

Numerical Simulation Methods in Geophysics, Lecture 9: from 1D over 2D to 3D EM

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Recap

- Maxwell's equations in time- and frequency domain
- single frequency approach (decomposition)
- Helmholtz term ($\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$ and u term)
- u term needs mass matrix (like in time-stepping)
- complex-valued matrix problem

Inductive EM

Assume: $\omega^2\mu\epsilon < \omega\mu\sigma$, no sources ($\nabla \cdot \mathbf{j}_s = 0$), + vector identity

$$\nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{F} = \nabla \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} - \nabla^2 \mathbf{F}$$

leads with $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = 0 = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B}$ to the vector Helmholtz PDE

$$-\nabla^2 \mathbf{E} + \imath\omega\mu\sigma\mathbf{E} = 0$$

$$-\nabla \cdot \sigma^{-1} \nabla \mathbf{H} + \imath\omega\mu\mathbf{H} = 0$$

Helmholtz equation $-\nabla^2 \mathbf{H} - k^2 \mathbf{H} = 0$ with $k^2 = -\imath\omega\mu\sigma$

TM polarization (scalar problem)

Transverse magnetic (TM) mode

Assume the source field is oscillating perpendicular to the modelling plane, i.e.

$$\mathbf{H} = [H_x, 0, 0]^T e^{i\omega t}.$$

Then the PDE holds for the scalar H_x (now only H)

$$-\nabla \cdot \sigma^{-1} \nabla H_x(y, z) + i\omega \mu H_x(y, z) = 0$$

Halfspace solution

$$\frac{\partial^2 H}{\partial z^2} + k^2 H = 0 \quad \text{with} \quad k^2 = -\omega\mu\sigma$$

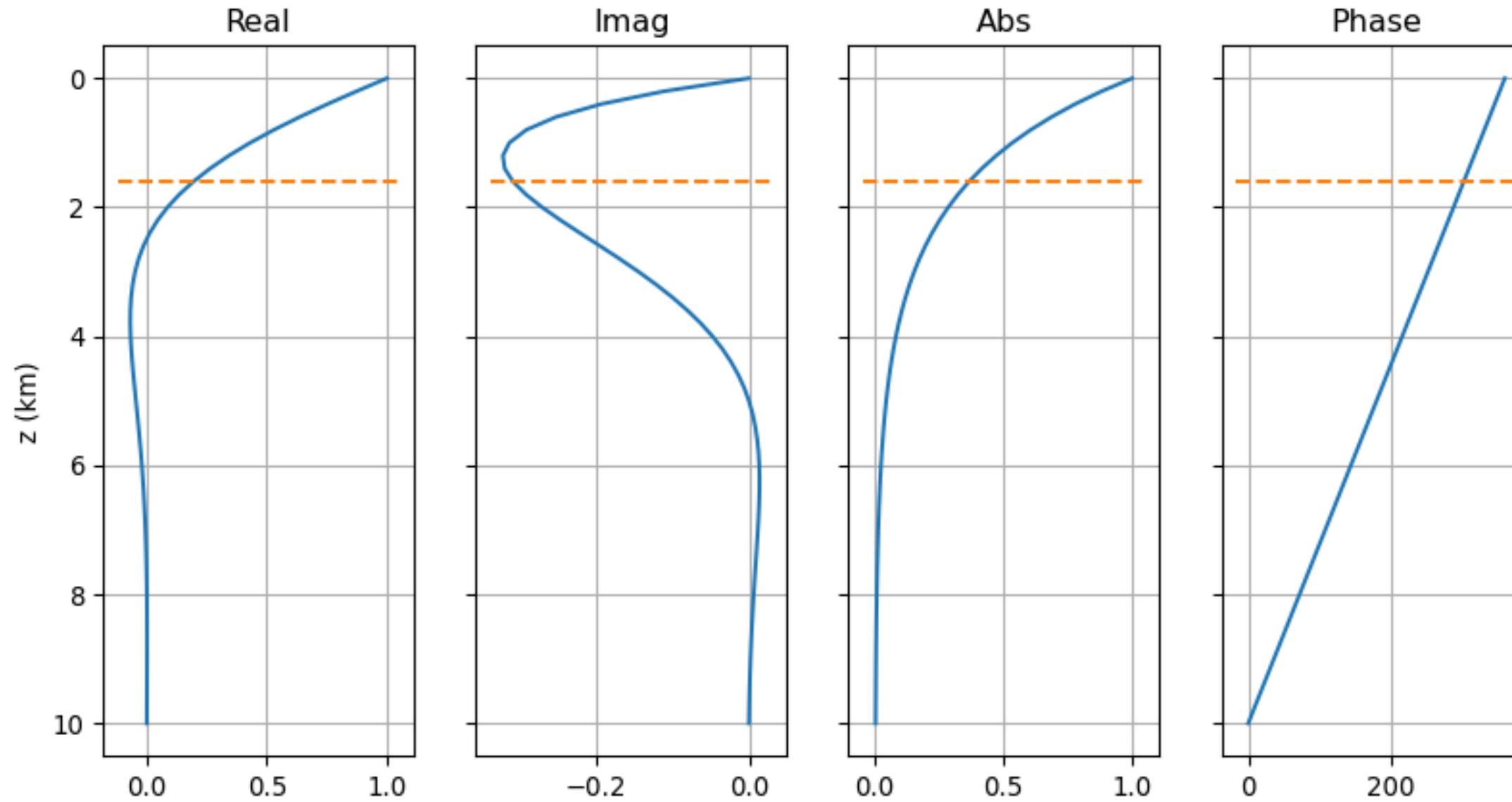
In the Earth, the solution is $H(z) = H_0 e^{-ikz}$ $\partial_{zz}H = -k^2 H$

$$k = \sqrt{-\omega\mu\sigma} = \sqrt{\omega\mu\sigma/2}(1 - i) = 1/d(1 - i)$$

with skin depth (1/e decay) $d = \sqrt{2/\omega\mu\sigma} = \sqrt{T/\pi\mu\sigma}$ ($\sim 500\sqrt{\rho/f}$)

$$-ik = -(1 + i)/d \Rightarrow H = H_0 e^{-z/d} e^{-iz/d} \equiv \cos(\omega t - z/d)$$

Analytical solution



EM with finite elements

$$-\nabla^2 u + \omega\mu\sigma u = f$$

$$-\int_{\Omega} w \nabla^2 u d\Omega + \int_{\Omega} w \omega \mu \sigma u d\Omega = \int_{\Omega} w f d\Omega$$

Gauss's integral law

$$\int_{\Omega} \nabla w \cdot \nabla u d\Omega + \omega \int_{\Omega} \mu \sigma w u d\Omega = \int_{\Omega} w f d\Omega$$

Weak formulation

$u = \sum_i u_i \mathbf{v}_i$ and $w_i \in \{v_i\}$ leads to

$$\int_{\Omega} \nabla v_i \cdot \nabla v_j d\Omega + \omega\mu \int_{\Omega} \sigma v_i v_j d\Omega = \int_{\Omega} v_i f d\Omega$$

$$\langle \nabla v_i | \nabla v_j \rangle + \omega\mu \langle v_i | \sigma v_j \rangle = \langle v_i | f \rangle \quad \text{inner products}$$

representation by matrix-vector product $(\mathbf{A} + \omega\mathbf{M}^\sigma)\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{b}$

with $A_{ij} = \langle \nabla v_i | \nabla v_j \rangle$, $M_{ij}^\sigma = \langle v_i | v_j \rangle$ and $b_i = \langle v_i | f \rangle$

The problem in 1D

use self-implemented matrices from `stiffnessMatrix1DFE` & `massMatrix1DFE`

```
1 from poisson1d import stiffnessMatrix1DFE, massMatrix1DFE
2 T = 0.1 # 0.1
3 w = 2 * np.pi / T
4 sigma0 = 1/100 # 1/100
5 mu = np.pi * 4e-7
6 z = np.arange(-10000, 0.1, 200)
7 A, b = stiffnessMatrix1DFE(x=z, uR=1)
8 M = massMatrix1DFE(x=z, a=mu*sigma0)
9 AM = A + M * 1j * w
10 u = np.linalg.solve(AM, b)
```

Complex or real-valued?

