

Three-fluid dynamics
and generalized Ohm's law
for understanding
Magnetosphere-Ionosphere coupling

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Conventional approach

Ionosphere model by Ohmic current region

$$\mathbf{j}_{\perp} = \sigma_P (\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{u}_n \times \mathbf{B}_0) + \sigma_H \hat{e}_B \times (\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{u}_n \times \mathbf{B}_0)$$

E-field in the neutral frame

$$\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{u}_n \times \mathbf{B}_0$$

σ_P Pedersen conductivity

σ_H Hall conductivity

- derived from charged particle mobility, under presence of electric field
- connect it to field-aligned current through $\text{div}(\mathbf{j})=0$
- FAC is carried by shear Alfvén wave
- coupling (\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{V}) description of magnetosphere and (\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{J}) description of is required

However, in this formulation, we cannot well understand
how magnetosphere and ionosphere are seamlessly coupled!!

Especially, in the context of global (\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{V}) description

Outline

(1) Fluid description (\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{V}) for partially ionized system

- Plasma Equation of motions
- Generalized Ohm's law

(2) M-I coupling via shear Alfvén wave

- magnetospheric dynamo
- wave generation and propagation and their relation to velocity shear
- wave propagation inside the ionosphere
- atmospheric dynamo
- 3D current closure inside ionosphere

Fundamental evolution equations of physical quantities Q_k

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} Q_k = F_k(Q_1, Q_2, Q_3, \dots)$$

$$Q_k = \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{E}, \mathbf{J}, \mathbf{V}, \mathbf{V}_n$$

What's drive What in the weakly ionized system?

evolution of B-field

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

evolution of E-field

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{E} = \frac{(\nabla \times \mathbf{B}) - \mu_0 \mathbf{j}}{\epsilon_0 \mu_0}$$

evolution of current density

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{j} = ?$$

evolution of plasma velocity

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{V} = ?$$

evolution of neutral velocity

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{V}_n = ?$$

momentum equations in the collisional system

for ion fluid

$$m_i n_i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{v}_i = en_i (\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v}_i \times \mathbf{B}) - \nabla \cdot p_i - m_i v_{in} n_i (\mathbf{v}_i - \mathbf{v}_n) - m_e v_{ei} n_i (\mathbf{v}_i - \mathbf{v}_e) \quad (1)$$

for electron fluid

$$m_e n_e \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{v}_e = -en_e (\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v}_e \times \mathbf{B}) - \nabla \cdot p_e - m_e v_{en} n_e (\mathbf{v}_e - \mathbf{v}_n) + m_e v_{ei} n_i (\mathbf{v}_i - \mathbf{v}_e) \quad (2)$$

for neutral fluid

$$\rho_n \left[\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}_n}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{v}_n \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v}_n \right] = -\nabla p_n - \rho_n v_{ni} (\mathbf{v}_n - \mathbf{V}_i) - \rho_n v_{ne} (\mathbf{v}_n - \mathbf{V}_e) + \mathbf{F}_n \quad (3)$$

Lorentz force

kinetic tensor

momentum exchange
between plasma and
neutral

momentum exchange
between electron and ion

momentum exchange
Between ion and neutral

momentum exchange
Between electron and
neutral

One fluid–description for global phenomena (Hall MHD approximation)

plasma density

$$n = n_i = n_e$$

pressure gradient

$$P = P_i + P_e$$

current density

$$\mathbf{j} = en(\mathbf{v}_i - \mathbf{v}_e)$$

$$\oplus \ll \ominus$$

barycentric velocity

$$\mathbf{V} = \frac{m_i \mathbf{v}_i + m_e \mathbf{v}_e}{m_i + m_e}$$

$$\oplus \gg \ominus$$

mass density

$$\rho = (m_i + m_e)n$$

$$\oplus \gg \ominus$$

$$m_i \gg m_e$$

ion velocity

$$\mathbf{v}_i = \mathbf{V} + \left(\frac{m_e}{\rho e} \right) \mathbf{j}$$

electron velocity

$$\mathbf{v}_e = \mathbf{V} - \left(\frac{m_i}{\rho e} \right) \mathbf{j}$$

One-fluid description of ion and electron (motion and current)

○ dominant part
↑ cancellation part

equation of motion

for ion $m_i n \frac{d}{dt} \left[\overset{\circ}{\mathbf{V}} + \left(\frac{m_e}{\rho e} \right) \mathbf{j} \right] = en(\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{V} \times \mathbf{B}) + \left(\frac{m_e}{m_i + m_e} \right) \mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{B} - m_i n \mathbf{v}_{in} \left[\overset{\circ}{\mathbf{V}} - \mathbf{v}_n - \left(\frac{m_e}{\rho e} \right) \mathbf{j} \right] - \left(\frac{m_i v_{ie}}{e} \right) \mathbf{j} - \nabla p_i$

for electron $m_e n \frac{d}{dt} \left[\mathbf{V} - \left(\frac{m_i}{\rho e} \right) \mathbf{j} \right] = -en(\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{V} \times \mathbf{B}) + \left(\frac{m_i}{m_i + m_e} \right) \mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{B} - m_e n \mathbf{v}_{en} \left[\mathbf{V} - \mathbf{v}_n + \left(\frac{m_i}{\rho e} \right) \mathbf{j} \right] - \left(\frac{m_e v_{ei}}{e} \right) \mathbf{j} - \nabla p_e$

inertial part

Lorentz force

Ampere force

momentum exchange
to neutrals

momentum exchange
between ion and electrons

current density

ionic current $en \frac{d}{dt} \left[\mathbf{V} + \left(\frac{m_e}{\rho e} \right) \mathbf{j} \right] = \left(\frac{e^2 n}{m_i} \right) (\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{V} \times \mathbf{B}) + e \left(\frac{m_e}{m_i} \right) \frac{\mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{B}}{m_i + m_e} - en \mathbf{v}_{in} \left[\mathbf{V} - \mathbf{v}_n - \left(\frac{m_e}{\rho e} \right) \mathbf{j} \right] - v_{ie} \mathbf{j} - \frac{e \nabla p_i}{m_i}$

electron current $-en \frac{d}{dt} \left[\mathbf{V} - \left(\frac{m_i}{\rho e} \right) \mathbf{j} \right] = \left(\frac{e^2 n}{m_e} \right) (\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{V} \times \mathbf{B}) - e \left(\frac{m_i}{m_e} \right) \frac{\mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{B}}{m_i + m_e} + en \mathbf{v}_{en} \left[\mathbf{V} - \mathbf{v}_n + \left(\frac{m_i}{\rho e} \right) \mathbf{j} \right] + v_{ei} \mathbf{j} + \frac{e \nabla p_e}{m_e}$

