

# Linear MHD using discrete differential forms

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## 1 The model

Let us recall the standard form of the ideal magnetohydrodynamic (MHD) equations, which is a system of nonlinear partial differential equations for the mass density  $\rho$ , the fluid velocity  $\mathbf{U}$ , the magnetic induction  $\mathbf{B}$  and the pressure  $p$ :

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{U}) = 0, \quad (1.1)$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{U}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{U} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{U} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \frac{\nabla \times \mathbf{B}}{\rho} \times \mathbf{B} - \frac{\nabla p}{\rho}, \quad (1.2)$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = \nabla \times (\mathbf{U} \times \mathbf{B}), \quad (1.3)$$

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (p \mathbf{U}) + (\gamma - 1)p \nabla \cdot \mathbf{U} = 0, \quad (1.4)$$

where  $\gamma = 5/3$  is the adiabatic exponent. The corresponding linearized system about a time-independent equilibrium with small perturbations ( $\rho = \rho_0 + \rho_1$ ,  $\mathbf{U} = \mathbf{U}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{B}_0 + \mathbf{B}_1$ ,  $p = p_0 + p_1$ ) reads

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho_0 \mathbf{U}) = 0, \quad (1.5)$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{U}}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \frac{\nabla \times \mathbf{B}_0}{\rho_0} \times \mathbf{B} + \frac{1}{\mu_0} \frac{\nabla \times \mathbf{B}}{\rho_0} \times \mathbf{B}_0 - \frac{\nabla p}{\rho_0}, \quad (1.6)$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = \nabla \times (\mathbf{U} \times \mathbf{B}_0), \quad (1.7)$$

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (p_0 \mathbf{U}) + (\gamma - 1)p_0 \nabla \cdot \mathbf{U} = 0, \quad (1.8)$$

where we performed the relabeling  $\rho_1 \rightarrow \rho$ ,  $\mathbf{U}_1 \rightarrow \mathbf{U}$ , etc. Both the full and linearized model can equivalently be written in terms of coordinate independent differential forms and for physical reasons we assume the mass density to be a 3-form ( $\rho \rightarrow \rho^3$ ), the pressure to be a 0-form ( $p \rightarrow p^0$ ), the magnetic field to be a 2-form ( $\mathbf{B} \rightarrow B^2$ ) and the velocity to be a 1-form ( $\mathbf{U} \rightarrow U^1$ ). The full model then takes the form

$$\frac{\partial \rho^3}{\partial t} + d(i_{\#U^1} \rho^3) = 0, \quad (1.9)$$

$$* \rho^3 \left[ \frac{\partial U^1}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2} d(i_{\#U^1} U^1) + i_{\#U^1} dU^1 \right] + dp^0 = \frac{1}{\mu_0} i_{\#B^2} d * B^2, \quad (1.10)$$

$$\frac{\partial B^2}{\partial t} + d(i_{\#U^1} B^2) = 0, \quad (1.11)$$

$$\frac{\partial p^0}{\partial t} + *d * (p^0 U^1) + (\gamma - 1)p^0 * d * U^1 = 0. \quad (1.12)$$

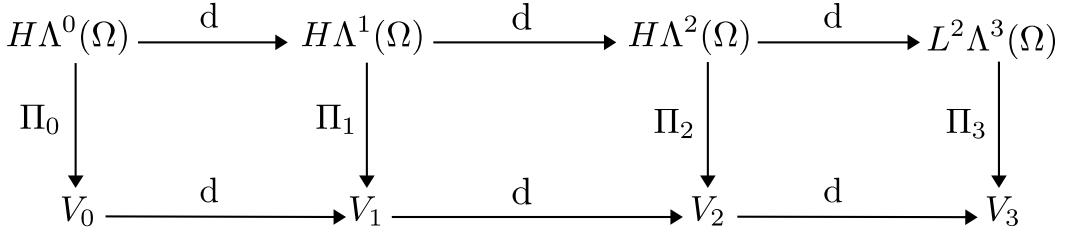


Figure 1: Commuting diagram in 3d. The upper line represents the sequence for the continuous spaces, while the lower line represents the discrete counterpart.

Note that the wedge product with a 0-form is just a multiplication with a scalar. The corresponding linearized system is given by

$$\frac{\partial \rho^3}{\partial t} + d(i_{\#U^1}\rho_0) = 0, \quad (1.13)$$

$$(*\rho_0)\frac{\partial U^1}{\partial t} + dp^0 = \frac{1}{\mu_0}i_{\#B_0}d * B^2 + \frac{1}{\mu_0}i_{\#B^2}d * B_0, \quad (1.14)$$

$$\frac{\partial B^2}{\partial t} + d(i_{\#U^1}B_0) = 0, \quad (1.15)$$

$$\frac{\partial p^0}{\partial t} + *d * (p_0 U^1) + (\gamma - 1)p_0 * d * U^1 = 0, \quad (1.16)$$

where one needs to keep in mind that the background quantities are still differential forms and not vector and scalar fields.

## 2 Discretization

As a next step, we introduce finite element basis functions which satisfy a discrete deRham sequence and which form a commuting diagram with the continuous functions via the interpolation-histopolation projectors  $\Pi_0, \Pi_1, \Pi_2$  and  $\Pi_3$ . This is depicted in Fig. 1. Assuming that we know the basis functions in each space (how this can be done with e.g. tensor-product B-splines, see Sec. ), we express the forms in their respective bases as

$$p^0(\mathbf{q}) \approx p_h^0(\mathbf{q}) = \sum_{\mathbf{i}} p_{\mathbf{i}} \Lambda_{\mathbf{i}}^0(\mathbf{q}), \quad \mathbf{p}^\top := (p_0, \dots, p_{N-1}) \in \mathbb{R}^N, \quad (2.1)$$

$$U^1(\mathbf{q}) \approx U_h^1(\mathbf{q}) = \sum_{\mathbf{i}} \sum_{\mu=1}^3 u_{\mu,\mathbf{i}} \Lambda_{\mu,\mathbf{i}}^1(\mathbf{q}) dq^\mu, \quad \mathbf{u}^\top := (\mathbf{u}_1^\top, \mathbf{u}_2^\top, \mathbf{u}_3^\top) \in \mathbb{R}^{3N}, \quad (2.2)$$

$$B^2(\mathbf{q}) \approx B_h^2(\mathbf{q}) = \sum_{\mathbf{i}} \sum_{\mu=1}^3 b_{\mu,\mathbf{i}} \Lambda_{\mu,\mathbf{i}}^2(\mathbf{q}) (dq^\alpha \wedge dq^\beta)_\mu, \quad \mathbf{b}^\top := (\mathbf{b}_1^\top, \mathbf{b}_2^\top, \mathbf{b}_3^\top) \in \mathbb{R}^{3N}, \quad (2.3)$$

$$\rho^3(\mathbf{q}) \approx \rho_h^3(\mathbf{q}) = \sum_{\mathbf{i}} \rho_{123,\mathbf{i}} \Lambda_{\mathbf{i}}^3(\mathbf{q}) dq^1 \wedge dq^2 \wedge dq^3, \quad \boldsymbol{\rho}^\top := (\rho_{123,0}, \dots, \rho_{123,N-1}) \in \mathbb{R}^N, \quad (2.4)$$

where  $\mathbf{i} = (i_1, i_2, i_3)$  is a multi-index and  $N$  the total number of basis functions. To simplify the notation, we write for the components of the differential forms

$$p_h^0 \leftrightarrow p_h = (p_0, \dots, p_{N-1}) \begin{pmatrix} \Lambda_0^0 \\ \vdots \\ \Lambda_{N-1}^0 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{p}^\top \boldsymbol{\Lambda}^0, \quad \boldsymbol{\Lambda}^0 \in \mathbb{R}^N, \quad (2.5)$$

$$U_h^1 \leftrightarrow \mathbf{U}_h^\top = (\mathbf{u}_1^\top, \mathbf{u}_2^\top, \mathbf{u}_3^\top) \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_1^1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_2^1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_3^1 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{u}^\top \boldsymbol{\Lambda}^1, \quad \boldsymbol{\Lambda}^1 \in \mathbb{R}^{3N \times 3}, \quad (2.6)$$

$$B_h^2 \leftrightarrow \hat{\mathbf{B}}_h^\top = (\mathbf{b}_1^\top, \mathbf{b}_2^\top, \mathbf{b}_3^\top) \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_1^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_2^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_3^2 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{b}^\top \boldsymbol{\Lambda}^2, \quad \boldsymbol{\Lambda}^2 \in \mathbb{R}^{3N \times 3}, \quad (2.7)$$

$$\rho_h^3 \leftrightarrow \rho_{123,h} = (\rho_{123,0}, \dots, \rho_{123,N-1}) \begin{pmatrix} \Lambda_0^3 \\ \vdots \\ \Lambda_{N-1}^3 \end{pmatrix} = \boldsymbol{\rho}^\top \boldsymbol{\Lambda}^3, \quad \boldsymbol{\Lambda}^3 \in \mathbb{R}^N, \quad (2.8)$$

## 2.1 Continuity equation

We start with the discretization of the mass continuity equation which we shall keep in strong form. In order to stay in the correct polynomial space, we need to project the second term back into the subspace of 3-forms by applying the projector  $\Pi_3$ . We use the same symbol for actions on forms and the components of a form. In the latter case the projector returns a vector of coefficients in the new basis.

$$\frac{\partial \rho_{123,h}}{\partial t} + \Pi_3 [\nabla \cdot (\rho_0 G^{-1} \mathbf{U}_h)] = 0 \quad (2.9)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\rho}}{\partial t} + \mathbb{D} \Pi_2 [\rho_0 G^{-1} (\boldsymbol{\Lambda}^1)^\top] \mathbf{u} = 0 \quad (2.10)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\rho}}{\partial t} + \mathbb{D} \mathcal{Q} \mathbf{u} = 0 \quad (2.11)$$

Note that we have used the commuting diagram property for exchanging projectors and differential operators. Furthermore, we have introduced the discrete divergence matrix  $\mathbb{D} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times 3N}$  and the projection matrix  $\mathcal{Q} \in \mathbb{R}^{3N \times 3N}$ . We shall use calligraphic symbols for tensors which are related to projections. Explicitly, we have

$$\mathcal{Q}_{ij} := \Pi_{2,\mu}^{i_\mu} [\rho_0 G^{\mu k} \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{jk}^1], \quad i = \begin{cases} i_\mu, & \mu = 1 \\ N + i_\mu & \mu = 2 \\ 2N + i_\mu & \mu = 3 \end{cases} \quad (2.12)$$

for  $\mu = \{1, 2, 3\}$ . Summing over repeated indices inside the squared bracket is assumed and  $\Pi_2^{i_\mu}$  selects the  $i_\mu$ -th coefficient of the projection ( $0 \leq i_\mu \leq N - 1$ ). If we stack these coefficients in a column vector,  $\mathcal{Q}$  can be written as

$$\mathcal{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} \Pi_{2,1} [\rho_0 G^{11} (\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_1^1)^\top] & \Pi_{2,1} [\rho_0 G^{12} (\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_2^1)^\top] & \Pi_{2,1} [\rho_0 G^{13} (\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_3^1)^\top] \\ \Pi_{2,2} [\rho_0 G^{21} (\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_1^1)^\top] & \Pi_{2,2} [\rho_0 G^{22} (\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_2^1)^\top] & \Pi_{2,2} [\rho_0 G^{23} (\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_3^1)^\top] \\ \Pi_{2,3} [\rho_0 G^{31} (\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_1^1)^\top] & \Pi_{2,3} [\rho_0 G^{32} (\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_2^1)^\top] & \Pi_{2,3} [\rho_0 G^{33} (\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_3^1)^\top] \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.13)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{c}_{11,0} & \mathbf{c}_{11,1} & \cdots & \mathbf{c}_{12,0} & \mathbf{c}_{12,1} & \cdots & \mathbf{c}_{13,0} & \mathbf{c}_{13,1} & \cdots \\ \mathbf{c}_{21,0} & \mathbf{c}_{21,1} & \cdots & \mathbf{c}_{22,0} & \mathbf{c}_{22,1} & \cdots & \mathbf{c}_{23,0} & \mathbf{c}_{23,1} & \cdots \\ \mathbf{c}_{31,0} & \mathbf{c}_{31,1} & \cdots & \mathbf{c}_{32,0} & \mathbf{c}_{32,1} & \cdots & \mathbf{c}_{33,0} & \mathbf{c}_{33,1} & \cdots \end{pmatrix}. \quad (2.14)$$

Here, e.g.  $\mathbf{c}_{23,1}$  are the coefficients resulting from the projection of the basis function with the index 1 in the block 23 in the matrix (2.13). Unfortunately, this is a dense matrix, which is problematic from a memory consumption point of view. Therefore, we just save the right-hand sides, which define a sparse

matrix, and perform the final projection in every time step again. Denoting by  $(\mathcal{I}_{2,1}, \mathcal{I}_{2,2}, \mathcal{I}_{2,3})$  the mixed interpolation-histopolation matrices and by  $(\text{vec}_{2,1}(f), \text{vec}_{2,2}(f), \text{vec}_{2,3}(f))$  the right-hand side vectors for a 2-form with components  $(f_1, f_2, f_3)$ , we can write

