

# Recent Fusion-Related Results in Drekar

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Three useful resources for fusion energy for students:



<https://www.cpepphysics.org/>

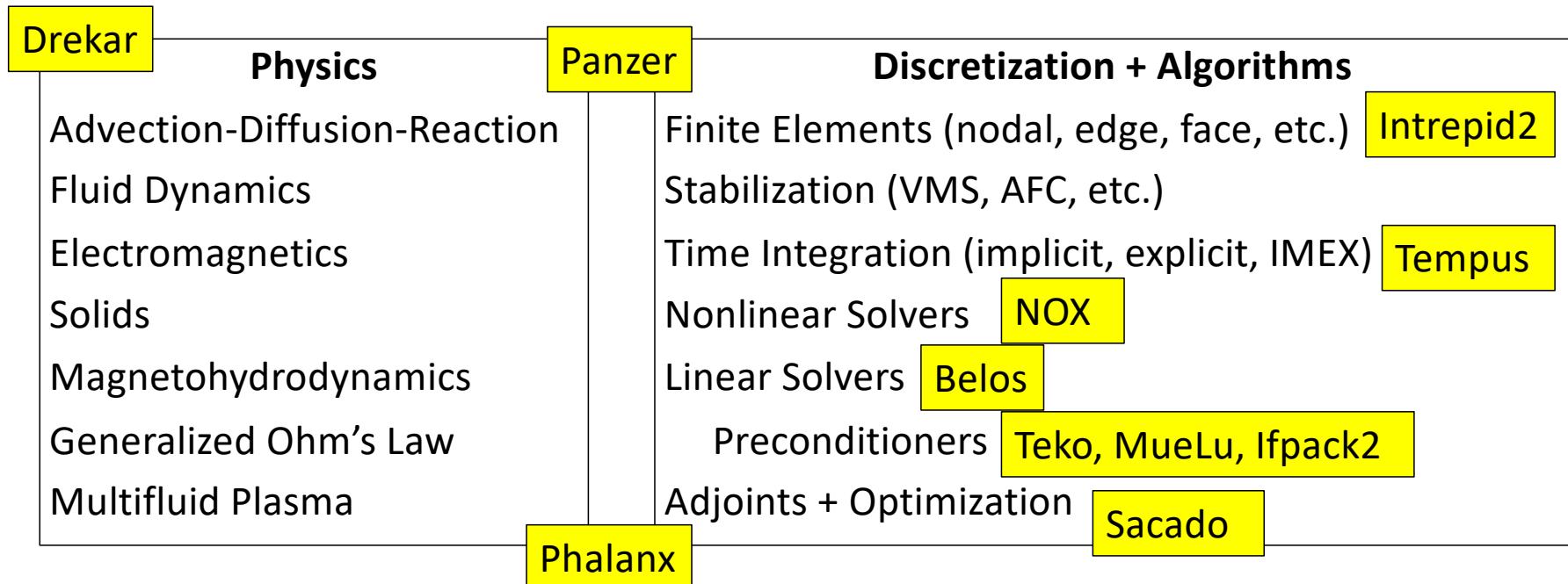
**Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory  
2021 Introduction to Fusion Energy and Plasma Physics Course**  
<https://suli.pppl.gov/2021/course/>

**Progress toward fusion energy breakeven  
and gain as measured against the Lawson  
criterion**

Wurzel, Hsu, Physics of Plasmas 29, 062103 (2022)

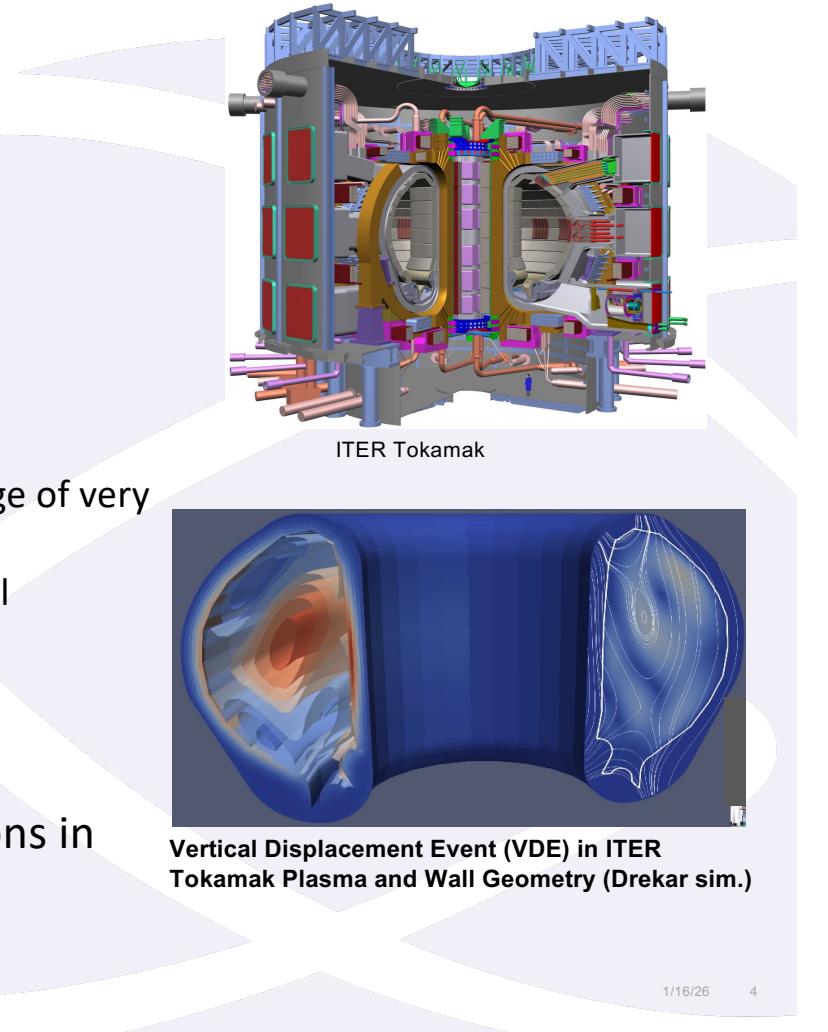
## Overview of Drekar

Drekar is a finite element based multiphysics code built using Trilinos components with a strong emphasis on implicit time integration methods and linear solvers



