# 2<sup>nd</sup> Order Field Reconstruction: Method and Applications

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# Goal

• Reconstruct the 3D  $\vec{B}$  field to 2<sup>nd</sup>-order polynomial using the  $\vec{B}$  and  $\vec{J}$  at 4 s/c locations.



### 1<sup>st</sup>-Order Parameter Overview

• Knowns: **12** 

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  - $B_i \rightarrow 3$  Elements of  $\vec{B}$  at origin
  - $\partial B_{ij} \rightarrow 3x3 = 9$  Elements of the  $\nabla \vec{B}$  tensor about origin

#### • Constraints: **0**

1B1		1	1X	1Y	1Z										B1
2B1		1	2X	2Y	2Z										dB11
3B1		1	3X	3Y	3Z										dB21
4B1		1	4X	4Y	4Z										dB31
1B2						1	1X	1Y	1Z						B2
2B2	_					1	2X	2Y	2Z					v	dB12
3B2	_					1	3X	3Y	3Z					^	dB22
4B2						1	4X	4Y	4Z						dB32
1B3										1	1X	1Y	1Z		B3
2B3										1	2X	2Y	2Z		dB13
3B3										1	3X	3Y	3Z		dB23
4B3										1	4X	4Y	4Z		dB33

### 2<sup>nd</sup>-Order Parameter Overview

- Knowns: 24
  - $3 \vec{B}$  components x 4 s/c $\rightarrow$ 12
  - $3 \vec{J}$  components x 4 s/c $\rightarrow$ 12
- Unknowns: 27

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• Constraints: **4**  $\nabla \cdot \vec{B} = 0 \rightarrow 4$ 

1 for traceless  $\nabla \vec{B}$  tensor; 3 to be true in all space:  $\nabla (\nabla \cdot \vec{B}) = 0$ 

24 + 4 - 27 = 1 more unknown (degree of freedom) is allowed. A cubic term is incorporated to make the system solvable under all conditions. 8 unique cubic terms are used without affecting  $\nabla \cdot \vec{B}$ Each produces a similar result.

## **Reconstruction Method**



- The linking matrix is between 24x24 to 31x31 depending on how the constraints are applied.
- The matrix is inverted to solve for the Taylor expansion coefficients.
- This is repeated for each of the 8 unique cubic terms.
- The 8 results are combined into one set of coefficients weighted inversely by the magnitude of the cubic parameter.
- The resulting coefficients allow for the approximation of  $\vec{B}(\vec{x}) \& \vec{J}(\vec{x})$

$$B_{i}'(\vec{x}) \cong B_{i}\Big|_{0} + \sum_{k} \partial B_{ki}\Big|_{0} x_{k} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{kl} \partial \partial B_{kl}\Big|_{0} x_{k} x_{l}$$

### Limitations

- Results degrade if the basis functions do not describe the fields.
  - Small structures unresolved by the s/c greatly affect the results
  - This is partially addressed by temporal filtering to focus on the spatial scale of interest:  $\tau \sim l_{sc} / v_{structure}$
- Results degrade as approximations are made further from the s/c.
  - Extrapolation errors are expected and are unavoidable
  - Reconstruction of simulation data helps quantify this limitation
- These limitations are not unique to this method.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Order B Result Using Simulation



### 2<sup>nd</sup> Order B Result Using Simulation



# Curl(B)/ $\mu_o$ Comparison







Unfocused











### J Reconstruction Comparison







Unfocused











 $\left(\nabla \times \vec{B}/\mu_o - \vec{J}\right)$  Comparison



1<sup>st</sup> order B & J results violate Ampere's law, even at the barycenter. Simulation and 2<sup>nd</sup> order reconstruction obey Ampere's law.

