NHDSPy Documentation

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nhdspy is a Python wrapper for NHDS, a numerical plasma dispersion relation solver written in Fortran.

CHAPTER 1

Installing

To install nhdspy, download the code from https://github.com/dstansby/nhdspy Then change into the source directory and run:

```
pip install nhdspy
```

To run nhdspy you will need the following requirements:

- gfortran
- hdf5
- libz
- szip

Running nhdspy will automatically try to compile the bundled FORTRAN code. The following environment variables must point to their respective libaries:

- HDF5
- LIBZ
- LIBSZ

CHAPTER 2

Examples

```
import nhdspy
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

electrons = nhdspy.Species(-1, 1 / 1836, 1, 0, 1, 1)
protons = nhdspy.Species(1, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1)
propagation_angle = 0.001
input = nhdspy.InputParams([protons, electrons], propagation_angle, 1e-4)
print(nhdspy.format_input_file(input))
output = nhdspy.run(input)

fig, ax = plt.subplots()
ax.plot(output.kz, output.omega_real)
ax.plot(output.kz, output.omega_imag)
plt.show()
```

CHAPTER 3

nhdspy Package

3.1 Functions

format_input_file(input)	Function to create input file.
run(input)	Run the dispersion solver for a given input.

3.1.1 format_input_file

nhdspy.**format_input_file**(*input*)

Function to create input file.

Parameters

input [InputParams]

3.1.2 run

nhdspy.**run**(*input*)

Run the dispersion solver for a given input.

Parameters

input [InputParams]

3.2 Classes

InputParams(species, omega_guess, ... [, ...])	Input parameters for calculating a dispersion relation.
Result(input, run_output)	Result of running the dispersion solver.
Species(q, m, n, v_d, t_ani, beta_par)	A single bi-Maxwellian species.

3.2.1 InputParams

class nhdspy.**InputParams**(*species*, *omega_guess*, *propagation_angle*, *va*, *kzmin*, *kzmax*, *kzsteps=200*, *numiter=1000*, *det_D_threshold=1e-16*, *n_bessel=1000*, *bessel_zero=1e-50*, *vxsteps=100*, *vysteps=100*, *vzsteps=100*)

Bases: object

Input parameters for calculating a dispersion relation.

Parameters

species [list of *Species*] List of the particle species for which to calculate the dispersion. **Note** that the order of the species matters, as some of the parameters below are defined relative to the first species in the *species* list.

omega_guess [complex] Initial guess for the frequency, normalised to the gyro frequency of the first species.

propagation_angle [float] Propagation angle to calculate dispersion relation for. Defined with respect to the magnetic field.

va [float] Ratio of the Alfvén speed to the speed of light. The number density in the Alfvén speed is taken from the first species.

kzmin [float] Start of kz range.

kzmax [float] End of kz range.

Other Parameters

kzsteps [int, optional] Number of steps in kz to calculate dispersion relation at. Points are linearly spaced between *kzmin* and *kzmax*.

numiter [int, optional] Maximum number of iterations in the Newton method

det_D_threshold [float, optional] Threshold for the determinant of the dispersion tensor. If det D <= det_D_threshold, the Newton iteration will be stopped.

n_bessel [int, optional] Maximum of sum in Bessel functions (both regular and modified). Can be very low (e.g., 3) for quasi-parallel propagation.

bessel_zero [float, optional] If I_n is less than this value, higher n are neglected.

vxsteps, vysteps, vzsteps [int, optional] Steps in the x,y,z directions.

Attributes

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3.2.2 Result

class nhdspy.**Result**(*input*, *run_output*)
Bases: object

Result of running the dispersion solver.

Attributes

EyEx The electric field component ratio E_y/E_x.

EzEx The electric field component ratio E_z/E_x.

kz Wave vector normalised to the proton intertial length (kd_p).

omega_imag Imaginary part of frequency normalised to the proton gyro-frequency (γ/Ω_p).

omega_real Real part of frequency normalised to the proton gyro-frequency (ω/Ω_p).

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3.2.3 Species

class nhdspy.**Species**(*q*, *m*, *n*, *v_d*, *t_ani*, *beta_par*)
Bases: object

A single bi-Maxwellian species.

Parameters

q [float] Particle charge, in units of proton charge. e.g. for a proton enter `1`, for an electron enter `-1`.

m [float] Particle mass, in units of proton mass. e.g. for a proton enter `1`.

n [float] Number density, relative to the number density used to define the Alfvén speed.

v_d [float] Drift speed as a fraction of the Alfvén speed.

t_ani [float] Temperature anisotropy (perpendicular temperature divided by parallel temperature).

beta_par [float] Parallel beta (thermal pressure divided by magnetic pressure).

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