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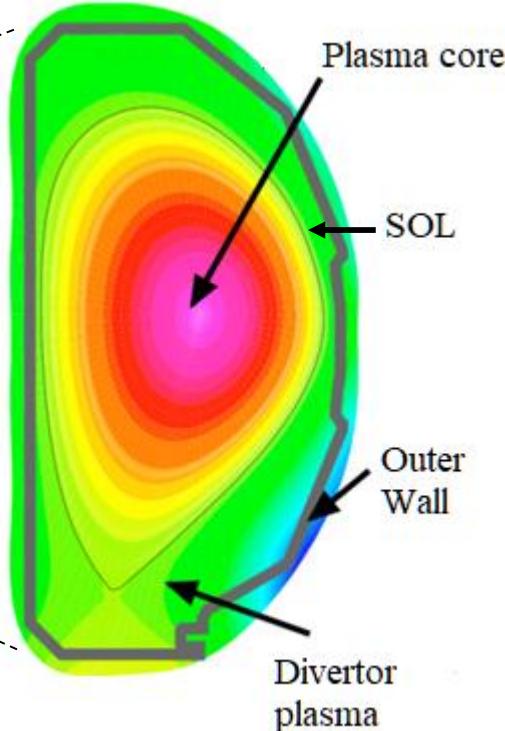
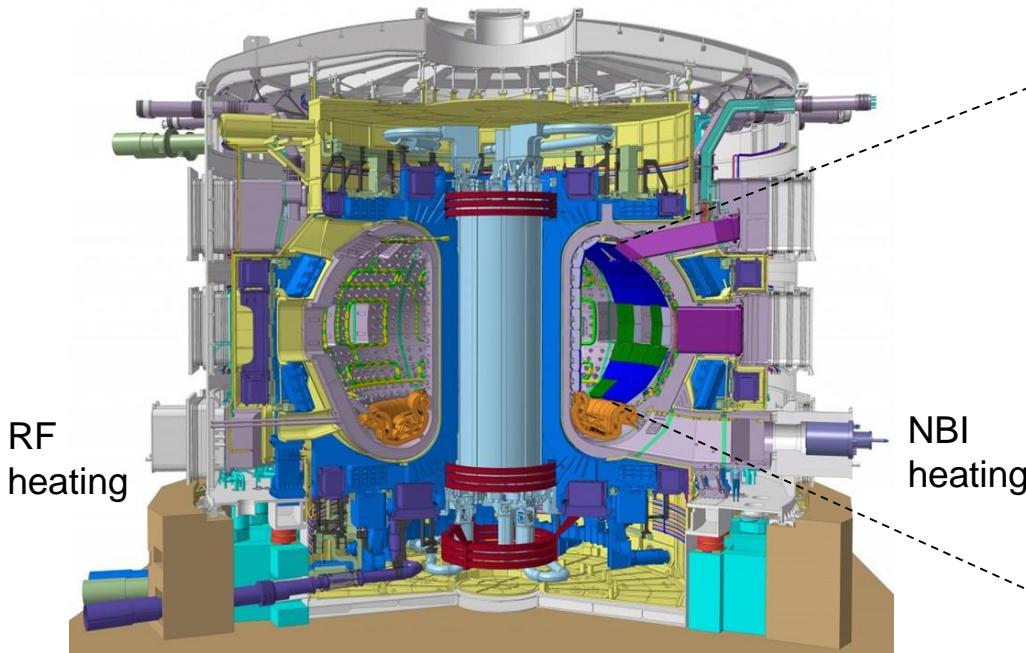
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# Introduction to different numerical methods used in Magnetic Confinement Fusion Plasmas

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# Different methods for MC fusion plasma study



**SOL (1-100 eV, 1-100 mm,  $10^{-5} - 10^{-2}$  s)**

- (gyro-)Fluid
- Gyrokinetic
- Full kinetic
- Monte Carlo

**Plasma core (> 1 keV, 1-100 cm,  $10^{-3} - 1$  s)**

- MHD (transport/equilibrium)
- Gyrokinetic (GK)
- Runaway Electron transport

**Plasma-surface interaction (< 1eV, nm,  $10^{-14}$  s – 1 year)**

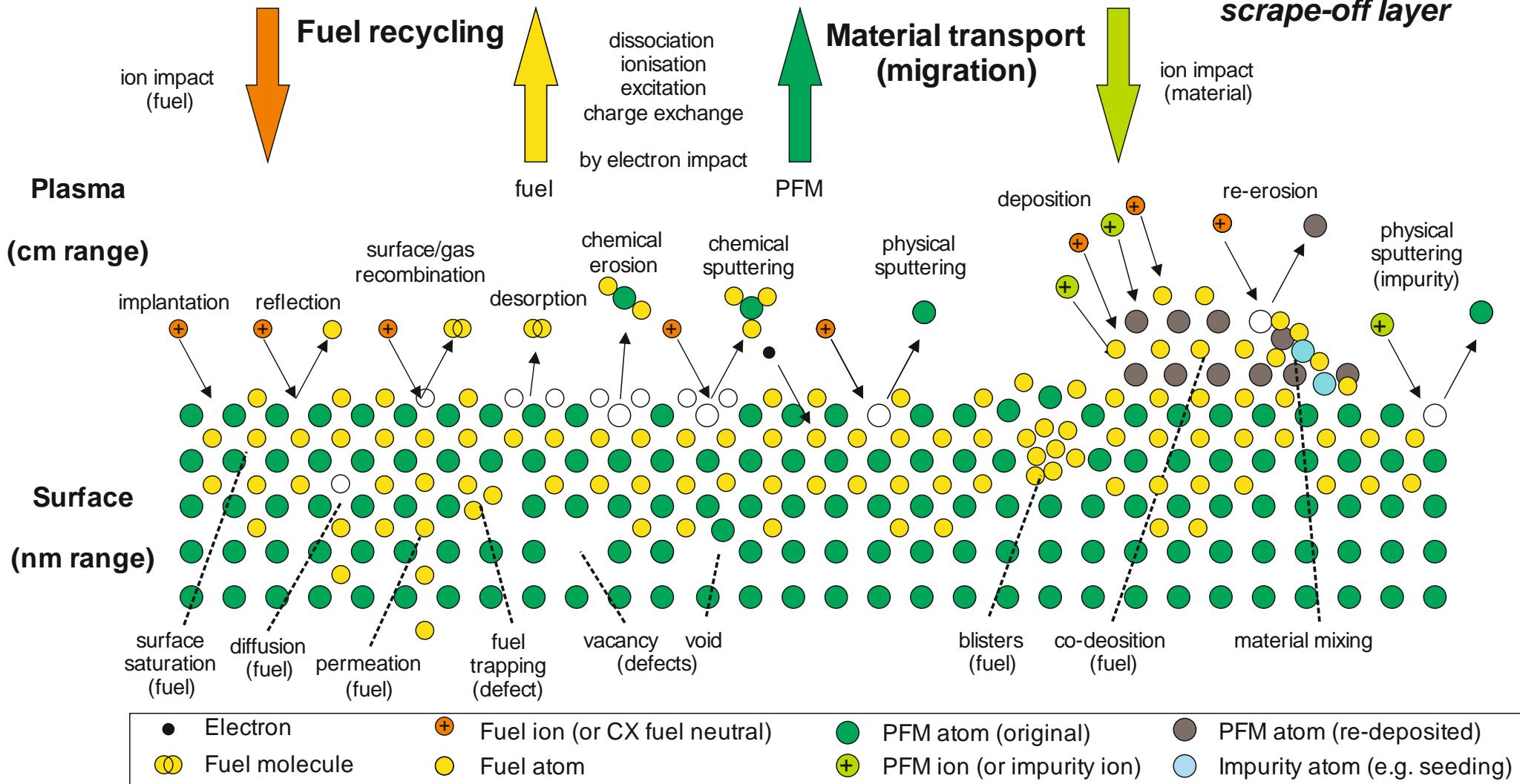
- Monte Carlo (MC)
- Molecular dynamics
- Other methods for studying arcing, surface morphology, neutron irradiation damage, ...

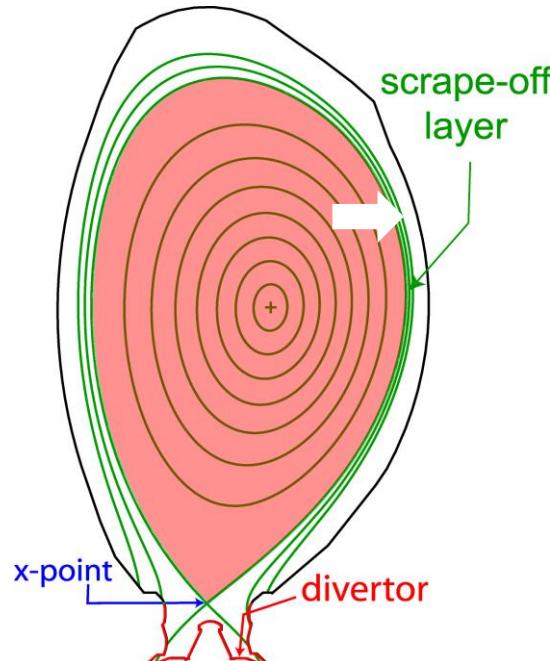
**Plasma heating (~MeV, 1 – 100 cm,  $10^{-4} - 1$  s)**

- NBI codes (MC)
- RF heating and current drive (MC, Maxw. S, RayT., GK)

# Outline

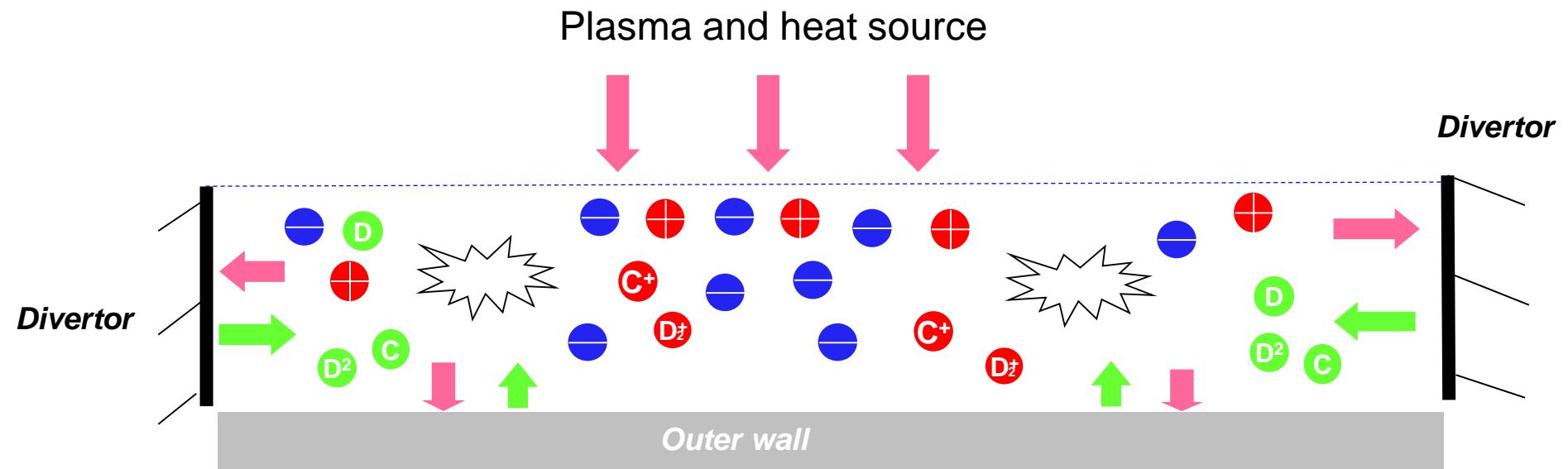
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*confined plasma*S. Brezinsek,  
30<sup>th</sup> EFPW, 2023



