

# Poorman's Multiscale Maxwell + TDDFT

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- Goal: Use DCMESH code structure to mimick Maxwell + TDDFT approach [Yabana, PRB 85, 045134 (2012)].
- Observation: Non-self-consistent transverse-geometry surface interpretation (i.e.,  $\mathbf{A}(t) = \mathbf{A}_{\text{ext}}(t)$ ) has zero induced vector-potential feedback [Sato, JCP 143, 224116 (2005)]
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Presence of its & neighbor bulk supercells may somewhat screen external laser pulse even for surface supercell.
- Approach: Linear interpolation of recent  $\mathbf{A}(t)$  vs.  $\mathbf{J}^{\text{avg}}(t)$  history of the surface supercell to emulate the optical response (or constitutive equation) of bulk supercells as effective medium that satisfies

$$\mathbf{J}^{\text{avg}}(t) = \sigma \mathbf{E}(t) \quad (1)$$

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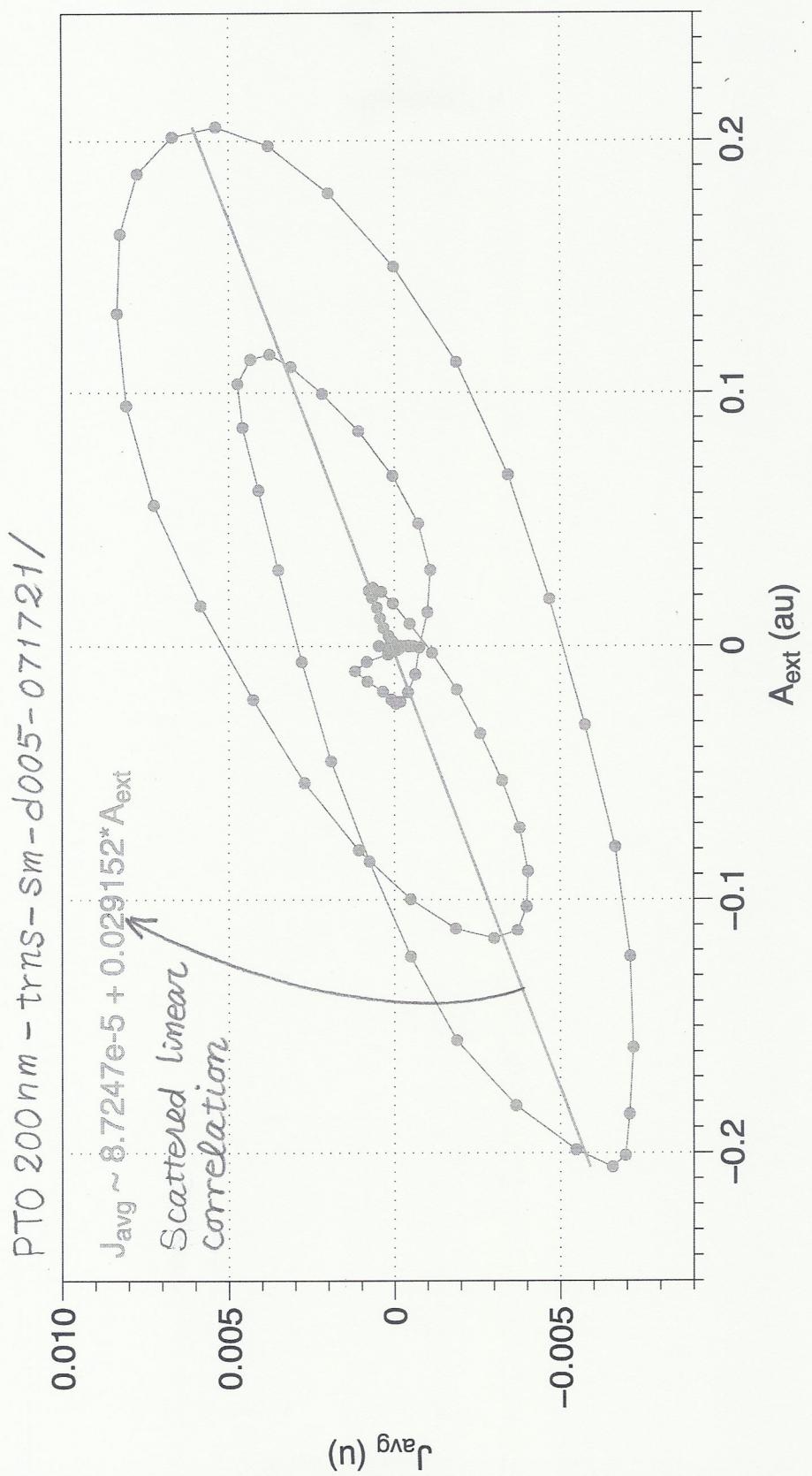
where  $J_{\text{avg}}(t)$  is supercell-averaged current, and electric field is obtained from vector potential  $A(t)$  as

$$E(t) = -\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} A(t) \quad (2)$$

cf.  $J_{\text{avg}}(t)$  and  $A_{\text{ext}}(t)$  shows high correlation  
[PTQ200nm-trns-sm-d005-071721].

