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Abstract:

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Multidimensional electron beam-plasma instabilities in the relativistic regime

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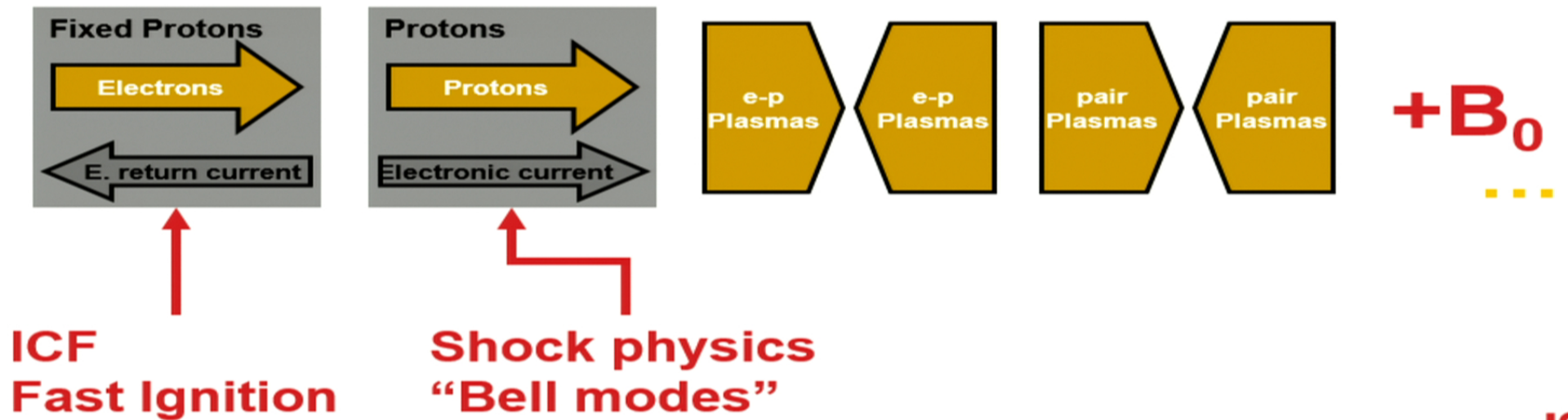
The interest in relativistic beam-plasma instabilities has been greatly rejuvenated over the past two decades by novel concepts in laboratory and space plasmas. Recent advances in this long-standing field are here reviewed from both theoretical and numerical points of view. The primary focus is on the two-dimensional spectrum of unstable electromagnetic waves growing within relativistic, unmagnetized, and uniform electron beam-plasma systems. Although the goal is to provide a unified

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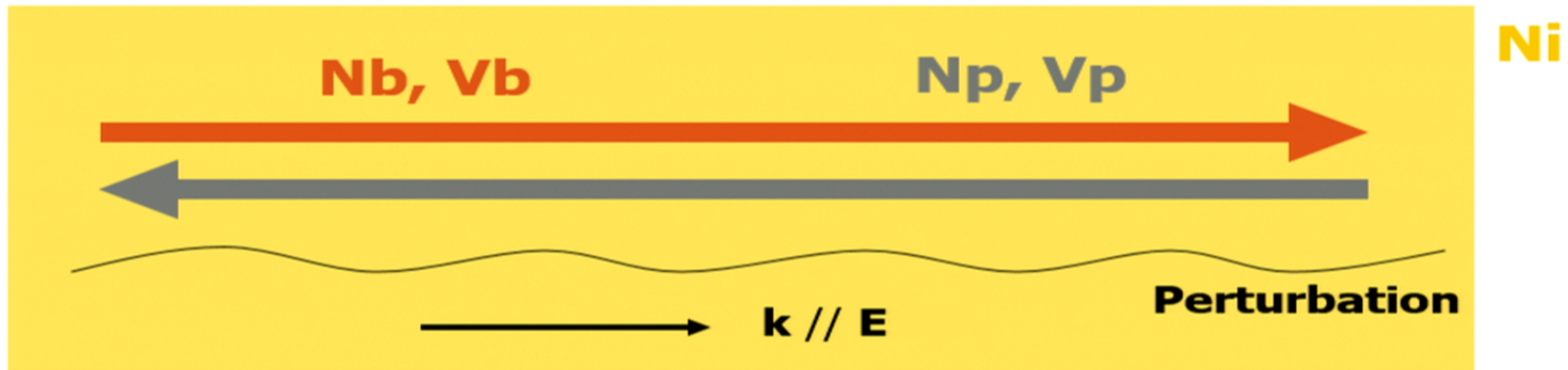
- How are pair beams from TeV blazars losing their energy? **Instabilities** with IGM?
- Two-stream, filamentation (Weibel), oblique
- **LINEAR** (NL: Chang, Schlickheiser, Shalaby)
- Cold regime
- Kinetic regime
- Modes hierarchy
- Fermi (intuitive) calculations

SYSTEM CONSIDERED

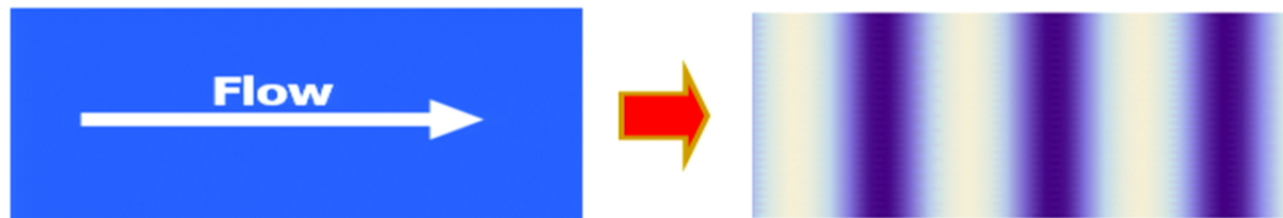
- Beam/plasma system: infinite, homogenous, collisionless, current and charge neutral.
- Settings are numerous:



TWO-STREAM

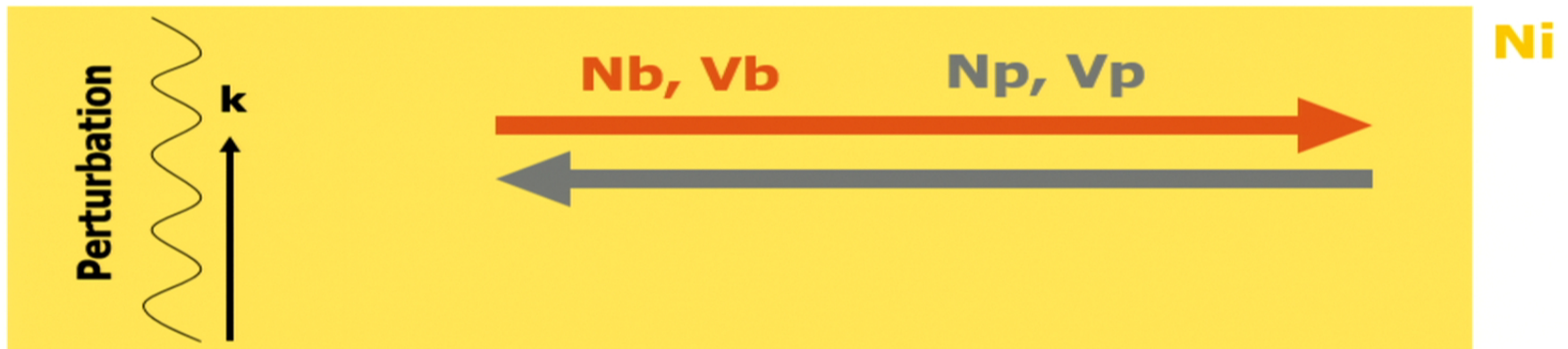


The system is in « static » equilibrium. No net current, no net charge. But **unstable**



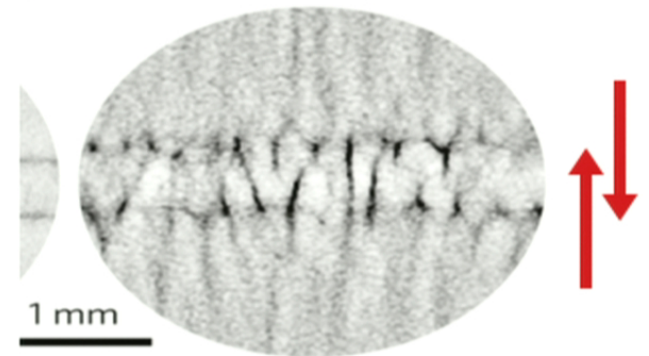
Bohm & Gross, Phys. Rev. **75**, 1851 & 1864 (1949)
Bludman, Watson & Rosenbluth, Phys. Fluids **3**, 747 (1960)

FILAMENTATION (WEIBEL)



- Wave vector is here normal to the beam flow.
- Produces current filaments and B fields.

Why filaments, and not stripes?
Two-stream “lost the race” because of system parameters (relativistic)! **MODES COMPETITION**



Huntington et al, *Nature Physics* **11**, 173–176 (2015)

BASIC FORMALISM

- Relativistic Vlasov system in 3D:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{r}} + q \left(\mathbf{E} + \frac{\mathbf{v}}{c} \times \mathbf{B} \right) \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{p}} = 0$$

- + Maxwell's.
- Linearization → Dielectric tensor $\varepsilon(\mathbf{k}, \omega)$ **non-diagonal**
- Given \mathbf{k} , $\text{Det } \varepsilon(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = 0 \rightarrow \omega(\mathbf{k}) = \omega_r(\mathbf{k}) + i \delta(\mathbf{k})$
- \mathbf{E} along eigenvectors of $\varepsilon[\mathbf{k}, \omega(\mathbf{k})]$

DEALING WITH THE RELATIVISTIC REGIME

Non relativistic system

$$\varepsilon(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = 1 + \frac{4\pi q^2}{k^2} \int \frac{\mathbf{k} \cdot \partial f_0(\mathbf{p}) / \partial \mathbf{p}}{\omega - \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{v}} d^3 p = 0$$

Because it is **governed by the flow-aligned** instabilities.

Relativistic system

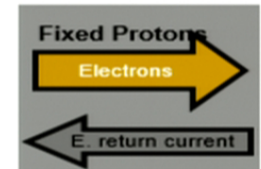
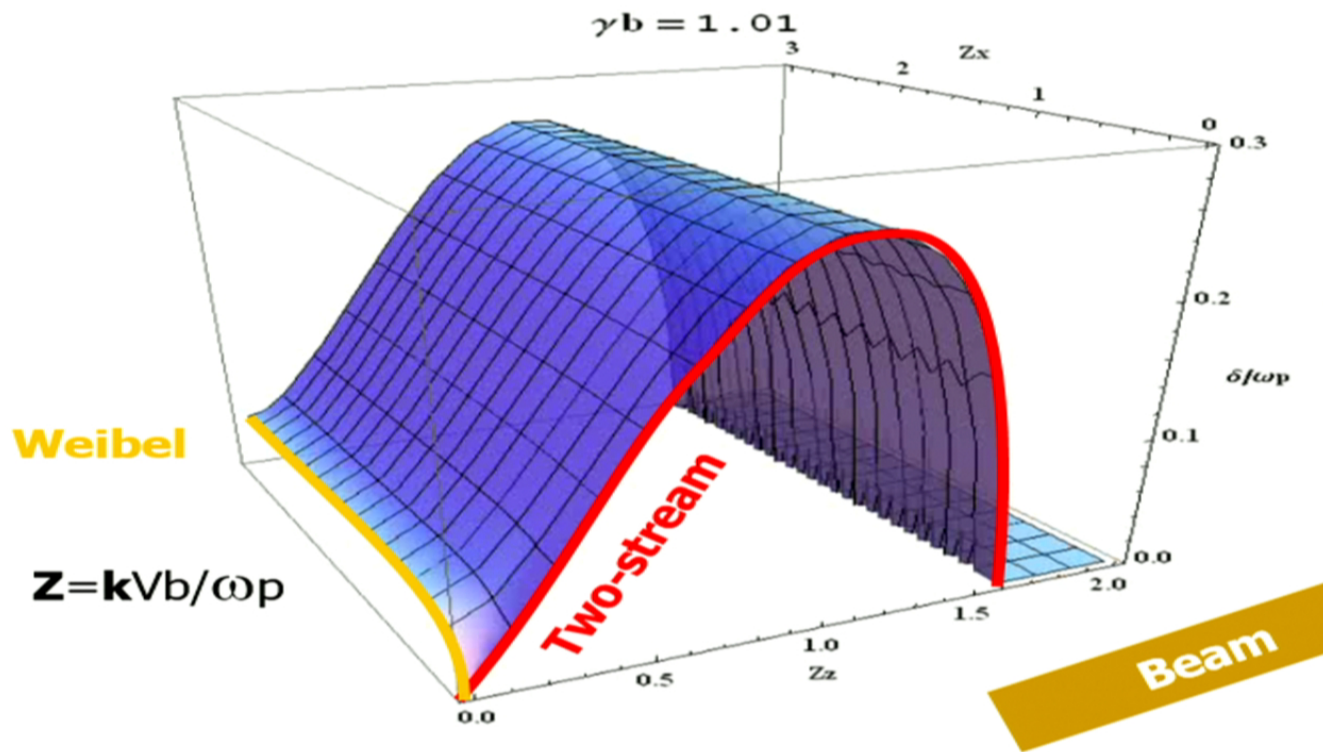
Any part of the spectrum can lead

