

# Lecture 1:

# Relativistic Astrophysics and Magnetohydrodynamics

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# Relativistic Regime

- **Kinetic energy  $\gg$  rest-mass energy**
  - Fluid velocity  $\sim$  light speed (Lorentz factor  $\gamma \gg 1$ )
  - Relativistic jets/ejecta/wind/blast waves (shocks) in AGNs, GRBs, Pulsars
- **Thermal energy  $\gg$  rest-mass energy**
  - Plasma temperature  $\gg$  ion rest mass energy ( $p/\rho c^2 \sim k_B T/mc^2 \gg 1$ )
  - GRBs, magnetar flare?, Pulsar wind nebulae
- **Magnetic energy  $\gg$  rest-mass energy**
  - Magnetization parameter  $\sigma \gg 1$
  - $\sigma =$  Poynting to kinetic energy ratio  $= B^2/4\pi\rho c^2\gamma^2$
  - Pulsars magnetosphere, Magnetars
- **Gravitational energy  $\gg$  rest-mass energy**
  - $GMm/rmc^2 = r_g/r > 1$
  - Black hole, Neutron star
- **Radiation energy  $\gg$  rest-mass energy**
  - $E'_r/\rho c^2 \gg 1$
  - Supercritical accretion flow

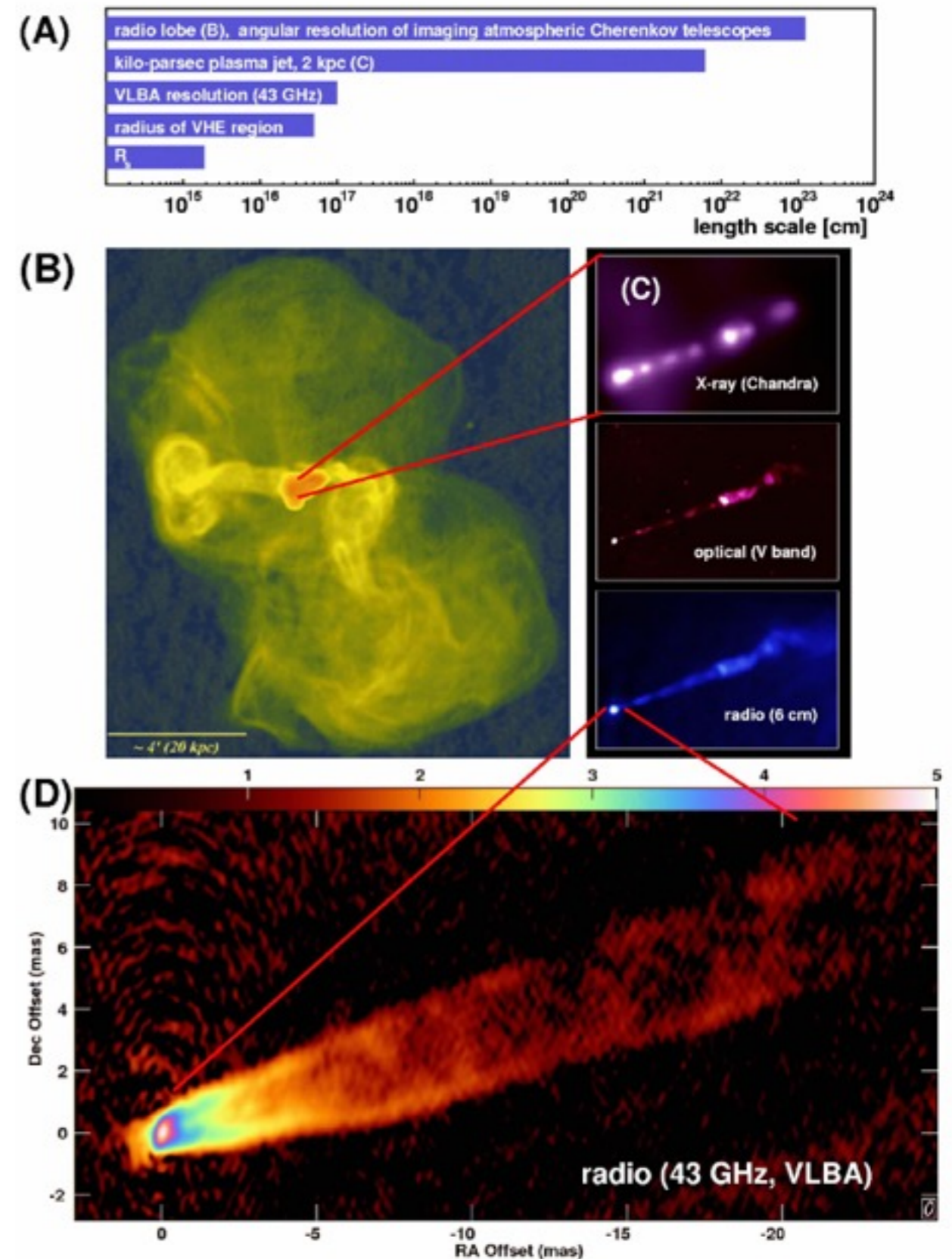
# Applications of Relativistic Astrophysics

- **Black Holes:**
  - high, low accretion rate AGN
  - tidal disruption event
  - X-ray binaries
  - long-soft GRBs
  - BH-BH merger for GW sources
- **Neutron stars:**
  - pulsar magnetosphere
  - core-collapse supernova
  - short-hard GRBs
  - NS-NS merger for GW sources
- **Jets/relativistic wind:**
  - extra-galactic jets/outflows
  - pulsar jet/wind
  - microquasars
  - gamma-ray bursts
- **Laboratory physics:**
  - relativistic heavy-ion collision
  - plasma laboratory experiments

