

# Deterministic Transport MFEM-Miniapp: Advancing Fidelity of Fusion Energy Simulations

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We introduce a new multi-dimensional discretization in MFEM enabling efficient high-order phase-space simulations of various types of Boltzmann transport. In terms of a generalized form of the standard discrete ordinate SN method for the phase-space, we carefully design discrete analogs obeying important continuous properties such as conservation of energy, preservation of positivity, preservation of the diffusion limit of transport, preservation of symmetry leading to rays-effect mitigation, and other laws of physics. Finally, we show how to apply this new phase-space MFEM feature to increase the fidelity of modeling of fusion energy experiments.

# GSN TEAM

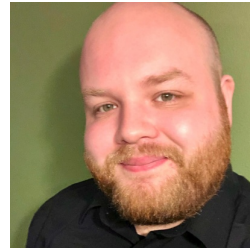


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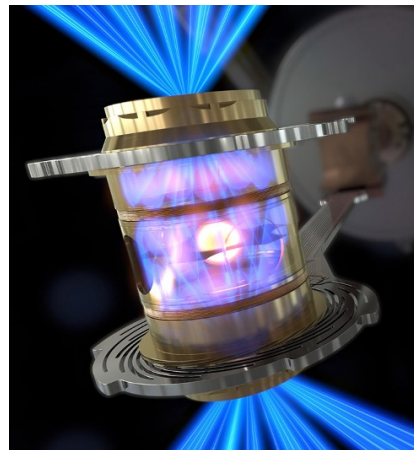
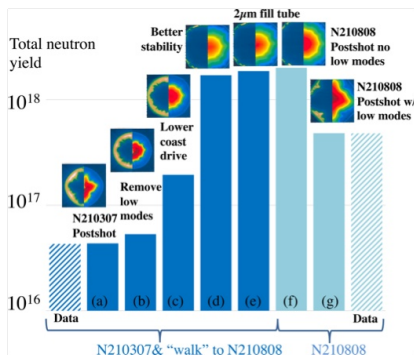


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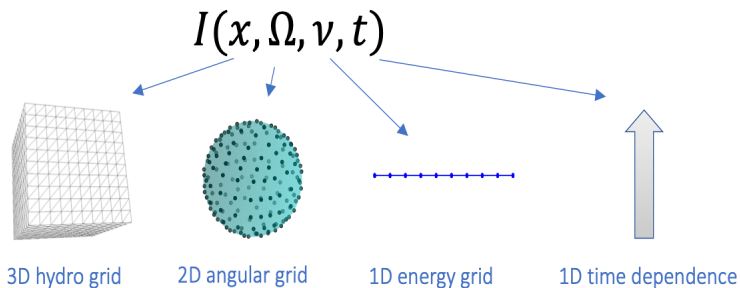
- Applied math & Physics & HPC & Reduced Order modeling (GNN)
- Pushing the limits of **DETERMINISTIC TRANSPORT**

# Breakthrough in Fusion Energy

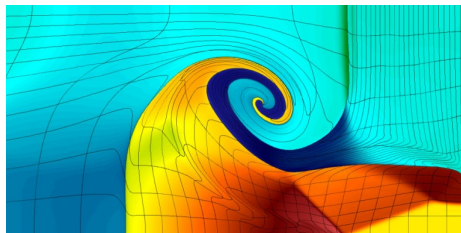
- National **Ignition** Facility at LLNL.
- Dec 5<sup>th</sup> 2022 **Fusion Ignition** Energy yield 3.15 MJ,  $Q > 1.5$ .
- Jul 30<sup>th</sup> 2023 **Fusion** Record Energy yield 3.88 MJ,  $Q > 1.9$ .
- Every ICF experiment repeat  $Q > 1$ .
- Only **5%** of the combustible burned.
- How to improve? Simulations fidelity?



# High-order multi-dimensional DG

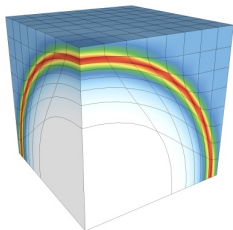


- Lagrangian curved mesh<sup>1</sup>
- High-order accuracy space+angles+energy
- Matrix-free (Yohann)
- **Novel GSN method**  $\sim 1000\times$  less dofs



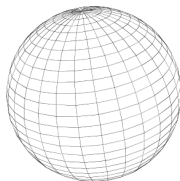
<sup>1</sup> Haut, High-Order Finite Elements for TRT on Curved Meshes, LDRD-ER, 18-ERD-002.

