

Core Eq. in Bulk Plasma  
Continuity Eq.

$$\frac{\partial n_e}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \vec{f}_e = S_e$$

for steady state  $\frac{\partial n_e}{\partial t} = 0$  Pulsing mode?  
 $\vec{f}_e = S_e$  Src term is necessary here to balance loss  
assuming  $S_e$  is produced by ionization & only lost through wall  
 $S_e = k_e n_g n_e = (k_e n_g) n_e$  determined by EEDF Flow  
 $\nabla \cdot \vec{f}_e = (k_e n_g) n_e$

$$(k_e n_g) n_e - \nabla \cdot \vec{f}_e = 0 \quad (1)$$

Drift-Diffusion Approximation usually valid for higher press 5m range not good!  
 $\vec{f}_e = -D_e \nabla n_e - e \mu_e n_e \vec{E}$  the move imp is to occupy the seat for  $\vec{f}_e$

$$D_e \nabla n_e + e \mu_e n_e \nabla \phi + \vec{f}_e = 0 \quad (2)$$

Poisson's Eq.

$$\nabla^2 \phi = -\rho / \epsilon_0 \quad (3)$$

Since  $\rho = \sum_i n_i - n_e$ ,

 $n_i$  needs to be solved simultaneously

$$\frac{\partial n_i}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \vec{f}_i = (k_i n_g) n_e$$

$$(k_i n_g) n_e - \nabla \cdot \vec{f}_i = 0$$

DD approximation

$$\vec{f}_i = -D_i \nabla n_i + e \mu_i n_i \nabla \phi$$

$$D_i \nabla n_i - e \mu_i n_i \nabla \phi + \vec{f}_i = 0$$

Something gets wrong here!

START OVER!

Logic thoughts  
Dipole Term ZEDF

Core: Solve for  $n_e, \vec{f}_e, \phi/E$   
must have Continuity Eq.

$$\frac{\partial n_e}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \vec{f}_e = S_e$$

$$\frac{\partial n_e}{\partial t} = -\nabla \cdot \vec{f}_e + S_e$$

3 unknowns,  $n_e, \vec{f}_e, S_e \rightarrow$  always calc from external  
Another option Momentum Eq. for  $\vec{f}_e$  D-D Approximation  $(k_e n_g) n_e$

$$\vec{f}_e = -D_e \nabla n_e - e \mu_e n_e \nabla \phi$$

$$\frac{\partial n_e}{\partial t} = +\nabla \cdot (D_e \nabla n_e + e \mu_e n_e \nabla \phi) + S_e$$

$$+ n_e \sum_g (k_g n_g)$$

 $D_e, \mu_e, S_e$  are calc externallyUnknowns are  $n_e, \phi$ 

Here comes the Poisson Eq. Alternatively, we can solve for ambipolar E-field instead  
 $\nabla \cdot (\epsilon \nabla \phi) = -e \left( \sum_i n_i - n_e \right)$  much faster

in order for Poisson Eq.

We need all ion densities

Continuity Eq. for ions

$$\frac{\partial n_i}{\partial t} = -\nabla \cdot \vec{f}_i + S_i$$

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D-D approx

$$\frac{\partial n_i}{\partial t} = +\nabla \cdot (D_i \nabla n_i - e \mu_i n_i \nabla \phi) + S_i$$

assume that all variables at  $t$  are known

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial n_e}{\partial t} = \nabla \cdot (D_e \nabla n_e + e \mu_e n_e \nabla \phi) + S_e \\ \frac{\partial n_i}{\partial t} = \nabla \cdot (D_i \nabla n_i - e \mu_i n_i \nabla \phi) + S_i \\ \nabla \cdot (\epsilon \nabla \phi) = -e \left( \sum_i n_i - n_e \right) \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} n_e(t+\Delta t) = n_e(t) \\ + \Delta t (-\nabla \cdot \vec{f}_e(t) + S_e(t)) \end{cases} \quad \text{Bulk Plasma}$$

$$\begin{cases} n_i(t+\Delta t) = n_i(t) \\ + \Delta t (-\nabla \cdot \vec{f}_i(t) + S_i(t)) \end{cases}$$

$$\nabla \cdot (\epsilon \nabla \phi(t+\Delta t)) = -e \left( \sum_i n_i(t+\Delta t) - n_e(t+\Delta t) \right)$$

