

# Waves and oscillations in the collisionless plasma (summary)

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# Discussed last time...

## ▶ Waves in homogeneous **Maxwellian** plasma:

- High frequency transverse waves  $\omega^2 = \omega_{pe}^2 + k^2 c^2$
- Short wavelength longitudinal oscillations (strongly damped)  $\frac{\omega}{kv_{Te}} = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{2\ln(k^2 r_{De}^2)}} - i \sqrt{2\ln(k^2 r_{De}^2)}$
- Longitudinal waves: intermediate frequency range ( $v_{Ti} \ll \frac{\omega}{k} \ll v_{Te}$ ):
  - ion-acoustic waves:  $\omega = kv_s$ ;  $v_s = \sqrt{Z \frac{\kappa T_e}{M} \left\{ 1 + 3 \frac{T_i}{Z T_e} \right\}}$ , damping
  - short wavelength:  $\omega \approx \omega_{pi}$ , damping

## ▶ Dielectric permittivity for **degenerate** plasma

- Longitudinal  $\varepsilon^l(\omega, k) = 1 + \sum_{\alpha} \frac{3\omega_{p\alpha}^2}{k^2 v_{F\alpha}^2} \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\omega}{k v_{F\alpha}} \ln \frac{\omega + k v_{F\alpha}}{\omega - k v_{F\alpha}} \right]$
- Transverse  $\varepsilon^{tr}(\omega, k) = 1 - \sum_{\alpha} \frac{3\omega_{p\alpha}^2}{2\omega^2} \left[ 1 - \left( 1 - \frac{\omega^2}{k^2 v_{F\alpha}^2} \right) \cdot \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\omega}{k v_{F\alpha}} \ln \frac{\omega + k v_{F\alpha}}{\omega - k v_{F\alpha}} \right) \right]$

## ▶ Longitudinal waves in **degenerate** plasma

- Debye shielding  $r_{D\alpha} = \frac{v_{F\alpha}}{\sqrt{3}\omega_{p\alpha}}$
- High frequency longitudinal plasma waves  $\omega^2 = \omega_{pe}^2 \left[ 1 + \frac{9}{5} k^2 r_{De}^2 \right] \rightarrow$  no damping!
- High frequency short wavelength longitudinal plasma oscillations:

$$\omega = k v_{F\alpha} \left( 1 + 2e^{-2k^2 r_{De}^2 - 2} \right) \rightarrow \text{"zero-point sound"}$$

### ▶ Not yet discussed:

- Ion-acoustic waves in degenerate plasma
- Transverse high frequency waves in degenerate plasma, skin-effect

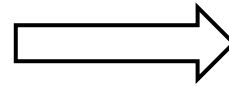
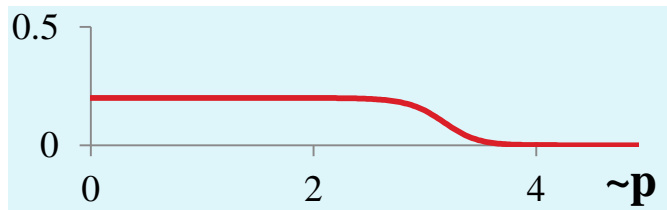
# Dielectric permittivity for degenerate plasma

Homogeneous isotropic **degenerate** plasma:

$$\varepsilon^l(\omega, k) = 1 + \sum_{\alpha} \frac{e_{\alpha}^2}{\varepsilon_0 \omega k^2} \int d\vec{p} \frac{(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{v})^2}{\omega - \vec{k} \cdot \vec{v}} \left( \frac{\partial f_{0\alpha}}{\partial \mathcal{E}_{\alpha}} \right)$$

$$\varepsilon^{tr}(\omega, k) = 1 + \sum_{\alpha} \frac{e_{\alpha}^2}{2\varepsilon_0 \omega k^2} \int d\vec{p} \frac{[\vec{k} \times \vec{v}]^2}{\omega - \vec{k} \cdot \vec{v}} \left( \frac{\partial f_{0\alpha}}{\partial \mathcal{E}_{\alpha}} \right)$$

- Fermi distribution function  $f_{0\alpha}(\mathcal{E}_{\alpha}) = f_{F\alpha} = \frac{\frac{2}{(2\pi\hbar)^3}}{\exp\left(\frac{\mathcal{E}_{\alpha} - \mathcal{E}_{F\alpha}}{\kappa T_{\alpha}}\right) + 1}$



$$\left( \frac{\partial f_{F\alpha}}{\partial \mathcal{E}_{\alpha}} \right) = -\frac{2}{(2\pi\hbar)^3} \delta(\mathcal{E}_{\alpha} - \mathcal{E}_{F\alpha})$$

$$\mathcal{E}_{\alpha} = \frac{p_{\alpha}^2}{2m_{\alpha}}$$

$$\mathcal{E}_{F\alpha} = \frac{p_{F\alpha}^2}{2m_{\alpha}} = \frac{(3\pi^2)^{2/3} \hbar^2 N_{\alpha}^{2/3}}{2m_{\alpha}}$$

