

# **Kinetic equation with (charged) particle collisions**

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L#10

# Discussed last time...

▶ 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

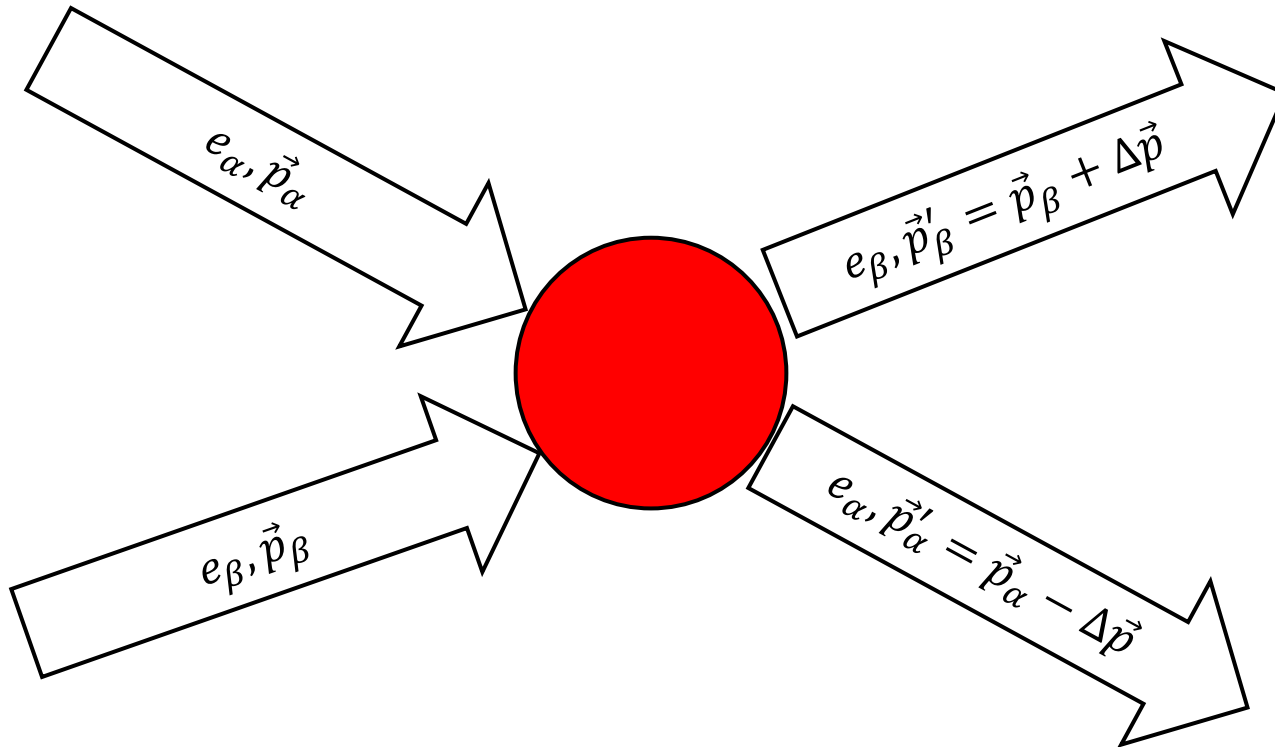
▶ Not yet:

- Collision integrals → Fokker-Planck EQN:

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

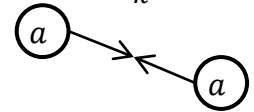
$$f_N(t, \vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2, \dots, \vec{r}_N, \vec{p}_1, \vec{p}_2, \dots, \vec{p}_N) = \prod_{i=1}^N f(t, \vec{r}_i, \vec{p}_i)$$

- ▶ **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:

