

Fusion Plasma Theory 2

Lecture 17. ETG and ITG.

① Electron Temperature Gradient (ETG)

$\vec{\nabla} T$ can also affects electron drift waves. Let's consider non-uniform temperature

$$f_{em} = n_0(x) \left(\frac{m}{2\pi T_e(x)} \right)^{1/2} \exp \left[- \frac{m}{2T_e(x)} (v_{\perp}^2 + v_{\parallel}^2) \right]$$

$$\frac{df_{em}}{dx} = \frac{df_{em}}{dn_0} \frac{dn_0}{dx} + \frac{df_{em}}{dT_e} \frac{dT_e}{dx} = \frac{f_{em}}{n_0} \frac{dn_0}{dx} + \frac{1}{T_e} \left(-\frac{3}{2} \frac{f_{em}}{T_{eo}} + \frac{m v^2}{2 T_e^2} \right) \quad (T_e = m v_{te}^2 \text{ 가정})$$

$$= \frac{f_{em}}{n_0} \frac{dn_0}{dx} - \frac{f_{em}}{T_e} \frac{dT_e}{dx} \left(\frac{3}{2} - \frac{v^2}{2 v_{te}^2} \right) \quad \text{Scale length ratio. of } L_n / L_T$$

$$= \frac{f_{em}}{n_0} \frac{dn_0}{dx} \left[1 - \gamma_e \left(\frac{3}{2} - \frac{v^2}{2 v_{te}^2} \right) \right] \quad \text{where } \gamma_e = \frac{L_n}{L_T}, \quad L_n = -\frac{n_0}{dn_0/dx}, \quad L_T = -\frac{T_e}{dT_e/dx}$$

② Electron response with ETG

(same procedure in Lect 6)

$$\frac{df}{dt} + (\vec{V}_{\parallel} + \vec{V}_E) \cdot \vec{\nabla} f + \frac{e E_{\parallel}}{m} \frac{df}{dv_{\parallel}} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{df}{dt} + (V_{\parallel} \hat{z} + \frac{\vec{B} \times \vec{\nabla} \phi}{B_0}) \cdot \vec{\nabla} f + \frac{e}{m} \frac{d\phi}{dz} \frac{df}{dv_{\parallel}} = 0$$

< Drift-kinetic >

< Electron drift kinetic >

$$\Rightarrow \frac{df_{ei}}{dt} + V_{\parallel} \frac{df_{ei}}{dz} + \frac{\vec{B} \times \vec{\nabla} \phi}{B_0} \cdot \vec{\nabla} f_{ei} + \frac{e}{m} \frac{d\phi}{dz} \frac{df_{em}}{dv_{\parallel}} = 0$$

< Linearized electron drift kinetic eqn >

$$\Rightarrow -i(\omega - k_{\parallel} V_{\parallel}) f_{ei} = -\frac{\vec{B} \times \left(\frac{df_{ei}}{dz} \right) \hat{y}}{B_0} \cdot \left(\frac{df_{em}}{dx} \right) \hat{x} - i \frac{e}{m} k_{\parallel} \phi_i \frac{df_{em}}{dv_{\parallel}}$$

$$= i \left[\frac{k_y}{B_0} \phi_i \left(\frac{f_{em}}{n_0} \frac{dn_0}{dx} \left(1 - \gamma_e \left(\frac{3}{2} - \frac{v^2}{2 v_{te}^2} \right) \right) \right) + \frac{e}{m} k_{\parallel} \phi_i \left(\frac{V_{\parallel}}{v_{te}^2} \right) f_{me} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{note } \omega_{ce} = -\frac{k_y}{e B_0} \frac{1}{n_0} \left(\frac{dn_0}{dx} \right)$$

$$= i \left[\phi_i \frac{e}{T_e} \omega_{ce} \left(1 - \gamma_e \left(\frac{3}{2} - \frac{v^2}{2 v_{te}^2} \right) \right) + \frac{e \phi_i}{T_e} k_{\parallel} V_{\parallel} \right] f_{me}$$