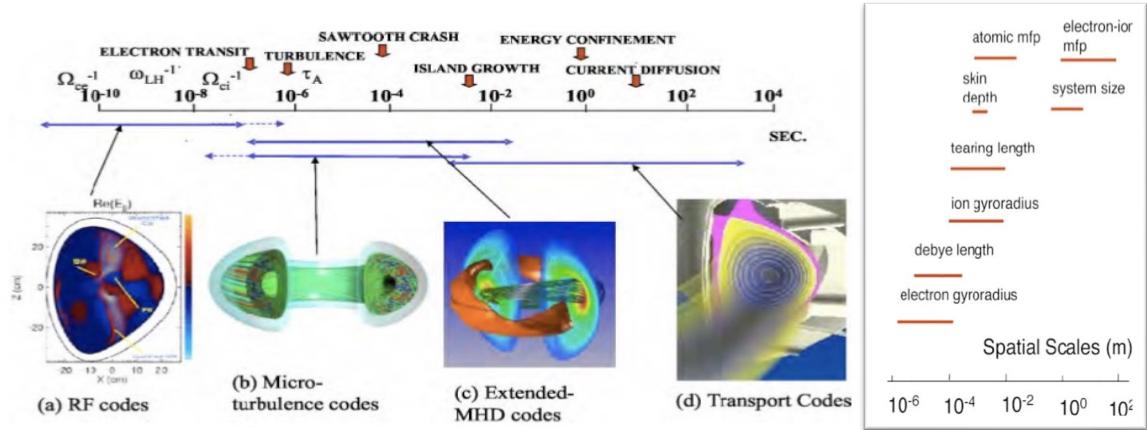
## Motivation

- ITER Fusion conditions:
  - Temperature of  $> 100M$  deg K ( $> 6x$  Sun core temp.).
  - Pulse times of  $\mathcal{O}(100) - \mathcal{O}(1000)$  sec. are desired.  
(energy confinement times of  $\mathcal{O}(1) - \mathcal{O}(10)$  sec.).
- Disruptions can cause
  - Loss of vertical positioning control.
  - Huge thermal energy deposition to the walls, and discharge of very large electrical currents to surface.
  - Huge forces can be generated in first wall & vacuum vessel structures.
- ITER can sustain only a limited number of significant disruptions,  $\mathcal{O}(1 - 5)$ .
- Understanding and controlling instabilities/disruptions in plasma confinement is critical



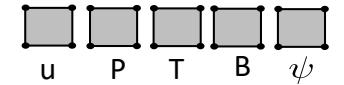
## Goal

- Analyze macroscopic plasma **3D** behavior/instabilities under ITER conditions.



- Implicit** time integration (overstep fastest time scales/CFL on refined meshes).
- Stabilized FE formulation** (resolution, higher-order accuracy, enforcing constraints)  
(currently) Single-fluid compressible visco-resistive MHD.
- Newton-Krylov + multiphysics block preconditioners (Highly scalable, efficient and robust solvers)**

A Reduced length-scale/time scale representation; Basic single fluid  
 Resistive MHD [e.g. 3D H(grad) Variational Multiscale (VMS) Stabilized FE]



Resistive MHD Model in Conservative Form

$$\frac{\partial(\rho\mathbf{v})}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot [\rho\mathbf{v} \otimes \mathbf{v} + P\mathbf{I} - \boldsymbol{\Pi}] - \mathbf{J} \times \mathbf{B} = 0 \quad \boldsymbol{\Pi} = \frac{2}{3}\mu(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u})\mathbf{I} + \mu[\nabla \mathbf{u} + \nabla \mathbf{u}^T]$$

Sound wave off diagonal coupling, and nearly incompressible flow limit ( $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} \approx 0$ )

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho\mathbf{v}) = 0$$

Alfven wave strong off diagonal coupling

$$\frac{\partial(\rho e)}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot [\rho\mathbf{v}e + \mathbf{q}] - \mathbf{T} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{v} - \eta \left\| \frac{1}{\mu_0} \nabla \times \mathbf{B} \right\|^2 = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \left[ \mathbf{B} \otimes \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{v} \otimes \mathbf{B} - \frac{\eta}{\mu_0} (\nabla \mathbf{B} - (\nabla \mathbf{B})^T) + \psi \mathbf{I} \right] = 0$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$$

Elliptic constraint – infinite wave speed

MHD Wave speeds

$$\|\mathbf{u}\|, \|\mathbf{u}\| \pm c_s, \|\mathbf{u}\| \pm c_a, \|\mathbf{u}\| \pm c_f, \pm c_h$$

Here  $c_h$  is  $\infty$  for elliptic divergence cleaning

## Heterogeneous Multiphysics: 3D implicit unstructured FE visco-resistive MHD in ITER geometry

$$\frac{\partial \rho \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot [\rho \mathbf{v} \otimes \mathbf{v} - (\mathbf{T} + \mathbf{T}_M)] + 2\rho \boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{v} - \rho \mathbf{g} = \mathbf{0} \quad \mathbf{T} = -\left(P + \frac{2}{3}\mu(\nabla \bullet \mathbf{u})\right)\mathbf{I} + \mu[\nabla \mathbf{u} + \nabla \mathbf{u}^T]$$

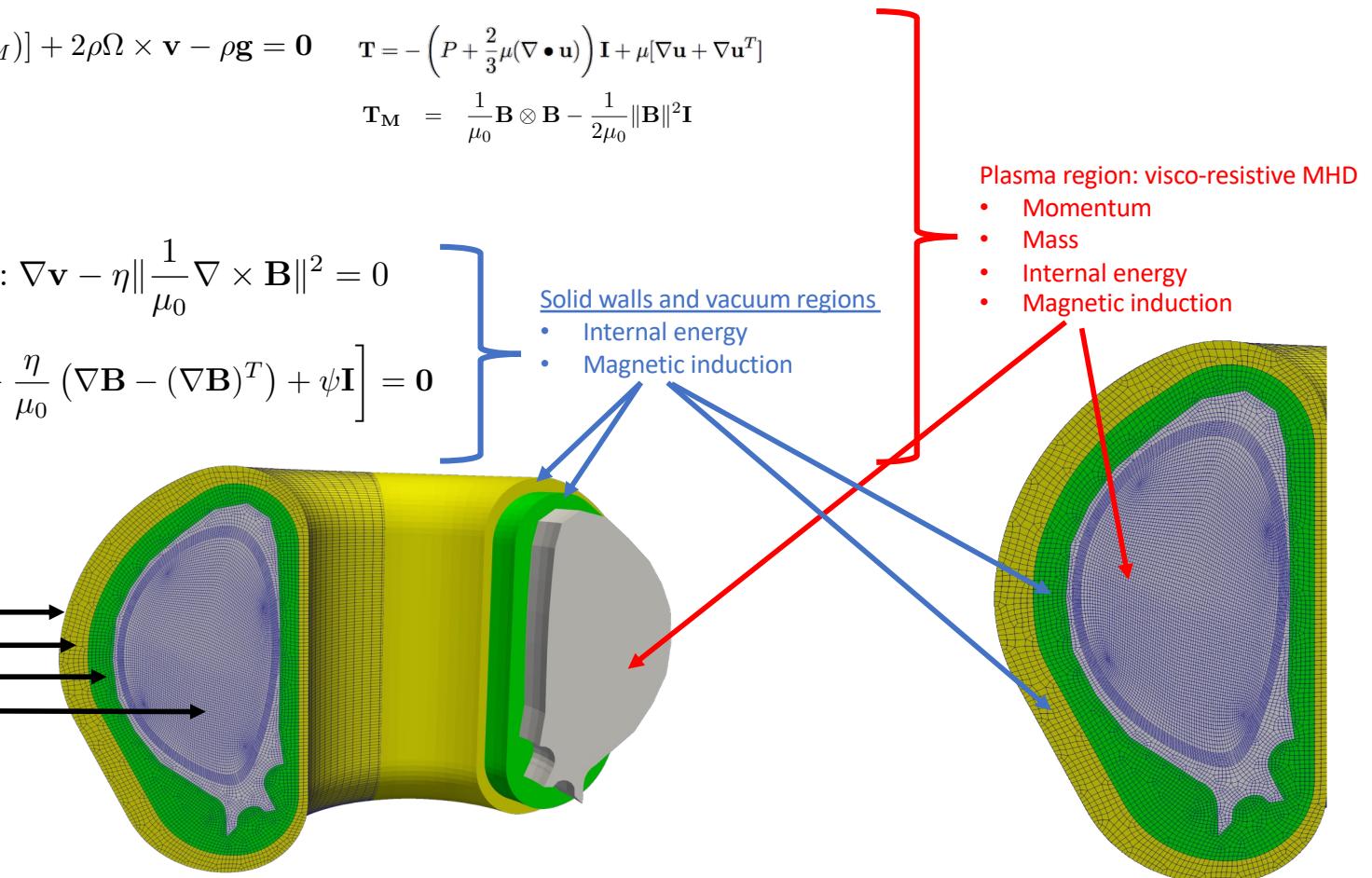
$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v}) = 0 \quad \mathbf{T}_M = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \mathbf{B} \otimes \mathbf{B} - \frac{1}{2\mu_0} \|\mathbf{B}\|^2 \mathbf{I}$$

