# A chaotic collection of thoughts on stochastic transport

what are the issues that M3D must consider to accurately determine heat transport

which analytical and numerical methods may complement the M3D algorithm

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## How is heat transported across islands and chaotic regions ?

 $\mathbf{q} = -\kappa_{\parallel} \nabla_{\parallel} T - \kappa_{\perp} \nabla_{\perp} T$ ,  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{q} = S$ ,  $\kappa_{\parallel} \gg \kappa_{\perp}$ 

heat flux **q** 

heat source S



# A spectrum of analytical and numerical approaches exist . .

#### 1) Analytical

- 1) tearing mode theory following Fitzpatrick (island but no chaos)
- 2) Rechester-Rosenbluth (strong chaos)
- 2) <u>Monte Carlo</u>
  - 1) particle pushing (statistical)

#### 3) Point Gaussian model

- 1) pushing local gaussians
- 4) <u>Magnetic Coordinate approach</u>
  - 1) locate KAM surfaces
- 5) Markov model of transport through cantori
  - 1) following MacKay, Meiss, Percival
- 6) <u>Full Numerical Simulation</u>
  - 1) finite elements, M3D, NIMROD,

I will discuss each of these approaches



#### Fitzpatrick [PoP 2(3), 825, 1995] applied tearing mode analysis to determine scale island width

Balancing 
$$\kappa_{\parallel} (\mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla)^2 \sim \kappa_{\perp} (\nabla_{\perp})^2$$
  
gives scale island width

$$\frac{\mathbf{W}}{\mathbf{r}} \propto \left(\frac{\kappa_{\parallel}}{\kappa_{\perp}}\right)^{1/4}$$

for w  $\ll$  W,  $\kappa_{\perp}$  dominates for w  $\gg$  W,  $\kappa_{\parallel}$  dominates heat transported along boundary layer

#### DID NOT CONSIDER CHAOS



Rechester & Rosenbluth [PRL 40(1), 38, 1978] considered the enhancement to particle diffusion due to the stochastic field





can handle islands, chaos, KAM surfaces . . .
 need lots of particles to give accurate statistics

## The following few slides will introduce the Gaussian model

The gaussian plays a special role in diffusion

$$g_{\sigma}(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma} \exp\left(\frac{-x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \text{ solves } \partial_t T = D\partial_{xx}^2 T \text{ with } \sigma = \sqrt{2Dt + \sigma_0^2}.$$
  
Model : approximate T by summation of gaussians . . .  
Consider  $f(x) = \int dx' f(x') \ \delta(x - x') \rightarrow \sum \Delta x f_i \ g_{\sigma}(x - x_i) \ \alpha$   
hope is to do  
better than  
Monte Carlo  
method

By representing T as sum of gaussians, effect  
of diffusion is approximated.  
$$\mathbf{x} = (x, y), \Gamma = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_x & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_y \end{pmatrix}$$
In 2D, T(**x**) =  $\sum_{i,j} T_{i,j} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_{i,j})^T \cdot \Gamma^2 \cdot (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_{i,j})\right] \alpha$ .  
Under map, **x**' = F**x**, gaussian is rotated & stretched  
T(**x**) =  $\sum_{i,j} f_{i,j} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'_{i,j})^T \cdot \mathbf{U} \cdot \mathbf{W}^{-1} \cdot \Gamma^2 \cdot \mathbf{W}^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{U}^T \cdot (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'_{i,j})\right] \alpha$ ,  
and then diffuses  $\sigma'_x \rightarrow \sqrt{2D + {\sigma'_x}^2}$   
where  $\Gamma' = \Gamma \cdot \mathbf{W} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma'_x & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma'_y \end{pmatrix}$   
initial distribution

#### The model determines Temperature evolution



#### An example Temperature profile is shown

1) Steady state T is shown boundary condition  $T(r \le 1) = 1$ 

2) island width suff. large so  $\kappa_{\parallel} (\mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla)^2 \sim \kappa_{\perp} (\nabla_{\perp})^2$ 

unstable manifold

3) What is influencing T?

here standard map is used





### Decreasing diffusion $\kappa_{\perp}$ leads to increased correlation with field



- 1) I am still working through the details of this method..
- 2) The method should be directly extendable to 3D chaotic fields with arbitrary diffusion . .
- *3)* The parallel motion is solved exactly, so this method may reduce numerical pollution of perpendicular transport
- 4) The model is similar to both the Monte Carlo method and to direct matrix methods . .

#### Now moving on to other approaches . . Can use discrete magnetic coordinates

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flatten across these islands,

- 1) KAM surfaces are robust, and can construct magnetic coordinates between islands
- 2) The use of magnetic coordinates can reduce discretization errors
- 3) <u>Destruction of invariant surfaces and</u> <u>magnetic coordinates for perturbed</u> <u>magnetic fields, Hudson PoP 2004.</u>
- 4) Procedure implemented for M3D field

### Can also use a Markov model for transport developed by MacKay, Meiss & Percival [PHYSICA D 13 (1-2): 55-81 1984]

1) KAM surfaces disintegrate into leaky Cantor-set tori=cantori



- 2) Can develop a transport model based on probability of jumping from region to region  $N_i' = \Sigma_j P_{i,j} N_j$
- 3) Cantori are approximated by high order periodic orbits eg. <u>Calculation of</u> <u>cantori for Hamiltonian flows, Hudson,</u> <u>Physical Review E, 2006.</u>

cantori can be very strong, partial barriers



#### A Markov model of advection-diffusion might look like this . .

Perhaps a stepped temperature profile . . ?



#### And, of course, there is the full numerical simulation

- 1) Such numerical simulations are probably the most reliable approach, but lack insight and need to be supported by theory.
- 2) The ideas presented on previous slides may enable a better initial guess for iterative solutions . .



eg. Gunter et al., JCP 209, 354, 2005  

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x}T\Big|_{i+\frac{1}{2},j+\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2(\Delta x)} \left( (T_{i+1,j+1} + T_{i+1,j}) - (T_{i,j+1} + T_{i,j}) \right),$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y}T\Big|_{i+\frac{1}{2},j+\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2(\Delta y)} \left( (T_{i+1,j+1} + T_{i,j+1}) - (T_{i+1,j} + T_{i,j}) \right),$$



Fig. 1. Grid labelling and elementary cell.



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