$$\Rightarrow f_{ei} = \frac{e \phi_i}{T_e} f_{me} \left[\frac{\omega_{ce} (1 - \gamma_e \dots) + k_{\parallel} V_{\parallel}}{\omega - k_{\parallel} V_{\parallel}} \right] = \frac{e \phi_i}{T_e} f_{me} \left[1 - \frac{\omega - \omega_{ce} (1 - \gamma_e \left(\frac{3}{2} - \frac{v^2}{2 v_{te}^2} \right))}{\omega - k_{\parallel} V_{\parallel}} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow N_{ei} = \int f_{ei} d\vec{v} = \frac{e \phi_i}{T_e} \left[n_0 - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{f_0(v_{\parallel}) dv_{\parallel}}{\omega - k_{\parallel} V_{\parallel}} \left\{ \omega - \omega_{ce} \left[1 - \gamma_e \left(\frac{3}{2} - 1 - \frac{v_{\parallel}^2}{2 v_{te}^2} \right) \right] \right\} \right]$$

$$f_0(v_{\parallel}) = \int 2\pi v_{\perp} dv_{\perp} f_{em}$$

* note

$$\int 2\pi v_{\perp} dv_{\perp} dv_{\parallel} f_{\text{em}} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dv_{\parallel} \int (2\pi v_{\perp}) dv_{\perp} n_0 \left(\frac{m}{2\pi T} \right)^{3/2} \exp \left(-\frac{v_{\perp}^2}{2V_{\text{te}}^2} \right) \exp \left(-\frac{v_{\parallel}^2}{2V_{\text{te}}^2} \right)$$

$$= n_0 \left(\frac{m}{2\pi T} \right)^{3/2} \exp \left(-\frac{v_{\parallel}^2}{2V_{\text{te}}^2} \right) \underbrace{\int (2\pi v_{\perp}) dv_{\perp} \exp \left(-\frac{mv_{\perp}^2}{2T} \right)}_{= (-\frac{2\pi T}{m}) \exp \left(-\frac{mv_{\perp}^2}{2T} \right)} = n_0 \left(\frac{m}{2\pi T} \right)^{1/2} \exp \left(-\frac{mv_{\parallel}^2}{2T} \right) = f_0$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{f_0(v_{\parallel}) dv_{\parallel}}{w - k_{\parallel} v_{\parallel}} = P \int_{-W}^{W} \frac{f_0(v_{\parallel}) dv_{\parallel}}{w - k_{\parallel} v_{\parallel}} - i \frac{\pi}{k_{\parallel}} f_0 \left(\frac{w}{k_{\parallel}} \right)$$

(odd function)

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$$n_{\text{ei}} = \frac{e\phi_1}{T_{\text{eo}}} \left[n_0 + i \frac{\pi}{k_{\parallel}} f_0 \left(\frac{w}{k_{\parallel}} \right) \cdot \left(w - w_{\text{xe}} \left(1 - \gamma_e \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{v_{\parallel}^2}{2V_{\text{te}}^2} \right) \right) \right) \right]$$

$$= \frac{e\phi_1}{T_{\text{eo}}} \left[n_0 + i \frac{\pi}{k_{\parallel}} n_0 \left(\frac{m}{2\pi T} \right)^{1/2} \exp \left(-\frac{w^2/k_{\parallel}^2}{2V_{\text{te}}^2} \right) \left(w - w_{\text{xe}} \left(1 - \frac{\gamma_e}{2} \right) + w_{\text{xe}} \gamma_e \frac{w^2/k_{\parallel}^2}{2V_{\text{te}}^2} \right) \right]$$

$$= \frac{e\phi_1}{T_{\text{eo}}} \left[n_0 + n_0 i \left(\frac{\pi}{2} \right)^{1/2} \frac{w - w_{\text{xe}} (1 - \gamma_e/2)}{k_{\parallel} V_{\text{te}}} \right]$$

$$\therefore \frac{n_{\text{ei}}}{n_0} = \left[1 + i \left(\frac{\pi}{2} \right)^{1/2} \frac{w - w_{\text{xe}} (1 - \gamma_e/2)}{k_{\parallel} V_{\text{te}}} \right] \quad \stackrel{\text{Eqn}}{\Leftrightarrow} \quad \frac{n_{\text{ei}}}{n_0} = \left[1 + i \left(\frac{\pi}{2} \right)^{1/2} \frac{w - w_{\text{xe}}}{k_{\parallel} V_{\text{te}}} \right]$$