Boundary Condition

Continuity Eq. Cartesian

- i)  $n_e, n_i = 0$  |  
at all surf
- ii)  $(\vec{f}_e, \vec{f}_i) \cdot \hat{n} = 0$  |  
at all surf Not correct

Cylindrical Reflective at  $\gamma=0$ 

$$i) (\vec{f}_e, \vec{f}_i) \cdot \hat{n} = -(\vec{f}_e, \vec{f}_i) \cdot \hat{n} \Big|_{\gamma=0}$$

Poisson's Eq. Cartesian

$$i) \text{ w/o surf changing } D : M$$

$$-\nabla \cdot (\epsilon \nabla \phi) = 0$$

ii) w/ surf changing

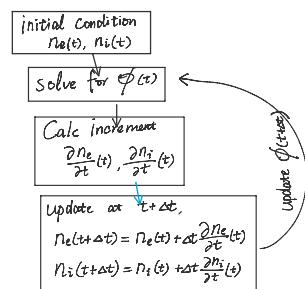
$$-\nabla \cdot (\epsilon \nabla \phi) = e n_s(t)$$

$$\frac{d n_s(t)}{dt} = -\nabla \cdot \left( \sum_i \vec{f}_i \cdot \hat{n}_s - \epsilon_m \nabla \phi_s \right)$$

How to solve? surf changing?

Cylindrical

$$\nabla \phi = 0 \Big|_{\gamma=0}$$



Since at surf/bc, timestep  $\Delta t$  is limited by the dielectric relaxation time

$$\Delta t < \epsilon_0 / \sigma_m$$

an implicit coupling method is needed.

Continuity Eq.

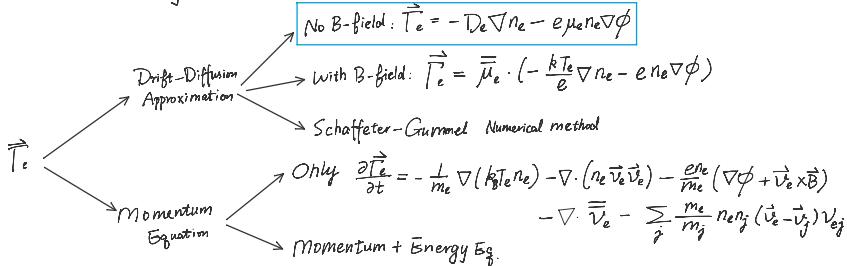
$$\frac{\partial n_e}{\partial t} = -\nabla \cdot \vec{J}_e + S_e$$

Two unknown var

$$S_e = 0, \text{ Plasma Decay } \quad \text{ICP-v1.0}$$

$$S_e = (k(T_e)n_i) \vec{J}_e \text{ depends on } T_e$$

$$S_e = (\int f(\epsilon) \phi(\epsilon) d\epsilon \cdot n_i) \vec{J}_e \text{ depends on EEDF } f(\epsilon)$$



$$\frac{\partial n_e}{\partial t} = -\nabla \cdot \vec{J}_e + S_e$$

$$\frac{\partial n_e}{\partial t} = +\nabla \cdot (D_e \nabla n_e + e \mu_e n_e \nabla \phi) \quad \phi = \phi(n_e, n_i)$$

$$D_e = \int_0^\infty \frac{2e \epsilon^{5/2}}{3m_e v_{th}^3} f(\epsilon) d\epsilon$$

$$\mu_e = \int_0^\infty \frac{2e \epsilon^{5/2}}{3m_e v_{th}^3} \frac{\partial f(\epsilon)}{\partial \epsilon} d\epsilon \quad \text{Maxwell Distribution for ICP-v1.0}$$

$$\text{Poisson's Eq.} \rightarrow \text{No Surf Charging} - \left( \sum_i n_i - n_e \right)$$

$$\nabla \cdot (\epsilon \nabla \phi) = \rightarrow \text{With Surf Charging} - \left( \sum_i n_i - n_e \right) + n_{surf}(t)$$

$n_i$  is needed.

assume  $n_i$  follows the same routine as  $n_e$

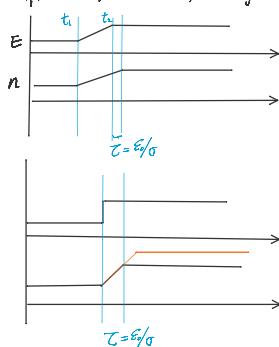
$$\frac{dn_{surf}(t)}{dt} = -\nabla \cdot \left( \sum_i \Gamma_{i-to-surf} - \sigma_m \nabla \phi \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial n_i}{\partial t} = \nabla \cdot (D_i \nabla n_i - e \mu_i n_i \nabla \phi)$$

### Dielectric Relaxation Time

changing E-field

Physics: After  $E(t_1) \rightarrow E(t_2)$ , charge density needs a characteristic time to response.



