

# Ambipolar Diffusion and Dynamo Requirements

Art provided a list of variables needed for ionospheric (and electrodynamic?) calculations to be added to the WACCM-X h5. model. Here is a list of the variables and ideas of where to access these variables in the current model:

- Magnetic latitude and longitude: Apex coordinates used in WACCM. Variables called 'alatm' and 'alonm' in mo\_apex.F90 module called in module iondrag.F90. Need to add these to the 'pbuf' physics buffer with pbuf\_add subroutine.
- Magnetic field components: Calculated in mo\_apex.F90 module called in module iondrag.F90.  $B_y$  is variable 'bnorth',  $B_x$  is variable 'beast',  $B_z$  is variable 'bdown', and summation of 3 components is variable 'bmag'. These are 2D variables but need to be expanded to 3D variables to include the vertical dimension
- $ExB/B^2$  components(v): Calculated in exbdrift.F90 module which is called in iondrag.F90 module.  $v_x$  is variable 'ue',  $v_y$  is variable 've' and  $v_z$  is variable 'we'. These are 2D variables and need to be expanded in the vertical to 3D.  $v_z$  needs to be converted to interface levels('wei'). 2D 'ue', 've', and 'we' are stored in the 'pbuf' physics buffer.
- Temperature and winds: T, U, V are in 'state' physics structure at midpoint vertical levels. W is in 'state' physics structure at midpoints named 'omega'. Need to convert to interface levels and add to 'state' structure ('omega' or 'wi?') and update each time step.
- $n(O), n(O_2), n(N_2), n(H), n(He)$ : All but He in 'state' structure 'q' array. He not critical now so revisit later.
- Chapman function radiation attenuation near terminator?
- Scale height: Needs to be calculated and added to 'state' structure and update each time step
- Gravity: Would prefer altitude dependent but revisit later
- Geopotential altitude: In 'state' structure as 'zm' at midpoint and 'zi' at interface levels
- Zenith angle: Cosine of zenith angle calculated in zenith.F90 module
- Masses of molecules: 'const\_mw' array in constituents.F90 module accessed through 'cnst\_get\_ind' subroutine
- Masses of ions: Found ions of  $O, O_2, N, N_2, NO$  but not H and He in 'q' array of 'state' structure. Need to add H (and He later).
- Ion production rates: Need to locate where production rates calculated, maybe near end of chemistry? To solve for transport due to ambipolar diffusion, we will use implicit solver. The production/loss terms form the RHS of the solver, which should help assuring numerical stability.
- Solar spectrum and auroral spectra: Solar spectrum need to look at photochemistry to see where used. Probably in mo\_aurora.F90 module accessed in iondrag.F90 module. (We will get a total production/loss rate, and don't need to get individually ion/electron production from solar photoionization or auroral production.)
- Heating rates: Look in mo\_waccm\_hrates.F90 module?
- Conduction coefficients at interface levels for  $n(O), n(N_2), n(O_2), n(H), n(He), T_e, [T_e, n_i, n_e]$ : Molecular conductivity in 'state' structure calculated based on  $O_2, N_2$ , and O. (The heating rates and thermal conduction are needed for calculating the electron/ion temperature, which will be done before the transport.
- Values at previous time of  $n(O^+), n(H^+), n(He^+), T_i, T_e, [n(O_2^+), n(NO^+), \dots]$ : 'state' structure contains previous time step values until updated. Need to find where each updated but  $H^+$  and  $He^+$  are not present so  $H^+$  needs to be added (He later).
- Boltzmann constant: Use shr\_const\_mod variable is shr\_const\_kboltz
- Electron number density: In 'state' structure variable 'q' state%q(i,k,id\_elec). Units are  $cm^{-3}$ ?
- Dip angle: calculated in iondrag\_calc and needs to be put in physics buffer 'pbuf'
- Neutral temperature: In 'state' structure variable 't' midpoints. Need to convert to interface like in diffusion\_solver.F90 module
- Electron temperature: set to neutral temperature at first step and calculate and update in energy routine
- $O, O_2, N_2$  (and ions of these) number density: Convert from 'state' structure 'q' variable mmrs using 'invariants?', mmr2vmr?, similar to what is done in mo\_waccm\_photo.F90 module
- Pressure: In 'state' structure 'pmid' variable in Pascals
- Constituent dependent gas constant: In 'state' structure 'rainv' variable

Notes:

Where interface variables are needed and not currently available need to calculate and add 'i' to midpoint name

Dip angle is calculated from magnetic components (already done in iondrag\_calc)

iondrag\_calc subroutine from iondrag.F90 module called near end of 'tphysac' routine (tphysac.F90 module) which is called from 'physrun2' routine (physpkg.F90 module) for each chunk. 'physrun2' is called from 'cam\_run2' routine (cam\_comp.F90 module)