$$\det \left| \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \varepsilon_{ij} + k_i k_j - k^2 \delta_{ij} \right| = 0$$

$$\varepsilon_{\alpha\beta} = \delta_{\alpha\beta} + \frac{\omega_{pe}^2}{n_e \omega^2} \int \frac{p_\alpha}{\gamma} \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial p_\beta} d^3 p + \frac{\omega_{pe}^2}{n_e \omega^2} \int \frac{p_\alpha p_\beta}{\gamma} \frac{\mathbf{k} \cdot \partial f_0 / \partial \mathbf{p}}{m_e \gamma \omega - \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{p}} d^3 p$$

FULL UNSTABLE SPECTRUM – COLD REGIME

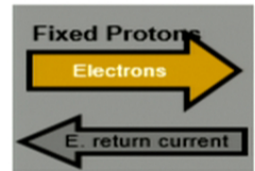
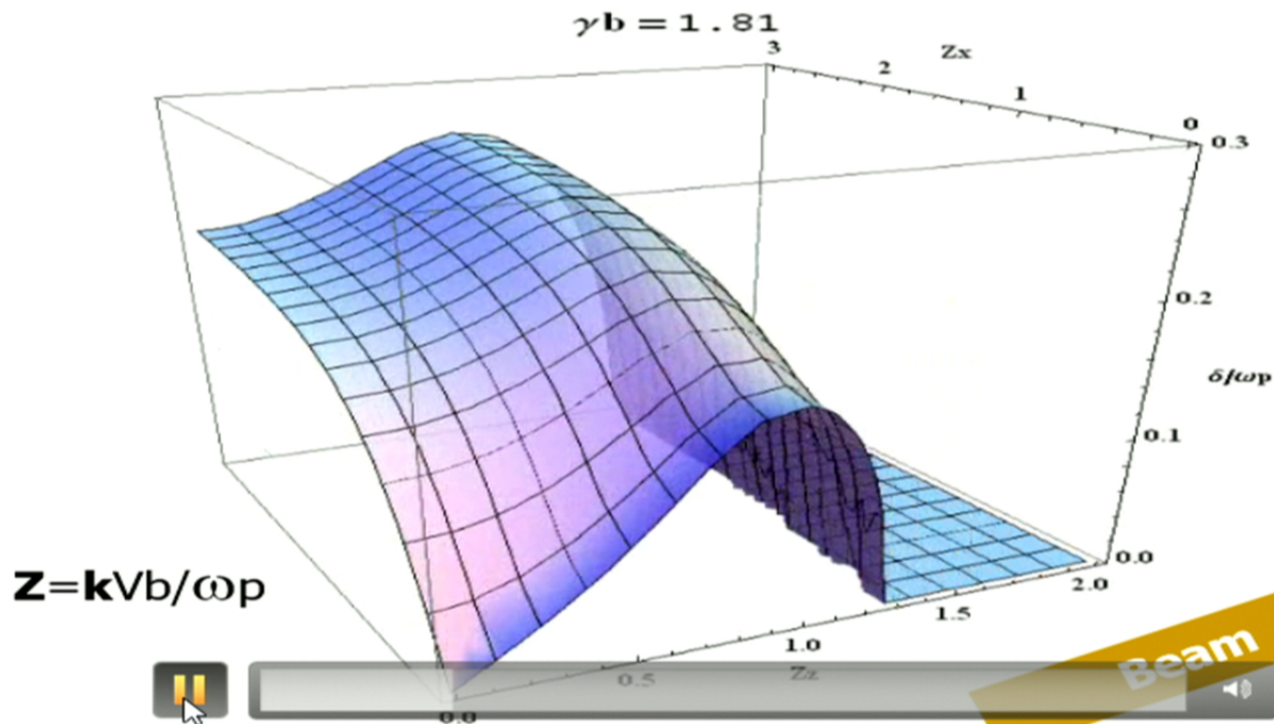
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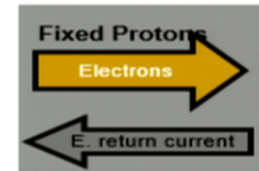
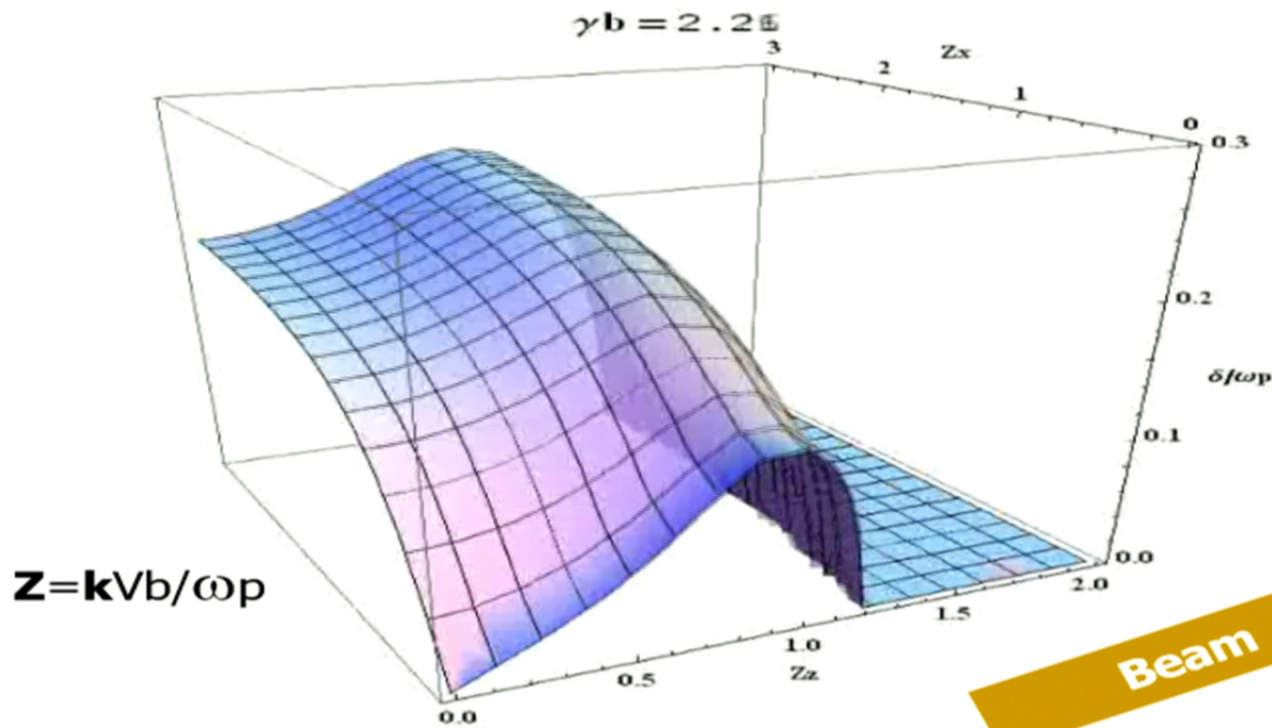
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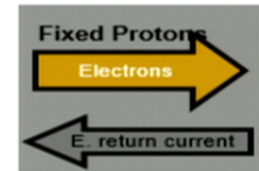
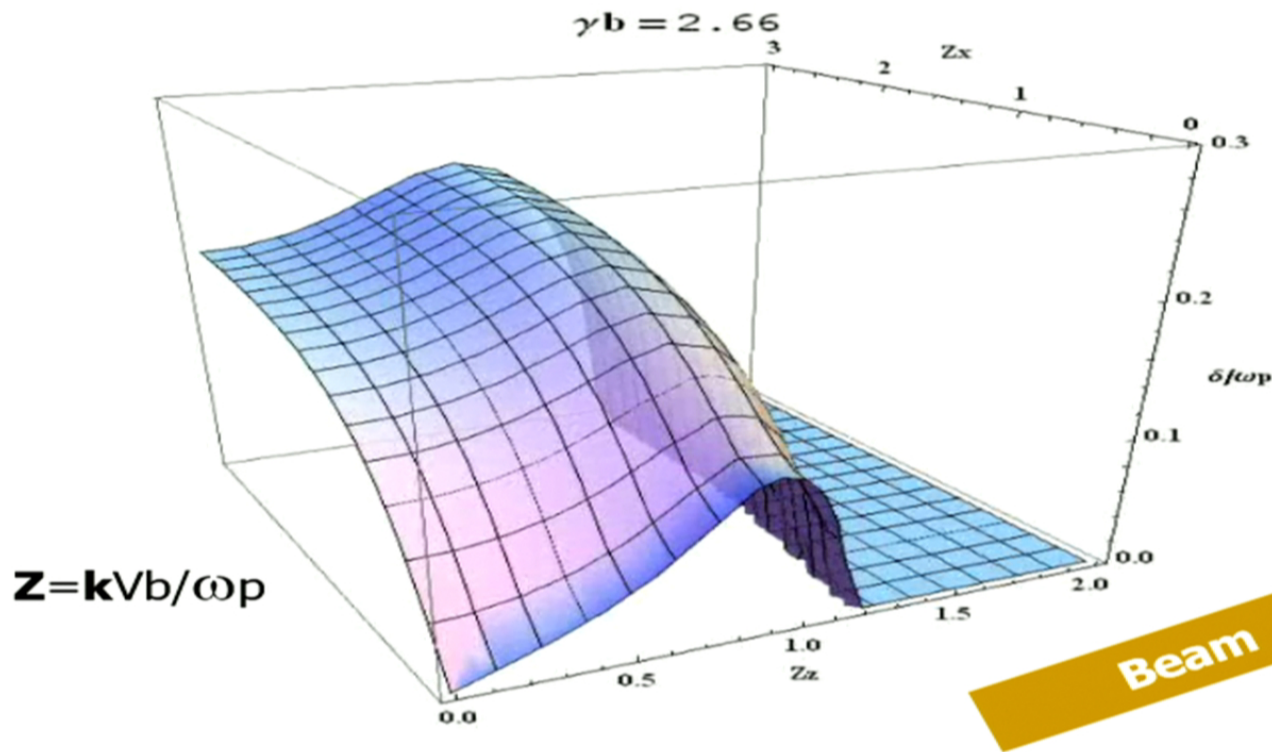
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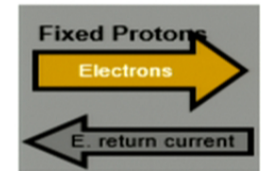
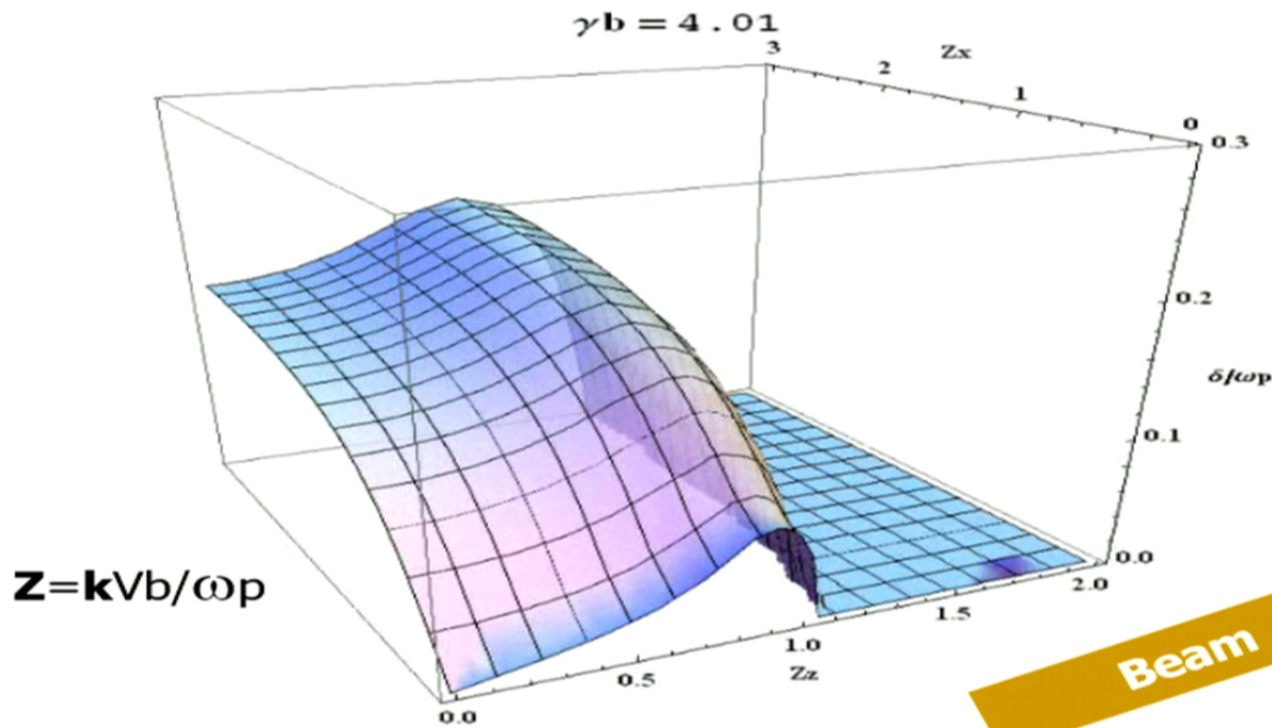
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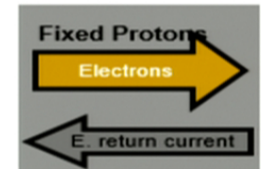
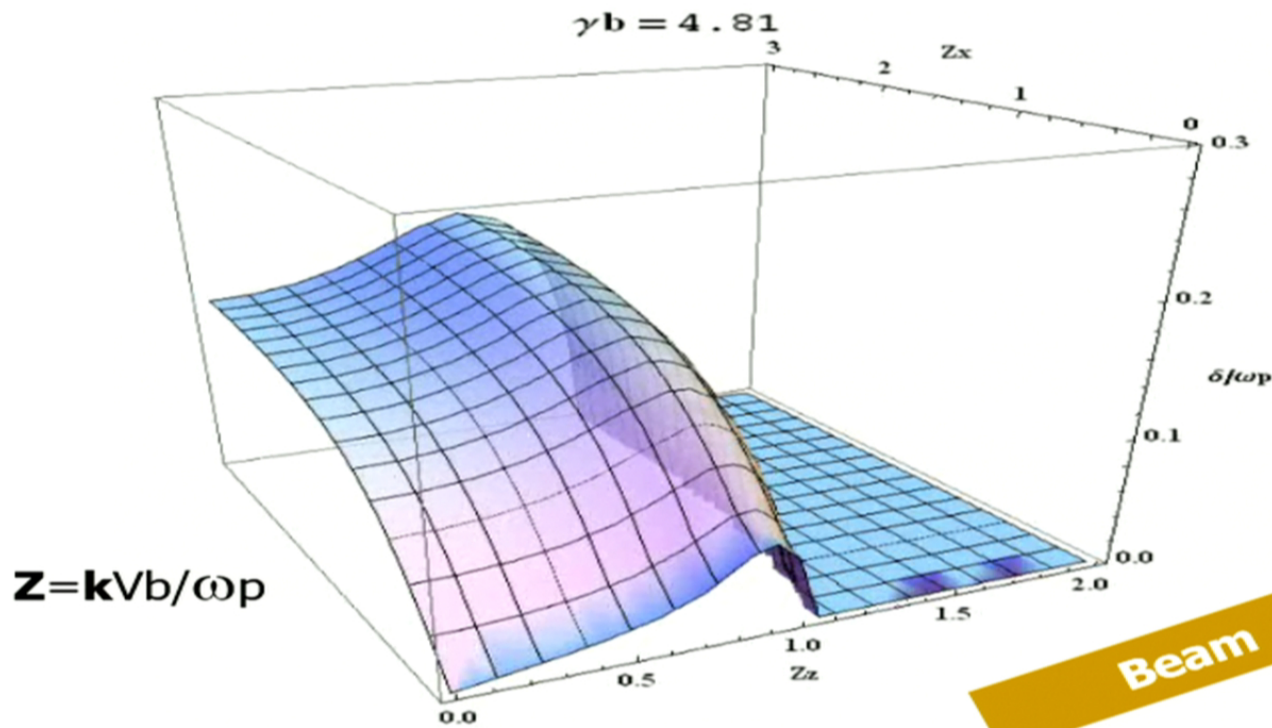
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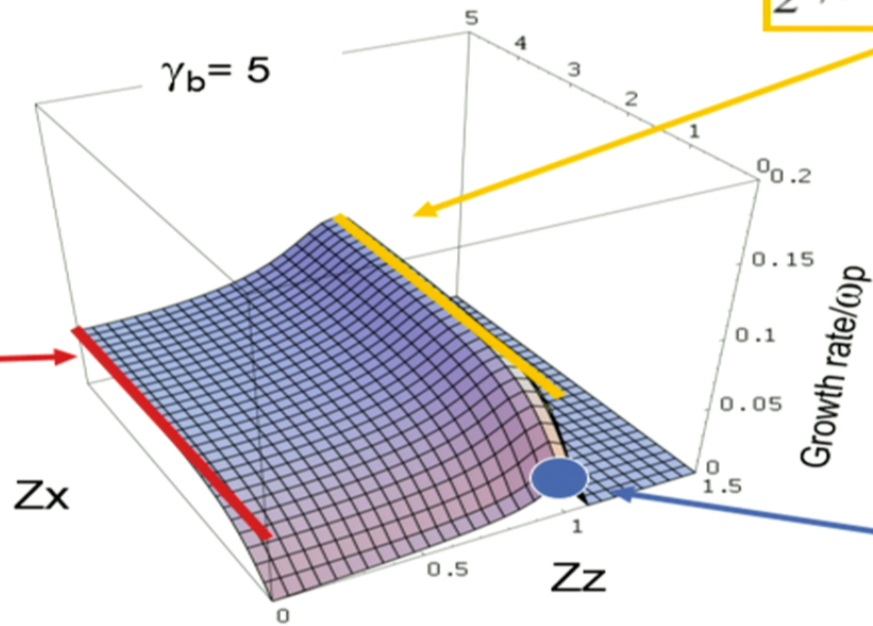
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$\alpha = N_b/N_p \ll 1$
 $\beta = V_b/c$

