



Time domain simulation and the FDTD method

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OUTLINE

- PART I: TUTORIAL ON FDTD
- PART II: SEMBA & OPEN-SEMBA:
YET ANOTHER SOLVER FOR
EMC ANALYSIS

PART I: TUTORIAL

- ❑ Deterministic methods in EMC
- ❑ FDTD fundamentals
- ❑ DGTD: an affordable alternative to FDTD
- ❑ Dispersion, dissipation, stability, convergence
- ❑ Requirements for a practical tool: PMLs, sources, materials & sub-cell models
- ❑ Computer implementation
- ❑ Applications
- ❑ Towards affordable sensitivity analyses



- Low Frequency Band ($< 100 \lambda$)

- 3D FULL-WAVE
- o Time Domain: Differential (FDTD, FIT, TLM), Variational (DGTD, FVTD, FETD), hybrid (FE-FDTD), Integral TDIE (EFIE, MFIE –PWTD-)
 - o Frequency Domain: Variational (FEFD), Integral (EFIE, MFIE, MPIE) MoM w/o MLFMA



CIRCUITAL: LUMPED AND MTLN



- High Frequency Band ($> 100 \lambda$)

- o Frequency Domain: PO, GTD, UTD, PW

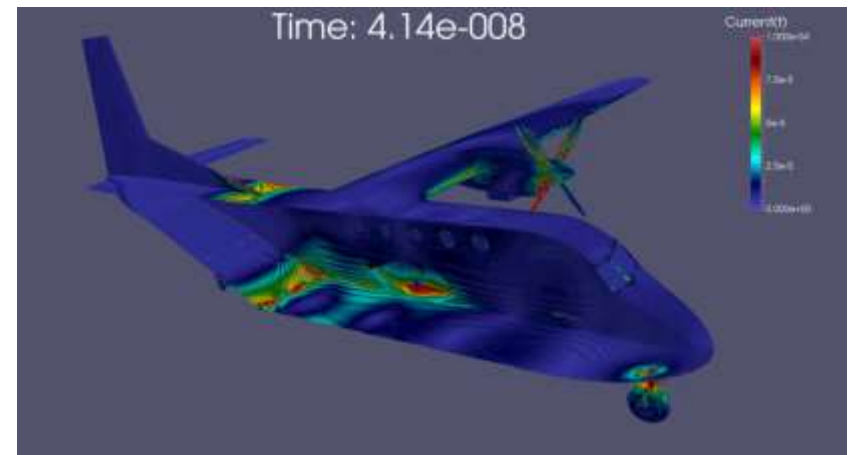
FDTD, DGTD, FVTD

SPACE

- Differential (**FD**): for maturity, scalability, ease of meshing, PARALLELIZABILITY ...
- Variational (**DG, FV**): for higher order accuracy and hp-adaptivity

TIME

- Differential & Explicit: for HPC, Marching-on-in-time: LF, RK4...



EXPLICIT SCHEMES IN TD: ADVANTAGES

- **Local Marching-on-in-time** algorithm: updating the unknowns only require past unknowns at neighbour cells
- **Simple** formulation (no matrix inversions).
- **Physics** (materials, currents...) naturally treated: dielectric, magnetic, frequency dependent, nonlinear, anisotropic,...
- A single run can cover the **whole frequency band**
- Straightforwardly **parallelizable**

EXPLICIT SCHEMES IN TD: DRAWBACKS

- Overall order dominated by time integration: eg: **2nd-order for Leap-frog.**
- **Conditionally stable:** Maximum time-step bounded by space-step (unconditionally stable alternatives exist: implicit!)
- May last to **converge for LF** (can be combined with prediction techniques: Prony, permittivity scaling ...)
- **Large CPU:** brute-force sensitivity analysis

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Numerical Solution of Initial Boundary Value Problems Involving Maxwell's Equations in Isotropic Media

KANE S. YEE

Abstract—Maxwell's equations are replaced by a set of finite difference equations. It is shown that if one chooses the field points appropriately, the set of finite difference equations is applicable for a boundary condition involving perfectly conducting surfaces. An example is given of the scattering of an electromagnetic plane by a perfectly conducting cylinder.

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FINITE DIFFERENCE TIME DOMAIN & RELATED

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MAXWELL'S EQUATIONS



James Clerk Maxwell.

$$\vec{D} = \epsilon \vec{E} \quad , \quad \vec{B} = \mu \vec{H}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{D} = \rho \quad , \quad \nabla \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$

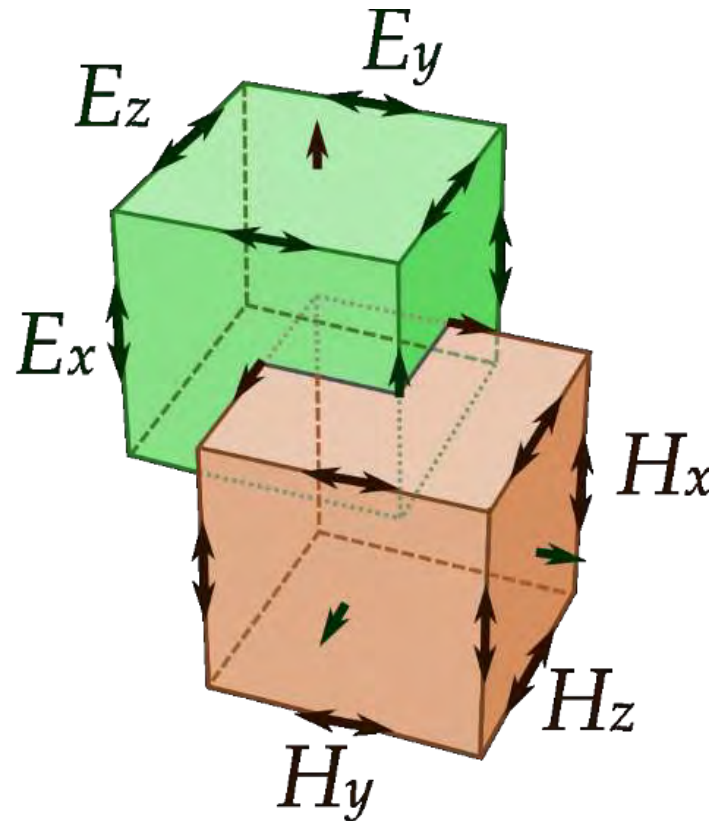
$$\epsilon \partial_t \vec{E} = \nabla \times \vec{H} - \sigma \vec{E} - \vec{J}$$

$$\mu \partial_t \vec{H} = \nabla \times \vec{E} - \sigma^* \vec{H} - \vec{M}$$



FDTD: FINITE DIFFERENCE TIME DOMAIN METHOD

Direct discretization of **Maxwell curl equations** by 2nd-order finite differences for all derivatives, in a non co-located staggered space-time mesh

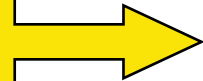


FINITE DIFFERENCE/AVERAGES

Continuum

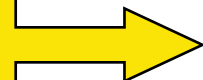
Discrete

$\partial_u f(u, \dots)$



$$D_u f(u, \dots) = \frac{f(u + \Delta u / 2, \dots) - f(u - \Delta u / 2, \dots)}{\Delta u}$$

$f(u, \dots)$



$$P_u f(u, \dots) = \frac{f(u + \Delta u / 2, \dots) + f(u - \Delta u / 2, \dots)}{2}$$

E.g.: For a single-component

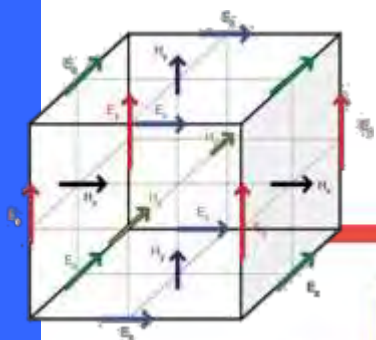
$$\frac{\partial E_x}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{\epsilon} \left(\frac{\partial H_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial H_y}{\partial z} - \sigma_x^e E_x - J_x \right)$$

with field averaging:

$$E_x^{n+\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2} [E_x^{n+1} + E_x^n]$$

Apply finite difference approximations:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{E_x^{n+1}(i,j,k) - E_x^n(i,j,k)}{\Delta t} &= \frac{1}{\epsilon_x(i,j,k)} \left[\frac{H_z^{n+1/2}(i,j,k) - H_z^{n+1/2}(i,j-1,k)}{\Delta y} \right] \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{\epsilon_x(i,j,k)} \left[\frac{H_y^{n+1/2}(i,j,k) - H_y^{n+1/2}(i,j,k-1)}{\Delta z} \right] \\ &\quad - \frac{\sigma_x^e(i,j,k)}{2\epsilon_x(i,j,k)} [E_x^{n+1}(i,j,k) + E_x^n(i,j,k)] - \frac{1}{\epsilon_x(i,j,k)} J_{xi}^{n+\frac{1}{2}}(i,j,k) \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} E_x^{n+1}(i,j,k) &= \left[\frac{1 - \frac{\sigma_x^e(m)}{2\epsilon_x(m)}}{\Delta t} \right] E_x^n(i,j,k) + \frac{1}{\epsilon_x(m)\Delta y} \left[\frac{1 + \frac{\sigma_x^e(m)}{2\epsilon_x(m)}}{\Delta t} \right] [H_z^{n+1/2}(i,j,k) - H_z^{n+1/2}(i,j-1,k)] \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{\epsilon_x(m)\Delta z} \left[\frac{1 + \frac{\sigma_x^e(m)}{2\epsilon_x(m)}}{\Delta t} \right] [H_y^{n+1/2}(i,j,k) - H_y^{n+1/2}(i,j,k-1)] - \frac{1}{\epsilon_x(m)} \left[\frac{1 + \frac{\sigma_x^e(m)}{2\epsilon_x(m)}}{\Delta t} \right] J_{xi}^{n+\frac{1}{2}}(i,j,k) \end{aligned}$$

DGTD, FVTD

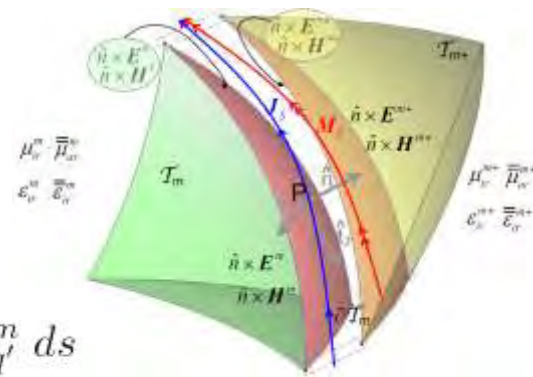
DISCONTINUOUS GALERKIN TIME DOMAIN

Maxwell curl E-H equations in **variational** form tested/expanded (**Galerkin**) in **HIGH-ORDER hierarchal** basis on **1st/2nd-order tetrahedrons**

$$\epsilon_r \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} = \nabla \times \mathbf{H} \quad , \quad \mu_r \mu_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{H}}{\partial t} = -\nabla \times \mathbf{E}$$

The field is allowed to be **DISCONTINUOUS** at the boundary, but its **flux** is **CONTINUOUS**

$$\oint_{\partial \mathcal{T}_m} (\hat{\mathbf{n}}^m \times \mathbf{E}^{m*}) \cdot \phi_{q'}^m ds$$



$$\begin{aligned} \mu M d_t H^m + (\sigma_m M - F_{\nu h}) H^m + F_{\nu h}^+ H^{m+} &= - (S - F_{\kappa e}) E^m - F_{\kappa e}^+ E^{m+} - M_{s\kappa} + J_{sv} \\ \epsilon M d_t E^m + (\sigma_e M - F_{\nu e}) E^m + F_{\nu e}^+ E^{m+} &= (S - F_{\kappa h}) H^m + F_{\kappa h}^+ H^{m+} - J_{s\kappa} - M_{sv} \end{aligned}$$

Explicit marching-in-time

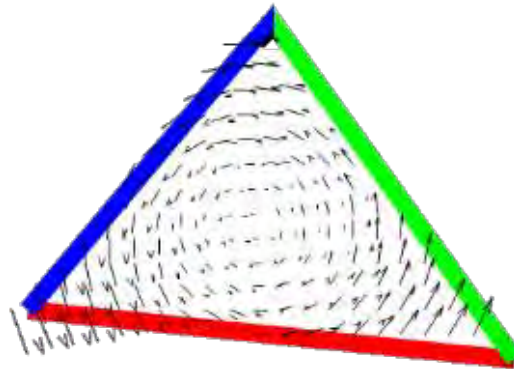
$$c_o \Delta t < \min \left(\frac{h_l}{2} \sqrt{\epsilon_\eta \mu_\eta} \frac{1}{(p+1)^2} \right)$$

NODAL AND VECTOR DGTD

Testing & expanding (**Galerkin**) in **vector**

$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}) = \sum_{i=1}^{N_{edges}} E_i \vec{W}_i \quad , \quad \text{e.g. Whitney's } \vec{W}_i = \xi_j \nabla \xi_k - \xi_k \nabla \xi_j$$

Curl-conforming



or (**nodal**) functions: Lagrange polynomials

SIMILAR BEHAVIOR: **RIEMANN-LIKE** FLUXES
 ATTENUATE SPURIOUS (BADLY RESOLVED)
 SOLUTIONS REPORTED IN NODAL CONTINUOUS FEM

KEY FEATURES IN A NUMERICAL SCHEME

- **CONSISTENCY**
- **CONVERGENCE**
- **STABILITY**

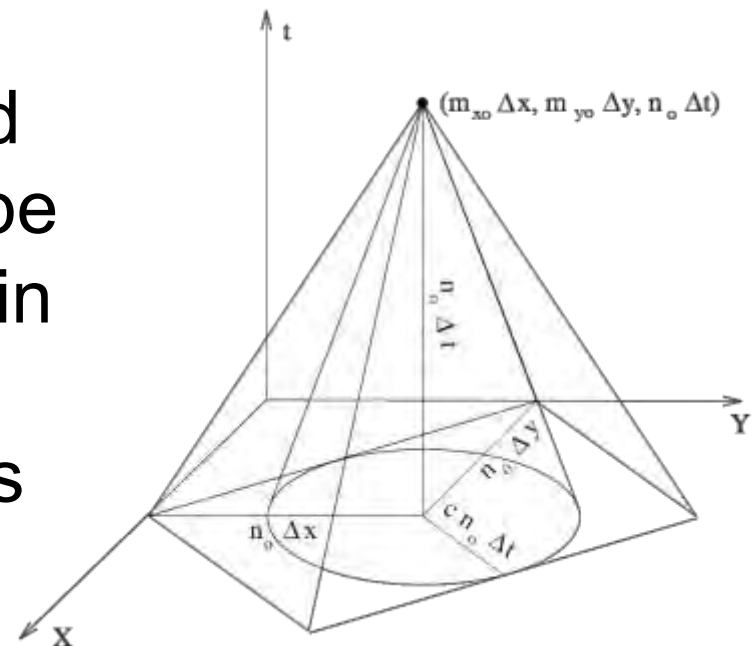
Lax theorem

**For a consistent scheme,
stability and convergence
are equivalent**

STABILITY & CAUSALITY: COURANT-FRIEDRICHS-LEWY

4D numerical causal hypercone (Minkowski's) must COMPRISE the analytical one (based in Lax convergence-stability equivalence theorem).

Practical corollary: E and H field components must be ALWAYS inter-dependent in the numerical scheme. E.g. if a E component uses some H, the latter must also use it.



