



Introduction to: wakis

3D Electromagnetic Time-Domain wake and impedance solver

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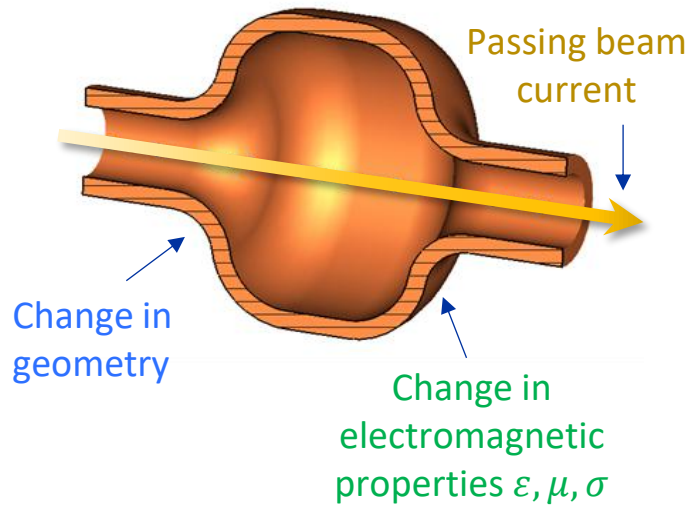
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Introduction to beam-coupling impedance

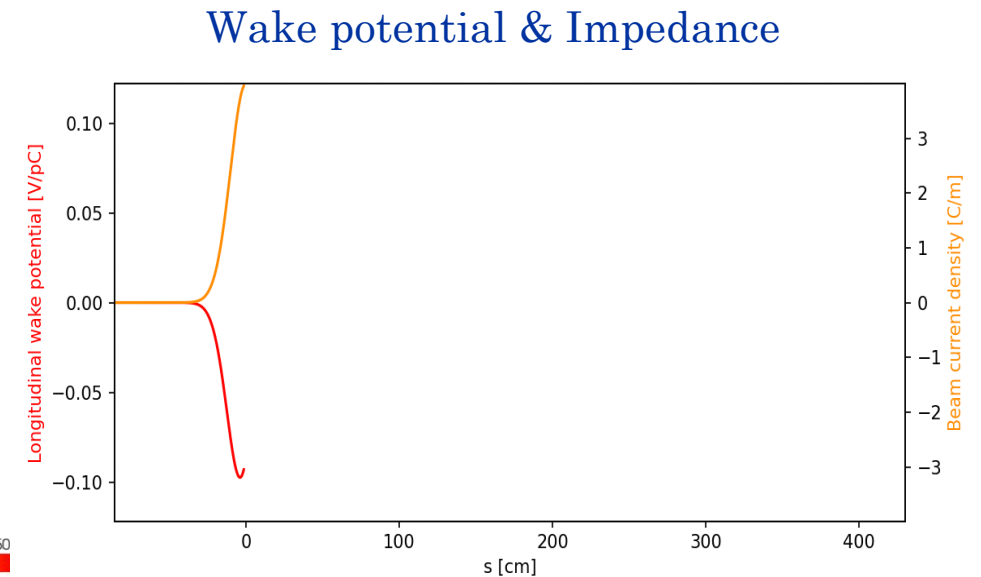
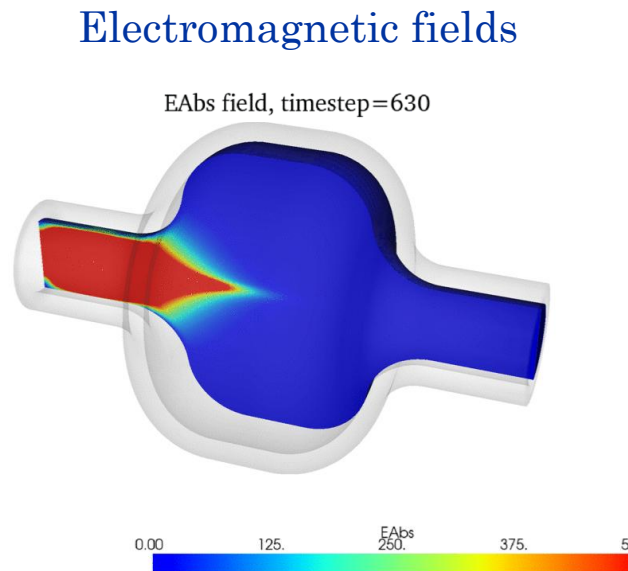
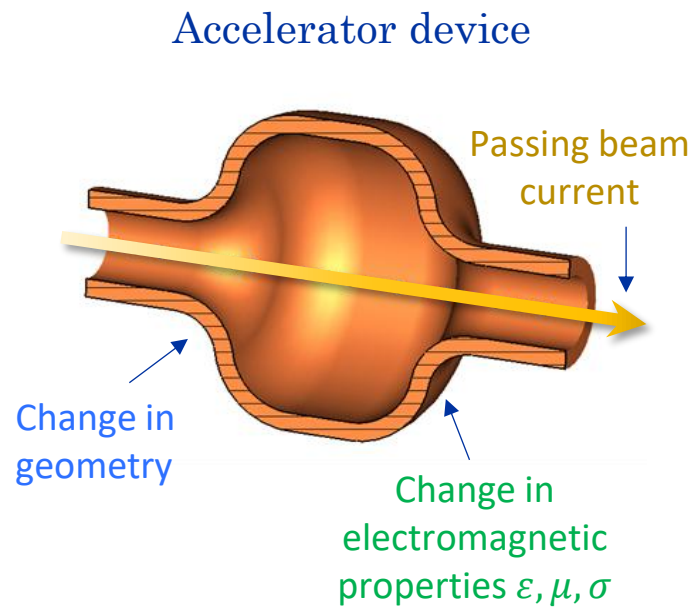
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Accelerator device



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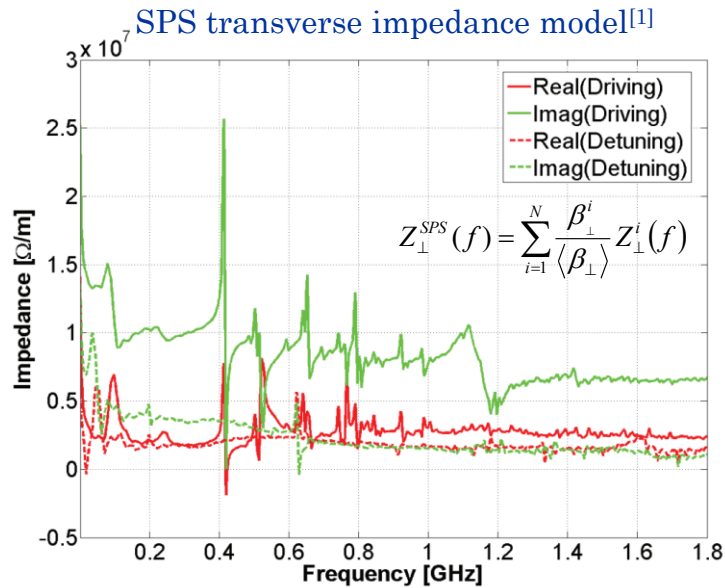
- The beam-coupling impedance $\mathbf{Z}$ is a **frequency-dependent property of each accelerator device**, used to quantify the wakefields' effects

$$\mathbf{Z}_{||}(\omega) = - \frac{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathbf{W}_{||}(s) e^{-i\omega s} ds}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \beta c \lambda(s) e^{-i\omega s} ds}$$

Importance of beam-coupling impedance

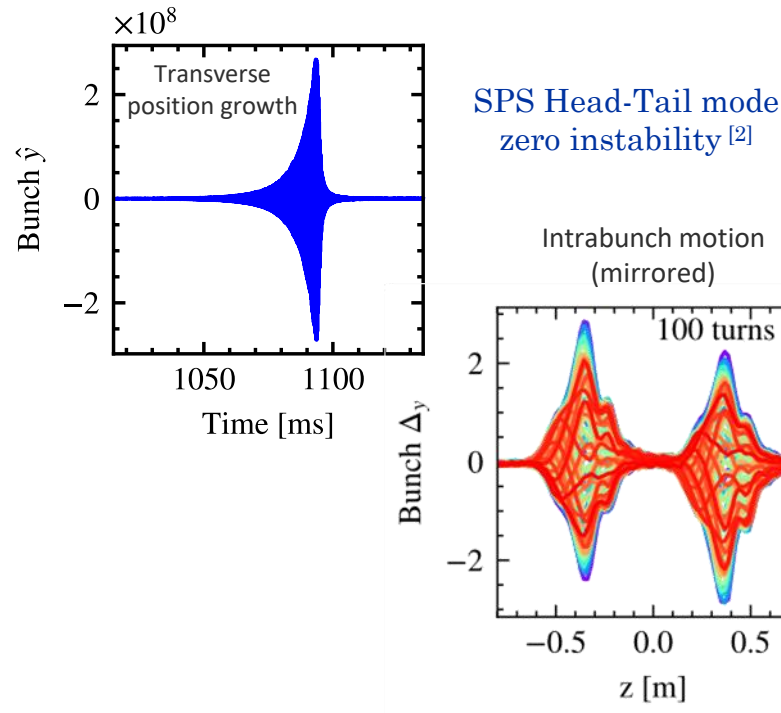
Impedance model of the accelerator

The impedance of all relevant accelerator components is gathered in each accelerator's impedance model



Beam stability

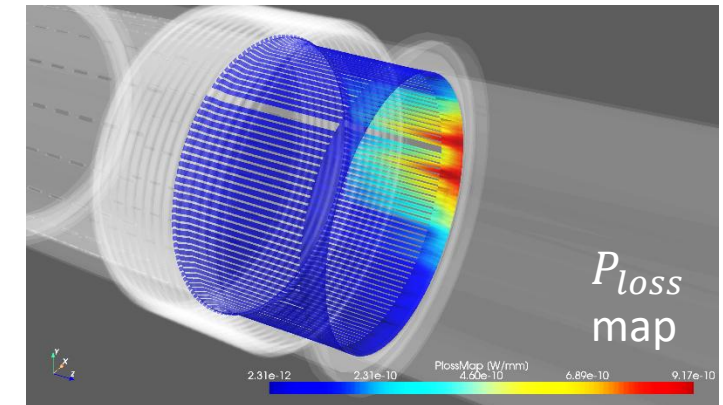
And used in beam-dynamics codes (e.g., pyHeadtail, Xsuite) to predict beam behaviour and stability



Beam induced heating

Assess beam-induced heating of individual accelerator components and propose mitigation solutions

LHC Warm Vacuum modules Power lost map^[3]



How to compute beam-coupling impedance?

