

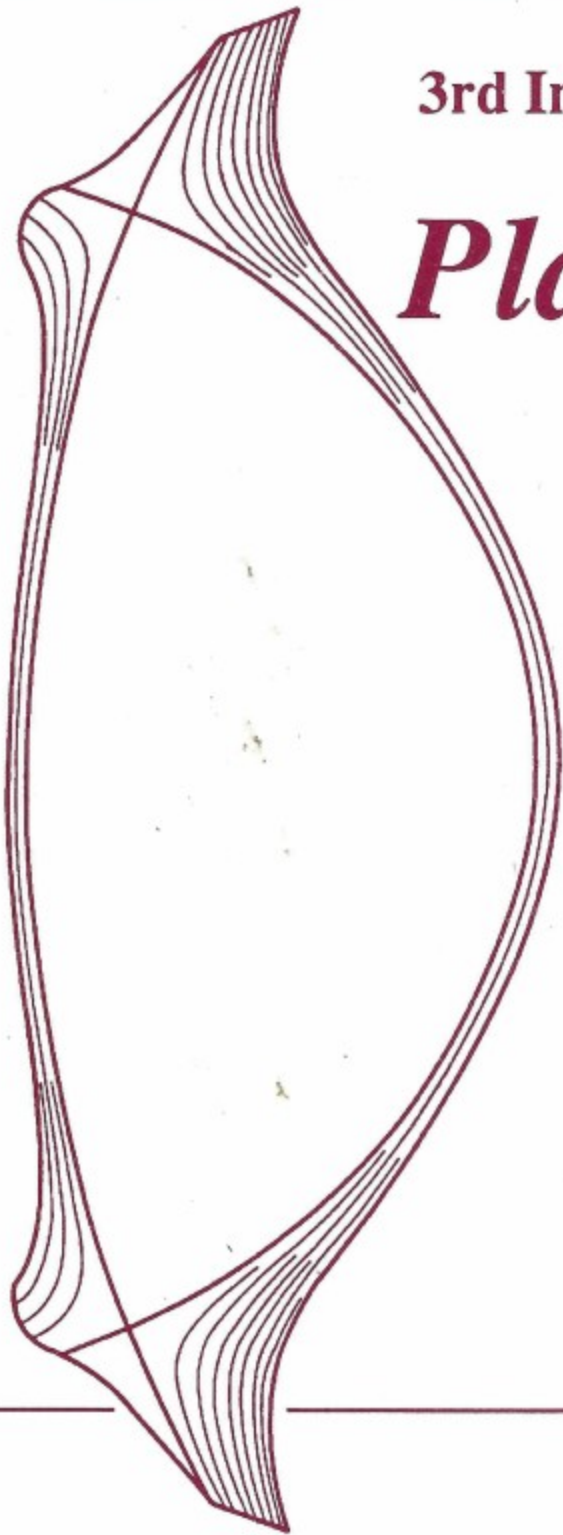
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2D

- R. Zanino : Finite element modelling of the  
Garching-Torino scrape-off layer
- A. Taroni : The multi-fluid codes EDGE1D and  
JET EDGE2D: Models and results
- K. Parbhakar & J. Lewendowski : Properties of a biased  
INRS divertor scrape-off layer  
plasma (1D)
- T. D. Rognlien, et al : A fully implicit, 2-D fluid  
LLNL transport code for  
simulating tokamak edge  
plasma.

## B2

- W. D. D'haeseleer, H. D. Pacher, G. W. Pacher

### NET

B2 with an analytical recycling model for ITER/NET

- M. W. Wuttke et al.: Validation of the B2-EIRENE code by comparison with TEXTOR experiments
- H. Kastelewicz et al.: Parameter study of the divertor conditions in ASDEX-upgrade

### B2, Analytical recycling, EIRENE (neutrons)

- R. Schneider et al.: Extensions of B2 for the simulation of ASDEX-upgrade scrape-off layer plasma

- Deuterium plasma & Helium ions as impurity

- Neutral atoms and molecules:

Monte-carlo code EIRENE

- B2 plasma profiles  $\rightarrow$  calculates the source terms

- B2-EIRENE more realistic recycling model than the stand-alone B2-code.

### Kinetic

- Krasheninnikov et al.
  - Kinetic modeling of the transport processes in the tokamak edge plasma. (Preliminary results).
  - Electron Heat conduction and supra-thermal particles
- R. Chodura (Garching)
  - Kinetic effects in the scrape-off layer
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Reionized recycled neutral
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    - \* electron kinetic / ion fluid



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R.W. Conn } PISCES (D<sub>I</sub>, D<sub>II</sub>)  
F. Najmabadi } 1D & 2D Modelling  
Y. HIROOKA }  
B. Merriman } UCLA next-generation code

LLNL

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M. E. Reink  
G. D. Porter  
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2D code - LEDGE

Fully implicit  
2D fluid

Applications: DIII-D



## Boundary Conditions

- K. Günther : Boundary conditions for the momentum and energy flux of ions at the plasma-sheath interface.  
Berlin
- Yu. L. Igitkhanov et al.  
Kurchatov Institute, Moscow
  - Effective Boundary conditions at the plasma-surface ~~interaction~~ interface.
  - The influence of Different Boundary conditions on the Divertor plasma parameters.



## Effective Boundary Conditions at the Plasma-surface interface.

YU. L. Igitkhanov, A.M. RUKNOV

Presented at the 3rd international workshop on plasma edge theory in Fusion Devices, Bad Honnef, Germany 1992.

- Fluid can be used if the nonlocal effects are included into the transport coefficients and the appropriate boundary conditions are present.
- The existing boundary conditions do not permit to include the contribution of suprathermal particles due to their local nature.
- New Boundary conditions for fluid models of SOL and divertor plasma:

### New Boundary conditions

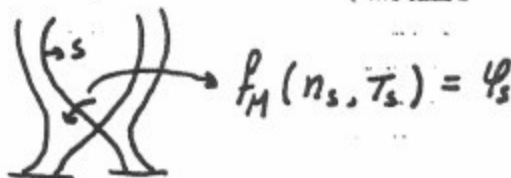
- starting from BGK kinetic equation
- This boundary conditions permit to extend the applicability of fluid equations to the moderate collisionality regimes typical for the divertor plasma.
- The BGK approximation gives an opportunity to express the boundary fluxes as functions of fluid profiles instead of local values
- Used  $T_i = 0$  :
  - The Boundary conditions effects by
    - whole ion distribution function
    - Hot tail of the electron distribution function.

Kinetic Model

1D along  $\vec{B}$

e-e collisions presented by the BKG approximation

e-n collisions



$$v_x \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = \nu_m (n \psi_m - F) + 0.5 n \nu_n \delta(|v_x| - v_0) \delta(v_y) \delta(v_z) - \nu_n F + \nu_s n_s \psi_s \mathcal{V}(-|x| + a) - F \nu_s$$

$1/\nu_m$  is the Maxwellization time

$F$  is the electron distribution function

$\psi_s$  is the Maxwellian

$\psi_m$  is the local shifted Maxwellian

$\nu_n$  is the frequency of ionisation

$\nu_s = N \langle \sigma v \rangle$  ,  $N(x) = N_w \exp(-|x|/\lambda - t/\tau)$

Boundary conditions at the entrance of the Debye sheath:

- Mirror reflection for the particles with energy below a potential barrier
- $\Phi_d$  the sheath drop is found from the local parameters of  $\Phi_m$ ,  $n$ ,  $T$ , and  $v$

New variables

$$\xi = \frac{x}{L}, \quad u = \frac{v_x^2}{v_s^2}, \quad \tilde{T} = \frac{T}{T_s}, \quad \tilde{v} = \frac{v}{v_s}$$

The solution of the kinetic equation:

$$f^+(u, \xi) = \exp\left[-\int_{-1}^{\xi} \frac{d\xi'}{u}\right] \int_{-1}^{\xi} \frac{R(\xi')}{u} \exp\left[+\int_{-1}^{\xi'} \frac{d\xi''}{u\tilde{v}^2}\right] d\xi' + C(u) \exp\left[-\int_{-1}^{\xi} \frac{d\xi'}{u\tilde{v}^2}\right]$$

where

$$1/\tilde{v}^2 = \nu_m + \nu_n + \nu_s$$

$$R(\xi') = \frac{n}{\sqrt{\pi T}} \nu_m \exp[-(u - v^2)/T] + \nu_s \frac{\mathcal{Q}(-|\xi'| + a)}{\sqrt{\pi}} \exp(-u) + 0.5 n \nu_n \delta(|u| - u_0)$$



+ : half space of positive velocities

$C(u)$ : mirror reflection from the wall.

## Fluid Model

Set of fluid equations: particles, energy, and momentum  
with sink and source terms

Boundary conditions:

at  $\eta = 0$  (symmetry plane):  $j|_0 = 0$ ,  $\frac{\partial T}{\partial \eta}|_0 = 0$

at  $\eta = 1$  (plate): The particle, momentum and heat  
flux values are obtained by  
integration of  $f^+(u, \eta)$

Profiles obtained by iteration

Boundary conditions at the plate with the  
profiles of hydrodynamic quantities  $T, v, n$   
and to include kinetic effects into the  
fluid approach.

Improvement of the transport coefficients by including the nonlocal effects

Heat flux

$$\left( \nu + \frac{8}{3} \frac{\partial u}{\partial f} \right) q = \alpha \nu_m q_{SH} + \frac{5}{3} u P \frac{\partial u}{\partial f} - (R u - Q)$$

where:  $\nu = \nu_m + \nu_s + \nu_n$

$u$  is the fluid velocity

$$P = n T$$

$R$  and  $Q$  are the integrals over  $f_e$  with the weight of  $\bar{v}^2$  and  $v^2 v_x$

$q_{SH}$  is the classical expression

Viscosity

$$\pi = - \frac{4}{3 \nu_m} n T 0.73 \left[ \frac{\partial v}{\partial f} + \frac{2}{5} \frac{1}{n T} \frac{\partial q}{\partial f} \right]$$

$q$  is the thermal conduction flux.

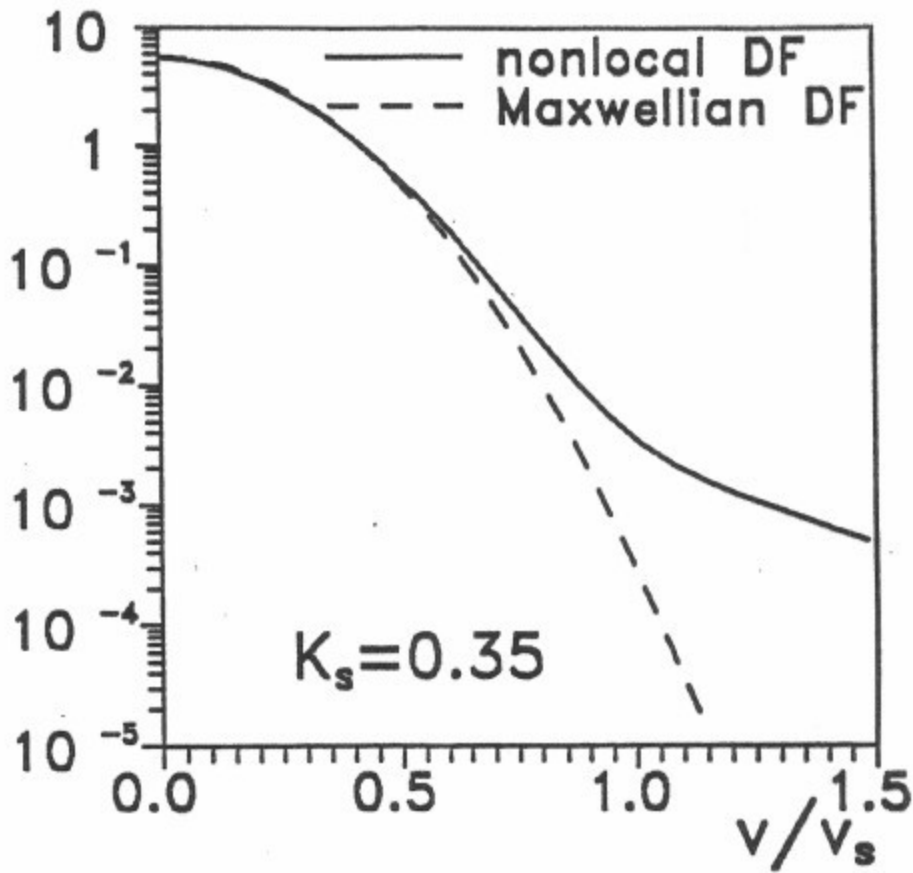


Fig.1 The comparison of the boundary distribution functions, corresponding to the nonlocal boundary conditions with the Maxwellian one



