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# **Second order Gyrokinetic theory for Particle-In-Cell codes**

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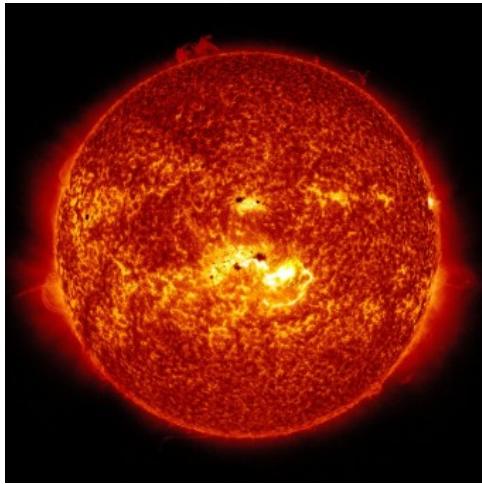
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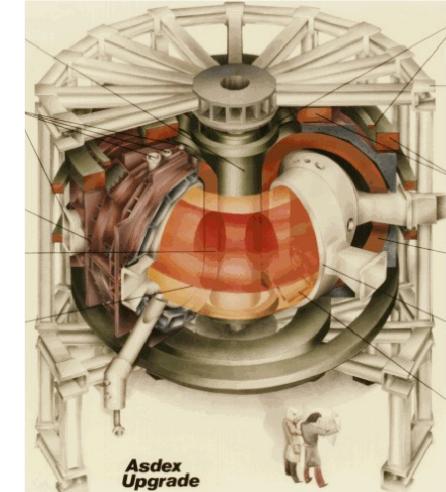
# From kinetics to gyrokinetics (GK)



## Fusion reaction



## From the Sun to Laboratory



## Plasma with strong magnetic field: fusion plasma

Multi-scaled motion of charged particles

$\theta$  fast angle (gyroangle)

$\mu = mv_{\perp}^2 / 2B$  slow adiabatic invariant

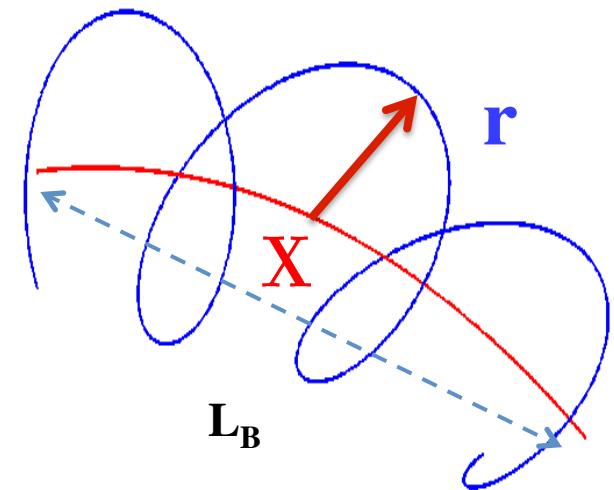
**Gyrokinetics:** removing the fastest gyro-motion from the dynamical description;

## Gain of calculation time

6D (kinetic)

(4+1)D (gyrokinetic)

$$(x, p) \longrightarrow (X, p, \mu, \theta)$$

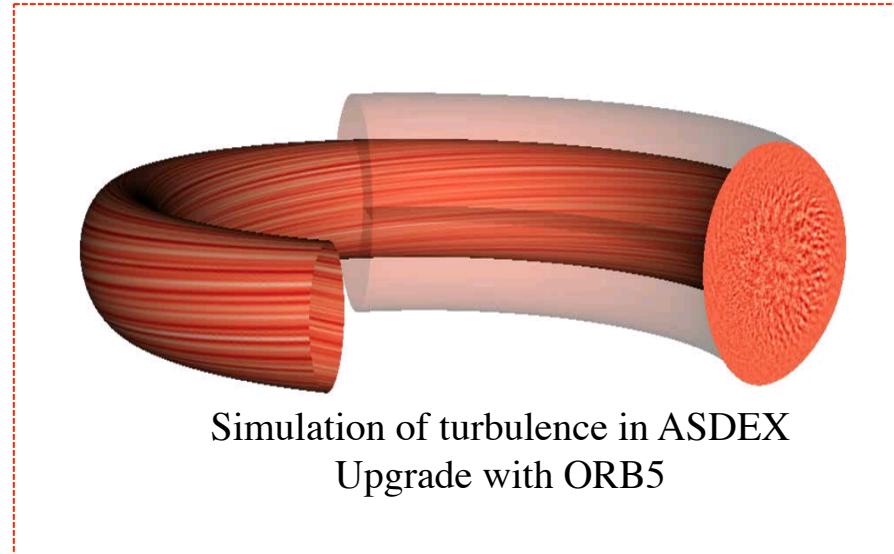


$L_B$  spatial length of magnetic field curvature variation

# Introduction



- **Gyrokinetic theory: an important theoretical tool for magnetised plasma simulations**
- **An accurate tool for modeling of turbulent transport:**  
**major issue for plasma confinement**
- Various theoretical nomenclature & orderings :  
different Gyrokinetic (GK) models (set of equations)
- Various numerical implementations : **are the numerical results trustworthy?**
- Most popular numerical implementations
  - **PIC codes (ORB5, EUTERPE etc)**
  - **Vlasov (Eulerian) codes:**  
grid based (**GENE, GKW**)
  - **Semi-Lagrangian codes**  
(**GYSELA**)



# VeriGyro: a project on GK code verification



- GK codes: significant development: **global electromagnetic implementations**
  - Electrostatic gyrokinetic implementations : theory & simulations: **well established**
  - **Global electromagnetic gyrokinetic implementations:**
    - Next level of complexity: Alfvèn physics
    - A lot of freedom for approximations (Poisson and Ampère equations)
    - **Different codes implement different version of GK equations**
- **Goals:**
  - Building up the general hierarchy of the GK equations implemented numerically
  - **Global electromagnetic** Intercode benchmark

**VeriGyro has been  
Successfully delivered  
2014-2017**

- **Focus Today**

**ORB5** [*Jolliet Comp. Phys. Comm. 2007; Bottino PPCF, 2011; Tronko Phys. Pl., 2016*]

# GK Orderings



- **Guiding-center:** background quantities:
- **Gyrocenter:** fluctuating fields:



- Anisotropy of turbulence

- **Ordering defines physics: There is NO unique gyrokinetic model**

- Gyrokinetics

$$k_{\perp} \rho_i \sim 1$$

- Drift-kinetics

$$k_{\perp} \rho_i \ll 1$$

- Maximal ordering

$$\epsilon_B \sim \epsilon_{\delta}$$

- Code ordering

$$\epsilon_B \ll \epsilon_{\delta}$$

- High  $\beta$  (GENE local)

$$\delta B_{\parallel}/B \sim \delta B_{\perp}/B$$

- Low  $\beta$  (ORB5)

