

Linearized drift kinetic equation in NIMROD, and Efforts for strongly coupled plasmas, HEDLP¹

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Outline

Verification of consistency of drift kinetic equations.
Collision operator for strongly coupled plasmas.

Various forms for the drift kinetic equation

The drift-kinetic equation may be written using several sets of variables:

1. Hazeltine¹

$$\bar{f}(U, \mu, \mathbf{x}, t) \rightarrow \frac{\partial \bar{f}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v}_{gc} \cdot \nabla \bar{f} + \frac{dU}{dt} \frac{\partial \bar{f}}{\partial U} + \frac{d\mu}{dt} \frac{\partial \bar{f}}{\partial \mu} = C$$

2. Ramos²

$$\bar{f}(v_{\parallel}, v_{\perp}, \mathbf{x}, t) \rightarrow \frac{\partial \bar{f}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v}_{gc} \cdot \nabla \bar{f} + \frac{dv_{\parallel}}{dt} \frac{\partial \bar{f}}{\partial v_{\parallel}} + \frac{dv_{\perp}}{dt} \frac{\partial \bar{f}}{\partial v_{\perp}} = C$$

3. NIMROD³

$$\bar{f}(s, \xi, \mathbf{x}, t) \rightarrow \frac{\partial \bar{f}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v}_{gc} \cdot \nabla \bar{f} + \frac{ds}{dt} \frac{\partial \bar{f}}{\partial s} + \frac{d\xi}{dt} \frac{\partial \bar{f}}{\partial \xi} = C$$

¹Hazeltine and Meiss, Plasma Confinement (Adisson-Wesley, RedwoodCity, 1992)

²Ramos, Phys Plasmas 15, 082106 (2008)

³Held, *et al*, Phys Plasmas 22, 032511 (2015)

Hazeltine DKE

In magnetic moment, μ , and total energy, U , coordinates, the DKE was originally written using

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{v}_{\text{gc}} &= v_{\parallel} \mathbf{b} + \frac{\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}}{B^2} + \frac{m}{2qB} (2v_{\parallel}^2 + v_{\perp}^2) \mathbf{b} \times \nabla \ln B + \\
 &\quad \frac{m}{qB^2} \left[v_{\parallel}^2 (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{b}\mathbf{b}) + \frac{1}{2} v_{\perp}^2 \mathbf{b}\mathbf{b} \right] \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{B} + \frac{mv_{\parallel}}{qB^2} \mathbf{b} \times \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} \\
 \dot{\mu} &= -\frac{mv_{\perp}^2}{2B^2} [\mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{b}] \mathbf{b} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t} + \frac{m^2 v_{\parallel} v_{\perp}^2}{2qB} \mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla \left(\frac{v_{\parallel} \mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{b}}{B} \right) \\
 &\quad - \frac{m^2 v_{\parallel} v_{\perp}^2}{2qB^2} \nabla \cdot \left(\mathbf{b} \times \frac{\partial \mathbf{b}}{\partial t} \right) \\
 \dot{U} &= q \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + \mu \frac{\partial B}{\partial t} - q \mathbf{v}_{\text{gc}} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t}
 \end{aligned}$$

Recast Hazeltine DKE

Transforming Hazeltine's coordinates to those of Ramos: $(\mathbf{x}, t, \mu, U) \rightarrow (\mathbf{x}, t, v_{\parallel}, v_{\perp})$ yields

