



# 150 years of Maxwell's (other) equations and application to plasma acceleration

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## What this talk is about

Showing that an approach invented by Maxwell 150 years ago is until today important in science

- Introducing Mawell's original "equations of matter"
- Using this moment approach to model hosing in PWFAs

# J. Clerk Maxwell (1831-1879)





- Maxwell's *equations of matter* adapted ~100 years later to low temperature plasmas<sup>4</sup>, and ~ 150 years later highly relativistic beams in <u>plasma accelerators<sup>5</sup></u>
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### Maxwell's original "equations of matter"



Number density: 
$$n(\mathbf{r},t) = \int d^3 v f(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{v},t)$$
 Flux of property  $Q$ :  $\Gamma_Q = n \mathbf{v}Q$   
 $Q = 1 \rightarrow \frac{\partial n}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot n \,\overline{\mathbf{v}} = 0$   
 $Q = m\mathbf{v} \rightarrow \frac{\partial (nm \,\overline{\mathbf{v}})}{\partial t} = -\nabla \cdot (nm \,\overline{\mathbf{vv}}) + n \,F - n\mu v_m \overline{\mathbf{v}}$ 

Modern <u>fluid equations</u> are moment equations of the same *mathematical form* as Maxwell's original expressions: Robson et al, Rev. Mod. Phys. Rev Mod Phys 77, 1303-20 (2005)

## Maxwells moment approach for relativistic systems

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$$(\partial_t + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla + \mathbf{F} \cdot \partial_\mathbf{p}) f = (\partial_t f)_{\text{collisions}} \approx 0$$
 (Vlasov kinetic equation,  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{p} / m\gamma$ ) (1)

- <u>Phase space</u> averages  $\langle \phi(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}) \rangle = \frac{1}{N} d$  (phase space)  $f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}, t) \phi(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p})$
- $\int d (phase space) \phi_i(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{p}) \times Vlasov eqn \rightarrow \text{moment equations for } \langle \phi_i(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{p}) \rangle \quad (i=1,2,3,..)$
- <u>Traditional approach</u>: First find  $f(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{v}, t)$  from (1) or PIC simulation and then form moments -more accurate, but less efficient



• <u>Maxwell method</u>: Solve for moments <u>directly</u> - requires closure Ansatz

# **Example: Application of moment approach on hosing in PWFAs**

Hosing is a challenge and it is vital to study the connected dynamics











### Phase space density and Vlasov equation

#### Symmetric blowout:

Phase space density of sheath electrons:  $f_{p,0} = f_{p,0}(r, p_r, \psi; \xi, t)$   $\psi = \gamma - p_z - 1$ 

From  $df_{p,0}/dt = 0$  obtain Vlasov equation in the QSA\*:  $\partial_{\xi} f_{p,0} = -\frac{\gamma}{1+\psi} \left(\frac{p_r}{\gamma} \partial_r + F_r \partial_{p_r} + F_{\psi} \partial_{\psi}\right) f_{p,0}$ , With  $F_{\psi} = d\psi/dt$ ,  $F_r = dp_r/dt$  and  $\gamma = \frac{1+p_r^2 + (1+\psi)^2}{2(1+\psi)}$ 

Perturbation from symmetric blowout:Mean transverse positionMean transverse momentumPhase space density of sheath electrons: $f_p = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{\langle x \rangle^n \langle p_x \rangle^m}{n! \, m!} (-\cos \theta)^{n+m} \partial_r^n \partial_{p_r}^m f_{p,0}$ 

Perturbed phase space density of sheath electrons:  $f_p = f_p(r, \theta, p_r, \psi; \xi, t)$ 

Vlasov equation: 
$$\partial_{\xi} f_p = -\frac{\gamma}{1+\psi} \left( \frac{p_r}{\gamma} \partial_r + \dot{\theta} \partial_{\theta} + F_r \partial_{p_r} + F_{\psi} \partial_{\psi} \right) f_p$$

**Derivation of the moment equation** 

Vlasov equation: 
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Moments of perturbed phase space density

$$\left\langle \Phi(r,\theta,p_r,\psi)\right\rangle(\xi,t) = \frac{1}{N} \int_0^\infty r dr \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta \int_{-\infty}^\infty dp_r \int_{-1}^\infty d\psi \ \Phi f_p \ , \qquad \qquad N = \int_0^\infty r dr \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta \int_{-\infty}^\infty dp_r \int_{-1}^\infty d\psi \ f_p \ ,$$

(Vlasov equation) x ( $\Phi$ ) and integration by parts over phase space yields <u>moment equation</u>:

$$\partial_{\xi} \left\langle \Phi \right\rangle = \left\langle \frac{p_r}{1+\psi} \partial_r \Phi \right\rangle + \left\langle \frac{\gamma \dot{\theta}}{1+\psi} \partial_{\theta} \Phi \right\rangle + \left\langle \frac{\gamma F_r}{1+\psi} \partial_{p_r} \Phi \right\rangle + \left\langle \frac{\gamma F_{\psi}}{1+\psi} \partial_{\psi} \Phi \right\rangle$$

