



Solving large-scale  
inverse electromagnetic scattering problems:  
A parallel AD-based approach

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# Outline

Motivation: The Rosetta-Project

The Direct Problem: A FDTD-Discretization of Maxwell's equations

The Inverse Problem: An AD-based Solution Approach

Conclusion and Outlook

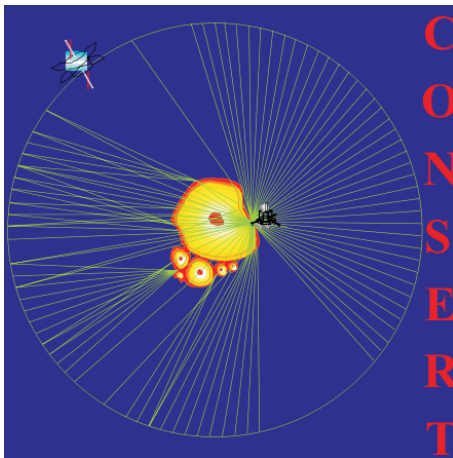
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# Identification of Material Parameters





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resulting in a desired resolution of at least  $700^3$  grid cells

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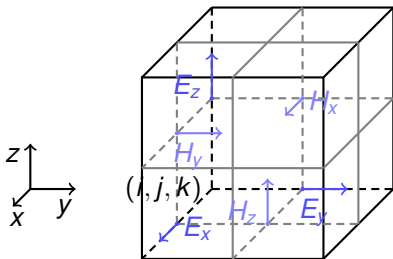
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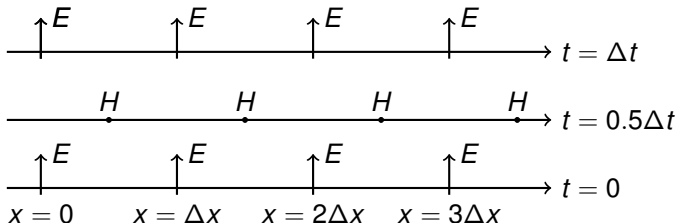
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Layout of a Yee-cell

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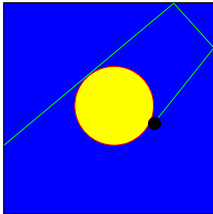


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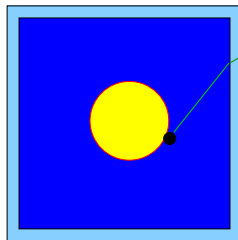
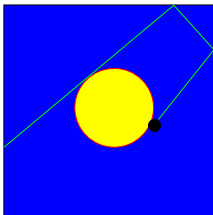
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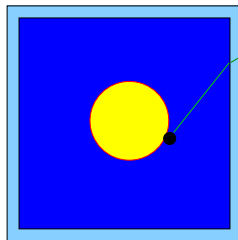
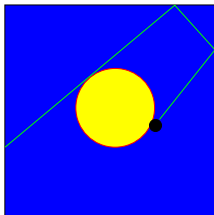
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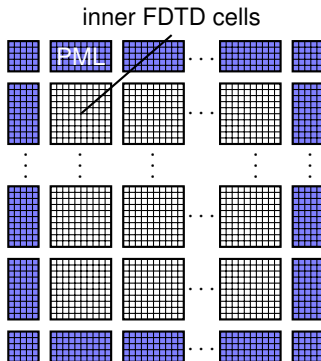
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We use perfectly matched layers (PML) in a variant proposed by Gedney in 1996 consisting of uniaxial absorbing material.

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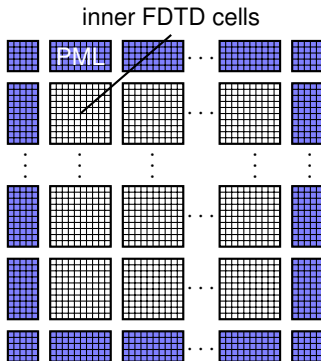


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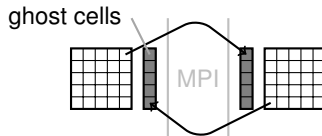