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{I}_{2,1}^{-1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \mathcal{I}_{2,2}^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \mathcal{I}_{2,3}^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \text{vec}_{2,1} [\rho_0 G^{11}(\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_1^1)^\top] & \text{vec}_{2,1} [\rho_0 G^{12}(\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_2^1)^\top] & \text{vec}_{2,1} [\rho_0 G^{13}(\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_3^1)^\top] \\ \text{vec}_{2,2} [\rho_0 G^{21}(\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_1^1)^\top] & \text{vec}_{2,2} [\rho_0 G^{22}(\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_2^1)^\top] & \text{vec}_{2,2} [\rho_0 G^{23}(\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_3^1)^\top] \\ \text{vec}_{2,3} [\rho_0 G^{31}(\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_1^1)^\top] & \text{vec}_{2,3} [\rho_0 G^{32}(\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_2^1)^\top] & \text{vec}_{2,3} [\rho_0 G^{33}(\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_3^1)^\top] \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.15)$$

$$=: \mathcal{I}_2^{-1} \tilde{\mathcal{Q}}. \quad (2.16)$$

Thus, we only precompute the sparse matrices  $\tilde{\mathcal{Q}}$  and  $\mathcal{I}_2$ . The entries of the former are defined by

$$(\text{vec}_{2,1})_i(f) := \int_{\xi_{i_2}}^{\xi_{i_2+1}} \int_{\xi_{i_3}}^{\xi_{i_3+1}} f_1(\xi_{i_2}, q_2, q_3) dq^2 dq^3, \quad (2.17)$$

$$(\text{vec}_{2,2})_i(f) = \int_{\xi_{i_1}}^{\xi_{i_1+1}} \int_{\xi_{i_3}}^{\xi_{i_3+1}} f_2(q_1, \xi_{i_2}, q_3) dq^1 dq^3, \quad (2.18)$$

$$(\text{vec}_{2,3})_i(f) = \int_{\xi_{i_1}}^{\xi_{i_1+1}} \int_{\xi_{i_2}}^{\xi_{i_2+1}} f_3(q_1, q_2, \xi_{i_3}) dq^1 dq^2, \quad (2.19)$$

where the  $\xi_{i_\mu}$  are some well chosen interpolation points. The mixed interpolation-histopolation matrices are given by

$$(\mathcal{I}_{2,1})_{ij} := \int_{\xi_{i_2}}^{\xi_{i_2+1}} \int_{\xi_{i_3}}^{\xi_{i_3+1}} \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{1,j}^2(\xi_{i_2}, q_2, q_3) dq^2 dq^3 \quad (2.20)$$

$$(\mathcal{I}_{2,2})_{ij} := \int_{\xi_{i_1}}^{\xi_{i_1+1}} \int_{\xi_{i_3}}^{\xi_{i_3+1}} \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{2,j}^2(q_1, \xi_{i_2}, q_3) dq^1 dq^3 \quad (2.21)$$

$$(\mathcal{I}_{2,3})_{ij} := \int_{\xi_{i_1}}^{\xi_{i_1+1}} \int_{\xi_{i_2}}^{\xi_{i_2+1}} \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{3,j}^2(q_1, q_2, \xi_{i_3}) dq^1 dq^2 \quad (2.22)$$

The sparsity of  $\tilde{\mathcal{Q}}$  and  $\mathcal{I}_2$  follows immediately from the local support of the basis functions.

## 2.2 Momentum equation

Unlike the continuity equation we choose a weak formulation for the momentum equation and consequently take the inner product with a test function  $V^1 \in H\Lambda^1(\Omega)$  to obtain the formulation: Find  $U^1 \in H\Lambda^1(\Omega)$  such that

$$\left( * \rho_0 \frac{\partial U^1}{\partial t}, V^1 \right) + (dp^0, V^1) = \frac{1}{\mu_0} (i_{\#*B_0} d * B^2, V^1) + \frac{1}{\mu_0} (i_{\#*B^2} d * B_0, V^1) \quad \forall V^1 \in H\Lambda^1(\Omega). \quad (2.23)$$

We apply the Galerkin approximation to each term and project back into the right spaces where necessary. Let us start with the first term:

$$\left( * \rho_0 \frac{\partial U^1}{\partial t}, V^1 \right) = \int_{\hat{\Omega}} * \rho_0 \dot{\mathbf{U}}^\top G^{-1} \mathbf{V} \sqrt{g} d^3q \approx \int_{\hat{\Omega}} \Pi_1 \left( * \rho_0 \dot{\mathbf{U}}_h^\top \right) G^{-1} \mathbf{V}_h \sqrt{g} d^3q \quad (2.24)$$

$$= \dot{\mathbf{u}}^\top \mathcal{W}^\top \underbrace{\int_{\hat{\Omega}} \boldsymbol{\Lambda}^1 G^{-1} (\boldsymbol{\Lambda}^1)^\top \sqrt{g} d^3q}_{=: \mathbb{M}^1} \mathbf{v} = \dot{\mathbf{u}}^\top \mathcal{W}^\top \mathbb{M}^1 \mathbf{v} \quad \forall \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^{3N}, \quad (2.25)$$

where  $\mathbb{M}^1 \in \mathbb{R}^{3N \times 3N}$  is the mass matrix in the supspace  $V_1$ . The projection matrix is given by

$$\mathcal{W}_{ij} = \Pi_{1,\mu}^{i_\mu} [ * \rho_0 \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{j\mu}^1 ] \quad (2.26)$$

where the right-hand side explicitly reads

$$\tilde{\mathcal{W}} := \begin{pmatrix} \text{vec}_{1,1} [\rho_0 / \sqrt{g} (\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_1^1)^\top] & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \text{vec}_{1,2} [\rho_0 / \sqrt{g} (\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_2^1)^\top] & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \text{vec}_{1,3} [\rho_0 / \sqrt{g} (\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_3^1)^\top] \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.27)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{W} = \mathcal{I}_1^{-1} \tilde{\mathcal{W}}. \quad (2.28)$$

The projections are once more mixed interpolation-histopolation problems and defined by

$$(\text{vec}_{1,1})_i(f) = \int_{\xi_{i_1}}^{\xi_{i_1+1}} f_1(q_1, \xi_{i_2}, \xi_{i_3}) dq^1, \quad (\mathcal{I}_{1,1})_{ij} = \int_{\xi_{i_1}}^{\xi_{i_1+1}} \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{1,j}^1(q_1, \xi_{i_2}, \xi_{i_3}) dq^1 \quad (2.29)$$

$$(\text{vec}_{1,2})_i(f) = \int_{\xi_{i_2}}^{\xi_{i_2+1}} f_2(\xi_{i_1}, q_2, \xi_{i_3}) dq^2, \quad (\mathcal{I}_{1,2})_{ij} = \int_{\xi_{i_2}}^{\xi_{i_2+1}} \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{2,j}^1(\xi_{i_1}, q_2, \xi_{i_3}) dq^2 \quad (2.30)$$

$$(\text{vec}_{1,3})_i(f) = \int_{\xi_{i_3}}^{\xi_{i_3+1}} f_3(\xi_{i_1}, \xi_{i_2}, q_3) dq^3, \quad (\mathcal{I}_{1,3})_{ij} = \int_{\xi_{i_3}}^{\xi_{i_3+1}} \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{3,j}^1(\xi_{i_1}, \xi_{i_2}, q_3) dq^3. \quad (2.31)$$

For the second term including the pressure we get

$$(dp^0, V^1) = \int_{\hat{\Omega}} (\nabla p)^\top G^{-1} \mathbf{V} \sqrt{g} d^3q \approx (\mathbb{G} \mathbf{p})^\top \int_{\hat{\Omega}} \boldsymbol{\Lambda}^1 G^{-1} (\boldsymbol{\Lambda}^1)^\top \sqrt{g} d^3q \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{p}^\top \mathbb{G}^\top \mathbb{M}^1 \mathbf{v} \quad \forall \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^{3N}, \quad (2.32)$$

with  $\mathbb{G} \in \mathbb{R}^{3N \times N}$  being the discrete gradient matrix. Using the identites  $\langle i_{\# \gamma^1} \alpha^2, \beta^1 \rangle = \langle \alpha^2, \gamma^1 \wedge \beta^1 \rangle$  and  $*(*B_0 \wedge V^1) = i_{\# V^1} B_0$ , the third term yields (omitting the  $1/\mu_0$ )

$$(i_{\# * B_0} d * B^2, V^1) = (d * B^2, * B_0 \wedge V^1) = (*d * B^2, *(*B_0 \wedge V^1)) = (d^* B^2, i_{\# V^1} B_0), \quad (2.33)$$

where we introduced the co-differential operator  $d^* \alpha^p = (-1)^p * d * \alpha^p$ . Applying the Green formula for differential forms and assuming that the boundary term vanishes yields

$$(i_{\# * B_0} d * B^2, V^1) = (B^2, d i_{\# V^1} B_0) = \int_{\hat{\Omega}} \frac{1}{g} \hat{\mathbf{B}}^\top G (\nabla \times (\hat{\mathbf{B}}_0 \times G^{-1} \mathbf{V})) \sqrt{g} d^3q \quad (2.34)$$

$$\approx \mathbf{b}^\top \underbrace{\int_{\hat{\Omega}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} \boldsymbol{\Lambda}^2 G (\boldsymbol{\Lambda}^2)^\top d^3q}_{=: \mathbb{M}^2} \mathbb{C} \Pi_1 (\mathbb{B}_0 G^{-1} (\boldsymbol{\Lambda}^1)^\top) \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{b}^\top \mathbb{M}^2 \mathbb{C} \mathcal{T} \mathbf{v} \quad \forall \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^{3N}, \quad (2.35)$$

where we introduced the discrete curl matrix  $\mathbb{C} \in \mathbb{R}^{3N \times 3N}$ , the mass matrix  $\mathbb{M}^2$  in the space  $V_2$  and we wrote the vector product of the background magnetic field with the velocity field in terms of a matrix-vector product by using the matrix

$$\mathbb{B}_0 := \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -B_{0,12} & B_{0,31} \\ B_{0,12} & 0 & -B_{0,23} \\ -B_{0,31} & B_{0,23} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}. \quad (2.36)$$

The projection matrix  $\mathcal{T}$  is given by

$$\mathcal{T}_{ij} := \Pi_{1,\mu}^{i_\mu} [(\mathbb{B}_0)_{\mu k} G^{kl} \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{jl}^1] = \Pi_{1,\mu}^{i_\mu} [\epsilon_{\mu m k} B_{0,m} G^{kl} \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{jl}^1], \quad (2.37)$$

which explicitly amounts to

$$\mathcal{T} = \mathcal{I}_1^{-1} \tilde{\mathcal{T}} \quad (2.38)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \text{vec}_{1,1} [(B_{0,31} G^{31} - B_{0,12} G^{21})(\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_1^1)^\top, (B_{0,31} G^{32} - B_{0,12} G^{22})(\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_2^1)^\top, (B_{0,31} G^{33} - B_{0,12} G^{23})(\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_3^1)^\top] \\ \text{vec}_{1,2} [(B_{0,12} G^{11} - B_{0,23} G^{31})(\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_1^1)^\top, (B_{0,12} G^{12} - B_{0,23} G^{32})(\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_2^1)^\top, (B_{0,12} G^{13} - B_{0,23} G^{33})(\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_3^1)^\top] \\ \text{vec}_{1,3} [(B_{0,23} G^{21} - B_{0,31} G^{11})(\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_1^1)^\top, (B_{0,23} G^{22} - B_{0,31} G^{12})(\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_2^1)^\top, (B_{0,23} G^{23} - B_{0,31} G^{13})(\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_3^1)^\top] \end{pmatrix}. \quad (2.39)$$

Note that we can also use the Levi-Civita symbol in the definition of  $\mathcal{T}$ . Finally, we perform the same steps for the last term:

$$(i_{\#*B^2} d * B_0, V^1) = (B_0, d i_{\#V^1} B^2) = \int_{\hat{\Omega}} \frac{1}{g} \hat{\mathbf{B}}_0^\top G \left( \nabla \times (\hat{\mathbf{B}} \times G^{-1} \mathbf{V}) \right) \sqrt{g} d^3 q \quad (2.40)$$

$$\approx \Pi_2 \left( \hat{\mathbf{B}}_0^\top \right) \int_{\hat{\Omega}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} \Lambda^2 G(\Lambda^2)^\top d^3 q \mathbb{C} \Pi_1 \left[ (\Lambda_2)^\top \mathbf{b} \times G^{-1} (\Lambda_1)^\top \mathbf{v} \right] \quad (2.41)$$

$$= \mathbf{b}_0^\top \mathbb{M}^2 \mathbb{C}(\mathbf{b}^\top \mathcal{P} \mathbf{v}) \quad \forall \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^{3N}. \quad (2.42)$$

The projection tensor  $\mathcal{P} \in \mathbb{R}^{3N \times 3N \times 3N}$  is given by

$$\mathcal{P}_{ijk} = \Pi_1^{j\mu} [\epsilon_{\mu l m} \Lambda_{il}^2 G^{mn} \Lambda_{kn}^1], \quad (2.43)$$

where it is important to note that the entries of  $\mathbf{b}$  contract from left with the index  $i$  and the entries of  $\mathbf{v}$  from right with the index  $k$ . The result is then a vector defined by the index  $j$ . In total we get

$$\dot{\mathbf{u}}^\top \mathcal{W}^\top \mathbb{M}^1 \mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \mathbf{b}^\top \mathbb{M}^2 \mathbb{C} \mathcal{T} \mathbf{v} + \frac{1}{\mu_0} \mathbf{b}_0^\top \mathbb{M}^2 \mathbb{C}(\mathbf{b}^\top \mathcal{P} \mathbf{v}) - \mathbf{p}^\top \mathbb{G}^\top \mathbb{M}^1 \mathbf{v} \quad \forall \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^{3N} \quad (2.44)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \mathbb{M}^1 \mathcal{W} \dot{\mathbf{u}} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \mathcal{T}^\top \mathbb{C}^\top \mathbb{M}^2 \mathbf{b} + \frac{1}{\mu_0} \mathbf{b}_0^\top \mathbb{M}^2 \mathbb{C} \mathcal{P}^{\top_{i,jk}} \mathbf{b} - \mathbb{M}^1 \mathbb{G} \mathbf{p}, \quad (2.45)$$

where  $\mathcal{P}^{\top_{i,jk}}$  means that order of the indices is changed from  $(\cdot)_{ijk}$  to  $(\cdot)_{jki}$  such that  $\mathbf{b}$  still contracts with the index  $i$  from right.