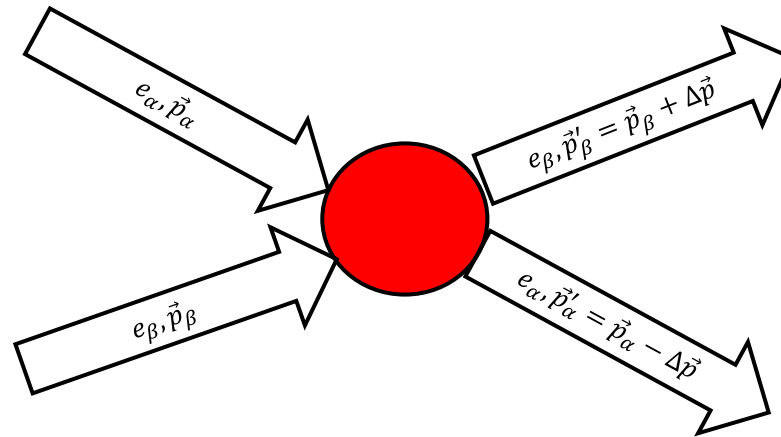
$$\eta = \frac{e^2 N^{1/3}}{4\pi\epsilon_0 kT} \sim \left(\frac{\langle r \rangle}{r_{De}}\right)^2 \ll 1$$

⇒  $\eta^0$  ⇒ VlasEQN

# Kinetic approach to collisions in plasma

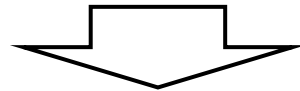
?  $\eta^1 \rightarrow$  L. Boltzmann

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



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)**

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

# Born approximation

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

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The wave function of a free nonrelativistic particle with momentum  $\mathbf{p}$  and energy  $\varepsilon = \frac{\mathbf{p}^2}{2m}$ :

$$\Psi_{\mathbf{p}} = \frac{1}{(2\pi\hbar)^3} \exp\left(-i\frac{\varepsilon}{\hbar}t + i\frac{\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{r}}{\hbar}\right)$$

The interaction matrix:

$$U_{\mathbf{p}_\alpha, \mathbf{p}_\beta, \mathbf{p}'_\alpha, \mathbf{p}'_\beta} = \int d\mathbf{k} U(\mathbf{k}) \langle \mathbf{p}'_\alpha | e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}_\alpha} | \mathbf{p}_\alpha \rangle \langle \mathbf{p}'_\beta | e^{-i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}_\beta} | \mathbf{p}_\beta \rangle$$

# Born approximation

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

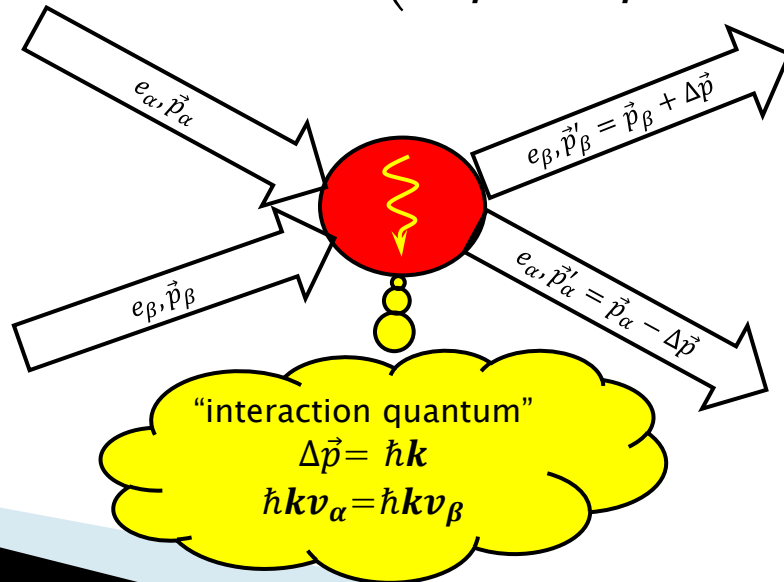
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$$\mathbf{r}_\alpha = \mathbf{r}_{\alpha 0} + \mathbf{v}_\alpha \mathbf{t}$$

$$\Psi_{\mathbf{p}} = \frac{1}{(2\pi\hbar)^3} \exp\left(-i\frac{\varepsilon}{\hbar}t + i\frac{\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{r}}{\hbar}\right)$$

$$\langle \mathbf{p}'_\alpha | e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}_\alpha} | \mathbf{p}_\alpha \rangle = \delta(\mathbf{p}'_\alpha - \mathbf{p}_\alpha + \hbar\mathbf{k}) \delta\left(\frac{\mathbf{p}'_\alpha{}^2}{2m_\alpha} - \frac{\mathbf{p}_\alpha{}^2}{2m_\alpha} + \hbar\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{v}_\alpha\right)$$

$$\langle \mathbf{p}'_\beta | e^{-i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}_\beta} | \mathbf{p}_\beta \rangle = \delta(\mathbf{p}'_\beta - \mathbf{p}_\beta - \hbar\mathbf{k}) \delta\left(\frac{\mathbf{p}'_\beta{}^2}{2m_\beta} - \frac{\mathbf{p}_\beta{}^2}{2m_\beta} - \hbar\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{v}_\beta\right)$$





