

# **Advanced transport models for energetic particles**

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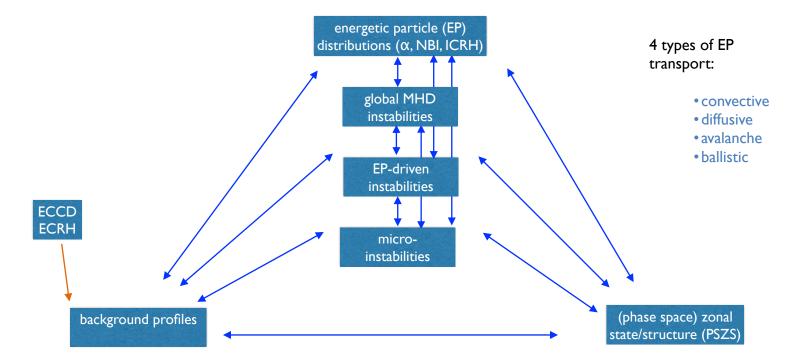
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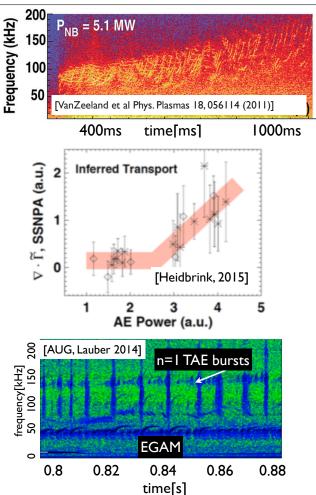


final goal: predicting the self-organisation of a burning plasma challenge: complex interdependence on vastly different spatial and temporal scales



- for multiple overlapping Alfvén eigenmodes (AEs) resonances: stiff EP transport found at DIII-D [Collins, Heidbrink 2015-2018], as predicted by QL theory [Sagedeev&Galeev, Kaufman 1972, ...]; high q, large orbits, dominated by losses rather than redistribution
- in JET re-deposition of EPs (ICRH) was observed: core-localised TAEs redistribute EPs, redistributed EPs drive edge-TAE [Nabais et al, PPCF 2019]
- in ITER, both core and edge TAEs are weakly damped and can be driven non-linearly [Pinches, Lauber, Schneller 2014/2015, T Hayward 2019, ORB5]
- mode chirping and avalanches-type events found in many experiments [Kusama, Shinohara, JT-60U 1999+]
- bursting, non-linear mode-mode couplings and EP transport (FIDA, INPA) measured in ASDEX Upgrade EP super-shots [Lauber 2014+], .i.e. further development of AUG NLED benchmarks case [Vlad 2020-2023, Vannini 2019, Rettino 2021-23]

for a comprehensive review please refer to dedicated review articles, e.g. [NF ITPA special issue 2006, update 2023/24, Heidbrink 2008, Breizman& Sharapov 2011, Lauber 2013, Chen&Zonca RMP 2015, Gorelenkov&PinchesToi 2014,Todo 2019,...]



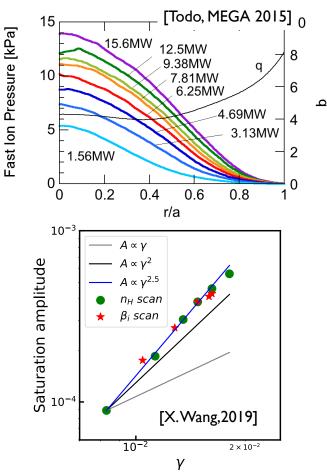
**EP transport: modelling** 



- MHD-hybrid simulations of DIII-D case: transport due to steady and increasingly intermittent EP fluxes for higher power [MEGA,Todo 2015]
- multi-phase MEGA simulations for TAE- avalanches at JT-60U [Bierwage 2016,17];
- at increased EP pressure, so-called energetic particle modes start to exist: simulations as pioneered by (X)HMGC and HYMAGYC teams [Briguglio PoP1998, Bierwage 2012-16]; many dedicated diagnostics developed for phase space analysis
- chirping AEs: XHMGC simulations [X.Wang, S. Briguglio, 2021]: AE saturation level (and thus related EP transport) due to chirping modes is larger than standard quadratic scaling:

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- global GENE and GTC simulations highlight interaction with micro-turbulence [Citrin, diSiena 2019-2023, Brochard 2021-23]
- global ORB5 simulations with increasing complexity start to capture experimentally relevant regimes [A. Biancalani, T Hayward-Schneider, A. Bottino, F.Vannini, B. Rettino 2013-2023] and compare in with MHD-hybrid results [Vlad 2020-23]
- difficult to disentangle various non-linearities in comprehensive codes- verify results?
- transport-time scales?
- vast parameter regime sensitivity scans ?
- how to reduce to reasonably fast models?

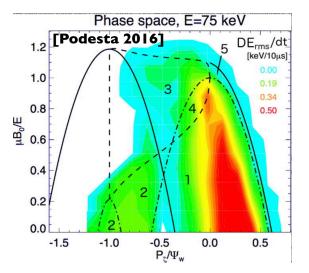




• diffusion coefficients for impurity transport by background turbulence, no e.m. EPdriven modes [Angioni 2009, Püschel, etc]

- critical gradient model [R.Waltz, E. Bass, 2014 -2023]: use local AE stability threshold, add upshift of transport threshold using (ExB)<sub>turb</sub> shearing rate; above threshold set D<sub>EP</sub> to ad hoc values [e.g. 10m<sup>2</sup>/s] to clamp EP's radial gradient to critical value
- kick model [M. Podesta, 2014-2022]: calculate probability density function of kick in Pz and E for given amplitude
- RBQ model, ID, 2D [N. Gorelenkov 2015-2022]: use resonance broadening QL theory connected to NOVA-K to evolve mode amplitude consistently with evolution of  $F_{EP}$
- gyrofluid model [D Spong, 2019-2022], TAEFL code: fluid closures simplify problem, runs on longer time scales
- GENE-Tango model [A. di Siena, 2022-23]: relies on global kinetic GENE runs + power balance
- transport models as derived from general non-linear gyrokinetic theory [Chen, Zonca RMP 2015, Z. Qiu et a 2017-2023] using phase space zonal structure (PSZS) transport theory [M-V. Falessi, F. Zonca, 2017-2023] see talk M. Falessi at this conference

