

## Magnetohydrodynamics:

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### • Astrophysics:

- (i) Cosmology [Gravity]
- (ii) Astroparticle physics [Dark matter, Cosmic Rays, high-energy phenomenon]
- (iii) Physics of plasma  
+ Radiation

"Perhaps the fundamental equation that describes the swirling nebulae and the condensing, revolving and exploding stars and galaxies is just a simple equation for hydrodynamic behaviour of nearly pure hydrogen gas" Feynman, "Flow of wet water"

• plus magnetic field

### Fundamental principle of astrophysics

"There are no new laws in astrophysics. It is an application of experimental laws found terrestrially and applied astrophysically"

## 1.2 Plasma the 4th state of matter

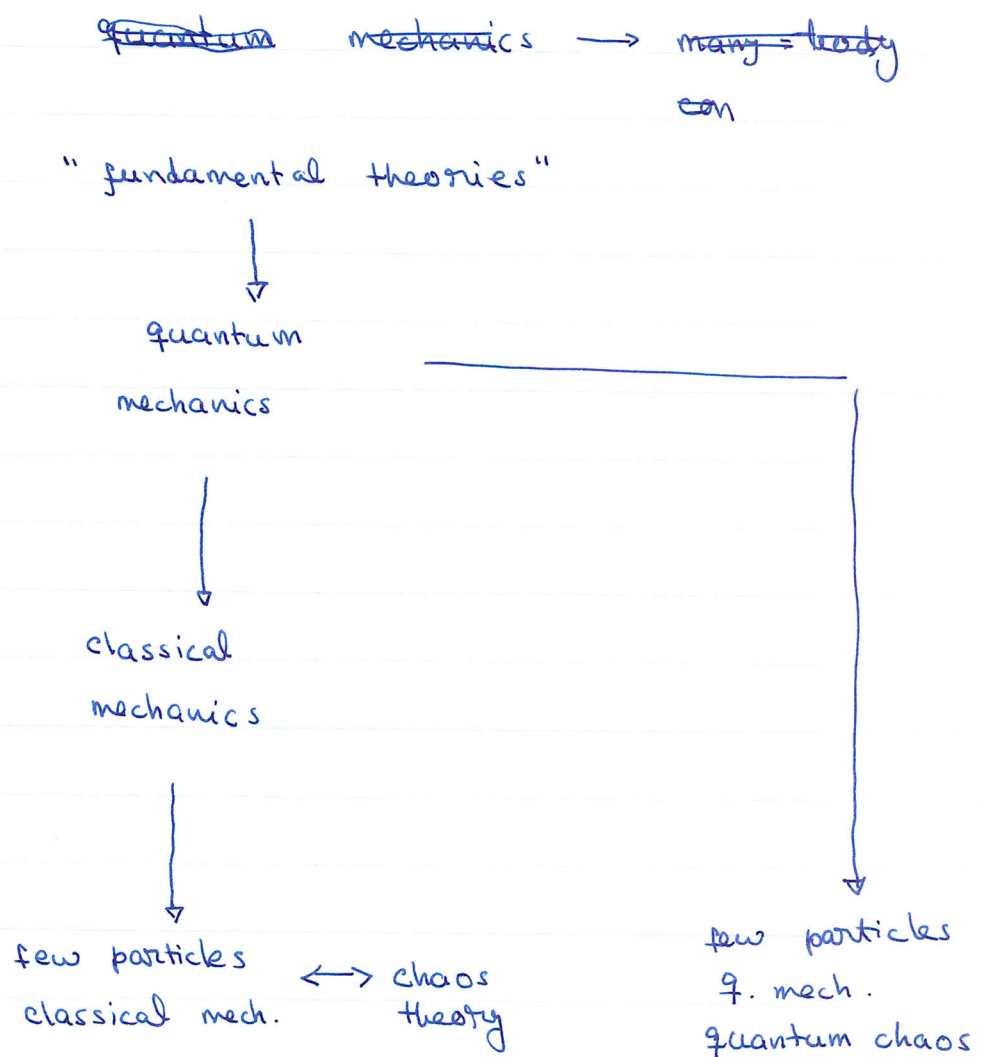
It is a state of matter where there are no atoms but electrons and positive ions. Mixed up like a gas.

By gas we mean that there are no order.  
What kind of equation will such a gas obey?

- \* Plasma is the most abundant state of ordinary matter.
- \* This is a topic of continuum mechanics, similar to fluid dynamics or elasticity.
- \* But plasma is more complex than ordinary gas because ~~of~~ it contains charges, hence can sustain magnetic field (why not electric field?)
- \* Fundamentally, the difficulty of dealing with plasma is the long-range nature of the Coulomb interaction, however 'shielding' provides some help. We shall come back to this topic later.
- \* Fusion plasma and the solution to all our problems.

### 1.3 Continuum mechanics:

- \* Traditionally derived as many-body formulation of Newton's laws. But with additional constitutive ~~exp~~ coefficients (elastic coefficients, viscosity, thermal conductivity)
- \* Theoretical physics and length and time scales. The concept of "effective theories."



