



Simulation as a tool to improve wave heating in fusion plasmas, Reality or Dream ?

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Schedule: - Wave Heating: an introduction to the ≠ scales, and Physics

- How to build a simulation in wave heating?
- Where we are for the ≠ wave heating systems ?
- What we can expect, till ?
- Conclusion & Open questions



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Wave Heating in Magnetic Plasma





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Wave Heating in Magnetized Plasma (scales)





Wave Heating in Magnetized Plasma



An example: Tore Supra RF equipment





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Electron Cyclotron Resonant Heating





Frequency range: ~100GHz < f < 200GHz



Gyrotrons

General principle: Cyclotron damping of ordinary (O-mode) extraordinary wave (Xmode) by electrons, either thermal or superthermal.

Main features:

Electron heating (localized) Non-inductive current drive (localized) (De-)stabilization of MHD modes (ST, NTM. . .)

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Electron Cyclotron Resonant Heating







Force on an electron

$$m\frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = e \cdot (\vec{E} + \vec{v} \times \vec{B}) \cdot \exp(i(\omega t - \vec{k}\vec{x})) \approx e \cdot \vec{E} \cdot \exp(i(\omega t - \vec{k}\vec{x}))$$

Integration along an unperturbed orbit gives for the momentum increase

=> Interaction only with resonant particles in velocity space





Electron Cyclotron Resonant Heating

$$\begin{split} m\Delta \vec{v} &= e\vec{E} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dt \exp\left[i\omega t - ik_{\perp}\rho\sin(\omega_{c}t + \varphi_{0}) - ik_{\parallel}v_{\parallel0}t\right] \\ &= e\vec{E} \sum_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \exp(in\varphi_{0})J_{n}(k_{\perp}\rho)\delta(\omega - n\omega_{c} - k_{\parallel}v_{\parallel0}) \end{split}$$

At the fundamental resonance (n = 1), the dominant term for thermal particles is J₀(k_⊥ ρ)E₊. For fast particles, the dominant term becomes J₂(k_⊥ ρ)E₋ (FLR effect)

At the 1st harmonic resonance (n = 2), the dominant term is J₁($\mathbf{k}_{\perp} \rho$)E₊ (*FLR* effect).

(FLR) Finite Larmor Radius

Role of the harmonics



Should all the order take into account? Full Larmor effects against FLR effect?





Mode Conversion OXB-Heating



Mode conversion process under certain launch angles and for minimum density.

O mode converts into X mode at O-mode cutoff.

X-mode converts into electrostatic electron (Bernstein) wave.

Bernstein wave absorbed by electron cyclotron damping.

No upper density limit.

What is the role of fluctuations of the conversion process?

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Lower Hybrid Resonant Heating and Current Drive (LHCD)



plasma

waveguide

grill

Frequency range: 3 GHz < f < 15 GHz

Generators: Klystrons, Gyrotrons

General principle: Landau damping of toroidally asymmetric slow wave by superthermal electrons.

Main features:

Non-inductive current drive (bulk) Peripheral current drive (reactor) Induced rotation



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Using the range of the pulsation of the LH wave

$$\begin{cases} \epsilon_{xx} = 1 - \sum_{j} \frac{\omega_{pj}}{\omega^2 - \Omega_{cj}^2} \\ \epsilon_{xy} = -\epsilon_{yx} = i \sum_{j} \frac{\omega_{pj}}{\omega} \frac{\Omega_{cj}}{\omega^2 - \Omega_{cj}^2} \\ \epsilon_{zz} = 1 - \sum_{j} \frac{\omega_{pj}}{\omega^2} \end{cases} \begin{cases} \epsilon_{xx} = S \cong 1 - \frac{\omega_{pe}^2}{\Omega_{ce}^2} - \frac{\omega_{pi}^2}{\omega^2} \\ \epsilon_{xy} = iD \cong i \frac{\omega_{pe}^2}{\omega\Omega_{ce}} \\ \epsilon_{zz} = P \cong 1 - \frac{\omega_{pe}^2}{\omega^2} \end{cases}$$
$$N_{\perp}^2 = \frac{K_{\perp}\widetilde{K}_{\perp} - K_{\times}^2 + K_{\parallel}\widetilde{K}_{\perp}}{2K_{\perp}} \pm \left[\left(\frac{K_{\perp}\widetilde{K}_{\perp} - K_{\times}^2 + K_{\parallel}\widetilde{K}_{\perp}}{2K_{\perp}} \right)^2 + \frac{K_{\parallel}}{K_{\perp}} (K_{\times}^2 - \widetilde{K}_{\perp}^2) \right]^{1/2}$$
$$N_{\perp} = k_{\perp}c/\omega \qquad N_{\perp s}^2 = \frac{1}{2S} \left(B + \sqrt{B^2 - 4SC} \right) \qquad \text{Slow wave} \qquad C/S$$
$$\widetilde{K}_{\perp} = K_{\perp} - N_{\parallel}^2 \qquad N_{\perp f}^2 = \frac{1}{2S} \left(B - \sqrt{B^2 - 4SC} \right) \qquad \text{Fast wave}$$
The condition of resonance is S = 0 \qquad \Rightarrow \qquad \omega_{LH}^2 = \frac{\omega_{pi}^2}{1 + \omega_{pe}^2/\Omega_{ce}^2}The cut-off of the slow wave corresponds to N_{\perp} = 0 the value of n_c is around 10^{17} \text{m}^3