\* While some spectral analysis of  $\sigma(\omega)$  is possible, we initially assume similar spectral components in recent history, hence simple prefactor scaling, for simplicity.

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- Macroscopic Maxwell equation

$$\left( \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial R^2} \right) A_R(t) = \frac{4\pi}{c} J_R(t) \quad (3)$$

where  $R$  is macroscopic position, and  $A_R(t)$  &  $J_R(t)$  are macroscopic vector potential & current.

We introduce

$$\tilde{A}_R(t) = -\frac{1}{c} A_R(t) \quad (4)$$

which satisfies

$$\left( \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial R^2} \right) \tilde{A}_R(t) = -\frac{4\pi}{c^2} J_R(t) \quad (5)$$

or

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \tilde{A}_R(t) = c^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial R^2} \tilde{A}_R(t) - 4\pi J_R(t) \quad (6)$$

In terms of  $\tilde{A}_R(t)$ ,

$$IE(t) = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \tilde{A}_R(t) \quad (7)$$

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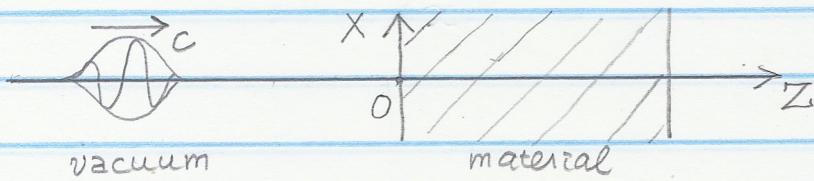
- Transverse geometry

We consider linearly-polarized vector potential incident normal to flat surface in  $xy$ -plane,

$$\tilde{A}_R(t) = \hat{x} \tilde{A}_Z(t), \quad (8)$$

for which current is

$$\tilde{J}_R(t) = \hat{x} J_Z(t). \quad (9)$$



Maxwell equation thus becomes

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \tilde{A}_Z(t) = c^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \tilde{A}_Z(t) - 4\pi J_Z(t) \quad (10)$$

\* We take  $z \geq 0$  to be material.

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- Laser pulse [6/18/20]

At  $t \leq 0$ , let

$$\tilde{A}_z(t) = \frac{D_{ext}}{\omega_{ext}} \sin \left[ \omega_{ext} \left( t - \frac{z}{c} \right) - \phi_{ext} \right] \times \sin^2 \left[ \frac{\pi}{T_{ext}} \left( t - \frac{z}{c} \right) \right] \quad (0 < t - \frac{z}{c} < T_{ext}) \quad (11)$$

Let

$$Z_0 = c T_{ext}, \quad (12)$$

then, at  $t=0$ ,  $\tilde{A}_z(t=0)$  is nonzero at

$$-Z_0 < z < 0,$$

namely, the front of laser pulse just reached surface.

\* For PTO400nm.in,  $T_{ext} = 220.46$  au, thus

$$Z_0 = c T_{ext} = 30,210.96 \text{ au} = 15987 \text{ \AA} = 1.5987 \mu\text{m}$$

$\approx 137.036 \text{ au}$

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- Time derivative (omit ext-subscript)

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{A}_z}{\partial t} = D \cos(\omega(t - \frac{z}{c})) \sin^2\left(\frac{\pi}{T_0}(t - \frac{z}{c})\right)$$

$$+ \frac{D}{\omega} \sin(\omega(t - \frac{z}{c})) \times \left( 2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{T_0}(t - \frac{z}{c})\right) \frac{\pi}{T_0} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{T_0}(t - \frac{z}{c})\right) \right) \\ = \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{T_0}(t - \frac{z}{c})\right)$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial \tilde{A}_z}{\partial t} = D \cos(\omega(t - \frac{z}{c})) \sin^2\left(\frac{\pi}{T_0}(t - \frac{z}{c})\right)$$