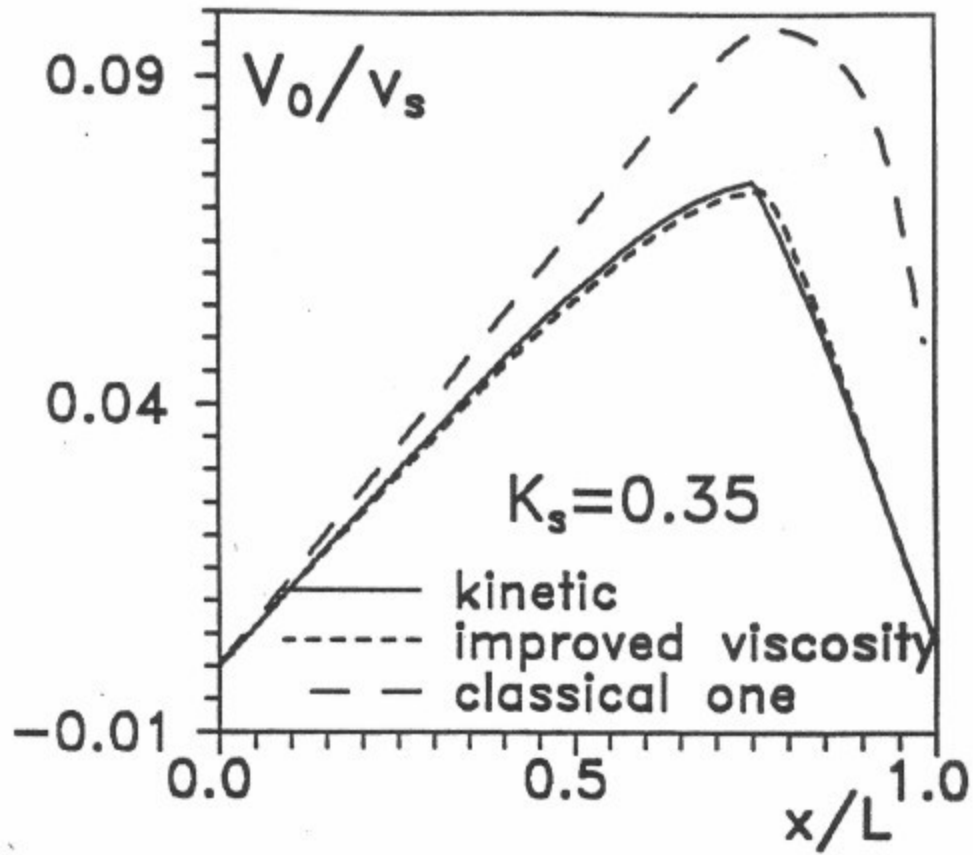


Fig.2 The velocity profiles corresponding to the classical viscosity, the improved one and the result of kinetic treatment

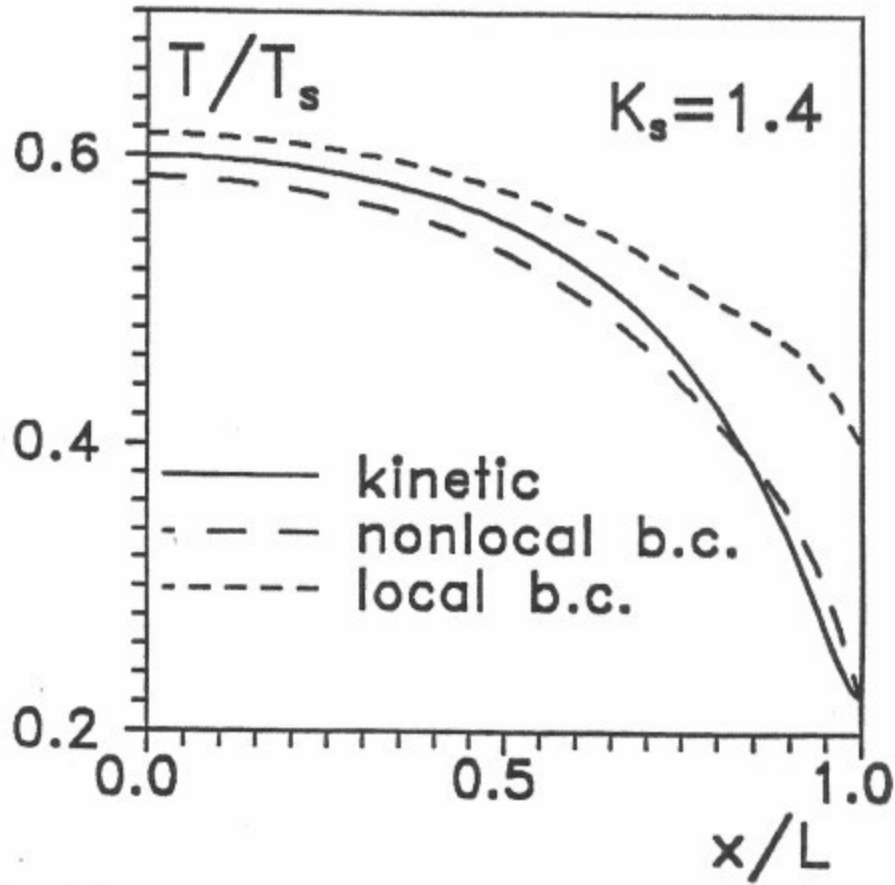


Fig.3 The temperature profiles for three cases: kinetic, local and nonlocal boundary conditions

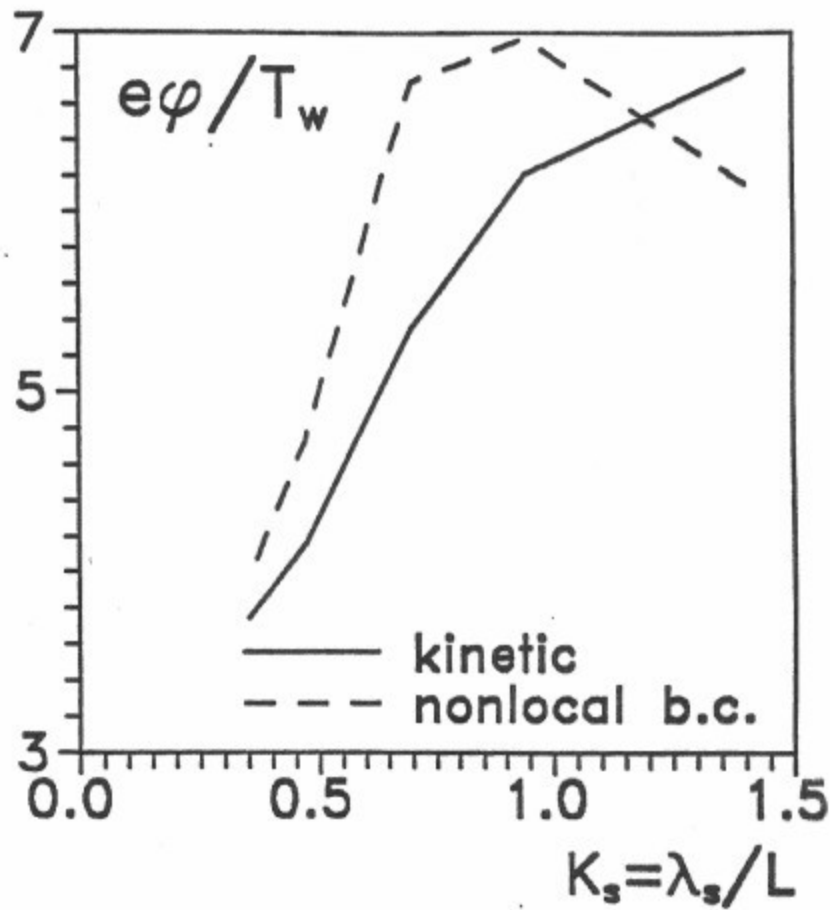


Fig.4 The sheath potential drop vs  $K_s = \lambda_s/L$ , where  $\lambda$  is electron mean free path and  $L$  is the length of magnetic field line

## Conclusions.

1. The effective boundary conditions for the fluid set of equation at the plasma surface interface, which include the kinetic effects, are suggested.

2. The BGK approximation gives an opportunity to express the boundary fluxes as functionals of fluid profiles instead of local values.

3. The comparison with the kinetic solution shows that the proposed boundary conditions give such an accuracy of plasma parameters at the plate which is provided by the proximity of fluid profiles to the kinetic ones, i.e. the contribution of suprathermal particles in the transport coefficients is taken into account.

4. The conventional viscosity term does not allow one to obtain the velocity profiles close to the kinetic ones. It has been shown that the usage of a viscous term from the 13 - moment Grad approximation, taking account of a heat flux contribution, is more adequate to represent the regimes of moderate collisionality.

5. The flux - limited classical electron heat conduction does not bring to satisfactory results. The expression for a thermal heat flux in terms of higher moments of distribution function, could be recommended for the fluid codes.

$$\left. \begin{matrix} j \\ \pi \\ q \end{matrix} \right\} = \int G(\mathcal{E}, n, T, v) dW$$

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### Fokker-Planck Modelling Of Edge Plasma Near The Neutralizer Plate In A Tokamak

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An electron kinetic code (FPI)<sup>+</sup> is modified and used to simulate longitudinal transport and recycling near the neutralizer plate in a divertor plasma. In addition to the previous features, such as Fokker-Planck e-e and e-i Coulomb collisions, transport, ion motion, and a self-consistent electric field, the code now accounts for ionization, excitation, and recycling of hydrogen near the plate. Ions and neutrals are treated as fluids. As one might expect, this full FPI code is very expensive to run, having fast (electron) and slow (ion motion) timescales. We therefore use this FPI code in conjunction with a two-fluid ambipolar code, whose electron heat flow is obtained from usual flux limited coefficients on thermal transport. We alternate the codes, using the FPI code to correct the fluid code's temperature and local heat transport, while using the fluid code for ion dynamics. We thus arrive at an equilibrium consistent with electron kinetics but at a tiny fraction of the cost of doing so with the FPI code alone. Results and applications will be discussed.

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# INTRODUCTION

## **Aim:**

Modelling of the divertor plasma in a tokamak  
(Particles and energy transport along the magnetic  
field line)

## **Methods:**

Electron kinetic / ion fluid code (FPI)

1D and 2-fluid code

Iteration FPI code ↔ modified fluid code

# FOKKER-PLANCK INTERNATIONAL CODE FPI

- \* Electrons are treated kinetically
- \* Ions and neutrals are treated as fluids.
- \* 1-D in space (x) and 2-D in velocity space ( $v_x, v_\perp$ ).
- \* The electron distribution function is:

$$f(X, V, t) = f(x, v_x, v_\perp, t) = f(x, v, \mu, t) = \sum_{l=0}^N f_l(x, v, t) P_l(\mu)$$

where  $v = (v_x^2 + v_\perp^2)^{1/2}$ ,  $\mu = v_x/v$  and  $P_l(\mu)$  is the  $l$ th Legendre polynomial. We have used  $N=3$  in the simulations.

- \* The kinetic equation for the electron is given by :

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + v_x \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \frac{eE}{m_e} \frac{\partial f}{\partial v_x} = \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} \right)_{(e-i, e-e)} + \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} \right)_{(E_d)} + \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} \right)_{(e-n)}$$

- The second and third terms in the left hand side are the advection and the acceleration due to the electric field, respectively.
- The right-hand side terms represent respectively electron-ion, electron-electron, Coulomb scattering, electron-ion energy exchange and electron-neutral collisions.
- \*  $f_l$ 's are advanced in time.

## FLUID CODE

The code solves for a single density, single velocity and two temperatures as a function of time. The following equations are advanced in time:

**Continuity:**

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} n + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (nv) = S_n$$

**Momentum balance:**

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (m_i nv) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( m_i nv^2 + P_e + P_i - \frac{4}{3} \eta \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right) = S_p$$

**Electron energy balance:**

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{3}{2} n T_e \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} Q_e = -v \frac{\partial}{\partial x} P_e + E_d + S_e$$

**Ion energy balance:**

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{3}{2} n T_i + \frac{1}{2} m_i nv^2 \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( Q_i - \frac{4}{3} \eta v \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right) = -v \frac{\partial}{\partial x} P_e - E_d + S_i$$

With:

$$q_e = q_{SH} \left[ 1 + \frac{|q_{SH}|}{f n_e v_e T_e} \right]^{-1}$$

f = 0.2 (Electron heat flux limit factor)



# BOUNDARY CONDITIONS

## FPI CODE

### PLASMA SOURCE ( $x = 0$ ):

Ions:  $n_i$ ,  $V_i$  and  $T_i$  are fixed.

Electrons:  $T_e$  fixed. Zero current ( $\Gamma_e = \Gamma_i$ ) is imposed as follows: incoming particles are absorbed and an appropriate current with half-Maxwellian distribution at this temperature is emitted.

