

# Lecture #7: Particle Motion in Temporally Varying $\underline{B}$ Fields & Adiabatic Invariance Howes 1

## I Particle Motion in a Temporally Varying Magnetic Field $\underline{B}(t)$

A. Uniform Magnetic field changing in time  $\underline{B}(t) = B(t)\hat{z}$ .

1. Unlike the static case, Faraday's Law tells us

$$\frac{\partial \underline{B}}{\partial t} = -\nabla \times \underline{E}, \text{ so an electric field is produced.}$$

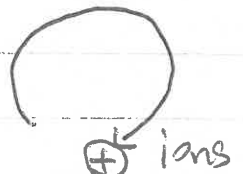
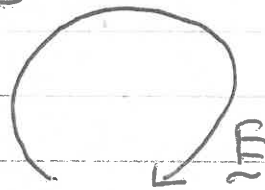
2. What will this Electric field  $\underline{E}$  do?

a. Take  $\frac{dB}{dt} > 0$

$$\underline{B}(t) = B(t)\hat{z}$$

⊗ electrons

b. We expect the electric field can accelerate ions or electrons



c. For  $\frac{dB}{dt} > 0$ , ions are accelerated in  $-\hat{\phi}$  direction

electrons are accelerated in  $+\hat{\phi}$  direction

} Both gain energy.

3. Lorentz Force law:  $m \frac{d\underline{v}}{dt} = q(\underline{E} + \underline{v} \times \underline{B})$

a. Take  $\underline{v} \cdot \underline{v} = v^2 \Rightarrow m \underline{v} \cdot \frac{d\underline{v}}{dt} = q \underline{v} \cdot (\underline{E} + \underline{v} \times \underline{B})$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{1}{2} m v^2 \right) = q \underline{v} \cdot \underline{E}$$

b. For  $\frac{dB}{dt} = \frac{dB_z}{dt} \hat{z} = \left( \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial y} \right) \hat{z} \Rightarrow E_z = 0$

c. Therefore  $\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{1}{2} m v^2 \right) = \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{1}{2} m v_{\perp}^2 \right)$  since  $\frac{dv_{\parallel}}{dt} = 0$ .

4. What is the energy change due to  $\frac{dB}{dt} \neq 0$ ?

a.  $\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{1}{2} m v_{\perp}^2 \right) = q \underline{v} \cdot \underline{E}$

b. If  $\frac{dB}{dt}$  changes slowly, we can calculate this energy change

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{1}{2} m v_{\perp}^2 \right) dt = q \int_0^{2\pi} \underline{E} \cdot \underline{v} dt = q \int_0^{2\pi} \underline{E} \cdot \frac{d\underline{l}}{dt} dt$$

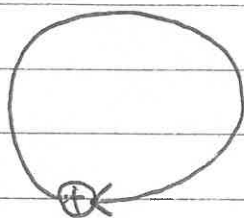
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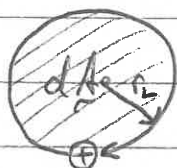
c.  $\Delta\left(\frac{1}{2}mv_{\perp}^2\right) = q \oint_0^{2\pi} \mathbf{E} \cdot \frac{d\mathbf{l}}{dt} dt = q \oint_C \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l}$

Change over 1 orbit



Line integral over the path of the particle

d. By Stokes's Theorem,  $q \oint_C \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = q \int_S \nabla \times \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{A} = -q \int_S \frac{dB}{dt} \cdot d\mathbf{A}$



Surface integral over area enclosed by the Larmor orbit

e. NOTE: For the ion motion above,  $d\mathbf{A} = -dA \hat{z}$  (right-hand rule), so

$$\Delta\left(\frac{1}{2}mv_{\perp}^2\right) = -q \int_S \frac{dB}{dt} \hat{z} \cdot (-dA \hat{z}) = +q \int_S \frac{dB}{dt} dA = q \frac{dB}{dt} (\pi r_L^2)$$

f. If we assume the rate of energy change is approximately constant over Larmor orbit,  $\Delta\left(\frac{1}{2}mv_{\perp}^2\right) = \frac{dW_{\perp}}{dt} \Delta t = \frac{dW_{\perp}}{dt} \left(\frac{2\pi}{\omega_c}\right)$  where  $W_{\perp} = \frac{1}{2}mv_{\perp}^2$  is perpendicular energy.

