

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

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \tilde{n} &= -i\omega_p \left[-i\omega_p \tilde{n}(\vec{r}; t) + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} A(\vec{r}; t) e^{-i\omega_p t} \right] + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} A(\vec{r}; t) e^{-i\omega_p t} \\ &\quad - i\omega_p \frac{\partial}{\partial t} A(\vec{r}; t) e^{-i\omega_p t} \end{aligned}$$

• $-i\omega_p$ term dominates

$$\begin{aligned} -\omega_p^2 \tilde{n}(\vec{r}; t) - 2i\omega_p \frac{\partial}{\partial t} A(\vec{r}; t) e^{-i\omega_p t} - \beta \bar{v}_e^2 \nabla^2 A(\vec{r}; t) + \omega_p^2 \tilde{n}(\vec{r}; t) \\ = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$-2i\omega_p \frac{\partial}{\partial t} A(\vec{r}; t) - \beta \bar{v}_e^2 \nabla^2 A(\vec{r}; t) = 0$$

is Schrödinger's Eq.

• simplest NL. correction is.

$$\omega_p^2 \longrightarrow (\omega_p^2)_0 + \alpha |A|^2$$

which gives interesting effects such as solitons.

Low freq waves from moment description. (Recall $\omega = 0$ solution)

• electron response is.

$$m_e \frac{d}{dt} v_e = e \nabla \phi - \frac{1}{n_e} \nabla P_e$$

$$\text{as } \omega \rightarrow 0, \quad m \frac{d}{dt} \text{ is small} \rightarrow 0 \approx e \nabla \phi - \frac{1}{n_e} \nabla P_e$$

for low freq. waves, our model for pressure is.

$$P_e = n_e T_e \quad [\gamma = 1]$$

$$0 \approx e \nabla \phi - \nabla \left[T_e \ln n_e \right]$$

$$\longrightarrow n_e = n_e^0 \exp \left[\frac{e \phi}{T_e} \right]$$

i.e., Boltzmann factor.

Q: When is this approximation valid?

i.e., we said.

$$m \omega_{pe} \bar{v}_e \ll \frac{T_e}{n_0} k \tilde{n}_e$$

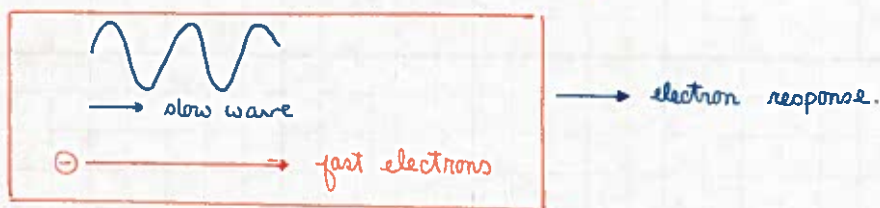
but continuity said.

$$\omega \tilde{n}_e = n_0 k \bar{v}_e$$

$$\rightarrow m \omega \bar{v}_e \ll \frac{T_e}{n_0} k \frac{n_0 k}{\omega} \bar{v}_e$$

i.e., our approximation requires that.

$$\left[\frac{\omega}{k} \right]^2 \ll \frac{T_e}{m} \equiv \bar{v}_e^2$$



Ion response

$$\cdot M \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \underline{v}_i = -q \nabla \phi - \frac{1}{n_i} \nabla P_i$$

large M $\rightarrow \nabla P_i$ is negligible (??)

• linearized ion equation.

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \underline{v}_i = \frac{q}{m} \nabla \phi$$

• Our approximation requires.

$$\left[\frac{\omega}{k} \right]^2 \gg \bar{v}_i^2$$

which follows line-for-line of the electron equation

Ion cont. equation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \tilde{n}_i + \nabla \cdot (n_{0i} \underline{\tilde{v}}_i) = 0$$

• apply $\frac{\partial}{\partial t}$.

