

GENERAL LOCAL LINEAR ANALYSIS  
OF RADIATING MAGNETIZED  
FLOWS

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THE PROBLEM:

- EXAMINE THE STABILITY AND MODE STRUCTURE FOR A FLOW THAT IS
  - STRATIFIED (UNDER GRAVITY)
  - RADIATING
  - MAGNETIZED (OR NOT)

ASSUMPTIONS

- THE FLOW IS OPTICALLY THICK

$$\tau \gg 1$$

$$\vec{F} = -\frac{c}{3\kappa\rho} \nabla E$$

→ DIFFUSION APPROXIMATION

- THE FLOW IS HIGHLY CONDUCTING

$$\eta \rightarrow 0, \sigma \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} = \nabla \times (\nabla \times \vec{B})$$

→ FLUX FREEZING

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ANALYSIS:

• LOCAL LINEAR THEORY

$$Q \rightarrow Q + \delta Q$$

$$\delta Q = \delta Q e^{i[\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r} - \omega t]}$$

$$\vec{v} \rightarrow i\vec{v}, \partial_t \rightarrow -i\omega$$

• TURN GRAVITY AND RADIATION OFF

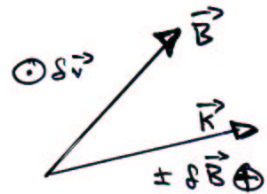
ALFVÉN WAVES

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \delta \vec{v} = 0$$

$$\delta \vec{v} = \mp \delta B \hat{e}_z$$

$$\omega_k = k \cdot v_A$$

$$\delta \rho = 0$$

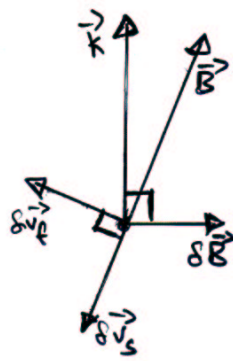


MAGNETOSONIC WAVES

FAST  $\rightarrow$   $\nabla \cdot \delta v \neq 0$   
 $\omega_p = k v_A$   
 $\omega_s = k \cdot v_A c_g$

SLOW  $\rightarrow$   $\delta \rho = \rho_0 k \cdot \delta v / \omega$

(e.g.  $B^2 \gg \rho_{gas}$ )



• HOW DOES RADIATIVE DIFFUSION ALTER THESE MODES?

RESULTS:

• ALL COMPRESSIBLE ( $\nabla \cdot \delta v, \delta \rho \neq 0$ ) MODES ARE UNSTABLE

$\vec{g} = 0$ : HYDRODYNAMIC "STRANGE" MODES (WOOD '76, SAID ET AL. '84, GLATZEL '74)

- INSTABILITY IS PRESENT IN BOTH ONE AND TWO-TEMPERATURE LIMITS.

DRIVEN  $\Rightarrow \vec{\nabla} \cdot \delta \vec{F}$  (RADIATIVE HEAT FLUX)

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \delta \vec{F} = \vec{\nabla} \cdot \left( \frac{c}{3k\rho} \delta E \right) + \vec{F} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \left( \frac{\delta \rho}{\rho} + \frac{\delta k}{k} \right)$$

DAMPING VIA RADIATIVE DIFFUSION

CANCELLED BY BUOYANCY FORCES

**DRIVEN**

$$\frac{\delta k}{k} \sim \frac{\delta \rho}{\rho} \frac{2 \rho k}{2 \rho k}$$

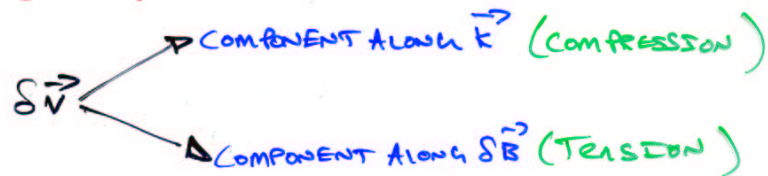
COMPRESSION DURING AN ACOUSTIC OSCILLATION MAKES THE PHOTONS "STICKIER!"

**OVERSTABILITY.**

$\vec{B} \neq 0$ : FAST/SLOW MODE INSTABILITIES (ARONS '92  
GAMMIE '98, BLAES & SOCRATES 2001, 2002)

- WORKS EVEN IF  $\delta k = 0$  (THOMSON SCATTERING)

THE KEY



- $\therefore$  BUOYANCY CAN NOT COMPENSATE THE FORCE FROM

$$\vec{F} \cdot \nabla \frac{\delta p}{\rho}$$

- BOTH MODES ARE UNSTABLE. SLOW MODES ARE ALWAYS MORE UNSTABLE THAN FAST MODES.

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\* ALL THESE INSTABILITIES WORK OFF OF  
 $-\vec{\nabla} \cdot \delta \vec{F} - \vec{F} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \left( \frac{\delta p}{\rho} + \frac{\delta k}{k} \right)$  IN HEAT  
EQ.

AND  $-\vec{\nabla} \cdot \delta \vec{E} = \frac{\delta E}{3}$  IN MOMENTUM EQ.

\* ALL THESE INSTABILITIES CAN EXIST IN FLOWS EVEN IF

$$\frac{E}{3} = P_{\text{RAD}} < P_{\text{GAS}}$$

AND/OR

$$\frac{B^2}{8\pi} = P_{\text{MAG}} < P_{\text{GAS}}$$

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APPLICATIONS:

- ACCRETION DISKS (GLATZEL & MEHREN '96, GAMMIE '98, BEGELMAN 2001, BLAES & SOCRATES 2001, 2002)
  - RECONCILE WORK OF ALL THESE AUTHORS
- SLOW MODE DOMINATES  
 $\text{Im}[\omega_s] \gg \Omega$  WHEN  $P_{\text{RAD}} > P_{\text{GAS}}$ .
- STELLAR ENVELOPES ( $M \gtrsim 1 M_{\odot}$ )
  - POSSIBLY SOLVE THE MYSTERY OF COAP STARS (5-15 min, p-modes,  $\sim 1$  mmag)
- NEUTRINO DIFFUSION IN INTENSE OBJECTS
  - PROTO-NEUTRON STAR ENVELOPES  
 $n + n \rightarrow \bar{n} + n$   
 $L_N \approx 3\% L_{\text{EDD}}$  IN NEUTRINOS.  
 $\uparrow$  PR PLASMA.
  - COLLAPSAR ACCRETION DISKS  
 $L_N \approx L_{\text{EDD}}$  IN NEUTRINOS.

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CONCLUSIONS:

- RADIATION HYDRO AND MHD (RHD & MHD) INSTABILITIES MAY CHANGE THE DYNAMICS AND THERMAL TRANSPORT OF VARIOUS ASTROPHYSICAL SYSTEMS
- FOR THE OBSERVER; IMPLICATIONS IN TERMS OF VARIABILITY (DYNAMICS) AND SECULAR EVOLUTION (THERMAL TRANSPORT) IN VARIOUS ASTROPHYSICAL SOURCES.

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