# Boltzmann (elastic) collision integral

$$\left(\frac{\partial f_\alpha}{\partial t}\right)^{\alpha\beta} = I_{\alpha\beta}(f_\alpha, f_\beta) = - \int d\mathbf{p}_\beta d\mathbf{p}'_\beta d\mathbf{p}'_\alpha W(\mathbf{p}_\alpha, \mathbf{p}_\beta, \mathbf{p}'_\alpha, \mathbf{p}'_\beta) \cdot [f_\alpha(\mathbf{p}_\alpha) f_\beta(\mathbf{p}_\beta) - f_\alpha(\mathbf{p}'_\alpha) f_\beta(\mathbf{p}'_\beta)]$$

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

$$U_{\mathbf{p}_\alpha, \mathbf{p}_\beta, \mathbf{p}'_\alpha, \mathbf{p}'_\beta} = \int d\mathbf{k} U(\mathbf{k}) \langle \mathbf{p}'_\alpha | e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}_\alpha} | \mathbf{p}_\alpha \rangle \langle \mathbf{p}'_\beta | e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}_\beta} | \mathbf{p}_\beta \rangle$$

$$\langle \mathbf{p}'_\alpha | e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}_\alpha} | \mathbf{p}_\alpha \rangle = \delta(\mathbf{p}'_\alpha - \mathbf{p}_\alpha + \hbar\mathbf{k}) \delta\left(\frac{\mathbf{p}'_\alpha{}^2}{2m_\alpha} - \frac{\mathbf{p}_\alpha{}^2}{2m_\alpha} + \hbar\mathbf{k}\mathbf{v}_\alpha\right)$$

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$$I_{\alpha\beta}(f_\alpha, f_\beta) = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} \int d\mathbf{p}_\beta \frac{d\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} |U(\mathbf{k})|^2 \cdot \delta\left(\frac{(\mathbf{p}_\alpha - \hbar\mathbf{k})^2}{2m_\alpha} + \frac{(\mathbf{p}_\beta + \hbar\mathbf{k})^2}{2m_\beta} - \frac{\mathbf{p}_\alpha{}^2}{2m_\alpha} - \frac{\mathbf{p}_\beta{}^2}{2m_\beta}\right) \times \\ \times [f_\alpha(\mathbf{p}_\alpha) f_\beta(\mathbf{p}_\beta) - f_\alpha(\mathbf{p}_\alpha - \hbar\mathbf{k}) f_\beta(\mathbf{p}_\beta + \hbar\mathbf{k})]$$

Classical limit:  $\hbar\mathbf{k} \ll \mathbf{p}_\alpha, \mathbf{p}_\beta$

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$$\times [f_\alpha(\mathbf{p}_\alpha) f_\beta(\mathbf{p}_\beta) - f_\alpha(\mathbf{p}_\alpha - \hbar\mathbf{k}) f_\beta(\mathbf{p}_\beta + \hbar\mathbf{k})]$$

$$\delta(-\hbar \mathbf{k} \mathbf{u}) = \frac{1}{\hbar} \delta(\mathbf{k} \mathbf{u})$$

$$\hbar k_i \cdot [\dots]_i + \frac{\hbar^2 k_i k_i}{2} [\dots]_{ij}$$

0

$$I_{\alpha\beta}(f_\alpha, f_\beta) = \frac{\partial}{\partial p_{\alpha i}} \int d\mathbf{p}_\beta \kappa_{ij}^{\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{p}_\alpha, \mathbf{p}_\beta) \left[ \frac{\partial f_\alpha(\mathbf{p}_\alpha)}{\partial p_{\alpha j}} f_\beta(\mathbf{p}_\beta) - f_\alpha(\mathbf{p}_\alpha) \frac{\partial f_\beta(\mathbf{p}_\beta)}{\partial p_{\beta j}} \right]$$

$$\kappa_{ij}^{\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{p}_\alpha, \mathbf{p}_\beta) = \frac{\pi}{2} \cdot \frac{u^2 - u_i u_j}{u^2} \int (2\pi)^3 k^2 d\mathbf{k} \cdot |U(\mathbf{k})|^2 \cdot \delta(\mathbf{k} \mathbf{u})$$

