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# Moment methods for magnetized Vlasov equations

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# Our model problem

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It is **3D** magnetized transport (think of Tokamaks)

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t f + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla_x f + (\mathbf{E} + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}_0(\mathbf{x})) \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{v}} f = 0, \\ t > 0, \quad \mathbf{x} \in \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^3. \end{cases}$$

$\mathbf{E}(t, \mathbf{x})$  is a self consistent electric field evaluated with a Poisson or a Maxwell solver.

$\mathbf{B}_0(\mathbf{x})$  is a given magnetic field (application in Tokamaks, fusion plasmas).  
The regime  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+$  corresponds to strong magnetic fields.

**Objective of the MUFFIN project: explore and optimize original computational and numerical scenarios for multiscale and high dimensional transport codes.**

# References on moments

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- Moment problem: first occurrence Stieltjes 1894/1895.

See Akhiezer "the classical moment problem" 1965

- Moments and modeling : kinetic equations  $\int f(v)v^i dv$  with  $i = 1, 2, 3$ , Muller-Rugierri (extended thermodynamics 1993), Levermore 1996, ...

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# Hermite polynomials (convenient for plasma physics)

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Take the Maxwellian weight  $G(v) = e^{-v^2/2}$ .

- Hilbert basis of the space  $\int_{\mathbb{R}} f^2(v)G(v)dv < \infty$ .

- Rodrigue's representation  $H_n(v) = (-1)^n G(v)^{-1} \frac{d^n}{dv^n} G(v)$ .
- The degree of  $H_n$  is  $n$ . The parity of  $H_n$  is the parity of  $n$ .
- $\int H_n(v)H_m(v)G(v)dv = (2\pi)^{\frac{1}{2}} n! \delta_{nm}, \quad n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ .

- Symmetric Hermite functions  $\phi_n(v) = (2\pi)^{-\frac{1}{4}} n!^{-\frac{1}{2}} H_n(v) M(v)$

$$\varphi_0(v) = \frac{M(v)}{(2\pi)^{\frac{1}{4}}}, \quad \varphi_1(v) = \frac{vM(v)}{(2\pi)^{\frac{1}{4}}}, \quad \varphi_2(v) = \frac{(v^2 - 1)M(v)}{(8\pi)^{\frac{1}{4}}}, \quad \dots,$$

with recursion formulas

$$\begin{cases} v\varphi_n(v) = \sqrt{n+1}\varphi_{n+1}(v) + \sqrt{n}\varphi_{n-1}(v), & n \in \mathbb{N}, \\ \varphi'_n(v) = -\sqrt{\frac{n+1}{2}}\varphi_{n+1}(v) + \sqrt{\frac{n}{2}}\varphi_{n-1}(v), & n \in \mathbb{N}. \end{cases}$$

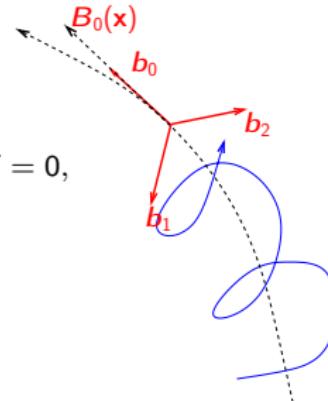
# Vlasov versus Gyromodels

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- Gyrokinetic models (this version from Grandgirard et al)

$$B_{\parallel s}^* \frac{\partial \bar{F}_s}{\partial t} + \nabla_x \cdot (B_{\parallel s}^* \frac{d\mathbf{x}_G}{dt} \bar{F}_s) + \frac{\partial}{\partial v_{G\parallel}} (B_{\parallel s}^* \frac{dv_G}{dt} \bar{F}_s) = RHS.$$

- A rigorous limit (Filbet-Rodriguez 2021) is as follows. Set  $\mathbf{b}_0(t, \mathbf{x}) = \frac{\mathbf{B}(t, \mathbf{x})}{|\mathbf{B}(t, \mathbf{x})|}$ ,  $v = \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{b}_0(t, \mathbf{x}) \rangle$ ,  $w = \frac{|v_\perp|^2}{2}$  and  $\mathcal{V}_0(t, \mathbf{x}) = (v\mathbf{b}_0, E_\parallel + w\nabla_x \cdot \mathbf{b}_0, -vw\nabla_x \cdot \mathbf{b}_0)$ . In the limit  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ , one has

$$\partial_t G + \nabla_{\mathbf{x}, v, w} (\mathcal{V}_0 G) = 0$$

**Objective of this talk:** alternative moment methods which capture the limit  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$  without any modeling assumptions.

