

# Slice Absorption Method

for Rigorous Electromagnetic Analysis of Volumetrically Complex Periodic Structures

The slice absorption method (SAM) is specifically tailored to model periodic structures that are volumetrically complex. It was inspired by semi-analytical methods in its ability to model structures one layer at a time, but is fully numerical and avoids the computationally expensive eigen-system computation.

## Real-Space Formulation

Block Matrix Form

$$C^e \vec{e} = [\mu] \vec{h}$$

$$C^h \vec{h} = [\epsilon] \vec{e}$$

$$\vec{e} = \begin{bmatrix} e_x \\ e_y \\ e_z \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{h} = \begin{bmatrix} h_x \\ h_y \\ h_z \end{bmatrix}$$

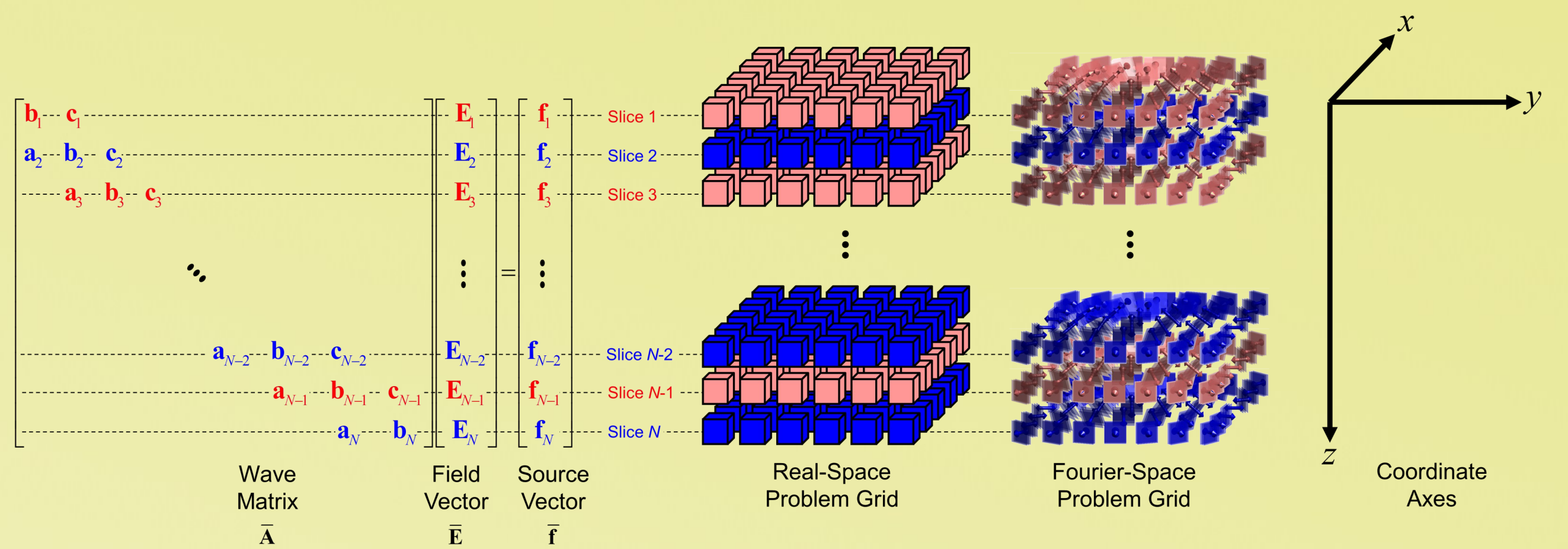
$$[\epsilon] = \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_{xx} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \epsilon_{yy} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \epsilon_{zz} \end{bmatrix}, \quad [\mu] = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_{xx} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \mu_{yy} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \mu_{zz} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C^e = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -D_x^e & D_y^e \\ D_x^e & 0 & -D_z^e \\ -D_y^e & D_z^e & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C^h = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -D_x^h & D_y^h \\ D_x^h & 0 & -D_z^h \\ -D_y^h & D_z^h & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Matrix Wave Equations

