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# A Mixed Fluid-Kinetic Solver for the Vlasov-Poisson System

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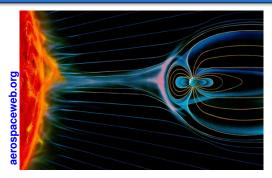
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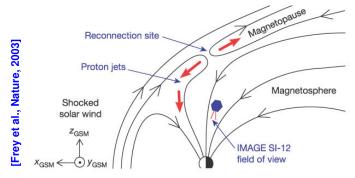
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# Space weather modeling



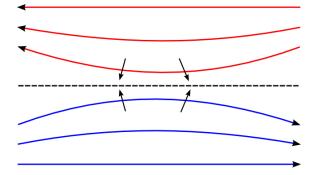
- Supersonic solar wind constantly bombarding Earth
- Solar wind  $\equiv$  stream of energetic charged particles from Sun
- Earth's magnetic field ⇒ sets up magnetosphere, bow shock, ...
- Solar flares can create geomagnetic storms, which can affect space satellites
- Challenge: accurately predicting space weather in real time





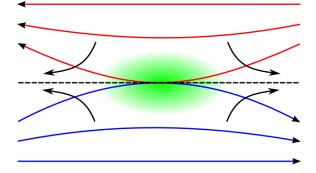
- Magnetic field lines from different magnetic domains are spliced to one another
- Creates rapid outflows away from reconnection point
- Outflows have important affect on space weather, can affect satellites, ...
- Can happen both on the dayside as well as in the magnetotail





- Starting point: oppositely directed field lines are driven towards each other
- Field lines merge at the so-called X-point
- Lower energy state: change topology of field lines
- Results in large energy release in the form of oppositely directed jets

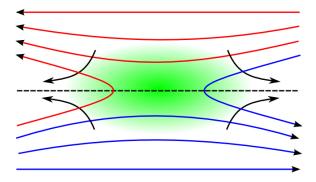




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**1 Full particle description:** computationally intractable

#### 2 Kinetic description:

- Fully Lagrangian description via macro-particles
- Particle-in-cell description
- Semi-Lagrangian description
- Eulerian description
- **3 Hybrid description:** ion particles, electron fluid

#### 4 Fluid description:

- High-moment approximation (moment-closure)
- 5-moment approximation (Euler equations)
- Hall MHD (quasi-neutrality => single-fluid system)
- MHD (ideal Ohm's law)

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Vlasov-Maxwell model:

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial f_s}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} f_s + \frac{q_s}{m_s} \left( \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B} \right) \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{v}} f_s &= 0, \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{E} \end{bmatrix} + \nabla \times \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{E} \\ -c^2 \mathbf{B} \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -c^2 \mathbf{J} \end{bmatrix}, \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} &= 0, \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = c^2 \sigma, \\ \sigma &= \sum_s \frac{q_s}{m_s} \int f_s d\mathbf{v}, \quad \mathbf{J} &= \sum_s \frac{q_s}{m_s} \int \mathbf{v} f_s d\mathbf{v} \end{split}$$

Two-fluid 10-moment model (Generalized Euler-Maxwell):

$$\begin{bmatrix} \rho_{s} \\ \rho_{s} \mathbf{u}_{s} \\ \mathbb{E}_{s} \end{bmatrix} = \int \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{v} \mathbf{v} \\ \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{v} \mathbf{v} \end{bmatrix} f_{s} d\mathbf{v} \qquad \left\{ \text{closure: } \mathbb{Q} \equiv 0 \right\}$$
$$f_{s}(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}) = \frac{\rho_{s}^{\frac{2+d}{2}}}{(2\pi)^{\frac{d}{2}} \sqrt{\det \mathbb{P}_{s}}} \exp \left[ -\frac{\rho_{s}}{2} (\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{u}_{s})^{T} \mathbb{P}_{s}^{-1} (\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{u}_{s}) \right]$$



