



Adjoint Methods in Plasma Physics and Charged Particle Dynamics

or

When the solution to your problem
is not your problem.

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First, Some Nostalgia – TMA-DPP 50th

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 17. Non-neutral Plasmas

Shear Driven Instabilities of an Unneutralized Electron Beam. T. ANTONSEN and E. OTT, Cornell U. -- Motivated by recent experiments which utilize unneutralized annular intense relativistic electron beams, the stability of a planar electron beam with a linear velocity shear both parallel and perpendicular to a fixed, uniform magnetic field is examined with the aid of Nyquist's criterion. In the case of a beam bounded by conductors:

These are called transparencies

$v_{0x} = \frac{2k_x y}{3}$
 $v_{0z} = \frac{2k_z y}{3}$

$s = \beta + i\eta$
 $F(s) = I_\nu(k\alpha + \beta) K_\nu(k\alpha - \beta) e^{i\pi\nu} - I_\nu(k\alpha - \beta) K_\nu(k\alpha + \beta) e^{-i\pi\nu} + \pi i I_\nu(k\alpha + \beta) I_\nu(k\alpha - \beta)$
 for $\eta = 0, -k\alpha \leq \beta \leq k\alpha$

$\text{Re } \beta = \beta = \cos \nu \pi \{ I_\nu(k\alpha + \beta) K_\nu(k\alpha - \beta) - I_\nu(k\alpha - \beta) K_\nu(k\alpha + \beta) \}$
 $I_\nu(k\alpha) I_\nu(k\alpha) = \pi I_\nu(k\alpha) I_\nu(k\alpha)$

SOLUTIONS: i) OUTSIDE BEAM
 $\phi = A \exp(ky) + B \exp(-ky), \quad k = (k_x^2 + k_z^2)^{1/2}$
 ii) INSIDE BEAM
 $\phi = r^2 [C I_\nu(kr) + D K_\nu(kr)]$

WHERE:
 $\nu = \frac{1}{2} - i s / (k_x \frac{\partial v_{0x}}{\partial y} + k_z \frac{\partial v_{0z}}{\partial y})$
 $\nu^2 = \frac{1}{4} \left[\frac{k_x^2 \omega_p^2}{k_x \frac{\partial v_{0x}}{\partial y} + k_z \frac{\partial v_{0z}}{\partial y}} \right]^2 \left[1 + \frac{k_z \Omega}{k_x \Omega} \frac{\partial v_{0z}}{\partial y} \right]$

$v^2 = f\left(\frac{\nu}{k\alpha}\right)$
 STABLE UNSTABLE
 UNSTABLE $1 < \nu < 3/2$

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Adjoint Method: What it does

- Efficiently finds the dependence of system performance on parameters by solving a system problem different from the one proposed. - **Adjoint Problem**
- Requires identification of a **Metric** or **Figure of Merit (FoM)**

$F(\mathbf{a})$ \mathbf{a} list of parameters

or

$\mathbf{d}F(\mathbf{a})/\mathbf{d}\mathbf{a}$

- Solution of adjoint problem gives F or $\mathbf{d}F/\mathbf{d}\mathbf{a}$

Useful for:

Optimization

Sensitivity Studies

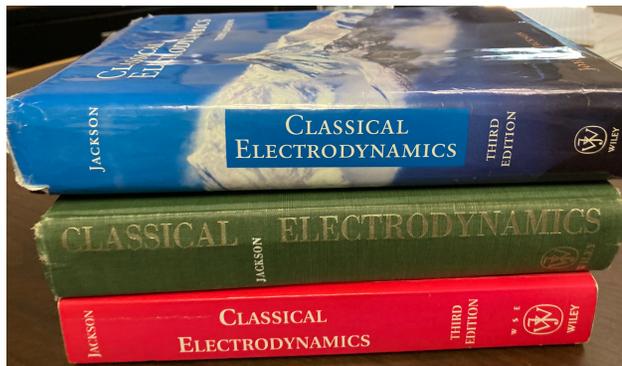


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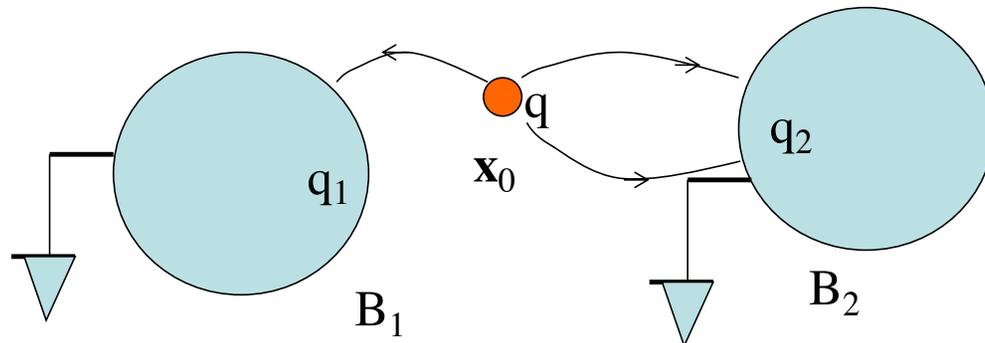
Basic Adjoint Example (More Nostalgia)

Jackson, Classical Electrodynamics Problems 1.12 and 1.13

The book is notorious for the difficulty of its problems, and its tendency to treat non-obvious conclusions as self-evident.^{[4][6]} A 2006 survey by the [American Physical Society](#) (APS) revealed that 76 out of the 80 U.S. physics departments surveyed require all first-year graduate students to complete a course using the third edition of this book.^{[6][7]}



A charge q is placed at an arbitrary point, \mathbf{x}_0 , relative to two grounded, conducting electrodes.



What is the charge q_1 on the surface of electrode 1?

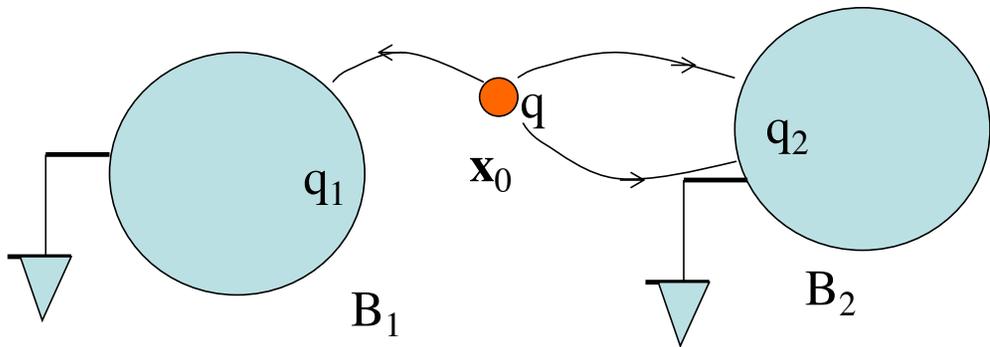
Now Repeat for different \mathbf{x}_0

q_1 **Figure of Merit**
 \mathbf{x}_0 **Parameters**



Direct Solution

Prob #1	Solve	BCs:	answer	
Your Problem	$\nabla^2 \phi = -q \delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0)$	$\phi _{B_1} = \phi _{B_2} = 0$ $\phi(x \rightarrow \infty) = 0$	$q_1 = \int_{B_1} d^2x \mathbf{n} \cdot \nabla \phi$	Repeated for each \mathbf{x}_0



- * Must first find potential throughout space.
- * Then evaluate E-field on surface of B_1 .
- * If \mathbf{x}_0 changes everything must be redone.



Adjoint Solution – Green’s Reciprocation Theorem

<u>Prob #2</u>	Solve	BCs:	
Adjoint Problem (Not your problem)	$\nabla^2 \psi = 0$	$\psi _{B1} = 1,$ $\psi _{B2} = \psi(x \rightarrow \infty) = 0$	<u>Done once !</u>

Apply Green’s Theorem

$$\int_V d^3x (\psi \nabla^2 \phi - \phi \nabla^2 \psi) = \int_S d^2x n \cdot (\psi \nabla \phi - \phi \nabla \psi)$$

$\nabla^2 \phi = -q\delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0)$ \downarrow 0 \downarrow 0

When the dust settles:

$$-q\psi(\mathbf{x}_0) = q_1$$

Answer



George Green 1793-1841

The Green of Green Functions

In 1828, an English miller from Nottingham published a mathematical essay that generated little response. George Green's analysis, however, has since found applications in areas ranging from classical electrostatics to modern quantum field theory.

Lawrie Challis and Fred Sheard *Physics Today* Dec. 2003

his family built a house next to the mill, Green spent most of his days and many of his nights working and indeed living in the mill. When he was 31, Jane Smith bore him a daughter. They had seven children in all but never married. It was said that Green's father felt that Jane was not a suitable wife for the son of a prosperous tradesman and landowner and threatened to disinherit him.

- Born in Nottingham (Home of Robin Hood)
- Father was a baker
- At age 8 enrolled in Robert Goodacre's Academy
- Left after 18 months (extent of formal education pre age 40)
- Worked in bakery for 5 years
- Sent by father to town mill to learn to be a miller



- Fell in love with Jane, the miller's daughter.
- Green's father forbade marriage.
- Green had 7 children with Jane.
- Took up mathematics.
- Self published work in 1828
- With help, entered Cambridge 1833, graduated 1837.
- Theory of elasticity, refraction, evanescence
- "Discovered" by Lord Kelvin in 1840.
- Died of influenza, 1841



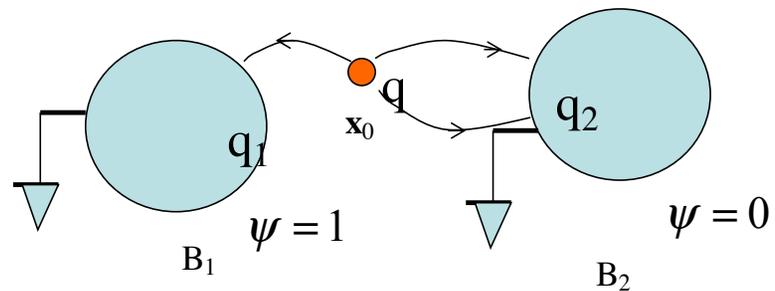
Green's Mill: still functions



Features of Problems Suited to an Adjoint Approach

1. Many computations need to be repeated.
(many different locations of charge, q)
2. Only a limited amount of information about the solution is required.
(only want to know charge on electrode #1)

Trick is to find the right combination of conditions on problem 2 to solve problem 1.