$$+ \frac{\pi D}{\omega T_0} \sin(\omega(t - \frac{z}{c})) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{T_0}(t - \frac{z}{c})\right) \quad (13)$$

$$(0 < t - \frac{z}{c} < T_0)$$

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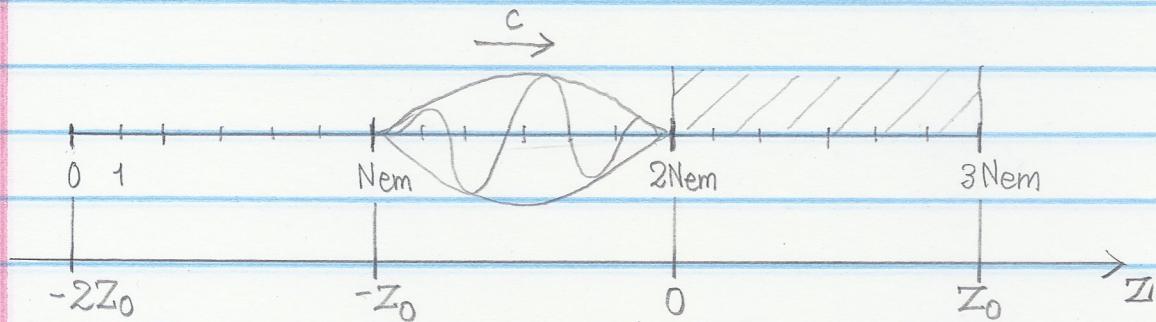
- Spatial discretization: finite difference

We discretize  $Z_0$ -long pulse into  $N_{\text{em}}$  mesh points.

Computational domain is defined as a range  $Z \in [-2Z_0, Z_0]$ . The mesh size is

$$\Delta Z = \frac{Z_0}{N_{\text{em}}} \quad (14)$$

and there are  $3N_{\text{em}} + 1$  mesh points, including the both ends.



Data structure:

$\text{Ast}[3(3N_{\text{em}}+1)]$ :  $\text{Ast}[0:1:2+3 \cdot i]$  stores  $\tilde{A}_Z[i]$  at  $i \in [0, 3N_{\text{em}}]$  mesh point

$\tilde{A}_Z[i]$  is  $\frac{\tilde{A}_Z^2}{\Delta Z}$  (see below)

where  $\Delta Z$  is time discretization unit for time propagation ( $10^{-3}$  au in lfd-PTO400nm.in).

$Jst[3N_{\text{em}}+1]$ :  $Jst[i]$  stores  $J_Z(t)$  at  $i$ -th mesh point

Note  $i$ -th mesh point is

$$Z_i = -2Z_0 + i \Delta Z \quad (i = 0, 3 \cdot N_{\text{em}}) \quad (15)$$

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\* If we take

$$N_{em} = 128$$

for PTO 400 nm case,

$$\Delta z = \frac{30,210.96}{128} = 236.02 \text{ au}$$

and it takes

$$\frac{\Delta z}{c} = \frac{236.02}{137.036} = 1.72 \text{ au}$$

for light to travel one mesh point.  $\Delta_{FD} = 10^{-3} \text{ au}$  is an overkill.



Let's us  $\Delta_{QD}$  as time-propagation unit instead.

- Dirichlet boundary condition

We set

$$A_{st}[01112 + 3 \cdot 0] = A_{st}[011121 + 3 \cdot (3N_{em})] = 0 \quad (16)$$

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\* Note the supercell for electron dynamics is located at  $2N_{\text{em}}$ -th mesh point, i.e.,

$$Z_{2N_{\text{em}}} = -2Z_0 + 2N_{\text{em}} \cdot \frac{Z_0}{N_{\text{em}}} = 0$$

### — Constitutive relation

We need to infer current at inner material mesh points from the surface-supercell value,  $J_{\text{avg}}[0]$ , following Eq.(1), or

$$J_Z(t) = \sigma \tilde{A}_Z(t) \quad (17)$$

For free pulse,  $\tilde{A}_Z$  in Eq.(13) is bounded by

$$\tilde{A}_Z^{\max} = D_{\text{ext}} \left[ 1 + \frac{\pi}{\omega_{\text{ext}} T_{\text{ext}}} \right] \quad (18)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \xrightarrow{\text{Cycle}} \text{Ncycle} (\# \text{ of periods in pulse}) \times \frac{2\pi}{\omega_{\text{ext}}} \\ &= D_{\text{ext}} \left[ 1 + \frac{\pi}{\omega_{\text{ext}} \cdot \text{Ncycle} \cdot \frac{2\pi}{\omega_{\text{ext}}}} \right] \\ &= D_{\text{ext}} \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{2 \text{Ncycle}} \right] \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