$$\frac{\partial(\rho e)}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot [\rho \mathbf{v} e + \mathbf{q}] - \mathbf{T} : \nabla \mathbf{v} - \eta \left\| \frac{1}{\mu_0} \nabla \times \mathbf{B} \right\|^2 = 0$$

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$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$$

- Heterogeneous Physics Regions**
- Outer perfect conducting wall
  - Vacuum region
  - Solid 1<sup>st</sup> wall
  - Plasma region



# Discretization

Finite element discretization (Galerkin terms)

Find  $\mathbf{U} \doteq [\rho, \mathbf{m}, T, \mathbf{B}, \psi]^T \in \mathcal{U}$  such that  $\rho = \bar{\rho}$  on  $\Gamma_D^\rho$ ,  $\mathbf{m} = \bar{\mathbf{m}}$  on  $\Gamma_D^m$ ,  $T = \bar{T}$  on  $\Gamma_D^T$ ,  $\mathbf{B} = \bar{\mathbf{B}}$  on  $\Gamma_D^B$ ,  $\psi = \bar{\psi}$  on  $\Gamma_D^\psi$ , and

$$\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{U}) = \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{W}) \quad \forall \mathbf{W} \doteq [q, \mathbf{w}, \theta, \mathbf{C}, s]^T \in \mathcal{V},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}(\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{U}) &\doteq (q, \partial_t \rho) - (\nabla q, \rho \mathbf{u}) \\ &+ (\mathbf{w}, \partial_t \rho \mathbf{u}) - \langle \nabla \mathbf{w}, \rho \mathbf{u} \otimes \mathbf{u} \rangle - (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{w}, p + \frac{2}{3Re}(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u})) + \langle \nabla \mathbf{w}, \frac{1}{Re}(\nabla \mathbf{u} + (\nabla \mathbf{u})^T) \rangle - (\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{B}) \\ &+ (\theta, \partial_t T) + (\theta, \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla T) + \frac{2}{3}(\theta, T(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u})) + (\nabla \theta, \mathbf{q}) \\ &+ (\mathbf{C}, \partial_t \mathbf{B}) - \langle \nabla \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{u} \otimes \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{B} \otimes \mathbf{u} \rangle + \left\langle \nabla \mathbf{C}, \frac{1}{S} \left( \nabla \mathbf{B} - (\nabla \mathbf{B})^T \right) \right\rangle - (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{C}, \psi) \\ &+ (s, \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B}), \end{aligned}$$

$$(a, b) = \int_{\Omega} ab \, d\Omega$$

$$(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) = \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} \, d\Omega$$

$$\langle \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \rangle = \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{A} : \mathbf{B} \, d\Omega$$

Deficiencies of Galerkin Weak Form:

- Equal-order interpolation have stability problems for saddle point prbs. (LBB condition, see .e.g. Gunzburger 1989)
  - Induction –  $\operatorname{div} \mathbf{B} = 0$ ; Lagrange multiplier coupling  $(\mathbf{B}, \psi)$
  - Strong guide field (large  $\mathbf{B}$ ) produces an incompressible flow limit type response and a saddle point like structure (e.g. Stokes-like behavior for  $(\rho \mathbf{u}, \rho)$ )
- Strong convective transport and large unresolved gradients can produce unphysical spatial oscillations (internal / boundary layers).
- For unresolved high-wavenumber signals aliasing of energy into lower-wavenumber resolved components

## Brief Outline Following Variational Multiscale (VMS) Approach

VMS: T.J.R Hughes et. al.; & VMS MHD: Codina et. al., JS et. al.

### Upwinding and saddle point stabilization

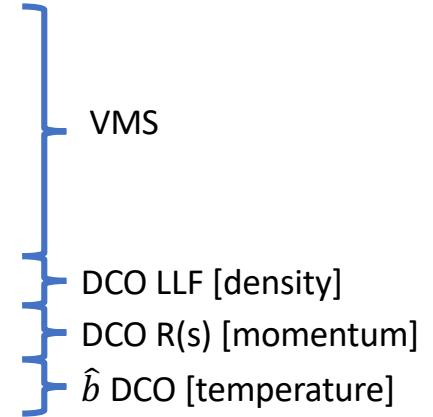
Let us split the solution and test spaces in resolved and unresolved scales, i.e.,  $\mathcal{U} = \mathcal{U}_h + \mathcal{U}'$  and  $\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{V}_h + \mathcal{V}'$ . thus we have

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{W}_h, \mathbf{U}_h + \mathbf{U}') &= \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{W}_h) \quad \forall \mathbf{W}_h \in \mathcal{V}_h \\ \mathcal{A}(\mathbf{W}', \mathbf{U}_h + \mathbf{U}') &= \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{W}') \quad \forall \mathbf{W}' \in \mathcal{V}'\end{aligned}\rightarrow \mathbf{U}' \text{ not resolved, modeled by } \mathbf{U}' \approx -\tau \mathbf{P} \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{U}^h)$$

VMS + additional optional DCO terms are included for enhanced stability

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{W}_h, \mathbf{U}_h + \mathbf{U}') &= \mathcal{A}(\mathbf{W}_h, \mathbf{U}_h) - \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} ((\nabla q_h, \rho_h \mathbf{u}' + \mathbf{u}_h \rho')_K \\ &\quad + \langle \nabla \mathbf{w}_h, \rho \mathbf{u}' \otimes \mathbf{u}_h + \rho' \mathbf{u}_h \otimes \mathbf{u}_h \rangle_K + (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{w}_h, p')_K \\ &\quad + (\nabla \theta_h, \mathbf{u}_h T')_K \\ &\quad + \langle \nabla \mathbf{C}_h, \mathbf{u}_h \otimes \mathbf{B}' - \mathbf{B}' \otimes \mathbf{u}_h \rangle_K + (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{C}_h, \psi')_K \\ &\quad + (\nabla s_h, \mathbf{B}')_K \\ &\quad + (\nabla q_h, \nu_\rho^K \nabla \rho_h)_K \\ &\quad + (\nabla \mathbf{w}_h, \frac{1}{2} \nu_\mathbf{m}^K (\nabla \mathbf{u}_h + (\nabla \mathbf{u}_h)^T))_K + \langle \nabla \mathbf{w}_h, \nu_\rho^K \nabla \rho_h \otimes \mathbf{u}_h \rangle_K \\ &\quad + \frac{C}{2} (u_A h \hat{b} \cdot \nabla \theta, \hat{b} \cdot \nabla T)_K)\end{aligned}$$

i.e. sub-grid / unresolved scales driven by residual resolved scales of strong from PDEs, variationally consistent



**First order** cG finite elements for  $\rho_h, \mathbf{m}_h, \mathbf{B}_h, \psi_h$  and **second order** finite elements  $T_h$ .

