

# Introduction to Nuclear Fusion as An Energy Source

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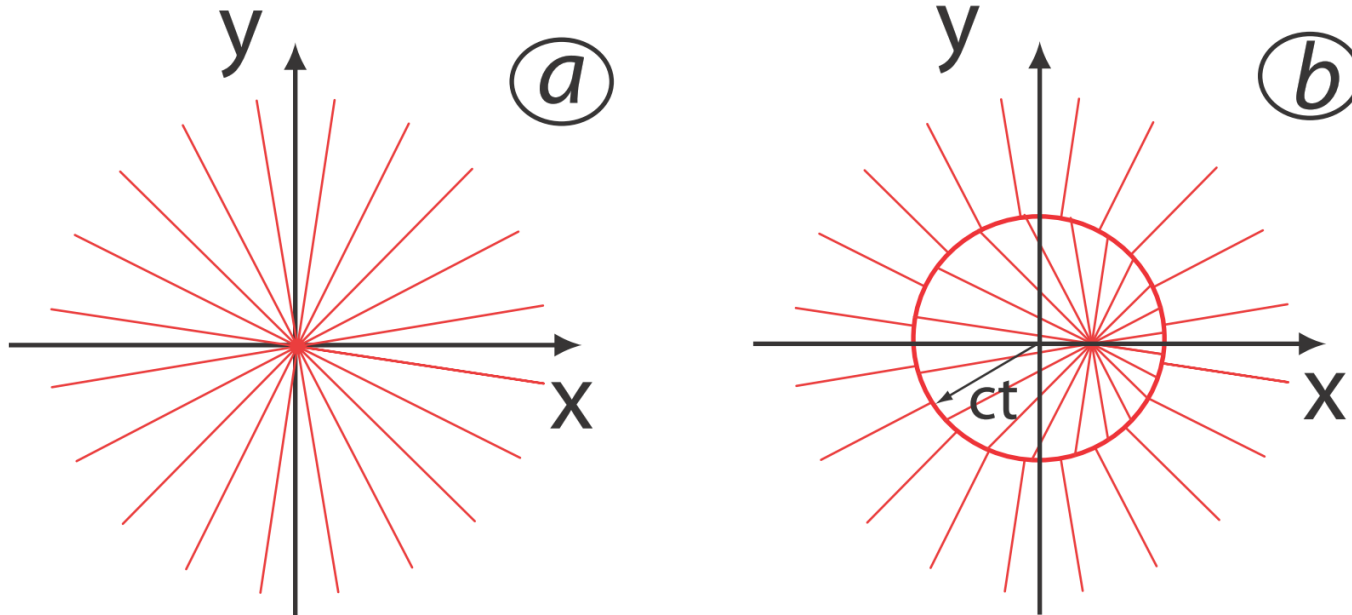
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# Electromagnetic wave is radiated when a charge particle is accelerated



- The retarded potentials are the electromagnetic potentials for the electromagnetic field generated by time-varying electric current or charge distributions in the past.

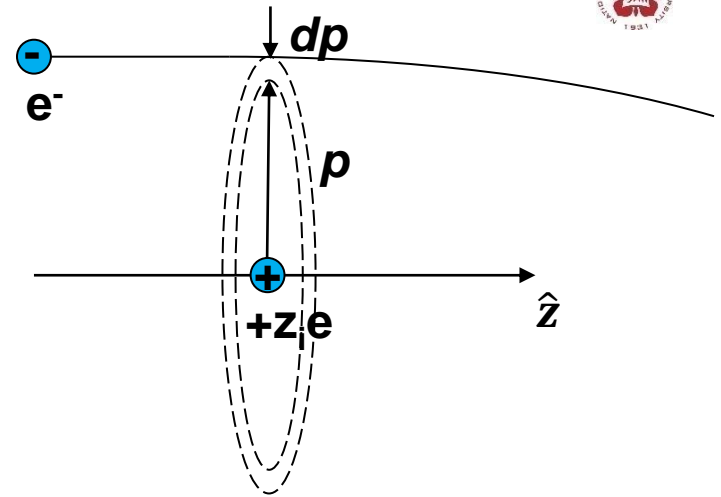


# Bremsstrahlung emission



- When an electron collides with a nucleus via coulomb interaction, the electron is accelerated and thus radiates, called Bremsstrahlung radiation.
- In the non-relativistic limit, the Bremsstrahlung radiation power is:

$$P_{B,e1,i1} = \frac{e^2}{6\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\dot{v}^2}{c^3}$$



$p$ : Impact parameter

- The coulomb force experienced by the electron is:

$$\dot{v} = \frac{F}{m_e} = \frac{ze^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 m_e r^2} = \frac{ze^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 m_e [p^2 + (vt)^2]} \approx \frac{ze^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 m_e p^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow P_{B,e1,i1} = \frac{z^2 e^6}{96\pi^3 \epsilon_0^3 c^3 m_e^2} \frac{1}{p^4} \quad (\text{W})$$

# Bremsstrahlung emission



- For multiple ion species:  $n_j, z_j$

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{P}_B &= \left( \frac{2^{1/2}}{3\pi^{5/2}} \right) \left( \frac{e^6}{\epsilon_0^3 c^3 h m_e^{3/2}} \right) n_e T_e^{1/2} \sum_j z_j^2 n_{i,j} \left( \frac{W}{m^3} \right) \\ &= \left( \frac{2^{1/2}}{3\pi^{5/2}} \right) \left( \frac{e^6}{\epsilon_0^3 c^3 h m_e^{3/2}} \right) Z_{\text{eff}} n_e^2 T_e^{1/2} \left( \frac{W}{m^3} \right)\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{where } Z_{\text{eff}} \equiv \frac{\sum_j z_j^2 n_j}{n_e} = \frac{\sum_j z_j^2 n_j}{\sum_j z_j n_j} \quad n_e = \sum_j z_j n_j$$

$$\bar{P}_B = 5.35 \times 10^{-37} Z_{\text{eff}} n_{e(m^{-3})}^2 T_{e(\text{keV})}^{1/2} \left( \frac{W}{m^3} \right)$$

$$\bar{P}_B \equiv C_B Z_{\text{eff}} n_{e(m^{-3})}^2 T_{e(\text{keV})}^{1/2} \left( \frac{W}{m^3} \right)$$

# Ignition condition (Lawson criterion) revision



- Steady state 0-D power balance:

$$S_{\alpha} + S_h = S_B + S_k$$

$S_h$ : external heating

$S_{\alpha}$ :  $\alpha$  particle heating



$$S_f = E_f n_1 n_2 \langle \sigma v \rangle (\text{W/m}^3)$$

$$S_{\alpha} = \frac{1}{4} E_{\alpha} n^2 \langle \sigma v \rangle = \frac{1}{16} E_{\alpha} \frac{p^2 \langle \sigma v \rangle}{T^2}$$

$$E_{\alpha} = 3.5 \text{ MeV}$$

$$p = p_e + p_i = 2p_e = 2n_e T \equiv 2nT$$

$S_B$ : Bremsstrahlung radiation

$$S_B = C_B Z_{\text{eff}} n_e^2 (\text{m}^{-3}) T_e^{1/2} (\text{keV}) \left( \frac{\text{W}}{\text{m}^3} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} C_B \frac{p^2}{T^{3/2}}$$

$S_k$ : heat conduction lost

$$S_k = \frac{3}{2} \frac{p}{\tau}$$

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$$\frac{1}{16} E_{\alpha} \frac{p^2 \langle \sigma v \rangle}{T^2} \geq \frac{1}{4} C_B \frac{p^2}{T^{3/2}} + \frac{3}{2} \frac{p}{\tau}$$

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$$p\tau \geq \frac{6}{\frac{1}{4} E_{\alpha} \frac{\langle \sigma v \rangle}{T^2} - C_B \frac{1}{T^{3/2}}}$$

