

Lecture 6

Energetic particle excitations of shear Alfvén instabilities in tokamaks

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- Kinetic effects and resonant wave-particle interactions enter with different spatiotemporal scales. Kinetic response $\delta K \propto \omega_d$ and pressure-curvature coupling, also $\propto \omega_d$, favor important role of **geodesic curvature** (radial drift, coupling through k_r). Thus:
 - **inertial layer**: mostly thermal ions/electrons (drive and damping) enhanced by $\propto \omega_d^2$ response
 - **ideal region**: mostly energetic particles (drive) as layer response is suppressed by finite magnetic drift orbit width effects
 - **meso-scales**: could be due to both thermal plasma and EP, *e.g.*, in fusion plasmas; they need careful analysis (not this lecture)
- ⇒ EP excitation of BAE/BAAE in kinetic thermal ion gap [Chen 2007]
- Illustrate the possible role of EP in the layer by EP excitation of TAE/KTAE [Chen RMP 2016] assuming small EP drift orbits.

BAE/BAAE: kinetic effects in the layer

- Use the equations from [Lecture 5](#). For simplicity, write layer equations ($\hat{\kappa}_\perp \sim |s\vartheta| \rightarrow \infty$) neglecting FLR (FLR are treated by [Wang 2010].)
- QN condition for $\hat{\kappa}_\perp \rightarrow \infty$ (p. 22 of [Lecture 5](#))

$$\left(1 + \frac{1}{\tau}\right) (\delta\hat{\Phi}_n - \delta\hat{\Psi}_n) = \frac{T_i}{n_0 e} \hat{\kappa}_\perp \left\langle \delta\hat{K}_{in} \right\rangle_v .$$

- GK vorticity equation for $\hat{\kappa}_\perp \rightarrow \infty$ (p. 23 of [Lecture 5](#))
with $g(\vartheta, \theta_k) \simeq s\vartheta \sin \vartheta$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \vartheta^2} \delta\hat{\Psi}_n + \frac{\omega (\omega - \omega_{*pi})}{\omega_A^2} \delta\hat{\Phi}_n + \frac{4\pi R_0 q^2}{B_0} \frac{g(\vartheta, \theta_k) \omega}{ck_\vartheta \hat{\kappa}_\perp} \left\langle m_i (\mu B_0 + v_\parallel^2) \delta\hat{K}_{in} \right\rangle_v = 0 .$$

- BAE are important since they can be excited by both fast ions (long wavelengths) as well by thermal ions (short wavelengths; AITG) [POP 1999; Chen RMP 2016].

- The particle distribution function $\delta\hat{K}_i$ is derived from the **drift-kinetic equation** (no FLR; $\omega_{tr} = v_{\parallel}/qR$)

$$[\omega_{tr}\partial_{\vartheta} - i(\omega - \omega_d)]_i \delta\hat{K}_i = i\left(\frac{e}{m}\right)_i QF_{0i} \left[(\delta\hat{\phi} - \delta\hat{\psi}) + \left(\frac{\omega_d}{\omega}\right)_i \delta\hat{\psi} \right]$$

- For BAE one typically has $\omega \approx \omega_{ti} \approx \omega_{*pi} \approx k_{\parallel}v_A$. Important effects are expected from kinetic interaction in the radial local region (kinetic layer) $k_{\parallel}qR_0 \approx \beta^{1/2}$.
- Typical paradigmatic case for application of MSD to drift Alfvén turbulence as well as MHD (no specification of mode number so far; just $k_{\parallel}qR_0 \approx \beta^{1/2}$).
- **Derivation of layer equation via asymptotic expansion in $\beta^{1/2}$** . Lowest order solution yields $\delta\hat{K}_i^{(0)} = -(e/m)_i(QF_{0i}/\omega)(\delta\hat{\phi}^{(0)} - \delta\hat{\psi}^{(0)})$, which yields $\delta\hat{\psi}^{(0)} = \delta\hat{\phi}^{(0)}$ when substituted back into the quasi-neutrality condition.

□ At the next order, $\delta\hat{\phi}^{(1)} = e^{i\vartheta}\delta\hat{\phi}^{(1+)} + e^{-i\vartheta}\delta\hat{\phi}^{(1-)}$ with a corresponding $\delta\hat{K}_i^{(1)} = e^{i\vartheta}\delta\hat{K}_i^{(1+)} + e^{-i\vartheta}\delta\hat{K}_i^{(1-)}$. Let $\omega_{tr}^{(\pm)} = [1 \pm (nq - m)](v_{\parallel}/qR_0)$. Then

$$i \left[\pm\omega_{tr}^{(\pm)} - \omega \right] \delta\hat{K}_i^{(1\pm)} = i \left(\frac{e}{m} \right)_i QF_{0i}^{(\mp)} \delta\hat{\phi}^{(1\pm)} \mp i \left(\frac{e}{m} \right)_i QF_{0i} \frac{v_{\perp}^2/2 + v_{\parallel}^2}{R_0\omega_{ci}\omega} \frac{k_r}{2i} \delta\hat{\phi}^{(0)}$$

□ Note that the dominant effect comes from the geodesic curvature (large $k_r \propto \vartheta$), causing radial magnetic drifts. Sideband generation is evident in the wave-particle interaction as well as in the ω_* effect in $QF_{0i}^{(\mp)}$, which is computed at $m \mp 1$.

