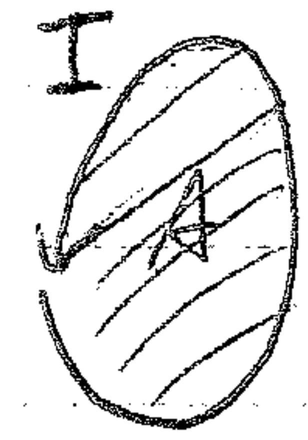
Lecture #6: Magnetic Moment and the Mirror Force

I. Magnetic Moment

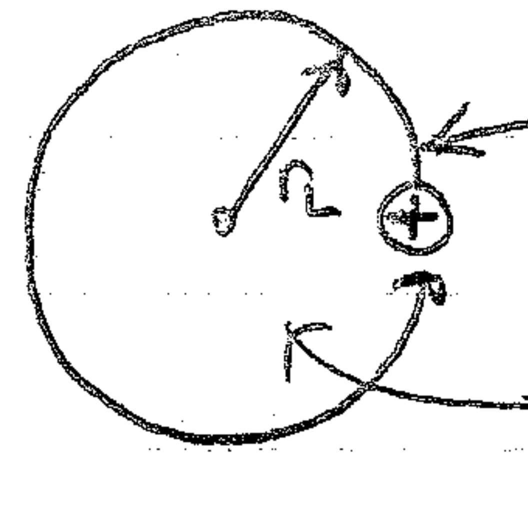
A. Magnetic moment due to particle Larmor Motion

1. A current loop has a magnetic moment $\mu = IA$



2. For a charged particle with charge q in Larmor Motion

a. $\underset{\sim}{B} \otimes$



$$I = \frac{\text{charge}}{\text{time}} = \frac{q}{(2\pi/\omega_c)} = \frac{\omega_c q}{2\pi}$$

$$A = \pi r_L^2 = \pi \frac{v_\perp^2}{\omega_c^2}$$

b. Thus $\mu = IA = \left(\frac{q\omega_c}{2\pi}\right)\left(\pi \frac{v_\perp^2}{\omega_c^2}\right) = \frac{q\, v_\perp^2}{2\left(\frac{qB}{m}\right)} = \boxed{\frac{m v_\perp^2}{2B} = \mu}$ Magnetic Moment

II. The Mirror Force

A. What happens when $\nabla B \parallel \underset{\sim}{B}$?

1. Because Maxwell's Equations demand $\nabla \cdot \underset{\sim}{B} = 0$, for magnetic field to increase along field line, another must change.

a. Cylindrical Coordinates (NRL p. 6) $\nabla \cdot \underset{\sim}{B} = \frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial}{\partial r}(r B_r) + \frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial B_\phi}{\partial \phi} + \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial z} = 0$

b. Take axisymmetric field $\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} = 0\right)$ with no azimuthal component $(B_\phi = 0)$.

$$\frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial}{\partial r}(r B_r) = -\frac{\partial B_z}{\partial z}$$

c. Assuming $\frac{\partial B_z}{\partial z}$ is independent of r (valid for small r), we can integrate to yield. $B_r = -\frac{r}{2}\frac{\partial B_z}{\partial z}$ (Assume constant of integration is zero)

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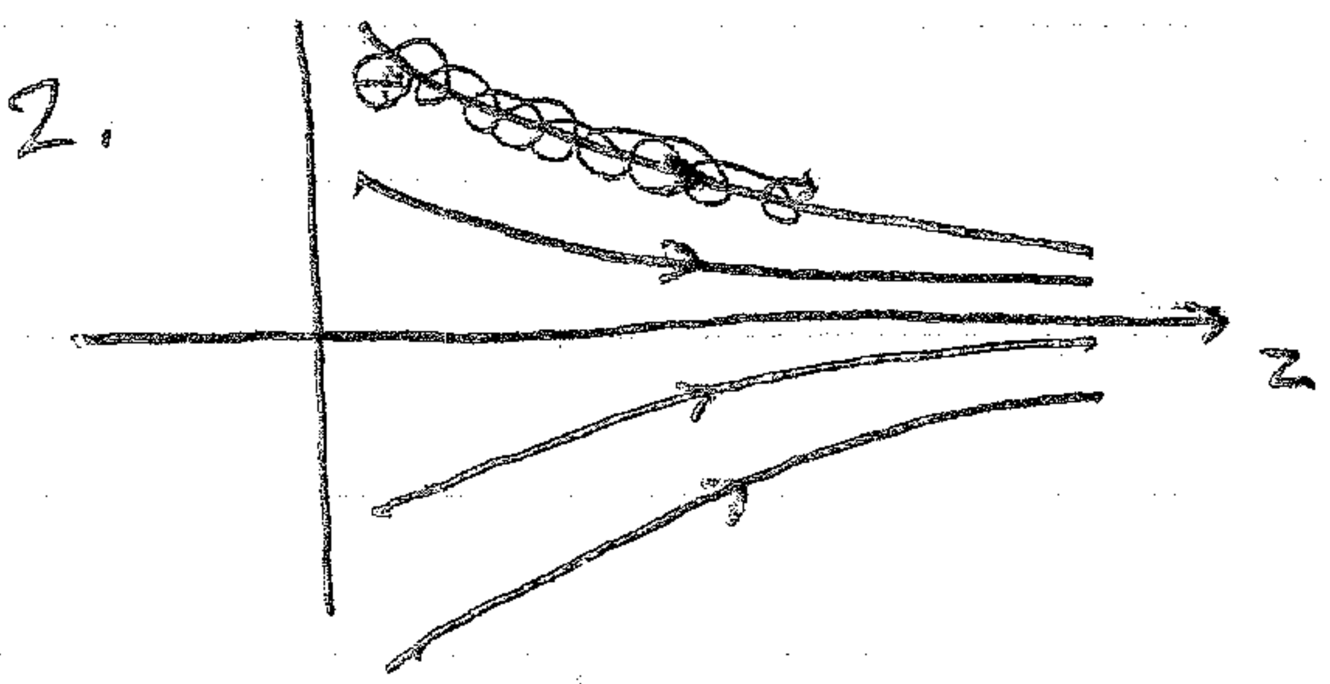

Increasing field along z direction requires a B_r component.

