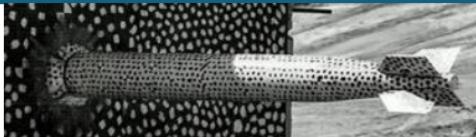




# A Five-Moment Multifluid Model for Partially Ionized Plasmas With Arbitrarily Many Species



Michael M. Crockatt (SNL)

John N. Shadid (SNL), Sidafa Conde (SNL), Roger P. Pawlowski (SNL),  
Sibu Mabuza (Clemson)

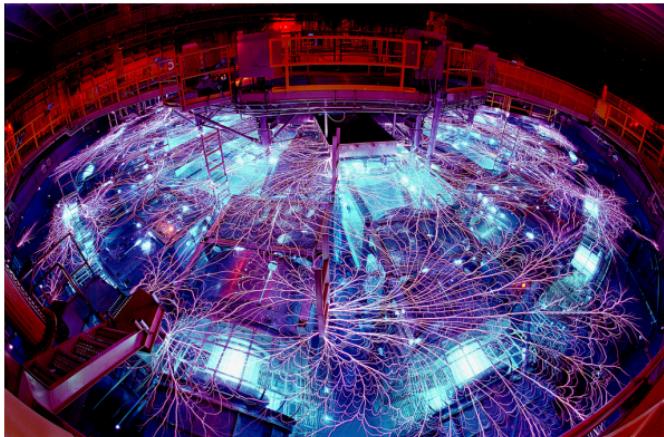


Sandia National Laboratories is a multimission laboratory managed and operated by National Technology & Engineering Solutions of Sandia, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Honeywell International Inc., for the U.S. Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration under contract DE-NA0003525. The National Nuclear Security Administration is a part of the U.S. Department of Energy.

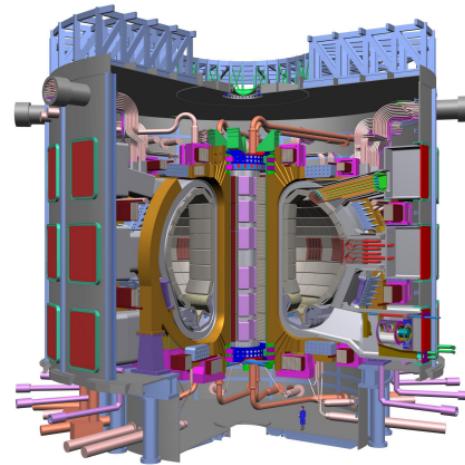
# Motivation



- High-energy density plasmas.
- Higher Z elements: He, Ne, Ar.
- Wide range of density/temperature/etc.



Z-Pinch (Z Machine)  
eg., Ar Gas Puff



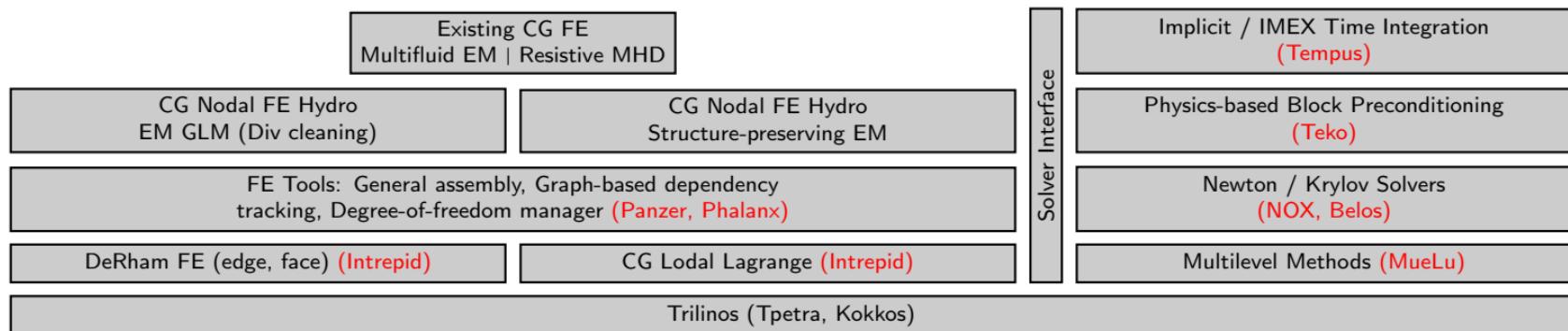
Magnetic Confinement Fusion (ITER)  
eg., MGI for disruption mitigation

# Context



**Drekar:** Resistive MHD / Multifluid with Coupled Multiphysics

- Arbitrarily many equations describing physics (continuity, momentum, energy, electromagnetics).
- ERK, DIRK, IMEX time integration (**Tempus**).
- 2D & 3D unstructured finite element (**Intrepid**):
  - Stabilized Q1, Q2 elements (high-order in process).
  - Physics compatible discretizations (node, edge, face).
  - High-resolution positivity-preserving methods.
- Advanced software capabilities:
  - MPI+X (Kokkos).
  - Linear/non-linear solvers (NOX, Belos) with robust, scalable preconditioning (**Teko**, **MueLu**).
  - Exact Jacobians through automatic differentiation (**Sacado**).
  - Asynchronous dependency manages multiphysics complexity (**Phalanx**).



# Overview of Models and Equations

Kinetic equations:

$$\partial_t f_s + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} f_s + \frac{q_s}{m_s} (\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}) \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{v}} f_s = \mathcal{C}_s [f_s] + \mathcal{S}_s, \quad (s \in \Lambda),$$

with

$$\mathcal{C}_s = \mathcal{C}_s^{\text{sc}} + \mathcal{C}_s^{\text{ion}} + \mathcal{C}_s^{\text{rec}} + \mathcal{C}_s^{\text{cx}} + \mathcal{C}_s^{\text{rad}},$$

Fluid equations:

$$\partial_t \rho_s + \nabla \cdot (\rho_s \mathbf{u}_s) = \mathcal{C}_s^{[0]} + \mathcal{S}_s^{[0]},$$

$$\partial_t (\rho_s \mathbf{u}_s) + \nabla \cdot (\rho_s \mathbf{u}_s \otimes \mathbf{u}_s + p_s \underline{\mathbf{I}} + \underline{\underline{\Pi}}_s) = q_s n_s (\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{u}_s \times \mathbf{B}) + \mathcal{C}_s^{[1]} + \mathcal{S}_s^{[1]},$$

$$\partial_t \mathcal{E}_s + \nabla \cdot [(\mathcal{E}_s + p_s) \mathbf{u}_s + \mathbf{u}_s \cdot \underline{\underline{\Pi}}_s + \mathbf{h}_s] = q_s n_s \mathbf{u}_s \cdot \mathbf{E} + \mathcal{C}_s^{[2]} + \mathcal{S}_s^{[2]}.$$

Here:

$$s \in \Lambda = \{(\alpha, k) : \alpha = 1, \dots, N_A; k = 0, \dots, z_\alpha\} \cup \{e\}$$

$\mathcal{C}_s^{\text{sc}}$ : elastic scattering

$\mathcal{C}_s^{\text{ion}}$ : ionization reactions

$\mathcal{C}_s^{\text{rec}}$ : recombination reactions

$\mathcal{C}_s^{\text{cx}}$ : charge exchange

$\mathcal{C}_s^{\text{rad}}$ : radiative loss

# Multifluid EM Plasma Model

Density

$$\partial_t \rho_s + \nabla \cdot (\rho_s \mathbf{u}_s) = -\rho_s n_e (I_s + R_s) + m_s n_e (n_{s-1} I_{s-1} + n_{s+1} R_{s+1})$$