Adjoint Methods in Science and Engineering

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JES FOCUS ISSUE ON MATHEMATICAL MODELING OF ELECTROCHEMICAL SYSTEMS AT MULTIPLE SCALES IN HONOR OF JOHN NEWMAN

Adjoint Method for the Optimization of the Catalyst Distribution in Proton Exchange Membrane Fuel Cells

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Adjoint method for the optimization of insulated gate bipolar transistors

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Adjoint shape optimization applied to electromagnetic design

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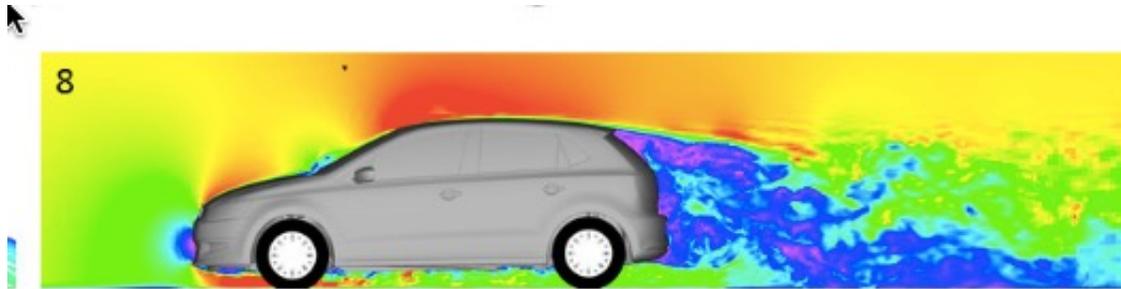
Adjoint methods for car aerodynamics

Carsten Othmer

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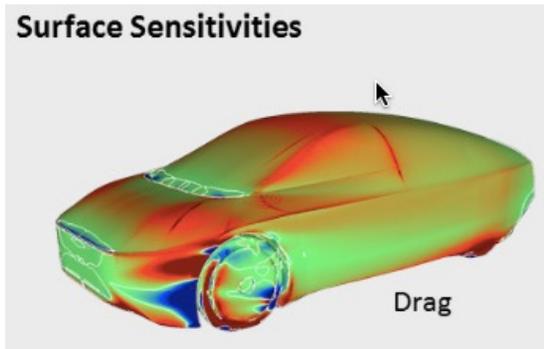
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Super Computer

Surface Sensitivities



Optimize shape
via steepest
descent to
minimize drag.



Result is also
aesthetically
appealing.



1985 Volvo 240 DL



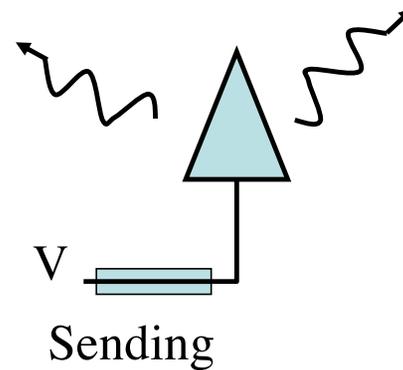
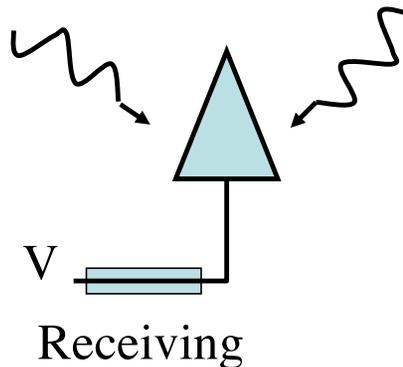
Oops, coding error ? Possible local minimum?



Relation to Reciprocity

Example:

- Antenna sending and receiving radiation patterns are equal due to time reversal symmetry of Maxwell's Equations.
- Direct calculation of receiving pattern requires many simulations
- Instead, calculate sending pattern and invoke reciprocity





Other Examples of Reciprocity

Collisional Transport: Onsager Symmetry of off-diagonal elements of transport matrices.

Temperature gradient	→	Electric current
Electric field	→	Heat flux

Neoclassical Tokamak Transport

Pressure gradient	→	Bootstrap Current
Toroidal E-field	→	Ware particle flux

F. Hinton, and R. Hazeltine, Rev. Mod Phys, 48 (2) , 1976



RF Current Drive in Fusion Plasmas

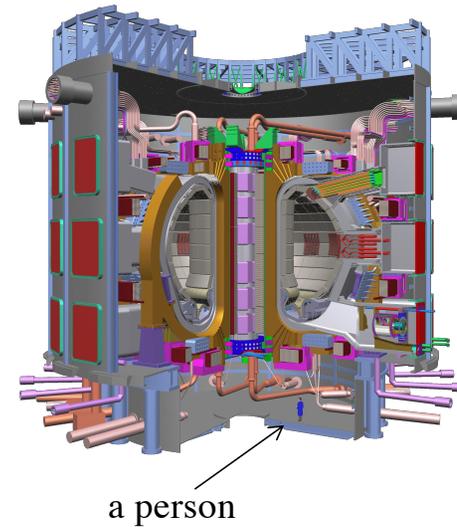
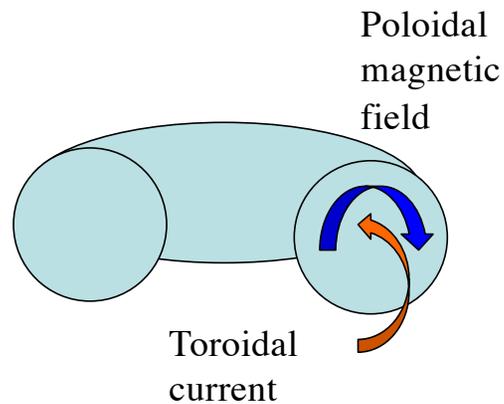
Magnetic Confinement: ITER

US-EU-Russia-Japan-India Collaboration

Will be built in Cadarache France

Completion 2016??

<http://www.iter.org/>



Injecting RF waves can drive a toroidal current. N. Fisch PRL (1978)



RF Current Drive Efficiency

Original Langevin Treatment: Nat Fisch, PRL (1978)

RF pushes particles in velocity space.

Collisions relax distribution back to equilibrium.

$\vec{\Gamma}$ = RF induced
velocity space
particle flux



What is the current generated per unit
power dissipated? J/P_D

$$J = \int d^3v \vec{\Gamma} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial v} \Psi \quad P_D = \int d^3v \vec{\Gamma} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial v} \varepsilon \text{ - energy}$$

Ψ sensitivity function, inversely proportional to collision rate



RF Current Drive Efficiency

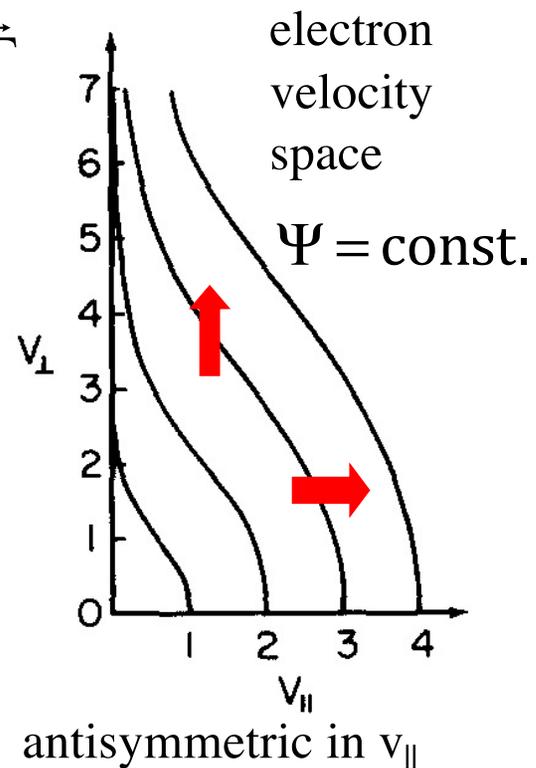
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$$J = \int d^3v \vec{\Gamma} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial v} \Psi$$

N. Fisch: Current generated in parallel direction even if push is in perpendicular direction





Adjoint Approach:

S. Hirshman, PoF, 23, 1238 (1980),
 TMA and KR Chu, PoF 25, (1982),
 M. Taguchi, J. Phys. Soc. Jpn (1982)

For a Homogeneous Plasma, we want to solve steady state kinetic equation

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = 0 = C(f) - \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{v}} \cdot \Gamma$$

Problem #1

Linearized collision operator

RF induced velocity space flux - **parameters**

Then find parallel current **FoM**

$$J_{\parallel} = -e \int d^3v v_{\parallel} f$$

Adjoint problem: Spitzer-Harm
 Distribution function driven by a
 DC electric field.

$$g(v_{\perp}, v_{\parallel})$$

$$eE_{\parallel} \frac{\partial f}{\partial v_{\parallel}} \sim -ev_{\parallel} f_M = C(g)$$

Problem #2

Parallel current

$$J_{\parallel} = \int d^3v \Gamma \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{v}} \left(\frac{g}{f_M} \right)$$



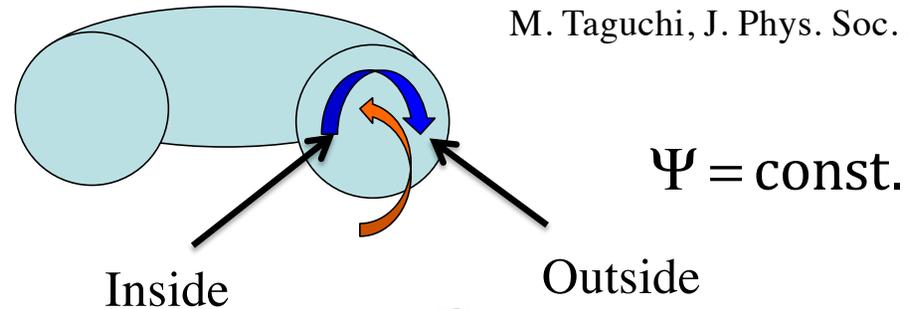
Toroidal Geometry Makes a Difference,

Streaming

$$v_{\parallel} \mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla g - e v_{\parallel} f_M = C(g)$$

