#### M3D-C1 ZOOM Meeting

Announcements:

#### 04/26/2021

CS Issues

- 1. GPU solve status
- 2. Mesh adaptation update
- 3. stellar .Princeton.edu
- 4. NERSC Time
- 5. Changes to github master since last meeting & Lyons email 04/21/21
- 6. Regression tests

**Physics Studies** 

- 1. M3D-C1 modeling of pellet ELM triggering in low collisionality discharges
- 2. Interfacing M3D-C1 and LPC
- 3. Update on M3D-C1-S
- 4. Self-consistent simulation of resistive kink with runaway electrons
- 5. RE source terms in DIII-D 177053 and next steps..
- 6. Effect of resistive wall on the thermal quench in DIII-D 154576
- 7. Current coupling scheme of fishbone simulation in M3D-C1 Chang Liu
- 8. Other

#### In attendance

Steve Jardin Jin Chen Nate Ferraro Hank Strauss Usman Riaz Adelle Wright Chang Liu **Brendan Lyons** Cesar Clauser Yao Zhou Chen Zhao Priyanjana Sinha Mark Shephard Andreas Kleiner

#### Announcements

- I will be on vacation 4/29 5/10
- Next Monday LBL will make a presentation at the 3:00 PM meeting, and I will try and attend
- The week of 5/10 5/14 will be the IAEA Meeting. Since I will be traveling on 5/10, I will not schedule a meeting
- APS Invited Talk nominations due 5/26

• Today, I need to leave promptly at 4:00 PM

#### **GPU Solve status**

Sherry Li set up a zoom meeting with Barry Smith (head of PETSc) to discuss detailed timing log from traverse M3DC1 3D run using PETSC GPU solves

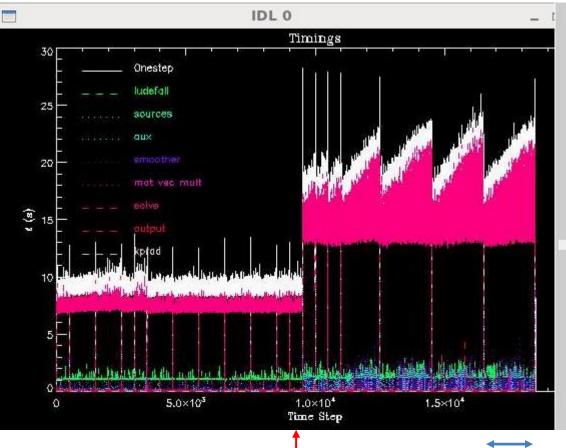
Tomorrow (Tues) at 4:30 PM ET



#### **Mesh Adaptation Update**

RPI? Brendan Lyons ?

# stellar.princeton.edu



Switch from mumps to SuperLU\_dist

#### 2D (real) runs with 96p

#### Beginning of restart.

Solve time varies between 12-16 s

#### End of plot range

Solve time varies between 13-21s

#### NOT SHOWN:

Just before mpi crash, solve time increases to 86 s

mumps runs often end in NaN, although it may be possible to eliminate these with more frequent output cycles (every 100 instead of every 500)

### **NERSC** Time

#### mp288



Closed for general use

- mp288 received 10M Hrs for CY 2021
- Now completely exhausted! (May get more time)
- Jardin contacted John Mandrekas. Waiting for reply.
- Transition to stellar (PU/PPPL)

# Changes to github master since 03/28 !

- Brendan Lyons:
  - **04/20/21**: Add output script for KPRAD benchmarking
- Seegyoung Seol
  - 04/25/21: adding m3dc1\_mesh\_load\_3d which reads 3D mesh exported from M3DC1

