

# Astrophysical MHD I: Convection and Magnetic Fields

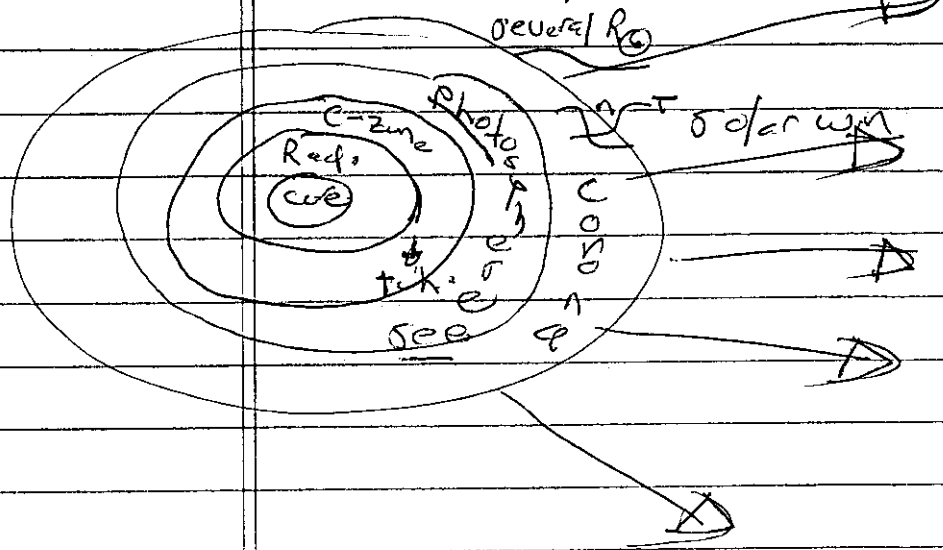
Example:

- sunspots
- magnetic field eruptions / solar prominences
- clumping of matter in ISM

Theme: Buoyancy (Rayleigh - Benard convection)  
+ Magnetic Fields

- o.e.
- convection ✓
  - convection with  $\underline{B_0} \parallel g$  ✓
  - exclusion of magnetic field by convective motions ✓
  - ⇒ - magnetic buoyancy instability.

The Sun → 1 easy lesson



Photosphere  $R_{\odot}$   
 Rad. zone  $.75 R_{\odot}$

$T_{\text{core}} \sim 10^7 \text{ K}$   
 $T_{\text{rad}} \sim 10^6 \text{ K}$   
 $T_{\text{CZ}} \sim 10^5 \text{ K}$   
 $T_{\text{photo}} \sim 10^3 - 10^4$

→ heat flux driven system, i.e.  $Q = \text{const.}$

→ source → nuclear burn in core (fusion which works)

→ radiation zone → heat transported by radiation (photons)  
 $Q = Q_{\text{rad.}}$

→ convection zone → sufficient absorption to destabilize convection (gas motion) due heating.  
 $Q = Q_{\text{conv.}}$

Tachocline → base of convection zone  
 → → rotation of cylinders ⇒ solid body?!

Convection zone ⇒

- Rayleigh-Benard paradigm
- site of (at least part of) solar dynamo i.e. → helical motion ⇒  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{rotation} \\ \text{buoyancy} \end{array} \right.$
- STF
- Parker } conform

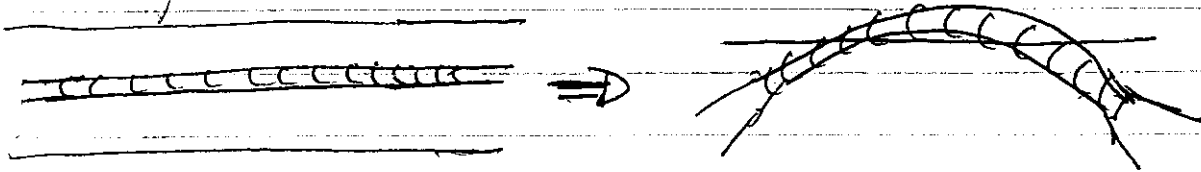
$\nabla p = 0$   
magnetic  
buoyancy

$\nabla p = \mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{B}$   
plasma  
interchange

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# → Magnetic Buoyancy Instability { why fields erupt? }

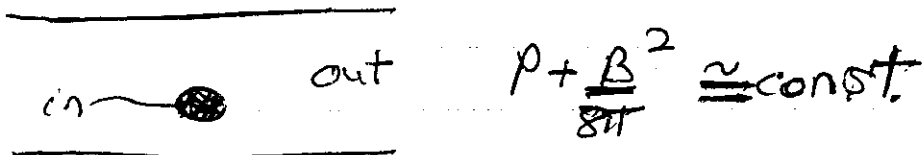
another / (Interchange)



ie. Flux tubes rise! - c.f. picture from Chandrasekhar

simple story

why! - compare inside tube / outside tube



rising flux tube

total pressure balance {  $p_{out} = p_{in} + \frac{B^2}{8\pi}$

$\therefore p_{out} > p_{in}$

but  $\begin{cases} p = p_0 (\rho/\rho_0)^\gamma \\ p = \rho R T \end{cases}$

buoyancy! {  $\Rightarrow p_{out} > p_{in}$  !  
 $\Rightarrow$  tube rises.