(cont'd) Two-fluid 10-moment model

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \begin{bmatrix} \rho_s \\ \rho_s \mathbf{u}_s \\ \mathbb{E}_s \end{bmatrix} + \nabla \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \rho_s \mathbf{u}_s \\ \rho_s \mathbf{u}_s \mathbf{u}_s + \mathbb{P}_s \\ 3 \operatorname{Sym}(\mathbf{u}_s \mathbb{E}_s) - 2\rho_s \mathbf{u}_s \mathbf{u}_s \mathbf{u}_s \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{q_s}{m_s} \rho_s (\mathbf{E}_s + \mathbf{u}_s \times \mathbf{B}) \\ 2 \operatorname{Sym}\left(\frac{q_s}{m_s} \rho_s \mathbf{u}_s \mathbf{E} + \mathbb{E}_s \times \mathbf{B}\right) \end{bmatrix},$$
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$$f_{s}(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}) = \frac{\rho_{s}^{\frac{2+d}{2}}}{(2\pi\rho_{s})^{\frac{d}{2}}} \exp\left[ -\frac{\rho_{s}}{2\rho_{s}} (\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{u}_{s})^{T} (\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{u}_{s}) \right]$$



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MHD models

Quasi-neutrality 
$$\implies \rho = \rho_i + \rho_e, \quad \mathbf{u} = \frac{\rho_i \mathbf{u}_i + \rho_e \mathbf{u}_e}{\rho_i + \rho_e}, \quad \rho = \rho_i + \rho_e$$
  
 $c \rightarrow \infty \implies \nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{J}$ 

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Generalized Ohm's law:

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{E} &= \mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{u} & (\text{Ohm's law}) \\ &+ \eta \, \mathbf{J} & (\text{resistivity}) \\ &+ \left( \frac{m_i - m_e}{\rho} \right) \, \mathbf{J} \times \mathbf{B} & (\text{Hall term}) \\ &+ \frac{1}{\rho} \, \nabla \left( m_e p_i - m_i p_e \right) & (\text{pressure term}) \\ &+ \frac{m_i m_e}{\rho} \left\{ \partial_t \mathbf{J} + \nabla \cdot \left( \mathbf{u} \mathbf{J} + \mathbf{J} \mathbf{u} + \frac{m_e - m_i}{\rho} \, \mathbf{J} \mathbf{J} \right) \right\} & (\text{inertial term}) \end{split}$$

(cont'd) Resistive MHD model

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \begin{bmatrix} \rho \mathbf{u} \\ \rho \mathbf{u} \\ \mathcal{E} \\ \mathbf{B} \end{bmatrix} + \nabla \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \rho \mathbf{u} \\ \rho \mathbf{u} + (\rho + \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{B}\|^2) \, \mathbb{I} - \mathbf{B} \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{u} \left( \mathcal{E} + \rho + \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{B}\|^2 \right) - \mathbf{B} \left( \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{B} \right) \\ \mathbf{u} \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{B} \mathbf{u} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} \\ \eta \nabla \cdot \left[ \mathbf{B} \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{B}) \right] \\ \eta \triangle \mathbf{B} \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{0}$$



#### A brief history

- Ideal MHD does not support magnetic reconnection
- Resistive MHD allows for **slow** magnetic reconnection
- [Birn et al., 2001]: Geospace Environment Modeling (GEM) challenge problem
- **[Shay et al., 2001]**: need  $\frac{\partial J}{\partial t}$ ,  $\nabla \cdot \mathbb{P}$ , or  $\eta J$  in Ohm's law to start
- Rate is independent of starting mechanism, important term is Hall:  $\sim \mathbf{J} \times \mathbf{B}$
- [Bessho and Bhattacharjee, 2007]: in pair plasma important term is  $\sim \nabla \cdot \mathbb{P}$
- [Lazarian et al, 2012]: fast reconnection in resistive MHD via turbulence

#### Reconnection rate vs. solution structure

- Rate of magnetic reconnection is robust to many different models
- Hall MHD, various 2-fluid models, MHD with turbulence: all show similar rates
- Kinetic simulations show certain pressure tensor structure
- Our goal: higher moment models to match kinetic solution structures

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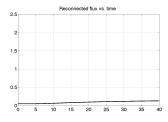
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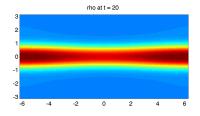
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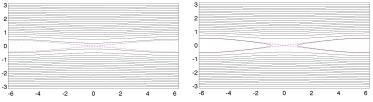
# GEM: Resistive MHD ( $\eta = 5 \times 10^{-3}$ )











