

① MHD Eq approx

② Helicity invariant

③ what is helicity

④ Real Decay  $\omega$  vs  $K$

Pinch

⑤ Taylor Equilibrium BFM

→ relaxed  $B_\theta, B_z$

→ current limitation  $\leftarrow$  two nodes

⑥ Multi-pinch  $\leftarrow$  why see limitations better

⑦ Non-linear stability

$\frac{d\psi}{dt} = 0 \Rightarrow \delta(\psi) = 0$

$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = \lambda(\alpha, \beta) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$

$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \lambda \hat{\mathbf{z}}$

Relaxed states

use pull if needed

Theory

① MHD Eq + approx

•  $\mathbf{E}$  moves with fluid

•  $\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \nabla \times \mathbf{v}$

$\mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla \rho = 0$

$\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \rho = 0$

② Helicity = define

•  $dH/dt = 0$

• Describe

③ Relaxed states

• Decay  $\omega$  vs  $K$

•  $\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = \lambda(\alpha, \beta) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$

$\frac{d\psi}{dt} = 0$

$\mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla A = 0$

or  $d(\psi^2) = 0$

$K(\alpha, \beta) = \text{const}$   
 $\neq \alpha, \beta$

④  $\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \mu \mathbf{B}$   $\delta(\psi^2) = 0$   $K$  const

• non-linear stability

Pinch

① Describe Geometry define  $\theta$

② Relaxed state

•  $B_\theta, B_z(r, \theta)$

• current limitation

③ Multi-pinch = two nodes

• limitation



# Helicity Conservation and RFP

## Theory

- MHD
- Helicity
- Taylor Relaxation

## RFP

- Relaxed state  
(circular)
  - Current limitation
  - $(F, \theta)$  diagram
  - $B_\theta(r)$   $B_\phi(r)$  profiles
- Multi pinch

# Theory

assume Ideal MHD

$$\begin{pmatrix} L \rightarrow \infty \\ \omega \rightarrow 0 \\ n_e \approx n_i \end{pmatrix}$$

variables:  $\rho_m, \vec{v}, \vec{J}, \vec{E}, \vec{B}, p$  (14)

equations:

(1)  $\frac{d\rho_m}{dt} + \nabla \cdot (\rho_m \vec{v}) = 0$  Mass Continuity

(3)  $\rho_m \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = \frac{\vec{J} \times \vec{E}}{c} - \nabla p$  Momentum Eq

(3)  $\vec{E} + \frac{\vec{v} \times \vec{B}}{c} = \frac{\vec{J}}{\sigma}$  Ohm's Law

(3)  $\nabla \times \vec{E} = -\frac{1}{c} \frac{d\vec{B}}{dt}$   
(3)  $\nabla \times \vec{B} = \frac{4\pi \vec{J}}{c}$  } Maxwell's Equations

(1) Equation of state  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \nabla \cdot \vec{v} = 0 \\ \frac{d}{dt} (\rho P_m^{-\gamma}) = 0 \\ \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{p}{\rho} \right) = 0 \end{array} \right.$   
three possibilities

$\nabla \cdot \vec{B} = 0$  (initial condition)

$\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = 0$  (not used because  $n_e \approx n_i$ )

# Helicity

$$\text{helicity} \equiv K \equiv \int \vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} d^3V$$

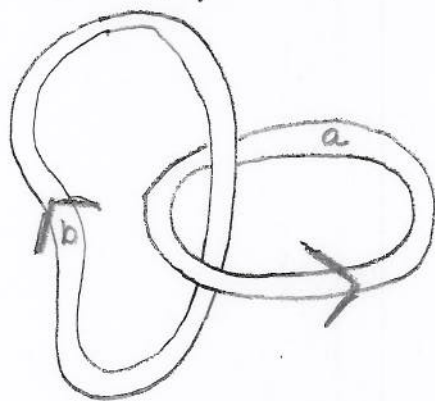
$V = \text{flux tube}$

(i.e.,  $\vec{B} \cdot \hat{n} = 0$  on  $\partial V$ )

