

HYPIC: A fast hybrid EM PIC-MCC code for ICRE in cylindrical coordinate system

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HYPIC modelling



Motion of ions: PIC-MCC

3D (x, y, z) Cartesian coordinate system

$$m\frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} = q\mathbf{E} + q\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B_0} + \mathbf{v}_{\text{mcc}}$$
$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} = \mathbf{v}$$
$$\mathbf{E} = -\nabla \phi + \mathbf{E}_{mf}$$

Current carried by ions: Negligible (much less than electron current)

Motion of electrons: adiabatic fluid modeling

The density and potential satisfy the Boltzmann distribution in 2D (r,z) column coordinate system

Suppressing the numerical instability caused by electrons and avoids the normalization of macroparticles

$$n_{e}m_{e}\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}_{e}}{\partial t} + m_{e}n_{e}(\mathbf{u}_{e} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{u}_{e} = -\nabla p_{e} + en_{e}(\nabla \phi - \mathbf{u}_{e} \times \mathbf{B}_{0}) - m_{e}n_{e}v_{e}\mathbf{u}_{e} \quad [m_{e} \to 0]$$

$$n_{e} = n_{i}$$

$$\nabla \phi = \frac{T_{e}\nabla n_{e}}{en_{e}}$$





for example:
$$n_e = 2 \times 10^{13} \; \mathrm{cm^{-3}}$$
, $T_e = T_i = 10 \; \mathrm{keV}$, $r_p = 0.1 \; \mathrm{m}$, $v_e = 1.3 \times 10^3 \; \mathrm{Hz}$
$$-\nabla p_e + e n_e (\nabla \phi - u_e \times B_0) = 0$$

$$\nabla \phi - u_e \times B_0 = -\frac{\nabla p_e}{e n_e}$$

Estimating magnitude perpendicular to the direction of the magnetic field:

$$\nabla_{\perp}\phi = -\frac{\nabla_{\perp}p_e}{en_e} \approx \frac{T_e}{er_p} = 10^5 \,\mathrm{V/m}$$

$$B_0 \approx 1 \text{ T}, u_{e\perp} \approx \frac{D_{\perp}}{r_p} \approx \frac{1}{0.1} \text{ m/s}: u_{e\perp} B_0 \approx 10 \text{ V/m}$$

Conclusion: the magnetic field term in the adiabatic electron approximation is negligible.

HYPIC modelling



• EM module: 3D RF antenna-plasma interaction

Maxwell's equations in the frequency domain with a cold plasma response with collisions

$$\nabla(\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{E}_{rf}) - \nabla^2 \boldsymbol{E}_{rf} - \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \cdot \boldsymbol{E}_{rf} = i\omega \mu_0 \boldsymbol{J}_a$$

where

$$\begin{split} \widetilde{\varepsilon} &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{B_{0z}^2}{B_0^2} K_{\perp} + \frac{B_{0r}^2}{B_0^2} K_{\parallel} & -\frac{B_{0z}}{B_0} i K_{\phi} \frac{B_{0z}B_{0r}}{B_0^2} (K_{\parallel} - K_{\perp}) \\ i K_{\phi} \frac{B_{0z}}{B_0} & K_{\perp} & -i K_{\phi} \frac{B_{0r}}{B_0} \\ \frac{B_{0z}B_{0r}}{B_0^2} (K_{\parallel} - K_{\perp}) & i \frac{B_{0r}}{B_0} K_{\phi} & \frac{B_{0z}^2}{B_0^2} K_{\parallel} + \frac{B_{0r}^2}{B_0^2} K_{\perp} \end{bmatrix} \\ K_{\perp} &= 1 - \sum_{l=i,e} \frac{\widetilde{\omega}_{pl}^2}{\omega^2 - \omega_{cl}^2}, K_{\phi} = \sum_{l=i,e} \frac{\widetilde{\omega}_{pl}^2 \widetilde{\omega}_{cl}}{\omega (\omega^2 - \widetilde{\omega}_{cl}^2)}, K_{\parallel} = 1 - \sum_{l=i,e} \frac{\widetilde{\omega}_{pl}^2}{\omega^2}, \\ \widetilde{\omega}_{pl} &= \sqrt{q_l^2 n_l / (\varepsilon_0 m_l^{\gamma})}, \widetilde{\omega}_{cl} = q_l B_0 / m_l^{\gamma}, m_l^{\gamma} = m_l \left(1 + i \frac{\nu_l}{\omega}\right), J_a = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} J_{am}(r, z, t) \exp(-im\theta) \end{split}$$

