Computational Frameworks in Fusion and Plasma Physics

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What is OMFIT?

OMFIT solves common computer usage issues



My mother took me staraazina



In Dominican Republic, I was inspired to find a more steady source of electricity



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Life happens along the way



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The "best" computer language depends on the application

- I started dabbling with qbasic¹ in high school (late 1990's)
- I took a C++² class as an undergraduate
- The Utah State physics program used ${\tt MathCAD}^3$ and ${\tt Maple}^4$ for undergraduate instruction
- In graduate school, I first learned about unix⁵/linux⁶
- My 1st year project required IDL⁷ for data processing
- My 2nd year project introduced me to python⁸
- The graduate laboratory class exposed me to ${\tt MatLab}^9$
- I wrote my thesis code in Fortran90¹⁰, with python pre- and post- processing
- At DIII-D, I took over and improved some analysis routines written in IDL (ZIPFIT)
- I later took over maintenance of the ONETWO code a half million lines of Fortran77
- Along the way, I worked to implement the coordination of code running (integrated modeling) via python (IMFIT, then OMFIT¹¹)





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Computers have been around for a while now

Initial code recipes have evolved into entire libraries and frameworks

- Numerical Recipes books¹²
- BLAS¹³ and LAPACK¹⁴ Linear Algebra libraries
- BOUT¹⁵ A framework for solving an arbitrary set of equations including parallelization
- hDF5¹⁶/netCDF4¹⁷ A library for storing self-describing data
- MDS+¹⁸ A library for storing data with a client/server interface (most US tokamaks use this)
- OMFIT¹¹ One Modeling Framework for Integrated Tasks More later
- conda¹⁹ Cross-platform package and dependency management
- IMAS²⁰ ITER Integrated Modeling and Analysis Suite

This list is not exhaustive, but rather representative of the types of libraries that are available.



Do your homework and ask around

If you are going to write some code that is more than a few lines long:

- Do a google search
- Do a search on github.com
- Ask your advisor:
 - Have you done something already?
 - Do you know someone that may have done something similar?
 - How would you do it?
- Ask the community the same questions. Here are some communities:
 - NTCC²¹ Started down path of code collection for MFE
 - The AToM project²² is knowledgeable of existing MFE codes
 - The Plasmapy project²³ represents the most modern and open collection of efforts in plasma research
- Use existing input/output standards
 - netcdf 17 , hdf5 16 , yaml 24 , IMAS DD 20 , OpenPMD 25 , namelist 26





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Not reinventing the wheel is not enough; feedback is invaluable

- If the documentation is lacking, report it
- If you need help, ask for it
- If you find a bug, report it
- If you figure out how to fix the bug, report it



Short, Self Contained, Correct (Compilable), Example²⁷

Short Cut out all of the extra code that is not causing a problem

 Sometimes this step by itself is sufficient to help you see the solution yourself

Self contained Include any non-public libraries, files, data, or metadata that are necessary to produce the problem

• If on a cluster be sure file permissions allow access

Correct The code provided should work/compile

Example The code should actually demonstrate the problem



When you start writing code, use version control

cvs²⁸ was one of the initial version control systems

- svn²⁹ came along as a replacement for cvs with some improvements for ease of use
- git³⁰ is emerging as the program of choice to track code versions
 - All clones of a git repository contain the whole repository
 - A central canonical version may be hosted at GitHub(.com) or a local GitLab server
 - Branching is easy and cheap
 - GitHub provides code review and continuous integration testing tools



Random thoughts

- Use a package manager conda¹⁹ is my manager of choice
 - The more portable a code is, the more users it will gain
 - The more users it gains, the more contributors it will garner
 - The more contributors it has, the more stable and feature-rich the code will become
- There are no bugs, just unwritten regression tests (see previous talk by Dr. Murphy)
- Get a coding buddy
- Look over someone's shoulder as they work at a computer what shortcuts do they have for working?