# **Example: Application of moment approach on hosing**

Moment equation:

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$$\Phi = x$$

$$\partial_{\xi} \langle x \rangle = \partial_{\xi} \langle r \cos \theta \rangle = \left\langle \frac{p_r \cos \theta}{1+\psi} \right\rangle$$

$$\Phi = p_r \cos \theta$$

$$Approximation:$$

$$\left\langle \frac{p_r \cos \theta}{1+\psi} \right\rangle = \left\langle \frac{p_r \cos \theta}{\langle 1+\psi \rangle} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \left( \frac{\psi - \langle \psi \rangle}{\langle 1+\psi \rangle} \right)^n \right\rangle \simeq \frac{\langle p_r \cos \theta \rangle}{\langle 1+\psi \rangle}$$

$$Br_r = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{\langle x \rangle^n}{\langle 1+\psi \rangle} (-\cos \theta)^n \partial^n F_{r,0,r}$$

Channel centroid equation

 $F_p = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\langle x \rangle}{n!} (-\cos\theta)^n \partial_r^n F_{p,0} ,$  $F_b = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{X_b^n}{n!} (-\cos\theta)^n \partial_r^n F_{b,0} ,$ 

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 $+\psi\rangle$ 

**Example: Application of moment approach on hosing** 

Channel centroid equation (narrow beam):

$$\partial_{\xi}^{2} \langle x \rangle = \frac{X_{b}}{2 \langle 1 + \psi \rangle_{0}} \left\langle \frac{\partial_{r} A_{z,b}}{r} \right\rangle_{0} + \frac{\langle x \rangle}{2 \langle 1 + \psi \rangle_{0}} \left\langle \frac{\gamma}{1 + \psi} \frac{\partial_{r} \Psi}{r} + \frac{\partial_{\xi} A_{r,p} + \partial_{r} A_{z,p}}{r} \right\rangle_{0}$$

$$(Using blowout model by Yi et al.* to obtain:)$$

$$\frac{1}{\langle 1 + \psi \rangle_{0}} \left\langle \frac{\partial_{r} A_{z,b}}{r} \right\rangle_{0} = \frac{\Lambda}{R^{2}} \left[ 1 - \Delta \rho \left( \frac{2}{R} - \frac{R}{4} \right) \right] + \mathcal{O} \left( \Delta_{\rho}^{2} \right)$$

$$\frac{1}{\langle 1 + \psi \rangle_{0}} \left\langle \frac{\gamma}{1 + \psi} \frac{\partial_{r} \Psi}{r} + \frac{\partial_{\xi} A_{r,p} + \partial_{r} A_{z,p}}{r} \right\rangle_{0} = \frac{R'^{2} - 1}{4} + \frac{\Delta_{\rho}}{4} \left[ \frac{1 + \Lambda}{R} + \frac{R \left( R'^{2} - R^{2} - 1 \right)}{4} - \frac{R^{2} R'}{2} \right] + \mathcal{O} \left( \Delta_{\rho}^{2} \right)$$

Norm. blowout radius:  $R(\xi)$ 

Norm. Beam current:  $\Lambda(\xi) = 4I_b(\xi)/I_A$ 

**Example: Application of moment approach on hosing** 

New channel centroid equation:

$$\frac{\partial^2 X_c}{\partial \xi^2} + \frac{k_p^2}{2} \left[ c_c(\xi) X_c - c_b(\xi) X_b \right] = 0$$

With the coefficients:

$$c_b(\xi) = \frac{\Lambda(\xi)}{R(\xi)^2} \left[ 1 - \Delta \rho \left( \frac{2}{R(\xi)} - \frac{R(\xi)}{4} \right) \right]$$
$$c_c(\xi) = \frac{R'(\xi)^2 - 1}{4} + \frac{\Delta_{\rho}}{4} \left[ \frac{1 + \Lambda(\xi)}{R(\xi)} + \frac{R(\xi) \left( R'(\xi)^2 - R(\xi)^2 - 1 \right)}{4} - \frac{R(\xi)^2 R'(\xi)}{2} \right]$$

#### **Excellent agreement between new model and PIC**



# **Summary and concluding remarks**

- Maxwell's equations  $\rightarrow$  phase space moments  $\rightarrow$  channel centroid equation
- Predictions by new channel centroid equation are in excellent agreement with PIC
- The central idea in Maxwell's moment equations of matter (1867) still resonates in the modern era, with applications to low temperature plasmas and to PWFA
- For further details see: *Robson, Mehrling and Osterhoff, accepted for publication in Europ. J. Phys. (2017)*

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![](_page_17_Picture_1.jpeg)

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# Thank you for your attention!

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