# Lyons email 4/21/2021

- I did some testing and it looks like the new method works properly and I understand why it's more stable.
  For the runs I'm doing, I'm using ikprad\_evolve\_internal = 1, so that the density & temperature value at each point is updated during each KPRAD sub-cycle.
- This should prevent overshoots on the radiation.
- For example, with constant Te, it's possible the radiation at that temperature integrated over an MHD step will exceed the thermal energy, driving the temperature negative.
- The old method of turning off KPRAD below a threshold value (now called ikprad\_min\_option=1) is based on the initial ne & Te given to KPRAD.
- With **ikprad\_evolve\_internal = 1**, however, the ne and Te given to KPRAD in each sub-cycle could fall below the threshold, perhaps giving spurious ionization or radiation rates.
- **ikprad\_min\_option=1** would not ignore those values.
- Now, with either ikprad\_min\_option=2 or 3, the radiation is set to zero whenever the internal ne or Te given to KPRAD falls below the cutoff.
- My testing shows that this is more stable.

#### Documentation ?

#### Local Systems

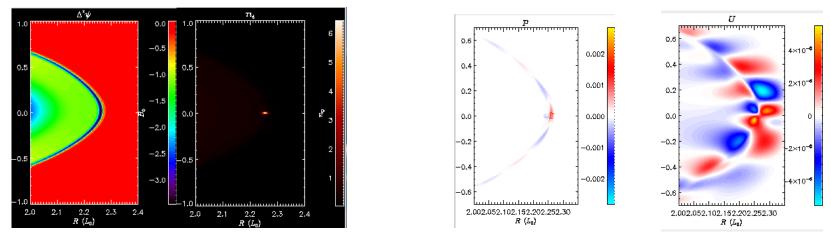
- PPPL centos7(04/26/21)
  - 6 regression tests **PASSED** on centos7:
- PPPL greene (04/26/21)
  - 3 regression tests PASSED
  - Adapt FAILED
  - RMP\_nonlin FAILED
- STELLAR (04/26/21)
  - 6 regression tests **PASSED** on stellar
- TRAVERSE(03/29/21)
  - Code compiles
  - Regression test failed: split\_smb not found in PATH

# **Other Systems**

- Cori-KNL (2/08/2021)
  - 6 regression tests passed on KNL
- Cori-Haswell (2/08/2021)
  - 5 regression tests passed
  - KPRAD\_RESTART did not pass, but differences are very small in velocity variables.
    All magnetic and thermal good. Similar difference as Cori-KNL
  - RMP\_nonlin initially failed ...: There was an error in partitioning the mesh, but passed on resubmission
- PERSEUS
  - All 6 regression tests PASSED on perseus (J. Chen, 9/04/20)
- MARCONI
  - All regression tests PASSED on MARCONI (J. Chen, 9/04/20)
- CORI GPU (10/26)
  - ??

#### M3D-C1 modeling of pellet ELM triggering in low-collisionality discharges

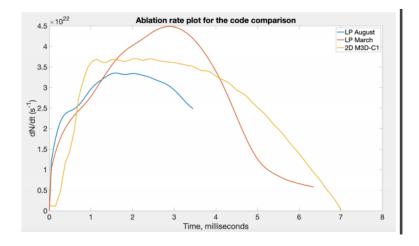
- Preprint by A. Wingen (ORNL), Linear and non-linear simulations
- Linear simulation with ipellet=1 perturbs only the density profile. Large enough perturbation excites an unstable mode
- Q: How does a density perturbation excite a MHD mode?



Density perturbation causes decreased Te at one location on flux surface. Thermal conduction during linear phase causes pressure to increase there. Gives an unstable mode for ntor=9 only if kappar .ne. 0

## Interfacing M3D-C1 and LPC

- Zoom meeting was held 04/08/21 with Roman Samulyak and students
- Presentation posted on m3dc1.pppl.gov
- Small differences between m3dc1 pellet model and LPC local model
- Brendan to see what data is available for single neon pellet ablation test
- Daisuke Shiraki will address this in a special call set for Tuesday at 2:00
  ET. Lyons, Samulyak, Jardin, ..... (assuming Samulyak availability)



