

Fusion Plasma Theory I, Lecture 18. Energy Principle

• Plasma displacement in ideal MHD

$$\vec{x}_0 \rightarrow \vec{x}_0 + \vec{\xi}(\vec{x}_0, t) \quad (\vec{\xi} = \text{plasma displacement})$$

Then, perturbed ideal MHD becomes, (by assuming $\vec{u}_0 = 0$, $\vec{u}_1 = \frac{d\vec{\xi}}{dt}$)

$$\frac{dp}{dt} + \vec{u} \cdot \vec{\nabla} p + p \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{u} = 0 \rightarrow p_1 = -\vec{\xi} \cdot \vec{\nabla} p_0 - p_0 \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\xi}$$

$$\frac{dp}{dt} + \vec{u} \cdot \vec{\nabla} p + \gamma p \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{u} = 0 \rightarrow p_1 = -\vec{\xi} \cdot \vec{\nabla} p_0 - \gamma p_0 \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\xi}$$

$$\frac{d\vec{B}}{dt} = -\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = \vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{u} \times \vec{B}) \rightarrow \vec{B}_1 = \vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\xi} \times \vec{B}_0)$$

$$\mu_0 \vec{j} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} \rightarrow \mu_0 \vec{j}_1 = \vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\xi} \times \vec{B}_0))$$

$$e \left(\frac{d\vec{u}}{dt} + \vec{u} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \vec{u} \right) = \vec{j} \times \vec{B} - \vec{\nabla} p \rightarrow e \cdot \frac{d^2 \vec{\xi}}{dt^2} = \vec{j}_1 \times \vec{B}_0 + \vec{j}_0 \times \vec{B}_1 - \vec{\nabla} p_1 = \vec{F}[\vec{\xi}]$$

• (Ideal perturbed) force operator

$$\vec{F}[\vec{\xi}] = \vec{j}_1 \times \vec{B}_0 + \vec{j}_0 \times \vec{B}_1 - \vec{\nabla} p_1$$

$$= \frac{1}{\mu_0} \left[\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\xi} \times \vec{B}_0) \right] \times \vec{B}_0 + \frac{1}{\mu_0} \left[(\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}_0) \times \vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\xi} \times \vec{B}_0) \right] + \vec{\nabla} \left[\vec{\xi} \cdot \vec{\nabla} p_0 - \gamma p_0 (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\xi}) \right]$$

If we omit the subscript "0" and ansatz $\vec{\xi}(\vec{x}, t) = \vec{\xi}(\vec{x}) e^{-i\omega t}$, we obtain

"normal mode equation"

$$\omega^2 \rho \vec{\xi} = -\vec{F}[\vec{\xi}]$$

a Property of force operator (self-adjointness)

$$\int \vec{\eta} \cdot \vec{F}[\vec{\xi}] dx^3 = \int \vec{\xi} \cdot \vec{F}[\vec{\eta}] dx^3 \quad \leftarrow \text{Accept this!}$$

① ω^2 is pure real

$$\begin{aligned} \omega^2 \int \rho |\vec{\xi}|^2 dx^3 &= - \int \vec{\xi}^* \cdot \vec{F}[\vec{\xi}] dx^3 \\ (\omega^2)^* \int \rho |\vec{\xi}|^2 dx^3 &= - \int \vec{\xi} \cdot \vec{F}[\vec{\xi}^*] dx^3 \end{aligned} \quad \Rightarrow \omega^2 = (\omega^2)^* \Rightarrow \underline{\omega^2 \text{ is real}}$$