□ Substituting back into the quasi-neutrality and letting $\omega_{ti}^{(\pm)} = (2T_i/m_i)^{1/2} [1 \pm (nq - m)]/qR_0$

$$\delta\hat{\phi}^{(1\pm)} = \mp i \frac{cT_i}{eB_0} \frac{N_m(\omega/\omega_{ti}^{(\pm)})}{D_{m\mp 1}(\omega/\omega_{ti}^{(\pm)})} \frac{k_r}{\omega R_0} \delta\hat{\phi}^{(0)}$$

- Definitions: $Z(x) = \pi^{-1/2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-y^2} / (y - x) dy$ and subscripts m and $m \mp 1$ indicate poloidal mode numbers to compute

$$N(x) = \left(1 - \frac{\omega_{*ni}}{\omega}\right) [x + (1/2 + x^2) Z(x)] - \frac{\omega_{*Ti}}{\omega} [x (1/2 + x^2) + (1/4 + x^4) Z(x)] ,$$

$$D(x) = \left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \left(1 + \frac{1}{\tau}\right) + \left(1 - \frac{\omega_{*ni}}{\omega}\right) Z(x) - \frac{\omega_{*Ti}}{\omega} [x + (x^2 - 1/2) Z(x)] ,$$

- Corresponding solutions of the drift-kinetic equation are

$$\delta \hat{K}_i^{(1\pm)} = \mp i \frac{cT_i}{eB_0} \frac{e/m_i}{\omega \mp \omega_{tr}^{(\pm)}} \left[\frac{m_i}{2T_i} \left(\frac{v_{\perp}^2}{2} + v_{\parallel}^2 \right) QF_{0i} - \frac{N_m(\omega/\omega_{ti}^{(\pm)})}{D_{m\mp 1}(\omega/\omega_{ti}^{(\pm)})} QF_{0i}^{(\mp)} \right] \frac{k_r}{\omega R_0} \delta \hat{\phi}^{(0)}$$

- The large $|\vartheta|$ vorticity equation becomes finally (canonical form yielding the general fishbone like dispersion relation)

$$\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \vartheta^2} + \Lambda^2 \right) \delta \hat{\Psi}^{(0)} = 0$$

- Definitions: $\delta \Psi^{(0)} = \hat{\kappa}_\perp \delta \hat{\psi}^{(0)}$

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda^2 = & \frac{\omega^2}{\omega_A^2} \left(1 - \frac{\omega_{*pi}}{\omega} \right) + q^2 \frac{\omega_{ti}^2}{2\omega_A^2} \left[\left(1 - \frac{\omega_{*ni}}{\omega} \right) \left((\omega/\omega_{ti}^{(+)}) F(\omega/\omega_{ti}^{(+)}) + (\omega/\omega_{ti}^{(-)}) F(\omega/\omega_{ti}^{(-)}) \right) \right. \\ & - \frac{\omega_{*Ti}}{\omega} \left((\omega/\omega_{ti}^{(+)}) G(\omega/\omega_{ti}^{(+)}) + (\omega/\omega_{ti}^{(-)}) G(\omega/\omega_{ti}^{(-)}) \right) \\ & \left. - \left((\omega/\omega_{ti}^{(+)}) N_m(\omega/\omega_{ti}^{(+)}) \frac{N_{m-1}(\omega/\omega_{ti}^{(+)})}{D_{m-1}(\omega/\omega_{ti}^{(+)})} + (\omega/\omega_{ti}^{(-)}) N_m(\omega/\omega_{ti}^{(-)}) \frac{N_{m+1}(\omega/\omega_{ti}^{(-)})}{D_{m+1}(\omega/\omega_{ti}^{(-)})} \right) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

$$F(x) = x \left(x^2 + 3/2 \right) + \left(x^4 + x^2 + 1/2 \right) Z(x) ,$$

$$G(x) = x \left(x^4 + x^2 + 2 \right) + \left(x^6 + x^4/2 + x^2 + 3/4 \right) Z(x) ,$$