# The Fokker-Planck Equation

$$\frac{\partial f_\alpha}{\partial t} + \vec{v} \frac{\partial f_\alpha}{\partial \vec{r}} + e_\alpha (\vec{E} + [\vec{v} \times \vec{B}]) \frac{\partial f_\alpha}{\partial \vec{p}} = \left( \frac{\partial f_\alpha}{\partial t} \right)_{col} = \sum_\beta \left( \frac{\partial f_\alpha}{\partial t} \right)^{\alpha\beta} \equiv \sum_\beta I_{\alpha\beta}(f_\alpha, f_\beta)$$

$$\frac{\partial f_\alpha}{\partial t} + \vec{v} \frac{\partial f_\alpha}{\partial \vec{r}} + e_\alpha (\vec{E} + [\vec{v} \times \vec{B}]) \frac{\partial f_\alpha}{\partial \vec{p}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial p_{\alpha i}} \left( D_{ij} \frac{\partial f_\alpha}{\partial p_{\alpha j}} - A_i \cdot f_\alpha \right)$$

Diffusion in momentum space

$$D_{ij} = \sum_\beta \int d\mathbf{p}_\beta \kappa_{ij}^{\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{p}_\alpha, \mathbf{p}_\beta) f_\beta(\mathbf{p}_\beta)$$

Friction in momentum space

$$A_i = \sum_\beta \int d\mathbf{p}_\beta \kappa_{ij}^{\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{p}_\alpha, \mathbf{p}_\beta) \frac{\partial f_\beta(\mathbf{p}_\beta)}{\partial p_{\beta j}}$$

$$\kappa_{ij}^{\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{p}_\alpha, \mathbf{p}_\beta) = \frac{\pi}{2} \cdot \frac{u^2 - u_i u_j}{u^2} \int (2\pi)^3 k^2 d\mathbf{k} \cdot |U(\mathbf{k})|^2 \cdot \delta(\mathbf{k}u)$$

??  $U(\mathbf{r}) \rightarrow U(\mathbf{k})$

# Collision Integral: charged particles

$$\frac{\partial f_\alpha}{\partial t} + \vec{v} \frac{\partial f_\alpha}{\partial \vec{r}} + e_\alpha (\vec{E} + [\vec{v} \times \vec{B}]) \frac{\partial f_\alpha}{\partial \vec{p}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial p_{\alpha i}} \left( D_{ij} \frac{\partial f_\alpha}{\partial p_{\alpha j}} - A_i \cdot f_\alpha \right)$$

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$$A_i = \sum_\beta \int d\mathbf{p}_\beta \kappa_{ij}^{\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{p}_\alpha, \mathbf{p}_\beta) \frac{\partial f_\beta(\mathbf{p}_\beta)}{\partial p_{\beta j}}$$

$$\kappa_{ij}^{\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{p}_\alpha, \mathbf{p}_\beta) = \frac{\pi}{2} \cdot \frac{u^2 - u_i u_j}{u^2} \int (2\pi)^3 k^2 dk \cdot |U(\mathbf{k})|^2 \cdot \delta(\mathbf{k}\mathbf{u})$$

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$$\mathbf{r}_\alpha = \mathbf{r}_{\alpha 0} + \mathbf{v}_\alpha t$$

$$\text{div } \mathbf{D} = e_\alpha \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_{\alpha 0} - \mathbf{v}_\alpha t)$$

# Collision Integral: charged particles

$$\operatorname{div} \mathbf{D} = e_{\alpha} \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_{\alpha 0} - \mathbf{v}_{\alpha} t)$$