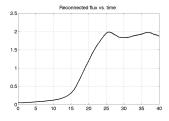
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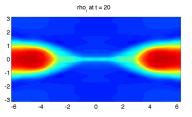
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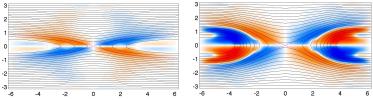
# **GEM: 2-fluid 5-moment (** $m_i/m_e = 25$ **)**













BGK Relaxation in higher-moment equations:

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_{,t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u}) &= 0\\ (\rho \mathbf{u})_{,t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u} \mathbf{u} + \mathbb{P}) &= 0\\ \mathbb{E}_{,t} + \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{3} \, \mathbf{u} \mathbb{E} - 2\rho \mathbf{u} \mathbf{u} \mathbf{u} + \mathbb{Q}) &= \frac{1}{\epsilon} (\rho \mathbb{I} - \mathbb{P})\\ \mathbb{F}_{,t} + \nabla \cdot \left( 4\mathbf{u} \mathbb{F} - 6\mathbf{u} \mathbf{u} \mathbb{E} + 3\rho \mathbf{u} \mathbf{u} \mathbf{u} + \frac{3\mathbb{P} \mathbb{P}}{\rho} \right) &= -\frac{1}{\epsilon} \mathbb{Q} \end{aligned}$$

Chapman-Enskog expansion:

$$(\rho \mathbf{u})_{,t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u} \mathbf{u} + \rho \mathbb{I}) = \varepsilon \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} + O(\varepsilon^2)$$

- 10-moment with relaxation: we now have physical viscosity, not just numerical
- For a range of  $\epsilon$ :  $0 < \epsilon \ll 1$ , we get fast reconnection
- Furthermore, we can reproduce off-diagonal pressure from kinetic models
- 20-moment with relaxation: we now have non-zero heat flux

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**GEM: 10-moment with relaxation (** $m_i/m_e = 25$ **)** [Johnson, 2011]

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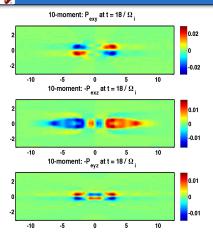
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- Conclusion: qualitative agreement
- Missing ingredient: heat flux  $\implies$  need to go to higher moment models



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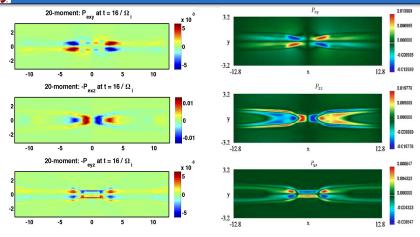
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**GEM: 20-moment with relaxation (** $m_i/m_e = 25$ **)** [Johnson, in prep]



- Conclusion: better qualitative agreement
- Missing ingredient: non-zero kurtosis:  $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{R} \frac{3\mathbb{PP}}{2}$



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#### Summary of higher-moment approach:

- Can get good qualitative agreement on GEM challenge problem
- Need to artificially introduce collisions (kinetic system is collisionless)
- Simulations are challenging due to density and pressure positivity violations
- May need very large number of moments in very rarefied regimes
- Other micro-scale phenomena may not be well-captured (open problem)

#### Multiphysics approach (i.e., domain decomposition):

- Use low-moment fluid solver where possible
- Use kinetic solver where necessary
- Challenge #1: how to communicate between different solvers
- Challenge #2: how to adaptively choose regions (a posteriori error estimates)
- Many options for models, coupling mechanisms, numerical methods, ...