### 2.3 Induction equation

Like the continuity equation we keep the induction equation in strong form. This time we have to use the projector  $\Pi_2$  which commutes with the curl operator.

$$\frac{\partial \hat{\mathbf{B}}_h}{\partial t} + \Pi_2 \left[ \nabla \times (\hat{\mathbf{B}}_0 \times G^{-1} \mathbf{U}_h) \right] = 0 \quad (2.46)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{\partial \mathbf{b}}{\partial t} + \mathbb{C} \Pi_1 \left[ \mathbb{B}_0 G^{-1} (\Lambda^1)^\top \right] \mathbf{u} = 0 \quad (2.47)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{\partial \mathbf{b}}{\partial t} + \mathbb{C} \mathcal{T} \mathbf{u} = 0. \quad (2.48)$$

We immediately see that we obtain the same projection matrix as for the force term in the momentum equation.

### 2.4 Energy equation

The appearance of the co-differential operator in all terms of the energy equation already indicates that it is convenient to solve this equation once more weakly. Taking the inner product with a test function  $r^0 \in H\Lambda^0(\Omega)$  yields the formulation: find  $p^0 \in H\Lambda^0(\Omega)$  such that

$$\left( \frac{\partial p^0}{\partial t}, r^0 \right) - (d^*(p_0 U^1), r^0) - (\gamma - 1) (d^* U^1, p_0 r^0) = 0 \quad \forall r^0 \in H\Lambda^0(\Omega) \quad (2.49)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left( \frac{\partial p^0}{\partial t}, r^0 \right) - (p_0 U^1, dr^0) - (\gamma - 1) (U^1, d(p_0 r^0)) = 0 \quad \forall r^0 \in H\Lambda^0(\Omega), \quad (2.50)$$

if we again assume all boundary terms to vanish. For the first term we simply get

$$\left( \frac{\partial p^0}{\partial t}, r^0 \right) = \int_{\hat{\Omega}} \dot{p} r \sqrt{g} d^3 q \approx \dot{\mathbf{p}}^\top \underbrace{\int_{\hat{\Omega}} \Lambda^0 (\Lambda^0)^\top \sqrt{g} d^3 q}_{=: \mathbb{M}^0} \mathbf{r} = \dot{\mathbf{p}}^\top \mathbb{M}^0 \mathbf{r}, \quad (2.51)$$

where  $\mathbb{M}^0 \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$  is the mass matrix in the space  $V_0$ . The second term reads

$$(p_0 U^1, dr^0) = \int_{\hat{\Omega}} p_0 \mathbf{U}^\top G^{-1} \nabla r \sqrt{g} d^3 q \approx \int_{\hat{\Omega}} \Pi_1(p_0 \mathbf{U}_h^\top) G^{-1} \nabla r_h \sqrt{g} d^3 q \quad (2.52)$$

$$= \mathbf{u}^\top \mathcal{A}^\top \int_{\hat{\Omega}} \mathbf{\Lambda}^1 G^{-1} (\mathbf{\Lambda}^1)^\top \sqrt{g} d^3 q \mathbb{G} \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{u}^\top \mathcal{A}^\top \mathbb{M}^1 \mathbb{G} \mathbf{r}, \quad (2.53)$$

with  $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{3N \times 3N}$  being the projection matrix with entries

$$\mathcal{A}_{ij} := \Pi_{1,\mu}^{i_\mu} [p_0 \Lambda_{j\mu}^1] \quad (2.54)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{A} = \mathcal{I}_1^{-1} \tilde{\mathcal{A}} = \mathcal{I}_1^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \text{vec}_{1,1} [p_0(\mathbf{\Lambda}_1^1)^\top] & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \text{vec}_{1,2} [p_0(\mathbf{\Lambda}_2^1)^\top] & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \text{vec}_{1,3} [p_0(\mathbf{\Lambda}_3^1)^\top] \end{pmatrix}. \quad (2.55)$$

Finally, we obtain for the last term

$$(U^1, d(p_0 r^0)) = \int_{\hat{\Omega}} \mathbf{U}^\top G^{-1} \nabla (p_0 r) \sqrt{g} d^3 q \approx \mathbf{u}^\top \int_{\hat{\Omega}} \mathbf{\Lambda}^1 G^{-1} (\mathbf{\Lambda}^1)^\top d^3 q \mathbb{G} \Pi_0 (p_0(\mathbf{\Lambda}^0)^\top) \mathbf{r} \quad (2.56)$$

$$= \mathbf{u}^\top \mathbb{M}^1 \mathbb{G} \mathcal{S} \mathbf{r}, \quad (2.57)$$

where  $\mathcal{S} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$  is the projection matrix with entries

$$\mathcal{S}_{ij} := \Pi_0^i [p_0 \Lambda_j^0] \quad (2.58)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{S} = \mathcal{I}_0^{-1} \tilde{\mathcal{S}} = \mathcal{I}_0^{-1} \text{vec}_0 [p_0(\mathbf{\Lambda}^0)^\top], \quad (2.59)$$

whose right-hand side follows from a pure interpolation problem defined by

$$(\text{vec}_0)_i(f) = f(\xi_{i_1}, \xi_{i_2}, \xi_{i_3}), \quad (\mathcal{I}_0)_{ij} = \Lambda_j^0(\xi_{i_1}, \xi_{i_2}, \xi_{i_3}). \quad (2.60)$$

In summary, we obtain the following semi-discrete energy equation:

$$\dot{\mathbf{p}}^\top \mathbb{M}^0 \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{u}^\top \mathcal{A}^\top \mathbb{M}^1 \mathbb{G} \mathbf{r} - (\gamma - 1) \mathbf{u}^\top \mathbb{M}^1 \mathbb{G} \mathcal{S} \mathbf{r} = 0 \quad \forall \mathbf{r} \in \mathbb{R}^N \quad (2.61)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \mathbb{M}^0 \dot{\mathbf{p}} - \mathbb{G}^\top \mathbb{M}^1 \mathcal{A} \mathbf{u} - (\gamma - 1) \mathcal{S}^\top \mathbb{G}^\top \mathbb{M}^1 \mathbf{u} = 0. \quad (2.62)$$

### 3 Implementation

For simplicity we shall restrict ourselves on the moment on periodic boundary conditions in all directions as well as a smooth analytical mapping  $F : \hat{\Omega} \rightarrow \Omega$ .

#### 3.1 Discrete differential operators

We use uniform tensor product B-splines of degree  $p = (p_1, p_2, p_3)$  as a basis for the space  $V_0$  which are created from knot vectors  $\hat{T}^{p_\mu} = \{-p_\mu \Delta q_\mu, -(p_\mu - 1) \Delta q_\mu, \dots, 0, \Delta q_\mu, 2\Delta q_\mu, \dots, 1, 1 + \Delta q_\mu, \dots, 1 + p_\mu \Delta q_\mu\}$ , one for each of the coordinates on the logical domain  $\hat{\Omega}$ , i.e.  $\mu = \{1, 2, 3\}$ .  $\Delta q_\mu$  is just the element size of the discretized logical domain in  $\mu$ -direction. A family of B-splines is then recursively defined by

$$\hat{N}_{i_\mu}^{p_\mu}(q_\mu) = \frac{q_\mu - \hat{T}_{i_\mu}^{p_\mu}}{\hat{T}_{i_\mu+p_\mu}^{p_\mu} - \hat{T}_{i_\mu}^{p_\mu}} \hat{N}_{i_\mu}^{p_\mu-1}(q_\mu) + \frac{\hat{T}_{i_\mu+p_\mu+1}^{p_\mu} - q_\mu}{\hat{T}_{i_\mu+p_\mu+1}^{p_\mu} - \hat{T}_{i_\mu+1}^{p_\mu}} \hat{N}_{i_\mu+1}^{p_\mu-1}(q_\mu), \quad (3.1)$$

$$\hat{N}_{i_\mu}^0(q_\mu) = \begin{cases} 1 & q_\mu \in [\hat{T}_{i_\mu}^{p_\mu}, \hat{T}_{i_\mu+1}^{p_\mu}], \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}. \quad (3.2)$$

This defines a spline space with  $N_\mu = \text{len}(\hat{T}^{p_\mu}) - 2p_\mu - 1$  distinct B-splines. We will also need a compatible spline space of one degree less which is created from a reduced knot vector  $\hat{t}^{p_\mu-1} = \hat{T}^{p_\mu}(1 : -1)$ , i.e. from

deleting the first and last entry of the original knot vector. We denote the resulting spline family weighted with the element size  $\Delta q_\mu$  by  $\hat{D}_{i_\mu}^{p_\mu-1} = \hat{N}_{i_\mu}^{p_\mu-1}/\Delta q_\mu$ . Note that the reduced space has the same number of basis functions which is specific to periodic boundary conditions. With this choice for the reduced space, the derivative of a spline in the original space can simply be written as

$$(N_{i_\mu}^{p_\mu})'(q_\mu) = D_{i_\mu-1}^{p_\mu-1} - D_{i_\mu}^{p_\mu-1}. \quad (3.3)$$

This has the consequence that the derivative of a finite element field of the form

$$f_\mu(q_\mu) = \sum_{i_\mu} f_{i_\mu} N_{i_\mu}^{p_\mu}(q_\mu) \quad (3.4)$$

is just an operation on the vector of coefficients  $\mathbf{f}_\mu$  with a matrix that contains 1,-1 and 0 only, i.e.

$$(f_\mu)'(q_\mu) = \sum_{i_\mu} f_{i_\mu} (D_{i_\mu-1}^{p_\mu-1} - D_{i_\mu}^{p_\mu-1}) = \sum_{i_\mu} (f_{i_\mu+1} - f_{i_\mu}) D_{i_\mu}^{p_\mu-1} := \sum_{i_\mu} \hat{f}_{i_\mu} D_{i_\mu}^{p_\mu-1} \quad (3.5)$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{\mathbf{f}}_\mu = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & & & \\ & -1 & 1 & & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & & & & -1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{f}_\mu = \mathbb{G}_\mu \mathbf{f}_\mu, \quad \mathbb{G}_\mu \in \mathbb{R}^{N_\mu \times N_\mu} \quad (3.6)$$

If we use a tensor-product basis for functions in the space  $V_0$ , i.e. we write

$$f^0(q_1, q_2, q_3) = \sum_{i_1, i_2, i_3} f_{i_1 i_2 i_3} N_{i_1}^{p_1}(q_1) N_{i_2}^{p_2}(q_2) N_{i_3}^{p_3}(q_3), \quad (3.7)$$

we can construct the sequence:

$$N_{i_1}^{p_1} N_{i_2}^{p_2} N_{i_3}^{p_3} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{G}(\nabla)} \begin{pmatrix} D_{i_1}^{p_1-1} N_{i_2}^{p_2} N_{i_3}^{p_3} \\ N_{i_1}^{p_1} D_{i_2}^{p_2-1} N_{i_3}^{p_3} \\ N_{i_1}^{p_1} N_{i_2}^{p_2} D_{i_3}^{p_3-1} \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{C}(\nabla \times)} \begin{pmatrix} N_{i_1}^{p_1} D_{i_2}^{p_2-1} D_{i_3}^{p_3-1} \\ D_{i_1}^{p_1-1} N_{i_2}^{p_2} D_{i_3}^{p_3-1} \\ D_{i_1}^{p_1-1} D_{i_2}^{p_2-1} N_{i_3}^{p_3} \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{D}(\nabla \cdot)} D_{i_1}^{p_1-1} D_{i_2}^{p_2-1} D_{i_3}^{p_3-1}, \quad (3.8)$$

where the discrete derivatives are given by

$$\mathbb{G} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{G}_1 \otimes \mathbb{I}_{N_2} \otimes \mathbb{I}_{N_3} \\ \mathbb{I}_{N_1} \otimes \mathbb{G}_2 \otimes \mathbb{I}_{N_3} \\ \mathbb{I}_{N_1} \otimes \mathbb{I}_{N_2} \otimes \mathbb{G}_3 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{3N \times N}, \quad (3.9)$$

$$\mathbb{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\mathbb{I}_{N_1} \otimes \mathbb{I}_{N_2} \otimes \mathbb{G}_3 & \mathbb{I}_{N_1} \otimes \mathbb{G}_2 \otimes \mathbb{I}_{N_3} \\ \mathbb{I}_{N_1} \otimes \mathbb{I}_{N_2} \otimes \mathbb{G}_3 & 0 & -\mathbb{G}_1 \otimes \mathbb{I}_{N_2} \otimes \mathbb{I}_{N_3} \\ -\mathbb{I}_{N_1} \otimes \mathbb{G}_2 \otimes \mathbb{I}_{N_3} & \mathbb{G}_1 \otimes \mathbb{I}_{N_2} \otimes \mathbb{I}_{N_3} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{3N \times 3N}, \quad (3.10)$$

$$\mathbb{D} = (\mathbb{G}_1 \otimes \mathbb{I}_{N_2} \otimes \mathbb{I}_{N_3} \quad \mathbb{I}_{N_1} \otimes \mathbb{G}_2 \otimes \mathbb{I}_{N_3} \quad \mathbb{I}_{N_1} \otimes \mathbb{I}_{N_2} \otimes \mathbb{G}_3) \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times 3N}. \quad (3.11)$$

Here  $N = N_1 N_2 N_3$  is the total number of basis functions in the space  $V_0$ . Note that we have  $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{G} = 0$  and  $\mathbb{D}\mathbb{C} = 0$  which are just the discrete counterparts of the well-known identities  $\nabla \times (\nabla) = 0$  and  $\nabla \cdot (\nabla \times) = 0$ .

### 3.2 Projections

In order to perform projections on the right finite element spaces, we have to deal with interpolation and histopolation problems. For the latter, we need to perform integration between the so-called Greville points, one associated to every basis function. In the case of periodic boundary conditions, these points are just the element vertices for odd polynomial degrees and the element centers for even degrees. We use a Gauss-Legendre quadrature rule, which means that we first define a suitable set of quadrature points. If not specified differently, we use a quadrature rule of degree  $nq = \{p_1 + 1, p_2 + 1, p_3 + 1\}$ . We denote the set of global quadrature points and weights by  $\text{pts} = \{\text{pts}_1, \text{pts}_2, \text{pts}_3\}$  and  $\text{wts} = \{\text{wts}_1, \text{wts}_2, \text{wts}_3\}$ , respectively.