# SPACE



Cartesian 3D

# ANGLE



Product quadrature



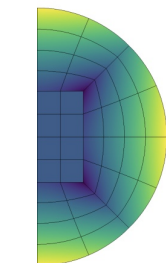
$P_N$  exact quadrature



# ENERGY



Phase-space  
6D mesh  
 $3D \times 2D \times 1D$



Axisymmetric 2D



slab/sphere 1D



1D polar

N-dimensional MFEM!

# Multi-Dimensional High-Order DG in MFEM

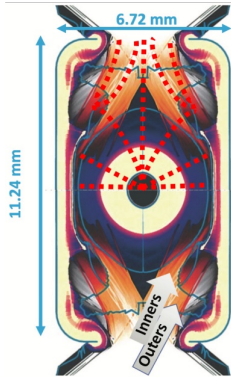
Krook's-type multidimensional transport

$$\partial_t \psi + \sum_{i=1}^N \partial_{x_i} (a_i \psi) = \sigma (B - \psi),$$

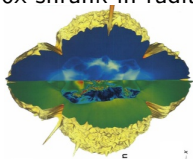
- **N-dimensional** product mesh
- **N-dimensional** user defined advection field
- MFEM: solvers, time integrators, visualization
- Generic programming abstraction, performance
- Matrix-free, GPU-portable
- **Example: polar-SN in 6D on 50 lines!**

```
1 ////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
2 // Deterministic Transport Mesh
3 Mesh space_mesh("car130.mesh");
4 Mesh angle_mesh("sphere-product.mesh");
5 Mesh energy_mesh("energyID.mesh");
6 auto mesh = MakeDTMesh(space_mesh, angle_mesh, energy_mesh);
7
8 ////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
9 // Deterministic Transport Finite Element Space
10 FiniteElementOrders< o_rho, o_theta, o_phi > space_os;
11 FiniteElementOrders< o_polar, o_azim > angle_os;
12 FiniteElementOrders< o_energy > energy_os;
13 // Finite element
14 auto finite_element = MakeDTLegendreFiniteElement(space_os, angle_os, energy_os);
15 // Finite element space
16 auto fe_space = MakeDTFiniteElementSpace(mesh, finite_element);
17
18 ////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
19 // Deterministic Transport Integration Rule
20 IntegrationRuleNumPoints< o_rho + 2, o_theta + 2, o_phi + 2 > quad_space;
21 IntegrationRuleNumPoints< o_polar + 2, o_azim + 2 > quad_angle;
22 IntegrationRuleNumPoints< o_energy > quad_energy;
23 // High-dimension integration rule
24 auto int_rules = MakeDTIntegrationRule(quad_space, quad_angle, quad_energy);
25
26 ////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