3. What is the particle motion in such a field?

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B. Force on Particle

1. We want to find $\underset{\sim}{F} = q(\underset{\sim}{v} \times \underset{\sim}{B})$ for this case.

   a. $\underset{\sim}{B} = \epsilon B_r \hat{\underset{\sim}{r}} + B_z \hat{\underset{\sim}{z}} = -\epsilon \frac{r}{2} \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial z} \hat{\underset{\sim}{r}} + B_z \hat{\underset{\sim}{z}}$

   b. $\underset{\sim}{V} = v_r \hat{\underset{\sim}{r}} + v_\phi \hat{\underset{\sim}{\phi}} + v_z \hat{\underset{\sim}{z}}$

2. In cylindrical coordinates:

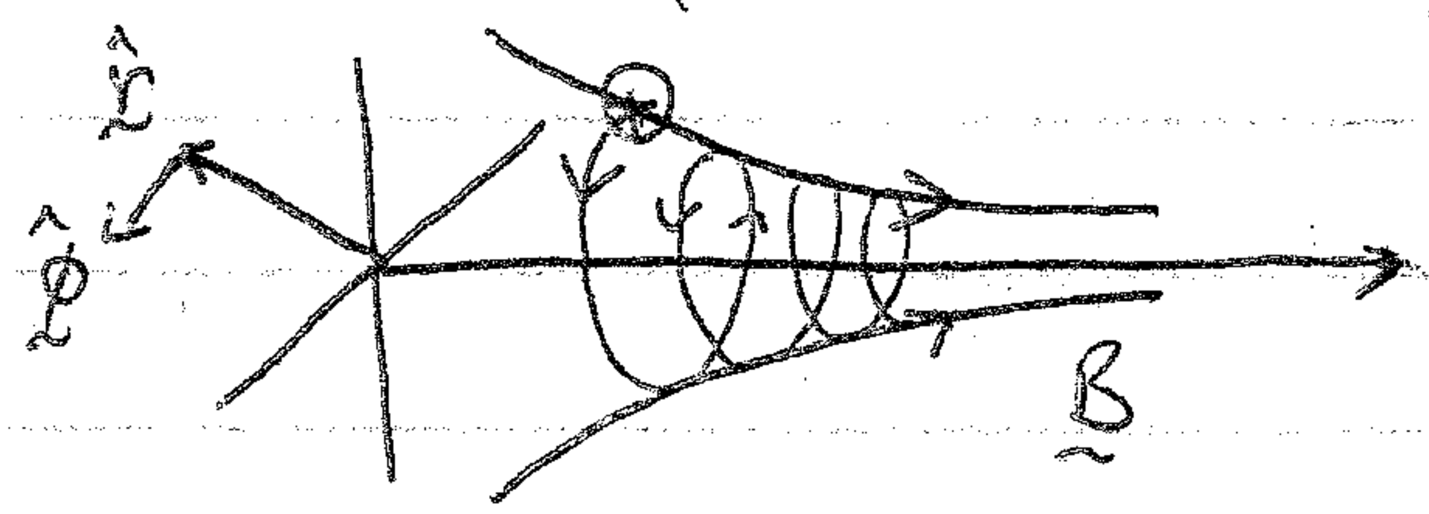
$$\underset{\sim}{F} = q(v_\phi B_z - \cancel{v_z B_\phi})\hat{\underset{\sim}{r}} + q(\epsilon v_z B_r - v_r B_z)\hat{\underset{\sim}{\phi}} + q(\cancel{v_r B_\phi}^{\,0} - \epsilon v_\phi B_r)\hat{\underset{\sim}{z}}$$

large terms　　　small terms

3. $O(1)$: $\underset{\sim}{F} = q v_\phi B_z \hat{\underset{\sim}{r}} - q v_r B_z \hat{\underset{\sim}{\phi}} = q(v_\phi \hat{\underset{\sim}{\phi}} + v_r \hat{\underset{\sim}{r}}) \times (B_z \hat{\underset{\sim}{z}})$

   a. These terms are just the usual terms dictating Larmor motion.

   b. This is easy to see for a particle with a guiding center at $r=0$.



For this case, $v_\phi = -v_\perp$　$v_r = 0$ (for $q>0$)

   c. Thus $\underset{\sim}{F} = -q v_\perp B_z \hat{\underset{\sim}{r}}$ provides centripetal acceleration for Larmor motion.

   d. $\frac{m v_\perp^2}{r} = q v_\perp B_z$　Solving for $r = \frac{m v_\perp}{qB} = \frac{v_\perp}{\omega_c} = r_L$!

4. $O(\epsilon)$: Axial Component: $F_z = -q v_\phi B_r$

   a. Again, we take the case for a particle guiding center at $r=0$. Thus $v_\phi = -v_\perp$ and $r = r_L$.

   b. $F_z = -q(-v_\perp)\left(-\frac{r_L}{2}\frac{\partial B_z}{\partial z}\right) \underset{\uparrow \; r_L = \frac{v_\perp}{\omega_c}}{=} -q \frac{v_\perp^2}{2\omega_c}\frac{\partial B_z}{\partial z} = -q\left(\frac{m}{qB}\right)\frac{v_\perp^2}{2}\frac{\partial B_z}{\partial z} = -\left(\frac{m v_\perp^2}{2B}\right)\frac{\partial B_z}{\partial z}$

This can be written $\boxed{F_z = -\mu \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial z}}$　Magnetic Mirror Force

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5. The Mirror Force accelerates the particle along the field line in the direction of decreasing magnetic field magnitude.

6. This can be written in general as

$$\boxed{\underset{\sim}{F} = -\mu(\hat{\underset{\sim}{b}}\cdot\nabla)\underset{\sim}{B}}$$

where $\hat{b}\cdot\nabla$ is the gradient along the field $\underset{\sim}{B}$.

a. Compare to the electrostatic force on a charge.

For $\underset{\sim}{E} = -\nabla\phi$ and $\underset{\sim}{F} = q\underset{\sim}{E}$, $\underset{\sim}{F} = -q\nabla\phi$

b. The Mirror Force acts on the particle magnetic moment $\mu = \frac{mv_\perp^2}{2B}$, where the field magnitude B appears like a potential.

$\Rightarrow$ Repels particles from strong field region!

7. $\Theta(\epsilon)$: Azimuthal Component $F_\phi = q v_z B_r$

a. The presence of an azimuthal component of force means particles can gain energy in the perpendicular component at rate $v_\phi F_\phi$.

b. For perpendicular energy $W_\perp = \frac{1}{2}mv_\perp^2$, we have

$$\frac{dW_\perp}{dt} = v_\phi F_\phi = q(v_\phi)v_z B_r$$

c. For ions, $v_\phi = -v_\perp$ and $B_r = -\frac{r}{2}\frac{\partial B_z}{\partial z}$ for particle guiding center at $z=0$,

$$\frac{dW_\perp}{dt} = q(-v_\perp)\left(-\frac{r_L}{2}\frac{\partial B}{\partial z}\right)v_z = \frac{q\,v_\perp^2}{2\omega_c}v_z\frac{\partial B_z}{\partial z} = \frac{mv_\perp^2}{2B}v_z\frac{\partial B_z}{\partial z} = \mu\, v_z\frac{\partial B_z}{\partial z}$$

d. NOTE: $\frac{dB}{dt} = \frac{\partial B}{\partial t} + \frac{dx}{dt}\frac{\partial B}{\partial x} + \frac{dy}{dt}\frac{\partial B}{\partial y} + \frac{dz}{dt}\frac{\partial B}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial B}{\partial t} + v_x\frac{\partial B}{\partial x} + v_y\frac{\partial B}{\partial y} + v_z\frac{\partial B}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial B}{\partial t} + \underset{\sim}{v}\cdot\nabla B$

Since $\frac{dB_z}{dt} = \overbrace{\frac{\partial B}{\partial t}}^{0} + \underset{\sim}{v}\cdot\nabla B_z = v_z\frac{\partial B}{\partial z}$, we get

$$\frac{dW_\perp}{dt} = \mu\frac{dB}{dt}$$

e. But $\mu = \frac{W_\perp}{B}$, so $\frac{1}{B}\frac{dW_\perp}{dt} - \frac{W_\perp}{B^2}\frac{dB}{dt} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt}\left(\frac{W_\perp}{B}\right) = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{d\mu}{dt} = 0}$

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III. Adiabatic Invariance

A. Interpretation:

1. $\frac{d\mu}{dt}=0$ implies that, as a charged particle moves through a changing field $\mu=\frac{mv_\perp^2}{2B}$ remains constant.

