



Simulation study of the evolution of toroidally symmetric parallel current during ELM burst based on BOUT++

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Background



- $> J_{\parallel}$ in pedestal mainly determined by n, T_i, T_e .
- > *n*, *T* profiles varies significantly during ELM.
- $> J_{\parallel}$ is expected to have significant variation during ELM.



Background



- > PB instability is one of physical mechanisms of ELM explosion.
- $> J_{\parallel}$ is source of peeling instability.
- > Evolution of J_{\parallel} may also cause remarkable impact on ELM evolution & turbulence transport.



Background



E_r during ELM

\geq ELM size can be remarkably impacted by E_r

> Significant change of E_r is observed during ELM burst





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Numerical implementation



- > Due to $k_{\perp} \gg k_{\parallel}$ (flute perturbation), poloidal derivation is ignored in solving Laplace equation for n=0 components in BOUT++ simulation.
- It is Inappropriate for n=0 component.

$$egin{aligned}
abla_{\perp} =&
abla -
abla_{\parallel} = & e^x \left(\partial_x - rac{g_{yx}}{g_{yy}} \partial_y
ight) + e^z \left(\partial_z - rac{g_{yz}}{g_{yy}} \partial_y
ight) \ &
abla_{\perp}^2 \simeq & \left(g^{xx} \partial_x^2
ight) + \left(rac{1}{J} [\partial_x \left\{ J g^{xx}
ight\} + \partial_y \left\{ J g^{yx}
ight\} + \partial_z \left\{ J g^{zx}
ight\}] \partial_x
ight) \ & \quad + \left(g^{zz} \partial_z^2
ight) + \left(rac{1}{J} [\partial_x \left\{ J g^{xz}
ight\} + \partial_y \left\{ J g^{yz}
ight\} + \partial_z \left\{ J g^{zz}
ight\}] \partial_z
ight) \ & \quad + 2 \left(g^{xz} \partial_x \partial_z
ight) \ & \quad = \left(g^{xx} \partial_x^2
ight) + G^x \partial_x + \left(g^{zz} \partial_z^2
ight) + G^z \partial_z + 2 \left(g^{xz} \partial_x \partial_z
ight) \end{aligned}$$



BOUT++ 6filed-2fluid equation

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{\nu} &= n_{i0} \frac{m_i}{B_0} \left(\nabla_{\perp}^2 \phi + \frac{1}{n_{i0}} \nabla_{\perp} \phi \cdot \nabla_{\perp} n_{i0} \right. \\ &+ \frac{1}{n_{i0} Z_i e} \nabla_{\perp}^2 p_{i1} \right), \\ T_{\parallel} &= J_{\parallel 0} - \frac{1}{\mu_0} B_0 \nabla_{\perp}^2 \psi, \\ e &= V_{\parallel i} + \frac{1}{\mu_0 Z_i e n_i} \nabla_{\perp}^2 A_{\parallel}. \end{aligned}$$

Compressible terms	Parallel velocity terms
Gyro-viscosity	Energy exchange
Electron Hall	Thermal force
Energy flux	Thermal conduction

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Numerical implementation



- Solving n=0 component in BOUT++ six-field two-fluid simulation (Xia et al NF 2015)
 - > Spectral method (Fourier expansion) is used to separately solve each component.
 - > Original solver *InvertLaplace* is used for n≠0 components.
 - > 2 dimensional iterative solver *LaplaceXY* is used for n=0 component.
- > Evolution of n=0 J_{\parallel} ($\langle J_{\parallel} \rangle$) and E_r ($\langle E_r \rangle$) can be included.





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Preliminary simulation are carried out on equilibrium with strong magnetic field (~ 4 T in pedestal) & current (~ 10⁶) & pressure (~ 15 kPa).





▶ Linear phase: ⟨J_{||}⟩ has little variation, making little effect in linear phase.
 ▶ Nonlinear phase: ⟨J_{||}⟩ changes significantly, affects nonlinear phase evolution of perturbation.





> With $\langle J_{\parallel} \rangle$ evolution, ELM size significantly decreased and comes to saturation.





> Impact on turbulence transport : In nonlinear phase, magnetic flutter flux becomes much lower with $\langle J_{\parallel} \rangle$ evolution.





