



The P²NFFT method for mixed charge-dipole systems



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Task

N-body problem

Given:

- N_c charges $q_j \in \mathbb{R}$ at positions $\mathbf{r}_j = (x_j, y_j, z_j)^\top \in \mathbb{R}^3, j \in \mathcal{C}$,
- N_d dipoles with moments $\boldsymbol{\mu}_j \in \mathbb{R}^3$ at positions $\mathbf{r}_j = (x_j, y_j, z_j)^\top \in \mathbb{R}^3, j \in \mathcal{D}$.

The particles may be located in a box spanned by three linearly independent vectors $\ell_1, \ell_2, \ell_3 \in \mathbb{R}^3$.
Task: Compute the potentials

$$\phi(j) := \sum_{\mathbf{n} \in \mathcal{S}} \sum_{i=1}^{N_c+N_d} \frac{\xi_i}{\|\mathbf{r}_{ij} + \mathbf{L}\mathbf{n}\|} \quad \text{with} \quad \xi_i := \begin{cases} q_i & : i \in \mathcal{C}, \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}_i^\top \nabla_{\mathbf{r}_i} & : i \in \mathcal{D}, \end{cases}$$

$\mathbf{r}_{ij} := \mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j, \mathbf{L} := [\ell_1, \ell_2, \ell_3] \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$ and $\mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^3$ (periodic boundary conditions, $\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow i \neq j$).

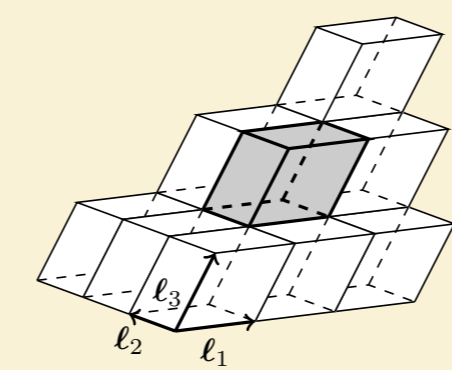
Further quantities of interest:

- fields $\mathbf{E}(j) := -\nabla_{\mathbf{r}_j} \phi(j)$,
- field gradients $\mathbf{G}(j) := -\nabla_{\mathbf{r}_j} \nabla_{\mathbf{r}_j}^\top \phi(j)$.

Periodic boundary conditions

We consider the following cases.

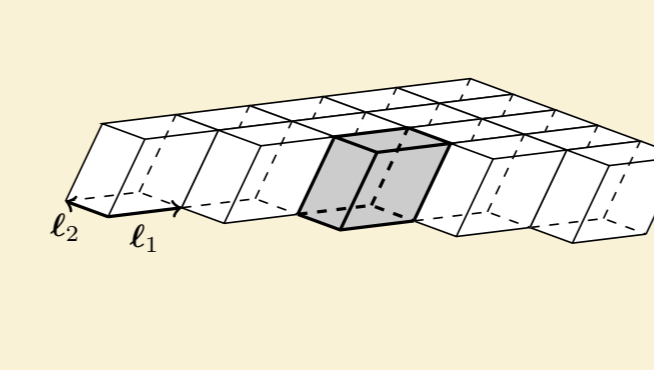
3d-periodic, $\mathcal{S} = \mathbb{Z}^3$



all directions

$$\mathbf{L} = \begin{pmatrix} * & * & * \\ * & * & * \\ * & * & * \end{pmatrix}$$

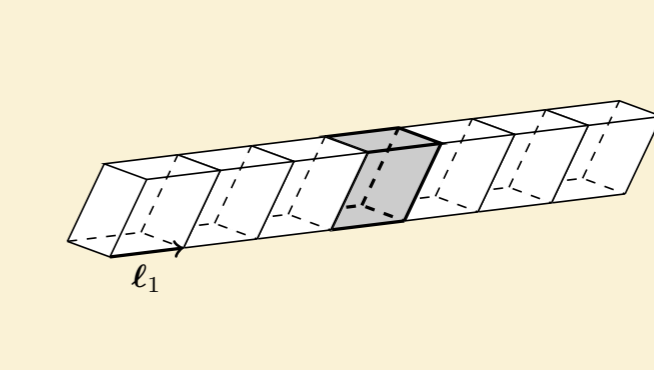
2d-periodic, $\mathcal{S} = \mathbb{Z}^2 \times \{0\}$



xy-plane

$$\mathbf{L} = \begin{pmatrix} * & * & 0 \\ * & * & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