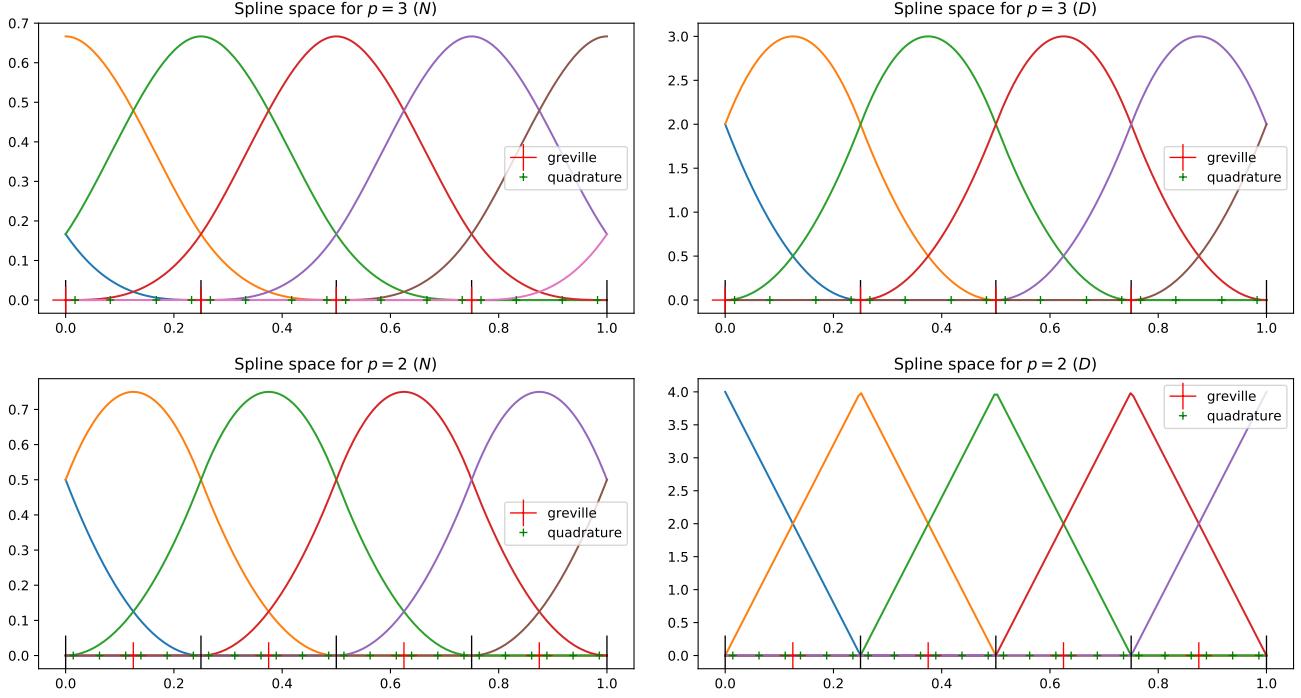


Figure 2: Periodic spline spaces with corresponding reduced spaces for odd (upper) and even (lower) polynomial degree.

#### 4 Test case 1: Shear Alfvén waves

The most simple first test case is the simulation of shear Alfvén waves in a homogeneous equilibrium and slab geometry. The latter means that we use a mapping of the form

$$F: \hat{\Omega} = [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow \Omega = [0, L_x] \times [0, L_y] \times [0, L_z], \quad \begin{pmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \\ q_3 \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} L_x q_1 \\ L_y q_2 \\ L_z q_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}. \quad (4.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{g} = \sqrt{\det G} = L_x L_y L_z, \quad \mathcal{W} = \rho_{0,123} / \sqrt{g} \mathbb{I}, \quad (4.2)$$

where  $\mathbb{I}$  denotes the identity and  $\rho_{0,123}$  is the (constant) component of the prescribed background density volume form. Due to the fact that shear Alfvén waves are pure transverse waves with perturbations in the magnetic field and the velocity and no perturbations in the density and the pressure, only the momentum and induction equation are needed. For this case, the semi-discrete system takes the reduced form

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u} \\ \mathbf{b} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sqrt{g} (\mathbb{M}^1)^{-1} \mathcal{T}^\top \mathbb{C}^\top \mathbb{M}^2 / (\mu_0 \rho_{0,123}) \\ -\mathbb{C} \mathcal{T} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u} \\ \mathbf{b} \end{pmatrix} = \mathbb{A} \mathbf{S}, \quad (4.3)$$

which the state vector  $\mathbf{S} = (\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{b})$ . If we additionally introduce the total energy

$$\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_U + \mathcal{H}_B = \frac{1}{2} (*\rho_0 U^1, U^1) + \frac{1}{2\mu_0} (B^2, B^2) \approx \frac{1}{2} \rho_{0,123} / \sqrt{g} \mathbf{u}^\top \mathbb{M}^1 \mathbf{u} + \frac{1}{2\mu_0} \mathbf{b}^\top \mathbb{M}^2 \mathbf{b}, \quad (4.4)$$

we can write the system in the canonical Hamiltonian form

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{S}}{\partial t} = \mathbb{J} \nabla_{\mathbf{S}} H \Leftrightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u} \\ \mathbf{b} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sqrt{g} (\mathbb{M}^1)^{-1} \mathcal{T}^\top \mathbb{C}^\top / \rho_{0,123} \\ -\sqrt{g} \mathbb{C} \mathcal{T} (\mathbb{M}^1)^{-1} / \rho_{0,123} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \rho_{0,123} / \sqrt{g} \mathbb{M}^1 \mathbf{u} \\ \mathbb{M}^2 \mathbf{b} / \mu_0 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (4.5)$$

We observe that the resulting Poisson matrix is skew-symmetric  $\mathbb{J}^\top = -\mathbb{J}$  which means that the Hamiltonian is conserved by the dynamics:

$$\frac{d\mathcal{H}}{dt} = \nabla_{\mathbf{S}} \mathcal{H}^\top \frac{\partial \mathbf{S}}{\partial t} = \nabla_{\mathbf{S}} \mathcal{H}^\top \mathbb{J} \nabla_{\mathbf{S}} \mathcal{H} = -\nabla_{\mathbf{S}} \mathcal{H}^\top \mathbb{J} \nabla_{\mathbf{S}} \mathcal{H} = 0. \quad (4.6)$$

Finally, it is worth reminding ourselves that in our framework the background density and the background magnetic field must be forms. This means that if one prescribes a scalar and vector field in physical coordinates, one must first compute the components in logical coordinates followed by relating them to the components of the form:

$$\tilde{\mathbf{B}}_0(\mathbf{x}) = B_{0x}(\mathbf{x})\mathbf{e}_x + B_{0y}(\mathbf{x})\mathbf{e}_y + B_{0z}(\mathbf{x})\mathbf{e}_z = DF(F^{-1}(\mathbf{x}))\mathbf{B}_0(F^{-1}(\mathbf{x})) \quad (4.7)$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{\mathbf{B}}_0 = o\sqrt{g}DF^{-1}\tilde{\mathbf{B}}_0 \quad (4.8)$$

$$\tilde{\rho}_0 = \tilde{\rho}_0(\mathbf{x}) \quad (4.9)$$

$$\Rightarrow \rho_{0,123}(\mathbf{q}) = \sqrt{g}\tilde{\rho}(\mathbf{x}), \quad (4.10)$$

where quantities with a tilde are on the physical domain.

## 4.1 Time discretization

Since we are dealing with a Hamiltonian system, there are some natural choices for integrating the dynamical system in time: First, we shall look at the Hamiltonian splitting which consists of splitting the Hamiltonian in  $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_U + \mathcal{H}_B$  while keeping the full Poisson matrix. Second, we shall use a discrete gradient method which should yield exact energy conservation.

### 4.1.1 Hamiltonian splitting

Splitting the Hamiltonian in the aforementioned way leads to the two sub-systems

$$\mathcal{H}_U : \mathbb{J}\nabla_{\mathbf{S}}\mathcal{H}_U = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -\mathbb{C}\mathcal{T}\mathbf{u} \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.11)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{b}(t) = \mathbf{b}(t_0) - t\mathbb{C}\mathcal{T}\mathbf{u}, \quad (4.12)$$

$$\mathcal{H}_B : \mathbb{J}\nabla_{\mathbf{S}}\mathcal{H}_U = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{g}(\mathbb{M}^1)^{-1}\mathcal{T}^\top\mathbb{C}^\top\mathbb{M}^2/(\mu_0\rho_{0,123})\mathbf{b} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.13)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{u}(t) = \mathbf{u}(t_0) + t\sqrt{g}(\mathbb{M}^1)^{-1}\mathcal{T}^\top\mathbb{C}^\top\mathbb{M}^2/(\mu_0\rho_{0,123})\mathbf{b}, \quad (4.14)$$

which can easily be solved analytically.

### 4.1.2 Discrete gradient method

Denoting the  $n$ -th time step by  $t_n = n\Delta t$  and using an implicit midpoint rule gives the energy conserving method

$$\frac{\mathbf{S}^{n+1} - \mathbf{S}^n}{\Delta t} = \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{A}(\mathbf{S}^{n+1} + \mathbf{S}^n) \Leftrightarrow (\mathbb{I} - \frac{\Delta t}{2}\mathbb{A})\mathbf{S}^{n+1} = (\mathbb{I} + \frac{\Delta t}{2}\mathbb{A})\mathbf{S}^n, \quad (4.15)$$

which allows larger time steps but has the drawback of solving a linear system in each time step.

## 5 Test case 2: Full system

As a next step, we can simulate the full system, however still in slab geometry with periodic boundary conditions and a homogeneous equilibrium. Without loss of generality we can align the  $z$ -axis of our coordinate system to the direction of wave propagation ( $\mathbf{k} = k\mathbf{e}_z$ ). In this case one can derive the dispersion relations

$$\omega_M^\pm(k)^2 = \frac{1}{2}k^2(c_S^2 + v_A^2)(1 \pm \sqrt{1 - \delta}), \quad \delta = \frac{4B_{0z}^2c_S^2v_A^2}{(c_S^2 + v_A^2)^2B_0^2}, \quad c_S^2 = \frac{\gamma p_0}{\rho_0}, \quad v_A^2 = \frac{B_0^2}{\mu_0\rho_0}, \quad (5.1)$$

$$\omega_S^2(k) = v_A^2k^2\cos^2\vartheta = v_A^2k^2\frac{B_{0z}}{B_0}, \quad (5.2)$$

where we have defined the two characteristic velocities in the system, that is the sound speed  $c_S$  and the Alfvén velocity  $v_A$ , respectively. Hence there can be three types of waves depending on the orientation of the

background magnetic field  $\mathbf{B}_0$ . The two waves corresponding to  $\omega_M^\pm$  are referred to as the fast (+) and slow (-) magnetosonic wave, whereas the wave corresponding to  $\omega_S$  is the already known shear Alfvén wave. In the special case of  $\mathbf{B}_0 = B_0 \mathbf{e}_z$ , the slow magnetosonic wave is just a "normal" sound wave with perturbations parallel to the direction of propagation (longitudinal wave) and the fast magnetosonic wave is identical to the shear Alfvén wave which is a transverse wave. If the background magnetic field is perpendicular to the direction of propagation, i.e. lies in the  $xy$ -plane, there is only the fast magnetosonic wave (or compressional Alfvén wave). The semi-discrete system which should be able to describe these waves reads

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \begin{pmatrix} \rho \\ \mathbf{u} \\ \mathbf{b} \\ \mathbf{p} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\mathbb{D}\mathcal{Q} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sqrt{g}(\mathbb{M}^1)^{-1}\mathcal{T}^\top \mathbb{C}^\top \mathbb{M}^2 / (\mu_0 \rho_{0,123}) & -\sqrt{g}\mathbb{G}/\rho_{0,123} \\ 0 & -\mathbb{C}\mathcal{T} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & p_0 \gamma(\mathbb{M}^0)^{-1}\mathbb{G}^\top \mathbb{M}^1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \rho \\ \mathbf{u} \\ \mathbf{b} \\ \mathbf{p} \end{pmatrix}. \quad (5.3)$$

We shall test different time integration schemes for this system. However, let us have a look at the energy

$$\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_U + \mathcal{H}_B + \mathcal{H}_p = \frac{1}{2}(*\rho_0 U^1, U^1) + \frac{1}{2\mu_0}(B^2, B^2) + \frac{1}{\gamma-1}(p^0, 1) \quad (5.4)$$

$$\approx \frac{\rho_{0,123}}{2\sqrt{g}} \mathbf{u}^\top \mathbb{M}^1 \mathbf{u} + \frac{1}{2\mu_0} \mathbf{b}^\top \mathbb{M}^2 \mathbf{b} + \frac{1}{\gamma-1} \mathbf{p}^\top \mathbb{M}^0 \mathbf{1} \quad (5.5)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\mathcal{H}}{dt} = -\mathbf{u}^\top \mathbb{M}^1 \mathbb{G} \mathbf{p} + \frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1} \mathbf{u}^\top \mathbb{M}^1 \mathbb{G} \mathbf{p}_0 \quad (5.6)$$

## 6 Adding a kinetic species

### 6.1 Full orbit current coupling scheme

We shall first study the coupling of ideal MHD to the full Vlasov equation and compare the results later to the reduced kinetic models. Although we have  $\mathbf{E} = -\mathbf{U} \times \mathbf{B}$  in ideal MHD, we assume for the moment a general electric field and thus describe the kinetic component by

$$\frac{\partial f_h}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla f_h + \frac{q_h}{m_h} (\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}) \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{v}} f_h = 0, \quad (6.1)$$

which, after linearization about an homogeneous (in space) equilibrium  $f_h^0 = f_h(v_{||}, v_{\perp})$ , amounts to

$$\frac{\partial f_h}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla f_h + \Omega_{ch}(\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{e}_z) \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{v}} f_h = -\frac{q_h}{m_h} (\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}) \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{v}} f_h^0. \quad (6.2)$$