≻ ⟨J_{||}⟩ is always nearly canceled with diamagnetic current in leading order.
 > Without ⟨J_{||}⟩, diamagnetic current will be mainly canceled by B flutter current, making it unreasonably high.



- Magnetic flutter flux is expected to be small compared with the drift flux, and used to be ignored in continuity eq. in 6f-2fluid code.
- > For further investigation into the impact of $\langle J_{\parallel} \rangle$ on magnetic flutter flux and particle transport, magnetic flutter terms are added in continuity eq..



$$\begin{cases} D_{\perp} = \frac{\langle N_i V_{E \times B}^x \rangle + \left\langle \frac{J_{\parallel}}{Z_i e} b_1^x \right\rangle}{\left(\nabla N_i \right)^x} & \textbf{E} \times \textbf{B} \text{ drift flux} \\ \chi_{j\perp} = \frac{\langle T_j V_{E \times B}^x \rangle + \langle q_{j\parallel} b_1^x \rangle / N_j}{\left(\nabla T_j \right)^x} \end{cases}$$

Zhang, Chen et al, PoP 2019

Without B flutter (original code)

$$rac{\partial n_i}{\partial t} = -
abla \cdot \left[n_i \left(oldsymbol{V}_{\scriptscriptstyle E} + oldsymbol{V}_{\scriptscriptstyle \parallel \, i} + oldsymbol{V}_{\scriptscriptstyle \parallel \, i}
ight)
ight]$$

With **B** flutter

$$rac{\partial n_i}{\partial t} = -
abla \cdot igg[n_i (oldsymbol{V}_{\scriptscriptstyle E} + oldsymbol{V}_{\scriptscriptstyle de} + oldsymbol{V}_{\scriptscriptstyle \parallel\,i}) - rac{oldsymbol{J}_{\scriptscriptstyle \parallel}}{Z_{\,i}e} igg]$$

> Evolution of n profiles are shown.

Without (J_{||}), B flutter flux is overestimated and will cause unreasonable variation of the n profile.

> With $\langle J_{\parallel} \rangle$, B flutter flux become ignorable.

Without $\langle J_{\parallel} \rangle$









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Further simulation on EAST #69033 discharge.

- ≻ Type-III ELM (3.9 s).
- ➢ Weaker B (~ 2 T)

Test for EAST

- > Lower current (~ $10^5 \text{ A} \cdot \text{m}^{-2}$)
- Lower pressure (~ 3 kPa)





Lin, Xu et al, Phys. Lett. A 2022

Time (s)





Initial profile: EAST#69033 (3.9 s)





- > Evolution of profiles are similar to those of strong B cases.:
 - Little effect in linear phase
 - Significant impact on perturbation evolution in nonlinear phase





- > Influence on transport shows difference from the strong B case.
 - > Both with and without $\langle J_{\parallel} \rangle$, magnetic flutter flux remains at a low level.
 - > With $\langle J_{\parallel} \rangle$, B flutter flux becomes even larger at specific moment (strong perturbation in $E \times B$ flux).

Particle flux on outer mid plane $@(\nabla P_0)_{max}$





- > Effect of polarization current should be considered.
- ➤ With strong B₀ & high P
 - > PC can be neglected
 - Strong DC effect

- ➢ With relatively small B₀ & P
 - > PC effect increases
 - > Weaker DC effect
 - BC may mainly depend on PC





ELM size is shown in figure.

- > With $\langle J_{\parallel} \rangle$, the "first burst" rapidly ends with lower energy loss compared to without $\langle J_{\parallel} \rangle$ case.
- **>** Both case reach about 7% in energy loss, inconsistent with type-III small ELM.
- > Additional simulation with both $\langle E_r \rangle \& \langle J_{\parallel} \rangle$ included is carried out. Evolution of ELM size is completely different. Needs further research.



Summary



- **>** Based on BOUT++ 6fied-2fluid code and LaplaceXY method, evolution of $\langle J_{\parallel} \rangle$ is contained in ELM simulation.
- $> \langle J_{\parallel} \rangle$ has little variation and cause little influence in linear phase. It varies significantly and has remarkable impact on turbulence evolution in nonlinear phase.
- > According to toroidally averaged current continuity equation
 - > With strong B & high P : $\langle J_{\parallel} \rangle$ will directly affect magnetic flutter flux.
 - > With weak B & low P : $\langle J_{\parallel} \rangle$ affects little, while PC effect increases.
- > Variation of $\langle J_{\parallel} \rangle$ has influence on evolution of energy loss. Instant collapse is reduced. But saturation phase still has large energy loss.
- > With both $\langle J_{\parallel} \rangle$ and $\langle E \rangle$ included, ELM evolves completely different from previous cases, needs further investigation.