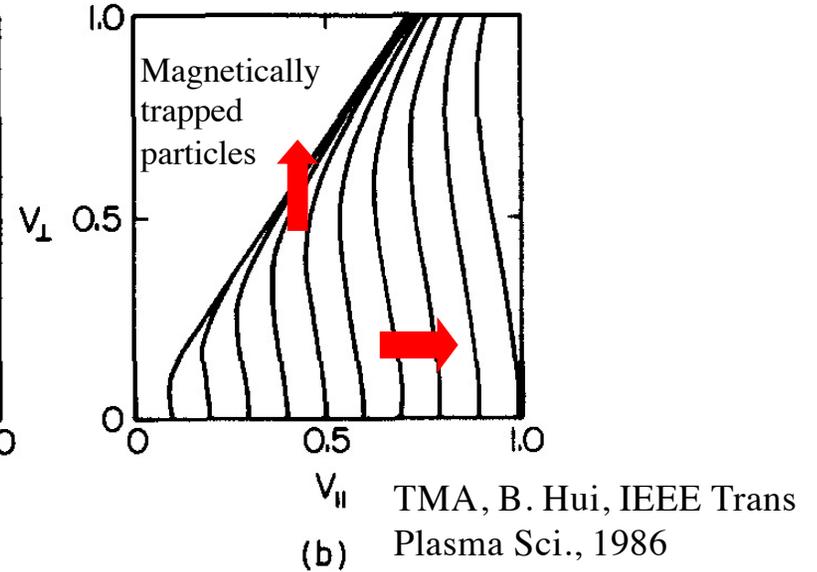
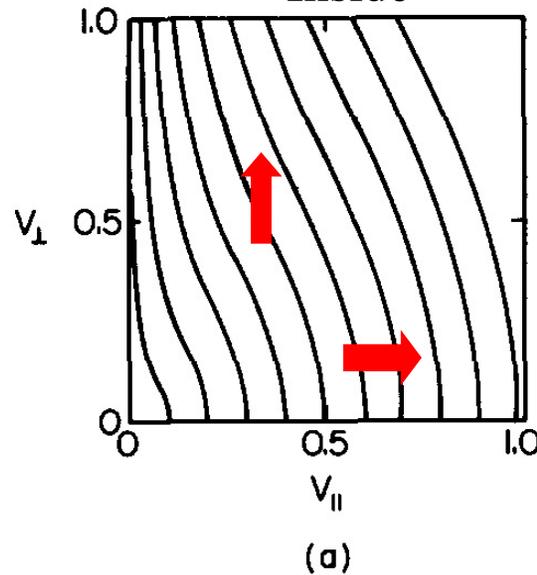
$$J = \int \frac{dl}{B} d^3v \Gamma \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial v} \frac{g}{f_M}$$

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Toroidal effects

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Company Report No. A1384
Parks, P. B., and F. B. Marcus, 1981,
Nucl. Fusion 21, 1207



TMA, B. Hui, IEEE Trans
Plasma Sci., 1986



Extensions to Energetic Particles– Fisch and Karney

Energetic Particles lead to dynamic distribution functions

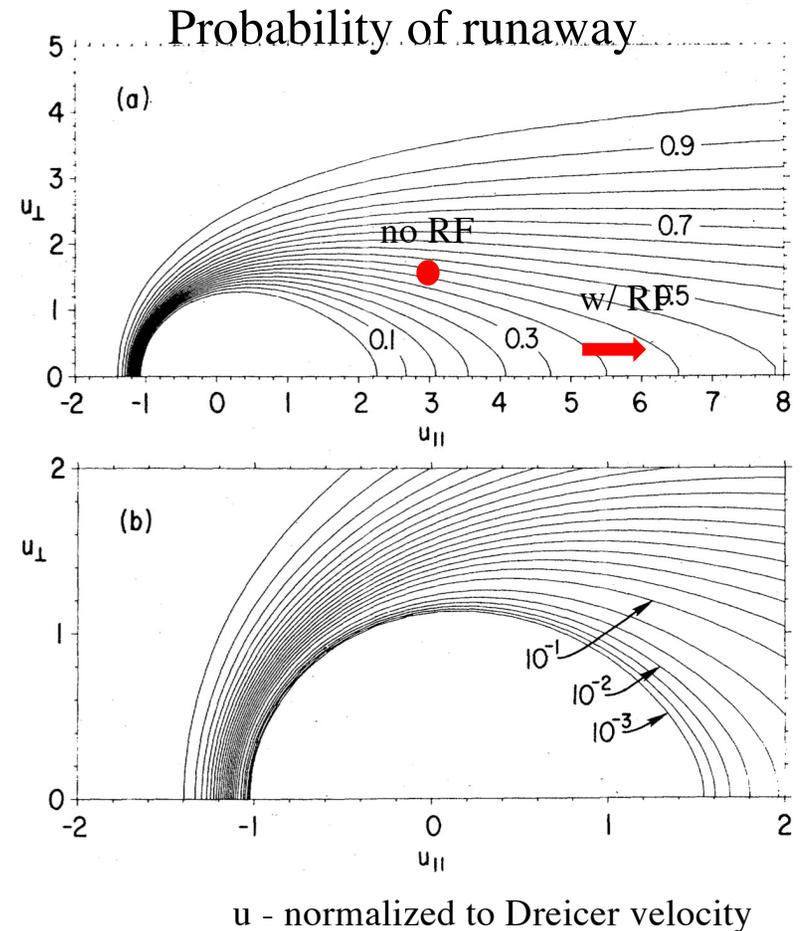
1. Probability of runaway (no RF) ●
2. Runaway rate with RF →
3. Energy flow to stored poloidal field

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Recent Adjoint Approaches

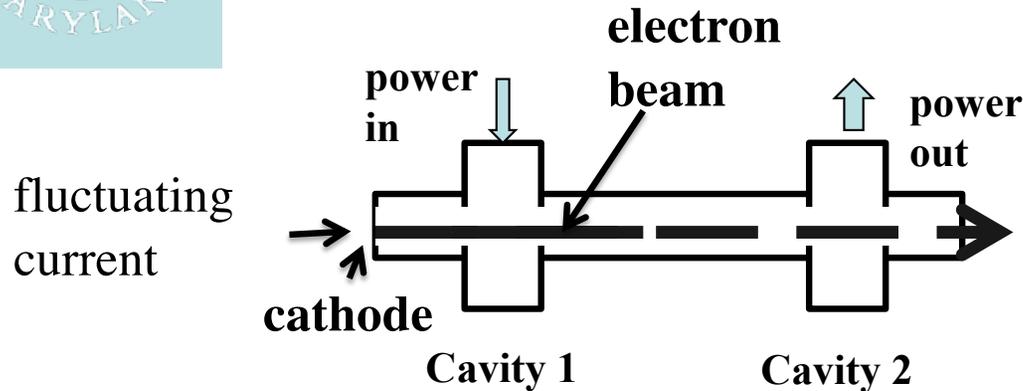
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Give a child a hammer and everything becomes a nail.



Signal to Noise Ratio in Klystrons & Gyro-Klystrons

TMA, W. Manheimer and A. Fliflet, PoP (2001).



Signal to noise ratio determined by ratio of injected signal power in Cavity 1 to fluctuating beam power due to discrete electronic charge.

Shot noise: If arrival times in cavity 1 are independent and identically distributed, fluctuations are a white noise process.

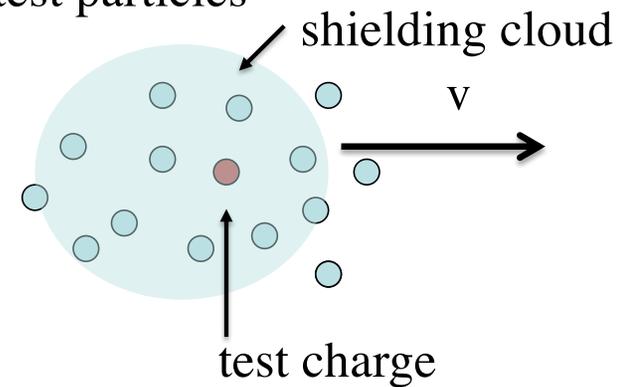
$$\langle I^2(t) \rangle = \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} e \langle I \rangle$$

But, this is wrong: electrons become correlated on transit from cathode to Cavity 1. Significantly reduces noise level.

Shielding Cloud

Direct calculation: Problem 1 Method of dressed test particles

For an ensemble ($N \gg 1$) of initial conditions at the cathode of test electrons, calculate the shielding cloud and total current fluctuation that **excites the relevant mode** in the cavity. Must be done for each test charge



Adjoint approach: Problem 2

For a given **cavity mode profile**, integrate the kinetic equation (**once**) backward in time to find the sensitivity function at the cathode, average over initial ensemble of test electrons.

Shielding cloud is potentially **unstable** for **Gyro-Klystrons** (**must taper guiding magnetic field**)

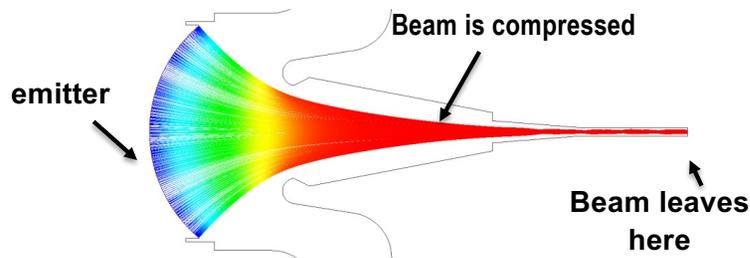
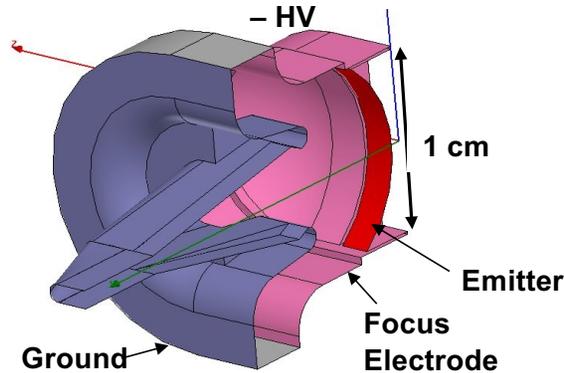


Global Beam Sensitivity Function for Electron Guns

TMA, D. Chernin, J. Petillo, Phys. Plasmas 26, 013109 (2019).

