



# EMPIRE: Sandia's Next Generation Plasma Tool

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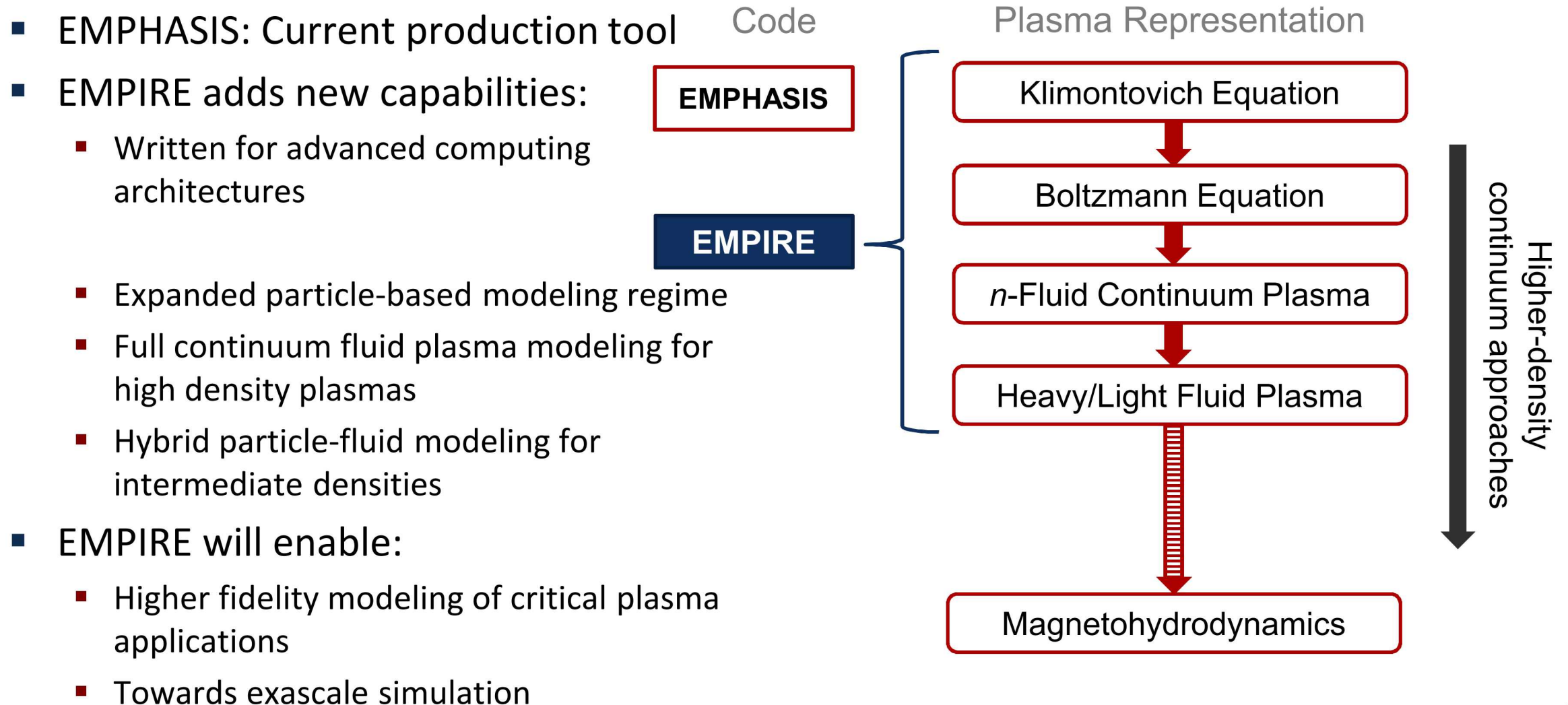
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# Background

- US DoE Advanced Scientific Computing (ASC) is refreshing their major computing resources
  - FY16 Trinity – Split Intel Haswell and KNL cluster
  - FY19 Sierra – IBM Power with Nvidia accelerators
  - FY21 ATS-3 – In bidding process
- The DoE realized that current production codes wouldn't run on these modern architectures
- New program element to develop new applications
  - Advanced Technology Demonstration and Mitigation – ATDM
  - ATDM has since moved into the exascale computing initiative – ECP
- ATDM culminates in a level 1 milestone in FY20

- Sandia has two applications which are designed to meet the goals of the ATDM project
  - EMPIRE – Sandia’s electromagnetic plasma simulation tool
  - SPARC – Sandia’s hypersonic reentry code
- EMPIRE – ElectroMagnetic Plasma In Realistic Environments
- Code being built up from scratch starting in 2015
  - Well, built using an existing component infrastructure inside of Trilinos
- Goal – Hybrid PIC-Fluid simulation for a 30B element mesh simulation on half of Sierra and one other capability cluster (Trinity or Astra)
- Build on the SNL component architecture

# EMPIRE expands simulation capability across the plasma physics spectrum





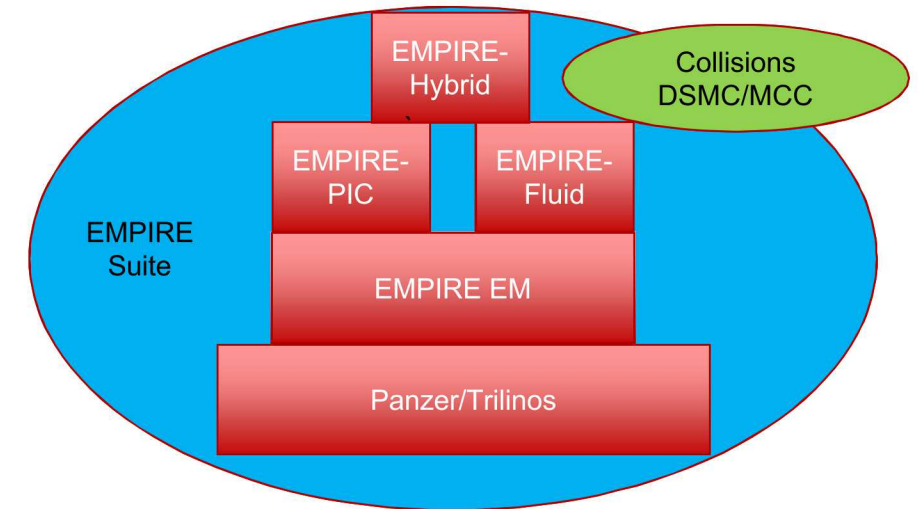
# EMPIRE Overview

- EMPIRE is Sandia's "next generation" plasma simulation tool
- Unstructured mesh
- Finite element discretization
- Particle in cell or multi fluid discretizations
- Developed for performance portability
- Uses implicit compatible discretization for Maxwell's equation
  - Different time integration methods
  - Requires a matrix inversion each time-step
- Uses projected electric fields to push particles
  - L2 or lumped
- Supports 2 and 3 dimensional models
- Particles scale to ¼M cores on Trinity

# EMPIRE-EM

- EMPIRE-EM is the electromagnetic solver, and ...

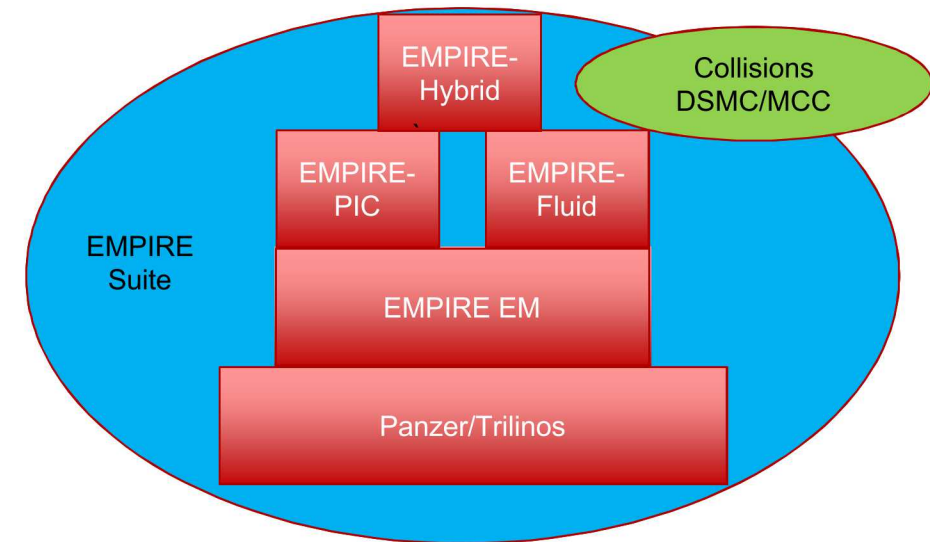
- Time integration routines
- Diagnostics
- Parsing utilities
- Output utilities
- Utility classes



- EMPIRE-EM holds everything that is used by multiple modules
- EMPIRE-PIC and EMPIRE-Fluid build upon this core piece of code

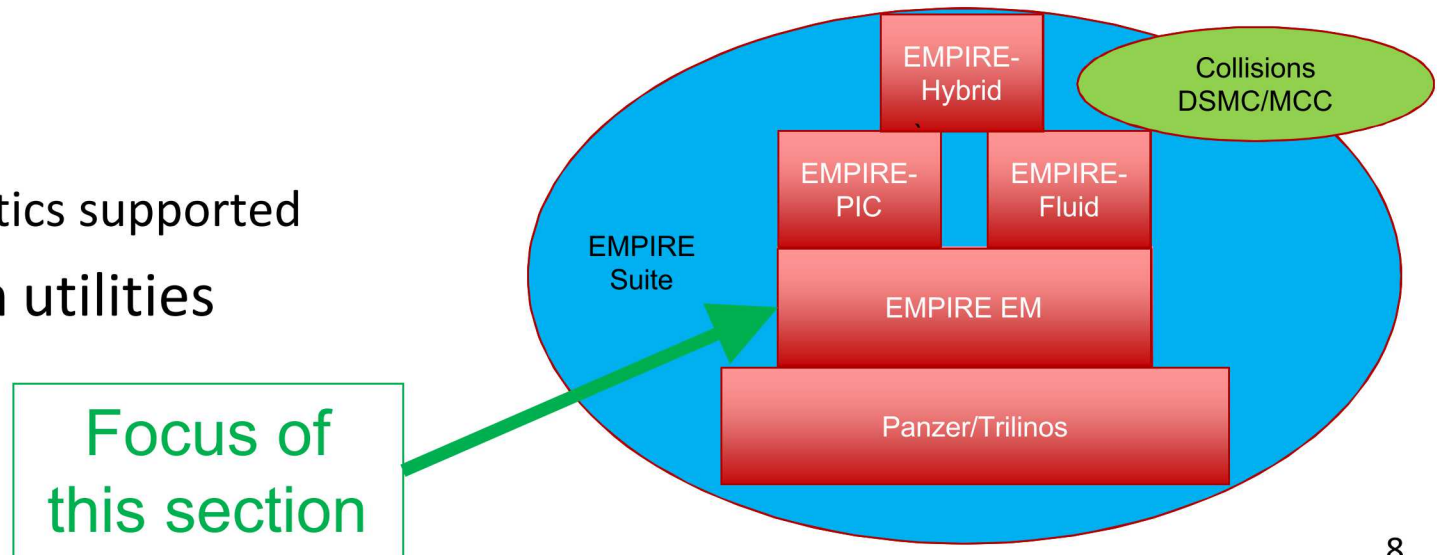
# EMPIRE Hierarchy

- EMPIRE is built upon the Trilinos library
  - Panzer is the top level library which provides all the FEM discretization tools
    - Simplifies the assembly of linear and non-linear FEM problems
    - Assembles residual and Jacobian systems
  - Trilinos also provides the linear solver technology
    - Belos – Krylov solvers
    - MueLu – Multilevel preconditioner
    - Teko – Blocked linear system library
    - Tpetra – Sparse distributed matrices and vectors
    - Tempus – General time integration package
  - Kokkos – Portable threading library for CPU/GPU systems



# EMPIRE Base Component

- EMPIRE base component provides the basic infrastructure for EMPIRE
- Electromagnetic and electrostatic discretizations and solvers
  - Matrices are built using the Panzer component of Trilinos
  - Decompose a complex model into a graph of simple kernels
  - Assemble these operations into a directed acyclic graph (DAG)
  - Evaluate the graph building Jacobian terms through automatic differentiation
- Time integration infrastructure
- Diagnostic infrastructure
  - Point, Line, and volumetric diagnostics supported
- Parsing and input deck validation utilities



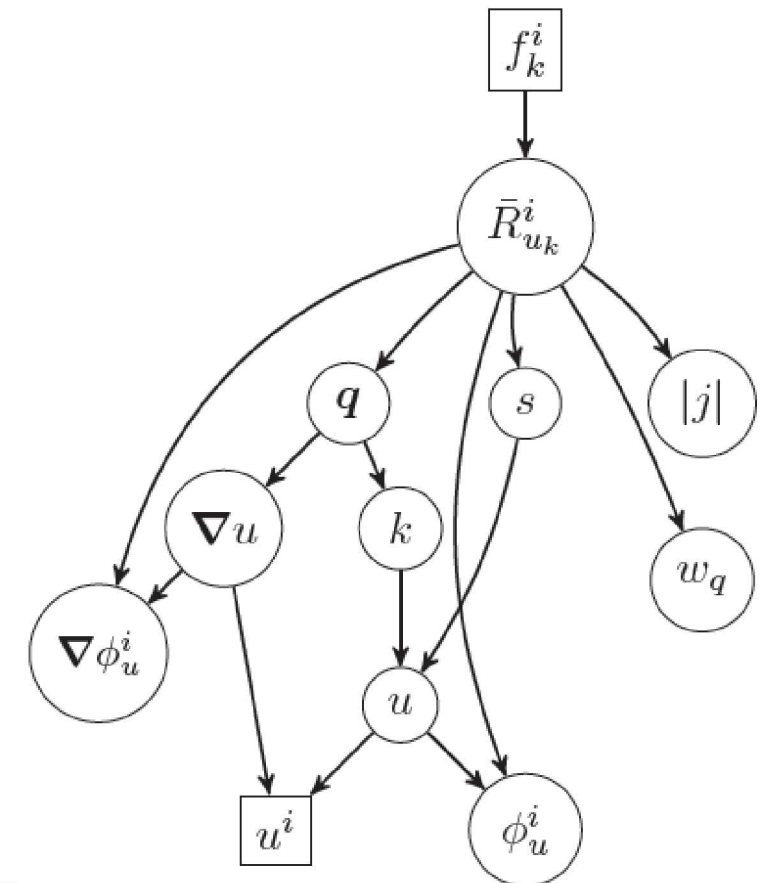


# Equation Sets

## DAG-based Expression Evaluation

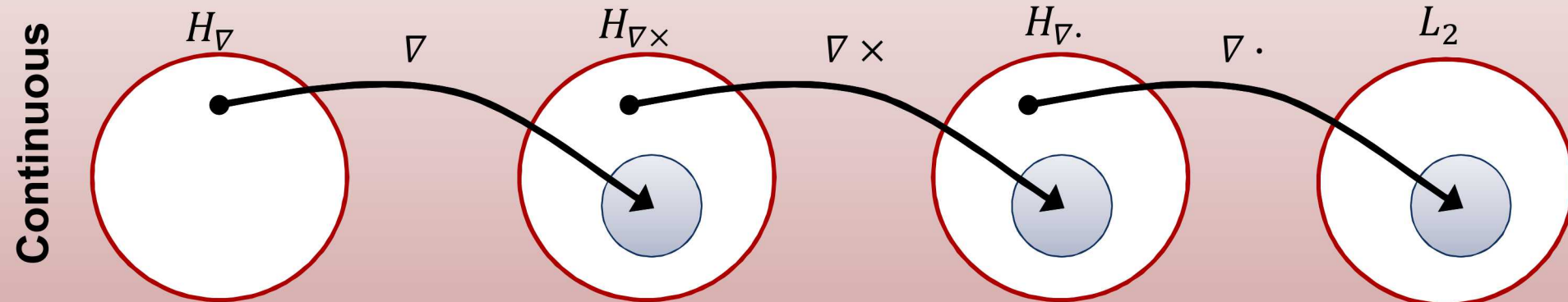
- Decompose a complex model into a graph of simple kernels (functors)
  - Decomposition is NOT unique
- Supports rapid development, separation of concerns and extensibility.
- A node in the graph evaluates one or more **fields**:
  - Declare fields to evaluate
  - Declare dependent fields
  - Function to perform evaluation
- Separation of data (Fields) and kernels (Expressions) that operate on the data
  - Fields are accessed via multidimensional array interface (shards or kokkos)

$$R_u^i = \int_{\Omega} [\phi_u^i \dot{u} - \nabla \phi_u^i \cdot \mathbf{q} + \phi_u^i s] d\Omega$$