From L3

$$\mathbf{D}(t, \vec{r}) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega \int d\vec{k} \mathbf{D}(\omega, \vec{k}) e^{-i\omega t + i\vec{k}\vec{r}}$$
$$\mathbf{E}(t, \vec{r}) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega \int d\vec{k} \mathbf{E}(\omega, \vec{k}) e^{-i\omega t + i\vec{k}\vec{r}}$$

$$D_i(\omega, \vec{k}) = \varepsilon_0 \varepsilon_{ij}(\omega, \vec{k}) E_j(\omega, \vec{k})$$

$$\delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_{\alpha}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int d\mathbf{k} e^{i\mathbf{k}(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_{\alpha})}$$

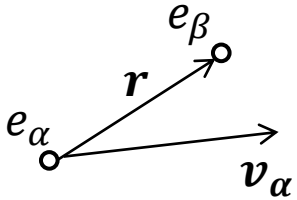
From L4  
(Problem 4.1)

$$\mathbf{E}(t, \vec{r}) = -\nabla \Phi(|\mathbf{r}_{\alpha} - \mathbf{r}|)$$

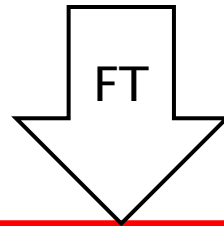
$$\Phi(|\mathbf{r}_{\alpha} - \mathbf{r}|) = \frac{e_{\alpha}}{(2\pi)^3 \varepsilon_0} \int d\mathbf{k} \frac{e^{i\mathbf{k}(\mathbf{r}_{\alpha} - \mathbf{r})}}{k_i k_j \varepsilon_{ij}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{v}_{\alpha}, \mathbf{k})}$$

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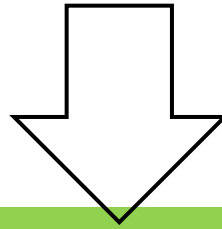
$$U(\mathbf{r}) = e_\beta \Phi = \frac{e_\alpha e_\beta}{(2\pi)^3 \epsilon_0} \int d\mathbf{k} \frac{e^{i\mathbf{k}\mathbf{r}}}{k_i k_j \epsilon_{ij}(\mathbf{k}\mathbf{v}_\alpha, \mathbf{k})}$$



$$U(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{e_\alpha e_\beta}{(2\pi)^3 \epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{1}{k_i k_j \epsilon_{ij}(\mathbf{k}\mathbf{v}_\alpha, \mathbf{k})}$$

# Lenard-Balescu collision Integral

$$U(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{e_\alpha e_\beta}{(2\pi)^3 \epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{1}{k_i k_j \epsilon_{ij}(\mathbf{k} \mathbf{v}_\alpha, \mathbf{k})}$$



$$\kappa_{ij}^{\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{p}_\alpha, \mathbf{p}_\beta) = \frac{\pi}{2} \cdot \frac{u^2 - u_i u_j}{u^2} \int (2\pi)^3 k^2 d\mathbf{k} \cdot |U(\mathbf{k})|^2 \cdot \delta(\mathbf{k}u)$$

$$\kappa_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} = \pi \left( \frac{e_\alpha e_\beta}{8\pi^3 \epsilon_0} \right)^2 \int (2\pi)^3 d\mathbf{k} \cdot \frac{k_i k_j \delta(\mathbf{k} \mathbf{v}_\alpha - \mathbf{k} \mathbf{v}_\beta)}{|k_i k_j \epsilon_{ij}(\mathbf{k} \mathbf{v}_\alpha, \mathbf{k})|^2}$$

Dynamically screened  
kernel of the collision  
integral

$$\frac{\partial f_\alpha}{\partial t} + \vec{v} \frac{\partial f_\alpha}{\partial \vec{r}} + e_\alpha (\vec{E} + [\vec{v} \times \vec{B}]) \frac{\partial f_\alpha}{\partial \vec{p}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial p_{\alpha i}} \left( D_{ij} \frac{\partial f_\alpha}{\partial p_{\alpha j}} - A_i \cdot f_\alpha \right)$$

