# Simulation on Pinch Plasma using SPH with resistive MHD models

**SPH** : Smoothed Particle Hydrodynamics **MHD** : Magneto-hydrodynamics

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# **1. Introduction**

## Motivation & Objective of Study

#### Motivation

- ✓ Pinch is the phenomenon that appears in a plasma when it is compressed by magnetic forces.
- ✓ In recent years, the pinch plasma has received large attention as an efficient source of radiation and a way to explore high-density plasma physics [1-3].
- Magnetohydrodynamic (MHD) simulation is one of the powerful tools for understanding the pinch phenomenon, and it is appropriate to use the resistive MHD model since the pinch plasmas have varying local resistivity with temperature and pressure.
- ✓ SPH has many advantages, particularly in pinch plasma simulations, as it can handle the problem of complex and deformable boundaries relatively easily.

#### Objective of Research

- 1. Investigation of the physical models required for the pinch plasma analysis
- 2. Implementation and verification of resistive MHD-based SPH model for the pinch plasma analysis

# **2. MHD Governing Equations**

- What is MHD?
- Ideal MHD Governing Equations
- Resistive MHD Governing Equations

## What is MHD?

#### Magnetohydrodynamics (MHD)

- Magnetohydrodynamics (MHD) is the study for the magnetic properties and behavior of electrically conducting fluids such as plasma.
- ✓ Magnetic forces act on charged particles and change their momentum and energy.
- ✓ In return, particles alter the strength and direction of the magnetic field.
- ✓ MHD plays a crucial role in various applications such as astrophysics, planetary magnetism, and controlled nuclear fusion etc.



## What is MHD?

#### MHD governing equations

- The set of MHD equations can be summarized as the combination of Navier–Stokes equations of fluid dynamics and Maxwell's equations of electromagnetism.
- ✓ Various MHD model can be derived depending on the type of plasma and applied assumption.



## **Ideal MHD Governing Equations**

#### Ideal MHD model

- The simplest MHD models, Ideal MHD, assumes that the fluid has so little resistivity that it can be treated as a perfect conductor.
- In ideal-MHD, various physical quantities such as <u>displacement current</u>, <u>electrical resistivity</u>, <u>viscosity</u>, <u>and</u> <u>thermal conduction</u> are neglected.
- ✓ The ideal MHD equations consist of the continuity equation, the Cauchy momentum equation, the induction equation, and the energy conservation equation.

#### Ideal-MHD governing equations

Mass conservation:	$\frac{D\rho}{Dt} + \rho(\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{v}) = 0$	
Mtm conservation:	$\frac{D\boldsymbol{v}}{Dt} = \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla \cdot \left( \frac{\boldsymbol{B}\boldsymbol{B}}{\mu_0} - \left( \frac{1}{2\mu_0} \boldsymbol{B}^2 + P \right) \vec{I} \right)$	Neglecting
Induction equation:	$\frac{D\boldsymbol{B}}{Dt} = -\boldsymbol{B}(\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{v}) + (\boldsymbol{B} \cdot \nabla)\boldsymbol{v}$	<ol> <li>Displacement current</li> <li>Electrical resistivity</li> </ol>
Energy conservation:	$\frac{Du}{Dt} = -\frac{P}{\rho} \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{v}$	<ul> <li>③ Viscosity</li> <li>④ Thermal conduction</li> </ul>
Equation of State:	$P = (\gamma - 1)\rho u$	

## **Resistive MHD Governing Equations**

#### Resistive MHD model

- When the fluid cannot be considered as completely conductive, but the other conditions for ideal MHD are satisfied, it is possible to use an extended model called resistive MHD.
- In this model, some resistive term are added to the induction equation and energy equation of the ideal MHD model, and additional calculations are performed to obtain the current density.
- ✓ It is appropriate to use the resistive MHD model since the pinch plasmas have varying local resistivity with temperature and pressure.

#### Resistive-MHD governing equations

Mass conservation:	$\frac{D\rho}{Dt} + \rho(\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{v}) = 0$		
Mtm conservation:	$\frac{D\boldsymbol{v}}{Dt} = \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla \cdot \left( \frac{\boldsymbol{B}\boldsymbol{B}}{\mu_0} - \left( \frac{1}{2\mu_0} \boldsymbol{B}^2 + P \right) \boldsymbol{\vec{I}} \right)$	Current density:	$\boldsymbol{J} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} (\boldsymbol{\nabla} \times \boldsymbol{B})$
Induction equation:	$\frac{D\boldsymbol{B}}{Dt} = -\boldsymbol{B}(\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{v}) + (\boldsymbol{B} \cdot \nabla)\boldsymbol{v} - \eta \nabla \times \boldsymbol{J}$		
Energy conservation:	$\frac{Du}{Dt} = -\frac{P}{\rho}\nabla\cdot\boldsymbol{v} + \frac{1}{\rho}\eta\boldsymbol{J}^2$		
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# 3. SPMHD code Development