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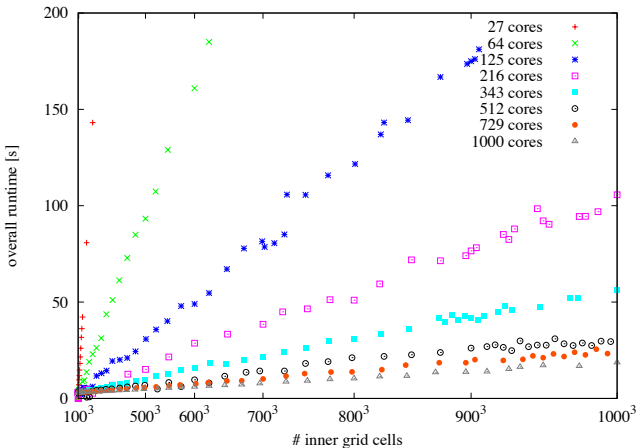


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(b) Synchronization of ghost cells

# Runtime: Function Evaluation



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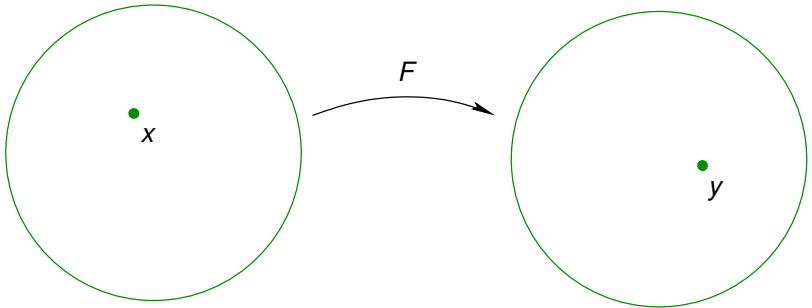
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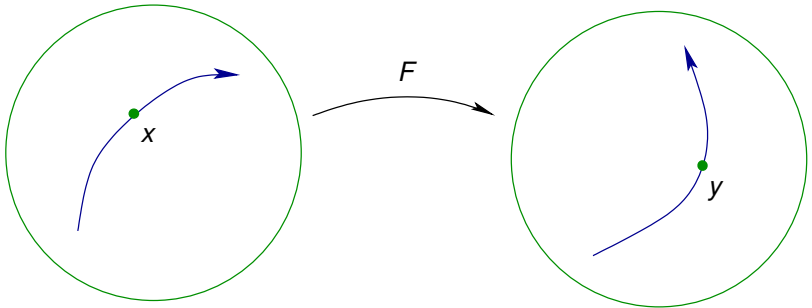
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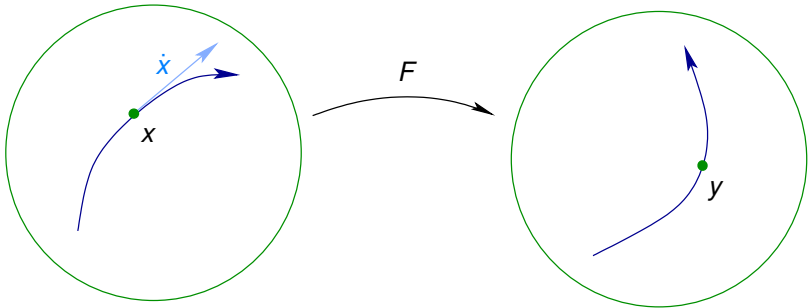
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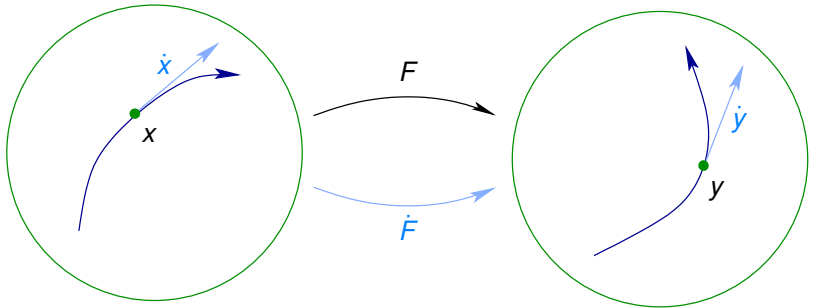