Lower Hybrid Heating and Current Drive (LHCD)





Ion Cyclotron Resonant Heating (ICRH)



Frequency range: 30MHz < f < 100MHz

Generators: Tetrodes, diacrodes

General principle:

Cyclotron damping of fast wave by ions, either thermal or superthermal (fast). Landau damping of fast wave electrons

Main features:

Electron / ion heating Non-inductive current-drive (central) Induced rotation







Ion Cyclotron Resonant Heating (ICRH)







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Ion Cyclotron Resonant Heating (ICRH)

Underlying physics

Rectification of sheaths voltages by the slow wave

Interactions related to electrical design of the antenna

Need of self-consistent modeling of RF sheaths closer to first principles



•Observations: enhanced heat loads, sputtering, density modification on ICRH antennas and connected objects (Tore Supra, AUG, C-Mod, JET,...)



IR image front face Tore Supra antenna New faraday screen

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Wave absorption computation





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Wave absorption computation



$$egin{aligned} m{K}(m{k},\omega) &= m{K}_{\mathrm{H}}(m{k},\omega) + im{K}_{\mathrm{I}}(m{k},\omega) & (\omega &= \omega_{\mathrm{r}} + i\omega_{\mathrm{i}}, \, |\omega_{\mathrm{i}}| \ll |\omega_{\mathrm{r}}|) \ & m{K}(m{k},\omega_{\mathrm{r}} + i\omega_{\mathrm{i}}) &pprox m{K}_{\mathrm{H}}(m{k},\omega_{\mathrm{r}}) + i\omega_{\mathrm{i}}rac{\partial}{\partial\omega_{\mathrm{r}}}m{K}_{\mathrm{H}}(m{k},\omega_{\mathrm{r}}) + im{K}_{\mathrm{I}}(m{k},\omega_{\mathrm{r}}) \end{aligned}$$

wave energy

$$\begin{split} W_{0} &= \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re} \left(\frac{B_{0}^{*} \cdot B_{0}}{2\mu_{0}} + \frac{\epsilon_{0}}{2} E_{0}^{*} \cdot K_{\mathrm{H}} \cdot E_{0} + \frac{\epsilon_{0}}{2} E_{0}^{*} \cdot \left(\omega_{\mathrm{r}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \omega_{\mathrm{r}}} K_{\mathrm{H}} \right) \cdot E_{0} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re} \left(\frac{B_{0}^{*} \cdot B_{0}}{2\mu_{0}} + \frac{\epsilon_{0}}{2} E_{0}^{*} \cdot \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \omega} (\omega K_{\mathrm{H}}) \right) \cdot E_{0} \right) \end{split}$$

Wave Energy transfert

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial W_0}{\partial t} &= -\omega_r \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E_0^* \cdot K_I \cdot E_0 - \nabla \cdot P \\ \text{absorbed power} \end{aligned}$$

$$F(r,t) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(k) \exp i(k \cdot r - \omega(k)t) dk \qquad \frac{\partial}{\partial k_i} (k \cdot r - \omega(k)t) = 0 \\ \frac{x}{t} &= \frac{\partial \omega(k)}{\partial k_x} \qquad v_g = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial k_x}, \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial k_y}, \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial k_z} \\ \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial k_x}, \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial k_y}, \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial k_z} \end{pmatrix} \qquad \text{Group Velocity}$$

$$\text{From Velocity}$$

$$\text{From Velocity}$$

absorbed power
$$P^{ab} = \omega_r \left(\frac{\epsilon_0}{2}\right) E^* \cdot K_I \cdot E$$
 or $P^{ab} = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re}(E^* \cdot j)_{\omega = \omega_r}$
 $P^{ab} = \omega_r \left(\frac{\epsilon_0}{2}\right) \operatorname{Re}(E^* \cdot (-i)K \cdot E)_{\omega = \omega_r}$ $j = -i\omega P = -i\epsilon_0 \omega (K - I) \cdot E$