Momentum

$$\partial_t (\rho_s \mathbf{u}_s) + \nabla \cdot (\rho_s \mathbf{u}_s \otimes \mathbf{u}_s + p_s \mathbf{I} + \underline{\Pi}_s) = q_s n_s (\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{u}_s \times \mathbf{B}) + \sum_{t \neq s} \alpha_{s;t} \rho_s \rho_t (\mathbf{u}_t - \mathbf{u}_s)$$

$$-\rho_s \mathbf{u}_s n_e (I_s + R_s) + \frac{m_s}{m_{s-1}} n_e \rho_{s-1} \mathbf{u}_{s-1} I_{s-1} + (n_e \rho_{s+1} \mathbf{u}_{s+1} + n_{s+1} \rho_e \mathbf{u}_e) R_{s+1}$$

Energy

$$\partial_t \mathcal{E}_s + \nabla \cdot [(\mathcal{E}_s + p_s) \mathbf{u}_s + \mathbf{u}_s \cdot \underline{\Pi}_s + \mathbf{h}_s] = q_s n_s \mathbf{u}_s \cdot \mathbf{E} + \sum_{t \neq s} \frac{\alpha_{s;t} \rho_s \rho_t}{m_s + m_t} [A_{s;t} k_B (T_t - T_s) + m_t (\mathbf{u}_t - \mathbf{u}_s)^2]$$

$$-\mathcal{E}_s n_e (I_s + R_s) + \frac{m_s}{m_{s-1}} n_e \mathcal{E}_{s-1} I_{s-1} + (n_e \mathcal{E}_{s+1} + n_{s+1} \mathcal{E}_e) R_{s+1}$$

Charge & Current

$$q = \sum_s q_s n_s$$

$$\mathbf{J} = \sum_s q_s n_s \mathbf{u}_s$$

Maxwell's  
Equations

$$\partial_t \mathbf{E} - c^2 \nabla \times \mathbf{B} + \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \mathbf{J} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\partial_t \mathbf{B} + \nabla \times \mathbf{E} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0}$$

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

1. Flexible and extensible multiphysics PDE solver framework (**Drekar**) can accommodate arbitrary numbers of species.
2. Nodal FE or structure-preserving FE discretizations (edge, face, etc.).
3. Stable and accurate AFC local bounds preserving CG FE methods.
4. IMEX capabilities for handling disparate time scales (eg., large plasma/cyclotron freq., EM CFL, etc.).
5. Robust and scalable linear and nonlinear solvers for CG/structure preserving methods
  - ⇒ Newton-Krylov with physics-based block decomposition preconditioning; enabling optimal H(curl) and H(grad) multilevel subsystem solvers.

# Elastic Scattering



$$\mathbf{R}_{s;t} = \alpha_{s;t} \rho_s \rho_t (\mathbf{u}_t - \mathbf{u}_s) \Phi_{s;t}$$

$$Q_{s;t} = \frac{\alpha_{s;t} \rho_s \rho_t}{m_s + m_t} \left[ A_{s;t} k_B (T_t - T_s) \Psi_{s;t} + m_t (\mathbf{u}_t - \mathbf{u}_s)^2 \Phi_{s;t} \right],$$

- Charge-charge (Coulomb):

$$\alpha_{s;t} = \frac{Z_s^2 Z_t^2 |q_e|^4 \ln \Lambda_{s;t}}{6\pi \sqrt{2\pi} \epsilon_0^2 m_s m_t m_{s;t} (k_B T_s / m_s + k_B T_t / m_t)^{3/2}},$$

- Charge-neutral/Neutral-neutral:

$$\alpha_{s;t} = \frac{1}{m_s + m_t} \frac{4}{3} \left[ \frac{8}{\pi} \left( \frac{k_B T_s}{m_s} + \frac{k_B T_t}{m_t} \right) \right]^{1/2} \sigma_{s;t}.$$

⇒ Using constant cross-sections for now (most computed using hard-sphere approximation, some from QM calculations).

# Ionization Rates $\Gamma_{(\alpha,k)}^{\text{ion}} = n_e n_{(\alpha,k)} I_{(\alpha,k)}$

Voronov:<sup>a</sup>

$$I_{(\alpha,k)} = A_{(\alpha,k)} \frac{1 + P_{(\alpha,k)} \sqrt{U_{(\alpha,k)}}}{X_{(\alpha,k)} + U_{(\alpha,k)}} (U_{(\alpha,k)})^{K_{(\alpha,k)}} \exp(-U_{(\alpha,k)}), \quad U_{(\alpha,k)} = \frac{\phi_{(\alpha,k)}^{\text{ion}}}{T_e}.$$

- Available for H to Ni<sup>27+</sup>.
- Accurate to within 10% for  $T_e$  between 1 eV and 20 KeV.

Lotz:<sup>b,c</sup>

$$I_{(\alpha,k)} = (2.97 \times 10^{-6}) \frac{\xi_{(\alpha,k)}}{\phi_{(\alpha,k)}^{\text{ion}} \sqrt{T_e}} E_1(U_{(\alpha,k)}),$$

- $\xi_{(\alpha,k)}$  is the number of outer electrons in the ionizing atom.
- General analytic model for any atomic species.
- Compatible with ionization potential depression models.

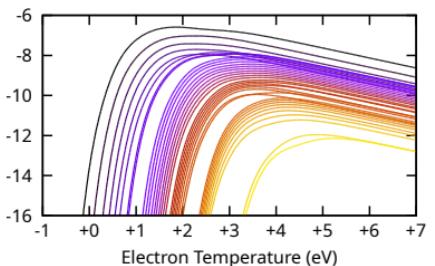
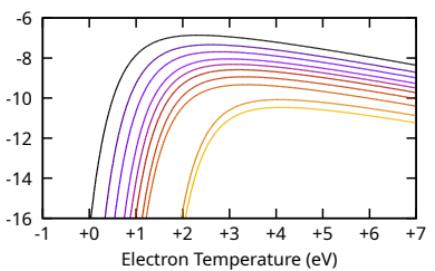
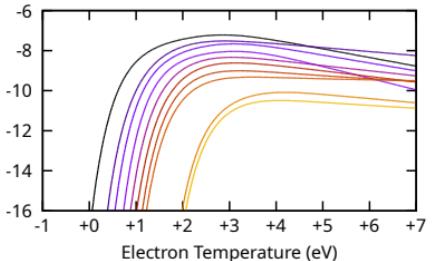
**Others:** Other sources for specific higher Z elements; eg., Mattioli, et al.<sup>d</sup> for Kr.

<sup>a</sup> G. VORONOV, *A practical fit formula for ionization rate coefficients of atoms and ions by electron impact: z=1-28*, Atomic Data and Nuclear Data Tables, 65 (1997), pp. 1-35.

<sup>b</sup> W. LOTZ, *Electron-impact ionization cross-sections and ionization rate coefficients for atoms and ions from hydrogen to calcium*, Zeitschrift für Physik, 216 (1968), pp. 241-247.

<sup>c</sup> W. LOTZ, *Electron-impact ionization cross-sections and ionization rate coefficients for atoms and ions from scandium to zinc*, Zeitschrift für Physik, 220 (1969), pp. 466-472.

<sup>d</sup> M. MATTIOLI, G. MAZZITELLI, K. B. FOURNIER, M. FINKENTHAL, AND L. CARRARO, *Updating of atomic data needed for ionization balance evaluations of krypton and molybdenum*, Journal of Physics B: Atomic, Molecular and Optical Physics, 39 (2006), pp. 4457-4489.



