

Recent Advances in the Pseudospectral Method

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Pseudospectral Method

- Pseudospectral simulations are a widely used numerical tool for the study of fluid turbulence:
 - Fast $N \log N$ scaling for N modes.
 - Spectral accuracy: more accurate than finite-difference or finite-element methods.
- Ideal choice for studying homogenous turbulence with periodic boundary conditions.
- Generalizations such as Chebyshev collocation and penalty methods allow them to handle more complicated boundary conditions and geometries.
- However, in many cases pseudospectral methods do not parallelize well on massively parallel distributed architectures due to the communication costs of the parallel transpose.

Dealiasing

- Patterson and Orszag pioneered the pseudospectral method over 40 years ago.
- They emphasized that the convolution theorem necessitates *dealiasing* unwanted harmonics arising from the periodicity of the discrete Fourier transform.

Discrete Cyclic Convolution

- The FFT provides an efficient tool for computing the *discrete cyclic convolution*

$$\sum_{p=0}^{N-1} F_p G_{k-p},$$

where the vectors F and G have period N .

- Define the *N th primitive root of unity*:

$$\zeta_N = \exp\left(\frac{2\pi i}{N}\right).$$

- The fast Fourier transform method exploits the properties that $\zeta_N^r = \zeta_{N/r}$ and $\zeta_N^N = 1$.
- However, the pseudospectral method requires a *linear convolution*.

- The unnormalized *backwards discrete Fourier transform* of $\{F_k : k = 0, \dots, N\}$ is

$$f_j \doteq \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \zeta_N^{jk} F_k \quad j = 0, \dots, N - 1.$$

- The corresponding *forward transform* is

$$F_k \doteq \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} \zeta_N^{-kj} f_j \quad k = 0, \dots, N - 1.$$

- The orthogonality of this transform pair follows from

$$\sum_{j=0}^{N-1} \zeta_N^{\ell j} = \begin{cases} N & \text{if } \ell = sN \text{ for } s \in \mathbb{Z}, \\ \frac{1 - \zeta_N^{\ell N}}{1 - \zeta_N^\ell} = 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Convolution Theorem

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} f_j g_j \zeta_N^{-jk} &= \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} \zeta_N^{-jk} \left(\sum_{p=0}^{N-1} \zeta_N^{jp} F_p \right) \left(\sum_{q=0}^{N-1} \zeta_N^{jq} G_q \right) \\
 &= \sum_{p=0}^{N-1} \sum_{q=0}^{N-1} F_p G_q \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} \zeta_N^{(-k+p+q)j} \\
 &= N \sum_s \sum_{p=0}^{N-1} F_p G_{k-p+sN}.
 \end{aligned}$$

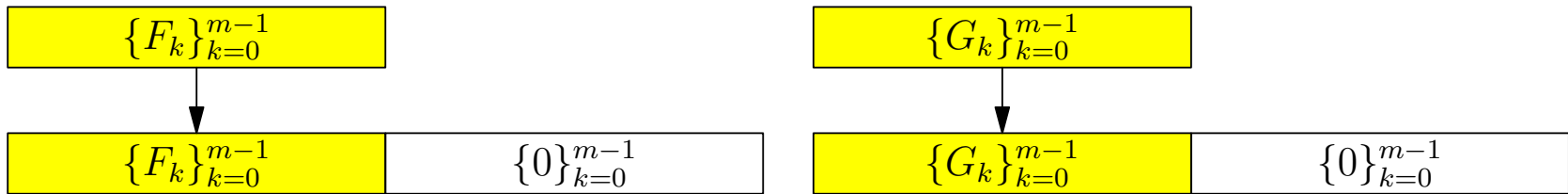
- The terms indexed by $s \neq 0$ are *aliases*; we need to remove them!
- Aliases can be avoided by *zero padding* input data vectors of length m to length $N \geq 2m - 1$.
- *Explicit zero padding* prevents mode $m - 1$ from beating with itself and wrapping around to contaminate mode $N = 0 \bmod N$.

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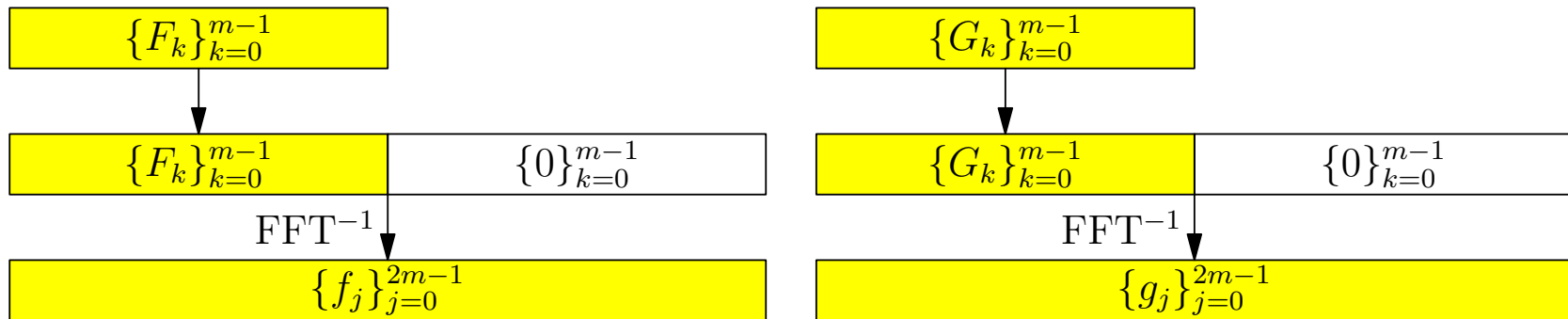
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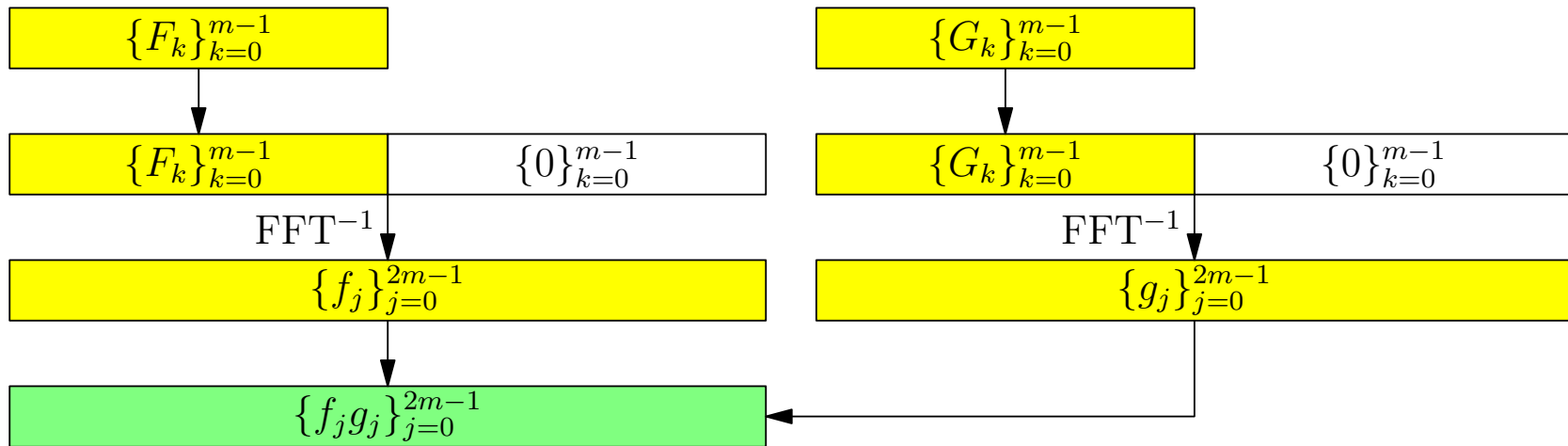
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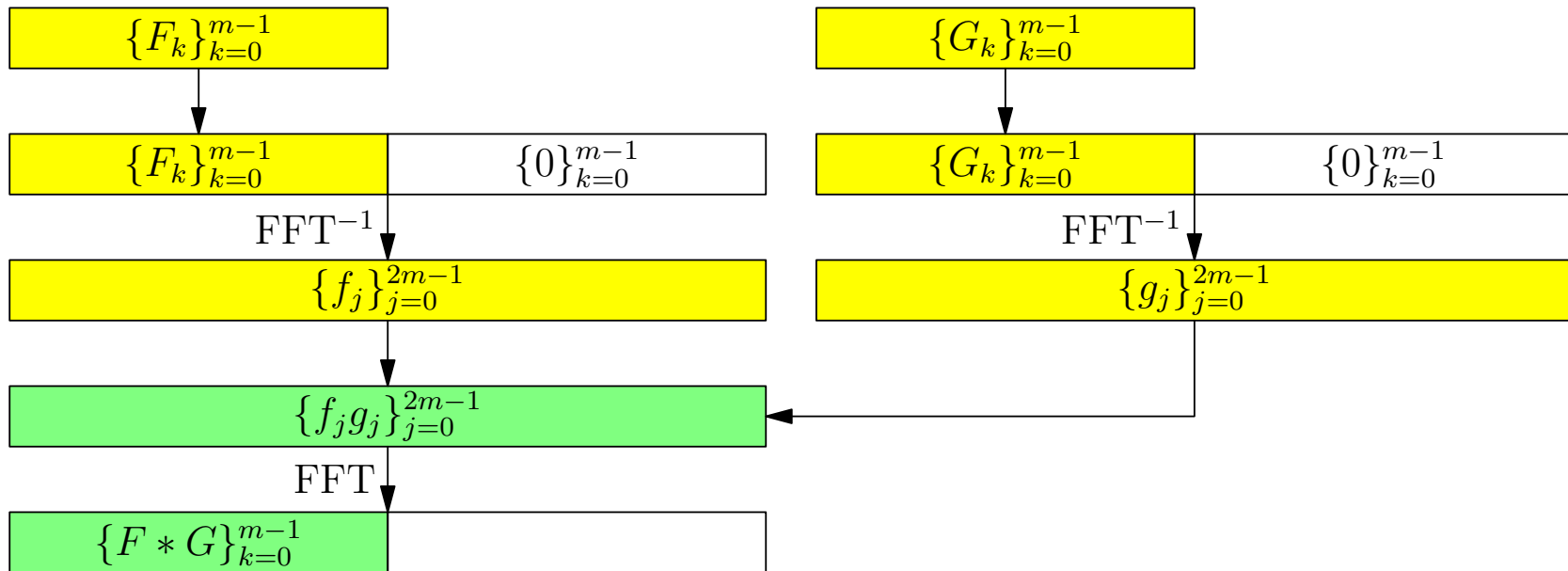
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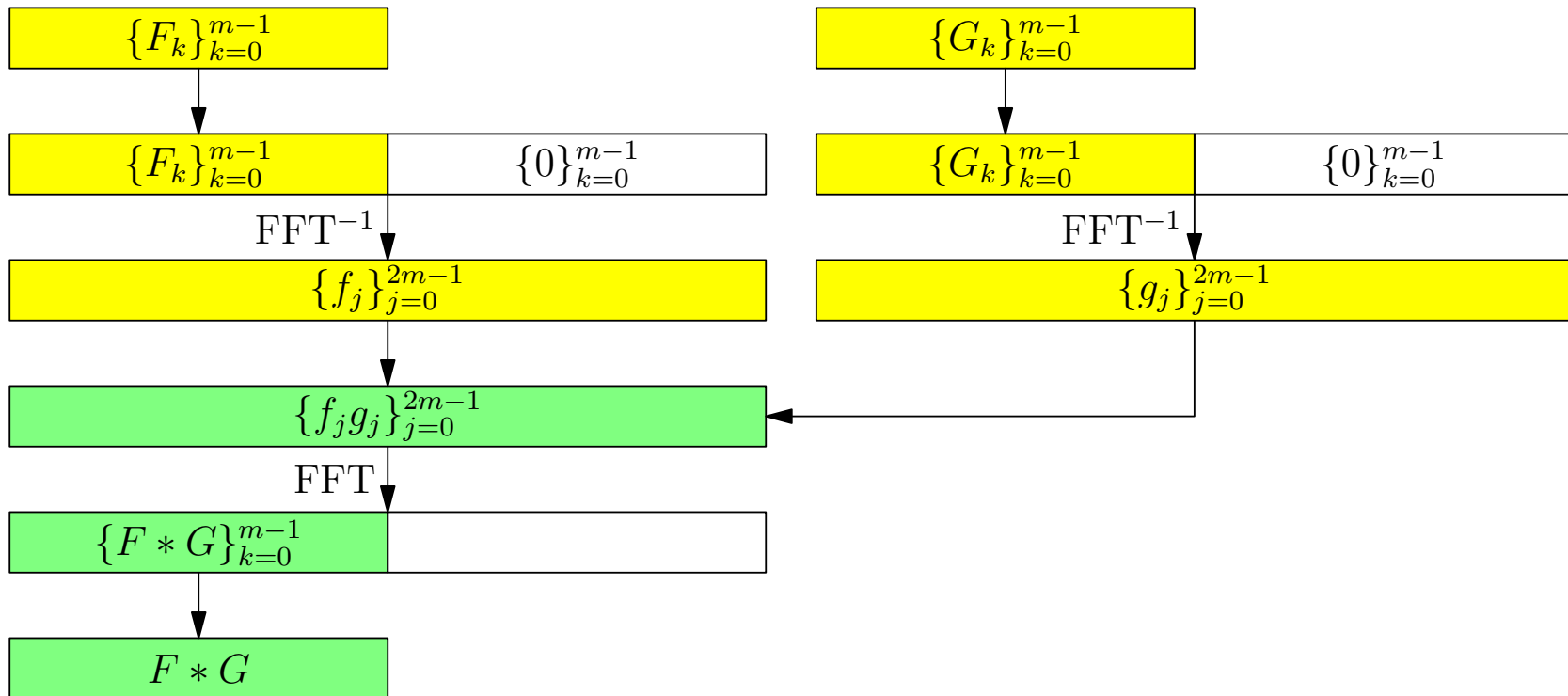
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Implicit Padding

- Let $N = 2m$. For $j = 0, \dots, 2m - 1$ we want to compute

$$f_j = \sum_{k=0}^{2m-1} \zeta_{2m}^{jk} F_k.$$

- If $F_k = 0$ for $k \geq m$, one can easily avoid looping over the unwanted zero Fourier modes by decimating in wavenumber:

$$f_{2\ell} = \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \zeta_{2m}^{2\ell k} F_k = \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \zeta_m^{\ell k} F_k,$$

$$f_{2\ell+1} = \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \zeta_{2m}^{(2\ell+1)k} F_k = \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \zeta_m^{\ell k} \zeta_{2m}^k F_k, \quad \ell = 0, 1, \dots, m - 1.$$

- This requires computing two subtransforms, each of size m , for an overall computational scaling of order $2m \log_2 m = N \log_2 m$.

- Odd and even terms of the convolution can then be computed separately, multiplied term-by-term, and transformed again to Fourier space:

$$\begin{aligned}
 2mF_k &= \sum_{j=0}^{2m-1} \zeta_{2m}^{-kj} f_j \\
 &= \sum_{l=0}^{m-1} \zeta_{2m}^{-k2l} f_{2l} + \sum_{l=0}^{m-1} \zeta_{2m}^{-k(2l+1)} f_{2l+1} \\
 &= \sum_{l=0}^{m-1} \zeta_m^{-kl} f_{2l} + \zeta_{2m}^{-k} \sum_{l=0}^{m-1} \zeta_m^{-kl} f_{2l+1} \quad k = 0, \dots, m-1.
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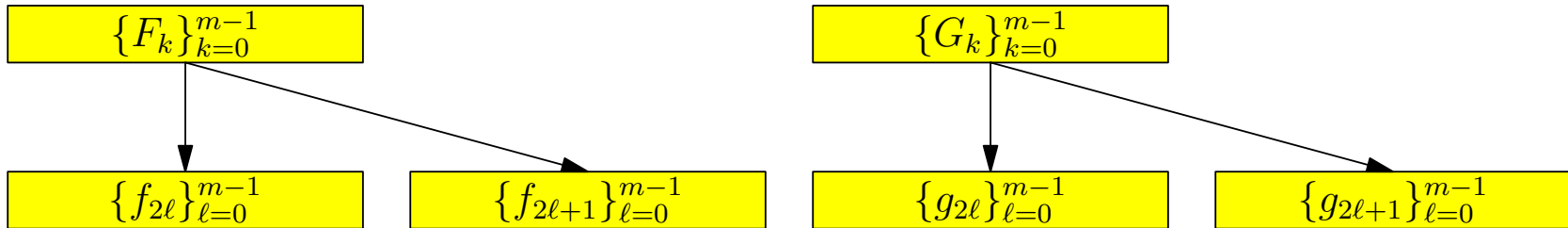
- No bit reversal is required at the highest level.
- A 1D implicitly padded convolution is implemented in our FFTW++ library: <http://fftwpp.sourceforge.net/>.
- This in-place convolution was written to use six out-of-place transforms, thereby avoiding bit reversal at all levels.