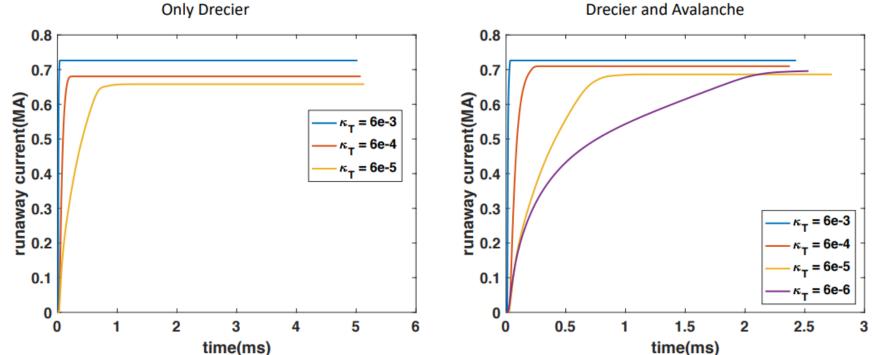
#### Approach to nonlinear MHD simulations in stellarator geometry

• Yao Zhou has an excellent preprint he plans to submit to Nuclear Fusion

# Self-consistent simulation of resistive kink instabilities with runaway electrons

• Chang Liu, et al manuscript submitted to Plasma Physics and Controlled Fusion 04/21/2021

#### Effect of Avalanche term on DIII-D 177053



**Drecier and Avalanche** 

Chen Zhao

#### **Next Steps**

- Chen Zhao should consider writing a paper on the incorporation of the runaway source term in M3D-C1 and include the DIII-D result
- NIMROD is interested in doing a benchmark of the runaway source calculations. I gave them Chen's equilibrium and results. This could be included in paper if done sufficiently fast.
- I asked Carlos Paz-Soldan to help us identify a series of DIII-D shots where runaways are generated and there are good diagnostics. Still waiting to hear. (he did indicate that he's working on it)
- We had a zoom call with the JOREK group this morning. They will also check with ASDEX-U to see if there is a series of experiments that we could model

## Effect of resistive wall on the thermal quench

- Hank Strauss requested an EFIT equilibrium for shot 154576 at 3312ms, just before it disrupts
- This was studied in the paper: R. Sweeney, et al, "Relationship between locked modes and thermal quenches in DIII-D"
- Focus of paper is that sometimes overlapping locked modes just flatten the temperature around the q=2 surface (q=3/2 to edge) whereas sometimes they also cause a collapse of the core temperature
- NIMROD simulations were initialized with islands of the size and phase of the experiment: 3/2, 2/1, 3/1, and 4/1
- In the simulation, the 2/1 island decays in time, unlike in the experiment. Also, the experiment shows a wider region of Te collapse. Can M3DC1 improve on this?

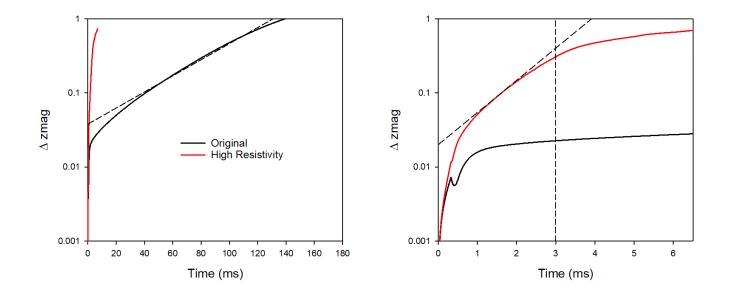
#### **Current coupling scheme of fishbone simulation in M3D-C1**

• Chang Liu to present

# That's All I have

Anything Else ?