CONSISTENCY: GLOBAL 2ND-ORDER

Consistency

truncation error must converge to 0 for increments tending to 0

Analytical

$$\partial_t \vec{\psi} = \tilde{\mathcal{R}}_T \vec{\psi} - \mathcal{K}$$

Yee FDTD

$$\frac{\vec{\Psi}^{n+1} - \vec{\Psi}^n}{\Delta t} = \tilde{R}_T \vec{\Psi}^{n+1/2} - K^{n+1/2}$$

Analytical

$$0 = \partial_t \vec{\psi}^{n+1/2} - \tilde{R}_T \vec{\psi}^{n+1/2}$$

Yee FDTD

$$O(\Delta t^2 \partial_t^3, \Delta x^2 \partial_x^3, \Delta y^2 \partial_y^3, \Delta z^2 \partial_z^3) = \frac{\vec{\psi}^{n+1} - \vec{\psi}^n}{\Delta t} - \tilde{R}_T \vec{\psi}^{n+1/2}$$

DISPERSION & STABILITY: VON NEUMANN ANALYSIS

Plane waves are propagated by lossless source-free Maxwell's equations in propagate in TEM modes

$$\vec{\Psi}(x, y, z, t) = \vec{\Psi}_0 e^{j(\omega t - \vec{\beta} \cdot \vec{r})}$$

$$\vec{\beta} = (\beta_x, \beta_y, \beta_z), \quad \vec{r} = (x, y, z)$$

With an analytical dispersion relationship

$$\mu\epsilon\omega^2 = (\beta_x^2 + \beta_y^2 + \beta_z^2)$$



DISPERSION & STABILITY: VON NEUMANN ANALYSIS

$$\frac{1}{c^2 \Delta t^2} \sin^2 \left(\Omega \frac{\Delta t}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{\Delta x^2} \sin^2 \left(\beta_x \frac{\Delta x}{2} \right) + \frac{1}{\Delta y^2} \sin^2 \left(\beta_y \frac{\Delta y}{2} \right) + \frac{1}{\Delta z^2} \sin^2 \left(\beta_z \frac{\Delta z}{2} \right)$$

For a Cauchy problem with given wavenumber

$$\sin \left(\Omega \frac{\Delta t}{2} \right) \leq c \Delta t \sqrt{\frac{1}{\Delta x^2} + \frac{1}{\Delta y^2} + \frac{1}{\Delta z^2}}$$

$$\text{Im} \{ \Omega \} < 0 \Leftrightarrow s = CFLN = c \Delta t \sqrt{\frac{1}{\Delta x^2} + \frac{1}{\Delta y^2} + \frac{1}{\Delta z^2}} \leq 1 \Rightarrow \text{Im} \{ \Omega \} = 0$$

STABILITY IMPLIES NON-DISSIPATION

Von-Neumann stability requires a non-increasing exponential, and hence imposes an **UPPER LIMIT** for the time-step determined by the spatial discretization steps.

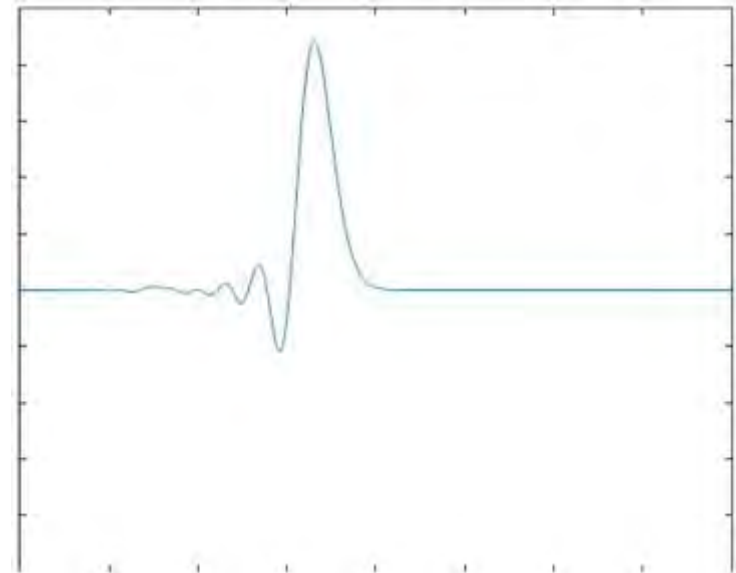


EXAMPLE: A 1D MATLAB CODE

DISPERSION $\frac{c\Delta t}{\Delta x} = 0.7$

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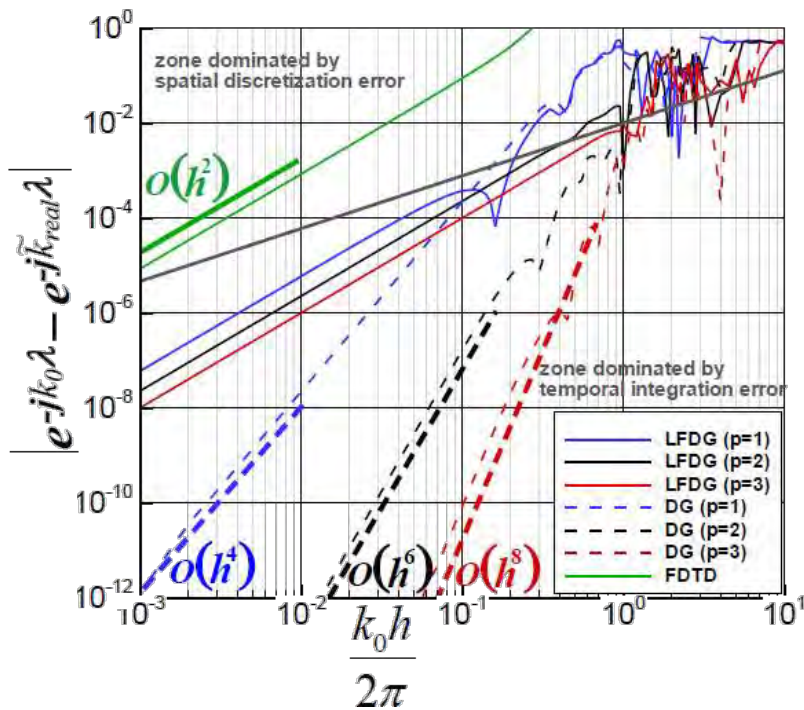
function Yee_1D
writerObj = VideoWriter('yefdtd.avi');
open(writerObj);
DX=1;
% Time step: stability
DT=1.0*DX;
% Courant numbers:
CFLN=DT/DX;
% Computational domain and plane-wave data
n1Y=1;n2Y=400;g=10;x0=4*g;
grid=linspace(1,n2Y,n2Y);
% Cauchy initial conditions
E=exp(-(grid.*DX-x0).^2./g^2);
H=-exp(-(grid.*DX-x0).^2./g^2);
% Time-stepping
for n=1:10000
    % E-field updating Yee zone
    E(n1Y+1:n2Y-1)=E(n1Y+1:n2Y-1) + CFLN.* ...
        (H(n1Y+1:n2Y-1)-H(n1Y:n2Y-2));
    % H-field updating at Yee zone
    H(n1Y:n2Y-1)=H(n1Y:n2Y-1) + ...
        CFLN.* (E(n1Y+1:n2Y)-E(n1Y:n2Y-1));
    % Plotting
    if (mod(n,20)==0)
        plot((1:1:n2Y),E);
        axis([0 n2Y -1 1]); frame=getframe;
        writeVideo(writerObj,frame);
    end
end
close(writerObj);
end
    
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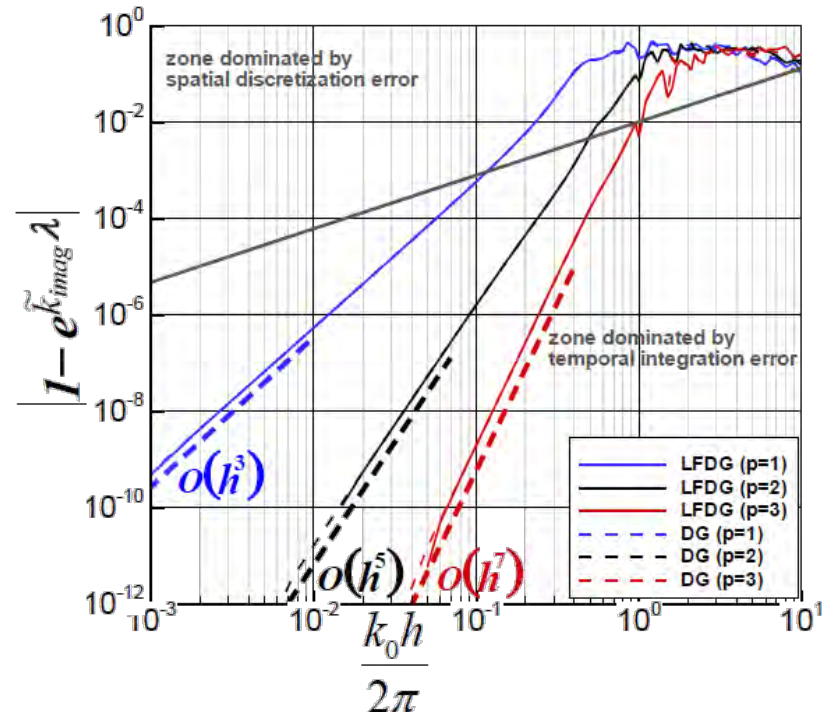
DISPERSION & DISSIPATION

FDTD: 2nd ORDER. $\sim 10^\circ / \lambda$ AT 10 PPW !

DGTD: h^{th} ORDER



DISPERSION: DOMINATED BY TIME INTEGRATION ORDER (LF2 or RK4)



DISSIPATION: Inherent to penalized fluxes. Worsened by RK4
GOOD TO DAMP SPURIOUS FEM MODES (REPORTED IN NODAL CONTINUOUS FEM)

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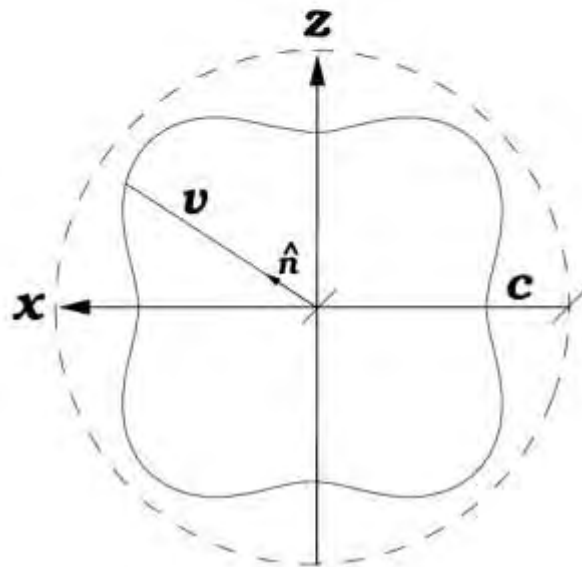
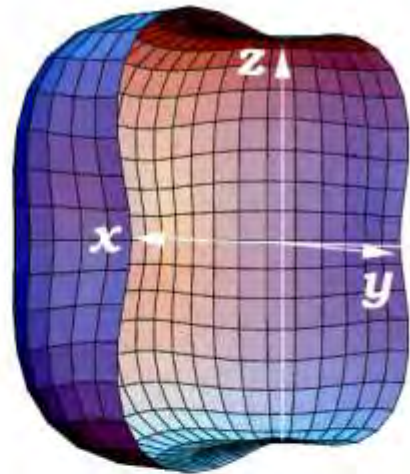
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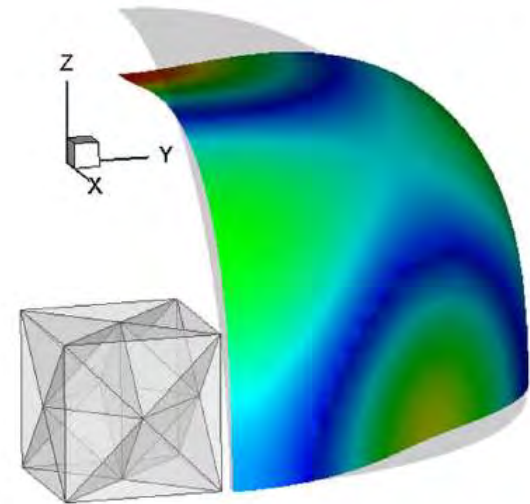
ANISOTROPY IN DISPERSION

FDTD

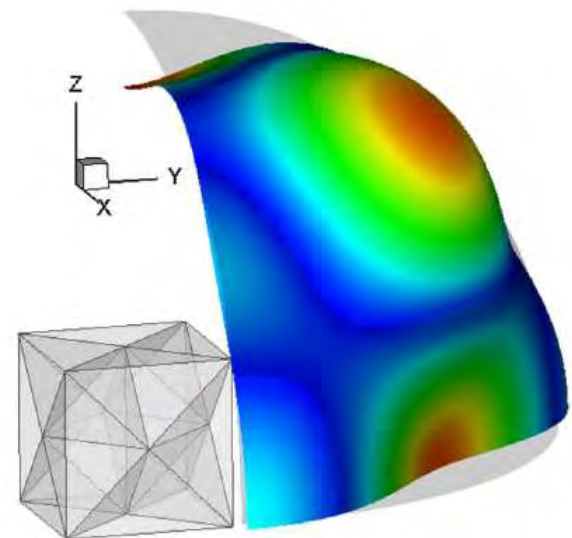


DGTD

$\tau = 0.1, h = 0.25$. (a) $p = 1$ and (b) $p = 3$



(a)



(b)



FDTD vs DGTD: PROs & CONs

Comparative summary of numerical methods with typical formulations

	FDTD	FVTD	DGTD	FEMTD (others)
Order of accuracy ^{a b}	$h^{2,c}$	h	h^{2p+1}	h^{2p}
Geometry adaptivity	No ^d	Yes	Yes	Yes
Spurious modes	No	Yes/No	Yes ^e /No ^f	Yes ^g /No ^h
Energy conservative ^b	Yes	Yes	Yes ^e /No ^f	Yes
Explicit form	Yes	Yes	Yes	No ⁱ
LTS, IMEX or similar	No	Yes	Yes	No
Parallel. simplicity	High	High	High	Low
Memory usage ^j	High	Very High	Low	Very Low
Memory locality	Very High	Low	High ^k	High ^k
Uses dual mesh	Yes	No	No ^l	No
Allows non-conformal mesh	No	Yes	Yes	No
h adaptivity	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
p adaptivity	No	No	Yes	Yes

DGTD method has a comparable computational cost to FDTD for practical applications, but preserving most of the advantages of finite element methods



FDTD: TOWARDS A PRACTICAL SIMULATION TOOL

SOME IMPLEMENTATION DETAILS

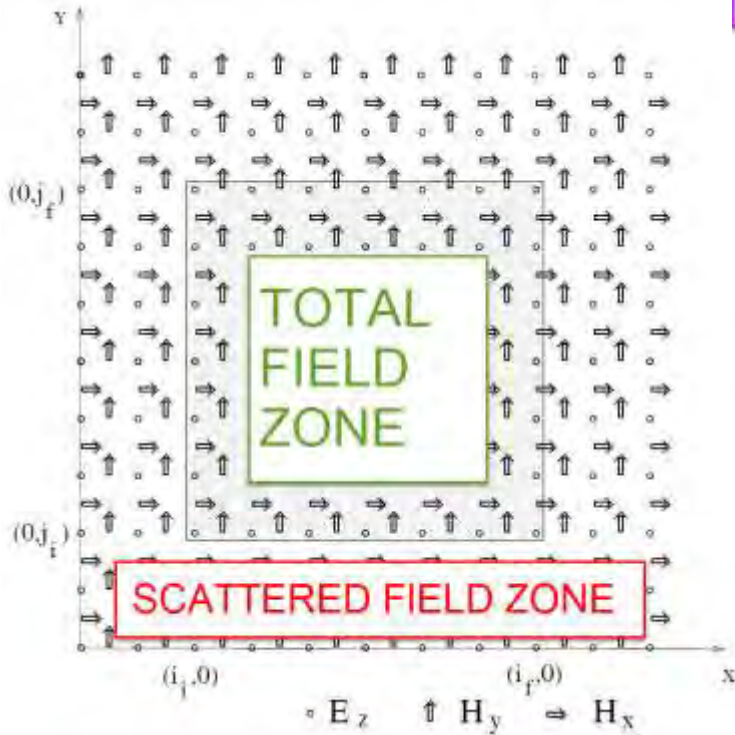
HOW TO CHOOSE THE SAMPLING?