# Dielectric permittivity for homogeneous degenerate plasma

$$\varepsilon^l(\omega, k) = 1 + \sum_{\alpha} \frac{3\omega_{p\alpha}^2}{k^2 v_{F\alpha}^2} \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\omega}{k v_{F\alpha}} \ln \frac{\omega + k v_{F\alpha}}{\omega - k v_{F\alpha}} \right]$$

$$\varepsilon^{tr}(\omega, k) = 1 - \sum_{\alpha} \frac{3\omega_{p\alpha}^2}{2\omega^2} \left[ 1 - \left( 1 - \frac{\omega^2}{k^2 v_{F\alpha}^2} \right) \cdot \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\omega}{k v_{F\alpha}} \ln \frac{\omega + k v_{F\alpha}}{\omega - k v_{F\alpha}} \right) \right]$$

$$\varepsilon^l(\omega, k) = 0$$

$$\left[ k^2 - \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \varepsilon^{tr}(\omega, k) \right]^2 = 0$$

Longitudinal  $\vec{E} \parallel \vec{k}$

Transverse  $\vec{E} \perp \vec{k}$

Waves in the degenerate plasma

$\ln(\omega - k v_{F\alpha}) = \ln|\omega - k v_{F\alpha}| - i\pi\delta(\omega - k v_{F\alpha})$  only if  $\omega < k v_{F\alpha}$ !

# Longitudinal waves in degenerate plasma: intermediate frequency (phase velocity) range

$$\varepsilon^l(\omega, k) = 1 + \sum_{\alpha} \frac{3\omega_{p\alpha}^2}{k^2 v_{F\alpha}^2} \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\omega}{k v_{F\alpha}} \ln \frac{\omega + k v_{F\alpha}}{\omega - k v_{F\alpha}} \right]$$

$$\varepsilon^l(\omega, k) = 0$$

$$v_{Fi} \ll \frac{\omega}{k} \ll v_{Fe}$$

$$x = \frac{k v_{Fi}}{\omega} \ll 1$$

$$\ln(1+x) \approx x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} + \frac{x^5}{5}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \ln \frac{1+x}{1-x} &= \ln(1+x) - \ln(1-x) \approx x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \left( x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} + \frac{x^5}{5} \right) = \\ &= 2x \cdot \left( 1 + \frac{x^2}{3} + \frac{x^4}{5} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\left[ \dots - \dots \right] = 1 - \frac{1}{2x} \ln \frac{1+x}{1-x} = -\frac{x^2}{3} - \frac{x^4}{5}$$

$$\delta \varepsilon_i^l(\omega, k) = -\frac{3\omega_{pi}^2}{\omega^2} \left[ \frac{1}{3} + \frac{x^2}{5} \right] \approx -\frac{\omega_{pi}^2}{\omega^2}$$

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$$\varepsilon^l(\omega, k) = 0$$

$$v_{Fi} \ll \frac{\omega}{k} \ll v_{Fe}$$

$$x = \frac{\omega}{k v_{Fe}} \ll 1$$

$$\ln(\omega - k v_{F\alpha}) = \ln|\omega - k v_{F\alpha}| - i\pi\delta(\omega - k v_{F\alpha}) \text{ only if } \omega < k v_{F\alpha}!$$

$$\delta\varepsilon_e^l(\omega, k) = \frac{3\omega_{pe}^2}{k^2 v_{Fe}^2} \left[ 1 + i \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{\omega}{k v_{Fe}} \right]$$

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$$\varepsilon^l(\omega, k) = 0$$

$$v_{Fi} \ll \frac{\omega}{k} \ll v_{Fe}$$

$$\delta\varepsilon^l_i(\omega, k) = -\frac{3\omega_{pi}^2}{\omega^2} \left[ \frac{1}{3} + \frac{x^2}{5} \right] \approx -\frac{\omega_{pi}^2}{\omega^2}$$

$$\delta\varepsilon^l_e(\omega, k) = \frac{3\omega_{pe}^2}{k^2 v_{Fe}^2} \left[ 1 + i \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{\omega}{k v_{Fe}} \right]$$

$$\varepsilon^l(\omega, k) = 1 + \frac{3\omega_{pe}^2}{k^2 v_{Fe}^2} \left[ 1 + i \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{\omega}{k v_{Fe}} \right] - \frac{\omega_{pi}^2}{\omega^2}$$

# Longitudinal waves in degenerate plasma: intermediate frequency (phase velocity) range

$$\varepsilon^l(\omega, k) = 1 + \frac{3\omega_{pe}^2}{k^2 v_{Fe}^2} \left[ 1 + i \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{\omega}{k v_{Fe}} \right] - \frac{\omega_{pi}^2}{\omega^2} = 0$$

$$v_{Fi} \ll \frac{\omega}{k} \ll v_{Fe}$$

$$Re \varepsilon^l(\omega, k) = 1 + \frac{3\omega_{pe}^2}{k^2 v_{Fe}^2} - \frac{\omega_{pi}^2}{\omega^2} = 0$$

propagation

$$\omega^2 = \frac{\omega_{pi}^2}{1 + \frac{3\omega_{pe}^2}{k^2 v_{Fe}^2}}$$

$$Im \varepsilon^l(\omega, k) = i \frac{3\pi}{2} \frac{\omega_{pe}^2 \omega}{k^3 v_{Fe}^3}$$

damping

$$\delta^l(k) = -\frac{Im \varepsilon^l(\omega, k)}{\frac{\partial Re \varepsilon^l(\omega, k)}{\partial \omega}} = -\frac{3\pi}{4} \frac{\omega^4}{k^3 v_{Fe}^3} \frac{\omega_{pe}^2}{\omega_{pi}^2}$$

$$\delta^l(k) = -\frac{3\pi}{4} \frac{\omega^4}{k^3 v_{Fe}^3} \cdot \frac{M}{m}$$