### PLATE SHEATH EDGE ( $x = L$ ):

Ions: Outgoing ions are absorbed by the plate.

Electrons: Zero current ( $\Gamma_e = \Gamma_i$ ) is imposed as follows: low energy electrons ( $< m_e V_r^2/2$ ) are reflected so that the flux of higher energy electrons is equal to the ionic current.

## FLUID CODE

### PLASMA SOURCE ( $x = 0$ ):

$$n = n_{e,i}, V = V_{e,i}, T_e \text{ and } T_i \text{ are fixed.}$$

### PLATE SHEATH EDGE ( $X = L$ ):

- The outgoing plasma is absorbed.
- Ion drift velocity :  $V \geq C_s = \sqrt{(T_e + T_i)/m_i}$
- Heat flux:  $Q_i = 3.5nVT_i$ ,  $Q_e = 2\delta nVT_e$ , ( $\delta = 3$ )

# FLUID AND FOKKER-PLANCK HYBRID ITERATION

## FLUID CODE

Moves ions ect. quickly, but electron heat flow  
is approximate.

## FOKKER-PLANCK (FPI) CODE

Some ion dynamics but with electron kinetics,  
too slow on ion timescale.

## SOLUTION

Iterate fluid modified by FPI  
Use  $T_e(\text{FPI})$  and force  $q_e$  to agree with FPI by correcting  
each grid point with correction factors:

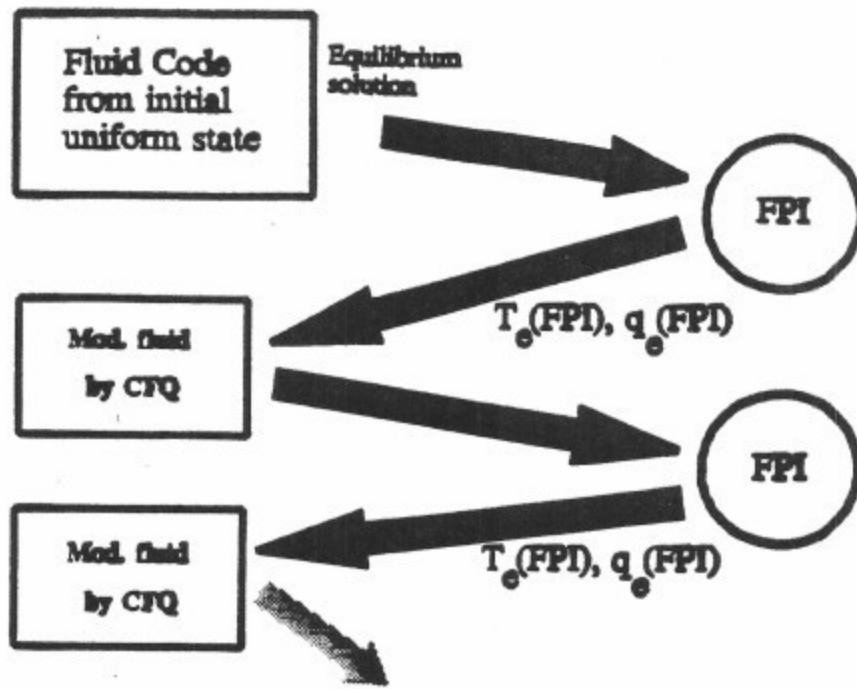
$$\text{CFQ} = q_{e\text{-FPI}} / q_{e\text{-fluid}}(T_{e\text{-FPI}})$$

ITERATE UNTIL NO FURTHER  
SIGNIFICANT CHANGE

## FINAL RESULT

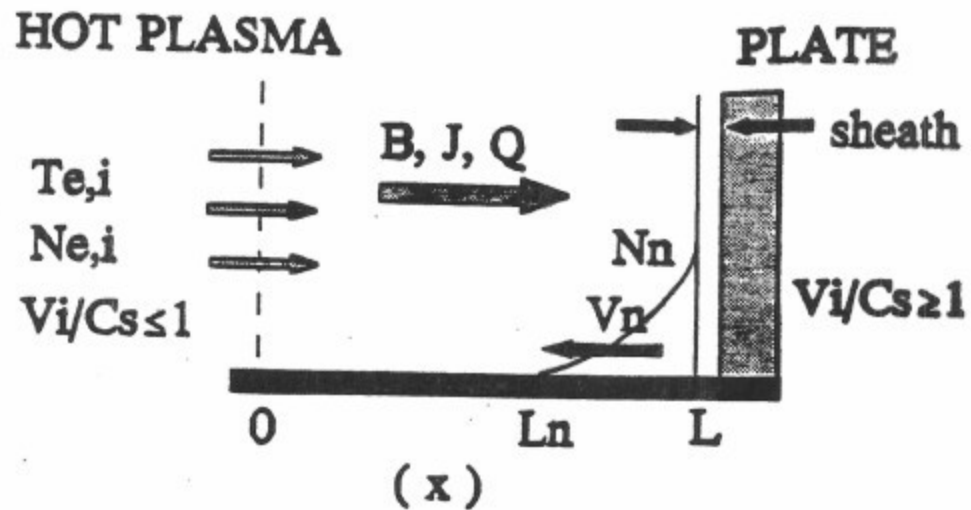
Profile consistent with electron kinetic  
but at affordable cost.

# FLUID AND FOKKER-PLANCK HYBRID ITERATION



$$CFQ = \frac{q_{e-FPI}}{q_{e-fluid}(T_{e-FPI})}$$

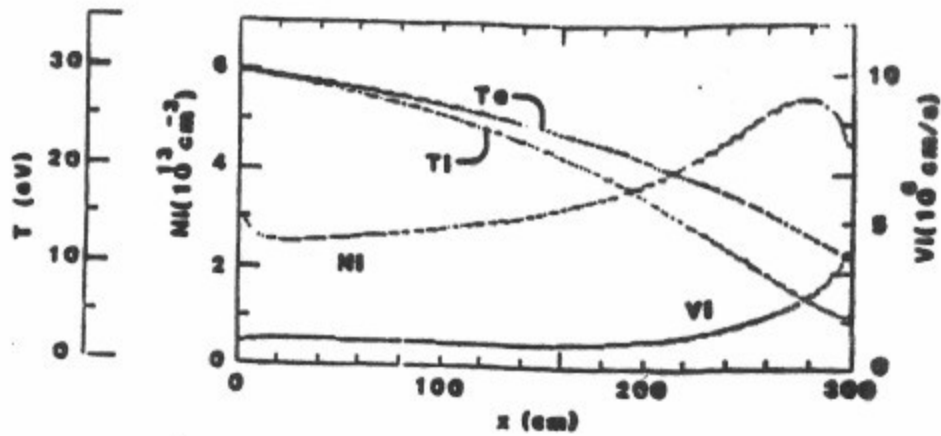
# DIVERTOR PLASMA SIMULATIONS WITH HIGH RECYCLING



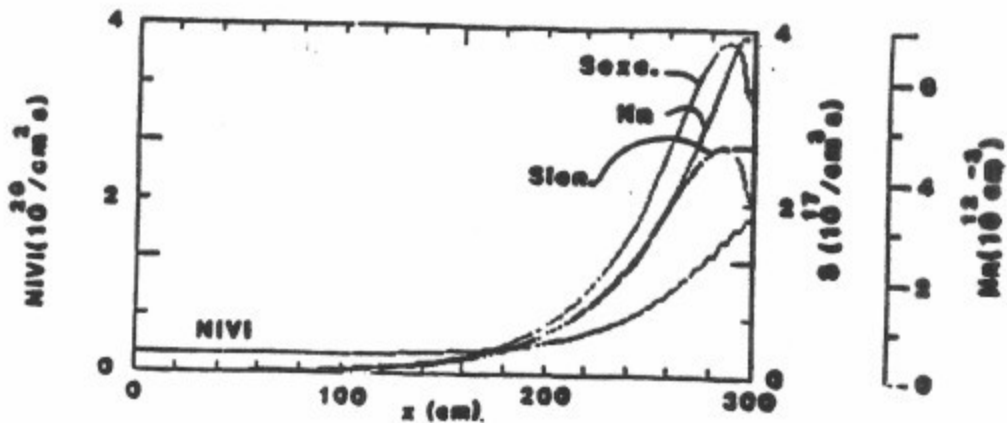
$$\begin{aligned}
 L &= 300 \text{ cm} \\
 T_{e0} &= T_{i0} = 30 \text{ eV} \\
 n_{e0} &= n_{i0} = 3 \times 10^{13} \text{ cm}^{-3} \\
 m_n V_n^2 / 2 &= 3 \text{ eV} \\
 n_n V_n &= 0.8 n_i V_i \text{ at } x=L \\
 m_i / m_e &= 1836
 \end{aligned}$$

# FLUID CODE SIMULATION

$T_e$ ,  $T_i$ ,  $V_i$  and  $n_i$  vs  $x$

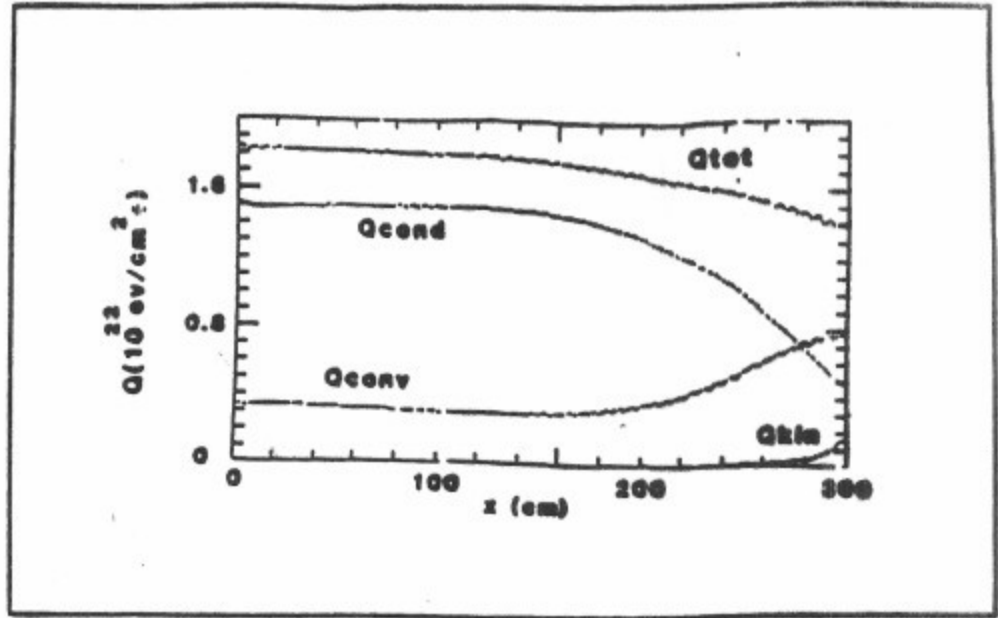


$n_i V_i$ ,  $n_n$ ,  $S_{exc}$  and  $S_{ion}$  vs  $x$

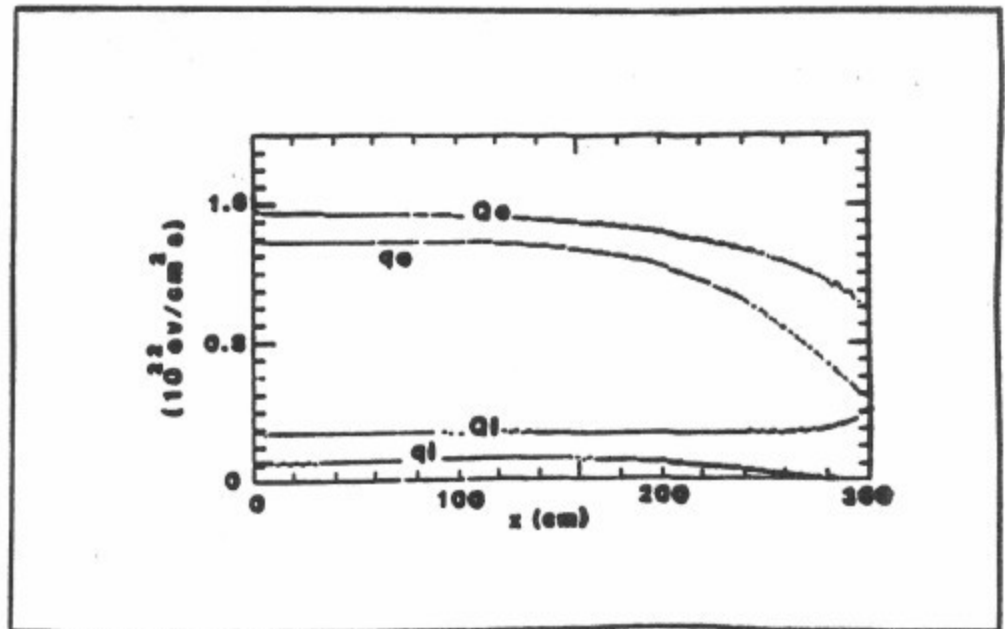


# FLUID CODE SIMULATION

## Energy flux



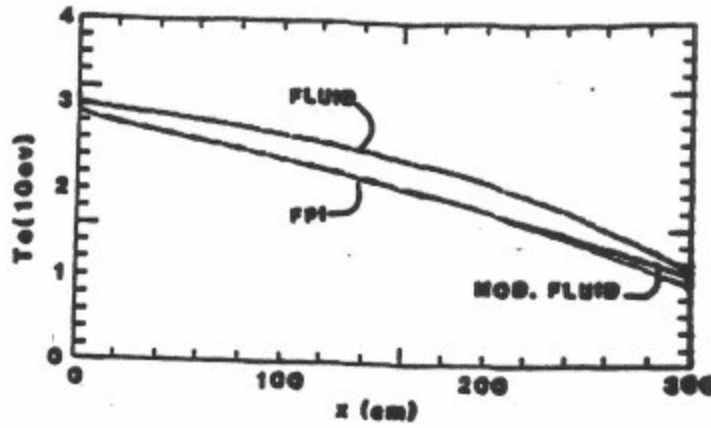
Fluid equilibrium solution of edge plasma near the plate with high recycling: Profiles of  $Q_{tot}$ ,  $Q_{conv}$ ,  $Q_{kin}$ , and  $Q_{rad}$ .