B. Alternative Derivation:

1. First, note $m\underset{\sim}{v}\cdot\frac{d\underset{\sim}{v}}{dt}=\frac{d}{dt}\left(\frac{1}{2}mv^2\right)=q\underset{\sim}{v}\cdot(\underset{\sim}{v}\times\underset{\sim}{B})=0$

a. Therefore, total energy is constant $\mathcal{E}=\frac{1}{2}mv^2=\frac{1}{2}m(v_\parallel^2+v_\perp^2)$

b. Thus $\frac{d\mathcal{E}}{dt}=\frac{d}{dt}\left(\frac{1}{2}mv_\parallel^2\right)+\frac{d}{dt}\left(\frac{1}{2}mv_\perp^2\right)=0 \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt}\left(\frac{mv_\parallel^2}{2}\right)=-\frac{d}{dt}\left(\frac{mv_\perp^2}{2}\right)$

2. Mirror Force equation: $F_\parallel=-\mu(\hat{\underset{\sim}{b}}\cdot\nabla)B=m\frac{dv_\parallel}{dt}$

a. Multiply by $v_\parallel$:

$$m v_\parallel\frac{dv_\parallel}{dt}=\frac{d}{dt}\left(\frac{1}{2}mv_\parallel^2\right)=-\mu\left(v_\parallel\hat{\underset{\sim}{b}}\right)\cdot\nabla B=-\mu\,\underset{\sim}{v}_\parallel\cdot\nabla B$$

b. Again $\frac{dB}{dt}=\cancelto{0}{\frac{\partial B}{\partial t}}+\underset{\sim}{v}\cdot\nabla B=\underset{\sim}{v}_\parallel\cdot\nabla B$, so

$$\frac{d}{dt}\left(\frac{1}{2}mv_\parallel^2\right)=-\mu\frac{dB}{dt}=\underbrace{-\frac{mv_\perp^2}{2}\frac{1}{B}\frac{dB}{dt}\overset{!}{=}-\frac{d}{dt}\left(\frac{mv_\perp^2}{2}\right)}$$

c. ~~Now:~~ Multiply by $\frac{1}{B}$

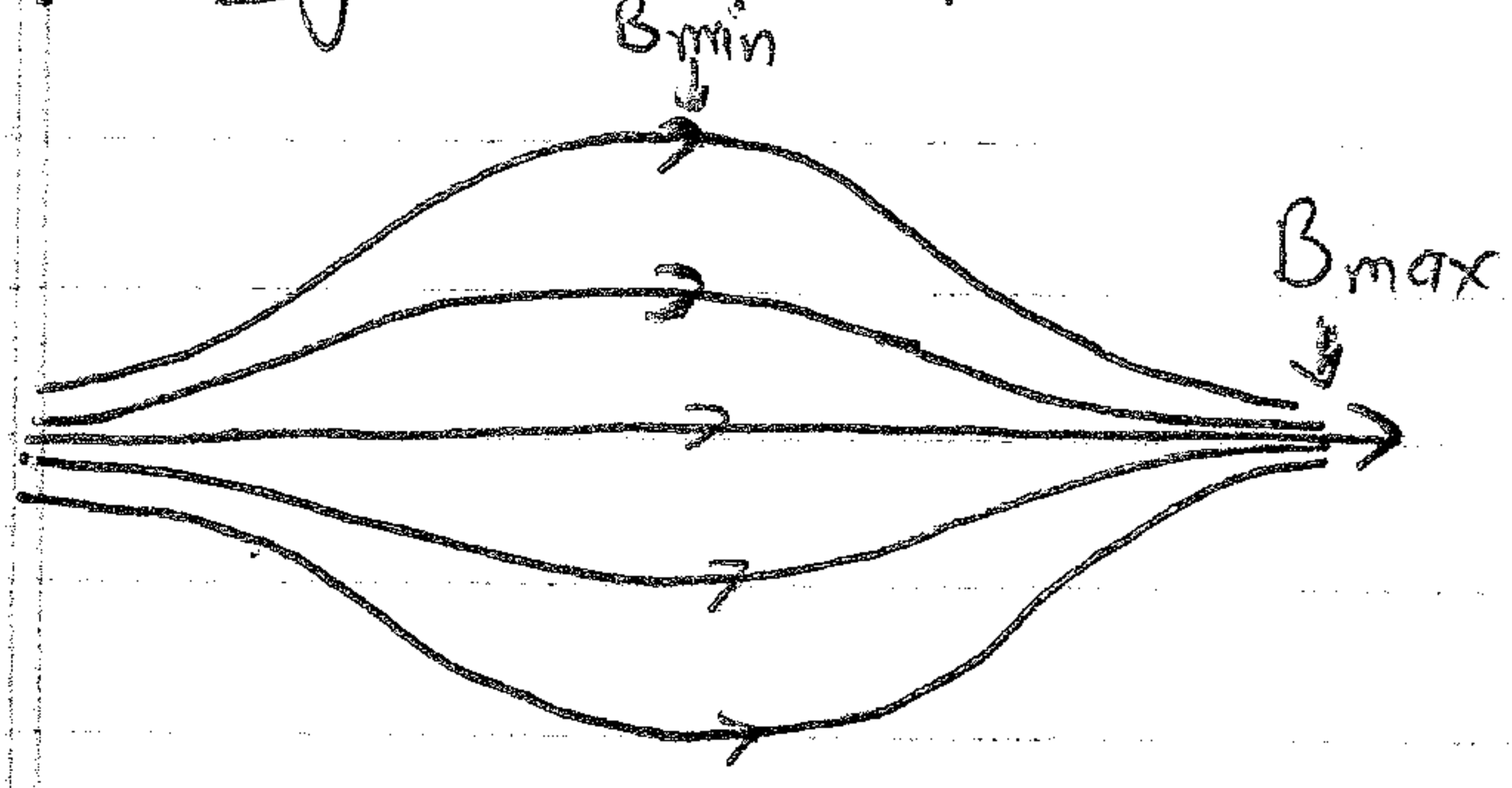
$$\frac{1}{B}\frac{d}{dt}\left(\frac{mv_\perp^2}{2}\right)-\frac{mv_\perp^2}{2}\frac{1}{B^2}\frac{dB}{dt}=0$$

d. NOTE: $\frac{d\mu}{dt}=\frac{d}{dt}\left(\frac{\frac{mv_\perp^2}{2}}{B}\right)=\frac{1}{B}\frac{d}{dt}\left(\frac{mv_\perp^2}{2}\right)-\frac{mv_\perp^2}{2}\frac{1}{B^2}\frac{dB}{dt}$