Rule of the thumb for the number of cells per wavelength (PPW) in FDTD:

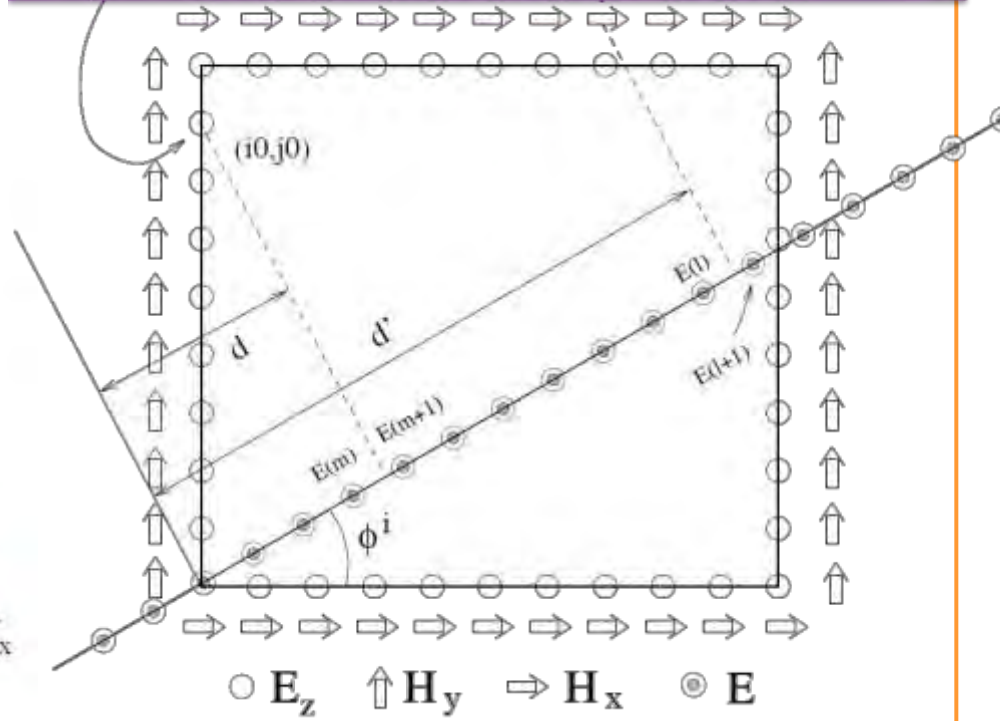
$$\frac{\lambda}{\text{Min}\{\Delta s\}} \geq 10 \quad \& \quad \frac{T}{\Delta y} \geq 10 \text{ (automatic in time if fulfilled in space)}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{\lambda_0}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \left(\sqrt{1 + Q^{-2}} + 1 \right)}}, \quad \lambda_0 = \frac{c}{f} \quad Q = 1 / \tan \delta = \frac{\omega \epsilon}{\sigma}$$

SOURCES: TOTAL/SCATTERED FIELD ZONING



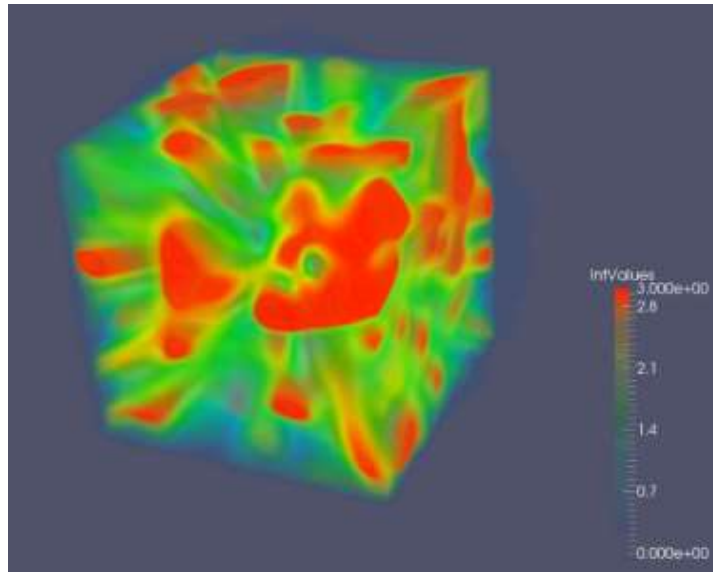
POINTS WHERE THE INCIDENT FIELDS ARE NEEDED



TAFLOVE'S LINEARITY INTERPRETATION

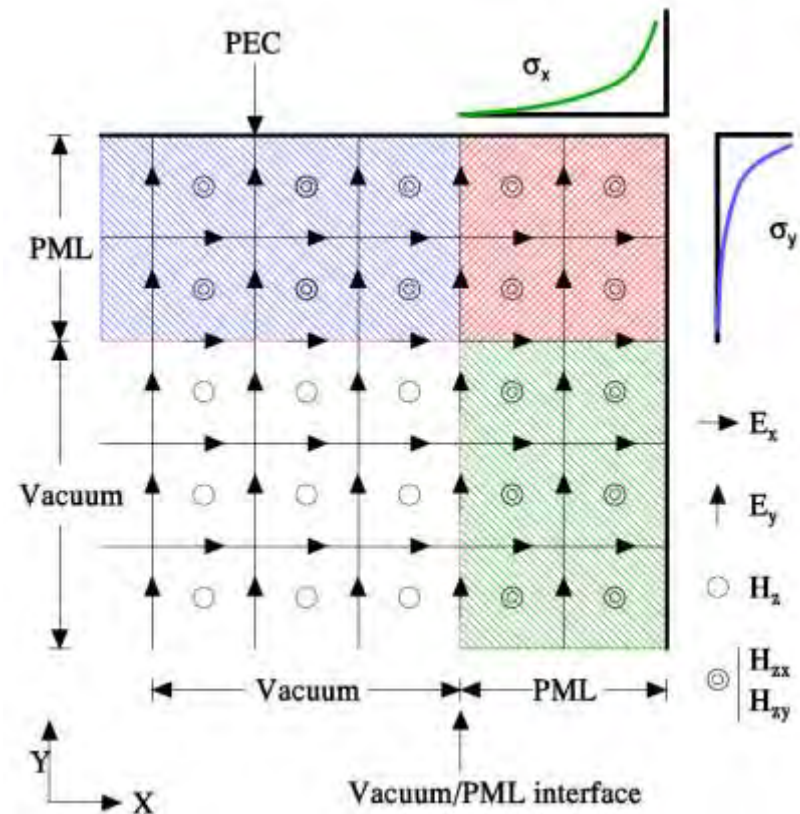
$$\begin{aligned}
 E_z^{n+1}(i_i, j) | \boxed{\text{TOTAL}} &= C_a(i_i, j) E_z^n(i_i, j) | \boxed{\text{TOTAL}} + C_b(i_i, j) \\
 &\left(H_y^{n+\frac{1}{2}}(i_i + \frac{1}{2}, j) | \boxed{\text{TOTAL}} - H_y^{n+\frac{1}{2}}(i_i - \frac{1}{2}, j) | \boxed{\text{SCATTERED}} \right) + \\
 &H_x^{n+\frac{1}{2}}(i_i, j - \frac{1}{2}) | \boxed{\text{TOTAL}} - H_x^{n+\frac{1}{2}}(i_i, j + \frac{1}{2}) | \boxed{\text{TOTAL}} \\
 &- C_b(i_i, j) H_y^{n+\frac{1}{2}}(i_i - \frac{1}{2}, j) | \boxed{\text{INCIDENT}}
 \end{aligned}$$

REVERBERATING CHAMBER STOCHASTIC SOURCES



PERFECTLY MATCHED LAYER ABSORBING BOUNDARY CONDITIONS

A fictitious shell is added to the 3D FDTD domain with “impedance” matched free-space for **ALL FREQUENCIES** and for **ALL ANGLES OF INCIDENCE**



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A Perfectly Matched Layer for the Absorption of Electromagnetic Waves

JEAN-PIERRE BERENGER

STRETECHED PML INSTEAD OF SPLIT BERENGER PMLs

$$j\omega\varepsilon_x E_x + \sigma_x^e E_x = \frac{1}{s_{ey}} \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial y} - \frac{1}{s_{ez}} \frac{\partial H_y}{\partial z}$$

$$j\omega\varepsilon_y E_y + \sigma_y^e E_y = \frac{1}{s_{ez}} \frac{\partial H_x}{\partial z} - \frac{1}{s_{ex}} \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial x}$$

$$j\omega\varepsilon_z E_z + \sigma_z^e E_z = \frac{1}{s_{ex}} \frac{\partial H_y}{\partial x} - \frac{1}{s_{ey}} \frac{\partial H_x}{\partial y}$$

CAN ALSO ABSORB EVANESCENT WAVES BY TUNING:

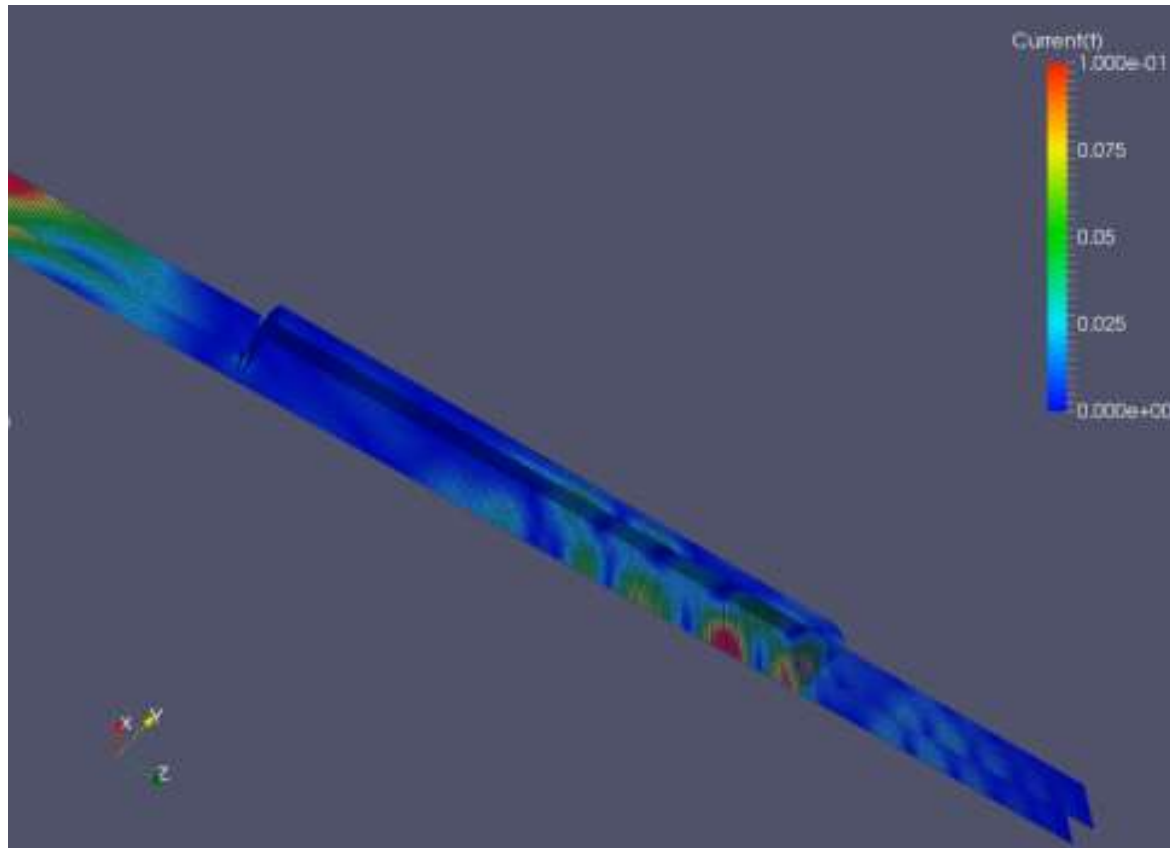
$$s_\alpha = \kappa_\alpha + \frac{\sigma_\alpha}{\eta_\alpha + j\omega\chi_\alpha}$$

CONVOLUTION PML (CPML): AN EFFICIENT FDTD IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CFS-PML FOR ARBITRARY MEDIA

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MODAL ABSORPTION IN WAVEGUIDES WITH PML



DISPERSIVE MATERIALS

VECTOR FITTING: poles/residues (complex conjugate pairs)

$$\nabla \times \vec{H}(\omega) = j\omega\epsilon(\omega)\vec{E}(\omega) \Rightarrow \nabla \times \vec{H}(t) = \epsilon_\infty \partial_t \vec{E}(t) + \sigma \vec{E}(t) + \sum_{k=1}^N \vec{P}_k(t)$$

VECTOR FITTING

$$\chi(\omega) = \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{R_k}{j\omega - p_k}$$

$$\text{Re}\{p_k\} \leq 0 \text{ (Stable)}$$

Into discrete TD, either:

- **P**iecewise **L**inear
- R**ecursive **C**onvolution
- **A**uxiliary **D**ifferential
- E**quation



$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \vec{P}_k(t) = R_k \vec{E}(t) + R_k p_k \int_{t'=-\infty}^{t'=t} e^{p_k(t-t')} \vec{E}(t') dt' \\ \partial_t \vec{P}_k(t) - p_k \vec{P}_k(t) = R_k \partial_t \vec{E}(t) \end{array} \right.$$

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ANISOTROPIC MATERIALS

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \underbrace{E_x^{n+1}(i + \frac{1}{2}, j, k)} = \underbrace{E_x^n(i + \frac{1}{2}, j, k)} + \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta} \left\{ \right. \\
 & \xi_{xx} \left(\underbrace{H_z^{n+\frac{1}{2}}(i + \frac{1}{2}, j + \frac{1}{2}, k)} - \underbrace{H_z^{n+\frac{1}{2}}(i + \frac{1}{2}, j - \frac{1}{2}, k)} \right) - \\
 & \xi_{xx} \left(\underbrace{H_y^{n+\frac{1}{2}}(i + \frac{1}{2}, j, k + \frac{1}{2})} - \underbrace{H_y^{n+\frac{1}{2}}(i + \frac{1}{2}, j, k - \frac{1}{2})} \right) + \\
 & \xi_{xy} \left(H_x^{n+\frac{1}{2}}(i + \frac{1}{2}, j, k + \frac{1}{2}) - H_x^{n+\frac{1}{2}}(i + \frac{1}{2}, j, k - \frac{1}{2}) \right) - \\
 & \xi_{xz} \left(H_x^{n+\frac{1}{2}}(i + \frac{1}{2}, j + \frac{1}{2}, k) - H_x^{n+\frac{1}{2}}(i + \frac{1}{2}, j - \frac{1}{2}, k) \right) + \\
 & \xi_{xz} \left(H_y^{n+\frac{1}{2}}(i + 1, j, k) - H_y^{n+\frac{1}{2}}(i, j, k) \right) - \\
 & \left. \xi_{xy} \left(H_z^{n+\frac{1}{2}}(i + 1, j, k) - H_z^{n+\frac{1}{2}}(i, j, k) \right) \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

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On the Application of Finite Methods in Time Domain to Anisotropic Dielectric Waveguides

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SEMICONDUCTOR MODELING

$$\mu \partial_t \vec{H}(\vec{r}, t) = -\vec{\nabla} \wedge \vec{E}(\vec{r}, t), \quad \epsilon \partial_t \vec{E}(\vec{r}, t) = \vec{\nabla} \wedge \vec{H}(\vec{r}, t) - \vec{J}_T(\vec{r}, t)$$

$$\partial_t n(\vec{r}, t) = q^{-1} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J}_{nT}(\vec{r}, t) + G(\vec{r}, t) - R(\vec{r}, t)$$

$$\partial_t p(\vec{r}, t) = -q^{-1} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J}_{pT}(\vec{r}, t) + G(\vec{r}, t) - R(\vec{r}, t)$$

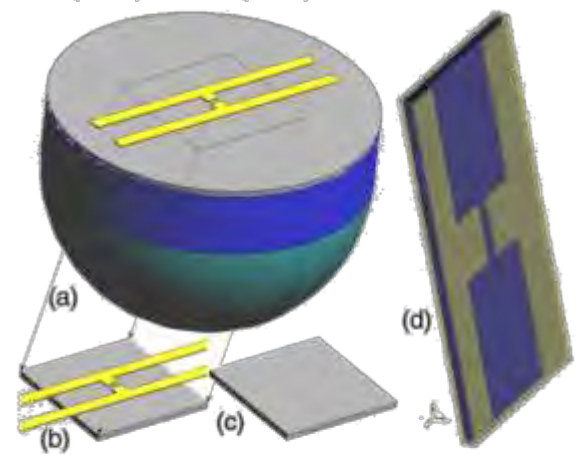
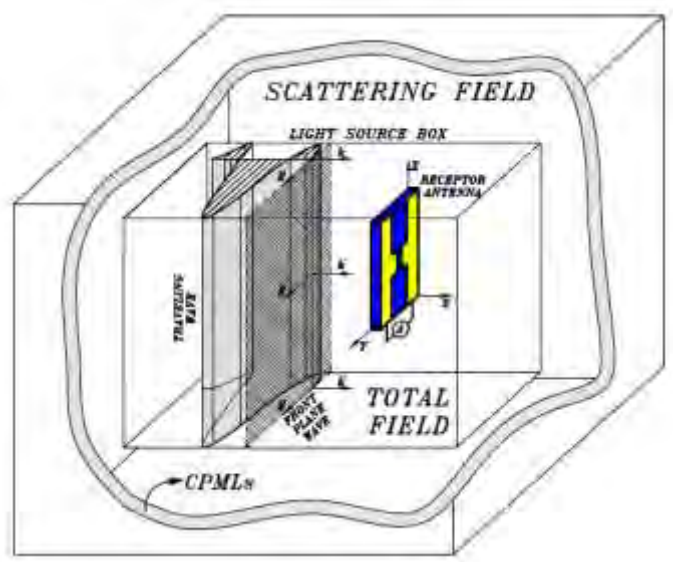


Fig. 1. (a) Photoconductive antenna formed by a photolayer of LT-GaAs on SI-GaAs substrate and a dielectric lens under the substrate. (b) PEC contact on the photozone. (c) The photozone. (d) Computational domain simulated.