$$\delta B_{\parallel}/B \ll \delta B_{\perp}/B$$

[Tronko, Chandre, arXiv:1709.05222, 2017]  $\epsilon_B = \epsilon_{\delta}^2$

[Brizard, Hahm Rev.Mod.Phys., 2007]  $\epsilon_B = \epsilon_{\delta}^{3/2}$

$$\epsilon_B = \rho_0 |\nabla B/B|$$

$$\epsilon_{\delta} = (k_{\perp} \rho_i) \frac{e \delta \phi}{T_i}$$

$$\epsilon_{\omega} = \frac{\omega}{\Omega_{ci}}$$

$$\epsilon_{\parallel} = k_{\parallel}/k_{\perp} \ll 1$$

$$\epsilon_{\parallel} \sim \epsilon_{\omega} \sim \epsilon_{\delta}$$

# Gyrokinetic field theory: concept



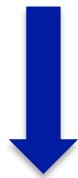
## Particles(GK) dynamical reduction

Goal: remove fastest scale of motion



Gauge transformation & Canonical Lie-Transform

**Guiding-center**

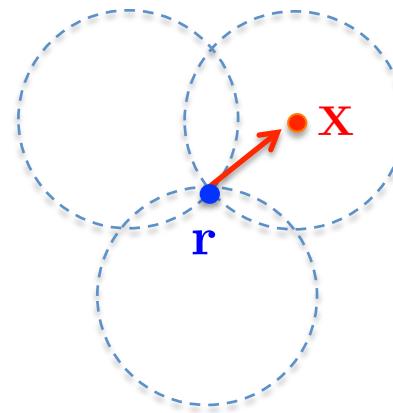


Canonical Lie-Transform

**Gyrocenter**

## Variational principle:

Coupling fields & gyrocenters



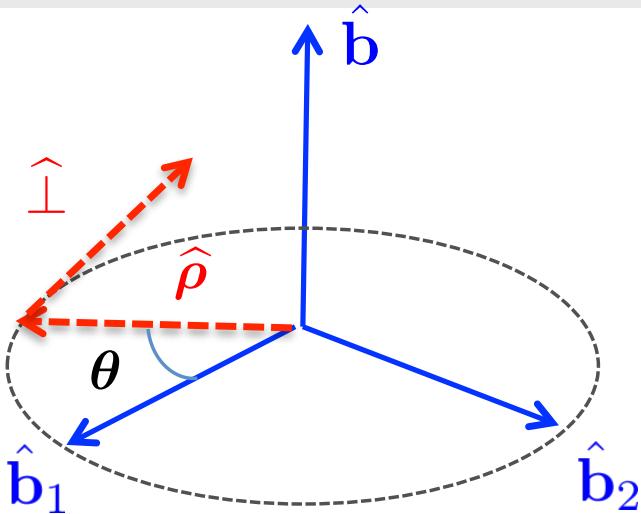
Reduced GK Vlasov+ GK Maxwell equations

Bonus: Noether theorem for energy conservation diagnostics

- Polarization effects: fields and particles are not evaluated at the same position anymore: polarization shifts in GK Ampère and Poisson equations

Field theory guarantees consistency

# Local particle coordinates



- Non-canonical local particle coordinates 6D:

$$\mathbf{Z}^\alpha = (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}) \rightarrow (\mathbf{x}, v_{\parallel}, \mu, \theta)$$

- Rotating particle basis:

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\perp} &= -\hat{b}_1 \sin \theta - \hat{b}_2 \cos \theta \\ \hat{\rho} &= \hat{b}_1 \cos \theta - \hat{b}_2 \sin \theta\end{aligned}$$

}

- Magnetic Momentum:  
*adiabatic invariant*

$$\mu = \frac{mv_{\perp}^2}{2B}$$

- Velocity vector decomposition

$$\mathbf{v} = v_{\parallel} \hat{\mathbf{b}} = \mathbf{v}_{\perp} = v_{\parallel} \hat{\mathbf{b}} + (2\mu m B)^{1/2} \hat{\perp}$$

- **Goal of the dynamical reduction:** build up a change of variables such that  
fast gyromotion is uncoupled  $\dot{\mu} = 0$

- Relevant dynamics on the reduced (4+1)D phase space:

$$(\mathbf{X}, v_{\parallel}; \mu)$$

# Gyrokinetic field theory: ORB5



- Common framework for code models derivation: [Sugama Phys. Pl. 2000]

$$L = \sum_{\text{sp}} \int d\Omega_0 F(\mathbf{Z}_0, t_0) L_p(\mathbf{Z}(\mathbf{Z}_0, t_0; t), \dot{\mathbf{Z}}(\mathbf{Z}_0, t_0; t), t) + \int dV \frac{|\mathbf{E}_1|^2 - |\mathbf{B}_1|^2}{8\pi}$$

- Phase-space volume  $d\Omega = dV dW$
- Time-independent: **ORB5**
- **Conserved**  $d\Omega_0 = d\Omega$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{Z} &= (\mathbf{X}, p_z, \mu, \theta); dW = \frac{2\pi}{m^2} B_{\parallel}^* dp_z d\mu \\ p_z &= mv_{\parallel} + \frac{e}{c} \epsilon_{\delta} A_{1\parallel} \quad \mathbf{B}^* = \nabla \times \left( \mathbf{A} + \frac{c}{e} p_z \hat{\mathbf{b}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

- Vlasov constraint: Distribution function of species “sp”:
- Conserved along the characteristics  $F(\mathbf{Z}_0, t_0) = F(\mathbf{Z}, t)$
- Gyrocenter Lagrangian: reduced motion of a single particle (code ordering)

$$L_p = \left( \frac{e}{c} \mathbf{A} + \left( \frac{e}{c} \epsilon_{\delta} A_{1\parallel} + mv_{\parallel} \right) \hat{\mathbf{b}} \right) \cdot \dot{\mathbf{X}} + \frac{mc}{e} \mu \dot{\theta} - H$$

- Hamiltonian decomposition
- Linear Dynamics

$$H = H_0 + \epsilon_{\delta} H_1 + \epsilon_{\delta}^2 H_2$$

$$H_1^{\text{ORB5}} = -e \mathcal{J}_0^{\text{gc}} (\psi_1^{\text{ORB5}})$$

- Non-perturbed dynamics  $H_0^{\text{ORB5}} = \frac{p_z^2}{2m} + \mu B$

$$\psi_1^{\text{ORB5}} = \phi_1 - \mathbf{A}_{1\parallel} p_z / m$$

# Hamiltonian hierarchy: Theory & ORB5



- Theory: full FLR electromagnetic Hamiltonian **correspondance to Hahm's 1988 electrostatic model**  $\epsilon_{\perp} = k_{\perp}\rho_0 = 1$

$$H_{2\text{full}}^{\text{THEORY}} = \frac{e^2}{2mc^2} \mathcal{J}_0^{\text{gc}} (\mathbf{A}_{1\parallel}(\mathbf{X} + \boldsymbol{\rho}_0)^2) - \frac{e^2}{2B} \mathcal{J}_0^{\text{gc}} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \tilde{\psi}_1^{\text{ORB5}}(\mathbf{X} + \boldsymbol{\rho}_0)^2 \right)$$

$$\psi_1^{\text{ORB5}} = \phi_1 - \mathbf{A}_{1\parallel} p_z / m$$

Electromagnetic coupling between  
GK Poisson and Ampère equations

- Up to the 2<sup>nd</sup> order FLR truncation : long wavelength approximation  $\epsilon_{\perp} = k_{\perp}\rho_0 \ll 1$

$$H_2^{\text{FLR}} = \frac{e^2}{2mc^2} A_{1\parallel}(\mathbf{X})^2 + \frac{\mu}{2B} |\nabla_{\perp} A_{1\parallel}(\mathbf{X})|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\mu}{B} A_{1\parallel} \nabla_{\perp}^2 A_{1\parallel}(\mathbf{X}) - \frac{mc^2}{2B^2} \left| \nabla_{\perp} \phi_1(\mathbf{X}) - \frac{p_z}{mc} A_{1\parallel}(\mathbf{X}) \right|^2$$

- ORB5 up to the 2<sup>nd</sup> order FLR: truncation of semi-electromagnetic  $H_{2\text{full}}^{\text{ORB5}}$   
 $\epsilon_{\perp} = k_{\perp}\rho_0 \ll 1 \quad \beta \ll 1$

$$H_2^{\text{ORB5}} = \frac{e^2}{2mc^2} A_{1\parallel}(\mathbf{X})^2 + \frac{\mu}{2B} |\nabla_{\perp} A_{1\parallel}(\mathbf{X})|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\mu}{B} A_{1\parallel} \nabla_{\perp}^2 A_{1\parallel}(\mathbf{X}) - \frac{mc^2}{2B^2} |\nabla_{\perp} \phi_1(\mathbf{X})|^2$$

Uncoupled GK Poisson and Ampère equations



# How to build up a GK model consistently?

- All approximations **should** be performed on the Lagrangian  $L$  **before** deriving the equations of motion:
  - Approach guarantees energetic consistency of final equations
  - Symmetry properties of Lagrangian are automatically transferred to the equations
  - **Significant numerical advantage:** Use conserved quantities for building code diagnostics: ORB5 new physics of electromagnetic microinstabilities
- **Set up polarization effects into the system (choose from hierarchy of models):**
  - **Choice of the second order gyrocenter Hamiltonian defines reduced field- particles dynamics**