Wave absorption computation

Expliciting the components

$$P^{ab} = \omega \frac{\epsilon_0}{2} \left(|E_x|^2 \mathrm{Im} K_{xx} + |E_y|^2 \mathrm{Im} K_{yy} + |E_z|^2 \mathrm{Im} K_{zz} \right)$$
$$+ 2\mathrm{Im} (E_x^* E_y) \mathrm{Re} K_{xy} + 2\mathrm{Im} (E_y^* E_z) \mathrm{Re} K_{yz} + 2\mathrm{Im} (E_x^* E_z) \mathrm{Re} K_{xz} \right)$$

For ICRH at nth harmonic in hot Maxwellian plasma



have the good





How to build a simulation in wave heating? After Knowing something about numerical computation



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Hz

FDTD 2D or 3D



Explicity Scheme + boundary conditions (PML or ABC or PEC) + source EM

But the dispersion relation Yee's scheme ≠ from physical dispersion relation

$$\begin{array}{c|c} & & & \\ & & \\ \text{normalized by pts/} \\ & & \\ & & \\ \text{normalized by pts/} \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ &$$

Numerical Dispersion ~1.27 % with 10 pts/ λ_o ~47° spurious phase shift after 1000 pts

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FDTD 2D or 3D







Problems of contours definition

-thin objects

- complex objects

Solutions : Sub-domains

Adapted coordinates

possible unstructured mesh see Taflove's book

Introduction of relativistic corrections for moving objects, if stable

Analytic Description of the plasma or via simulation (parex.code PIC semi implicit) Smithe *et al* Phys. of plasmas 14, 056104 (2007)







How to make the good choice ?



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Choice : Links between assumptions and wave propagation equation

(Hyps: inhomogeneous plasma)

Plane-Gaussian + dispersion relation -> Ordinary Differential Eqs set

Monochromatic wave ("full-wave", stationary plasma, no Doppler)

- + Monomode -> Helmholtz
- + Multi-modes + coupling terms-> set of coupled Helmholtz Eqs

Multi-frequencies monomode (pulse)

- + "stationnary"case -> Wave equation
- + n(t) -> Wave equation + eqs of motion or eqs Maxwell + eqs of motion

Multi-frequencies multi-modes

- + couplaging -> set of wave equations
- + polarisation -> eqs Maxwell + 'J-solver' (linear case)

-> eqs Maxwell + PIC code or Vlasov (non-linear)

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Numerical Tools needed for ITER plasma position studies

From ray tracing to wave equation (1)

Quasi-optic description without scattering

Ray tracing D. G. Swanson "Plasma Waves", 2nd Ed IoP 2003, ch6.5, ISBN 0 7503 0927 X

Hyp. WKB :
$$\left|\frac{dk}{dx}\right| \ll k^2$$
, $\left|\frac{d^2k}{dx^2}\right| \ll \left|\frac{dk}{dx}k\right|$

Single mode description D(w,k,r,t)=0

RungeKutta 4th order Set of coupled Odes to solve

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial \vec{r}}{\partial \tau} = -\frac{\partial D(\omega, \vec{k}, \vec{r}, t)}{\partial \vec{k}} \\ \frac{\partial \vec{k}}{\partial \tau} = \frac{\partial D(\omega, \vec{k}, \vec{r}, t)}{\partial \vec{k}} \\ \frac{\partial \vec{k}}{\partial \tau} = -\frac{\partial D(\omega, \vec{k}, \vec{r}, t)}{\partial t} \\ \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial \tau} = -\frac{\partial D(\omega, \vec{k}, \vec{r}, t)}{\partial t} \\ \end{cases}$$

Forward scattering

ITER case

with $\nabla_v n$

Can be extended to Gaussian beam propagation by one ODE associated to amplitude or using stationnary phase method

G. V. Pereverzev Phys. Plasmas 5, 3529 (1998) R.A. Cairns, V. Fuchs Nucl. Fusion 50 (2010) 095001 Or eikonal method with wavepacket for the amplitude description (as quantum phy.)