The complex-valued system

$$(\mathbf{A} + \imath\omega\mathbf{M})\mathbf{u} = (\mathbf{A} + \imath\omega\mathbf{M})(\mathbf{u}_r + \imath\mathbf{u}_i) = \mathbf{b}_r + \imath\mathbf{b}_i$$

can be transferred into a doubled real-valued system

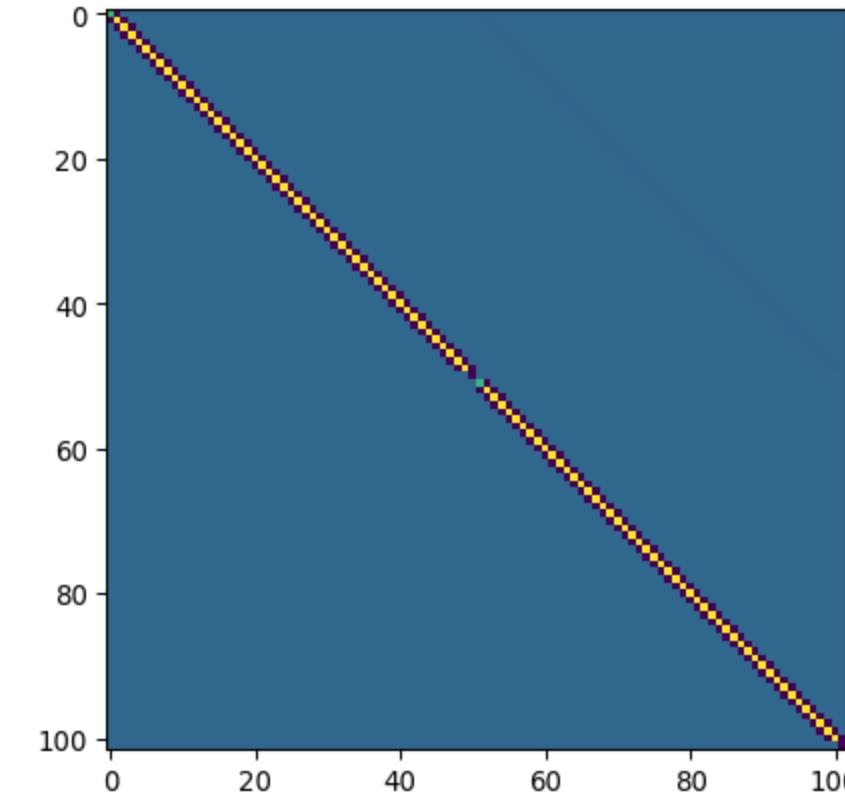
$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u}_r + \imath\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u}_i + \imath\omega\mathbf{M}\mathbf{u}_r - \omega\mathbf{M}\mathbf{u}_i = \mathbf{b}_r + \imath\mathbf{b}_i$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} A & -\omega M \\ \omega M & A \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_r \\ u_i \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b_r \\ b_i \end{pmatrix}$$

Complex-to-real

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A} & -\omega \mathbf{M} \\ \omega \mathbf{M} & \mathbf{A} \end{pmatrix}$$

```
1 D = np.vstack([np.hstack([A, -M*w]),
2                 np.hstack([M*w, A])])
3 plt.imshow(D)
4 d = np.hstack([b, b*0])
5 uri = np.linalg.solve(D, d)
6 u = uri[:len(z)] + uri[len(z):] * 1j
```

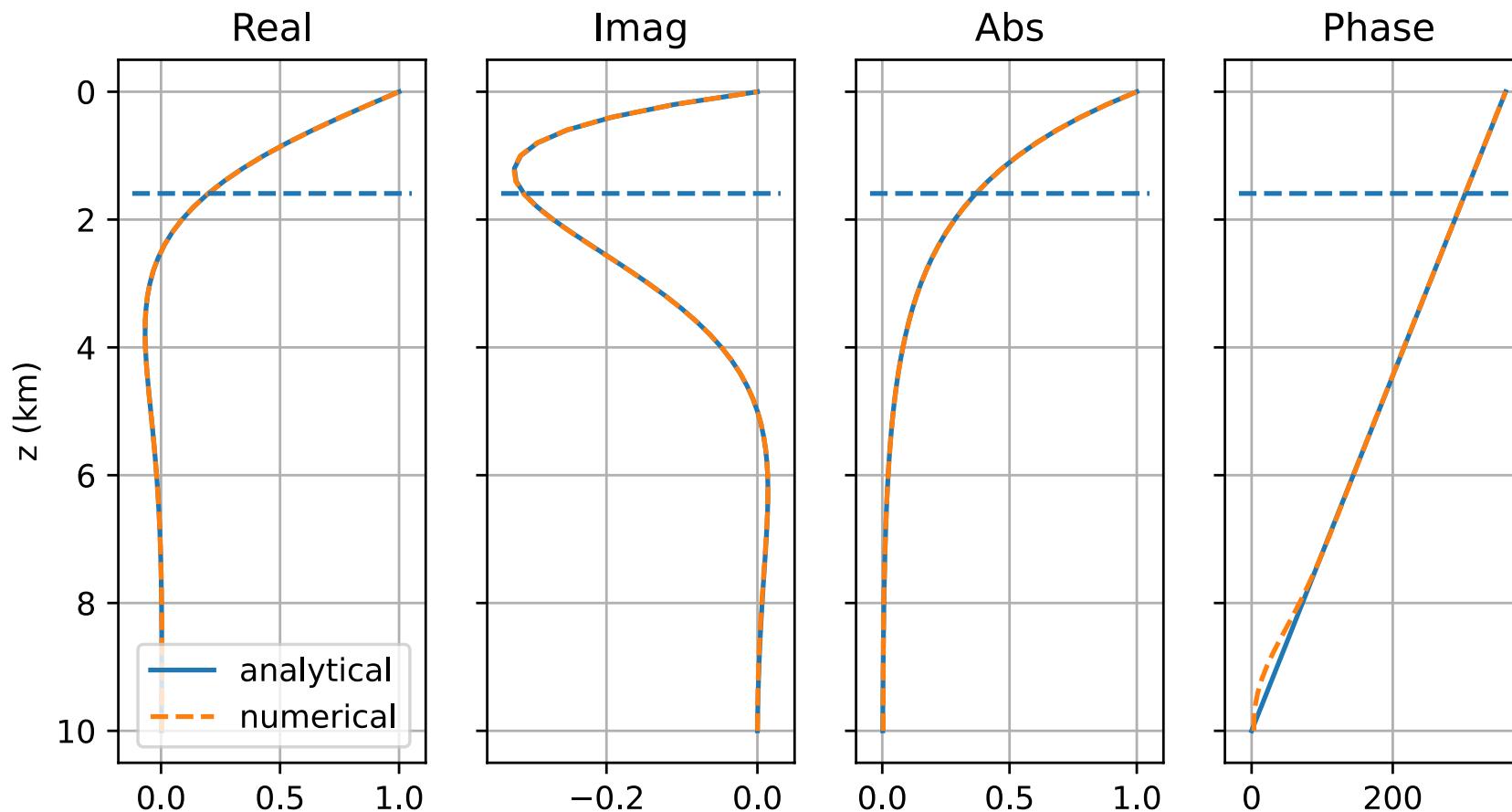


Complex-to-real in pyGIMLi

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A} & -\omega \mathbf{M} \\ \omega \mathbf{M} & \mathbf{A} \end{pmatrix}$$

