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## 1. Introduction

standard wave concept (SWC) ; anomalous transport in linearly stable plasmas ?

## 2. Numerical observation of holes

in linearly two-stream unstable and stable plasmas

## 3. List of recent observations of hole-like structures

in space, nonneutral plasmas and particle beams; periodic structures in labs

## 4. Theory of hole-like structures ("BGK - modes")

-nonpropagating, solitary and periodic e-holes (immob.ions)

-traveling, solitary e-holes and further generalizations

-energy density of hole carrying plasmas

## 5. Linearity vs nonlinearity

-a comparison (analytic and numeric) ; nontopological distributions

## 6. Hole scenario of linearly stable , current carrying pair plasmas

-damping phase and preparation of a seed hole

-multiple generation and preparation of holes

-saturation and fully developed structural turbulence

-relaxation to a new collisionless equilibrium

## 7. Extensions and

## Applications

-finite amplitudes

-the Risoe-experiment

-collisional effects

-the Sendai- experiment

-relativistic corrections

-the Greifswald-Kiel-experiment

-quantum corrections

-holes at FERMI-lab,CERN &

-holes in particle accelerators

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## 8. Summary and conclusions

-analogy to vortices in incompressible fluids,ideal MHD plasmas etc

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## **Standard wave concept in plasma theory**

**Small amplitude waves in the infinitesimal amplitude limit can be predicted and described by a linearized version of the governing equations.**

**Only for larger amplitudes nonlinear effects come into play.**

*always applicable?*

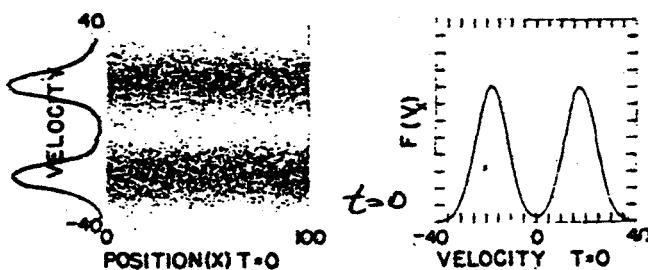


FIG. 1. Initial conditions for two equal counterstreaming beams.

in Refs. 3 and 4 with greater  $L$ , showing formation, coalescing, and long-time persistence of Bernstein, Green, and Kruskal (B.G.K.) modes<sup>7</sup> as seen here in Fig. 2. The initial perturbations in all runs are introduced by the random numbers used, in conjunction with a mapping function in the velocity initialization as described in Refs. 3 and 4. Each column in Fig. 2 shows two  $(x, v_x)$  phase plots, the first at field-energy-saturation time and the second at the final time of 10 plasma periods,  $T_p = 2\pi\omega_p^{-1}$ , followed by

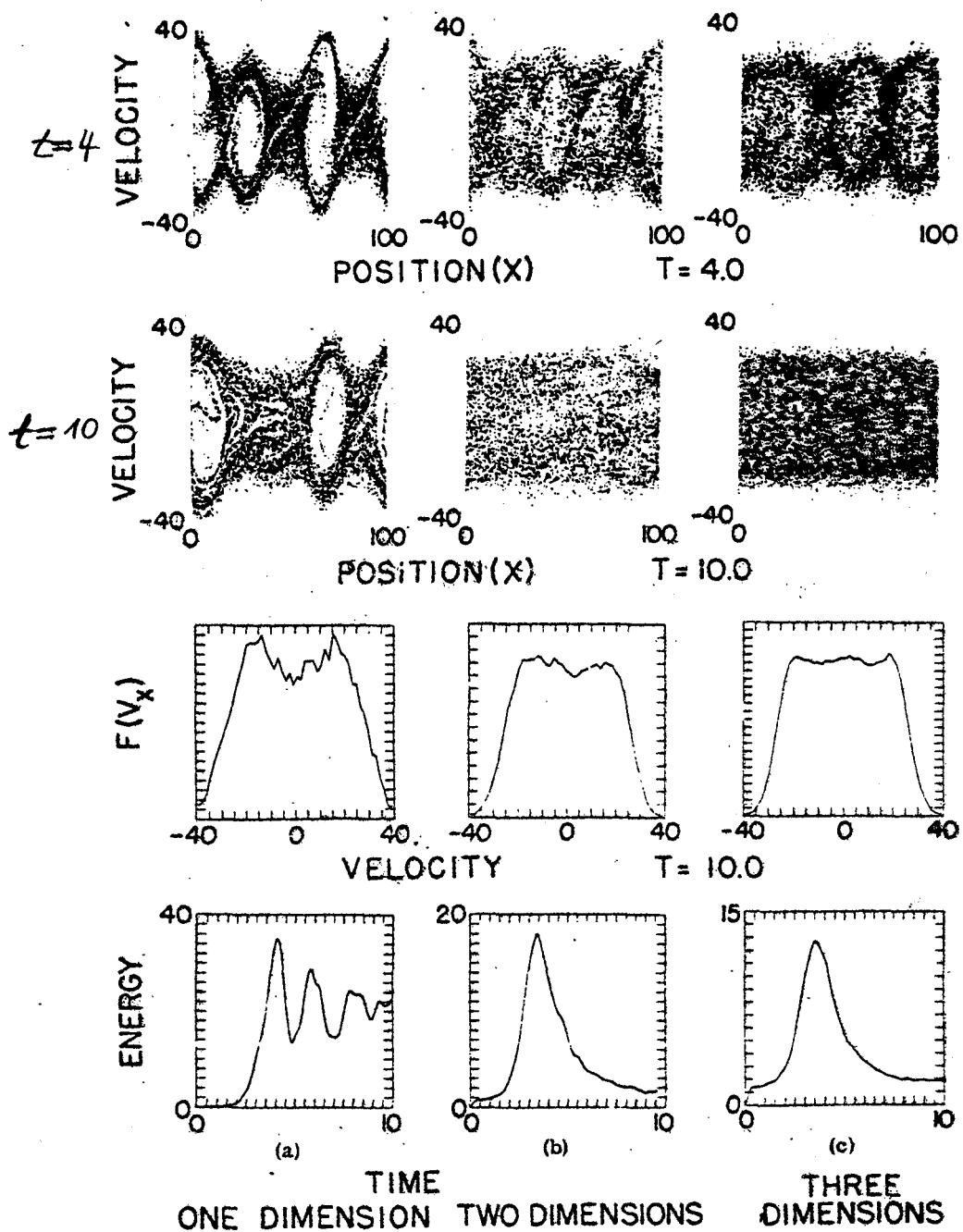
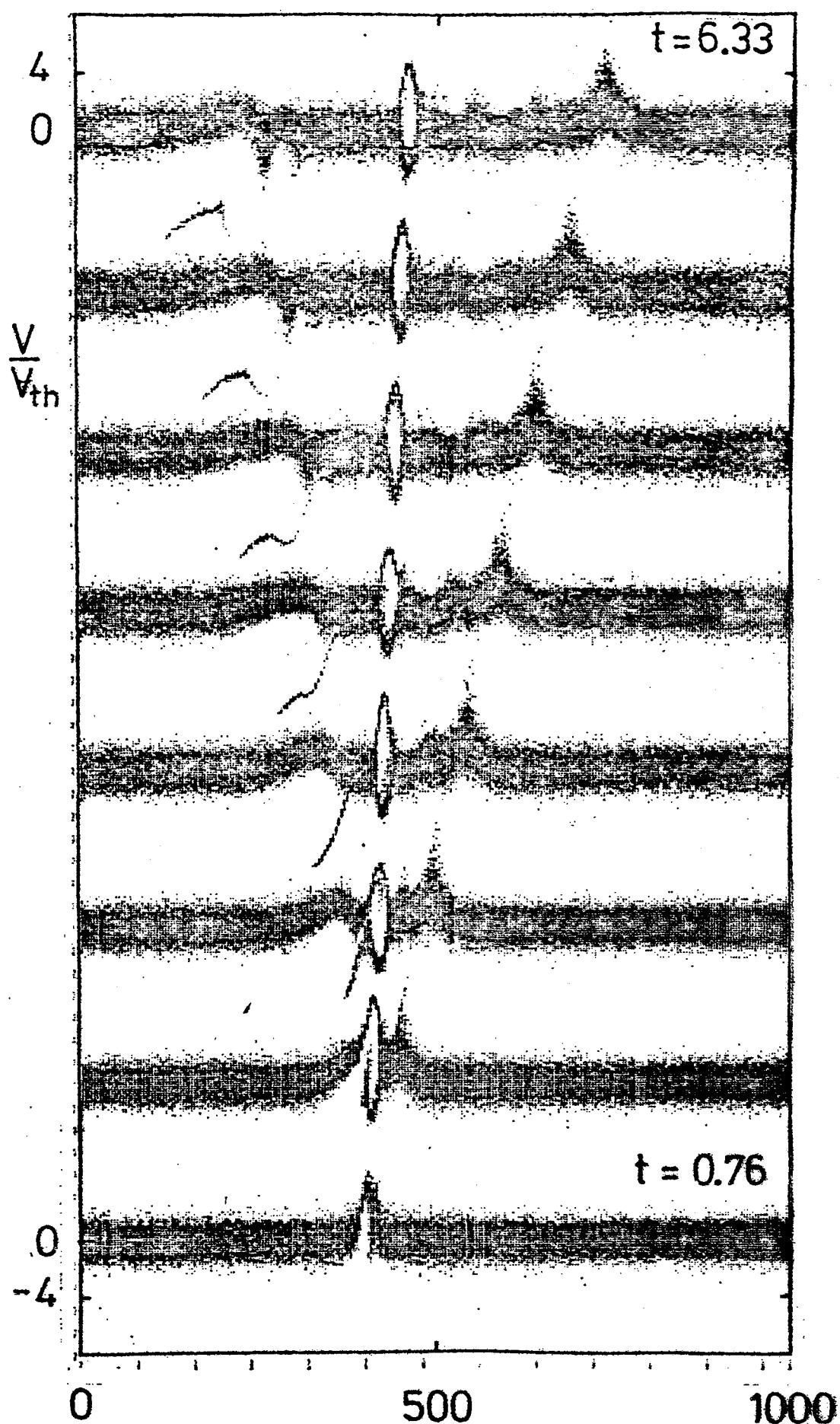


FIG. 2. Results of two equal beam simulations in one, two, and three dimensions.

Morse & Nielson

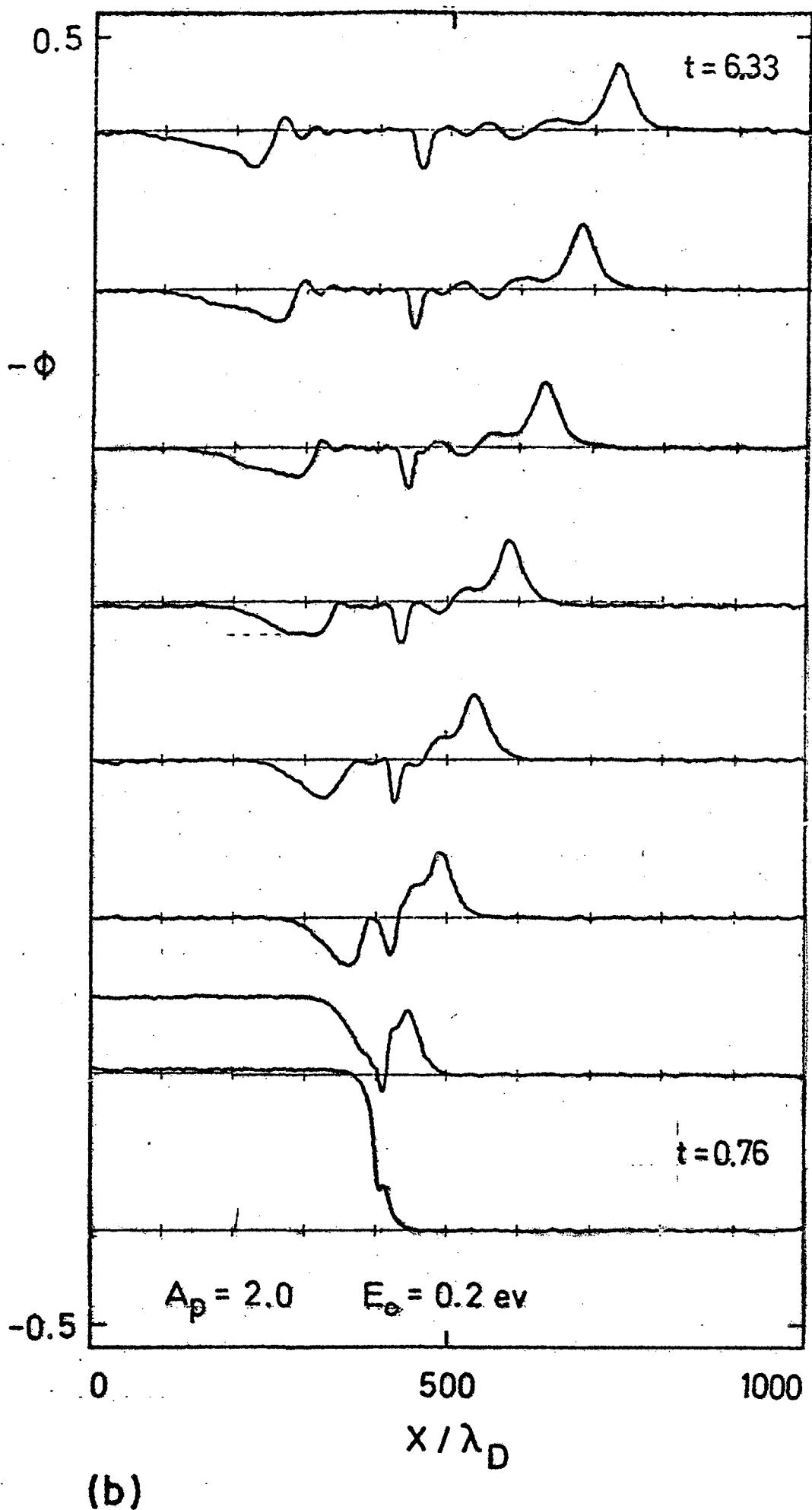
Phys. Rev. Lett. 23, 1087 (1969)



(a)

Fig. 5

Lynov et al.  
Physica Scripta, Vol. 20  
(1979) 328



(b)

Fig. 5      Lyneov et al

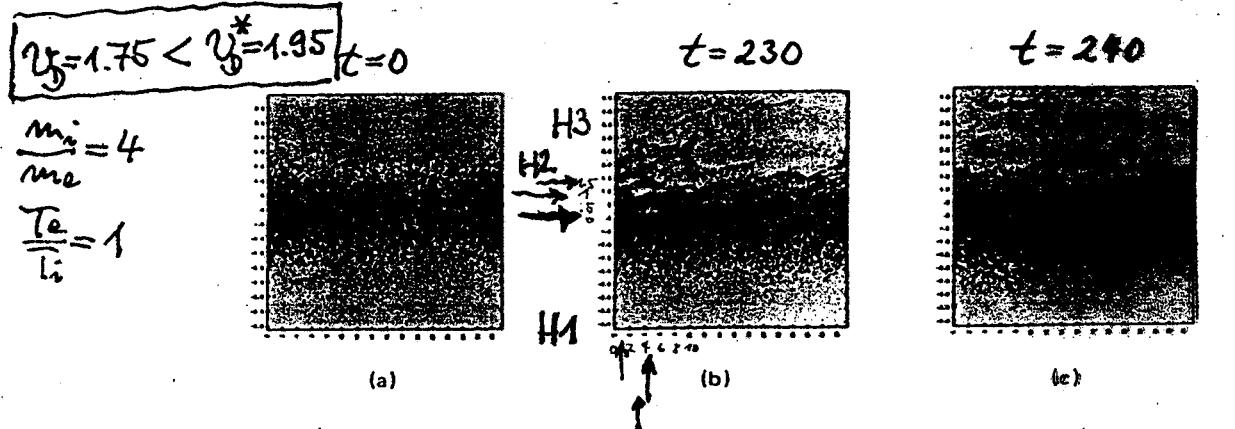
and  $\Delta v_{\perp}$ . This also implies that the smaller cells—where the contributions to  $P(\delta f)$  will be due almost entirely to discrete particle fluctuations—will have a (nearly) Gaussian  $P(\delta f)$ . The  $P(\delta f)$  measurements discussed in this paper are significantly broadened above the discrete particle level. We stress again the importance of this low discrete particle collisionality in the simulations. Use of too few particles leads to the destruction of the clumps' small-scale velocity structure.