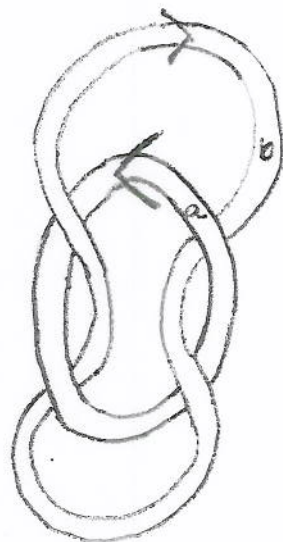
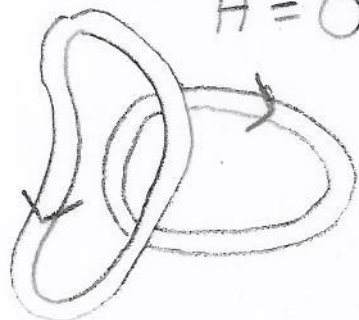
$$= \lim_{\substack{N \rightarrow \infty \\ \delta\Phi \rightarrow 0}} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N L_{ij} (\delta\Phi)^2$$

$L_{12} = \#$  of linkage of flux tubes

$$H = -(2\Phi_a \Phi_b)$$



$$H = 0$$



$$H = +2(2\Phi_a \Phi_b)$$

• If  $\vec{B} \cdot \hat{n} = 0$  on  $dV$

$\Delta K = 0$  under gauge transform  $\vec{A} \rightarrow \vec{A} + \nabla \chi$

• If  $\vec{B} \cdot \hat{n} = 0$  on  $dV$

and  $\vec{E} + \frac{\vec{v} \times \vec{B}}{c} = 0$  (i.e.,  $\sigma = \infty$ )

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left[ \int \vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} \right] = 0 = \frac{dK}{dt}$$

Helicity contained in  
a flux surface is a  
constant of the motion

in other words, the linkage  
of the lines of  $\vec{B}$  is  
a topological invariant of  
the motion.

# Relaxation

- Decay of energy vs. helicity

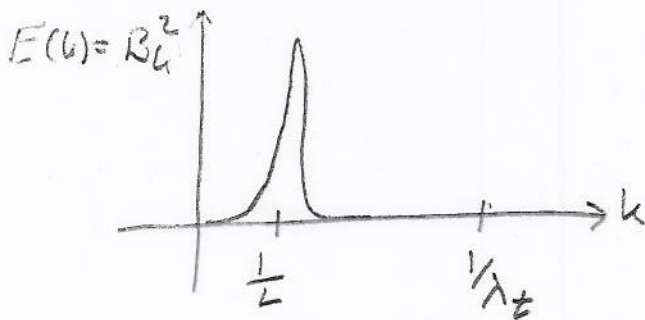
$$\dot{K} \sim -2\eta \int \vec{J} \cdot \vec{B} \leq -2\eta \sum_k k B_k^2$$

Cauchy-Schwarz  
Fourier decomposition (spacial)

$$\dot{W} \sim -\eta \int J^2 \sim -\eta \sum_k k^2 B_k^2$$

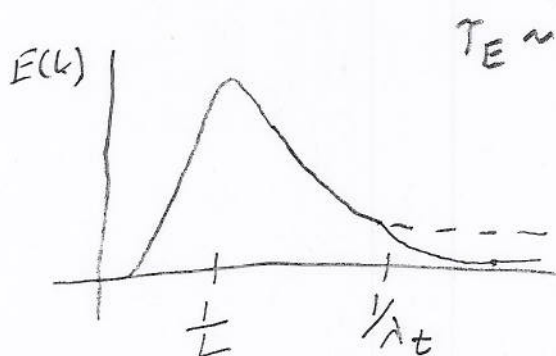
Fourier decomposition

→ no turbulence



resistive time scale  
 $\tau_E \sim 10 \text{ msec}$

→ turbulence (assume inertial or steady state)



$\tau_E \sim 10 \text{ msec}$

$$E(k) = K_0 \frac{\epsilon^{4/3}}{k^{5/3}} e^{-(k\lambda_t)^{4/3}}$$

$\epsilon = \text{pump rate}$

$$\frac{\tau_W}{\tau_K} \leq \left(\frac{\lambda_t}{L}\right) \left(\frac{L W_0}{K_0}\right) \ll 1$$