N.B. This is a 'lack of equilibrium' rather than an instability, strictly speaking.

Note: → suggests problem of magnetic

buoyancy, i.e.

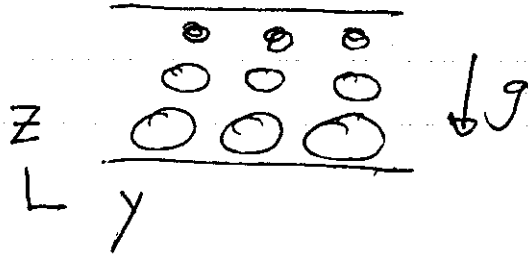
→ convection with magnetic field as the "stuff" to be convected. - contrast confinement.

Sketch RT → HW

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## The Physics:

### a) Structure



$$\frac{dB_x}{dz} < 0, \quad \frac{d\rho}{dz} < 0$$

→ stratified magnetic field (vertically)

→  $\underline{B}_0 \perp \underline{\tilde{V}}$  → interchanges (rolls in  $y, z$ ; exchanging filled tubes)

$\underline{B}_0 \parallel \underline{\tilde{V}}$  → undular instability  
(i.e.  $B_{0y} \parallel \tilde{V}_y$ ) (i.e. buoyancy coupled to Alfvén wave)  
nominally expect undular modes more stable than interchange, but ...

### b) Buoyancy Coupling

- Recall for Rayleigh Benard:  $\omega < kc_s$   
 $\chi z / H_p \ll 1$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\delta p}{\rho_0} \approx 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\delta \rho}{\rho_0} = -\frac{\tilde{T}}{T_0}$$

$\delta p = 0$  as  $\omega < kc_s$

expand here

$$\frac{\delta \rho}{\rho_0} = -T(\tilde{T}) + \frac{B_0 \cdot \tilde{B}}{4\pi} - \frac{\tilde{p}}{\rho_0}$$

- with B-field:  $\frac{\delta p_{total}}{\rho_0} \approx 0$

$\omega < k V_{MS} \Rightarrow \delta p_{tot} = 0$

$$\omega < k V_{magneto-sonic}$$

$$\Rightarrow R(\delta \rho T_0 + \tilde{T} \rho_0) + \frac{B_0 \cdot \tilde{B}}{4\pi} \approx 0$$

$$\frac{\delta \rho}{\rho_0} = -\frac{\tilde{T}}{T_0} - \frac{B_0 \cdot \tilde{B}}{4\pi \rho_0} = -\frac{\tilde{T}}{T_0} - \frac{\tilde{p}_m}{\rho_0} \leftarrow \text{magnetic pressure}$$

This obviously suggests that an equation for magnetic pressure would be useful.

c.) B-Pressure evolution

$$\frac{\partial \underline{B}}{\partial t} = \nabla \times (\underline{v} \times \underline{B}) \quad \text{induction}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial \underline{B}}{\partial t} + \underline{v} \cdot \nabla \underline{B} = \frac{d\underline{B}}{dt} = \underline{B} \cdot \nabla \underline{v} - \underline{B} \nabla \cdot \underline{v}$$

① Now, anelastic approximation

$$\nabla \cdot (\rho \underline{v}) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \hat{v}_z \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial z} = -\rho \nabla \cdot \underline{v}$$

(i.e. compressible, but eliminate sound wave)

w/ KCMs

$$\nabla \cdot \underline{v} = + \frac{\hat{v}_z}{L_p}$$

$$\left( \frac{1}{L_p} = \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{d\rho}{dz} \right)$$

②  $\underline{B} \cdot \nabla \underline{v} = 0$  (interchange limit)

$$\therefore \frac{\partial \tilde{\underline{B}}}{\partial t} + \tilde{v}_z \frac{\partial \underline{B}}{\partial z} = - \underline{B} \frac{\tilde{v}_z}{L_p}$$

$$\frac{\partial \underline{B} \cdot \tilde{\underline{B}}}{\partial t} + \frac{B_0^2 \tilde{v}_z}{B_0} \frac{\partial \underline{B}_0}{\partial z} = + \frac{B_0^2}{\rho_0} \frac{\partial \rho_0}{\partial z} \tilde{v}_z$$

So, can write:

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{P}_m}{\partial t} + \left[ \rho_{m,0} \frac{\partial \ln(B_0/\rho_0)}{\partial z} \right] \hat{v}_z = 0$$

if include resistive dissipation:

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{P}_m}{\partial t} - \eta \nabla^2 \tilde{P}_m = -\hat{v}_z \rho_{m,0} \frac{\partial \ln(B_0/\rho_0)}{\partial z}$$

$\downarrow$   
 can dissipate magnetic energy response.