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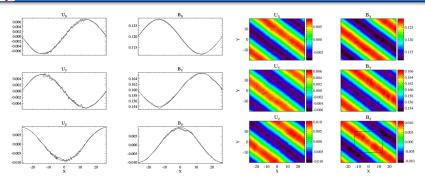
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State-of-the-art: Hall MHD + IPIC [Daldorff, Tóth, Gombosi, Lapenta, Amaya, Markidis, & Brackbill 2014]

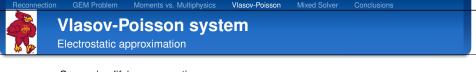


- Whistler wave example: Implicit PIC code region embedded in Hall MHD model
- Restriction (PIC → Hall MHD): modified Ohm's law
- Prolongation (Hall MHD → PIC): boundary conditions of PIC region
- Disadvantage #1: consistency problems between models (quasineutrality)
- Disadvantage #2: PIC introduces statistical noise

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- Some simplifying assumptions:
  - **1** Two species: ions (+) & electrons (-)
  - 2 Slow moving charges  $\implies$  electrostatics
  - 3 Track electrons, assume fixed background ions
- Electrons are described by a probability density function:

$$f(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}) : \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{R}$$

Moments of  $f(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v})$  correspond to various physical observables:

$$\rho(t, \mathbf{x}) := \int f \, d\mathbf{v}, \quad \rho \mathbf{u}(t, \mathbf{x}) := \int \mathbf{v} \, f \, d\mathbf{v}, \quad \mathcal{E}(t, \mathbf{x}) := \frac{1}{2} \int \|\mathbf{v}\|^2 \, f \, d\mathbf{v}$$

The Vlasov-Poisson system:

$$f_{,t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} f - \mathbf{E} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{v}} f = 0,$$
  
$$\mathbf{E} = -\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \phi, \quad -\nabla_{\mathbf{x}}^2 \phi = \rho_0 - \rho(t, \mathbf{x})$$

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Characteristics (Vlasov is an advection equation in phase space):

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{X}(t;\mathbf{x},\mathbf{v},s),\mathbf{V}(t;\mathbf{x},\mathbf{v},s)) &\implies \frac{d\mathbf{X}}{dt} = \mathbf{V}(t), \qquad \frac{d\mathbf{V}}{dt} = -\mathbf{E}(t,\mathbf{X}(t)), \\ f(t,\mathbf{x},\mathbf{v}) &= f_0\left(\mathbf{X}(0;t,\mathbf{x},\mathbf{v}),\mathbf{V}(0;t,\mathbf{x},\mathbf{v})\right) \end{aligned}$$

Maximum principle:

$$0 \leq \min_{(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{v})} f_0(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{v}) \leq f(t,\mathbf{x},\mathbf{v}) \leq \max_{(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{v})} f_0(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{v})$$

Conserved functional:

 $\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\mathbf{x}} \int_{\mathbf{v}} G(f) \, d\mathbf{v} \, d\mathbf{x} = 0 \implies L_{\rho} \text{ norm: } G(f) = |f|^{\rho}, \text{ entropy: } G(f) = -f \ln f$ 

Conservation laws:

Mass: 
$$\rho_{,t} + \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u}) = 0, \qquad \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\mathbf{x}} \rho \, d\mathbf{x} = 0$$
  
Momentum:  $(\rho \mathbf{u})_{,t} + \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u}\mathbf{u} + \mathbb{P}) = -\rho \mathbf{E}, \qquad \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\mathbf{x}} \rho \mathbf{u} \, d\mathbf{x} = 0$   
Total energy:  $\left(\mathcal{E} + \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{E}\|^2\right)_{,t} + \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \cdot \mathcal{F} = 0, \qquad \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\mathbf{x}} \left(\mathcal{E} + \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{E}\|^2\right) d\mathbf{x} = 0$ 



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#### 1+1 Vlasov-Poisson:

$$f_{,t} + vf_{,x} - Ef_{,v} = 0, \quad E_{,x} = \rho_0 - \rho(t,x)$$

#### Kinetic solver

- Operator-split semi-Lagrangian DG scheme (dogpack-code.org)
- In current experiments: global kinetic solver
- Work in progress: local kinetic solver

#### Fluid solver

- Standard RKDG scheme (dogpack-code.org)
- Solve the "20"-moment model of [Groth, Gombosi, Roe, & Brown, 1994, 2003]

#### Coupling

- $\blacksquare \ \ \text{Kinetic} \mapsto \text{fluid: correct moment-closure}$
- Why couple fluid back to kinetic? keep model consistency

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Knock-out missing moments by pretending they come from a Gaussian