NB: for non-degenerate plasma

$$\delta^l(k) = -\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{8}} \frac{M}{m} \frac{1}{Z} \frac{\omega^4}{k^3 v_{Te}^3} \left\{ 1 + Z \sqrt{\frac{M}{m}} \left( \frac{T_e}{T_i} \right)^{3/2} e^{-\frac{\omega^2}{2k^2 v_{Ti}^2}} \right\}$$



# Longitudinal waves in **partially** degenerate plasma: intermediate frequency (phase velocity) range

$$\omega^2 = \frac{\omega_{pi}^2}{1 + \frac{3\omega_{pe}^2}{k^2 v_{Fe}^2}}$$

$$\delta^l(k) = -\frac{3\pi}{4} \frac{\omega^4}{k^3 v_{Fe}^3} \cdot \frac{M}{m}$$

NB: for non-degenerate plasma

$$\delta^l(k) = -\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{8}} \frac{M}{m} \frac{1}{Z} \frac{\omega^4}{k^3 v_{Te}^3} \left\{ 1 + Z \sqrt{\frac{M}{m}} \left( \frac{T_e}{T_i} \right)^{3/2} e^{-\frac{\omega^2}{2k^2 v_{Ti}^2}} \right\}$$

nondegenerate ←  $v_{Ti} \ll \frac{\omega}{k} \ll v_{Fe}$  → degenerate

$$\delta^l(k) = -\frac{3\pi}{4} \frac{\omega^4}{k^3 v_{Fe}^3} \cdot \frac{M}{m} - \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{8}} \frac{\omega^4}{k^3 v_{Ti}^3} e^{-\frac{\omega^2}{2k^2 v_{Ti}^2}}$$

# Ion acoustic waves in degenerate plasma

$$\omega^2 = \frac{\omega_{pi}^2}{1 + \frac{3\omega_{pe}^2}{k^2 v_{Fe}^2}}$$

$$v_{Fi} \ll \frac{\omega}{k} \ll v_{Fe}$$

$$\frac{k^2 v_{Fe}^2}{3\omega_{pe}^2} \ll 1$$

$$\omega = kv_s; \quad v_s = \frac{v_{Fe}}{\sqrt{3}} \sqrt{\frac{m}{M}}$$

To compare: nondegenerate plasma:  $\omega = kv_s; \quad v_s \approx \sqrt{Z \frac{\kappa T_e}{M}}$

$$v_{F\alpha} = \frac{(3\pi^2)^{1/3} \hbar N_\alpha^{1/3}}{m_\alpha}$$

# Ion acoustic waves in degenerate plasma

$$\varepsilon^l(\omega, k) = 1 + \sum_{\alpha} \frac{3\omega_{p\alpha}^2}{k^2 v_{F\alpha}^2} \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\omega}{k v_{F\alpha}} \ln \frac{\omega + k v_{F\alpha}}{\omega - k v_{F\alpha}} \right]$$

$$\frac{\omega}{k} \ll v_{Fe}$$

$$\frac{\omega}{k} \rightarrow v_{Fi}$$

$$\frac{k v_{Fi}}{\omega_{pi}} \gg 1$$

$$\varepsilon^l(\omega, k) = 1 + \frac{3\omega_{pe}^2}{k^2 v_{Fe}^2} \left[ 1 + i \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{\omega}{k v_{Fe}} \right] + \frac{3\omega_{pi}^2}{k^2 v_{Fi}^2} \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\omega}{k v_{Fi}} \ln \frac{\omega + k v_{Fi}}{\omega - k v_{Fi}} \right] = 0$$

$$\frac{k^2 v_{Fi}^2}{3\omega_{pi}^2} + \frac{v_{Fi}^2}{v_{Fe}^2} \cdot \frac{M}{m} \left[ 1 + i \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{\omega}{k v_{Fe}} \right] + 1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\omega}{k v_{Fi}} \ln \frac{\omega + k v_{Fi}}{\omega - k v_{Fi}} = 0$$

$$\omega \sim k v_{Fi}$$

$$\frac{k^2 v_{Fi}^2}{3\omega_{pi}^2} + i \frac{\pi v_{Fi}^3}{2 v_{Fe}^3} \cdot \frac{M}{m} + 1 = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{\omega + k v_{Fi}}{\omega - k v_{Fi}}$$

$$\frac{\omega - k v_{Fi}}{\omega + k v_{Fi}} = \exp \left[ -\frac{2k^2 v_{Fi}^2}{3\omega_{pi}^2} - i\pi \frac{v_{Fi}^3}{v_{Fe}^3} \cdot \frac{M}{m} - 2 \right]$$

# Ion acoustic waves in degenerate plasma

$$\frac{\omega}{k} \ll v_{Fe}$$

$$\frac{\omega}{k} \rightarrow v_{Fi}$$

$$\frac{kv_{Fi}}{\omega_{pi}} \gg 1$$

$$\omega \sim kv_{Fi}$$

$$\varepsilon^l(\omega, k) = 1 + \frac{3\omega_{pe}^2}{k^2 v_{Fe}^2} \left[ 1 + i \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{\omega}{kv_{Fe}} \right] + \frac{3\omega_{pi}^2}{k^2 v_{Fi}^2} \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\omega}{kv_{Fi}} \ln \frac{\omega + kv_{Fi}}{\omega - kv_{Fi}} \right] = 0$$

$$\frac{\omega - kv_{Fi}}{\omega + kv_{Fi}} = \exp \left[ -\frac{2k^2 v_{Fi}^2}{3\omega_{pi}^2} - i\pi \frac{v_{Fi}^3}{v_{Fe}^3} \cdot \frac{M}{m} - 2 \right]$$

$$\omega - kv_{Fi} \approx 2kv_{Fi} \exp \left[ -\frac{2k^2 v_{Fi}^2}{3\omega_{pi}^2} - i\pi \frac{v_{Fi}^3}{v_{Fe}^3} \cdot \frac{M}{m} - 2 \right]$$