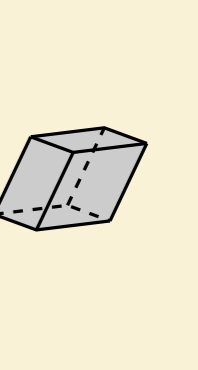
1d-periodic, $\mathcal{S} = \mathbb{Z} \times \{0\}^2$



x-direction

$$\mathbf{L} = \begin{pmatrix} * & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

0d-periodic, $\mathcal{S} = \{0\}^3$



no periodicity

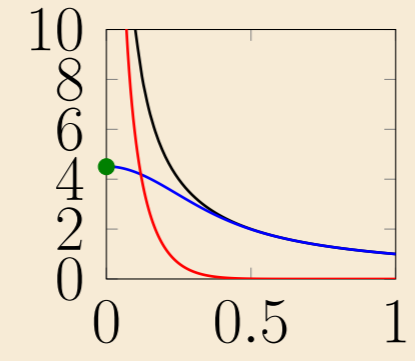
$$\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{0}_{3 \times 3}$$

Ewald Summation

Ewald-splitting

Split the interactions based on

$$\frac{1}{r} = \frac{\text{erfc}(\alpha r)}{r} + \frac{\text{erf}(\alpha r)}{r} \quad \text{with} \quad \alpha > 0.$$



Short range potentials

$$\phi^S(j) := \sum_{\mathbf{n} \in \mathcal{S}} \sum_{i=1}^{N_c+N_d} \xi_i \frac{\text{erfc}(\alpha \|\mathbf{r}_{ij} + \mathbf{L}\mathbf{n}\|)}{\|\mathbf{r}_{ij} + \mathbf{L}\mathbf{n}\|}$$

Direct via truncation: $\|\mathbf{r}_{ij} + \mathbf{L}\mathbf{n}\| \leq r_{\text{cut}}$.

Long range potentials

$$\phi^L(j) := \sum_{\mathbf{n} \in \mathcal{S}} \sum_{i=1}^{N_c+N_d} \xi_i \frac{\text{erf}(\alpha \|\mathbf{r}_{ij} + \mathbf{L}\mathbf{n}\|)}{\|\mathbf{r}_{ij} + \mathbf{L}\mathbf{n}\|}$$

Continuous, fast decay in Fourier space.

Self potentials

$$\phi^{\text{self}}(j) = \begin{cases} -2\alpha\sqrt{\pi}^{-1}q_j & : j \in \mathcal{C}, \\ 0 & : j \in \mathcal{D}. \end{cases}$$

Subtract far field contributions with $\|\mathbf{r}_{ij} + \mathbf{L}\mathbf{n}\| = 0$.

Fourier Approx.

Fourier space representation of the long range parts

Periodic directions: Compute analytical Fourier transform (Poisson summation). Exponential decrease for $\|\mathbf{k}\| \rightarrow \infty$ or $|k| \rightarrow \infty$:

$$3\text{dp: } \phi^L(j) = \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathbb{Z}^3} \sum_{i=1}^{N_c+N_d} \xi_i \Theta_{\mathbf{k},\alpha}^{\text{p}3} e^{2\pi i \mathbf{k}^\top \mathbf{L}^{-1} \mathbf{r}_{ij}}$$