- SPMHD code Structure
- Effect of *V* · *B* Correction Term
- Effect of Dissipation Term
- ASPH Methodology
- SPH Governing Equations

#### **SPMHD code Structure**

#### Algorithm of SPMHD model



- Induction equation, energy equation are added to the existing SPH based CFD code (SOPHIA).
- Momentum equation and EOS are modified.
- Resistive terms is added in induction equation, and energy equation. (for resistive MHD)
- Several artificial dissipation terms that capture the shock and reduce numerical instability are incorporated.
- The divergence B correction term to maintain the divergence constraint of the plasma ( $\nabla \cdot B = 0$ ) is incorporated.

Momentum conservation

Induction equation

Energy conservation  $\frac{d\boldsymbol{v}_{i}}{dt} = \sum_{j} m_{j} \left( \frac{\widetilde{\boldsymbol{M}_{i}}}{\rho_{i}^{2}} + \frac{\widetilde{\boldsymbol{M}_{j}}}{\rho_{j}^{2}} + \Pi_{ij} \widetilde{\boldsymbol{I}} \right) \cdot \nabla_{i} W_{ij} - \boldsymbol{B}_{i} \sum_{j} m_{j} \left( \frac{\boldsymbol{B}_{i}}{\rho_{i}^{2}} + \frac{\boldsymbol{B}_{j}}{\rho_{j}^{2}} \right) \cdot \nabla W_{ij}$  $\frac{d\boldsymbol{B}_{i}}{dt} = \frac{1}{\rho_{i}} \sum_{j} m_{j} \left( \boldsymbol{B}_{i} \boldsymbol{v}_{ij} - \boldsymbol{v}_{ij} \boldsymbol{B}_{i} \right) \cdot \nabla_{i} W_{ij} + \left( \frac{d\boldsymbol{B}_{i}}{dt} \right)_{dissapation} + \left( \frac{d\boldsymbol{B}_{a}}{dt} \right)_{\eta}$  $\frac{d\boldsymbol{u}_{i}}{dt} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j} m_{j} \left( \frac{P_{i}}{\rho_{i}^{2}} + \frac{P_{i}}{\rho_{j}^{2}} + \Pi_{ij} \right) \boldsymbol{v}_{ij} \cdot \nabla_{i} W_{ij} + \left( \frac{d\boldsymbol{u}_{a}}{dt} \right)_{\eta}$ Resistive-MHD

**Resistive-MHD** 

 $\nabla \cdot B$  Correction

#### Effect of $\nabla \cdot B$ Correction Term

- In simulations of magnetohydrodynamic (MHD) processes, the violation of the divergence constraint  $(\nabla \cdot B = 0)$  causes severe stability problems. ( $\bigcirc$ )
- In the MHD simulation,  $\nabla \cdot B$  is not completely zero, and an additional term to correct it is applied.
- After applying the *∇* · *B* correction term, it is confirmed that the numerical instability can be significantly controlled.

$$\left(\frac{d\boldsymbol{v}_i}{dt}\right)_{correction} = -\boldsymbol{B}_i \sum_j m_j \left(\frac{\boldsymbol{B}_i}{\rho_i^2} + \frac{\boldsymbol{B}_j}{\rho_j^2}\right) \cdot \nabla W_{ij}$$



#### **Effect of Dissipation Term**

- When there is a sudden discontinuous interface due to shock, unphysical oscillations occur, and artificial viscosity has been widely used in reducing these numerical errors [12-14].
- In MHD simulations, the addition of an <u>artificial resistivity</u> term in the induction equation in order to deal with discontinuities in the magnetic field is the main requirement.

$$\left(\frac{d\boldsymbol{v}_i}{dt}\right)_{diss} = \sum_j m_j \frac{\alpha v_{sig}(\boldsymbol{v}_i - \boldsymbol{v}_j)}{\bar{\rho}_{ij}} \cdot \frac{\boldsymbol{r}_{ij}}{|\boldsymbol{r}_{ij}|} \nabla W_{ij}$$









[ Pressure profiles (t=0.1 s , Artificial resistivity O) ]

## **ASPH Methodology**

#### Application of ASPH

- The <u>Adaptive SPH (ASPH) method</u> is a technique that changes the smoothing length according to the particle number density.
- It replaces the isotropic smoothing algorithm of standard SPH.