Thermionic Cathode Electron Gun

Solid Model
of Electrodes



Goal

Evaluate a function that gives the variation of specific beam **FoMs** to variations in electrode potential/position

Can be used to

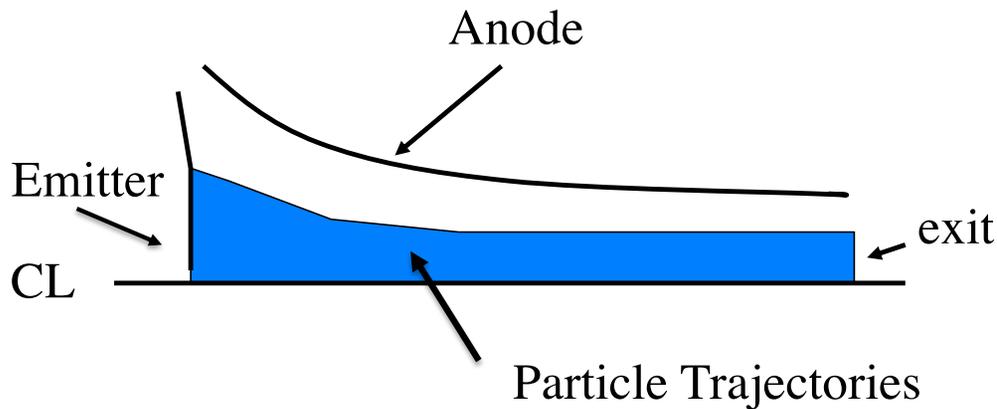
- establish manufacturing tolerances
- optimize gun designs

Should be embedded in gun code (e.g. Michelle)

What shape to make electrodes?



Particle in Cell (PIC) Code Michelle



Code solves the Steady state equations of motion for N particles $j=1, N$ in self consistent fields

Start with vacuum fields
Solve for trajectories

$$\frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{x}_j = \mathbf{v}_j, \quad \frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{p}_j = q(\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}_j) + \mathbf{v}_j \times \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{x}_j))$$

Accumulate a charge density on grid

$$\rho(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_j I_j \int_0^{T_j} dt \delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_j(t))$$

Solve Poisson Equation

$$-\nabla^2 \Phi = \rho / \epsilon_0$$

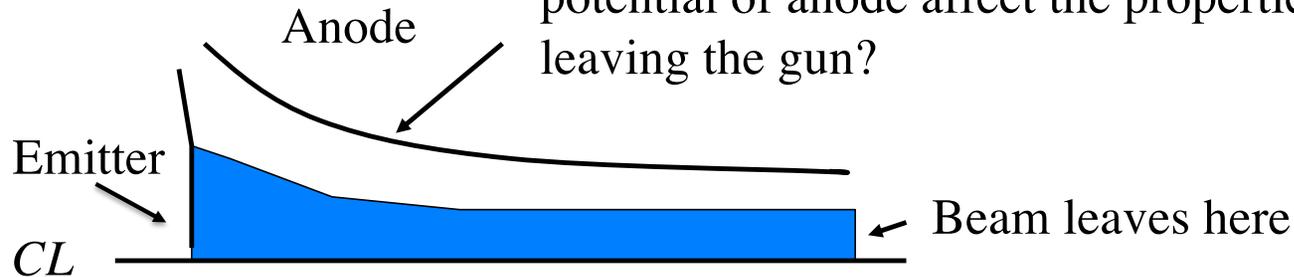
Iterates until converged

Petillo, J; Eppley, K; Panagos, D; et al., IEEE TPS 30, 1238-1264 (2002).



Beam Sensitivity Function

Basic question: How do small changes in position or potential of anode affect the properties of the beam leaving the gun?



Beam characterized by FoM, function of particle coordinates

$$F = F(\mathbf{p}_j, \mathbf{x}_j)_{z=L}$$

Conventional Approach: Solve directly (Problem 1)

Do many simulations with different anode potentials, positions

Select the best based on Figure of Merit (FoM) measured at the exit.

Example RMS size

$$F = \sum_j |\mathbf{x}_{\perp j}|^2$$

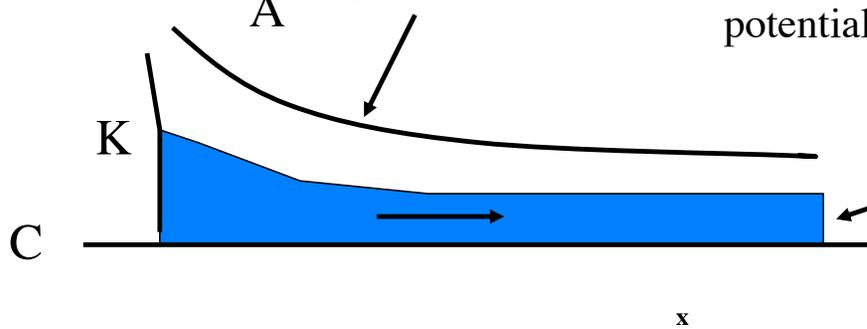


We need an adjoint problem

$$\delta\Phi_A(\mathbf{x}) = -\Delta(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \nabla\Phi$$

a) Wall displacement changes potential on unperturbed surface.

Problem #1
Direct

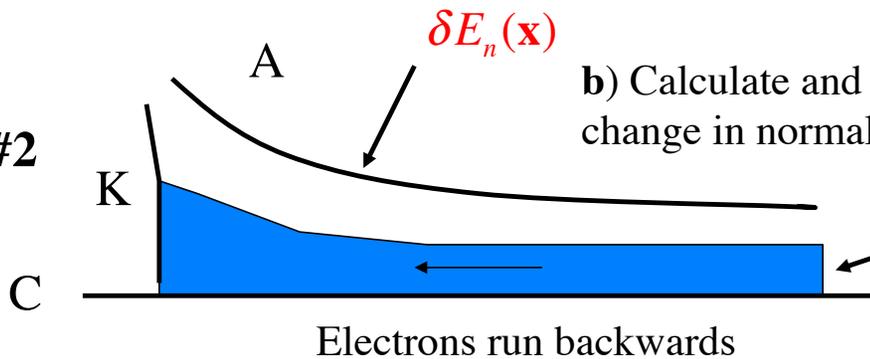


b) Leads to change in Figure of Merit F , function of electron coordinates.

$$F = F(\mathbf{p}_j, \mathbf{x}_j)_{z=L}$$

$$\delta F = \sum_j \left(\delta \mathbf{p}_j \frac{\partial F}{\partial \mathbf{p}_j} + \delta \mathbf{x}_j \frac{\partial F}{\partial \mathbf{x}_j} \right)_{z=L}$$

Problem #2
Adjoint



b) Calculate and record change in normal E .

a) Perturb electron coordinates in a prescribed way based on FoM, then reverse momenta and send back

δE_n Is the sensitivity function

$$\delta F \propto \int_S da \delta\Phi_A(\mathbf{x}) \delta E_n(\mathbf{x})$$

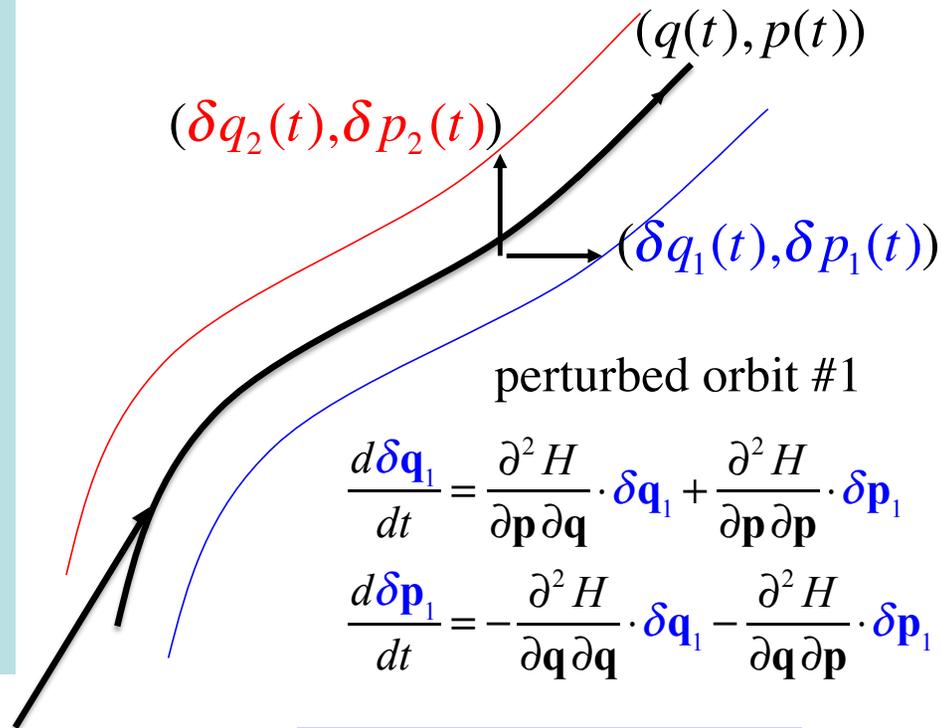
Sensitivity function

Why does it work? Hamilton's Equations Conserve Symplectic Area

2023 John Dawson Award for Excellence in Plasma Physics Research

Philip Morrison, Hong Qin, and Eric Sonnendrücker

“For establishing and shaping the field of structure-preserving geometric algorithms for plasma physics.”