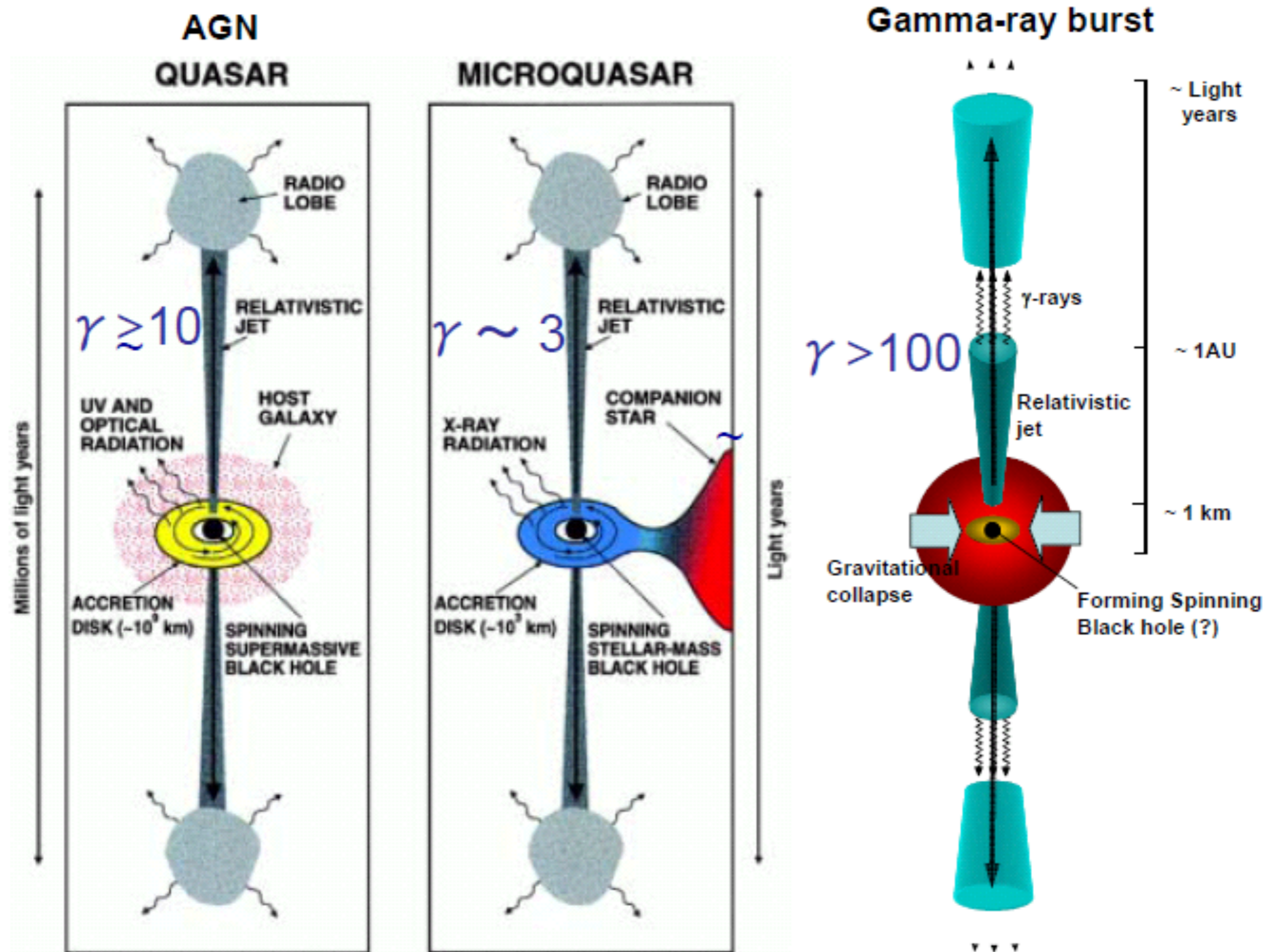
# Relativistic Jets

## Radio observation of M87 jet

- *Relativistic jets: outflow of highly collimated plasma*
  - Microquasars, Active Galactic Nuclei, Gamma-Ray Bursts, **Jet velocity  $\sim c$**
  - Generic systems: Compact object (White Dwarf, Neutron Star, Black Hole) + Accretion Disk
- *Key Issues of Relativistic Jets*
  - Acceleration & Collimation
  - Propagation & Stability
- *Modeling for Jet Production*
  - Magnetohydrodynamics (MHD)
  - Relativity (SR or GR)
- *Modeling of Jet Emission*
  - Particle Acceleration
  - Radiation mechanism



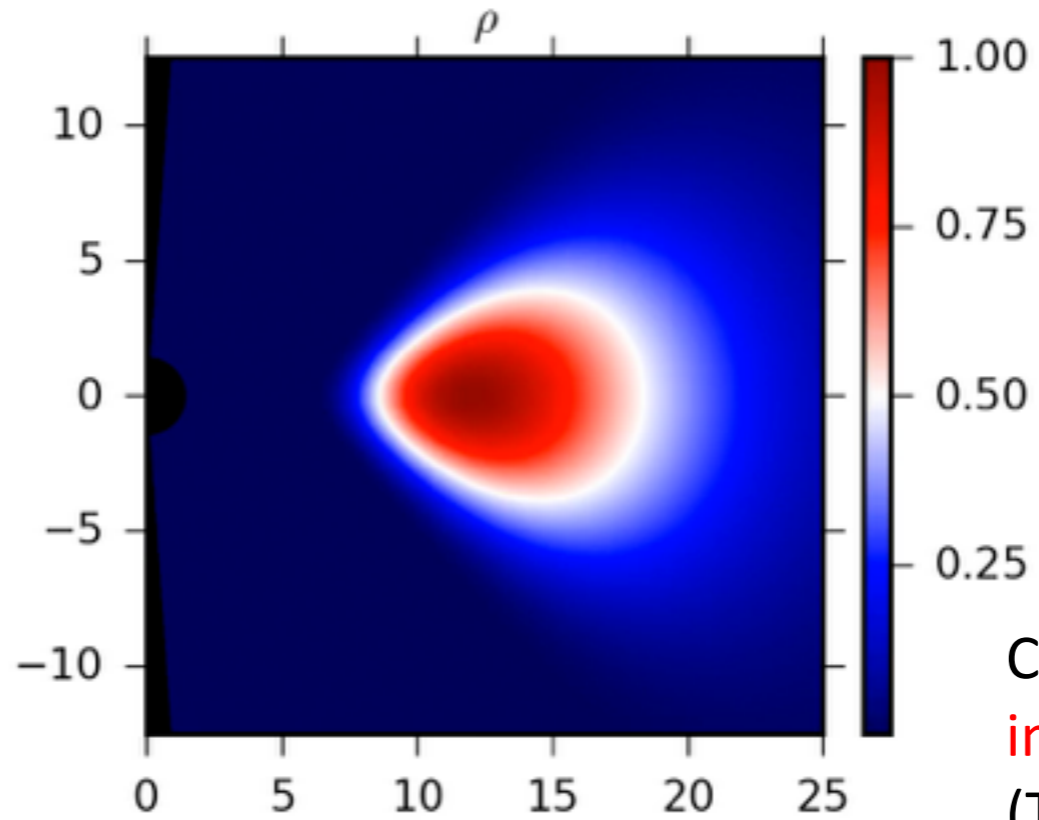
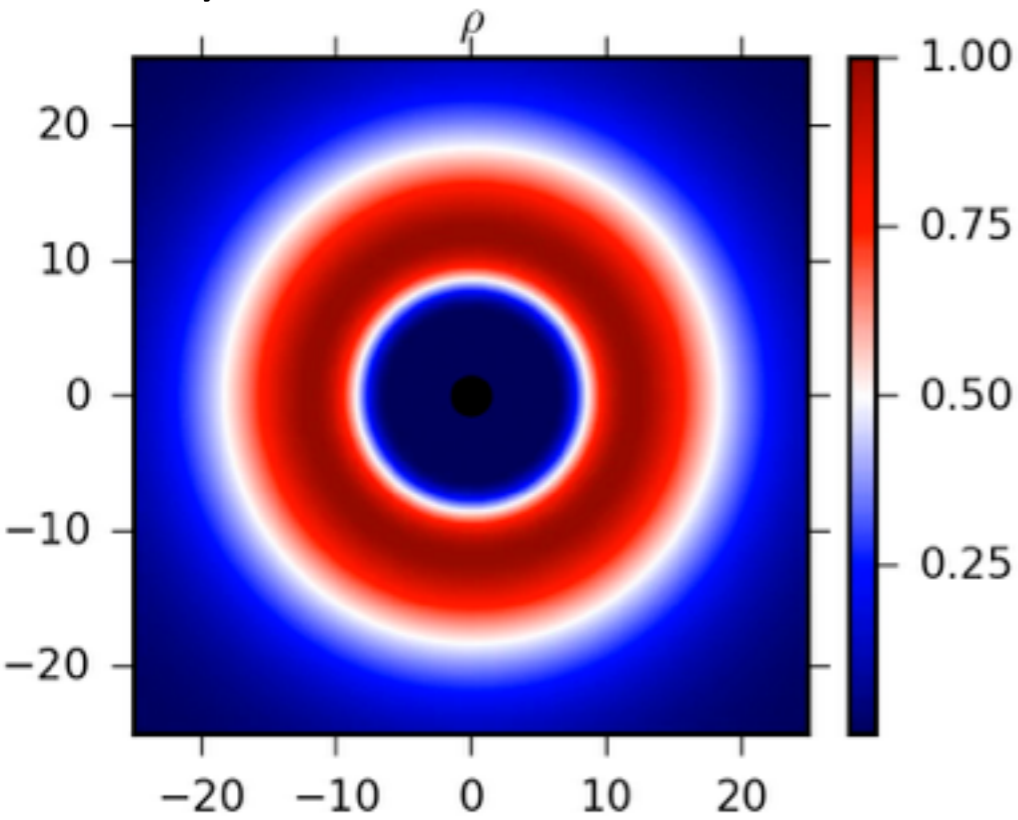
# Relativistic Jets in Universe



