

Simulating Plasma Physics Using 1DEMPyPIC

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Motivation

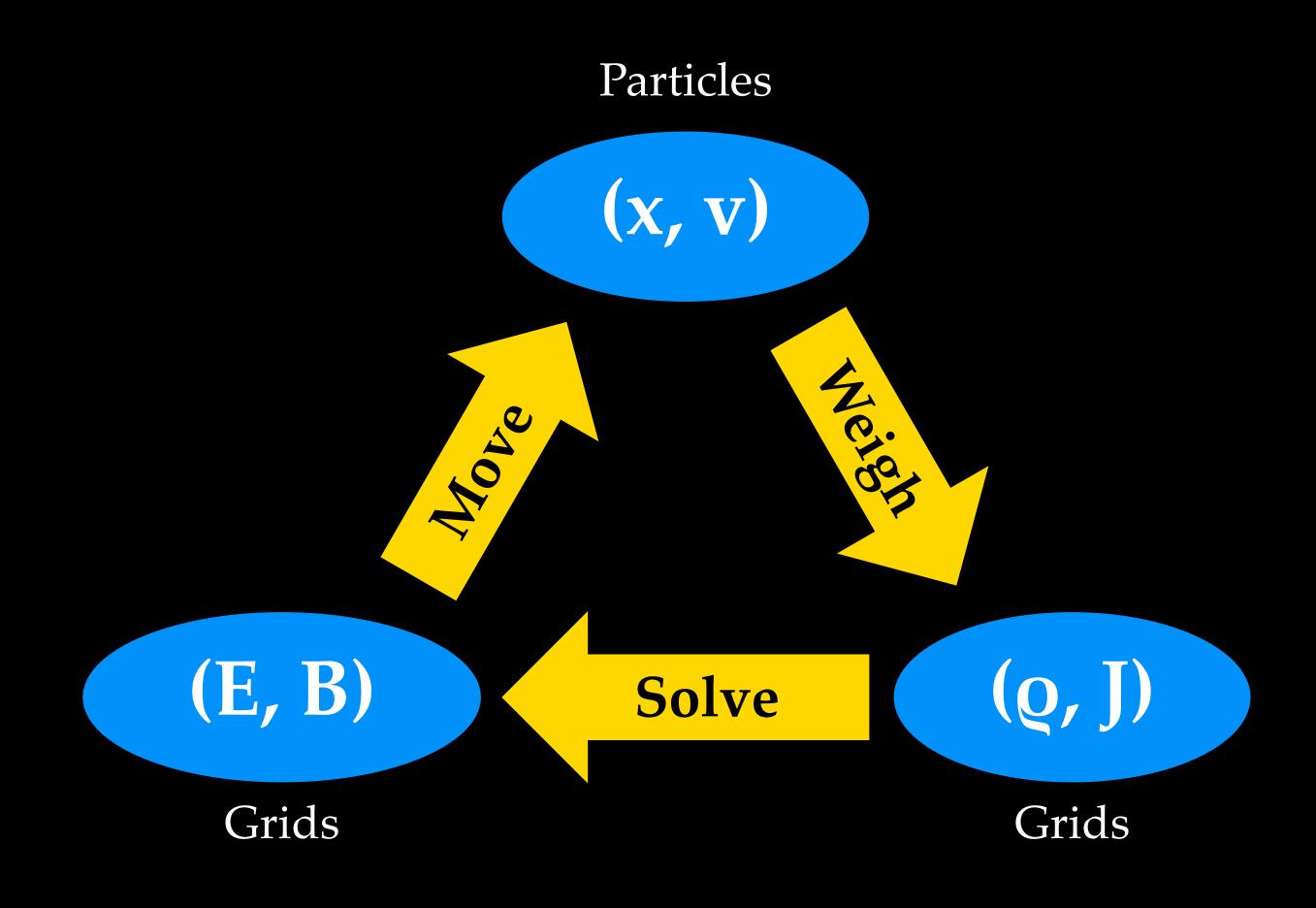
We needed an easy-to-use particle-in-cell (PIC) plasma physics simulation code for use in an introductory plasma physics course.

Method

We developed the 1DEMPyPIC Plasma Physics Simulator, a one-dimensional electromagnetic particle-in-cell plasma simulation code written entirely in Python.

