

- 1) Calculate the standoff distance for the magnetopause for the conditions encountered during shocks, or periods of high speed solar wind:
 $v = 8 \times 10^5 \text{ m/s}$, $n = 25 \times 10^6 \text{ m}^{-3}$

$$\left(\frac{r}{R_\oplus}\right)_s = \left(\frac{4 B_{os}^2}{2\mu_o n m v^2}\right)^{1/6} = \left(\frac{4 \times (3 \times 10^{-5})^2}{(8\pi \times 10^{-7})(2.5 \times 10^7)(1.67 \times 10^{-27})(8 \times 10^5)^2}\right)^{1/6} = 6.1$$

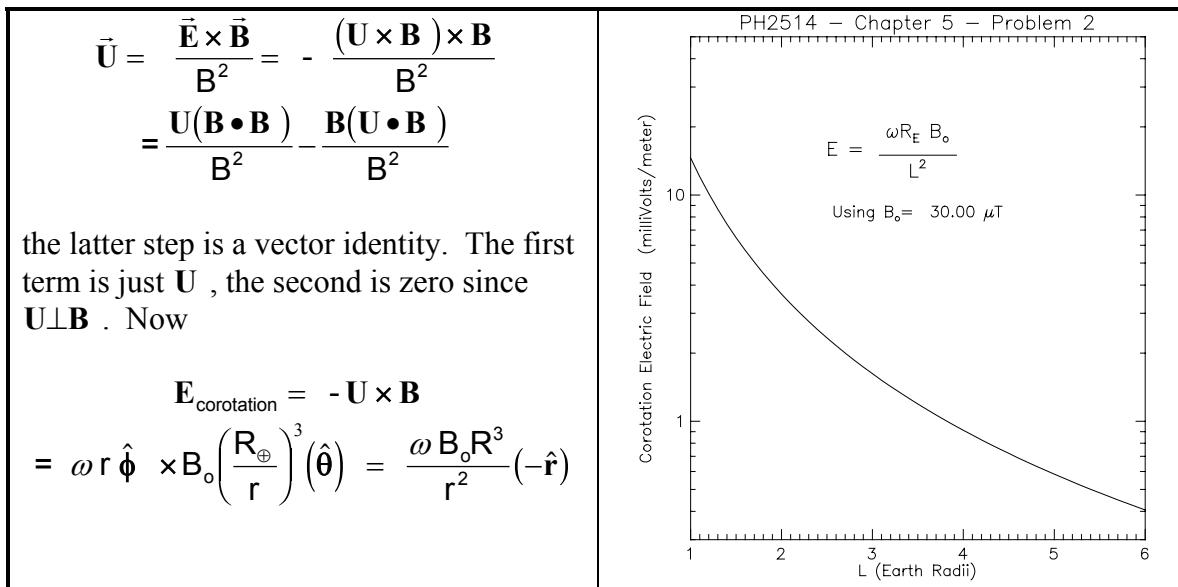
- 2) What is the co-rotation electric field? In cylindrical coordinates we have:

$$\vec{U} = \omega r \hat{\phi}, \quad \mathbf{B} = B_0 \left(\frac{R_\oplus}{r}\right)^3 (-\hat{\theta}),$$

where U is the streaming, or drift velocity.

The frozen-in-field condition gives: $\mathbf{E} = -\mathbf{U} \times \mathbf{B}$

This velocity will solve the drift relation: $\vec{U} = \frac{\vec{E} \times \vec{B}}{B^2}$, as can be seen...



- 3) Calculate the invariant latitudes corresponding to $L = 4$ and $L = 6.6$

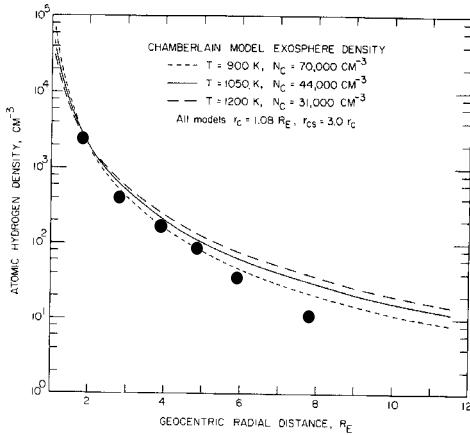
$$\cos \Lambda_c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{L}},$$

$$L = \begin{cases} 4 \\ 6.6 \end{cases} \quad \cos \Lambda_c = \begin{cases} 0.5 \\ 0.39 \end{cases} \quad \Lambda_c = \begin{cases} 60^\circ \\ 67^\circ \end{cases}$$

$$4) n(cm^{-3}) = 100 \left(\frac{4.5}{L} \right)^4$$

L	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
n	2563	506	160	66	31.6	17.1	10.0	6.25	4.10