Complex in pyGIMLi

```
1 C = pg.matrix.CSparseMatrix(A.vecColPtr(), A.vecRowIdx(),
2     pg.core.toComplex(A.vecVals(), M.vecVals() * w))
3 c = pg.core.toComplex(b, b0)
4 u = ps.linSolve(C, c).array() # important (bug in pyGIMLi!)
```



Secondary field for EM

Let E_0 be the solution to the equation for $\sigma = \sigma_0$

$$-\nabla^2 E_0 + \omega\mu\sigma_0 E_0 = 0$$

and $E = E_0 + E_a$ for $\sigma = \sigma_0 + \delta\sigma$

$$-\nabla^2(E_0 + E_a) + \omega\mu(\sigma_0 + \delta\sigma)(E_0 + E_a) = 0$$

subtracting leads to

$$-\nabla^2 E_a + \omega\mu(\sigma_0 + \delta\sigma)E_a = -\omega\mu\delta\sigma E_0$$

Secondary field for EM

$$-\nabla^2 E_a + \omega\mu\sigma E_a = -\omega\mu\delta\sigma E_0$$

Note

Source terms only arise at anomalous conductivities and increase with primary field

is solved for $E_0(\mathbf{u})$ using \mathbf{A} -stiffness, \mathbf{M} -mass and $E_0(\mathbf{u}_0)$

$$(\mathbf{A} + \omega\mathbf{M}_\sigma)\mathbf{u} = -\omega\mathbf{M}_{\delta\sigma}\mathbf{u}_0$$

```
1 A = stiffnessMatrix1DFE(x=z)
2 M = massMatrix1DFE(x=z, a=w*mu*sigma)
3 dM = massMatrix1DFE(x=z, a=w*mu*(sigma-sigma0))
4 u = uAna + solve(A+M*w*1j, dM@uAna * w*1j)
```

EM vector modelling

$$\nabla \times \mu^{-1} \nabla \times \mathbf{E} + i\omega\sigma\mathbf{E} - \omega^2\epsilon\mathbf{E} = -i\omega\mathbf{j}_s$$

$$\nabla \times \sigma^{-1} \nabla \times \mathbf{H} + i\omega\mu\mathbf{H} - \omega^2\mu\epsilon\mathbf{H} = \nabla \times \sigma^{-1}\mathbf{j}_s$$

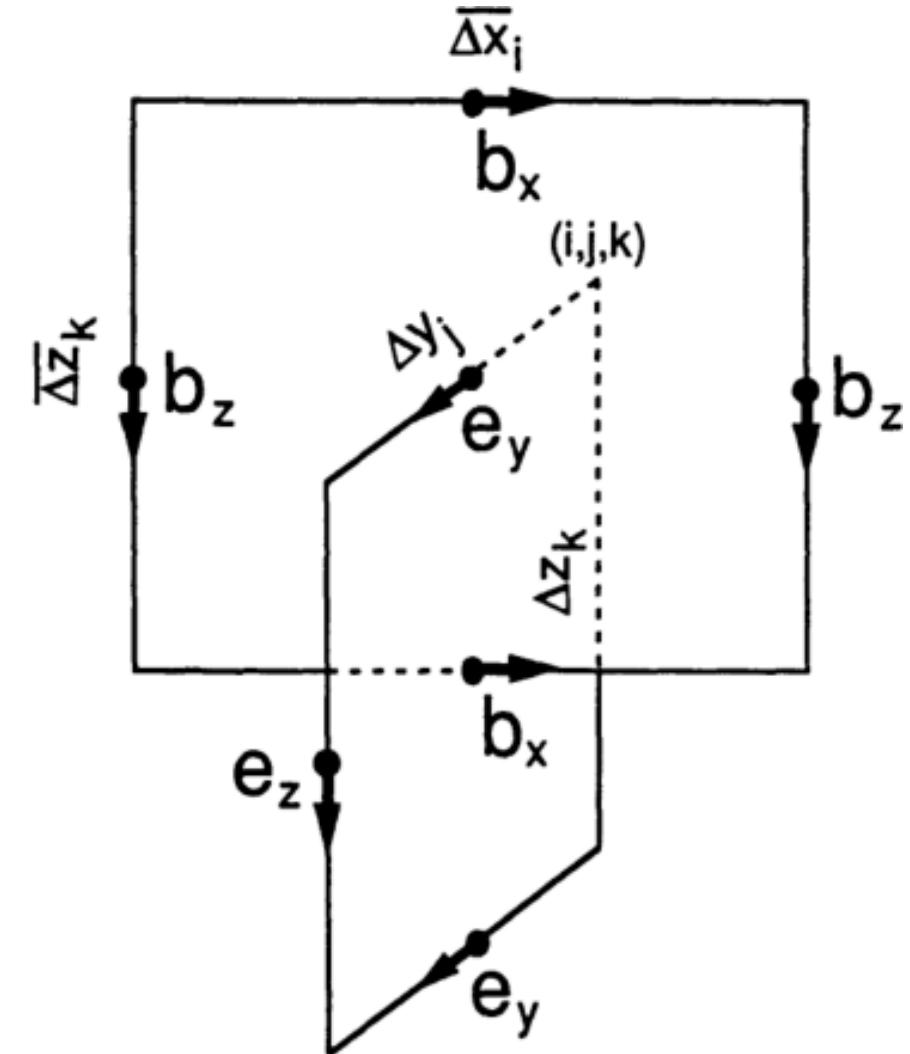
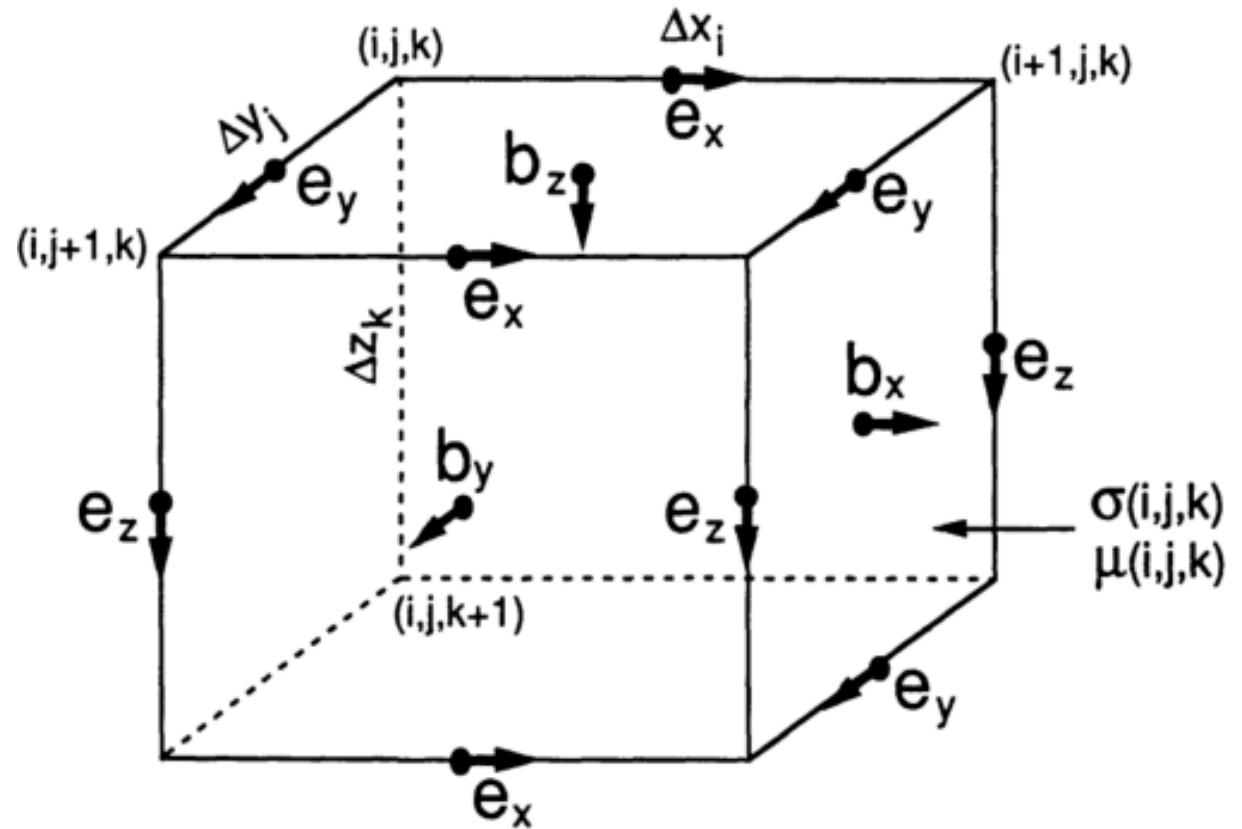
History