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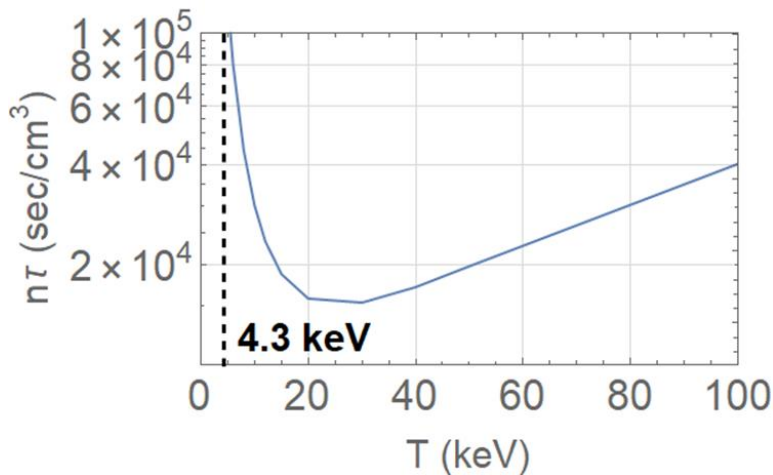
$$n\tau > \frac{3T}{\frac{1}{4} \langle \sigma v \rangle \epsilon_{\alpha} - C_B \sqrt{T}}$$

$$nT\tau > \frac{3T^2}{\frac{1}{4} \langle \sigma v \rangle \epsilon_{\alpha} - C_B \sqrt{T}}$$

# Temperature needs to be greater than ~5 keV to ignite



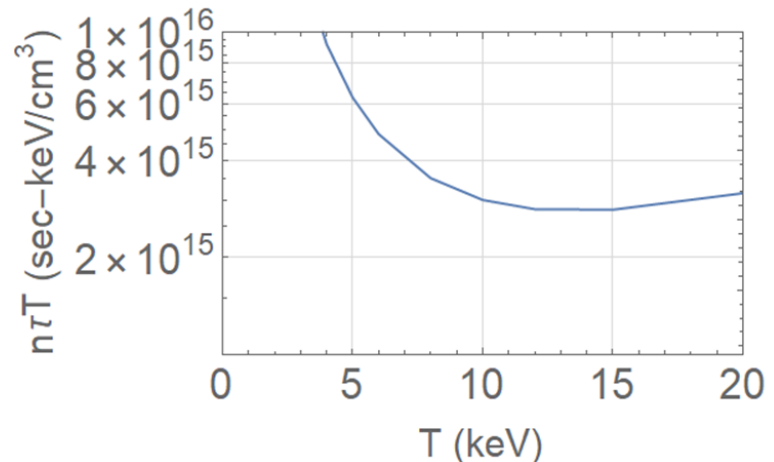
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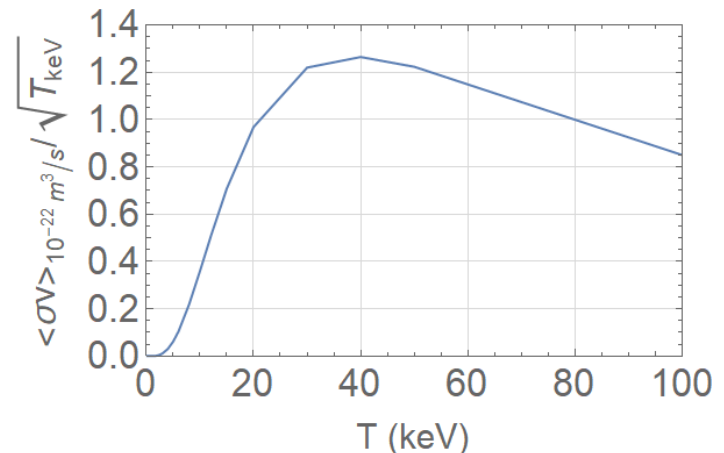
$$n\tau > 2 \times 10^4 \text{ sec/cm}^3$$

$$S_\alpha > S_B \quad \frac{1}{4} E_\alpha n^2 \langle\sigma v\rangle > C_B n^2 T^{1/2}$$

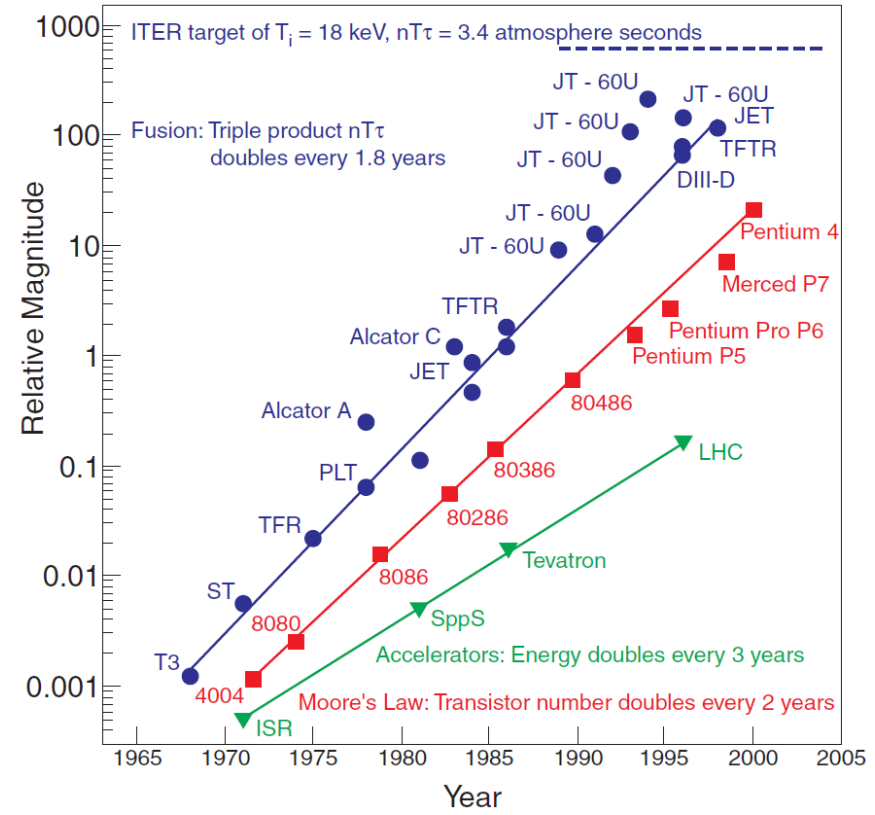
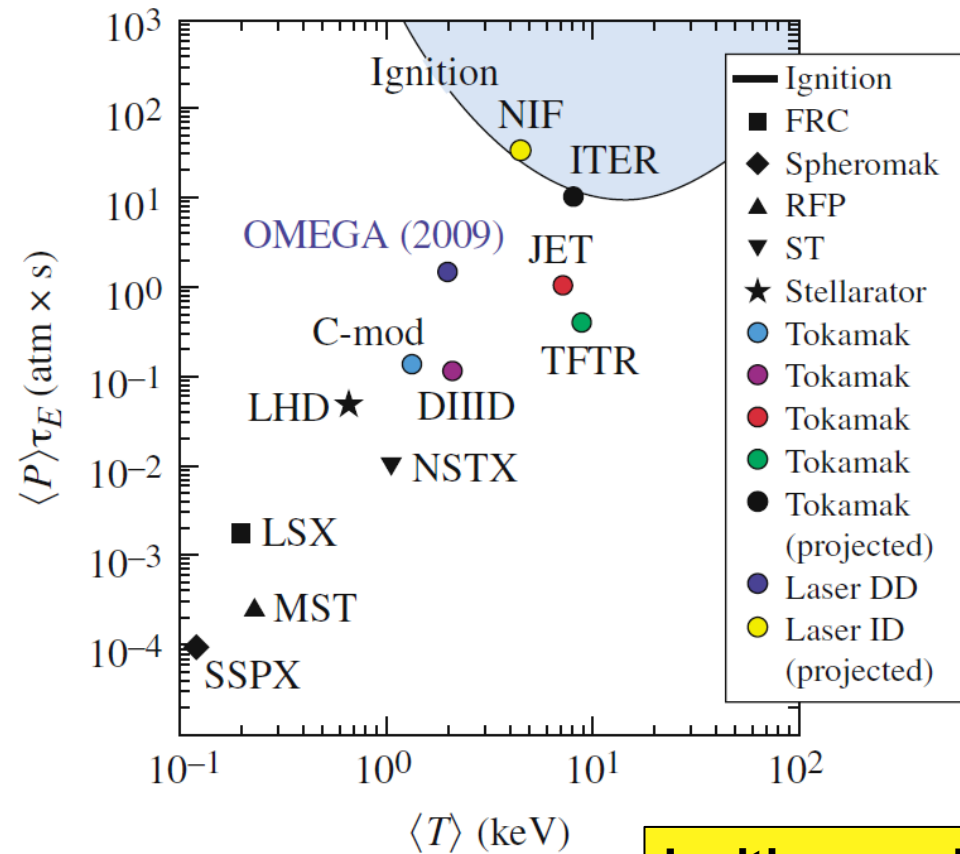
$$\frac{\langle\sigma v\rangle}{T^{1/2}} > \frac{4C_B}{E_\alpha} \quad T > 4.3 \text{ keV}$$



$$nT\tau > 3.5 \times 10^{15} \text{ keV - sec/cm}^3$$



# We are closed to ignition!



**Ignition condition:  $P\tau > 10$  atm-s = 10 Gbar - ns**

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# Under what conditions the plasma keeps itself hot?