③ Electron drift wave dispersion under ETG

$$1 + k_{\perp}^2 r_s^2 - \frac{w_{\text{xe}}}{w} - \frac{k_{\parallel}^2 C_s^2}{w^2} = -i \left(\frac{\pi}{2} \right)^{1/2} \frac{w - w_{\text{xe}} (1 - \gamma_e/2)}{k_{\parallel} V_{\text{te},c}} \quad (w_{\text{xe}} \rightarrow w_{\text{xe}} (1 - \gamma_e/2))$$

$$\frac{\gamma}{w_{\text{xe}}} = \frac{\text{Im}(w)}{w_{\text{xe}}} \simeq \left(\frac{\pi}{2} \right)^{1/2} \frac{w_{\text{xe}}}{k_{\parallel} V_{\text{te}}} \left(k_{\perp}^2 r_s^2 - \frac{k_{\parallel}^2 C_s^2}{w_{\text{xe}}^2} - \frac{\gamma_e}{2} \right)$$

∴ Electron drift wave condition with ETG

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{k_{\perp}^2 r_s^2 > \frac{k_{\parallel}^2 C_s^2}{w_{\text{xe}}^2} + \frac{\gamma_e}{2}} \quad \text{+ stabilizing effect due to ETG!}$$

④ Shifted Maxwellian with electron currents.

$\dot{j}_{\parallel} = -e n_0 u_{\text{eo}}$ can also affect the electron drift waves.

$$f_{\text{em}} = n(x) \left(\frac{m}{2\pi T_e} \right)^{3/2} \exp \left(- \frac{m}{2T_e} (v_{\perp}^2 + (v_{\parallel} - u_{\text{eo}})^2) \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial f_{\text{em}}}{\partial v_{\parallel}} = - \frac{v_{\parallel} - u_{\text{eo}}}{v_{\text{te}}^2} f_{\text{em}} \quad (T_e = m v_{\text{te}}^2 \text{ 가정}) \quad / \quad \frac{\partial f_{\text{em}}}{\partial x} = \frac{f_{\text{em}}}{n_0} \frac{dn}{dx}$$

<Drift kinetic, again>

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \left(v_{\parallel} \hat{b} + \frac{\hat{b} \times \vec{\nabla} \phi}{B_0} \right) \vec{\nabla} f + \frac{q E_{\parallel}}{m} \frac{\partial f}{\partial v_{\parallel}} = 0 \rightarrow \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \left(v_{\parallel} \hat{b} + \frac{\hat{b} \times \vec{\nabla} \phi}{B_0} \right) \vec{\nabla} f + \frac{e}{m} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \frac{\partial f}{\partial v_{\parallel}} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial f_{\text{ei}}}{\partial t} + v_{\parallel} \frac{\partial f_{\text{ei}}}{\partial z} + \frac{\hat{z} \times \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \hat{y}}{B_0} \cdot \frac{\partial f_{\text{em}}}{\partial x} \hat{x} + \frac{e}{m} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \frac{\partial f_{\text{em}}}{\partial v_{\parallel}} = 0$$

$$-i(\omega - k_{\parallel} v_{\parallel}) f_{\text{ei}} - i k_y \frac{\phi}{B_0} \frac{\partial f_{\text{em}}}{\partial x} + i \frac{e}{m} k_{\parallel} \phi \frac{\partial f_{\text{em}}}{\partial v_{\parallel}} = 0$$

$$(\omega - k_{\parallel} v_{\parallel}) f_{\text{ei}} + k_y \frac{\phi}{B_0} \frac{f_{\text{em}}}{n_0} \frac{dn}{dx} - \frac{e}{m} k_{\parallel} \phi \left(-\frac{v_{\parallel} - u_{\text{eo}}}{v_{\text{te}}^2} \right) f_{\text{em}} = 0$$

$$(*\text{note } \omega_{ke} = -\frac{k_y T_e}{e B_0} \frac{1}{n_0} \frac{dn}{dx})$$

$$(\omega - k_{\parallel} v_{\parallel}) f_{\text{ei}} - \frac{e \phi}{T_e} \omega_{ke} f_{\text{em}} + \frac{e \phi}{T_e} k_{\parallel} (v_{\parallel} - u_{\text{eo}}) f_{\text{em}} = 0$$

$$\therefore f_{\text{ei}} = \frac{e \phi}{T_e} f_{\text{em}} \left(\frac{\omega_{ke} - k_{\parallel} (v_{\parallel} - u_{\text{eo}})}{\omega - k_{\parallel} v_{\parallel}} \right) = \left(1 + \frac{\omega - \omega_{ke} - k_{\parallel} u_{\text{eo}}}{\omega - k_{\parallel} v_{\parallel}} \right) \frac{e \phi}{T_e} f_{\text{em}}$$

clearly we only see the Doppler shift $\omega \rightarrow \omega - k_{\parallel} u_{\text{eo}}$ ($\omega^* \rightarrow \omega^* + k_{\parallel} u_{\text{eo}}$)