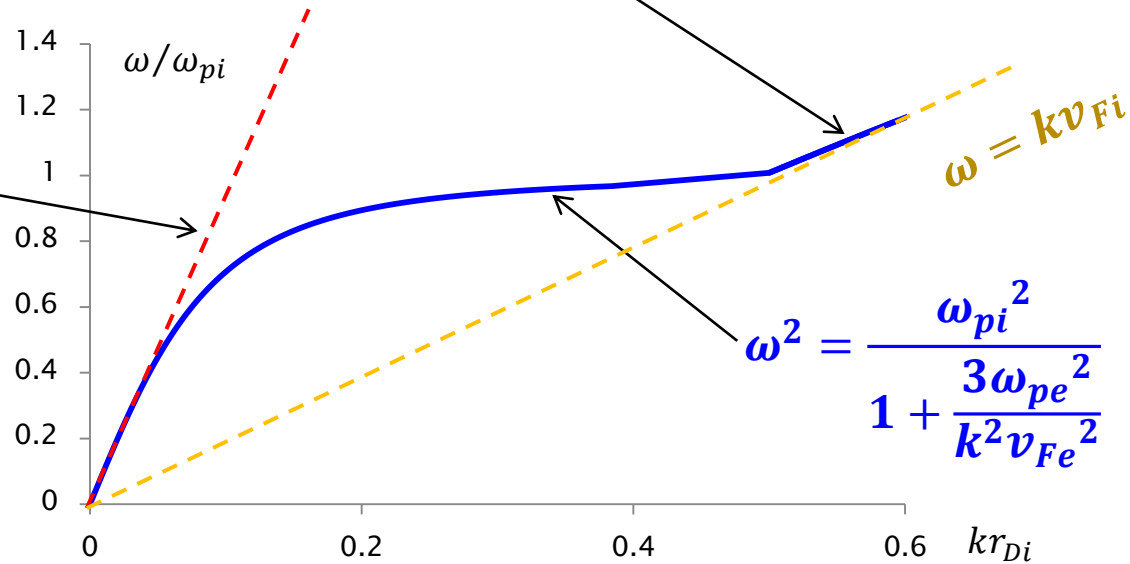
$$\omega = kv_{Fi} \left\{ 1 + 2 \cdot \left( 1 - i\pi \frac{v_{Fi}^3}{v_{Fe}^3} \cdot \frac{M}{m} \right) \cdot \exp \left[ -\frac{2k^2 v_{Fi}^2}{3\omega_{pi}^2} - 2 \right] \right\}$$

# Ion acoustic waves in degenerate plasma

$$\omega = kv_{Fi} \left\{ 1 + 2 \exp \left[ -\frac{2k^2 v_{Fi}^2}{3\omega_{pi}^2} - 2 \right] \right\}$$

$$\omega = kv_s$$

$$v_s = \frac{v_{Fe}}{\sqrt{3}} \sqrt{\frac{m}{M}}$$



damping

$$\delta^l(k) = -\frac{3\pi}{4} \frac{\omega^4}{k^3 v_{Fe}^3} \cdot \frac{M}{m}$$

$$\delta^l(k) = -2\pi k v_{Fi} \cdot \frac{v_{Fi}^3}{v_{Fe}^3} \cdot \frac{M}{m} \exp \left[ -\frac{2k^2 v_{Fi}^2}{3\omega_{pi}^2} - 2 \right]$$

# Transverse waves in degenerate plasma

$$\epsilon^{tr}(\omega, k) = 1 - \frac{3\omega_{pe}^2}{2\omega^2} \left[ 1 - \left( 1 - \frac{\omega^2}{k^2 v_{Fe}^2} \right) \cdot \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\omega}{k v_{Fe}} \ln \frac{\omega + k v_{Fe}}{\omega - k v_{Fe}} \right) \right]$$

$$\left[ k^2 - \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \epsilon^{tr}(\omega, k) \right]^2 = 0$$

High phase velocities

$$\frac{\omega}{k} \gg v_{Fe}$$

$$x = \frac{k v_{Fe}}{\omega} \ll 1$$

$$\epsilon^{tr}(\omega, k) = 1 - \frac{3\omega_{pe}^2}{2\omega^2} \left[ 1 - \left( 1 - \frac{1}{x^2} \right) \cdot \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2x} \ln \frac{1+x}{1-x} \right) \right]$$

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$$\left( \dots - \dots \right) = 1 - \frac{1}{2x} \ln \frac{1+x}{1-x} = -\frac{x^2}{3} - \frac{x^4}{5} = -\frac{x^2}{3} \left( 1 + \frac{3x^2}{5} \right) \approx -\frac{x^2}{3}$$

$$\left( \dots - \dots \right) \cdot \left( \dots - \dots \right) = \left( 1 - \frac{1}{x^2} \right) \cdot \left( -\frac{x^2}{3} \right) \approx \frac{1}{3} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \left[ \dots - \dots \right] = \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{3} \right] = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\epsilon^{tr}(\omega, k) = 1 - \frac{\omega_{pe}^2}{\omega^2}$$