27 // Deterministic Transport Operator and RHS
28 auto adv_lb = [=] auto &X, Real (&a)[6] {
29 {
30   coords(X, rho, theta, phi, mu, omega, eps);
31   a[0] = rho + rho * sin(theta) * mu;
32   a[1] = rho * sin(theta) * sqrt(1.0 - mu * mu) * cos(omega);
33   a[2] = rho * sqrt(1.0 - mu * mu) * sin(omega);
34   a[3] = rho * sin(theta) * (1.0 - mu * mu);
35   a[4] = -rho * sqrt(1.0 - mu * mu) * sin(omega) * cos(theta);
36   a[5] = 0.0;
37 };
38 // Operator
39 auto operator = MakeMassAdvectionOperator(fe_space, int_rules, adv_lb, sigma_lb);
40 // Evaluate the right hand sides
41 FiniteElementVector rhs(fe_space);
42 rhs = MakeLinearForm(fe_space, legendre_int_rules, sigma0_lb);
43
44 ////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
45 // Solve ID problem
46 GMRESolver solver;
47 solver.SetOperator(operator);
48 FiniteElementVector sol(fe_space);
49 solver.Mult(rhs, sol);
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# Why is the kinetics such a challenge in fusion?



Capsule at peak compression  
30x shrank in radius



Kritcher *et al.*, PRE 98,053206, 2018.  
HYDRA simulation.

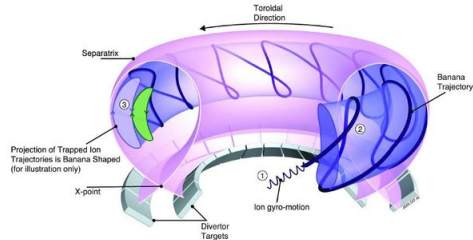
## Rotating angular coordinates

$$\begin{bmatrix} q^x \\ q^y \\ q^z \end{bmatrix} := \begin{bmatrix} r \cos(\phi) \\ r \sin(\phi) \\ z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} p^x \\ p^y \\ p^z \end{bmatrix} := \mathbf{R} \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon \cos(\omega) \sqrt{1 - \mu^2} \\ \epsilon \sin(\omega) \sqrt{1 - \mu^2} \\ \epsilon \mu \end{bmatrix}$$

General phase-space coordinates transformation **J**

## Transport along B-field lines in tokamaks





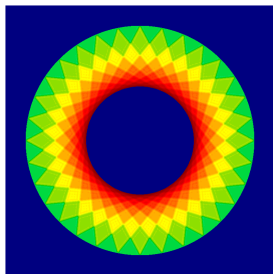
# General transfer operator

Transformed **Conservative** transfer operator

$$\vec{\Omega} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \psi = \tilde{\Omega}^T \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{J}}^{-T} \cdot \tilde{\nabla} \tilde{\psi} = \frac{1}{|\tilde{\mathbf{J}}|} \tilde{\nabla}^T \cdot (|\tilde{\mathbf{J}}| \tilde{\mathbf{J}}^{-1} \cdot \tilde{\Omega} \tilde{\psi})$$

