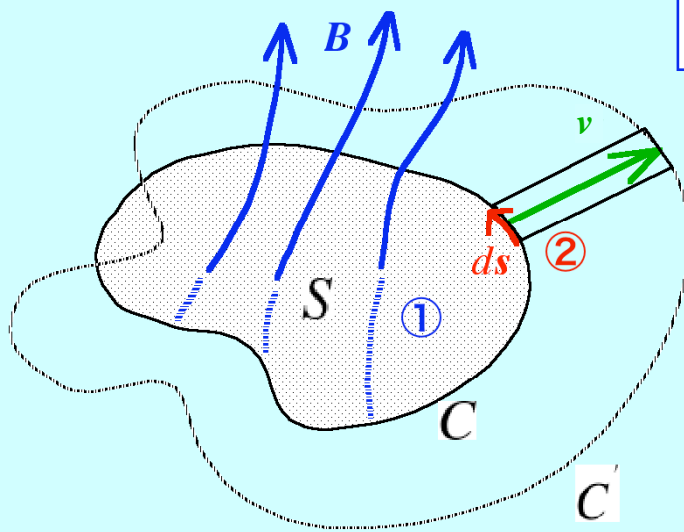


Evolution of magnetic field via $E_{conv} \equiv -\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}$:

$$\Phi_S = \iint_S \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$$

... total magnetic flux crossing S



Lagrangian derivative

Change of B when C is fixed ①
+
Change of C when B is fixed ②

per unit time

$$\frac{d\Phi_S}{dt} = \iint_S \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} \cdot d\mathbf{S} + \oint_C \mathbf{B} \cdot (\mathbf{v} \times d\mathbf{s})$$

$$= \iint_S \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} \cdot d\mathbf{S} + \oint_C (\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{v}) \cdot d\mathbf{s}$$

$$= \iint_S \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} \cdot d\mathbf{S} + \iint_S \nabla \times (\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{v}) \cdot d\mathbf{S}$$

$$= \iint_S \left[\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} + \nabla \times (\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{v}) \right] \cdot d\mathbf{S}$$

$$= \iint_S \left[\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} - \nabla \times (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}) \right] \cdot d\mathbf{S}$$

$$= 0$$

scalar triple
vector product

Stokes's theorem

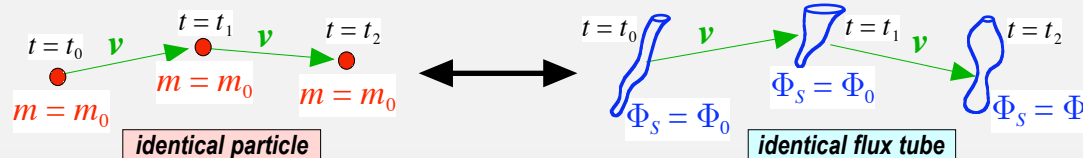
$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = \nabla \times (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}) \Rightarrow \frac{d\Phi_S}{dt} = 0$$