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \tilde{n}_i + \nabla \cdot \left[n_{0i} \cdot \frac{q}{m} \nabla \phi \right] = 0$$

• Poisson's Eq.

$$\nabla^2 \phi = 4\pi [e \tilde{n}_e - q \tilde{n}_i]$$

$$\tilde{n}_i = -\frac{1}{4\pi q} \nabla^2 \phi + \frac{e}{q} \tilde{n}_e$$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \left\{ -\frac{1}{4\pi q} \nabla^2 \phi + \frac{e}{q} \tilde{n}_e \right\} - \nabla \cdot \left[\frac{n_{ei} q}{M} \nabla \phi \right] = 0$$

• NOTE: The above eq. is valid for non-uniform plasma.

for uniform background n_{oi}

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \left[\frac{e}{q} \tilde{n}_e \right] - \left\{ \frac{1}{4\pi q} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} + \frac{n_{oi} q}{M} \right\} \nabla^2 \phi = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \left[4\pi e \tilde{n}_e \right] - \left\{ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} + \omega_{pi}^2 \right\} \nabla^2 \phi = 0$$

• Recall that we made.

$$\tilde{n}_e = n_{e0} \exp \left[\frac{e\phi}{kT_e} \right]$$

- Good for
 - shock formation
 - solitons

Non-linear
PDE

• Linearized response.

$$\tilde{n}_e = n_{e0} e^{\frac{e\phi}{kT}}$$

$$\approx n_{e0} \left[1 + \frac{e\phi}{kT} + \dots \right]$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \left[\frac{4\pi e^2 n_{e0}}{T_e} \phi \right] - \left\{ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} + \omega_{pi}^2 \right\} \nabla^2 \phi = 0$$

$$\text{Assume } \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \ll \omega_{pi}^2, \text{ i.e., } \omega \ll \omega_{pi}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \phi - \left[\frac{n_{e0} q^2}{M} \frac{T_e}{4\pi e^2 n_{e0}} \right] \nabla^2 \phi = 0$$

• $e n_{e0} = q n_{i0} \rightarrow$ quasi-neutrality.

• let $q = ze$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \phi - \left[\frac{z T_e}{M} \right] \nabla^2 \phi = 0$$

• Define

$$C_s = \sqrt{\frac{z T_e}{M}}$$

(ion acoustic speed)

- Rewrite

$$c_s = \sqrt{\frac{Z T_e}{T_i}} \bar{v}_i$$

However, recall that $\omega/k \gg \bar{v}_i \rightarrow$ our assumption

- ion acoustic requires.

$$c_s \gg \bar{v}_i \rightarrow T_e \gg T_i \rightarrow \text{ion acoustic regime.}$$

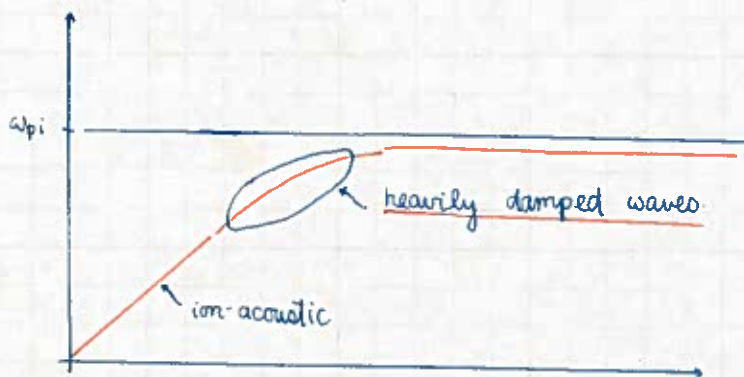
- for plane waves

$$i(k \cdot r - \omega t)$$

$$\phi \sim e$$

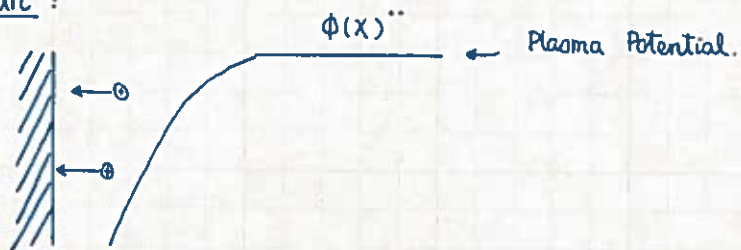
$$\omega^2 = k^2 c_s^2 \rightarrow v_g = v_\phi = c_s$$

\rightarrow non-dispersive (linear relation between ω and k)



- Mode coupling is allowed between EM waves + Langmuir waves e.g., a density gradient will cause such a coupling
- Only NL processes (e.g., ω^2 , ω^3 effects) can cause mode transfer between Langmuir + ion-acoustic modes

