

Recall the MHD momentum equation

$$\rho \frac{\partial \underline{U}}{\partial t} + \rho \underline{U} \cdot \nabla \underline{U} = -\nabla \cdot \underline{P} + g^* \underline{E} + \frac{1}{c} \underline{J} \times \underline{B}$$

Ignore gravity
single fluid

$$g^* = e n_p - e n_e \quad (\text{proton-electron plasma only})$$

$$\underline{J} = e n_p \underline{u}_p - e n_e \underline{u}_e$$

Look @ term ② first

$$\frac{1}{c} \underline{J} \times \underline{B} = \frac{1}{c} \left(\frac{c}{4\pi} \nabla \times \underline{B} \right) \times \underline{B}$$

Maxwell
Ampere's law

$$\underline{J} = \frac{c}{4\pi} \nabla \times \underline{B} + \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \underline{E}}{\partial t}$$

this term
is
 $\partial (\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t})$
* first term

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi} (\nabla \times \underline{B}) \times \underline{B} = -\frac{1}{4\pi} \underline{B} \times (\nabla \times \underline{B})$$

$$= -\frac{1}{4\pi} \left(\nabla \frac{B^2}{2} - \underline{B} \cdot \nabla \underline{B} \right)$$

vector identity

$$= -\nabla \left(\frac{B^2}{8\pi} \right) + \frac{1}{4\pi} \underline{B} \cdot \nabla \underline{B}$$

$$\rho \frac{D\mathbf{v}}{Dt} = -\nabla \cdot \left(\underline{\underline{P}} + \frac{B^2}{8\pi} \underline{\underline{I}} \right) + \frac{1}{4\pi} \nabla \cdot \underline{\underline{B}} + \rho^* \underline{\underline{E}}$$

↑
magnetic
pressure
force

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magnetic
tension force
(per volume)

if pressure is isotropic, the first term
on the RHS is

$$-\nabla \cdot \left(P + \frac{B^2}{8\pi} \right)$$

define plasma "beta", a fundamental
plasma parameter

$$\beta = \frac{P}{(B^2/8\pi)} \quad \text{definition}$$

$$\beta_e = \text{electron beta} = \frac{n_e k T_e}{B^2/8\pi}$$

$$\beta_p = \text{proton beta} = \frac{n_p k T_p}{B^2/8\pi}$$

$\beta \gg 1$ photosphere

$\beta \ll 1$ corona

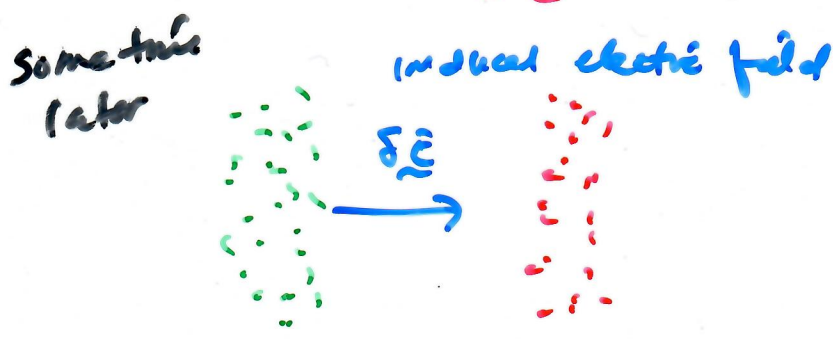
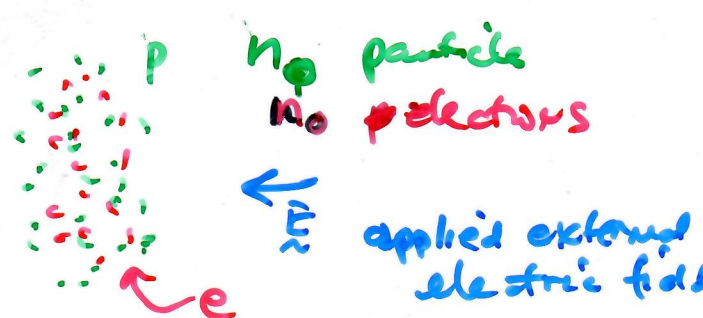
$\beta \sim 1$ at 1 AU in solar wind

$\beta \sim 1$ ISM

Now consider term ①

$$q^* \underline{E}$$

Consider a proton-electron plasma, with protons & electrons having equal temperatures



~~initially~~ the distribution is M-B

$$f \sim e^{-E/kT} \sim e^{-\frac{q\phi}{kT}}$$

electric potential
 $\underline{E} = +\nabla\phi$
 (Kinetic energy!)

$$n_p = n_0 e^{-\frac{e\phi}{kT}}$$

$$n_e = n_0 e^{\frac{e\phi}{kT}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \rho^* &= en_p - en_e \\ &= en_0 \left(e^{-\frac{e\phi}{kT}} - e^{+\frac{e\phi}{kT}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

if $e\phi \ll kT$, we expand each to get

$$\rho^* \approx -en_0 \left(2 \frac{e\phi}{kT} \right)$$

Recall Poisson eq. $\nabla \cdot \underline{E} = 4\pi \rho^*$

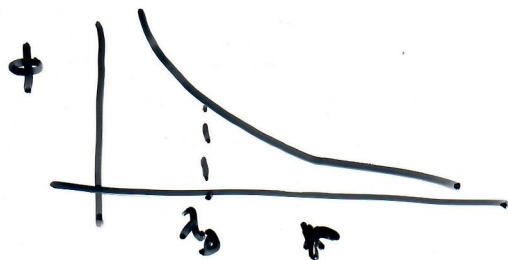
$$\Rightarrow \nabla \cdot \underline{E} = -8\pi e^2 n_0 \frac{\phi}{kT}$$

$$\underline{E} = -\nabla \phi$$

$$\therefore -\nabla^2 \phi = -8\pi e^2 n_0 \frac{\phi}{kT}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\nabla^2 - \frac{1}{\lambda_D^2} \right) \phi = 0$$

where $\lambda_D = \left(\frac{kT}{8\pi e^2 n_0} \right)^{1/2} = \text{Debye Length}$
(a fundamental plasma parameter)