For each problem one has to answer the following questions

- Which model is applicable
- What are the limitations of this model



- Main ions (typically):  $H^+, D^+, T^+$
- Neutral particles recycled from PFC:  $H, D, T$
- Low energy fusion products:  $He^{+i}$
- Intrinsic impurity:  $W, C, F, O_2, \dots$  (PFC material, „parasitic“ leaks, etc)
- Seeded impurity:  $Ne, Ar, N, \dots$
- Dust particles:  $1 \sim 100 \mu$

## SOL content

- Parallel transport
- Classical cross-field transport: diffusion, drifts
- Anomalous transport: turbulent, intermittent transport (blobs, ELMs)
- Atomic and molecular processes (AM)
- Plasma-surface interactions (PSI)

## Main processes

$$\partial_{\parallel} \sim 0.01 \div 10^4 \text{ m}^{-1}$$
$$\partial_r \sim 10^2 \div 10^3 \text{ m}^{-1}$$

The SOL is extremely anisotropic!  
Next generation machines (DEMO and fusion reactors)  
boundary plasma can be unmagnetized

**First principle model – kinetic equation**

$$\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \vec{V} \frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{r}} + \frac{\vec{F}}{m} \frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{V}} \right) f(\vec{r}, \vec{V}, t) = St$$

**Neutral particles**     $\vec{F} = 0, \quad St = St_B + St_{in}$

$$St_B = \int u \sigma \left( f_a(\vec{V}_a') f_b(\vec{V}_b') - f_a(\vec{V}_a) f_b(\vec{V}_b) \right) d\vec{V}_a d\vec{V}_b ,$$

$$St_{in} = St_{in}^+ - St_{in}^-$$

## Plasma and impurity particles

$$\vec{F} = e \left( \vec{E} + [\vec{V} \times \vec{B}] \right), \quad St = St_{FK} + St_{in} + S_{wall}$$

$$St_{FP}^a = - \frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{V}} \sum_b \vec{A}(f_b) f_a(\vec{r}, \vec{V}, t) + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \vec{V} \partial \vec{V}} \sum_b \vec{D}(f_b) f_a(\vec{r}, \vec{V}, t)$$

$$S_{wall} = S_{wall}^+ - S_{wall}^-$$

**Dust particles**

$$\vec{F} = e \left( \vec{E} + [\vec{V} \times \vec{B}] \right) + \vec{g} + \vec{R}, \quad St = St_{dust-plasma}$$

$\vec{E}$  and  $\vec{B}$   
 from Maxwell's system,  
 or Ohms law (for  $E$ )

$$\nabla E = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \rho, \quad \nabla B = 0$$

$$\nabla \times E = - \frac{\partial B}{\partial t}$$

$$\nabla \times B = \mu_0 j + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial E}{\partial t}$$

$$\Omega_e \tau_e \gg 1$$

$$E = \frac{j_{||}}{\sigma_{||}} + \frac{j_{\perp}}{\sigma_{\perp}} - V \times B + \frac{1}{en_e} (j \times B - \nabla p_e - 0.71 n_e \nabla T_e)$$

# Direct simulation of particles

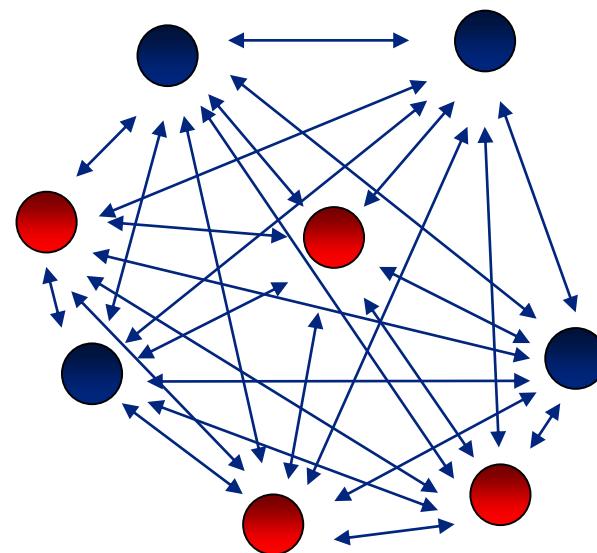
**Particle-particle (PP) codes:**

Number of operations to be performed on  $N$  particles scales as  $N^2$ .

**First simulations:** Buneman 1959, Dowson 1962. Simulation of  $10^3$  1D particles with direct resolution of Coulomb's interaction.

**Today<sup>1</sup> ~  $10^8$  particles** (MD modelling)

**Too expensive for plasma simulations**



8 particles – 57 interactions

**Other possible options**

- Direct solution of the Boltzmann equation
- Particle codes with Monte carlo collisions

PP can be excluded for neutral, impurity and plasma particle modelling in MCFP

[1] Jia, et al., [10.1109/SC41405.2020.00009](https://doi.org/10.1109/SC41405.2020.00009)

$$\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \vec{V} \frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{r}} \right) f(\vec{r}, \vec{V}, t) = St_B + St_{in} + St_{wall}$$

$$St_h = \int u \sigma_h \left( f(\vec{V}_a') f(\vec{V}_b') - f(\vec{V}_a) f(\vec{V}_b) \right) d\vec{V}_a d\vec{V}_b ,$$

$h = B, \text{ in } (\text{inelastic})$

## Monte Carlo particle codes

1. Move particles  $\dot{\vec{r}} = \vec{V}$
2. Calculate collision probability  $P(t) = 1 - \exp(-\nu t)$ ,  $\nu = n u \sigma(u)$
3. Collide particles, i.e. calculate after-collision velocities
4. Boundary conditions and sources (absorption, emission, ionization, etc.)

$$t, \vec{r}, \vec{V} \rightarrow t_i, \vec{r}_j, \vec{V}_{\vec{k}}$$

100 meshes per dimension for r and V



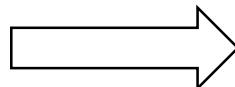
Size of the array of unknowns each time step  $10^{2(D+V)}$ ,  
for 3D3V  $10^{12}$



Too large number!

KE solver (probably!) can be excluded for neutral and impurity particle modelling in MCFP

$P(t)$



$$P(t) = 1 - \exp(-\nu t)$$

$$\nu = n u \sigma(u)$$

## i. Direct simulation MC

1. Calculation of average time between collisions
2. Colliding particle after  $t_{\text{col}}$  time.

### Collision event



$$\begin{pmatrix} \vec{V}_1 \\ \vec{V}_2 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \vec{V}_1' \\ \vec{V}_2' \end{pmatrix}$$

Equations conserving  
momentum and energy

$$t_{\text{col}} = -\frac{\ln R}{\nu}, \quad R \in [0,1]$$



## ii. Null collision method

1. Calculation of shortest collision time  $t_{\text{col}}^{\min} = -\frac{\ln R}{\nu_{\max}}$
2. Analyzing for collision after  $t_{\text{col}}^{\min}$

(e.g. EIRENE)

## iii. Non-counter based model

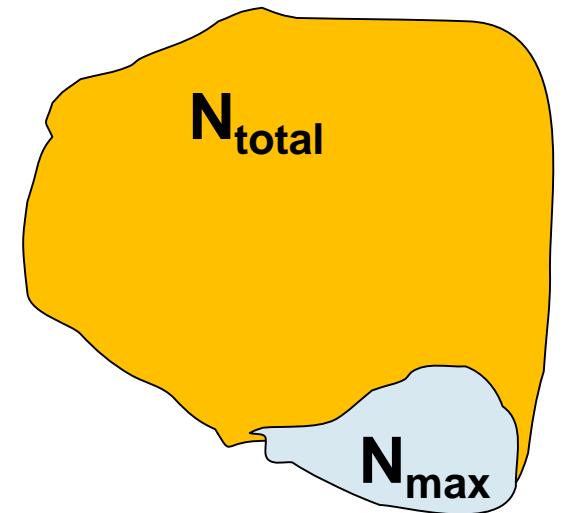
1. Calculation of maximum number of collided particles

$$N_{\max} = N_{\text{tot}} P_{\max}(t) \ll N_{\text{tot}}$$

2. Analyzing for collision **only**  $N_{\max}$  particles.

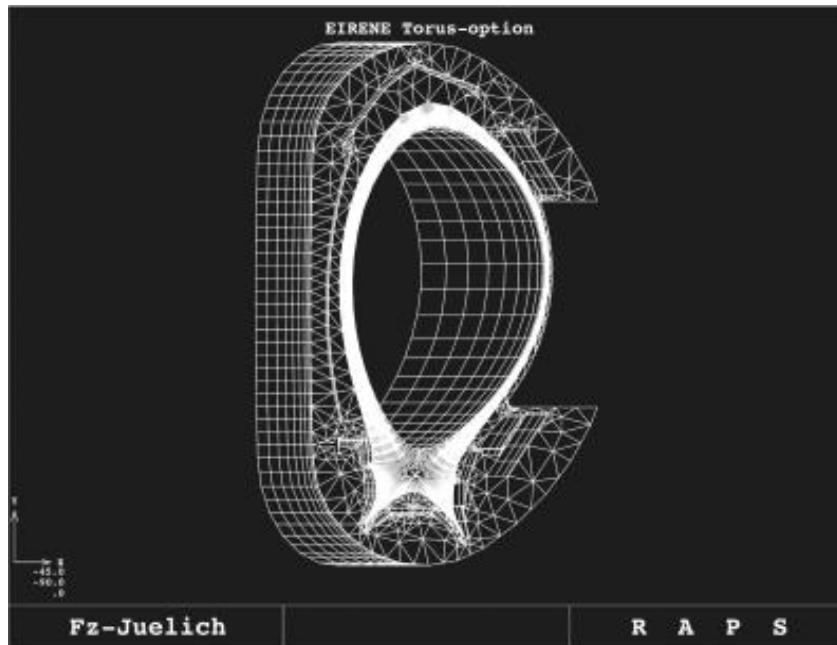
3. Colliding the selected particles.