Analytical
calculations



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Numerical
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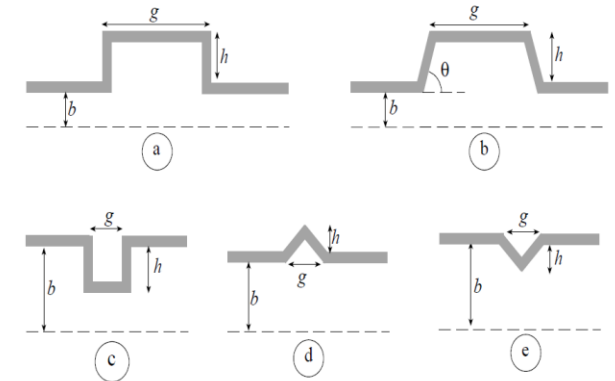
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- In frequency domain:

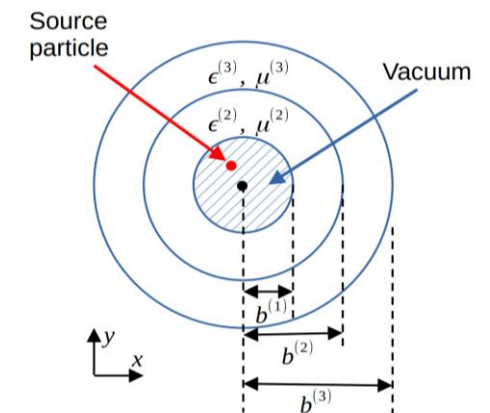
- 2D models for vacuum chamber multi-layered elements e.g., **ImpedanceWake2D**^[5]
- Commercial **CST® Eigenmode solver** → loss-less resonant modes of general 3D structures without excitation + impedance in post-processing

- In time-domain:

- Time-domain allows for **full-wave electromagnetic simulations** including losses and excitation bunch. Several codes available following different approaches e.g.:
 - ABCI (axi-symmetric), CST® Wakefield solver (3D), GdfidL®, PBCI, ECHO-3D (3D, moving window) → **not open-source**



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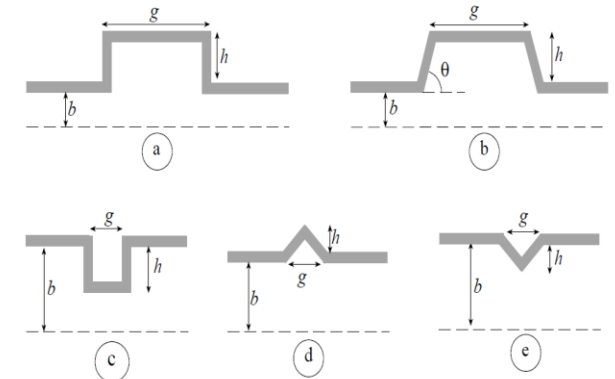
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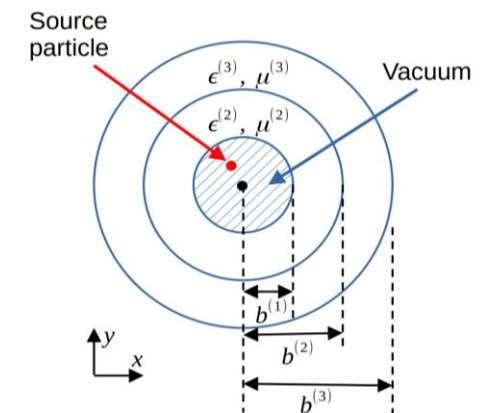


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Traditionally handled only by
commercial / closed-source software such as



- ✓ Well-established & robust
- ✗ Flexible / extendable for new accelerator challenges



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Time-domain Maxwell's equations....

$$\oint_{\partial A} \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = - \iint_A \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} \cdot d\mathbf{A}$$

$$\oint_{\partial A} \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = - \iint_A \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{J} \right) \cdot d\mathbf{A}$$

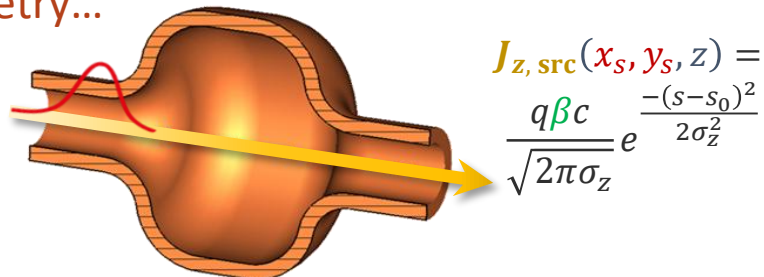
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$$\mathbf{D} = \epsilon \mathbf{E}, \quad \mathbf{B} = \mu \mathbf{H}, \quad \mathbf{J} = \sigma \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{J}_{src}$$

on each accelerator
device geometry...

...with a passing
beam current



To obtain figures of merit...

- Wake potential in time-domain

$$W(\mathbf{x}_s, \mathbf{y}_s, \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{y}_t, s) = \frac{1}{q_1} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz [\mathbf{E}_d(\mathbf{x}_s, \mathbf{y}_s, \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{y}_t, z, t) + c \mathbf{e}_z \times \mathbf{B}_d(\mathbf{x}_s, \mathbf{y}_s, \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{y}_t, z, t)]_{t=\frac{(s+z)}{c}}$$

r_s : beam source path
 r_t : integration path

- Beam-coupling impedance in frequency-domain

$$Z_{||}(\omega) = - \frac{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} W_{||}(s) e^{-i\omega s} ds}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} c \lambda(s) e^{-i\omega s} ds}$$

$$Z_{\perp}(\omega) = i \frac{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} W_{\perp}(s) e^{-i\omega s} ds}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} c \lambda(s) e^{-i\omega s} ds}$$

Deconvolution with
charge line distribution
 $\lambda(s)$

Finite Integration Technique

Maxwell Equations (Integral form)

$$\oint_{\partial A} \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = - \iint_A \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} \cdot d\mathbf{A}$$

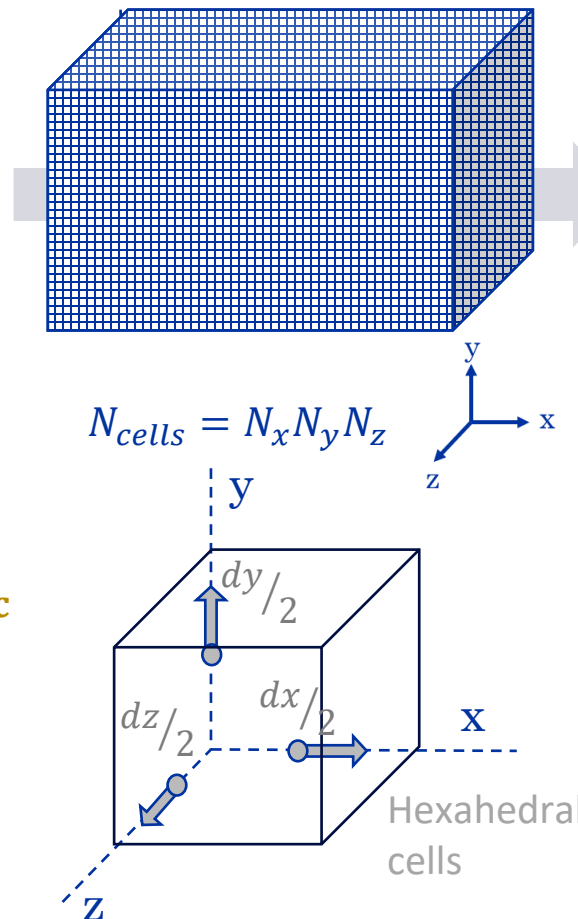
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1st approximation
Domain discretization
 dx, dy, dz



$$N_{cells} = N_x N_y N_z$$

Maxwell Grid Equations

$$\mathbf{C} \mathbf{D}_s \mathbf{e} = - \mathbf{D}_A \frac{\partial \mathbf{b}}{\partial t}$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{C}} \tilde{\mathbf{D}}_s \mathbf{h} = \tilde{\mathbf{D}}_A \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{d}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{j} \right)$$

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$$\mathbf{d} = \tilde{\mathbf{M}}_\epsilon \mathbf{e}, \quad \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{M}_\mu \mathbf{h}, \quad \mathbf{j} = \tilde{\mathbf{M}}_\sigma \mathbf{e} + \mathbf{j}_{src}$$

- Operators
- Grid areas and lengths
- Material tensors

Finite Integration Technique (II)

Maxwell Grid Equations

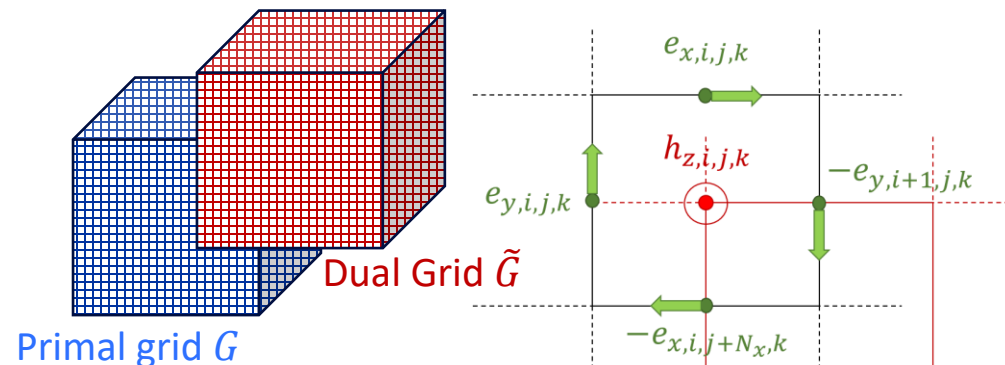
$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{C}\mathbf{D}_s\mathbf{e} &= -\mathbf{D}_A\frac{\partial\mathbf{b}}{\partial t} \\ \tilde{\mathbf{C}}\tilde{\mathbf{D}}_s\mathbf{h} &= \tilde{\mathbf{D}}_A\left(\frac{\partial\mathbf{d}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{j}\right) \\ \mathbf{d} &= \tilde{\mathbf{M}}_\epsilon\mathbf{e}, \quad \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{M}_\mu\mathbf{h}, \\ \mathbf{j} &= \tilde{\mathbf{M}}_\sigma\mathbf{e} + \mathbf{j}_{src} \end{aligned}$$

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2nd approximation
Time-evolution in timestep Δt

$$\frac{\partial a}{\partial t} = \frac{a^{n+1} - a^n}{\Delta t}$$

Domain discretization
With Yee grid



Time-stepping scheme (leapfrog)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{h}^{n+1} &= \mathbf{h}^n - \Delta t \tilde{\mathbf{D}}_s \mathbf{M}_\mu^{-1} \mathbf{D}_A^{-1} \mathbf{C} \mathbf{e}^{n+0.5} \\ \mathbf{e}^{n+1.5} &= \mathbf{e}^{n+0.5} + \Delta t \mathbf{D}_s \tilde{\mathbf{D}}_\epsilon^{-1} \tilde{\mathbf{D}}_A^{-1} \tilde{\mathbf{C}} \mathbf{h}^n - \tilde{\mathbf{M}}_\epsilon^{-1} \mathbf{j}_{src}^n \\ &\quad - \tilde{\mathbf{M}}_\epsilon^{-1} \tilde{\mathbf{M}}_\sigma \mathbf{e}^{n+0.5} \end{aligned}$$

- ✓ Symplectic integrator, 2nd order
- ✓ No matrix inversion needed during time loop
- ✓ Can pre-compute most of the quantities: ↑ speed
 - Taste of speed:** 20M cells, 22.3 it/s on Titan V GPU, ~8 Gb memory
- ✓ CFL stability condition
 - Gauss Laws (for $\mathbf{E}$ and $\mathbf{H}$) considered satisfied* $\forall t$ for no charges $\mathbf{j}_{ext}$

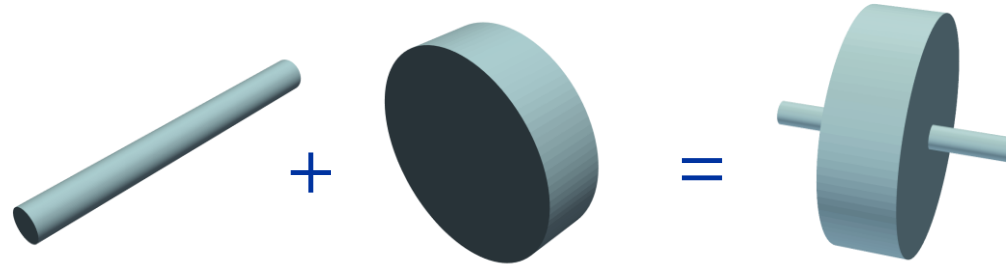
CAD geometry import w/ PyVista

[1] Sullivan, C., & Kaszynski, A. (2019). *PyVista*
<https://doi.org/10.21105/joss.01450>