## Taylor's Conjecture

$\frac{\tau_w}{\tau_k} \ll 1 \Rightarrow$  The system relaxes to a state of minimum energy subject to the constraint  $K = \text{const}$  and  $\vec{B} \cdot \hat{n} = 0$  on  $\partial V$

$$W = \int (\nabla \times \vec{A})^2 d^3V \quad K = \int \vec{A} \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{A}) d^3V$$

use Lagrange multiplier and set

$$\delta \int_V (\nabla \times \vec{A})^2 - \mu \vec{A} \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{A}) d^3V = 0$$

with  $(\nabla \times \vec{A}) \cdot \hat{n} \Big|_{\partial V} = 0$

gives

$$\nabla \times \vec{B} = \mu \vec{B} \quad \text{with} \quad \begin{cases} \vec{B} \cdot \hat{n} \Big|_{\partial V} = 0 \\ K = \text{const} \\ \phi = \text{toroidal flux} = \text{const} \end{cases}$$

this is in contrast to  $\sigma = \infty$   $\nabla p = 0$  MHD equilibrium

$$\nabla \times \vec{B} = \lambda(\vec{x}) \vec{B} \quad \text{with} \quad \vec{B} \cdot \nabla \lambda = 0$$



## • Stability

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta W(\delta \vec{A}) &= \delta^2 \left[ (\nabla \times \vec{A})^2 - \mu \vec{A} \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{A}) \right] d^3V \\ &= \int \left[ (\nabla \times \delta \vec{A})^2 - \mu \delta \vec{A} \cdot (\nabla \times \delta \vec{A}) \right] d^3V\end{aligned}$$

Now minimize  $\Delta W$  subject to the constraint  $\delta \vec{A}|_{\partial V} = 0$  and  $\int (\nabla \times \delta \vec{A})^2 = 1$

use method of Lagrange multipliers

$$\delta \int \left[ (\nabla \times \delta \vec{A})^2 - \frac{\mu}{1-g} \delta \vec{A} \cdot (\nabla \times \delta \vec{A}) \right] d^3V = 0$$

with  $\delta \vec{A}|_{\partial V} = 0$

$$\nabla \times (\nabla \times \delta \vec{A}) = \frac{\mu}{1-g} (\nabla \times \delta \vec{A})$$

gives

$$(\Delta W)_{\min} = g \int (\nabla \times \delta \vec{A})^2 d^3V = g$$

if  $\mu \leq \mu_{\min} = \text{minimum eigenvalue}$

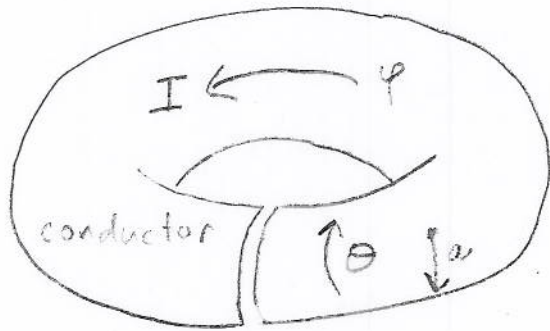
$$\Rightarrow g \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\Delta W)_{\min} \geq 0 \quad (\forall \delta \vec{A})$$

$\Rightarrow$  solution is true minimum  
not a min-max

# RFP

## Geometry



$K, \psi$  constant

$$K = -\dot{\psi} (c \int v dt)$$

$$\psi = \text{toroidal flux} = \pi a^2 B_0$$

$$V = \text{induced toroidal EMF}$$

$$I = \text{toroidal current}$$

$$B_0 = \text{initial average toroidal field}$$

Define

$$\theta \equiv \text{pinch ratio} \equiv \frac{2I}{ac B_0} = \frac{ua}{z} = \frac{B_0(\text{wall})}{B_0}$$

$$F \equiv \text{field reversal ratio} \equiv \frac{B_\psi(\text{wall})}{B_0}$$

# Relaxed State

Solution of  $\nabla \times \vec{B} = \mu \vec{J}$  for cylinder is

$$\vec{B} = \sum_{mk} d_{mk} \vec{B}^{mk}(\vec{r})$$

$$B_r^{mk} = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{\mu^2 - k^2}} \left[ k J_m'(\gamma) + \frac{m\mu}{\gamma} J_m(\gamma) \right] \sin(m\theta + kz)$$

$$B_\theta^{mk} = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{\mu^2 - k^2}} \left[ \mu J_m'(\gamma) + \frac{mk}{\gamma} J_m(\gamma) \right] \cos(m\theta + kz)$$

$$B_z^{mk} = J_m(\gamma) \cos(m\theta + kz)$$

with  $\gamma = r\sqrt{\mu^2 - k^2}$

Need to satisfy  $B_r(r=a) = 0$

$$\int \vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} dV = K$$

$$\int B_z r dr d\theta = \psi$$

note:  $B_r^{00} \equiv 0 \forall \mu$  and  $\int B_z^{00} r dr d\theta \neq 0$

for  $\begin{cases} m \neq 0 \text{ or} \\ k \neq 0 \end{cases}$   $\begin{cases} \int B_z^{mk} r dr d\theta = 0 \text{ and} \\ B_r^{mk}(r=a) = 0 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \mu = \mu^{mk}$

since  $\omega = \mu k$  for  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = \mu \vec{E}$