2D(r,z) column coordinate system with Fourier transform on azimuthal component

HYPIC modelling



Summary of governing equations

$$m\frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} = q\mathbf{E} + q\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B_0} + \mathbf{v}_{\text{mcc}}$$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} = \mathbf{v}$$

$$n_e = n_i$$

$$\mathbf{E} = -\nabla \phi + \mathbf{E}_{mf}$$

$$\frac{3}{2}\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(nT_e) + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{q}_e = p_p + nQ_{ie}$$

$$\nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E}_{rf}) - \nabla^2 \mathbf{E}_{rf} - \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \vec{\varepsilon} \cdot \mathbf{E}_{rf} = i\omega \mu_0 \mathbf{J}_a$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(nT_e) = -\frac{2}{3k}\nabla \cdot \mathbf{q}_e + \frac{2}{3k}p_p + \frac{2}{3k}nQ_{ie}$$

Suitable for axisymmetric background magnetic field ($B_{\theta} = 0$), and 3D RF antennas

HYPIC v1.0: without purple terms

HYPIC v1.1: with purple terms

HYPIC modelling: numerical method



PIC module

Ions moving in 3D Cartesian coordinate system (3D3V), time step pushing in RK4 format

The background magnetic field is obtained by numerically solving $\nabla \times B_0 = \mu J$ using iterative method

Interpolation between particles and fields: linear interpolation

Typical number of particles: 100 000

MCC module

Using Nanbu's method, with the idea of grouping small-angle binary collisions in plasmas into a unique binary collision with a large scattering angle

code verification

Details in ref. [M. Wu, A. Xu, C. Xiao, Computer Physics Communications 301, 109207 (2024)]

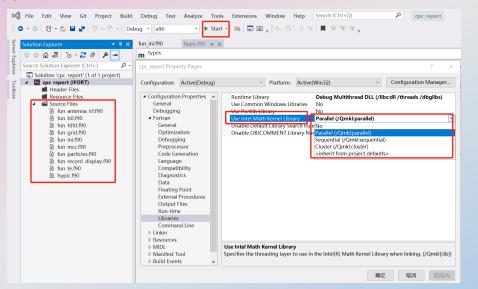


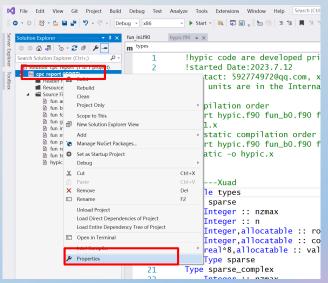
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How to use HYPIC code



- Visual studio in Windows (Fortran compiling with MKL library)
- (1) Create a new empty f90 project and include all the f90 files to 'Source Files' (see left figure)
- (2) set 'Project'->'Properties'->'Fortran'->'Libraries'->'Use Intel Math Kernel Library'->'Parallel(/Qmkl:parallel)' (see right figure)
- (3) run 'start'





