

# **Magnetic Mirror Effect in Magnetron Plasma:**

## Modeling of Plasma Parameters

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# 1. Control on Particle Update strategies - NOT a control knob

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Not really a control knob. Concerns precision of solution / update.

Update strategies used in **particle.ipynb**

Describe the Boris algorithm update strategy.

## 2. Control of Electric and Magnetic fields - Control Knobs here

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Electric and Magnetic field configurations described in **field.ipynb**

Describe the Helmholtz coil magnetic field and electrode potential electric field configurations used.

Different Electric field configurations could be used. Simple example: changing the electrode voltages.

Different Magnetic field configurations could be used. Simple example: using many Helmholtz coils (number controllable), at different angles (angle controllable).

### 3. Controlling particle initialization - Control knobs here

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Sampling particles with different initial velocities, and positions for example using different density functions  $f$ . For example: based on parameters like plasma Temperature.

Different particle sampling and initialization strategies used in **interaction.ipynb**

Also track how the velocity distribution changes with time.

## References



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