# Quasi-neutrality approximation

- Electrostatic contributions from fields and gyrocenter polarization:
- Example: ORB5 long-wavelength

$$\int dV \frac{|\mathbf{E}_1|^2}{8\pi} + \int d\Omega F \frac{mc^2}{2B^2} |\nabla_{\perp} \phi_1|^2 = \frac{1}{8\pi} \int dV \left( 1 + \frac{\rho_s^2}{\lambda_d^2} \right) |\nabla_{\perp} \phi_1|^2$$

- Comparing the Electric field energy: Maxwell's field term & the polarization from the second order particle dynamics

$$H_2^{\text{ORB5}} = \frac{e^2}{2mc^2} A_{1\parallel}(\mathbf{X})^2 + \frac{\mu}{2B} |\nabla_{\perp} A_{1\parallel}(\mathbf{X})|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\mu}{B} A_{1\parallel} \nabla_{\perp}^2 A_{1\parallel}(\mathbf{X}) - \frac{mc^2}{2B^2} |\nabla_{\perp} \phi_1(\mathbf{X})|^2$$

$$\lambda_d^2 = \frac{k_B T_e}{4\pi n e^2}$$

$$k_{\perp} \rho_0 \ll 1$$

$$\rho_s^2 = \frac{k_B T_e m c^2}{e^2 B^2}$$

Debye length

$$\frac{\rho_s^2}{\lambda_d^2} = \frac{4\pi n m c^2}{B^2} = \frac{c^2}{v_A^2} \gg 1$$

Sound ion Larmor radius



# Linearised polarization approximation: ORB5

- Quasi-neutrality approximated Lagrangian

$$L = \sum_{\text{sp}} \int dV \, dW \left( \dot{\mathbf{X}} + \frac{mc}{e} \mu \dot{\theta} - H \right) F - \int dV \frac{|\nabla \times \mathbf{A}_1|^2}{8\pi}$$

- Towards Poisson and Ampère equations with linearised polarization:

- Hamiltonian decomposition

$$H = H_0 + \epsilon_\delta H_1 + \epsilon_\delta^2 H_2$$

- Linear dynamical  $(H_0 + \epsilon_\delta H_1) F$

- Nonlinear non-dynamical  $\epsilon_\delta^2 H_2^{\text{ORB5}} F_0$

- Low- $\beta$  approximation

$$|B_\perp| = |\nabla_\perp A_{1\parallel}|$$

- Long-wavelength approximation  $\epsilon_\delta^2 H_2^{\text{ORB5}} F_0$

- Semi-electromagnetic full FLR  $\epsilon_\delta^2 H_{2\text{full}}^{\text{ORB5}} F_0$



- Up to  $\sim \mathcal{O}(\epsilon_\delta^2)$

$$L = \sum_{\text{sp}} \int d\Omega \left( \dot{\mathbf{X}} + \frac{mc}{e} \mu \dot{\theta} - (H_0 + \epsilon_\delta H_1) \right) F - \epsilon_\delta^2 \sum_{\text{sp}} \int d\Omega H_2^{\text{ORB5}} F_0 - \epsilon_\delta^2 \int dV \frac{|\nabla_\perp \mathbf{A}_{1\parallel}|^2}{8\pi}$$



# Linearised GK Field equations: ORB5

- Phase space volume

$$d\Omega = dV \ dW$$

- **Polarization equation in a weak form**

$$\frac{\delta L}{\delta \phi_1} \circ \hat{\phi}_1 = 0 \quad \rightarrow$$

$$\epsilon_\delta \sum_{\text{sp}} \int d\Omega \ F_0 \ \frac{mc^2}{B^2} |\nabla_\perp \phi_1|^2 = \sum_{\text{sp}} \int d\Omega \ \mathcal{J}_0^{\text{gc}} (\phi_1) (F_0 + \epsilon_\delta F_1)$$

- Test function

$$\hat{\phi}_1 = \phi_1$$

- **Ampère's equation in a weak form**

$$\frac{\delta L}{\delta A_{1\parallel}} \circ \hat{A}_{1\parallel} = 0 \quad \rightarrow$$

- Test function

$$\hat{A}_{1\parallel} = A_{1\parallel}$$

$$\int dV \ \frac{1}{4\pi} |\nabla_\perp A_{1\parallel}|^2 + \epsilon_\delta \sum_{\text{sp}} \int d\Omega \frac{e^2}{mc^2} (\mathcal{J}_0^{\text{gc}} A_{1\parallel})^2 F_0 = \sum_{\text{sp}} \int d\Omega \frac{p_z}{mc} \mathcal{J}_0^{\text{gc}} (A_{1\parallel}) (F_0 + \epsilon_\delta F_1)$$

# GK Vlasov equation: ORB5



- Vlasov equation is reconstructed from the characteristics

$$\frac{\delta L}{\delta \mathbf{Z}} = 0$$



$$\dot{\mathbf{X}} = \frac{\partial(H_0 + \epsilon_\delta H_1)}{\partial p_z} \frac{\mathbf{B}^*}{B_{\parallel}^*} - \frac{c}{e B_{\parallel}^*} \hat{\mathbf{b}} \times \nabla(H_0 + \epsilon_\delta H_1)$$

$$\mathbf{Z} = (\mathbf{X}, p_z, \mu)$$

$$\dot{p}_z = -\frac{\mathbf{B}^*}{B_{\parallel}^*} \cdot \nabla (H_0 + \epsilon_\delta H_1)$$



$$\frac{d}{dt} f(\mathbf{Z}[\mathbf{Z}_0, t_0, t]; t) = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} f(\mathbf{Z}, t) + \frac{d\mathbf{Z}}{dt} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{Z}} f(\mathbf{Z}, t)$$

- δf model requiers linearized characteristics : only  $\mathbf{H}_0$  and  $\mathbf{H}_1$
- Full-f (nonlinear) model require  $\mathbf{H}_2$  contributions in the characteristics

# Electromagnetic J.E diagnostics



- Noether theorem

$$\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{E}_k + \mathcal{E}_F$$

$$\mathcal{E}_k = \sum_{sp} \int d\Omega \left( \frac{p_z^2}{2m} + \mu B \right) (F_0 + \epsilon_\delta F_1)$$

$$\mathcal{E}_F = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{sp} \int d\Omega (F_0 + \epsilon_\delta F_1) \left[ \phi_1 - \frac{ep_z}{mc} A_{1\parallel} \right]$$

- Growth rate measure

$$\gamma = \frac{1}{2\mathcal{E}_F} \frac{d\mathcal{E}_k}{dt} = -\frac{1}{2\mathcal{E}_F} \frac{d\mathcal{E}_F}{dt}$$

$$\frac{d\mathcal{E}_k}{dt} = \sum_{sp} \int d\Omega (F_0 + \epsilon_\delta F_1) \nabla \mathcal{J}_0^{gc} \left( \phi_1 - \frac{ep_z}{mc} A_{1\parallel} \right) \cdot (\mathbf{v}_\parallel + \mathbf{v}_{\nabla P} + \mathbf{v}_{\nabla B})$$

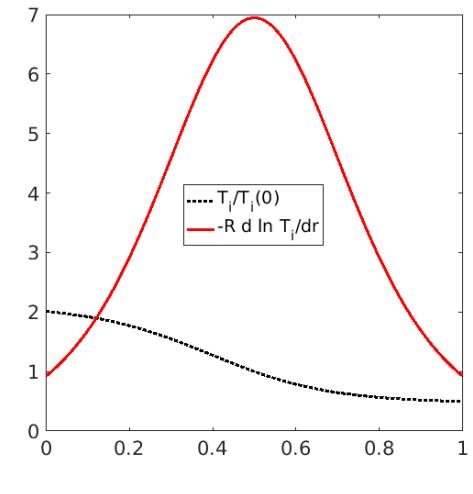
$$-\sum_{sp} \int d\Omega (F_0 + \epsilon_\delta F_1) \nabla \mathcal{J}_0^{gc} \left( \frac{ep_z}{mc} A_{1\parallel} \right) \cdot \left[ \mu B \nabla \cdot \hat{\mathbf{b}} + \frac{\mu c}{eB_{\parallel}^*} p_z \hat{\mathbf{b}} \times \left( \hat{\mathbf{b}} \times \frac{\nabla \times \mathbf{B}}{B} \right) \cdot \nabla B \right]$$