ion : main portion of plasma dynamics

electron : main portion of current carrier

Equation for motion of plasma

$$\rho \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{V} = \mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{B} - \nabla P - n(m_i \mathbf{v}_{in} + m_e \mathbf{v}_{en})(\mathbf{V} - \mathbf{V}_n) - m_e (\mathbf{v}_{in} - \mathbf{v}_{en}) \frac{\mathbf{j}}{e}$$

inertial
pressure gradient
friction force along j

Ample force
momentum exchange between neutral and charged particles

Generalized Ohm's law

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{j} = \varepsilon_0 \omega_{pe}^2 \left(\mathbf{E} + \overrightarrow{emf} - \vec{R} \cdot \mathbf{j} \right)$$

electromotive e-field
reactive-field

$$\overrightarrow{emf} = \mathbf{V} \times \mathbf{B} + \frac{B(\mathbf{v}_{in} - \mathbf{v}_{en})}{\Omega_e} (\mathbf{V} - \mathbf{v}_n) - \frac{\nabla p_e}{ne}$$

convection electric field
am-bipolar field

$$\vec{R} \cdot \mathbf{j} = \left(\frac{B}{ne} \right) \left[\left(\frac{\mathbf{v}_{en} + \mathbf{v}_{ei}}{\Omega_e} \right) \mathbf{j} + (\mathbf{j} \times \hat{\mathbf{b}}) \right]$$

electric field induced by momentum exchange effect
resistive e-field
Hall e-field

Distribution of collision frequency

controls the momentum exchange between neutral and charged particles

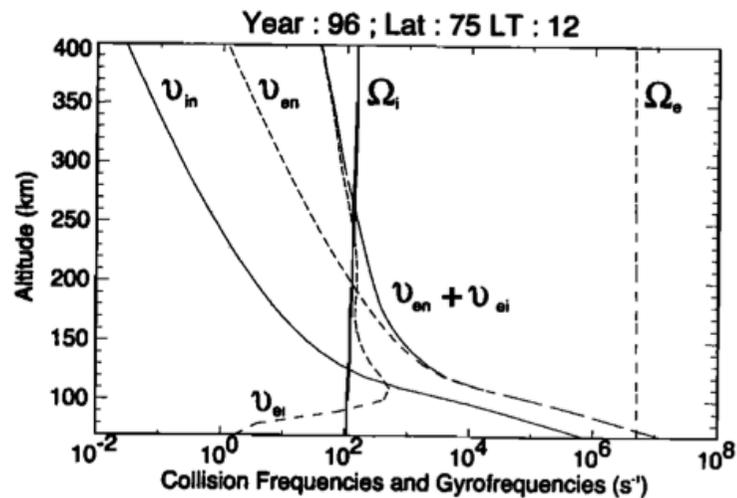
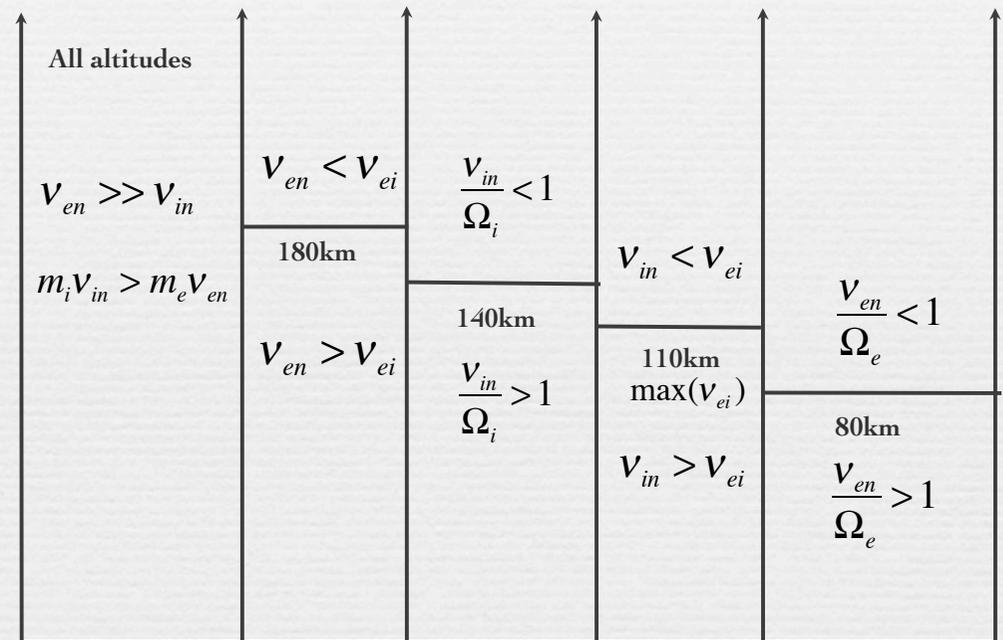


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From Song, et al., [2001]

Equation for motion of plasma (dominant)

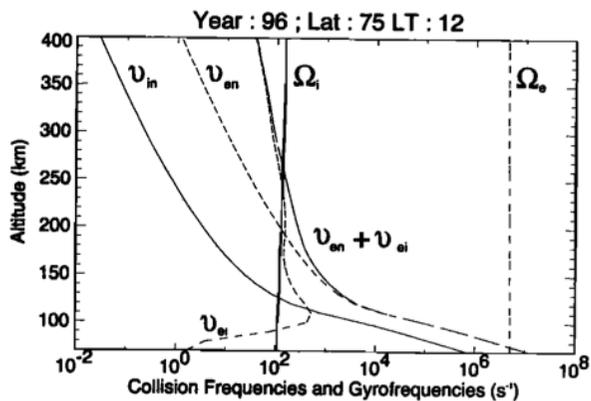


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$$m_i v_{in} \gg m_e v_{en}$$

$$v_{in} \ll v_{en}$$

inertial

momentum exchange
between ion and neutrals

Ampere force

friction force along \mathbf{j}

pressure gradient force

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{V} = -v_{in} (\mathbf{V} - \mathbf{V}_n) + \frac{\mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{B}}{\rho} + \frac{B}{\rho} \left(\frac{v_{en}}{\Omega_e} \right) \mathbf{j} - \frac{\nabla P}{\rho}$$

important $\omega \gg \nu_{in}$

dominant
in the ionosphere

everywhere important

important below 80km

Important near plasma sheet

Generalized Ohm's law (dominant)

