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#### TEMPORAL BLOCKING OF FINITE-DIFFERENCE STENCIL OPERATORS WITH SPARSE "OFF-THE-GRID" SOURCES IN DEVITO

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#### What our work is about

Temporal Blocking on practical simulations on top of Devito-DSL

- Practical simulations are complicated
- They consist of sparse "off-the-grid" operators (Not the typical stencil benchmark!)
- Temporal blocking is challenging to apply
- We present an approach to overcome limitations and improve performance

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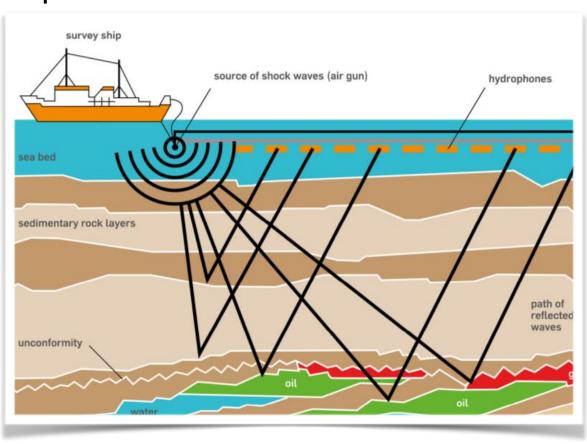
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Raise a bit more the performance bar

#### A bit of background

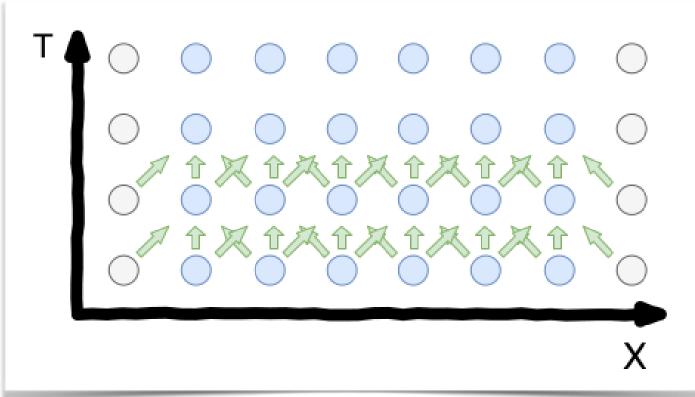
- PDEs are everywhere: computational fluid dynamics, image processing, weather forecasting, seismic and medical imaging.
- Numerical analysis => finite-difference (FD) methods to solve DEs by approximating derivatives with finite differences.
- **Devito:** Fast Stencil Computation from Symbolic Specification
- Goal:

To improve performance of stencils stemming from practical applications using temporal blocking

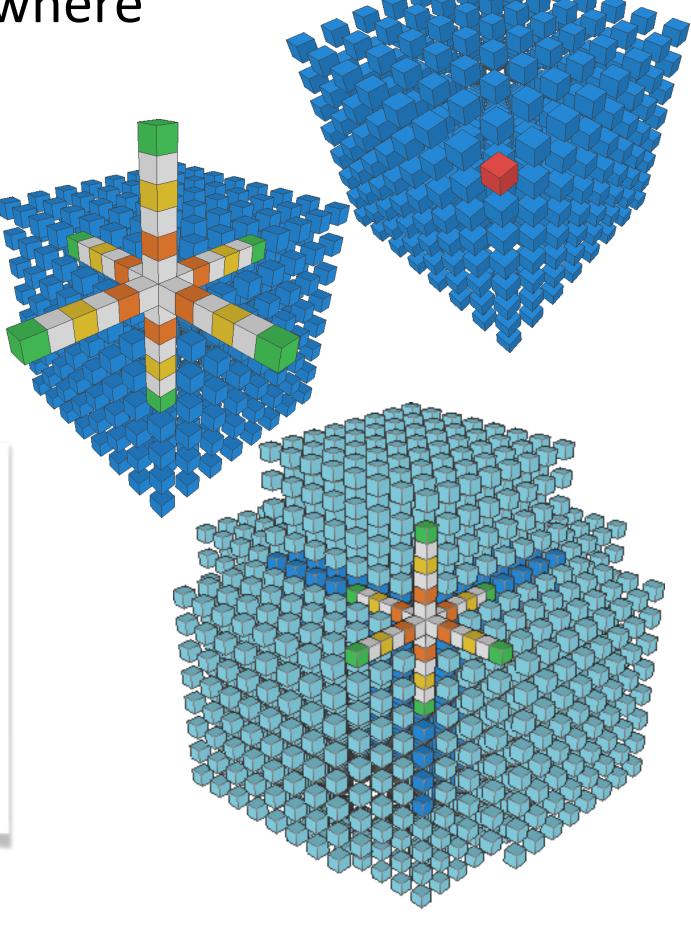


Stencils are everywhere

- Computing stencils on the FD grid
- Stencils used for benchmarking, vast literature on optimizing stencils...
- Parallelism (OpenMP, SIMD, MPI)
- From simplistic (1d-3pt), to wide and complex...