- Building on **PyVista**^[1], **wakis** can:

- Build the geometry using **Constructive Solid Geometry (CSG)** principles:

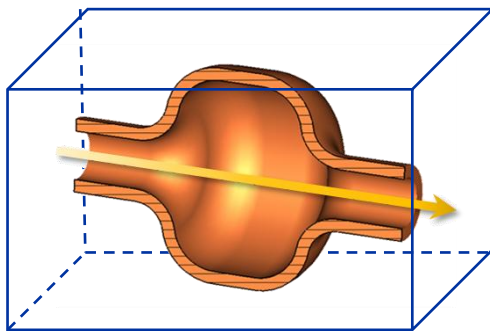
```
cavity = pv.Cylinder(radius=5, height=100) +  
pv.Cylinder(radius=50, height=30)
```



All from python notebooks! ☺

- Read CAD geometry and bounds:

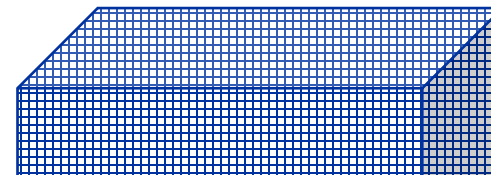
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geometry = pv.read(CAD_file)  
domain_bounds = geometry.bounds
```



- Generate the domain grid

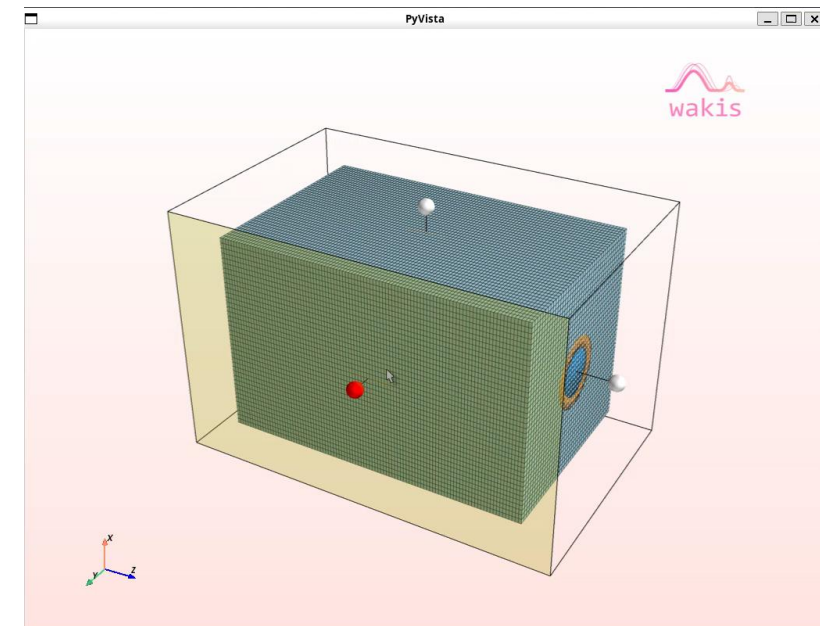
```
X, Y, Z = np.meshgrid(x, y, z)  
grid = pv.StructuredGrid(X, Y, Z)
```

e.g.



StructuredGrid	Information
N Cells	902400
N Points	931662
X Bounds	-2.600e-01, 2.600e-01
Y Bounds	-2.600e-01, 2.600e-01
Z Bounds	-2.500e-01, 5.500e-01
Dimensions	142, 81, 81

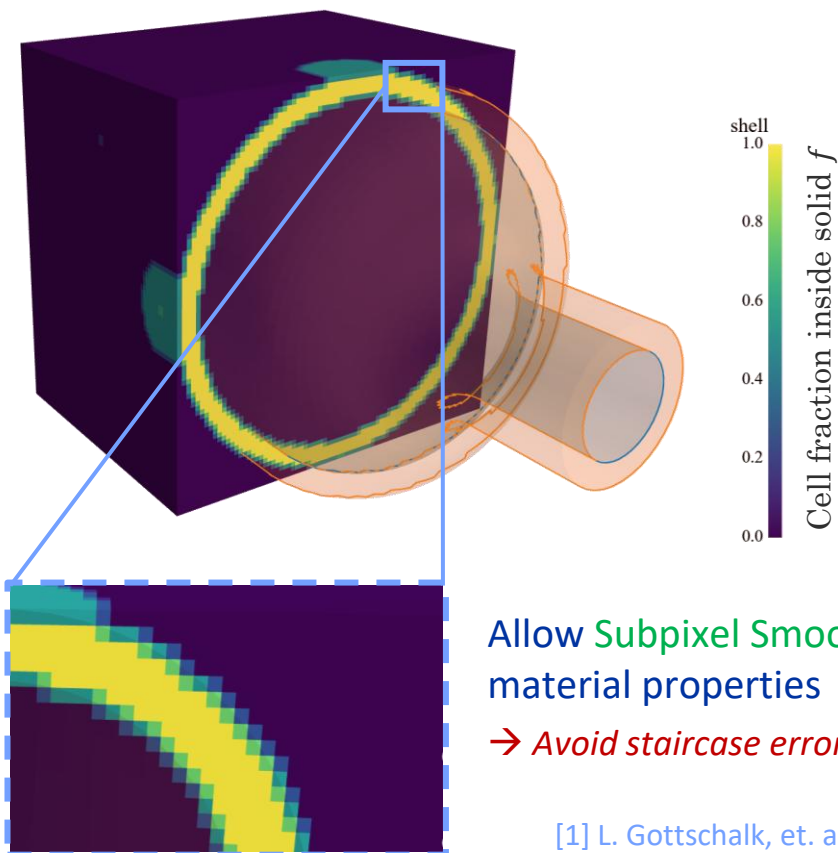
- Built-in interactive 3D plotting
`grid.inspect(add_stl='all')`



Allocating material properties $\tilde{M}_\varepsilon^{-1}$, M_μ^{-1} , $\tilde{M}_\sigma$

- Find the domain cells inside each CAD solids with optimized STL $\leftrightarrow$ grid collision filters^[1]

```
grid.plot_stl_mask('shell')
```

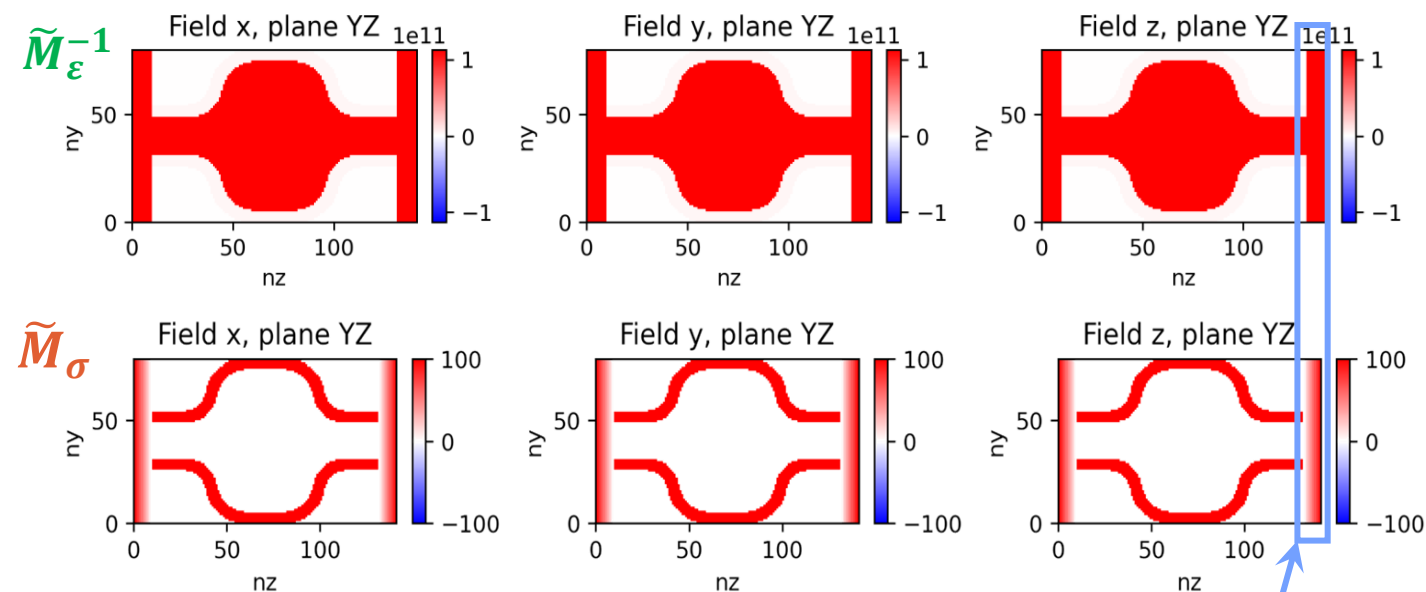


Allow Subpixel Smoothing^[2] of material properties

→ Avoid staircase errors / false PEC cells

- Assign material properties to each cell inside solid
→ possibility of anisotropic tensors