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Time-domain numerical modeling of THz receivers based on photoconductive antennas

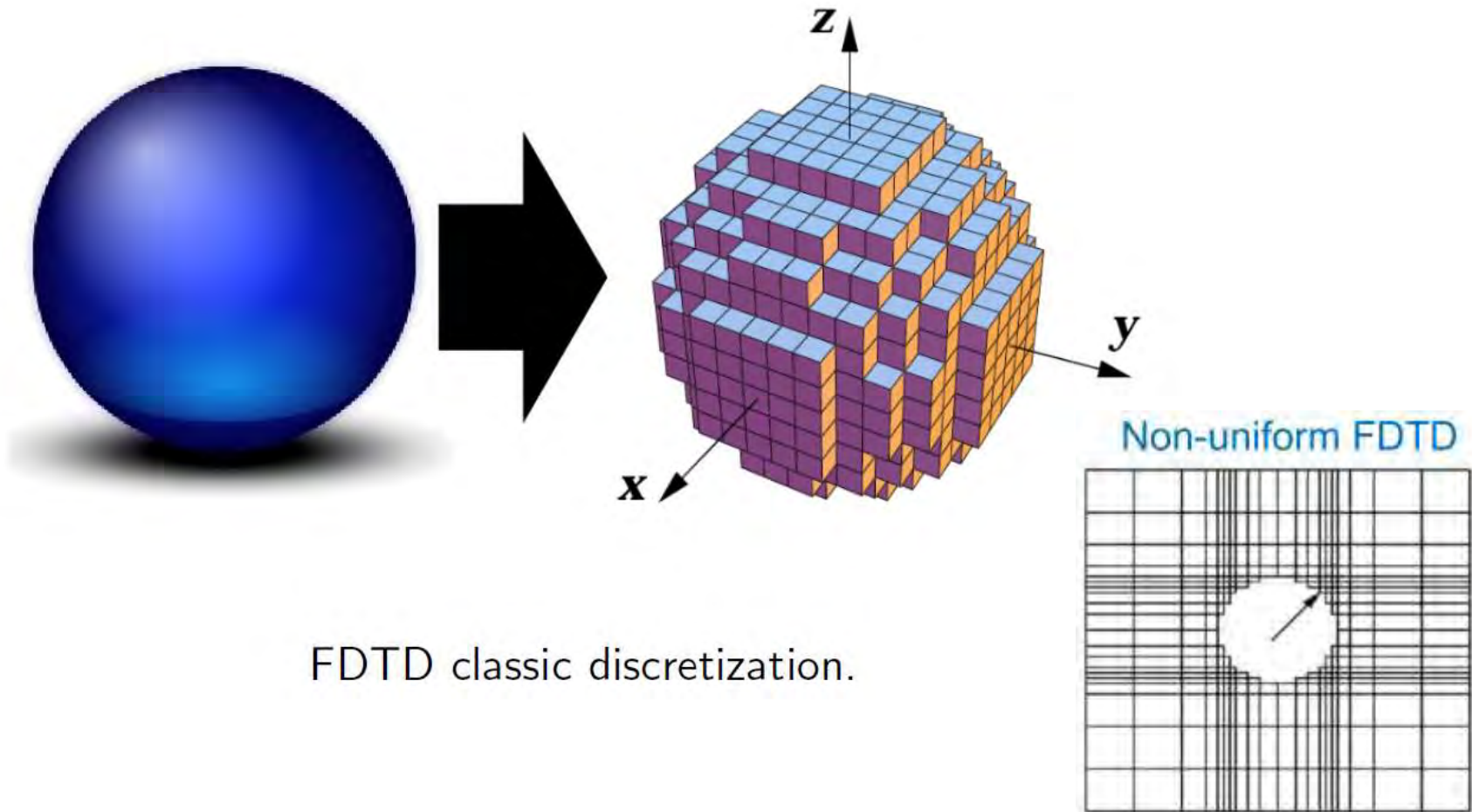
E. MORENO^{1,*}, Z. HEMMAT^{2,*}, J.B. ROLDÁN^{3,*}, M. F. PANTOJA^{1,*}, A. R. BRETONES^{1,*}, AND S. G. GARCÍA^{1,†}

FDTD: TOWARDS A PRACTICAL SIMULATION TOOL

SUB-CELL EXTENSIONS COMMON IN EMC

STAIRCASE MESHING

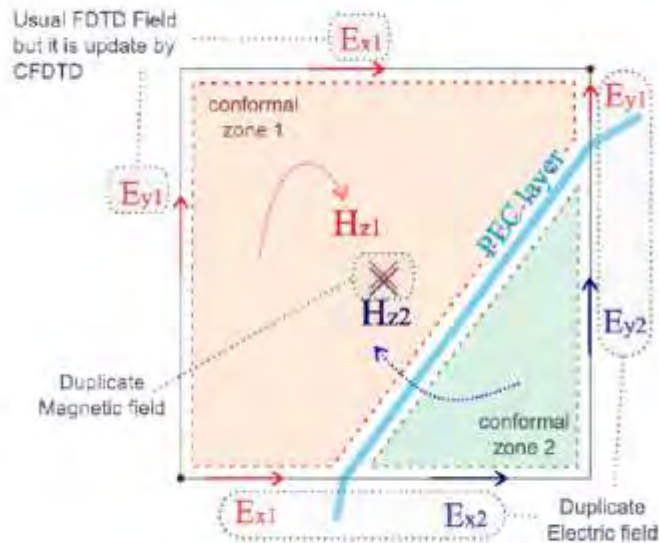
Staircasing error. It is the error introduced of the cubical spatial discretization of the FDTD method.



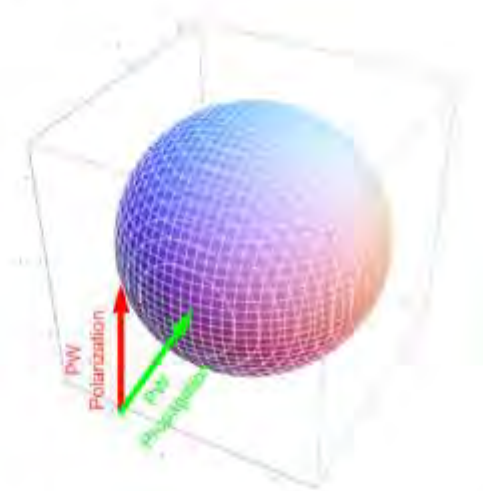
FDTD classic discretization.

STAIRCASE ALTERNATIVES

Conformal methods aim to mitigate staircasing error.



- ← FDTD electric fields
- × FDTD magnetic fields
- ⋯ Faraday contour



Applying a conformal meshing algorithm.
(Dey/Yu-Mittra)

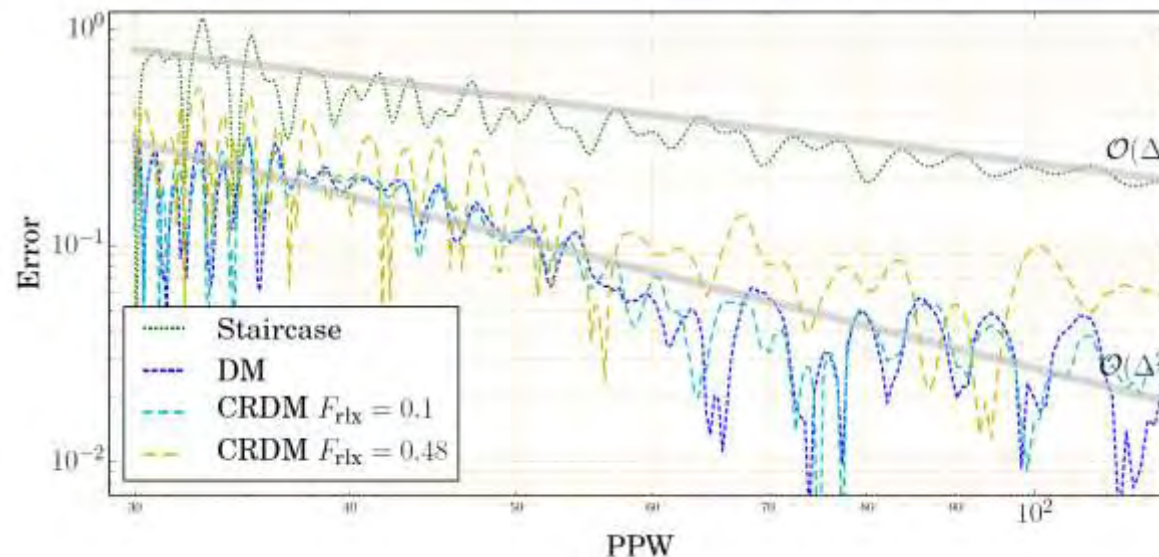
S. Dey and R. Mittra, "A locally conformal finite-difference time-domain (FDTD) algorithm for modeling three-dimensional perfectly conducting objects," IEEE Microwave Guided Wave Lett., vol. 7, pp.273–275, Sept. 1997.

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A New efficient and stable 3D Conformal FDTD

Miguel R. Cabello, Luis D. Angulo, J. Alvarez, *Member, IEEE*, A. Rubio Bretones, *Senior Member, IEEE*
and Salvador G. Garcia, *Senior Member, IEEE*

Bistatic RCS of a NASA almond at 1 GHz. Comparison results between staircase, conformal relaxed and MoM/DGTD.



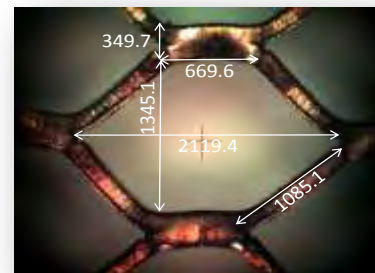
L2 error norm with respect to MoM/DGTD versus the number of Points Per Wavelength (PPW)

DISPERSIVE SURFACES / METASURFACES

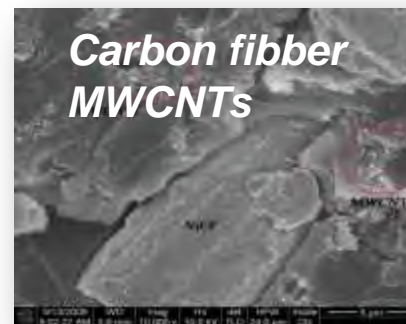
- Carbon-fibber composites, laminates & sandwiches



- Protective metallic meshes

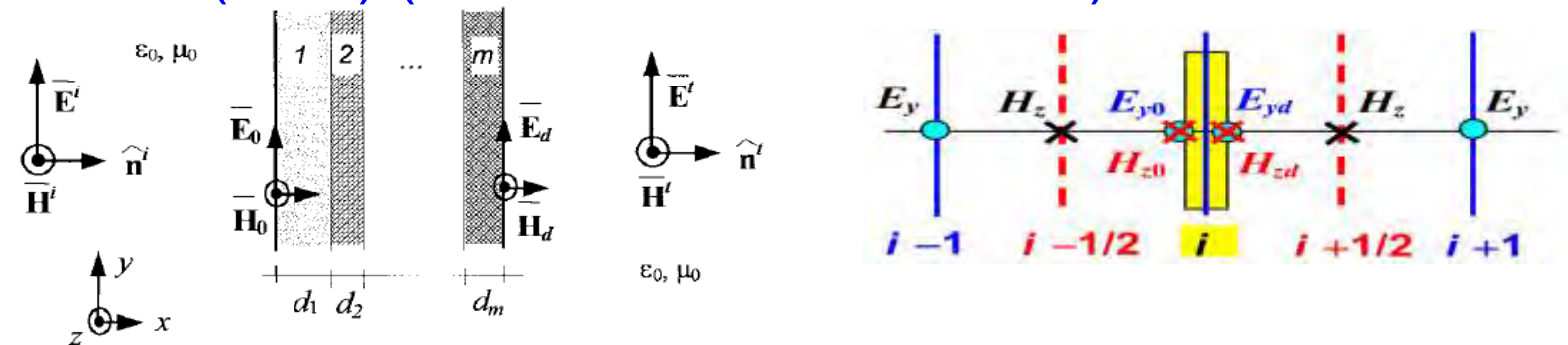


- Micro / nanocomposites



ANISOTROPIC DISPERSIVE THIN-PANELS

2-SIDED SURFACE IMPEDANCE BOUNDARY CONDITIONS (IBC) (LOSSY MULTILAYERS)



$$\begin{bmatrix} E_{y0}(\omega) \\ H_{z0}(\omega) \end{bmatrix} = \prod_{i=1}^m [\Phi_i(\omega)] \begin{bmatrix} E_{yd}(\omega) \\ H_{zd}(\omega) \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} E_{y0}(\omega) \\ E_{yd}(\omega) \end{bmatrix} = [Z(\omega)] \begin{bmatrix} H_{z0}(\omega) \\ -H_{zd}(\omega) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[\Phi_i(\omega)] = \begin{bmatrix} \cosh(\gamma_i d_i) & \sinh(\gamma_i d_i) \\ \eta_i^{-1} \sinh(\gamma_i d_i) & \cosh(\gamma_i d_i) \end{bmatrix} \quad \eta_i = \sqrt{\mu_i \left(\epsilon_i + \frac{\sigma_i}{j\omega} \right)^{-1}}, \quad \gamma_i = j\omega \sqrt{\mu_i \left(\epsilon_i + \frac{\sigma_i}{j\omega} \right)}$$

A New Model for the FDTD Analysis of the Shielding Performances of Thin Composite Structures

VECTOR FITTING

$$Z(\omega) = Z_\infty + \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{R_k}{j\omega - p_k} \in \text{Reals}$$

$$Z_k(t) = \text{Fourier}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{R_k}{j\omega - p_k} + \frac{R_k^*}{j\omega - p_k^*} \right\} = e^{\text{Re}\{p_k\}t} 2R_k \cos(\text{Im}\{p_k\}t)$$