$(\mu^{mk} a)_{\min} = 3.11$  for  $m=1$   $ka = 1.25$

• for  $0 < \theta < \frac{(\mu^{mk} a)_{\min}}{2} = 1.06$

$\vec{B} = a_{00} \vec{B}^{00}$  with  $\mu a$  determined by

$$\frac{K}{\psi^2} = \frac{1}{2\pi a} \left[ \frac{\mu a J_0^2(\mu a) + J_1^2(\mu a) - 2J_0(\mu a)J_1(\mu a)}{J_1^2(\mu a)} \right]$$

$\psi$  determines  $a_{00}$

$\frac{K}{\psi^2}$  determines  $\theta$  or  $\mu a$

• for  $\theta = \frac{(\mu^{mk} a)_{\min}}{2} = 1.06$

$\vec{B} = a_{00} \vec{B}^{00} + a_{mk} \vec{B}^{mk}$

$\psi$  determines  $a_{00}$

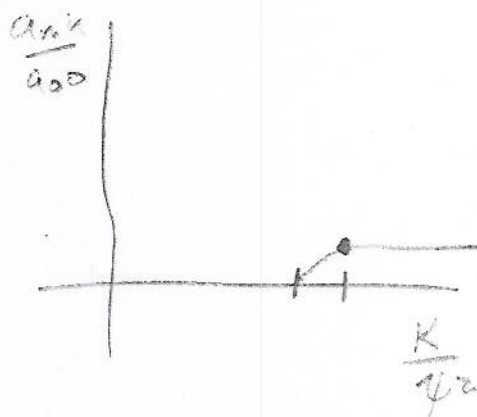
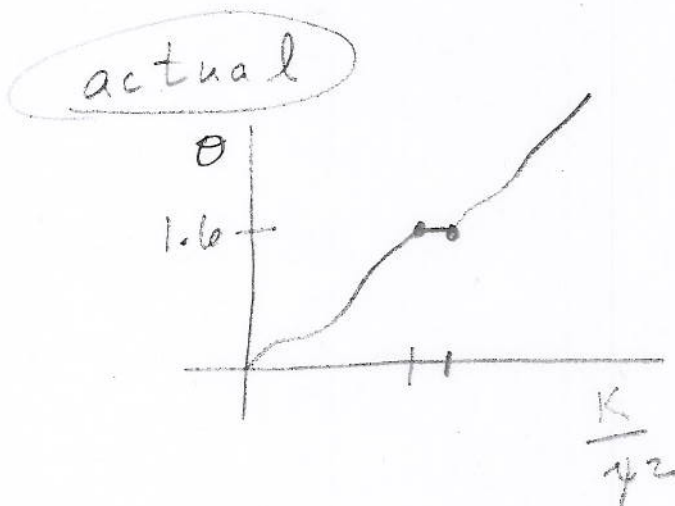
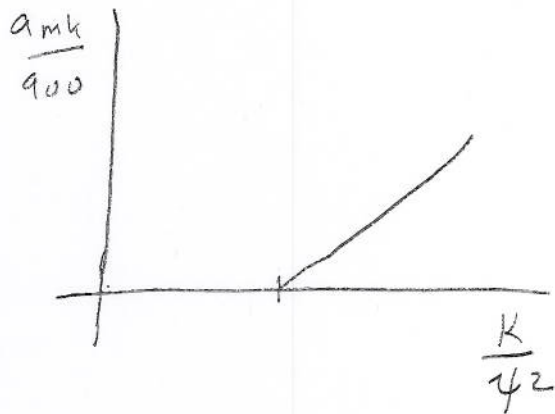
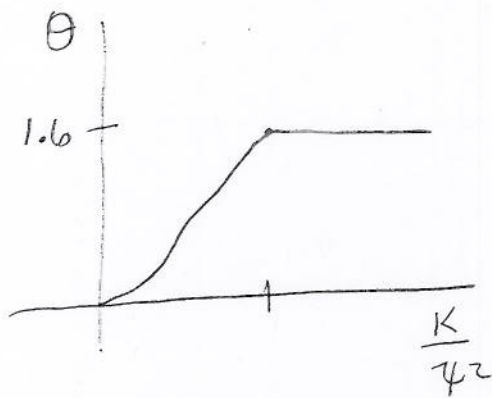
$\frac{K}{\psi^2}$  determines  $\frac{a_{mk}}{a_{00}}$