A. Richardson, P. Bonoli, J. Wright, PoP 17 (2010) 052107







From ray tracing to wave equation (2)

Monochromatic and single polarisation probing system

Helmholtz's equation (full-wave)

Hyp: monochromatic wave, steady state plasma ($\Delta t \text{ or } I_{corr} >> 4r_c/c$)

Single mode description: Computation of the index N(r)

 $\Delta \vec{E} + N^2(\vec{r})\vec{E} = 0$

Be careful in multi dimensional case, possible cross derivatives more complicated to solve especially for X-mode

No Doppler O-mode other method

C. Fanack, PhD Thesis or *et al* PPCF **38**, 1915 (1996) S. Heuraux, F. da Silva DCDS_S 5, 307 (2012) H.G. James JGR-SP 116, A07306 (2011) Finite Difference 4th order (Numerov)





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Finite Element Method



Monochromatic multi-polarisation probing system

Actually only few developments on FEM with dispersive media:

In plasma only using equivalent dielectric (Ph Lamalle for ICRH or F. Braun & L. Colas) for ICRH (HFSS or COMSOL multi-Physics) including boundary sheath conditions L. Colas, J. N. Mat 390-391 (2009) 959-962, For LHCD O. Meneghini PoP, 16 (2009) 090701

Accurate method in vacuum and in complex geometry (commercial software)

ALCYON was ICRH code based on functionals, replaced by EVE code developed by R. Dumont (CEA_cadarache) and needs a lot of memory (~10-20 Gbytes)

R. Dumont Nuc Fus 49 075033 (2009)

In the case of high frequency possible ? Yes M. Irzak, et al Nuc Fus **35** 1341 (1995)





Resonances generated by Bragg resonant perturbation with ≠ sources



Numerical Method to solve Helmholtz Equation





vacuum C_{inj} horn Plasma

Cautions: description of the border (anisotropic case, **Object descriptions**)

limitations:

-no intrinsic Doppler (no Doppler no scattered wave) -calculus of total fields E_{tot} (asymptotic state description) -approximations on copmlex objects



Boundary Conditions (PML or ABC) J.P. Bérenger JCP 114, 195 (1994) Prix URSI 2013. FL Teixeira et al I. J. Num. Mod-ENDF, 13 441 (2000). 1D:

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Runge-Kutta RK 45 (needs accurate I.C.)
or
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2D Finite Difference scheme (4th order)

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or
Transmission Line Method (paraxial approx.)
Or
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FEM (generalized or not) W. Facco et al µwave Opt Tech Lett 54, 2709 (2012).

No condition stability, Collisions (use of complex number) All plasma (hot, relativistic...)

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Wave Equations

Wave equation (quasi-steady state)

Hyp: $(t_f, \Delta t \text{ or } \tau_{corr} >> 4r_c/c)$

$$\partial_t^2 \vec{E} - c^2 \Delta \vec{E} + \omega_{pe}^2(\vec{r}) \vec{E} = 0$$

Hacquin et al, J. of Computational Physics 174, 1 (2001),

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2 E_x}{\partial t^2} + c^2 \frac{\partial^2 E_x}{\partial x \partial y} - c^2 \frac{\partial^2 E_x}{\partial y^2} + \omega_p^2 \ E_x = \omega_p^2 \ v_y \quad \text{(E //B)} \\ \frac{\partial^2 E_y}{\partial t^2} + c^2 \frac{\partial^2 E_y}{\partial x \partial y} - c^2 \frac{\partial^2 E_y}{\partial x^2} + \omega_p^2 \ E_y = \omega_p^2 \ v_x \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} v_x = -\omega_c \ v_y - \omega_c \ E_x \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} v_y = \ \omega_c \ v_x - \omega_c \ E_y \end{cases} \text{ Set of PDEs described X-mode (ELB)}$$

Cohen et al, Plas. Phys. Cont Fusion 40, 75 (1998),



 $E_z > 0$ contours in turbulent plasma



O-mode or plasma isotrope

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Method to solve Wave Equations



Hyperbolic PDE

Finite Difference in time and space (4th order space, 2nd or 4th in time)
 + Eqs dynamics of particles 4th ordre
 G.C. Cohen ed Springer (2002).