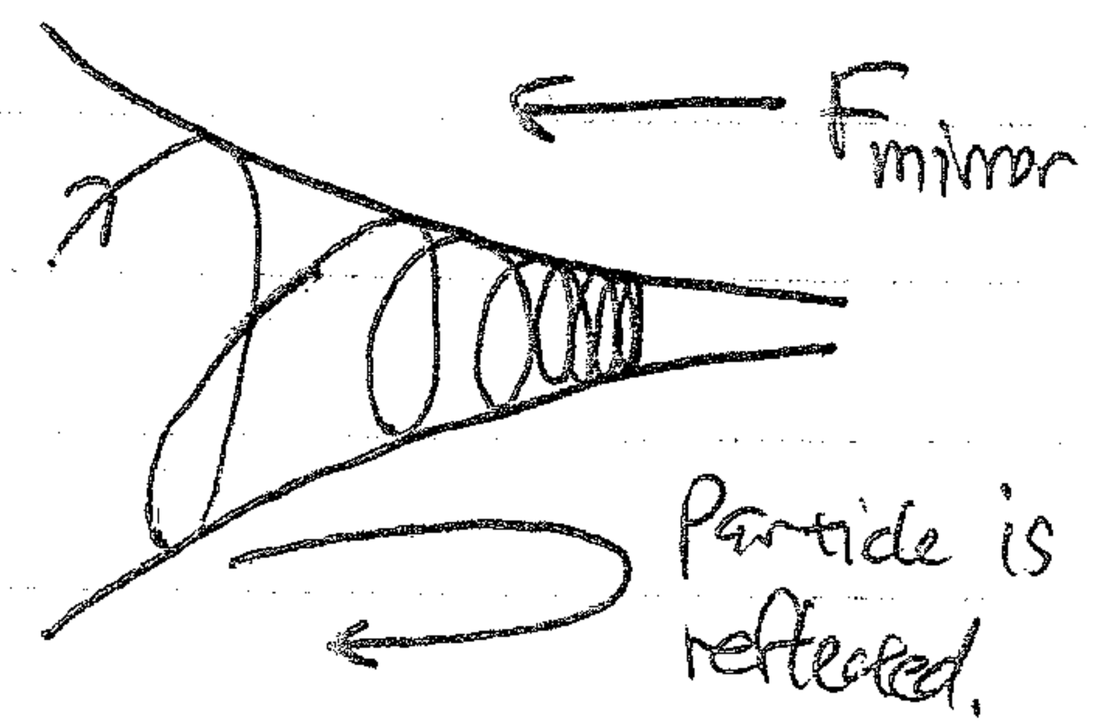
e. Thus $\boxed{\frac{d\mu}{dt}=0.}$

IV. Confinement by Magnetic Mirror

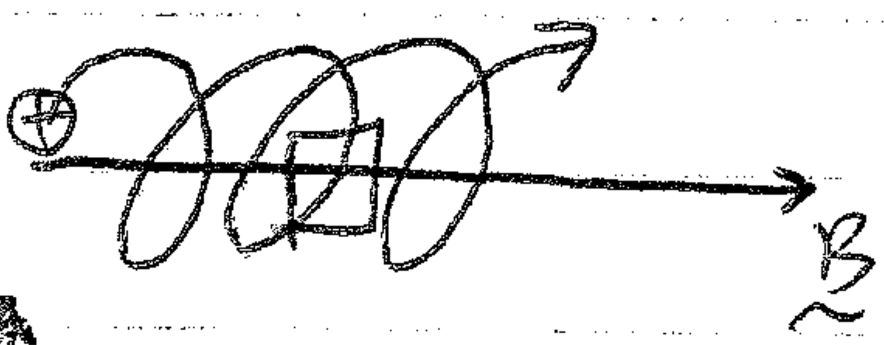
A. Magnetic Mirror Machine:

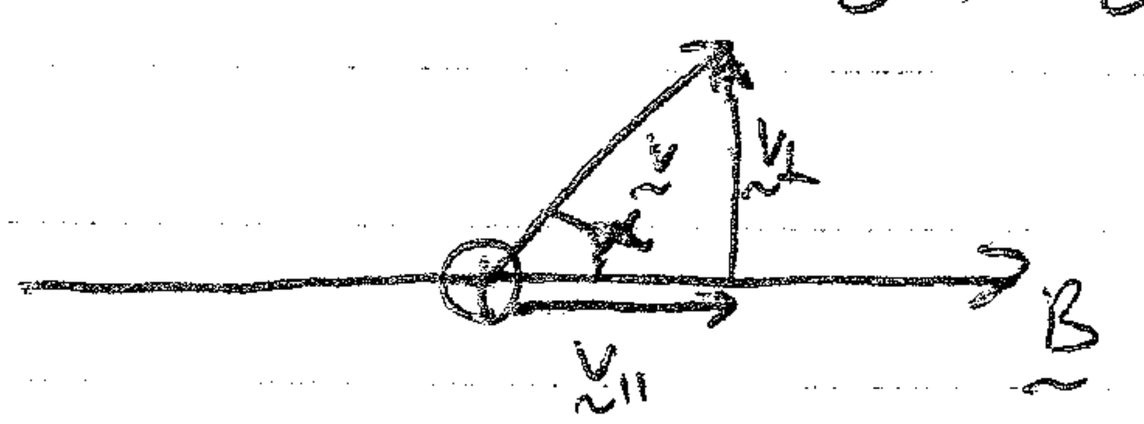


1. Particles are confined by magnetic mirror force at either end of the machine.

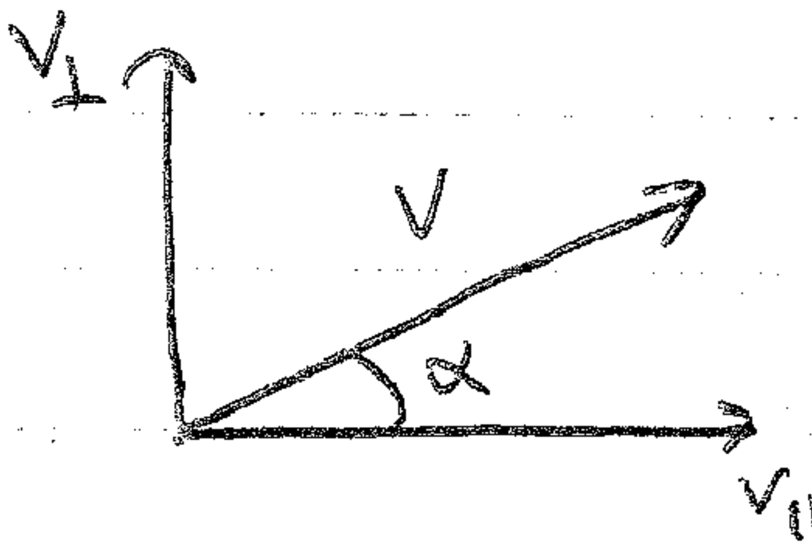


2. Pitch Angle:





$\alpha \equiv$ angle between velocity vector and magnetic field.