```
solver.sigma.inspect(plane='YZ')
```



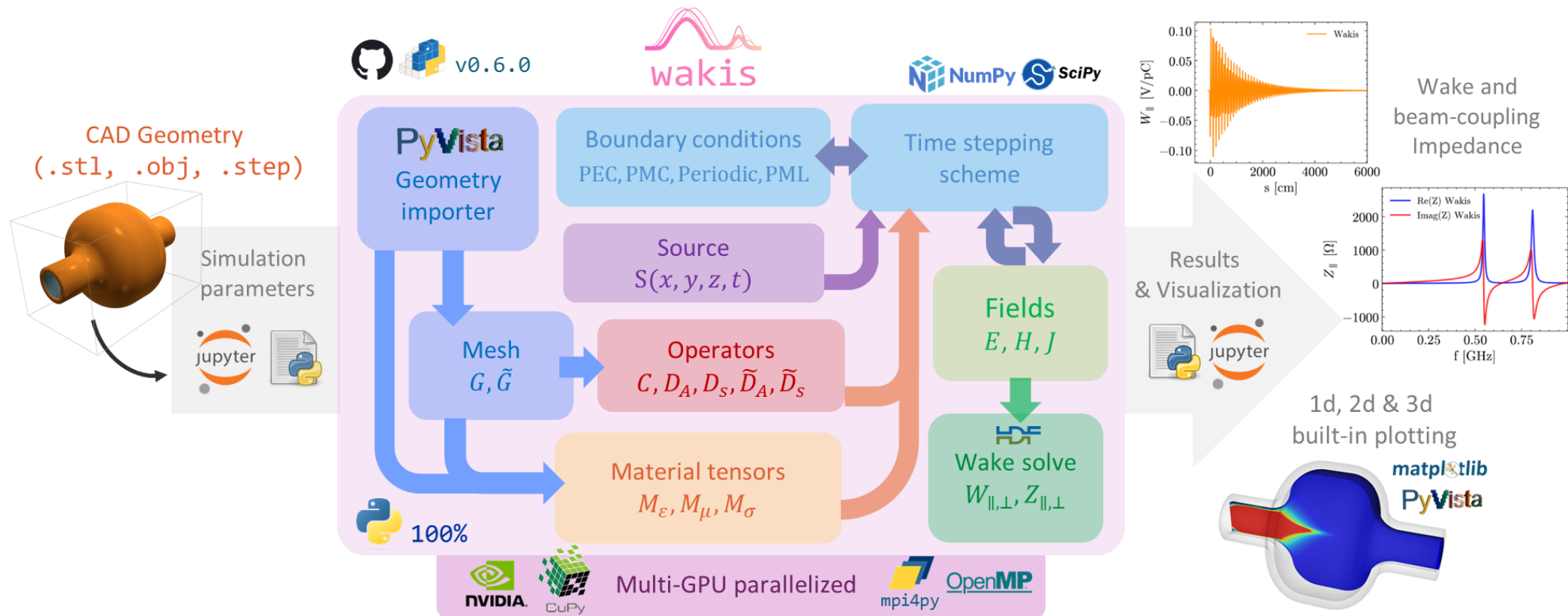
- PML boundary condition region

[1] L. Gottschalk, et. al, *OBTree*,
<https://doi.org/10.1145/237170.237244>

[2] A. Farjadpour et. al, *Subpixel Smoothing FDTD*,
<https://doi.org/10.1364/OL.31.002972>

Wakis code overview

- Wakis is the 1st open-source time-domain wakefield solver tailored to compute beam-coupling impedance.
- It computes the integral general form of Maxwell's equations using the Finite Integration Technique (FIT)



Wakis code overview (II)

Benchmarks
against CST studio®

CPU-GPU-MPI
Simulation examples
⌚ ~2' to 20'

Nightly tests
CI/CD pipeline

Open source code

Documentation
with Sphinx

Complete
impedance workflow
playground notebooks

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About

3D electromagnetic time-domain solver, specialized in wake potential and beam-coupling impedance computation for particle accelerators

wakis.readthedocs.io/

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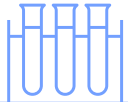
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Wakis v0.6.0 Latest on May 27 + 2 releases


Agile CI/CD


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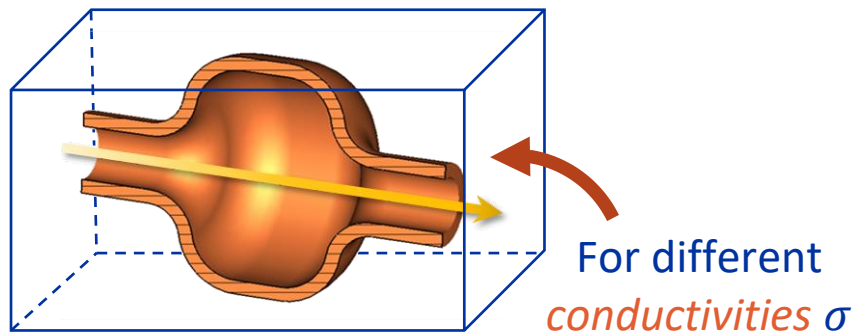

Nightly tested

Check the repository
[@ImpedanCEI/wakis](https://github.com/ImpedanCEI/wakis)

Results & benchmarking

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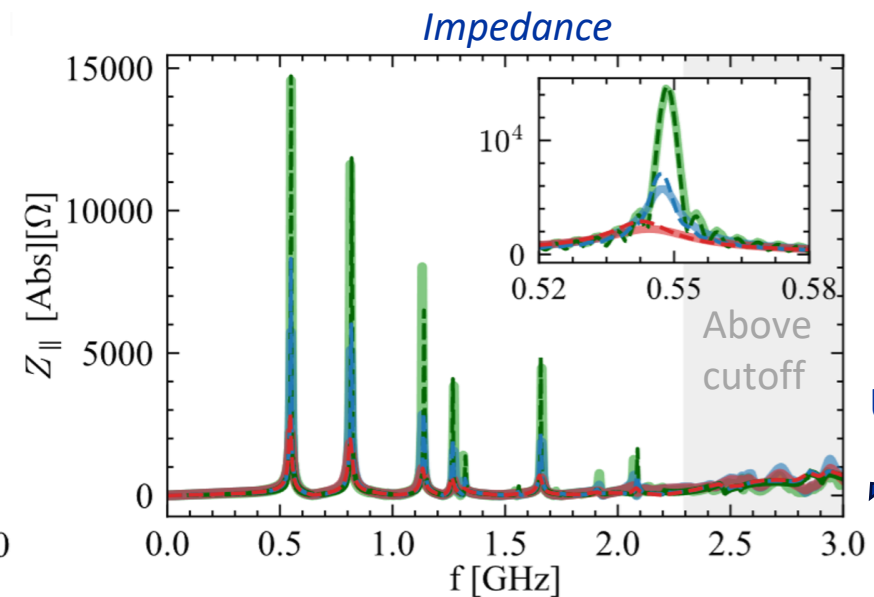
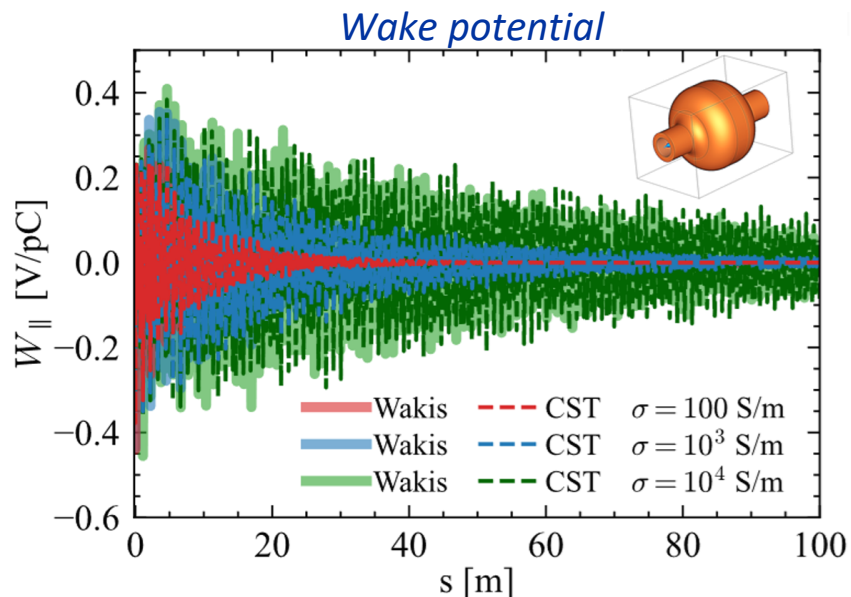
- 1st Benchmarking campaign conducted on a *lossy Pillbox cavity*:



		16-core CPU 5h 20' 11"	 20M cells
		1 Tesla T4 GPU 56' 10" <i>x5 faster</i>	<i>Wakis:</i> peak memory 8 Gb

* $\sigma = 10^5 - 10^9$ S/m
conductivities require
Surface Impedance
Boundary Condition
(SIBC)

**WORK IN
PROGRESS**



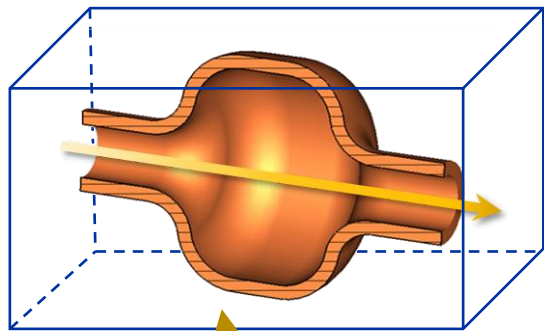
Using the PML



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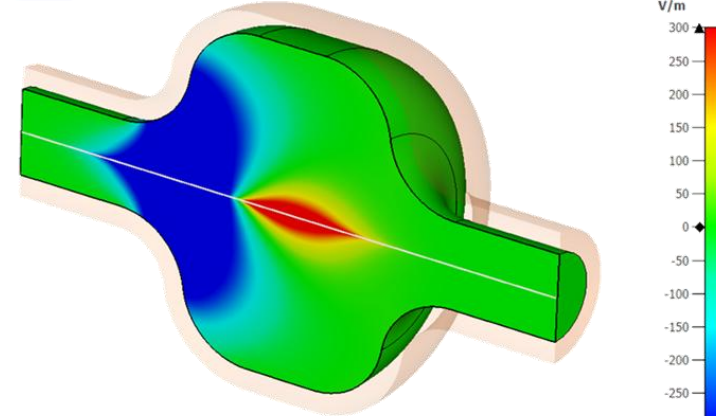
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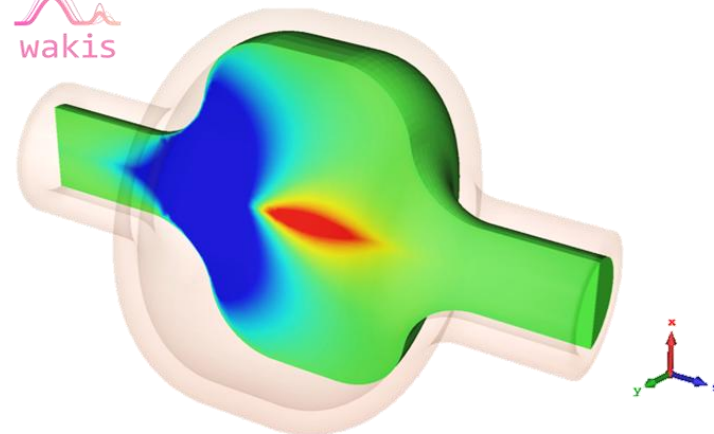
For low- β
beam source
regime
 $\beta = 0.6$

 **SIMULIA**
CST STUDIO SUITE

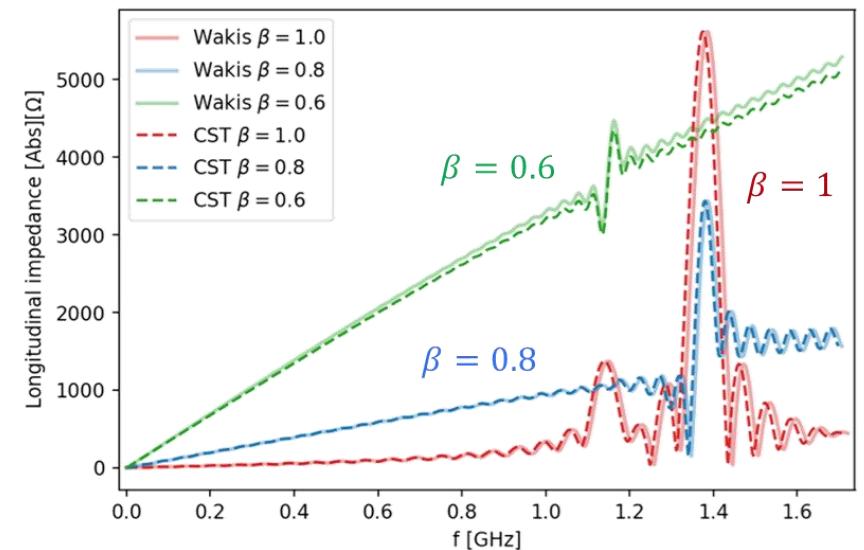
3D E-field distribution



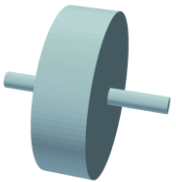
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Longitudinal impedance
(partially decayed simulation)



Benchmark
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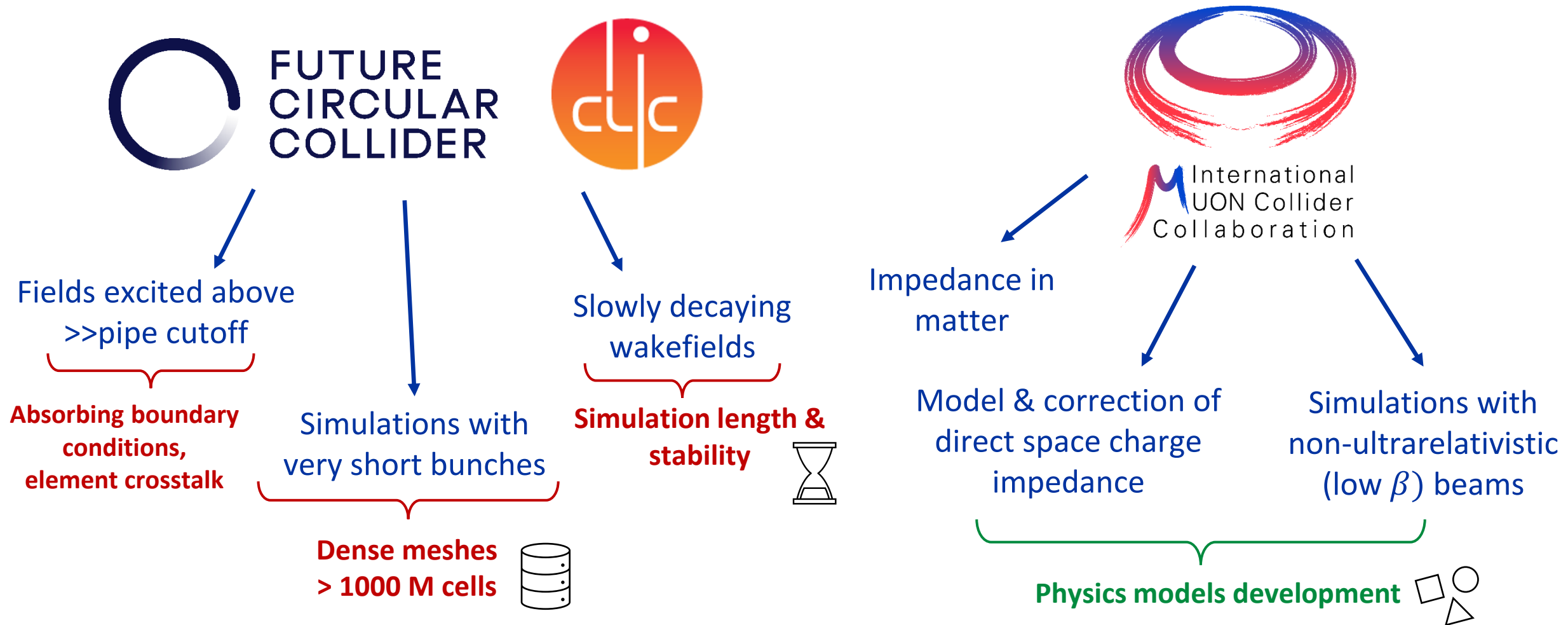


Publicly available:
ImpedanCEI/wakis-benchmarks

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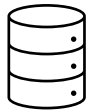
Impedance assessment challenges



CPU/GPU acceleration in **Wakis**