② Eigenfunction is orthogonal

$$\omega_n^2 \int \rho \vec{\xi}_m^* \cdot \vec{\xi}_n dx^3 = - \int \vec{\xi}_m^* \cdot \vec{F}[\vec{\xi}_n] dx^3$$

$$\omega_m^2 \int \rho \vec{\xi}_n \cdot \vec{\xi}_m^* dx^3 = - \int \vec{\xi}_n \cdot \vec{F}[\vec{\xi}_m^*] dx^3$$

$$\therefore (\omega_n^2 - \omega_m^2) \int \rho \vec{\xi}_m^* \cdot \vec{\xi}_n dx^3 = 0 \quad \therefore \text{for } \omega_n \neq \omega_m, \quad \underline{\int \rho \vec{\xi}_m^* \cdot \vec{\xi}_n dx^3 = 0}$$

a Variational Principle

$$\omega^2 = \frac{-\frac{1}{2} \int \vec{\xi}^* \cdot \vec{F}[\vec{\xi}] dx^3}{\frac{1}{2} \int \rho \vec{\xi}^* \cdot \vec{\xi} dx^3} \equiv \frac{\delta W[\vec{\xi}^*, \vec{\xi}]}{\delta K[\vec{\xi}^*, \vec{\xi}]} = \frac{\text{Perturbed Potential Energy}}{\text{Perturbed Kinetic Energy}}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{\delta W[\vec{\xi}^*, \vec{\xi}] = -\frac{1}{2} \int \vec{\xi}^* \cdot \vec{F}[\vec{\xi}] dx^3}$$

The most unstable perturbation would be the one that makes the minimum ω^2 .

Then, the question is when we minimize ω^2 , would it be consistent with

$$\langle \omega^2 \rho \vec{\xi} = -F[\vec{\xi}] \rangle ?$$

(proof)

$$\delta \omega^2 = \frac{\delta(\delta W)}{\delta K} - \delta W \frac{\delta(\delta K)}{(\delta K)^2} = \frac{\delta(\delta W) - \omega^2 \delta(\delta K)}{\delta K}$$

$$= \frac{\delta W[\delta \vec{\xi}^*, \vec{\xi}] + \delta W[\vec{\xi}^*, \delta \vec{\xi}] - \omega^2 [\delta K[\delta \vec{\xi}^*, \vec{\xi}] + \delta K[\vec{\xi}^*, \delta \vec{\xi}]]}{\delta K[\vec{\xi}^*, \vec{\xi}]}$$

using eq of

 $\delta W, \delta K$

and self-adj.

$$= - \frac{\int d^3x \left\{ \delta \vec{\xi}^* (\vec{F}[\vec{\xi}] + \omega^2 \rho \vec{\xi}) \right\} + \int d^3x \left\{ \delta \vec{\xi}^* \cdot (\vec{F}[\vec{\xi}] + \omega^2 \rho \vec{\xi}) \right\}^*}{\delta K[\vec{\xi}^*, \vec{\xi}]}$$

$$\delta \omega^2 = 0 \iff \omega^2 \rho \vec{\xi} = -\vec{F}[\vec{\xi}]$$

ω^2 의 최솟값을 찾는 문제나, normal mode equation을 푸는 문제나 같은 문제를 푸는 것이다.

\Rightarrow The stability can be determined by minimizing Eq. (19), ($\delta \omega^2 = 0$)
rather than the full normal mode analysis of ($\omega^2 \rho \vec{\xi} = -\vec{F}[\vec{\xi}]$)

◦ Energy principle

Any possible displacement can be represented by $\vec{\xi} = \sum_n a_n \vec{\xi}_n$

if eigenmodes are discrete

$$\delta W = -\frac{1}{2} \int d^3x \left(\sum_m a_m \vec{\xi}_m^* \right) \cdot \vec{F} \left[\sum_n a_n \vec{\xi}_n \right] = \frac{1}{2} \sum_n |a_n|^2 \omega_n^2 \int \rho |\vec{\xi}_n|^2 d^3x$$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{If } \delta W > 0, \omega_n^2 \text{ must be positive against arbitrary } a_n : \text{stable} \\ \text{If } \delta W < 0, \text{ there must be at least one negative } \omega_n^2 : \text{unstable} \end{array} \right.$

\Rightarrow Energy Principle: Equilibrium is stable iff $\delta W > 0$,
for all allowable trial function $\vec{\xi}(\vec{x})$