- Electromagnetic simulations: while  $\beta$  increases  $\mathcal{E}_F = 0$   $\beta = 0.1\%$   
Mode changes signature: Electromagnetic ITG with KBM destabilizing mechanism
- Real bifurcation from ITG to KBM at  $\beta = 1.378\%$

# Profiles. Cyclone Base Case

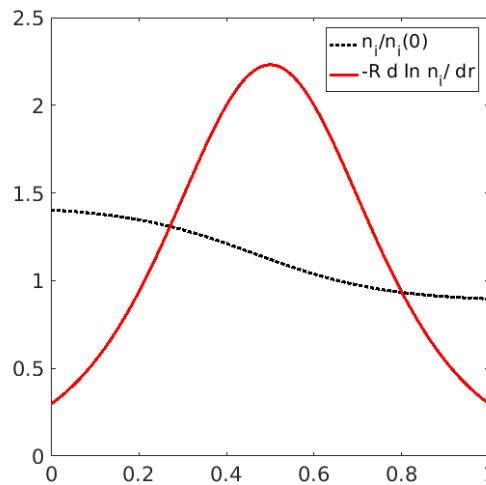


- Common framework for benchmark: [\[Dimits, Phys. Pl. 2000\]](#)



electrostatic simulations, adiabatic electrons

- The original discharge DIII-D:  
**H-mode shot #81499 at  $t=4000$  ms;**  
**flux tube label  $r=0.5a$**



$$q(r) = 0.86 - 0.16(r/a) + 2.52(r/a)^2$$

$$A(r) = A(r_0) \exp \left[ -\kappa_A a \Delta A \tanh \left( \frac{r - r_0}{\Delta A a} \right) \right]$$

$$\Delta T_i = \Delta n = 0.3$$

$$\kappa_{T_i} = 6.96 \quad \kappa_n = 2.23 \quad T_e/T_i = 1$$

# $E_F$ diagnostics: New effects of electromagnetic microinstabilities



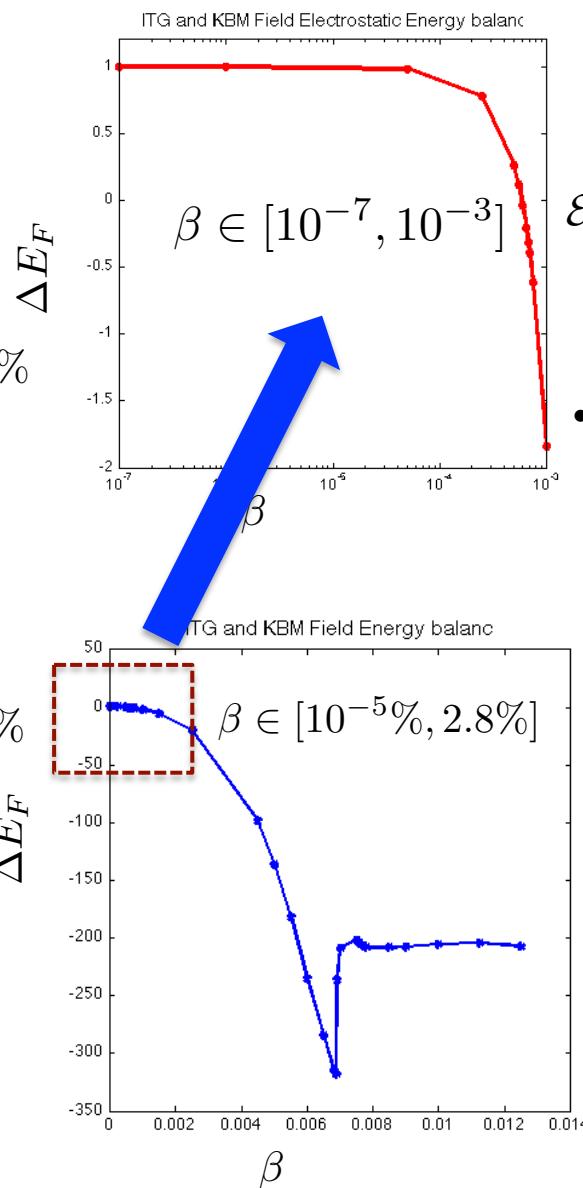
$$\Delta E_F = \frac{E_{F;ES} - E_{F;EM}}{E_{F;ES}}$$

$$\Delta E_F(\beta) = 0 \Rightarrow \beta = 0.1\%$$

Change of destabilizing mechanism:  
ITG to KBM

$$\min \Delta E_F(\beta) \Rightarrow \beta = 1.378\%$$

ITG to KBM bifurcation



- Electrostatic component of field energy

$$E_{F;ES} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{sp} \int d\Omega (F_0 + \epsilon_\delta F_1) \phi_1$$

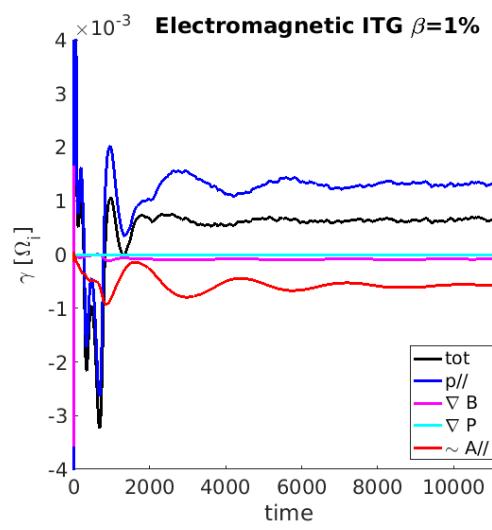
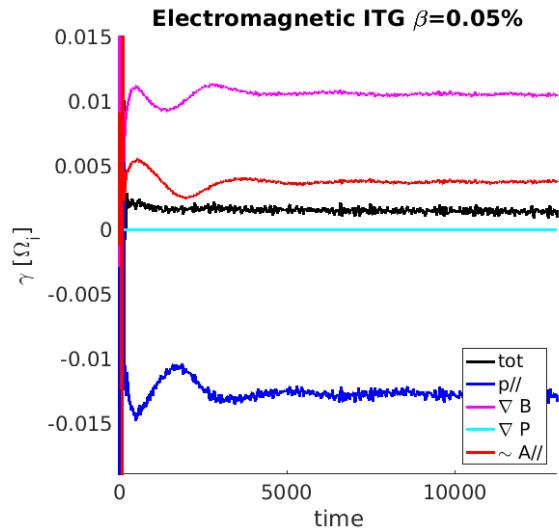
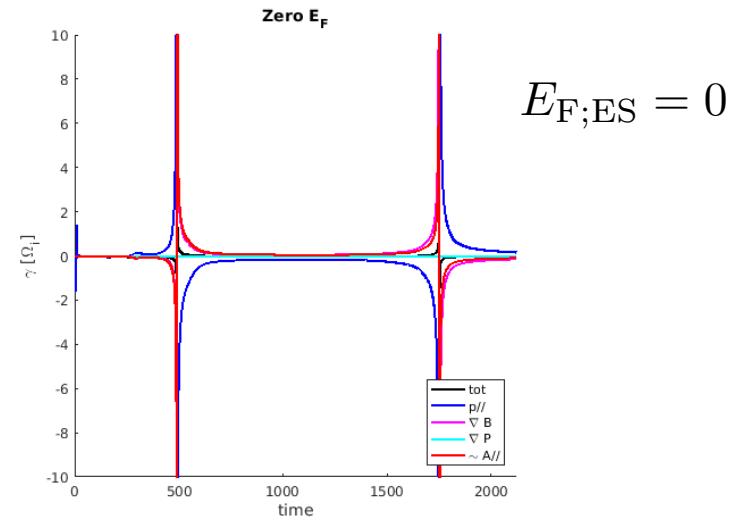
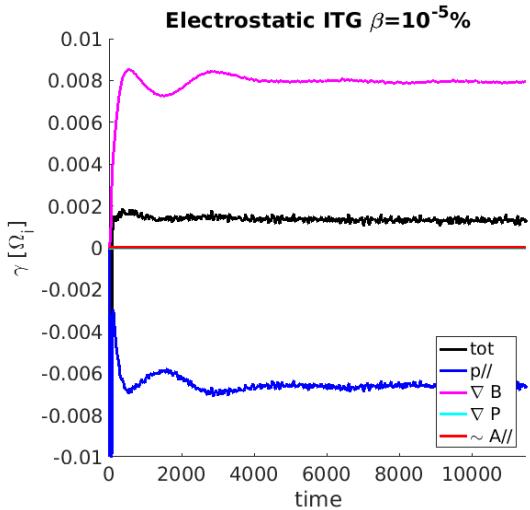
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$$E_{F;EM} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{sp} \int d\Omega (F_0 + \epsilon_\delta F_1) \frac{ep_z}{mc} A_{1\parallel}$$

