

This is a very basic case repeating a simple PIC run we did before. Ions are assumed to form a uniform background. What we did before was to set a large ion mass with zero ion temperature and a uniform density chosen such that the whole simulation box is charge neutral. I have converted my output into dimensionless units for PSC, assuming I got the conversion rules correctly. My understanding is for PSC we can set units as: spatial d_e , time $1/\omega_{pe}$ such that $c = d_e \omega_{pe} = 1$, velocity c , density n_0 , charge e (electron charge magnitude), mass m_e , temperature $m_e c^2$ (not exactly sure about this), electric field $en_0 d_e / \epsilon_0$, magnetic field $en_0 d_e / c \epsilon_0$. The periodic simulation box for this case is $(-0.015, 0.015)$ in both the y and z dimensions. The grid we used before was 160×160 but can be set to other reasonable numbers. The initial magnetic field has only the out-of-plane component $B_x = 1$. Other initial conditions are listed in the file `case1-input.txt`. The first column is $\rho = (y^2 + z^2)^{1/2}$. Other columns are functions of ρ : electron density n_e , electron flow velocity in ϕ -component only v_ϕ , electron temperature T_e , and electric field in the ρ -component only E_ρ . These probably need to be input from the data file and can be called as interpolated functions of ρ . For the initial flow velocity and electric field, decomposition into y and z components can be done using $p_x = v_x = -y v_\phi / \rho$, $p_y = v_y = x v_\phi / \rho$, $E_x = x E_\rho / \rho$, $E_y = y E_\rho / \rho$. Of course one needs to be careful about the point $\rho = 0$, where $v_x = v_y = E_x = E_y = 0$. I think this is all the information we need for the input file.