

Kappa Distributions: Turbulent Equilibria

1. Foundation: Plasma Kinetic Theory

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Kappa Distribution as Tsallis Equilibrium

Boltzmann-Gibbs definition of entropy

$$S_{BG} = -k \sum_{i=1}^W p_i \ln p_i,$$

where $k = k_B = 1.3806503 \times 10^{-23} \text{m}^2 \text{kg s}^{-2} \text{K}^{-1}$ for thermostatics and $k = 1$ for information system (Shannon entropy). p_i is the probability of the system being in a particular state called the i -th state. W is the total number of possible states.



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Since p_i is the probability, their sum must be unity,

$$\sum_{i=1}^W p_i = 1.$$

If the system has equal probability of being in any state, i ,

$$p_i = \frac{1}{W},$$

and the entropy becomes

$$S_{BG} = -k \sum_{i=1}^W \frac{1}{W} \ln \frac{1}{W} = k \ln W.$$



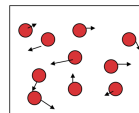
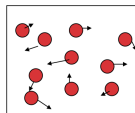
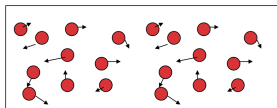
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Boltzmann entropy is extensive: Entropy of total system is sum of entropies of subsystems.

$$S_{BG}(A + B) = k \ln(W_A W_B) = k \ln W_A + k \ln W_B = S_{BG}(A) + S_{BG}(B).$$



The extensivity of the entropy is applicable for ideal gas and systems interacting with short-range force, as Boltzmann himself noted.

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“The entropy of a system composed of several parts is very often equal to the sum of the entropies of all the parts” “Notice that these conditions are not quite obvious and that in some cases they may not be fulfilled” [Enrico Fermi. *Thermodynamics* (Dover, New York, 1936), p. 53]

For *complex* systems or systems interacting with long-range force, such as gravitational bodies or plasmas, the *non-extensive* entropic principle may govern the statistical properties.

$$S(A + B) \neq S(A) + S(B).$$

The question is, “What is the appropriate mathematical form of non-extensive entropy?”



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$$S(A + B) \neq S(A) + S(B).$$



A possible answer was put forth by Tsallis [1988], but it was actually suggested in the information theory first. Tsallis simply rediscovered it independently,

$$S_q = k \frac{1 - \sum_{i=1}^W p_i^q}{q - 1}, \quad (q \rightarrow 1 \text{ equivalent to } S_{BG}).$$

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Tsallis entropy has the non-additive, or *non-extensive* property,

$$\frac{S_q(A+B)}{k} = \frac{S_q(A)}{k} + \frac{S_q(B)}{k} + (1-q) \frac{S_q(A)}{k} \frac{S_q(B)}{k}.$$

q is a parameter that determines the deviation from BG statistics, $q = 1$ being the BG limit.

In the literature q is usually treated phenomenologically.

For electrons in unmagnetized plasma interacting with long-range Coulomb force, however, q can be calculated rigorously as

$$q = \frac{5}{9}$$



Kappa Distribution as Tsallis Equilibrium

For continuous system such as plasmas the Boltzmann-Gibbs entropy is

$$S_{BG} = -k_B \beta \int_{\mathcal{V}} d\mathbf{x} \int d\mathbf{v} \frac{f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v})}{\beta} \ln \frac{f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v})}{\beta}.$$

Equilibrium distribution f can be found by considering the Helmholtz free energy,

$$\begin{aligned} F &= U - TS, \\ U &= \int_{\mathcal{V}} d\mathbf{x} \int d\mathbf{v} \frac{mv^2}{2} f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}). \end{aligned}$$



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Taking the functional derivative and setting equal to zero,

$$\frac{\delta F}{\delta f} = 0,$$

one obtains the Maxwell-Boltzmann-Gauss distribution

$$f_M(\mathbf{v}) = \frac{\beta}{e} \exp\left(-\frac{mv^2}{2k_B T}\right).$$



Kappa Distribution as Tsallis Equilibrium

The continuous version of the Tsallis entropy is

$$S_q = -\frac{k_B \beta}{1-q} \int_{\mathcal{V}} d\mathbf{x} \int d\mathbf{v} \left[\frac{f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v})}{\beta} - \left(\frac{f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v})}{\beta} \right)^q \right].$$

Extremization of the Helmholtz free energy leads to

$$f_q(\mathbf{v}) = \frac{\beta q^{1/(1-q)}}{[1 + (1-q) m v^2 / 2 k_B T]^{1/(1-q)}}.$$