- **Steady state 0-D power balance:**

$$S_{\alpha} + S_h = S_B + S_k$$

$S_{\alpha}$ :  $\alpha$  particle heating

$S_h$ : external heating

$S_B$ : Bremsstrahlung radiation

$S_k$ : heat conduction lost

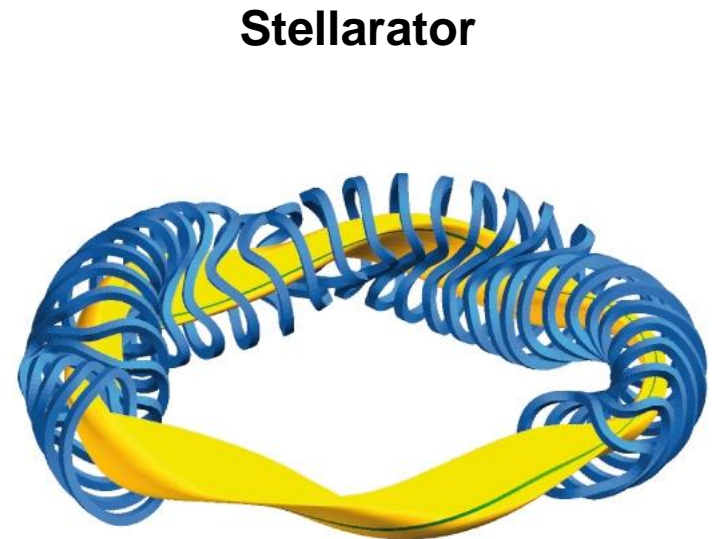
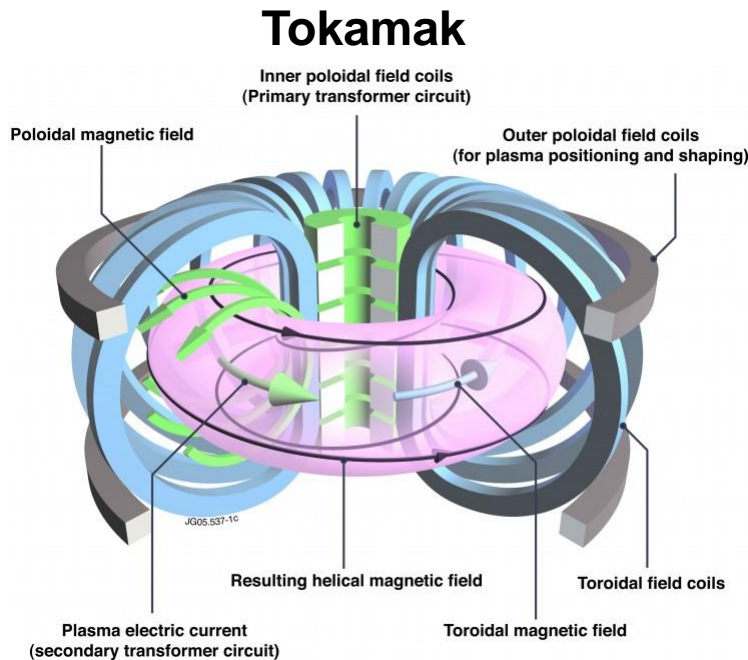
**Ignition condition:  $P\tau > 10 \text{ atm-s} = 10 \text{ Gbar} \cdot \text{ns}$**

- **P: pressure, or called energy density**
- **$\tau$  is confinement time**

# The plasma is too hot to be contained



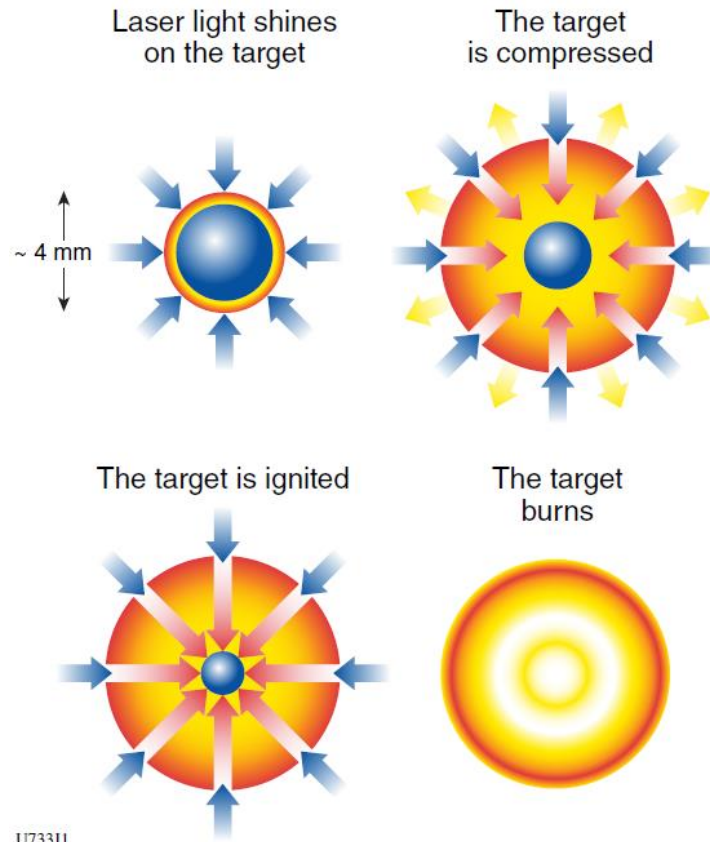
- **Solution 1: Magnetic confinement fusion (MCF), use a magnetic field to contain it.  $P \sim \text{atm}$ ,  $\tau \sim \text{sec}$ ,  $T \sim 10 \text{ keV}$  ( $10^8 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ )**



# Don't confine it!



- **Solution 2: Inertial confinement fusion (ICF). Or you can say it is confined by its own inertia:  $P \sim \text{Gigabar}$ ,  $\tau \sim \text{nsec}$ ,  $T \sim 10 \text{ keV}$  ( $10^8 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ )**

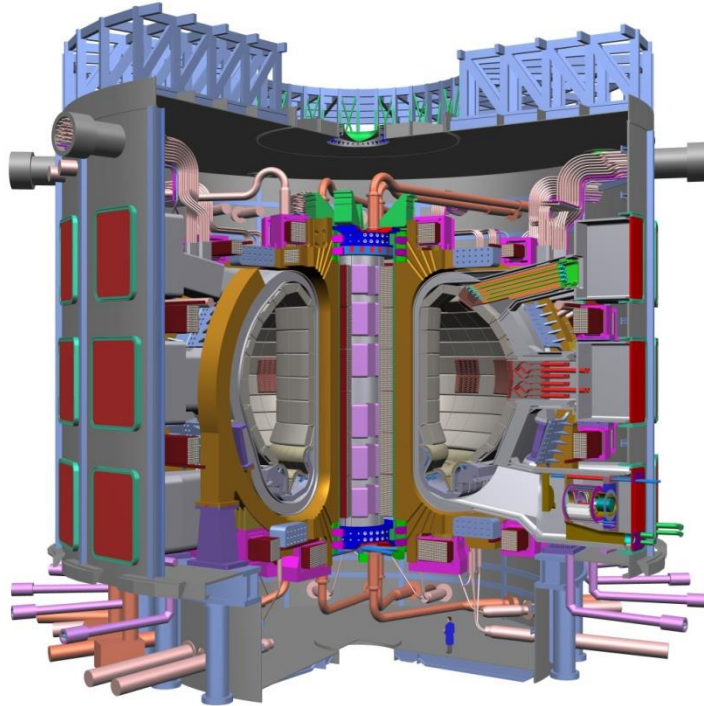


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# To control? Or not to control?