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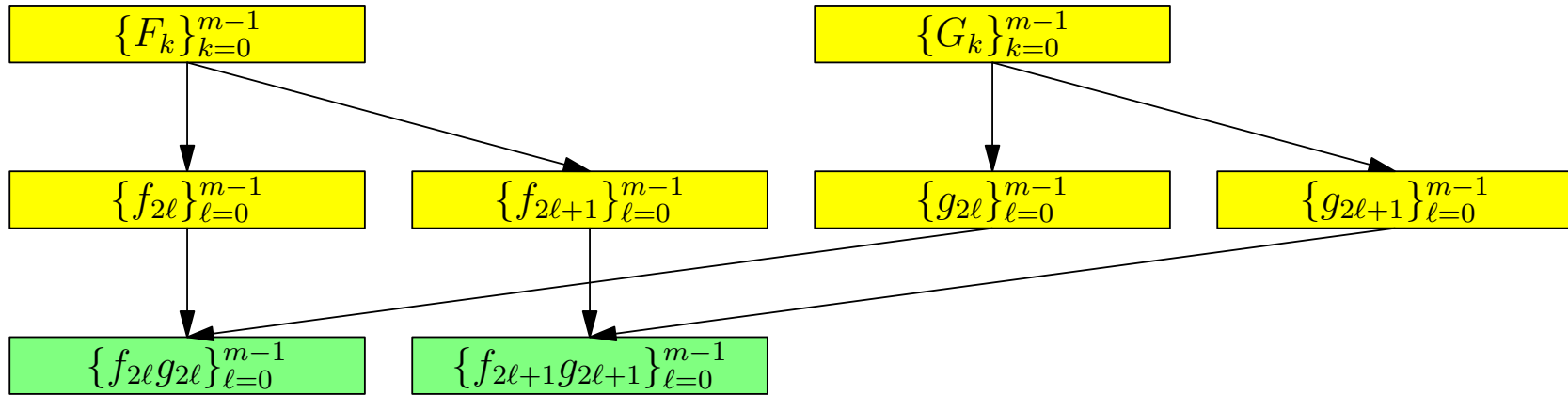
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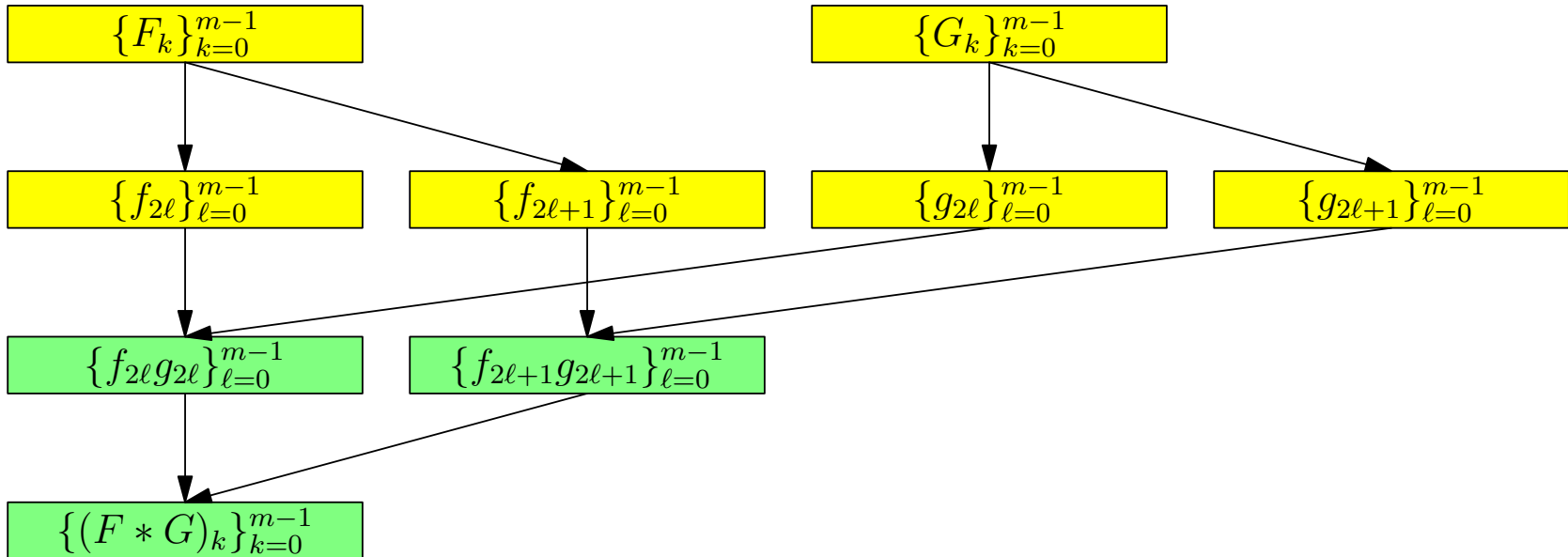
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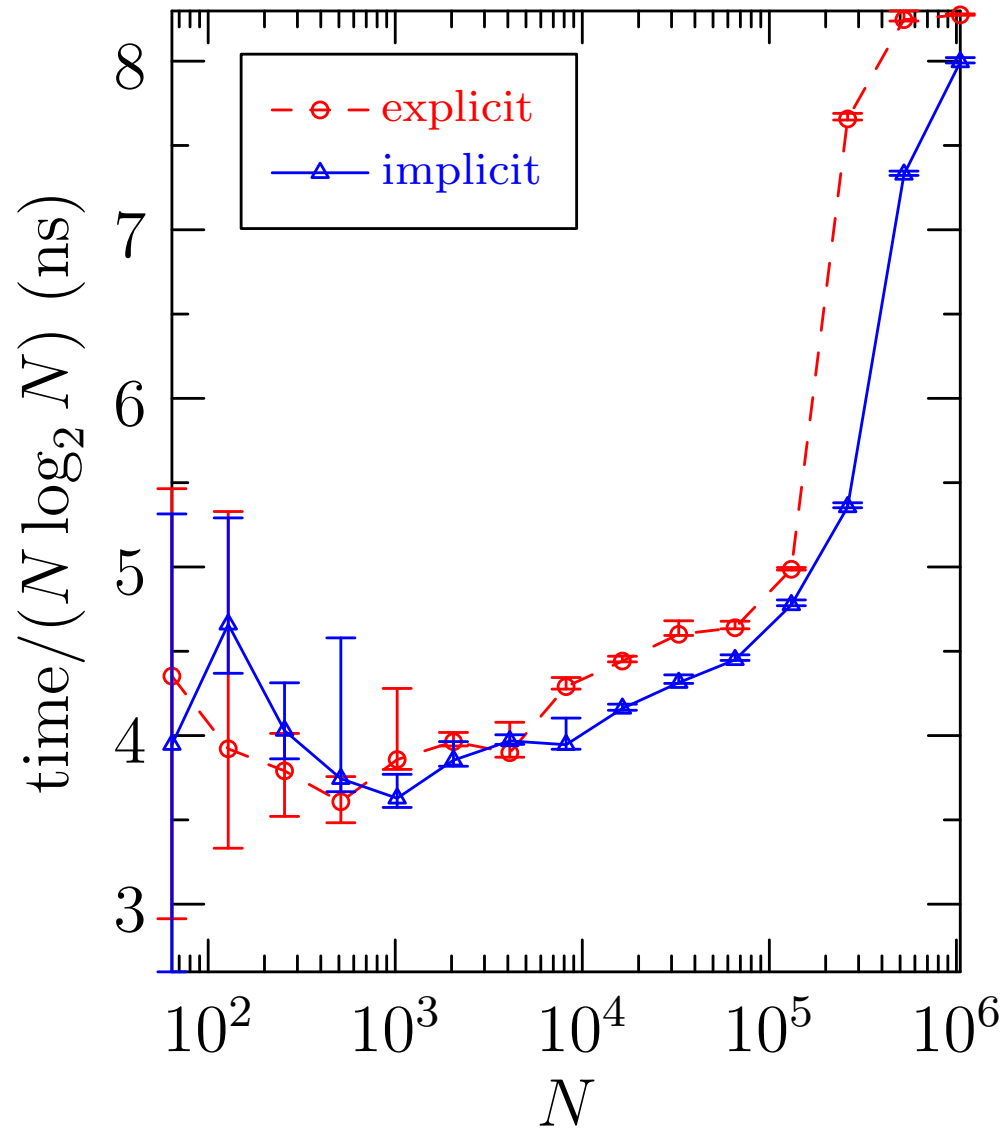
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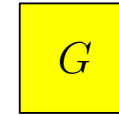
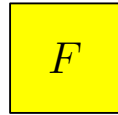


Implicit Padding in 1D



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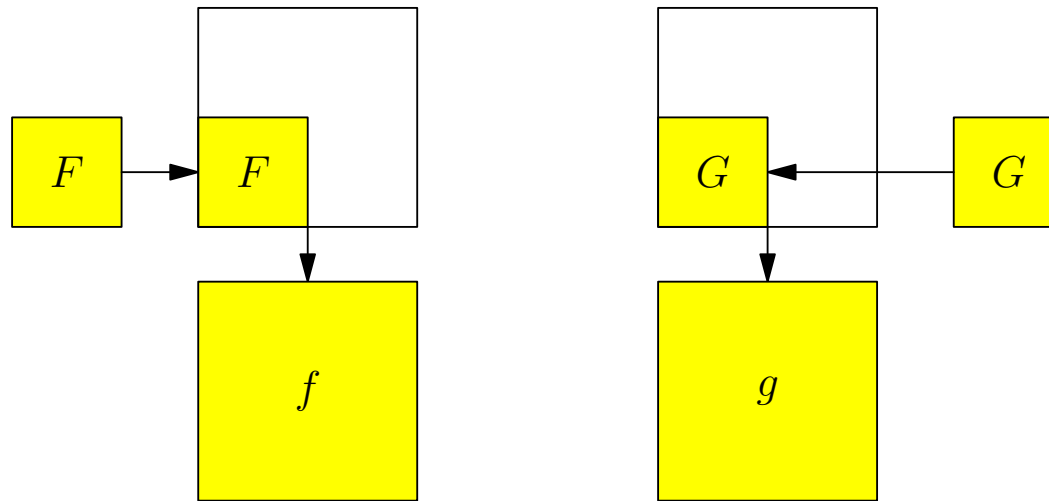
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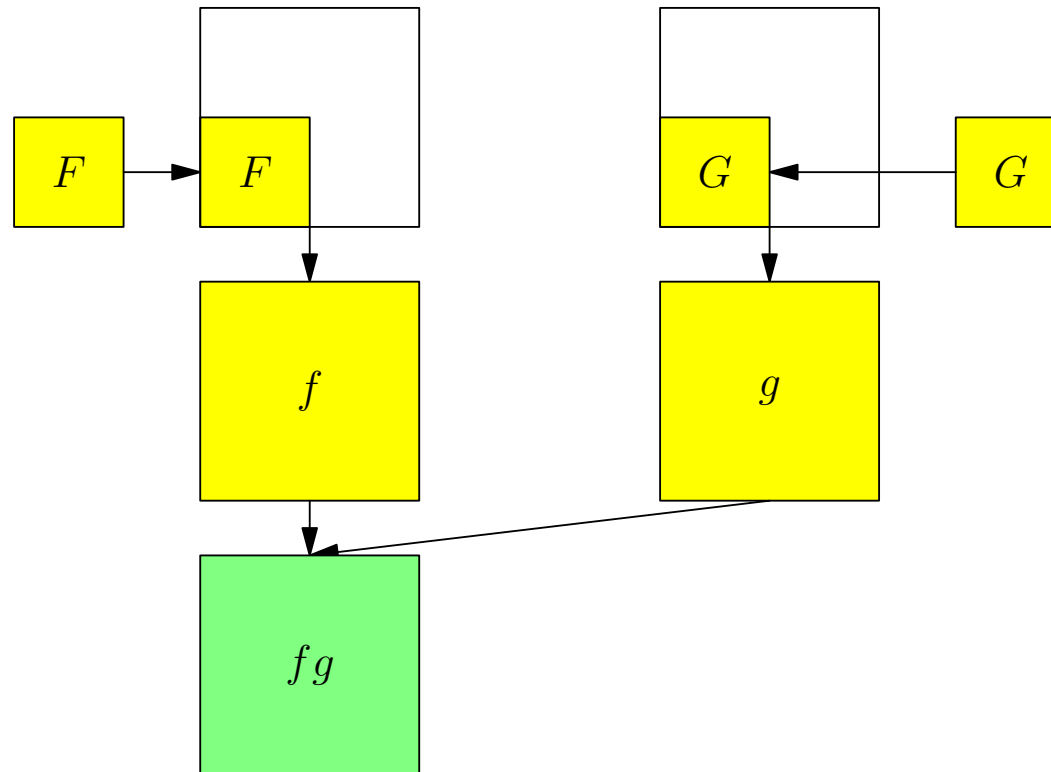
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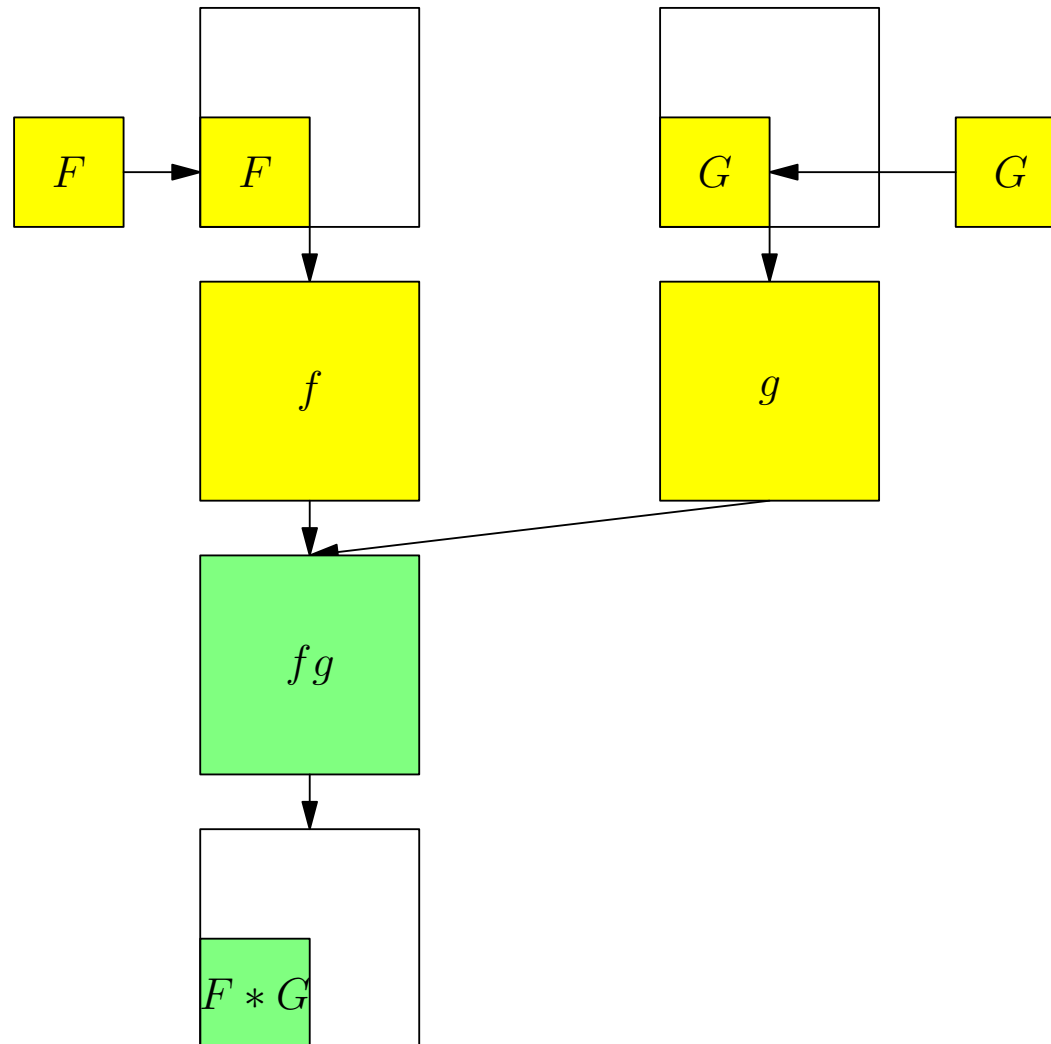
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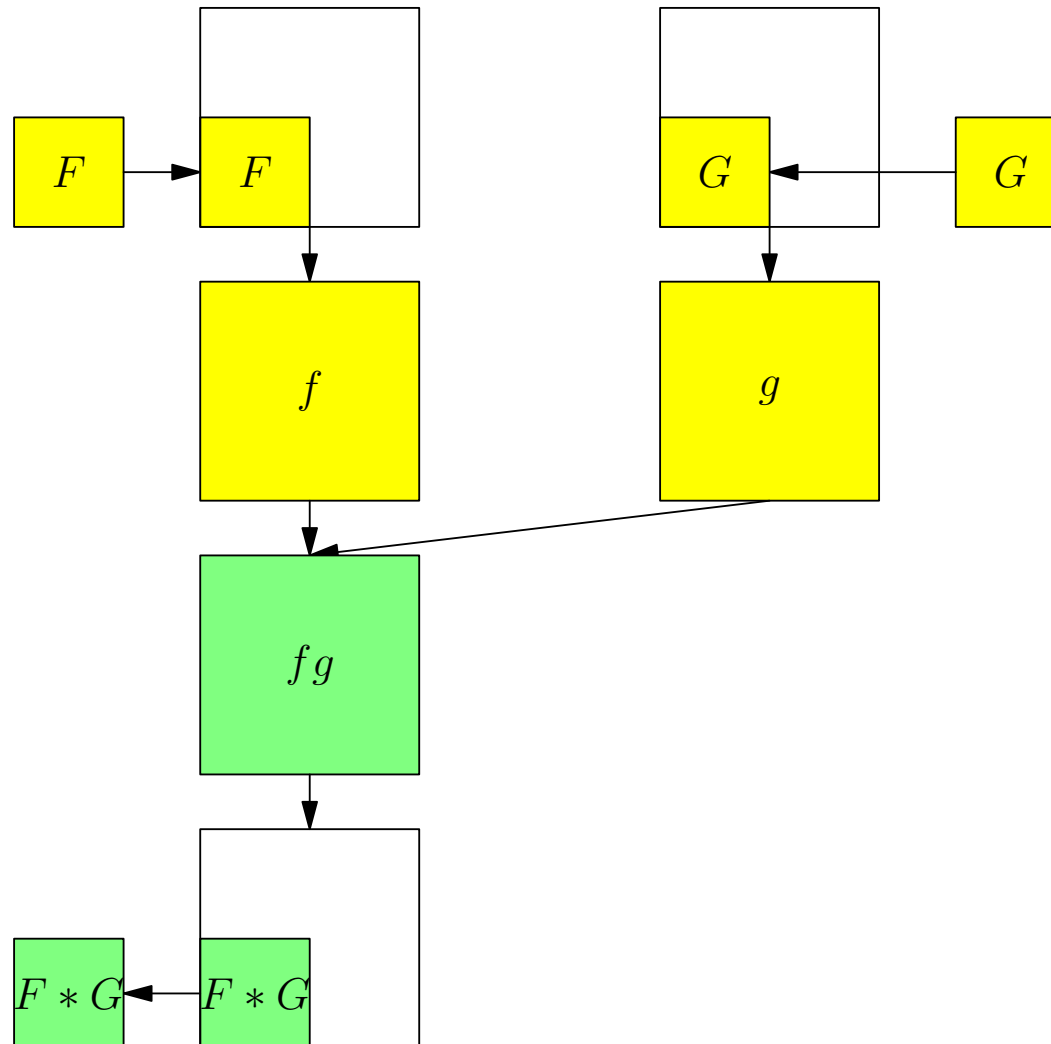
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Recursive Convolution