$v_\parallel = v\cos\alpha$

$v_\perp = v\sin\alpha$

$\underset{\sim}{v} \cdot \underset{\sim}{B} = vB\cos\alpha$

3. Parallel Equation of motion $F_\parallel = -\mu\, \hat{\underset{\sim}{b}} \cdot \nabla B$ can be written

$$m\frac{dv_\parallel}{dt} = -\mu\frac{\partial B}{\partial s}$$ where "s" is distance along field line.

a. $$\frac{dv_\parallel}{dt} = \cancel{\frac{\partial v_\parallel}{\partial t}}^{\,0} + \underset{\sim}{v}\cdot\nabla v_\parallel = v_\parallel \frac{\partial v_\parallel}{\partial s}$$ along field line.

b. $$m v_\parallel \frac{\partial v_\parallel}{\partial s} = \frac{\partial}{\partial s}\left(\frac{1}{2}m v_\parallel^2\right) = -\mu\frac{\partial B}{\partial s} = -\frac{\partial \mu B}{\partial s}$$ since $\mu =$ constant.

c. Thus $$\frac{d}{ds}\left(\frac{1}{2}m v_\parallel^2 + \mu B\right) = 0$$ along field line

Therefore $$\boxed{\mathcal{E} = \frac{1}{2}m v_\parallel^2(s) + \mu B(s)}$$

$\mathcal{E} =$ const Conservation of Energy

$\mu =$ const Adiabatic Invariant

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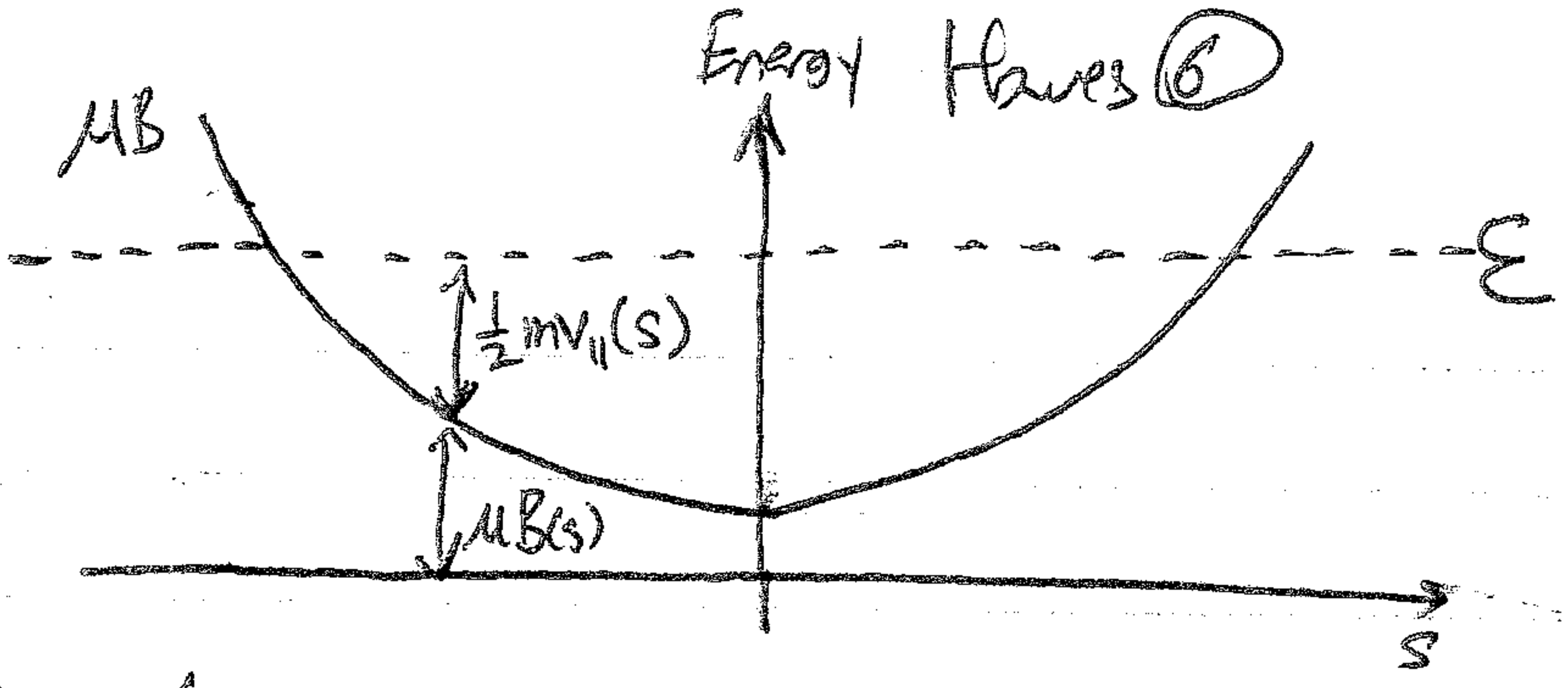


4. Potential Interpretation:

a. A charged particle in an electrostatic field $\underline{E} = -\nabla\phi$ has conserved energy $\mathcal{E} = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 + q\phi$

b. Here conservation involves parallel velocity and magnetic field magnitude $\mathcal{E} = \frac{1}{2}mv_{\parallel}^2 + \mu B$

