

ENIGMA Cork MHD I. Plasma & MHD

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Pre-Remarks

- The motion of gases is dictated by hydrodynamics (Lab applications, aircraft wings, ..., baryons in the cosmos). Numerical applications go under the name of Astro-Hydrodynamics (with many codes available, even relativistic ones).
- In many space plasmas, however, magnetic fields are involved (solar corona and solar wind e.g., everywhere with synchrotron emission) → field of Magnetohydrodynamics (MHD). A few codes are available for astrophysical applications but this field is not yet maturated.
 Still problems with coordinate systems !

Plan for the Lectures

- I. What is MHD ? What can we learn by performing MHD simulations ?
 Basics: Space Plasmas and MHD
- II. Newtonian Ideal MHD and Numerical Codes
 - → Classical public-domain codes
- III. Applications and Visualisations

I. Plasma and MHD

- Solar Corona best studied thermal plasma
- Structure of Extragalactic Jets reveal nonthermal plasmas – even relativistic !
- Jets fill Bubbles in Clusters with non-thermal plasma, magnetic fields and heavy elements
- Maxwell's Equations as Part of MHD
- Maxwell's Equations extended to Black Holes
 Question of Jet Formation in Blazars
- Application: The Blandford-Znajek Mechanism (1977) for the Launch of Relativistic Jets

Solar Wind & Earth's Magnetopshere



Nearest Plasma - Solar Corona



Stunning Image (Swedish telescope)

[Scharmer & van der Voort]

Close-up of penumbral structure created by magnetic fields



Magnetic Field Effects

A Sunspot e.g.



B exerts a force:

-- creates intricate structure *What is equilibrium ? / nature of instabilities *

SunSpot Model

Penumbra - a mixture of interlocked field lines



Dark filaments-(low) held down by granule flux pumping

> Bright filaments-(high)

TRACE (Active region) - from above



TRACE - from side - intricate structure



Not isolated coronal loops plasma that is at one temperature of 1.5 MK

Magnetohydrodynamics

MHD - the study of the interaction between a magnetic field and a plasma, treated as a continuous medium

The assumption of a continuous medium is valid for length-scales (Debye Length), completely ionized

$$L >> 300 \left(\frac{T}{10^{6} K}\right)^{2} \left(\frac{n}{10^{17} m^{-3}}\right)^{-1} km$$

Chromosphere $(T = 10^4, n = 10^{20})$ L>> 3 cm Corona $(T = 10^6, n = 10^{16})$ L>> 30km



Typical Values Solar Plasma

	Photosphere	Chromosphere	Corona
N (m ⁻³)	10 ²³	10 ²⁰	10 ¹⁵
丁 (K)	6000	104	10 ⁶
B (G)	5 - 10 ³	100	10
Plasma B	10 ⁶ - 1	10-1	10 -3
v _A (km/s)	0.05 - 10	10	10 ³

 $N (m^{-3}) = 10^6 N (cm^{-3}),$ $B (G) = \overline{10^4 B} (tesla)$ $\beta = 3.5 \ge 10^{-21} N T/B^2,$ $v_A = 2 \ge 10^9 B/N^{1/2}$

Cluster Gas: Mixed Plasma Chandra - VLA



Messier 87 Central Galaxy in Virgo

The peculiar elliptical galaxy Messier 87



Two Micron All Sky Survey – Northern Facility – 2MASS Atlas Image

Infrared Processing and Analysis Center & University of Massachusetts

Nucleus

Stars

Central Black Hole M = 3 GSun $R_s \sim 10^{15}$ cm Basic Length Scale !

Proper motion with 6 c !

> Relativistic Synchrotron particles →Presence of magnetic fields











Perseus Cluster (Radio Plasma pushes the X-Ray Gas)



When such a galaxy and black hole are at the centre of a cluster of galaxies, the jets plough into the Intra Cluster Medium (ICM). -> The two types of gas (plasma) do not mix very well,

and the jets

in the ICM.

inflate bubbles

CHANDRA X-RAY VLA RADIO



Bubble Inflation by Jets



Cooling of Cluster Gas is important



→ Radiative MHD
 → MHD & Atomic
 Network
 (NIRVANA_CP)

The Universe of Active Galaxies Interactions on Large-Scales

Cen A - ESO











Cyg A Global Structure from Disks to Jets



Jet – Anatomy



Some Numbers for Cyg A

- Typical distance d = 1 kpc from center: Jet Power: L_{iet} = ? Beam radius: ? • Number density in cluster: $n_{cl} \sim 0.05$ ccm Number density in beam: ? • \rightarrow density contrast $\eta = \rho_{\text{beam}} / \rho_{\text{Medium}} = ?$ $\bullet \rightarrow$ Magnetic field in beam ?
- $\bullet \rightarrow$ Beam velocity ?
- $\bullet \rightarrow$ Alfven velocity in beam ?

