Simplified Forced Magnetic Reconnection

1 Simplified Analytic Calculation

1.1 Analysis

Let $\hat{t} = t/(S^{1/3} \tau_H)$, where t represents time, S is the Lundquist number, and τ_H the hydromagnetic timescale. Let $\Psi_b(\hat{t})$ be the driving flux, and $\Psi_0(\hat{t})$ the reconnected flux. Let E_{sb} be a (real) dimensionless coupling constant, and E_{ss} the (real) dimensionless tearing stability index.

Let

$$\bar{\Psi}_b(g) = \int_0^\infty \Psi_b(\hat{t}) e^{-g\hat{t}} d\hat{t}, \qquad (1)$$

$$\bar{\Psi}_0(g) = \int_0^\infty \Psi_0(\hat{t}) e^{-g\hat{t}} d\hat{t}. \tag{2}$$

In fact, if we assume that $\Psi_b(\hat{t}) = 0$ for $\hat{t} < 0$, and

$$\Psi_b(\hat{t}) = \Psi_{b\,0} \tag{3}$$

for $\hat{t} \geq 0$, then

$$\bar{\Psi}_b(g) = \frac{\Psi_{b0}}{g}.\tag{4}$$

The Laplace transformed simplified layer equation is

$$\frac{d}{dp}\left(\frac{p^2}{Q+p^2}\frac{d\bar{\phi}}{dp}\right) - Q\,p^2\,\bar{\phi} = 0,\tag{5}$$

where

$$Q = g + i Q_E. (6)$$

Here, $Q_E = S^{1/3} \omega_E \tau_H$, where ω_E is the E-cross-B frequency. Equation (5) must be solved subject to the boundary conditions that $\bar{\phi}(p) \to 0$ as $p \to \infty$, and

$$\bar{\phi}(p) \to \frac{\hat{\Delta}_s(g)}{\pi p} + 1 + \mathcal{O}(p)$$
 (7)

as $p \to 0$. Furthermore,

$$F_s(g) = -\int_0^\infty \frac{p^2}{Q + p^2} \frac{d\bar{\phi}}{dp} dp.$$
 (8)

Finally,

$$\bar{\Psi}_0(g) = \frac{E_{sb} F_s(g) \bar{\Psi}_b(g)}{g \left[S^{1/3} \hat{\Delta}_s(g) - E_{ss} \right]}.$$
 (9)

It can be demonstrated that

$$\frac{p^2}{Q+p^2} \frac{d\bar{\phi}}{dp} = \frac{Q^{1/4} \Gamma(a) \Gamma(5/2)}{3\pi} e^{-z/2} U(a, -1/2, z), \tag{10}$$

where U(a, b, z) is a confluent hypergeometric function, and

$$z = Q^{1/2} p^2, (11)$$

$$a = \frac{1}{4} \left(Q^{3/2} - 1 \right). \tag{12}$$

It follows that

$$F_s(g) = -\frac{\Gamma(a)\,\Gamma(5/2)}{6\pi} \int_0^\infty z^{-1/2} \,\mathrm{e}^{-z/2} \,U(a, -1/2, z) \,dz. \tag{13}$$

However, according to G&R 7.621.6,

$$\int_0^\infty z^{-1/2} e^{-z/2} U(a, -1/2, z) dc = \frac{\Gamma(1/2) \Gamma(2)}{\Gamma(a+2)} F(1/2, 2; a+2; 1/2), \quad (14)$$

where F(a, b; c; z) is a hypergeometric function. Thus,

$$F_s(g) = -\frac{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(5/2)}{6\pi} \frac{\Gamma(1/2)\Gamma(2)}{\Gamma(a+2)} F(1/2, 2; a+2; 1/2).$$
 (15)

Finally,

$$\hat{\Delta}_s(g) = -\frac{\pi}{8} \frac{\Gamma(a) \, Q^{5/4}}{\Gamma(a+3/2)}.\tag{16}$$

1.2 Non-Constant- ψ Limit

Suppose that $|Q| \gg 1$, which implies that $|a| \gg 1$. It follows that

$$F_s(g) \simeq -\frac{\Gamma(a) \Gamma(5/2)}{6\pi} \frac{\Gamma(1/2) \Gamma(2)}{\Gamma(a+2)} \simeq -\frac{\Gamma(5/2) \Gamma(1/2) \Gamma(2)}{6\pi a^2}$$
$$= -\frac{1}{8 a^2} \simeq -\frac{2}{Q^3}.$$
 (17)

