

Today.

Plasma Waves

- diagnostics.
- finite temperature effects.

1. Recall, from last time

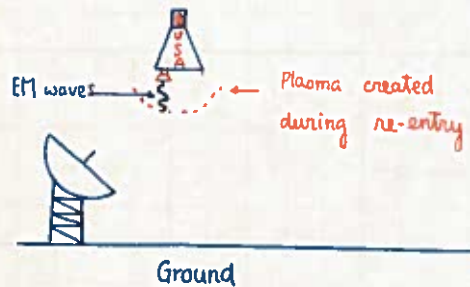
- EM Dispersion

$$\omega^2 = \omega_p^2 + k^2 c^2$$

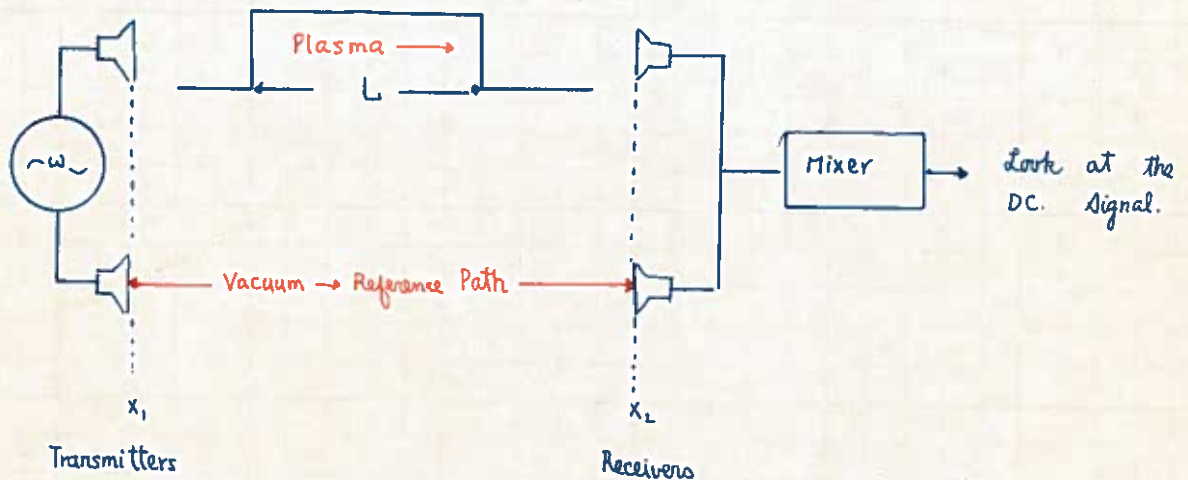
- Applications \rightarrow Communication.
Ionosphere



- Also, plasma causes unexpected loss in communications, e.g.,



- Plasma Interferometer \rightarrow Good for $n \sim 10^{14} - 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-3}$



- at position ②, plasma receiver signals look like.

$$E_{\text{Plasma}} = E_p^0 \exp \left[i (\phi_{12}^P - \omega t) \right]$$

$$E_{\text{Reference}}(t) = E_R^0 \exp \left[i (\phi_{21}^R - \omega t) \right]$$

Where

$$\Phi_{21}^{R,P} = \int_0^L dx \quad k^{P,R}(x)$$

$$\Phi_{21}^R = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} dx \quad \frac{\omega}{c}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_{21}^P &= \int_{x_1}^{x_2} dx \cdot k^P(\omega) \\ &= \int_{x_1}^{x_2} dx \quad k_0 \cdot \sqrt{1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2}} \end{aligned}$$

In experimental situations, we have.