$$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2^{4/3}} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\gamma_b} \right)^{1/3} \omega_p$$

$$\beta \sqrt{\frac{\alpha}{\gamma_b}} \omega_p$$



$$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2^{4/3}} \frac{\alpha^{1/3}}{\gamma_b} \omega_p$$

NOTHING NEW UNDER THE SUN

THE PHYSICS OF FLUIDS VOLUME 3, NUMBER 5 SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER, 1960

Statistical Mechanics of Relativistic Streams. II

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1960

$$\text{Im } \omega^W = 0.69(\omega_b' \omega_i^2)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

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NOTHING NEW UNDER THE SUN

SOVIET PHYSICS JETP

VOLUME 30, NUMBER 3

MARCH 1970

NONLINEAR THEORY OF INTERACTION BETWEEN A "MONOCHROMATIC"

BEAM OF RELATIVISTIC ELECTRONS AND A PLASMA

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Physico-technical Institute, Ukrainian Academy of Sciences

Submitted April 10, 1969

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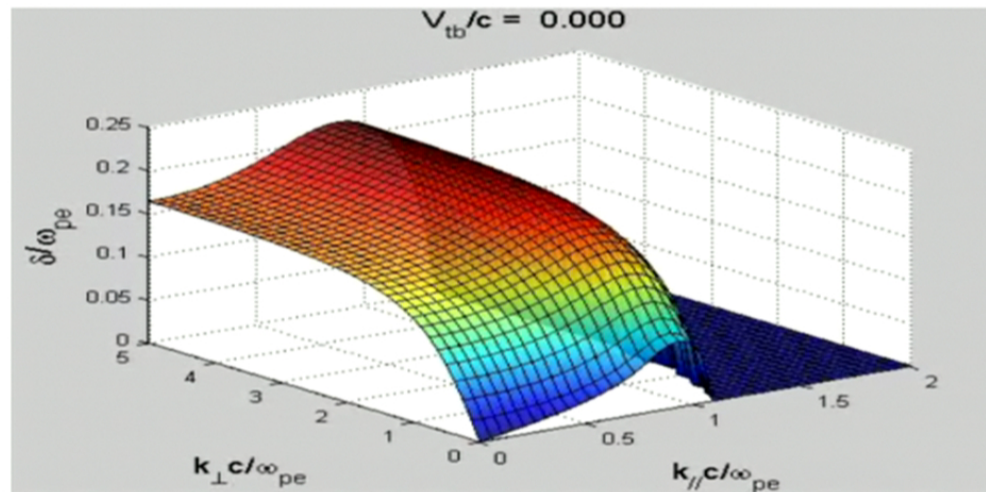
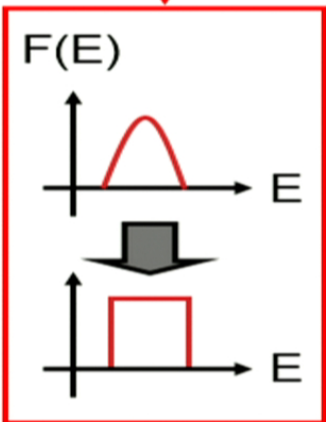
$$\delta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2^{1/3}} \omega_p \left(\frac{n_b}{n_p \gamma_0} \right)^{1/3}$$