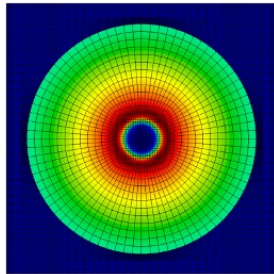
Comparing standard SN vs. GSN in MFEM

32 directions

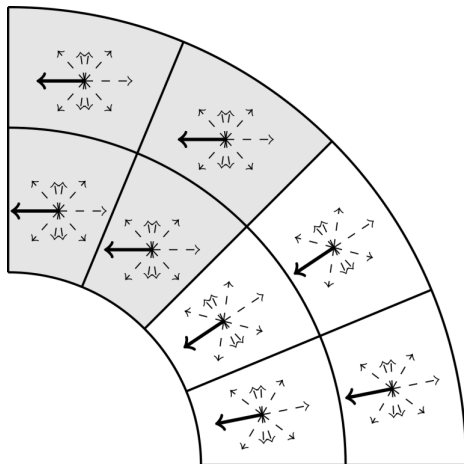


"Eulerian" angular mesh

4 directions



"Lagrangian" angular mesh

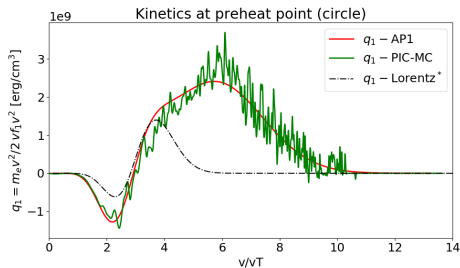
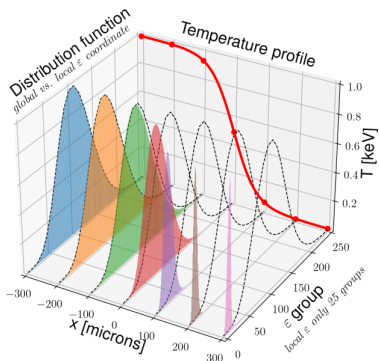


Standard-SN (gray) vs. Polar-SN (white)

Spatially varying rotation  $\mathbf{R}(\vec{x})$  pointing to the origin corresponds to polar-SN.

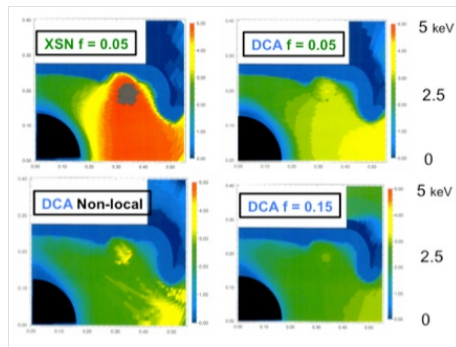
# "Lagrangian-like" transformation of energy

$$\text{Full potential of GSN: local energy } \varepsilon_{loc}(\vec{x}) = \frac{\varepsilon_{glob}}{k_B T(\vec{x})} \Rightarrow \vec{\Omega} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \varepsilon_{loc} \partial_{\varepsilon_{loc}} \psi = \varepsilon_{loc} \frac{\vec{\nabla} T}{T} \partial_{\varepsilon_{loc}} \psi$$



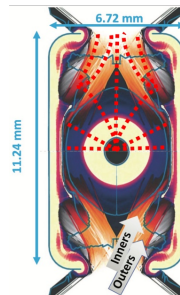
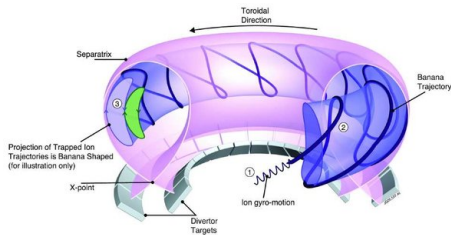
Quoting Mordy Rosen: "Given the inherent non-local nature of long mean-free-path large-velocity heat-flow-carrying electrons, there is a clear need to replace the **fundamentally flawed approach** of a local description of heat flow and the flux-limiter crutch upon which it stands."

Rosen, HEDP, 2011. Holec, PoP, 2018. Holec, arXiv, 2018.



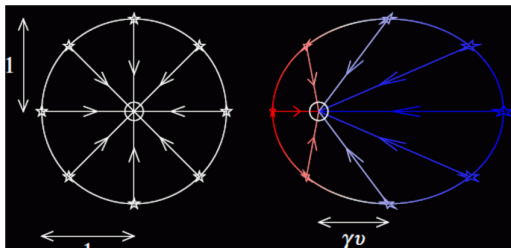
## Flux-GSN: Radition drive, charged particles transport

$$\begin{bmatrix} q_i^j \\ p_{,\gamma}^{\beta} \left( (Rf)_{,\tau,m} \tau_{,\tilde{m}}^{\tilde{m}} + (Rf)_{,\rho^*} p^*_{,\tilde{k}} \right) q_{,\tilde{i}}^{\tilde{k}} \\ 0 \\ p_{,\alpha}^{\beta} \left[ a_L^{\alpha} \right] \end{bmatrix}$$



## Fluid-GSN: Relativistic radiation transport

$$\frac{1}{c} D_t \psi + \mu \partial_z \psi - \frac{1}{c} \underbrace{\left( \mu \partial_z v \mu \epsilon \partial_\epsilon \psi + \mu \partial_z v (1 - \mu^2) \partial_\mu \psi - 3 \mu \partial_z v \mu \psi \right)}_{O(v/c) \text{ correction by } \partial_\epsilon \psi, \partial_\mu \psi, \partial_z v}$$