# Main ingredient: anisotropic moment methods

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$$\text{Parallel dir. } \mathbf{b}_0(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\mathbf{B}_0(\mathbf{x})}{|\mathbf{B}_0(\mathbf{x})|}.$$

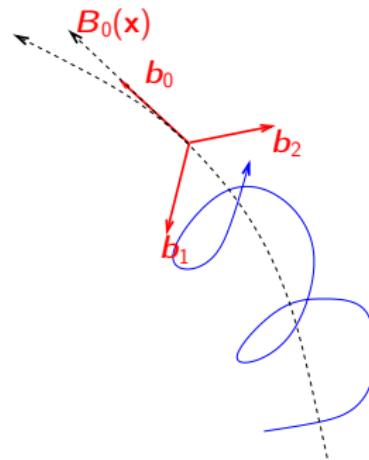
Complete  $\mathbf{b}_0(\mathbf{x})$  as a local direct orthonormal basis  $\mathbf{b}_i(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \mathbf{b}_j(\mathbf{x}) = \delta_{ij}$  and rescale the orthonormal directions as

$$\mathbf{d}_i(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\mathbf{b}_i(\mathbf{x})}{\sqrt{T}}, \quad i = 1, 2.$$

Rescale the parallel direction

$$\mathbf{d}_0(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\mathbf{b}_0(\mathbf{x})}{\sqrt{T}}$$

$T > 0$  is the constant temperature.



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Change-of-basis matrix is  $M(\mathbf{x}) = (m_{ij}(\mathbf{x}))_{1 \leq i,j \leq 3} = (\mathbf{b}_0(\mathbf{x}) \mid \mathbf{b}_1(\mathbf{x}) \mid \mathbf{b}_2(\mathbf{x}))$ .  
The local change of variable is

$$\mathbf{v} \mapsto \mathbf{w} = (\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{d}_0(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{d}_1(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{d}_2(\mathbf{x}))^t = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} M^t(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{v} \text{ with } d\mathbf{v} = T^{\frac{3}{2}} d\mathbf{w}.$$

# Second ingredient: asymmetric shape functions

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- A generic notation for a multi-index with three components is

$$\mathbf{n} = (n_0, n_1, n_2) \in \mathbb{N}^3 \text{ with } |\mathbf{n}| = n_0 + n_1 + n_2.$$

- The shape functions are functions of  $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v})$

$$\varphi_{\mathbf{n}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}) = \varphi_{n_0}(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{d}_0(\mathbf{x})) \varphi_{n_1}(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{d}_1(\mathbf{x})) \varphi_{n_2}(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{d}_2(\mathbf{x})).$$

$$\text{Then } \psi_{\mathbf{n}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}) = e^{-\frac{|\mathbf{v}|^2}{2T}} \varphi_{\mathbf{n}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v})$$

$$\text{and } \psi^{\mathbf{n}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}) = e^{\frac{|\mathbf{v}|^2}{T}} \varphi_{\mathbf{n}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}) \quad (\text{polynomials}).$$

## Remark

Number of velocity basis-functions equal to

$$\text{Card } \{0 \leq n_0 + n_1 + n_2 \leq N\} = \frac{(N+1)(N+2)(N+3)}{6}.$$

# Main model ( $\mathbf{E} = 0$ for simplicity)

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- The (Petrov-Galerkin) moment model writes

$$f^N(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}, t) = \sum_{|\mathbf{m}| \leq N} u_{\mathbf{m}}(\mathbf{x}, t) \psi_{\mathbf{m}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}),$$

$$\left[ \int_{\mathbf{v}} (\partial_t f^N + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} f^N + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}_0(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{v}} f^N) \psi^{\mathbf{n}} d\mathbf{v} \right] (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}) = 0, \quad \forall (\mathbf{x}, t) \text{ and } |\mathbf{n}| \leq N.$$