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E-BEAM/PLASMA INTERACTION: TEMPERATURE DEPENDANT CALCULATIONS

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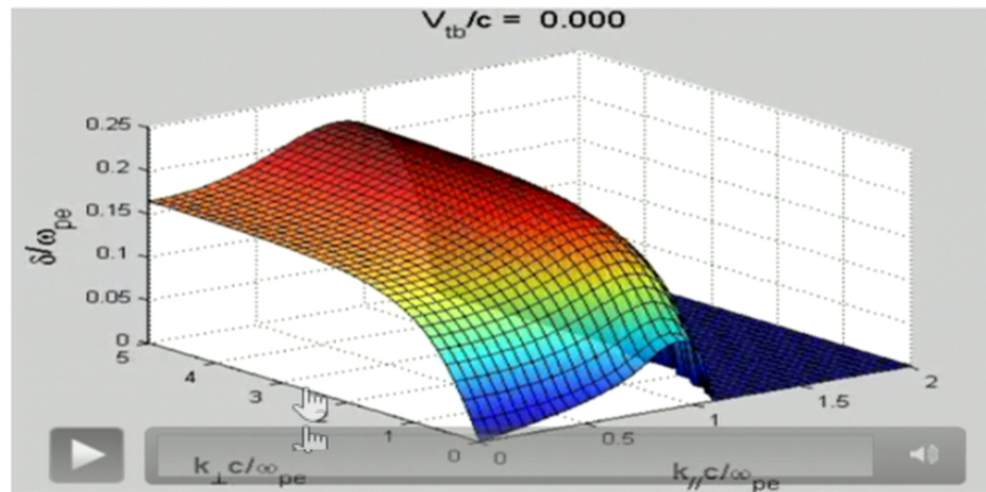
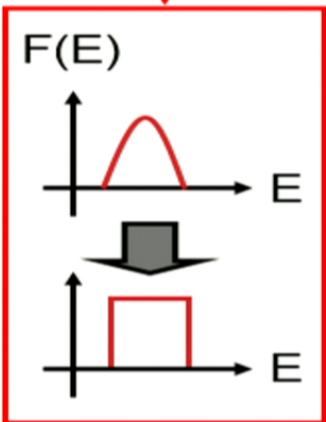


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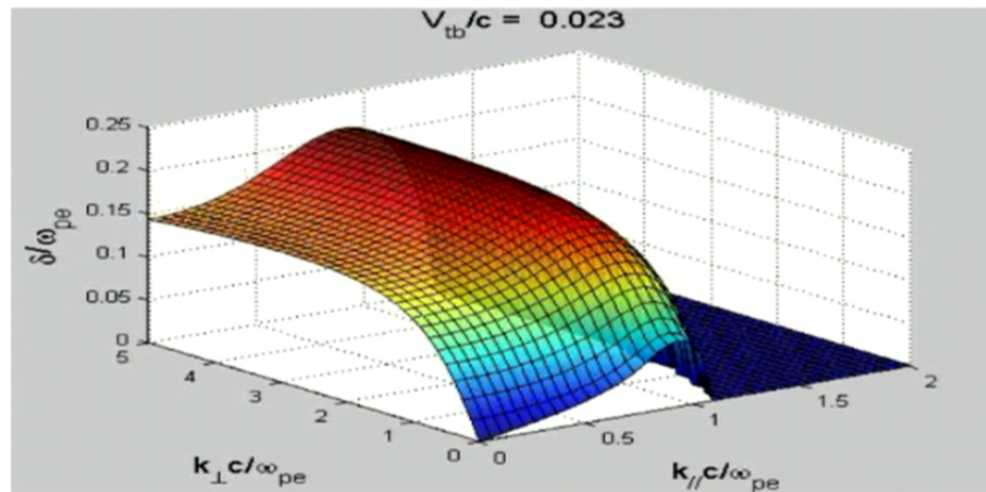
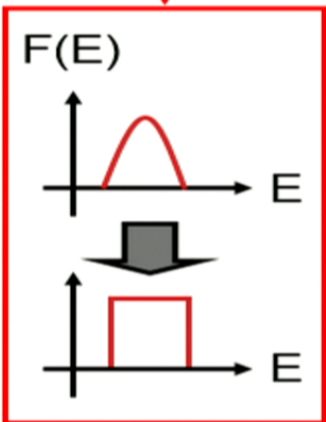
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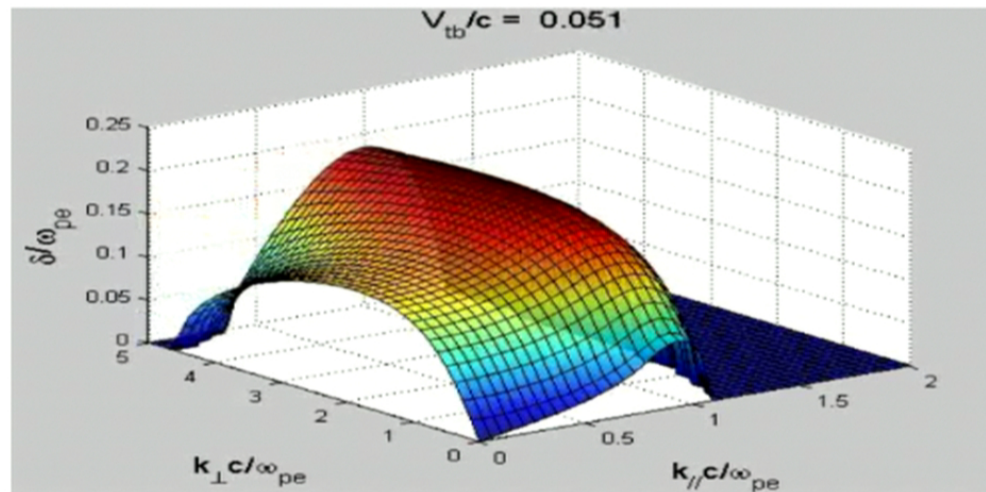
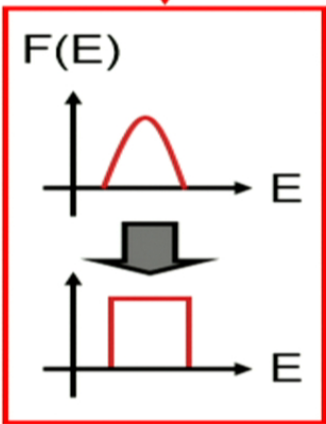
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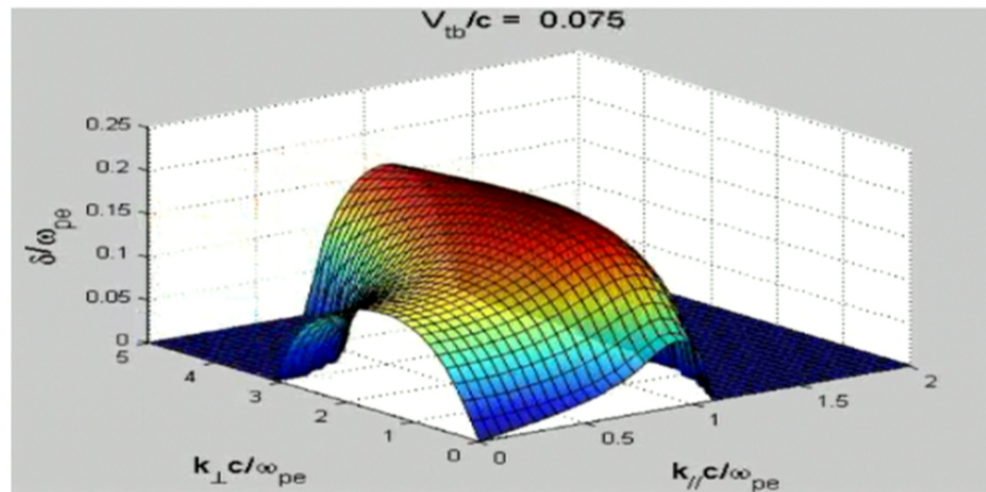
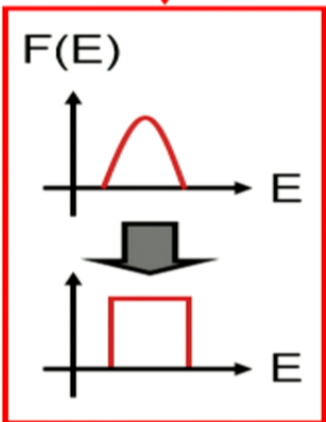
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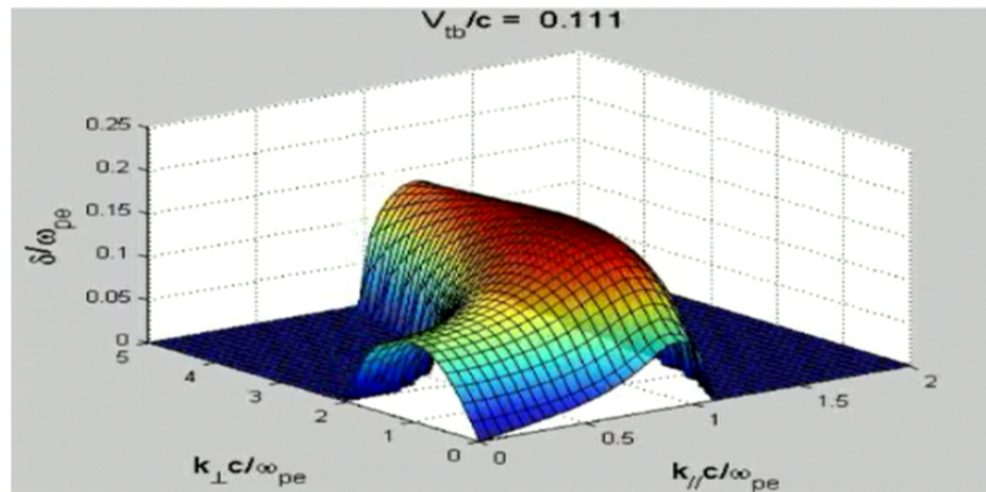
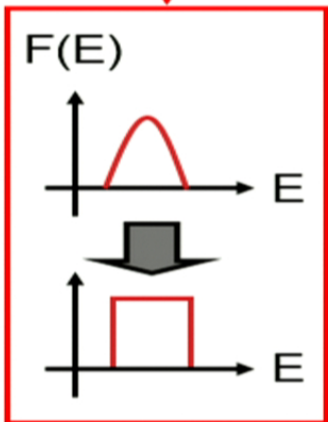


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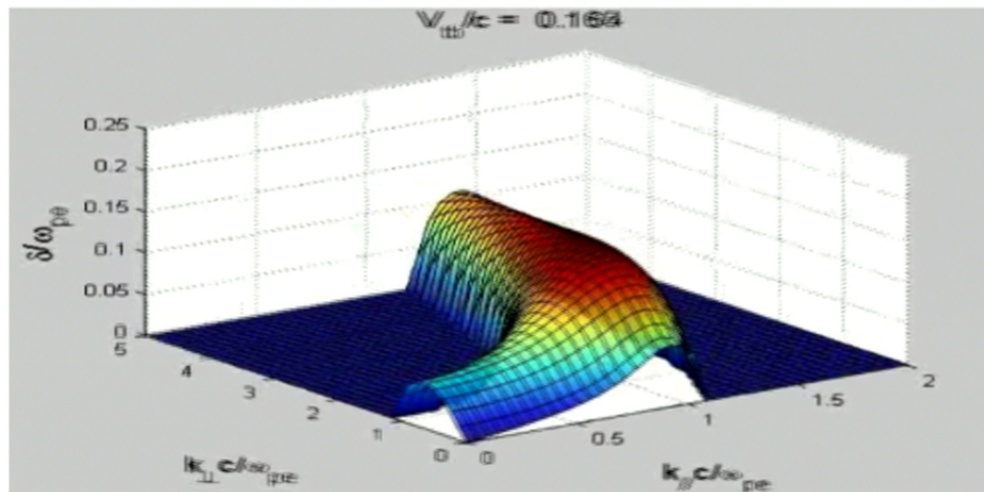
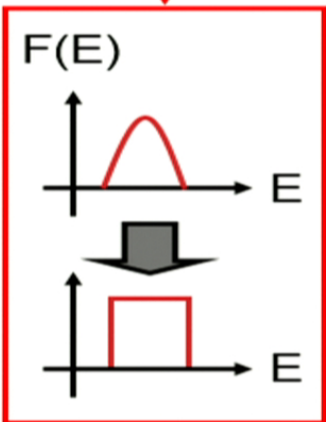


