Basic Plasma Phenomena

- eΦ/kT very small
- Kinetic temperature/Maxwellian distribution
- Thermal Equilibrium/ Average energy = (3/2)kT (3-D)
- Screening $\Phi = \Phi_0 e^{|x|/\lambda_D}$ Debye Length

$$\lambda_{\rm D} = (\frac{\epsilon_{\rm o} k T_{\rm e}}{{\rm ne}^2})^{1/2}$$

Plasma Response time/plasma frequency

 $\omega_p^2 = ne^2/m\epsilon_o$

Lorentz transformation

$$\vec{E}'_{||} = \vec{E}_{||} \text{ while } \vec{E}_{perp} = \gamma (\vec{E}_{perp} + \vec{v} \times \vec{B})$$
$$\vec{B}'_{||} = \vec{B}_{|||} \text{ , while } \vec{B}'_{perp} = \gamma (\vec{B}_{perp} - \frac{1}{c^2} \vec{v} \times \vec{E})$$

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- Dipole field equation $|B| \sim 1/r^3 * trig fn$.
- equation of a field line $r = r_o \cos^2 \lambda$

Guiding Center motion

- Gyroradius, gyrofrequency $\Omega = -qB/m$
- Guiding center equation:



- Gyration, bouce, drift
- Drift velocity $V_D = F X B/(qB^2)$
- *F*= -μ*VB*
- Adiabatic Invariants

Bounce Motion (parallel motion)

• Constancy of
$$M = \frac{mv_1}{2B}$$

• Magnetic bottle, Pitch angle, mirror point

$$B_m = \frac{B_0}{S_1 + 2}$$

• Longitudinal Drift

$$V_{G} = \frac{\overline{B} \times \overline{\nabla B}}{eB^{3}} \left(\mathcal{E}_{\perp} + 2\mathcal{E}_{\parallel} \right)$$



Radial Diffusion

(Grad-B drifting particles experience a cross-magnetosphere Electric field which varies at the Drift Period)

Corotation of the Plasmasphere

(The inner magnetosphere rotates once/day because of the conducting, magnetized, rotating ionosphere generating an electric field which gives just the right the ExB drift)

Alfven Shielding Layer

(Energetic particles, approaching from the magnetotail, make a partial ring current, leaving predominantly positive charge on the Dusk side, and Negative charge on the Dawn side)

Collective Plasma Phenomena

Liouville's equation

$$\frac{df}{dt} = \frac{2f}{3t} + \nabla_{v}\nabla f + \frac{\widetilde{F}}{m} \cdot \nabla_{v}f = 0$$

Vlasov or Collisionless Boltzman Equation

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial E} + \overline{v} \cdot \overline{v} f + \frac{2}{m} (\overline{E} + \overline{v} \times \overline{B}) \cdot \overline{v} f = 0$$

 Moment equations (continuity, Force (or momentum) and Energy Eqtn

MHD

- Formal Derivations of equations
- Pressure tensor. Magnetization current

$$\overline{J}_{M} = \nabla X \widehat{M}$$

- Approximations for MHD
- Maxwell stress tensor, Poynting's Theorem
- Closure of the moment equations: equation of state (assumptions?) d/dt ($\frac{1}{\rho^{3/2}}$) =0

• Field line motion

$$\frac{\partial B}{\partial t} = \nabla x (\nabla x \overline{B}) + \frac{1}{M_0 \nabla} \nabla^2 \overline{B}$$

• Frozen in condition

$$\overline{V} = \frac{\overline{B} \times \overline{B}}{\overline{B}^2}$$

Ionosphere/Magnetosphere reconection, field aligned currents Ionosphere conductivity



Wave Intro

- Dialectric Tensor
- Electrostatic waves (d*B*/dt = 0) (so E = - $\nabla \Phi$, or $\nabla^2 \Phi$ = - ρ/ϵ_o) (Poisson's Eqtn)
- Alfven waves