⑤ Drift wave dispersion with electron currents.

$$1 + k_{\perp}^2 r_s^2 - \frac{\omega_{ke}}{\omega} - \frac{k_{\parallel} C_s^2}{\omega^2} = -i \left(\frac{\pi}{2} \right)^{1/2} \frac{\omega - \omega^* - k_{\parallel} u_{\text{eo}}}{k_{\parallel} v_{\text{te}}} \quad \begin{array}{l} \nearrow \omega - \omega^* \left(1 + \frac{k_{\parallel} u_{\text{eo}}}{\omega^*} \right) \\ \searrow \text{그대로 추가} \end{array}$$

$$\frac{\gamma}{\omega_{ke}} = \frac{\text{Im}(\omega)}{\omega_{ke}} \simeq \left(\frac{\pi}{2} \right)^{1/2} \frac{\omega_{ke}}{k_{\parallel} v_{\text{te}}} \left(k_{\perp}^2 r_s^2 - \frac{k_{\parallel} C_s^2}{\omega_{ke}^2} - \frac{k_{\parallel}}{\omega^*} \frac{\dot{j}_{\parallel}}{e n_0} \right)$$

∴ Electron drift wave instability condition with the electron currents:

$$k_{\perp}^2 r_s^2 > \frac{k_{\parallel} C_s^2}{\omega_{ke}^2} + \frac{k_{\parallel}}{\omega^*} \frac{\dot{j}_{\parallel}}{e n_0}$$

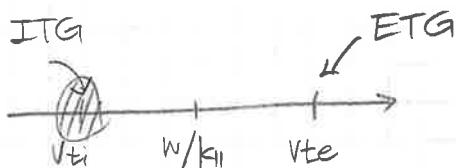
$j_{\parallel} > 0$: stabilizing

$j_{\parallel} < 0$: destabilizing.

⑥ Drift waves with Ion Temperature Gradient (ITG)

- $\vec{\nabla} T_i$ can excite an instability by driving the ion acoustic wave unstable, as called ITG mode.
- It can be driven collisionlessly, even without kinetic wave-particle interaction

⑦ Electron and Ion responses by ITG



In this limit, treat adiabatic electron (Boltzmann relation)

$$n_{ei} = \frac{en}{T_e} \phi_i$$

But restore ion thermal effects (which we ignored by "cold" ion assumption)

$$\tau = \frac{T_e}{T_i}$$

Linearized drift-kinetic equation for ions:

$$\frac{df_{ii}}{dt} + v_{\parallel} \frac{df_{ii}}{dz} + \frac{\hat{Z} \times \vec{\nabla} \phi_i}{B_0} \cdot \vec{\nabla} f_{ii} - \frac{e}{m} \frac{d\phi_i}{dz} \frac{df_{ii}}{dv_{\parallel}} = 0$$

↳ ignores ion polarization or any order $O(k_L r_{Li})$ ($\because k_L$ is small in non)

Analogous to that carried out for electrons

$$n_{ii} = \int f_{ii} d\vec{v} = - \frac{e\phi_i}{T_i} \left[n_0 - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{f_0(v_{\parallel}) dv_{\parallel}}{W - k_{\parallel} v_{\parallel}} \left\{ W - W \ast_i \left[1 - \gamma_i \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{v_{\parallel}^2}{V_{Ti}^2} \right) \right] \right\} \right]$$

$$\text{Definc: } W \ast p_i \equiv W \ast_i + W \ast_{Ti} = k_B \frac{1}{neB} \frac{dp_i}{dx} < 0$$

$$(W \ast_i \equiv k_B \frac{1}{neB} \frac{dn_i}{dx} < 0 \quad W \ast_{Ti} \equiv k_B \frac{1}{eB} \frac{dT_i}{dx} < 0)$$