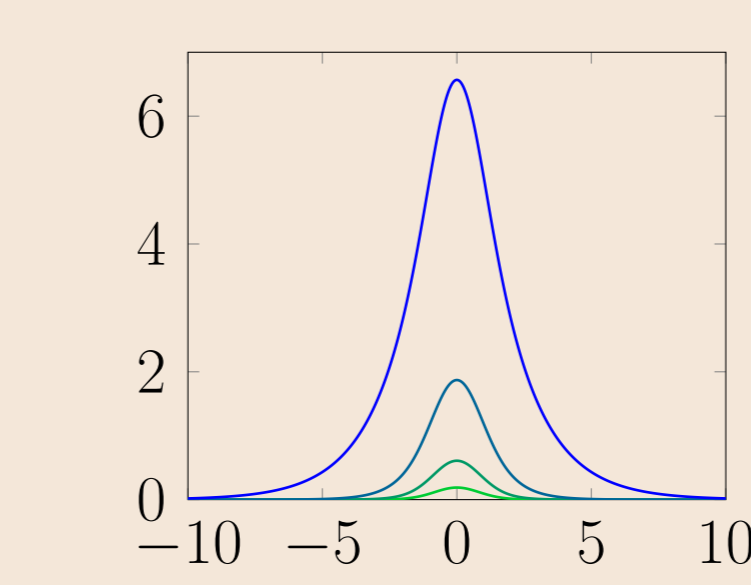
$$2\text{dp: } \phi^L(j) = \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathbb{Z}^2} \sum_{i=1}^{N_c+N_d} \xi_i \Theta_{\mathbf{k},\alpha}^{\text{p}2}(|z_{ij}|) e^{2\pi i \mathbf{k}^\top \mathbf{L}_{xy}^{-1} (x_{ij}, y_{ij})^\top}$$

$$1\text{dp: } \phi^L(j) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{i=1}^{N_c+N_d} \xi_i \Theta_{k,\alpha}^{\text{p}1}(\sqrt{y_{ij}^2 + z_{ij}^2}) e^{2\pi i k^\top \mathbf{L}_x^{-1} x_{ij}}$$

$$0\text{dp: } \phi^L(j) = \sum_{i=1}^{N_c+N_d} \xi_i \Theta_\alpha^{\text{p}0}(\sqrt{x_{ij}^2 + y_{ij}^2 + z_{ij}^2})$$

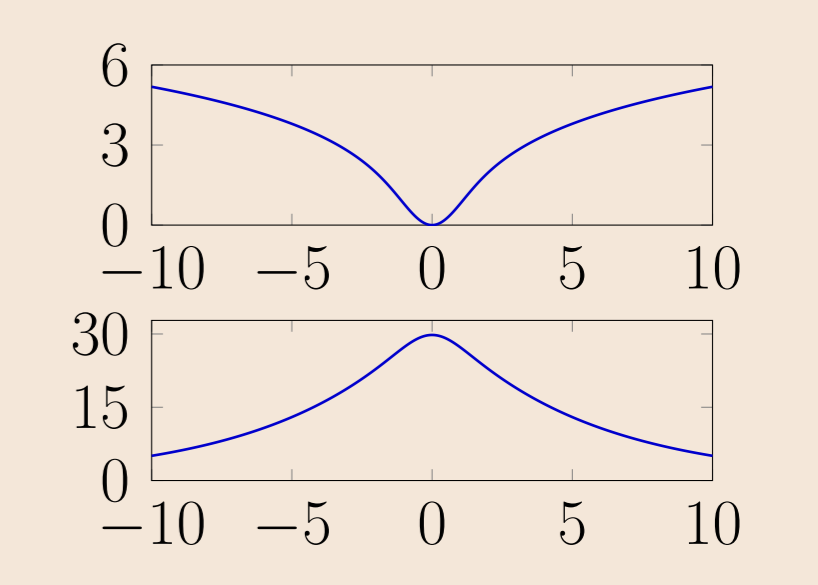
Influence of nonperiodic directions: Fourier coefficients depend on particle distances regarding the nonperiodic dimensions.

Involved functions



Type A (left):
Very fast decay.

Type B (right):
No decay at all or
not fast enough.



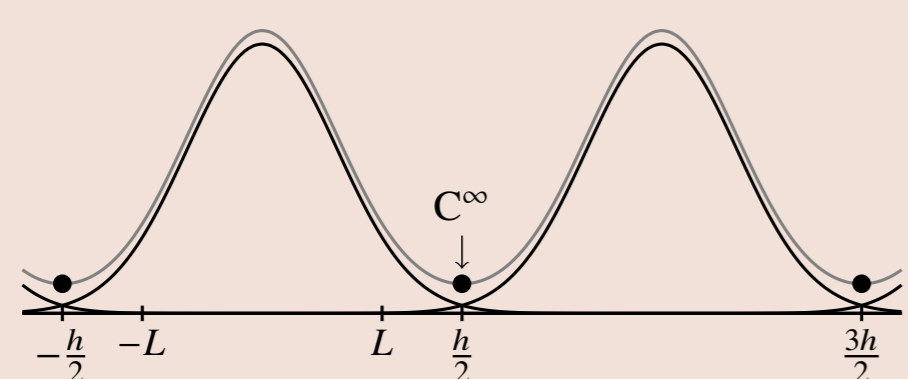
$\Theta_{\mathbf{k},\alpha}^{\text{p}2}(\cdot), \Theta_{k,\alpha}^{\text{p}1}(\cdot)$: \mathbf{k} or k large enough.