Furthermore,

$$\hat{\Delta}_s \simeq -\frac{\pi \, Q^{5/4}}{8 \, a^{3/2}} \simeq -\frac{\pi}{Q}.$$
 (18)

Let us assume that $S^{1/3}/|Q| \gg 1 \sim \mathcal{O}(E_{ss})$, because if $S^{1/3}/|Q| \ll 1$ then the layer width is not much smaller than the plasma minor radius, which invalidates asymptotic matching. Thus, we find that

$$\bar{\Psi}_0(g) = \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{E_{sb} \Psi_{b0}}{S^{1/3}} \frac{1}{g (g + i Q_E)^2}.$$
 (19)

If we assume that $|Q_E| \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$ then we get

$$\bar{\Psi}_0(g) \simeq \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{E_{sb} \Psi_{b0}}{S^{1/3}} \frac{1}{q^3},$$
(20)

for

$$1 \ll g \ll S^{1/3}$$
. (21)

It follows that

$$\Psi_0(\hat{t}) = \frac{E_{sb}\Psi_{b0}}{\pi S^{1/3}} \hat{t}^2, \tag{22}$$

which is valid for

$$S^{-1/3} \ll \hat{t} \ll 1.$$
 (23)

More generally, if $|Q_E|\gg 1$ then (Erdélyi 5.2.8)

$$\Psi_0(\hat{t}) = \frac{2 E_{sb} \Psi_{b0}}{\pi S^{1/3}} \frac{(1 + i Q_E \hat{t}) e^{-i Q_E \hat{t}} - 1}{Q_E^2}.$$
 (24)

1.3 Constant- ψ Limit

Suppose that $|Q| \ll 1$, which implies that a = -1/4. If we assume that $|Q_E| \ll 1$ then this limit corresponds to $|g| \gg 1$, or

$$1 \ll \hat{t}. \tag{25}$$

It follows that

$$F_s(g) = -\frac{\Gamma(-1/4)\Gamma(5/2)}{6\pi} \frac{\Gamma(1/2)\Gamma(2)}{\Gamma(7/4)} F(1/2, 2; 7/4; 1/2) = 1.$$
 (26)

Moreover,

$$\hat{\Delta}_s = -\frac{\pi}{8} \frac{\Gamma(-1/4)}{\Gamma(5/4)} Q^{5/4} = \frac{2\pi \Gamma(3/4)}{\Gamma(1/4)} Q^{5/4}.$$
 (27)

It follows that

$$\bar{\Psi}_0(g) = \frac{E_{sb}\Psi_{b0}}{g\left[c\,S^{1/3}\,(g + i\,Q_E)^{5/4} - E_{ss}\right]},\tag{28}$$

where

$$c = \frac{2\pi \Gamma(3/4)}{\Gamma(1/4)}. (29)$$

Now,

$$\Psi_0(\hat{t}) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-i\infty}^{i\infty} \frac{E_{sb} \Psi_{b0} e^{g\hat{t}}}{g \left[c S^{1/3} \left(g + i Q_E\right)^{5/4} - E_{ss}\right]} dg, \tag{30}$$

which can be written

$$\Psi_0(\hat{t}) = \frac{E_{sb}\Psi_{b0}}{(-E_{ss})} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-i\infty}^{i\infty} \frac{e^{(p-iQ_E)\hat{t}}}{(p-iQ_E)(\lambda p^{5/4}+1)} dp,$$
(31)

where

$$\lambda = \frac{c \, S^{1/3}}{(-E_{ss})}.\tag{32}$$

Here, we are assuming that $E_{ss} < 0$. The contour integral in Eq. (23) can be decomposed into elements from the three poles (at $p_E = i Q_E$, and $p_{\pm} = e^{\pm i 4\pi/5} \lambda^{-4/5}$), respectively) plus a contribution from a branch cut along the $p = e^{i\pi} u$ axis (where u is real and positive). The contribution from the pole at $p = p_E$ is

$$\frac{E_{sb}\Psi_{b0}}{(-E_{ss})} \frac{1}{1 + e^{i 5\pi/8} \lambda Q_F^{5/4}}.$$
 (33)

