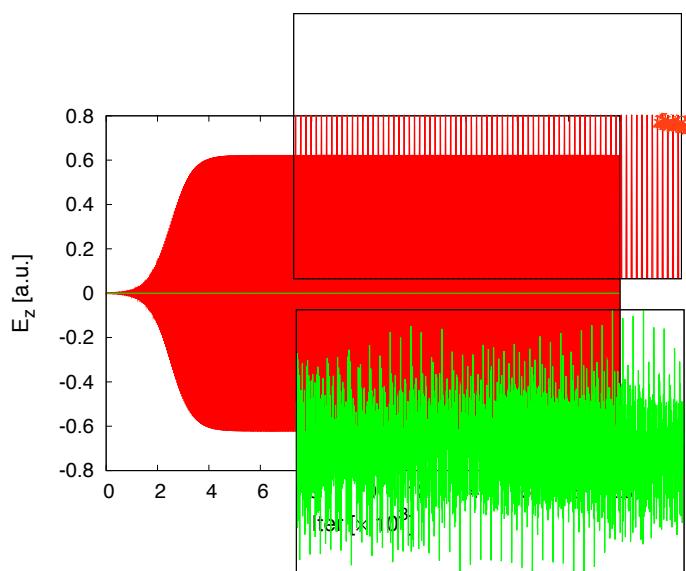


Radiation pattern behavior



Radiation pattern behavior





- In **RED** the corrected emission
- In **GREEN** the correction residue
On numeric noise level
- Correction ratio ~25,000 (44 dB)

**Isothermal equations for illustrations purposes.
Actual model evolves temperature dynamics.**

Continuity

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{n}_z}{\partial t} = -\tilde{v}_{zE} \cdot \nabla \tilde{n}_z - B \nabla_{||} \frac{\tilde{v}_{z||}}{B} + \mathcal{K}(\tilde{\varphi}_z + \tau_z \tilde{n}_z)$$

$\frac{\partial F(f)}{\partial t}$

Parallel force balance

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\hat{\beta} \tilde{A}_{||} - \hat{\mu}_z \tilde{v}_{z||}) = \hat{\mu}_z v_{zE} \cdot \nabla v_{z||} - \nabla_{||} (\tilde{\varphi}_z + \tau_z \tilde{n}_z) + \hat{\mu}_z \mathcal{K}(2\tilde{v}_{z||}) - C \tilde{J}_{||}$$

$S(f)$

Induction

$$-\nabla_{\perp}^2 \tilde{A}_{||} = \tilde{J}_{||} = \tilde{u}_{||} - \tilde{v}_{||}$$

Polarisation

$$\Gamma_0^{1/2} \tilde{n}_i + \frac{\Gamma_0 - 1}{\tau_i} \tilde{\varphi} = \tilde{n}_e$$

$$(\alpha^2 - \nabla_{\perp}^2) f = F$$

Numerical scheme

$$\frac{\partial F(f)}{\partial t} = S(f) + D(f) \quad \text{and} \quad (\alpha^2 - \nabla_{\perp}^2) f = F$$

- $S(f)$ terms - spatial discretisation
 - parallel derivatives (& curvature): 2nd order centered finite differences
 - Poisson brackets - nonlinearities: 2nd or 4th order finite differences Arakawa scheme

- $\frac{\partial F(f)}{\partial t}$ terms - time advance: 3rd order time-accurate Karniadakis scheme

$$F_{n+1} = \frac{6}{11} \left[3F_n - \frac{3}{2}F_{n-1} + \frac{1}{3}F_{n-2} + \Delta t(3S_n - 3S_{n-1} + S_{n-2}) \right]$$

- $D(f)$ terms - sub-grid dissipation: viscosity and hyper-viscosity

$$F_{n+1} \leftarrow F_{n+1} + \Delta t D_n \quad \text{with} \quad D_n = -\nu_{\perp} \nabla_{\perp}^4 f_n - \nu_{\parallel} \nabla_{\parallel}^2 f_n$$