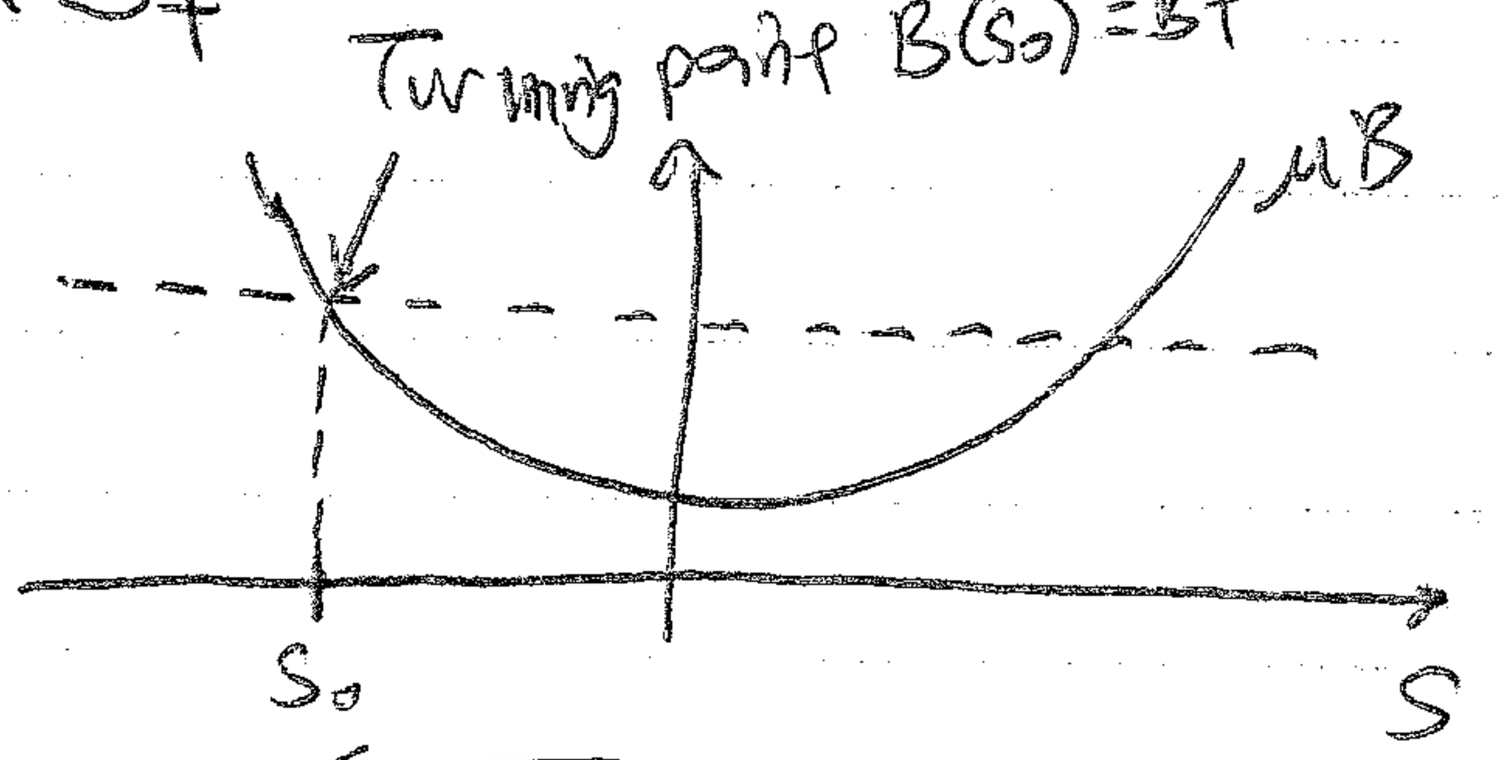
5. We can solve for $V_{\parallel}(S)$

$$V_{\parallel}(S) = \pm\sqrt{\frac{2}{m}\left[\mathcal{E} - \mu B(s)\right]}$$ where $\mathcal{E}$ and μ are constants.

a. When $V_{\parallel}(S_0) = 0$, the particle reaches a turning point.
Here $B(S_0) = \frac{\mathcal{E}}{\mu} \equiv B_t$

Thus $\mathcal{E} = \frac{1}{2}mv_{\parallel}^2 + \mu B = \mu B_t$

6. Physical Interpretation:



Particle is reflected by mirror force.

a. The particle experiences a changing $|\underline{B}|$ as it moves along field.

b. Induced azimuthal force F_ϕ does work on particle, increasing $V_\perp$

c. Total energy $\frac{1}{2}mv_{\parallel}^2 + \frac{1}{2}mv_\perp^2 = \mathcal{E}$ is conserved, so $V_{\parallel}$ must decrease

d. Eventually $V_{\parallel} = 0$, so the particle turns around, having been "mirrored"

7. How does pitch angle $\alpha(S)$ change? $\mathcal{E} = \frac{1}{2}mv_{\parallel}^2 + \mu B$ and $\mathcal{E} = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$

a. $V_{\parallel} = V\cos\alpha$, so $\mathcal{E} = \frac{1}{2}mv^2\cos^2\alpha + \mu B = \mathcal{E}\cos^2\alpha + \mu B$.

b. Thus $1 - \cos^2\alpha = \frac{\mu B}{\mathcal{E}}$, or $\sin^2\alpha = \frac{\mu B}{\mathcal{E}} = \frac{\mu B}{\mu B_t} = \frac{B}{B_t}$

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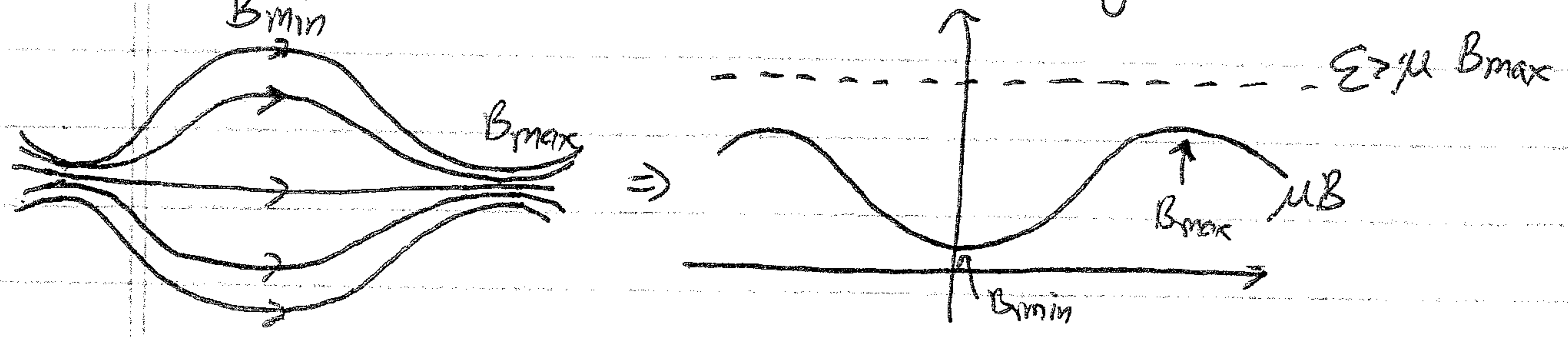
c. Thus $\sin^2\alpha(s) = \dfrac{B(s)}{B_+}$

– As $B(s)$ increases to B_+, $\sin^2\alpha(s) \to 1$, or $\alpha(s) \to \frac{\pi}{2}$.