James Clerk Maxwell, Treatise on Electricity & Magnetism, 1891

“Physical vector quantities may be divided into two classes, in one of which the quantity is defined with reference to a line, while in the other the quantity is defined with reference to an area.”

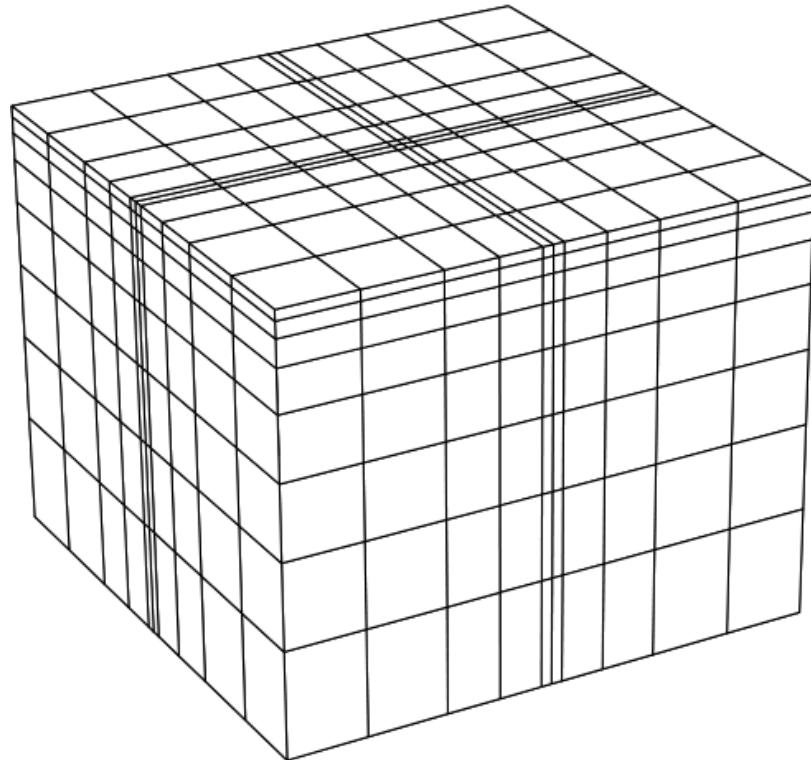
- integral equations (IE), finite differences (FD) and elements (FE)
- nodal and vector basis functions, secondary field
- decompose 3D source (2D inverse) in wavenumber domain
- improvement of equation solvers and preconditioners
- parallel solvers, high-performance computing

Solving EM problems with staggered grid

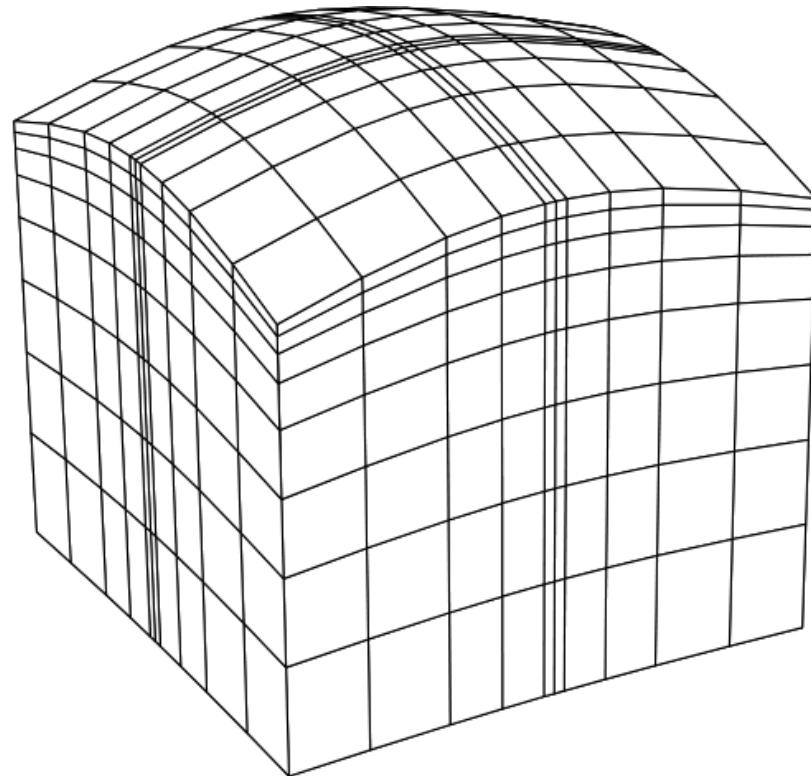


Staggered grid cell after Yee (1966)

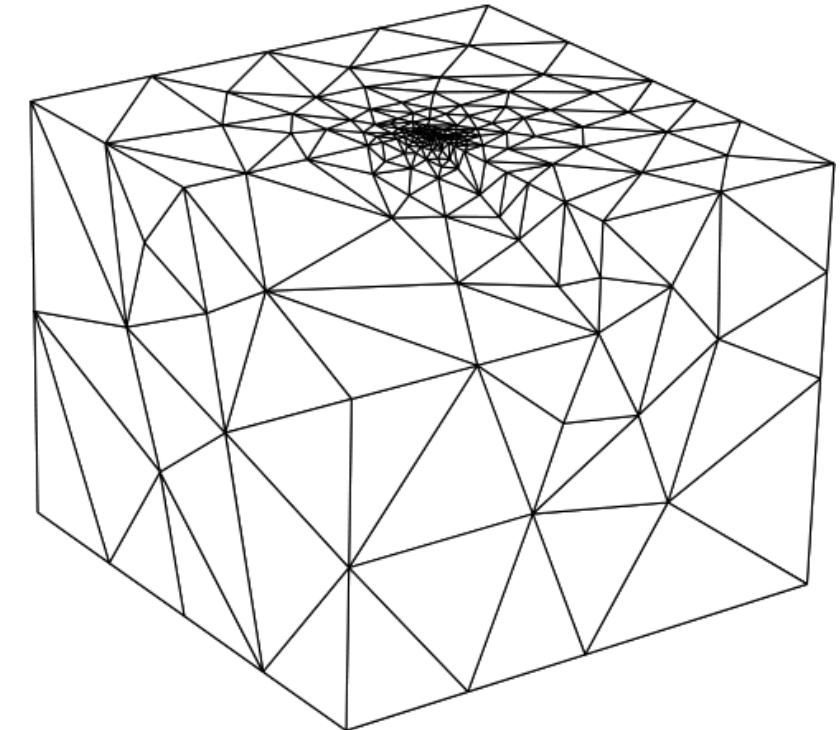
The way from FD to FE



(a)