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Upon defining

$$\kappa \equiv \frac{1}{1 - q}, \quad q = \frac{\kappa - 1}{\kappa},$$

we obtain

$$f_{\kappa}(\mathbf{v}) \propto \frac{1}{[1 + mv^2/2\kappa k_B T]^{\kappa}}.$$



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A slightly different form can be obtained on the basis of “escort entropy” -
See Livadiotis’ book (2017) - the Vasyliunas-Olbert (kappa) distribution,

$$f_{\kappa}(\mathbf{v}) \propto \frac{1}{[1 + mv^2/2\kappa k_B T]^{\kappa+1}}.$$

For plasma electrons, I will show that the kappa value is

$$\kappa = \frac{9}{4}$$



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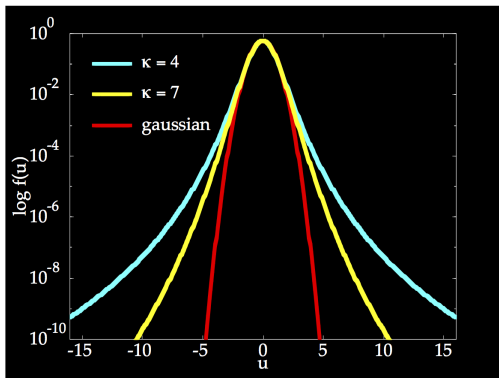
Gaussian vs Kappa Distribution

$$f_{\text{gaussian}}(u) = \frac{1}{\pi^{1/2}} \exp(-u^2)$$

$$f_{\text{kappa}}(u) = \frac{1}{\pi^{1/2}} \frac{\Gamma(\kappa + 1)}{\kappa^{1/2} \Gamma(\kappa + 1/2)} \frac{1}{(1 + u^2 / \kappa)^{\kappa+1}}$$



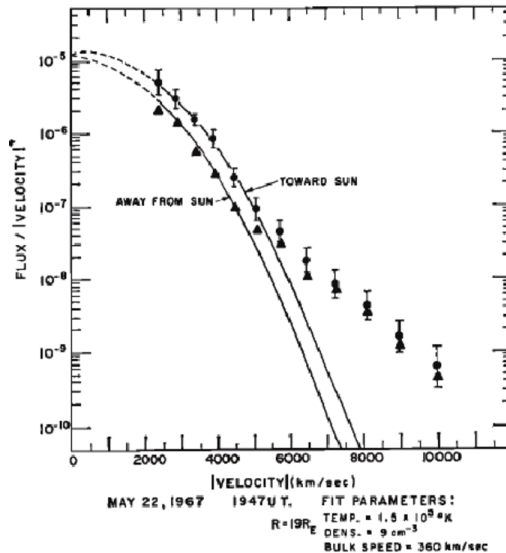
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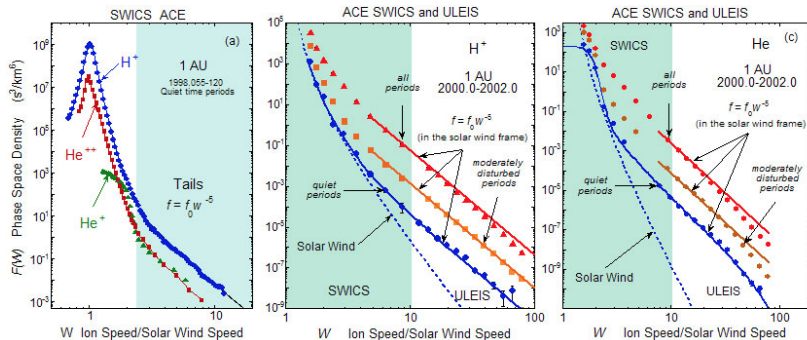
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1D, unmagnetized, zero net electric field, electrostatic Vlasov-Poisson equation

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + v \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{e_a E}{m_a} \frac{\partial}{\partial v} \right) f_a = 0,$$
$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial x} = 4\pi \hat{n} \sum_a e_a \int dv f_a.$$

Separation into Average and Fluctuation

$$f_a(x, v, t) = F_a(v, t) + \delta f_a(x, v, t),$$
$$E(x, t) = \delta E(x, t).$$