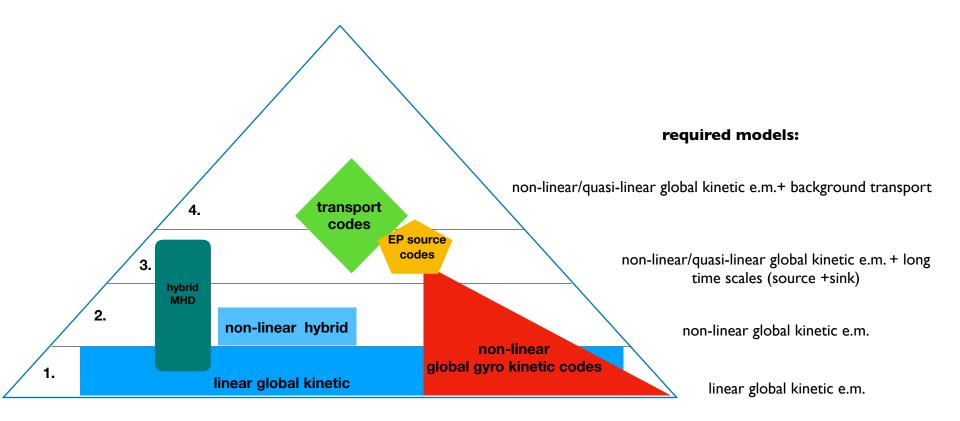
#### within Eurofusion Enabling research project ATEP: based on general theoretical framework, develop and implement hierarchy of (reduced) phase space zonal structure (PSZS) transport models



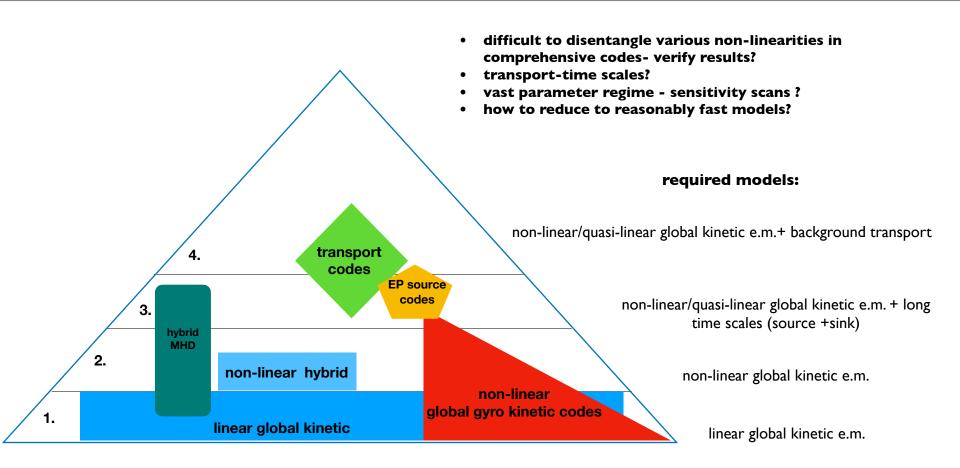


needed for scaling from TCV-AUG-JET, W7X... to JT-60SA-DTT-ITER-DEMO, in particular burning plasmas required models: 4. self-organisation - back reaction of non-linear/quasi-linear global kinetic e.m.+ background transport EP transport on profiles and background transport non-linear/quasi-linear global kinetic e.m. + long time scales (source +sink) 3. EP transport and losses 2. non-linear mode evolution, non-linear global kinetic e.m. saturation mechanisms linear global kinetic e.m. I. mode stability