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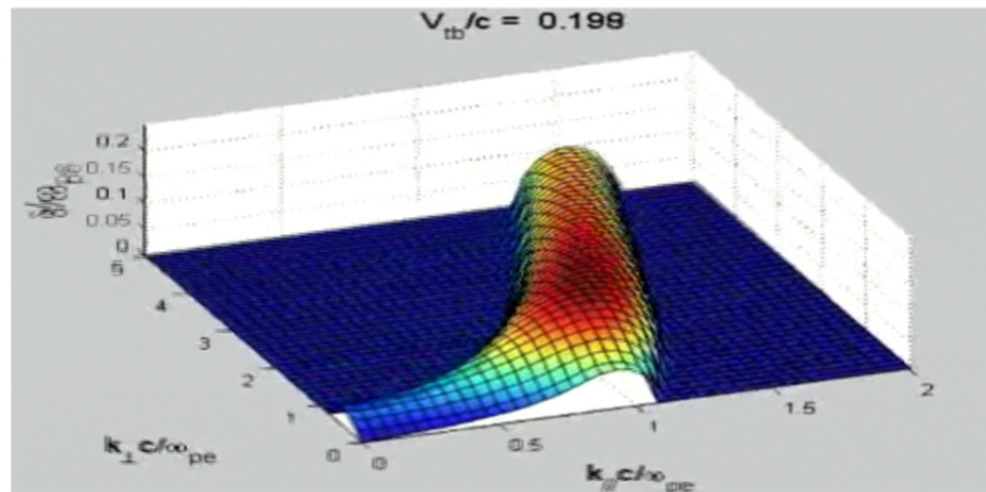
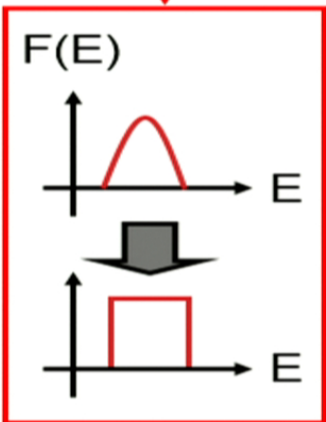


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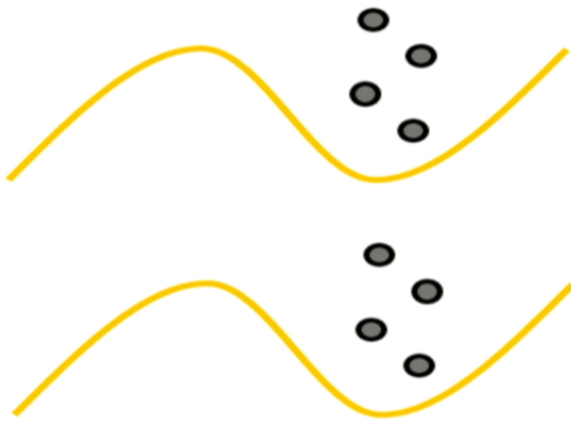
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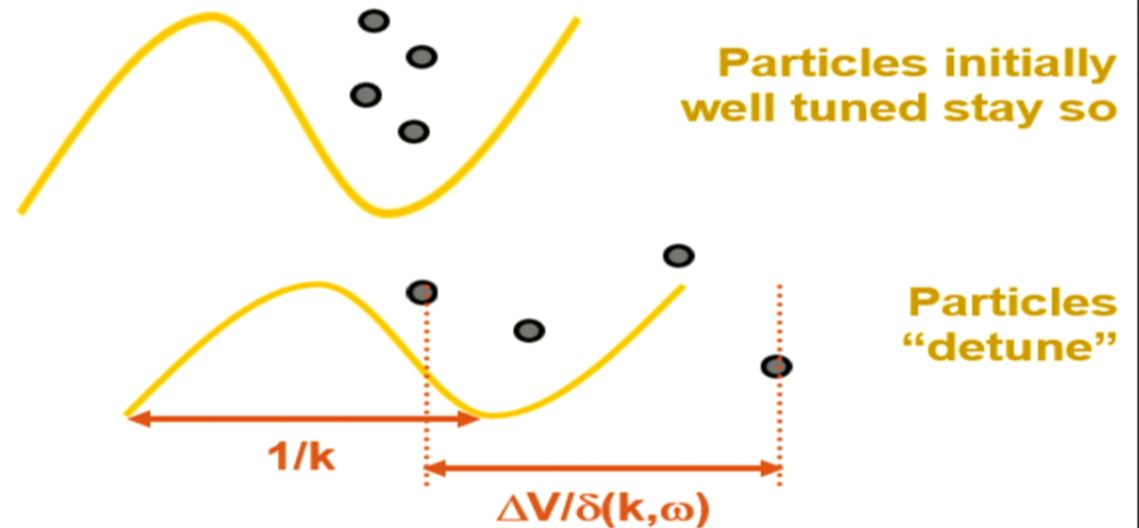
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"Cold" if $1/k \gg \Delta V_{//k} / \delta(k, \omega)$
Not homogenous on the k spectrum...

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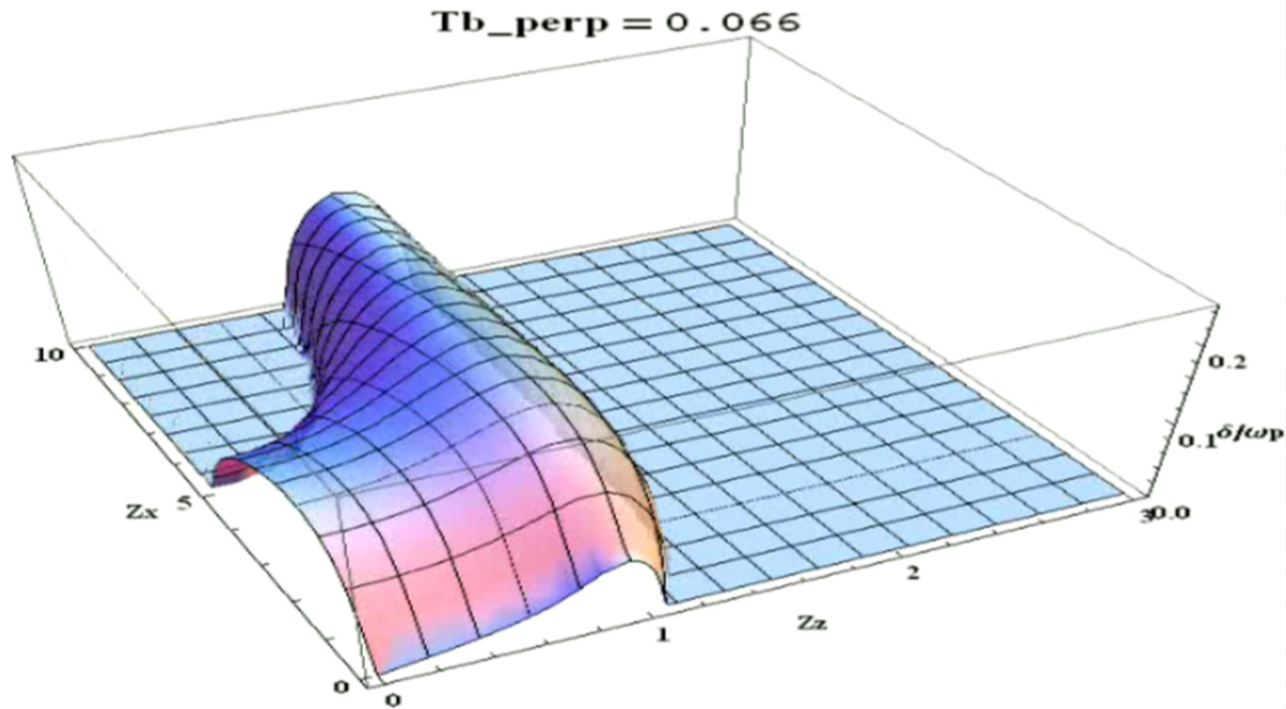
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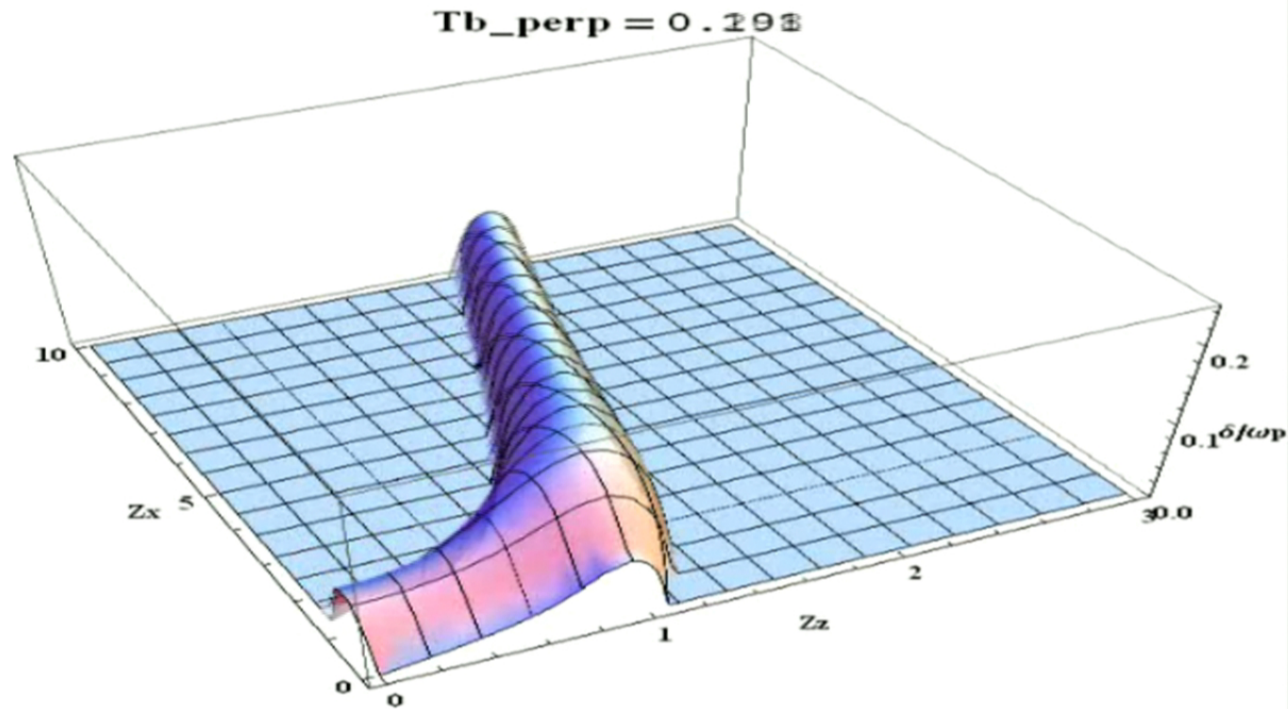