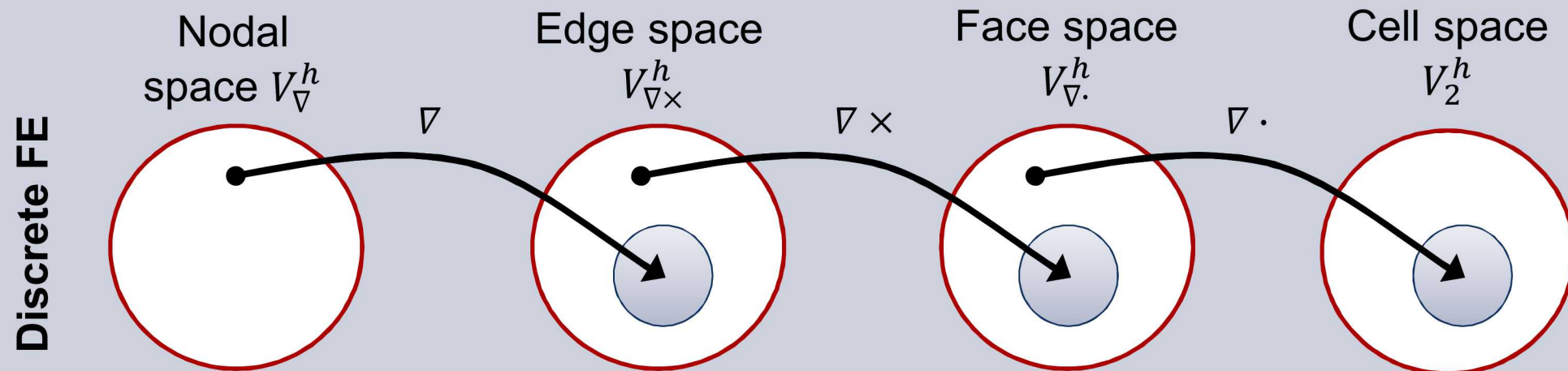


# Handling Maxwell Equation Involutions

Function spaces possess an exact sequence property where the derivative maps into the next space, e.g.:



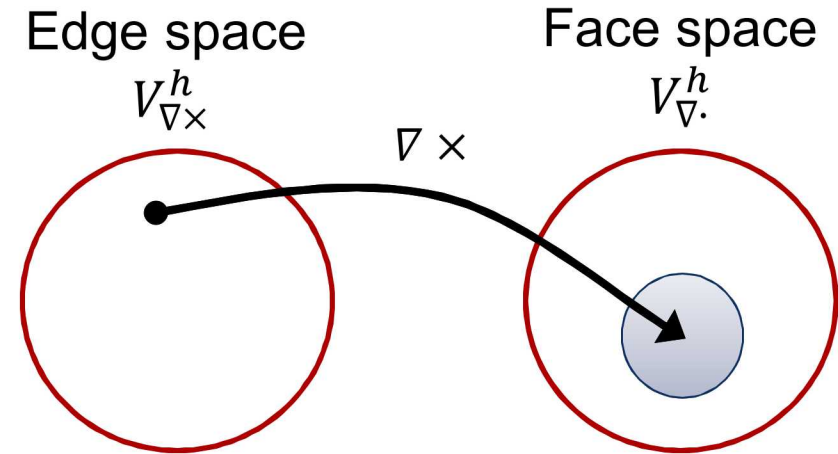
Exact sequence finite elements have been constructed<sup>1</sup> (note  $V_*^h \subset H_*$ ):



# Enforcing no magnetic monopoles

## Continuous:

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \cdot \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} + \nabla \times \mathbf{E} \right) &= 0 \Rightarrow \nabla \cdot \partial_t \mathbf{B} = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0 \text{ (assuming satisfied at } t = 0\text{)}\end{aligned}$$



## Discrete FE:

Let  $\mathbf{B}^h \in V_{\nabla \cdot}^h$  and  $\mathbf{E}^h \in V_{\nabla \times}^h$ , then the argument is straightforward and follows the continuous case:

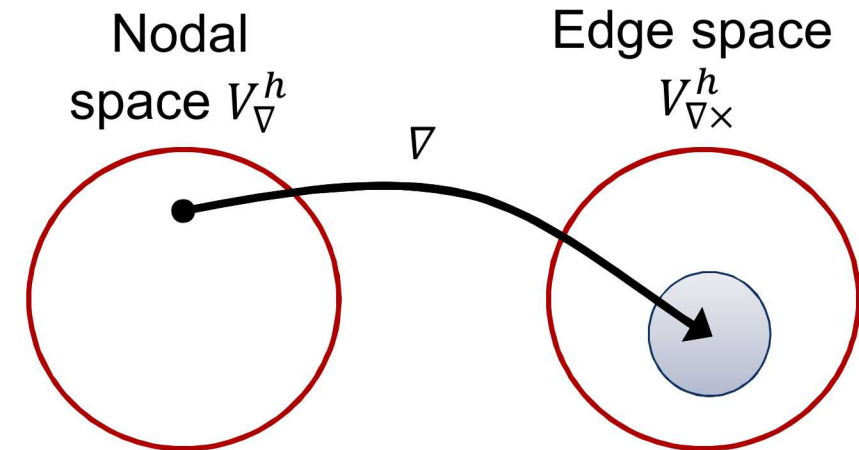
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Note that no magnetic monopoles is enforced strongly

# Enforcing Gauss Law (CG fluids, DG in progress)

Continuous:

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \cdot (\partial_t \mathbf{E} - c^2 \nabla \times \mathbf{B}) &= -\frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \sum_{\alpha} \frac{q_{\alpha}}{m_{\alpha}} \rho_{\alpha} \mathbf{u}_{\alpha} \\ \Rightarrow \partial_t (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E}) &= -\frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \sum_{\alpha} \frac{q_{\alpha}}{m_{\alpha}} \nabla \cdot (\rho_{\alpha} \mathbf{u}_{\alpha}) \quad \text{Use continuity} \\ \Rightarrow \partial_t (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E}) &= \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \sum_{\alpha} \frac{q_{\alpha}}{m_{\alpha}} \partial_t \rho_{\alpha} \Rightarrow \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \sum_{\alpha} \frac{q_{\alpha}}{m_{\alpha}} \rho_{\alpha}\end{aligned}$$



Discrete FE (ignoring BCs):

Let  $\mathbf{E}^h \in V_{\nabla \times}^h$  and  $\rho_{\alpha}^h, \mathbf{u}_{\alpha}^h, \mathcal{E}_{\alpha}^h \in V_{\nabla}^h$ , then using the weak forms:

$$\int \partial_t \mathbf{E}^h \cdot \psi^h - \mathbf{B}^h \cdot \nabla \times \psi^h = -\frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \sum_{\alpha} \frac{q_{\alpha}}{m_{\alpha}} \int \rho_{\alpha}^h \mathbf{u}_{\alpha}^h \cdot \psi^h \quad \forall \psi^h \in V_{\nabla \times}^h, \quad \int \partial_t \rho_{\alpha}^h \phi^h = \int \rho_{\alpha}^h \mathbf{u}_{\alpha}^h \cdot \nabla \phi^h \quad \forall \phi^h \in V_{\nabla}^h$$

Ampere's Law Continuity

Use exact sequence on the test space and substituting continuity into Ampere's:

$$-\int \partial_t \mathbf{E}^h \cdot \nabla \phi^h = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \sum_{\alpha} \frac{q_{\alpha}}{m_{\alpha}} \int \rho_{\alpha}^h \mathbf{u}_{\alpha}^h \cdot \nabla \phi^h = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \sum_{\alpha} \frac{q_{\alpha}}{m_{\alpha}} \int \partial_t \rho_{\alpha}^h \phi^h \Rightarrow -\int \mathbf{E}^h \cdot \nabla \phi^h = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \sum_{\alpha} \frac{q_{\alpha}}{m_{\alpha}} \int \rho_{\alpha}^h \phi^h$$

Apply Exact Sequence:  $\nabla \phi^h \in V_{\nabla \times}^h$  Apply Continuity

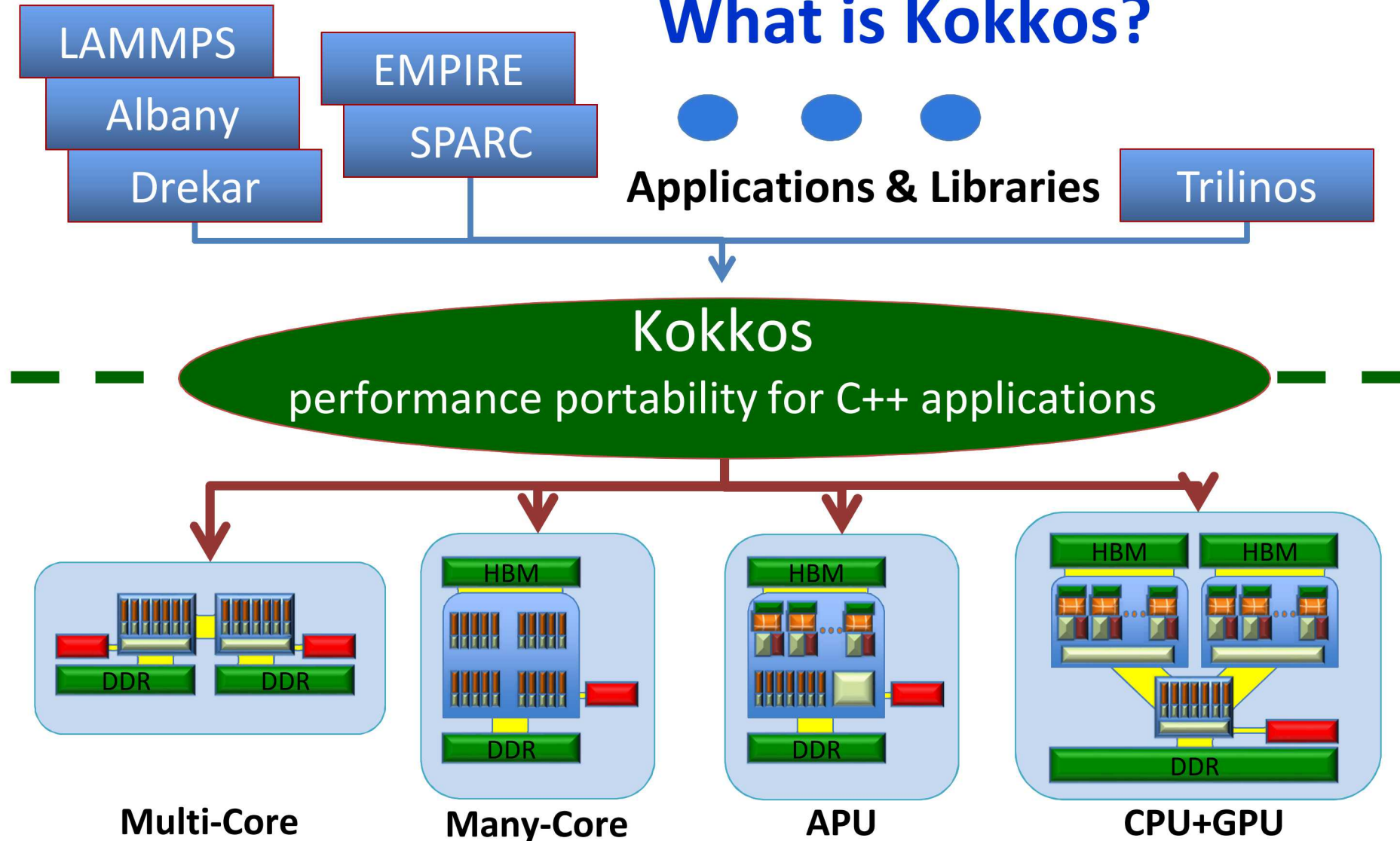
Note that Gauss' law is enforced weakly



# General Performance Strategy

- EMPIRE has adopted an MPI+X approach
  - MPI is used for across node or sockets
  - Some threading approach is used on node
- Kokkos provides an abstraction layer for X
  - In Kokkos one can choose Pthreads, OpenMP or Cuda as X
- This allows us to write a single code and achieve portable execution
  - Work and specialization is still required to achieve performance on different systems
- Different aspects of the algorithm are broken into a per-particle or per-element block
  - Blocks are then distributed across different threads via kokkos

# What is Kokkos?



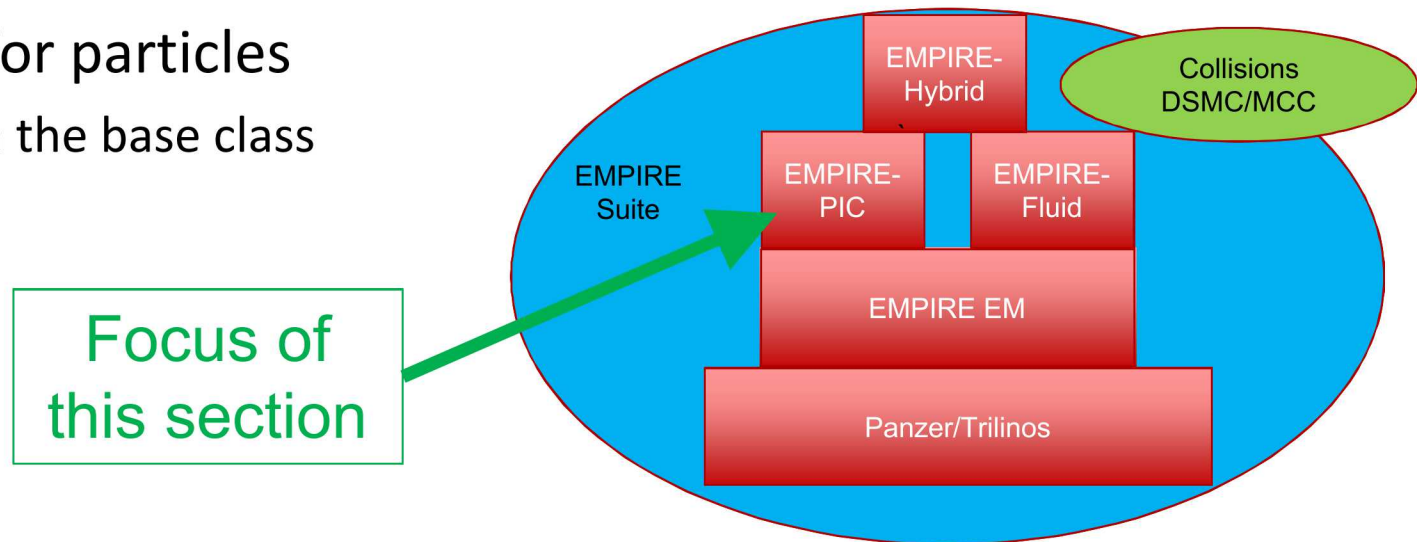
Cornerstone for performance portability across next generation HPC architectures at multiple DOE laboratories, and other organizations.