8. <u>Practical Considerations:</u>

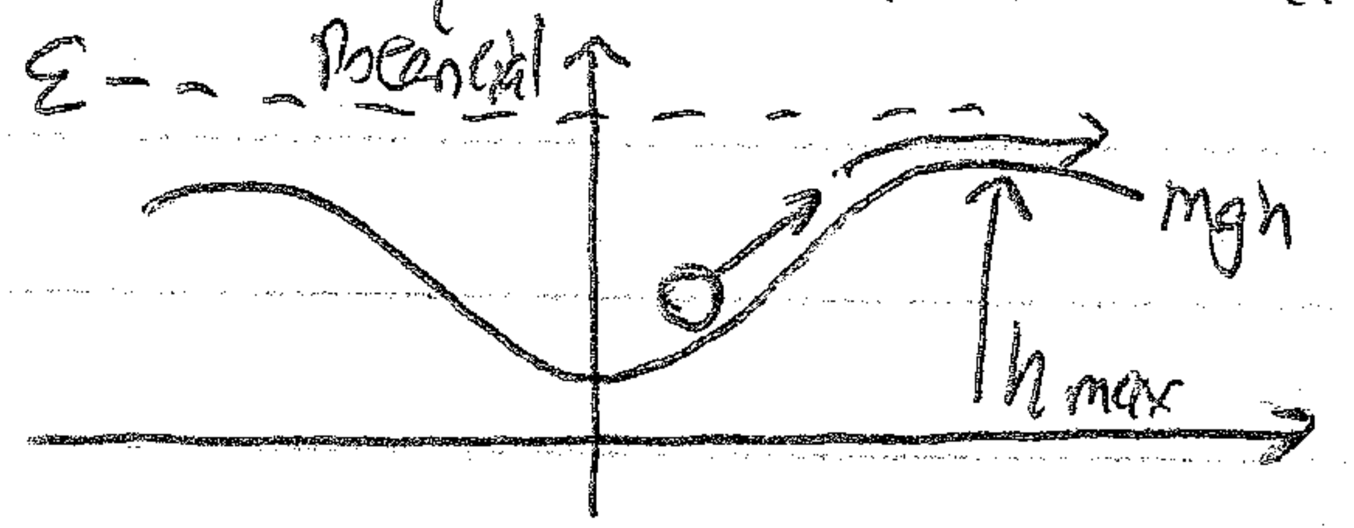
a. There is a limit to the maximum field strength:



b. For particles with $\mathcal{E} > \mu B_{max}$ $\quad v_\parallel = \sqrt{\frac{2}{m}(\mathcal{E} - \mu B_{max})} > 0$

Thus, $v_\parallel$ never reaches zero $\Rightarrow$ particles are <u>not</u> reflected.

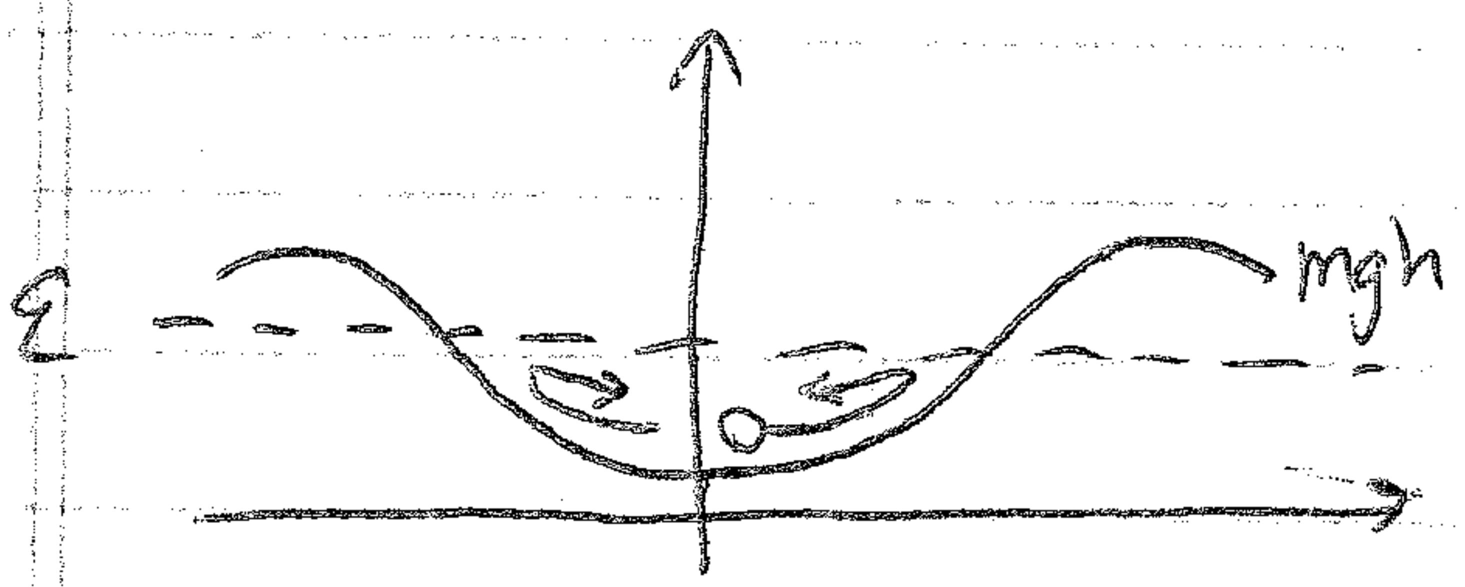
c. <u>Analogy:</u> Frictionless ball on a hill/valley.



$\mathcal{E} = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 + mgh$

i) If $\mathcal{E} > mgh_{max}$, ball passes over hill

ii) If $\mathcal{E} < mgh_{max}$, ball is trapped in valley, oscillating back & forth.



d. 1. We know pitch angle α increases as B increases. $\sin^2\alpha(s) = \dfrac{B(s)}{B_+}$

2. Thus, at $B = B_{min}$, pitch angle is at a minimum.

3. For a particle which reaches $\alpha = \frac{\pi}{2}$ ($v_\parallel = 0$) at $B = B_{max}$, what is its pitch angle at B_{min}? $\Rightarrow \sin^2\alpha(s) = \dfrac{B(s)}{B_{max}}$