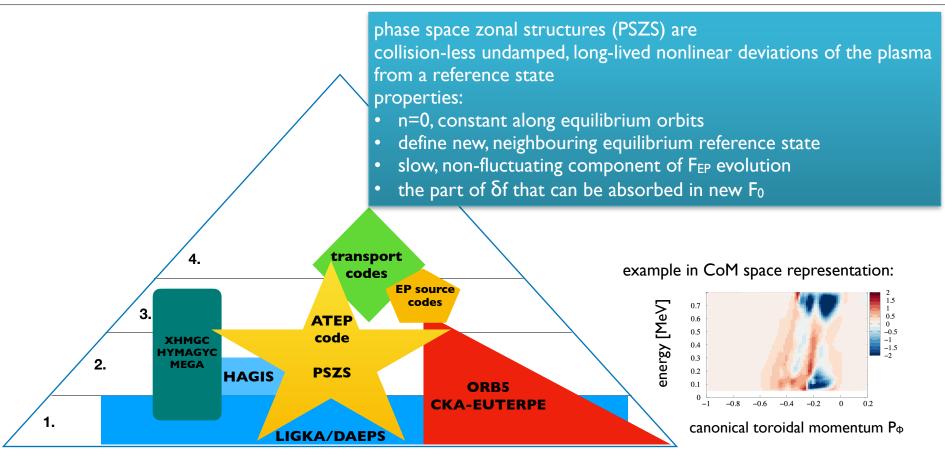






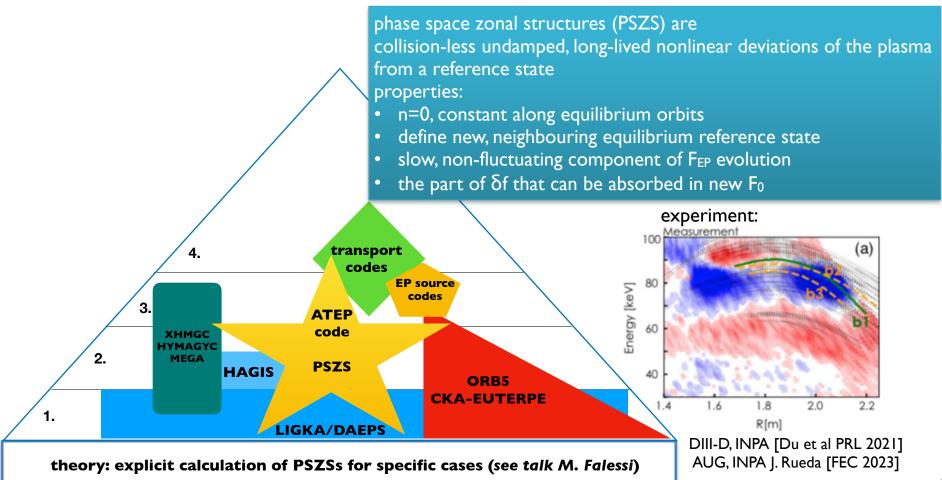
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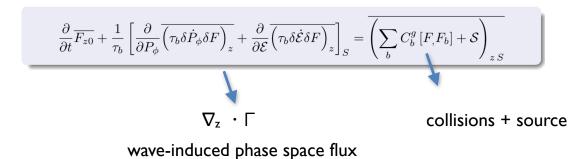






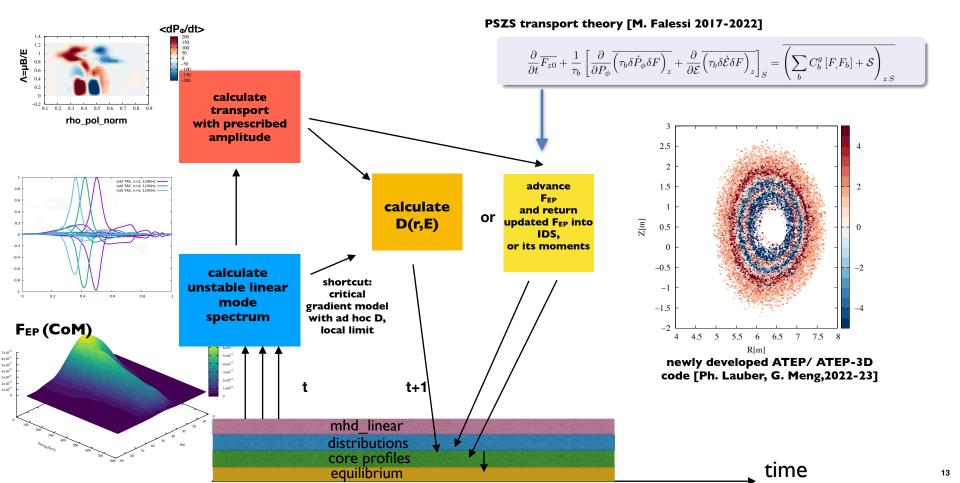
- PSZS theory and overall implementation strategy
- general distribution functions in constants of motion space (CoM)
- linear mode spectrum: the Energetic Particle Stability Workflow (EP-WF)
- phase space transport coefficients
- evolve transport equation in kick model and quasi-linear (QL) limit
- back mapping to real space and non-linear equilibria
- verification and validation common effort of ENR ATEP team





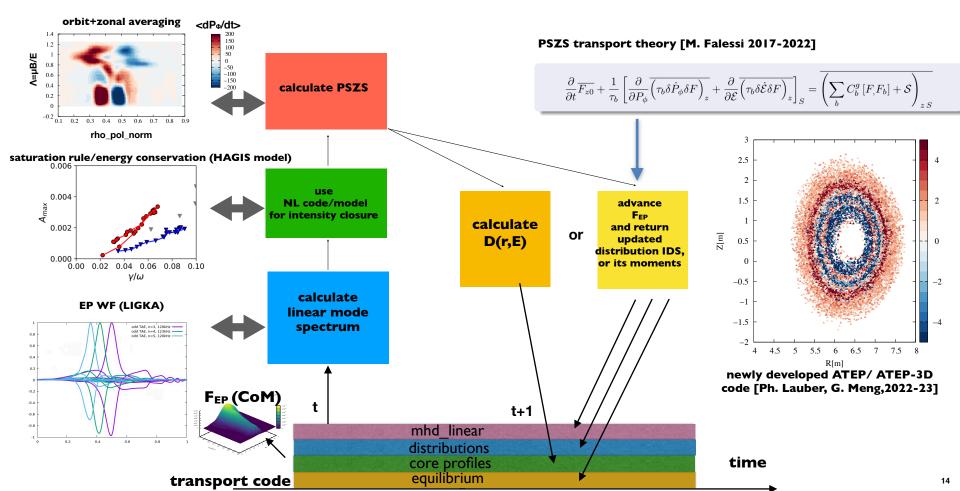
[M-V. Falessi, F. Zonca, 2017-2023] continuity equation in phase space; valid for single or multiple modes in general valid for all regimes, interaction with background can be consistently described

- kick limit: fix perturbations amplitudes for calculating  $\langle dP_{\Phi}/dt \rangle$  and evolve continuity equation in CoM space
- in the QL limit, assuming overlapping resonances, flux can be split into convective and diffusive component [L Chen, JGR 104, 1999]
- diffusion coefficients can be evaluated by determining  $D_{P\Phi P\Phi} = |dP_{\Phi}/dt|^2 \tau_{ac}$ , similar for  $D_{EE}$ , and off diagonal terms (if present), resonant and non-resonant contributions can be separated
- in [L Chen, JGR 104, 1999] also the importance of E<sub>//</sub> is discussed (KAW physics), leading to additional convective flux contributions (linear GK code LIGKA provides this information see below)