## Patterns, Policies, and Spaces

- Parallel Pattern of user's computations
  - `parallel_for`, `parallel_reduce`, `parallel_scan`, `task-graph`, ... (*extensible*)
- Execution Policy tells *how* user computation will execute
  - Static scheduling, dynamic scheduling, thread-teams, ... (*extensible*)
- Execution Space tells *where* computations will execute
  - Which cores, numa region, GPU, ... (*extensible*)
- Memory Space tells *where* user data resides
  - Host memory, GPU memory, high bandwidth memory, ... (*extensible*)
- Layout (policy) tells *how* user array data is laid out
  - Row-major, column-major, array-of-struct, struct-of-array ... (*extensible*)
- Differentiating: Layout and Memory Space
  - Versus other programming models (OpenMP, OpenACC, ...)
  - Critical for performance portability ...

# EMPIRE-PIC Component

- EMPIRE-PIC builds on the base components adding a particle discretization
- Structure mimics the base component
- Augments parsing and diagnostics routines
- Augments the time integration routines
  - Standard leap-frog implemented
- Contains all the boundary, loading for particles
  - Field based boundary conditions live in the base class





# Particle Formulation for Plasmas

Particle in Cell (PIC) is a solution technique which uses the particle formulation for plasmas

Assumes that the particle distribution is represented as a delta function of particles in both space and time

$$f = \sum \delta(x - x_i) \delta(v - v_i)$$

Then Newton's laws are applied to these particles

$$\frac{d\vec{x}_i}{dt} = \vec{v}_i; \quad \frac{d\vec{v}_i}{dt} = \frac{q_i}{m_i} \left( \vec{E}(x_i) + v_i \times \vec{B}(x_i) \right)$$

Then the distribution is updated

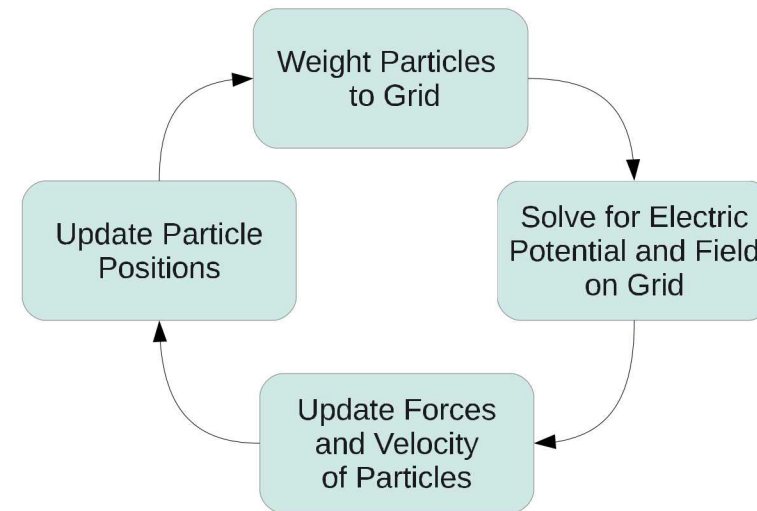
$$\frac{\partial f_i}{\partial t} + \frac{\vec{v}_i}{m} \cdot \nabla f_i + \frac{q_i}{m_i} \left( \vec{E}(x_i) + v_i \times \vec{B}(x_i) \right) \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial \vec{v}} = 0$$

Resulting in the Klimontovich equation

This formulation is used by PIC

# Particle In Cell

- PIC starts with the Klimontovich equation and simplifies
  - Fields are computed on a mesh and interpolated to the particles
  - Particles represent a large number of physical particles
  - Particle motion coupled back to the field solve through charges and currents
- Typically these equations are solved using leap-frog integration on a regular mesh via MPI
- EMPIRE uses:
  - Unstructured mesh
  - Finite element method (FEM)
  - General time integration (tempus)
  - MPI+Kokkos threading



# Finite Element and PIC

- The basics of the particle parts of PIC are unchanged between FEM and FDTD
  - Particles are accelerated and moved the same way
  - Current is still weighted to the mesh
- Field solve is totally different though - Use the weak form

- Starting with Ampere's equation
- Multiply by a test function and integrate
- Expand solutions in test function spaces
  - Integrate curl by parts
- Generates a matrix equation
- Similar matrix for B equation

$$\frac{\partial D}{\partial t} = \nabla \times H - J$$

$$\int_V \left( \frac{\partial D}{\partial t} - \nabla \times H + J \right) \hat{e}_i dv$$

$$\int_V \sum \left( \frac{\partial d_j}{\partial t} \hat{e}_j - h_j \hat{b}_j \nabla \times + J \right) \hat{e}_i dv$$

$$M_D \frac{\partial}{\partial t} d = K_H h - \int_V J \hat{e}_i dv$$

# FEM Current weighting

- The original charge conserving PIC current weighting used a “charge through faces” argument to develop weighing
- Weak form gives a more formal idea of current weighting

$$\int_V J \hat{e}_i dv = \sum_p \int_t^{t+\Delta t} \int_V q_p v_p \cdot \hat{e}_i dv dt$$

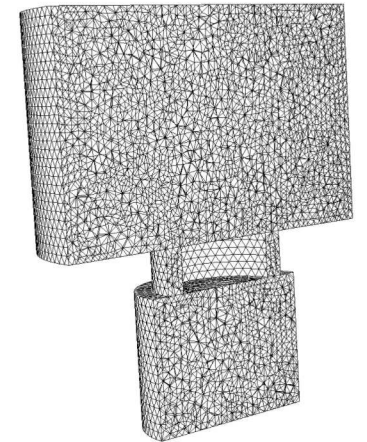
- But the velocity is a delta function in space, making the integral a simple evaluation 
$$\int_V J \hat{e}_i dv = \sum_p \int_t^{t+\Delta t} q_p v_p \hat{e}_i(x_p(t)) dt$$
- For tets, this reduces to the midpoint rule of integration
- Artifact for the current weighting
  - If you place a particle in the domain and move it, an immobile ghost charge is left behind
  - Fluid code as well



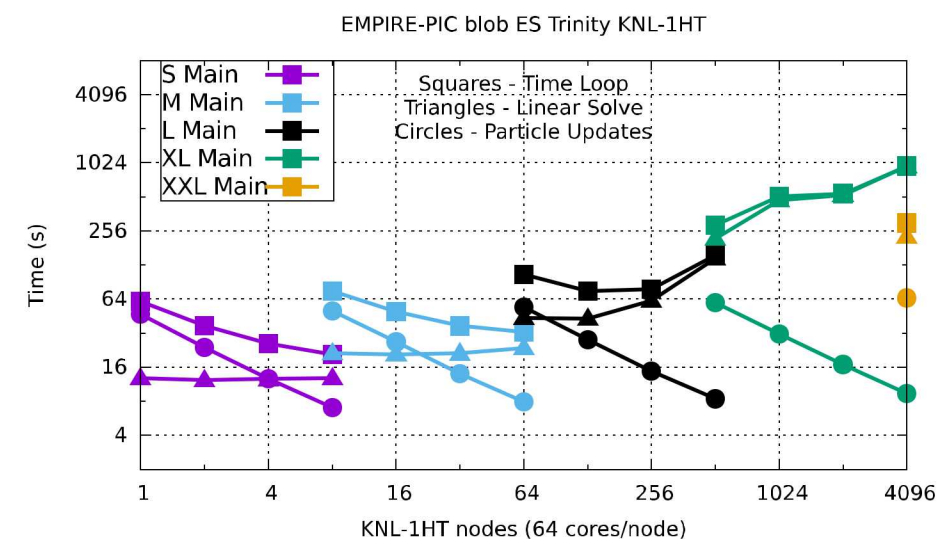
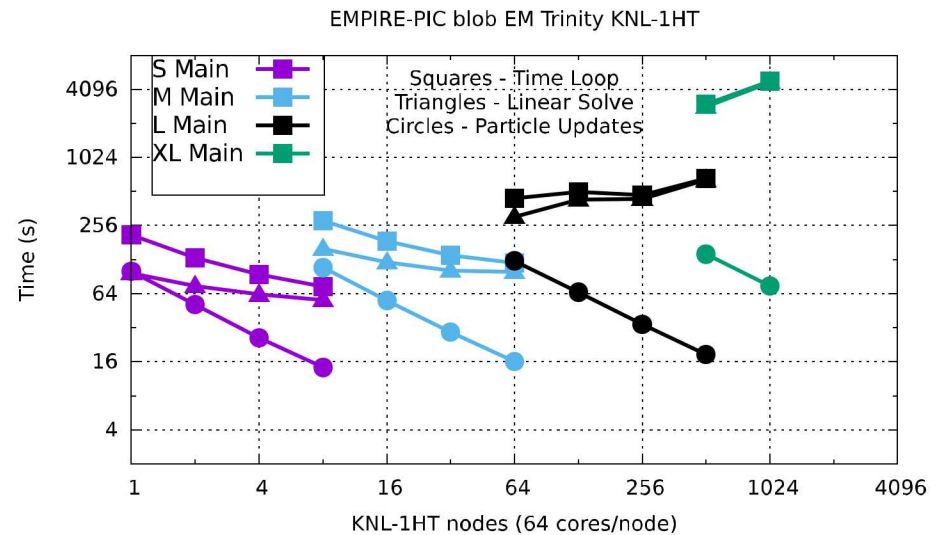
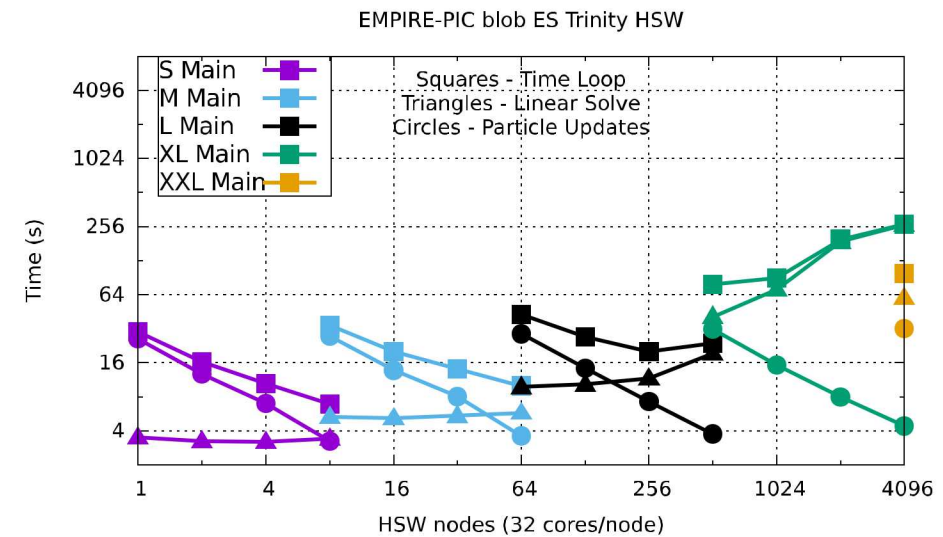
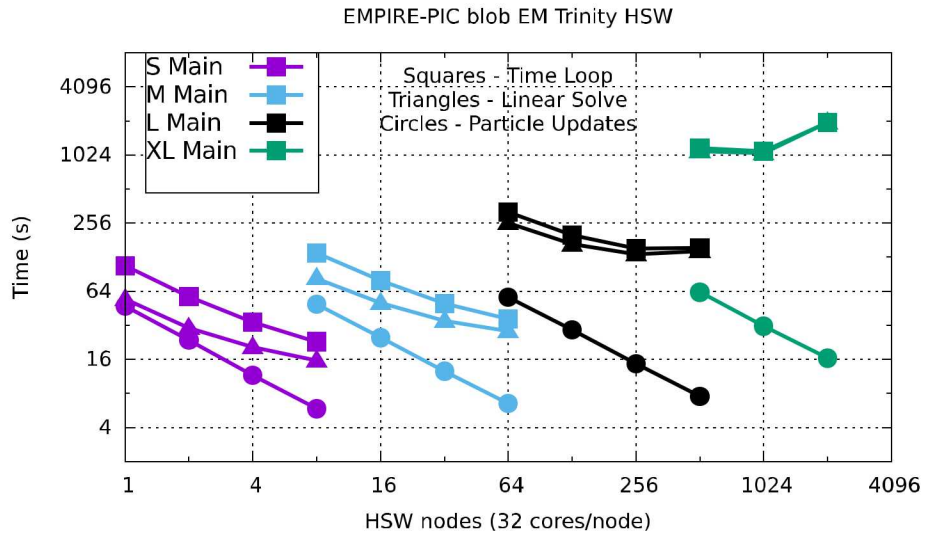
# EMPIRE Performance Setup

- Requirement – EMPIRE needs 10 time-steps/second
- EMPIRE was ran on Trinity at the scale of 4096 nodes for 100 steps
  - Haswell - 2 MPI ranks/node, 16 threads per rank – 128k cores
  - Knights Landing – 4 MPI ranks/node, 16 threads per rank – 256k cores
- Problem used the same geometry
  - Cubit generated tetrahedral mesh “blob”
  - Problem was scaled up in particle and element count
  - Problem was run electrostatically and electromagnetically

Size	# of Elements	# of Nodes	# of Edges	# of Faces	# of Particles
S	337k	60k	406k	683k	16M
M	2.68M	462k	3.18M	5.40M	128M
L	20.7M	3.51M	24.4M	41.6M	1B
XL	166M	27.9M	195M	333M	8.2B
XXL	1.332B	223M	1.56B	2.67B	65.6B