Beam temperature effects: Filamentation > Oblique > Two-Stream

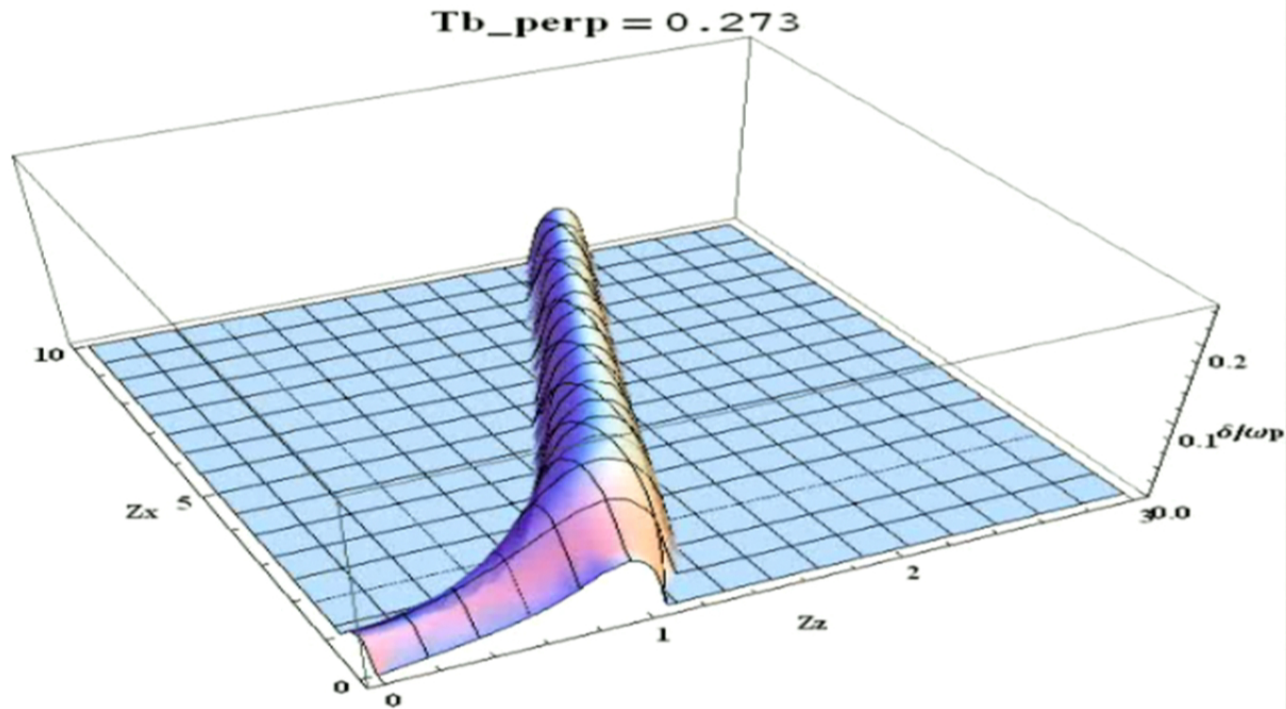
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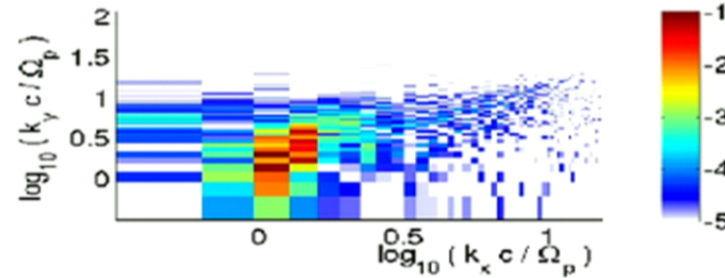
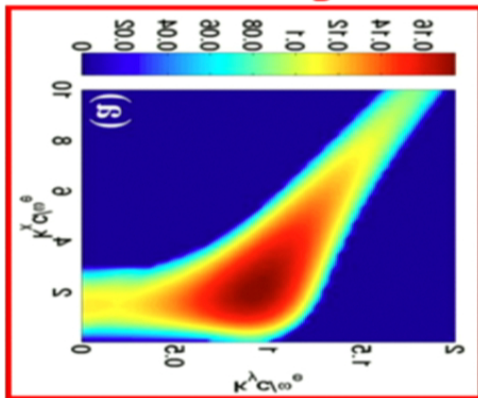


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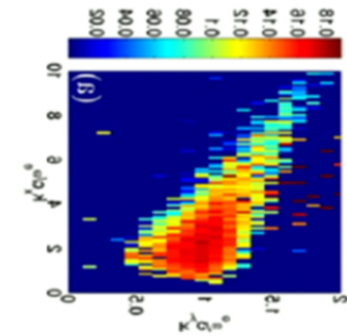


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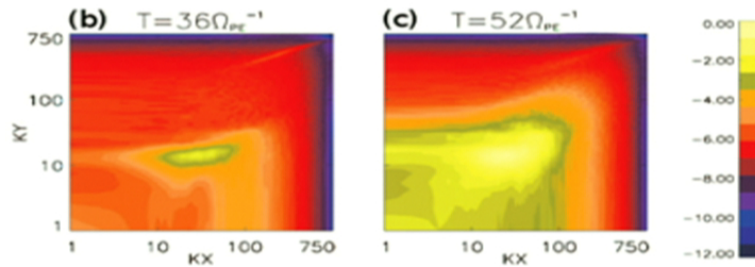
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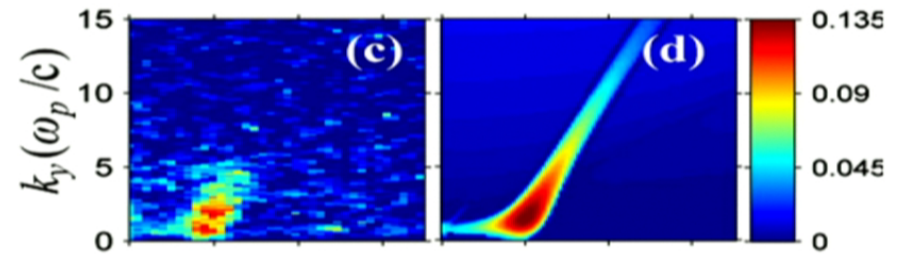
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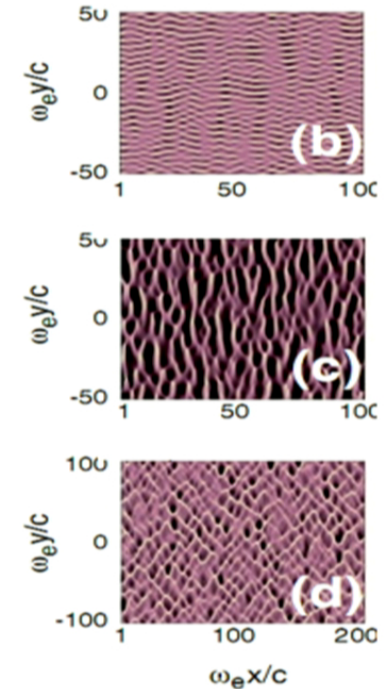
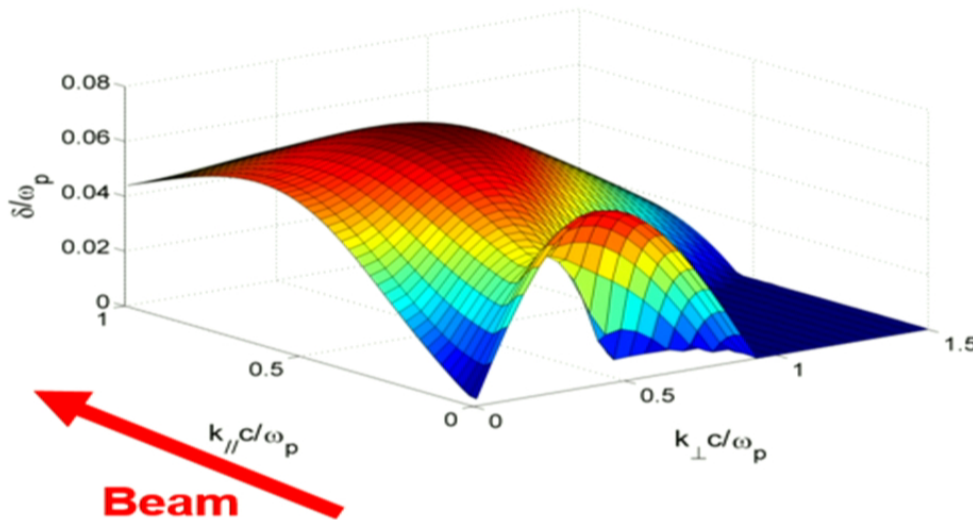
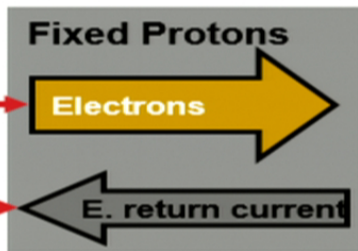


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REALISTIC DISTRIBUTION

- Spectrum and generated patterns

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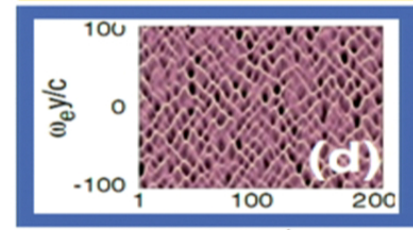
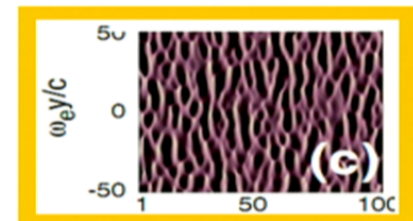
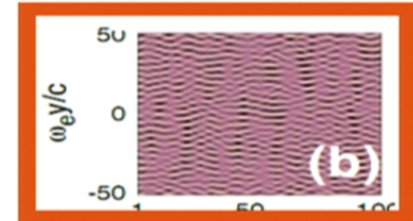
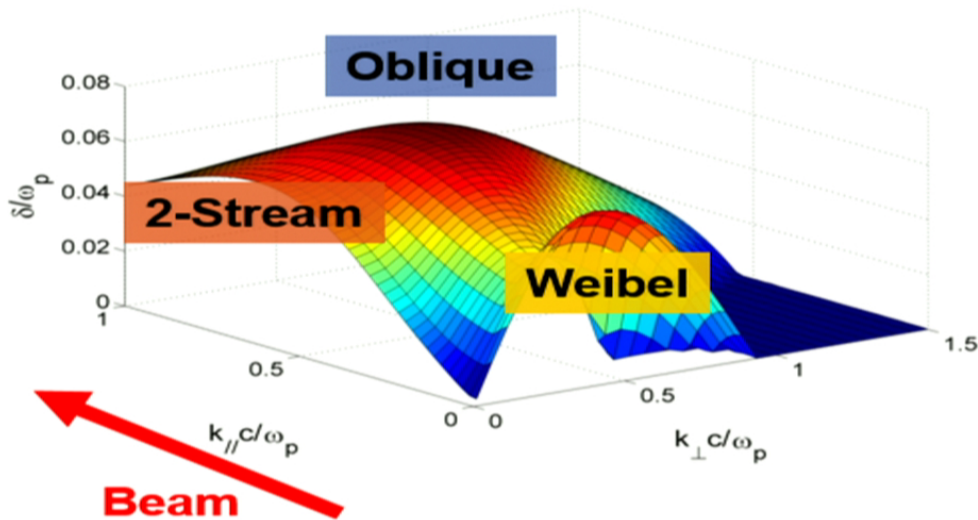
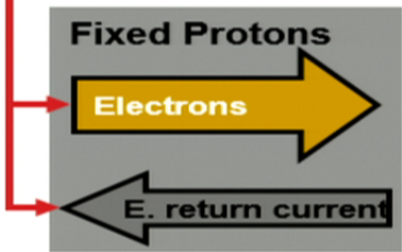