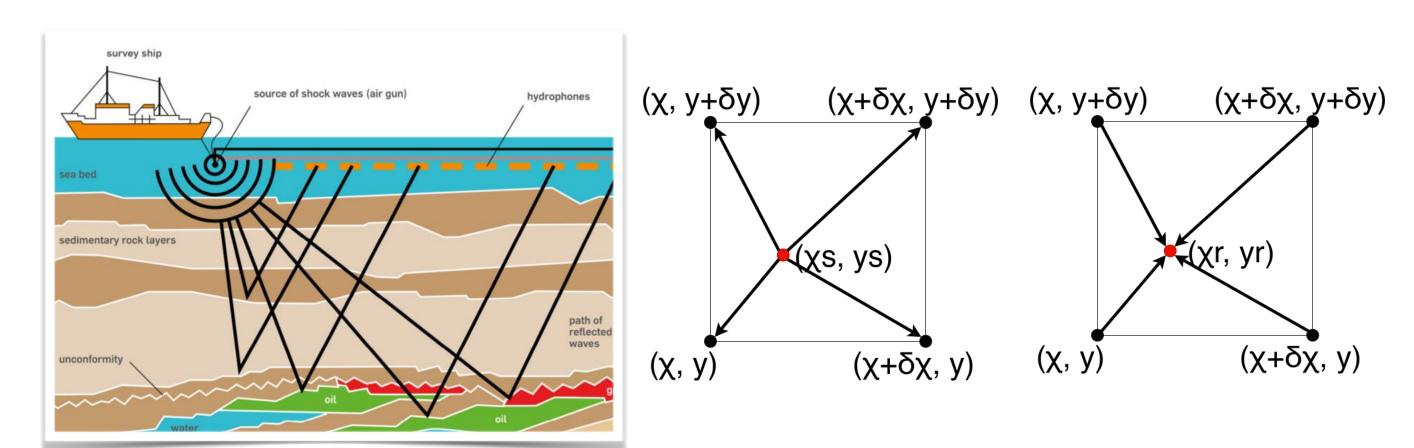


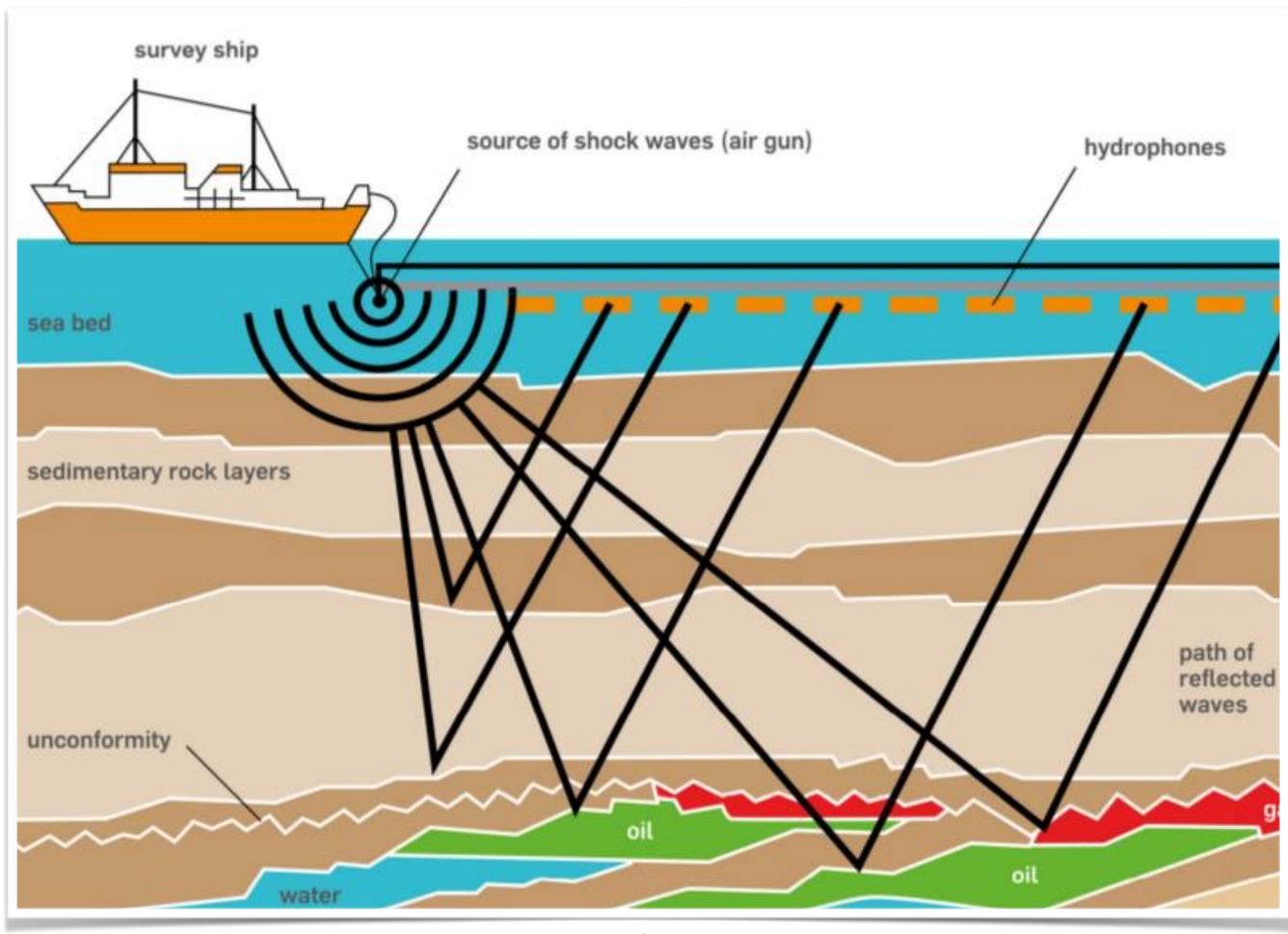
A 1d 3pt stencil update

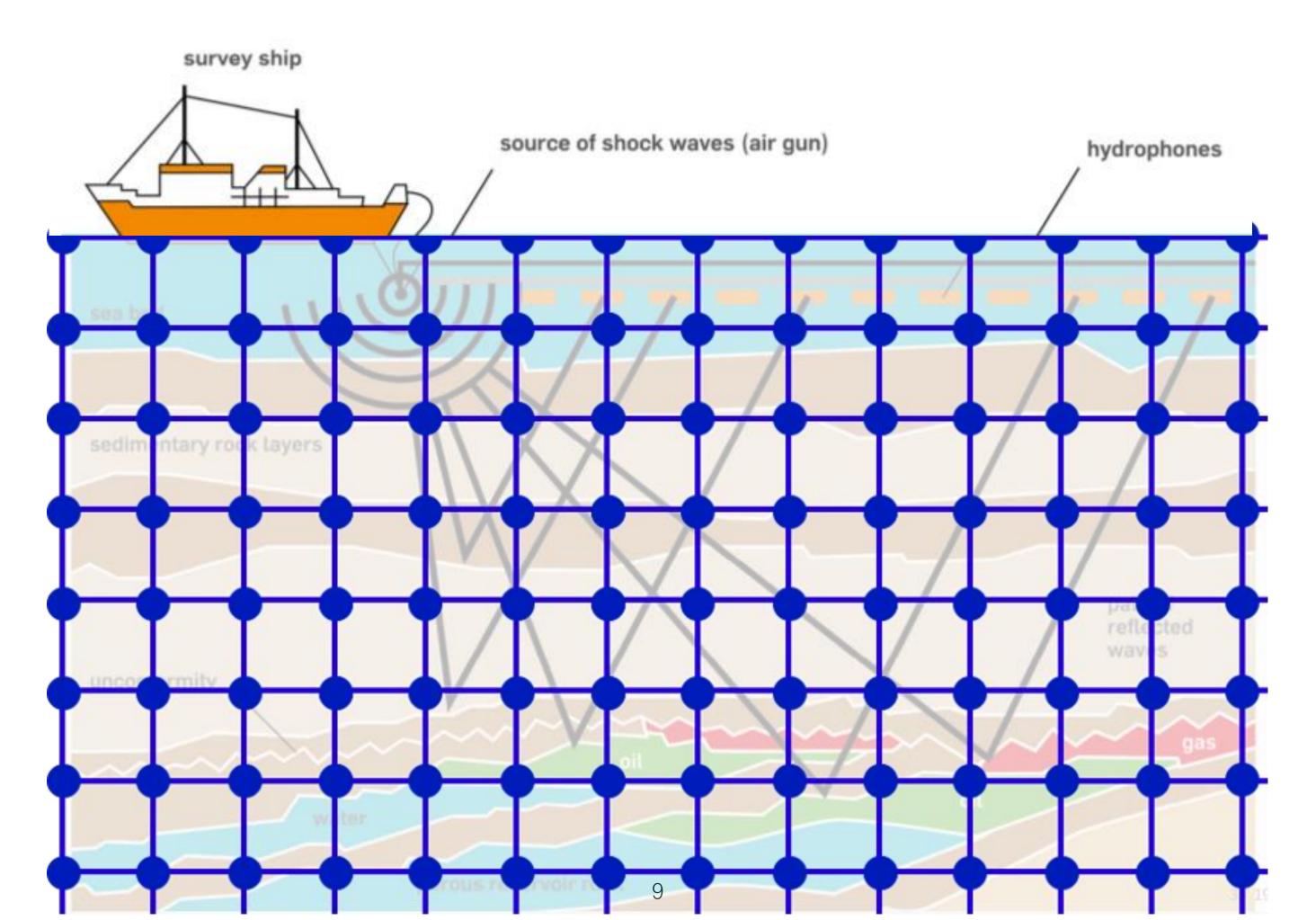


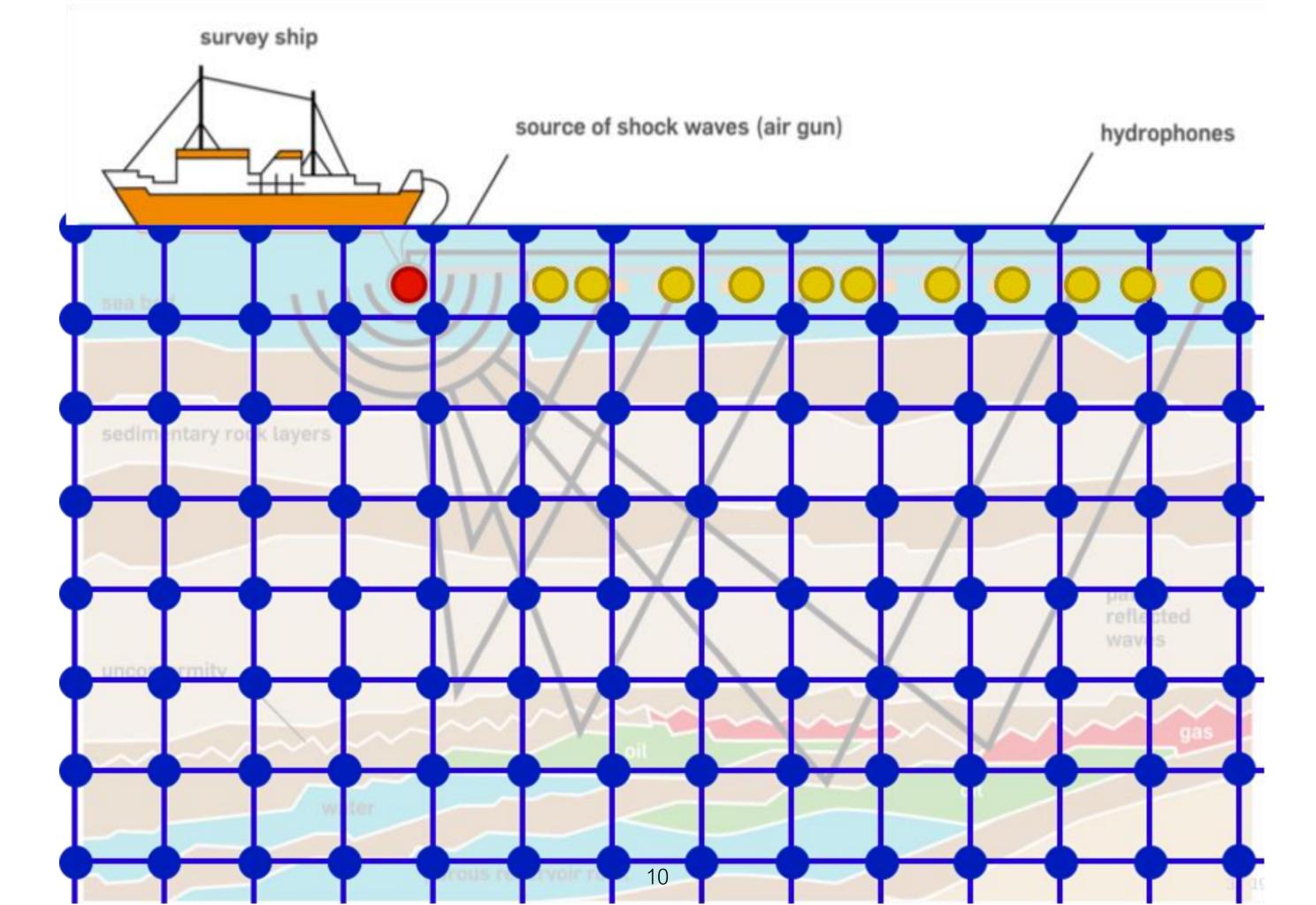
## Modelling practical applications

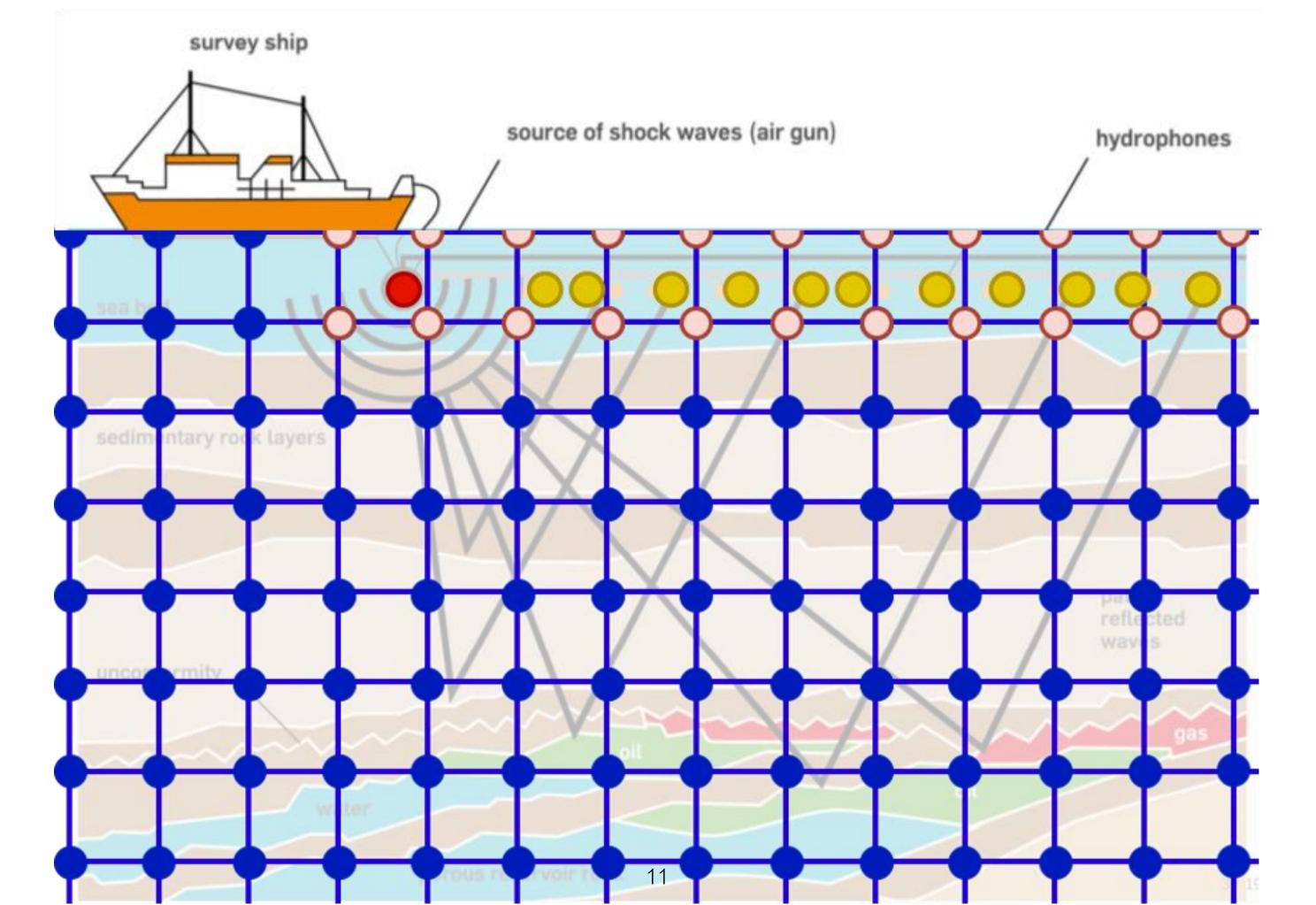
- Not only stencils in the game. What else?
- Sources injecting and receivers interpolating at sparse off-the-grid coordinates. **Non-conventional update patterns.**
- Usually their coordinates are not aligned with the computational grid.
   How do we iterate over them?