#### **ITER disruption with more resistive vessel**

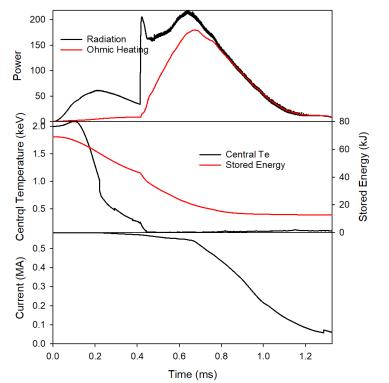


- Increased all vessel resistivities by 100
- Growth rate went from .025 ms<sup>-1</sup> to 2.0 ms<sup>-1</sup>
- New case greatly slows down after contact with wall is made

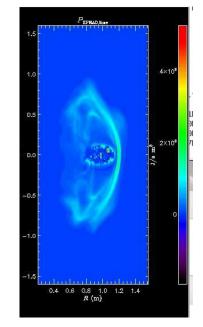
# **Carbon Mitigation in NSTX-U (shell pellet)**

Radiation

t = 0.73 ms



Shell carbon pellet in NSTX (now running)

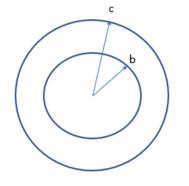


This run is essentially done and can be incorporated into Cesar's paper

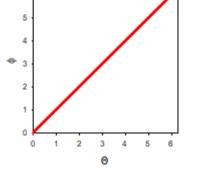
**Cesar Clauser** 

## Helical Band to remove runaway electrons

- Brendan Lyons performed a calculation last year with a conducting helical band that did not show large helical currents
- Want to try and reproduce, first in circular cylindrical geometry.



Circular cylindrical geometry. Conductor in region b < r < c



3D helical band of good conductivity at  $|\Theta - \phi| < \delta$ 

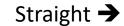
#1. Will a purely toroidal voltage from the plasma current decaying drive a helical current in this geometry?  $\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = 0 \implies \mathbf{E} = -\nabla \Phi + \frac{V_L}{2\pi} \nabla \phi$ 

 $\mathbf{J} = \boldsymbol{\sigma} \mathbf{E}$ 

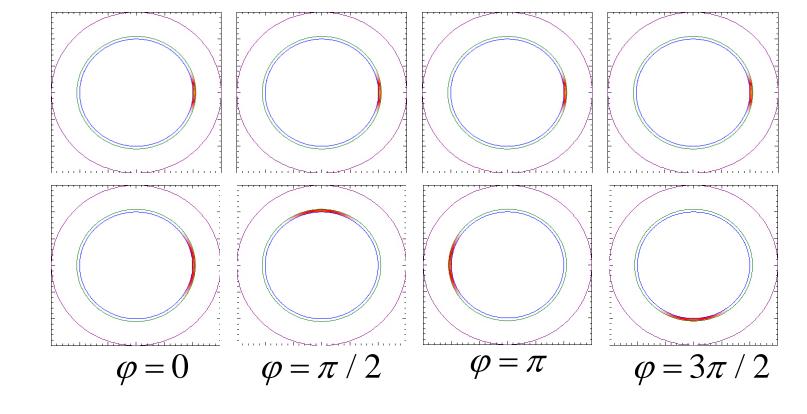
What is driving the current in the  $\theta$  direction? It can't be  $\Phi$  unless

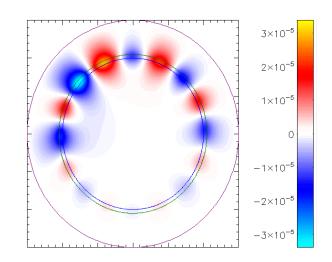
$$\int_{0}^{2\pi} \sigma^{-1} J_{\theta} d\theta = \int_{0}^{2\pi} \frac{d\Phi}{d\theta} d\theta = 0$$