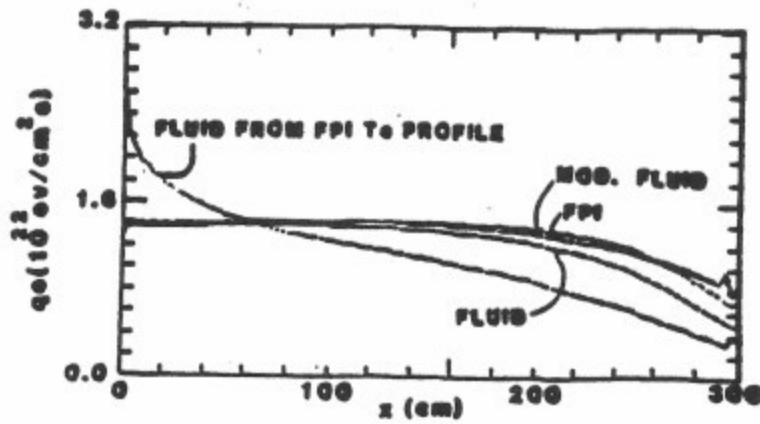
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# FLUID AND FOKKER-PLANCK HYBRID SIMULATION

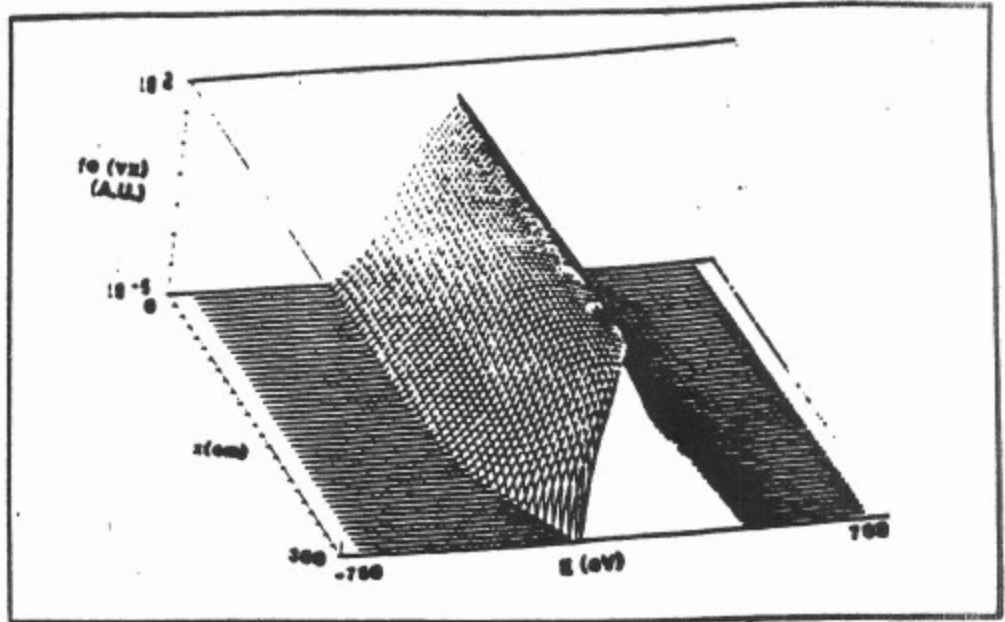
Profile of  $T_e$   
Fluid ( $f=0.2$ ), FPI and Mod. Fluid



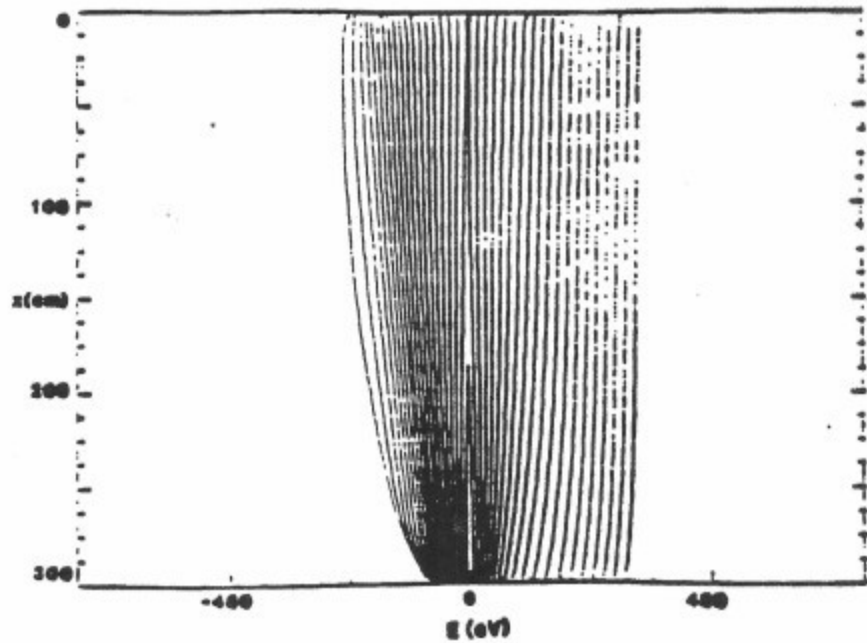
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# ELECTRON DISTRIBUTION FUNCTION CALCULATED BY FOKKER-PLANCK CODE



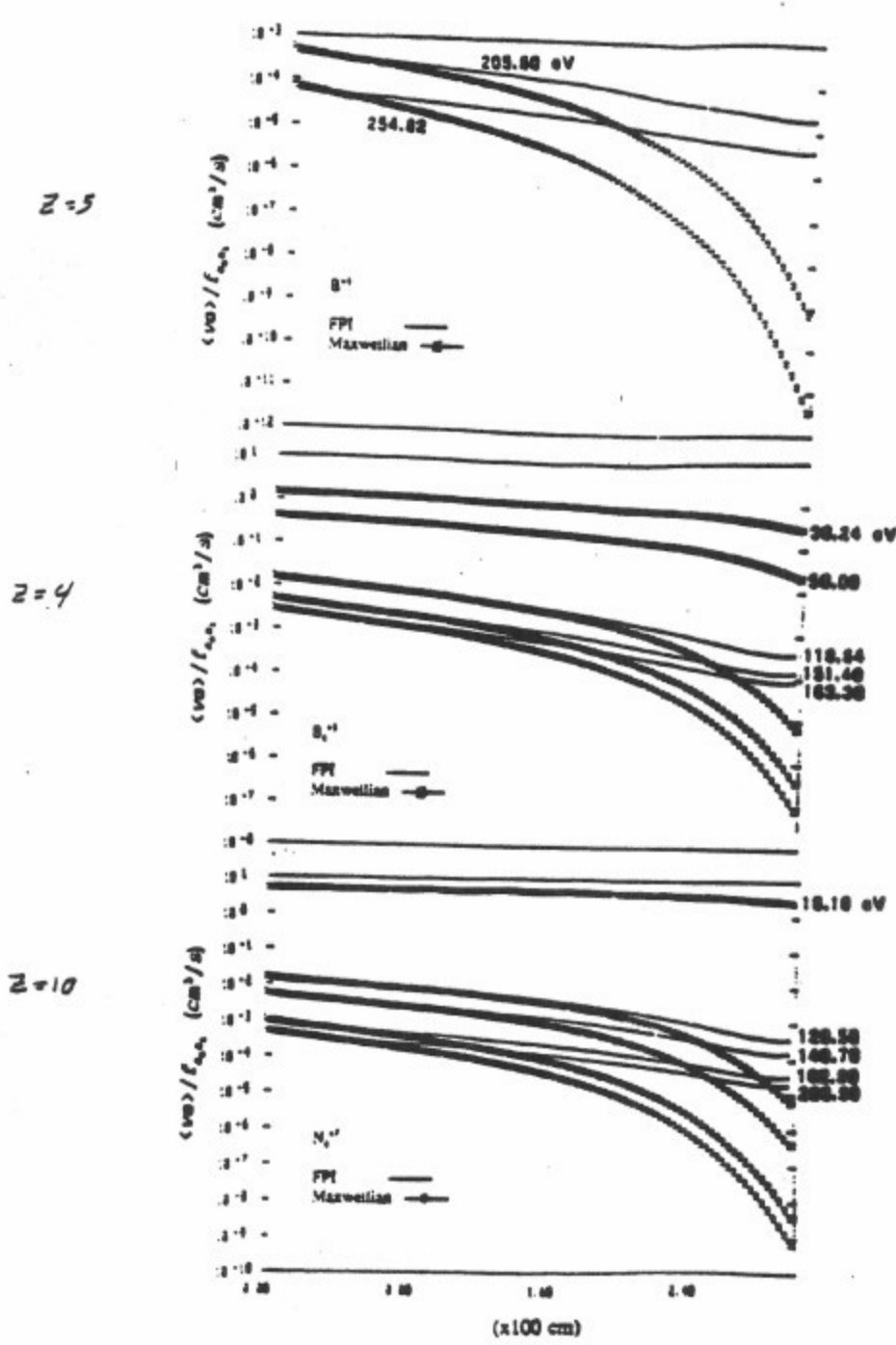
Fokker-Planck calculation:  $f_e(v_x)$  vs  $x$  and sign  $E=1/2m_e v_x^2$



Fokker-Planck calculation: the contour lines of  $f_e(v_x)$  vs  $x$  and sign  $E=1/2m_e v_x^2$ . The truncation of  $f_e(vx)$  at the plate is clearly seen from this figure.



# NON-MAXWELLIAN ELECTRON DISTRIBUTION EFFECT ON THE IMPURITIES RADIATIONS



# CONCLUSION

We model the plasma transport along the magnetic field line in a tokamak divertor:

- \* Fluid and kinetic simulations.
- \* Including: ionization, excitation, boundary condition at the sheath edge.
- \* Hybrid technique was developed which produced an equilibrium solution with the electron kinetic model but with much reduced computer cost.
- \* Steep temperature gradients.
- \* The fluid code with electron heat flux limiter  $f=0.2$  gave closer results to the Fokker-Planck calculation.
- \* The electron distribution function calculated from the FPI code is not locally Maxwellian, especially near the plate. The deviation from Maxwellian is due to the absorption of the most energetic electrons by the plate and to the non-local transport of high energy electrons.
- \* Effect of non-Maxwellian electron distribution function on the ionization and excitation of the impurities.