Reference trajectory in 6N dimensional phase space

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\delta \mathbf{p}_1 \cdot \delta \mathbf{q}_2 - \delta \mathbf{p}_2 \cdot \delta \mathbf{q}_1) = 0$$

$$H(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}, t)$$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{q}}{dt} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial \mathbf{p}}$$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{p}}{dt} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial \mathbf{q}}$$

perturbed orbit #1

$$\frac{d\delta \mathbf{q}_1}{dt} = \frac{\partial^2 H}{\partial \mathbf{p} \partial \mathbf{q}} \cdot \delta \mathbf{q}_1 + \frac{\partial^2 H}{\partial \mathbf{p} \partial \mathbf{p}} \cdot \delta \mathbf{p}_1$$

$$\frac{d\delta \mathbf{p}_1}{dt} = -\frac{\partial^2 H}{\partial \mathbf{q} \partial \mathbf{q}} \cdot \delta \mathbf{q}_1 - \frac{\partial^2 H}{\partial \mathbf{q} \partial \mathbf{p}} \cdot \delta \mathbf{p}_1$$

perturbed orbit #2

$$\frac{d\delta \mathbf{q}_2}{dt} = \dots$$

$$\frac{d\delta \mathbf{p}_2}{dt} = -\dots$$

Area conserved for any choice of 1 and 2



Reference Solution + Two Linearized Solutions

$$(\mathbf{x}_j, \mathbf{p}_j) \rightarrow (\mathbf{x}_j, \mathbf{p}_j) + (\delta \mathbf{x}_j, \delta \mathbf{p}_j)$$

$$\rho(\mathbf{x}) \rightarrow \rho(\mathbf{x}) + \delta \rho(\mathbf{x})$$

$$\Phi(\mathbf{x}) \rightarrow \Phi(\mathbf{x}) + \delta \Phi(\mathbf{x})$$

Reference Solution

Perturbation

Two Linearized Solutions

$[\delta x_j(t), \delta p_j(t)]$ true – changes in anode

$[\delta \hat{x}_j(t), \delta \hat{p}_j(t)]$ adjoint – we pick

Subject to different BC's

Can show difference in symplectic area entering and leaving is given by surface integral of perturbed fields

$$\sum_j I_j \left(\delta \hat{\mathbf{p}}_j \cdot \delta \mathbf{x}_j - \delta \mathbf{p}_j \cdot \delta \hat{\mathbf{x}}_j \right) \Big|_0^L = -q \epsilon_0 \int_S da \left[\delta \Phi \mathbf{n} \cdot \nabla \delta \hat{\Phi} - \delta \hat{\Phi} \mathbf{n} \cdot \nabla \delta \Phi \right]$$

Conservation of Symplectic Area meets Green's Theorem !



What is the change in a generic figure of merit? $F = F(\mathbf{p}_j, \mathbf{x}_j)_{z=L}$

$$\delta F = \sum_j \left(\delta \mathbf{x}_j \frac{\partial F}{\partial \mathbf{x}_j} + \delta \mathbf{p}_j \frac{\partial F}{\partial \mathbf{p}_j} \right)_{z=L}$$

$$\delta \Phi|_B = -\Delta(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \nabla \Phi|_B$$

Generalized Green's Theorem

$$\sum_j I_j \left(\delta \mathbf{x}_j \cdot \delta \hat{\mathbf{p}}_j - \delta \mathbf{p}_j \cdot \delta \hat{\mathbf{x}}_j \right) \Big|_0^L = -q\epsilon_0 \int_S da \left[\delta \Phi \mathbf{n} \cdot \nabla \delta \hat{\Phi} - \delta \hat{\Phi} \mathbf{n} \cdot \nabla \delta \Phi \right]$$

Problem #2 Perturbed trajectories at exit proportional to grad-F

$$I_j \delta \hat{\mathbf{p}}_j \Big|_T = \frac{\partial F}{\partial \mathbf{x}_j}, \quad I_j \delta \hat{\mathbf{x}}_j \Big|_T = -\frac{\partial F}{\partial \mathbf{p}_j}$$

$$\delta \hat{\Phi}(\mathbf{x}) = 0$$

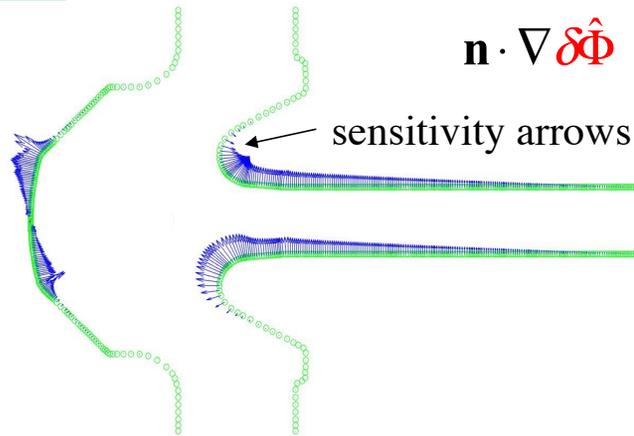
Sensitivity Function

$$\delta F = -q\epsilon_0 \int_S da \delta \Phi (\mathbf{n} \cdot \nabla \delta \hat{\Phi})$$

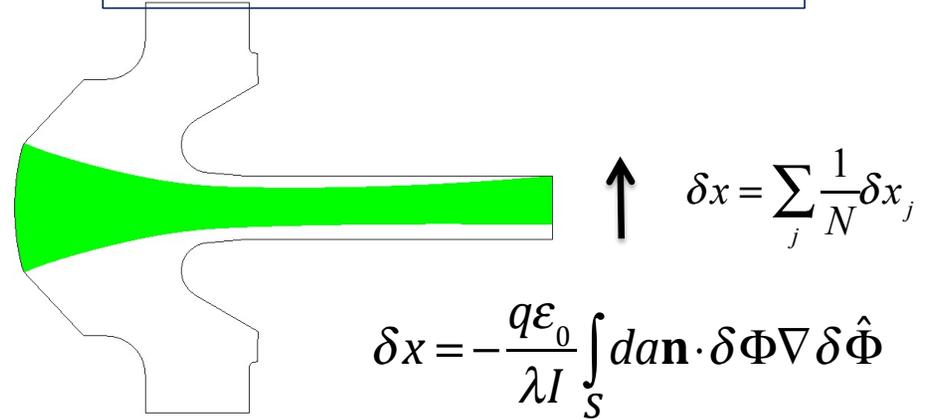


Vertical Displacement of the Beam

Vector plot of the 'sensitivity' or Green's function



'Direct' MICHELLE Simulation with Perturbed Anode Voltages



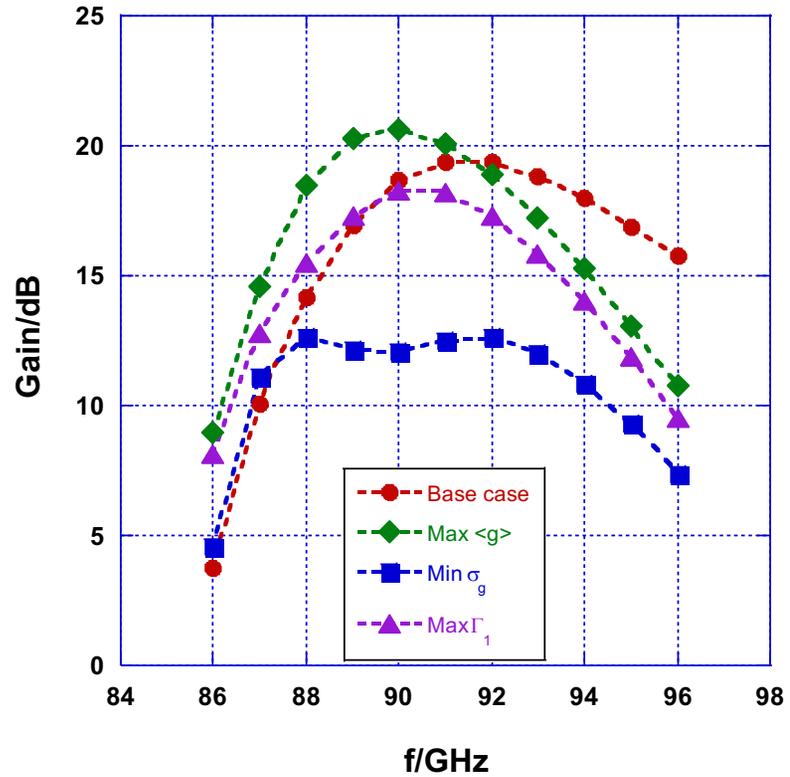
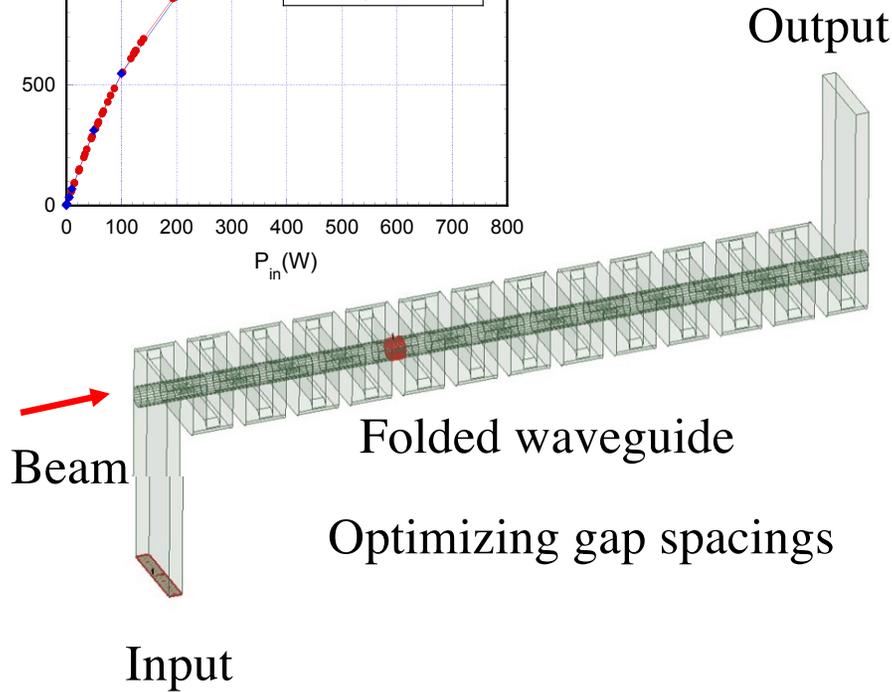
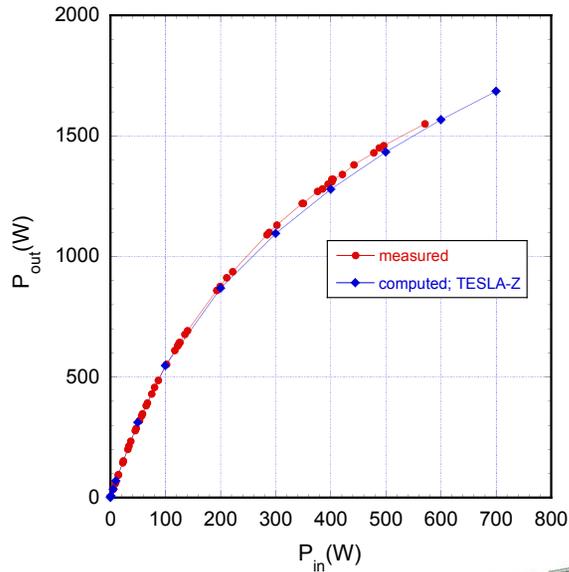
Predicted displacement / Calculated displacement = 0.9969