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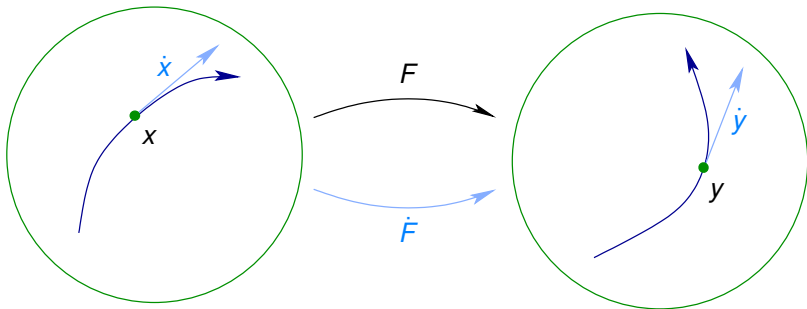




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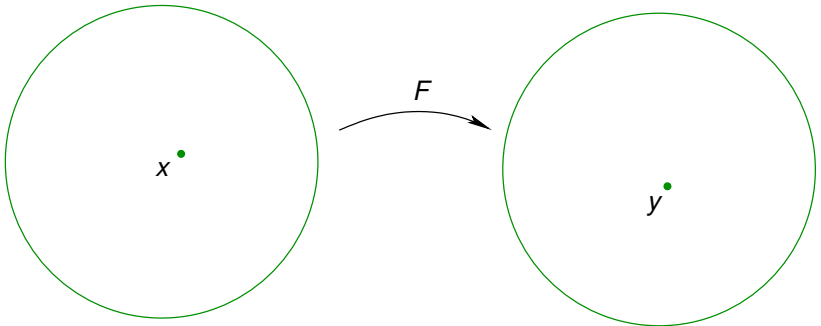


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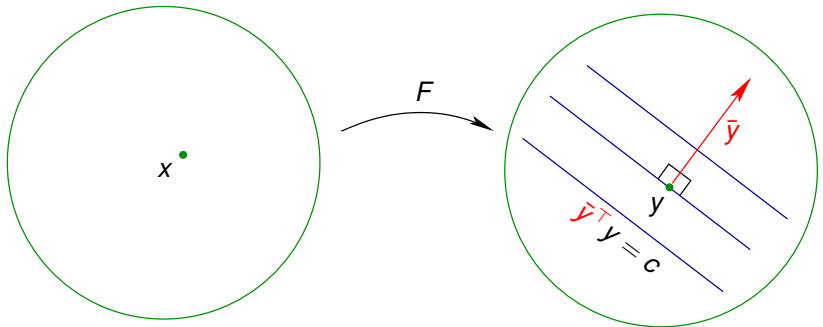


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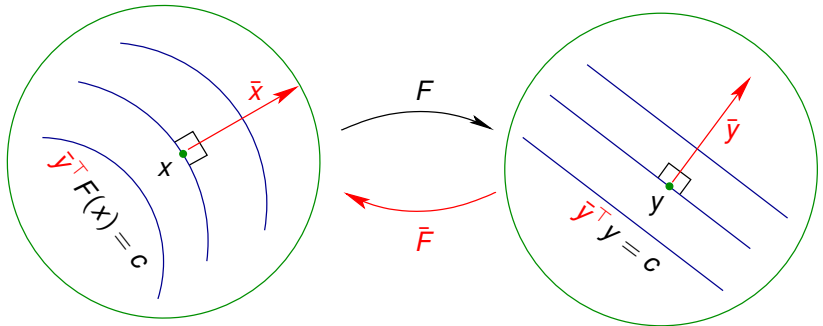
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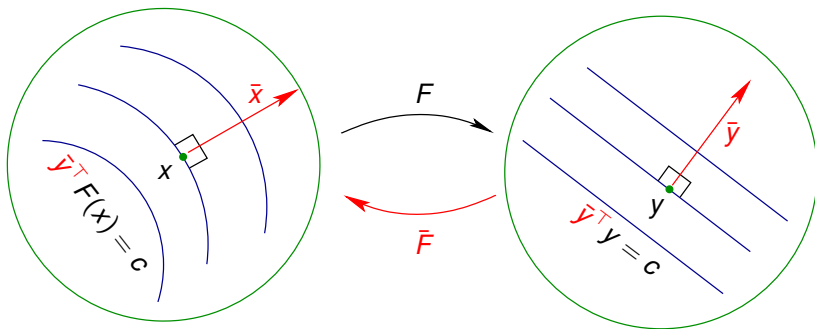
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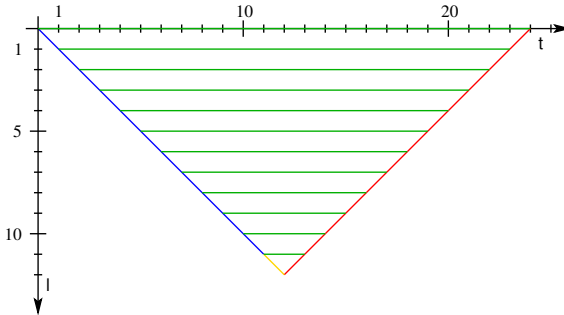


