Gyro-Landau-Fluid Theory and Simulations of Edge-Localized-Modes

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(5) Developed accurate non-Fourier methods for Landau-fluid operators.
Global EM gyrofluid simulation can bridge the kinetic and fluid regimes across separatrix

- Edge Localized Modes (ELMs) are potential damaging to ITER divertor plates, and first walls

- ELMs in tokamaks are sudden releases of particle and energy into the SOL, resulting in the eruption of filamentary structures from the plasma edge.

- ELMs are believed to be triggered by the peeling-balloonning (P-B) modes

- P-B modes are ideal MHD modes which are destabilized by a combination of pressure gradients (ballooning) and currents in the plasma edge (Peeling)
  - pedestal height

- Global EM simulations across separatrix is a must:
  - micro-turbulence in hot H-mode pedestal
    - pedestal width
  - power deposition on PFCs in the cold SOL

\[ Q_{DT}=10 \]
\[ F_{fus}=500\text{MW} \]
\[ P_{SOL}=100\text{MW} \]
\[ q_{\text{max}}=10\text{MW/m}^2 \]
The successful KBM physics model in EPED* motivates electromagnetic gyro-kinetic calculations in real geometry

- The EPED model predicts the H-mode pedestal height and width based upon two constraints:
  1) onset of non-local P-B modes at low to intermediate n,
  2) onset of nearly local KBM at high n.

- Performed GYRO linear local gyrokinetic analysis of pressure scan of DIII-D discharge used in EPED study

- Results for top of pedestal
  - ITG found to be dominant for $k_{\perp} \rho_i < 1$. At higher $k_{\perp} \rho_i$ a micro-tearing mode is dominant

- Results for the steep gradient region of the pedestal:
  - Two modes compete for dominance for $k_{\perp} \rho_i < 1$. One is in electron drift direction, other is ion.
  - KBM found in steep gradient region, roughly appearing where ideal ballooning theory predicts an onset.

- Frequency vs radius, $k_\theta \rho_s = 0.25$

The difficulty to run nonlinear global EM gyrokinetic codes across separatrix further motivates the global gyrofluid development.


*Snyder, Groebner, Leonard, Osborne, & Wilson, PoP16, 056118 (2009).
Jerry Hughes, TI3.00003, next talk
BOUT++ code is an ideal framework for gyrofluid extension for modeling tokamak edge ELMs and turbulence*

- Framework for writing fluid / plasma simulations in complex tokamak geometry
  - Proximity of open+closed flux surface
  - Presence of X-point
- Written in C++, started from BOUT code, jointly developed by LLNL, Univ. York, other U.S. and international partners
- Well benchmarked with ELITE, GATO and other fluid codes
- Extensions: new formulation for edge GLF models and GLF closures


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3-field model

- Linear Growth Rate ($\gamma/\omega_A$)

Toroidal mode number $n$

X.Q. Xu, B.D. Dudson, P.B. Snyder, M.V. Umansky, H.R.Wilson and T. Casper, Nucl. Fusion 51 (2011) 103040
An isothermal electromagnetic 3-field gyro-fluid model

- We derived an isothermal electromagnetic 3-field gyro-fluid model with vorticity formulation generalized from Snyder-Hammett gyro-fluid model [1] for edge plasmas.

- Utilizing the Padé approximation for the modified Bessel functions, this set of gyro-fluid equations is implemented in the BOUT++ framework with full ion FLR effects.

- In long-wavelength limit, this set of gyro-fluid equations is reduced to previous 3-field two-fluid model with additional gyro-viscous terms resulting from the incomplete “gyro-viscous cancellation” in two-fluid model given by Xu [2].

- Only simple ion diamagnetic effect in two-fluid model is not sufficient to represent FLR stabilizing if density gradient is large!

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3-field isothermal gyrofluid model* for ELM simulation
generalized for the large density gradient at H-mode pedestal

\[ \frac{d \sigma}{dt} + \mathbf{V}_E \cdot \nabla \sigma = B \nabla |J| + 2b_0 \times \kappa \cdot \nabla \mathbf{P} + \mu_i |i| \partial^2 \sigma \]

\[ \frac{d \mathbf{P}}{dt} + \mathbf{V}_E \cdot \nabla \mathbf{P} = 0 \]

\[ \frac{\partial A}{\partial t} + \partial \phi_T = \eta \frac{\nabla^2 A}{\mu_0} - \eta_H \frac{\nabla^4 A}{\mu_0} \]

\[ \sigma = eB \left( \Gamma_0^{1/2} \tilde{n}_i - n_0 (1 - \Gamma_0) \frac{e \phi}{T_0} + \frac{e \rho_i^2}{T_0} \nabla n_0 \cdot \nabla (\Gamma_0 - \Gamma_1) \phi - \tilde{n}_i \right) \]