• Sheath :



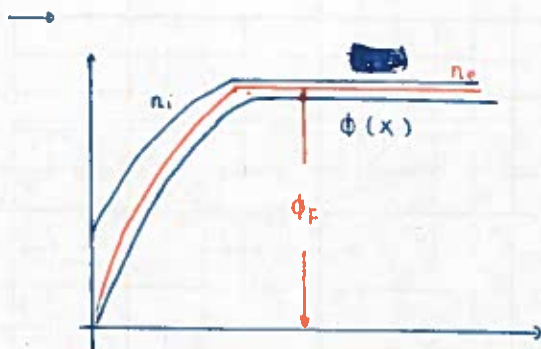
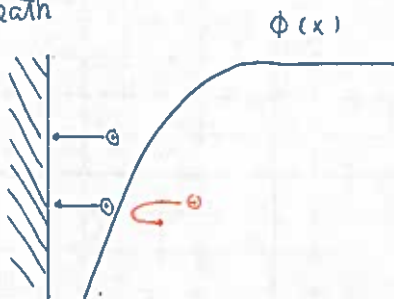
• Setting $\Gamma_e = \Gamma_i$.

$$\phi_F = \frac{T_e}{2e} \left[\ln \left(\frac{M}{m} \right) + \ln \left(\frac{T_e}{T_i} \right) \right]$$

• for H.

$$\phi_F \sim 3.8 \frac{T_e}{e}$$

• sheath



• floating potential.

$$\phi_F = \frac{e T_e}{2e} \left[\ln \left(\frac{M}{m} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{T_e}{T_i} \right) \right]$$

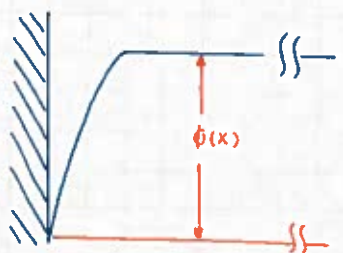
for H

$$\phi_F \approx 3.8 \cdot e T_e / e$$

Today
Sheaths

• Planar sheath

- 1-D
- Steady state, $T_e \gg T_i$
(ions will pick up sound speed in this case)
- Resistive sheath vs. Reactive sheath.



$$n_e(x) = n_e^0 \exp\left[\frac{e\phi}{T_e}\right]$$

$$n_i = n_0 \text{ for ions}$$

$$M n_i \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \underline{v}_i + \underline{v}_i \cdot \nabla \underline{v}_i \right] = -q n_i \nabla \phi - \nabla p_i$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[\frac{m v_i^2}{2} + q \phi \right] = 0$$

$$\frac{m v_i^2(x)}{2} + q \phi(x) = \frac{m v_i^2(\infty)}{2} + q \phi(x \rightarrow \infty)$$

$$v_i(x) = \sqrt{v_i^2(\infty) - \frac{2q}{M} \phi(x)}$$

• but cont. equation states.

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} n_{oi} + \nabla \cdot (n_i \underline{v}) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} [n_i v_i] = 0$$

$$n_i(x) = \frac{n_i(\infty) v_i(\infty)}{v_i(x)} = \frac{n_i(\infty) v_i(\infty)}{\left[v_i^2(\infty) - \frac{2q}{M} \phi(x) \right]^{1/2}}$$

Use Poisson's Eq.



$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \phi = 4\pi e \left[n_{e0} e^{-\frac{e\phi}{T_e}} - \frac{n_i(\infty) v_i(\infty)}{\left[v_i^2(\infty) - \frac{2q}{M} \phi(x) \right]^{1/2}} \right]$$

• Looking for a physical solution.

- Bohm criterion

- The famous Morales scaling.