#### **Comparison between Straight and helical band**

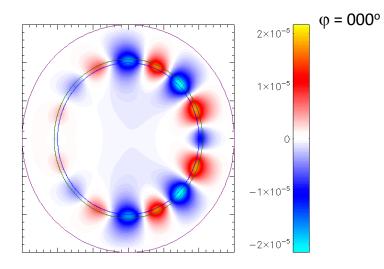






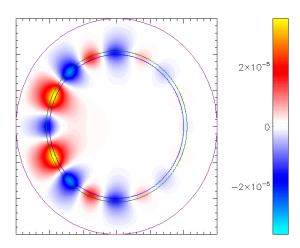


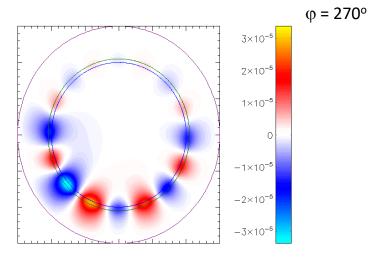
φ = 090°



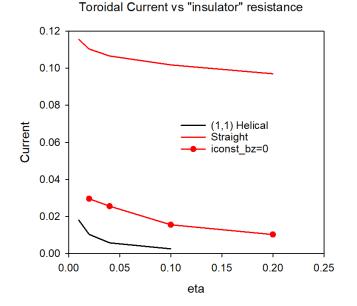
 $\Phi_{\phi}$ 





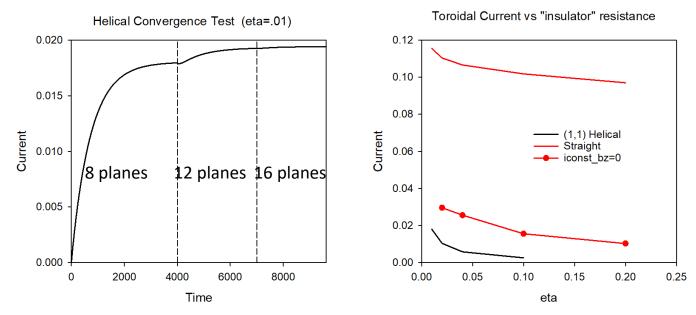


### Helical resistive band to suppress runaways



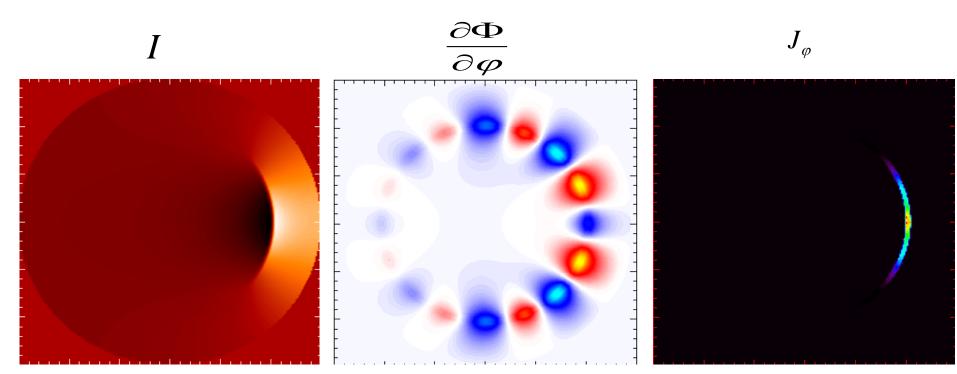
• I have asked Matthias Hoelzl if he could try and reproduce this with the STARWALL code. He seems interested

#### **Some Convergence Tests**



- Wall current appears to be converged in # of planes
- Helical wall current tending towards zero for large values of insulator resistance
- Now testing dependence on boundary conditions (location of ideal wall)
- Helical (1,2) case gives less than half the current of helical (1,1) case
- Iconst\_bz=0 increases current, but still far below straight case