$$A_x \vec{h} = 0, \quad A_y = C^e [\epsilon]^{-1} C^h - [\mu]$$

$$A_y \vec{e} = 0, \quad A_x = C^h [\mu]^{-1} C^e - [\epsilon]$$



## Fourier-Space Formulation

Block Matrix Form

$$C^s \vec{s} = \mu^* \vec{u}$$

$$C^u \vec{u} = \epsilon^* \vec{s}$$

$$\vec{s} = \begin{bmatrix} s_x \\ s_y \\ s_z \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} u_x \\ u_y \\ u_z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[\epsilon] = \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_{xx}^* & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \epsilon_{yy}^* & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \epsilon_{zz}^* \end{bmatrix}, \quad [\mu] = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_{xx}^* & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \mu_{yy}^* & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \mu_{zz}^* \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C^s = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -D_x^s & \tilde{K}_y^s \\ D_x^s & 0 & -\tilde{K}_z^s \\ -\tilde{K}_y^s & \tilde{K}_z^s & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C^u = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -D_x^u & \tilde{K}_y^u \\ D_x^u & 0 & -\tilde{K}_z^u \\ -\tilde{K}_y^u & \tilde{K}_z^u & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Matrix Wave Equations

$$A_x \vec{u} = 0, \quad A_y = C^s \epsilon^{*-1} C^u - \mu^*$$

$$A_y \vec{s} = 0, \quad A_x = C^u \mu^{*-1} C^s - \epsilon^*$$

K Matrices

$$C^s = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -D_x^s & \tilde{K}_y^s \\ D_x^s & 0 & -\tilde{K}_z^s \\ -\tilde{K}_y^s & \tilde{K}_z^s & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C^u = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -D_x^u & \tilde{K}_y^u \\ D_x^u & 0 & -\tilde{K}_z^u \\ -\tilde{K}_y^u & \tilde{K}_z^u & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Calculating the Slice Data

Step 1: Calculate the A matrix for three consecutive slices.

$$A \vec{e} = 0$$

$$\vec{e} = \begin{bmatrix} E_x^{1,1,1} \\ \vdots \\ E_x^{N_x, N_y, N_z} \\ E_y^{1,1,1} \\ \vdots \\ E_y^{N_x, N_y, N_z} \\ E_z^{1,1,1} \\ \vdots \\ E_z^{N_x, N_y, N_z} \end{bmatrix}$$

Step 2: Reorder the A matrix.

$$\tilde{A} = \text{reorder}(A)$$

$$\tilde{e} = \text{reorder}(\vec{e})$$

$$\langle \tilde{A} \rangle_{pq} = \langle A \rangle_{pq}$$

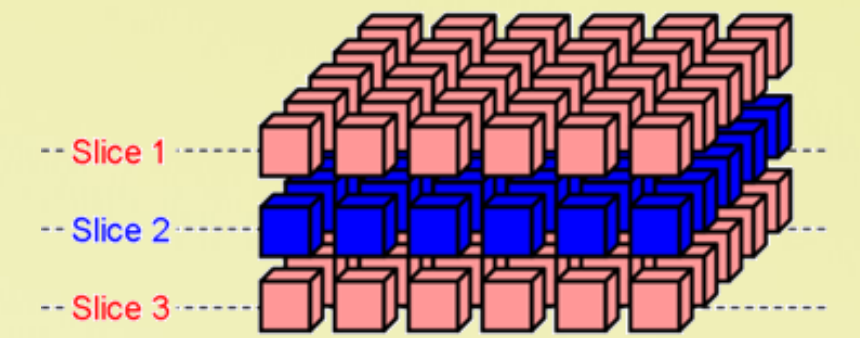
$$p = 1 + N_x N_y N_z \cdot \text{mod}_3(\tilde{p}-1) + [(\tilde{p}-1) \div 3]$$

$$q = 1 + N_x N_y N_z \cdot \text{mod}_3(\tilde{q}-1) + [(\tilde{q}-1) \div 3]$$

$$\tilde{e} = \begin{bmatrix} E_x^{1,1,1} \\ E_y^{1,1,1} \\ E_z^{1,1,1} \\ E_x^{2,1,1} \\ E_y^{2,1,1} \\ E_z^{2,1,1} \\ \vdots \\ E_x^{N_x, 1, 1} \\ E_y^{N_x, 1, 1} \\ E_z^{N_x, 1, 1} \\ \vdots \\ E_x^{N_x, N_y, N_z} \\ E_y^{N_x, N_y, N_z} \\ E_z^{N_x, N_y, N_z} \end{bmatrix}$$