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Rewrite the equations

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \frac{e_a}{m_a} \delta E \frac{\partial}{\partial v} \right) F_a + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + v \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{e_a}{m_a} \delta E \frac{\partial}{\partial v} \right) \delta f_a = 0,$$
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \delta E = 4\pi \hat{n} \sum_a e_a \int dv \delta f_a.$$



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Random phase approximation

$$\langle \delta f_a \rangle = 0, \quad \langle \delta E \rangle = 0.$$

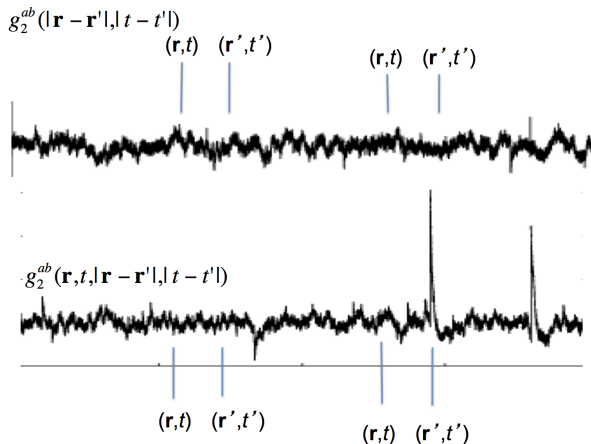
This also implies no coherent nonlinearity.

Stationary and homogeneous turbulence,

$$\langle \delta f_a(x, v, t) \delta f_b(x', v', t') \rangle = g(|x - x'|, |t - t'|, v, v').$$



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$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \frac{e_a}{m_a} \delta E \frac{\partial}{\partial v} \right) F_a + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + v \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{e_a}{m_a} \delta E \frac{\partial}{\partial v} \right) \delta f_a = 0,$$

Upon averaging we have

$$\frac{\partial F_a}{\partial t} = - \frac{e_a}{m_a} \frac{\partial}{\partial v} \langle \delta f_a \delta E \rangle.$$

This is the *formal* particle kinetic equation.



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Insert the *formal* particle kinetic equation to the original equation

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + v \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) \delta f_a = - \frac{e_a}{m_a} \delta E \frac{\partial F_a}{\partial v} - \frac{e_a}{m_a} \frac{\partial}{\partial v} (\delta f_a \delta E - \langle \delta f_a \delta E \rangle).$$



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Fourier-Laplace transformation:

↓ (slow time)

$$\delta f_a(x, v, t) = \int dk \int_L d\omega \delta f_{k\omega}^a(v, t) e^{ikx - i\omega t},$$

$$\delta f_{k\omega}^a(v, t) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int dx \int_0^\infty dt \delta f_a(x, v, t) e^{-ikx + i\omega t},$$

$$\delta E(x, t) = \int dk \int_L d\omega \delta E_{k\omega}(t) e^{ikx - i\omega t},$$

$$\delta E_{k\omega}(t) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int dx \int_0^\infty dt \delta E(x, t) e^{-ikx + i\omega t},$$

where $L = (-\infty + i\sigma, +\infty + i\sigma)$ ($\sigma > 0$ and $\sigma \rightarrow 0$).



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$$\delta E_{k\omega}(t) = -i \sum_a \frac{4\pi \hat{n} e_a}{k} \int dv \delta f_{k\omega}^a(v, t),$$

$$\frac{\partial F_a(v, t)}{\partial t} = -\frac{e_a}{m_a} \int dk \int d\omega \frac{\partial}{\partial v} < \delta E_{-k, -\omega}(t) \delta f_{k\omega}^a(v, t) >,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\omega - kv + i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) \delta f_{k\omega}^a(v, t) &= -i \frac{e_a}{m_a} \delta E_{k\omega}(t) \frac{\partial F_a(v, t)}{\partial v} \\ &- i \frac{e_a}{m_a} \int dk' \int d\omega' \frac{\partial}{\partial v} \left[\delta E_{k'\omega'}(t) \delta f_{k-k', \omega-\omega'}^a(v, t) \right. \\ &\left. - < \delta E_{k'\omega'}(t) \delta f_{k-k', \omega-\omega'}^a(v, t) > \right]. \end{aligned}$$



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New definition for ω (short-cut trick),

$$\omega \rightarrow \omega + i \partial / \partial t.$$

Short-hand notations:

$$\begin{aligned} K &= (k, \omega), & E_K &= \delta E_{k\omega}, & f_K &= \delta f_{k\omega}^a, \\ F &= F_a, & \int dK &= \int dk \int d\omega, \\ g_K &= -i \frac{e_a}{m_a} \frac{1}{\omega - kv + i0} \frac{\partial}{\partial v}. \end{aligned}$$