$$\frac{du_i}{dt} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_j m_j \boldsymbol{v}_{ij} \left[ \frac{P_i}{\rho_i^2} + \frac{P_j}{\rho_j^2} \right] \nabla_i W_{ij} \implies \left[ \frac{du_i}{dt} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_j m_j \boldsymbol{v}_{ij} \left[ \frac{P_i}{\Omega_i \rho_i^2} \nabla_i W_{ij}(h_i) + \frac{P_j}{\Omega_j \rho_j^2} \nabla_i W_{ij}(h_j) \right] \right]$$







## **SPH Governing Equations**

#### Resistive-MHD governing equations (SPH formulation)

# 4. V&V and Test simulations

#### V&V of Developed SPMHD model

- 1. Hydrodynamic shock problem
- 2. Ideal MHD problem
- 3. Resistive MHD problem
- 4. Pinch problem
- Preliminary simulation of X-pinch (on-going)

#### V&V Simulation Cases

- ✓ The models required for the pinch plasma simulation have been sequentially incorporated.
- ✓ The simulations using the implemented models are compared with some reference Eulerian MHD simulations and analytical solutions.

V&V Cases	Assessment objectives	
Hydrodynamic shock problem	1 Capturing shock (artificial viscosity)	
<ul> <li>Slab detonation</li> <li>SOD shock tube</li> </ul>	<ol> <li>Capturing shock (artificial viscosity)</li> <li>Applying ASPH methodology</li> </ol>	
Ideal MHD problem	<ol> <li>Calculating magnetic field (induction equation)</li> <li>Controlling numerical instability (artificial resistivity)</li> </ol>	
<ul> <li>Brio&amp;Wu shock tube</li> <li>Orszag-tang vortex</li> </ul>		
Resistive MHD problem	<ol> <li>Calculating current density (Ampere's law)</li> <li>Calculating resistive terms</li> <li>Incorporating the plasma resistivity model</li> </ol>	
<ul> <li>Resistive MHD shock tube (w/ constant resistivity)</li> <li>Resistive MHD shock tube (w/ varying resistivity)</li> </ul>		
Pinch plasma problem	1. Reviewing the comprehensive model	
- Magnetized Noh Z-pinch problem		

#### Hydrodynamic shock problem (1/2)

2D Slab detonation simulation







[ 2D slab detonation simulation (Pressure) ]

[ Pressure distribution ]

0.2

0.4

## Hydrodynamic shock problem (2/2)

2D SOD shock tube

0.0

-0.4

-0.2

0.0

x (m)



0.0

-0.4

-0.2

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0.2

0.4

#### ✤ Ideal MHD problem

Brio & Wu shock tube



#### Resistive MHD problem

• Resistive MHD shock tube  $(\rho^L, v^L, P^L) = (1.0, 0.4, 1.0), \quad (\rho^R, v^R, P^R) = (0.2, 0.4, 0.1)$ 



#### Magnetized Noh Z-pinch problem

- <u>Magnetized Noh Z-pinch problem</u> is an extension of the classic gas dynamics Noh problem.
- In this problem, current driven through a cylindrical column of the plasma induces the material to rapidly compress axially through J × B force.
- Recently, this problem proposed as a benchmark problem to determine whether pinch plasma can be simulated [15].
- At 30 nsec, some physical properties are compared and verified with the analytic solution.

 $\rho = 3.1831 \times 10^{-5} r^2 [g/cm^3]$   $v_r = -3.24101 \times 10^7 [cm/s]$   $B_{\phi} = 6.35584 \times 10^5 r [gauss]$  $p = C \times B_{\phi}^2 \quad (\beta = 8\pi \times 10^{-6})$ 



[ Schematic diagram of Magnetized Noh Z-pinch problem ]

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- Magnetized Noh simulation is performed to verify the implemented model in the pinch situation.
- The results for the 3 properties (density, pressure, and  $v_r$ ) are compared with the theoretical values in the range of  $r = 0 \sim 0.6 \ cm$ .
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## Preliminary simulation of X-pinch (on-going)

#### **\* X-Pinch Plasma Simulation**







## 5. Summary

## Summary of Study

- Summary
  - : Implementation of resistive-MHD based **SPH** model for Numerical Simulation of Pinch Plasma
    - The resistive MHD based SPH model has been developed, and it has been verified and validated through various MHD simulations.
    - Several dissipation terms that capture the shock and reduce numerical instability are incorporated.
    - The divergence B correction term is incorporated to maintain the divergence constraint of the plasma (∇·B = 0).
    - The **ASPH method** is incorporated to enable accurate calculations for uneven particle distribution.
    - The implosion behavior of X-pinch plasma has been simulated with the developed SPH code. The simulation well produces the neck and beam shape, which are important features of X-pinch.
    - In order to derive the exact physical values of X-pinch simulation, the following models must be supplemented. (future work)
      - ① Correct EOS model
      - 2 Rigorous plasma resistivity model
      - ③ Radiation model
      - ④ Plasma ionization equilibrium equation

# Thank you!

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