# Radiative Recombination Rates $\Gamma_{(\alpha,k)}^{\text{rec}} = n_e n_{(\alpha,k)} \left( R_{(\alpha,k)}^{\text{rad}} + R_{(\alpha,k)}^{\text{die}} \right)$

**Badnell, et al.:<sup>a</sup>**

$$R_{(\alpha,k)}^{\text{rad}} = A_{(\alpha,k)} \left[ \sqrt{T_e/T_0^{(\alpha,k)}} \left( 1 + \sqrt{T_e/T_0^{(\alpha,k)}} \right)^{1-D_{(\alpha,k)}} \left( 1 + \sqrt{T_e/T_1^{(\alpha,k)}} \right)^{1+D_{(\alpha,k)}} \right]^{-1},$$

$$D_{(\alpha,k)} = B_{(\alpha,k)} + C_{(\alpha,k)} \exp\left(-T_2^{(\alpha,k)}/T_e\right)$$

- Available for H through Zn, plus Kr, Mo, Xe.
- Fits of calculated data from AUTOSTRUCTURE code.

**Kotelnikov, et al.:<sup>b</sup>**

$$R_{(\alpha,k)}^{\text{rad}} = \frac{8.414 k \alpha^4 c a_0^2 [\ln(1+\lambda) + 3.499]}{(1/\lambda)^{1/2} + 0.6517(1/\lambda) + 0.2138(1/\lambda)^{3/2}}, \quad \lambda = \frac{h R_\infty c k^2}{k_B T_e}$$

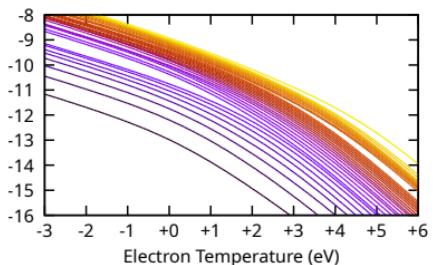
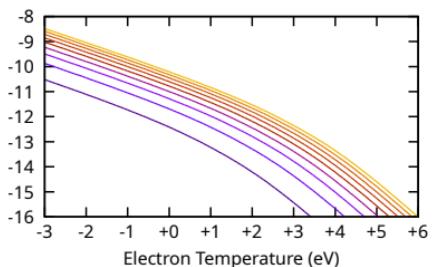
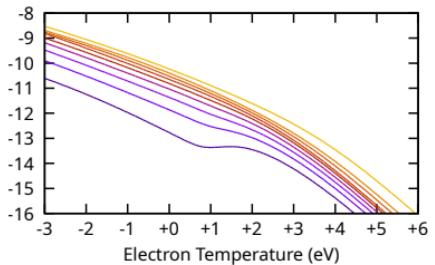
- Generic hydrogenic approximation.
- Valid in both high- and low-temperature limits.

**Others:** Other sources for specific higher Z elements; eg., Mattioli, et al.<sup>c</sup> for Kr.

<sup>a</sup> N. R. BADNELL, *Radiative recombination data for modeling dynamic finite-density plasmas*, The Astrophysical Journal Supplement Series, 167 (2006), pp. 334–342.

<sup>b</sup> I. A. KOTELNIKOV AND A. I. MILSTEIN, *Electron radiative recombination with a hydrogen-like ion*, Physica Scripta, 94 (2019), p. 055403.

<sup>c</sup> M. MATTIOLI, G. MAZZITELLI, K. B. FOURNIER, M. FINKENTHAL, AND L. CARRARO, *Updating of atomic data needed for ionization balance evaluations of krypton and molybdenum*, Journal of Physics B: Atomic, Molecular and Optical Physics, 39 (2006), pp. 4457–4489.



# Dielectronic Recombination Rates

$$\Gamma_{(\alpha,k)}^{\text{rec}} = n_e n_{(\alpha,k)} \left( R_{(\alpha,k)}^{\text{rad}} + R_{(\alpha,k)}^{\text{die}} \right)$$

**Badnell, et al.:<sup>a</sup>**

$$R_{(\alpha,k)}^{\text{die}} = T_e^{-3/2} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{(\alpha,k)}} c_i^{(\alpha,k)} \exp\left(-E_i^{(\alpha,k)} / T_e\right)$$

- Available by isoelectronic sequence, through Si sequence.
- Fits of calculated data from AUTOSTRUCTURE code.

**Landini, et al.:<sup>b</sup>**

$$R_{(\alpha,k)}^{\text{die}} = A_{(\alpha,k)} T_e^{-3/2} \exp\left(-T_0^{(\alpha,k)} / T_e\right) \left(1 + B_{(\alpha,k)} \exp\left(-T_1^{(\alpha,k)} / T_e\right)\right)$$

- Less resolved, but data available for a wider range of species (eg., low charge states of Ar).

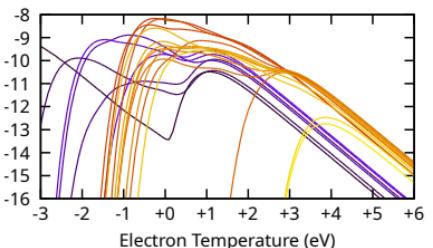
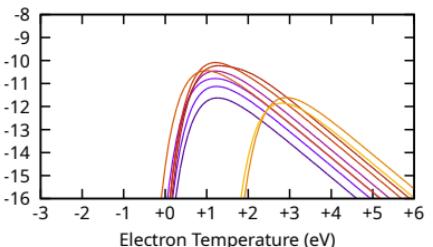
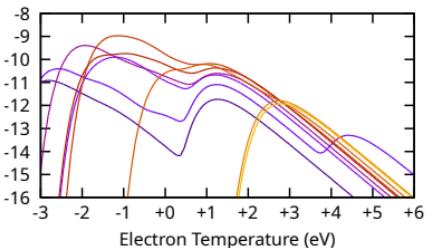
**Others:** Other sources for specific higher Z elements; eg., Mattioli, et al.<sup>c</sup> or Sterling<sup>d</sup> for Kr.

<sup>a</sup>N. R. BADNELL, M. G. O'MULLANE, H. P. SUMMERS, Z. ALTUN, M. A. BAUTISTA, J. COLGAN, T. W. GORCZYCA, D. M. MITNIK, M. S. PINDZOLA, AND O. ZATSARINNY, *Dielectronic recombination data for dynamic finite-density plasmas: I. Goals and methodology*, *Astronomy & Astrophysics*, 406 (2003), pp. 1151–1165.

<sup>b</sup>M. LANDINI AND B. C. MONSIGNORI FOSSI, *The X-UV spectrum of thin plasmas*, *Astronomy & Astrophysics Supplement Series*, 82 (1990), pp. 229–260.

<sup>c</sup>M. MATTIOLI, G. MAZZITELLI, K. B. FOURNIER, M. FINKENTHAL, AND L. CARRARO, *Updating of atomic data needed for ionization balance evaluations of krypton and molybdenum*, *Journal of Physics B: Atomic, Molecular and Optical Physics*, 39 (2006), pp. 4457–4489.

<sup>d</sup>N. C. STERLING, *Atomic data for neutron-capture elements II. photoionization and recombination properties of low-charge krypton ions*, *Astronomy & Astrophysics*, 533 (2011), p. A62.