Homework: Interact with an open source project on GitHub.com

🕦 Pick a repo

- https://github.com/MFEFormulary/MFEFormulary
- https://github.com/PlasmaPy/plasmapy
- https://github.com/gafusion/OMFIT-source/ ^a
- https://github.com/smithsp/cpsfr
- Open an issue for a feature request or bug
- 3 Clone the repo
- 4 Make some changes on a branch and push it back to GitHub
- 6 Open a Pull Request
- 6 Read the Cathedral and the Bazaar³¹



^aSend me your GitHub username for access



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OMFIT is a versatile framework designed to facilitate experimental data analysis and enable integrated simulations

OMFIT was created to fill a gap in the fusion community

- A unified tool for
 - Accessing experimental data
 - Running existing codes
 - Parsing code inputs and outputs
 - Streaming together outputs of one workflow as the inputs of another workflow
 - Collecting community scripts
 - Creating robust GUIs
 - Visualizing results

OMFIT by the numbers since July 2015

- Cumulative graphical sessions: 120,926
- Cumulative commits: 33048
- Cumulative users: 843

- A tool that is
 - Portable
 - Based on a modern language
 - Public
 - Documented
 - Tested



- One Modeling Framework for Integrated Tasks

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https://omfit.io O. Mengghini, S. Smith, et al. Nuclear Fusion, **55** 083008 (2015)

OVFT - One Modeling Framework for Integrated Tasks

Integrated Modeling Framework

 Enables data exchange among different components and coordinates their execution in complex workflows

2 Lightweight & pure Python

- Remote execution of interactive/batch jobs
- Installs & runs anywhere: public/private, cluster/laptop

8 Free-form tree data structure

- Support for most fusion-relevant data formats
- Does not exclude use of standard data structures, such as IMAS (ITER Integrated Modeling and Analysis Suite)

Interactive and graphical or scripted

- Accelerate most time consuming tasks: develop, setup, visualize, share

5 Version control and community

- Grow at scale cheaply and remain focused



OMFIT is installed on many fusion public clusters and accesses data from many tokamaks around the world

- ITER
- GA/DIII-D
- NERSC
- MIT
- PPPL/NSTX
- EPFL/TCV

- CCFE/JET/MAST
- ITM-Gateway
- IGI-CNR/RFX
- IPP-CA/COMPASS
- MPI-IPP/ASDEX-U

- WEST
- ASIPP/EAST
- SWIP/HL2A/HL2M
- NFRI/KSTAR
- CFETR





OMFIT is actively used for current research At least 54 presentations in the last APS DPP Conference

5 invited, 14 orals, 1 miniconference, 34 posters

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OMFIT can interface with

- MDS+
- SQL
- UDA
- s3
- IMAS (ITER)



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TRANSP is a free-boundary equilibrium and transport solver, used for analysis of tokamak plasma discharges and for experimental planning



Experimental electron temperature profile vs time



Comparison of predicted neutron rate and total pressure provides constraint for $Z_{\rm eff}$

B. A. Grierson, et al., Fus. Sci. and Tech., 74:101; https://transp.pppl.gov



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OMFIT parses and writes a variety of input and output files



- Fortran namelist
- NetCDF 3/4
- HDF 5
- g,k,a,m eqdsk
- SOLPS
- IPS config
- TGLF
- (c)GYRO
- TGYRO
- pfile
- ONETWO
- TRANSP

- BOUT++
- M3D-C1
- NIMROD
- GENRAY
- TORAY
- FASTRAN
- IDL savefile
- IONORB
- GATO
- GPEC
- JSON
- MARS



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SOLPS is a fluid code that attempts to solve for the densities and temperatures in the scrape off layer (SOL) given boundary conditions

Example input file:

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OMFIT in-memory parsing provides access to variables in a systematic way In-memory variables can be edited, which

propagates back to the file on disk

. S. Kukushkin, et al. J. Nucl. Mater., 86:2865



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OMFIT provides easily customizable graphical user interfaces (GUIs) to expose most common settings and workflows in plain English

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    OMFITx.Button("Press me!", lambda: None)
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    OMFITx.Label('Here I am!')
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    OMFITx.Label('Not here')
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NIMROD extended MHD code used to follow acceleration and deconfinement of runaway electrons

OMFIT NIMROD module:

- Generates initial conditions
- Generates restart files in hdf5 format for non-standard NIMROD particle orbit routines
- Visualizes the results

72 hours on 12 nodes on cori: $\sim 30k$ CPU-hours

V.A. Izzo and P.B. Parks, Phys. Plasmas, **24**:060705 C.R. Sovinec, et al., J. Comp. Phys. **195**:355

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OMFIT can reach remote servers despite tunnels or multi-factor authentication



If appropriate, OMFIT runs a python library with the same functionality as One Time Password applications such as Google Authenticator



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BOUT++ is a framework for solving general differential equations. Our specific use case is Edge Localized Mode stability.