- The unknown is the vector

$$U(\mathbf{x}, t) = (u_{\mathbf{m}}(\mathbf{x}, t))_{|\mathbf{m}| \leq N}.$$

## Lemma

By construction the mass and the total energy are preserved since

$$1, |\mathbf{v}|^2 \in \underset{|\mathbf{n}| \leq N}{\text{Span}} \{ \psi^{\mathbf{n}} \}, \quad \text{for } 2 \leq N.$$

# Transport matrices

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- Notational simplicity  $\mathbf{E} := 0$ : one gets linear **Friedrichs system** with non constant matrices

$$\partial_t U(\mathbf{x}, t) + \left[ \sum_{i=1}^3 \partial_{x_i} (A_i(\mathbf{x}) U(\mathbf{x}, t)) - B(\mathbf{x}) U(\mathbf{x}, t) \right] = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} C(\mathbf{x}) U(\mathbf{x}, t)$$

where for example

$$\begin{aligned} a_{nm}^1(\mathbf{x}) &= \frac{T^2}{\sqrt{2}} m_{11}(\mathbf{x}) (\sqrt{m_0 + 1} \delta_{m_0+1, n_0} + \sqrt{m_0} \delta_{m_0-1, n_0}) \delta_{m_1, n_1} \delta_{m_2, n_2} \\ &+ \frac{T^2}{\sqrt{2}} m_{12}(\mathbf{x}) \delta_{m_0, n_0} (\sqrt{m_1 + 1} \delta_{m_1+1, n_1} + \sqrt{m_1} \delta_{m_1-1, n_1}) \delta_{m_2, n_2} \\ &+ \frac{T^2}{\sqrt{2}} m_{13}(\mathbf{x}) \delta_{m_0, n_0} \delta_{m_1, n_1} (\sqrt{m_2 + 1} \delta_{m_2+1, n_2} + \sqrt{m_2} \delta_{m_2-1, n_2}). \end{aligned}$$

and

$$c_{nm}(\mathbf{x}) = T^{\frac{3}{2}} |\mathbf{B}_0(\mathbf{x})| \delta_{m_0, n_0} \left( -\sqrt{(n_1 + 1)n_2} \delta_{m_1, n_1+1} \delta_{m_2, n_2-1} \right. \\ \left. + \sqrt{n_1(n_2 + 1)} \delta_{m_1, n_1-1} \delta_{m_2, n_2+1} \right).$$

## Lemma

The matrices  $A_i$  and  $B$  are symmetric,  $C$  is antisymmetric and one has  $\sum_{i=1}^3 \partial_{x_i} A^i(\mathbf{x}) = B(\mathbf{x}) + B^t(\mathbf{x})$ .

The stability property holds  $\partial_t |U|^2(\mathbf{x}, t) + \sum_{i=1}^3 \partial_{x_i} (A_i U \cdot U)(\mathbf{x}, t) = 0$ .

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- Consider  $U_\varepsilon = U_0 + \varepsilon U_1 + O(\varepsilon^2)$  solution of

$$\partial_t U_\varepsilon + \sum_{i=1}^3 \partial_{x_i} (A_i U_\varepsilon) - BU_\varepsilon = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} CU_\varepsilon.$$

The hierarchy of equations starts with

$$\begin{cases} 0 = CU_0 \\ \partial_t U_0 + \sum_{i=1}^3 \partial_{x_i} (A_i U_0) - BU_0 = CU_1, \\ \dots \end{cases}$$