Rough estimate of maximum  $A_{\text{st}}[]$  value, which stores  $\Delta_{\text{QD}} \tilde{A}_Z$  is thus

$$A_{\text{stmax}} \sim \Delta_{\text{QD}} D_{\text{ext}} \quad (20)$$

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To avoid numerical divergence, we define

$$A_{stcut} = \text{SMALL} \cdot A_{stmax} = \text{SMALL} \cdot \Delta_{QD} D_{ext} \xrightarrow{\sim 10^{-2}} \quad (21)$$

and estimate

$$\sigma = \frac{J_{avg}[0] \xrightarrow{\text{ac component}}}{\max(A_{st}[1+2 \cdot N_{em}], A_{stcut})} \quad (22)$$

$\xrightarrow{\text{CONDUCTIVITY}} \Delta_{QD} \dot{\tilde{A}}_{Z=0}(t)$

then

$$J_{\bar{z}_i}(t) \leftarrow \sigma \underbrace{\Delta_{QD} \dot{\tilde{A}}_{\bar{z}_i}(t)}_{\xrightarrow{\text{Ast}[1+3i]}} \quad (23)$$

$\xrightarrow{\text{J}_{st}[i]}$

- Algorithm: vectp\_maxwell()

Time propagate vector potential for single quantum-dynamics time step,  $\Delta_{QD}$

Given  $J_{avg}[]$ , compute conductivity.

$$\sigma = \frac{J_{avg}[0]}{\max(A_{st}[1+2 \cdot N_{em}], A_{stcut})}$$

$\hookrightarrow \begin{matrix} \text{SMALL: } \Delta_{QD} D_{ext} \\ \hookrightarrow 10^{-3} \end{matrix}$

for  $i = 1, 3N_{em}$

if  $i = 2 \cdot N_{em}$

$$J_{st}[i] \leftarrow J_{avg}[0]$$

else if  $i > 2 \cdot N_{em}$

$$J_{st}[i] \leftarrow \sigma A_{st}[1+3i]$$

else

$$J_{st}[i] \leftarrow 0$$

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for  $i = t, 3N_{em} - 1$ 

$$A_{st}[2+3i] = \frac{\Delta QD}{2} \ddot{A}_Z(t)$$

absorb  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A_{fac} \\ A_{st}[0+3(i-1)] - 2A_{st}[0+3i] + A_{st}[0+3(i+1)] \\ \Delta Z \end{array} \right.$   
 $\left. \begin{array}{l} \frac{\Delta QD}{2} \\ J_{st}[i] \\ J_{fac} \end{array} \right\}$  // compute acceleration

$$A_{st}[1+3i] += A_{st}[2+3i] \quad // 1st half kick$$

$$A_{st}[0+3i] += A_{st}[1+3i] \quad // position update$$

for  $i = t, 3N_{em} - 1$ 

$$A_{st}[2+3i] \leftarrow \frac{\Delta QD}{2} \left\{ \quad \right\} \quad // Recompute acceleration$$

$$A_{st}[1+3i] \leftarrow A_{st}[2+3i] \quad // 2nd half kick$$

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- Safer constitutive relation

For energy-absorbing laser irradiation, we take a numerically-more-stable alternative, i.e., spatially-decaying surface current.

$$J_z(t) = J_{avg}[0] \exp(-z/\lambda) \quad (24)$$

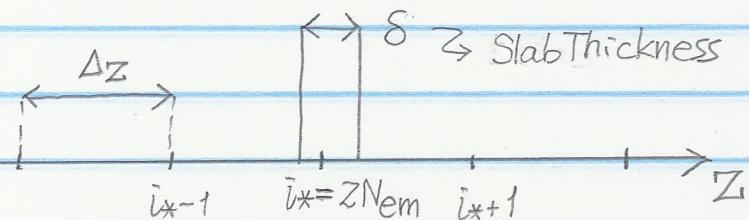
where  $\lambda$  is optical decay length

$$\lambda \sim 1,000 \text{ au} \sim 4\Delta_z$$

↗ Decay Length

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- Thin slab option (most gentle)