#### IV. SIMULATION RESULTS

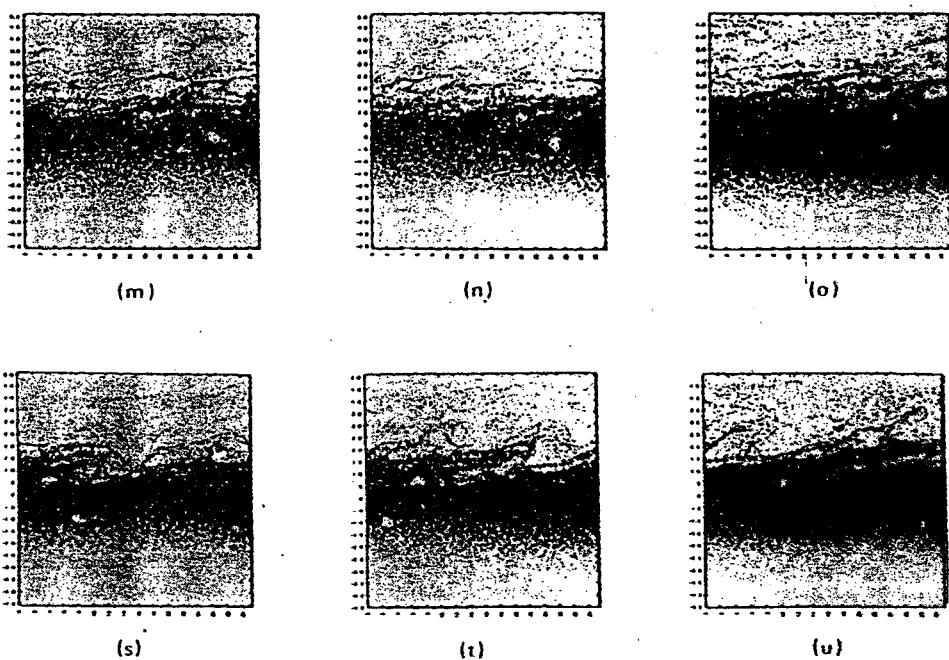
##### A. Random starts and the development of hole intermittency

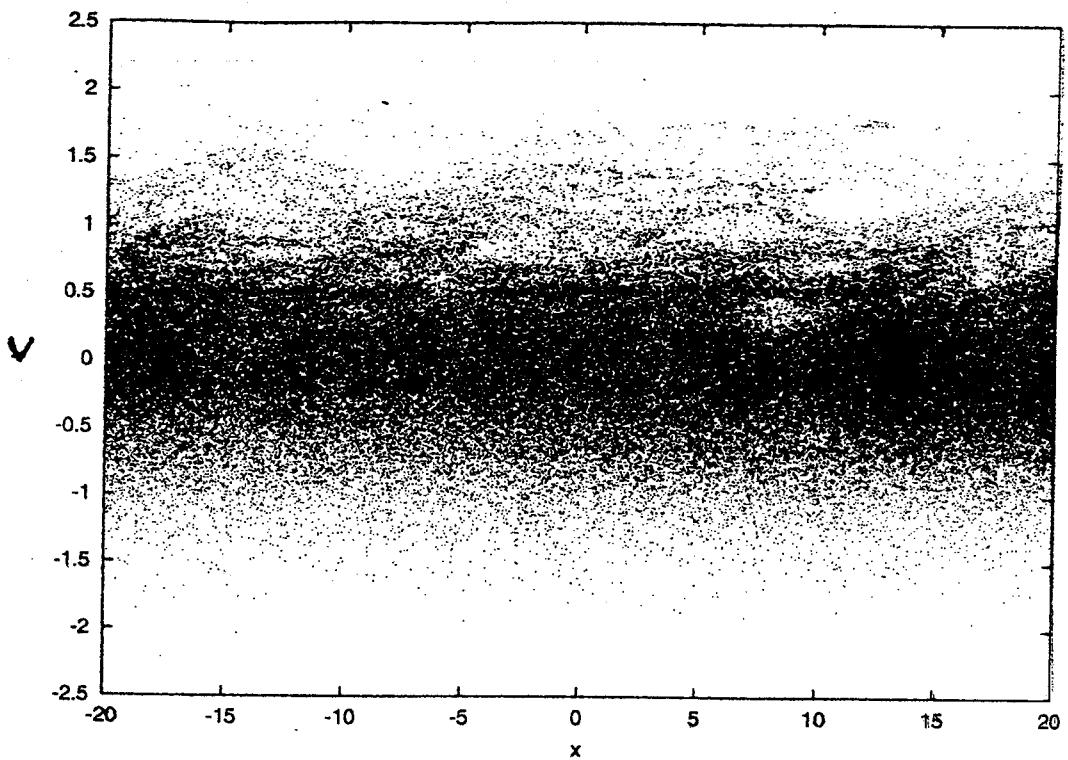
We made a series of runs with random starts (see Sec. III) and various electron drift velocities below the linear sta-

bility boundary of  $3v_{th,i}$ . We stress that no holes are introduced initially in the particular runs discussed here in Sec. IV A. Results for a representative run with  $v_D = 3v_{th,i}$  are shown in Figs. 1–4. Figure 1 shows the electron and ion distribution functions at  $\omega_p t = 0$  and at  $\omega_p t = 230$ . The initial ion phase space is shown in Fig. 2(a). As mentioned in Ref. 3, such a plasma is nonlinearly unstable. Fluctuations develop and considerable distortion of the ion distribution function and flattening of the electron distribution function take place (see Fig. 1). This plateauing of the electron distribution function appears to be the saturation mechanism of the instability. As discussed in Ref. 3, similar features have been observed for drift velocities in the range  $1.5v_{th,i} < v_D < 4.5v_{th,i}$ . This range contains drifts above and considerably below the linear stability boundary of  $v_D = 3v_{th,i}$  for this problem.



growth of ion holes from initially random fluctuations in a two-stream STABLE situation





repetition of Berman et al (random start)  
and confirmation

## **3. Some recent observations (a list)**

### **a) Holes in nonneutral plasmas and particle beams**

J.D Moody and D.F.Driscoll  
Phys.Plasmas 2,4482 (1995)

holes (rarefaction pulses) in magnetized  
pure electron plasma column

W.Bertsche et al  
Phys.Rev.Lett.91,265003-1(03)

excitation of holes by sweeping an applied  
voltage downward in frequency (chirping)

P.L.Colestock and L.K Spentzouris  
Tamura Symp.,Austin(1994)

notches in distribution fct-measured by  
WCM (wall current monitor)at FERMI lab

S.Koscielniak et al  
Phys.Rev.ST-AB 4,044201(01)

periodic holes on coasting proton beam  
at CERN synchrotron

M.Blaskiewcz et al  
Phys.Rev.ST-AB 7,044402(04)

humps on bunched beams at RHIC -  
Brookhavn

### **b) Periodic structures at V\_th**

C.Franck et al  
Phys.Plasmas 8,4271 (01)

periodic ion humps in Kiel double plasma-  
sudden transition to C\_s wave train

D.S.Montgomery et al  
Phys.Rev.Lett.87,155001(01)

slow electron acoustic mode generation by  
stim.laser scattering in Los Alamos lab

### **c) Space observations**

R.E.Ergun et al  
Phys.Rev.Lett.87,045003-1(01)  
L.Anderson et al  
Phys.Plasmas 9,3600(02)

DLs and holes in downward current  
region of aurora

R.E.Ergun et al  
Phys.Plasmas 9,3685,95(02)

oblique DLs and holes in upward current  
region of aurora by FAST satellite

C.Cattell et al  
Nonlin.Proc.in Geophysics  
10,13(03)

large amplitude holes in near earth's  
magnetosphere,magnetopause and  
bow shock by POLAR and CLUSTER

--> **Holes and Double Layers are ubiquitous structures in driven plasmas**

## **Experimental result:**

- 1.  $\exists$  of a solitary  $\phi(x) \geq 0$**
- 2. vortex structure in phase space**
- 3.  $v_{EH} \leq v_{th} < v_{KdV}$**
- 4. density dip at center**
- 5.  $\Delta_{EH} < \Delta_{KdV}$  (smaller halfwidth)**
- 6. EH disappears if  $p_n$  is increased**
- 7. Inelastic scattering (e.g. coalescence)**

**How to explain these results analytically  
especially the fact that  $v_{EH} \leq v_{th}$ ?  
(Landau damping?!)**

## 4. Theory

↳ Construction of a standing, solitary electron hole by the potential method

$$[v\partial_x + \phi'(x)\partial_v]f_e(x, v) = 0$$

$$\phi''(x) = \int dv f_e(x, v) - 1$$

VLASOV

POISSON

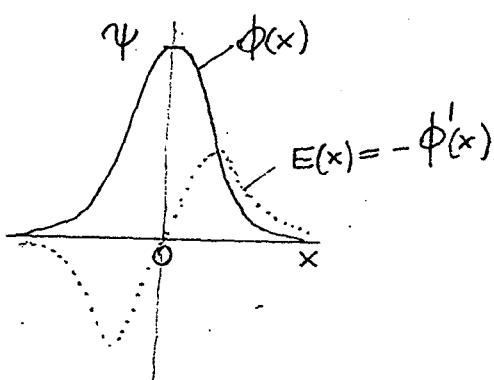
unperturbed plasma  
in thermal equilibrium

- dimensionless
- stationary
- immobile ions

$$\Rightarrow f_0(v) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp[-v^2/2]$$

$$\text{Maxwellian} \Rightarrow n_0 = \int f_0(v) dv = 1$$

our goal: construction of a localized, self-consistent perturbation imbedded in a thermal plasma



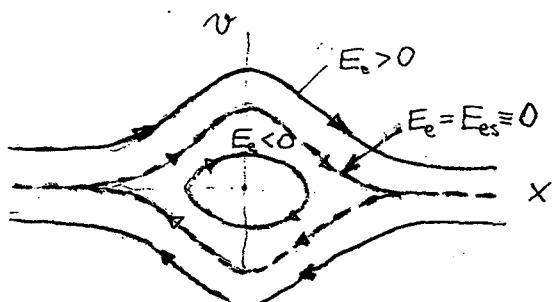
$\phi(x)$  bell shaped  
 $E(x)$  bipolar

$$0 \leq \phi \leq \psi$$

use is made by the

POTENTIAL METHOD (PM)

H.S. Plasma Phys. 14, 905 (1972)



phase space portrait of  
single particle dynamics

$$E_e := \frac{v^2}{2} - \phi > -\psi$$

single particle energy  
a constant of motion

- PM:
- solve Vlasov eq. with the appropriate boundary conditions
  - determine  $\phi(x)$  self-consistently by solving POISSON's eq.

Separatrix :

$$E_{es} := \frac{v_s^2(x)}{2} - \phi(x) = 0$$

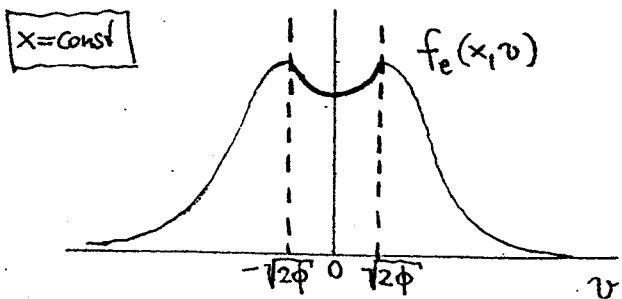
$$v_s(x) = \pm \sqrt{2\phi(x)}$$

separates

free ( $E_e > 0$ )

from  
trapped ( $E_e < 0$ )  
particles

any fct  $f_e(E_e)$  satisfies VLASOV eq. step i)  
a constant of motion



appropriate ansatz for  $f_e(E_e)$

$$f_e(x, v) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \begin{cases} \exp\left[-\left(\frac{v^2}{2} - \phi\right)\right] & E_e > 0 \\ \exp\left[-\beta\left(\frac{v^2}{2} - \phi\right)\right] & E_e \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

notice : continuity of  $f_e$

$$|x \rightarrow \infty \quad \phi \rightarrow 0 \quad (v_s(x) \rightarrow 0)$$

$$f_e(x, v) \rightarrow f_0(v)$$

an even fct in  $v$

$\beta$  a yet undetermined constant

$\boxed{\beta = 0}$  plateau-like trapped part. dist.

$\boxed{\beta < 0}$  (see figure) describes a deficit (notch) of electrons trapped in the potential hill ( $-\phi$  potential well)

$\boxed{\beta = 1}$  ordinary Maxwellian in  $v$  ("isothermal electrons")

density :

$$n_e = \int dv f_e(x, v) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \left\{ \int_0^{v_s} dv e^{-\beta \left[ \frac{v^2}{2} - \phi \right]} + \int_{v_s}^{\infty} dv e^{-\left[ \frac{v^2}{2} - \phi \right]} \right\}$$

$n_{et}$

$n_{ef}$

$$\begin{aligned} n_{ef} &= e^\phi \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{v_s/\sqrt{2}}^{\infty} dx e^{-x^2} = e^\phi \left[ \underbrace{\frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} dx e^{-x^2}}_1 - \underbrace{\frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^{v_s/\sqrt{2}} dx e^{-x^2}}_{\text{erf}(v_s/\sqrt{2})} \right] \\ &= e^\phi [1 - \text{erf}(\sqrt{\phi})] = e^\phi \text{erfc}(\sqrt{\phi}) \end{aligned}$$

$$= 1 - \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \sqrt{\phi} + \phi - \frac{4}{3\sqrt{\pi}} \phi^{3/2} + \frac{\phi^2}{2} + \dots$$

in the small amplitude limit  $\Psi \ll 1$

notice : half power expansion in  $\phi$ ! ( $\Rightarrow$  weak e-hole)

$$m_{et} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\beta}} \begin{cases} e^{\beta\phi} \operatorname{erf}\nolimits(\sqrt{\beta}\phi) & \beta \geq 0 \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} W(\sqrt{-\beta}\phi) & \beta < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$= + \frac{2\sqrt{\Phi}}{\sqrt{\pi}} + \frac{4\beta}{3\sqrt{\pi}} \phi^{3/2} + O(\phi^{5/2})$$

$$W(x) = e^{-x^2} \int_0^x e^{t^2} dt$$

DAWSON integral

↳ cancellation

because of continuity of  $f_e$  at separatrix

$\Psi \ll 1$

$$m_e(\phi) = 1 + \phi - \frac{4b}{3} \phi^{3/2} + \frac{\phi^2}{2} + \dots$$

$$b := \frac{1-\beta}{\sqrt{\pi}}$$

isothermal limit:  $\beta \rightarrow 1$   
 $\Rightarrow$  integer power expansion

step ii)

self-consistent determination of  $\phi(x)$

$$\phi''(x) = m_e(\phi) - 1 =: -V'(\phi)$$

equation of state: ( $m_e \rightarrow 0$ )

$$0 \approx \phi'(x) - \frac{1}{m_e(x)} p_e'(\phi) \Rightarrow p_e'(\phi) = m_e(\phi)$$

$$p_e(\phi) = 1 + \int m_e(\phi) d\phi \Rightarrow$$

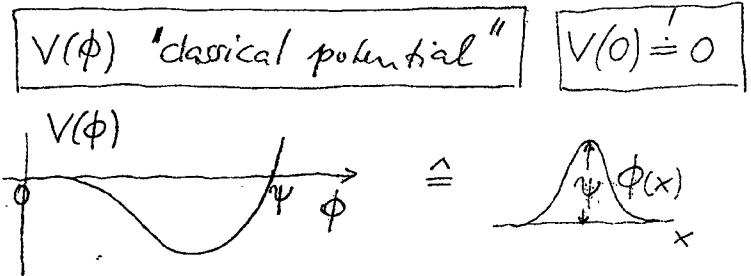
$$T_e(\phi) := \frac{p_e(\phi)}{m_e(\phi)} = 1 + \frac{4}{3} b \phi^{3/2} + \dots$$

times  $\phi'(x)$  and integration

$$\frac{\phi'(x)^2}{2} + V(\phi) = 0$$

= "classical energy"  $\frac{v^2}{2} + V(x)$

$$\begin{aligned} x &\stackrel{\triangle}{=} \phi \\ t &\stackrel{\triangle}{=} x \\ v = \dot{x} &\stackrel{\triangle}{=} \phi'(x) \end{aligned}$$



two necessary conditions:

$$1. V(\phi) < 0 \quad \text{in } 0 < \phi < \psi$$

$$2. V(\psi) = 0$$

$$-V(\phi) = \int_0^\phi m_e(\phi) d\phi - \phi = \phi + \frac{\phi^2}{2} - \frac{8}{15} b \phi^{5/2} + \dots - \phi = \frac{\phi^2}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{16}{15} b T \bar{\Phi} \right)$$

Second condition :  $V(\psi) = 0$

Later termed: NDR

Nonlinear Dispersion Relation

$$\frac{16}{15} b \sqrt{\psi} = 1$$

existence condition :

$$b = \frac{1-\beta}{\pi} = \frac{15}{16\sqrt{\psi}} \gg 1$$

$\Rightarrow -\beta$  is a large positive number

or  $\beta$  is strongly negative and determined by  $\psi$  (match in fe!)

terminology:  
electron hole

in "classical energy"

$$\phi'(x) = \pm \sqrt{-2V(\phi)}$$

$$\left[ \frac{d\phi}{\sqrt{-2V(\phi)}} = \pm dx \right] \Rightarrow x = x(\phi) \text{ inversion}$$

$$\phi(x) = \psi \operatorname{sech}^{\frac{1}{2}}(x/4)$$

F. Bauer, H.S., Physica D 54, 235 (1992)

- solution is determined completely (its shape and velocity)
- a standing, solitary e-hole requires a specific trapped electron parameter  $\beta \Rightarrow$  only a one-parameter ( $\psi$ ) family of solutions remains
- the method of construction is called "POTENTIAL METHOD"  
(notice its advantage against Bernstein-Greene-Kruskal method)
- no solution would exist for isothermal electrons ( $\beta=1$ )

1<sup>st</sup> conclusion :

Only by a rigorous analysis of resonant (trapped) particles a solution could be achieved but not within an ordinary (integer) expansion scheme!

since  $\beta < 0$  :  
distribution has a  
NONTOPOLOGICAL  
character

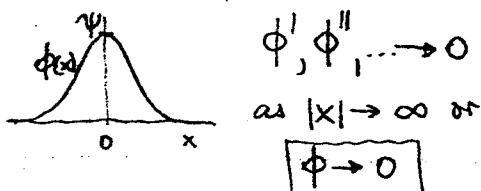
$$(|\alpha_0 f_1| \approx |\alpha_0 f_0|)$$

nonlinear term in  $M_e(\phi)$  :  $b\phi^{3/2} \approx O(\phi)$   
 $\Rightarrow$  non negligible at any values of  $\psi$  (including infin.)

next generalizations : • periodic wave structure  
• propagating wave structure

## 4b Periodic chain of standing e-holes

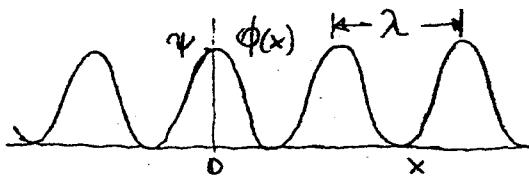
previous solution:



$\boxed{\phi=0}$  is the spatial position  
of no trapped electrons

wanted:

now: wave train periodic in  $x$



wavenumber  
 $k = 2\pi/\lambda$

new situation

at  $\boxed{\phi=0}$   $\phi' \neq 0$  but  $\boxed{\phi'' > 0}$

claim: this can be achieved by changing the normalization of  $f_e$ :

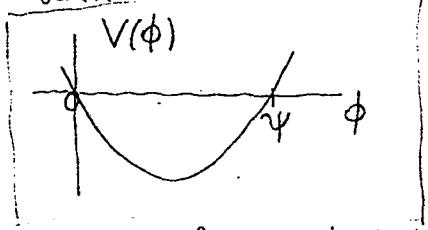
step i) 
$$f_e(x, v) = \frac{(1 + \frac{k_0^2 \psi}{2})}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \begin{cases} \exp[-(\frac{v^2}{2} - \phi)] & E_e > 0 \\ \exp[-\beta(\frac{v^2}{2} - \phi)] & E_e \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

3 parameters:  $\psi, \beta, k_0 \neq k$  in generality

proof:

$$\begin{aligned} m_e(\phi) &= (1 + \frac{k_0^2 \psi}{2}) [1 + \phi - \frac{4}{3} b \phi^{3/2} + \dots] \Rightarrow \boxed{\phi'' = m_e(0) - 1} \\ &= 1 + \frac{k_0^2 \psi}{2} + \phi - \frac{4}{3} b \phi^{3/2} + O(\phi^2) \quad = \frac{k_0^2 \psi}{2} > 0 \quad \text{qed} \\ \Rightarrow \text{step ii)} \quad -V(\phi) &= \int_0^\phi m_e(\phi') d\phi' - \phi = \frac{k_0^2 \psi \phi}{2} + \frac{\phi^2}{2} \left(1 - \frac{16}{15} b \sqrt{\phi}\right) + \dots \quad \boxed{V(0)=0} \end{aligned}$$

wanted:



NDR:  $\boxed{V(\psi) = 0} \Rightarrow \frac{16}{15} b \sqrt{\psi} = 1 + \frac{k_0^2}{2}$

hence:  $\boxed{\beta = \beta(\psi, k_0)}$  larger depression in  $f_e$  when  $k_0 \neq k$

insertion of NDR in  $V(\phi)$ :

$$-V(\phi) = \frac{k_0^2}{2} \phi (\psi - \phi) + \frac{8b}{15} \phi^2 [\sqrt{\psi} - \sqrt{\phi}]$$

replace 1 by  
 $\frac{16}{15} b \sqrt{\psi} - k_0^2$  in  $V$

$$= \frac{k_0^2}{2} \left[ \phi (\psi - \phi) + \frac{S}{\sqrt{\psi}} \phi^2 (\sqrt{\psi} - \sqrt{\phi}) \right]$$