- Reminder from [Lecture 3](#): $\Lambda^2 = k_{\parallel}^2 q^2 R_0^2$ represents the SAW continuum; i.e., frequency gap is at $\Lambda^2 < 0$
- To demonstrate that Λ^2 expression contains the physics of low-frequency (BAE) gap formation in the SAW continuum, take the fluid limit in which MHD is valid, $|\omega| \gg \omega_{ti}$
- Large argument expansion of the plasma Z function yields:

$$\Lambda^2 = \frac{1}{\omega_A^2} \left[\omega^2 - \left(\frac{7}{4} + \frac{T_e}{T_i} \right) q^2 \omega_{ti}^2 \right] + i\sqrt{\pi} q^2 e^{-\omega^2/\omega_{ti}^2} \frac{\omega^2}{\omega_A^2} \left(\frac{\omega_{ti}}{\omega} - \frac{\omega_{*Ti}}{\omega_{ti}} \right) \left(\frac{\omega^2}{\omega_{ti}^2} + \frac{T_e}{T_i} \right)^2 .$$

- From solution of the low frequency MHD equations ([Lecture 3](#)) we have that gap should occur at $\omega^2 < \Gamma(T_i + T_e)/(m_i R_0^2)$. Comparing results with kinetic theory:

$\Gamma_e = 2$ electrons behave as adiabatic massless fluid in 2D

$$\Gamma_i = 7/2???$$

Micro- and meso- scale excitation of low-frequency AE/EPM

- With the general expression of Λ ($k_{\parallel} = 0$). Reduces to fluid limit (Lecture 3) and incorporates Landau damping (esp. of Alfvén-acoustic branch)

$$\Lambda^2 = \frac{\omega^2}{\omega_A^2} \left(1 - \frac{\omega_{*pi}}{\omega}\right) + q^2 \frac{\omega \omega_{ti}}{\omega_A^2} \left[\left(1 - \frac{\omega_{*ni}}{\omega}\right) F(\omega/\omega_{ti}) - \frac{\omega_{*Ti}}{\omega} G(\omega/\omega_{ti}) - \frac{N_m(\omega/\omega_{ti})}{2} \left(\frac{N_{m+1}(\omega/\omega_{ti})}{D_{m+1}(\omega/\omega_{ti})} + \frac{N_{m-1}(\omega/\omega_{ti})}{D_{m-1}(\omega/\omega_{ti})} \right) \right]$$

low frequency AE/EPM can be excited by both thermal ions (micro-scale) and energetic ions (meso-scales)

$$i\Lambda = \delta \bar{W}_f + \delta \bar{W}_k \quad (\text{fast ions included})$$

- Excitation of low-frequency AE by thermal ions is most easily seen using the simplified expression of Λ derived earlier:

AITG excitation mechanism

$$\Lambda^2 = \frac{1}{\omega_A^2} \left[\omega^2 - \left(\frac{7}{4} + \frac{T_e}{T_i} \right) q^2 \omega_{ti}^2 \right] + i \sqrt{\pi} q^2 e^{-\omega^2/\omega_{ti}^2} \frac{\omega^2}{\omega_A^2} \left(\frac{\omega_{ti}}{\omega} - \frac{\omega_{*Ti}}{\omega_{ti}} \right) \left(\frac{\omega^2}{\omega_{ti}^2} + \frac{T_e}{T_i} \right)^2 .$$

- When $\omega \omega_{*Ti} > \omega_{ti}^2$ accumulation point becomes unstable! The unstable continuum is not a concern
(E: compute how much the mode can grow before mode converting to KAW. Hint: compute how long takes for a wave-packet born at small ϑ -ballooning to reach large ϑ where KAW physics is important).
- When $\omega \omega_{*Ti} > \omega_{ti}^2$ and equilibrium effects localize the AE, the Alfvénic ITG mode is excited (AITG)

- Energetic particle contribution to potential energy from Lecture 5 (p. 27)

$$\delta \bar{W}_k = \left(\delta \hat{\Phi}_{0+}^{(0)\dagger} \delta \hat{\Phi}_{0+}^{(0)} \right)^{-1} \left(-\frac{1}{2} \right) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta \hat{\Phi}^{(0)\dagger} \left[\frac{4\pi R_0 q^2}{B_0} \frac{g(\vartheta, \theta_k) \omega}{c k_{\vartheta} \hat{\kappa}_{\perp}} \left\langle m_E (\mu B_0 + v_{\parallel}^2) J_0 \delta \hat{K}_E \right\rangle_v \right] d\vartheta$$

E: Derive this expression by using the form of $\delta \bar{W}_k$ of Lecture 5 and the expression of $\hat{\omega}_{dE}$ (*i.e.*, replacing ∇B_0 – with curvature-drift).

- This expression is ready for numerical implementation, once $\delta \hat{K}_E$ is provided. Complete analytical expressions are also available and given in [POP 2014; Chen RMP 2016].
- For simplicity, neglect finite orbit width effects, and assume $\omega_b \gg \bar{\omega}_d$.
- Since the thermal plasma has infinite conductivity, we can take $\delta \phi = \delta \psi$ at the lowest order.