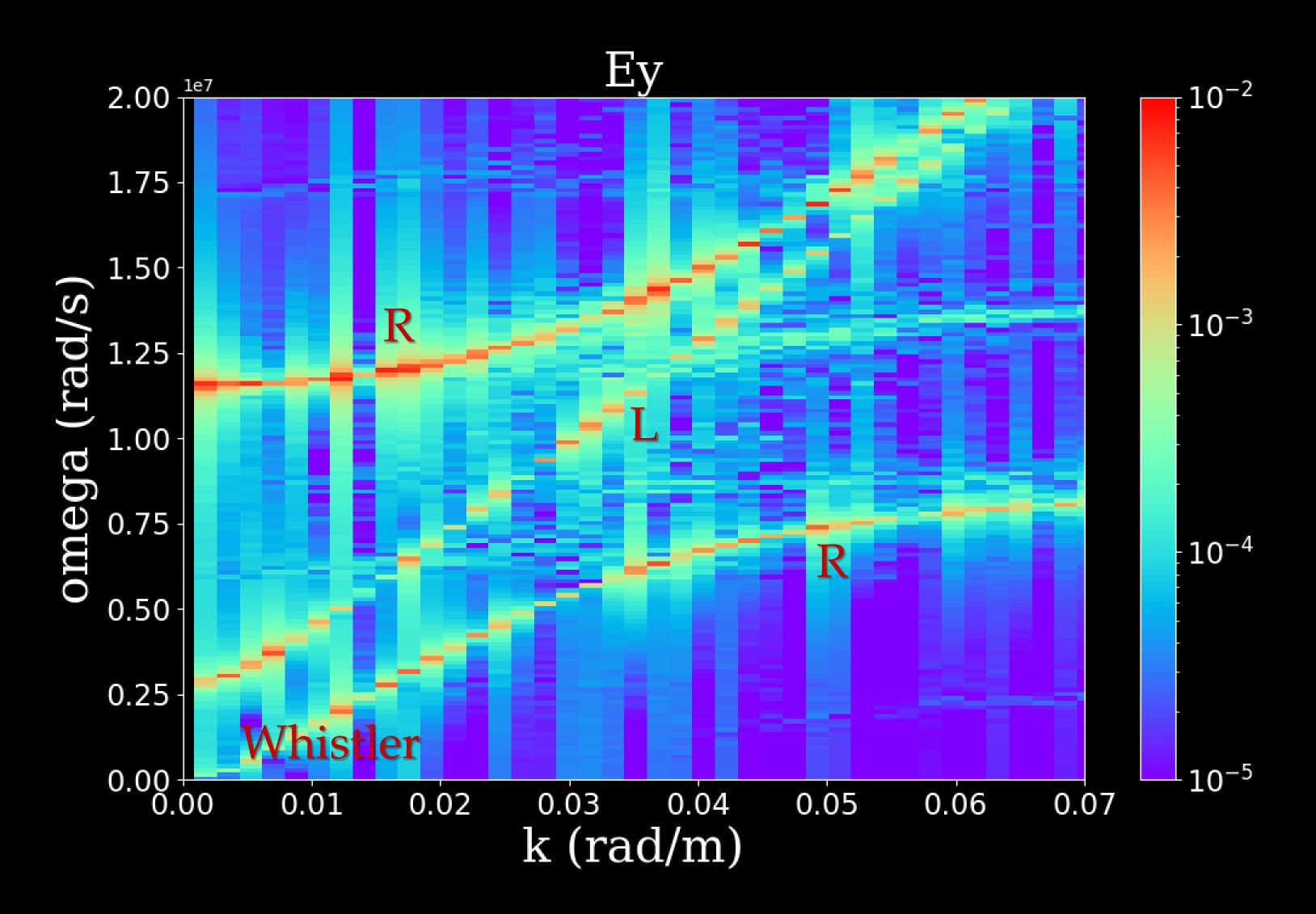
How does 1DEMPyPIC work?

1DEMPyPIC simulates plasma behavior using the plasma-in-cell (PIC) method.