g. Thus

$$\frac{dW_{\perp}}{dt} = \frac{\omega_c}{2\pi} q \frac{dB}{dt} \pi \left(\frac{v_{\perp}^2}{\omega_c^2}\right) = \frac{q v_{\perp}^2 m}{2 B} \frac{dB}{dt} = \left(\frac{m v_{\perp}^2}{2 B}\right) \frac{dB}{dt} = \mu \frac{dB}{dt}$$

$\leftarrow v_{\perp}^2 = \frac{v^2}{\omega_c^2}$

h. Since  $\mu = \frac{W_{\perp}}{B}$ ,  $\frac{dW_{\perp}}{dt} = \frac{W_{\perp}}{B} \frac{dB}{dt} \Rightarrow \left(\frac{dW_{\perp}}{W_{\perp}}\right) = \left(\frac{dB}{B}\right)$

$$\Rightarrow \ln W_{\perp} = \ln B + C \Rightarrow \frac{W_{\perp}}{B} = \text{constant}$$

i. Therefore, for slowly varying magnetic fields  $B(t)$ ,


$\frac{d\mu}{dt} = 0$

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B. Magnetic Flux Interpretation

1. Conservation of the Magnetic Moment  $\mu$  is equivalent to maintaining a constant magnetic flux through Larmor orbits.

a.  $\Phi_B = \int d\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}$

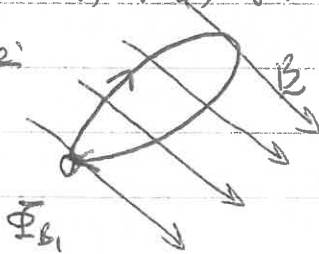


For our case  $\Phi_B = B dA = B \pi r_L^2 = \frac{\pi v_{\perp}^2}{\omega_c^2} B = \pi \frac{v_{\perp}^2 m^2}{q^2 B^2} B = \frac{2\pi m}{q^2} \left( \frac{mv_{\perp}^2}{2B} \right)$

$$\Phi_B = \frac{2\pi m}{q^2} \mu$$

2. This holds for a  $B$ -field varying (slowly) in either time or space.

Time:

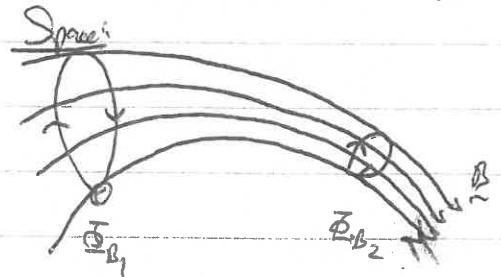


$$\frac{dB}{dt} > 0$$



$$\Phi_{B1} = \Phi_{B2}$$

Space:



II. Adiabatic Invariance

A. General Result from Hamiltonian Mechanics

For "nearly" periodic system  
& slowly varying parameters,

Action Integral

$$J = \oint p dq$$

is an adiabatic invariant

1.  $p$  &  $q$  are conjugate  
momentum & position coordinates,

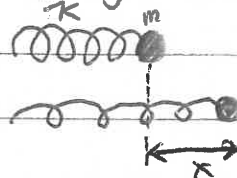
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B. Example: Harmonic Oscillator

1. Consider a time dependent harmonic oscillator.

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + \omega^2(t)x = 0$$

Ex: Spring-mass system



$$\omega^2 = \frac{k}{m}$$

2. Position  $q=x = A \sin \omega t$

Momentum  $p = mv_x = m\omega A \cos \omega t$

B. Action Integral:

$$J = \int p dq = \int_0^{2\pi/\omega} m\omega A \cos \omega t d(A \sin \omega t) = mA^2\omega^2 \int_0^{2\pi/\omega} \cos^2 \omega t dt$$

$$= mA^2\omega^2 \frac{\pi}{\omega} = \pi m\omega A^2$$

a. Thus  $J = \pi m\omega A^2 = \text{constant}$  if  $\omega(t)$  changes slowly.

b. So amplitude  $A \propto \omega^{-1/2}$ . If frequency decreases, amplitude will increase.

