

Global equilibria of a hot, magnetized rotating plasma in a gravitational field

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We present analytic and numerical solutions for three-dimensional magnetized axisymmetric equilibria confining rotating hot plasma in a gravitational field. Our solution to the full Grad-Shafranov equation can exhibit strong equatorial plane localization of the plasma density and current, resulting in disk equilibria for the plasma density. Unlike in [1], we find a toroidal magnetic field is often necessary to find an equilibrium in the presence of gravity when the plasma pressure is less than the magnetic pressure. However, when the magnetic pressure is much less than the pressure of the plasma the toroidal magnetic field becomes unimportant as in [1]. We expect our results to provide impetus to re-investigate magneto rotational stability [2, 3] in accretion disks.

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