## A typical time-stepping loop with source injection

- Iterate over sources, each has 3-d coordinates
- Indirect accesses to scatter injection to neighbouring points
- Aligned in time, not in space

**Algorithm 1:** A typical time-stepping loop nest structure for a stencil update with source injection. This stencil has one temporal and three spatial dimensions.

```
1 for t = 1 to nt do

2 | for x = 1 to nx do

3 | for y = 1 to ny do

5 | A(t, x, y, z) \equiv u[t, x, y, z] = u[t-1, x, y, z] + \sum_{r=1}^{r=so/2} w_r [
| u[t-1, x-r, y, z] + u[t-1, x+r, y, z] + u[t-1, x, y-r, z] +
| u[t-1, x, y+r, z] + u[t-1, x, y, z-r] + u[t-1, x, y, z+r] ];
6 | for each s in sources do

7 | for i = 1 to np do

8 | xs, ys, zs = map(s, i);
| u[t, xs, ys, zs] + f(src(t, s))
```

#### **Algorithm 3:** Source injection pseudocode.

```
1 for t = 1 to nt do
     foreach s in sources do
        # Find on the grid coordinates
3
        src_x_min = floor(src_coords[s][0], ox)
        src_x_max = ceil(src_coords[s][0], ox)
        # Compute weights
6
        px = f(src\_coords[s][0], ox)
        # Unrolled for 8 points (2<sup>3</sup>, 3D case)
8
        if src_x_min, ... in grid then