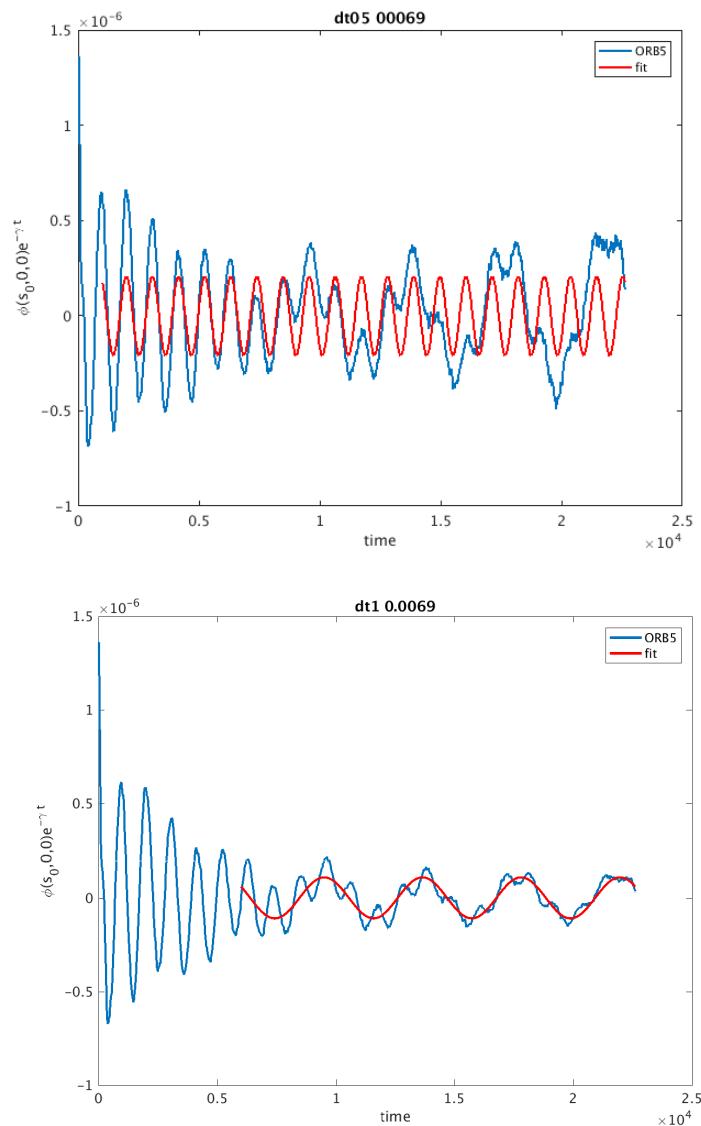
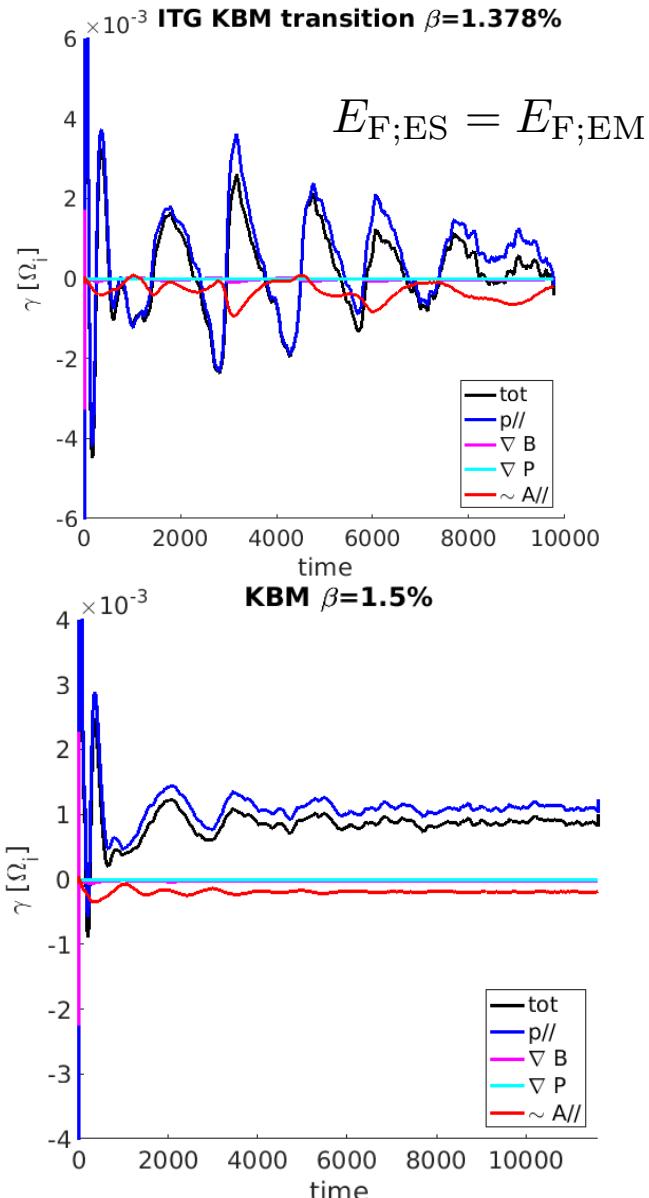
- Electromagnetic component of field energy

$$E_{F;EM} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{sp} \int d\Omega (F_0 + \epsilon_\delta F_1) \frac{ep_z}{mc} A_{1\parallel}$$

# Linear electromagnetic simulations: kinetic electrons



# ITG to KBM transition



# Guiding-center dynamical reduction



- Charged particle; magnetic field       $\gamma = \left( \frac{e}{\epsilon c} \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}) + m\mathbf{v} \right) \cdot d\mathbf{x} - H dt.$
- $\epsilon = \frac{c}{e}$       **Northrop 1960**       $H = \frac{m\mathbf{v}^2}{2}$   
Formal parameter proportional to inverse of the amplitude of magnetic field
- Particle position : instantaneous rotation center and Larmor radius       $\mathbf{x} = \bar{\mathbf{x}} + \boldsymbol{\rho}_0$ 
  - **Exact solution in SLAB geometry Exists**

$$\epsilon_B = \rho_0 \left| \frac{\nabla B}{B} \right| \sim \rho_i \rho_j \left| \partial^2 \mathbf{A} / \partial \bar{x}_i \partial \bar{x}_j \right|$$

- **Real physical ordering:** with respect to curvature of magnetic field

$$\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{v} + \frac{e}{\epsilon mc} \left[ \mathbf{A}(\bar{\mathbf{x}} + \boldsymbol{\rho}_0) - \mathbf{A}(\bar{\mathbf{x}}) - (\boldsymbol{\rho}_0 \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{A}(\bar{\mathbf{x}}) - \frac{1}{2} (\boldsymbol{\rho}_0 \boldsymbol{\rho}_0 : \nabla \nabla) \mathbf{A}(\bar{\mathbf{x}}) \right]$$

Infinitesimal shift in velocity       $\sim \mathcal{O}(\epsilon_B^2)$

$$\mathbf{w} = w_{\parallel} \hat{\mathbf{b}}(\mathbf{x}) + w_{\perp} \hat{\perp}(\theta, \mathbf{x})$$

# Guiding-center gauge transformation



$$\gamma = \gamma_0 + \gamma_1 + d\sigma_1 + \sum_{i=2}^4 d\sigma_i + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon_B^2)$$

[Littlejohn 1983]

- Symplectic part free from oscillations
- Hamiltonian
- Oscillating part we aim to eliminate up to the second order in  $\epsilon_B$

