

Two-Fluid NSTX Steady-States with Flow

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- We are using M3D- C^1 to calculate axisymmetric toroidal steady-states of a comprehensive two-fluid model.
- These steady-states are steady on all timescales self-consistently include two-fluid effects, gyroviscosity, flow, and anisotropic transport.
- In particular, we would like to understand the effects of two-fluid terms and gyroviscosity on the steady-states.
- These steady-states may be used as accurate equilibria for three-dimensional stability studies.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial n}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (n\mathbf{u}) &= \Sigma \\ n \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} \right) &= \mathbf{J} \times \mathbf{B} - (\nabla p + \nabla \cdot \Pi) - \mathbf{u}\Sigma \\ \frac{1}{\Gamma - 1} \left[\frac{\partial p}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (p\mathbf{u}) \right] &= -p\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} + \frac{d_i}{\Gamma - 1} \frac{\mathbf{J}}{n} \cdot \left(\nabla p_e - \Gamma \frac{p_e}{n} \nabla n \right) \\ &\quad - \nabla \cdot \mathbf{q} - \Pi : \nabla \mathbf{u} + d_i \Pi_e : \nabla \frac{\mathbf{J}}{n} + \frac{1}{2} u^2 \Sigma \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{B} = \eta \mathbf{J} + \frac{d_i}{n} (\mathbf{J} \times \mathbf{B} - \nabla p_e - \nabla \cdot \Pi_e)$$

$$\mathbf{J} = \nabla \times \mathbf{B}$$

$$\Sigma = \sigma + D\nabla^2 n$$

$$\Pi = \Pi_o + \Pi_\wedge + \Pi_\parallel$$

$$\Pi_e = \lambda n \nabla \mathbf{J}$$

$$\mathbf{q} = -\kappa_o \nabla T - \kappa_\parallel \mathbf{B} \mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla T$$

Digression: Interpretation of Gyroviscosity

- Ramos shows that dominant contribution of Π_{\perp} (absent parallel gradients) is

$$\nabla \cdot \Pi_{\perp} \approx -mn\mathbf{u}_* \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u}$$

where

$$\mathbf{u}_* = -\frac{1}{mn} \nabla \times \left(\frac{p}{B^2} \mathbf{B} \right)$$

- Braginskii shows that difference between fluid drift velocity and average gyro-center drift velocity is

$$\mathbf{u} - \langle \mathbf{v}_c \rangle = -\frac{1}{mn} \nabla \times \left(\frac{p}{B^2} \mathbf{B} \right) = \mathbf{u}_*$$

- Therefore,

$$mn\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} + \nabla \cdot \Pi_{\perp} \approx mn(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_*) \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} = mn \langle \mathbf{v}_c \rangle \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u}$$

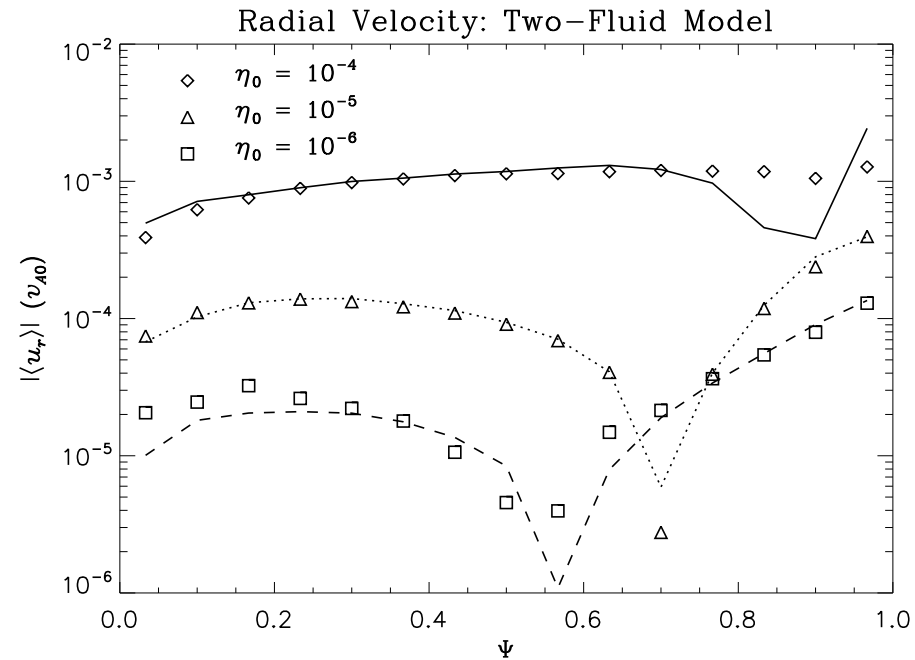
- “Gyroviscous cancellation” cancels fluid drifts from inertia.