           r0 = v(src_x_min, ...src[t][s]);
10
           u[t, src_x_min, ...] + = r0
11
        if src_x_max, ... in grid then
12
           r7 = v(src_x_max, ...src[t][s]);
13
           u[t, src_x_max, ...] + = r7
14
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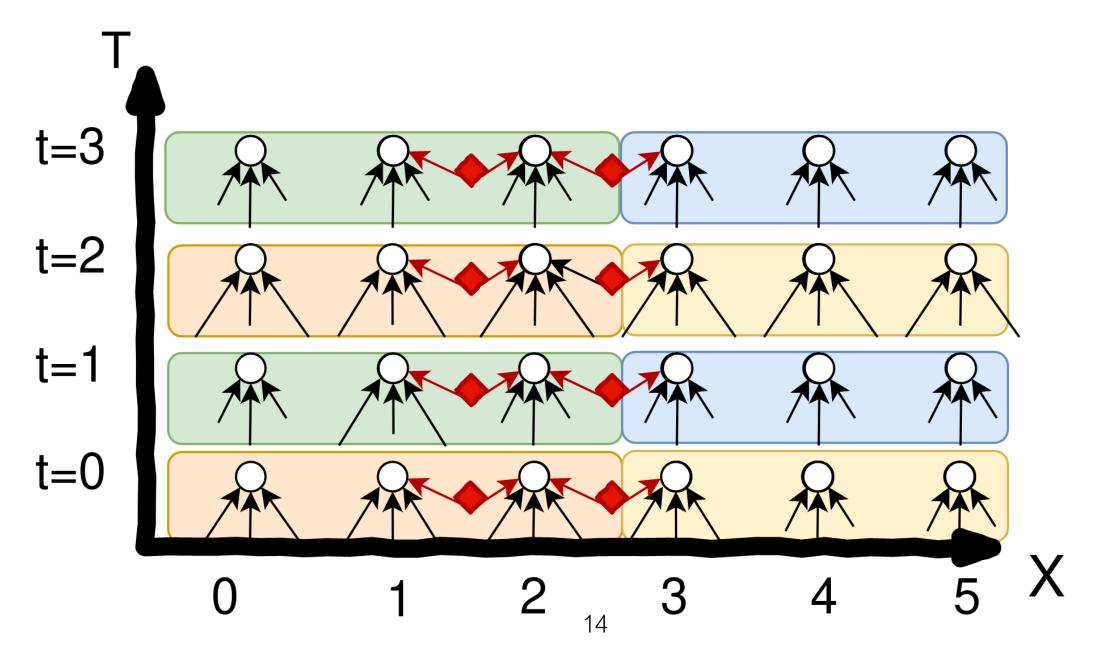
Discover affected points

Weights of impact

Unrolled loop for each affected point, compute injection part and add to field

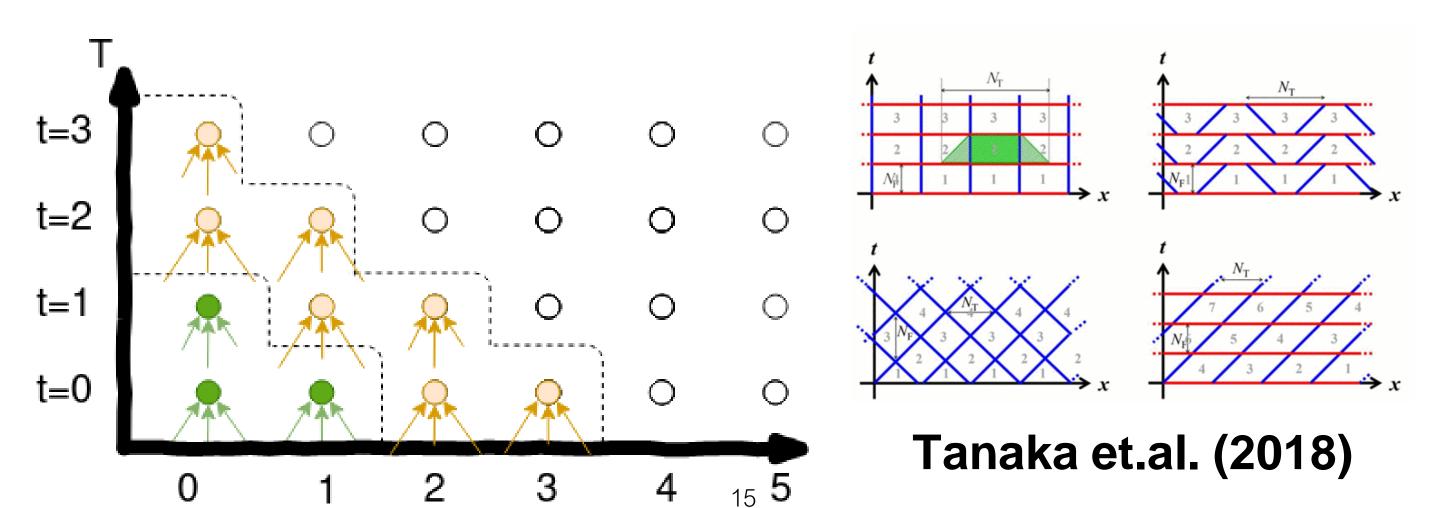
## Applying space-blocking

- Spatial blocking:
  - Decompose grids into block tiles/ Partitioning iteration space to smaller chunks/blocks
  - Improve data locality => Increase performance (Rich literature)
  - Sparse off-the-grid operators are iterated as without blocking



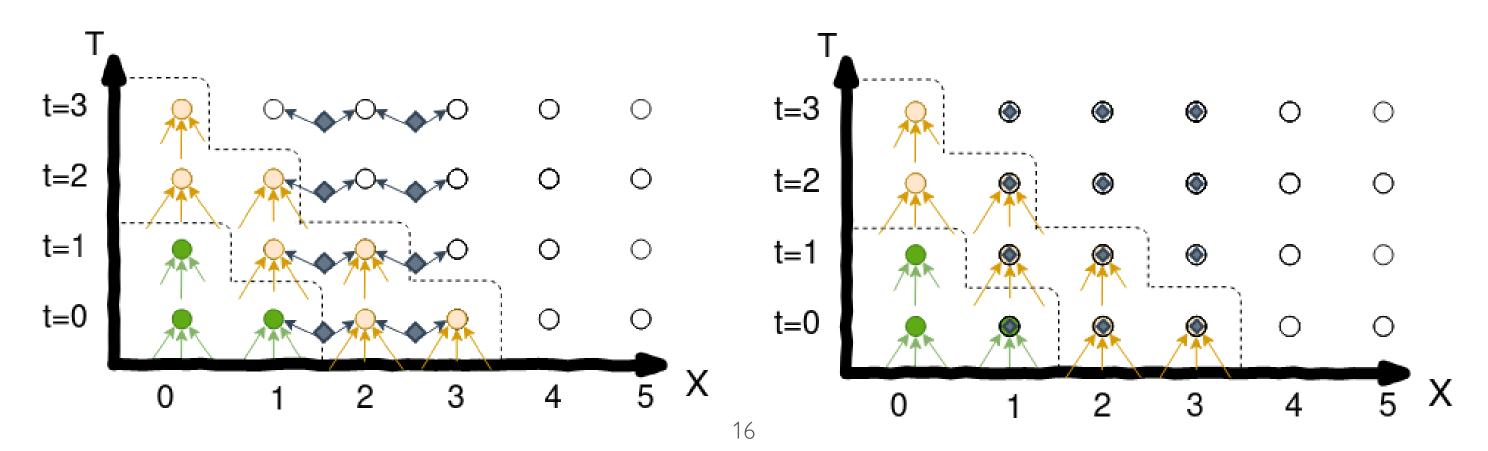
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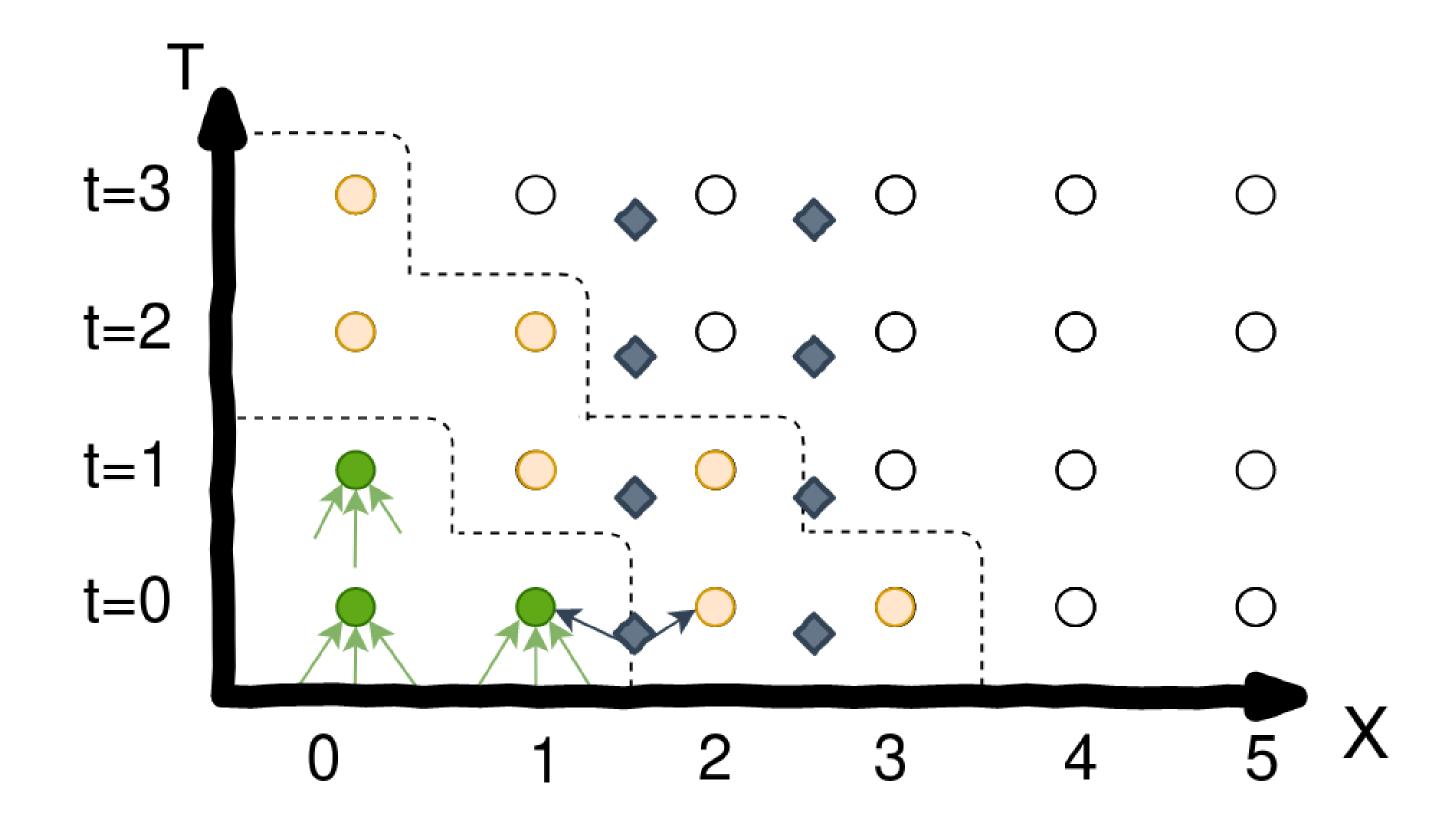
- Temporal blocking:
  - Space blocking but extend reuse to time-dimension.
  - Update grid points in future where/when (space+time) possible
  - Rich literature, several variants of temporal blocking, shapes, schemes
    - Wave-front / Skewing (Our POC approach)