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma_0 &= \left( \frac{e}{\epsilon c} \mathbf{A}(\bar{\mathbf{x}}) + m w_{\parallel} \hat{\mathbf{b}}(\bar{\mathbf{x}}) \right) \cdot d\bar{\mathbf{x}} - H dt \\ H &= m w_{\parallel}^2 / 2 + m w_{\perp}^2 / 2\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma_1 = & \left( \frac{e}{\epsilon c} (\boldsymbol{\rho}_0 \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{A} + \frac{e}{2\epsilon c} (\boldsymbol{\rho}_0 \boldsymbol{\rho}_0 : \nabla \nabla) \mathbf{A} + \boxed{m w_{\perp} \hat{\mathbf{L}}(\theta, \bar{\mathbf{x}} + \boldsymbol{\rho}_0)} + \boxed{m w_{\parallel} [\hat{\mathbf{b}}(\bar{\mathbf{x}} + \boldsymbol{\rho}_0) - \hat{\mathbf{b}}(\bar{\mathbf{x}})]} \right) \cdot d\bar{\mathbf{x}} \\ & + \left( \frac{e}{\epsilon c} \mathbf{A} + \frac{e}{\epsilon c} (\boldsymbol{\rho}_0 \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{A} + \frac{e}{2\epsilon c} (\boldsymbol{\rho}_0 \boldsymbol{\rho}_0 : \nabla \nabla) \mathbf{A} + m w_{\perp} \hat{\mathbf{L}}(\theta, \bar{\mathbf{x}} + \boldsymbol{\rho}_0) + m w_{\parallel} \hat{\mathbf{b}}(\bar{\mathbf{x}} + \boldsymbol{\rho}_0) \right) \cdot d\boldsymbol{\rho}_0.\end{aligned}$$

- physical ordering in  $\epsilon_B$
- First gauge transformation  $\sigma_1 = -\frac{e}{\epsilon c} \mathbf{A} \cdot \boldsymbol{\rho}_0 - \frac{e}{2\epsilon c} (\boldsymbol{\rho}_0 \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{A} \cdot \boldsymbol{\rho}_0 - \frac{e}{6\epsilon c} (\boldsymbol{\rho}_0 \boldsymbol{\rho}_0 : \nabla \nabla) \mathbf{A} \cdot \boldsymbol{\rho}_0$
- Defining Larmor radius, eliminating  $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon_B^0)$  oscillating terms  $\boldsymbol{\rho}_0 = \epsilon \frac{m w_{\perp} c}{e B} \hat{\boldsymbol{\rho}}$

# Guiding-center gauge transformation



- Near identity coordinate transformation

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{\mathbf{x}} &= \mathbf{X} + \boldsymbol{\xi}(\mathbf{X}, W_{\parallel}, W_{\perp}, \Theta) \\ w_{\parallel} &= W_{\parallel} + \mathcal{W}_{\parallel}(\mathbf{X}, W_{\parallel}, W_{\perp}, \Theta) \quad \boldsymbol{\xi} \sim \mathcal{W}_{\parallel} \sim \mathcal{W}_{\perp} \sim \mathcal{T} \sim \mathcal{O}(\epsilon_B) \\ w_{\perp} &= W_{\perp} + \mathcal{W}_{\perp}(\mathbf{X}, W_{\parallel}, W_{\perp}, \Theta) \\ \theta &= \Theta + \mathcal{T}(\mathbf{X}, W_{\parallel}, W_{\perp}, \Theta)\end{aligned}$$

- Gauge transformation defines  $\Theta$ -independent symplectic form and new coordinates

$$\Gamma = \gamma_0^{\text{symp}} + \gamma_1 + d\sigma_1 + d\sigma_2 + d\sigma_3 + d\sigma_4 = \left[ \frac{e}{\epsilon c} \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{X}) + mW_{\parallel} \hat{\mathbf{b}}(\mathbf{X}) - \epsilon \frac{mc}{e} \mu \mathbf{R} \right] \cdot d\mathbf{X} + \epsilon \frac{mc}{e} \mu d\Theta$$

$$\sigma_2 = -\frac{e}{\epsilon c} \mathbf{A} \cdot \boldsymbol{\xi} \quad \mathbf{R} = \nabla \hat{\mathbf{b}}_1 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{b}}_2 \sim \mathcal{O}(\epsilon_B)$$

$$\sigma_3 = -mW_{\parallel} \hat{\mathbf{b}} \cdot \boldsymbol{\xi} - \epsilon \frac{m^2 W_{\perp}^2 c}{2eB} \mathcal{T} \quad \mu = \frac{mW_{\perp}^2}{2B^2}$$

$$\sigma_4 = -\epsilon^2 \frac{m^3 c^2}{4e^2 B^2} W_{\parallel} W_{\perp}^2 \left[ (\hat{\rho} \cdot \nabla) \hat{\mathbf{b}} \cdot \hat{\rho} + (\hat{\perp} \cdot \nabla) \hat{\mathbf{b}} \cdot \hat{\perp} \right]$$

- Hamiltonian still being  $\Theta$ -dependent therefore final coordinate change is required

$$H = \frac{1}{2} mW_{\parallel}^2 + \frac{1}{2} mW_{\perp}^2 + m(W_{\parallel} \mathcal{W}_{\parallel} + W_{\perp} \mathcal{W}_{\perp}) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon_B^2) \quad \Theta\text{-dependent}$$

Last step: canonical Lie-transform on Hamiltonian to remove  $\Theta$ -dependency

# Canonical Guiding-center Lie transform



- Formal scales separation in the Poisson bracket

$$\{F, G\}_{\text{gc}} = \epsilon^{-1} \{F, G\}_{-1} + \{F, G\}_0 + \epsilon \{F, G\}_1$$

- Canonical Lie-transform (infinitesimal transformation)

$$\bar{H}(\mathbf{z}) = e^{-\mathcal{L}_S} H(\mathbf{Z}) = H - \{S, H\}_{\text{gc}} + \frac{1}{2} \{S, \{S, H\}_{\text{gc}}\}_{\text{gc}} + \mathcal{O}(S^3)$$

- Coordinate transform is constructed simultaneously

$$\mathbf{z} = e^{\mathcal{L}_S} \mathbf{Z}$$



$$\begin{aligned}\bar{\mathbf{x}} &= \mathbf{X} + \boldsymbol{\xi} + \{S, \mathbf{X}\}_{\text{gc}} \\ w_{\parallel} &= W_{\parallel} + \mathcal{W}_{\parallel} + \{S, W_{\parallel}\}_{\text{gc}} \\ w_{\perp} &= W_{\perp} + \mathcal{W}_{\perp} + \{S, W_{\perp}\}_{\text{gc}} \\ \theta &= \Theta + \mathcal{T} + \{S, \Theta\}_{\text{gc}},\end{aligned}$$

- Scalar invariance  $\bar{H}(\mathbf{z}) = H(\mathbf{Z})$

# Guiding-center Poisson bracket



- Inverting the symplectic matrix

$$\omega = d\Gamma = \omega_{ij} dz^i \wedge dz^j$$



$$\{F, G\}_{\text{gc}} = \frac{\partial F}{\partial z^i} (\omega^{-1})^{ij} \frac{\partial G}{\partial z^j}$$

$$\{F, G\}_{\text{gc}} = \frac{e}{\epsilon mc} \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial \Theta} \frac{\partial G}{\partial \mu} - \frac{\partial F}{\partial \mu} \frac{\partial G}{\partial \Theta} \right) + \frac{\mathbf{B}^*}{m B_\parallel^*} \cdot \left( \nabla F \frac{\partial G}{\partial W_\parallel} - \frac{\partial F}{\partial W_\parallel} \nabla G \right) - \epsilon \frac{c \hat{\mathbf{b}}}{e B_\parallel^*} \cdot (\nabla F \times \nabla G)$$

- Symplectic magnetic field

$$\mathbf{B}^* = \mathbf{B} + \epsilon \frac{mc}{e} W_\parallel \nabla \times \hat{\mathbf{b}} - \epsilon^2 \frac{mc^2}{e^2} \mu \nabla \times \mathbf{R}$$

$$\sim \mathcal{O}(\epsilon_B^2)$$

$$\mu = \frac{m W_\perp^2}{2 B^2}$$

# Guiding-center generating function



$$H = \frac{1}{2}mW_{\parallel}^2 + \frac{1}{2}mW_{\perp}^2 + m(W_{\parallel}\mathcal{W}_{\parallel} + W_{\perp}\mathcal{W}_{\perp}) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon_B^2)$$