- The GKE can be written as (p.22 Lecture 5)

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + v_{\parallel} \nabla_{\parallel} + \mathbf{v}_d \cdot \nabla_{\perp} \right) \delta K = i \frac{e}{m} \left[Q \bar{F}_0 \langle \delta \phi_g - \delta \psi_g \rangle - \mathbf{v}_d \cdot \nabla_{\perp} Q \bar{F}_0 \partial_t^{-1} \langle \delta \psi_g \rangle \right] .$$

- Applying present approximations and letting $-i \mathbf{v}_d \cdot \nabla \equiv \omega_d \equiv \tilde{\omega}_d + \bar{\omega}_d$ (incorporating the toroidal mode number into the definition of $\bar{\omega}_d$, unlike in Lecture 4)

$$\begin{aligned} (\omega + i v_{\parallel} \nabla_{\parallel} - \tilde{\omega}_d - \bar{\omega}_d) \delta K &= -\frac{e}{m} \frac{\omega_d}{\omega} Q \bar{F}_0 \langle \delta \psi_g \rangle \\ \Rightarrow (\omega + i v_{\parallel} \nabla_{\parallel} - \bar{\omega}_d) \delta K &\simeq -\frac{e}{m} \frac{\omega_d}{\omega} Q \bar{F}_0 \delta \phi \end{aligned}$$

- Here, we have noted that $\delta K = e^{-iQ_b} \delta K_b$, and $v_{\parallel} \nabla_{\parallel} Q_b - \tilde{\omega}_d = 0$.

- The pull back operator e^{-iQ_b} from bounce-banana center to guiding center is nearly an identity for negligible orbit width and $\delta K \simeq \delta K_b$. Similarly $\langle \delta \psi_g \rangle \simeq \delta \psi \simeq \delta \phi$.
- Since $\bar{\omega}_d \ll \omega_b$, at the lowest order $\nabla_{\parallel} \delta K \simeq \partial_{\vartheta} \delta \hat{K} \simeq 0$. To avoid secularities in ϑ and introducing bounce averaging on unperturbed particle motions

$$\overline{[\dots]} \equiv \left(\oint \frac{d\ell}{v_{\parallel}} \right)^{-1} \oint \frac{d\ell}{v_{\parallel}} [\dots]$$

it is possible to obtain

$$\delta \hat{K} = \frac{e}{m} \frac{Q \bar{F}_0}{\omega} e^{-inq\vartheta} \left(\frac{\overline{e^{inq\vartheta} \omega_d \delta \hat{\phi}}}{\bar{\omega}_d - \omega} \right),$$

which represents the integral particle response.

E: Discuss why this response of energetic particles is integral, even if we assumed negligible orbit width. What type of approximation could you introduce to further simplify the problem?

- In general, the integral particle response reflect the “memory” of the system in collisionless fusion plasmas

$$e^{-inq\vartheta} \overline{e^{inq\vartheta} \omega_d \delta \hat{\phi}} \equiv \hat{\omega}_d \delta \hat{\phi}$$

- Here, note that $\hat{\omega}_d$ is a notation for recalling that we need to treat ∇B_0 and curvature drifts in the same fashion, for correctly accounting for equilibrium and perturbed parallel pressure balance ([Lecture 2](#), [Lecture 3](#) and [Lecture 4](#)). Meanwhile $\hat{\omega}_d$ is defined by the above equation.
- Further approximation is generally possible either assuming deeply trapped particles and/or fixed mode structure; e.g., one single (m, n) .

- Assuming $\bar{F}_{0E}$ to be symmetric in $v_{\parallel}$, and $\bar{\omega}_d = \Omega_d = -(\mu B_0 + v_{\parallel}^2)k_{\vartheta}/(\Omega R_0)$ for deeply trapped particles, with $\tau_b = 2\pi/\omega_b = 2\pi q R_0/[(r/R_0)\mathcal{E}]^{1/2}$

$$\delta \bar{W}_k = \frac{\pi^2}{|s|} \frac{e^2}{mc^2} q R_0 B_0 \sum_{v_{\parallel}/|v_{\parallel}|=\pm 1} \int d\mathcal{E} \int d\mu \left(\frac{\Omega_d}{k_{\vartheta}} \right)^2 \tau_b \frac{Q \bar{F}_0}{\bar{\omega}_d - \omega} .$$

- Consider EPs with an isotropic slowing down distribution function and injection energy E_F much larger than the critical energy E_c , so that for $E_F/m_E > \mathcal{E} > E_c/m_E$ the EP energy is predominantly transferred to thermal electrons by collisional friction (as for α -particles in fusion plasmas); *i.e.*,

$$\bar{F}_0 = \frac{3P_{0E}}{4\pi E_F} \frac{H(E_F/m_E - \mathcal{E})}{(2\mathcal{E})^{3/2} + (2E_c/m_E)^{3/2}} ,$$

where H denotes the Heaviside step function and the normalization condition is chosen such that the EP energy density is $(3/2)P_{0E}$ for $E_F \gg E_c$.