The **gyro-kernel** does not depend of the space variable

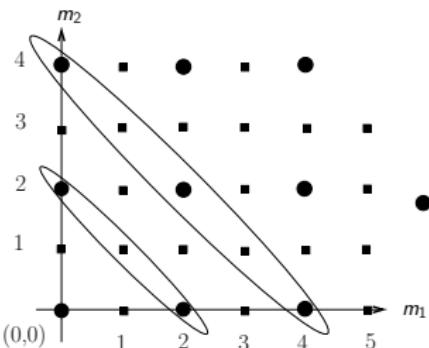
$$\mathcal{K} = \{U \mid C(\mathbf{x})U = 0\} = \{U \mid C(\mathbf{y})U = 0\}$$

$$\mathcal{K} = \left\{ U = (u_{\mathbf{n}})_{|\mathbf{n}| \leq N} \mid \begin{array}{l} -\sqrt{m_1(m_2+1)} u_{m_0, m_1-1, m_2+1} \\ + \sqrt{(m_1+1)m_2} u_{m_0, m_1+1, m_2-1} = 0 \text{ for all } |\mathbf{m}| \leq N \end{array} \right\}.$$

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At the end of the analysis, one ellipse corresponds to a basis function which is a Laguerre polynomial (known in numerical plasma physics).

### Remark

The number of basis functions is

$$\text{Card } \{(m_0, s) \mid m_0 + 2s \leq k\} = \frac{(N+1)(N+3)}{4} \text{ or } \frac{(N+1)(N+3)+1}{4}.$$

# The Gyro-moment model

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Let matrix  $P$  be the rectangular matrix from the projected space in the total space

$$P \in \mathcal{M}_{a,b}(\mathbb{R}) \text{ where } a \approx \frac{(N+1)(N+3)}{4} \text{ and } b = \frac{(N+1)(N+2)(N+3)}{6}.$$

- One has  $CP = PC = 0$  and  $P^t P = \tilde{I}$ .

## Lemma

The gyro-moment model writes

$$\partial_t \tilde{U} + \sum_{i=1}^3 \partial_{x_i} \left( \tilde{A}_i(\mathbf{x}, t) \tilde{U}(\mathbf{x}, t) \right) = \tilde{B}(\mathbf{x}) \tilde{U}(\mathbf{x}, t) \quad (1)$$

where

$$\tilde{A}_i(\mathbf{x}) = P^t A_i(\mathbf{x}) P, \quad \tilde{B}(\mathbf{x}) = P^t B(\mathbf{x}) P.$$

The magnetic force disappeared, as in gyrokinetics models.

- One can say it is an Asymptotic-Preserving model.
- This is an alternative to classical gyrokinetic models (Gysela, Gene, ...).

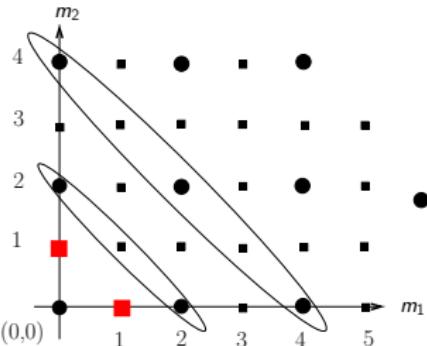
# An interesting possibility: enriched gyro-moment model

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Assume  $0 < \varepsilon$  is small, and consider the graphics



The simplest non trivial idea is to add degrees of freedom for all  $(m_0, m_1, m_2)$  where  $m_0 + 1 \leq N$  and  $m_1 + m_2 = 1$ .

## Remark

The number of basis functions is

$$\frac{(N+1)(N+3)}{4} + 2N \text{ or } \frac{(N+1)(N+3)+1}{4} + 2N.$$

# Structure of enriched gyro-moment model

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- One gets naturally

$$U = (P, Q)\mathcal{U}, \quad \mathcal{U} = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{U} \\ \hat{U} \in \mathbb{R}^{2N} \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $P$  and  $\tilde{U} \in \mathcal{K}$  are unchanged, and we consider new notations

$$\hat{\mathbf{n}} = (n_0, n_1, n_2) \text{ where } n_0 \in \mathbb{N}, \quad n_1 + n_2 = 1 \text{ and } |\hat{\mathbf{n}}| = n_0 + 1.$$

The matrix is  $Q = (q_{\mathbf{m}, \hat{\mathbf{n}}})_{|\mathbf{m}|, |\hat{\mathbf{n}}| \leq N}$  with  $q_{\mathbf{m}, \hat{\mathbf{n}}} = \delta_{m_0, n_0} \delta_{m_1, n_1} \delta_{m_2, n_2}$ .