Currently being updated to include B-field:

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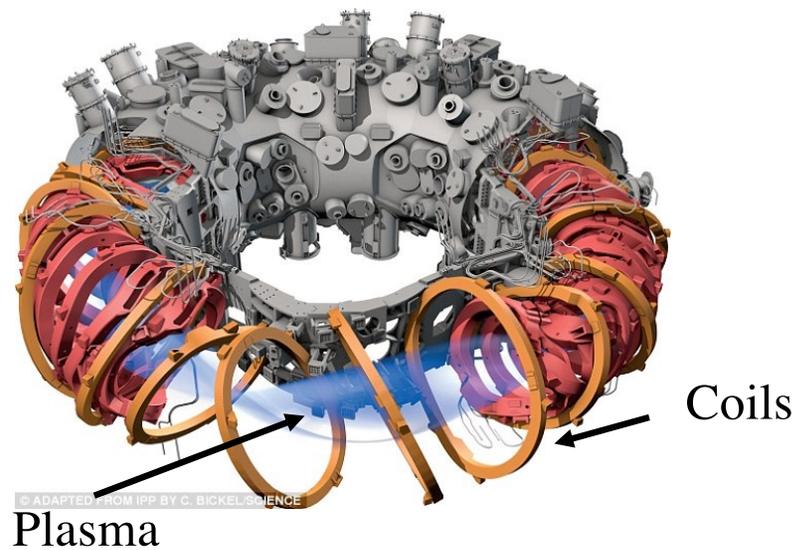
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Optimization of Small Signal Gain

3D MHD Equilibria



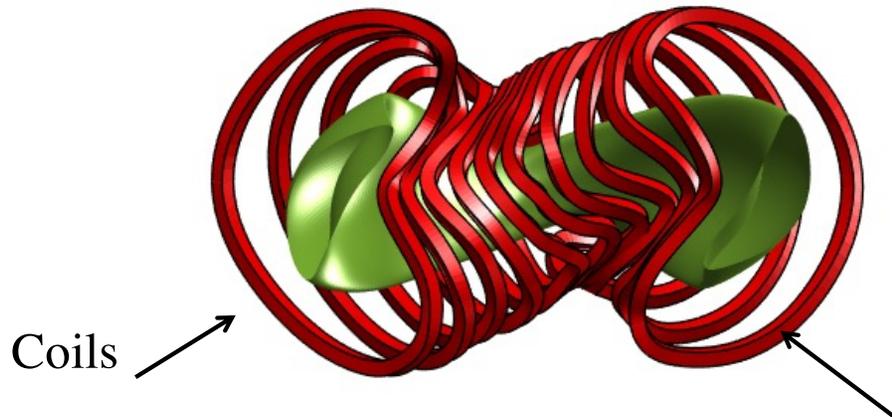
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Greifswald, Germany Completed 2015



3D MHD Toroidal Equilibrium



In plasma

$$-\nabla p + \frac{\mathbf{J} \times \mathbf{B}}{c} = 0$$
$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \frac{4\pi}{c} \mathbf{J}$$

Basic Question: How do changes in coil currents or shapes affect equilibrium?

Alternatively, how do changes in the shape of the outermost flux surface affect equilibrium?



Adjoint Equations for Stellarator Equilibria

Shape Gradient Sensitivity Functions

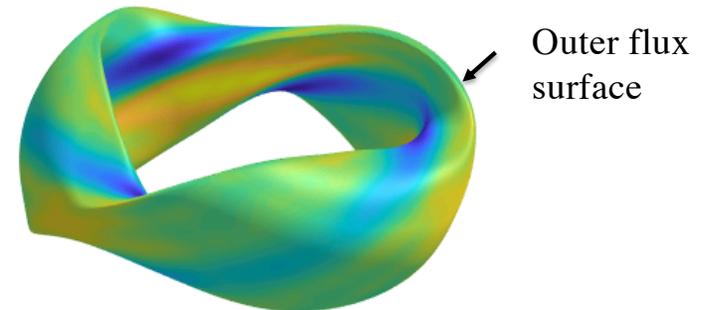
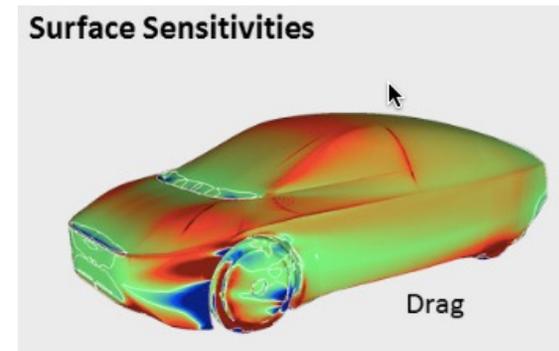


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Colors show sensitivity of rotational transform to displacement of outer flux surface



Linear Perturbations to Equilibrium

Similar to MHD stability $-\Delta W(\xi)$

ξ - field line displacement

$$\mathbf{B} \Rightarrow \mathbf{B} + \nabla \times (\xi \times \mathbf{B} - \delta\Phi_p \nabla \zeta)$$

Changes in magnetic field

$$\nabla p \Rightarrow \nabla (p + \xi \cdot \nabla p) + \nabla \cdot \delta \underline{\underline{\mathbf{P}}}$$

Added pressure tensor

$$\mathbf{J}_c \Rightarrow \mathbf{J}_c + \delta \mathbf{J}_c$$

Changes in current/shape of coils
or Shape of outer flux surface

$$\xi \cdot \mathbf{n} \Big|_{\text{Boundary}}$$



Generalized Forces and Responses

<p>Responses</p> <p>Vacuum fields</p> <p>Plasma displacement</p> <p>Toroidal current profile</p>	$\begin{pmatrix} \delta \mathbf{A}_V \\ \xi \\ d\delta I_T / d\psi \end{pmatrix} = \underline{\underline{O}} \begin{pmatrix} \delta \mathbf{J}_C \\ \nabla \cdot \delta \underline{\underline{P}} \\ \delta \Phi_P \end{pmatrix}$	<p>Forces:</p> <p>Coil currents</p> <p>Pressure tensor</p> <p>Rotational transform</p>
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More generically,
for two different
perturbations

$$\delta x_i^{(1)} = \sum_j O_{ij} \delta F_j^{(1)} \quad \delta x_i^{(2)} = \sum_j O_{ij} \delta F_j^{(2)}$$

Self-Adjoint Symmetry Gives

$$\sum_j \left\{ \delta x_i^{(1)} \delta F_i^{(2)} - \delta x_i^{(2)} \delta F_i^{(1)} \right\} = 0$$



Example Adjoint Relation

Make this appear to be
change in FoM

$$\int_{VP} d^3x \left(\xi \cdot \nabla \cdot \delta \underline{\underline{\mathbf{P}}}_L \right) = -\frac{1}{4\pi} \int_S d^2x \mathbf{n} \cdot \xi \left(\delta \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{B} \right) = 0$$

True interior displacement

True outer flux surface displacement

Adjoint added
pressure tensor

Adjoint sensitivity function



Surface and Coil Sensitivity

Adjoint Approach to gradient calculation

> 500 X Speed – Up over direct calculation

Uses VMEC & DIAGNO

Hirshman and Whitman, 1983 Phys. Fluids 25 3553

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Different Figures of Merit Possible

Plasma pressure – beta

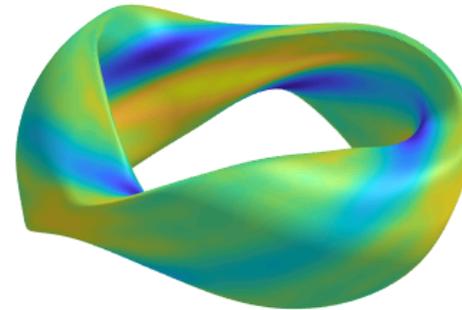
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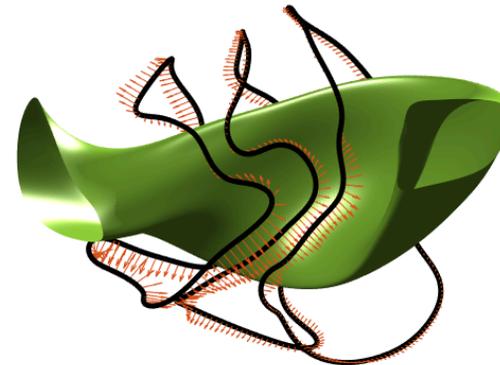
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Energetic particle drifts

Quasi-symmetry



Surface shape sensitivity



Coil location sensitivity



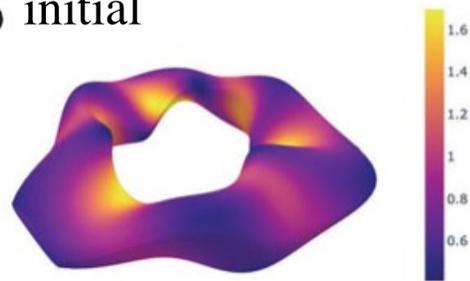
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Gradient-based optimization of 3D MHD equilibria

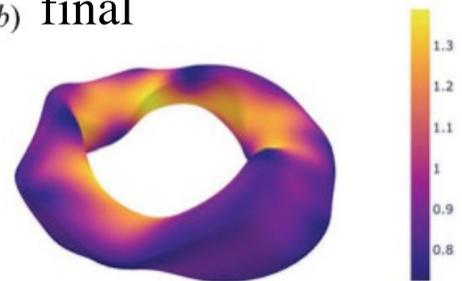
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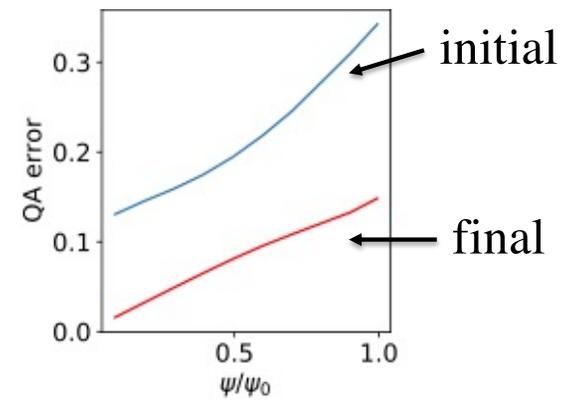
(a) initial



(b) final



Optimized for “Quasi-symmetry” on axis
(good particle confinement)





Challenges

Make this appear to be change in FoM

$$\int_{VP} d^3x (\xi \cdot \nabla \cdot \delta \underline{\mathbf{P}}_L) = -\frac{1}{4\pi} \int_S d^2x \mathbf{n} \cdot \xi (\delta \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{B}) = 0$$

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Surface displacement
Sensitivity function

Limited number of FoMs can be put in this form.
 Formulation must be compatible with 3D - Equilibrium codes

Minimize Energy

VMEC - S. P. Hirshman and J. C. Whitson, (1983).