Physical meaning of $\frac{d\Phi_S}{dt} = 0 \Rightarrow$ Frozen-in evolution

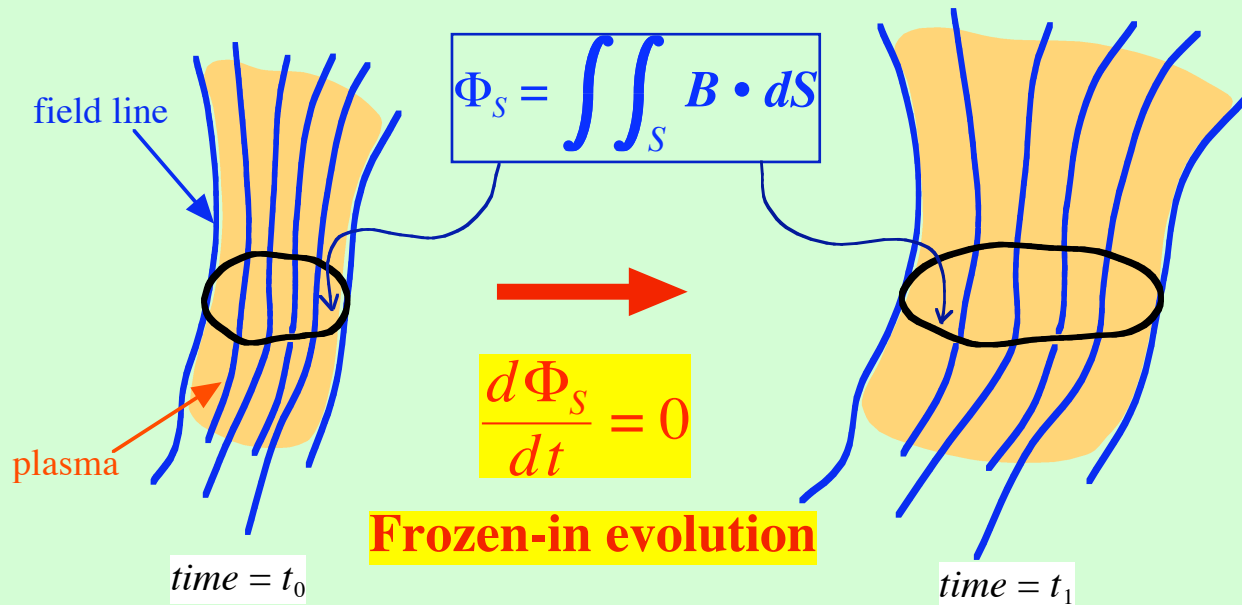
The number of magnetic field lines passing through the area bounded by any closed curve that moves together with a plasma **does not change with time.**



We can determine an **identical flux tube** in which magnetic field lines are frozen into the plasma.



Flux tube **keeps identity** while evolving (even though its shape significantly changes...)



Diffusion term: $-\nabla \times \mathbf{E}_{resis} = -\nabla \times (\eta_{diff} \nabla \times \mathbf{B})$

Diffusive limit...

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = -\nabla \times (\mathbf{E}_{conv} + \mathbf{E}_{resis})$$

$$\frac{E_{resis}}{E_{conv}} \sim \frac{1}{R_m}$$

$R_m \not\gg 1 \longrightarrow$ we cannot neglect diffusion term

Three conditions for *diffusion limit* ($R_m \equiv \frac{v_0 l_0}{\eta_{diff}} \ll 1$):

- I. typical length is very small
- II. typical velocity is very small
- III. magnetic diffusivity is large

In astronomical plasmas, their typical length l_0 is usually very large, so $R_m \not\gg 1$ is rare except for a region where magnetic field changes sharply (e.g. *current sheet*).

This significantly reduces l_0 and may enhance effective η_{diff} via kinetic processes (e.g. *wave-particle interaction*).

Evolution of magnetic field via $\mathbf{E}_{resis} \equiv \eta_{diff} \nabla \times \mathbf{B}$:

When η_{diff} is constant, $\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = -\nabla \times (\eta_{diff} \nabla \times \mathbf{B}) \Rightarrow \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = \eta_{diff} \nabla^2 \mathbf{B}$

$$\frac{\partial q}{\partial t} = \eta_{diff} \nabla^2 q \dots \text{diffusion equation}$$

$q = T, j_x, B_y, \dots$

Time scale of diffusion

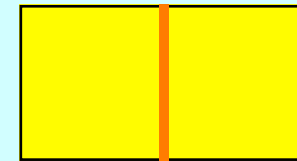
$$\frac{\partial q}{\partial t} = \eta_{diff} \nabla^2 q \Rightarrow \frac{q}{\tau_{diff}} \sim \eta_{diff} \frac{q}{l_{diff}^2} \rightarrow \tau_{diff} \sim \frac{l_{diff}^2}{\eta_{diff}}$$

Length scale of diffusion

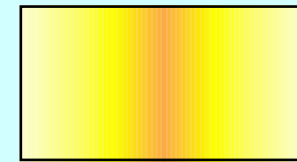
$$l_{diff} \sim \sqrt{\eta_{diff} \tau_{diff}}$$

Velocity scale of diffusion

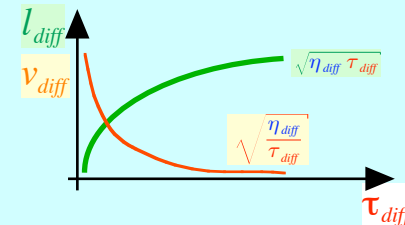
$$v_{diff} \sim \frac{l_{diff}}{\tau_{diff}} = \frac{\sqrt{\eta_{diff} \tau_{diff}}}{\tau_{diff}} = \sqrt{\frac{\eta_{diff}}{\tau_{diff}}}$$



diffusion



l_{diff}



Diffusion proceeds fast at the beginning and then slowly.

