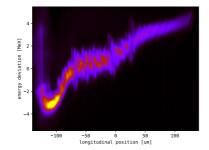
# An Efficient Vlasov Solver for Microbunching Simulations

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#### microbunching in free electron lasers



 $\blacksquare$  free electron lasers require high-current electron beams with a preferably homogeneous longitudinal phase space (LPS)

■ collective interaction in the linac leads to modulations in the LPS

■ microbunching mechanism:

density modulation  $\xrightarrow{\text{space charge, CSR}}$  energy modulation

#### semi-lagrangian vlasov simulation

■ particle tracking codes suffer from numerical shot noise

■ vlasov codes solve the vlasov equation, i.e. they find a solution for the phase space density (PSD)  $\Psi(t, z)$ 

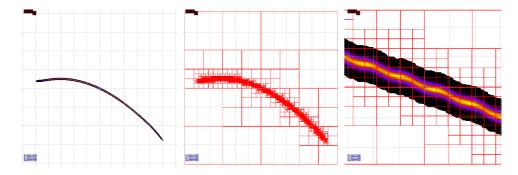
$$\partial_t \Psi - \{H[\Psi], \Psi\} = 0$$

■ semi-lagrangian codes use the method of characteristics to construct the solution using the flow  $\phi$  of the hamiltonian H

$$\Psi(t_1, z) = \Psi(t_0, \phi_{t_0 \leftarrow t_1}(z))$$

 $\blacksquare$  store PSD values on a grid, update by back-tracking PS-coordinates and interpolate old PSD

# exotic PSDs / tree domain decomposition



■ PSDs in FELs have an exotic shape → homogeneous sampling too wasteful
■ SeLaV1D recursively refines the simulation domain and stores PSD values

only on grids covering the smallest cells