(e.g. BIT-N)

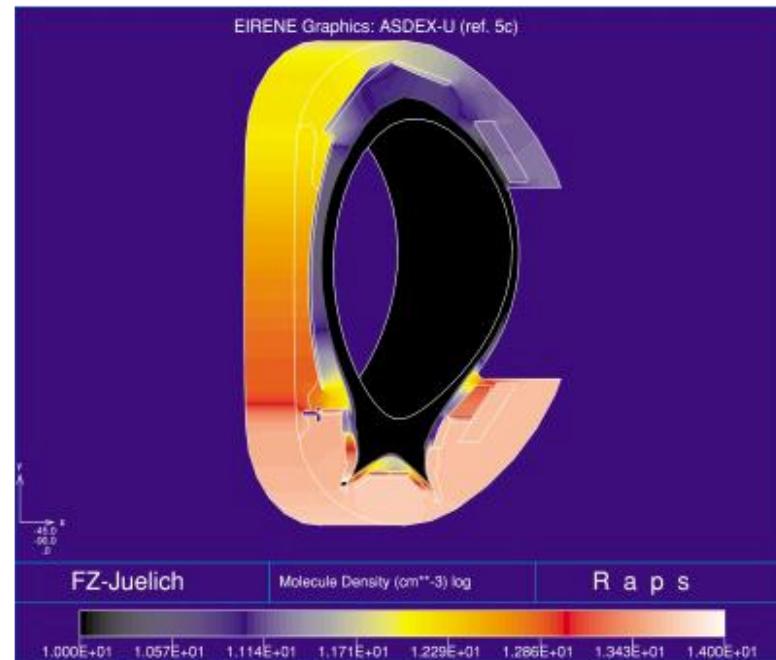


# Example of MC neutral particle codes

EIRENE<sup>1</sup>



EIRENE mesh for AUG<sup>2</sup>.



Atomic density profiles from EIRENE<sup>2</sup>.

## Limitation (of any MC)

For acceptable statistics very large number of simulation particles is required → heavy simulations

Questions?

<sup>1</sup>[<http://www.eirene.de>]

<sup>2</sup>[D. Reiter et al., FST 2005]

See the lecture 7 by F. Jaulmes/D. Tskhakaya

# Impurity modelling

## Two type of ions

- Main ions: H, D, T, He, ...
- Impurity ions, with much lower concentration

Impurity ions can pollute and cool down **core** and **SOL** plasmas

## Linear Monte Carlo (e.g. ERO)

Impurity particles interact with fluid/MHD plasma and wall

**Advantage:** relatively fast, Maxwell-averaged rate coefficients ,  $R = \langle u \sigma \rangle$

**Limitations:** still slower than fluid models, **depends on plasma background** (to be provided)

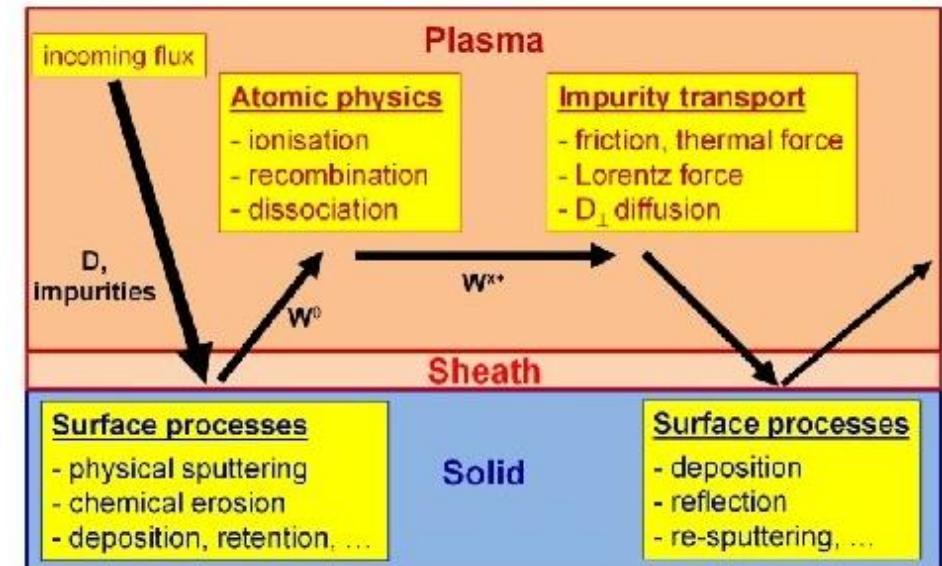
## Nonlinear Monte Carlo (PIC models, e.g. BIT-N)

models including nonlinear interactions of impurity, neutral and plasma particles

**Advantage:** full kinetic treatment

**Limitations:** numerically **very expensive**, exact cross-sections are required

Can be used for entire tokamak modelling!

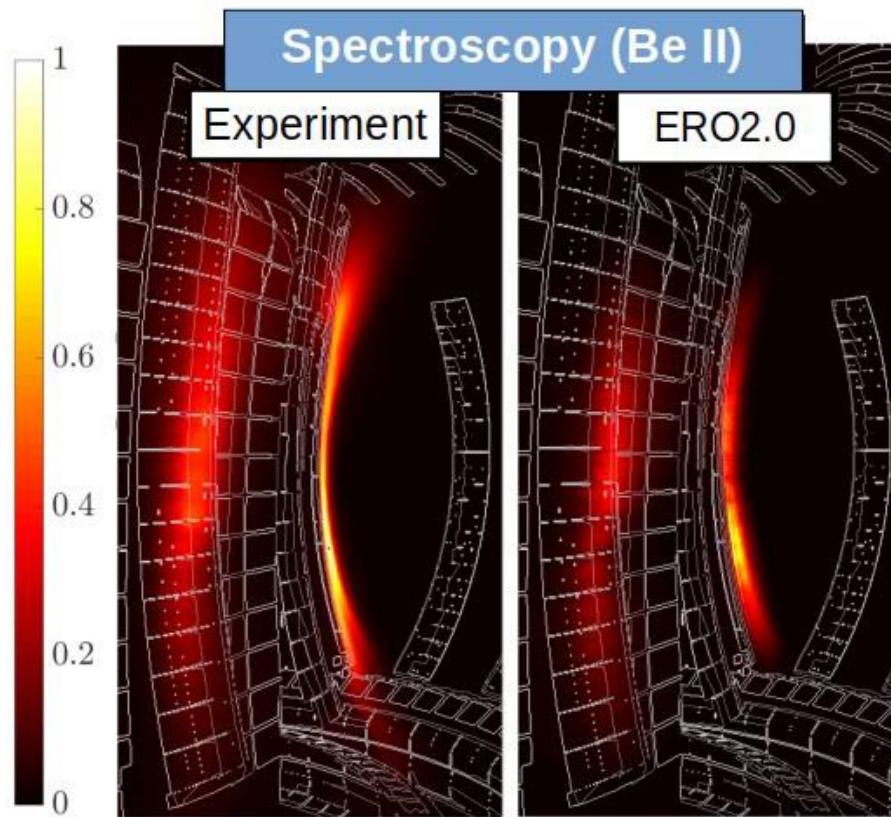


Simulation geometry of ERO (ERO-2)

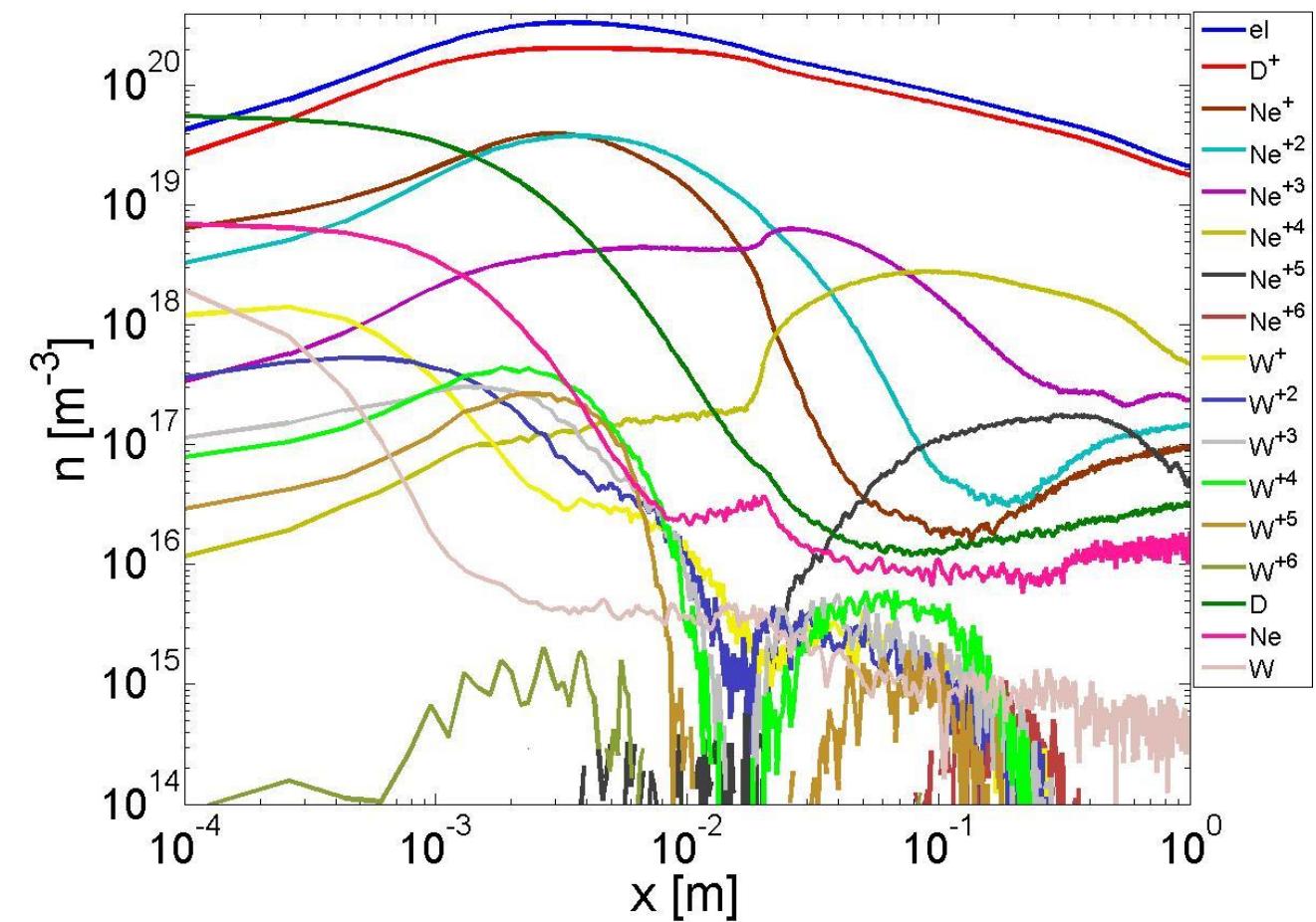
$$\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \vec{V}$$

$$\frac{d\vec{V}}{dt} = \frac{e}{m} (\vec{E} + \vec{V} \times \vec{B}) + \frac{1}{m} \vec{F}$$

## Example of MC impurity transport codes



Be radiation profiles from experiment and ERO modelling [J. Romazanov et al., Phys. Scr. 2017]