3C 273

HST Quasar and its Jet Giant Elliptical M_H > M 87

> Instabilities in Collimated Jets ? -Shocks ?

3C 273 in X-Rays

Giant Elliptical embedded into a thin Cluster Gas

Chandra




Summary 1: Space Plasmas

- Range of Phenomena from solar corona & Earth MS² (space weather) to hot gas in galaxy clusters (cosmology).
- These plasmas are magnetized:
- Plasma beta parameter, is usually variable (say from disk to corona)
- Alfven speed vs sound speed
- → V_A > C_{sound} → information no longer exchanged over sound waves, but over Alfven and magnetosonic waves
 → Hydrodynamics replaced by MHD !
- In Quasar Jets, the plasma density varies from 10⁸ to 10⁻⁶ ccm.
- → Radiation processes are important in many space plasmas (accretion disks, cluster gas, protostellar jets [HH Flows], ...).

Basics for (Jet) MHD

- Black Holes have three "Hairs"
- (i) Mass
- (ii) Angular Momentum
- (iii) Accretion Rate
- Axisymmetric Electrodynamics
- $\bullet \rightarrow$ Definition of magnetic flux
- $\bullet \rightarrow$ Notion of poloidal current loops
- Grad-Shafranov Equation
- Twisting poloidal fields by shear motion

Black Holes have "Two Hairs"



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Black H's: 2 Gravitational Potentials \rightarrow 10 g's decomposed into α , β and γ

- Ordinary gravity: g = grad ln α ~ Mass M_H
- Gravitomagnetic potential: β
 → vector potential (~ED)
 ~ Spin :

ω = -β^φ ~ J_H/r³
 3-metric γ of the time-slice (only geometry)







Black Hole Accretion is Different from Newtonian



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A. Müller LSW 2004

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Intermezzo I: Maxwell's Equations

Faraday Induction

Ampere's Law

$$\begin{split} \nabla \cdot \vec{E} &= 4\pi \rho_e \\ \nabla \cdot \vec{B} &= 0 \\ \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} &= -\nabla \times \vec{E} \\ \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} &= \nabla \times \vec{B} - 4\pi \vec{j} \,. \end{split}$$

Lorentz Force Density

$$ec{f}_L =
ho_e ec{E} + ec{j} imes ec{B}$$
 .

Ohm's Law and Induction Equation

Ohm's Law

$$ec{j} = \sigma \left[ec{E} + ec{v} imes ec{B}
ight] + \cdots,$$

→ MHD Induction Equation

$$\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} = \nabla \times \left[\vec{v} \times \vec{B} - \frac{1}{4\pi\sigma} \nabla \times \vec{B} \right],$$

together with the constraint: div(B) = 0for all times ! \rightarrow Ampere's law is not used ! For finite conductivity \rightarrow diffusion equation



Magnetic Reynolds Number $\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = \nabla \times (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}) + \eta \nabla^2 \mathbf{B}$ (iv) **B** changes due to transport + diffusion (v) $\frac{A}{B} = \frac{L_0 v_0}{\eta} = R_m$ - * magnetic **Reynold number*** e.g. $\eta = 1 \text{ m}^2/s$, $L_0 = 10^5 \text{ m}$, $v_0 = 10^3 \text{ m/s} \rightarrow R_m = 10^8$ (vi) A >> B in most of the Universe \rightarrow **B** frozen to plasma -- keeps its energy Except SINGULARITIES -- j & VB large Form at NULL POINTS, B = 0

(a) If $R_m << 1$

The induction equation reduces to

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = \eta \nabla^2 \mathbf{B}$$

B is governed by a diffusion equation --> field variations on a scale L_0 diffuse away on time $* \begin{bmatrix} t_d = \frac{L_0^2}{\eta} \end{bmatrix} *$ with speed $v_d = L_0/t_d = \frac{\eta}{L_0}$

• E.g.: sunspot ($\eta = 1 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}, L_0 = 10^6 \text{ m}$), $t_d = 10^{12} \text{ sec}$; for whole Sun ($L_0 = 7 \times 10^8 \text{ m}$), $t_d = 5 \times 10^{17} \text{ sec}$



Concept of Magnetic Flux

One deals often with axisymmetric magnetic structures (mangetospheres etc)
→ Poloidal and toroidal components of vector fields

E = E_p + E_T , B = B_p + B_T

In ED it is useful to work with the vector potential A : B = rot A

• \rightarrow Magnetic flux function: $\Psi = R A_{\phi}$

Magnetic Flux Tube
 Surface generated by set of field lines intersecting simple closed curve.