### implementation: QL limit







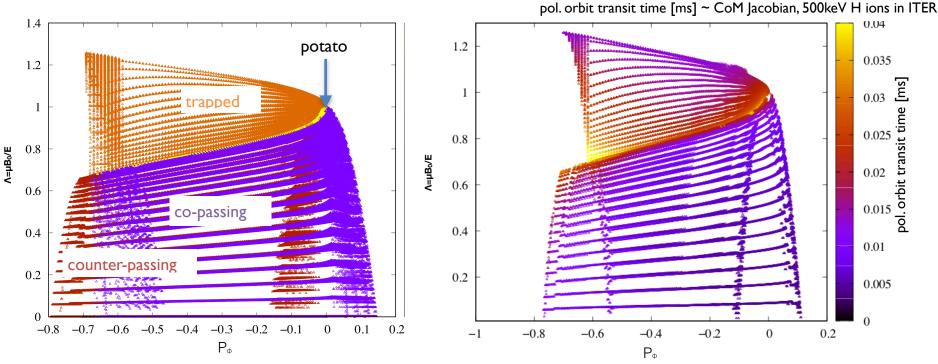
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- establish orbit database to classify particles
- determine CoM Jacobian ( $P_{\Phi}$ , E,  $\Lambda$ ,  $\mu B_0/E$ ,  $\sigma$ )
- set up grid in CoM space
- bin markers as given by neoclassical physics codes [NEMO/Spot, ASCOT, RABBIT, etc...], here ITER H-pre-fusion case 100015,1 [M. Schneider, 2018]



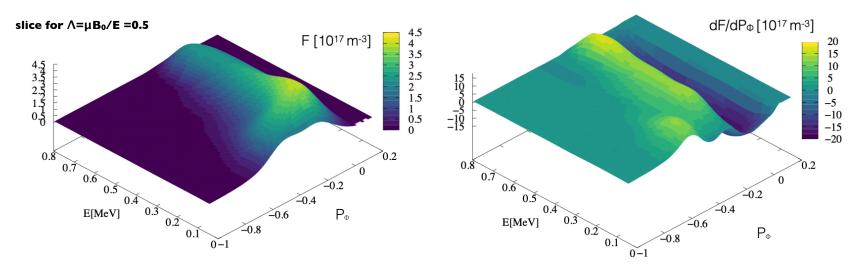
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- use 2D cubic splines in each sub-space to create fine sub-grids, then create 3D spline for  $F_{EP}$
- back-transform in other coordinate systems possible, if needed
- here, all calculations are using IMAS interfaces (equilibrium, transport code, orbit tracer (HAGIS [S.D. Pinches]), ATEP code )





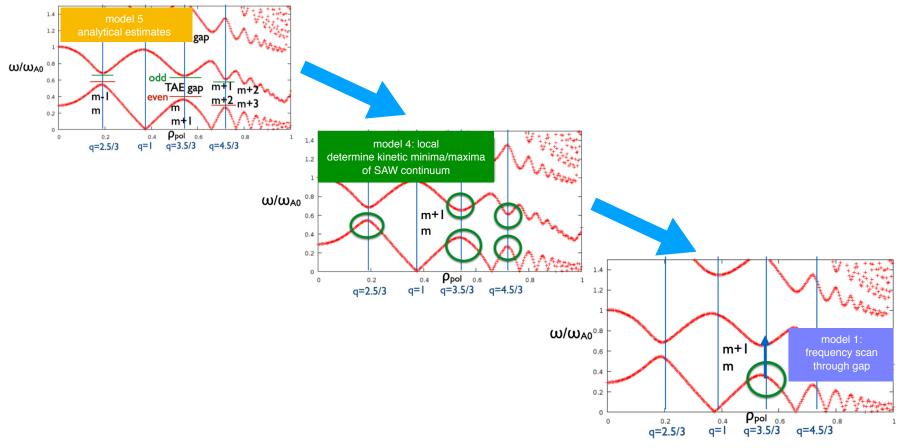
## Calculating the mode spectrum

### Linear mode spectrum: Energetic particle stability workflow (LIGKA)



LIGKA [Qin 1998, Lauber 2003, JPC 2007, Lauber PLREP 2013, Bierwage&Lauber 2017, Lauber JPCS 2018]





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### fully IMAS compatible (python)

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- module installations available •
- gui and non-gui versions ٠
- batch job submission •



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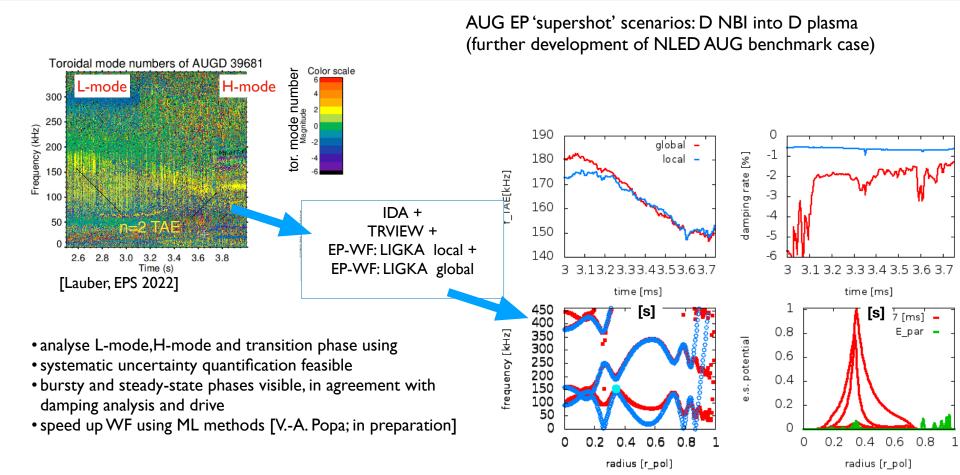