Method

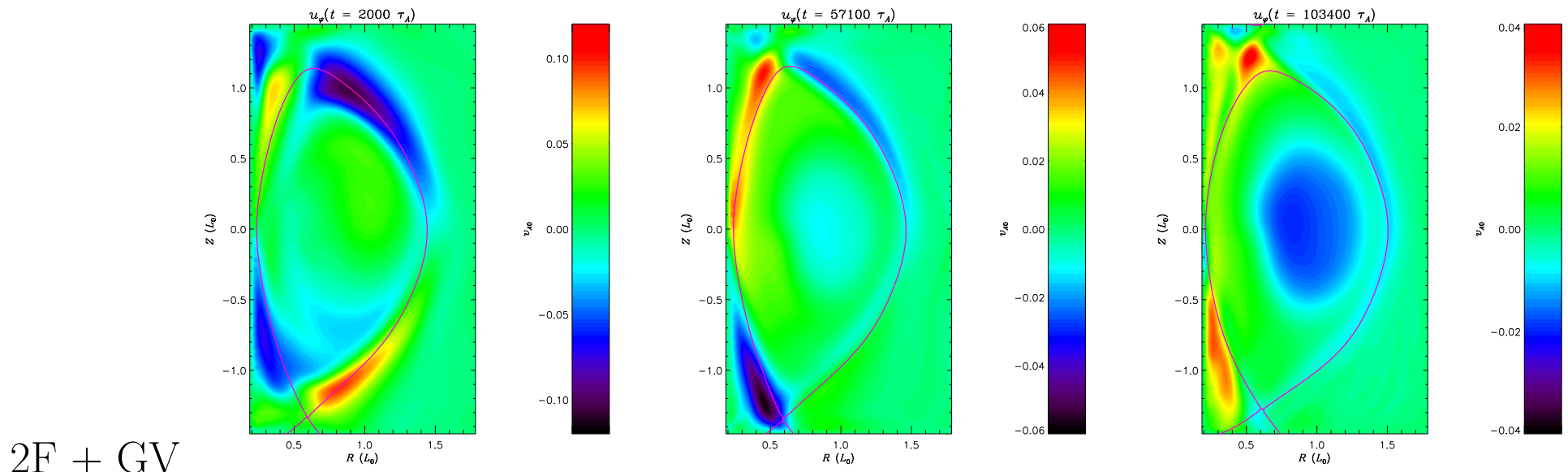
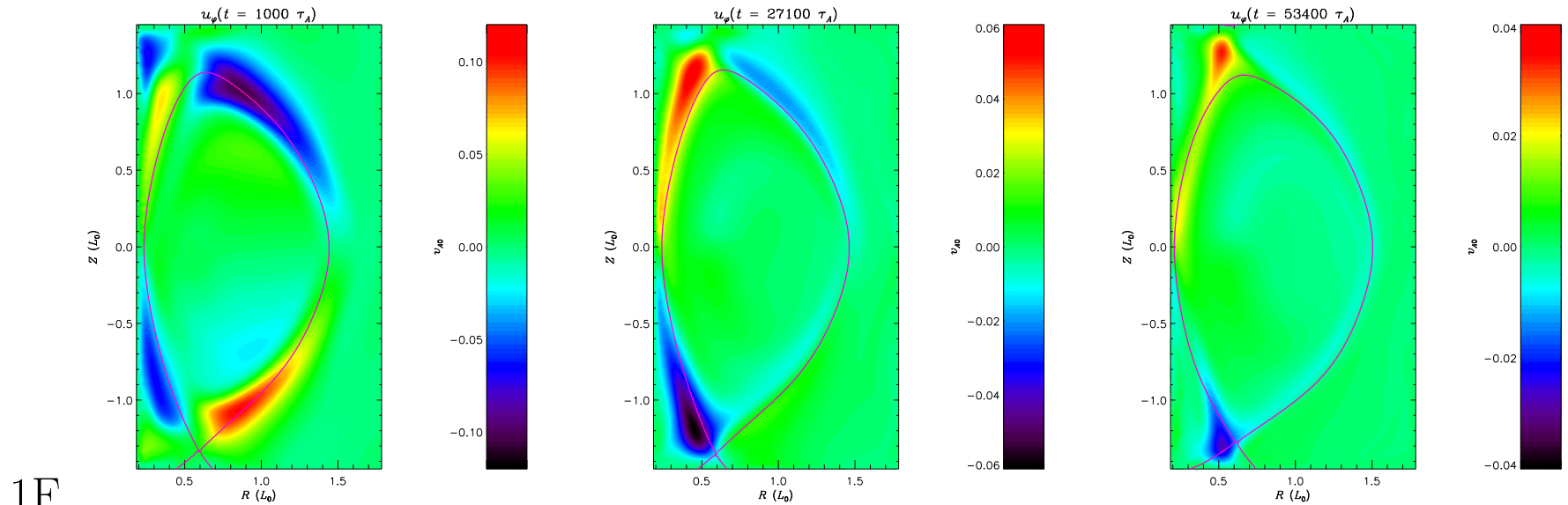
- The simulation is initialized with a solution to the Grad-Shafranov equation.
- A loop voltage is applied by changing the flux at the boundary of the simulation domain at a constant rate $\dot{\psi} = V_L/2\pi$.
- A localized density source is included to offset diffusive flux out of the simulation domain.
- The simulation is run until a steady state in all hydrodynamic quantities is reached (may not be stationary).
- $\eta = \eta_0 T^{-3/2}$. The vacuum region is simply a low temperature region outside the separatrix.