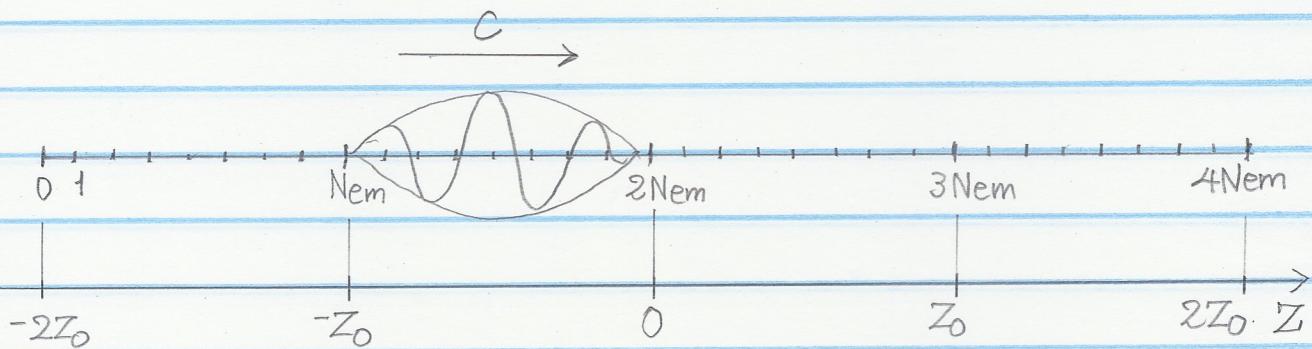
$$J_Z(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{\delta}{\Delta z} J_{\text{avg}}[0] & (i = 2 \cdot N_{\text{em}}) \\ 0 & (\text{else}) \end{cases} \quad (25)$$

Let  $\delta = 80$  au (10 unit cells)  $\ll \Delta z = 236$  au.

- $\delta = 0$  will recover non-self-consistent, transverse-field surface simulation, i.e., IMAXWELL = 0.

— Program change: symmetric computational cell

- To avoid reflection from the upper edge, macroscopic computational cell has been extended one more laser-pulse width upstream.



- Extended data structures:

$\text{Ast}[3(4\text{Nem}+1)]$

$\text{Jst}[4\text{Nem}+1]$

# 1D Maxwell Green's Function

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- 1D Maxwell equation [7/18/21]

$$\left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} - c^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \right) \tilde{A}_z(t) = -4\pi J_z(t) \quad (26)$$

where

$$\tilde{A}_z(t) = -\frac{1}{c} A_z(t) \quad (27)$$

is vector potential and  $J_z(t)$  is current density.

- Delta-function current

Let us consider delta-function current

$$J_z(t) = \gamma \delta(z) \quad (28)$$

and Green's function  $G_z$  that satisfies

$$c^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} G_z = -4\pi \gamma \delta(z) \quad (29)$$

$\int dz \times (29)$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} G_z \Big|_{z=0^-} = -\frac{4\pi \gamma}{c^2} \quad (30)$$

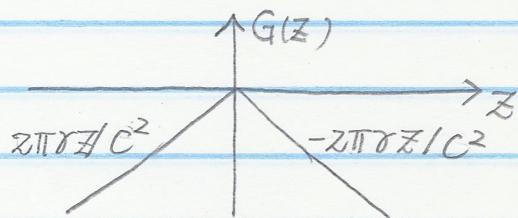
We adopt a symmetric solution,

$$\frac{\partial G_z}{\partial z} = \begin{cases} 2\pi \gamma / c^2 & (z < 0) \\ -2\pi \gamma / c^2 & (z > 0) \end{cases} \quad (31)$$

$$\int dz \times (31)$$

With integration constant to make  $G_{z=0} = 0$ ,

$$G_z = \begin{cases} 2\pi\sigma z/c^2 & (z < 0) \\ -2\pi\sigma z/c^2 & (z > 0) \end{cases} \quad (32)$$



### - Time-dependent solution

Consider a function

$$G_z(t) = \begin{cases} 2\pi\sigma(z-ct)/c^2 & (z < 0) \\ -2\pi\sigma(z-ct)/c^2 & (z > 0) \end{cases} \quad (33)$$

This describes a vector potential at position  $z$  at time  $t$ , which was created by the current at origin at time 0.

- Net-neutralizing backflow

Charge sheet, Eq. (28), produces a diverging vector potential, Eq. (33), at long distance.

To avoid numerical divergence, we associate each current flow with symmetrically-placed neutralizing backflow.

$$J_z(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{\delta}{\Delta z} J_{avg}[0] & (i=2N_{em}) \\ \frac{\delta}{2\Delta z} J_{avg}[0] & (i=2N_{em} \pm 1) \\ 0 & (\text{else}) \end{cases} \quad (34)$$

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