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#### [V.-A. Popa, NF accepted 2023]

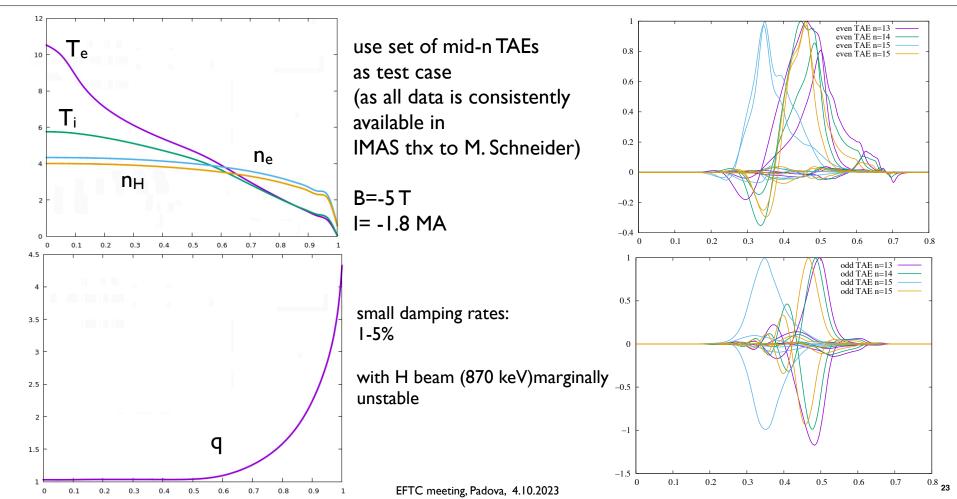
# Energetic particle stability workflow: validation at ASDEX Upgrade





## ITER pre-fusion H scenario 100015,1 [Metis, M. Schneider NF (2021)]

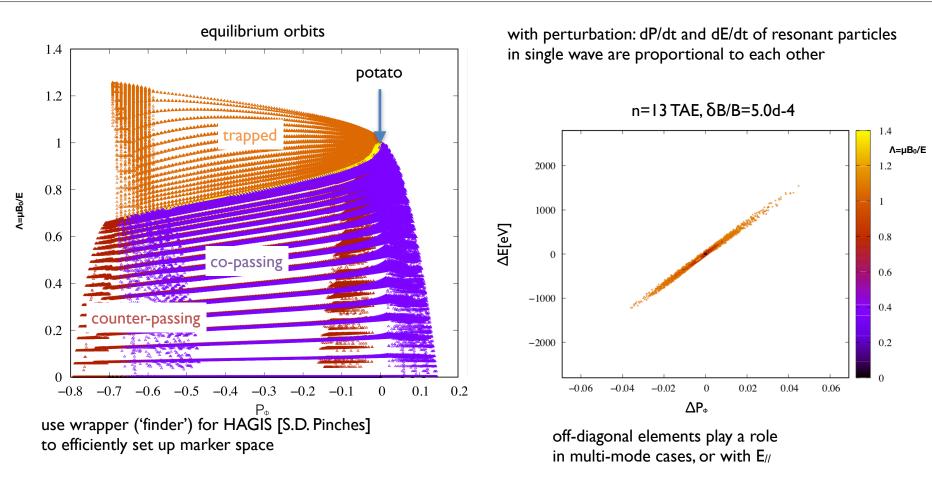






## determine phase space transport coefficients

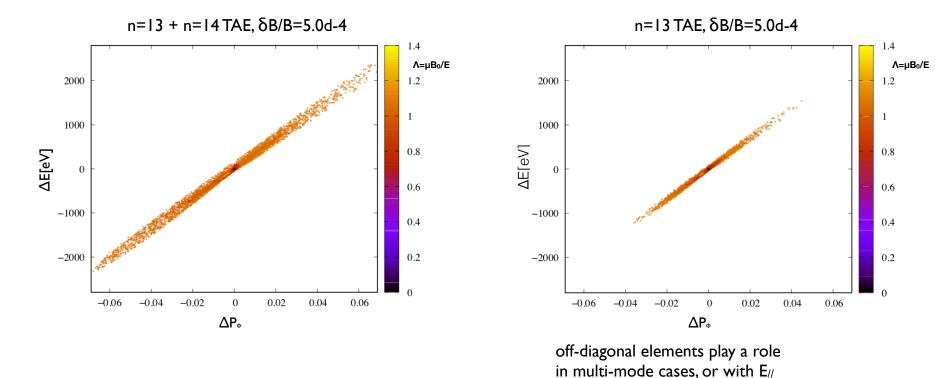




#### classify particles, calculate orbit properties with and without perturbation(s)



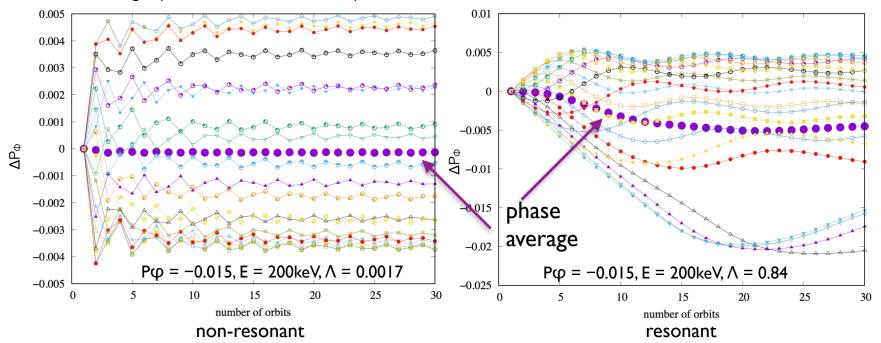
with perturbation: dP/dt and dE/dt of resonant particles in single wave are proportional to each other [Southwood, 1969]