Now, can proceed with basic equations:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial (-\nabla^2 \phi)}{\partial t} = \eta z \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\hat{I}}{T_0} + \frac{\hat{P}_m}{\rho_0} \right) \quad (\text{before}) \\ \frac{\partial \tilde{P}_m}{\partial t} + \left[ \rho_{m,0} \frac{\partial \ln(B_0/\rho_0)}{\partial z} \right] \hat{v}_z = 0 \quad ; \quad \hat{v}_z = -\nabla_y \phi \end{array} \right.$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{\hat{I}}{T_0} - (\gamma - 1) \frac{\hat{\rho}}{\rho_0} \right) + \hat{v}_z \frac{dS_0}{dz} = 0$$

but:  $\frac{\hat{\rho}}{\rho_0} = -\frac{\hat{I}}{T_0} - \frac{\hat{P}_m}{\rho_0}$

$$\begin{aligned} S^* &= \ln(T_0 \rho^{-(\gamma-1)}) \\ &= \ln\left(\frac{\rho T}{\rho^\gamma}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{\hat{T}}{T_0} + (\gamma-1) \left( \frac{\hat{T}}{T_0} + \frac{\hat{p}_m}{\rho_0} \right) \right) + \hat{v}_z \frac{dS_0}{dz} = 0$$

$$\left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \gamma \frac{\hat{T}}{T_0} + (\gamma-1) \frac{\hat{p}_m}{\rho_0} \right) + \frac{\hat{v}_z}{\gamma} \frac{dS_0}{dz} = 0 \right.$$

So can proceed:

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} (-\nabla^2 \phi) = |g| \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial \hat{T}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \hat{p}_m}{\partial t} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial \hat{T}}{\partial t} = - \left(1 - \frac{1}{\gamma}\right) \frac{\partial \hat{p}_m}{\rho_0 \partial t} - \frac{\hat{v}_z}{\gamma} \frac{dS}{dz}$$

$$\frac{\partial \hat{p}_m}{\partial t} = - \frac{\rho_{m,0} \hat{v}_z}{\rho_0} \frac{d}{dz} \ln \left( \frac{B_0}{\rho_0} \right)$$

same limit  $\rightarrow$  total density gradient

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{\hat{p}_m}{\rho_0} + \frac{\hat{T}}{T_0} \right) &= -\hat{v}_z \left\{ \left[ \frac{\rho_{m,0}}{\rho_0} \frac{d}{dz} \ln \left( \frac{B_0}{\rho_0} \right) + \frac{1}{\gamma} \frac{dS}{dz} \right] \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \left(1 - \frac{1}{\gamma}\right) \left( \frac{\rho_{m,0}}{\rho_0} \frac{d}{dz} \ln \left( \frac{B_0}{\rho_0} \right) \right) \right\} \\ &= -\frac{\hat{v}_z}{\gamma} \left[ \frac{\rho_{m,0}}{\rho_0} \frac{d}{dz} \ln \left( \frac{B_0}{\rho_0} \right) + \frac{dS}{dz} \right] \end{aligned}$$

and

~~comment~~  
 Comment → double  
 diffusion →  
 → opposite signs  
 → 1 vs 2

$$-\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} (+\nabla^2 \phi) = |g_z| + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} \left[ \frac{1}{\gamma} \left( \frac{\rho_{p0}}{\rho_0} \frac{d}{dz} \ln \left( \frac{B_0}{\rho_0} \right) + \frac{dS_0}{dz} \right) \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega^2 = + \frac{k_y^2}{k^2} |g_z| \left[ \frac{1}{\gamma} \left( \frac{dS_0}{dz} + \frac{\rho_{p0}}{\rho_0} \frac{d}{dz} \ln \left( \frac{B_0}{\rho_0} \right) \right) \right]$$

→ magnetic buoyancy criterion (magnetic Schwarzschild criterion):

$$\omega^2 = \frac{k_y^2}{k^2} |g_z| \left[ \frac{1}{\gamma} \left( \frac{dS_0}{dz} + \frac{\rho_{p0}}{\rho_0} \frac{d}{dz} \ln \left( \frac{B_0}{\rho_0} \right) \right) \right]$$

note: for  $S_0' = 0$ , instability  $\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dz} \left( \frac{B_0}{\rho_0} \right) < 0$

for buoyancy instability

→ instabilities are flute/interchanges,  
 if  $\underline{B}_0 \cdot \nabla \underline{V} \neq 0 \Rightarrow$  'undular instability'