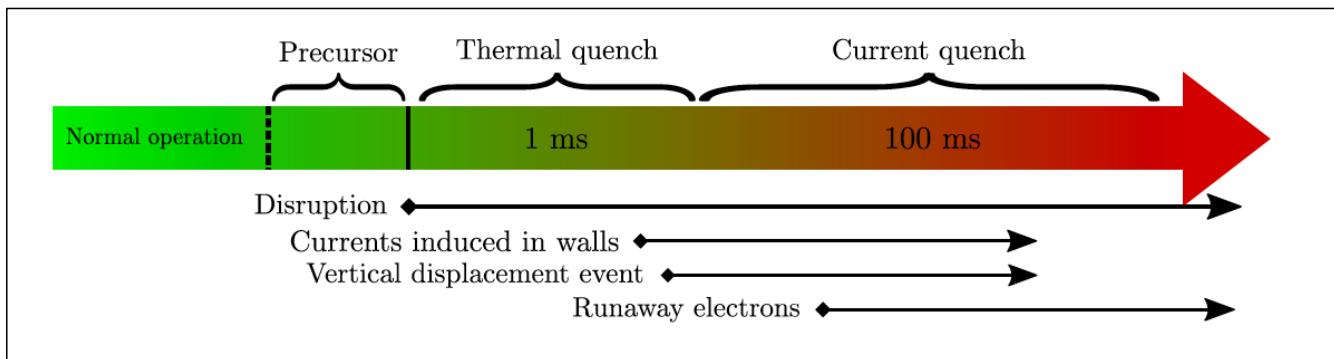
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S, Pawlowski, Cyr, Tuminaro, Chacon, Weber, Scalable Implicit Incompressible Resistive MHD with Stabilized FE and Fully-coupled Newton-Krylov-AMG, Comput. Methods Appl. Mech. Engrg. 304, 1–25, 2016

# **Preliminary Results**

## Vertical displacement events (VDEs) are major disruption events occurring in tokamaks when vertical stability control is lost.

These events cause large currents to flow in the vessel and other adjacent metallic structures.

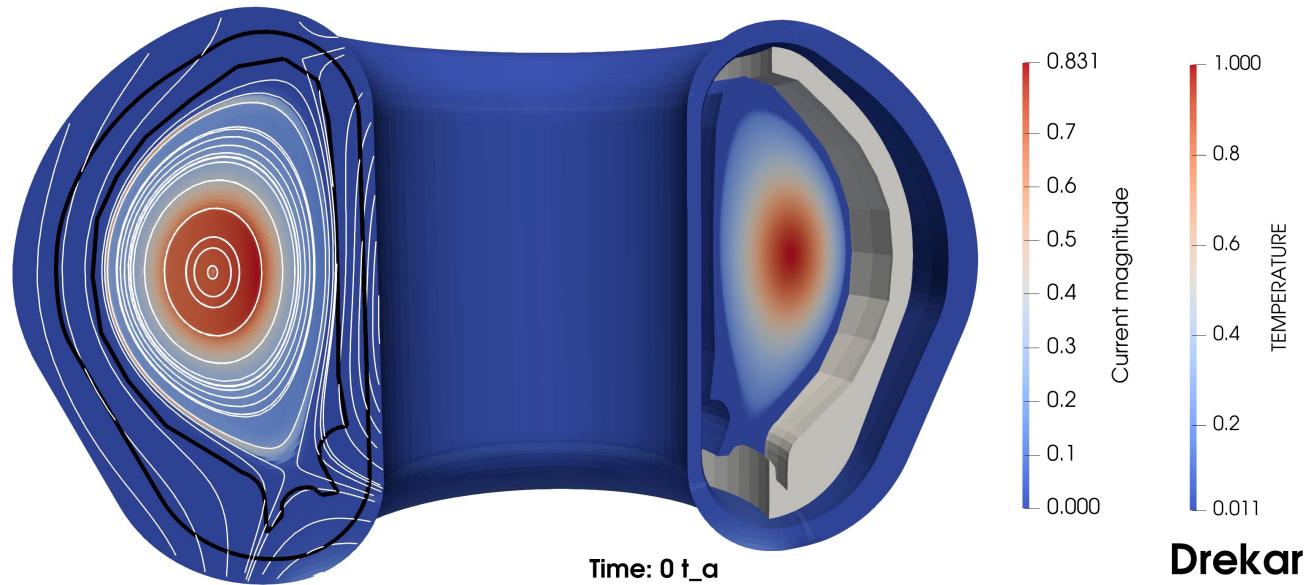


1. **Cold VDE, Thermal Quench – a fast internal energy loss (i.e. Temperature drop)**
  1. Initial equilibrium force balance is lost:  $(J \times B)_{0+} \neq (\nabla P)_{0+}$
  2. Loss of vertical position control
2. Temperature drop => resistivity increases => plasma current drops + ohmic to runaway electron current conversion.
3. Plasma current drop, new sequence of quasi-steady "equilibriums" => magnetic field rearrangement. i.e. VDE
4. VDE => large halo currents produced in walls and large EM forces