$k_0 = 0$  old expression  $\hat{S} = \infty$

$$S := \frac{16b\sqrt{\psi}}{15k_0^2} = \frac{1 + k_0^2}{\frac{k_0^2}{\psi}}$$

region of existence:  $1 \leq S \leq \infty$

steepening or distortion parameter

no harmonic wave  $\boxed{S=0}$

$$k = k_0 \sqrt{1 + S}$$

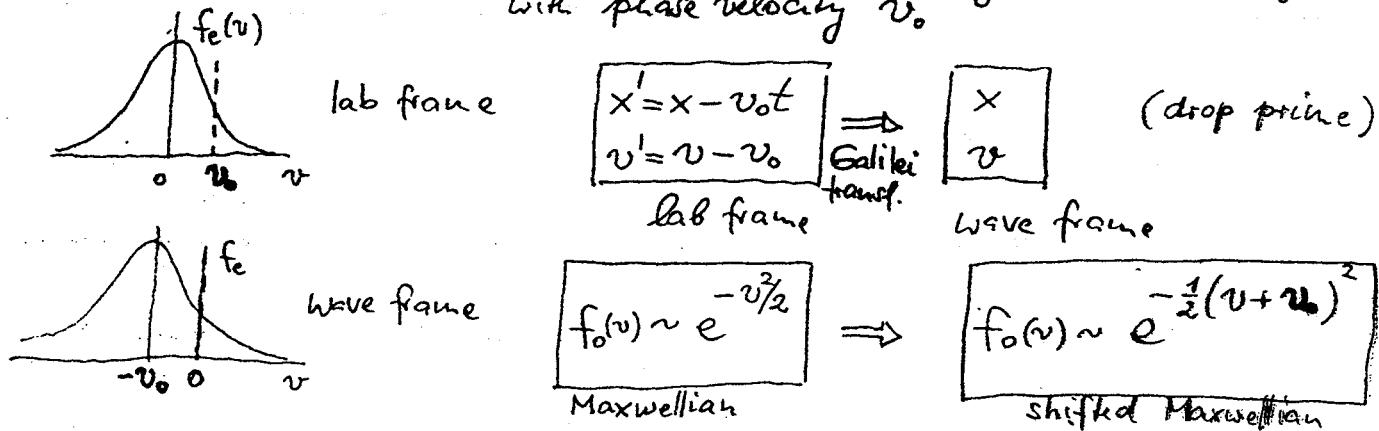
$\hat{S}$  Onoidal waves

individually solitonic wave

$\boxed{S=\infty}$

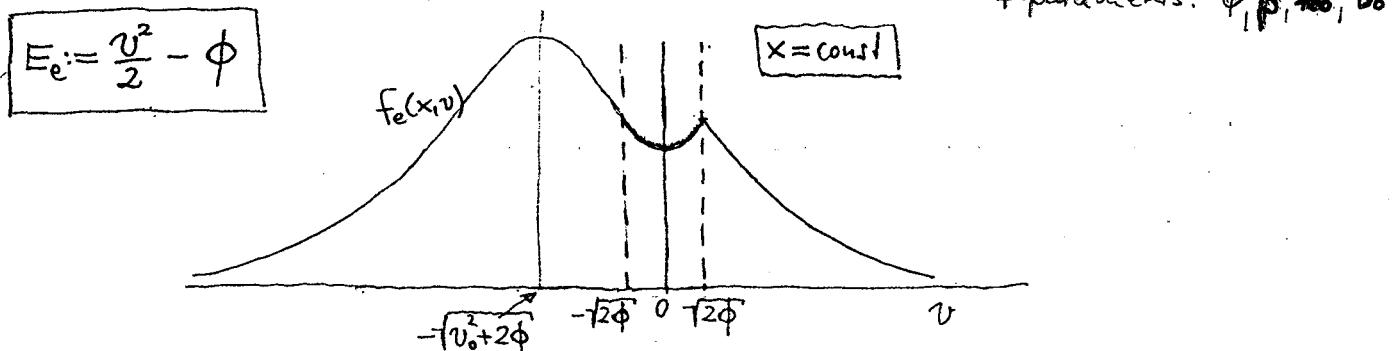
## 4c Propagating electron hole equilibria ( $m_i = \infty$ )

next goal: construction of stationary e-holes propagating in laboratory space with phase velocity  $v_0$ .



PM: 1) appropriate ansatz for  $f_e$

$$f_e(x, v) = \frac{(1 + \beta^2 \psi/2)}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \begin{cases} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} (\tilde{v} - \sqrt{v^2 - 2\phi} + v_0)^2 \right] & E_e > 0 \\ \exp \left[ -\frac{\beta}{2} (v^2 - 2\phi) - \frac{v_0^2}{2} \right] & E_e \leq 0 \end{cases}$$



properties:

- $\phi \rightarrow 0$  shifted Maxwellian:  $(\tilde{v} - \underbrace{\sqrt{v^2}}_{|v|} + v_0) = (v + v_0)$ ;  $\tilde{v} = \text{sgn } v$
- $f_e(\cdot; v)$  no longer an even function in  $v$
- $f_e$  is now depending on 2 constants of motion
- 1.  $E_e = \frac{v^2}{2} - \phi$   $\forall$  particles
- 2.  $\tilde{v} = \text{sgn } v$  for untrapped or free particles ( $E_e > 0$ )
- as before,  $f_e$  is continuous everywhere
- only the untrapped part of  $f_e$  is predetermined by the requirement of a thermal plasma ( $\phi = 0$ ); for  $f_{et}$  we need some flexibility ( $\rightarrow \beta$ )

ii) velocity integration ( $k_0 = 0$ ) solitary wave limit

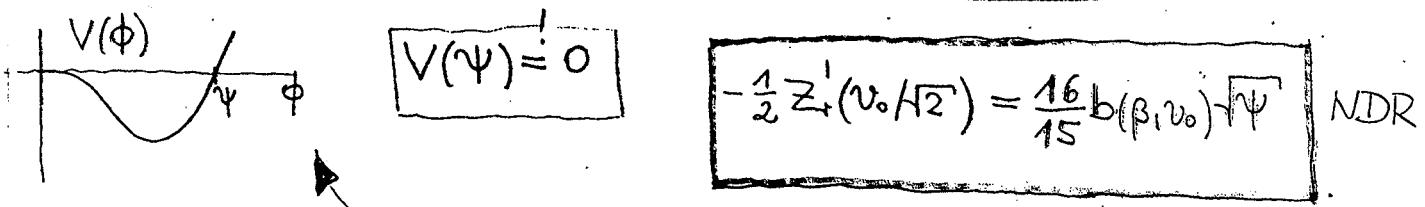
$$n_e(\phi) = 1 - \frac{1}{2} Z'_+(\nu_0/\sqrt{2}) \phi - \frac{4}{3} b(\beta, \nu_0) \phi^{3/2} + \dots$$

$$b(\beta, \nu_0) := \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} (1 - \beta - \nu_0^2) \exp(-\nu_0^2/2)$$

$$Z_+(x) := P \int dt \frac{\exp(-t^2)}{t-x} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}}$$

real part of PLASMA DISPERSION FUNCTION

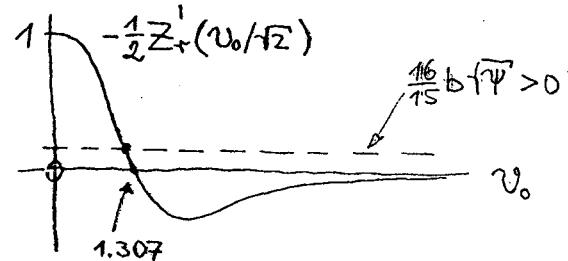
$$-V(\phi) = \int_0^\phi n_e(\phi) d\phi = \frac{\phi^2}{2} \left[ -\frac{1}{2} Z'_+(\nu_0/\sqrt{2}) - \frac{16}{15} b(\beta, \nu_0) \sqrt{\phi} \right]$$



NDR in  $V(\phi)$ :

$$-V(\phi) = \underbrace{\frac{8}{15} b(\beta, \nu_0)}_{> 0} \phi^2 [\sqrt{\psi} - \sqrt{\phi}]$$

provided that



→ bell-shaped solution exists

with  $\nu_0 \lesssim 1.307$  (thermal range!)

$$\rightarrow b(\beta, 1.3) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} (1 - \beta - 1.3^2) \exp(-1.3^2/2) > 0$$

↪  $-\beta > 0.7$  ↪ negative  $\beta$  represents notch in  $f_\phi$  at  $\nu_0$

$$\rightarrow \phi(x) = \psi \operatorname{sech}^4 \left( \sqrt{\frac{b(\beta, \nu_0) \sqrt{\psi}}{15}} x \right)$$

non-KdV type

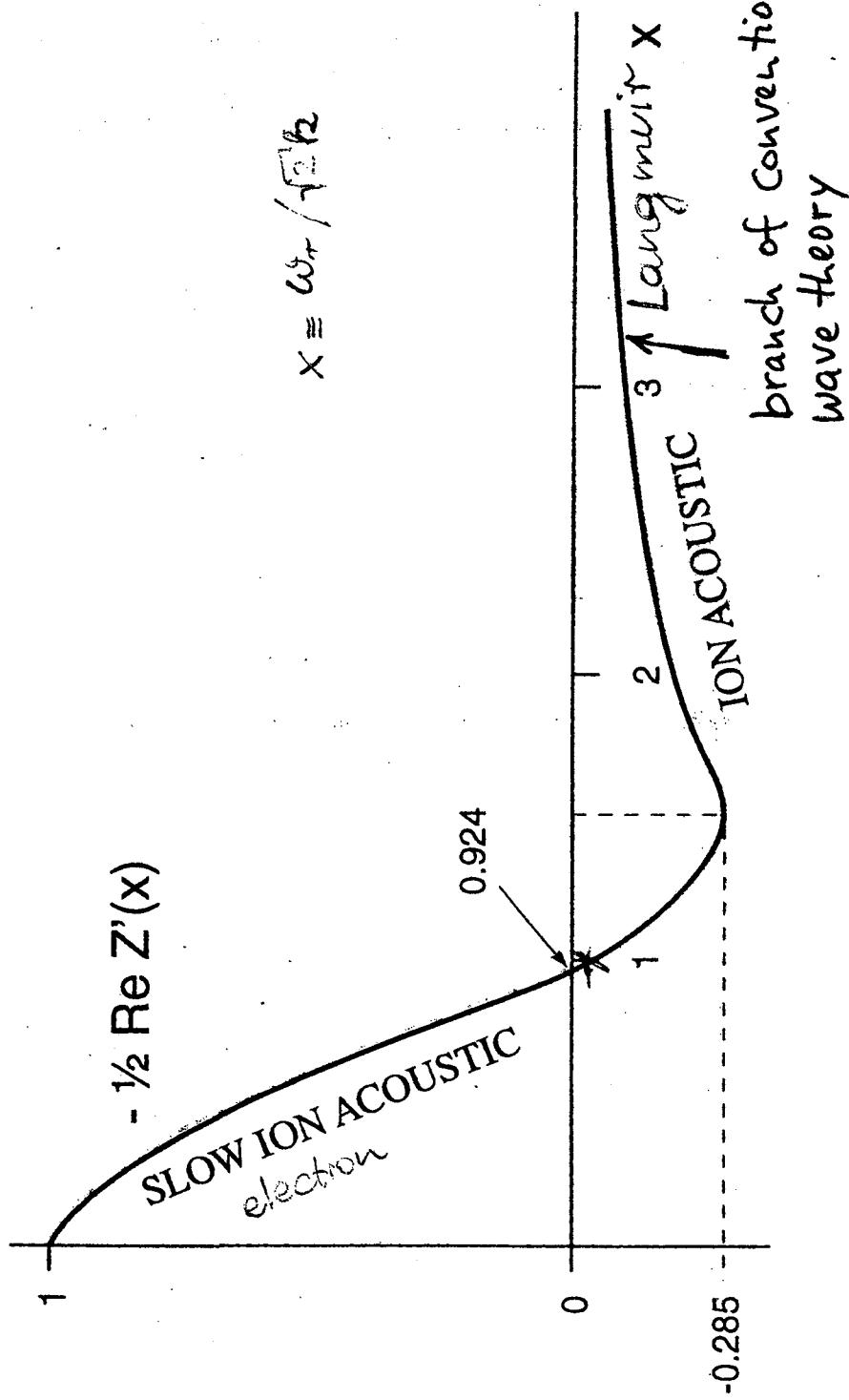
$$\Delta_{EH} \sim \frac{1}{\psi^{1/4}}$$

$$< \Delta_{KdV} \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{\psi}}$$

qed

$$\left[ -\frac{1}{2} Z'_{cr} \left( \frac{v_0}{\sqrt{2}} \right) = \frac{16}{15} b(\beta, v_0) \sqrt{\Psi} - k_0^2 \right] \text{NDR}$$

$k_0 \neq 0$



$$X \equiv \omega_{tr} / \sqrt{2} k_2$$

branch of conventional  
wave theory

Fig. 2

# The potential method

(I)

generalization:  $\mu$ : drift between electrons & ions  
 $m$ : finite ion mass

Lit. HS Phys. Plasmas  
Vol. 7, 4831 (2000)

We choose  $f_e$  and  $f_i$  as plausible functions of the constants of motion:

$$f_e(x, v) = \frac{1+K}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \begin{cases} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} (\sigma_e \sqrt{2E_e} - \tilde{v}_D)^2 \right], & E_e > 0, \\ \exp (-\tilde{v}_D^2/2 - \beta E_e), & E_e \leq 0, \end{cases}$$

$$E_e = \frac{v^2}{2} - \phi.$$

$$f_i(x, u) = \frac{1+A}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \begin{cases} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} (\sigma_i \sqrt{2E_i} + u_0)^2 \right], & E_i > 0, \\ \exp (-u_0^2/2 - \alpha E_i), & E_i \leq 0, \end{cases}$$

$$E_i = \frac{u^2}{2} + \theta(\Phi - \psi).$$

$$\tilde{v}_D = v_D - u$$

$$\theta = T_e / T_i$$

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Nonlinear destabilization of plasmas by  
negative energy holes  
or zero

structure:

$$-V(\phi) = \frac{k_0^2}{2} \phi (\psi - \phi) + \frac{8}{15} b(\beta, \tilde{v}_D) \phi^2 [\sqrt{\psi} - \sqrt{\phi}] \\ + \frac{4}{15} b(\alpha, u_0) \theta^{3/2} \{ 2[\psi^{5/2} - (\psi - \phi)^{5/2}] - \phi \sqrt{\psi} (5\psi - 3\phi) \}$$

A. Luque, H.S., J.M. Grießmeier, Phys. Plas. 9 (2002) 4341

A. Luque, H.S., Phys. Reports 415 (2005) 261

$$0 \leq \phi \leq \psi \ll 1$$

NDR:

$$k_0^2 - \frac{1}{2} Z'_r \left( \frac{\tilde{v}_D}{\sqrt{2}} \right) - \frac{\theta}{2} Z'_r \left( \frac{u_0}{\sqrt{2}} \right) = \frac{16}{15} \left[ b(\beta, \tilde{v}_D) + \frac{3}{2} b(\alpha, u_0) \theta^{3/2} \right] \sqrt{\psi}$$

total energy density:

$B_e$

$B_i$

$$w = \frac{1}{4L} \int_{-L}^{+L} dx \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dv v^2 f_e(x, v) + \frac{1}{\theta} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} du u^2 f_i(x, u) + \phi'(x)^2 \right]$$

$$\psi=0 \quad w_H = \frac{1}{2} (1 + v_D^2 + \frac{1}{\theta})$$

$\psi \neq 0$

$$w_S \equiv w_H + \Delta w$$

def.  $\Delta w < 0$  negative energy hole

$$\Delta w = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \psi + \left( \frac{k_0^2 \psi}{2} - \epsilon \right) (1 + v_D^2) + \frac{A - \epsilon}{\theta} \right]$$

$$+ \frac{v_0^2}{4L} \int_{-L}^{+L} dx \left[ -\frac{1}{2} Z'_r \left( \frac{\tilde{v}_D}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \phi - \frac{4}{3} b(\beta, \tilde{v}_D) \phi^{3/2} \right]$$

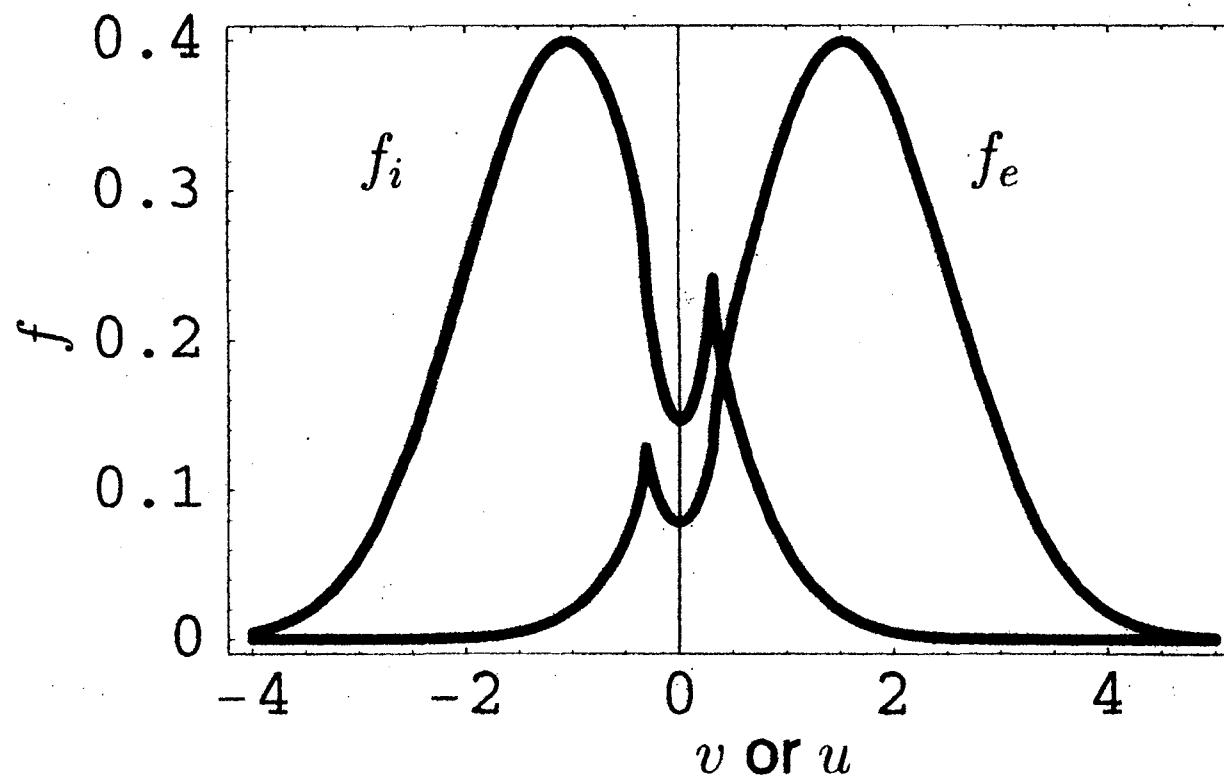
$$+ \frac{u_0^2}{4L\theta} \int_{-L}^{+L} dx \left[ -\frac{\theta}{2} Z'_r \left( \frac{u_0}{\sqrt{2}} \right) (\psi - \phi) - \frac{4}{3} b(\alpha, u_0) \theta^{3/2} (\psi - \phi)^{3/2} \right]$$