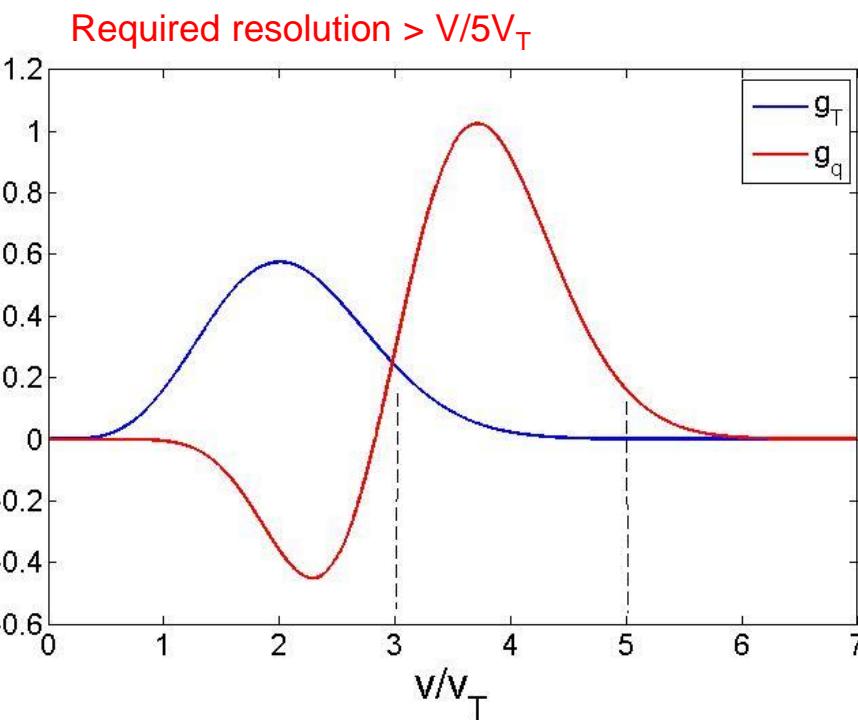
Main and impurity particle profiles in the JET divertor plasma from BIT1 simulations [D. Tskhakaya, WP-PWIE 2023]

$$\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \vec{V} \frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{r}} + \frac{e}{m} (\vec{E} + [\vec{V} \times \vec{B}]) \frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{V}} \right) f(\vec{r}, \vec{V}, t) = St_{FK} + St_{in} + St_{wall}$$

Used for low dimensional problems



1D case  $f_e(x, V, \mu)$ ,  $\mu = V_{||}/V$ , analytic solution<sup>1</sup>



$$f_e(x, \mu, V) \approx f_M(x, V) + \mu \delta f(x, V), \quad |\delta f| \ll f_0$$

$$\delta f = \frac{-n_0}{\nu_{ei}(2\pi)^{3/2} V_T^2} \left( \frac{V}{V_T} \right)^4 \left( \frac{V^2}{2V_T^2} - 4 \right) \exp \left( -\frac{V^2}{2V_T^2} \right) \frac{1}{T_e} \frac{\partial T_e}{\partial x},$$



$$T = T_e \int_0^\infty g_T(v) dv, \quad q_x = -\frac{2^7}{3\pi} \frac{n_0 V_T^2}{\nu_{ee}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} T_e \int_0^\infty g_q(v) dv$$

[1] Chodura CPP 1992

# PIC models of the plasma edge

*Point particles*

$$\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \vec{V}$$

$$\frac{d\vec{V}}{dt} = \frac{e}{m} (\vec{E} + \vec{V} \times \vec{B})$$

$$\rho, \vec{J} ?$$

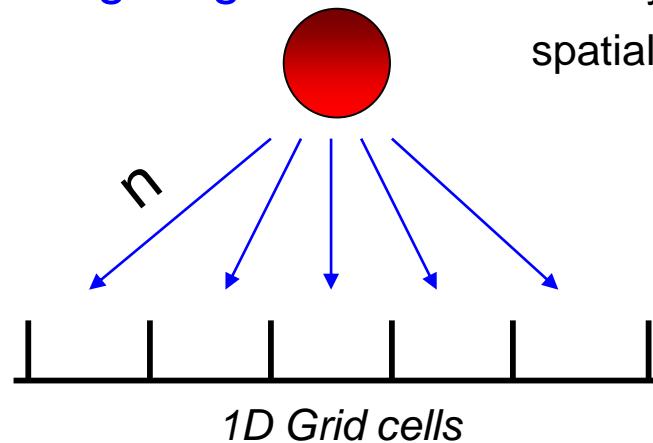
*Discretized space*

$$\nabla E = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \rho, \quad \nabla B = 0$$

$$\nabla \times E = - \frac{\partial B}{\partial t}$$

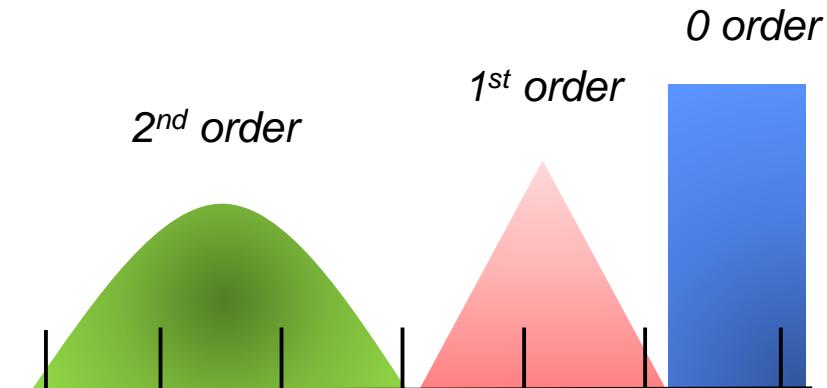
$$\nabla \times B = \mu_0 j + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial E}{\partial t}$$

**Particle weighting**



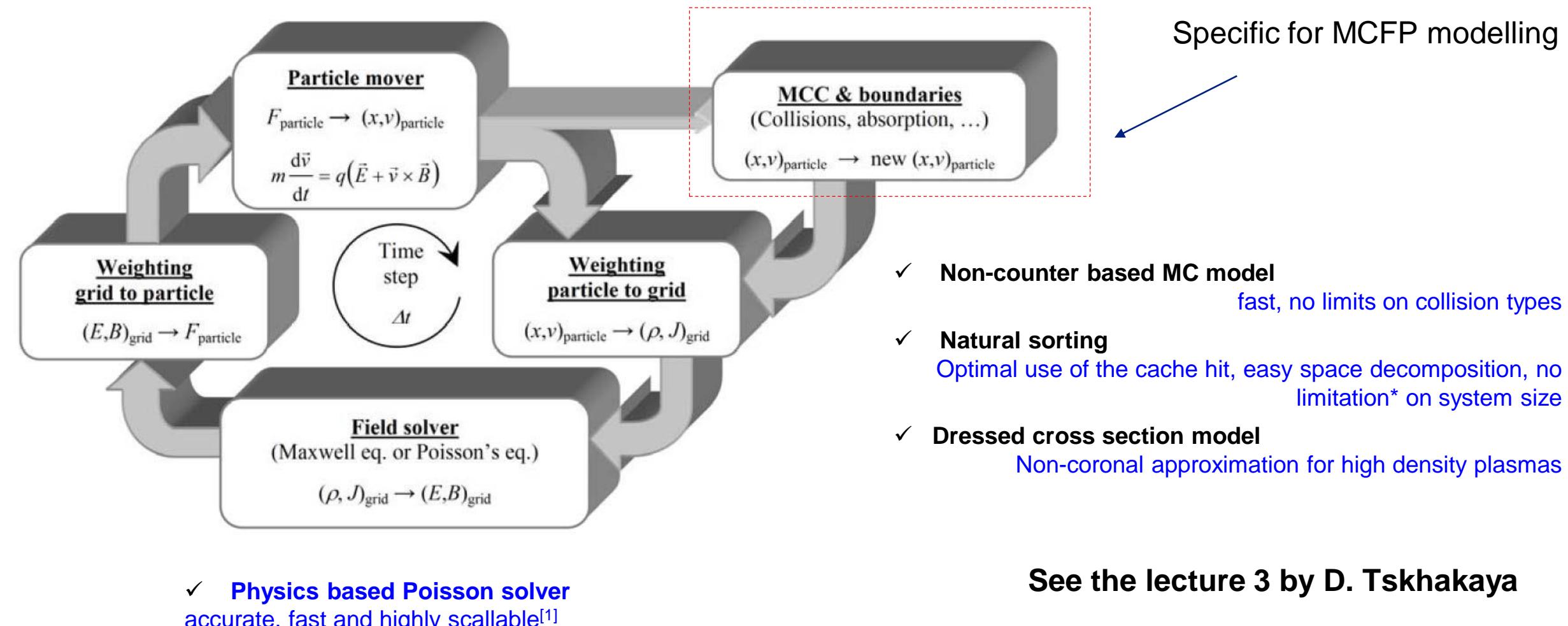
assigning particle density to the spatial grids

**Different weighting schemes**



# Examples of full PIC + MC codes

1D3V (BIT1) and 3D3V (BIT3) electrostatic PIC + Monte Carlo



## Advantage

- Fully kinetic, compromises
- Easy to treat plasma-wall interactions
- Massive parallelization is straightforward

## Limitation

- Requires extremely heavy simulation
- Numerical oscillations can lead to incorrect results (and crashes). Energy conservation diagnostic should be used
- Hard to find necessary collision cross-sections

**Questions?**

$$\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \vec{V} \frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{r}} + \frac{e}{m} (\vec{E} + [\vec{V} \times \vec{B}]) \frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{V}} \right) f_a(\vec{r}, \vec{V}, t) = St_{FK}^a + St_{in}^a + St_{wall}^a$$

$\boxed{\rho = \frac{V_T}{\Omega} \rightarrow 0, \quad \Omega = \frac{eB}{m}}$   $\Rightarrow \vec{V} = \vec{V}_{||} + \vec{V}_{ExB}, \quad \vec{V}_{ExB} = E \times B / B^2$



$$\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \vec{V}_{||} + \vec{V}_{ExB} \frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{r}} + \frac{e}{m} E_{||} \frac{\partial}{\partial V_{||}} \right) f_a(\vec{r}, V_{||}, t) = St_{DK}^a$$

+ Field equations (e.g.):  $\Delta\phi = -\frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}, \quad \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{r}} \phi$

### Advantage

- faster than Gyro-kinetic,
- Nonlinear drift-Fokker-Planck collision operator exists
- Can be used for core and edge plasmas

### Limitations:

- still requires heavy simulation,
- all finite gyro-radius effects are neglected

# Gyro-kinetic models

$$\vec{r} = \vec{R} + \cos(\Omega t) \vec{\rho}, \quad \rho = \frac{V_T}{\Omega} \ll 1,^{1,2}$$

$$\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \dot{\vec{R}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{R}} + \dot{V}_{\parallel} \frac{\partial}{\partial V_{\parallel}} \right) f_a(\vec{R}, V_{\parallel}, \mu, t) = St_{FK, linear}^a$$

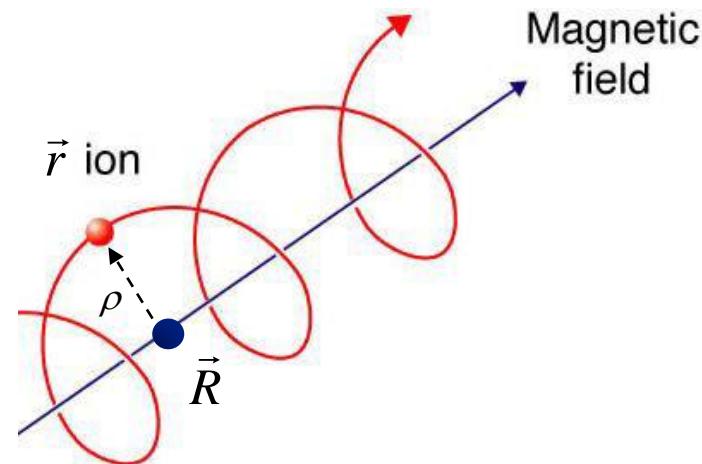
$$\dot{\vec{R}} = V_{\parallel} \vec{b} + \vec{E} \times \vec{b} / B + \vec{b} \times \left( \frac{V_{\parallel}^2}{\Omega} \frac{\partial}{\partial R_{\parallel}} \vec{b} + \frac{\mu}{q} \frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{R}} \ln B \right)$$

$$\dot{V}_{\parallel} = \left( \frac{q}{m} \vec{E} - \mu \frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{R}} B \right) \cdot \left( \vec{b} + \frac{V_{\parallel}}{\Omega} \vec{b} \times \frac{\partial}{\partial R_{\parallel}} \vec{b} \right)$$

$$\mu = \frac{mV_{\perp}^2}{2B}, \quad \vec{E} = \oint \vec{E}(\vec{r}) d\theta / 2\pi$$

[1] Lee, Phys. Fluids 1983

[2] Dubin et al., Phys. Fluids, 1983.