How to use HYPIC code



ifort compiler in linux

(1) Go to the folder where the codes are located and input the compiling command

```
>>ifort hypic.f90 fun_b0.f90 fun_record_display.f90 fun_grid.f90 fun_ini.f90
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fun_antenna_irf.f90 fun_particles.f90 fun_mcc.f90 fun_fdfd.f90 fun_te.f90 -mkl -o hypic.x

(2) Run HYPIC

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#insure iswitch_display= 1, display the running state on screen
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./3-1.x

or

#insure iswitch_display= 0, display nothing when running, suitable for backstage running

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./3-1.x &
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wumy@cjxiao-Precision-Tower-7910:~$ cd hypic/
wumy@cjxiao-Precision-Tower-7910:~$ ifort hypic.f90 fun_b0.f90 fun_record_display.f90 fun_grid.f90 fun_ini.f90 fun_antenna_irf.f90 fun_particles.f90
fun_mcc.f90 fun_fdfd.f90 fun_te.f90 -mkl -o hypic.x
wumy@cjxiao-Precision-Tower-7910:~/hypic$ ./hypic.x
the background_B0 subroutine is running .....
mr,mz= 151 601
iteration number is 52737
the background_B0 subroutine is finished.
Fun_ini finished. Fun_fdfd is running.
Main loop is running.
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Optimization of HYPIC v1.1



- Compared to HYPIC v1.0, this release (v1.1) has the following upgrades
- (1) The electron temperature evolution equation is introduced to describe the electron temperature more reasonably.
- (2) Added the power-mode antenna. User can set the total power of the antenna.
- (3) Multiple types of ions can be used at the same case.
- (4) 0-2 RF frequencies can be used at the same case.
- (5) The axial origin (z=0) was moved from the left end of the magnetic mirror to the center of the magnetic mirror.
- (6) Optimized the antenna current mode.
- (7) Automatic selection of the appropriate time step, according to the nature of energy conservation (loss <1%) in the RK4 format.
- (8) Optimized the plotting code (in matlab language).

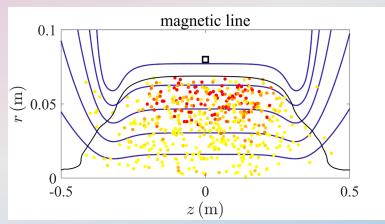
Please note: these improvements increase the computational effort. The latest version of HYPIC can be seen in https://github.com/DrMYWu

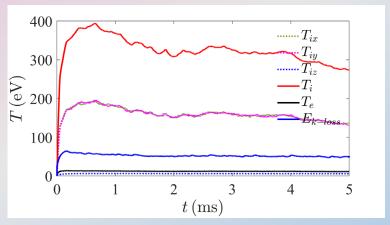
Numerical results of HYPIC v1.1

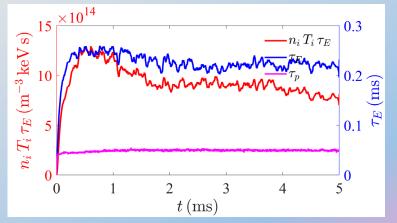


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ion	H+
RF frequency f	13.56 MHz
resonant magnetic field B_0	0.89 T
plasma density n_e	$10^{19}~{\rm m}^{-3}$
power	~10 kW
Equivalent antenna resistance R_a	$0.1~\Omega$





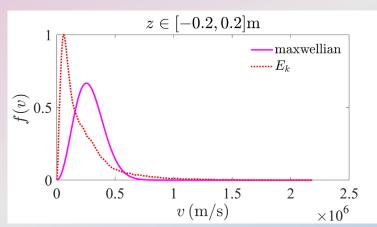


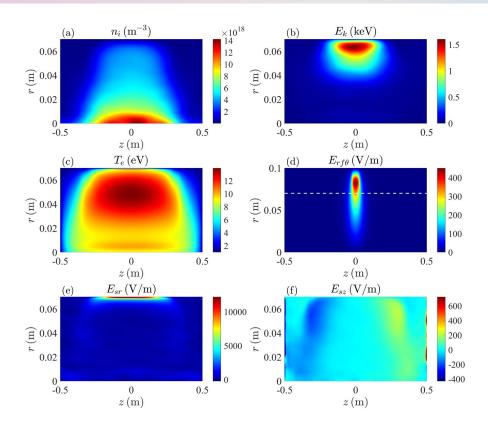
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Conclusions and discussions



- HYPIC code are able to fast simulate the antenna-plasma interactions and the ICRE processes in linear devices, such as high-power electric propulsion, magnetic mirror, and FRC, etc.
- inclusion of the kinetic effects of ions, the ES and EM effects, the collisions between ions and electrons, and with a small computation.
- In HYPIC v1.1, we have made several optimizations, in particular the introduction of the electron temperature evolution equation.

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Thanks!