- $f_{n+1} \leftarrow F_{n+1}$ recover fluid variables: Helmholtz solve for the fields

Parallelisation: MPI domain decomposition in parallel and radial directions



Correction to J PDE with plasma movement

$$m_e \partial_t n_e = e E + e n_e \times B_0$$

$$m_e \partial_t \left(\frac{J}{m_e c} \right) = e E + \cancel{\rho} - \frac{J \times B_0}{n_e c}$$

$$m_e \left[\frac{1}{n_e c} \partial_t J + J \partial_t \left(\frac{1}{n_e c} \right) \right] = e E - \frac{B_0 \times J}{m_e c}$$

$$\partial_t J = \epsilon_0 \omega_p^2 E + \omega_c b \times J - J \partial_t \left(\frac{1}{n_e c} \right) m_e c$$

$$\partial_t J = \epsilon_0 \omega_p^2 E + \omega_c b \times J - J \left(-\frac{1}{m_e^2} \right) \partial_t m_e \approx m_e$$

Kernel (M) Xu & Yuan

$$H_z^{n+1/2}$$

$$J_x^{n+1/2}$$

$$J_y^{n+1/2}$$

.....

$$E_x^{n+1}$$

$$E_y^{n+1}$$

Kernel Déspres & Pinto

$$H_z^{n+1/2}$$

$$J_x^{n+1}$$

$$J_y^{n+1}$$

$$E_x^{n+1}$$

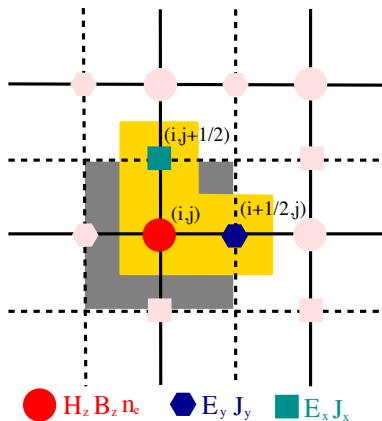
$$E_y^{n+1}$$



Cálculo de H_z (M Xu & Yuan)

calcHzFieldKXY

$$H_{zx}^{n+1/2}(i, j) = \left(\frac{1 - \frac{\Delta t \sigma_x^*(i, j)}{2\mu_0}}{1 + \frac{\Delta t \sigma_x^*(i, j)}{2\mu_0}} \right) H_{zx}^{n-1/2}(i, j) - \frac{\Delta t}{\mu_0 \Delta x \left(1 + \frac{\Delta t \sigma_x^*(i, j)}{2\mu_0} \right)} [E_y^n(i + 1/2, j) - E_y^n(i - 1/2, j)]$$
$$H_{zy}^{n+1/2}(i, j) = \left(\frac{1 - \frac{\Delta t \sigma_y^*(i, j)}{2\mu_0}}{1 + \frac{\Delta t \sigma_y^*(i, j)}{2\mu_0}} \right) H_{zy}^{n-1/2}(i, j) + \frac{\Delta t}{\mu_0 \Delta y \left(1 + \frac{\Delta t \sigma_y^*(i, j)}{2\mu_0} \right)} [E_x^n(i, j + 1/2) - E_x^n(i, j - 1/2)]$$



`calcJxyFieldKXY`

$$\omega_c(i, j) = \frac{e}{m_e} B_z(i, j) \quad \omega_p^2(i, j + 1/2) = \frac{e^2}{m_e \epsilon_0} n_e(i, j)$$