Radial Flows

- Pfirsch-Schlüter theory of radial flows is well satisfied.
- Radial flows are proportional to η and V_L .



Toroidal Flow: Edge Flows

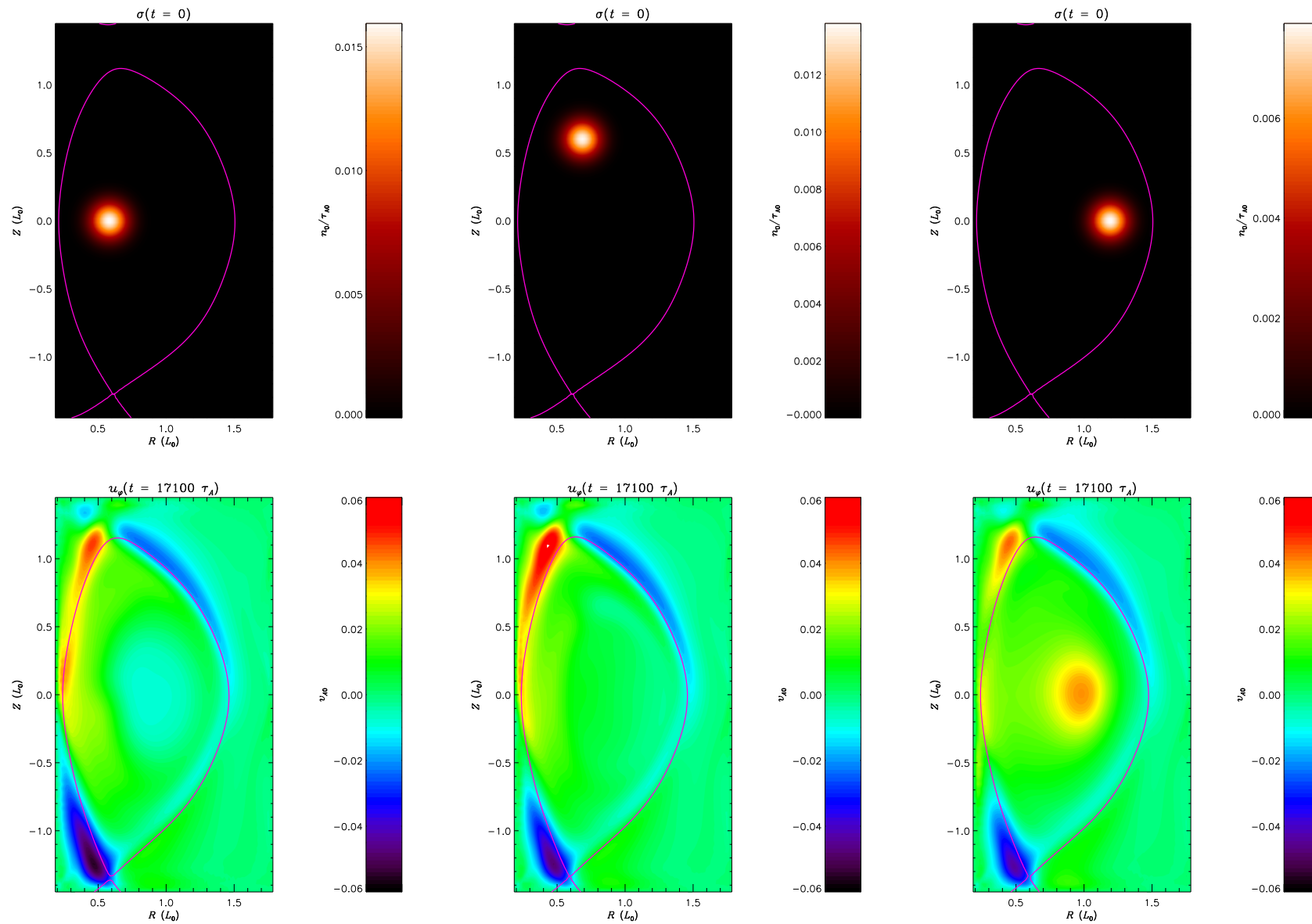