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{v}_{gc} &= v_{\parallel} \mathbf{b} + \frac{\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}}{B^2} + \frac{m}{2qB} (2v_{\parallel}^2 + v_{\perp}^2) \mathbf{b} \times \nabla \ln B \\
 &+ \frac{m}{qB^2} \left[v_{\parallel}^2 (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{b}\mathbf{b}) + \frac{1}{2} v_{\perp}^2 \mathbf{b}\mathbf{b} \right] \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{B} + \frac{mv_{\parallel}}{qB^2} \mathbf{b} \times \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} \\
 \dot{v}_{\parallel} &= \left(\mathbf{b} + \frac{v_{\parallel}}{\Omega_c B} (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{b}\mathbf{b}) \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{B} + \frac{1}{\Omega_c B} \mathbf{b} \times \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} \right) \cdot \left(\frac{q\mathbf{E}}{m} - \frac{v_{\perp}^2}{2} \nabla \ln B \right) \\
 &+ \frac{v_{\parallel}}{\Omega_c} \mathbf{b} \times \nabla \ln B \cdot \frac{q\mathbf{E}}{m} - \frac{mv_{\parallel}v_{\perp}^2}{2q} \mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla \left(\frac{\mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{B}}{B^2} \right) + \frac{mv_{\perp}^2}{2qB} \nabla \cdot \left(\mathbf{b} \times \frac{\partial \mathbf{b}}{\partial t} \right) \\
 \dot{v}_{\perp} &= \frac{v_{\perp}}{2} \left\{ \frac{\partial \ln B}{\partial t} + [\mathbf{b}\mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{B}] \mathbf{b} \cdot \frac{\mathbf{E}}{B^2} \right. \\
 &+ \left[\mathbf{v}_{\parallel} + \frac{\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}}{B^2} + \frac{m}{qB^2} v_{\parallel}^2 (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{b}\mathbf{b}) \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{B} + \frac{mv_{\parallel}}{qB^2} \mathbf{b} \times \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} \right] \cdot \nabla \ln B \\
 &\left. + \frac{mv_{\parallel}^2}{q} \mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla \left(\frac{\mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{B}}{B^2} \right) - \frac{mv_{\parallel}}{qB} \nabla \cdot \left(\mathbf{b} \times \frac{\partial \mathbf{b}}{\partial t} \right) \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

Here the green terms, which Ramos refers to as the “twist function”, bring in corrections from μ .

Ramos' DKE

Ramos' DKE, written in the macroscopic flow frame, is

$$\begin{aligned}
 \dot{\mathbf{x}} &= \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{u}_F + v'_{\parallel} \mathbf{b} + \frac{v'^2_{\perp}}{2} \nabla \times \left(\frac{\mathbf{b}}{\Omega_c} \right) + \frac{\mathbf{b}}{\Omega_c} \times \left[2v'_{\parallel} (\mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} + \left(v'^2_{\parallel} - \frac{v'^2_{\perp}}{2} \right) \boldsymbol{\kappa} \right] \\
 \dot{v}'_{\parallel} &= \frac{\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{F}}{mn} - v'_{\parallel} \mathbf{b} \cdot [(\mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla) (\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{u}_F)] + \frac{v'^2_{\perp}}{2} \nabla \cdot \left\{ \frac{\mathbf{b}}{\Omega_c} \times [(\nabla \times \mathbf{u}) \times \mathbf{b} + v'_{\parallel} \boldsymbol{\kappa}] \right\} \\
 &\quad + \left\{ \frac{\hat{\mathbf{b}}}{\Omega_c} \times [(\nabla \times \mathbf{u}) \times \mathbf{b}] \right\} \cdot \left[\frac{\mathbf{F}}{mn} - 2v'_{\parallel} (\mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} - v'^2_{\parallel} \boldsymbol{\kappa} \right] - \frac{v'^2_{\perp}}{2} \mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla \ln B \\
 &\quad - 2v'^2_{\parallel} \left(\frac{\mathbf{b}}{\Omega_c} \times \boldsymbol{\kappa} \right) \cdot [(\mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u}] - \frac{v'^2_{\perp}}{8\Omega_c} \epsilon_{jkl} b_j \left(\frac{\partial b_k}{\partial x_m} + \frac{\partial b_m}{\partial x_k} \right) (\delta_{mn} - b_m b_n) \left(\frac{\partial u_l}{\partial x_n} + \frac{\partial u_n}{\partial x_l} \right) \\
 \dot{v}'_{\perp} &= \frac{v'_{\perp}}{2} + v'_{\parallel} \mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla \ln B \left\{ \mathbf{b} [(\mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla) (\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{u}_F)] - \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{u}_F) + v'_{\parallel} \mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla \ln B \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - v'_{\parallel} \nabla \cdot \left[\frac{\mathbf{b}}{\Omega_c} \times [2(\mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} + v'_{\parallel} \boldsymbol{\kappa}] \right] + 2 \left[\frac{\mathbf{b}}{\Omega_c} \times (\boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{b}) \right] \cdot [(\mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} + v'_{\parallel} \boldsymbol{\kappa}] \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + 4v'_{\parallel} \left(\frac{\mathbf{b}}{\Omega_c} \times \boldsymbol{\kappa} \right) \cdot [(\mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u}] \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