Example: 20-moments in 1D (reduces to only 4 moments):

$$q = \begin{bmatrix} \rho \\ \rho u \\ p + \rho u^2 \\ q + 3pu + \rho u^3 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } f(q) = \begin{bmatrix} \rho u \\ p + \rho u^2 \\ q + 3pu + \rho u^3 \\ \frac{3p^2}{\rho} + 4qu + 6pu^2 + \rho u^4 + (\mathbb{K} = \mathbf{0}) \end{bmatrix}$$

Four eigenvalues of flux Jacobian:

$$\lambda = u + s \sqrt{\frac{p}{\rho}}, \qquad s^4 - 6s^2 - 4sh + 3 = 0, \qquad h := \frac{q}{p} \sqrt{\frac{\rho}{\rho}}$$

- Advantage: no direct moment inversion
- **Disadvantage:** limited hyperbolicity:  $|h| < \sqrt{\sqrt{8}-2} \approx 0.9102$



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1D quadrature-based moment-closure Basic idea [Rodney Fox (ISU) et al]

Assume that distribution is a finite sum of Dirac-deltas:

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$$f(t,x,v) = \sum_{k=1}^{N} \omega_k(t,x) \delta(v - \mu_k(t,x))$$

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- **NOTE:** This is reminiscent of PIC, except physical space is left continuous
- **NOTE:** Similar to discrete vel models, except each x has different velocities
- To find weights and abscissas, match first 2*N* moments:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f \, dv = M_0 = \sum_{k=1}^{N} \omega_k, \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} v \, f \, dv = M_1 = \sum_{k=1}^{N} \omega_k \mu_k, \quad \dots$$
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} v^{2N-1} \, f \, dv = M_{2N-1} = \sum_{k=1}^{N} \omega_k \mu_k^{2N-1}$$

Closure:

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$$M_{2N} = \sum_{k=1}^{N} \omega_k \mu_k^{2N}$$

■ Using GQ can reformulate this as a root finding problem for an *N*<sup>th</sup> degree poly

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# 1D quadrature-based moment-closure Basic idea [Rodney Fox (ISU) et al]

Quadrature points & weights:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(v) w(v) dv \approx \sum_{k=1}^{N} \omega_k g(\mu_k)$$

Weight function satisfies

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} v^k w(v) dv = M_k \quad \text{for} \quad k = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

If we make exact for  $g(v) = 1, v, v^2, \dots$  we arrive at moment-closure eqns

Can solve these equations by constructing orthogonal polynomials:

$$\langle g,h\rangle_w := \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(v) h(v) w(v) dv$$

e.g., up to second order:

$$\psi^{(0)}(v) = 1, \qquad \psi^{(1)}(v) = v - u,$$
  
$$\psi^{(2)}(v) = 3\rho \rho v^2 - (6\rho \rho u + 3\rho q) v + (3\rho \rho u^2 - 3\rho^2 + 3u\rho q)$$



 $M^4$  closure model:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \rho \\ \rho u \\ \rho u^{2} + \rho \\ \rho u^{3} + 3\rho u + q \end{bmatrix}_{,t} + \begin{bmatrix} \rho u \\ \rho u^{2} + \rho \\ \rho u^{3} + 3\rho u + q \\ \rho u^{4} + 6\rho u^{2} + 4uq + \frac{q^{2}}{\rho} + \frac{\rho^{2}}{\rho} \end{bmatrix}_{,x} = 0$$

#### Hyperbolic structure:

Eigenvalues (each has algebraic multiplicity 2, geometric multiplicity 1):

$$\mu_1 = \lambda^{(1)} = \lambda^{(2)} = u + \frac{q}{2\rho} - \sqrt{\frac{\rho}{\rho} + \left(\frac{q}{2\rho}\right)^2}$$
$$\mu_2 = \lambda^{(3)} = \lambda^{(4)} = u + \frac{q}{2\rho} + \sqrt{\frac{\rho}{\rho} + \left(\frac{q}{2\rho}\right)^2}$$

- Weak hyperbolicity with 2 linearly degenerate waves
- Delta shocks form for generic initial data

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**1D quadrature-based moment-closure** Bi-Gaussian ansatz [Chalons, Fox, & Massot, 2010]

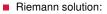
$$f(t, x, v) = \frac{\omega_1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}} e^{-\frac{(v-\mu_1)^2}{2\sigma}} + \frac{\omega_2}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}} e^{-\frac{(v-\mu_2)^2}{2\sigma}}$$