- Naive way to compute a multiple-dimensional convolution:

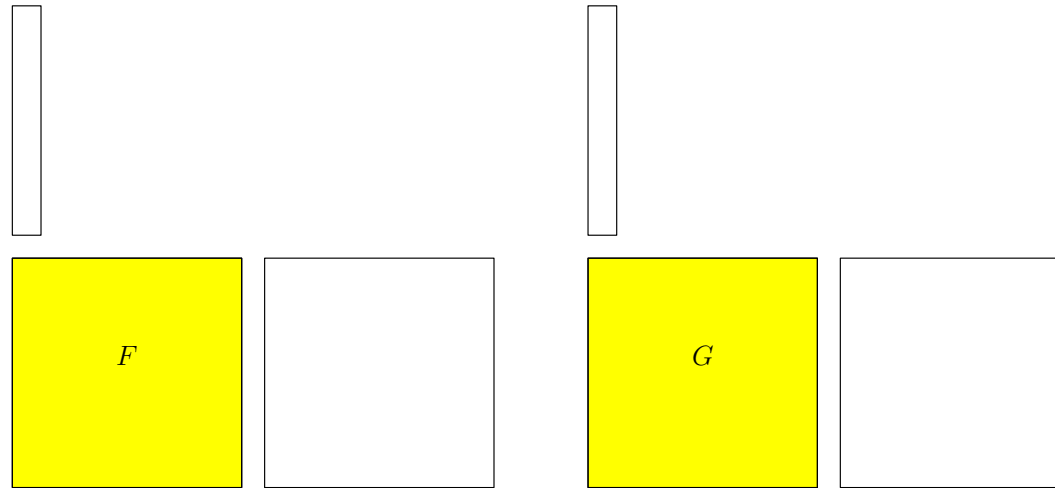


- *Recursive convolution* allows one to avoid computing and storing the entire Fourier image of the data:



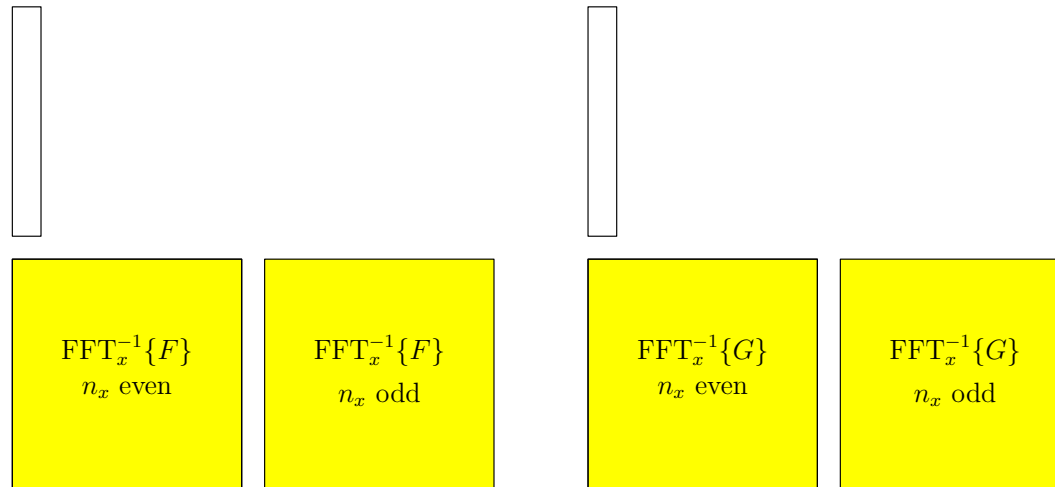
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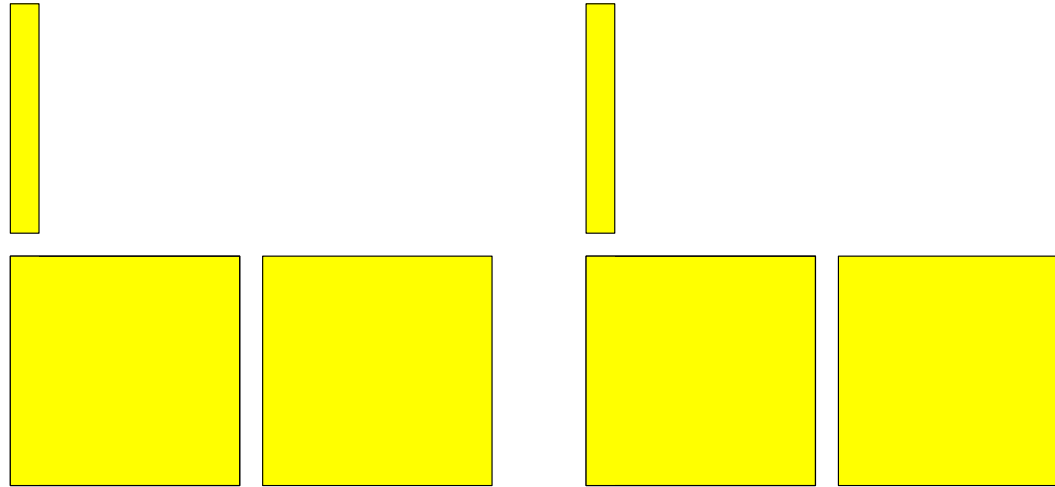
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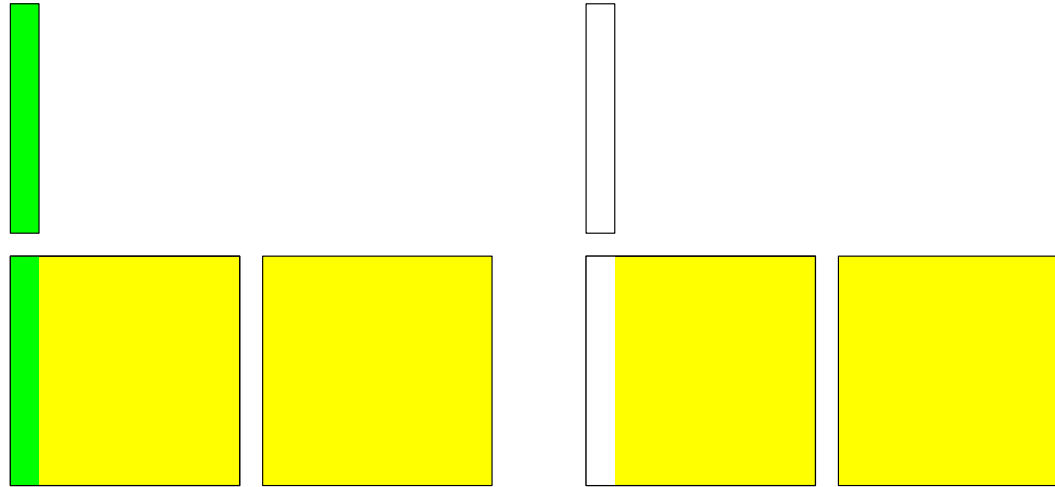
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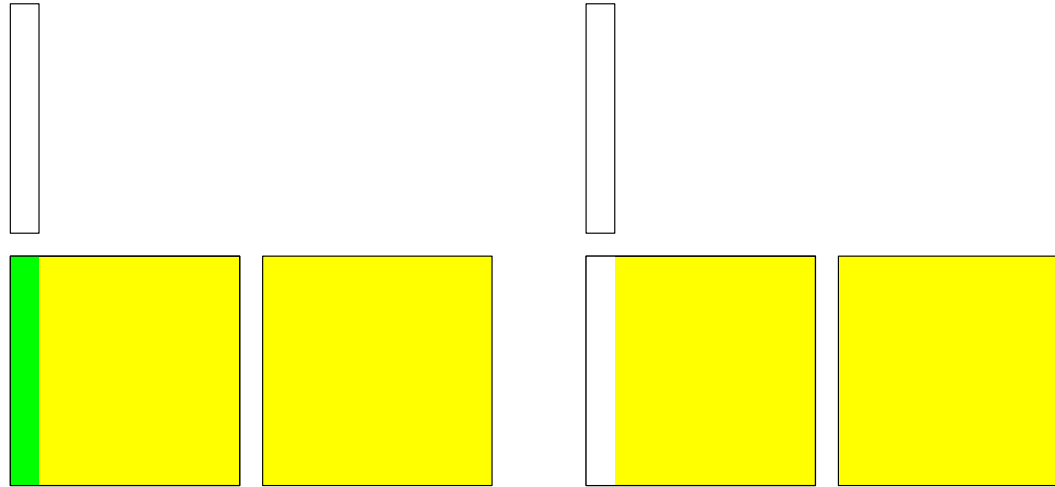
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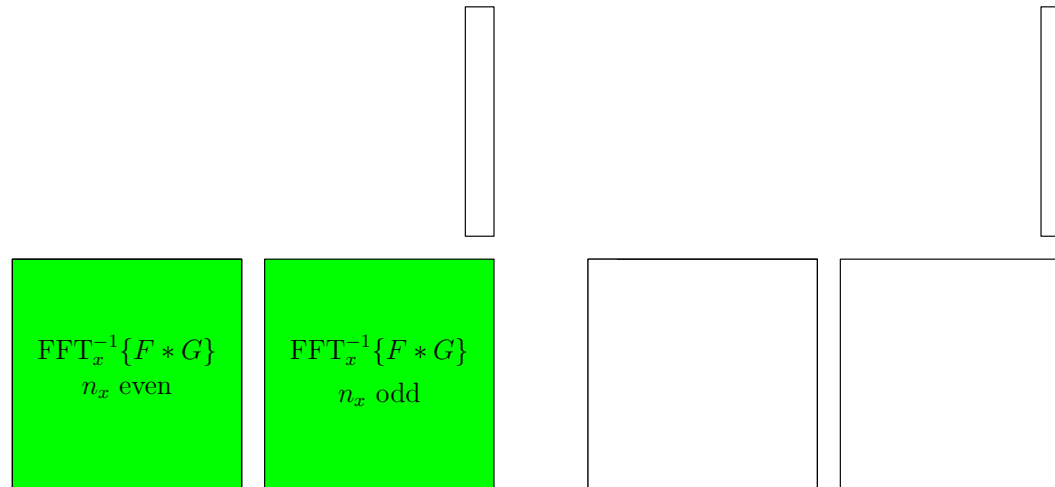
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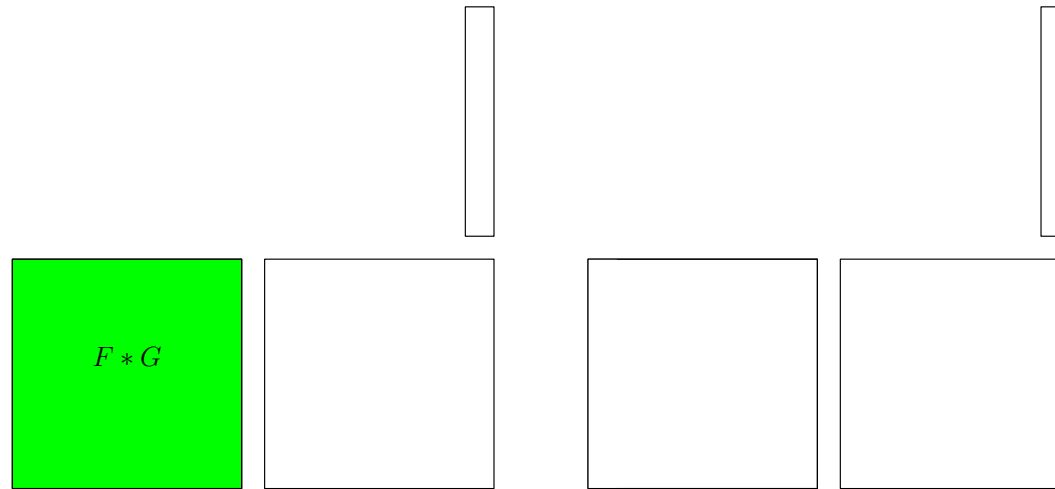
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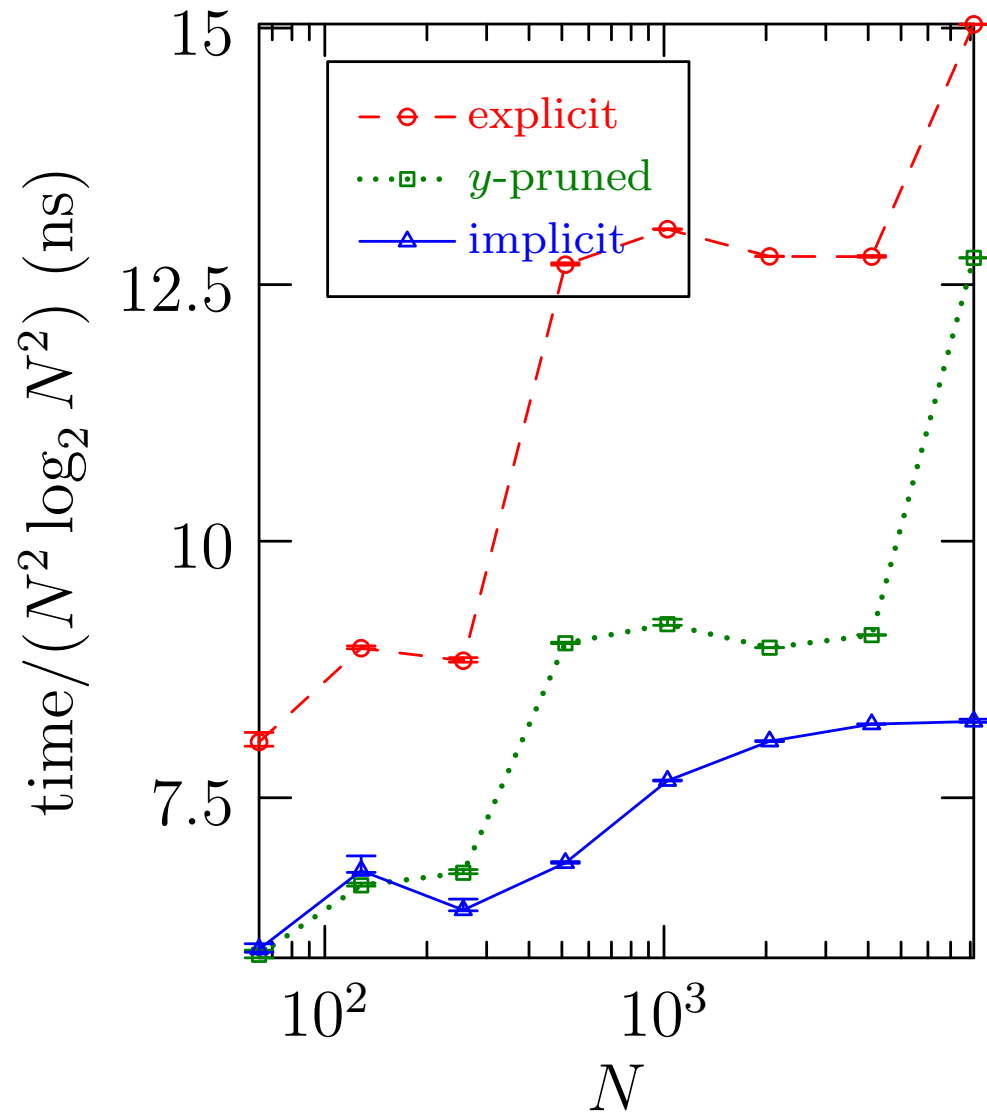