# EMPIRE Overall Performance

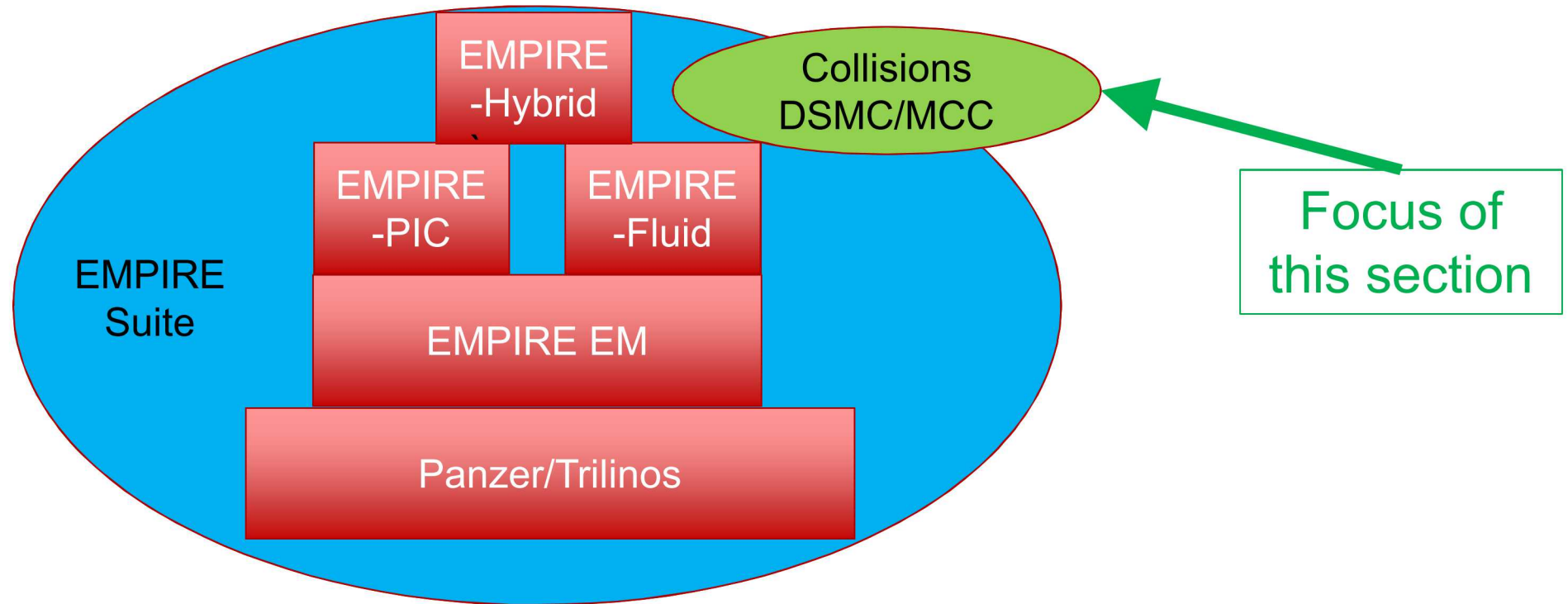


Plots of EMPIRE scaling, left EM, right ES, top HSW, bottom KNL

# EMPIRE-PIC Summary

- EMPIRE-PIC is approaching the capability of our current production code
  - Many many important features and diagnostics are yet implemented
- EMPIRE-PIC has been shown to scale to 1/4M cores
- EMPIRE-PIC is performance portable
  - Recompile for different backends, main code remains the same
- Verification suite is building
  - Not shown but linear problems showing correct convergence
- Validation effort underway

# EMPIRE: A hierarchy of capabilities



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- Expands the range of critical plasma applications that we can address with high confidence and fidelity

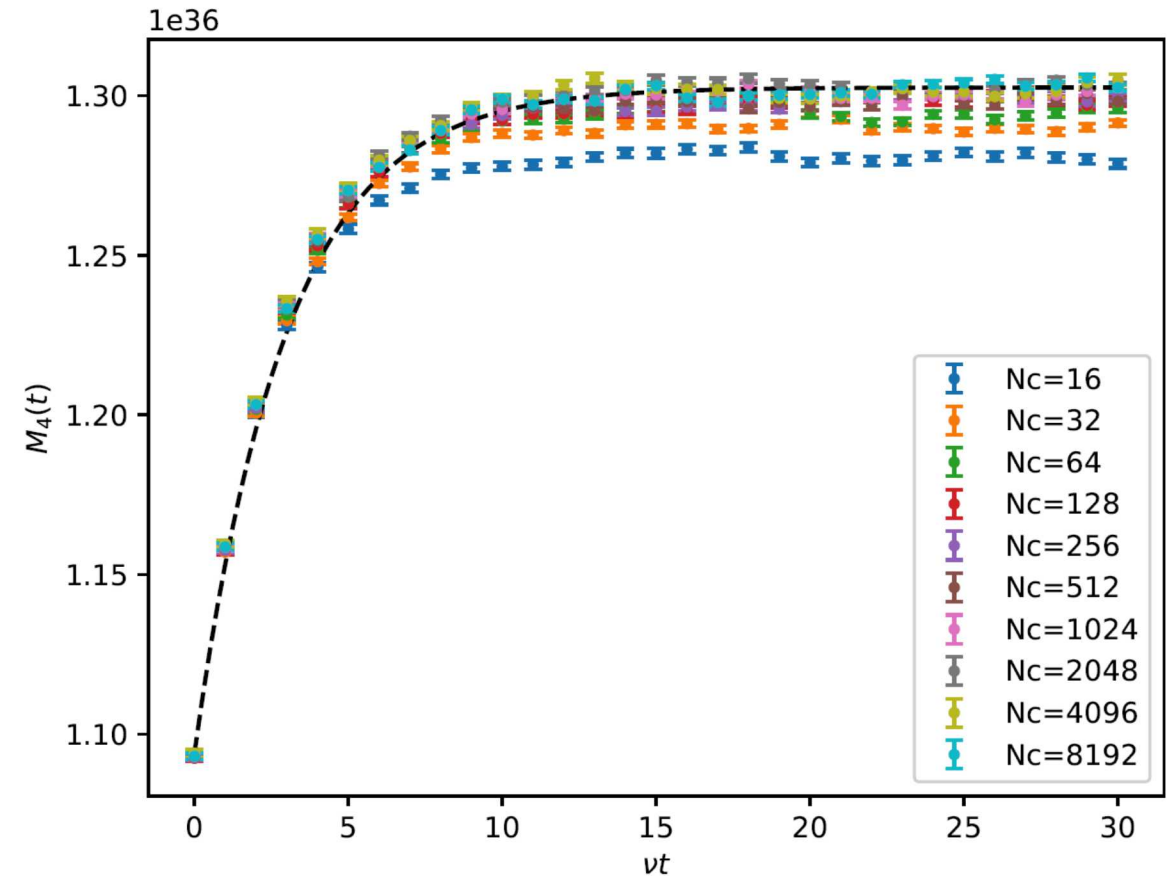


# SPIN Sandia's Particle Interaction Library

SPIN handles chemistry and inner particle forces

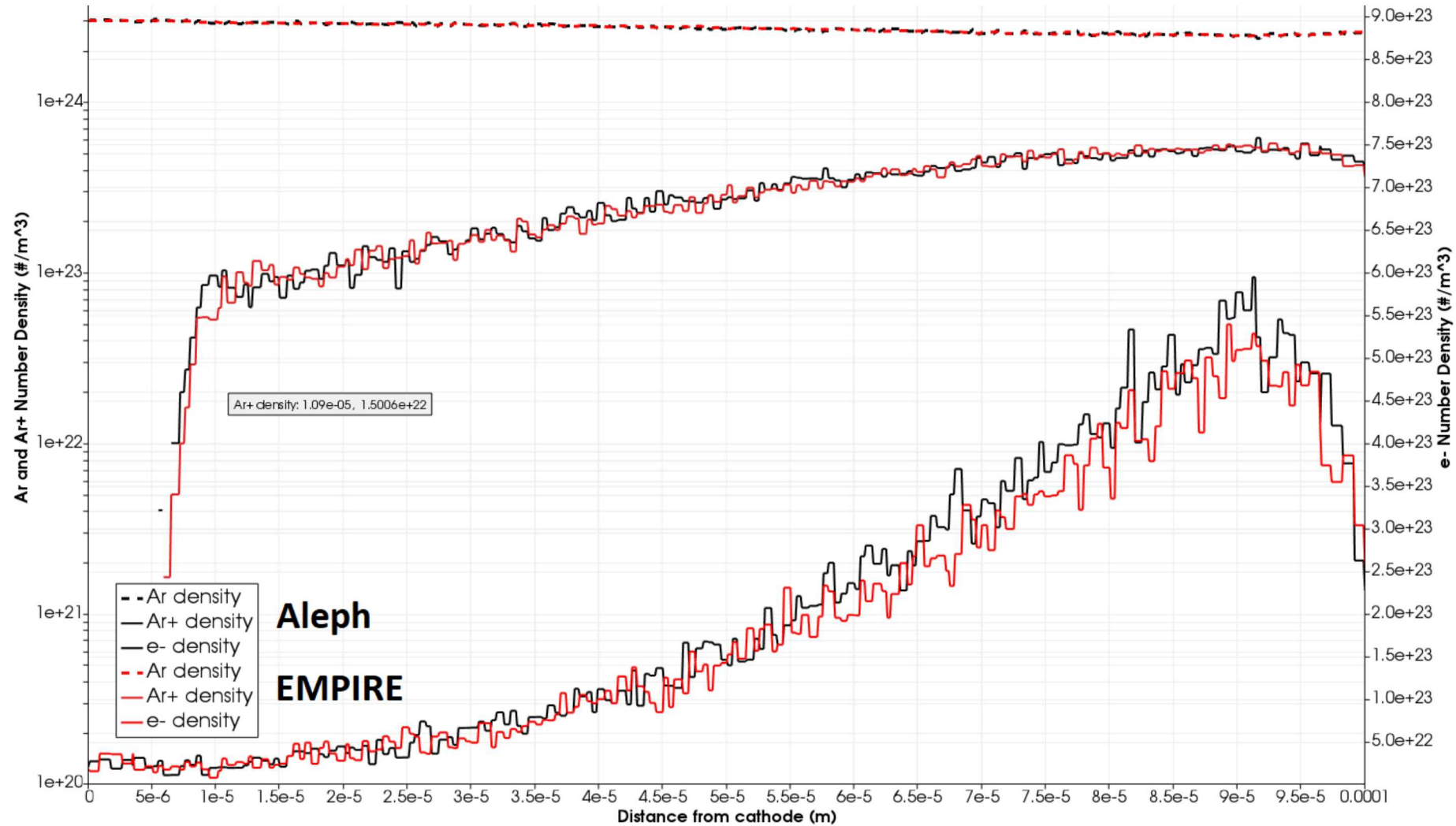
Complex collision types:

- Ionization
  - Excitation
  - Dissociation / chemical reaction with >2 products
- Molecular cross-sections from an analytic model or read from a table
  - Particles can have different weights, allowing accurate simulation of trace species



Convergence test to analytic solution of the 4<sup>th</sup> moment of the velocity distribution for Bobylev-Krook-Wu relaxation using different numbers of molecules per cell.

# SPIN Comparison to Other Codes

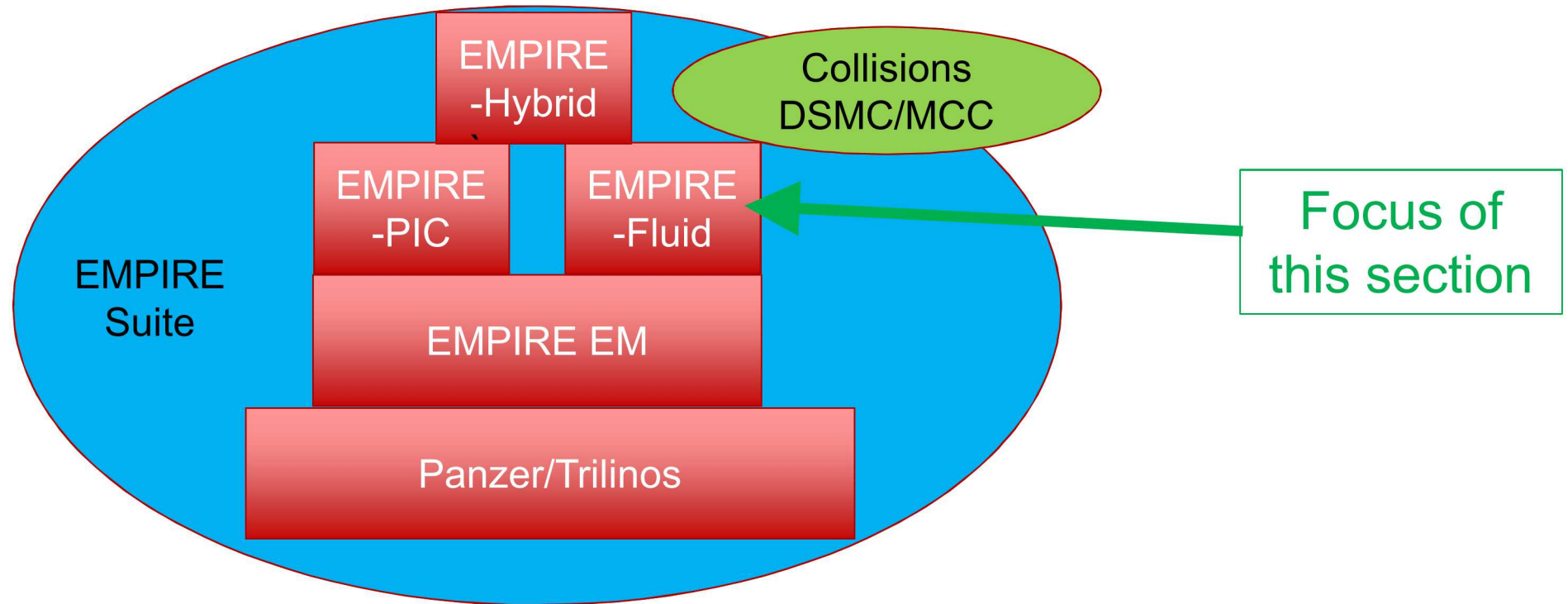


- 1D ionization of argon using EMPIRE with SPIN compared to Aleph

# SPIN Summary Road Map

- SPIN is in its initial form but starting to do real problems
- Coming months:
  - Run on GPUs with Kokkos
  - MCC collisions with background fluid
  - Relativistic collisions
  - Provide Empire-Fluid with momentum/energy transfer rates derived from SPIN cross-sections
  - Merge particles to control total particle count
- Long-term:
  - Rotational/vibrational excitation and energy transfer
  - Particle-specific random numbers (for parallel reproducibility)
  - Non-isotropic scattering

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# Maxwell coupled to fluid formulation for plasmas

- Multi-species Euler coupled to Maxwell
- Strong collisions terms
- Lots of time scales
- Maxwell involutions must be enforced

5-Moment Fluid

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \rho_\alpha}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho_\alpha \mathbf{u}_\alpha) &= \sum_{\text{srcs}} m_\alpha \Gamma^{\text{src}} - \sum_{\text{sinks}} m_\alpha \Gamma^{\text{sink}} \\ \frac{\partial (\rho_\alpha \mathbf{u}_\alpha)}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho_\alpha \mathbf{u}_\alpha \otimes \mathbf{u}_\alpha + p_\alpha I + \Pi_\alpha) &= \frac{q_\alpha}{m_\alpha} \rho_\alpha (\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{u}_\alpha \times \mathbf{B}) \\ &\quad + \sum_{\text{srcs}} m_\alpha \mathbf{u}_{\text{src}} \Gamma^{\text{src}} - \sum_{\text{sinks}} m_\alpha \mathbf{u}_\alpha \Gamma^{\text{sink}} + \sum_{\beta \neq \alpha} \mathbf{R}^{\alpha, \beta} \\ \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}_\alpha}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot ((\mathcal{E}_\alpha + p_\alpha) \mathbf{u}_\alpha + \mathbf{u}_\alpha \cdot \Pi_\alpha + \mathbf{h}_\alpha) &= \frac{q_\alpha}{m_\alpha} \rho_\alpha \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{u}_\alpha + \sum_{\beta \neq \alpha} (\mathbf{u}_\alpha \mathbf{R}^{\alpha, \beta} + Q^{\alpha, \beta}) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\text{srcs}} m_\alpha u_{\text{src}}^2 \Gamma^{\text{src}} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\text{sinks}} m_\alpha u_\alpha^2 \Gamma^{\text{sink}} \end{aligned}$$

Maxwell Equations

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} - c^2 \nabla \times \mathbf{B} &= -\frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \sum_\alpha \frac{q_\alpha}{m_\alpha} \rho_\alpha \mathbf{u}_\alpha & \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} &= \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \sum_\alpha \frac{q_\alpha}{m_\alpha} \rho_\alpha \\ \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} + \nabla \times \mathbf{E} &= 0 & \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Important to satisfy involutions numerically



# Fluid plasma implementation

Developing a blended finite element discretization:

- Electromagnetic fields use conformal continuous-Galerkin (CG) finite elements
  - To enforce involutions by construction
  - Maximize shared code with EMPIRE-PIC
- Fluid fields use discontinuous-Galerkin (DG) finite elements
  - Couples to CG EM solvers
  - Handling shocks and steep gradients
  - Potential for high order to handle waves

Using IMEX time integration to split fast and slow time scales

- Many application dependent stiff time scales

Take home: These plasmas are hard to simulate!

