

# Implementing BCs in Legion-S3D

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# Background

- S3D is an explicit finite difference PDE solver for turbulent combustion:
  - Rectangular Cartesian fixed structured mesh.
  - Perfectly load balanced spmd decomposition.
  - Very large field space (~100 state variables at each grid point).
  - Number of PDEs (number of stencil ops) scales with #fields.
  - Rich mix of physics kernels involved in the r.h.s function evaluation.

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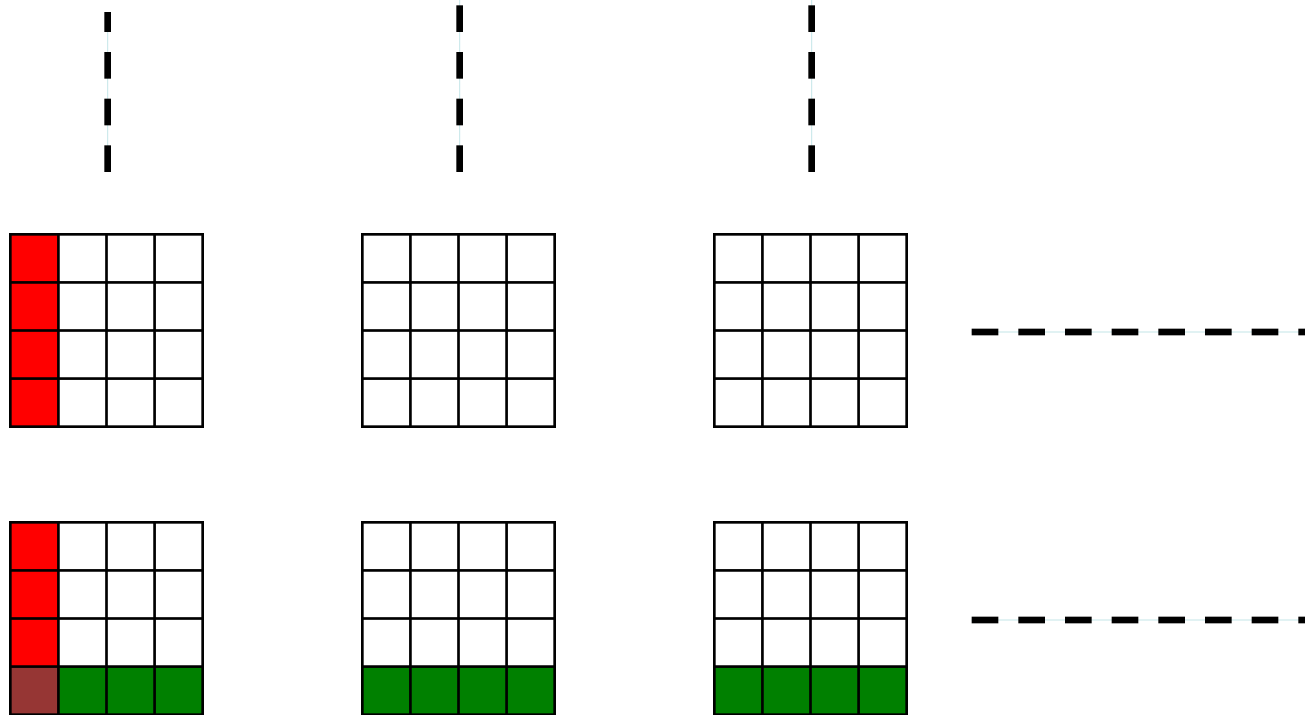
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- Single compiler for chemistry and transport kernels.
- The legion port operational for periodic problems.