-Transmission Line Matrix: Maxwell Eqs <=> circuit potential–current Eqs C.N. Klimov, Progress in Electromagnetics Research Symposium, July 18–22, Osaka, 2001.

-New methods at higher order appear C. Agut Commun. Comput. Phys., 11, 691 (2012) Stable under condition (condition CFL: Courant, Friedrichs et Lewy)

+ PML ou ABC + Source (transparent or/and unidirectional)
D. Rabinovich IJNM-BE 26,1351 (2010)
F. da Silva JCP 203, 467 (2005)

Possibility to reduce the computation time

- use of sub-domains

- near fields –far fields transform

A. Taflove ed Artechouse (2000)

Accurate Scheme: relative error 10⁻³ after propagation of 100m in plasma

Possibility to have size description Limitations : Collisions -> stable if low



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Cross polarisation simulations



1D Case: O-mode -> X-mode



N. Katsuragawa, H. Hojo, A. Mase J. Phys. Soc. Jpn. 67 (1998) 2574-2577

Possibility to describe Heating by double mode conversion O-X-B \$. Heuraux et al





Full description: Maxwell's equations

Velocity field mapping, Shear layer detection

Hyp: linear response of the plasma

 ρ total density of charges \emph{j} current density

Associated model fluid or kinetic



F. da Silva et al , J Plasma Phys. 72 1205 (2006), et Rev. Sci Instr. 79, 10F104 (2008)C. Lechte, IEEE TPS 37 (2009) 1099.

$$\begin{cases} \nabla \vec{B} = 0 \\ \nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{\rho}{\varepsilon_o} \\ \nabla \times \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \\ \nabla \times \vec{B} = \mu_o \vec{j} + \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \end{cases}$$

TE and TM modes are usually treated separately Yee's algorithm +

J solver

Eqs Maxwell Eqs + Vlasov or PIC, Required too much computation time for reflectometry simulations

- M. Drouin et al JCP 229 4781 (2010) T. Jenkins et al Phys. Plasmas 20 012116 (2013)
- A. Stock et al IEEE Trans. on Plas Sci 40 1860 (2012)







Commercial software some remarks



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Finite Elements Method

multi-polarisations possible, single-frequency

Pbs with commercial software: PML in anisotropic with $\varepsilon < 0$ high anisotropy $\varepsilon_{per} << \varepsilon_{para}$ Asymptotic preserving scheme : a possible solution





Finite Element Method used in Wave Heating



Accurate method in vacuum in the case of complex geometry (commercial software)

Developments FEM integrating dispersion effects

Plasma ⇔ equivalent dielectric + new boundary conditions " Sheath Boundary conditions" (COMSOL) O. Meneghini, S. Shiraiwa, R. Parker PoP, **16** (2009) 090701, H. Kohno et al Phys of Plasmas 19 (2012) 012508, L. Colas Phys. of Plasmas **19**, 092505 (2012) .

Necessity to have homemade codes

code EVE, based on variational method R. Dumont (~10-20Gbytes)Distribution function non-MaxwellianR. Dumont Nuc Fus 49 075033 (2009)

Model for high frequency possible + mode conversion M. Irzak, et al Plas Phys Cont. Fus. 50 025003 (2008).

Enhanced electric field induced by Bragg resonant perturbations

S. Heuraux et al IEEE Trans. Plasma Sci **38**, 2150 (2010)











Works and computational events ICRH (role of RF sheath) ECRH (role of density fluctuations)



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ICRH Heating modelling review

Wave equation at fixed frequency to reduce to

$$\nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{E} - \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \left(\mathbf{E} + \frac{i}{\omega \epsilon_0} \mathbf{j} \right) = i \omega \mu_0 \mathbf{j}_{ant}$$

ere $\mathbf{j}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_s \int d^3 \mathbf{r}' \underbrace{\underbrace{\bar{\sigma}}_s(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}')}_{\text{Conductivity kernel}} \cdot \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}')$ Non-local

where

Code	General geom?	MC?	FLR	Numerical methods
AORSA	Yes	Yes	all orders	Fourier collocation in k_x , k_y , k_ϕ
EVE	Yes	Yes	2nd order	Variation method; tor and pol modes; radial finite elements
CYRANO	No	No	2nd order	Variation method; tor and pol modes; radial finite elements
PSTELION	Approx	Yes	2nd order	Finite differences in radial coordinate
TORIC	Yes	Yes	2nd order	Variation method; tor and pol modes; radial finite elements
TASK/WM	No	No	2nd order	Tor and pol modes; radial finite element