The solution of this equation leads to an Ohm's law of the form

$$\hat{\mathbf{j}}_h = \begin{pmatrix} -i \frac{q_h^2}{m_h} \int \frac{v_{\perp}(\omega - kv_{||}) \hat{G} f_h^0}{2\Omega_+ \Omega_-} d^3 v & \frac{q_h^2}{m_h} \Omega_{ch} \int \frac{v_{\perp} \hat{G} f_h^0}{2\Omega_+ \Omega_-} d^3 v & 0 \\ -\frac{q_h^2}{m_h} \Omega_{ch} \int \frac{v_{\perp} \hat{G} f_h^0}{2\Omega_+ \Omega_-} d^3 v & -i \frac{q_h^2}{m_h} \int \frac{v_{\perp}(\omega - kv_{||}) \hat{G} f_h^0}{2\Omega_+ \Omega_-} d^3 v & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -i \frac{q_h^2}{m_h} \int \frac{v_{||} \partial_{||} f_h^0}{\omega - kv_{||}} d^3 v \end{pmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{E}} =: \sigma_h(k, \omega) \hat{\mathbf{E}}. \quad (6.3)$$

We make now use of the fact that  $\hat{\mathbf{E}} = -B_0 \hat{\mathbf{U}} \times \mathbf{e}_z$  in ideal MHD. This yields a pure transverse current with components

$$\hat{j}_{hx} = -\sigma_{hxx} B_0 U_y + \sigma_{hxy} B_0 U_x \quad (6.4)$$

$$\hat{j}_{hy} = -\sigma_{hyx} B_0 U_y + \sigma_{hyy} B_0 U_x. \quad (6.5)$$

The momentum balance equation then reads

$$-i\omega \hat{\mathbf{U}} + i \frac{v_A^2 k^2}{\omega} \hat{\mathbf{U}}_{\perp} + i \frac{c_S^2 k^2}{\omega} \mathbf{e}_z \hat{U}_{||} = \nu_h \Omega_{ch} \hat{\mathbf{U}} \times \mathbf{e}_z + \frac{B_0}{\rho_0} (\mathbf{e}_z \times \hat{\mathbf{j}}_h) \quad (6.6)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \omega^2 - v_A^2 k^2 + i\mu_0 v_A^2 \sigma_{hyx} \omega & -i(\nu_h \Omega_{ch} \omega + \mu_0 v_A^2 \sigma_{hyx} \omega) & 0 \\ i(\nu_h \Omega_{ch} \omega - \mu_0 v_A^2 \sigma_{hxy} \omega) & \omega^2 - v_A^2 k^2 + i\mu_0 v_A^2 \sigma_{hxx} \omega & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \omega^2 - c_S^2 k^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{U}_x \\ \hat{U}_y \\ \hat{U}_{||} \end{pmatrix} = 0, \quad (6.7)$$

which leads to the dispersion relations

$$D_{R/L}(k, \omega) = 1 - \frac{v_A^2 k^2}{\omega^2} \pm \frac{\nu_h \Omega_{ch}}{\omega} + \frac{\nu_h \Omega_{ch}^2 Z_h^2}{A_h \omega} \int \frac{v_{\perp}}{2} \frac{\hat{G} F_h^0}{\omega - kv_{||} \pm \Omega_{ch}} d^3 v = 0. \quad (6.8)$$

Assuming a shifted, isotropic Maxwellian of the form

$$F_h^0 = \frac{1}{\pi^{3/2} v_{th}^3} \exp \left( -\frac{(v_{||} - v_0)^2 + v_{\perp}^2}{v_{th}^2} \right) \quad (6.9)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial F_h^0}{\partial v_{||}} = -F_h^0 \frac{2}{v_{th}^2} (v_{||} - v_0) \quad (6.10)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial F_h^0}{\partial v_{\perp}} = -F_h^0 \frac{2}{v_{th}^2} v_{\perp} \quad (6.11)$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{G} F_h^0 = -F_h^0 \frac{2}{v_{th}^2} v_{\perp} + \frac{k}{\omega} F_h^0 \frac{2}{v_{th}^2} v_{\perp} v_0 \quad (6.12)$$

$$\Rightarrow \pi \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\pi^{3/2} v_{th}^3} \begin{pmatrix} v_{\perp} \\ v_{\perp}^2 \\ v_{\perp}^3 \end{pmatrix} \exp \left( -\frac{v_{\perp}^2}{v_{th}^2} \right) dv_{\perp} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/(2v_{th}^2) \\ 1/(2v_{th}\sqrt{\pi}) \\ 1/4 \\ v_{th}/(2\sqrt{\pi}) \end{pmatrix}, \quad (6.13)$$

finally leads to

$$D_{R/L}(k, \omega) = 1 - \frac{v_A^2 k^2}{\omega^2} \pm \frac{\nu_h \Omega_{ch}}{\omega} + \frac{\nu_h \Omega_{ch}^2 Z_h^2}{A_h \omega^2} \frac{\omega - kv_0}{kv_{th}} Z(\xi^\pm), \quad (6.14)$$

where  $Z$  is the plasma dispersion function and  $\xi^\pm = (\omega - kv_0 \pm \Omega_{ch})/(kv_{th})$ . Compared to the pure MHD case, we now have to deal with a new linearized momentum balance equation of the form

$$\rho_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{U}}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} (\nabla \times \mathbf{B}_0) \times \mathbf{B} + \frac{1}{\mu_0} (\nabla \times \mathbf{B}) \times \mathbf{B}_0 - \nabla p + q_h n_{h0} \mathbf{U} \times \mathbf{B}_t - \mathbf{j}_h \times \mathbf{B}_t \quad (6.15)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (*\rho_0) \frac{\partial U^1}{\partial t} + dp^0 = \frac{1}{\mu_0} i_{\#*B_0} d * B^2 - q_h (*n_h^3) i_{\#U^1} B^2 + i_{\#j_h^1} B^2, \quad (6.16)$$

where  $\mathbf{B}_t$  denotes the total magnetic field, i.e. the background and fluctuation field. To discretize the equation, we assume a particle-like distribution function in physical space:

$$f_h = f_h(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}) \approx \sum_k w_k \delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_k(t)) \delta(\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{v}_k(t)). \quad (6.17)$$

This means that the number density, current density and energy density in physical space are given by

$$\tilde{n}_h(t, \mathbf{x}) = \sum_k w_k \delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_k(t)), \quad (6.18)$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{j}}_h(t, \mathbf{x}) = q_h \sum_k w_k \mathbf{v}_k(t) \delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_k(t)), \quad (6.19)$$

$$\tilde{\epsilon}_h(t, \mathbf{x}) = \sum_k w_k v_k^2(t) \delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_k(t)). \quad (6.20)$$

Since there is no difference between vectors and forms in physical space, these expression are as well the components of the 3-form number density, the 1-form current density and the 3-form energy density. To get the components on the logical domain we apply the transformation formulas for 3-forms, respectively 1-forms:

$$n_{h,123}(t, \mathbf{q}) = \sqrt{g} \tilde{n}_h(t, F(\mathbf{q})) = \sum_k w_k \delta(\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{q}_k(t)), \quad (6.21)$$

$$\mathbf{j}_h(t, \mathbf{q}) = DF^\top \tilde{\mathbf{j}}_h(t, F(\mathbf{q})) = q_h \frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} DF^\top \sum_k w_k \mathbf{v}_k(t) \delta(\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{q}_k(t)), \quad (6.22)$$

$$\epsilon_{h,123}(t, \mathbf{q}) = \sqrt{g} \tilde{\epsilon}_h(t, F(\mathbf{q})) = \sum_k w_k v_k^2(t) \delta(\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{q}_k(t)), \quad (6.23)$$

where we made use of the transformation formula

$$\delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_k(t)) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} \delta(\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{q}_k(t)). \quad (6.24)$$

Using these results in the weak formulation of the momentum balance equation we get for the term involving the current density

$$\left( i_{\#j_h^1} B^2, V^1 \right) = \int_{\hat{\Omega}} (\hat{\mathbf{B}} \times G^{-1} \mathbf{j}_h)^\top G^{-1} \mathbf{V} \sqrt{g} d^3 q \approx q_h \sum_k w_k \mathbf{V}_h^\top(\mathbf{q}_k) G^{-1} (\hat{\mathbf{B}}_h(\mathbf{q}_k) \times DF^{-1} \mathbf{v}_k), \quad (6.25)$$

$$= q_h \mathbf{v}^\top \mathbb{P}_1 \mathbb{W} \tilde{G}^{-1} \hat{\mathbb{B}} D F^{-1} \mathbf{V} \quad \forall \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^{3N}. \quad (6.26)$$

Here we defined the antisymmetric block matrix

$$\hat{\mathbb{B}} = \hat{\mathbb{B}}(\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{Q}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\text{diag}[\mathbb{P}_3^{2\top}(\mathbf{Q}) \mathbf{b}_3] & \text{diag}[\mathbb{P}_2^{2\top}(\mathbf{Q}) \mathbf{b}_2] \\ \text{diag}[\mathbb{P}_3^{2\top}(\mathbf{Q}) \mathbf{b}_3] & 0 & -\text{diag}[\mathbb{P}_1^{2\top}(\mathbf{Q}) \mathbf{b}_1] \\ -\text{diag}[\mathbb{P}_2^{2\top}(\mathbf{Q}) \mathbf{b}_2] & \text{diag}[\mathbb{P}_1^{2\top}(\mathbf{Q}) \mathbf{b}_1] & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{3N_p \times 3N_p}, \quad (6.27)$$

where  $(\mathbb{P}_{1/2/3}^2)_{ik} = \Lambda_{1/2/3,i}^2(\mathbf{q}_k) \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N_p}$  and  $\mathbf{Q} \in \mathbb{R}^{3N_p}$  is the vector holding all particle positions. Moreover,

$$\mathbf{V} = (v_{1x}, v_{2x}, \dots, v_{N_p x}, v_{1y}, v_{2y}, \dots, v_{N_p y}, v_{1z}, v_{2z}, \dots, v_{N_p z})^\top \in \mathbb{R}^{3N_p}, \quad (6.28)$$

$$\mathbb{W} = \begin{pmatrix} \text{diag}(w_1, \dots, w_{N_p}) & & \\ & \text{diag}(w_1, \dots, w_{N_p}) & \\ & & \text{diag}(w_1, \dots, w_{N_p}) \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{3N_p \times 3N_p}, \quad (6.29)$$

$$\mathbb{P}^1 = \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbf{Q}) = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{P}_1^1(\mathbf{Q}) & & \\ & \mathbb{P}_2^1(\mathbf{Q}) & \\ & & \mathbb{P}_3^1(\mathbf{Q}) \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{3N \times 3N_p}. \quad (6.30)$$

$$\tilde{G}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \text{diag}(G^{11}(\mathbf{Q})) & \text{diag}(G^{12}(\mathbf{Q})) & \text{diag}(G^{13}(\mathbf{Q})) \\ \text{diag}(G^{21}(\mathbf{Q})) & \text{diag}(G^{22}(\mathbf{Q})) & \text{diag}(G^{23}(\mathbf{Q})) \\ \text{diag}(G^{31}(\mathbf{Q})) & \text{diag}(G^{32}(\mathbf{Q})) & \text{diag}(G^{33}(\mathbf{Q})) \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{3N_p \times 3N_p}, \quad (6.31)$$

$$\tilde{DF}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \text{diag}(DF^{11}(\mathbf{Q})) & \text{diag}(DF^{12}(\mathbf{Q})) & \text{diag}(DF^{13}(\mathbf{Q})) \\ \text{diag}(DF^{21}(\mathbf{Q})) & \text{diag}(DF^{22}(\mathbf{Q})) & \text{diag}(DF^{23}(\mathbf{Q})) \\ \text{diag}(DF^{31}(\mathbf{Q})) & \text{diag}(DF^{32}(\mathbf{Q})) & \text{diag}(DF^{33}(\mathbf{Q})) \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{3N_p \times 3N_p}. \quad (6.32)$$

The second term involving the number density amounts to

$$q_h ((*n_h^3) i_{\#U^1} B^2, V^1) = q_h \int_{\hat{\Omega}} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} n_{h,123} \hat{\mathbf{B}} \times G^{-1} \mathbf{U} \right)^\top G^{-1} \mathbf{V} \sqrt{g} d^3 q \quad (6.33)$$

$$\approx q_h \sum_k w_k \mathbf{V}_h^\top(\mathbf{q}_k) G^{-1} (\hat{\mathbf{B}}_h(\mathbf{q}_k) \times G^{-1} \mathbf{U}_h(\mathbf{q}_k)) = q_h \mathbf{v}^\top \mathbb{P}_1 \mathbb{W} \tilde{G}^{-1} \hat{\mathbb{B}} \tilde{G}^{-1} \mathbb{P}_1^\top \mathbf{u} \quad \forall \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^{3N}, \quad (6.34)$$

which is clearly antisymmetric. Finally, we have to write the particles' equations of motion, which read for a single particle with logical coordinate  $\mathbf{q}_k$  and physical velocity  $\mathbf{v}_k$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{q}_k}{dt} = DF^{-1} \mathbf{v}_k, \quad (6.35)$$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{v}_k}{dt} = \frac{q_h}{m_h} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} DF \hat{\mathbf{B}}_h(\mathbf{q}_k) \times DF^{-\top} \mathbf{U}_h(\mathbf{q}_k) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} DF \hat{\mathbf{B}}_h(\mathbf{q}_k) \times \mathbf{v}_k \right). \quad (6.36)$$

$$= \frac{q_h}{m_h} \left( DF^{-\top} (\hat{\mathbf{B}}_h(\mathbf{q}_k) \times G^{-1} \mathbf{U}_h(\mathbf{q}_k)) - DF^{-\top} (\hat{\mathbf{B}}_h(\mathbf{q}_k) \times DF^{-1} \mathbf{v}_k) \right), \quad (6.37)$$

where we used the identity  $A\mathbf{b} \times A\mathbf{c} = \det(A)A^{-\top}(\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c})$  from vector algebra. Writing the above equation of motion in maxtrix-vector form for all particles yields

$$\frac{d\mathbf{Q}}{dt} = \tilde{DF}^{-1} \mathbf{V}, \quad (6.38)$$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{V}}{dt} = \frac{q_h}{m_h} \left( \tilde{DF}^{-\top} \hat{\mathbb{B}} \tilde{G}^{-1} \mathbb{P}_1^\top \mathbf{u} - \tilde{DF}^{-\top} \hat{\mathbb{B}} \tilde{D}\tilde{F}^{-1} \mathbf{V} \right). \quad (6.39)$$