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Exospheric hydrogen density versus radial distance for the Chamberlain models of Figure 5. The model at temperature $T = 1050$ K provides the best fit to the DE 1 geocoronal observations.

5.

$$\vec{v}_D = \frac{K_{\perp}}{qB} \frac{\vec{B} \times \nabla B}{B^2} ; \quad \nabla B = -\frac{3}{r} B \hat{r} (\lambda=0); \quad \left. \frac{\vec{B} \times \nabla B}{B^2} \right|_{\lambda=0} = -\frac{3}{r} \hat{\theta} \times \hat{r} = -\frac{3}{r} \hat{\phi}$$

$$\vec{v}_D = -\frac{3}{r} \frac{K_{\perp}}{qB} \hat{\phi}$$

$$|v_D| = \frac{3 K_{\perp}}{r q B} = \frac{3}{LR_{\oplus}} \left(\frac{K_{\perp}}{q} \right) K_{\perp} \frac{1}{B} . \quad \text{Here, the term } \frac{K_{\perp}}{q} \text{ can be taken as the energy in eV}$$

$$|v_D| = \frac{3 K_{\perp}}{r q B} = \frac{3}{LR_{\oplus}} \left(\frac{K_{\perp}}{q} \right) \frac{L^3}{B_0} = \frac{3 L^2}{R_{\oplus} B_0} \left(\frac{K_{\perp}}{q} \right)$$

$$R_{\oplus} = 6.37 \times 10^6 \text{ m}, \quad B_0 = 3 \times 10^{-5} \text{ T}, \quad L = 3, \quad \frac{K_{\perp}}{q} = 10^6 \text{ eV}$$

$$|v_D| = \frac{3 \cdot 3^2}{6.37 \times 10^6 \cdot 3 \times 10^{-5}} 10^6 = \frac{9}{6.37} \times 10^5 = 1.41 \times 10^5 \text{ m/s}$$

Compare this to the thermal velocity for a proton..

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{2E}{m}} = \sqrt{\frac{3.2 \times 10^{-13}}{1.67 \times 10^{-27}}} = 1.38 \times 10^7 \dots \text{ much larger than the drift speed}$$

6) Estimate the density for ring current ions at L = 3.

we have from the problem statement...

$$\text{flux} = 3 \times 10^{11} \frac{\text{ions}}{\text{m}^2 \text{s}} = nv. \text{ From above, we have a thermal velocity of}$$

$$v = 1.38 \times 10^7 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}. \text{ Dividing out gives } n = 2.2 \times 10^4 \frac{\text{ions}}{\text{m}^3}$$

about 6 orders of magnitude down from the background, 0.5 eV, plasmasphere ions, or even the 0.1 eV neutral hydrogen.

7) Estimate the ring current which must result from the above density, and drift velocity.

$$\text{flux} = nv = 2.2 \times 10^4 \frac{\text{ions}}{\text{m}^3} \bullet 1.41 \times 10^5 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} = 3.1 \times 10^9 \frac{\text{ions}}{\text{m}^2 \text{s}}$$

$$\text{current density} = qnv = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \bullet 3.1 \times 10^9 \frac{\text{ions}}{\text{m}^2 \text{s}} = 4.9 \times 10^{-10} \frac{\text{Amperes}}{\text{m}^2}$$

$$I = JA = 4.9 \times 10^{-10} \bullet (6.37 \times 10^6)^2 = 2 \times 10^4 \text{ Amperes}$$

Compare this to the current necessary to produce a 100 nT change in B, assuming a current loop. From Halliday and Resnick (page 863)

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 i}{2R} = 2\pi \times 10^{-7} \frac{2 \times 10^4}{3 \cdot 6.37 \times 10^6} = 6.6 \times 10^{-10} \text{ Tesla} = 0.6 \text{ nano-Tesla}$$

Apparently, we need more ions.....