# Two major consequences

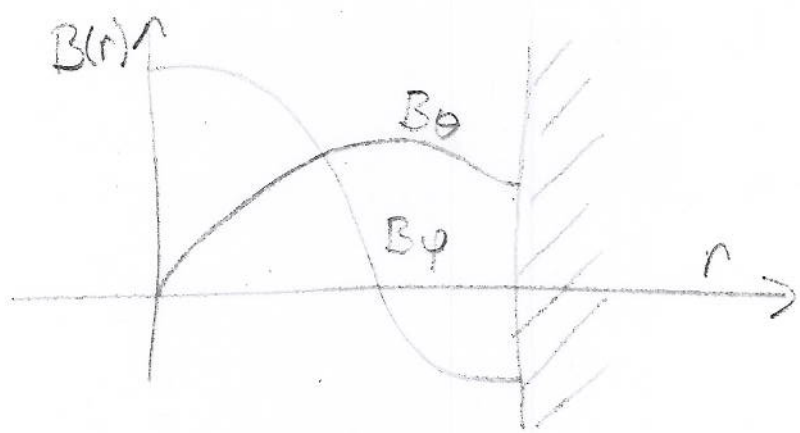
## #1 Current Limitation

axisymmetric state  $0 < \theta < 1.6$

two states for  $\theta = 1.6$



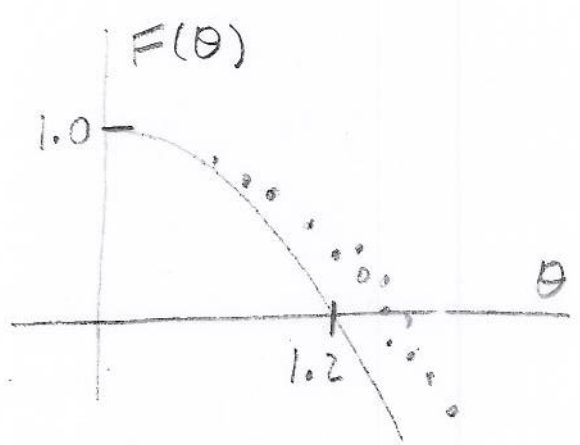
**#2** Relaxed state profile  
for no current limitation



$$B_\theta = \alpha J_1(\mu r)$$

$$B_\phi = \alpha J_0(\mu r)$$

$$E_r = 0$$



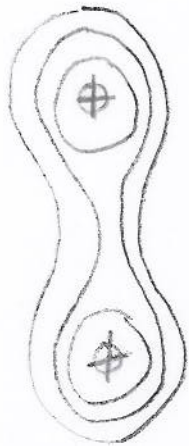
deviation due to  
(1) finite wall  $R$   
(2) finite  $\beta$

$$F(\theta) = \frac{J_0(\mu a)}{\langle B_\phi / \alpha \rangle_r} = \frac{2\theta^2 J_0(2\theta)}{\int_0^{2\theta} J_0(x) x dx}$$

$$J_0(2.4) \approx 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta(F=0) = 1.2$$