Momentum diffusivity

$$\nu_\alpha = \frac{\mu_\alpha}{\rho_\alpha}$$

Thermal diffusivity

$$\kappa_\alpha \sim \frac{k_\alpha}{\rho_\alpha}$$

Plasma frequency

$$\omega_{p\alpha} = \sqrt{\frac{q_\alpha^2 n_\alpha}{m_\alpha \epsilon_0}}$$

Cyclotron frequency

$$\omega_{c\alpha} = \frac{q_\alpha B}{m_\alpha}$$

Collision frequency

$$\nu_{\alpha\beta} \sim \frac{n_\beta}{\sqrt{m_\alpha} T_\alpha^{\frac{3}{2}}} \frac{1 + \frac{m_\alpha}{m_\beta}}{\left(1 + \frac{m_\alpha T_\beta}{m_\beta T_\alpha}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

Flow velocity

$$u_\alpha$$

Speed of sound

$$v_{s\alpha} = \sqrt{\frac{\gamma P_\alpha}{\rho_\alpha}}$$

Speed of light

$$c \gg u_\alpha, v_{s\alpha}$$

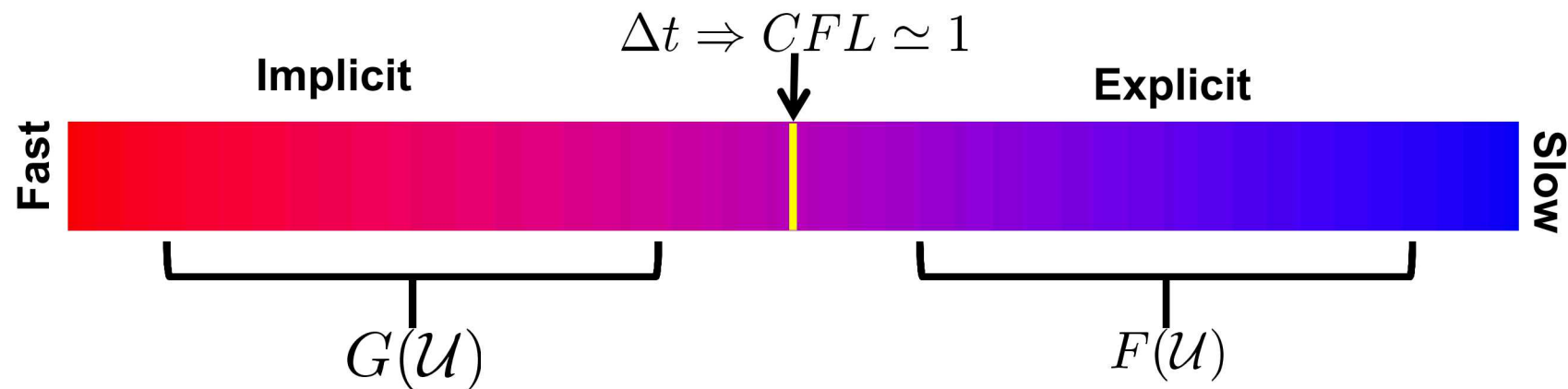
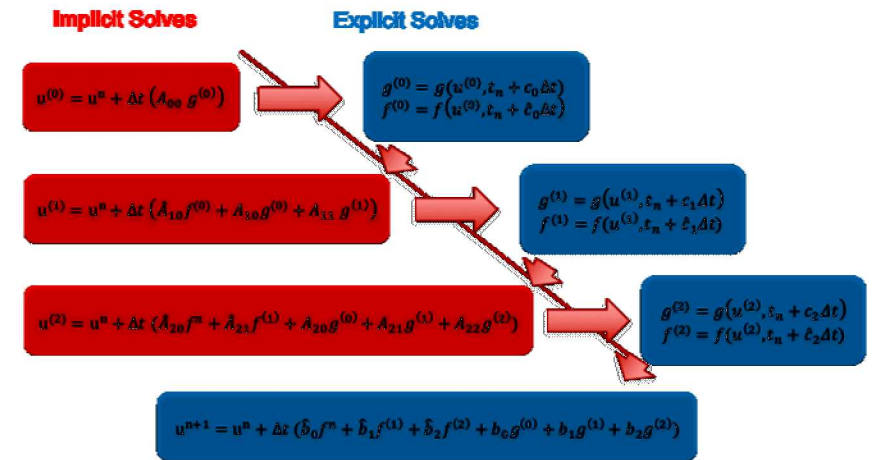
# Implicit-Explicit (IMEX) Time Integration

IMEX methods split fast and slow modes

- Implicit terms solve for stiff modes (plasma oscillation, speed of light)
- Explicit terms are accurately resolved
- Combine with block/physics-based preconditioning for implicit solves





- IMEX assumes an additive decomposition:  $\dot{\mathcal{U}} + F(\mathcal{U}) + G(\mathcal{U}) = 0$

3 Stage IMEX-RK Algorithm



# Fast/Stiff/Implicit modes in plasma model

Stiff Modes:

-  Speed of light
-  Plasma Oscillation
-  Collisions
-  Cyclotron frequency

$$\frac{\partial \rho_\alpha}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho_\alpha \mathbf{u}_\alpha) = \sum_{\text{srcs}} m_\alpha \Gamma^{\text{src}} - \sum_{\text{sinks}} m_\alpha \Gamma^{\text{sink}}$$

$$\frac{\partial(\rho_\alpha \mathbf{u}_\alpha)}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho_\alpha \mathbf{u}_\alpha \otimes \mathbf{u}_\alpha + p_\alpha I + \Pi_\alpha) = \frac{q_\alpha}{m_\alpha} \rho_\alpha (\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{u}_\alpha \times \mathbf{B}) + \sum_{\text{srcs}} m_\alpha \mathbf{u}_{\text{src}} \Gamma^{\text{src}} - \sum_{\text{sinks}} m_\alpha \mathbf{u}_\alpha \Gamma^{\text{sink}} + \sum_{\beta \neq \alpha} \mathbf{R}^{\alpha, \beta}$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} - c^2 \nabla \times \mathbf{B} = -\frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \sum_{\alpha} \frac{q_\alpha}{m_\alpha} \rho_\alpha \mathbf{u}_\alpha$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} + \nabla \times \mathbf{E} = 0$$

- Speed of light arises from coupling of electromagnetic field: explicit CFL  $\sim c\Delta t/\Delta x$
- Plasma oscillation arises from Ampere's law to momentum conservation: explicit CFL  $\sim$
- Collisions explicit CFL  $\sim \Delta t$
- Cyclotron frequency explicit CFL  $\sim |B|\Delta t$

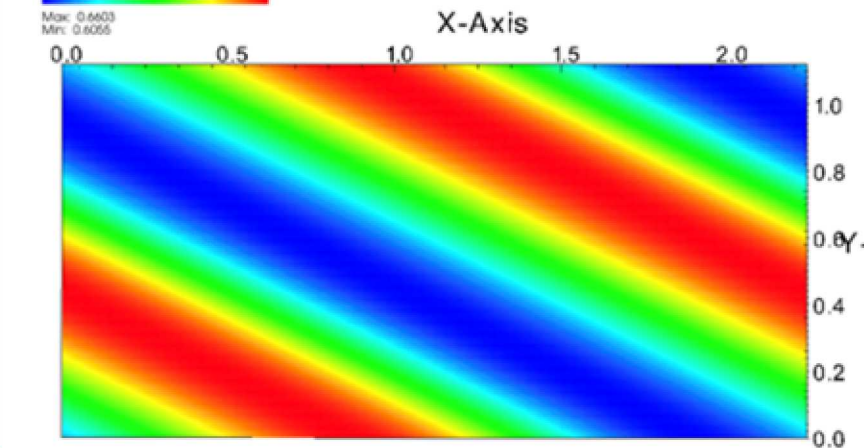
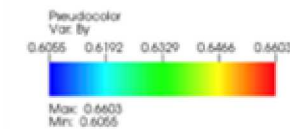
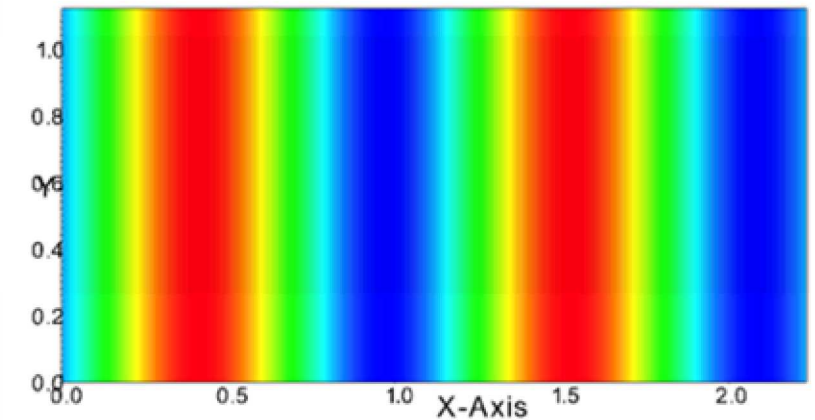
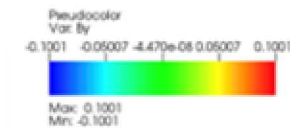
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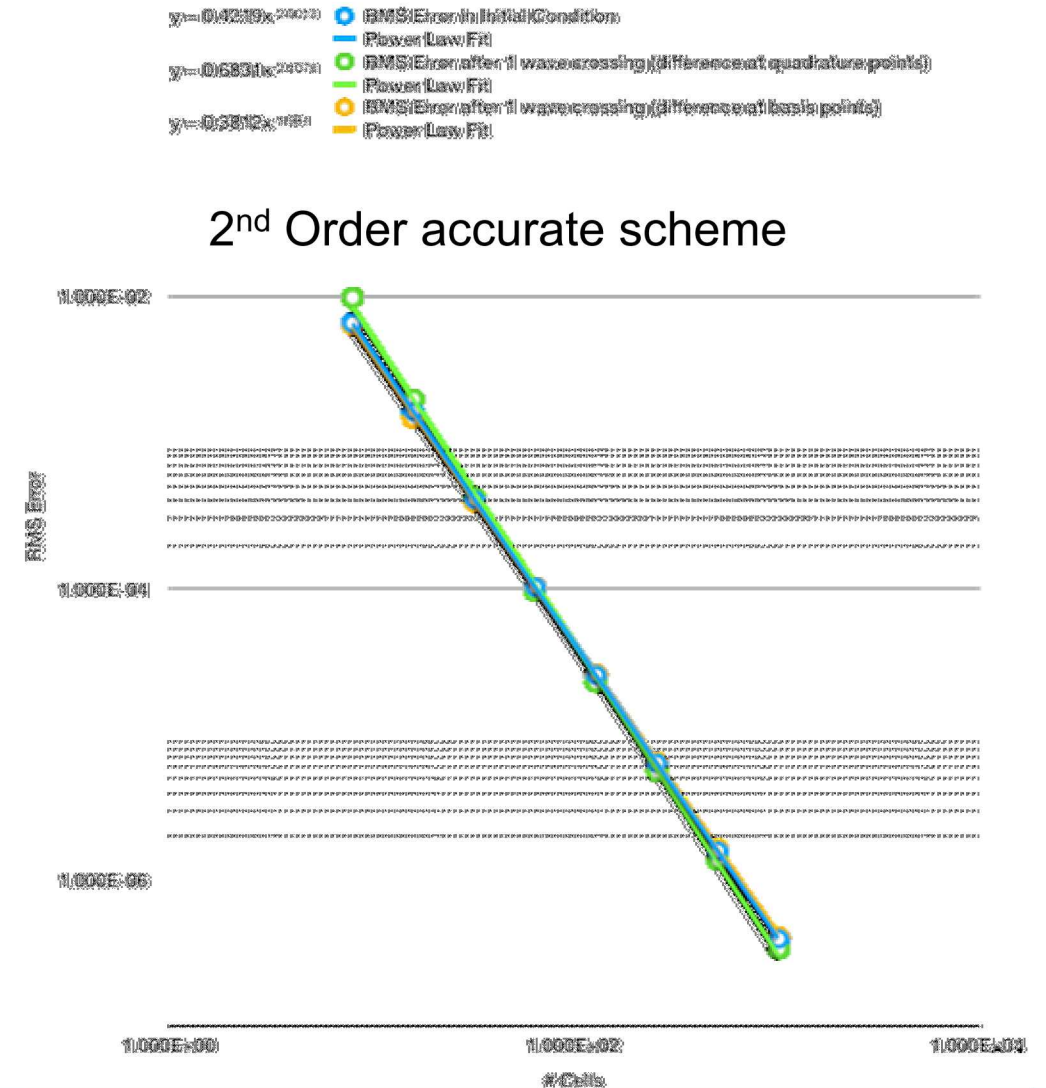