Standard form of dW

$$dW = -\frac{1}{2} \int \vec{j} \cdot \left[\underbrace{\frac{1}{\mu_0} (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}_1) \times \vec{B}_0}_{(a)} + \underbrace{\vec{j}_0 \times \vec{B}_1}_{(b)} + \underbrace{\vec{\nabla} (\vec{\xi} \cdot \vec{\nabla} p)}_{(c)} + \underbrace{\gamma \vec{\nabla} (p (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\xi}))}_{(c)} \right] d\vec{x}^3$$

$$(\vec{B}_1 = \vec{B}_1(\vec{\xi}_\perp) = \vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\xi}_\perp \times \vec{B}_0) \leadsto \vec{B}_1(\vec{\eta}_\perp) = \vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\eta}_\perp \times \vec{B}_0))$$

$$(a) = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \int (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}_1) \cdot (\vec{B}_0 \times \vec{\eta}_\perp) d\vec{x}^3 \quad \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{A} \times \vec{B}) = (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}) \cdot \vec{B} - \vec{A} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B})$$

$$= \frac{1}{\mu_0} \int \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{B}_1 \times (\vec{B}_0 \times \vec{\eta}_\perp)) d\vec{x}^3 + \frac{1}{\mu_0} \int \vec{B}_1 \cdot \vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{B}_0 \times \vec{\eta}_\perp) d\vec{x}^3$$

$$= \underbrace{-\frac{1}{\mu_0} \int \vec{B}_0 \cdot \vec{B}_1(\vec{\xi}_\perp) (\vec{\eta}_\perp \cdot d\vec{a})}_{S_1} - \underbrace{\frac{1}{\mu_0} \int \vec{B}_1(\vec{\eta}_\perp) \cdot \vec{B}_1(\vec{\xi}_\perp) d\vec{x}^3}_{F_1}$$

$$\left(\text{for } S_1 \right) \int \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{B}_1 \times (\vec{B}_0 \times \vec{\eta}_\perp)) d\vec{x}^3 = \int \vec{B}_1 \times (\vec{B}_0 \times \vec{\eta}_\perp) \cdot d\vec{a} = \int \vec{B}_1 \cdot (\vec{B}_0 \times \vec{\eta}_\perp) \times d\vec{a} \\ = \int \vec{B}_1 \cdot (\vec{\eta}_\perp (\vec{B}_0 \cdot d\vec{a}) - \vec{B}_0 (\vec{\eta}_\perp \cdot d\vec{a})) = \int \vec{B}_0 \cdot \vec{B}_1(\vec{\eta}_\perp) d\vec{a}$$

$$(\text{use } \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{A} \times \vec{B}) = (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}) \cdot \vec{B} - \vec{A} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}))$$

(b), first note that

$$\vec{B}_0 \cdot (\vec{j}_0 \times \vec{B}_1) = -\vec{B}_1 \cdot \vec{\nabla} p = -\vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\xi}_\perp \times \vec{B}_0) \cdot \vec{\nabla} p \stackrel{\nabla \cdot}{=} \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} p \times (\vec{\xi} \times \vec{B}_0)) \\ = -\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{B}_0 (\vec{\xi} \cdot \vec{\nabla} p)) = -\vec{B}_0 \cdot \vec{\nabla} (\vec{\xi} \cdot \vec{\nabla} p)$$

it gives the relation of $\vec{\eta}_\perp \cdot (\vec{j}_0 \times \vec{B}_1 + \vec{\nabla} (\vec{\xi} \cdot \vec{\nabla} p)) = 0$.

