Exponential Methods for Anisotropic Diffusion (in the context of Cosmic Rays)

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My Background

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Exponential Integrators for Magnetohydrodynamics and Cosmic Ray Transport

PhD Thesis

- solve time-dependent ODEs/PDEs using computers

- develop mathematical and computational algorithms for HPC systems

- applications: MHD, anisotropic diffusion (in the context of cosmic ray diffusion)

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Cosmic Rays



Discovered by *Victor Francis Hess* (24 June 1883 – 17 December 1964)

Nobel Prize in Physics (1936)

Professor – University of Innsbruck (1931)



Cosmic Rays

- Highly-energetic charged particles
- (Galactic) CRs are transported mainly via diffusion
- CR diffusion morphology and strength of the (stronger) large-scale ordered Galactic magnetic field and the (weaker) small-scale turbulent fields
- CRs are diffused along the ordered field lines CR diffusion is *anisotropic*

Galactic Cosmic Rays

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial \psi(\vec{r}, p, t)}{\partial t} &= S(\vec{r}, p, t) - \nabla \cdot (\vec{v}\psi) + \nabla \cdot (\mathcal{D}\nabla\psi) \\ &- \frac{\partial}{\partial p} \left(p^2 D_{pp} \frac{\partial}{\partial p} \left(\frac{\psi}{p^2} \right) \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial p} \left(\dot{p}\psi - \frac{p}{3} (\nabla \cdot \vec{v})\psi \right) \\ &- \frac{1}{\tau_f} \psi - \frac{1}{\tau_r} \psi \end{split}$$

- advect through the Galaxy
- diffuse, in space, upon scattering
- reaccelerate (diffusion in momentum space)
- momentum losses (synchrotron, IC, bremstrahlung)
- fragment and decay (create new elements/isotopes)

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GOAL

We want to develop algorithms suitable for solving this equation over long periods of time on modern HPC systems (such as GPUs)

Anisotropic Diffusion

Anisotropic diffusion + advection + time-dependent sources

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \nabla \cdot (\mathcal{D} \nabla u) + \nabla \cdot (\vec{a}u) + \mathbf{S}(x, y, t);$$

Anisotropic diffusion
$$\mathcal{D} = \begin{bmatrix} D_{xx}(x,y) & D_{xy}(x,y) \\ D_{yx}(x,y) & D_{yy}(x,y) \end{bmatrix}$$

Anisotropic Diffusion



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Exponential methods

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = f(u)$$
$$u^{n+1} = u^n + f(u^n)\Delta t$$
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Exponential methods

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$$u^{n+1} = u^n + \varphi_1(\mathcal{A}\Delta t) \left(\mathcal{A}u^n + S\left(t^n + \frac{1}{2}\Delta t\right) \right) \Delta t$$

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