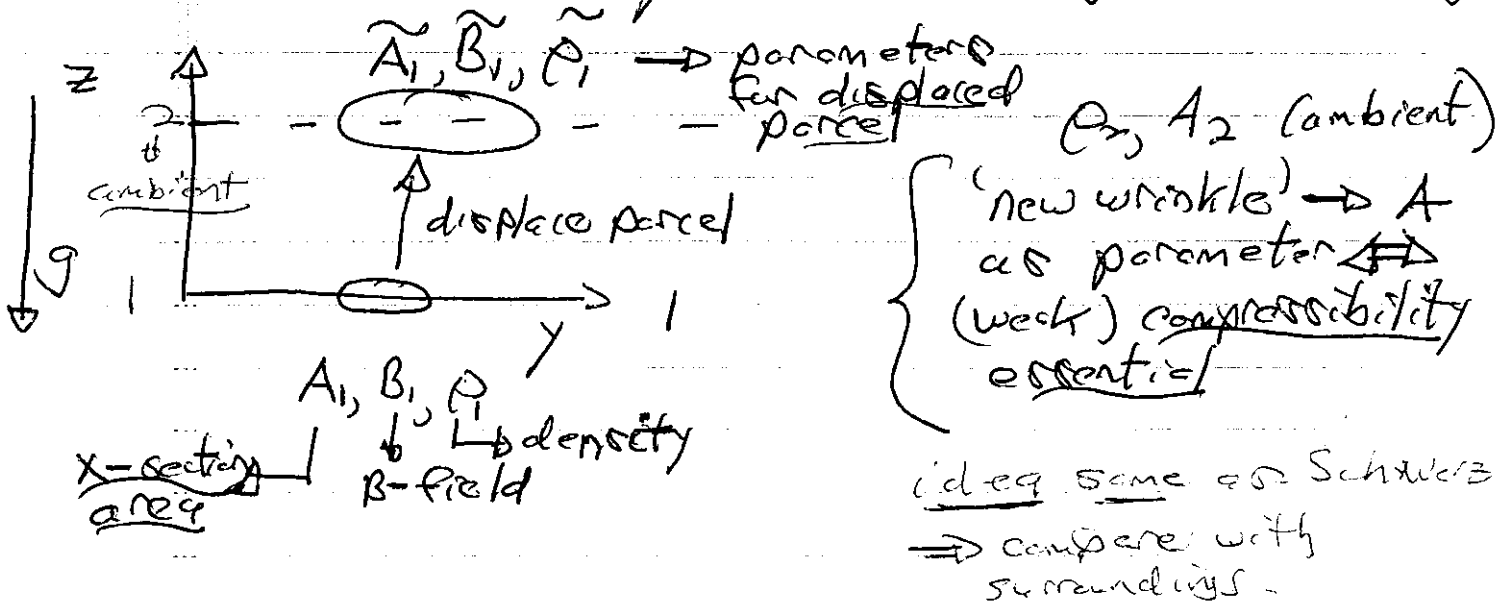
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 Alfvén coupling → Parker.





→ origin of  $(B_0/\rho_0)' < 0$  criterion.

⇒ Reconsider basic story: (ideal interchange)



so now; in ideal displacement:

mass conserved →  $\rho_1 A_1 = \tilde{\rho}_1 \tilde{A}_1$

magnetic flux conserved →  $A_1 B_1 = \tilde{A}_1 \tilde{B}_1$  (new)

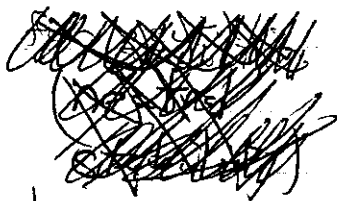
$$\frac{\tilde{A}_1}{A_1} = \frac{B_1}{\tilde{B}_1} = \frac{\rho_1}{\tilde{\rho}_1}$$

⇒  $B_1/\rho_1 = \tilde{B}_1/\tilde{\rho}_1$  (freezing in)

Now obviously: stability ⇒  $\tilde{\rho}_1 > \rho_2$  (rise)  
 instability ⇒  $\tilde{\rho}_1 < \rho_2$  (sink)

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total pressure  
equilib -



Now  $\tilde{P}_1 + \frac{\tilde{B}_1^2}{8\pi} = P_2 + \frac{B_2^2}{8\pi}$

i.e.  $P_{tot} = P_{tot}$

(i.e.)  $\rightarrow$  below.

For neutral stability  $\tilde{P}_1 = P_2 \Rightarrow \tilde{P}_1 = P_2$ , by eqn. state

" "  $\tilde{B}_1 = B_2$  by pressure balance

" " neutral stability  $\Rightarrow \tilde{B}_1 / \tilde{P}_1 = B_2 / P_2$

so  $\boxed{B_1 / P_1 = B_2 / P_2}$

i.e. neutral if  $\nabla(B/P) = 0$

$\Rightarrow$  instability requires:  $\frac{d}{dz} (B/P) < 0$

i.e. to solve for  $\tilde{P}_1$  as Schwarz.  $\int$

$$\tilde{P}_1 + \frac{\tilde{B}_1^2}{8\pi} = P_2 + \frac{B_2^2}{8\pi}$$

$$\tilde{P}_1 = P_2 + \frac{B_2^2}{8\pi} - \left(\frac{B_1}{P_1}\right)^2 \tilde{P}_1^2$$

$$\tilde{P}_1 = P_1 \left(\frac{\tilde{P}_1}{P_1}\right)^\delta$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[ P_1 \left(\frac{\tilde{P}_1}{P_1}\right)^\delta + \frac{B_1^2}{8\pi} \left(\frac{\tilde{P}_1}{P_1}\right)^2 \right] = P_2 + \frac{B_2^2}{8\pi} = P_1 + \frac{dP}{dz} \Delta z$$