4. Total Energy  $W = \frac{p^2}{2m} = \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 A^2$ , so this can also be written

$$J = 2\pi \frac{W}{\omega} = \text{constant.}$$

C. How slow must system change to satisfy invariance?

1. Since amplitude  $A \propto \frac{1}{\omega^{1/2}}$ , consider the WKB solution

$$X_{\text{WKB}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\omega(t)}} e^{\pm i \int^t \omega(t') dt'}$$

a. In this case,  $J = \pi m\omega A^2$  is precisely constant.

2a. This solution is an exact solution of the differential equation

$$\frac{d^2 X_{\text{WKB}}}{dt^2} + \left[ \omega^2 + \frac{\dot{\omega}}{2\omega} - \frac{3}{4} \left( \frac{\dot{\omega}}{\omega} \right)^2 \right] X_{\text{WKB}} = 0$$

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1. b. Here  $\dot{\omega} = \frac{d\omega}{dt}$  and  $\ddot{\omega} = \frac{d^2\omega}{dt^2}$ .

3. The WKB solution is a good approximation when

$$\omega^2 \gg \left| \frac{3}{4} \left( \frac{\dot{\omega}}{\omega} \right)^2 - \frac{\ddot{\omega}}{2\omega} \right|$$

4. Rule of thumb

The adiabatic invariant is approximately constant when the change of characteristic frequency is small over one period.

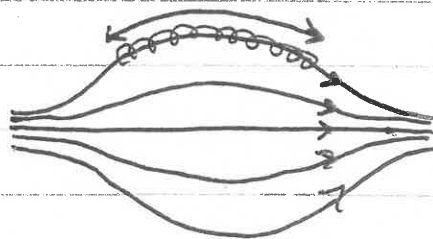
D. Example: Magnetic Mirror and its first, second, and third <sup>adiabatic</sup> invariants

1. Three types of periodic motion in an axisymmetric magnetic mirror

a. Larmor Motion

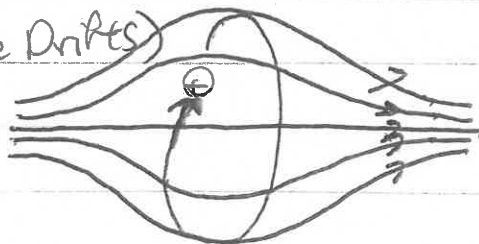


b. Parallel Bounce Motion



c. Azimuthal Drift Motion

(due to  $\nabla B$  and Curvature Drifts)



2. First Adiabatic Invariant

a. As we know from lecture #3, the lowest order motion in a magnetic field is Larmor motion,

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = -\omega_c^2 x \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = -\omega_c^2 x$$

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b. In this case, the action integral is

$$J_1 = \pi m a v_L^2$$

using  $x = r_L \sin \omega_c t$   
 $v_x = r_L \omega_c \cos \omega_c t$

c. NOTE that this can be written

$$J_1 = \pi m \frac{qB}{m} \frac{v_L^2}{\left(\frac{qB}{m}\right)^2} = \frac{2\pi m}{2} \left(\frac{m v_L^2}{2B}\right) = \frac{2\pi m}{2} \mu$$

This is just the same as  $\mu$  (with a constant factor)