+ Field equations (simplified):

$$\Delta\phi - \frac{\chi}{\lambda_D^2} (\phi - \tilde{\phi}) = -\frac{1}{\epsilon_0} (\tilde{n}_i - n_e)$$

$$\tilde{n}_i(\vec{r}) = \int f_i(\vec{R}) \delta(\vec{R} - \vec{r} + \rho) B d\vec{R} d\theta dV_{\parallel} d\mu \neq n_i(\vec{r})$$

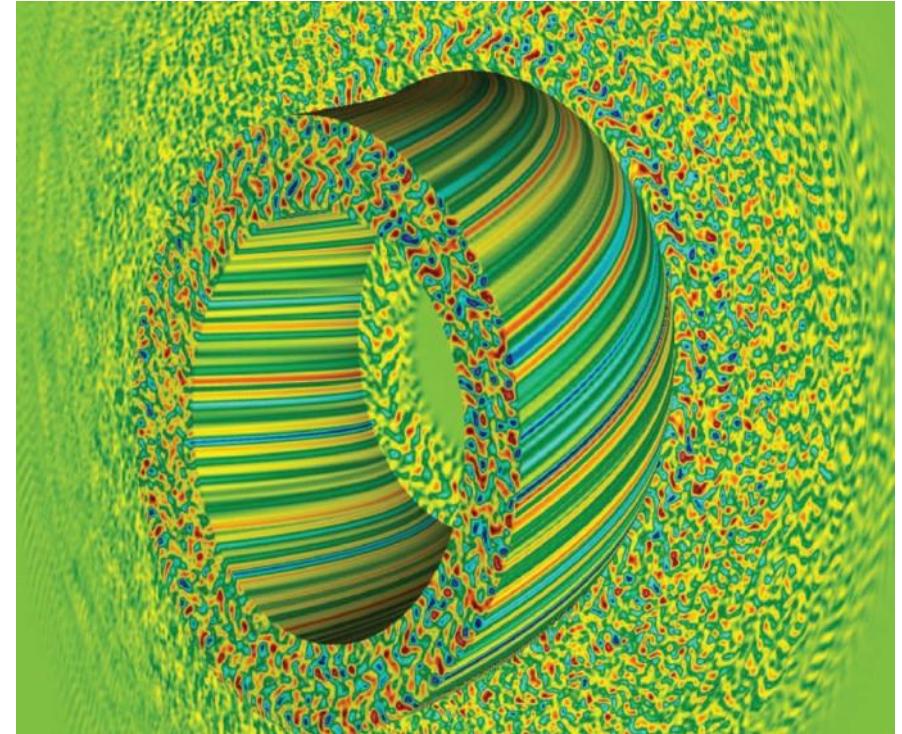
$$\tilde{\phi}(\vec{r}) \neq \phi(\vec{r})$$

## Advantage

- golden compromise between the simulation speed and physics model
- finite gyro-radius effects are accounted
- Used for core and edge plasmas

## Limitation

- requires heavy simulation,
- hard to implement collisions: majority use linear FP models, no interaction with other particles except ion + electron
- Could not „touch“ the wall
- Limited resolution (i.e. Number of V meshes)



Gyro-kinetic simulation of ITER plasmas<sup>1</sup>

## Questions?

[1] Villard, et al., Plas. Phys. Cont. Fus. , 2013

## Fluid models of the plasma edge

$$\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \vec{V} \frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{r}} + \frac{e}{m} \left( \vec{E} + [\vec{V} \times \vec{B}] \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \vec{V}} \right) f(\vec{r}, \vec{V}, t) = \underline{St_{FK} + St_{in} + St_{wall}}$$

$$\times \int_{\vec{V}} \vec{V}^m d\vec{V}^{[1]}$$



$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} A^m - \vec{\nabla} \vec{\Gamma}_A^m = S_A^m$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} n_s + \vec{\nabla} n_s \vec{V}_s = \sum_j \underline{S_{sj}}$$

$$m_s n_s \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \vec{V}_s + \vec{V}_s \vec{\nabla} \vec{V}_s \right) = e_s n_s \left( \vec{E} + \vec{V}_s \times \vec{B} \right) - \vec{\nabla} n_s T_s + \sum_j \underline{\vec{R}_{sj}}$$

$$\frac{3}{2} n_s \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} T_s + \vec{V}_s \vec{\nabla} T_s \right) = -n_s T_s \vec{\nabla} \vec{V}_s - \vec{\nabla} \vec{q}_s + \sum_j \underline{Q_{sj}} \dots$$

+ field equations ( $E, B$ )

$$A^0 = n, \quad A^1 = n \vec{V}, \quad A^2 = n T + \dots$$

$$\Gamma_n^0 = n \vec{V}, \dots \quad S_n^0 = n (v_{ion} - v_{rec}), \dots$$

$$S_{sj} = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \underline{St_{in}^{sj}} d\vec{V}, \quad \vec{R}_{sj} = m_s \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \left( \underline{St_{FP}^{sj}} + \underline{St_{in}^{sj}} \right) \vec{V} d\vec{V}, \quad \vec{Q}_{sj} = \frac{m_s}{2} = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \left( \underline{St_{FP}^{sj}} + \underline{St_{in}^{sj}} \right) V^2 d\vec{V}$$

For a simple el.-ion plasmas

$$S_{ei} = 0, \quad \vec{R}_{ei} \sim -n \vec{\nabla} T_e - m_e n v_{ei} (\vec{V}_e - \vec{V}_i)$$

$$Q_{ei} \sim -(\vec{V}_e - \vec{V}_i) \vec{R}_{ei} - \frac{3m_e}{m_i} n v_{ei} (T_e - T_i)$$

[1] Braginskii, Rev. Plasma Phys., 1965

# Examples of SOL fluid codes

SOLPS-ITER, EDGE2D, UEDGE, SOLEDGE, CORDIV, EMC3, **SOLF1D**

## Particle conservation equation in SOLPS-ITER code

$$\frac{\partial n}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\sqrt{g}}{h_x} n \left( b_x V_{\parallel} + b_z V_{\perp}^{(0)} \right) \right) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\sqrt{g}}{h_y} n V_y^{(0)} \right) = S^n ,$$

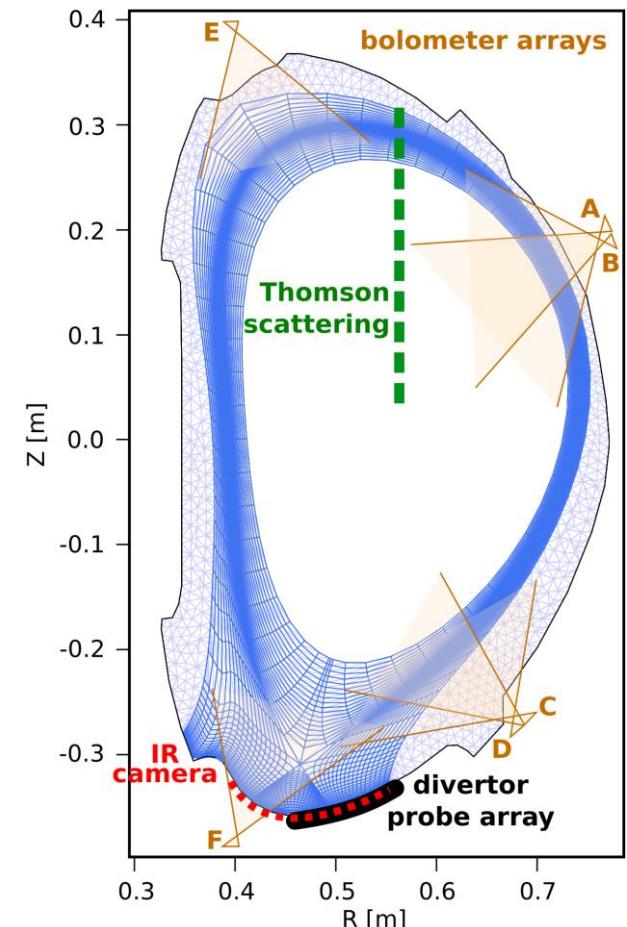
$$V_{\perp}^{(0)} = V_{\perp}^{(a)} + V_{\perp}^{(in)} + V_{\perp}^{(vis)} + V_{\perp}^{(s)} + \tilde{V}_{\perp}^{(dia)} ,$$

$$V_y^{(0)} = V_y^{(a)} + V_y^{(in)} + V_y^{(vis)} + V_y^{(s)} + \tilde{V}_y^{(dia)} ,$$

$$\tilde{V}_{\perp}^{(dia)} = \frac{T_i B_z}{e b_z} \frac{\partial}{h_y \partial y} \left( \frac{1}{B^2} \right) ,$$

$$\tilde{V}_y^{(dia)} = - \frac{T_i B_z}{e} \frac{\partial}{h_x \partial x} \left( \frac{1}{B^2} \right) .$$

The  $h_{x,y}$  and  $g$  define the metric coefficients of the curvilinear coordinate system



SOLPS-ITER grid for COMPASS tokamak  
 [K. Hromasova, et al., EPS 2021]

## Advantage

- fast
- Can model complex geometries
- Requires rate coefficients for atomic and PSI physics

## Limitation

- Kinetic effects are neglected, or added ad hoc
- Neutrals are usually treated via separate (kinetic) MC codes
- Hard to treat multi-ion plasmas (there are new developments – [Zhdanov's model](#))
- Slow time convergence