Current evolution equation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{j} = \varepsilon_0 \omega_{pe}^2 \left(\mathbf{E} + \overrightarrow{emf} - \vec{R} \cdot \mathbf{j} \right)$$

e-field

Electromotive e.m.f. e-field

$$\overrightarrow{emf} = \mathbf{V} \times \mathbf{B} - B \left(\frac{v_{en}}{\Omega_e} \right) (\mathbf{V} - \mathbf{v}_n)$$

convection
e- field

e-field induced by
momentum exchange effect

reactive-field

$$\vec{R} \cdot \mathbf{j} = \left(\frac{B}{ne} \right) \left[\left(\frac{v_{en}}{\Omega_e} \right) \mathbf{j}_\perp + (\mathbf{j} \times \hat{\mathbf{b}}) \right]$$

resistive e-field Hall e-field

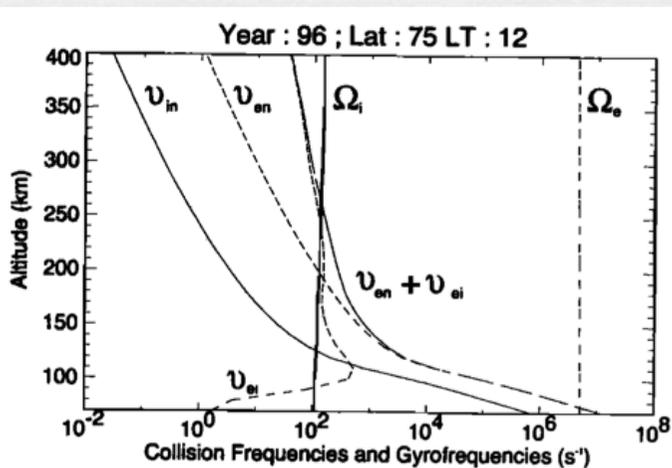


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Electromagnetic wave Radiation

evolution of B-field

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

evolution of E-field

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{E} = \frac{(\nabla \times \mathbf{B}) - \mu_0 \mathbf{j}}{\epsilon_0 \mu_0}$$

$$\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \mathbf{E} + \nabla \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{E}) = -\mu_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{j}$$

evolution eq of \mathbf{J} ?

no!! electromagnetic field radiations eq by changing of current
(like a dipole antenna)

we need to know how \mathbf{J} is produced by electro-dynamics (not -magnetics)

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{j} = \epsilon_0 \omega_{pe}^2 \left(\mathbf{E} - \overrightarrow{emf} - \vec{R}\mathbf{j} \right) \quad \vec{R}\mathbf{j} = \left[\frac{B}{ne} \right] \left[\left(\frac{v_{en} + v_{ei}}{\Omega_e} \right) \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{j} \times \hat{\mathbf{b}} \right]$$

After radiation of plasma waves

$$\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \mathbf{E} + \nabla \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{E}) = -\mu_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{j} \quad \xrightarrow{\quad} \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{j} = \varepsilon_0 \omega_{pe}^2 \left\{ \mathbf{E} + \overline{emf} - \left[\frac{B}{ne} \right] \left[\left(\frac{v_{en} + v_{ei}}{\Omega_e} \right) \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{j} \times \hat{\mathbf{b}} \right] \right\}$$

$\mathbf{j} = \frac{(\nabla \times \mathbf{B})}{\mu_0} - \varepsilon_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{E}$

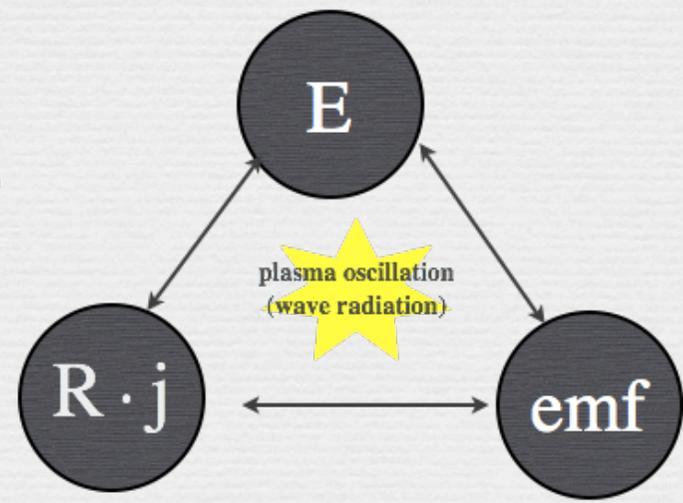
$$\underbrace{-\lambda_e^2 \nabla \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{E})}_{\sim \frac{\lambda_e^2}{L^2} \mathbf{E}} - \underbrace{\omega_{pe}^{-2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \mathbf{E}}_{\sim (\omega_{pe} T)^{-2} \mathbf{E}} + \underbrace{\left(\frac{\Omega_e}{\omega_{pe}^2} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\mathbf{E} \times \hat{\mathbf{e}}_B)}_{\sim (\omega_{pe} T)^{-1} \left(\frac{\Omega_e}{\omega_{pe}} \right) \mathbf{E}} + \underbrace{\left(\frac{v_{en} - v_{ei}}{\omega_{pe}^2} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{E}}_{(\omega_{pe} T)^{-1} \left(\frac{v_{en} - v_{ei}}{\omega_{pe}} \right) \mathbf{E}} = \mathbf{E} - \overline{emf} - \mu_0^{-1} \vec{R} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{B})$$

$L \gg \lambda_e$
much larger than electron inertial length

$T \gg \omega_{pe}^{-1}$
much slower than plasma oscillation

$$\mathbf{E} = \overline{emf} + \mu_0^{-1} \vec{R} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{B})$$

after electromagnetic wave radiation



balance equation among E, emf and reactive fields : (Steady Ohm's law) in (B,V) scheme is established