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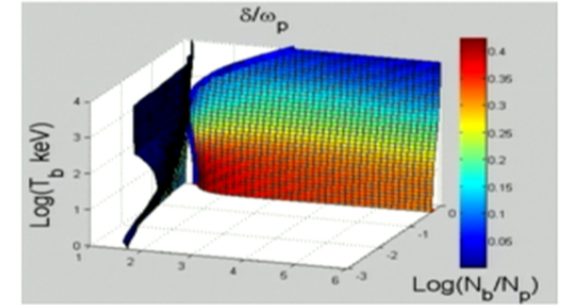
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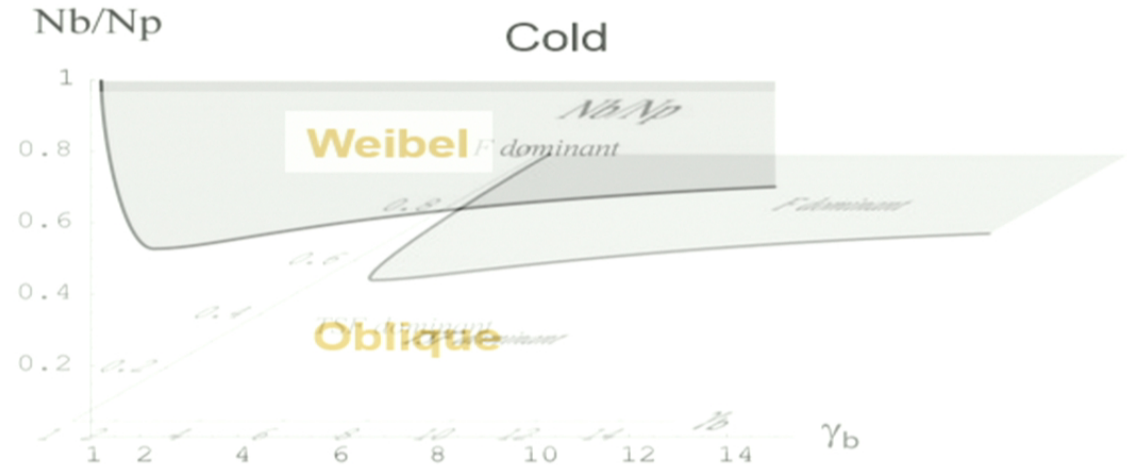
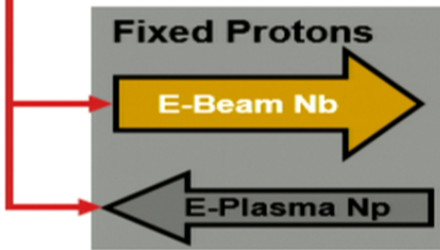
Beam flow ↑

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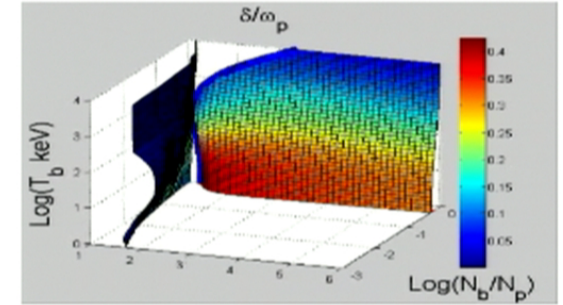


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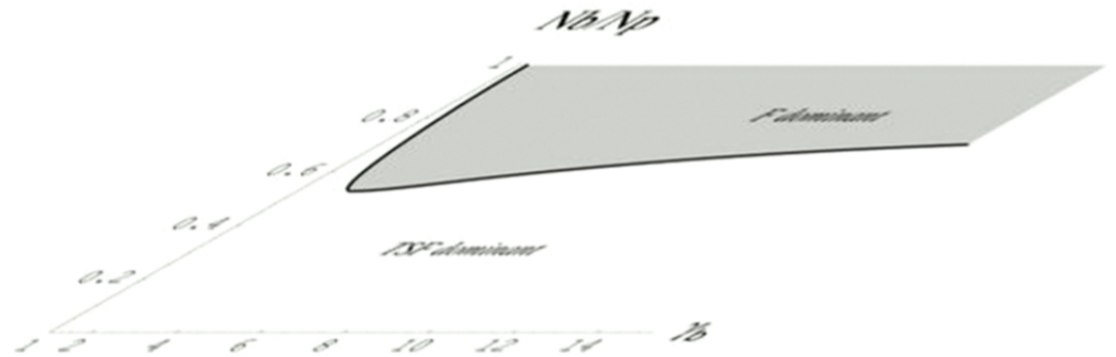
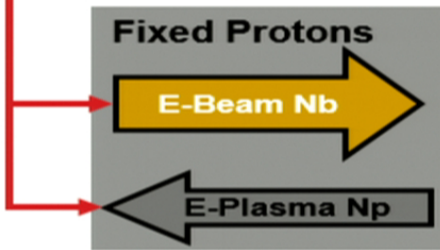


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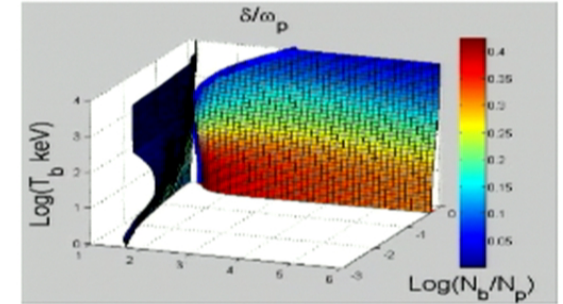


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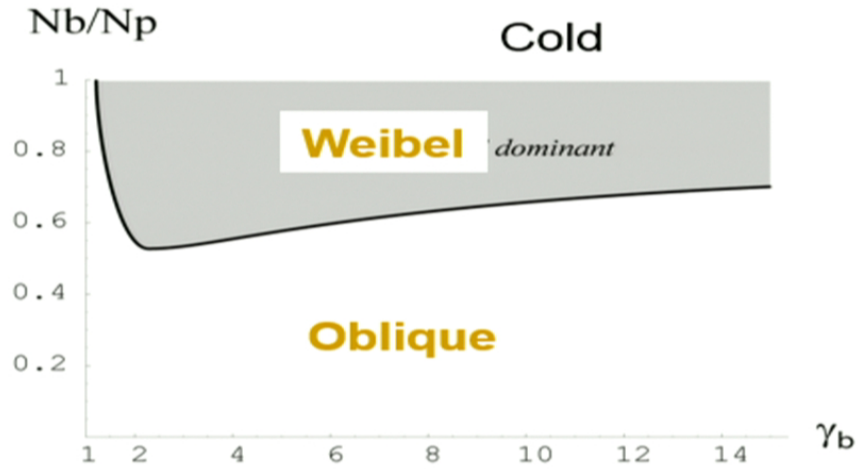
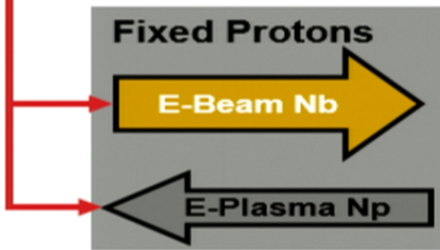


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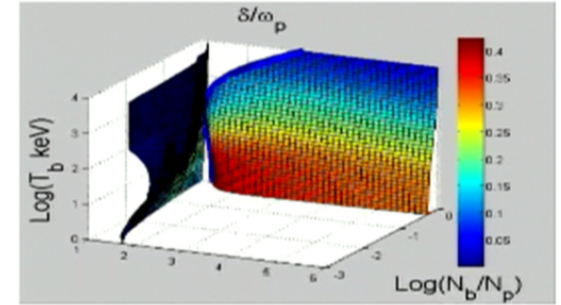


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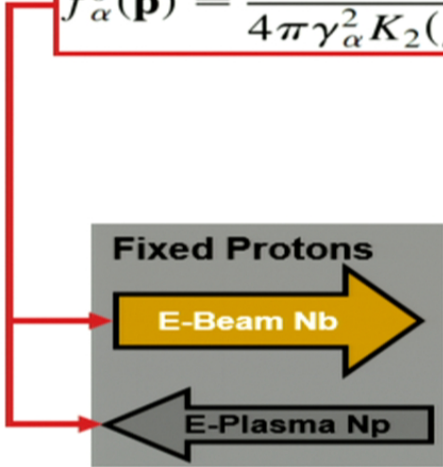


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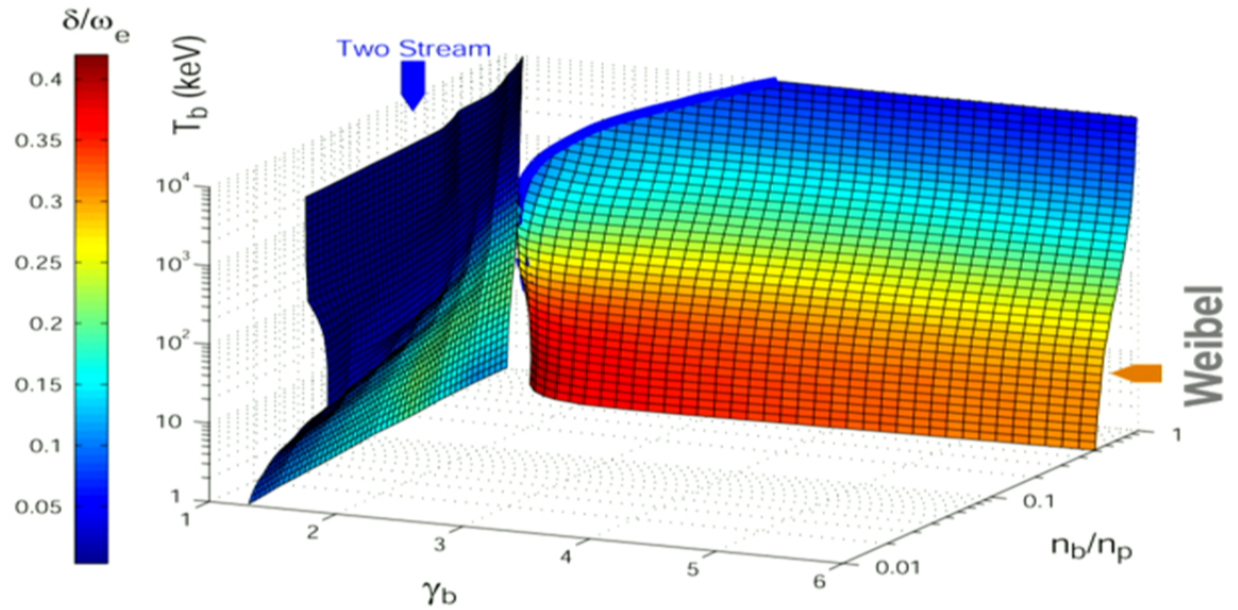
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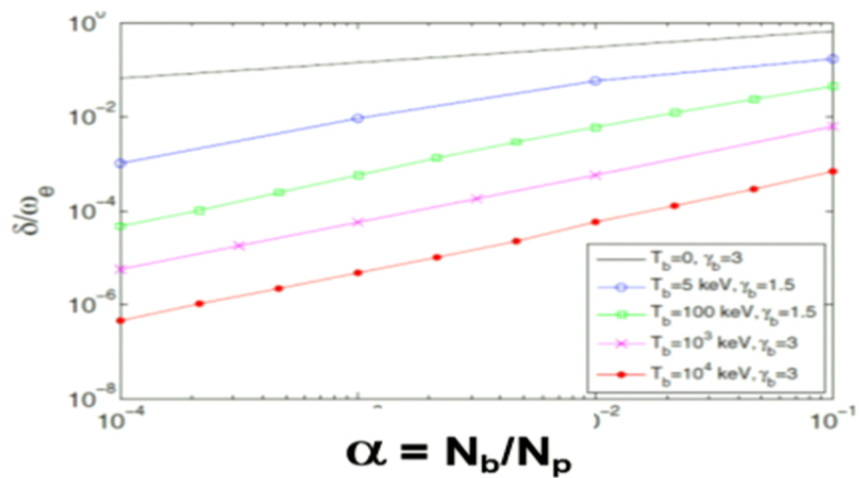
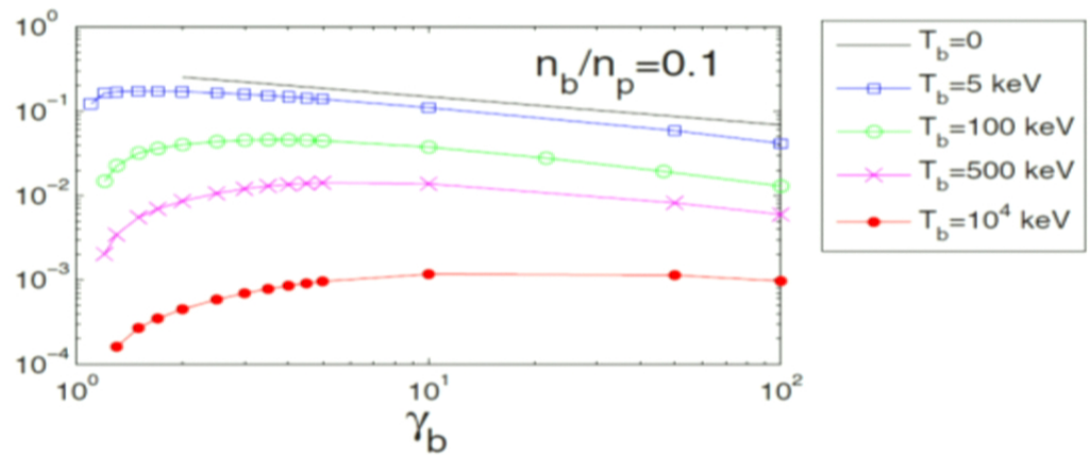
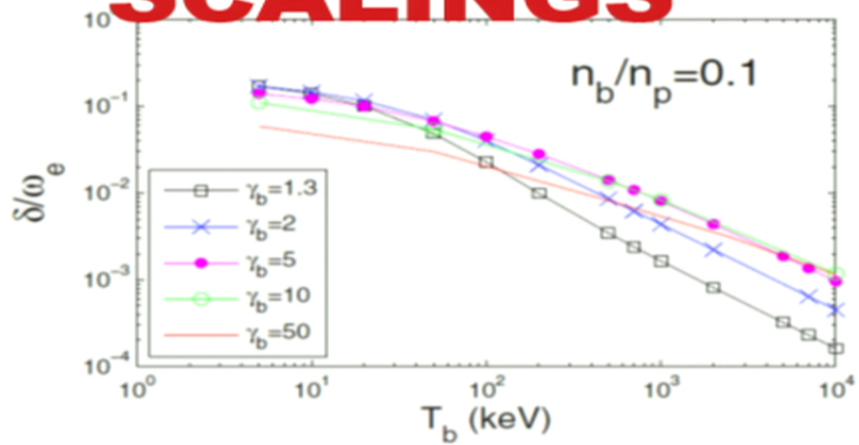