## Verification: Two-Species Damped Oscillation (Constant coefficients)

Two-fluid system with no spatial gradients:

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t (\rho_s \mathbf{u}_s) &= q_s n_s (\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{u}_s \times \mathbf{B}) + \alpha_{s;t} \rho_s \rho_t (\mathbf{u}_t - \mathbf{u}_s) \\ \partial_t \mathcal{E}_s &= q_s n_s \mathbf{u}_s \cdot \mathbf{E} + \frac{\alpha_{s;t} \rho_s \rho_t}{m_s + m_t} [A_{s;t} k_B (T_t - T_s) + m_t (\mathbf{u}_t - \mathbf{u}_s)^2] \\ \partial_t \mathbf{E} &= -\frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \mathbf{J}\end{aligned}$$

Analytic solution can be derived if  $\alpha_{s;t}$  is constant:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{u}_e(t) - \mathbf{u}_i(t) &= (\mathbf{u}_e(t_0) - \mathbf{u}_i(t_0)) \exp\left(-\frac{\nu_{e;i} t}{2}\right) \frac{\cos(\eta_{e;i} t - \phi_{e;i})}{\cos \phi_{e;i}} \\ \mathbf{E}(t) &= -(\mathbf{u}_e(t_0) - \mathbf{u}_i(t_0)) \frac{q_e n_i}{\epsilon_0} \frac{\exp(-\nu_{e;i} t/2)}{\omega_{e;i}^2 \cos \phi_{e;i}} [\eta_{e;i} \sin(\eta_{e;i} t - \phi_{e;i}) - \frac{\nu_{e;i}}{2} \cos(\eta_{e;i} t - \phi_{e;i}) + \exp(\nu_{e;i} t/2) \left( \frac{\nu_{e;i}}{2} \cos \phi_{e;i} + \eta_{e;i} \sin \phi_{e;i} \right)] \\ T_e(t) - T_i(t) &= \exp(-A_{e;i} t) C_{e;i} + \frac{D_{e;i} \exp(-\nu_{e;i} t)}{\cos^2 \phi_{e;i}} [4\eta_{e;i}^2 + 2G_{e;i}^2 \cos^2(\eta_{e;i} t - \phi_{e;i}) + 4\eta_{e;i} G_{e;i} \sin(\eta_{e;i} t - \phi_{e;i}) \cos(\eta_{e;i} t - \phi_{e;i})]\end{aligned}$$

Equilibrium velocity and temperature can be computed by conservation of momentum and energy (ideal gas):

$$\mathbf{u}_* = \frac{\sum_s \rho_s \mathbf{u}_s}{\sum_s \rho_s}, \quad T_* = \frac{\sum_s \mathcal{E}_s - \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{u}_*^2 \sum_s \rho_s}{\frac{1}{\gamma-1} k_B \sum_s n_s}.$$

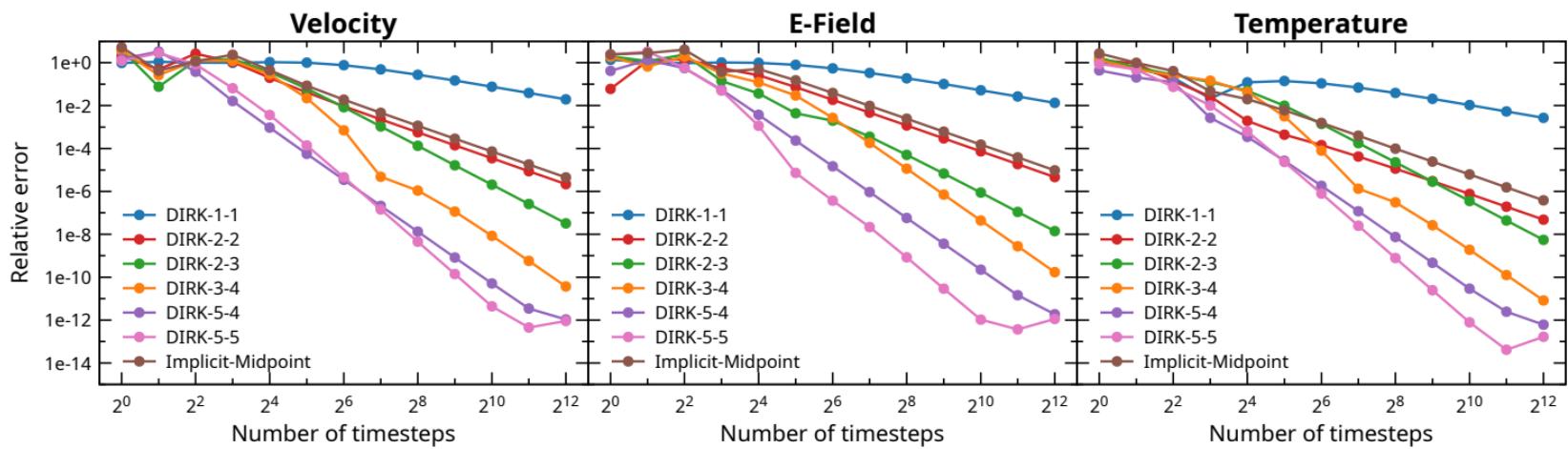
⇒ Compare Drekar and ODE solver (Python odeint) with analytic solution and equilibrium values.

# Verification: Two-Species Damped Oscillation (Constant coefficients)

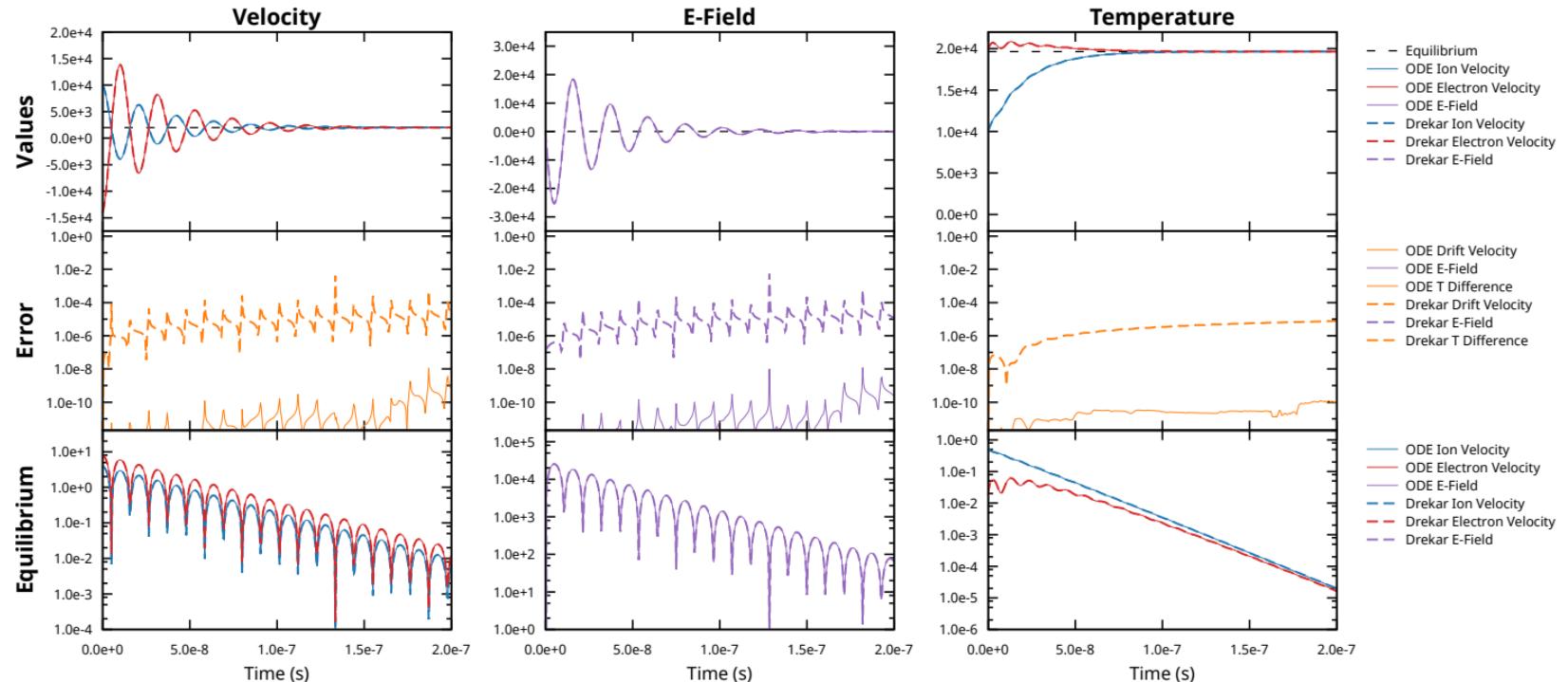
$$\alpha_{e;i} \equiv 1.0E+18$$

	Ion (i)	Electron (e)
$m_s$	2.0E-27	1.0E-27
$T_s$	1.0E+4	2.0E+4
$\mathbf{u}_s$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1.0E+4 \\ 0.0 \\ 0.0 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} -1.4E+4 \\ 0.0 \\ 0.0 \end{bmatrix}$
$n_s$	2.0E+16	2.0E+16