$\Theta_{\mathbf{k},\alpha}^{\text{p}2}(\cdot), \Theta_{k,\alpha}^{\text{p}1}(\cdot)$: \mathbf{k} or k small; $\Theta_\alpha^{\text{p}0}(\cdot)$.

Tools

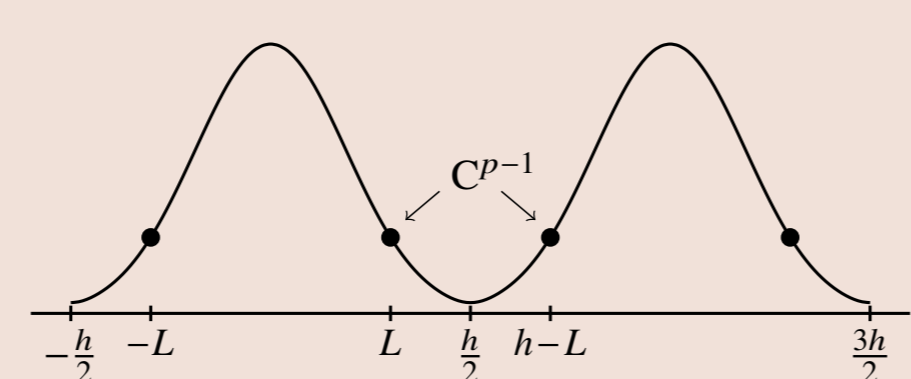
Periodization approaches (nonperiodic dimensions)

One-dimensional setting: Approximate a given nonperiodic function over $[-L, L]$ by a trig. polynomial. Different techniques may be applied for functions of type A and B, respectively.



Type A: The function is sufficiently small outside a comparatively small interval $[-\frac{h}{2}, \frac{h}{2}]$. Use analytical Fourier transform:

$$f(x) \approx \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} f(x + hn) \approx \frac{1}{h} \sum_{|k| \leq M} \hat{f}\left(\frac{k}{h}\right) e^{2\pi i k x / h}$$



Type B: Construct an interpolating polynomial within $[L, h-L]$ that fits the derivatives of f up to a certain degree.

$$\text{Approximate via FFT: } \hat{f}(x) \approx \sum_{|k| \leq M} \hat{b}_k e^{2\pi i k x / h}$$

Higher dimensions: The generalization in case of Type A functions is straight forward.

The periodization approach Type B is possible in a similar fashion for radial kernels $f = f(\|\mathbf{x}\|)$.

Final Fourier approximations

Periodic dimensions: Exponential decrease for $\|\mathbf{k}\| \rightarrow \infty$ or $|k| \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow$ truncate Fourier series.
Nonperiodic dimensions: Apply appropriate periodization approaches to the involved functions.

$$\text{Result: } \phi^L(j) \approx \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathcal{M}} \hat{b}_{\mathbf{k}} \left(\sum_{i \in \mathcal{C}} q_i e^{2\pi i \mathbf{k}^\top \mathbf{r}_i} + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{D}} \boldsymbol{\mu}_i^\top \nabla_{\mathbf{r}_i} e^{2\pi i \mathbf{k}^\top \mathbf{r}_i} \right) e^{-2\pi i \mathbf{k}^\top \mathbf{r}_j} \quad \mathcal{M} \subset \mathbb{Z}^3 \text{ finite}$$