# $\vec{E}$ Field Reconstruction

$$\begin{array}{c} 4 \overrightarrow{B} \\ 4 \overrightarrow{J} \end{array} \bigoplus \begin{array}{c} \nabla \times \overrightarrow{B} = \mu_0 \overrightarrow{J} \\ \nabla \cdot \overrightarrow{B} = 0 \end{array} \end{array} \bigoplus \begin{array}{c} \left[ \overrightarrow{B} \right]_q \\ \left[ \overrightarrow{J} \right]_l \end{array}$$

Knowns

#### Link Matrix

Unknowns

$$4 \overrightarrow{E}_{4 \overrightarrow{B}} \hookrightarrow \overrightarrow{P} \times \overrightarrow{E} = -\overrightarrow{B}_{0}$$
$$\overrightarrow{P} \cdot \overrightarrow{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_{0}} \xrightarrow{\left[\overrightarrow{E}\right]_{q}}$$
$$\left[\overrightarrow{B}\right]_{l}$$

- E reconstruction is possible by applying the same method.
- Subtle differences exist  $\nabla \cdot \vec{E}$  $\nabla \times \vec{E}$

### $\vec{E}$ Field Reconstruction Limitations $\nabla \cdot \vec{E}$

- Charge density is a new input parameter.
- It is approximated by the trace of the  $\nabla \vec{E}$  tensor.
- Currently, this scalar result is applied throughout the 3D domain.
- This results in increased error in regions where  $\rho$  is not constant.

# $\nabla \cdot \vec{E}$ in Diffusion Region



 $\frac{\rho}{e}$  from Div(E) and Div(JxB/ne) agree well at the barycenter in the diffusion region.

2<sup>nd</sup>–O Div(JxB/ne) results indicate a gradient in the s/c region.

This leads to E reconstruction errors if large and unaccounted.

Requires a re-work of the constraints:  $\nabla \left( \nabla \cdot \vec{E} \right) \neq 0$ 

### $\vec{E}$ Field Reconstruction Limitations $\nabla \times \vec{E}$

- $\nabla \times \vec{E}$  comes from the off-diagonals of the  $\nabla \vec{E}$  tensor.
- $\vec{E}$  measurement uncertainty of the curl is often greater than the true value (poor SNR).
- $\vec{E}$  measurements can be corrected using  $\dot{\vec{B}}$ .

$$\nabla \vec{E} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{dE_x}{dx} & \frac{dE_y}{dx} & \frac{dE_z}{dx} \\ \frac{dE_x}{dy} & \frac{dE_y}{dy} & \frac{dE_z}{dy} \\ \frac{dE_x}{dz} & \frac{dE_y}{dz} & \frac{dE_z}{dz} \\ \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.23 & -0.01 & -1.20 \\ -0.81 & -0.52 & -0.67 \\ -1.95 & -3.26 & -7.09 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0.23 & -0.41 & -1.57 \\ -0.41 & -0.52 & -1.95 \\ -1.58 & -1.97 & -7.09 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{mV}{10km} \end{bmatrix}$$

# $\nabla \times \vec{E}$ Correction

#### Uncorrected



Purple:  $-\nabla \times \vec{E}$  from 1<sup>st</sup> order Orange:  $\frac{dB}{dt}$  at barycenter Other colors are  $\frac{dB}{dt}$  at s/c This correction allows for improved reconstruction, especially outside tetrahedron.

### **Reconstruction Applications**

- Have demonstrated the 3D, physics-friendly reconstruction of  $\vec{B}$ ,  $\vec{J}$ ,  $\vec{E}$  and  $\dot{\vec{B}}$  fields.
- Now other quantities can be evaluated:

$$u = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \vec{B} \cdot \vec{B}$$
Leads  
to  

$$\vec{S} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \left( \vec{E} \times \vec{B} \right)$$
Poynting's  

$$\vec{J} \cdot \vec{E}$$
Theorem

$$\vec{F} = q\left(\vec{E} + \vec{v} \times \vec{B}\right)$$
 Particle  
Tracing

### Poynting's Theorem at Barycenter





### Force Field and Electron Tracing $\vec{F} = q \left( \vec{E} + \vec{v} \times \vec{B} \right)$



Streamlines: In-plane B Vector Field: In-plane E

- Force on particles  $(q, \vec{v})$  can be calculated.
- Particles measured by s/c can be traced backward to determine source region & energy.
- Plot on left shows 100 eV electrons with a range of pitch angles from MMS2.

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# Summary

- The 2<sup>nd</sup> order reconstruction method has advantages over 1<sup>st</sup> order
  - Consistent accuracy in & around tetrahedron
  - Adherence to Maxwell's equations
- These characteristics allow for applications to many 3D problems
  - Poynting's theorem
  - Particle tracing
  - More to come...