    - Diamonds, Trapezoids, Overlapped, Hybrid models

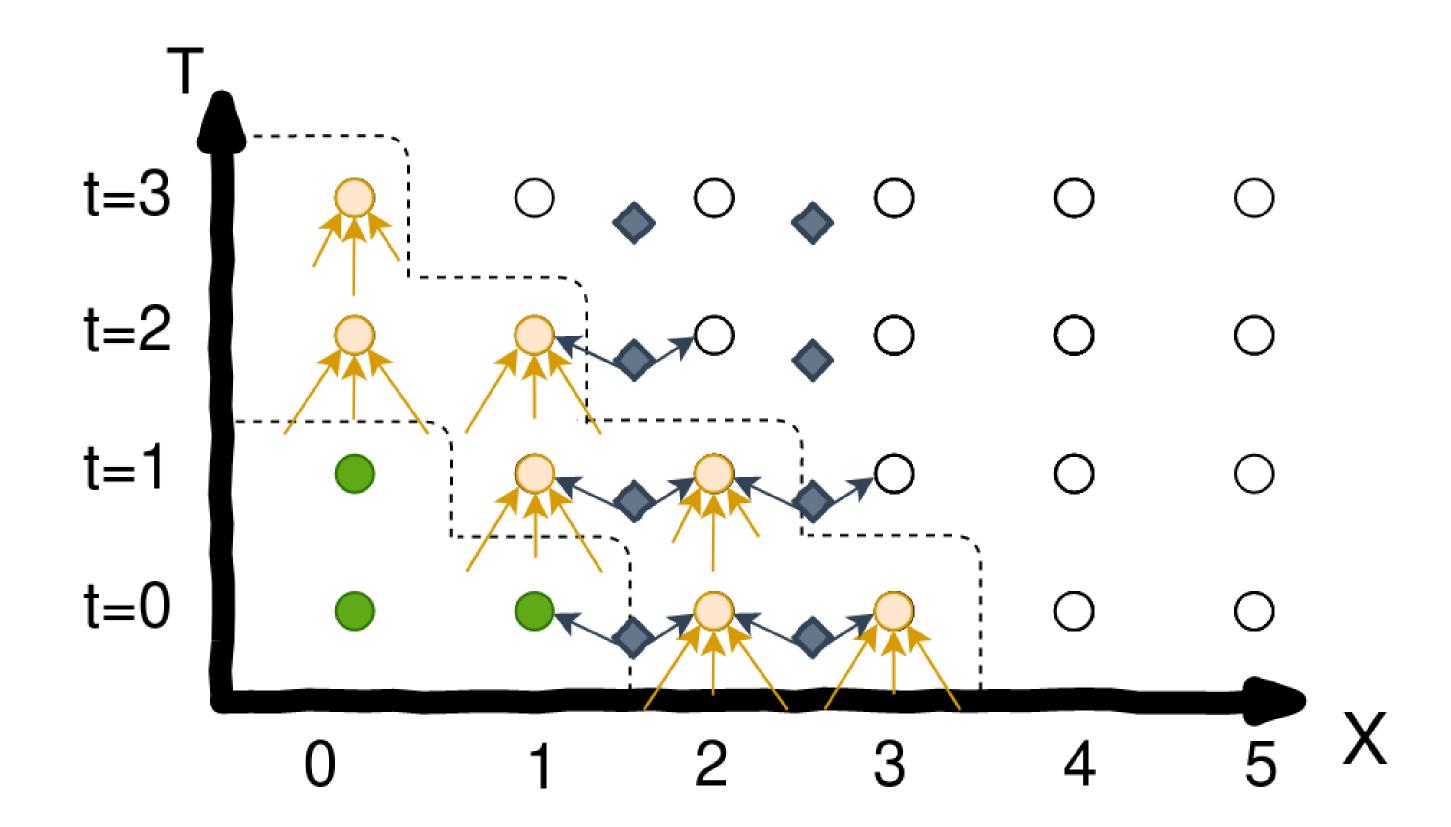


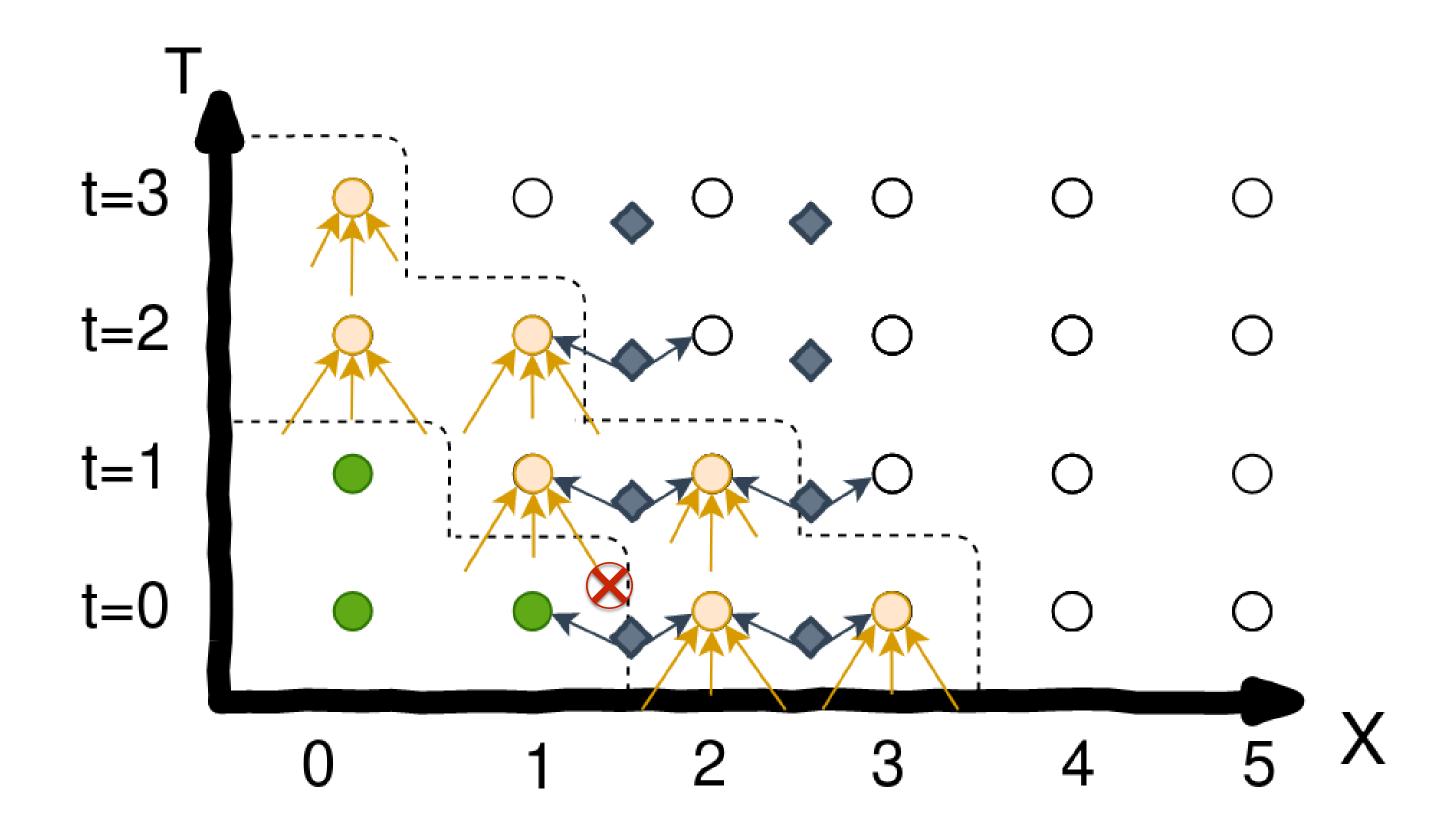
## Off-the-grid operators: the issue

- Data dependences violations happen while a temporal update
- When a sparse operator exists in the boundary between space-time blocks, order of updates is not preserved
- Solution: Need to align off-the-grid operators

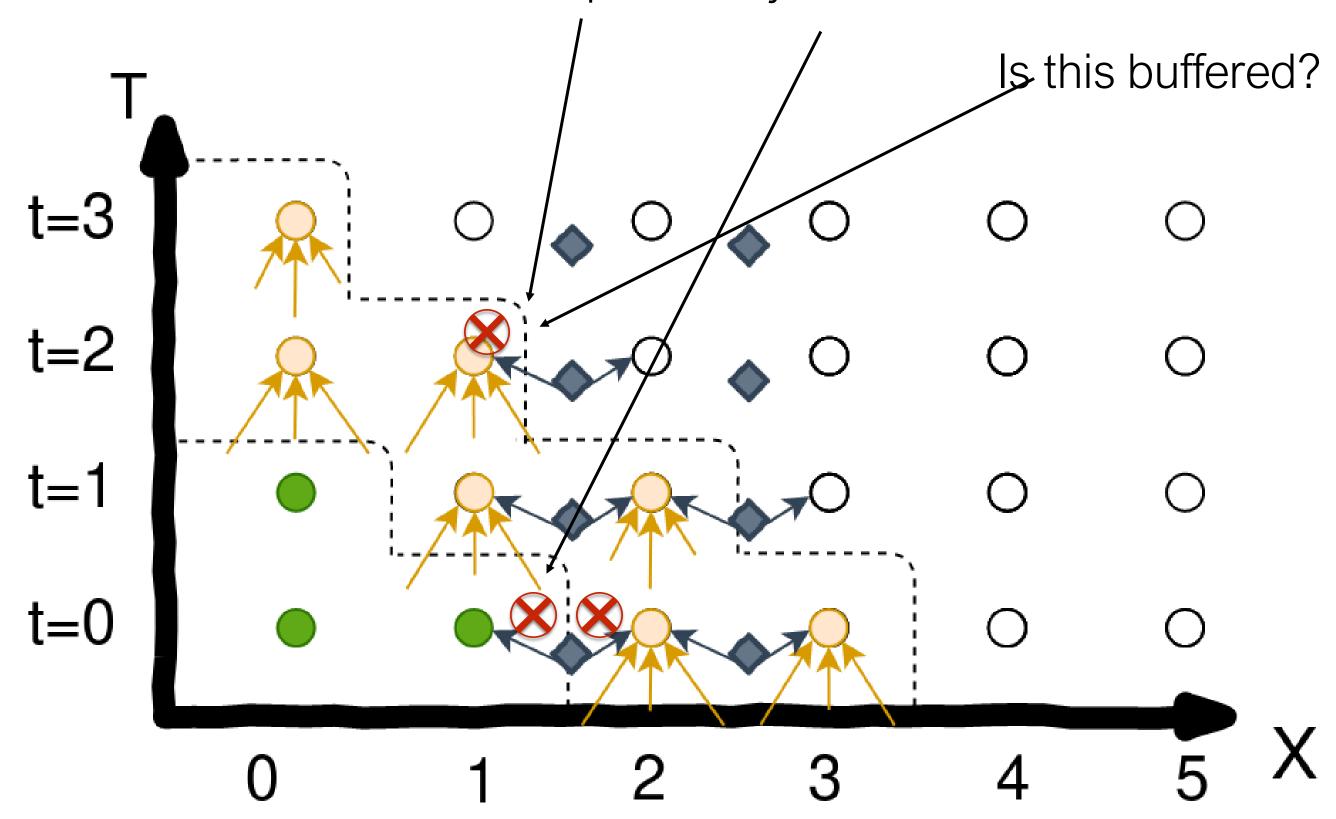


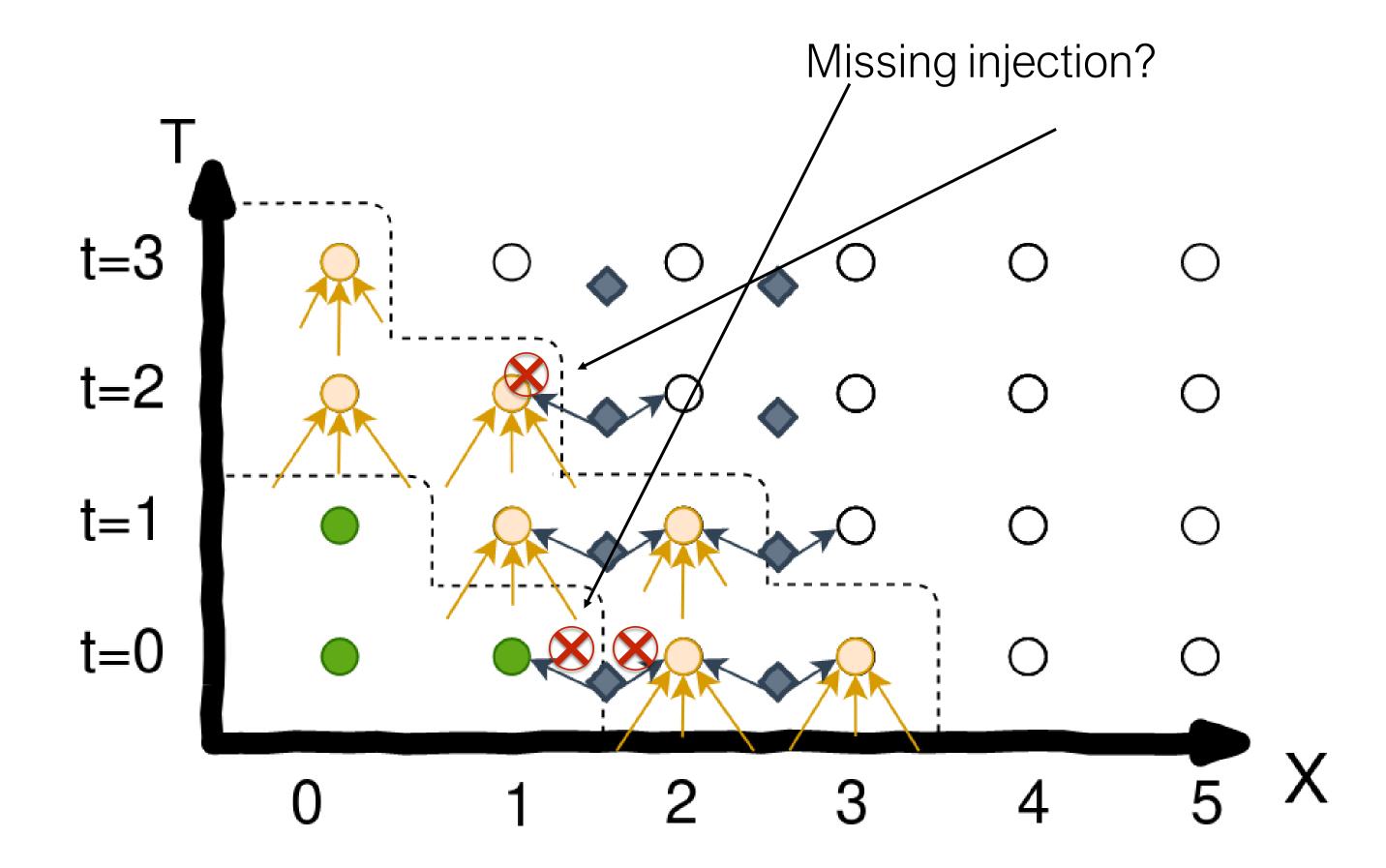


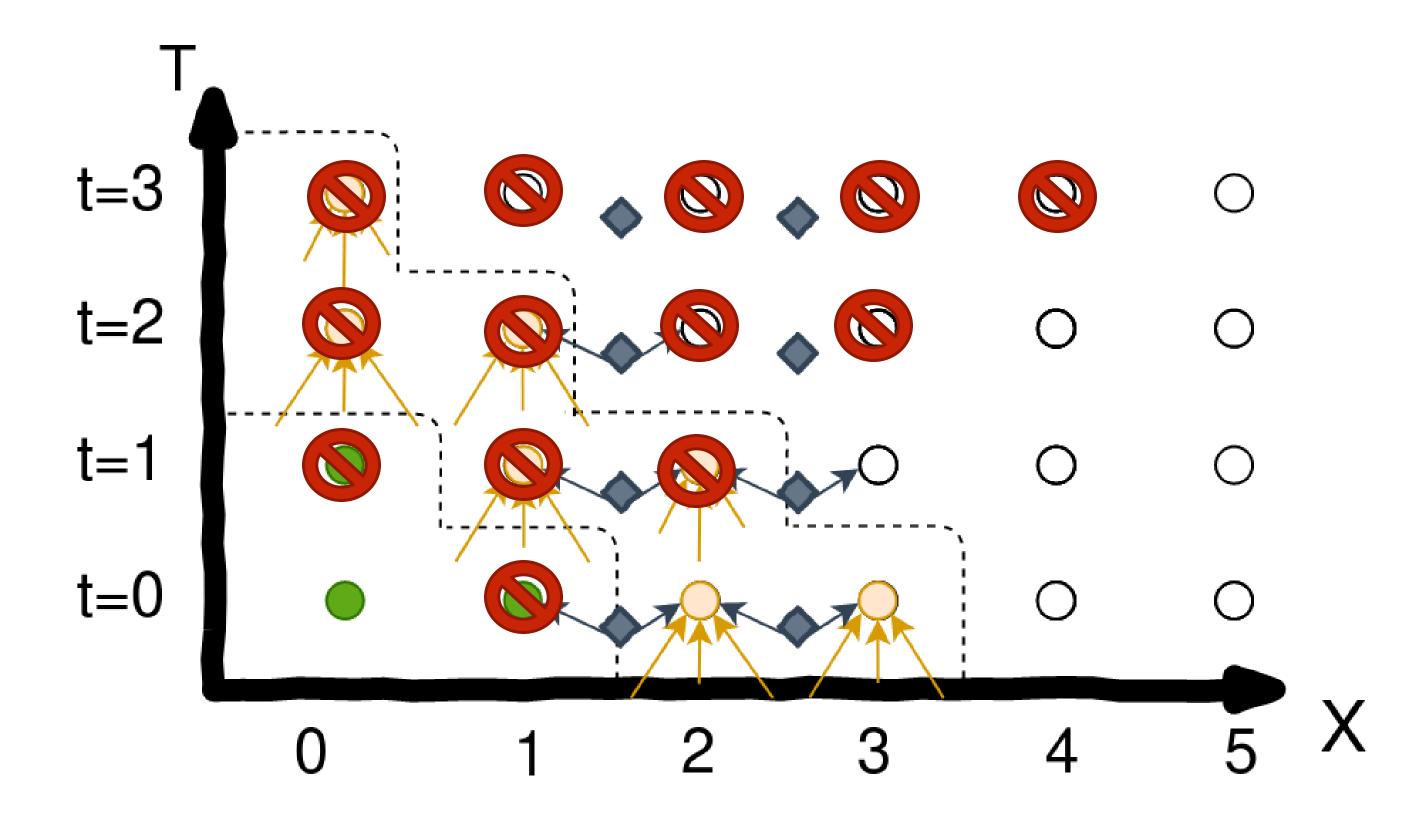




#### Dependency violation







# Methodology

- A scheme to precompute the source injection contribution.
- Align to the grid source injection data dependences
- Negligible cost
- All built using Devito's DS Language
- Applicable to other fields as well

#### Iterate over sources and store indices of affected points

- Inject to a zero-initialized grid for one (or a few more)
- Hypothesis: non-zero values at the first time-steps
- Automatically generate code with Devito. Independent of the injection and interpolation type (e.g. non-linear injection)

**Algorithm 2:** Source injection is taking place over an empty grid. No PDE stencil update is happening.

