# HAGIS Code

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### **HAGIS Description<sup>1</sup>**

- Self-consistently models the nonlinear interaction between spectrum of linear eigenfunctions and fast particle distribution function
  - Weakly damped global Alfvén Eigenmodes (AE) could be driven unstable by fusion-born  $\alpha$ -particles
- Straight field-line equilibrium
  - Boozer coordinates
- Hamiltonian description of particle motion
- Fast ion distribution function
  - δf method
- Evolution of waves
  - Wave eigenfunctions computed by CASTOR/MISHKA/CAS-3D and held invariant throughout system evolution



<sup>1</sup>SD Pinches, LC Appel et al., Comput. Phys. Commun. 111 131 (1998)

#### **Boozer Coordinates**



The coordinates,  $\psi_p, \theta, \zeta$  are chosen to produce straight field lines in the  $\theta - \zeta$  plane and lead to a field representation of the form:

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{B} &= \delta(\psi_p, \theta) \nabla \psi_p + I(\psi_p) \nabla \theta + g(\psi_p) \nabla \zeta, \\ \mathbf{B} &= \nabla \psi \wedge \nabla \theta - \nabla \psi_p \wedge \nabla \zeta, \end{split}$$





### **Evolution of Energetic Particles**



The exact particle Lagrangian,

$$\mathcal{L}_{exact} = \sum_{ep} \frac{1}{2}mV^2 + e\mathbf{V}\cdot\mathbf{A} - e\phi,$$

is gyro-averaged and written in the form,

$$\mathcal{L}_{ep} = \sum_{j=1}^{n_p} P_{\theta j} \dot{\theta}_j + P_{\zeta j} \dot{\zeta}_j - \mathcal{H}_j,$$

with

$$\mathcal{H}_j = \frac{1}{2}m_j v_{\parallel j}^2 + \mu_j B_j + e_j \phi_j,$$

leading to  $4 \times n_p$  first order differential equations.





### **Equations of Motion**

$$\begin{split} \dot{\theta} &= \frac{1}{D} \left[ \rho_{\parallel} B^{2} (1 - \rho_{c} g' - g \tilde{\alpha}') + g \left\{ (\rho_{\parallel}^{2} B + \mu) B' + \tilde{\Phi}' \right\} \right], \\ \dot{\zeta} &= \frac{1}{D} \left[ \rho_{\parallel} B^{2} (\rho_{c} I' + q + I \tilde{\alpha}') - I \left\{ (\rho_{\parallel}^{2} B + \mu) B' + \tilde{\Phi}' \right\} \right], \\ \dot{\psi}_{p} &= \frac{1}{D} \left[ \rho_{\parallel} B^{2} \left( g \frac{\partial \tilde{\alpha}}{\partial \theta} - I \frac{\partial \tilde{\alpha}}{\partial \zeta} \right) - \left( g \frac{\partial \tilde{\Phi}}{\partial \theta} - I \frac{\partial \tilde{\Phi}}{\partial \zeta} \right) - g (\rho_{\parallel}^{2} B + \mu) \frac{\partial B}{\partial \theta} \right], \\ \dot{\rho}_{\parallel} &= \frac{1}{D} \left[ \left( I \frac{\partial \tilde{\alpha}}{\partial \zeta} - g \frac{\partial \tilde{\alpha}}{\partial \theta} \right) \left\{ (\rho_{\parallel}^{2} B + \mu) B' + \tilde{\Phi}' \right\} - (q + \rho_{c} I' + I \tilde{\alpha}') \frac{\partial \tilde{\Phi}}{\partial \zeta} \right. \\ &+ (\rho_{c} g' - 1 + g \tilde{\alpha}') \left\{ (\rho_{\parallel}^{2} B + \mu) \frac{\partial B}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial \tilde{\Phi}}{\partial \theta} \right\} \right] - \frac{\partial \tilde{\alpha}}{\partial t}, \end{split}$$

• Derived from total system Hamiltonian





#### **Fast Particle Orbits**

- ICRH ions in JET deep shear reversal
  - On axis heating:  $\Lambda = \mu B_0 / E = 1$
  - E = 500 keV





#### **Calculation of AE Eigenfunctions**

Wave Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L}_w = \sum \left[ \frac{1}{2} m v^2 + e \left( \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{v} - \phi \right) \right] + \frac{1}{2\mu_0} \int_V \left( \frac{1}{c^2} E^2 - B^2 \right) dx^3$$

Expanding in perturbed field powers:

- $\mathcal{L}^{(0)}$  describes the equilibria and is solved by the HELENA code.
- $\mathcal{L}^{(1)}$  describes first order force balance.
- $\mathcal{L}^{(2)}$  describes fixed amplitude AE and is solved by the CASTOR code.



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#### **Wave Evolution**

Linear eigenmode structure is assumed to remain fixed throughout the simulation.