- To tackle present & future impedance *challenges*:

Dense meshes
> 1000 M cells



Simulation length
& stability

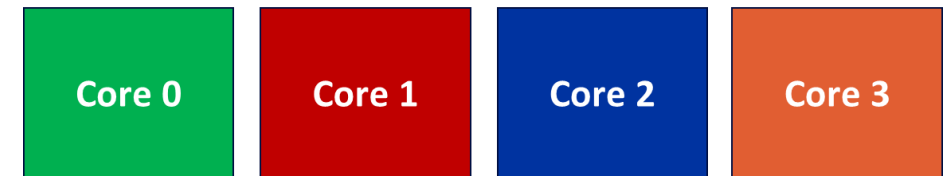


- **Wakis** numerical implementation can run on:

- CPU multi-thread with numpy/scipy MKL backend
- Single GPU with cupy/cupyx
- Multi-CPU nodes with mpi4py & ipyparallel
- Multi-GPU nodes with mpi4py, ipyparallel & CUDA
- Double FP64 and **single precision FP32**:
 - With np.float32 → ½ memory, **x30 speedup** on TeslaT4
e.g., 20M cells, 4Gb, 560 it/s



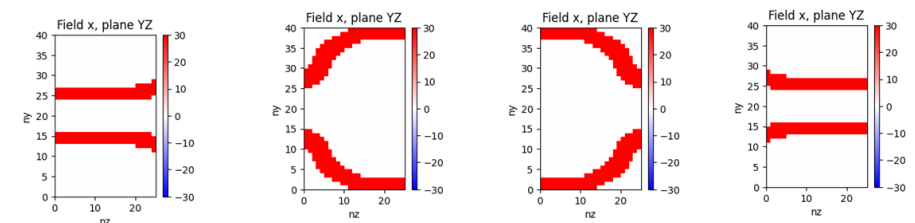
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> mpiexec -n 4 python myscript.py
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or



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> mpiexec --mca opal_cuda_support 1 -n 4 python myscript.py
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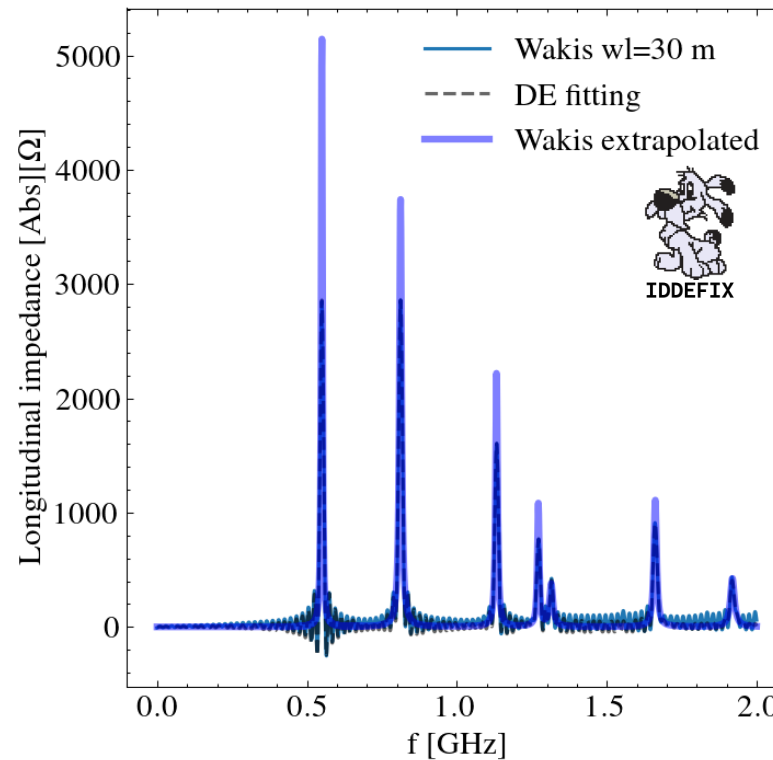
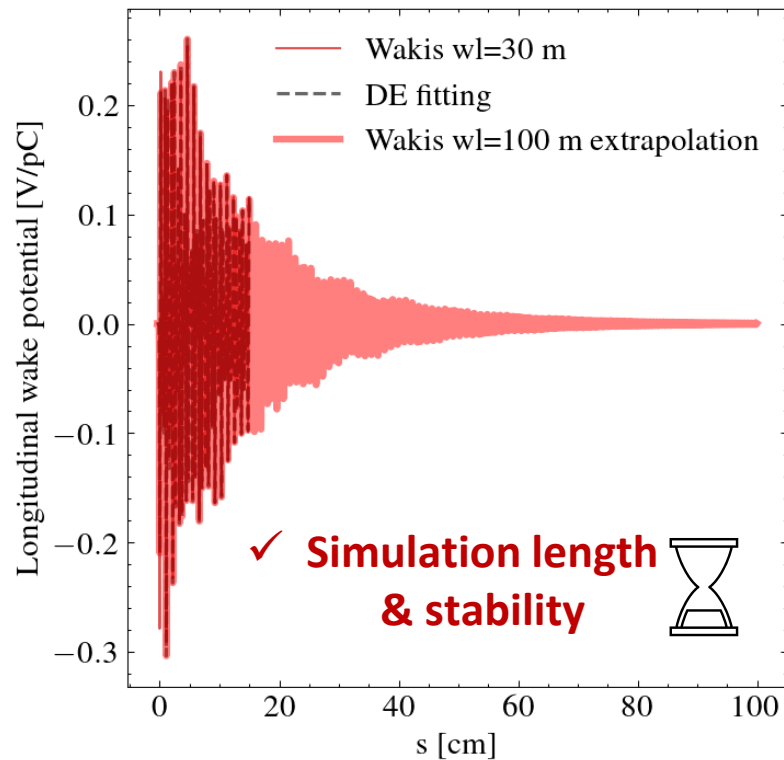


Extrapolation of partially decayed simulations



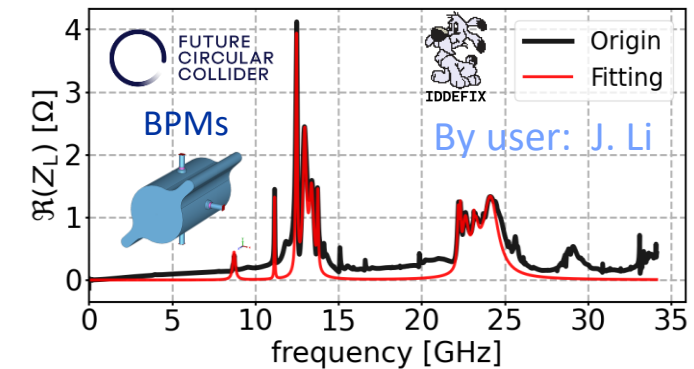
Collaboration with **S. Joly (CERN/Helmholtz)** and 6-month student **Malthe Raschke**

- IDDEFIX add-on to **Wakis**: using **resonator formalism + evolutionary algorithms** to **fit and extrapolate analytically** partially decayed simulations

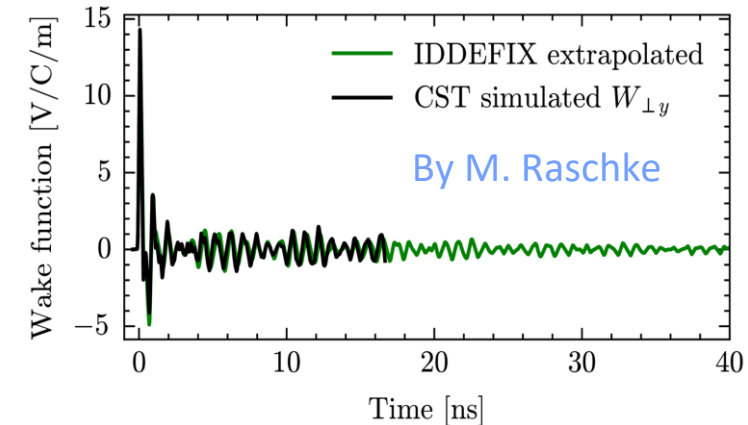


✓ **Improve impedance model flexibility**

E.g.: FCC BPMs Impedance model



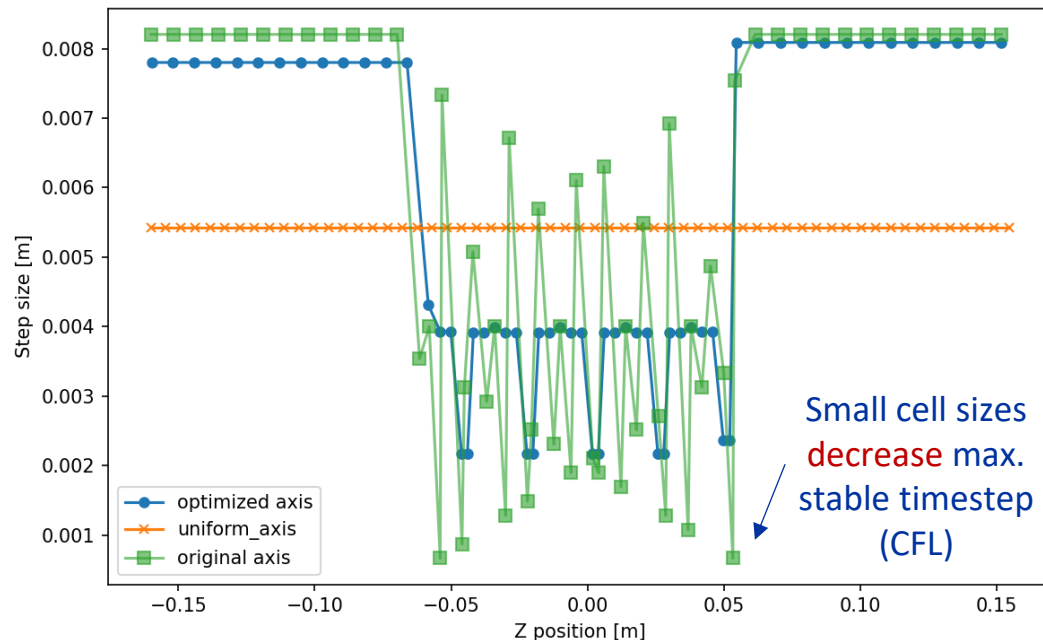
E.g.: Extrapolation of SPS transition wake



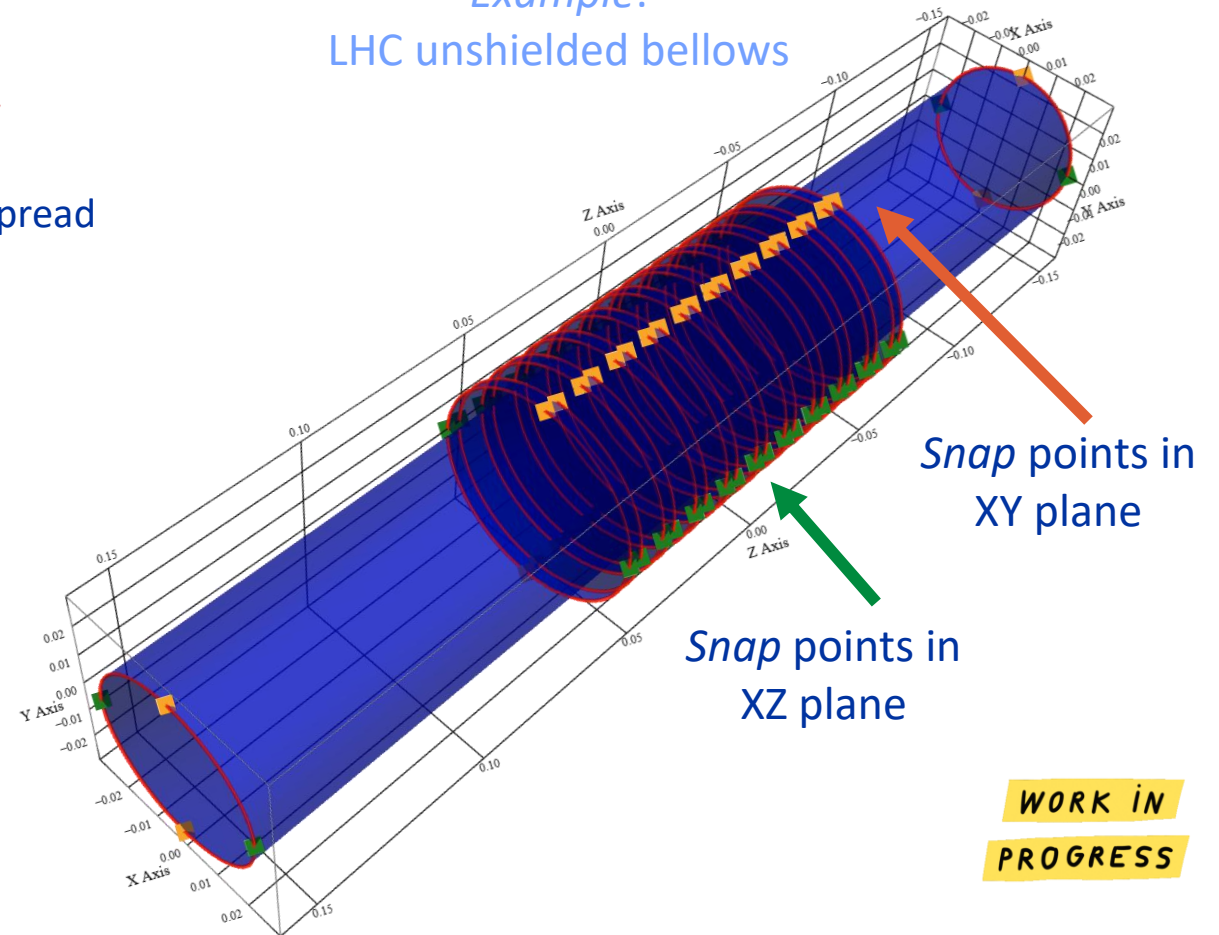
Towards smart meshing

Mesh refinement strategy adopted by OpenFoam & Ansys:

- Find imported STL surface edge features
- Project points to XZ, YZ, XY planes to get *snap points*
- Refine mesh around snap points using an *optimizer*
→ *Opt. penalties*: small cell sizes, abrupt changes, spread



Example:
LHC unshielded bellows



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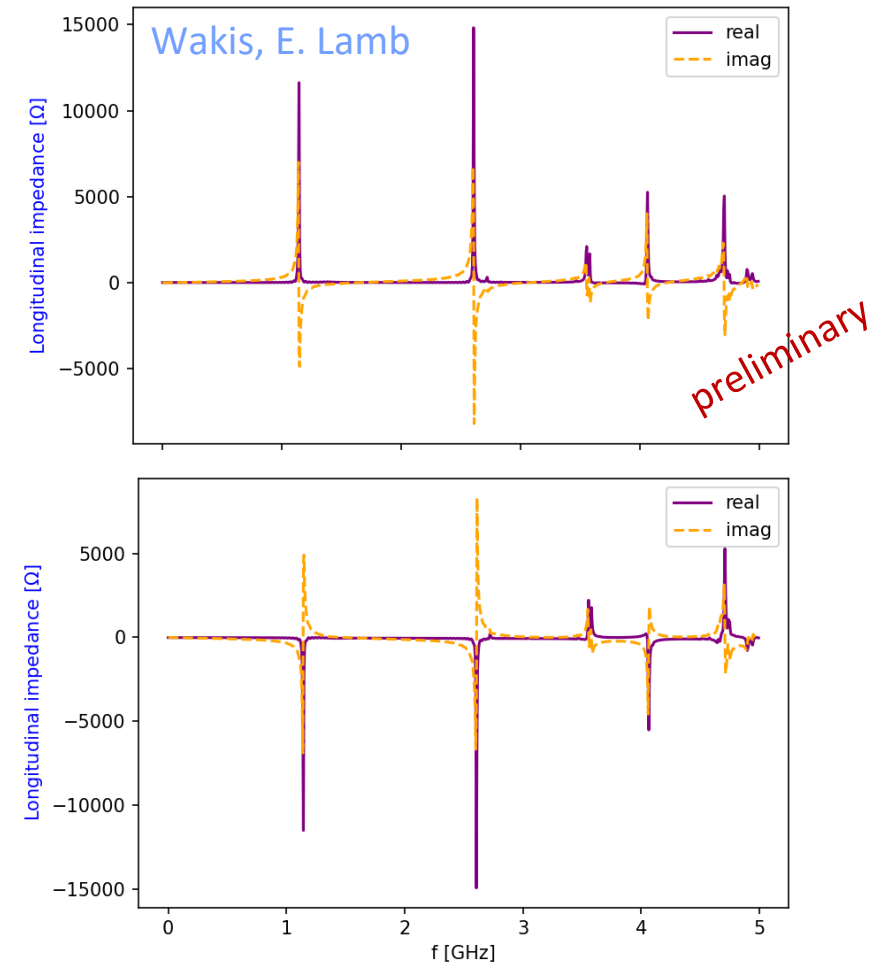
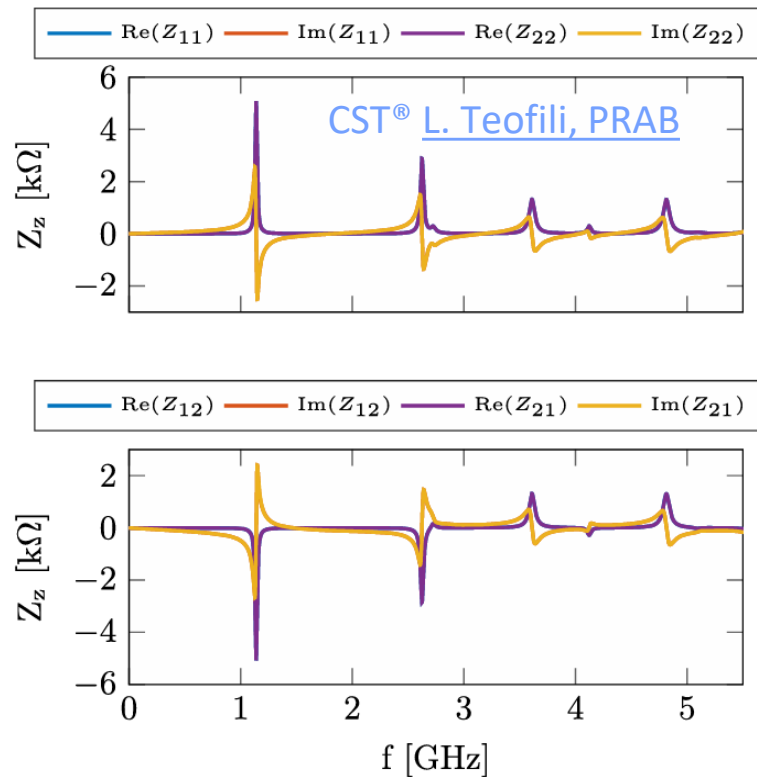
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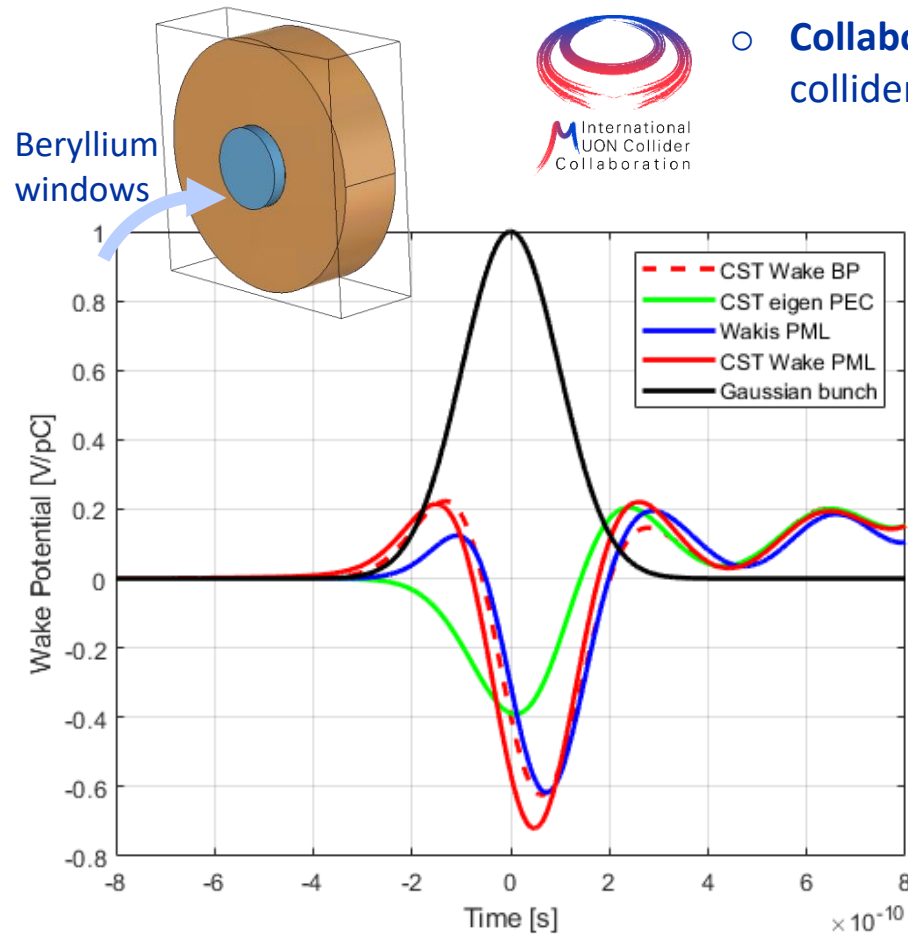
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+ **autonomously implemented Frequency domain monitors**



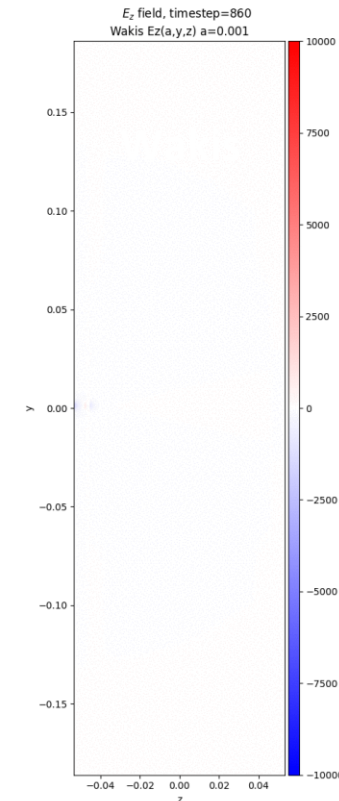
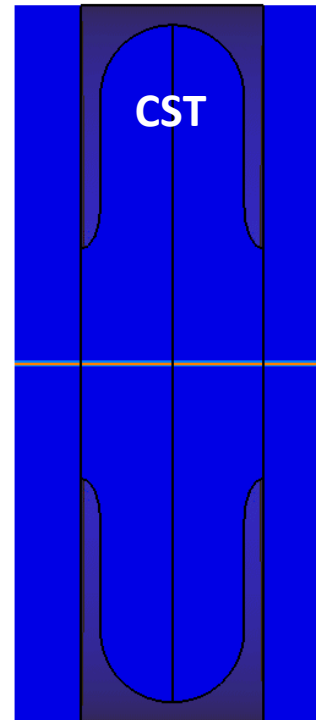
Users and applications (II)



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- **Collaboration with C. Barbagallo (CERN-SY-RF):** Study of the voltage of the muon collider RF cavities with Beryllium windows



challenging to simulate in CST®

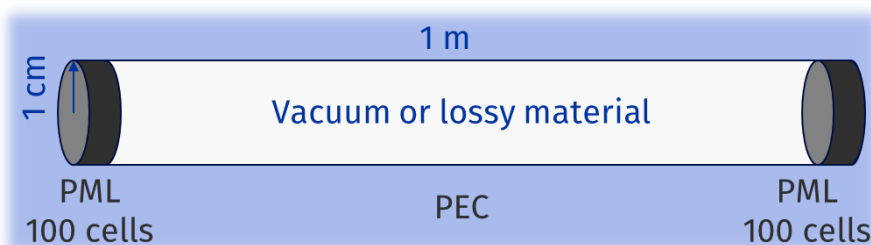
Users and applications (III)