Indices	Fourier coefficients	Approach	Scaled positions $\tilde{\mathbf{r}}_i$
3dp: $\boldsymbol{\kappa} = \mathbf{k}$	$\hat{b}_{\mathbf{k}} = \Theta_{\mathbf{k},\alpha}^{\text{p}3} = \delta_{\mathbf{k},0} \frac{e^{-\alpha^2 \ \mathbf{L}^{-1} \mathbf{k}\ ^2 / \alpha^2}}{\pi V \ \mathbf{L}^{-1} \mathbf{k}\ ^2}$	analytic FT	$\mathbf{L}^{-1} \mathbf{r}_i$
2dp: $\boldsymbol{\kappa} = (\mathbf{k}, l)$	Compute $\hat{b}_{\mathbf{k},l}$ via periodization of each function $\Theta_{\mathbf{k},\alpha}^{\text{p}2}(\cdot)$	$\ \mathbf{k}\ $ small: Type B (1d-FFT) $\ \mathbf{k}\ $ large: Type A (analytic)	$\text{diag}(\mathbf{L}_{xy}, h)^{-1} \mathbf{r}_i$
1dp: $\boldsymbol{\kappa} = (k, l)$	Compute $\hat{b}_{k,l}$ via periodization of each function $\Theta_{k,\alpha}^{\text{p}1}(\ \cdot\)$	$ k $ small: Type B (2d-FFT) $ k $ large: Type A (analytic)	$\text{diag}(\mathbf{L}_x, h, h)^{-1} \mathbf{r}_i$
0dp: $\boldsymbol{\kappa} = l$	Approximate $\Theta_\alpha^{\text{p}0}(\ \cdot\) = \frac{\text{erfc}(\alpha \ \cdot\)}{\ \cdot\ }$	Type B (3d-FFT)	$\text{diag}(h, h, h)^{-1} \mathbf{r}_i$

NFFT

Approximate the function values

$$f(\mathbf{r}_j) := \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathcal{M}} \hat{f}_{\mathbf{k}} e^{2\pi i \mathbf{k}^\top \mathbf{r}_j}$$

for arbitrary $\mathbf{r}_j \in \mathbb{T}^3, j = 1, \dots, N$.
Complexity: $\mathcal{O}(|\mathcal{M}| \log |\mathcal{M}| + N)$

Gradient NFFT

Approximate the gradients

$$\nabla f(\mathbf{r}_j) := 2\pi i \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathcal{M}} \mathbf{k} \hat{f}_{\mathbf{k}} e^{2\pi i \mathbf{k}^\top \mathbf{r}_j}$$

for arbitrary $\mathbf{r}_j \in \mathbb{T}^3, j = 1, \dots, N$.
Complexity: $\mathcal{O}(|\mathcal{M}| \log |\mathcal{M}| + N)$

Hessian NFFT

Approximate the Hessians

$$\nabla \nabla^\top f(\mathbf{r}_j) := -4\pi^2 \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathcal{M}} \mathbf{k} \mathbf{k}^\top \hat{f}_{\mathbf{k}} e^{2\pi i \mathbf{k}^\top \mathbf{r}_j}$$

for arbitrary $\mathbf{r}_j \in \mathbb{T}^3, j = 1, \dots, N$.
Complexity: $\mathcal{O}(|\mathcal{M}| \log |\mathcal{M}| + N)$

Adjoint NFFT

Approximate the sums

$$h(\mathbf{k}) := \sum_{j=1}^N f_j e^{-2\pi i \mathbf{k}^\top \mathbf{r}_j}, \mathbf{k} \in \mathcal{M},$$

for arbitrary $\mathbf{r}_j \in \mathbb{T}^3, j = 1, \dots, N$.
Complexity: $\mathcal{O}(|\mathcal{M}| \log |\mathcal{M}| + N)$

Adjoint gradient NFFT

Approximate the sums

$$h(\mathbf{k}) := \sum_{j=1}^N \mathbf{f}_j^\top \nabla_{\mathbf{r}_j} e^{-2\pi i \mathbf{k}^\top \mathbf{r}_j}, \mathbf{k} \in \mathcal{M},$$

for arbitrary $\mathbf{r}_j \in \mathbb{T}^3, j = 1, \dots, N$.
Complexity: $\mathcal{O}(|\mathcal{M}| \log |\mathcal{M}| + N)$