## Vertical Displacement Event (VDE) II

### Parameters

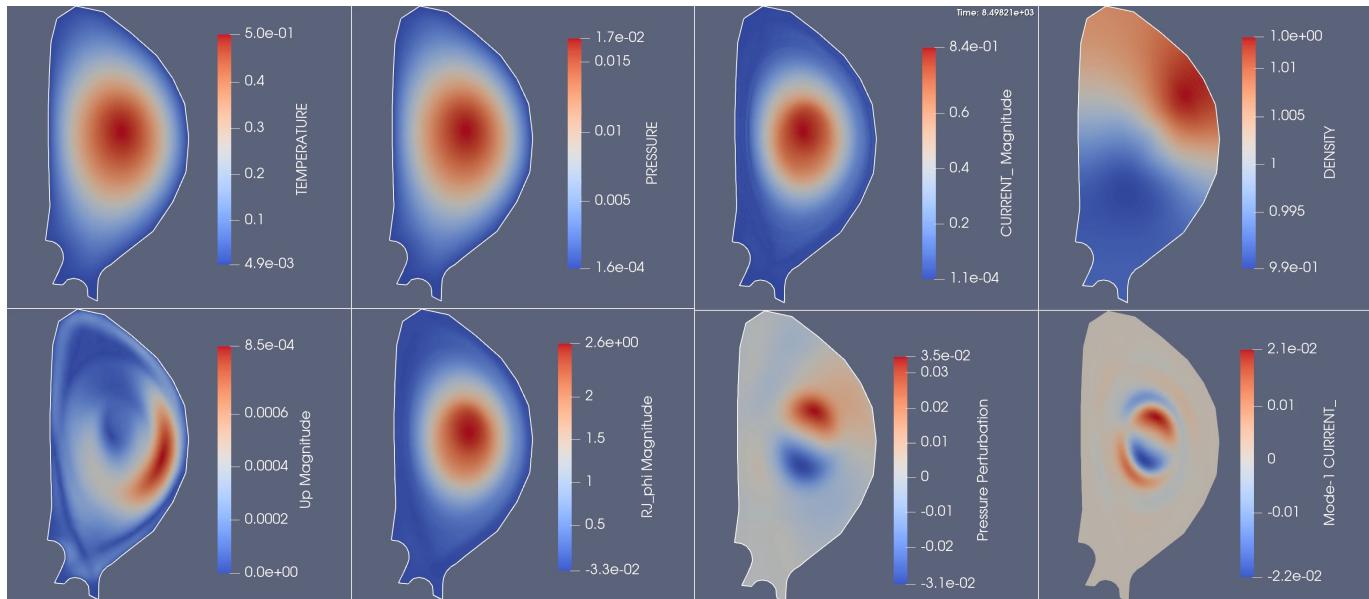
- D<sub>2</sub> plasma
- $B_0 : 5T$
- T : 40 keV ( $> 100M\text{ K}$ )
- $n : 10^{20}$
- $S_p : 10^4 - 10^7$  (Scaling results up to  $10^{10}$ )
- $S_w : 10^4$
- $S_{vv} : 10^5$
- $\kappa_\perp : 10^{-3}$  (thermal quench)
- $\nu : 10^{-2}$



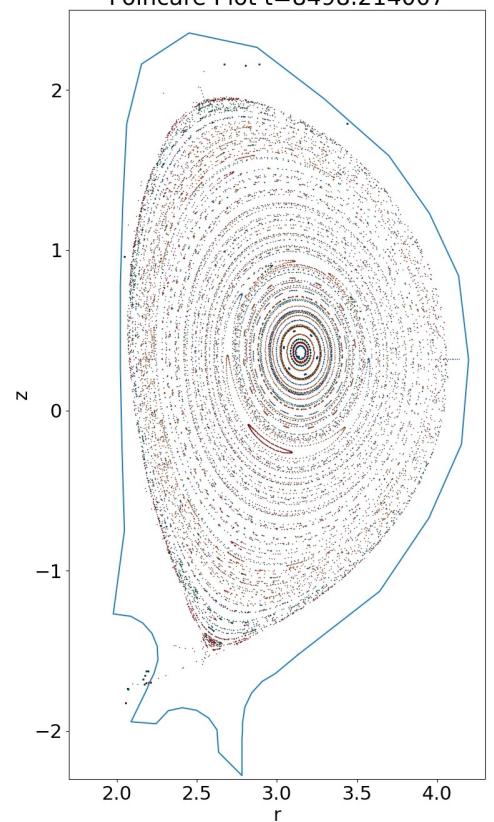
## Internal kink

- Initial equilibrium with  $q$  profile  $< 0.9$  (very unstable)
- Introduced (1,1) perturbation and let evolve in time
  - (1,1) leads to sawtooth crash with island growth
  - (2,1) is excited leading to stochastic magnetic field
  - breakdown of magnetic surfaces and a disruption.

- $B_0 : 5T$
- $n : 10^{20}$
- $Sp : 10^4 - 10^6$
- $\kappa_{\perp} : 10^{-5}$
- $\kappa_{\parallel} : 10^{-3}$
- $\nu : 10^{-5}$



Return map of  $B$  to  
Poloidal plane:  
Poincare Plot  $t=8498.214007$



Physics-based and Approximate Block Factorizations: Coercing Strongly Coupled Off-Diagonal Physics and/or Disparate Discretizations and Scalable Multigrid to play well together

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}, \quad \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$$

Semi-discrete in time (e.g. BE):  
Eliminate variable to parabolic form

$$u^{n+1} = u^n + \Delta t \frac{\partial v^{n+1}}{\partial x}, \quad v^{n+1} = v^n + \Delta t \frac{\partial u^{n+1}}{\partial x}$$

$$\frac{u^{n+1} - u^n}{\Delta t} - \Delta t \frac{\partial^2 u^{n+1}}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial v^n}{\partial x}$$

The resulting equation

$$(I - \Delta t^2 \mathcal{L}_{xx}) u^{n+1} = \mathcal{F}^n$$

Semi-discrete in time:  
Approximate Block Factorizations & Schur-complements:

$$\begin{bmatrix} I & -\Delta t C_x \\ -\Delta t C_x & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u^{n+1} \\ v^{n+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u^n - \Delta t C_x v^n \\ v^n - \Delta t C_x u^n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} D_1 & U \\ L & D_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} I & UD_2^{-1} \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} D_1 - UD_2^{-1}L & 0 \\ 0 & D_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ D_2^{-1}L & I \end{bmatrix}$$

The Schur complement is then

$$D_1 - UD_2^{-1}L = (I - \Delta t^2 C_x C_x) \approx (I - \Delta t^2 \mathcal{L}_{xx})$$

Recall: This is motivating how we develop preconditioners, not for developing solvers.  
The NK method still seeks the solution to the original nonlinear/linear system residual!

[w/ L. Chacon (LANL)]

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$$[\mathbf{F}_{\text{ns}} = [\mathbf{F}_{\rho \mathbf{u}}, \mathbf{F}_\rho], \mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{B}}, \mathbf{L}_{\mathbf{r}}, F_T]$$

Block Jacobi

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{F}_{\text{ns}} & \mathbf{Z} & & C_T \\ \mathbf{Y} & \mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{B}} & \mathcal{B}_{\mathbf{B}}^T & \\ \mathbf{C}_{\text{ns}} & \mathcal{B}_{\mathbf{B}} & \mathbf{L}_{\mathbf{r}} & \\ A_T & \mathbf{Z}_T & & \mathbf{F}_T \end{bmatrix}^{-1}$$

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$$[\mathbf{F}_{\text{ns}} = [\mathbf{F}_{\rho \mathbf{u}}, \mathbf{F}_\rho], \mathbf{F}_B, \mathbf{L}_r, F_T]$$

Block Jacobi

$$[\mathbf{F}_{\text{ns}}, \mathbf{F}_B, \mathbf{L}_r]$$

Operator Splitting

$$[F_T]$$

AMG

$$\left[ \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{F}_{\text{ns}} & \mathbf{Z} & \\ \mathbf{Y} & \mathbf{F}_B & \mathcal{B}_B^T \\ \mathbf{C}_{\text{ns}} & \mathcal{B}_B & \mathbf{L}_r \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \quad [F_T]^{-1} \right]$$

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$$\left( \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{F}_{\text{ns}} & \mathbf{Z} \\ \mathbf{Y} & \mathbf{F}_B \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & & \\ & \mathbf{F}_B^{-1} & \\ \mathbf{C}_{\text{ns}} & & \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & & \\ & \mathbf{F}_B & \mathcal{B}_B^T \\ \mathcal{B}_B & & \mathbf{L}_r \end{bmatrix} \right)^{-1}$$