FLR Finite Larmor Radius expansion $\mathbf{j}(\mathbf{r}) = \stackrel{=}{\sigma}_{s}^{(0)} \cdot \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) + \stackrel{=}{\sigma}_{s}^{(1)} \cdot (\mathbf{r}_{c} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) + \frac{1}{2} \stackrel{=}{\sigma}_{s}^{(2)} \cdot (\mathbf{r}_{c} \cdot \nabla)^{2} \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) + \cdots$ With 1 >> $|\mathbf{r}_{c} \cdot \nabla| \sim k_{\perp} \rho_{i}$

All orders (spectral treatement) $\mathbf{E} \propto \exp(i\mathbf{k}_{\perp} \cdot \mathbf{r}) \quad k_{\perp}\rho_i \text{ any value}$ $\mathbf{j}(\mathbf{r}) = \mathbf{j}(\mathbf{r}_{gc}) \sum_{p=-\infty}^{\infty} J_p(k_{\perp}\rho_i)e^{ip\phi_c}$



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ICRH Heating modelling



To determine the (E,B) fields, f(v) needed and changes during heating so iteratively wave equation and Fokker-Planck are solved



Or in Electromagnetic PIC code (VORPAL) Smithe AIP Conf 1580 2014

Or in GTC code but le wave is electrostatic (Kuley PoP 2013)

In fact $J_{ant}\,$ should also change (antenna-coupling code needed) done in TOMCAT 1D



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ICRH Heating modelling



Goal : Predict self-consistently the behaviour of an antenna design

Optimization of the antenna-plasma coupling reducing hot spot, impurity generations

Including in a long term ponderomotive effects convective cells

Role of the turbulence









RF sheath Physics: Sheath Boundary Conditions





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Slow Wave (SW) part in SSWICH



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Self-consistent non-linear ICRH wave propagation and RF sheath rectification

• RF sheath rectification treated as Slow Wave propagation selfconsistently coupled with DC edge plasma biasing. Non-linear coupling is ensured via RF and DC sheath boundary conditions.

SSWICH problem

Self-consistent Sheaths & Waves for IC Heating

- o <u>In agreement with experiments</u>:
- Relative comparison Faraday screens
- DC potential in free SOL
- 2-hump poloidal structures
- Up-down asymmetry

- o <u>In disagreement:</u>
- Maximum located radially on leading edge [Cziegler'2012, Colas'2013]

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Conclusions on ICRH modelling

The description of the wave propagation-absorption takes into account 3D geometry and the evolution of the distribution function for any phasing of the active antennas (monopole, dipole,).

In most of the simulations, the current density on the antenna is fixed which is not the case in the experiments. In fact the antenna-plasma coupling is sensitive to the distance cut-off strap, that is to say to the edge plasma properties. So the comparison with experiment has to follow edge plasma evolution (assumed to be slow).

In fact due the rectification process induced by RF-sheath, an inhomogeneous DC potential map is generated in front of the antenna structure that creates convection cells which redistribute the density in the vicinity of the antenna thus the coupling. This is the reason why the role of the RF-sheath and its consequences have to be known including its perturbations on the Slow Wave.

To have a relevant simulation Slow and Fast have to be describe together take into account the modifications of the density in front of the antenna to integrate the changes of the coupling. This imposes also to use a Sheath boundary condition valid for any oblique incidence angle of the magnetic field line to the wall, which is not the case for grazing angles.

Open questions: What is the role of the turbulence on the RF sheath, especially the grazing angle ? What is the influence of the density fluctuations on the mode conversion? \$. Heuraux et al

Role of the density fluctuations on the wave Heating

\$. Heuraux et al

Role of the density fluctuations on wave heating

In 90's this question was addressed, recently it becomes again a hot topic

-for ECRH, to evaluate if the beam properties stays good enough for magnetic island control using ray tracing (linked to the control of NTM) Peysson FST 2014

-for LHCD, to evaluate the impact of density depletion induced by ponderomotive effects on the coupling (COMSOL, PICCOLO-2D)

Preynas Nuc. Fus. 2013

and on the wavenumber spectrum emitted by the grill (set of waveguides) Peysson PPCF 2011

The wavenumber spectrum of the turbulence permits to fulfil the Bragg scattering conditions => Ray tracing not relevant => Full-wave code + fluctuations Following a flavour on what happens during wave propagation in fluctuating plasmas