# Transverse waves in degenerate plasma

$$\epsilon^{tr}(\omega, k) = 1 - \frac{3\omega_{pe}^2}{2\omega^2} \left[ 1 - \left( 1 - \frac{\omega^2}{k^2 v_{Fe}^2} \right) \cdot \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\omega}{k v_{Fe}} \ln \frac{\omega + k v_{Fe}}{\omega - k v_{Fe}} \right) \right]$$

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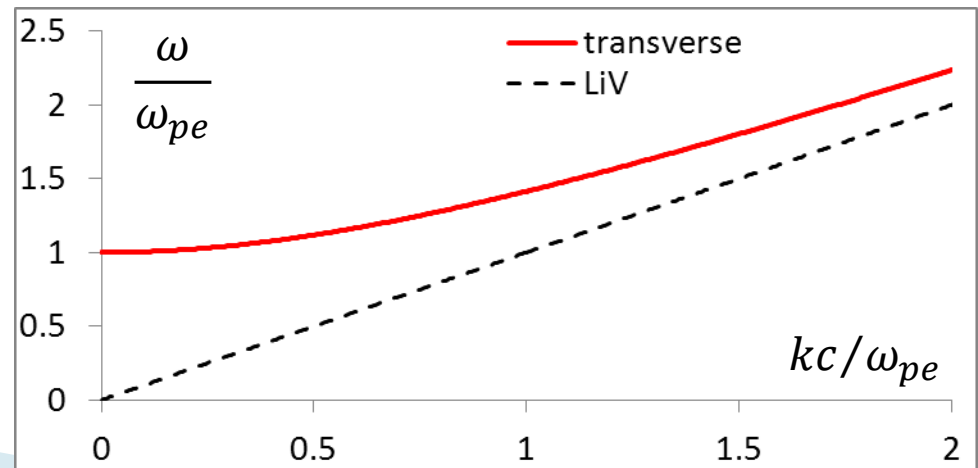
$$x = \frac{k v_{Fe}}{\omega} \ll 1$$

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$$\epsilon^{tr}(\omega, k) \approx 1 - \frac{\omega_{pe}^2}{\omega^2}$$

$$k^2 = \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \epsilon^{tr}(\omega, k) = \frac{\omega^2 - \omega_{pe}^2}{c^2} \Rightarrow$$

$$\omega^2 = \omega_{pe}^2 + k^2 c^2$$



# Anomalous skin-effect in degenerate plasma

NB: for the nondegenerate plasma

$$\lambda_{sk} = \frac{1}{\text{Im } k} \approx \left( \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \cdot \frac{c^2 v_{Te}}{\omega_{pe}^2 \omega} \right)^{1/3} \sim \frac{1}{\omega^{1/3}}$$

For the degenerate plasma:

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Low frequencies:

$$\omega \ll k v_{Fe}$$

$$x = \frac{\omega}{k v_{Fe}} \ll 1$$

$$\varepsilon^{tr}(\omega, k) = 1 - \frac{3\omega_{pe}^2}{2\omega^2} \left[ 1 - (1 - x^2) \cdot \left( 1 - \frac{x}{2} \ln \frac{x+1}{x-1} \right) \right] \approx 1 - \frac{3\omega_{pe}^2}{4\omega^2} x \cdot \ln \frac{x+1}{x-1} \approx 1 + i \frac{3\pi\omega_{pe}^2}{4\omega k v_{Fe}}$$

