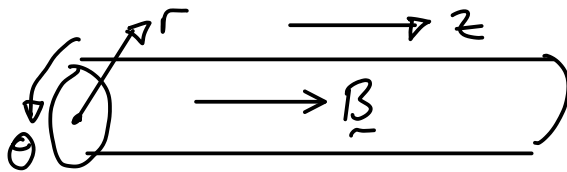


# Theta pinch

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$$\underline{j} \times \underline{B} = \nabla P$$



$$\underline{B} = B_z(r) \hat{z}$$

$$\underline{j} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \nabla \times \underline{B}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\mu_0} \left[ \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial \theta} - \frac{\partial B_\theta}{\partial z} \right] \hat{r}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{\mu_0} \left[ \frac{\partial B_r}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial r} \right] \hat{\theta}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{\mu_0} \left[ \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r B_\theta) - \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial B_r}{\partial \theta} \right] \hat{z}$$

$$= \frac{-1}{\mu_0} \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial r} \hat{\theta}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \rightarrow 0$$

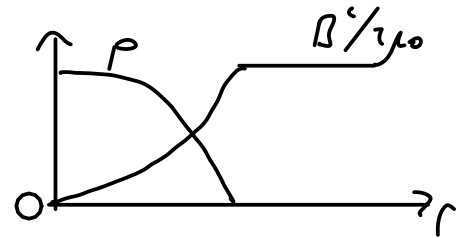
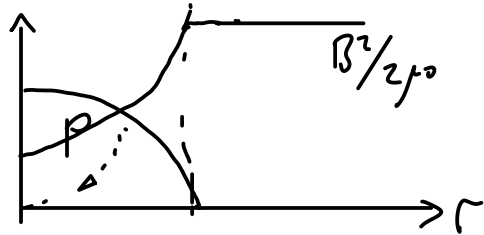
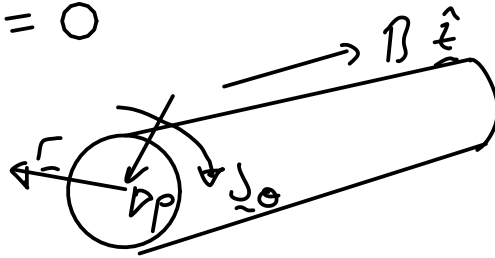
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \rightarrow 0$$

$$\underline{j} \times \underline{B} = \frac{-1}{\mu_0} \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial r} \hat{\theta} \times B_z \hat{z} = -\frac{1}{\mu_0} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{B_z^2}{2} \right) \hat{r}$$

$$\hat{\theta} \times \hat{z} = \hat{r}$$

$$= \nabla p = \frac{\partial p}{\partial r} \hat{r}$$

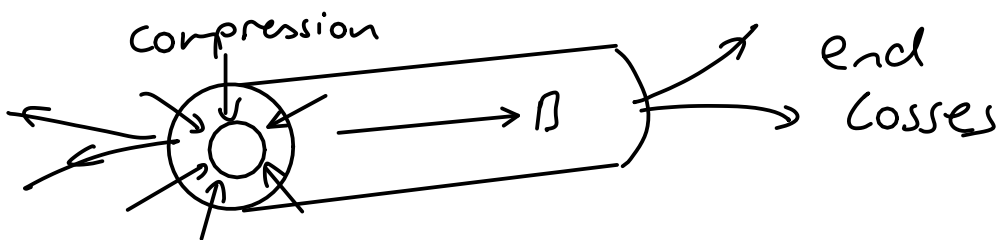
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( p + \frac{B_z^2}{2\mu_0} \right) = 0$$



Maximum  $p$  is  $\frac{B_{ext}^2}{2\mu_0}$

plasma  $\beta = \frac{\text{fluid pressure}}{\text{magnetic pressure}}$

$$\text{Max } \beta = \frac{p}{B^2/2\mu_0} < 1$$



Diamagnetic current

- reduces external field