The contribution from the pole at $p = p_+$ is

$$-\frac{4}{5} \frac{E_{sb} \Psi_{b0}}{(-E_{ss})} \frac{p_{+} e^{(p_{+} - i Q_{E})\hat{t}}}{p_{+} - i Q_{E}}.$$
 (34)

Likewise, the contribution from the pole at $p = p_{-}$ is

$$-\frac{4}{5} \frac{E_{sb} \Psi_{b0}}{(-E_{ss})} \frac{p_{-} e^{(p_{-} - i Q_{E})\hat{t}}}{p_{-} - i Q_{E}}.$$
 (35)

Finally, the contribution from the branch cut is

$$\frac{E_{sb}\Psi_{b0}}{(-E_{ss})} \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{2}\pi} \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-(u+iQ_E)\hat{t}} u^{5/4} du}{(u+iQ_E)\left(1-\sqrt{2}\lambda u^{5/4}+\lambda^2 u^{5/2}\right)}.$$
 (36)

Thus,

$$\Psi_{0}(\hat{t}) = \frac{E_{sb}\Psi_{b0}}{(-E_{ss})} \left\{ \frac{1}{1 + e^{i 5\pi/8} \lambda Q_{E}^{5/4}} - \frac{4}{5} \left[\frac{p_{+} e^{(p_{+} - i Q_{E})\hat{t}}}{p_{+} - i Q_{E}} + \frac{p_{-} e^{(p_{-} - i Q_{E})\hat{t}}}{p_{-} - i Q_{E}} \right] + \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{2} \pi} \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-(u + i Q_{E})\hat{t}} u^{5/4} du}{(u + i Q_{E}) (1 - \sqrt{2} \lambda u^{5/4} + \lambda^{2} u^{5/2})} \right\}.$$
(37)

1.4 Numerical Calculation

Let

$$\frac{E_{sb}\bar{\Psi}_{b\,0}}{(-E_{ss})} = 1. \tag{38}$$

Let

$$\frac{S^{1/3}}{(-E_{ss})} = \Sigma. \tag{39}$$

Thus,

$$\Psi_0(\hat{t}) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \bar{\Psi}_0(g) e^{g\hat{t}} dx, \tag{40}$$

where $g = \sigma + i x$, σ is real and positive, and

$$\bar{\Psi}_0(g) = \frac{F_s(g)}{g \left[\Sigma \, \hat{\Delta}_s(g) + 1 \right]}.\tag{41}$$

Here,

$$F_s(g) = -\frac{1}{8} \sum_{n=0,\infty} \frac{(1/2)_n (n+1)_1}{(a)_{2+n} 2^n},$$
(42)

where

$$a = \frac{1}{4} (Q^{3/2} - 1), \tag{43}$$

$$Q = g + i Q_E, \tag{44}$$

$$(z)_n = \frac{\Gamma(z+n)}{\Gamma(z)}. (45)$$

In fact,

$$(z)_0 = 1,$$
 (46)

$$(z)_n = (z + n - 1)(z)_{n-1}$$
(47)

for n > 0. Furthermore,

$$\hat{\Delta}_s(g) = -\frac{\pi}{8} \frac{Q^{5/4}}{a+1/2} \frac{\Gamma(a)}{\Gamma(a+1/2)}.$$
 (48)

2 Solution of Simplified Layer Equations

2.1 Simplified Layer Equation

The simplified layer equation is

$$\frac{d}{dp}\left(\frac{p^2}{Q+p^2}\frac{d\bar{\phi}}{dp}\right) - Qp^2\bar{\phi} = 0,\tag{49}$$

which can also be written

$$\frac{d^2\bar{\phi}}{dp^2} + \frac{2Q}{p(Q+p^2)}\frac{d\bar{\phi}}{dp} - Q(Q+p^2)\bar{\phi} = 0.$$
 (50)

The boundary conditions are $\bar{\phi}(p) \to 0$ as $p \to \infty$, and

$$\bar{\phi}(p) = \frac{\hat{\Delta}_s}{\pi \, p} + 1 + \mathcal{O}(p) \tag{51}$$

as $p \to 0$.