See the lecture 8 by I. Borodkina

## GBS –drift-reduced fluid code<sup>1</sup>

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial n}{\partial t} &= -\frac{\rho_*^{-1}}{B} [\phi, n] + \frac{2}{B} [\mathbf{C}(p_e) - n \mathbf{C}(\phi)] - \nabla_{||} (n v_{||e}) + S_n \\
 \frac{\partial \nabla_{\perp}^2 \phi}{\partial t} &= -\frac{\rho_*^{-1}}{B} [\phi, \nabla_{\perp}^2 \phi] - v_{||i} \nabla_{||} \nabla_{\perp}^2 \phi + \frac{B^2}{n} \nabla_{||} j_{||} + \frac{2B}{n} \mathbf{C}(p) \\
 \frac{\partial v_{||e}}{\partial t} &= -\frac{\rho_*^{-1}}{B} [\phi, v_{||e}] - v_{||e} \nabla_{||} v_{||e} \\
 &\quad + \frac{m_i}{m_e} \left( \nu \frac{j_{||}}{n} + \nabla_{||} \phi - \frac{1}{n} \nabla_{||} p_e - 0.71 \nabla_{||} T_e \right) + \frac{4}{3n m_e} \eta_{0,e} \nabla_{||}^2 v_{||e} \\
 \frac{\partial v_{||i}}{\partial t} &= -\frac{\rho_*^{-1}}{B} [\phi, v_{||i}] - v_{||i} \nabla_{||} v_{||i} - \frac{1}{n} \nabla_{||} p + \frac{4}{3n} \eta_{0,i} \nabla_{||}^2 v_{||i} \\
 \frac{\partial T_e}{\partial t} &= -\frac{\rho_*^{-1}}{B} [\phi, T_e] - v_{||e} \nabla_{||} T_e + \frac{4 T_e}{3 B} \left[ \frac{1}{n} \mathbf{C}(p_e) + \frac{5}{2} \mathbf{C}(T_e) - \mathbf{C}(\phi) \right] \\
 &\quad + \frac{2}{3} T_e [0.71 \nabla_{||} j_{||} - \nabla_{||} v_{||e}] + \chi_{||,e} \nabla_{||}^2 T_e + S_{T_e} \\
 \frac{\partial T_i}{\partial t} &= -\frac{\rho_*^{-1}}{B} [\phi, T_i] - v_{||i} \nabla_{||} T_i + \frac{4 T_i}{3 B} \left[ \mathbf{C}(T_e) + \frac{T_e}{n} \mathbf{C}(n) - \mathbf{C}(\phi) \right] \\
 &\quad + \frac{2}{3} T_i (v_{||i} - v_{||e}) \frac{\nabla_{||} n}{n} - \frac{2}{3} T_i \nabla_{||} v_{||e} - \frac{10 T_i}{3 B} \mathbf{C}(T_i) + \chi_{||,i} \nabla_{||}^2 T_i \\
 [\phi, f] &= \mathbf{b} \cdot (\nabla \phi \times \nabla f), \quad \mathbf{C}(f) = B/2 (\nabla \times \mathbf{b}/B) \cdot \nabla f, \quad \rho_* = \rho_{s0}/R_0
 \end{aligned}$$

### Advantage

- Optimized for time-dependent problems
- Massively parallel
- Used for entire tokamak modeling

### Limitation

- Reduced fluid equations
- Can model complex geometries

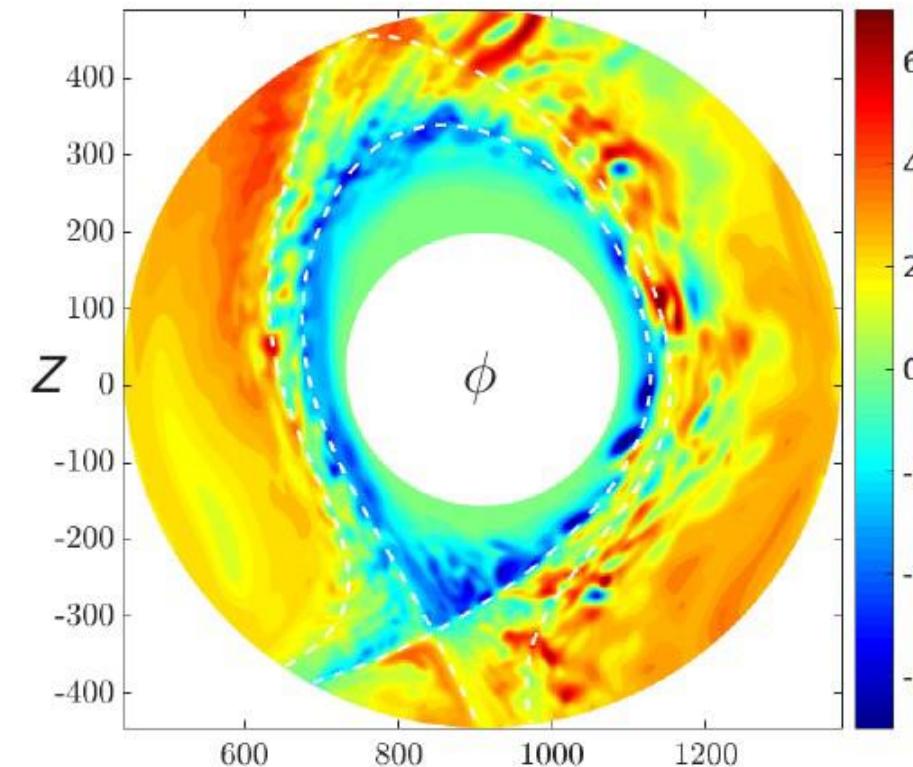
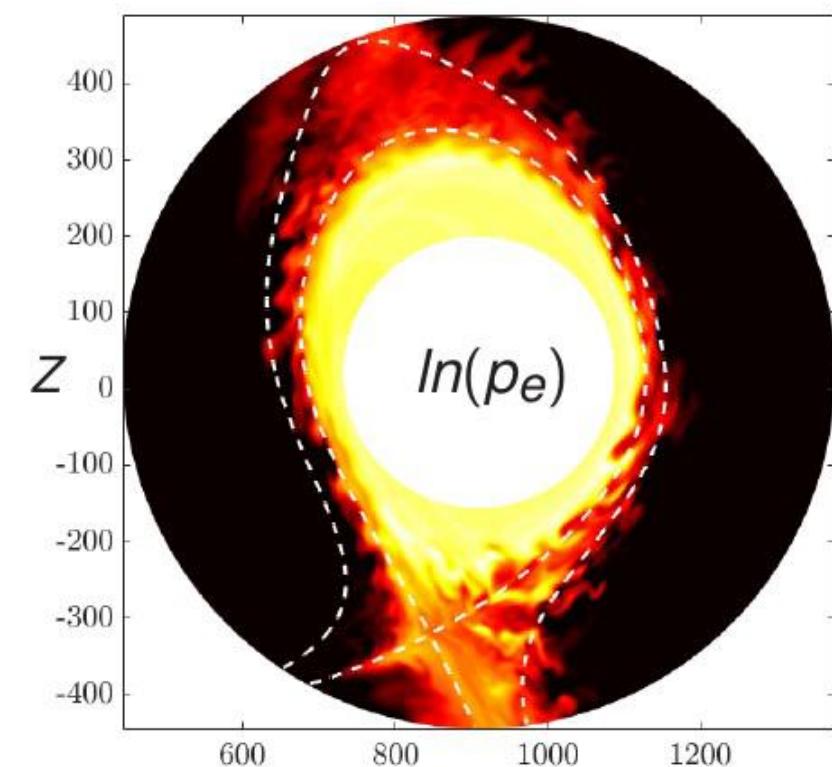
See the lecture by P. Macha

[1] Ricci et al., PPCF (2012)

## Fluid turbulence code GBS (ii)

► GBS simulation run with:

$$\rho_*^{-1} \sim 900, \chi_{\parallel e,i} = 1, \nu = 0.25, \nabla B \text{ drift points upwards}$$



Used for core and edge plasmas

Questions?

From J. Horacek's lecture

If we are interested in plasma motion as a single fluid  $\rightarrow$  Magnetohydrodynamics (MHD)

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} n_s + \vec{\nabla} n_s \vec{V}_s = 0, \quad s = e, i$$

$$m_s n_s \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \vec{V}_s + \vec{V}_s \vec{\nabla} \vec{V}_s \right) = e_s n_s \left( \vec{E} + \vec{V}_s \times \vec{B} \right) - \vec{\nabla} n_s T_s + (\pm) \vec{R}_{ei}$$

$$n_e \approx n_i = n,$$

$$\rho = m_e n_e + M_i n_i \approx M_i n$$

$$\vec{V} = \frac{m_e n_e \vec{V}_e + M_i n_i \vec{V}_i}{\rho} \approx \frac{m_e \vec{V}_e}{M} + \vec{V}_i \approx \vec{V}_i$$

$$p = n(T_e + T_i),$$

$$\vec{J} = en(\vec{V}_i - \vec{V}_e)$$

$\gamma$  – adiabatic coefficient

(el) + (ion)



$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} n + \vec{\nabla} n \vec{V} = 0,$$

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \vec{V} + \vec{V} \vec{\nabla} \vec{V} \right) = \vec{J} \times \vec{B} - \vec{\nabla} p$$

+ equation of state

$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{p}{\rho^\gamma} = 0$$

## Full set of equations

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} n + \vec{\nabla} n \vec{V} = 0,$$

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \vec{V} + \vec{V} \vec{\nabla} \vec{V} \right) = \vec{J} \times \vec{B} - \vec{\nabla} p$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{p}{\rho^\gamma} = 0$$

$$E + V \times B = \eta J$$

$$\nabla \times E = - \frac{\partial B}{\partial t}$$

$$\nabla \times B = \mu_0 j + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial E}{\partial t}$$

Low frequencies

See the lecture 9 by A. Casolary/F. Jaulmes/P. Macha

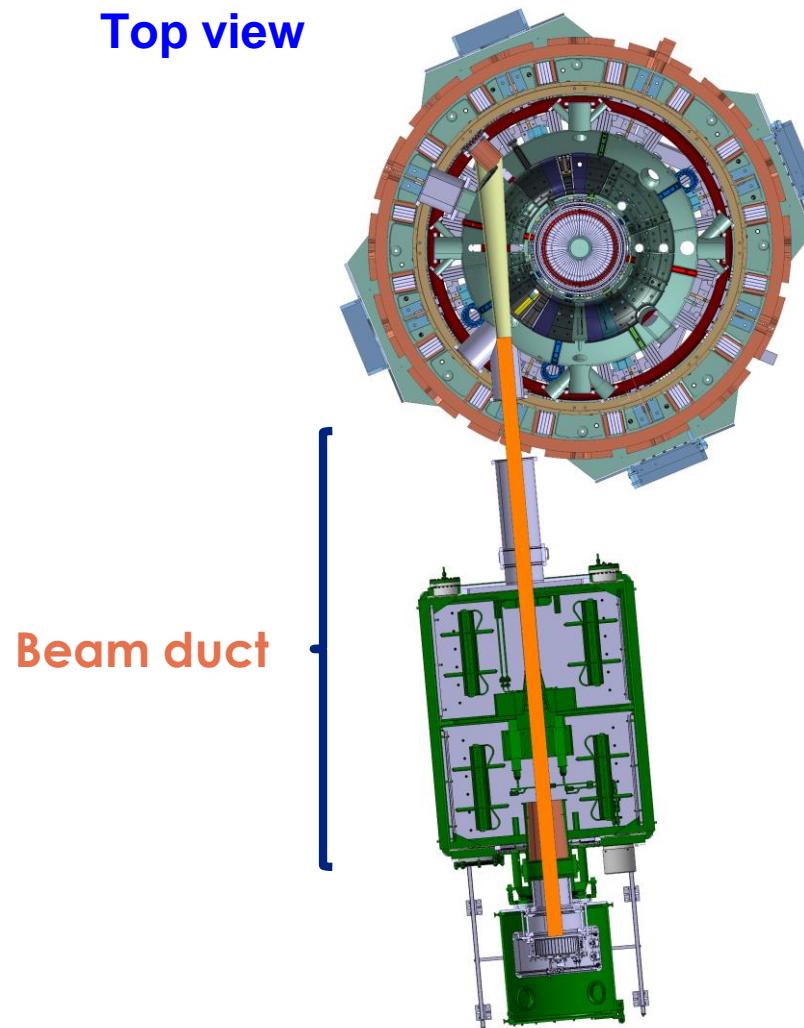
# Outline of the next lectures on MCFP

1. Feb 13 Introduction to modeling of laser-produced plasmas (LPP)– Limpouch
2. Feb 20 Introduction to different numerical methods used in Magnetic Confinement Fusion Plasmas (MCFP) - Tskhakaya
3. [Feb 27 PIC for MCFP - Tskhakaya](#)
4. Mar 6 Particle methods for LPP- Klimo
5. Mar 13 PIC simulations for extreme laser intensities – Jirka
6. Mar 20 Monte-Carlo methods for LPP- Klimo
7. [Mar 27 MC modelling; examples used for plasma edge and for the NBI \(Neutral Beam Injection\) modelling - Tskhakaya, Jaulmes](#)
8. [Apr 3 Static fluid and Magnetohydrodynamics modelling of the MCFP – Borodkina, Jaulmes](#)
9. [Apr 17 Fluid transport modelling of the plasma core and edge - Jaulmes, Casolari, Mácha](#)
10. Apr 24 Fluid simulations for LPP – Kuchařík
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# Introduction to Neutral Beam Injection (NBI) in tokamaks: fast ions modelling [F. Jaulmes]