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Equation for the perturbed particle distribution:

$$f_K = g_K F E_K + \int dK' g_K (E_{K'} f_{K-K'} - \langle E_{K'} f_{K-K'} \rangle).$$

Iteration:

$$f_K = f_K^{(1)} + f_K^{(2)} + \dots, \quad (f_K^{(n)} \propto E_K^n).$$

$$f_K^{(1)} = g_K F E_K,$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_K^{(2)} &= \int dK' g_K (E_{K'} f_{K-K'}^{(1)} - \langle E_{K'} f_{K-K'}^{(1)} \rangle) \\ &= \int dK' g_K g_{K-K'} F (E_{K'} E_{K-K'} - \langle E_{K'} E_{K-K'} \rangle). \end{aligned}$$



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Simplified notations:

$$\sum_{1+2=K} = \int dK_1 \int dK_2 \delta(K_1 + K_2 - K),$$
$$E_1 = E_{K_1}, \quad E_2 = E_{K_2}, \quad g_1 = g_{K_1}, \quad g_2 = g_{K_2}.$$

Iterative solution for f_K

$$f_K = g_K F E_K + \sum_{1+2=K} g_K g_2 F (E_1 E_2 - \langle E_1 E_2 \rangle)$$



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Symmetrized version

$$f_K = g_K F E_K + \sum_{1+2=K} \frac{1}{2} g_{1+2} (g_1 + g_2) F (E_1 E_2 - \langle E_1 E_2 \rangle).$$

Insert f_K to Poisson equation,

$$E_K = -i \sum_a \frac{4\pi \hat{n} e_a}{k} \int dv f_K.$$



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Linear and nonlinear susceptibility response functions,

$$\begin{aligned}\epsilon(K) &= 1 + \sum_a i \frac{4\pi e_a \hat{n}}{k} \int dv g_K F, \\ \chi_a^{(2)}(1|2) &= \frac{i}{2} \frac{4\pi e_a \hat{n}}{k_1 + k_2} \int dv g_{1+2} (g_1 + g_2) F.\end{aligned}$$



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$$\epsilon(K) = 1 + \sum_a \frac{\omega_{pa}^2}{k} \int dv \frac{\partial F_a / \partial v}{\omega - kv + i0},$$

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_a^{(2)}(1|2) &= -\frac{i}{2} \frac{e_a}{m_a} \frac{\omega_{pa}^2}{k_1 + k_2} \int dv \frac{1}{\omega_1 + \omega_2 - (k_1 + k_2)v + i0} \\ &\quad \times \frac{\partial}{\partial v} \left[\left(\frac{1}{\omega_1 - k_1 v + i0} + \frac{1}{\omega_2 - k_2 v + i0} \right) \frac{\partial F_a}{\partial v} \right]. \end{aligned}$$



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$$0 = \epsilon(K) E_K + \sum_{1+2=K} \chi^{(2)}(1|2) (E_1 E_2 - \langle E_1 E_2 \rangle).$$

Multiply $E_{K'}$ and take ensemble average

$$0 = \epsilon(K) \langle E_K E_{K'} \rangle + \sum_{1+2=K} \chi^{(2)}(1|2) \langle E_1 E_2 E_{K'} \rangle.$$



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Homogeneous and stationary turbulence,

$$\langle E(x, t) E(x', t') \rangle = \langle E^2 \rangle_{x-x', t-t'} .$$

The spectral representation

$$\langle E_{k\omega} E_{k'\omega'} \rangle = \delta(k + k') \delta(\omega + \omega') \langle E^2 \rangle_{k\omega} .$$



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$$0 = \epsilon(K) \langle E^2 \rangle_K + \sum_{1+2=K} \chi^{(2)}(1|2) \langle E_1 E_2 E_{-K} \rangle .$$

The equation is not closed - to obtain $\langle E^2 \rangle$ one needs $\langle E^3 \rangle$, to obtain $\langle E^3 \rangle$ one needs $\langle E^4 \rangle$, ...



Three-Body Cumulant and Closure of Hierarchy

If E_K is linear eigenmode,

$$\epsilon(K) E_K = 0.$$

then by definition $\langle E_1 E_2 E_{-K} \rangle = 0$.