In the last two equations we have again negelcted all terms arising form the mapping. Next, let us introduce the discrete Hamiltonian in the case of incompressible shear Alfvén waves

$$\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_U + \mathcal{H}_B + \mathcal{H}_h \approx \frac{1}{2} \rho_0 \mathbf{u}^\top \mathbb{M}^1 \mathbf{u} + \frac{1}{2\mu_0} \mathbf{b}^\top \mathbb{M}^2 \mathbf{b} + \frac{m_h}{2} \mathbf{V}^\top \mathbb{W} \mathbf{V}, \quad (6.40)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u} \\ \mathbf{b} \\ \mathbf{Q} \\ \mathbf{V} \end{pmatrix} = \mathbb{J} \nabla \mathcal{H} = \mathbb{J} \begin{pmatrix} \rho_0 \mathbb{M}^1 \mathbf{u} \\ \mathbb{M}^2 \mathbf{b} / \mu_0 \\ 0 \\ m_h \mathbb{W} \mathbf{V} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (6.41)$$

$$\mathbb{J} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{q_h}{\rho_0^2} \mathbb{M}^{-1} \mathbb{P}_1 \mathbb{W} \tilde{G}^{-1} \hat{\mathbb{B}} \tilde{G}^{-1} \mathbb{P}_1^\top \mathbb{M}^{-1} & \frac{1}{\rho_0} \mathbb{M}^{-1} \mathcal{T}^\top \mathbb{C}^\top & 0 & \frac{q_h}{\rho_0 m_h} \mathbb{M}^{-1} \mathbb{P}_1 \tilde{G}^{-1} \hat{\mathbb{B}} \tilde{D}\tilde{F}^{-1} \\ -\frac{1}{\rho_0} \mathbb{C} \mathcal{T} \mathbb{M}^{-1} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{m_h} \mathbb{W}^{-1} \\ \frac{q_h}{\rho_0 m_h} \tilde{D}\tilde{F}^{-\top} \hat{\mathbb{B}} \tilde{G}^{-1} \mathbb{P}_1^\top \mathbb{M}^{-1} & 0 & -\frac{1}{m_h} \mathbb{W}^{-1} & \frac{q_h}{m_h^2} \tilde{D}\tilde{F}^{-\top} \hat{\mathbb{B}} \tilde{D}\tilde{F}^{-1} \mathbb{W}^{-1} \end{pmatrix}. \quad (6.42)$$

We end up with an antisymmetric Poisson matrix meaning that the discrete Hamiltonian is conserved. Assuming that the the Poisson matrix satisfies the Jacobi identity, we perform once more a Hamiltonian splitting to advance the system in time. Consequently, we split the Hamiltonian into the 7 parts

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{H} &= \mathcal{H}_{U1} + \mathcal{H}_{U2} + \mathcal{H}_{U3} + \mathcal{H}_B + \mathcal{H}_{hx} + \mathcal{H}_{hy} + \mathcal{H}_{hz} \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\rho_0 \sum_{\mu=1}^3 \mathbf{u}_\mu^\top \mathbb{M}_{\mu\mu}^1 \mathbf{u}_\mu + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2\rho_0} \mathbf{b}^\top \mathbb{M}^2 \mathbf{b} + \frac{m_h}{2} \sum_{\mu=1}^3 \mathbf{V}_\mu^\top \mathbb{W}_\mu \mathbf{V}_\mu.\end{aligned}$$

This yields the following sub-systems:

**Problem 1.** For  $t \in [0, \Delta t]$  and  $\mathbf{s}(t = 0) = \mathbf{s}^0$  we have,

$$\frac{d\mathbf{s}}{dt} = \mathbb{J}(\mathbf{s}) \nabla_{\mathbf{s}} \mathcal{H}_{U1}(\mathbf{s}), \quad (6.43)$$

where

$$\mathcal{H}_{U1}(\mathbf{s}) = \frac{1}{2}\rho_0 \mathbf{u}_1^\top \mathbb{M}_{11}^1 \mathbf{u}_1^1. \quad (6.44)$$

This can be solved analytically as

$$\frac{d\mathbf{u}_1}{dt} = 0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{u}_1(\Delta t) = \mathbf{u}_1^0, \quad (6.45a)$$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{u}_2}{dt} = \frac{q_h}{\rho_0} \mathbb{M}_{22}^{-1} \mathbb{P}_2^1 \mathbb{W}_2 \hat{\mathbb{B}}_{21} \mathbb{P}_1^{1\top} \mathbf{u}_1 \Rightarrow \mathbf{u}_2(\Delta t) = \mathbf{u}_2^0 + \Delta t \frac{q_h}{\rho_0} \mathbb{M}_{22}^{-1} \mathbb{P}_2^1 \mathbb{W}_2 \hat{\mathbb{B}}_{21} \mathbb{P}_1^{1\top} \mathbf{u}_1^0, \quad (6.45b)$$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{u}_3}{dt} = -\frac{q_h}{\rho_0} \mathbb{M}_{33}^{-1} \mathbb{P}_3^1 \mathbb{W}_3 \hat{\mathbb{B}}_{31} \mathbb{P}_1^{1\top} \mathbf{u}_1 \Rightarrow \mathbf{u}_3(\Delta t) = \mathbf{u}_3^0 + \Delta t \frac{q_h}{\rho_0} \mathbb{M}_{33}^{-1} \mathbb{P}_3^1 \mathbb{W}_3 \hat{\mathbb{B}}_{31} \mathbb{P}_1^{1\top} \mathbf{u}_1^0, \quad (6.45c)$$

$$(6.45d)$$

The corresponding integrator is denoted by  $\mathbf{s}(\Delta t) = \Phi_{\Delta t}^{U1}(\mathbf{s}^0)$ .

## 6.2 Current coupling scheme

In this section we add a species of fast particles described by a drift-kinetic equation (in the following DK equation) to the ideal MHD equations and derive the corresponding dispersion relation for parallel wave propagation to look for possible instabilities. The DK equation can be obtained by a guiding center approach where the fast gyromotion around the magnetic field lines is systematically eliminated such that one only works on time scales governed by the slower drift motion of the guiding center. The DK equation for the drift-kinetic distribution function  $f_h^D = f_h^D(\mathbf{x}, v_\parallel, \hat{\mu}, t)$  (the "h" stands for "hot") reads

$$\frac{\partial f_h^D}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u}_g \cdot \nabla f_h^D + E_g \frac{\partial f_h^D}{\partial v_\parallel} = 0, \quad (6.46)$$

where

$$\mathbf{u}_g = v_\parallel \frac{\mathbf{B}^*}{B_\parallel^*} + \frac{\mathbf{E}^* \times \mathbf{b}}{B_\parallel^*}, \quad E_g = \frac{q_h}{m_h} \frac{\mathbf{E}^* \cdot \mathbf{B}^*}{B_\parallel^*}. \quad (6.47)$$

$q_h$  and  $m_h$  stand for the hot particle's charge and mass, respectively, and

$$\mathbf{B}^* = \mathbf{B} + \frac{m_h}{q_h} v_{\parallel} \nabla \times \mathbf{b}, \quad \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{B}/B, \quad B_{\parallel}^* = \mathbf{B}^* \cdot \mathbf{b}, \quad (6.48a)$$

$$\mathbf{E}^* = -\mathbf{U} \times \mathbf{B} - \frac{m_h}{q_h} \hat{\mu} \nabla B - \frac{m_h}{q_h} v_{\parallel} \frac{\partial \mathbf{b}}{\partial t}, \quad (6.48b)$$

$$n_h^D = \int_{\hat{\mu}} f_h^D B_{\parallel}^* dv_{\parallel}, \quad (6.48c)$$

$$\mathbf{j}_h^D = q_h \int_{\hat{\mu}} \mathbf{u}_g f_h^D B_{\parallel}^* dv_{\parallel} + \nabla \times \mathbf{M}, \quad (6.48d)$$

$$\mathbf{M} = -m_h \int_{\hat{\mu}} \left[ \hat{\mu} \mathbf{b} - \frac{v_{\parallel}}{B} \mathbf{u}_{g\perp} \right] f_h^D B_{\parallel}^* dv_{\parallel}, \quad (6.48e)$$

$$\mathbf{u}_{g\perp} = v_{\parallel} \frac{\mathbf{B}_{\perp}^*}{B_{\parallel}^*} + \frac{\mathbf{E}^* \times \mathbf{b}}{B_{\parallel}^*} = -\frac{m_h v_{\parallel}^2}{q_h B_{\parallel}^*} \mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{b} \times \nabla \times \mathbf{b} + \frac{\mathbf{E}^* \times \mathbf{b}}{B_{\parallel}^*}. \quad (6.48f)$$

For integrations over velocity space we introduced the abbreviation

$$\int_{\hat{\mu}} \dots dv_{\parallel} = 2\pi \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} \dots dv_{\parallel} d\hat{\mu}. \quad (6.49)$$

The coupling to the fluid bulk plasma is done via a current-coupling scheme (CCS) which leads to a modified momentum balance equation of the form

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{U}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{U} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{U} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \frac{\nabla \times \mathbf{B}}{\rho} \times \mathbf{B} - \frac{\nabla p}{\rho} + \frac{q_h n_h^D \mathbf{U} - \mathbf{j}_h^D}{\rho} \times \mathbf{B}. \quad (6.50)$$

We linearize the extended model about a known homogeneous (in space) equilibrium, i.e. we write  $f_h^D = f_{h0}^D + f_{h1}^D$  and use a shifted Maxwellian for the DK equilibrium distribution function:

$$f_{h0}^D = n_{h0} \left( \frac{m_h}{2\pi T_{\parallel}} \right)^{3/2} \exp \left( -\frac{m_h(v_{\parallel} - v_0)^2 + 2m_h \hat{\mu} B_0}{2T_{\parallel}} \right) \quad (6.51)$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{\hat{\mu}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ v_{\parallel} \\ v_{\parallel}^2 \\ v_{\parallel}^3 \end{pmatrix} f_{h0}^D B_0 dv_{\parallel} = \begin{pmatrix} n_{h0} \\ n_{h0} v_0 \\ n_{h0} T_{\parallel}/m_h + n_{h0} v_0^2 \\ 3v_0 n_{h0} T_{\parallel}/m_h + n_{h0} v_0^3 \end{pmatrix} =: \begin{pmatrix} n_{h0} \\ n_{h0} v_0 \\ p_{\parallel}/m_h \\ \tilde{p}_{\parallel}/m_h \end{pmatrix} \quad (6.52)$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{\hat{\mu}} \hat{\mu} f_{h0}^D B_0 dv_{\parallel} = \frac{n_{h0} T_{\parallel}}{m_h B_0} =: \frac{p_{\perp}}{m_h B_0}. \quad (6.53)$$

Furthermore, we assume the magnetic field to point in  $z$ -direction, i.e. we have  $\mathbf{B} = B_0 \mathbf{e}_z + \mathbf{B}_1$ .

### 6.2.1 Linearized drift-kinetic equation

Let us start with the calculation of the linearized DK equation. After separating the distribution function into an equilibrium part and a small fluctuation and upon neglecting nonlinear terms in the latter, we obtain

$$\frac{\partial f_{h1}^D}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u}_{g0} \cdot \nabla f_{h1}^D = -E_{g1} \frac{\partial f_{h0}^D}{\partial v_{\parallel}}. \quad (6.54)$$

To find  $\mathbf{u}_{g0}$  and  $E_{g1}$  we have to systematically linearize all quantities related to the magnetic field. To identify orders in a Taylor expansion more easily, we use the small dimensionless parameter  $\epsilon \ll 1$  to write

$$B = \sqrt{(\mathbf{B}_0 + \epsilon \mathbf{B}_1)^2} = \sqrt{B_0^2 + 2\epsilon \mathbf{B}_0 \cdot \mathbf{B}_1 + \epsilon^2 B_1^2} \quad (6.55)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{B} = \frac{1}{B_0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + 2\epsilon \mathbf{B}_0 \cdot \mathbf{B}_1 / B_0^2 + \epsilon^2 B_1^2 / B_0^2}} = \frac{1}{B_0} (1 - \epsilon \mathbf{B}_0 \cdot \mathbf{B}_1 / B_0^2 + O(\epsilon^2)) \quad (6.56)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{b} = (\mathbf{B}_0 + \epsilon \mathbf{B}_1) \frac{1}{B_0} (1 - \epsilon \mathbf{B}_0 \cdot \mathbf{B}_1 / B_0^2 + O(\epsilon^2)) = \frac{\mathbf{B}_0}{B_0} + \epsilon \left( \frac{\mathbf{B}_1}{B_0} - \frac{\mathbf{B}_0}{B_0} \frac{\mathbf{B}_0 \cdot \mathbf{B}_1}{B_0^2} \right) + O(\epsilon^2) \quad (6.57)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{b}_0 = \frac{\mathbf{B}_0}{B_0}, \quad \mathbf{b}_1 = \frac{\mathbf{B}_1}{B_0} - \mathbf{b}_0 \frac{\mathbf{B}_0 \cdot \mathbf{B}_1}{B_0}. \quad (6.58)$$

This result we can use to linearize the expressions for  $\mathbf{B}^*$  and  $\mathbf{E}^*$ :

$$\mathbf{B}^* = \mathbf{B}_0 + \epsilon \mathbf{B}_1 + \frac{m_h}{q_h} v_{\parallel} \nabla \times \mathbf{b}_0 + \epsilon \frac{m_h}{q_h} v_{\parallel} \nabla \times \mathbf{b}_1 + O(\epsilon^2) \quad (6.59)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{B}_0^* = \mathbf{B}_0 + \frac{m_h}{q_h} v_{\parallel} \nabla \times \mathbf{b}_0, \quad \mathbf{B}_1^* = \mathbf{B}_1 + \frac{m_h}{q_h} v_{\parallel} \nabla \times \mathbf{b}_1. \quad (6.60)$$