	Ion (i)	Electron (e)
$\rho_s$	4.0E-11	2.0E-11
$\rho_s \mathbf{u}_s$	$\begin{bmatrix} 4.0E-7 \\ 0.0 \\ 0.0 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} -2.8E-7 \\ 0.0 \\ 0.0 \end{bmatrix}$
$\rho_s e_s$	4.1430E-3	8.2860E-3
$\mathcal{E}_s$	6.1430E-3	1.0246E-2



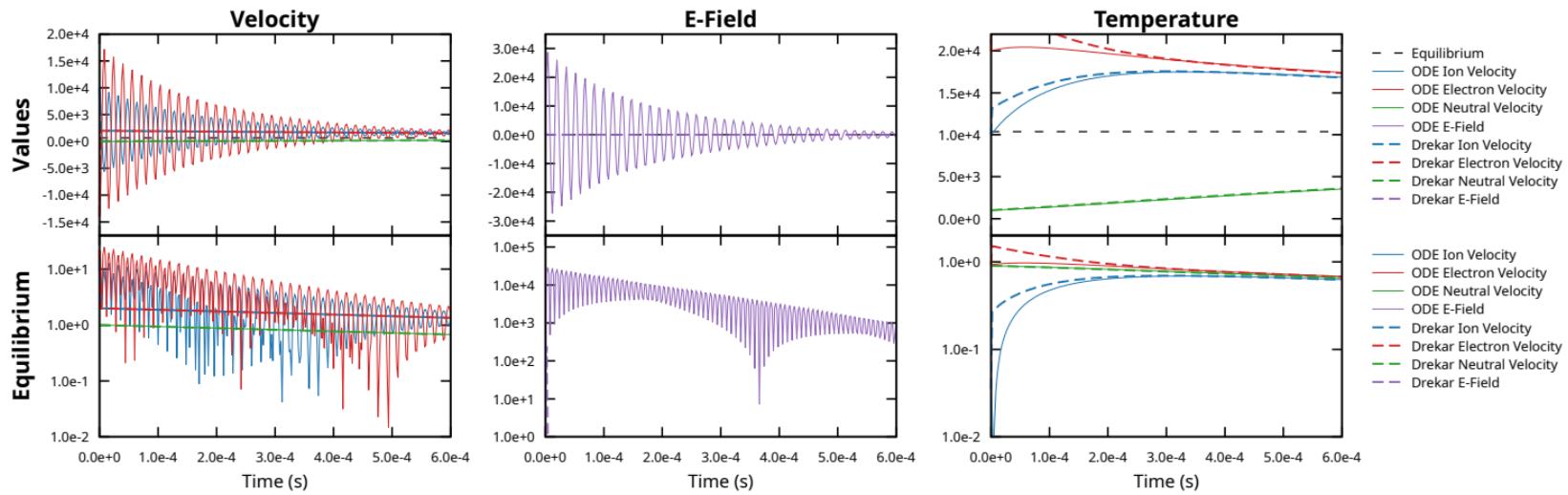
# Verification: Two-Species Damped Oscillation (Constant coefficients)



# Verification: Three-Species Damped Oscillation (Physical coefficients)

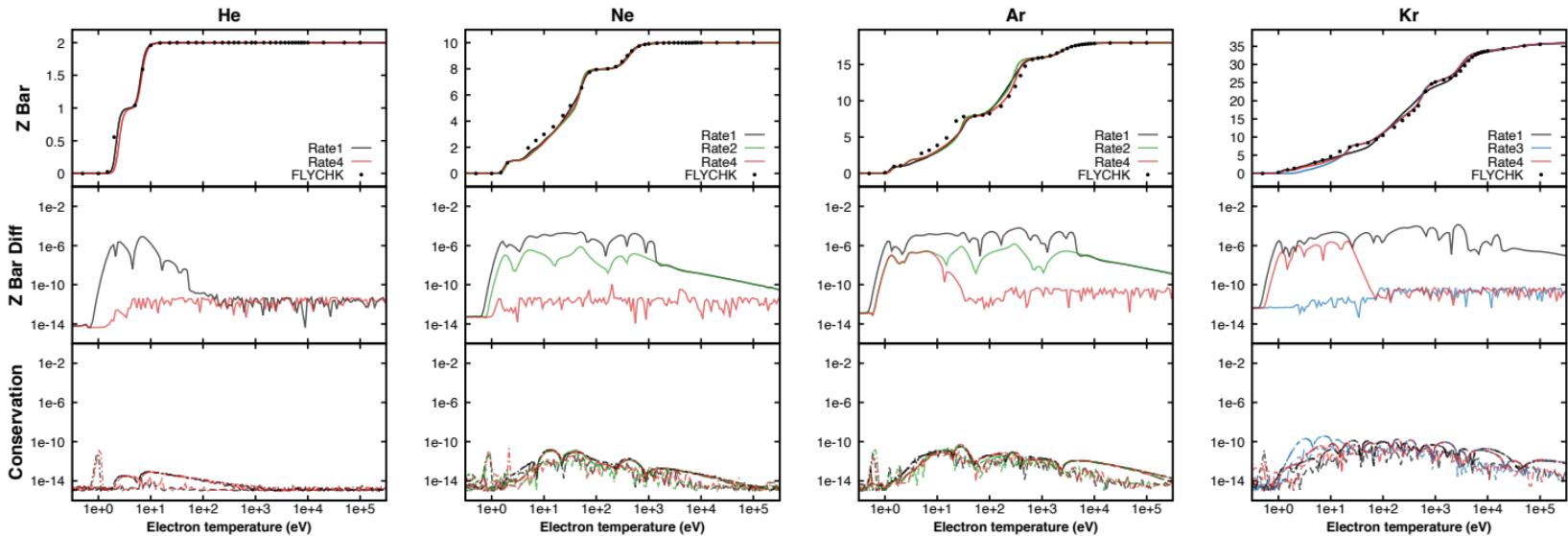
	Neutral (n)	Ion (i)	Electron (e)
$m_s$	3.0E-27	2.0E-27	1.0E-27
$T_s$	1.0E+3	1.0E+4	2.0E+4
$\mathbf{u}_s$	$\begin{bmatrix} 0.0 \\ 0.0 \\ 0.0 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1.0E+4 \\ 0.0 \\ 0.0 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} -1.4E+4 \\ 0.0 \\ 0.0 \end{bmatrix}$
$n_s$	4.0E+16	2.0E+16	2.0E+16

	Neutral (n)	Ion (i)	Electron (e)
$\rho_s$	1.2E-10	4.0E-11	2.0E-11
$\rho_s \mathbf{u}_s$	$\begin{bmatrix} 0.0 \\ 0.0 \\ 0.0 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 4.0E-7 \\ 0.0 \\ 0.0 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} -2.8E-7 \\ 0.0 \\ 0.0 \end{bmatrix}$
$\rho_s e_s$	8.2860E-4	4.1430E-3	8.2860E-3
$\mathcal{E}_s$	8.2860E-4	6.1430E-3	1.0246E-2



# Verification: Ionization/Recombination

- Equilibrium ion fractions computed by linear solve.
- Compare long-time integration (with non-equilibrium initial condition) to equilibrium  $\bar{z}$ .
- Long-time solution recovers equilibrium values.
- Conservation of total mass and momentum is also good.
- Rate coefficients give equilibrium values comparable to FLYCHK library.