SPEC - S. R. Hudson, R. L. Dewar, G. Dennis, M. J. Hole, M. McGann, G. von Nessi, and S. Lazerson, (2012).

Solve Force Balance

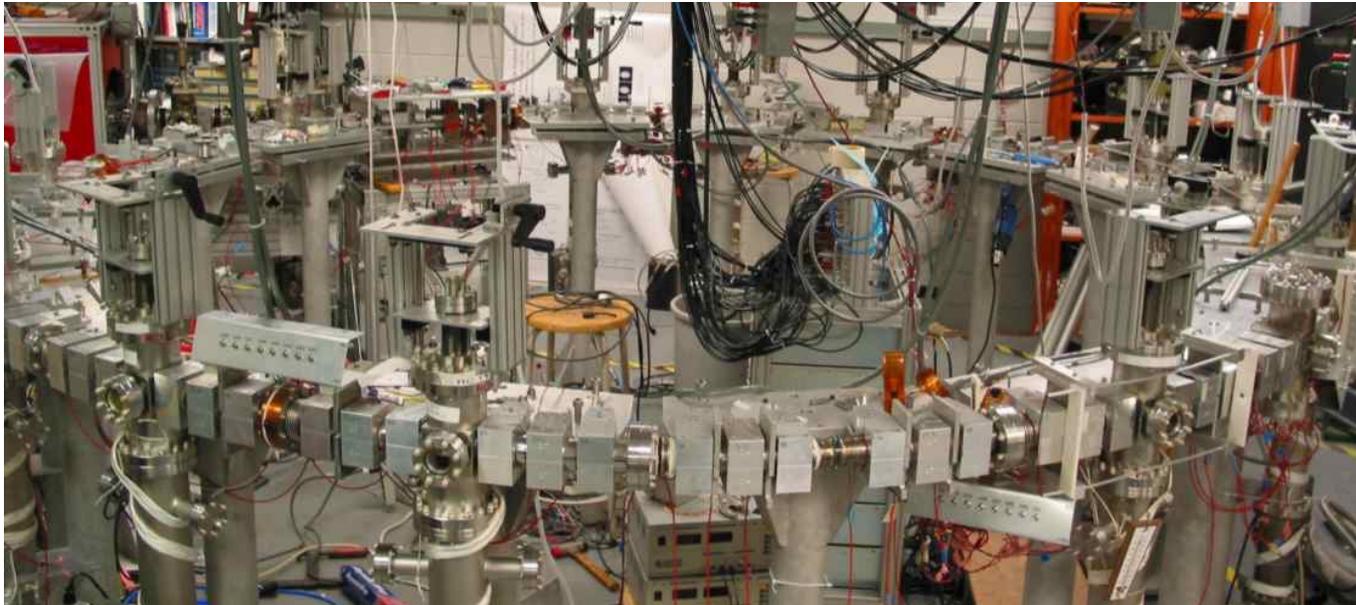
DESC – D. W. Dudt, E. Kolemen, (2020), D.W. Dudt , R. Conlin, D. Panici and E. Kolemen, (2023)

Includes automatic differentiation to compute FoM gradient Program takes code, breaks into primitive operations and computes derivatives



Optimization of Focusing Magnets in Accelerator Lattices

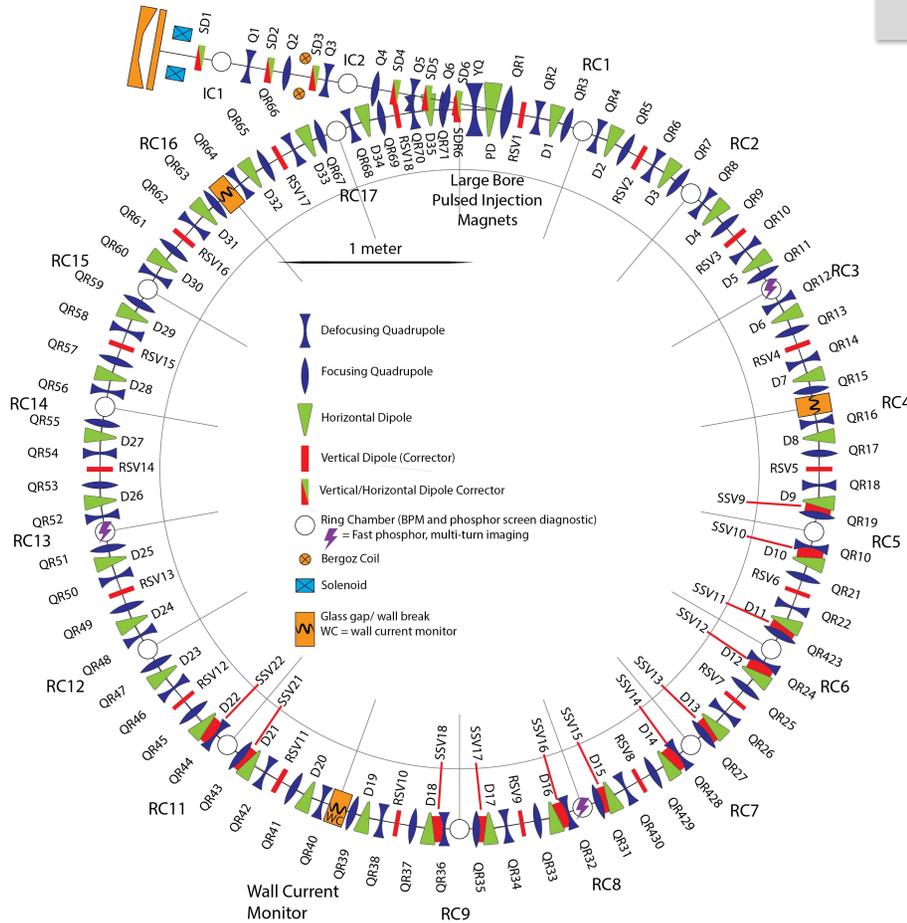
The University of Maryland Electron Ring



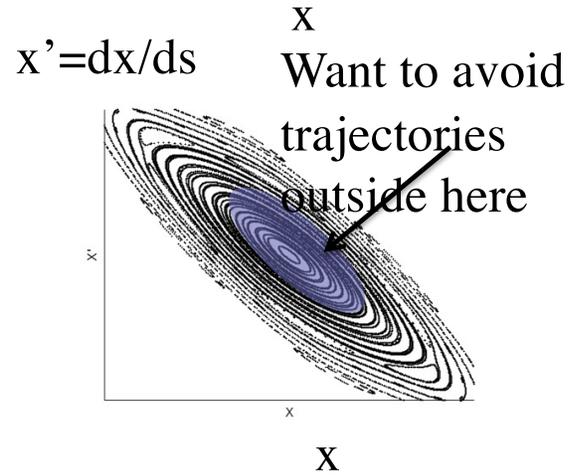
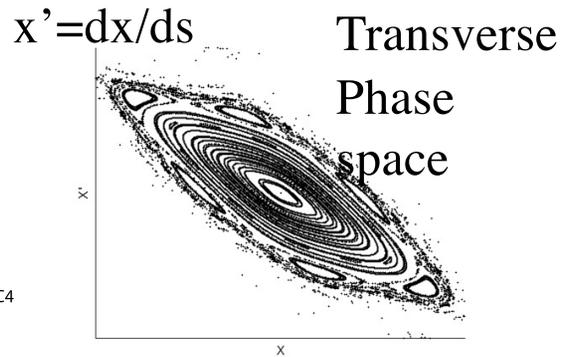
UMER is a fully functional electron storage ring