But for nonlinear system we write $E_K = E_K^{(0)} + E_K^{(1)}$, where $\epsilon(K) E_K^{(0)} = 0$.
Then

$$E_K^{(1)} \approx -\frac{1}{\epsilon(K)} \int dK' \chi^{(2)}(K'|K-K') \left(E_{K'}^{(0)} E_{K-K'}^{(0)} - \langle E_{K'}^{(0)} E_{K-K'}^{(0)} \rangle \right).$$



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Three-body correlation,

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle E_{K'} E_{K-K'} E_{-K} \rangle \\ & \approx \underbrace{\langle E_{K'}^{(0)} E_{K-K'}^{(0)} E_{-K}^{(0)} \rangle}_{\substack{\downarrow \\ 0}} + \langle E_{K'}^{(1)} E_{K-K'}^{(0)} E_{-K}^{(0)} \rangle \\ & + \langle E_{K'}^{(0)} E_{K-K'}^{(1)} E_{-K}^{(0)} \rangle + \langle E_{K'}^{(0)} E_{K-K'}^{(0)} E_{-K}^{(1)} \rangle . \end{aligned}$$



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$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle E_{K'} E_{K-K'} E_{-K} \rangle &= -\frac{1}{\epsilon(K')} \int dK'' \chi^{(2)}(K'' | K' - K'') \\
 &\times (\langle E_{K''} E_{K'-K''} E_{K-K'} E_{-K} \rangle - \langle E_{K''} E_{K'-K''} \rangle \langle E_{K-K'} E_{-K} \rangle) \\
 &- \frac{1}{\epsilon(K - K')} \int dK'' \chi^{(2)}(K'' | K - K' - K'') \\
 &\times (\langle E_{K''} E_{K-K'-K''} E_{K'} E_{-K} \rangle - \langle E_{K''} E_{K-K'-K''} \rangle \langle E_{K'} E_{-K} \rangle) \\
 &- \frac{1}{\epsilon(-K)} \int dK'' \chi^{(2)}(-K'' | -K + K'') \\
 &\times (\langle E_{K'} E_{K-K'} E_{-K''} E_{-K+K''} \rangle - \langle E_{K'} E_{K-K'} \rangle \langle E_{-K''} E_{-K+K''} \rangle).
 \end{aligned}$$

where we dropped the superscript (0). To obtain $\langle E^3 \rangle$ one needs $\langle E^4 \rangle$.



The (quasi-normal) closure: for homogeneous and stationary turbulence,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\langle E_K E_{K'} E_{K''} E_{K'''} \rangle = \delta(K + K' + K'' + K''') \\
 &\times \left[\delta(K + K') \langle E^2 \rangle_K \langle E^2 \rangle_{K''} \right. \\
 &+ \delta(K + K'') \langle E^2 \rangle_K \langle E^2 \rangle_{K'} \\
 &+ \delta(K' + K'') \langle E^2 \rangle_K \langle E^2 \rangle_{K'} \\
 &\left. + \cancel{\langle E^4 \rangle_{K, K+K'; K+K'+K''}} \right].
 \end{aligned}$$



Useful symmetry relations:

$$\chi^{(2)}(-1|-2) = \chi^{(2)*}(1|2),$$

$$\chi^{(2)}(1|2) = \chi^{(2)}(2|1),$$

$$\chi^{(2)}(1|2) = \chi^{(2)}(2|1) = -\chi^{(2)}(1+2|-2).$$



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Three-body cumulants finally written as products of two-body cumulants
(wave intensities)

$$\begin{aligned} \langle E_{K'} E_{K-K'} E_{-K} \rangle &= \frac{2\chi^{(2)}(K'|K-K')}{\epsilon(K')} \langle E^2 \rangle_{K-K'} \langle E^2 \rangle_K \\ &+ \frac{2\chi^{(2)}(K'|K-K')}{\epsilon(K-K')} \langle E^2 \rangle_{K'} \langle E^2 \rangle_K \\ &- \frac{2\chi^{(2)*}(K'|K-K')}{\epsilon^*(K)} \langle E^2 \rangle_{K'} \langle E^2 \rangle_{K-K'} . \end{aligned}$$