J.-M. Grießmeier, H.S., Phys. Plasmas 9, 2462 (2002)  
J.M. Grießmeier, A. Luque, H.S., Phys. Plasmas 9, 3816 (2002)

$$A = \frac{\theta}{2} Z'_r \left( \frac{u_0}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \psi + \frac{4}{3} b(\alpha, u_0) (\theta \psi)^{3/2}$$

# Distribution functions

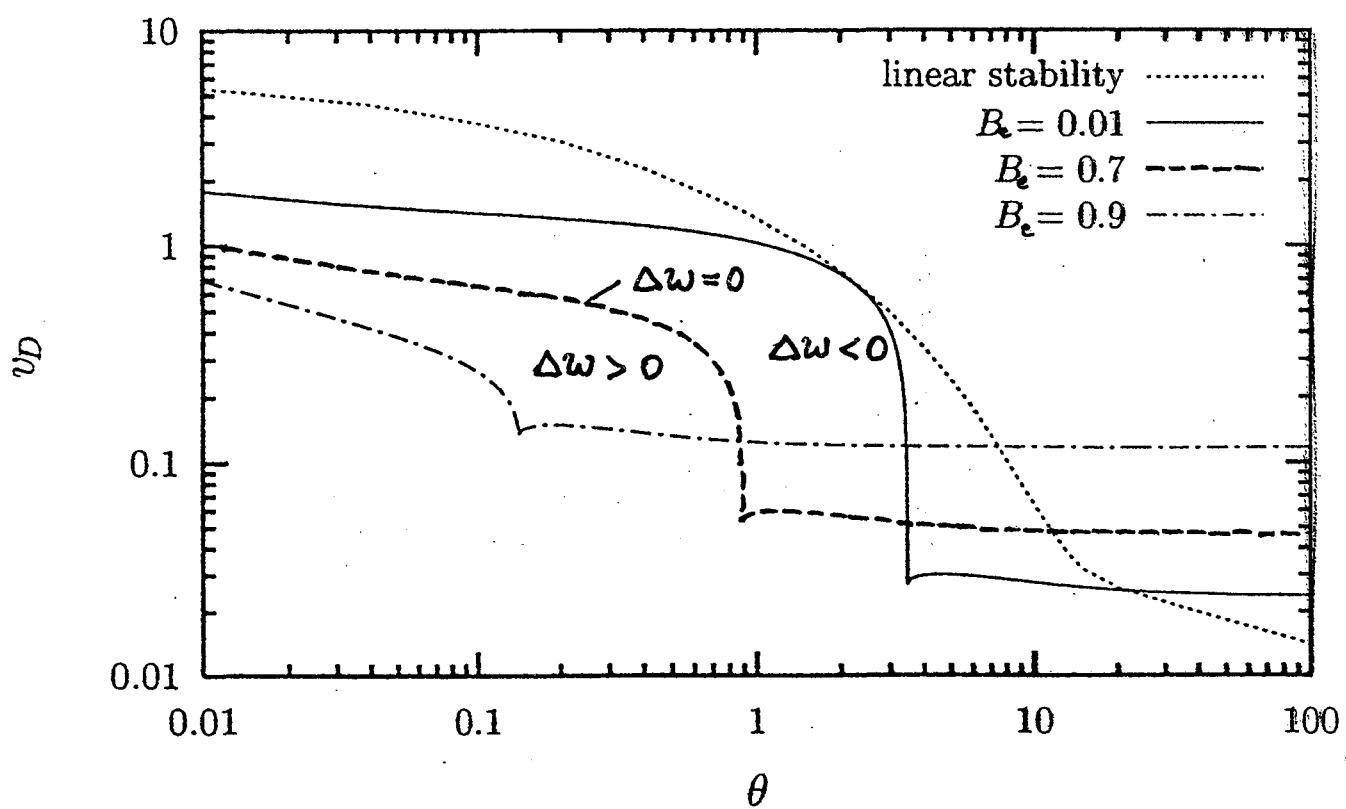
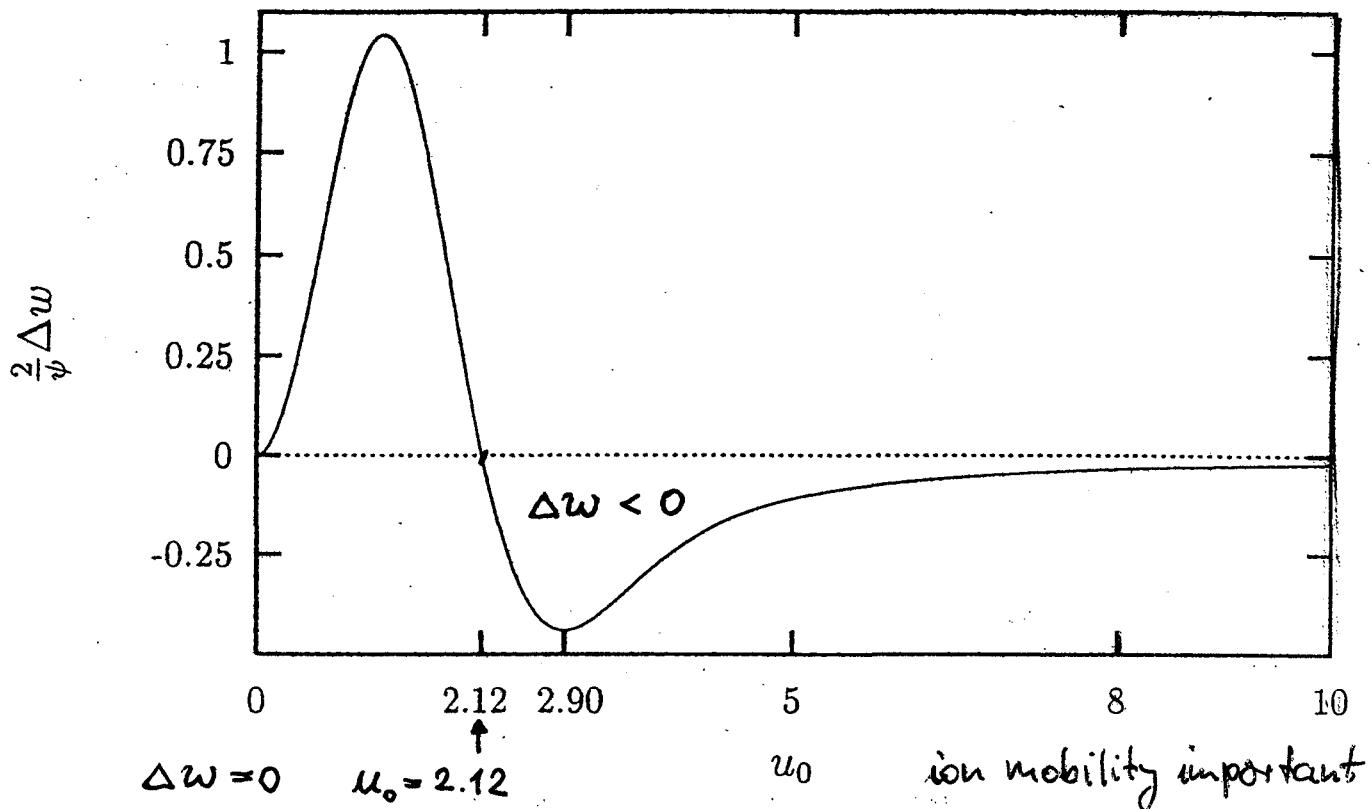
a typical solution of  $f_e, f_i$   
for solitary e-hole in the  
negative energy range

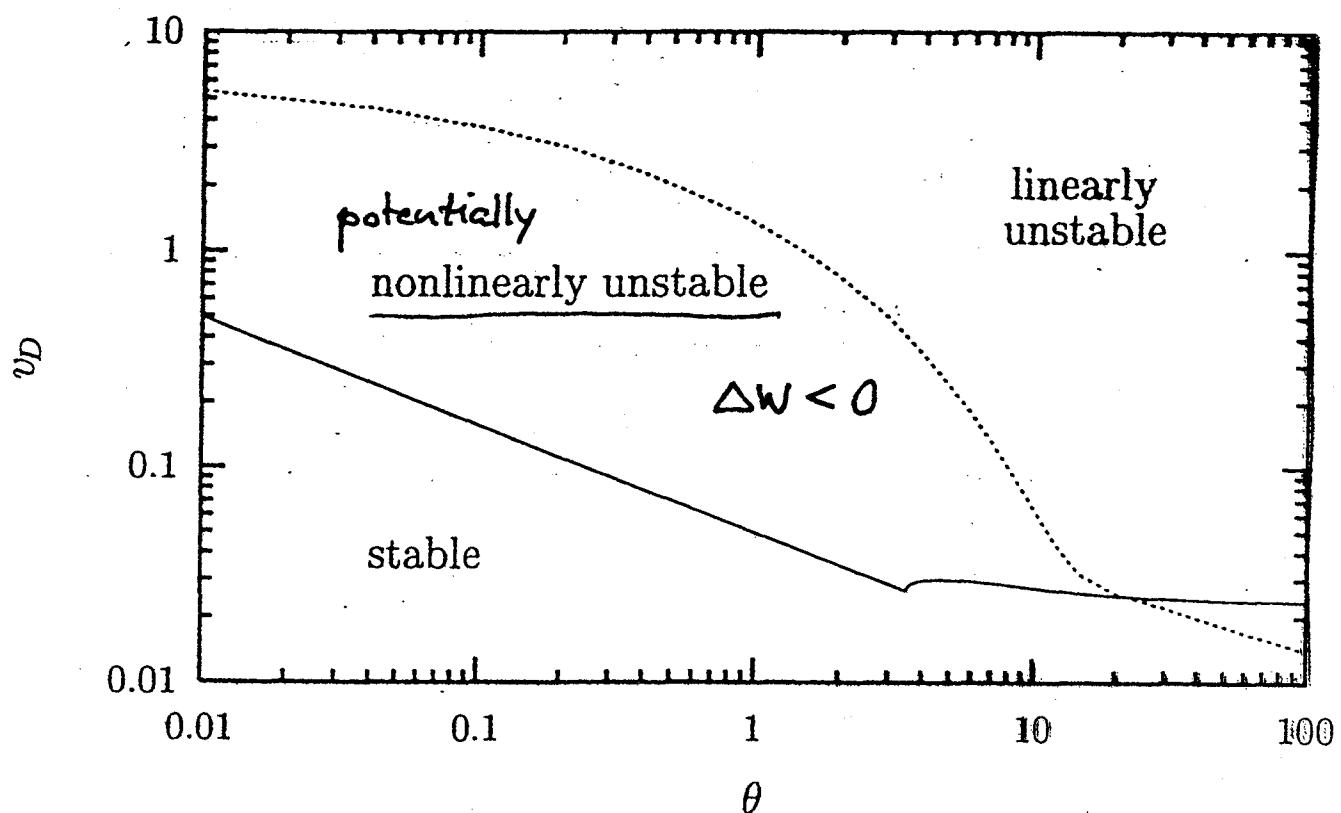


Note the different normalization for  $v$  and  $u$ .

solitary e-hole  $B_i = 0$

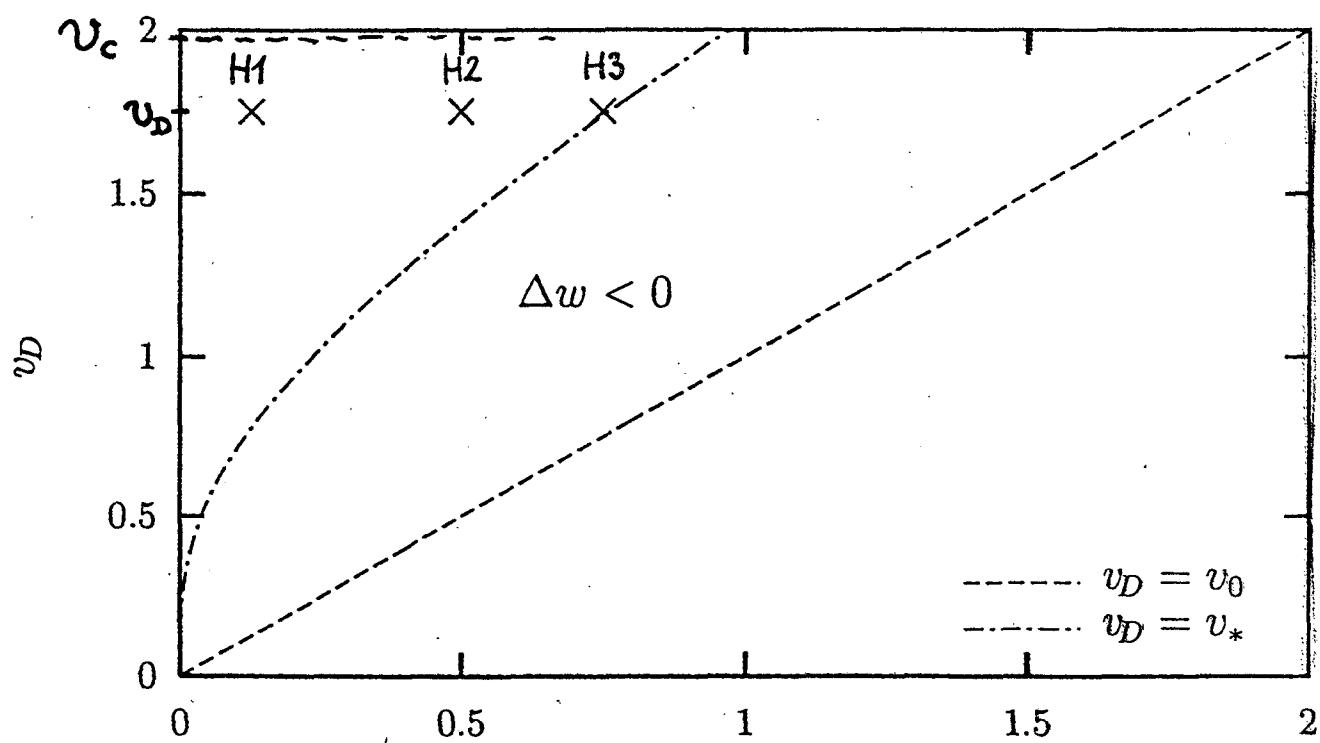
$$\Delta\omega = \frac{\psi}{2} \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{2} Z'_r \left( \frac{u_0}{\sqrt{2}} \right) (1 - u_0^2) \right] \quad u_0 = \sqrt{\frac{\Theta}{5}} v_0$$



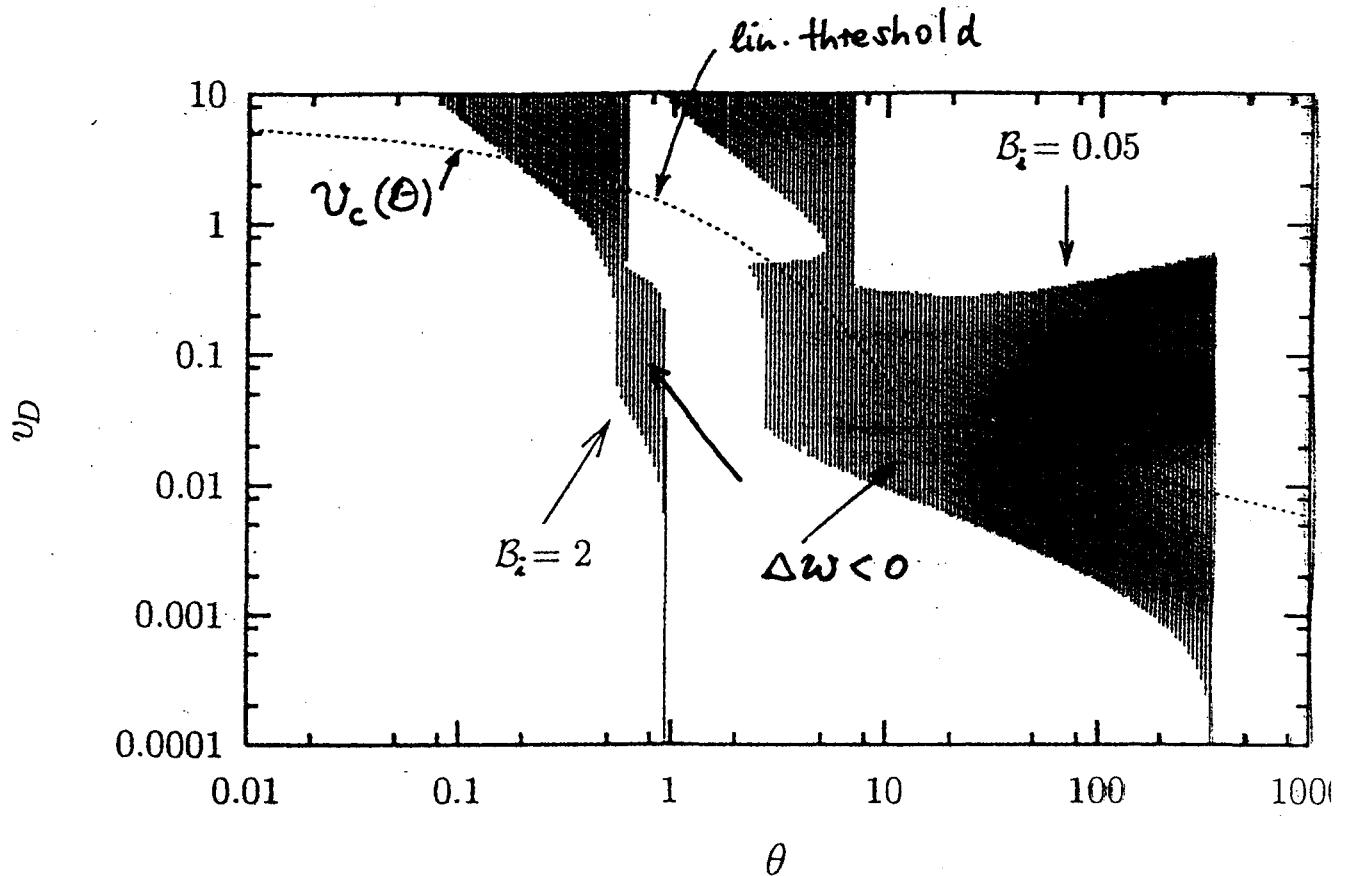


### solitary i-hole

$$\Delta w = \frac{\psi}{2} \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{2} Z'_r \left( \frac{\tilde{v}_D}{\sqrt{2}} \right) (1 + v_D^2 - v_0^2) \right] \quad B_e = 0$$



for H1, H2, H3 see Berman et al (1985)



Conclusion: for given  $\Theta = T_e/T_i$  and  $v_D < v_c(\Theta)$  (linear stability) a trapped ion parameter  $B_i \equiv \frac{3}{2} b(\alpha, \mu_0) \Theta^{3/2} \psi^{1/2}$  can always be found such that the ion hole has negative energy  $\Delta\omega \leq 0$ .