$$\therefore (b) = \int \vec{\eta}_\perp \cdot (\vec{j}_0 \times \vec{B}_1 + \vec{\nabla} (\vec{\xi} \cdot \vec{\nabla} p)) d\vec{x}^3$$

$$= \underbrace{\int \vec{\eta}_\perp \cdot (\vec{j}_0 \times \vec{B}_1) d\vec{x}^3}_{F_3} + \underbrace{\int \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{\eta}_\perp \vec{\nabla} (\vec{\xi} \cdot \vec{\nabla} p)) d\vec{x}^3}_S - \underbrace{(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\eta}_\perp) (\vec{\xi} \cdot \vec{\nabla} p) d\vec{x}^3}_{F_4}$$

$$(c) = \underbrace{\int \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{\eta} \gamma p (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\xi})) d\vec{x}^3}_{S_2} - \underbrace{\gamma p (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\eta}) (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\xi}) d\vec{x}^3}_{F_2}$$

let $\vec{\eta} = \vec{\xi}^*$, then we obtain $\delta W = \delta W_F + \delta W_s$

(δW_F : fluid perturbed energy,
 δW_s : surface energy) are given by

$$\delta W_F = \frac{1}{2} \int \left[\frac{|\vec{B}_1|^2}{\mu_0} + \gamma p |\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\xi}|^2 - \vec{\xi}_\perp^* \cdot (\vec{j}_0 \times \vec{B}_1) + (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\xi}_\perp)(\vec{\xi}_\perp \cdot \vec{\nabla} p) \right] d\tau$$

$$\delta W_s = \frac{1}{2} \int \left(\frac{\vec{B}_0 \cdot \vec{B}_1}{\mu_0} - \gamma p (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\xi}) - \vec{\xi} \cdot \vec{\nabla} p \right) (\vec{\xi}_\perp^* \cdot d\vec{a})$$

δW ① term : magnetic pressure
 ② term : plasma compression
 ③ term : current
 ④ term : pressure gradient) \rightarrow stabilizing
) \rightarrow destabilizing.

• Intuitive form of δW (by H.P. Furth (1965))

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{B}_0 \cdot \vec{B}_1 &= \vec{B}_0 \cdot \vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\xi} \times \vec{B}_0) = \vec{\nabla} \cdot ((\vec{\xi} \times \vec{B}_0) \times \vec{B}_0) + (\vec{\xi}_\perp \times \vec{B}_0) \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}_0) \\ &= -\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{\xi}_\perp B_0^2) - \mu_0 (\vec{\xi}_\perp \cdot \vec{\nabla} p) = -(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\xi}_\perp) B_0^2 - \vec{\xi}_\perp \cdot \vec{\nabla} B_0^2 - \mu_0 \vec{\xi}_\perp \cdot \vec{\nabla} p \\ &= -(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\xi}_\perp + 2 \vec{\xi}_\perp \cdot \vec{\kappa}) B_0^2 + \mu_0 \vec{\xi}_\perp \cdot \vec{\nabla} p = -\Delta B_0^2 + \mu_0 \vec{\xi}_\perp \cdot \vec{\nabla} p \\ \vec{\nabla}_\perp (B_0^2 + 2\mu_0 p) &= 2B_0^2 \vec{\kappa} \quad (\text{where } \Delta = \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\xi}_\perp + 2 \vec{\xi}_\perp \cdot \vec{\kappa}) \end{aligned}$$

$$|\vec{B}_{||}|^2 = \Delta^2 B_0^2 - 2\mu_0 (\vec{\xi}_\perp^* \cdot \vec{\nabla} p) \Delta + \frac{\mu_0^2 (\vec{\xi}_\perp \cdot \vec{\nabla} p)^2}{B_0^2}$$

$$\text{1st-term in } \delta W_F : \frac{|\vec{B}_1|^2}{\mu_0} = \frac{|\vec{B}_{\perp}|^2}{\mu_0} + \frac{\Delta^2 B_0^2}{\mu_0} - 2(\vec{\xi}_\perp^* \cdot \vec{\nabla} p) \Delta + \frac{\mu_0 (\vec{\xi}_\perp \cdot \vec{\nabla} p)^2}{B_0^2}$$

3rd-term in δW_F :