Relation between two-fluid vorticity and gyrokinetic vorticity

\[ \partial \phi_T = \phi_T + \frac{1}{2en_0} \nabla^2 \mathbf{P}_i, \quad \rho_i^2 \nabla^2 \ll 1 \]

Pade approximation

\[ \Gamma_0^{1/2} \approx \frac{1}{1 + b/2} \]

\[ \Gamma_0 \approx \frac{1}{1 + b}, \quad b = -\rho_i^2 \nabla^2 \]

\[ \Gamma_0 - \Gamma_1 \approx 1 \]

* P. B. Snyder and G. W. Hammett, Phys. Plasmas 8, 3199 (2001)
In the presence of large density gradient, gyro-fluid and two-fluid model show qualitative difference when $k_{\perp} \rho_i$ is large.

Consider the **large density gradient** at H-mode pedestal, when ion temperature $\uparrow$:

- **Two-fluid model**: no stabilizing of high-$n$ modes,
- **Gyro-fluid model**: strong FLR stabilizing of high-$n$ modes.
- What causes the disappearance of stabilizing in two-fluid model?

Gyroviscous terms are necessary to stabilize “Ion-Density-Gradient modes” and should be kept in two-fluid model.

- At long wavelength limit, gyro-fluid goes back to two-fluid but with additional gyroviscous terms[1,2]

\[
\frac{d\sigma_G}{dt} + \nabla \cdot \nabla \sigma_{G0} - eB(\nabla \phi_T - \nabla \phi_T) \cdot \nabla n_{iG} = \frac{d\sigma}{dt} + \frac{1}{2\omega_{ci}} \left\{ \nabla^2 [\phi, P_i] - [\nabla^2 \phi, P_i] - [\phi, \nabla^2 P_i] \right\}
\]

- Only ion diamagnetic effect in two-fluid model is not sufficient to represent FLR stabilizing if density gradient is large!

Hyper-resistivity $\eta_H$ is anomalous electron viscosity $\mu_e$

Hyper-resistivity describes the anomalous radial transport of current

- **ELM dynamics is a multi-scale problem**
  - meso-scale MHD ↔ electron gyro-radius scale dissipation

- **Hyper-resistivity can be used to set the finest resolved radial scale in simulations**
  - Ion FLR effect cannot replace hyper-resistivity
  - Dissipation in Ohm’s law does exist on $e^-$ scale for reconnection
    - classical $e^-$ viscosity is too small, $\mu_{e^{cl}} \approx \nu_{ei} \rho_e^2 < 10^{-5} \text{m}^2/\text{s}$
    - anomalous $e^-$ viscosity works, assuming $\mu_e \approx \chi_e \approx 0.1-1 \text{m}^2/\text{s}$ and $\nu_{ei} \approx 10^5$, $S_H = 10^{12-14}$
      → turbulent mixing
      → stochastic fields

\[
\frac{\partial A_{||}}{\partial t} = -\nabla_{||} \phi_T + \frac{\eta}{\mu_0} \nabla^2 A_{||} - \frac{\eta_H}{\mu_0} \nabla^4 A_{||}, \quad \eta_H = \frac{\mu_e}{\nu_{ei}}
\]

\[
\frac{\partial \hat{A}_{||}}{\partial t} = -\hat{\nabla} \phi_T + \left( \frac{1}{S} \right) \nabla^2 \hat{A}_{||} - \left( \frac{1}{S_H} \right) \nabla^4 \hat{A}_{||}, \quad S = \mu_0 R V_A / \eta, \quad S_H = \mu_0 R^3 V_A / \eta_H = S / \alpha_H
\]

- **In our present model, the frozen-in flux condition of ideal MHD theory is broken by**
  - resistivity
  - hyper-resistivity.

- **The self-consistent ELM simulation needs the first principle theory of hyper-resistivity**

  GP8.00116: P.W. Xi, et al, ETG turbulence simulation of tokamak edge plasmas via 3+1 gyrofluid code
Higher ion temperature introduces more FLR stabilizing effects, thus reduces ELM size.