## 5. Linearity versus nonlinearity

another special solution of Vlasov-Poisson system:

harmonic  
solution  
(e-branch)  
 $\Theta \rightarrow 0$

$$k^2 - \frac{1}{2} Z_r' (\omega_r / \sqrt{2} k) = 0 \quad \text{NDR}$$

$$-V(\phi) = \frac{k^2}{2} \phi (\psi - \phi) \quad \text{V}$$

in contrast: Landau theory

$$k^2 - \frac{1}{2} Z' (\omega / \sqrt{2} k) = 0 \quad \text{LDR}$$

$$\omega := \omega_r + i\gamma$$

in thermal range  $v_{ph} = \omega_r/k \approx 1$

$\gamma < 0$ : strong Landau damping

$\Rightarrow$

nonexistence of undamped modes  
in thermal velocity range within  
Landau theory

resolution of discrepancy:

- linearization in Vlasov eq. means

$$E \partial_v f_1$$

negligible w.r.t.

$$E \partial_v f_0$$

$$O(\varepsilon^2)$$

$$O(\varepsilon)$$

- e-hole equilibria, however, demand

$$E \partial_v f_1$$

comparable with

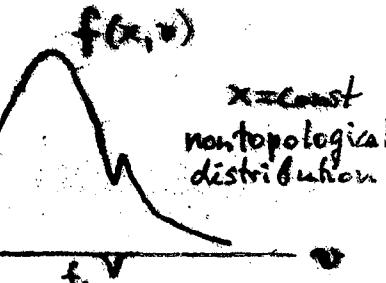
$$E \partial_v f_0$$

$$O(\varepsilon)$$

$$O(\varepsilon)$$

$\Rightarrow$

the smallness of  $f_1$  not necessarily implies the smallness of  $\partial_v f_1$ !



e.g.

$$\partial_v(f_0 + f_1) \approx 0 \quad \text{at resonant velocity}$$

$\Rightarrow$  for e-hole equilibria:  $E \partial_v f_1$  is not negligible no matter how small:  $|E|, |f_1|$  are.

$\Rightarrow$  Phase space vortices require a solution of the full Vlasov-Poisson system even in the infinitesimal amplitude limit; these modes are lost in the process of linearization

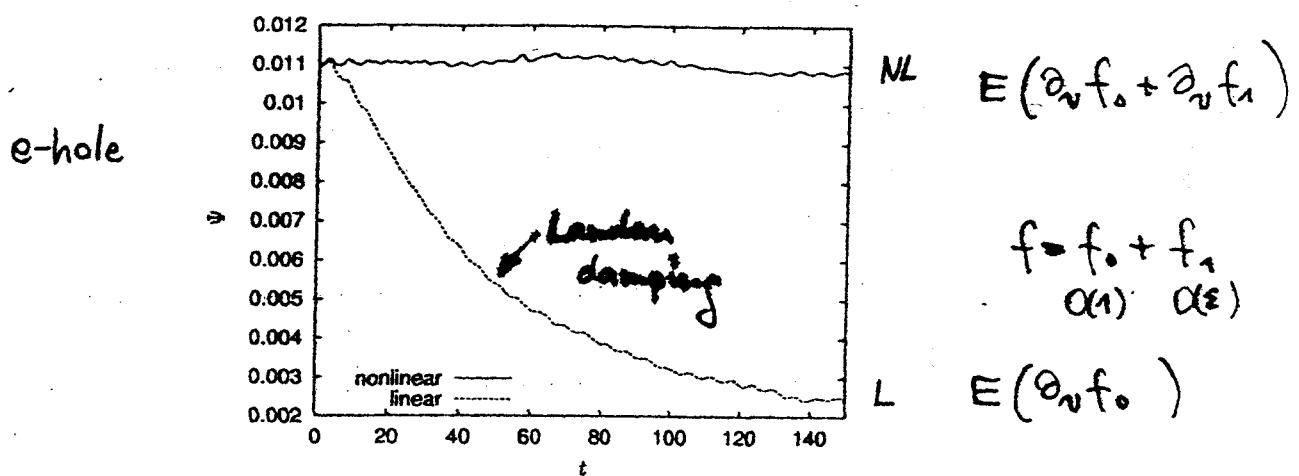


Figure 15. Evolution of the amplitude in linear and nonlinear runs of the Vlasov code with the same initial conditions corresponding to an electron hole. Note how the linear run damps out the structure where it remains stationary in the nonlinear run.

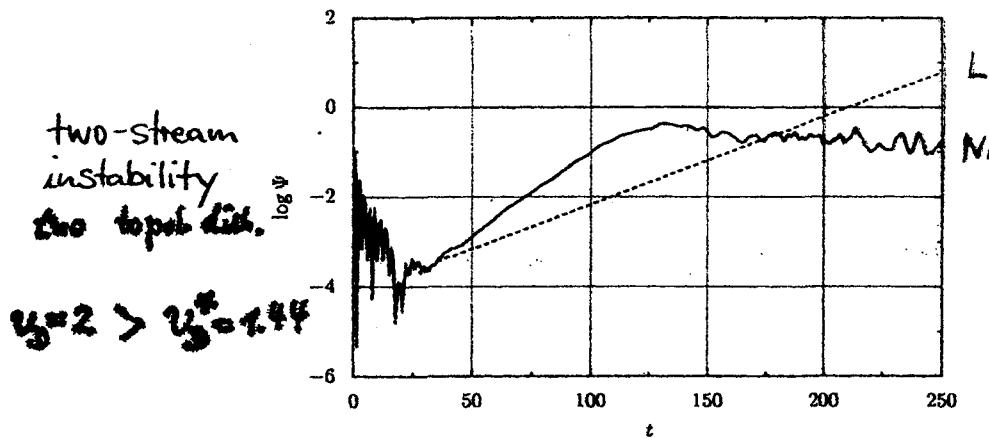


Figure 16. Evolution of the amplitude of the electrostatic potential in the linearly unstable regime of the two-stream instability,  $\delta = 1/100$ ,  $\theta = 1$ ,  $v_D = 2.0$ . The solid line represents the evolution of the fully nonlinear equation while the dashed one pictures the linear evolution. The simulation was performed with  $M = 2000$ ,  $N = 5$ .

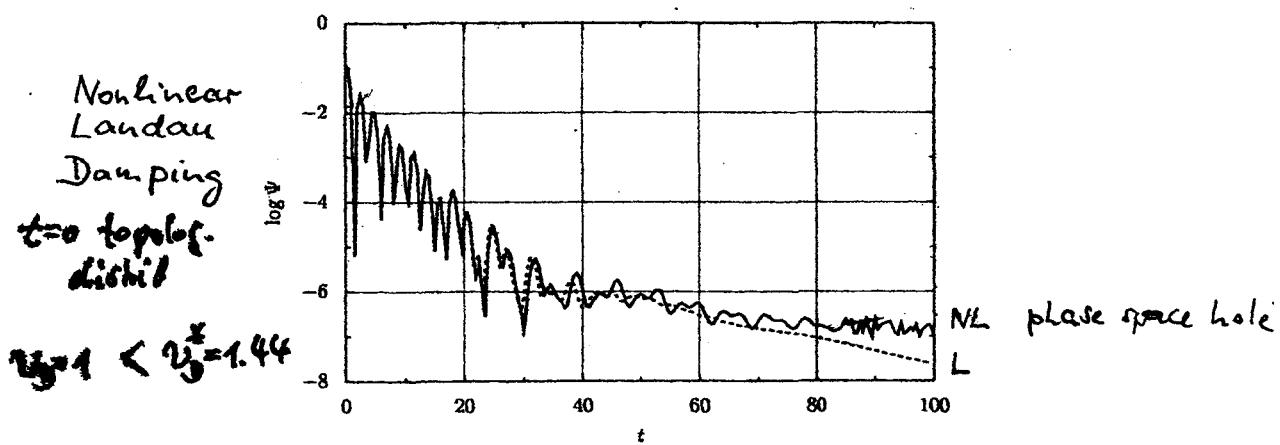
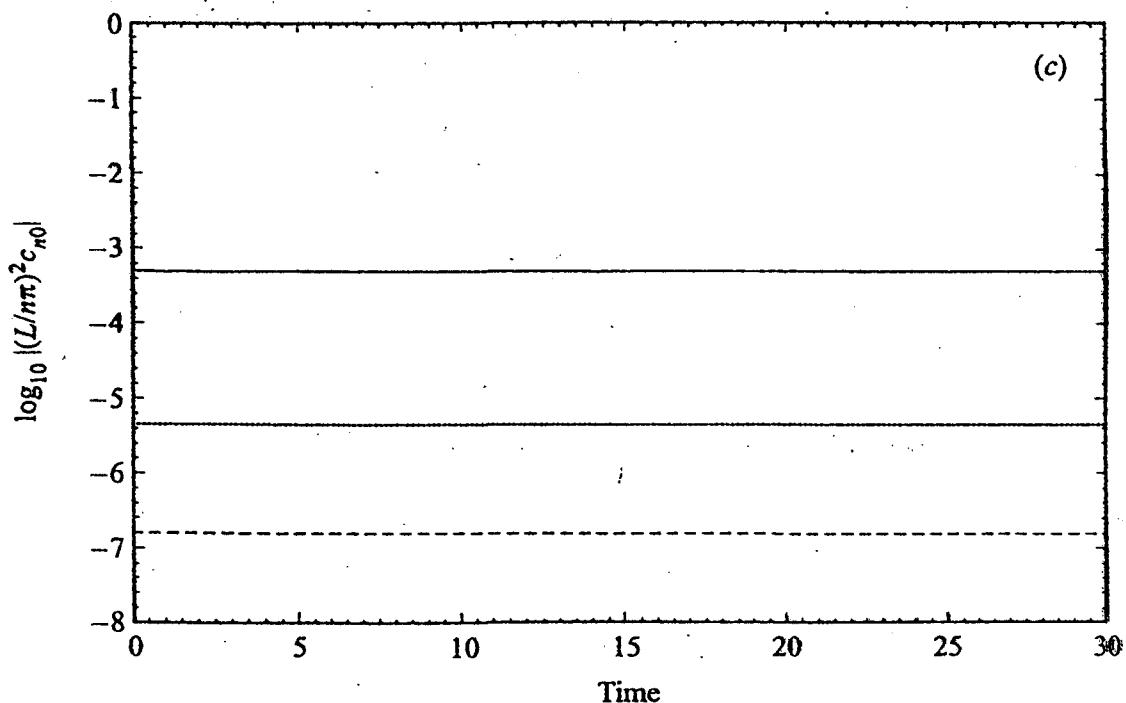


Figure 17. Same as in Fig. 16 but with  $v_D = 1.0$ , this is, in the linearly stable regime.

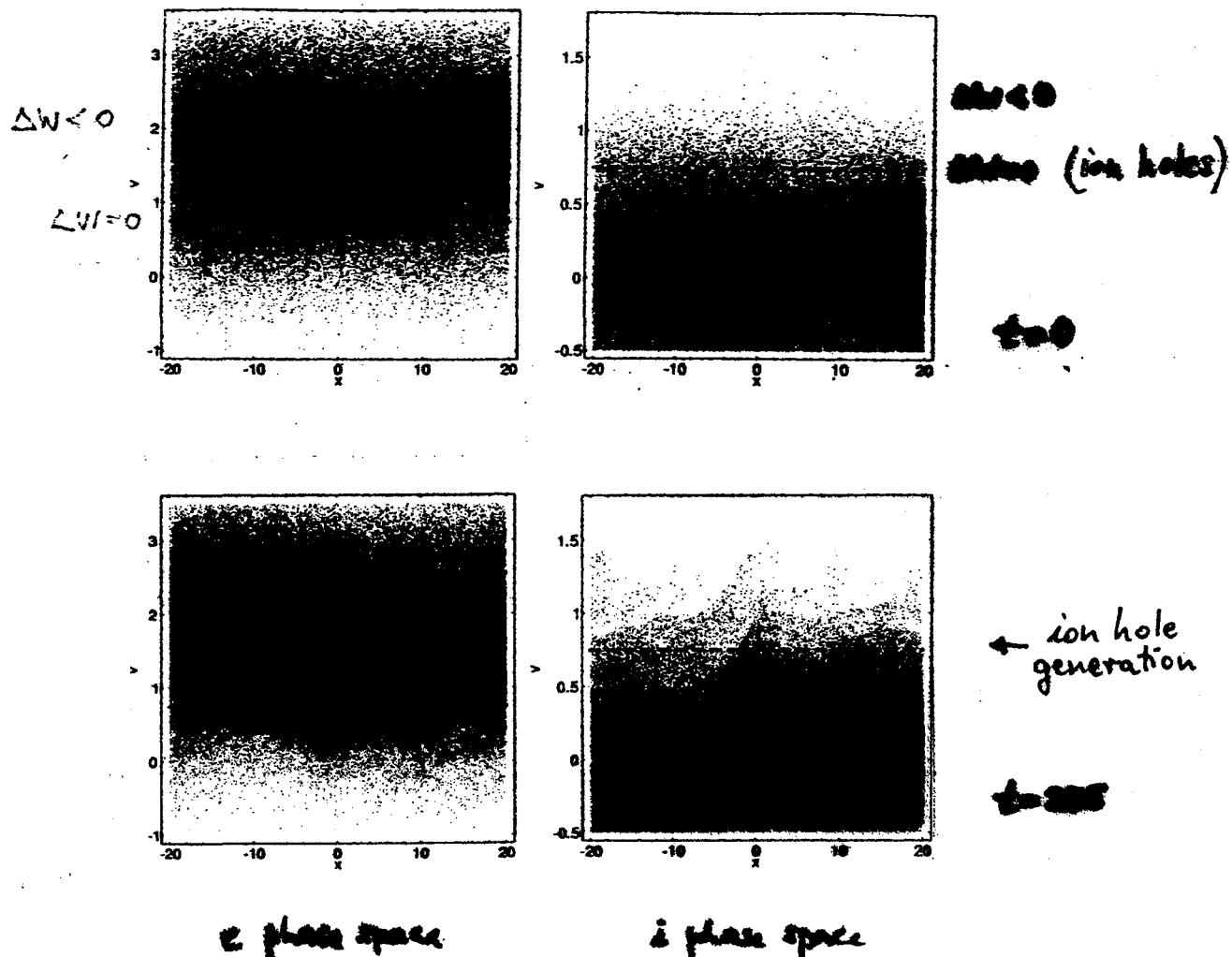


numerical proof  
 of existence, stationarity and stability  
 of e-holes in 1-D VLASOV-POISSON system

Fig. 2c of

Korn, Schamel  
 J. Plasma Phys. 56, 307 (1996)

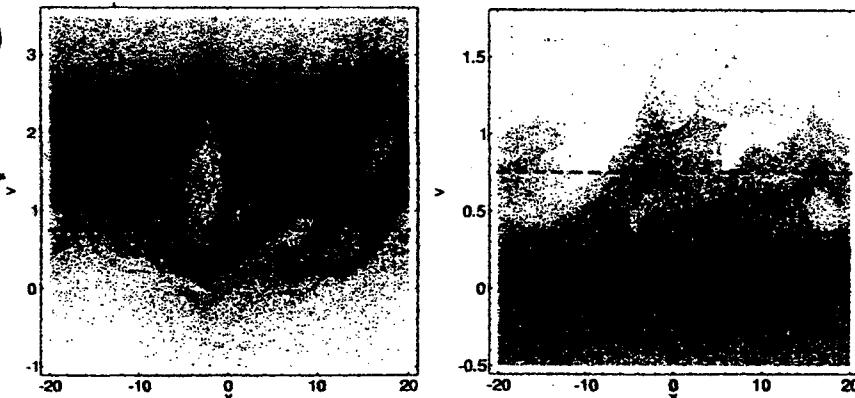
$m_i = \infty$



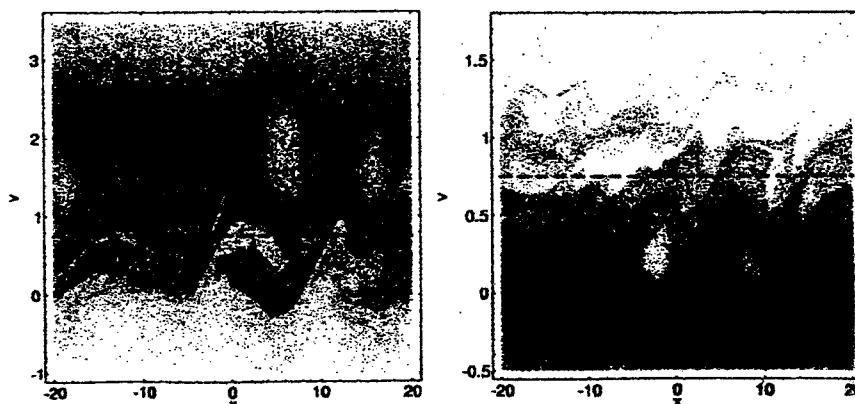
PIC (Berman et al)  
 $\delta = 1/4$   
 $\Theta = 1$   
 $\gamma = 1.35 < \gamma^* = 1.96$   
lin. stable system!

$\Delta W \approx 0$  for ion holes at

$\gamma^* = 0.75$   
 $(\beta = 0)$



$t=350$

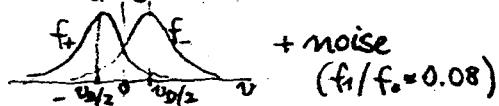


$t=700$



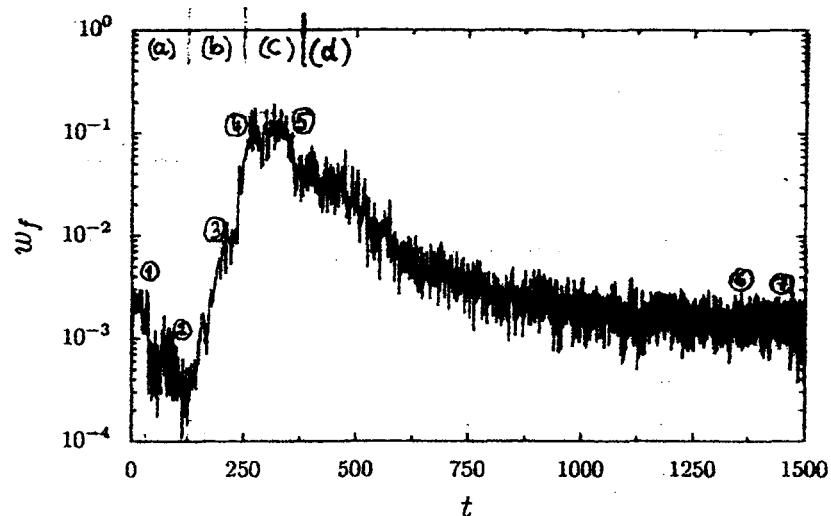
Hole scenario of linearly stable current carrying pair plasmas

## 6. Nonlinear instability and saturation of linearly stable current-carrying pair plasmas\*



$$v_b = 2 < v_b^* = 2.6$$

lin. stable



### FOUR

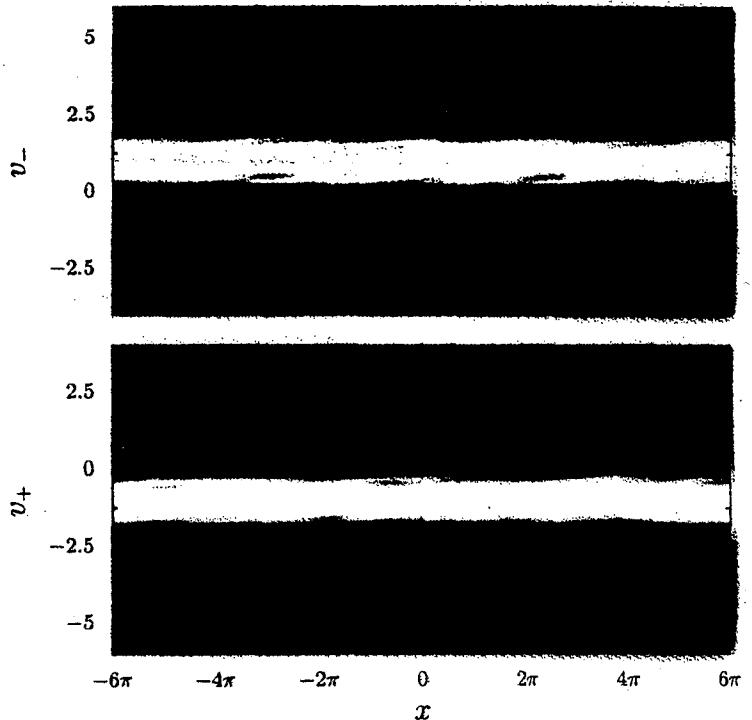
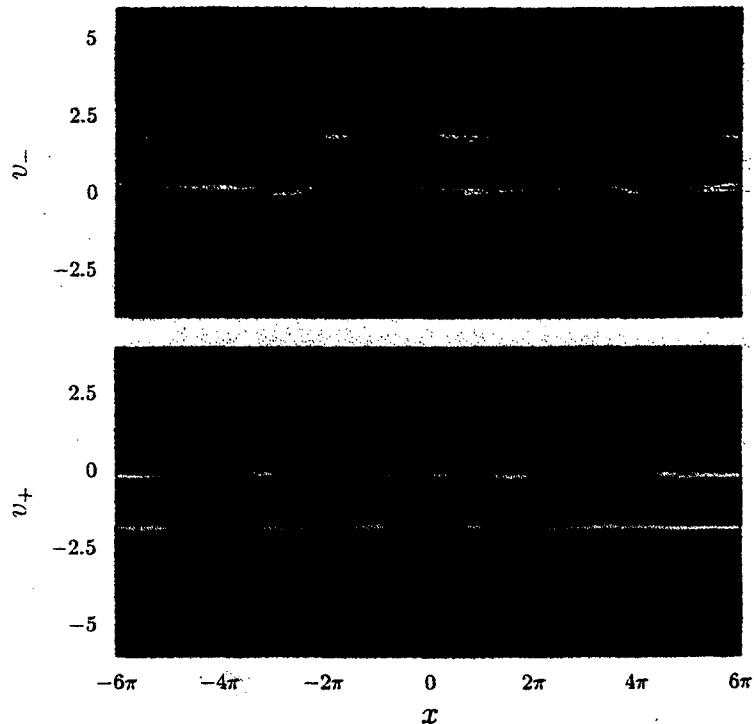
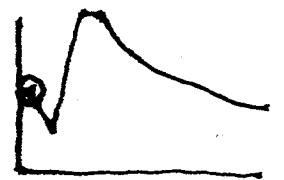
FIG. : Evolution of the field energy  $w_f = \int (\partial_z \phi)^2 dx$ . Three phases can be distinguished: (a) an initial transient damping, (b) nonlinear instability and (c) saturation and decay towards a new equilibrium.