Let

$$\chi(p) = \frac{p^2}{Q + p^2} \frac{d\bar{\phi}}{dp}.$$
 (52)

It follows that

$$\frac{d\chi}{dp} = Q p^2 \,\bar{\phi}.\tag{53}$$

It is also easily seen that $\chi(p)$ satisfies

$$\frac{d}{dp}\left(\frac{1}{p^2}\frac{d\chi}{dp}\right) - \frac{Q(Q+p^2)}{p^2}\chi = 0,\tag{54}$$

which can also be written

$$\frac{d^2\chi}{dp^2} - \frac{2}{p} \frac{d\chi}{dp} - Q(Q + p^2)\chi = 0.$$
 (55)

2.2 Small-p Limit

Let

$$\bar{\phi}(p) = \frac{\hat{\Delta}_s}{\pi p} + 1 + a p + \mathcal{O}(p^2). \tag{56}$$

Substituting into the layer equation, (50), we get

$$\bar{\phi}(p) = \frac{\hat{\Delta}_s}{\pi p} + 1 + \frac{\hat{\Delta}_s}{\pi} \left(\frac{Q^2}{2} - \frac{1}{Q}\right) p + \mathcal{O}(p^2). \tag{57}$$

Substituting into the alternative layer equation, (55), and also making use of Eqs. (53) and (57), we obtain

$$\chi(p) = -\frac{\hat{\Delta}_s}{Q\pi} + \frac{\hat{\Delta}_s Q}{2\pi} p^2 + \frac{Q}{3} p^3 + \mathcal{O}(p^4).$$
 (58)

2.3 Large-p Limit

Let us write

$$\bar{\phi}(p) = A \exp\left(-\frac{Q^{1/2}p^2}{2}\right) f(p). \tag{59}$$

At large p, the layer equation, (50), yields

$$2p\frac{df}{dp} + (1+Q^{3/2})f = 0. (60)$$

The solution is

$$f(p) = p^{-\alpha},\tag{61}$$

where

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + Q^{3/2} \right). \tag{62}$$

It follows that

$$\bar{\phi}(p) = A p^{-\alpha} \exp\left(-\frac{Q^{1/2} p^2}{2}\right).$$
 (63)

Let us write

$$\chi(p) = B \exp\left(-\frac{Q^{1/2}p^2}{2}\right) g(p).$$
(64)

At large p, the alternative layer equation, (55), yields

$$2p\frac{dg}{dp} + (-1 + Q^{3/2})g = 0. (65)$$

The solution is

$$g(p) = p^{\beta},\tag{66}$$

where

$$\beta = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - Q^{3/2} \right). \tag{67}$$

It follows that

$$\chi(p) = B p^{\beta} \exp\left(-\frac{Q^{1/2} p^2}{2}\right).$$
(68)

In order to be in the large-p limit, we require

$$p^2 \gg |Q|,\tag{69}$$

$$|Q|^{1/2} p^2 \gg 1, (70)$$

or

$$p \gg |Q|^{1/2}, |Q|^{-1/4},$$
 (71)

or

$$p \gg \frac{(1+|Q|^{3/2})^{1/2}}{|Q|^{1/4}}. (72)$$

2.4 Riccati Transformation

Let

$$W(p) = \frac{p}{\bar{\phi}} \frac{d\bar{\phi}}{dp}.$$
 (73)

It follows from Eq. (57) that

$$W(p) = -1 + \frac{\pi p}{\hat{\Delta}_s} + \mathcal{O}(p^2) \tag{74}$$

at small p. Furthermore, Eq. (63) implies that

$$W(p) = -Q^{1/2} p^2 - \alpha (75)$$

at large p. Substituting into the layer equation, (50), we deduce that the differential equation that governs W(p) is

$$\frac{dW}{dp} = -\frac{1}{p} \left(\frac{Q - p^2}{Q + p^2} \right) W - \frac{W^2}{p} + Q \left(Q + p^2 \right) p. \tag{76}$$

The equation is integrated from large p, subject to the boundary condition (75), to small p. At small p,

$$\hat{\Delta}_s = \frac{\pi}{dW/dp}.\tag{77}$$

Let

$$V(p) = \frac{p}{\chi} \frac{d\chi}{dp}.$$
 (78)

Substituting into the alternative layer equation, (55), we deduce that the differential equation that governs V(p) is

$$\frac{dV}{dp} = \frac{3V}{p} - \frac{V^2}{p} + Q(Q + p^2) p.$$
 (79)

According to Eq. (58),

$$V(p) = -Q^2 p^2 - \frac{Q^2 \pi}{\hat{\Delta}_c} p^3 \tag{80}$$

at small p. Moreover, according to Eq. (68),

$$V(p) = -Q^{1/2} p^2 + \beta \tag{81}$$

at large p.