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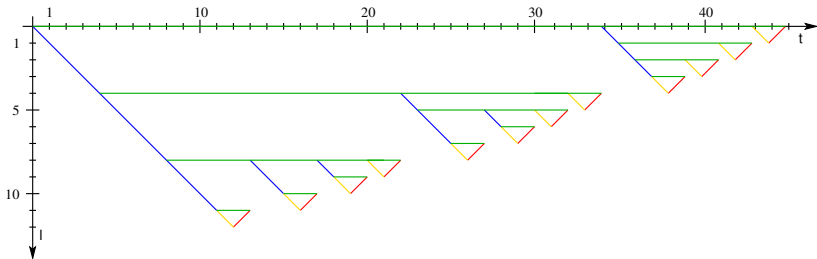


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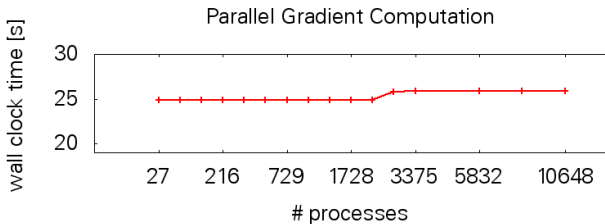
Also applicable for continuous adjoints!  
Implemented in software driver revolve



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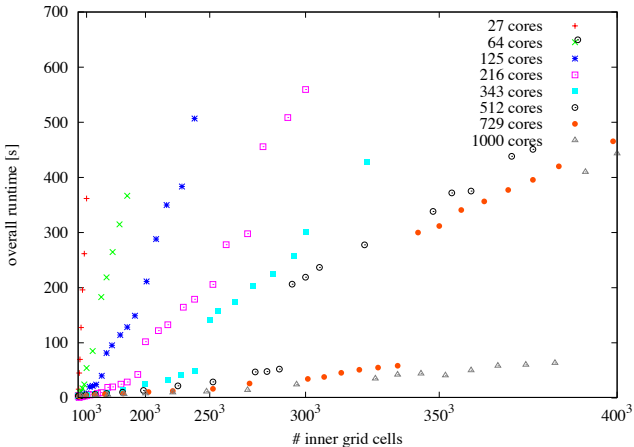
- ▶ own simulation code in C++ using MPI
- ▶ ADOL-C for the computation of adjoints for one time step
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- ▶ coupling with Ipopt (goal: also optimizer in parallel)