ϕ decays over a scale λ_D
 $\phi \sim \frac{1}{r} e^{-r/\lambda_D}$

external field "shorted out" on scales $\gg \lambda_D$

Depth	n	T	λ_D	L
photosphere				
corona	10^{23} cm^{-3}	10^6 K	$4 \times 10^{-6} \text{ cm}$	$\sim 5 \text{ cm}$
Solar wind at 1 AU	5 cm^{-3}	10^5 K	0.03 km	10 km
ISM	0.1 cm^{-3}	8000 K	0.02 km	50 km

As a result, there are no charge-separated electric fields in MHD

Thus, there is no $\nabla \times \vec{E}$ term in single fluid MHD equation leaving

$$\rho \frac{\partial \vec{U}}{\partial t} + \rho \vec{U} \cdot \nabla \vec{U} = -\nabla (P + \frac{B^2}{8\pi}) + \frac{1}{4\pi} \nabla \cdot \vec{B} \vec{B}$$

single-fluid MHD momentum equation

we also need an equation for \vec{B} -6-
 Faraday's law is

$$\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} = -c \nabla \times \vec{E}$$

we showed before $\vec{E} = -\frac{c}{\omega} \vec{\omega} \times \vec{B}$ transformative speed

$$\vec{\omega} = \vec{v} \text{ in IDEAL MHD}$$

What is the proper transformation speed?

Which frame has no electric field?

one can argue that the electron ~~frame~~ ^{frame} is best

$$\vec{\omega} = \vec{v}_e$$

also, note that in the limit $m_e \rightarrow 0$ the electron bulk momentum eq. is

$$m_e n_e \frac{\partial \vec{v}_e}{\partial t} + m_e n_e \vec{v}_e \cdot \nabla \vec{v}_e = -\nabla P_e - e n_e \vec{E} - \frac{e}{c} n_e \vec{v}_e \times \vec{B}$$

$m_e = 0$ (no inertia)

$$\Rightarrow \vec{E} = -\frac{1}{c} \vec{v}_e \times \vec{B} - \frac{1}{e n_e} \nabla P_e$$

take this as the \vec{E} , and we have

$$\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} = -c \nabla \times \left[-\frac{1}{c} \vec{v}_e \times \vec{B} - \frac{1}{e n_e} \nabla P_e \right]$$

because we are still working on scales $\gg \lambda_D$ ⁻⁷⁻
 $\Rightarrow n_e = n_p$ (quasi-neutrality)

$$\therefore n_e = n_p = n$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} = \nabla \times (\vec{u}_e \times \vec{B}) + \cancel{\frac{\nabla \times (\vec{J} \times \vec{B})}{en_e}} + \nabla \times \left(\frac{c}{en_e} \nabla p_e \right)$$

recall $\vec{J} = en_p \vec{u}_p - en_e \vec{u}_e$

$$= en (\vec{u}_p - \vec{u}_e)$$

and $\vec{U} = \frac{m_p n_p \vec{u}_p + m_e n_e \vec{u}_e}{m_p n_p + m_e n_e} \approx \vec{u}_p$

$$\therefore \vec{J} = en (\vec{U} - \vec{u}_e) \Rightarrow \vec{u}_e = \vec{U} - \frac{1}{ne} \vec{J}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} = \nabla \times \left(\vec{U} \times \vec{B} \right) + \nabla \times \left(-\frac{1}{ne} \vec{J} \times \vec{B} + \frac{c}{en} \nabla p_e \right)$$

$$\vec{E} = -\frac{1}{c} \vec{U} \times \vec{B} + \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{ne} \vec{J} \times \vec{B} \right)}_{\substack{\text{HALL} \\ \text{TERM}}} + \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{ne} \nabla p_e \right)}_{\substack{\text{POLARIZATION} \\ \text{ELECTRIC} \\ \text{FIELD}}}$$

$\frac{1}{ne}$ $\frac{1}{ne}$

HALL TERM ONLY IMPORTANT FOR SCALES

$\gg \lambda_{\omega_p}$ (ION-inertial length)

$$\omega_p = \left(\frac{4\pi n e^2}{m_p} \right)^{1/2} \quad \text{ion plasma frequency}$$

POLARIZATION \underline{E} FIELD ONLY IMPORTANT SCALES

\gg thermal ion gyroradius

therefore

$$\underline{E} \approx -\frac{1}{c} \underline{v} \times \underline{B} \quad \text{in most cases}$$

(not magnetic reconnection, or shocks, plasma waves, etc.)

leaves

$$\frac{\partial \underline{B}}{\partial t} = \nabla \times (\underline{v} \times \underline{B})$$

magnetic induction equation w/o resistivity

if there is finite electrical conductivity, there is a $\frac{1}{\sigma} \underline{j}$ added to the electric field ("ohm's" law)

$$\vec{E} = -\frac{1}{c} \vec{U} \times \vec{B} + \frac{1}{nc} \vec{J} \times \vec{B} - \frac{1}{en_e} \nabla P_e + \frac{1}{\sigma} \vec{J}$$

↳ "Generalised" Ohm's law

A form of the

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scalar electrical conductivity

(seldom justified!)