For the calculation of  $\mathbf{E}^*$  we need to linearize the modulus of  $\mathbf{B}$ :

$$B = B_0 \sqrt{1 + 2\epsilon \mathbf{B}_0 \cdot \mathbf{B}_1 / B_0^2 + \epsilon^2 B_1^2 / B_0^2} = B_0 + \epsilon \mathbf{b}_0 \cdot \mathbf{B}_1 + O(\epsilon^2). \quad (6.61)$$

Plugging this into the expression for  $\mathbf{E}^*$  yields

$$\mathbf{E}^* = -\epsilon \mathbf{U}_1 \times (\mathbf{B}_0 + \epsilon \mathbf{B}_1) - \frac{m_h}{q_h} \hat{\mu} \nabla (B_0 + \epsilon \mathbf{b}_0 \cdot \mathbf{B}_1) - \frac{m_h}{q_h} v_{\parallel} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\mathbf{b}_0 + \epsilon \mathbf{b}_1) + O(\epsilon^2) \quad (6.62)$$

$$= -\epsilon \mathbf{U}_1 \times \mathbf{B}_0 - \frac{m_h}{q_h} \hat{\mu} \nabla (B_0 + \epsilon \mathbf{b}_0 \cdot \mathbf{B}_1) - \epsilon \frac{m_h}{q_h} v_{\parallel} \frac{\partial \mathbf{b}_1}{\partial t} + O(\epsilon^2) \quad (6.63)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{E}_0^* = -\frac{m_h}{q_h} \hat{\mu} \nabla B_0, \quad \mathbf{E}_1^* = -\mathbf{U}_1 \times \mathbf{B}_0 - \frac{m_h}{q_h} \hat{\mu} \nabla (\mathbf{b}_0 \cdot \mathbf{B}_1) - \frac{m_h}{q_h} v_{\parallel} \frac{\partial \mathbf{b}_1}{\partial t}. \quad (6.64)$$

For the inverse of the parallel projection of  $\mathbf{B}^*$  we find

$$\frac{1}{B_{\parallel}^*} = \frac{1}{\mathbf{B}_0^* \cdot \mathbf{b}_0} \left[ 1 - \epsilon \left( \frac{\mathbf{B}_0^* \cdot \mathbf{b}_1}{\mathbf{B}_0^* \cdot \mathbf{b}_0} + \frac{\mathbf{B}_1^* \cdot \mathbf{b}_0}{\mathbf{B}_0^* \cdot \mathbf{b}_0} \right) \right] + O(\epsilon^2). \quad (6.65)$$

This finally yields

$$\mathbf{u}_{g0} = v_{\parallel} \frac{\mathbf{B}_0}{\mathbf{B}_0^* \cdot \mathbf{b}_0} + \frac{1}{\mathbf{B}_0^* \cdot \mathbf{b}_0} \frac{m_h}{q_h} v_{\parallel}^2 \nabla \times \mathbf{b}_0 - \frac{1}{\mathbf{B}_0^* \cdot \mathbf{b}_0} \frac{m_h}{q_h} \hat{\mu} \nabla B_0 \times \mathbf{b}_0, \quad (6.66)$$

$$\mathbf{u}_{g1} = -v_{\parallel} \frac{\mathbf{B}_0^*}{\mathbf{B}_0^* \cdot \mathbf{b}_0} \left( \frac{\mathbf{B}_0^* \cdot \mathbf{b}_1}{\mathbf{B}_0^* \cdot \mathbf{b}_0} + \frac{\mathbf{B}_1^* \cdot \mathbf{b}_0}{\mathbf{B}_0^* \cdot \mathbf{b}_0} \right) + v_{\parallel} \frac{\mathbf{B}_1^*}{\mathbf{B}_0^* \cdot \mathbf{b}_0} - \frac{\mathbf{E}_0^* \times \mathbf{b}_0}{\mathbf{B}_0^* \cdot \mathbf{b}_0} \left( \frac{\mathbf{B}_0^* \cdot \mathbf{b}_1}{\mathbf{B}_0^* \cdot \mathbf{b}_0} + \frac{\mathbf{B}_1^* \cdot \mathbf{b}_0}{\mathbf{B}_0^* \cdot \mathbf{b}_0} \right) \quad (6.67)$$

$$+ \frac{\mathbf{E}_0^* \times \mathbf{b}_1}{\mathbf{B}_0^* \cdot \mathbf{b}_0} + \frac{\mathbf{E}_1^* \times \mathbf{b}_0}{\mathbf{B}_0^* \cdot \mathbf{b}_0} \quad (6.68)$$

for the guiding center velocity and for the acceleration we obtain

$$E_{g0} = \frac{q_h}{m_h} \frac{\mathbf{E}_0^* \cdot \mathbf{B}_0^*}{\mathbf{B}_0^* \cdot \mathbf{b}_0}, \quad (6.69)$$

$$E_{g1} = -\frac{q_h}{m_h} \frac{\mathbf{E}_0^* \cdot \mathbf{B}_0^*}{\mathbf{B}_0^* \cdot \mathbf{b}_0} \left( \frac{\mathbf{B}_0^* \cdot \mathbf{b}_1}{\mathbf{B}_0^* \cdot \mathbf{b}_0} + \frac{\mathbf{B}_1^* \cdot \mathbf{b}_0}{\mathbf{B}_0^* \cdot \mathbf{b}_0} \right) + \frac{q_h}{m_h} \frac{\mathbf{E}_0^* \cdot \mathbf{B}_1^*}{\mathbf{B}_0^* \cdot \mathbf{b}_0} + \frac{q_h}{m_h} \frac{\mathbf{E}_1^* \cdot \mathbf{B}_0^*}{\mathbf{B}_0^* \cdot \mathbf{b}_0}. \quad (6.70)$$

As a next step, we make use of our specific choice for the background magnetic field to be uniform and to point in  $z$ -direction, i.e., we have  $\mathbf{b}_0 = \mathbf{e}_z$ . This implies

$$\mathbf{E}_0^* = 0, \quad (6.71)$$

$$\mathbf{B}_0^* = \mathbf{B}_0. \quad (6.72)$$

Moreover, we assume parallel wave propagation which is equivalent to allow for variations in  $z$ -direction only. Hence we have  $\nabla = \mathbf{e}_z \partial_z$ . From Faraday's law one can deduce that this results in  $\partial_t B_{1z} = 0$ , i.e. if we choose  $B_{1z}(t = 0) = 0$  as an initial condition, this will remain true for all later times. Thus, we only have to deal with perpendicular disturbances with respect to the background magnetic field ( $\mathbf{B}_1 \perp \mathbf{B}_0, \mathbf{b}_0$ ) and we find the following simpler expressions:

$$\mathbf{b}_0 = \mathbf{e}_z, \quad \mathbf{b}_1 = \mathbf{B}_1/B_0, \quad (6.73)$$

$$B = B_0 + O(\epsilon^2), \quad 1/B = 1/B_0 + O(\epsilon^2) \quad (6.74)$$

$$\mathbf{E}_1^* = -\mathbf{U}_1 \times \mathbf{B}_0 - \frac{m_h}{q_h B_0} v_{\parallel} \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}_1}{\partial t}, \quad (6.75)$$

$$B_{\parallel}^* = B_0 + O(\epsilon^2), \quad 1/B_{\parallel}^* = 1/B_0 + O(\epsilon^2), \quad (6.76)$$

$$\mathbf{u}_{g0} = v_{\parallel} \mathbf{e}_z, \quad (6.77)$$

$$\mathbf{u}_{g1} = v_{\parallel} \frac{\mathbf{B}_1}{B_0} + \frac{m_h}{q_h B_0^2} v_{\parallel}^2 \nabla \times \mathbf{B}_1 + \mathbf{U}_{1\perp} - \frac{m_h}{q_h B_0^2} v_{\parallel} \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}_1}{\partial t} \times \mathbf{e}_z, \quad (6.78)$$

$$E_{g0} = E_{g1} = 0. \quad (6.79)$$

Consequently, we obtain for the DK equation

$$\frac{\partial f_{h1}^D}{\partial t} + v_{\parallel} \partial_z f_{h1}^D = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad f_{h1}^D = f_{h1}^{D0}(x, y, z - v_{\parallel} t, v_{\parallel}, \hat{\mu}), \quad (6.80)$$

where  $f_{h1}^{D0}$  is the initial condition for the perturbation of the DK distribution function.

### 6.2.2 Linearized drift-kinetic density

For the coupling to the fluid momentum equation via the current-coupling approach, we need to take velocity moments of the DK distribution function. For the zeroth moment, which is the number density  $n_h^D$ , we simply get

$$n_h^D = \int_{\hat{\mu}} (f_{h0}^D + \epsilon f_{h1}^D) B_0 dv_{\parallel} + O(\epsilon^2) = n_{h0} + \epsilon \int_{\hat{\mu}} f_{h1}^D B_0 dv_{\parallel} + O(\epsilon^2). \quad (6.81)$$

### 6.2.3 Linearized magnetization

For the calculation of the linearized magnetization, we first need to linearize the perpendicular component of the guiding-center velocity

$$\mathbf{u}_{g\perp} = \epsilon \frac{m_h}{q_h B_0^2} v_{\parallel}^2 \nabla \times \mathbf{B}_1 + \epsilon \mathbf{U}_{1\perp} - \epsilon \frac{m_h}{q_h B_0} v_{\parallel} \partial_z \mathbf{U}_{1\perp} \times \mathbf{e}_z + O(\epsilon^2), \quad (6.82)$$

where we used  $\partial_t \mathbf{B}_1 = B_0 \nabla \times (\mathbf{U}_1 \times \mathbf{e}_z) = B_0 \partial_z \mathbf{U}_{1\perp}$ , which follows from Faraday's law. I.e.  $\mathbf{u}_{g\perp 0} = 0$ . Using this for the magnetization yields

$$\mathbf{M} = -m_h \int_{\hat{\mu}} \hat{\mu} \mathbf{b}_0 f_{h0}^D B_0 dv_{\parallel} - \epsilon m_h \int_{\hat{\mu}} \hat{\mu} \mathbf{b}_1 f_{h0}^D B_0 dv_{\parallel} - \epsilon m_h \int_{\hat{\mu}} \hat{\mu} \mathbf{b}_0 f_{h1}^D B_0 dv_{\parallel} \quad (6.83)$$

$$+ \epsilon m_h \int_{\hat{\mu}} v_{\parallel} \mathbf{u}_{g\perp 1} f_{h0}^D dv_{\parallel} + O(\epsilon^2) \quad (6.84)$$

$$= -\frac{p_{\perp}}{B_0} \mathbf{e}_z - \epsilon \frac{p_{\perp}}{B_0^2} \mathbf{B}_1 - \epsilon m_h \int_{\hat{\mu}} \hat{\mu} f_{h1}^D B_0 dv_{\parallel} \mathbf{e}_z + \epsilon \frac{m_h \tilde{p}_{\parallel}}{q_h B_0^3} \nabla \times \mathbf{B}_1 + \epsilon \frac{m_h n_{h0} v_0}{B_0} \mathbf{U}_{1\perp} \quad (6.85)$$

$$- \epsilon \frac{m_h p_{\parallel}}{q_h B_0^2} \partial_z \mathbf{U}_{1\perp} \times \mathbf{e}_z + O(\epsilon^2), \quad (6.86)$$

which, after taking the curl, amounts to

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{M}_0 = 0 \quad (6.87)$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{M}_1 = -\frac{p_{\perp}}{B_0^2} \nabla \times \mathbf{B}_1 + \frac{m_h \tilde{p}_{\parallel}}{q_h B_0^3} \nabla \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{B}_1) + \frac{m_h n_{h0} v_0}{B_0} \nabla \times \mathbf{U}_{1\perp} - \frac{m_h p_{\parallel}}{q_h B_0^2} \nabla \times (\partial_z \mathbf{U}_{1\perp} \times \mathbf{e}_z). \quad (6.88)$$

### 6.2.4 Linearized drift-kinetic current and forces

Performing the same steps as before, we get for the first term in the definition of the DK current involving the guiding-center velocity

$$q_h \int_{\hat{\mu}} \mathbf{u}_g f_h^D B_{\parallel}^* dv_{\parallel} = q_h \int_{\hat{\mu}} \mathbf{u}_{g0} f_{h0}^D B_0 dv_{\parallel} + \epsilon q_h \int_{\hat{\mu}} \mathbf{u}_{g0} f_{h1}^D B_0 dv_{\parallel} + \epsilon q_h \int_{\hat{\mu}} \mathbf{u}_{g1} f_{h0}^D B_0 dv_{\parallel} + O(\epsilon^2) \quad (6.89)$$

$$= q_h n_{h0} v_0 \mathbf{e}_z + \epsilon q_h \mathbf{e}_z \int_{\hat{\mu}} v_{\parallel} f_{h1}^D B_0 dv_{\parallel} + \epsilon \frac{q_h n_{h0} v_0}{B_0} \mathbf{B}_1 + \epsilon \frac{p_{\parallel}}{B_0^2} \nabla \times \mathbf{B}_1 \quad (6.90)$$

$$+ \epsilon q_h n_{h0} \mathbf{U}_{1\perp} - \epsilon \frac{m_h n_{h0} v_0}{B_0} \partial_z \mathbf{U}_{1\perp} \times \mathbf{e}_z + O(\epsilon^2). \quad (6.91)$$

Hence we get for the current-coupling term in the momentum balance equation

$$-\frac{1}{\rho_0} (\mathbf{j}_{h0}^D \times \mathbf{B}_1 + \mathbf{j}_{h1}^D \times \mathbf{B}_0) = \frac{p_{\parallel} - p_{\perp}}{\rho_0 B_0} \mathbf{e}_z \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{B}_1) + \frac{q_h n_{h0} B_0}{\rho_0} \mathbf{e}_z \times \mathbf{U}_{1\perp} - \frac{m_h n_{h0} v_0}{\rho_0} \partial_z \mathbf{U}_{1\perp} \quad (6.92)$$

$$-\frac{m_h \tilde{p}_{\parallel}}{q_h B_0^2 \rho_0} \mathbf{e}_z \times \Delta \mathbf{B}_1 - \frac{m_h n_{h0} v_0}{\rho_0} \partial_z \mathbf{U}_{1\perp} - \frac{m_h p_{\parallel}}{q_h B_0 \rho_0} \mathbf{e}_z \times \partial_z^2 \mathbf{U}_{1\perp} \quad (6.93)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow -\frac{1}{\rho_0} (\mathbf{j}_{h0}^D \times \mathbf{B}_1 + \mathbf{j}_{h1}^D \times \mathbf{B}_0) = -\frac{\nu_h v_0^2 A_h}{B_0} \partial_z \mathbf{B}_1 + \nu_h \Omega_{ci} Z_h \mathbf{e}_z \times \mathbf{U}_{1\perp} - \frac{m_h \tilde{p}_{\parallel}}{q_h B_0^2 \rho_0} \mathbf{e}_z \times \Delta \mathbf{B}_1 \quad (6.94)$$

$$-\frac{\nu_h A_h^2}{2 \Omega_{ci} Z_h} (v_{th}^2 + 2v_0^2) \mathbf{e}_z \times \partial_z^2 \mathbf{U}_{1\perp} - 2\nu_h v_0 A_h \partial_z \mathbf{U}_{1\perp}, \quad (6.95)$$

where we introduced the ratio between the number densities of the hot and bulk species  $\nu_h = n_{h0}/n_0$ , the ion cyclotron frequency  $\Omega_{ci} = eB_0/m_i$  and the hot particle's thermal velocity  $v_{th}^2 = 2T_{\parallel}/m_h$ . Moreover, we assumed hot ions with mass  $m_h = A_h m_i$  and charge  $q_h = Z_h e$  ( $A_h, Z_h \in \mathbb{N}$ ) and a pure hydrogen background plasma, i.e.  $\rho_0 = m_i n_0$ .