Each wave is allowed two degrees of freedom, amplitude and phase-shift;  $A_k$  and  $\alpha_k$ .

$$\tilde{\Phi}_k = A_k(t) \sum_m \tilde{\phi}_{km}(\psi) e^{i(n_k \zeta - m\theta - \omega_k t - \alpha_k(t))}$$

The wave Lagrangian can then be written as

$$L_w = \sum_{k=1}^{n_w} \frac{E_k}{\omega_k} A_k^2 \dot{\alpha}_k,$$

where

$$E_k = \frac{1}{2\mu_0} \int_V \frac{\left| \boldsymbol{\nabla}_{\perp} \tilde{\boldsymbol{\Phi}}_k \right|^2}{v_A^2} d^3 x,$$

and  $n_w$  is the number of eigenmodes in the system.

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### **Wave Equations**

- Linear eigenstructure assumed invariant
- Introduce slowly varying amplitude and phase:

$$\tilde{\Phi}_k = A_k(t) \sum_{m} \tilde{\phi}_{km}(\psi) e^{i(n_k \zeta - m\theta - \omega_k t - \alpha_k(t))}$$

• Gives wave equations as:  $\overline{m}$ 

$$\dot{\mathcal{X}}_{k} = \frac{1}{2E_{k}} \sum_{j=1}^{n_{p}} \delta f_{j} \Delta \Gamma_{j}^{(p)} \sum_{m} (k_{\parallel m} v_{\parallel j} - \omega_{k}) S_{jkm} + \mathcal{X}_{k} \gamma_{d},$$
  
$$\dot{\mathcal{Y}}_{k} = -\frac{1}{2E_{k}} \sum_{j=1}^{n_{p}} \delta f_{j} \Delta \Gamma_{j}^{(p)} \sum_{m} (k_{\parallel m} v_{\parallel j} - \omega_{k}) C_{jkm} + \mathcal{Y}_{k} \gamma_{d}$$

Additional mode damping rate,  $\gamma_d$ 

where





#### **Delta f Method**

Numerical noise can be dramatically reduced by making use of a powerful technique known as the  $\delta f$  method.



$$\int f g d\Gamma^{(p)} \longleftrightarrow \int f_0 g d\Gamma^{(p)} + \sum_{j=1}^{n_p} \delta n_j g_j$$

where





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#### **Quiet Start Method**

Markers are uniformly loaded using Hammersley's sequence<sup>\*</sup>,

 $x_i = \{i/N, \phi_2(i), \phi_3(i), \phi_5(i), \phi_7(i)\}.$ 

If the integer i is written in base r,

$$i = a_0 + a_1 r + a_2 r^2 + \cdots$$
  
then  $\phi_r(i) = a_0 r^{-1} + a_1 r^{-2} + a_2 r^{-3} + \cdots$ 



Projections of uniformly loaded 5-D hypercube



This achieves a discrepancy  $\propto 1/N$ , where a random distribution has a discrepancy  $\propto 1/\sqrt{N}$ .



#### **Conservation of Particles**

The total number of particles in the system is very well conserved over long time periods.

Particle fluctuation,







# Applications

- AE linear growthrates and nonlinear saturation amplitudes
- Determination of

0.7

0.6

0.5

0.4

0.3

0.2

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- fast particle re-distribution
- Fast particle losses



### **TAE Amplitude Determination**

- Frequency sweeping observed when damping rate ~ linear growth rate and holes/clumps form in particle phase space
- Modelling with HAGIS allows determination of experimental internal mode amplitudes from observed frequency sweeping
- Particle trapping frequency determined using HAGIS

 $= 4 \times 10^{-4}$ 

 $\frac{\delta B}{B}$ 



### **Fast Ions in MAST**

- High performance MAST plasmas achieved with off-axis NBI
  - Off-axis NBI current drive used to tailor current profile
- Fast ion distribution very different with on and off axis injection
  - Changes to current profile with offaxis beams studied in MAST







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### **Transport Code Modelling**

- Discrepancy in neutron rate coincident with observation of fast particle driven modes
  - Fishbones
- Can be explained by introducing an anomalous fast ion diffusion, D~0.5 m<sup>2</sup>/s





#### **Fast Particle Simulations**

• Fishbones simulated in HAGIS to study effect on fast ion population and calculate an effective fast ion diffusion

$$\Gamma_{\psi_p}(\psi_p, t) = -D_r \frac{\partial n(\psi_p, t)}{\partial \psi_p}$$



# **Comparison with Experiment**

- Levels of anomalous fast ion diffusion found in simulations consistent with those required in transport codes to explain observations:
  - Neutron rate
  - Stored energy
  - Current profile



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### **HAGIS code performance**



- HAGIS code parallelises very well
  - relatively low level of inter-processor communication traffic