Reduced (fundamental) eqs from magnetosphere to ionospheric E-region

$$\rho \frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{V} = \mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{B} - \nabla p - \rho v_{in} (\mathbf{V} - \mathbf{u}_n)$$

magnetosphere $v_{in}^{-1} \gg \Omega_i^{-1}$

inside E-region

Every where important for plasma

$$\underline{\mathbf{E} \cong -\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B} - \frac{\mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{B}}{en}}$$

plasma frozen-in condition

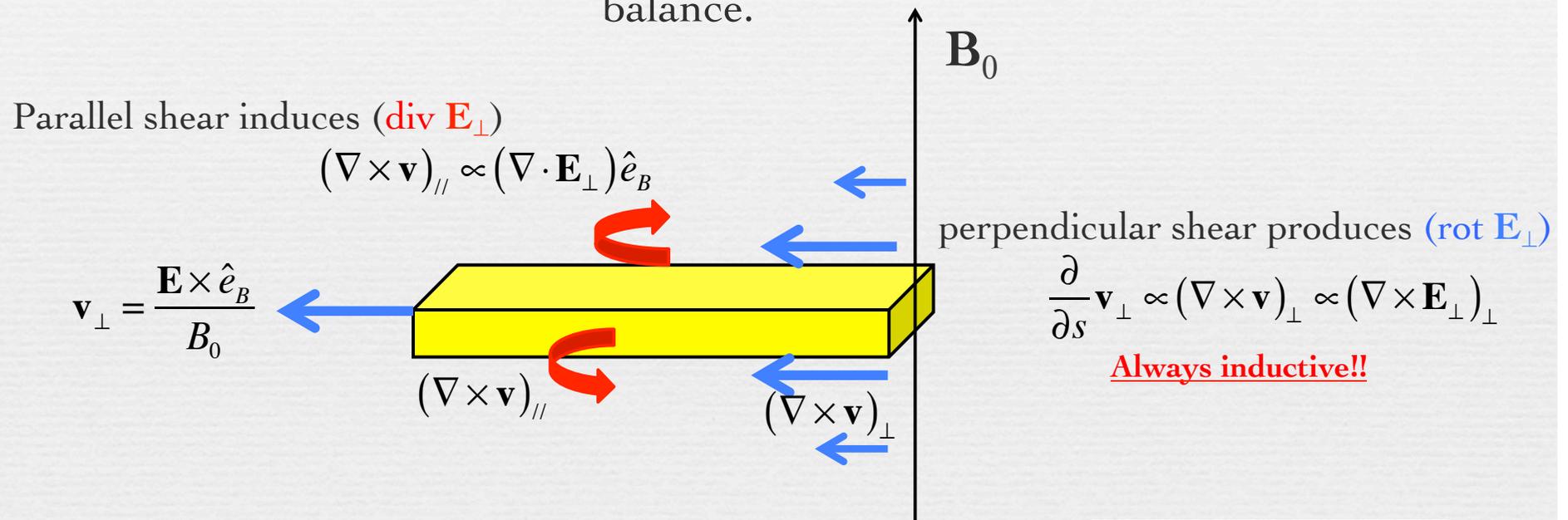
Same as electron frozen-in condition $\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v}_e \times \mathbf{B} = 0$
(ion demagnetization)

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\rho v^2}{2} \right) = (\mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{B}) \cdot \mathbf{v} - \nabla p \cdot \mathbf{v} - \rho v_{in} (\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{u}_n) \cdot \mathbf{v}$$

$$(\mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{B}) \cdot \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{j} \cdot \mathbf{E} = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{S}$$

Magnetospheric Generator

“Generator” region can be defined as a region enable to production of velocity shear (vorticity) both **parallel** and **perpendicular** direction to \mathbf{B}_0 by the mechanical balance.



Note: $\nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{v}) = 0 \longleftrightarrow \nabla_{\parallel} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{v})_{\parallel} = -\nabla_{\perp} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{v})_{\perp}$
 vorticity conserves as like a current
 $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{j} = 0 \longleftrightarrow \nabla_{\parallel} \cdot \mathbf{j}_{\parallel} = -\nabla_{\perp} \cdot \mathbf{j}_{\perp}$

Shear Alfvén wave

$$\mathbf{j}_{\perp} = B_0 \Sigma_A (\nabla \times \mathbf{v})_{\perp}$$

$$\mathbf{j}_{\parallel} = B_0 \Sigma_A (\nabla \times \mathbf{v})_{\parallel}$$

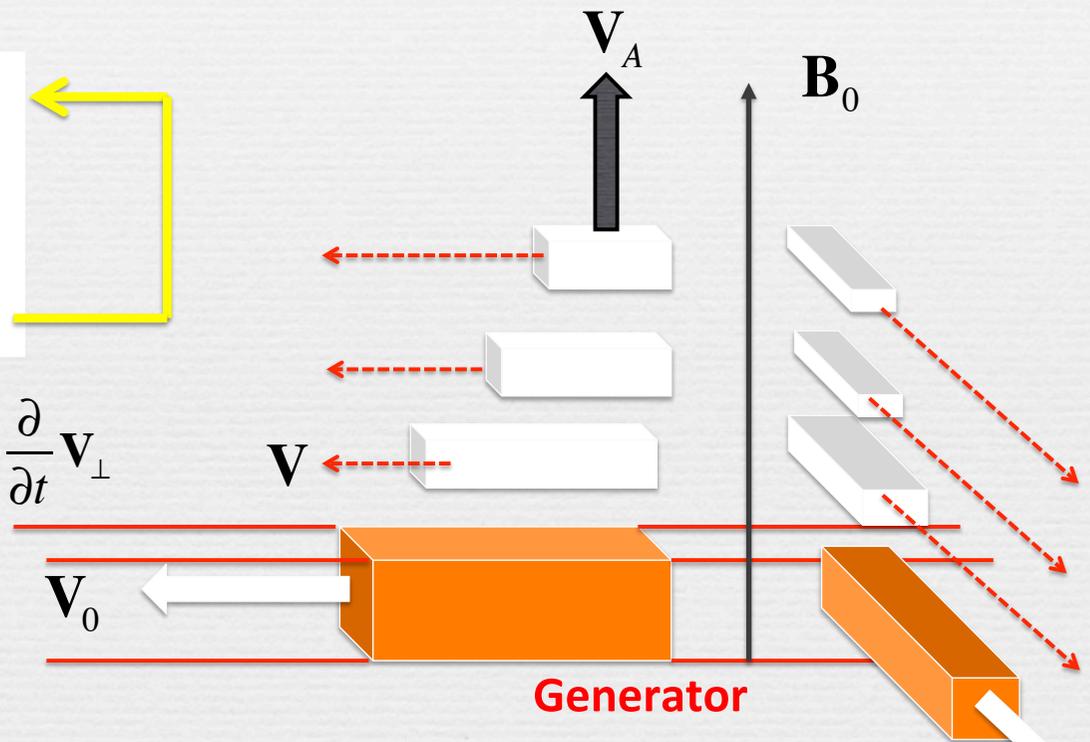
$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{j}_{\perp} = 0 \longleftrightarrow \nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{v}) = 0$

Induction process: generation and propagation shear Alfvén wave

(1) Generator : drives enhanced convection velocity by balance of acceleration by pressure gradient force and deceleration by the magnetic tension force