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{\xi}_\perp^* \cdot (\vec{j}_0 \times \vec{B}_1) &= \vec{\xi}_\perp^* \cdot (\vec{j}_{0\perp} \times \vec{B}_{||}) + \vec{\xi}_\perp^* \cdot (\vec{j}_{0||} \times \vec{B}_{\perp}) = \frac{B_{||}}{B_0} \vec{\xi}_\perp^* \cdot \vec{\nabla} p + \frac{j_{0||}}{B_0} \vec{B}_{\perp} \cdot (\vec{\xi}_\perp^* \times \vec{B}_0) \\ &= -(\vec{\xi}_\perp^* \cdot \vec{\nabla} p) \Delta + \frac{\mu_0 (\vec{\xi}_\perp \cdot \vec{\nabla} p)^2}{B_0^2} + \frac{j_{0||}}{B_0} \vec{B}_{\perp} \cdot (\vec{\xi}_\perp^* \times \vec{B}_0) \end{aligned}$$

combining modified 1st, 3rd and 4-th term,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{|\vec{B}_1|^2}{\mu_0} - \vec{\xi}_\perp \cdot (\vec{j} \times \vec{B}_1) + (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\xi}_\perp^*) (\vec{\xi}_\perp \cdot \vec{\nabla} p) \\
 &= \frac{|\vec{B}_\perp|^2}{\mu_0} + \frac{\Delta^2 B_0^2}{\mu_0} - 2 (\vec{\xi}_\perp^* \cdot \vec{\nabla} p) \Delta + \frac{\mu_0 (\vec{\xi}_\perp \cdot \vec{\nabla} p)^2}{B_0^2} \\
 &+ (\vec{\xi}_\perp^* \cdot \vec{\nabla} p) \Delta - \frac{\mu_0 (\vec{\xi}_\perp \cdot \vec{\nabla} p)^2}{B_0^2} - \frac{j_{011}}{B_0} \vec{B}_\perp \cdot (\vec{\xi}_\perp^* \times \vec{B}_0) \\
 &+ (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\xi}_\perp^*) (\vec{\xi}_\perp \cdot \vec{\nabla} p) \\
 &\quad \text{(note } \Delta = \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\xi}_\perp + 2 \vec{\xi}_\perp \cdot \vec{k} \text{)} \\
 &= \frac{|\vec{B}_\perp|^2}{\mu_0} + \frac{\Delta^2 B_0^2}{\mu_0} - \frac{j_{011}}{B_0} \vec{B}_\perp \cdot (\vec{\xi}_\perp^* \times \vec{B}_0) - 2 (\vec{\xi}_\perp \cdot \vec{k}) (\vec{\xi}_\perp \cdot \vec{\nabla} p) \\
 &\quad \text{(a) (b) (c) (d)}
 \end{aligned}$$

All together, the fluid perturbed potential :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \delta W_F = \frac{1}{2} \int & \left[\frac{1}{\mu_0} \frac{|\vec{B}_\perp|^2}{(a)} + \frac{1}{\mu_0} \left| \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\xi}_\perp + 2 \vec{\xi}_\perp \cdot \vec{k} \right|^2 B_0^2 + \gamma p |\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\xi}|^2 \right] dx^3 \\
 & \quad \text{(b) (c)} \\
 & - \frac{1}{2} \int \left[2 (\vec{\xi}_\perp \cdot \vec{k}) (\vec{\xi}_\perp \cdot \vec{\nabla} p) + \frac{j_{011}}{B_0} \vec{B}_\perp \cdot (\vec{\xi}_\perp^* \times \vec{B}_0) \right] dx^3 \\
 & \quad \text{(d) (e)}
 \end{aligned}$$

(a) magnetic pressure (shear Alfvén wave)

(b) magnetic compression (compressional Alfvén wave)

(c) plasma compression (sound wave)

(d) pressure driven instability (interchange & ballooning)
(when $\vec{k} \cdot \vec{\nabla} p > 0$)

(e) current driven instability (kink & tearing)