8)

$$\oint \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = - \frac{d\Phi_B}{dt}$$

$$E \bullet 2\pi r = -\pi r^2 \frac{dB}{dt} \Rightarrow E = -\frac{r}{2} \frac{dB}{dt} = -\frac{20 \times 10^6}{2} \frac{10^{-7}}{100 \text{ to } 1000} \\ = -10^{-3} \text{ to } 10^{-2} \text{ Volts / meter}$$

If this field extends all the way around (10^8 m), the total potential around the earth is 0.1 to 1 million volts

9) We have two equations to consider, from chapters 4 and 5 respectively

$$B = B_0 R_\oplus^3 \frac{\sqrt{1+3\sin^2 \lambda}}{r^3} = \frac{B_0 \sqrt{1+3\sin^2 \lambda}}{(r/R_\oplus)^3} \quad (\text{eqn 4.5})$$

$$B = \frac{B_{os}}{L^3} \frac{\sqrt{4 - 3 \cos^2 \lambda_m}}{\cos^6 \lambda_m} \quad (\text{eqn 5.21})$$

The latter is the one to use....Take: $B_{os} = 3.0 \times 10^{-5}$, although it will factor out...

$L = 5, \lambda = 0, 45$

$$B = \frac{3.0 \times 10^{-5}}{5^3} \frac{\sqrt{4 - 3 \cos^2 \lambda_m}}{\cos^6 \lambda_m} = 2.4 \times 10^{-7} \frac{\sqrt{4 - 3 \cos^2 \lambda_m}}{\cos^6 \lambda_m}$$

$$B = 2.4 \times 10^{-7} \begin{cases} 1 & \lambda_m = 0 \\ \frac{\sqrt{4 - 3 \cdot 0.5}}{0.5^3} & \lambda_m = 45 \end{cases} = 2.4 \times 10^{-7} \begin{cases} 1.00 & \lambda_m = 0 \\ 12.65 & \lambda_m = 45 \end{cases} = \begin{cases} 2.4 \times 10^{-7} & \lambda_m = 0 \\ 30.4 \times 10^{-7} & \lambda_m = 45 \end{cases}$$

The mirror formula is

$$\frac{\sin^2(\alpha)}{B} = \frac{\sin^2(\alpha_m)}{B_m} \Rightarrow \frac{\sin^2(\alpha_{critical})}{B} = \frac{\sin^2(90)}{B_m} \Rightarrow \sin^2(\alpha_{critical}) = \frac{B}{B_m} = \frac{1}{12.65}$$

$$\sin(\alpha_{critical}) = \frac{1}{3.56} \Rightarrow \alpha_{critical} = 16.33^\circ$$

particles with pitch angles larger than this will mirror before reaching 45degrees magnetic latitude

11. Calculate the energies for which the corotation electric field induced drift velocity $\vec{U} = \omega r \hat{\phi}$, equals the VB drift velocity, for protons at $L = 3$, and $L = 6.6$. For simplicity, work in the equatorial plane, and look only at the grad-B drift.

$$\vec{v}_D = -\frac{3}{r} \frac{K_\perp}{qB} \hat{\phi} = \omega r \hat{\phi} = \vec{v}_{corotation} \Rightarrow$$

$$\begin{aligned} K_\perp &= \omega r^2 \frac{qB}{3} = L^2 \omega R_{earth}^2 \frac{qB_{os}}{3} \frac{1}{L^3} = \omega R_{earth}^2 \frac{qB_{os}}{3L} \\ &= \frac{2\pi}{86400} (6.38 \times 10^6)^2 \frac{1.6 \times 10^{-19} \cdot 3 \times 10^{-5}}{3L} = \frac{2\pi}{86400} (6.38 \times 10^6)^2 \frac{1.6 \times 10^{-19} \cdot 3 \times 10^{-5}}{3L} \\ &= \frac{4.74 \times 10^{-15}}{L} \text{ Joules} = \frac{29,601}{L} \text{ eV} \end{aligned}$$

so, at $L = 3$, the corotation velocity is equal and opposite to the grad-B drift for an energy of 9.9 keV; at $L = 6.6$, the two are equal for $E = 4.5$ keV