Method

P²NFFT algorithm

1. Precomputations: Compute the Fourier coefficients $\hat{b}_{\mathbf{k}}, \mathbf{k} \in \mathcal{M}$.
2. Direct computations: Short range interactions (via truncation) and self interactions. $\mathcal{O}(N)$
3. Approximate long range interactions: $\mathcal{O}(N \log N)$

$$\phi^L(j) \approx \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathcal{M}} \hat{b}_{\mathbf{k}} \left(\underbrace{\sum_{i \in \mathcal{C}} q_i e^{2\pi i \mathbf{k}^\top \mathbf{r}_i}}_{\text{adj. NFFT}} + \underbrace{\sum_{i \in \mathcal{D}} \boldsymbol{\mu}_i^\top \nabla_{\mathbf{r}_i} e^{2\pi i \mathbf{k}^\top \mathbf{r}_i}}_{\text{adj. grad. NFFT}} \right) e^{-2\pi i \mathbf{k}^\top \mathbf{r}_j}$$

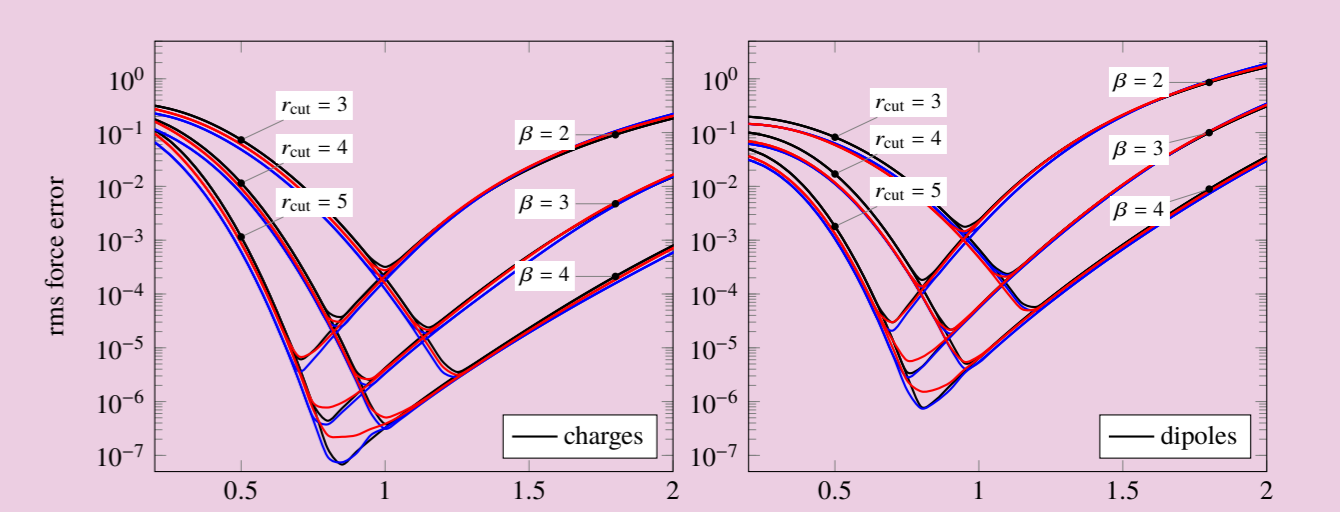
Analogously: $\mathbf{E}^L(j) = -\nabla_{\mathbf{r}_j} \phi^L(j)$ via gradient NFFT and
 $\mathbf{G}^L(j) = -\nabla_{\mathbf{r}_j} \nabla_{\mathbf{r}_j}^\top \phi^L(j)$ via Hessian NFFT

Features

- ✓ Complexity $\mathcal{O}(N \log N)$
- ✓ Full periodicity
- ✓ Mixed periodicity (1d and 2d)
- ✓ Open boundary conditions
- ✓ Pure charge systems
- ✓ Pure dipole systems
- ✓ Mixed charge-dipole systems
- ✓ Error estimates (3d-periodic)
- ✓ High accuracy
- ✓ Massively parallel
- ✓ Publicly available

Numerical results

Example: Particle system with 100 charges and 100 dipoles in a box of size $8 \times 10 \times 12$.
→ fully periodic, 1d-periodic and open b.c.
→ different near field cutoff radii r_{cut}
→ different grids \mathcal{M} of size $8\beta \times 10\beta \times 12\beta$,
 $8\beta \times h\beta \times h\beta$ and $h\beta \times h\beta \times h\beta$



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