# Plasma Dynamics vicinity of BH and Shadow

density

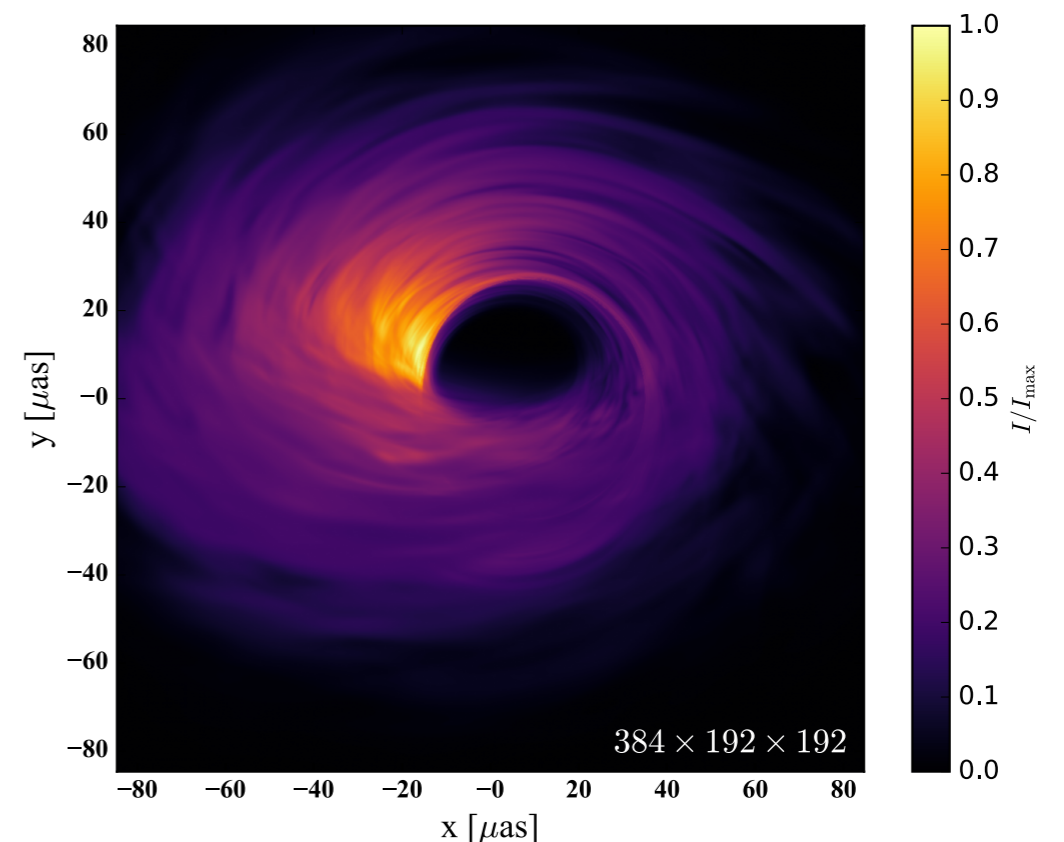
Porth et al. (2017)



Calculated **Radiation image** by GRRT code (Thermal synchrotron total intensity)

- Initial: Accretion torus + weak single magnetic field loop
- Inside torus becomes turbulent by MRI
- Poynting flux dominated jet is developed near the axis

- We can obtain BH shadow image, spectrum, light curve (+ polarization) via 3D GRMHD simulations



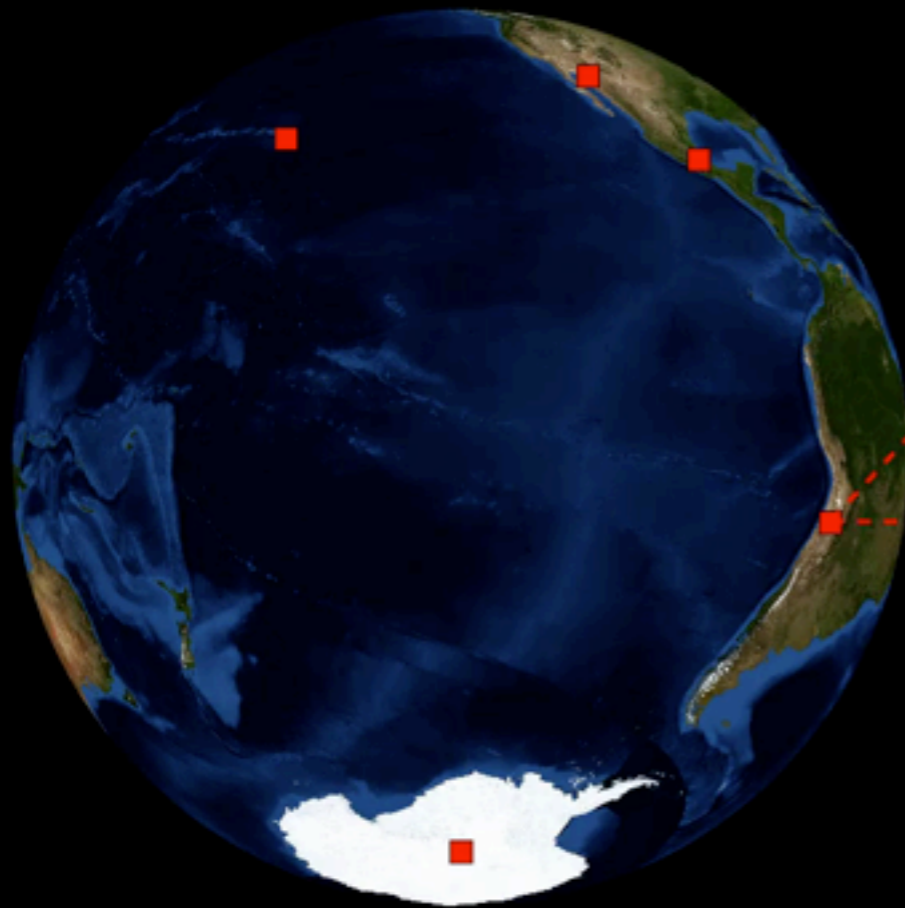
# Event Horizon Telescope



International collaboration project of Very Long Baseline Interferometry (VLBI) at mm (sub-mm) wavelength

## Event Horizon Telescope

Animation: C. Fromm

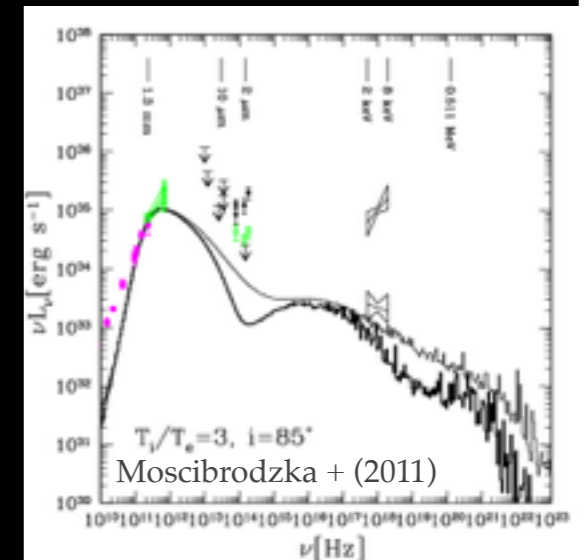


Atacama Large Millimeter Array (ALMA)



