

**Energetic particle optimization of stellarator devices using near-axis magnetic fields**

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# **Motivation**



How to guarantee alpha particle heating in stellarator reactors?

How to decrease first wall damage from unconfined particles?

- Particle confinement is usually considered the Achilles Heel of stellarators
- New proxies have changed this paradigm
- Analytical models (e.g., near-axis expansion) decrease degrees of freedom but have other tradeoffs
- The near-axis can also provide physical

insight and guide future designs





## **Goals**



#### Obtain reactor relevant stellarator shapes in a reliable and efficient manner

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Typical degrees of freedom to solve  $J \times B = \nabla P$ - Fixed boundary (LCFS): ~100 Fourier coefficients - Free boundary (coils): ~400 Fourier coefficients

Near-axis (high aspect ratio) degrees of freedom - Axis  $+1$ <sup>st</sup> order  $+2<sup>nd</sup>$  order:  $\sim$  10 Fourier coefficients

#### Is this gain worth it?

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#### User-friendly example in near-axis geometry





### Flexible geometries

- VMEC output files
- Near-axis analytical model
- Near-axis quasisymmetry (exact/partial)
- Dommaschk potentials (magnetic islands)

#### Multiple tracers

- **SIMPLE**
- gyronimo
- **SIMSOPT**
- BEAMS3D

Benchmark available on https://github.com/rogeriojorge/ particle\_tracing\_benchmark





### NEAT is fast as it uses C++ for trajectory calculations,

which are called via Python

### But can we simplify it further?

Use JAX!



**JAX: High-Performance Array Computing** 

JAX is Autograd and XLA, brought together for high-performance numerical computing

- JAX allows python scripts to run as fast as compiled code
- JAX provides derivatives of the output of the code with respect to the input (backpropagation)
- The same code can be run on CPUs and GPUs

**Scaling with problem size** Wall time per 1M grid cells (lower is better)



#### JAX performance compared to other compiled and parallelized backends [1]

[1] D. Hafner et al, "Fast, Cheap and Turbulent – Global Ocean Modeling with GPU Acceleration in Python, Journal of Advances in Modeling Earth Systems 13 (2021)



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- only Python
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#### Guiding Center Equations **On Biot-Savart coil fields Configure 10** Optimized stellarator (WP5)





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### **WP2 – Combine particle tracer and stellarator optimization codes**



2. Integration with stellarator optimization frameworks (WP2)

- scipy.optimize.minimize or SIMSOPT near-axis
- SIMSOPT full MHD DESC - full MHD (finalizing)



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#### Local minimization methods **not** able to find Trace 2400 particles for  $5 \times 10^{-4}$  s with the SIMPLE 0.40 the global minimum

code

- Scale the minor radius and magnetic field to half of the ARIES-CS reactor
- Save the fraction of loss particles in an array for each RBC(1,0)
- Choose objective function Optimize Each point takes  $~1$  second on a laptop

## **WP3 – Optimized stellarator equilibria**

- 3. Optimized stellarator configurations (WP3)
	- **Obtained Near-Axis Optimizations** (previous slide)
	- Obtained full MHD Optimizations

#### **Minimal benchmark problem**



 $-0.20 -0.15 -0.10 -0.05$ 

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RBC(1.0)

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Scripts available on https://github.com/rogeriojorge/EPoptimization

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FIGURE 3. Orbits obtained with SIMPLE with  $(s, \theta, \phi) = (0.25, 2.89, 1.84)$  and  $v_{\parallel}/v = 0.44$  as



 $qyronimo$  and  $SIMPLE$  tracers for original precise  $QA$ , scaled to  $_A$  and  $B_0$ , the field at the plasma axis. With an initial position

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- 4. Obtain analytical formulas for the trapped-passing boundary and banana width using near-axis expansion

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\frac{(1 + a_A\sqrt{s_i} \ \bar{\eta}\cos\theta_i)}{(1 + a_A\sqrt{s_i} + 2\Delta s} \ |\bar{\eta}|)} \leq \lambda_s \leq \frac{(1 + a_A\sqrt{s_i} \ \bar{\eta}\cos\theta_i)}{(1 + a_A\sqrt{s_i} - 2\Delta s} \ |\bar{\eta}|)}.
$$

 $\Delta s = \frac{mvL\bar{\eta}}{\pi q\;\iota_{N_0}a_AB_0}\frac{1-\lambda B_0/(2B_i)}{\sqrt{1-\lambda B_0/B_i}}\bigg(2\sqrt{s_i}+(\sqrt{s_i+\Delta s_{avg}}-\sqrt{s_i})\cos\theta_i\bigg)$ 













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- 4. Train mixture density networks to solve the inverse design problem



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#### **Physics study of Nemov's criterion** Dhysics study quasisymmetry.  $T_{\rm eff}$  introduced by Nemov  $\sim$



# Nemov  $\Gamma_c$  - minimize radial drift of trapped orbits

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\Gamma_c = \frac{\sqrt{I}}{8} \lim_{L \to \infty} \left( \int_0^L \frac{dI}{B} \right)^{-1} \int_1^{B_{\text{max}}/B_{\text{min}}} dI \qquad V_r \text{ - bounce average radial drift } \frac{\partial J}{\partial \alpha}
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\times \sum_{\text{well}_j} Y_c^2 \frac{V_{\text{D},j}}{4B_{\text{min}} \ b^2}; \ Y_c = \frac{2}{\pi} \arctan \frac{V_r}{V_\theta} \qquad J = \int_{\text{bounce}} \sqrt{1 - \frac{|B|}{b'}} dl \text{ - adiabatic invariant}
$$

Higher resolution and longer field lines create<br>discontinuities between wells leading to noise discontinuities between wells leading to noise



Many turning points on unoptimized stellarators make calculation very complex



Calculate  *at each* surface and normalized magnetic moment *b'=1/* by bounce averaging



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### Implementation of particle tracing on DESC (collaboration with PPPL)



**Stellarator Optimization Package** 

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- Particle tracing now implemented in DESC
- DESC uses automatic differentiation
	- Study of direct particle tracing using automatic differentiation underway



### **WP5 – Fast particle orbits in realistic magnetic fields**





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## **End**