Step 3: Extract the slice data  $a_2, b_2, c_2$  and  $f_2$ .

$$\tilde{A} \tilde{e} = \vec{f} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} b_1 & c_1 & 0 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ 0 & a_3 & b_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e_1 \\ e_2 \\ e_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \\ f_3 \end{bmatrix}$$



## Absorbing the $i^{\text{th}}$ Slice

$$\mathbf{a}_{i-1} \mathbf{E}_{i-2} + \mathbf{b}_{i-1} \mathbf{E}_{i-1} + \mathbf{c}_{i-1} \mathbf{E}_i = \mathbf{f}_{i-1}$$

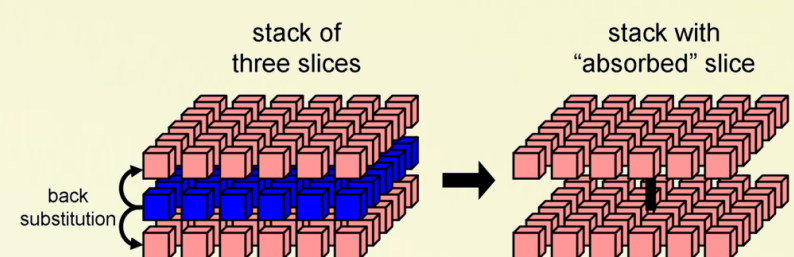
$$\mathbf{a}_i \mathbf{E}_{i-1} + \mathbf{b}_i \mathbf{E}_i + \mathbf{c}_i \mathbf{E}_{i+1} = \mathbf{f}_i$$

$$\mathbf{a}_{i+1} \mathbf{E}_i + \mathbf{b}_{i+1} \mathbf{E}_{i+1} + \mathbf{c}_{i+1} \mathbf{E}_{i+2} = \mathbf{f}_{i+1}$$

$$\rightarrow \mathbf{a}'_{i-1} \mathbf{E}_{i-2} + \mathbf{b}'_{i-1} \mathbf{E}_{i-1} - \mathbf{c}'_{i-1} \mathbf{E}_{i+1} = \mathbf{f}'_{i-1}$$

$$\mathbf{a}'_i \mathbf{E}_{i-1} + \mathbf{b}'_i \mathbf{E}_i + \mathbf{c}'_i \mathbf{E}_{i+1} = \mathbf{f}'_i$$

$$\mathbf{a}'_{i+1} \mathbf{E}_i + \mathbf{b}'_{i+1} \mathbf{E}_{i+1} - \mathbf{c}'_{i+1} \mathbf{E}_{i+2} = \mathbf{f}'_{i+1}$$



$$\mathbf{a}'_{i-1} = \mathbf{a}_{i-1}$$

$$\mathbf{b}'_{i-1} = \mathbf{b}_{i-1} - \mathbf{c}_{i-1} \mathbf{b}_i^{-1} \mathbf{a}_i$$

$$\mathbf{c}'_{i-1} = -\mathbf{c}_{i-1} \mathbf{b}_i^{-1} \mathbf{c}_i$$

$$\mathbf{f}'_{i-1} = \mathbf{f}_{i-1} - \mathbf{c}_{i-1} \mathbf{b}_i^{-1} \mathbf{f}_i$$