$\Rightarrow \tilde{P}_1$  and compare to  $P_2$

$+ \frac{B_2^2}{8\pi} + \frac{dP}{dz} \Delta z$

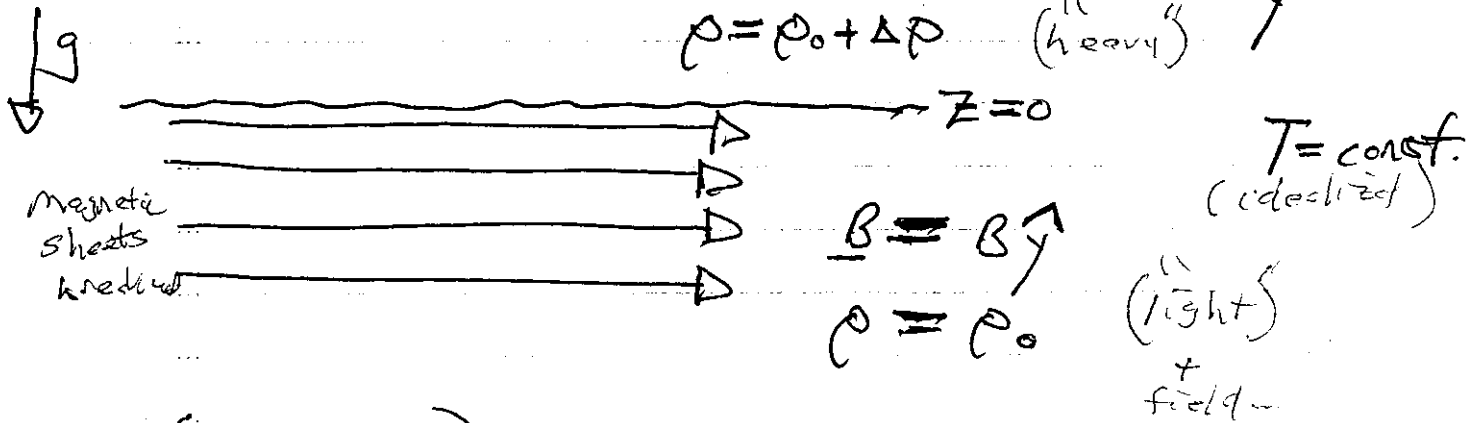
Model: Magnetic field, like hot air, rises... B can't stop R-T

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Related Phenomena / Problem:

Interface

Submerged Fields  $\rightarrow$  Stability and Break-up



$$\rho_{\text{tot}} \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \right\} = \rho_{\text{tot}} \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} z < 0 \\ z > 0 \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow k_B \rho_0 T + \frac{B^2}{8\pi} = k_B (\rho_0 + \Delta\rho) T$$

$$\boxed{\frac{\Delta\rho}{\rho_0} = \frac{B^2/8\pi}{k_B T \rho_0} = 1/\beta}$$

What happens?

- $\rightarrow$  Rayleigh-Taylor like instability should occur (modified by bending)
- $\rightarrow$  bubbles of light fluid (and field) will rise.  $\Rightarrow$  bubble scale  $\delta \leftrightarrow$  eruption scale

## Linear Theory:

→ old Rayleigh-Taylor analysis, i.e.

- $\underline{v} = -\underline{\nabla}\phi \Rightarrow$  excludes Alfvén waves (rotational)
- $\underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{v} = 0 \Rightarrow \nabla^2 \phi = 0$
- $\tilde{v}_z$  and  $\delta p_{\text{tot}}$  continuous at interface



unperturbed interface:

$$\frac{B_0^2}{8\pi} + \rho_1 = \rho_2$$

perturbed interface:

$$\tilde{\rho}_1 - |\rho_1 \tilde{\eta}| + \frac{B_0 \cdot \tilde{B}}{4\pi} = \tilde{\rho}_2 - |\rho_2 + \Delta\rho| \tilde{\eta}$$

but:  $\tilde{\rho} = \rho \frac{\partial \tilde{\phi}}{\partial t}$  (Bernoulli)

$$\Rightarrow \left[ \rho_0 \frac{\partial \tilde{\phi}_1}{\partial t} - |\rho_0 \tilde{\eta}_1| + \frac{B_0 \cdot \tilde{B}}{4\pi} = (\rho_0 + \Delta\rho) \frac{\partial \tilde{\phi}_2}{\partial t} - |\rho_0 + \Delta\rho| \tilde{\eta}_2 \right]$$

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where:  $\frac{\partial \tilde{B}_y}{\partial t} = \underline{B}_0 \cdot \nabla \tilde{v}_y$   
 $\gamma \tilde{B}_y = c k_y B_0 (-i k_y \hat{\phi}_1)$   
 $\tilde{B}_y = \frac{k_y B_0 \hat{\phi}_1}{\gamma}$