3. Second Adiabatic Invariant, (Parallel Bounce Motion)

a. The action integral for parallel bounce motion

$$J_2 = m \oint v_{||} ds \quad s \equiv \text{distance along magnetic field.}$$

b. We know, for a turning point at  $B = B_t$ ,

$$\frac{1}{2} m v_{||}^2 + \mu B(s) = \mu B_t \quad (\text{Lecture #6})$$

so  $v_{||}(s) = \pm \sqrt{\frac{2\mu}{m}} \sqrt{B_t - B(s)}$

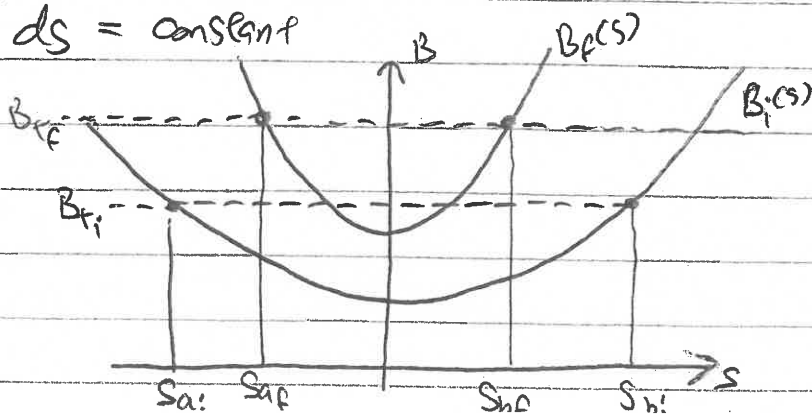
c. This gives

$$J_2 = \sqrt{2\mu m} \oint \sqrt{B_t - B(s)} ds$$

d. Thus, for a given magnetic field configuration with  $B(s)$ ,

$$\int_{s_a}^{s_b} \sqrt{B_t - B(s)} ds = \text{constant}$$

For bounce motion between two points  $s_a$  &  $s_b$



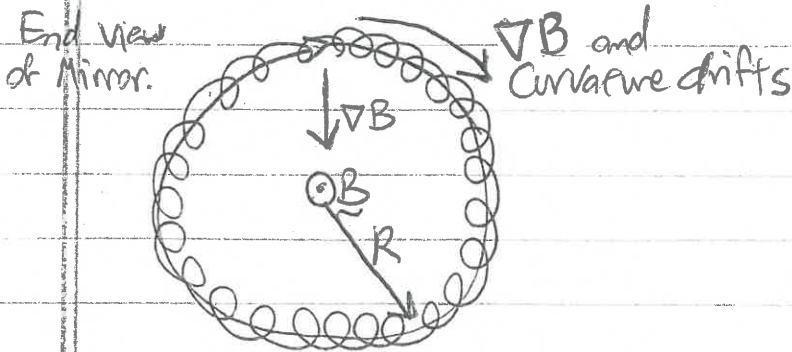
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e. As illustrated above, the constancy of  $J_z$  (for slowly varying system parameters) can be used to determine new motion of a system.

- i. For an initial magnetic field  $B_i(s)$  and initial energy, we may calculate  $J_z$  and  $S_{ai}$  &  $S_{bi}$ .
- ii. Let the magnetic field change (slowly) from  $B_i(s)$  to  $B_f(s)$ .
- iii. Since  $J_z = \int_{S_{ai}}^{S_{bi}} \sqrt{B_{fi} - B(s)} ds = \int_{S_{af}}^{S_{bf}} \sqrt{B_{ff} - B(s)} ds$ , we can adjust  $B_{ff}$  (and find corresponding mirror points  $S_{af}$  &  $S_{bf}$ ) until this integral is satisfied using  $B_f(s)$ .
- iv. The final total energy is then  $\mu B_{ff}$  (since  $\mu = \text{const}$ ).

f. Third Adiabatic Invariant, (Azimuthal Drift Motion)