Coordinates:  $23^{\circ} 01' 09''\text{S}$ ,  $67^{\circ} 45' 12''\text{W}$

Diameter: 12m



Create a virtual radio telescope the size of the earth, using the shortest wavelength

$$\lambda = 1.3 \text{ mm } (\nu = 230 \text{ GHz})$$

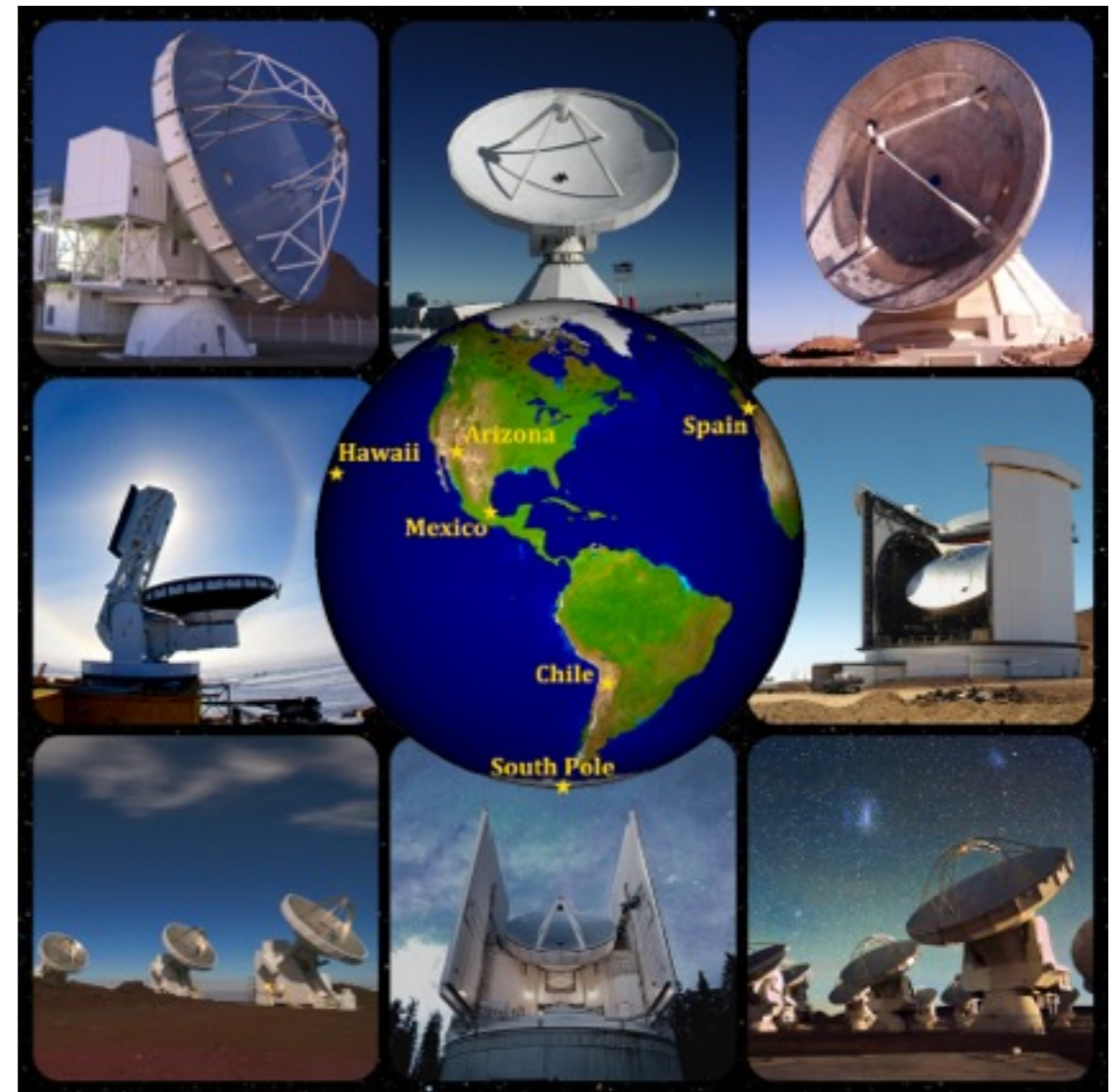
$$D \sim 10,000 \text{ km}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda/D \sim 25 \mu\text{as}$$

Two main targets: Sgr A\* & M87

# Event Horizon Telescope in 2017

- Atacama Large Millimeter Array (ALMA), Chile
- ALMA Pathfinder Experiment (APEX), Chile
- James Clerk Maxwell Telescope (JCMT), Hawaii
- Large Millimeter Telescope (LMT), Mexico
- IRAM 30-meter Telescope, Spain
- South Pole Telescope (SPT), South Pole
- Submillimeter Array (SMA), Hawaii
- Submillimeter Telescope (SMT), Arizona