(b)

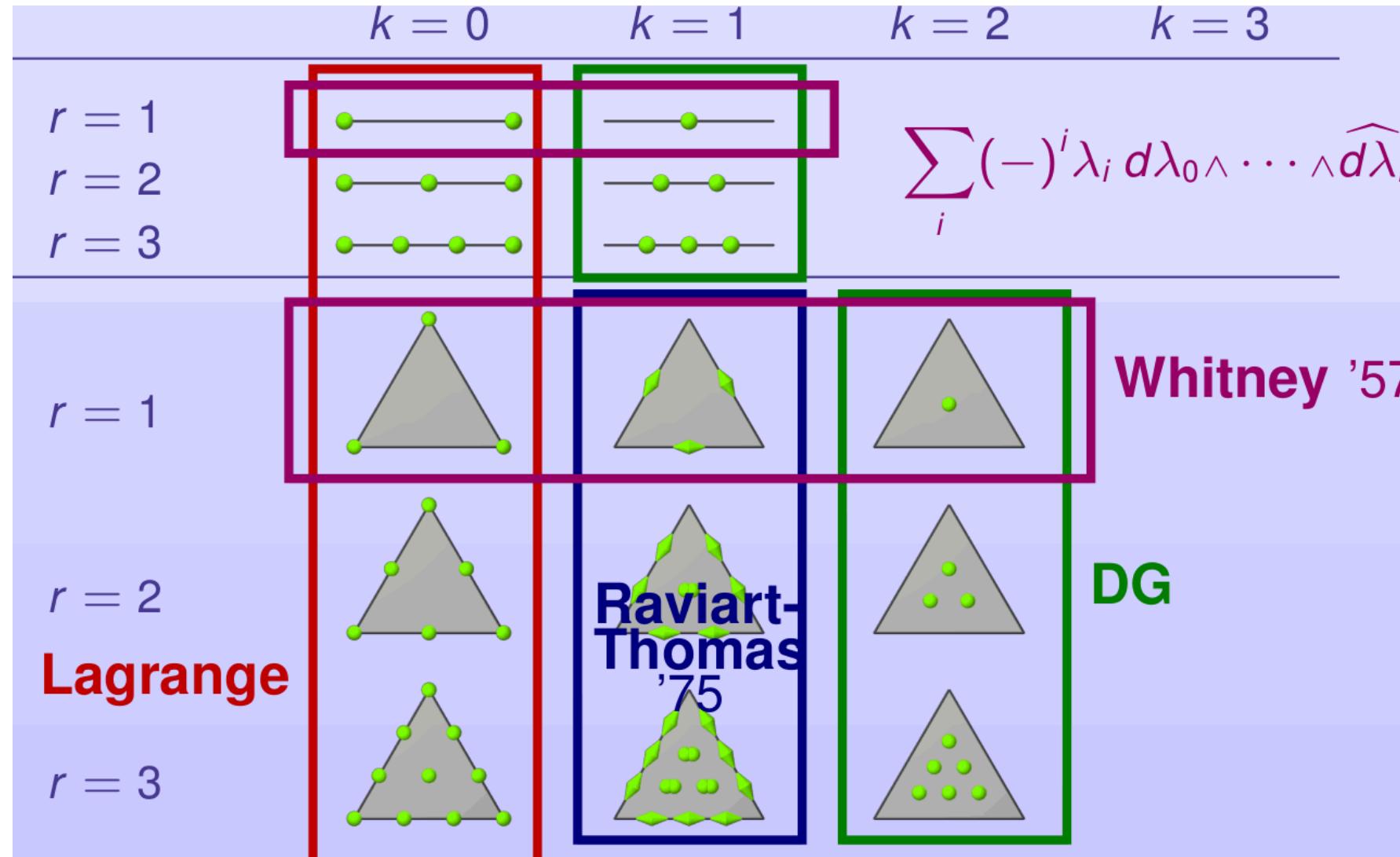


(c)

Figure 1. Different grid types: Orthogonal cuboid (a), non-orthogonal hexahedral (b) and unstructured tetrahedral (c) grid.

Orthogonal, non-orthogonal and irregular grids (Rücker et al., 2006)

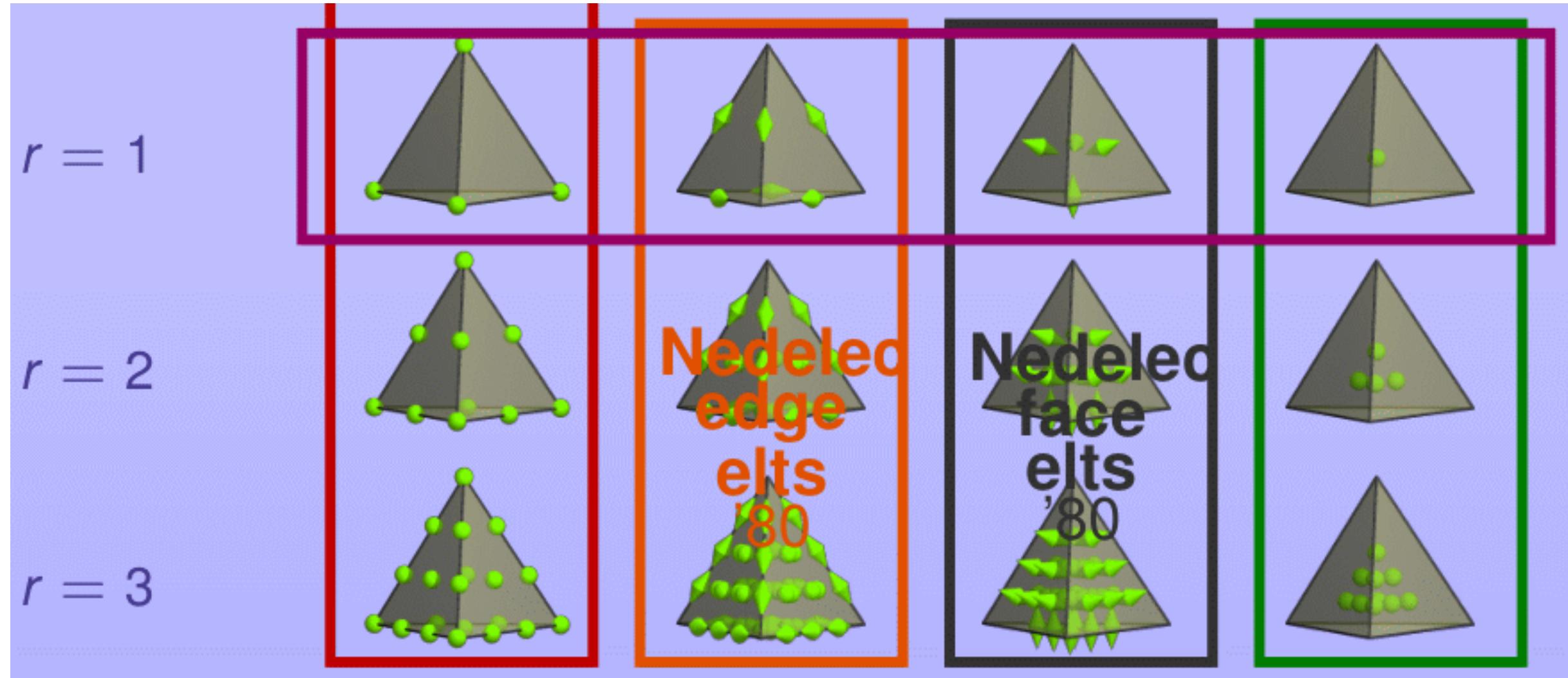
The Finite Element zoo (1D & 2D)