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# Landau Formula, Coulomb logarithm

$$\kappa_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} = \pi \left( \frac{e_\alpha e_\beta}{8\pi^3 \epsilon_0} \right)^2 \int (2\pi)^3 d\mathbf{k} \cdot \frac{k_i k_j \delta(\mathbf{k}\mathbf{v}_\alpha - \mathbf{k}\mathbf{v}_\beta)}{|k_i k_j \epsilon_{ij}(\mathbf{k}\mathbf{v}_\alpha, \mathbf{k})|^2}$$

$$u = \mathbf{v}_\alpha - \mathbf{v}_\beta$$

Case of vacuum:  $\epsilon_{ij} = \delta_{ij}$

$$\kappa_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} = \frac{1}{8\pi} \left( \frac{e_\alpha e_\beta}{\epsilon_0} \right)^2 \cdot \frac{u^2 - u_i u_j}{u^2} \cdot \int_0^\infty \frac{dk}{k}$$

$$k_{max} \sim \frac{1}{r_{min}}$$

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$$\int_0^\infty \frac{dk}{k} \rightarrow \int_{k_{min}}^{k_{max}} \frac{dk}{k} = \ln \left( \frac{k_{max}}{k_{min}} \right) = \ln \left( \frac{r_{max}}{r_{min}} \right) = L \Rightarrow \text{Coulomb logarithm}$$



# Landau Formula, Coulomb logarithm

$$\kappa_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} = \frac{1}{8\pi} \left( \frac{e_\alpha e_\beta}{\epsilon_0} \right)^2 \cdot \frac{u^2 - u_i u_j}{u^2} \cdot L$$

Plasma (gas) parameter:

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

**Coulomb logarithm**  $L = \ln \left( \frac{k_{max}}{k_{min}} \right) = \ln \left( \frac{r_{max}}{r_{min}} \right) -$  **Landau (1936)**

$$k_{min} = \frac{1}{r_D} \quad k_{max} = \frac{1}{r_{min}} \cong \frac{\langle \mathcal{E} \rangle}{e^2}$$

$$L \gg 1$$

$$\frac{k_{min}}{k_{max}} \cong \frac{e^2 N^{\frac{1}{3}}}{\epsilon_0 \langle \mathcal{E} \rangle} \ll 1$$

Gas-discharge, ionosphere	10...20
Semiconductor (nondegenerate)	10
Metals (degenerate) X	1

# Landau equation

$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{v}_\alpha - \mathbf{v}_\beta$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f_\alpha}{\partial t} + \vec{v} \frac{\partial f_\alpha}{\partial \vec{r}} + e_\alpha (\vec{E} + [\vec{v} \times \vec{B}]) \frac{\partial f_\alpha}{\partial \vec{p}} = \\ = \sum_\beta \frac{\partial}{\partial p_{\alpha i}} \int d\mathbf{p}_\beta \frac{1}{8\pi} \left( \frac{e_\alpha e_\beta}{\epsilon_0} \right)^2 \cdot L \cdot \frac{u^2 - u_i u_j}{u^2} \cdot \left[ \frac{\partial f_\alpha(\mathbf{p}_\alpha)}{\partial p_{\alpha j}} f_\beta(\mathbf{p}_\beta) - f_\alpha(\mathbf{p}_\alpha) \frac{\partial f_\beta(\mathbf{p}_\beta)}{\partial p_{\beta j}} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Landau equation  $\rightarrow$  kinetic equation for a completely ionized plasma taking account of two-particle Coulomb collisions

# Relaxation of the mean velocity

**Problem 10.1:** Calculate the relaxation of the mean velocity for electrons distributed according to a shifted Maxwellian in a completely ionized plasma.

$$f_e(\mathbf{v}) = \frac{N_e}{(2\pi m k T_e)^{3/2}} \exp\left[-\frac{m(\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{u}(t))^2}{2kT_e}\right]$$

**Assumptions:**  $v_e \gg v_i$  and  $v_{Te} \gg v_{Ti}$

$$\frac{\partial f_e}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial v_s} \int d\mathbf{v}^i \frac{1}{8\pi} \left(\frac{ee_i}{m\epsilon_0}\right)^2 \cdot L \cdot \frac{v^2 - v_s v_j}{v^2} \cdot \left[ \frac{\partial f_e(\mathbf{v})}{\partial v_j} f_i(\mathbf{v}^i) - f_e(\mathbf{v}) \frac{\partial f_i(\mathbf{v}^i)}{\partial v_j^i} \right] \times \mathbf{v} \int d\mathbf{p}$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{8\pi} \left(\frac{ee_i}{m\epsilon_0}\right)^2 \cdot \frac{L \cdot N_i}{N_e} \int d\mathbf{p} \cdot f_e \cdot \frac{2\mathbf{v}}{v^3}$$