• Moment-closure equations  $(\rho\sigma = \rho(1 - \alpha))$ :

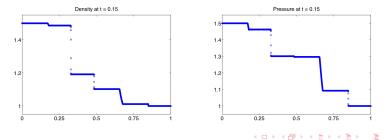
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$$\begin{split} &\omega_1\mu_1^0+\omega_2\mu_2^0=\rho, \quad \omega_1\mu_1^1+\omega_2\mu_2^1=\rho u, \quad \omega_1\mu_1^2+\omega_2\mu_2^2=\rho u^2+\alpha\rho, \\ &\omega_1\mu_1^3+\omega_2\mu_2^3=\rho u^3+3\alpha\rho u+q, \quad \omega_1\mu_1^4+\omega_2\mu_2^4=\rho u^4+6\alpha\rho u^2+4qu+r+\frac{3\rho^2(\alpha^2-1)}{\rho}, \end{split}$$

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### Moment-realizability condition Bi-Gaussian distribution [Chalons, Fox, & Massot, 2010]

#### Theorem (Moment-realizability condition for the bi-Gaussian distribution)

Assume that the primitive variables satisfy the following conditions:

$$0 < \rho, \quad 0 < \rho, \quad \frac{p^3 + \rho q^2}{\rho \rho} \leq r, \quad \textit{If } q = 0: \ \ \frac{p^2}{\rho} \leq r \leq \frac{3\rho^2}{\rho}$$

**1** If  $q \neq 0$  then  $\exists! \alpha \in (0, 1]$  that satisfies the following cubic polynomial:

$$\mathscr{P}(\alpha) = 2\rho^3\alpha^3 + (\rho r - 3\rho^2)\rho\alpha - \rho q^2 = 0.$$

From this  $\alpha$  we can uniquely obtain the quadrature abscissas and weights.

- **2** If q = 0 and  $\frac{p^2}{p} \le r < \frac{3p^2}{p}$  then  $\exists ! \alpha \in (0, 1]$  such that  $\alpha = \sqrt{\frac{3p^2 pr}{2p^2}}$ . The quadrature abscissas and weights are again unique.
- 3 If q = 0 and  $r = \frac{3p^2}{\rho}$ , then  $\alpha = 0$ . This case corresponds to a single Gaussian distribution. In this case we lose uniqueness of the quadrature abscissas and weights.

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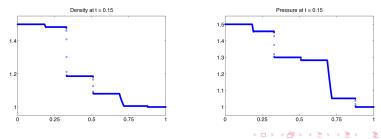
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**1D quadrature-based moment-closure** Bi-B-spline ansatz [Cheng and R, 2013]

$$f(t, x, v) = \omega_1 B_{\sigma}^0(v - \mu_1) + \omega_2 B_{\sigma}^0(v - \mu_2), \quad B_{\sigma}^0(v) = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{\sigma} \left(2v + \sqrt{\sigma}\right) & \text{if } -\sqrt{\sigma} \le 2v \le 0\\ \frac{2}{\sigma} \left(\sqrt{\sigma} - 2v\right) & \text{if } 0 \le 2v \le \sqrt{\sigma} \end{cases}$$

• Moment-closure equations ( $\rho\sigma = 24\rho(1-\alpha)$ ):

$$\begin{split} \omega_1 \mu_1^0 + \omega_2 \mu_2^0 &= \rho, \quad \omega_1 \mu_1^1 + \omega_2 \mu_2^1 = \rho u, \quad \omega_1 \mu_1^2 + \omega_2 \mu_2^2 = \rho u^2 + \alpha \rho, \\ \omega_1^3 + \omega_2 \mu_2^3 &= \rho u^3 + 3\alpha \rho u + q, \quad \omega_1 \mu_1^4 + \omega_2 \mu_2^4 = \rho u^4 + 4qu + 6\alpha \rho u^2 + r + \frac{6\rho^2}{5\rho} (3\alpha + 2)(\alpha - 1) \end{split}$$



Riemann solution:

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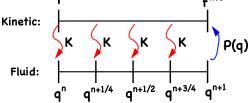