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stat.  
mech.

many-body  
class. mech.

many body ~~stat~~  
q. mech.  
(superconductivity  
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continuum mechanics.

can also be formulated as  
non-equilibrium statistical mechanics.

\* Each step is a change of scale, "coarse graining"

\* ~~test~~ ~~us~~ ~~stat~~ ~~try~~ ~~within~~

\* Equations of a simple fluid:

\* Apply Newton's laws to a fluid element:



$g \, \delta V$  (acceleration)

= pressure force

+ body forces (e.g. gravity)

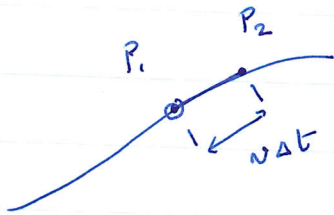
+ viscous forces.

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body forces:  $-\rho \nabla \phi$

pressure forces:  $-\nabla p$

acceleration:  $\frac{d\vec{v}}{dt}$



$$\Delta v = v(x + \Delta x, y + \Delta y, z + \Delta z, t + \Delta t)$$

$$= v(x + v_x \Delta t, y + v_y \Delta t, z + v_z \Delta t, t + \Delta t)$$

$$= v(x, y, z) + \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} v_x \Delta t + \dots + \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} \Delta t + \text{h.o.t}$$

The acceleration

$$\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t} = (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t}$$

Putting together:

$$\rho \left[ \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v} \right] = -\nabla p - \rho \nabla \phi + \text{viscous force.}$$

Beginning of hydrodynamics.

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\* A second way to derive hydrodynamics:

- look for conserved quantities:

mass, momentum, energy.

Each conserved quantity will have a density and a current.

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{g} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial g_i}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \pi_{ij} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{j}_\mathcal{E} = 0$$

- clearly current of mass is the momentum.

$$\mathbf{g} = \rho \mathbf{v}$$

This is the current of a conserved quantity is also conserved.



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To proceed let us be a little bit more careful.

- We consider a fluid that has local thermodynamic equilibrium. In other words one can define a local temperature.
- So we are dealing with thermodynamics of moving systems.
- Remind ourselves some thermodynamics:
- An interacting classical system is described by a Hamiltonian  $\mathcal{H}$

All of thermodynamics is in the partition function

$$\mathcal{Z} = \text{Tr} e^{-\beta \mathcal{H}}$$

↑ integral over all degrees of freedom.

$$\mathcal{F} = -T \ln \mathcal{Z}$$

Helmholtz potential.

$$= E - TS.$$

~~But now we are in a moving system.~~

$$d\mathcal{F} = dE - TdS - SdT$$

$$TdS = dE + p dV$$

$$= -SdT - p dV$$

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Now consider a thermodynamics with motion.

$$Z_N(T, V, v) = e^{\beta N m v^2 / 2} Z_N(T, V, 0)$$

↑

Because in a classical system velocity is independent of position.

$$\Rightarrow F(T, V, N, v) = F(T, V, N, 0) - \frac{1}{2} N m v^2$$

The momentum operator

$$P_j = - \left. \frac{\partial F}{\partial v_j} \right|_{T, V, N}$$

$$= N m v_j$$

$$\Rightarrow dF =$$

$$\Rightarrow dF = -S dT - p dV - P dv$$

Now introduce the grand potential:

$$A = F - \mu N$$

↑ chemical potential.



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clearly

$$\mu = \mu_0 - \frac{1}{2} m v^2$$

The grand potential is related to the pressure  
by

$$\mathcal{A} = -V p(\mu, T, v)$$

$$\Rightarrow p = - \frac{\mathcal{A}}{V}$$

$$= - \frac{1}{V} (\mathcal{E} - \mu N)$$

$$= - \frac{1}{V} \left[ E - TS - \mu N - \frac{1}{2} N m v^2 \right]$$

$$= - \mathcal{E} - Ts - \alpha \rho - \vec{g} \cdot \vec{v}$$

$$\rho = \frac{Nm}{V}, \quad \alpha = \frac{\mu}{m},$$

Then the entropy eqn.

$$T ds = d\mathcal{E} - \alpha d\rho - \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{g}$$

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Now write an equation of entropy transport:

$$T \left[ \frac{\partial s}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (u s + \frac{\Phi}{T}) \right]$$

$$= - \Phi \cdot \frac{\nabla T}{T} - (g - s u) \cdot \nabla \alpha$$

$$- (\pi_{ij} - p \delta_{ij} - v_i g_j) \nabla \cdot v_j$$

Demand zero dissipation

$$g = s \vec{u}$$

$$\pi_{ij} = p \delta_{ij} + v_j g_i$$

$$j_\epsilon = (\epsilon + p) u = \left( \epsilon_0 + p + \frac{1}{2} s u^2 \right) u$$

$$\frac{\partial s}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (s u) = 0$$

$$\partial_t (s u) + \nabla \cdot (s u u) = - \nabla p$$

$$\partial_t s + \nabla \cdot (u s) = 0.$$

Dissipationless hydrodynamics.