STABILITY

Boundedness

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} [Z(t)] \neq \infty \Leftrightarrow \text{Re}\{p_k\} \leq 0$$

PASSIVITY

NO Energy generation

$$\Leftrightarrow \lambda(\omega) = \text{eig} \{ \tilde{Z}(\omega) + \tilde{Z}^H(\omega) \} > 0$$

CAUSALITY

Response AFTER excitation

$$Z(\omega) \text{ analytic } \forall \omega > 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\lim_{\omega \rightarrow \infty} \frac{Z(\omega)}{\omega} = 0 \ \& \ Z_{r,i}(\omega) = \mp \frac{1}{\pi} P_{Cauchy} \left[\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{Z_{i,r}(\omega')}{\omega' - \omega} d\omega' \right]$$

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<https://www.sintef.no/projectweb/vectfit/>

The Vector Fitting Web Site



ALTERNATIVE TO SIBC

SUBGRIDDING BOUNDARY CONDITIONS (SGBC)

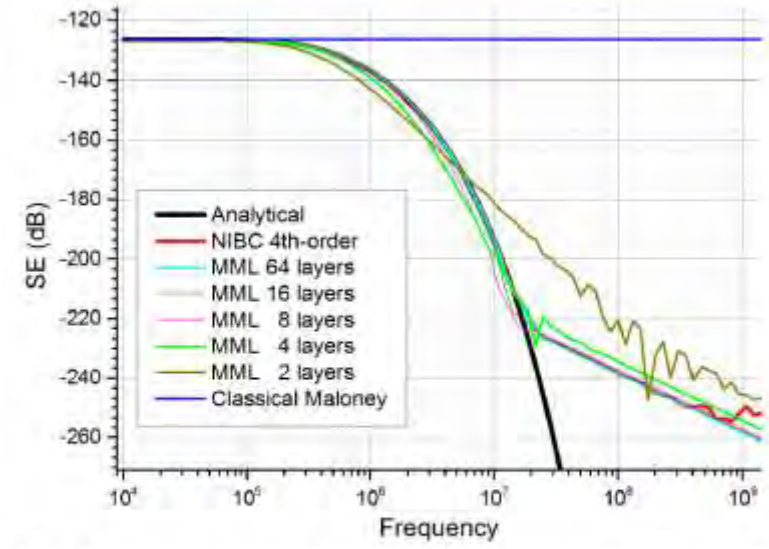
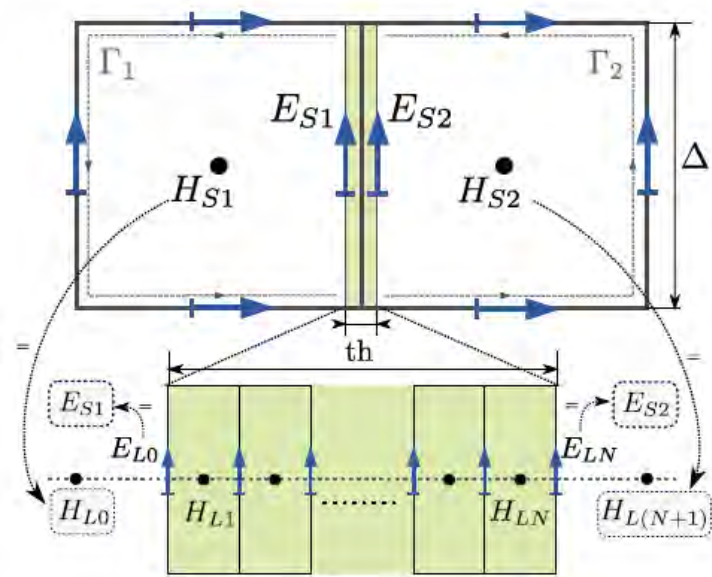
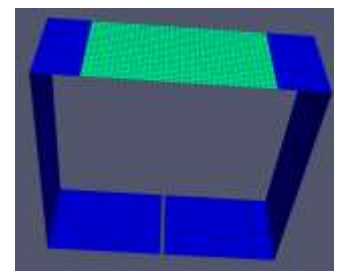


Fig. 3: Shielding effectiveness for an aluminum planar slab with a conductivity $\sigma = 3.456 \cdot 10^7 S/m$ and a thickness $h = 0.3mm$. Space-step $\Delta = 2.5mm$.

Method	Error in R_{DC}
Pure Maloney	$< 10^{-3}\%$
SGBC 2 layers	1.142%
SGBC 4 layers	1.141%
IBC 4 th order	4.8%

TABLE I: Errors in DC prediction of a ($\sigma = 20S/m$), 216mm long x 120 mm width x 2 mm thick meshed with $\Delta = 6mm$.

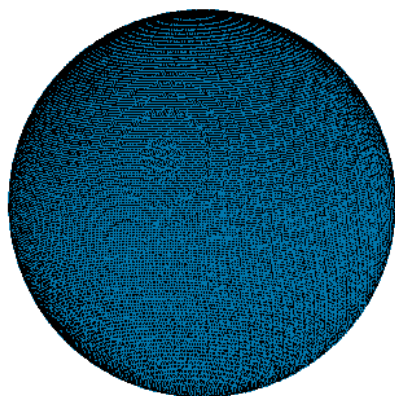


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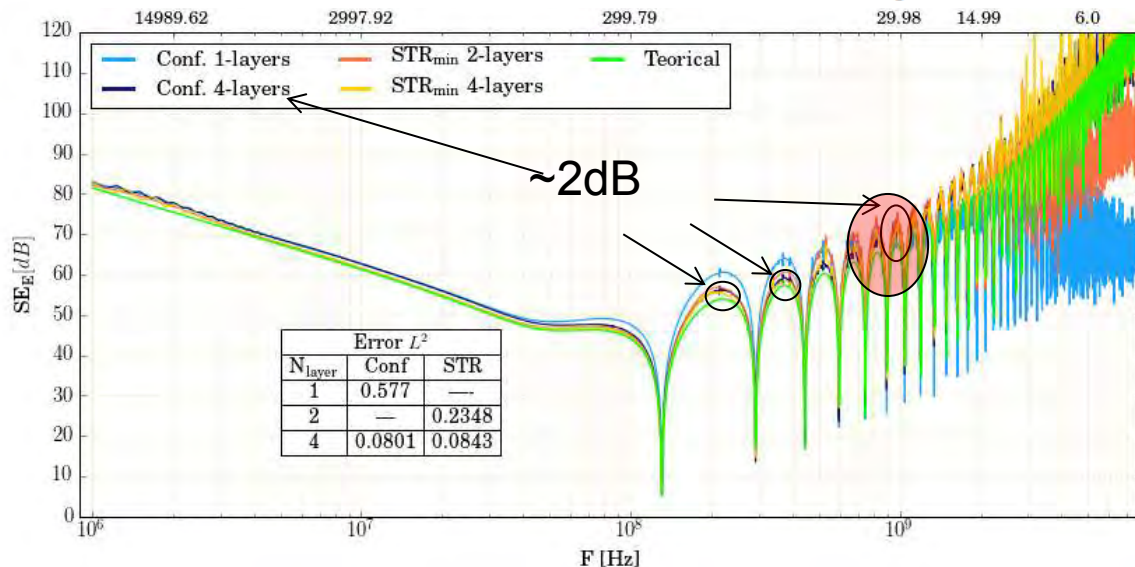
A hybrid Crank-Nicolson FDTD subgridding boundary condition for lossy thin-layer modeling

CONFORMAL THIN-PANELS

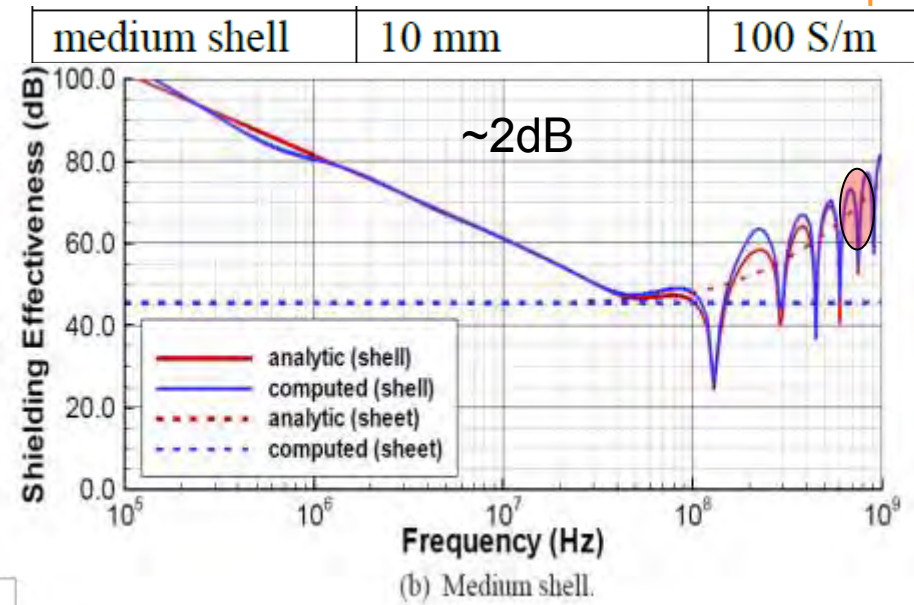
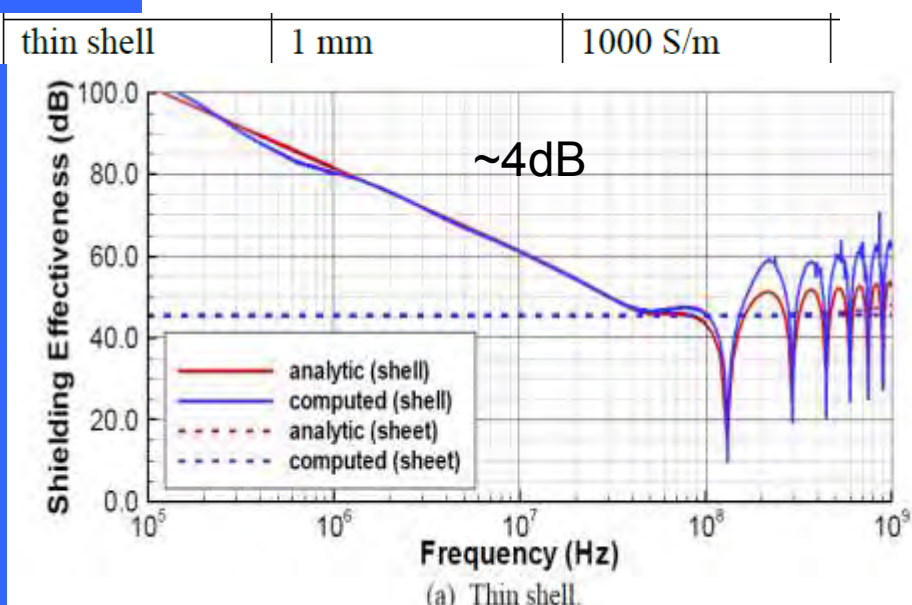
thickness is 5mm, and its conductivity is 200 S/m.



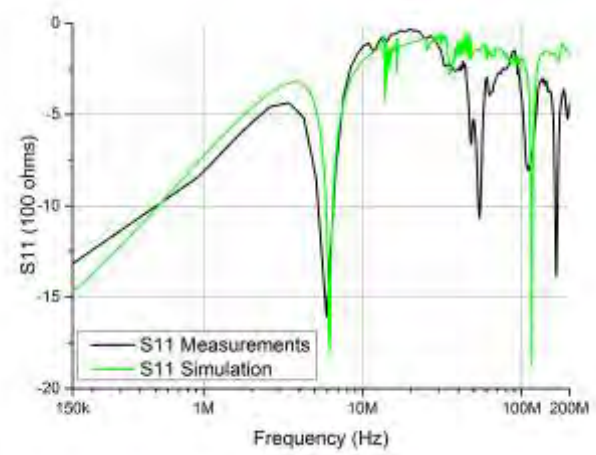
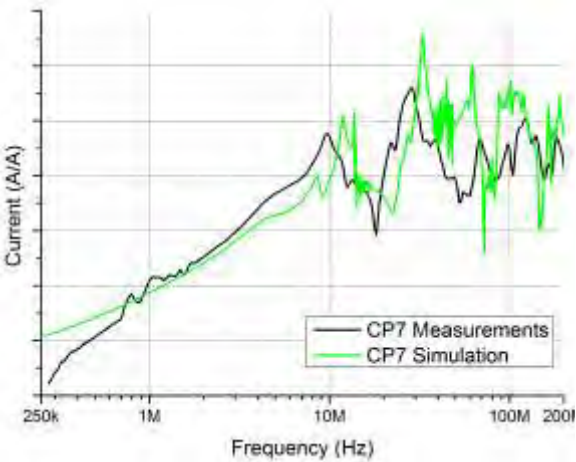
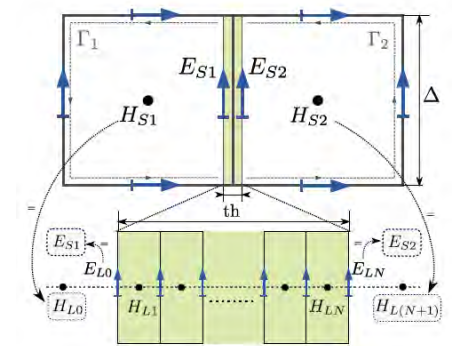
Cell size=10 mm.



Effective Parameters



APPLICATIONS: INTA's SIVA



FSV

	ADM	FDM	GDM	Expert impression
CP1	0.2038	0.5315	0.6243	Excellent
CP3	0.2659	0.6137	0.742	Excellent
CP7	0.2642	0.5336	0.6685	Excellent

R. Jauregui, M. Pous and F. Silva, "Use of reference limits in the Feature Selective Validation (FSV) method," Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC Europe), 2014 International Symposium on, Gothenburg, 2014, pp. 1031-1036.