$$\eta_0 = 10^{-4}$$

$$\eta_0 = 10^{-5}$$

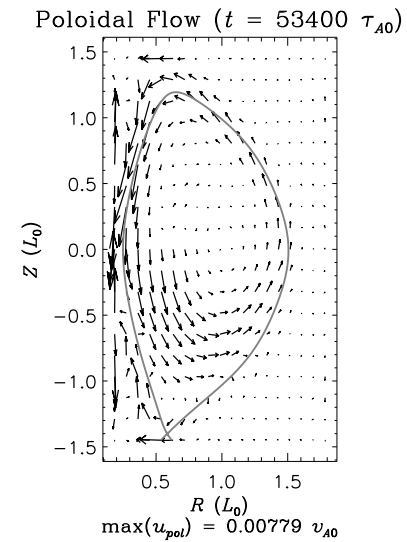
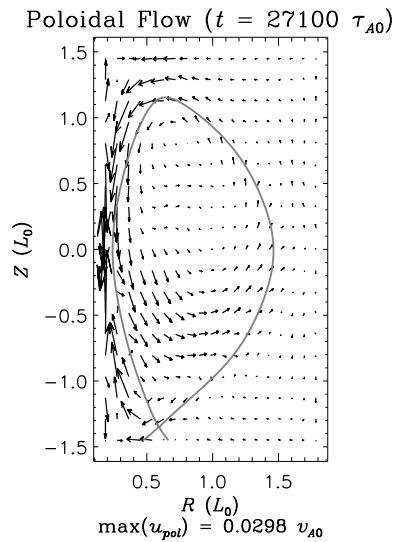
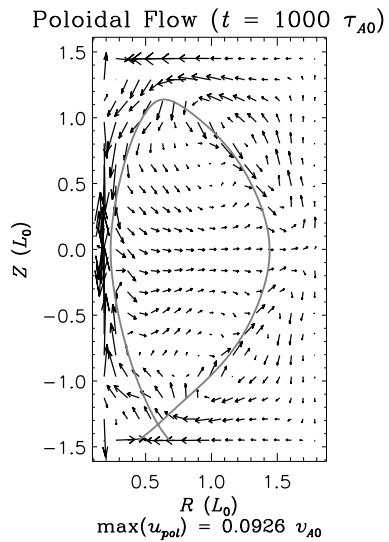
$$\eta_0 = 10^{-6}$$