If  $\Delta t > \tau$ ,  $\Delta t = \tau + \delta t$ .

Charge density saturates/reach SS after  $\tau$ .

Prediction error =  $\Delta n(\tau + \delta t) - \Delta n(\tau)$  due to  $\delta t$

$$\nabla \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 (\vec{J} + \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t})$$

$$\nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{B}) = 0 \rightarrow \nabla \cdot (\vec{J} + \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t})$$

Assume  $\vec{J} \parallel \vec{E}$ , to be precise,  $\vec{J}$  &  $\vec{E}$  anti-parallel

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial t} = -J/\epsilon_0, \text{ assume const } C=0$$

consider only conduction current,  $J = \sigma E$

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial t} = -\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} E$$

$$\frac{E(t_s) - E(t_i)}{\Delta t} = -\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} E(t_i)$$

$$E(t_s) = \left(1 - \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} \Delta t\right) E(t_i)$$

if  $\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0} \Delta t > 1$ ,  $E(t_s)$  always flips sign w.r.t.  $E(t_i)$

$E$  is sinusoidal, the solution is not stable, or could not resolve the sin form

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \frac{\partial n_e}{\partial t} = +\nabla \cdot (D_e \nabla n_e + e \mu_e n_e \nabla \phi)$$

$$\downarrow \\ n_e(t+\Delta t) = n_e(t) + \Delta t \cdot \nabla \cdot (D_e(t) \nabla n_e(t) + e \mu_e(t) n_e(t) \nabla \phi(t)) + \Delta t S_e(t)$$

$$n_i(t+\Delta t) = n_i(t) + \Delta t \cdot \nabla \cdot (D_i(t) \nabla n_i(t) - e \mu_i(t) n_i(t) \nabla \phi(t)) + \Delta t S_i(t)$$

$$\nabla \cdot (\epsilon \nabla \phi(t+\Delta t)) = -e \left( \sum_i n_i(t+\Delta t) - n_e(t+\Delta t) \right) \quad [\text{NO Surf charging}]$$

\textcircled{2} Explicit method, time step is limited by Dielectric Relaxation Time

$$\Delta t < \frac{\epsilon_0}{\sigma} \quad (\text{typically in order of pico-sec, } 10^{-12} \text{ s})$$

$$\text{where, } \sigma = e(n_e \mu_e + n_i \mu_i)$$

in plasma,  $\mu_e \gg \mu_i$  since electron is much lighter

$$\sigma_{\text{plasma}} \approx \sigma_e = e n_e \mu_e$$

\textcircled{3} Semi-implicit

$$n_e(t+\Delta t) = G_e(n_e(t), \phi(t)) \longrightarrow n_e(t+\Delta t) = G_e(n_e(t), \phi(t+\Delta t))$$

$$n_i(t+\Delta t) = G_i(n_i(t), \phi(t)) \longrightarrow n_i(t+\Delta t) = G_i(n_i(t), \phi(t+\Delta t))$$

$$\nabla \cdot (\epsilon \nabla \phi(t+\Delta t)) = -e \left( \sum_i n_i(t+\Delta t) - n_e(t+\Delta t) \right)$$



$$\nabla \cdot (\epsilon \nabla \phi(t+\Delta t)) = -e \left( \sum_i \left( n_i(t) - \Delta t \cdot \nabla \cdot \left( D_i(t) \nabla n_i(t) + e \mu_i(t) n_i(t) \nabla \phi(t+\Delta t) \right) + S_i(t) \right) \right)$$

$$n_e(t) - \Delta t \cdot \nabla \cdot \left( D_e(t) \nabla n_e(t) + e \mu_e(t) n_e(t) \nabla \phi(t+\Delta t) \right) + S_e(t)$$

$$\nabla \cdot (\varepsilon \nabla \phi(t + \Delta t)) = G_\phi \left( \sum_i n_i(t), n_e(t), \phi(t + \Delta t) \right)$$

This is the semi-implicit poisson equation we are going for!