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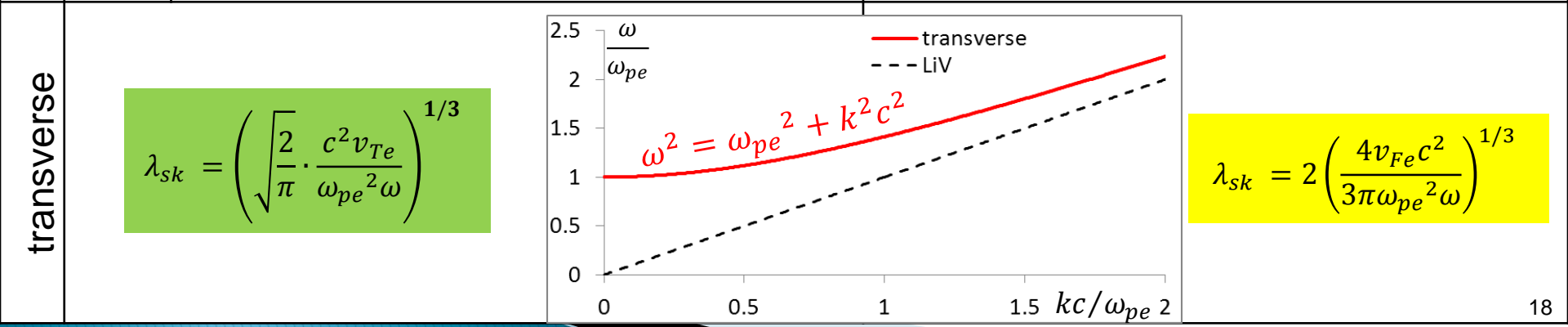
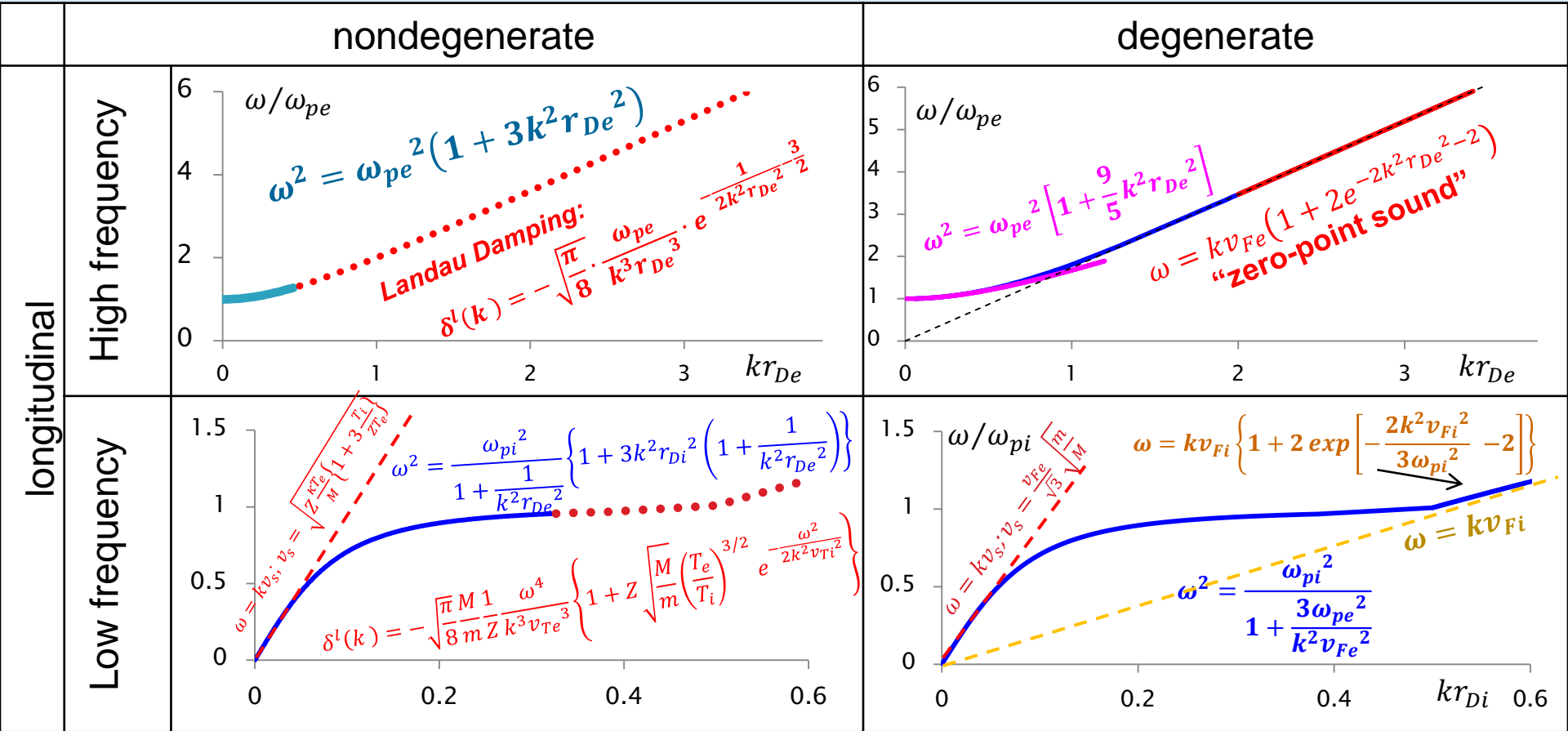
$$k^2 = \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \varepsilon^{tr}(\omega, k) \approx i \frac{3\pi\omega_{pe}^2 \omega}{4k v_{Fe} c^2}$$

$$k^3 = i \frac{3\pi\omega_{pe}^2 \omega}{4v_{Fe} c^2} \implies \text{Im}(k) \approx \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{3\pi\omega_{pe}^2 \omega}{4v_{Fe} c^2} \right)^{1/3}$$

$$\lambda_{sk} = \frac{1}{\text{Im } k} = 2 \left( \frac{4v_{Fe} c^2}{3\pi\omega_{pe}^2 \omega} \right)^{1/3} \sim \frac{1}{\omega^{1/3}}$$