*seed hole*

*multiple generation  
of holes*

*anomalous  
structural  
diffusion*

A. Luque, H.S., B. Eliasson and P.K. Shukla (Submitted)



(a) damping and preparation of seed hole

snapshot ① in

initial damping  
phase (a)

$\Rightarrow$  a lot of coherence due to  
~~Landau~~ nontopological fluctuations

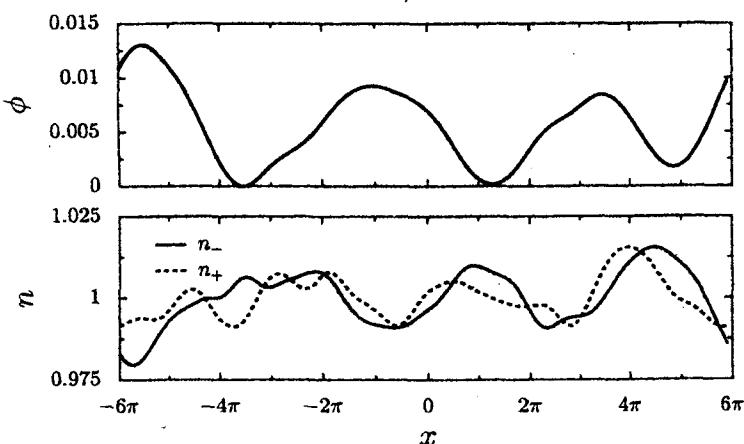


Figure 1:  $t = 37.5$

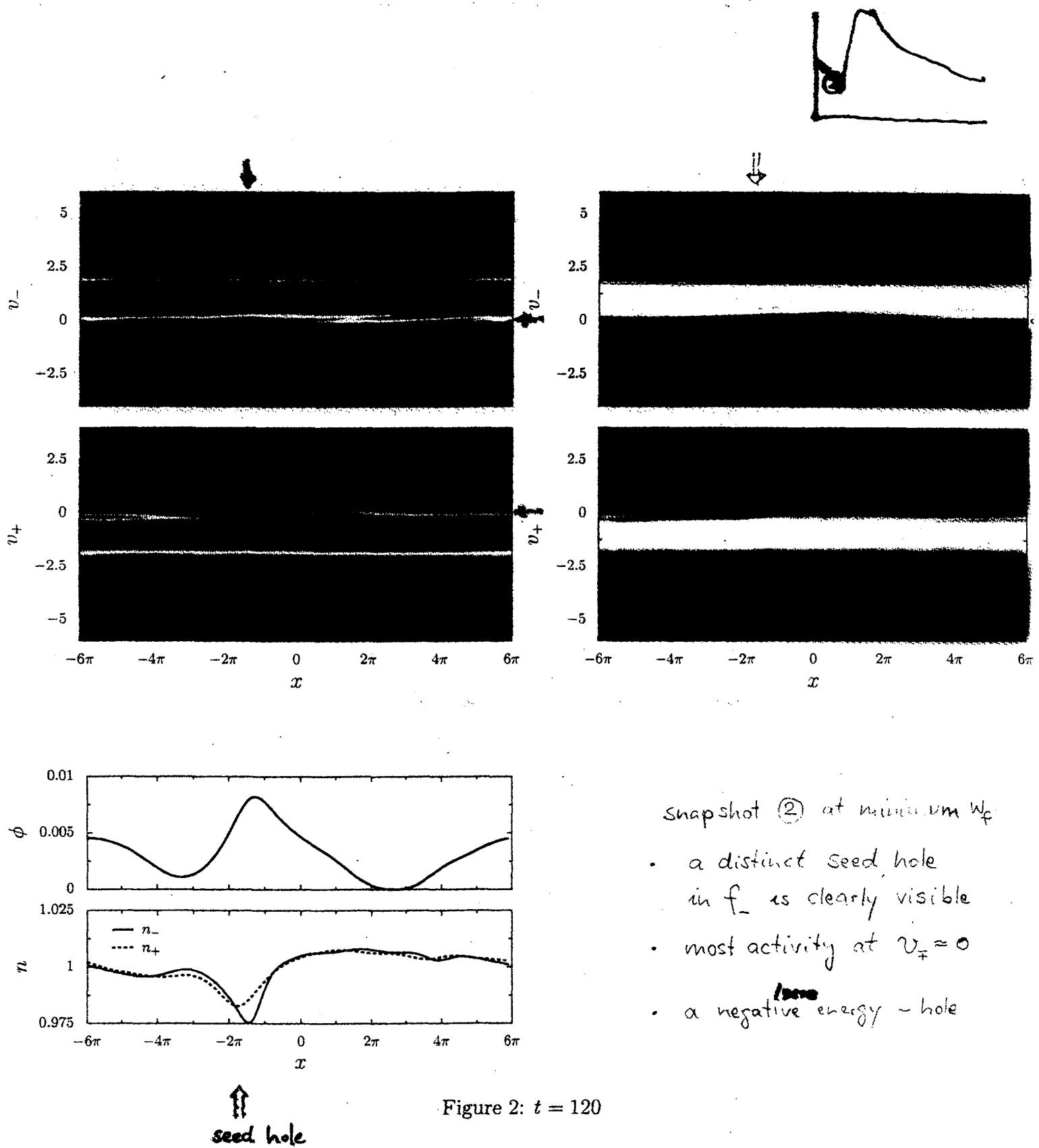
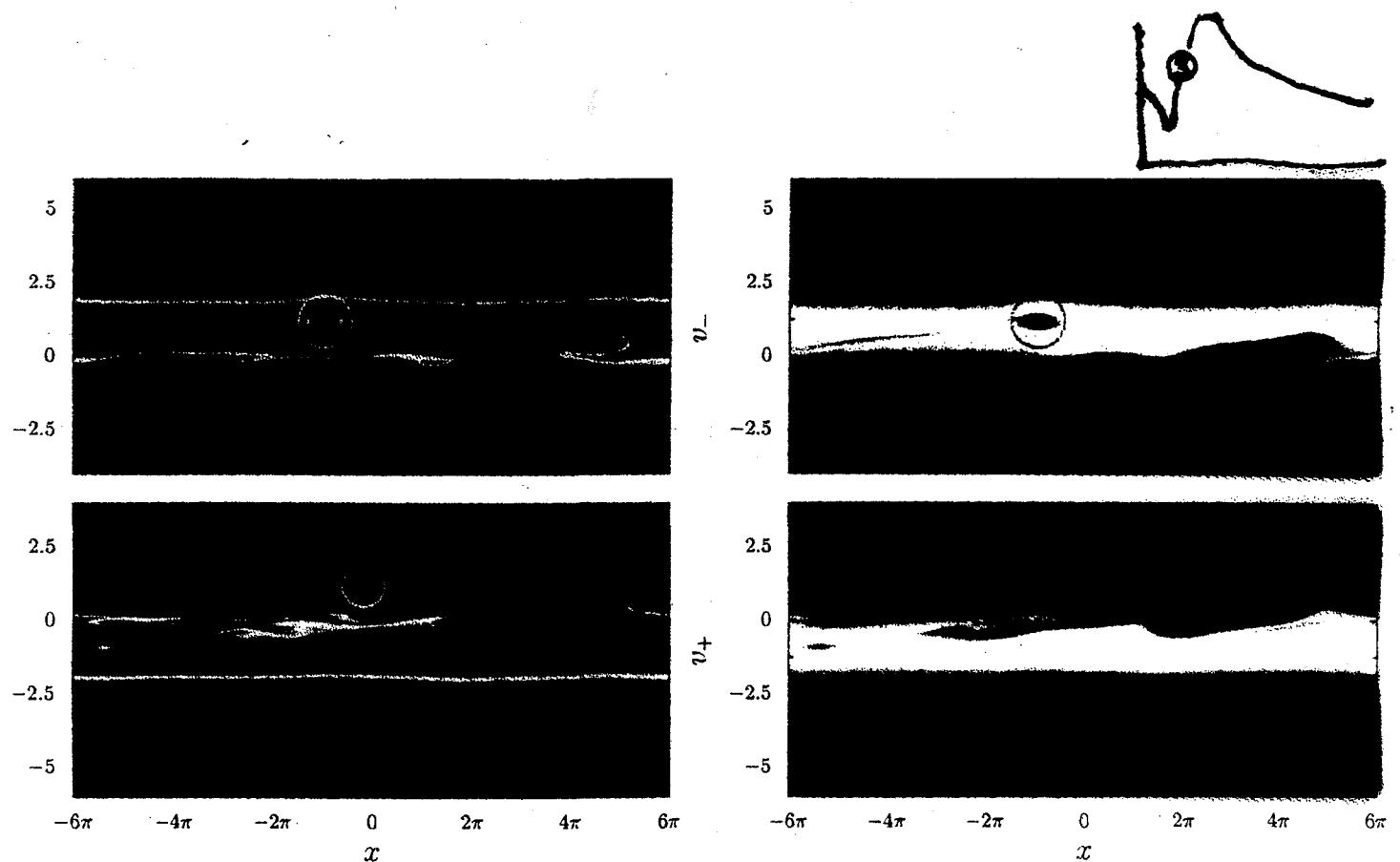
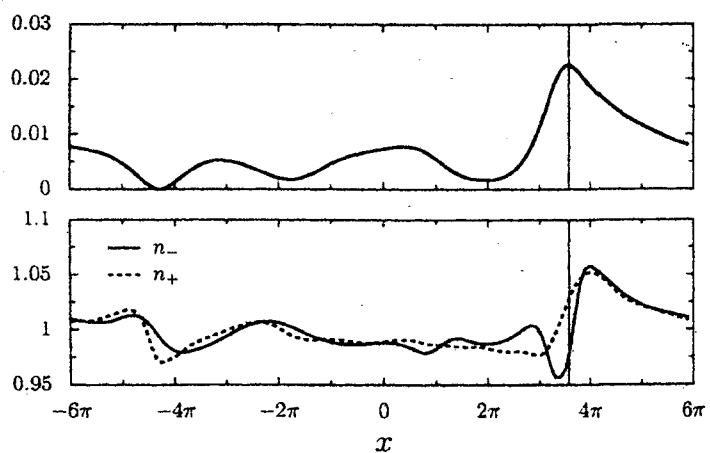


Figure 2:  $t = 120$



(b) multiple generation and growth of holes



snapshot ③ in phase (b) : of hole  

- acceleration and nonlinear growth
- creation of a bipolar structure ( $x \approx 4\pi$ )

asymmetric - hole experiences a net  $E < 0$

$$\begin{array}{c} \curvearrowleft M \ddot{x} = Q E \\ \curvearrowright x > 0 \\ \curvearrowleft < 0 \end{array}$$

Figure 3:  $t = 187.5$

interpretation of - hole :

a cloud of positively charged particles ( $Q > 0$ )  
 embedded in a - fluid which acts as a  
 dielectric medium

$$(Q, M) := \int_{-t}^t \int_{v_0}^{v_0} (q_-, m_-) \tilde{f}_t$$

$v_0 > 0$  due to  
 $v_0 < 0$  lack of particles

$$\curvearrowleft [Q > 0, M < 0]$$

Mission & Shukla  
 Phys. Rev. Lett. 92 (2004)

$\therefore$  - hole is attracted (repelled) by maximum (minimum)  
 of  $m_-$

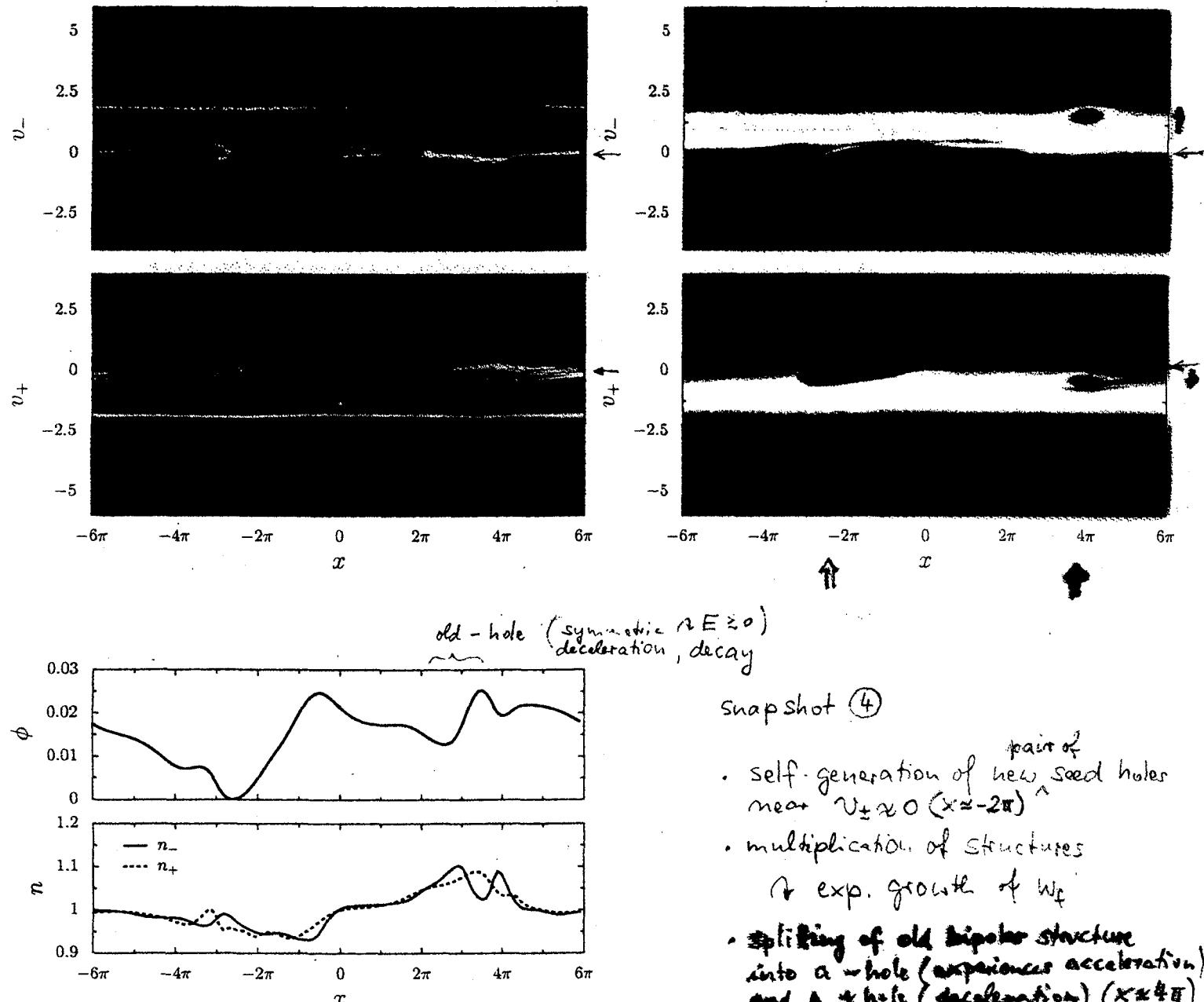
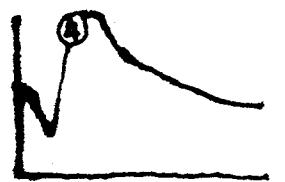
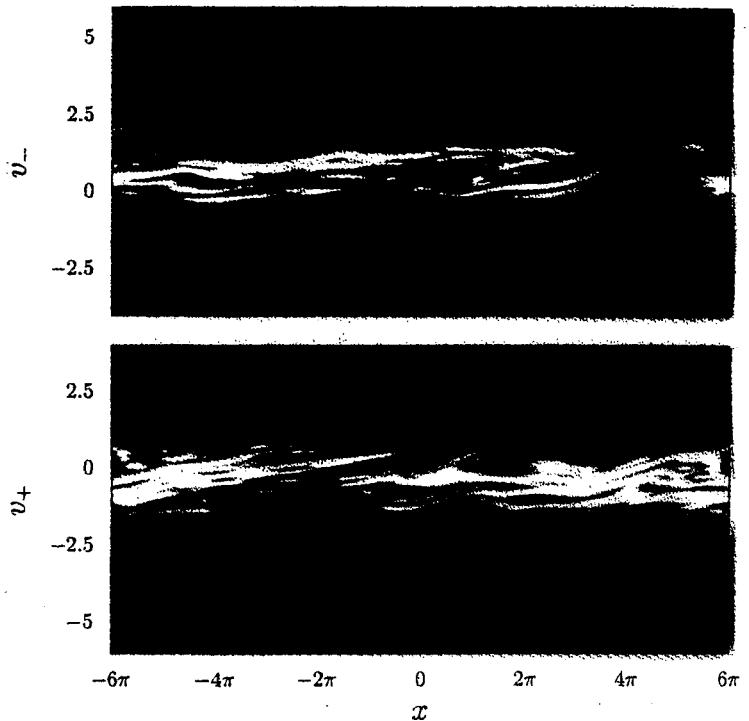
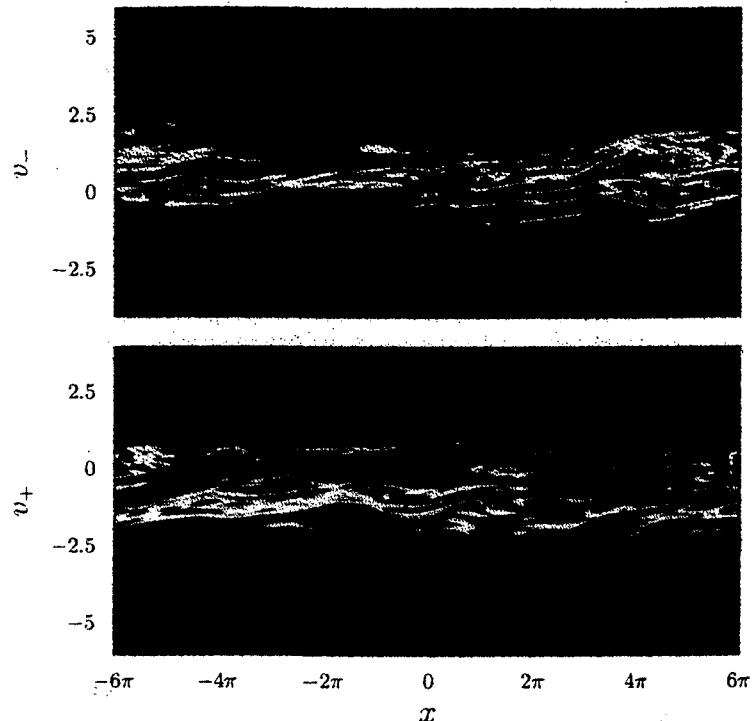
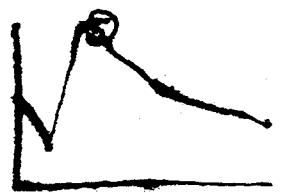


