

# EPFL Interview

## Edyn basics

• Coulomb force:  $\vec{F} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2} \vec{e}_r$

• E field:  $\vec{E} = \frac{\vec{F}}{q}$  ~~(D = ε · E)~~

• El. flux:  $\Phi_{el} = \int_{\partial\Omega} \vec{E} \cdot \vec{e}_n = \int_{\Omega} \text{div } \vec{E}$

$$\Rightarrow \Phi_{el} = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \int_{\Omega} \rho$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{div } \vec{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}$$

Mx1 / Gauss-law

• Potential  
(if E cons.)

$$-\nabla\phi := \vec{E}$$

$$\left( \Rightarrow -\Delta\phi = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0} \right) \quad \frac{\phi_1 - \phi_2}{\vec{r}} = U = \int_C \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

• Lorentz force:  $\vec{F}_L := q\vec{E} + q(\vec{v} \times \vec{B})$

• B field & mag. flux:  $\Phi_m = \int \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{A}$  ( $B = \mu H$ )

• closed surface mag. flux:  $\oint_{\partial\Omega} \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{A} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \text{div } \vec{B} = 0$$

Mx3 / Gauss for Magn.

• Ampere's law:  
(from Experiments)

$$\oint_C \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} = \mu_0 I = \mu_0 \int \vec{j} \cdot d\vec{A}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{curl } \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{j}$$

Mx4 / Ampere's law

(in static fields:  $\oint_C \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = 0 \Rightarrow \text{rot } \vec{E} = 0$ ) Mx2

• B field of  
stationary currents:  
(Biot Savart)

$$\vec{B}(\vec{r}) = -\frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \int \frac{d\vec{s} \times \vec{e}_r}{r^2}$$

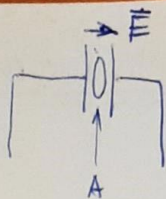
• Faraday's law of Ind.:  
(Exprim.)

$$\left. \begin{aligned} U_{ind} &= -\frac{d\Phi_m}{dt} \\ U &= \int_C \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \text{rot } \vec{E} = -\partial_t \vec{B}$$

Mx2 / Faraday



- Displacement current:



area A: here  $j=0$

$$\Rightarrow \oint_C \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} = \mu_0 I \Rightarrow B=0$$

introduce  $j_d$  - displ. curr. density

$$j_d = \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial E}{\partial t}$$

$$\Rightarrow \oint_C \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} = \mu_0 \int j + j_d \Rightarrow$$

$$\text{curl } \vec{B} = \mu_0 j + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$$

Max /  
Ampere

- Maxwell:

$$\begin{cases} \text{div } \vec{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0} & \dots \text{ Gauss} \\ \text{div } \vec{B} = 0 & \dots \text{ Gauss} \\ \text{curl } \vec{E} = -\partial_t \vec{B} & \dots \text{ Faraday induced} \\ \text{curl } \vec{B} = \mu_0 j + \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \partial_t \vec{E} & \dots \text{ Amp. circuit} \end{cases}$$

- Wave eqn.  
in Vacuum  
 $j=0, \rho=0$

$$\text{Max} \Rightarrow \text{curl}(\text{curl } \vec{E}) = -\text{curl}(\partial_t \vec{B})$$

$$= -\partial_t (\epsilon_0 \mu_0 \partial_t \vec{E}) = -\epsilon_0 \mu_0 \partial_t^2 \vec{E}$$

$$\text{use } \text{curl}(\text{curl } \vec{E}) \equiv \nabla(\underbrace{\nabla \cdot \vec{E}}_{= \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0} = 0}) - \underbrace{\nabla \cdot (\nabla \vec{E})}_{= \Delta \vec{E}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta \vec{E} = \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \partial_t^2 \vec{E}$$

$$(\text{and similar: } \Delta \vec{B} = \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \partial_t^2 \vec{B})$$

$$\text{sol: } \vec{E} = \vec{E}_0 \cdot e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)}$$