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UAVEMI PROJECT: NUMERICAL AND EXPERIMENTAL EM IMMUNITY ASSESSMENT OF UAV FOR HIRF AND LIGHTNING INDIRECT EFFECTS

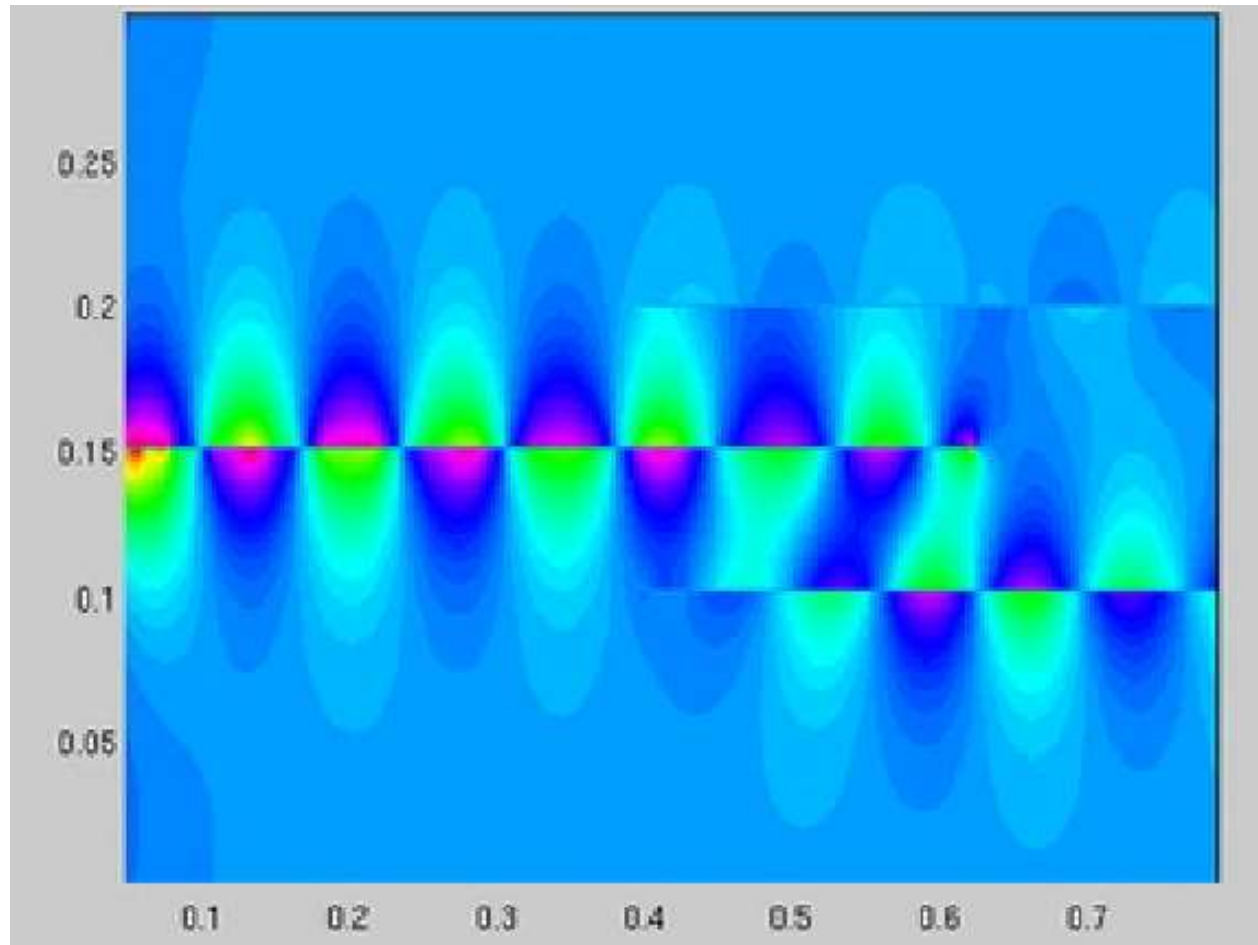
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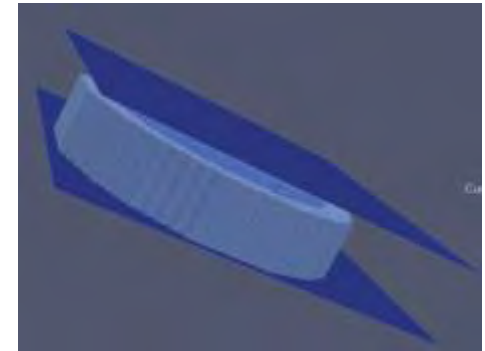
SIVA: A benchmark for numerical validation of composite UAV modeling in the UAVEMI project

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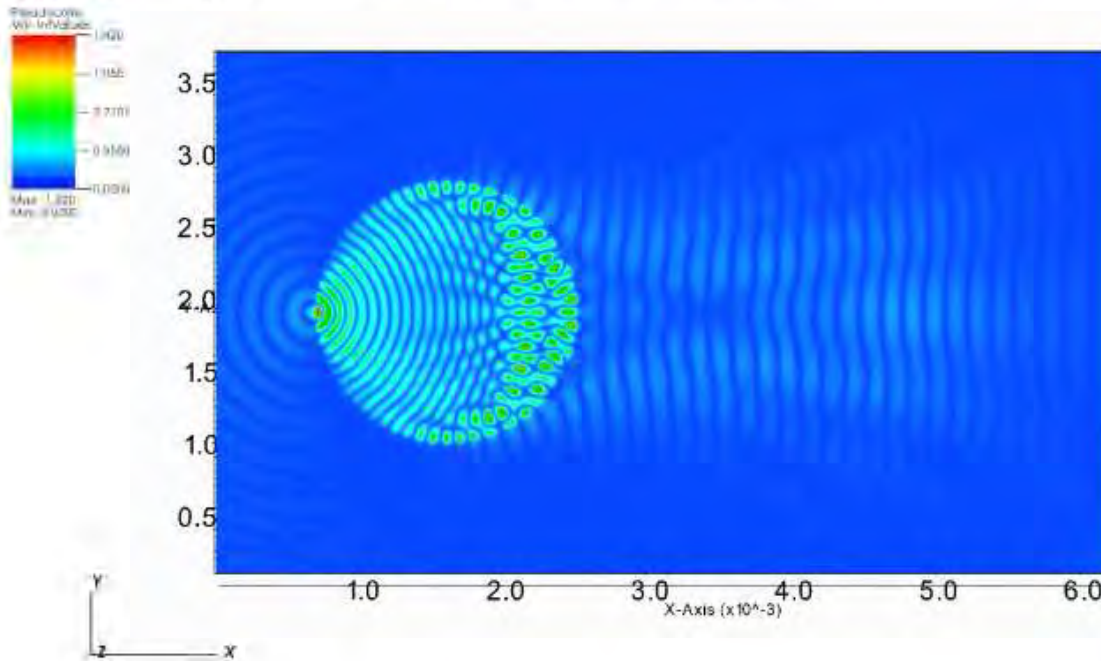
DISPERSIVE METASURFACES GRAPHENE



DISPERSIVE PERIODIC METASURFACES: LUNEBURG LENS



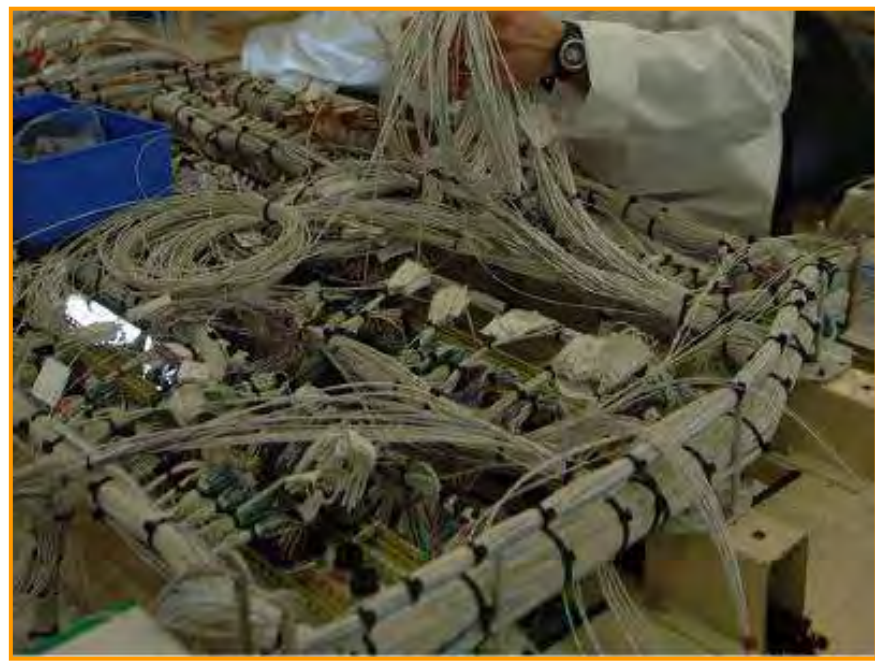
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Non-Uniform Metasurface Luneburg Lens Antenna Design



CABLE BUNDLE AND HARNESS SOLVING



HYBRID MTLN – 3D FDTD SOLVER

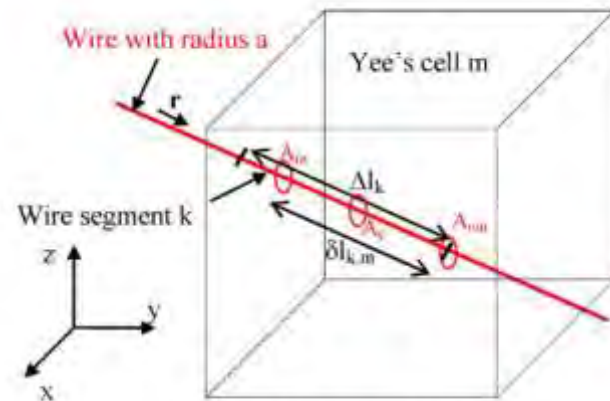
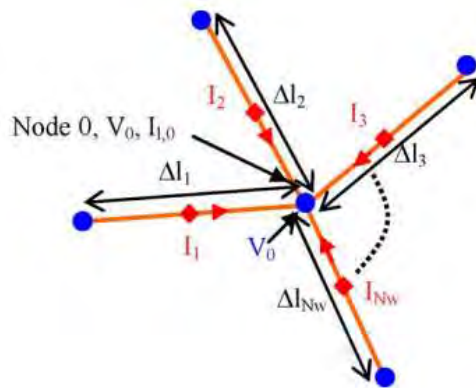
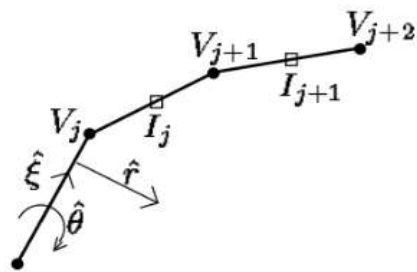
$$\tilde{L} \frac{\partial \bar{I}}{\partial t} + \tilde{R} \bar{I} + \tilde{L} \tilde{C} \frac{\partial \bar{V}}{\partial \xi} = \langle \bar{E}_\xi \rangle, \quad \tilde{C} \frac{\partial \bar{V}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \bar{I}}{\partial \xi} = 0$$

$$\vec{J} = \varepsilon \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} + \sigma \vec{E} - \text{curl } \vec{H}, \quad \mu \frac{\partial \vec{H}}{\partial t} + \text{curl } \vec{E} = 0$$

TWO-WAY FIELD-TO-TL

- The return path is provided by the solution of Maxwell equations *at the adjacent space*, *in terms of the displacement current flowing around a section transversal to the path*
- The assumption of transmission line propagation is no longer restricted to common-mode TL solutions, and they obtain **both antenna-mode differential (radiation), and common-mode TL solutions**

CONFORMAL CABLE SOLVER



A_{in} : input point of the segment k in the cell m
 A_{out} : output point of the segment k in the cell m
 A_c : center point of the segment part belonging to the cell m

$$L_{u,j,m} = \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} \frac{\iiint_{V_{u,j,m}} \ln\left(\frac{\rho(x,y,z)}{a}\right) dx dy dz}{\Delta x \Delta y \Delta z}$$

$$\bar{I}_{k+1/2}^{n+1/2} = \tilde{b}_{1I,k} \bar{I}_{k+1/2}^{n-1/2} + \tilde{b}_{2I,k} (\bar{V}_{k+1}^n - \bar{V}_k^n) + \tilde{b}_{3I,k} \langle \bar{E}_k^n \rangle$$

$$V_k^{n+1} = b_{1V,k} V_k^n + b_{2V,k} \sum_{q=1}^{N_w} I_q^{n+1/2}$$

$$\tilde{b}_{1I,k} = (\tilde{L} + \tilde{R}\Delta t / 2)^{-1} (\tilde{L} - \tilde{R}\Delta t / 2)$$

$$\tilde{b}_{2I,k} = -c^2 \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta \xi} (\tilde{L} + \tilde{R}\Delta t / 2)^{-1} \tilde{L} \tilde{C}$$

$$\tilde{b}_{3I,k} = \Delta t (\tilde{L} + \tilde{R}\Delta t / 2)^{-1}$$

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IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON ANTENNAS AND PROPAGATION, VOL. 60, NO. 3, MARCH 2012

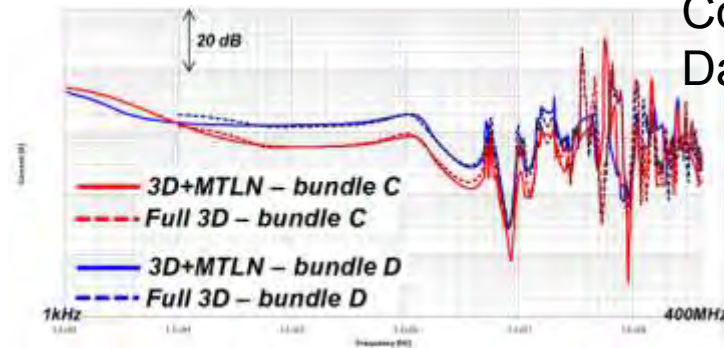
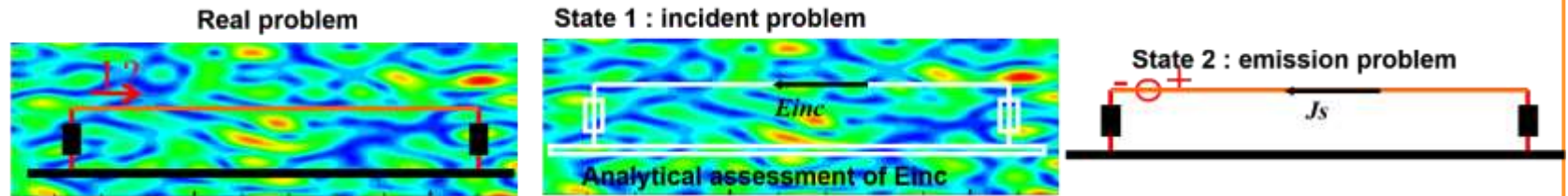
New Oblique Thin Wire Formalism in the FDTD Method With Multiwire Junctions

Christophe Guiffaut, Member, IEEE, Alain Reineix, Member, IEEE, and Bernard Pecqueux



FIELD-TO-TL CABLE SOLVER

ONE-WAY FIELD-TO-TL: CO-SIMULATION (NO GEOMETRY)



Courtesy of
Dassault

- **OK:** Field-to-TL is especially suited for complex bundles
- **KO:** Disregards the re-radiation effects of cables flowing along cables. Depends on E/H coupling predominancy

F. Rachidi, "A Review of Field-to-Transmission Line Coupling Models With Special Emphasis to Lightning-Induced Voltages on Overhead Lines," in IEEE Transactions on Electromagnetic Compatibility, vol. 54, no. 4, pp. 898-911, Aug. 2012.

PARALLEL COMPUTER IMPLEMENTATIONS

FDTD Parallelization possibilities

Shared memory

- Several cores per CPU: **Multithreading**.
- Just needs compiler preprocessing directives to distribute loops
- Shared memory in **single CPU**.
- Performance **scales linearly** with number of threads.
- The standard is **OpenMP**. Included by default in c++.

Distributed memory

- **Several CPUs**.
- Needs **specific code**.
- Needs **mesh partition** to distribute the data among CPUs. Relatively simple partition in FDTD.
- Performance **scales linearly** with number of threads with special hardware.
- **MPI** is the standard. Several implementations available.