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Spectral balance equation

$$\begin{aligned} 0 = & \epsilon(K) \langle E^2 \rangle_K \\ & + 2 \int dK' \left(\frac{\{\chi^{(2)}(K'|K-K')\}^2}{\epsilon(K')} \langle E^2 \rangle_{K-K'} \langle E^2 \rangle_K \right. \\ & + \frac{\{\chi^{(2)}(K'|K-K')\}^2}{\epsilon(K-K')} \langle E^2 \rangle_{K'} \langle E^2 \rangle_K \\ & \left. - \frac{|\chi^{(2)}(K'|K-K')|^2}{\epsilon^*(K)} \langle E^2 \rangle_{K'} \langle E^2 \rangle_{K-K'} \right). \end{aligned}$$



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Reintroduce the slow time dependence,

$$(\omega - \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{v} + i\partial/\partial t)^{-1}.$$

This leads to

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon(k, \omega) < E^2 >_{k\omega} &\rightarrow \epsilon\left(k, \omega + i\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\right) < E^2 >_{k\omega} \\ &\rightarrow \left(\epsilon(k, \omega) + \frac{i}{2} \frac{\partial \epsilon(k, \omega)}{\partial \omega} \frac{\partial}{\partial t}\right) < E^2 >_{k\omega}. \end{aligned}$$



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$$\begin{aligned}
 0 = & \frac{i}{2} \frac{\partial \epsilon(k, \omega)}{\partial \omega} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \langle E^2 \rangle_{k\omega} + \epsilon(k, \omega) \langle E^2 \rangle_{k\omega} \\
 & + 2 \int dk' \int d\omega' \left(\frac{\{\chi^{(2)}(k', \omega' | k - k', \omega - \omega')\}^2}{\epsilon(k', \omega')} \right. \\
 & \times \langle E^2 \rangle_{k-k', \omega-\omega'} \langle E^2 \rangle_{k\omega} \\
 & + \frac{\{\chi^{(2)}(k', \omega' | k - k', \omega - \omega')\}^2}{\epsilon(k - k', \omega - \omega')} \langle E^2 \rangle_{k'\omega'} \langle E^2 \rangle_{k\omega} \\
 & \left. - \frac{|\chi^{(2)}(k', \omega' | k - k', \omega - \omega')|^2}{\epsilon^*(k, \omega)} \langle E^2 \rangle_{k'\omega'} \langle E^2 \rangle_{k-k', \omega-\omega'} \right).
 \end{aligned}$$



Fundamentals of Plasma Kinetic Theory

Particle kinetic equation,

$$\frac{\partial F_a}{\partial t} = -\frac{e_a}{m_a} \int dK \frac{\partial}{\partial v} \langle E_{-K} f_K^a \rangle,$$

where

$$f_K = f_K^{(1)} + \cancel{f_K^{(2)}} + \dots$$

$$\frac{\partial F_a}{\partial t} = \text{Re } i \frac{e_a^2}{m_a^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial v} \int dk \int d\omega \frac{\langle E^2 \rangle_{k\omega}}{\omega - kv + i0} \frac{\partial F_a}{\partial v}.$$



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Dispersion Relation

$$\text{Re} \epsilon(k, \omega) \langle E^2 \rangle_{k\omega} = 0.$$



Wave Kinetic Equation

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \langle E^2 \rangle_{k\omega} = & - \frac{2 \operatorname{Im} \epsilon(k, \omega)}{\partial \operatorname{Re} \epsilon(k, \omega) / \partial \omega} \langle E^2 \rangle_{k\omega} \\ & - \frac{4}{\partial \operatorname{Re} \epsilon(k, \omega) / \partial \omega} \operatorname{Im} \int dk' \int d\omega' \\ & \times \left[\{ \chi^{(2)}(k', \omega' | k - k', \omega - \omega') \}^2 \left(\frac{\langle E^2 \rangle_{k-k', \omega-\omega'}}{\epsilon(k', \omega')} \right. \right. \\ & + \left. \frac{\langle E^2 \rangle_{k'\omega'}}{\epsilon(k - k', \omega - \omega')} \right) \langle E^2 \rangle_{k\omega} \\ & \left. - \frac{|\chi^{(2)}(k', \omega' | k - k', \omega - \omega')|^2}{\epsilon^*(k, \omega)} \langle E^2 \rangle_{k'\omega'} \langle E^2 \rangle_{k-k', \omega-\omega'} \right]. \end{aligned}$$



Summary

In the next lecture, I will discuss the solution of the plasma weak turbulence theory and demonstrate that the time-asymptotic state, or the “turbulent equilibrium” for the electrons interacting with the Langmuir turbulence in a dynamically steady-state fashion, is none other than the kappa distribution with the kappa index $\kappa = 9/4$.