- in cyl. coord:  $\vec{E}(x,y,z) = \vec{E}(R(x,y,z), \varphi(\dots), z(\dots))$

$$\partial_x \vec{E} = \partial_R \vec{E} \cdot \underbrace{\partial_x R}_{\partial_x \sqrt{x^2+y^2}} + \partial_\varphi \vec{E} \cdot \underbrace{\partial_x \varphi}_{\partial_x \arctan(\frac{y}{x})} + \underbrace{\partial_z \vec{E}}_{=0} \cdot \underbrace{\partial_x z}_{=0}$$

$$\partial_x \sqrt{x^2+y^2} = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} = \frac{x}{R}$$

$$\partial_x \arctan(\frac{y}{x}) = -\frac{y}{x^2+y^2} = -\frac{\sin \varphi}{R}$$

usw

$$\leadsto \partial_R^2 \vec{E} + \frac{1}{R} \partial_R \vec{E} + \frac{1}{R^2} \partial_\varphi^2 \vec{E} + \partial_z^2 \vec{E} = \nabla_{\text{cyl}}^2 \vec{E}$$



# Kinetic Plasma Th.

$f_s$ ... density of particles of type 's'

• particle cons:  $\partial_t f_s + \nabla_{\vec{v}} \cdot (\vec{u}_s f_s) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \partial_t f_s + \partial_{\vec{r}} \cdot (\vec{v} f_s) + \partial_{\vec{v}} \cdot \left( \frac{\vec{F}}{m_s} f_s \right)$$

$$\vec{F} = \vec{F}_{SR} + \vec{F}_{CR} = \vec{F}_{soll} + \vec{F}_{Lorentz}$$

• Boltzmann:  $\Rightarrow \partial_t f_s + \vec{v} \cdot \partial_{\vec{r}} f_s + \underbrace{\frac{q}{m} (\vec{E} + \vec{v} \times \vec{B})}_{\vec{F}_{Lorentz}} \cdot \partial_{\vec{v}} f_s = (\partial_t f)_c$   
"Boltzmann"

• large  $n$  in Debye cube / neglected collisions

$$\Rightarrow \partial_t f_s + \vec{v} \cdot \partial_{\vec{r}} f_s + \frac{q}{m} (\vec{E} + \vec{v} \times \vec{B}) \cdot \partial_{\vec{v}} f_s = 0$$

"Vlasov"

~~Fluid eqn~~ Fluid eqn  
take  $n^{th}$  moments of Boltzmann (multiply by  $\vec{v}^n$  and  $\int$ )

$$v^0: \int \partial_t f_s \cdot 1 + \int \vec{v} \cdot \partial_{\vec{r}} f_s \cdot 1 + \int \frac{q}{m} (\vec{E} + \vec{v} \times \vec{B}) \cdot \partial_{\vec{v}} f_s \cdot 1 = \int C \cdot 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial n}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (n \vec{u}) = 0$$

$= \int C \cdot v$

$$v^1: \int \partial_t f_s \cdot \vec{v} + \int \dots \cdot \vec{v} + \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow mn \partial_t \vec{u} + mn (\vec{u} \cdot \nabla) \vec{u} = qn (\vec{E} + \vec{u} \times \vec{B}) - \nabla \cdot \vec{P} + ZR$$

$$v^2: \int \partial_t f_s \cdot v^2 + \dots = \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3}{2} n \partial_t T + P \cdot \nabla \vec{u} + \nabla \cdot \vec{Q} = \sum \partial_t W$$

heat flux      therm. energy

non-closed, as higher moments missing  
use Braginskii



YHD

Assume:  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{lengths} \gg \lambda_{De}, \quad \omega \ll \omega_{gyro}, \quad \text{mean fluid vel} \\ \text{2 species: } e^+, e^- \end{array} \right.$  = ion vel. /  $m_e \rightarrow 0$

equ: 
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \partial_t \rho + \nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{u}) = 0 \\ \rho D_t u - \nabla \times B + \nabla P_i + \nabla P_e = 0 \end{array} \right. \quad \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array}$$

1 dead MHD

$$\text{eqn.} \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \partial_t \rho + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u}) = 0 & \dots \text{cont.} \\ \rho D_t \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{B} + \nabla P = 0 & \dots \text{moment.} \\ \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{B} = 0 & \dots \text{Ohm} \\ \partial_t \left( \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \right) = 0 & \dots \text{energy /} \\ & \text{eq. of state} \\ \left. \begin{array}{l} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0 \\ \nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\partial_t \mathbf{B} \\ \nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \mu_0 \cdot \mathbf{I} \end{array} \right\} & \text{Maxwell's eqs.} \end{array} \right.$$

Assume:

- Assume:
- high collision.
  - small  $r_{gyro}$
  - low resistivity
  - magnetized plasma
  - ↳ use Braginskii for RHS
  - neglect RHS