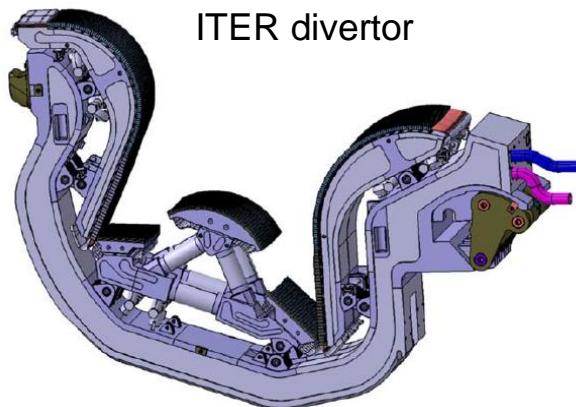
- What is the NBI [Neutral Beam Injector]
- Modelling particle orbits in tokamaks
- Overview of power deposition [COMPASS-U]
- Measurements & Modelling of fast neutrals generation in COMPASS

Top view

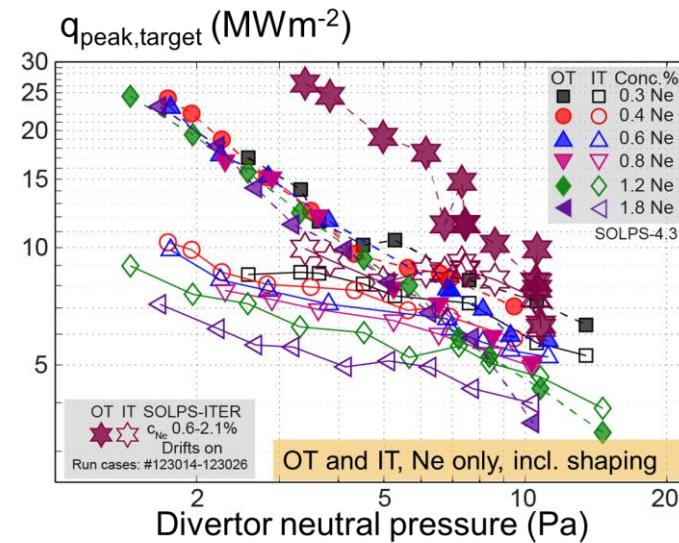


The SOLPS plasma boundary code package is dedicated to simulations of plasmas in the edge region of fusion devices:

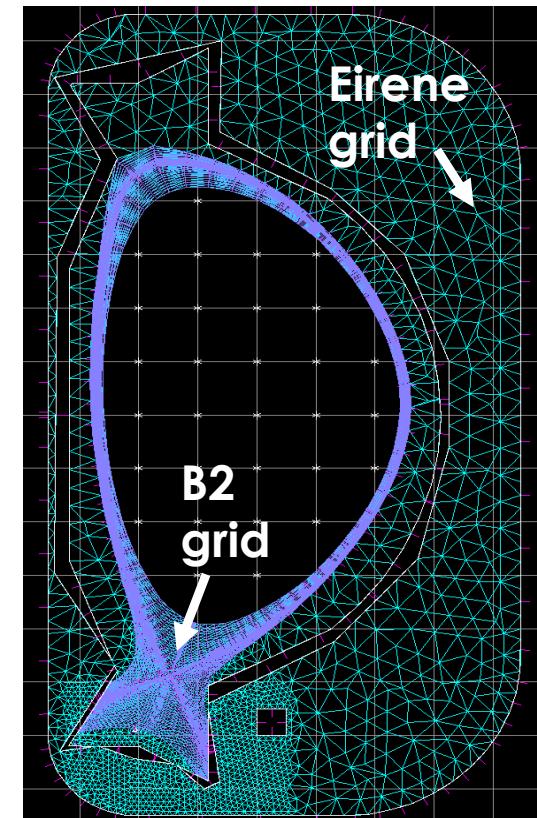
- a 2D multi-fluid plasma (ions and electrons) transport code, **B2**
- and the 3D kinetic Monte Carlo neutral transport code EIRENE (accurate capture of neutral transport, account for the detailed wall interactions (pumping, fuelling) and wall geometry)
- Maintained by ITER Organization at [git.ITER.org](https://git.ITER.org)
- SOLPS-ITER successor SOLPS4.3 has been the main workhorse for the ITER divertor design studies since 20+ years



R.A. Pitts, et al, NME 2019



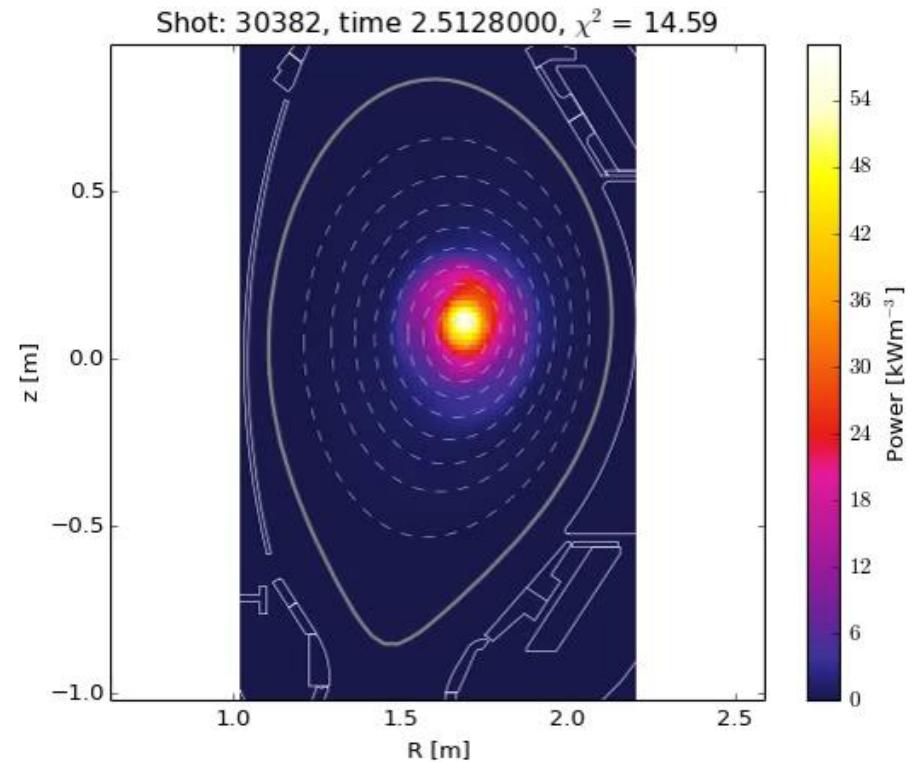
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SOLPS-ITER grid (B2 and Eirene) for the COMPASS Upgrade tokamak developed in the IPP Prague

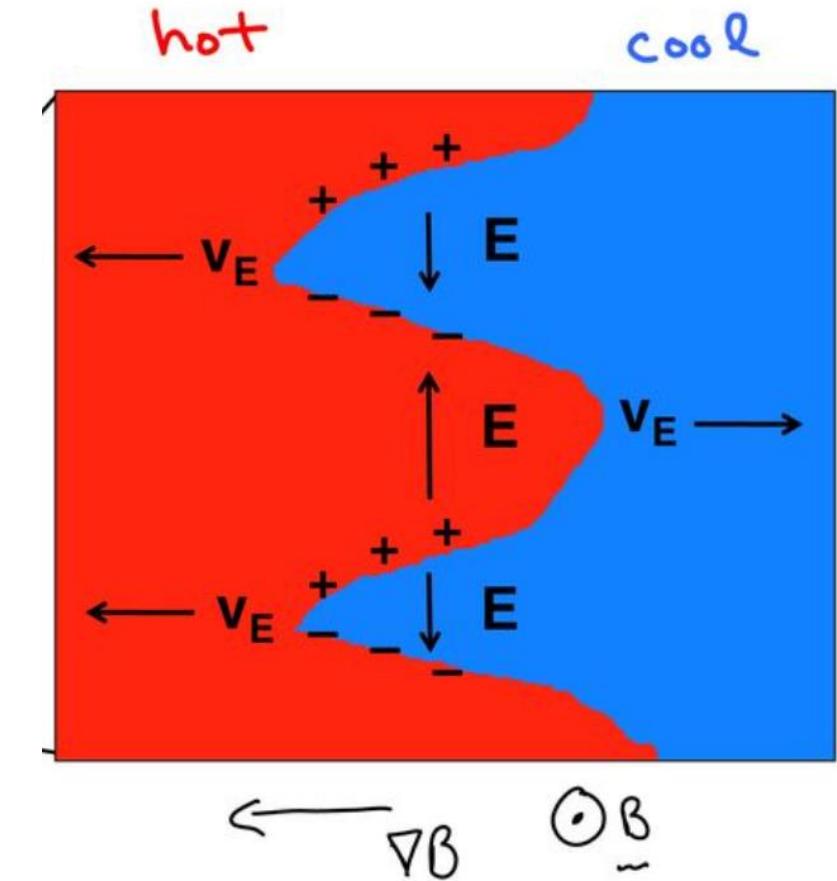
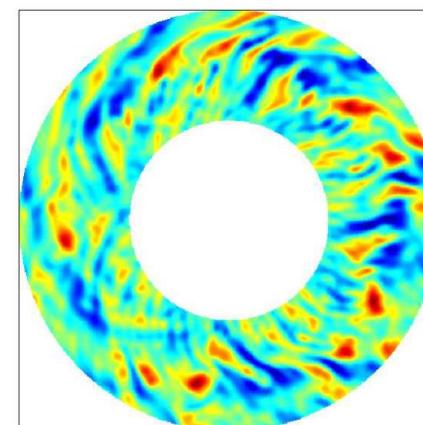
- Safety factor profile in tokamaks
- Phenomenological description of MHD, the internal kink and the sawtooth crash
- Energy principle and derivation of linear growth rate
- Simplified poloidal mapping of the reconnecting magnetic flux & simplified Reconnection rate modelling [if time]