Figure 4:  $t = 221.25$



(C) saturation and fully developed turbulence

snapshot ⑤ in phase (C) :

chaotic, structured state

dominant process: anom. struct. diffus.

colliding and merging of holes

- ~ effective scattering
- ~ anomalous transport
- ~ heating and friction

see  $\langle uv \rangle, u^2$

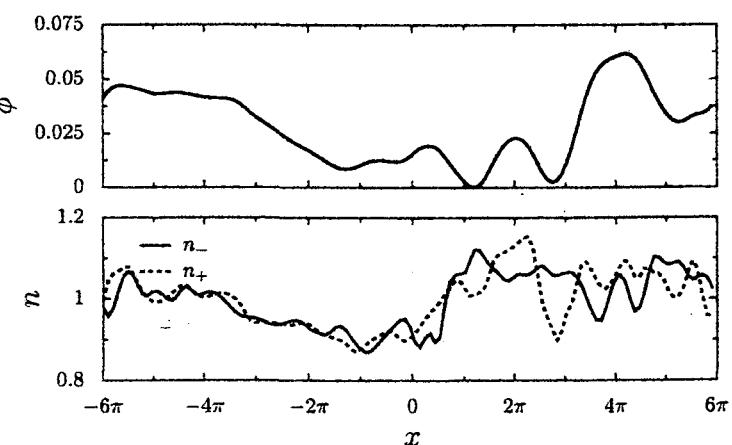
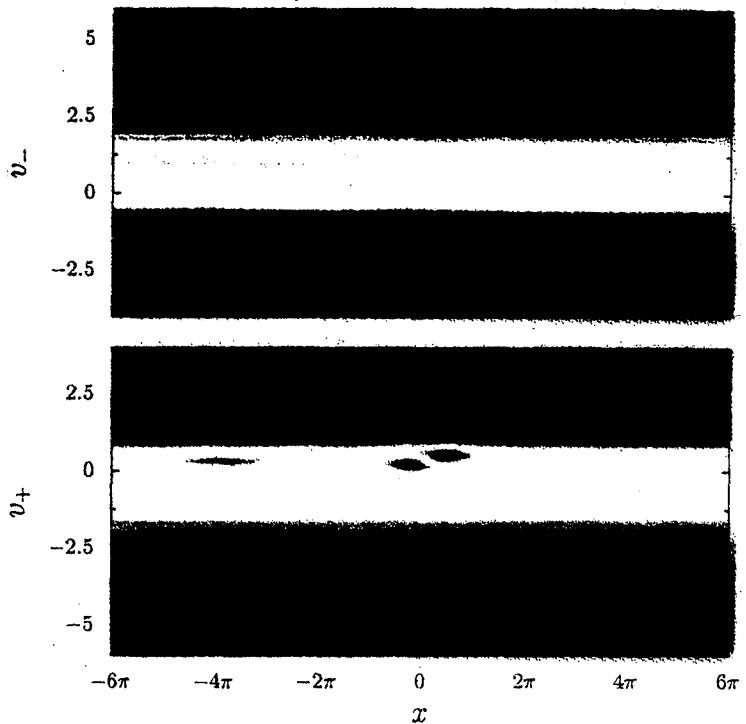
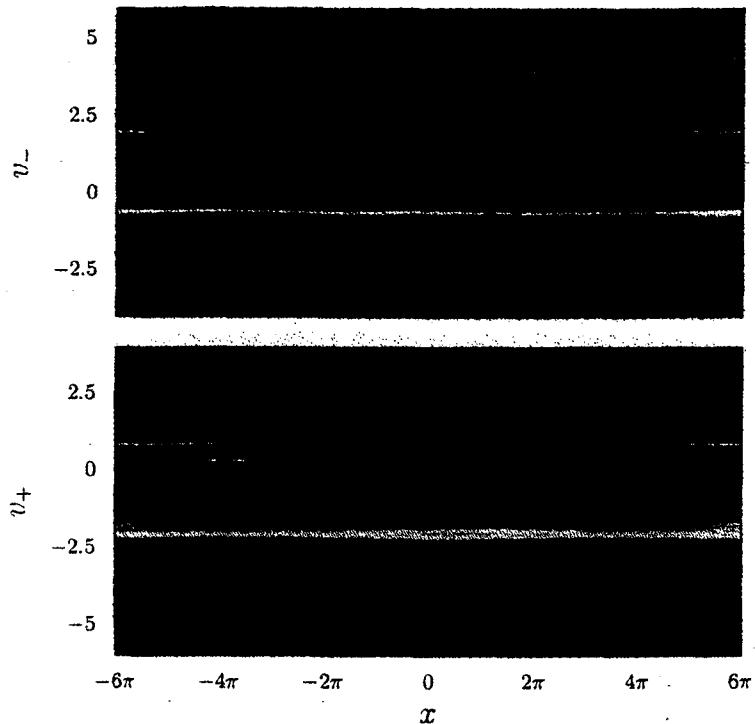
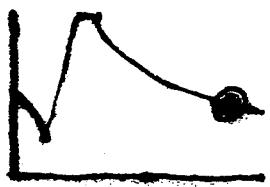


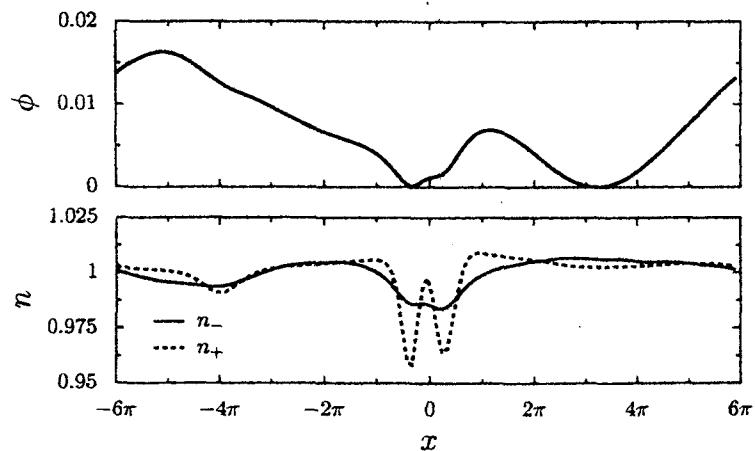
Figure 5:  $t = 375$

conductivity

$$\tilde{\sigma}_{\text{inh}} = \tilde{\sigma}_{\text{hom}} \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{2L} \int_{-L}^L dx n_0 \partial_x \phi \right]$$



(d) relaxation to a new collisionless equilibrium



snapshot ⑥

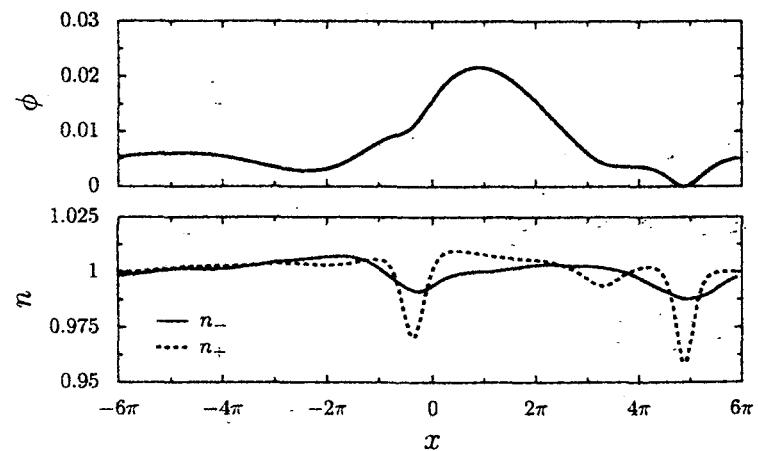
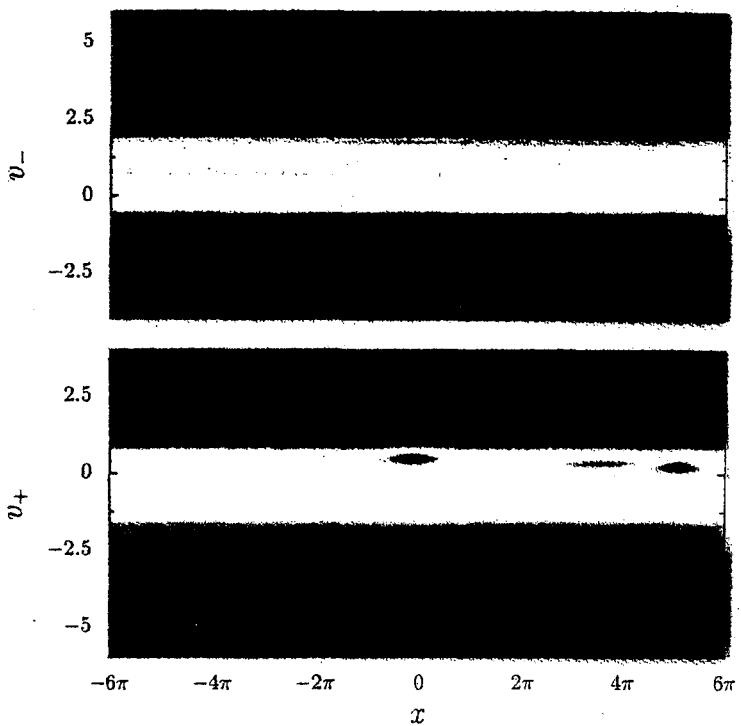
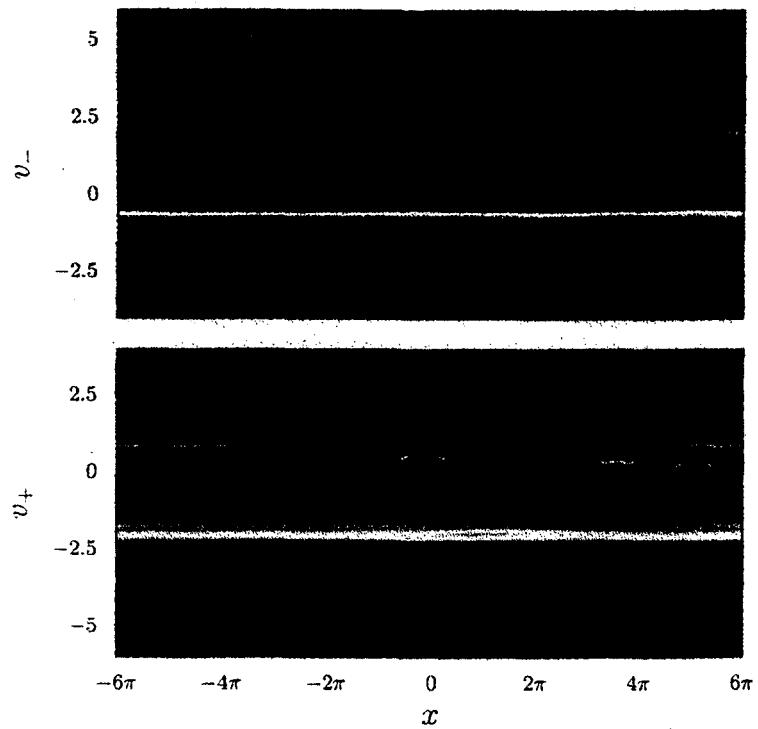
almost asymptotic state

3 + holes survive

(which will later coalesce into  
one big + hole )

both distributions flat-topped  
(see extra figure)

Figure 6:  $t = 1350$



Snapshot ⑦  
like ⑥  
still 3 +holes

Figure 7:  $t = 1425$

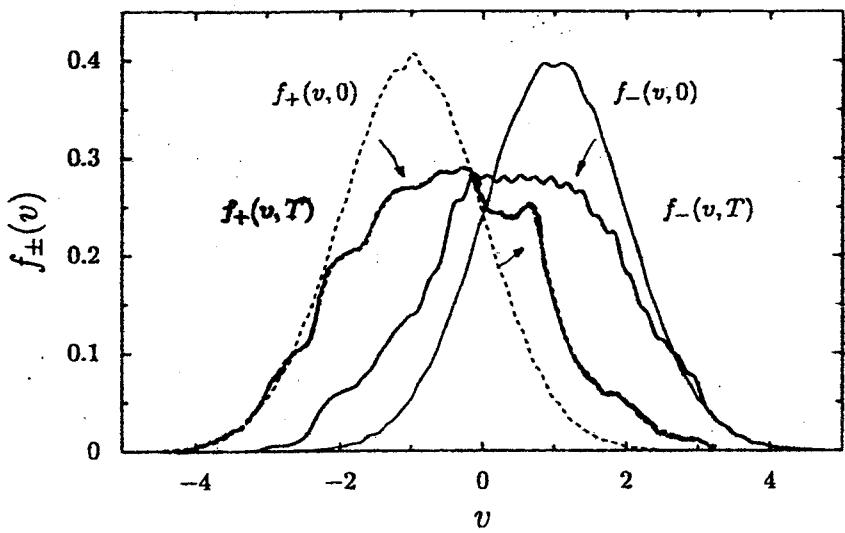


FIG. : Velocity distribution functions at  $t = 0$  and at  $t = T = 1500$ .

with hole in  $f_+$  at  $t = 1500$

→  $\begin{cases} \text{asymptotic state} \\ t \rightarrow \infty \end{cases}$  non-Maxwellian + superimposed hole  
(structured dissipationless equilibrium )

### Conclusion :

- although NO linear instability  $\rightarrow$  a transient, structural dynamics governed by HOLES is seen
- NONLINEAR generation of holes basically as ENERGY-NEUTRAL modes
- anomalous structural diffusion in the COARSE-GRAINED distribution provides the dissipation mechanism
- relaxation to a new collisionless equilibrium with FLAT-TOPPED distributions (rather than Maxwellians) + some LONG-LIVING phase space holes



## - holes (humps) in particle accelerators (synchrotrons)

holes in coasting beams  
humps

- analogy to hole theory in Vlasov-Poisson plasmas :  $\beta < 0$   
 $\rightarrow$  FERMILAB, CERN

humps in bunched beams

holes •  $\exists$  of hot spots on bunch  
 $\rightarrow$  RHIC Brookhaven

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- H. Schamel (1997)  
*Phys. Rev. Lett.* 79, 2841  
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M. Blaskiewicz, J. Wei, A. Luque, H.S.  
*Phys. Rev. ST Accel. Beams* 7, 044402 (04)  
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*Phys. Reports* 415, 261 (2005)

## Applications

### - Risø experiment (1979)

single ended Q-machine with slit;  
 excitation by neg. voltage pulse

$\rightarrow$  2 structures of opposite polarity

a fast KdV soliton  $\checkmark \phi < 0$   
 (based on Gould-Trivelpiece mode)

a slow e-hole  $\Lambda \phi > 0$   
 (first exp. observation)

Lit.

- J.P. Lynch, P. Michelsen, H.L. Pécseli,  
 J.J. Rasmussen, K. Saéki, V.A. Turikov

*Phys. Scripta* 20, 328 (1979)

### - Sendai experiment (2004)

fullerene pair plasma

$C_{60}^+$  by impact ionization

$C_{60}^-$  " electron attachment

observation of      ion plasma wave  
                         intermediate frequency  
                         wave (so-called)  
                         (slow) ion acoustic wave

Lit.

- W. Oohara, R. Hatakeyama  
 - *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 91, 205005 (03)  
 - Trieste Conference (2004)  
 (unpublished ?)

theoretical explanation  
 H.S., A. Luque paper III  
*New J. Phys.* 7, 69 (2005)

### - Greifswald-Kiel experiment (2001)

double plasma device

periodic injection of ion bunches

Sn fluctuation measurements

observation : spontaneous acceleration  
 of periodic ion structure from  
 $V_{thi}$  (periodic ion hump structure) to  
 $c_s$  (periodic ion acoustic wave)

Lit.

- C. Franck, T. Klinger, A. Piel, H.S.  
*Phys. Plasmas* 8, 4271 (2001)  
 (inclusively theoretical  
 explanation)

- holes at FERMI lab (1994), CERN(2001) & BROOKHAVEN(2004)

FERMI lab Main Ring (coasting beam)  
externally applied sinusoidal voltage kick  
measurement of beam transfer fct ( $f(p)$ )  
by wall current pick up (WCM)

depletion zones in momentum distrib.  
at lowest measurable signal level

Lit.