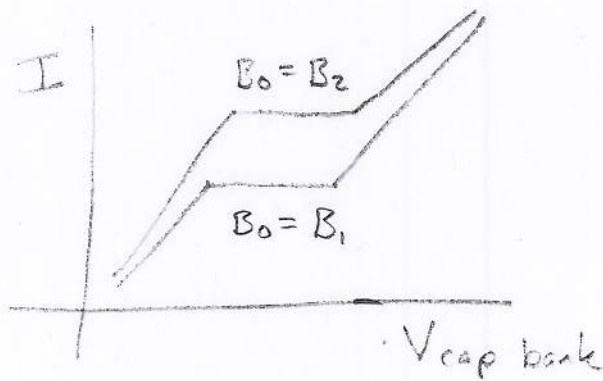
# Muti pinch



Relaxed profile  
 $ma = 1.5$

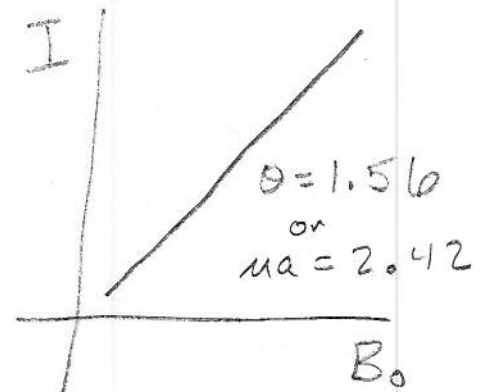


lowest eigen function  
 $ma = 2.21$



$$V_{cap\ bank} \sim \frac{K}{\psi^2}$$

$$\psi = \pi a^2 B_0$$



$$\theta \sim \frac{I}{B_0}$$

# Helicity with Differential Geometry

Definitions:

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2$$

$$J^3 = i \left( \rho \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \vec{j} \right) \text{vol}^4$$

$$\mathcal{F}^2 = \mathcal{E}^1 \wedge dt + \mathcal{B}^2$$

$$\mathcal{B}^2 = i \vec{B} \text{vol}^3$$

$$\vec{u} = \gamma \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \gamma \vec{v}$$

Maxwells Equations:

$$d\mathcal{F}^2 = 0$$

$$d*\mathcal{F}^2 = 4\pi S^3$$

Scalar invariants:

$$\mathcal{F}^2 \wedge \mathcal{F}^2 = -2(\vec{E} \cdot \vec{B}) \text{vol}^4$$

$$\mathcal{F}^2 \wedge *\mathcal{F}^2 = (E^2 - B^2) \text{vol}^4$$

Potential

$$\text{Since } d\mathcal{F}^2 = 0 \quad \mathcal{F}^2 = da'$$

$$a' = \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{x} + \varphi dt$$



Helicity:

$$K^3 = a' \wedge da' = a' \wedge \mathcal{F}^2$$

$$= i(\vec{A} \cdot \vec{E} \frac{d^4x}{dt} + \vec{E} \times \vec{A} - \rho \vec{E}) \text{vol}^4$$

$$\vec{E} + \vec{u} \times \vec{E} = 0 :$$

$$\mathcal{E}^1 = i\vec{u} \cdot \mathcal{B}^2$$

$$\mathcal{F} \wedge \mathcal{F} = 0$$

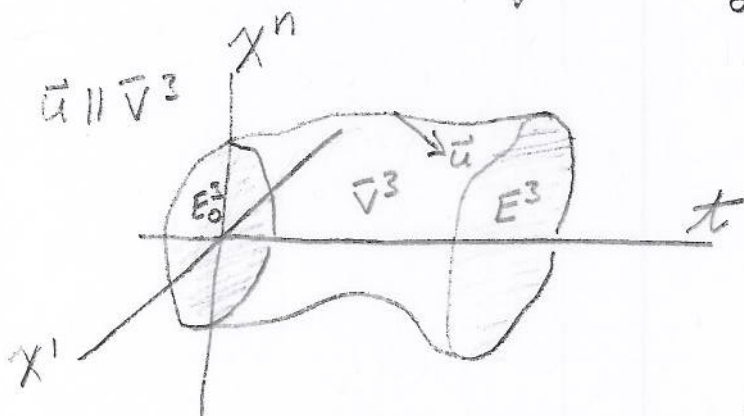
$$i\vec{u} \cdot \mathcal{F} = 0$$

Now lets prove helicity conservation

$$dK^3 = d(a' \wedge da') = da' \wedge da'$$

$$= \mathcal{F} \wedge \mathcal{F} = 0$$

Consider  $0 = \int_{V^4} dK^3 = \int_{\partial V^4} K^3 = \int_{\bar{V}^3} K^3 + \int_{E_0^3} K^3 + \int_{E^3} K^3$



$$= K - K_0 + \int_{\bar{V}^3} K^3$$

$$= K - K_0$$

$$\Rightarrow K = K_0$$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} K^3 = \int_{u \in \mathbb{R}^3} K^3(\vec{u}, \vec{S}_1, \vec{S}_2) = \int_u i\vec{u} K^3(\vec{S}_1, \vec{S}_2)$$

$$\vec{u} = \gamma \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \gamma \vec{v}$$

$$\vec{S}_1 = S_{1x} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + S_{1y} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + S_{1z} \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$$