Sawtooth crash



## Understanding micro-turbulence in a tokamak plasma

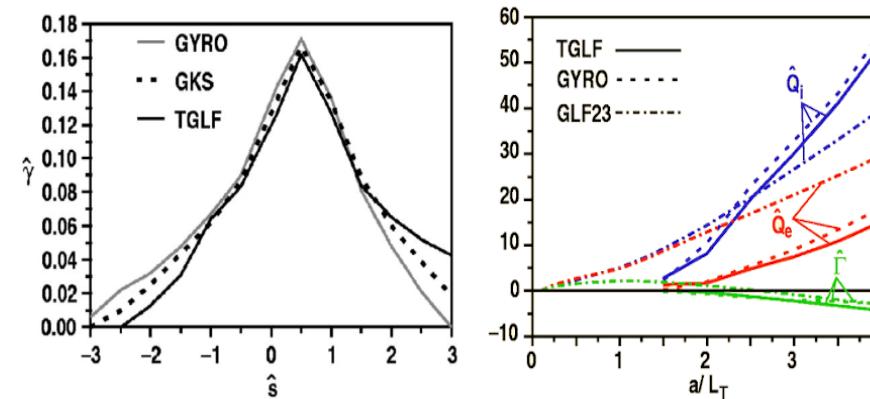
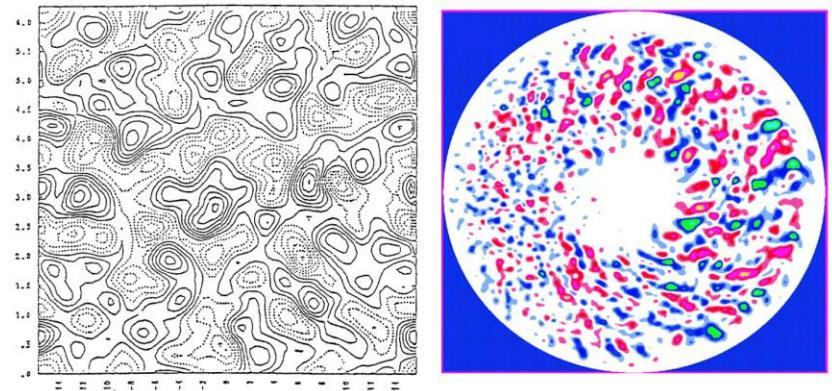
- Principles of magnetic confinement and limitations of pressure gradients: particle and heat transport
- Derivation of numerical drift wave turbulence model in the edge of confined plasma
- Illustration: Edge Localized Modes



[P. Beyer, LPIIM]

# Introduction to gyro-fluid turbulence in tokamaks [A. Casolari]

- Small-scale structures formation in turbulence (energy cascade, vortices)
- From single particle to fluid models
- From gyrokinetics to gyrofluid equations
- Gyro-Landau fluid (GLF) models

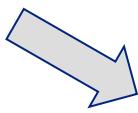


# Turbulence modelling of the SOL [P. Macha]

Perpendicular momentum:

$$\mathbf{v}_\perp = \underbrace{\frac{1}{B} \mathbf{b} \times \nabla \phi}_{\text{ExB drift}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{qnB} \mathbf{b} \times \nabla p}_{\text{diamagnetic drift}} + \underbrace{\frac{m}{qB} \mathbf{b} \times (\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v}}_{\text{polarization drift}},$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}_E = \underbrace{\nabla(\frac{1}{B}) \cdot \mathbf{b} \times \nabla \phi}_{(1)} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{B} \nabla \times \mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla \phi}_{(2)} = \mathcal{C}(\phi),$$



- from simple 2D model to complex 3D model
- Braginskii equations
- boundary conditions
- numerical implementation
- used schemes and solvers
- simulation results
- comparison with experiment
- advantages ✕ disadvantages

Kinetic equation

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (vf) + \nabla \cdot \left( \frac{F}{m} f \right) = C$$

$$\frac{\partial n}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (nv) = 0,$$

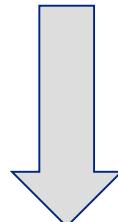
Temperature equation

$$\frac{3}{2} n \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \right) T + nT \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{q}_\perp = 0,$$

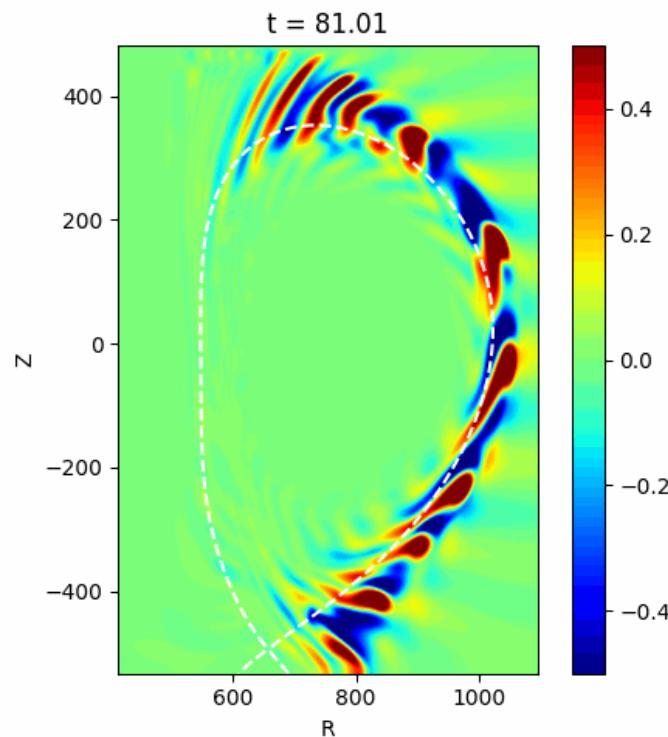
$$\frac{dn}{dt} + n\mathcal{C}(\phi) - \mathcal{C}(nT) = \Lambda(n)$$

$$\frac{dT}{dt} - \mathcal{C}(nT) = \Lambda(T)$$

$$\Omega = \nabla \times \mathbf{v}_E = B^{-2} \nabla \times (\mathbf{B} \times \nabla \phi) = \nabla_\perp^2 \phi.$$



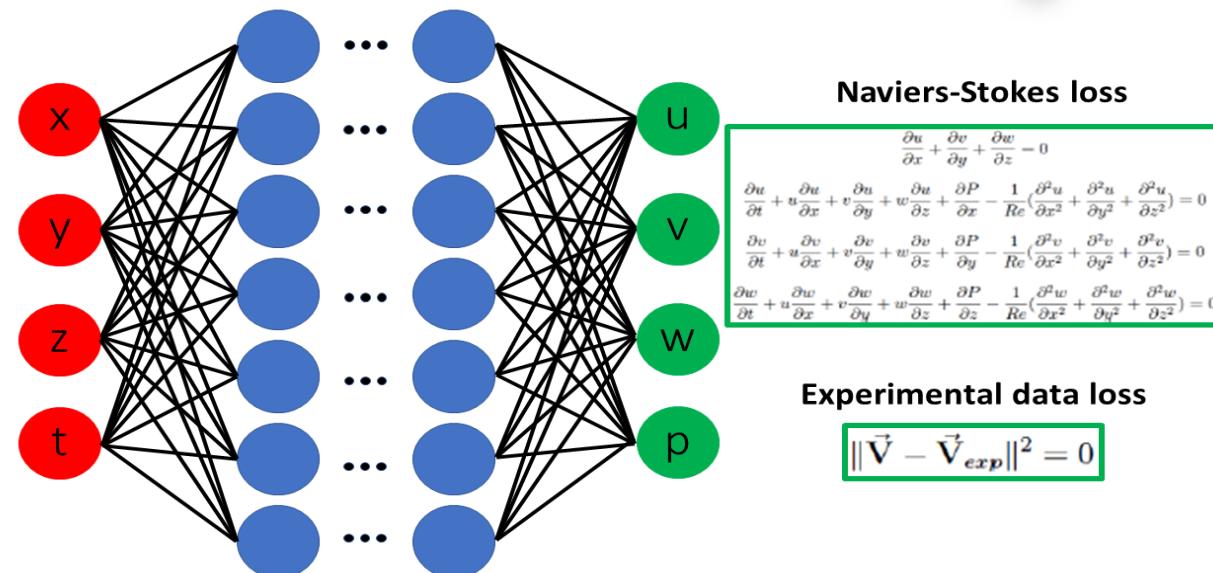
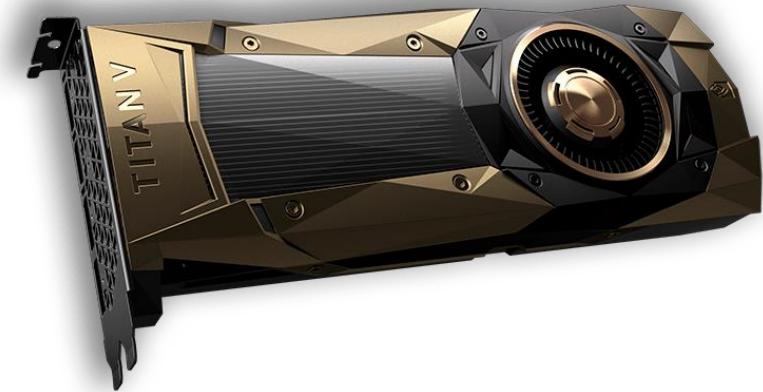
**From simple 2D to complex 3D model**



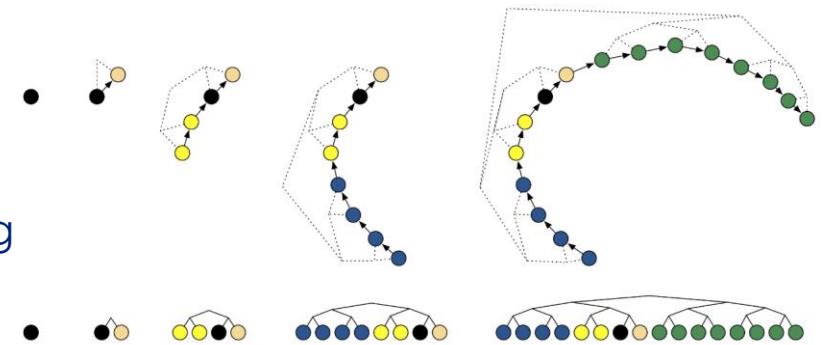
An example of density fluctuations during pre-quasi-stationary phase in GBS code.

## Covered topics

- Python for scientific computing and data science
- Speed up your simulations with GPU
- Autograd - automatic differentiation of computations
- What are Artificial Neural Networks (NN)
- Implicit representation of functions with NN
- Physics Informed Neural Networks - solving PDEs using NN



- Probabilistic Programming Languages
  - based on ML frameworks
  - utilise autograd, GPU speedups
- Natural way of problem solving:
  - What are the best parameters given a model and a prior knowledge
- Universal uncertainty propagation
- Optimisation algorithms: Hamiltonian samplers, NUTS
- Monte-Carlo Markov-Chain sampling



## Bayesian Statistics