Present and Future work

Electron Kinetic / ion fluid

- \* Change the recycling factor  $R$
- \* Epithermal electron: The plasma to be injected to the system at  $x=0$  with bi-Maxwellian see the effects on:
  - plasma sheath and pre-sheath  
 $e\Phi, T_e, T_i, n_e, \dots$
  - CFQ as a function of  $T_{e,e}, T_{e,i}, T_{e,n}$   
 $n_0(\text{neutral}), \dots$
  - The heat flux limiter  $f=?$  in the fluid mode
  - $Q_c$  at the plate  $\rightarrow$
  - The effects of  $T_e$  (non-Maxwellian) on the impurities radiations
- \* New Boundary conditions for the fluid model with the improvement of the transport coefficient by including the nonlocal effects  
Model By Yu. L. Igitkhanov

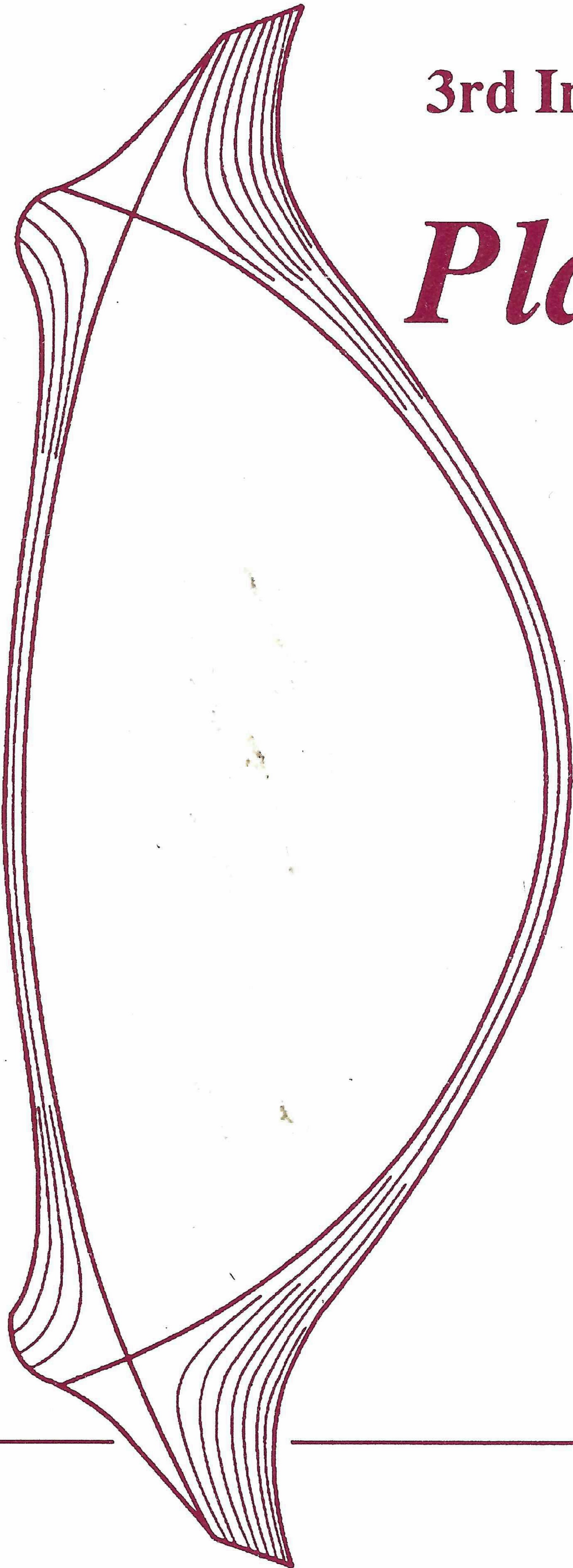
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- R. Zanino : Finite element modelling of the  
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plasma (1D)
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## B2

- W. D. D'haeseleer, H. D. Pacher, G. W. Pacher

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### B2, Analytical recycling, EIRENE (neutrons)

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- Deuterium plasma & Helium ions as impurity

- Neutral atoms and molecules:

Monte-carlo code EIRENE

- B2 plasma profiles  $\rightarrow$  calculates the source terms

- B2-EIRENE more realistic recycling model than the stand-alone B2-code.

### Kinetic

- Krasheninnikov et al.
  - Kinetic modeling of the transport processes in the tokamak edge plasma. (Preliminary results).
  - Electron Heat conduction and supra-thermal particles
- R. Chodura (Garching)
  - Kinetic effects in the scrape-off layer
    - Non-Maxwellian: 1. sources: from the bulk plasma  
Reionized recycled neutral
    - 2. Parallel transport
    - 3. sheath
- Z. ABOU-ASSALEH et al.
  - Fokker-Planck Modelling of edge plasma near the Neutralizer plate in a tokamak.
    - \* electron kinetic / ion fluid

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Y. HIROOKA }  
B. Merriman } UCLA next-generation code

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2D code - LEDGE

Fully implicit  
2D fluid

Applications: DIII-D

## Boundary Conditions

- K. Günther : Boundary conditions for the momentum and energy flux of ions at the plasma-sheath interface.  
Berlin
- Yu. L. Igitkhanov et al.  
Kurchatov Institute, Moscow
  - Effective Boundary conditions at the plasma-surface ~~interaction~~ interface.
  - The influence of Different Boundary conditions on the Divertor plasma parameters.



## Effective Boundary Conditions at the Plasma-surface interface.

YU. L. Igitkhanov, A.M. RUKNOV

Presented at the 3rd international workshop on plasma edge theory in Fusion Devices, Bad Honnef, Germany 1992.

- Fluid can be used if the nonlocal effects are included into the transport coefficients and the appropriate boundary conditions are present.
- The existing boundary conditions do not permit to include the contribution of suprathermal particles due to their local nature.
- New Boundary conditions for fluid models of SOL and divertor plasma:

### New Boundary conditions

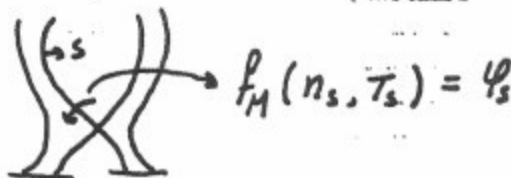
- starting from BGK kinetic equation
- This boundary conditions permit to extend the applicability of fluid equations to the moderate collisionality regimes typical for the divertor plasma.
- The BGK approximation gives an opportunity to express the boundary fluxes as functions of fluid profiles instead of local values
- Used  $T_i = 0$  :
  - The Boundary conditions effects by
    - whole ion distribution function
    - Hot tail of the electron distribution function.

Kinetic Model

1D along  $\vec{B}$

e-e collisions presented by the BKG approximation

e-n collisions



$$v_x \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = \nu_m (n \psi_m - F) + 0.5 n \nu_n \delta(|v_x| - v_0) \delta(v_y) \delta(v_z) - \nu_n F + \nu_s n_s \psi_s \mathcal{V}(-|x| + a) - F \nu_s$$

$1/\nu_m$  is the Maxwellization time

$F$  is the electron distribution function

$\psi_s$  is the Maxwellian

$\psi_m$  is the local shifted Maxwellian

$\nu_n$  is the frequency of ionisation

$\nu_s = N \langle \sigma v \rangle$  ,  $N(x) = N_w \exp(-|x|/\lambda - t/\tau)$

Boundary conditions at the entrance of the Debye sheath:

- Mirror reflection for the particles with energy below a potential barrier
- $\Phi_d$  the sheath drop is found from the local parameters of  $\Phi_m$ ,  $n$ ,  $T$ , and  $v$

New variables

$$\xi = \frac{x}{L}, \quad u = \frac{v_x^2}{v_s^2}, \quad \tilde{T} = \frac{T}{T_s}, \quad \tilde{v} = \frac{v}{v_s}$$

The solution of the kinetic equation:

$$f^+(u, \xi) = \exp\left[-\int_{-1}^{\xi} \frac{d\xi'}{u}\right] \int_{-1}^{\xi} \frac{R(\xi')}{u} \exp\left[+\int_{-1}^{\xi'} \frac{d\xi''}{u\tilde{v}^2}\right] d\xi' + C(u) \exp\left[-\int_{-1}^{\xi} \frac{d\xi'}{u\tilde{v}^2}\right]$$

where

$$1/\tilde{v}^2 = \nu_m + \nu_n + \nu_s$$

$$R(\xi') = \frac{n}{\sqrt{\pi T}} \nu_m \exp[-(u - v^2)/T] + \nu_s \frac{\mathcal{Q}(-|\xi'| + a)}{\sqrt{\pi}} \exp(-u) + 0.5 n \nu_n \delta(|u| - u_0)$$



+ : half space of positive velocities

$C(u)$ : mirror reflection from the wall.



## Fluid Model

Set of fluid equations: particles, energy, and momentum  
with sink and source terms

Boundary conditions:

at  $\eta = 0$  (symmetry plane):  $j|_0 = 0$ ,  $\frac{\partial T}{\partial \eta}|_0 = 0$

at  $\eta = 1$  (plate): The particle, momentum and heat  
flux values are obtained by  
integration of  $f^+(u, \eta)$

Profiles obtained by iteration

Boundary conditions at the plate with the  
profiles of hydrodynamic quantities  $T, v, n$   
and to include kinetic effects into the  
fluid approach.

Improvement of the transport coefficients by including the nonlocal effects

Heat flux

$$\left( \nu + \frac{8}{3} \frac{\partial u}{\partial f} \right) q = \alpha \nu_m q_{SH} + \frac{5}{3} u P \frac{\partial u}{\partial f} - (R u - Q)$$

where:  $\nu = \nu_m + \nu_s + \nu_n$

$u$  is the fluid velocity

$$P = n T$$

$R$  and  $Q$  are the integrals over  $f_e$  with the weight of  $\bar{v}^2$  and  $v^2 v_x$

$q_{SH}$  is the classical expression

Viscosity

$$\pi = - \frac{4}{3 \nu_m} n T 0.73 \left[ \frac{\partial v}{\partial f} + \frac{2}{5} \frac{1}{n T} \frac{\partial q}{\partial f} \right]$$

$q$  is the thermal conduction flux.

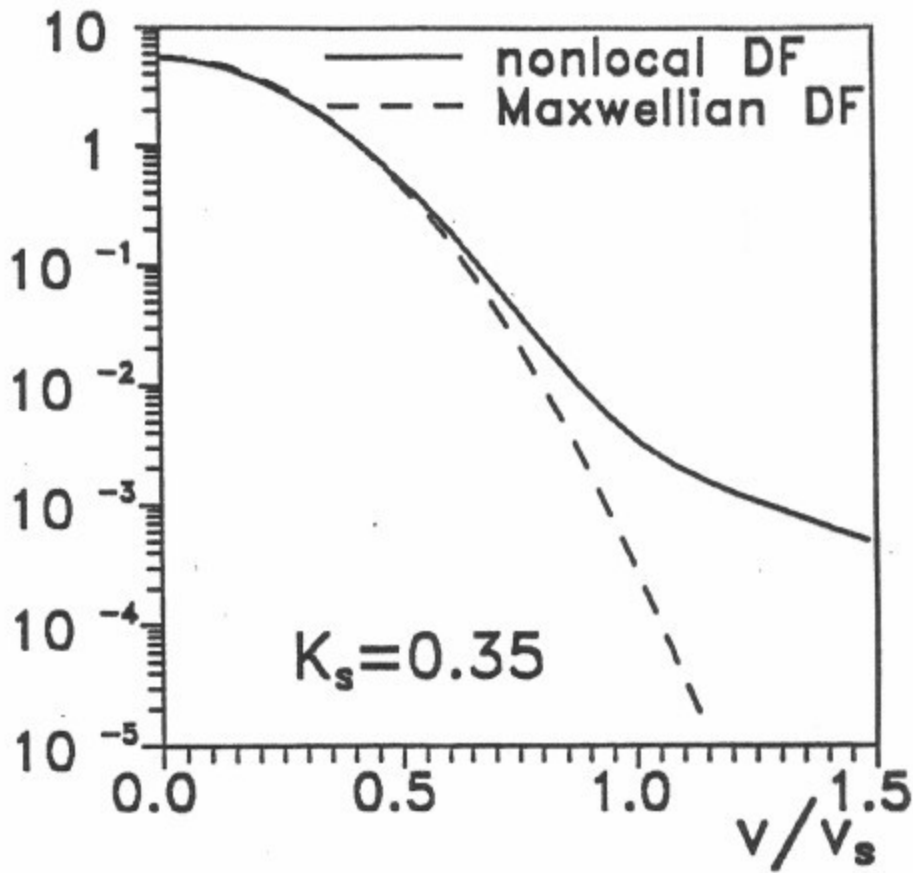


Fig.1 The comparison of the boundary distribution functions, corresponding to the nonlocal boundary conditions with the Maxwellian one

