Angular moment models for plasma physics

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Physical context

Context : Inertial Confinement Fusion-Direct attack





Aim : Description of electrons motion, fixed ions

Kinetic description : electrons dynamics

Electron distribution function : $f(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v})$, fixed ions

 \hookrightarrow Resolution of Fokker-Planck-Landau equation



 C_{ee} : electron/electron collision operator C_{ei} : electron/ion collision operator Precise but time consuming

One solution : Fluid models : (Euler-Lorentz, ...). Pb : Not precize for out of equilibrium regimes.

Good compromise : Angular moments models

 \hookrightarrow Angular moments extraction : $v = \zeta \Omega$ with $\zeta = |v|$.

$$f_0(\zeta) = \zeta^2 \int_{S_2} f(v) d\Omega, \quad f_1(\zeta) = \zeta^2 \int_{S_2} f(v) \Omega d\Omega, \quad f_2(\zeta) = \zeta^2 \int_{S_2} f(v) \Omega \otimes \Omega d\Omega.$$

Moments methods

$$f(x,\epsilon,\Omega) \qquad \leftrightarrow \qquad f_i(x,\epsilon) \quad \text{for} \quad 0 \leq i \leq N$$

Pb of the closure

Moments extraction on the kinetic equation \Rightarrow moments system

 $\partial_t \overline{f} + \zeta \partial_x \widetilde{f} = \overline{Q}$

$$\overline{f} = \begin{pmatrix} f^0 \\ \vdots \\ f^N \end{pmatrix} , \widetilde{f} = \begin{pmatrix} f^1 \\ \vdots \\ f^{N+1} \end{pmatrix} , \ \overline{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} Q^0 \\ \vdots \\ Q^N \end{pmatrix} .$$

Pb : Non closed system : N + 1 equations for N + 2 unknowns \Rightarrow Define a closure : $f \approx f_R$

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Moments

$$\mathbf{f} = (f_0, \ldots, f_{Card(\mathbf{m})})$$

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Realizability domain

$$\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{m}} = \left\{ \boldsymbol{f} \in \mathbb{R}^{Card(\mathbf{m})}, \text{ s.t.} \\ \exists \boldsymbol{g} \in L^{1}(S^{2}), \boldsymbol{g} \geq 0, \boldsymbol{f} = \int_{S^{2}} \mathbf{m}(\Omega) \, \boldsymbol{g}(\Omega) d\Omega \right\}$$

Ansatz ψ_{M_1} in

$$\mathcal{C}_1 = \left\{ g \ge 0, \ \int_{S^2} g \ d\Omega = f_0, \ \int_{S^2} \Omega \ g \ d\Omega = f_1 \right\} \neq \emptyset \ \mathrm{if} \ \ \boldsymbol{f} \in \mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{m}},$$

Choice of the ansatz $^{1,\,2}\,$

$$f_{M_1} = \operatorname*{argmin}_{g \in \mathcal{C}_1} (\mathcal{H}(g)) \quad \Rightarrow \quad f_{M_1} = \exp\left(S + V.\Omega\right)$$

- 1. Minerbo, J. Quant. Spect. Rad. Transfer, 1977
- 2. Levermore, J. Stat. Phys., 1995

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Realizability domain^{2,3} (First order moments)

Proposition

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{m}(\Omega) &= (1,\Omega), \text{ then } \mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{m}} = \left\{ \psi \in \mathbb{R}^{4}, \quad s.t. \quad |\psi^{1}| < \psi^{0} \right\} \cup \{\mathbf{0}_{\mathbb{R}^{4}}\} \\ \text{ If } \quad |\psi^{1}| &= \psi^{0}, \quad \text{ then } \quad \gamma = \psi^{0} \delta \left(\Omega - \frac{\psi^{1}}{\psi^{0}}\right) \end{split}$$



- 2. Kershaw, 1976
- 3. Akhiezer, 1962

M_1 closure

Advantages :

- Symmetric hyperbolic⁵
- Realizable
- Entropy decay⁵

Alternative computation :

Numerical cost :

- minimization problem
- numerical quadrature

$$\psi^{2} = \psi^{0} \left(\frac{1-\chi}{2} I d + \frac{3\chi - 1}{2} \frac{\psi^{1} \otimes \psi^{1}}{|\psi^{1}|^{2}} \right).$$

where χ depends only on $\frac{|\psi^1|}{\psi^0}$

^{5.} Levermore, J. Stat. Phys., 1995

Spherical coordinates : $\mu = \cos(\theta)$, $\theta \in [0, \pi]$

$$\Omega = \begin{pmatrix} \mu \\ \sqrt{1 - \mu^2} \cos \varphi \\ \sqrt{1 - \mu^2} \sin \varphi \end{pmatrix} , \quad \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{x}} \\ \mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{y}} \\ \mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{z}} \end{pmatrix} = \zeta \Omega = \begin{pmatrix} \zeta \mu \\ \zeta \sqrt{1 - \mu^2} \cos \varphi \\ \zeta \sqrt{1 - \mu^2} \sin \varphi \end{pmatrix}$$

Simplification : one angular dimension : $\mu \in [-1, 1]$.

N first moments

$$\begin{split} f^{i} &= 2\pi\zeta^{2}\int_{-1}^{1}f(\zeta,\mu)\mu^{i}d\mu = \zeta^{2}\langle f\mu^{i}\rangle, \ i\in\{0,N\},\\ F^{i} &= \frac{f^{i}}{\zeta^{2}}, \ \langle\Psi\rangle = 2\pi\,\int_{-1}^{1}\Psi(\mu)\,d\mu \end{split}$$

 F^0 : isotropic part of f

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Approximation of the collision operator

 \hookrightarrow C_{ee} non-linear : complicated angular moment extraction \hookrightarrow Approximated collisional operators : ⁵

 $C_{ee}(f,f) \approx Q_{ee}^0 = C_{ee}(F_0,F_0)$

Problem : No conservation of the realisibility domain ⁶.