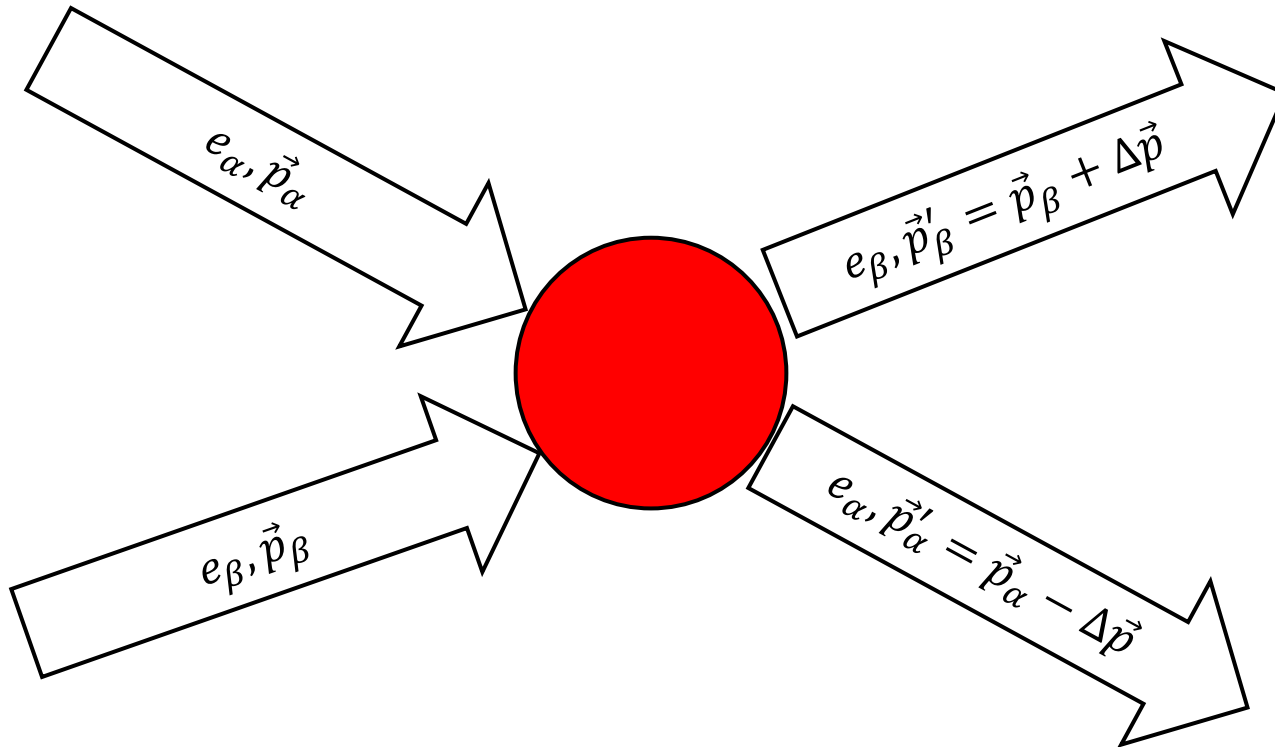
$$\omega \rightarrow 0 \implies \lambda_{sk} \rightarrow \infty$$

# Waves in collisionless plasma



# Particle collisions

Vlasov equation w/o collisions:  $\frac{\partial f_\alpha}{\partial t} + \vec{v} \frac{\partial f_\alpha}{\partial \vec{r}} + e_\alpha (\vec{E} + [\vec{v} \times \vec{B}]) \frac{\partial f_\alpha}{\partial \vec{p}} = 0$



$$\frac{\partial f_\alpha}{\partial t} + \vec{v} \frac{\partial f_\alpha}{\partial \vec{r}} + e_\alpha (\vec{E} + [\vec{v} \times \vec{B}]) \frac{\partial f_\alpha}{\partial \vec{p}} = \left( \frac{\partial f_\alpha}{\partial t} \right)_{col} \Rightarrow \text{collision integral}$$

# Kinetic approach to plasma (L6)

- ▶ particle distribution function for **N** particles:

$$f_N(t, \vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2, \dots, \vec{r}_N, \vec{p}_1, \vec{p}_2, \dots, \vec{p}_N)$$

- ▶ for noninteracting particles (**collisionless** plasma)

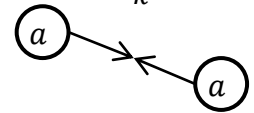
$$f_N(t, \vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2, \dots, \vec{r}_N, \vec{p}_1, \vec{p}_2, \dots, \vec{p}_N) = \prod_{i=1}^N f(t, \vec{r}_i, \vec{p}_i)$$

- ▶ **probability** that the particle is within the volume  $d\vec{r} d\vec{p}$  around the point  $\vec{r}, \vec{p}$  of the phase space at the  $t$  time moment:

$$f(t, \vec{r}, \vec{p}) d\vec{r} d\vec{p}$$

Plasma (gas) parameter:

$$\eta = \frac{U_{pot}}{E_k} \ll 1$$



e.g. for Coulomb interaction:

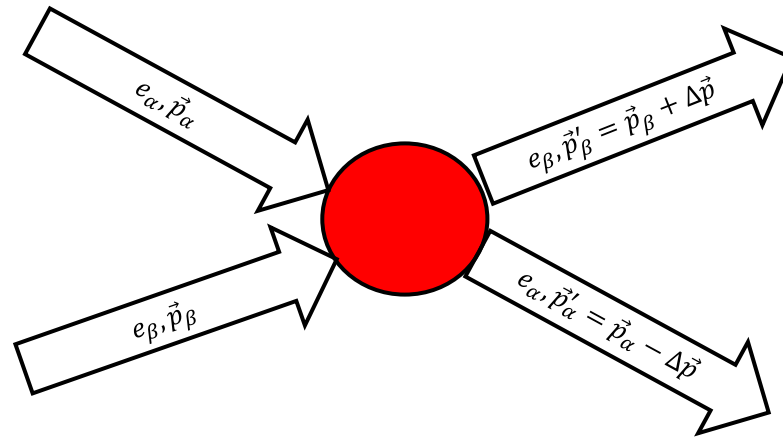
$$\eta = \frac{e^2 N^{1/3}}{4\pi\epsilon_0 kT} \sim \left(\frac{\langle r \rangle}{r_{De}}\right)^2 \ll 1$$