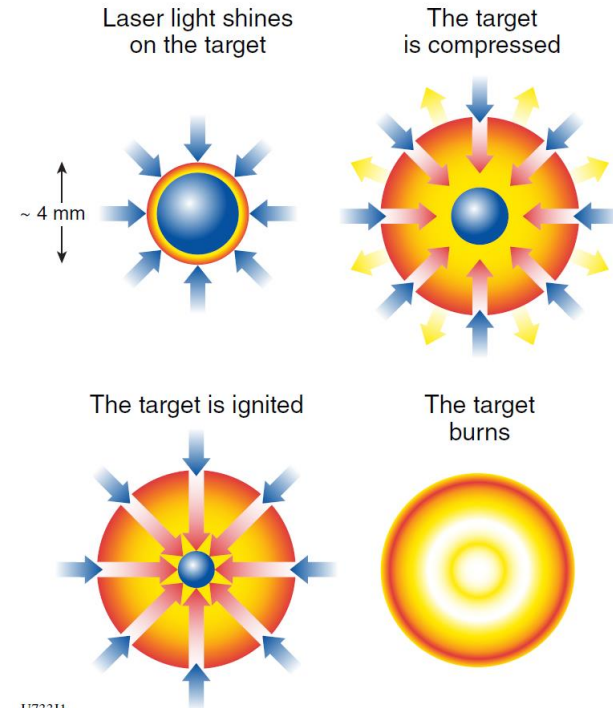


- **Magnetic confinement fusion (MCF)**



- **Plasma is confined by toroidal magnetic field.**

- **Inertial confinement fusion (ICF)**



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- **A DT ice capsule filled with DT gas is imploded by laser.**

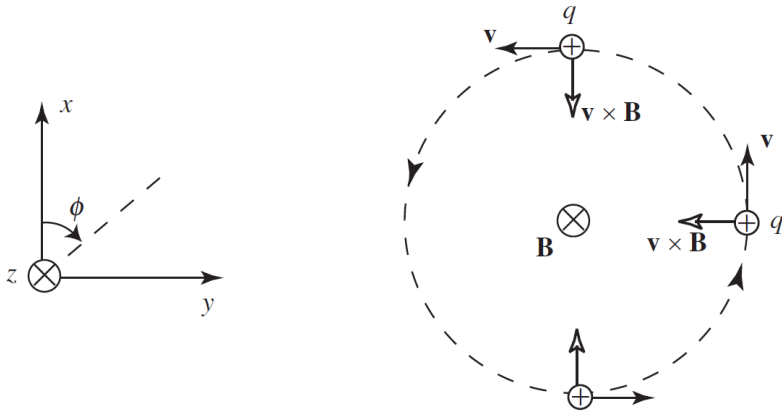
# Course Outline

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- **Magnetic confinement fusion (MCF)**
  - Gyro motion, MHD
  - 1D equilibrium (z pinch, theta pinch)
  - Drift: ExB drift, grad B drift, and curvature B drift
  - Tokamak, Stellarator (toroidal field, poloidal field)
  - Magnetic flux surface
  - 2D axisymmetric equilibrium of a torus plasma: Grad-Shafranov equation.
  - Stability (Kink instability, sausage instability, Safety factor Q)
  - Central-solenoid (CS) start-up (discharge) and current drive
  - CS-free current drive: electron cyclotron current drive, bootstrap current.
  - Auxiliary Heating: ECRH, Ohmic heating, Neutral beam injection.

# Charged particles gyro around the magnetic field line



$$m \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = q \vec{v} \times \vec{B}$$

- Assuming  $\vec{B} = B\hat{z}$  and the electron oscillates in x-y plane

$$m\dot{v}_x = qBv_y$$

$$m\dot{v}_y = -qBv_x$$

$$m\dot{v}_z = 0 \quad v_z = v_{||} = \text{constant}$$

$$\ddot{v}_x = -\frac{qB}{m} \dot{v}_y = -\left(\frac{qB}{m}\right)^2 v_x$$

$$\ddot{v}_y = -\frac{qB}{m} \dot{v}_x = -\left(\frac{qB}{m}\right)^2 v_y$$

$$\omega_c \equiv \frac{|q|B}{m} \quad \text{Cyclotron frequency or gyrofrequency}$$

$$\ddot{v}_x + \omega_c^2 v_x = 0$$

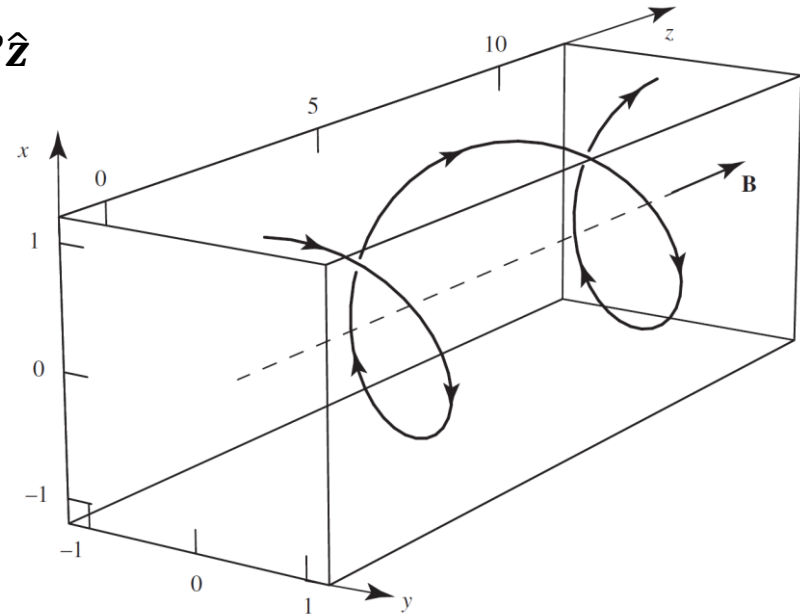
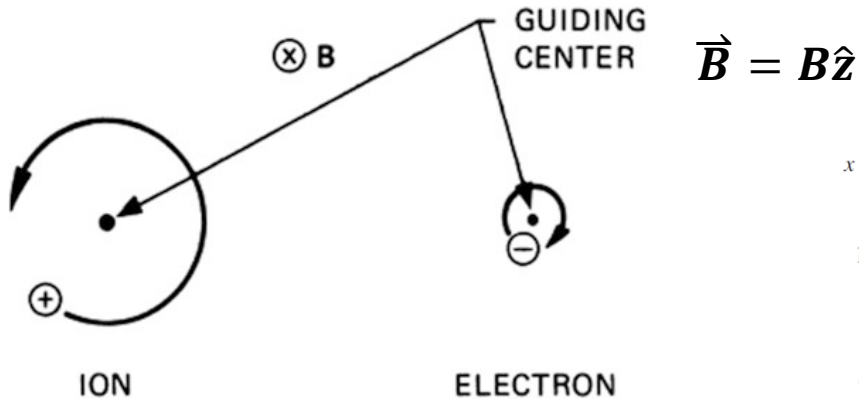
$$\ddot{v}_y + \omega_c^2 v_y = 0$$

$$v_x = v_{\perp} \cos(\pm\omega_c t + \psi)$$

$$v_y = -v_{\perp} \sin(\pm\omega_c t + \psi)$$

$$v_z = v_{||}$$

# Charged particles spiral around the magnetic field line



$$v_x = v_{\perp} \cos(\pm\omega_c t + \psi)$$

$$v_y = v_{\perp} \sin(\pm\omega_c t + \psi)$$

$$v_z = v_{\parallel}$$

$$\omega_c \equiv \frac{|q|B}{m}$$

$$\left| \frac{mv_{\perp}^2}{r} \right| = |q \vec{v} \times \vec{B}| = |qv_{\perp}B|$$