Recast Ramos' DKE

In the lab frame, with $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}/B^2$ Ramos' DKE becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{v}_{\text{gc}} &= v_{\parallel} \mathbf{b} + \frac{\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}}{B^2} + \frac{m}{2qB} (2v_{\parallel}^2 + v_{\perp}^2) \mathbf{b} \times \nabla \ln B \\
 &\quad + \frac{m}{qB^2} \left[v_{\parallel}^2 (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{b}\mathbf{b}) + \frac{1}{2} v_{\perp}^2 \mathbf{b}\mathbf{b} \right] \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{B} \\
 \dot{v}_{\parallel} &= \left(\mathbf{b} + \frac{v_{\parallel}}{\Omega_c B} (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{b}\mathbf{b}) \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{B} \right) \cdot \left(\frac{q\mathbf{E}}{m} - \frac{v_{\perp}^2}{2} \nabla \ln B \right) \\
 &\quad + \frac{v_{\parallel}}{\Omega_c} \mathbf{b} \times \nabla \ln B \cdot \frac{q\mathbf{E}}{m} - \frac{mv_{\parallel} v_{\perp}^2}{2q} \mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla \left(\frac{\mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{B}}{B^2} \right) \\
 \dot{v}_{\perp} &= \frac{v_{\perp}}{2} \left\{ \frac{\partial \ln B}{\partial t} + [\mathbf{b}\mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{B}] \mathbf{b} \cdot \frac{\mathbf{E}}{B^2} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \left[\mathbf{v}_{\parallel} + \frac{\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}}{B^2} + \frac{m}{qB^2} v_{\parallel}^2 (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{b}\mathbf{b}) \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{B} \right] \cdot \nabla \ln B \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \frac{mv_{\parallel}^2}{q} \mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla \left(\frac{\mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{B}}{B^2} \right) \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

which agrees with Hazeltine's except for the terms in red which stem from from Hazeltine's added drift

velocity piece $\frac{mv_{\parallel}}{qB^2} \mathbf{b} \times \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t}$.

NIMROD DKE

The DKE implemented in NIMROD uses the coordinates (\mathbf{x}, t, s, ξ) , where $s = v/v_0$ and $\xi = v_{\parallel}/v$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{v}_{gc} &= v_0 s \xi \mathbf{b} + \frac{\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}}{B^2} + \frac{T_0 s^2}{qB} (1 + \xi^2) \mathbf{b} \times \nabla \ln B \\
 &\quad + \frac{2T_0 s^2}{qB^2} \left[\xi^2 (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{b}\mathbf{b}) + \frac{1}{2} (1 - \xi^2) \mathbf{b}\mathbf{b} \right] \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{B} + \frac{mv_0 s \xi}{qB^2} \mathbf{b} \times \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} \\
 \dot{s} &= -s \frac{d \ln v_0}{dt} + \frac{s(1 - \xi^2)}{2} \frac{\partial \ln B}{\partial t} + \frac{q}{2T_0 s} (\mathbf{v}_{\parallel} + \mathbf{v}_c) \cdot \mathbf{E} + \frac{s}{2} (1 + \xi^2) \frac{\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}}{B^2} \cdot \nabla \ln B \\
 \dot{\xi} &= \frac{1 - \xi^2}{2\xi} \left\{ -\xi^2 \frac{\partial \ln B}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{v}_{\parallel} + \mathbf{v}_c^*) \cdot \left(\frac{q\mathbf{E}}{T_0 s^2} - \nabla \ln B \right) + \xi^2 \frac{\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}}{B^2} \cdot \nabla \ln B \right\} \\
 &\quad - \xi(1 - \xi^2) \left\{ \frac{\mu_0}{2B^2} \mathbf{J}_{\parallel} \cdot \mathbf{E} + \frac{T_0 s^2}{q} \mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla \left(\frac{\mu_0 J_{\parallel}}{B^2} \right) \right\} + (1 - \xi^2) \frac{T_0 s}{v_0 q B} \nabla \cdot \left(\mathbf{b} \times \frac{\partial \mathbf{b}}{\partial t} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

where $\mathbf{v}_{\parallel} + \mathbf{v}_c = \mathbf{v}_{gc} - \frac{\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}}{B^2} + \frac{T_0 s^2}{qB} (1 + \xi^2) \mathbf{b} \times \nabla \ln B$ and

$\mathbf{v}_c^* = \frac{2T_0 s^2}{qB^2} \mathbf{J}_{\perp} + \frac{mv_0 s \xi}{qB^2} \mathbf{b} \times \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t}$. This agrees exactly with Hazeltine's DKE.