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- **Collaboration with D. Amorim (CERN-BE-ABP):** compare 3D EM simulations with model derived from resistive-wall theory by E. Métral ([presentation at IMCC annual meeting](#))

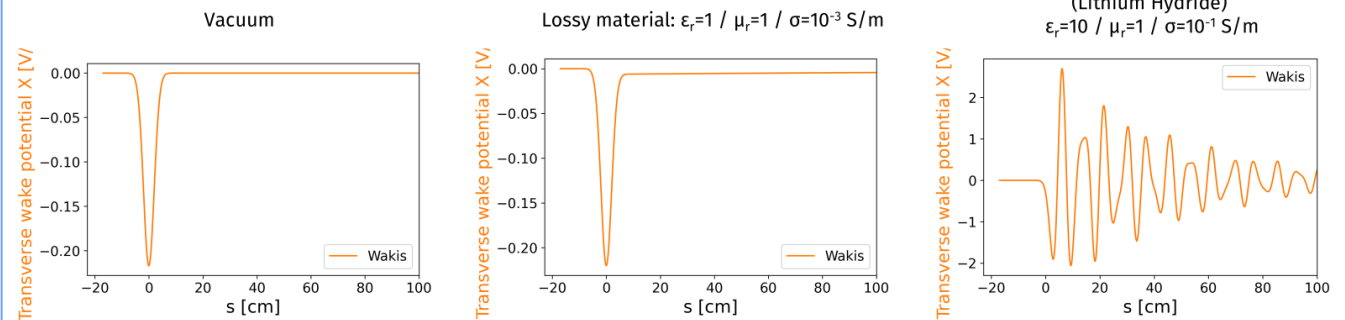
+ **upgraded PML implementation to match arbitrary lossy materials**



Ongoing studies of Impedance in matter with Wakis

EPFL

- Beam $\beta=0.99$, $\sigma_z = 20$ mm / Simulation runtime: ~1h using MPI and 4 cores
- My user experience was very smooth
 - Easy installation with pip, example notebooks and documentation allowed for quick start
 - Hassle-free MPI
 - Immediate post-treatment using implemented routines



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Wake in matter with Wakis

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Conclusions and future work

Wakis is **gaining maturity** as the 1st open-source wakefield solver

○ Done

- FIT operators based on numpy & scipy
- BCs: PEC, PMC, Periodic, **uniaxial-PML**
- Wake potential and impedance
- Anisotropic materials ε, μ, σ
- **CAD geometry import**

○ To do:

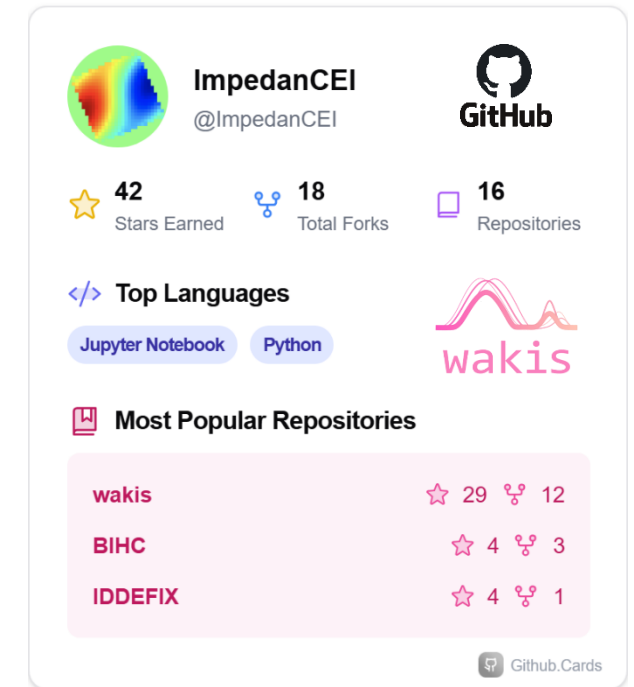
- *Smart refinement for grid (WIP)*
- *SIBC for high conductive metals (WIP)*
- Benchmark campaign on complex devices: LHC TCPC, LHC WVM (WIP)
- Improve robustness of PML at high-frequency (**TECH student**, WIP)
- Dispersive materials + other user needs!

- State of the art 2d, 3d plotting
- **Automatic testing & CI/CD**
- EM Sources & beam current with β
- **Parallelized & GPU accelerated**
- Wakefield extrapolation with EA (w/ S. Joly)

○ Users↔Developers:

- Ports and field monitors in frequency domain (*E. Lamb*)
- Impedance in matter (**muCol**) (*D. Amorim, E. Kvinke*)
- Correction of direct space charge for low- β simulations (**muCol**) (*C. Barbagallo*)
- *Hopefully more to come!* 😊

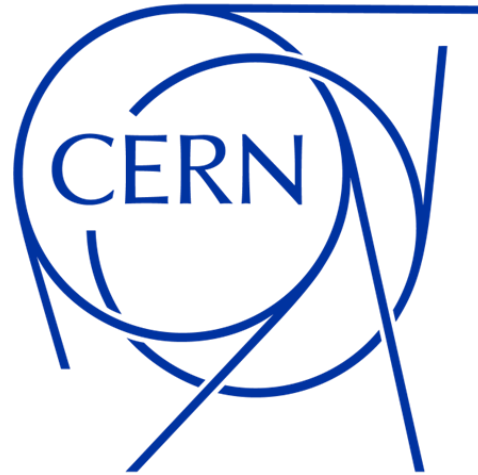
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Community interest



Thank you for the attention 😊



Introduction to:  wakis
3D Electromagnetic Time-Domain
wake and impedance solver

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About the project:

Project start:

wakis as **post-processing tool**
Computation of wake potential
and impedance from **pre-computed fields** from other
EM solvers^[5]

2022

Towards open-source Wakefield solver:

Coupling post-processing
wakis with open-source
PIC-FDTD solver WarpX^[6]
Successfully benchmarked
lossless pillbox cavity below
cutoff^[7]

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Exploring FIT mock-up in Python

Implementing the **Finite
Integration Technique (FIT)** fully in
Python to explore computational
viability and benefit from the