(2) velocity shear along corresponds to $\text{rot}(\mathbf{E})$
 → development of magnetic field
 → development of magnetic tension
 → acceleration of plasma flow at wave front

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial s} \mathbf{v}_{\perp} \propto (\nabla \times \mathbf{E})_{\perp} \propto \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{b}_{\perp} \rightarrow \mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{B}_0 \rightarrow \rho \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{v}_{\perp}$$



- role of Alfvén wave → disappearance of velocity shear along \mathbf{B}_0
- Generator acts until difference of convection velocity along \mathbf{B}_0 is disappeared

$$\nabla_{\parallel} \cdot \mathbf{S}_{\parallel} > 0$$

$$(\mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{B}_0) \cdot \mathbf{v}_0 > 0 \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad -\nabla p \cdot \mathbf{v}_0 < 0$$

Wave reflection by plasma inhomogeneity

shear Alfvén wave incident on higher density plasma region



Magnetic tension with incident wave don't accelerate in the level of generator velocity
(braking of plasma flow)



Generation of plasma flow in the opposite direction



generation of reflected shear Alfvén wave



Incident + reflection \rightarrow deceleration of convection velocity

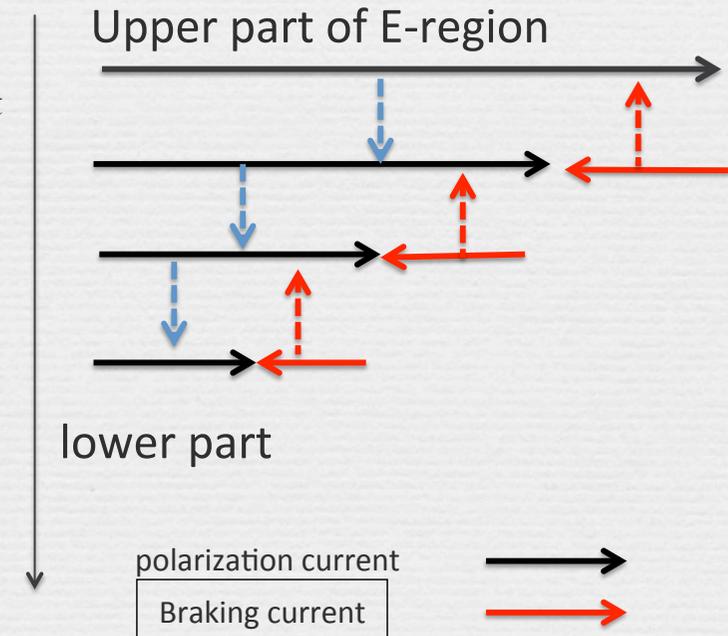
Propagation of shear Alfvén wave inside the ionosphere

- Magnetic tension produced by the wave front current accelerates the plasma in the ionosphere and **accelerated plasma is gradually braking by the plasma (ion) collision to the neutral.**
- This means perpendicular current density is not only composed of the **polarization current** but also by the **braking current**, of which directions are opposite each other.
- Braking current radiates the shear Alfvén wave by **induction loop**
- After wave front passage, accelerated plasma at the wave front is slower than that of backward plasma velocity at the magnetospheric side
- Resultant total perpendicular current is gradually decreasing during wave passage in the ionosphere
- M-I coupling process via shear Alfvén wave would be terminated when the perpendicular current produced by the wave front current cannot accelerate the ambient plasma.

$$\rho \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{B}_0 - \rho v_{in} \mathbf{v}$$

$$\mathbf{j}_\perp = -\frac{\rho}{B_0^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}_0 - \frac{\rho v_{in}}{B_0^2} \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}_0$$

polarization current
Braking current



plasma – neutral interaction

$$\mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{B} \cong \rho v_{in} (\mathbf{V} - \mathbf{u}_n)$$

Equivalence of electromagnetic load and mechanical load

In the neutral frame

$$(\mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{B}) \cdot \mathbf{V}' \cong \rho v_{in} |\mathbf{V}'|^2 \quad \mathbf{V}' \cong \mathbf{V} - \mathbf{u}_n$$

Work done by Ampere force = heating by plasma

In the rest (plasma) frame

Work done by Ampere force = work done by momentum exchange by collision

$$(\mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{B}) \cdot \mathbf{v} \cong \rho v_{in} (\mathbf{V} - \mathbf{u}_n) \cdot \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{j} \cdot \mathbf{E}$$

$$\mathbf{j} \cdot \mathbf{E} > 0 \quad \text{for } \mathbf{v} > \mathbf{u}_n$$

Atmospheric load

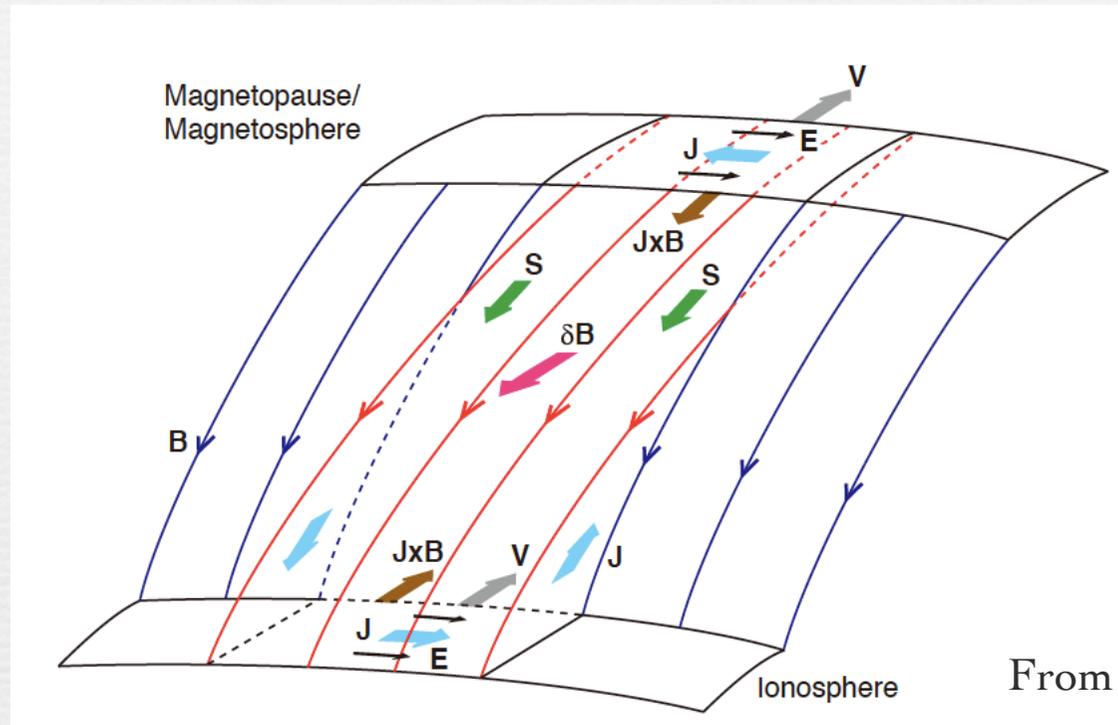
$$\mathbf{j} \cdot \mathbf{E} < 0 \quad \text{for } \mathbf{v} < \mathbf{u}_n$$

Atmospheric dynamo

Electromagnetic energy is converted into
mechanical energy

Electromagnetic energy is generated from
mechanical energy

Steady M-I coupling



From Strangeway [2001]

Enhanced flow at high altitude generator

Bending of field line (δB).

