

Hybrid Kinetic MHD and Full Orbits in NIMROD

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Overview of Past Work

- implement **hot particle pressure tensor** in the momentum equation:

$$\rho \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{U}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{U} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{U} \right) = \mathbf{J} \times \mathbf{B} - \nabla \cdot \underline{\mathbf{p}}_b - \nabla \cdot \underline{\mathbf{p}}_h$$

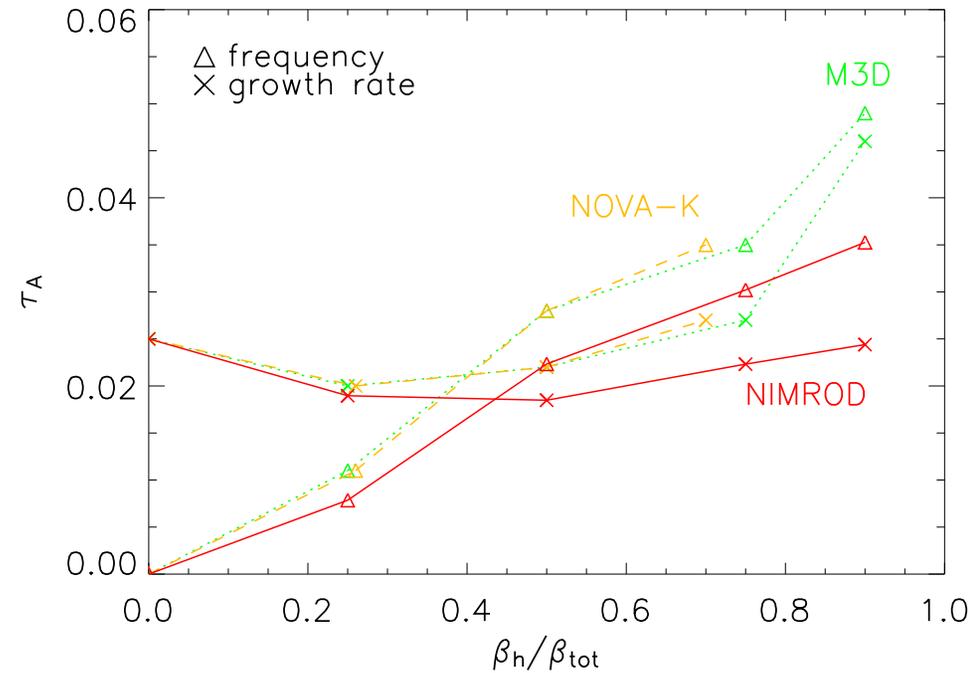
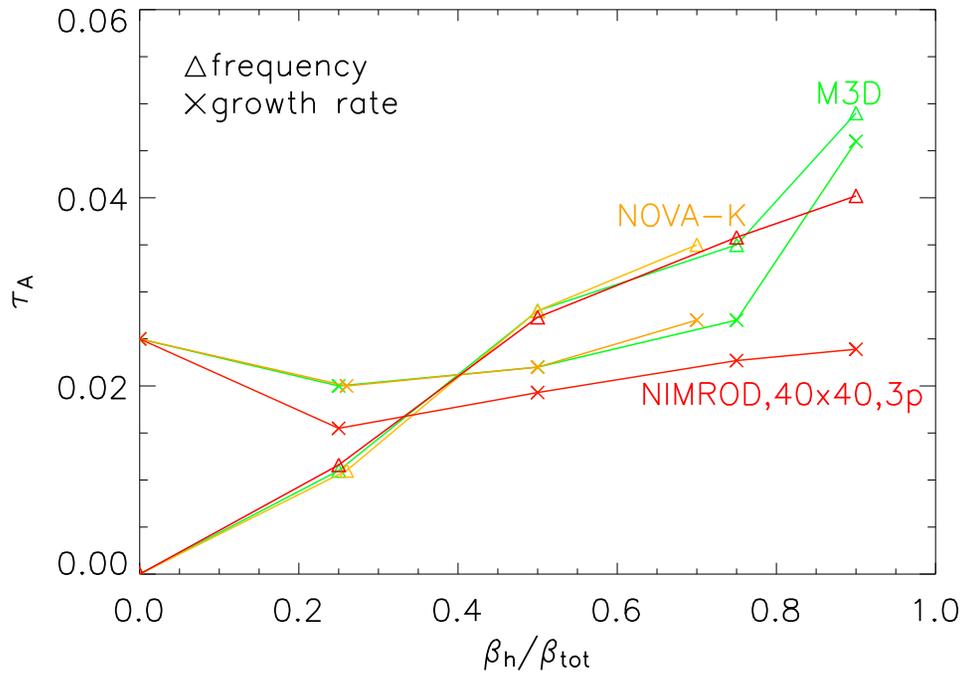
the subscripts b, h denote the bulk plasma and hot particles

- assume **CGL-like** form $\delta \underline{\mathbf{p}}_h = \begin{pmatrix} p_{\perp} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & p_{\perp} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & p_{\parallel} \end{pmatrix}$
- **evaluate pressure moment** using δf PIC method

$$\begin{aligned} \delta p(\mathbf{x}) &= \int m(v - V_h)^2 \delta f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}) d^3v \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N m(v_i - V_h)^2 g_0 w_i \delta^3(x - x_i) \end{aligned}$$

BUG in Drift Kinetic Benchmark with M3D

- discovered that I was not taking **SQRT** in calculating $|B| \rightarrow$ **YIKES!!**



- downward shift of real frequency, marginal effect on growth rate
- explore source of discrepancy - ?using ψ_p not P_ζ ?