```
for t = 1 to 2 do

| for each s in sources do

| for i = 1 to np do

| xs, ys, zs = map(s, i);

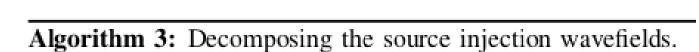
| u[t, xs, ys, zs] + = f(src(t, s))
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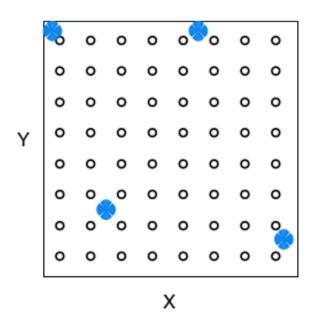
- Then, we store the non-zero grid point coordinates

# Generate sparse binary mask, unique IDs and decompose wavefields

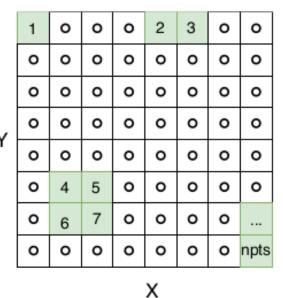
Perform source injection to decompose the off-the-grid wavefields to on-the-grid per point wavefields.

	Off-the-grid	Aligned
len(sources)	n_src	n_aff_pts
len(sources.coords)	(n_src, 3)	(n_aff_pts, 3)
len(sources.data)	(n_src, nt)	(n_aff_pts, nt)

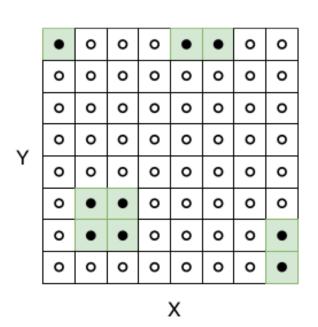




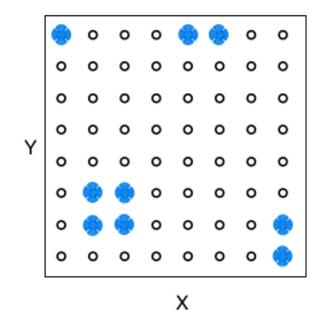
(a) Sources are sparsely distributed at off-the-grid positions.



(c) Assign a unique ID to every affected point (SID).



(b) Identify unique points affected (SM).



(d) Sources are aligned with grid positions.

#### Fuse iteration spaces

- Indirection mapping has changed. We still use indirections but now they are on the point.
- By using the aligned structure, we fuse the source injection loop inside the kernel update iteration space.
- The source mask SM is used to add (if 1) or not (if 0) the impact and SID is used to indirect to the impact values using the traversed grid coordinates.

#### **Algorithm 5:** Stencil kernel update with fused source injection.

```
for t = 1 to nt do

| for x = 1 to nx do
| for y = 1 to ny do
| for z = 1 to nz do
| A(t, x, y, z, s);
| for z = 1 to nz do
| u[t, x, y, z] + sM[x, y, z] * src_demp[t, SID[x, y, z]];
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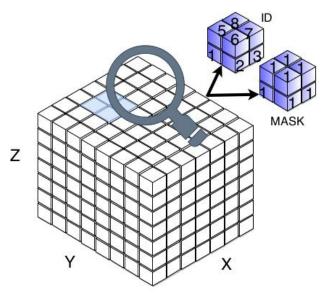
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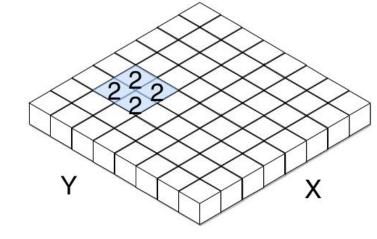
| for x = 1 to nx do
| for y = 1 to ny do
| for z = 1 to nz do
| A(t, x, y, z, s);
| for z = 1 to nz do | SIMD? (AVX512)
| u[t, x, y, z] + sm[x, y, z] * src_demp[t, SID[x, y, z]];
```

#### Reducing the iteration space size

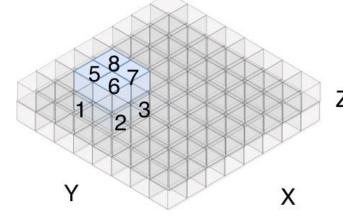
- Perform only necessary operations
- Aggregate NZ along the z- axis keeping count of them in a structure named nnz\_mask.
- Reduce the size of SM and SID by cutting off zero z-slices



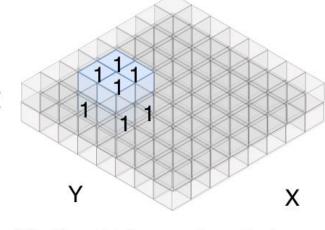
(a) 3D masks and arrays are very sparse in the general case.



(b) Aggregating non-zero elements along z-axis in nnz\_mask.



(c)  $Sp\_SID$ , a reduced size



(d)  $Sp\_SM$ , a reduced size

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Non-aligned

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| for y = 1 to ny do
| for z = 1 to nz do
| A(t, x, y, z, s);
| for z2 = 1 to nnz_mask[x][y] do
| zind = Sp_SM[x, y, z];
| u[t, x, y, z2] +=
| SM[x, y, zind] * src_dcmp[t, SID[x, y, zind]];
```

Aligned

**Algorithm 1:** A typical time-stepping loop nest structure for a stencil update with source injection. This stencil has one temporal and three spatial dimensions.

✓ Aligned to grid
✓ Same OPS
✓ Parallelism
✓ SIMD (?)
✓ Apply TB

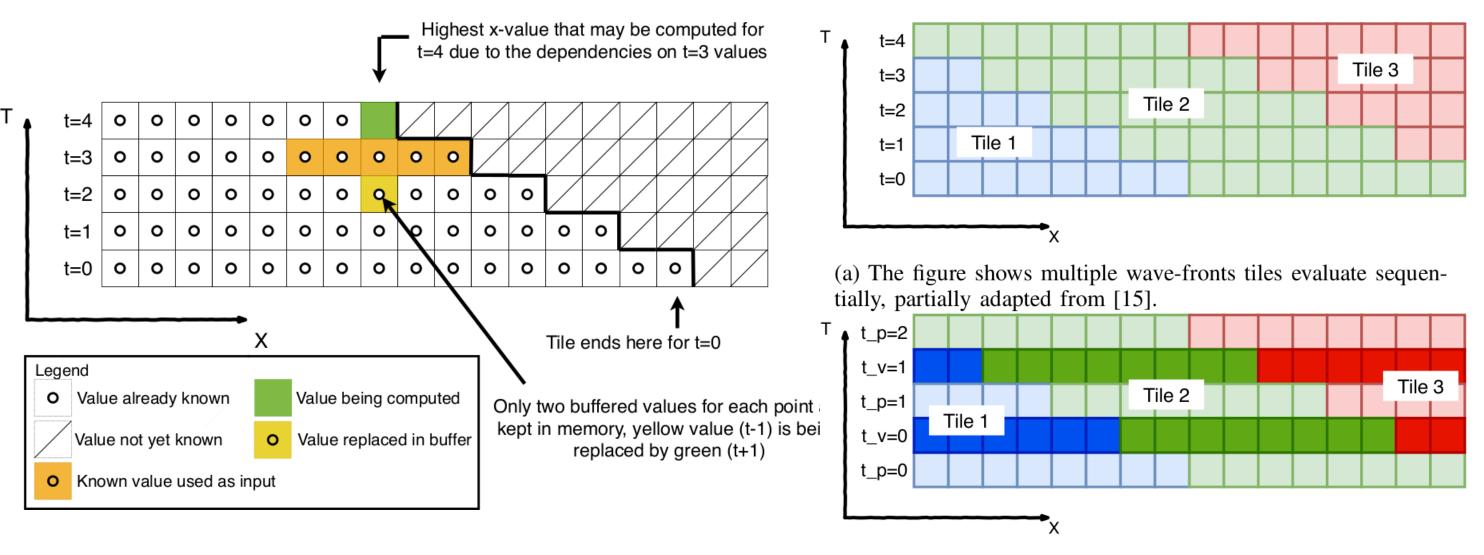
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| for z = 1 to nnz_mask[x][y] do |
| zind = Sp\_SM[x, y, z];
| u[t, x, y, z^2] + = SM[x, y, zind] * src_dcmp[t, SID[x, y, zind]];
```

## Applying wave-front temporal blocking

- Aligning, automated in DSL; TB with manual loop transformation
- All sources aligned to the grid now. Coordinates aligned with points
- Skewing factor depends on data dependency distances



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(b) The figure shows multiple wave-front tiles evaluated sequentially in multigrid stencil codes.

