# Parallel Fast Multipole

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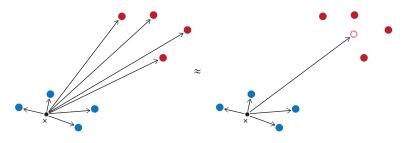
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• For a point x: far-field components added at increasingly coarse levels

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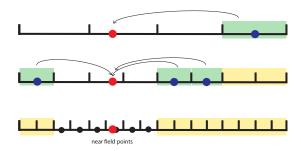
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