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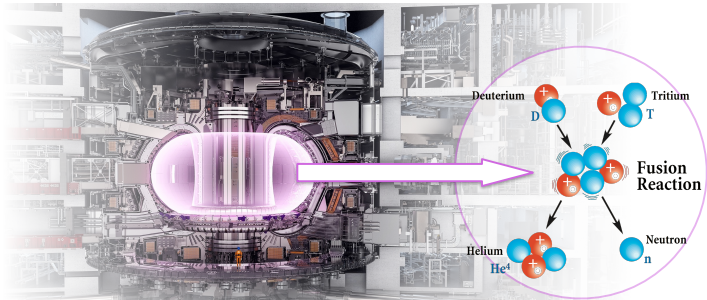
Gyrokinetic simulation of divertor heat-load in magnetic fusion devices



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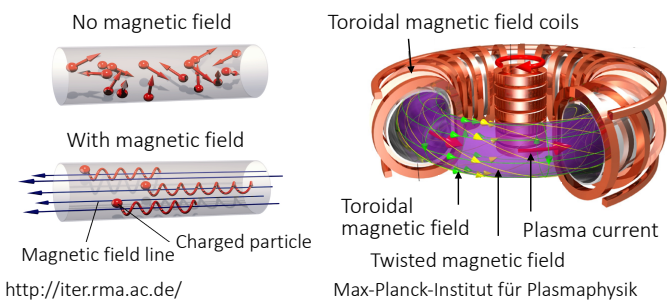
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Introduction



International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER) under construction

- Nuclear fusion reactions, e.g., D-T reaction, can be a sustainable energy source to meet world-wide energy demands.
- To produce net power from the reactions, we have to confine the fuels with high temperature ($> 10^8$ °C) in the reactor.
- Strong magnetic fields can be employed to confine the fuels in plasma states.
- Torus-type magnetic configurations with twisting field lines have been proposed for the magnetic fusion devices.

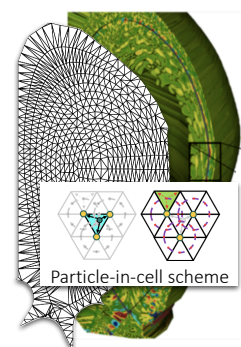


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X-point Gyrokinetic Code (XGC)

- A gyrokinetic particle-in-cell code designed for whole device modeling of magnetic fusion devices.



- Kinetic description of magnetized plasma
- Hybrid use of marker particle and phase-space grid
 - Low-noise treatment of non-thermal dynamics [1]
 - Fokker-plank and Monte-Carlo approaches for collisional interactions [2]
- Finite element field solver on unstructured mesh generated based on the structures of field lines and vessel components [3]

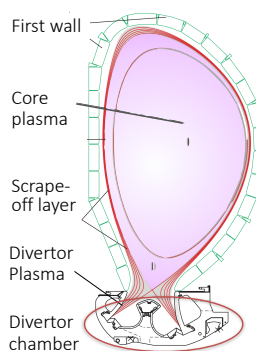
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Summary

- Gyrokinetic code, XGC, and I/O framework, ADIOS, have been combined for whole device modeling of magnetic fusion devices.
- These will be optimized to cutting edge super computers toward a comparative study of divertor heat load in various fusion devices.

Motivation

- Precise prediction of divertor heat load by means of whole device kinetic modeling has a critical importance in ITER operation and future reactor designs.
- Robust computational model and large computational resources are required for multi-physics simulation including core and edge regions.

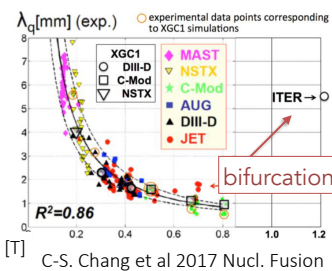


- Core plasma - slow evolution
 - burning plasma in closed field lines
 - nearly equilibrium states
 - collisionless / cross-field transport
 - wave-particle interaction in turbulence
- Edge plasma - fast evolution
 - interface to the wall in open field lines
 - highly non-thermal states
 - collisional / field-aligned transport
 - plasma-wall (neutral) interaction

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- XGC and ADIOS have been used to estimate the heat-load width in the present Tokamaks in USA and ITER. For the ITER case 90% of TITAN, the world's largest GPU machine, was occupied for a few days.

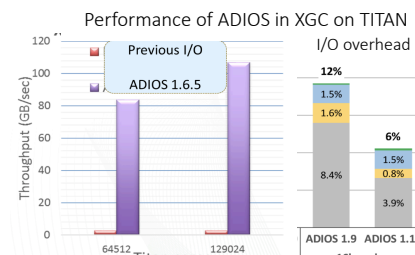
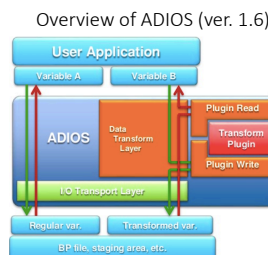
- We will optimize XGC and ADIOS to the latest GPU machine, TSUBAME3, toward more efficient computations for remaining fusion devices such as JT60-SA (Japan) to understand the size and shaping effects on divertor heat load.



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ADaptable I/O System (ADIOS)

- Componentization for fast & scalable I/O framework [4]



- Optimal "on-the-fly" data aggregation, relocation and reduction among massive parallel computational, staging and I/O nodes.
- Applications : Large scale computing (1~ 10PB / day for XGC), real-time data analysis, visualization, code coupling and so on