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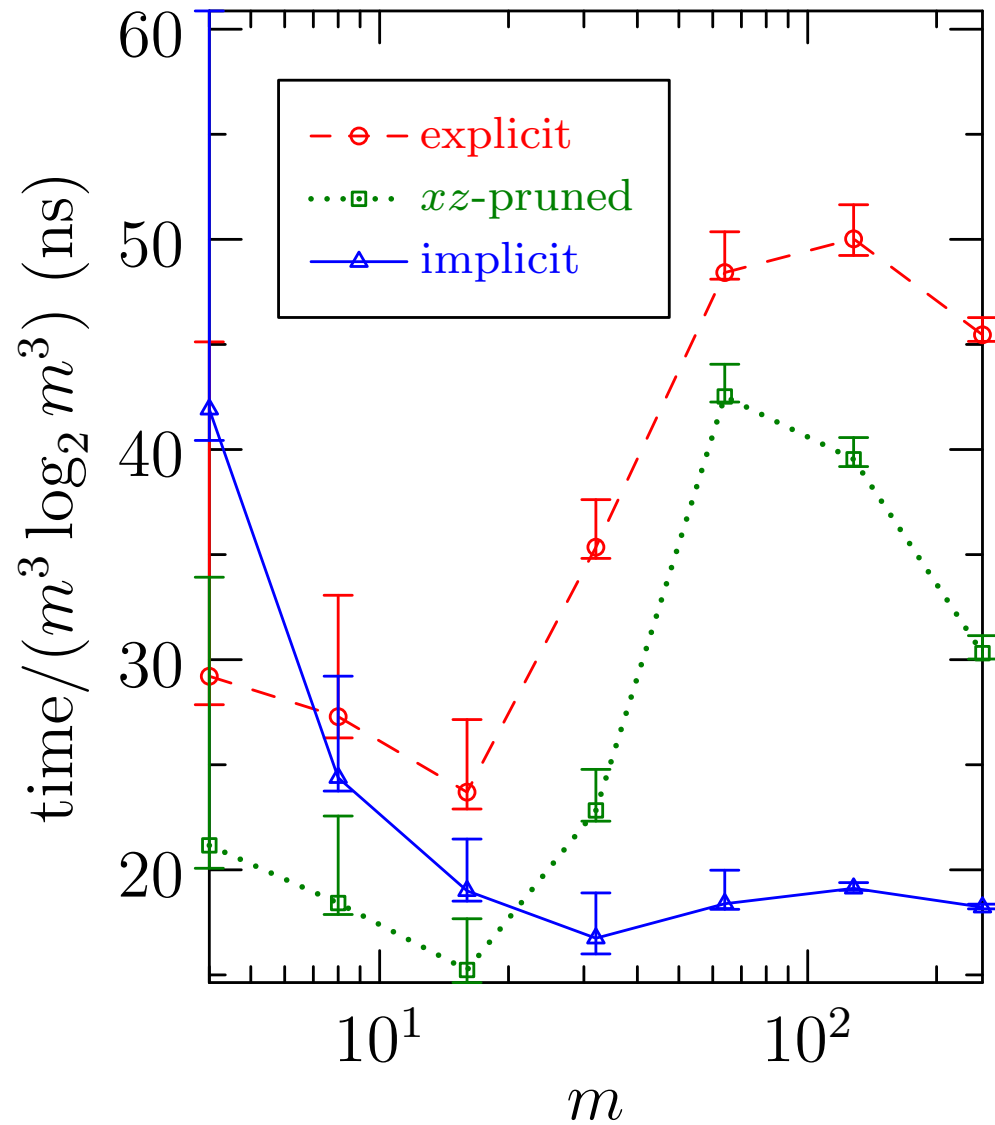
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Implicit Padding in 2D



Implicit Padding in 3D



Centered (Pseudospectral) Convolutions

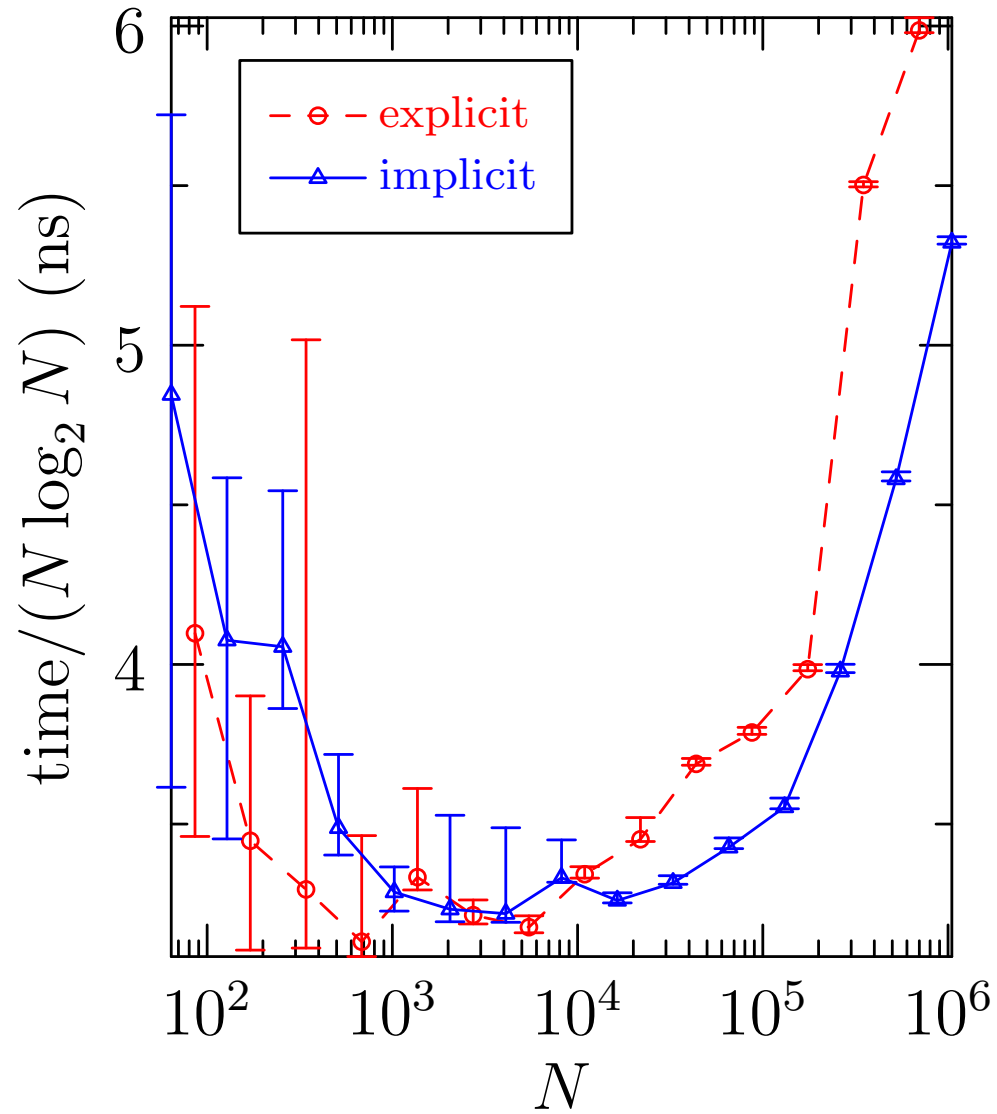
- For a *centered convolution*, the Fourier origin ($k = 0$) is centered in the domain:

$$\sum_{p=k-m+1}^{m-1} f_p g_{k-p}$$

- Need to pad to $N \geq 3m - 2$ to remove aliases.
- The ratio $(2m - 1)/(3m - 2)$ of the number of physical to total modes is asymptotic to $2/3$ for large m .
- A *Hermitian convolution* arises since the input vectors are real:

$$f_{-k} = \overline{f_k}.$$

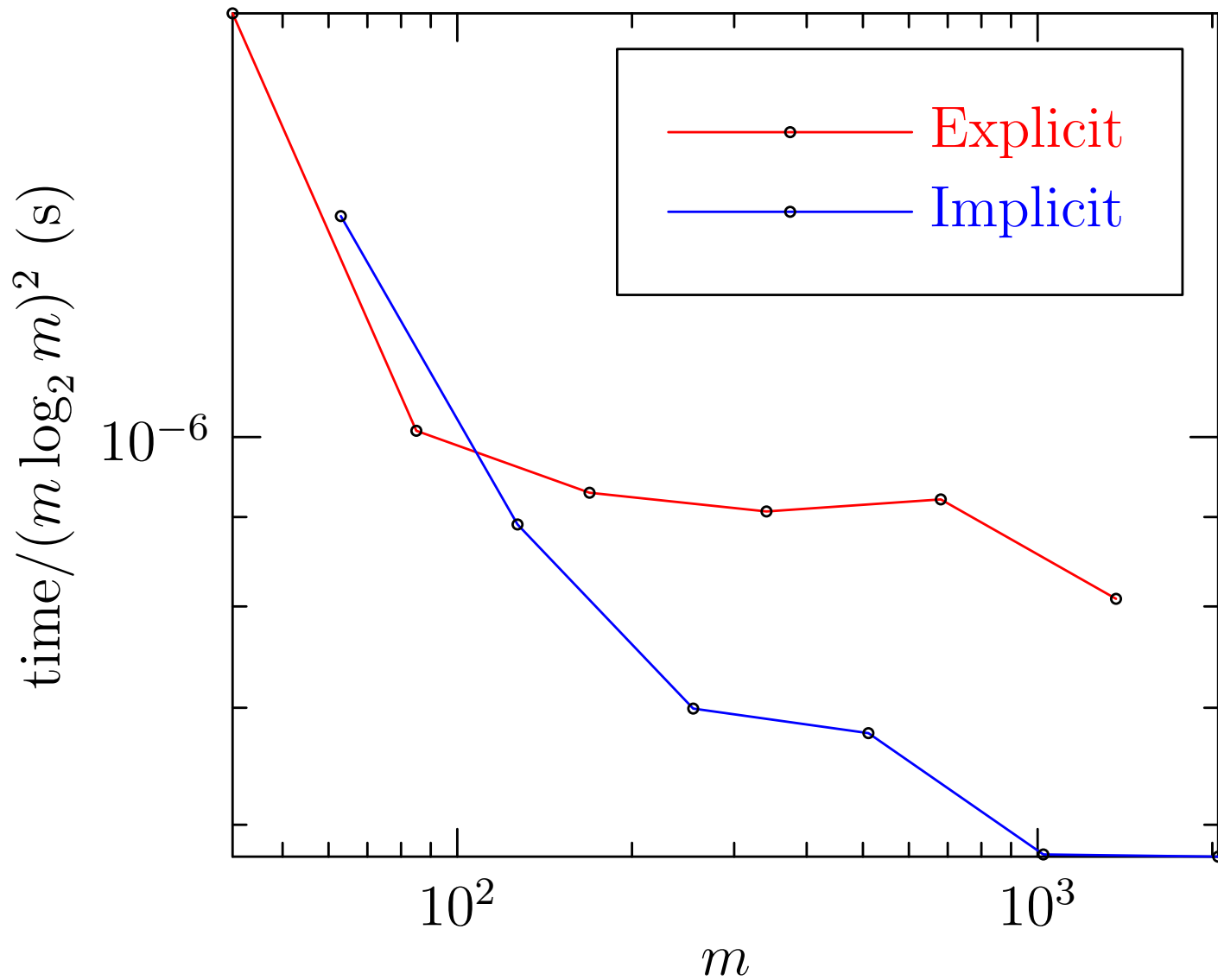
1D Implicit Hermitian Convolution



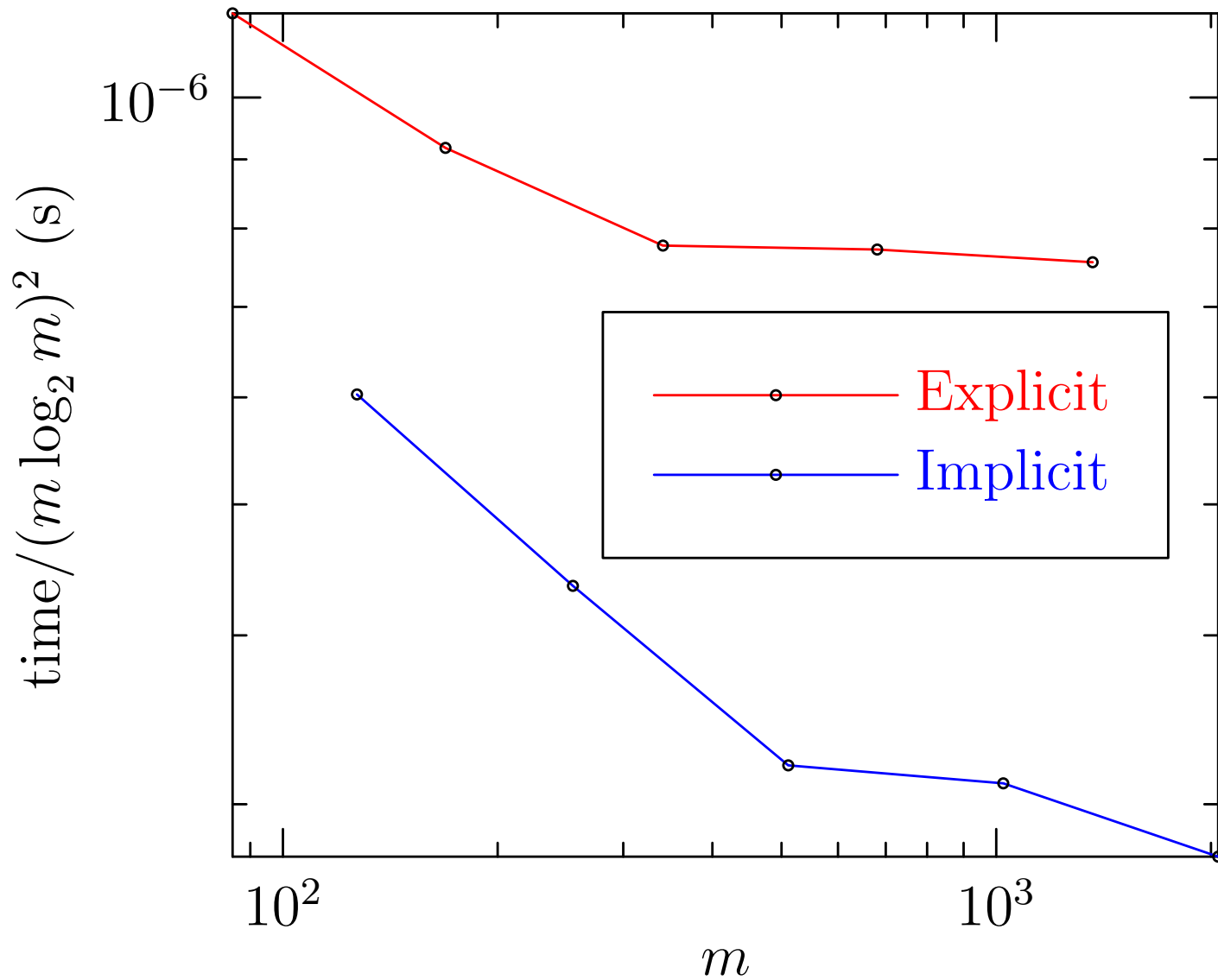
Shared-Memory Parallelization

- Our implicit and explicit convolution routines have been multithreaded for shared-memory architectures.