$J \times B$ force in generator . J opposite to $-V \times B$ ($J \cdot E < 0$)

FAC at the edges of shear region

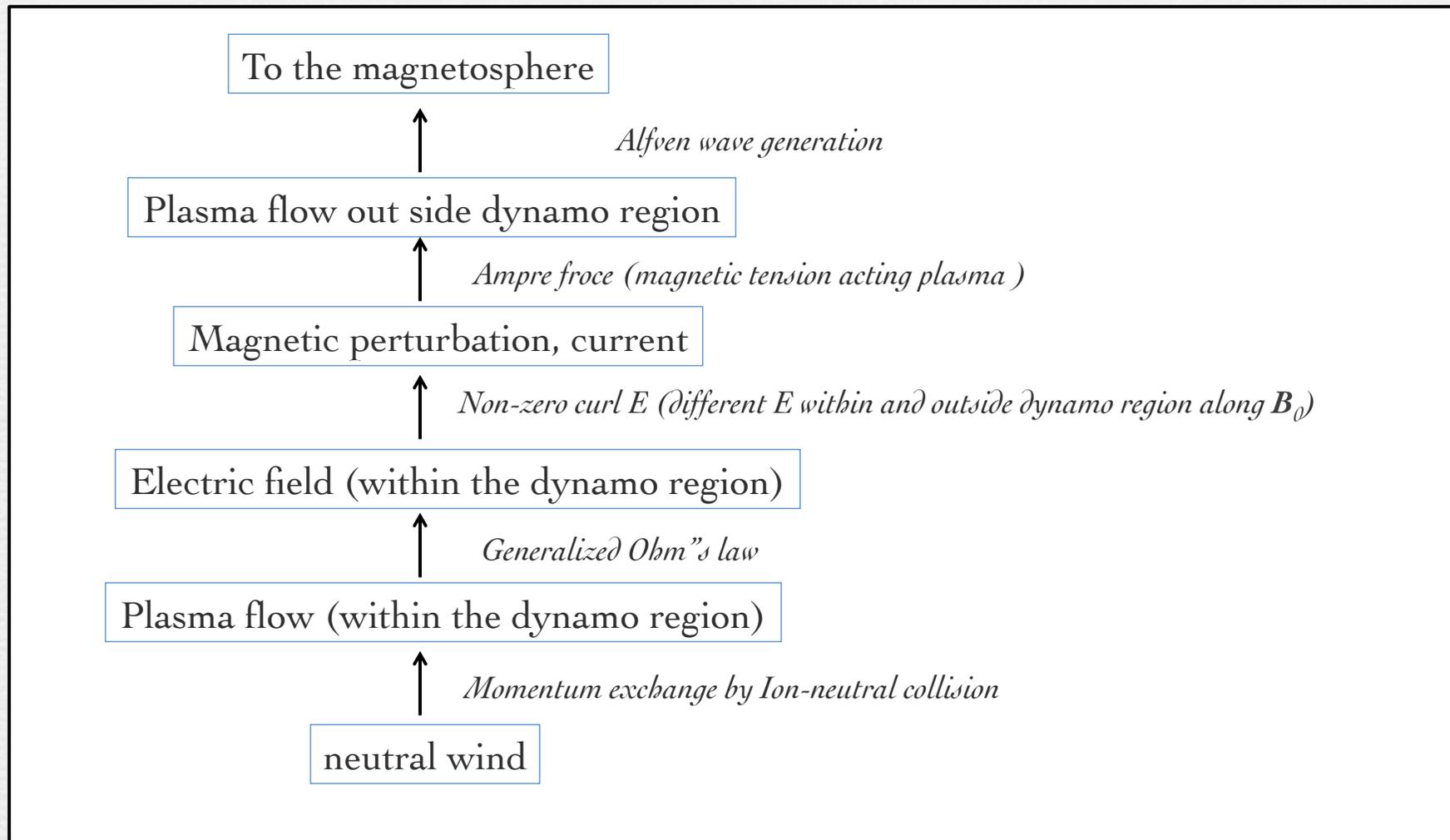
Current closure requires J at in ionosphere

Current loop gives δB required by field bending

Poynting flux ($S = E \times \delta B$) into the ionosphere

Friction heating in ionosphere

Atmospheric dynamo



Transition of Ionospheric Ohm's law

$$\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B} - \frac{\mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{B}}{en} = 0 \quad (\text{electron frozen-in})$$

At the lower ionospheric region (E-region and below), mechanical balance between $\mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{B}$ force and collisional damping becomes dominant

$$\mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{B}_0 \approx \rho v_{in} \mathbf{v}$$

convection electric field can be replaced by **resistive electric field by ions collision to neutrals**

$$-\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B} \approx \frac{(\mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{B}_0) \times \mathbf{B}_0}{\rho v_{in}} = \frac{B_0^2}{\rho v_{in}} \mathbf{j}_\perp = \left(\frac{\Omega_i}{v_{in}} \right) \left(\frac{B_0}{en} \right) \mathbf{j}_\perp \quad \Omega_i < v_{in}$$