2.5 Plan of Action

2.5.1 Stage 1

Launch solutions of Eqs. (76) and (79) from large p, subject to the respective boundary conditions (75) and (81), and integrate to small p. Save V(p) onto a grid. Deduce the value of $\hat{\Delta}_s(g)$ from Eq. (77).

2.5.2 Stage 2

Launch the following system of equations from small p,

$$\frac{dU}{dp} = \frac{V(p)}{p},\tag{82}$$

$$\frac{dF}{dp} = \exp[U(p)],\tag{83}$$

subject to the boundary conditions

$$U(0) = 0, (84)$$

$$F(0) = 0, (85)$$

and integrate to large p. Here, V(p) is interpolated from the grid. Then

$$F_s(g) = \frac{\hat{\Delta}_s}{Q\pi} F(\infty). \tag{86}$$

2.6 Stage 3

Inverse Laplace transform:

$$\Psi_0(\hat{t}) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{F_s(\sigma + i\omega) e^{(\sigma + i\omega)\hat{t}}}{(\sigma + i\omega) \left[\sum \hat{\Delta}_s(\sigma + i\omega) + 1 \right]} d\omega.$$
 (87)

3 Solution of Full Layer Equation

3.1 Full Layer Equation

The full layer equation is

$$\frac{d}{dp}\left(A\frac{dY_e}{dp}\right) - \frac{B}{C}p^2Y_e,\tag{88}$$

where $Y_e(p)$ is the Fourier-Laplace transformed electron stream-function, and

$$A = \frac{p^2}{g + i(Q_E + Q_e) + p^2},\tag{89}$$

$$g + i (Q_E + Q_e) + p^2$$

$$B = (g + i Q_E)[g + i (Q_E + Q_i)] + [g + i (Q_E + Q_i)] (P_{\varphi} + P_{\perp}) p^2 + P_{\varphi} P_{\perp} p^4,$$
(90)

$$C = g + i(Q_E + Q_e) + \{P_{\perp} + [g + i(Q_E + Q_i)D^2]\} p^2 + \iota_e^{-1} P_{\varphi} D^2 p^4.$$
 (91)

The boundary conditions are $Y_e \to 0$ as $p \to \infty$, and

$$Y_e(p) = \frac{\hat{\Delta}_s}{\pi p} + 1 + \mathcal{O}(p) \tag{92}$$

as $p \to 0$. We also need

$$F_s(g) = -\int_0^\infty A \frac{dY_e}{dp} dp. \tag{93}$$

Let

$$\chi(p) = A \frac{dY_e}{dp}. (94)$$

It follows from Eqs. (88) and the previous two equations that

$$A\frac{d}{dp}\left(\frac{C}{Bp^2}\frac{d\chi}{dp}\right) - \chi = 0, \tag{95}$$

as well as

$$F_s = -\int_0^\infty \chi(p) \, dp. \tag{96}$$

3.2 Small-p Limit

Let

$$Y_e(p) = \frac{\hat{\Delta}_s}{\pi p} + 1 + a p + b p^2 + \mathcal{O}(p^3). \tag{97}$$

Substituting into the generalized layer equation, (88), we get

$$Y_e(p) = \frac{\hat{\Delta}_s}{\pi \, p} + 1$$

$$+ \frac{\hat{\Delta}_s}{\pi} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} (g + i Q_E) [g + i (Q_E + Q_i)] - \frac{1}{g + i (Q_E + Q_e)} \right\} p$$
$$+ \frac{1}{6} (g + i Q_E) [g + i (Q_E + Q_i)] p^2 + \mathcal{O}(p^3). \tag{98}$$

Substituting into Eq. (94), we get

$$\chi(p) = -\frac{\hat{\Delta}_s}{[g + i(Q_E + Q_e)]\pi} + \frac{\Delta_s}{2\pi} \frac{(g + iQ_E)[g + i(Q_E + Q_i)]}{g + i(Q_E + Q_e)} p^2 + \frac{1}{3} \frac{(g + iQ_E)[g + i(Q_E + Q_i)]}{g + i(Q_E + Q_e)} p^3 + \mathcal{O}(p^4).$$
(99)