- Hyper-resistivity is necessary to simulate ELM crash, but ELM size is weakly sensitive to hyper-resistivity;
- With fixed pressure profile, high ion temperature introduces stronger FLR effect and leads to smaller ELM size.

\[
\Delta_{ELM}^{W} = \frac{\Delta W_{ped}}{W_{ped}} = \frac{\langle \int_{R_{in}}^{R_{out}} \int dR d\theta (P_{\theta} - \langle P_{\theta} \rangle) \rangle}{\int_{R_{in}}^{R_{out}} \int dR d\theta P_{\theta}}
\]

(Without density gradient in vorticity)
Equilibrium EXB shear flow can stabilize high-n ballooning modes & reduce ELM size, but additional Kelvin-Helmholtz drive can enhance growth rate of low-n modes and leads to larger ELM when flow shear is too large.

\[ \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial t} + V_{E \times B} \cdot \nabla \omega + V_1 \cdot \nabla \omega = B_0 \nabla || J || + 2b_0 \times \kappa \cdot \nabla P \]

\[ V_{E \times B} = \frac{b \times \nabla \Phi_{dia0}}{B} + \frac{b \times \nabla \Phi_{V0}}{B} + \frac{b \times \nabla \phi}{B} \]

\[ \omega_0 \approx \frac{n_0 m_i}{B_0} \nabla \perp \Phi_{V0} \]

\[ \Phi_{dia0} = -\frac{P_{i0}}{Zcn_{i0}} \]

\[ \frac{d \Phi_{V0}(\psi)}{d\psi} = D_0 [1 - \tanh(D_s(x - x_0))] + C \]

- **Three-field** ($\varpi, P, A_{||}$): peeling-ballooning model.

- **Four-field** ($\varpi, P, A_{||}, V_{||}$): include sound waves.

- **Five-field** ($\varpi, n_i, T_i, T_e, A_{||}$): parallel thermal diffusivities

- **Six-field** ($\varpi, n_i, T_i, T_e, A_{||}, V_{||}$): based on Braginskii equations, the density, momentum and energy of ions and electrons are described in drift ordering*. 
  - nonlinear $||$ thermal diffusivities
  - nonlinear resistivity
  - additional drift wave instabilities

- $||$ thermal diffusivities with flux limited expressions reduce ELM size:
  \[
  \begin{align*}
  \chi_{||i} &= 3.9 \frac{v_{th,i}^2}{\nu_i} \\
  \chi_{||e} &= 3.2 \frac{v_{th,e}^2}{\nu_e} \\
  \chi_{fl,j} &= v_{th,j} q_{95} R_0
  \end{align*}
  \]

  Flux limited expression:
  \[
  \chi_{||e}^e = \left( \frac{1}{\chi_{||i}} + \frac{1}{\chi_{fl,j}} \right)^{-1}
  \]

- GLF models for $\chi_{||}$ are under development


PO7.00005: T. Y. Xia, et al, Six-field two-fluid simulations on edge localized modes with BOUT++
The 3-field 2-fluid model is good enough to simulate P-B stability and early phase of ELM crashes, additional physics from multi-field contributes less than 25% corrections.

- **Fundamental physics in ELMs:**
  - Peeling-Ballooning instability
  - Ion diamagnetic stabilization → kinetic effect
  - Resistivity and hyper-resistivity → reconnection

- **Additional physics:**
  - Ion acoustic waves
  - \( \parallel \parallel \) thermal conductivities
  - Hall effect
  - Compressibility
  - Electron-ion friction

**BUT**

- Power loss via separate ion & electron channels
- Power depositions on PFCs.
- Turbulence and transport

**Graphs:**
- Growth rate vs. Toroidal mode number
- ELM size vs. Normalized Time
Six-field simulations show that most energy lost via ion channel during an ELM event.
Higher density leads to large ELM size during an ELM event because of reduced parallel thermal conduction from lower temperature (Fixed pressure profile)

During density scan
- fixed profiles of the scale lengths: $L_n$, $L_{Ti}$, $L_{Te}$
- $\chi_{||e} \downarrow$ due to $T_e \downarrow$, not $v_{ei} \uparrow$

When density $n$ increases & temperature ($T_e, T_i$) decreases thermal diffusivity ($\chi_{||i}, \chi_{||e}$) decreases & parallel damping decreases, the ELM encroaches further into core plasmas, which leads to larger ELM size.
Developed accurate non-Fourier methods for Landau-fluid operators and nonlocal parallel heat transport based on an approximation by a sum of Lorentzians.