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- **Objective:** develop the capability to model full kinetic minority species in NIMROD
- The Plan
 - implement full kinetic orbits for particles - Boris Push
 - test different coupling schemes (**J** vs. **P**)
 - improve timestepping → orbit averaging
 - implement collisions with background^a
 - implement multiple ‘species’ e.g. some full kinetic particles some drift
 - explore issues concerning open boundary conditions^b
 - explore running fluid electrons and kinetic ions

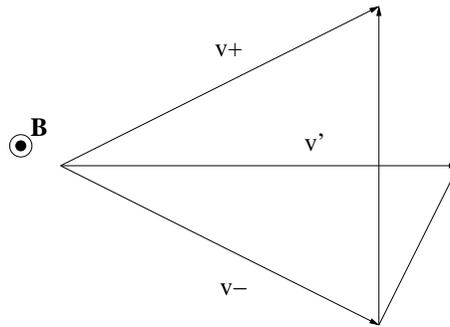
^aY. Chen and R. B. White, ‘Collisional δf method’, *Physics of Plasmas* 4 3591 (1997)

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Description of the Boris Algorithm^a

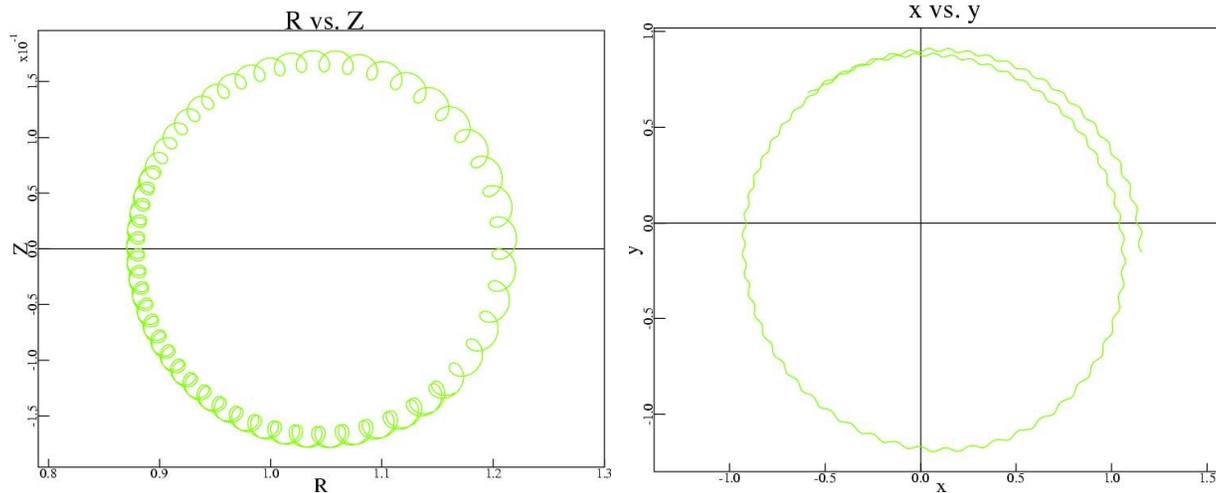
- Boris push utilizes leap frog time centering
- half step push of electric field $\mathbf{v}^- = \mathbf{v}_{t-\Delta t/2} + \frac{q\mathbf{E}}{m} \frac{\Delta t}{2}$
- increment \mathbf{v}^- to $\mathbf{v}' = \mathbf{v}^- + \mathbf{v}^- \times \vec{\omega}_c \frac{\Delta t}{2}$ where $\vec{\omega}_c = \frac{q\mathbf{B}}{m}$



- rotate \mathbf{v}^- to $\mathbf{v}^+ = \mathbf{v}^- + \mathbf{v}' \times s\vec{\omega}_c$ where $s = \frac{\Delta t}{1 + \omega_c^2 \frac{\Delta t^2}{4}}$ s.t. $|\mathbf{v}^+| = |\mathbf{v}^-|$
- remainder of half step push of electric field $\mathbf{v}_{t+\Delta t/2} = \mathbf{v}^+ + \frac{q\mathbf{E}}{m} \frac{\Delta t}{2}$

Ion Orbits Nontrivial in ICC Devices

full orbits has marginal consequences for overall trajectory in tokamaks



nontrivial orbits in ICCs