## Plots for iconst\_bz=0

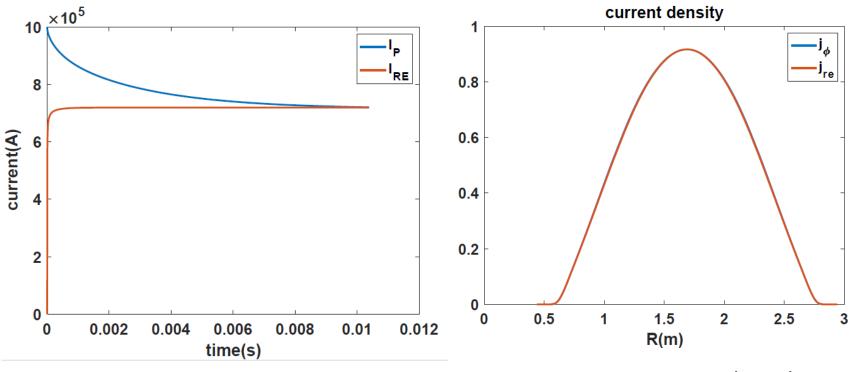


$$\nabla_{\perp} \bullet \frac{1}{R^2} \nabla \Phi = \nabla_{\perp} \cdot \eta \left[ -\frac{1}{R^2} \nabla F \times \nabla \varphi - \frac{1}{R^2} \nabla f'' \times \nabla \varphi - \frac{1}{R^4} \nabla_{\perp} \psi' \right]$$

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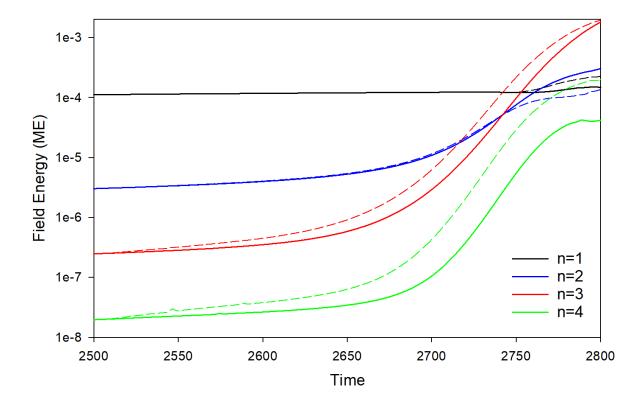
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- PPPL greene (02/15/21)
  - 4 regression tests PASSED
  - RMP\_nonlin timed out (but gave correct results)
  - No batch file found for pellet
- EDDY (2/15/21)
  - 6 regression tests PASSED
- TRAVERSE(1/4/21)
  - Code compiles
  - Regression test failed: split\_smb not found in PATH
  - Have not yet tried shipping .smb files from another machine

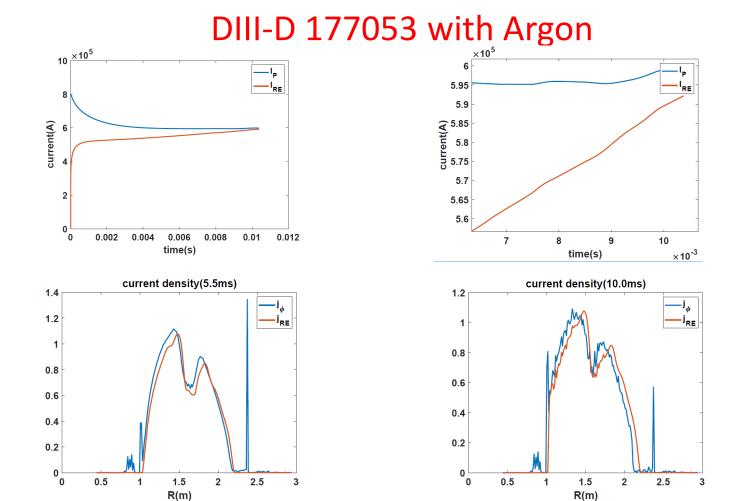
#### 2D (cylindrical) RE with sources (12/19/2020)



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#### Energy in base case 36742317 (solid) and 16 plane case 37248033 (dashed)

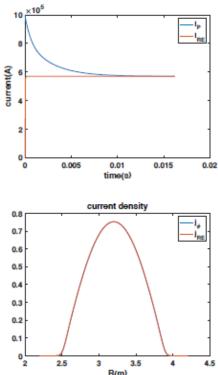




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#### Same calculation in a Cylinder

# M3D-C1 runaway generation with cylinder geometry



Parameters: β<sub>0</sub> = 0.15

 $\begin{array}{l} a = 0.65m \\ R = 1.7m \\ B_0 = 1.9T \\ \eta = 1.0 \times 10^{-4} \\ n_0 = 1.0 \times 10^{20} m^{-3} \\ c = 150 v_A \\ N_{elements} = 12261 \\ \Delta t = 1.0 \tau_A \end{array}$ 

- The plasma current was equal with plasma current by the runaway current at about 12ms.
- The radial profile of runaway current profile are exactly same when the plasma current equal to runaway current.