2x2 critical implicit Stiff Alfvén wave coupling

2x2 Saddle point system for (B,r)

$\mathbf{F}_{ns} = [\mathbf{F}_{\rho u}, \mathbf{F}_\rho], \mathbf{F}_B, \mathbf{L}_r, F_T$	
Block Jacobi	
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$[\mathbf{F}_B, \mathbf{L}_r]$ LU Decomp. + SIMPLEC	$[\mathbf{F}_B, \mathbf{F}_{ns}]$ LU Decomp. + SIMPLEC
$[\mathbf{F}_B]$ AMG	$[S_L]$ AMG

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{F}_B & \mathcal{B}_B^T \\ & \mathbf{F}_B & -\mathcal{B}_B \\ & S_L & \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{F}_B \\ & -\mathcal{B}_B & \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{F}_{ns} & \mathbf{Z} \\ S_{mag} & \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & -\mathbf{Y} \mathbf{F}_{ns}^{-1} \\ -\mathbf{Y} \mathbf{F}_{ns}^{-1} & \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix}$$

$S_L := \mathbf{L}_r - \mathcal{B}_B (\text{absrowsum}(\mathbf{F}_B))^{-1} \mathcal{B}_B^T$ ,       $S_{mag} := \mathbf{F}_B - \mathbf{Y} (\text{absrowsum}(\mathbf{F}_{ns}))^{-1} \mathbf{Z}$

$$\mathbf{F}_{ns} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{F}_{\rho u} & \mathbf{B}_{\rho u, \rho}^T \\ \mathbf{B}_{\rho, \rho u} & \mathbf{F}_\rho \end{bmatrix}$$

$\mathbf{F}_{\text{ns}} = [\mathbf{F}_{\rho\mathbf{u}}, \mathbf{F}_\rho], \mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{B}}, \mathbf{L}_{\mathbf{r}}, F_T]$ Block Jacobi					
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$[\mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{B}}]$ AMG	$[\mathcal{S}_L]$ AMG	$[\mathcal{S}_{mag}]$ AMG		$[\mathbf{F}_{\text{ns}}]$ LU Decomp. + SIMPLEC	
				$[\mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{u}}]$ AMG	$[\mathcal{S}_\rho]$ AMG

$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{ns}} \approx \mathcal{M}_{NS} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{F}_{\rho\mathbf{u}} & \tilde{\mathbf{B}}_{\rho\mathbf{u}, \rho}^T \\ & S_\rho \end{bmatrix}$$

$$S_\rho = \mathbf{F}_\rho - \mathbf{B}_{\rho, \rho\mathbf{u}} (\text{absrowsum}(\mathbf{F}_{\rho\mathbf{u}}))^{-1} \tilde{\mathbf{B}}_{\rho\mathbf{u}, \rho}^T$$

$$[\mathbf{F}_{\text{ns}} = [\mathbf{F}_{\rho\mathbf{u}}, \mathbf{F}_\rho], \mathbf{F}_B, \mathbf{L}_r, F_T]$$

Block Jacobi

$[\mathbf{F}_{\text{ns}}, \mathbf{F}_B, \mathbf{L}_r]$   
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$[\mathbf{F}_B, \mathbf{F}_{\text{ns}}]$   
LU Decomp. + SIMPLEC

$[\mathbf{F}_B]$   
AMG

$[S_L]$   
AMG

$[\mathbf{F}_{\text{ns}} = [\mathbf{F}_{\rho\mathbf{u}}, \mathbf{F}_\rho]]$   
LU Decomp. + SIMPLEC

$[\mathbf{F}_{\rho\mathbf{u}}]$   
AMG

$[S_\rho]$   
AMG

(B,r) saddle  
point problem  
for  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$

Stiff Alfvén  
Wave Coupling

Nearly incompressible flow  
saddle point problem  
 $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} \approx 0$



# Drekar Strong Scaling Results 3D ITER VDE

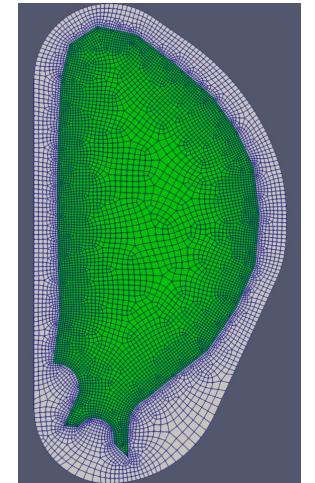
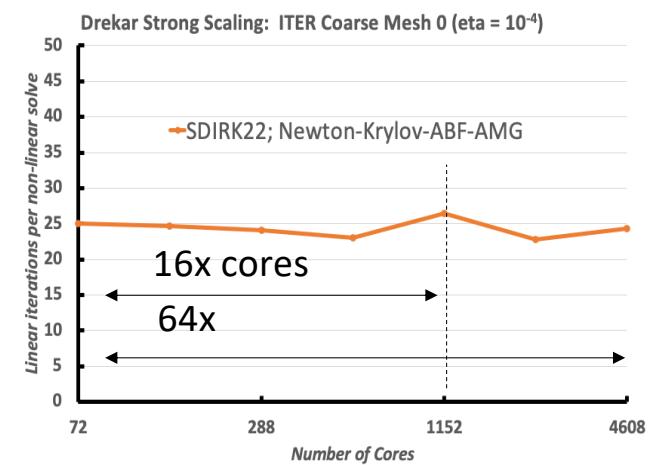
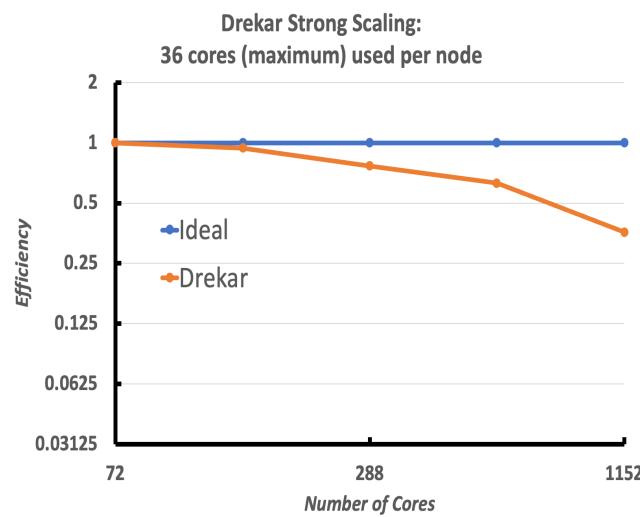
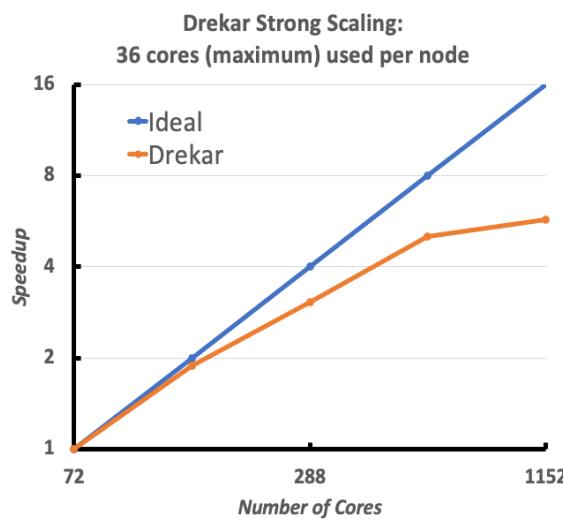
Strong scaling unperturbed initial equilibrium on coarse mesh with  $S = 1e4$ .