- This is a **enriched gyro-kinetic model**

$$\partial_t \mathcal{U} + \sum_{i=1}^3 \partial_{x_i} (\mathcal{A}_i(\mathbf{x}) \mathcal{U}) = \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{x}) \mathcal{U} + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{x}) \mathcal{U}$$

where

$$\mathcal{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & Q^t C Q \end{pmatrix},$$

and  $\varepsilon > 0$  is presumably small, but non zero.

# Numerical solver and numerical instability

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## ① First step

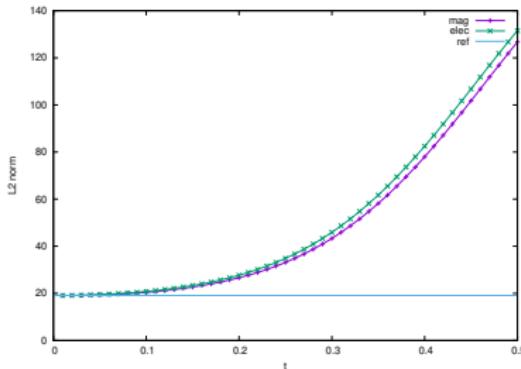
$$T^{\frac{3}{2}} \partial_t U(\mathbf{x}, t) + \sum_{i=1}^3 \partial_{x_i} (A_i(\mathbf{x}) U(\mathbf{x}, t)) - B(\mathbf{x}) U(\mathbf{x}, t) - \frac{1}{\varepsilon} C(\mathbf{x}) U(\mathbf{x}, t) = 0.$$

Crank-Nicolson discretization in time + FE method in space.

## ② Second step

$$T^{\frac{3}{2}} \partial_t U(\mathbf{x}, t) + \sum_{i=1}^3 E_i(\mathbf{x}, t) D_i(\mathbf{x}) U(\mathbf{x}, t) = 0.$$

We solve the Poisson equation, with a Finite Element (FE) Poisson solver, to get the potential  $\Phi$ . Then  $\mathbf{E} = -\nabla\Phi$ .



$t \mapsto \|U\|_{L^2}$ : a numerical instability shows up in the electric step

# Why this numerical instability

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Consider the 1D equation  $\partial_t f + e \partial_v f = 0$  ( $e \in \mathbb{R}$  is constant) discretized with the moment method with asymmetric Hermite functions

$$\partial_t \begin{pmatrix} u_0 \\ u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ \dots \end{pmatrix} = e T^{-\frac{1}{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ \sqrt{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & \sqrt{4} & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & \sqrt{6} & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_0 \\ u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ \dots \end{pmatrix}.$$

The matrix  $D$  is triangular, which is the reason of the numerical instability. Indeed

$$\exp\left(teT^{-\frac{1}{2}} D\right) = \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{(teT^{-\frac{1}{2}})^n}{n!} D^n.$$

This triangular structure is common to all recent papers on moment methods with asymmetric Hermite functions:

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- All recent papers by Delzanno
- F. Filbet and M. Bessemoulin-Chatard, On the stability of conservative discontinuous Galerkin/Hermite spectral methods for the Vlasov-Poisson system, *J. Comput. Phys.* 451 (2022).
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# A cure: introduce time in asymmetric functions

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Redefine  $\mathbf{d}_i(\mathbf{x}, t) = \frac{\mathbf{b}_i(\mathbf{x})}{\sqrt{T(t)}}$  and

$$\varphi_{\mathbf{n}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}, t) = \varphi_{n_0}(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{d}_0(\mathbf{x}, t)) \varphi_{n_1}(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{d}_1(\mathbf{x}, t)) \varphi_{n_2}(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{d}_2(\mathbf{x}, t))$$

$$\psi_{\mathbf{n}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}, t) = T(t)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \psi_{n_0}(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{d}_0(\mathbf{x}, t)) \psi_{n_1}(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{d}_1(\mathbf{x}, t)) \psi_{n_2}(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{d}_2(\mathbf{x}, t))$$

and

$$\psi^{\mathbf{n}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}, t) = \psi^{n_0}(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{d}_0(\mathbf{x}, t)) \psi^{n_1}(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{d}_1(\mathbf{x}, t)) \psi^{n_2}(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{d}_2(\mathbf{x}, t))$$