- $\omega^2 \gg \omega_p^2$

$$\Phi_{21}^P \approx k_0 (x_2 - x_1) - \frac{1}{2} \int_{x_1}^{x_2} k_0 \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2} dx$$

- if plasma is uniform, then-

$$\int_{x_1}^{x_2} k_0 \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2} dx = k_0 \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2} L$$

- if plasma is non-uniform, then-

$$\int_{x_1}^{x_2} k_0 \frac{\omega_p^2(x)}{\omega^2} dx = k_0 \frac{\overline{\omega_p^2}}{\omega^2} L$$

where

$$\overline{\omega_p^2} \rightarrow \text{(line averaged plasma frequency (density))}$$

- D.C. output of the mixer. (Assume $E_P^0 = E_R^0 = E^0$)

$$\langle \text{Output} \rangle = \langle E_R \otimes E_P^* \rangle = E_0^2 \operatorname{Re} \left[e^{i(\Phi_{21}^R - \Phi_{21}^P)} \right]$$

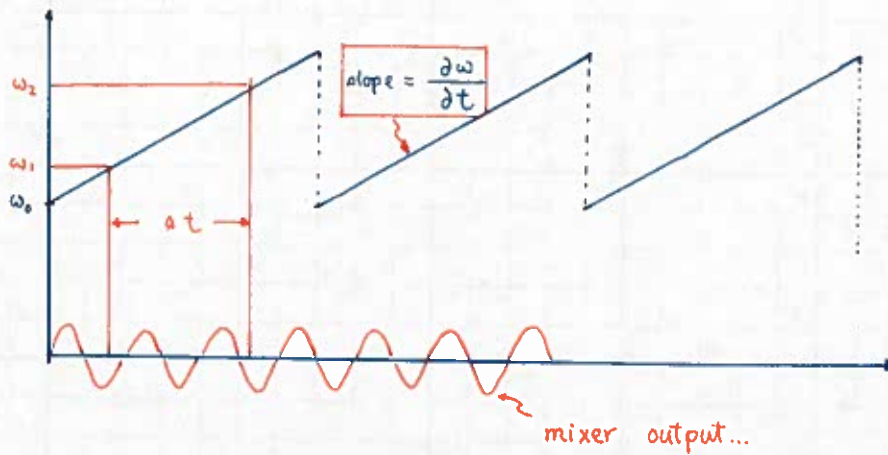
where (in the limit $\omega \gg \omega_p$)

$$\Phi_{21}^R - \Phi_{21}^P = \frac{1}{2} \int_{x_1}^{x_2} k_0 \frac{\omega_p^2(x)}{\omega^2} dx = \frac{1}{2} k_0 \frac{\overline{\omega_p^2}}{\omega^2} L$$

hence, the mixer output is.

$$\langle \text{output} \rangle = \langle E_R \otimes E_P^* \rangle \sim \cos \left[\frac{1}{2} k_0 L \cdot \left(\frac{\overline{\omega_p^2}}{\omega^2} \right) \right]$$

so, if we modulate the frequency, ω . i.e.,



- So, if we let # of zero crossings be N , then

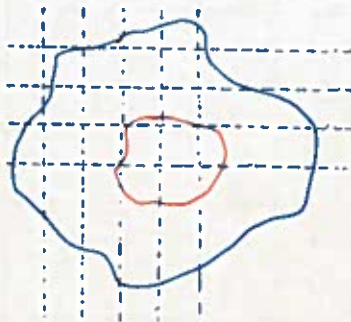
$$N\pi = \frac{1}{2} \omega_p^2 \cdot k_0 L \cdot \left[\frac{1}{\omega_1^2} - \frac{1}{\omega_2^2} \right]$$

$\omega_1 \approx \omega_2$, $\omega_2 = \omega_1 + \Delta\omega$ yields-

$$N\pi = \frac{1}{2} \omega_p^2 \cdot k_0 L \cdot \frac{\Delta\omega}{\omega_0^3}$$

$$\rightarrow \overline{\omega_p^2} L = \frac{1}{k_0} \cdot \frac{N\pi \omega_0^3}{\frac{\partial\omega}{\partial t} \cdot [\Delta t]}$$

- $\overline{\omega_p^2}$: line integrated plasma frequency.
- For a given plasma.