### **Progress on other shots?**

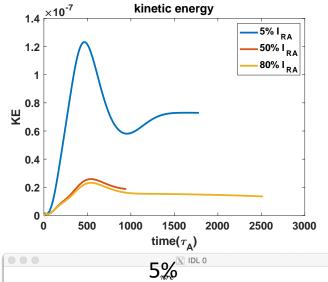
• M3D-C1/NIMROD 3D Benchmark

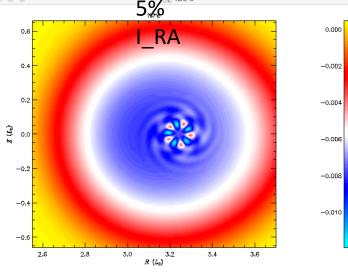
NSTX shot 1224020 – Fast ion transport with coupled kink and tearing modes Chang Liu

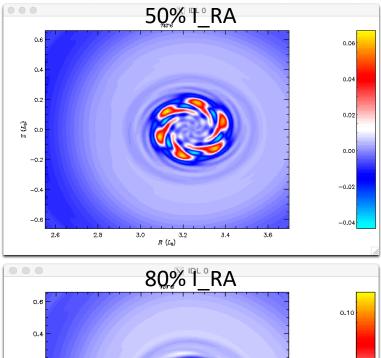
DIII-D Neon pellet mitigation simulation for KORC

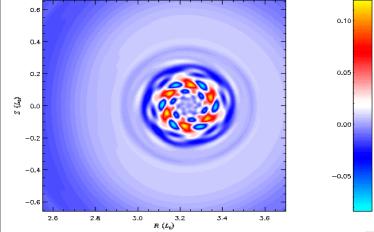
• Brendan Lyons trying to extend 8 plane case to 32 planes

SPARK ? Do we need to do anything?

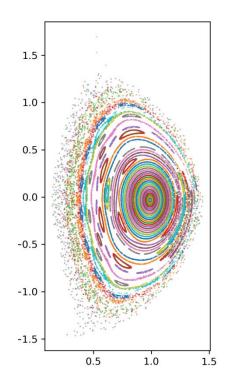








#### NSTX shot 1224020 – Fast ion transport with coupled kink and tearing modes Chang Liu



- In the original geqdsk file, the equilibrium was poorly converged. New one is much better. Has q(0) = 1.3
- Chang has analyzed new equilibrium (left)
- No ideal (1,1) mode, several tearing modes
- If goal is to get unstable (1,1) mode, likely need to lower q(0)
- Adding sheared toroidal rotation should help stabilize resistive modes.

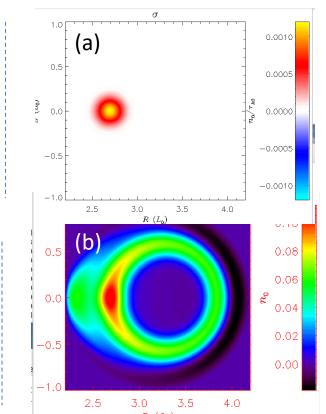
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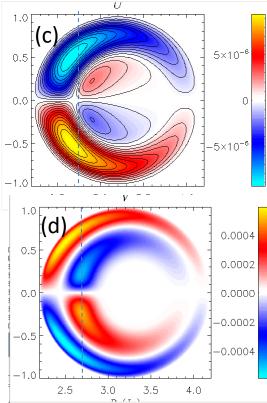
Request to calculate grad-B drift in M3D-C1 and to compare with that being put into

the LP Code

- (a) Density source in1F toroidalequilibrium
- (b) Change in density after  $10^3 \tau_A$
- (c) Poloidal velocity stream function