$v = -\nabla \phi$

and  $\gamma \eta = v_z$

for ①:  $\gamma \tilde{\eta}_1 = -k \hat{\phi}_1$

②:  $\gamma \tilde{\eta}_2 = +k \hat{\phi}_2$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \phi_1 \sim e^{kz} \quad (-\infty, z = -\infty) \\ k = (k_x^2 + k_y^2)^{1/2} \\ \phi_2 \sim e^{-kz} \end{array} \right.$

so  $\hat{\phi}_1 + \hat{\phi}_2 = 0$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \phi_{1,2} = \hat{\phi}_{1,2} e^{i k_x x} e^{\pm k z} \\ \begin{array}{l} + \rightarrow \infty \\ - \rightarrow -\infty \end{array} \end{array} \right.$

$\gamma \rho_0 \hat{\phi}_1 + \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{\rho_0 k}{\gamma} \hat{\phi}_1 + \frac{k_y^2 B_0^2}{4\pi \gamma} \hat{\phi}_1 = \gamma (\rho_0 + \Delta \rho) \hat{\phi}_2$   
 $= \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{\rho_0 (\rho_0 + \Delta \rho) k}{\gamma} \hat{\phi}_2$

$\Rightarrow \gamma (2\rho_0 + \Delta \rho) \hat{\phi}_1 = \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{\Delta \rho k}{\gamma} \hat{\phi}_1 - \frac{k_y^2 B_0^2}{4\pi \gamma} \hat{\phi}_1$

$$\gamma^2 = \frac{g k \Delta \rho}{2 \rho_0 + \Delta \rho} - \frac{k_y^2 B_0^2}{4 \pi \rho_0 \left(1 + \frac{\Delta \rho}{\rho}\right)}$$

$$\gamma^2 = \frac{\Delta \rho g k}{2 \rho_0 + \Delta \rho} - \frac{\rho_0 v_A^2 k_y^2}{2 \rho_0 + \Delta \rho}$$

B-field  
 → surface tension with direction  
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only  $k_y$  matters

Note: R-T growth

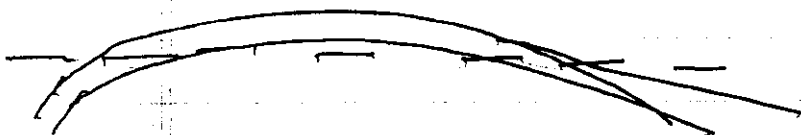
$$\rightarrow \gamma^2 = \underbrace{A g k}_{\downarrow \text{Atwood \#}} - \underbrace{\rho_0 (k_y^2 v_A^2)}_{\text{bending stabilization}}$$

(~ magnetized mass fraction)

→ message is that field and magnetized fluid buoyant  
 ⇒ rising bubbles

$$\Rightarrow 1/L_{||} \sim \frac{\Delta \rho}{\rho} \frac{g}{v_A^2} = \frac{k_y^2}{k} \sim \frac{1}{L}$$