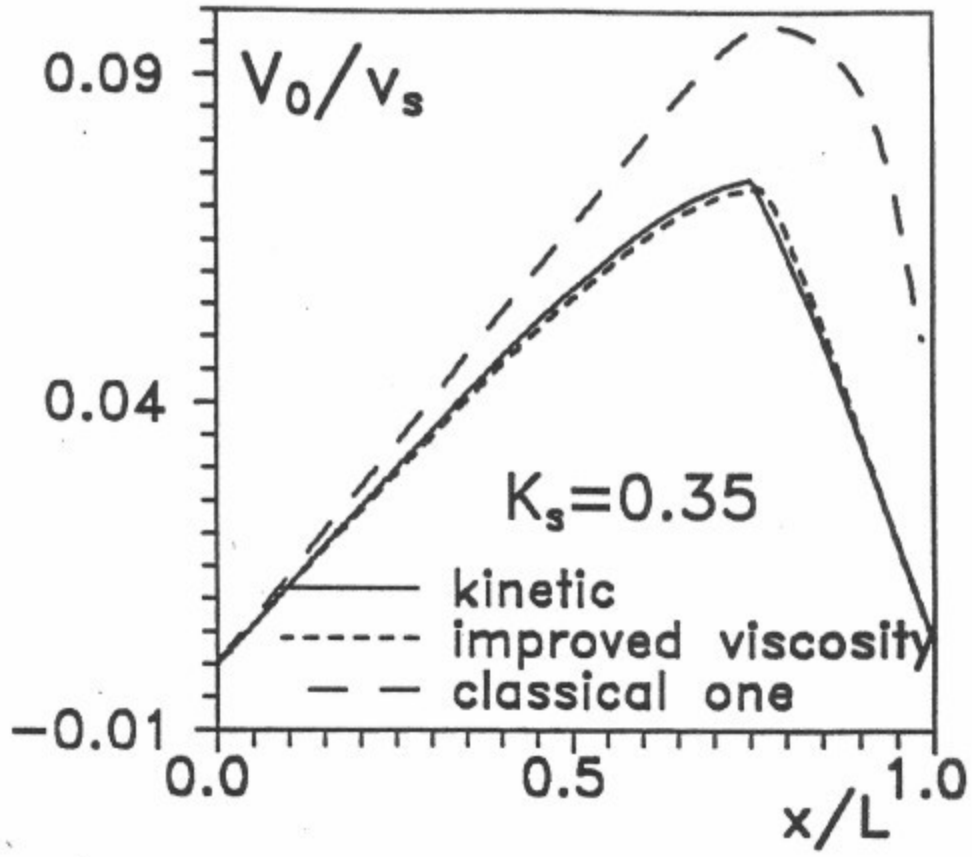


Fig.2 The velocity profiles corresponding to the classical viscosity, the improved one and the result of kinetic treatment

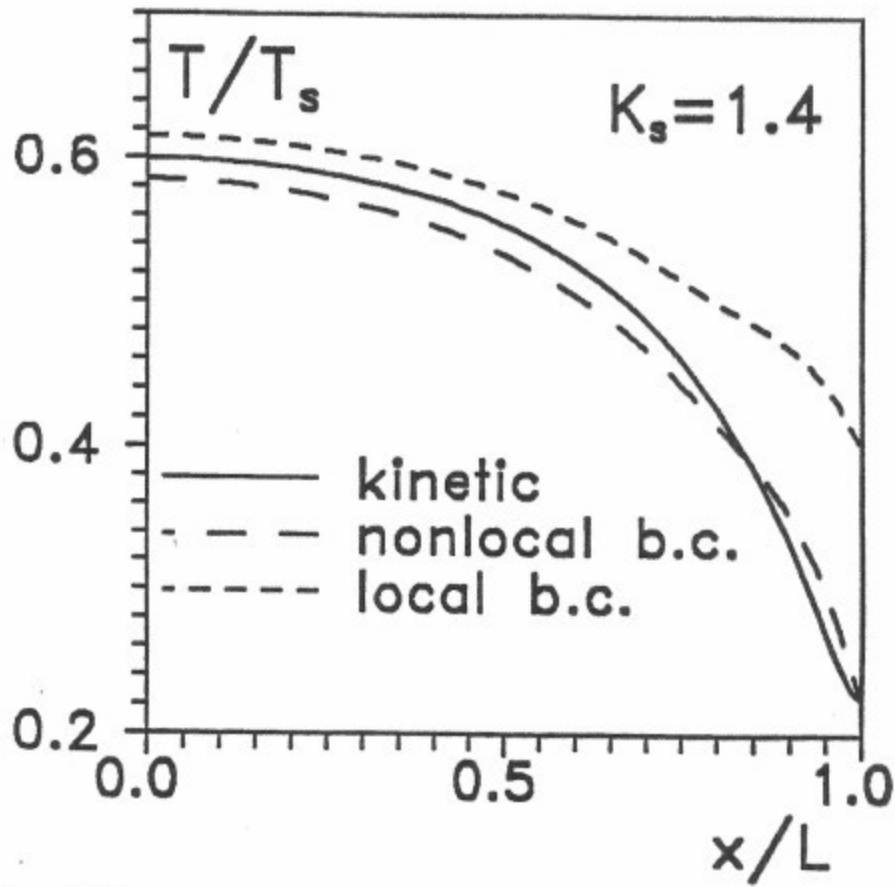


Fig.3 The temperature profiles for three cases: kinetic, local and nonlocal boundary conditions

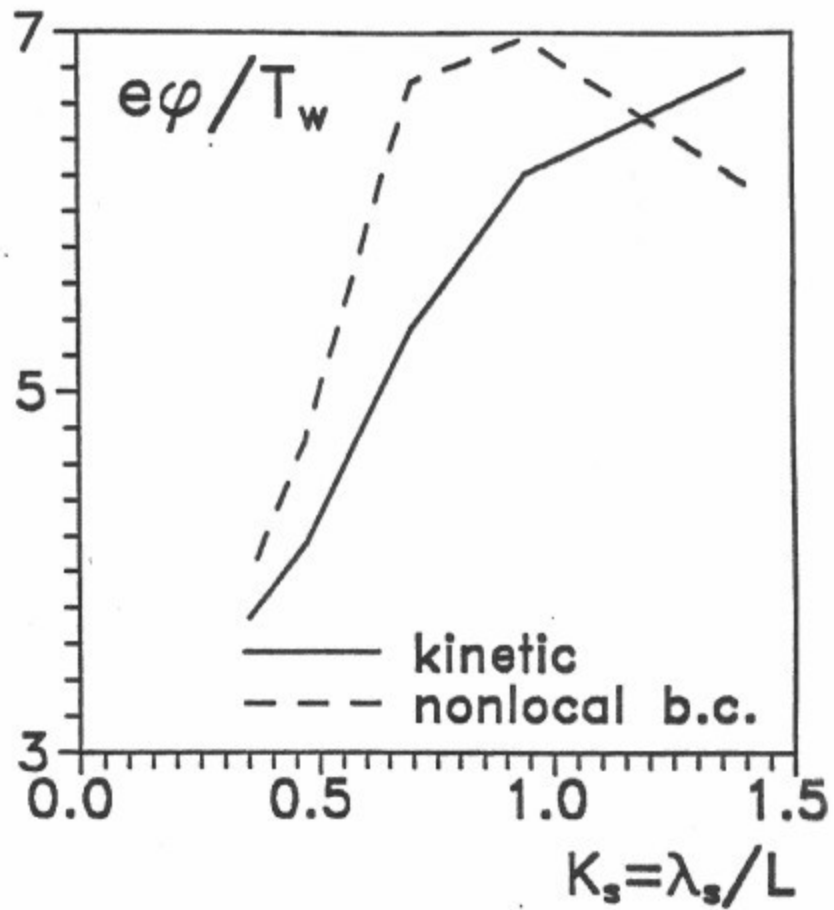


Fig.4 The sheath potential drop vs  $K_s = \lambda_s/L$ , where  $\lambda$  is electron mean free path and  $L$  is the length of magnetic field line

## Conclusions.

1. The effective boundary conditions for the fluid set of equation at the plasma surface interface, which include the kinetic effects, are suggested.

2. The BGK approximation gives an opportunity to express the boundary fluxes as functionals of fluid profiles instead of local values.

3. The comparison with the kinetic solution shows that the proposed boundary conditions give such an accuracy of plasma parameters at the plate which is provided by the proximity of fluid profiles to the kinetic ones, i.e. the contribution of suprathermal particles in the transport coefficients is taken into account.

4. The conventional viscosity term does not allow one to obtain the velocity profiles close to the kinetic ones. It has been shown that the usage of a viscous term from the 13 - moment Grad approximation, taking account of a heat flux contribution, is more adequate to represent the regimes of moderate collisionality.

5. The flux - limited classical electron heat conduction does not bring to satisfactory results. The expression for a thermal heat flux in terms of higher moments of distribution function, could be recommended for the fluid codes.

$$\left. \begin{matrix} j \\ \pi \\ q \end{matrix} \right\} = \int G(\mathcal{E}, n, T, v) dW$$

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### Fokker-Planck Modelling Of Edge Plasma Near The Neutralizer Plate In A Tokamak

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An electron kinetic code (FPI)<sup>+</sup> is modified and used to simulate longitudinal transport and recycling near the neutralizer plate in a divertor plasma. In addition to the previous features, such as Fokker-Planck e-e and e-i Coulomb collisions, transport, ion motion, and a self-consistent electric field, the code now accounts for ionization, excitation, and recycling of hydrogen near the plate. Ions and neutrals are treated as fluids. As one might expect, this full FPI code is very expensive to run, having fast (electron) and slow (ion motion) timescales. We therefore use this FPI code in conjunction with a two-fluid ambipolar code, whose electron heat flow is obtained from usual flux limited coefficients on thermal transport. We alternate the codes, using the FPI code to correct the fluid code's temperature and local heat transport, while using the fluid code for ion dynamics. We thus arrive at an equilibrium consistent with electron kinetics but at a tiny fraction of the cost of doing so with the FPI code alone. Results and applications will be discussed.

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# INTRODUCTION

## **Aim:**

Modelling of the divertor plasma in a tokamak  
(Particles and energy transport along the magnetic  
field line)

## **Methods:**

Electron kinetic / ion fluid code (FPI)

1D and 2-fluid code

Iteration FPI code ↔ modified fluid code

# FOKKER-PLANCK INTERNATIONAL CODE FPI

- \* Electrons are treated kinetically
- \* Ions and neutrals are treated as fluids.
- \* 1-D in space (x) and 2-D in velocity space ( $v_x, v_\perp$ ).
- \* The electron distribution function is:

$$f(X, V, t) = f(x, v_x, v_\perp, t) = f(x, v, \mu, t) = \sum_{l=0}^N f_l(x, v, t) P_l(\mu)$$

where  $v = (v_x^2 + v_\perp^2)^{1/2}$ ,  $\mu = v_x/v$  and  $P_l(\mu)$  is the  $l$ th Legendre polynomial. We have used  $N=3$  in the simulations.

- \* The kinetic equation for the electron is given by :

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + v_x \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \frac{eE}{m_e} \frac{\partial f}{\partial v_x} = \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} \right)_{(e-i, e-e)} + \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} \right)_{(E_d)} + \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} \right)_{(e-n)}$$

- The second and third terms in the left hand side are the advection and the acceleration due to the electric field, respectively.
- The right-hand side terms represent respectively electron-ion, electron-electron, Coulomb scattering, electron-ion energy exchange and electron-neutral collisions.
- \*  $f_l$ 's are advanced in time.

## FLUID CODE

The code solves for a single density, single velocity and two temperatures as a function of time. The following equations are advanced in time:

**Continuity:**

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}n + \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(nv) = S_n$$

**Momentum balance:**

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(m_i nv) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( m_i nv^2 + P_e + P_i - \frac{4}{3} \eta \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right) = S_p$$

**Electron energy balance:**

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{3}{2} n T_e \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} Q_e = -v \frac{\partial}{\partial x} P_e + E_d + S_e$$

**Ion energy balance:**

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{3}{2} n T_i + \frac{1}{2} m_i nv^2 \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( Q_i - \frac{4}{3} \eta v \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right) = -v \frac{\partial}{\partial x} P_e - E_d + S_i$$

With:

$$q_e = q_{SH} \left[ 1 + \frac{|q_{SH}|}{f n_e v_e T_e} \right]^{-1}$$

$f = 0.2$  (Electron heat flux limit factor)

# BOUNDARY CONDITIONS

## FPI CODE

### PLASMA SOURCE ( $x = 0$ ):

Ions:  $n_i$ ,  $V_i$  and  $T_i$  are fixed.

Electrons:  $T_e$  fixed. Zero current ( $\Gamma_e = \Gamma_i$ ) is imposed as follows: incoming particles are absorbed and an appropriate current with half-Maxwellian distribution at this temperature is emitted.

### PLATE SHEATH EDGE ( $x = L$ ):

Ions: Outgoing ions are absorbed by the plate.

Electrons: Zero current ( $\Gamma_e = \Gamma_i$ ) is imposed as follows: low energy electrons ( $< m_e V_r^2/2$ ) are reflected so that the flux of higher energy electrons is equal to the ionic current.

## FLUID CODE

### PLASMA SOURCE ( $x = 0$ ):

$$n = n_{e,i}, V = V_{e,i}, T_e \text{ and } T_i \text{ are fixed.}$$

### PLATE SHEATH EDGE ( $X = L$ ):

- The outgoing plasma is absorbed.
- Ion drift velocity :  $V \geq C_s = \sqrt{(T_e + T_i)/m_i}$
- Heat flux:  $Q_i = 3.5nVT_i$ ,  $Q_e = 2\delta nVT_e$ , ( $\delta = 3$ )

# FLUID AND FOKKER-PLANCK HYBRID ITERATION

## FLUID CODE

Moves ions ect. quickly, but electron heat flow is approximate.