Linearization of NIMROD DKE

Assuming $\mathbf{E}_0 = 0$ and using a speed norm v_0 that is constant in time yields

$$\begin{aligned}
 \delta \mathbf{v}_{gc} &= v_0 s \xi \mathbf{b}_1 + \frac{\mathbf{E}_1 \times \mathbf{B}_0}{B_0^2} + \frac{T_0 s^2}{q B_0^3} (1 + \xi^2) \left[(\mathbf{I} - 4\mathbf{b}_0 \mathbf{b}_0) \cdot \mathbf{B}_1 \times \nabla B_0 + \mathbf{b}_0 \times \nabla (\mathbf{B}_0 \cdot \mathbf{B}_1) \right] \\
 &+ \frac{T_0 s^2}{q B_0^2} \left\{ (1 - 3\xi^2) \delta(\mathbf{b}\mathbf{b}) \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{B}_0 + \left[2\xi^2 (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{b}_0 \mathbf{b}_0) + (1 - \xi^2) \mathbf{b}_0 \mathbf{b}_0 \right] \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{B}_1 \right\} \\
 &- \frac{2T_0 s^2}{q} \frac{\mathbf{b}_0 \cdot \mathbf{B}_1}{B_0^3} \left[2\xi^2 (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{b}_0 \mathbf{b}_0) + (1 - \xi^2) \mathbf{b}_0 \mathbf{b}_0 \right] \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{B}_0 + \frac{mv_0 s \xi}{q B_0^2} \mathbf{b}_0 \times \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}_1}{\partial t} \\
 &= v_0 s \xi \mathbf{b}_1 + \frac{\mathbf{E}_1 \times \mathbf{B}_0}{B_0^2} + \frac{T_0 s^2}{q B_0^3} (1 + \xi^2) \left[(\mathbf{I} - 4\mathbf{b}_0 \mathbf{b}_0) \cdot \mathbf{B}_1 \times \nabla B_0 + \mathbf{b}_0 \times \nabla (\mathbf{B}_0 \cdot \mathbf{B}_1) \right] \\
 &+ \frac{2T_0 s^2}{q B_0^2} \left\{ \xi^2 \left(\mathbf{J}_{\perp 1} - \delta(\mathbf{b}\mathbf{b}) \cdot \mathbf{J}_0 - \frac{2\mathbf{B}_0 \cdot \mathbf{B}_1}{B_0^2} \mathbf{J}_{\perp 0} \right) + \frac{1 - \xi^2}{2} \left(\mathbf{J}_{\parallel 1} + \delta(\mathbf{b}\mathbf{b}) \cdot \mathbf{J}_0 - \frac{2\mathbf{B}_0 \cdot \mathbf{B}_1}{B_0^2} \mathbf{J}_{\parallel 0} \right) \right\} \\
 &+ \frac{mv_0 s \xi}{q B_0^2} \mathbf{b}_0 \times \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}_1}{\partial t}
 \end{aligned}$$

where $\mathbf{b}_1 = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{b}_0 \mathbf{b}_0) \cdot \mathbf{B}_1 / B_0$ and $\delta(\mathbf{b}\mathbf{b}) = \mathbf{b}_1 \mathbf{b}_0 + \mathbf{b}_0 \mathbf{b}_1$.

Linearization of NIMROD DKE (cont.)