Thanks for your attention!!



Backups

Boundary conditions

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- > For n, T, ϕ , J_{\parallel} , v_{\parallel} profile
 - > Neumann in core / Dirichlet in vaccum.
- \succ For ψ
 - > Zero Laplace in radial boundaries.
- ≻ For \overline{\overl
 - > Dirichlet (with exponential sink) in radial boundaries.

Magnetic flutter flux in continuity equation

Continuity equation

$$\frac{\partial n_j}{\partial t} = -\nabla \cdot [n_j V_j]$$

Velocity components

$$\boldsymbol{V}_j = \boldsymbol{V}_E + \boldsymbol{V}_{dj} + \boldsymbol{V}_{\parallel j}$$

 $E \times B$ drift

Diamagnetic drift

Parallel velocity

$$V_E = \frac{\boldsymbol{b} \times \nabla \phi}{B}$$
$$V_{dj} = \frac{\boldsymbol{b} \times \nabla P_j}{q_j n B}$$
$$V_{\parallel j} = V_{\parallel} \boldsymbol{b}$$

Particle flux

$$\Gamma_{j} = n_{j}V_{j} = n_{j}(V_{E} + V_{dj} + V_{\parallel j})$$

= $n_{j}\frac{\boldsymbol{b} \times \nabla \phi}{B} + \frac{\boldsymbol{b} \times \nabla P_{j}}{q_{j}B} + V_{\parallel j}\boldsymbol{b}$ Ma

lagnetic flutter flux

Particle flux is related to type of particle

If not ignorable Directly adding magnetic flutter flux is inconsistent with quasi-neutral condition



Magnetic flutter flux in continuity equation

Continuity equation

Particle flux

$$rac{\partial n_i}{\partial t} = -
abla \cdot \left[n_i (oldsymbol{V}_{\scriptscriptstyle E} + oldsymbol{V}_{\scriptscriptstyle \parallel \, i}) - rac{oldsymbol{J}_{\scriptscriptstyle \parallel}}{Z_{\,i} e}
ight]$$

 $\Gamma_{j} = n_{j}V_{j} = n_{j}(V_{E} + V_{dj} + V_{\parallel j} + V_{pj})$ = $n_{j}\frac{\boldsymbol{b} \times \nabla \phi}{B} + \frac{\boldsymbol{b} \times \nabla P_{e}}{a_{2}B} + V_{\parallel e}\boldsymbol{b}$ Magnetic flutter flux

In this model

- Ion polarization flux is retained but magnetic flutter flux is ignored.
- Electron polarization flux is ignored but magnetic flutter flux is retained.
- Electron has significant magnetic flutter transport due to its parallel velocity. And it is mainly compensated by ion polarization flux to avoid charge separation.

For further simplification Ion magnetic flutter flux is ignored

$$V_{\parallel e} \gg V_{\parallel i}$$

$$\Gamma_{j} = n_{j}V_{j} = n_{j}(V_{E} + V_{dj} + V_{\parallel j} + V_{pj})$$

$$\approx n_{j}\frac{b \times \nabla \phi}{B} + \frac{b \times \nabla P_{e}}{q_{e}B} + \frac{J_{\parallel}}{e}b \qquad \text{Magnetic flutter}$$
flux



Magnetic flutter flux in continuity equation



Polarization velocity
$$V_{pj} = \frac{b}{\Omega_j} \times \left(\frac{du_j}{dt} + \frac{\nabla \cdot \pi_j - R_j}{m_j n_j}\right) \sim \frac{\omega}{\Omega_j} \bigvee_{j}$$
 Instability time scale Gyrofrequency

 $\Omega_j \sim \frac{1}{m_j} \square V_{pi} \gg V_{pe} \longrightarrow$ Reasonable to ignore in electron velocity but retain in ion