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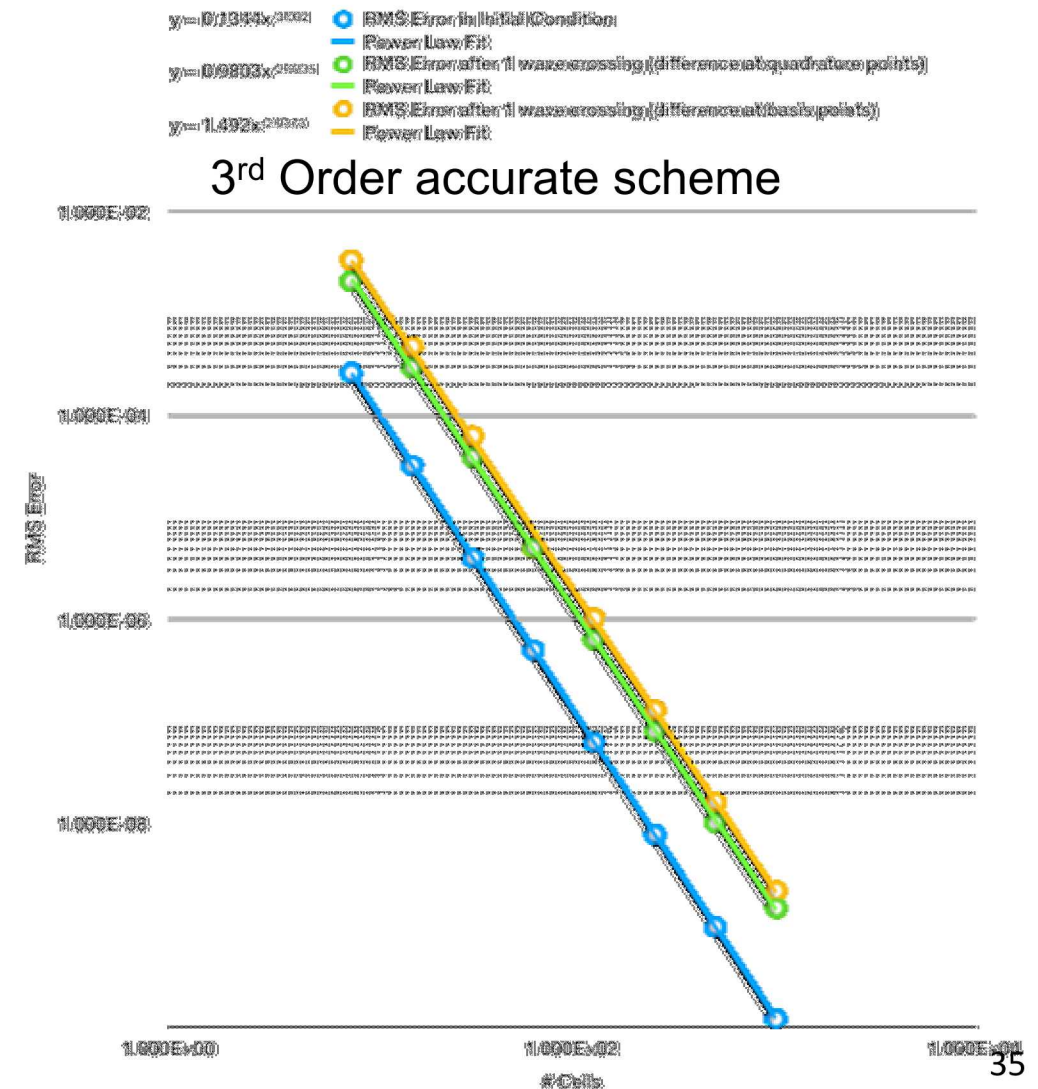


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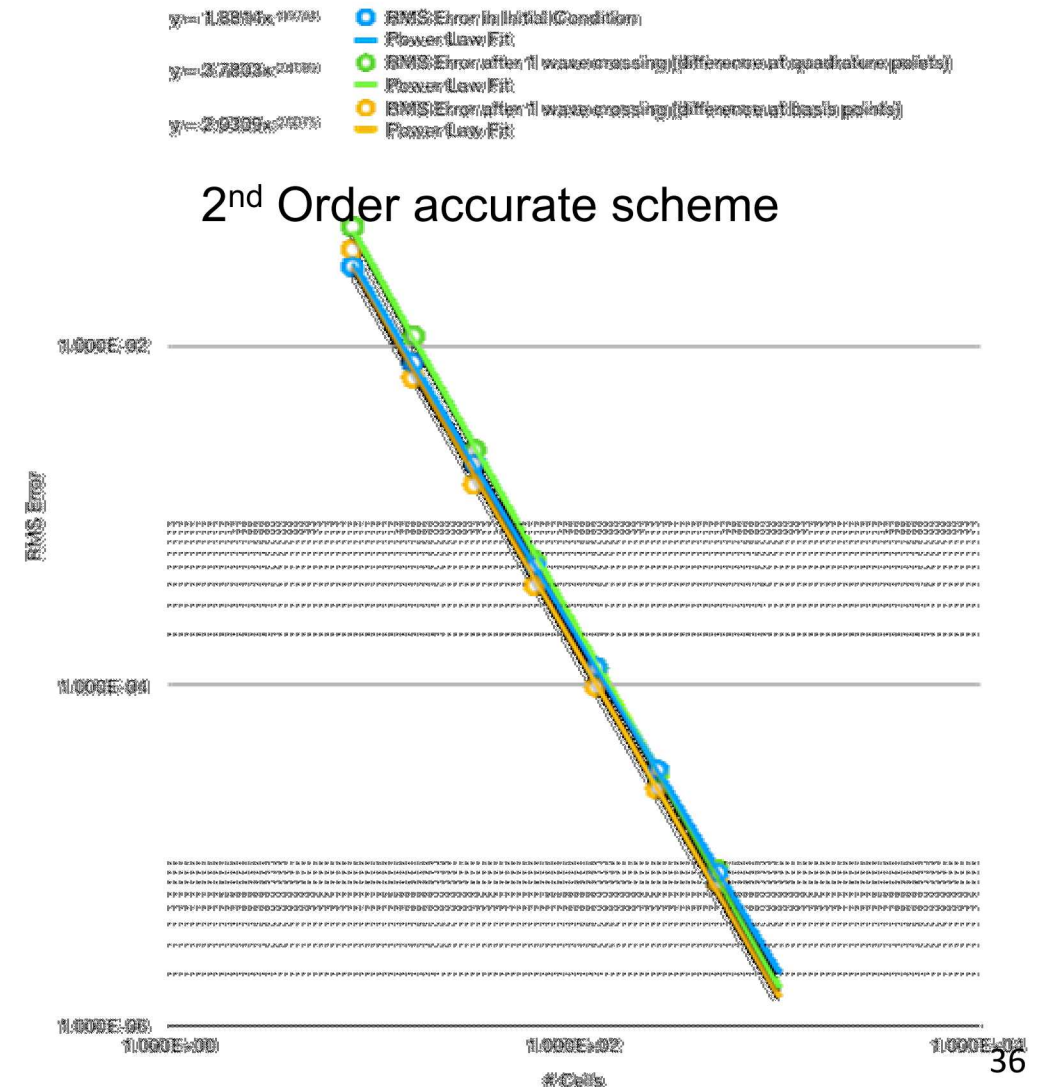


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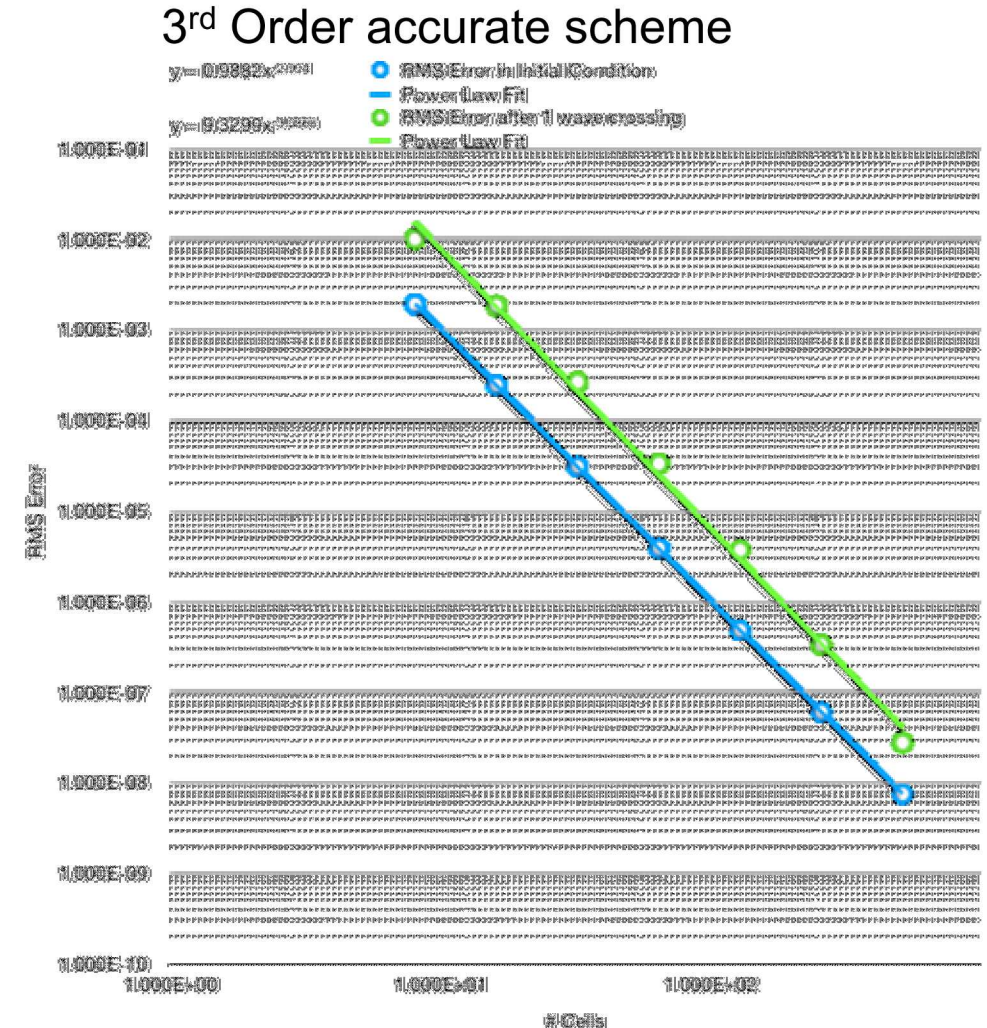


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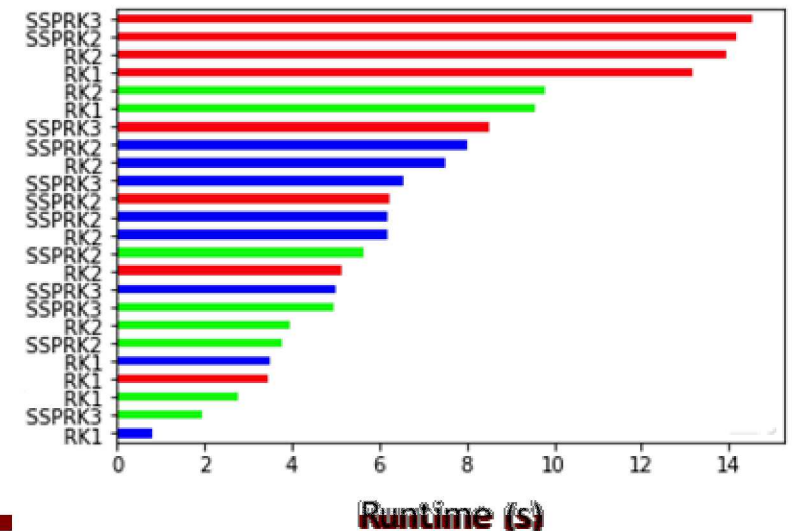
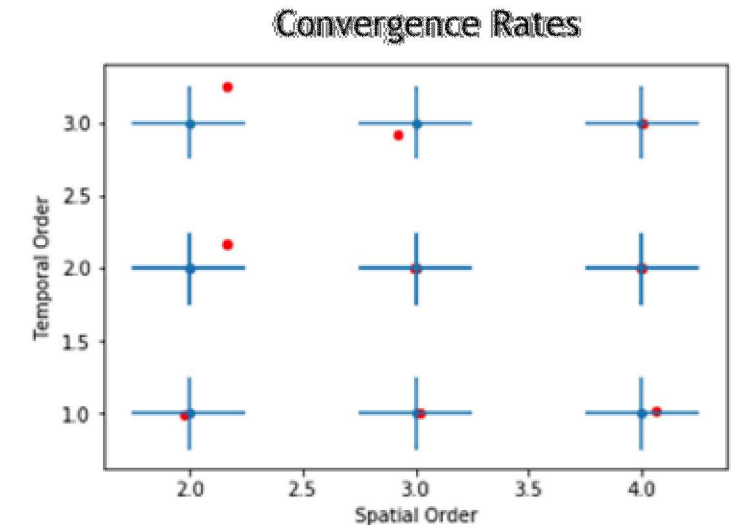
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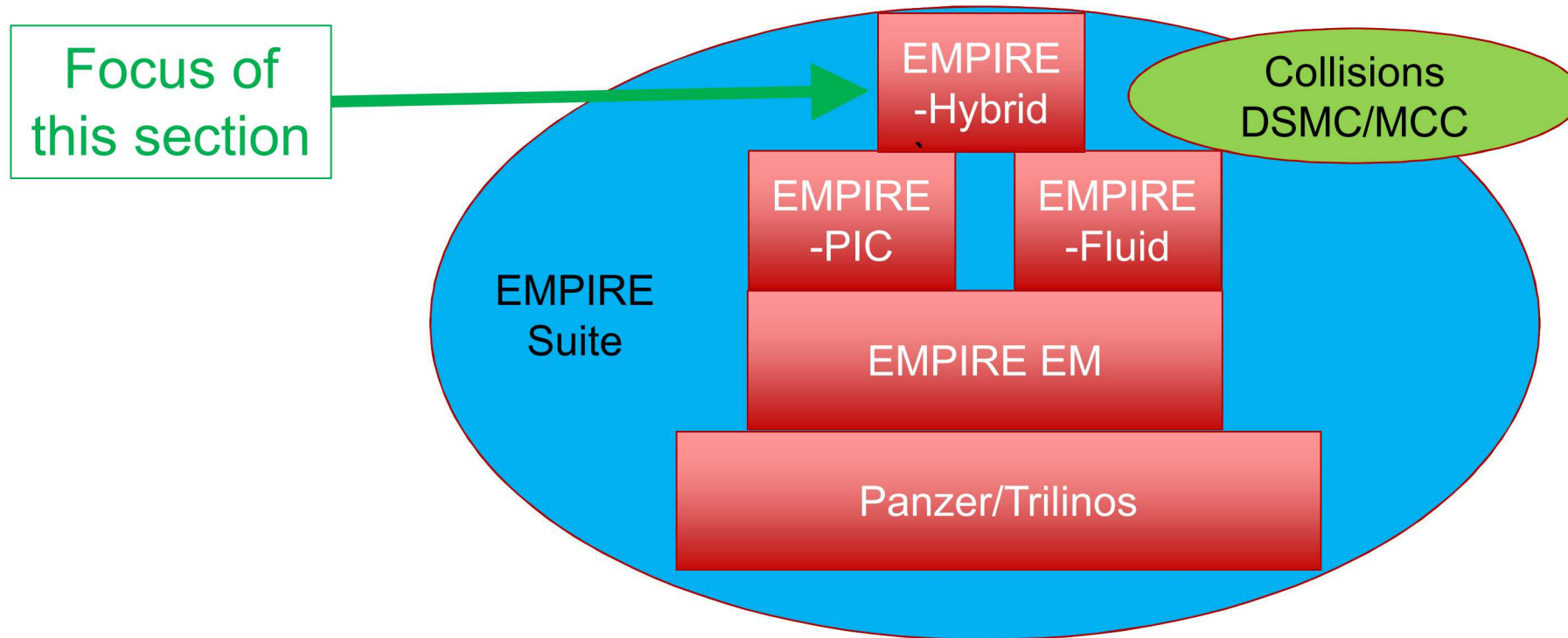