Arnold (2013): Periodic table of elements

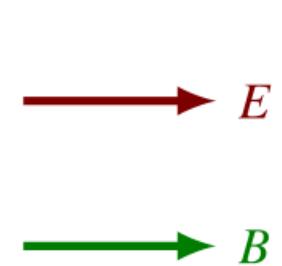
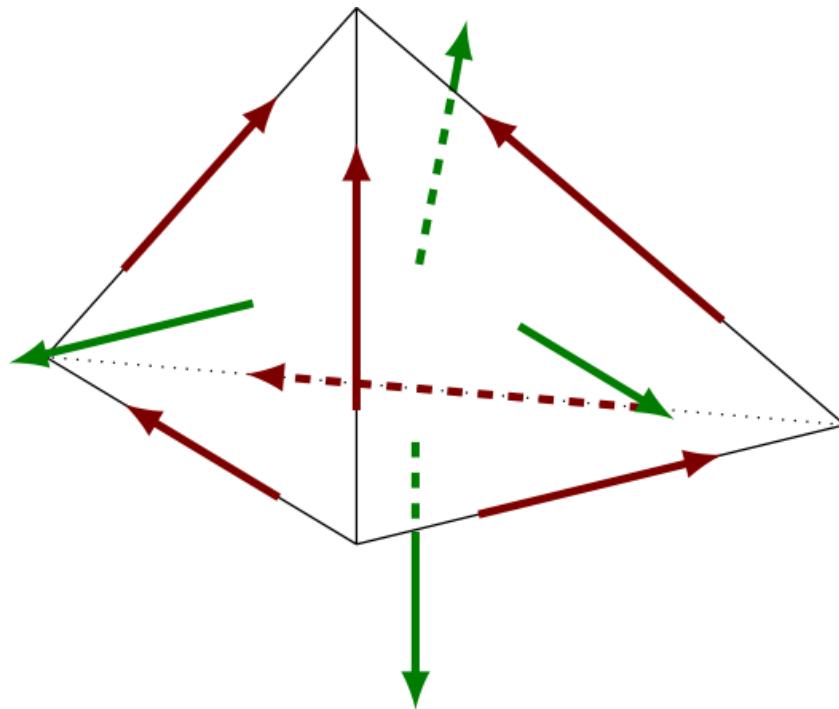
- $k=0$ Nodal elements
- $k=1$ edge elements
- $k=2$ face elements (Discontinuous Galerkin)
- r/p higher order

The Finite Element zoo (3D)



Arnold (2013): Periodic table of elements

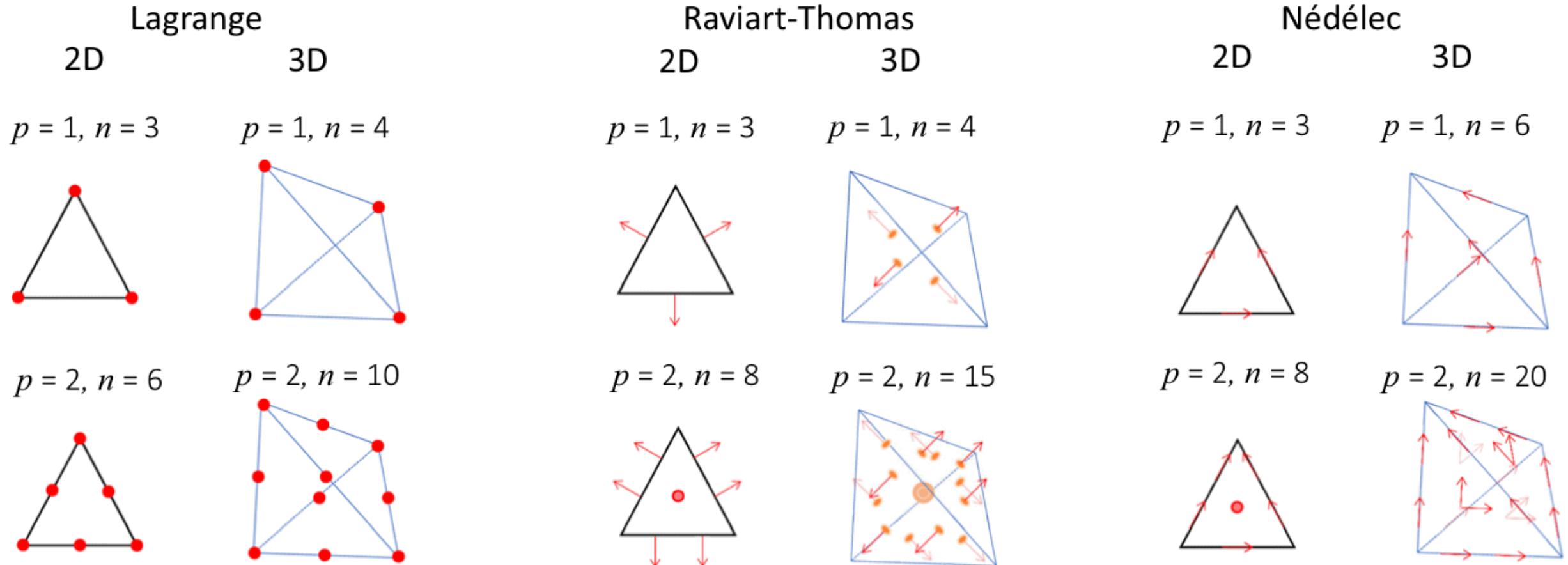
Vectorial solution for EM fields



- $\mathbf{E} \in H^{\text{curl}}(\Omega)$
- $\mathbf{B} \in H^{\text{div}}(\Omega)$
- natural BC: Dirichlet $\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{E} = 0$
- Neumann BC:
 $\mathbf{n} \times \mu^{-1} \nabla \times \mathbf{E} = 0$

Schwarzbach & Haber (2013)