Tokamak edge:
- kinetic effects important → need
  - Landau-fluid (LF) operators
  \[ \gamma \propto -v_{\text{char}} |k| \]
  - nonlocal || thermal transport \( q_{\parallel j} \)
- Large spatial inhomogeneities & complicated boundary
  - need non-Fourier implementation
  - Useful accurate approximation:
  \[ \frac{1}{|k|} \approx \sum_{n=0}^{N} \frac{\alpha^n k_0}{k^2 + (\alpha^n k_0)^2} \]
- The new method has Fourier-like computational scaling

\[ \checkmark \text{The error is less than 1.5%}. \]

Nonlinear ELM simulations to be validated with fast pedestal, SOL, and divertor measurements from DIII-D using fundamental three-field two-fluid Model

GP8.00085: M.E. Fenstermacher, et al, Validation of BOUT++ Nonlinear ELM Simulations Using Fast Measurements from DIII-D.
Four stages in ELM simulations: Linear P-B growth, nonlinear saturation, ELM crash & power deposition on PFCs

- Simulated Stationary H-mode with Type-I ELMs of DIII-D Discharge 146394 in divertor geometry
- Will compare 1D 2D and 3D snapshot data plus coherent profile reconstruction
Nonlinear simulations show the linear P-B mode growth, nonlinear saturation, ELM crash and power deposition on PFCs.

Calculated ELM size from BOUT++ simulations

\[ \Delta_{ELM} = \frac{\Delta W_{ped}}{W_{ped}} = \frac{\int_{0.9}^{1.0} d\psi \phi d\theta (P_0 - \langle P \rangle \zeta)}{\int_{0.9}^{1.0} d\psi \phi d\theta P_0} \]
$2\mu_0\delta p/B^2$

Inner divertor plate

Radial index

Outer midplane

Outer divertor plate

Toroidal index
Future Work – Ongoing Validation of BOUT++ Non-Linear ELM Simulations Including ECEI and NEW Periscope Data

- Projections from BOUT++ n=25 linear mode
  - Periscope view will measure CIII (Te=10 eV emission)

Synthetic ECEI data from BOUT++ solution

IRTV image on the divertor target floor
Principal Results

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Additional related presentations at this APS DPP meeting

Another Invited talk

Session YI3: Edge Turbulence: 9:30 AM–12:30 PM, Friday, November 2, 2012. Room: Ballroom BC.
YI3.00003 : Bruce Cohen, BOUT Simulations of Drift Resistive Ballooning L-mode Turbulence in the Edge of the DIII-D Tokamak

Posters:


Session GP8: Poster Session III: 9:30 AM–9:30 AM, Tuesday, October 30, 2012. Room: Hall BC
GP8.00085: M.E. Fenstermacher, et al, Validation of BOUT++ Nonlinear ELM Simulations Using Fast Measurements from DIII-D.
GP8.00116: P.W. Xi, et al, ETG turbulence simulation of tokamak edge plasmas via 3+1 gyrofluid code
GP8.00120: T. Rhee, et al, BOUT++ Simulations of ELMs with Four-Field Model
GP8.00118: Minwoo Kim, et al, Comparison study between the observed ELM dynamics in the KSTAR H-mode and simulation results from BOUT++
GP8.00122: Bin Gui, et al., Simulations of plasma responses due to RMP and external antenna with BOUT++ code
GP8.00123: I Joseph, et al, Flute-reduced drift-MHD model for external magnetic perturbations using the BOUT++ code

Session JP8: Poster Session IV: 2:00 PM–5:30 PM, Tuesday, October 30, 2012. Room: Hall BC

Session PO7: 2:00 PM–4:24 PM, Wednesday, October 31, 2012. Room: 556AB
PO7.00005: T. Y. Xia, et al, Six-field two-fluid simulations on edge localized modes with BOUT++

Session YP8: 9:30 AM–12:30 AM, Friday, November 2, 2012. Room: Hall BC
YP8.00068 : Winston Frias, et al, Simulation of gradient drift instabilities in Hall thruster plasmas with the BOUT++ code
BOUT++ simulations show that the stripes from visible camera match ELM filamentary structures.

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Visible camera shows bright ELM structure.

BOUT++ simulation shows that the ELM stripe are filamentary structures.

- Pitch angle match!
- Mode number match!


$\text{Photo by J. H. Yang}$
*Figure by W.H. Meyer