The natural units are.

$$\cdot \Phi = - \frac{e \phi}{T}$$

$$\cdot \xi = k_D x$$

$$\cdot r = \frac{2Z T_e}{M_i v_i^2(\infty)}$$

$$\cdot n_e^0 = Z n_i^0(\infty)$$

• Poisson's Eq. becomes

$$\frac{d^2}{d\xi^2} \Phi = \frac{1}{(1 + r \Phi(\xi))^{1/2}} e^{-\Phi}$$

@ a few λ_D away, we have

$$\left| \frac{e \phi}{T} \right| \equiv \Phi \ll 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2}{d\xi^2} \Phi &= \left[1 - \frac{1}{2} r \Phi(\xi) \right] - \left[1 - \Phi \right] \\ &= - \left(\frac{1}{2} r - 1 \right) \Phi \end{aligned}$$

$$\cdot \frac{d^2}{d\xi^2} \Phi + \left[\frac{1}{2} r - 1 \right] \Phi = 0$$

• Case 1: if $\frac{r}{2} > 1 \rightarrow$ solutions are sin, cos



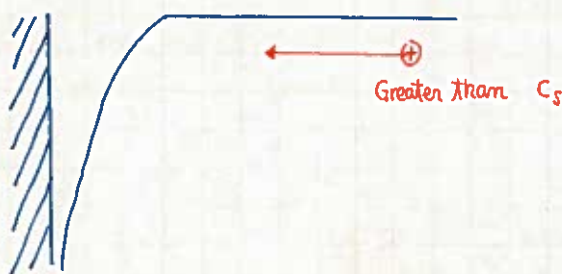
• Case 2: $\frac{r}{2} < 1 \rightarrow$ Exponential solutions.

$$\cdot \Phi(x) \sim \exp \left[\pm \xi \sqrt{1 - \frac{r}{2}} \right]$$

* Stable sheath requires.

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{2Z T_e}{M v_i^2(\infty)} < 1$$

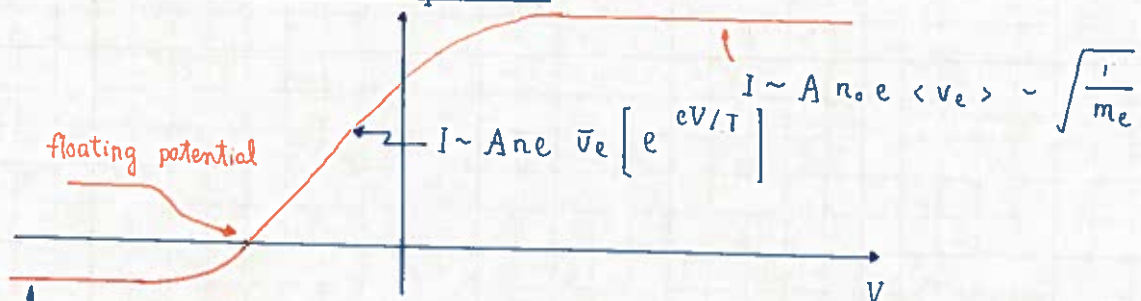
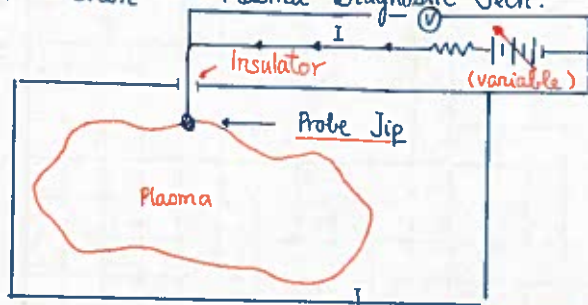
$$\rightarrow v_i(\infty) > \sqrt{\frac{Z T_e}{M}} = C_s \rightarrow \text{Bohm Criterion}$$



- $q \nabla \phi - \frac{\nabla \cdot P}{n_i}$: ignoring $\nabla p_i \longleftrightarrow$ ions free-fall into the sheath.

Langmuir Probe

- Langmuir + Tonks
- F² Chem "Plasma Diagnostic Tech." p. 113-200



$$I \sim A n_o e c_s \sim \sqrt{\frac{1}{M_i}}$$

• Bohm velocity.

- $A n_o e c_s \rightarrow$ ion saturation current.
- $A n_o e \langle v_e \rangle \rightarrow$ electron saturation current. \rightarrow Good for measuring density profile.

- In the electron (exponential) part.

$$- \frac{\partial}{\partial V} \ln I = \frac{\partial}{\partial V} \frac{eV}{T} = \frac{e}{T_e}$$

$$- I \sim \exp \left[\frac{eV}{T_e} \right]$$

- Problems.

- Noise.
- does not take care of Jell.