2D Navier–Stokes Pseudospectral [1 thread]



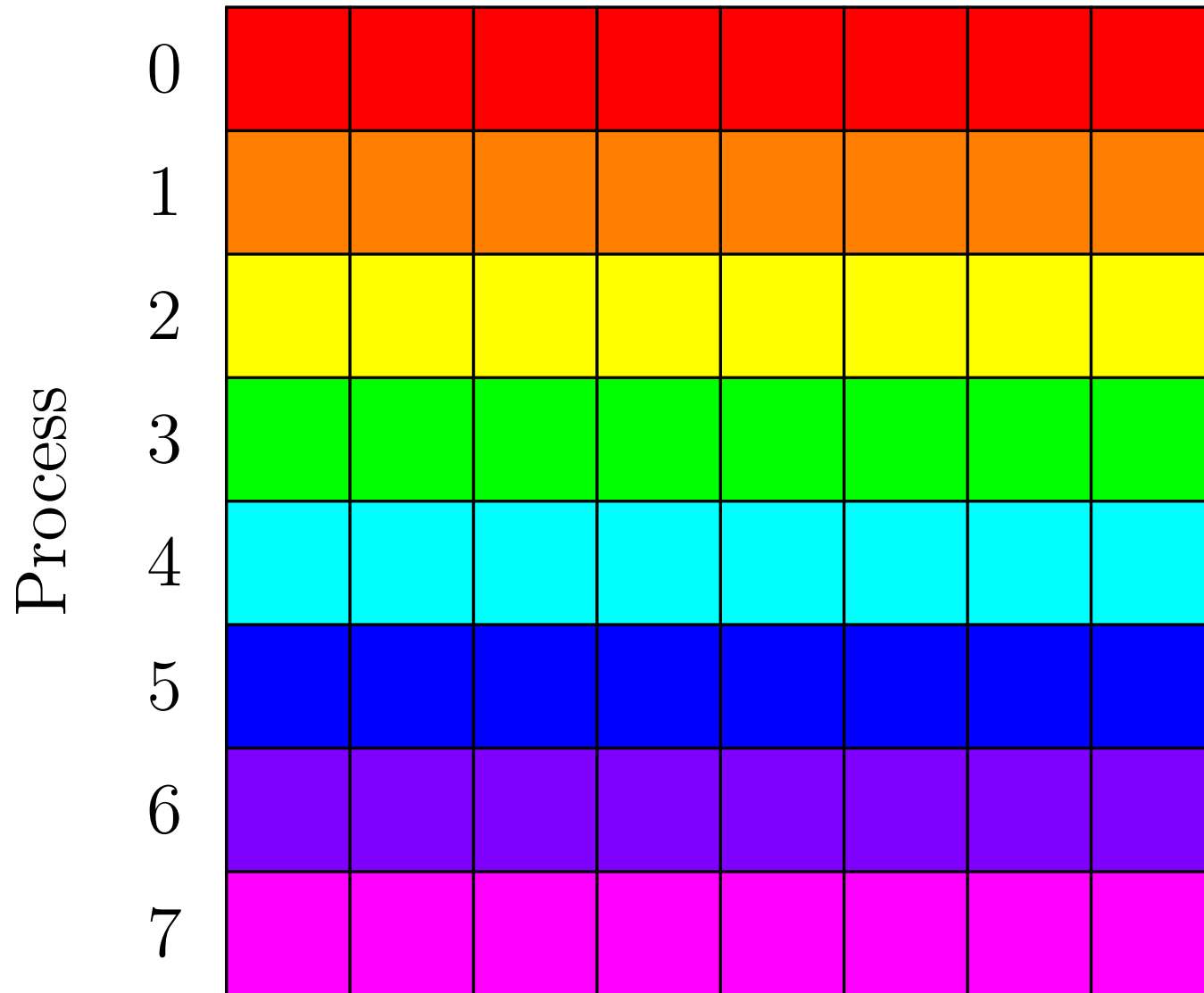
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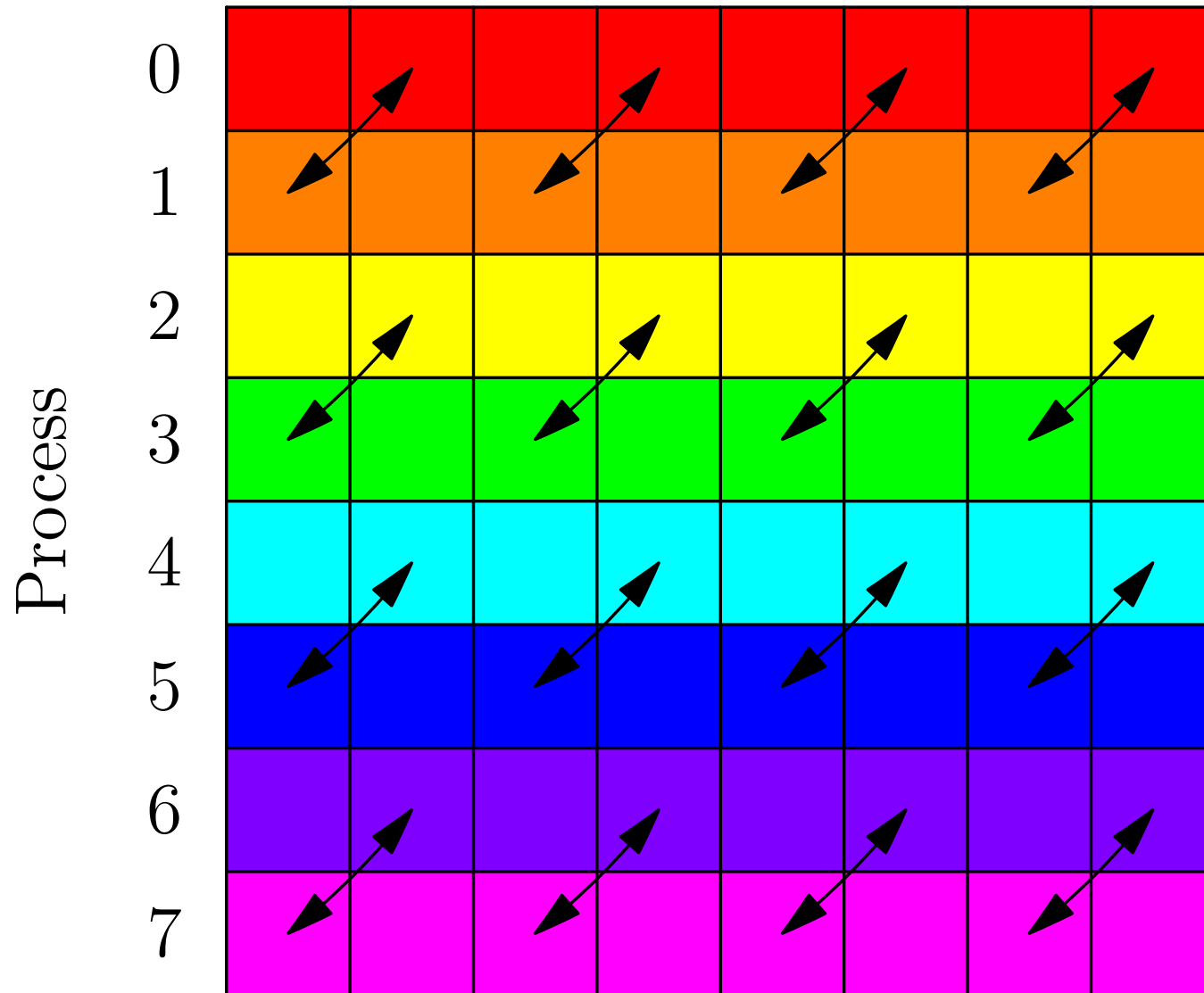
Distributed-Memory Parallelization

- The pseudospectral method uses a matrix transpose to localize the computation of the multi-dimensional FFTs onto individual processors.
- Parallel generalized slab/pencil decompositions have recently been developed for distributed-memory architectures.
- We compare several distributed matrix transpose algorithms, both blocking and nonblocking, under pure MPI and hybrid MPI/OpenMP architectures.
- Local transposition is not required within a single MPI node.
- We have developed an adaptive algorithm, dynamically tuned to choose the optimal block size.