Moment extraction :
$$\partial_t f + v \partial_x f = Q_{ee}^0 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \partial_t f^0 = Q_{ee}^0 \\ \partial_t f^1 = 0 \end{cases}$$

Initial conditions

$$f^{0}(t=0) = \frac{1}{3}\chi_{[0,3]}(\zeta), \ f^{1}(t=0) = \frac{1}{4}\chi_{[0,3]}(\zeta)$$

Asymptotic state for f^0 and f^1

$$f^0 = \sqrt{rac{2}{\pi}} \exp\left(rac{-\zeta^2}{2}
ight) \zeta^2 \;, \quad f^1(t=0) = rac{1}{4} \chi_{[0,3]}(\zeta)$$

5. Berezin, Khudick, Pekker, 1987, Buet, Cordier, 1998

6. J. Mallet, S. Brull and B. Dubroca. 2013.

Asymptotic state for Q_{ee}^0



FIGURE: f^0 et f^1 in function of ζ for the stationary state, $\zeta_{max} = 4$.

Conclusion : Non conservation of the realisability domain by Q_{ee}^0 .

Approximation of the collision operator

Equilibrium state of C_{ei} : set of isotropic functions $f = f(|\mathbf{v}|)$. Equilibrium state of C_{ee} : Maxwellian distribution

 $\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Isotropisation} & \text{Maxwellisation} \\ f(\mathbf{v}) & \rightarrow & f(|\mathbf{v}|) & \rightarrow & f(\mathbf{v}) = e^{-\frac{m\mathbf{v}^2}{2k_BT}} \\ & \nu_{ei} & \nu_{ee} \end{array}$

 \Rightarrow Linearisation of C_{ee} around the isotropic state.

$$Q_{e,e}(f) = \frac{1}{\zeta^2} \partial_{\zeta} \left(\zeta \int_0^{+\infty} \tilde{J}(\zeta,\zeta') \left[F^0(\zeta') \frac{1}{\zeta} \partial_{\zeta} f(\zeta) - f(\zeta) \frac{1}{\zeta'} \partial_{\zeta'} F^0(\zeta') \right] \zeta'^2 d\zeta' \right),$$
$$\tilde{J}(\zeta,\zeta') = \frac{2}{3} inf(\frac{1}{\zeta^3},\frac{1}{\zeta'^3}) \zeta'^2 \zeta^2.$$

Properties of the operator $Q(f) = Q_{ee}(f) + Q_{ei}(f)$

- Preserves mass and energy
- Dissipates entropy

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The M_1 -Ampère model

Simplified electrostatic case (B = 0) with one space dimension $(x \in \mathbb{R})$

Scaling used for collisional processes

$$ilde{t} =
u_{e,i}t, \qquad ilde{x} = x/\lambda_{e,i}, \qquad ilde{v} = v/v_{th}.$$

Dimensionless parameter

$$lpha = rac{\lambda_{De}}{\lambda_{ei}} \qquad \qquad lpha o 0 \; \Rightarrow \; {
m quasi-neutral regime}$$

$$(S_{\alpha}) \begin{cases} \partial_t f_0 + \nabla_x .(\zeta f_1) + \partial_{\zeta} \left(\frac{qE}{m} f_1\right) = Q_0(f_0), \\ \partial_t f_1 + \nabla_x .(\zeta f_2) + \partial_{\zeta} \left(\frac{qE}{m} f_2\right) - \frac{qE}{m\zeta}(f_0 - f_2) = Q_1(f_1) + Q_0(f_1), \\ \frac{\partial E}{\partial t} = -\frac{j}{\alpha^2}, \end{cases}$$

with Maxwell-Poisson satisfied at the initial time.

 $S_{\alpha} \rightarrow S_0$: singular limit \Rightarrow AP scheme.

Present case : $\alpha = 4.10^{-4}$

Relaxation of a localised temperature profile.

 \hookrightarrow Study of the non-local heat transport.



7. O.V Batishchev & al Physics of Plasmas (2002).

Results



Temperature (left)-Electric field (right)



Kinetic : [A.V. Bobylev, I.F. Potapenko, JCP, 2013] , 2 days, 80 process M1-AP : 3 minutes, 1 process.

Compution of transport plasma coefficient

• Plasma transport coefficients : Electric current density : *j*, Electron heat flux : *q*

$$j = \sigma E^* + \alpha \nabla_x T_e, \quad q = -\alpha T_e E^* - \chi \nabla_x T_e,$$

with

$$E^* = E + (1/(en_e))\nabla_x(n_eT_e)$$

- σ : electrical conductivity
- α : thermoelectric coefficient
- χ : thermal conductivity

Heat conductivity : κ

$$\kappa = \chi - \alpha^2 \frac{T_e}{\sigma}$$

Transport plasma coefficients



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FIGURE: Dose deposition (Monte-Carlo, left), M_1 (middle), M_2 (right) solvers

Monte-Carlo : 14 h; M_1 : 5 min; M_2 : 14 min

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- Introduction of angular moment models obtained from an entropy minimisation principle.
- Derivation of a new approached electron/electron collision operator satisfying : H theorem, preservation of the realisability domain.
- Coulpling with Maxwell, implementation and tests close to the quasi-neutral regime
- Precise transport plasma coefficients

Related results

- Derivation of an entropic scheme
- Long time behaviour \Rightarrow Asymptotic preserving scheme
- Limit of the M_1 and M_2 model for collisionless plasma applications.
- Motion of ions (hydrodynamic description) \Rightarrow moving frame

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