Linearizing the acceleration terms yields

$$\begin{aligned}
 \delta \dot{s} &= -\frac{s(1-\xi^2)}{2B_0^2} \mathbf{B}_0 \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{E}_1 + \frac{q}{2sT_0} \mathbf{v}_{gc} \cdot \mathbf{E}_1 - s\delta \mathbf{v}_{gc} \cdot \nabla \ln v_0 \\
 &= -\frac{s(1-\xi^2)}{2B_0^2} \mathbf{B}_0 \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{E}_1 + \frac{q}{2T_0s} (\mathbf{v}_{\parallel} + \mathbf{v}_c)_0 \cdot \mathbf{E}_1 + \frac{s}{2} (1+\xi^2) \frac{\mathbf{E}_1 \times \mathbf{B}_0}{B_0^2} \cdot \nabla \ln B_0 \\
 &\quad - s\delta \mathbf{v}_{gc} \cdot \nabla \ln v_0 \\
 \delta \dot{\xi} &= \frac{1-\xi^2}{2\xi} \left\{ \frac{\xi^2 \mathbf{B}_0}{B_0^2} \cdot \nabla \times \mathbf{E}_1 + (\mathbf{v}_{\parallel} + \mathbf{v}_c^*) \cdot \left(\frac{q\mathbf{E}_1}{T_0s^2} - \nabla \ln B_1 \right) - \delta (\mathbf{v}_{\parallel} + \mathbf{v}_c^*) \cdot \nabla \ln B_0 \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \xi^2 \frac{\mathbf{E}_1 \times \mathbf{B}_0}{B_0^2} \cdot \nabla \ln B_0 - \frac{\xi^2 \mu_0}{B_0^2} \mathbf{J}_{\parallel 0} \cdot \mathbf{E}_1 - 2 \frac{T_0 s^2 \xi^2}{q} \left(\mathbf{b}_0 \cdot \nabla \delta \left(\frac{\mu_0 J_{\parallel}}{B^2} \right) + \mathbf{b}_1 \cdot \nabla \left(\frac{\mu_0 J_{\parallel 0}}{B_0^2} \right) \right) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \frac{2T_0 \xi s}{v_0 q B_0} \nabla \cdot \left(\mathbf{b}_0 \times \frac{\partial \mathbf{b}_1}{\partial t} \right) \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

Strongly coupled plasmas

The Landau form of the collision operator,

$$C_{ss'} = -\nabla_{\mathbf{v}} \cdot \int d\mathbf{v}' \mathbf{Q}_L(\mathbf{u}) \cdot \left(\frac{\nabla_{\mathbf{v}'}}{m_{s'}} - \frac{\nabla_{\mathbf{v}}}{m_s} \right) f_s(\mathbf{v}) f_{s'}(\mathbf{v}') ,$$

can be extended to strongly coupled plasmas with coupling parameter $\Gamma = Z^2 e^2 / k_B T a_0 \lesssim 100$ where $a_0 = (3/4\pi n)^{1/3}$.

Here $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{v}'$ and $\mathbf{Q}_L(\mathbf{u})$ is

$$\mathbf{Q}_L(\mathbf{u}) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{m_{ss'}^2}{m_s} u (u^2 \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}) \bar{\sigma}_{ss'}^{(1)}(u)$$

This is accomplished by generalizing the collisional cross section, $\bar{\sigma}_{ss'}^{(1)}(u)$.

Want $\bar{\sigma}_{ss'}^{(1)}(u)$ for Landau collision operator

The l^{th} momentum-transfer cross section is

$$\bar{\sigma}_{ss'}^{(l)}(u) = 2\pi \int_0^\infty db b [1 - \cos^l(\pi - 2\Theta(u))].$$

with the scattering angle given as

$$\begin{aligned}\Theta &= b \int_{r_o}^\infty dr r^{-2} \left[1 - \frac{b^2}{r^2} - \frac{2\phi_{ss'}(r)}{m_{ss'}u^2} \right]^{-1/2} \\ &= \bar{b} \int_0^{\bar{r}_0^{-1}} dz \left[1 - (\bar{b}z)^2 - \frac{2ze^{-1/z} \phi_{ss'}}{\Lambda\xi^2 \phi_{sc}} \right]^{-1/2}\end{aligned}$$

The screened Coulomb potential $\phi_{sc} = kq_s q_{s'} e^{-r/\lambda_D} / r$,

$$\Lambda = m_{ss'} v_T^2 / (kq_s q_{s'} / \lambda_D), \quad \xi = u / \sqrt{v_{Ts}^2 + v_{Ts'}^2}.$$

Use effective potential energies, $\phi_{ss'}$, for strongly coupled plasmas (EPT = effective potential theory).