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- EMPIRE-Fluid is the multi-fluid plasma simulation component of a broader plasma simulation tool being developed at Sandia to provide high fidelity modeling of critical plasma applications
- We have been working on benchmarking discretization approaches on a range of linear and non-linear problems:
  - Demonstrated that discretization can deliver 3rd order accuracy for non-linear problems
  - We have incorporated Implicit-Explicit (IMEX) methods to allow us to step over stiff time scales efficiently
  - We also are able to handle steep gradients and are beginning the comparison to PIC methods



# EMPIRE: A hierarchy of capabilities



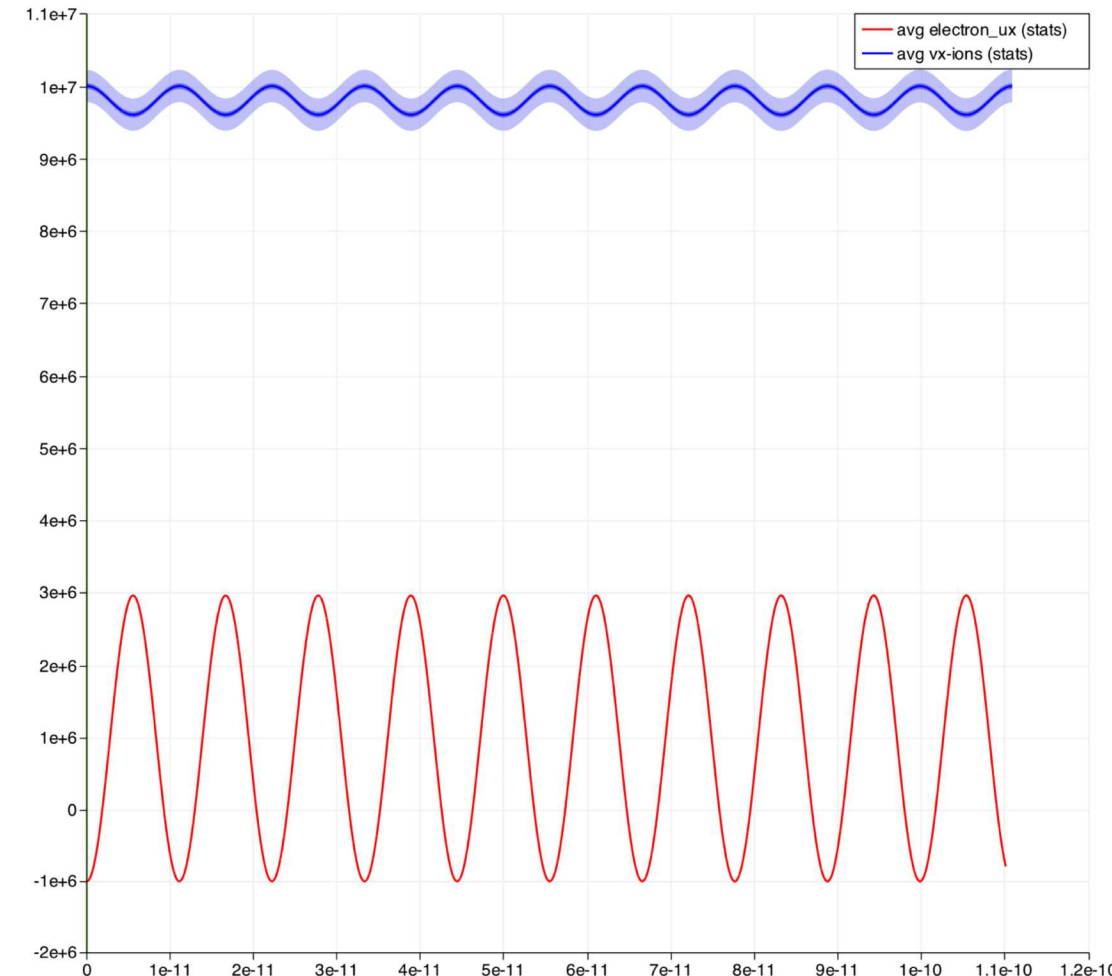
- EMPIRE's goal: Accurately simulate plasmas across regimes on next-generation exascale computing platforms
- Expands the range of critical plasma applications that we can address with high confidence and fidelity

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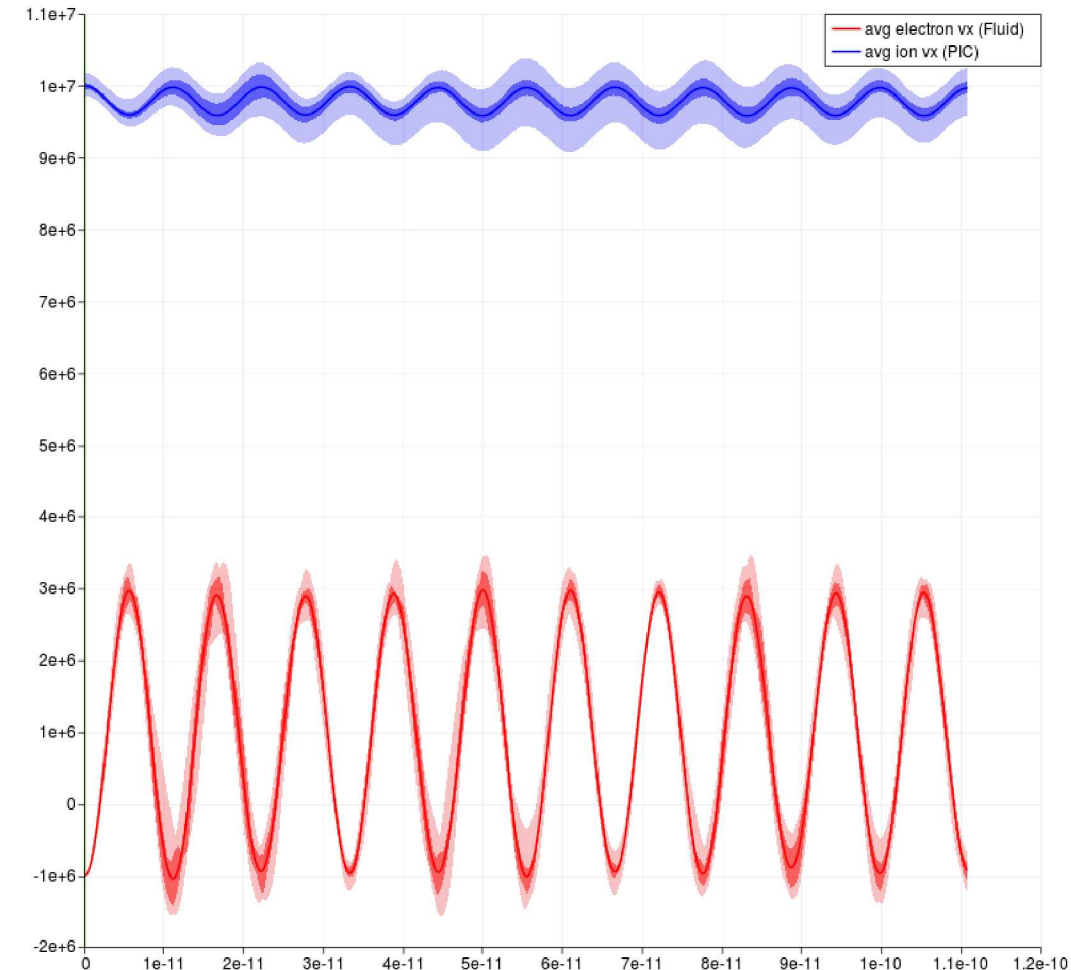
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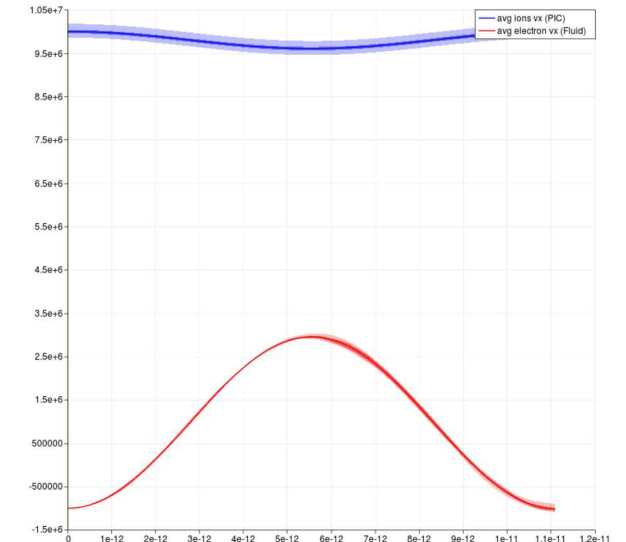


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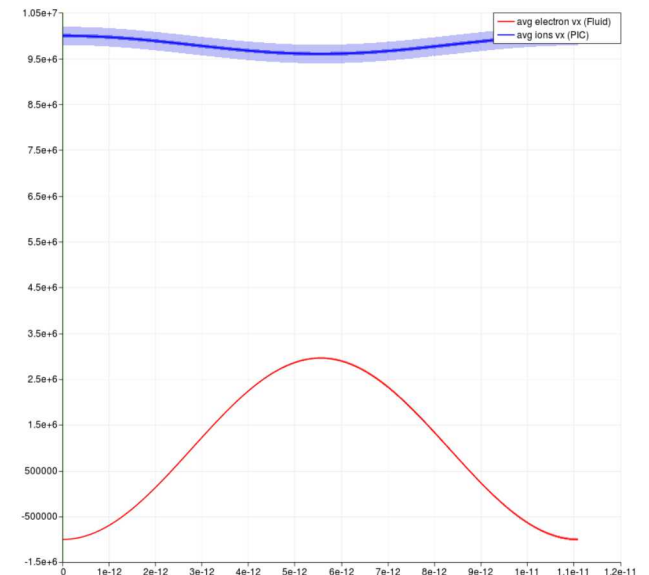
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- Algorithm:
  - Electrons + EM use DG spatial discretization (divergence cleaning)
  - Ions: particle-in-cell discretization
  - Time integration: electrons + EM use explicit SSPRK3; PIC is (first order) operator split
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- Simulation setup:
  - Resolution
    - Low: 4x4 mesh, with 100 particles (total); Debye length =  $7.234643e-7$ ; Debye length / Cell length = 0.17675
    - Medium: 16x16 mesh, with 1600 particles (total); Debye length =  $7.234643e-7$ ; Debye length / Cell length = 0.717
    - High: 64x64 mesh, with 25600 particles (total); Debye length =  $7.234643e-7$ ; Debye length / Cell length = 2.828

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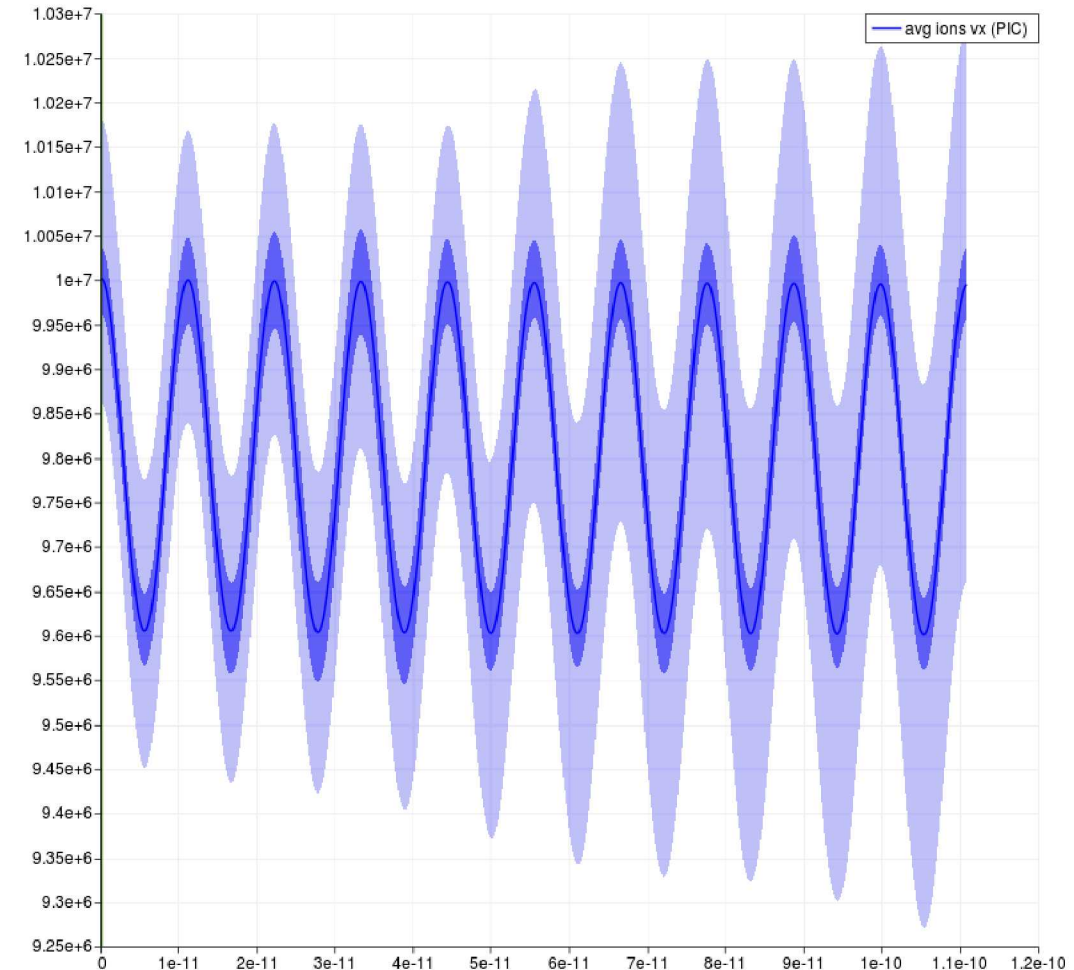


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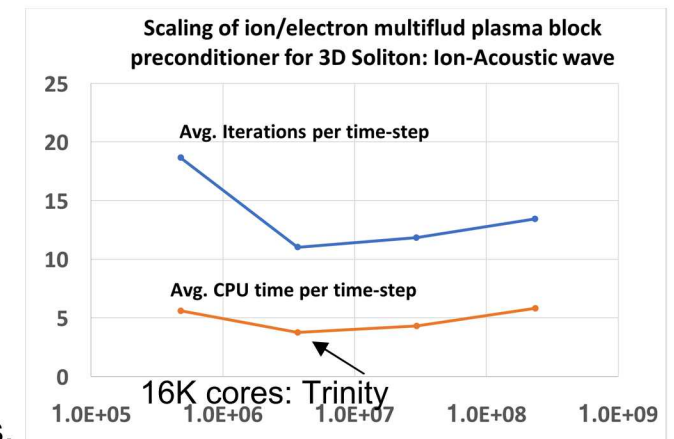
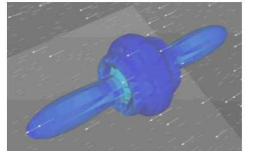
- PIC has a spatial stability limit, requiring the Debye length of the plasma to be sufficiently resolved by the mesh.
  - If the Debye length is under-resolved, the fluid will heat up until the Debye length is resolved.
  - Temperature in PIC is represented by particle velocity noise, so an increase in temperature translates to an increase in particle noise.
  - The Fluid code tracks temperature as a scalar value on each node, and noise is interpreted as just noise.
  - This heating in PIC translates to increasing error/noise in the Fluid part of Hybrid
- The explicit time stepper in fluid has a CFL stability limit
  - Properly resolving the Debye length for PIC forces an inconveniently small time step value to satisfy the CFL condition
  - The CFL stability restriction in these simulations was much more restrictive than the plasma oscillation frequency.
  - Using an implicit time stepper with a CG electromagnetic solve fixes this problem and greatly increases performance.