- Take multiple cuts \rightarrow use a mirror.
- Cut-off frequency can infer peak density.
- Take Abel Transform \rightarrow get density contour.

2 Energy of an cold electrostatic wave.

- Electrostatic Energy

$$\langle u_E \rangle = \frac{\langle |E|^2 \rangle}{8\pi}$$

Kinetic Energy Density...

$$\langle u_k \rangle = \frac{1}{2} n m \langle |\underline{v}|^2 \rangle$$

• If we write $\underline{E} = \underline{\tilde{E}} e^{-i\omega t} + \text{c.c.}$ → off by a factor of 2 from JCV

$$- \langle |\underline{E}|^2 \rangle = \underline{\tilde{E}} \cdot \underline{\tilde{E}}^* + \underline{\tilde{E}}^* \cdot \underline{\tilde{E}} = 2 |\underline{\tilde{E}}|^2$$

• Also, because

$$\underline{v} = \underline{\tilde{v}} e^{-i\omega t} + \text{c.c.}$$

$$\langle u_k \rangle = n m |\underline{\tilde{v}}|^2$$

$$\langle u_E \rangle = \frac{|\underline{\tilde{E}}|^2}{4\pi}$$

• from Newton's Law.

$$\underline{\tilde{v}} = - \frac{e}{(-i\omega)} \cdot \frac{\underline{\tilde{E}}}{m} = \frac{e}{i\omega m} \underline{\tilde{E}}$$

$$\rightarrow \langle u_T \rangle = \langle u_E \rangle + \langle u_k \rangle$$

$$= \frac{|\underline{\tilde{E}}|^2}{4\pi} + \frac{n m e^2}{\omega^2 m^2} |\underline{\tilde{E}}|^2$$

$$= \left[1 + \frac{4\pi e^2 n}{m \omega^2} \right] \frac{|\underline{\tilde{E}}|^2}{4\pi}$$

$$\langle u_T \rangle = \left[1 + \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2} \right] \frac{|\underline{\tilde{E}}|^2}{4\pi}$$

for self-consistent oscillations -

$$\omega = \omega_p$$

$$\langle u_T \rangle = \left[1 + 1 \right] \frac{|\underline{\tilde{E}}|^2}{4\pi}$$

→ Equally divided between Electric + Kinetic term.

Consider.

$$1 + \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \omega} \left[\omega - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega} \right]$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial \omega} \left[\omega \left[1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2} \right] \right]$$

$$1 + \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \omega} [\omega \epsilon(\omega)]$$

- In plasma, collective mode satisfies

$$\epsilon(\omega) = 0$$

$$\langle U_T \rangle = \epsilon(\omega) \frac{|\underline{E}|^2}{4\pi} + \omega \frac{\partial \epsilon(\omega)}{\partial \omega} \frac{|\tilde{\underline{E}}|^2}{4\pi}$$

(Ref. Landau + Lifschitz)

- Finite T_e effects. (i.e., Langmuir waves)
 → Cold plasma: $v_g = 0$ (NOT PHYSICAL!)

• From the moment description.

$$m \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \tilde{\underline{v}}_e = \underbrace{-e}_{q} \tilde{\underline{E}}(\underline{x}) - \frac{1}{n_0} \nabla P \quad \swarrow \text{scalar pressure.}$$

$$P = \gamma n k T$$

$$- \frac{\omega}{k} \gg \bar{v}_e \longrightarrow \gamma = 3$$

$$- \frac{\omega}{k} \ll \bar{v}_e \longrightarrow \gamma = 1$$

$$\bullet \text{ for } \omega \sim \omega_p \longrightarrow \gamma = 3 \text{ (Bohm-Gross)}$$

• Linearized Equations:

• Force Equation.

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \tilde{\underline{v}} = \frac{q}{m} \underline{E} - \frac{1}{n_0} (\gamma T) \nabla \tilde{n}$$

• Cont.