□ Substituting into the expression for $\delta\bar{W}_k$, we obtain

$$\delta\bar{W}_{nk} = \frac{3\pi(r/R_0)^{1/2}\alpha_E}{8\sqrt{2}|s|} \left[1 + \frac{\omega}{\bar{\omega}_{dF}} \ln \left(\frac{\bar{\omega}_{dF}}{\omega} - 1 \right) + i\pi \frac{\omega}{\bar{\omega}_{dF}} \right],$$

with $\bar{\omega}_{dF} = \bar{\omega}_d(\mathcal{E} = E_F/m_E)$ and having noted that $|\omega_{*E}| \gg |\omega|$ for SAW resonantly excited by EPs.

E: Derive this expression step by step filling in the missing algebra.

E: Use the simplified expression for Λ on p. 10 to show that BAE can be excited. Can you discuss the condition for exciting EPM?

RP: Use the same dispersion relation to show that there is a transition from EP driven modes at long wavelength (BAE) to thermal ion driven modes (AITG) for increasing mode number.

RP: Adopt the fluid expression of Λ derived in Lecture 3 and demonstrate the properties of the EP excitations of the low-frequency fluctuation spectrum. What can you conclude from the comparison of BAE vs BAAE excitation?

EP excitation of TAE/KTAE

- Illustrate the possible role of EP in the layer by EP excitation of TAE/KTAE [Chen RMP 2016] assuming small EP drift orbits.
- Relevant equations for TAE's (KAW's) as a vorticity equation. Derived assuming small Finite Larmor radius (FLR) correction to ideal Ohm's Law (p.3 this lecture and [Lecture 5](#))

$$\left[\partial_{\vartheta}^2 + \Omega^2 (1 + 2\epsilon_0 \cos \theta) + \frac{\alpha \cos \vartheta}{\hat{\kappa}_{\perp}^2} - \frac{(s - \alpha \cos \vartheta)^2}{\hat{\kappa}_{\perp}^4} - \frac{s^4 \rho_K^2}{\hat{\kappa}_{\perp}^2} (\vartheta - \theta_k)^4 \right] \hat{\Phi} - \sum_j \frac{4\pi\omega e_j}{c^2} \frac{q^2 R^2}{\hat{\kappa}_{\perp} k_{\vartheta}^2} < \omega_d \delta \hat{K} >_{vj} = 0 .$$

- Here, $\hat{\Phi} = \hat{\kappa}_{\perp} \delta \phi$, $\hat{\kappa}_{\perp}(\vartheta) = 1 + [s(\vartheta - \theta_k) - \alpha \sin \vartheta]^2$, $\alpha = -Rq^2 \beta'$, $\beta = 8\pi P/B^2$, $\Omega^2 = \omega^2/\omega_A^2$, $\epsilon_0 = 2(r_o/R + \Delta')$, $k_{\vartheta} = -nq/r$, and Δ' is the derivative of the Shafranov shift.

$$\omega_{dj}(\vartheta) = \Omega_{dj} \{ \cos \vartheta + [s(\vartheta - \theta_k) - \alpha \sin \vartheta] \sin \vartheta \}$$

$$\Omega_{dj} = -k_{\vartheta} \frac{cm_j}{e_j BR} \left(\frac{v_{\perp}^2}{2} + v_{\parallel}^2 \right) \text{ and } \langle \dots \rangle_v = \int d^3v (...)$$

- Kinetic effects associated to finite ion Larmor orbits and electron collisions as well as resistivity are accounted for by [Lecture 5](#))

$$\rho_K^2 = (k_{\vartheta}^2 \rho_i^2 / 2) [3/4 + (T_e/T_i)(1 - i\delta)] - ik_{\vartheta}^2 c^2 \eta / 16\pi\omega$$

$$\delta = \left(\frac{r}{R_0} \right)^{3/2} \sqrt{\frac{\nu_e}{\omega}} \left[\frac{1 + \ln \left(8 \frac{r}{R_0} \frac{\omega}{\nu_e} \right)}{(r/R_0)^{3/2} + (\nu_e/\omega)^{3/2}} \right] .$$

$$\nu_e = \frac{4\pi e^4 n_e \ln \Lambda}{m_e^{1/2} (2T_e)^{3/2}}$$

- The distribution function $\delta\hat{K}_j$ is derived from the gyrokinetic equation (p. 22 [Lecture 5](#); with $\omega_t = v_{\parallel}/qR$ the transit frequency)

$$[\omega_t \partial_{\vartheta} - i(\omega - \omega_d)]_j \delta\hat{K}_j = i \left(\frac{e}{m} \right)_j Q F_{0j} \frac{1}{\hat{\kappa}_{\perp}} \left(\frac{\omega_d}{\omega} \right)_j \hat{\Phi} ,$$

E: Note that here fast ion finite Larmor radius is neglected. Is that consistent with the assumption of thermal FLR? Why? What is fast ion FLR producing?