UMER Systems and Layout

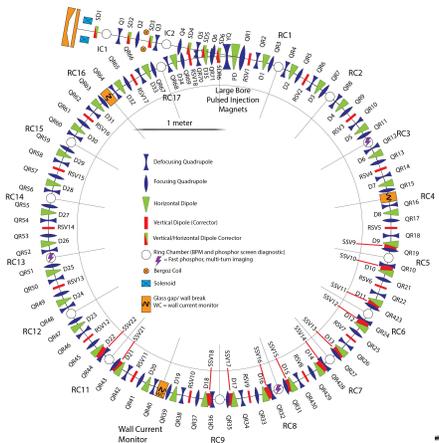


167 Magnets, power supplies & controls.

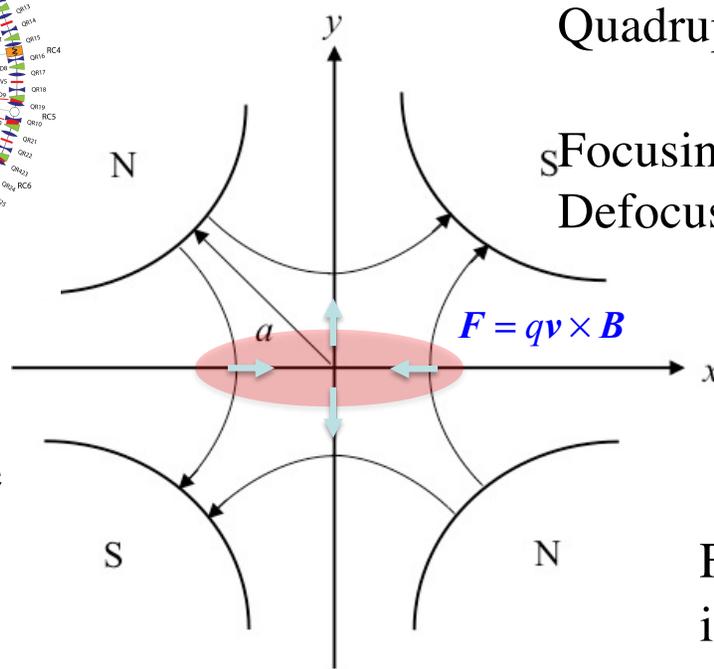




Focusing Basics



32 Quadrupole magnets



Quadrupole Magnetic Field

Focusing in x-direction
Defocusing in y-direction

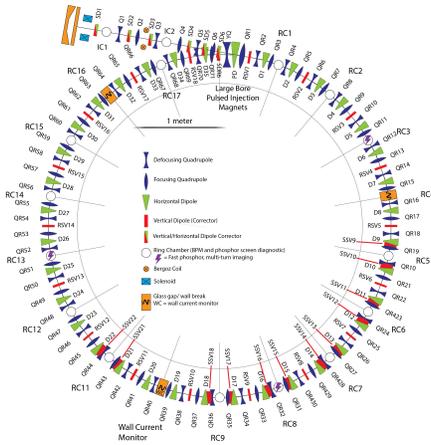
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Field strength increases linearly with distance from the axis

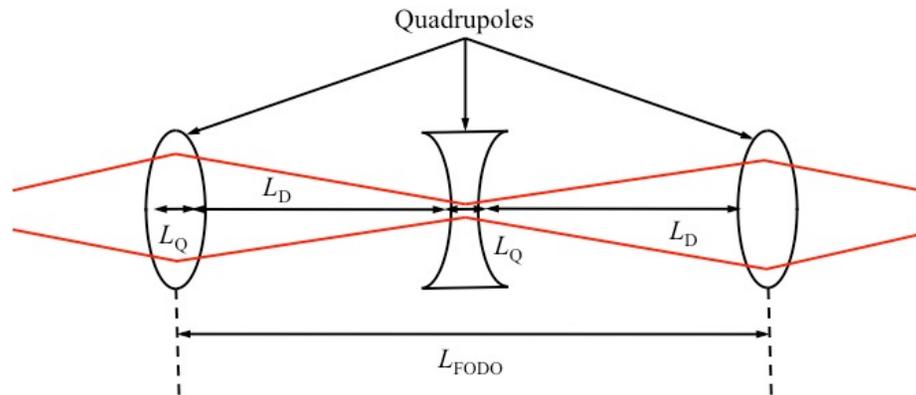


FODO Lattice

Alternate focusing and defocusing orientations



32 Quadrupole magnets



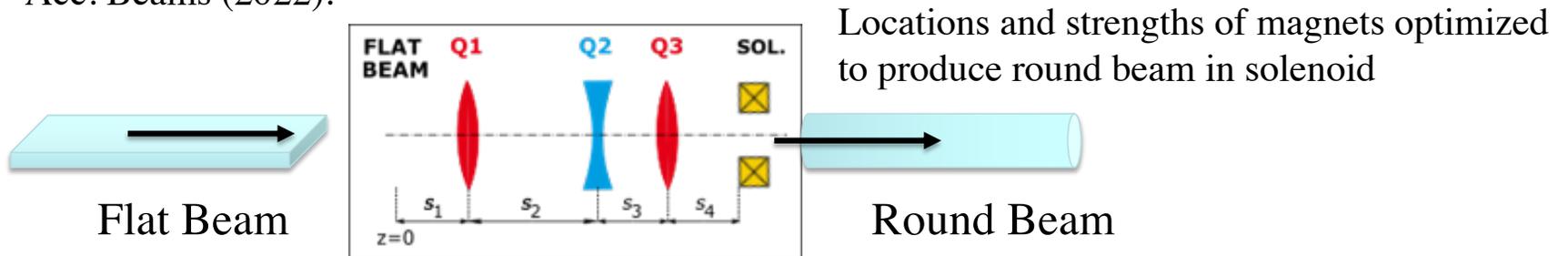
Qualitative explanation: beam passes through focusing quad when it is big (strong fields). Passes through defocusing quad when it is small (weak fields). Net effect is focusing.

Beam distribution depends on many parameters How to optimize?
Can we become Lords of the Ring?



Optimization of Flat to Round Transformers Using Adjoint Techniques

L. Dovlatyan, B. Beaudoin, S. Bernal, I. Haber, D. Sutter and T. M. A. Phys. Rev. Acc. Beams (2022).



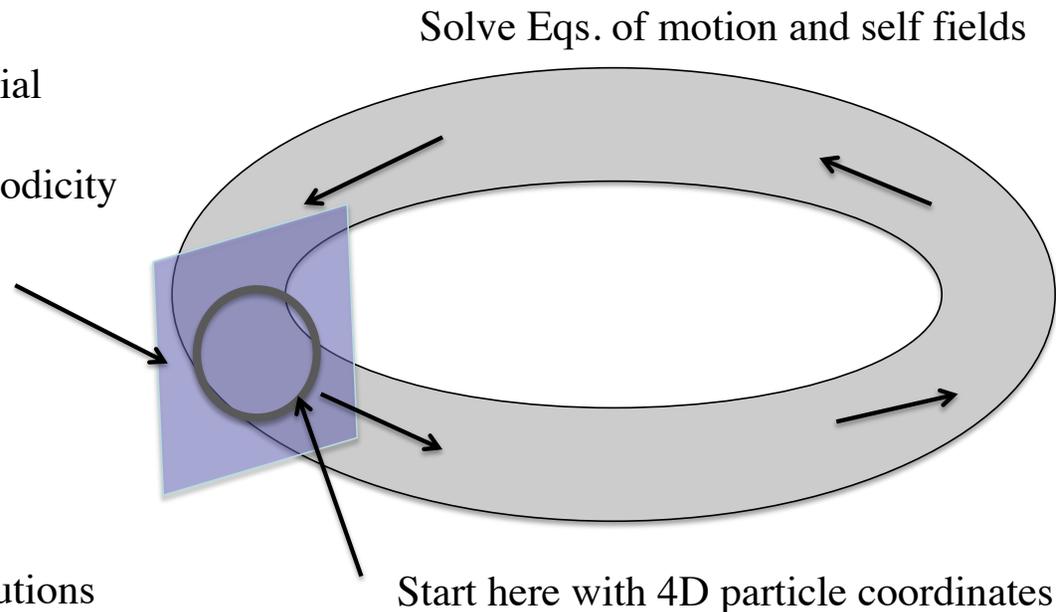
Flat to Round and Round to Flat transformers are proposed for cooling of hadron beams. Ya. Derbenev, Adapting optics for high-energy electron cooling, Tech. Rep. UM-HE-98-04-A (1998).

Cylindrical hadron beam cools via collisions when co-propagated with electron beam. Optimized when beams overlap and transverse energy is minimum.

Circular Accelerators-Periodicity

Particles return to initial plane.
Need to maintain periodicity of distribution, not individual orbits

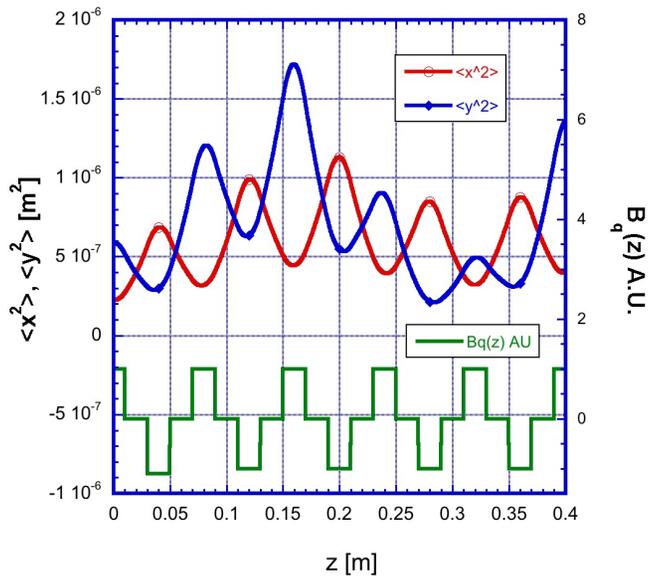
Big problems:
Do periodic distributions exist? Most likely no.
How to relaunch particles to optimize?



Constrained Optimization
“Adjoint with a Chaser”

Test Problem – 10 Quadrupole lattice

Initial

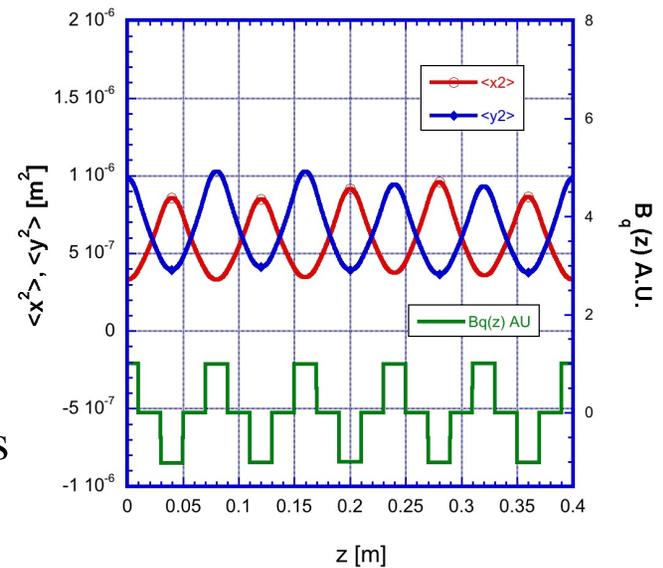


Transverse moments

Quadrupole strengths

Beam not in equilibrium
Large beam waist excursion

Final



Beam moments become periodic
Excursions minimized (FoM)

Conclusion

Adjoint methods are a powerful way to evaluate parameter dependences in many systems involving charged particle dynamics.

Issue: coding complexity
Adjoint vs Automatic differentiation?

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