3.3 Large-p Limit

In the large-p limit, if we write

$$A = 1 + \frac{\alpha}{p^2},\tag{100}$$

$$\frac{B}{C} = \beta + \frac{\gamma}{p^2},\tag{101}$$

and look for a solution of Eq. (94) of the form

$$Y_e(p) \propto p^x \exp\left(\frac{-\sqrt{\beta} p^2}{2}\right)$$
 (102)

then we find that

$$x = \frac{\gamma - \sqrt{\beta} \left(1 - \sqrt{\beta} \,\alpha\right)}{2\sqrt{\beta}}.\tag{103}$$

It is easily seen that

$$\alpha = -[g + i(Q_E + Q_e)], \tag{104}$$

$$\beta = \frac{\iota_e \, P_\perp}{D^2},\tag{105}$$

$$\gamma = \frac{\iota_e P_{\perp}}{D^2} \left(1 + \left[g + \mathrm{i} \left(Q_E + Q_i \right) \right] \frac{P_{\varphi} + P_{\perp}}{P_{\varphi} P_{\perp}} \right)$$

$$-\{P_{\perp} + [g + i(Q_E + Q_i)D^2]\} \frac{\iota_e}{P_{\omega}D^2}.$$
 (106)

Finally, it is easily seen from Eq. (94) that

$$\chi(p) \propto p^{x+1} \exp\left(\frac{-\sqrt{\beta} p^2}{2}\right)$$
(107)

at large-p.

In order to be in the large-p limit, we require

$$p \gg |g + i(Q_E + Q_e)|^{1/2},$$
 (108)

$$p \gg \left| \frac{\left[g + i \left(Q_E + Q_i \right) \right] \left(P_{\varphi} + P_{\perp} \right)}{P_{\varphi} P_{\perp}} \right|^{1/2}, \tag{109}$$

$$p \gg \left| \frac{(g + i Q_E) \left[g + i \left(Q_E + Q_i \right) \right]}{P_{\varphi} P_{\perp}} \right|^{1/4}, \tag{110}$$

$$p \gg \left| \frac{(P_{\perp} + [g + i(Q_E + Q_i)D^2])}{\iota_e^{-1} P_{\varphi} D^2} \right|^{1/2},$$
 (111)

$$p \gg \left| \frac{g + i (Q_E + Q_e)}{\iota_e^{-1} P_{\varphi} D^2} \right|^{1/4},$$
 (112)

$$p \gg \left(\frac{\iota_e^{-1} P_{\varphi} D^2}{P_{\varphi} P_{\perp}}\right)^{1/4}. \tag{113}$$

3.4 Low-D Limit

If

$$D^2 \ll \left| \frac{P_\perp}{\hat{g} + i \left(Q_E + Q_e \right)} \right|, \ \frac{\iota_e P_\perp}{P_\varphi^{2/3}}$$
 (114)

then the terms in the layer equations involving D^2 are negligible. In this case, in the large-p limit, we can write

$$A = 1 + \frac{\alpha}{p^2},\tag{115}$$

$$\frac{B}{C} = \beta \, p^2 + \gamma,\tag{116}$$

where

$$\alpha = -[\hat{g} + i(Q_E + Q_e)], \tag{117}$$

$$\beta = P_{\varphi},\tag{118}$$

$$\gamma = -\mathrm{i} \left(Q_e - Q_i \right) \frac{P_{\varphi}}{P_{\perp}} + \hat{g} + \mathrm{i} \left(Q_E + Q_i \right). \tag{119}$$

The solution of Eq. (94) becomes

$$\hat{Y}_e \propto p^{-1} \exp\left(x \, p - \frac{\sqrt{\beta} \, p^3}{3}\right) \tag{120}$$

where

$$x = \frac{\alpha \beta - \gamma}{2\sqrt{\beta}}. (121)$$

Finally, it is easily seen from Eq. (94) that

$$\chi(p) \propto p \exp\left(x \, p - \frac{\sqrt{\beta} \, p^3}{3}\right),$$
(122)

at large-p.

