# The basic question of wall times J. Bialek Columbia University Nov 21-23 MHD Control Workshop at PPPL

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Outline:

- 1) Equations for wall currents & eigenvalue analysis
- 2) Examine simplest problem a rectangular plate
- 3) Examine standard DIII-D vacuum vessel
- 4) Field penetrating a wall, compare models with many vs. 1 time constant.
- 5) Conclusions & recommendations



#### **Equations for wall times**

Many people stop at 
$$\frac{\eta}{\mu_0} \nabla^2 \vec{B} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{B} = 0, \quad \vec{B} = \nabla \times \vec{A}$$
$$\nabla \times \vec{E} = -\vec{B}$$
$$\nabla \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{J}$$
$$\vec{E} = \eta \vec{J}, \quad \nabla \cdot \vec{J} = 0$$

Write equations in terms of currents, Use the standard definitions & assumption

$$\int_{volume} \vec{w} \cdot \left(\eta \vec{J} + \vec{A} + \nabla \phi\right) dv = -\int_{volume} \vec{w} \cdot \vec{A}_{external} dv$$
$$\vec{J}(\vec{r}, t) = \sum_{\substack{\text{all} \\ \text{elements}}} I_k(t) \vec{w}_k(\vec{r})$$

Where the  $w_k$  are shape functions (closed loops of current) This gives the standard set of familiar circuit equations Circuit equations are a set of simultaneous o.d.e.

$$\left[L\right]_{NxN}\left\{\dot{I}\right\}_{Nx1} + \left[R\right]_{NxN}\left\{I\right\}_{Nx1} = \left\{V\right\}_{Nx1}$$

With eigenvalues ( time constants  $\tau_k$ ) & eigenvectors { $\xi_k$ } We may express any answer in terms of the eigenvectors  ${I(t)}_{Nx1} = \sum_{k=1}^{N} {\xi_k}_{Nx1} c_k(t) = [{\xi_1}_{Nx1} \dots {\xi_N}_{Nx1}]_{NxN} {c(t)}_{Nx1}$  ${I(t)} = [\Psi] {c(t)}, {c(t)} = [\Psi]^{-1} {I(t)}$ 

We can find the most important modes by looking at the largest values of the vector  $\{c(t)\}$ . We may reconstruct the result with a subset of modes

We examine the modes & time constants of a thin plate 1.8 x 1.5 x 0.01 [m] with resistivity = 130.e-08 [ohm m] In this model we have 270 equations / modes

Stream function graphics &

Eddy current plots





The slowest mode (shown above) is #270 Time constant =  $\tau_{270}$ =1.521e-3 s The following illustrates the slowest modes (in order)



z x

## The following illustrates the slowest modes (in order)



mode #264

mode #263



6.136e-4 s mode #262

Examine fast time scale current response in plate produced by current step in square (1x1 [m]) coil. Coil is 0.1 [m] from plate





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## best 2 mode approximation





best 6 modes

#### best 4 modes





best 8 mode approximation

## Most important ( highest $c_k$ or 'weight') shown below









mode #258 wt = 0.2058e-2 0.498e-3 s



mode #232 wt = 0.978e-3 0.298e-3 s



mode #266 wt = 0.130e-2 0.790e-3 s



mode #265 wt = 0.765e-3 0.676e-3 s

## Examine steady state (resistive response) in same plate





y z x



Examine fast time scale response in standard DIII-D model (thick 'belly band', remainder thin, constant resistivity) Using B<sub>n</sub> from A.Turnbull (GATO) analysis of shot #92544



1281 equations/modes

## 2 best modes



6 best modes



#### 4 best modes



8 best modes



Most important modes (greatest weights) follow:

## We never see a helical mode !!!!!





mode # 1278 wt = -0.108e-1 0.555e-2 s greatest contribution

mode #1260 wt = 0.899e-2 0.3068e-2 s

#### Most important modes (greatest weight) follow:



mode #1231 wt = -0.669e-2 0.2043e-2 s



mode #1277 wt = 0.600e-2 0.555e-2 s Most important modes (greatest weight) follow:





mode#1255 wt = 0.573e-2 0.282e-2 s mode#1233 wt = -0.451e-2 0.207e-2 s

## Examine steady state (resistive) response in standard DIII-D model





**Examine magnetic field penetrating a wall** via frequency response of a driving coil, distributed wall model, sensors measure net axial field





**Examine magnetic field penetrating a wall** via frequency response of a driving coil, the simplest wall model (a passive coil), sensors measure net axial field



z=-0.1 z=0

Frequency response calc solves

$$\left[ \left[ L \right] (i\varpi) + \left[ R \right] \right] \left\{ I_0 \right\} e^{i\varpi t} = \left\{ V_0 \right\} e^{i\varpi t}$$



gauss/amp at sensors



Distributed wall model shields much more field at interesting frequencies !

gauss/amp at sensor

## **Conclusions & Recommendations**

- 1) All walls have many time constants
- 2) Current distributions may be described by sum of weighted eigenvectors, we may identify mode with the greatest contribution to the total answer
- 3) In toroidal geometry we never see an eigenvector with a helical pattern and we need many modes to well represent a helical pattern typical of a plasma mode.
- 4) Penetration of a magnetic field through a wall is not well modeled with a single wall time constant.

When using a single wall time constant proceed with caution. Can we specify the best way to make this approximation ?