To 250 global Alfvén times. 72 cores  $\rightarrow$  4608 cores (64x increase).

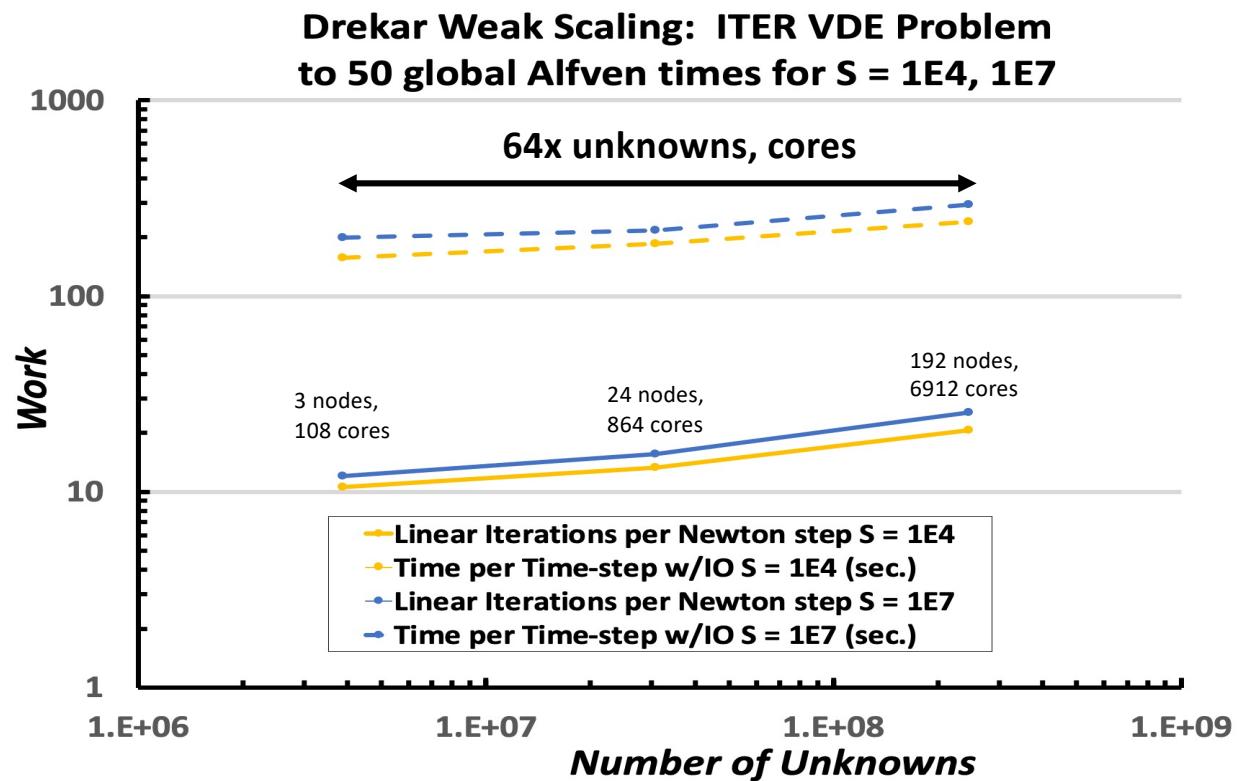
Coarse Mesh 0: 347K elements, 7.2K poloidal x 48 toroidal

Constant time-step size  $dt = 2$

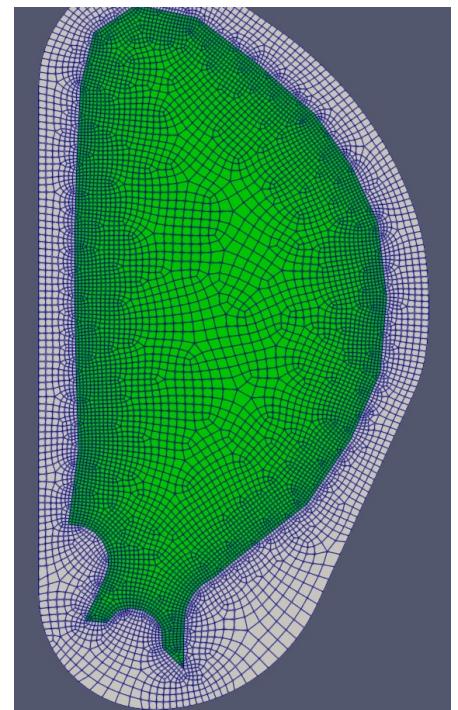
Max  $CFL_A \sim 750$ ,  $CFL_u \sim 3.2$