$$\gamma_i \equiv \frac{L_n}{L_T}$$

$$(L_n = -\frac{n}{dn/dx}, L_T = -\frac{T}{dT/dx})$$

Then, $n_{ei} = n_{ii}$ gives

$$\frac{en}{T_e} \phi_i = - \frac{en}{T_i} \phi_i \left[1 - \frac{1}{n_0} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \dots \right] \quad \text{divide by } \frac{en}{T_i} \phi_i$$

$$\frac{T_i}{T_e} + 1 = 1 + \frac{1}{\tau} = \frac{1}{n_0} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{f_0(v_{\parallel}) dv_{\parallel}}{W - k_{\parallel} v_{\parallel}} \left\{ W - W \ast_i \left[1 - \gamma_i \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{v_{\parallel}^2}{2V_{Ti}^2} \right) \right] \right\}$$

⑧ Dispersion relation for ITG mode

$$(w \geq k_{\parallel}V_{\parallel}) : \frac{1}{w - k_{\parallel}V_{\parallel}} = \frac{1}{w} \frac{1}{(1 - k_{\parallel}V_{\parallel}/w)} = \frac{1}{w} \left(1 + \frac{k_{\parallel}V_{\parallel}}{w} + \left(\frac{k_{\parallel}V_{\parallel}}{w} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{k_{\parallel}V_{\parallel}}{w} \right)^3 + \dots \right) = \frac{1}{w} + \frac{k_{\parallel}^2 V_{\parallel}^2}{w^2} + \frac{k_{\parallel}^2 V_{\parallel}^2}{w^3} + \dots$$

The integrals we need:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{f_0(V_{\parallel})}{w - k_{\parallel}V_{\parallel}} dV_{\parallel} &\approx \frac{n_0}{w} \left(1 + \frac{k_{\parallel}^2 V_{\parallel}^2}{w^2} + \dots \right) - i\pi \frac{1}{k_{\parallel}} f(w/k_{\parallel}) \\ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{f_0(V_{\parallel}) V_{\parallel}^2}{w - k_{\parallel}V_{\parallel}} dV_{\parallel} &= \frac{n_0 V_{\text{ti}}^2}{w} \left(1 + \frac{3k_{\parallel}^2 V_{\parallel}^2}{w^2} + \dots \right) - i\pi \frac{1}{k_{\parallel}} \left(\frac{w}{k_{\parallel}} \right)^2 f(w/k_{\parallel}) \end{aligned}$$

Putting together:

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + \frac{1}{z} &= \frac{1}{n_0} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{f_0(V_{\parallel}) dV_{\parallel}}{w - k_{\parallel}V_{\parallel}} \left\{ w - w_{\text{xi}} \left(1 - \frac{\gamma_i}{2} \right) \right\} + \frac{1}{n_0} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{f_0(V_{\parallel}) V_{\parallel}^2 dV_{\parallel}}{w - k_{\parallel}V_{\parallel}} \left\{ + \frac{w_{\text{xi}} \gamma_i}{2 V_{\text{ti}}^2} \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{n_0} \frac{D_0}{w} \left(1 + \frac{k_{\parallel}^2 V_{\parallel}^2}{w^2} \right) \left(w - w_{\text{xi}} \left(1 - \frac{\gamma_i}{2} \right) \right) + \frac{1}{n_0} \frac{D_0 V_{\text{ti}}^2}{w} \left(1 + \frac{3k_{\parallel}^2 V_{\parallel}^2}{w^2} \right) \left(+ \frac{w_{\text{xi}} \gamma_i}{2 V_{\text{ti}}^2} \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{n_0} \left(-i\pi \frac{1}{k_{\parallel}} f(w/k_{\parallel}) \right) + \frac{1}{n_0} \left(-i\pi \frac{w^2}{k_{\parallel}^3} f(w/k_{\parallel}) \right) \\ \frac{1}{w^3} &= 1 + \frac{k_{\parallel}^2 V_{\parallel}^2}{w^2} - \frac{w_{\text{xi}}}{w} \left(1 - \frac{\gamma_i}{2} \right) + \frac{w_{\text{xi}} \gamma_i}{w} \frac{1}{2} - i \left(\frac{\pi}{2} \right)^{1/2} \frac{w - (w_{\text{xi}} - \frac{w^2}{k_{\parallel}^2 V_{\text{ti}}^2}) (1 - \gamma_i/2)}{k_{\parallel} V_{\text{ti}}} \exp \left(- \frac{w^2}{2 k_{\parallel}^2 V_{\text{ti}}^2} \right) \\ &= 1 - \frac{w_{\text{xi}}}{w} + \frac{k_{\parallel}^2 V_{\text{ti}}^2}{w^2} \left[1 - \frac{w_{\text{xi}}}{w} (1 + \gamma_i) \right] - i \left(\frac{\pi}{2} \right)^{1/2} \frac{w - (w_{\text{xi}} - \frac{w^2}{k_{\parallel}^2 V_{\text{ti}}^2}) (1 - \gamma_i/2)}{k_{\parallel} V_{\text{ti}}} \exp \left(- \frac{w^2}{2 k_{\parallel}^2 V_{\text{ti}}^2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