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start particles with different phase shifts with respect to wave:  $(2\pi / n, or random)$ , follow typical 3-5 orbits to account for higher resonances, then average (n=13TAE;  $\delta B/B = 5 \cdot 10-4$ )



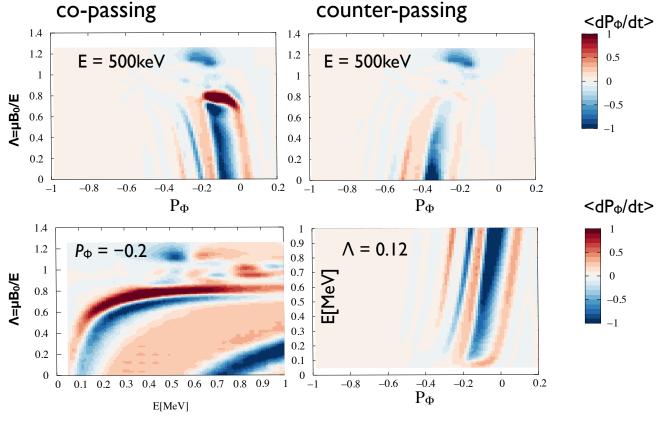
caveat: this procedure is reducing the full dynamics: valid in small-amplitude/QL/limit, transport time scales can be improved, relaxed if needed (ballistic transport cases);

note also close relation to  $P_{\Phi}$  grid resolution/Courant criterion; accounts for resonance broadening consistently



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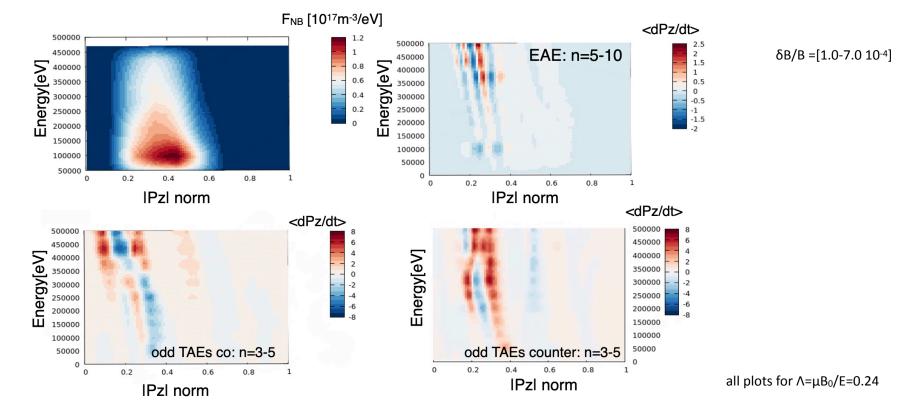
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### **PSZS for EAEs and odd TAEs**





resonances with both positive and negative gradients of  $F_{EP}$  possible

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## evolve transport equations in kick-model limit

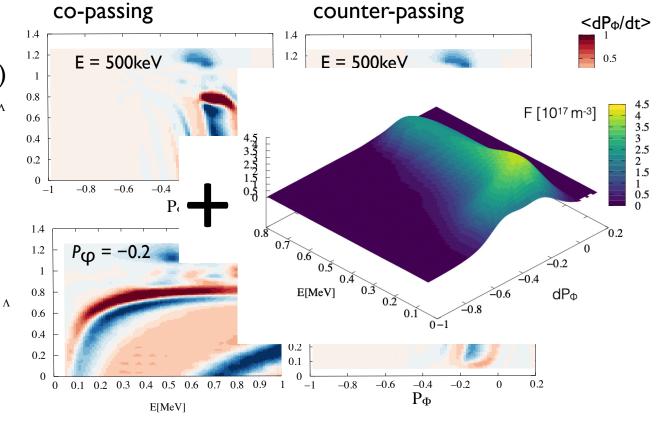


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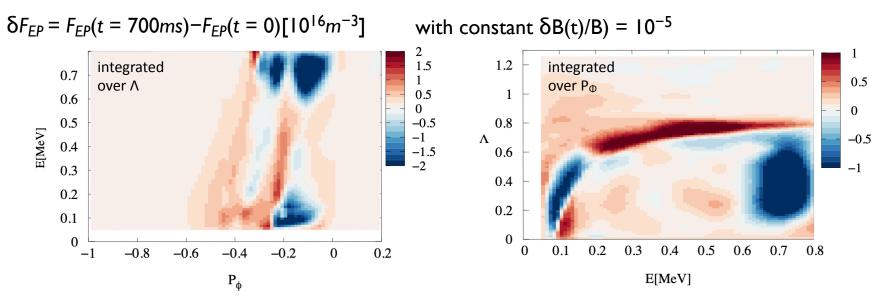
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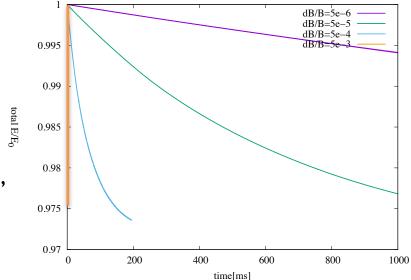
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phase space density is conserved add energy diagnostic:

$$\mathscr{E}(t) = \int dv_{P_{\phi},E,\Lambda} E \cdot F_{EP}(t) / E_0$$

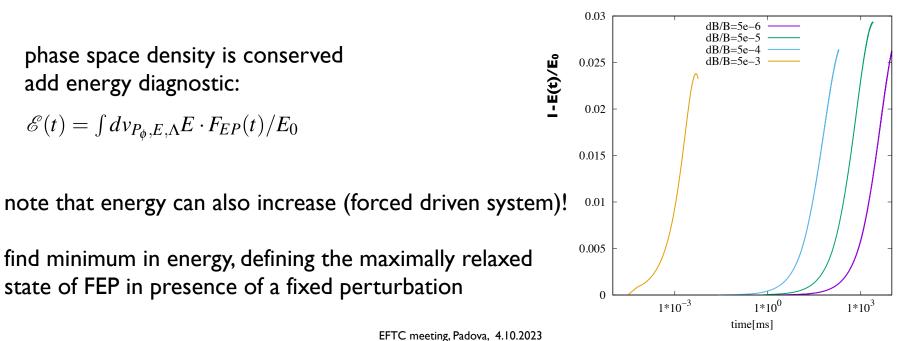
if perturbations are consistently chosen i.e. as unstable eigenfunctions of the equilibrium, energy stored in gradients of Fz is depleted