The new abstract form of the moment model is

$$f^N(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}, t) = \sum_{|\mathbf{m}| \leq N} u_{\mathbf{m}}(\mathbf{x}, t) \psi_{\mathbf{m}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}, t),$$
$$\int g^N(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}, t) \psi^{\mathbf{n}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}, t) d\mathbf{v} = 0 \quad \text{for } |\mathbf{n}| \leq N,$$

where  $g^N(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}, t) = \partial_t f^N(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}, t) + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} f^N(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}, t) + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}_0(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{v}} f^N(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}, t)$ .

The moment model with electric field writes

$$\partial_t U(\mathbf{x}, t) + \sum_{i=1}^3 \partial_{x_i} (A_i(\mathbf{x}) U(\mathbf{x}, t)) - B(\mathbf{x}) U(\mathbf{x}, t) \quad (2)$$

$$+ \sum_{i=1}^3 E_i(\mathbf{x}, t) D_i(\mathbf{x}) U = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} C(\mathbf{x}) U(\mathbf{x}, t) - T'(t) R(t) U.$$

To be coupled with the Poisson equation and  $\mathbf{E} = -\nabla\varphi$ .

## Lemma

The model is stable in quadratic norm under the condition  $T' = \gamma \|\mathbf{E}\|_\infty^2$  where  $\gamma > 0$  is a coefficient. More precisely one obtains

$$\|U(t)\|^2 \leq e^t \|U(0)\|^2.$$

Idea adapted from Filbet/Bessemaulin-Chatard 2022.

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# Idea of proof: use weighted norm

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One notices that

$$\int_{v \in \mathbb{R}} e^{\frac{v^2}{T(t)}} |f(x, v, t)|^2 dv = \int \left| \sum_m u_m(x, t) \varphi_n \left( \frac{v}{\sqrt{T(t)}} \right) \right|^2 = \sum_{m \geq 0} |u_m(x, t)|^2.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \sum |u_m|^2 &= 2 \int e^{\frac{v^2}{T(t)}} f \partial_t f - \frac{T'(t)}{T(t)^2} \int e^{\frac{v^2}{T(t)}} |f|^2 v^2 \\ &= 2 \int e^{\frac{v^2}{T(t)}} f e \partial_v f - \frac{T'(t)}{T(t)^2} \int e^{\frac{v^2}{T(t)}} |f|^2 v^2 \\ &= -2 \int e^{\frac{v^2}{T(t)}} |f|^2 \frac{e}{T} v dv - \frac{T'(t)}{T(t)^2} \int e^{\frac{v^2}{T(t)}} |f|^2 v^2 \\ &\leq 2 \int e^{\frac{v^2}{T(t)}} |f|^2 \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{e}{T} v \right)^2 \right) dv - \frac{T'(t)}{T(t)^2} \int e^{\frac{v^2}{T(t)}} |f|^2 v^2 \\ &\leq \int e^{\frac{v^2}{T(t)}} |f|^2 dv + \left( -\frac{T'}{T^2} + \frac{\gamma e^2}{T^2} \right) \int e^{\frac{v^2}{T(t)}} |f|^2 v^2 \\ &\leq \int e^{\frac{v^2}{T(t)}} |f|^2 \\ &\leq \sum |u_m(x, t)|^2. \end{aligned}$$

# Diocotron without stabilization (first seconds, $N = 70$ )

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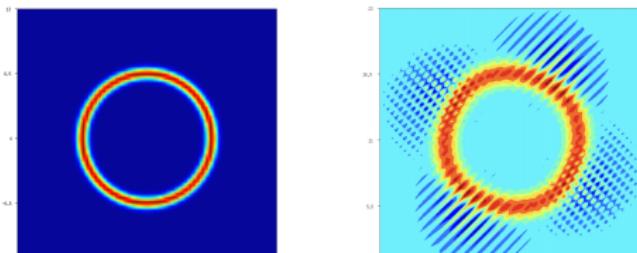
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$$f_0(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}) = \begin{cases} \frac{n_0}{(\sqrt{2\pi})^3} (1 + \eta \cos(k\theta)) \exp^{-4(r-6.5)^2} \exp^{-|\mathbf{v}|^2/2}, & r^- \leq r \leq r^+, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