# Initial Progress on R&D Hybrid Implicit/IMEX Multifluid Plasma and Kinetic – PIC Coupling

- Goal: Develop a R&D hybrid IMEX plasma code with 5-moment multifluid model + Electromagnetics (**Drekar**) coupled to particle-in-cell (PIC) model (**EMPIRE-PIC**).
- Essential character of modest R&D effort
  - **Flexible and extensible for complex multiphysics multispecies plasma systems**
  - **Robust, accurate, and scalable solution for longer-time-scale simulations.** Focus on coupling with higher-order multi-rate IMEX time-integration
  - **Performance Portable** on emerging HPC architectures: HSW, KNL, CUDA, ...
  - **Component-based:** heavily leverage existing R&D plasma simulation capabilities and SNL/ECP software stack (e.g. Trinos, Kokkos, Panzer, ....)
- Physics/Plasma Capability Components
  - **Drekar:** Scalable multifluid plasma solver
    - Implicit/IMEX & Newton-Krylov (sources and fast-waves)
    - FE H(grad) and structure preserving (nodal, edge, face)
    - Hyperbolic Systems: Algebraic flux limited CG
  - **EMPIRE-PIC:** Scalable PIC solver
    - Currently explicit, implicit under development

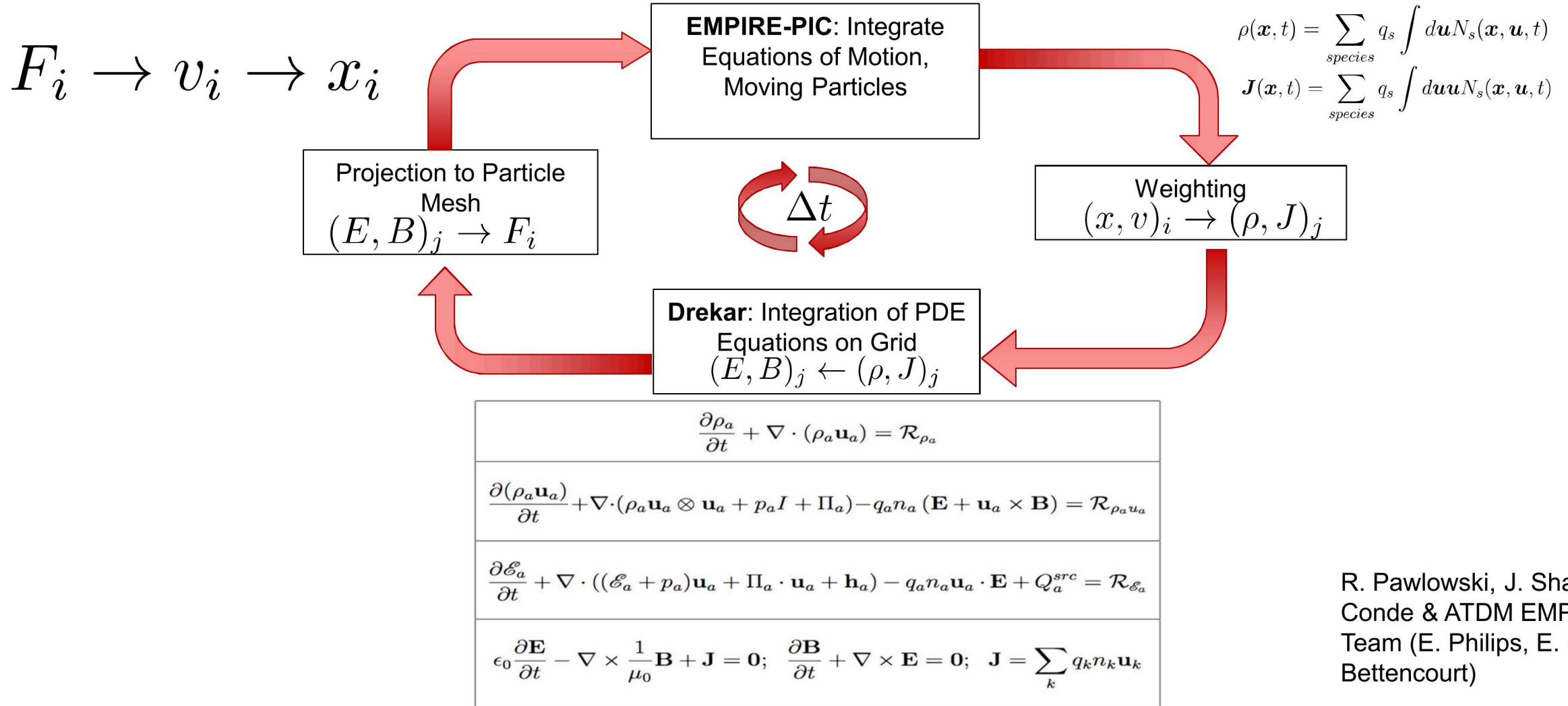


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# Initial Proof-of-principle: Simple Operator Split Coupled Model

$$m_s \frac{d}{dt} (\mathbf{V}_i(t) \gamma_i(t)) = q_s (\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{X}_i(t), t) + \mathbf{V}_i(t) \times \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{X}_i(t), t))$$



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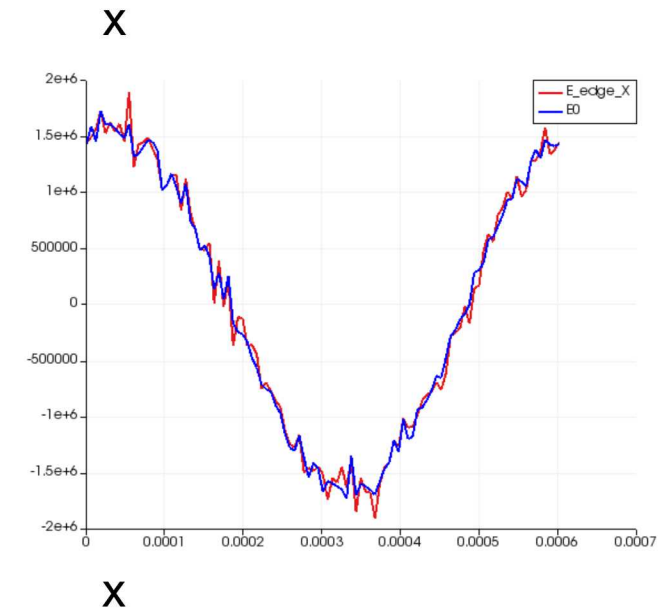
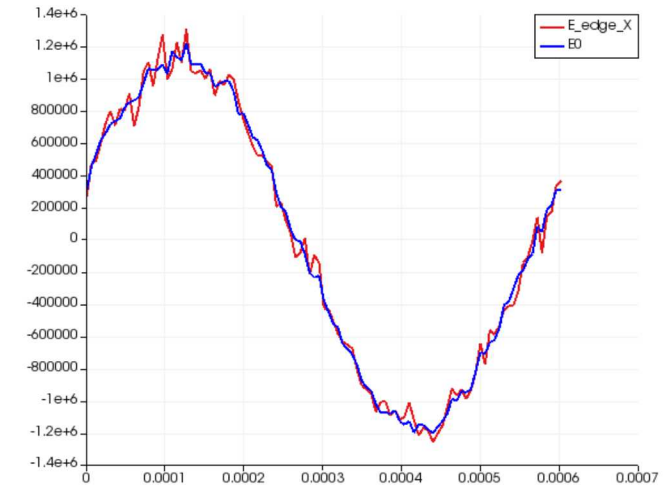
# 1<sup>st</sup> Proof-of-principle for Drekar/EMPIRE-PIC Coupling

- First coupling of Drekar to EMPIRE-PIC for a Langmuir Wave
- Simple proof-of-principle (Drekar solves electrostatic potential, EMPIRE-PIC electrons)
- Replace PIC EM Solver with Drekar EM
- 1024 cells, 9K particles
- Plots show  $E_x$  line plot over spatial domain: red is cell averaged solution in Drekar, blue is EM-PIC standalone solution at nodes.
  - After projection Drekar solution matches EMPIRE's.
- Verified coupling of fields from Drekar PDE solver to EMPIRE-PIC particle push
- Results show good agreement as expected

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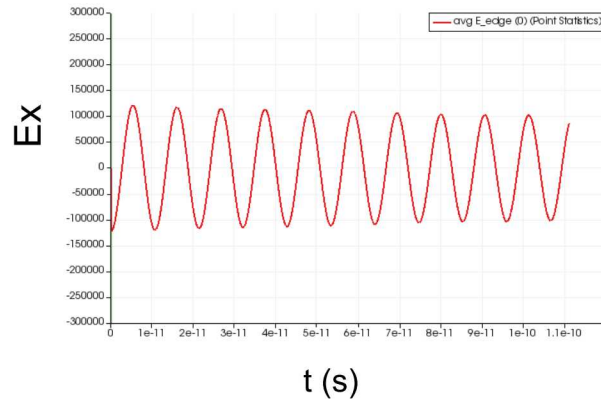
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# Preliminary Hybrid Fluid/Kinetic Capability in Drekar: E.g. Ion/Electron Plasma Oscillation

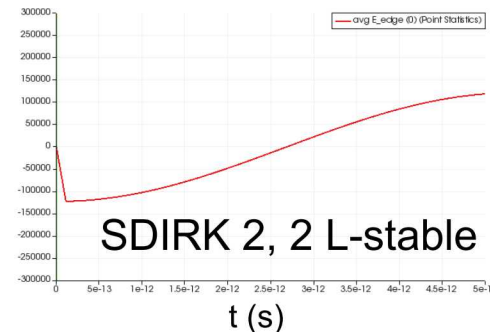
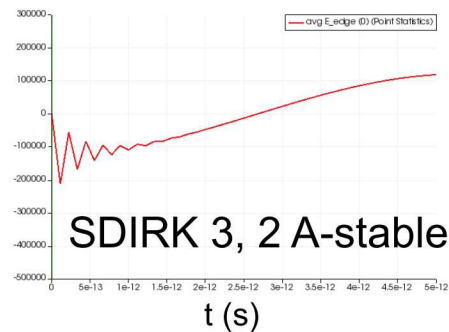
Coupled system time integration:

- Current / Proof-of-principle: 1<sup>st</sup> order operator split coupling (2<sup>nd</sup> order implementation straightforward)
  - Fluid electron Euler and electro-static Poisson system time integration
    - SDIRK 2<sup>nd</sup> order, 2 stage: L-Stable
    - SDIRK 3<sup>rd</sup> order, 2 stage: A-Stable
  - Ion kinetic system PIC (standard EMPIRE Particle push)



- Theory period:  $1.06192\text{e-}11$   $\omega_p = \sqrt{\sum_{\alpha} \omega_{p\alpha}^2}$  with  $\omega_{p\alpha} = \sqrt{\frac{q_{\alpha}^2 n_{\alpha}}{m_{\alpha} \epsilon_0}}$
- Computed period:  $1.0593\text{e-}11$ , 0.25% error

- Demonstrated L-stable fluid/EM solve can control high-frequency unresolved time-scales (during startup in this case)



Integrator	Stability	Period	% Error
DIRK 2nd Order, 2 stage	L-Stable	1.1111E-11	4.63E+00
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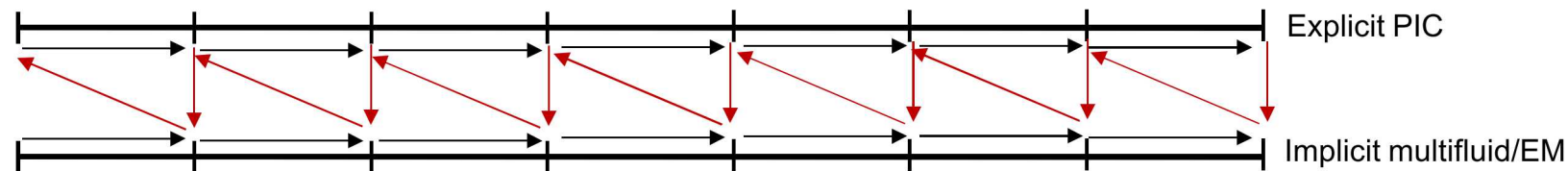
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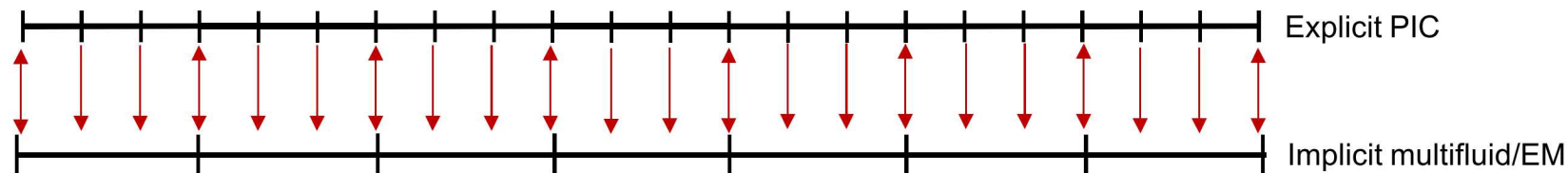
# Time Integration for Hybrid Multifluid – PIC plasma capability

- Goal higher-order integration with flexible stability properties (R&D)
  - Multirate generalized-structure additive partitioned IMEX RK
    - Longer time-step implicit integrator for fluid continuum / EM system
    - Ion kinetic system smaller integral steps that match up with PDE solver (goal)

Current 1<sup>st</sup> order operator split:



Multirate generalized-structure additive partitioned IMEX RK:



Status:

- Demonstrated 1<sup>st</sup> order operator split with implicit A/L-stable PDE solves
- Demonstrated some control over high-frequency unresolved modes (Ex)
- Developing a multirate RK capability in Tempus time integration package
- Preparing hybrid software coupling for more advanced time integration capabilities

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# Summary: EMPIRE-Hybrid

- We have begun exploring methods for hybrid PIC-Fluid simulations:
  - Utilizing first order coupling strategies; PIC push separated from Fluid/Maxwell
  - Motivation: understand where simple temporal coupling strategies fail and develop methodology to mitigate
- EMPIRE-PIC/Fluid (particle push + DG Fluid/Maxwell):
  - Particle noise can induce shocks within fluid
  - Ensuring conservation of momentum/energy requires careful treatment of coupling of plasma to EM fluid
- EMPIRE-PIC/Drekar
  - Drekar provides mature multi-fluid scheme that enables experimentation with temporal discretizations
  - EM solver matches EMPIRE-EM results
  - Results indicate particle noise triggers plasma oscillation
    - Method gives accurate results
- Both hybrid approaches provide foundation to develop methodologies to address issues of noise, EM discretization, time stepping this FY.

# Oh, and don't forget ICNSP

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