- All characteristics of Alfvén waves are described:
- $\epsilon_0 = 0, \rho_K^2 = 0, \Rightarrow$ ideal MHD continuum
 - $\epsilon_0 \neq 0, \rho_K^2 = 0, \Rightarrow$ TAE's
 - $\epsilon_0 = 0, \rho_K^2 \neq 0, \Rightarrow$ KAW's
 - $\epsilon_0 \neq 0, \rho_K^2 \neq 0, \Rightarrow$ KTAE's
 - Energetic particle effects $\propto \langle \omega_d \delta\hat{K} \rangle_h, \Rightarrow$ EPM's (ϵ_0 not crucial;
E: can you tel why?)

- Short scale mode structure from the large $\hat{\kappa}_{\perp} \gg 1$ behavior

Eigenmode analysis

- Eigenmode analysis follows p. 30 [Lecture 3](#) with $\hat{\Phi} \simeq A(\vartheta) \cos(\vartheta/2) + B(\vartheta) \sin(\vartheta/2)$.
- Results remain the same: coupled differential equations for $A(\vartheta)$ and $B(\vartheta)$, with the addition of FLR effects and energetic particles.
- FLR effects are $\propto \hat{k}_\perp^2 \sim s^2 \vartheta^2$ as $\hat{k}_\perp \gg 1$: no coupling between $A(\vartheta)$ and $B(\vartheta)$.
- Energetic particle response is modulated by geodesic curvature coupling: $\omega_d \simeq \Omega_d s \vartheta \sin \vartheta$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 [\omega_t \partial_\vartheta - i(\omega - \omega_d)]_j \delta \hat{K}_j &= i \left(\frac{e}{m} \right)_j Q F_{0j} \frac{s \vartheta}{|s \vartheta|} \left(\frac{\Omega_d}{\omega} \right)_j \left[\frac{A}{2} \left(\sin \frac{\vartheta}{2} + \sin \frac{3\vartheta}{2} \right) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \frac{B}{2} \left(\cos \frac{\vartheta}{2} - \cos \frac{3\vartheta}{2} \right) \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

- Solution is straightforward, using $|\omega_t| \gg |\omega_d|$ and $|A'/A|, |B'/B| \ll 1$.

$$\begin{aligned} \delta \hat{K}_j = & - \left(\frac{e}{m} \right)_j Q F_{0j} \frac{s\vartheta}{|s\vartheta|} \left(\frac{\Omega_d}{\omega} \right)_j \left[\left(\frac{\omega B/2 - i\omega_t A/4}{\omega^2 - \omega_t^2/4} \right) \cos \frac{\vartheta}{2} \right. \\ & + \left(\frac{\omega A/2 + i\omega_t B/4}{\omega^2 - \omega_t^2/4} \right) \sin \frac{\vartheta}{2} - \left(\frac{\omega B/2 + 3i\omega_t A/4}{\omega^2 - 9\omega_t^2/4} \right) \cos \frac{3\vartheta}{2} \\ & \left. + \left(\frac{\omega A/2 - 3i\omega_t B/4}{\omega^2 - 9\omega_t^2/4} \right) \sin \frac{3\vartheta}{2} \right] \end{aligned}$$

- Note that, due to geodesic curvature coupling, the particle response has both $\sim \cos(\vartheta/2)$ and $\sim \sin(\vartheta/2)$ dependences, as well as $\sim \cos(3\vartheta/2)$ and $\sim \sin(3\vartheta/2)$. This is called sideband generation and is typical of toroidal geometry where magnetic drifts induce $k_{\parallel} \pm 1/(qR_0)$ behaviors in the parallel mode structure.

E: Derive the above equation step by step and discuss the physics implication of sideband generation.

- When substituted back into the vorticity equation, the particle response $\propto \omega_t$ vanishes if one assumes even particle distribution function in $v_{\parallel}$ space.

E: Convince yourself that this is indeed the case. Why should the particle distribution be even in $v_{\parallel}$ space? What happens if this is not the case?