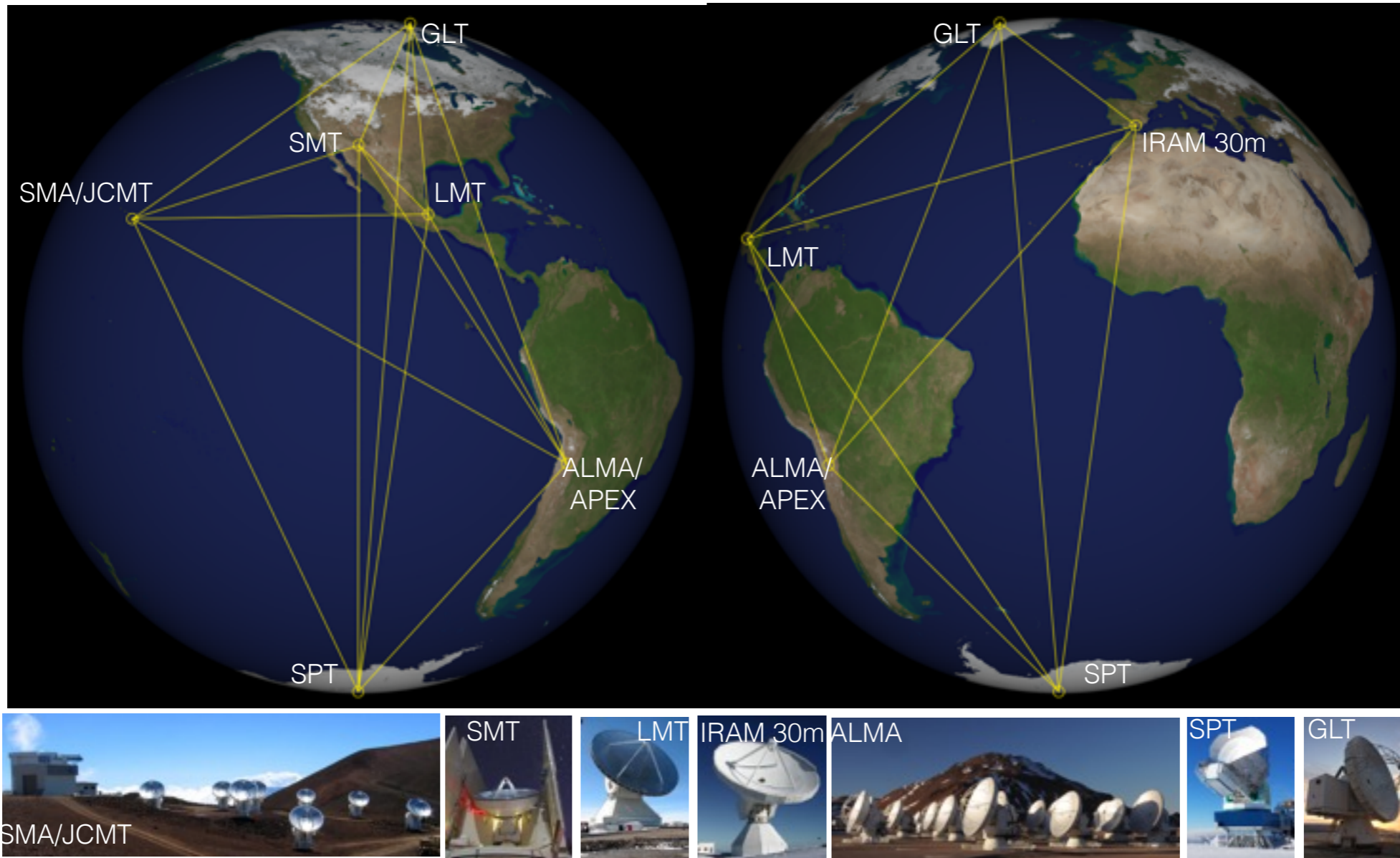


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# Event Horizon Telescope in 2018



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# Fluid Dynamics

- Fluid dynamics deals with the **behaviour of matter in the large (average quantities per unit volume)**, on a macroscopic scale large compared with the **distance between molecules,  $l \gg d_0 \sim 3-4 \times 10^{-8}$  cm**, not taking into account the molecular structure of fluids.
- Macroscopic behaviour of fluids assumed to be **continuous in structure**, and **physical quantities** such as mass, density, or momentum contained within a given small volume are regarded as uniformly spread over that volume.
- The quantities that characterize a fluid (in the continuum limit) are functions of time and position:

$$\rho : (t, \vec{r}) \in \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \rho(t, \vec{r}) \in \mathbb{R} \quad \text{density (scalar field)}$$

$$\vec{v} : (t, \vec{r}) \in \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \vec{v}(t, \vec{r}) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \quad \text{velocity (vector field)}$$

$$\Pi : (t, \vec{r}) \in \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \Pi(t, \vec{r}) \in \mathbb{R}^9 \quad \text{pressure tensor (tensor field)}$$

# Fluid Approach to Plasmas

- Fluid approach describes bulk properties of plasma. We do not attempt to solve unique trajectories of all particles in plasma. This simplification works very well for majority of plasma.
- Fluid theory follows directly from moments of the Boltzmann equation.
- Each of moments of Boltzmann (Vlasov) equation is a transport equation describing the dynamics of a quantity associated with a given power of  $\mathbf{v}$

$$\frac{\partial n}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (n\mathbf{u}) = 0 \quad \text{Continuity of mass or charge transport}$$

$$mn \left[ \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} \right] = qn(\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{B}) - \nabla \cdot \mathbf{P} + \mathbf{P}_{ij} \quad \text{Momentum transport}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left[ n \frac{1}{2} m u^2 \right] + \nabla \cdot \left[ n \frac{1}{2} m \langle u^2 \mathbf{u} \rangle \right] - nq \langle \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{u} \rangle = \frac{m}{2} \int u^2 \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} \right)_{coll} d\mathbf{u} \quad \text{Energy transport}$$

# Single-Fluid Theory: MHD

- Under certain circumstances, appropriate to consider entire plasma as a **single fluid**.
- Do not have any difference between ions and electrons.
- Approach is called *magnetohydrodynamics (MHD)*.
- General method for modeling **highly conductive fluids**, including low-density astrophysical plasmas.
- Single-fluid approach appropriate when dealing with slowly varying conditions.
- MHD is useful when plasma is highly ionized and electrons and ions are forced to act in unison, either because of frequent collisions or by the action of a strong external magnetic field.

# Applicability of Hydrodynamic Approximation

- To apply **hydrodynamic approximation**, we need the condition:
  - Spatial scale  $\gg$  mean free path
  - Time scale  $\gg$  collision time
- These are not necessarily satisfied in many astrophysical plasmas
  - E.g., solar corona, galactic halo, cluster of galaxies etc.
- But in magnetized plasmas, the effective mean free path is given by the ion Larmor radius.
- Hence **if the size of phenomenon is much larger than the ion Larmor radius, hydrodynamic approximation can be used.**

# Applicability of MHD Approximation

- Magnetohydrodynamics (MHD) describe **macroscopic behavior of plasmas** if
  - Spatial scale  $\gg$  ion Larmor radius
  - Time scale  $\gg$  ion Larmor period
- MHD can not treat
  - Particle acceleration
  - Origin of resistivity
  - Electromagnetic waves
  - etc

# Fluid Motion

- The motion of fluid is described by a vector velocity field  $\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{r})$ , (which is mean velocity of all individual particles which make up the fluid at  $\mathbf{r}$  and particle density  $n(\mathbf{r})$ ).
- We discuss the motion of fluid of a *single type* of particle of mass/charge,  $m/q$ , so charge and mass density are  $qn$  and  $mn$
- The particle conservation equation (continuity equation):

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}n + \nabla \cdot (n\mathbf{v}) = 0$$

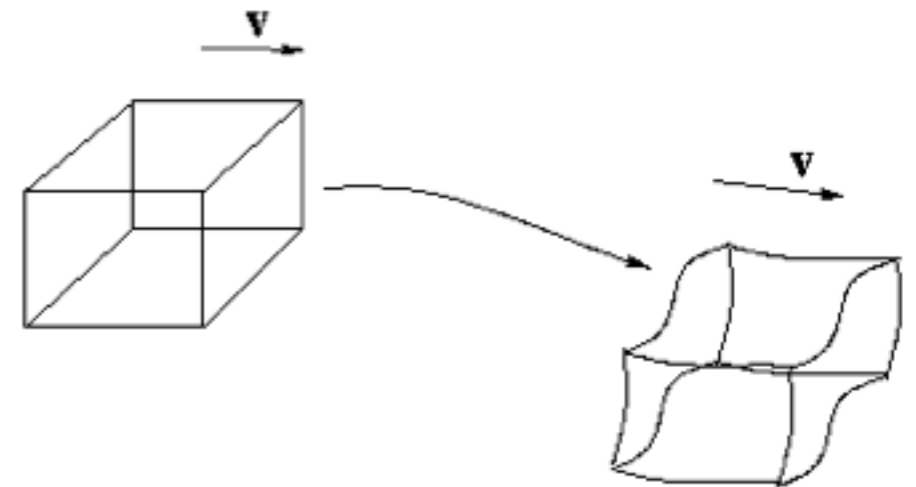
- Expand the  $\nabla \cdot$  to get:  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t}n + (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla)n + n\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$
- Significance is that first two terms are *convective derivative* of  $n$

$$\frac{D}{Dt} \equiv \frac{d}{dt} \equiv \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla$$