## Scaling of Gradient Computation

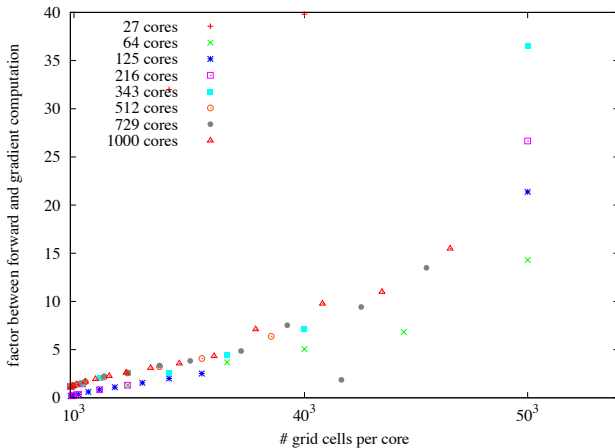




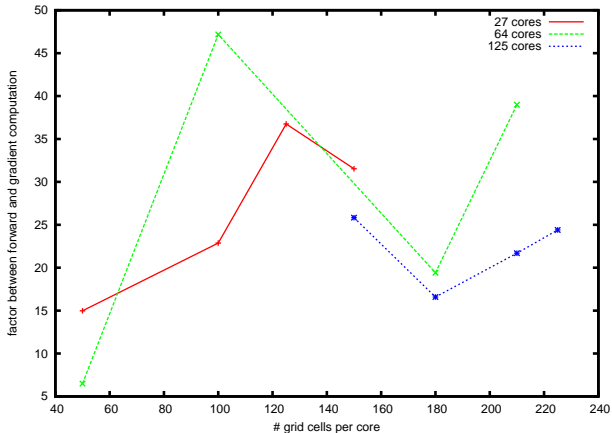
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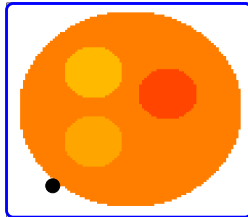
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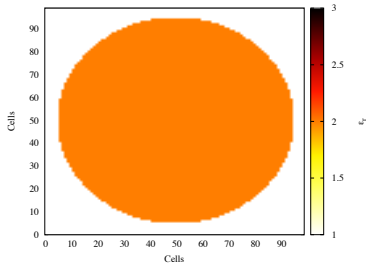
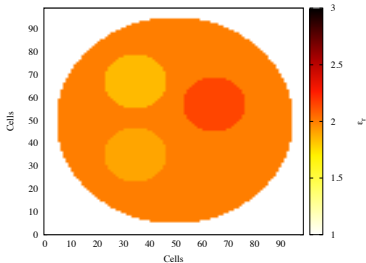
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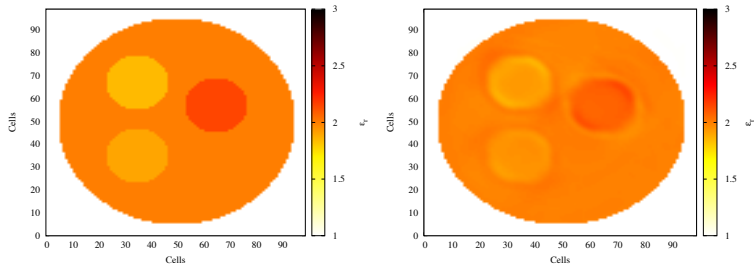


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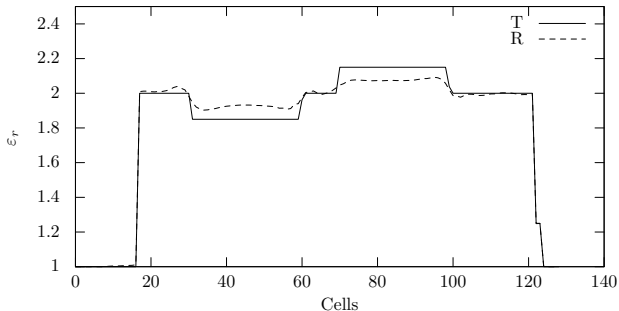
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reference and final point  
after 60 iterations for 729000 unknowns

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target and reconstructed permittivity

## First Tests of Regularizations

So far: Treated as PDE constrained optimization problem

Now: Add appropriate regularisation

Implemented:  $\|\cdot\|_* = \|\cdot\|_2$  and  $\|\cdot\|_* = \|\cdot\|_{TV}$

	iter	function value	$\beta$
no reg	70	7.5084540e-03	0.0
$L_2$	70	3.9867834e-03	2.0
TV	70	3.9868059e-03	8.0



## Conclusions

- ▶ Simulation in parallel for 3D  $\Rightarrow$  large-scale discretizations
- ▶ Gradient in parallel for 3D  $\Rightarrow$  large-scale discretizations
- ▶ Coupling with L-BFGS and recently with Ipopt
- ▶ First tests with respect to regularisations
- ▶ Next steps:
  - ▶ infinite dimensional setting ?
  - ▶ appropriate regularization techniques ?
  - ▶ globalization strategies ?