Non-homogenous magnetic field

$$\mathbf{B}_0(\mathbf{x}) = \omega_c(\mathbf{x}) \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \alpha^2 x_3^2 + \alpha^2 x_2^2}} (1, \alpha x_2, -\alpha x_3)^\top \text{ and } \varepsilon > 0 \text{ (=1 or } 10^{-2}).$$



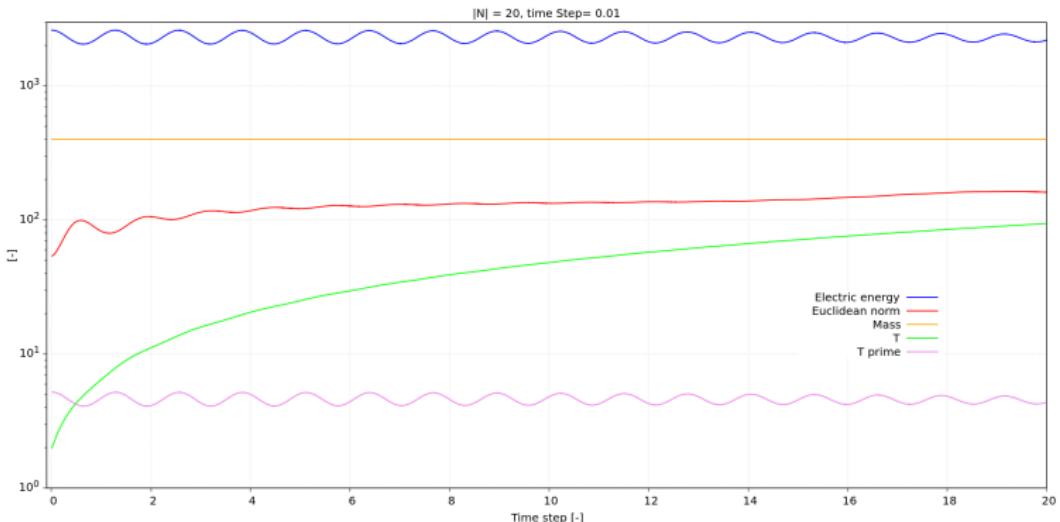
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Data similar to Muralikrishnan-Cerfon-et al JCP 2021.



This numerical stabilizer works fine, but it is physically disgusting.

# The number of moments for the reduced model

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Finite Element in space

Separation of variables = tensorialization  $x - v$

N	Moments ( $ \mathbf{m}  \leq N$ )	Moments (in cyclotron kernel)
5	56	12
10	286	36
15	816	72
20	1771	121
200	1373701	10201

Table: The number of moments.

# Complexity

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- ① For finite element matrices, one needs  $\mathcal{O}(ws^3)$  double floats;
- ② The number of moments for the complete-moment model

$$r = (N + 1)(N + 2)(N + 3)/6;$$

- ③ The number of moments for the gyro-moment model

$$r = \begin{cases} (N + 1)(N + 3)/4, & N \text{ odd}, \\ ((N + 1)(N + 3) + 1)/4, & N \text{ even}. \end{cases}$$

Matrix storage	Storage for the Krylov method	Computational cost
$\mathcal{O}(ws^3)$	$\mathcal{O}(krs^3)$	$\mathcal{O}(kr^2s^3)$

Table: Complexity of storage and computational cost.