# CG Finite Element Discretization



Hyperbolic system for each fluid:

$$\partial_t \mathbf{U}_s + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F}_s(\mathbf{U}_s) = \mathbf{S}_s(\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{E}, \mathbf{B}), \quad \mathbf{U}_s = (\rho_s, \rho_s \mathbf{u}_s, \mathcal{E}_s)^T.$$

Semi-discrete scheme:

$$\mathbf{M}_C \partial_t \hat{\mathbf{U}}_s + \mathbf{K}_s(\hat{\mathbf{U}}_s) + \mathbf{B}_s(\hat{\mathbf{U}}_s) + \mathbf{S}_s(\hat{\mathbf{U}}, \hat{\mathbf{E}}, \hat{\mathbf{B}}) = \mathbf{0},$$

where

$$\mathbf{M}_C = \{M_{k,\ell} = m_{k,\ell} I_{N \times N}\}_{k,\ell}$$

$$m_{k,\ell} = \int_{\Omega} \phi_k \phi_{\ell} d\mathbf{x}$$

$$\mathbf{K}_s(\hat{\mathbf{U}}_s) = \{\mathbf{k}_{s,k}\}_k$$

$$\mathbf{k}_{s,k} = - \int_{\Omega} \nabla \phi_k \cdot \mathbf{F}_s(\mathbf{U}_s) d\mathbf{x}$$

$$\mathbf{B}_s(\hat{\mathbf{U}}_s) = \{\mathbf{b}_{s,k}\}_k$$

$$\mathbf{b}_{s,k} = \int_{\Gamma} \phi_k \mathbf{F}_s(\mathbf{U}_s) \cdot \mathbf{n} d\Gamma$$

$$\mathbf{S}_s(\hat{\mathbf{U}}, \hat{\mathbf{E}}, \hat{\mathbf{B}}) = \{\mathbf{S}_{s,k}\}_k$$

$$\mathbf{S}_{s,k} = - \int_{\Omega} \phi_k \mathbf{S}_s(\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{E}, \mathbf{B}) d\mathbf{x}$$

## AFC Stabilization

Stabilized system:

$$\mathbf{M}_L \partial_t \hat{\mathbf{U}}_s + \mathbf{K}_s(\hat{\mathbf{U}}_s) + \mathbf{B}_s(\hat{\mathbf{U}}_s) + \mathbf{S}_s(\hat{\mathbf{U}}, \hat{\mathbf{E}}, \hat{\mathbf{B}}) + \mathbf{D}_s(\hat{\mathbf{U}}_s) \hat{\mathbf{U}}_s + \alpha_s \mathcal{F}_s = \mathbf{0},$$

where

$$\mathcal{F}_s = -\mathbf{D}_s(\hat{\mathbf{U}}_s) \hat{\mathbf{U}}_s + (\mathbf{M}_C - \mathbf{M}_L) \partial_t \hat{\mathbf{U}}_s \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha_s \in [0, 1].$$

**Question:** How to choose  $\mathbf{D}_s$ ,  $\alpha_s$ ,  $\mathcal{F}_s$  for each species?

**First try:** Stabilize each fluid separately.

- $\mathbf{D}_s$  is constructed based on the sound speed of species  $s$ .
- $\alpha_s$  is chosen based on the behavior of species  $s$ .

**Alternative:** Synchronize stabilization between fluids.

- $\mathbf{D}_s$  is constructed based on the maximum sound speed of *all* species (all  $\mathbf{D}_s$  equal).
- $\alpha_s$  is chosen based on the behavior of *all* species (all  $\alpha_s$  equal).

# Two-Fluid Sod Problem

- Position  $x \in [0, 1]$

- Time  $t \in [0, 0.2]$

- Density  $\rho = \begin{cases} 1.0, & x < 0.5 \\ 0.125, & x > 0.5 \end{cases}$

- Pressure  $p = \begin{cases} 1.0, & x < 0.5 \\ 0.1, & x > 0.5 \end{cases}$

- $\varepsilon$  = Particle mass ratio.

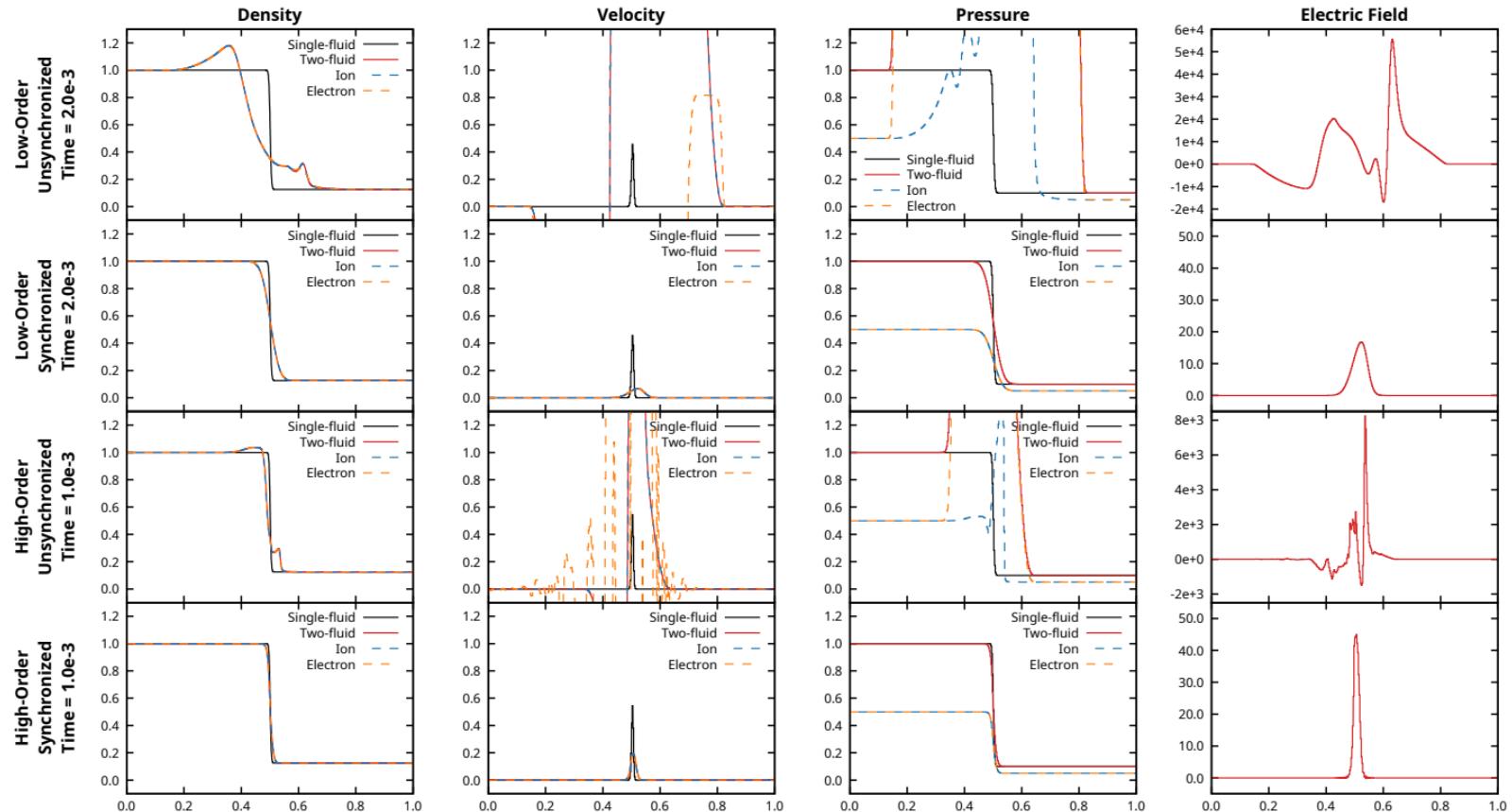
- $\epsilon_0 = \varepsilon^2$

- Two-fluid solution recovers single-fluid behavior as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ .

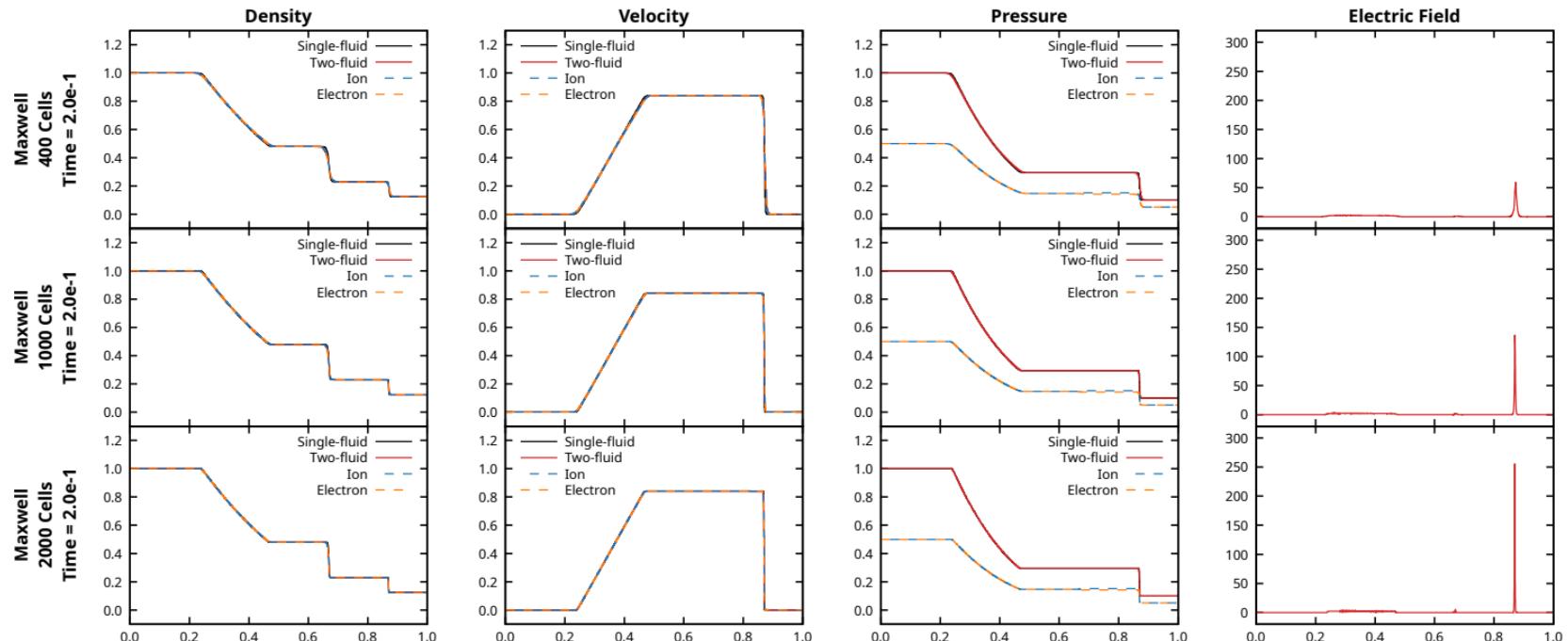
- Use  $\varepsilon = 1E-4$

Quantity	Electron	Ion
Mass ( $m_s$ )	$\frac{\varepsilon}{1+\varepsilon}$	$\frac{1}{1+\varepsilon}$
Density ( $\rho_s$ )	$\frac{\varepsilon}{1+\varepsilon}\rho$	$\frac{1}{1+\varepsilon}\rho$
Pressure ( $p_s$ )	$p/2$	$p/2$

# Two-Fluid Sod Problem: Stabilization (Electrostatic)



# Two-Fluid Sod Problem: Electrostatic Mesh Refinement



# Divergence Cleaning for Maxwell's Equations



Divergence constraints *must* be adequately satisfied!

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

$$\epsilon_0 \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = q.$$

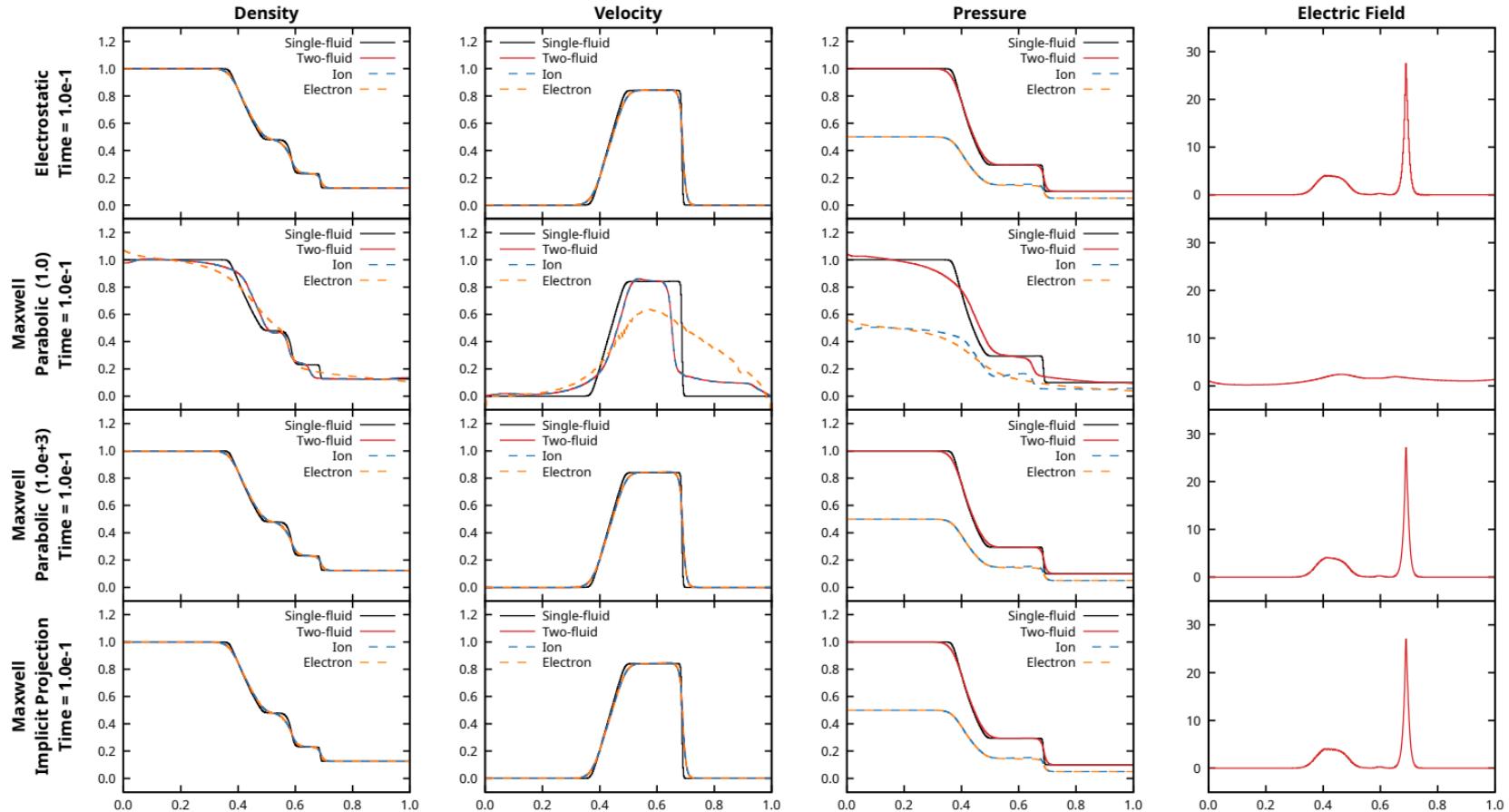
**Eliminated Parabolic Cleaning:** Add penalty term to Ampere's Law:  $\nabla \cdot [c_p^2 (\epsilon_0 \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} - q) I]$

- Requires  $c_p$  parameter to be specified.
- $c_p$  must be “large enough”.