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## evolve transport equations in quasi-linear limit (QL)



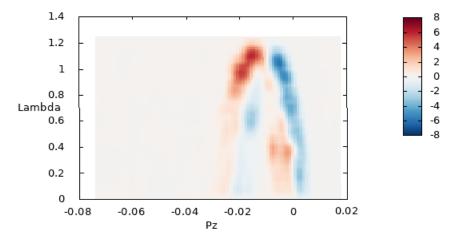
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$$\frac{d}{dt}\left(\mathscr{E} + \sum_{k} W_{k}\right) = -2\sum_{k} \gamma_{d,k} W_{k}$$
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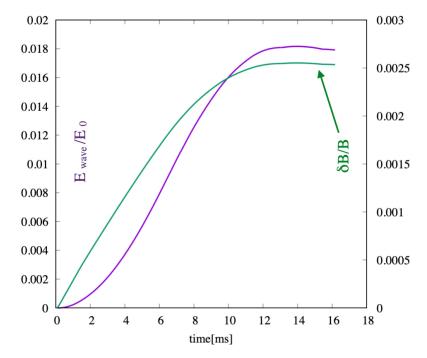
amplitude dependent  $\langle dP_{\Phi}/dt \rangle$ ,  $\langle dE/dt \rangle$  needed!

dPz (Pz,Lambda), energy=00502000 eV, amplitude=590 \*10<sup>-5</sup>



- run previously developed WF for calculating PSZS (FINDER/HAGIS) and store in different IDS occurrences
- import into ATEP code (typically 3-5 different amplitudes  $\delta B/B = 5 \cdot 10^{-6}, 5 \cdot 10^{-5}, 5 \cdot 10^{-4}, 5 \cdot 10^{-3}$
- interpolate in CoM space, then construct 4D object
- it includes resonance broadening and transitions from isolated to overlapping modes
- it is NOT yet self-consistent, i.e. ratio of mode amplitudes is fixed (radial envelope equation not solved)
- use E-conservation considerations of PSZS transport equation to determine energy transfer to mode and change mode amplitude(s) accordingly



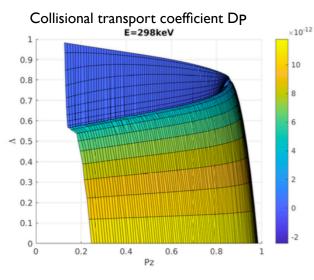


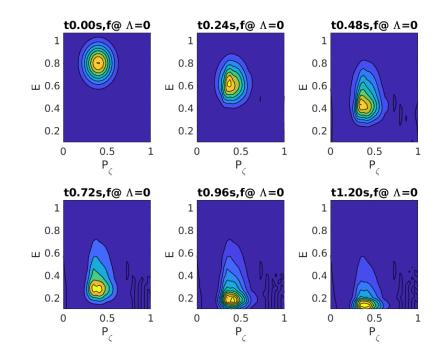
- energy conserving model energy stored in F<sub>EP</sub> gradients is converted into wave energy: non-linear hybrid model á la HAGIS (non-linear wave particle interaction Lagrangian)
- relative amplitudes of modes remain fixed, as given by linear growth rates ( $\gamma^2 \sim A$ )
- here, no damping was used yet; mode growth stops after energy of  $F_{EP}$  has been exhausted
- for steady state, mode decay has to be balanced by collisions



[Guo Meng, poster at this conference, FEC 2023]

- collision operators are typically given in E, v// space (explicit pitch angle dependence)
- use framework above (IMAS based wrapper for HAGIS) with neoclassical HAGIS version [A. Bergmann, PoP 2001] to obtain orbit-averaged collision coefficients (linearised collision operator)
- use the same CoM grid as for PSZS part
- general 3D solver (implicit solver)
- details: poster G. Meng, at this conference



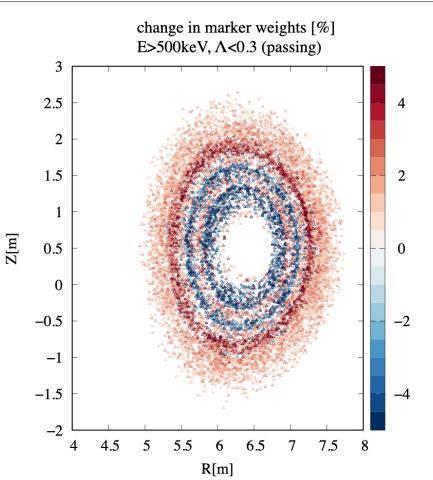


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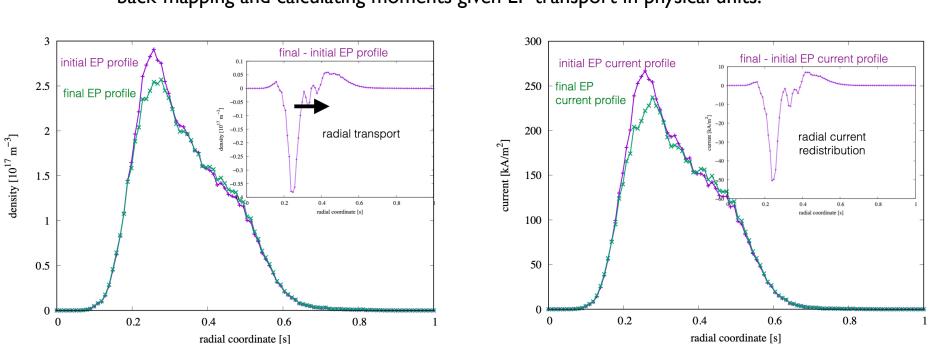


 use map created for setting up orbits quantities (see above) to assign new weights to markers as given by initial input from heating code or SD model