(d) Toroidal velocity contours

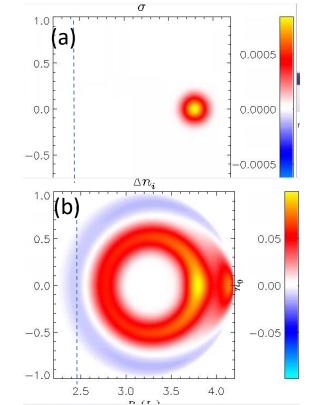


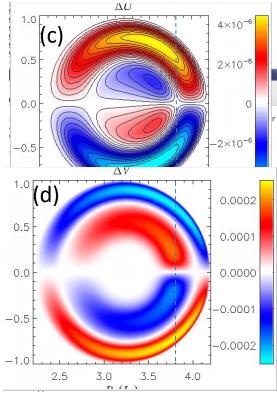


### Grad-B drift in M3D-C1– LF source

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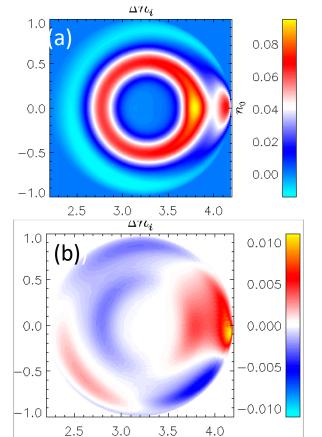
- (a) Density source in 1F toroidal equilibrium
- (b) Change in density after 10<sup>3</sup>  $\tau_{\text{A}}$
- (c) Poloidal velocity stream function
- (d) Toroidal velocity contours

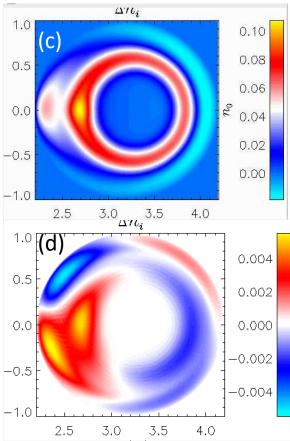




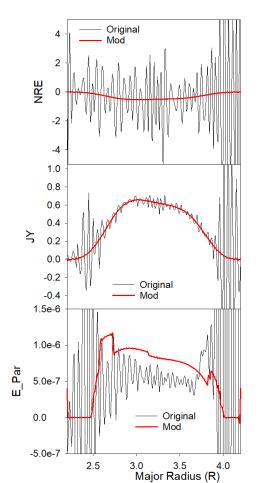
# Grad-B drift in M3D-C1—2F effects

- (a) 2F density change after  $10^3 \tau_A$  for LF side source
- (b) Difference in 1F and 2F density (LF)
- (c) 2Fdensity change after  $10^3 \tau_A$  for HF side source
- (d) Differencein 1F and 2F density (HF)





### Sawtoothing discharge with runaway electrons

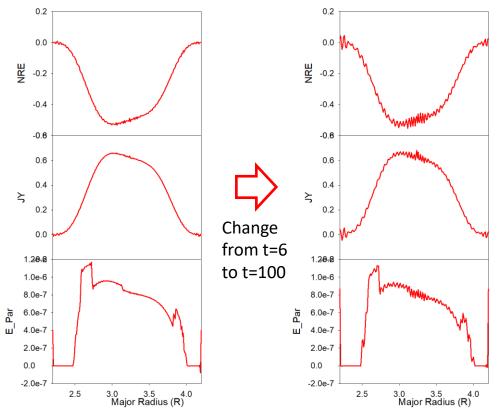


Profiles of nre, jy, and E\_par after 30 timesteps

Original: /p/tsc/m3dnl/Isabel/Chen2D Mod: /p/tsc/m3dnl/Isabel/Chen2D-mod1

Changed: mesh size "regular" "integration points" ipres=1 cre pedge viscosity denm equilibrium density

#### **Longer times develops oscillations**



- Short wavelength oscillations occur first in nre and then in other quantities (jy, e\_par)
- Could we add some smoothing?