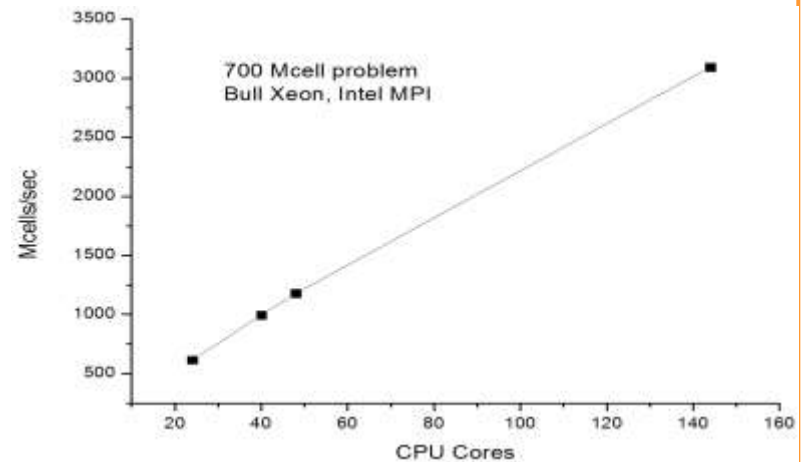
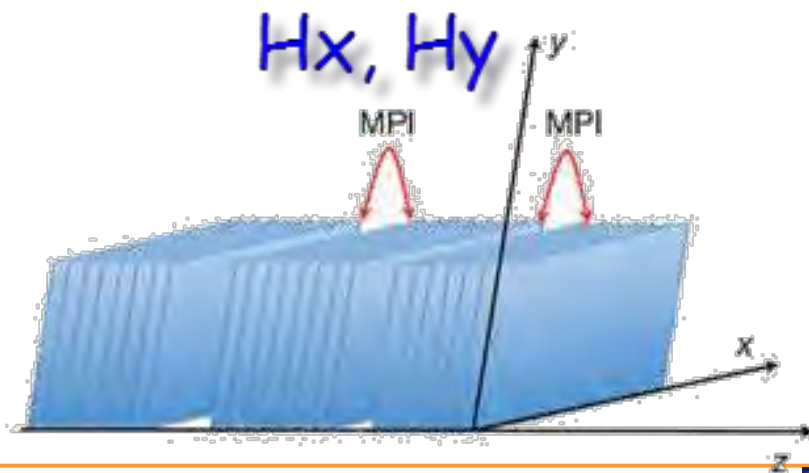
FDTD Parallelization possibilities

GPU, co-processors

- Code runs on special processing units such as the **GPU**, Intel's Phi co-processors.
- Usually **hardware specific code**.
- Performs a Single Instruction in Multiple Data threads (**SIMD**).
- Massive number of threads.
- Fast intra-GPU memory bandwidth. Slow GPU-Main memory bandwidth.
- Relatively new, there is **no standard yet**. Several implementations available: CUDA, OpenCL, **OpenACC**.

PRACTICAL APPROACH: SPLIT ALONG 1D DIRECTION TO MAINTAIN MEMORY LOCALITY

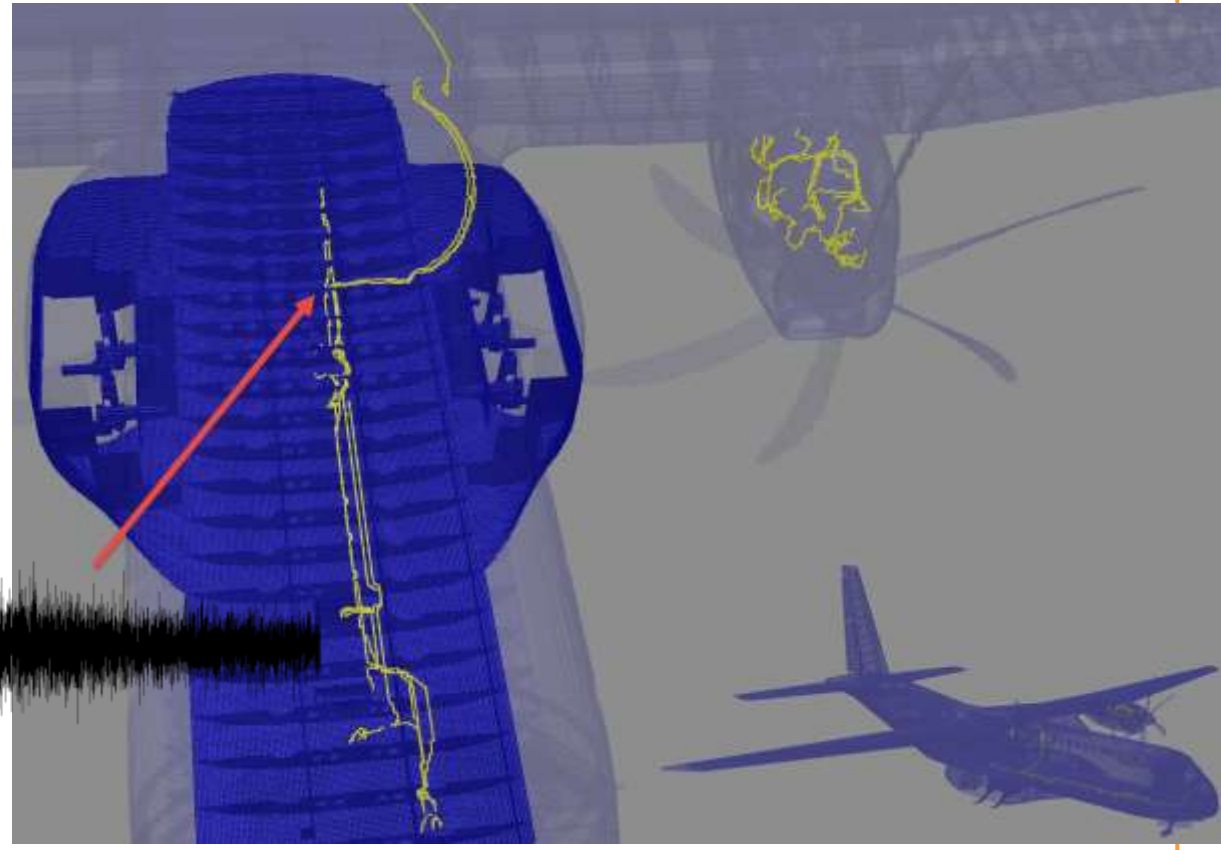
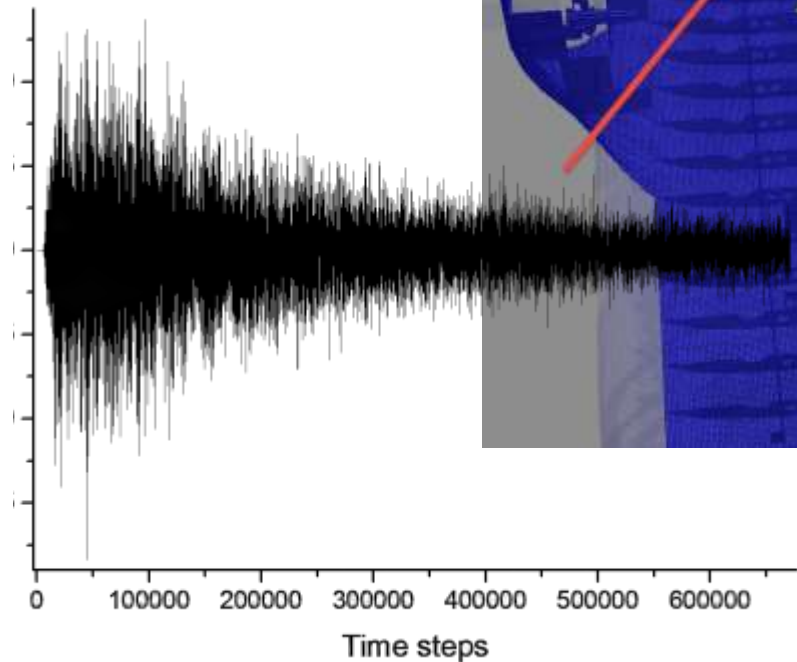
- OPEN-MP: Several cores intra-node.
Directives to distribute DO-ENDDO loops
- MPI: Problem sliced among several nodes.
Specific code to communicate data. Good scalability. > 20 Mcells/second/core



LARGE CPU:

AN OPEN ISSUE IN DETERMINISTIC EMC TD MODELING

LARGE CPU FOR LF AND HIGH-Q



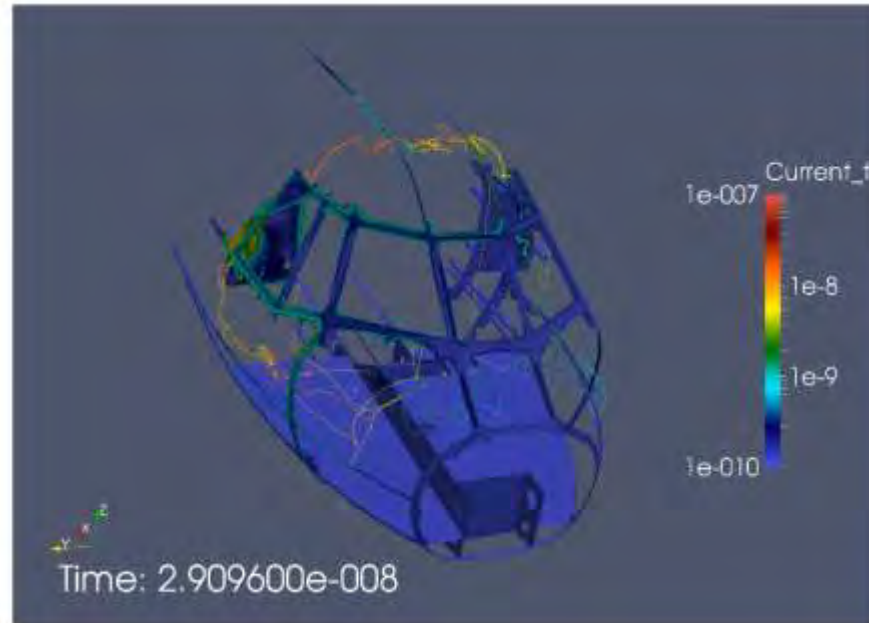
LARGE CPU REQUIREMENTS FOR

- HIGH-Q ENCLOSURES & LOW FREQUENCY PROBLEMS





SENSITIVITY



L (IN H UNITS) FOR THE OPTIMIZED CONFIGURATION AND PERCENTAGES OF DIFFERENCES WITH RESPECT TO PREVIOUS ONES

Equipment	O conf.	%(O-R)	%(O-S)	%(O-E)
EFIS - ND	2.7687E-05	5	-18	-4
EFIS - PFD	7.0352E-05	4	-36	-2
EFIS - ICP	4.2211E-05	7	-26	-7
ADU	1.6964E-04	5	-20	-2
IFC - IOP	2.1548E-05	1	-16	-2
IFF	2.1942E-04	1	-4	-14
MCDU	3.1985E-05	5	-23	-4
IEDS-1A-1.2	2.1285E-04	11	-251	-67
IEDS-1A-3.4	2.6177E-05	1	-17	-5
IEDS-1B-1.2	6.7040E-05	2	-33	-11
IEDS-1B-3.4	2.1098E-05	1	-17	-5
CEU	4.8688E-05	0	-8	-7
FECU	4.1339E-05	6	-64	-2

IMP TRADEOFF THROUGH ELECTROMAGNETIC COMPATIBILITY

On the Design of Aircraft Electrical Structure Networks

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Stochastic FDTD for Analysis of Statistical Variation in Electromagnetic Fields

Steven M. Smith, *Member, IEEE*, and Cynthia Furse, *Fellow, IEEE*

FDTD CAN PROPAGATE EXPECTED VALUE & VARIANCE

$$\underline{E}\{B_y^{n+1/2}(k+1/2)\} = \underline{E}\{B_y^{n-1/2}(k+1/2)\} - \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta z} \left[\underline{E}\{E_x^n(k+1)\} - \underline{E}\{E_x^n(k)\} \right]$$

$$\sigma\{H_y^{n+1/2}(k+1/2)\} \approx \sigma\{H_y^{n-1/2}(k+1/2)\} + \frac{\Delta t}{\mu\Delta z} \left(\sigma\{E_x^n(k+1)\} - \sigma\{E_x^n(k)\} \right)$$

Introduction to the SEMBA Framework

Time domain simulations and the FDTD method

PART II



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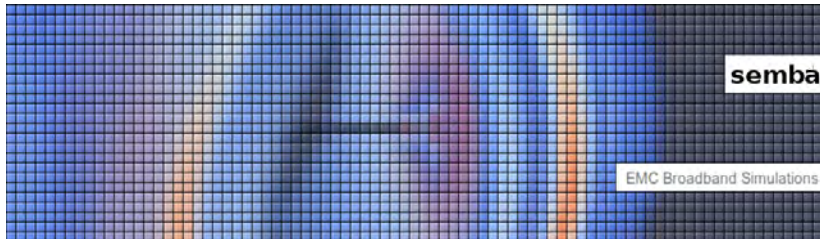
Outline

- 1 SEMBA
- 2 Pre and post-processing
- 3 Meshers
 - ZMesher
 - Conformal Mesher
- 4 Solvers
 - UGRFDTD
 - CUDG3D



SEMBA

(Broadband Electromagnetic Simulator)



SEMBA

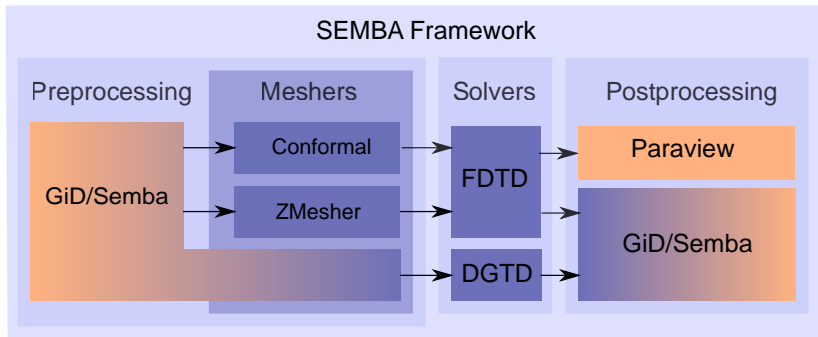
SEMBA is a collection of integrated tools for TD CEM that can work coordinately.

- It includes DGTD and FDTD solvers.
- Uses common structures originally created for DGTD to store information that is used by the meshers and FDTD solvers. Now released as an OpenSource project (OpenSEMBA)

It has been developed essentially in the framework of these projects:

- High Intensity Radiated Field Synthetic Environment (European FP7, '08-'13, 44 partners: BAEs, ALA, ONERA, EADS, THALES, etc).
- A-UGRFDTD: Advanced UGRFDTD EM computer simulation tool (Airbus Mil., '12-'15).





Collection of integrated tools. Darker colors are developments carried on within the UGR.



SEMBA and Cutoo



Pre and post-processing



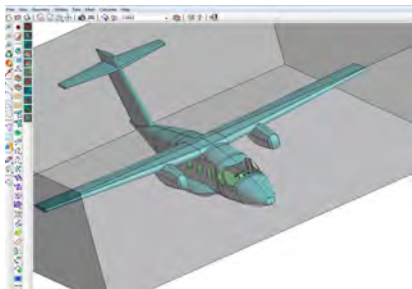
Pre-processing

The preprocessing is made with an **extension of GiD** having the following features:

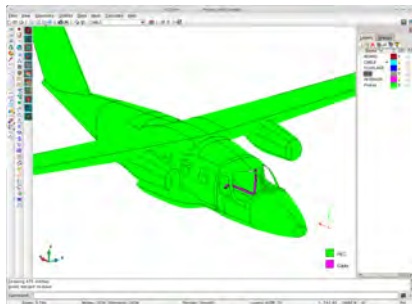
- 1 Direct use of **CAD data**: import, repair, collapse,...
- 2 **Geometric modeling** facilities.
- 3 Allows to choose among **several meshers and solvers**.
- 4 Easy and **user friendly** interface.
- 5 **Physical models**: materials, thin layers, wires.
- 6 **Electromagnetic sources**: plane-wave, dipoles, voltage generators.
- 7 **Probes**: time/frequency domain, bulk currents, different geometries.



Pre-processing



CAD preprocessing with GiD-Semba



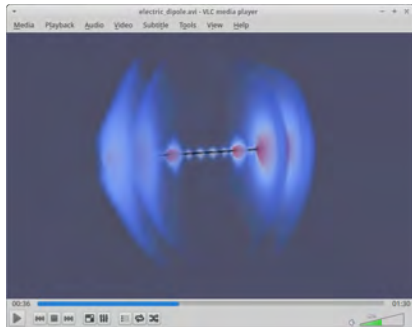
Material assignment with
GiD-Semba



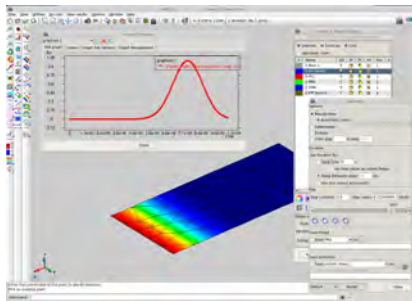
Post-processing

Post-processing can be done with GiD and/or Paraview.