### 6.2.5 Dispersion relation

We solve the obtained linearized set of equation with a plane wave ansatz ( $\sim \exp(ikz - i\omega t)$ ) for all perturbed quantities. This has the consequence that we can make the substitutions  $\nabla \rightarrow ik\mathbf{e}_z$  and  $\partial_t \rightarrow i\omega$ . From the mass continuity equation, induction equation and the energy equation we can then deduce the following relations for the Fourier coefficients:

$$\hat{\rho} = \frac{k\rho_0}{\omega} \hat{U}_{\parallel}, \quad \hat{\mathbf{B}} = -\frac{kB_0}{\omega} \hat{\mathbf{U}}_{\perp}, \quad \hat{p} = \frac{\gamma p_0 k}{\omega} \hat{U}_{\parallel}. \quad (6.96)$$

The momentum balance equation then amounts to

$$-i\omega \hat{\mathbf{U}} + i \frac{v_A^2 k^2}{\omega} \hat{\mathbf{U}}_{\perp} + i \frac{c_S^2 k^2}{\omega} \mathbf{e}_z \hat{U}_{\parallel} = i \frac{\nu_h v_0^2 A_h k^2}{\omega} \hat{\mathbf{U}}_{\perp} - \frac{\nu_h A_h^2 k^3}{2\omega \Omega_{ci} Z_h} (3v_0 v_{th}^2 + 2v_0^3) \mathbf{e}_z \times \hat{\mathbf{U}}_{\perp} \quad (6.97)$$

$$+ \frac{\nu_h A_h^2 k^2}{2\Omega_{ci} Z_h} (v_{th}^2 + 2v_0^2) \mathbf{e}_z \times \hat{\mathbf{U}}_{\perp} - i2\nu_h v_0 A_h k \hat{\mathbf{U}}_{\perp}. \quad (6.98)$$

We observe that the sound waves with  $\omega = \pm c_S k$  are unaffected by the presence of energetic particles. However, for perpendicular components we obtain the linearized equation of motion

$$\left\{ (\omega^2 - v_A^2 k^2 + \nu_h v_0^2 A_h k^2 - 2\omega \nu_h v_0 A_h k) \mathbb{I}_2 + i \left[ \frac{\omega \nu_h A_h^2 k^2}{2\Omega_{ci} Z_h} (v_{th}^2 + 2v_0^2) - \frac{\nu_h A_h^2 k^3}{2\Omega_{ci} Z_h} (3v_0 v_{th}^2 + 2v_0^3) \right] \mathbb{J}_2 \right\} \hat{\mathbf{U}}_{\perp} = 0, \quad (6.99)$$

where  $\mathbb{J}_2$  is the canonical symplectic form such that  $\mathbf{e}_z \times \hat{\mathbf{U}}_{\perp} = -\mathbb{J}_2 \hat{\mathbf{U}}_{\perp}$ . Finally, the dispersion relation can be obtained by requiring the determinant to vanish:

$$(\omega^2 - v_A^2 k^2 + \nu_h v_0^2 A_h k^2 - 2\omega \nu_h v_0 A_h k)^2 - \left[ \frac{\omega \nu_h A_h^2 k^2}{2\Omega_{ci} Z_h} (v_{th}^2 + 2v_0^2) - \frac{\nu_h A_h^2 k^3}{2\Omega_{ci} Z_h} (3v_0 v_{th}^2 + 2v_0^3) \right]^2 = 0. \quad (6.100)$$

We consider the two roots

$$D_{R/L}(k, \omega) = \omega^2 - v_A^2 k^2 + \nu_h v_0^2 A_h k^2 - 2\omega \nu_h v_0 A_h k - p_{R/L} \left[ \frac{\omega \nu_h A_h^2 k^2}{2\Omega_{ci} Z_h} (v_{th}^2 + 2v_0^2) - \frac{\nu_h A_h^2 k^3}{2\Omega_{ci} Z_h} (3v_0 v_{th}^2 + 2v_0^3) \right] = 0 \quad (6.101)$$

where  $p_{R/L} = \pm 1$  means right- and left-handed polarization, respectively. We can see that we recover shear Alfvén waves in the absence of the energetic component ( $\nu_h \rightarrow 0$ ). Solving for the frequency yields the four solutions

$$\omega_{R/L, \pm}(k) = \nu_h v_0 A_h k + p_{R/L} \frac{\nu_h A_h^2 k^2}{4\Omega_{ci} Z_h} (v_{th}^2 + 2v_0^2) \quad (6.102)$$

$$\pm k \sqrt{v_A^2 - v_0^2 \nu_h A_h (1 - \nu_h A_h) - p_{R/L} \frac{\nu_h A_h^2 k}{2\Omega_{ci} Z_h} (3v_0 v_{th}^2 + 2v_0^3 - \nu_h v_0 v_{th}^2 A_h - 2\nu_h v_0^3 A_h) + \frac{\nu_h^2 A_h^4 k^2}{16\Omega_{ci}^2 Z_h^2} (v_{th}^2 + 2v_0^2)^2}. \quad (6.103)$$

In order to have wave growth or damping we need the argument of the square root to be negative. We immediately see that this is not possible in the limit  $v_0 \rightarrow 0$ . Let us use the normalizations  $\omega' = \omega/\Omega_{ci}$ ,  $v'_{th} = v_{th}/v_A$ ,  $v'_0 = v_0/v_A$  and  $k' = k v_A/\Omega_{ci}$  to get the scaled dispersion relation

$$\omega'(k') = \nu_h v'_0 A_h k' + p_{R/L} \frac{\nu_h A_h^2 k'^2}{4Z_h} (v'_{th}^2 + 2v'_0^2) \quad (6.104)$$

$$\pm k' \sqrt{1 - v'_0^2 \nu_h A_h (1 - \nu_h A_h) - p_{R/L} \frac{\nu_h A_h^2 k'}{2Z_h} (3v'_0 v'_{th}^2 + 2v'^3 - \nu_h v'_0 v'_{th}^2 A_h - 2\nu_h v'_0^3 A_h) + \frac{\nu_h^2 A_h^4 k'^2}{16Z_h^2} (v'_{th}^2 + 2v'_0^2)^2}. \quad (6.105)$$

### 6.2.6 Discretization of the coupling terms

Let us for the moment assume that we have the case for which we derived the dispersion relation, i.e. a homogeneous equilibrium with the magnetic field pointing in  $z$ -direction. We saw that the perturbed distribution function did not result in an additional force term in the momentum balance equation. However, from the equilibrium distribution function we got the additional terms

$$q_h n_{h0}^D \mathbf{U}_1 \times \mathbf{B}_0 - \mathbf{j}_{h0}^D \times \mathbf{B}_1 - \mathbf{j}_{h1}^D \times \mathbf{B}_0 = -\frac{\rho_0 \nu_h v_0^2 A_h}{B_0} \nabla \times \mathbf{B}_1 + \frac{m_h \tilde{p}_\parallel}{q_h B_0^3} [\nabla \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{B}_1)] \times \mathbf{B}_0 \quad (6.106)$$

$$+ \frac{\nu_h A_h^2 \rho_0}{2\Omega_{ci} Z_h B_0} [\nabla \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{U}_1)] \times \mathbf{B}_0 - 2\nu_h v_0 \rho_0 A_h \nabla \times \mathbf{U}_1. \quad (6.107)$$

First, we shall put these terms in our geometric framework and we assume a mapping that just elongates the  $z$ -direction. This has the consequence that the components of the 2-form magnetic field are equal to the components of the corresponding vector in physical space. However, this is not true for the background density. Keeping in mind that we have to end up with a 1-form, we hence relate

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B}_1 \leftrightarrow *d *B^2, \quad (6.108)$$

$$[\nabla \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{B}_1)] \times \mathbf{B}_0 \leftrightarrow i_{\#*B_0} d *d *B^2, \quad (6.109)$$

$$[\nabla \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{U}_1)] \times \mathbf{B}_0 \leftrightarrow i_{\#*B_0} d *d U^1, \quad (6.110)$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{U}_1 \leftrightarrow *d U^1. \quad (6.111)$$

In the weak formulation this results in the additional terms

$$(*d *B^2, V^1) = (B^2, dV^1) \approx \mathbf{b}^\top \mathbb{M}^2 \mathbb{C} \mathbf{v}, \quad (6.112)$$

$$(i_{\#*B_0} d *d *B^2, V^1) = (d *d *B^2, i_{\#V^1} B_0) = (d *B^2, di_{\#V^1} B_0) = \mathbf{b}^\top \mathcal{L}^\top \mathbb{C}^\top \mathbb{M}^2 \mathbb{C} \mathcal{T} \mathbf{v}, \quad (6.113)$$

$$(i_{\#*B_0} d *d U^1, V^1) = (d *d U^1, i_{\#V^1} B_0) = (d U^1, di_{\#V^1} B_0) = \mathbf{u}^\top \mathbb{C}^\top \mathbb{M}^2 \mathbb{C} \mathcal{T} \mathbf{v}, \quad (6.114)$$

$$(*d U^1, V^1) = (d U^1, *V^1) = \mathbf{u}^\top \mathbb{C}^\top \mathbb{M}^2 \mathcal{Y} \mathbf{v}, \quad (6.115)$$

where

$$\mathcal{L}_{ij} = \Pi_{1,\mu}^{i_\mu} \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} G_{\mu k} \Lambda_{jk}^2 \right], \quad (6.116)$$

$$\mathcal{Y}_{ij} = \Pi_{1,\mu}^{i_\mu} \left[ \sqrt{g} G^{\mu k} \Lambda_{jk}^1 \right]. \quad (6.117)$$

In total we obtain the modified semi-discrete momentum balance equation

$$\mathbb{M}^1 \mathcal{W} \dot{\mathbf{u}} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \mathcal{T}^\top \mathbb{C}^\top \mathbb{M}^2 \mathbf{b} - \frac{\rho_{0,123} \nu_h v_0^2 A_h}{B_0 \sqrt{g}} \mathbb{C}^\top \mathbb{M}^2 \mathbf{b} + \frac{m_i A_h^2 n_{h0}}{2 Z_h \Omega_{ci} B_0^2} (3v_0 v_{th}^2 + 2v_0^3) \mathcal{T}^\top \mathbb{C}^\top \mathbb{M}^2 \mathbb{C} \mathcal{L} \mathbf{b} \quad (6.118)$$

$$+ \frac{\nu_h A_h^2 \rho_{0,123}}{2 \Omega_{ci} Z_h B_0 \sqrt{g}} \mathcal{T}^\top \mathbb{C}^\top \mathbb{M}^2 \mathbb{C} \mathbf{u} - \frac{2 \nu_h v_0 \rho_{0,123} A_h}{\sqrt{g}} \mathcal{Y}^\top \mathbb{M}^2 \mathbb{C} \mathbf{u}, \quad (6.119)$$

which in the case of our affine mapping ( $\mathcal{W} = \rho_{0,123}/\sqrt{g}\mathbb{I}$ ) is equivalent to

$$\mathbb{M}^1 \dot{\mathbf{u}} = \frac{\sqrt{g}}{\mu_0 \rho_{0,123}} \mathcal{T}^\top \mathbb{C}^\top \mathbb{M}^2 \mathbf{b} - \frac{\nu_h v_0^2 A_h}{B_0} \mathbb{C}^\top \mathbb{M}^2 \mathbf{b} + \frac{A_h^2 \nu_h}{2 Z_h \Omega_{ci} B_0^2} (3v_0 v_{th}^2 + 2v_0^3) \mathcal{T}^\top \mathbb{C}^\top \mathbb{M}^2 \mathbb{C} \mathcal{L} \mathbf{b} \quad (6.120)$$

$$+ \frac{\nu_h A_h^2}{2 \Omega_{ci} Z_h B_0} \mathcal{T}^\top \mathbb{C}^\top \mathbb{M}^2 \mathbb{C} \mathbf{u} - 2 \nu_h v_0 A_h \mathcal{Y}^\top \mathbb{M}^2 \mathbb{C} \mathbf{u}. \quad (6.121)$$

### 6.3 Pressure coupling scheme