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wakis as an open-source
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[5] ABP-GIM: <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1154158/>

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Welcome to wakis documentation

wakis: 3D Time-domain Wake and Impedance Solver

wakis is a 3D Time-domain Electromagnetic solver that solves the Integral form of Maxwell's equations using the Finite Integration Technique (FIT) numerical method. It computes the longitudinal and transverse **wake potential and beam-coupling impedance** from the simulated electric and magnetic fields. It is hence focused on simulations for particle accelerator components, but it is also a multi-purpose solver; capable of simulating planewaves interaction with nano-structures, optical diffraction, and much more!

Some of wakis features:

- Wake potential and impedance calculations for particle beams with different relativistic β
- Material tensors: permittivity ϵ , permeability μ , conductivity σ . Possibility of anisotropy.
- CAD geometry importer (`STL` & `STEP` format) for definition of embedded boundaries and material regions, based on `pyvista`
- Boundary conditions: PEC, PMC, Periodic, ABC-FOEXTRAP, Perfect Matched Layers (PML)
- Different time-domain sources: particle beam, planewave, gaussian wavepacket
- 100% python, fully exposed API (material tensors, fields E, H, J). Matrix operators based on `numpy` and `scipy.sparse` routines ensure fast calculations.
- 1d, 2d, 3d built-in plotting on-the-fly
- Optimized memory consumption
- GPU acceleration using `cupy/cupyx`
- CUDA-aware MPI parallelization with `mpi4py` and `ipyparallel` coming soon!

Other complementary tools in the ecosystem:

- Wakefield extrapolation with PIML `iddefix` evolutionary algorithms
- Non-equidistant Filon Fourier integration with `neffint`
- Beam-induced heating estimation due to impedance with `bihc`

The source code is available in the `wakis` GitHub repository.



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Physics guide

This section provides the theoretical foundations behind Wakis, offering a clear and concise explanation of the physics principles and numerical methods that power the simulation engine.

We begin by revisiting Maxwell's equations in their integral form and explaining how they are discretized using the Finite Integration Technique (FIT) on a structured Cartesian grid. The formulation naturally leads to Maxwell Grid Equations (MGEs), which are solved in time using a leapfrog scheme. The fields and material properties are represented on a Yee-type staggered lattice, and anisotropic or spatially varying materials are handled via sparse metric tensors.