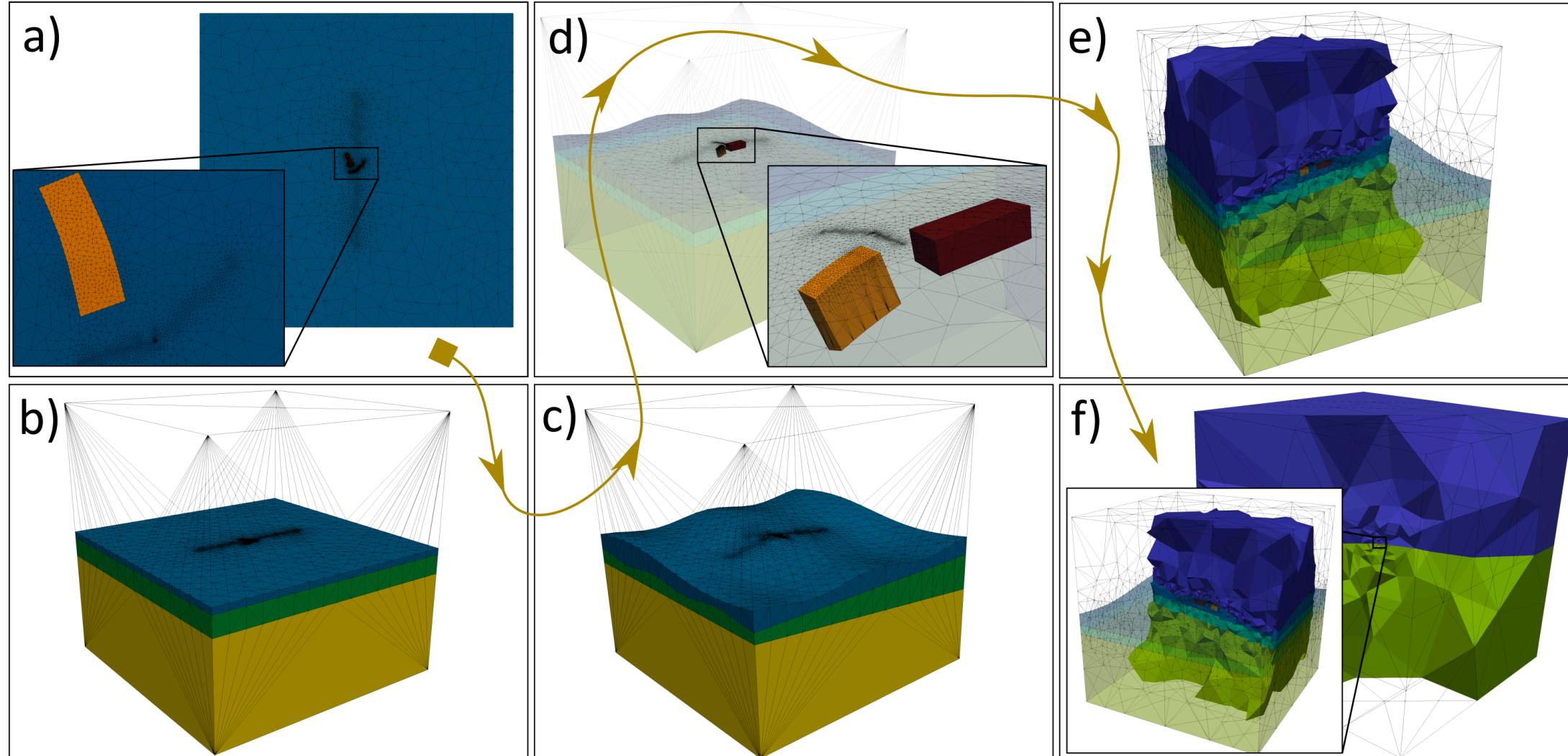
Elements used in EM modelling



$$\mathcal{H}^1(\Omega) := \{v \in L^2(\Omega) : \nabla v \in [L^2(\Omega)]^3\} \quad \mathcal{H}(\text{div}; \Omega) := \{v \in [L^2(\Omega)]^3 : \nabla \cdot v \in L^2(\Omega)\} \quad \mathcal{H}(\text{curl}; \Omega) := \{v \in [L^2(\Omega)]^3 : \nabla \times v \in [L^2(\Omega)]^3\}$$

Types of elements relevant for EM problems (Spitzer, 2024)

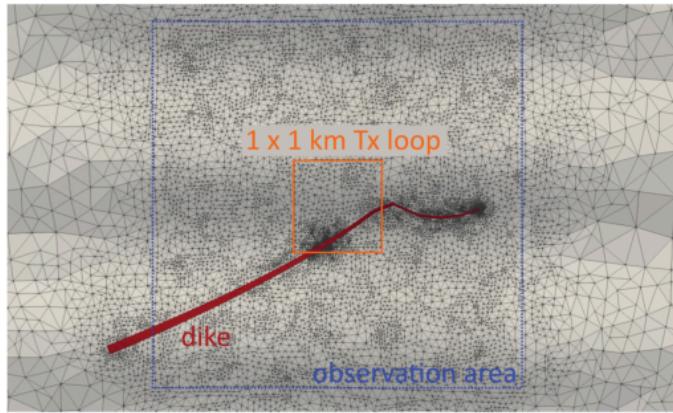
Meshing complicated geometries



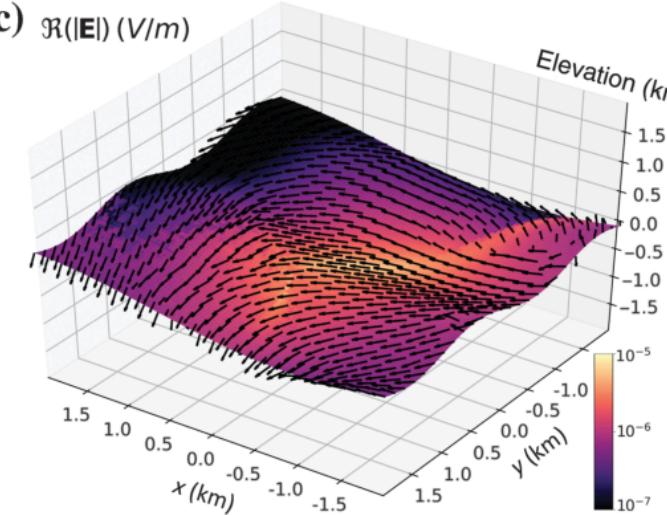
Meshing workflow in custEM (Rochlitz et al., 2019)

Modelling example

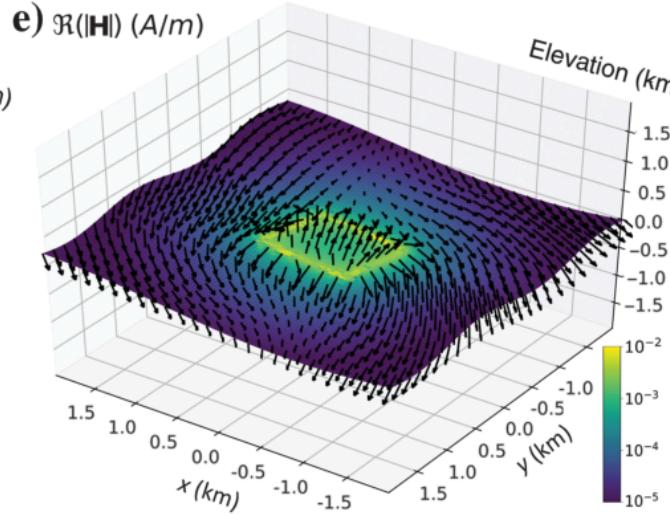
a) surface view (bird perspective)



c) $\Re(|\mathbf{E}|)$ (V/m)

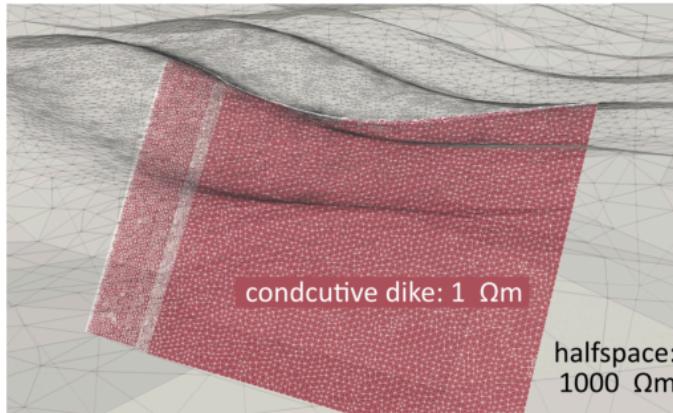


e) $\Re(|\mathbf{H}|)$ (A/m)