- only 'weights' in CoM are transported, not markers themselves
- transport is by construction 'zonal' taking moments of evolved state allows us to define new non-linear equilibrium:





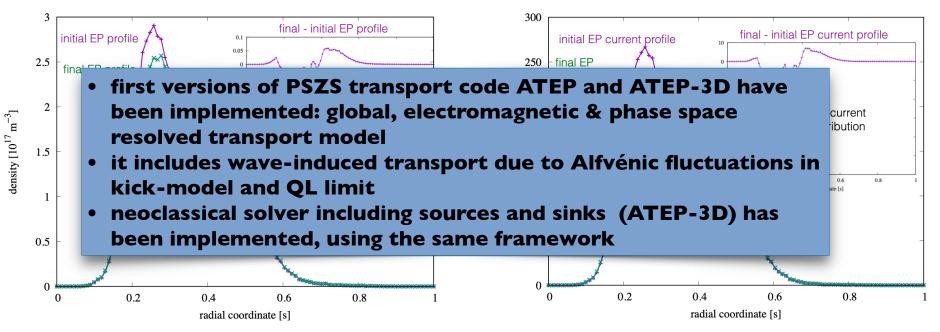


back-mapping and calculating moments given EP transport in physical units:

can be passed to transport/equilibrium code to calculate new consistent non-linear equilibrium



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### verify, validate and evolve models - ENR ATEP team effort



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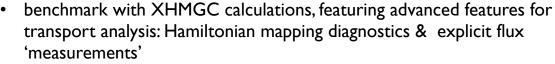


- benchmark with original HAGIS model
- benchmark with DAEPS code calculates fluxes explicitly based on separation of radial and parallel mode structures
- started extension to 3D geometry [A. Zocco, 2023]
- benchmark with ID beam-plasma system [N. Carlevaro, PPCF 2022]:
  - bump on tail model
  - partition phase space in slides of maximal power exchange
  - use LIGKA linear mode information
  - successful comparison with LIGKA-HAGIS model
- tracers dynamics studied with Lagrangian Coherent structures: relevant structures/barriers change during non-linear evolution: from inner to outer radial transport peak (see ITER case above):

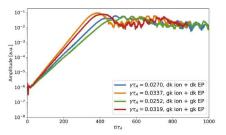
add tracers to system an determine diffusive (T) vs. convective ( $T^2$ ) scaling: τ=0. s₀≈0.3 \_ τ=510 [103] τ=840 df<sub>H</sub>/ds τ=1272 S<sup>2</sup> s₀≈0.6 N. Carlevaro et al, EPS22 700 800 1300 1400 0.4 0.8 0.3 0.6 s 0.020 0.010 0.005 As time increases the more robust 0.015 0.015 barriers move radial outwards (avalanche mode excitation) 0.005 0.35 0.40 0.45 0.50 0.55 0.60 0.65 0.70 0.50 0.55 0.60 0.65 0.70 0.35 0.40 0.45 0.50 0.55 0.60 0.65 0.70 0.015 43

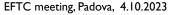
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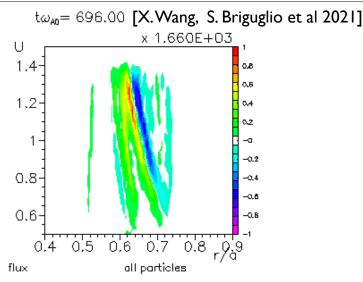


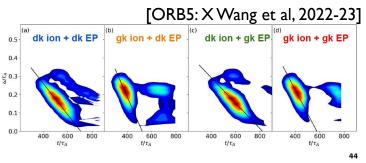


- implemented also in HYMAGYC [G.Vlad, V. Fusco]
- benchmark with STRUPHY code: MHD-kinetic hybrid code based on new stringent mathematical formulation: structure preserving geometric finite elements + PIC ⇒ improved non-linear stability [F Holderried, S Possanner 2020-2023]
- compare with ORB5 PSZS diagnostics [A. Bottino Varenna 2022] (see talk M. Falessi) compare to various ORB5 results; e.g. use scaling for chirping modes ORB5 runs are available also in presence of turbulence
- analyse and plan new experiments based on AUG EP 'Supershots' INPA measurements of phase space transport !
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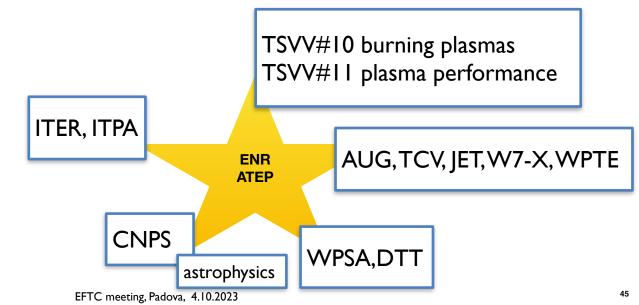






started enable new routes to EP transport analysis and prediction via:

- new theoretical framework
- new common concept of connecting non-linear code results to reduced models (PSZS)
- new common EP (transport) code developments
- new analysis methods
- new IMAS based infrastructure



established and growing connections to other groups and experiments