Hall electric field becomes important at lower ionosphere satisfies

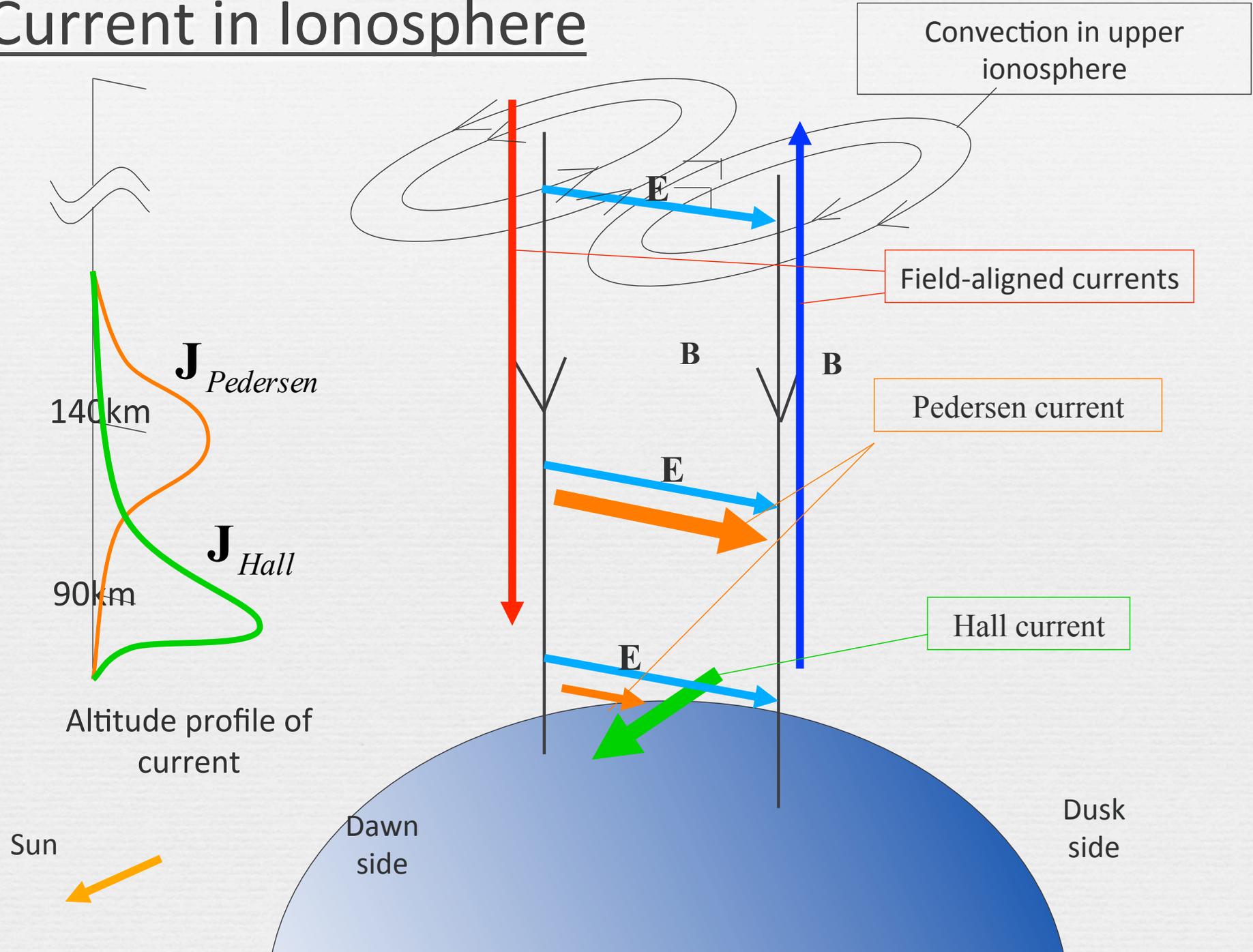
$$\mathbf{E}_\perp = \left(\frac{B_0}{en} \right) \left(\frac{\Omega_i}{v_{in}} \mathbf{j}_\perp + \mathbf{j}_\perp \times \hat{b} \right)$$

Resistive electric field (E_R)

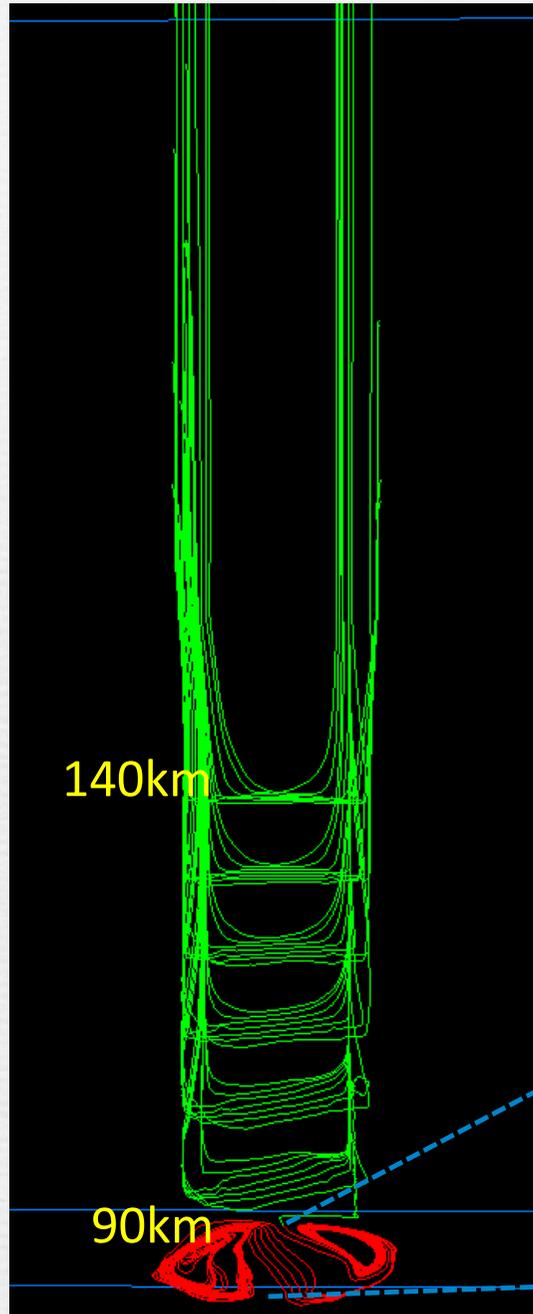
Hall electric field (E_H)

$\text{rot}(\mathbf{E}_H)_\perp$ develops the horizontally closing current!!