## FOKKER-PLANCK (FPI) CODE

Some ion dynamics but with electron kinetics, too slow on ion timescale.

## SOLUTION

Iterate fluid modified by FPI  
Use  $T_e(\text{FPI})$  and force  $q_e$  to agree with FPI by correcting each grid point with correction factors:

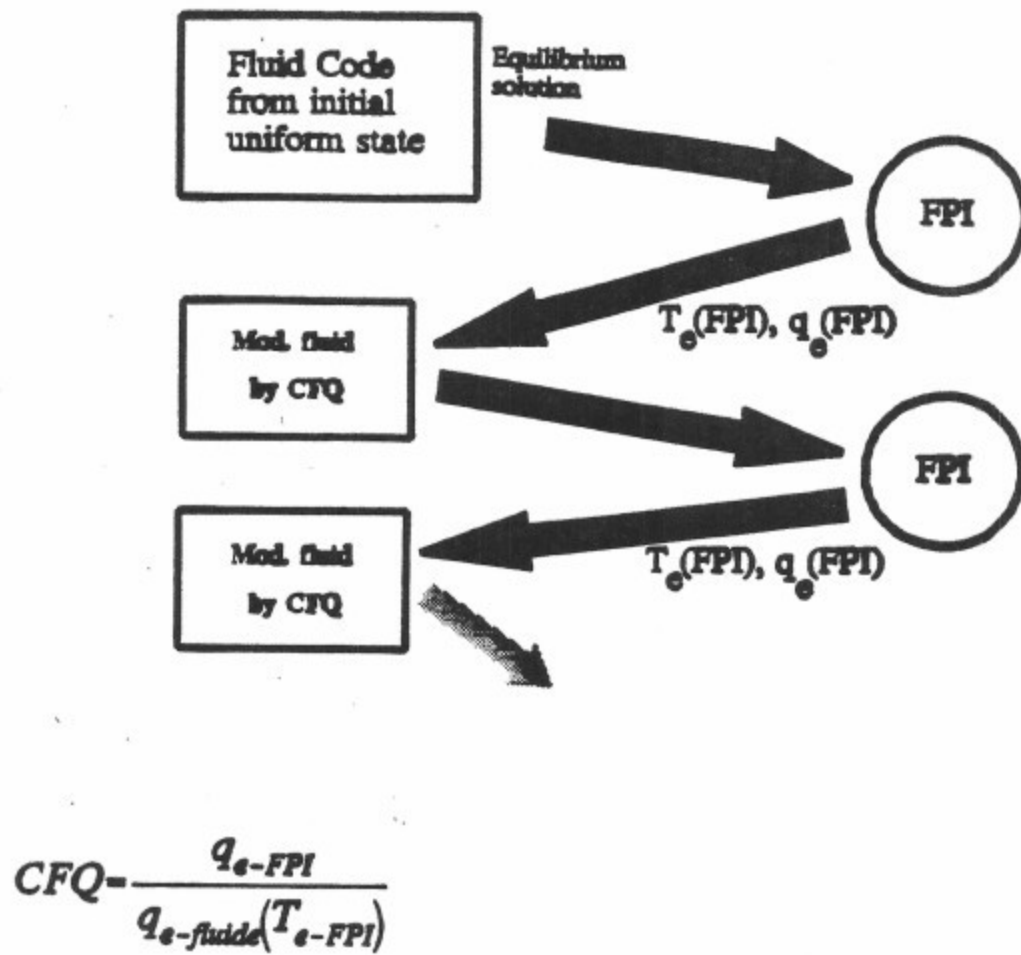
$$\text{CFQ} = q_{e\text{-FPI}} / q_{e\text{-fluid}}(T_{e\text{-FPI}})$$

ITERATE UNTIL NO FURTHER  
SIGNIFICANT CHANGE

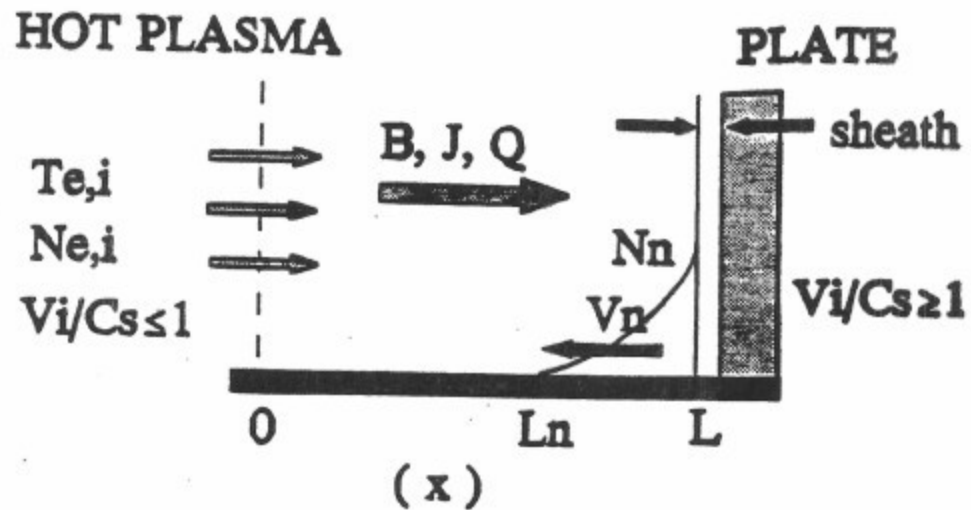
## FINAL RESULT

Profile consistent with electron kinetic  
but at affordable cost.

# FLUID AND FOKKER-PLANCK HYBRID ITERATION



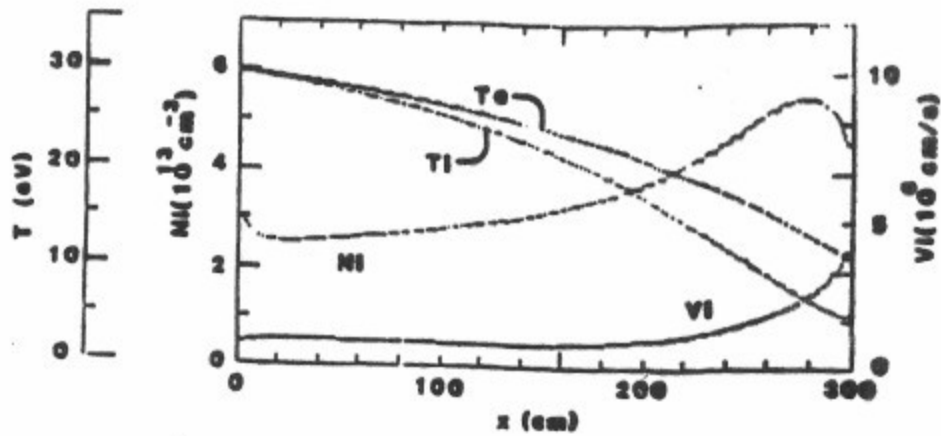
# DIVERTOR PLASMA SIMULATIONS WITH HIGH RECYCLING



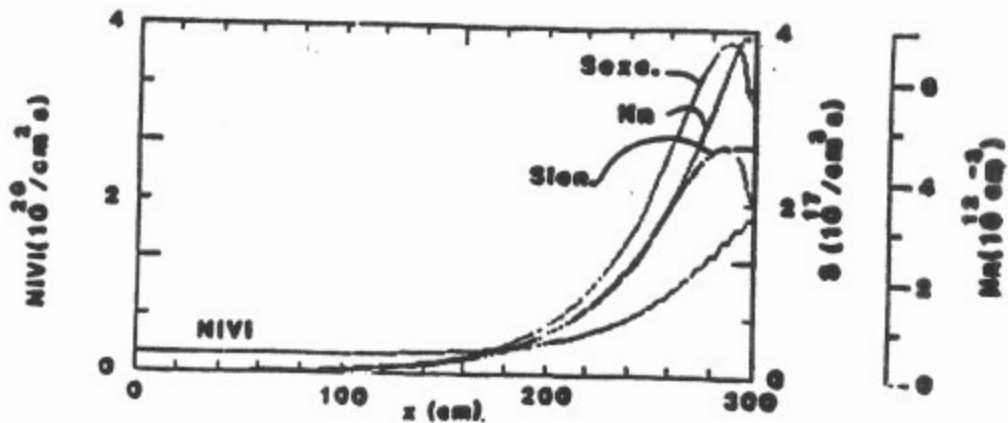
$$\begin{aligned}
 L &= 300 \text{ cm} \\
 T_{e0} &= T_{i0} = 30 \text{ eV} \\
 n_{e0} &= n_{i0} = 3 \times 10^{13} \text{ cm}^{-3} \\
 m_n V_n^2 / 2 &= 3 \text{ eV} \\
 n_n V_n &= 0.8 n_i V_i \text{ at } x=L \\
 m_i / m_e &= 1836
 \end{aligned}$$

# FLUID CODE SIMULATION

$T_e$ ,  $T_i$ ,  $V_i$  and  $n_i$  vs  $x$



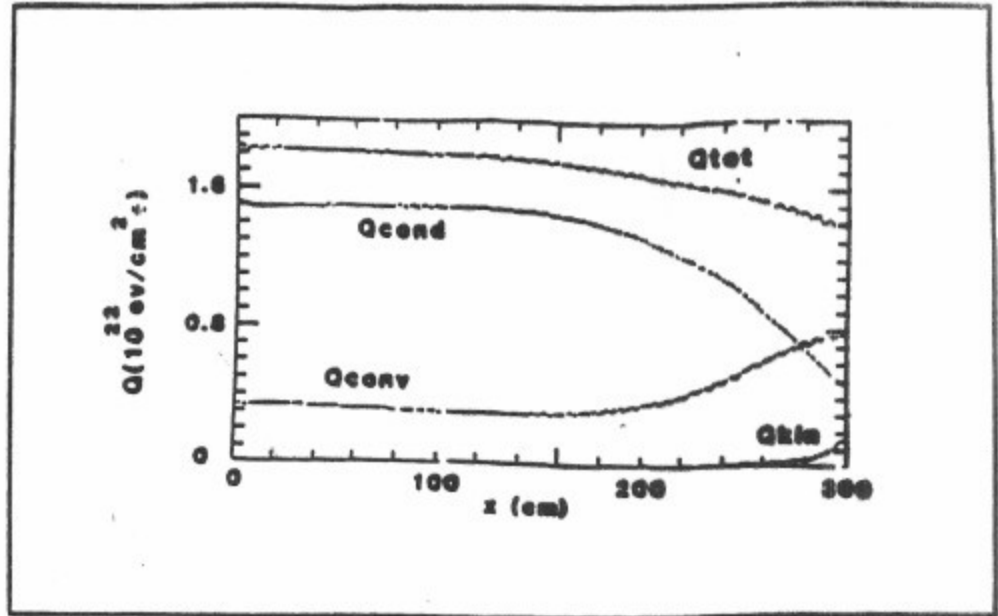
$n_i V_i$ ,  $n_n$ ,  $S_{exc}$  and  $S_{ion}$  vs  $x$