BOUT++ GUI	↑ □	×		
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nodes = 22				
batch_command = 'sbatch %s'				
shell = '/bin/bash -l'				
mpi_run = 'srun -n'				
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22 nodes for 30 minutes on edison: 240 CPU-hours



B.D. Dudson, et al., Comp. Phys. Comm. 180:1467

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OMFIT offers great visualization (via Mayavi and matplotlib)



GPEC is a suite of codes for calculating magnetohydrodynamic (MHD) instabilities

Shown here is the 3D plasma response to the coils, such as would be applied to suppress edge localized modes (ELMs)

Each user does not have to relearn plotting

N.C. Logan, et al. Phys. Plasmas 20, 122507

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OMFIT automates the parsing of inputs, creating directories, and plotting across scans

The **GYRO** code solves the gyrokinetic equation for the turbulent linear growth rates or nonlinear fluxes given input local parameters





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OMFIT has compiled a variety of databases from scans over experimental conditions or simulation parameters and built corresponding neural networks

- Experimental heat flux
- Pedestal height/width
- Bootstrap current
- Turbulence heat flux



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EPED-1 predicts pedestal height and width given 8 inputs

- Stability evaluated for scans of model equilibria
- The IPS (Integrated Plasma Simulator) framework parallelized the workflow to run on $\sim 760~{\rm CPUs},$ taking $\sim 3~{\rm minutes}$
- EPED-1 was run for a database of $\sim 20k$ existing and future experimental conditions
- EPED results harvested then used for training neural network

P.B. Snyder et al. Phys. Plasmas 16:056118



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grated problem	serial or queued remote HPC)
	GENERAL ATOMICS

OMFIT can string together tasks regardless of code run type (local/remote or serial/batch) to perform integrated modeling with experimental validation



The STEP module combines many different physics codes to obtain a self-consistent prediction of core kinetic profiles

- Serial local
 - TGLF
 - NEO
 - TGYRO
- Serial remote
 - ONETWO
 - EFIT
 - STRAHL
- Batch remote
 - EPED

G.M. Staebler, et al. Phys. Plasmas, **14**:055909 E.A. Belli, et al. Plasma Phys. Control. Fus., **51**:075018 J. Candy, et al. Phys. Plasmas, **16**:060704

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OMFIT can string together tasks regardless of code run type (local/remote or serial/batch) to perform integrated modeling with experimental validation



- Self-consistent core, edge, pedestal, impurity simulations of **DIII-D**
- Colors are (0.5 , 1.0 , 1.5) × experimental $\int n_C d\rho$
- The experimental profiles are shown in gray for comparison



OMFIT enables computing usage across fusion topics

- OMFIT streamlines the tedious parts of running existing codes
- OMFIT has a convenient API for accessing remote (even HPC) resources
- OMFIT has a convenient API for creating application specific Graphical User Interaces
- Code sharing is encouraged



- Consult with your advisor to see if OMFIT or plasmapy would be useful for your project. If OMFIT would be useful, do the following:
- Watch the first OMFIT video tutorial
- 3 Determine whether you will be using a public installation or installing a personal copy
- 4 Sign up for <u>GitHub</u>, if not already
- **6** Fill out the OMFIT User Agreement

If you feel that I missed out on some fusion relevant software efforts, please send me more information, and we can be sure to expand the horizons of this topic in the future.



OMFIT Mondays at 11 PT/14 ET https://discord.gg/wJAAFWh PlasmaPy Tuesdays at 11 PT/14 ET https://www.plasmapy.org/meetings/weekly/



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