

Electron Weibel instability: movies legend

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Problem setup

Initial electron distribution:

$$f_0(\vec{v}) = \frac{n_0 \exp\left(-\frac{v_x^2}{u_x^2} - \frac{v_y^2}{u_y^2} - \frac{v_z^2}{u_z^2}\right)}{\pi^{3/2} u_x u_y u_z}$$

where n_0 is the density of electrons, u_x, u_y, u_z are the thermal velocities of the electrons along the corresponding axes.

Initial thermal velocity u_x :	0.0447 [c].
Initial thermal velocity u_y :	0.0447 [c].
Initial thermal velocity u_z :	0.1414 [c].
Initial anisotropy parameter A :	9.
Calculation plane:	x - y
Domain size:	$25 \times 25 [c/\omega_{pe}]$
Mesh grid size:	256×256
Particles per cell:	2000 electrons, 2000 ions (immobile).
Total number of particles:	$1.3 \cdot 10^8$ electrons, $1.3 \cdot 10^8$ ions (immobile).
Simulation time:	1000 [$1/\omega_{pe}$].
Time step:	0.25 [$1/\omega_{pe}$]
Number of time steps:	4000.
Boundary conditions:	bi-periodic.
Particle scheme:	2-nd order on time and space, implicit.
Field equation:	Darwin fields in elliptic formulation.
Computational time:	20 hours.
Computational power:	128 cores of Xeon E5472 (16 servers \times 2 CPU \times 4 cores).

Important note:

Above stated setup is slightly different comparing to the one considered in the paper "Single-Species Weibel Instability of Radiationless Plasma" (<http://arxiv.org/abs/0910.0361>). In the current setup $A = 9$ as it is in the paper, but temperatures along each axis are 2 times higher than in that case, number of particles per cell is also 2 times higher.

File: EWI09.wk.wB.A.Jz+B.(sm).avi

Description:	Animation shows evolution of J_z together with magnetic field and various components of system's energy.
File URL:	http://darwincode.org/movies/EWI09.wk.wB.A.Jz+B.(sm).avi
File size:	24.7 Mb
Resolution:	$1280 \times 1024 @ 20$ FPS
Postprocessing:	Medium temporal smoothing to reduce PIC noise.
Codec:	MPEG-4 Advanced Simple Profile (ASP). http://xvid.org

Upper left plate

Vertical axis Energy density in units of $[n_0 m_e c^2]$.

Horizontal axis	Time in units of $[1/\omega_{pe}]$.
w_{kx} (dashed red)	x -component of average kinetic energy density of electrons.
w_{ky} (solid green)	y -component of average kinetic energy density of electrons.
w_{kz} (solid blue)	z -component of average kinetic energy density of electrons.
w_k (solid black)	Average kinetic energy density of electrons ($w_k = w_{kx} + w_{ky} + w_{kz}$).
w_{total} (solid gray)	Total average energy density of the system (ion's energy is not accounted).
w_B (dashed black)	Average magnetic field energy density.

Upper right plate

Vertical axis	Energy density in units of $[n_0 m_e c^2]$.
Horizontal axis	Time in units of $[1/\omega_{pe}]$.
w_{Bx} (dashed red)	x -component of average magnetic field energy density.
w_{By} (solid green)	y -component of average magnetic field energy density.
w_{Bz} (solid blue)	z -component of average magnetic field energy density.
w_B (solid black)	Average magnetic field energy density ($w_B = w_{Bx} + w_{By} + w_{Bz}$).

Lower right plate

Vertical axis	Average anisotropy calculated as $A = 2u_z^2/(u_x^2 + u_y^2) - 1$.
Horizontal axis	Time in units of $[1/\omega_{pe}]$.

Lower left plate

$J_z(x, y)$ (color map)	Current density in units of $[n_0 q_e c]$.
$B_{xy}(x, y)$ (vectors)	Magnetic field.
<i>Note: two horizontal marks on the color bar indicate current minimum and maximum values of J_z calculated on smoothed J_z.</i>	

File: EWI09.n.wB.wk+B.Jz+B.(sh).avi

Description:	Animation shows evolution of J_z together with magnetic field, density of electrons, kinetic energy density and average density of magnetic field energy.
File URL:	http://darwincode.org/movies/EWI09.n.wB.wk+B.Jz+B.(sh).avi
File size:	82.6 Mb
Resolution:	1280 × 1024 @ 20 FPS
Postprocessing:	High temporal smoothing to reduce PIC noise.
Codec:	MPEG-4 Advanced Simple Profile (ASP). http://xvid.org

Upper left plate

$n_e(x, y)$ (color map)	Density of electrons in units of $[n_0]$ (normalized to be 1.0 in average).
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Upper right plate

Vertical axis	Energy density in units of $[n_0 m_e c^2]$.
Horizontal axis	Time in units of $[1/\omega_{pe}]$.
w_B (solid black)	Average magnetic field energy density.