Boundary conditions (PEC, PMC, periodic, PML) are discussed along with the treatment of sources and initial conditions. We also highlight how the solver supports geometry import and sub-pixel smoothing for embedded CAD models.

Finally, we cover the implementation aspects, including GPU acceleration with CuPy and parallelization with mpi4py, enabling high-resolution 3D simulations across multiple devices.

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Finite Integration Technique (III)

$$h^{n+1} = h^n - \Delta t \tilde{D}_s M_\mu^{-1} D_A^{-1} C e^{n+0.5}$$

$$e^{n+1.5} = e^{n+0.5} + \Delta t D_s \tilde{M}_\varepsilon^{-1} \tilde{D}_A^{-1} \tilde{C} h^n - \tilde{M}_\varepsilon^{-1} j_{src}^n - \tilde{M}_\varepsilon^{-1} \tilde{M}_\sigma e^{n+0.5}$$



Operators

$C, D_A, D_s, \tilde{D}_A, \tilde{D}_s$



Fields

$E(t), H(t), J(t)$



Materials

$M_\varepsilon^{-1}, M_\mu^{-1}, M_\sigma$

- **$C, \tilde{C}$ Curl operator:** $[3N_{\text{cell}} \times 3N_{\text{cell}}]$ sparse matrix that relates the E and H fields and defines PEC, PMC or Periodic boundary conditions (BCs)
- **$D_A, D_s, \tilde{D}_A, \tilde{D}_s$:** $3N_{\text{cell}}$ diagonal matrices containing the grid (primal and dual) discretization in terms of cell lengths and areas

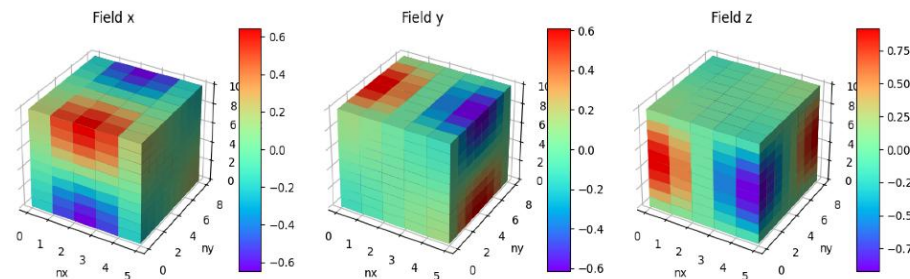
- **$e^{n+1.5}, h^{n+1}, j^n$ Fields:** saved in memory as $[3N_{\text{cell}}]$ 1d lexicographic arrays, updated every simulation timestep.

Fully-exposed, modifications on-the-fly
(e.g. addition of sources or initial conditions)

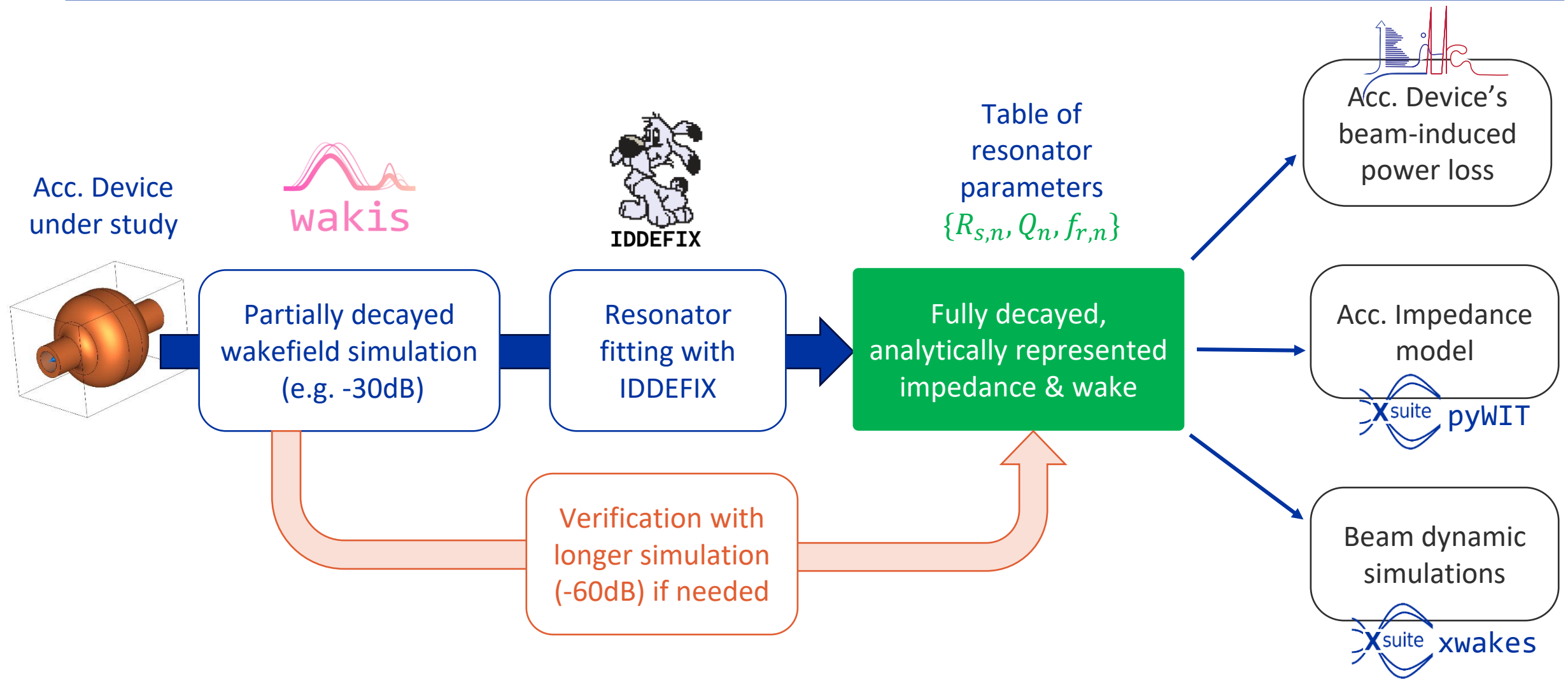
- **$\tilde{M}_\varepsilon^{-1}, M_\mu^{-1}$:** $3N_{\text{cell}}$ diagonal matrices for the anisotropic inverse permittivity ε and permeability μ rank-2 tensors

- **$\tilde{M}_\sigma$:** $3N_{\text{cell}}$ diagonal matrix for the anisotropic electric conductivity rank-2 tensor. The current can be computed as:
 $j^{n+1} = \tilde{M}_\sigma e^{n+0.5} + j_{src}^n$

wakis E.inspect3d() method



Wakis+IDDEFIX simulation workflow



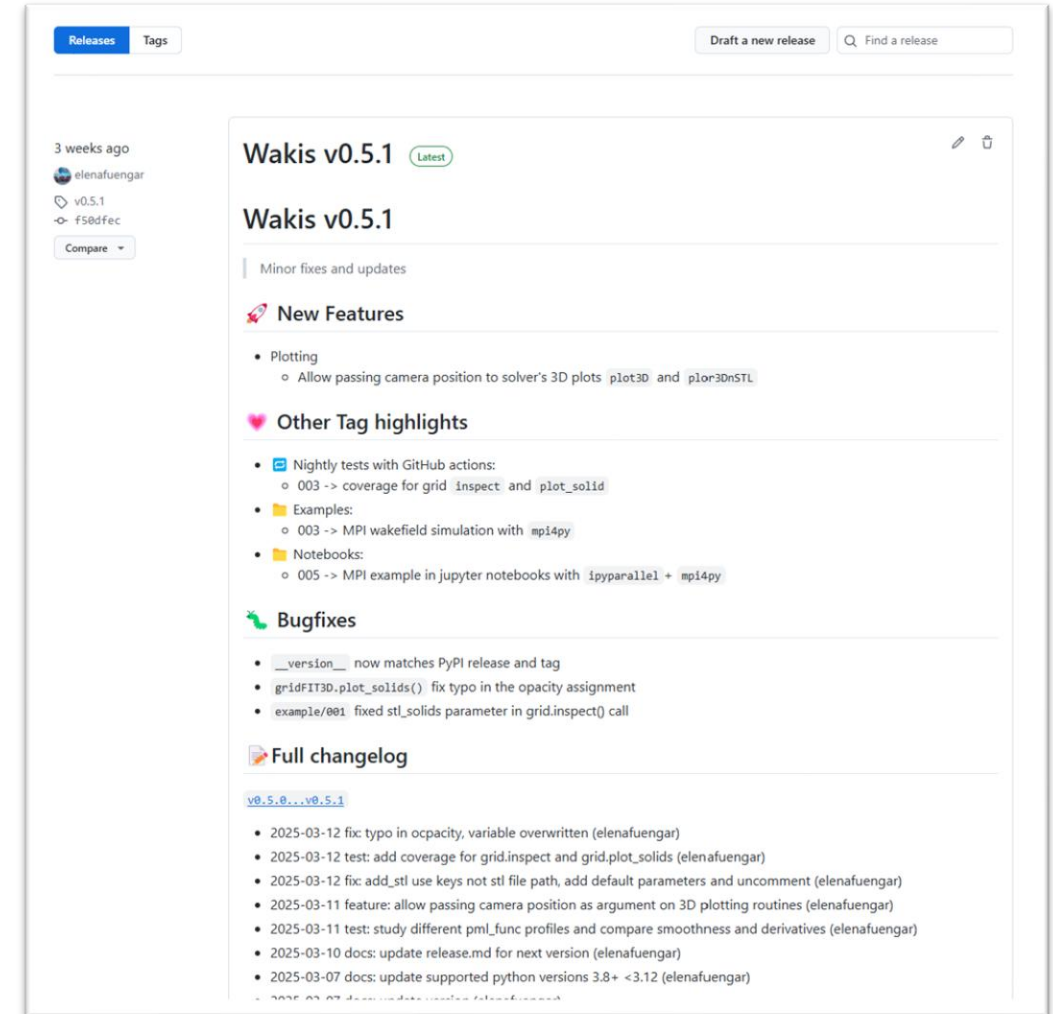
Deployment pipeline

Code development is tracked with [GitHub releases](#)

On each release (CI/CD pipeline):

- All the tests are run with GitHub Actions
- Main branch is **tagged** with a version e.g. #v0.5.1
- Create a **summary** of features, bugfixes and contributions and changelog
- Deploys a **stable version** to PyPI > `pip install wakis`
- Updates [documentation](#) on ReadTheDocs
- Generates a **Zenodo DOI** that hosts a snapshot of the code at that stage in a .zip file

The work in progress is tracked in a release draft [`release.md`](#)



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