T_{plasma} : 5 keV
Universal graph



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- Oblique modes similar to Two-stream ones:

Parameters	Two-stream	Oblique	
T_b	T_b^{-1}	T_b^{-1}	
γ_b	γ_b^{-1}	$\gamma_b^{-1/3}$	
n_b/n_p , low T_b	$(n_b/n_p)^{1/3}$	$(n_b/n_p)^{1/3}$	→ Fluid
n_b/n_p , large T_b	n_b/n_p	n_b/n_p	→ Kinetic

A. Bret, Gremillet L, Benisti D, Phys. Rev. E, 2010

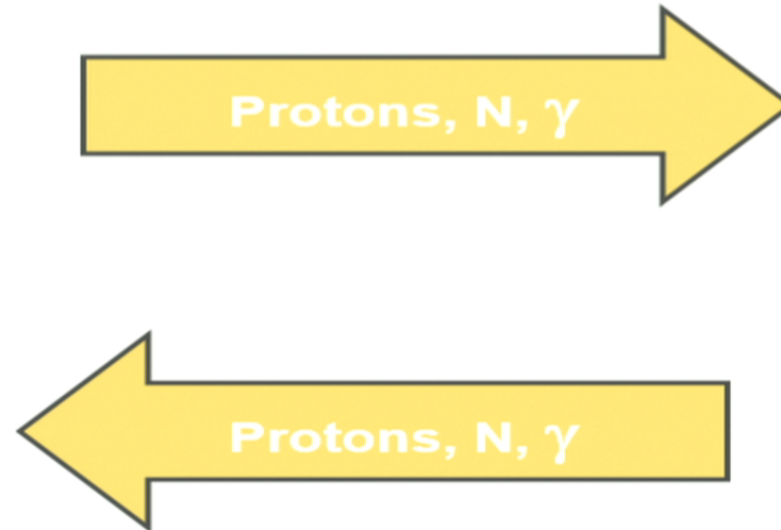
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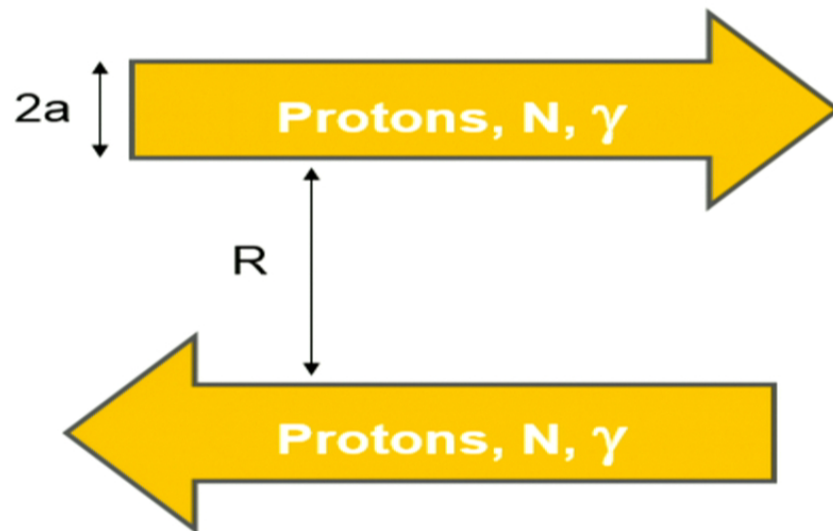
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$$\xi = \frac{R}{a}, \quad \beta = \frac{u}{c}$$

$$\frac{d^2\xi}{dt^2} = \frac{\delta^2}{\xi}, \quad \text{with } \delta = \omega_p \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{2\gamma}}$$

Exact growth rate

Bret, arXiv:1205.6259

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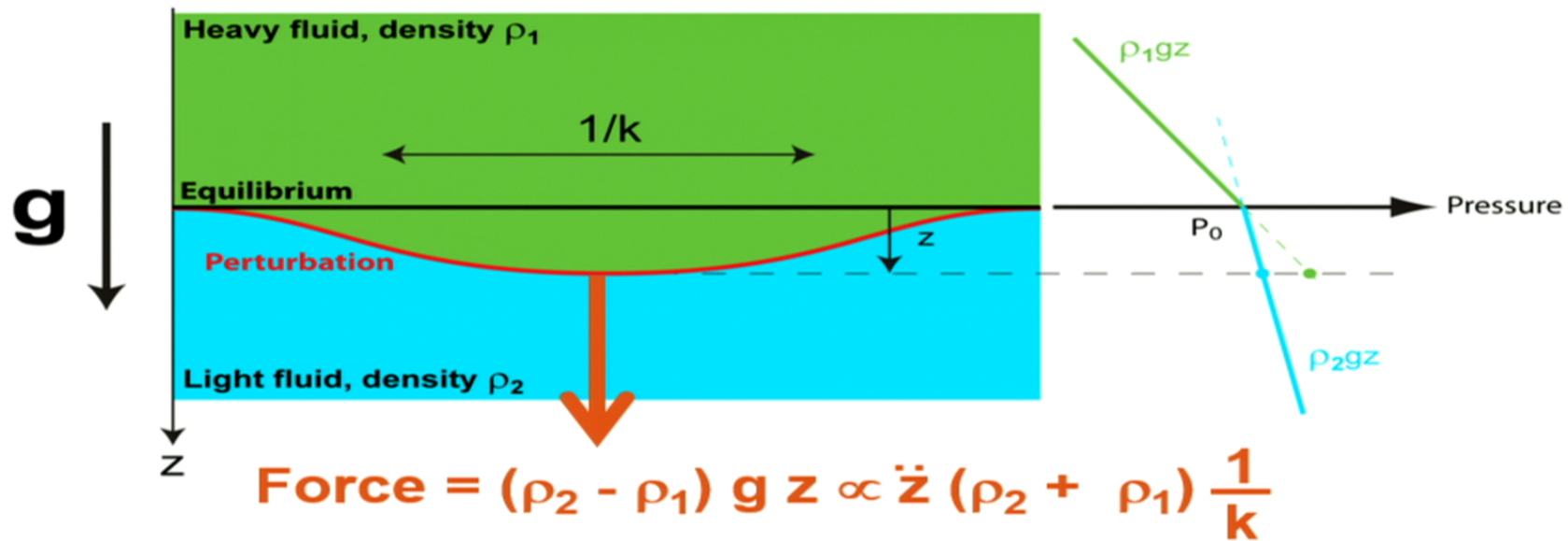


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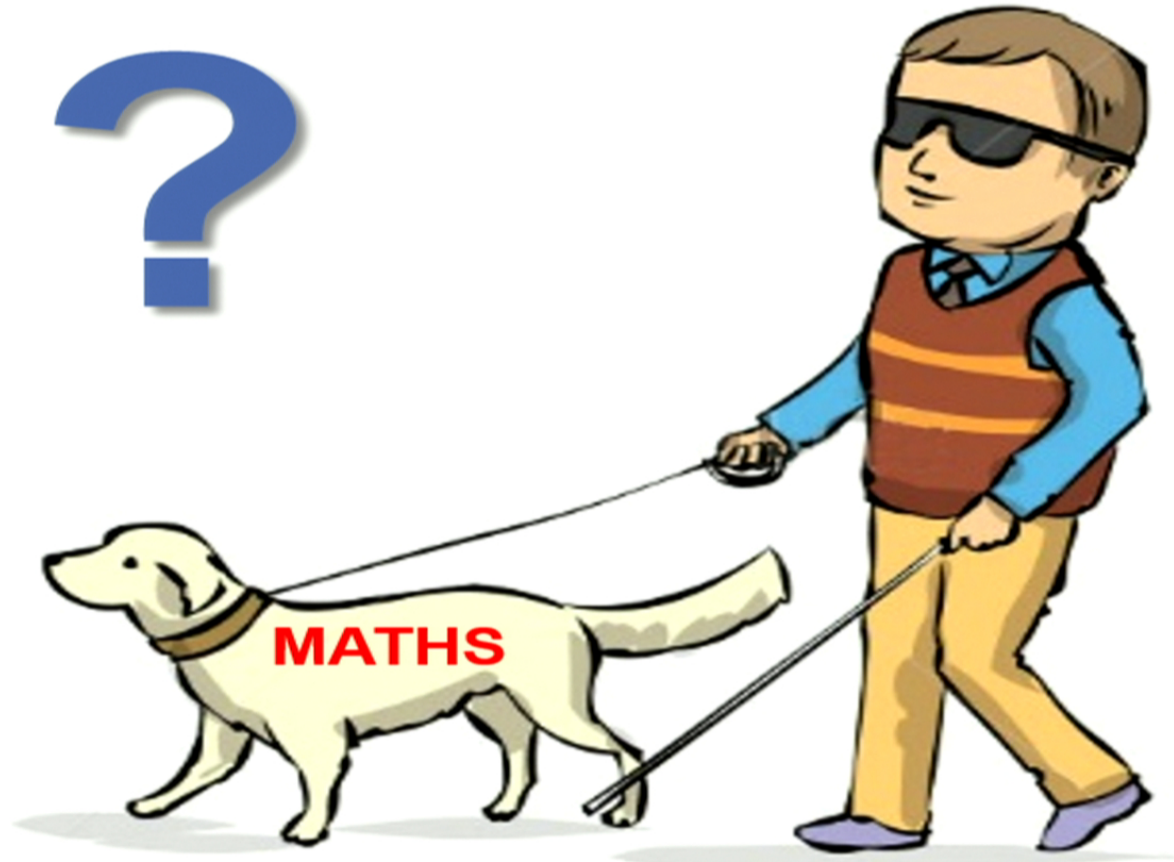


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- Two Stream
- Oblique



CONCLUSION

- A **zoo** of instabilities, even for a simple system
- Mode **competition**
- The **full linear spectrum** has been explored
- Oblique modes govern **high γ , T_b & low α** limits
- Need for a **deeper understanding** oblique + TS
- Watch **non-linear** evolution!

Thank you!