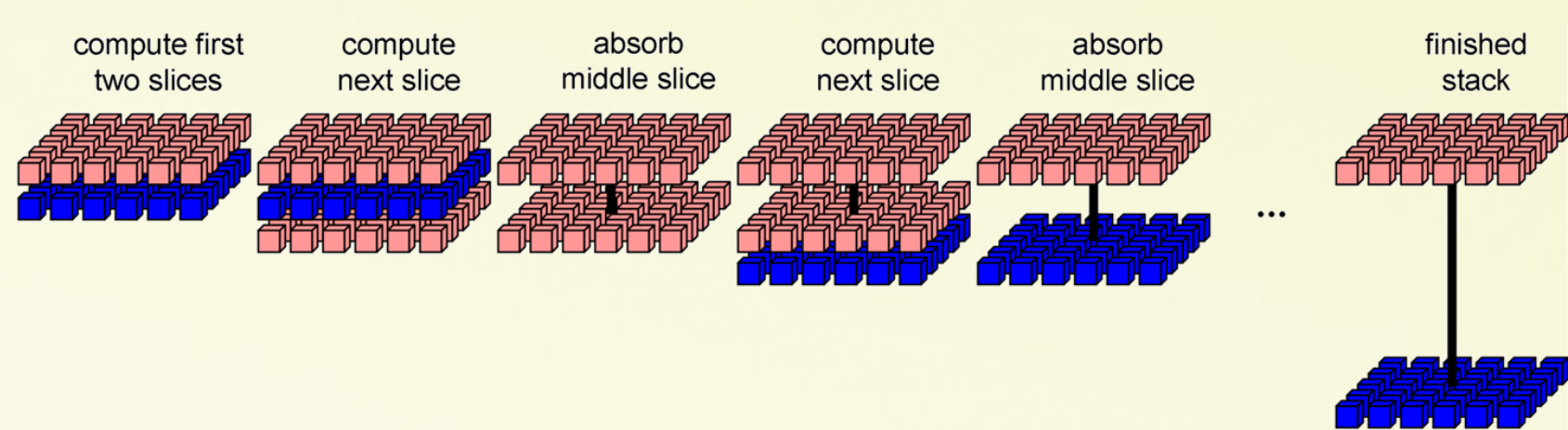
$$\mathbf{a}'_i = -\mathbf{a}_{i+1} \mathbf{b}_i^{-1} \mathbf{a}_i$$

$$\mathbf{b}'_i = \mathbf{b}_{i+1} - \mathbf{a}_{i+1} \mathbf{b}_i^{-1} \mathbf{c}_i$$