**Algorithm 7:** The figure shows the loop structure after applying our proposed scheme.

```
for t_tile in time_tiles do
  lfor xtile in xtiles do
    for ytile in ytiles do
       for t in tile do
         OpenMP parallelism
         for xblk in xtile do
            for yblk in ytile do
              for \times in \timesblk do
                 for y in yblk do
                   SIMD vectorization
                   for z = 1 to nz do
                    |A(t, x - time, y - time, z, s);
                   for z2 = 1 to nnz_mask[x][y] do
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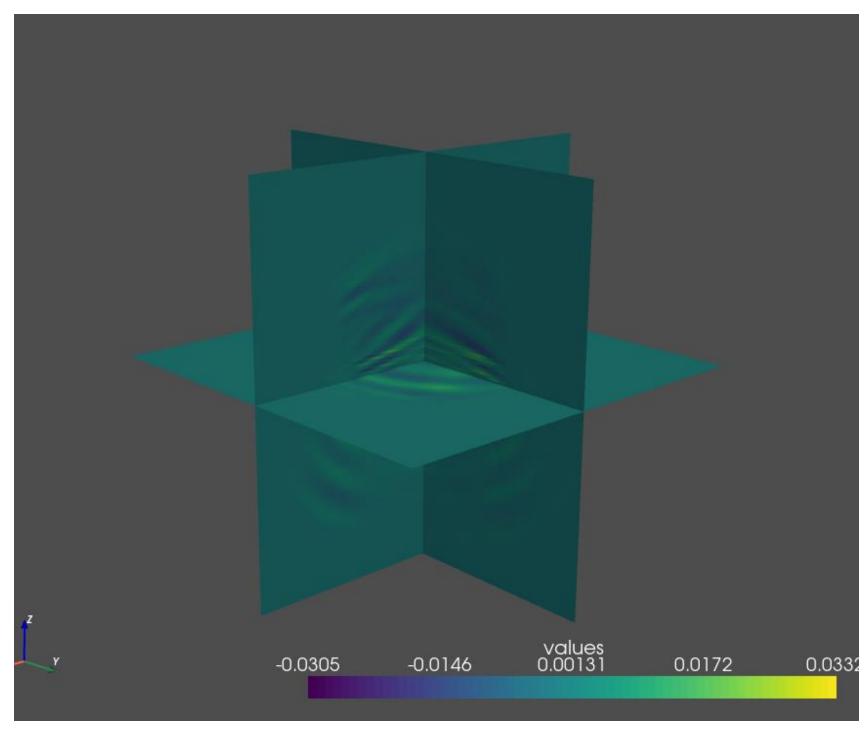
# Experimental evaluation: the models

# Isotropic Acoustic Generally known, single scalar PDE, laplacian like, low cost

# Isotropic Elastic Coupled system of a vectorial and tensorial PDE, explosive source, increased data movement, first order in time, cross-loop data dependences

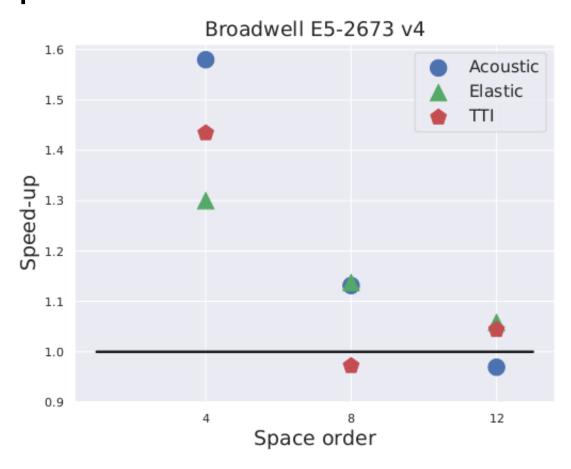
# Anisotropic Acoustic Industrial applications, rotated laplacian, coupled system of two scalar PDEs

Industrial-level, 512<sup>3</sup> grid points, 512ms simulation time, damping fields ABCs



Velocity field, TTI wave propagation after 512ms

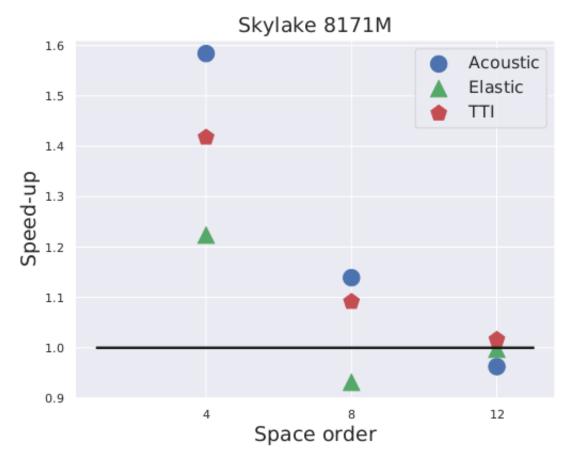
# Experimental evaluation: the results



(a) Speed-up of kernels for Broadwell.

Azure model Architecture	E16s v3 Broadwell	E32s v3 Skylake
vCPUs	16	32
GiB memory	128	256
Model name	E5-2673 v4	8171M
CPUs	16	32
Thread(s) per core	2	2
Core(s) per socket	8	16
Socket(s)	1	1
NUMA node(s)	1	1
Model	79	85
CPU MHz	2300	2100
L1d cache	32K	32K
L1i cache	32K	32K
L2 cache	256K	1024K
L3 cache	51200K	36608K

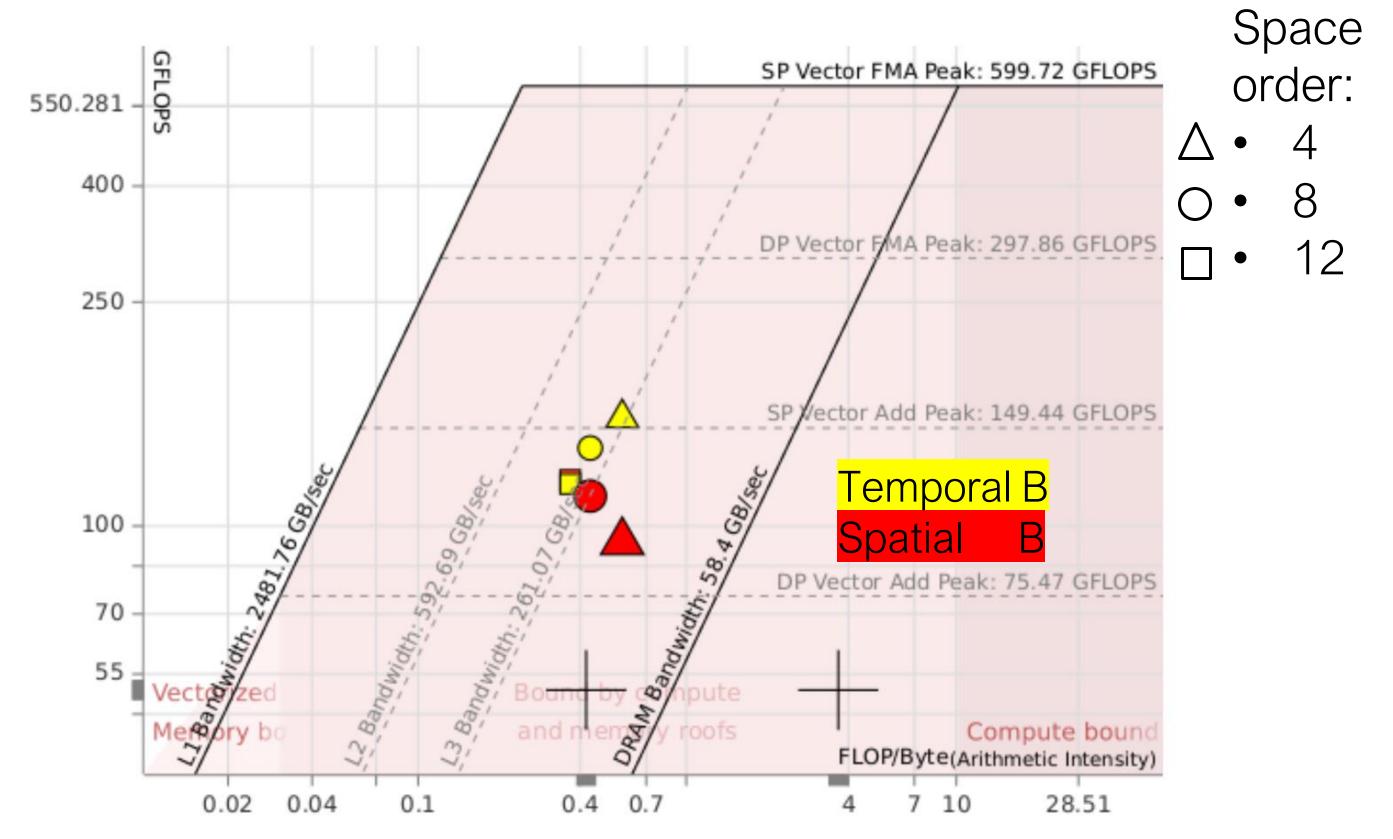
TABLE I: VM specification



(b) Speed-up of kernels for Skylake.

- Benchmark on Azure VMs
- GCC, ICC
- Thread pinning
- OpenMP, SIMD
- Aggressive auto-tuning

#### Cache aware roofline model



Broadwell, acoustic, 512<sup>3</sup> grid points, 512ms

# The transformation in Devito-DSL

```
u = TimeFunction(name="u", grid=model.grid, space_order=so, time_order=2)
src_term = src.inject(field=u.forward, expr=src * dt**2 / model.m)
pde = model.m * u.dt2 - u.laplace + model.damp * u.dt
stencil = Eq(u.forward, solve(pde, u.forward))
op = Operator([stencil, src_term])
```

# The transformation in Devito-DSL

```
f = TimeFunction(name="f", grid=model.grid, space_order=so, time_order=2)
src_f = src.inject(field=f.forward, expr=src * dt**2 / model.m)
op_f = Operator([src_f])
op_f_sum = op_f.apply(time=3)
nzinds = np.nonzero(f.data[0]) # nzinds is a tuple
eq0 = Eq(sp_zi.symbolic_max, nnz_sp_source_mask[x, y] - 1, implicit_dims=(time, x, y))
eq1 = Eq(zind, sp_source_mask[x, y, sp_zi], implicit_dims=(time, x, y, sp_zi))
mask_expr = source_mask[x, y, zind] * save_src[time, source_id[x, y, zind]]
eq2 = Inc(usol.forward[t+1, x, y, zind], mask_expr, implicit_dims=(time, x, y, sp_zi))
pde_2 = model.m * usol.dt2 - usol.laplace + model.damp * usol.dt
stencil_2 = Eq(usol.forward, solve(pde_2, usol.forward))
```

#### Conclusions

- We presented an approach to apply temporal blocking on stencil kernels with sparse off-the-grid operators.
- The additional cost is negligible compared to the achieved gains.
- Solution built on top of Devito-DSL
- Performance gains of up to 1.6x on low order (4) and 1.2x on medium order (8).

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Future plans →

- Integration/ Automation
- GPUs
- High-order stencils

 Open source, on top of Devito v4.2.3 https://github.com/georgebisbas/devito Website: <a href="http://www.devitoproject.org">http://www.devitoproject.org</a>

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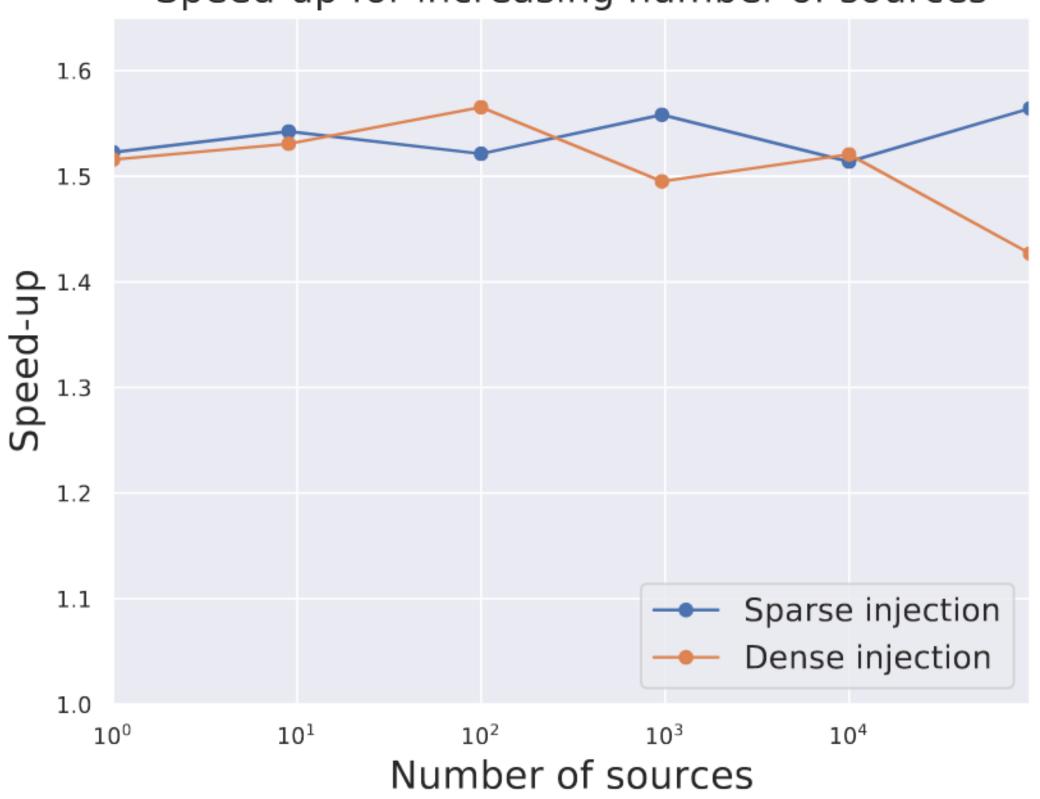


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#### Corner cases, increasing number of sources





#### The generated C code - stencil update