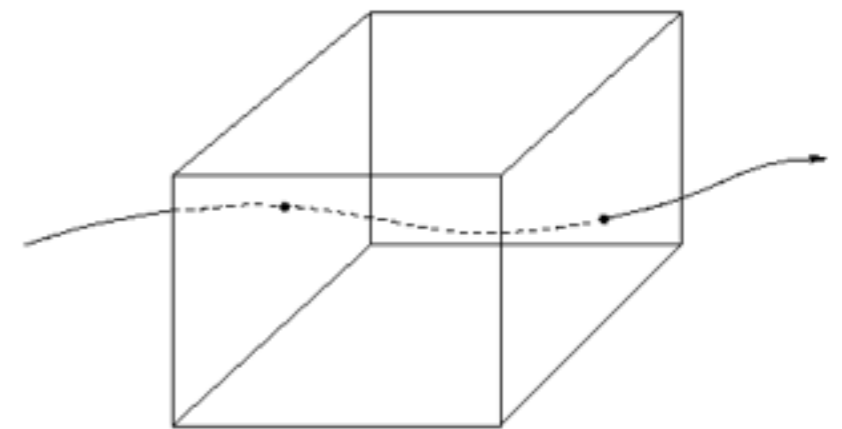
- So continuity equation can be written:  $\frac{D}{Dt}n = -n\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}$

# Lagrangian & Eulerian Viewpoint

- **Lagrangian**: sit on a fluid element and move with it as fluid moves
- **Eulerian**: sit at a fixed point in space and watch fluid move through your volume element:
  - identity of fluid in volume continually changing
  - $\partial/\partial t$  : rate of change at fixed point (Euler)
  - $D/Dt \equiv \partial/\partial t + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla$  : rate of change at *moving* point (Lagrange)
  - $\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla$  : change due to motion



Lagrangian viewpoint



Eulerian viewpoint



# Single-Fluid Equations for Fully Ionized Plasma

- Can combine multiple-fluid equations into a set of equations for a single fluid.
- Assuming two-species plasma of electrons and ions ( $j = e$  or  $i$ ):

$$\frac{\partial n_j}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (n_j \mathbf{v}_j) = 0$$
$$m_j n_j \left[ \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}_j}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{v}_j \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v}_j \right] = -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{P}_j + q_j n_j (\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v}_j \times \mathbf{B}) + P_{ij}$$

- For a fully ionized two-species plasma, total momentum must be conserved:

$$P_{ei} = -P_{ie}$$

- As  $m_i \gg m_e$  the time-scales in continuity and momentum equations for ions and electrons are very different. The characteristic frequencies of a plasma, such as plasma frequency or cyclotron frequency are much larger for electrons.

# Single-Fluid Equations for Fully Ionized Plasma

- When plasma phenomena are **large-scale** ( $L \gg \lambda_D$ ) and have relatively **low frequencies** ( $\omega \ll \omega_{\text{plasma}}$  and  $\omega \ll \omega_{\text{cyclotron}}$ ), on average plasma is electrically neutral ( $n_i \sim n_e$ ). Independent motion of electrons and ions can then be neglected.
- Can therefore treat plasma as **single conducting fluid**, whose inertia is provided by mass of ions.
- Governing equations are obtained by combining two equations (electron + ions)
- **First**, define macroscopic parameters of plasma fluid:

$$\rho_m = n_e m_e + n_i m_i$$

Mass density

$$\rho_e = n_e q_e + n_i q_i$$

Charge density

$$\mathbf{J} = n_e q_e \mathbf{v}_e + n_i q_i \mathbf{v}_i = n_e q_e (\mathbf{v}_e - \mathbf{v}_i)$$

Electric current

$$\mathbf{v} = (n_e m_e \mathbf{v}_e + n_i m_i \mathbf{v}_i) / \rho_m$$

Center of Mass Velocity

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{P}_e + \mathbf{P}_i$$

Total pressure tensor

# MHD Mass and Charge Conservation

- Using continuity eq:  $\frac{\partial n_j}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (n_j \mathbf{v}_j) = 0$

- Multiply by  $q_i$  and  $q_e$  and add continuity equations to get:

$$\frac{\partial \rho_e}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{J}) = 0 \quad \text{Charge conservation}$$

- where  $J$  is the electric current density:  $\mathbf{J} = n_e q_e \mathbf{v}_e + n_i q_i \mathbf{v}_i$  and the electric charge:  $\rho_e = n_e q_e + n_i q_i$

- Multiply eq by  $m_i$  and  $m_e$ ,

$$\frac{\partial \rho_m}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho_m \mathbf{v}) = 0 \quad \text{Mass conservation / continuity equation}$$

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where  $\rho_m = n_e m_e + n_i m_i$  is the single-fluid mass density and  $\mathbf{v}$  is the fluid mass velocity  $\mathbf{v} = (n_e m_e \mathbf{v}_e + n_i m_i \mathbf{v}_i) / \rho_m$

# MHD Equation of Motion

- Equation of motion for bulk plasma can be obtained by adding individual momentum transport equations for ions and electrons.
- LHS of momentum transport eq:  $m_j n_j \left[ \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}_j}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{v}_j \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v}_j \right]$
- Difficulty is that convective term is *non-linear*.
- But note that since  $m_e \ll m_i$  contribution of electron momentum is much less than that from ion. So we ignore it in equation
- **Approximation:** Center of mass velocity is ion velocity:  $\mathbf{v} \simeq \mathbf{v}_i$
- LHS of momentum transport eq:

$$m_j n_j \left[ \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}_j}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{v}_j \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v}_j \right] \simeq \rho_m \left[ \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v} \right]$$

# MHD Equation of Motion

- RHS of momentum transport eq :

$$-\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{P}_e + \mathbf{P}_i) + (n_e q_e + n_i q_i) \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{J} \times \mathbf{B}$$

- In general, second term (Electric body force) is much smaller than  $\mathbf{J} \times \mathbf{B}$  term. So we ignored.
- Therefore, LHS+RHS:

$$\rho_m \left[ \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v} \right] = -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{P} + \mathbf{J} \times \mathbf{B}$$

Equation of motion

- For an isotropic plasma,  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{P} = \nabla p$  where total pressure is  $p = p_e + p_i$  and

$$\rho_m \left[ \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v} \right] = -\nabla p + \mathbf{J} \times \mathbf{B}$$

Equation of motion

# Generalized Ohm's Law

- The final single-fluid MHD equation describes the variation of current density  $\mathbf{J}$ .
- Consider the momentum equations for electron and ions:

$$m_j n_j \left[ \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}_j}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{v}_j \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v}_j \right] = -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{P}_j + q_j n_j (\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v}_j \times \mathbf{B}) + P_{ij}$$

- Multiple electron equation by  $q_e/m_e$  and ion equation by  $q_i/m_i$  and add:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \mathbf{J}}{\partial t} = & -\frac{q_e}{m_e} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{P}_e - \frac{q_i}{m_i} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{P}_i \\ & + \left( \frac{n_e q_e^2}{m_e} + \frac{n_i q_i^2}{m_i} \right) \mathbf{E} \\ & + \left( \frac{n_e q_e^2}{m_e} \mathbf{v}_e + \frac{n_i q_i^2}{m_i} \mathbf{v}_i \right) \times \mathbf{B} \\ & + \frac{q_e}{m_e} \mathbf{P}_{ei} + \frac{q_i}{m_i} \mathbf{P}_{ie} \end{aligned}$$

(We ignore second term of LHS as we dealing with small perturbation)

# Generalized Ohm's Law

- For an electrically neutral plasma  $|q_e n_e| \approx |q_i n_i|$  and using  $\mathbf{J} = n_e q_e \mathbf{v}_e + n_i q_i \mathbf{v}_i$  and  $\mathbf{v} = (n_e m_e \mathbf{v}_e + n_i m_i \mathbf{v}_i) / \rho_m$  we can write