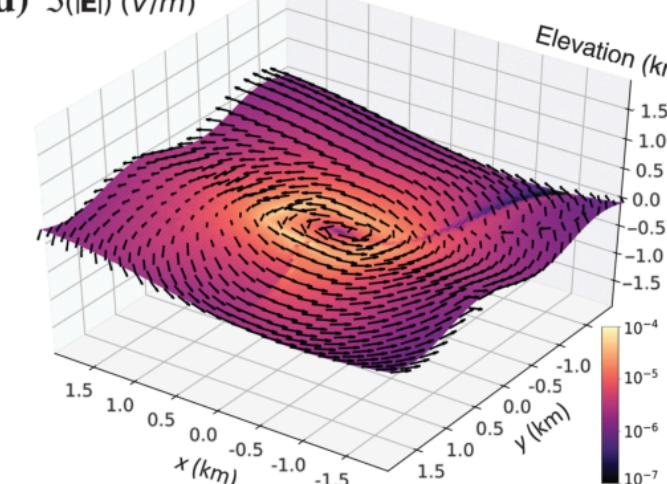


b) horizontal view

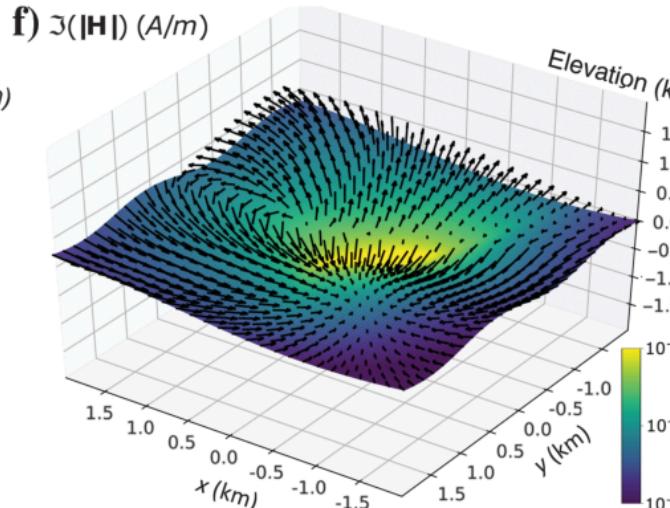
varying sinusoidal topography in x- and y-directions



d) $\Im(|\mathbf{E}|)$ (V/m)



f) $\Im(|\mathbf{H}|)$ (A/m)



Modelling example of a conductive dike (Rochlitz et al., 2019)

Packages

Mesh generation: [TetGen](#) (3D), [GMsh](#) (2D/3D)

FE packages: [FEniCS](#), [NETGEN/NGsolve](#)

Equation solvers: [SuiteSparse](#), [MUMPS](#), [SciPy](#)

Computational frameworks: [PetSc](#), [MPI](#)

EM modelling (and inversion) packages: [Mare2DEM](#), [emg3d](#), [GoFEM](#),
[PETGEM](#), [custEM](#), [SimPEG](#), [ModEM](#), [FEMTIC](#)

Boundary conditions

Mixed boundary conditions

So far...

- Dirichlet Boundary conditions $u = u_0$
- Neumann Boundary conditions $\frac{\partial u}{\partial n} = g_B$
- for vectorial problems $\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{E} = 0$ or $\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = 0$

In general mixed, also called Robin (or impedance convective) BC

$$au + b\frac{\partial u}{\partial n} = c$$

Example DC resistivity with point source

$$\nabla \cdot \sigma \nabla u = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{j} = I\delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_s)$$

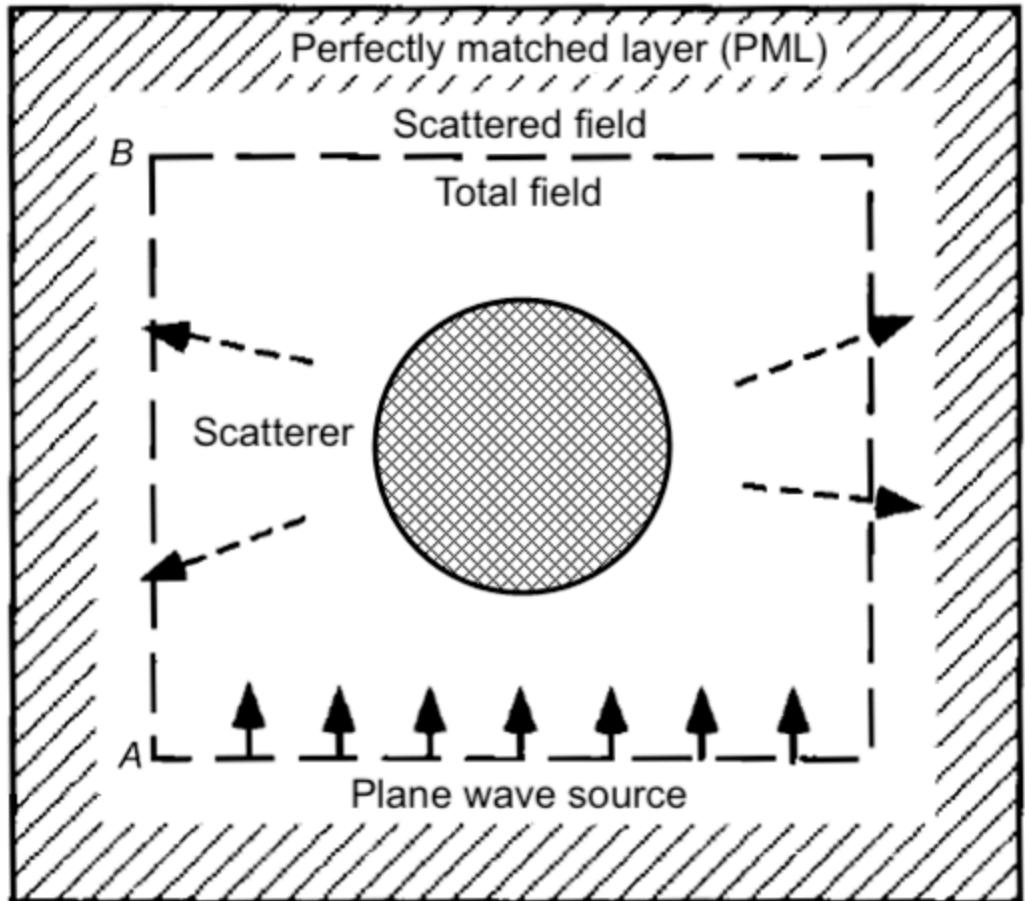
solution for homogeneous σ on surface: $u = \frac{I}{2\pi\sigma} \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}_s|}$

E-field $\mathbf{E} = -\frac{I}{2\pi\sigma} \frac{\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}_s}{|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}_s|^3}$

normal direction $\mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{n} = -\frac{u}{|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}_s|} \cos \phi$ purely geometric

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial n} + \frac{\cos \phi}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_s|} = 0$$

Perfectly matched layers



$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \rightarrow \frac{1}{1 + i\sigma/\omega} \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$$
$$x \rightarrow x + \frac{i}{\omega} \int^x \sigma(x') dx'$$

Absorbing boundary conditions

wave equation (e.g. in 2D)

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} - v^2 \nabla^2 u = 0$$

Fourier transform in t and y (boundary direction) $\Rightarrow \omega, k$

$$\omega^2 \hat{u} - v^2 \frac{\partial^2 \hat{u}}{\partial x^2} + v^2 k^2 \hat{u} = 0$$

ordinary DE with solution $\hat{u} = \sum a_i e^{\lambda x}$ with $\lambda^2 = k^2 - \omega^2/v^2$