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#### Strategy:

- Evolve the kinetic equation from  $t = t^n$  to  $t = t^n + \Delta t$
- From kinetic solution create kurtosis interpolant on  $[t^n, t^n + \Delta t]$ :

e.g., 
$$\tilde{\mathbb{K}}(t,x)\Big|_{\mathcal{T}_i \times [t^n, t^{n+1}]} := \frac{(t^{n+1}-t)}{\Delta t} \sum_{\ell=1}^M \tilde{\mathbb{K}}_i^{n(\ell)} \varphi^{(\ell)} + \frac{(t-t^n)}{\Delta t} \sum_{\ell=1}^M \tilde{\mathbb{K}}_i^{n+1(\ell)} \varphi^{(\ell)}$$

- Solve corrected (**restriction**) "20-moment" fluid eqn from  $t = t^n$  to  $t = t^n + \Delta t$
- Correct kinetic soln to match first few moments of fluid soln (prolongation)

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At 
$$t = t^{n+1}$$
 compute from  $f(t^{n+1}, x, v)$ :  
 $\tilde{M}_0, \quad \tilde{M}_1, \quad \tilde{M}_2, \quad \tilde{M}_3, \quad \tilde{M}_4$ 

Compute a reconstruction of this data (using **bi-B-spline** fluid moment closure)

$$g^{n+1}(x,v) := \mathcal{F}(v; \tilde{M}_0, \dots, \tilde{M}_4)$$
  
$$\Delta f^{n+1}(x,v) := f(t^{n+1}, x, v) - g^{n+1}(x, v)$$

• At  $t = t^{n+1}$  compute from fluid model:

 $M_0, M_1, M_2, M_3, M_4$ 

Compute a reconstruction of this data (using **bi-B-spline** fluid moment closure)

$$h^{n+1}(x,v) := \mathcal{F}(v; M_0, \ldots, M_4)$$

Replace  $g^{n+1}(x,v)$  by  $h^{n+1}(x,v)$ :

$$f(t^{n+1},x,v) \leftarrow h^{n+1}(x,v) + \Delta f^{n+1}(x,v)$$



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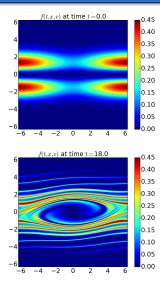
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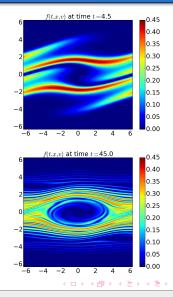
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# **Two-stream instability**

**Bi-B-spline prolongation** 





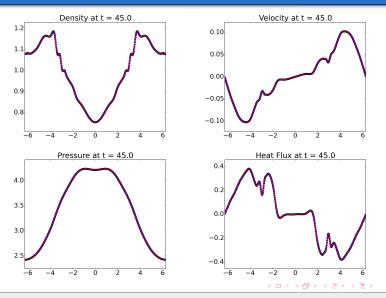
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# Two-stream instability

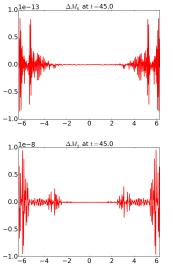
Bi-B-spline prolongation (red: fluid, blue: kinetic)

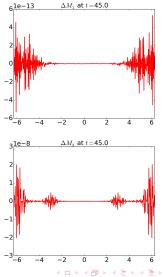
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#### Multi-moment fluid models for GEM challenge

- 5-moment: correct reconnection rate, relies on numerical diffusion
- 10- and 20-moment: qualitatively correct pressure tensor
- 10- and 20-moment: need relaxation terms to get physically correct results
- Want to explore multi-physics (i.e., domain decomposition) approaches

#### **Quadrature-Based Moment-Closure Models**

- Moment-closure problem: assume a distribution, moment inversion
- Quadrature-based moment-closure allows for non-zero heat flux
- Quadrature via Dirac delta, Gaussians, B-splines

#### Mixed fluid/kinetic solvers (multiscale solvers)

- Restriction: Kinetic-to-fluid mapping via temporal interpolation
- Prolongation: Fluid-to-kinetic via reconstruction using moment-closures
- Future work: Problems where kinetic solver is not needed globally

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