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Assumptions:  $u \ll v_{Te}$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} = -\nu_{eff} \mathbf{u}$$

$$\nu_{eff} = \frac{1}{12\pi^2 \epsilon_0^2} \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{m}} \cdot \frac{e^2 e_i^2 L \cdot N_i}{(kT_e)^{3/2}}$$

Effective frequency of electron-ion collisions

$T_{v-relax} \sim \frac{1}{\nu_{eff}} \rightarrow$  the relaxation time of the directed electrons

# Particle collisions in the degenerate plasma

- Pauli's exclusion principle: at most two fermions (electrons or holes) can occupy the same state ( $\rightarrow \mathbf{p}$ )
- Each state in phase space has the volume  $(2\pi\hbar)^3$

$$I_{\alpha\beta}(f_\alpha, f_\beta) = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} \int d\mathbf{p}_\beta \frac{d\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} |U(\mathbf{k})|^2 \cdot \delta\left(\frac{(\mathbf{p}_\alpha - \hbar\mathbf{k})^2}{2m_\alpha} + \frac{(\mathbf{p}_\beta + \hbar\mathbf{k})^2}{2m_\beta} - \frac{\mathbf{p}_\alpha^2}{2m_\alpha} - \frac{\mathbf{p}_\beta^2}{2m_\beta}\right) \times$$

$$\times [f_\alpha(\mathbf{p}_\alpha) f_\beta(\mathbf{p}_\beta) - f_\alpha(\mathbf{p}_\alpha - \hbar\mathbf{k}) f_\beta(\mathbf{p}_\beta + \hbar\mathbf{k})]$$

$$\left[ f_\alpha(\mathbf{p}_\alpha) f_\beta(\mathbf{p}_\beta) \cdot \left\{ 1 - \frac{(2\pi\hbar)^3}{2} f_\alpha(\mathbf{p}_\alpha - \hbar\mathbf{k}) \right\} \left\{ 1 - \frac{(2\pi\hbar)^3}{2} f_\beta(\mathbf{p}_\beta + \hbar\mathbf{k}) \right\} - \right.$$

$$\left. - f_\alpha(\mathbf{p}_\alpha - \hbar\mathbf{k}) f_\beta(\mathbf{p}_\beta + \hbar\mathbf{k}) \cdot \left\{ 1 - \frac{(2\pi\hbar)^3}{2} f_\alpha(\mathbf{p}_\alpha) \right\} \left\{ 1 - \frac{(2\pi\hbar)^3}{2} f_\beta(\mathbf{p}_\beta) \right\} \right]$$

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NB: nondegenerate case:  $I_{\alpha\beta}(f_\alpha, f_\beta) = \frac{\partial}{\partial p_{\alpha i}} \int d\mathbf{p}_\beta \kappa_{ij}^{\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{p}_\alpha, \mathbf{p}_\beta) \left[ \frac{\partial f_\alpha(\mathbf{p}_\alpha)}{\partial p_{\alpha j}} f_\beta(\mathbf{p}_\beta) - f_\alpha(\mathbf{p}_\alpha) \frac{\partial f_\beta(\mathbf{p}_\beta)}{\partial p_{\beta j}} \right]$

$\hbar k \ll \mathbf{p}_\alpha, \mathbf{p}_\beta$

$$I_{\alpha\beta}(f_\alpha, f_\beta) = \int d\mathbf{p}_\beta \kappa_{ij}^{\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{p}_\alpha, \mathbf{p}_\beta) \left[ 2 \frac{\partial f_\alpha}{\partial p_{\alpha i}} \frac{\partial f_\beta}{\partial p_{\beta j}} \left\{ 1 - \frac{(2\pi\hbar)^3}{2} (f_\alpha + f_\beta) \right\} - \frac{\partial^2 f_\alpha}{\partial p_{\alpha i} \partial p_{\alpha j}} f_\beta \left\{ 1 - \frac{(2\pi\hbar)^3}{2} f_\beta \right\} - \frac{\partial^2 f_\beta}{\partial p_{\beta i} \partial p_{\beta j}} f_\alpha \left\{ 1 - \frac{(2\pi\hbar)^3}{2} f_\alpha \right\} \right]$$