Strength (F) -- magnetic flux crossing a section i.e., $F = \int \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{dS}$



Axisymmetric Maxwell's Equations

$rac{\partial A_{\phi}}{\partial t}$	H	$-E_{\phi}$
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$rac{\partial ec{E_p}}{\partial t}$	=	$ abla imes ec B_T - 4\pi ec j_p$

Grad-Shafranov Operator → Fusion Physics

(III)

(IV)

$$\mathcal{G}_2[\Psi] \equiv R \operatorname{Div} \left[rac{1}{R^2} \, \nabla \Psi
ight],$$

Grad-Shafranov Equation

Combining Equ (I) and (III)

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial t^2} - R \mathcal{G}_2[\Psi] = 4\pi R j_{\phi} \,.$$

Time-dependent Grad-Shafranov Equation

$$\eta \, \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{c^2 \partial t^2} + \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial t} + (\vec{v}_p \cdot \nabla) \Psi - \eta \, R \, \mathcal{G}_2[\Psi] = 0 \, .$$

→ Magnetic flux changes by advection (disks, Jets) and diffusion against plasma flows. Without diffusion → $v_p \mid\mid B_p \rightarrow$ Jet flows !



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Shearing of Magnetic Fields

- From Equ (II) + Ohm's law

 → Equ for B_φ → Equ for RB_φ

 Differential rotation will twist magnetic fields (e.g. in disks) → toroidal fields
 Current function: T(t, R, z) = RB_φ(t, R, z)
- Source of T is the shear in differential rotation
 → Magnetorotational Instability

Source

Term

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + (\vec{v_p} \cdot \nabla)T - R^2 \nabla \cdot \left(\frac{T}{R^2} \vec{v_p}\right) - R^2 \nabla \cdot \left(\frac{\eta}{R^2} \nabla T\right) = R^2 \vec{B_p} \cdot \nabla \Omega \,.$$

Extension: Black Hole Electrodynamics

ω~ J_H/r³ Frame Dragging due to Spin of BH

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial A^{\hat{\phi}}}{\partial t} &= -\alpha \, E^{\hat{\phi}} \qquad \mathbf{B}_{p} = \frac{1}{\tilde{\omega}} \, \nabla \Psi \times \mathbf{e}_{\phi} \, \\ \frac{\partial B^{\hat{\phi}}}{\partial t} &\Leftarrow \tilde{\omega} \, \mathbf{B}_{p} \cdot \nabla \omega - \mathbf{e}_{\phi} \cdot (\nabla \times \alpha \mathbf{E}_{p}) \\ \frac{\partial E^{\hat{\phi}}}{\partial t} &\not = \tilde{\omega} \mathbf{E}_{p} \cdot \nabla \omega - \mathcal{G}_{2}[A^{\hat{\phi}}] - 4\pi \alpha j^{\hat{\phi}} \\ \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}_{p}}{\partial t} &= \nabla \times (\alpha B^{\hat{\phi}}) - 4\pi \alpha j_{p} \, . \end{split}$$

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Grad-Shafranov Operator

Camenzind 1997

Rel. Grad-Shafranov Equation

Combine Confinement Equs with Ohm's law

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$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial t^2} + 4\pi \gamma \sigma \, \alpha \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial t} &- \alpha \tilde{\omega} \, \mathcal{G}_2[\Psi] = \\ &- \tilde{\omega}^2 \alpha \boldsymbol{E}_p \cdot \nabla \omega + 4\pi \alpha^2 \gamma \sigma \tilde{\omega} \boldsymbol{e}_\phi \cdot (\boldsymbol{v}_p \times \boldsymbol{B}_p) \,. \end{split}$$
Source for magnetic flux near Horizon !