Toroidal Flow: Core Rotation

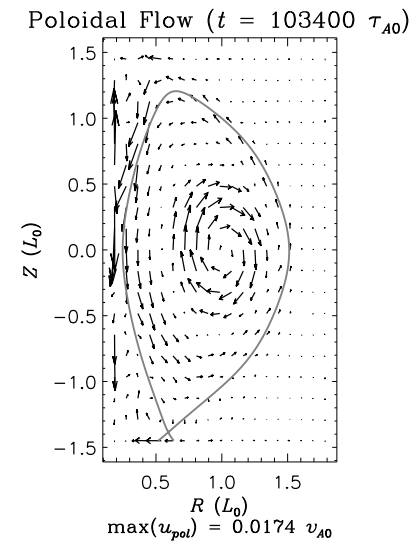
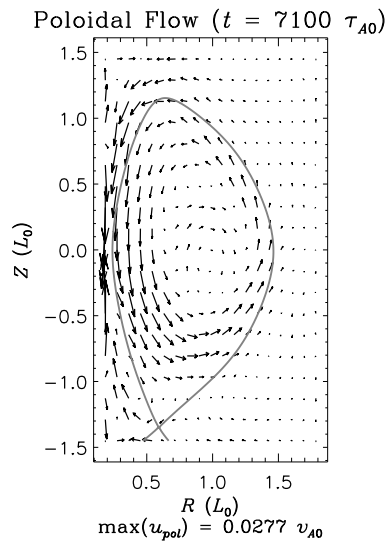
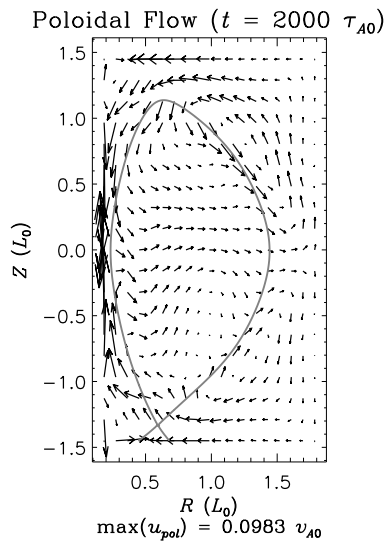