With ion polarization velocity

$$\frac{\partial n_i}{\partial t} = -\nabla \cdot \left[n_i \left(\boldsymbol{V}_E + \boldsymbol{V}_{dj} + \boldsymbol{V}_{\parallel j} + \boldsymbol{V}_{pe} \right) \right] \cong \frac{\partial n_e}{\partial t} = -\nabla \cdot \left[n_e \left(\boldsymbol{V}_E + \boldsymbol{V}_{de} + \boldsymbol{V}_{\parallel e} \right) \right]$$

After simplification

$$\nabla \cdot (Z_i en V_{pi}) = -\nabla \cdot (\boldsymbol{J}_{\parallel} + \frac{\boldsymbol{b}}{B} \times \nabla p)$$

Continuity equation

$$rac{\partial n_i}{\partial t} = -
abla \cdot \left[n_i \left(oldsymbol{V}_{\scriptscriptstyle E} + oldsymbol{V}_{\scriptscriptstyle \parallel\, i}
ight) - rac{oldsymbol{J}_{\scriptscriptstyle \parallel}}{Z_{\,i} e}
ight]$$

Boundary condition for J_{\parallel}

- > To avoid numerical instability.
 - $> J_{\parallel}$ is masked in both sides of radial boundary with tanh function.
 - > For consistency with ψ , relaxing method is used on ohm equation(like in 3field code).

> Masking is only made for $n\neq 0$ component for difficulty in inverting laplace for n=0 ψ .

$$\Theta = \frac{1}{2} \left[1 - \tanh\left(\frac{P - P_{vac}}{\Delta P_{vac}}\right) \right]$$
$$J_{\parallel}^{sol} = -\frac{1}{\mu_{e}} B_{0} \nabla_{\perp}^{2} \psi$$
$$\psi^{target} = \nabla_{\perp}^{-2} \left(\mu_{0} J_{\parallel}^{target} / B_{0} \right)$$
$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = -\left(1 - \Theta\right) \frac{1}{B_{0}} \nabla_{\parallel} \phi + \Theta \left(\psi^{target} - \psi\right) / \tau_{jvac}$$

if (relax_j_vac) {
 // Calculate the J and Psi profile we're aiming for
 Field3D Jtarget = (getAC(Jpar)) * mask_jx1d; // Zero in vacuum

// Invert laplacian for Psi
Psitarget = invert_laplace(Jtarget, apar_flags, NULL);

// Add a relaxation term in the vacuum
//ddt(Psi) = ddt(Psi)*mask_jx1d - (Psi + Psitarget)*(1. - mask_jx1d) / relax_j_tconst;
ddt(Psi) += getAC(((Psi + Psitarget) / relax_j_tconst + ddt(Psi))*(mask_jx1d - 1.));



Preliminary simulation on fine grid



- > Currently numerical method is only stable for coarse grid.
- > For finer grid, still on optimization.
- > Evolution of ELM size is similar in larger time scale, but differ in rapid collapse.



$\langle J_{\parallel} \rangle$, $\langle E_{\gamma} \rangle$ separation



- > $\langle J_{\parallel} \rangle$ is evolved from () component of ohm eq.. → needs $\nabla_{\parallel} \langle \phi \rangle$
- > By ordering : $\langle E_{\theta} \rangle$ (associated with $\nabla_{\parallel} \langle \phi \rangle$) can be neglected in drift velocity calculating.
- > Thus $\langle E_r \rangle$ (or $\nabla_{\perp} \langle \phi \rangle$) and $\nabla_{\parallel} \langle \phi \rangle$
 - > Evolve according to different physical mechanisms.
 - > Has different ordering.
- > It's reasonable to decouple evolution of $\langle E_r \rangle$ and $\langle J_{\parallel} \rangle$. Effect of $\langle J_{\parallel} \rangle$ is separately considered during ELM.

$\langle J_{\parallel} \rangle$, $\langle E_{\gamma} \rangle$ separation



- > Evolution of $\langle E_r \rangle$ is mainly based on background turbulence
 - > Any variation of () is from nonlinear effect of perturbation components.
 - > Without μ_{\perp} , $\langle \varpi \rangle$ varies earlier than local perturbation strength.
 - > With μ_{\perp} , the evolution become synchronous.
- $\succ \langle J_{\parallel} \rangle$ is almost synchronous with $\nabla \langle P \rangle$, balancing diamagnetic current.