$$\begin{aligned} J_x^{n+1/2}(i, j + 1/2) &= \frac{1 - \frac{\omega_c^2 \Delta t^2}{4}}{1 + \frac{\omega_c^2 \Delta t^2}{4}} J_x^{n-1/2}(i, j + 1/2) - \frac{\omega_c \Delta t}{1 + \frac{\omega_c^2 \Delta t^2}{4}} J_y^{n-1/2}(i + 1/2, j) \\ &+ \frac{\epsilon_0 \omega_p^2 \Delta t}{1 + \frac{\omega_c^2 \Delta t^2}{4}} \left(E_x^n(i, j + 1/2) - \frac{\omega_c \Delta t}{2} E_y^n(i + 1/2, j) \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} J_y^{n+1/2}(i + 1/2, j) &= \frac{1 - \frac{\omega_c^2 \Delta t^2}{4}}{1 + \frac{\omega_c^2 \Delta t^2}{4}} J_y^{n-1/2}(i + 1/2, j) + \frac{\omega_c \Delta t}{1 + \frac{\omega_c^2 \Delta t^2}{4}} J_x^{n-1/2}(i, j + 1/2) \\ &+ \frac{\epsilon_0 \omega_p^2 \Delta t}{1 + \frac{\omega_c^2 \Delta t^2}{4}} \left(E_y^n(i + 1/2, j) + \frac{\omega_c \Delta t}{2} E_x^n(i, j + 1/2) \right) \end{aligned}$$



calcExFieldKXY

$$\begin{aligned} E_x^{n+1}(i, j + 1/2) = & \left(\frac{1 - \frac{\Delta t \sigma_y(i, j + 1/2)}{2\epsilon_0}}{1 + \frac{\Delta t \sigma_y(i, j + 1/2)}{2\epsilon_0}} \right) E_x^n(i, j + 1/2) - \frac{\Delta t}{\epsilon_0 \left(1 + \frac{\Delta t \sigma_y(i, j + 1/2)}{2\epsilon_0} \right)} J_x^{n+1/2}(i, j + 1/2) + \\ & + \frac{\Delta t}{\epsilon_0 \Delta y \left(1 + \frac{\Delta t \sigma_y(i, j + 1/2)}{2\epsilon_0} \right)} \left[H_{zx}^{n+1/2}(i, j + 1) - H_{zx}^{n+1/2}(i, j) + \right. \end{aligned}$$

calcEyFieldKXY + $H_{zy}^{n+1/2}(i, j + 1) - H_{zy}^{n+1/2}(i, j) \right]$

$$\begin{aligned} E_y^{n+1}(i + 1/2, j) = & \left(\frac{1 - \frac{\Delta t \sigma_x(i + 1/2, j)}{2\epsilon_0}}{1 + \frac{\Delta t \sigma_x(i + 1/2, j)}{2\epsilon_0}} \right) E_y^n(i + 1/2, j) - \frac{\Delta t}{\epsilon_0 \left(1 + \frac{\Delta t \sigma_x(i + 1/2, j)}{2\epsilon_0} \right)} J_y^{n+1/2}(i + 1/2, j) - \\ & - \frac{\Delta t}{\epsilon_0 \Delta x \left(1 + \frac{\Delta t \sigma_x(i + 1/2, j)}{2\epsilon_0} \right)} \left[H_{zx}^{n+1/2}(i + 1, j) - H_{zx}^{n+1/2}(i, j) + \right. \\ & \left. + H_{zy}^{n+1/2}(i + 1, j) - H_{zy}^{n+1/2}(i, j) \right] \end{aligned}$$



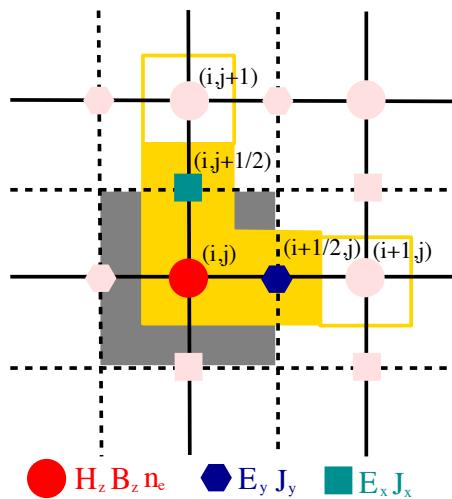
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$$\omega_c(i,j) = \frac{e}{m_e} B_z(i,j) \quad \omega_p^2(i,j) = \frac{e^2}{m_e \varepsilon_0} n_e(i,j) \quad \alpha = 1 + \frac{\Delta t^2 \omega_p^2}{4} \quad \beta = 1 + \frac{\Delta t \omega_c}{2} \quad \gamma = \beta/\alpha \quad \delta = \frac{\Delta t \varepsilon_0 \omega_p^2}{2}$$