Poloidal Flow

1F



2F + GV



$$\eta_0 = 10^{-4}$$

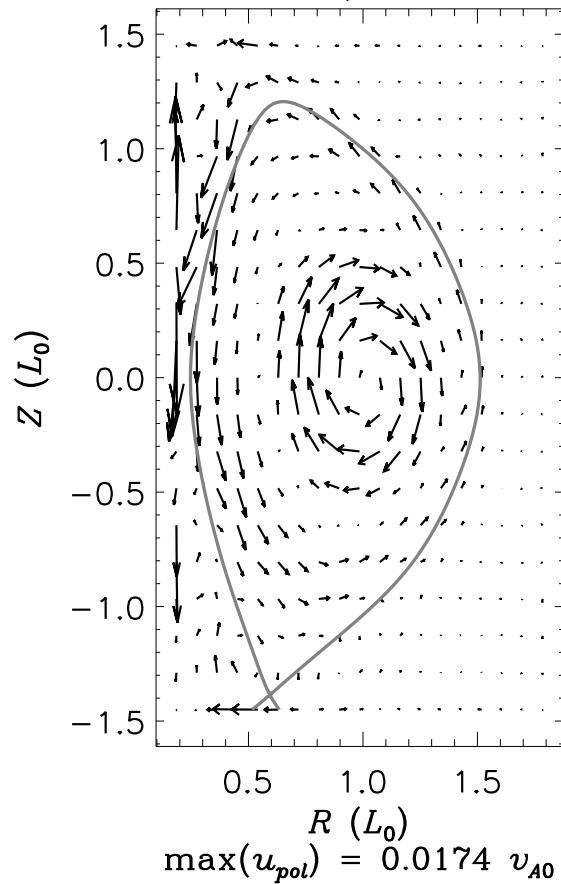
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Parallel Viscosity

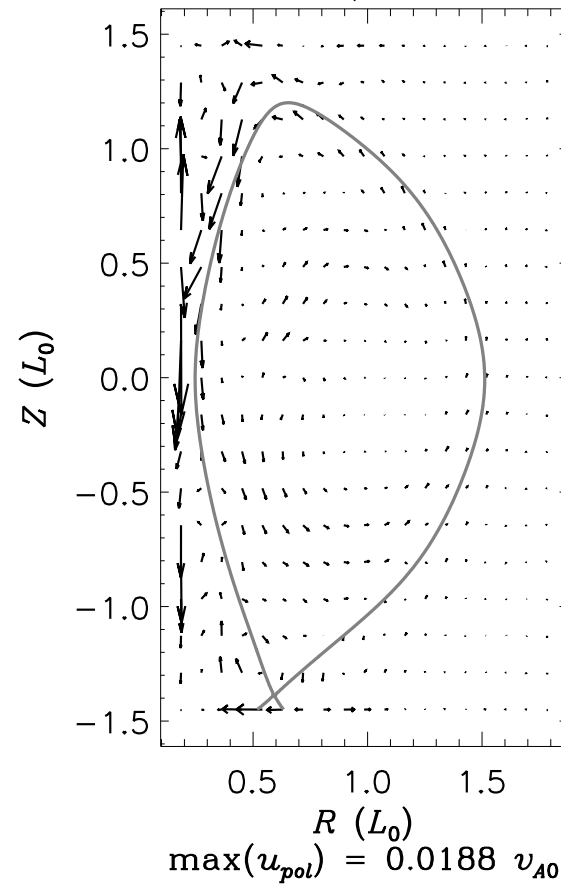
- Collisional parallel viscosity damps poloidal flows.
- Does not damp toroidal flows.

Poloidal Flow ($t = 103400 \tau_{A0}$)



$$\mu_{\parallel} = 0$$

Poloidal Flow ($t = 53400 \tau_{A0}$)



$$\mu_{\parallel} / \mu_{\perp} = 10^5$$

Conclusions

- We have been able to obtain self-consistent steady-states of the extended-MHD equations for realistic plasma configurations with free boundaries.
- The flows observed in the steady-states are in good agreement with Pfirsch-Schlüter theory.
- Strong up-down antisymmetric toroidal edge flows exist in highly resistive SOLs.
- Hall term and electron pressure gradient have little effect on steady-state.
- In highly resistive, low viscosity case, gyroviscosity may lead to persistent, large-scale oscillations.

Future Work

- Better modeling of edge/SOL
 - Realistic boundary shapes/conditions
 - Pedestal modeling for H-mode
 - “Rice Scaling” for spontaneous rotation $M_A \sim \beta_N$.
- Need some model for neoclassical parallel viscosity (bootstrap current).
- Coupling to realistic transport models (TGLF?)
- 3D nonlinear simulations