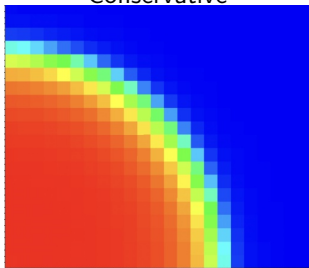


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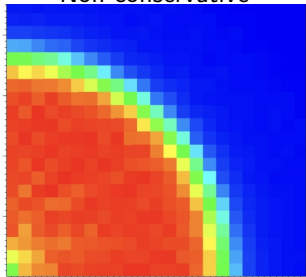
# Non-negotiable physics: how to get it right?

## Energy conservation

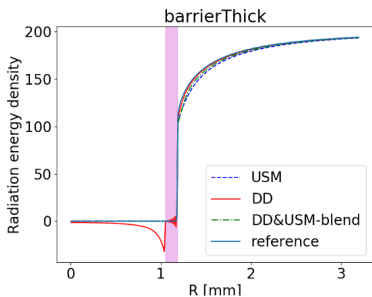
Conservative



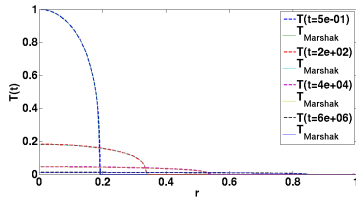
Non-conservative



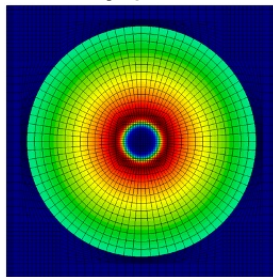
## Positivity preservation



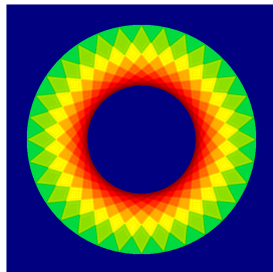
## Diffusion limit



## Symmetry preservation



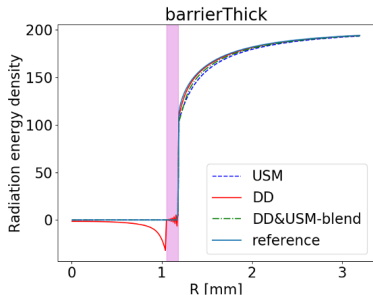
Rays-effect



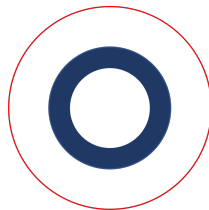
# MFEM-Miniapp example: 5D gray-transport in perfect hohlraum

Polar-SN (**R**-to-origin) with spatial  $\rho, \theta, \phi$  and angular  $\mu, \omega$  coordinates

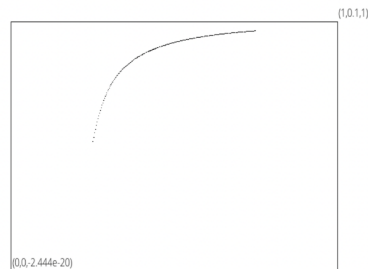
$$\bar{a} = \rho^2 \sin(\theta) \left[ \mu, \frac{\sqrt{1-\mu^2} \cos(\omega)}{\rho}, \frac{\sqrt{1-\mu^2} \sin(\omega)}{\rho \sin(\theta)}, \frac{1-\mu^2}{\rho}, -\sqrt{1-\mu^2} \sin(\omega) \frac{\cot(\theta)}{\rho} \right]$$



$$1D \left( \mu \partial_\rho \psi + \frac{1-\mu^2}{\rho} \partial_\mu \psi \right)$$



Perfect hohlraum



5D MFEM-Miniapp

# Conclusions & Future Work

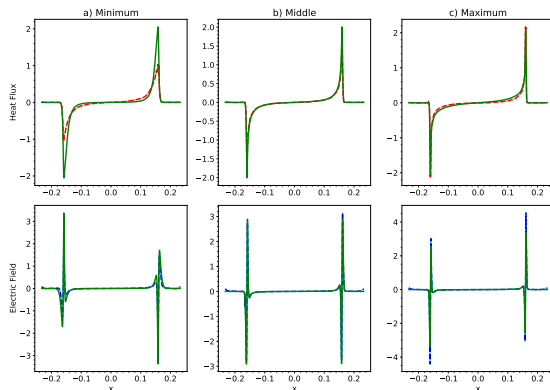
New features in MFEM:

- **N-dimensional** product mesh & anisotropic DG
- MFEM: mesh, solvers, time integrators, visualization
- Generic programming abstraction, performance
- Matrix-free, GPU-portable

More is coming!

- **N-dimensional** advection-diffusion
- Integro-differential equations
- **N-dimensional** adaptive-mesh-refinement

Machine Learning - Graph-Neural-Networks  
 $10^6 \times$  faster than phase-space FEM simulations



Credit: Colby Fronk and Alex Mote

## Anyone can relate to this?



MFEM world-wide community ... pick your language :)

# Thank you for your attention. Any questions?



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