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \tilde{n} + n_0 \nabla \cdot \tilde{\underline{v}} = 0$$

• Poisson.

$$\nabla^2 \phi = -4\pi \rho$$

$$\nabla \cdot \underline{E} = -4\pi \sum_s q_s \tilde{n}_s$$

• Apply $\frac{\partial}{\partial t}$ to continuity.

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \tilde{n} + \left[\nabla \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \tilde{\underline{v}} \right] n_0 = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \tilde{n} + \nabla \cdot \left(-\frac{e}{m} n_0 \underline{E} - \frac{\beta T}{m n_0} n_0 \nabla \tilde{n} \right) = 0$$

- Poisson's Equation

$$\nabla \cdot \underline{E} = 4\pi (-e) \tilde{n}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \tilde{n} + \frac{4\pi n_0 e^2}{m} \tilde{n} - \underbrace{3 \frac{T}{m}}_{\beta = 3} \nabla^2 \tilde{n} = 0$$

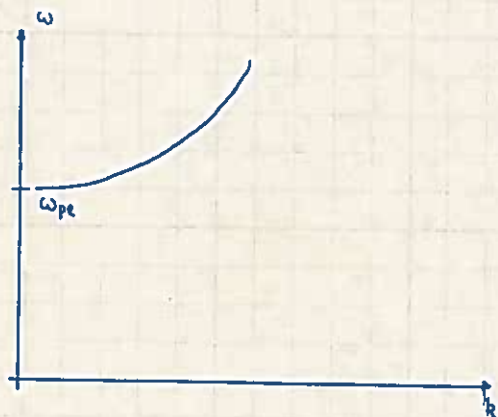
- Langmuir waves need not be plane waves.
- Uniform background \rightarrow not necessary.
- for plane wave, $\tilde{n} \sim \exp[i(\underline{k} \cdot \underline{r} - \omega t)]$

$$\omega^2 = \omega_{pe}^2 + 3k^2 \bar{v}_e^2$$

$$\omega = \sqrt{\omega_{pe}^2 + 3k^2 \bar{v}_e^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial k} = v_g &= \frac{\partial k \bar{v}_e^2}{\omega} \\ &= 3\bar{v}_e^2 \cdot \frac{1}{v_\theta} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{v_g}{v_T} = 3 \frac{\bar{v}_e}{v_\theta} = 3 \frac{\bar{v}_e k}{\omega}$$



Last time: Langmuir Waves.

• We found

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \tilde{n} - \beta \bar{v}_e^2 \nabla^2 \tilde{n} + \omega_p^2 \tilde{n} = 0$$

β -factor

for plane wave solutions

$$\tilde{n} \sim e^{i(\omega t - \vec{k} \cdot \vec{x})} \rightarrow \omega^2 = \omega_p^2 + \beta k^2 \bar{v}_e^2$$

• Bohm - Gross Relation

$$\omega = \sqrt{\omega_{pe}^2 + \beta k^2 \bar{v}_e^2}$$

exactly!

• Recall B-G dispersion is obtained thru moment eq, which requires.

$$v_{\theta} \gg \bar{v}_e$$

from kinetic th., we'll find a more complicated expression.

$$\omega \simeq \omega_p^2 \left[1 + \frac{\beta}{2} \frac{k^2 \bar{v}_e^2}{\omega_p^2} \right]$$

i.e., identical to B-G in the lowest order

• Group velocity

$$\omega \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial k} = 2 \cdot \beta k \cdot \bar{v}_e^2$$

$$v_g \equiv \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial k} = \beta k \left[\frac{\bar{v}_e^2}{\omega} \right]$$

$$\omega \simeq \omega_p$$

$$\rightarrow v_g = \beta \bar{v}_e \left[\frac{k}{k_D} \right]$$

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• A powerful description to solve important realistic problems
 \rightarrow "Modulation Description"

$$\tilde{n}(\vec{r}; t) = A(\vec{r}; t) e^{-i\omega_p t}$$

• Our approximation is

$$\left| \frac{1}{A} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} A \right| \ll \omega_p \rightarrow \text{slow modulation.}$$