$H_0$ 
 $H_1 \sim \mathcal{O}(\epsilon_B)$

- **Formal scales separation in the Poisson bracket**

$$\{F, G\}_{\text{gc}} = \epsilon^{-1}\{F, G\}_{-1} + \{F, G\}_0 + \epsilon\{F, G\}_1$$

$$H_1 = \widetilde{H}_1 + \langle H_1 \rangle \quad \langle H_1 \rangle = (2\pi)^{-1} \int_0^{2\pi} d\Theta H_1$$

$$\bar{H} = H_0 + \epsilon_B \left( \langle H_1 \rangle + \boxed{\widetilde{H}_1 - \{S_1, H_0\}_{-1}} - \epsilon \{S_1, H_0\}_0 - \epsilon^2 \{S_1, H_0\}_1 \right) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon_B^2)$$



$\sim \mathcal{O}(\epsilon_B)$



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$$\boxed{\frac{\partial S_1}{\partial \Theta} + \epsilon \frac{m^2 c}{eB} (W_{\parallel} \widetilde{\mathcal{W}}_{\parallel} + W_{\perp} \widetilde{\mathcal{W}}_{\perp}) = 0}$$

# Guiding-center reduced dynamics



$$S_{\text{gc}} = \epsilon^2 \frac{m^3 c^2}{e^2 B^2} \left[ \frac{W_\perp^3}{3B} \hat{\perp} \cdot \nabla B + \frac{W_\parallel W_\perp^2}{8} \left( (\hat{\rho} \cdot \nabla) \hat{\mathbf{b}} \cdot \hat{\rho} - (\hat{\perp} \cdot \nabla) \hat{\mathbf{b}} \cdot \hat{\perp} \right) + W_\parallel^2 W_\perp (\nabla \times \hat{\mathbf{b}}) \cdot \hat{\rho} \right]$$

$$S_1 \sim \mathcal{O}(\epsilon_B)$$

$$H = \frac{1}{2} m W_\parallel^2 + \frac{1}{2} m W_\perp^2 + m(W_\parallel \langle \mathcal{W}_\parallel \rangle + W_\perp \langle \mathcal{W}_\perp \rangle) = \frac{1}{2} m W_\parallel^2 + \mu B + \epsilon \frac{mc}{2e} W_\parallel \mu \hat{\mathbf{b}} \cdot (\nabla \times \hat{\mathbf{b}})$$

Moved to the  
symplectic part  
by a shift in  $W_\parallel$

$$\gamma_{\text{gc}} = \left[ \frac{e}{\epsilon c} \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{X}) + m W_\parallel \hat{\mathbf{b}}(\mathbf{X}) - \epsilon \frac{mc}{e} \mu \mathbf{R}^* \right] \cdot d\mathbf{X} + \epsilon \frac{mc}{e} \mu d\Theta - H_{\text{gc}} dt + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon_B^2)$$

$$\nabla^* = \nabla - \mathbf{R}^* \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}$$

$$H_{\text{gc}} = \mu B(\mathbf{X}) + \frac{1}{2} m W_\parallel^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{B}^* &= \mathbf{B} + \epsilon \frac{mc}{e} W_\parallel \nabla \times \hat{\mathbf{b}} - \epsilon^2 \frac{mc^2}{e^2} \mu \nabla \times \mathbf{R}^* \\ \mathbf{R}^* &= \nabla \hat{\mathbf{b}}_1 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{b}}_2 + (\hat{\mathbf{b}} \cdot \nabla \times \hat{\mathbf{b}}) \hat{\mathbf{b}} / 2 \end{aligned}$$

# Guiding-center dynamical reduction



## Homogeneous & Non-homogeneous magnetic field

Position and velocity shift  
+  
Gauge transformation:

Far from identity phase-space transformation

Larmor radius definition:  
**exact solution for SLAB**  
(homogeneous) magnetic field

## Non-homogeneous magnetic field

Building a near-identity phase-space coordinate transformation via **gauge-transformations**

**Goal:** At the end of this step a symplectic part is free from gyroangle dependencies



Poisson Bracket on the reduced phase space free from gyroangle dependencies **until the required order**

## Non-homogeneous magnetic field

Final step:  
Canonical Lie-transformation: on the Hamiltonian only (scalar function) use Poisson Bracket on the reduced phase space

**Goal:** remove all gyroangle dependencies from the Hamiltonian

# Gyrocenter dynamical reduction



- 1-form phase-space particle Lagrangian

$$\gamma_{\text{pert}} \equiv L_{\text{pert}} \cdot dt = \left( \frac{e}{\epsilon c} \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}) + \epsilon_\delta \frac{e}{c} \mathbf{A}_1(\mathbf{x}, t) + m\mathbf{v} \right) \cdot d\mathbf{x} - H dt,$$

- Gyrocenter Velocity shift  $\bar{\mathbf{v}} = \mathbf{v} + \epsilon_\delta \frac{e}{mc} \mathbf{A}_1(\mathbf{x}, t)$   $H = \frac{1}{2} m \mathbf{v}^2 + \epsilon_\delta e \phi_1(\mathbf{x}, t)$
- Removes all the fluctuating fields from the symplectic part to the Hamiltonian part

$$\gamma_{\text{pert}} = \left( \frac{e}{\epsilon c} \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}) + m\bar{\mathbf{v}} \right) \cdot d\mathbf{x} - H dt,$$

$$H = \frac{1}{2} m \bar{\mathbf{v}}^2 + \epsilon_\delta e \phi_1(\mathbf{x}, t) - \epsilon_\delta \frac{e}{mc} \bar{\mathbf{v}} \cdot \mathbf{A}_1(\mathbf{x}, t) + \epsilon_\delta^2 \left( \frac{e}{mc} \right)^2 \| \mathbf{A}_1(\mathbf{x}, t) \|^2$$

- Starting reduction procedure from the “shifted” particle phase-space  $(\mathbf{x}, \bar{\mathbf{v}})$

Advantage: Only Canonical Lie- Transformations on the Hamiltonian part need to be performed. Significantly simplified derivation with respect to Brizard 1989.

# Recent achievements



- **Considering theory and numerical implementations simultaneously:**

- **Theory:**
  - Recovering existing code models from the variational GK framework
  - Comparing with model issued from the systematic theoretical derivation
  - *PIC ORB5 [Tronko, Bottino, Sonnendrücker, Phys. Plasmas 2016]*
  - *PIC ORB5; Eulerian GENE [Tronko, Bottino, Goerler et al, Phys. Plasmas 2017]*
  - *PIC ORB5 [Tronko, Bottino, Sonnendrücker, Chandre, PPCF, 2017]*
  - Verification of approximations consistency and regimes of applicability
  - Complete self-consistent GK rederivation from scratch with new clarified ordering
  - *[Tronko and Chandre, arXiv:1709.05222, 2017]*
- **Intercode benchmark:** Implicit numerical schemes verification [\[T.Goerler\]](#)
  - **Microinstability characterization and investigation of required resolution**
  - Linear electromagnetic intercode benchmark (challenging)
  - *[Görler, Tronko, Hornsby, Bottino, Kleiber, Norscini, Grandgirard, Jenko and Sonnendrücker Phys. Plasmas. 2016]*
  - New electromagnetic physics
  - **Microturbulence investigation: extra –challenging work in progress**



$$\bar{\gamma}_{\text{pert}} = \left( \frac{e}{\epsilon c} \mathbf{A}(\bar{\mathbf{X}}) + m \bar{v}_{\parallel} \hat{\mathbf{b}}(\bar{\mathbf{X}}) - \epsilon \frac{mc}{e} \mu \mathbf{R}^* \right) \cdot d\bar{\mathbf{X}} + \epsilon \frac{mc}{e} \bar{\mu} d\bar{\theta} - H dt + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon_B^2)$$

$$\Gamma = \left( \frac{e}{\epsilon c} \mathbf{A}(\bar{\mathbf{X}}) + m \bar{v}_{\parallel} \hat{\mathbf{b}}(\bar{\mathbf{X}}) - \epsilon \frac{mc}{e} \mu \mathbf{R}^* \right) \cdot d\bar{\mathbf{X}} + \epsilon \frac{mc}{e} \bar{\mu} d\bar{\theta}$$