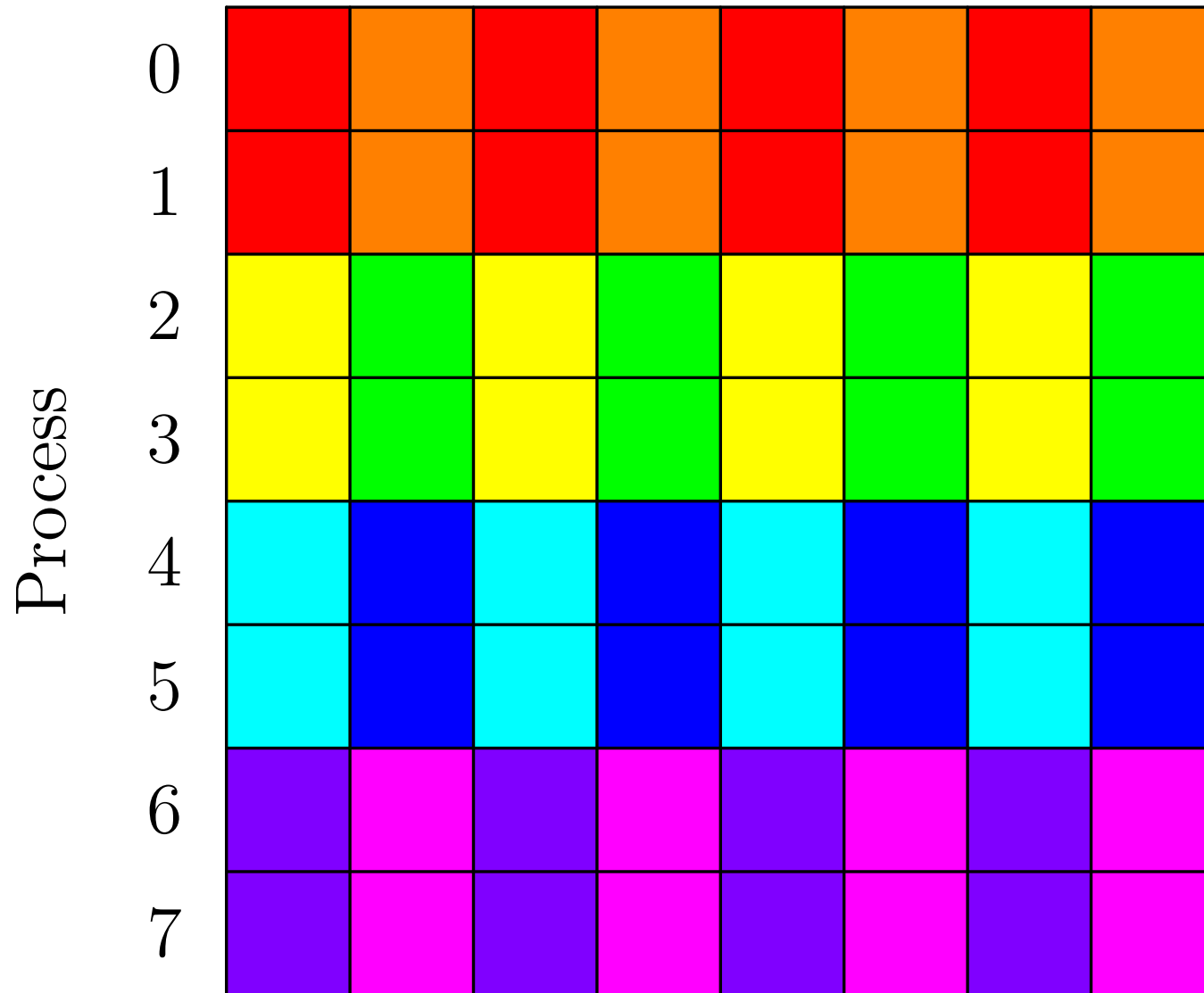
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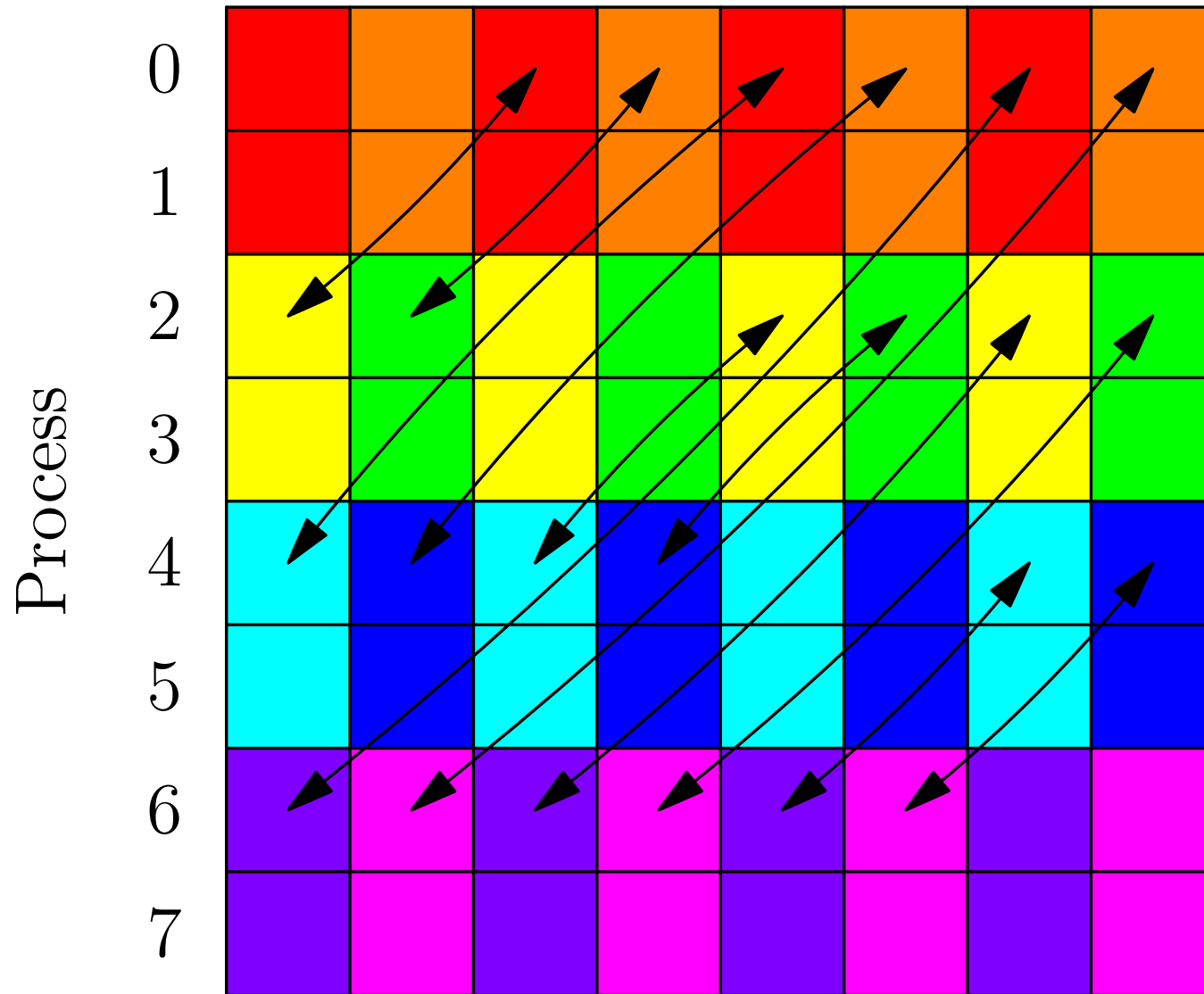
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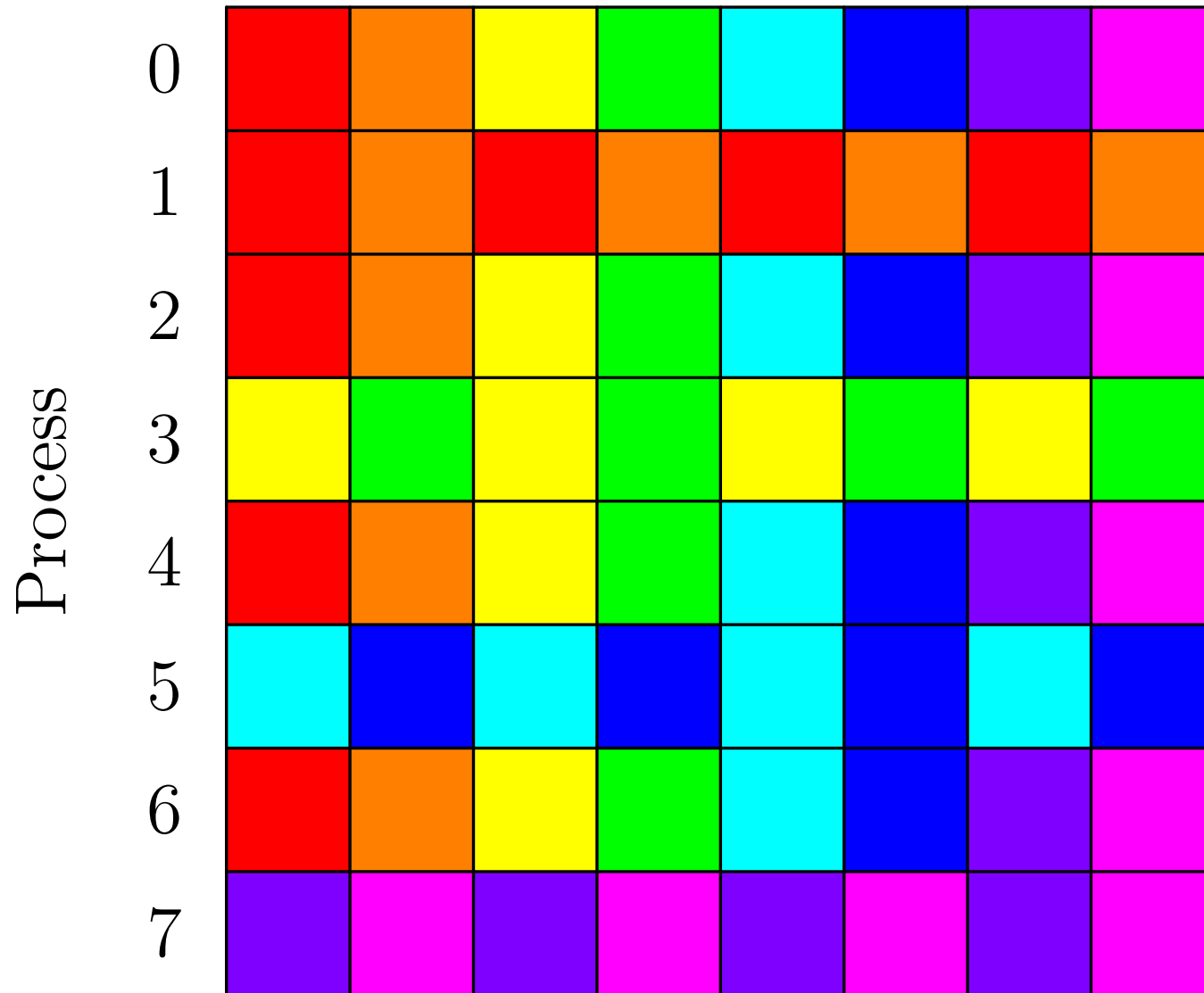
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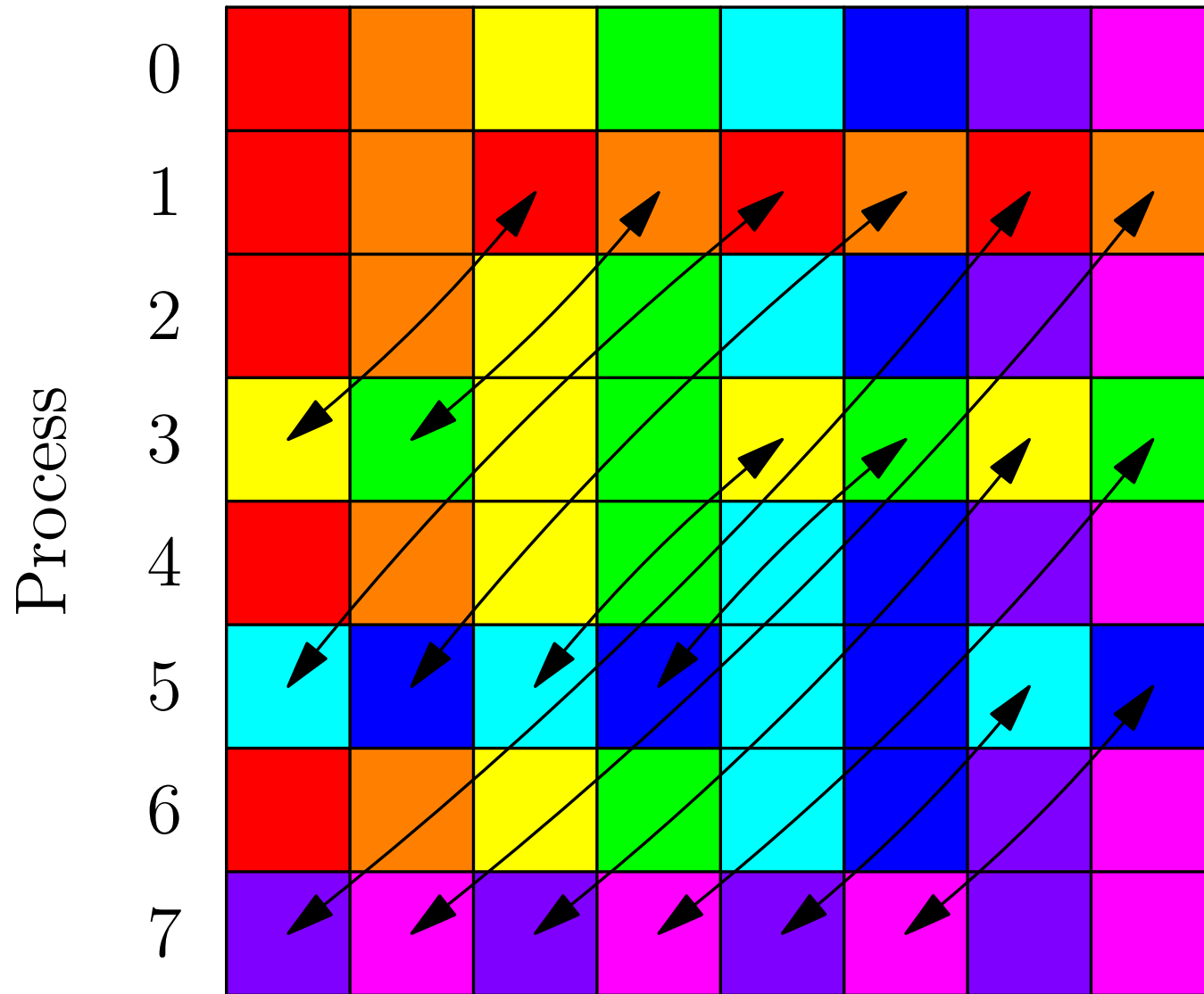
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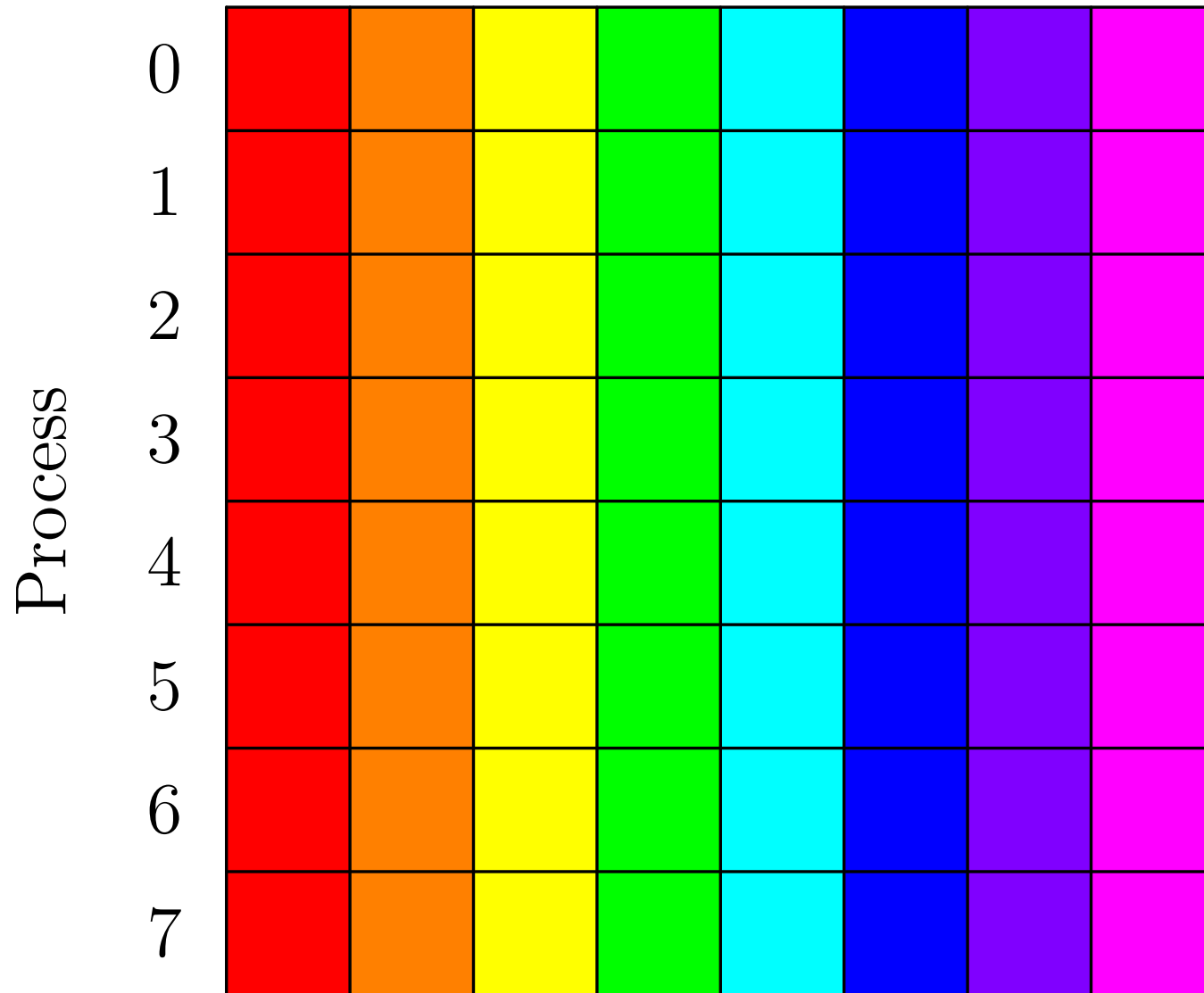
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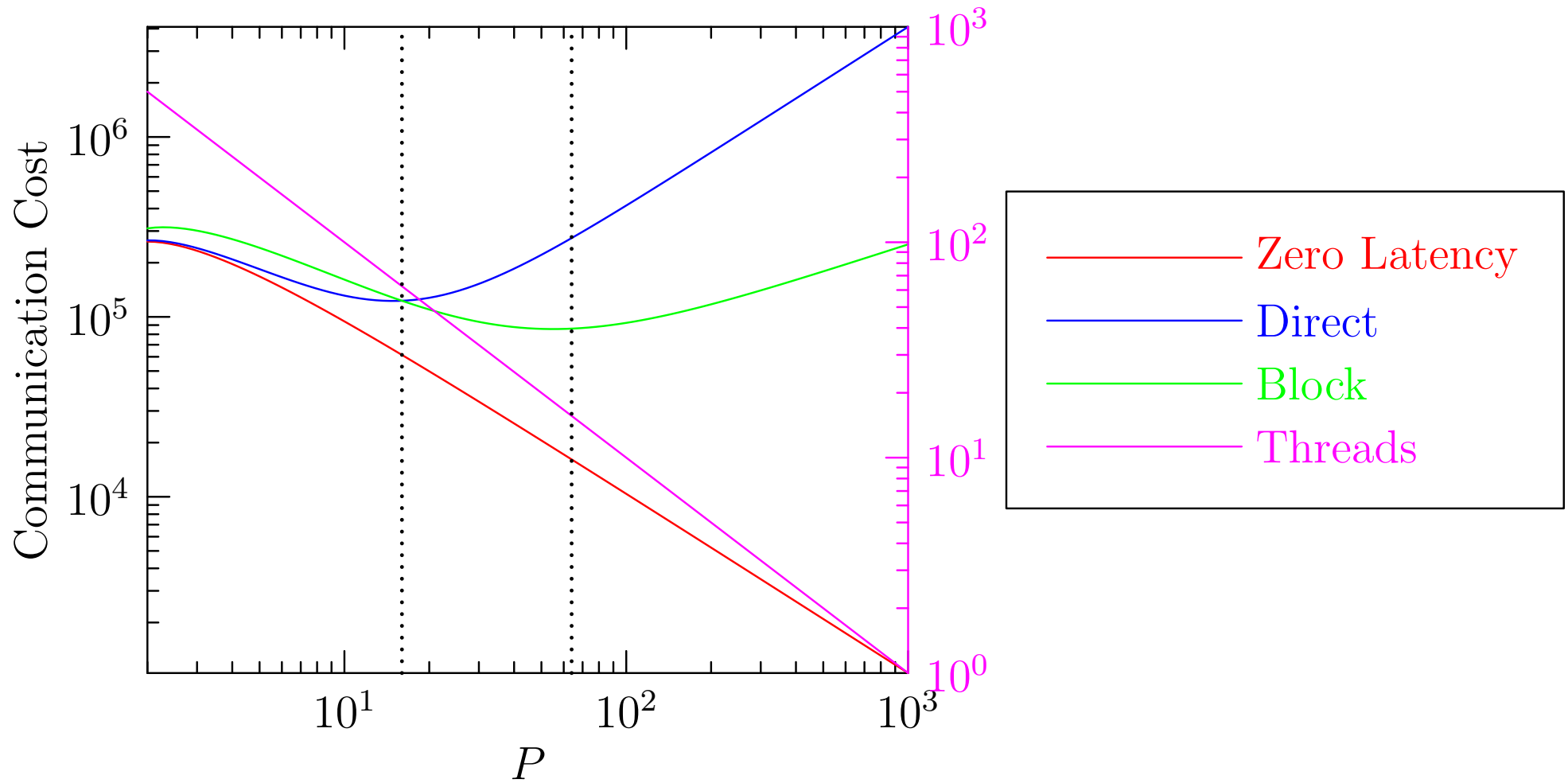
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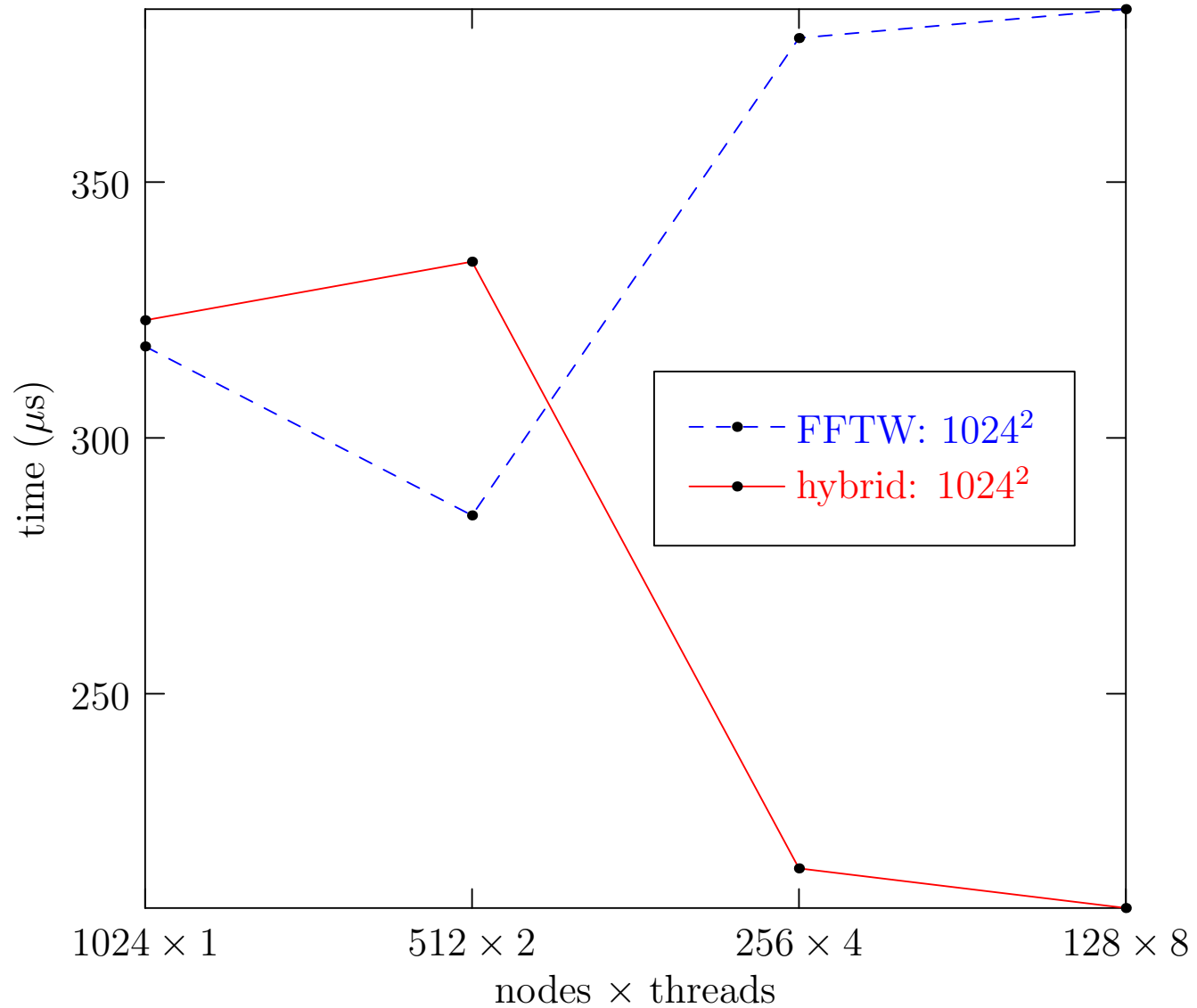
Advantages of Hybrid MPI/OpenMP