# Drekar Weak scaling Study 3D ITER VDE



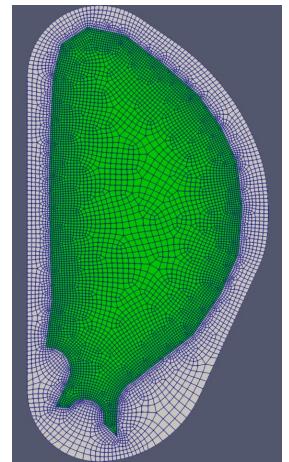
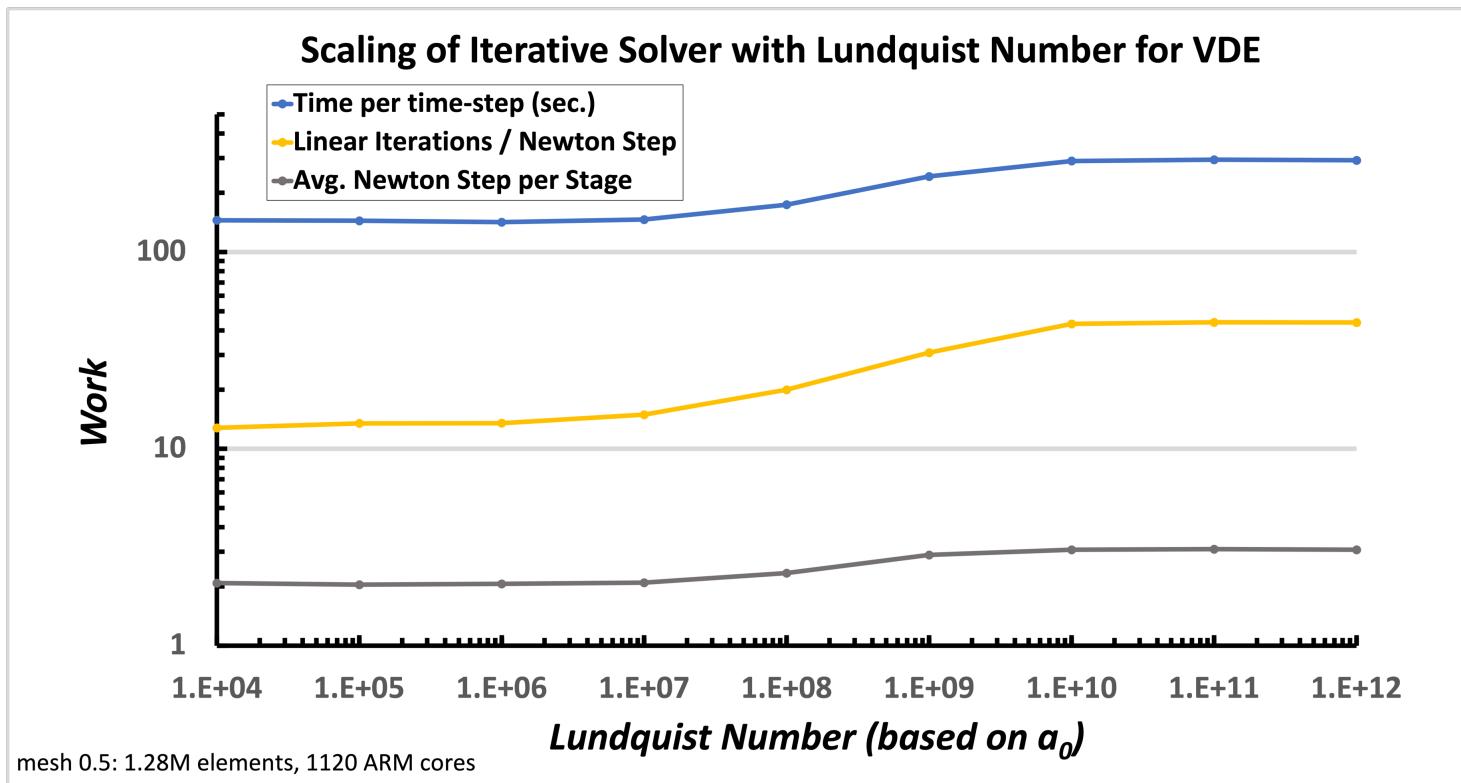
mesh 0. : 347K elements, 7.2K poloidal x 48 toroidal, dt ~ 1.2; 108 cores on ghost  
 mesh 1. : 2.77M elements, 28.8K poloidal x 96 toroidal, dt ~ 0.55; 864 cores on ghost  
 mesh 2. : 22.2M elements, 115.2K poloidal x 192 toroidal, dt ~ 0.25; 6912 cores on ghost



Unstructured  
mesh sequence  
To 50 global Alfvén times  
Max  $CFL_A = 400$ ,  $CFL_u = 2$   
 $Pr_m = 0.1$ ,  $Pr_T = 1$

Lundquist Number scaling, coarse mesh 0.5 to 25 global Alfvén times.

( $\text{Pr}_m = 10, \text{Pr}_T = 1$  i.e. both momentum and thermal diffusivities the same, scale 10x resistivity )

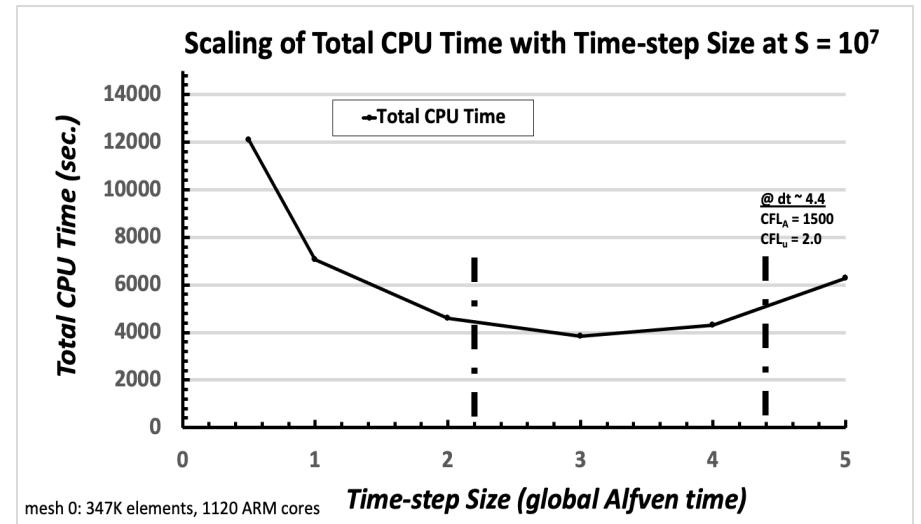
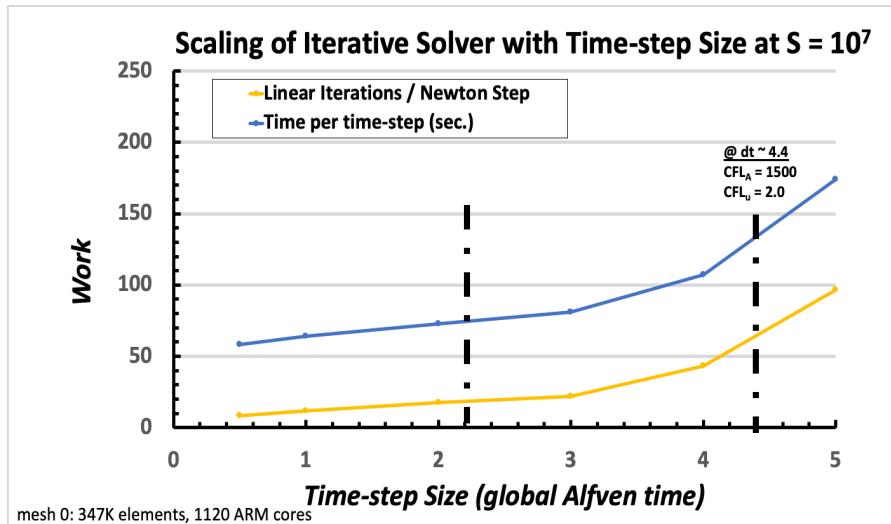
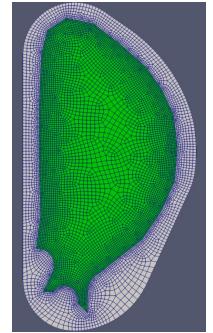


Mesh 0.5:  
1.28M elements, 10K  
poloidal x 128  
toroidal, 1120 ARM  
cores

To 25 global Alfvén times  
Max  $\text{CFL}_A = 400, \text{CFL}_u = 2$   
 $dt \sim 1.0$

# Time-step Size scaling for $S = 10^7$

Coarse mesh0



To 100 global Alfvén times

## Conclusions

- Developed scalable fully implicit low Mach compressible visco-resistive MHD solver.
  - Stabilized FE formulation → definite linear system and solvability (demonstrated numerically)
  - Approximate block factorization → scalable treatment of multiphysics equation coupling.
  - Scalable AMG solves → efficient scalable sub-block preconditioning.
- Demonstrated scalability (strong and weak), Lundquist number robustness, promising initial efficiency for longer-time scale simulations.
- Proof-of-principle numerical experiments.
  - Cold VDE.
  - (1,1) internal kink mode.
- Future work
  - Further V&V benchmarks.
  - Extension to two temperature models ( $T_i, T_e$ ).

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