Current in Ionosphere



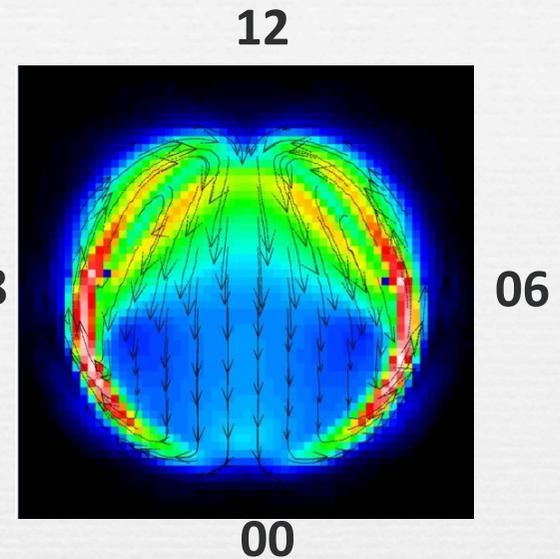
3D current closure produced by Hall MHD simulation (with horizontally homogeneous plasma distribution)



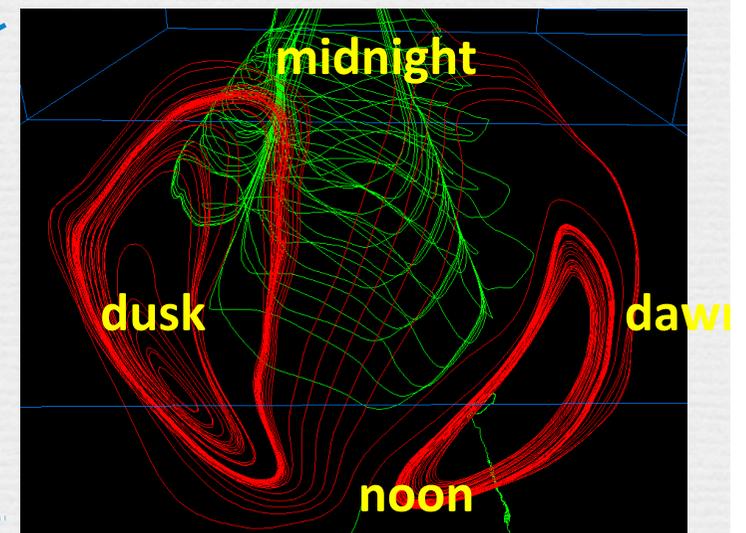
$$\frac{\Omega_i}{v_{in}} \gg 1 \quad \mathbf{E}_\perp \approx -\mathbf{V} \times \mathbf{B}_0$$

$$\frac{\Omega_i}{v_{in}} \sim 1 \quad \mathbf{E}_\perp \approx \left(\frac{B_0}{en} \right) \left(\frac{\Omega_i}{v_{in}} \mathbf{j}_\perp \right)$$

$$\frac{\Omega_i}{v_{in}} \ll 1 \quad \mathbf{E}_\perp \approx \left(\frac{B_0}{en} \right) (\mathbf{j}_\perp \times \hat{e}_B)$$

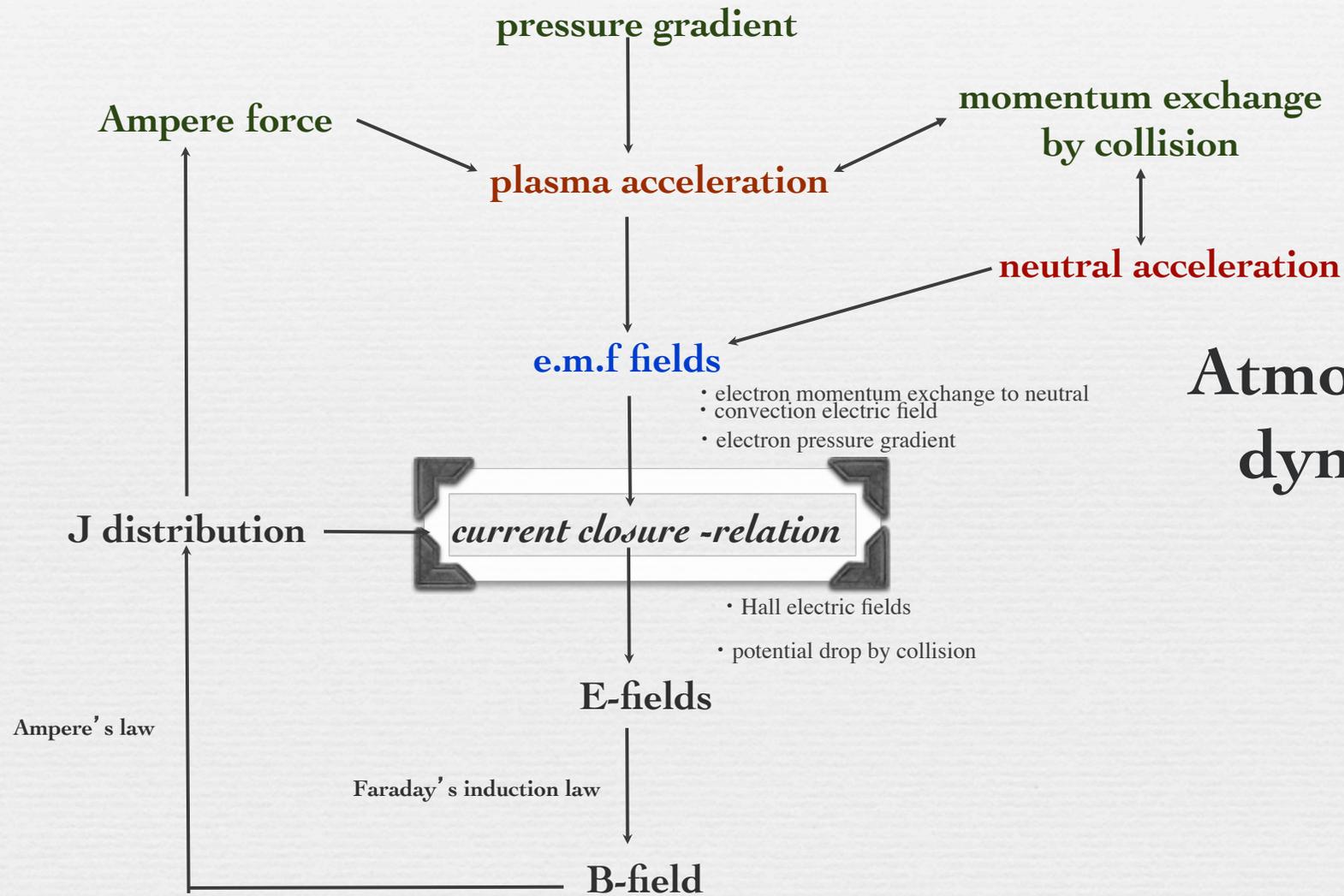


- Upper boundary condition uses steady magnetospheric convection obtained by global MHD simulation
- Field aligned currents are closed at altitudes of 90km ~ 140km.
- Loop current could be identified in bottom regions of model.



Summary

Plasma dynamics



Atmospheric
dynamics