↓  
 minimum bubble scale, along field  
 ←  $L_{||}$  →

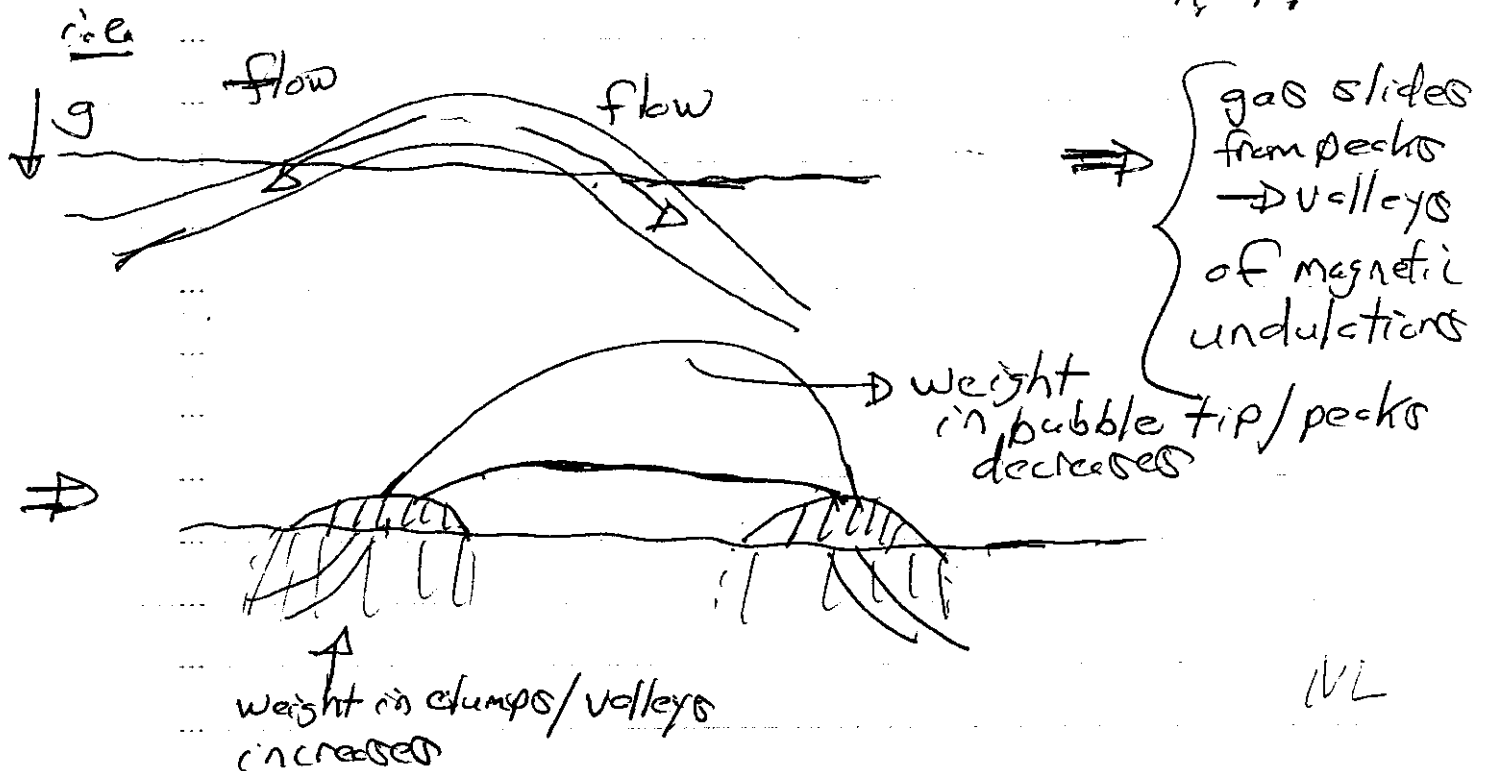


→ easily seen that field 'breaks-up', into structures, even for  $k_y = 0$ .

⇒ magnetic buoyancy instability generic ⇒ idea underpinning ubiquitous formation of structure in magnetic field.

but → different from Rayleigh Taylor: Field Connection

→ furthermore: matter/mass can slide along magnetic field → Parker instability → a/c compressible R-T.

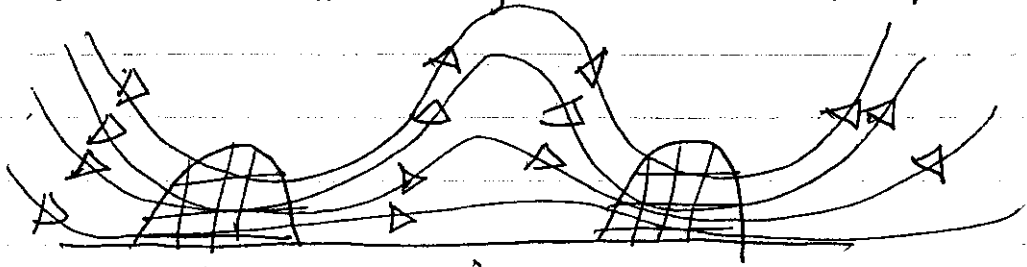


- process is self-reinforcing (i.e. relieving weight at bubble tip allows further rise of tip)

Parker instability  $\rightarrow$  compressible 150.

Key: modes with  $k_{||} \neq 0$ , ~~no~~ line bending penalty offset by reduction in grav. pot. energy.

- matter will form/coagulate in dense clumps, with field attached, but bowed upward



↓  
clump/  
mass concentration  
due sliding

↓  
upward buoyant  
undulations

Galaxy as  
fluid of  
clumps threaded  
by field

- B/p freezing (i.e. sliding  $\rightarrow$  refers to field line; i.e. - slide along a field line)

$\Rightarrow$  B increases (bundle converges) at/in undulation valleys (clump), as  $\rho$  increases.

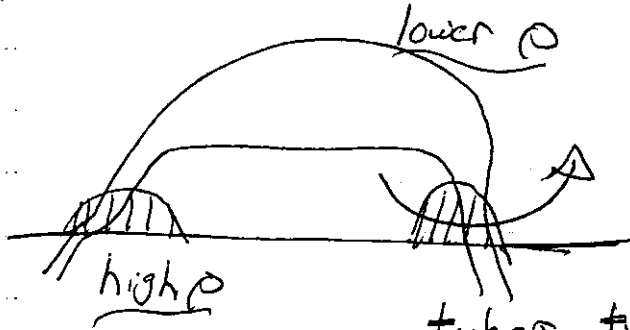
$\Rightarrow$  B decreases (bundle diverges) in undulation peaks (bubble tips) as  $\rho$  decreases.

$\therefore \Rightarrow$  reinforces trend toward energy minimization.