- Compute now the coupling of kinetic particle compression via geodesic curvature in the vorticity equation, neglecting odd terms $\propto \omega_t$ and modulations that are not modifying the leading order AE eigenfunction

$$\begin{aligned}
 - \sum_j \frac{4\pi\omega e_j}{c^2} \frac{q^2 R^2}{\hat{\kappa}_{\perp} k_{\vartheta}^2} < \omega_d \delta \hat{K} >_{vj} &= \frac{\pi q^2}{B^2} \sum_j m_j \left\langle \left(\frac{v_{\perp}^2}{2} + v_{\parallel}^2 \right)^2 Q F_{0j} \right. \\
 &\quad \times \left. \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega^2 - \omega_t^2/4} + \frac{\omega}{\omega^2 - 9\omega_t^2/4} \right) \right\rangle_{vj} \left(A \cos \frac{\vartheta}{2} + B \sin \frac{\vartheta}{2} \right) + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

E: Derive the above equation step by step. Is it valid for thermal particles as well, in addition to energetic particles? What does this response describe?

□ Collecting terms and recalling [Lecture 3](#), the relevant equations are:

$$-A' + (\Gamma_- - s^2 \rho_K^2 \vartheta^2) B = 0$$

$$B' + (\Gamma_+ - s^2 \rho_K^2 \vartheta^2) A = 0 .$$

$$\Gamma_{\pm} = (\Omega^2 - 1/4 - \beta_1) \pm \epsilon_0 \Omega^2$$

$$\beta_1 = \omega \frac{\pi q^2}{B^2} \left\langle \sum_j m_j \left(\frac{v_{\perp}^2}{2} + v_{\parallel}^2 \right)^2 QF_{0j} \left[\left(\frac{\omega_t^2}{4} - \omega^2 \right)^{-1} + \left(\frac{9\omega_t^2}{4} - \omega^2 \right)^{-1} \right] \right\rangle .$$

□ Two relevant limits:

- Small (perturbative) kinetic effects $\Rightarrow$ TAE's
- Kinetic effects $\approx$ Toroidal effects $\Rightarrow$ KTAE's

TAE Linear Stability

- Treat kinetic effects perturbatively
- Lowest order solution is (Lecture 3):

$$A(\vartheta) = \exp(-\Gamma|\vartheta|)$$

$$\Gamma = (-\Gamma_+\Gamma_-)^{1/2}$$

E: Show that this is the solution. Can you write the solution for $B(\vartheta)$?

- Condition for localized modes in ϑ space (nonsingular radial structures) is:

$$\Gamma^2 = \epsilon_0^2 \Omega^4 - (\Omega^2 - 1/4)^2 > 0$$

$$|\Omega^2 - 1/4| < \epsilon_0 \Omega^2 \Rightarrow \text{FREQUENCY GAP}$$

- Expression for the *local* growth rate, including thermal electron and ion Landau damping:

$$\frac{\gamma}{\omega} = \frac{4\pi^2 q^3 R}{B^2} \left\langle \sum_j m_j \left(\frac{v_\perp^2}{2} + v_\parallel^2 \right)^2 Q F_{0j} \left[\delta(v_\parallel - v_A) + \frac{1}{3} \delta(v_\parallel - v_A/3) \right] \right\rangle + \frac{\text{Im}(s^2 \rho_K^2)}{\Gamma^2} .$$

RADIATIVE DAMPING

$$\approx k_\theta^2 \rho_i^2$$

E: Use F_0 as Maxwellian distribution function to compute explicitly thermal electron and ion Landau damping. Comment on the importance of ion Landau damping at high- β .

- Energy flow to $|\vartheta| \gg 1$ (small scale) $\Rightarrow$ radiative damping [Mett and Mahajan '92]
- Typical scale: $|\vartheta| \approx 1/\Gamma$. $\Gamma_{\pm} = (\Omega^2 - 1/4 - \beta_1) \pm \epsilon_0 \Omega^2 \Rightarrow$ perturbative treatment of energetic particles may overestimate R.D.

E: Can you show why this is the case?

- Consistency condition:
 - $(\epsilon_0 s^2 \rho_K^2)/\Gamma^4 \ll 1$
 - In general: $|\gamma/\omega| \ll \epsilon_0 \omega_A$

E: Comment both these conditions and explain what they mean

- It may break down because of *local* effects (large R.D.) or *global* effects $\Rightarrow$
CONTINUUM
DAMPING

Asymptotic matching with internal region

- Follow Lecture 3, pp. 31-32; and corresponding E: and RP: on p. 33.
- Internal region equation is

$$\left[\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \vartheta^2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{\alpha \cos \vartheta}{\hat{\kappa}_\perp} - \frac{(s - \alpha \cos \vartheta)^2}{\hat{\kappa}_\perp^2} \right] \hat{\phi}_{sI} = 0$$

- For $|s|, |\alpha| \ll 1$, the external region solution $\hat{\phi}_{sE} = A(\vartheta) \cos(\vartheta/2) + B(\vartheta) \sin(\vartheta/2)$ applies in the internal region as well
- For $|s|, |\alpha| \ll 1$, the mode is located very near the lower continuum accumulation point (verify a posteriori), so $|\Gamma_+| \ll -\Gamma_- \simeq \epsilon_0/2$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\phi}_{sI} &\simeq (-\Gamma_-)^{1/2} \cos \vartheta/2 && \text{internal region} \\ \hat{\phi}_{sE} &\simeq [(-\Gamma_-)^{1/2} \cos \vartheta/2 \pm (\Gamma_+)^{1/2} \sin \vartheta/2] e^{\mp \Gamma \vartheta} && \text{external region} \end{aligned}$$

- Apply perturbation theory and method of variation of arbitrary constant to derive the asymptotic behavior of internal solution (E: fill in the algebra!)