$$\vec{S}_2 = S_{2x} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + S_{2y} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + S_{2z} \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} i\vec{u} K^3 &= i_u (a' \wedge da') = (i_u a') da' - a' \wedge (i_u F^2) \\ &= (i_u a') F^2 \end{aligned} \right.$$

$$= \int_u (i_u a') (E' \wedge dt + B^2) (\vec{S}_1, \vec{S}_2)$$

$$= 0$$

# Plasma Parameters

$T_e \approx 100 \text{ eV}$   
 $n \approx 0.5 \times 10^{14} / \text{cm}^3$   
 $B \sim 1 \text{ kG}$   
 $I \sim 200 \text{ kA}$

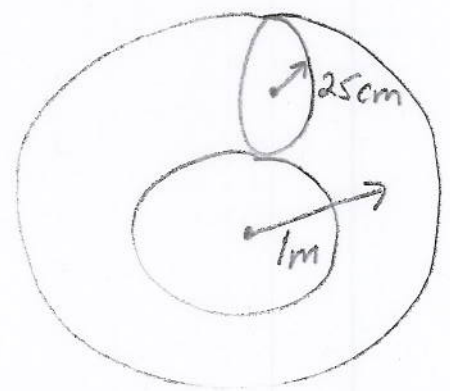
$\tau_{\text{shell}} = 100 \text{ msec}$   
 $\tau_{\text{plasma}} = 10 \text{ msec} = \left(\frac{L}{c}\right)^2 \frac{1}{n}$   
 $\eta = 5 \times 10^{-17} \text{ sec}$   
 $= \frac{\nu m}{ne^2} = \frac{\omega_p}{g}$

$\omega_{pe} = 4 \times 10^{11} / \text{sec} = 63 \text{ GHz}$   
 $\lambda_{de} = 10 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$   
 $\omega_{ce} = 2 \times 10^{10} / \text{sec} = 3 \text{ GHz}$   
 $r_{Le} = 300 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$   
 $g = 2 \times 10^{-5}$   
 $a = 0.2 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$   
 $b = 0.1 \text{ }\text{\AA}$

$r_{Le} \gg \lambda_d \gg a \gg b$   
 $\omega_{pe} \gg \omega_{ce}$

(10.102)  
Ichimaru

$$v_D^{(0)} = \frac{4 (2\pi)^{1/2} ne^4}{3r_e^2 \left(\frac{T_e}{T_e} + \frac{T_i}{T_i}\right)} \left(1 + \frac{T_i}{T_e}\right) \frac{1}{\Lambda} \approx n \bar{v}_e b^2 \frac{1}{\Lambda} \approx \gamma_{ee}$$



## Some Stuff on MHD

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left[ \int \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} \right] = 0 \quad \text{flux tubes move with fluid}$$

for equilibrium

$$\frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\vec{J} \times \vec{B}}{c} = \nabla p$$

$$\Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \vec{B} \cdot \nabla p = 0 \\ \vec{J} \cdot \nabla p = 0 \end{array} \right\} \quad \vec{B} \text{ and } \vec{J} \parallel \text{ to surface of constant pressure}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla p &= \frac{1}{4\pi} (\nabla \times \vec{B}) \times \vec{B} \\ &= -\frac{1}{8\pi} \nabla_{\perp} (B^2) + \left( \frac{B^2}{8\pi} \right) (\hat{B} \cdot \nabla \hat{B}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\nabla p = \left( \begin{array}{c} \rightarrow \\ \rightarrow \\ \rightarrow \\ \rightarrow \end{array} \downarrow \vec{E} \right) + \left( \begin{array}{c} \curvearrowright \\ \downarrow \vec{E} \end{array} \right)$$

# MHD Conditions

Quasi-Neutrality:

$$L \gg \lambda_D = 10 \text{ mm}$$

Ohm's Law:

• neglect  $\vec{j} \times \vec{B}$

$$L^2 \omega \gg \frac{c^2 \omega_{ce}}{\omega_{pe}^2} = 10^4 \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{sec}}$$

• neglect  $\frac{d\vec{j}}{dt}$

$$L \gg \frac{c}{\omega_p} = 1 \text{ mm}$$

• neglect  $\nabla p$

$$L \omega \gg \frac{\tau_e / m}{\omega_{ce}} = 4 \times 10^3 \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{sec}}$$