Role of the density fluctuations on wave heating

Density fluctuations with Gaussian wavenumber spectrum with $k_f < 2 k_{Airy}$ No bragg backscattering $\delta n = sum(a_n sin(2\pi n/L_{box} x + \phi_{rand}), n = 1..n_{max}) a_n = exp(-(k_f/2k_{Airy})^2)$ compute via FFT

Contours E_field>0 (v= 40 GHz, δ n= 10% RMS)

CNTS

Time average or averaged over N samples (1D)

Density gradient length L= 160 λ_{o} , homogneneous turbulence δn_{tur} with cut-off

Average value (over 10⁴ samples) of electromagnetic flux of probing wave

Beam broadening in the ITER case of ERCH

Beam broadening in the ITER case of ERCH (2)

*Gaussian shape recovered but with wider width and enhanced divergence after turbulence zone crossing (small increase of divergence big effect long path). *Beam broadening sensitive to the wavenumber spectrum

Sysoeva Nuc Fus submit.

Is it the same for X-mode ? \$. Heuraux et al

X-mode FDTD J-solver (REFMULX)

Xu Yuan kernel with average

Need to reconsider the numerical scheme (unstable)

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X-mode FDTD J-solver Improvement

X-mode FDTD J-solver Improvement (2)

But adding motion => again becomes unstable => need to integrate $\partial_t n$

Conclusions

What one can do to optimize or Define a simulation ?

-determination of the main physical effects and dependencies
-> type of equation to solve
-analysis of geometry and problem reduction

-> coordinate and dimension (xD)

-Wanted Accuracy, data size and nature of input -output
option (parallel programming or not)

->Numercial scheme and Boundary conditions / initial conditions

-analysis of wanted quantities

-> internal or post-processing

-To be integrated in a suite of code (ITM or)

-> fulfil the format and procedure of data exchanges

Choice: better to use high order scheme

+ better accuracy or speed-up,

+ less numerical dispersion,

However

- need more memory
- less stable (if CFL) (optimal order?)

\$. Henraux et al

Conclusions

Commercial software are

- + Versatile,
- + Many diagnostics and tools.
- However there are limitations
- PML strongly anisotropic (integration of APS)
- Multimode PML (open problem)
- Condition of edge-type "sheath" in magnetized plasmas
- Non-linear or other non-trade effects

Most of the simulation to ensure that:

- + Access to often non-measurable quantities (E2)
- + Include many effects (code evaluating the response of plasma)
- + Improve interpretive tools
- + To develop new diagnostics.

Open questions on wave heating:

- + role of the density fluctuations (ECCD, LHCD, on Sheath Boundary Conditions)
- + role material properties on SBC (secondary emission, ionization,)
- + true self-consistent description wave propagation-coupling-near field (IRCH),
- + ponderomotive effects important?
- + depolarization processes

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3D FDTD Maxwell's equations solver

ERCC #European Reflectometry Code Consortium# : 3D full-wave code status

ERCC: erc3d code module status

ERCC: erc3d code – example results

- λ Launch $f_o = 70.245$ GHz
- $\lambda \ \bigtriangleup x = I/20 = 0.2134 \ mm$
- λ Gaussian beam: $w_{o} \sim 4 \text{ mm}$
- λ Grid size: 240 x 240 ξ 240 points

ERCC: erc3d code – numerical requirements and near future

Critical issues

- Large domain: e.g. 32GB RAM ® 6 x10⁸ grid points ® 13 field components SP= 17cm cube grid! Need lots of memory!
- λ Time: 1 CPU = 6000 hrs for 2048 snap shots (extrapolated from 2D code) ®
 Need lots of CPUs!
- A Parallelization: "snap-shot" (easy) but... "domain" (hard but necessary) Need expertise/manpower

Next step

- λ Validation and verification against both 2D code & experimental data
- λ Synthetic turbulence soon.
- Numerical turbulence coming from turbulence code need effort for data exchange
- λ Any help are welcomed, thank you.

Utilisation des ondes solitaires (solitons) comme sonde

pulse non dispersif: conserve sa localisation spectre connu si paramètres plasma connus profils de densité et de température

Champ diffusé αE^2 mais spectre large (efficacité réduite)

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Sondage par solitons : avec effets de température en plus

Élargissement du soliton dû à une réduction des effets non-linéaires

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