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \mathbf{J}}{\partial t} = & -\frac{q_e}{m_e} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{P}_e - \frac{q_i}{m_i} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{P}_i \\ & + \left( \frac{n_e q_e^2}{m_e} + \frac{n_i q_i^2}{m_i} \right) (\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}) \\ & + \left( \frac{q_e}{m_e} + \frac{q_i}{m_i} \right) (\mathbf{J} \times \mathbf{B}) \\ & + \left( \frac{q_e}{m_e} - \frac{q_i}{m_i} \right) \mathbf{P}_{ei} \end{aligned}$$

- As  $m_e \ll m_i \rightarrow q_e/m_e \gg q_i/m_i$  and  $n_e q_e^2/m_e \gg n_i q_i^2/m_i$ . In thermal equilibrium, kinetic pressures of electrons is similar to ion pressure ( $P_e \sim P_i$ )

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{J}}{\partial t} = -\frac{q_e}{m_e} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{P}_e + \frac{n_e q_e^2}{m_e} (\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}) + \frac{q_e}{m_e} (\mathbf{J} \times \mathbf{B}) + \frac{q_e}{m_e} \mathbf{P}_{ei}$$

# Generalized Ohm's Law

- The collisional term can be written:  $P_{ei} = \eta q^2 n_e^2 (\mathbf{v}_i - \mathbf{v}_e)$   
 where  $\eta$  is the specific resistivity,  $q^2$  relates to fact that collisions result from Coulomb force between ions ( $q_i$ ) and electrons ( $q_e$ ) and total momentum transferred to electrons in an elastic collision with an ion is  $\mathbf{v}_i - \mathbf{v}_e$ .
- Now  $q_i = -q_e$  and  $n_e = n_i$  and  $\mathbf{J} = n_e q_e (\mathbf{v}_e - \mathbf{v}_i)$ ,  $\Rightarrow P_{ei} = -n_e q_e \eta \mathbf{J}$
- The equation can be written as

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{J}}{\partial t} = -\frac{q_e}{m_e} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{P}_e + \frac{n_e q_e^2}{m_e} (\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}) + \frac{q_e}{m_e} (\mathbf{J} \times \mathbf{B}) - \frac{n_e q_e^2}{m_e} \hat{\eta} \cdot \mathbf{J}$$

(4.3)

- Where  $\eta$  is a tensor. This is *generalized Ohm's law*



# Generalized Ohm's Law

- For a **steady current** in a uniform  $\mathbf{E}$ ,  $\partial \mathbf{J} / \partial t = 0$ ,  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{P} = 0$  and  $\mathbf{B} = 0$  so that

$$\mathbf{E} = \eta \mathbf{J} \rightarrow \mathbf{J} = 1/\eta \mathbf{E}$$

- In general form, the electric field  $\mathbf{E}$  can be found:

$$\mathbf{E} = -\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B} - \frac{\mathbf{J} \times \mathbf{B}}{n_e q_e} + \frac{\nabla \cdot \mathbf{P}}{n_e q_e} + \hat{\eta} \cdot \mathbf{J} + \frac{m_e}{n_e q_e} \frac{\partial \mathbf{J}}{\partial t}$$

- Consider right hand side of this equation:
  - **First term:**  $\mathbf{E}$  associated with plasma motion
  - **Second term:** **Hall effect**
  - **Third term:** **Ambipolar diffusion** from E-field generated by pressure gradients
  - **Fourth term:** Ohmic losses/Joule heating by **resistivity**
  - **Fifth term:** Electron **inertia**

# One Fluid MHD Ohm's Law

- Generalized Ohm's law

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{J}}{\partial t} = -\frac{q_e}{m_e} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{P}_e + \frac{n_e q_e^2}{m_e} (\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}) + \frac{q_e}{m_e} (\mathbf{J} \times \mathbf{B}) - \frac{n_e q_e^2}{m_e} \hat{\eta} \cdot \mathbf{J}$$

- Now assume plasma is isotropic, so that  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{P} = \nabla p$   
Also we neglect **Hall effect** and **Ambipolar diffusion** in generalized Ohm's law since not important in one-fluid MHD.  
For slow variations,  $\mathbf{J} = \text{constant}$ , so can write generalized Ohm's law as:

- Rearranging gives,  $0 = \frac{n_e q_e^2}{m_e} (\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}) - \frac{n_e q_e^2}{m_e} \eta \mathbf{J}$

$$\mathbf{J} = \sigma (\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B})$$

One-fluid MHD Ohm's law

- Where  $\sigma = 1/\eta$  is **electrical conductivity**

# Simplified MHD Equations

- A set of simplified MHD equations can be written:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial \rho_m}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho_m \mathbf{v}) &= 0 \\ \rho_m \left[ \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v} \right] &= -\nabla p + \mathbf{J} \times \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B} &= \eta \mathbf{J}\end{aligned}$$

- Fluid equations must be solved with reduced Maxwell equations

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \times \mathbf{B} &= \mu_0 \mathbf{J}, & \nabla \times \mathbf{E} &= -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} &= 0, & \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} &= 0\end{aligned}$$

(displacement current term is ignored for low frequency phenomena)

- Here we have assumed that there is no accumulation of charge (i.e.,  $\rho_e = 0$ )
- Complete set of equations only when *equation of state* for relationship between  $p$  and  $n$  ( $\rho$ ) is specified.

$$p \rho_m^{-\gamma} = \text{const}$$

# The Induction Equation

- Taking the curl of one-fluid MHD Ohm's law:

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\nabla \times (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}) + \frac{1}{\sigma} \nabla \times \mathbf{J}$$

- Assuming  $\sigma = \text{const.}$  Substituting for  $\mathbf{J} = \nabla \times \mathbf{B} / \mu_0$  from Ampere's law and using the law of induction equations (Faraday's law):

$$-\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = -\nabla \times (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}) + \frac{1}{\mu_0 \sigma} \nabla \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{B})$$

- The double curl can be expanding from vector identity

$$-\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = -\nabla \times (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}) + \frac{1}{\mu_0 \sigma} \nabla (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B}) - \frac{1}{\mu_0 \sigma} \nabla^2 \mathbf{B}$$

- The second term in R.H.S. is zero by Gauss's law ( $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$ ). So

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = \nabla \times (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}) + \frac{1}{\mu_0 \sigma} \nabla^2 \mathbf{B}$$

MHD induction equation

# The Induction Equation

- The MHD induction equation, together with fluid mass, momentum, and energy equations (EoS), a close set of equations for MHD state variables ( $\rho_m$ ,  $\mathbf{v}$ ,  $p$ ,  $\mathbf{B}$ )

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial \rho_m}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho_m \mathbf{v}) &= 0 \\ \rho_m \left[ \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v} \right] &= \frac{1}{\mu_0} (\mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{B} - \nabla \left( p + \frac{B^2}{2\mu_0} \right) \\ p \rho_m^\gamma &= \text{const} \\ \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} &= \nabla \times (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}) + \frac{1}{\mu_0 \sigma} \nabla^2 \mathbf{B}\end{aligned}$$

Here,  $\mathbf{J} = \nabla \times \mathbf{B} / \mu_0$   
 $\mathbf{E} = -\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{J} / \sigma$

# Ideal MHD

- In the case where the conductivity is very high ( $\sigma \rightarrow \infty$ ), the electric field is  $\mathbf{E} = -\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}$  (motional electric field only). It is known as *ideal Magnetohydrodynamics*.
- A set of equations:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial \rho_m}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho_m \mathbf{v}) &= 0 \\ \rho_m \left[ \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v} \right] &= \frac{1}{\mu_0} (\mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{B} - \nabla \left( p + \frac{B^2}{2\mu_0} \right) \\ p \rho_m^\gamma &= \text{const} \\ \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} &= \nabla \times (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B})\end{aligned}$$

- This is the most simplest assumption for MHD. But this is commonly used in Astrophysics.