- Use hybrid OpenMPI/MPI with the optimal number of threads:
 - yields larger communication block size;
 - local transposition is not required within a single MPI node;
 - allows smaller problems to be distributed over a large number of processors;
 - for 3D FFTs, allows for more slab-like than pencil-like models, reducing the size of or even eliminating the need for a second transpose.
 - sometimes more efficient (by a factor of 2) than pure MPI.
- The use of nonblocking MPI communications allows us to overlap computation with communication: this can yield up to an additional 32% performance gain for implicitly dealiased convolutions, for which a natural parallelism exists between communication and computation.

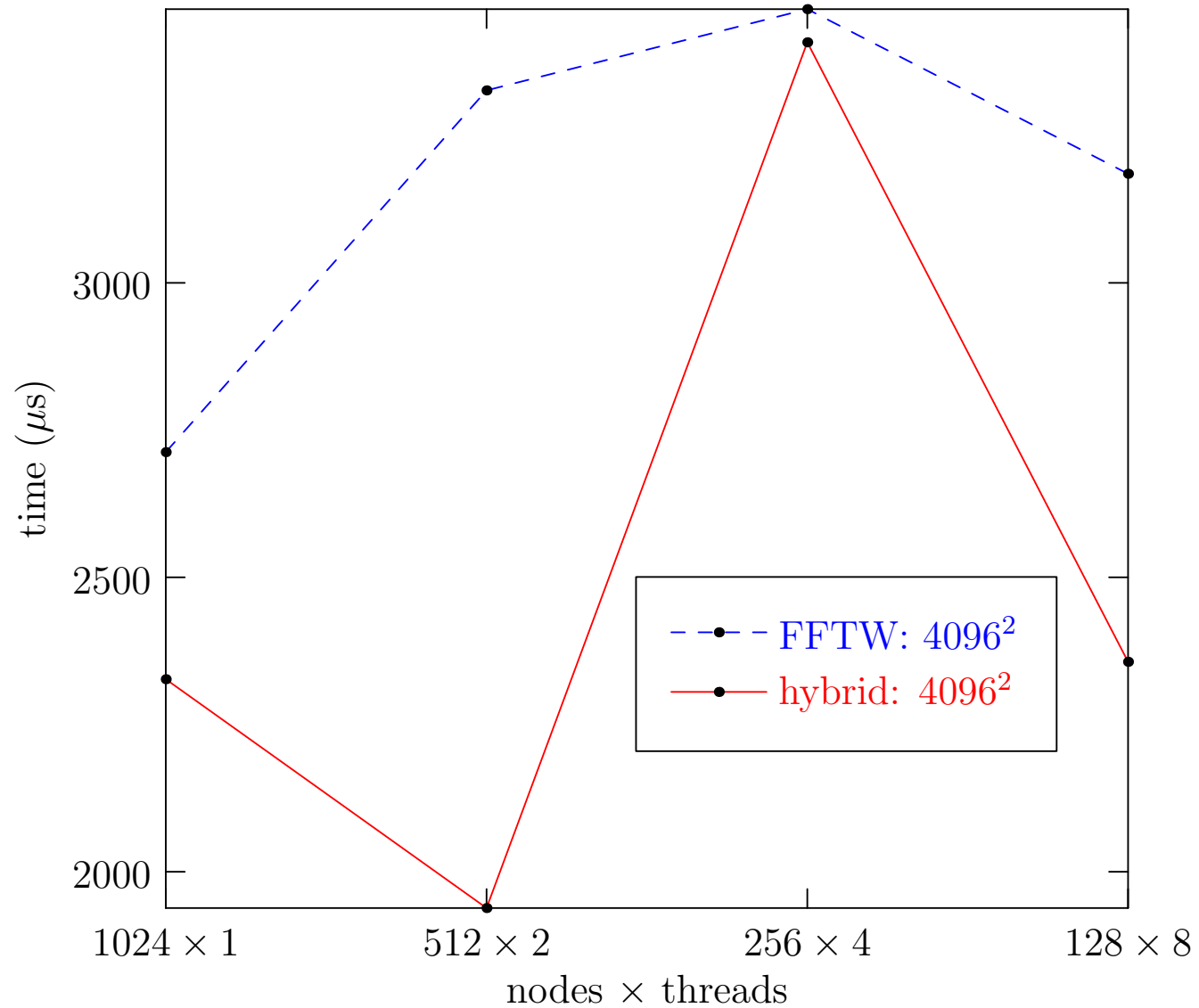
Transpose Communication Cost/Process



Optimal Number of Threads: 1024×1024



Optimal Number of Threads: 4096×4096



Windowed Time Averages

- Suppose we evolve a vorticity equation of the form

$$\frac{d\omega_{\mathbf{k}}}{dt} = S_{\mathbf{k}}.$$

- Once a statistically stationary state has been achieved, we may want to compute windowed time averages of moments like $|\omega_{\mathbf{k}}|^n$ and $S_{\mathbf{k}}\omega_{\mathbf{k}}^*$.
- But the saturation time is not normally known until after the simulation is completed!

Dynamic Moment Averaging

- Advantageous to precompute time-integrated moments like

$$M_n(t) = \int_0^t |\omega_{\mathbf{k}}(\tau)|^n d\tau.$$

- This can be accomplished done by evolving

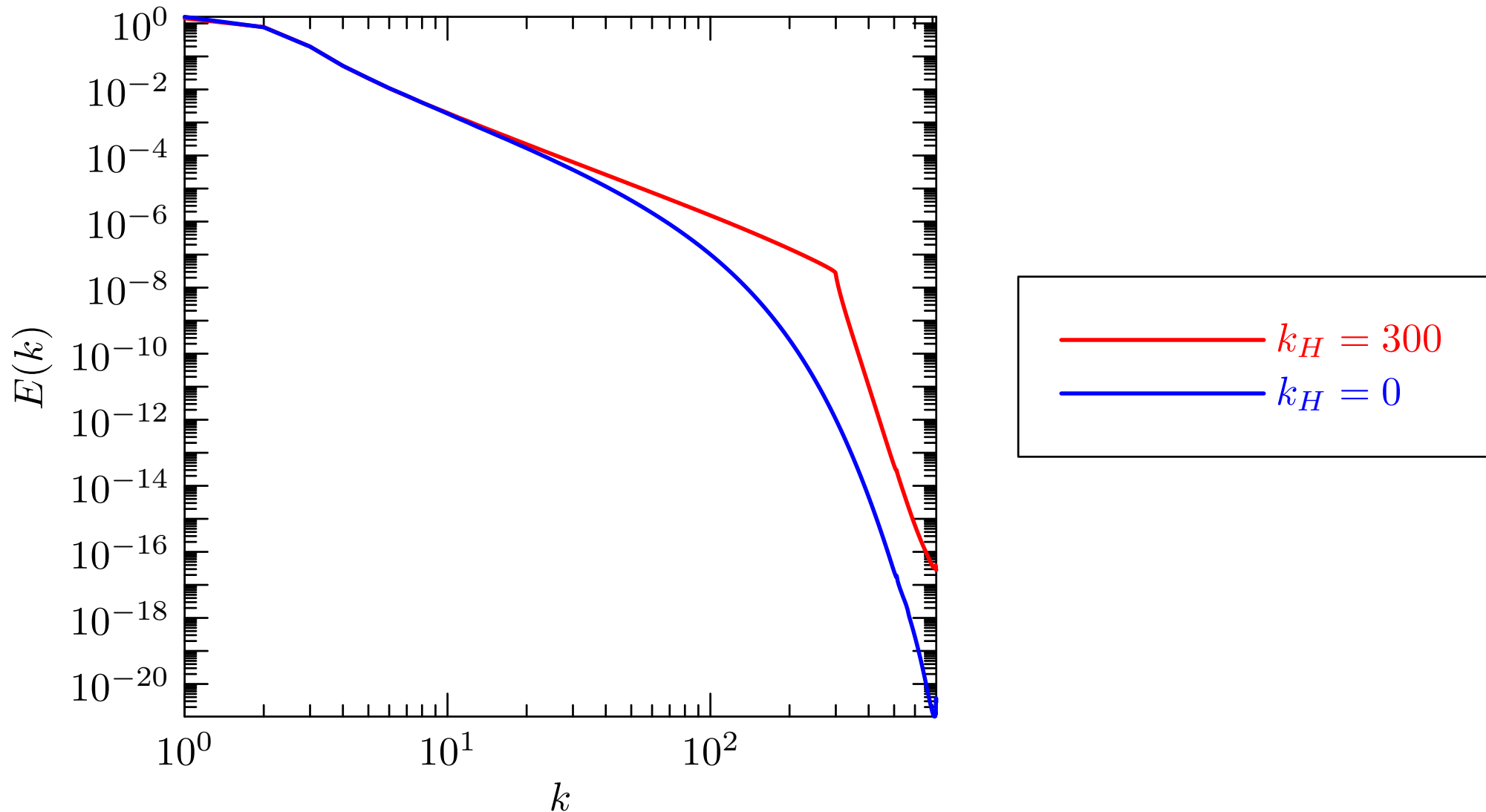
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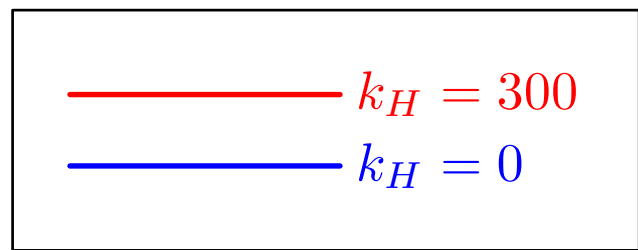
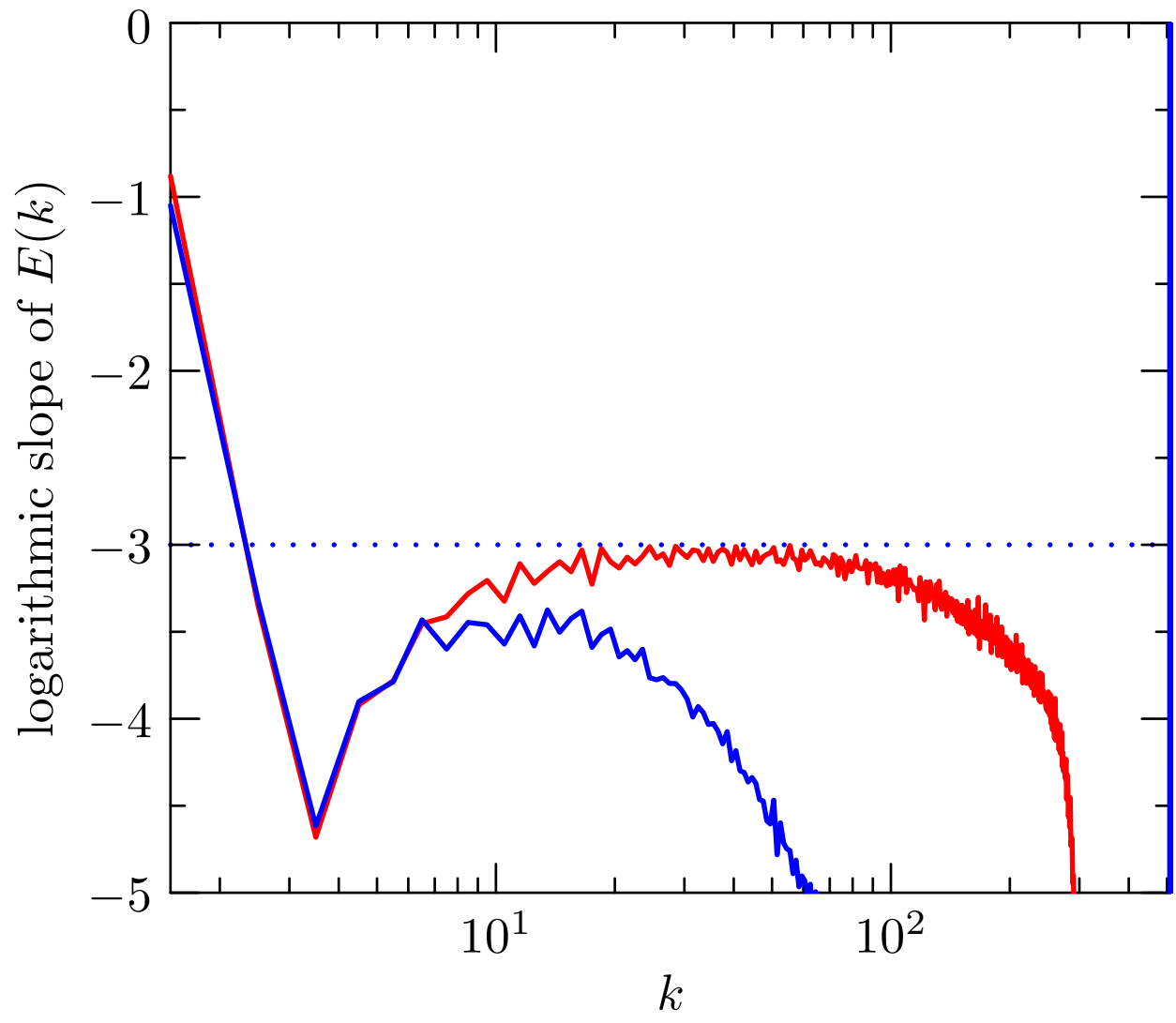
along with the vorticity $\omega_{\mathbf{k}}$ itself, using *the same* temporal discretization.

- These evolved quantities M_n can be used to extract accurate statistical averages during the post-processing phase, once the saturation time t_1 has been determined by the user:

$$\int_{t_1}^{t_2} |\omega_{\mathbf{k}}|^n(\tau) d\tau = M_n(t_2) - M_n(t_1).$$

Forcing at $k = 2$, friction for $k < 3$, viscosity for $k \geq k_H = 300$ (1023×1023 dealiased modes)





Conservative Integration

- Conservative integration [SIAM J. Appl. Math 59, 1112 (1999)] provides a useful diagnostic technique for ensuring that the underlying dynamical symmetries have been correctly implemented.