$$\kappa_{ij}^{\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{p}_\alpha, \mathbf{p}_\beta) = \frac{\pi}{2} \cdot \frac{u^2 - u_i u_j}{u^2} \int (2\pi)^3 k^2 d\mathbf{k} \cdot |U(\mathbf{k})|^2 \cdot \delta(\mathbf{k}u)$$

$$kT_e \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_F$$

# Summary

- Kinetic approach with particle collisions
  - Boltzmann collision integral – using QM approach and Born approximation
  - The Fokker-Planck equation – diffusion and friction in momentum space

$$\frac{\partial f_\alpha}{\partial t} + \vec{v} \cdot \frac{\partial f_\alpha}{\partial \vec{r}} + e_\alpha (\vec{E} + [\vec{v} \times \vec{B}]) \cdot \frac{\partial f_\alpha}{\partial \vec{p}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial p_{\alpha i}} \left( D_{ij} \frac{\partial f_\alpha}{\partial p_{\alpha j}} - A_i \cdot f_\alpha \right)$$

$$D_{ij} = \sum_\beta \int d\mathbf{p}_\beta \kappa_{ij}^{\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{p}_\alpha, \mathbf{p}_\beta) f_\beta(\mathbf{p}_\beta); \quad A_i = \sum_\beta \int d\mathbf{p}_\beta \kappa_{ij}^{\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{p}_\alpha, \mathbf{p}_\beta) \frac{\partial f_\beta(\mathbf{p}_\beta)}{\partial p_{\beta j}}$$

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- Collision integral for charged particles
  - Lienard-Balescu integral → Dynamically screened kernel of the collision integral

$$\kappa_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} = \pi \left( \frac{e_\alpha e_\beta}{8\pi^3 \epsilon_0} \right)^2 \int (2\pi)^3 d\mathbf{k} \cdot \frac{k_i k_j \delta(\mathbf{k}\mathbf{v}_\alpha - \mathbf{k}\mathbf{v}_\beta)}{|k_i k_j \epsilon_{ij}(\mathbf{k}\mathbf{v}_\alpha, \mathbf{k})|^2}$$

- Landau Formula, Coulomb logarithm → Landau equation

$$\kappa_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} = \frac{1}{8\pi} \left( \frac{e_\alpha e_\beta}{\epsilon_0} \right)^2 \cdot \frac{u^2 - u_i u_j}{u^2} \cdot \int_0^\infty \frac{dk}{k}; \quad L = \ln \left( \frac{k_{max}}{k_{min}} \right) = \ln \left( \frac{r_{max}}{r_{min}} \right) = \ln \left( \frac{\epsilon_0 \langle \mathcal{E} \rangle}{e^2 N^{\frac{1}{3}}} \right)$$

- Relaxation of the mean velocity:

- effective frequency of electron-ion collisions in a completely ionized plasma:  $\nu_{eff} = \frac{1}{12\pi^2 \epsilon_0^2} \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{m}} \cdot \frac{e^2 e_i^2 L N_i}{(kT_e)^{3/2}}$

- Particle collisions in the degenerate plasma

- Pauli's exclusion principle →  $1 - \frac{(2\pi\hbar)^3}{2} f_\alpha$

- ▶ Next: Collision integrals for neutral particles:

- → Model integral for elastic particle scattering → Bhatnagar-Gross-Krook =BGK

$$\left( \frac{\partial f_\alpha}{\partial t} \right)^{\alpha\beta} = -\nu_{\alpha\beta} \cdot (f_\alpha - N_\alpha \Phi_{\alpha\beta})$$

$$\Phi_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{1}{(2\pi m_\alpha k T_{\alpha\beta})^{3/2}} \exp \left[ -\frac{m_\alpha (v - V_\beta)^2}{2k T_{\alpha\beta}} \right]; \quad T_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{m_\alpha T_\beta + m_\beta T_\alpha}{m_\alpha + m_\beta}$$