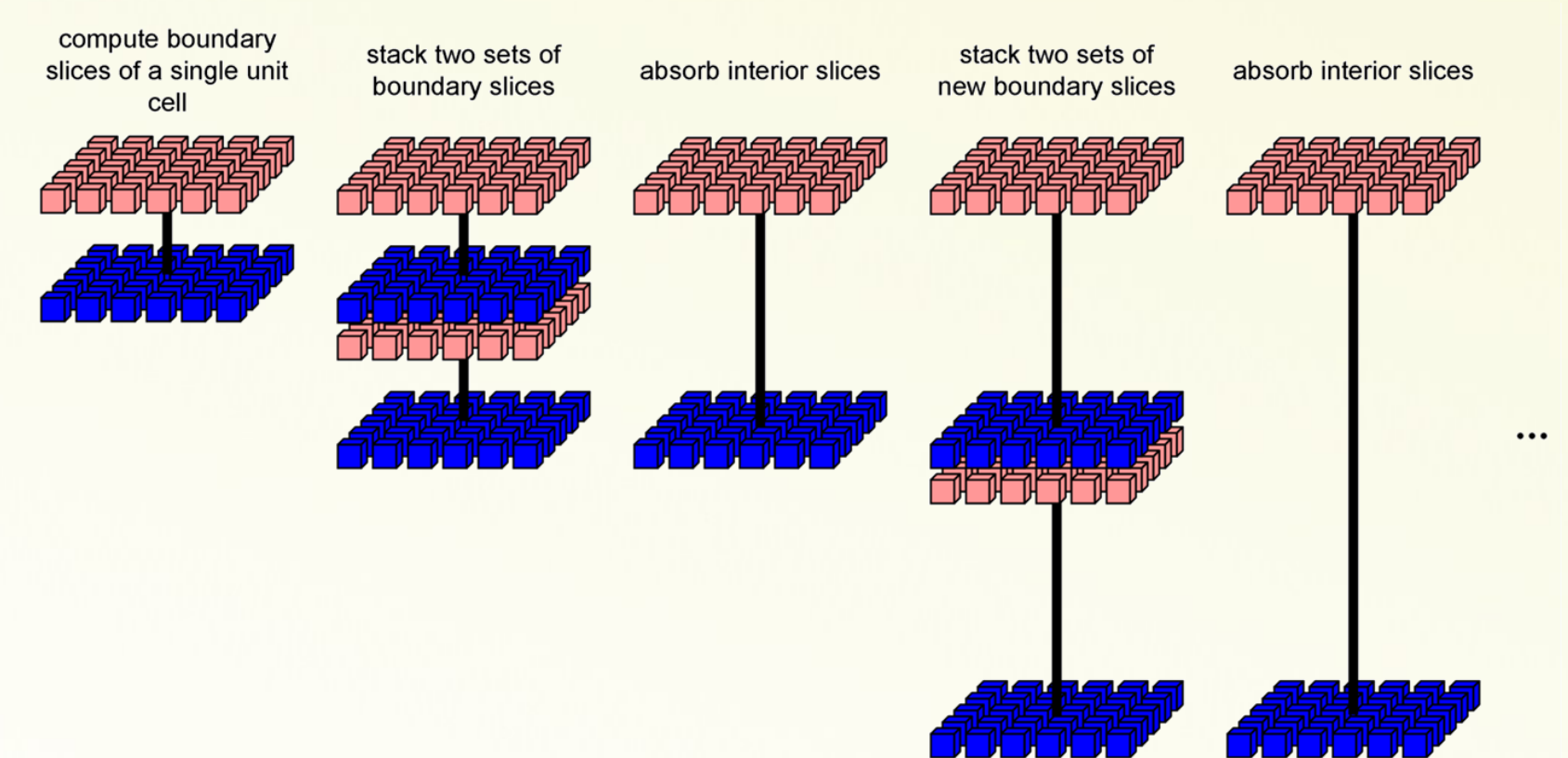
$$\mathbf{c}'_i = \mathbf{c}_{i+1}$$

$$\mathbf{f}'_i = \mathbf{f}_{i+1} - \mathbf{a}_{i+1} \mathbf{b}_i^{-1} \mathbf{f}_i$$