Lower right plate

$w_k(x, y)$ (color map)	Kinetic energy density of electrons in units of $[n_0 m_e c^2]$.
$B_{xy}(x, y)$ (vectors)	Magnetic field.

Lower left plate

$J_z(x, y)$ (color map)	Current density in units of $[n_0 q_e c]$.
$B_{xy}(x, y)$ (vectors)	Magnetic field.

File: EWI09.wkx+B.wky+B.wkz+B.Jz+B.(sh).avi

Description: Animation shows evolution of J_z together with magnetic field and three components of kinetic energy density.
File URL: [http://darwincode.org/movies/EWI09.wkx+B.wky+B.wkz+B.Jz+B.\(sh\).avi](http://darwincode.org/movies/EWI09.wkx+B.wky+B.wkz+B.Jz+B.(sh).avi)
File size: 50.7 Mb
Resolution: 1280 × 1024 @ 20 FPS
Postprocessing: High temporal smoothing to reduce PIC noise.
Codec: MPEG-4 Advanced Simple Profile (ASP). <http://xvid.org>

Upper left plate

$w_{kx}(x, y)$ (color map) x -component of kinetic energy density of electrons in units of $[n_0 m_e c^2]$.
 $B_{xy}(x, y)$ (vectors) Magnetic field.

Upper right plate

$w_{ky}(x, y)$ (color map) y -component of kinetic energy density of electrons in units of $[n_0 m_e c^2]$.
 $B_{xy}(x, y)$ (vectors) Magnetic field.

Lower right plate

$w_{kz}(x, y)$ (color map) z -component of kinetic energy density of electrons in units of $[n_0 m_e c^2]$.
 $B_{xy}(x, y)$ (vectors) Magnetic field.

Lower left plate

$J_z(x, y)$ (color map) Current density in units of $[n_0 q_e c]$.
 $B_{xy}(x, y)$ (vectors) Magnetic field.

File: EWI09.Jz+B+Particles.(sh).avi

Description: Animation shows motion of selected electrons together with the evolution of J_z .
File URL: [http://darwincode.org/movies/EWI09.Jz+B+Particles.\(sh\).avi](http://darwincode.org/movies/EWI09.Jz+B+Particles.(sh).avi)
File size: 188 Mb
Resolution: 1280 × 1024 @ 15 FPS
Postprocessing: High temporal smoothing to reduce PIC noise.
Codec: MPEG-4 Advanced Simple Profile (ASP). <http://xvid.org>

Main plate

$J_z(x, y)$ (color map) Current density in units of $[n_0 q_e c]$.
 $B_{xy}(x, y)$ (vectors) Magnetic field.
 e_{+v_z} (blue points) Electrons who's initial velocity $v_{z0} \gg 0$. In the experiment 25% of electrons with highest initial velocities along *positive* direction of z -axis are marked to be a "blue group". Only 750 electrons of the total "blue" group are shown in the animation.
 e_{-v_z} (red points) Electrons who's initial velocity $v_{z0} \ll 0$. In the experiment 25% of electrons with highest initial velocities along *negative* direction of z -axis are marked to be a "red group". Only 750 electrons of the total "red" group are shown in the animation.

File: EWI09.xVx.wB.yVy.Jz+B.avi

Description: Animation shows the evolution of J_z together with phase space evolution.
File URL: <http://darwincode.org/movies/EWI09.xVx.wB.yVy.Jz+B.avi>
File size: 32.4 Mb
Resolution: 1280 × 1024 @ 20 FPS
Postprocessing: none.
Codec: MPEG-4 Advanced Simple Profile (ASP). <http://xvid.org>

Note:

Total population of the particles was grouped into 3 sets as follows,
set A: 25% of the total particles with the highest v_z along z (the same as "blue" group above).

set B: 50% of the total particles with the v_z around zero.

set C: 25% of the total particles with the highest v_z opposite to z (the same as "red" group above).

Upper left plate

Phase plots of the sets A, B, C. From top to bottom:

A: x, vx (color map)	Phase space density of electrons of the set A.
B: x, vx (color map)	Phase space density of electrons of the set B.
C: x, vx (color map)	Phase space density of electrons of the set C.

Upper right plate

Vertical axis	Energy density in units of $[n_0 m_e c^2]$.
Horizontal axis	Time in units of $[1/\omega_{pe}]$.
w_B (solid black)	Average magnetic field energy density.

Lower right plate

Phase plots of the sets A, B, C. From left to right:

A: y, vy (color map)	Phase space density of electrons of the set A.
B: y, vy (color map)	Phase space density of electrons of the set B.
C: y, vy (color map)	Phase space density of electrons of the set C.

Lower left plate

$J_z(x, y)$ (color map)	Current density in units of $[n_0 q_e c]$.
$B_{xy}(x, y)$ (vectors)	Magnetic field.