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\phi}_{sI} = & (-\Gamma_-)^{1/2} \left\{ 1 - \int_0^\vartheta \left[\frac{(s - \alpha \cos \vartheta')^2}{\hat{\kappa}_\perp^2} - \frac{\alpha \cos \vartheta'}{\hat{\kappa}_\perp} \right] \sin \vartheta' d\vartheta' \right\} \cos(\vartheta/2) \\ & + (-\Gamma_-)^{1/2} \left\{ \int_0^\vartheta \left[\frac{(s - \alpha \cos \vartheta')^2}{\hat{\kappa}_\perp^2} - \frac{\alpha \cos \vartheta'}{\hat{\kappa}_\perp} \right] (1 + \cos \vartheta') d\vartheta' \right\} \sin(\vartheta/2)\end{aligned}$$

- Matching the $\sin \vartheta/2$ terms one find the TAE dispersion relation as [Cheng, Chen, Chance 1985]

$$\frac{(\Gamma_+)^{1/2}}{(-\Gamma_-)^{1/2}} = \delta T_f = \frac{s\pi}{4} \left(1 - \alpha \frac{1+s}{s^2} \right)$$

- Real TAE frequency determined by same equation as in fluid theory (Lecture 3). E: Compute the real frequency shift due to kinetic particle compressions and radiative damping using perturbation theory.

KTAE Linear Stability

- Approach the lower continuum accumulation point:

$$- \Gamma_+ \simeq 0 \text{ and } \Gamma_- \simeq -\epsilon_0/2$$

- Relevant equations:

$$A'' + \Gamma_- (\Gamma_+ - s^2 \rho_K^2 \vartheta^2) A = 0$$

- Dispersion relation:

$$\Gamma_+ = - (2N + 1) \left(\frac{s^2 \rho_K^2}{\Gamma_-} \right)^{1/2}$$

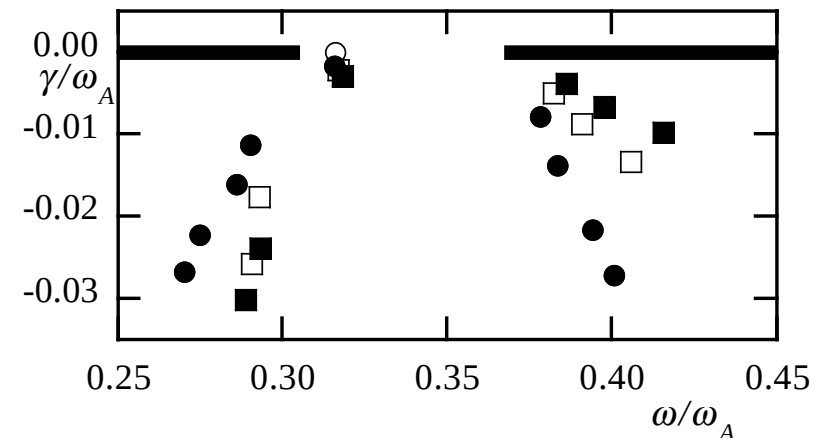
- At the upper continuum $\Gamma_+ \simeq \epsilon_0/2$ and $\Gamma_- \simeq 0$:

$$\Gamma_- = (2N + 1) \left(\frac{s^2 \rho_K^2}{\Gamma_+} \right)^{1/2}$$

- Radial width $\Delta r_{KTAE} \approx (k_\theta s)^{-1} (\epsilon_0 s^2 \rho_K^2)^{1/4}$. $\Delta r_{KTAE} \ll \Delta r_{TAE} \approx (k_\theta s)^{-1} \Gamma \Rightarrow \epsilon_0 s^2 \rho_K^2 / \Gamma^4 \ll 1$.

E: Show that the derived KTAE dispersion relations explain this figure (shown before)

E: Show that for $\rho_i^2 = 0, \eta \neq 0$ lower and upper KTAE are on stable lines at 45° departing from accumulation points [Cheng, Chen, Chance 1985]. How about $\rho_i^2 \neq 0, \eta = 0$? [Mett and Mahajan 1992]



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