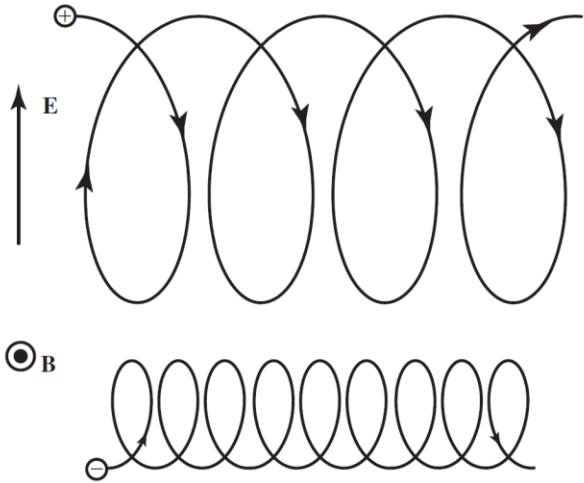
$$r_c = \frac{v_{\perp}}{\omega_c} = \frac{mv_{\perp}}{|q|B} \quad \text{Larmor radius or gyroradius}$$

$$x = \mp r_c \sin(\pm\omega_c t + \psi) + (x_0 - r_c \sin\psi)$$

$$y = \pm r_c \cos(\pm\omega_c t + \psi) + (y_0 + r_c \cos\psi)$$

$$z = z_0 + v_{\parallel} t$$

# Charge particles drift across magnetic field lines when an electric field not parallel to the magnetic field occurs



$$\vec{E} = \vec{E}_\perp + \hat{z}E_{||} = \hat{x}E_\perp + \hat{z}E_{||}$$

$$m \frac{dv_{||}}{dt} = qE_{||}$$

$$m \frac{d\vec{v}_\perp}{dt} = q(\hat{x}E_\perp + \vec{v}_\perp \times \hat{z}B)$$

$$v_{||}(t) = \frac{qE_{||}}{m}t + v_{||,0}$$

$$\vec{v}_\perp(t) = \vec{v}_E + \vec{v}_{ac}(t)$$

$$m \frac{d}{dt} (\vec{v}_E + \vec{v}_{ac}(t)) = q[\hat{x}E_\perp + (\vec{v}_E + \vec{v}_{ac}(t)) \times \hat{z}B]$$

$$m \frac{d\vec{v}_{ac}(t)}{dt} = q[\hat{x}E_\perp + \vec{v}_E \times \hat{z}B + \vec{v}_{ac}(t) \times \hat{z}B]$$

No E field case:  $m \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = q \vec{v} \times \vec{B}$

→  $\hat{x}E_\perp + \vec{v}_E \times \hat{z}B = 0$

$$\vec{v}_E = \frac{\hat{x}E_\perp \times \hat{z}B}{B^2} = \frac{\vec{E} \times \vec{B}}{B^2} \quad \text{ExB drift velocity}$$

$$m \frac{d\vec{v}_{ac}(t)}{dt} = q \vec{v}_{ac}(t) \times \hat{z}B \quad \text{Gyro motion}$$

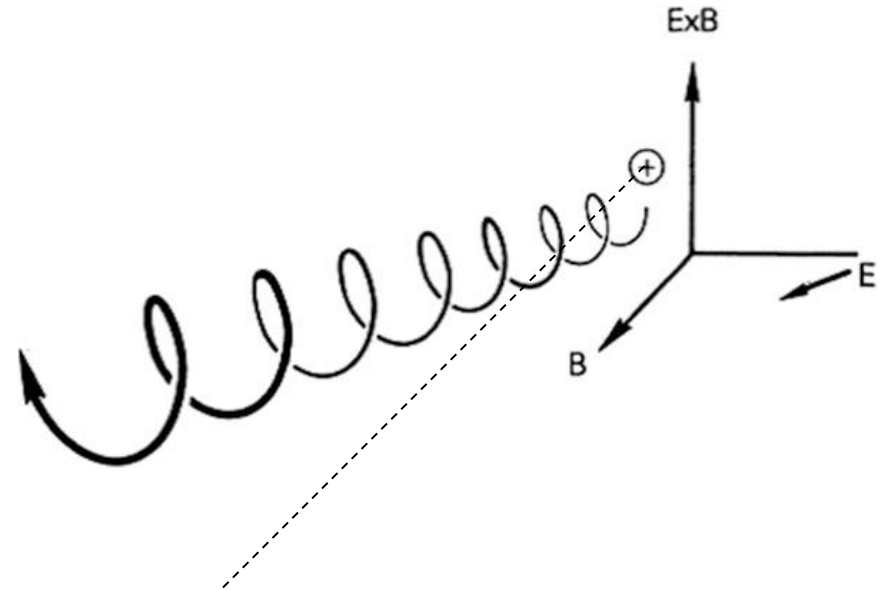
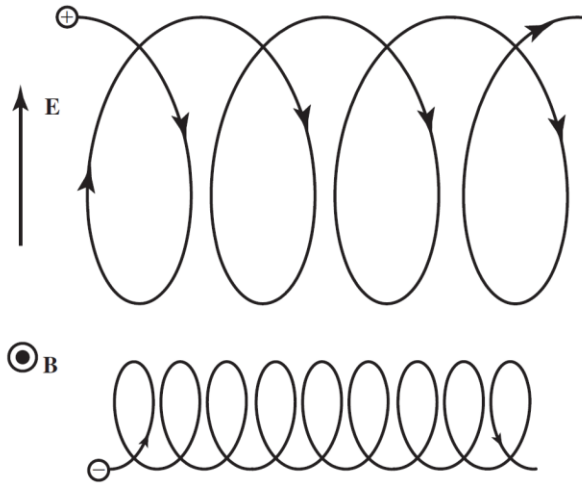
$$\vec{v}(t) = \hat{z}v_{||}(t) + \vec{v}_E + \vec{v}_{ac}(t)$$

$$\langle \vec{v}(t) \rangle = \frac{1}{T_c} \int_0^{T_c} \vec{v}(t) dt = \hat{z}v_{||}(t) + \vec{v}_E$$

• Electrons and ions drift in the same direction.



# No current is generated in ExB drift



$$\langle \vec{v}(t) \rangle = \frac{1}{T_c} \int_0^{T_c} \vec{v}(t) dt = \hat{z}v_{\parallel}(t) + \vec{v}_E$$

$$\vec{v}_E = \frac{\hat{x}E_{\perp} \times \hat{z}B}{B^2} = \frac{\vec{E} \times \vec{B}}{B^2} \quad \text{ExB drift velocity}$$

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## Charge particles drift across magnetic field lines when an external field not parallel to the magnetic field occurs



$$\vec{E} = \vec{E}_{\perp} + \hat{z}E_{\parallel} = \hat{x}E_{\perp} + \hat{z}E_{\parallel}$$

$$m \frac{dv_{\parallel}}{dt} = qE_{\parallel}$$

$$m \frac{d\vec{v}_{\perp}}{dt} = q(\hat{x}E_{\perp} + \vec{v}_{\perp} \times \hat{z}B)$$

$$\langle \vec{v}(t) \rangle = \frac{1}{T_c} \int_0^{T_c} \vec{v}(t) dt = \hat{z}v_{\parallel}(t) + \vec{v}_E$$

$$\vec{v}_E = \frac{\hat{x}E_{\perp} \times \hat{z}B}{B^2} = \frac{\vec{E} \times \vec{B}}{B^2}$$

ExB drift velocity

$$\vec{F} = \vec{F}_{\perp} + \hat{z}F_{\parallel} = \hat{x}F_{\perp} + \hat{z}F_{\parallel}$$

$$m \frac{dv_{\parallel}}{dt} = F_{\parallel}$$

$$m \frac{d\vec{v}_{\perp}}{dt} = q \left( \hat{x} \frac{F_{\perp}}{q} + \vec{v}_{\perp} \times \hat{z}B \right)$$

$$\langle \vec{v}(t) \rangle = \frac{1}{T_c} \int_0^{T_c} \vec{v}(t) dt = \hat{z}v_{\parallel}(t) + \vec{v}_F$$

$$\vec{v}_F = \frac{\hat{x}(F_{\perp}/q) \times \hat{z}B}{B^2} = \frac{1}{q} \frac{\vec{F} \times \vec{B}}{B^2}$$