Maxwell Eq

• neglect  $\frac{d\vec{E}}{dt}$

$$L \omega \ll c = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/sec}$$

# Inverse Helicity Cascade

Full MHD: (Frisch, Pouquet, Léorat, Mazure 1975)

$$\left(\frac{d}{dt} - \nu \nabla^2\right) \vec{v} = -(\vec{v} \cdot \nabla) \vec{v} + (\vec{B} \cdot \nabla) \vec{B} - \nabla p + \vec{f}$$

$$\left(\frac{d}{dt} - \lambda \nabla^2\right) \vec{B} = -(\vec{v} \cdot \nabla) \vec{B} + (\vec{B} \cdot \nabla) \vec{v}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{v} = \nabla \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$

Invariants: (if  $\lambda = \nu = 0$   $\vec{f} = 0$ )

$$E_T = \int (\nu^2 + B^2)$$

$$H_M = \int \vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}$$

$$H_C = \int \vec{v} \cdot \vec{B}$$

Can show:  $H_M(k) \leq E_T(k)/k$

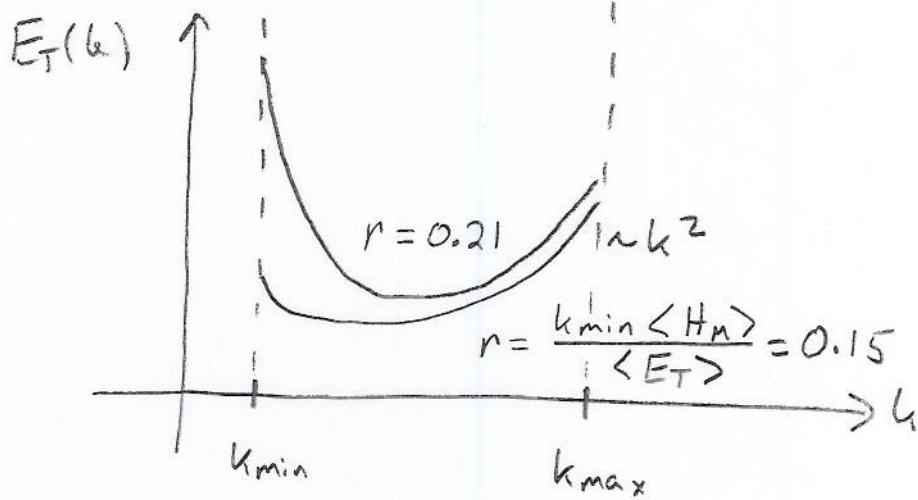
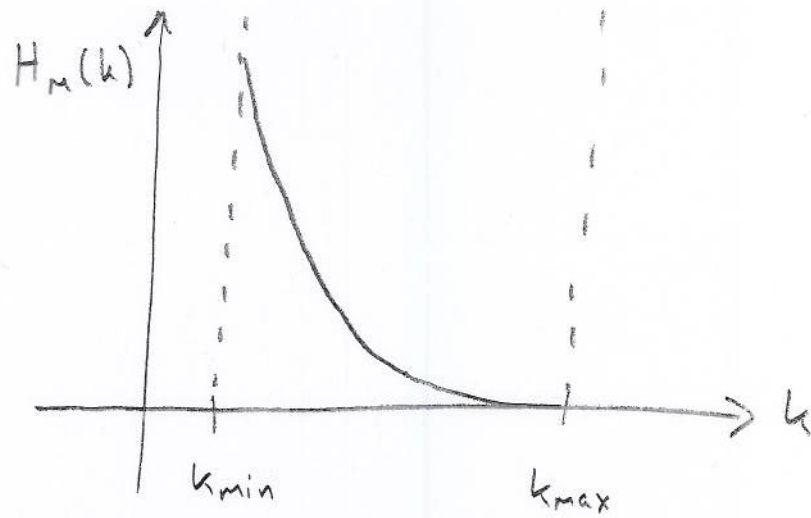
(realizability condition from pos-def of spectral tensor)

where  $\langle E_T \rangle = \int E_T(k) dk$  ect.

Assume:  $\rho = z^{-1} e^{-\alpha E_T - \beta H_M - \gamma H_C}$

given  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, k_{min}, k_{max}$

can find  $E_T(k), H_M(k),$  ect



### Conclusion:

If helicity and energy are injected at  $k_{min}$ , helicity will stay at  $k_{min}$  but energy will cascade to large  $k$  where it will be quickly dissipated.