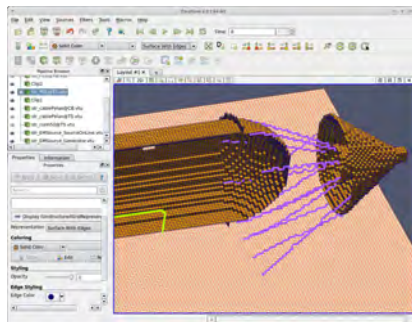
- 1 Visualization of fields and currents at different time-steps.
- 2 Can generate time animations to show evolution of fields and currents.
- 3 Results are also given in plain-text for additional preprocessing with custom programs.



Post-processing



GiD-Semba postprocessing view



Paraview post-processing view



Meshers



Meshers are important

- Good meshers can dramatically **reduce engineering time** need for preprocessing.
- Simulation results will be as good as your mesh is.

Features of our solutions

- **Mind the Physics of the problem:** preserves ohmic connections, model sub-cell features, ...
- Mesh **complex wirings**, preserving connectivities.
- Can work with **uncleaned CADs**.
- **Extremely large meshes**, billions of cells with a PC.
- **Fastest:** Closest competitor is one order of magnitude slower.
- **Minimal memory requirements**, under 1 GB of RAM for typical meshes.



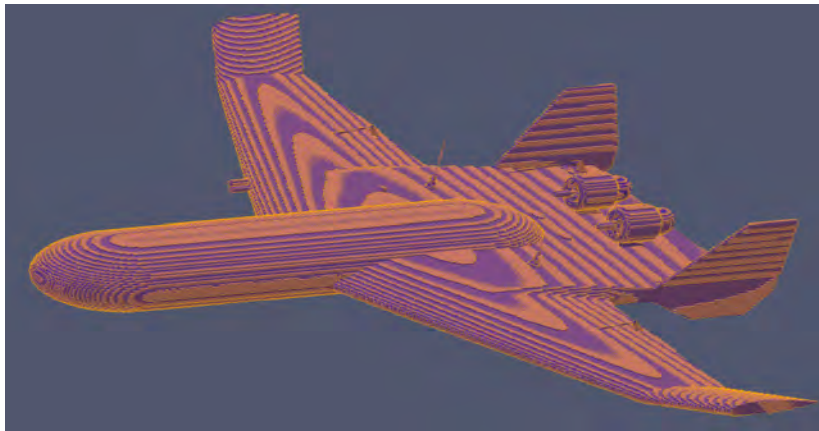
ZMesher

- Generates **structured regular and Cartesian meshes**.
- Mimics the geometry problem even for **sub-cell features**.
- **Deeply tested** in several architectures, operating systems and compilers.
- Licensed for distribution within GiD, to appear in next version.



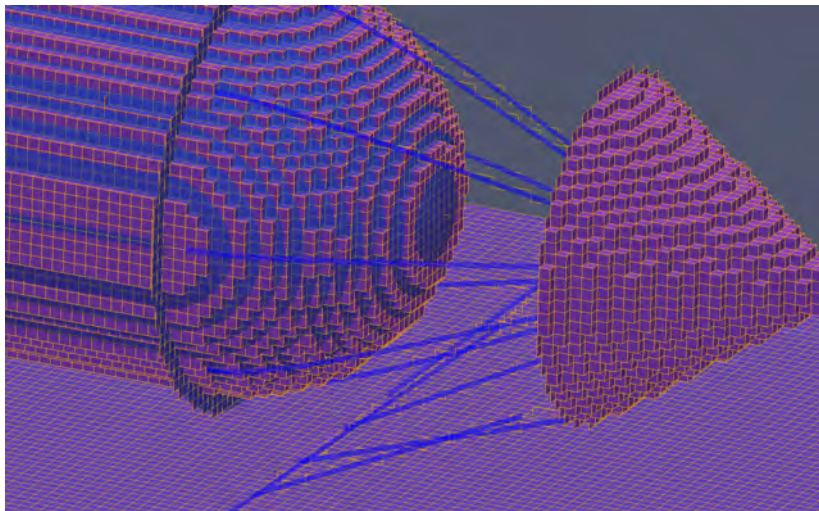
Antenna geometry is preserved despite having a subcell geometry





UAV mesh with 14.5 MCells. Obtained with a desktop computer in less than 5 minutes.



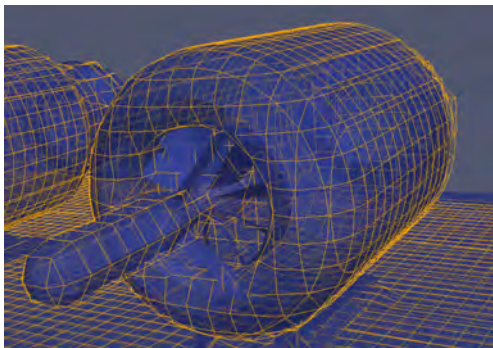


Wire handling example. The connectivity among structures is preserved.



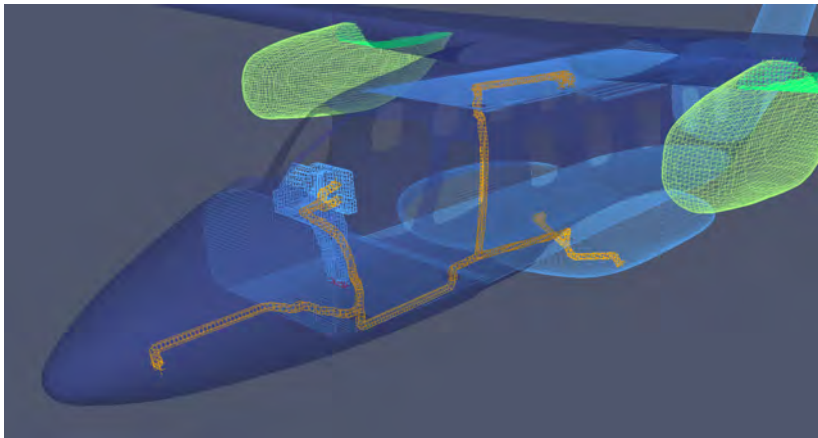
Conformal mesher

- Mesh adapts better to geometry, **improved accuracy.**
- **Geometric adaptation can be graded** to optimize the computational time-step by the solver.
- Captures geometrical sub-cell details.



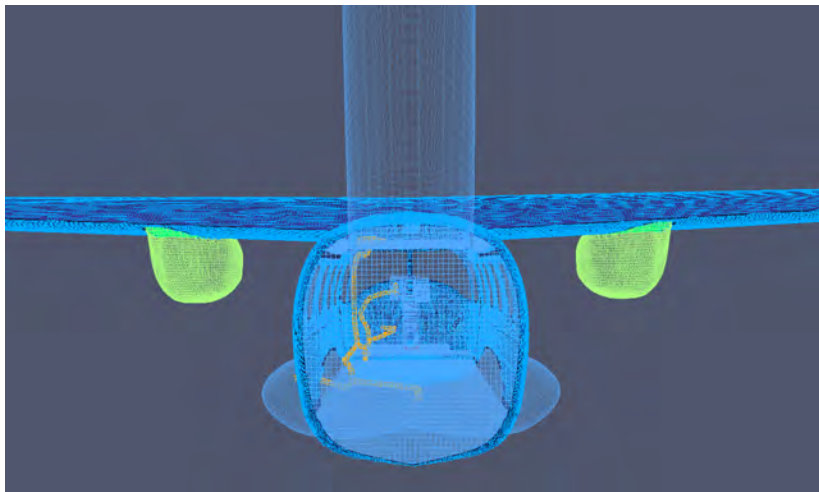
UAV motor detail





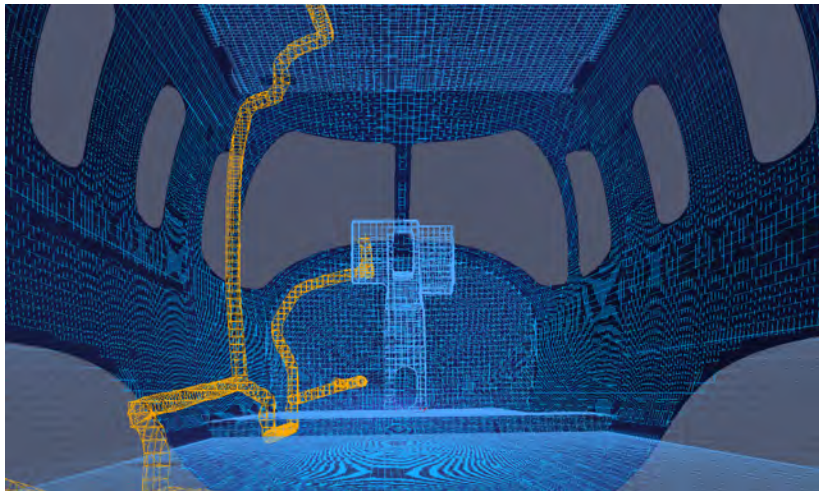
Isometric view of EV55 airplane. Conformal mesher offers better adaptation to curved objects. Morphed Evektor EV55 Used under the HIRF-SE EU FP7 project.





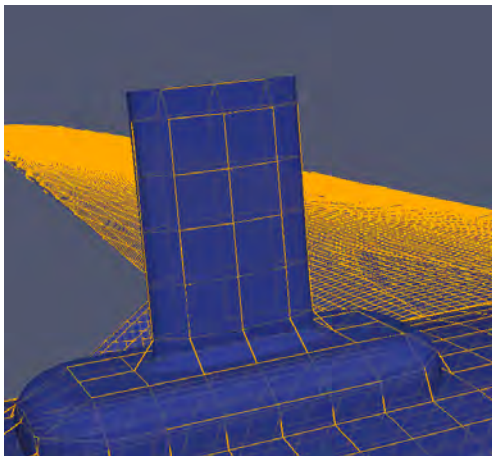
Rear view of EV55 airplane conformal mesh. Different layers highlighted with colors.





EV-55 meshed with ConformalMesher, internal view of the cockpit.





Example of the solution adopted by the Conformal Mesher to deal with sub-cell geometric details.



SOLVERS



UGRFDTD



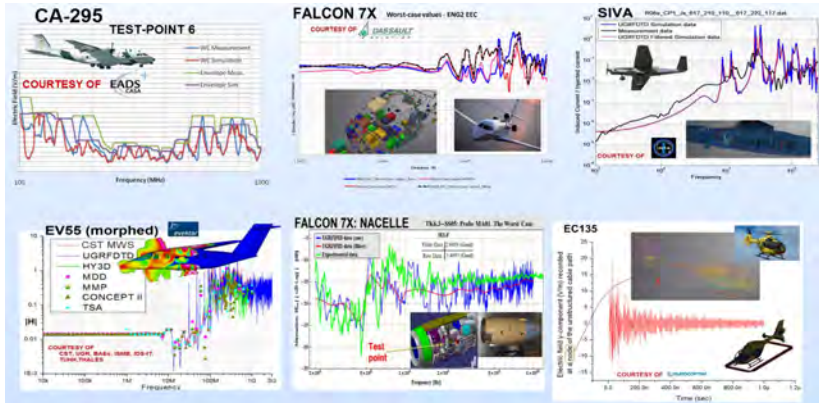
UGRFDTD features

UGRFDTD is a general-purpose time-domain simulator, specially suited to deal with HIRF, Lightning, NEMP... electrically-large EMC problems involving complex structures, complex materials and cables.

- 1 Multi-CPU (MPI) and multicore (OpenMP) capabilities.
- 2 Very large problems (billions of cells).
- 3 Improved accuracy with conformal meshing.
- 4 Materials with **frequency dependent permittivity and/or permeability**, with an arbitrary number of complex-conjugate pole-residue pairs.
- 5 Bulk **anisotropic materials**, lossless and lossy dielectrics.
- 6 **Cable bundles and harnesses**.
- 7 Graphene, carbon nanotubes.
- 8 **Multilayered composites**, FSS, lossy surfaces, skin-depth, ...



Validations: HIRF on several aircraft



Validated at aircraft level with experimental data under HIRF-SE by INTA, Airbus, Dassault.



CUDG3D



Our DGTD solver, CUDG3D is now part of the OpenSEMBA project. OpenSEMBA is an opensource set of tools for electromagnetic simulations. It includes the following:

- CUDG3D: A **full wave electromagnetic solver based on the Discontinuous Galerkin** in Time Domain (DGTD) technique.
- SEMBA-GiD. A GiD based Graphical User Interface (GUI).
- libopensemba. A set of tools for storing, importing, exporting electromagnetic data. Including mesh manipulation capabilities.

This is all the minimum necessary to do simulations using a DGTD scheme.

Coding standard

OpenSEMBA is implemented in the C++ language using an OOP paradigm. Includes unit tests for many pieces of code.



Code repository is in GitHub:

<https://github.com/OpenSEMBA/OpenSEMBA>

992 commits 3 branches 0 releases 5 contributors

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Makefile	New version 0.10.1-DEMO	11 days ago

Help people interested in this repository understand your project by adding a README. [Add a README](#)

Screenshot of the project in GitHub, an open source code repository that facilitates collaboration.



CUDG3D is an open-source Discontinuous Galerkin Time Domain Solver specifically developed to solve Maxwell curl equations.

- **World unique DGTD Open-Source code for Maxwell's equations** (to the best of our knowledge) with close to commercial features.
- The code is being re-factored and is **currently not operational**. We expect to have a renewed, fully operational, version by September 2016.
- This re-factorization aims to make contributions and code expansion more easy in the future.



CUDG3D features

Spatial discretization

- Supports centered, upwind, and partially-penalized numerical fluxes.
- Linear or **quadratic tetrahedrons**.
- Scalar nodal basis, tested to work up to order 3.
- Does not support p-adaptivity.

Time Integration

- Supported time integrators: LF2, LSERK4, Verlet.
- Local Time Stepping: Montseny's and CPLTS.



Physical models

- Electromagnetic sources: dipoles and planewaves.
- Cartesian non-homogeneous PMLs and SMA Boundary conditions.
- Dispersive materials (CCPR).
- Thin layers (SIBC, CCPR).

Implementation details

- MPI and OpenMP parallelization. Includes load balance for MPI.
- Includes operator de-duplication (extremely important for when using semi-structured meshes).

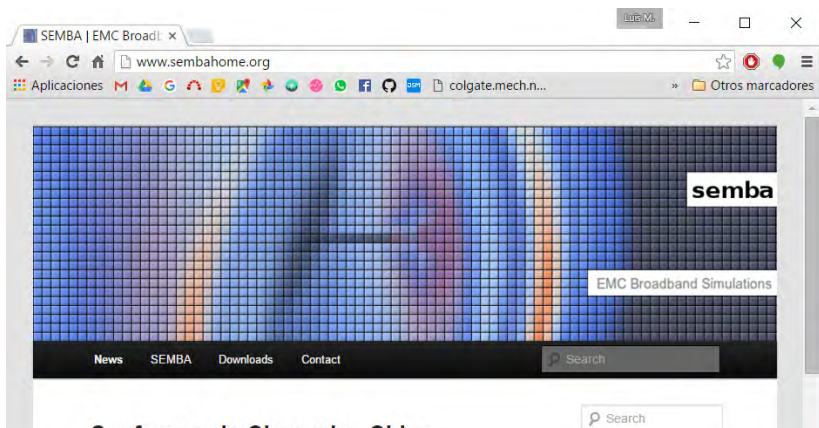


Conclusions

More information available in webpage:

www.sembahome.org

Video tutorials are available in the SEMBA channel in YouTube.



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the SEMBA website. The browser's address bar shows the URL www.sembahome.org. The website's main banner features a grid of blue and purple squares with the text "semba" and "EMC Broadband Simulations". Below the banner is a navigation menu with links for "News", "SEMBA", "Downloads", and "Contact", along with a search bar. The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows various application icons, including "Aplicaciones", "M", "G", "colgate.mech.n...", and "Otros marcadores".





Thank you for your attention ! Questions?

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