Khanna & Camenzind 1997

Force-Free Grad-Shafranov Equ

 In force-free limit, f_L = 0, current densities are determined by fields (BZ 1977, ..., Okamoto 1992, Beskin 2000, Fendt & Memola 2001)

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$$D = 1 - \frac{(\varOmega_F - \omega)^2 \tilde{\omega}^2}{c^2 \alpha^2}$$

Light Cylinder Function D = O → Outer and Inner Light Cylinder around BHs

Pulsar MagSphere ($\alpha = 1, \omega = 0$)

Problem has been formulated by Michel (1973), Scharleman & Wagoner (1973) Contopoulos et al. (FF, 1999) Time-depend S. Komissarov (2005) \rightarrow Neutral current sheet beyond LC, $R_L = c/\Omega_F$ → Smooth transition LC





Black Hole Magnetosphere is different → External MagSphere

Initial Configuration, e.g. Wald solution

Black Hole Split-Monopole MS²

OLC: Outer Light Surface, compact for Black Holes A: Alfven Surface

Plasma injection from near ms orbit; Plasma accretion causal: slow ms, Alfven and fast ms points



Twisting of Magnetic Fields

- Except for induction terms, evolution of toroidal magnetic field ~ Newtonian MHD
- $\bullet \rightarrow$ Source: Differential plasma rotation
- $\bullet \rightarrow$ Schwarzschild: no shear !
- Extreme Kerr: biggest effect !

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \alpha (\boldsymbol{v}_{p} \cdot \nabla) T &- \alpha \tilde{\omega}^{2} \nabla \cdot \left(\frac{T}{\tilde{\omega}^{2}} \boldsymbol{v}_{p} \right) - \alpha \tilde{\omega}^{2} \nabla \cdot \left(\frac{\eta}{\gamma \tilde{\omega}^{2}} \nabla T \right) \\ \mathbf{T} \sim \mathbf{RB}_{\phi} &= \alpha \tilde{\omega}^{2} \, \boldsymbol{B}_{p} \cdot \nabla \Omega + \alpha \tilde{\omega} \, \boldsymbol{e}_{\phi} \cdot \nabla \times \left(\frac{\eta}{\gamma} \, \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{E}_{p}}{\partial t} \right) \,. \\ \mathbf{O} \text{perates outside horizon} \end{split}$$

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GRMHD Accretion from a Torus + B → Non-Radiative Accretion Flows

Koide et al. (2000);

De Villiers, Hawley & Krolik 2003 - 2005 (3D non-conservative GRMHD in BL);

Gammie et al. 2003, 2004 (2D conservative GRMHD in BL coordinates);

Anton et al. (2005), based on GENESIS (conservative GRMHD) Initial condition (exact mech. equilibrium + weak magnetic fields)

Meridional Plane through a BH Colour: Density

Initial State

Torus + weak magnetic fields Funnel

"Outflows" reflected from centrifugal barrier

> Turbulent Thick Disk due to MRI → Keplerian

Paradigm of GRMHD

"Final State"

Gammie et al. 2004

Outflows Īn **Quasars &** Micro-**Quasars**? -> "Stochastic **Funnel-**Flow"

Krolik 2005



Field line twisting by rotating Black Holes



a = 0.9











GRMHD Simulations (Hawley et al. 2005)



FF Blandford-Znajek Process

Example: Wald solution (non-rotating) → Testbed for Blandford-Znajek
→ Field lines connected to ergosphere are driven to rotation
→ Poynting flux → Energy extraction from ergosphere !



Kerr black hole in uniform magnetic field at infinity; Thin plasma version BH magnetosphere.

a = 0.9 $\Rightarrow \Omega_F \sim \Omega_H/2!$ S. Komissarov 2004

Ingredients Formation Relativistic Jets

- Strong magnetosphere with rapid rotation (disk around BHs) -> Strong field limit.
- Plasma injection (disk plasma, pairs from MS²). High initial Poynting flux (BZ) is converted into kinetic energy by collimating flux-tubes (Camenzind 1996)
 → Michel's parameter: Γ ~ σ~10: σ = Poynting flux/Total energy flux | Inj.
- Flux-tubes are collimated by current system: hoop stress (B_b) > 100 M_H.
- For high spin, a > 0.9, magnetic flux-tubes connected to horizon -> Poynting-flux (BZ).

Summary: Plasma & Maxwell

- Space plasmas in general extremely thin
- $\sim \rightarrow 10^6$ ccm 10^{-5} ccm (kpc Jets)
- -> collisionless plasmas: shock heating mediated by waves and not collisions
- Solution continuum approximation valid beyond
 Debye length << Dimension of Plasma
- with magnetic fields -> Alfven and magnetosonic waves, not sound waves !
- → Alfven speed can be near speed of light, even in solar system ! → Relativistic MHD
- Example: Axisymmetric Field Structures (Flux tubes, magnetospheres).
- $\bullet \rightarrow$ Can easily be extended to Relativistic MHD