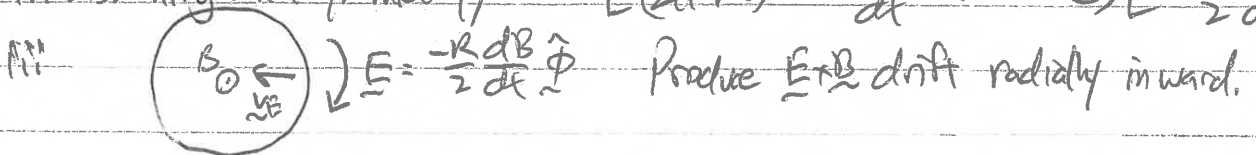
a. This invariant only exists in axially symmetric cases, such that the drift orbits ~~are~~ <sup>at the guiding centers</sup> are nearly closed.



b. What happens when  $B(t)$  changes in time?

i.  $\int_C \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = - \int_S \frac{\partial B}{\partial t} \cdot d\mathbf{A}$  is change in energy

ii. Assuming Axisymmetry,  $E(2\pi R) = - \frac{dB}{dt} \pi R^2 \Rightarrow E = - \frac{R}{2} \frac{dB}{dt}$



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$$iv. \underline{v}_E = \frac{\mathbf{E} \times \hat{\mathbf{B}}}{B^2} = \frac{-R \frac{dB}{dt} \hat{\phi} + B \hat{\mathbf{z}}}{B^2} = -\frac{R}{2B} \frac{dB}{dt} \hat{\phi}$$

$$v. \text{ But } v_E = \frac{dR}{dt} \Rightarrow \frac{dR}{dt} = -\frac{R}{2B} \frac{dB}{dt} \Rightarrow \frac{2dR}{R} = -\frac{dB}{B}$$

vi. Thus  $R^2 B = \text{const.}$

vii. The Magnetic Flux through drift orbit is

$$\Phi_B = \pi R^2 B = \text{const.}$$

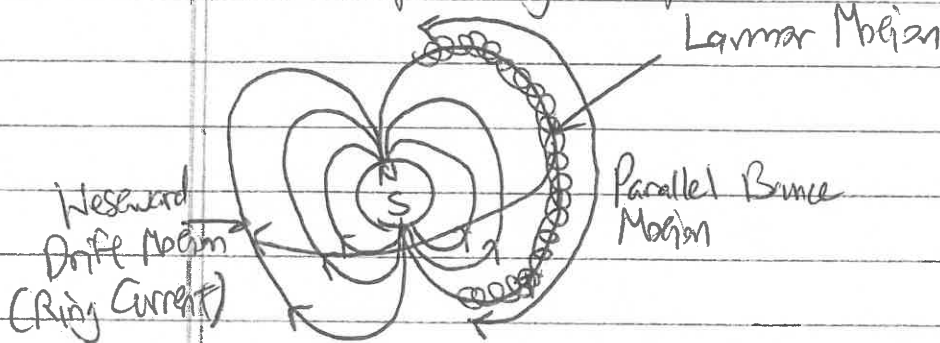
(Assuming B is relatively constant near axis of symmetry.)

viii. Thus, the 3rd Adiabatic Invariant means the

Flux enclosed by drift orbit remains constant

Particle remains on the surface of a flux tube.

## E. Example: Magnetosphere



1. Second Adiabatic Invariant applies even without axisymmetry.

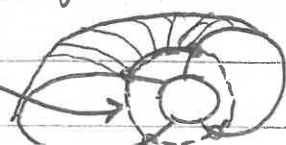
2. a. For a constant Magnetic field ( $\frac{dB}{dt} = 0$ ), energy is conserved.

$$\Sigma = \frac{1}{2} m v_{\perp}^2 + \mu B(s) \quad b. \text{ Since } \Sigma = \text{const}, B_{\perp} = \text{constant.}$$

$$c. \text{ Factoring out } B_{\perp}, I = \int_a^b \sqrt{1 - \frac{B(s)}{B_{\perp}}} ds = \text{const.}$$

3. Higher order multiple moments

Quasi-spherical surface where particles mirror.



a. Constant  $B_{\perp}$  &  $I$  mean that drifting particles remain on a surface  $\Rightarrow$  **L-shell.**