# Magnetic Field Behavior in MHD

- MHD induction equation:  $\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = \nabla \times (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}) + \frac{1}{\mu_0 \sigma} \nabla^2 \mathbf{B}$
- $\nabla \times (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B})$  Dominant: **convection**
  - Infinite conductivity limit: ideal MHD.
  - Flow and field are intimately connected. Field lines convect with the flow. (*flux freezing*)
  - The flow response to the field motion via  $\mathbf{J} \times \mathbf{B}$  force
- $(1/\mu_0 \sigma) \nabla^2 \mathbf{B}$  Dominant: **Diffusion**
  - Induction equation takes the form of a diffusion equation.
  - Field lines diffuse through the plasma down any field gradient
  - No coupling between magnetic field and fluid flow
  - **Characteristic Diffusion time:**  $\tau = \mu_0 \sigma L^2 = \mu_0 L^2 / \eta$
- Ratio of the convection term to the diffusion term:

Here using  
 $\nabla = 1/L$

$$R_m = \frac{vB/L}{B/\mu_0 \sigma L^2} = \mu_0 \sigma v L$$

*Magnetic Reynold's number*

# Magnetic Field Behavior in MHD

- Rewrite **continuity equation**:

$$\frac{\partial \rho_m}{\partial t} = -\rho_m(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}) - (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla)\rho_m$$

- first term describes **compression** (fluid contracts or expansion)
- Second term describes **advection**
- **The induction equation** (ideal MHD) can be written as, using standard vector identities:

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = -\mathbf{B}(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}) - (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{B} + (\mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{v}$$

- Equation is similar to continuity equation.
  - First term: **compression**
  - Second term: **advection**
  - Third term: new term describes **stretching**. It is related magnetic field amplification



# Momentum Equation

- From equation of motion and continuity equations

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_m \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + \rho_m \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{v} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\rho_m \mathbf{v}) + \mathbf{v} \nabla \cdot (\rho_m \mathbf{v}) + \rho_m \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{v} \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\rho_m \mathbf{v}) + \nabla \cdot (\rho_m \mathbf{v} \mathbf{v})\end{aligned}$$

- Using definition of magnetic stress tensor, *the momentum equation* is

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\rho_m \mathbf{v}) + \nabla \cdot \left[ \rho_m \mathbf{v} \mathbf{v} + \left( p + \frac{1}{2} B^2 \right) \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{B} \mathbf{B} \right] = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{M}}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{\Pi} = 0$$

$\mathbf{I}$  is three-dimensional identity tensor

$$\mathcal{M}_i = \rho_m v_i \quad \text{Momentum density}$$

$$\Pi_{ij} = \rho_m v_i v_j + \left( p + \frac{1}{2} B^2 \right) \delta_{ij} - B_i B_j = 0 \quad \text{Stress tensor}$$

# Conservation Form of Ideal MHD Eqs

$$\frac{\partial \rho_m}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho_m \mathbf{v}) = 0 \quad \text{Mass conservation}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\rho_m \mathbf{v}) + \nabla \cdot \left[ \rho_m \mathbf{v} \mathbf{v} + \left( p + \frac{1}{2} B^2 \right) \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{B} \mathbf{B} \right] = 0 \quad \text{Momentum conservation}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{1}{2} \rho_m v^2 + \rho_m e + \frac{1}{2} B^2 \right) \quad \text{Energy conservation}$$

$$+ \nabla \cdot \left[ \left( \frac{1}{2} \rho_m v^2 + \rho_m e + p + B^2 \right) \mathbf{v} - (\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{B}) \mathbf{B} \right] = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{v} \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{B} \mathbf{v}) = 0 \quad \text{induction equation}$$

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

*Ideal equation of state*

$$p = (\gamma - 1) \rho_m e$$

Neglecting gravity force.

This form is often used in numerical simulation.

# Poynting Flux

- From energy conservation equation, energy flux is

$$\mathbf{Y} \equiv \left( \frac{1}{2} \rho_m v^2 + \frac{\gamma}{\gamma - 1} p \right) \mathbf{v} + \frac{1}{\mu_0} (B^2 \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{B} \mathbf{B})$$

- This compose hydrodynamic part and magnetic part.
- The magnetic part can be transformed:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{Y}_{em} &\equiv \frac{1}{\mu_0} (B^2 \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{B} \mathbf{B}) \\ &= -\frac{1}{\mu_0} (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}) \times \mathbf{B} \\ &= \boxed{\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}} \end{aligned}$$

- This is called *Poynting flux* (*Poynting vector*), which represents the flow of electromagnetic energy

# Entropy conservation equation

- The best representation of the conservation form of MHD equation is in terms of the variables,  $\rho$ ,  $\mathbf{v}$ ,  $e$  and  $\mathbf{B}$ .
- A peculiar additional variable is **the specific entropy**  $s$
- For **adiabatic process of ideal gas**, conservation of entropy is

$$\frac{DS}{Dt} \equiv \frac{\partial S}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla)S = 0$$

- But this is not in **conservation form** (but expresses the conservation of specific entropy co-moving with the fluid)
- A genuine conservation form is obtained by variable  $\rho_m S$ , the entropy per unit volume

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\rho_m S) + \nabla \cdot (\rho_m S \mathbf{v}) = 0$$

*Entropy conservation equation*

# Hydro vs MHD

**Newtonian MHD equation** is shown the coupling of hydrodynamics with magnetic field

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial \rho_m}{\partial t} + \nabla(\rho_m \mathbf{v}) &= 0 \\ \rho_m \left[ \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v} \right] &= \frac{1}{\mu_0} (\mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{B} - \nabla \left( p + \frac{B^2}{2\mu_0} \right) \\ p \rho_m^\gamma &= \text{const} \\ \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} &= \nabla \times (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B})\end{aligned}$$

MHD equation is recovered **hydrodynamic equations** when  $\mathbf{B}=0$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial \rho_m}{\partial t} + \nabla(\rho_m \mathbf{v}) &= 0 \\ \rho_m \left[ \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v} \right] &= -\nabla p \\ p \rho_m^\gamma &= \text{const}\end{aligned}$$

# Hydro vs MHD

- Conservation form of Newtonian hydrodynamic equations

$$\frac{\partial \rho_m}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho_m \mathbf{v}) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\rho_m \mathbf{v}) + \nabla \cdot [\rho_m \mathbf{v} \mathbf{v} + p \mathbf{I}] = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{1}{2} \rho_m v^2 + \rho_m e \right) + \nabla \cdot \left[ \left( \frac{1}{2} \rho_m v^2 + \rho_m e + p \right) \mathbf{v} \right] = 0$$

$$p = (\gamma - 1) \rho_m e$$

# Summary

- Single fluid approach of plasma is called magnetohydrodynamics (MHD).
- In the case where the conductivity is very high, the electric field is  $\mathbf{E} = -\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}$ . It is known as ideal MHD.
- In ideal MHD, magnetic field is frozen into the fluid
- Lorentz force divides two different forces: magnetic pressure & curvature force
- The induction equation in ideal MHD shows evolution of magnetic field. It is including compression, advection and stretching
- The induction equation in resistive MHD includes diffusion of magnetic field.
- From energy conservation equation, energy flux composes hydrodynamic part and magnetic part. Magnetic part is called Poynting flux.