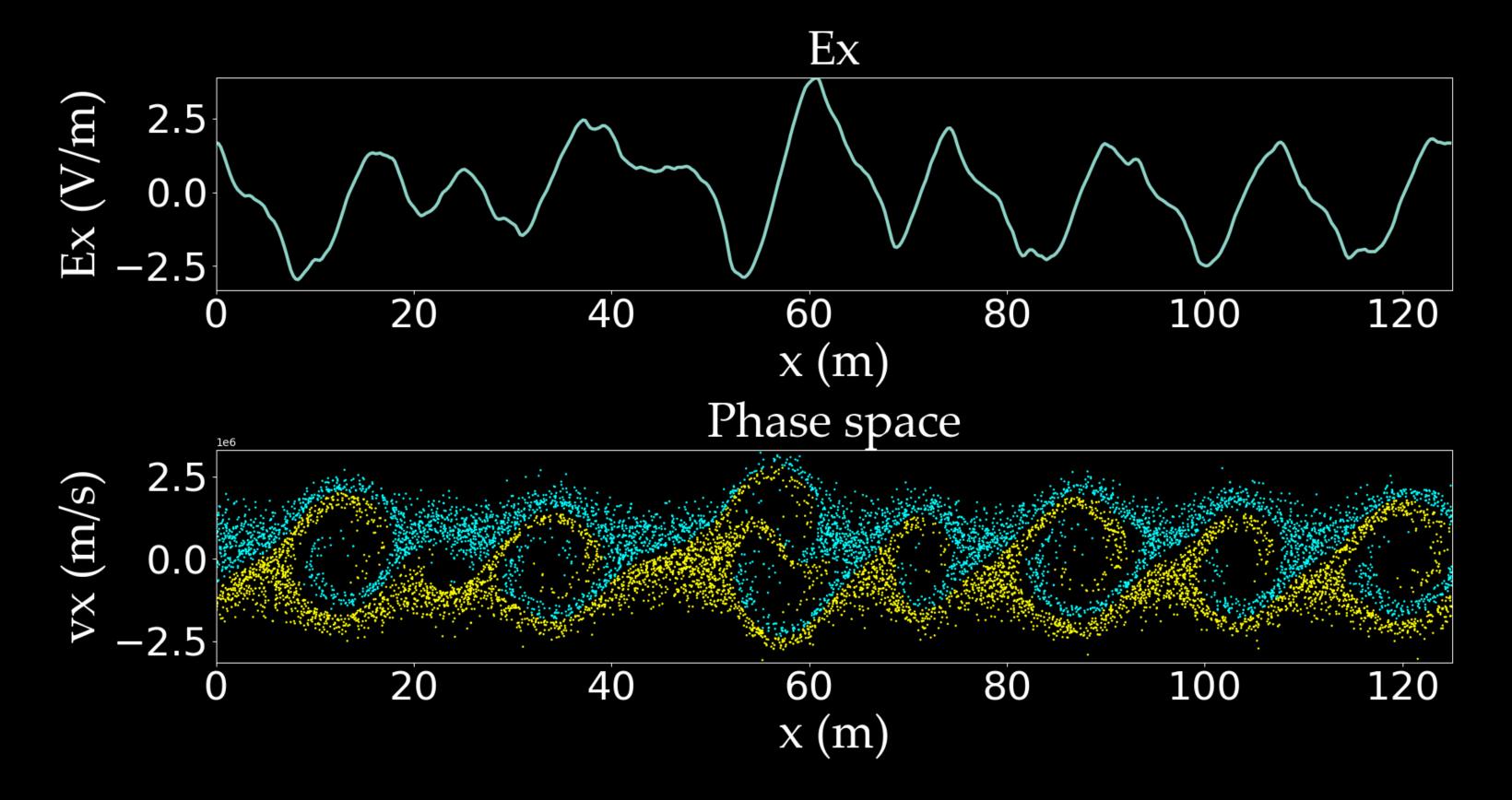


Example Outputs

Fourier spectrum plot: R and L waves



Animation snapshot: Two-Stream Instability



Why 1DEMPyPIC?

- Python: 1DEMPyPIC is written in Python, a programming language familiar to many.
- Electromagnetic: 1DEMPyPIC can simulate a wider range of plasma behavior than a purely electrostatic PIC code.
- Flexible units: 1DEMPyPIC works in both physical units and natural units.

 Parallelized: 1DEMPyPIC runs fast on multiple processors.
- Built-in, customizable plot generator: No more Jupyter Notebook! Our 1DEMPyPIC package includes a complimentary plot generator which outputs customizable plots and animations.

Where do I get 1DEMPyPIC?



1DEMPyPIC is publicly available on GitHub. The code is under constant development and remains experimental.

https://github.com/Save2541/1DEMPyPIC

References

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