**Implicit Projection:** Set  $\hat{\mathbf{E}} = \mathbf{E} + \nabla \phi$ , where  $\epsilon_0 \Delta \phi + \epsilon_0 \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} - q = 0$ .

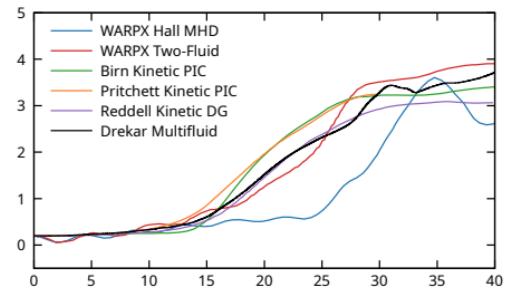
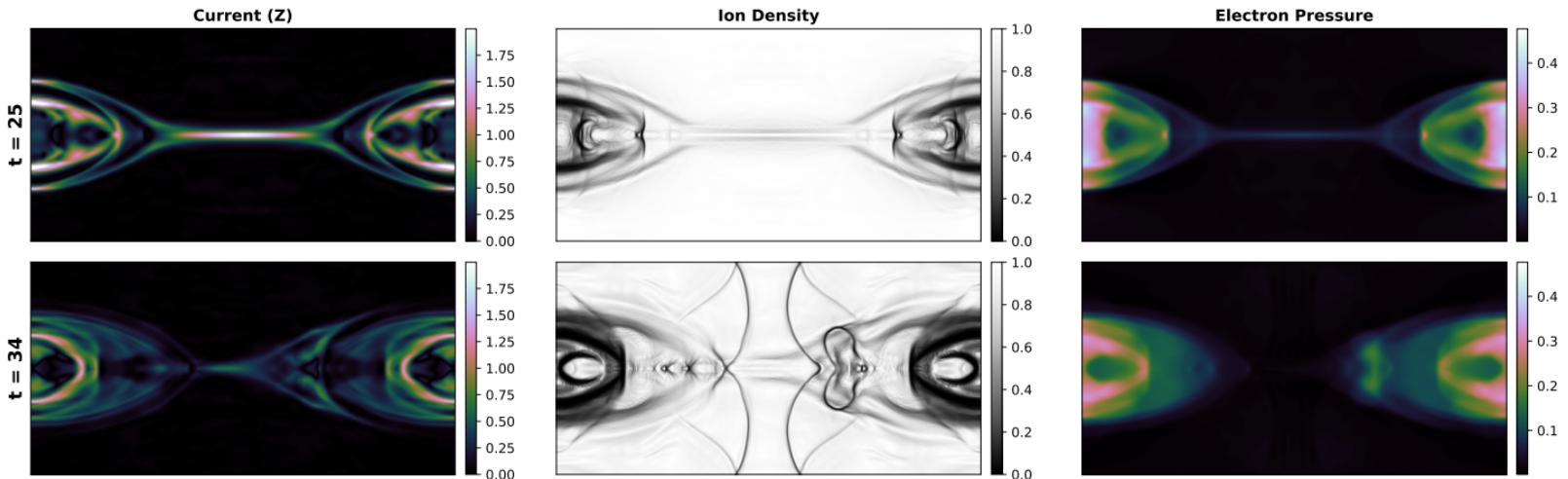
- Requires elliptic solve.
- Controls divergence error to machine/solver precision.
- Boundary conditions can be non-trivial.

# Two-Fluid Sod Problem: Maxwell Divergence Cleaning



# GEM Challenge Problem

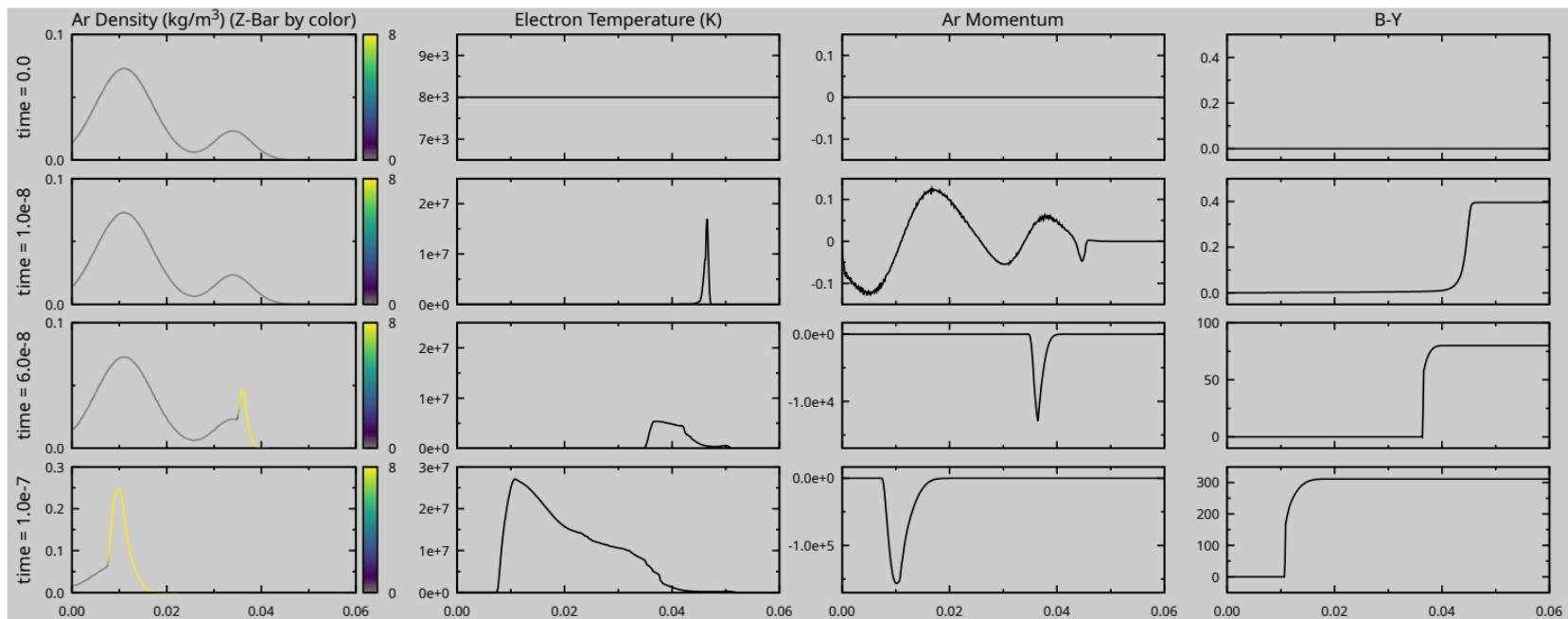
- Test magnetic reconnection of a perturbed current sheet equilibrium.
- Electron/Hall effects are crucial (resistive MHD behaves differently).
- Standard comparison is based on integral of magnetic field.
- Our results compare favorably with kinetic and other two-fluid codes.



# 1D Argon Gas Puff (Proof of Concept)



- Argon gas ( $z = 0$  to  $8^+$ ) plus electrons.
- Potential form of Maxwell's equations.
- Driven by EM field applied at the boundary.
- Ionization + collisions yields resistive heating.
- Implicit time integration follows ion fluid CFL.
- Overall behavior is qualitatively reasonable.



Thank you