⇒  $\eta^0$  ⇒ VlasEQN

# Kinetic approach to collisions in plasma

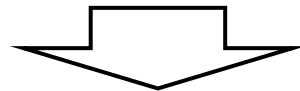
?  $\eta^1 \rightarrow$  L. Boltzmann

$$\frac{df_\alpha}{dt} = \left( \frac{\partial f_\alpha}{\partial t} \right)_{col} \equiv \sum_\beta \left( \frac{\partial f_\alpha}{\partial t} \right)^{\alpha\beta} \equiv \sum_\beta I_{\alpha\beta}(f_\alpha, f_\beta)$$



Boltzmann collision integral:

$$I_{\alpha\beta}(f_\alpha, f_\beta) = - \int d\mathbf{p}_\beta d\mathbf{p}'_\beta d\mathbf{p}'_\alpha W(\mathbf{p}_\alpha, \mathbf{p}_\beta, \mathbf{p}'_\alpha, \mathbf{p}'_\beta) \cdot [f_\alpha(\mathbf{p}'_\alpha) f_\beta(\mathbf{p}'_\beta) - f_\alpha(\mathbf{p}_\alpha) f_\beta(\mathbf{p}_\beta)]$$



scattering probability

# Boltzmann (elastic) collision integral

$$I_{\alpha\beta}(f_\alpha, f_\beta) = - \int d\mathbf{p}_\beta d\mathbf{p}'_\beta d\mathbf{p}'_\alpha W(\mathbf{p}_\alpha, \mathbf{p}_\beta, \mathbf{p}'_\alpha, \mathbf{p}'_\beta) \cdot [f_\alpha(\mathbf{p}_\alpha) f_\beta(\mathbf{p}_\beta) - f_\alpha(\mathbf{p}'_\alpha) f_\beta(\mathbf{p}'_\beta)]$$

Problem: to calculate the probability  $W(\mathbf{p}_\alpha, \mathbf{p}_\beta, \mathbf{p}'_\alpha, \mathbf{p}'_\beta)$ .

Suppose: the potential energy of interactions of two particles is the function of their distance only:

$$U(|\mathbf{r}_\alpha - \mathbf{r}_\beta|) = \int d\mathbf{k} U(\mathbf{k}) e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot (\mathbf{r}_\alpha - \mathbf{r}_\beta)}$$

The Fourier transform  $U(\mathbf{k})$  of the interaction potential  $U(\mathbf{r})$  is given:

$$U(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int d\mathbf{r} U(|\mathbf{r}|) e^{-i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}}$$

How to proceed?

! Let us use the **quantum mechanical (QM) approach** and **Born approximation**:  
the probability of scattering of 2 particles  $\rightarrow$  from evaluation of the elements of the interaction matrix using **unperturbed initial and final states** (interaction energy is small compared to the kinetic energy):

**( $|U| \cdot$  interaction radius  $\ll \hbar \cdot$  velocity of of the scattered particle)**

$$W(\mathbf{p}_\alpha, \mathbf{p}_\beta, \mathbf{p}'_\alpha, \mathbf{p}'_\beta) = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} \left| U_{\mathbf{p}_\alpha, \mathbf{p}_\beta, \mathbf{p}'_\alpha, \mathbf{p}'_\beta} \right|^2 \delta[(\varepsilon'_\alpha + \varepsilon'_\beta) - (\varepsilon_\alpha + \varepsilon_\beta)]$$

# Summary

▶ Longitudinal low frequency waves in degenerate plasma:

- Intermediate phase velocity range  $v_{Fi} \ll \frac{\omega}{k} \ll v_{Fe}$

$$\omega^2 = \omega_{pi}^2 / \left( 1 + \frac{3\omega_{pe}^2}{k^2 v_{Fe}^2} \right); \quad \delta^l(k) = -\frac{3\pi}{4} \frac{\omega^4}{k^3 v_{Fe}^3} \cdot \frac{M}{m}$$

- Ion-acoustic waves:  $\omega = kv_s$ ;  $v_s = \frac{v_{Fe}}{\sqrt{3}} \sqrt{\frac{m}{M}}$

- Damping in partially degenerate plasma:  $\delta^l(k) = -\frac{3\pi}{4} \frac{\omega^4}{k^3 v_{Fe}^3} \cdot \frac{M}{m} - \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{8}} \frac{\omega^4}{k^3 v_{Ti}^3} e^{-\frac{\omega^2}{2k^2 v_{Ti}^2}}$

▶ Transverse waves in degenerate plasma, skin-effect

- High frequency  $\omega^2 = \omega_{pe}^2 + k^2 c^2$

- Anomalous skin-effect:  $\lambda_{sk} = 2 \left( \frac{4v_{Fe}c^2}{3\pi\omega_{pe}^2\omega} \right)^{1/3} \sim \frac{1}{\omega^{1/3}}$

▶ General classification of waves in collisionless plasma

- Transverse (high and low frequency) and longitudinal
- Degenerate and nondegenerate plasma

▶ Kinetic approach with particle collisions

- Boltzmann collision integral - intro

▶ Next:

- Collision integrals → Fokker-Planck EQN:

- Charged particles → Lenard-Balescu collision integral, Landau formula, Coulomb logarithm
- Model integral for elastic particle scattering – BGK
- ?Degenerate plasma