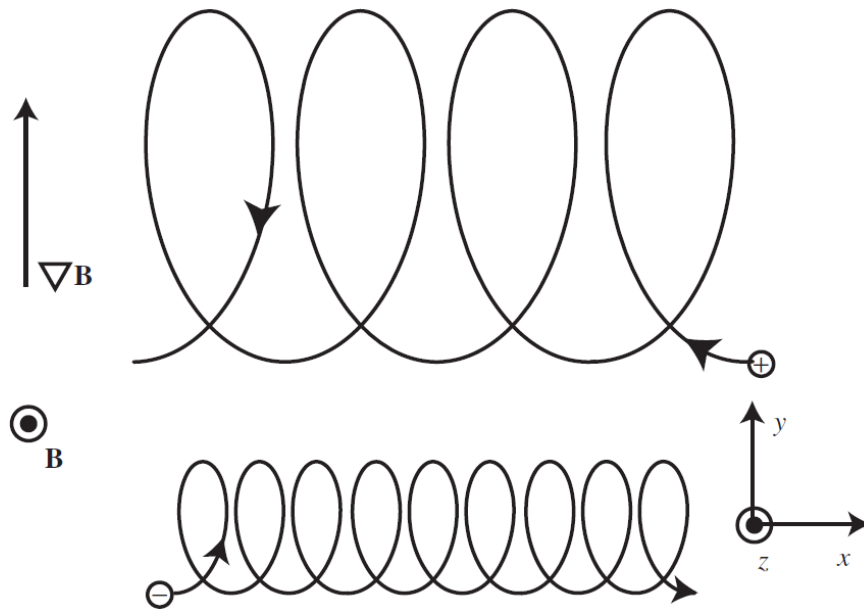
Gravitational drift velocity

- Electrons and ions drift in the opposite directions in the gravitational drift. Therefore, currents are generated.

## Charge particles drift across magnetic field lines when the magnetic field is not uniform or curved

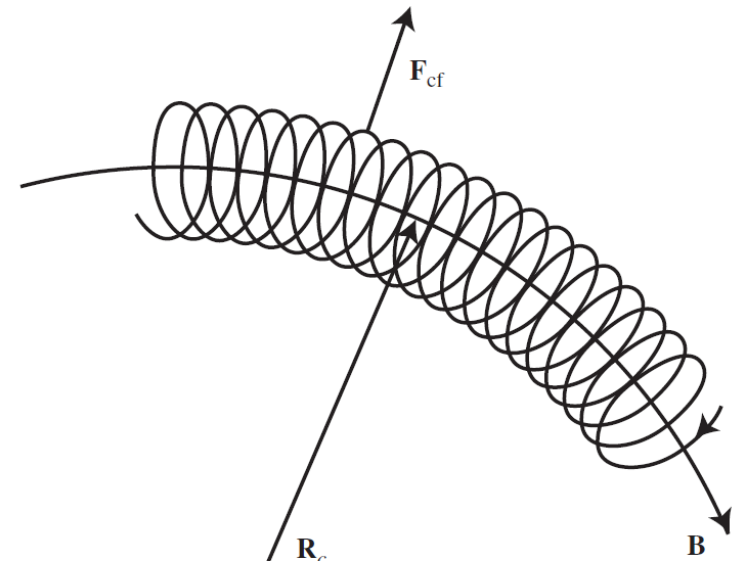


- Gradient-B drift



$$\vec{v}_{\nabla} = \frac{mv_{\perp}^2}{2q} \frac{\vec{B} \times \nabla B}{B^3}$$

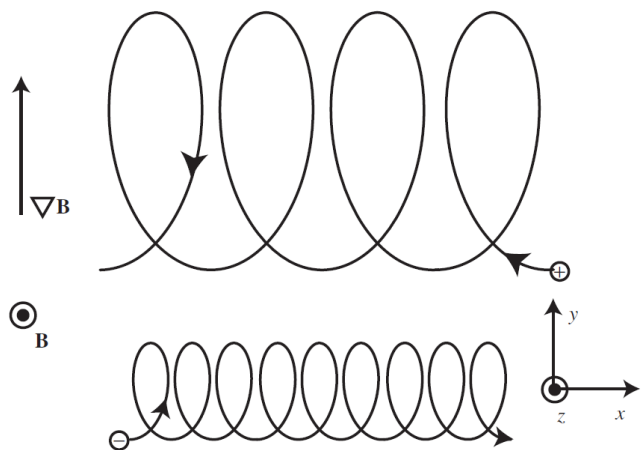
- Curvature drift



$$\vec{v}_R = \frac{mv_{\parallel}^2}{2q} \frac{\vec{R}_c \times \vec{B}}{R_c B^2}$$

$$\vec{v}_{\text{total}} = \vec{v}_R + \vec{v}_{\nabla} = \frac{\vec{B} \times \nabla B}{\omega_c B^2} \left( v_{\parallel}^2 + \frac{1}{2} v_{\perp}^2 \right) = \frac{m}{q} \frac{\vec{R}_c \times \vec{B}}{R_c^2 B^2} \left( v_{\parallel}^2 + \frac{1}{2} v_{\perp}^2 \right)$$

## Charge particles drift across magnetic field lines when the magnetic field is not uniform or curved



- In the case with no gradient  $B$

$$x_c = \mp r_c \sin(\pm \omega_c t + \psi)$$

$$y_c = \pm r_c \cos(\pm \omega_c t + \psi)$$

$$v_x = v_{\perp} \cos(\pm \omega_c t + \psi)$$

$$v_y = -v_{\perp} \sin(\pm \omega_c t + \psi)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{F} &= q(\vec{v} \times \vec{B}) = \hat{x}qv_y B_z - \hat{y}qv_x B_z \\ &\simeq \hat{x}qv_y \left( B_0 + y \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial y} \right) - \hat{y}qv_x \left( B_0 + y \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial y} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$B_z(y) = B_0 + y \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial y} + y^2 \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 B_z}{\partial y^2} + \dots$$

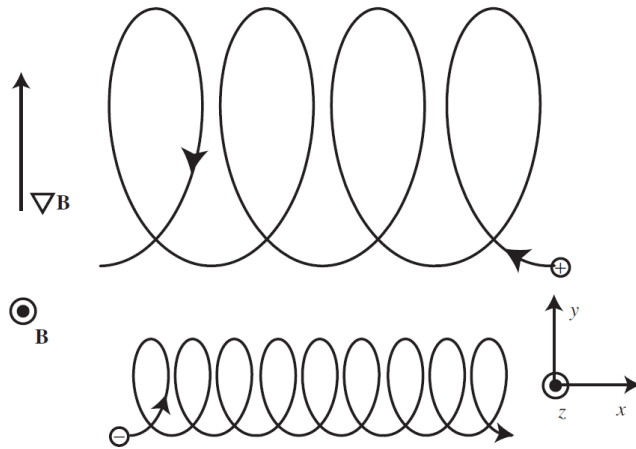
$$F_x = qv_y \left( B_0 + y \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial y} \right)$$

$$F_y = -qv_x \left( B_0 + y \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial y} \right)$$

$$F_x \simeq -qv_{\perp} \sin(\pm \omega_c t + \psi) \times \left( B_0 \pm r_c \cos(\pm \omega_c t + \psi) \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial y} \right)$$

$$F_y = -qv_{\perp} \cos(\pm \omega_c t + \psi) \times \left( B_0 \pm r_c \cos(\pm \omega_c t + \psi) \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial y} \right)$$