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→ Implications for Sunspots and Prominences  
(Parker mechanism)



tubes twist → granulation motion

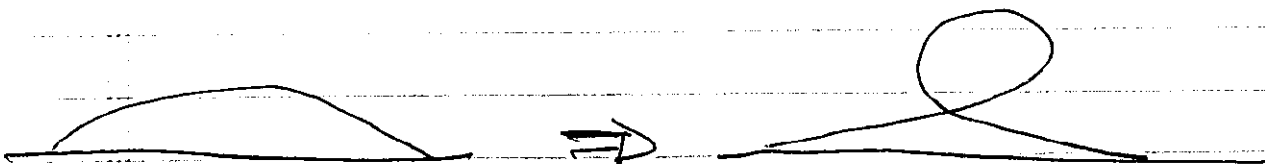
B field anchored in high-density valleys.  $B/\rho$  freezing  $\Rightarrow$  high  $\rho \Rightarrow$  high B. Thus,

- Parker mechanism will strengthen magnetic field and raise (overload) density in sunspots

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- further cooling/darkening due to convection inhibition and mass increase (→ radiation)

- ie twist  $\Rightarrow$  (kink process)



$\Rightarrow$  reconnection, prominences, etc.

by whatever means,

→ B-fields rise, buoyed upward

→ sunspot formation → Butterfly Diagram

→ coronal loop formation

→ coronal heating ⇒ solar wind

Key component of story:

① ⇒ why do fields <sup>heat</sup> rise?

⇒ magnetic buoyancy!

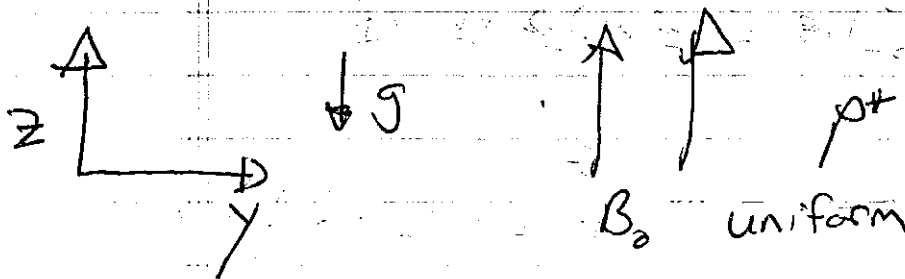
② why sunspots dark? ⇒ B field inhibits convection

③ How form - eruptions

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→ field in  
vertical

→ Effect of Magnetic Field ( $B_0/g$ )

→ why sunspots are dark  
 ↓  
 B-fields kill convection



$$\frac{\partial v_y}{\partial t} = -\frac{\nabla_y \hat{\rho}^*}{\rho_0} + \frac{B_0}{4\pi\rho_0} \frac{\partial \tilde{B}_y}{\partial z}$$

$$\frac{\partial v_z}{\partial t} = -\frac{\nabla_z \hat{\rho}^*}{\rho_0} + \frac{B_0}{4\pi\rho_0} \frac{\partial \tilde{B}_z}{\partial z} - |g_z| \frac{\hat{\rho}}{\rho_0}$$

$$\frac{\partial \underline{B}}{\partial t} = B_0 \frac{\partial \underline{v}}{\partial z}$$

others as before

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial \tilde{\omega}_x}{\partial t} = |g_z| \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\hat{I}}{I_0} \right) + \frac{c}{4\pi} \frac{B_0}{4\pi\rho_0} \frac{\partial \tilde{J}_x}{\partial z}$$

$$\frac{c}{4\pi} \frac{\partial \tilde{J}_x}{\partial t} = B_0 \frac{\partial \tilde{\omega}_x}{\partial z}$$

$$\frac{\partial \hat{I}}{\partial t} = \frac{\nabla_y \phi}{\delta} \frac{dS}{dz}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} (-\nabla^2 \phi) = \frac{1}{\bar{\rho}} \frac{\partial^3 \phi}{\partial y^2 \partial z} \frac{dS_0}{dz} + v_A^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} (-\nabla^2 \phi)$$

$$-\omega^2 k^2 = -k_y^2 N^2 - k_z^2 v_A^2 k^2$$

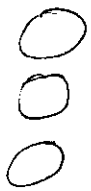
$$\omega^2 = + \frac{k_y^2 N^2}{k^2} + k_z^2 v_A^2$$

$N^2 < 0$   
 $\rightarrow$  inst.

$\rightarrow$  usual R-B / interchange drive vs. Alfvénic bending criterion

$\rightarrow$  here - finite vertical  $\lambda_z$

$\Rightarrow$  - field line bending  $k_z^2 v_A^2$



i.e. magnetic field stabilizing as vertical cell dimension  $\Rightarrow k_z \Rightarrow$  bending

B-field                      rotation

$$\rightarrow v_A^2 k_z^2 \leftrightarrow \frac{4\Omega^2 k_z^2}{k^2} \quad (4\omega)$$

$v_A^2 \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow \partial_z = 0$  aka Taylor-Proudman Thm.