How to Reduce Degrees of Freedom?

- **Spectral reduction** reduces the number of degrees of freedom that must be explicitly evolved in turbulence simulations.
- Recognizing that spectral reduction yields inviscid equipartition spectra **only with uniform binning**, we developed an efficient FFT-based implementation, called **pseudospectral reduction**.

2D Turbulence in Fourier Space

- Navier–Stokes equation for vorticity $\omega \doteq \hat{\mathbf{z}} \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{u}$:

$$\frac{\partial \omega}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \omega = \nu \nabla^2 \omega + f.$$

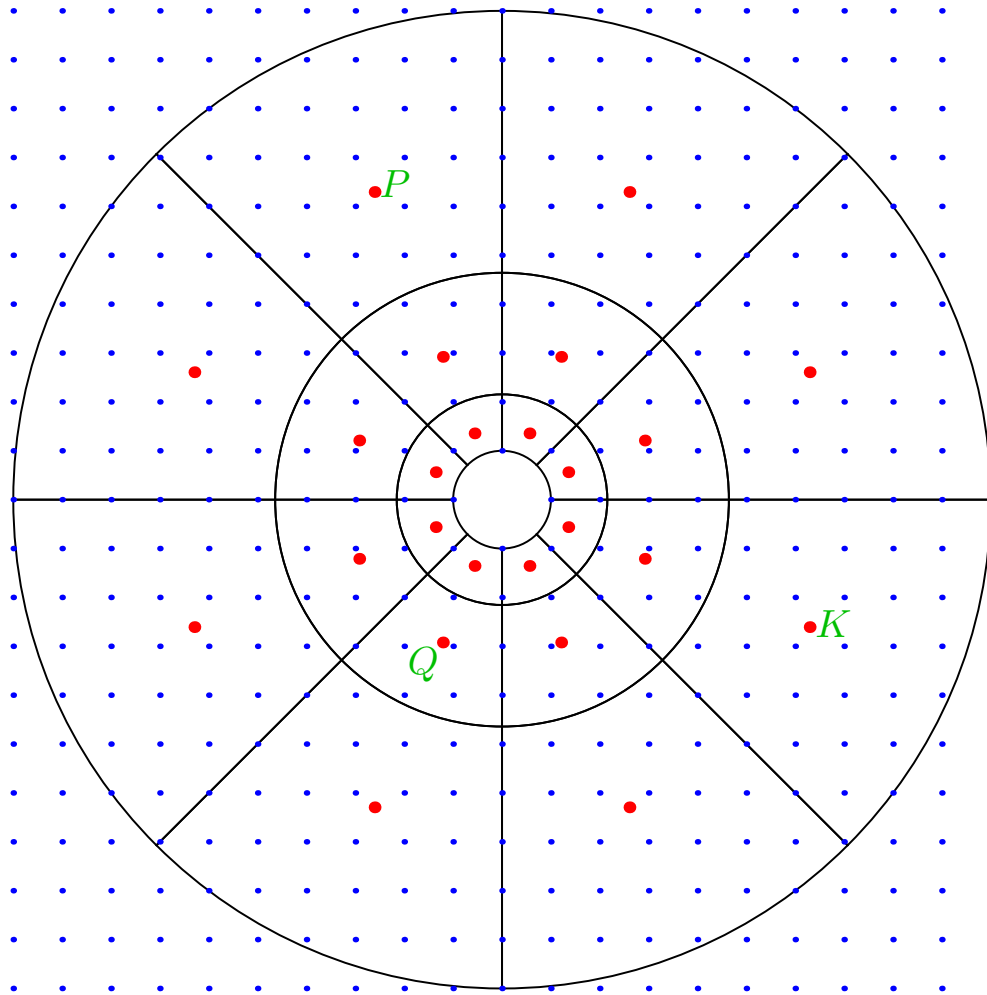
- In Fourier space:

$$\frac{\partial \omega_{\mathbf{k}}}{\partial t} + \nu_{\mathbf{k}} \omega_{\mathbf{k}} = \int d\mathbf{p} \int d\mathbf{q} \frac{\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{p}\mathbf{q}}}{q^2} \omega_{\mathbf{p}}^* \omega_{\mathbf{q}}^* + f_{\mathbf{k}},$$

where $\nu_{\mathbf{k}} \doteq \nu k^2$ and $\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{p}\mathbf{q}} \doteq (\hat{\mathbf{z}} \cdot \mathbf{p} \times \mathbf{q}) \delta(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q})$ is antisymmetric under permutation of any two indices.

Spectral Reduction

- Introduce a coarse-grained grid indexed by K :



Wavenumber Bin Geometry (8×3 bins)

- Define new variables

$$\Omega_{\mathbf{K}} = \langle \omega_{\mathbf{k}} \rangle_{\mathbf{K}} \doteq \frac{1}{\Delta_{\mathbf{K}}} \int_{\Delta_{\mathbf{K}}} \omega_{\mathbf{k}} d\mathbf{k},$$

where $\Delta_{\mathbf{K}}$ is the area of bin \mathbf{K} .

- Evolution of $\Omega_{\mathbf{K}}$:

$$\frac{\partial \Omega_{\mathbf{K}}}{\partial t} + \langle \nu_{\mathbf{k}} \omega_{\mathbf{k}} \rangle_{\mathbf{K}} = \sum_{P, Q} \Delta_P \Delta_Q \left\langle \frac{\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}p\mathbf{q}}}{q^2} \omega_{\mathbf{p}}^* \omega_{\mathbf{q}}^* \right\rangle_{\mathbf{K}PQ},$$

where $\langle f \rangle_{\mathbf{K}PQ} = \frac{1}{\Delta_{\mathbf{K}} \Delta_P \Delta_Q} \int_{\Delta_{\mathbf{K}}} d\mathbf{k} \int_{\Delta_P} d\mathbf{p} \int_{\Delta_Q} d\mathbf{q} f$.

- Approximate $\omega_{\mathbf{p}}$ and $\omega_{\mathbf{q}}$ by bin-averaged values Ω_P and Ω_Q :

$$\frac{\partial \Omega_{\mathbf{K}}}{\partial t} + \langle \nu_{\mathbf{k}} \rangle_{\mathbf{K}} \Omega_{\mathbf{K}} = \sum_{P, Q} \Delta_P \Delta_Q \left\langle \frac{\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}p\mathbf{q}}}{q^2} \right\rangle_{\mathbf{K}PQ} \Omega_P^* \Omega_Q^*.$$

- Define the coarse-grained enstrophy Z and energy E :

$$Z \doteq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mathbf{K}} |\Omega_{\mathbf{K}}|^2 \Delta_{\mathbf{K}}, \quad E \doteq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mathbf{K}} \frac{|\Omega_{\mathbf{K}}|^2}{K^2} \Delta_{\mathbf{K}}.$$

- Enstrophy is still conserved by the nonlinearity since

$$\left\langle \frac{\epsilon_{kpq}}{q^2} \right\rangle_{\mathbf{K}\mathbf{P}\mathbf{Q}} \quad \text{antisymmetric in} \quad \mathbf{K} \leftrightarrow \mathbf{P}.$$

- But energy conservation has been lost!

$$\frac{1}{K^2} \left\langle \frac{\epsilon_{kpq}}{q^2} \right\rangle_{\mathbf{K}\mathbf{P}\mathbf{Q}} \quad \text{NOT antisymmetric in} \quad \mathbf{K} \leftrightarrow \mathbf{Q}.$$

- Reinstate both desired symmetries with the modified coefficient

$$\frac{\langle \epsilon_{kpq} \rangle_{\mathbf{K}\mathbf{P}\mathbf{Q}}}{Q^2}.$$

Properties

- We call the forced-dissipative version of this approximation *spectral reduction* (SR):

$$\frac{\partial \Omega_{\mathbf{K}}}{\partial t} + \langle \nu_{\mathbf{k}} \rangle_{\mathbf{K}} \Omega_{\mathbf{K}} = \sum_{P, Q} \Delta_P \Delta_Q \frac{\langle \epsilon_{\mathbf{k}pq} \rangle_{\mathbf{K}PQ}}{Q^2} \Omega_P^* \Omega_Q^*.$$

- SR conserves both energy and enstrophy and reduces to the exact dynamics in the limit of small bin size.
- It has the same general structure and symmetries as the original equation and in this sense may be considered a *renormalization*.
- SR obeys a Liouville Theorem; in the inviscid limit, it yields *statistical-mechanical (equipartition) solutions*.
- However: since the $\delta_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q},0}$ factor in the nonlinear coefficient $\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}pq}$ has been smoothed over, spectral reduction is no longer a convolution: *pseudospectral collocation does not apply*.

Statistical Equipartition

- The Liouville Theorem and the coarse-grained invariants

$$E \doteq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mathbf{K}} \frac{|\Omega_{\mathbf{K}}|^2}{K^2} \Delta_{\mathbf{K}}, \quad Z \doteq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mathbf{K}} |\Omega_{\mathbf{K}}|^2 \Delta_{\mathbf{K}},$$

lead to statistical equipartition of $(\alpha/K^2 + \beta) |\Omega_{\mathbf{K}}|^2 \Delta_{\mathbf{K}}$. But this is correct **only for uniform bins!**

- However, for nonuniform bins, a rescaling of time by $\Delta_{\mathbf{K}}$,

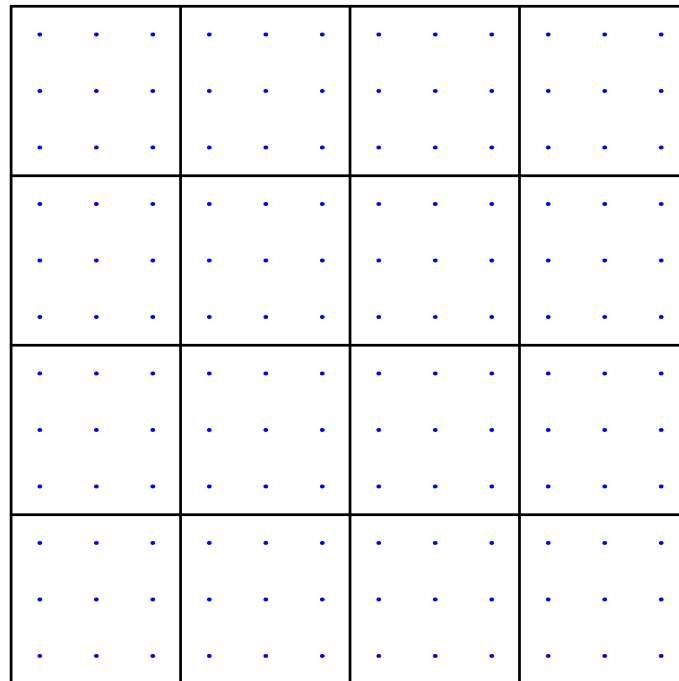
$$\frac{1}{\Delta_{\mathbf{K}}} \frac{\partial \Omega_{\mathbf{K}}}{\partial t} + \langle \nu_{\mathbf{k}} \rangle_{\mathbf{K}} \Omega_{\mathbf{K}} = \sum_{\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{Q}} \Delta_{\mathbf{P}} \Delta_{\mathbf{Q}} \frac{\langle \epsilon_{\mathbf{k}pq} \rangle_{\mathbf{K}PQ}}{Q^2} \Omega_{\mathbf{P}}^* \Omega_{\mathbf{Q}}^*,$$

yields the correct inviscid equipartition: $\langle |\Omega_{\mathbf{K}}|^2 \rangle = \left(\frac{\alpha}{K^2} + \beta \right)^{-1}$.

- Unfortunately, the rescaled equations are **hopelessly stiff**.

Spectral Reduction on a Lattice

- Reluctantly, we accept the fact that each bin must contain the same number of modes.
- Imposing uniform bins has an important advantage: it affords a pseudospectral implementation of spectral reduction!
- Consider spectral reduction on a coarse-grained lattice, with $r \times r$ modes per rectangular bin (here $r = 3$):



1D Coarse-Grained Convolution

- The **coarse-grained convolution** $\langle f * g \rangle_K$ of f and g can then be computed as

$$\begin{aligned} \langle f * g \rangle_K &\doteq \frac{1}{r} \sum_{\ell=0}^{r-1} (f * g)_{rK+\ell} = \frac{1}{r^2 M} \sum_{J=0}^{M-1} \zeta_M^{-KJ} \sum_{s=0}^{r-1} S_{J,s}^* \hat{f}_{sM+J} \hat{g}_{sM+J} \\ &= \frac{1}{r^2 M} \sum_{J=0}^{M-1} \zeta_M^{-KJ} W_J \hat{F}_J \hat{G}_J, \end{aligned}$$

in terms of the spatial weight factors $W_J \doteq \sum_{s=0}^{r-1} |S_{J,s}|^2 S_{J,s}$.

- Similarly, the bin-averaged Fourier transform of F_K weighted by ℓ is given by

$$\hat{f}_{sM+J} = \sum_{K=0}^{M-1} \sum_{\ell=0}^{r-1} \zeta_N^{(sM+J)(rK+\ell)} \ell F_K = T_{J,s} \hat{F}_J,$$

where

$$T_{J,s} \doteq \sum_{\ell=0}^{r-1} \ell \zeta_N^{J\ell} \zeta_r^{s\ell}.$$

- Let $W'_J \doteq \sum_{s=0}^{r-1} |S_{J,s}|^2 T_{J,s}$.

Pseudospectral reduction

- In terms of $F^0 \doteq K_x \Omega_{\mathbf{K}}$, $F^1 \doteq K_y \Omega_{\mathbf{K}}$, $F^2 \doteq \Omega_{\mathbf{K}}$, $G^0 \doteq K_x K^{-2} \Omega_{\mathbf{K}}$, $G^1 \doteq K_y K^{-2} \Omega_{\mathbf{K}}$, and $G^2 \doteq K^{-2} \Omega_{\mathbf{K}}$:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{P, Q} \frac{1}{Q^2} \langle \delta_{\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{k}} (p_x q_y - p_y q_x) \rangle_{\mathbf{K} P Q} \Omega_P \Omega_Q \\
 &= \frac{1}{r^2} \sum_{\ell} \left([(r K_x + \ell_x) \Omega_{\mathbf{K}}] * [(r K_y + \ell_y) K^{-2} \Omega_{\mathbf{K}}] \right)_{r \mathbf{K} + \ell} \\
 & \quad - \frac{1}{r^2} \sum_{\ell} \left([(r K_y + \ell_y) \Omega_{\mathbf{K}}] * [(r K_x + \ell_x) K^{-2} \Omega_{\mathbf{K}}] \right)_{r \mathbf{K} + \ell} \\
 &= \frac{1}{r^4 M^2} \sum_{\mathbf{J}} \zeta_M^{-\mathbf{K} \cdot \mathbf{J}} \left[r^2 W_{J_x} W_{J_y} (\hat{F}_{\mathbf{J}}^0 \hat{G}_{\mathbf{J}}^1 - \hat{F}_{\mathbf{J}}^1 \hat{G}_{\mathbf{J}}^0) \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + r W'_{J_x} W_{J_y} (\hat{F}_{\mathbf{J}}^2 \hat{G}_{\mathbf{J}}^1 - \hat{F}_{\mathbf{J}}^1 \hat{G}_{\mathbf{J}}^2) + r W_{J_x} W'_{J_y} (\hat{F}_{\mathbf{J}}^0 \hat{G}_{\mathbf{J}}^2 - \hat{F}_{\mathbf{J}}^2 \hat{G}_{\mathbf{J}}^0) \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

- Computational complexity is $\mathcal{O}(N \log N)$, with a coefficient $7/5 = 1.4$ times greater that for pseudospectral collocation.

Conclusions

- For centered convolutions in d dimensions implicit padding asymptotically uses $(2/3)^{d-1}$ of the conventional storage.
- The factor of 2 speedup is largely due to increased data locality.
- Highly optimized and parallelized implicit dealiasing routines have been implemented as a software layer **FFTW++** (v 2.00) on top of the **FFTW** library and released under the Lesser GNU Public License: <http://fftwpp.sourceforge.net/>
- The advent of implicit dealiasing of convolutions makes overlapping transposition with FFT computation feasible.
- Dynamic moment averaging allows the integration time window to be specified by the user *a posteriori*. The cumulative enstrophy transfer function is an excellent diagnostic for determining the saturation time.
- Writing of a high-performance dealiased pseudospectral code is now a relatively straightforward exercise!

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