# Charge particles drift across magnetic field lines when the magnetic field is not uniform



$$F_x \simeq -qv_{\perp} \sin(\pm\omega_c t + \psi) \left( B_0 \pm r_c \cos(\pm\omega_c t + \psi) \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial y} \right)$$

$$F_y \simeq -qv_{\perp} \cos(\pm\omega_c t + \psi) \left( B_0 \pm r_c \cos(\pm\omega_c t + \psi) \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial y} \right)$$

$$\langle F_x \rangle = 0$$

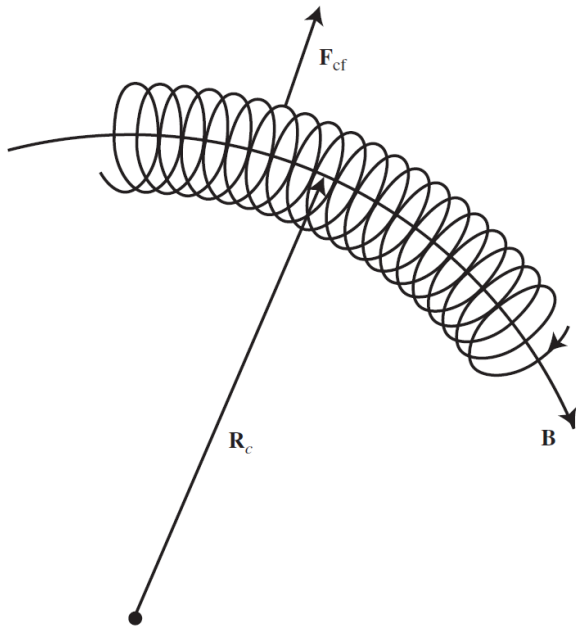
$$\langle F_y \rangle = \mp \frac{qv_{\perp} r_c}{2} \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial y} = -\frac{mv_{\perp}^2}{2B} \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial y}$$

$$r_c = \frac{v_{\perp}}{\omega_c} \quad \omega_c \equiv \frac{|q|B}{m}$$

$$\vec{v}_F = \frac{1}{q} \frac{\vec{F} \times \vec{B}}{B^2} \quad \vec{v}_{\nabla} = \frac{1}{q} \frac{\langle F_y \rangle \hat{y} \times \hat{z} B_z}{B_z^2} = -\frac{mv_{\perp}^2}{2qB_z^2} \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial y} \hat{x}$$

- More general: 
$$\vec{v}_{\nabla} = \frac{mv_{\perp}^2}{2q} \frac{\vec{B} \times \nabla B}{B^3}$$

# Charge particles drift across magnetic field lines when the magnetic field line is curved

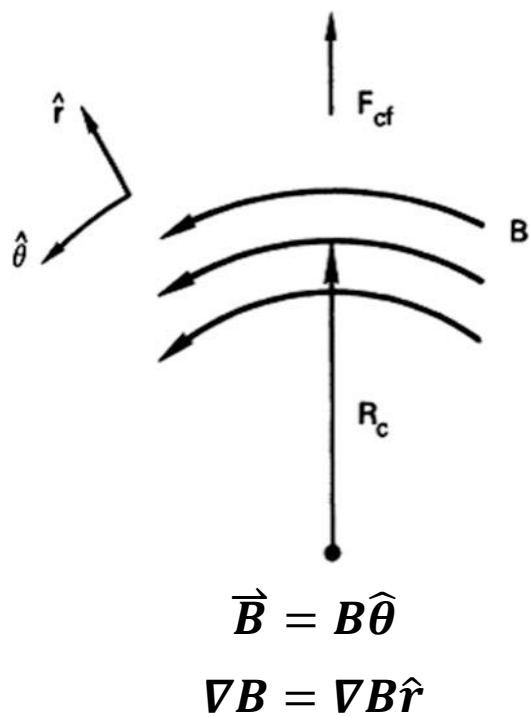


$$\vec{F}_{cf} = mv_{\parallel}^2 \frac{\vec{R}_c}{R_c^2}$$

$$\vec{v}_F = \frac{1}{q} \frac{\vec{F} \times \vec{B}}{B^2}$$

$$\vec{v}_R = \frac{1}{q} \frac{\vec{F}_{cf} \times \vec{B}}{B^2} = \frac{mv_{\parallel}^2}{q} \frac{\vec{R}_c \times \vec{B}}{R_c^2 B^2}$$

## Charge particles drift across magnetic field lines when the magnetic field is not uniform or curved



$$\vec{v}_{\nabla} = \frac{mv_{\perp}^2}{2q} \frac{\vec{B} \times \nabla B}{B^3} \quad \vec{v}_R = \frac{mv_{\parallel}^2}{q} \frac{\vec{R}_c \times \vec{B}}{R_c^2 B^2}$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{B} = 0$$

$$(\nabla \times \vec{B})_r = (\nabla \times \vec{B})_{\theta} = 0$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{B} = (\nabla \times \vec{B})_z = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (rB_{\theta}) = 0 \quad B_{\theta} \propto \frac{1}{r}$$

$$\frac{\nabla |B|}{|B|} = -\frac{\vec{R}_c}{R_c^2}$$

Cylindrical coordinate

$$\vec{v}_{\text{total}} = \vec{v}_R + \vec{v}_{\nabla} = \frac{\vec{B} \times \nabla B}{\omega_c B^2} \left( v_{\parallel}^2 + \frac{1}{2} v_{\perp}^2 \right) = \frac{m}{q} \frac{\vec{R}_c \times \vec{B}}{R_c^2 B^2} \left( v_{\parallel}^2 + \frac{1}{2} v_{\perp}^2 \right)$$

- Electrons and ions drift in the opposite directions in the grad-B and curvature drifts. Therefore, currents are generated.

# Quick summary of different drifts



- **ExB drift:**  $\vec{v}_E = \frac{\vec{E} \times \vec{B}}{B^2}$  Independent to charge
- **Gravitational drift:**  $\vec{v}_F = \frac{1}{q} \frac{\vec{F} \times \vec{B}}{B^2}$  Depended on charge
- **Grad-B drift:**  $\vec{v}_\nabla = \frac{mv_\perp^2}{2q} \frac{\vec{B} \times \nabla B}{B^3}$  Depended on charge
- **Curvature drift:**  $\vec{v}_R = \frac{mv_{||}^2}{q} \frac{\vec{R}_c \times \vec{B}}{R_c^2 B^2}$  Depended on charge

- **Non-uniform B drift:**

$$\vec{v}_{\text{total}} = \vec{v}_R + \vec{v}_\nabla = \frac{\vec{B} \times \nabla B}{\omega_c B^2} \left( v_{||}^2 + \frac{1}{2} v_\perp^2 \right) = \frac{m}{q} \frac{\vec{R}_c \times \vec{B}}{R_c^2 B^2} \left( v_{||}^2 + \frac{1}{2} v_\perp^2 \right)$$



# Magnetohydrodynamics description of plasma



- **Continuity eq:**  $\frac{\partial \rho_m}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho_m \vec{v}) = 0$
- **Momentum eq:**  $\rho_m \left[ \frac{\partial \vec{v}}{\partial t} + (\vec{v} \cdot \nabla) \vec{v} \right] = \rho_q \vec{E} + \vec{j} \times \vec{B} - \nabla \cdot \vec{P}$
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- **Equation of state:**  $\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{P}{\rho_m^\gamma} \right) = 0$

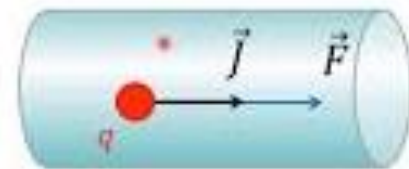
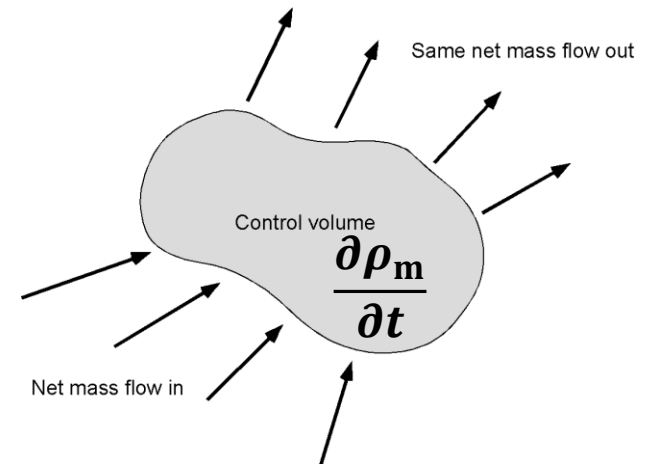
- **Maxwell's eqs:**

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{\rho_q}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{j} + \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$$