# Scenario for physical boundaries



  
interior

  
Boundary  
type 1

  
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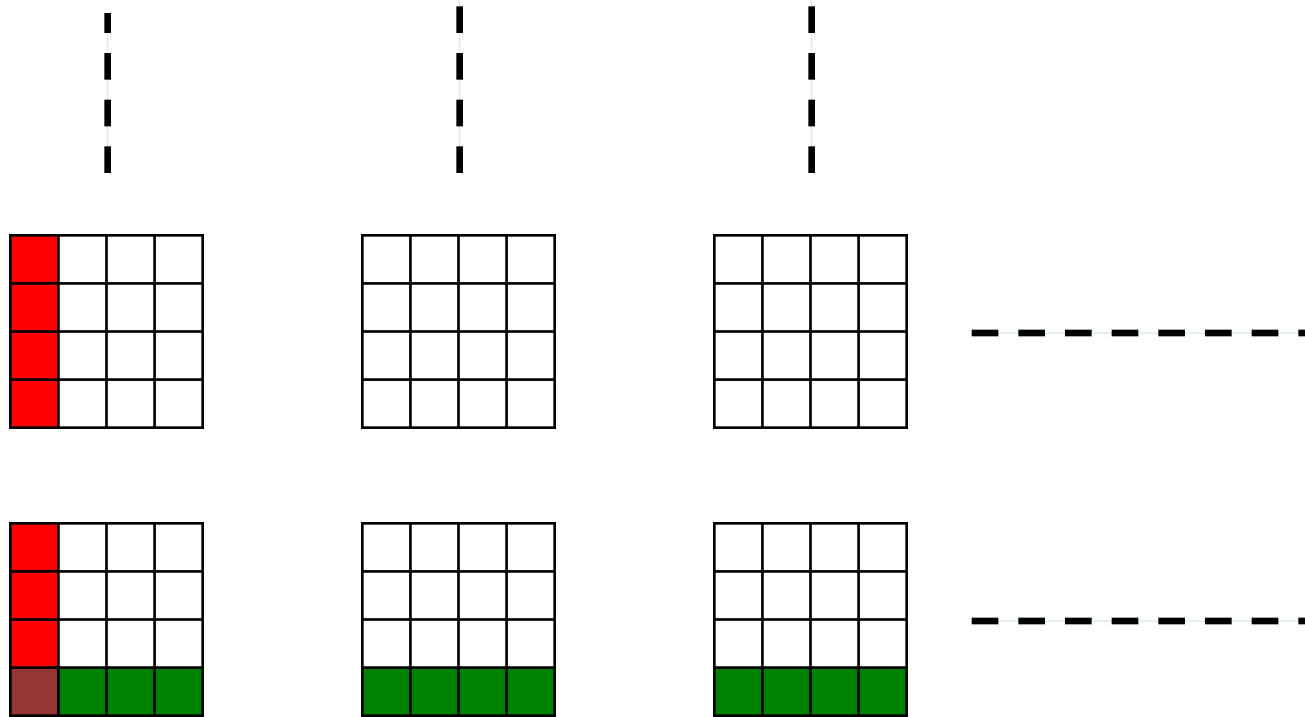
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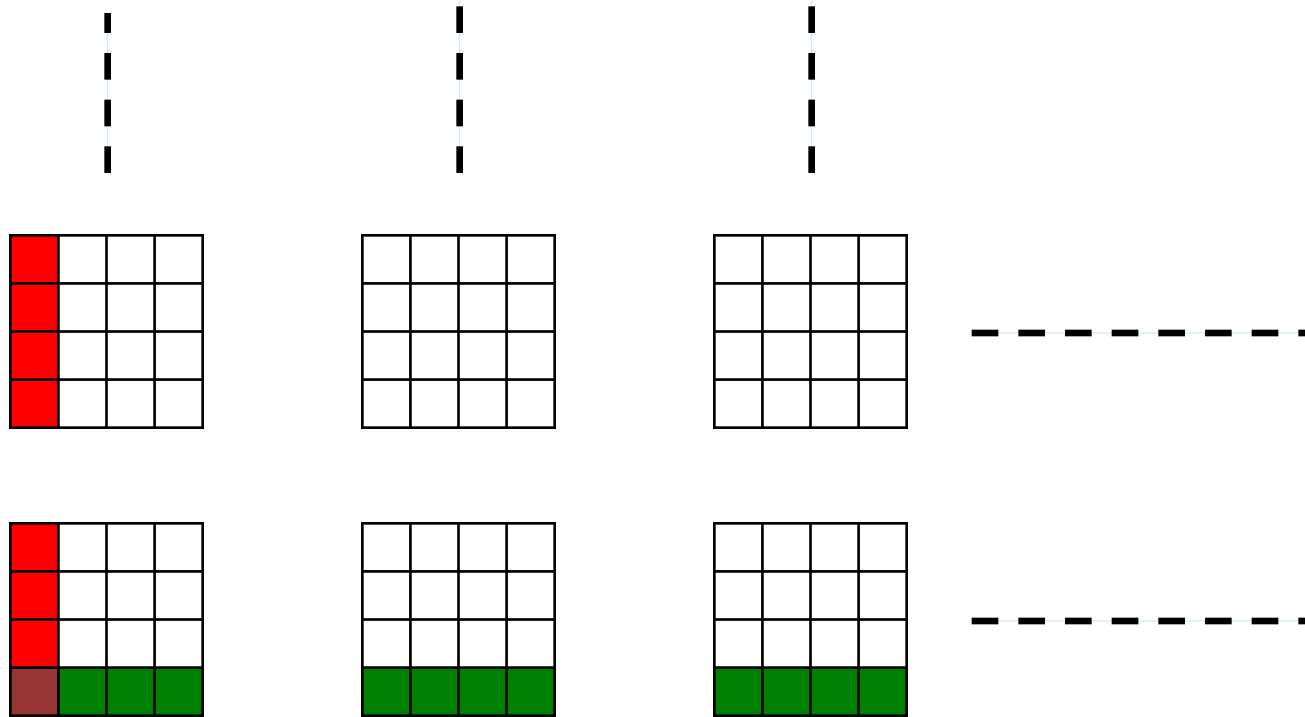
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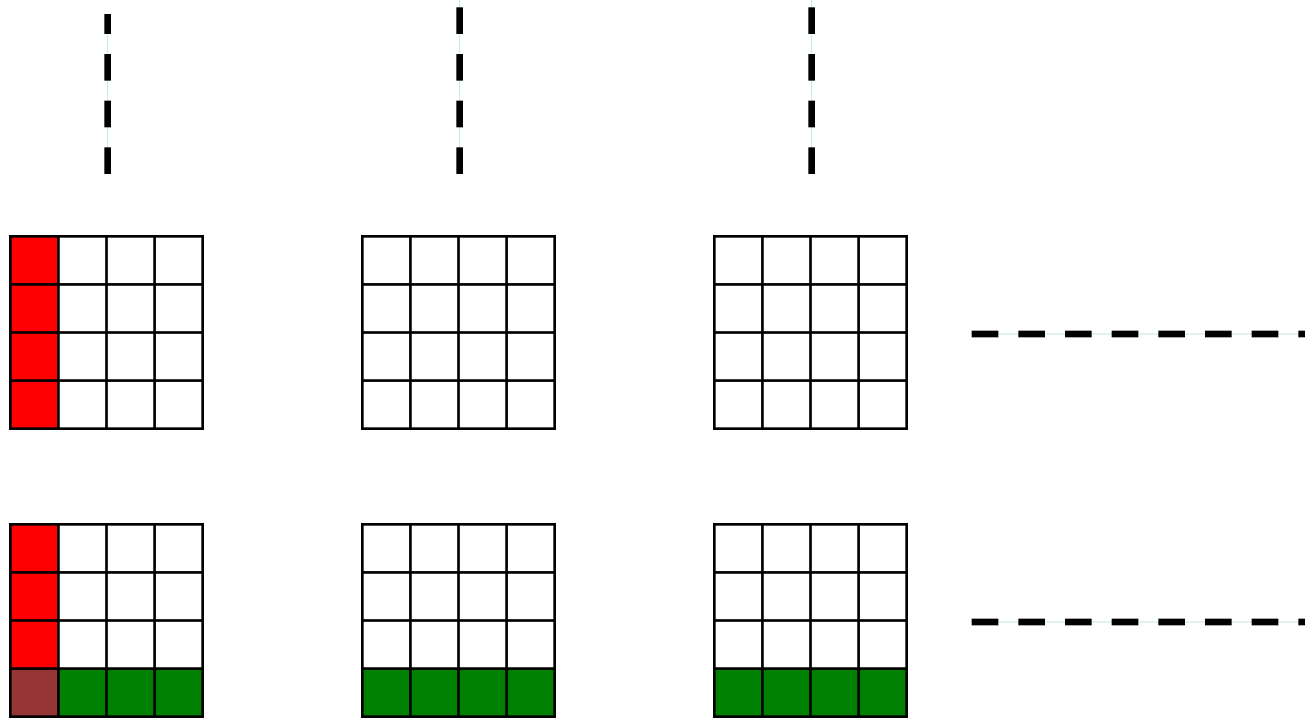
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- Branch statements for implementing the BC type required by the problem.



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- BC types that do not exist => `NO_REGION` requirement => no task instance.

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# Miscellaneous Observations

- Iterating over an `index_space` or `Rect` based off of a `NO_REGION` causes runtime error. Users need to check for this.
- Projection functions could be better documented, maybe with a good example.
- In S3D, BCs require specialized stencils (`in_plane`, one-sided, variable-width) which is hard/tricky with explicit ghost zones.
- Peeking into the runtime (`legion.*`, `runtime.*`) is not hairy and occasionally very helpful.

**Thank you**