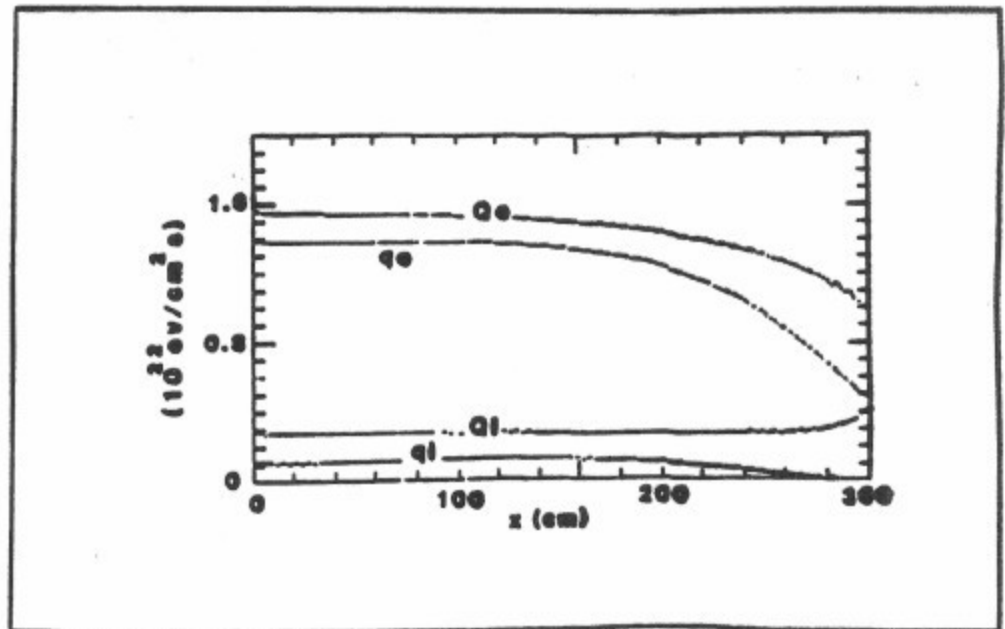


# FLUID CODE SIMULATION

## Energy flux



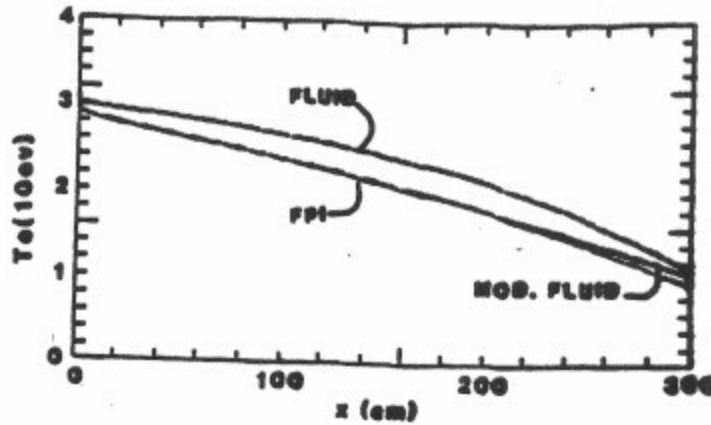
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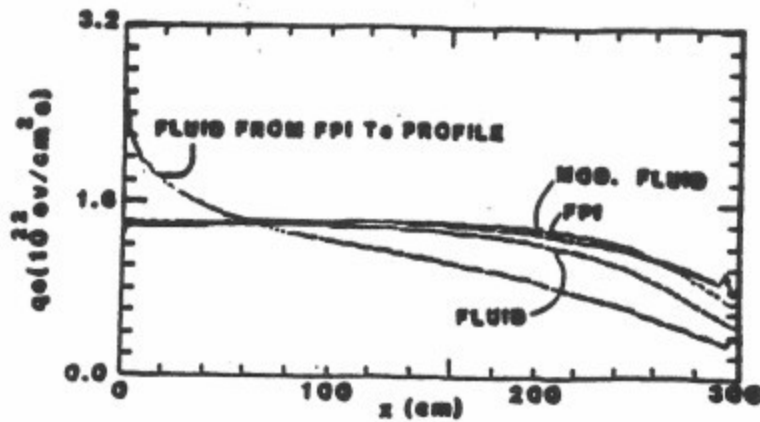
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# FLUID AND FOKKER-PLANCK HYBRID SIMULATION

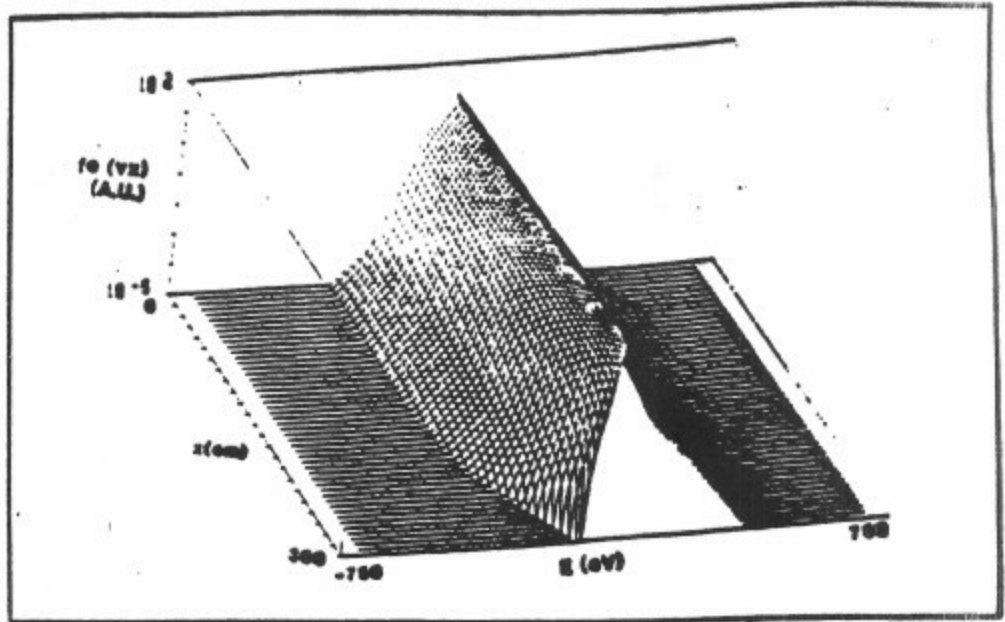
Profile of  $T_e$   
Fluid ( $f=0.2$ ), FPI and Mod. Fluid



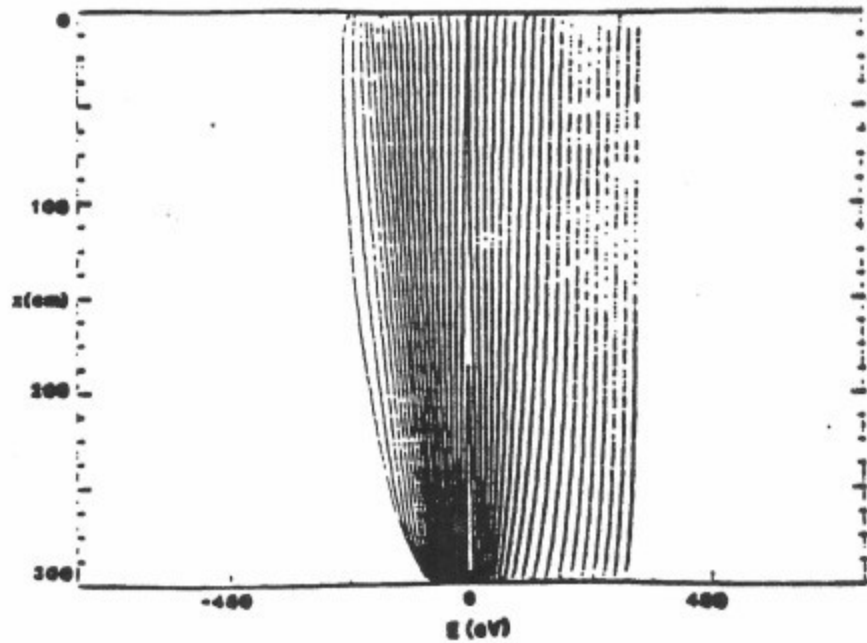
Profile of  $q_e$   
Fluid ( $f=0.2$ ), FPI and Mod. Fluid



# ELECTRON DISTRIBUTION FUNCTION CALCULATED BY FOKKER-PLANCK CODE

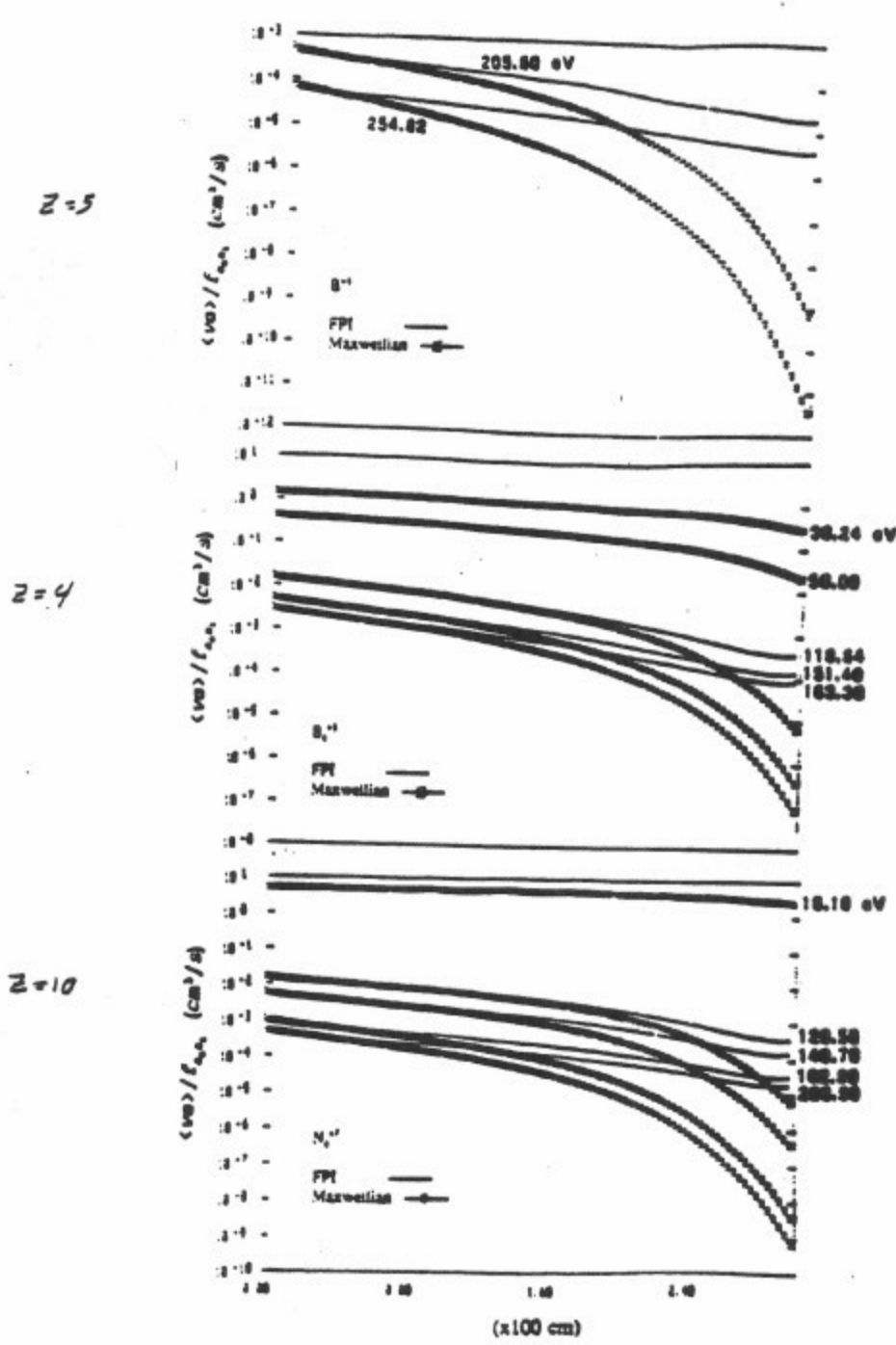


Fokker-Planck calculation:  $f_e(v_x)$  vs  $x$  and sign  $E=1/2m_e v_x^2$



Fokker-Planck calculation: the contour lines of  $f_e(v_x)$  vs  $x$  and sign  $E=1/2m_e v_x^2$ . The truncation of  $f_e(vx)$  at the plate is clearly seen from this figure.

# NON-MAXWELLIAN ELECTRON DISTRIBUTION EFFECT ON THE IMPURITIES RADIATIONS



# CONCLUSION

We model the plasma transport along the magnetic field line in a tokamak divertor:

- \* Fluid and kinetic simulations.
- \* Including: ionization, excitation, boundary condition at the sheath edge.
- \* Hybrid technique was developed which produced an equilibrium solution with the electron kinetic model but with much reduced computer cost.
- \* Steep temperature gradients.
- \* The fluid code with electron heat flux limiter  $f=0.2$  gave closer results to the Fokker-Planck calculation.
- \* The electron distribution function calculated from the FPI code is not locally Maxwellian, especially near the plate. The deviation from Maxwellian is due to the absorption of the most energetic electrons by the plate and to the non-local transport of high energy electrons.
- \* Effect of non-Maxwellian electron distribution function on the ionization and excitation of the impurities.

## Present and Future work

### Electron Kinetic / ion fluid

- \* Change the recycling factor  $R$
- \* Epithermal electron: The plasma to be injected to the system at  $x=0$  with bi-Maxwellian  
see the effects on:
  - plasma sheath and pre-sheath  
 $e\Phi, T_e, T_i, n_e, \dots$
  - CFQ as a function of  $T_{e,e}, T_{e,i}, T_{e,n}$   
 $n_0(\text{neutral}), \dots$
  - The heat flux limiter  $f=?$  in the fluid mode
  - $Q_c$  at the plate  $\rightarrow$
  - The effects of  $T_e$  (non-Maxwellian) on the impurities radiations
- \* New Boundary conditions for the fluid model with the improvement of the transport coefficient by including the nonlocal effects  
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