```
#pragma omp for collapse(1) schedule(dynamic,1)
    for (int x0 blk0 = x m; x0 blk0 \leq x M; x0 blk0 += x0 blk0 size)
      for (int y0 blk0 = y m; y0 blk0 <= y M; y0 blk0 += y0 blk0 size)</pre>
        for (int x = x0_blk0; x <= x0_blk0 + x0_blk0_size - 1; x += 1)</pre>
          for (int y = y0_blk0; y <= y0_blk0 + y0_blk0_size - 1; y += 1)</pre>
            #pragma omp simd aligned(damp,uref,vp:32)
            for (int z = z m; z \le z M; z += 1)
              float r14 = -2.84722222F*uref[t1][x + 8][y + 8][z + 8];
              float r13 = 1.0/dt;
              float r12 = 1.0/(dt*dt);
              float r11 = 1.0/(vp[x + 8][y + 8][z + 8]*vp[x + 8][y + 8][z + 8]);
              uref[t0][x + 8][y + 8][z + 8] = (r11*(-r12*(-2.0F*uref[t1][x + 8][y + 8][z + 8] +
uref[t2][x + 8][y + 8][z + 8]) + r13*(damp[x + 1][y + 1][z + 1]*uref[t1][x + 8][y + 8][z + 8])
(r14 - 1.78571429e-3F*(uref[t1][x + 8][y + 8][z + 4] + uref[t1][x + 8][y + 8][z + 12]) +
2.53968254e-2F*(uref[t1][x + 8][y + 8][z + 5] + uref[t1][x + 8][y + 8][z + 11]) -
2.0e-1F*(uref[t1][x + 8][y + 8][z + 6] + uref[t1][x + 8][y + 8][z + 10]) + 1.6F*(uref[t1][x + 8]
[y + 8][z + 7] + uref[t1][x + 8][y + 8][z + 9]))/((h_z*h_z)) + (r14 - 1.78571429e-3F*(uref[t1][x + 8][y + 8][z + 9]))
+ 8[y + 4][z + 8] + uref[t1][x + 8][y + 12][z + 8]) + 2.53968254e-2F*(uref[t1][x + 8][y + 5][z]
B] + uref[t1][x + 8][y + 11][z + 8]) - 2.0e-1F*(uref[t1][x + 8][y + 6][z + 8] + uref[t1][x + 8][
+ 10][z + 8]) + 1.6F*(uref[t1][x + 8][y + 7][z + 8] + uref[t1][x + 8][y + 9][z + 8]))/((h y*h y)
+ (r14 - 1.78571429e-3F*(uref[t1][x + 4][y + 8][z + 8] + uref[t1][x + 12][y + 8][z + 8]) +
2.53968254e-2F*(uref[t1][x + 5][y + 8][z + 8] + uref[t1][x + 11][y + 8][z + 8]) -
2.0e-1F*(uref[t1][x + 6][y + 8][z + 8] + uref[t1][x + 10][y + 8][z + 8]) + 1.6F*(uref[t1][x + 7]
[y + 8][z + 8] + uref[t1][x + 9][y + 8][z + 8]))/((h_x*h_x)))/(r11*r12 + r13*damp[x + 1][y + 1][
+ 1]);
```

#### The generated C code - source injection

```
/* Begin section1 */
   #pragma omp parallel num threads(nthreads nonaffine)
     int chunk_size = (int)(fmax(1, (1.0F/3.0F)*(p_src_M - p_src_m + 1)/nthreads_nonaffine));
     #pragma omp for collapse(1) schedule(dynamic,chunk size)
     for (int p src = p src m; p src <= p src M; p src += 1)</pre>
       int ii src 0 = (int)(floor((-o x + src coords[p src][0])/h x));
       int ii src 1 = (int)(floor((-o y + src coords[p src][1])/h y));
       int ii src 2 = (int)(floor((-o z + src coords[p src][2])/h z));
       int ii src 3 = (int)(floor((-o_z + src_coords[p_src][2])/h_z)) + 1;
       int ii src 4 = (int)(floor((-o y + src coords[p src][1])/h y)) + 1;
       int ii src 5 = (int)(floor((-o x + src coords[p src][0])/h x)) + 1;
       float px = (float)(-h x*(int)(floor((-o x + src coords[p src][0])/h x)) - o x + src coords[p src][0]);
       float py = (float)(-h_y*(int)(floor((-o_y + src_coords[p_src][1])/h_y)) - o_y + src_coords[p_src][1]);
       float pz = (float)(-h_z*(int)(floor((-o_z + src_coords[p_src][2])/h_z)) - o_z + src_coords[p_src][2]);
       if (ii src 0 >= x m - 1 && ii src 1 >= y m - 1 && ii src 2 >= z m - 1 && ii src 0 <= x M + 1 && ii src 1
<= y M + 1 && ii src 2 <= z M + 1)
         float r0 = 4.49016082216644F*(vp[ii_src_0 + 8][ii_src_1 + 8][ii_src_2 + 8]*vp[ii_src_0 + 8][ii_src_1 + 8]
[ii_src_2 + 8] * (-px*py*pz/(h_x*h_y*h_z) + px*py/(h_x*h_y) + px*pz/(h_x*h_z) - px/h_x + py*pz/(h_y*h_z) - py/h_y -
pz/h_z + 1)*src[time][p_src];
         #pragma omp atomic update
         uref[t0][ii_src_0 + 8][ii_src_1 + 8][ii_src_2 + 8] += r0;
       if (ii src 0 >= x m - 1 && ii src 1 >= y m - 1 && ii src 3 >= z m - 1 && ii src 0 <= x M + 1 && ii src 1
<= y M + 1 && ii src 3 <= z M + 1)
       {
         float r1 = 4.49016082216644F*(vp[ii src 0 + 8][ii src 1 + 8][ii src 3 + 8]*vp[ii src 0 + 8][ii src 1 + 8]
[ii src 3 + 8])*(px*py*pz/(h x*h y*h z) - px*pz/(h x*h z) - py*pz/(h y*h z) + pz/h z)*src[time][p src];
         #pragma omp atomic update
         uref[t0][ii src 0 + 8][ii src 1 + 8][ii src 3 + 8] += r1;
       if (ii src 0 >= x m - 1 && ii src 2 >= z m - 1 && ii src 4 >= y m - 1 && ii src 0 <= x M + 1 && ii src 2
<= z M + 1 && ii src 4 <= v M + 1)
         float r2 = 4.49016082216644F*(vp[ii_src_0 + 8][ii_src_4 + 8][ii_src_2 + 8]*vp[ii_src_0 + 8][ii_src_4 + 8]
[ii src 2 + 8])*(px*pv*pz/(h x*h v*h z) - px*pv/(h x*h v) - pv*pz/(h v*h z) + pv/h v)*src[time][p src]:
```

\_\_\_\_\_Floor, cell of off-\_\_\_the-grid

#### Algorithm 3: Source injection pseudocode.

```
for t = 1 to nt do
     foreach s in sources do
       # Find on the grid coordinates
3
       src_x_min = floor(src_coords[s][0], ox)
4
       src_x_max = ceil(src_coords[s][0], ox)
5
       src_y_min = floor(src_coords[s][1], oy)
6
       src_y_max = ceil(src_coords[s][1], oy)
                                                         Weights of impact
       src_zmin = floor(src_coords[s][2], oz)
8
       src_z_max = ceil(src_coords[s][2], oz)
9
       # Compute weights
10
       px = f(src\_coords[s][0], ox)
11
                                                         Unrolled loop for
       py = f(src\_coords[s][1], oy)
12
       pz = f(src\_coords[s][2], oz)
                                                         each affected
13
       # Unrolled for 8 points
14
                                                         point, compute
       if src_x_min, src_y_min, src_z_min in grid then
15
          |r0| = v(src_x_min, src_y_min, src_z_min, src[t][s])
16
          u[t, src_x_min, src_y_min, src_z_min] + = r0
17
                                                         add to field
          src_x_max, src_y_max, src_z_max in grid then
18
          r7 = v(src_x_max, src_y_max, src_z_max src[t][s]);
19
          u[t, src_x_max, src_y_max, src_z_max] + = r7
20
```

Gpts/s for fixed tile size. (Sweeping block sizes) - 3.5 3.0 2.5 2.0 1.5 1.0

#### **Algorithm 3:** Source injection pseudocode.

```
1 for t = l to nt do
     foreach s in sources do
        # Find on the grid coordinates
3
        src_x = floor(src_coords[s][0], ox)
        src_x_max = ceil(src_coords[s][0], ox)
5
        # Compute weights
6
        px = f(src\_coords[s][0], ox)
        # Unrolled for 8 points (2^3, 3D \text{ case})
8
        if src_x_min, ... in grid then
9
           r0 = v(src_x_min, ...src[t][s]);
10
          u[t, src_x_min, ...] + = r0
11
        if src_x_max, ... in grid then
12
          |r7 = v(src_x_max, ... src[t][s]);
13
           [u[t, src_x_max, ...] + = r7]
14
```

#### Cache aware roofline model

From here: <a href="https://crd.lbl.gov/departments/computer-science/par/research/roofline/introduction/">https://crd.lbl.gov/departments/computer-science/par/research/roofline/introduction/</a>

Effects of Cache Behavior on Arithmetic Intensity

The Roofline model requires an estimate of total data movement. On cache-based architectures, the 3C's cache model highlights the fact that there can be more than simply compulsory data movement. Cache capacity and conflict misses can increase data movement and reduce arithmetic intensity. Similarly, superfluous cache write-allocations can result in a doubling of data movement. The vector initialization operation x[i]=0.0 demands one write allocate and one write back per cache line touched. The write allocate is superfluous as all elements of that cache line are to be overwritten. Unfortunately, the presence of hardware stream prefetchers can make it very difficult to quantify how much beyond compulsory data movement actually occurred.