$$\{F,G\}_{\text{gc}} = \frac{e}{\epsilon mc} \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial \bar{\theta}} \frac{\partial G}{\partial \bar{\mu}} - \frac{\partial F}{\partial \bar{\mu}} \frac{\partial G}{\partial \bar{\theta}} \right) + \frac{\mathbf{B}^*}{m B_{\parallel}^*} \cdot \left( \nabla^* F \frac{\partial G}{\partial \bar{v}_{\parallel}} - \frac{\partial F}{\partial \bar{v}_{\parallel}} \nabla^* G \right) - \epsilon \frac{c \hat{\mathbf{b}}}{e B_{\parallel}^*} \cdot (\nabla^* F \times \nabla^* G)$$

$$\mathbf{R}^* = \nabla \hat{\mathbf{b}}_1 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{b}}_2 + (\hat{\mathbf{b}} \cdot \nabla \times \hat{\mathbf{b}}) \hat{\mathbf{b}} / 2 \sim \mathcal{O}(\epsilon_B) \qquad \qquad \nabla^* = \nabla - \mathbf{R}^* \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{B}^* &= \mathbf{B} + \epsilon \frac{mc}{e} \bar{v}_{\parallel} \nabla \times \hat{\mathbf{b}} - \epsilon^2 \frac{mc^2}{e^2} \bar{\mu} \nabla \times \mathbf{R}^* \\ &\sim \mathcal{O}(\epsilon_B^2) \end{aligned}$$



- Gauge-transformations
- Canonical Lie-transforms



# How to build up a GK model consistently?

- All approximations **should** be performed on the Lagrangian  $L$  **before** deriving the equations of motion:
  - Approach guarantees energetic consistency of final equations
  - Symmetry properties of Lagrangian are automatically transferred to the equations
  - **Significant numerical advantage:** Use conserved quantities for building code diagnostics: ORB5 new physics of electromagnetic microinstabilities
- **Set up polarization effects into the system (choose from hierarchy of models):**
  - **Choice of the second order gyrocenter Hamiltonian defines reduced field- particles dynamics**



- Formal scales separation in the Poisson bracket

$$\{F, G\}_{\text{gc}} = \epsilon^{-1} \{F, G\}_{-1} + \{F, G\}_0 + \epsilon \{F, G\}_1$$

- Canonical Lie-transform

$$\bar{\mathcal{H}}(\mathbf{Z}) = e^{-\mathcal{L}_S} \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{Z}) = \mathcal{H} - \{S, \mathcal{H}\} + \frac{1}{2} \{S, \{S, \mathcal{H}\}\} + \mathcal{O}(S^3)$$

- Guiding-center Poisson bracket on the extended phase space (to include time dependencies)

$$\{\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G}\} = \{\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G}\}_{\text{gc}} + \frac{\partial \mathcal{F}}{\partial t} \frac{\partial \mathcal{G}}{\partial k} - \frac{\partial \mathcal{F}}{\partial k} \frac{\partial \mathcal{G}}{\partial t}$$

- Coordinate transform is constructed simultaneously  $\mathbf{Z} = e^{\mathcal{L}_S} \mathbf{z}$
- Scalar invariance  $\bar{\mathcal{H}}(\mathbf{Z}) = \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{z})$



- Generating function identification  $S = \epsilon\epsilon_\delta S_1 + \epsilon\epsilon_\delta^2 S_2$
- Perturbative procedure: uses ordering on anisotropy of the turbulence

$$H_0 = \bar{\mu}B(\bar{\mathbf{X}}) + \frac{1}{2}m\bar{v}_\parallel^2, \quad H_1 = e\psi_1(\bar{\mathbf{X}}, \bar{\theta}, \bar{\mu}, \bar{v}_\parallel, t), \quad H_2 = \frac{e^2}{2mc^2}\|\mathbf{A}_1(\bar{\mathbf{X}} + \boldsymbol{\rho}, t)\|^2.$$

$$H_1 = \widetilde{H}_1 + \langle H_1 \rangle \quad \langle H_1 \rangle = (2\pi)^{-1} \int_0^{2\pi} d\bar{\theta} \ H_1$$

$$\bar{\mathcal{H}} = k + H_0 + \epsilon_\delta \left( \langle H_1 \rangle + \boxed{\widetilde{H}_1 - \{S_1, H_0\}_{-1}} - \epsilon \{S_1, H_0\}_0 - \epsilon^2 \{S_1, H_0\}_1 - \epsilon \frac{\partial S_1}{\partial t} \right) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon_\delta^2).$$



$$\sim \mathcal{O}(\epsilon_\parallel) \quad \sim \mathcal{O}(\epsilon_B) \quad \sim \mathcal{O}(\epsilon_\omega)$$

$$\{S_1, H_0\}_{-1} = \frac{eB}{mc} \frac{\partial S_1}{\partial \bar{\theta}} = \widetilde{H}_1$$

# Gyrocenter change of coordinate



- Gyrocenter change of coordinates

$$\mathbf{x} = \bar{\mathbf{X}} + \epsilon \frac{mc}{eB} \hat{\mathbf{b}} \times \bar{\mathbf{v}} = \bar{\mathbf{X}} + \epsilon \frac{mc}{eB} \hat{\mathbf{b}} \times \mathbf{v} + \epsilon \epsilon_\delta \frac{1}{B} \hat{\mathbf{b}} \times \mathbf{A}_1 + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon_\delta^2).$$

$$\mathbf{x} = \bar{\mathbf{X}} + \boxed{\epsilon \boldsymbol{\rho}_0} + \boxed{\epsilon_\delta \boldsymbol{\rho}_1}$$

Guiding-center  
displacement

$$\boldsymbol{\rho}_1 = - \left\{ S_1, \left( \bar{\mathbf{X}} + \epsilon \boldsymbol{\rho}_0 + \epsilon \epsilon_\delta \frac{1}{B} \hat{\mathbf{b}} \times \mathbf{A}_1 \right) \right\}_{-1}$$

Gyrocenter  
displacement

$$\boldsymbol{\rho} = \boldsymbol{\rho}_0 + \epsilon \epsilon_\delta \frac{1}{B} \hat{\mathbf{b}} \times \mathbf{A}_1(\bar{\mathbf{X}} + \boldsymbol{\rho}_0, t),$$

Shifted guiding-  
center displacement



$$H_{\text{gy}} = H_{\text{gc}} + \epsilon_\delta e \langle \Psi_1 \rangle + \epsilon_\delta^2 e^2 \left( \frac{1}{2mc^2} \langle \|\mathbf{A}_1\|^2 \rangle - \frac{1}{2B} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu_{\text{gy}}} (\langle \Psi_1^2 \rangle - \langle \Psi_1 \rangle^2) \right) \\ + \epsilon_\delta^2 \left( \epsilon \frac{e}{B} \langle \hat{\mathbf{b}} \times \mathbf{A}_1 \cdot \nabla \Psi_1 \rangle - \epsilon^2 \frac{mc^2}{2B^2} \hat{\mathbf{b}} \cdot \left\langle \nabla \widetilde{\Psi_1} \times \int d\theta_{\text{gy}} \nabla \widetilde{\Psi_1} \right\rangle \right),$$

$$\Psi_1(\mathbf{X}_{\text{gy}}, \theta_{\text{gy}}, \mu_{\text{gy}}, v_{\parallel \text{gy}}, t) = \phi_1(\mathbf{X}_{\text{gy}} + \boldsymbol{\rho}_0, t) - \frac{v_{\parallel \text{gy}}}{c} \hat{\mathbf{b}}(\mathbf{X}_{\text{gy}}) \cdot \mathbf{A}_1(\mathbf{X}_{\text{gy}} + \boldsymbol{\rho}_0, t) \\ - \sqrt{\frac{2\mu_{\text{gy}} B(\mathbf{X}_{\text{gy}})}{mc^2}} \hat{\perp}(\theta_{\text{gy}}, \mathbf{X}_{\text{gy}}) \cdot \mathbf{A}_1(\mathbf{X}_{\text{gy}} + \boldsymbol{\rho}_0, t)$$