

Time-Dependent Fokker-Planck Code Documentation

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General Description

FKRPLK is a code that calculates the electron velocity distribution function by solving the Fokker-Planck equation in three-dimensions (energy, pitch angle cosine, position along the field) and time.

Reference: Hamilton, Lu and Petrosian, [ApJ 354, 726 \(1990\)](#).

The code consists of the following files, each containing a separate subroutine:

```
main.f
init.f
inject.f
bfield.f
dands.f
cntridag.f
tauup.f
bcup.f
eup.f
muup.f
```

The include file fkrplk.h contains the common blocks of the arrays and the maximal dimensions nemax, nmumax, and ntaumax.

The Makefile uses the f90 compiler to produce the executable fkrplk.x

The code is run by executing fkrplk.x

The parameters for the run are set in main.f and init.f.

The output electron distribution function is written to fkrplk.test, and plotted using the provided IDL routine tdfp_plot.pro

Below are descriptions of the subroutines.

Description of main.f and input parameters

The parameters for the case to be solved are initialized in this subroutine. The array tr, initialized in the data statement, contains the time steps to print the output.

The number of times to report (ntr) and the maximum time of the simulation (tmax) are initialized here:

```
ntr = 8
tmax = tr(ntr)
```

Number of spatial grid points (ntauwr) and energy grid points (newr) to write to output file.

```
ntauwr = 1
newr = 60
```

Logical variables:

symloop defines the loop symmetry used in tauup.
If symmetric, we use $\phi(k,l,-m)=\phi(k,-l,m)$ for $m > 0$.
If not symmetric, then we use $\phi = 0$ for $m < 0$

```
symloop = .true.
```

Impulsive or non-impulsive injection of the electron distribution function

```
impulsive = .false.
```

Output file: The output is written to fkrplk.test

```
open(unit=10,file='fkrplk.test')
```

Initialize the arrays by calling init

```
call init(rhmax,soft,tau)
```

Convert dimensionless time "y" to real time "t".
Assuming that $\ln(\Lambda) = 20$ and fully ionized hydrogen.

```
ytot = 1.6666667e12/rhmax
```

Description of init.f and additional input parameters

This is the initialization subroutine. The values for e_{min} , e_{max} , n_e , a_{mu} , n_{mu} , τ_{amin} , τ_{amax} , and n_{τ} are either read in or assume the default values set here in the data statement.

This subroutine also sets dy , the time step variable. The arrays de , $d\tau$, β , β_2 , rb_3g_2 , $rlambda$, $rlambda_2$, $d\mu$, $onmu_2$, and $bconv$ are filled. The following external subroutines are needed:
 $dands(\tau,\rho,s)$ -- returns the electron number density ρ and

spatial position s at a given column depth τ .
`bfield(s,b,dbds)`-- returns the value of $d\ln(B)/ds$ and b at position s .

Energy steps increase linearly from $e(0)/4$ up to e_{max} so that n_e steps are taken.
Added calculation τ as an output parameter

The values for grid parameters are set in the following data statement:

```
data emin,emax,ned,nmud,taumin,taumax,ntaud  
+ / 10.,1000.,60,30,1.e-5,2.e-3,30 /
```

Where e_{min} , e_{max} is the energy range, n_{ed} is the number of energy grid point, n_{mud} is the number of grid point in μ , the range in τ is given by τ_{min} and τ_{max} , and n_{taud} is the number of grid points in τ . The data statement can be replaced by an appropriate read statement to read the parameters.

Description of inject.f

This subroutine injects an electron distribution which is initially a gaussian in space, but becomes a delta function in space. It is isotropic in pitch-angle, power-law in energy, and a triangular-shaped pulse, 2 seconds long.

Description of bfield.f

This subroutine returns the logarithmic derivative of the magnetic field $dbds = d\ln B/ds$ and magnetic field strength b at a given spatial position s . The magnetic field used here has the following properties:

$$B = B_0(1 + s^2/L_B^2).$$

L_B is determined by the length of the corona, L_C , and the mirror ratio, r_m .

$$L_B = L_C / \sqrt{r_m - 1}.$$

x_c = length of corona
 r_m = mirror ratio

Description of dands.f

This subroutine returns the electron number density (ρ) and spatial coordinate (s) given the "column depth" (t).

The density function used here has the following properties:
the density is a constant (ρ_0).

The values of the density, $xkmbda$ (Coulomb log) and a are defined in the parameter statement

```
parameter(xlmbda=20.0, a=1.0e24, rho0=1.0e11)
```

The subroutine converts "column depth" (t) to distance s , then computes the density.

Description of cntridag.f

This subroutine solves the tridiagonal matrix equation which results from the Crank-Nicholson (implicit) method used in subroutine muup for $\phi(k,l,m,out)$ for given k , m , and out at all l .

The implicit solver was adapted from Press, W.H., Flannery, B.P., Teukolsky, S.A., and Vetterling, W.T. 1986, "Numerical Recipes", (New York: Cambridge University Press), p. 40.

Description of tauup.f

In this subroutine $\phi(k,l,m,in)$ is updated to $\phi(k,l,m,out)$ for the tau term using monotonic transport. Boundary conditions for positive velocity at $m=0$ are either symmetric or no flux comes in from $m < 0$; for negative velocity the boundary condition at $m=n\tau$ is that no flux comes in.

Note: Nonuniform step sizes in tau are not allowed.

Description of bcup.f

In this subroutine $\phi(k,l,m,in)$ is updated to $\phi(k,l,m,out)$ for the converging magnetic field term by Barton's monotonic transport method.

The points $\text{abs}(\mu) = 1$ can be solved for exactly and are in this subroutine.

Description of eup.f

In this subroutine $\text{phi}(k,l,m,\text{in})$ is updated to $\text{phi}(k,l,m,\text{out})$ for the energy term by Barton's method of monotonic transport.

Description of muup.f

In this subroutine $\text{phi}(k,l,m,\text{in})$ is updated to $\text{phi}(k,l,m,\text{out})$ for the pitch angle diffusion term. The Crank-Nicholson's implicit method is employed and the subroutine `cntridag` is called to solve the tridiagonal matrix.

Cray J90 routines

In order to improve the execution speed of the code the routines below were rewritten to allow multitasking on the Cray J90. To run the code on the Cray J90 please use the following Makefile:

Makefile.J90

and the subroutines ending with “_par”.

A sample NQS batch file for the Cray J90:

```
#QSUB -s /bin/csh
#QSUB -eo
#QSUB -o fkrplk.log
setenv NCPUS 20
cd /tmp/fpcode
set echo
set timestamp
ja ja.out
./fkrplk.x
ja -cst ja.out
```

Contacts & Acknowledgements

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