In order to be in the large-p limit, we require

$$p \gg |\hat{g} + i(Q_E + Q_e)|^{1/2},$$
 (123)

$$p \gg \left| \frac{\left[\hat{g} + i \left(Q_E + Q_i \right) \right] \left(P_{\varphi} + P_{\perp} \right)}{P_{\varphi} P_{\perp}} \right|^{1/2}, \tag{124}$$

$$p \gg \left| \frac{(\hat{g} + i Q_E) [\hat{g} + i (Q_E + Q_i)]}{P_{\omega} P_{\perp}} \right|^{1/4},$$
 (125)

$$p \gg \left| \frac{\hat{g} + i \left(Q_E + Q_e \right)}{P_\perp} \right|^{1/2}, \tag{126}$$

$$p \gg P_{\varphi}^{-1/6}.\tag{127}$$

3.5 Ricatti Transformation

Let

$$W = \frac{p}{Y_e} \frac{dY_e}{dp}.$$
 (128)

The generalized layer equation, (88), transforms to give

$$\frac{dW}{dp} = -\frac{A'}{p}W - \frac{W^2}{p} + \frac{B}{AC}p^3,$$
 (129)

where

$$A' = \frac{g + i(Q_E + Q_e) - p^2}{g + i(Q_E + Q_e) + p^2}.$$
 (130)

This equation must be solved subject to the boundary condition that

$$W(p) = x - \sqrt{\beta} p^2 \tag{131}$$

at large-p, and

$$W(p) = -1 + \frac{\pi p}{\hat{\Delta}_s} \tag{132}$$

at small-p. However, in the low-D limit,

$$W(p) = -1 + x \, p - \sqrt{\beta} \, p^3 \tag{133}$$

at large-p.

Let

$$V = \frac{p}{\chi} \frac{d\chi}{dp}.$$
 (134)

Equation (95) transforms to give

$$\frac{dV}{dp} = 2p(B' - C')V + \frac{3V}{p} - \frac{V^2}{p} + \frac{B}{AC}p^3,$$
(135)

where

$$B' = \frac{[g + i(Q_E + Q_i)](P_{\varphi} + P_{\perp}) + 2P_{\varphi}P_{\perp}p^2}{(g + iQ_E)[g + i(Q_E + Q_i)] + [g + i(Q_E + Q_i)](P_{\varphi} + P_{\perp})p^2 + P_{\varphi}P_{\perp}p^4},$$
(136)

$$C' = \frac{\{P_{\perp} + [g + i(Q_E + Q_i)D^2\} + 2\iota_e^{-1}P_{\varphi}D^2p^2}{g + i(Q_E + Q_e) + \{P_{\perp} + [g + i(Q_E + Q_i)D^2\}p^2 + \iota_e^{-1}P_{\varphi}D^2p^4}.$$
(137)

This equation must be solved subject to the boundary condition that

$$V(p) = 1 + x - \sqrt{\beta} p^2 \tag{138}$$

at large-p. However, in the low-D limit,

$$V(p) = 1 + x \, p - \sqrt{\beta} \, p^3 \tag{139}$$

at large-p.

3.6 Revised Plan of Action

3.6.1 Stage 1

Launch solutions of Eqs. (129) and (135) from large p, subject to the respective boundary conditions (131) and (138), and integrate to small p. Save V(p) onto a grid. Deduce the value of $\hat{\Delta}_s(g)$ from Eq. (132).

3.6.2 Stage 2

Launch the following system of equations from small p,

$$\frac{dU}{dp} = \frac{V(p)}{p},\tag{140}$$

$$\frac{dF}{dp} = \exp[U(p)],\tag{141}$$

subject to the boundary conditions

$$U(0) = 0, (142)$$

$$F(0) = 0, (143)$$

and integrate to large p. Here, V(p) is interpolated from the grid. Then

$$F_s(g) = \frac{\hat{\Delta}_s}{[q + i(Q_E + Q_e)] \pi} F(\infty). \tag{144}$$

3.7 Stage 3

Inverse Laplace transform:

$$\Psi_0(\hat{t}) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{F_s(\sigma + i\omega) e^{(\sigma + i\omega)\hat{t}}}{(\sigma + i\omega) \left[\Sigma \hat{\Delta}_s(\sigma + i\omega) + 1\right]} d\omega.$$
 (145)