$$(MH)_x(i,j) = [H_{zx}^{n+1/2}(i,j+1) - H_{zx}^{n+1/2}(i,j) + H_{zy}^{n+1/2}(i,j+1) - H_{zy}^{n+1/2}(i,j)] / \Delta y$$

$$(MH)_y(i,j) = [H_{zx}^{n+1/2}(i+1,j) - H_{zx}^{n+1/2}(i,j) + H_{zy}^{n+1/2}(i+1,j) - H_{zy}^{n+1/2}(i,j)] / \Delta x$$



$$A_x(i,j) = E_x^n(i,j+1/2) + \frac{\Delta t}{\varepsilon_0} (MH)_x(i,j) - \frac{\Delta t}{2\varepsilon_0} J_x^n(i,j+1/2)$$

$$A_y(i,j) = E_y^n(i+1/2,j) - \frac{\Delta t}{\varepsilon_0} (MH)_y(i,j) - \frac{\Delta t}{2\varepsilon_0} J_y^n(i+1/2,j)$$

$$B_x(i,j) = J_x^n(i,j+1/2) + \delta E_x^n(i,j+1/2) - \beta J_y^n(i+1/2,j)$$

$$B_y(i,j) = J_y^n(i+1/2,j) + \delta E_y^n(i+1/2,j) + \beta J_x^n(i,j+1/2)$$

$$C_x(i,j) = B_x(i,j)/\alpha + \delta/\alpha A_x(i,j)$$

$$C_y(i,j) = B_y(i,j)/\alpha + \delta/\alpha A_y(i,j)$$

$$J_x^{n+1}(i,j+1/2) = \frac{1}{1+\gamma^2} [C_x(i,j) - \gamma C_y(i,j)]$$

$$J_y^{n+1/2}(i+1/2,j) = \frac{1}{1+\gamma^2} [C_y(i,j) + \gamma C_x(i,j)]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 E_x^{n+1}(i, j + 1/2) &= \left(\frac{1 - \frac{\Delta t \sigma_y(i, j + 1/2)}{2\epsilon_0}}{1 + \frac{\Delta t \sigma_y(i, j + 1/2)}{2\epsilon_0}} \right) E_x^n(i, j + 1/2) - \\
 &\quad - \frac{\Delta t}{\epsilon_0 \left(1 + \frac{\Delta t \sigma_y(i, j + 1/2)}{2\epsilon_0} \right)} \frac{J_x^{n+1}(i, j + 1/2) + J_x^n(i, j + 1/2)}{2} + \\
 &\quad + \frac{\Delta t}{\epsilon_0 \Delta y \left(1 + \frac{\Delta t \sigma_y(i, j + 1/2)}{2\epsilon_0} \right)} \left[H_{zx}^{n+1/2}(i, j + 1) - H_{zx}^{n+1/2}(i, j) + \right. \\
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 &\quad - \frac{\Delta t}{\epsilon_0 \left(1 + \frac{\Delta t \sigma_x(i + 1/2, j)}{2\epsilon_0} \right)} \frac{J_y^{n+1}(i + 1/2, j) + J_y^n(i + 1/2, j)}{2} - \\
 &\quad - \frac{\Delta t}{\epsilon_0 \Delta x \left(1 + \frac{\Delta t \sigma_x(i + 1/2, j)}{2\epsilon_0} \right)} \left[H_{zx}^{n+1/2}(i + 1, j) - H_{zx}^{n+1/2}(i, j) + \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + H_{zy}^{n+1/2}(i + 1, j) - H_{zy}^{n+1/2}(i, j) \right]
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