Radial distribution functions and EPT

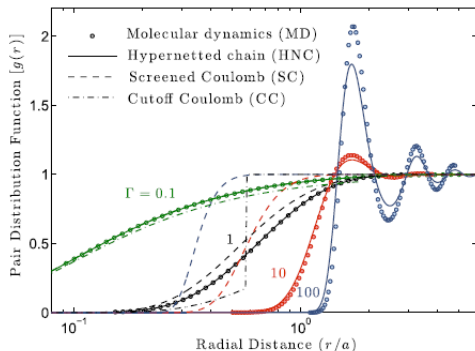


FIG. 1. Pair distribution function for a OCP obtained from MD (circles), HNC (solid lines), screened Coulomb potential (dashed lines), and the cutoff Coulomb potential (dashed-dotted lines—shown only for $\Gamma = 0.1$ and 1).

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The number of particles in a spherical shell surrounding a central molecule is $4\pi r^2 n g(r) dr$. Radial distribution function $g(r)$ is related to the effective potential by $g(r) = \exp[-\phi_{ss}/k_B T]$. Our plan is to get $g(r)$ from PYOZ.

¹Baalrud and Daligault, *Phys Plasmas* **21**, 055707 (2014)

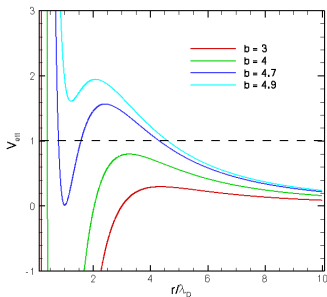
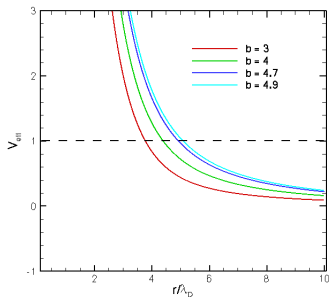
Details of $\bar{\sigma}_{ss'}^{(l)}$ calculation

Gauss-Legendre quadrature applied to momentum-transfer cross section integral:

$$\bar{\sigma}_{ss'}^{(l)}(u) = 2\pi \int_0^\infty dbb [1 - \cos^l(\pi - 2\Theta(u))].$$

Given b , λ_D , u find largest root of radical in scattering angle integral.

Plots of $V_{eff} = \frac{b^2}{r^2} + \frac{2\phi_{ss'}(r)}{m_{ss'}u^2}$ show that finding roots is difficult even for screened Coulomb potential.

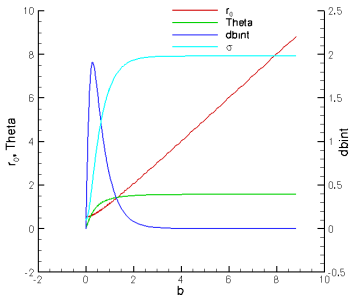


Scattering angle integral

Romberg integration applied to collision angle integral after root is found:

$$\Theta = \bar{b} \int_0^{\bar{r}_0^{-1}} dz \left[1 - (\bar{b}z)^2 - \frac{2ze^{-1/z} \phi_{ss'}}{\Lambda \xi^2 \phi_{sc}} \right]^{-1/2}$$

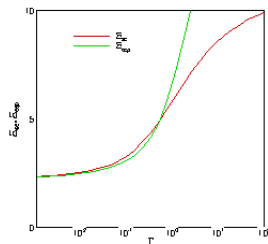
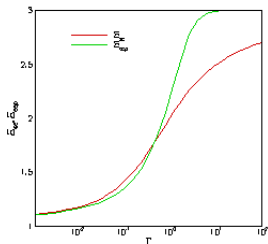
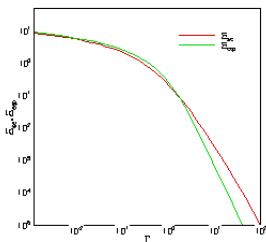
Integrand of impact parameter integral shows rapid convergence beyond a few Debye lengths.



Collisional transport coefficients

Calculations of generalized Coulomb logarithms (related to collisional transport coefficients) highlights strongly coupled effects:

$$\bar{\Gamma}_{ss'}^{(l,k)} = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty d\xi \xi^{2k+3} e^{-\xi^2} \bar{\sigma}_{ss'}^{(l)} / \sigma_0 \text{ where } \sigma_0 = (\pi q_s^2 q_{s'}^2) / (m_{ss'}^2 v_T^4).$$



Collisional cross section

Interpolate collisional cross section inside of Landau collision operator.