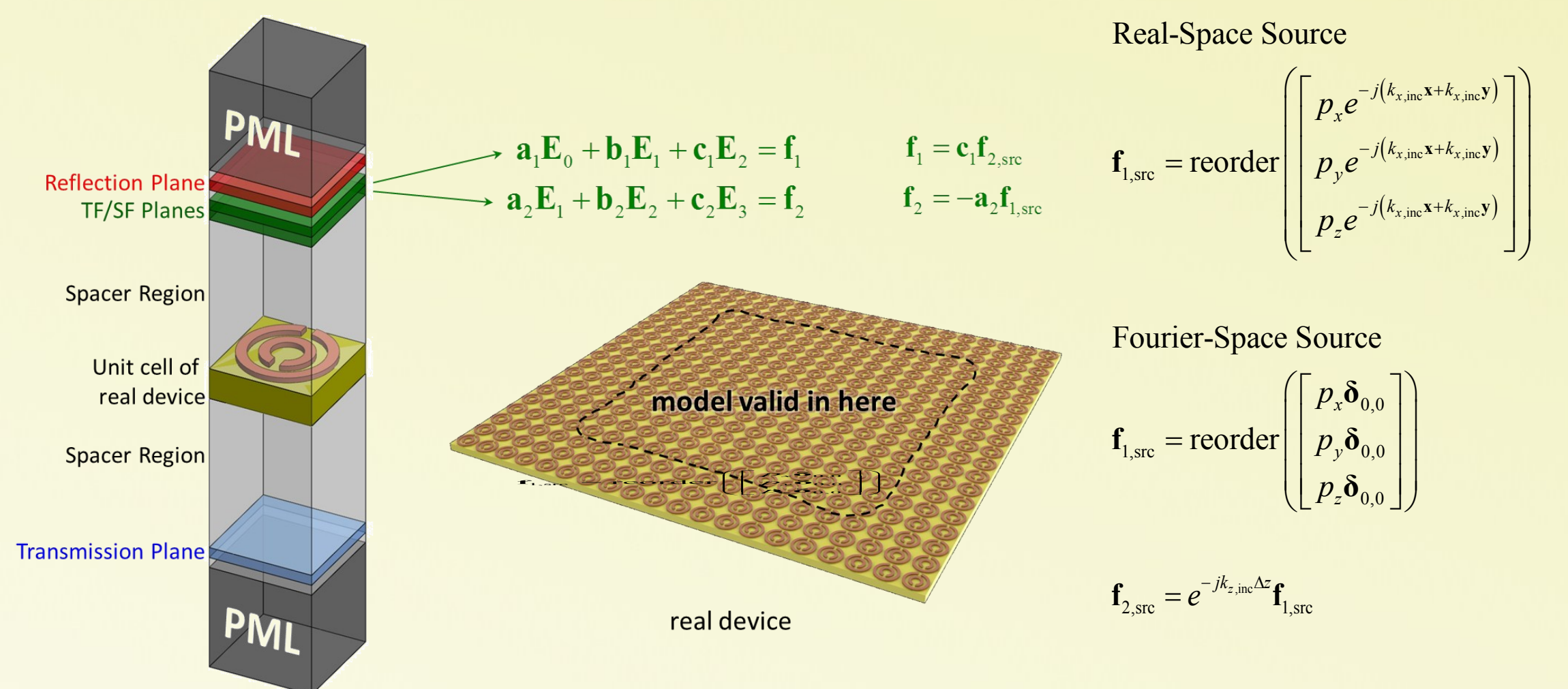
## Absorbing a Stack of Slices



## Cascading and Doubling Algorithm



## Incorporating a Plane Wave Source



## Incorporating Transparent Boundary Conditions

Step 1: Calculate tilt operator T

$$T^r = \exp[j(k_{x,inc} X + k_{y,inc} Y)]$$

$$T = \text{reorder} \begin{bmatrix} T^r & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & T^r & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & T^r \end{bmatrix}$$

Step 2: Calculate Fourier transform operator F

$$H(m,n) = \sum_p \sum_q h(p,q) e^{-j2\pi(\frac{mp}{M} + \frac{nq}{N})} \rightarrow H = Fh$$

$$F = \text{reorder} \begin{bmatrix} F^r & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & F^r & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & F^r \end{bmatrix}$$

Step 3: Calculator phase propagators Z

$$Z_{ref} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{-jk_z,ref \Delta z} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-jk_z,ref \Delta z} \end{bmatrix}, \quad Z_{ref} = \text{reorder} \begin{bmatrix} Z_{ref}^r & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & Z_{ref}^r & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & Z_{ref}^r \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Z_{in} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{-jk_z,in \Delta z} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-jk_z,in \Delta z} \end{bmatrix}, \quad Z_{in} = \text{reorder} \begin{bmatrix} Z_{in}^r & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & Z_{in}^r & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & Z_{in}^r \end{bmatrix}$$

Step 4: Calculate field propagator P

Real-Space Propagators

$$P_{ref}^r = T^{-1} F^{-1} Z_{ref}^r F T = (F T)^{-1} Z_{ref}^r (F T)$$

$$P_{in}^r = T^{-1} F^{-1} Z_{in}^r F T = (F T)^{-1} Z_{in}^r (F T)$$

Fourier-Space Propagators

$$P_{ref}^f = Z_{ref}^r$$

$$P_{in}^f = Z_{in}^r$$

Step 5: Adjust slice equations at top and bottom of grid.

$$\mathbf{b}'_i \mathbf{E}_i + \mathbf{c}_i \mathbf{E}_{i+1} = \mathbf{f}_i$$

$$\mathbf{a}'_i \mathbf{E}_{i-1} + \mathbf{b}'_i \mathbf{E}_i = \mathbf{f}_i$$

$$\mathbf{b}'_i = \mathbf{b}_i + \mathbf{a}_i P_{ref}^r$$

$$\mathbf{b}'_i = \mathbf{b}_i + \mathbf{c}_i P_{in}^r$$

## Calculating Transmitted and Reflected Power

Step 1: Calculate amplitudes of spatial harmonics

$$\vec{s} = (F T) \vec{e}$$

Step 2: Calculate diffraction efficiencies

$$P_{m,n} = |\vec{s}_{m,n}|^2 \cdot \text{Re} \left[ \frac{k_{z,m,n} \mu_r^{inc}}{k_z^{inc} \mu_r} \right]$$