For $B(s) = B_{min}$,

$$\boxed{\sin^2\alpha_{min} = \frac{B_{min}}{B_{max}}}$$

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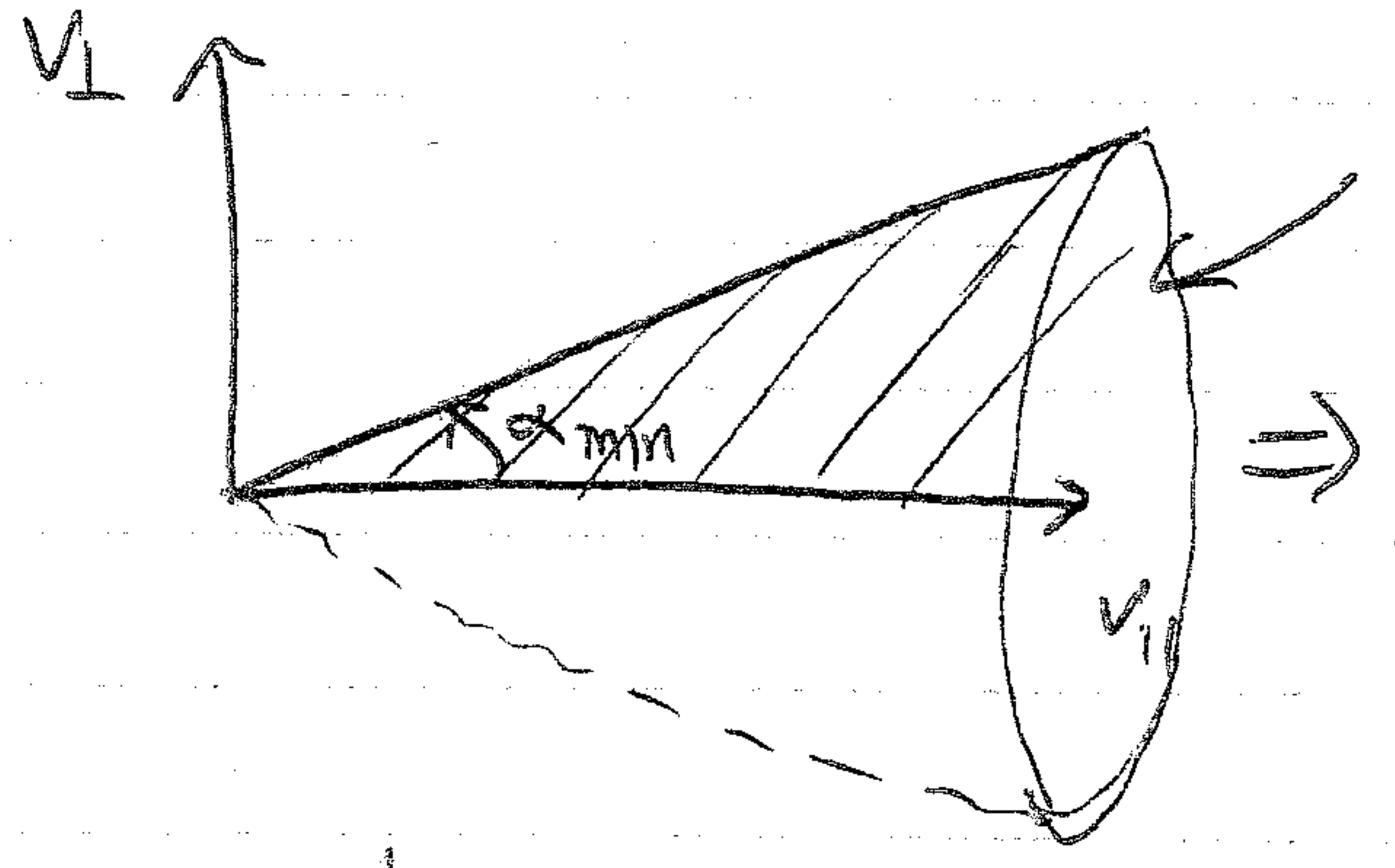
e. $\boxed{\text{Thus, for particles with } \alpha < \alpha_{min}\text{, particles will escape from magnetic mirror.}}$

f. The <u>Mirror Ratio</u> $\boxed{R_m \equiv \frac{B_{max}}{B_{min}}}$. Thus $\boxed{\sin^2\alpha_{min} = \frac{1}{R_m}}$

g. Looking in velocity space



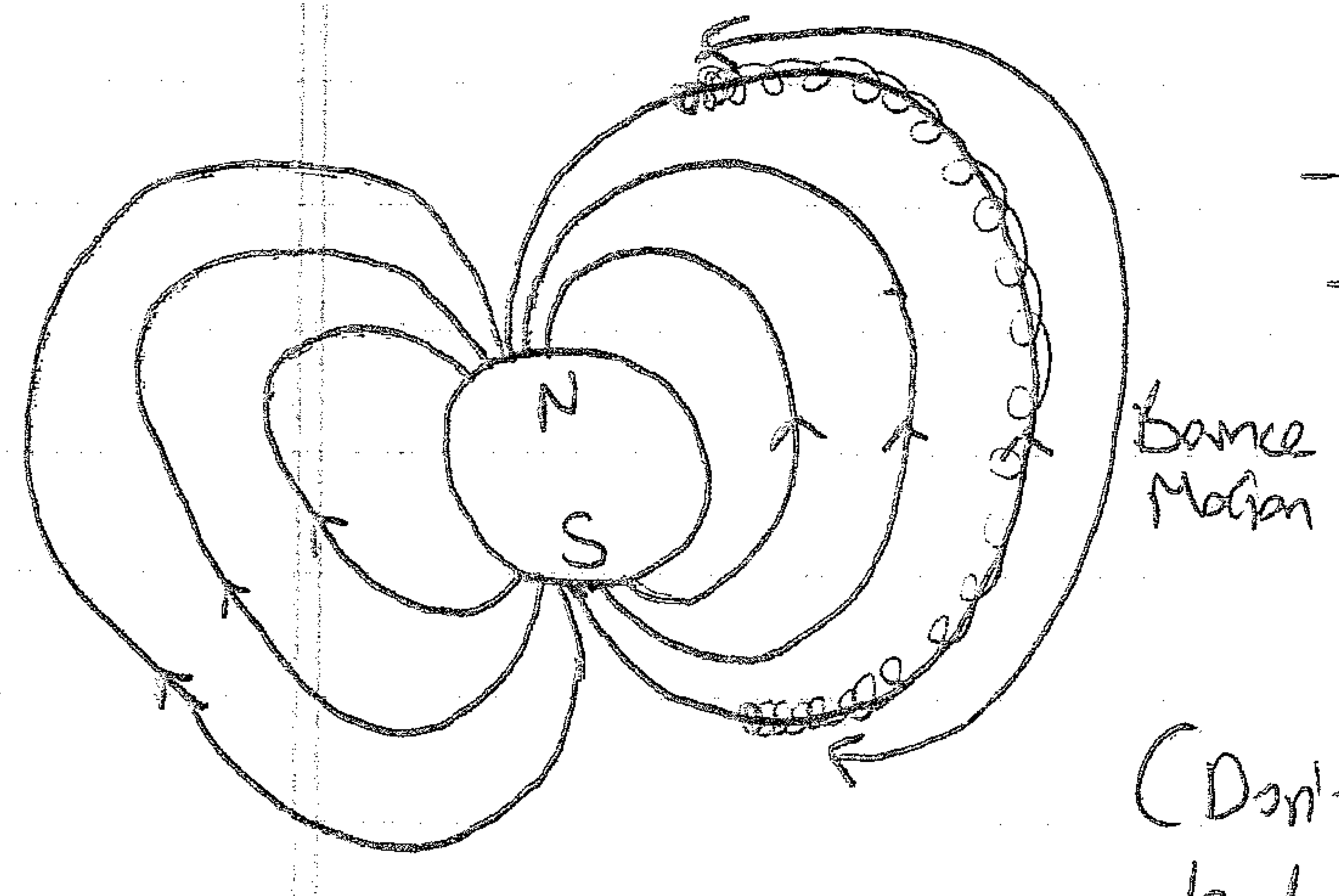
Particles with $\alpha < \alpha_{min}$ will be lost.

$\Rightarrow$ $\boxed{\text{Loss Cone}}$

h. 1. In a collisionless plasma, all particles with $\alpha < \alpha_{min}$ will be lost from mirror.

2. In a collisional plasma, particle collisions will scatter particles into the loss cone, and eventually much of the plasma will be lost.

B. Earth's Magnetosphere:



1. Dipole field of earth behaves as a magnetic mirror
- Weak field at equator
- Strong field at poles

2. Particles trapped on field lines will bounce from pole to pole.

(Don't forget ∇B & curvature drifts also lead to motion westward around the earth)