# Magnetohydrodynamics (MHD) description of plasma w/ low-freq. and long-wavelength approximation



- Continuity eq:  $\frac{\partial \rho_m}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho_m \vec{v}) = 0$  w/ long wavelength (  $\lambda \gg \lambda_d$  )
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- Maxwell's eqs:

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{\rho_q}{\epsilon_0} \approx 0 \quad \text{w/ long wavelength ( } \lambda \gg \lambda_d \text{ )} \Rightarrow \text{quasi neutral}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{j} + \cancel{\epsilon_0 \mu_0 \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}}$$

w/ low freq. (  $\omega \ll \omega_{pe}$  )

# Ideal MHD



- Continuity eq:  $\frac{\partial \rho_m}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho_m \vec{v}) = 0$
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$$\nabla \cdot \vec{E} \approx 0$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$

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$$\nabla \cdot \vec{j} = 0$$

- Requirement:

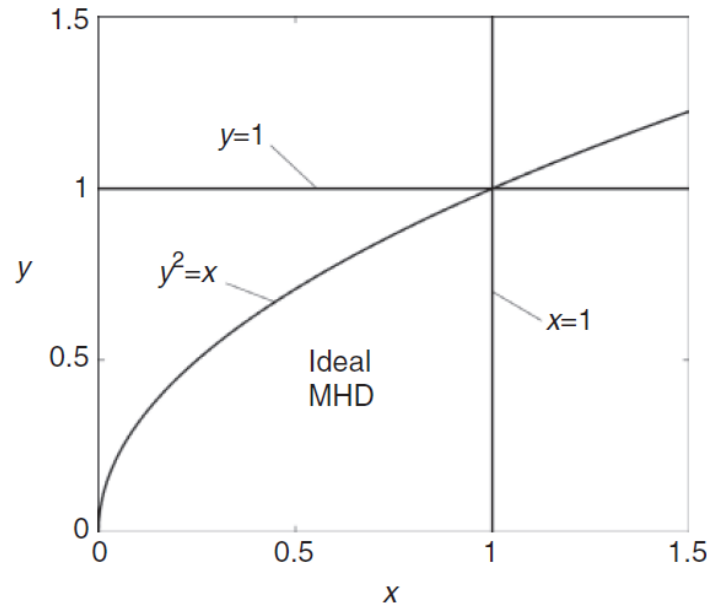
- High collisionality – fluid model
- Small gyro radius – low frequency
- Small resistivity – a perfect conductor

Conflict!



$$\omega \sim \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \sim \frac{v_{Ti}}{a} \quad \omega_{ci} = \frac{v_{Ti}}{r_{Li}} \quad \frac{\omega}{\omega_{ci}} \sim \frac{v_{Ti}}{a} \frac{r_{Li}}{v_{Ti}} = \frac{r_{Li}}{a} \ll 1$$

# Region of validity for ideal MHD



$$x = \left( \frac{m_i}{m_e} \right)^{1/2} \frac{v_{Ti} \tau_{ii}}{a}$$

$$\lambda_i \sim v_{Ti} \tau_{ii}$$

$$y = \frac{r_{Li}}{a}$$

- Requirement:

- High collisionality  $x \ll 1$
- Small gyro radius  $y \ll 1$
- Small resistivity  $y^2/x \ll 1$

# Low resistivity requirement



$$\vec{j} = \sigma(\vec{E} + \vec{v} \times \vec{B}) \quad \eta \vec{j} = \vec{E} + \vec{v} \times \vec{B} \quad \frac{|\eta j|}{|\vec{v} \times \vec{B}|} \sim ?$$

$$|j \times B| \sim |\nabla p| \quad j \sim \frac{|\nabla p|}{B} \sim \frac{1}{a} \frac{nT}{B} \sim \frac{1}{a} \frac{nm_i v_{Ti}^2}{B} \quad \omega \sim \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \sim \frac{v_{Ti}}{a} \quad \omega_{ci} = \frac{v_{Ti}}{r_{Li}}$$

$$\eta \sim \frac{m_e}{ne^2 \tau_{ei}} \quad \tau_{ei} \sim \tau_{ee} \sim \left(\frac{m_e}{m_i}\right)^{1/2} \tau_{ii} \quad k \sim \nabla \sim \frac{1}{a}$$

$$\frac{|\eta j|}{|\vec{v} \times \vec{B}|} \sim \frac{\eta j}{v_{Ti} B} \sim \frac{m_e}{ne^2 \tau_{ei}} \frac{1}{a} \frac{nm_i v_{Ti}^2}{B} \frac{1}{v_{Ti} B} = \frac{m_e v_{Ti}}{\tau_{ei} a} \frac{m_i}{e^2 B^2} = \frac{m_e v_{Ti}}{m_i \tau_{ei} a} \frac{m_i^2}{e^2 B^2} = \frac{m_e v_{Ti}}{m_i \tau_{ei} a \omega_{ci}^2}$$

$$\sim \frac{m_e}{m_i \tau_{ii}} \left(\frac{m_i}{m_e}\right)^{1/2} \frac{v_{Ti}}{a \omega_{ci}^2} = \left(\frac{m_e}{m_i}\right)^{1/2} \frac{v_{Ti} r_{Li}^2}{\tau_{ii} a v_{Ti}^2} = \left(\frac{m_e}{m_i}\right)^{1/2} \frac{1}{\tau_{ii} a} \frac{r_{Li}^2}{v_{Ti}} \sim \left(\frac{m_e}{m_i}\right)^{1/2} \frac{1}{\omega \tau_{ii}} \left(\frac{r_{Li}}{a}\right)^2$$

$$= \frac{y^2}{x} \ll 1$$

# Fusion plasma is not in the ideal MHD region!

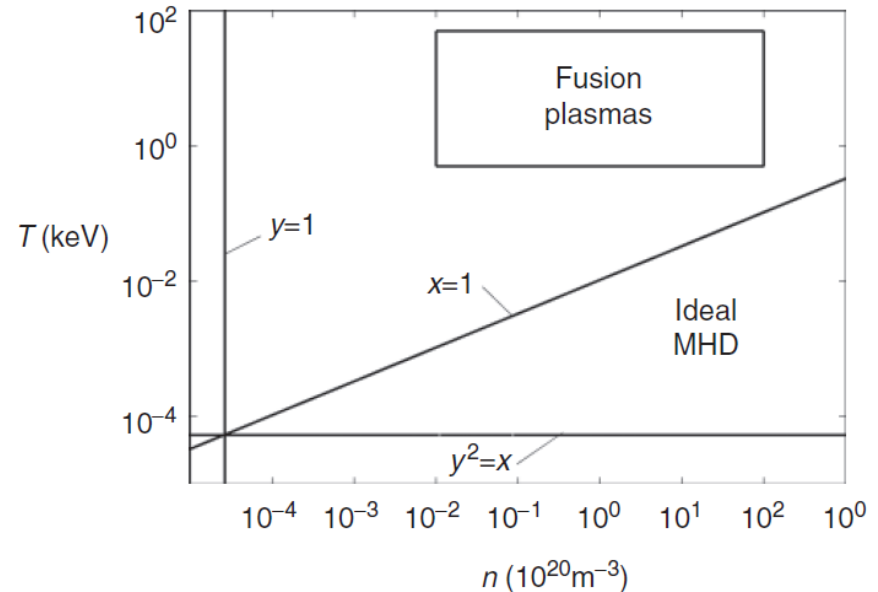


$$x = \left(\frac{m_i}{m_e}\right)^{1/2} \frac{v_{Ti} \tau_{ii}}{a} \quad y = \frac{r_{Li}}{a}$$

$$10^{18} \text{ m}^{-3} < n < 10^{22} \text{ m}^{-3}$$

$$0.5 \text{ keV} < T < 50 \text{ keV}$$

$$\beta \equiv \frac{2\mu_0 n T}{B^2}$$



- Requirement:

- High collisionality  $x = 3 \times 10^3 \frac{T^2}{an} \ll 1$

- Small gyro radius  $y = 2.3 \times 10^{-2} \left(\frac{\beta}{na^2}\right)^{1/2} \ll 1$

- Small resistivity  $\frac{y^2}{x} = 1.8 \times 10^{-7} \frac{\beta}{aT^2} \ll 1$

• With strong B, the gyromotion mimic the collisional characteristics.

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