# Validation: the transport equation

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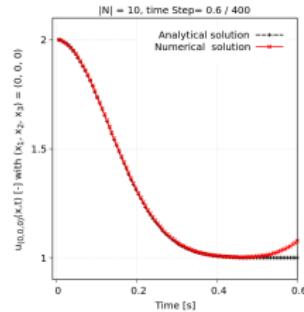
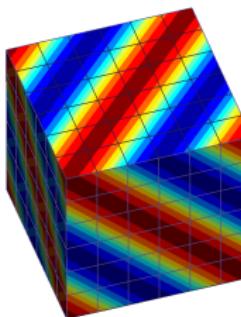
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Vlasov equation:  $\partial_t f_\epsilon + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla_x f_\epsilon + \frac{1}{\epsilon} \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}_0(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \nabla_v f_\epsilon = 0,$

with  $\mathbf{B}_0(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{b}_0(\mathbf{x}) = \{1, 0, 0\}^\top$ ,  $\epsilon = 10^{15}$ .

Exact solution:  $u_{0,0,0}(t = 0, \mathbf{x}) = 1 + \cos(2\pi(x_1 + x_2 + x_3))e^{-\pi^2 t^2}.$



## Finite Element Mesh.

- Similar as in: Pham/Helluy/Crestetto, A. Space-only hyperbolic approximation of the Vlasov equation, 2012.
- Recurrence described in: M. Mehrenberger L Navoret, N. Pham, Recurrence phenomenon for Vlasov-Poisson simulations on regular finite element mesh, Commun. in Comput. Phys., 2020.

# Linear Landau damping

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We consider the non-linear Vlasov-Poisson system:

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t f + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla_x f + \left( \mathbf{E} + \frac{1}{\epsilon} \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}_0(\mathbf{x}) \right) \cdot \nabla_v f = 0, \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \int f dv - \rho_e. \end{cases}$$

We keep periodic solutions in  $x_1$ -direction, and consider the initial density function

$$f(0, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}) = \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right)^3 (1 + \alpha \cos(kx_1)) \exp^{-|\mathbf{v}|^2/2}.$$

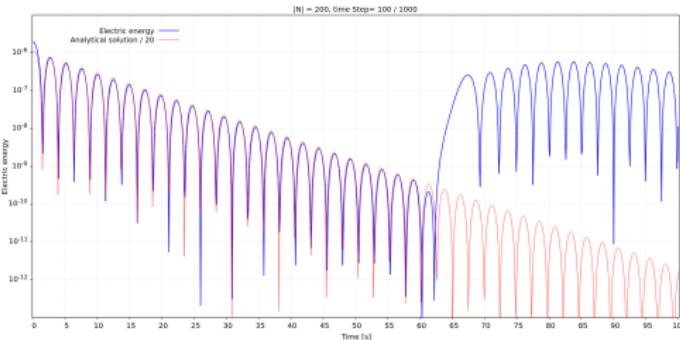


Figure: Landau damping. Damped electric field with  $k = 0.4$ , and  $\epsilon = 10^{15}$ .

# The Bernstein-Landau paradox

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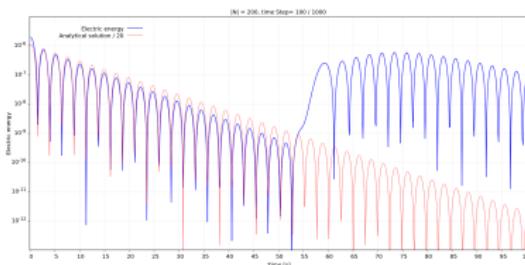
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We consider the non-linear Vlasov-Poisson system:

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t f + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla_x f + (\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}_0(\mathbf{x})) \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{v}} f = 0, \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \int f d\mathbf{v} - \rho_e. \end{cases}$$

We keep periodic solutions in  $x_1$ -direction, and consider the initial density function

$$f(0, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}) = \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right)^3 (1 + \alpha \cos(kx_1)) \exp^{-|\mathbf{v}|^2/2}, \quad k = 0.4.$$



- Rege-Charles-Weder-D. 2020.

# Conclusions

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- Extension of the validity of moments models/Friedrichs systems to 3D anisotropic magnetized Vlasov equations:  
main tool is anisotropic basis function  $\varphi_n(x, v, t)$ .

It provides moment methods which capture the strong magnetic field limit without any modeling assumptions.

- Our *MUF* implicit code uses also standard space FEM+parallelism+preconditionner  
Ask Ruiyang Dai for all implementation techniques.
- Another stabilization procedure is under development, not disgusting at all.