P.L. Colestock, L.K. Sprung  
(Tamura Symp. 1984)

CERN (proton storage ring)

periodic holes introduced artificially

S.Koscielnik, S.Hancock, M.Lindner

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bunched beam

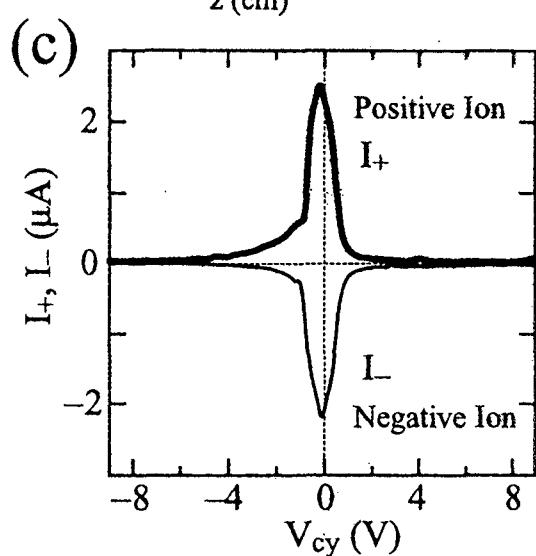
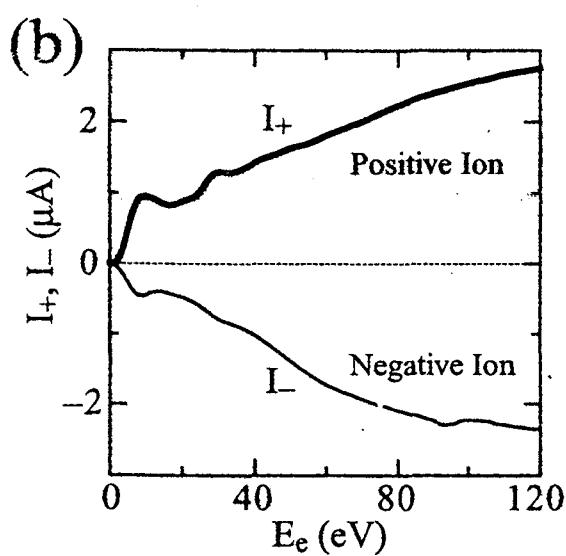
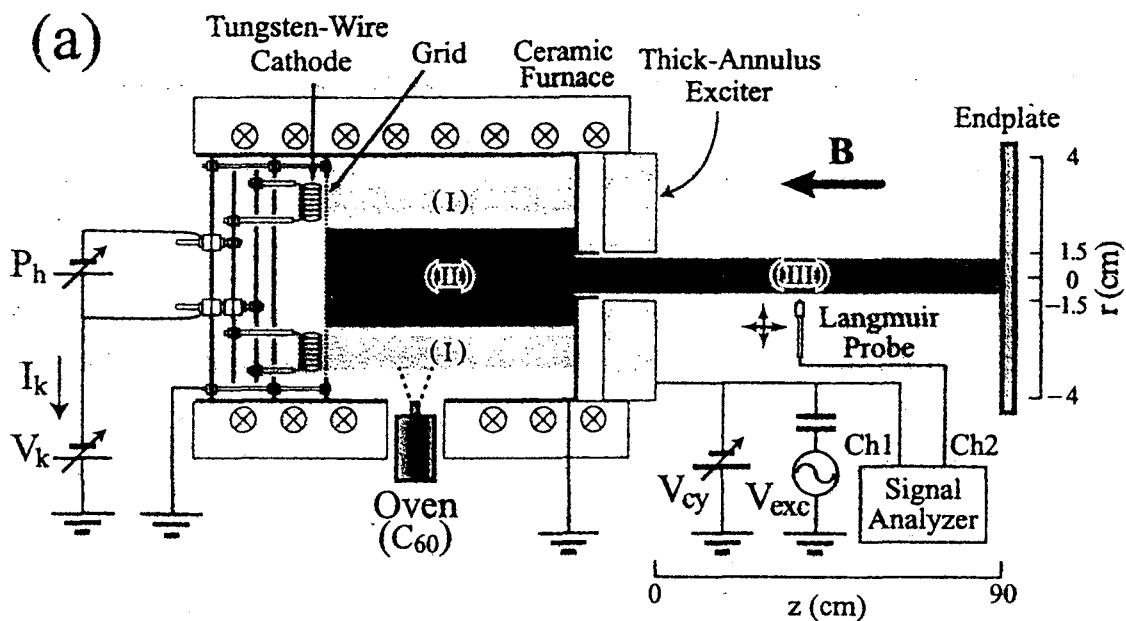
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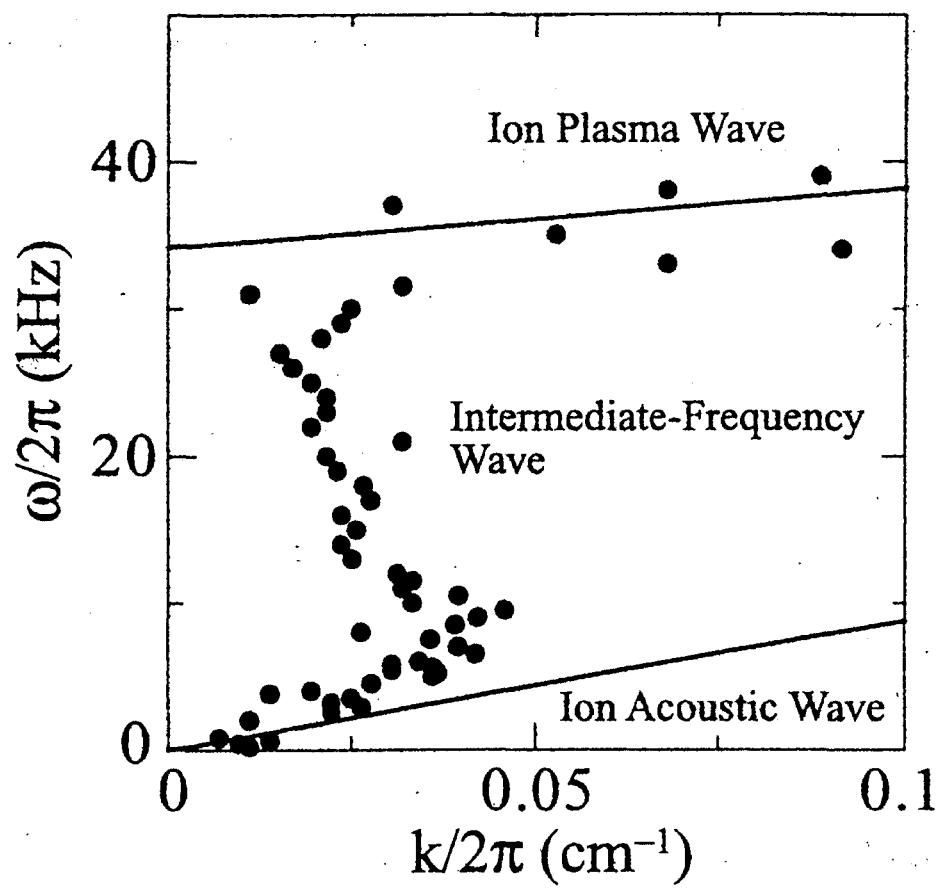
humps on bunched beam

M.Błaszkiewicz, J.Wei, A.Lugue, H.S.

Phys. Rev. ST-AB, 7, 044402 (2004)

The experiment of HATAKEYAMA & OOHARA  
 (Tohoku Univ., Sendai, Japan)





### 3. The theory of generalized hole and double layer equilibria in fullerene pair plasmas \*

- stationary solutions of VLASOV-POISSON system
- demonstration of POTENTIAL method by e-hole solution  
in e-i plasma with immobile ions
  - $\Rightarrow$  NDR  $\rightarrow$  phase velocity  $v_0$
  - $V(\phi) \rightarrow$  spectral composition of  $\phi(x)$
- generalization to  $m_i < \infty$ , nonzero current between e,i  
Lit. H.S. Phys. Plasmas 7, 4831 (2000)

fullerene pair plasma:

$$\delta = m_{C_60^-} / m_{C_60^+} = 1, \Theta := T_{C_60^-} / T_{C_60^+} = 1, v_0 = 0, \alpha = \beta \quad (1)$$

NDR

$$-\frac{1}{2} Z_r^1 (v_0 / \hbar \omega) = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2} + \frac{4}{3} b(\beta, v_0) \sqrt{\psi} \quad (2)$$

$=: B$

$V(\phi)$

$$-V(\phi) = \frac{\hbar^2}{2} \phi (\psi - \phi) - \frac{4}{3} b(\beta, v_0) \left\{ \sqrt{\psi} \phi (\psi - \phi) + \frac{2}{5} \left[ (\psi - \phi)^{5/2} - (\psi^{5/2} - \phi^{5/2}) \right] \right\} \quad (3)$$

note symmetry around  $\psi/2$

$$b(\beta, v_0) = \frac{1}{4\pi} (1 - \beta - v_0^2) \exp(-v_0^2/2) \quad (4)$$

$$\frac{\phi'(x)^2}{2} + V(\phi) = 0 \quad (5)$$

quadrature  $\rightarrow \phi(x)$

\* H.Schamel, A.Lugue, Kinetic theory of periodic hole and double layer equilibria in pair plasmas, New J. Phys 7(2005) 69

Harmonic wave

$$b(\beta, v_0) = 0 = B$$

$$V(\phi) = \frac{k^2}{2} \phi (\psi - \phi) \rightsquigarrow \phi(x) = \frac{\psi}{2} [1 + \cos(kx)] , b_0 = k$$

$$-\frac{1}{2} Z'_r(v_0 H^2) = -k^2/2$$

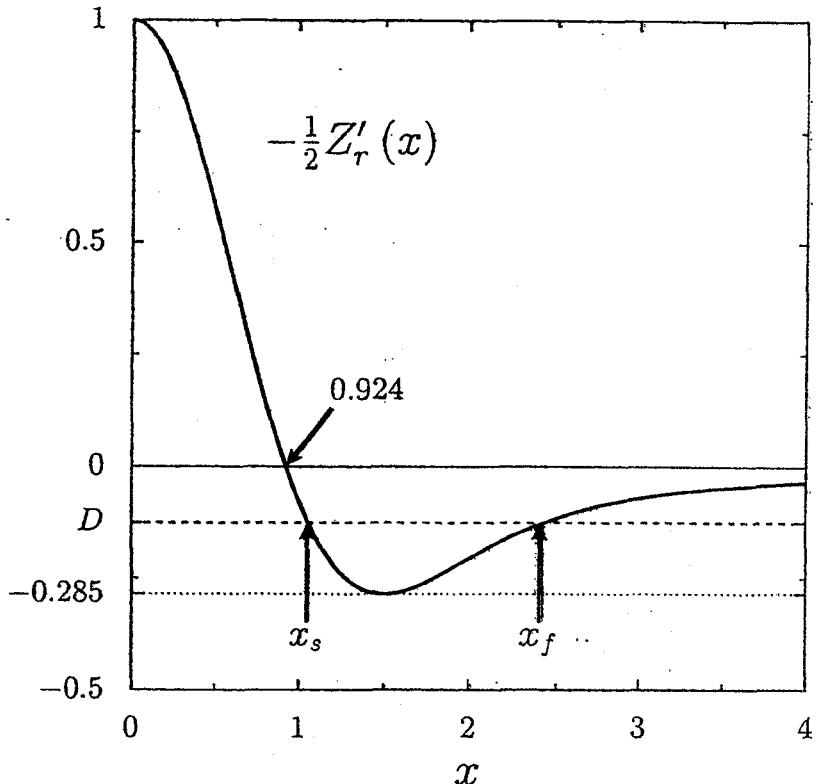
$$k^2 \ll 1$$

$$\omega_s = 1.307 k (1 + k^2/2)$$

slow acoustic mode

$$\omega_f = \sqrt{2} (1 + 3k^2/4)$$

plasma wave



two branches exist  
which join at

$$x = \frac{\omega}{\sqrt{2} k} = 1.5 \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} k_{\max} = 0.755 \\ \frac{\omega(k_{\max})}{\sqrt{2}} = 1.133 \end{array} \right.$$

(turning point)

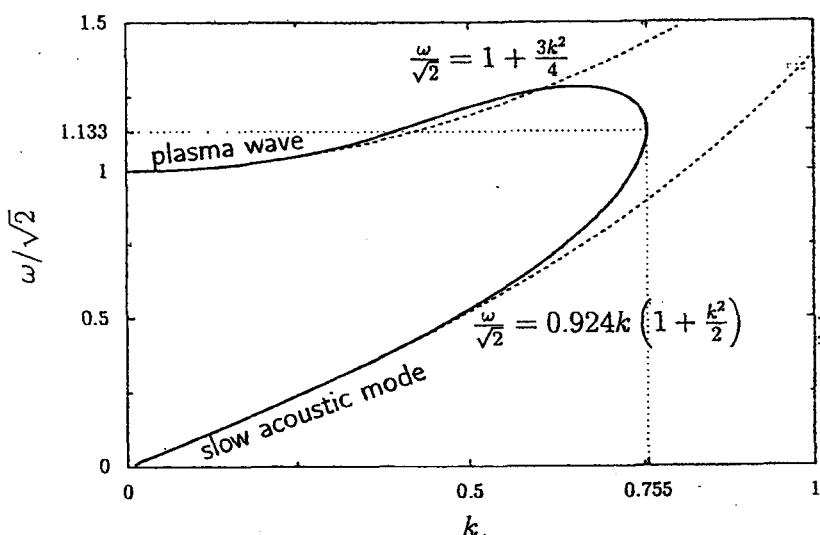


FIG. The NDR for a harmonic wave structure with  $\omega := kv_0$  (solid line). The long wavelength limit,  $k \ll 1$ , is drawn by dashed lines showing the fast plasma wave and the slow acoustic mode.

## Harmonic wave

Continuation

status of trapping:

$$b(\beta, v_0) = \frac{1}{\pi} (1 - \beta - v_0^2)^{-v_0^2/2} = 0$$

for slow wave  $\stackrel{!}{=} 0$

$\approx 0$  for fast wave

$$\approx -\beta = \frac{v_0^2 - 1}{(1.307)^2} = 0.708$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\beta < 0}$$

$\curvearrowright$  no need for  
Special trapping  
scenario

$\Rightarrow$  only a notch in the trapped particle region of  $f$   
provides the proper existence conditions for the  
slow acoustic mode (being hence NONLINEAR  
in character)

## Generalized periodic waves

$$-\frac{1}{2} Z_r \left( \frac{v_0}{\sqrt{2}} \right) = -\frac{k_0^2}{2} + B$$

$\curvearrowright$  turning point condition

$$\frac{k_0^2}{2} = 0.285 + B$$

$$k_{\max} = \sqrt{0.57 + 2B}$$

$$\omega(k_{\max}) = \sqrt{1.5} k_{\max}$$

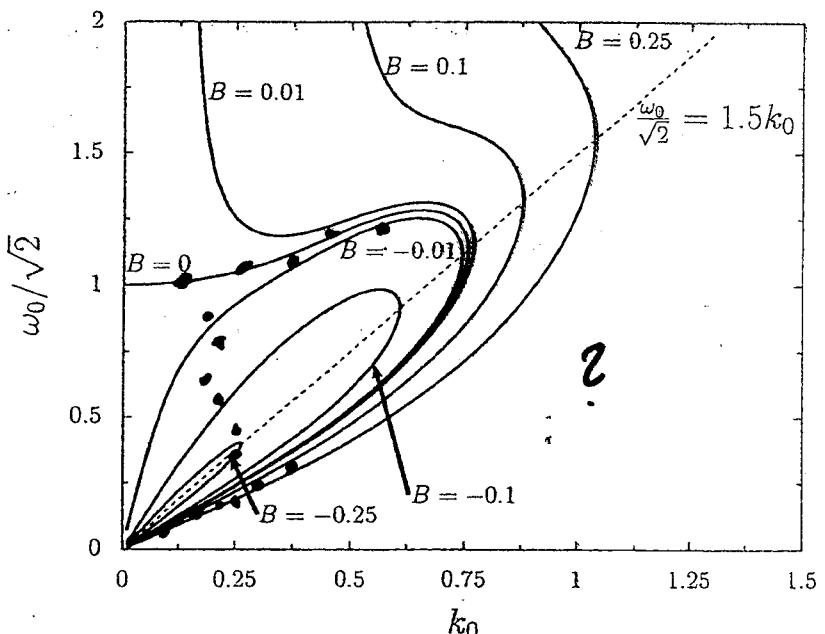
$$\Rightarrow \frac{\omega(k_{\max})}{\sqrt{2} k_{\max}} = 1.5$$

trapping condition

$$-\beta = \frac{3}{4} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\psi}} e^{-v_0^2/2} B + v_0^2 - 1$$

Given  $v_0$  and  $\psi$

increase of  $B$  gives a  
larger depression in  $f$



plot of dispersion diagram  
for periodic waves (cnoidal waves)

$$-V(\phi) = \frac{k_0^2}{2} \phi (\psi - \phi) - B \{ \}$$

non-harmonicity

Vergleich: 2-D, inkompr., ideale Flüssigkeit  $\leftrightarrow$  1-D VP  
 Comparison: 2D, incompr., ideal fluid  $\leftrightarrow$  1D Vlasov-Poisson

2-D, inkompr., id. Fluid	1-D Vlasov-Plasma
$\nabla \cdot \underline{u} = 0$ $(\partial_t + \underline{u} \cdot \nabla) \underline{u} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p$	$\partial_t f + \underline{v} \partial_x f + \partial_x \phi \partial_v f = 0$ $\partial_x^2 \phi = \int d\underline{v} f - 1$
$\underline{u} = \nabla H \times \hat{z} = (\partial_y H, -\partial_x H, 0)$ $H(x, y, t)$ "Stromfkt" $f := (\nabla \times \underline{u}) \cdot \hat{z} = -\nabla^2 H$ Wirbelstärke vorticity	$v \rightarrow y$ $H := \frac{y^2}{2} - \phi(x, t)$ Einzelchenenergie single particle Hamiltonian
$\boxed{\partial_t f + [f, H] = 0}$ convective cell eq.	Hamiltonsche Form d. Bewegungsgleichg. Hamiltonian form of equation of motion Poissonklammer Poisson bracket $x, y$ - kan. Variable
$-\nabla^2 H = f(x, y, t)$ Selbst-konsistenz	$-\nabla^2 H = \int dy f(x, y, t) - 2$

### Gemeinsamkeiten: common ground

Hamiltonsche Struktur  
 der Wirbel-dynamik  
 vortex dynamics  
 in Phasenraum  
 phase space

- Filamentierung (eddies)
- "trapped" & "free"  
 "gefangene" und "freie"  
 Fluidelemente

convective cell eq.

- pure electron plasma  
 in Penning-Malmberg trap
- strongly magn., cold e-i plasma

### Unterschiede: differences

- (1) bei (VP) separiert  $H$   
 $\Rightarrow$  ellipt. Gleichg. ist degeneriert  
 (1-D Quelle von  $H$ )
- (2)  $f \geq 0$  in (VP)
- (3) andere Selbstkonsistenz

Hamiltonian nature of (coupled,  
 driven) nonlinear wave equations  
 describing dynamics of  
 vortices (I) & eddy currents (II)

$\Rightarrow$  drift wave turbulence  
 MHD turbulence  
 geostrophic flow etc.

## 8 SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

- No doubt, linear wave theories are deficient for low amplitude plasma dynamics (turbulence) *if trapping of particles or fluid elements is involved*

====> FAILURE OF STANDARD WAVE CONCEPT

- Like in fluid dynamics nonlinear stationary solutions of governing eqs play a central role (secondary, tertiary solutions,...)

- In the classical two-stream problem this is manifest in a nonlinear instability even if  $V_d < V_{d^*}$   
provided that fluctuations are present that violate linear criterion

- Seed holes of zero/negative energy are spontaneously created which experience acceleration and growth

====> NEW PARADIGM FOR PLASMA STABILITY

- In weakly dissipative plasmas a similar scenario holds provided that initial fluctuation exceeds a threshold (which disappears with collision frequency)

====> ANOMALOUS TRANSPORT WITH ENHANCED RESISTIVITY BY PRESENCE OF SELF-GENERATED HOLES

- Pair plasmas are best suited to investigate and understand the underlying dynamics