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Energy Equations

Starting with the induction equation,

$$\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} = \vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{v} \times \vec{B}) + \vec{\nabla} \times n \vec{j}$$

Taking dot product with \vec{B} ;

$$\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \cdot \vec{B} = \vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{v} \times \vec{B}) \cdot \vec{B} + (\vec{\nabla} \times n \vec{j}) \cdot \vec{B}$$

using the Ohm's law for the right side of the equation;

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial B^2}{\partial t} = (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E}) \cdot \vec{B}$$

Using vector identities;

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial B^2}{\partial t} = \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{E} \times \vec{B}) + \vec{E} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B})$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial B^2}{\partial t} = \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{p} + \vec{E} \cdot \vec{j}$$

→ pointing flux

Now using the momentum equation:

$$\rho \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = \vec{j} \times \vec{B} + \vec{\nabla} \rho - \rho \vec{g}$$

and

$$\rho \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = \rho \frac{\partial \vec{v}}{\partial t} + \rho \vec{v} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{v})$$

$$\Rightarrow \rho \frac{\partial \vec{v}}{\partial t} + \rho \vec{v} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{v}) = \vec{j} \times \vec{B} + \vec{\nabla} \rho - \rho \vec{g}$$

Taking dot product with \vec{v} :

$$\Rightarrow \rho \frac{\partial \vec{v}}{\partial t} \cdot \vec{v} + \rho \vec{v} \cdot \rho \vec{v} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{v}) = \vec{v} \cdot (\vec{j} \times \vec{B}) + \vec{v} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \rho) - \vec{v} \cdot \rho \vec{g}$$

Finally:

Energy equation for plasma

$$\frac{1}{2} \rho \frac{\partial v^2}{\partial t} + \left(\frac{\vec{\nabla} \rho v^2}{2} \right) \cdot \vec{v} = \vec{v} \cdot (\vec{j} \times \vec{B}) + \vec{v} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \rho) - \vec{v} \cdot \rho \vec{g}$$

work of Lorentz
force

work done by pressure

Work done by
gravity

So we have;

③ equations from momentum equation.

③ equations from induction equation.

① continuity equation.

① energy equation.

Using,

$\rho = 2\rho RT$ and $\vec{V} \times \vec{B} = \vec{j}$ we can replace

T and \vec{j} in above equations,

which gives us ⑧ equations to solve

for the 8 variables:

$\vec{V} \rightarrow 3$ components

$\vec{B} \rightarrow 3$ components

$\rho \rightarrow 1$ component

$P \rightarrow 1$ component