*note

$$w_{\text{xi}}(1 + \gamma_i) = w_{\text{pi}}, \quad \tau w_{\text{xi}} = -w_{\text{xe}}, \quad \tau v_{\text{ti}} = C_s$$

Then,

$$\boxed{1 - \frac{w_{\text{xe}}}{w} - \frac{k_{\parallel}^2 C_s^2}{w^2} \left(1 - \frac{w_{\text{xi}}}{w} \right) = -i \tau \left(\frac{\pi}{2} \right)^{1/2} \frac{w - (w_{\text{xi}} - \frac{w^2}{k_{\parallel}^2 V_{\text{ti}}^2}) (1 - \gamma_i/2)}{k_{\parallel} V_{\text{ti}}} \exp \left(- \frac{w^2}{2 k_{\parallel}^2 V_{\text{ti}}^2} \right)}$$

$w_{\text{pi}} \rightarrow 0, V_{\text{ti}} \rightarrow 0$ or $\tau \rightarrow 0$ gives pure electron drift wave.

⑨ Upper limit of ITG mode growth

$$1 - \frac{w_{xe}}{w} - \frac{k_{\parallel}^2 C_s^2}{w^2} \left(1 - \frac{w_{xpi}}{w} \right) = 0 \quad (\text{when ignoring kinetic correction})$$

Consider a strong gradient. \Rightarrow 2nd + 4th term dominate.

$$\frac{w_{xe}}{w} = \frac{k_{\parallel}^2 C_s^2}{w^3} w_{xpi} \rightarrow w^2 = k_{\parallel}^2 C_s^2 \left(\frac{w_{xpi}}{w_{xe}} \right) = k_{\parallel}^2 C_s^2 \left(\frac{w_{xi}(1+\gamma_i)}{-Z w_{xi}} \right) = - \left(\frac{1+\gamma_i}{Z} \right) k_{\parallel}^2 C_s^2$$

$$\boxed{\gamma = \left(\frac{1+\gamma_i}{Z} \right)^{1/2} k_{\parallel} C_s} \leftarrow \text{upper bound of ITG linear growth rate.}$$

(가장 극단적인 상황 (strong gradient) 가정)

⑩ ITG mode in flat density limit

$$L_n \rightarrow \infty, \frac{w_{xe}}{w} \ll 1 \Rightarrow 1\text{st} + 4\text{th} \text{ term dominate}$$

$$1 + \frac{k_{\parallel}^2 C_s^2}{w^3} w_{xpi} = 0 \rightarrow w^3 = k_{\parallel}^2 C_s^2 (-w_{xi})$$

$$\boxed{\gamma = |w_{xi}|^{1/3} (k_{\parallel} C_s)^{2/3}} \swarrow \text{one of the 3 roots are unstable}$$

⑪ ITG mode onset condition

ITG mode remains unstable even for very weak ITG $L_{Ti} \rightarrow \infty$ or $\gamma_i \rightarrow 0$.

This is unphysical and does not agree with numerical modeling results.

$$1 - \frac{w_{xe}}{w} - \frac{k_{\parallel}^2 C_s^2}{w^2} = -i Z \left(\frac{\pi}{2} \right)^{1/2} \left[\frac{w - w_{xi}(1-\gamma_i/2)}{k_{\parallel} V_{Ti}} \right]$$

If one assumes $w_{xe} k_{\parallel} C_s \ll w_{xi}$ it gives

$$(1-\gamma_i/2) < 0 \rightarrow \boxed{\gamma_i > 2} \quad \text{<onset condition for ITG mode>}$$