Diffusion of an antiparallel magnetic field (annihilation)

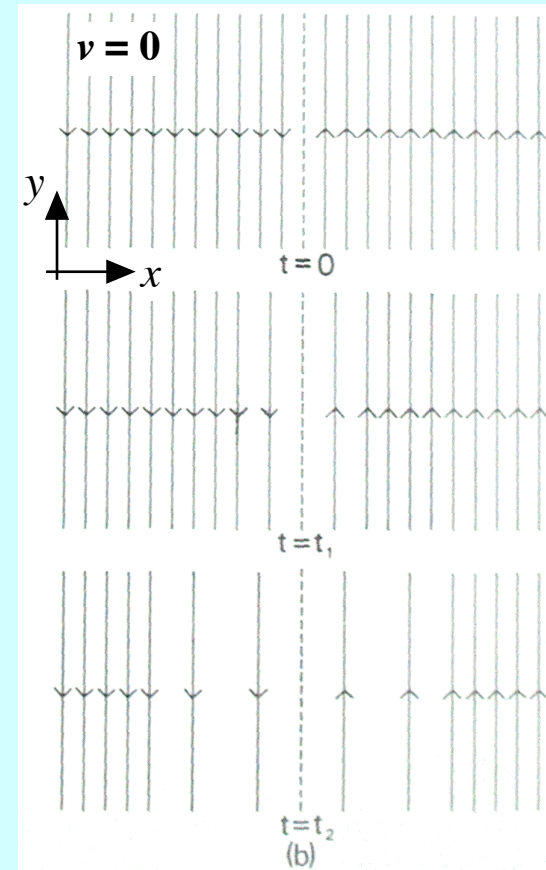
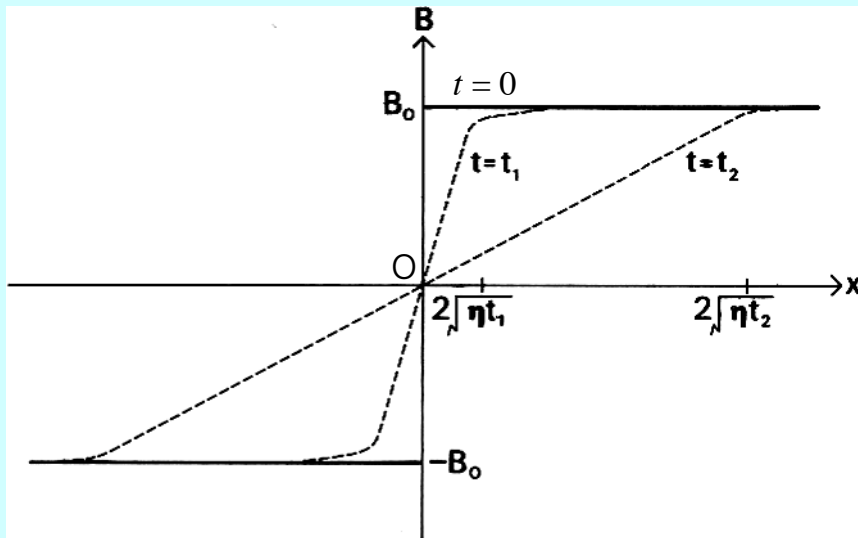
$$\frac{\partial B_y}{\partial t} = \eta_{diff} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} B_y$$

$$B_y(x, t=0) = \begin{cases} B_0 & \text{for } x > 0 \\ -B_0 & \text{for } x < 0 \end{cases} \dots \text{initial condition}$$

$$B_y(x = \pm \infty, t) = \begin{cases} B_0 & \text{for } x = \infty \\ -B_0 & \text{for } x = -\infty \end{cases} \dots \text{boundary condition}$$



$$B_y(x, t) = \frac{2 B_0}{\sqrt{\pi}} \operatorname{erf} \left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{4 \eta_{diff} t}} \right), \operatorname{erf}(\xi) = \int_0^\xi e^{-u^2} du$$



- magnetic field is annihilated at $x = 0$
- magnetic field diffuses through a static plasma => violates frozen-in evolution

Solar MHD (Priest 1982)

Diffusion of $B...$ non-frozen-in evolution

